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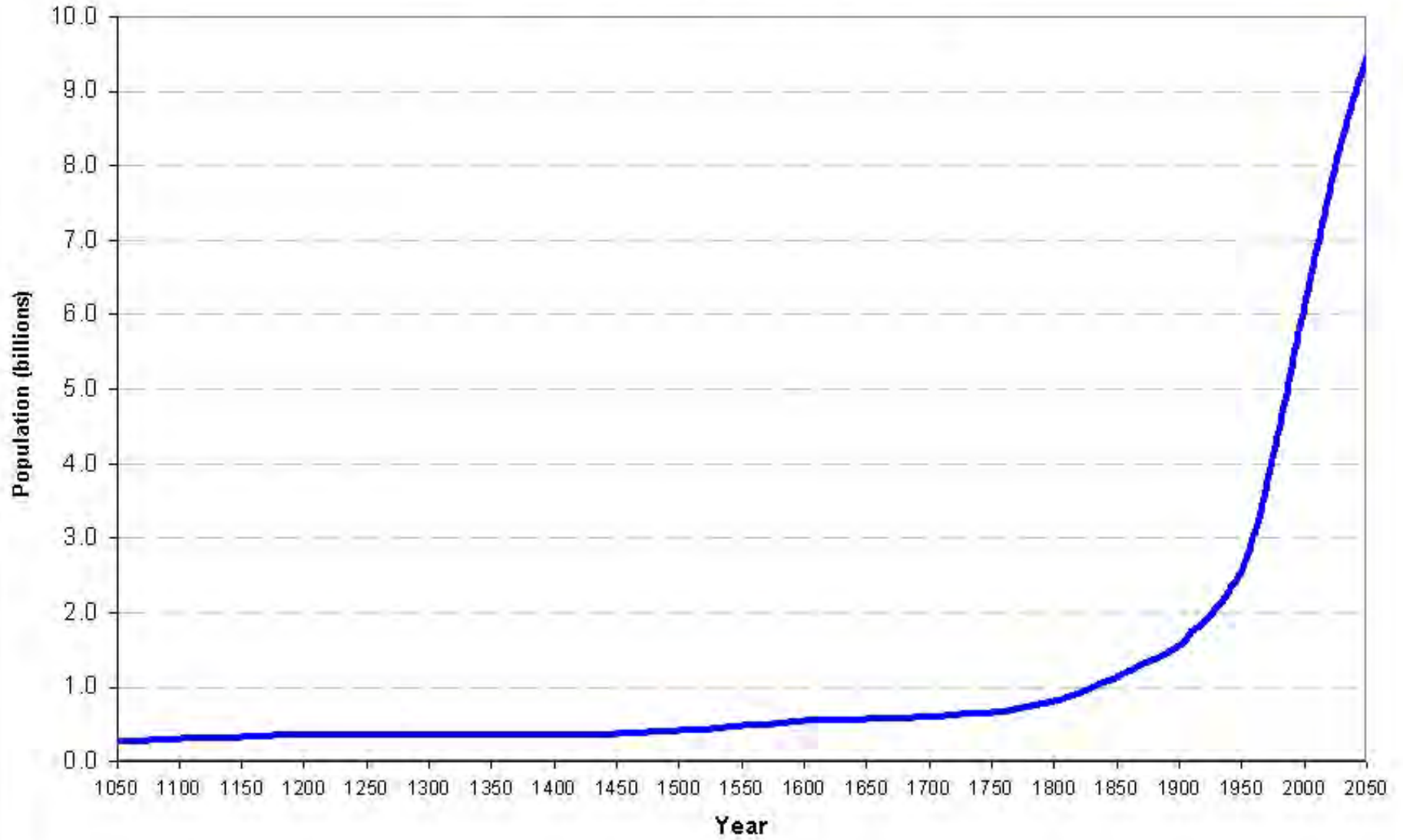
Global Challenges



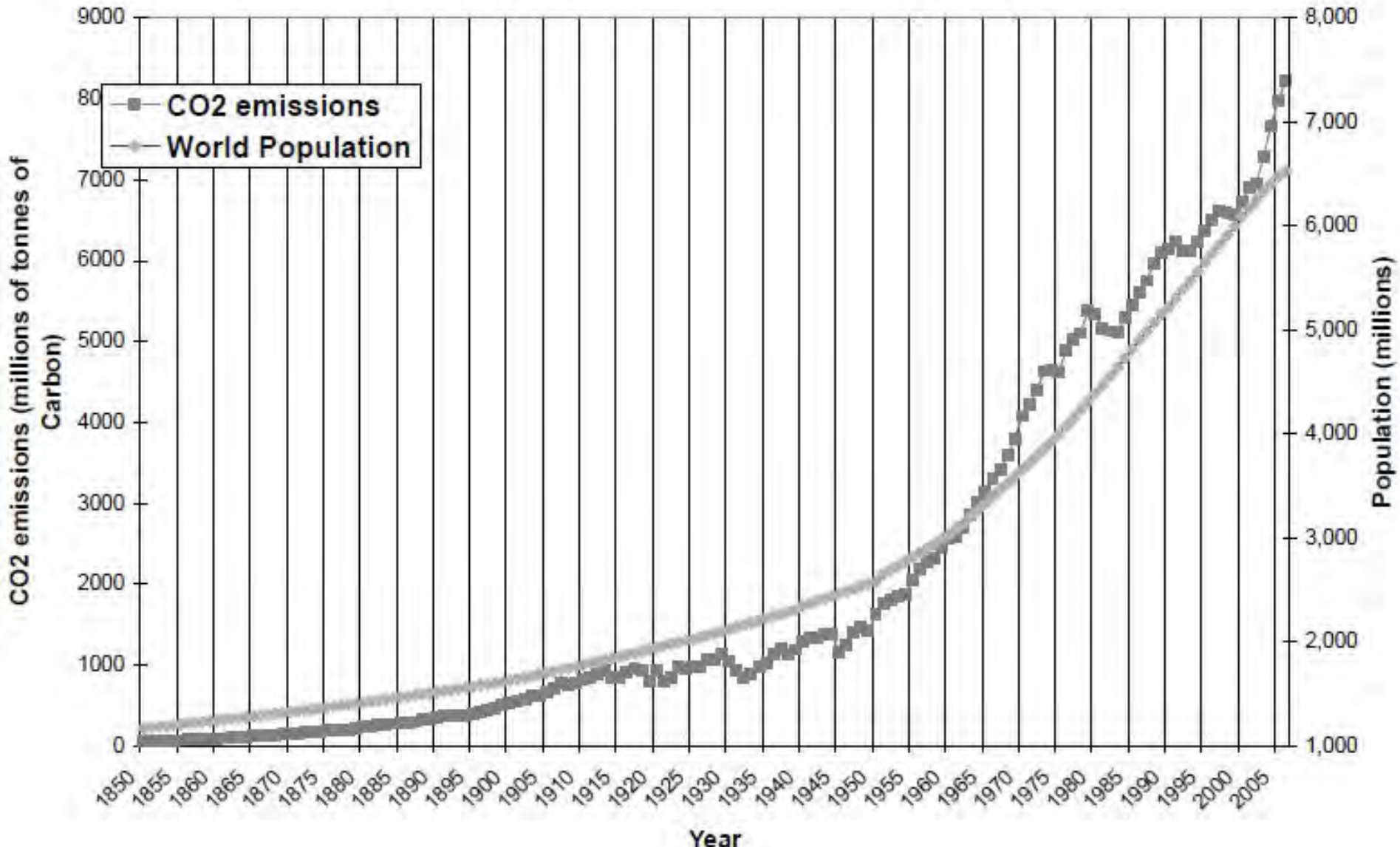
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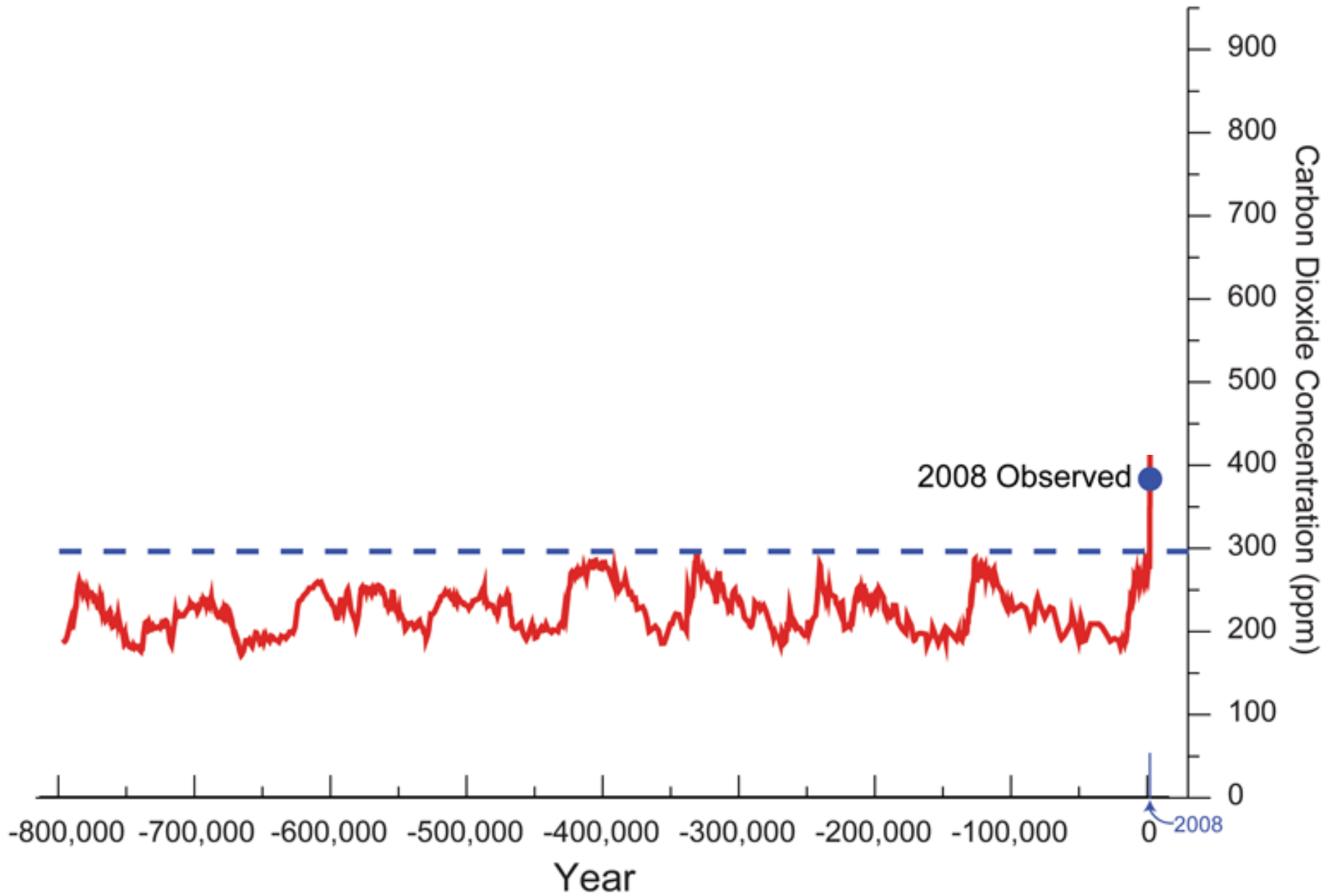


