

# ***Climate Change: tra evidenze scientifiche e percezione mediatica***



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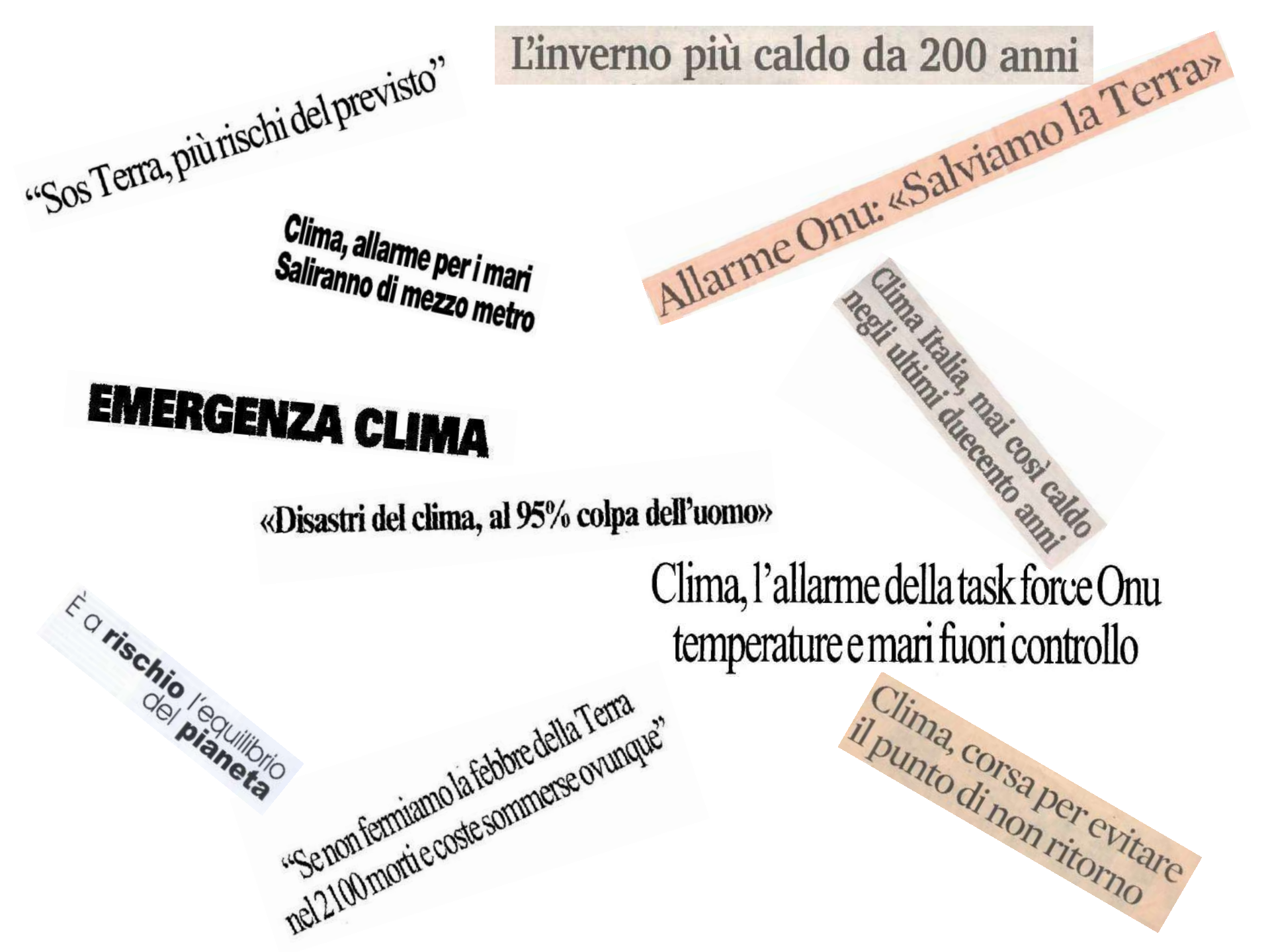
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@SteffenMalskaer got the difficult task of retrieving our oceanographic moorings and weather station on sea ice in North West Greenland this year. Rapid melt and sea ice



“Sos Terra, più rischi del previsto”

L'inverno più caldo da 200 anni

Clima, allarme per i mari  
Saliranno di mezzo metro

Allarme Onu: «Salviamo la Terra»

Clima Italia, mai così caldo  
negli ultimi duecento anni

## EMERGENZA CLIMA

«Disastri del clima, al 95% colpa dell'uomo»

Clima, l'allarme della task force Onu  
temperature e mari fuori controllo

È a rischio  
del l'equilibrio  
del pianeta

“Se non fermiamo la febbre della Terra  
nel 2100 morti e coste sommerse ovunque”

Clima, corsa per evitare  
il punto di non ritorno

Diverso parere

## Attenzione agli eccessi catastrofisti

di Emilio Gerelli

L'organo dell'Onu che indaga sul riscaldamento globale, l'Intergovernmental panel on climate change (Ipcc), ha presentato ieri 21 pagine di Sintesi per i politici, in attesa di un più robusto Rapporto, promesso, ma rinviato. Ciò impedirà agli scienziati di vagliare le affermazioni della Sintesi, mancando i dettagli. Di più, contrariamente alla pretesa del Panel di rappresentare la comunità scientifica, la Sintesi è stata sottoposta, come sempre, al controllo politico dei Governi partecipanti al Panel.

Addio, dunque, all'indipendenza della scienza, come è provato da passate proteste di studiosi sul fatto che le Sintesi non rappresentavano correttamente le conclusioni dei Rapporti approfonditi. Peraltro, anche gli esperti del Panel sono di nomina governativa. Non vengono, quindi, scelti dagli studiosi competenti: situazione analoga a quella in cui i professori universitari non vengono liberamente scelti dai loro pari competenti, ma da un ministro. Risultato: la ricerca va a rotoli.

La Sintesi prevede notevoli aumenti del livello del mare e della temperatura a fine secolo. Quanto alla solidità di queste previsioni, si tace sul fatto che esse poggiano principalmente su simulazioni da calcolatori, che dovrebbero replicare il complicatissimo sistema climatico: un compito da molti ritenuto impossibile. Anche

### CHI È DISPOSTO A PAGARE

Nel documento mancano dettagli importanti per la valutazione scientifica. Grandi inquinatori fuori dal protocollo di Kyoto

**"Spesso allarmistiche e fittizie le ipotesi sui cambiamenti climatici"**

Kyoto e i "misfatti" dell'uomo

**L'effetto serra:  
tante bufale  
bene inventate**

Se nell'Artico i ghiacci si sciolgono, nell'Antartide la temperatura si abbassa. È la legge della Natura

# CLIMA

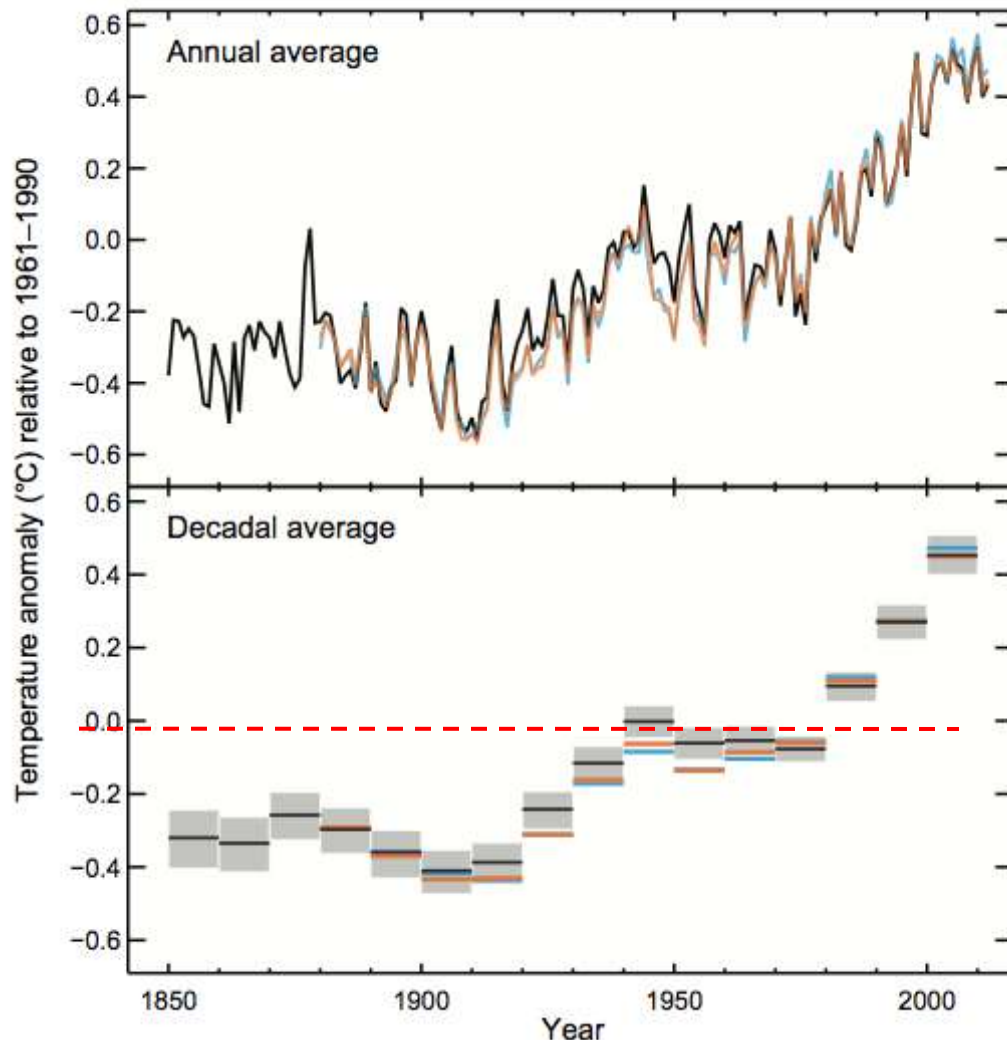
*Ma davvero il mondo  
si sta scaldando troppo?*

Il nuovo romanzo dello scrittore è dedicato al clima. "Occupiamoci di cose più serie, come l'Aids"

## La favola della Terra più calda

**Fenomenologia del Climate Change:  
misure strumentali  
[1850-presente]**

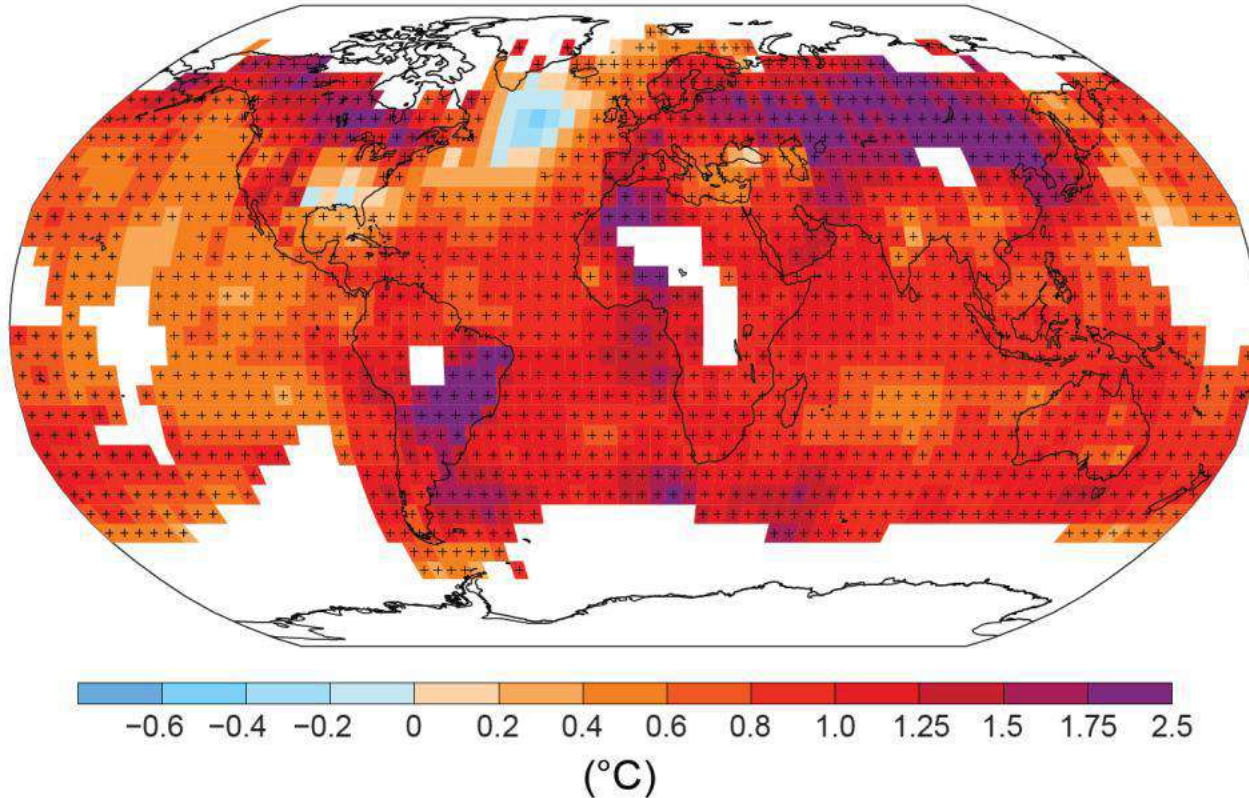
# Temperatura Media Globale Superficiale



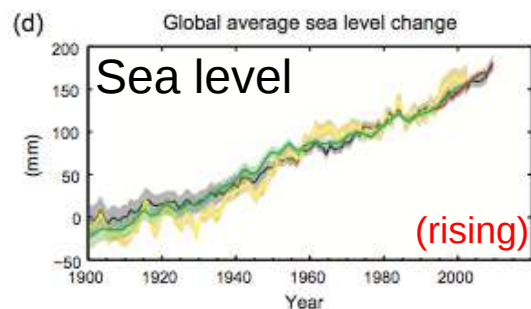
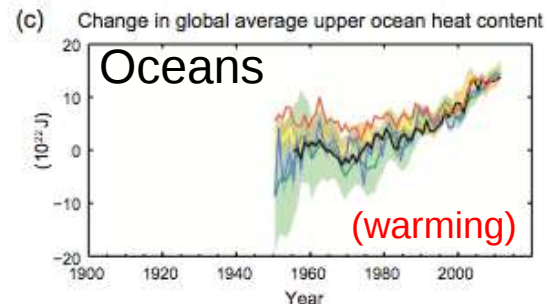
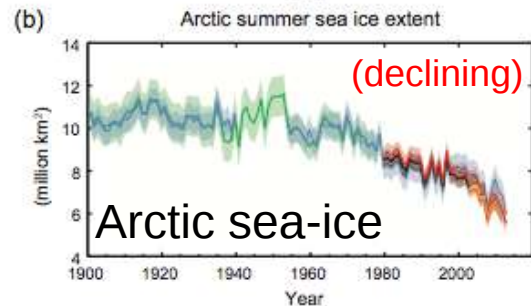
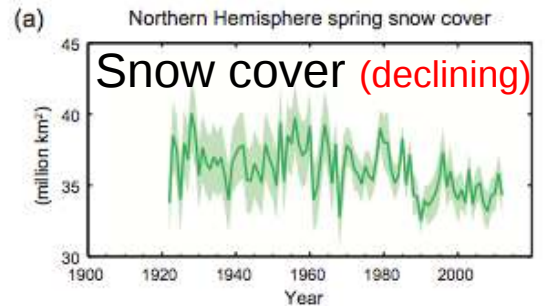
## Aumento della $T_{mgs}$ :

