

Climate Change 2013: The Physical Science Basis

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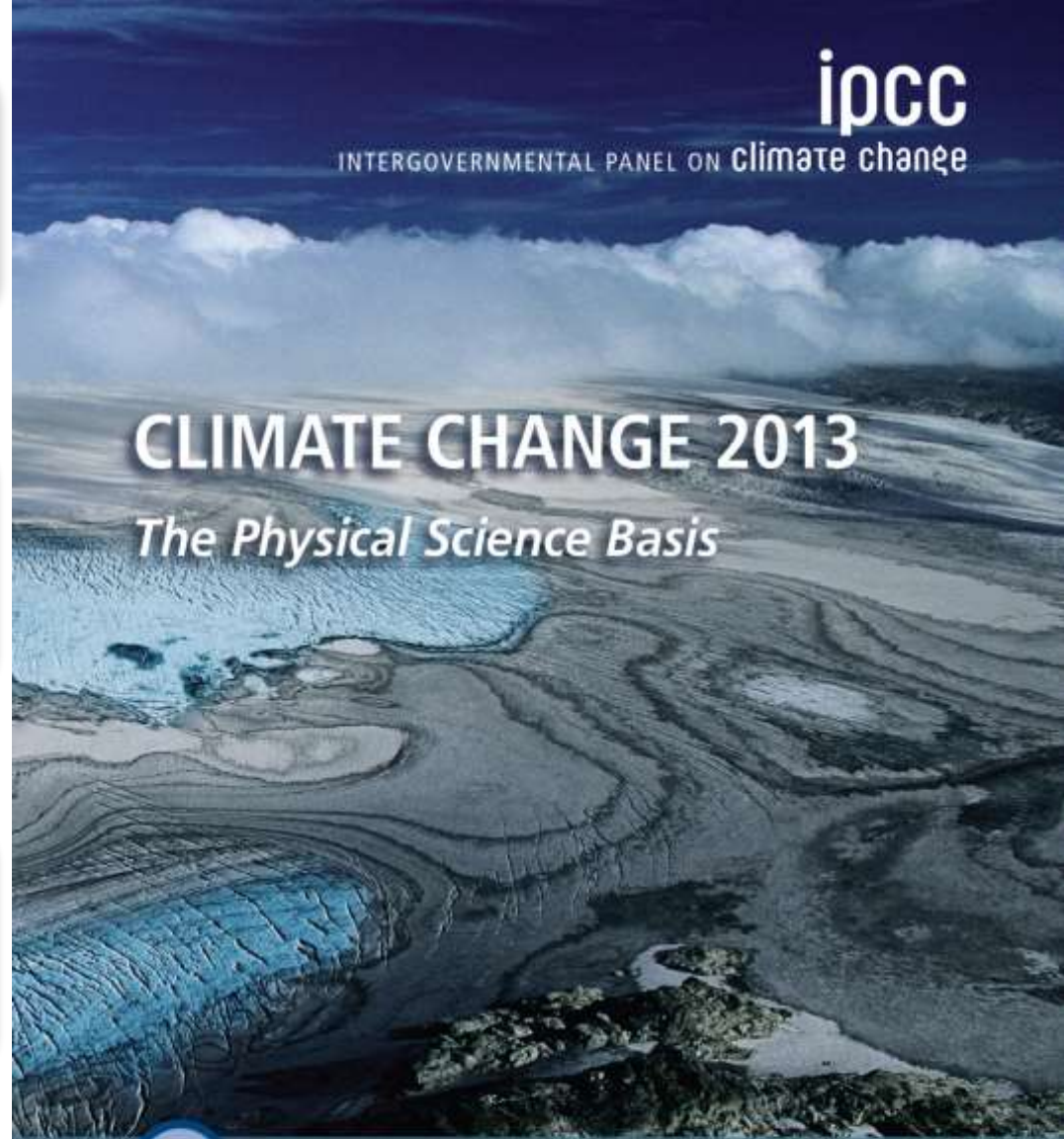
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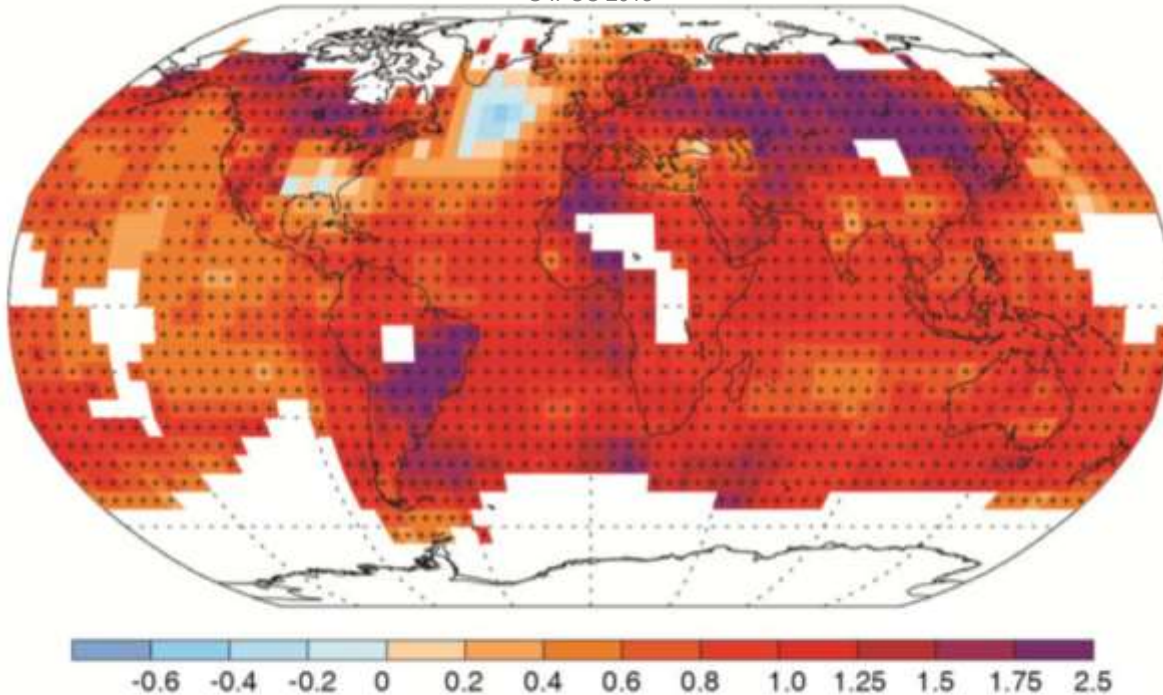
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Observation

