

# Climate Change 2013: The Physical Science Basis

Working Group I contribution to the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report

- **Topic related to the Physical Science Basis of Climate Change**

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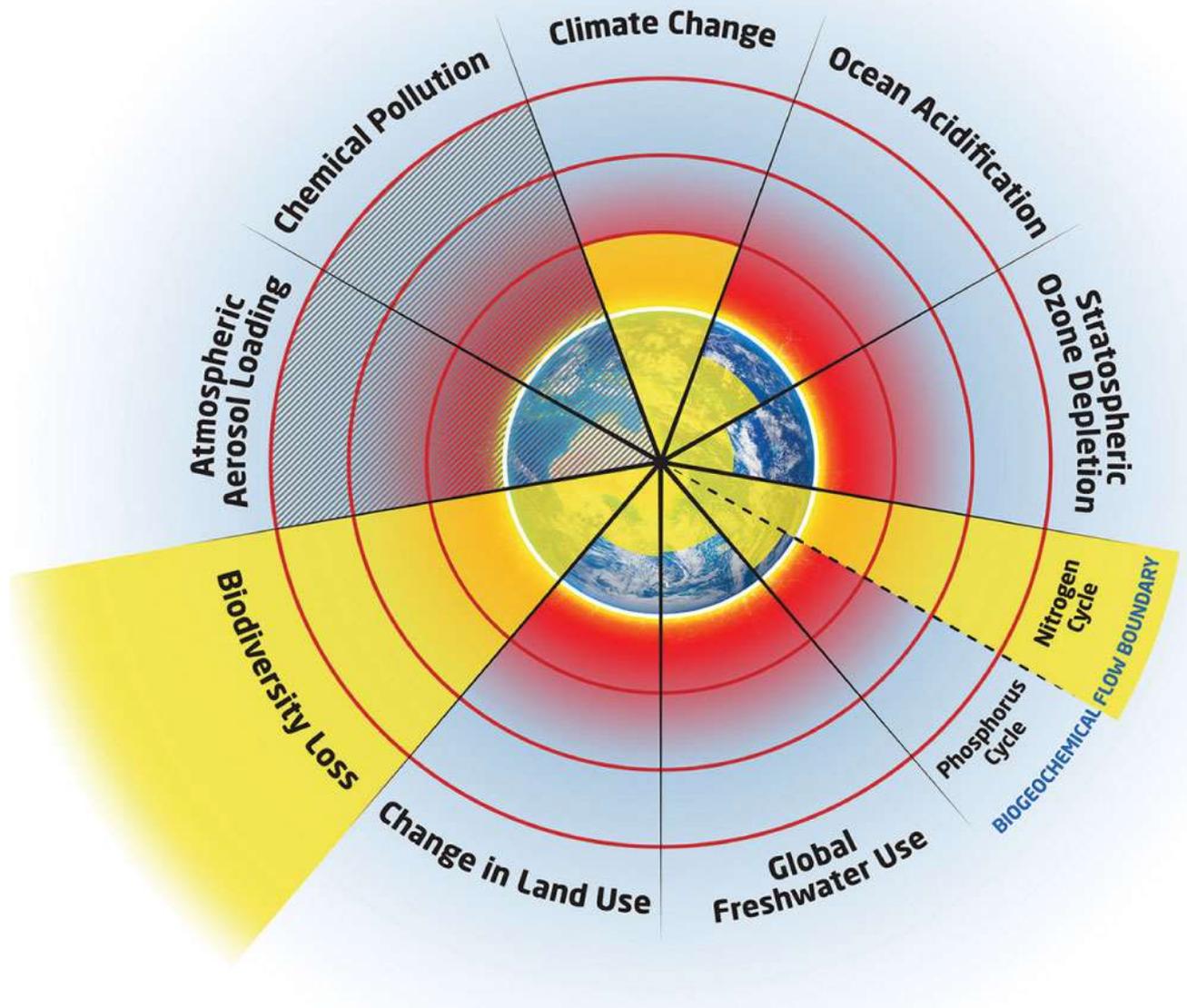
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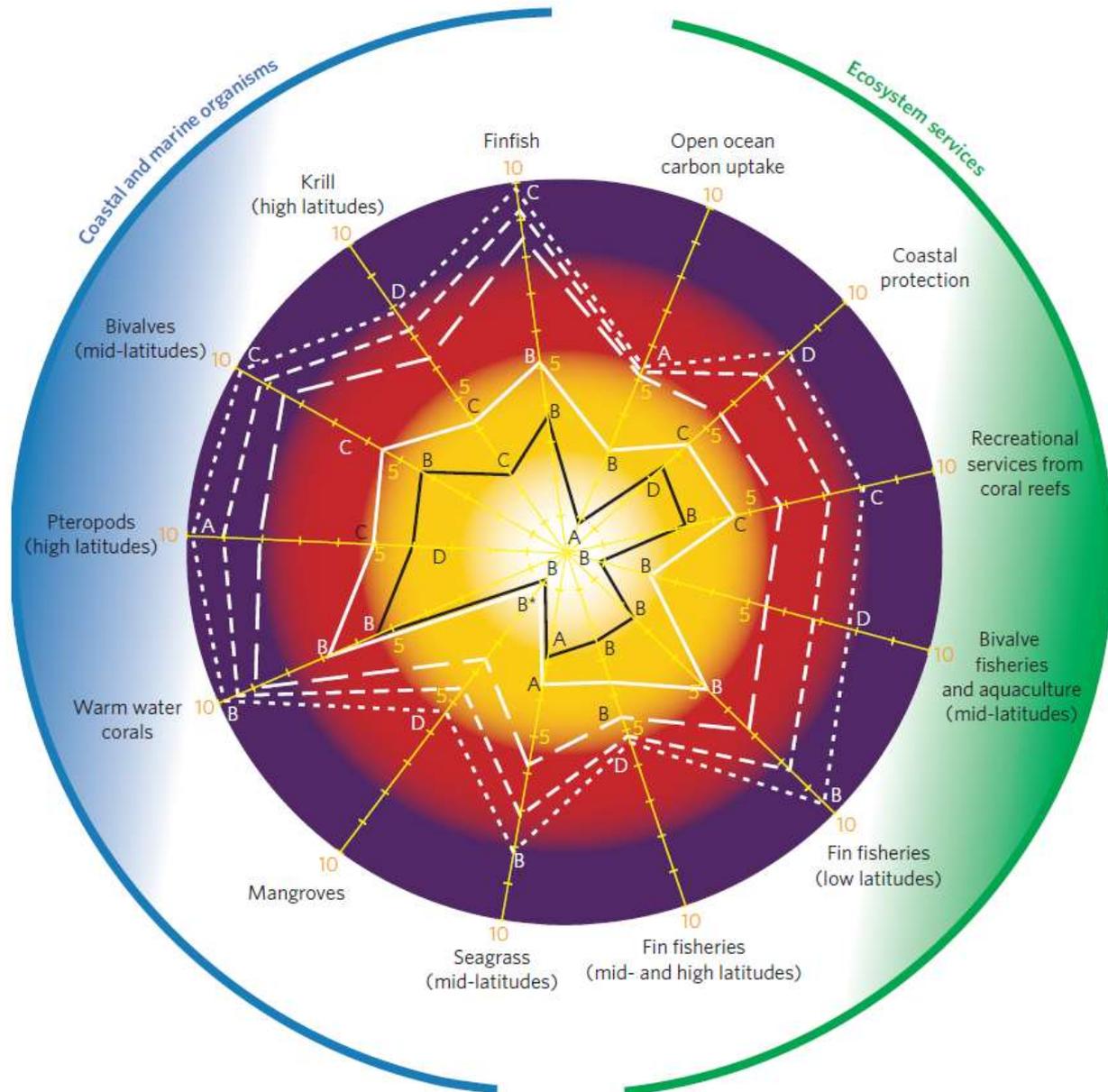
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# Outline

- Global changes challenges
- Human influences on climate
- Attribution of climate change
- Global Climate parameter changes
- Regional changes of West Asia



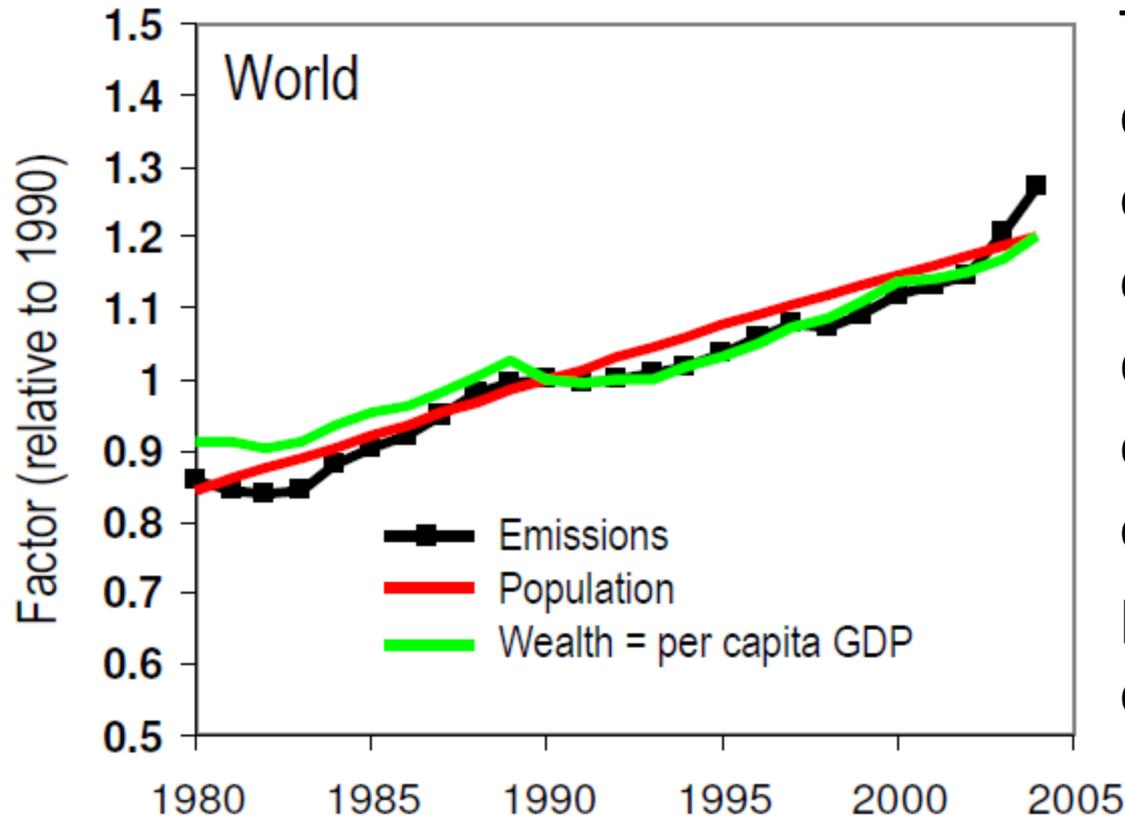
Rockström, et al. 2009. Planetary boundaries:exploring the safe operating 3 space for humanity. *Ecology and Society* 14(2): 32



