

# **Overall US Sector Sensitivity Assessment**

## **Evaluation of the Sensitivity of U.S. Economic Sectors to Weather Variability**

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# Outline

- **Motivation**
- **Concept**
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- **Results**
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# Dutton – BAMS – September 2002

“ . . . one-third of the private industry activities, representing annual revenues of some \$3 trillion, have some degree of weather and climate risk.

This represents a large market for atmospheric information . . . ”

TABLE 2. Weather and climate sensitive components of the gross domestic product (GDP; \$ billion). The first two columns are from the Bureau of Economic Analysis industry accounts data for 2000; the third column lists the contribution to the GDP of industries with a (subjectively determined) weather sensitivity on operations, demand, or price.

Industries (1987 standard industrial classification)	GDP components (\$ billion)	Weather sensitive components (\$ billion)
<b>Agriculture, forestry, and fishing</b>	<b>135.8</b>	<b>135.8</b>
Farms	79.0	79.0
Agricultural services, forestry, and fishing	56.7	56.7
<b>Mining</b>	<b>127.1</b>	<b>109.6</b>
Coal mining	10.1	10.1
Oil and gas extraction	99.5	99.5
Other mining	17.5	0.0
<b>Construction</b>	<b>463.6</b>	<b>463.6</b>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	<b>1,566.6</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Transportation and public utilities</b>	<b>825.0</b>	<b>786.5</b>
Transportation		
Railroad transportation	22.9	22.9
Local and interurban passenger transit	18.7	18.7
Trucking and warehousing	126.0	126.0
Water transportation	14.8	14.8
Transportation by air	93.0	93.0
Other transportation	38.5	0.0
Communications	281.1	281.1
Electric, gas, and sanitary services	230.0	230.0
<b>Wholesale trade</b>	<b>674.1</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Retail trade</b>	<b>893.9</b>	<b>893.9</b>
<b>Finance, insurance, and real estate</b>	<b>1,936.2</b>	<b>379.1</b>
Security and commodity brokers	144.2	144.2
Insurance carriers	167.7	167.7
Insurance agents, brokers, and service	67.3	67.3
Other finance, insurance, real estate	1,557.1	—
<b>Services</b>	<b>2,164.6</b>	<b>261.2</b>
Hotels and other lodging places	86.5	86.5
Auto repair, services, and parking	93.9	93.9
Amusement and recreation services	80.8	80.8

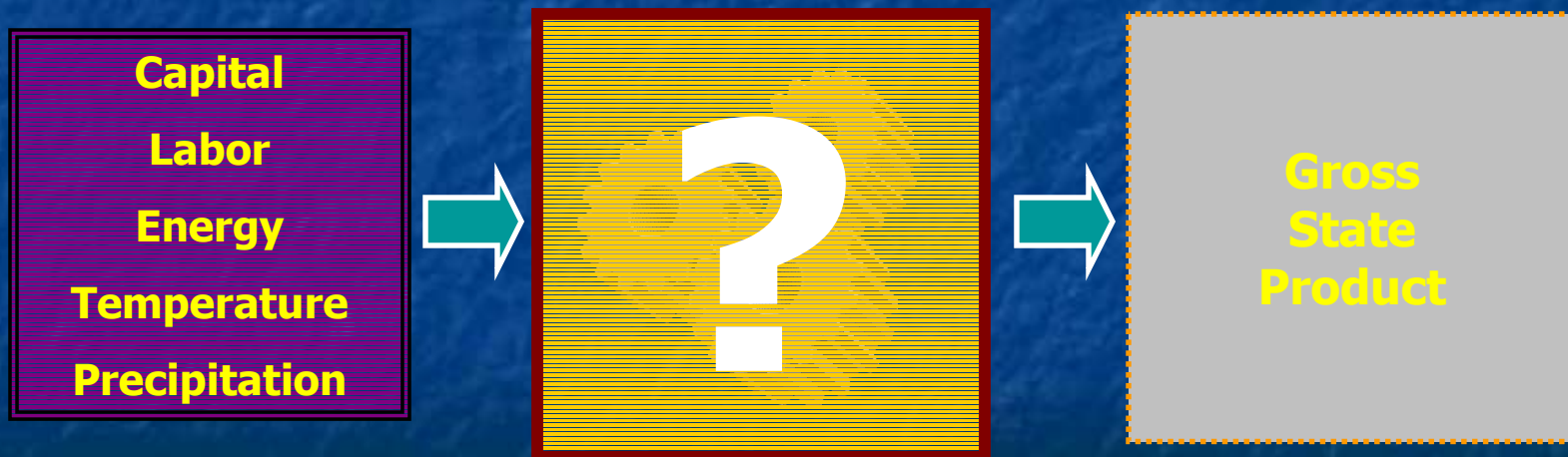
Industries (1987 standard industrial classification)	GDP components (\$ billion)	Weather sensitive components (\$ billion)
<b>TOTAL GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT</b>	<b>9,872.9</b>	<b>3,859.1</b>