What has changed?

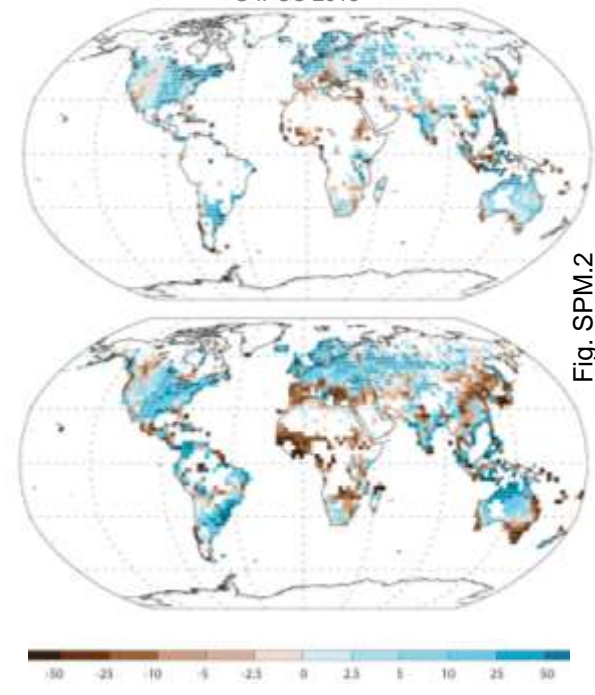
Fig. SPM.1b

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

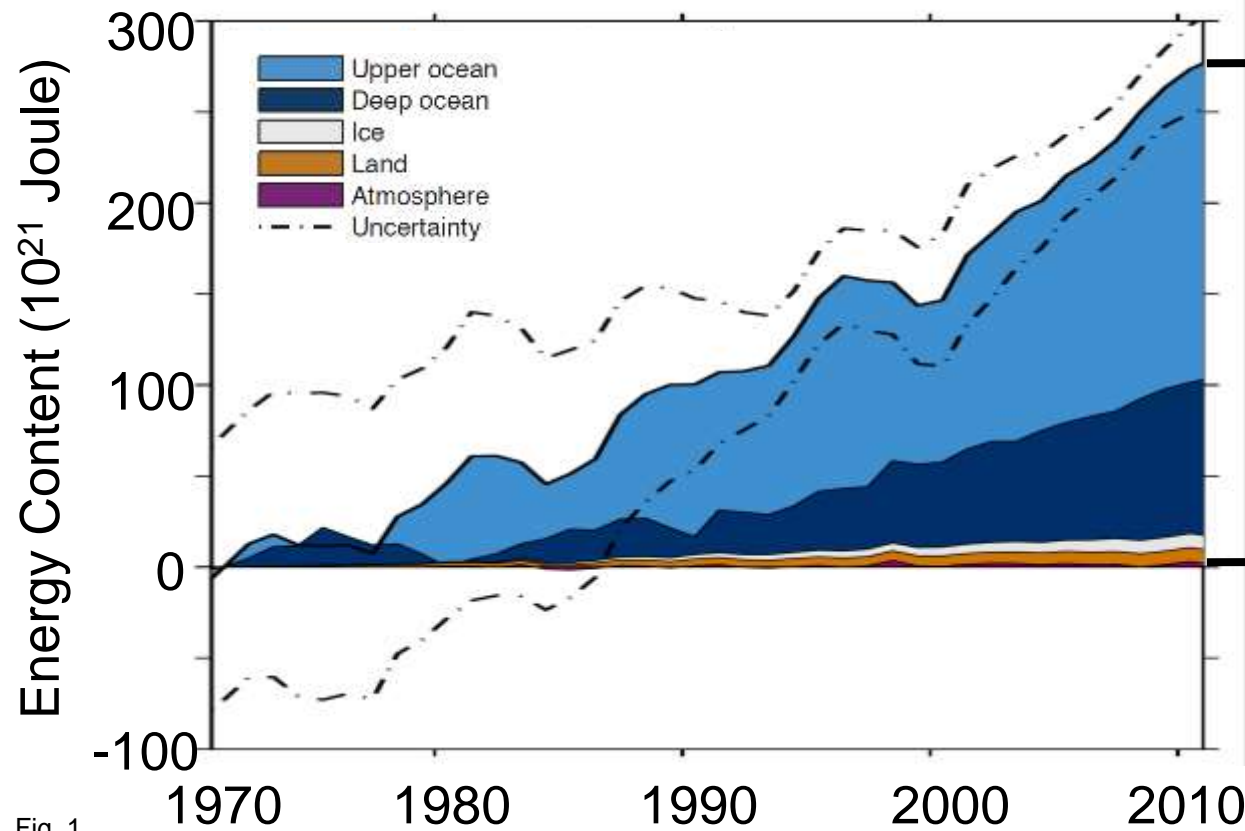
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Precipitation Trend (mm/yr per decade)

