

# Where on Earth are we going?

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$$\text{Impacts} = f \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Hazard} \\ \text{Exposure} \\ \text{Vulnerability} \end{array} \right\}$$

# Climate: What You Expect



**Weather:**  
**What you get**

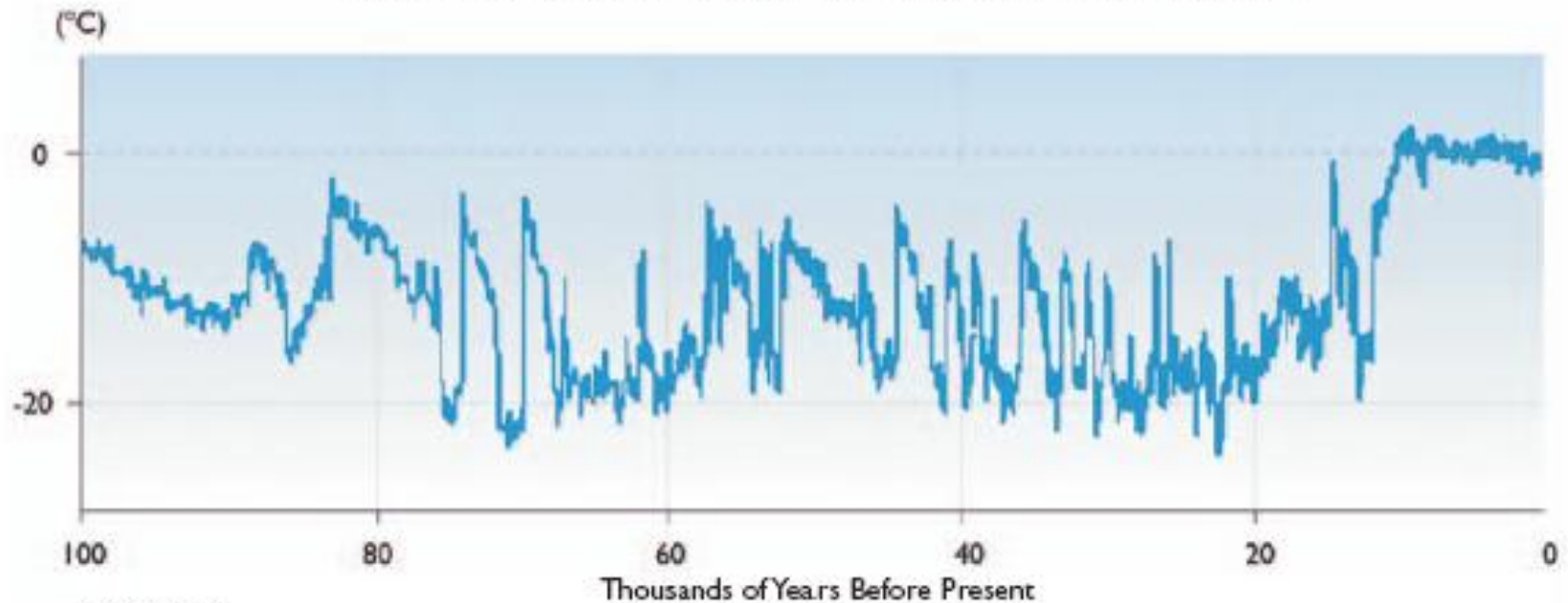


# Climate

- **Variability**
  - Short-term fluctuations around the average weather
  - Includes ENSO (El Nino - Southern Oscillation)
- **Change**
  - Operates over decades or longer
  - General Circulation Models (GCMs) / Earth System Models (ESMs)
    - Scenarios, NOT predictions
    - Downscaling / spatial issues

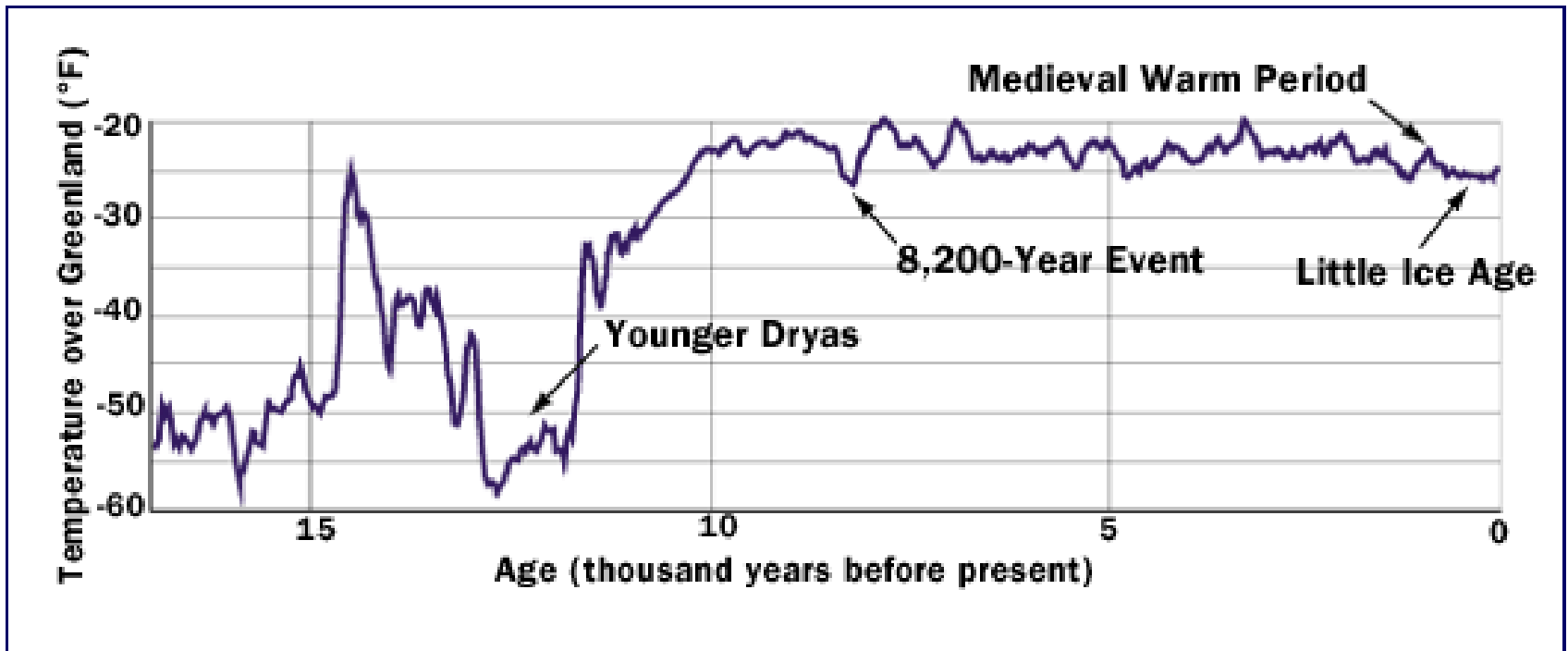
# 100,000 Years of Temperature Variation in Greenland

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# Temperature Over Greenland Over Past 17,000 Years

