

# 1 **Assessing the Impact of Solar Climate Intervention on Future U.S.** 2 **Weather Using a Convection-Permitting WRF Model**

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8 **Abstract.** A primary solar climate intervention (SCI) strategy is stratospheric aerosol injection (SAI). SAI would increase the  
9 number of small reflective particles (aerosols) in the upper atmosphere to reduce climate warming by reflecting more incoming  
10 solar radiation away from Earth. Research on SCI is growing quickly, but no studies to date have examined the impact of SCI  
11 on severe storms using a mesoscale weather model. In this study, we develop a novel framework using the convection-  
12 permitting (4-km resolution) Weather Research & Forecasting (WRF) model to assess the potential impact of SCI on future  
13 convective weather over the contiguous United States (CONUS). We conduct three types of simulations for the March-August  
14 2011 period, during which widespread convective outbreaks occurred across the CONUS: (1) a control simulation driven by  
15 ERA-5 reanalysis; (2) a Pseudo-Global Warming (PGW) simulation representing a future with increasing greenhouse gas  
16 concentrations but without SCI; and (3) a novel Pseudo-SAI (PSAI) simulation representing a future with SCI. Future climate  
17 perturbations applied to the PGW and PSAI boundary conditions are derived from ensemble-mean differences between  
18 baseline and future scenarios in Community Earth System Model (CESM) experiments with and without SCI. These  
19 perturbations are taken from two CESM projects featuring different scenarios: the Geoengineering Large Ensemble (GLENS)  
20 and the Assessing Responses and Impacts of Solar Climate Intervention on the Earth System with Stratospheric Aerosol  
21 Injection (ARISE). The PSAI simulation includes an additional aerosol optical depth perturbation to represent the shortwave  
22 radiative impact of SAI. This paper presents the novel experimental design and modeling framework, and shares preliminary  
23 results that highlight the feasibility and scientific potential of this approach for assessing potential weather-scale impacts of  
24 SCI. In particular, we show that global warming leads to an increase in extreme precipitation and more frequent deep  
25 convection over the Eastern U.S., both of which can be mitigated by SAI deployment.

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27 **Short summary.** We develop a novel framework using the convection-permitting Weather Research and Forecasting (WRF)  
28 model to assess how stratospheric aerosol injection, a solar climate intervention strategy, affects future convective weather  
29 over the contiguous U.S. Results demonstrate the feasibility and scientific potential of this approach for evaluating weather-  
30 scale impacts and suggest that such intervention may mitigate changes in temperature, precipitation, and convective activity  
31 due to warming.

## 32 1 Introduction

33 To potentially avoid some of the worst impacts of global warming, there is increasing interest and research on climate  
34 intervention (CI) methods. Significant concerns exist over the possible adverse effects that CI approaches may have if  
35 implemented, so it is important to understand their potential impacts. Solar Climate Intervention (SCI), also referred to as solar  
36 geoengineering or solar radiation management, has been the subject of growing scientific investigation in the context of climate  
37 change (e.g., NASEM 2021; Patrick et al. 2022; The Royal Society 2025). A primary SCI strategy considered is stratospheric  
38 aerosol injection (SAI), which would increase the number of small reflective particles (aerosols) in the upper atmosphere to  
39 reduce climate warming by reflecting more incoming solar radiation away from Earth.

40 The natural analogue to SAI is a large volcanic eruption that creates a stratospheric aerosol layer, and the Earth cools as  
41 a result (e.g., Budyko, 1977; Robock, 2000). If SAI was pursued, an idea is that aerosol precursors (e.g., SO<sub>2</sub>) could be injected  
42 into the stratosphere with strategic design for injection locations (i.e., latitudes and altitudes), aerosol amounts, and timing  
43 (MacMartin et al., 2017; Tilmes et al., 2017; Visionsi et al., 2019; Visionsi et al., 2020), all depending on the intended  
44 temperature target (how much to cool the planet or reduce the rate of future warming). MacMartin et al. (2014) developed a  
45 feedback-control algorithm to regularly modify the amount of solar irradiance reduction needed to meet the chosen global  
46 mean temperature objective, which was further expanded to achieve multiple climate objectives simultaneously (Kravitz et  
47 al., 2016; Kravitz et al., 2017). However, conclusions about the effectiveness and risks of SAI are uncertain, and they are  
48 dependent upon the specifics of the modelling scenario (MacMartin et al., 2016; NASEM, 2021). To-date, most assessments  
49 of SAI typically consider just one scenario with one particular injection strategy (where and when to inject).

50 Significant progress in assessing the impacts of SAI on the Earth system and understanding their underlying mechanisms  
51 has been achieved through initiatives like the Geoengineering Model Intercomparison Project (GeoMIP; Kravitz et al., 2015;  
52 Visionsi et al., 2024), the Geoengineering Large Ensemble project (GLENS; Tilmes et al., 2018), and the Assessing Responses  
53 and Impacts of Solar climate intervention on the Earth system project (ARISE; Richter et al., 2022). GeoMIP explores a range  
54 of idealized and scenario-based SAI experiments using prescribed aerosol or radiative forcing perturbations, while GLENS  
55 and ARISE employ feedback-controlled sulfur dioxide injection strategies designed to maintain global temperature targets  
56 under increasing greenhouse gas forcing. Together, these coordinated modeling efforts have revealed several robust features  
57 of the climate response to SAI. For example, previous studies have shown that SAI can suppress the intensification of the  
58 global hydrological cycle under global warming and moderate climate hazards in most regions (Simpson et al., 2019; Cheng  
59 et al., 2019; Irvine and Keith, 2020). A number of assessments have also been conducted on the impact of SAI on the polar  
60 vortex and tropospheric North Atlantic Oscillation (NAO) (Simpson et al., 2019; Banerjee et al., 2020), tropospheric air  
61 pollution (Xia et al., 2017), stratospheric ozone loss (Tilmes et al., 2021; Robrecht et al., 2021), the ocean and the cryosphere  
62 (Fasullo et al., 2018; Jiang et al., 2019; Morrison et al., 2024), ecosystems (Hueholt et al., 2024), wildfire risk (Touma et al.,  
63 2023), biogeochemistry (Yang et al., 2020), and climate impacts regionally (e.g., Pinto et al., 2020; Da-Allada et al., 2020).

64 Yet, no studies to date (to our knowledge) have examined the impact of SAI on mesoscale processes and hazardous convective  
65 weather.

66 Hazardous convective weather, including severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, strong winds and large hail, is a prominent  
67 source of natural disasters and losses across the world, including the contiguous United States (CONUS) (NCEI, 2024; Munich,  
68 2024). Potential future changes in frequency and intensity of severe weather have drawn considerable attention due to the  
69 economic and societal implications of such changes. Climate models forced by increasing greenhouse gas concentrations  
70 suggest that convection and severe weather will increase in a warmer climate from enhanced convective available potential  
71 energy (CAPE)—a measure of atmospheric instability that promotes cloud formation and thunderstorm development (e.g.,  
72 Diffenbaugh et al., 2013; Rasmussen et al., 2017). Figure S1 in the supplementary material, diagnosed from ARISE Shared  
73 Socioeconomic Pathway 2-4.5 (SSP2-4.5) future projections with and without SAI, indicates a significant increase (up to 12%)  
74 in the number of days with environments favorable for the formation of severe thunderstorms (NDSEV; a combined proxy  
75 critical for the occurrence of several convective storms) under climate change, including potentially intensified convective  
76 weather over much of the southeast and eastern U.S. This increase is mostly avoided when SAI is deployed as in ARISE (Fig.  
77 S1). Glade et al. (2023) revealed that while the forced changes in thermodynamic parameters like NDSEV, CAPE and  
78 Convective Inhibition (CIN) are significantly reduced under SAI relative to climate change, future changes in kinematic  
79 parameters such as wind shear are less certain.