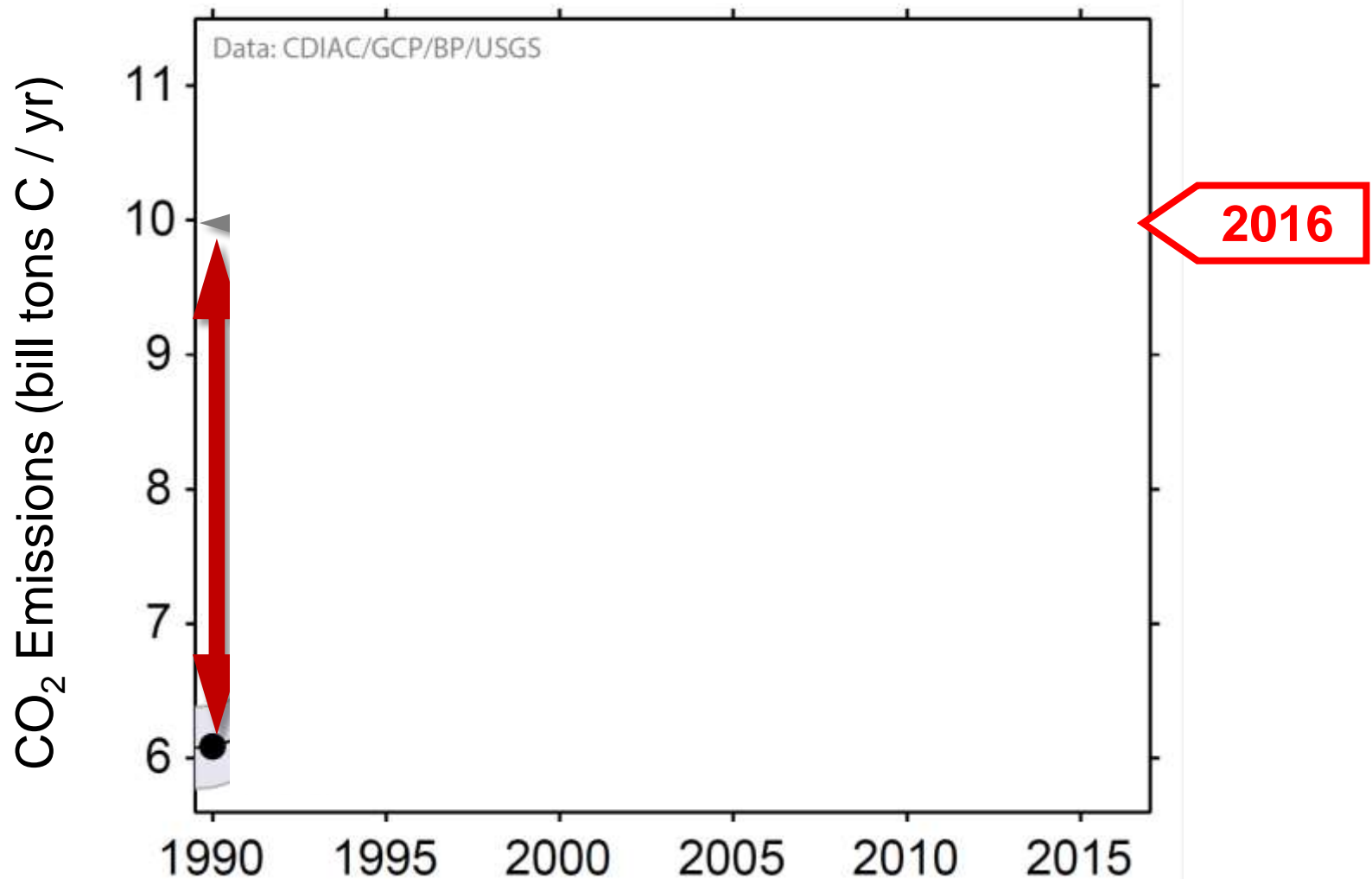
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Box 3.1, Fig. 1

Ocean warming dominates the increase in energy stored in the climate system.



