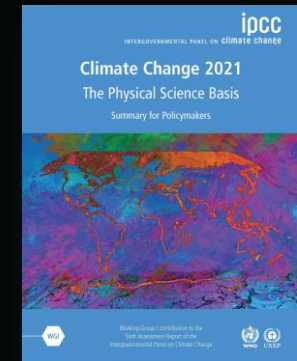




Water as Climate connector



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Syukuro Manabe Facts

Congratulations! The Nobel Prize in Physics 2021



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Outreach



“It’s a physical science. Modeling of climate is solely based on physical theory and well-known physics.”
by Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences on Oct. 5, 2021.

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The Nobel Prize in Physics 2021

Born: 21 September 1931, Shingu, Ehime Prefecture, Japan

Affiliation at the time of the award: Princeton University,
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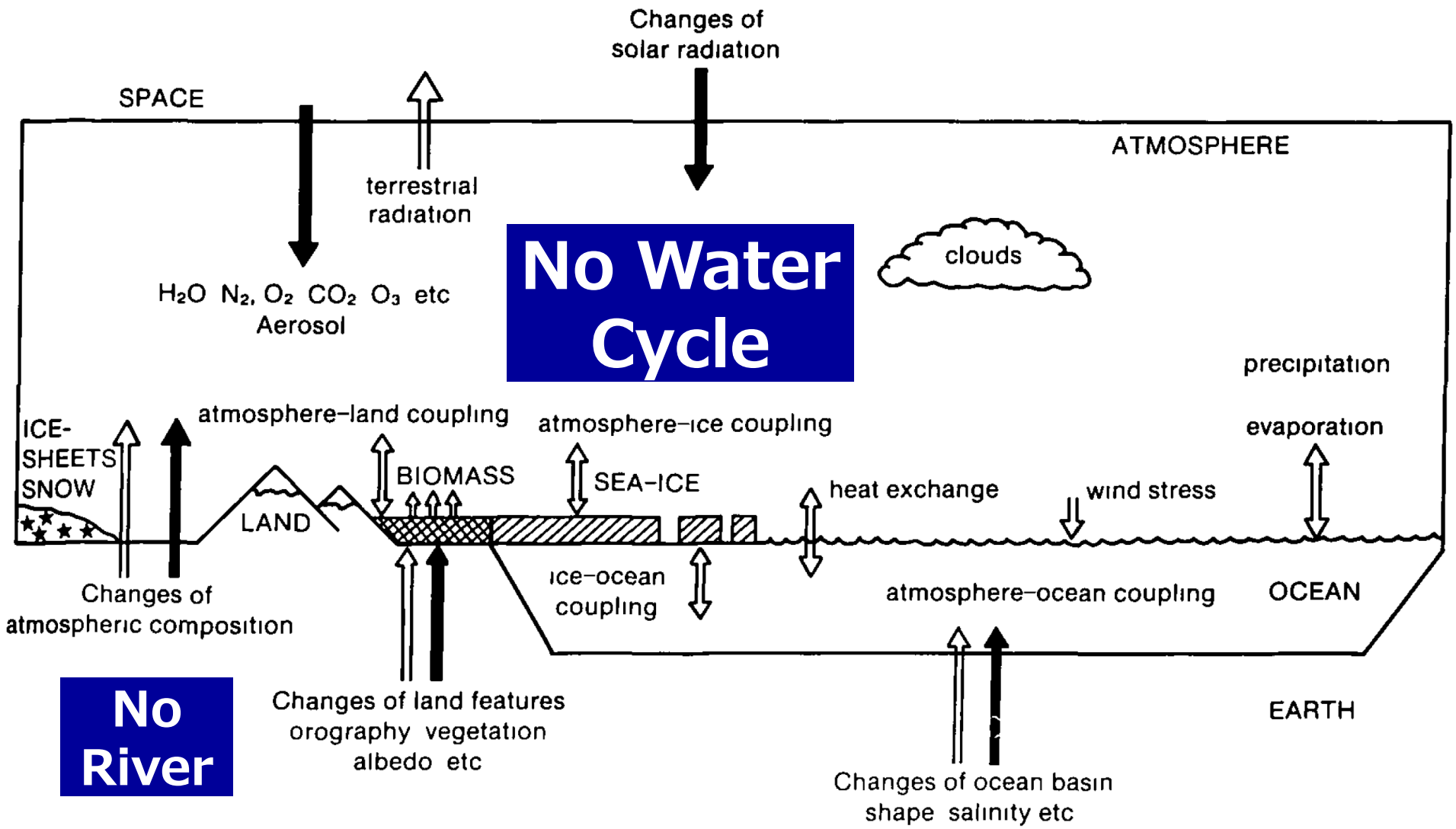
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Prize share: 1/4

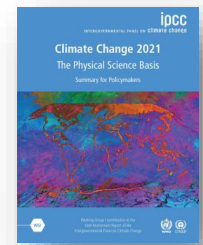


(March 20, 1996,
Suki’s Home in Princeton)

In IPCC FAR(1990) from Houghton "The Global Climate"(1984)