# Background

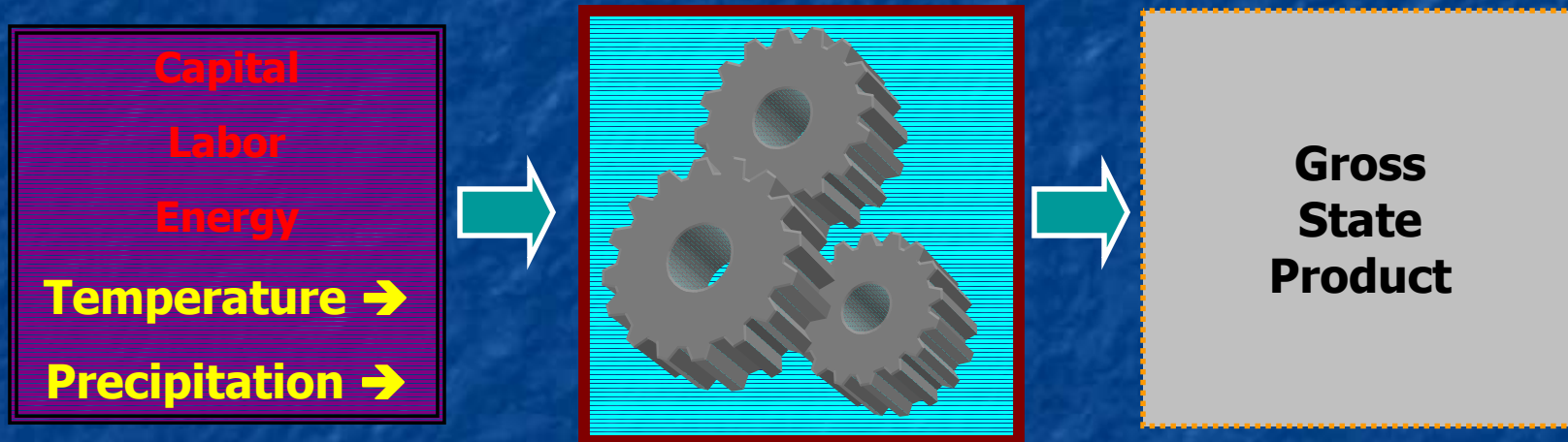
- **Studies analyze the economic effects of climate change on sectors of the U.S. economy.**
  - **Nordhaus (1994, 1996), Cline (1992), Fankhauser (1995), Tol (1995), and Titus (1992).**
- **Models calculating long-term sectoral sensitivity to climate change**
- **Studies quantifying sensitivity of economic sectors to weather in the United States.**

# Conceptual Approach

**Model Building:** using historical economic and weather data, we model the relationship between economic output in 11 sectors, economic inputs, and weather and weather variability



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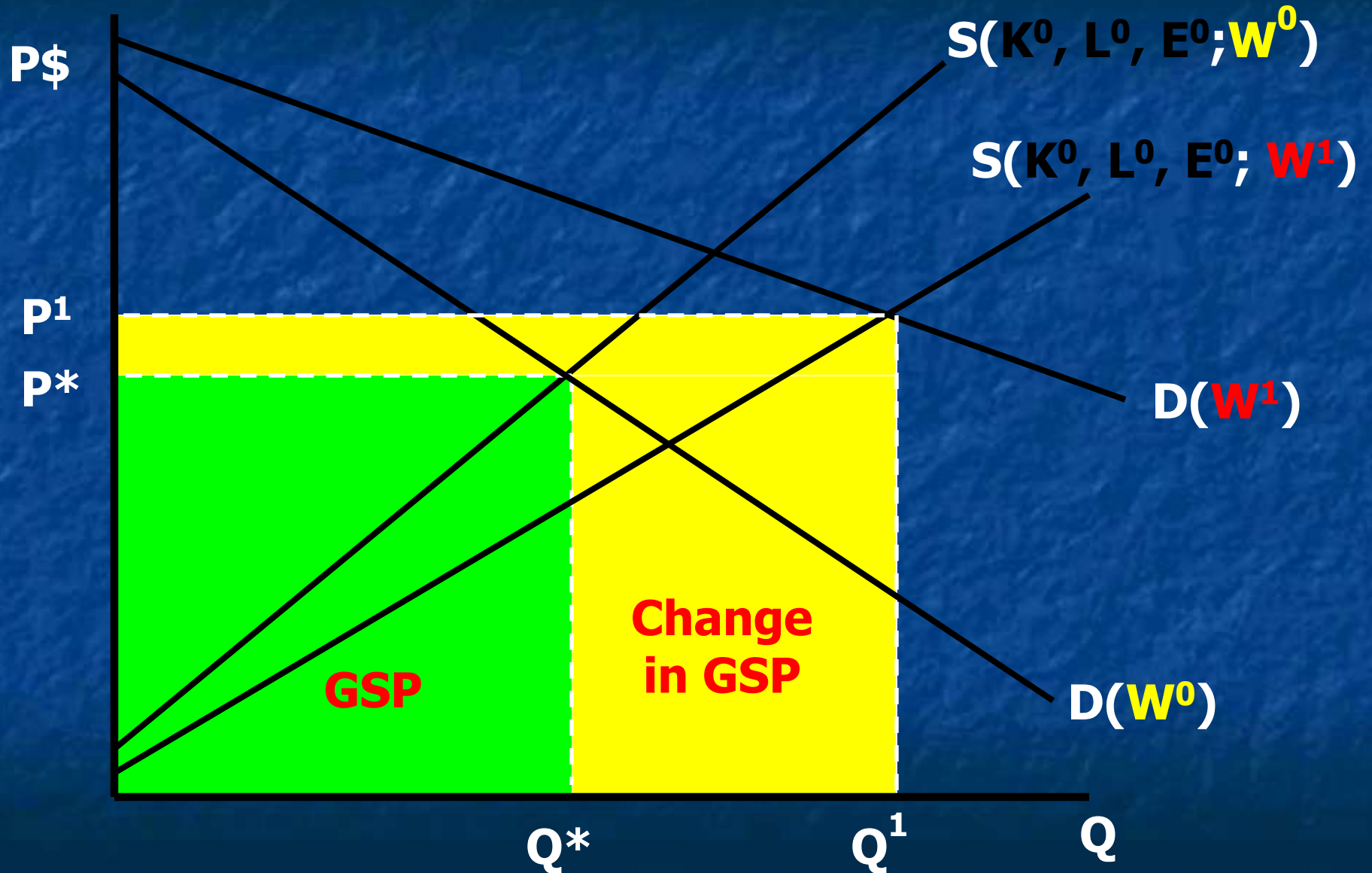


