

The Teletherm

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Groundhog day story things:

- Time loop movies achieves [Wikipedia list status](#)
- Also basically every video game is a Groundhog day situation.
- Trope with Trope Namer action: [“Groundhog Day” Loop](#)
- Phil Connors went through the temporal wringer for [maybe 30 to 40 years](#) ...
- Groundhog Day the Musical: Excellent.
- 2017-08-08: Bill Murray went to the see the musical on the opening night, unannounced. Took photos with the cast afterwards.
- [And then went to see it again on the second night.](#)

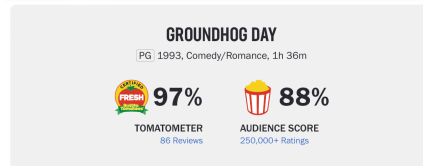


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The reviews:

[Rotten Tomatoes](#)



“Generally favorable” according to metacritic: [60 to 90](#).



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[The existential temporal escape room:](#)



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Living in the Big Tick Tock:

Predictable photon delivery:

[Solstice](#) = “Sun + stand still”



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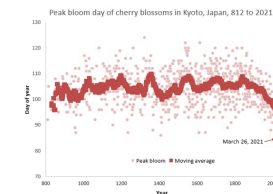
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Solstices have some complications:

- June 20/21-ish: Northern hemisphere's estival solstice and the Southern hemisphere's hibernal solstice.
- December 21/22-ish: Northern hemisphere's hibernal solstice and the Southern hemisphere's estival solstice.
- But because of tilts and ellipses the [earliest and latest sunrises and sunsets](#) don't happen on the solstice.
- Earliest sunset in Burlington, Vermont? 4:12 pm, December 9, 2021
- Latest sunrise in Burlington, Vermont? 7:29 am, December 30, 2021-January 9, 2022
- Varies across latitudes and planets.

Cherry blossoms: The 12 hundred year data set

- WaPo, 2017: [Japan's cherry blossoms signal warmest climate in more than 1,000 years](#)
- WaPo, 2021: [Japan's Kyoto cherry blossoms peak on earliest date in 1,200 years, a sign of climate change](#)
- Data: <http://atmenv.envi.osakafu-u.ac.jp/aono/kyophenotemp4/>



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First leaves:

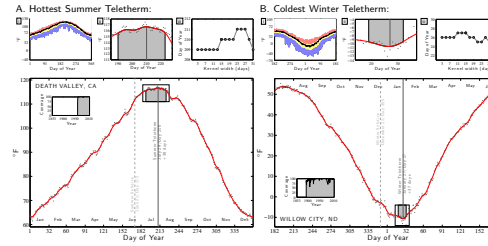
Finding the same trend towards earlier seasons, but detected using a different method—the date of first leaves in spring—and across the entire northern hemisphere:



“Onset of spring starting earlier across the Northern Hemisphere”
Schwartz, Ahas, and Aasa,
Global Change Biology, **12**, 343–351, 2006. [2]

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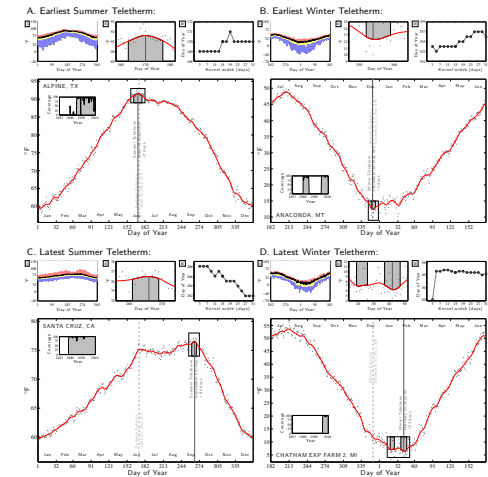
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From found 2009 notes:

- Frigistic (winter) and Thermistic (summer)
- Conflation of measurable with important (delicate) Importance of statistical measurements. Appreciation of randomness, good to encode. The teletherm. Solstice.
- I propose that the statistically coldest and warmest days of the year be known as the teletherms, and that these days should be recognized. The word teletherm derives from the Greek roots for end or terminal (telos-) and heat (-therm), in analogy with solstice (Latin for sun-stop). The hibernal teletherm falls roughly on January 31, and the esteval teletherm on July 31.
- The solstices and equinoxes have been celebrated by human civilizations for thousands of years, and their measurement
- Equitherms.
- Groundhog day!!! February 3
- July 17 (July 16 in a Leap Year)
- January 25 = day when 50% of years have experience their coldest day for the winter.
- thermological winter
- Imbolc one of the cross-quarter days, halfway between the winter solstice and the vernal equinox
- Candlemas

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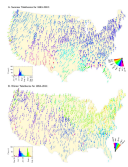
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“Tracking the Teletherms: The spatiotemporal dynamics of the hottest and coldest days of the year”
Dodds, Mitchell, Reagan, and Danforth.
PLoS ONE, **11**, e0154184, 2016. [1]



- Explore Teletherms online at <http://teletherm.org>.
- The wrongness: 6000 Figures/300MB of Supplementary Information.
- Follow @teletherm.

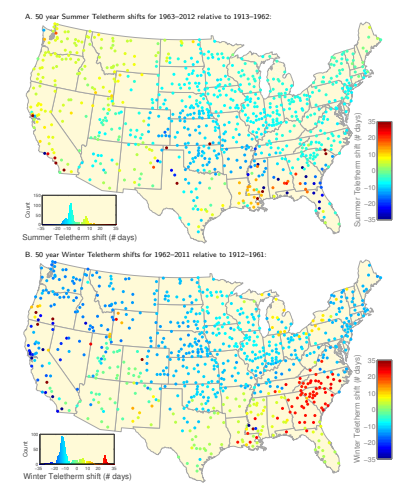
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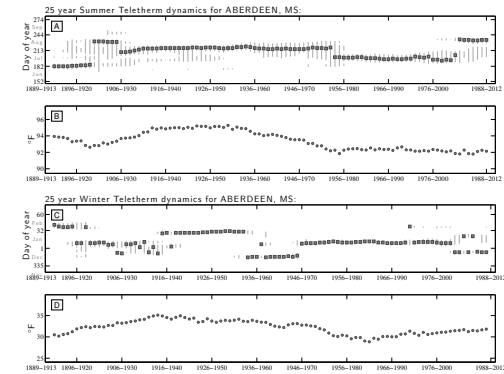
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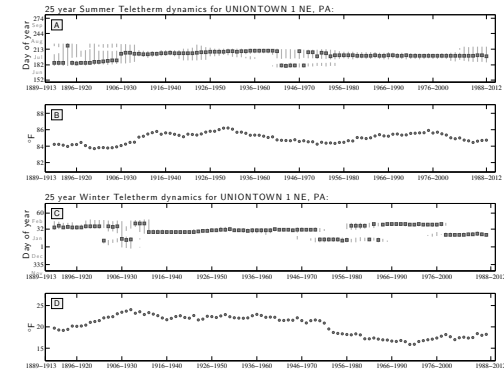
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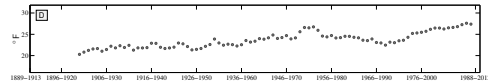
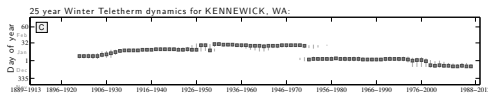
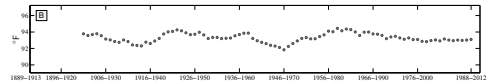
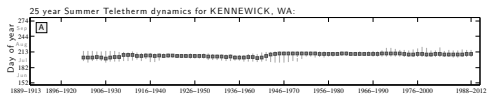
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Unfinished work:

- Teletherm switching.
- The full site teletherm.org and a paper.



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