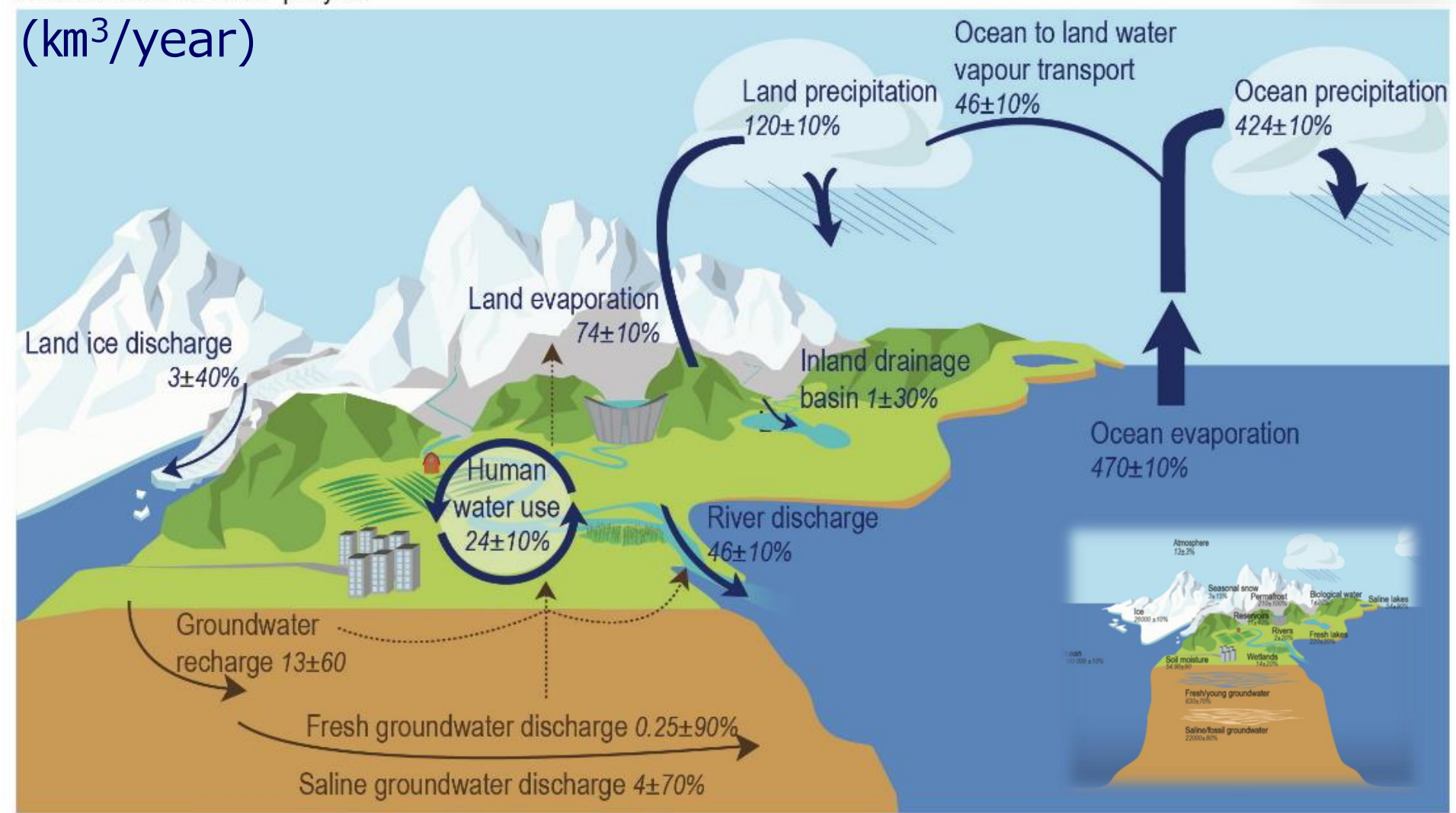
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(b) Water fluxes

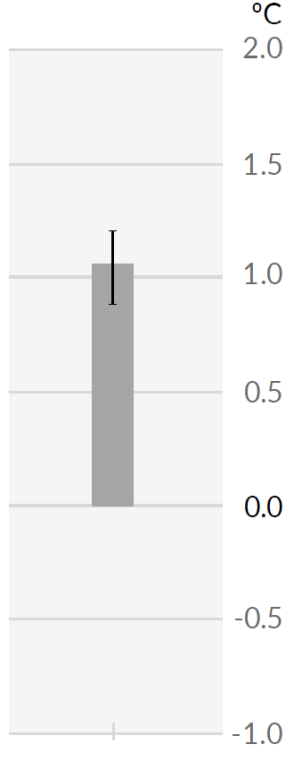
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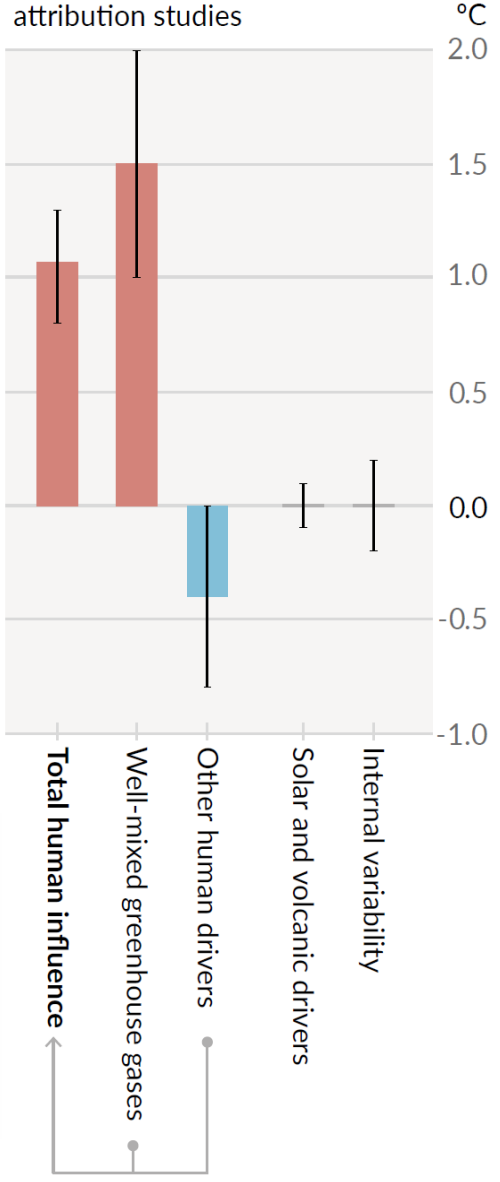
Observed warming

a) Observed warming 2010-2019 relative to 1850-1900



Contributions to warming based on two complementary approaches

b) Aggregated contributions to 2010-2019 warming relative to 1850-1900, assessed from attribution studies



c) Contributions to 2010-2019 warming relative to 1850-1900, assessed from radiative forcing studies