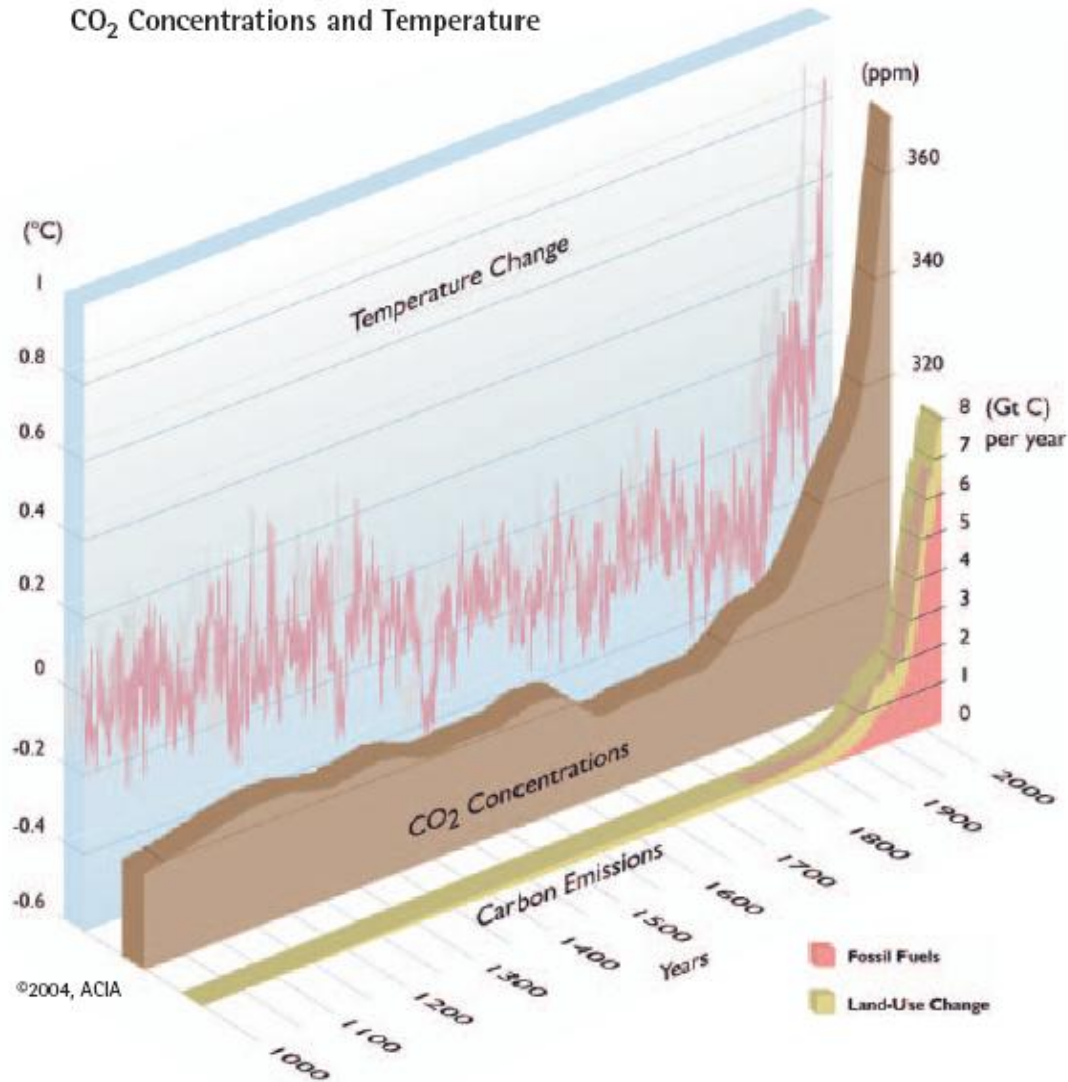


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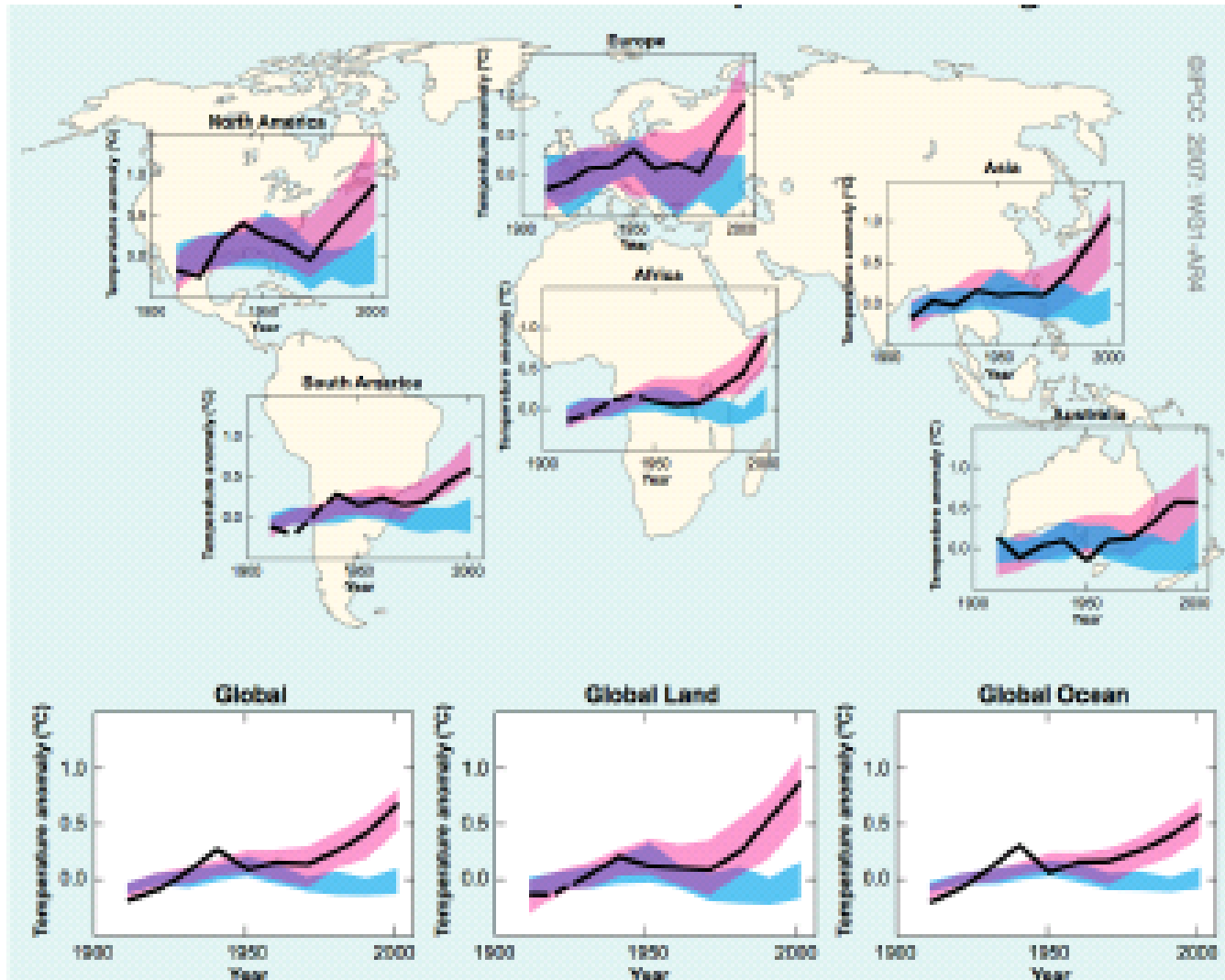


