

# Wege aus der Klimafalle

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**Der Mensch verändert das Klima „durch Fällen der Wälder [...] und durch die Entwicklung großer Dampf- und Gasmassen an den Mittelpunkten der Industrie“.**

Alexander von Humboldt, 1843



# Svante Arrhenius 1896

Klimasensitivität

4°C



THE  
LONDON, EDINBURGH, AND DUBLIN  
PHILOSOPHICAL MAGAZINE  
AND  
JOURNAL OF SCIENCE.

[FIFTH SERIES.]

APRIL 1896.

XXXI. *On the Influence of Carbonic Acid in the Air upon the Temperature of the Ground.* By Prof. SVANTE ARRHENIUS\*.

I. *Introduction: Observations of Langley on Atmospheric Absorption.*

A GREAT deal has been written on the influence of the absorption of the atmosphere upon the climate. Tyndall † in particular has pointed out the enormous importance of this question. To him it was chiefly the diurnal and annual variations of the temperature that were lessened by this circumstance. Another side of the question, that has long attracted the attention of physicists, is this: Is the mean temperature of the ground in any way influenced by the presence of heat-absorbing gases in the atmosphere? Fourier ‡ maintained that the atmosphere acts like the glass of a hothouse, because it lets through the light rays of the sun but retains the dark rays from the ground. This idea was elaborated by Pouillet §; and Langley was by some of his researches led to the view, that "the temperature of the earth under direct sunshine, even though our atmosphere were present as now, would probably fall to  $-200^{\circ}$  C., if that atmosphere did not possess the quality of selective

\* Extract from a paper presented to the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, 11th December, 1895. Communicated by the Author.

† 'Heat a Mode of Motion,' 2nd ed. p. 405 (Lond., 1865).

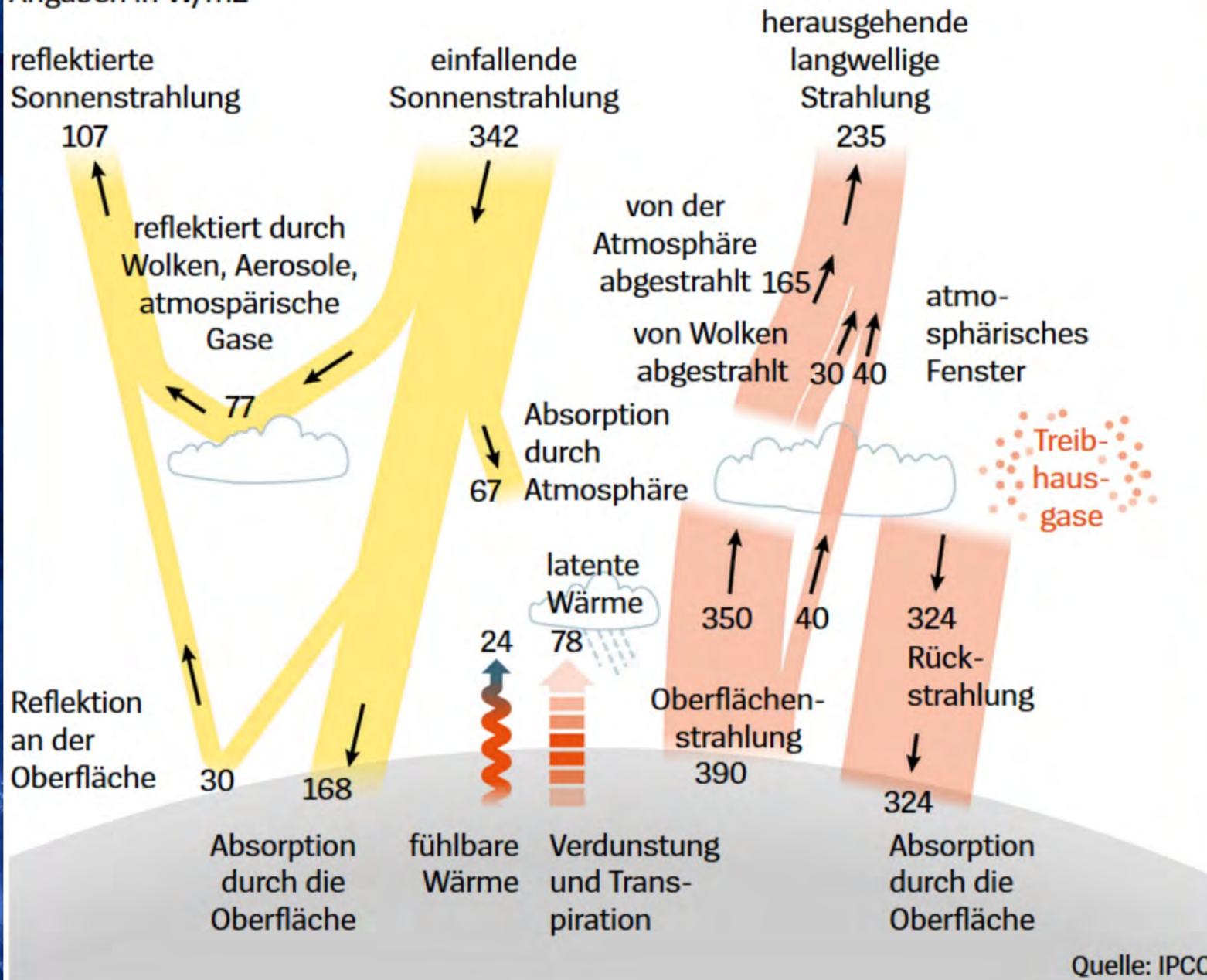
‡ *Mém. de l'Ac. R. d. Sci. de l'Inst. de France*, t. vii. 1827.

§ *Comptes rendus*, t. vii. p. 41 (1838).