80 While global climate models are useful to examine future projected changes in the large-scale severe thunderstorm  
81 environment (Fig. S1), coarse-resolution models do not adequately represent the fine-scale cloud and mesoscale processes  
82 critical for understanding the physical mechanisms that may result in a changing convective population. In contrast, high-  
83 resolution (e.g., horizontal grid spacing of ~4 km) convection-permitting models (CPMs) do not rely on convective  
84 parameterizations to represent the evolution and life cycle of convective clouds and allow for a more accurate representation  
85 of surface fields (Prein et al., 2015), such as topography (Rasmussen et al., 2011) and the diurnal cycle of precipitation  
86 (Rasmussen et al., 2017). Research at the interface of climate and mesoscale processes has motivated efforts to conduct  
87 convection-permitting climate model simulations that more accurately represent cloud and mesoscale processes under varying  
88 climate states, including recent progress in global convection-permitting climate modeling (Stevens et al. 2019; Palmer and  
89 Stevens 2019; Senior et al., 2021). Dynamical downscaling, which utilizes initial and boundary conditions from global climate  
90 model projections or reanalysis datasets to drive regional CPMs, has been found to reasonably replicate the climatological  
91 distribution and variability of convective storms (Trapp et al., 2011; Gensini and Mote, 2014; Prein et al., 2017a) and  
92 precipitation (Liu et al., 2017). One widely used form of dynamical downscaling is the pseudo global warming (PGW)  
93 technique, which has been successfully used to demonstrate the impact of climate change on convective weather around the  
94 world (Schär et al., 1996; Sato et al., 2007; Hara et al., 2008; Kawase et al., 2009; Lackmann, 2013; Rasmussen et al., 2011;  
95 Rasmussen et al., 2014; Rasmussen et al., 2017; Liu et al., 2017; Trapp and Hoogewind, 2016; Prein et al., 2017a; Prein et al.,  
96 2017b; Viceto et al., 2017; Gutmann et al., 2018; Rasmussen et al., 2023; Cui et al., 2024; Dominguez et al., 2024). The PGW

97 approach is typically paired with a control simulation driven by reanalysis data to represent present-day conditions. Global  
98 climate model projections are used to calculate the climate change signal as the climatological difference between a future  
99 period and a baseline period. This “delta signal” is then added to the lateral and lower boundary conditions of the regional  
00 model, as well as to greenhouse gas concentrations. PGW simulations represent future thermodynamic environments while  
01 maintaining synoptic conditions that are very similar to those in the control run. Thus, the PGW method is particularly well-  
02 suited to address the question: “what will today’s weather look like in a future warmer climate?” (Rasmussen et al., 2017).  
03 This technique can be used to estimate the fine-scale processes and physical mechanisms that explain changes in the full  
04 spectrum of clouds and precipitation systems in a future climate. For example, it has been shown that in response to climate  
05 change there may be fewer weak storms but more strong storms over the contiguous U.S., which can be largely explained by  
06 changes in the thermodynamic environments (Rasmussen et al., 2017). Recent studies have also used this technique to study  
07 flash flood producing storms (Dougherty and Rasmussen, 2020; Dougherty and Rasmussen, 2021), including atmospheric  
08 rivers (Dougherty et al., 2020).

09 The purpose of this paper is to develop a novel modelling framework using the convection-permitting Weather Research  
10 and Forecasting (WRF) model (Skamarock et al., 2008) to assess the potential impact of SAI on hazardous convective weather  
11 over the CONUS. The PGW technique is a proven methodology that allows examination of how today’s weather might change  
12 under future climate states (Rasmussen et al., 2017; Liu et al., 2017). A novel aspect of this study is to conduct parallel pseudo-  
13 stratospheric aerosol injection (PSAI) simulations and compare the future changes in weather under climate change to those  
14 where SAI has been deployed. To our knowledge, no other studies have examined how SAI might impact fine-scale cloud and  
15 mesoscale processes and their thermodynamic environments in a future climate. This paper is organized as follows: Section 2  
16 provides an overview of the GLENS and ARISE data used to drive our convection-permitting model. Section 3 describes the  
17 WRF model and the detailed setup of PGW and PSAI simulations. Section 4 presents a few preliminary results that highlight  
18 the feasibility and scientific potential of this approach for assessing weather-scale impacts of SCI, followed by a summary and  
19 conclusions in Section 5.

## 20 **2 SAI simulations with Community Earth System Model (CESM)**

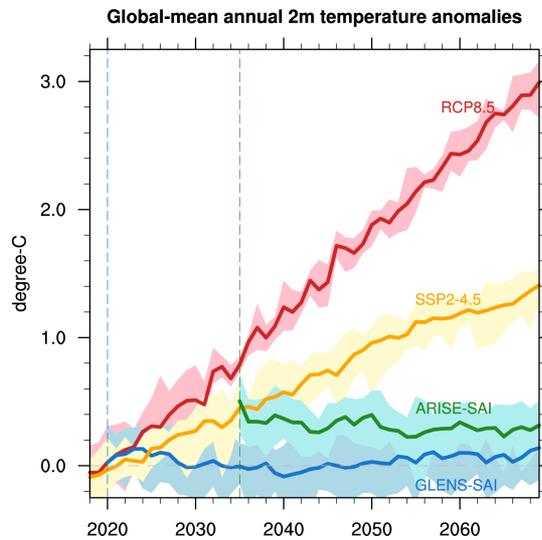
21 We utilize two CESM-SAI ensembles featuring different climate change and SAI scenarios to drive the WRF model: the  
22 GLENS (Tilmes et al., 2018) and ARISE (Richter et al., 2022) simulations, all conducted at a horizontal resolution of 1.25°  
23 longitude by 0.9° latitude. Table 1 lists the details for these ensembles. GLENS used the CESM version 1 (Hurrell et al., 2013)  
24 with the Whole Atmosphere Community Climate Model as its atmospheric component (CESM1-WACCM; Mills et al., 2017)  
25 to complete a 21-member ensemble of stratospheric sulfate aerosol geoengineering simulations between 2020-2099. The time-  
26 varying sulphur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) injections, using the aforementioned feedback algorithm, occur at ~5 km above the tropopause  
27 at four locations (15°N/S and 30°N/S). The controller algorithm specifies the amount of SO<sub>2</sub> injected, updated annually based  
28 on the climate objectives (MacMartin et al., 2014; Kravitz et al., 2017). The climate objectives of GLENS were to maintain

29 the global-mean surface temperature, interhemispheric surface temperature gradient, and equator-to-pole surface temperature  
 30 gradient at 2020 values under the representative concentration pathway 8.5 (RCP8.5) scenario (Fig. 1; red and blue curves).

31 **Table 1.** CESM data that was utilized to generate regional climate simulation forcing terms.

Name	Model	Period	Ens.	Forcing	References
GLENS-RCP8.5	CESM1-WACCM	2010-2030	17	RCP8.5	Tilmes et al., (2018)
		2010-2098	4		
GLENS-SAI	CESM1-WACCM	2020-2099	21	RCP8.5 and SAI	
ARISE-SSP2-4.5	CESM2-WACCM	2015-2069	5	SSP2-4.5	Richter et al., (2022)
		2015-2100	5		
ARISE-SAI	CESM2-WACCM	2035-2069	10	SSP2-4.5 and SAI	

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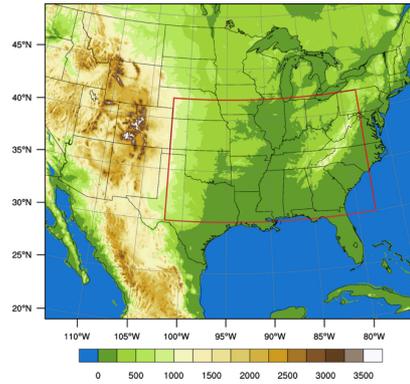
34 **Figure 1.** Global mean surface air temperature anomalies relative to the 2015–2024 baseline from CESM1-WACCM RCP8.5 (red curve),  
 35 CESM2-WACCM SSP2-4.5 (orange curve), and their respective GLENS-SAI (blue curve) and ARISE-SAI (green curve) simulations.  
 36 Shading represents the range of temperature anomalies (maximum to minimum across all available individual members). Vertical blue and  
 37 green lines indicate the start year of SAI for GLENS (2020) and ARISE (2035), respectively. Adapted from Tilmes et al. (2018) and Richter  
 38 et al. (2022).