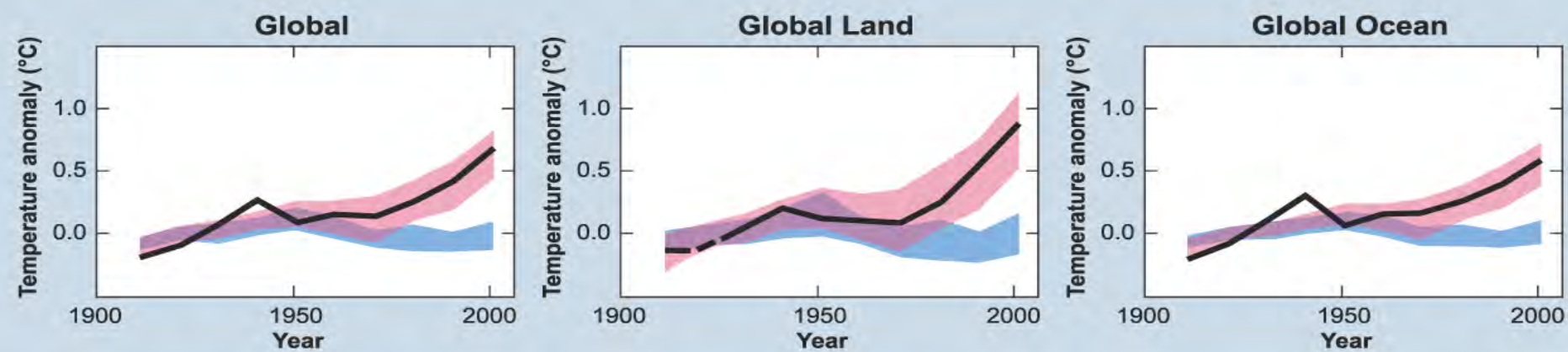
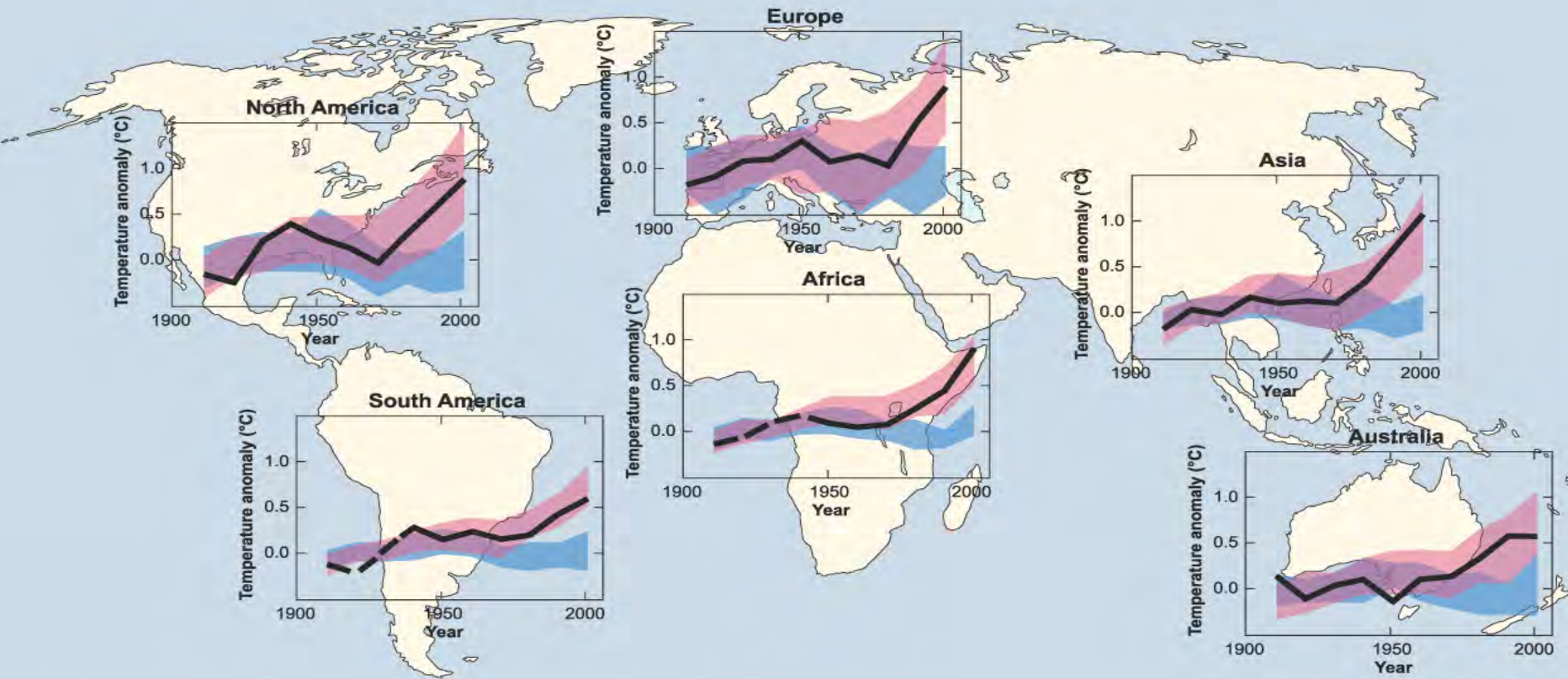
World Population and Growth Rate