- - *trend lineare* –  
**0,85° C** nel periodo 1880–2012
- **Ultimi tre decenni sono stati i più caldi dal 1850**
- **L'ultimo decennio è stato il più caldo.**

# 1901 – 2012: Variazioni osservate delle temperature superficiali



# Altri indicatori del CC

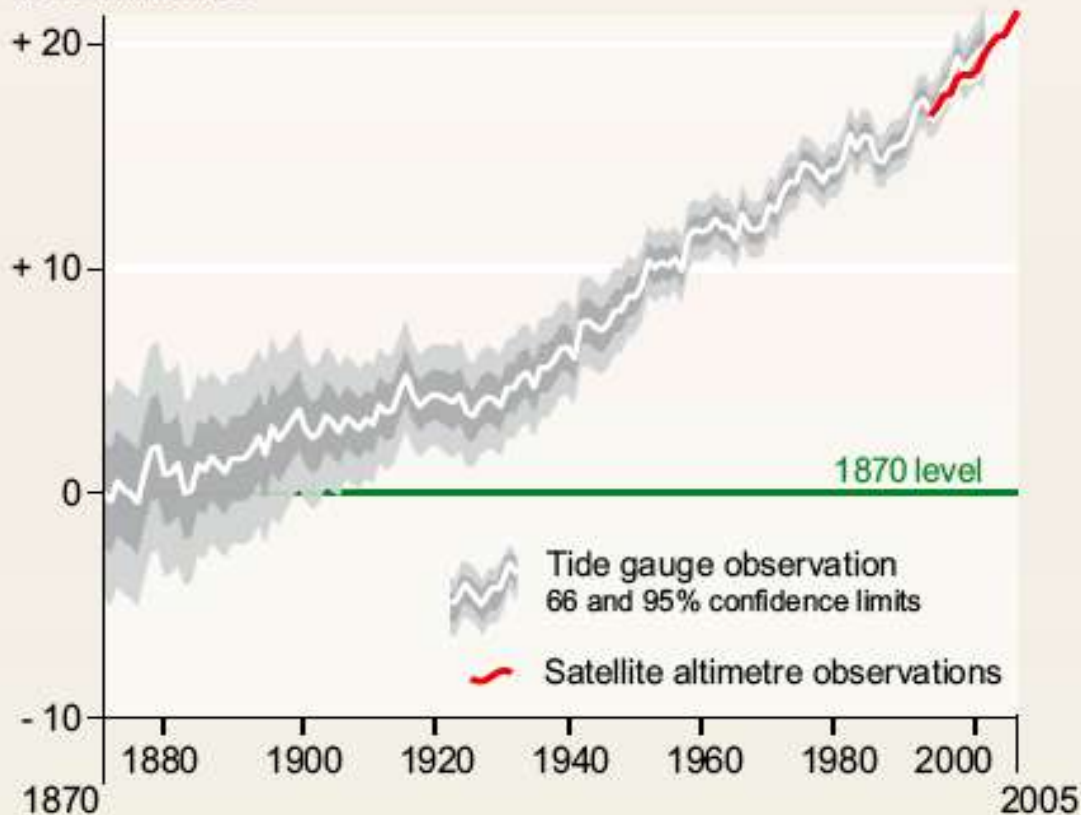


- Since the 1950s, many of the observed changes are unprecedented over decades to millennia.
- The atmosphere and ocean have warmed, the amounts of snow and ice have diminished, sea level has risen, and the concentrations of greenhouse gases have increased.

# Variazioni dell' altezza del livello del mare

## Global mean sea level

Change of sea level  
in centimetres



Source: Hugo Ahlenius, GRID-Arendal 2008, updated from Church and White 2006.



# Variazioni nell'estensione dei ghiacciai

1893



2008



Ghiacciaio della Vedretta di Vallelunga

Muir and Riggs Glaciers

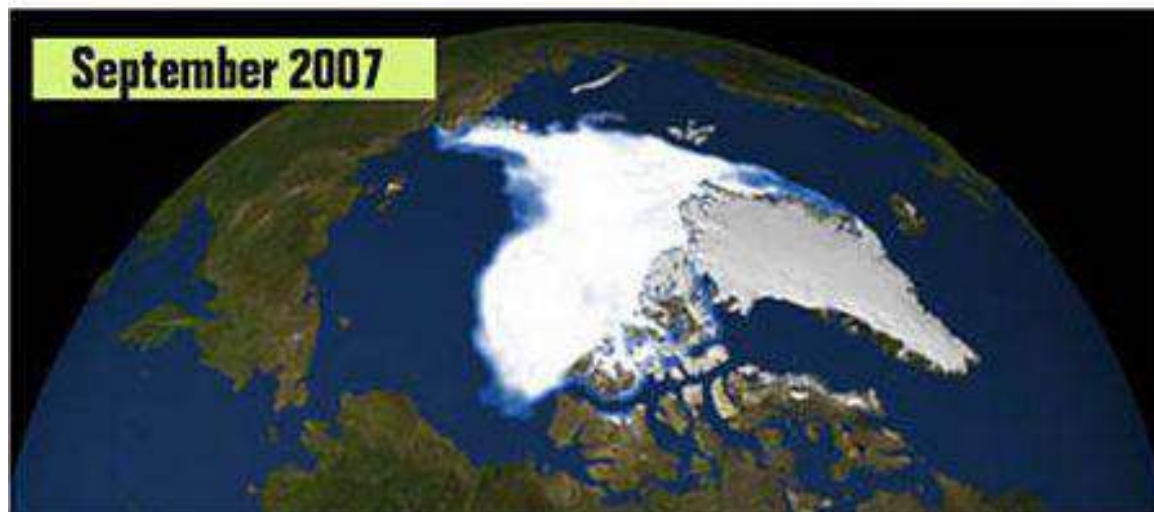
2004



1941

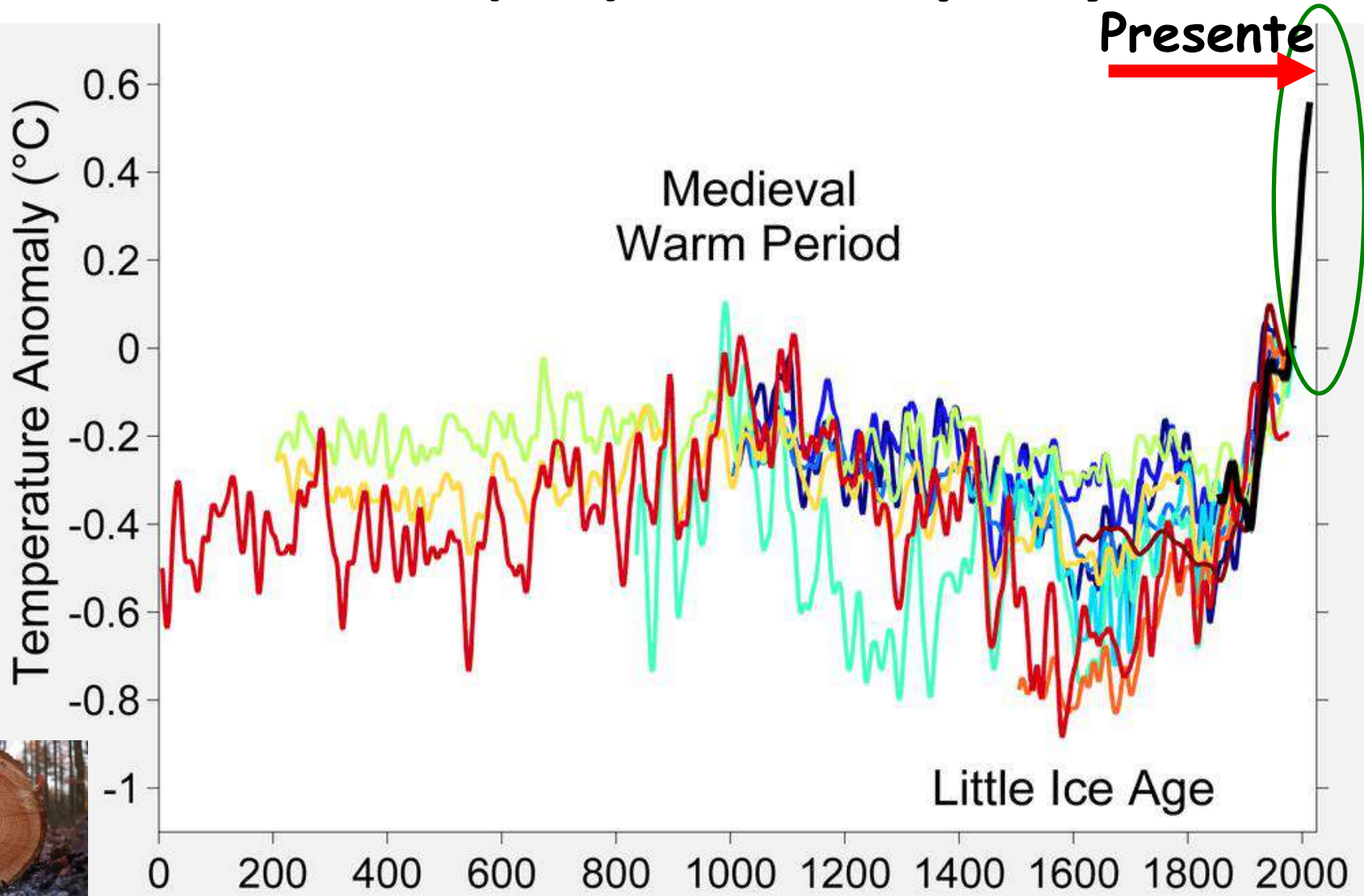


# Variazioni nell'estensione del ghiaccio Artico

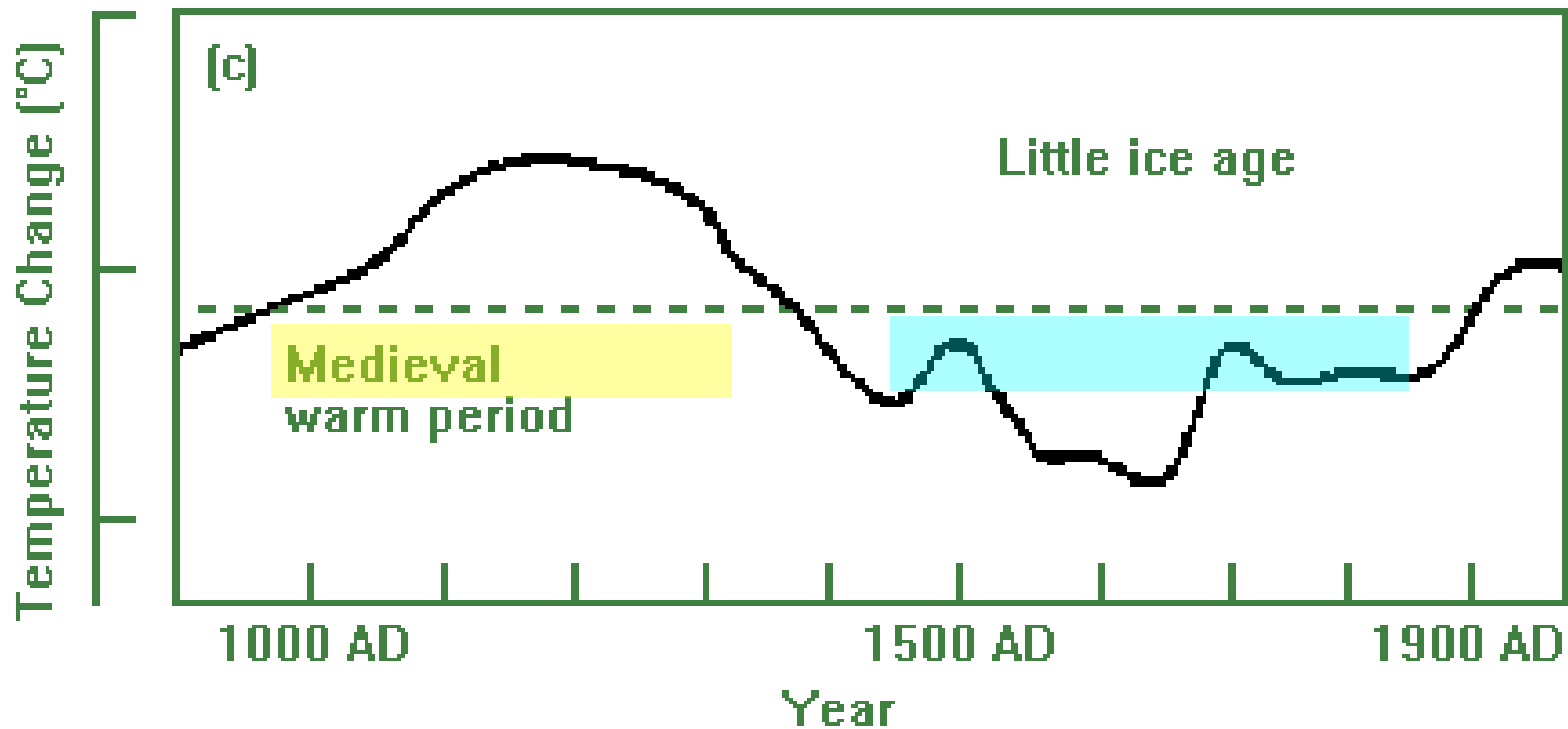


**Passato Prossimo**  
**[2000 years BP]**

# Ricostruzioni della temperatura superficiale dell'emisfero nord (NH) tramite "proxy"

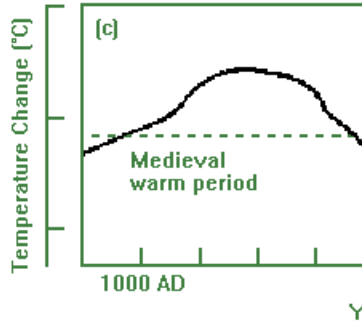


# Cambiamenti avvenuti in periodi relativamente recenti



# L'Optimum Climatico Medievale

I Vichinghi,  
sfruttando l'optimum climatico medioevale  
riescono ad esplorare tutto l'Atlantico  
Settentrionale.

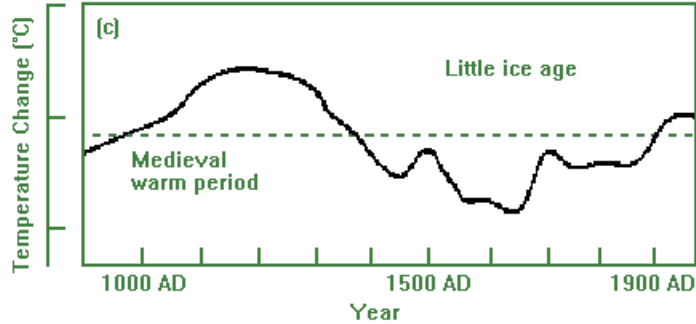


Erik il Rosso,viaggia e fonda colonie in Groenlandia  
Nord America (Vineland)



# La Piccola Era Glaciale

Dopo il 1450, le cose cambiano. Sul settore EuroAtlantico le temperature volgono al freddo: e' arrivata la Piccola Era Glaciale.