(modified from Global Carbon Project, LeQuéré et al. 2016)

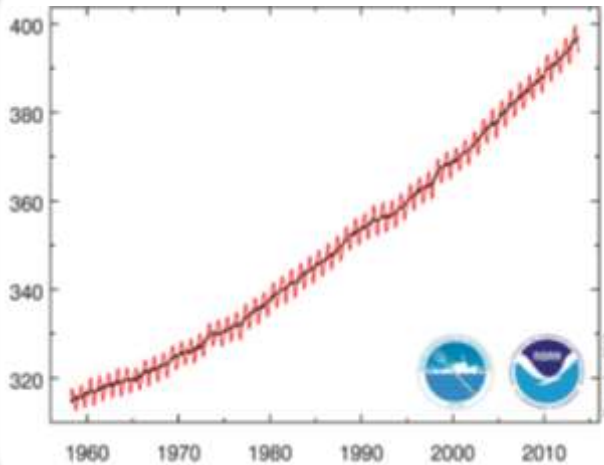
Manmade CO₂ emissions are
higher than ever before.

Understanding

Why has it changed?

Worldwide Effects

Cause



atmosphere, land, ocean

extreme events

water cycle

sea ice, glaciers, ice sheets

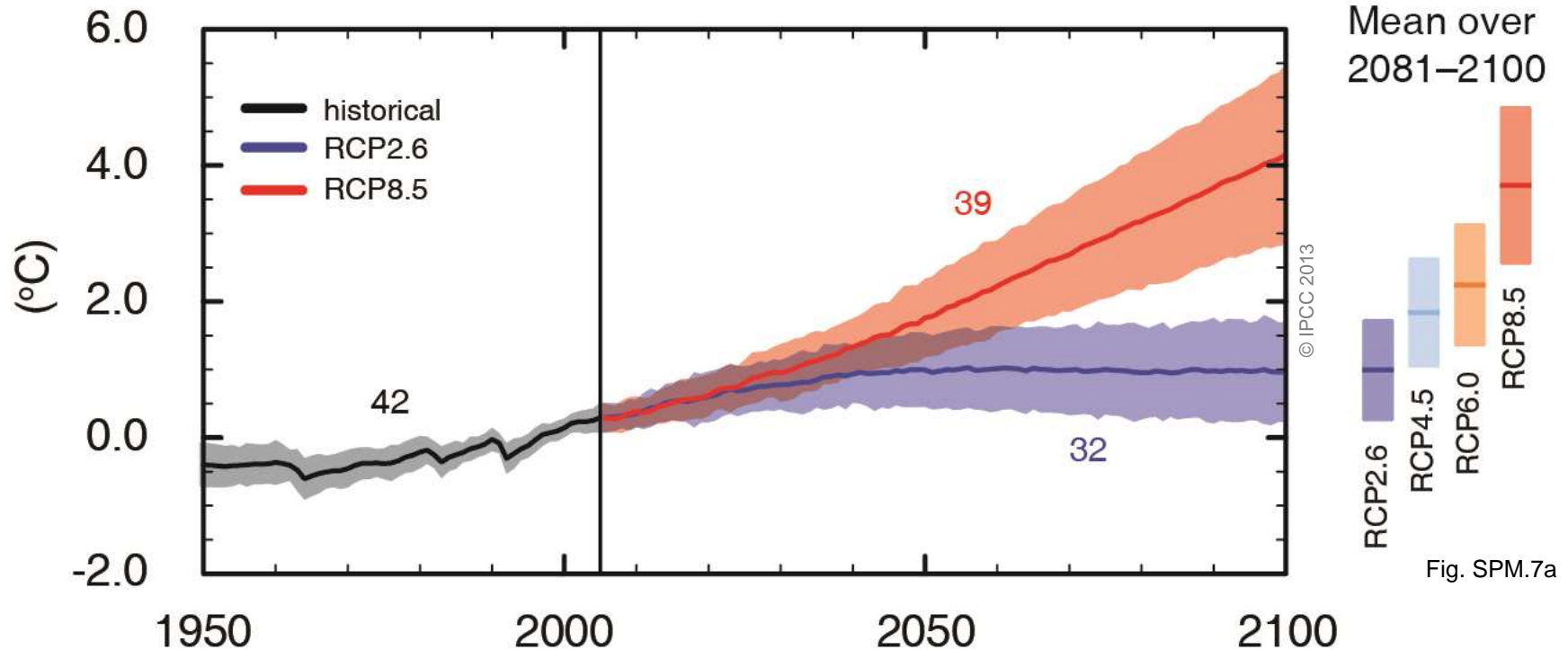
global mean sea level

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Future

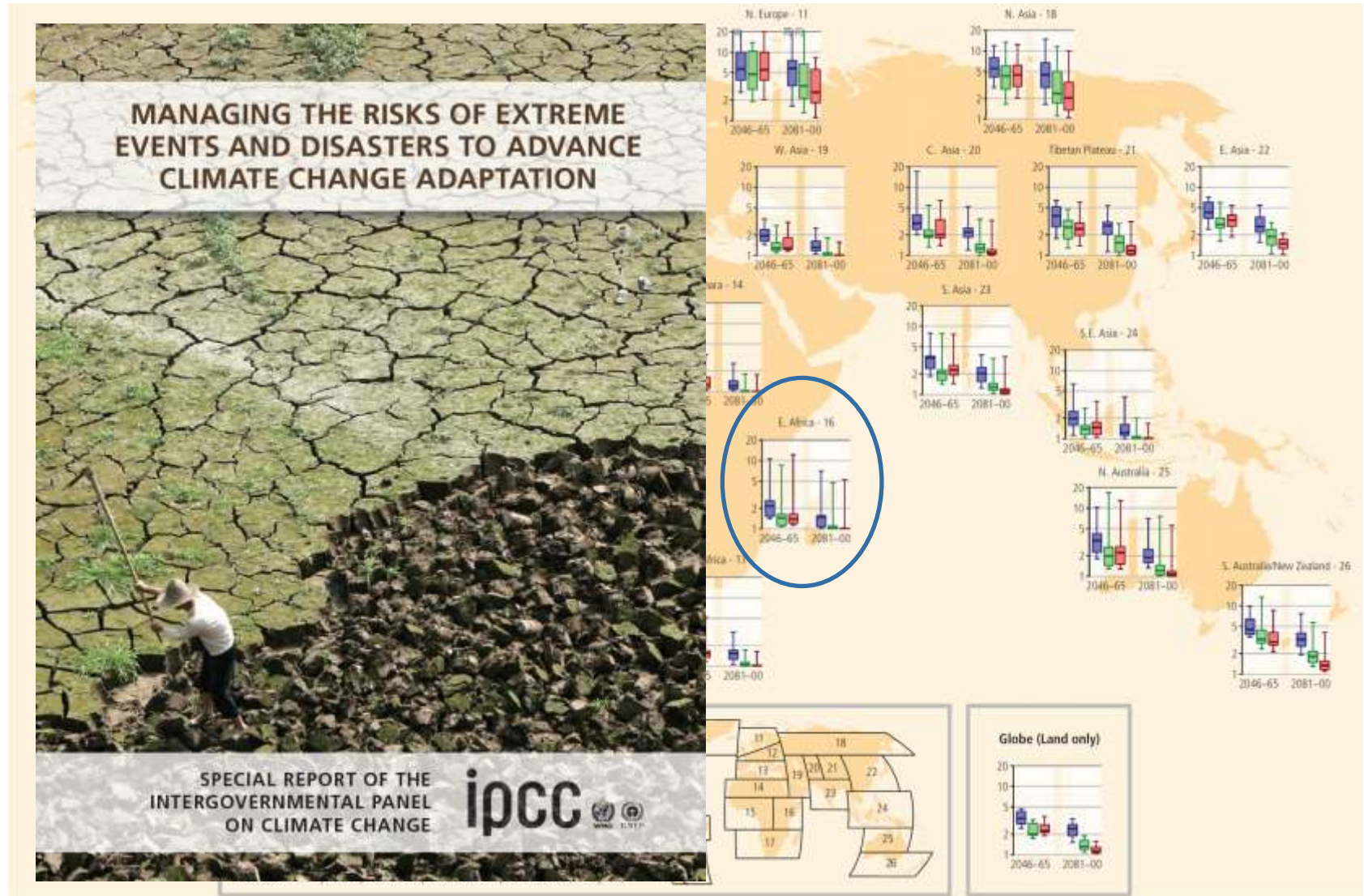
How will it change?

Global mean surface temperature change from 1986-2005



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

Extreme Events



Extreme Events

Emissions Scenarios A1B, A2:

A 1-in-20 year hottest day is *likely* to become a 1-in-2 year event by the end of the 21st century in most regions