**Sensitivity Analysis:** Using these models, we then hold the economic inputs constant, and use 70 years of weather data to see how economic output varies as a result of variation in weather

# Define "Sensitive"

- **No single correct definition**
- **Characteristics of a meaningful approach**
  - **consistent with economic theory**
  - **amenable to empirical examination**
  - **provide meaningful information about economic impacts of  $Wx$**

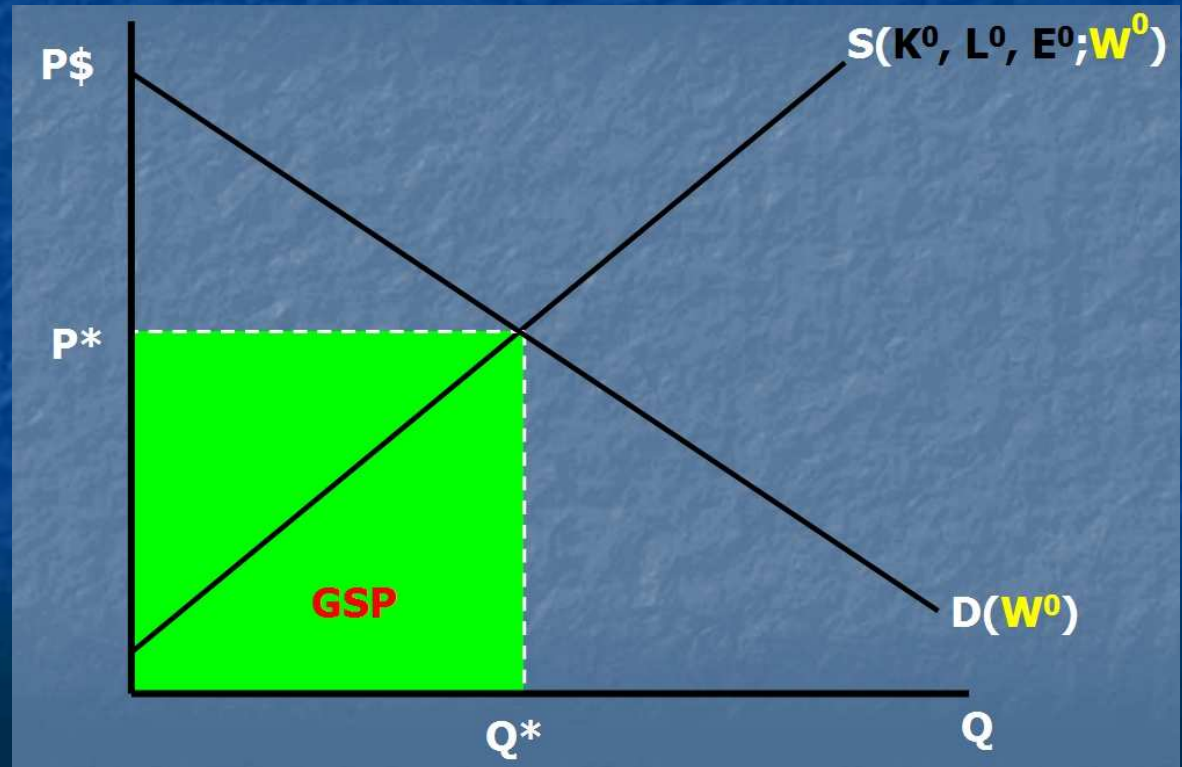
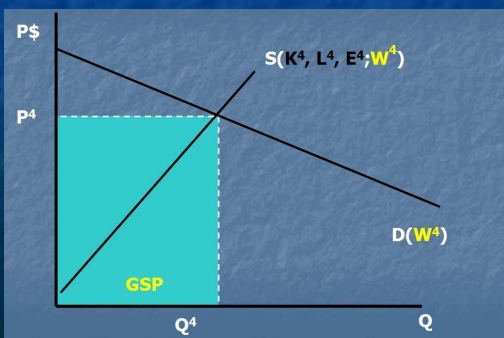
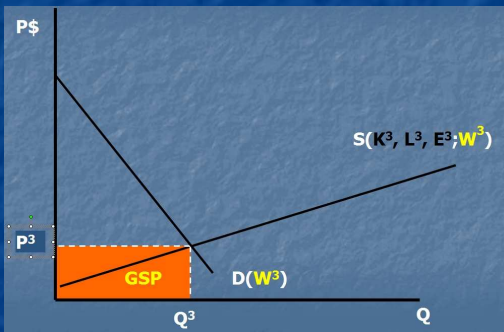
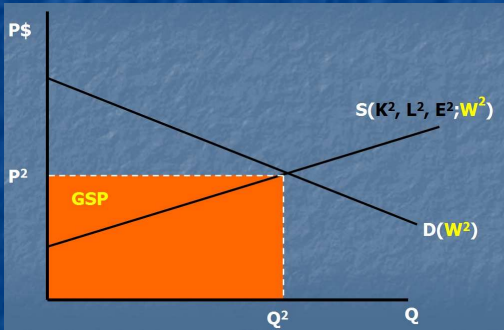
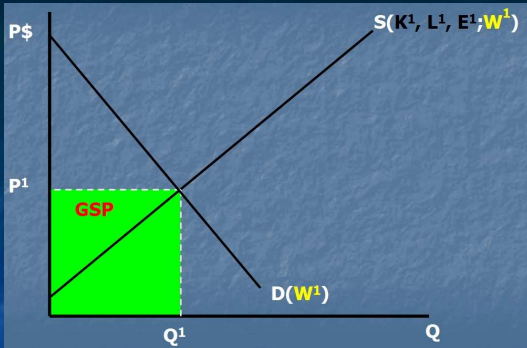
# What is Weather Sensitivity?