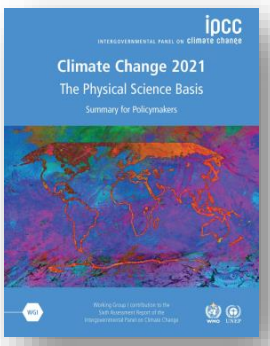
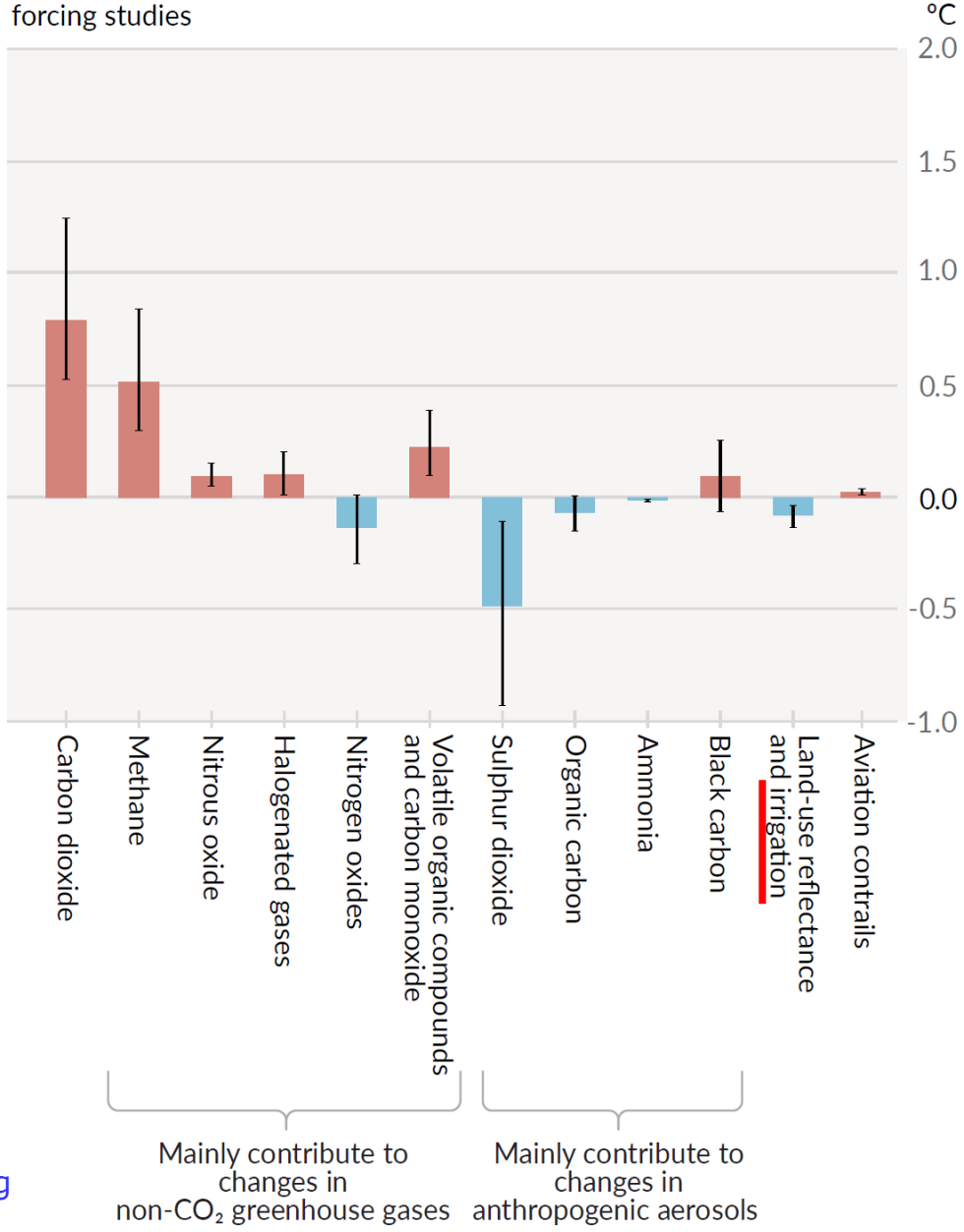
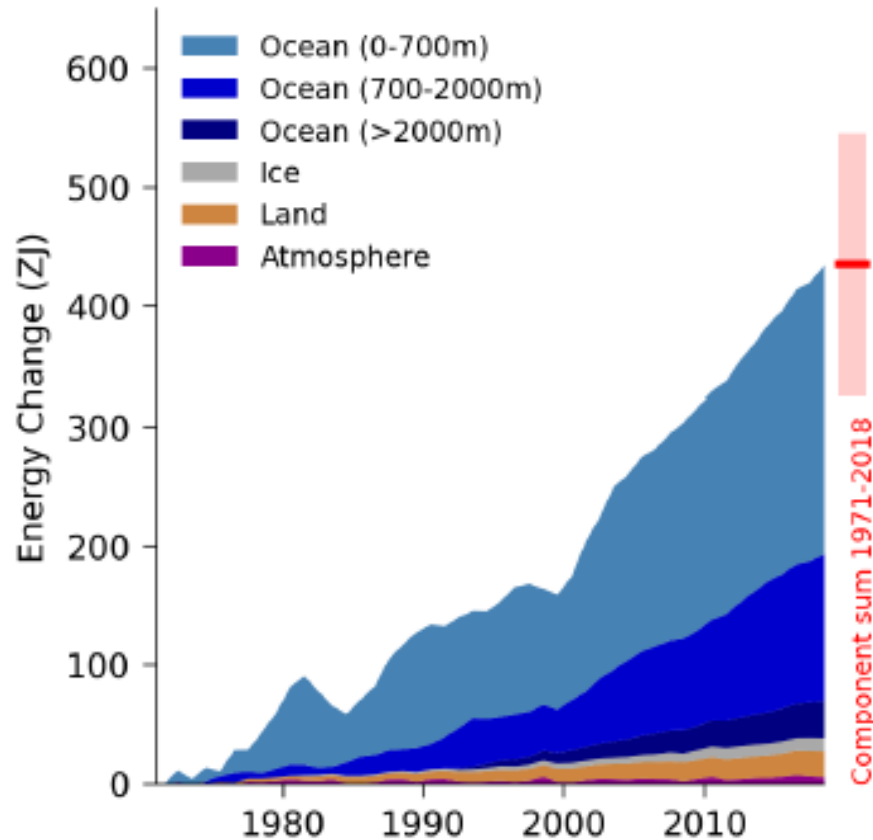
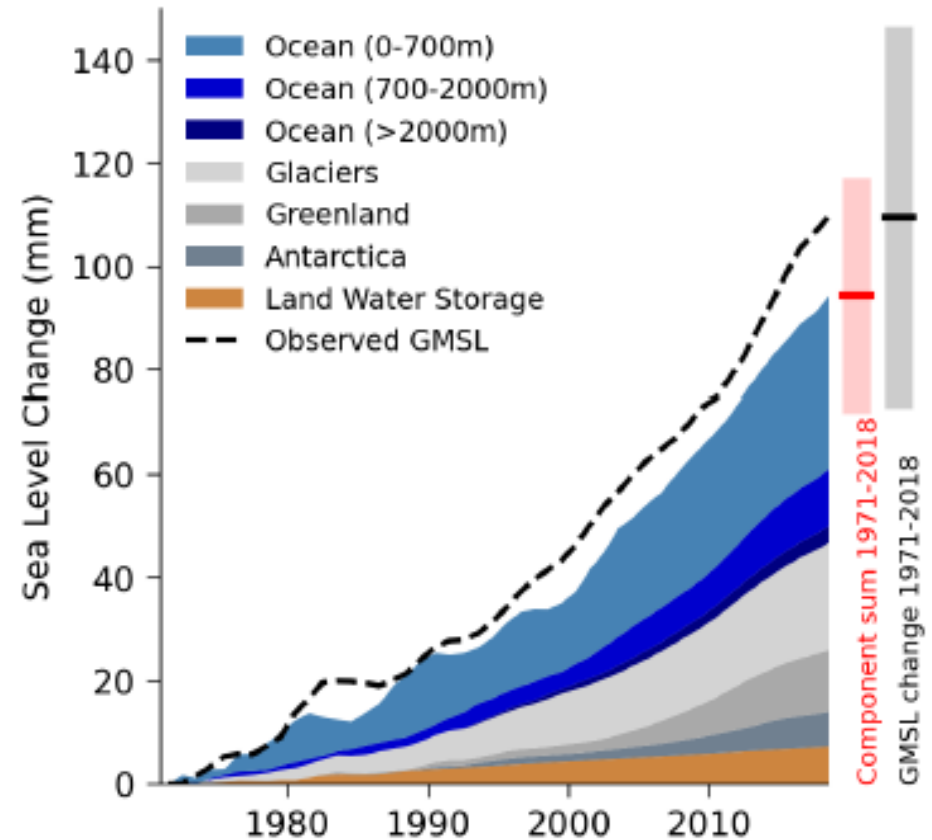