➡ **10 × more frequent**



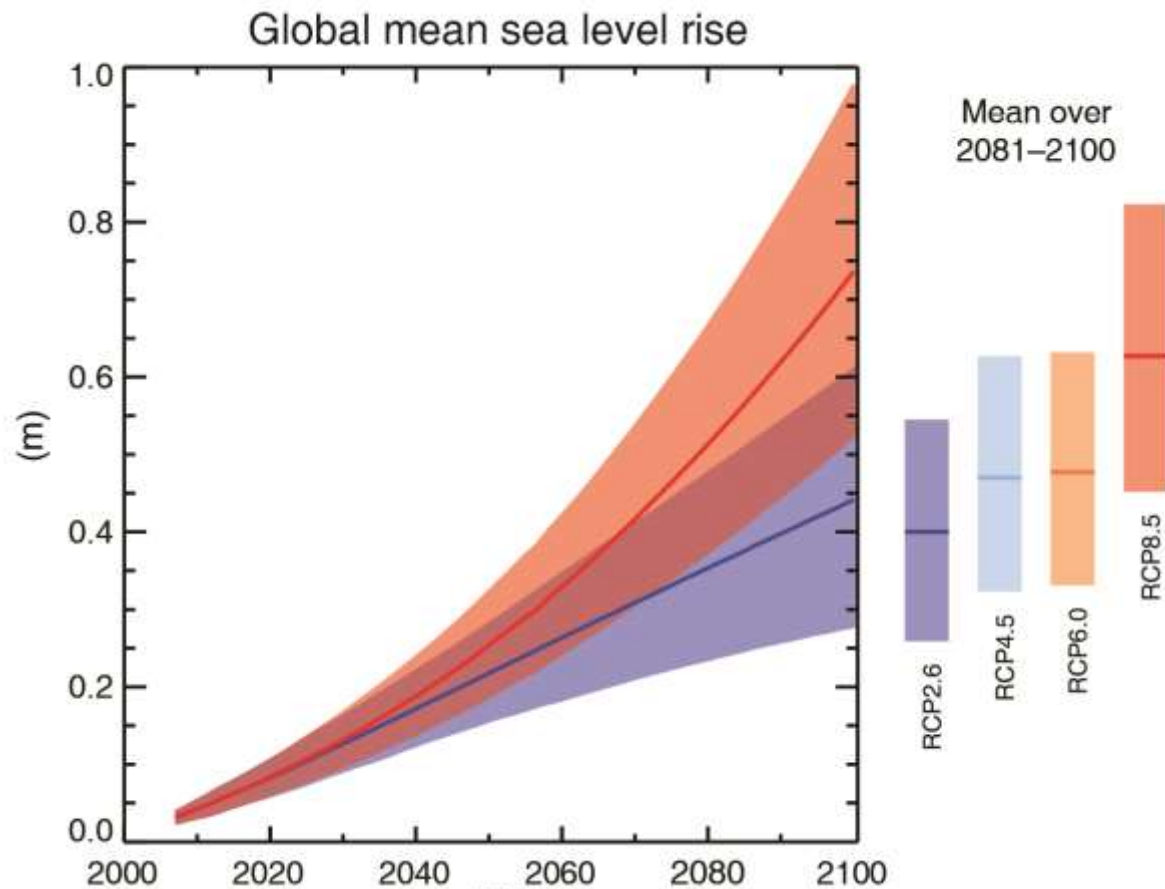


Fig. SPM.9

Global mean sea level will continue to rise over the 21st century.



Cumulative emissions of CO₂ largely determine global mean surface warming by the late 21st century and beyond.