World Population vs. Global Anthropogenic CO2 Emissions



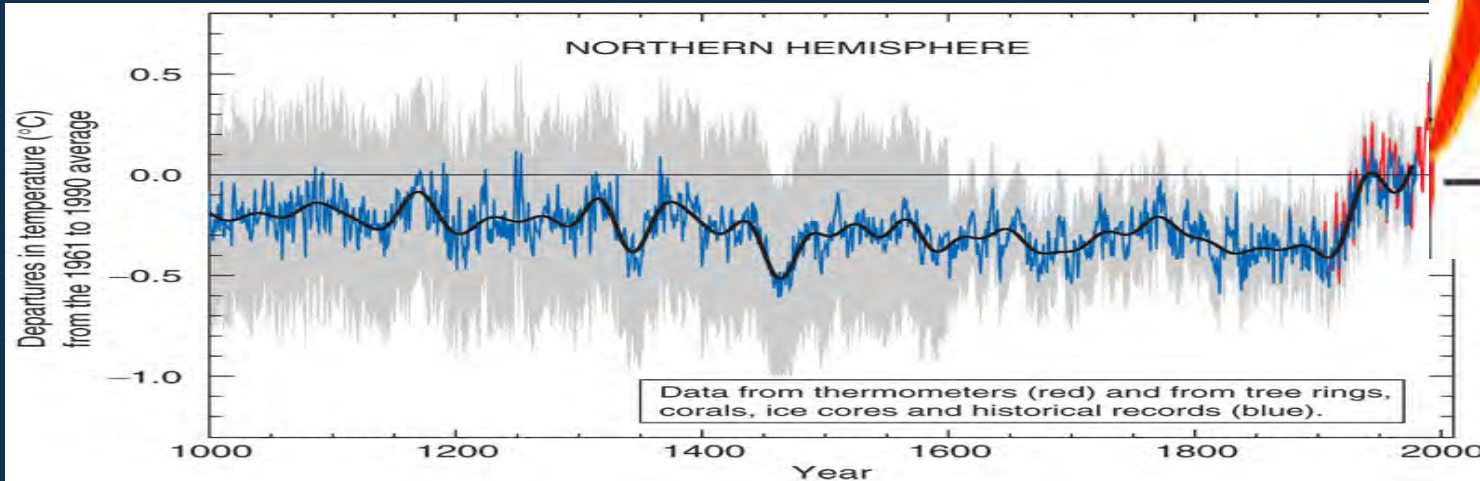
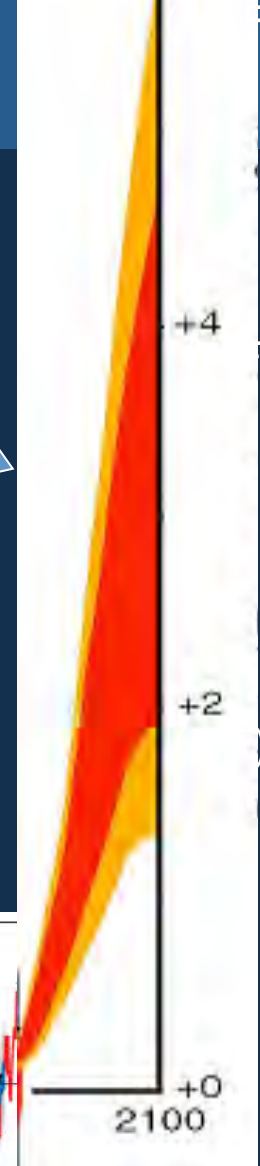




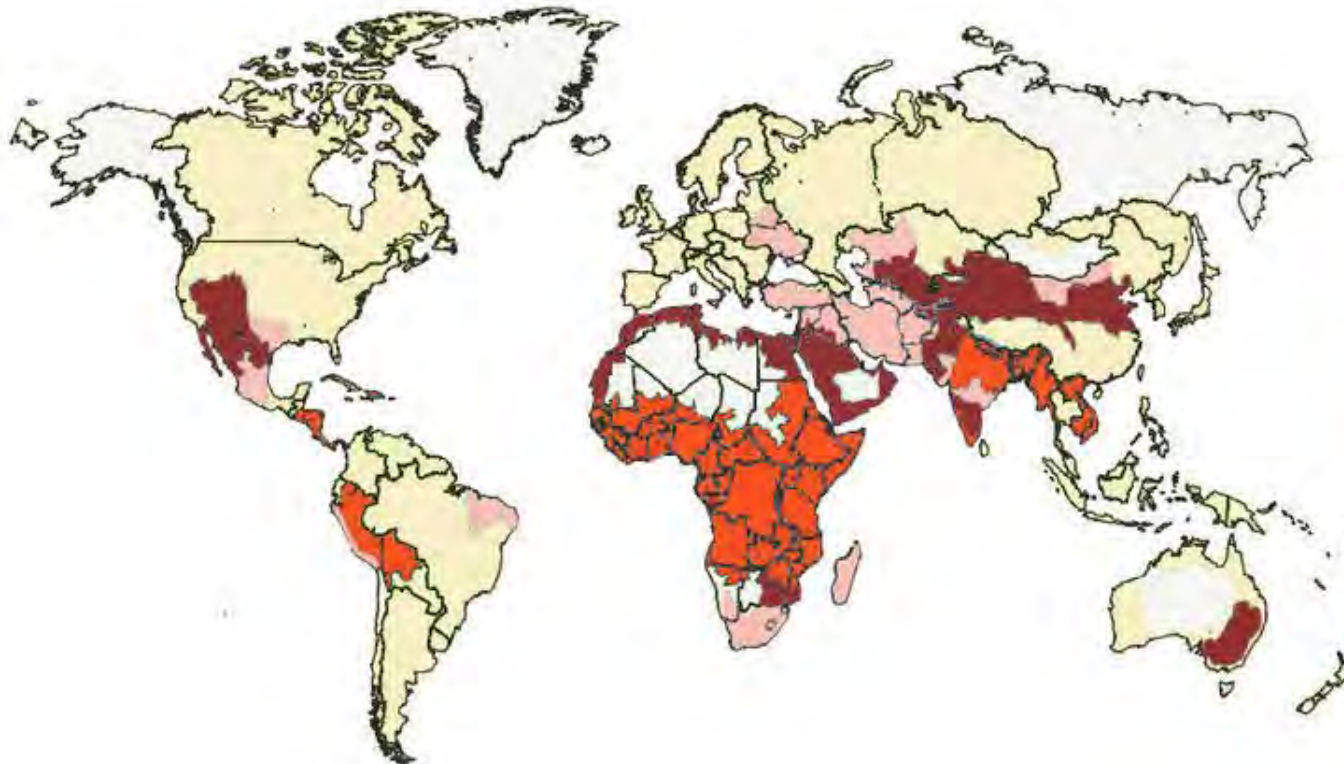
models using only natural forcings
 models using both natural and anthropogenic forcings
 observations