39 The GLENS project assumes no climate mitigation through 2100; that is, SAI must increase in magnitude through the  
40 end of the century to counter warming from ever-increasing concentrations of greenhouse gases. The ARISE-SAI project uses  
41 a moderate SSP2-4.5 that more closely tracks current policy scenarios for climate mitigation. ARISE is a 10-member SCI  
42 ensemble with version two of the CESM (Danabasoglu et al., 2020), again with the Whole Atmosphere Community Model  
43 (CESM2-WACCM; Gettelman et al., 2019) as its atmospheric component. ARISE-SAI assumes that the world would not  
44 begin SAI until 2035 (when the CESM2 global surface temperature reaches  $\sim 1.5^{\circ}\text{C}$  above pre-industrial levels following the  
45 SSP2-4.5 scenario) and would only continue it until 2070, when carbon levels in the atmosphere reach "safer levels" due to  
46 mitigation and the implementation of carbon dioxide removal techniques (Figure 1; orange and green curves). Sulfur dioxide  
47 is injected at the same latitudes in both ARISE-SAI and GLENS-SAI simulations, with an injection altitude in the lower  
48 stratosphere near 21.5 km. Considering that GLENS and ARISE have different climate change scenarios (RCP8.5 and SSP2-  
49 4.5), strategic design and stratospheric aerosol loadings, there is no reason to assume that the impact of SAI will be the same  
50 between them. Therefore, the GLENS and ARISE ensembles span a range of SCI scenarios that we leverage for our project.

### 51 **3 WRF model and experimental designs**

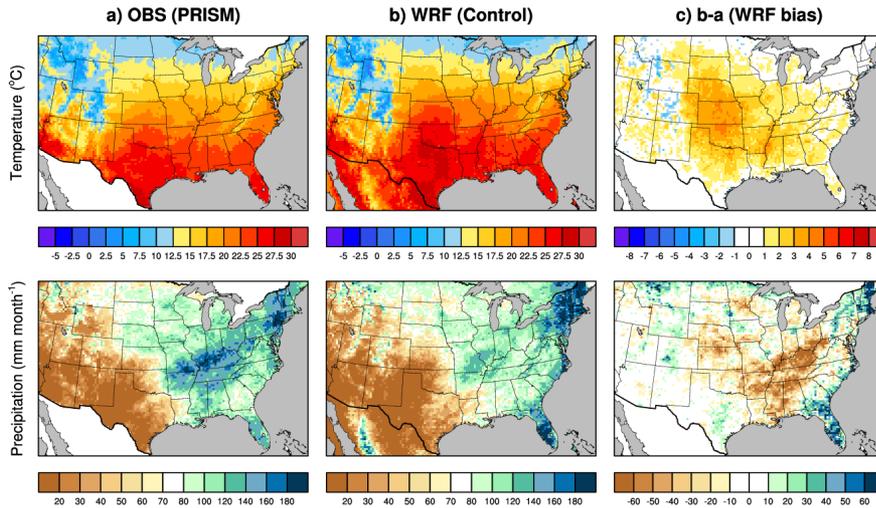
#### 52 **3.1 WRF description**

53 Previous efforts have created long-term, convection-permitting regional hydroclimate simulations using the WRF model by  
54 dynamically downscaling ERA5 reanalysis (Hersbach et al., 2020), including a 40-year dataset over the conterminous United  
55 States (CONUS404; Rasmussen et al., 2023) and 22-year simulations over South America conducted by the South America  
56 Affinity Group (SAAG; Dominguez et al., 2024). For this project, we use WRF version 4.1.5 (Skamarock et al., 2008), which  
57 is an updated version of that used in CONUS404 and identical to the one used in the SAAG simulations. We conduct all  
58 simulations over a domain of  $1019 \times 863$  grid points, using 4-km horizontal grid spacing to encompass most of the CONUS,  
59 Southern Canada, Northern Mexico and nearby waters (Figure 2). The simulations include 61 vertically-stretched levels  
60 capped at 10 hPa. The major subgrid parameterizations include the Thompson microphysics scheme (Thompson et al., 2008),  
61 the Yonsei University (YSU) planetary boundary layer formulation (Hong et al., 2006), the Noah-MP land surface model (Niu  
62 et al., 2011), and the Rapid Radiative Transfer Model (RRTMG) for longwave and shortwave atmospheric radiation (Iacono  
63 et al., 2008).



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65 **Figure 2.** Domain of the 4-km WRF simulation with land surface elevation height (m). The red box denotes the eastern U.S. region used in  
66 subsequent analyses.

67 Our control setup and parameterizations are identical to the setup used for the CONUS404. This configuration has been  
68 demonstrated to generally well reproduce the diurnal cycle of precipitation (Rasmussen et al., 2017; Scaff et al., 2020),  
69 mesoscale convective systems (Prein et al., 2017a), and state variables like temperature and moisture (Liu et al., 2017). In  
70 addition, the newly integrated Miguez-Macho groundwater scheme has been shown to significantly reduce the warm air  
71 temperature and low moisture biases (Barlage et al., 2021) that were evident during the late warm season in earlier CPM  
72 simulations over CONUS (Liu et al., 2017).



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 74 **Figure 3.** March–August 2011 average temperature (°C) and precipitation (mm/month) from (a) PRISM data, (b) WRF control simulations,  
 75 and (c) their difference.

76 This study focuses on the warm season (March–August) of 2011, which includes the U.S. tornado super outbreak that  
 77 occurred from 25–28 April, resulting in 321 fatalities and an estimated \$14.3 billion in damages (NCEI, 2024). Using the ERA-  
 78 5 reanalysis dataset (Hersbach et al., 2020) as the lower and lateral boundary conditions, we conduct a WRF control simulation  
 79 over this period. Figure 3 compares the mean temperature and precipitation from the control with observations from the  
 80 Parameter-elevation Regressions on Independent Slopes Model (PRISM) dataset (Daly et al., 1997) at 4-km resolution. The  
 81 WRF control simulation effectively captures both large-scale and fine-scale temperature and precipitation patterns, including  
 82 localized cooler regions over the high-elevation western U.S. The model also realistically represents the enhanced precipitation  
 83 on the windward sides of the Rocky Mountains and Appalachians and reduced on the leeward sides, a pattern shaped by  
 84 underlying topography. On the other hand, the model still exhibits a warm and dry bias in the Central U.S., particularly during  
 85 June–August, consistent with findings from Liu et al. (2017) and Rasmussen et al. (2023). Along the East Coast, especially in  
 86 the Southeast, the model tends to overestimate summer precipitation—a feature also noted in both studies.

### 87 3.2 PGW and PSAI experimental design

88 To assess the impact of climate change and SAI on convective storms, two additional types of WRF simulations are conducted:  
 89 (1) single-member PGW simulations forced with reanalysis plus a future climate perturbation from greenhouse gas forcing;  
 90 and (2) single-member Pseudo SAI (PSAI) simulations developed herein that use reanalysis plus a term that incorporates the

91 impacts of both climate change and SAI from ARISE and GLENS. Both the ERA5 reanalysis and the ARISE and GLENS  
 92 model outputs are interpolated to the same 4 km WRF grid during preprocessing before being used to construct the boundary  
 93 conditions. Table 2 summarizes the lateral and lower boundary forcing for the suite of WRF simulations used in this study.  
 94 The GLENS and ARISE monthly mean climate forcing changes from the mid-century time frame (2060-2069) relative to the  
 95 present (2015-2024) are used to develop the PGW and PSAI forcings that drive the high-resolution convection-permitting  
 96 WRF simulations. For all simulations, the same baseline and future periods are adopted to facilitate consistent comparison  
 97 across the five experiments listed in Table 2. The mid-century period is chosen to align with the ARISE-SAI simulations  
 98 (which end in 2069). For the GLENS simulations under the RCP8.5 scenario, a 21-member ensemble exists for simulations  
 99 with SAI and a four-member ensemble exists without SAI. For the ARISE simulations under the SSP2-4.5 scenario, 10-  
 100 member ensembles exist for simulations both with and without SAI (ARISE-SAI and ARISE-CTRL, respectively). These two  
 101 ensembles are used to force the PSAI and PGW runs under SSP2-4.5 (Table 1).