Magnan *et al.*, Nature Climate Change, 2016

# Population, wealth and emission

## Drivers of Anthropogenic Emissions



*Raupach et al. (2007, PNAS)*

The future of the climate system (and our survival) depends on our ability to decouple future emissions from the other two factors: population and economic growth

Key SPM Messages

# 19 Headlines

on less than 2 Pages

Summary for Policymakers  
~14,000 Words

14 Chapters  
Atlas of Regional Projections

54,677 Review Comments  
by 1089 Experts

2010: 259 Authors Selected

2009: WGI Outline Approved

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL PANEL ON climate change

## CLIMATE CHANGE 2013

*The Physical Science Basis*

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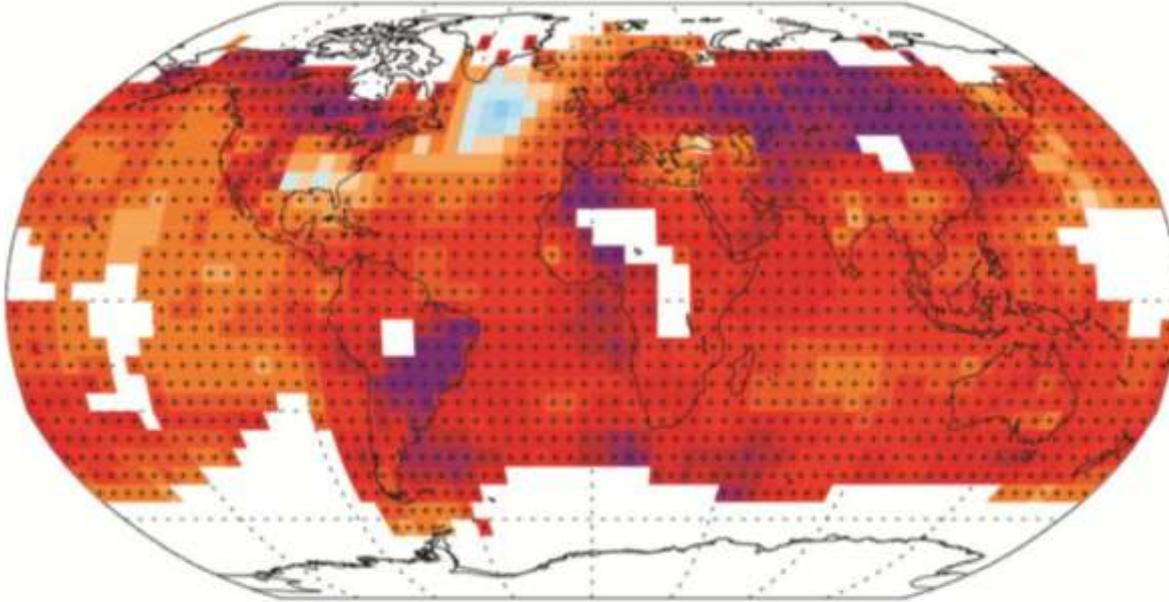
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is unequivocal

Human influence on the  
climate system is clear

Limiting climate change will require  
substantial and sustained reductions  
of greenhouse gas emissions

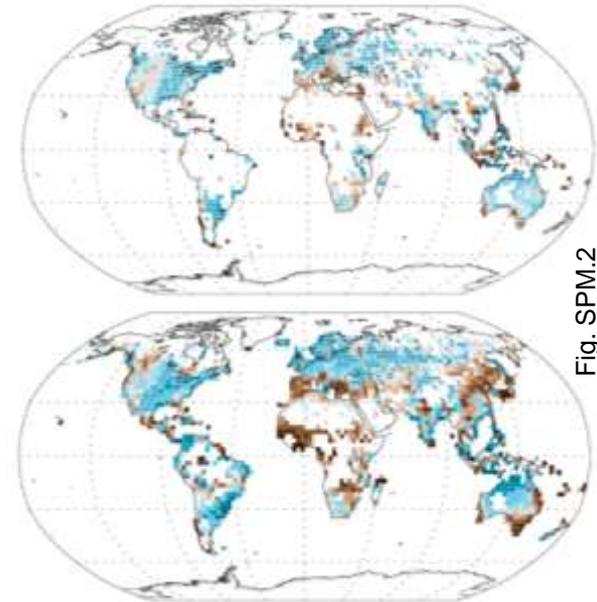
Fig. SPM.1b

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Temperature Difference 1901 to 2012 based on trend (°C)

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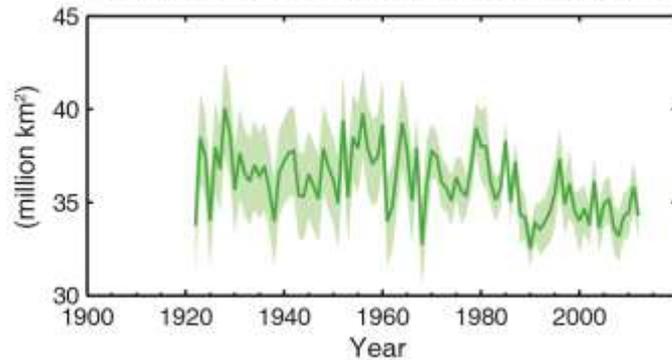


Precipitation Trend (mm/yr per decade)

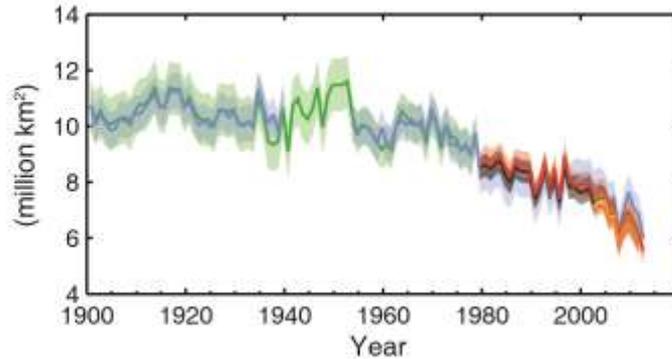
Fig. SPM.2

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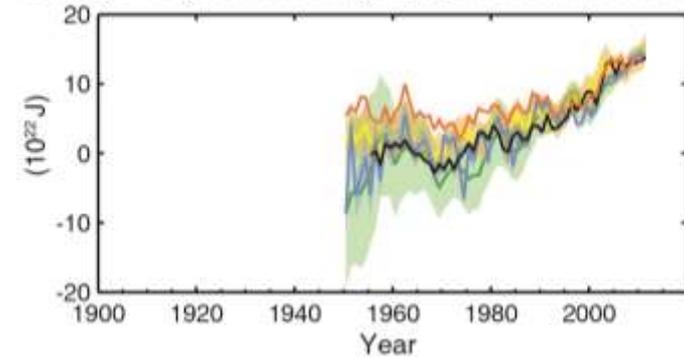
(a) Northern Hemisphere spring snow cover