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Increasing Temperature



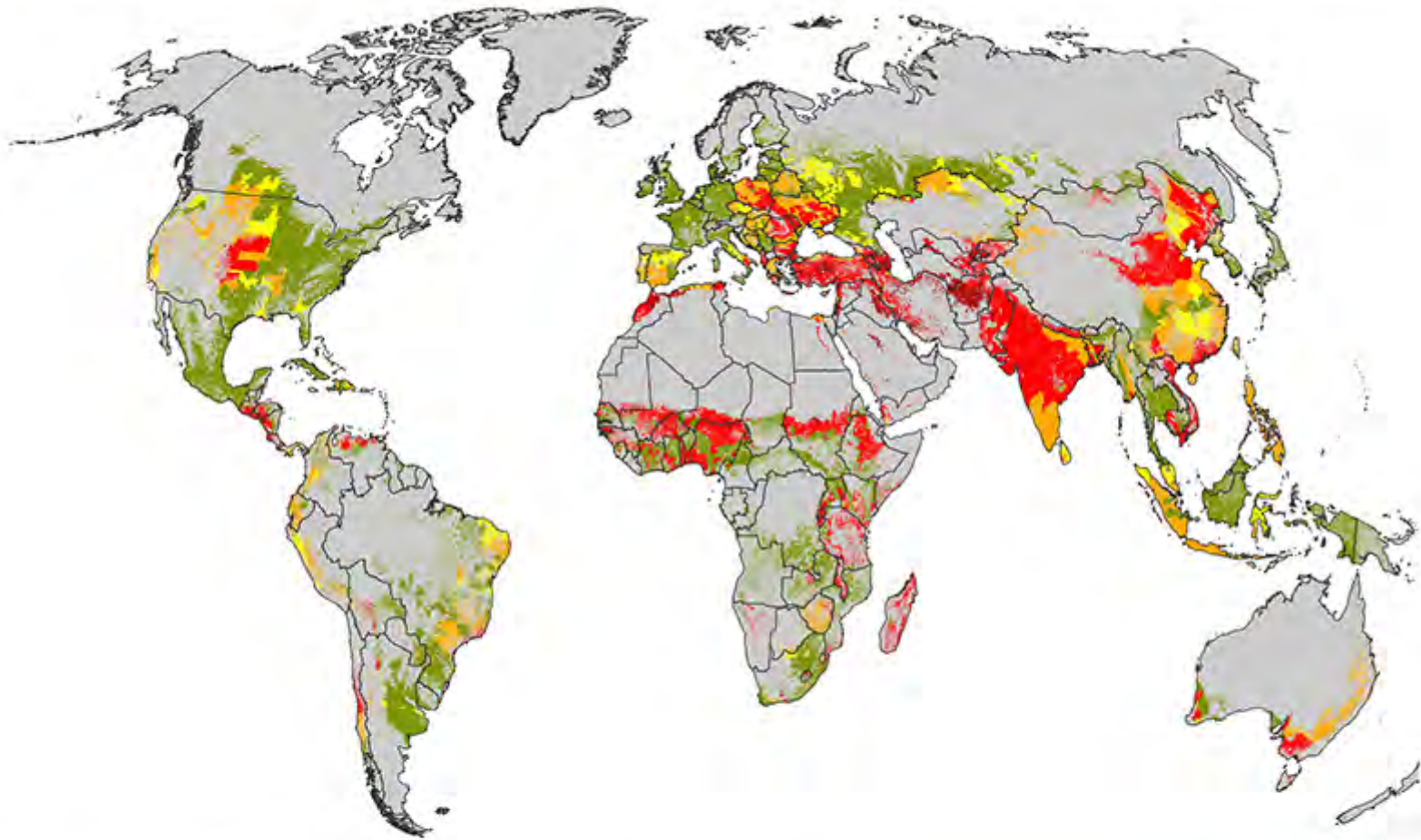
Water Security, 2012



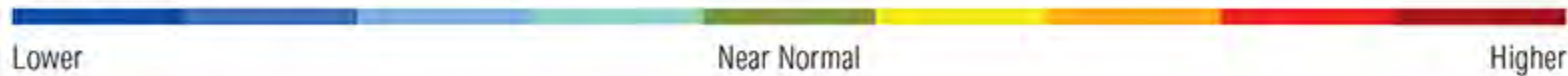
- Little or no water scarcity.
- Physical water scarcity.
- Imminent physical water scarcity.
- Economic water scarcity.
- Not estimated.

Source: 4th edition of the UN World Water Development Report (WWDR4), Volume 1 (2012).

Water stress will increase in many agricultural areas by 2025 due to growing water use and higher temperatures (based on IPCC scenario A1B)



Water Stress Condition



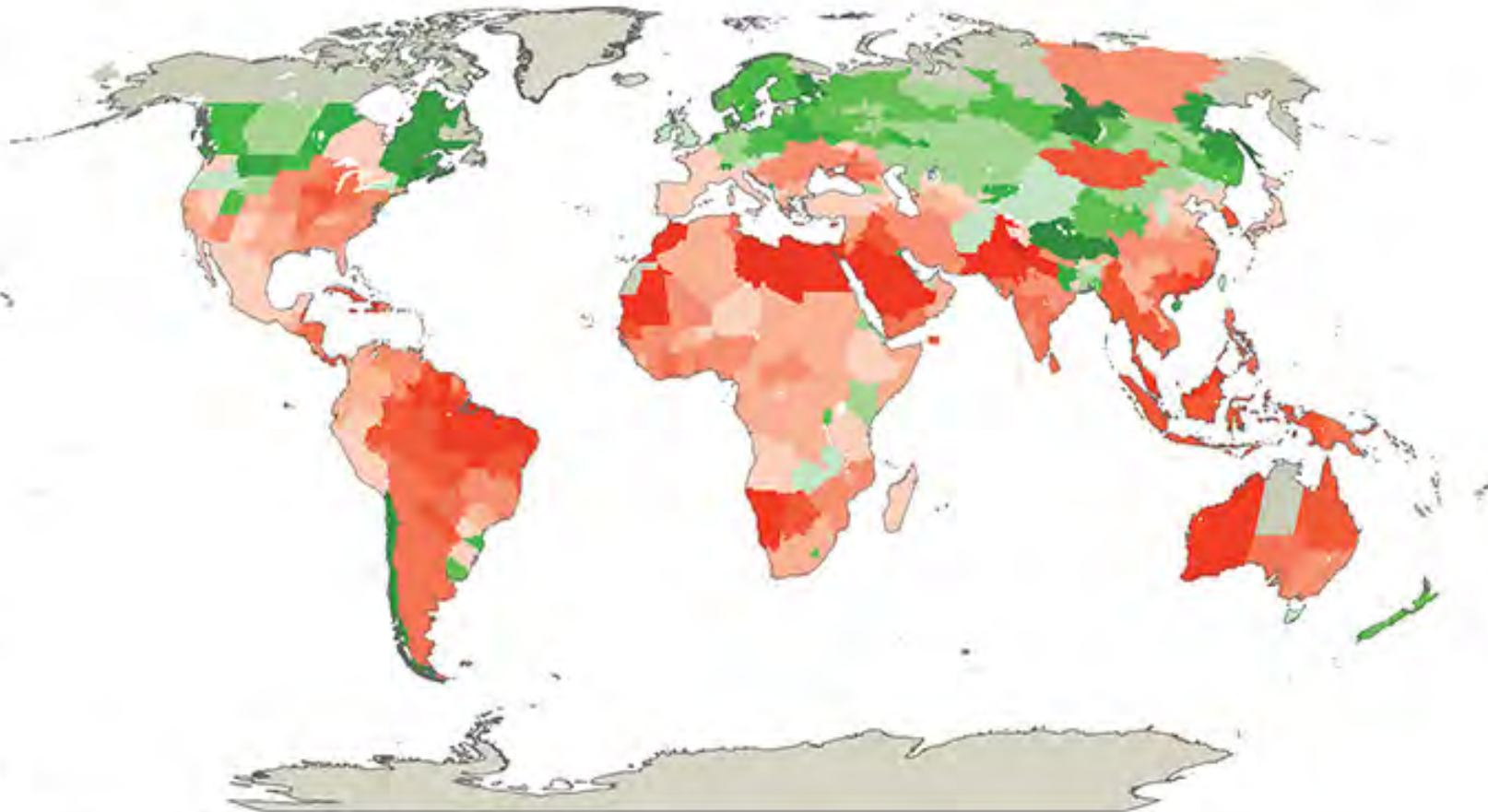
Lower

Near Normal

Higher



Most studies now project adverse impacts on crop yields due to climate change (3°C warmer world)