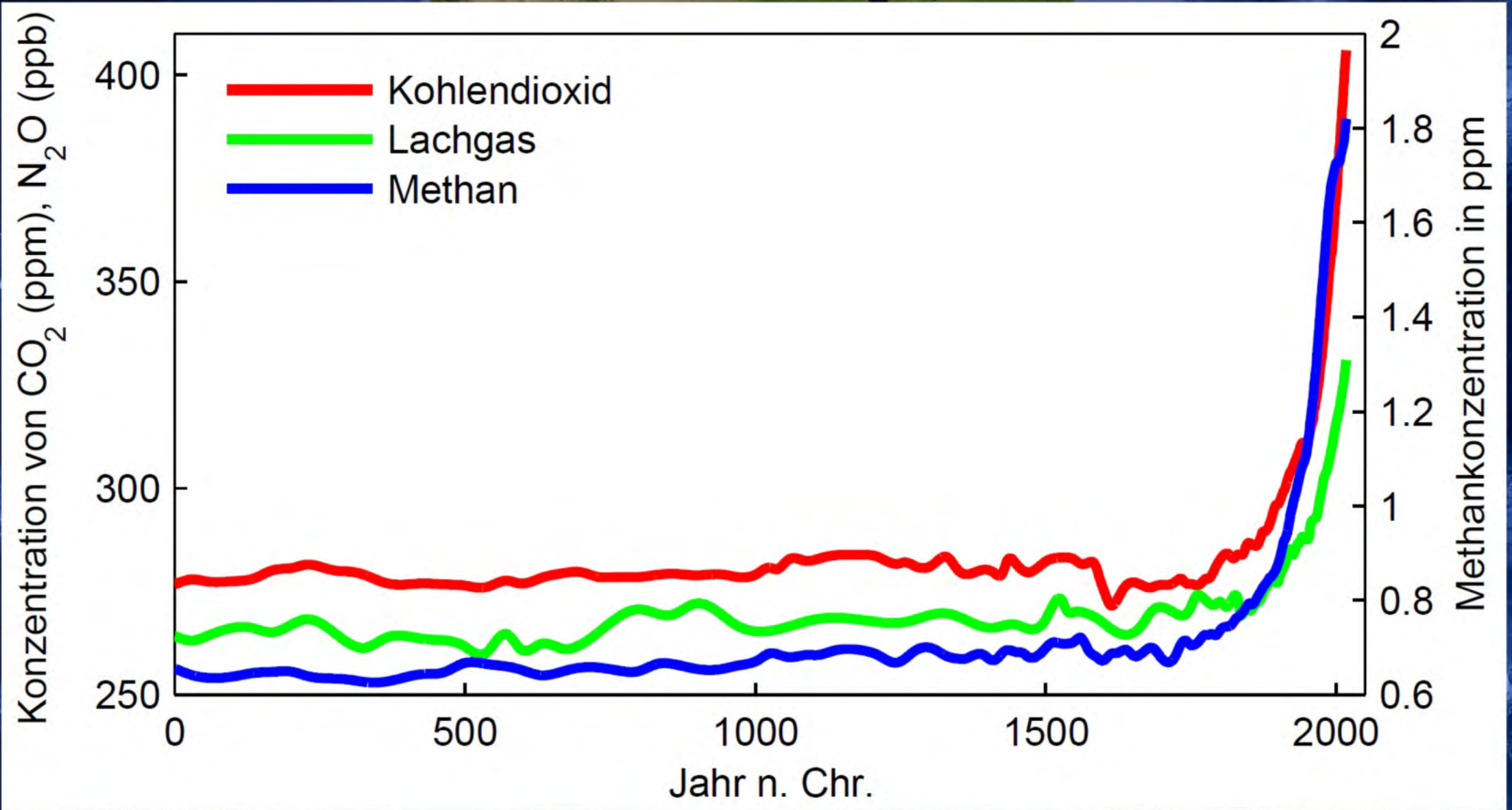
# Fragiles Gleichgewicht

Die Energiebilanz der Erde

Angaben in W/m<sup>2</sup>

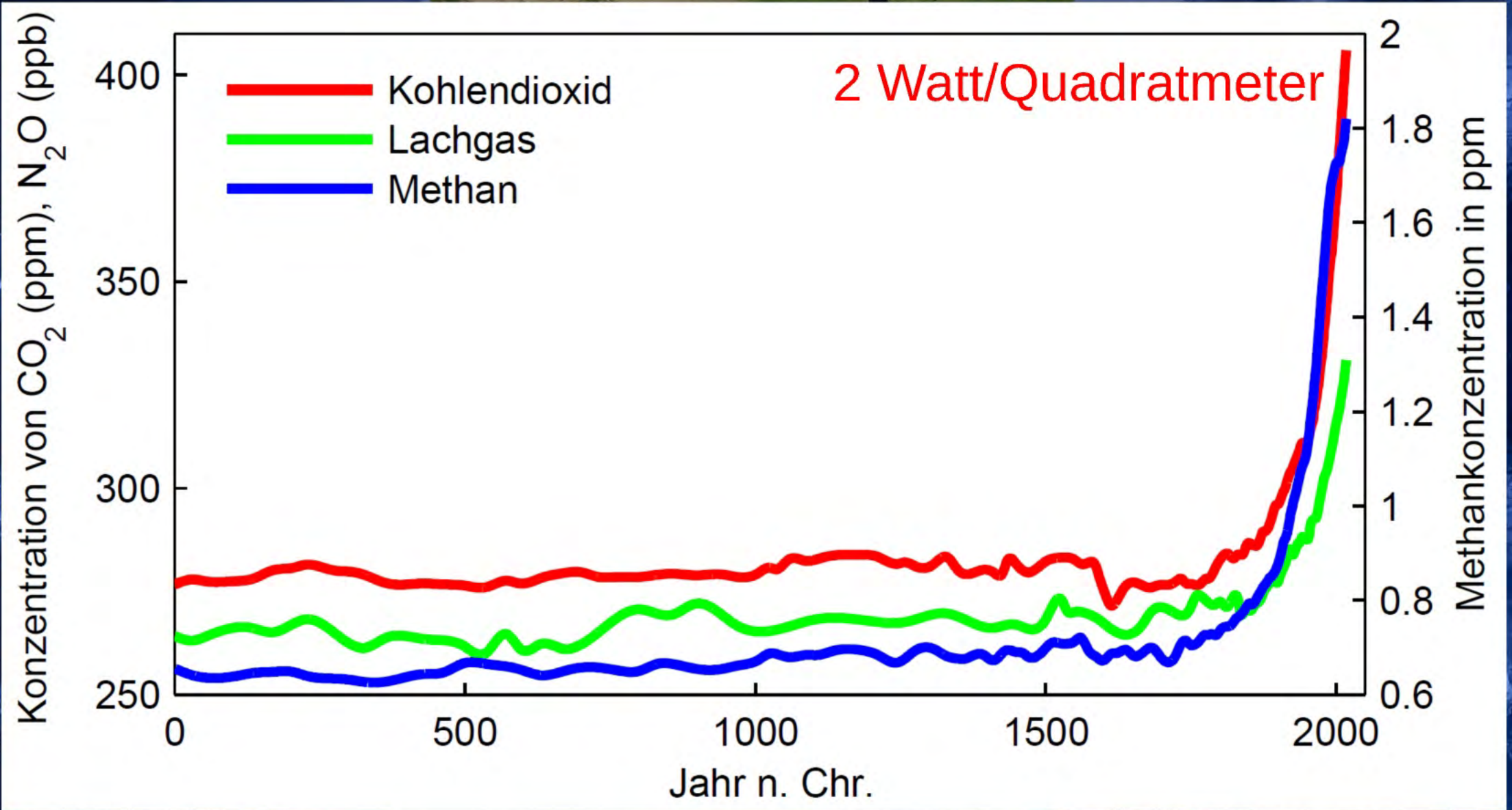


# Treibhausgasmengen in der Atmosphäre

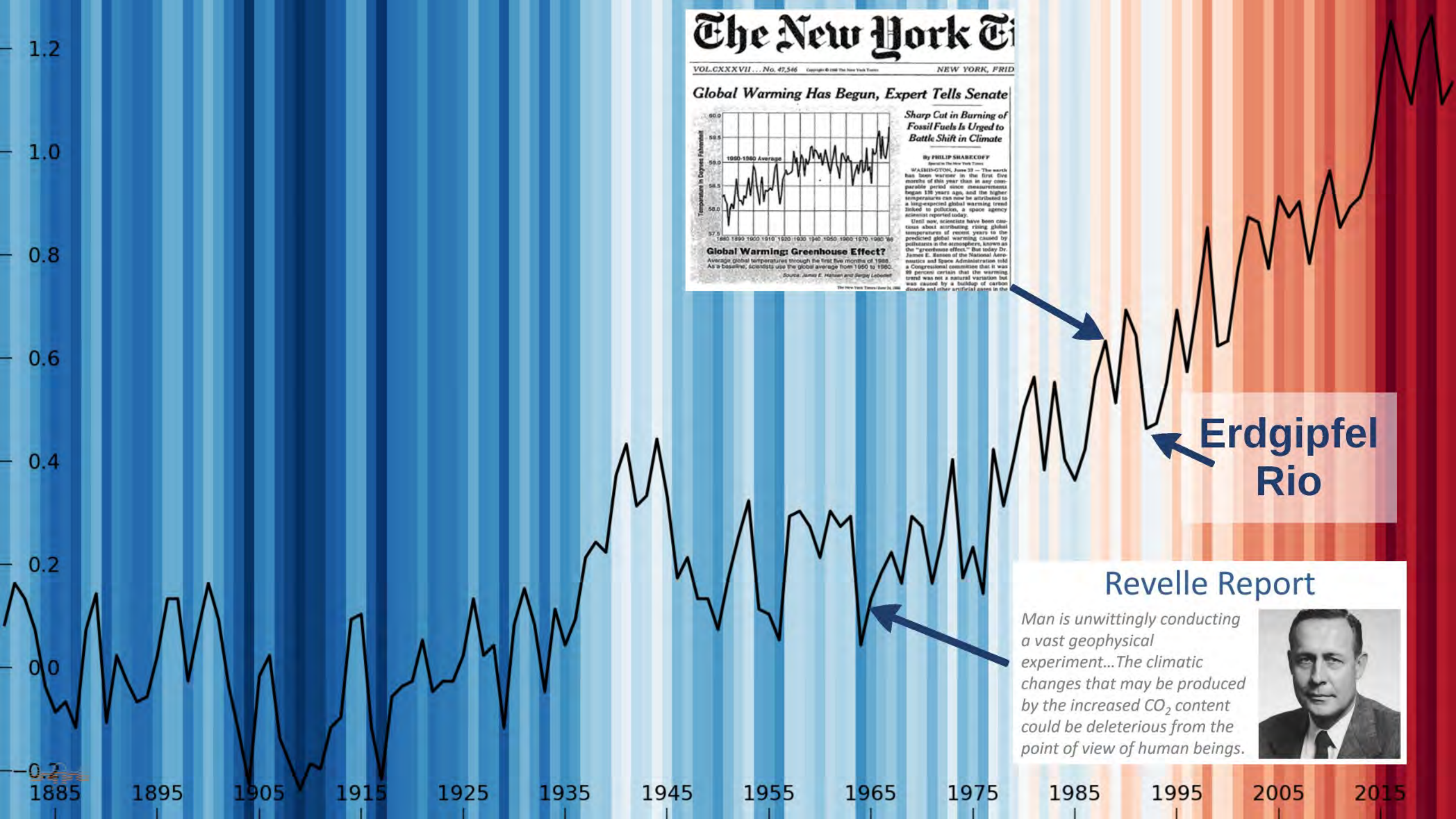


Quelle: Rahmstorf/Schellnhuber, *Der Klimawandel*

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**Global Warming Has Begun, Expert Tells Senate**

*Sharp Cut in Burning of Fossil Fuels Is Urged to Battle Shift in Climate*

By PHILIP SHABECOFF  
 Reporter for The New York Times

WASHINGTON, June 23 — The earth has been warmer in the first five months of this year than in any comparable period since measurements began 130 years ago, and the higher temperatures can now be attributed to a long-expected global warming trend linked to pollution, a space agency scientist reported today.

Until now, scientists have been cautious about attributing rising global temperatures of recent years to the predicted global warming caused by pollutants in the atmosphere, known as the "greenhouse effect." But today Dr. James E. Hansen of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration told a Congressional committee that it was 99 percent certain that the warming trend was not a natural variation but was caused by a buildup of carbon dioxide and other artificial gases in the

**Global Warming: Greenhouse Effect?**  
 Average global temperatures through the first five months of 1988. As a baseline, scientists use the global average from 1950 to 1980.

