

Klimawandel: Was wir wissen – und was nicht

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CLIMATE CHANGE 2007
THE PHYSICAL SCIENCE BASIS

Klimawandel & Meeresspiegel Erhöhung:

- grosser Migrationsdruck
- knappe Ressourcen (Energie/Nahrung)
- grosses Konfliktpotential

Klimaschutz = Friedenspolitik

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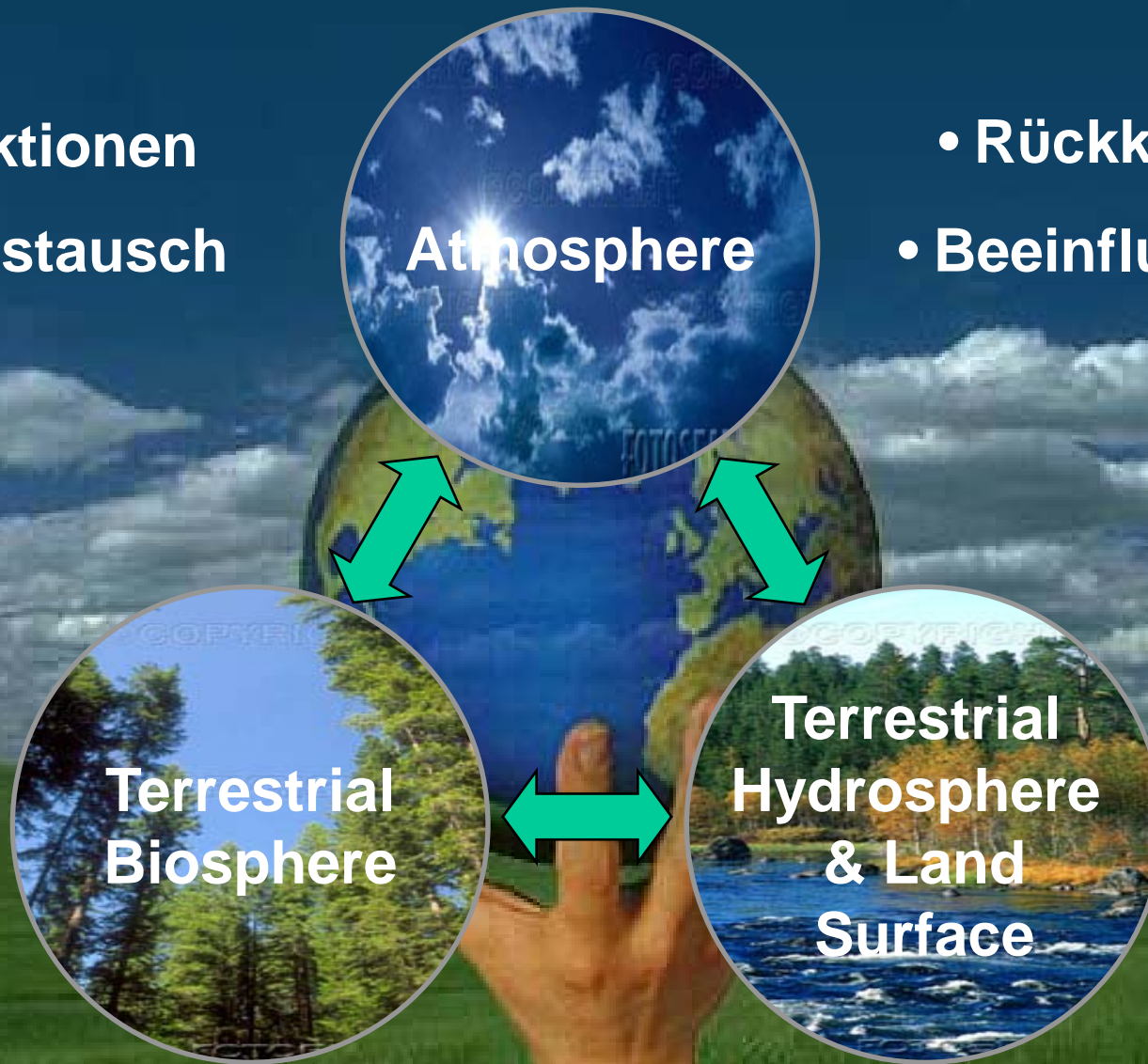
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- Interaktionen
- Austausch

- Rückkoppelung
- Beeinflussung



Dominant Environmental Phenomenon: The Greenhouse Effect

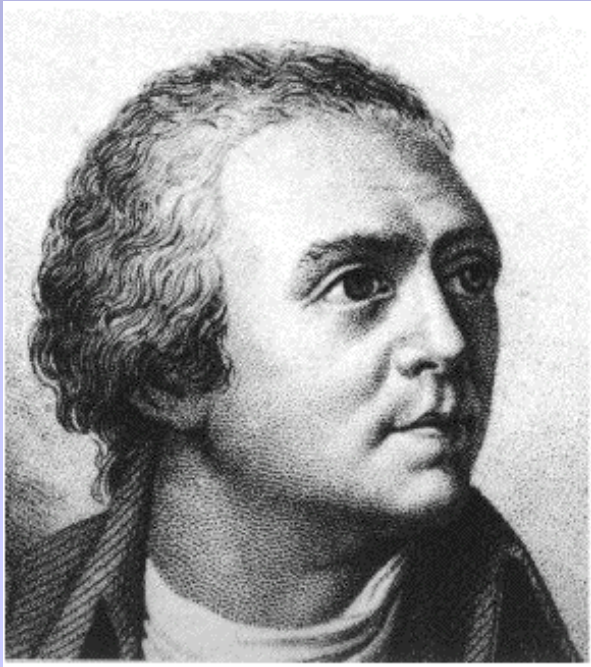
“natural” (H ₂ O):	$\Delta T = 33 \text{ C}$
“enhanced” (CO ₂ etc.):	$\Delta T = 35\text{-}36 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$
(on Venus, CO ₂ :	$\Delta T = 450 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$)



Absorbed in atmosphere
by greenhouse gases

Infra-red
radiation
from surface

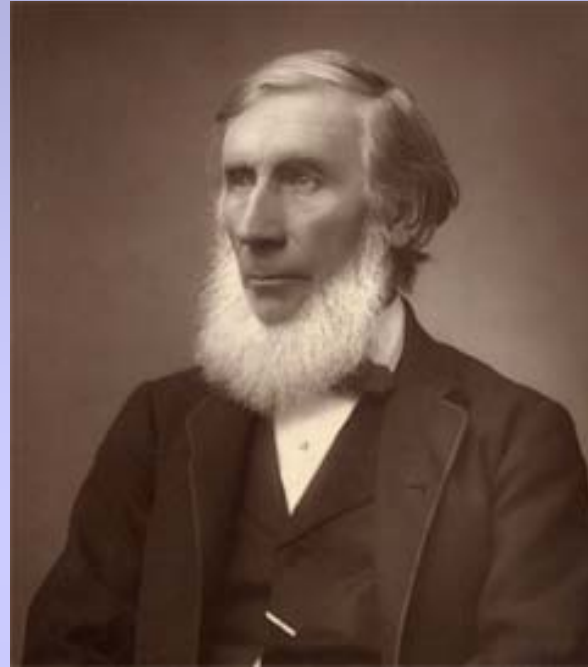
„Fathers“ of the Greenhouse Theory



Horace-Bénédict de Saussure

(1740 -1799) was a Swiss aristocrat, physicist and Alpine traveller. First ascent of Mont Blanc.

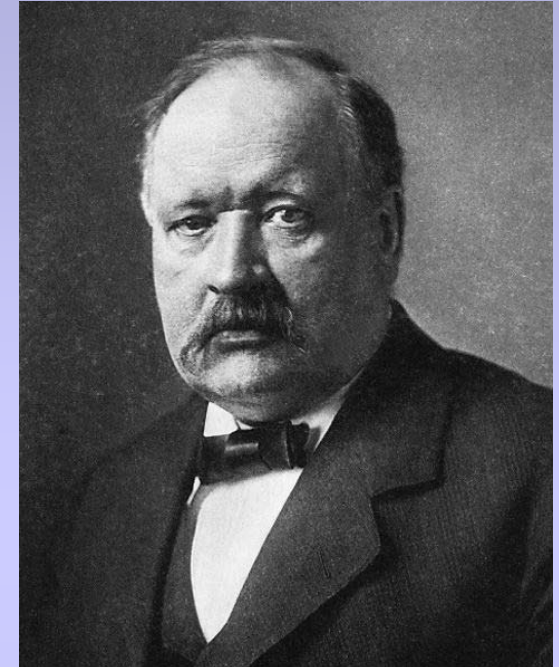
„Heliothermometer“: simple greenhouse warming experiments



John Tyndall

(1820 – 1893) was an Irish natural philosopher.

Identified through laboratory experiments the absorption of thermal radiation by complex molecules



Svante August Arrhenius

(1859 – 1927) was a Swedish chemist and one of the founders of the science of physical chemistry.

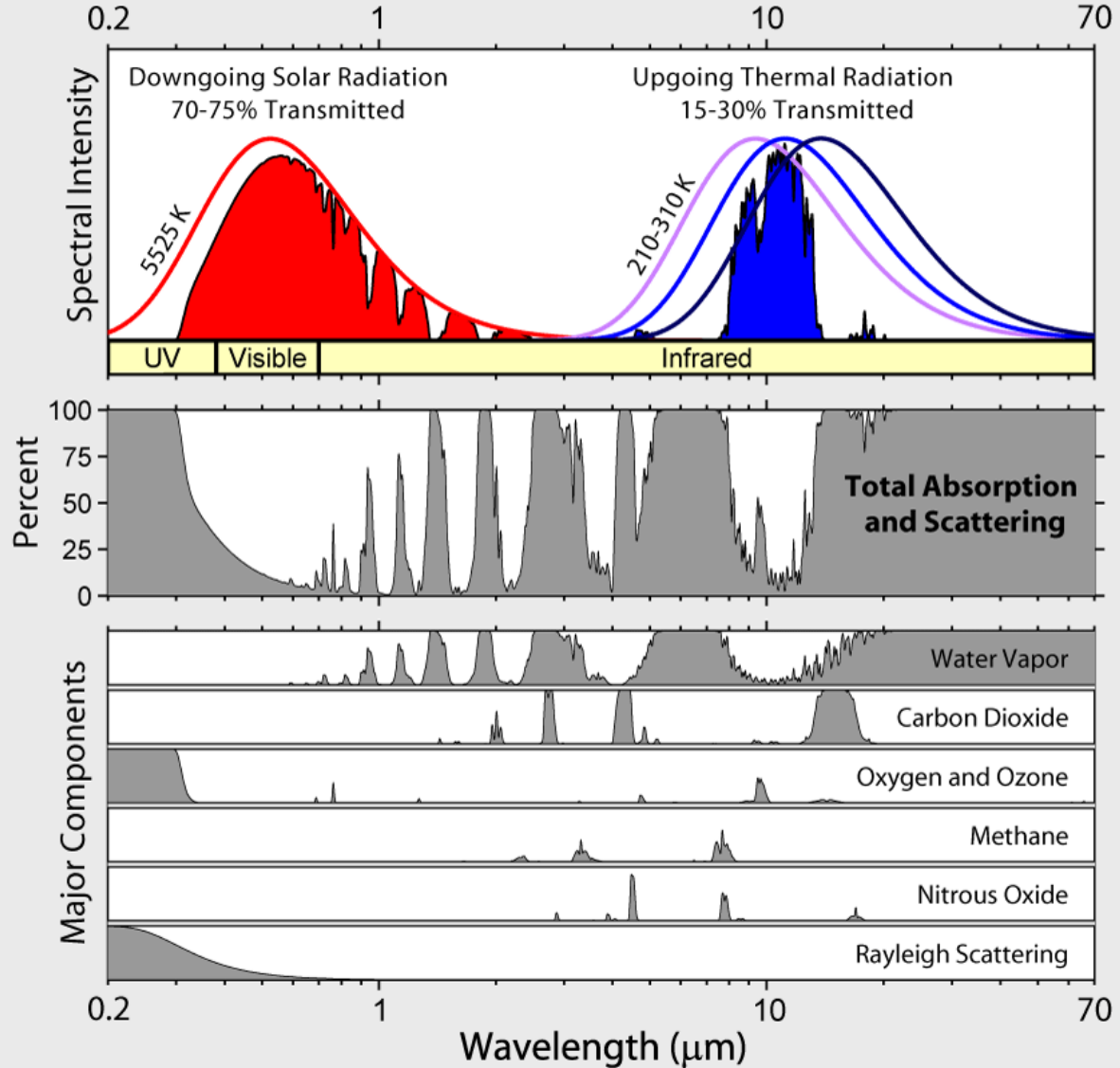
Theorized that doubling the amount of CO₂ in the atmosphere might raise the Earth's temperature by 5 or 6 °C.