Figure SPM.2: Assessed contributions to observed warming in 2010-2019 relative to 1850-1900.

a) Global Energy Inventory



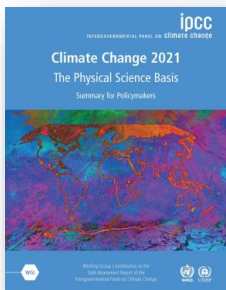
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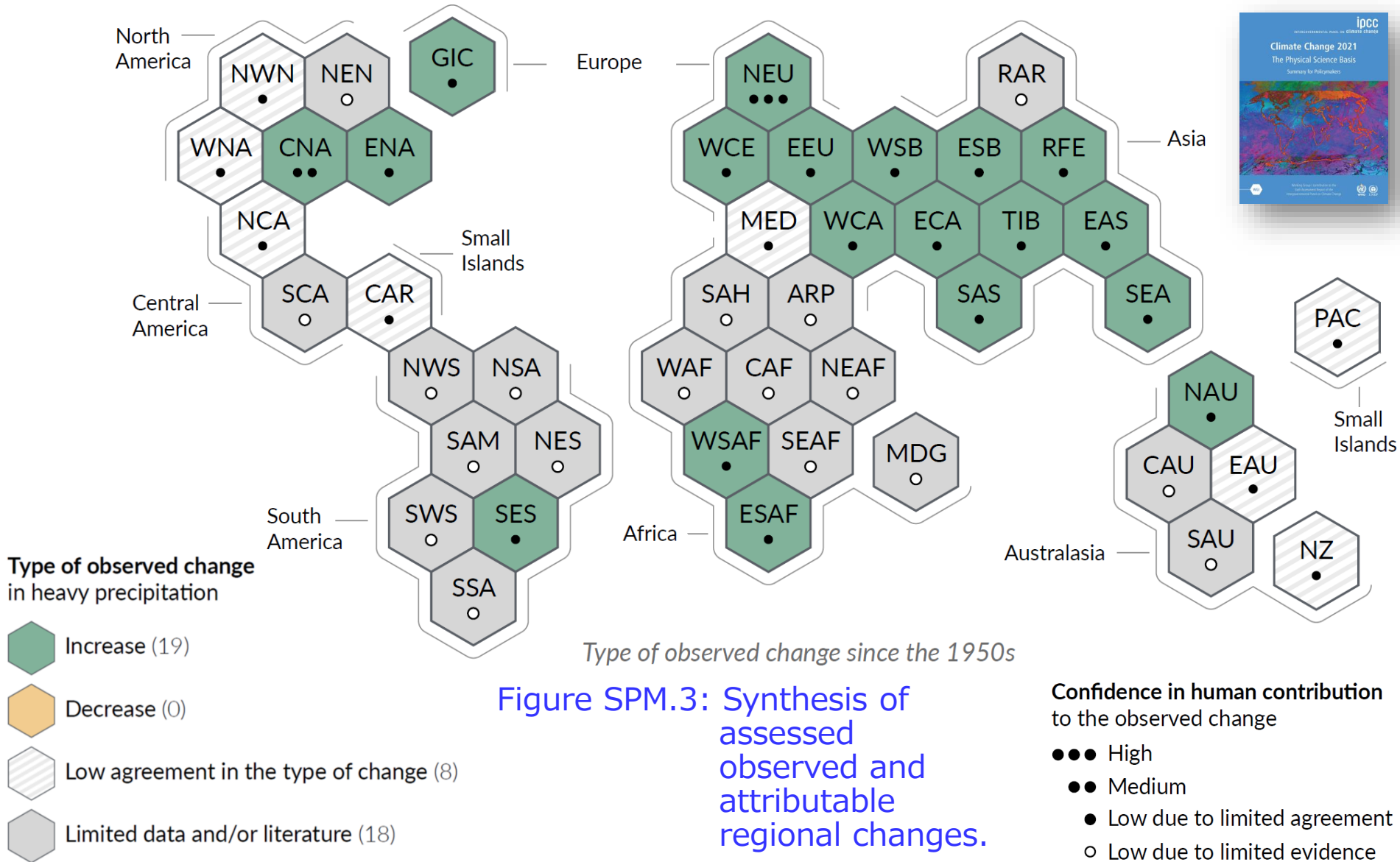
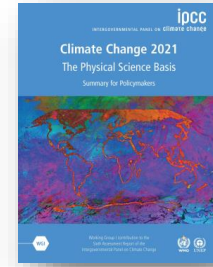
Cross-Chapter 9.1, Figure 1:
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FAQ 9.2: "Reservoirs and aquifers on land have reduced, which contributed about an 8% increase in sea level."