102 **Table 2.** Convection-permitting WRF ensemble experiments performed.

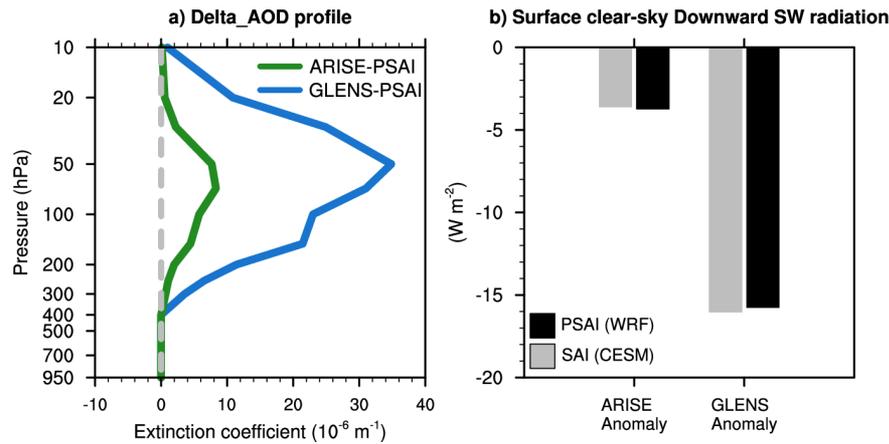
Experiments	Lateral and lower boundary forcing	Period
Control	ERA5	March-August 2011
GLENS-PGW	ERA5 + GLENS-RCP8.5 <sub>2060-2069</sub> - GLENS-RCP8.5 <sub>2015-2024</sub>	
ARISE-PGW	ERA5 + ARISE-SSP2-4.5 <sub>2060-2069</sub> - ARISE-SSP2-4.5 <sub>2015-2024</sub>	
GLENS-PSAI	ERA5 + GLENS-SAI <sub>2060-2069</sub> - GLENS-RCP8.5 <sub>2015-2024</sub>	
ARISE-PSAI	ERA5 + ARISE-SAI <sub>2060-2069</sub> - ARISE-SSP2-4.5 <sub>2015-2024</sub>	

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 104 For each simulation in Table 2, we calculate the average monthly mean values for horizontal wind, geopotential,  
 105 temperature, relative humidity, sea surface temperature, soil temperature, and sea level pressure for the periods from 2015-  
 106 2024 and 2060-2069 and take the difference to calculate the change (delta term) over this period, as has been done in previous  
 107 PGW simulations (e.g., Liu et al., 2017). Brogli et al. (2023) examined various PGW approaches and found that modifying  
 108 relative humidity, rather than specific humidity, helps avoid unrealistic precipitation bands along the model boundary.  
 109 Consistent with their recommendation, we perturb relative humidity while leaving specific humidity unchanged.

110 We also calculate the delta term for the lake ice concentration and lake surface temperature, using the output from the  
 111 CESM land model output. Figures S2 and S3 show the delta changes for these variables for the GLENS and ARISE PGW and  
 112 PSAI simulations, respectively. These deltas are then added to the ERA5 reanalysis for March-August 2011 (when significant  
 113 convection was observed over most of the CONUS) to investigate how a future climate state might impact the occurrence of  
 114 severe weather (Table 2). PSAI and PGW simulations both use lower and lateral boundary conditions from their corresponding  
 115 future simulations (Table 2 and previous descriptions). For these simulations, delta changes in greenhouse gas (GHG)

16 concentrations from RCP8.5 and SSP2-4.5, including CO<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O, CH<sub>4</sub>, CFC11, CFC12, are applied to the GLENS and ARISE  
17 PGW and PSAI scenarios, respectively.

18 Aerosol changes associated with SAI are also required for the PSAI simulations. The WRF model allows us to prescribe  
19 climatological aerosol radiative properties, such as aerosol optical depth (AOD), in its shortwave radiation scheme—the Rapid  
20 Radiative Transfer Model (RRTMG; Iacono et al., 2008). This capability enables us to implement the average monthly  
21 differences in aerosol extinction coefficients between 2015–2024 and 2060–2069 from the GLENS and ARISE simulations.  
22 By setting `aer_opt` to 1, the model reads aerosol optical data (stored in `aerosol.formatted`) based on Tegen et al. (1997). We  
23 adjust the values for type 6 (stratospheric aerosols), taken from CESM, while setting all other aerosol types to zero. Although  
24 the WRF aerosol forcing input has a coarser resolution (4°x5° lat-lon grid) compared to CESM (0.9°x1.25° lat-lon grid), the  
25 delta AOD exhibits minimal spatial variability, which mitigates potential issues. Figure 4 presents the U.S. averaged aerosol  
26 extinction coefficient profiles for GLENS-PSAI (blue curve) and ARISE-PSAI (green curve). The aerosol forcing peaks in  
27 the lower stratosphere, near 50 hPa, with the GLENS forcing exceeding the ARISE forcing by more than threefold—consistent  
28 with the warming offset required (Figure 1). Notably, our WRF simulations only account for the radiative effects of  
29 stratospheric aerosols: we set aerosol forcing below 400 hPa to zero. Given that the aerosols associated with SAI are primarily  
30 confined to the stratosphere (Fig. 4a), we make the assumption that the aerosols have relatively few impacts on the cloud  
31 microphysics of tropospheric storm systems. This assumption allows for the direct modification of the shortwave radiation  
32 (e.g., reducing the incoming solar radiation) without needing to explicitly simulate aerosol-cloud interactions.

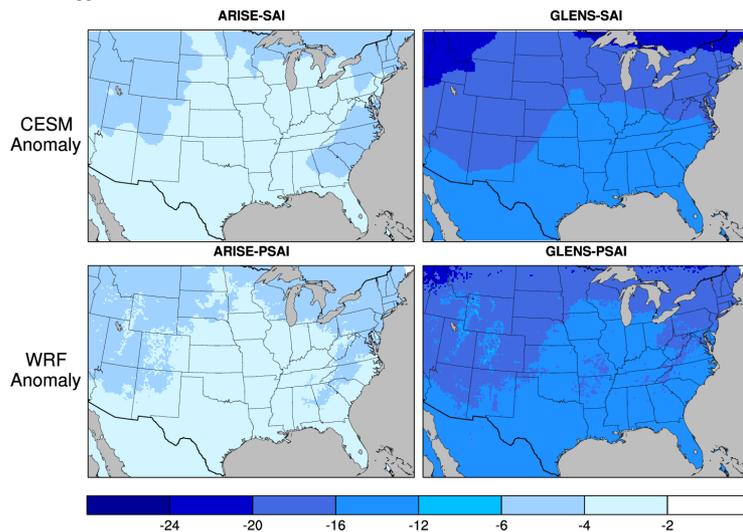


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34 **Figure 4.** a) Vertical profile of March–August aerosol optical depth (AOD) forcing in WRF GLENS-PSAI (blue) and ARISE-PSAI (green)  
35 simulations.  $\Delta$ AOD, calculated as the 2060–2069 SAI simulations minus the 2015–2024 climatology, is set to zero below 400 hPa to isolate  
36 stratospheric aerosol effects. The vertical dashed line indicates the zero-extinction coefficient. b) Surface clear-sky downward shortwave

.37 radiation anomalies in CESM-SAI and WRF-PSAI simulations. CESM anomalies (2060–2069) are relative to the 2015–2024 baseline, while  
.38 WRF anomalies are relative to the control simulation. Averages in a) and b) are calculated for the WRF domain.