# 1000 Years of Changes in Carbon Emissions, CO<sub>2</sub> Concentrations & Temperature

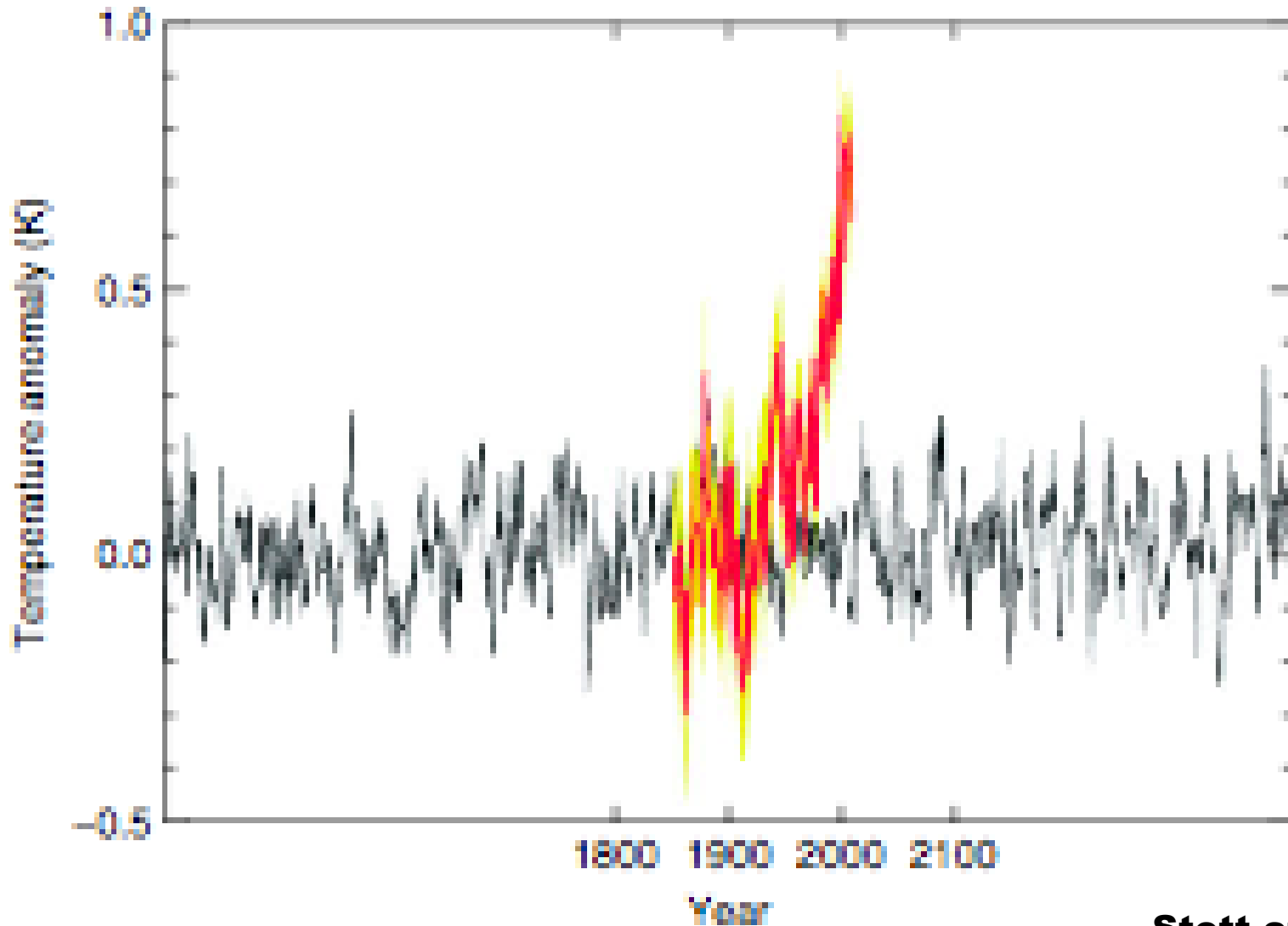
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# Global and Continental Temperature Change



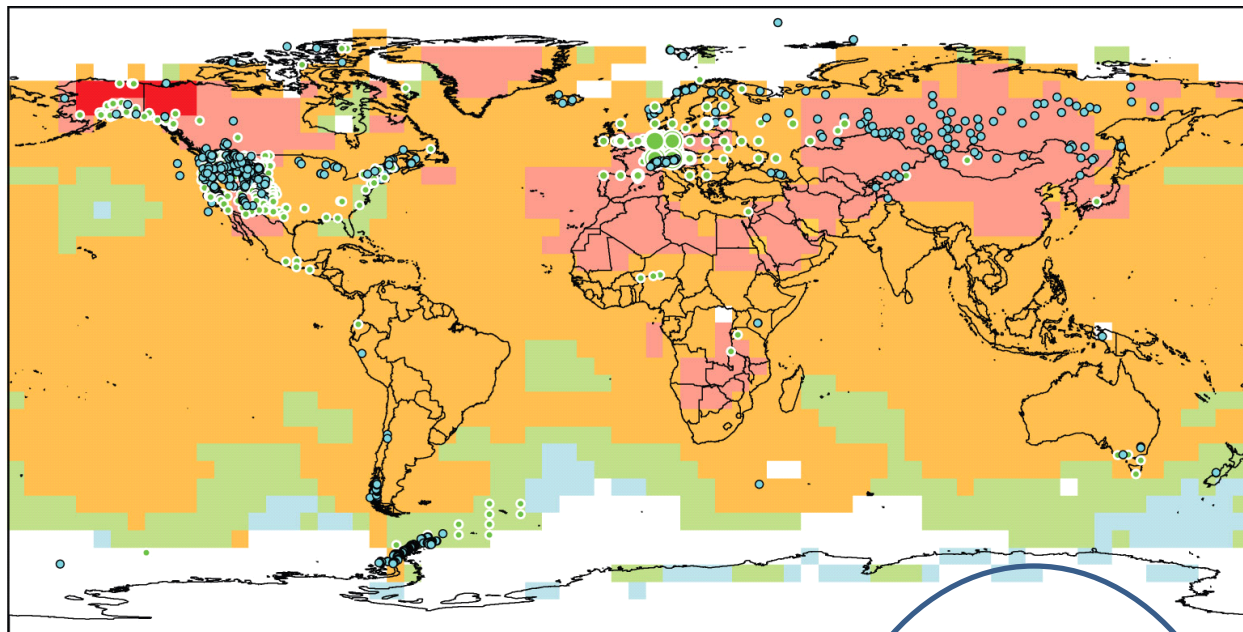
# Observed Global Mean Temperature Change 1850-2008