Source: James E. Hansen and Gargaj Lebedeff  
 The New York Times/June 23, 1988

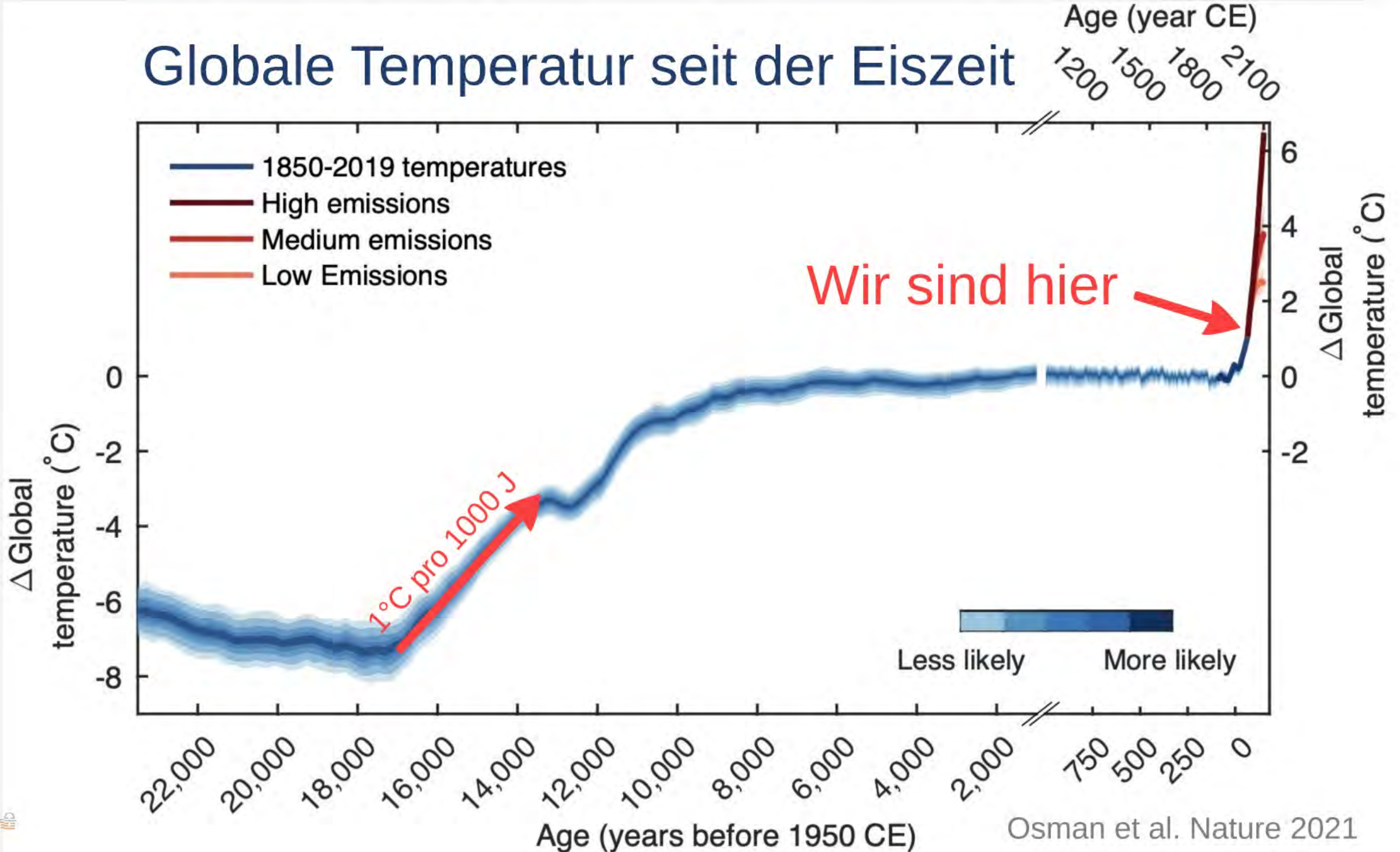
**Erdgipfel Rio**

**Revelle Report**

*Man is unwittingly conducting a vast geophysical experiment...The climatic changes that may be produced by the increased CO<sub>2</sub> content could be deleterious from the point of view of human beings.*



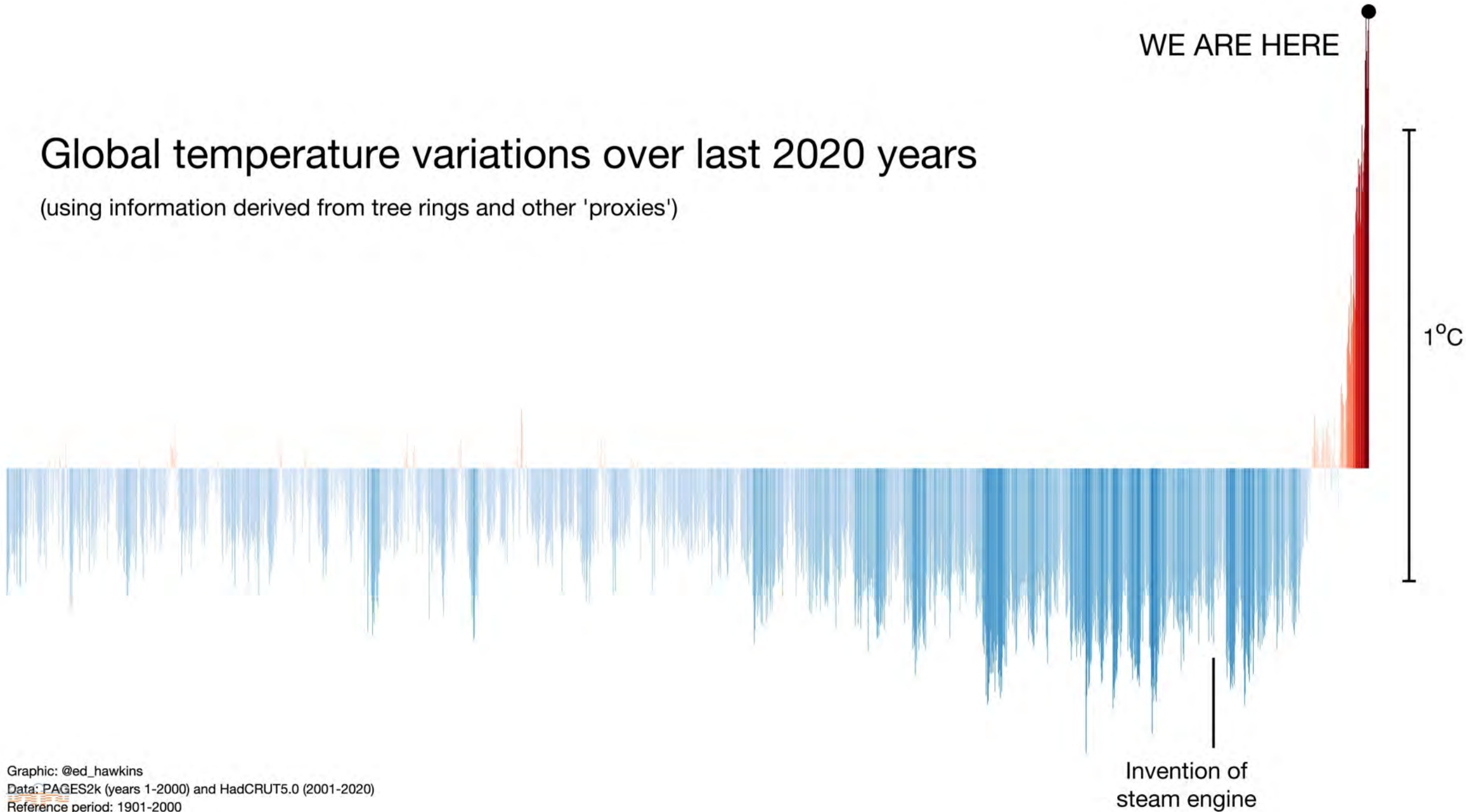
# Globale Temperatur seit der Eiszeit





# Global temperature variations over last 2020 years

(using information derived from tree rings and other 'proxies')

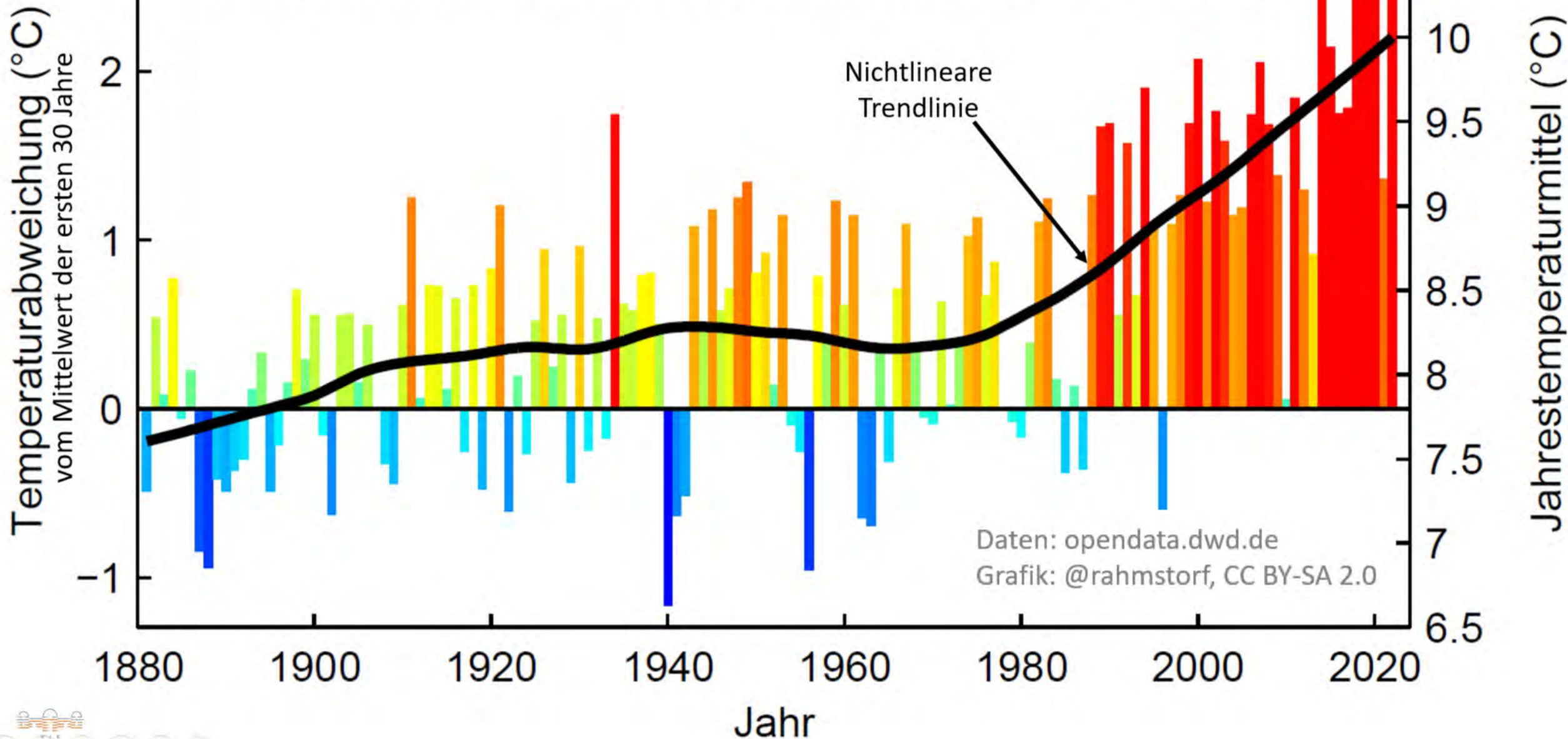


Graphic: @ed\_hawkins

Data: PAGES2k (years 1-2000) and HadCRUT5.0 (2001-2020)