CO₂ Equivalent – Global Warming Potential (GWP)

GWP values and lifetimes from IPCC TAR				
Gas	Lifetime (years)	GWP Time horizon		
		20 years	100 years	500 year
Carbon dioxide		1	1	1
Methane	12	62	23	7
Nitrous oxide	114	275	296	156
HFC-134a (hydrofluorocarbon)	13.8	3300	1300	400
HFC-23 (hydrofluorocarbon)	260	9400	12000	10000
sulfur hexafluoride	3200	15100	22200	32400

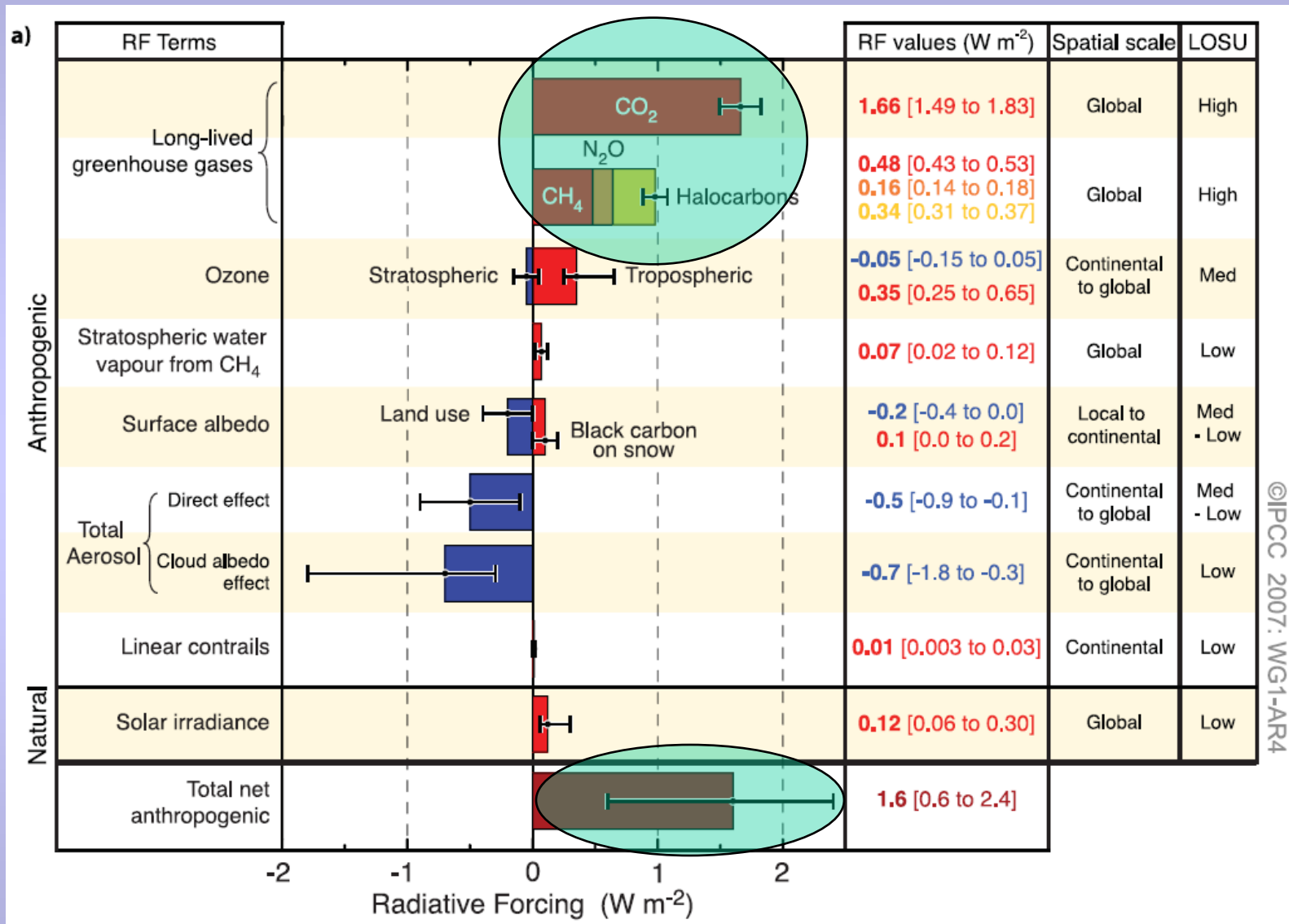
IPCC 2001

Radiation Transmitted by the Atmosphere

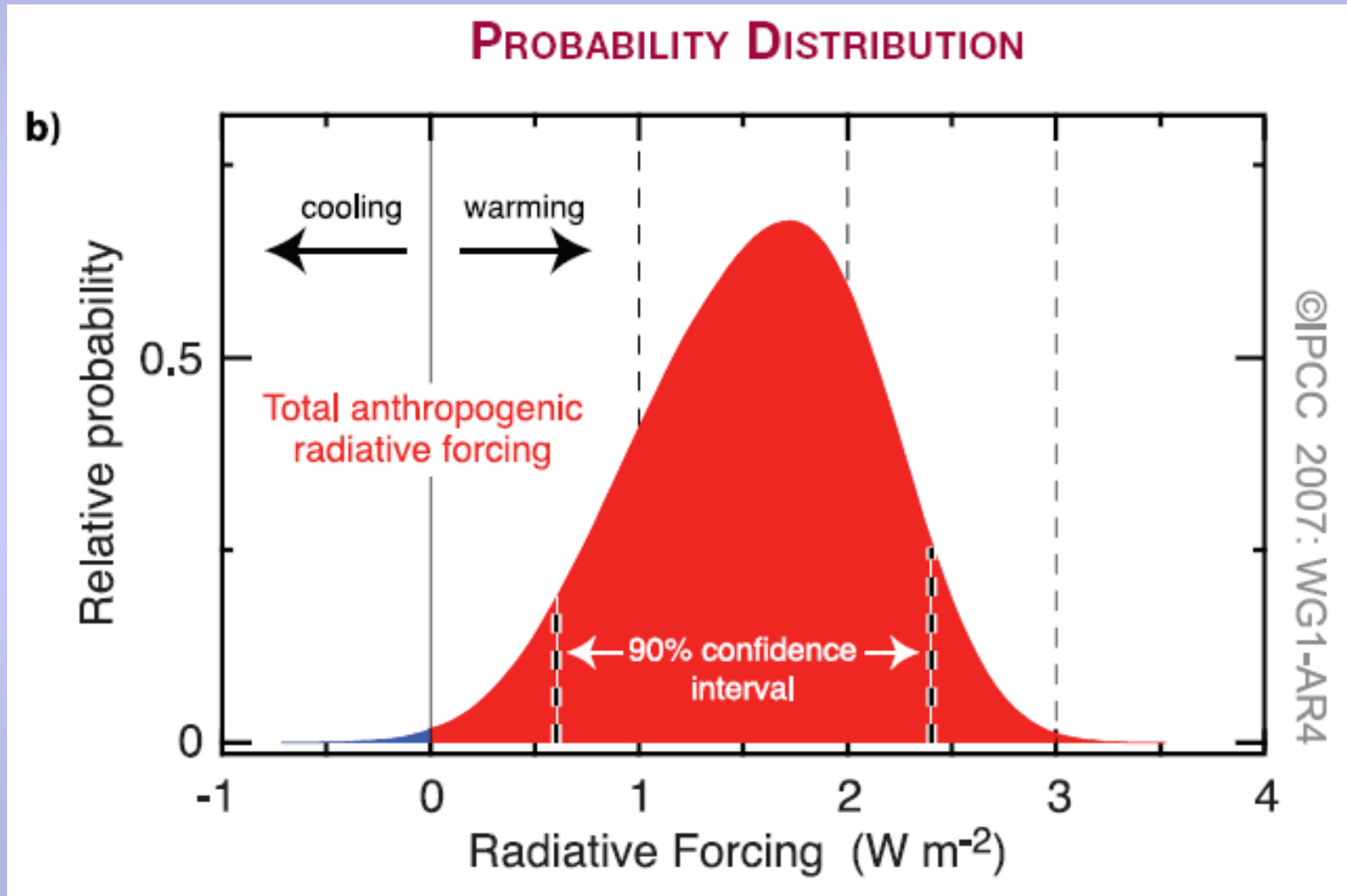


This figure was prepared by Robert A. Rohde for the Global Warming Art project.

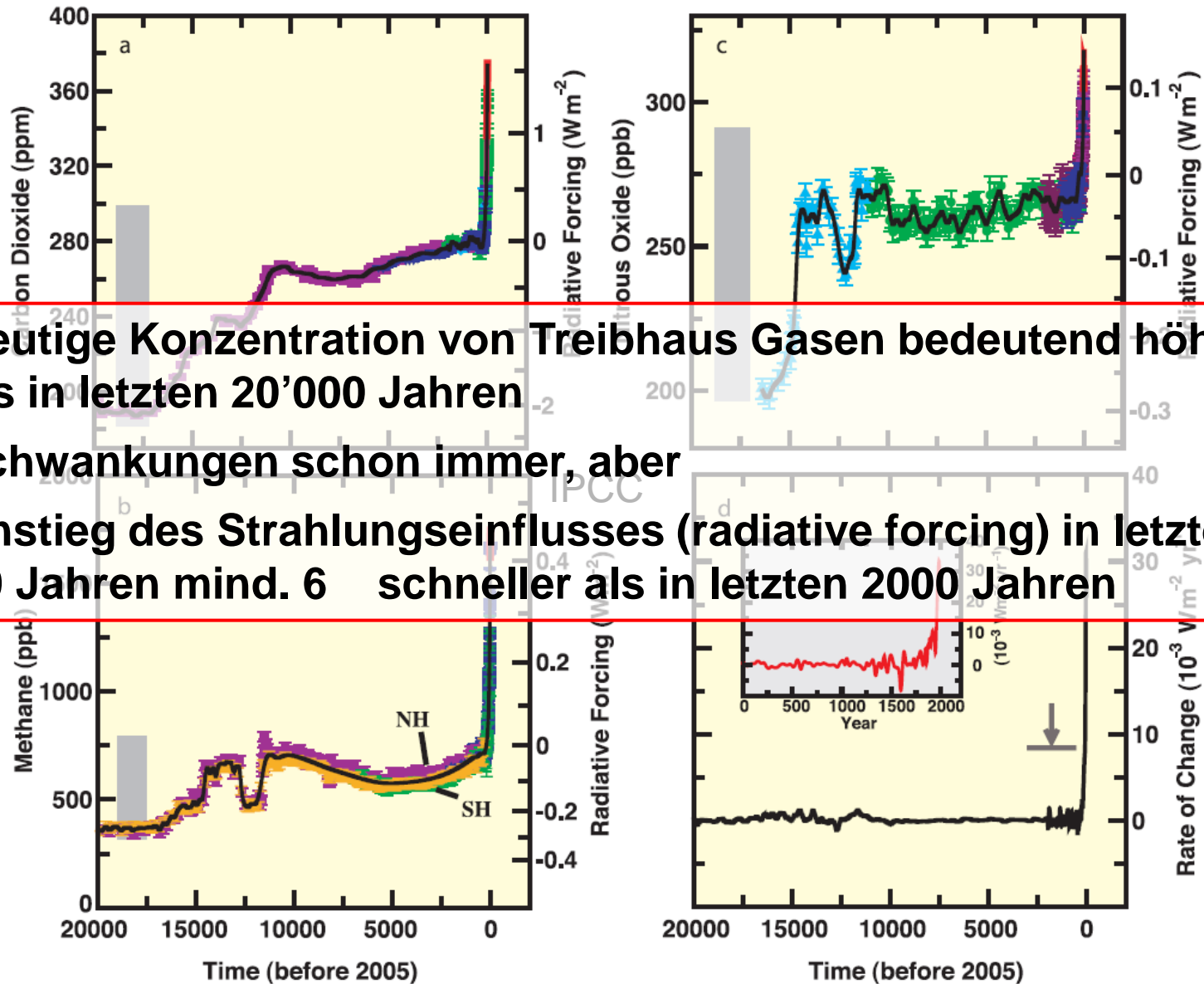
Global Mean Radiative Forcings



Uncertainty ↔ Confidence

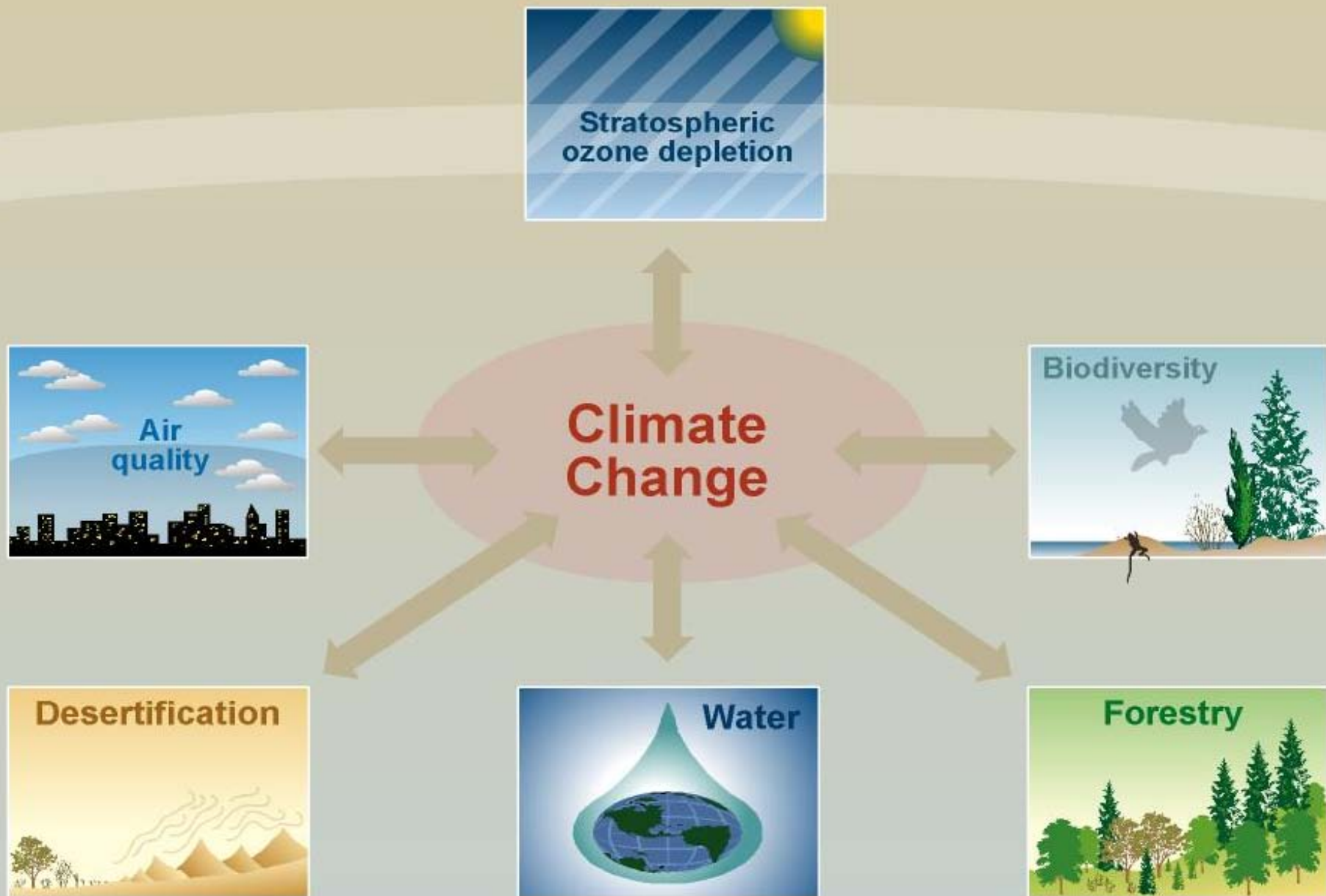


CHANGES IN GREENHOUSE GASES FROM ICE CORE AND MODERN DATA



- Heutige Konzentration von Treibhaus Gasen bedeutend höher als in letzten 20'000 Jahren
- Schwankungen schon immer, aber
- Anstieg des Strahlungseinflusses (radiative forcing) in letzten 40 Jahren mind. 6 schneller als in letzten 2000 Jahren