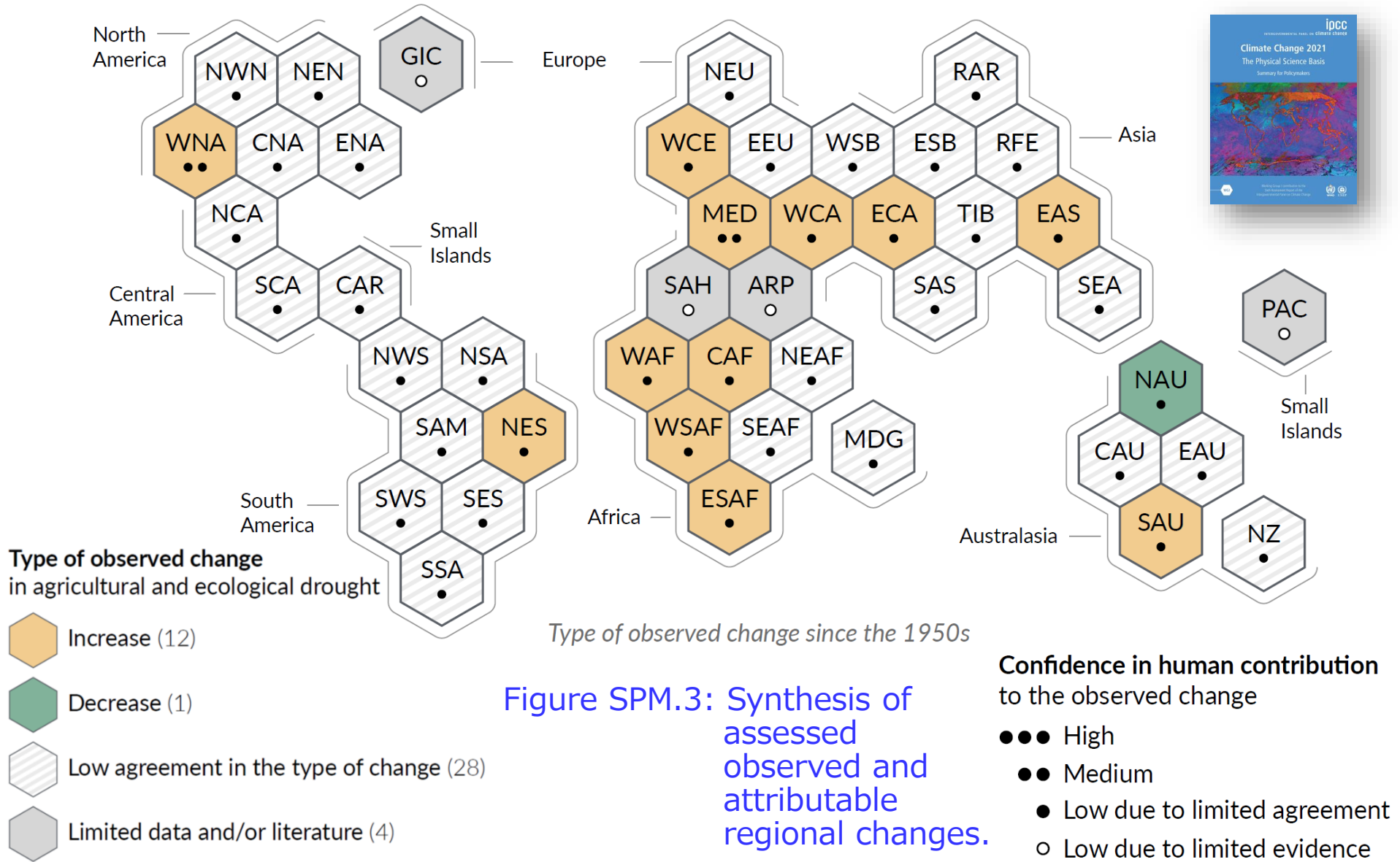
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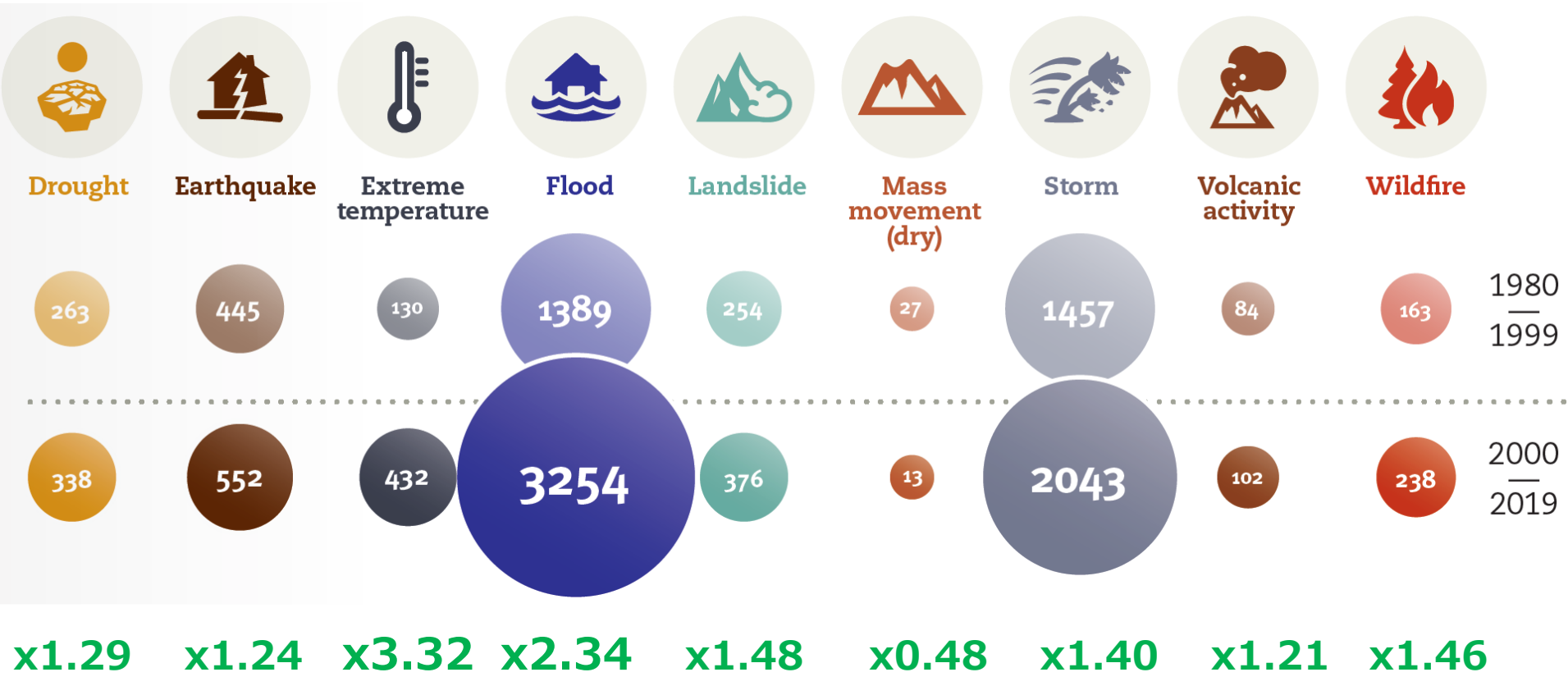
b) Synthesis of assessment of observed change in heavy precipitation and confidence in human contribution to the observed changes in the world's regions