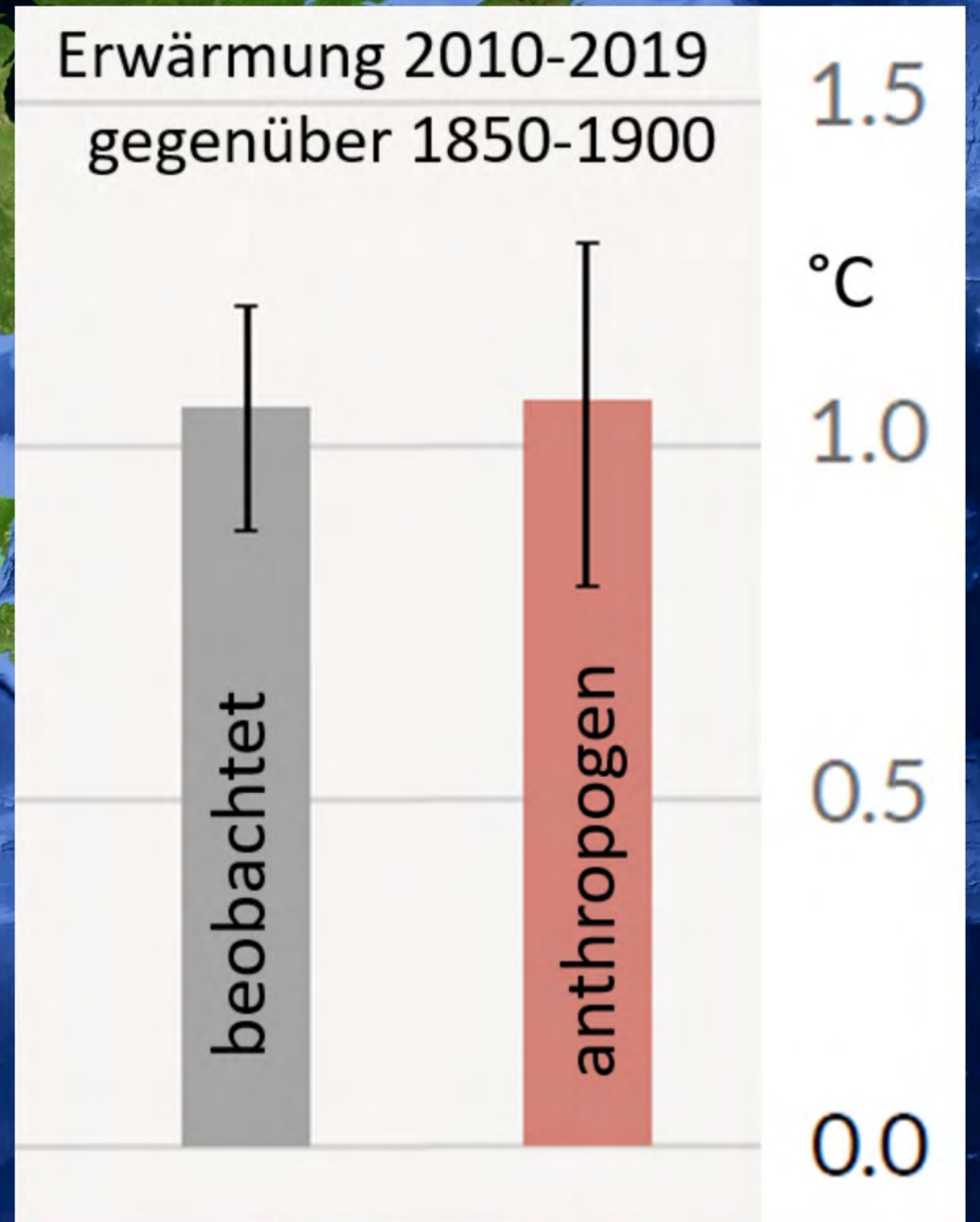
Reference period: 1901-2000

# Jahrestemperaturen in Deutschland 1881 - 2022

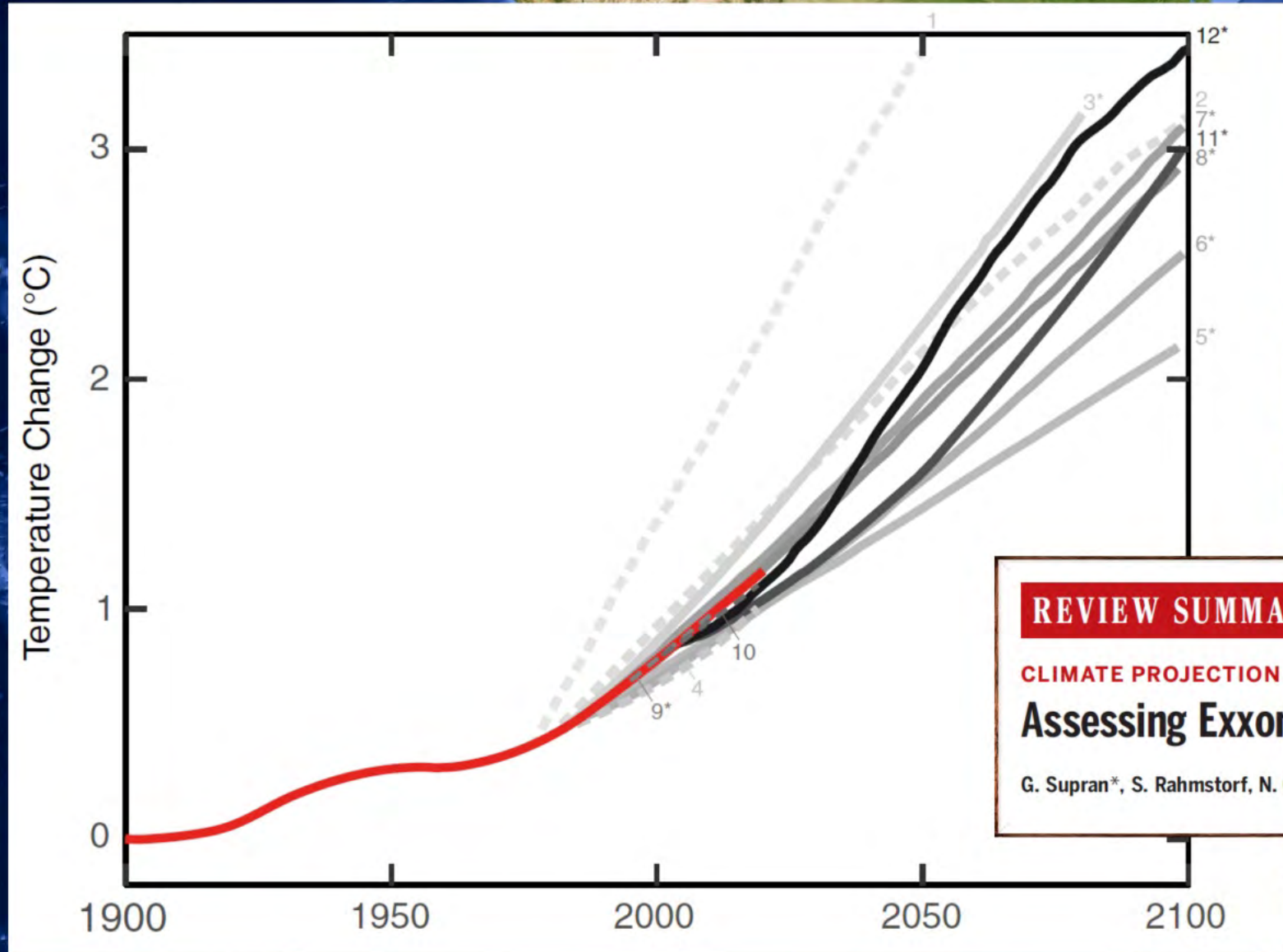


Die moderne  
Erwärmung ist  
komplett  
menschengemacht!

Quelle:  
IPCC 2021



# Auch Exxon-Forscher haben das vorhergesagt



REVIEW SUMMARY

Science

CLIMATE PROJECTION

Assessing ExxonMobil's global warming projections

G. Supran\*, S. Rahmstorf, N. Oreskes

# Doubt over climate science is a product with an industry behind it

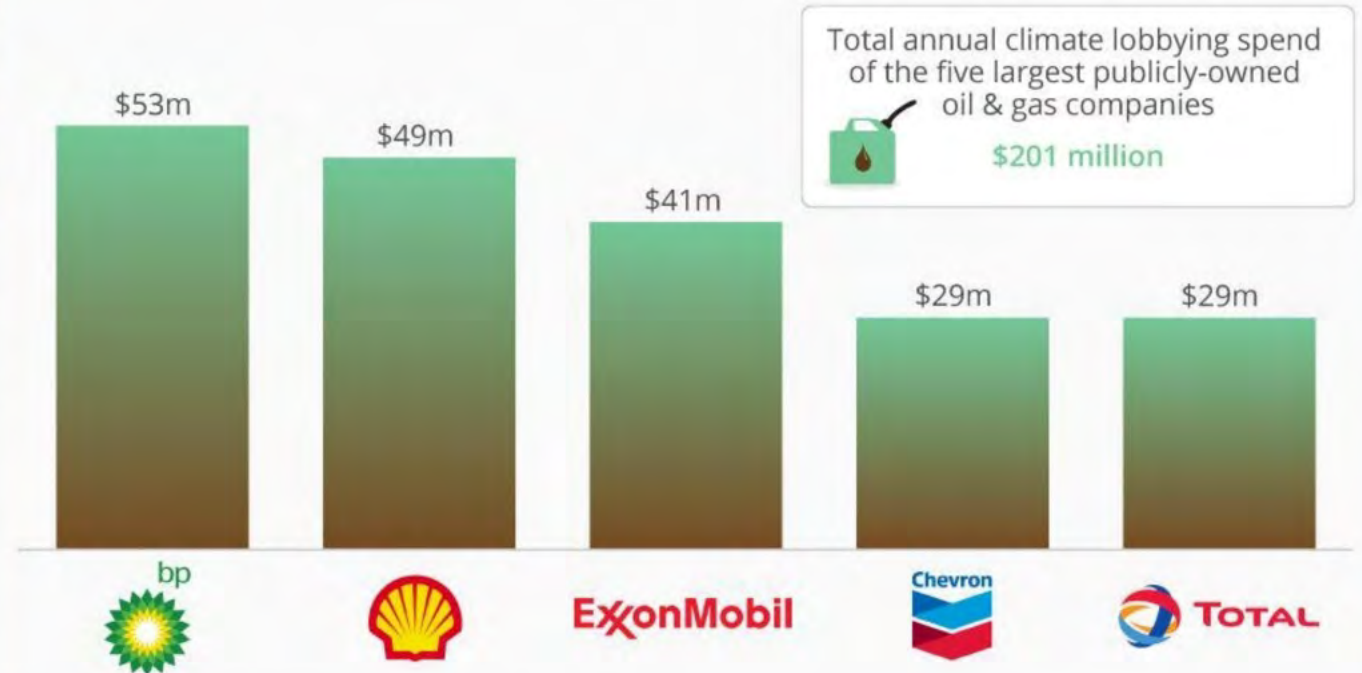
With its roots in the tobacco industry, climate science denial talking points can be seen as manufactured doubt



The manufacturing of doubt on climate change science, backed by the fossil fuel industry, has its roots with the tobacco industry's assault on climate science in the 1960s. Photograph: Richard Hamilton Smith/Richard Hamilton Smith/Corbis

## Oil Firms Spend Millions On Climate Lobbying

Annual expenditure on climate lobbying by oil and gas companies\*



\* As of 2019. Climate lobbying means spending to delay, control or block policies to tackle climate change.  
Source: InfluenceMap