Linkages between climate change and other environmental issues



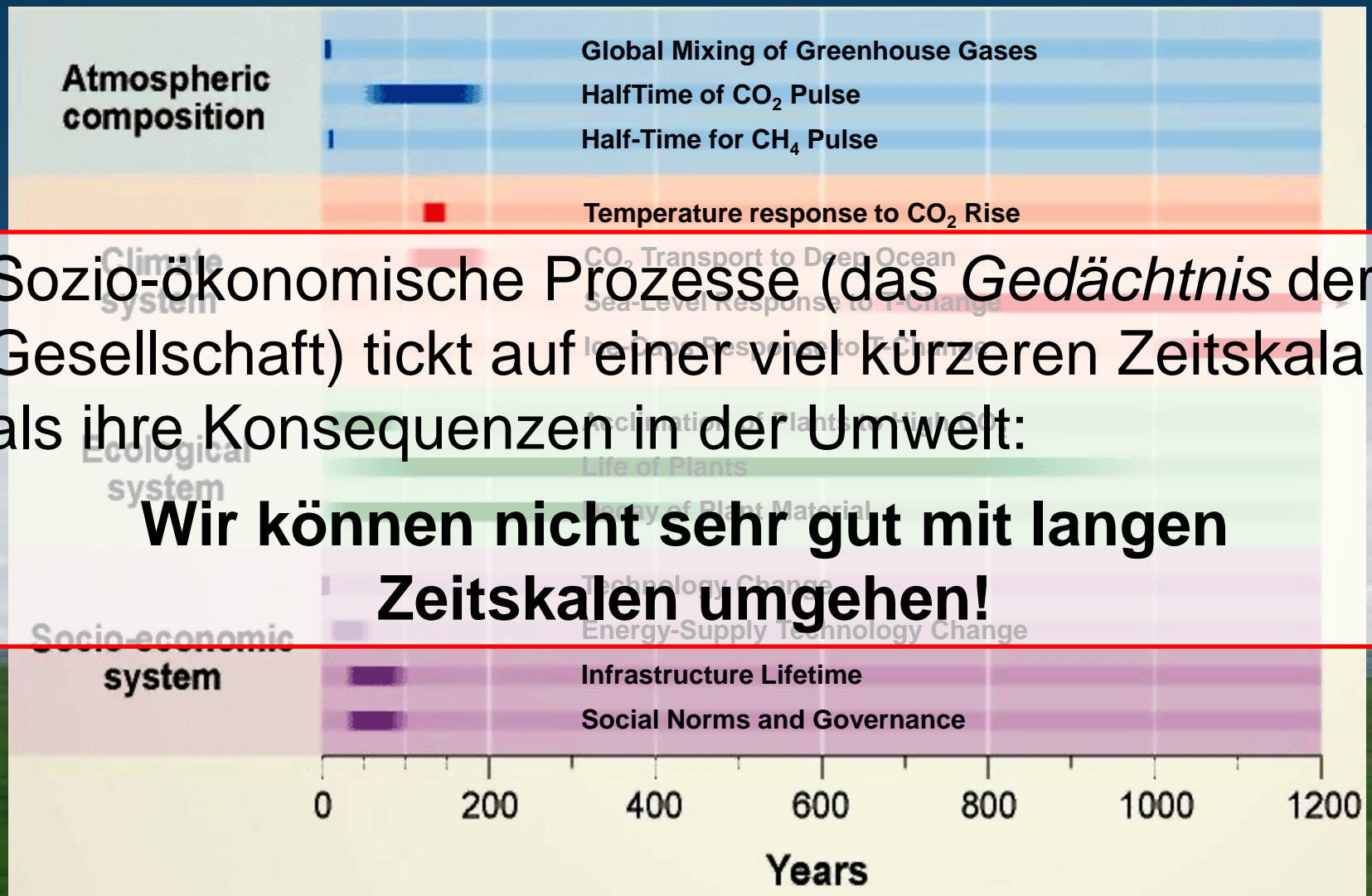
(source: IPCC 2001, WG1 Report, Summary)

Die Menschheit hat ihre Hand im Spiel ...

... aber wir haben unsere liebe Mühe damit!



Time Scales of Processes in the Environmental System



Sozio-ökonomische Prozesse (das *Gedächtnis* der Gesellschaft) tickt auf einer viel kürzeren Zeitskala als ihre Konsequenzen in der Umwelt:

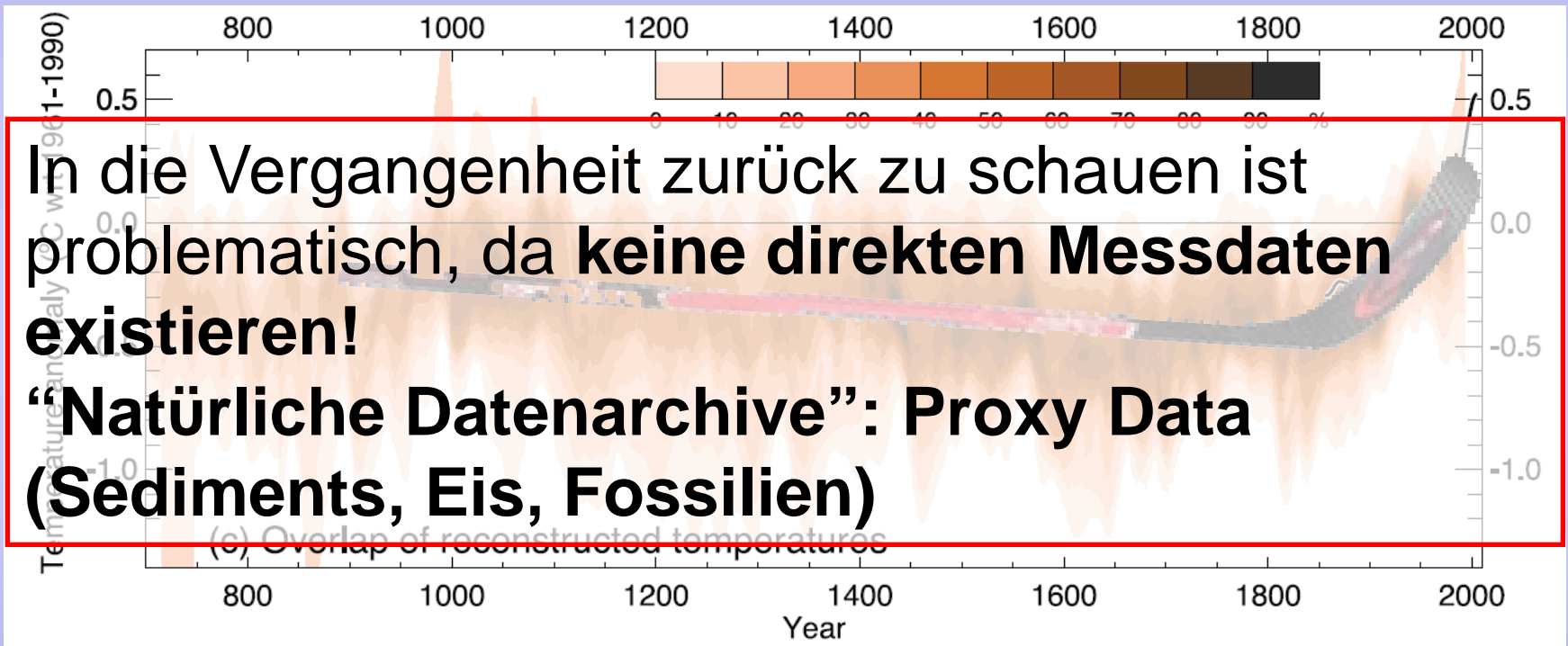
Wir können nicht sehr gut mit langen Zeitskalen umgehen!

Indicators of the human influence on the atmosphere during the Industrial era



Sozio-ökonomische Impakts in der Umwelt werden nur sichtbar, wenn wir die Zeitskala über die persönliche Erfahrung hinaus verlängern!

Global Surface Temperature Anomaly



(source: IPCC 2007)