# **Evidence (Fingerprints) From:**

- **Temperature**
- **Precipitation**
- **Ocean heat content**
- **Atmospheric moisture**
- **Arctic sea ice**

# Changes in physical and biological systems, 1970-2004: Statistical support for human influence.



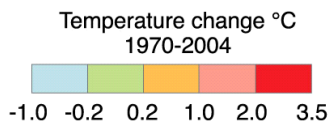
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### Observed data series

- Physical systems (snow, ice and frozen ground; hydrology; coastal processes)
- Biological systems (terrestrial, marine, and freshwater)

Europe ***	
○	1-30
○	31-100
○	101-800
○	801-1,200
○	1,201-7,500



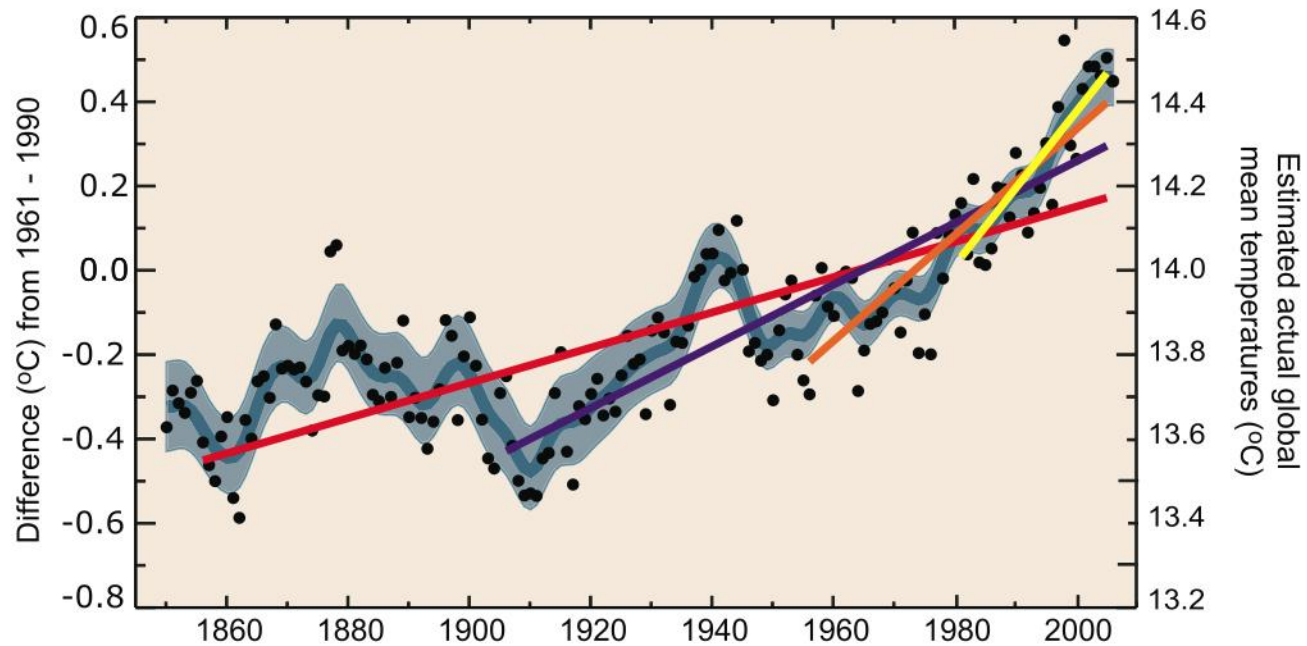
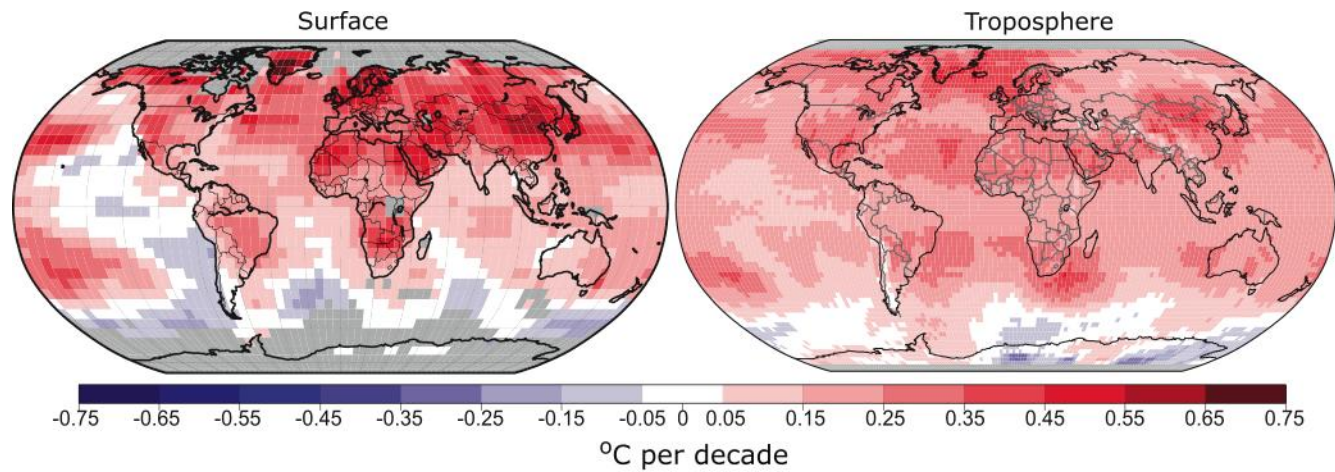
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\* Polar regions include also observed changes in marine and freshwater biological systems.

\*\* Marine and freshwater includes observed changes at sites and large areas in oceans, small islands and continents. Locations of large-area marine changes are not shown on the map.

\*\*\* Circles in Europe represent 1 to 7,500 data series.