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Forbes statista

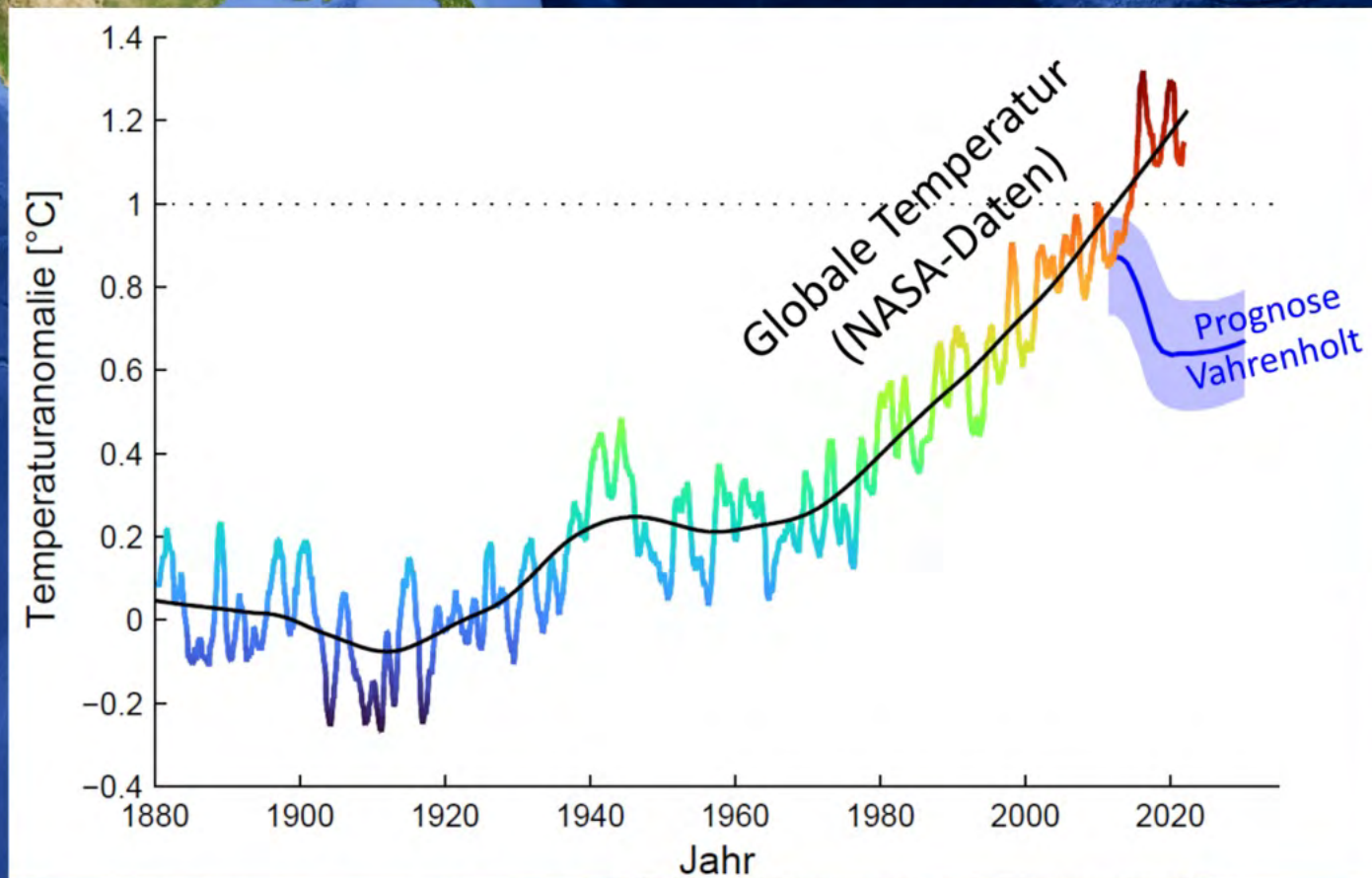
# "It's the sun, stupid!"



*Fritz Vahrenholt, RWE*

Fritz Vahrenholt  
Sebastian Lüning

**Die kalte Sonne**  
Warum die  
Klimakatastrophe  
nicht stattfindet





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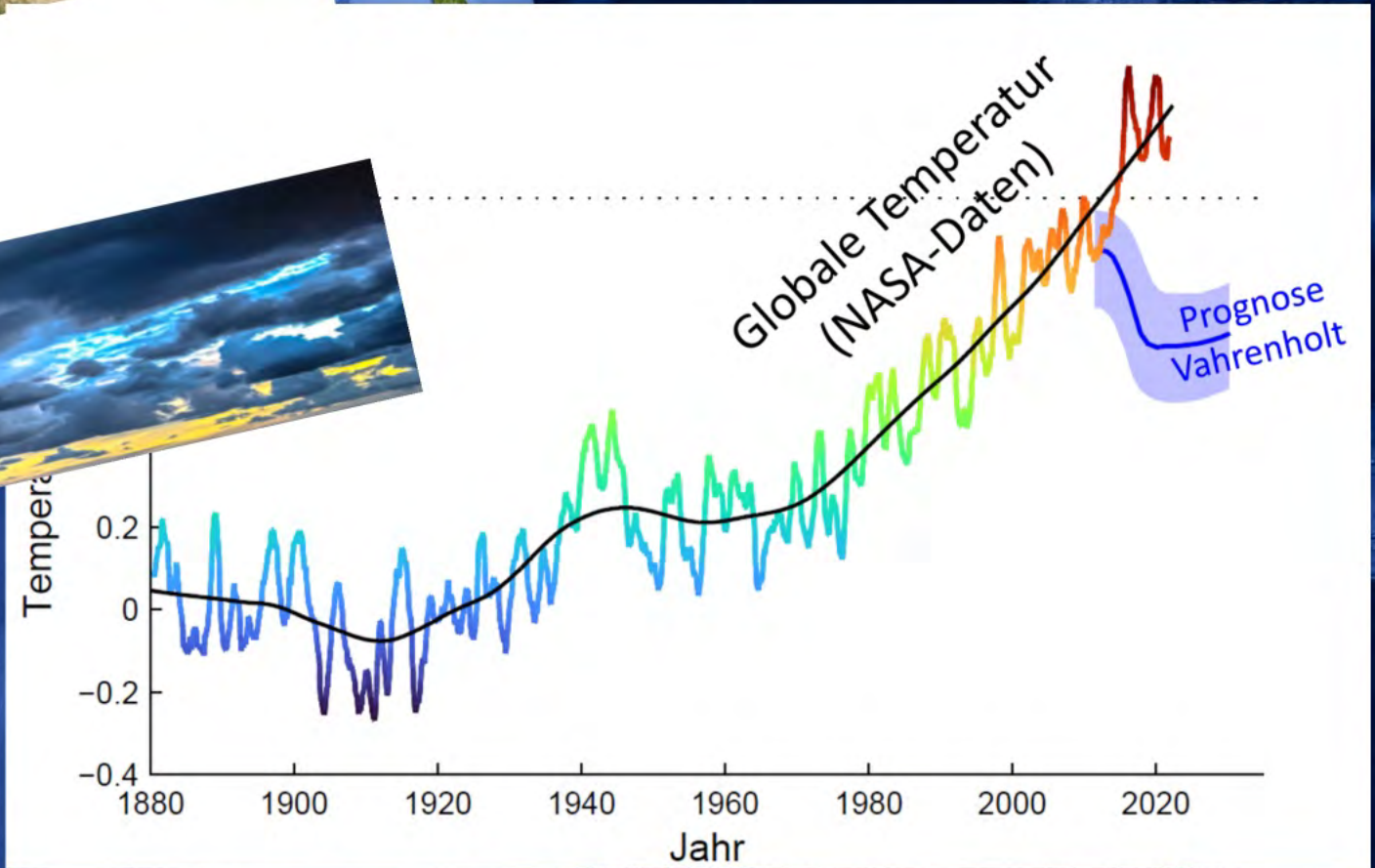
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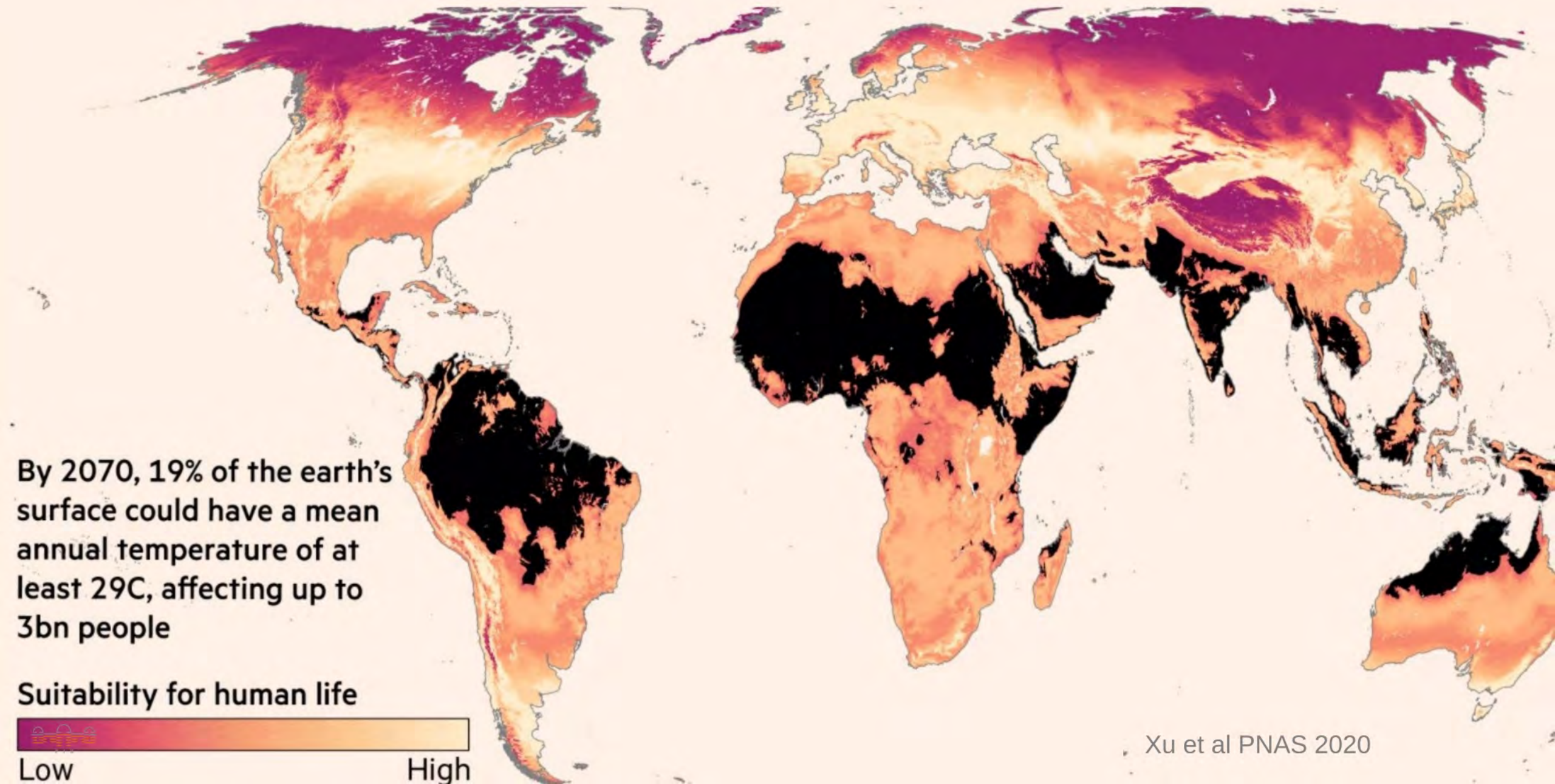
## Es winkt die RWE-Lobby