.39 Figure 4b compares the surface clear-sky downward shortwave radiation anomalies averaged over the WRF domain  
.40 between CESM-SAI and WRF-PSAI simulations for the two SAI scenarios. The reduction in shortwave radiation is  $\sim 3.6 \text{ W/m}^2$   
.41 in ARISE-SAI and  $\sim 16 \text{ W/m}^2$  in the GLENS-SAI, consistent with the different AOD forcings. Our simplified AOD  
.42 modification successfully reproduces the magnitudes of the shortwave reduction observed in CESM-SAI simulations. Figure  
.43 5 shows the spatial pattern of surface clear-sky downward shortwave radiation anomalies, indicating large reductions over  
.44 higher latitudes. The PSAI simulations, again, well resemble the changes in CESM-SAI. A more complex test, which involved  
.45 manually calculating the radiative scattering properties from the CESM and applying them to WRF alongside delta changes  
.46 in the aerosol extinction coefficient, did not reveal significant differences in the results.

.47 The PSAI simulation is driven by lateral and lower boundary forcing, local GHGs, and the radiative effect of stratospheric  
.48 aerosols. To assess their relative contributions, we conduct one-month sensitivity tests by rerunning the PSAI simulation with  
.49 either  $\Delta\text{AOD}$  or  $\Delta\text{GHGs}$  set to zero. The differences from the full PSAI simulation isolate the impacts of aerosol and GHG  
.50 forcing, respectively. Results show that the aerosol forcing accounts for nearly all of the reduction in clear-sky surface  
.51 downward shortwave radiation, while local GHGs and boundary conditions contribute minimally (not shown). These  
.52 experiments, importantly, suggest that aerosols in the WRF simulations exert similar effects as in CESM, supporting the  
.53 validity of our PSAI approach.



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.55 **Figure 5.** (Top) Surface clear-sky downward shortwave radiation anomalies ( $\text{W m}^{-2}$ ) for 2060–2069 relative to the 2015–2024 baseline  
.56 climatology in ARISE-SAI (left) and GLENS-SAI (right) simulations. (Bottom) Same as the top row, but for ARISE-PSAI and GLENS-  
.57 PSAI simulations.

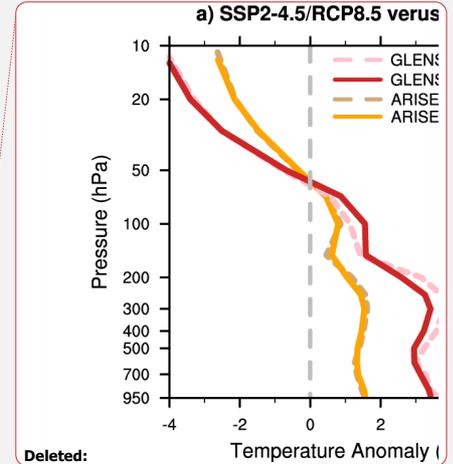
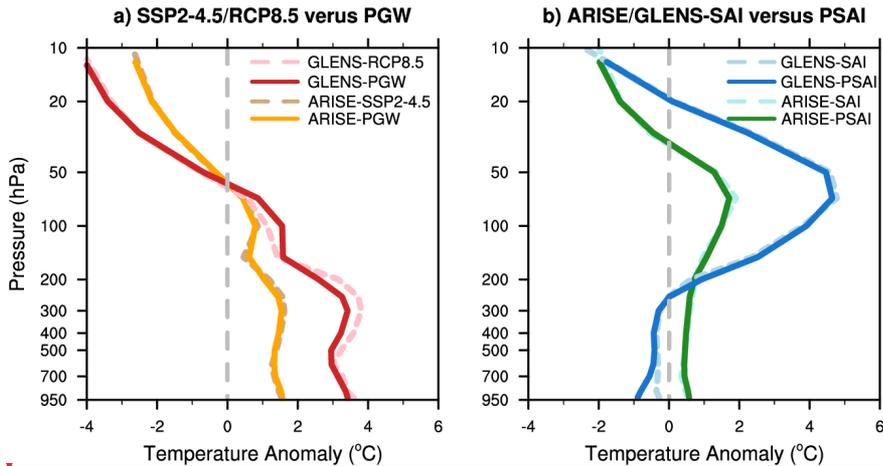
#### .58 **4 Climate change and SAI impact over the CONUS**

.59 To assess how convective storms may evolve under future climate change and SCI scenarios, we apply the established PGW  
.60 framework together with the new PSAI approach introduced in this study, enabling direct comparison between present-day  
.61 and future storms. In this section, we present a few high-level analyses of temperature, precipitation, and convection,  
.62 highlighting the feasibility and scientific potential of this approach for assessing the weather-scale impacts of SCI. More  
.63 detailed analyses of these simulations are the topic of ongoing research. We begin by examining large-scale environmental  
.64 changes across models and scenarios. CESM anomalies are calculated as the difference between the 2060–2069 average in  
.65 future projections and the 2015–2024 baseline climatology. WRF anomalies represent the deviations of the PGW and PSAI  
.66 simulations relative to their corresponding control baselines.

#### .67 **4.1 Temperature**

.68 Figure 6 shows the vertical profiles of March-August temperature anomalies averaged over the Eastern U.S. ( $30^{\circ}$ – $42^{\circ}$ N,  $78^{\circ}$ –  
.69  $102^{\circ}$ W). This period includes the record-breaking April 2011 tornado outbreak, which is the focus of our case study, and  
.70 broadly represents the warm season when convective storms are most frequent in this region. In response to increased  
.71 greenhouse gases, the tropospheric temperature rises while the stratospheric temperature decreases relative to the baseline  
.72 climatology, consistent with the known vertical temperature response to anthropogenic climate change (e.g., Figure 10.8 in  
.73 IPCC AR5). The RCP8.5 scenario, with higher future concentrations of greenhouse gases, exhibits greater tropospheric  
.74 warming and stratospheric cooling compared to SSP2-4.5. All these features in CESM are well reproduced in the PGW  
.75 simulations for both scenarios (Fig. 6a).

.76 When SAI is deployed, stratospheric aerosols absorb both shortwave and longwave radiation and also reflect sunlight,  
.77 resulting in significant warming in the lower stratosphere, with greater magnitudes in GLENS-SAI than ARISE-SAI (Fig. 6b),  
.78 consistent with the aerosol forcing differences between the two scenarios (Figure 4a). In the middle stratosphere, greenhouse  
.79 gas-induced cooling persists. In the troposphere, aerosol-induced cooling counteracts greenhouse gas-induced warming,  
.80 leading to much weaker warming in ARISE-SAI and even slight cooling in GLENS-SAI relative to the 2015–2024 baseline.  
.81 The weak warming observed in ARISE-SAI can be attributed to the temperature target being  $1.5^{\circ}\text{C}$  above pre-industrial levels,  
.82 which is close to the projected 2030 values under SSP2-4.5 (Figure 1). Interestingly, even though our approach accounts only  
.83 for the shortwave radiative effect of stratospheric aerosols, the temperature anomalies in CESM-SAI are effectively reproduced  
.84 by WRF-PSAI for both scenarios (Figure 6b).

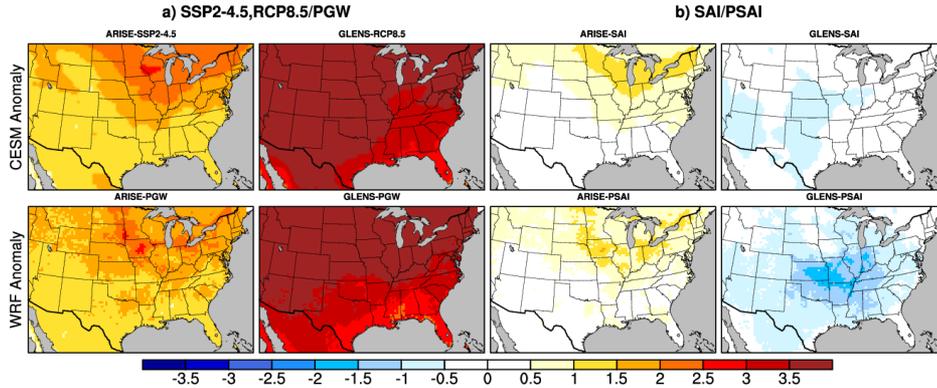


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.86 **Figure 6.** a) Eastern U.S. average temperature anomalies (°C) for 2060–2069 relative to the 2015–2024 baseline climatology from CESM1-  
.87 WACCM RCP8.5 (dashed red) and CESM2-WACCM SSP2-4.5 (dashed orange) simulations, with the corresponding GLENS-PGW (solid  
.88 red) and ARISE-PGW (solid orange) WRF simulations overlaid. b) Same as a), but for temperature anomalies in GLENS-SAI (dashed blue)  
.89 and ARISE-SAI (dashed green) simulations, overlaid by the corresponding GLENS-PSAI (solid blue) and ARISE-PSAI (solid green) WRF  
.90 simulations. The Eastern U.S. is defined by the latitude-longitude bounds 30°–42°N and 78°–102°W (red box in Fig. 2).