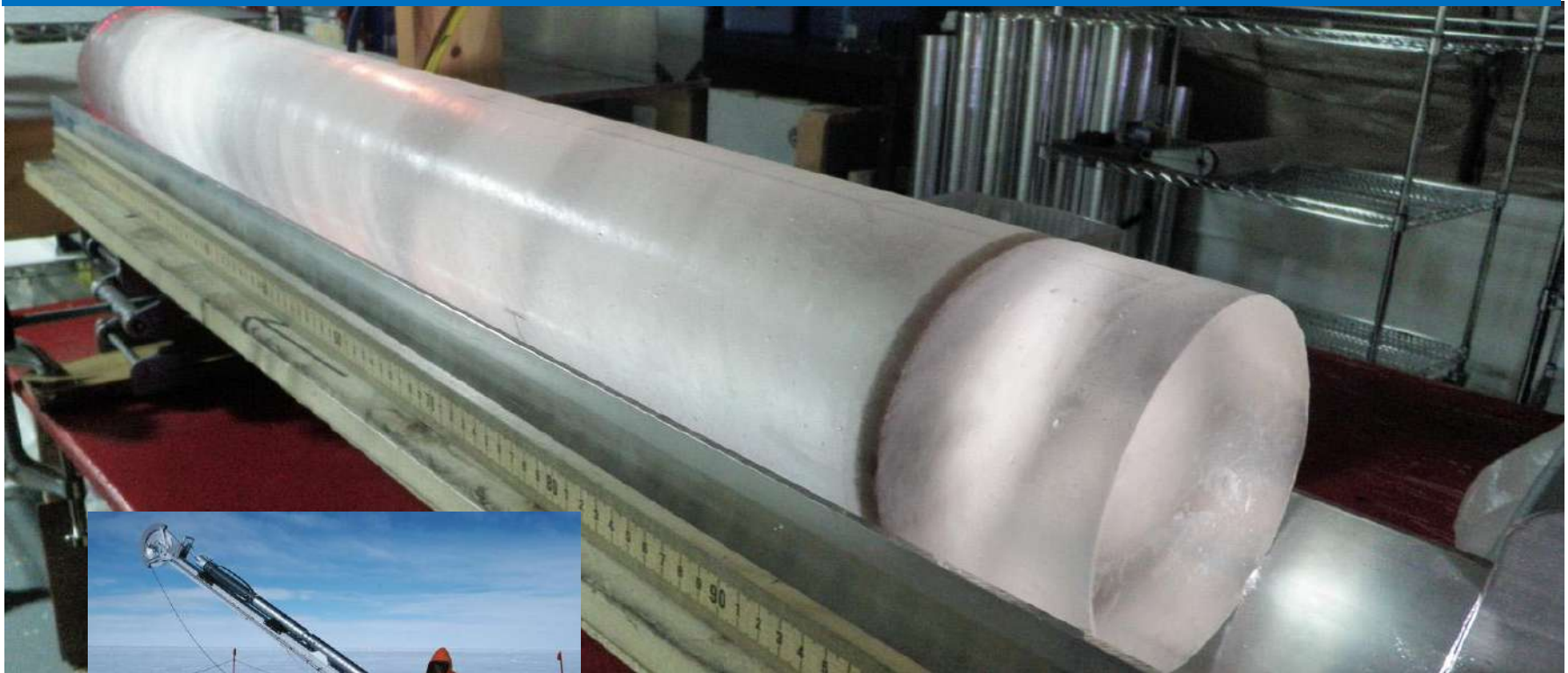


**Le fiere del ghiaccio  
sul Tamigi (sec. XVI-XIX)**

# **Passato Remoto**

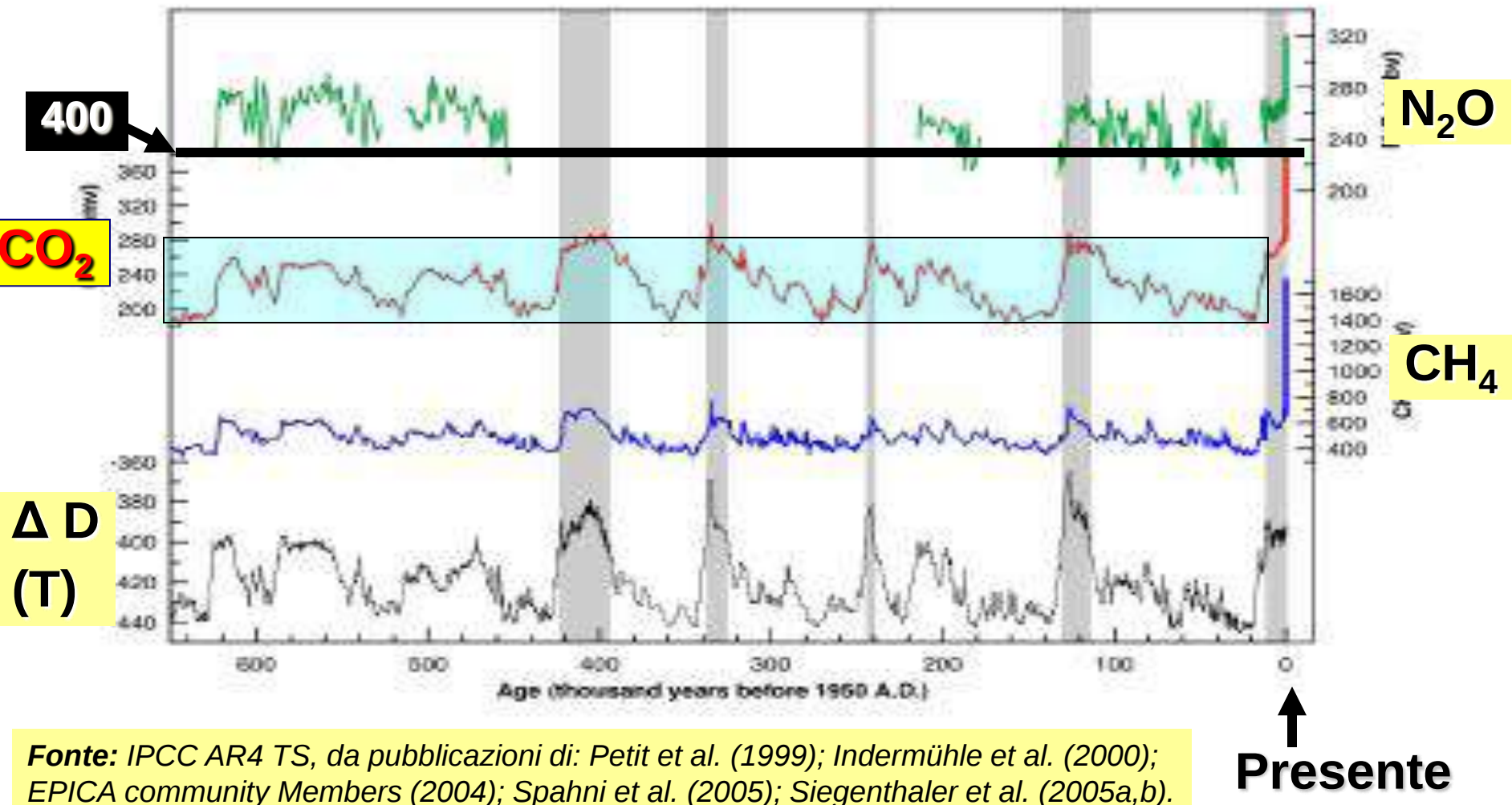
## **[650K years BP]**

# La memoria del ghiaccio: il contributo della paleoclimatologia allo studio del clima

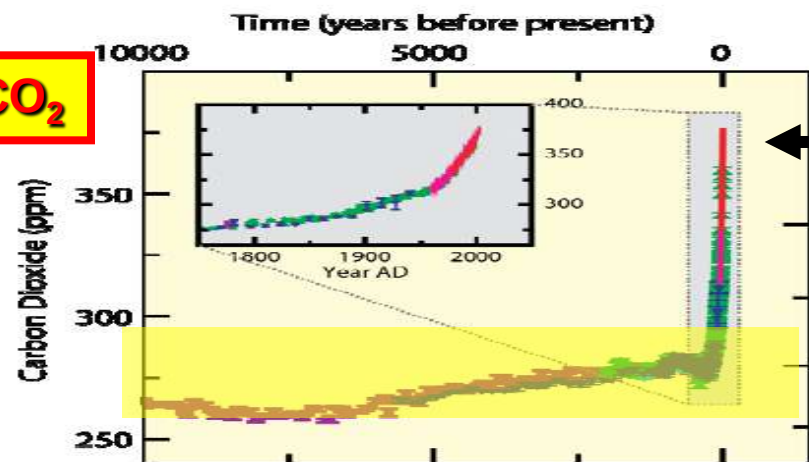


# 650000 anni fa - Presente:

Concentrazioni dei gas serra e “proxy” della temperatura



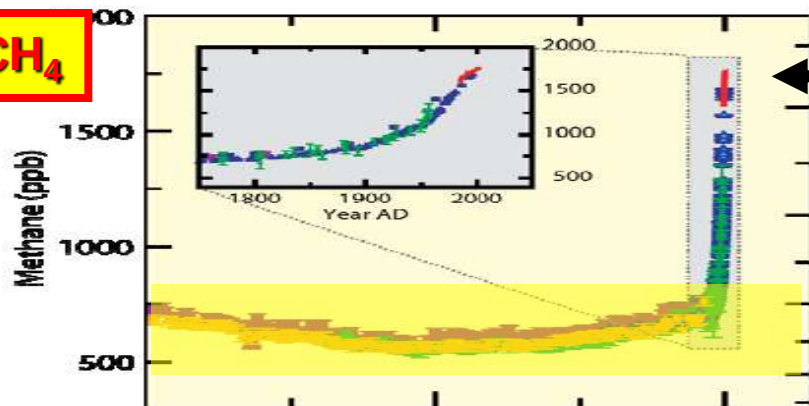
**CO<sub>2</sub>**



2015: **400** ppm

7500 AC - 1750:  
**260 - 280** ppm

**CH<sub>4</sub>**

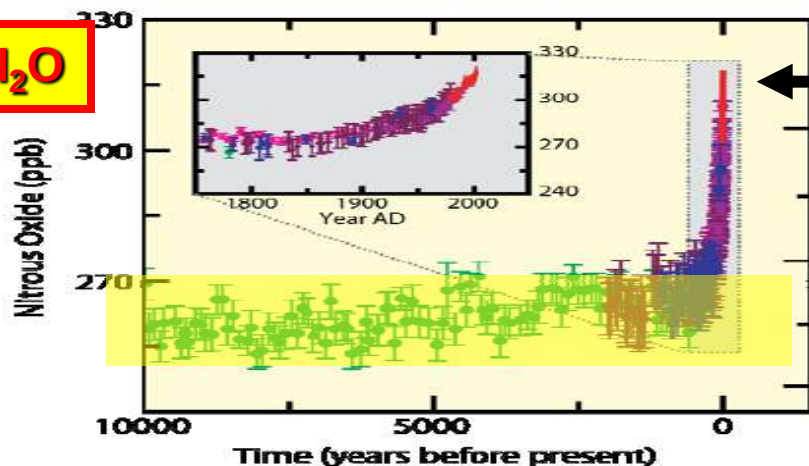


2015: **1823** ppb

7500 AC - 1750:  
**715** ppb

**Variazione delle concentrazioni  
di GHG e del Forzante Radiativo:  
negli ultimi 10000 anni  
750-2006**

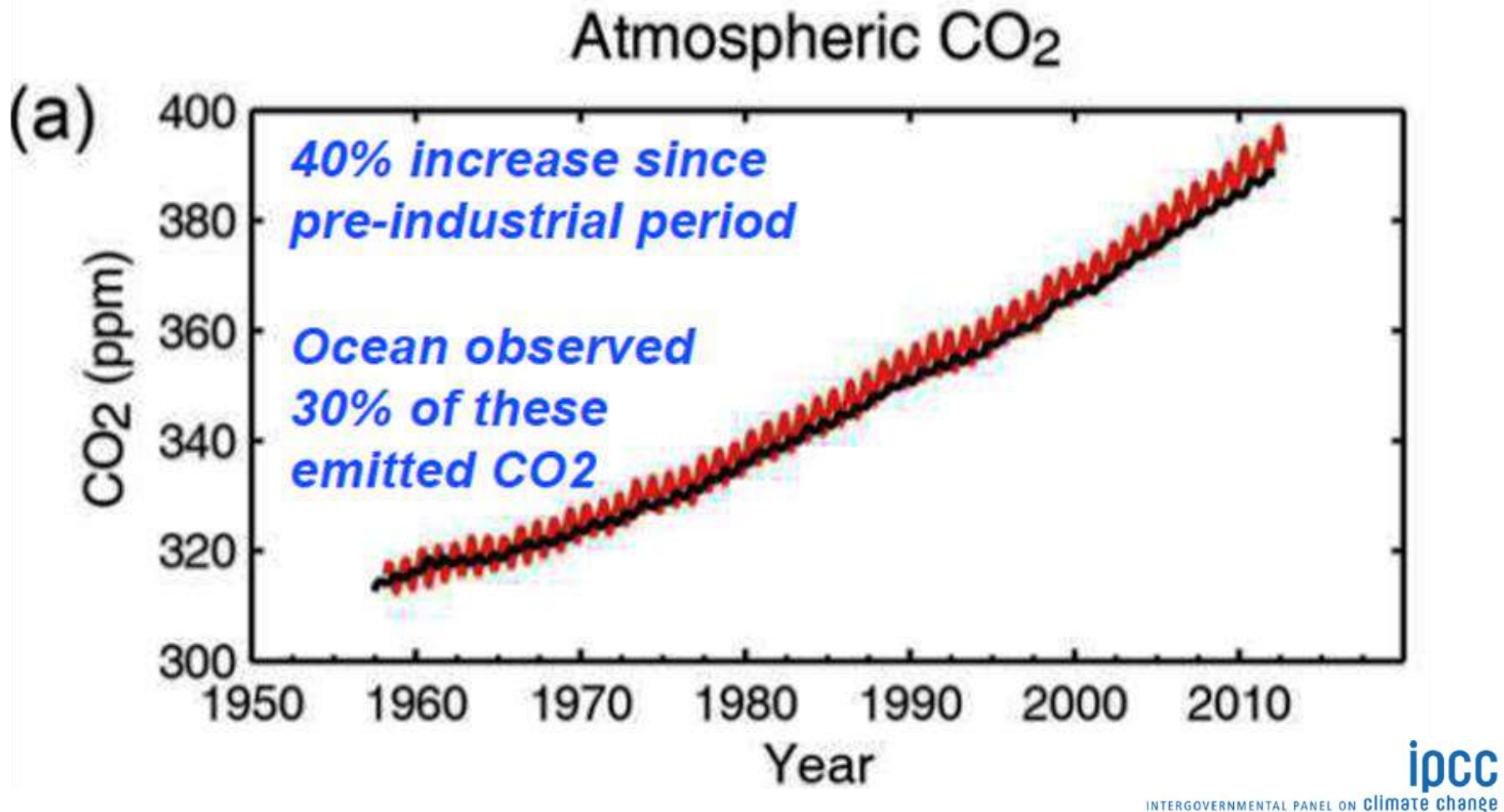
**N<sub>2</sub>O**



2015: **327** ppb

7500 AC - 1750:  
circa **270** ppb

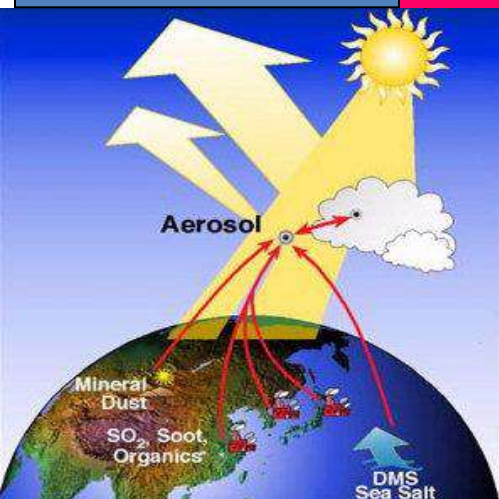
The atmospheric concentrations of CO<sub>2</sub>, methane and nitrous oxide have increased to levels unprecedented in at least the last 800,000 years.