23. Feb 2011  
Von Stefan Rahmstorf  
Lesedauer ca. 10  
Minuten  
40 Kommentare

BLOG: KLIMALOUNGE Nah dran am Wandel



# Nach 3,3 Grad Erwärmung würden große Gebiete zu heiß!





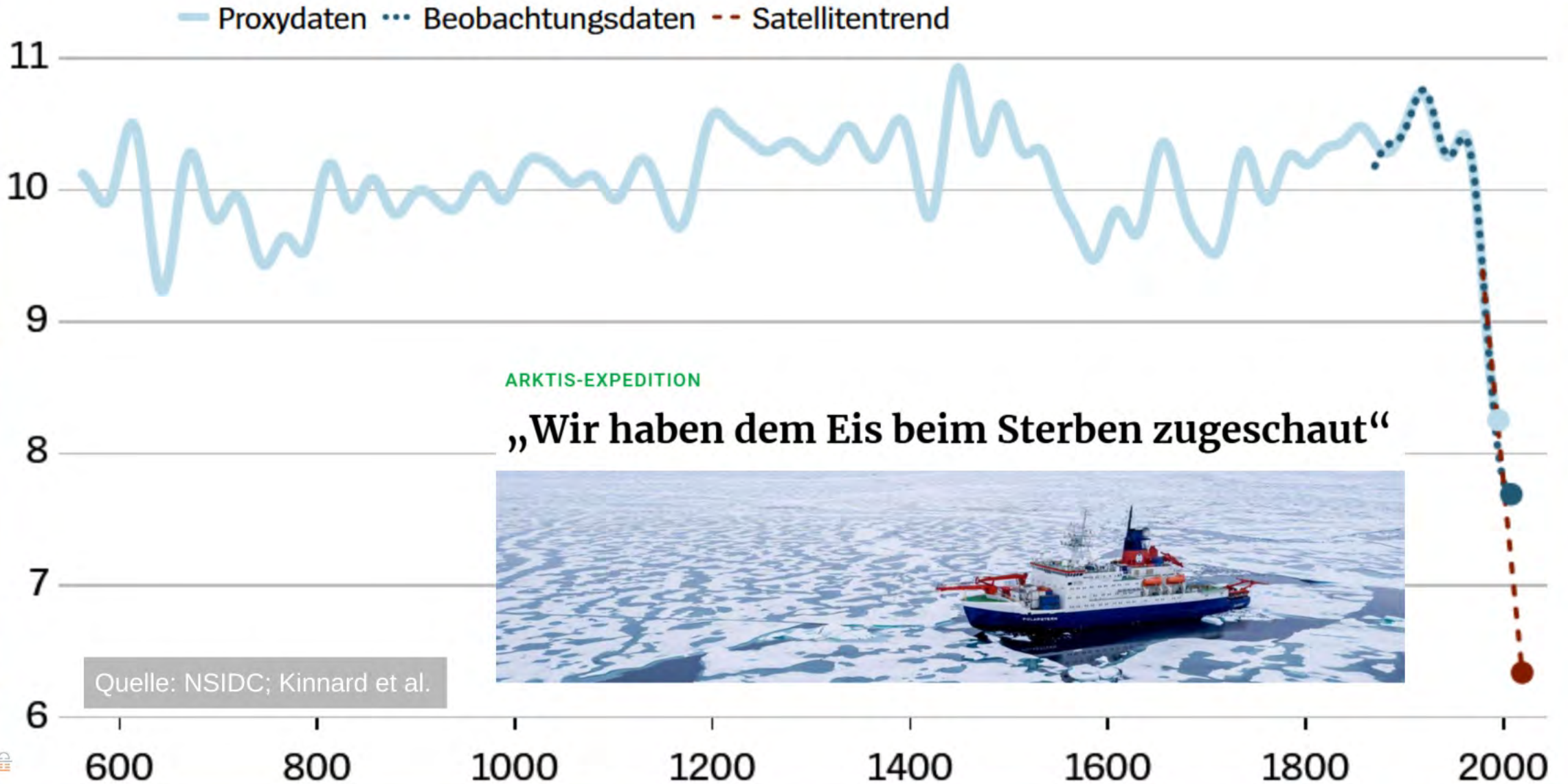






# Arktische Meereisdecke im Spätsommer

Angabe in Millionen Quadratkilometern über die vergangenen 1450 Jahre



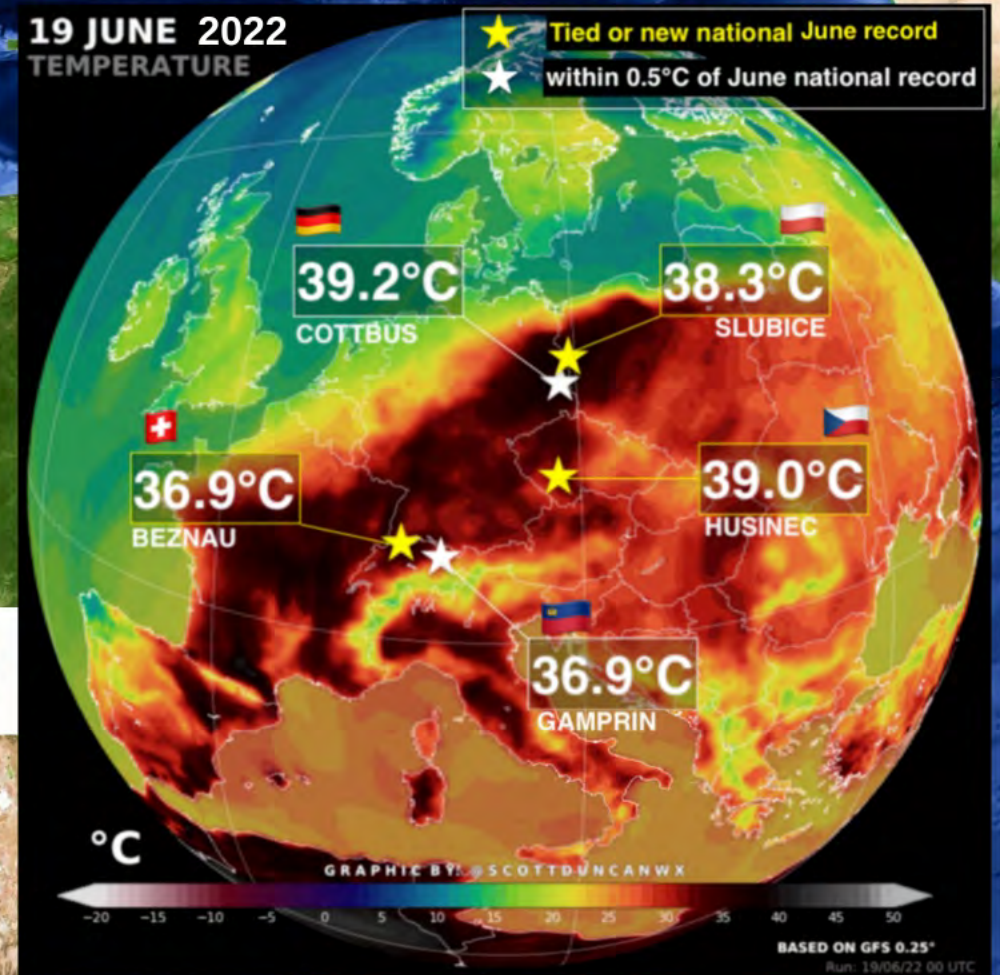
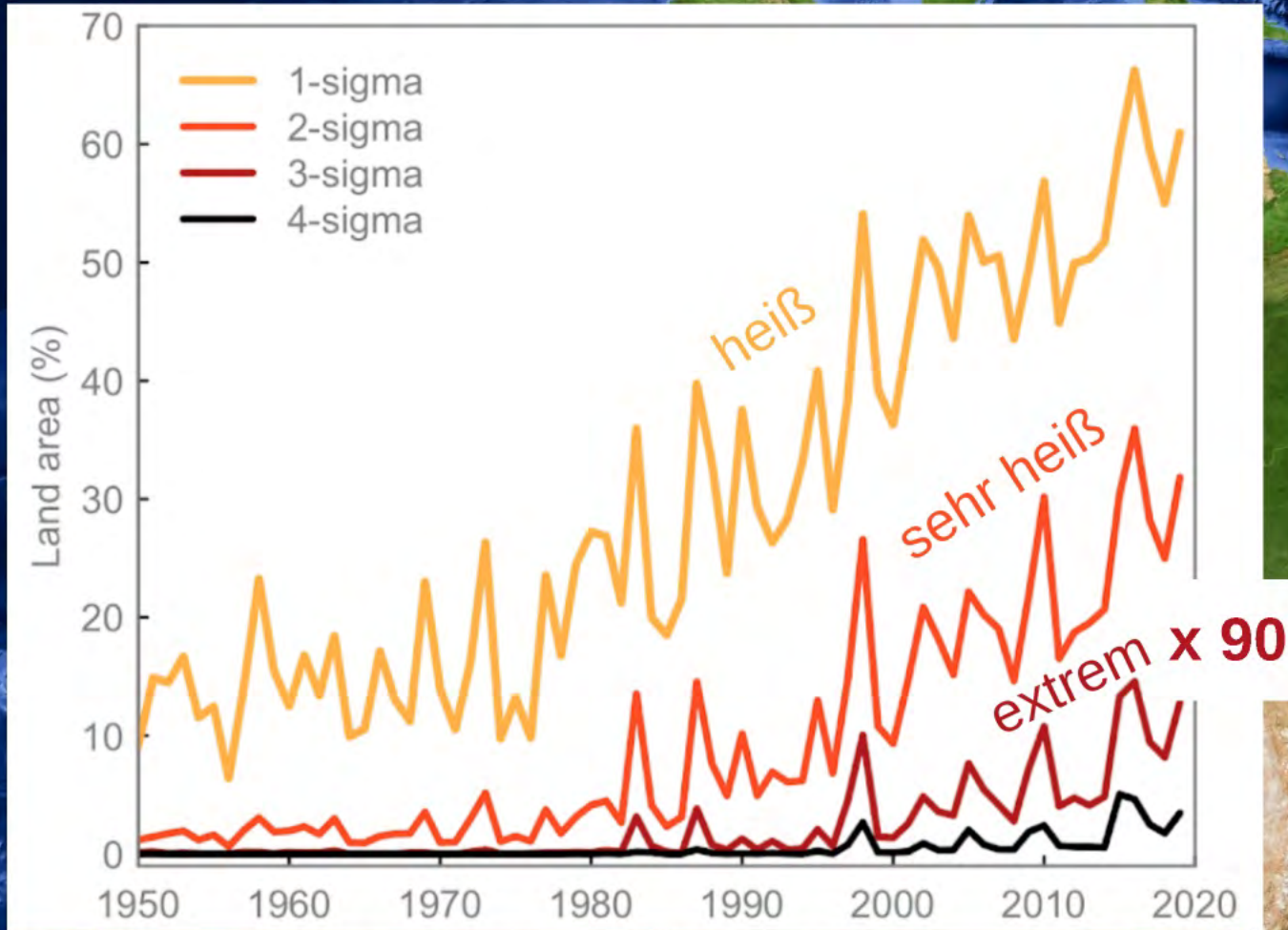
ARKTIS-EXPEDITION