■ No data

Percentage change in yields between present and 2050



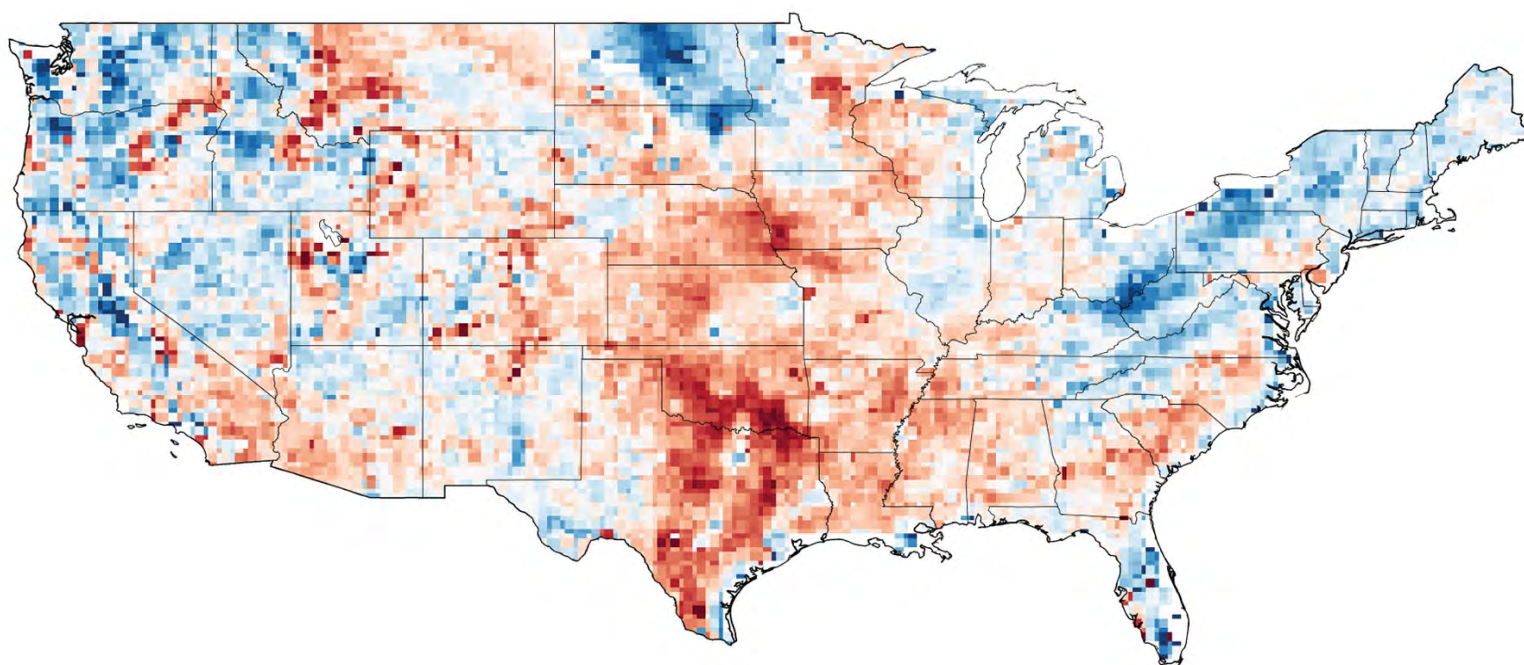


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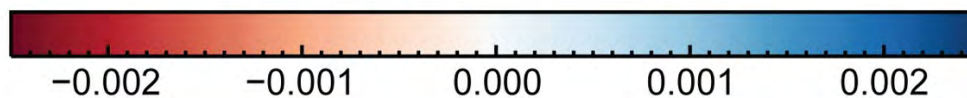
U.S. Challenges

Changes Annual Soil Moisture, 1988-2010

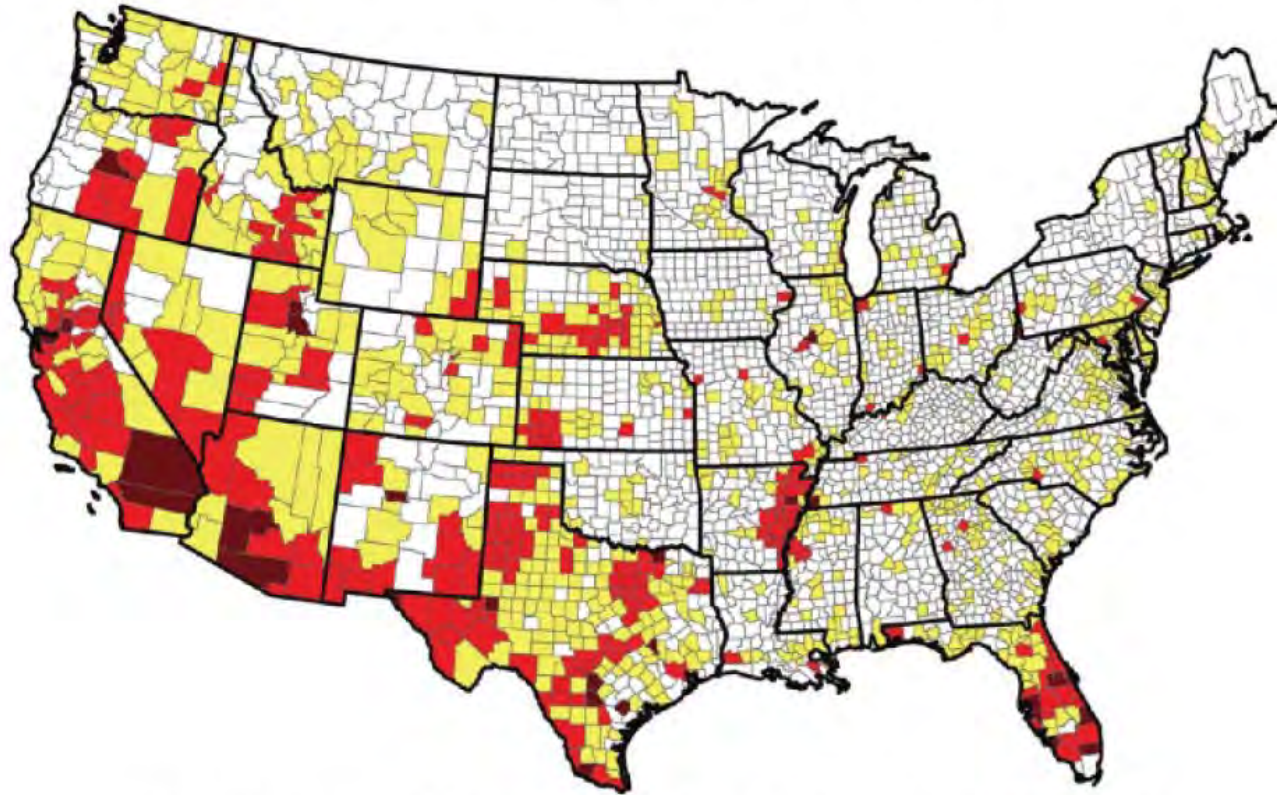
Annual Surface Soil Moisture Trends



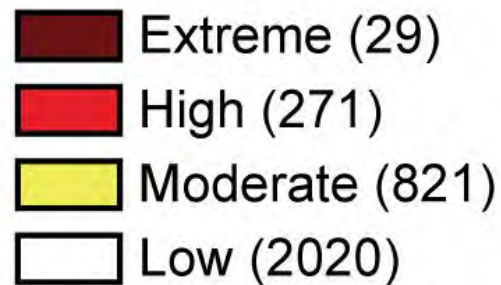
Change in soil moisture ($\text{m}^3 \text{m}^{-3} \text{y}^{-1}$)



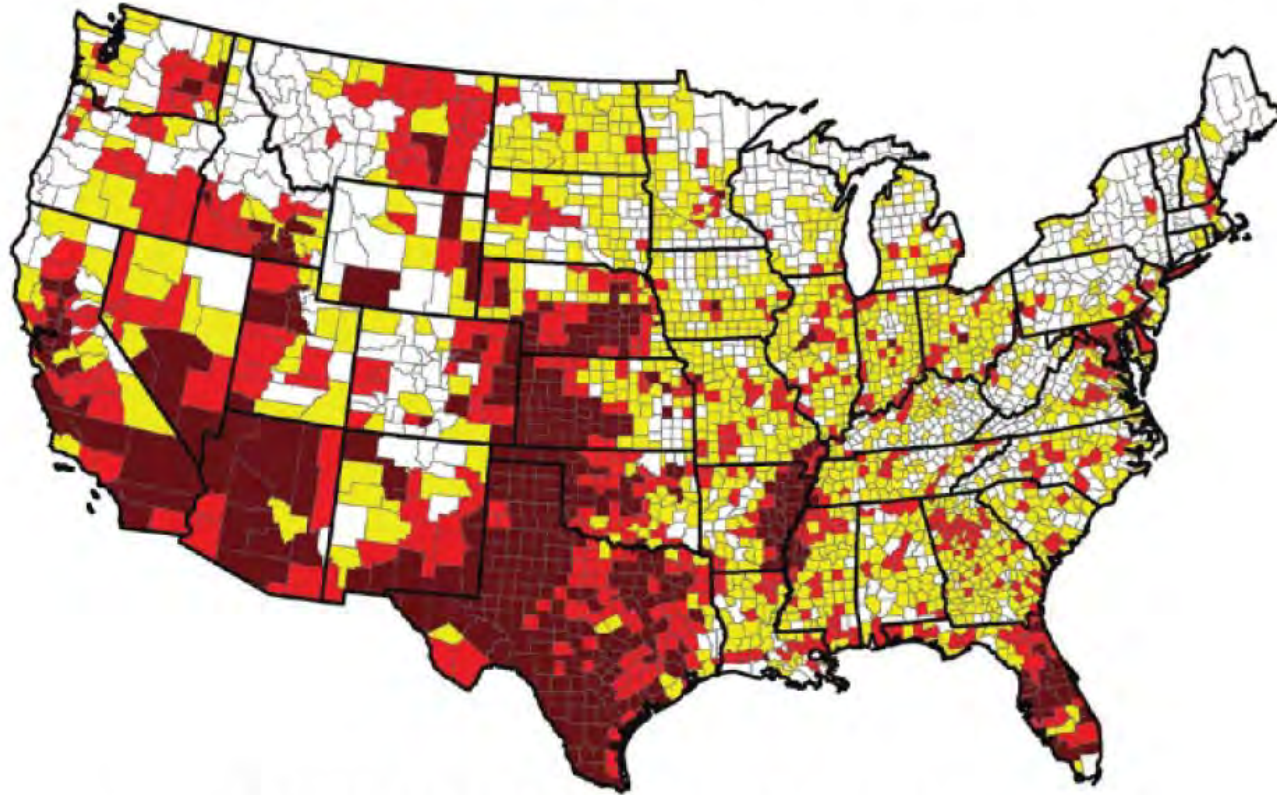
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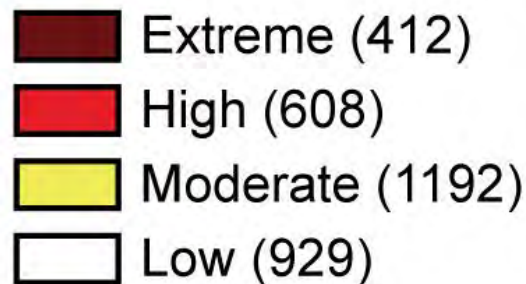
Water Supply Sustainability Risk Index (2050)