# **Understanding the causes**

**(Beyond detection)**

# Fattori umani



## Aerosol atmosferico



## Attività vulcanica

# Fattori naturali

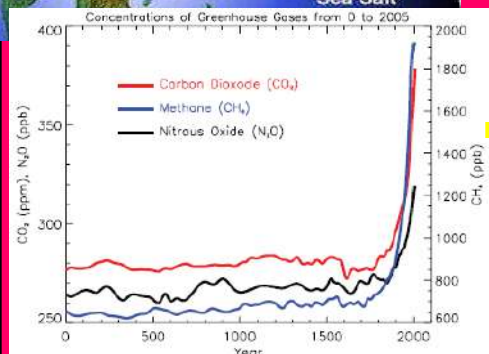
## Variazione della radiazione solare



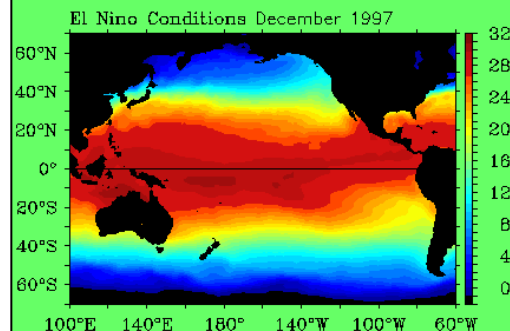
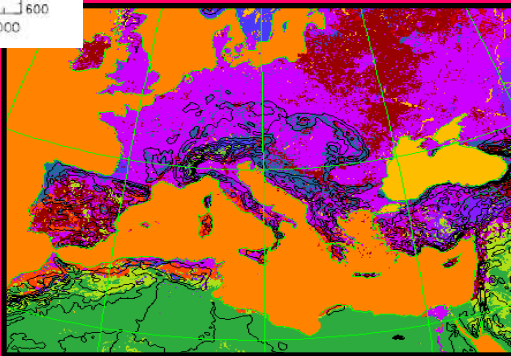
## Effetto Serra

Radiated  
out to space

## Effetto Serra Rinforzato



## Uso del territorio



## Variabilità naturale (ENSO, NAO)

# Global Warming: e' dovuto alla naturale variabilità climatica?

L'andamento dei cicli solari potrebbe spiegare il riscaldamento di inizio secolo, ma le misurazioni satellitari mostrano un'attività costante negli ultimi 35 anni

Le eruzioni vulcaniche, inizialmente imputate come possibile causa di riscaldamento, schermano la radiazione solare incidente, contribuendo a un temporaneo raffreddamento

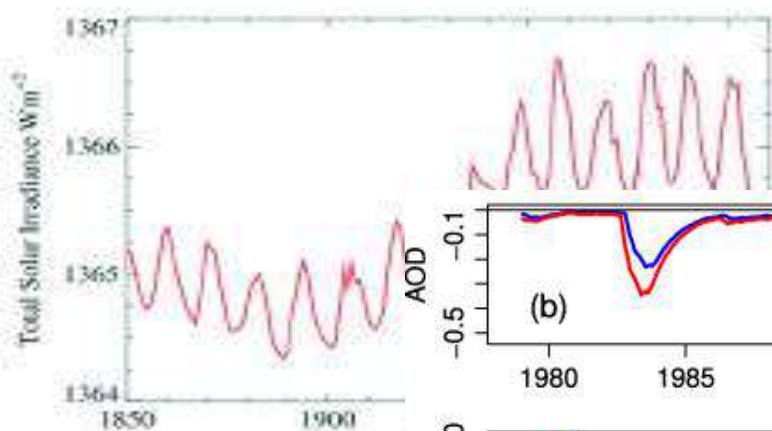
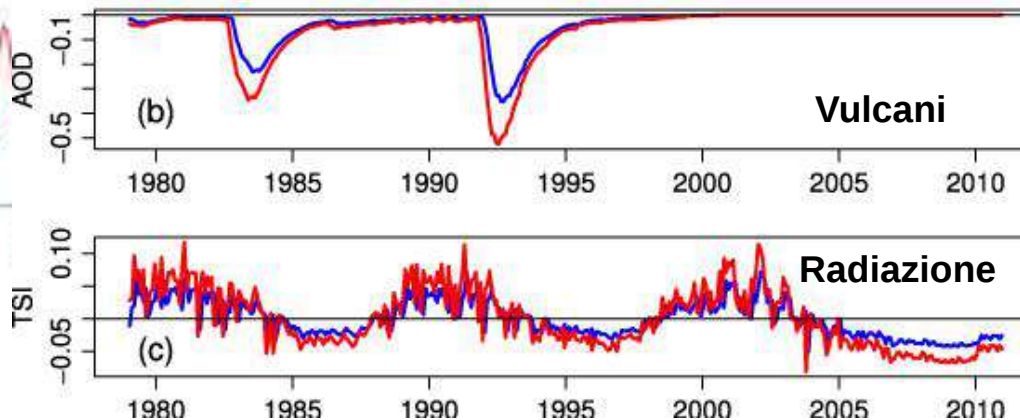


FIG 1 Solar activity 1850-2000

**Attività  
solare**

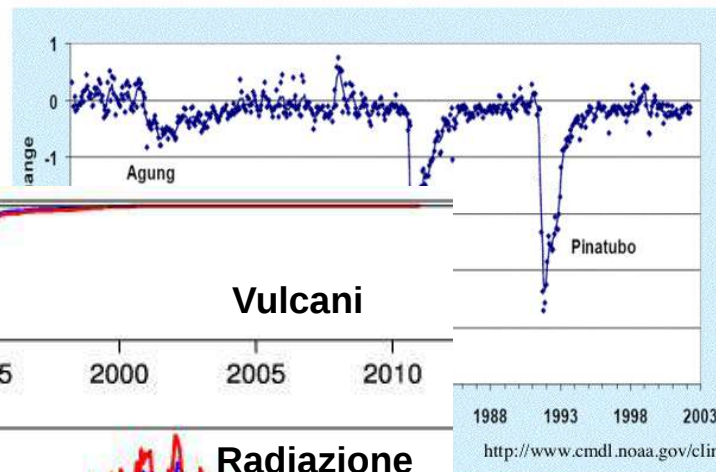


**Vulcani**

**Radiazione**

**Attività  
vulcanica**

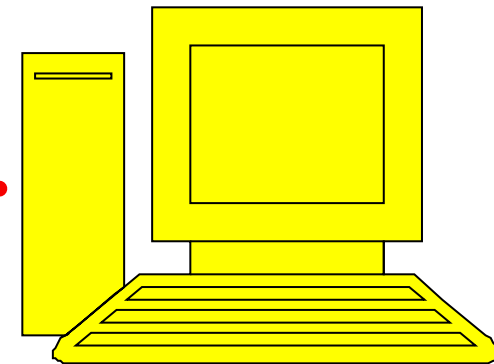
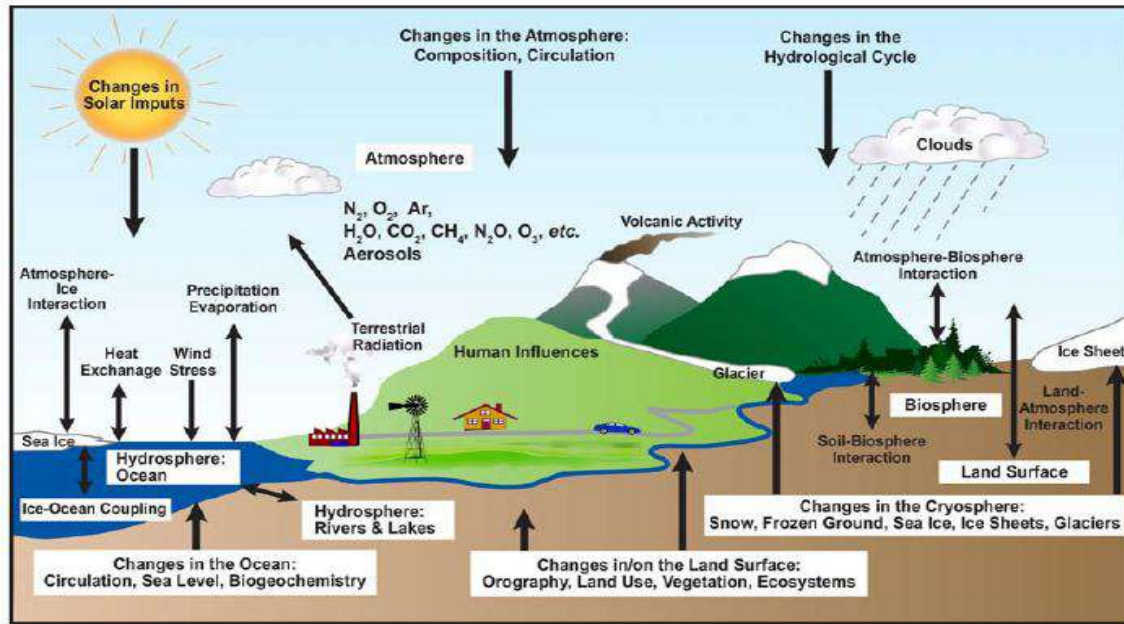
## Effect of Volcanoes on Solar Radiation Reaching the Earth



<http://www.cmdl.noaa.gov/climate.html>

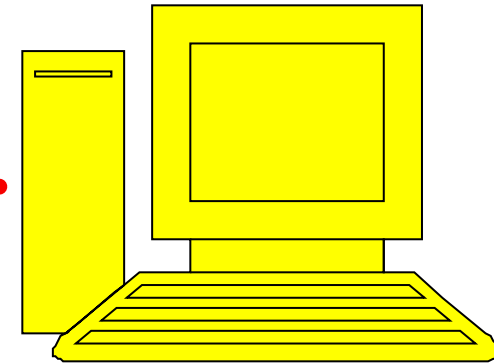
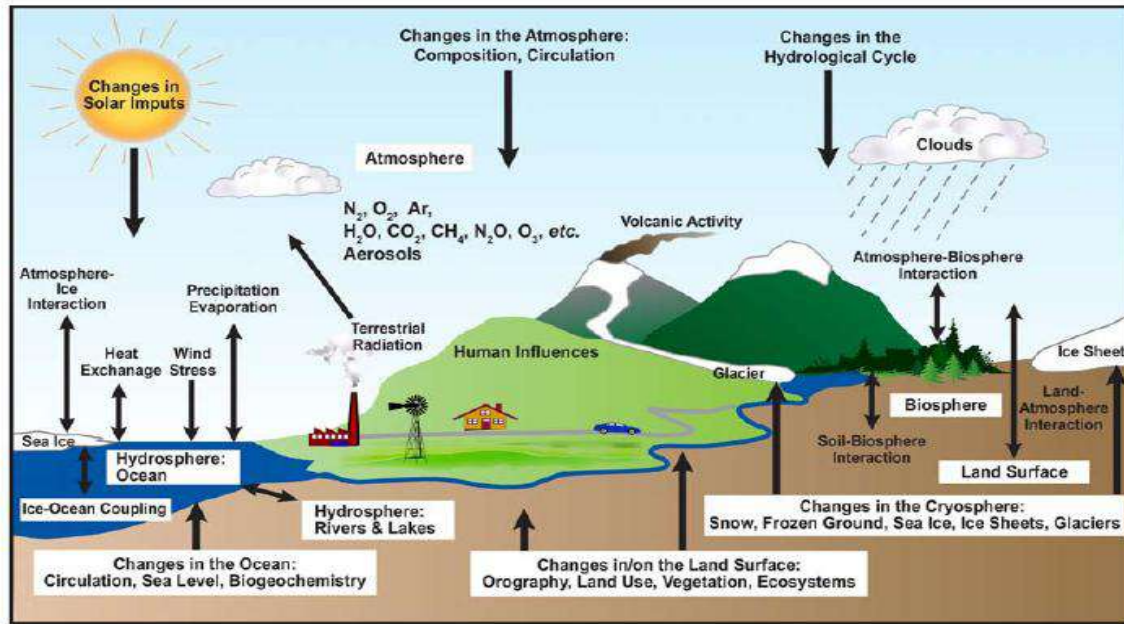
# MODELLI NUMERICI DEL CLIMA