Warming of 0.8 to 2.5°C

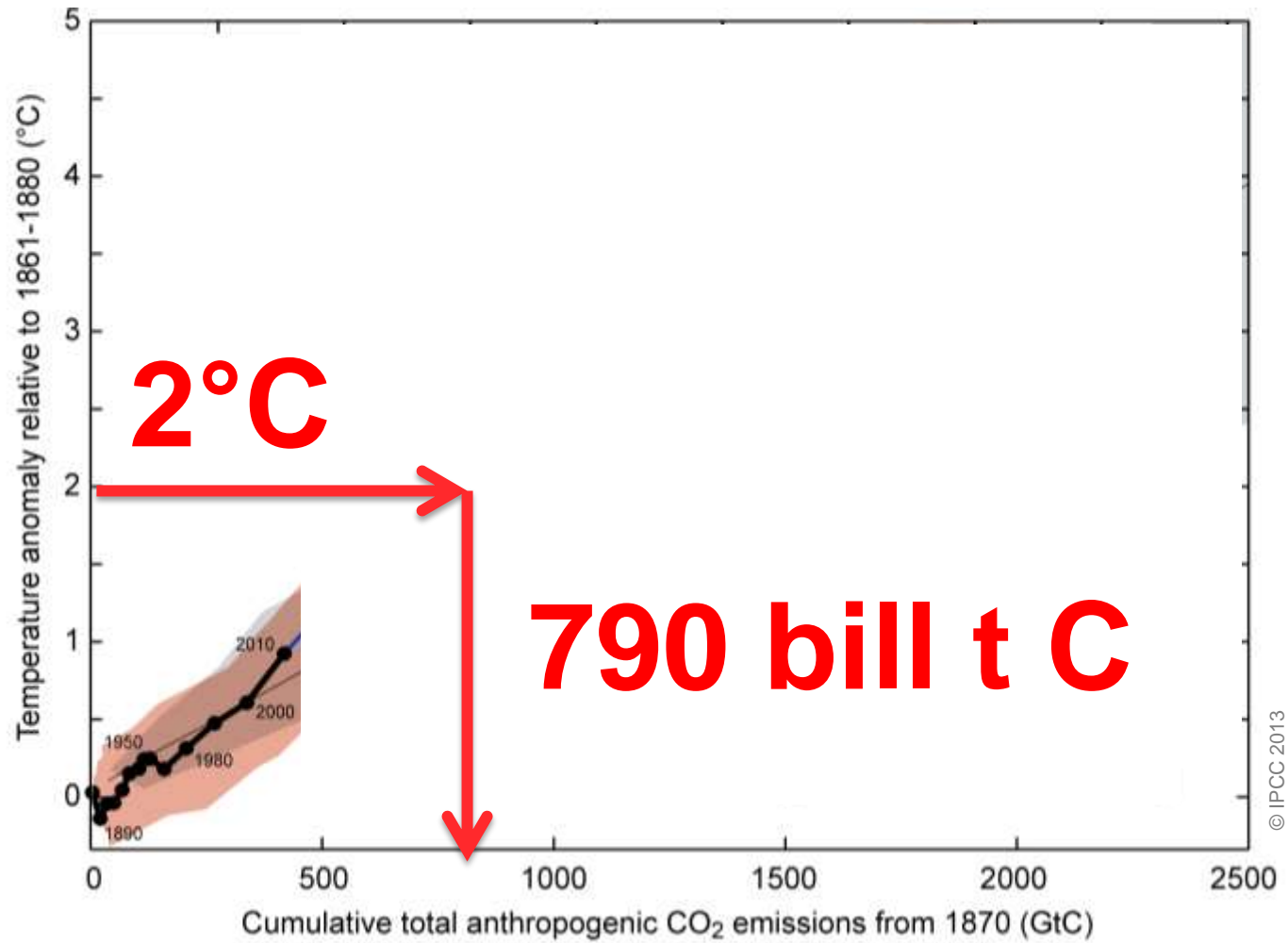


**Any climate target implies
a limited carbon budget**



1000 billion tons of carbon

Limiting human-induced warming



Budget for 2°C target: 790 bill t C

CO₂ emissions until 2016*: –565 bill t C

Remaining CO₂ emissions: 225 bill t C