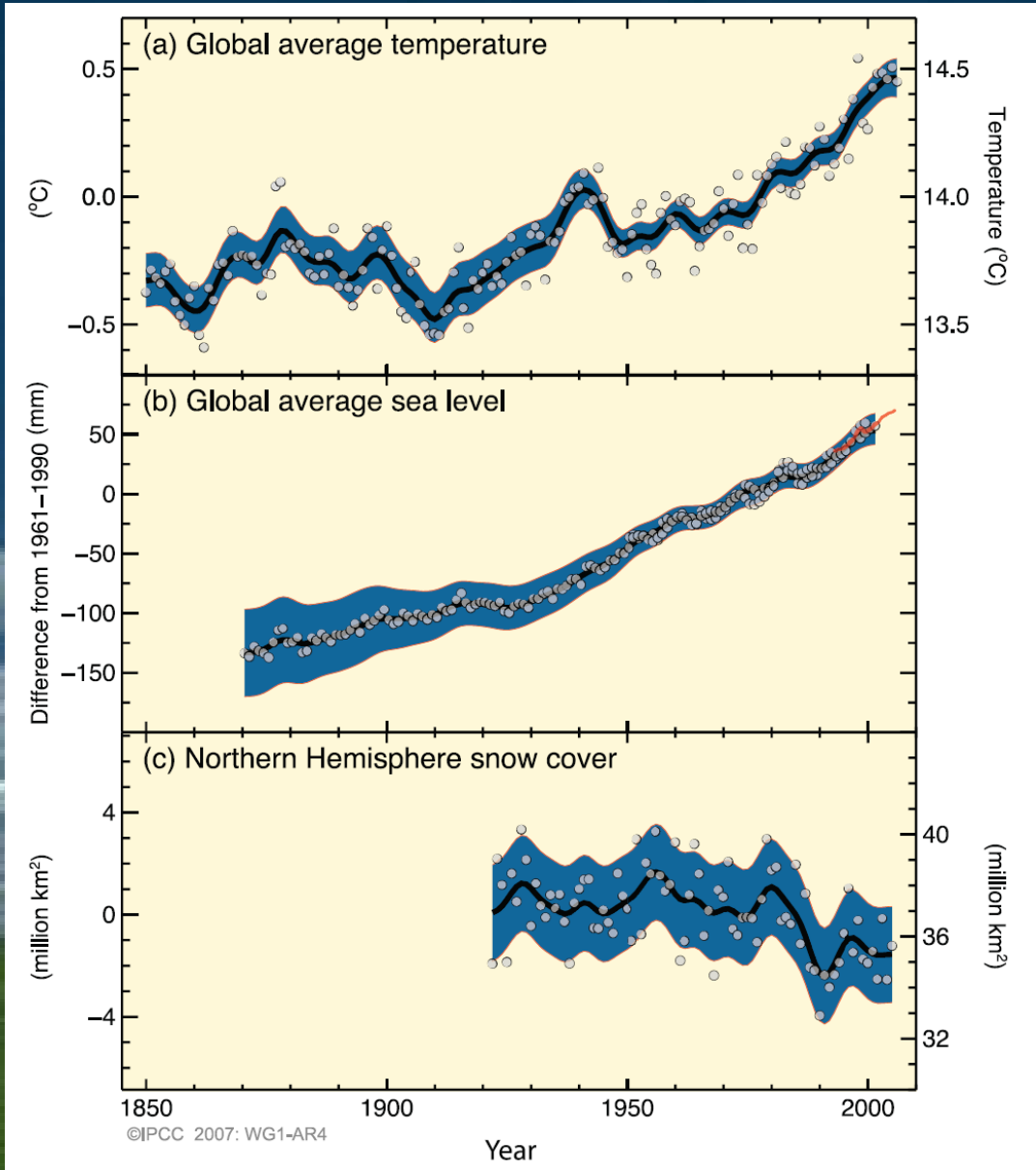


Shrinking Polar Ice

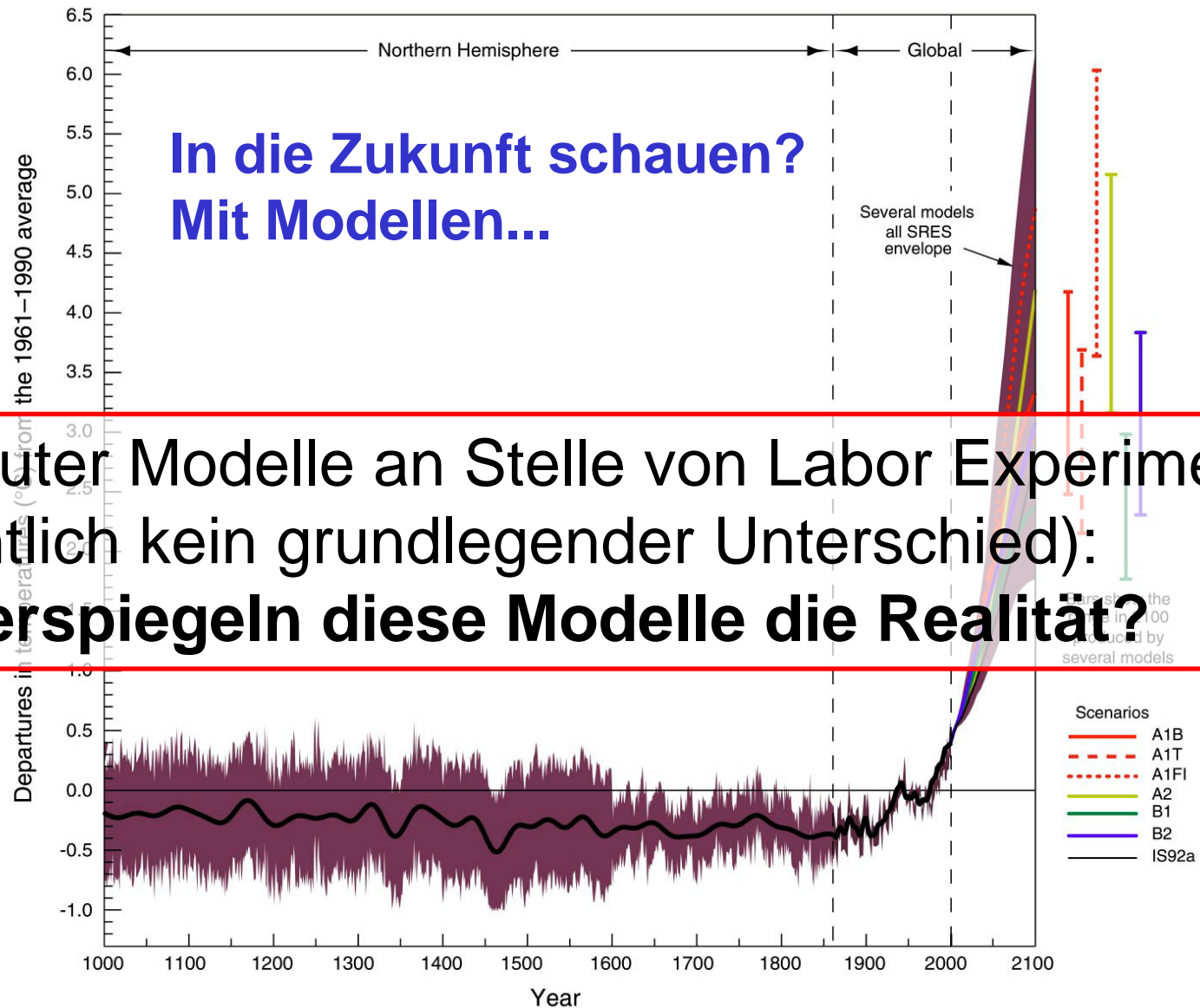
Mit langen Beobachtungsserien kommen wir langsam zu gut dokumentiertem Beweismaterial für systematische Veränderungen. Aber Frage : **Wie gross ist die “natürliche” background Variabilität?**

Extent of Arctic summer ice in 1979 (top satellite image) and in 2003 (lower satellite image).





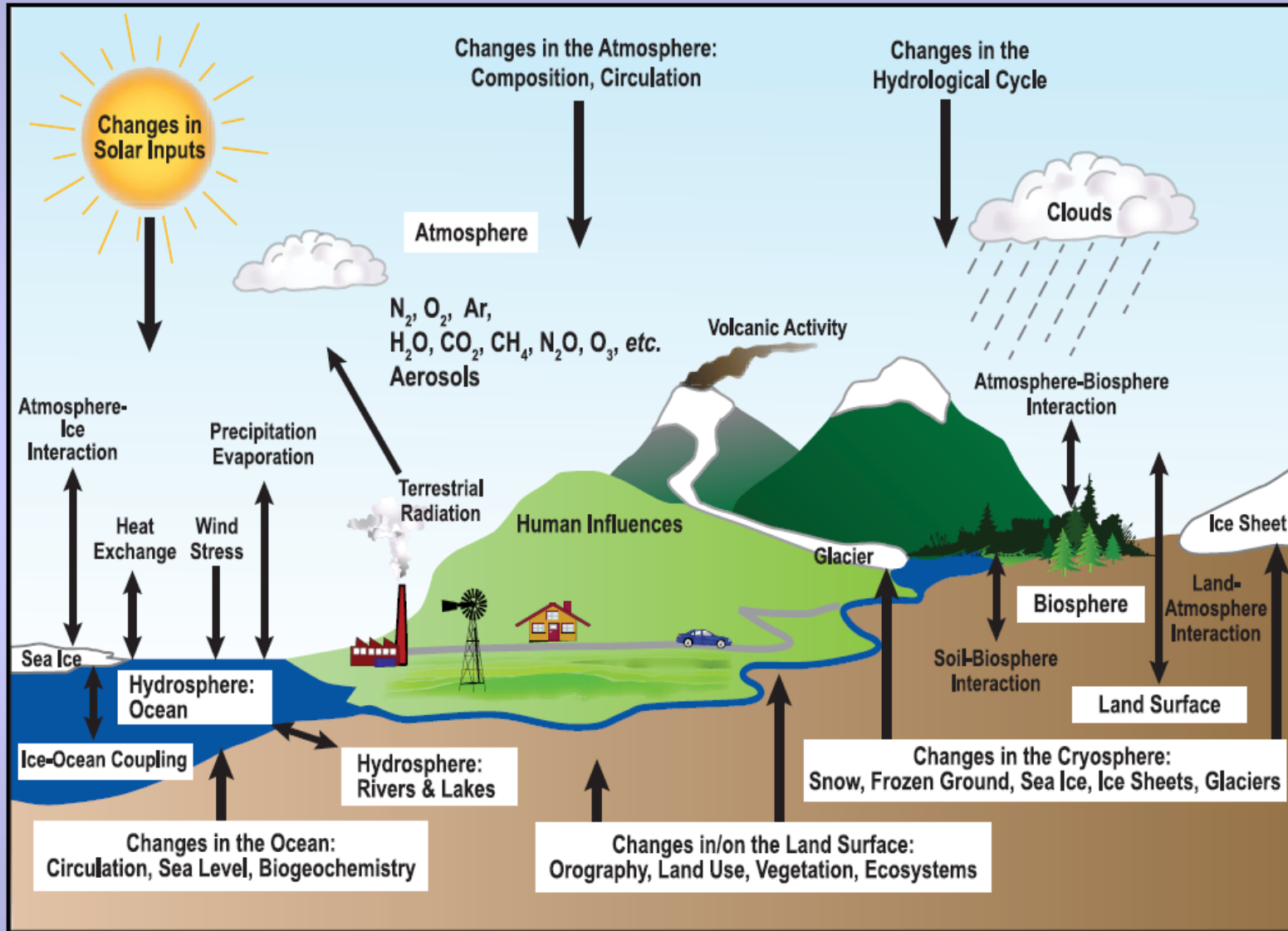
1000 to 1861, N.Hemisphere, proxy data; 1861 to 2000 Global, instrumental; 2000 to 2100, SRES projections



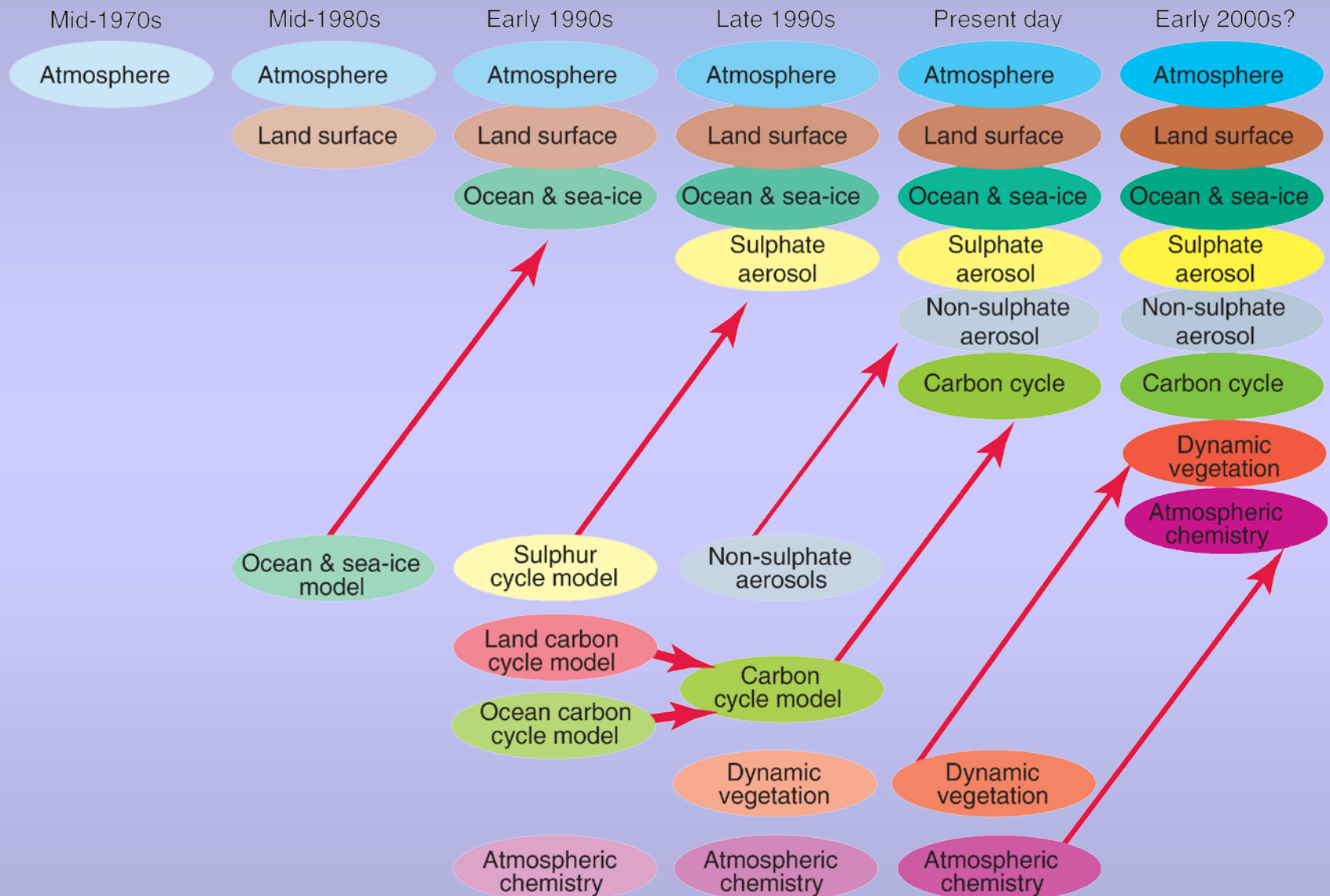
Computer Modelle an Stelle von Labor Experimenten (eigentlich kein grundlegender Unterschied):
Wiederspiegeln diese Modelle die Realität?