## *Il sistema clima*



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$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \cdot \nabla u - \frac{u^2 \tan \theta}{a} + \frac{uw}{a} = -\frac{1}{\rho \cos \theta} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \lambda} + F_\lambda$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \cdot \nabla v + \frac{u^2 \tan \theta}{a} + \frac{vw}{a} = -\frac{1}{\rho \sin \theta} \frac{\partial p}{\partial \theta} + F_\theta$$

$$\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \cdot \nabla w - \frac{u^2 + v^2}{a} = -\frac{1}{\rho} \frac{\partial p}{\partial z} - g + F_z$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \cdot \nabla T = \frac{1}{C_p \rho} \frac{dp}{dt} - Q$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \vec{v} \cdot \nabla \rho + \frac{\rho}{a \cos \theta} \left[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial \lambda} + \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (v \cos \theta) \right] = -\rho \frac{\partial w}{\partial z}$$

$$p = \rho R t$$

# CMCC High Performance Computing System

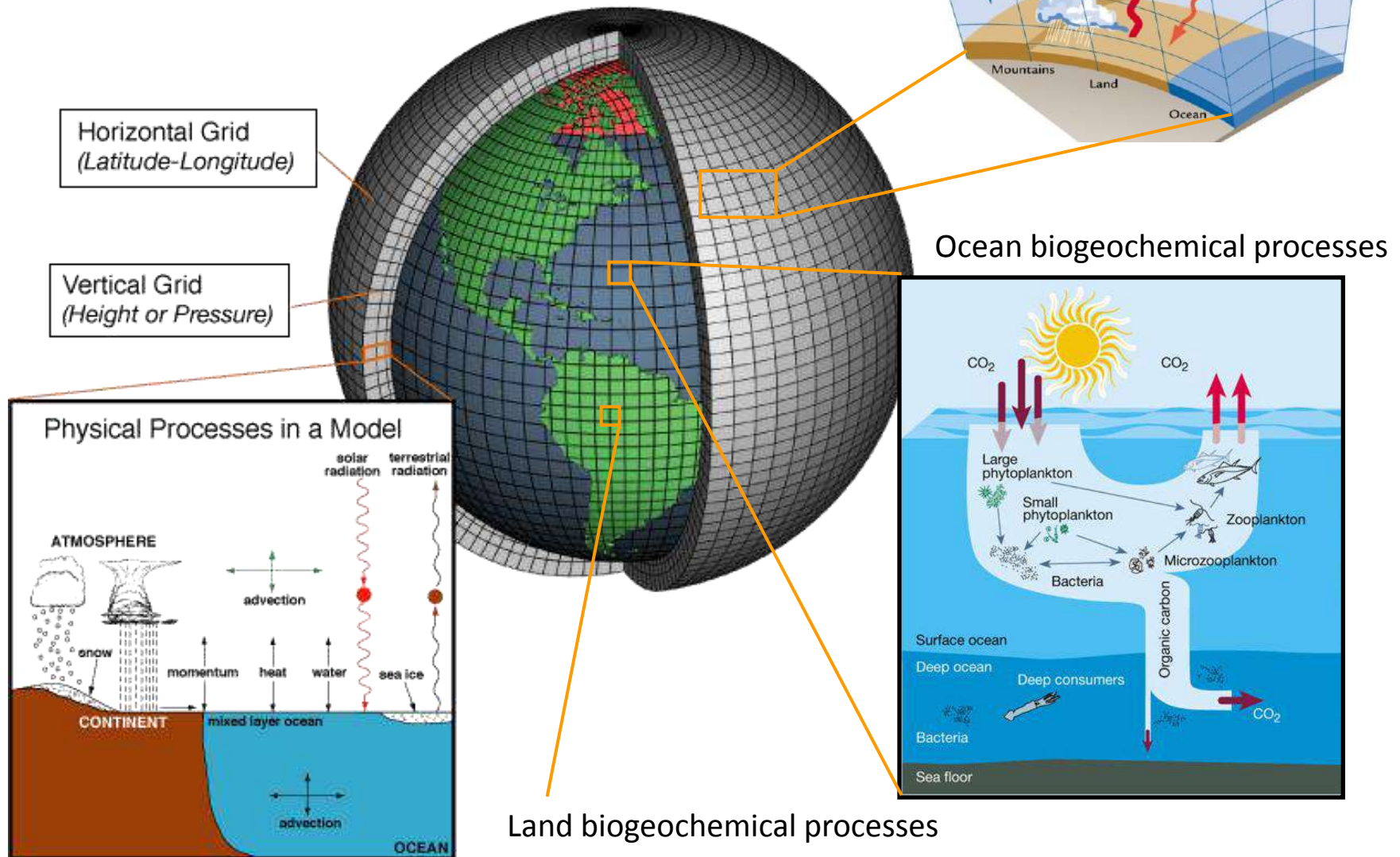
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IBM Power 6  
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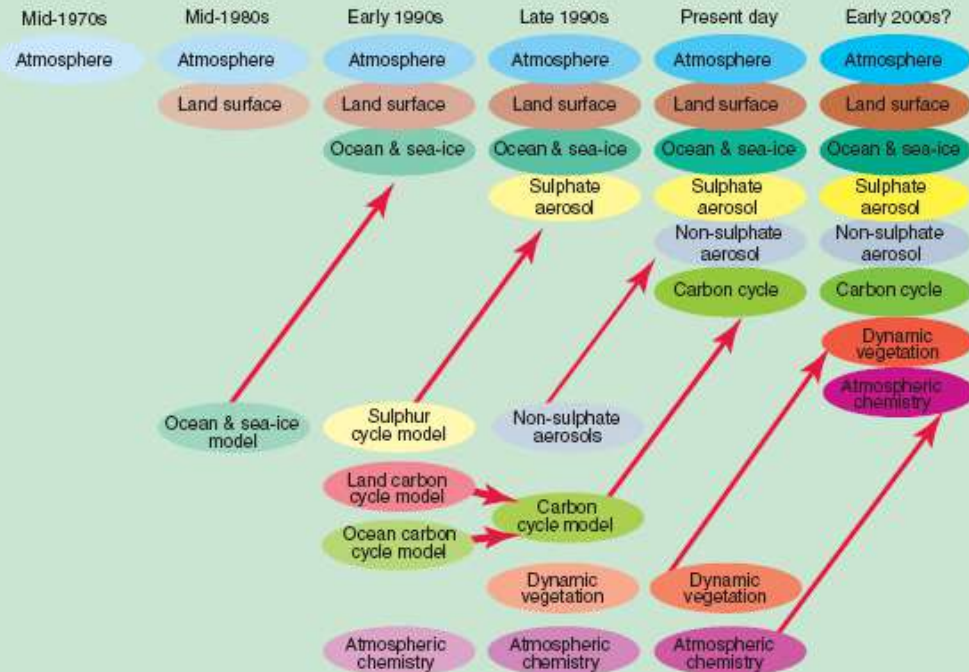


# Il modello numerico di simulazione del Sistema Terra

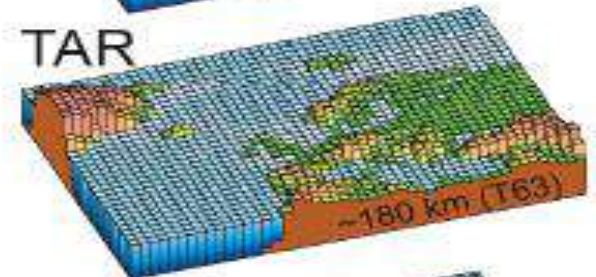
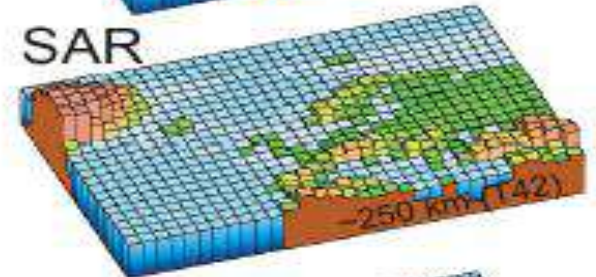
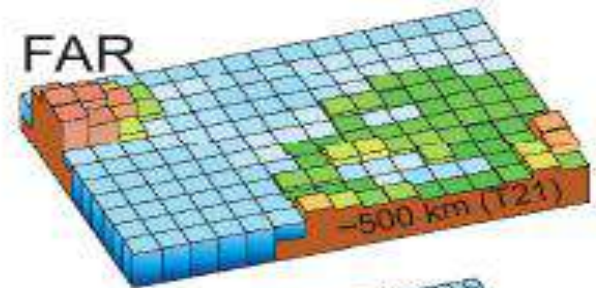


# EVOLUZIONE DEI MODELLI CLIMATICI

## The Development of Climate models, Past, Present and Future



**Box 3, Figure 1:** The development of climate models over the last 25 years showing how the different components are first developed separately and later coupled into comprehensive climate models.

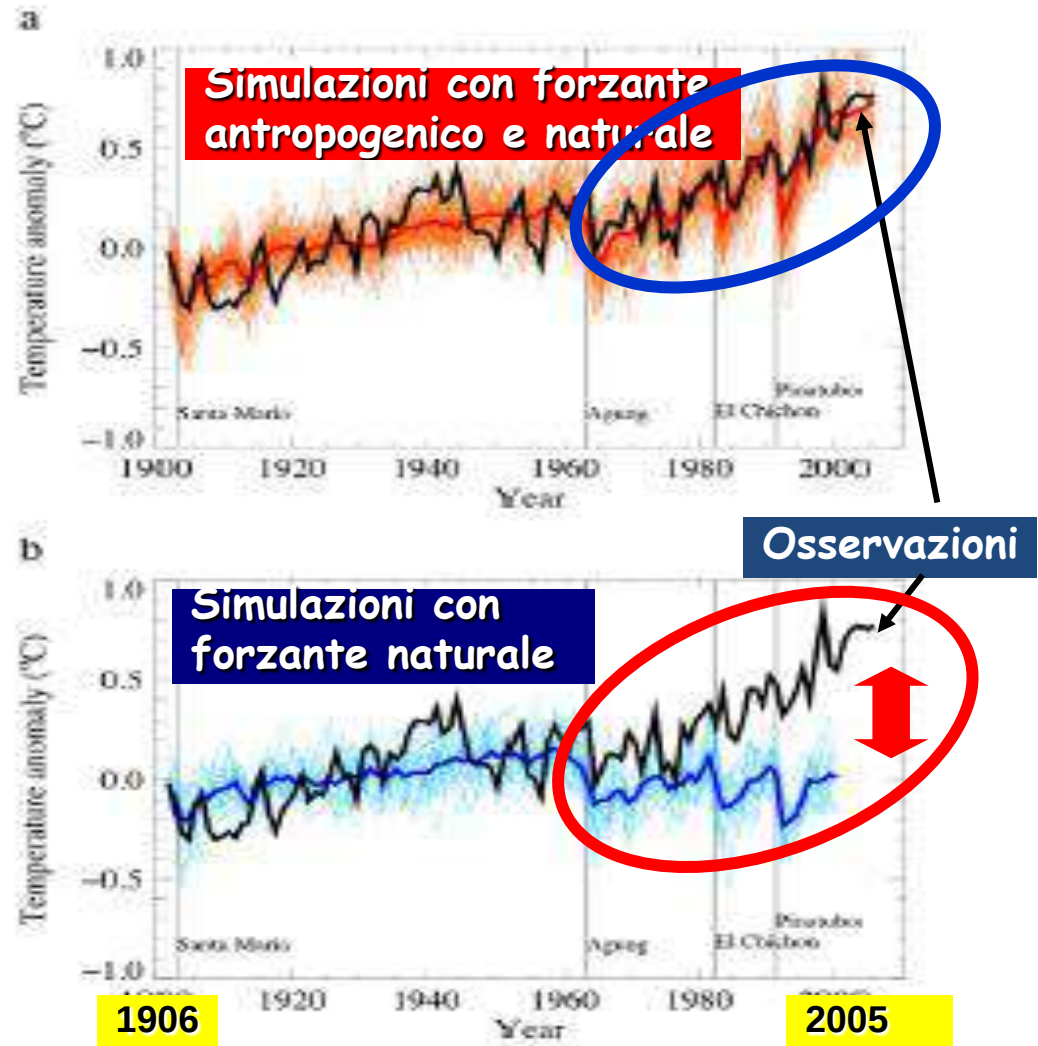


**AR5**

**1906 - 2005:**  
**Anomalie di  $T_{surf}$  globale**  
**relative a (1901-1950)**

**(58 Simulazioni  
con 14 AOGCM)**

**WGI - AR4 - IPCC (2007)**



**Solo utilizzando forzanti antropogenici e naturali i risultati dei modelli si riconciliano con le osservazioni.**

**Il futuro**

# Che cosa accadrà?



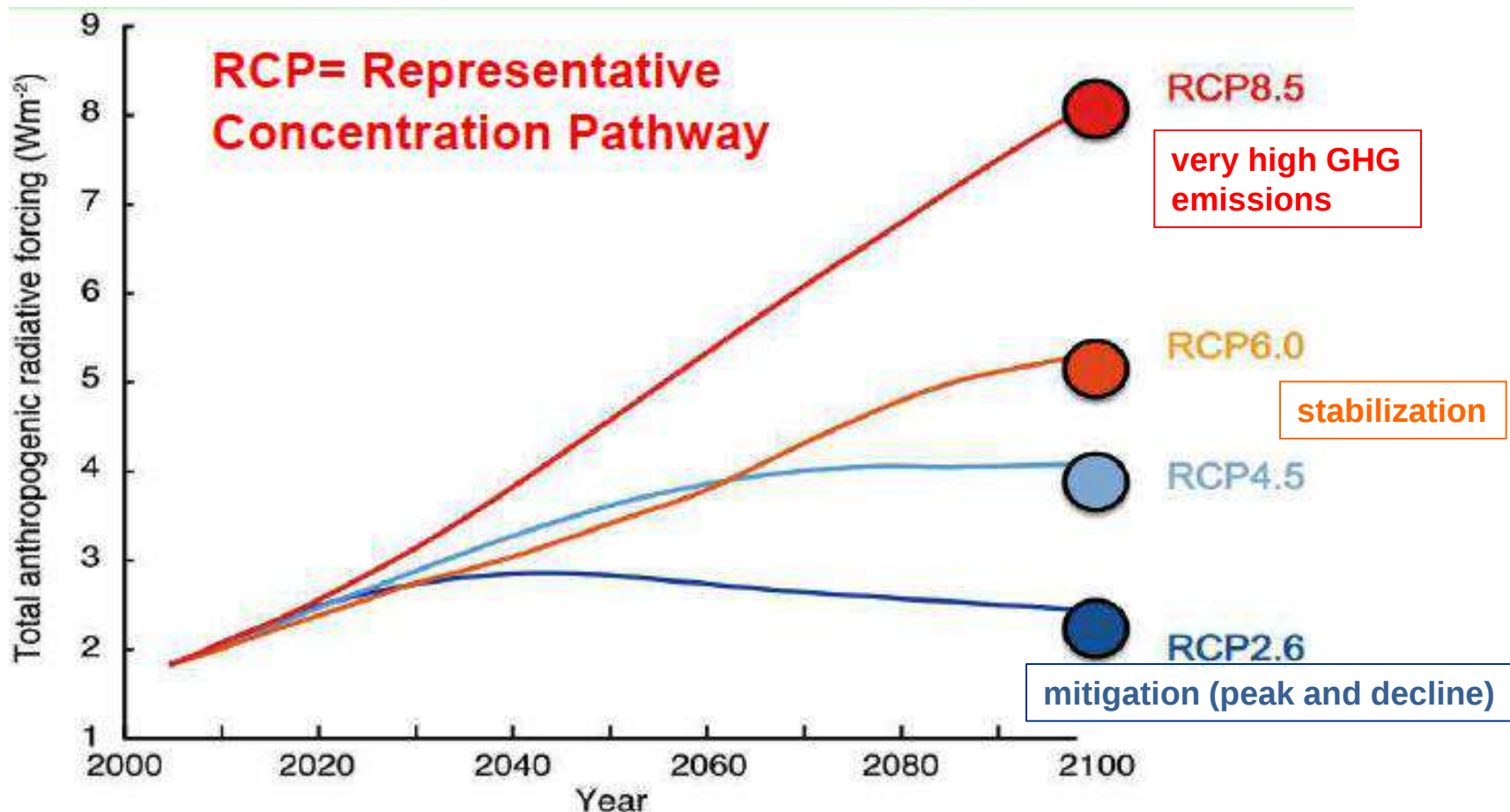
Possiamo usare dei **MODELLI CLIMATICI** per fare **SCENARI**.