„Wir haben dem Eis beim Sterben zugeschaut“



Quelle: NSIDC; Kinnard et al.

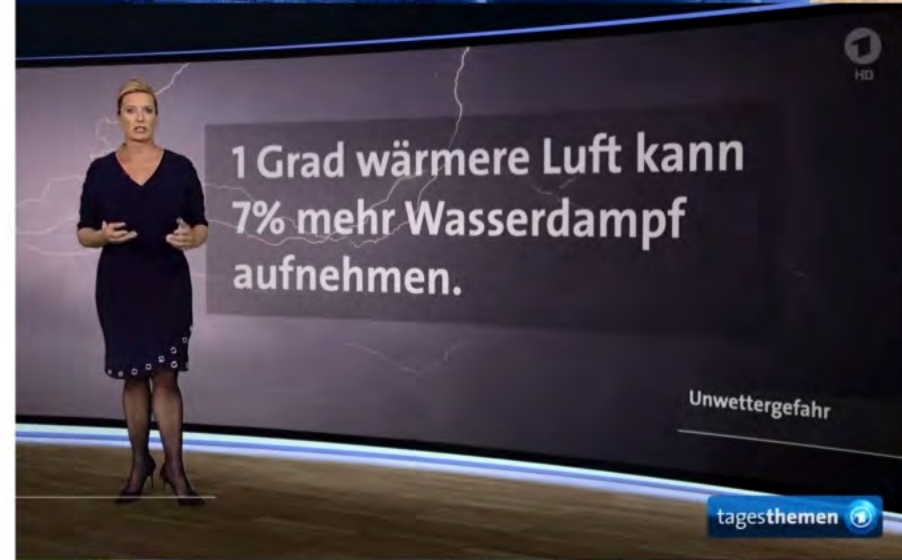
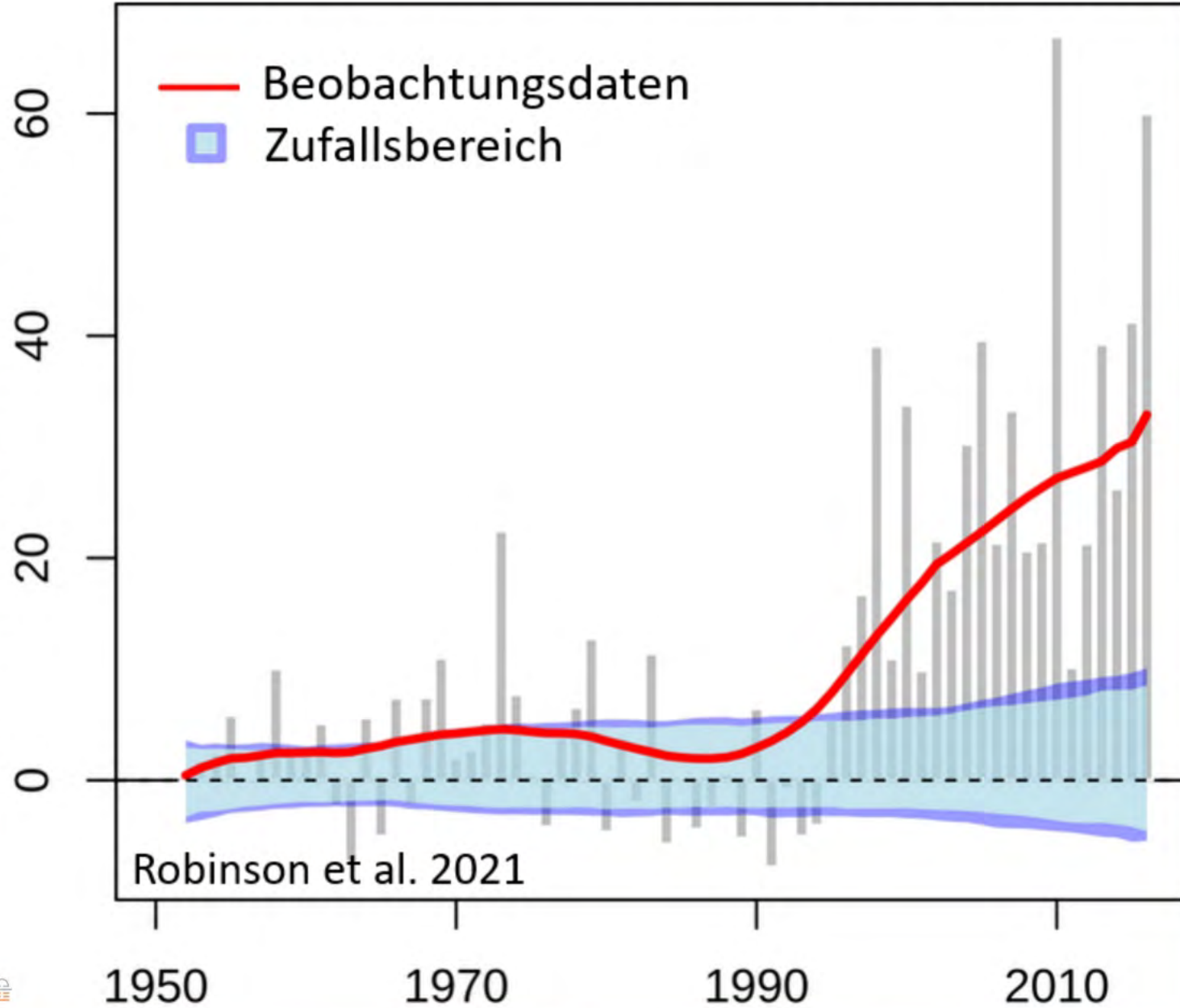
# Extreme Hitze nimmt dramatisch zu



Robinson et al. 2021

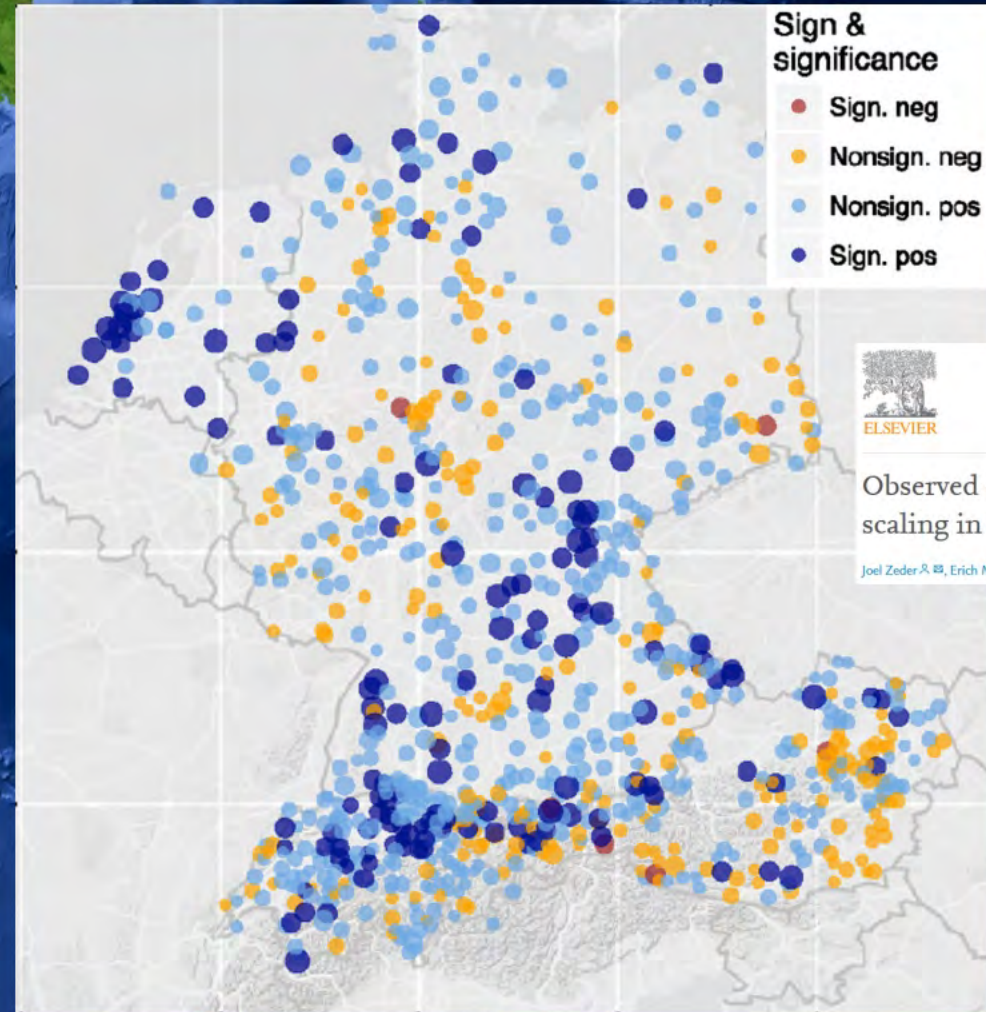
# Weltweite Zunahme der Niederschlags-Tagesrekorde