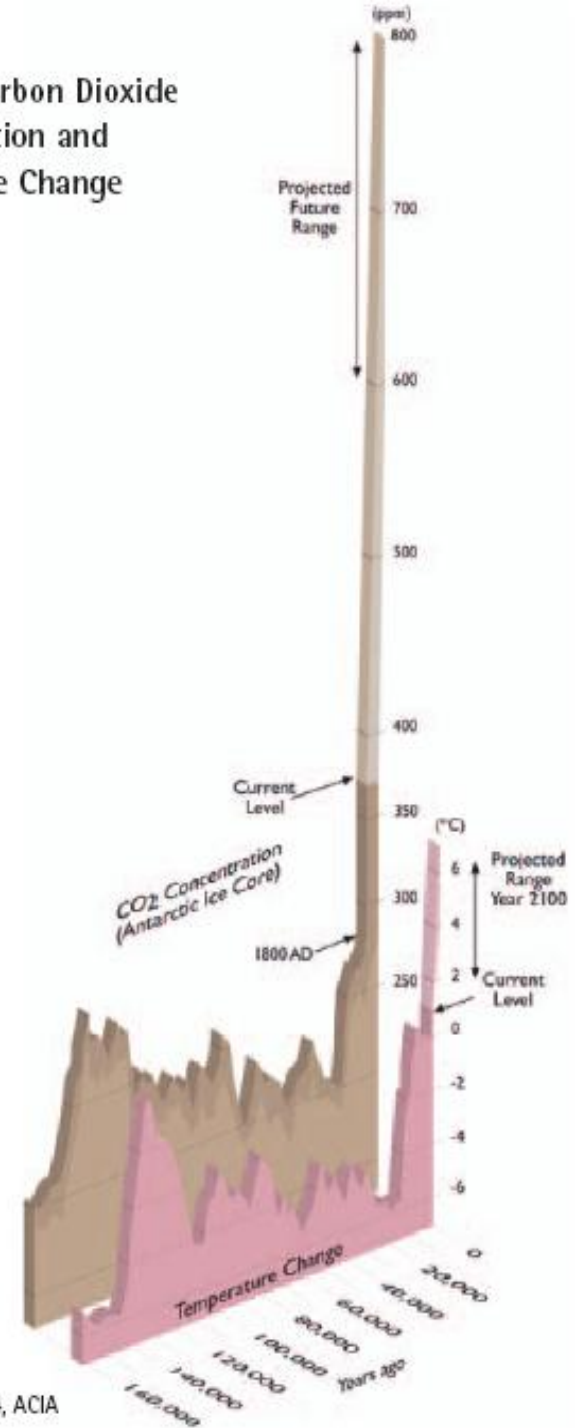


Symbol	Period (Years)	Rate (°C per decade)
●	Annual mean	
—	Smoothed series	
■	5-95% decadal error bars	
— (Yellow)	25	0.177±0.052
— (Orange)	50	0.128±0.026
— (Purple)	100	0.074±0.018
— (Red)	150	0.045±0.012

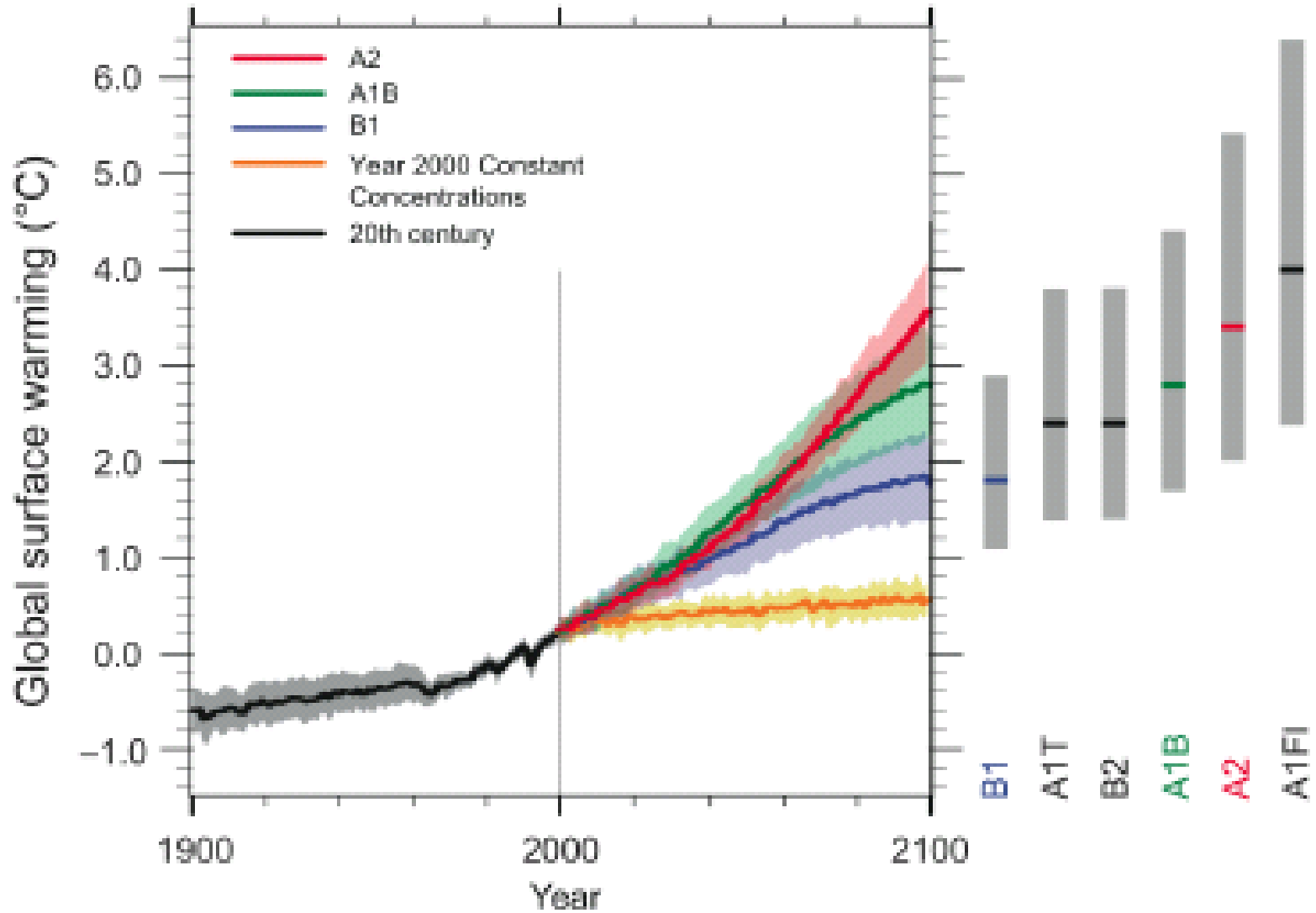
# Atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> Concentration and Temperature Change:

Projected Concentrations of CO<sub>2</sub> During the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Are 2-4 Times Pre-Industrial Levels

Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide Concentration and Temperature Change