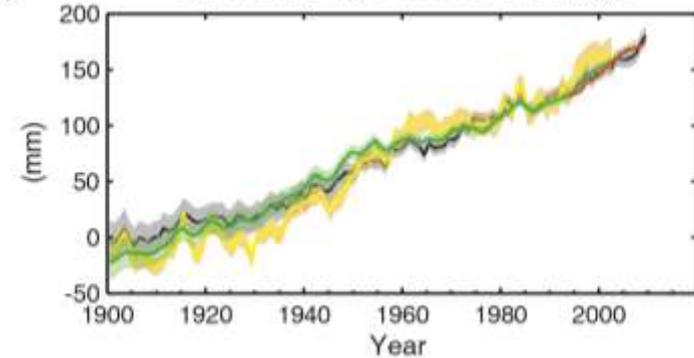
(b) Arctic summer sea ice extent



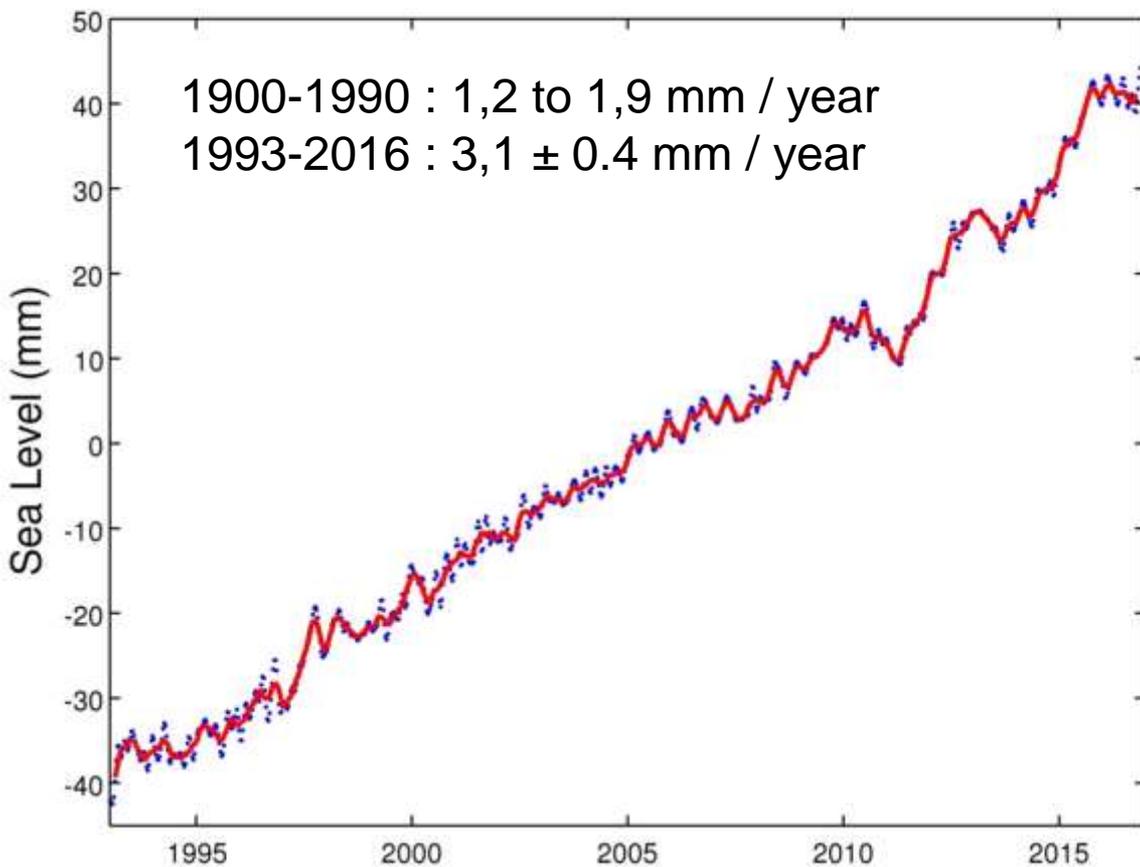
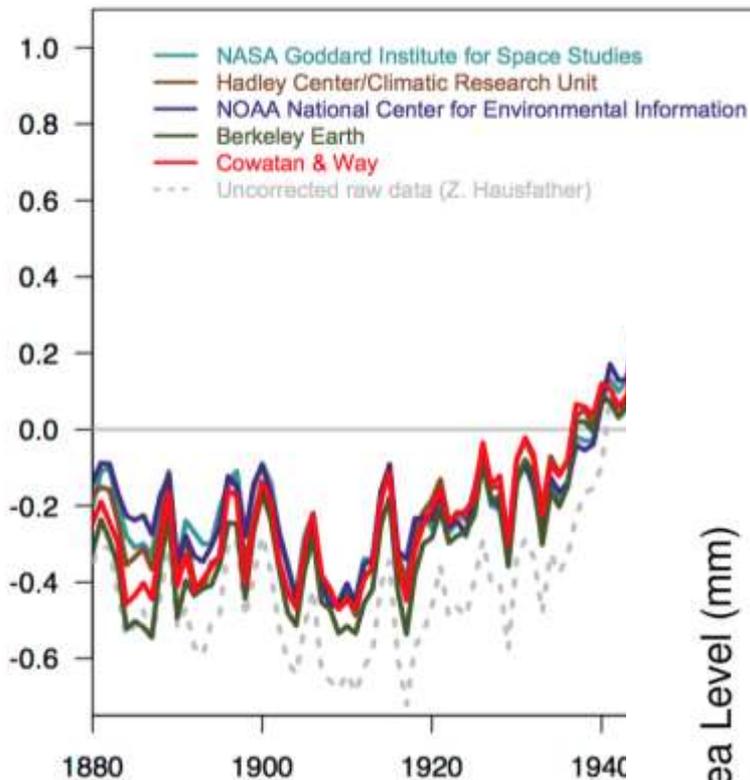
(c) Change in global average upper ocean heat content



(d) Global average sea level change



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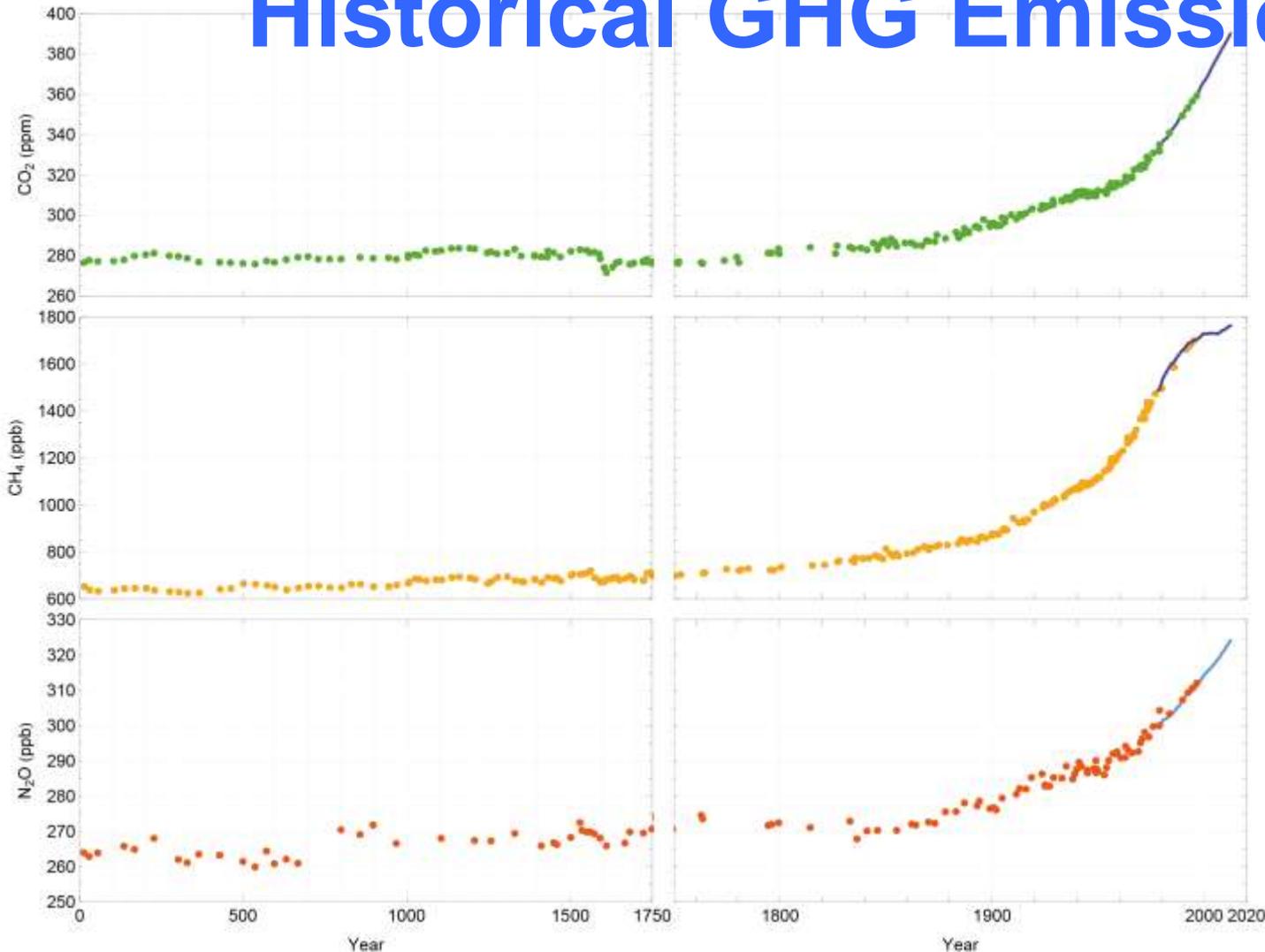
Trend: + 0.18 ° C per decade

2015 and 2016: > 1 ° C above the pre industrial level

*NASA GISS; Hawkins et al, BAMS, 2017*

The total radiative forcing is positive and has led to a net absorption of energy by the climate system. The greatest contribution to this radiative forcing is due to the increase in the atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> content since 1750