# Issues?

- Weather or climate?
- Sensitivity or something else?



# Super Sectors

Sector	Billions (2000\$)
Wholesale Trade	592
Retail Trade	662
Transportation	302
Utilities	189
Communications	458
Agriculture	98
FIRE	1,931
Manufacturing	1,426
Construction	436
Mining	121
Services	675
<b>Total Private Sector</b>	<b>6,890</b>
<b>Government</b>	<b>1,135</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,026</b>

# Economic Modeling

$$Q = f(L, K, E)$$

$$Q_{ijt} = A_{ijt} e^{r_{ijt}} L_{ijt}^{\beta_L} K_{ijt}^{\beta_K} E_{ijt}^{\beta_E} \bar{W}_{it}^{\beta_{\bar{W}}}$$

## Translog Function

$$\begin{aligned} \ln(Q_{ijt}) = & \ln(A_{ijt}) + \delta t + \beta_L \ln(L_{ijt}) + \beta_K \ln(K_{ijt}) + \beta_E \ln(E_{ijt}) + \\ & \beta_{\bar{W}} \ln(\bar{W}_{it}) + \frac{1}{2} \beta_{\bar{W}\bar{W}} \ln(\bar{W}_{it}) \ln(\bar{W}_{it}) + \frac{1}{2} \beta_{LL} \ln(L_{ijt}) \ln(L_{ijt}) + \\ & \beta_{LK} \ln(L_{ijt}) \ln(K_{ijt}) + \beta_{LE} \ln(L_{ijt}) \ln(E_{ijt}) + \beta_{L\bar{W}} \ln(L_{ijt}) \ln(\bar{W}_{it}) + \\ & \frac{1}{2} \beta_{KK} \ln(K_{ijt}) \ln(K_{ijt}) + \beta_{KE} \ln(K_{ijt}) \ln(E_{ijt}) + \\ & \beta_{K\bar{W}} \ln(K_{ijt}) \ln(\bar{W}_{it}) + \frac{1}{2} \beta_{EE} \ln(E_{ijt}) \ln(E_{ijt}) + \beta_{E\bar{W}} \ln(E_{ijt}) \ln(\bar{W}_{it}) + \varepsilon_{ijt} \end{aligned}$$

# Weather "Sensitivity"

$$\ln Q = \ln A + rt + \beta_L \ln L + L + \beta_W \ln W + \varepsilon$$

$$\frac{\partial \ln Q}{\partial \ln W} = \beta_W$$

$$\ln Q = L + \beta_L \ln L(\bar{L}, \sigma_L) + L + \beta_W \ln W(\bar{W}, \sigma_W) + L$$

$Q(Q, \sigma_Q)$  caused by  $\sigma_W$

# Economic Data

**Economic Data** - state x year x sector

**Gross State Product** (dependent variable)

**Production Inputs**

- Capital (K) - dollars
- Labor (L) - hours
- Energy (E) – BTUs

**Weather Data** - state x year

**Temperature Variability**

- CDD : Cooling Degree Days:  $(T - 65)$  on a given day
- HDD : Heating Degree Days:  $(65 - T)$  on a given day

**Precipitation**

- P\_Tot: Precipitation Total (per square mile)
- P\_Std: Precipitation Standard Deviation

i = state                      48  
j = sector                     11  
t = year                        1977-2000 = 24 years  
48 x 11 x 24 = 12,672 "observations"

# Temperature Weather Inputs

- **CDD**: Defined as  $(T - 65) = \text{daily CDD}$ , where T is daily Average Temperature (F). If T is less than 65 degrees F, CDD=0.
- **HDD**: Defined as  $(65 - T) = \text{daily HDD}$ , where T is daily Average Temperature (F). If T is greater than 65 degrees F, HDD=0.
- Average (Mean) Temperature of the day :  
(High Temperature + Low Temperature) / 2 ;  
High and Low Temperature are whole integer values.