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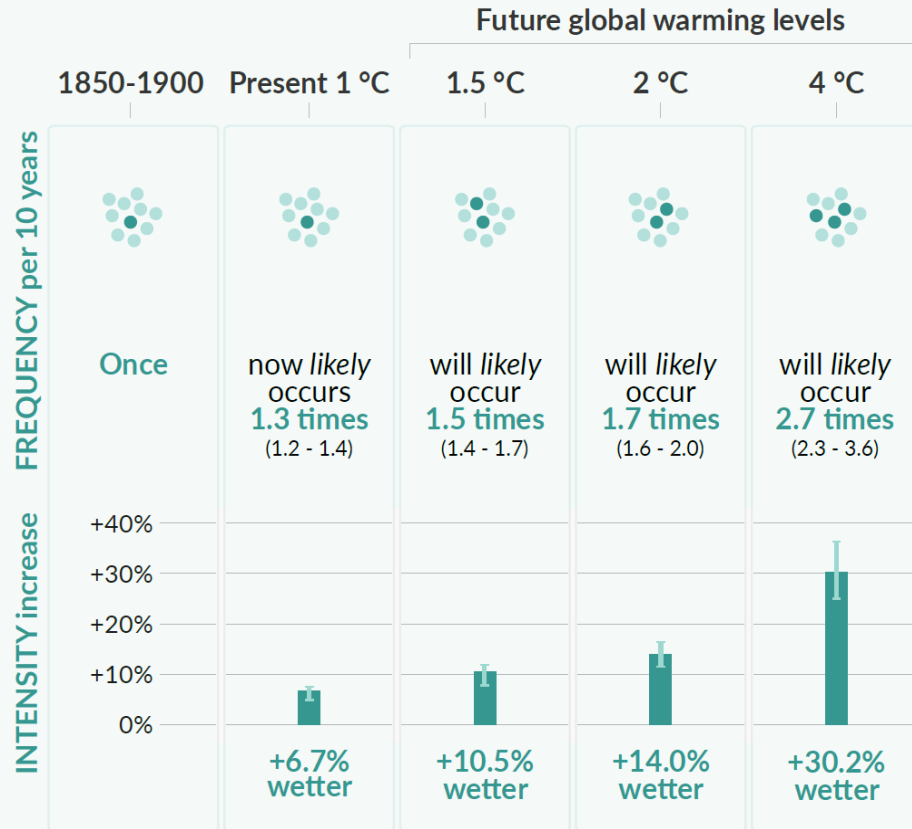
Changes in the reporting cases (by UNDRR based on EM-DAT) 1980-99 vs 2000-19



Heavy precipitation over land

10-year event

Frequency and increase in intensity of heavy 1-day precipitation event that occurred **once in 10 years** on average in a climate without human influence



Agricultural & ecological droughts in drying regions

10-year event

Frequency and increase in intensity of an agricultural and ecological drought event that occurred **once in 10 years** on average across drying regions in a climate without human influence