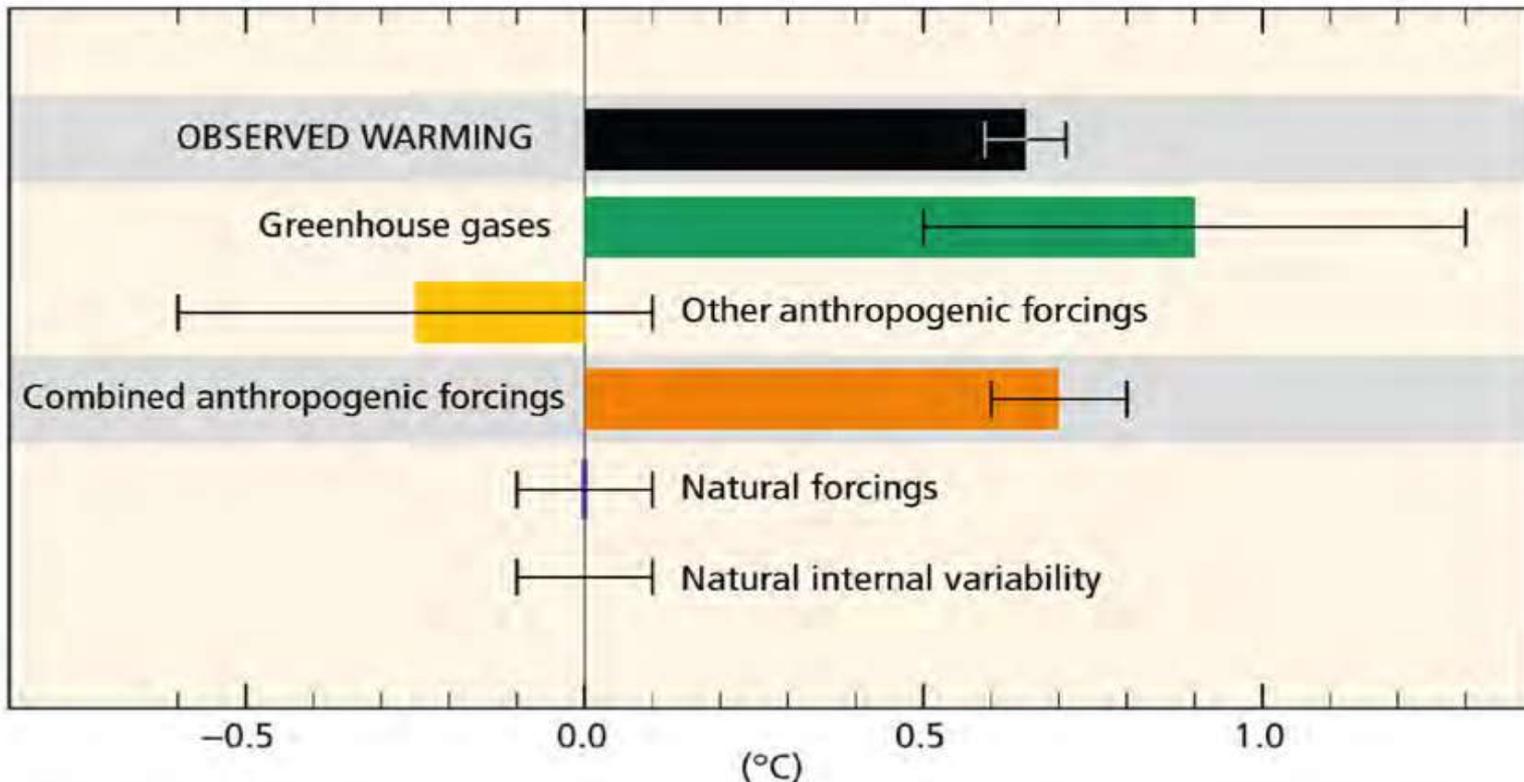
# Historical GHG Emission



Human  
Influence on  
Atmospheric  
Composition

# Humans are changing the climate

Contributions to observed surface temperature change over the period 1951-2010



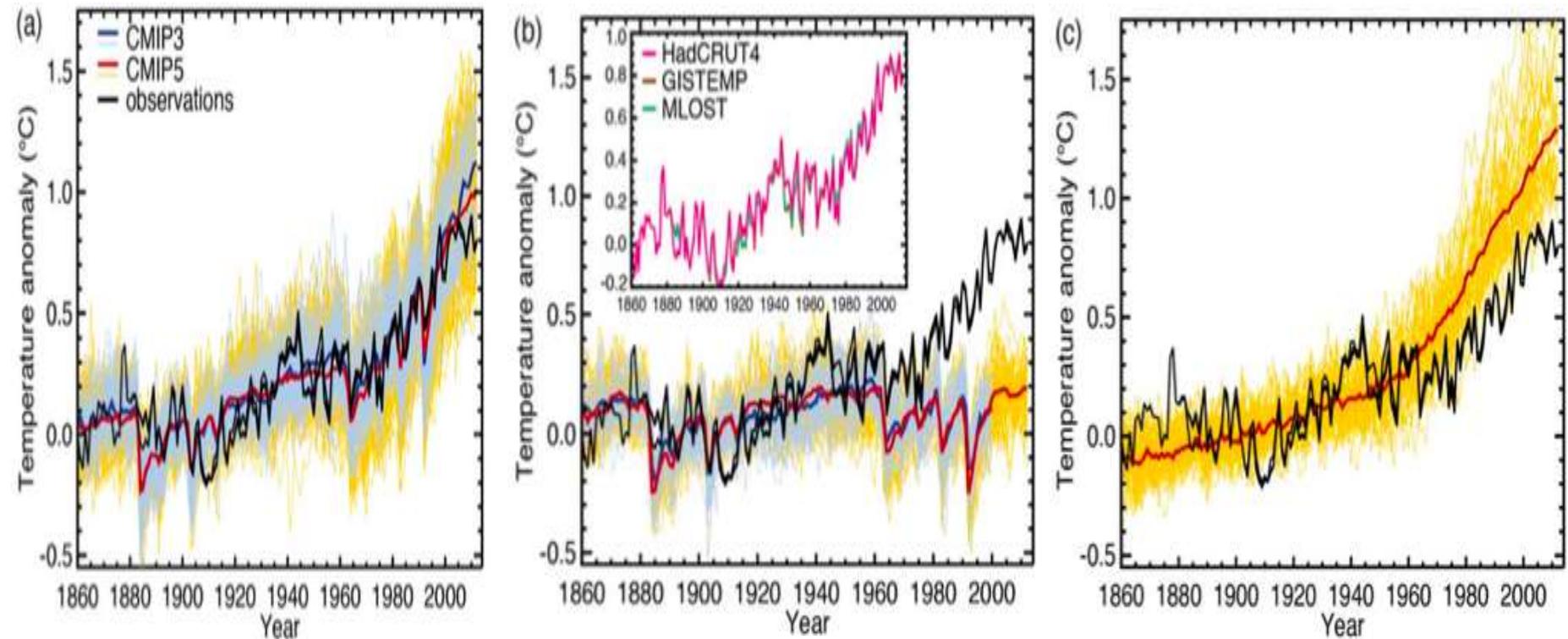
**Human Influence is Clear**

# Climate Models Responses to Various Forcings

Natural + Anthropogenic

Natural

CO2 forcing only



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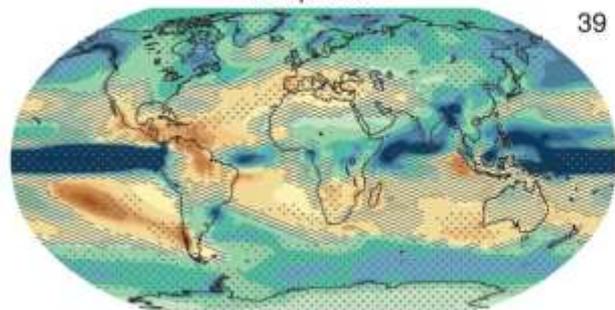
# Annual mean hydrological cycle change (RCP8.5: 2081-2100)

## Precipitation

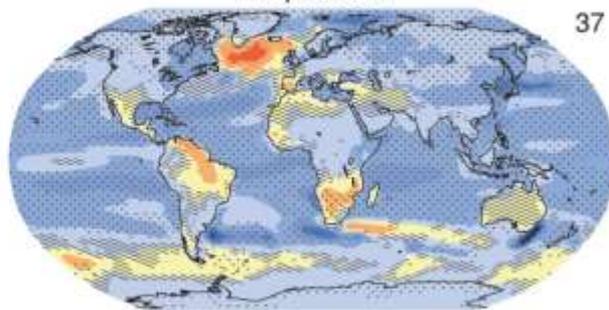
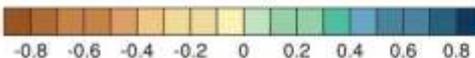
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## Evaporation

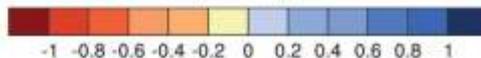
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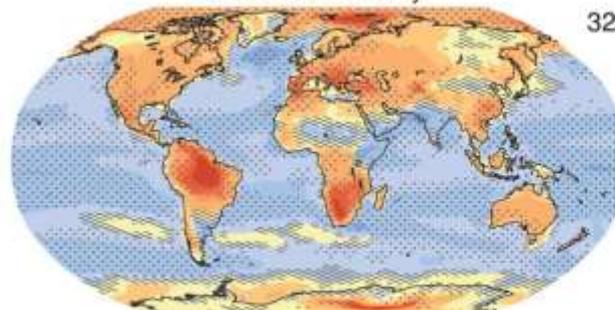


## Relative humidity

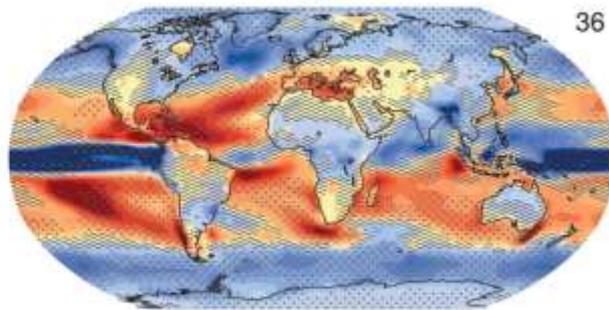
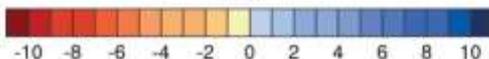
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## E-P

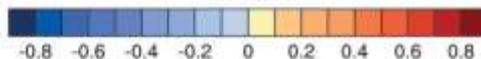
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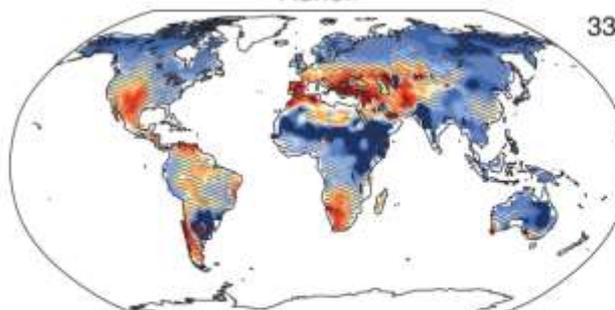


## Runoff

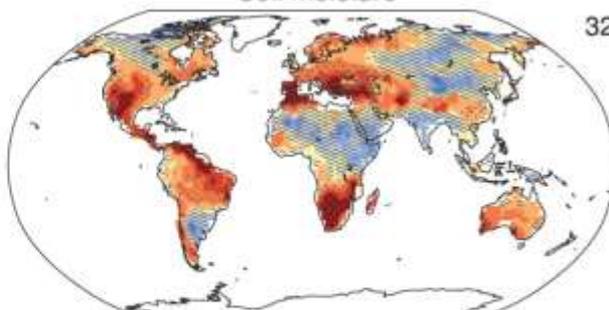
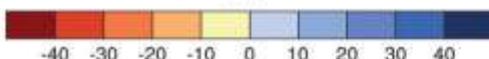
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## Soil moisture