[http://www.weather2000.com/dd\\_glossary.html](http://www.weather2000.com/dd_glossary.html)

# Econometric Methods

- Level data versus per capita
- Panel data – time series – AR(1)
- Heteroskedasticity
- Fixed Effects
- Covariance calculations for marginal effects

# Econometric Results

## Sector: Agriculture

Parameter	Estimate	Sig.
Intercept	-12.089	***
YEAR	0.003	**
Capital	0.672	***
Labor	0.798	***
Energy	0.086	**
Heating Degree Days	-0.035	ns
Cooling Degree Days	-0.068	***
P_Tot	-0.187	***
P_Std	0.185	***

**ns = not significant at 10%**

**\* 10%, \*\* 5%, \*\*\* 1%**



# Parameter Estimates from Full Model Regressions

Significance (\* = 10%, \*\* = 5%, \*\*\* = 1%, ns = not significant)  
DF=1068 for all models

	Agric.	Wholes	Retail	FIRE	Comm.	Utilities	Transp.	Manf.	Constr.	Mining	Svcs
Inter	50.46 ns	-1.65 ns	-2.08 ns	39.98 ns	27.08 ns	-25.26 ns	-28.44 ns	-24.78 ns	-6.13 ns	153.57 **	55.72 ***
YEAR	-0.01 ***	0.02 ***	-0.01 ***	0.004 **	-0.01 ***	0.01 **	0.01 ***	0.03 ***	0.00 ns	-0.03 ***	0.003 ***
<b>In</b> KAP	-2.10 **	-0.12 ns	-0.75 ns	7.70 ***	2.98 ***	9.21 ***	4.78 ***	0.51 ns	-9.55 ***	-5.93 ***	-2.66 ***
CDD	2.56 *	-0.24 ns	0.24 ns	-3.10 **	-0.97 ns	2.79 ns	-3.52 ***	1.49 ns	-1.43 ns	2.50 ns	-1.05 *
KAP <sup>2</sup>	0.14 ***	0.05 ***	0.08 ***	0.02 ns	0.02 ns	-0.23 ***	0.07 ***	0.04 ns	0.06 ***	0.19 ***	-0.03 ns
KAP x HDD	-0.06 ns	0.04 **	0.09 ***	-0.07 **	0.06 **	-0.31 ***	-0.06 ns	0.05 ns	0.24 ***	0.57 ***	0.15 ***

# State Fixed Effects

# Marginal Responses

Sector	Capital		Labor		Energy	
	Marg Eff	T-Stat	Marg Eff	T-Stat	Marg Eff	T-Stat
Agriculture	1.10	35.02	0.44	8.55	-0.01	-0.14
Communications	1.12	30.08	0.31	12.57	-0.14	-6.23
Construction	0.48	12.40	1.14	52.35	0.12	4.60
FIRE	0.98	32.49	0.39	9.82	-0.20	-6.84
Manufacturing	0.48	5.76	0.62	6.98	0.09	1.71
Mining	1.20	11.86	0.60	9.20	0.10	1.51
Retail Trade	0.91	31.15	0.54	15.94	-0.04	-2.02
Services	0.94	35.85	0.64	18.57	-0.07	-5.53
Transportation	0.94	28.84	0.33	12.21	0.07	1.90
Utilities	1.11	22.57	-0.31	-4.94	-0.03	-0.73
Wholesale Trade	0.50	19.99	0.78	33.01	-0.02	-1.15