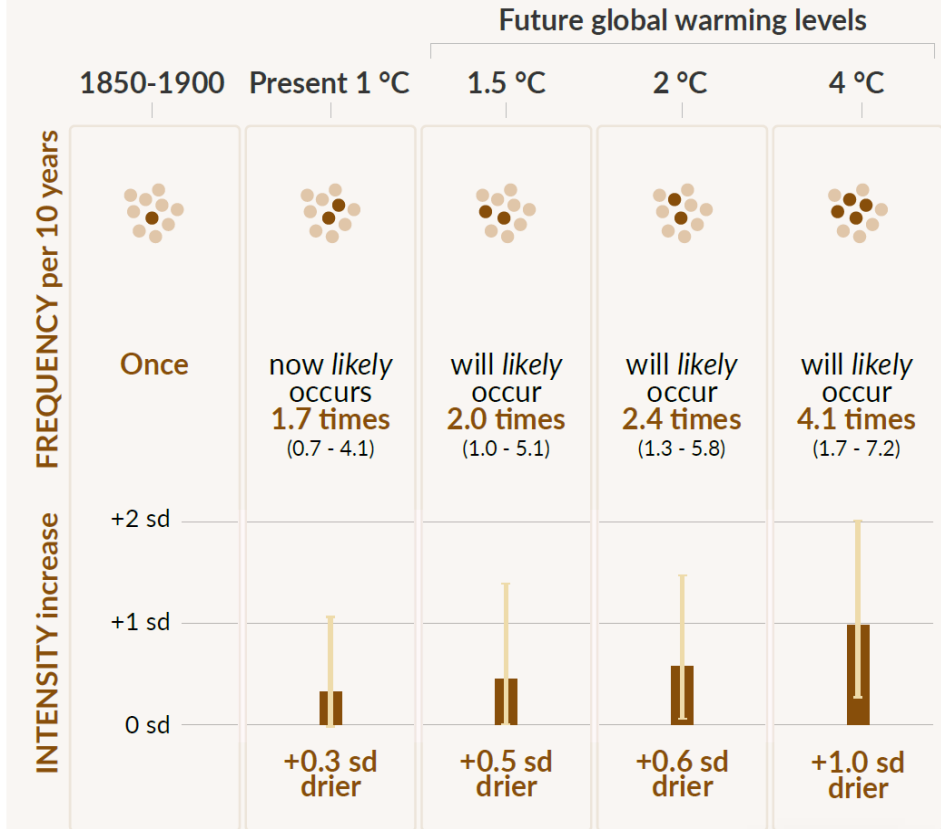
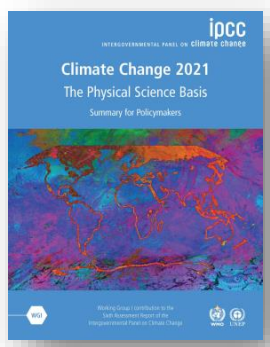
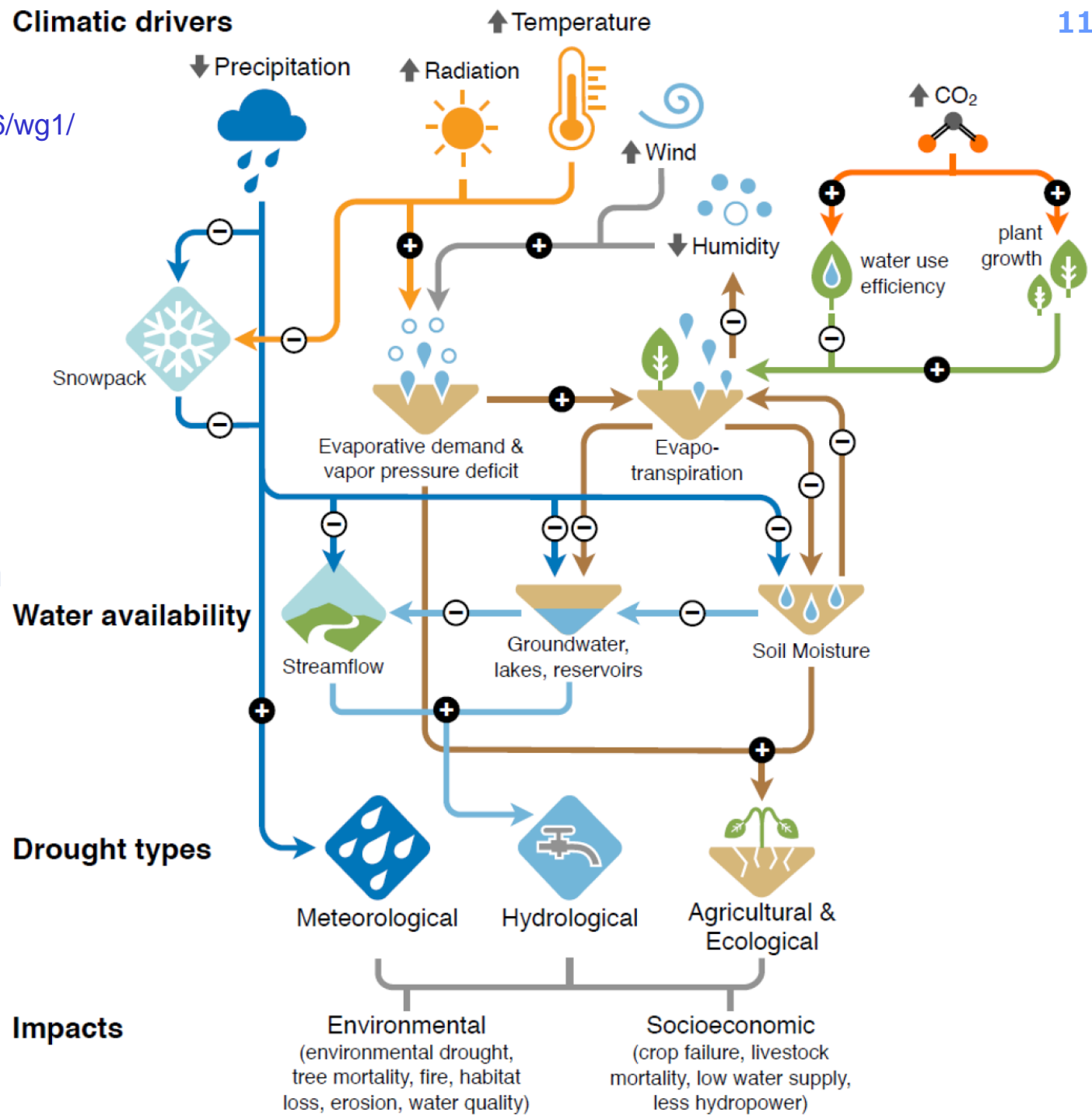
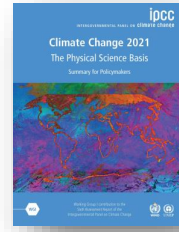


Figure SPM.6: Projected changes in the intensity and frequency of extreme precipitation over land and agricultural and ecological droughts in drying regions.