CO₂ emissions in 2016* : 9.9 bill t C

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2°C world

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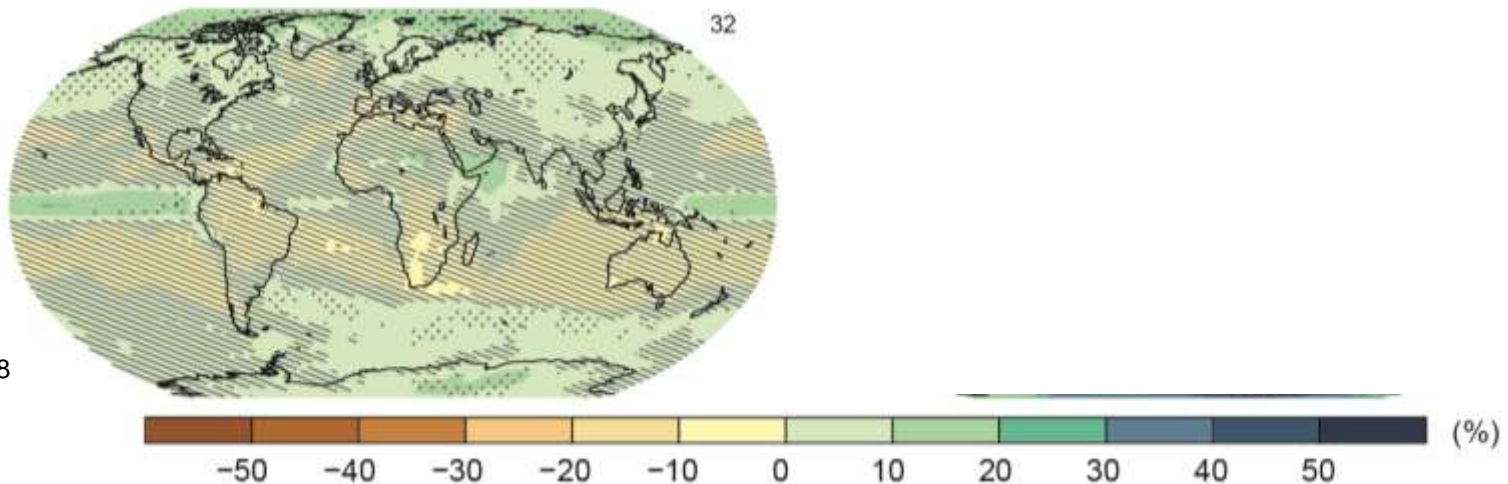
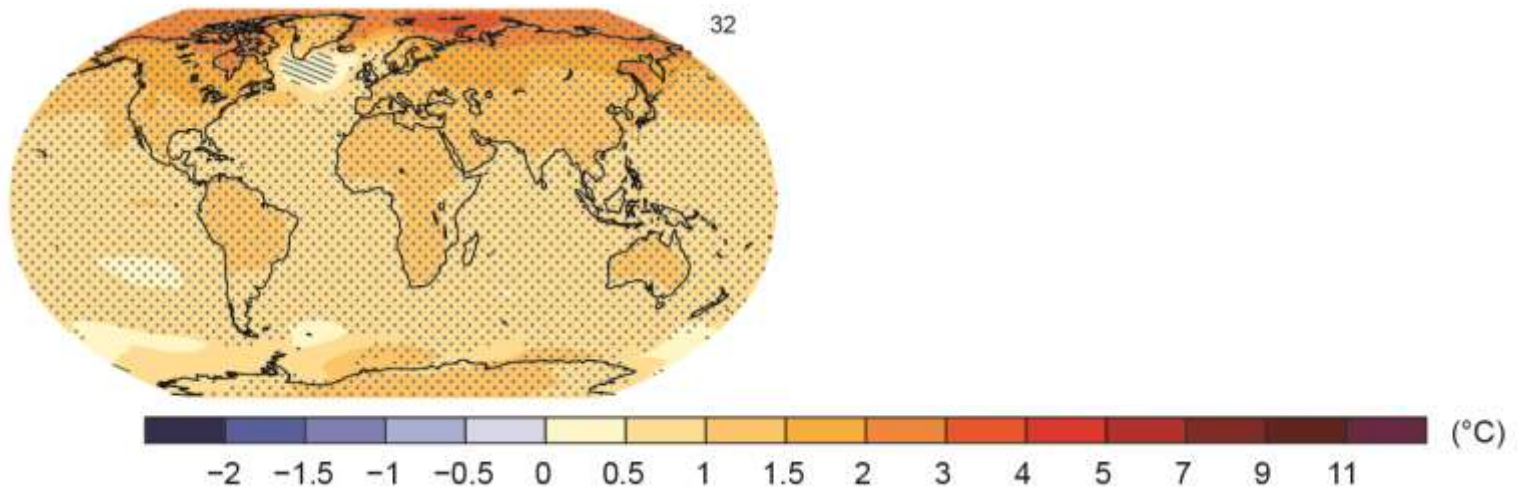
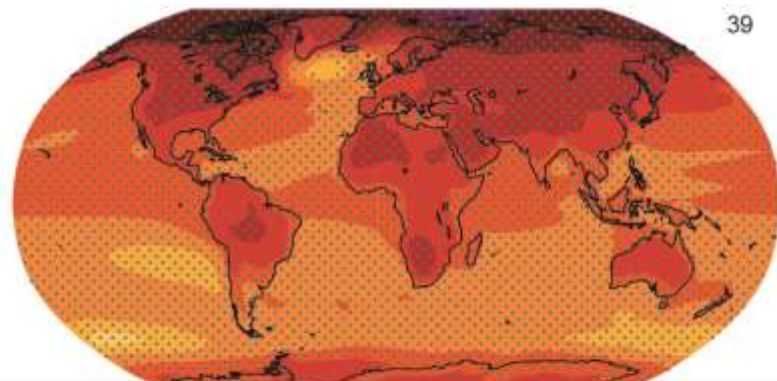