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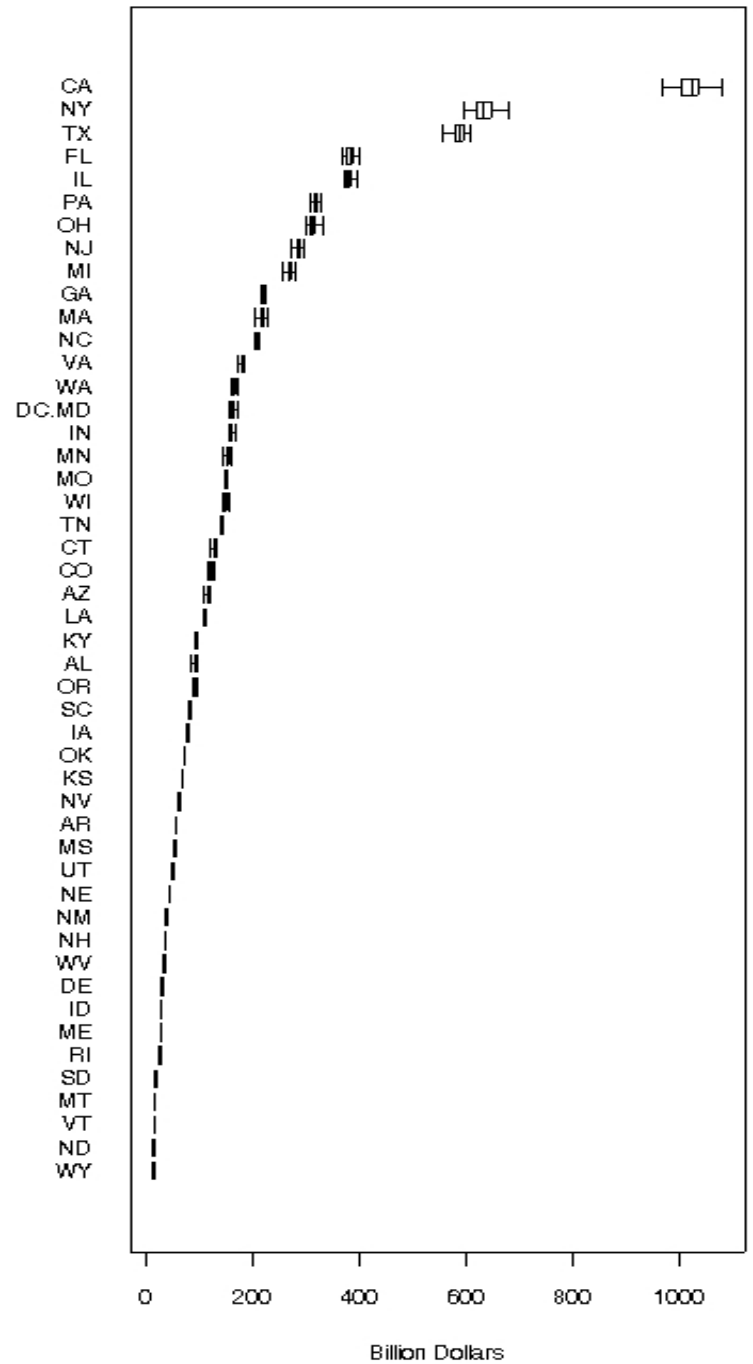
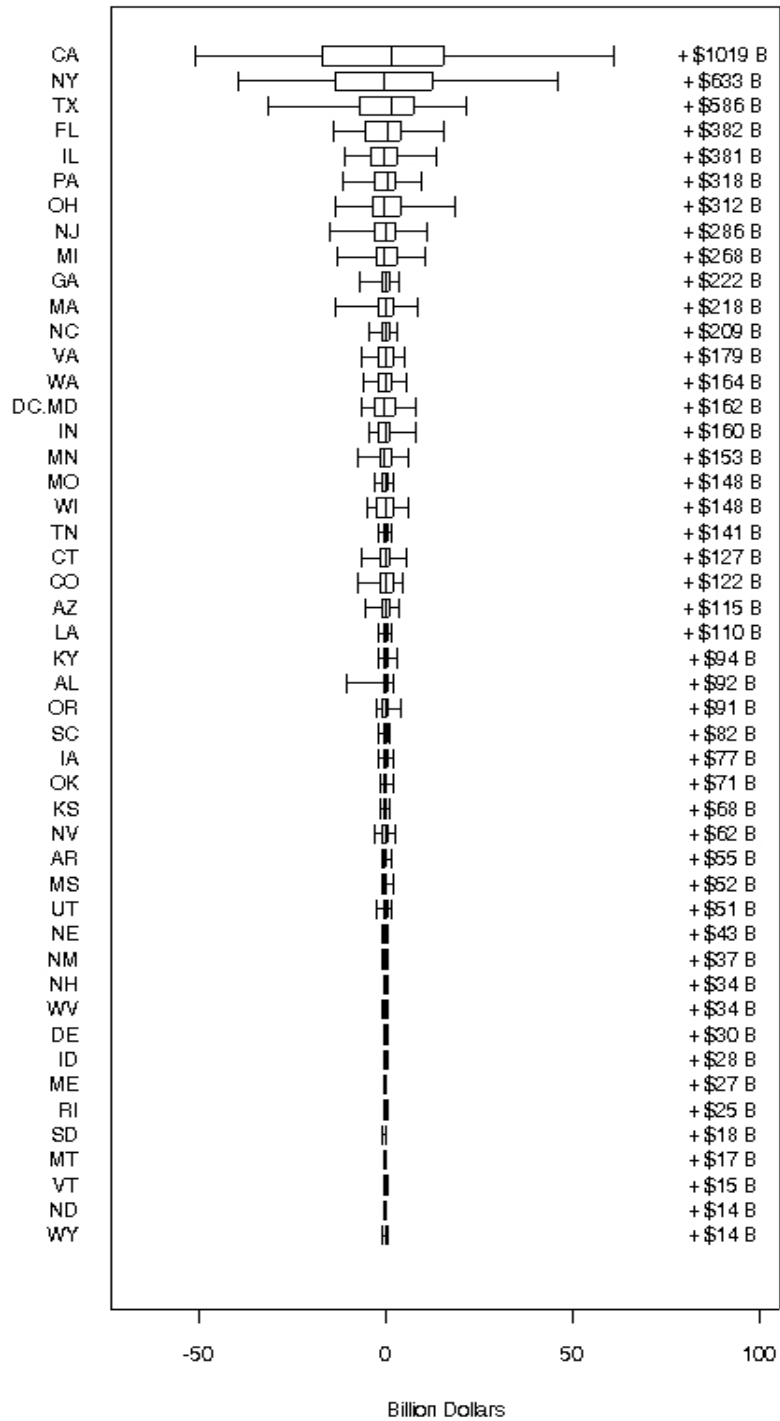
Sector	HDD		CDD		Total Precip		Precip Variance	
	Marg Eff	T-Stat	Marg Eff	T-Stat	Marg Eff	T-Stat	Marg Eff	T-Stat
<b>Agriculture</b>	0.00	-0.05	-0.19	-6.11	0.28	1.89	-0.12	-6.75
<b>Communic.</b>	0.13	3.96	0.06	3.31	0.06	0.36	0.17	16.15
<b>Construct.</b>	-0.01	-0.38	0.06	2.85	-0.01	-0.05	0.26	20.84
<b>FIRE</b>	0.15	3.52	0.06	2.70	0.54	3.19	-0.08	-5.60
<b>Manufact.</b>	0.18	1.85	0.02	0.36	0.49	2.34	-0.22	-6.60
<b>Mining</b>	0.25	1.97	0.04	0.57	-3.52	-9.54	1.10	27.44
<b>RetailTrade</b>	0.04	1.75	0.03	2.88	-0.13	-1.32	0.13	18.20
<b>Services</b>	0.04	2.07	0.00	0.29	0.33	4.01	-0.05	-7.72
<b>Transport.</b>	-0.03	-0.91	0.01	0.44	-0.15	-0.74	0.15	12.18
<b>Utilities</b>	0.00	0.04	0.08	1.91	-0.59	-1.42	-0.28	-11.59
<b>Wholesale</b>	0.10	4.63	0.02	1.65	-0.19	-1.93	0.02	3.03