<https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg1/>

Figure 8.6: Climatic drivers of drought, effects on water availability, and impacts. Plus and minus signs denote the direction of change that drivers have on factors such as snowpack, evapotranspiration, soil moisture, and water storage.

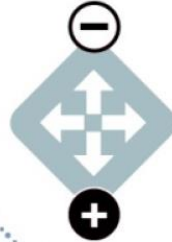




Greater heat released by condensation leads to fewer but stronger storms



Changing location and persistence of wettest events



Cloud microphysics limits rainfall increase



Increased water use reduces river flow



Large-scale deforestation decreases rainfall but increases runoff and river flow



Particle pollution alters storm development



More moisture fuels heavier precipitation



Worsening coastal flooding from sea level rise and combined with heavier rainfall



Urbanisation increases runoff and flash flooding



Decreased glaciers and snow reduce river flow



Greater capacity of drier soils to soak up water from sustained rainfall



Earlier and stronger spring melt increase river flow



More runoff from heavy rain falling on dry, encrusted soils

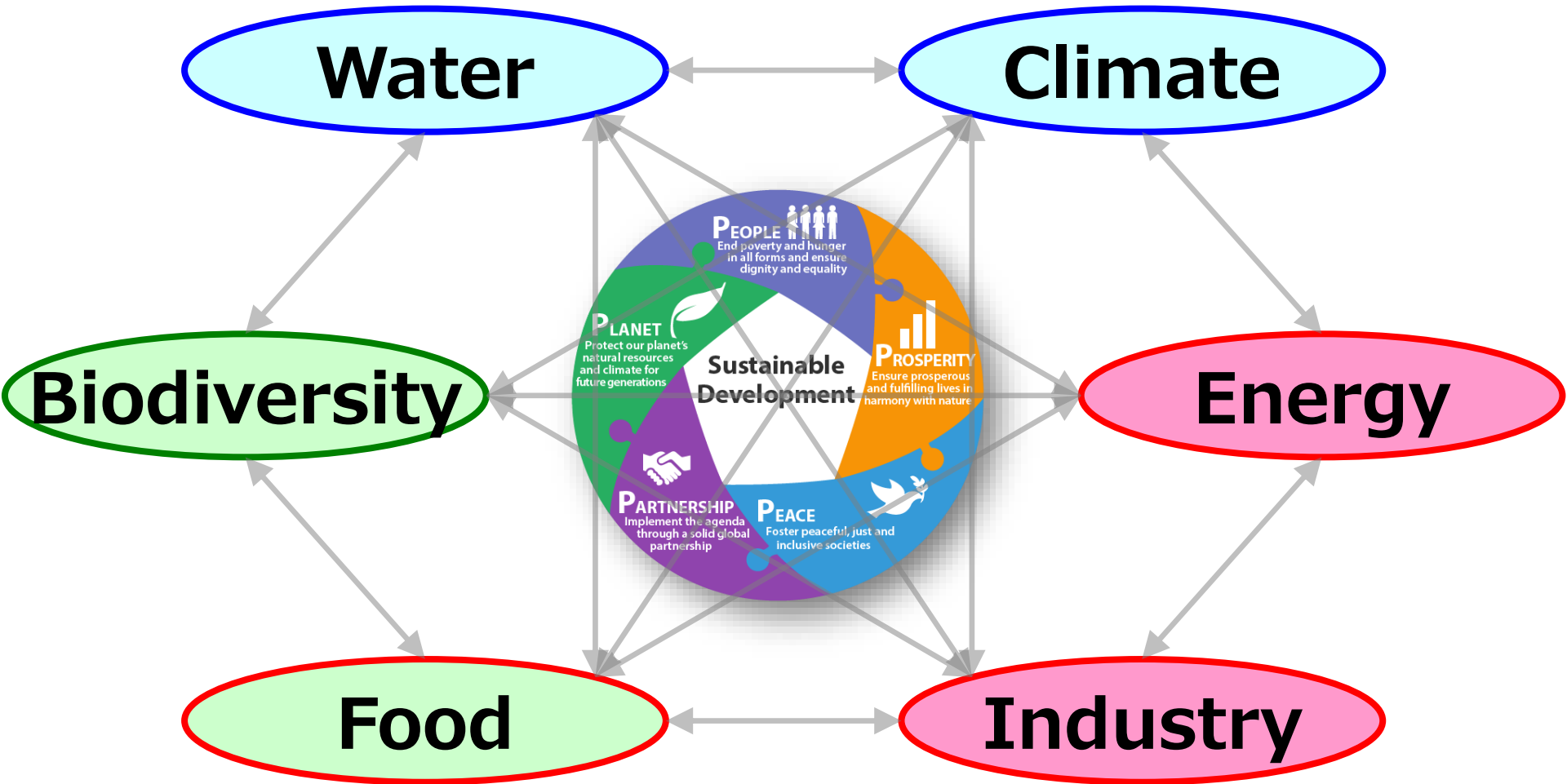


Heavier rainfall increases flood severity

⊖ Less severe flooding
⊕ More severe flooding

FAQ 8.2: Causes of more severe floods from climate change

"SDGs Nexus"



Remarks

- Climate change is the “water change.”
 - Water is the delivering mechanism of climate change impacts to society.
- Climate change adaptation should be/can be integrated into water resources management, land planning, disaster risk management, and sustainable development.
 - Reducing vulnerability and exposure to present climate variability is the first step towards adaptation to future climate change and nourishes climate resilient water management on local scales.



Chapter 8: Poverty, Livelihoods and Sustainable Development