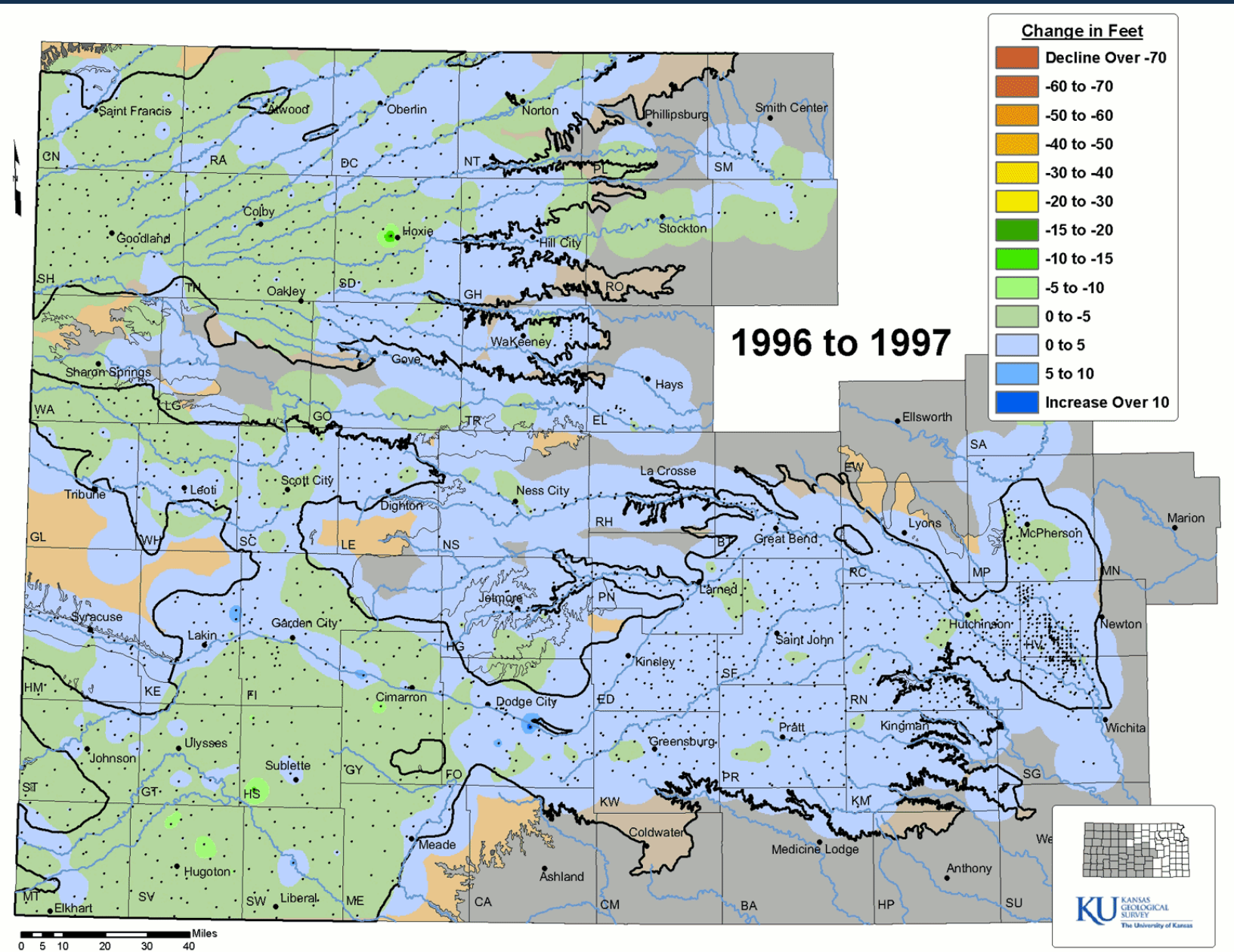


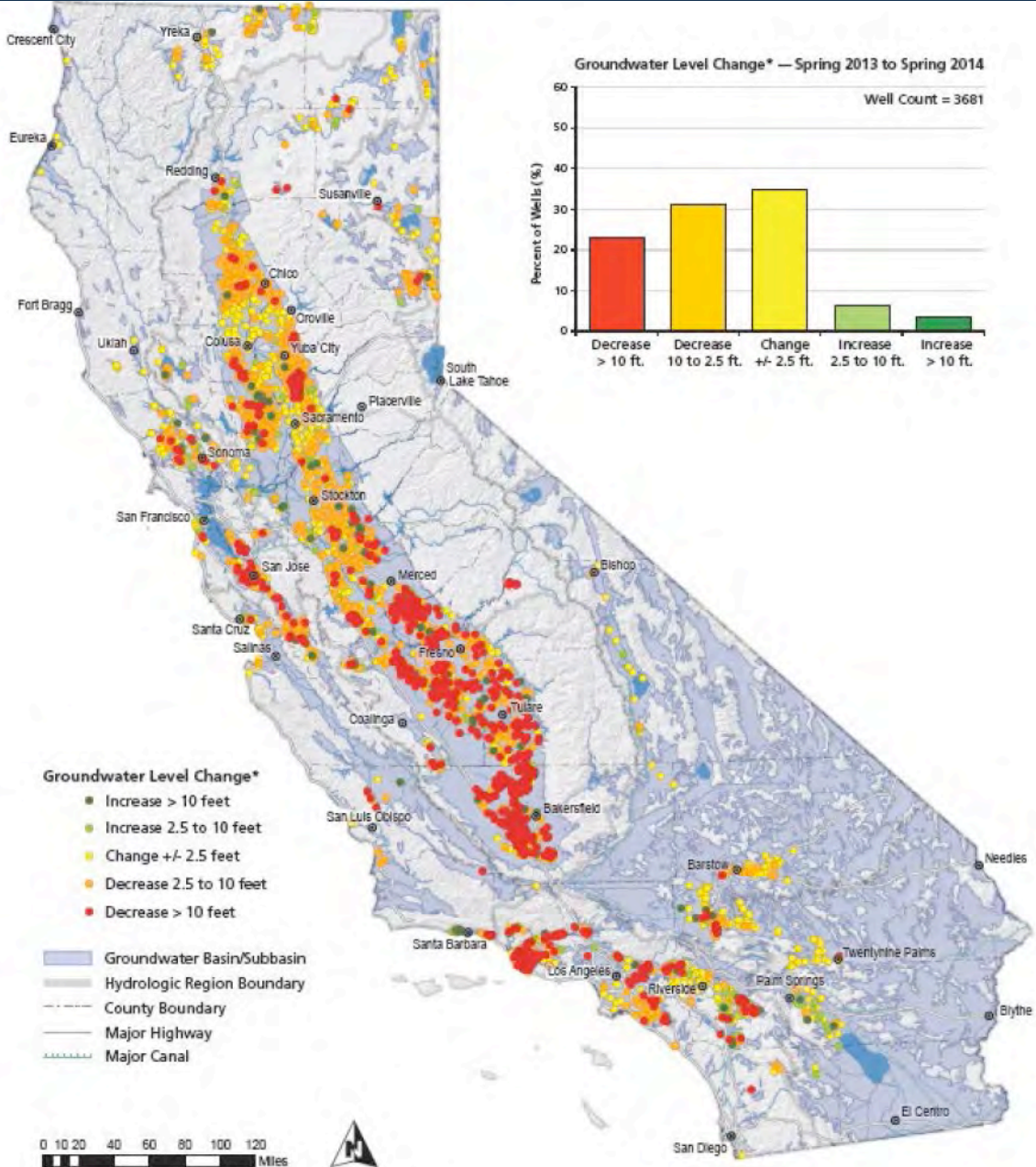
(b) Climate Change Effects