# Wx Sensitivity Analysis

## 11 Sector Models:

$$Q = f(K, L, E, W; \text{Year, State})$$

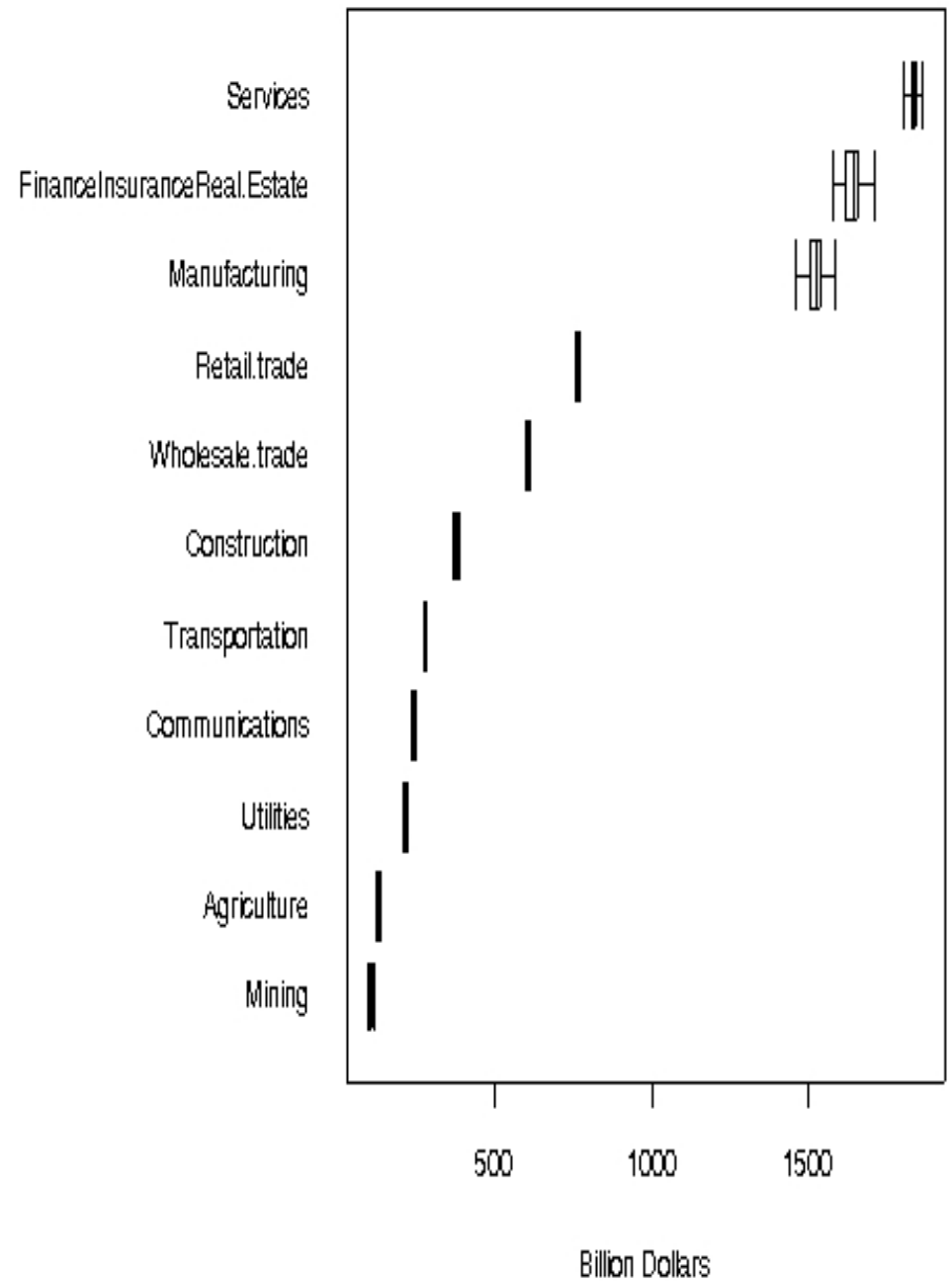
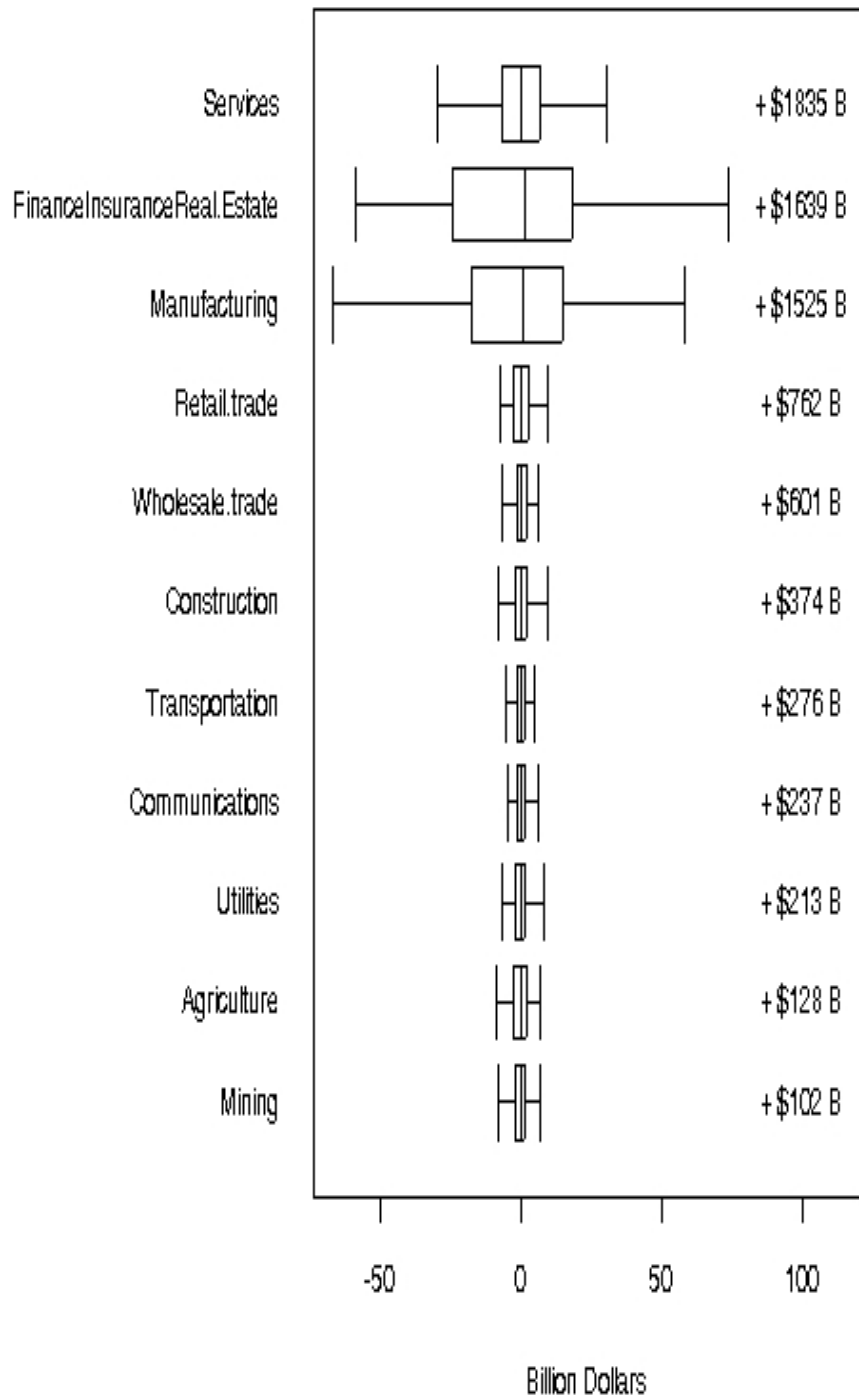
- Average K, L, E 1996-2000
- Set Year to 2000
- Historical weather data 1931-2000
- Fitted GSP values by sector by state by year
  - 11 sectors
  - 48 states
  - 70 “years” fit to 2000 “economic structure”