(source: IPCC 2001, WG1 Report, Summary)

Herausforderung: Komplexität des Modellsystems

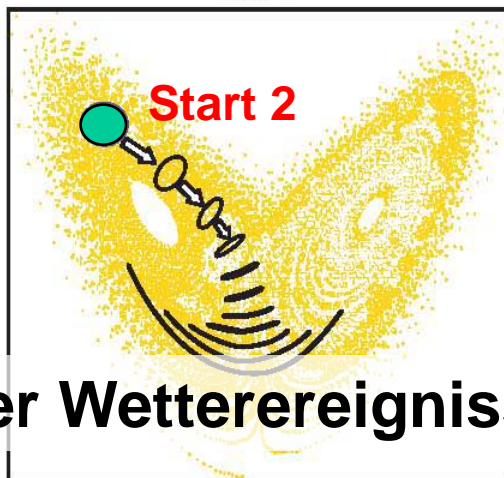
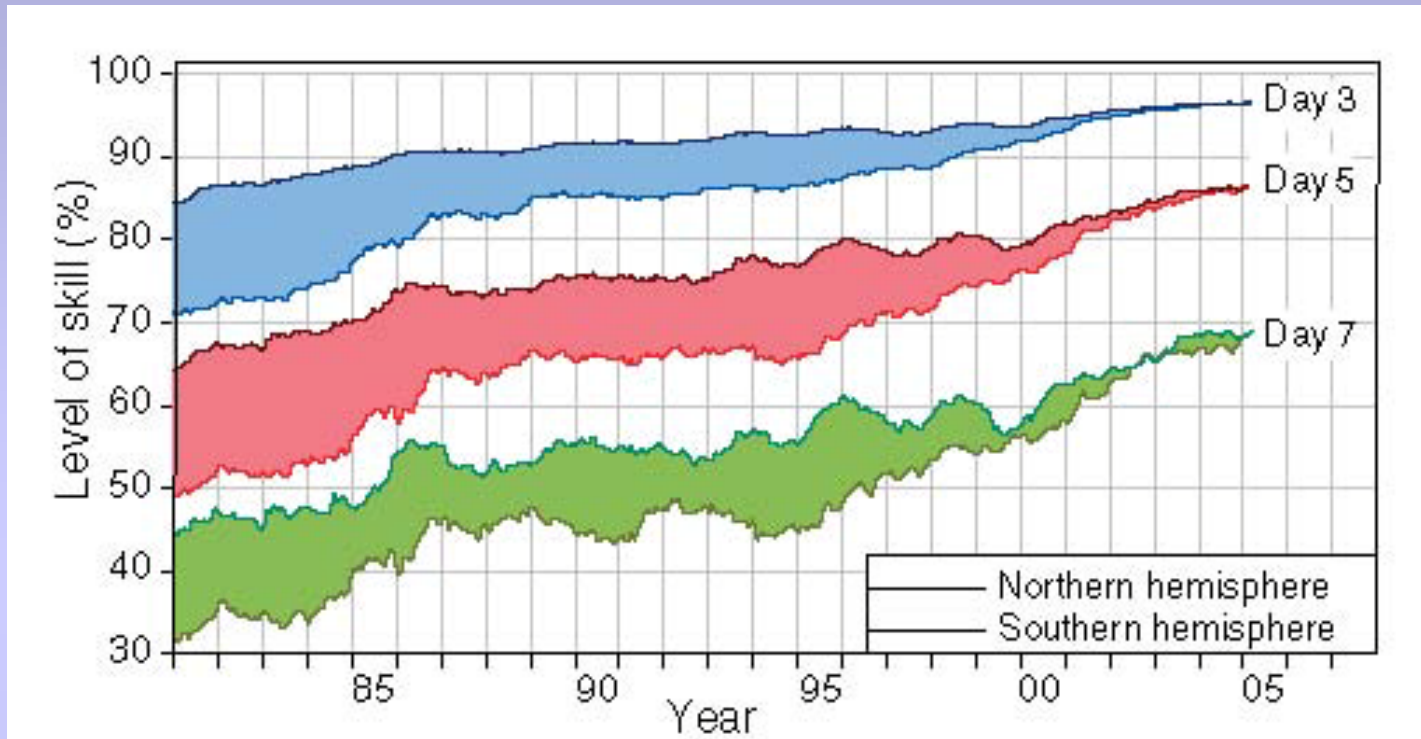


The Development of Climate models, Past, Present and Future



(source: IPCC 2001, WG1 Report, Summary)

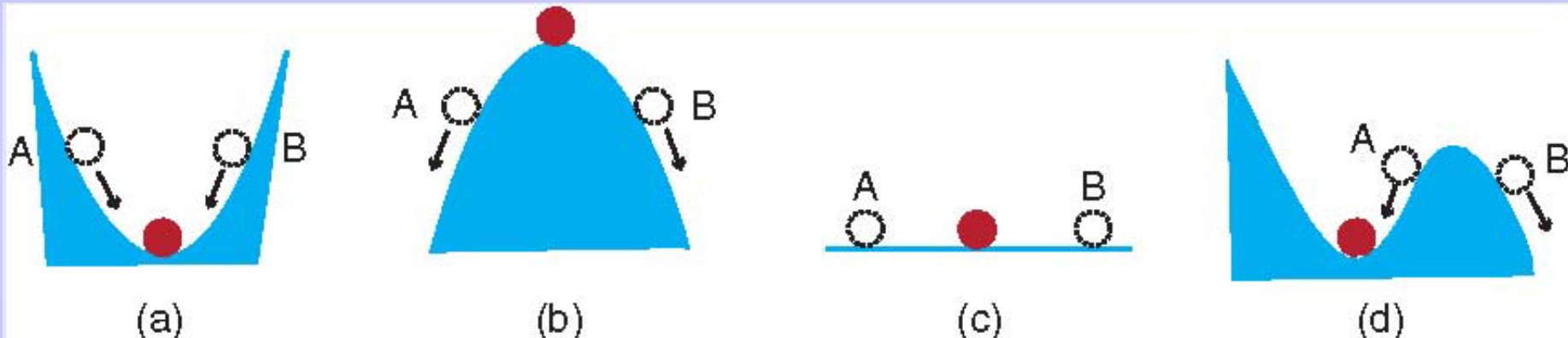
Treffsicherheit von Atmosphärenmodellen



Der Attraktor der Wetterereignisse ist das Klima

A stable Climate?

States of Equilibrium



stable

unstable

neutral
(indifferent)

conditionally
stable

What do we know? How well do we know it?

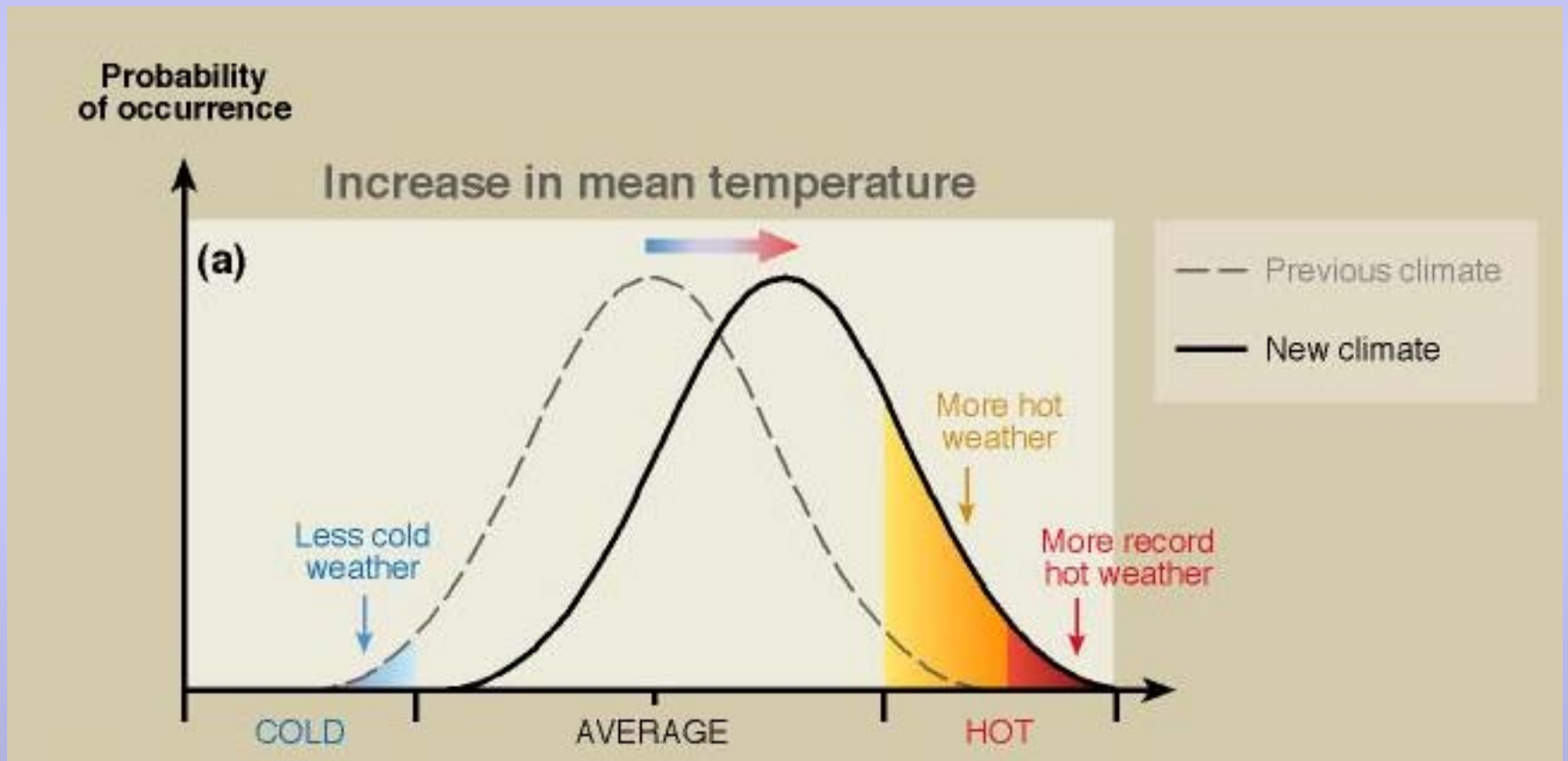
Uncertainties

Table 1. A simple typology of uncertainties

Type	Indicative examples of sources	Typical approaches or considerations
Unpredictability	Projections of human behaviour not easily amenable to prediction (e.g. evolution of political systems). Chaotic components of complex systems.	Use of scenarios spanning a plausible range, clearly stating assumptions, limits considered, and subjective judgments. Ranges from ensembles of model runs.
Structural uncertainty	Inadequate models, incomplete or competing conceptual frameworks, lack of agreement on model structure, ambiguous system boundaries or definitions, significant processes or relationships wrongly specified or not considered.	Specify assumptions and system definitions clearly, compare models with observations for a range of conditions, assess maturity of the underlying science and degree to which understanding is based on fundamental concepts tested in other areas.
Value uncertainty	Missing, inaccurate or non-representative data, inappropriate spatial or temporal resolution, poorly known or changing model parameters.	Analysis of statistical properties of sets of values (observations, model ensemble results, etc); bootstrap and hierarchical statistical tests; comparison of models with observations.

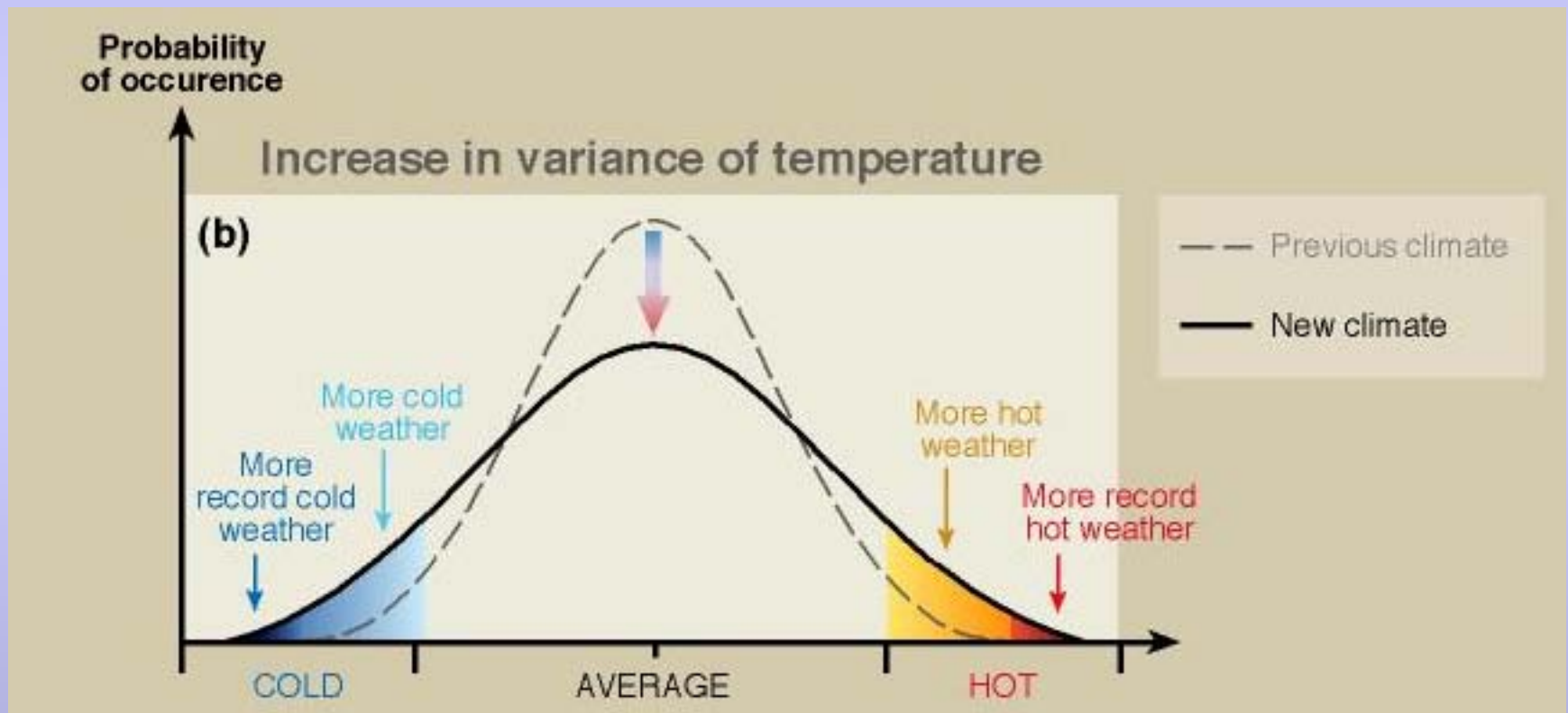
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Temperature Change: Different Possibilities