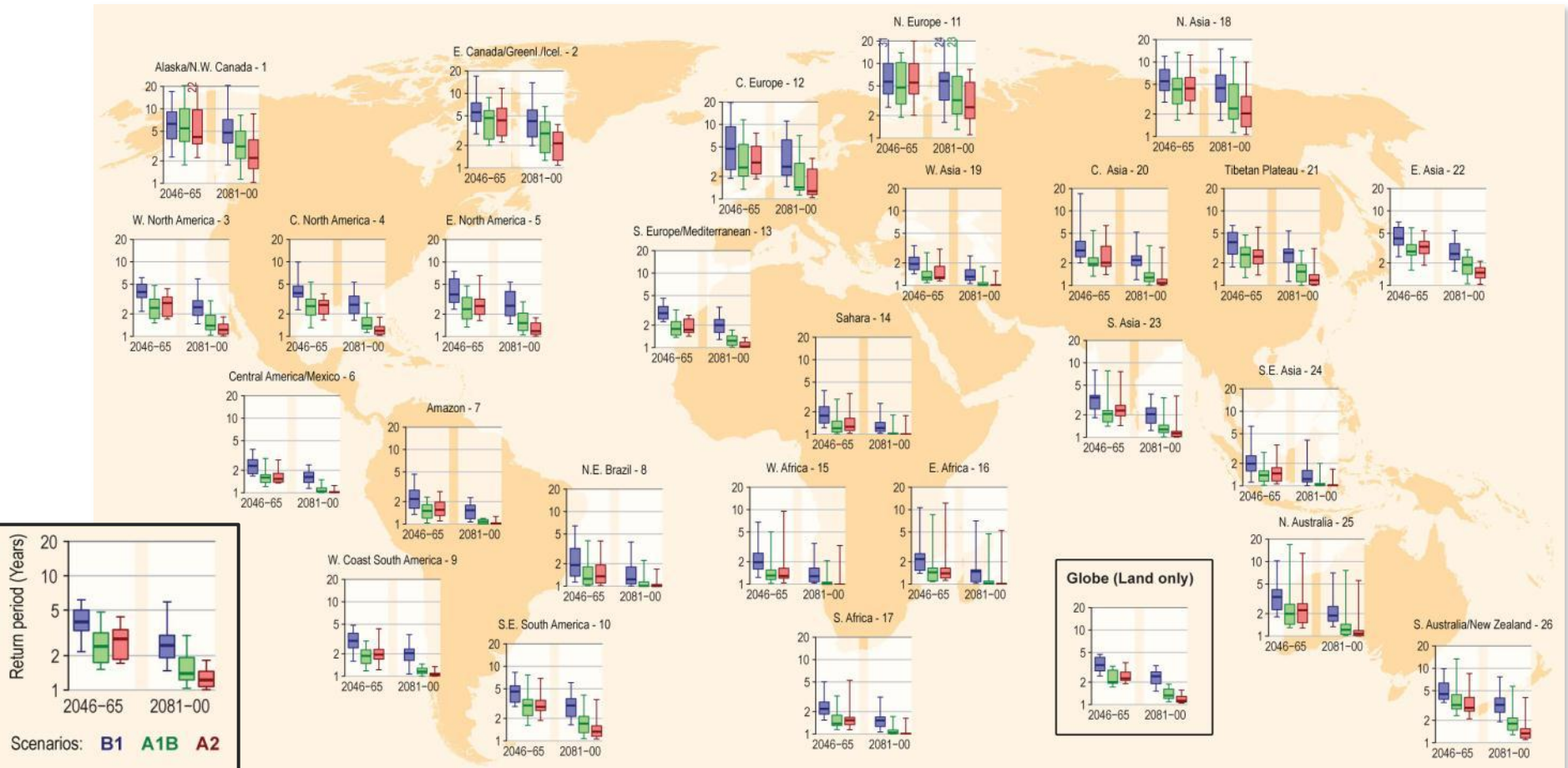


# Global Average Surface Temperature



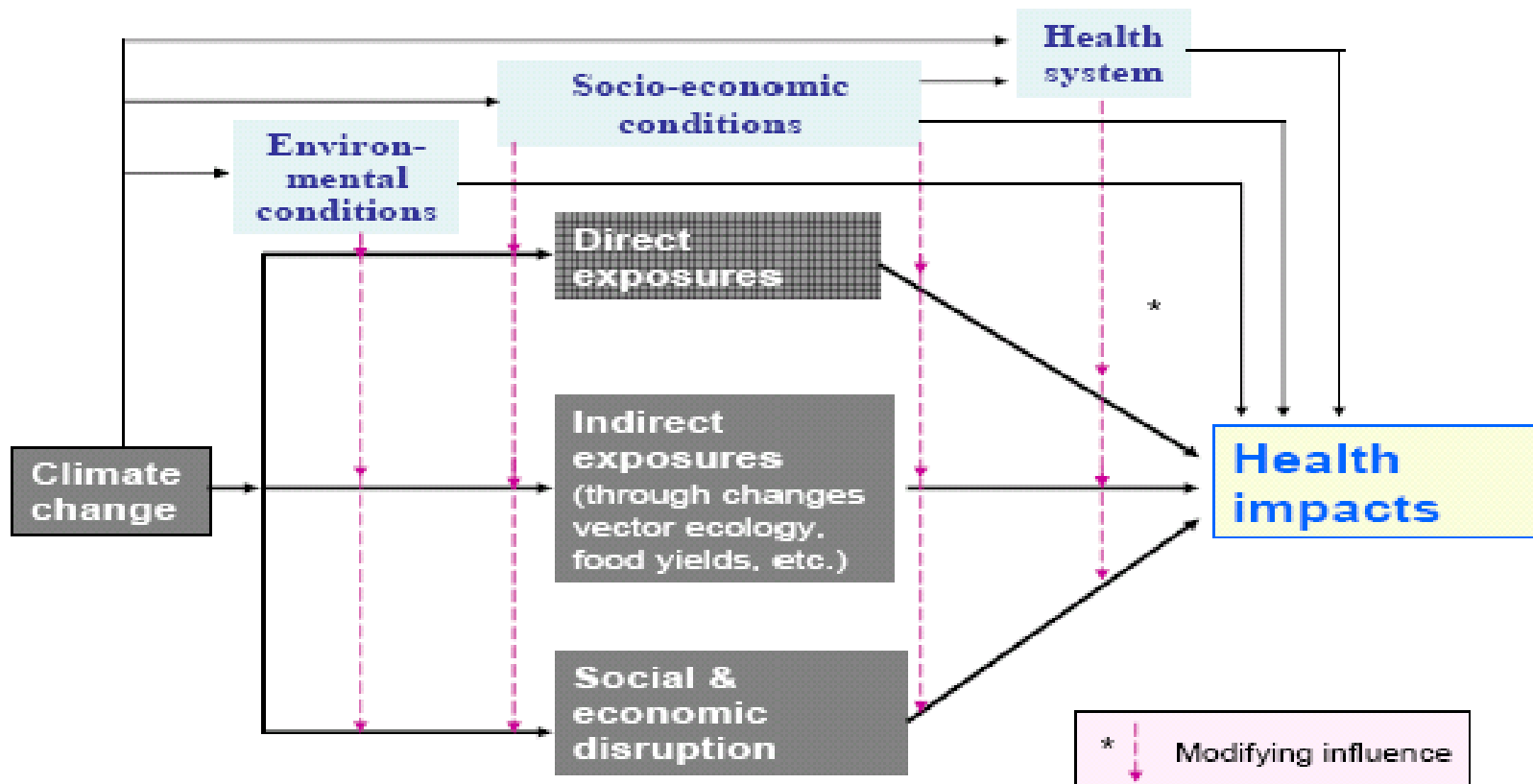


# Climate models project more frequent hot days throughout the 21<sup>st</sup> century

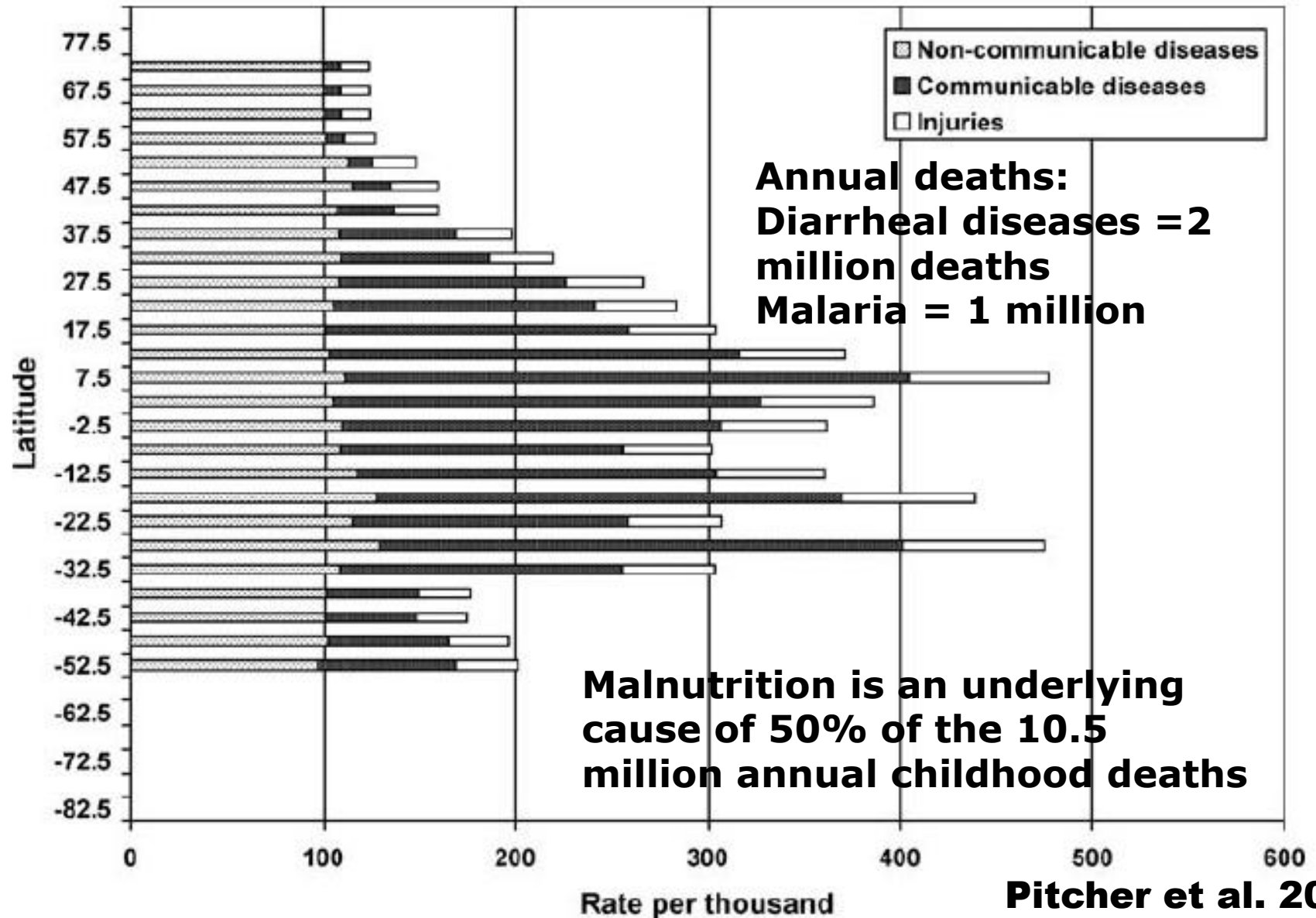


*In many regions, the time between “20-year” (unusually) warm days will decrease*

# Pathways by Which Climate Change May Affect Human Health












# Sum of Years of Life Lost and Years of Life Lived with Disability





# Direction and Magnitude of Climate Change Health Impacts

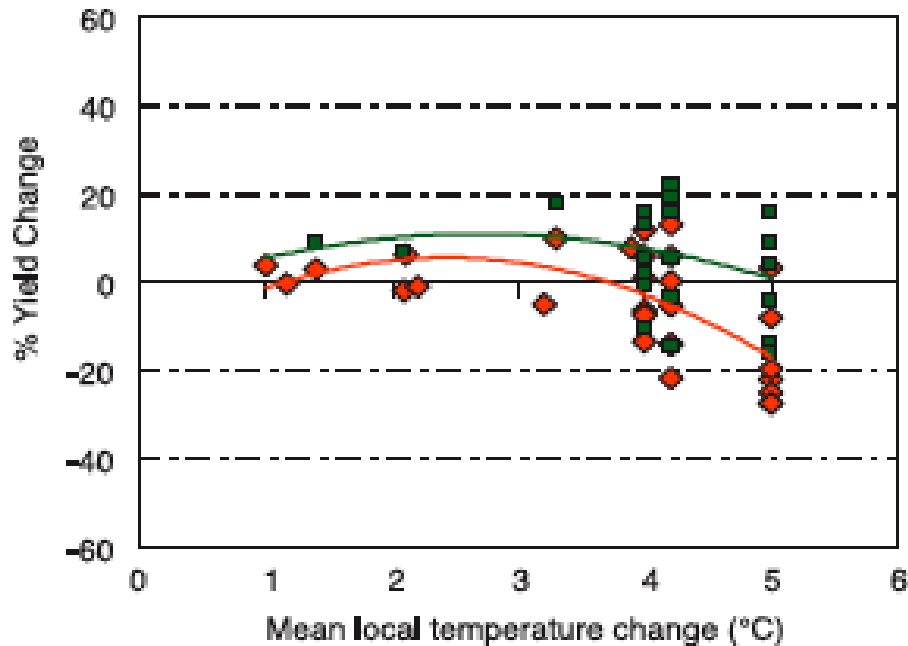
	Negative Impact	Positive Impact
<b>Very High Confidence</b> <i>Malaria: Contraction and expansion, changes in transmission season</i>		
<b>High Confidence</b> <i>Increase in malnutrition</i>		
<i>Increase in the number of people suffering from deaths, disease and injuries from extreme weather events</i>		
<i>Increase in the frequency of cardio-respiratory diseases from changes in air quality</i>		
<i>Change in the range of infectious disease vectors</i>		
<i>Reduction of cold-related deaths</i>		
<b>Medium Confidence</b> <i>Increase in the burden of diarrheal diseases</i>		