# State Sensitivity

(Billions \$2000)

State	Mean	Max	Min	Range	% Range	Rank
New York	633.3	679.6	594.0	85.6	13.5%	1
Alabama	92.0	93.9	81.7	12.2	13.3%	2
California	1019.4	1080.5	968.6	111.9	11.0%	3
Wyoming	13.7	14.3	12.8	1.4	10.5%	4
Ohio	312.0	330.6	298.4	32.2	10.3%	5
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
Delaware	30.2	30.6	29.6	1.0	3.3%	44
Maine	27.0	27.4	26.5	0.9	3.3%	45
Montana	17.2	17.4	16.9	0.6	3.3%	46
Louisiana	109.5	111.2	107.6	3.6	3.3%	47
Tennessee	141.1	142.8	139.3	3.5	2.5%	48





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Wholesale trade	601.5	607.8	594.5	13.3	2.20%
Retail trade	761.5	771.2	753.9	17.3	2.27%
FIRE	1,639.3	1,713.1	1,580.6	132.5	8.08%
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<b>Total National</b>	<b>7,692.4</b>	<b>7,554.6</b>	<b>7,813.4</b>	<b>258.7</b>	<b>3.36%</b>
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# Future Research (1)

- **extend data past 2000**
- **better capital and energy data**
- **include “storms” data**
- **include forecast skill measure**
  - **value of weather forecasts?**
- **split supply and demand**
- **model uncertainty**

# Future Research (2)

- **finer spatial scales**
  - **county level data for a state**
- **finer temporal scales**
  - **quarterly / monthly economic data**
- **finer sectoral scales**
  - **2, 3, or 4 digit sector study**
- **other regions / countries**

# Conclusions

- **Economically valid analysis**
- **Significant impact of weather**
  - significant regression coefficients
  - significant marginal effects
- **Interpretation of weather sensitivity**
  - upper-bound weather risk measure?
  - upper-bound measure of value of weather information?
- **3.4% of annual US economic variability**
- **\$260B US economic variability related to weather variability**