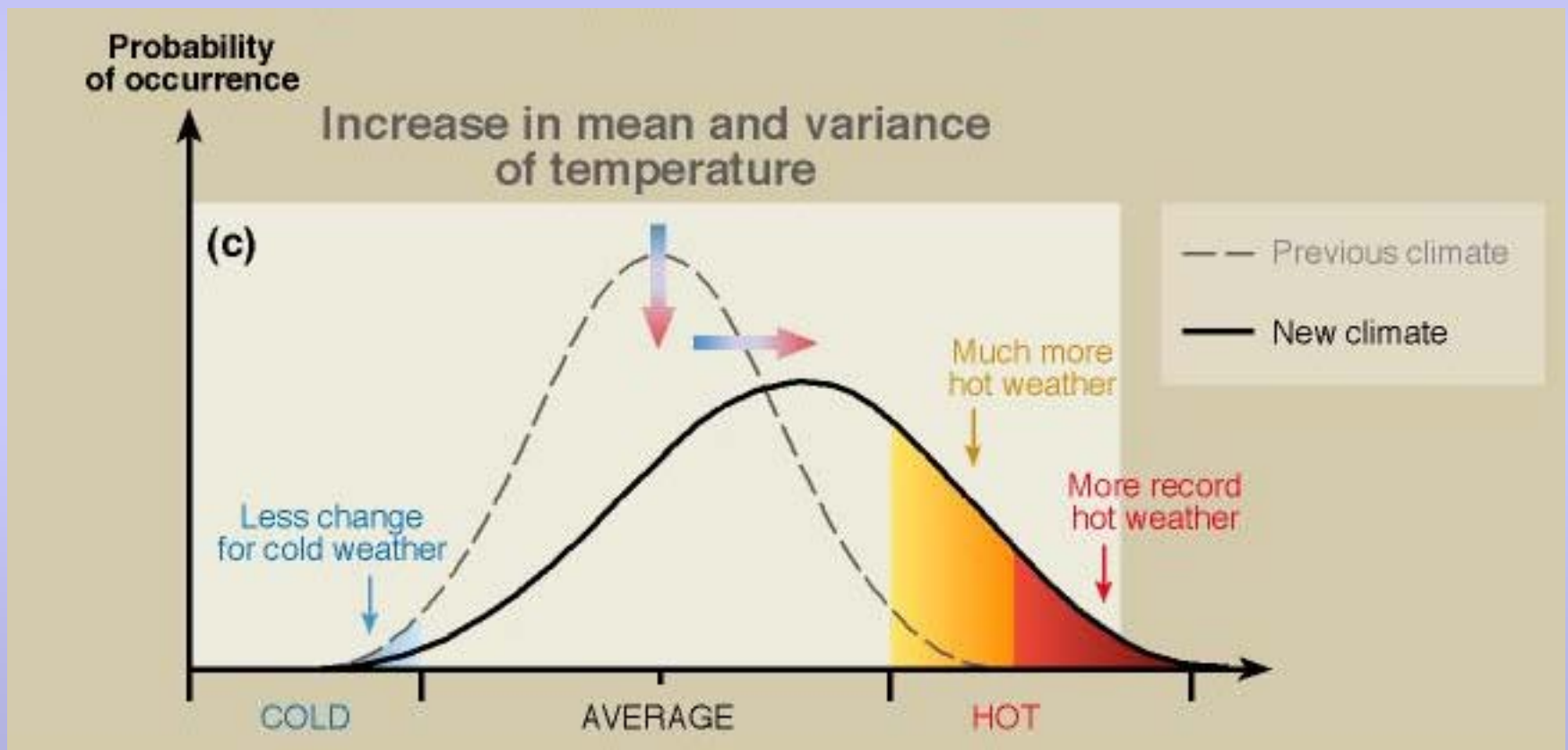
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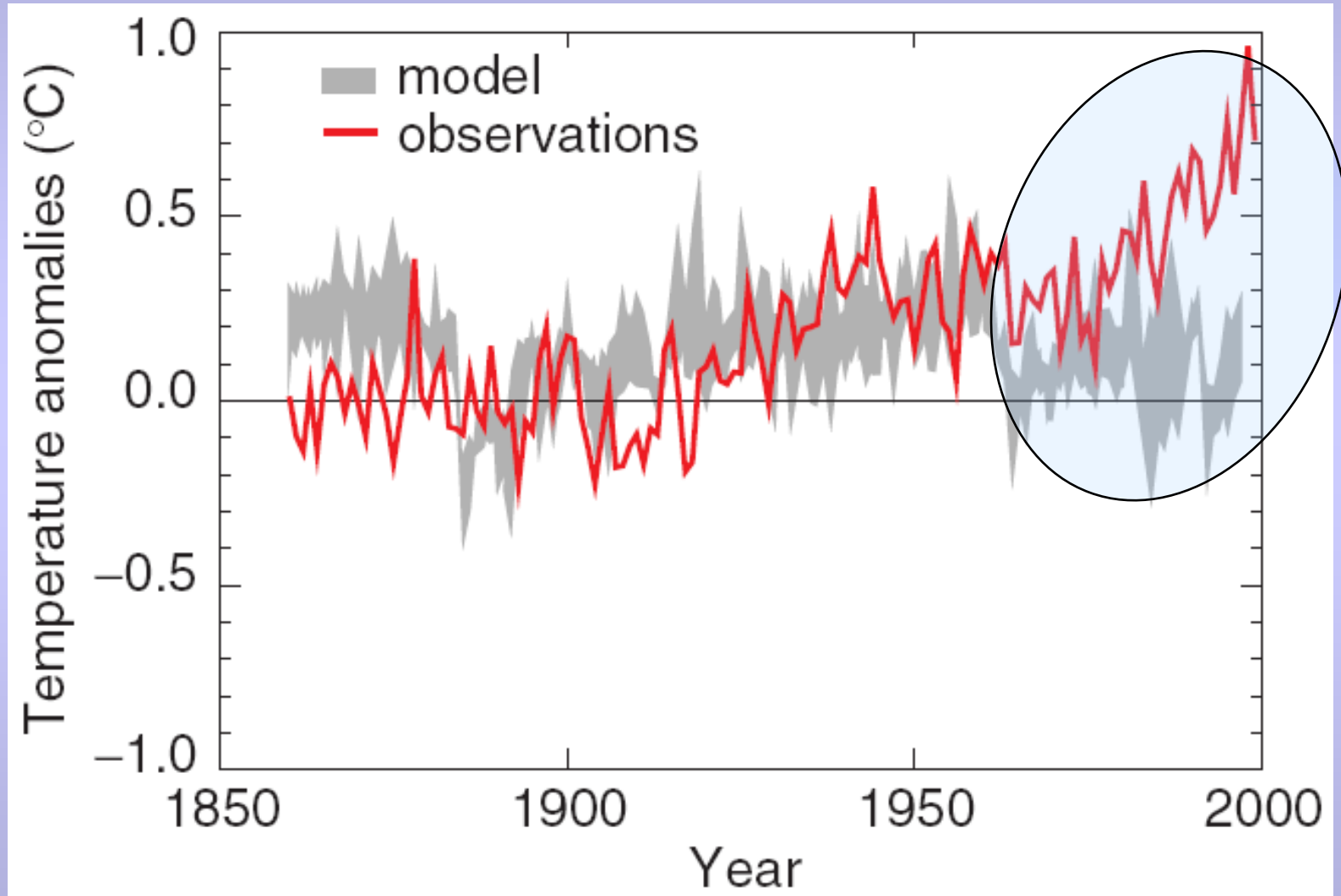
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Climate Models: do they reflect reality?

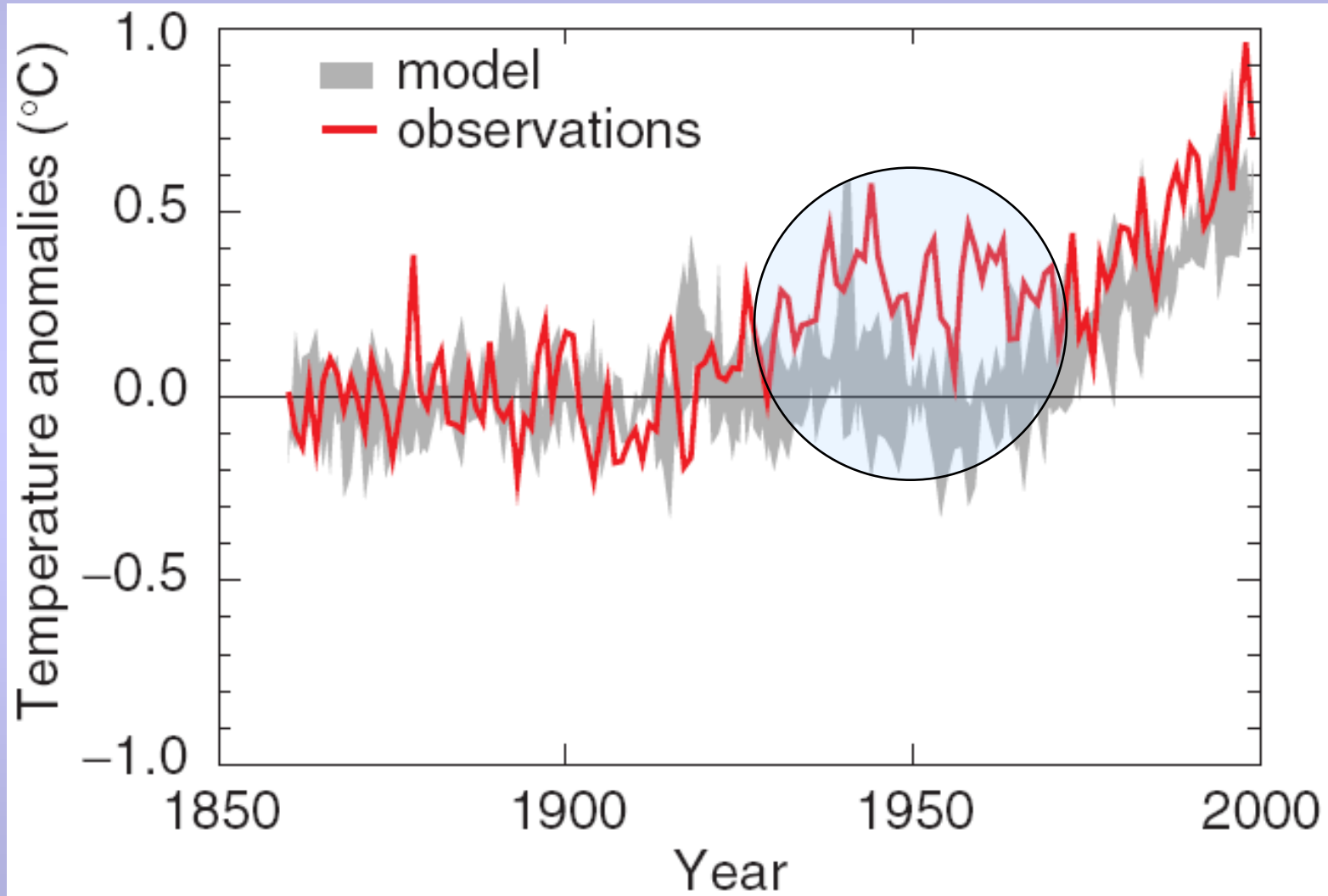
(a) with solar and volcanic forcing only



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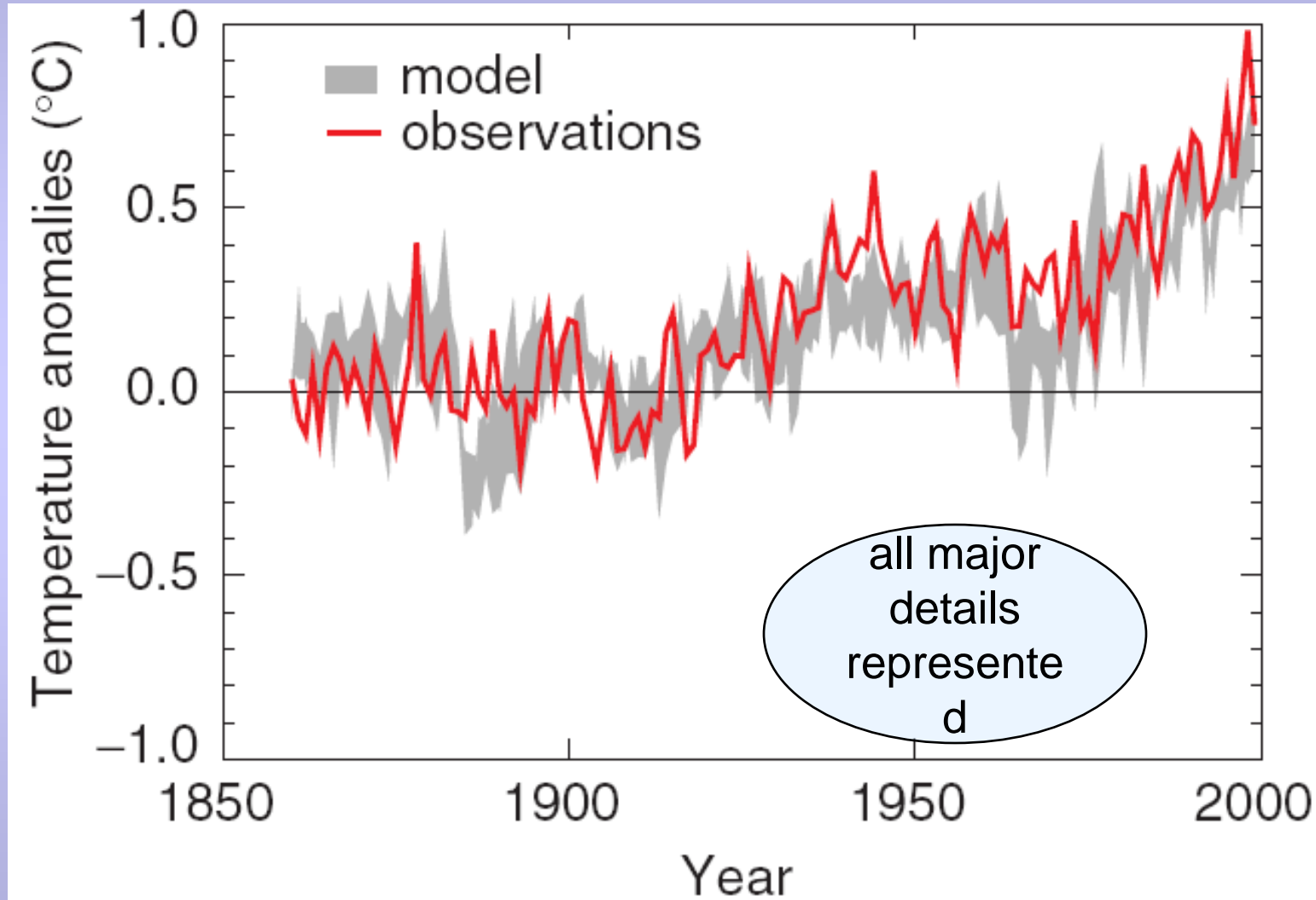
(b) with anthropogenic forcing only (greenhouse gases, ozone, aerosols)



