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## Identifying Spatio-Temporal Drivers of Extreme Events

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**Overview:** 

#### Impact of extremes



Task: Identifying spatio-temporal drivers of measurable impacts of extreme events.

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Atmospheric and land state variables

Which variables are associated with the impacts?





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**Extreme Agricultural Droughts** 



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Feature embedding  $\longrightarrow$  Quantization  $\longrightarrow$  Predicting extreme events impacts from drivers

**Objective Function:** 

 $\min_{\theta, \phi, \psi} \mathcal{L}_{(extreme)}(\mathbf{E}_{v}, \hat{\mathbf{E}}, \mathbf{S}) +$  $\mathcal{L}_{(driver)}(\mathbf{Z}_q \ \mathbf{\hat{E}}_t, \mathbf{S}, \mathbf{Z}_{q=0})$  $\mathcal{L}_{(quantize)}(\mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{l}}) +$ predicts extremes encourages confident assigns drivers to the same from drivers quantization code in the codebook

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#### **Real-world data:**

We conducted experiments on two real-world reanalysis (ERA5-Land and CERRA) including data from five continents. ₩

₩ Data:

- ERA5-Land Reanalysis (1981 2024)
- CERRA Reanalysis (1984 2021)
- Reanalysis data include variables such as: ₩

2-meter temperature (t2m) 🌡 2-meter relative humidity (r2) 💧 2-meter dewpoint temperature (d2m) volumetric soil moisture (swv) 🚃 skin temperature (skt) \_\_\_\_ soil temperature (stl) 👃 total cloud cover (tcc) 🦄 total evaporation (e)





#### Qualitative results on real-world ERA5-Land reanalysis:



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