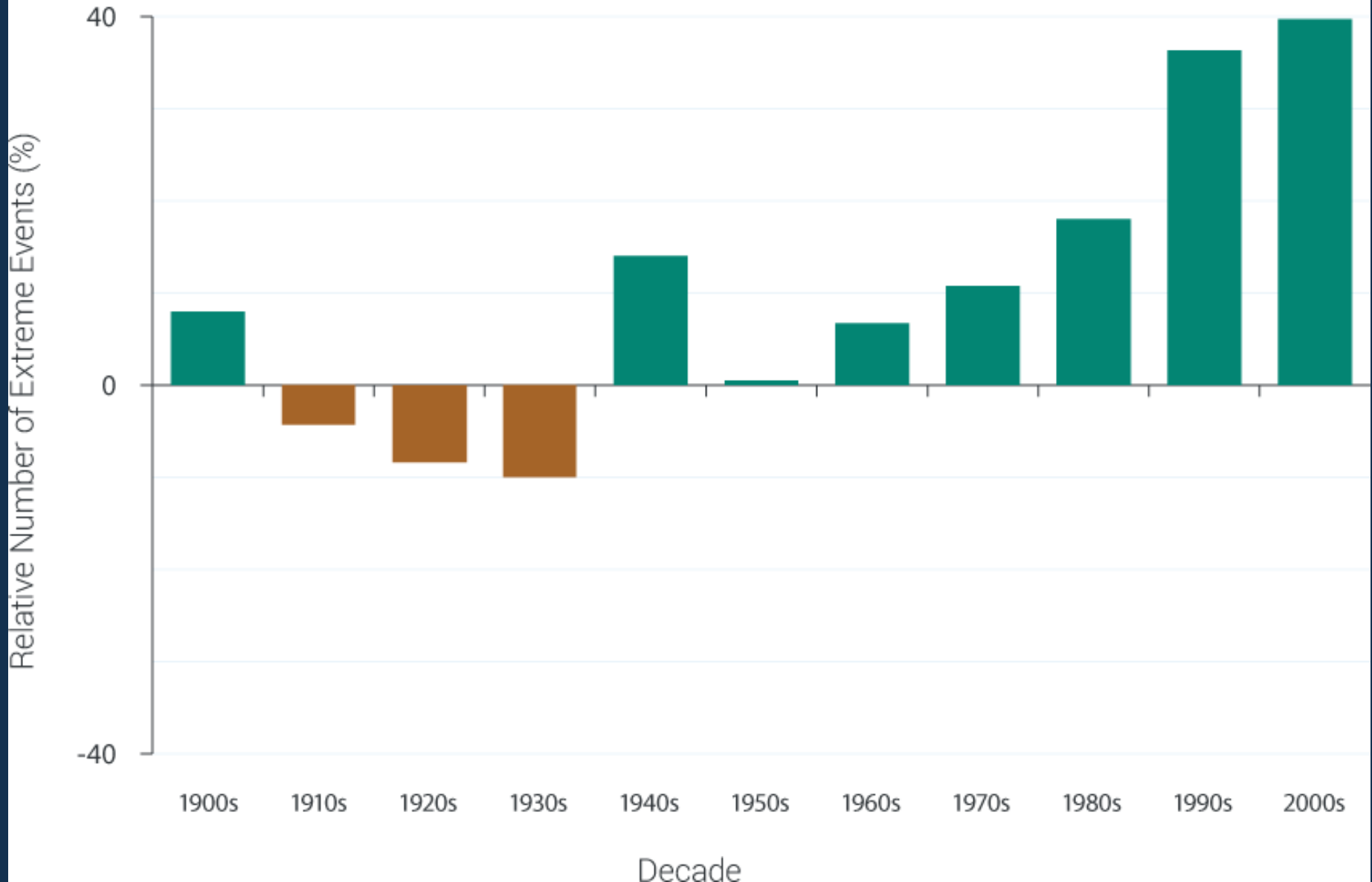
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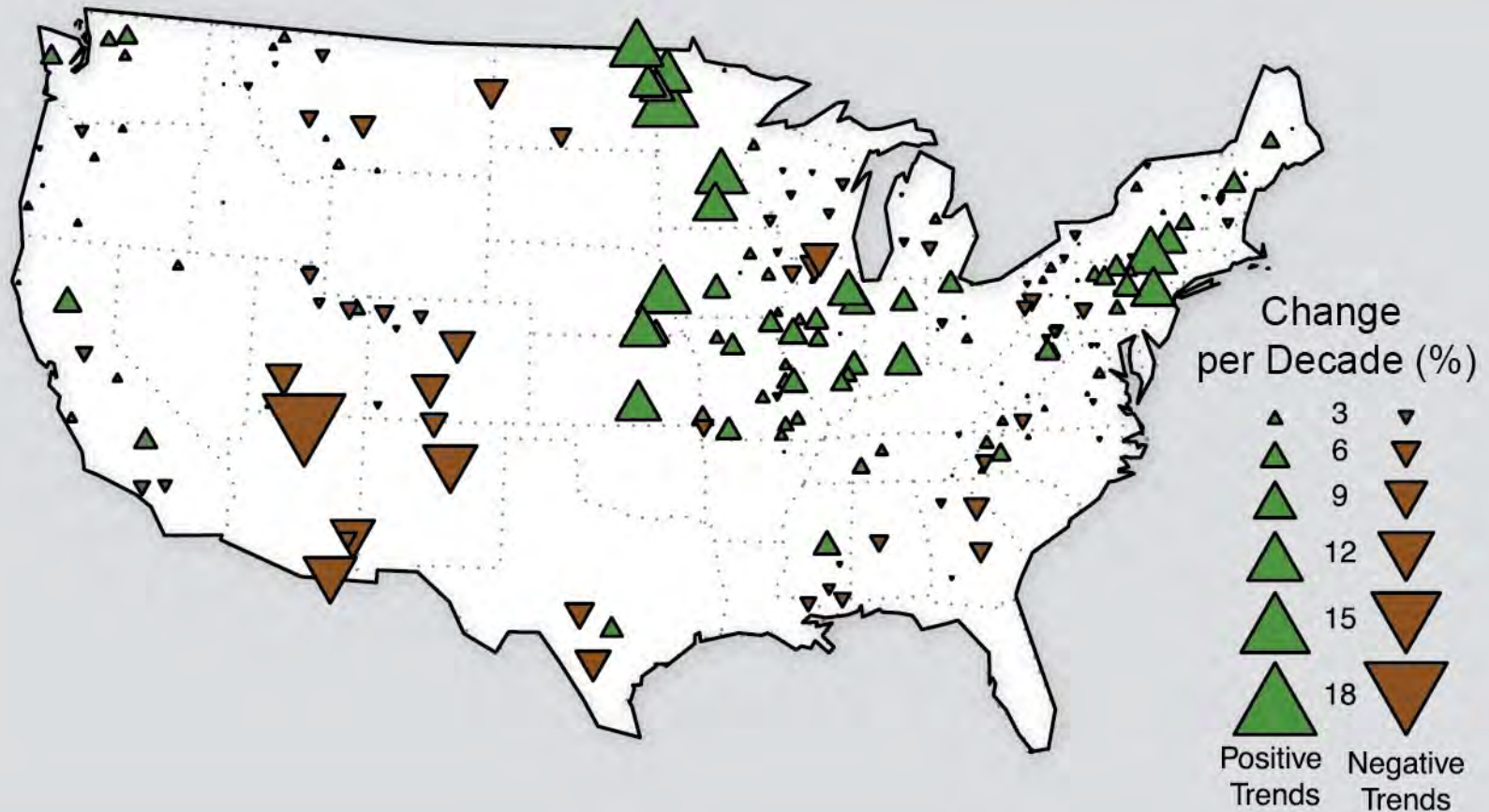