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2°C world

4.5°C world



Today we have a choice.

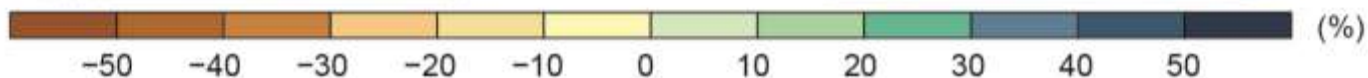
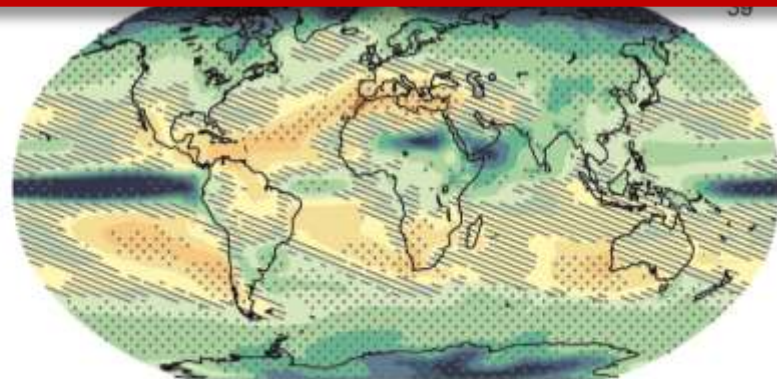
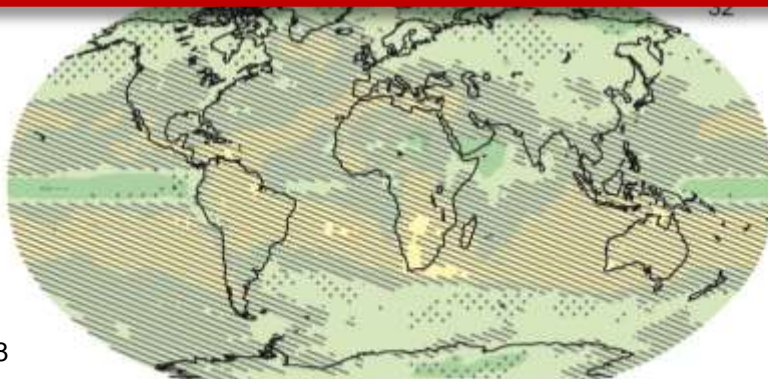


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