Uno **SCENARIO** è una descrizione plausibile di cosa potrebbe accadere nel Sistema Terra come lo conosciamo, basato su un insieme coerente ed internamente consistente di assunzioni sulle forze che lo guidano (soprattutto economiche, tassi di sviluppo tecnologico, andamento dei mercati, etc.).

**Gli SCENARI non sono previsioni**

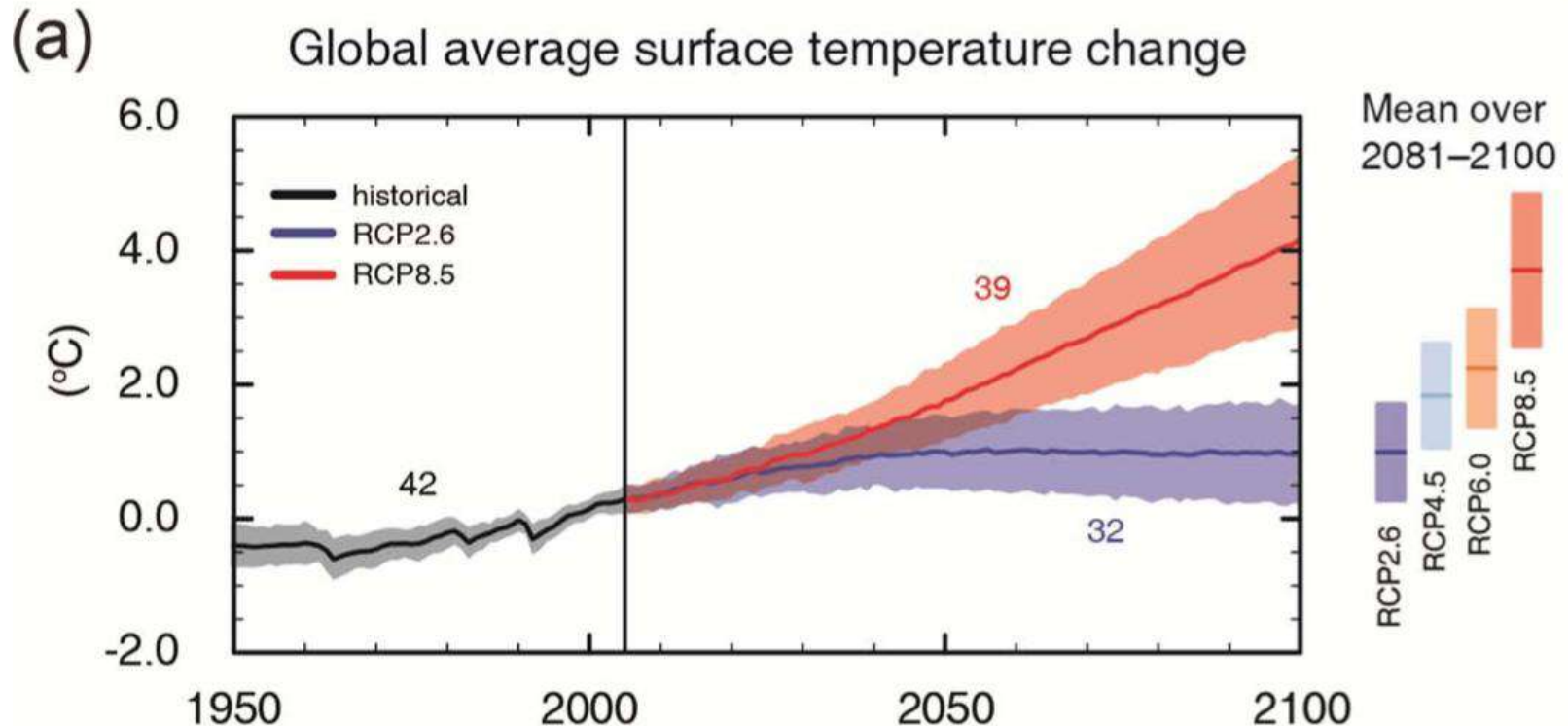
# Proiezioni di clima futuro

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



RCPs represent a range of 21st Century climate policy scenarios

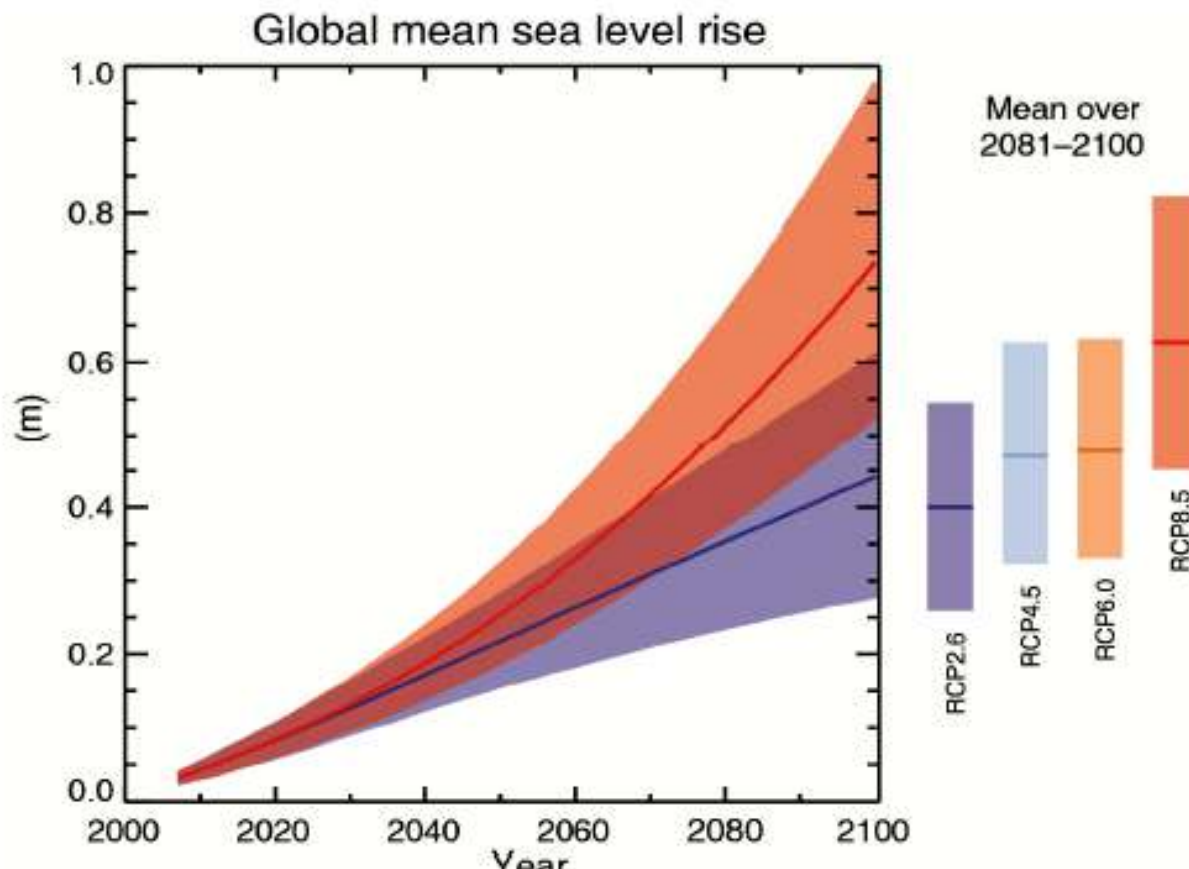
# Proiezioni di temperatura media globale superficiale



The temperature increase during the last 100 years was only about **0.8°C**.

Global surface temperature change for the end of the 21<sup>st</sup> century is *likely to exceed 1.5° C* relative to 1850–1900 for all scenarios except RCP2.6.

# Il livello del mare continuerà ad aumentare nel corso del 21mo secolo



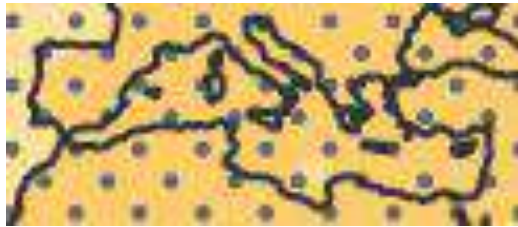
**RCP2.6** (2081-2100): *likely range:* **26 to 55 cm**

**RCP8.5** (2081-2100): *likely range:* **45 to 82 cm**

# 2100: temperatura superficiale

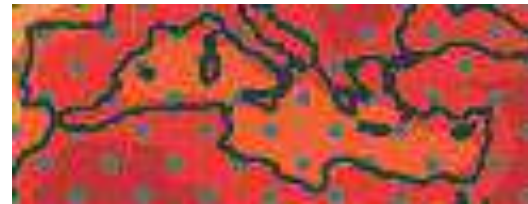
(2 scenari)

1 – 1,5 °C Increase



RCP 2.6

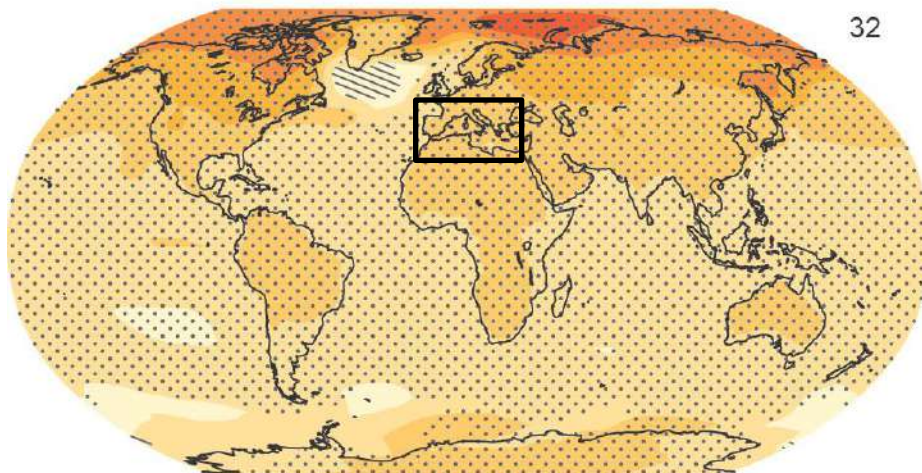
4 – 7 °C Increase



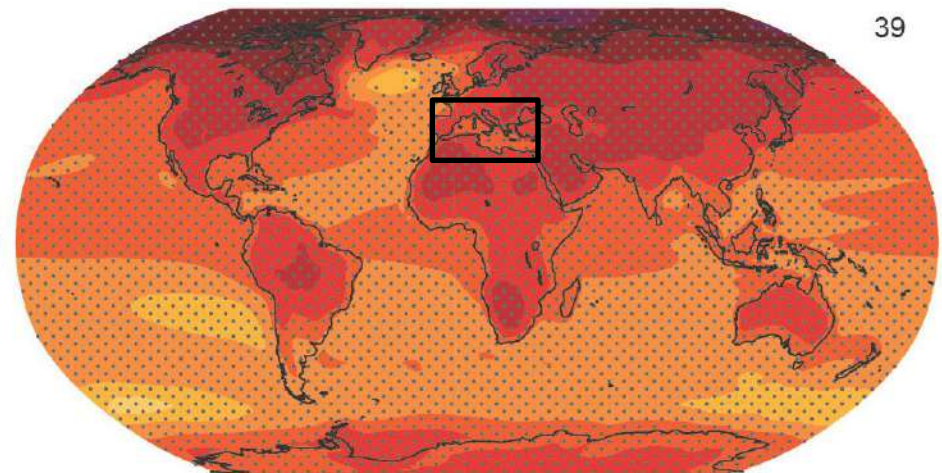
RCP 8.5

(a)

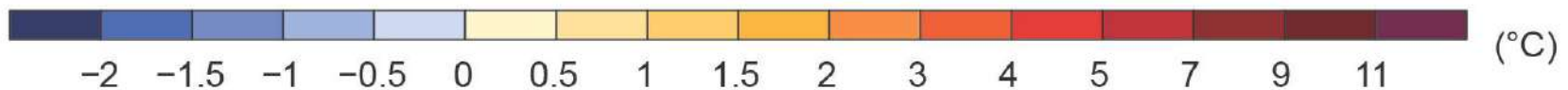
Change in average surface temperature (1986–2005 to 2081–2100)



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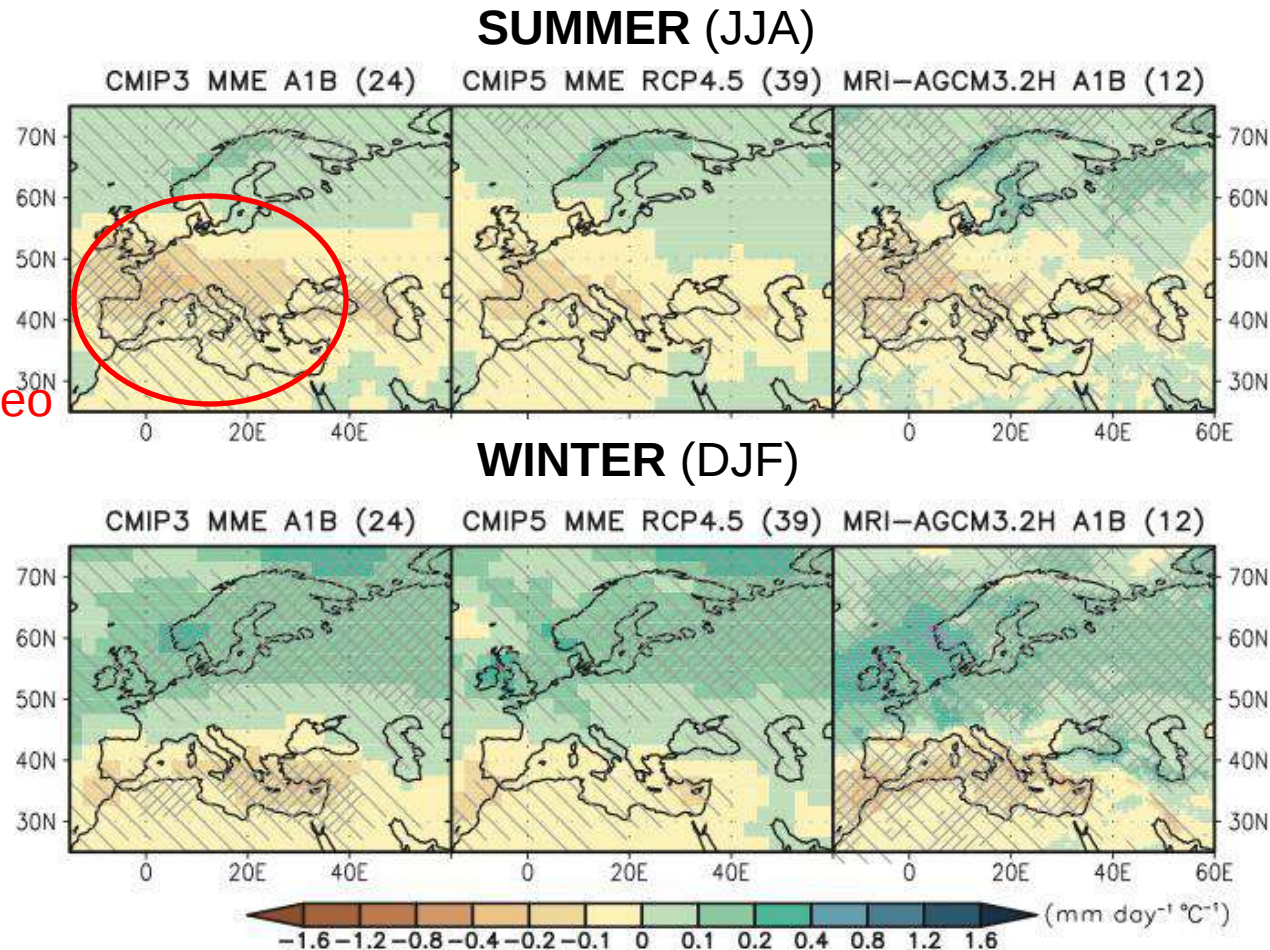
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(°C)