.91 Figure 7 illustrates the spatial variability of surface air temperature anomalies for the CESM and WRF simulations.  
.92 Without SAI, temperatures increase by approximately 1–1.5°C under SSP2-4.5 and exceed 3.5°C under RCP8.5, with more  
.93 pronounced warming at higher latitudes. The WRF-PGW simulation effectively captures this warming, further providing finer-  
.94 scale details. When SAI is implemented, most of the warming is mitigated in ARISE-SAI, and GLENS-SAI even shows slight  
.95 cooling. The WRF-PSAI simulation also reproduces this trend, with GLENS-PSAI displaying greater cooling over the Central  
.96 U.S. than GLENS-SAI, as also seen in the vertical profile (Fig. 6b, solid blue curve).

.97 It is important to note that CESM and WRF are two different models with distinct physical configurations. The similar  
.98 temperature responses observed in both suggest that WRF can effectively reproduce CESM’s climate response when provided  
.99 with consistent boundary conditions and radiative forcings, supporting the validity of our experimental approach. Differences  
.00 between the models may stem from their respective physical parameterizations and from the different ways in which SAI is  
.01 implemented. In addition, it is unclear to what extent the model biases may influence the accuracy of the projected future  
.02 changes and contribute to the differences between CESM and WRF. Further investigation is thus warranted to better  
.03 understand the mechanisms behind these differences, including potential links to biases in the basic state (Figure 3).



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 06 **Figure 7.** a) Surface air temperature anomalies (°C) for 2060–2069 relative to the 2015–2024 baseline climatology from (top) CESM2-  
 07 WACCM SSP2-4.5 and CESM1-WACCM RCP8.5 simulations, and (bottom) the corresponding ARISE-PGW and GLENS-PGW WRF  
 08 simulations. b) Surface air temperature anomalies for 2060–2069 relative to the 2015–2024 baseline from (top) ARISE-SAI and GLENS-  
 09 SAI simulations, and (bottom) the corresponding ARISE-PSAI and GLENS-PSAI WRF simulations.

#### 10 4.2 Precipitation

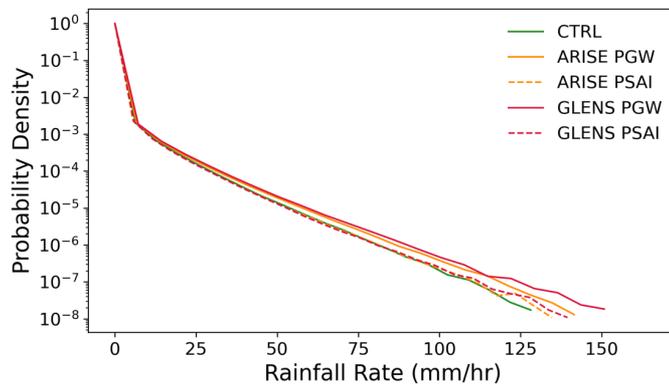
11 Figure S4 shows the spatial variability of mean precipitation anomalies in the CESM and WRF simulations. Without SAI, an  
 12 increase in precipitation is evident over the eastern United States, particularly under the more extreme GLENS-RCP8.5  
 13 scenario. With SAI, this increase is reduced (for example, ARISE-SAI) or nearly eliminated (GLENS-SAI). The WRF  
 14 simulations generally reproduce this behavior, although with finer-scale but noisier patterns and larger magnitudes. These  
 15 localized areas of drying and wetting in the WRF results are closely connected to two factors. First, WRF and CESM are  
 16 distinct models with different physics and resolutions; therefore, the same large-scale environmental changes do not  
 17 necessarily produce identical precipitation responses. Second, the WRF simulations consist of a single realization, even though  
 18 they are forced by the CESM ensemble mean. In contrast, the CESM results shown are ensemble means, which naturally yield  
 19 smoother and more spatially coherent anomaly patterns. We also note that the region where GLENS-PSAI exhibits additional  
 20 cooling (Fig. 7) coincides with an area of enhanced precipitation, suggesting a possible connection.

21 Converging evidence from previous PGW studies indicates that extreme precipitation across the U.S. will become more  
 22 intense, and in many cases, more frequent in a warming future (e.g., Prein et al., 2017b; Gutmann et al., 2018; Cui et al., 2024).  
 23 Figure 8 presents the probability density function (PDF) of hourly precipitation over the Eastern U.S. during March–August  
 24 2011 for the control, PGW, and PSAI simulations, highlighting substantial sensitivity to different scenarios. Notably, both  
 25 PGW scenarios exhibit a higher likelihood of extreme precipitation events compared to the control, indicating an increase in  
 26 extreme precipitation intensity under future climate conditions. This effect is more pronounced in GLENS-PGW (RCP8.5)  
 27 than in ARISE-PGW (SSP2-4.5). With the implementation of SAI, the PDFs for extreme precipitation become much closer to

.28 the control, suggesting that the projected increase in extreme precipitation is mitigated, with an exception at the highest rainfall  
.29 rates (Fig. 8). This result is consistent with previous studies based on global climate models (e.g., Curry et al., 2014; Simpson  
.30 et al., 2019; Tye et al., 2022).

.31 CESM2 provides hourly precipitation output which we analyze and compare with the WRF simulations (not shown). The  
.32 2060–2069 projection without SAI exhibits similarly enhanced extreme precipitation compared to the baseline (2015–2024),  
.33 resembling ARISE-PGW. With SAI implementation, the PDF shifts closer to the baseline, similar to ARISE-SAI. However,  
.34 CESM2’s hourly precipitation remains about an order of magnitude lower, with a maximum below 20 mm/hr. This is consistent  
.35 with previous findings that high-resolution models tend to produce stronger precipitation than low-resolution models (e.g.,  
.36 Rauscher et al., 2016; Herrington and Reed, 2020), highlighting WRF’s capability in explicitly simulating fine-scale  
.37 convective precipitation processes.

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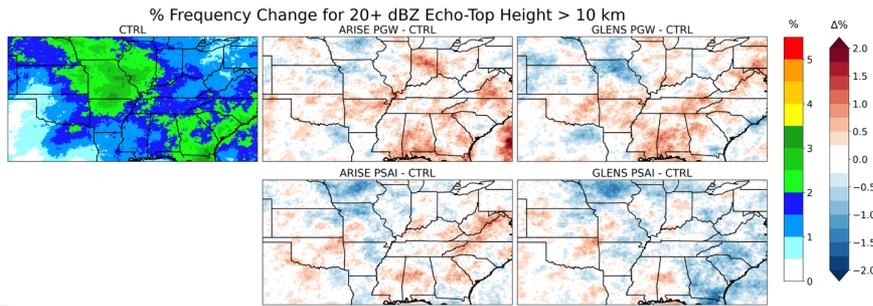
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.40 **Figure 8.** Probability density function (PDF) of the Eastern U.S. precipitation spectrum over March-August 2011, in the control, PGW and  
.41 PSAI simulations.