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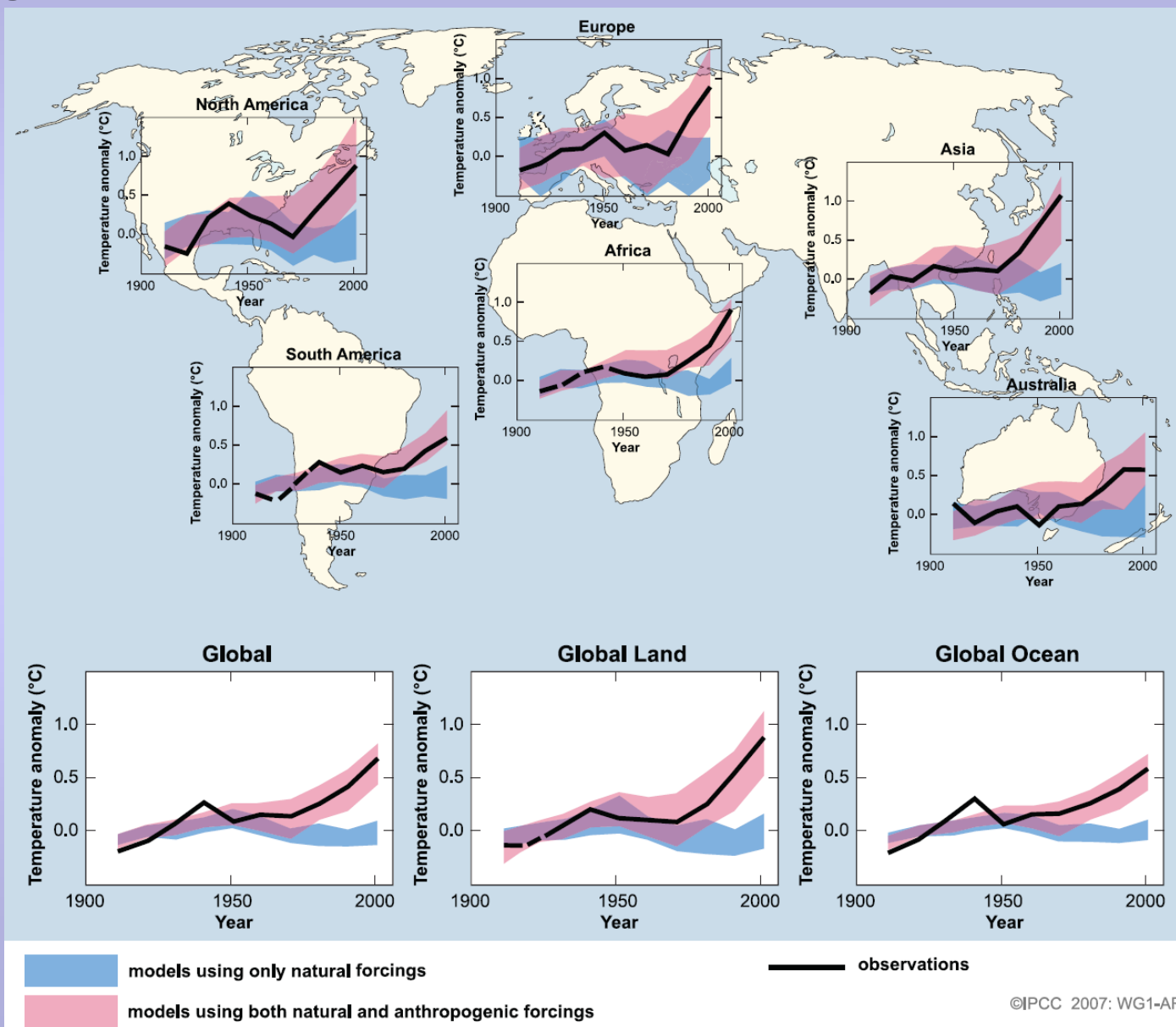
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(c) with all forcings, both natural and anthropogenic



Climate Models: do they reflect reality?

Regional Distribution



Globaler Klimawandel: regionale Auswirkungen

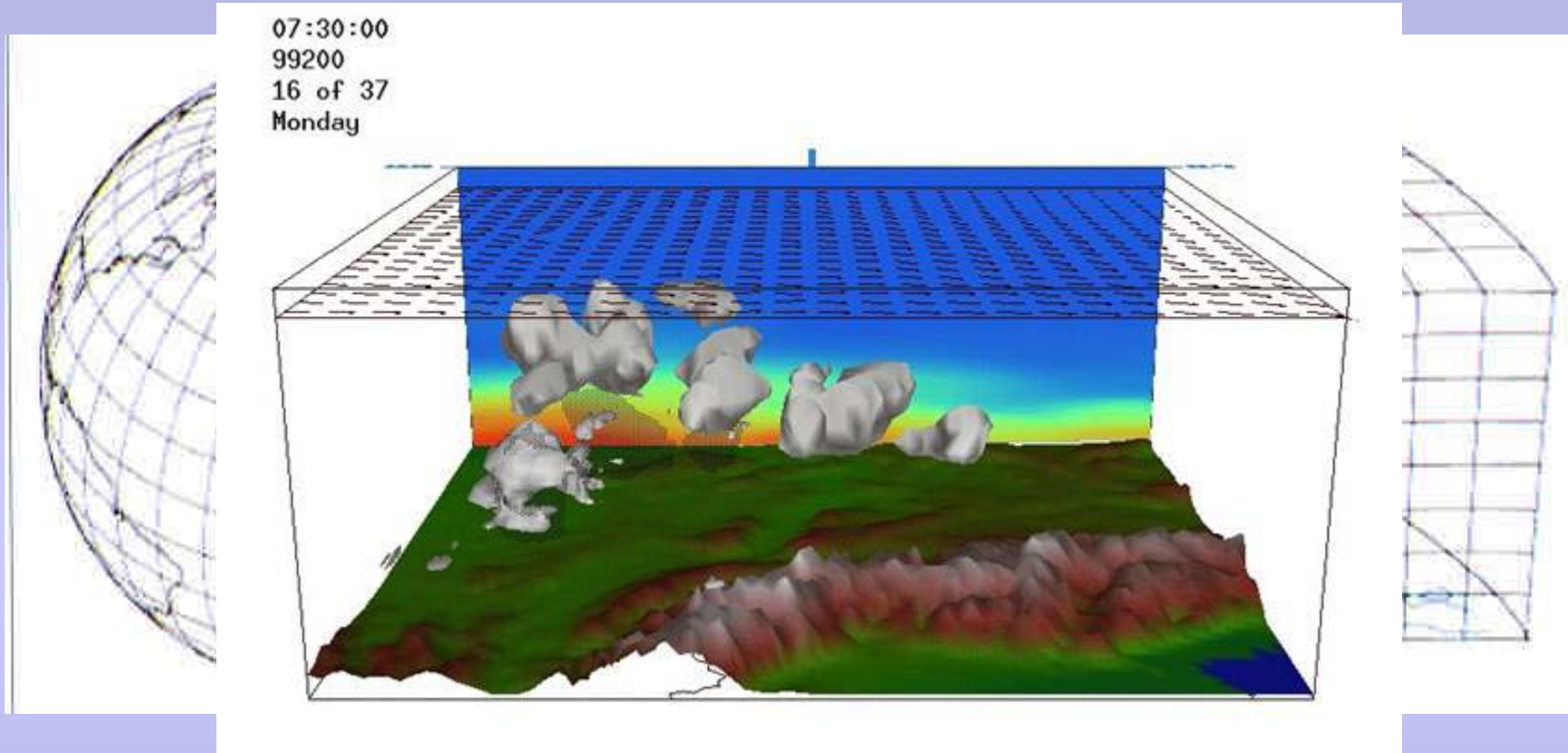
Hochwasser im Alpenraum



Dürre in Europa



Blick in die Zukunft: Regionale Klima Modellierung



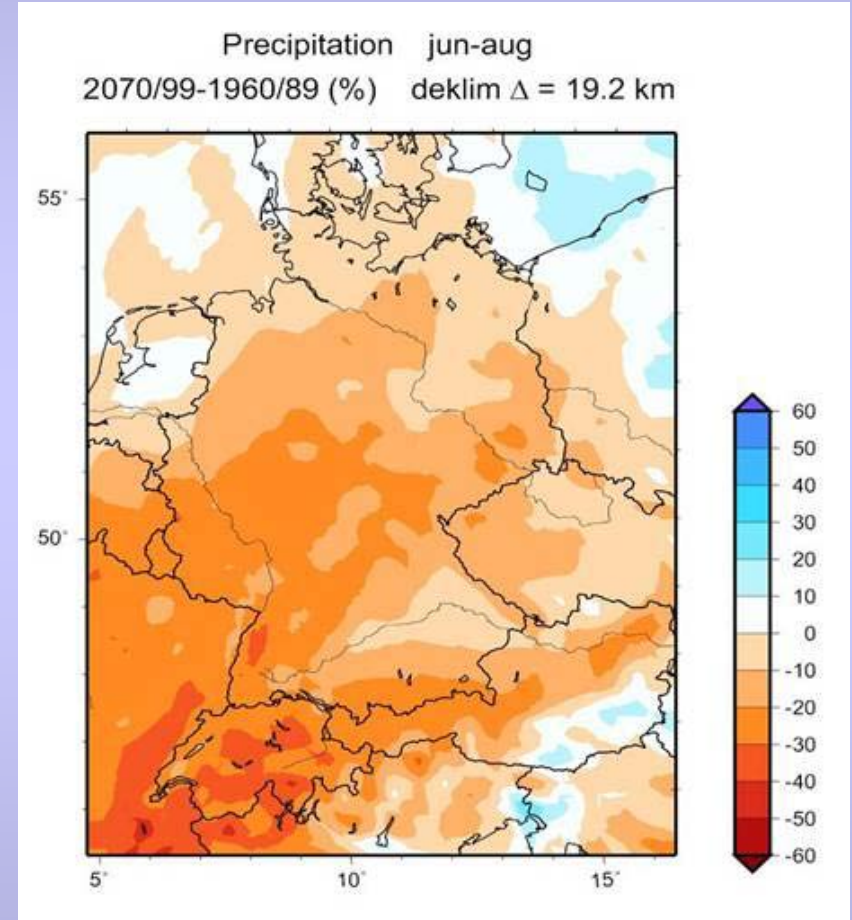
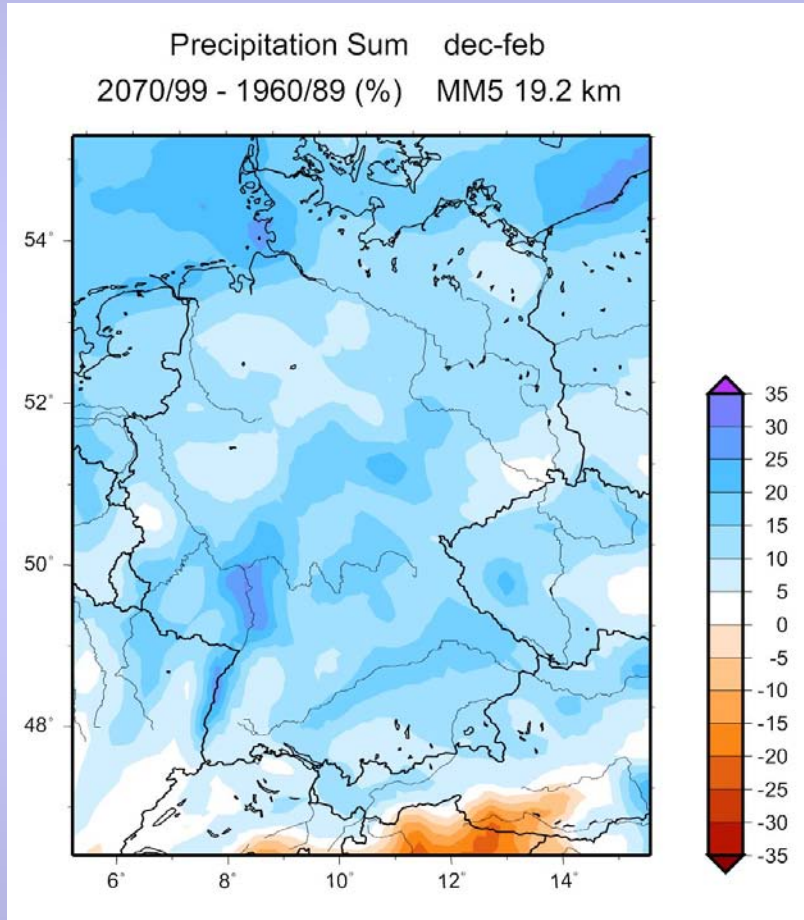
Explicit dynamical downscaling:
Numerical simulation of atmospheric processes
by finite difference schemes solving atmospheric PDEs