# Cambiamenti attesi per la precipitazione sulla regione Euro-Med (2080-2100 vs 1986-2005)

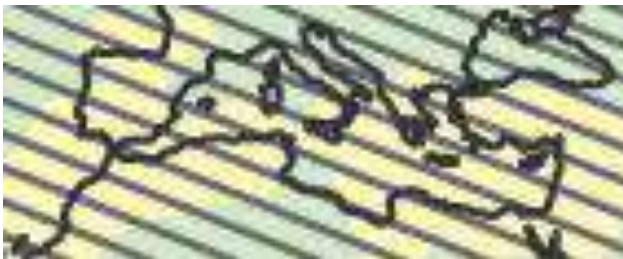
clima  
estivo secco  
sulla regione  
del Mediterraneo



Small changes are expected over the Central and Northern Europe but a notable reduction (dry conditions) over the Mediterranean region

# 2100: verso un clima piu' caldo e piu' secco

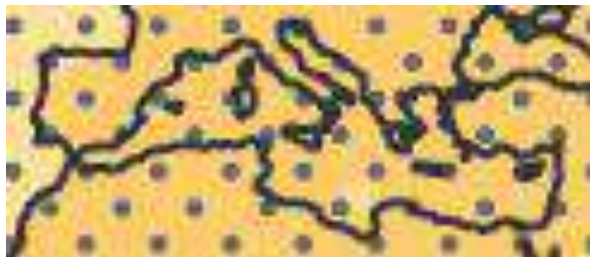
**10% Decrease**



**10-20% Decrease**

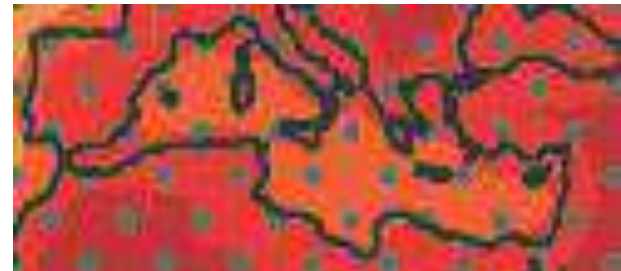


**1 – 1,5 °C Increase**

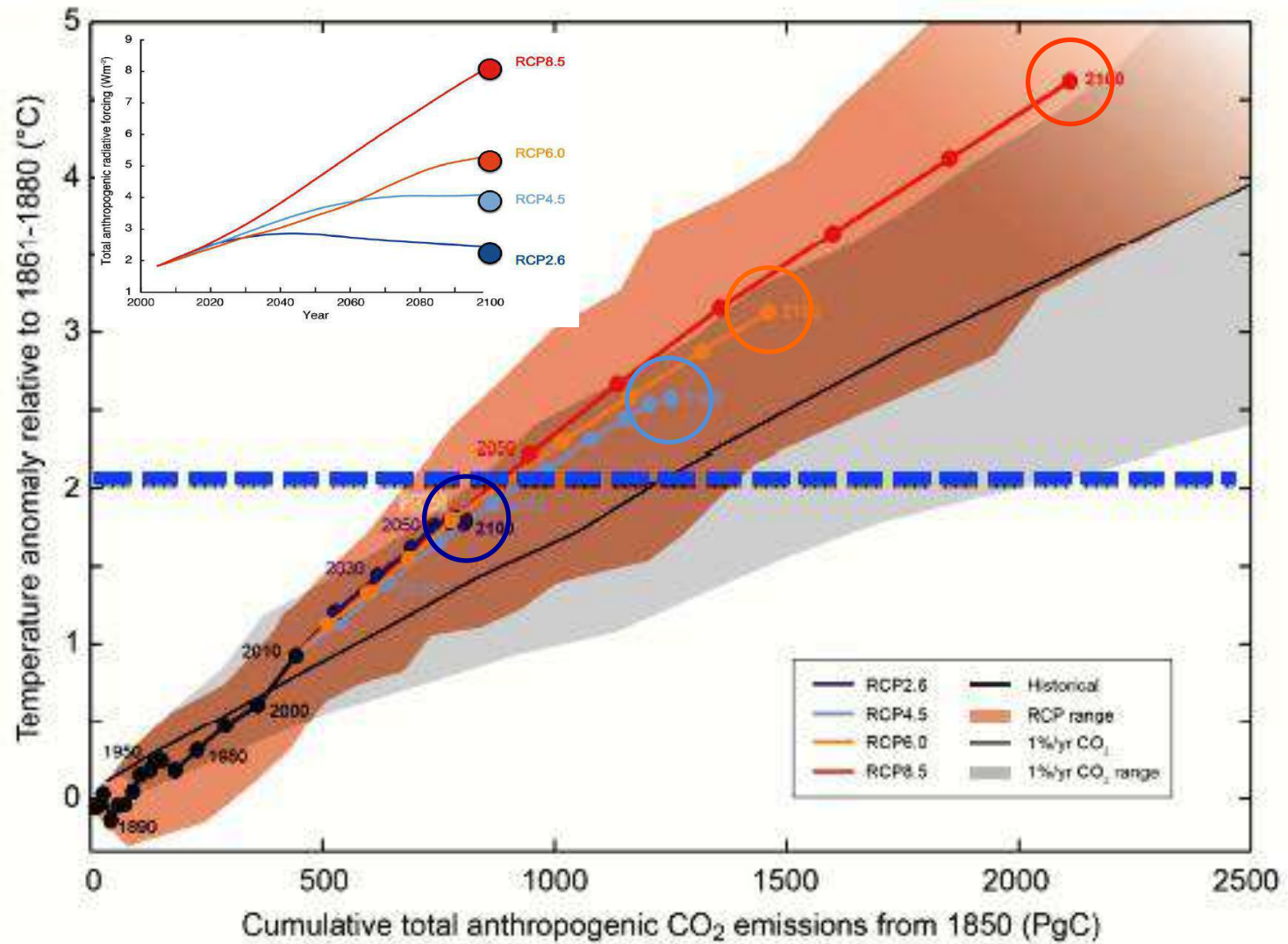


RCP 2.6

**4 – 7 °C Increase**

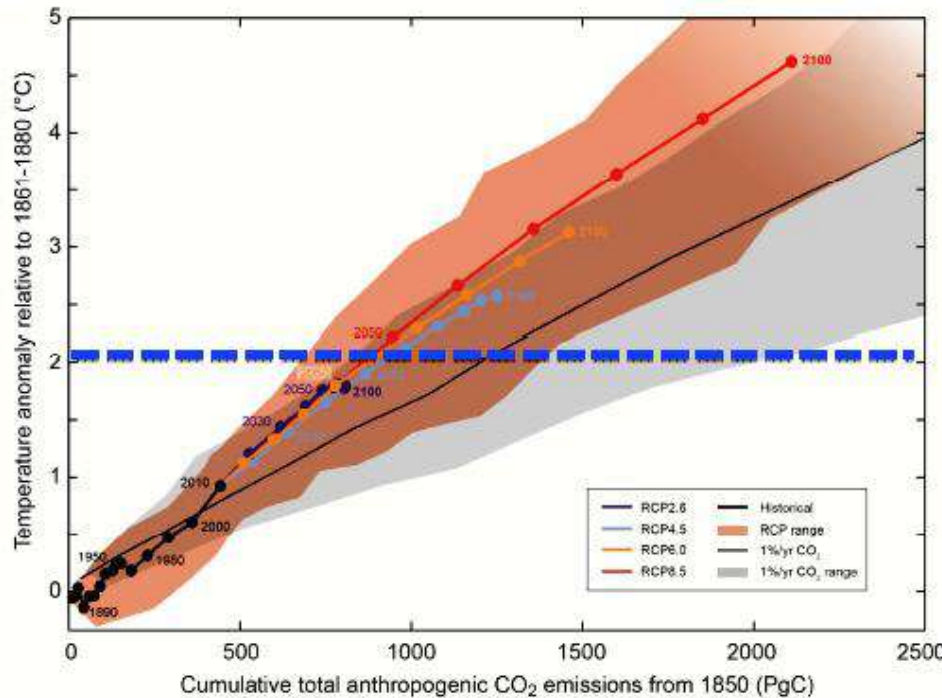


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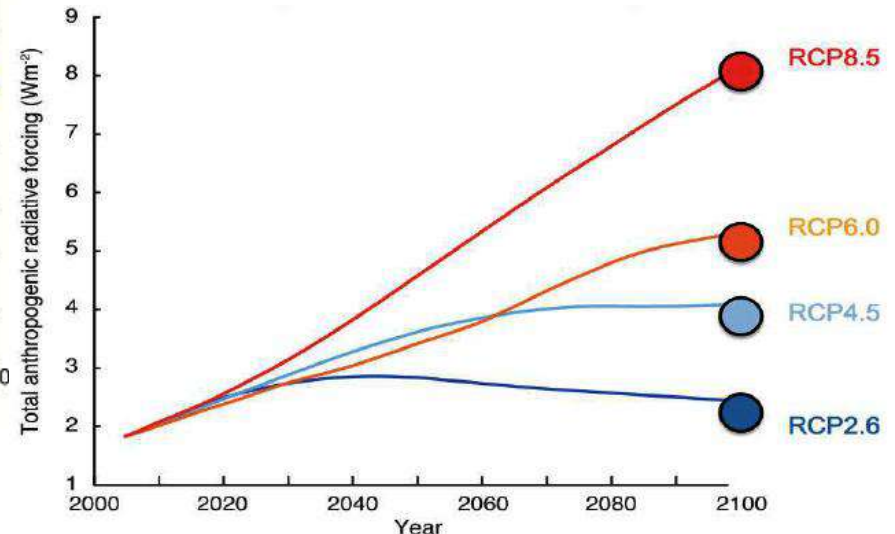


# MITIGAZIONE:

Limiting climate change will require substantial and sustained reductions of GHG emissions



**RCP2.6** would be the Emission Scenario to follow if we were to cap warming at **2°C**

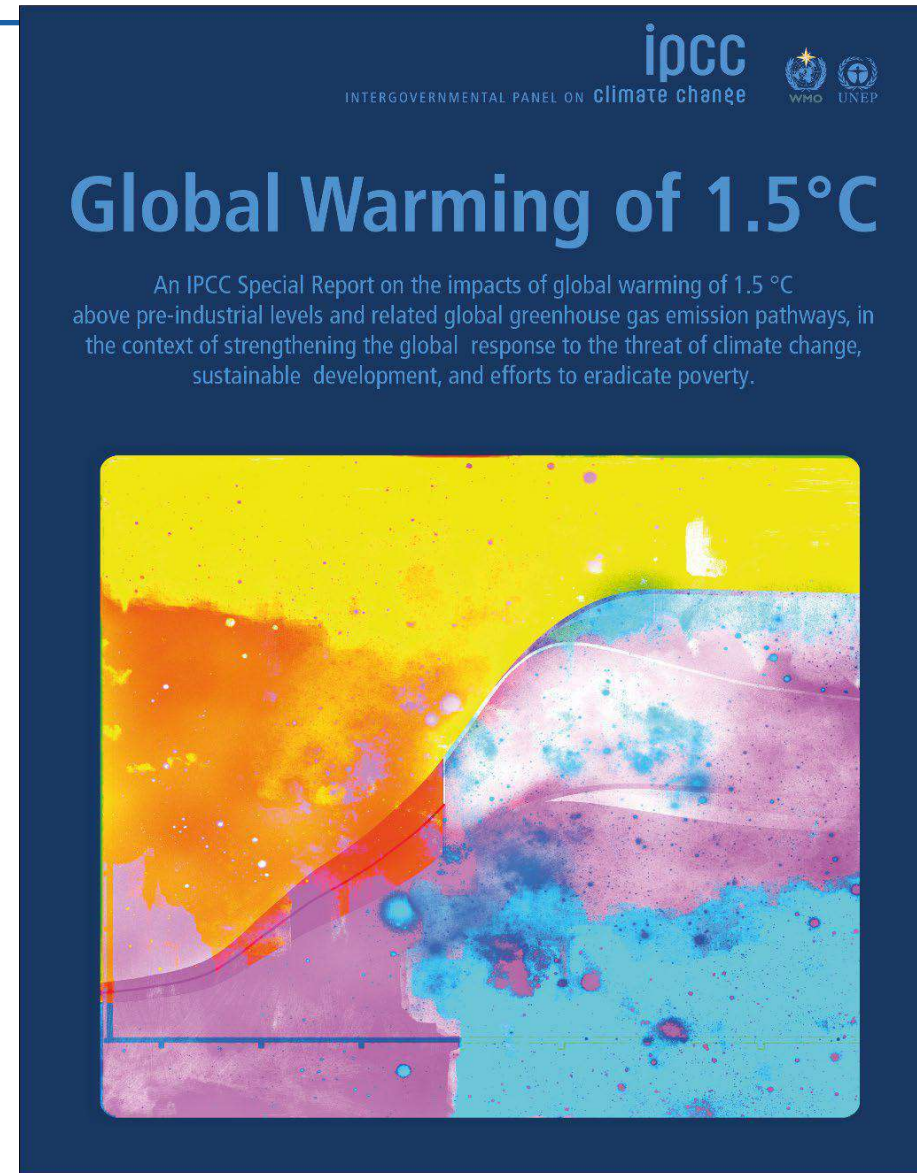


To limit warming to *likely less than 2°C* as in **RCP2.6**, requires total emissions since preindustrial to be limited to less than about **790 PgC**.  
**515 PgC were emitted by 2011.**

# The 1.5°C Report (2018)

This Report responds to the invitation for IPCC “... to provide a Special Report in 2018 on the impacts of global warming of 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways” contained in the Decision of the 21<sup>st</sup> COP (Paris)