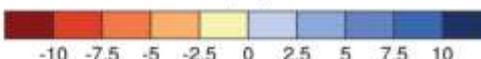
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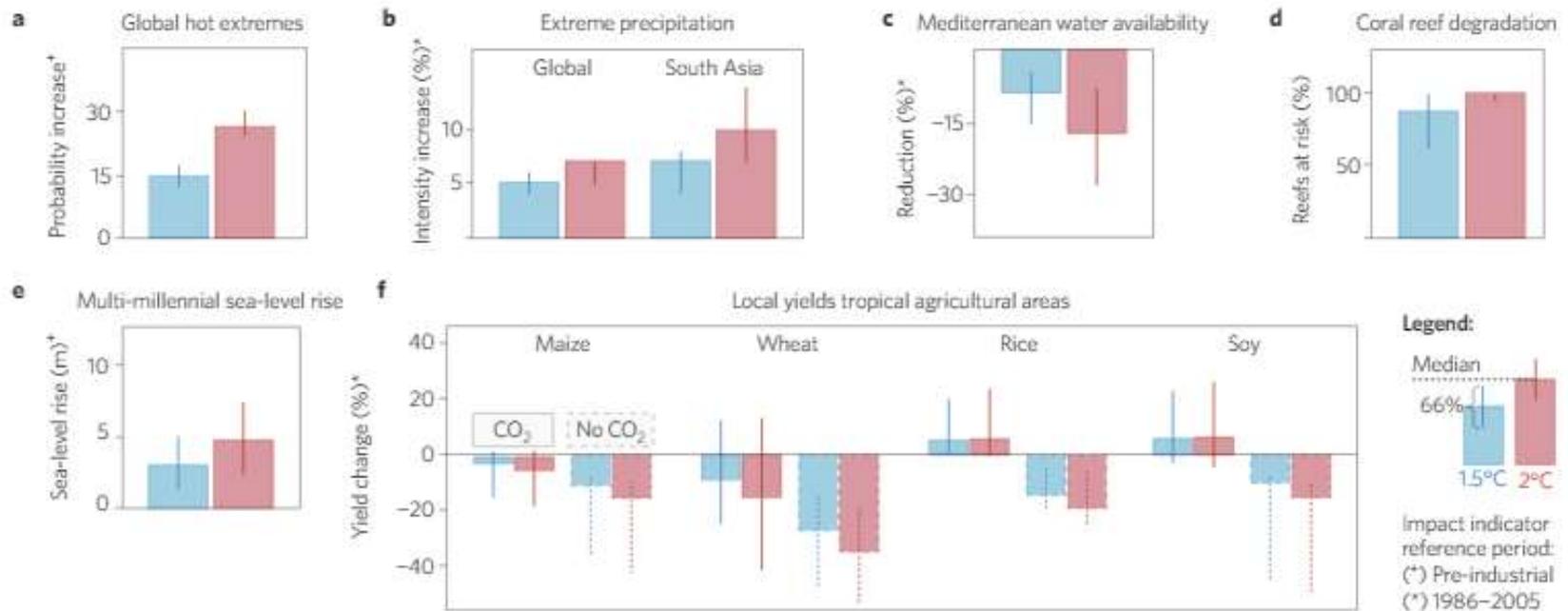


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New greenhouse gas emissions will imply continued warming and changes affecting all components of the climate system. Reducing climate change will require significant and sustainable reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

# Implications of 1.5 and 2 ° global warming



**Figure 1 | Projected impacts at 1.5 °C and 2 °C GMT increase above pre-industrial levels for a selection of indicators and regions.** **a,** Increase in global occurrence probability of pre-industrial 1-in-a-1000 day extreme temperature events<sup>17</sup>. **b,** Increase in extreme precipitation intensity (BYED<sub>50</sub>) for the global land area below 66° N/S and South Asia<sup>21</sup>. **c,** Reduction in long-term degradation risk<sup>27</sup>. **d,** Increase in global sea-level rise<sup>28</sup>. **e,** Global sea-level rise contribution to local yields for present-day tropical agricultural areas<sup>21</sup> (below 66° N/S) under present-day CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations (CO<sub>2</sub>) and under a no CO<sub>2</sub> fertilization (No CO<sub>2</sub>) scenario. **f,** Projected lengthening of regional dry spells increases from 7 to 11%.

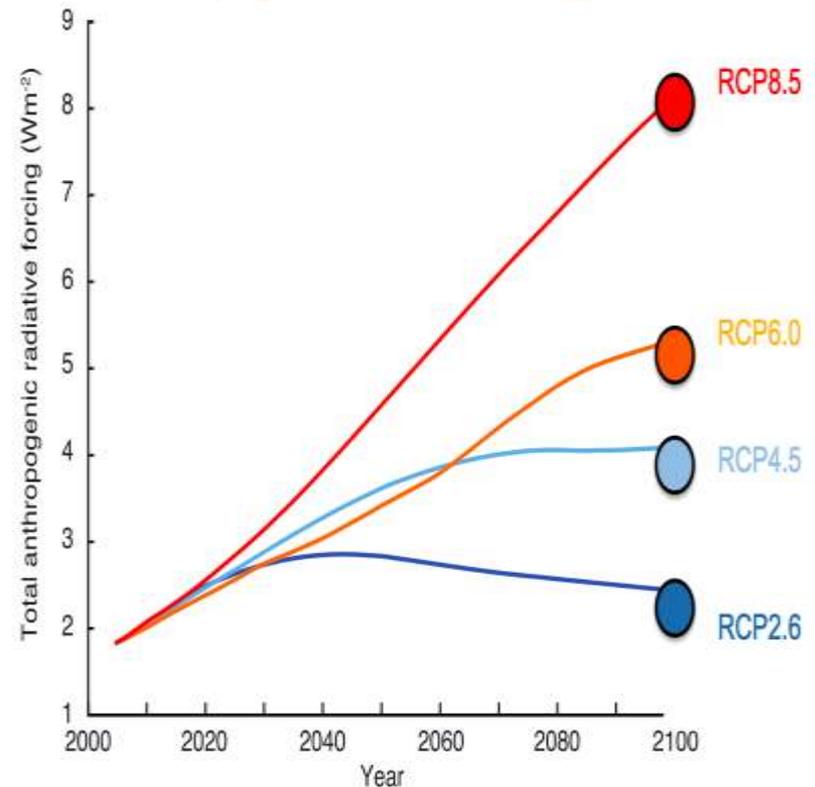
Regional reduction in median water availability for the Mediterranean is found to nearly double from 9% to 17% between 1.5°C and 2°C.

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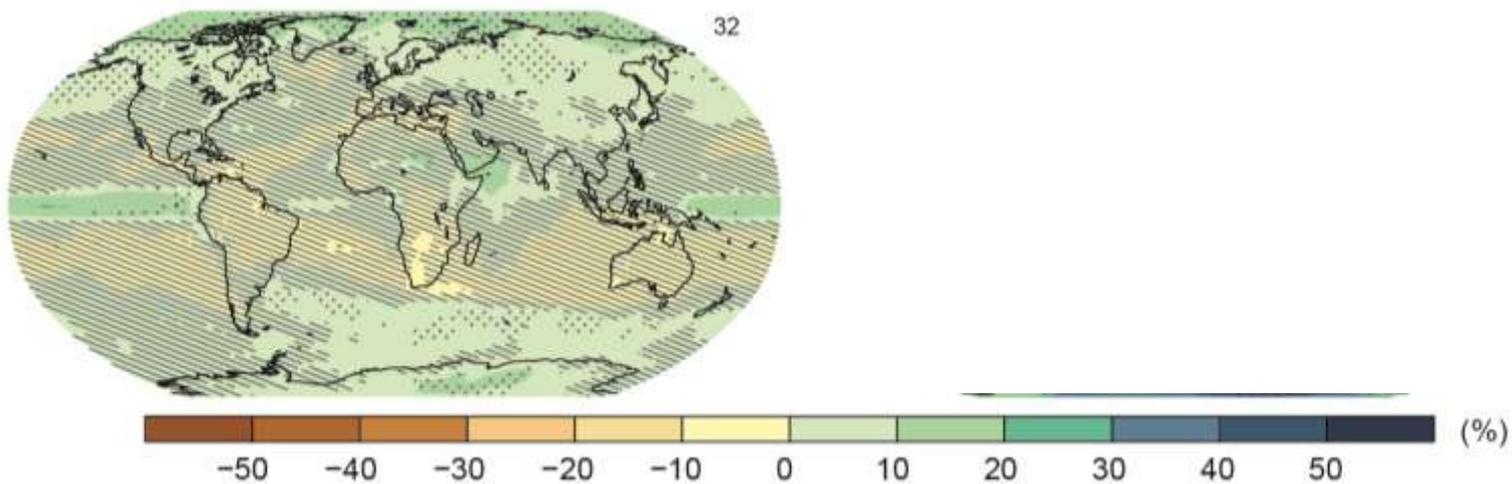
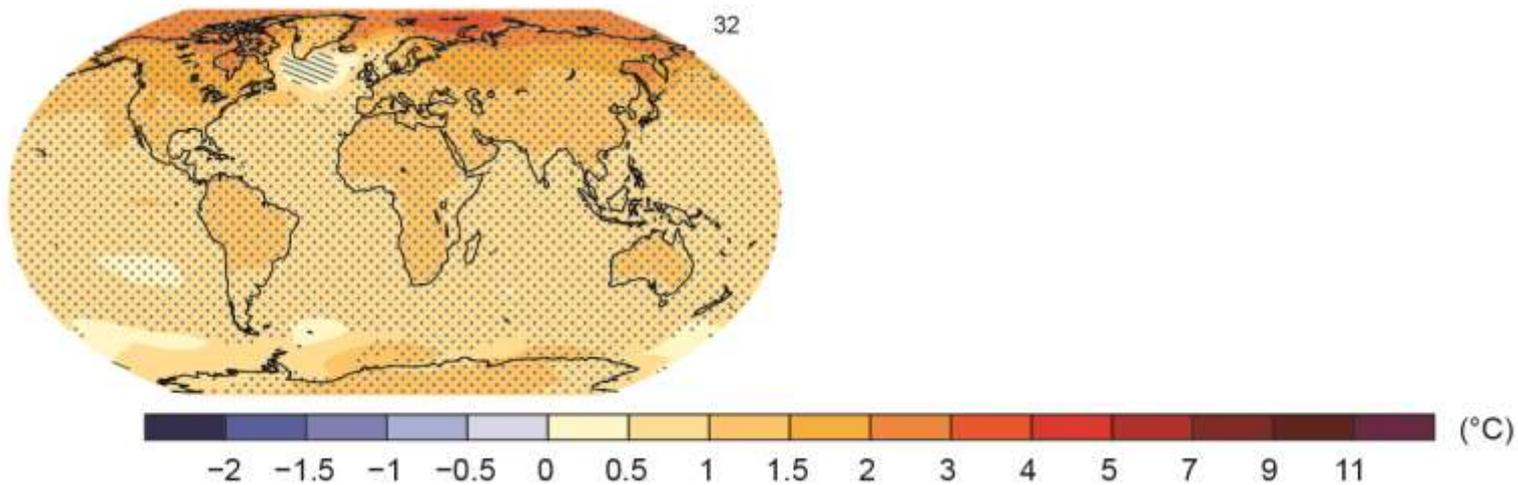
# Projecting Future Climate Requires GHG Concentration Pathway