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Niederschlag: Änderung in % (2070/99 – 1960/89)

Winter

Sommer



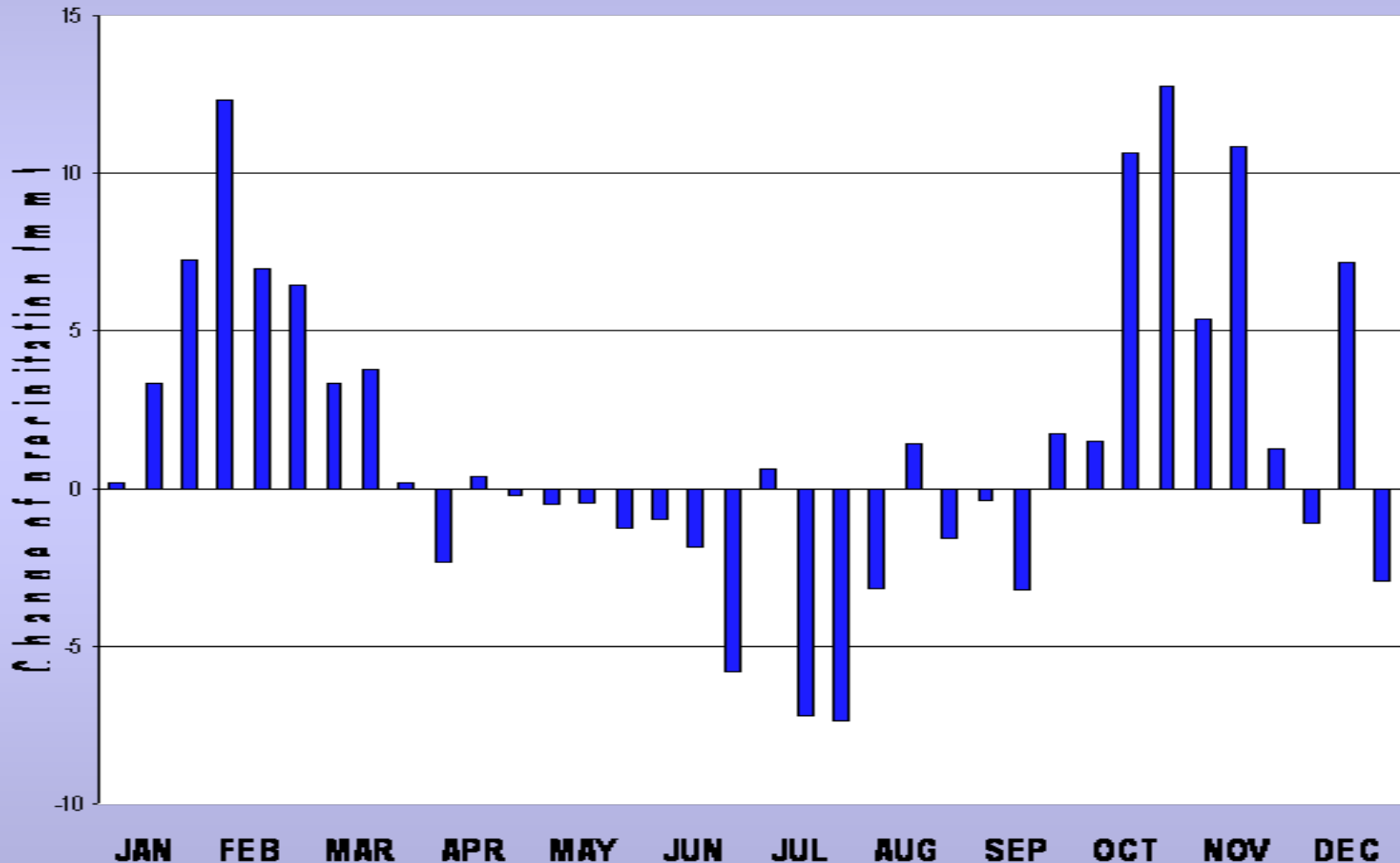
bis 30% mehr Niederschlag im Winter (Europa $\bar{\approx}$ +11%)

bis 40% weniger Niederschlag im Sommer (Europa $\bar{\approx}$ -1%)

(courtesy of Drs.H. Kunstmann & R. Knoche, FZK-IMK-IFU)

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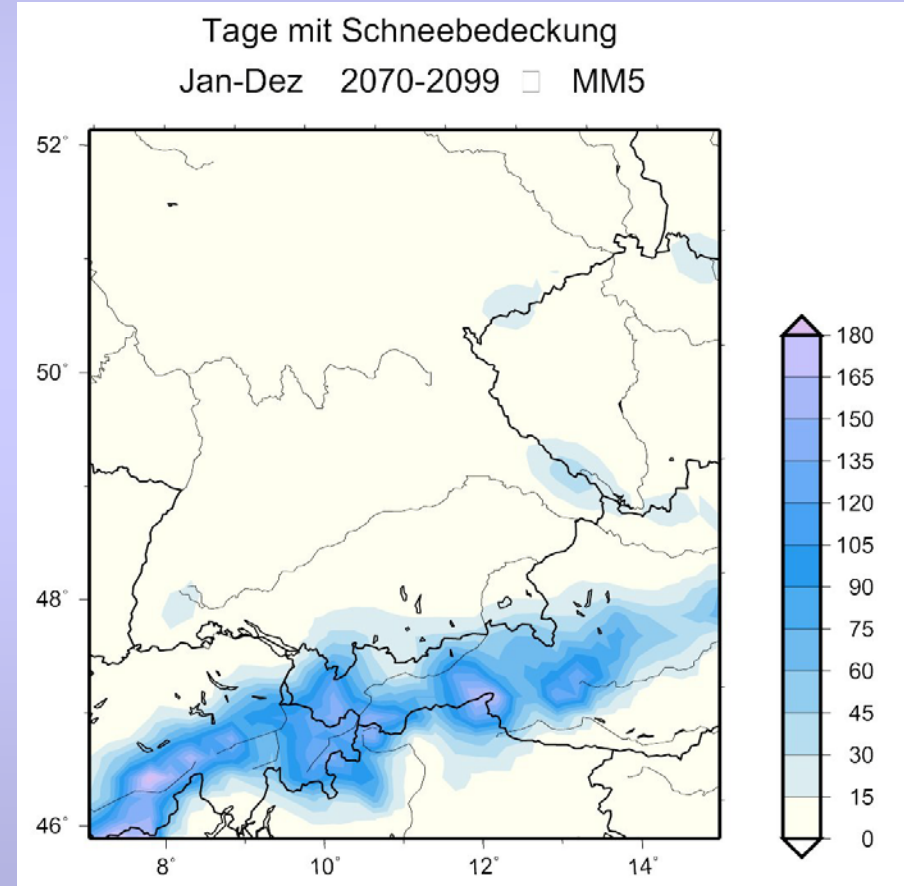
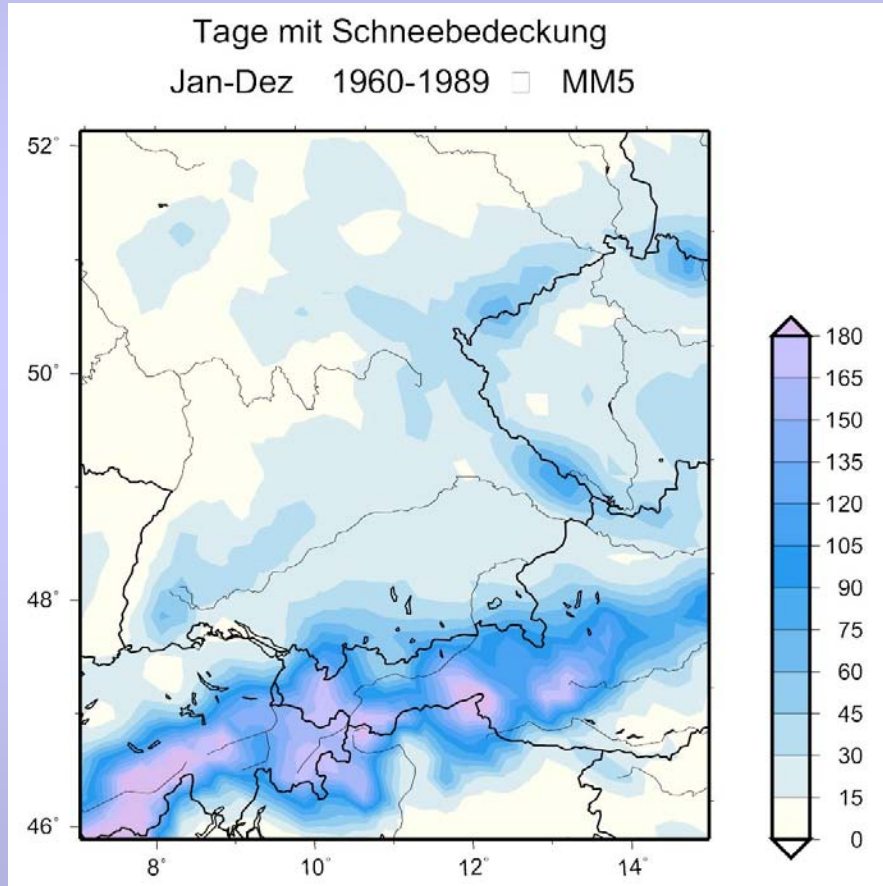
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Tage mit Schneebedeckung:

1960-1989

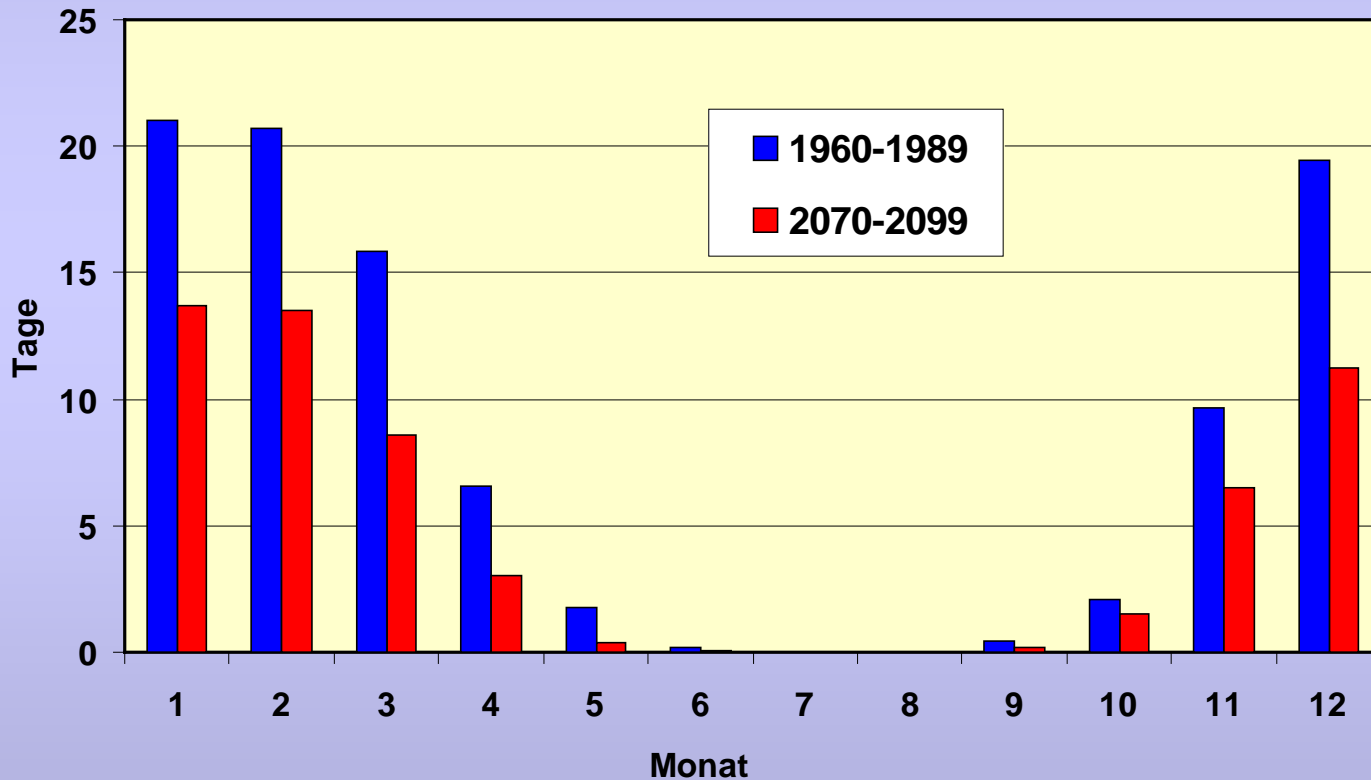


2070-2099



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Tage mit Schneebedeckung Südbayern und nördlicher Ostalpenraum



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Die Zukunft des Wintersportes?



Danke für die Aufmerksamkeit !