#### .42 4.3 Echo-top height

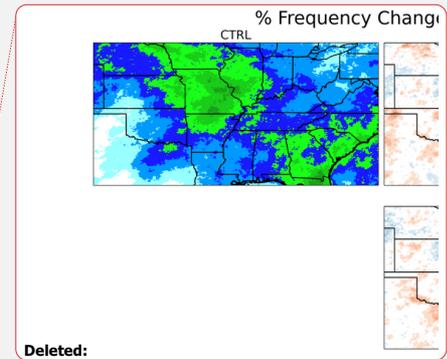
.43 Echo-top height is a commonly used metric to describe the vertical range of the precipitation reflectivities (Wilson and  
.44 Megenhardt, 1997) and is often used as an indicator of both storm height and intensity. For example, storms with the strongest  
.45 updrafts tend to produce higher echo tops and are associated with higher lightning flash rates compared to weaker storms  
.46 (Deierling and Petersen, 2008). Here we investigate changes in convection under climate change and SAI by examining the  
.47 percentage frequency echo-top heights exceeding 10 km, based on radar reflectivity values of at least 20 dBZ, across different  
.48 climate scenarios (Figure 9). From March to August, this frequency generally ranges between 0.5 and 3.5%, with higher values  
.49 over the central U.S., particularly over the Midwest and Southeast (green shades), indicating frequent deep convection (Houze

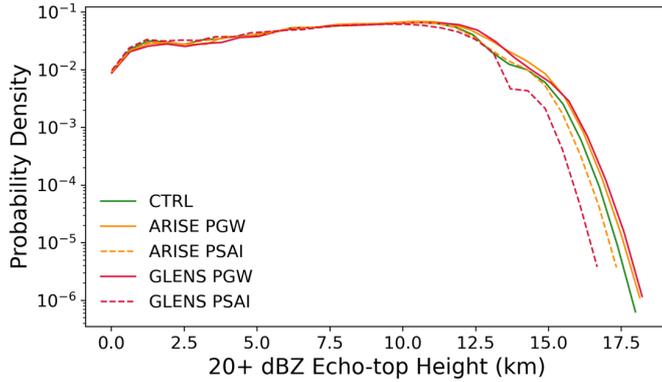
50 et al., 2015). Climate change leads to increases in the frequency of deep convection across most of the eastern U.S., with a  
 51 very similar pattern between GLENS-PGW and ARISE-PGW (top right panel). In contrast, this increase is largely reduced or  
 52 transitions to a decrease in the PSAI simulations. This pattern is evident when comparing ARISE-PGW (SSP2-4.5) with  
 53 ARISE-PSAI and even more pronounced between GLENS-PGW and GLENS-PSAI. Together, these results suggest that  
 54 climate warming enhances deep convection consistent with prior studies (Trapp et al., 2007; Rasmussen et al., 2017), while  
 55 SAI may suppress it, implying a potential mitigating effect on convective intensity. It is important to note that changes in echo-  
 56 top height do not necessarily correspond directly to precipitation changes (Fig. S4). This distinction underscores the complexity  
 57 of convective storm responses and highlights the need for further investigation into the mesoscale processes governing severe  
 58 convection under PGW and PSAI scenarios.



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 60 **Figure 9:** Percentage frequency for 20+ dBZ Echo-Top height larger than 10km for (left) Control and (top middle and right) PGW and  
 61 (bottom) PSAI anomalies. The frequency is calculated based on hourly data for March-August 2011.

62 Figure 10 further presents the probability density function of 20+ dBZ echo-top height frequencies over the eastern U.S.  
 63 Most convection occurs below 1 km, while between 1–12 km, the frequency remains nearly constant. Beyond 12–13 km, the  
 64 probability declines sharply, resembling an exponential drop-off. Both PGW scenarios exhibit slightly higher probabilities of  
 65 echo tops exceeding 12 km, indicating an increase in deep convection under climate warming. In contrast, PSAI simulations  
 66 show a reduction in high echo tops compared to both the control and PGW scenarios, suggesting that SAI may suppress  
 67 extreme convection. There is more reduction in GLENS-PSAI than in ARISE-PSAI because the temperature target is lower  
 68 in GLENS-SAI (year 2020) than in ARISE-SAI (1.5°C above pre-industrial level, around 2035). A similar analysis using 40+  
 69 dBZ echo-top heights reveals comparable changes (not shown).





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72 **Figure 10:** Probability density function (PDF) of the fractional occurrence for 20+ dBZ Echo-Top height larger than 10km over the Eastern  
 73 U.S. over March-August 2011, in the control, PGW and PSAI simulations.

74 **4.4 Convective population**

75 Rasmussen et al. (2017) examined the convective population change under climate change using 13-year PGW simulations  
 76 and found that the lower reflectivity ranges occur less frequently, while higher reflectivity ranges are more common in both  
 77 the CONUS domain and the U.S. Great Plains. Here we do a similar analysis and focus on boreal spring (March, April, May)  
 78 when severe convective storms occur mostly frequently. In particular, hourly composite reflectivity data from each simulation  
 79 set is used to calculate the frequency of occurrence in six reflectivity ranges defined as weak convection (0-10, 10-20 dBZ),  
 80 moderate convection (20-30, 30-40 dBZ), and strong convection (40-50, 50+ dBZ). The change in frequency of occurrence  
 81 for each reflectivity range can be calculated using the following formulas:

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$$\Delta CONV_{PGW} = \frac{\sum RR_{PGW} - \sum RR_{CTRL}}{\sum RR_{CTRL}} \times 100 \quad (1)$$

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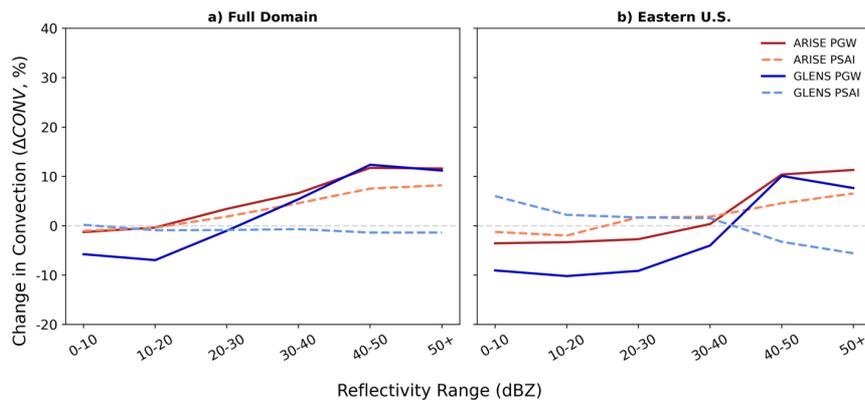
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$$\Delta CONV_{PSAI} = \frac{\sum RR_{PSAI} - \sum RR_{CTRL}}{\sum RR_{CTRL}} \times 100 \quad (2)$$

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Here, RR denotes the radar reflectivity range calculated from each of the WRF simulations.

87 Figure 11 shows the changes in occurrence of each reflectivity range in the full domain (a) and in the eastern U.S. (b).  
 88 For both regions GLENS-PGW (solid blue) shows less frequent convection for 20- dBZ and more frequent convection for 40+  
 89 dBZ. A similar change is also observed for ARISE-PGW (solid brown) over the eastern U.S., in agreement with previous  
 90 findings. ARISE-PSAI (dashed orange) generally exhibits a similar change to ARISE-PGW, but with smaller magnitude. In  
 91 contrast, the changes in GLENS-PSAI (dashed light blue) and GLENS-PGW are very different. For example, over the eastern

.92 U.S., GLENS-PSAI exhibits an increase in the frequency of convection for 20- dBZ and a decrease for 40+ dBZ, opposite to  
 .93 that in its corresponding GLENS-PGW. When considering the entire CONUS, GLENS-PSAI is very close to the baseline,  
 .94 only showing slightly less frequent occurrences for 40+ dBZ. The convective population changes in PGW and PSAI  
 .95 simulations closely follow the changes in thermodynamic environments. In particular, Rasmussen et al. (2017) found that  
 .96 climate change leads to larger values of both CAPE and CIN, a feature also observed in Chen et al. (2020) and Franke et al.  
 .97 (2024). This suggests that the future atmosphere under climate change may support more vigorous convective storms but also  
 .98 requires more energy to initiate given increases in lower-level static stability. As a result, the convective population exhibits  
 .99 fewer weak to moderate storms and more storms that are intense.