**For future climate projections, climate models require Emission Scenarios. Models in AR5 use Representative Concentration Pathway (RCP)**

Indicative anthropogenic radiative forcing for the RCPs

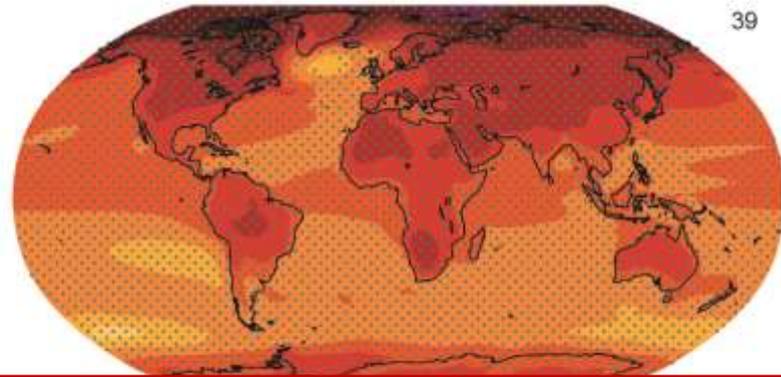
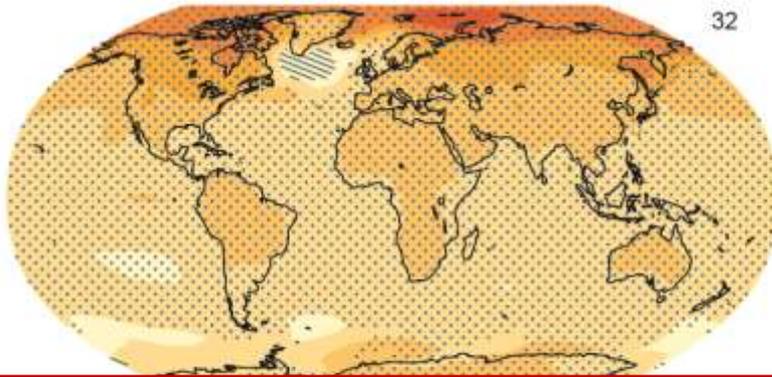


# 2°C world

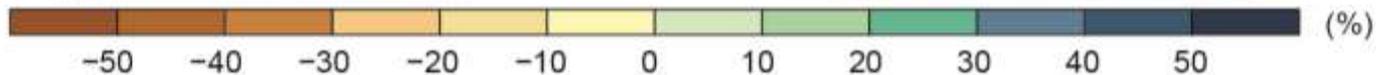
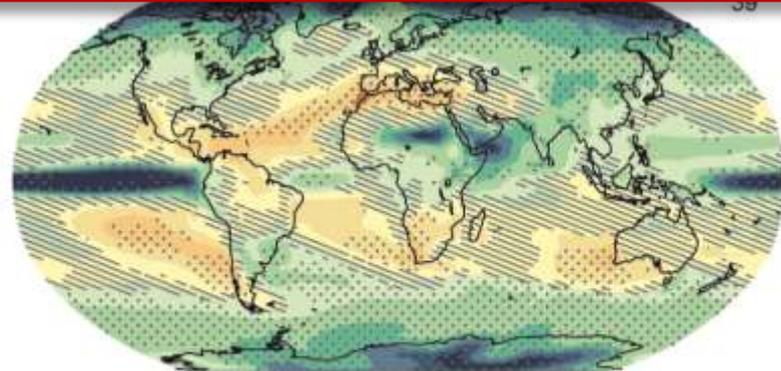
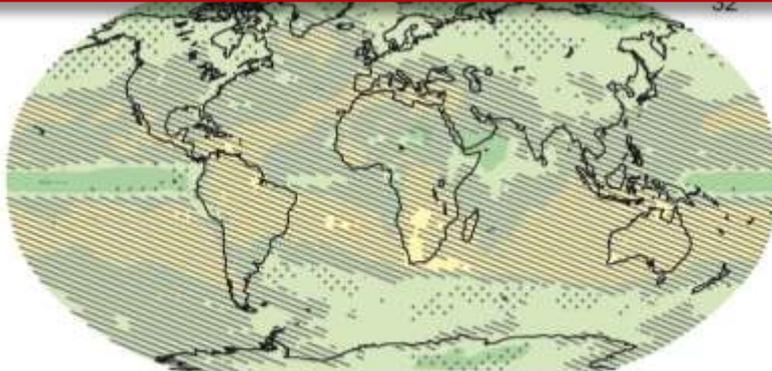


2°C world

4.5°C world



Today we have a choice.



# The window for action is rapidly closing

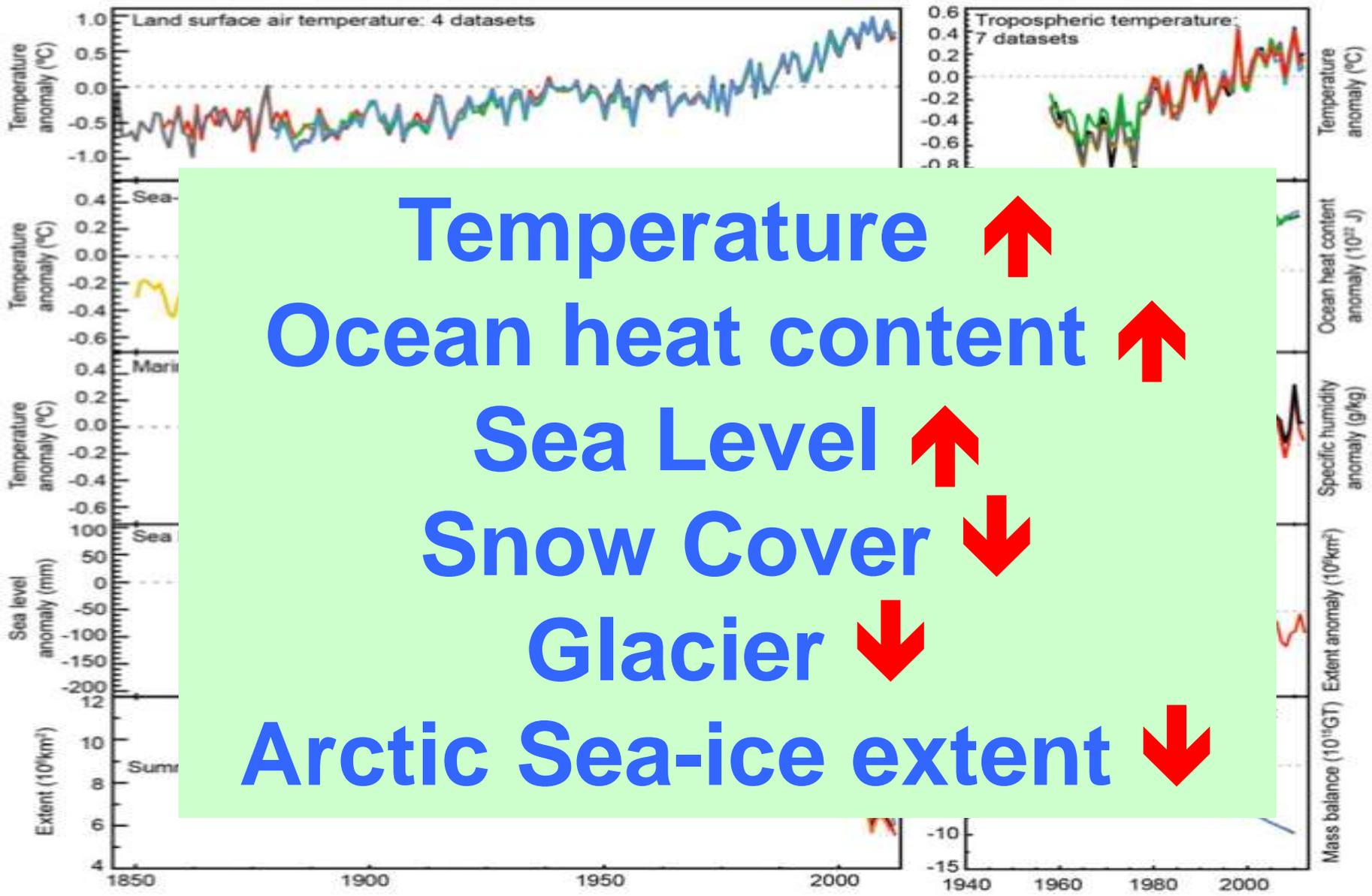
65% of our carbon budget compatible with a 2°C goal already used

Amount  
Remaining:

Limiting climate change will require substantial and sustained reductions of greenhouse gas emissions.

***CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in 2013:***

***9.9 GtC***



Temperature ↑  
 Ocean heat content ↑  
 Sea Level ↑  
 Snow Cover ↓  
 Glacier ↓  
 Arctic Sea-ice extent ↓

(IPCC 2013, Fig TS.1)

Observed change in precipitation over land

**Wetter region gets more  
wetter and drier gets more  
drier since the second half  
of the 20<sup>th</sup> century**

**Extreme weather & climate  
events became more  
frequent**

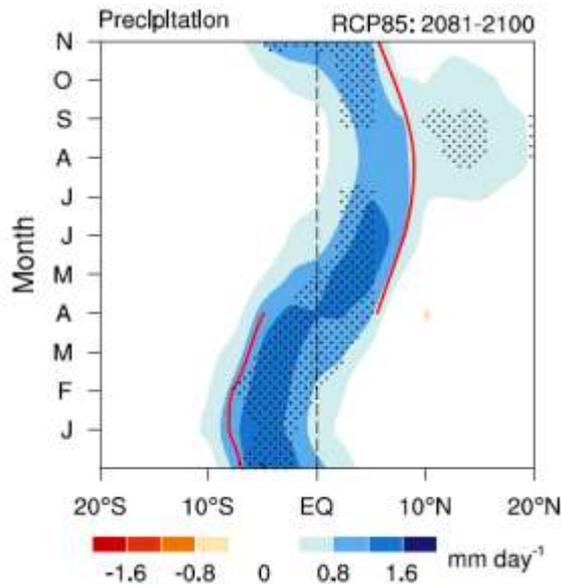
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# Tropical phenomena: Convergence Zones

## Rainfall Change (medium confidence)

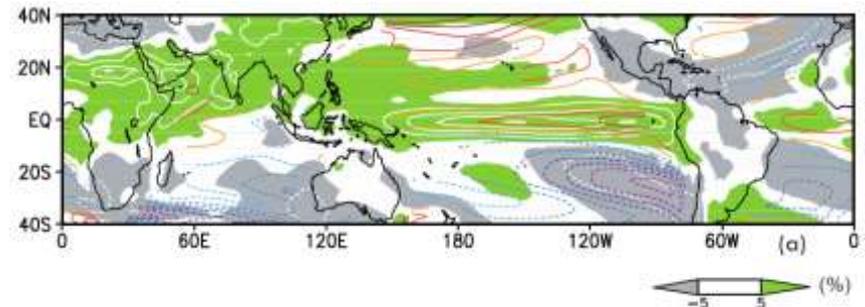
“wet-get-wetter” over CZ regions

“warmer-get-wetter” over oceans



**Figure 14.9:** Seasonal cycle of zonal-mean tropical precipitation change (2081–2100 in RCP8.5 minus 1986–2005) in CMIP5 multimodel ensemble mean. Eighteen CMIP5 models were used. Stippling indicates that more than 90% models agree on the sign of MME change. The red curve represents the meridional maximum of the climatological rainfall. Adapted from Huang et al. (2013).

The seasonal-mean rainfall is projected to increase on the ITCZ equatorward flank



**Figure 14.8:** Upper panel: Annual-mean precipitation percentage change ( $\Delta P/P$  in green/gray shade and white contours at 20% intervals), and relative SST change (colour contours at intervals of 0.2°C; negative shaded) to the tropical (20S–20N) mean warming in RCP8.5 projections, shown as 23 CMIP5 model ensemble mean.

More warming and rainfall at north of the equator. Less zonal SST gradient across the equatorial Pacific that contribute to the weakened Walker cells.

# Annex I: Atlas of Global and Regional Climate Projections

- ❖ **35 regions**
- ❖ **42 global climate models**
- ❖ **2 variables**  
Temperature, Precipitation
- ❖ **4 scenarios**  
RCPs 2.6, 4.5, 6.0, 8.5
- ❖ **2 seasons**  
temp: DJF, JJA (for temp)  
precip: AMJJAS, ONDJFM
- ❖ **Maps for 3 time horizons**  
2016-35, 2046-65, 2081-2100  
reference period 1986-2005

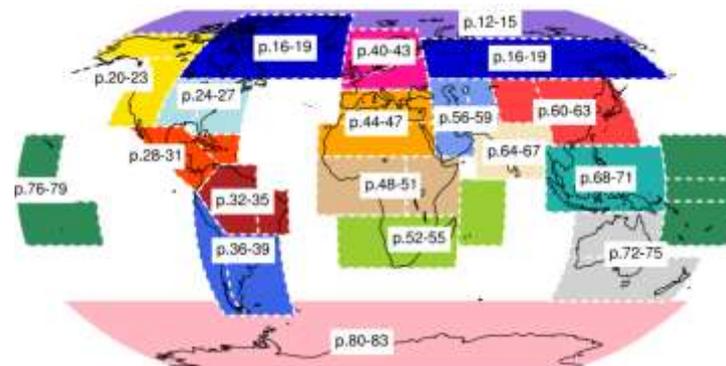


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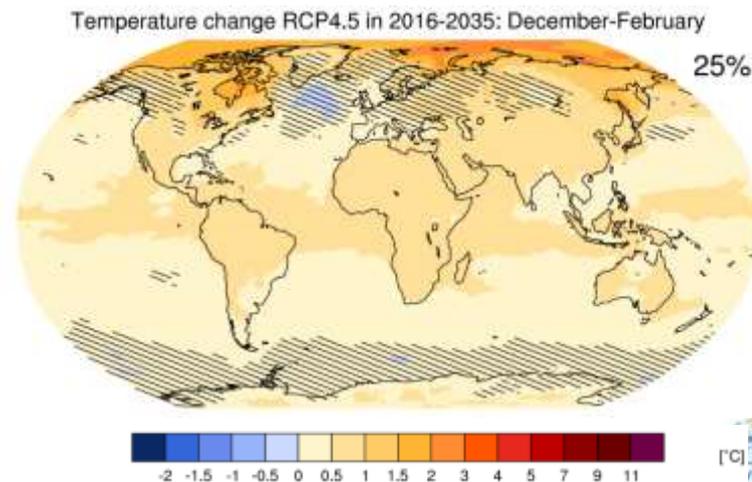
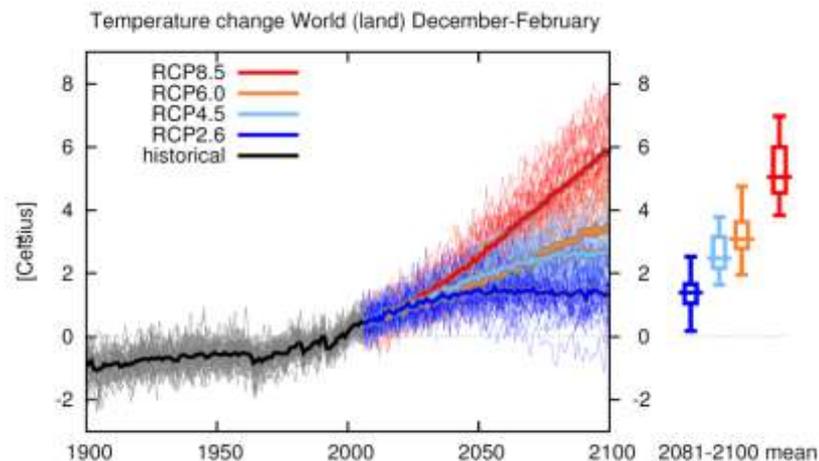
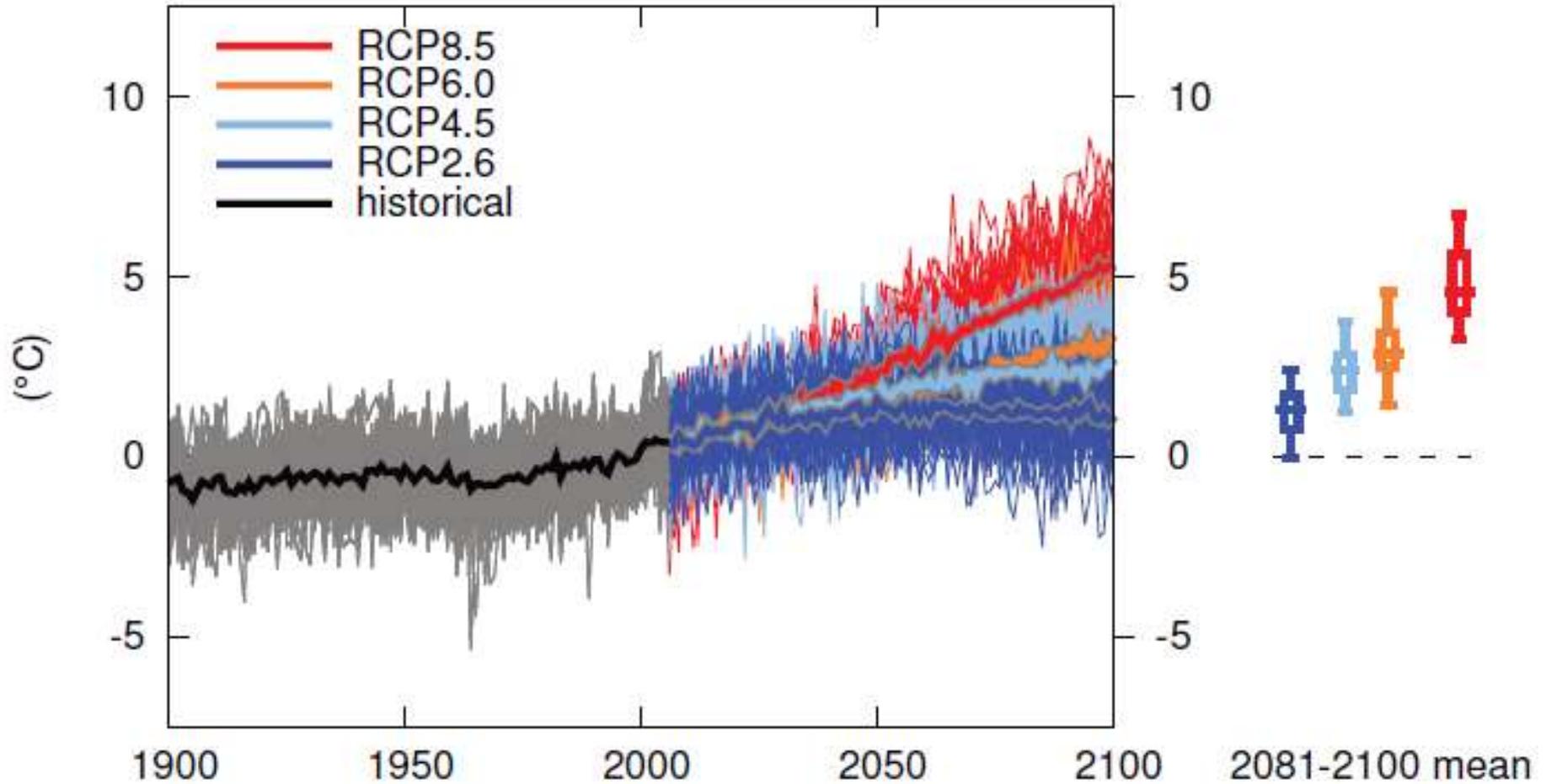