Observed U.S. Trend in Heavy Precipitation

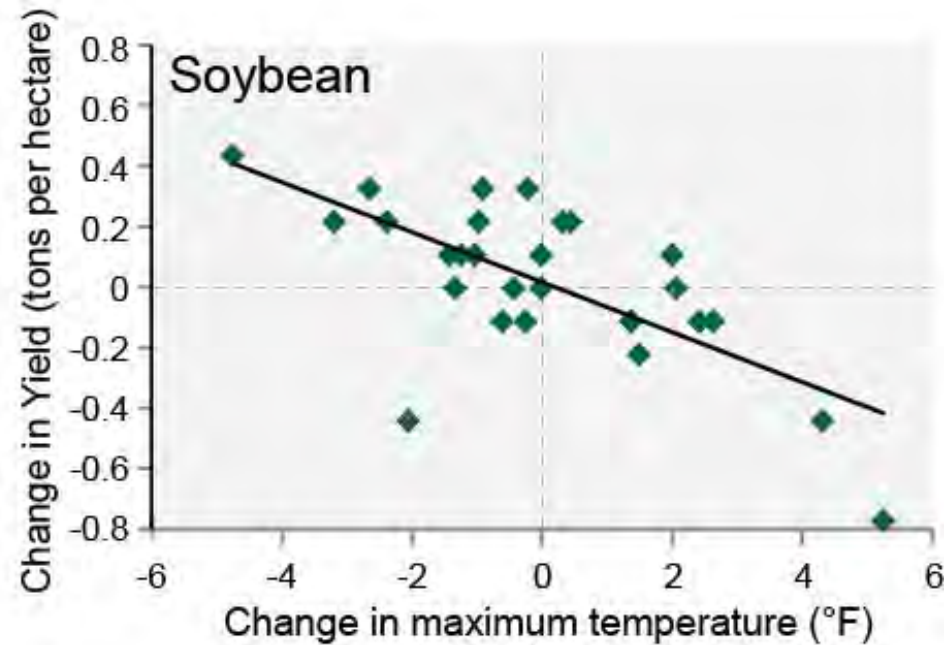
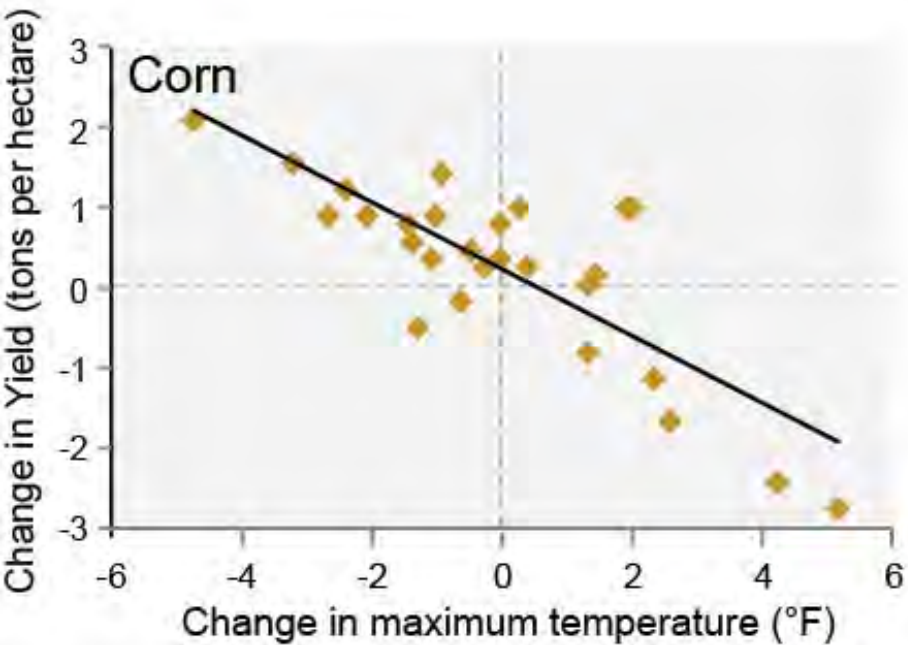


1920s - 2008

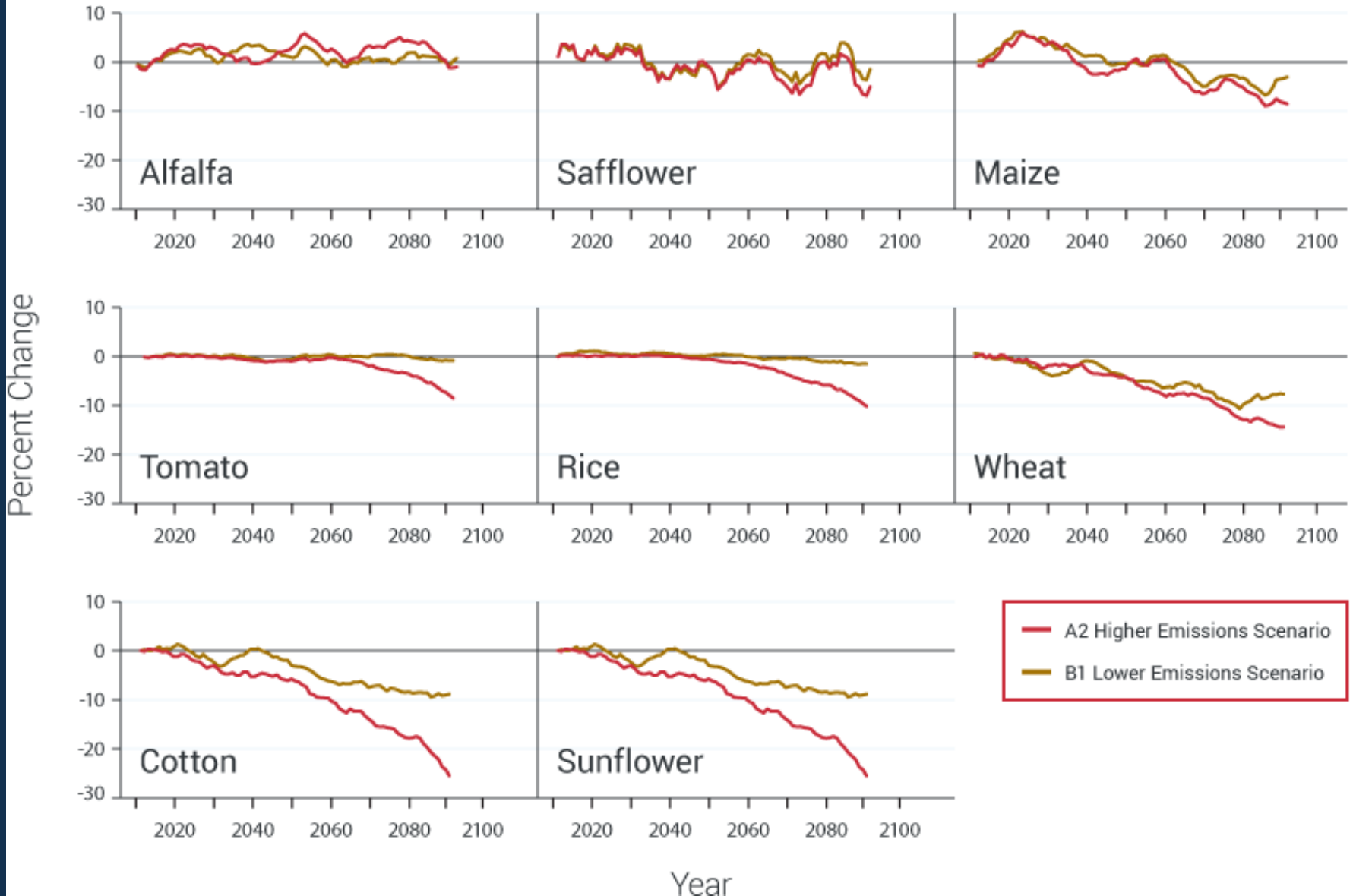
Trends in Flood Magnitude



Crop Yields Decline under Higher Temperatures



Crop Yield Response to Warming in California's Central Valley





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