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 .01 **Figure 11:** March–April–May changes in the occurrence of each reflectivity range over the full domain (left) and the Eastern U.S. (right).  
 .02 The total number of occurrences within each reflectivity bin is summed over each domain, and  $\Delta\text{CONV}$  is computed following Eqs. (1) and  
 .03 (2). This metric represents the percentage change in convective population in the PGW and PSAI simulations relative to the control  
 .04 simulation, shown as a function of radar reflectivity range (dBZ).

.05 As a potential climate mitigation method, SAI may be employed to counteract some of the effects of global warming.  
 .06 Glade et al. (2023) suggested that SAI not only reduces the GHG-induced warming but also effectively minimizes future  
 .07 changes in thermodynamic environmental parameters, such as CAPE and CIN, that are relevant to convection. Recall that the  
 .08 temperature target of ARISE-PSAI is 1.5°C and thus there is still a global warming effect relative to the 2015-2024 baseline.  
 .09 As a result, the distribution of CAPE and CIN in ARISE-PSAI still resembles ARISE-PGW but with smaller magnitude, which  
 .10 leads to similar but smaller changes in convective populations. In contrast, GLENS-PSAI exhibits slightly cooling relative to  
 .11 the baseline, opposite to the warming evident in GLENS-PGW (Figures 6 and 7). Consequently, changes in the population of  
 .12 convection in GLENS-PSAI are opposite to those in GLENS-PGW.

.13 **5 Summary and discussion**

.14 **5.1 Summary**

.15 Climate intervention has been proposed as a possible method to help counteract some of the future consequences of  
.16 anthropogenic climate change. As one primary solar climate intervention strategy, many studies of SAI have focused on its  
.17 benefits and risks relative to the risks posed by climate change. These studies, however, have almost exclusively used climate  
.18 models, and no studies to date have examined how SAI may influence convective weather and mesoscale processes. The goal  
.19 of this work is to begin to bridge this gap by developing a novel modeling framework using a regional convection-permitting  
.20 model to investigate the possible impacts of SAI on severe weather in the U.S. We conduct PSAI and PGW simulations to  
.21 mimic future climate change with and without SAI deployment, and we show some early analyses of temperature, precipitation  
.22 and convection over the U.S. Our primary purpose is to introduce and demonstrate the methodology for evaluating convective  
.23 storms under the PGW and PSAI frameworks rather than to analyze individual storm events. For this reason, the March–  
.24 August 2011 period is used to provide a statistical representation of environmental and storm-related changes without  
.25 cataloging each severe convective event that occurred over this period. The main results are summarized as follows:

- .26 1. Building on previous PGW approaches, this paper develops a novel PSAI method using WRF. Global climate model  
.27 SAI simulations with CESM are used to generate delta terms and which are then applied to the lower and lateral  
.28 boundary conditions for WRF. Stratospheric AOD changes in the global model are further applied to WRF to ensure  
.29 that the radiative effects of SAI are well captured. Six-month simulations for the warm season (March – August) of  
.30 2011 were then conducted.
- .31 2. The PSAI and PGW simulations capture the large-scale environmental changes evident in the CESM SAI and climate  
.32 change simulations. In particular, the temperature anomalies in the PSAI and PGW runs well match those in the  
.33 corresponding CESM simulations, confirming the viability of our methodology. Further, these results suggest that  
.34 once the boundary forcings are prescribed and radiative forcings are properly configured, the WRF model can be  
.35 used to study the impact of SAI on convective weather.
- .36 3. Our PSAI and PGW simulations reveal that future spring and summer extreme precipitation over the CONUS is likely  
.37 to increase under climate change, as indicated in earlier studies, but that such increases could be largely avoided if  
.38 SAI was deployed. This is also broadly consistent with the coarser-grid precipitation changes evident in the CESM  
.39 simulations (e.g., Tilmes et al., 2019; Richter et al., 2022).
- .40 4. Climate change leads to increases in the frequency of deep convection over much of the eastern U.S., which may be  
.41 largely mitigated by SAI deployment. Moreover, composite analysis of the convective population reveals a decreasing  
.42 frequency of weak echoes (0–20 dBZ) and an increasing frequency of intense reflectivities (above 40 dBZ) in the  
.43 future. This shift in convective characteristics may again be reduced or even fully offset under SAI deployment.

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45 **5.2 Discussion**

46 Our PSAI and PGW approaches differ from direct dynamical downscaling of global climate models, which often carry inherent  
47 biases that are passed down to regional simulations. In contrast, our control simulation is driven by ERA5 reanalysis and thus  
48 more closely reflects observed climate conditions, despite its own limitations. Direct downscaling also inherits substantial  
49 internal variability from global models, complicating the separation of the forced response unless multiple ensemble members  
50 are conducted. This requirement makes it more computationally expensive than PGW-based methods. However, PGW cannot  
51 simulate synoptic-scale variability and may underperform in regions where dynamical eddy processes are important (Hall et  
52 al., 2024). Since the PSAI method is developed based on the PGW framework, it inherits both its advantages and limitations.  
53 Further studies are needed to evaluate PSAI in comparison with direct downscaling of SAI to evaluate their respective  
54 strengths.

55 One caveat of our PSAI approach is that it accounts only for the direct shortwave radiative effects of stratospheric  
56 aerosols, without representing their longwave influence. Nevertheless, the model well captures the lower stratospheric heating  
57 seen in global climate models (Fig. 6b), suggesting that while shortwave perturbations are essential, the omission of longwave  
58 effects may be less critical. Our approach excludes near-surface aerosol anomalies because it is unclear whether these signals  
59 arise from stratospheric aerosol descent or other processes, and they are therefore not included in the WRF-PSAI forcing.  
60 However, further investigation is warranted to assess the potential role of aerosol-radiation and cloud interactions in the  
61 troposphere, especially under conditions of stratosphere-troposphere exchange. Further, the WRF bias in environmental  
62 conditions may introduce uncertainty in the simulated storm activity and in the projected future changes with and without SAI.

63 Lastly, we emphasize that the primary goal of this paper is to introduce a methodology for assessing the impact of climate  
64 intervention on convective weather using regional models. In this study, the extension of the PGW framework to the SAI  
65 scenario is achieved by incorporating the CESM-derived aerosol optical depth forcing into the WRF simulations. The  
66 convection-permitting WRF model is particularly well-suited to capturing fine-scale mesoscale processes and physical  
67 mechanisms that drive changes in clouds and precipitation systems as it is also used for operational numerical weather  
68 prediction (e.g., high-resolution rapid refresh (HRRR) model). Our framework builds on this capability to utilize global climate  
69 model output to study future changes in weather under scenarios with and without SAI. More in-depth scientific results will  
70 follow. For example, we find that the changes in the occurrence of each reflectivity range exhibit clear seasonal variability  
71 (Figure S5). It will therefore be interesting to further investigate the seasonality of the results as well as the underlying  
72 mechanisms. In addition, we are conducting a parallel study focused on the influence of SAI on the super tornado outbreak of  
73 25-28 April 2011 (Summers et al. 2026), including additional ensembles forced by individual global climate model members  
74 of future projections to explore the role of internal climate variability. Further PGW and PSAI simulations are underway to  
75 extend the analysis over a longer period of record. We hope this framework provides a foundation for future investigations  
76 into the regional impacts of climate intervention on high-impact weather events.

.77 *Code availability.* WRF version 4.1.5 that was used to carry out the simulations is archived on Zenodo at  
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.80 *Data availability.* The CESM1-WACCM-RCP8.5, CESM2-WACCM-SSP4.5, and their corresponding GLENS-SAI and  
.81 ARISE-SAI datasets used in this study are available on Zenodo at <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.16374758> (Sun et al.,  
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