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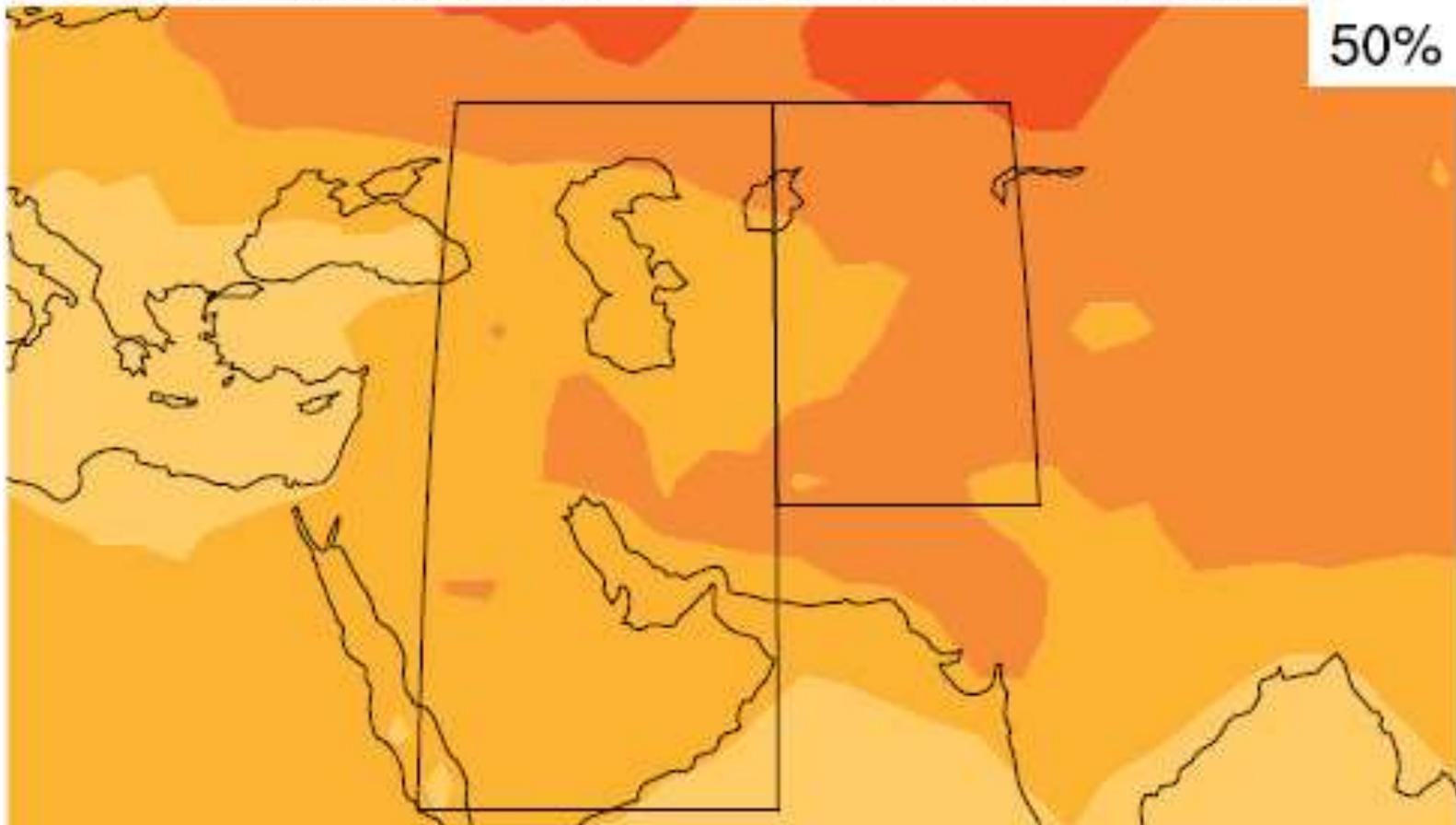
# Temperature Change Graph – West Asia

Temperature change West Asia December-February



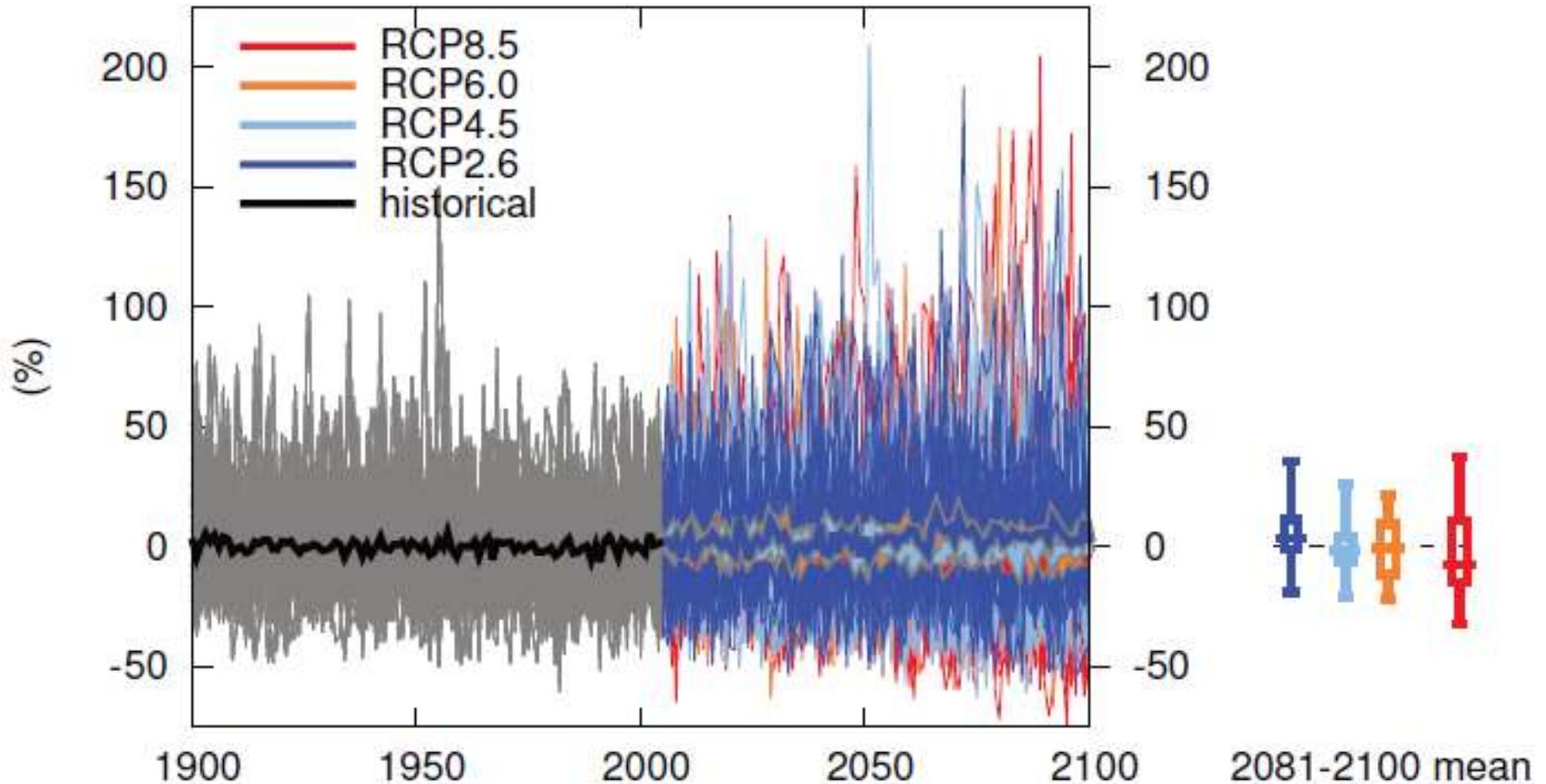
# Temperature Change Map West Asia – RCP4.5

Temperature change RCP4.5 In 2046-2065: December-February



# Rainfall Change Graph – West Asia

Precipitation change West Asia April-September



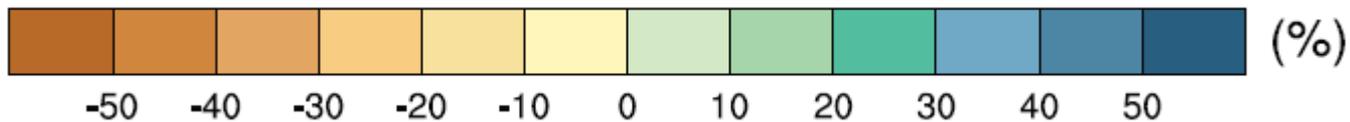
# Rainfall Change Maps West Asia - RCP4.5

Precipitation change RCP4.5 in 2046-2065: April-September

50%

Precipitation change RCP4.5 In 2046-2065: October-March

50%



## Highlight message for Iran from Physical Science Basis

"Iran faces multiple challenges related to climate change, including droughts, heat waves, water shortage and impacts on food production, However, adaptation and mitigation strategies exist for reducing these risks and creating opportunities for a sustainable future"

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