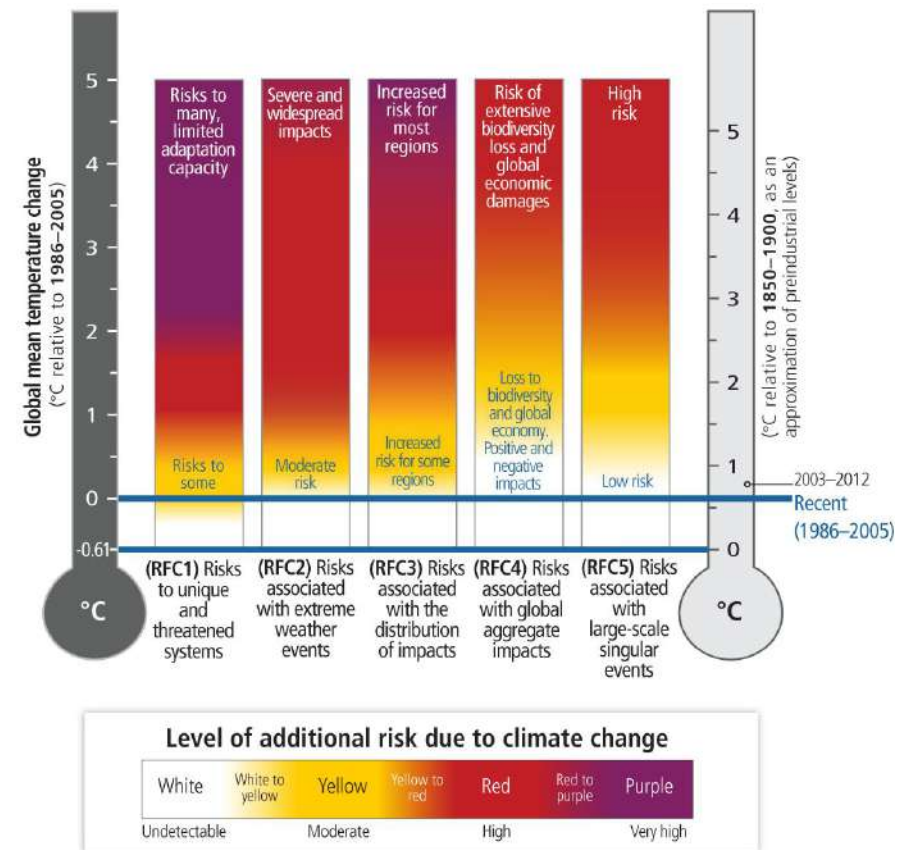
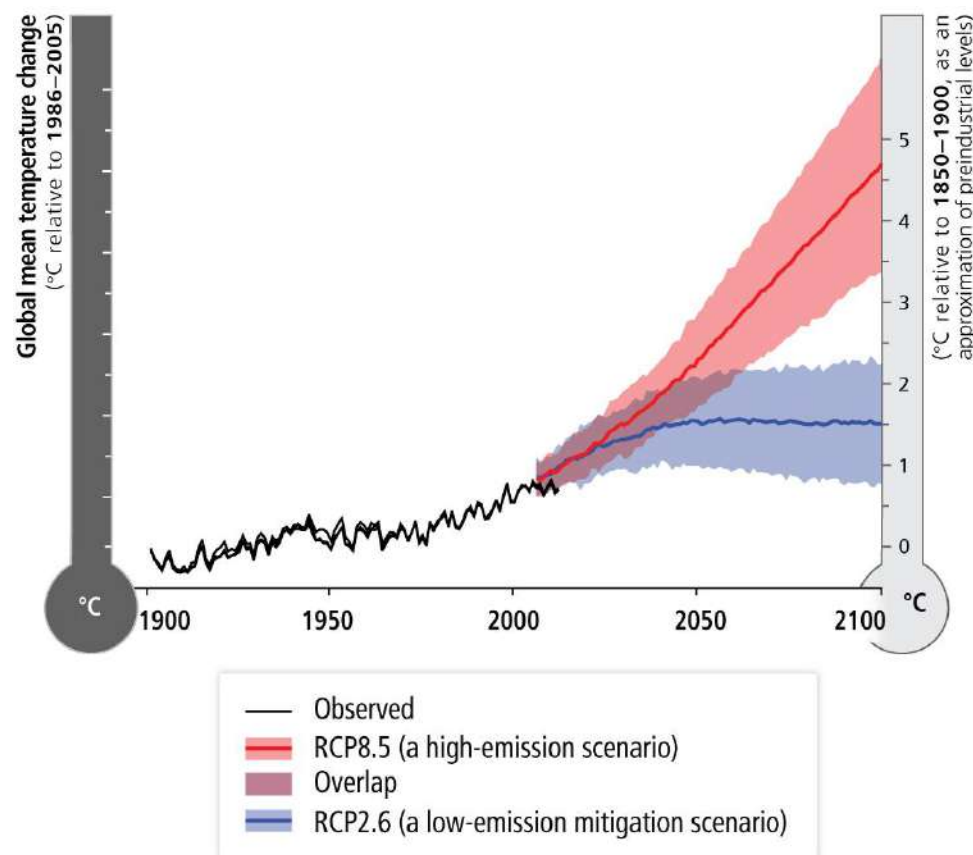
The IPCC accepted the invitation, adding that the Special Report would look at these issues in the context *of strengthening the global response to the threat of climate change, sustainable development, and efforts to eradicate poverty.*



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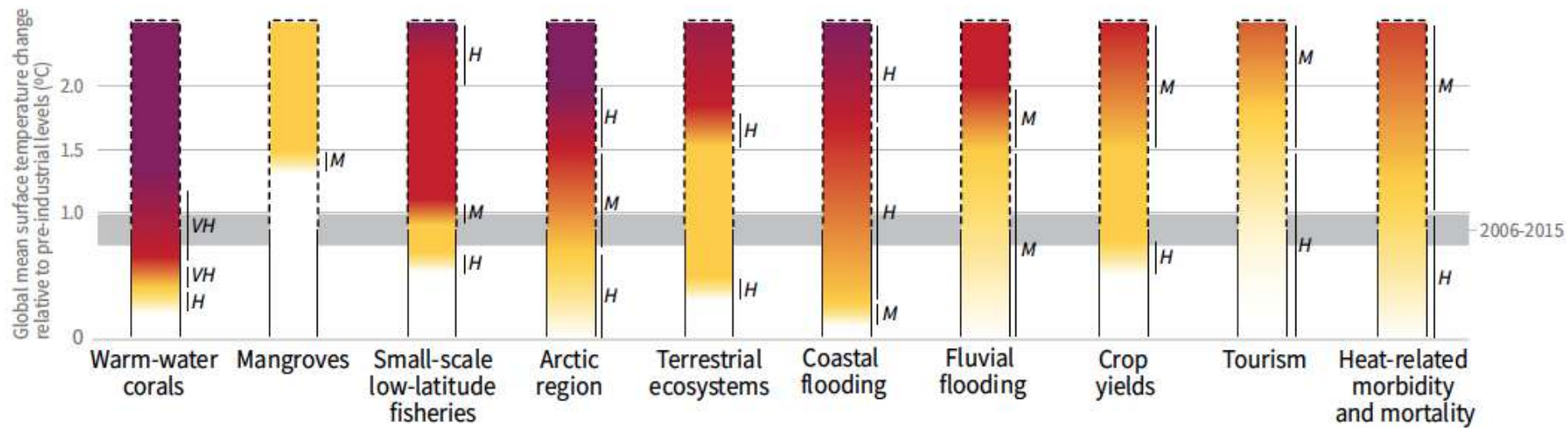
## A global perspective on climate-related risks

Risks associated with reasons for concern for increasing level of climate change



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## Impacts and risks for selected natural, managed and human systems

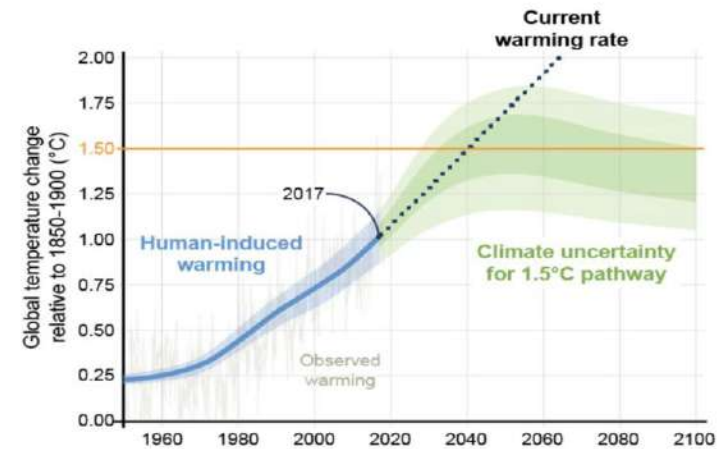


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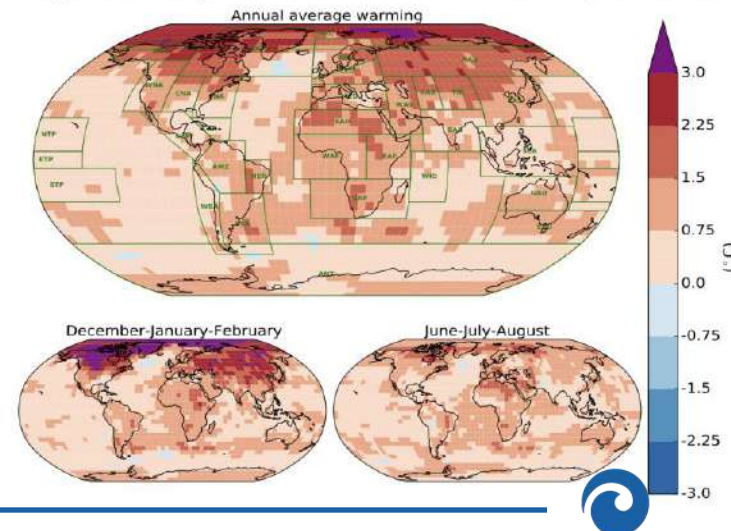
## How close are we to 1.5 °C?

- Human-induced warming has already reached about 1° C above pre-industrial levels (high confidence).
- If the current warming rate continues (+0.2 ° C per decade), the world would reach human-induced global warming of 1.5° C around 2040 (high confidence).
- Warming in many regions has already exceeded 1.5° C above pre-industrial levels (high confidence).
- Over a fifth of the global population live in regions that have already experienced warming in at least one season that is greater than 1.5° C above pre-industrial levels (high confidence)

Human-induced warming reached approximately 1°C above pre-industrial levels in 2017



Regional warming in the decade 2006-2015 relative to preindustrial



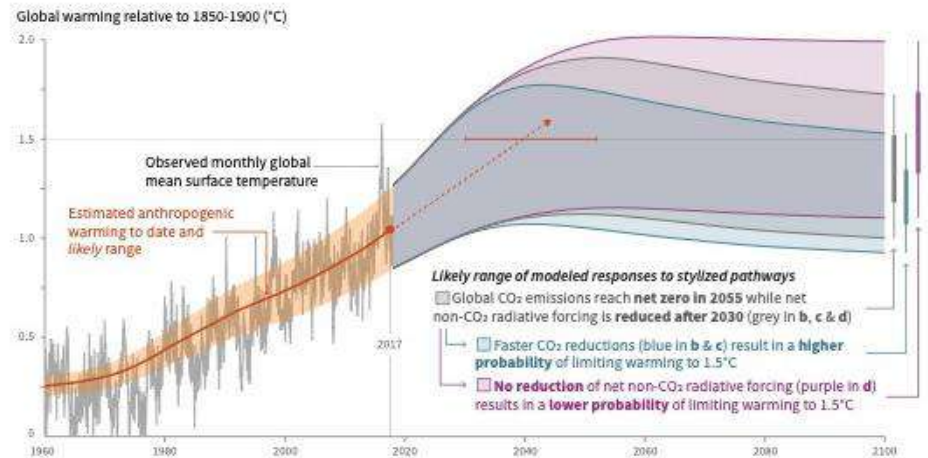
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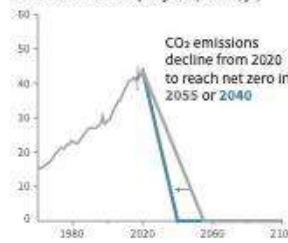
• Countries' pledges agreed in Paris to reduce their emissions are currently **not in line** with limiting global warming to 1.5° C.

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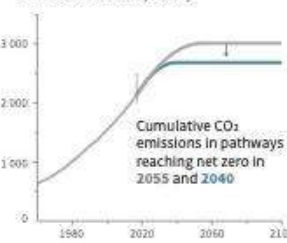
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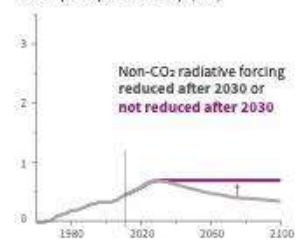
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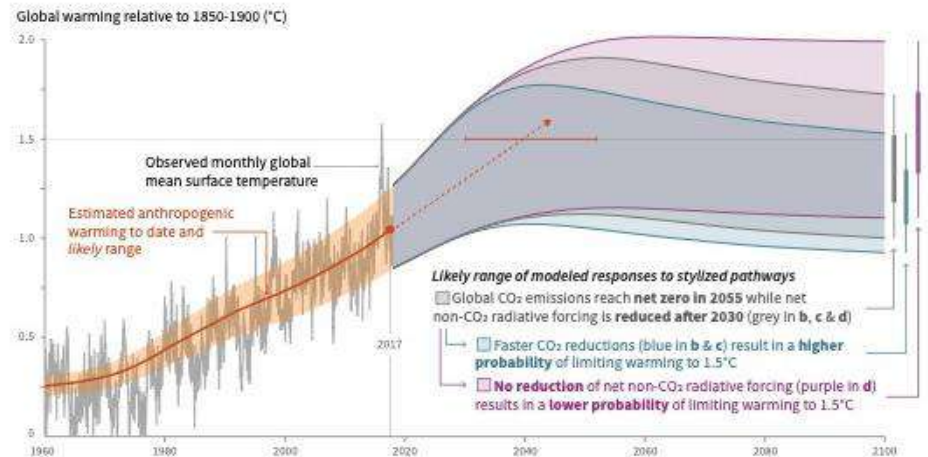
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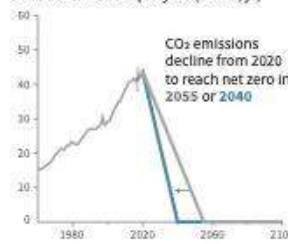
- A world that is consistent with holding warming to 1.5° C would see greenhouse gas emissions rapidly decline in the coming decade (e.g. global net anthropogenic CO<sub>2</sub> emissions decline by about 45% from 2010 levels by 2030 reaching net zero around 2050).

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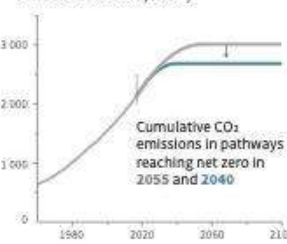


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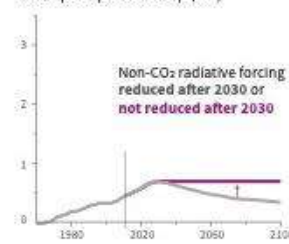
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**“What’s the use of having developed a science well enough to make predictions if, in the end, all we’re willing to do is stand around and wait for them to come true?”**

**Sherwood Rowland**

(\*) Premio Nobel per la chimica (1995) per gli studi sugli effetti dei CFC sullo ozono in atmosfera.