# Weighted Risk Analysis of Climate Change Impacts on Infectious Diseases in Europe

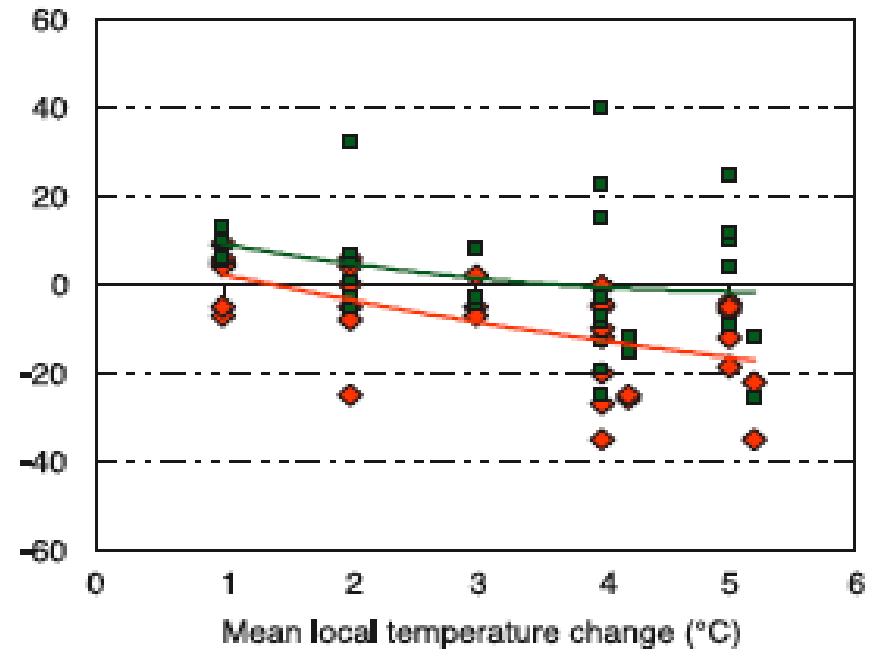
Strength of link with climate change in Europe	High		<i>Vibrio</i> spp. (except <i>V. cholerae</i> O1 and O139)* Visceral leishmaniasis*	Lyme borreliosis*	Weighted high risk		
	Medium	CCHF Hepatitis A Leptospirosis	Tularaemia Yellow fever Yersiniosis	Campylobacteriosis Chikungunya fever* Cryptosporidiosis Giardiasis Hantavirus	Rift Valley fever Salmonellosis Shigellosis VTEC West Nile fever	Dengue fever TBE*	Weighted medium risk
	Low	Anthrax Botulism Listeriosis Malaria	Q fever Tetanus Toxoplasmosis	Cholera (O1 and O139) Legionellosis Meningococcal infection			Weighted low risk
		Low	Medium	High			
		Potential severity of consequence to society					

# Sensitivity of Rice Yields to Temperature Change

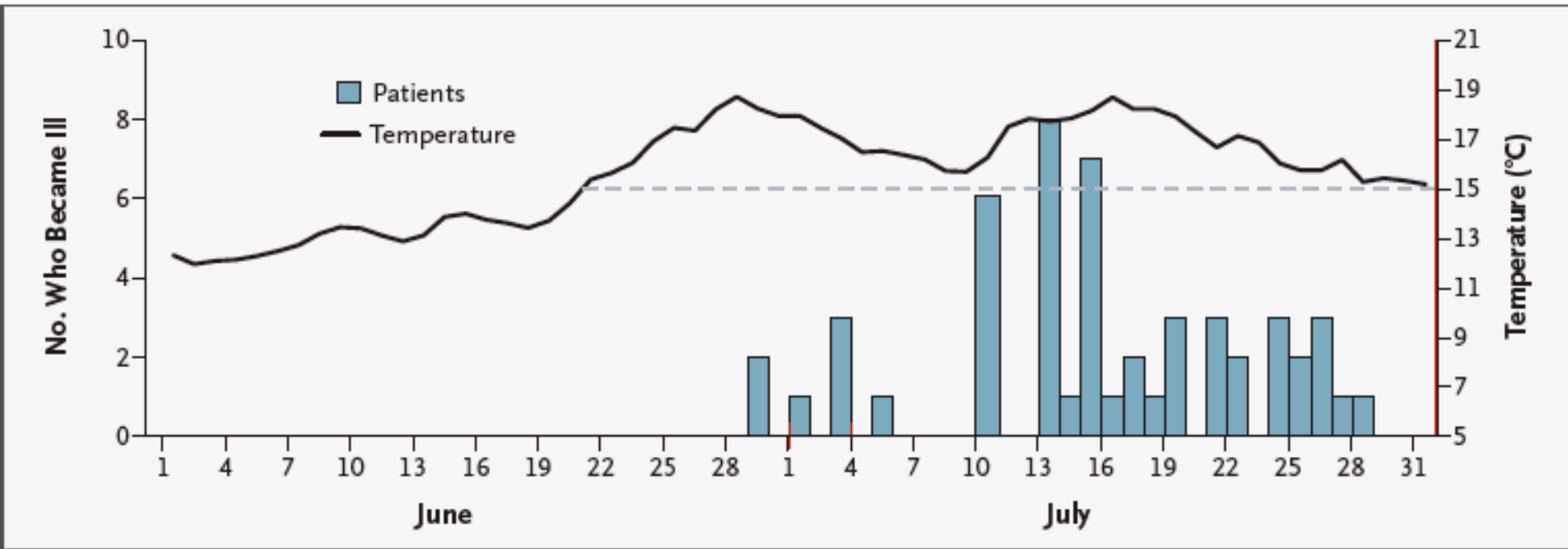
(e) Rice, mid- to high-latitude



(f) Rice, low latitude



# *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* Infections by Harvest Date and Mean Daily Water Temperature





# Climate Change Impacts in 2030 under 750 ppm CO<sub>2</sub> Scenario (thousands of cases)

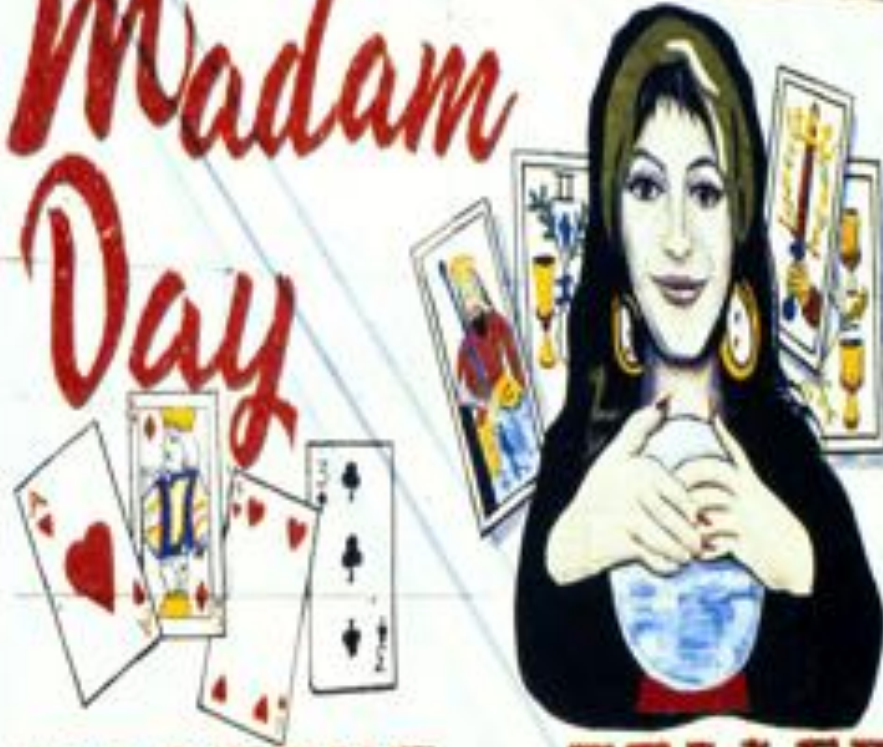
Estimated costs to treat the climate change-related cases = \$3,992 to \$12,603 million

	Diarrhea	Malnutrition	Malaria
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,513,981</b>	<b>46,352</b>	<b>408,227</b>
<b>Climate change impacts</b>	<b>131,980</b>	<b>4,673</b>	<b>21,787</b>
<b>% increase</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>5%</b>



**Philip Wijmans, LWF/ACT Mozambique, March 2000**

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