Zunahme der Häufigkeit (%)



# Flutkatastrophe 2021

Auch in Deutschland hat Starkregen zugenommen



Sign & significance

- Sign. neg
- Nonsign. neg
- Nonsign. pos
- Sign. pos

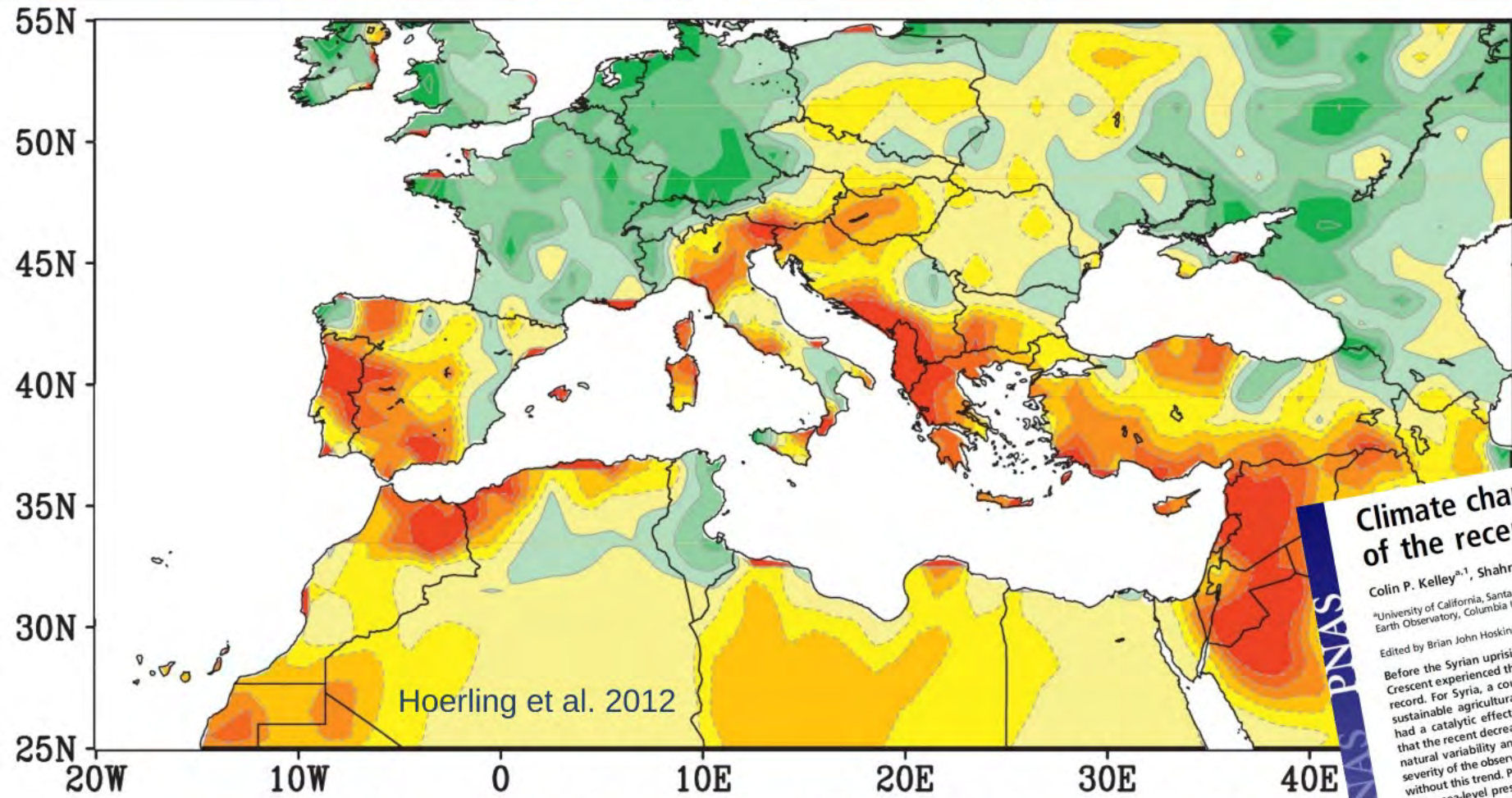


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Observed extreme precipitation trends and scaling in Central Europe

Joel Zeder <sup>✉</sup>, Erich M. Fischer <sup>✉</sup>

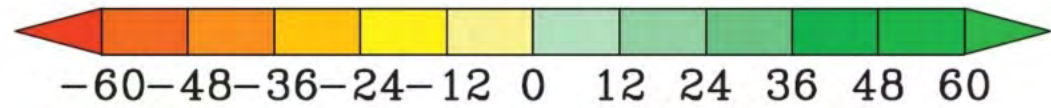
# Dürre



Hoerling et al. 2012

Veränderung der Winterniederschläge 1971-2010 relativ zu 1902-1970

Millimeters



## Climate change in the Fertile Crescent and implications of the recent Syrian drought

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Edited by Brian John Hoskins, Imperial College London, London, United Kingdom, and approved January 30, 2015 (received for review November 16, 2014)

Before the Syrian uprising that began in 2011, the greater Fertile Crescent experienced the most severe drought in the instrumental record. For Syria, a country marked by poor governance and unsustainable agricultural and environmental policies, the drought had a catalytic effect, contributing to political unrest. We show that the recent decrease in Syrian precipitation is a combination of natural variability and a long-term drying trend, and the unusual severity of the observed drought is here shown to be highly unlikely without this trend. Precipitation changes in Syria are linked to rising mean sea-level pressure in the Eastern Mediterranean, which also shows a long-term trend. There has been also a long-term warming trend in the Eastern Mediterranean, adding to these trends, whereas moisture. No natural cause is apparent for these trends, whereas the observed drying and warming are consistent with model studies of the response to increases in greenhouse gases. Furthermore, model studies show an increasingly drier and hotter future mean climate for the Eastern Mediterranean. Analyses of the severity and duration of the recent Syrian drought, which is implicated in the current conflict, has become more than twice as likely as a consequence of human interference in the climate system.

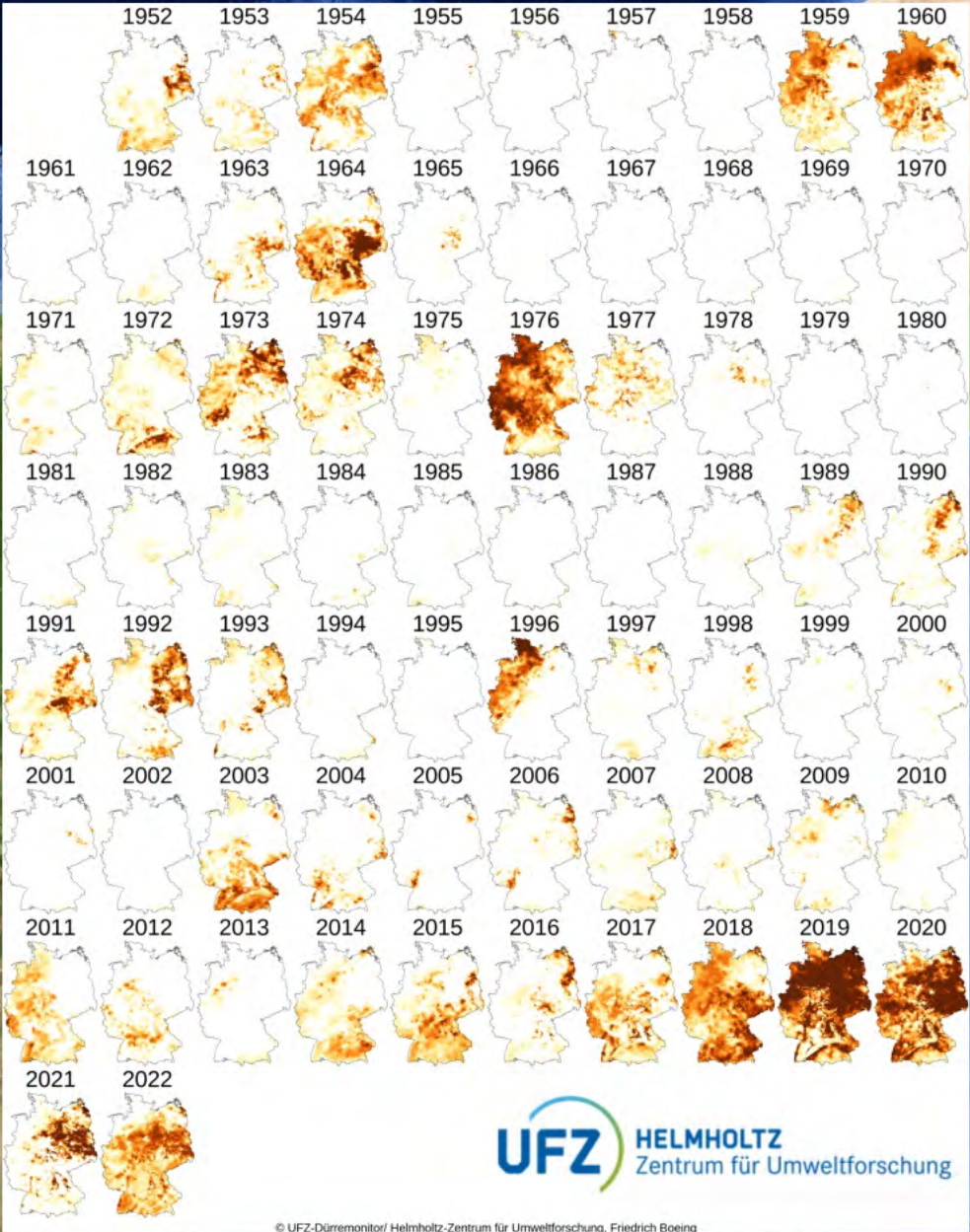
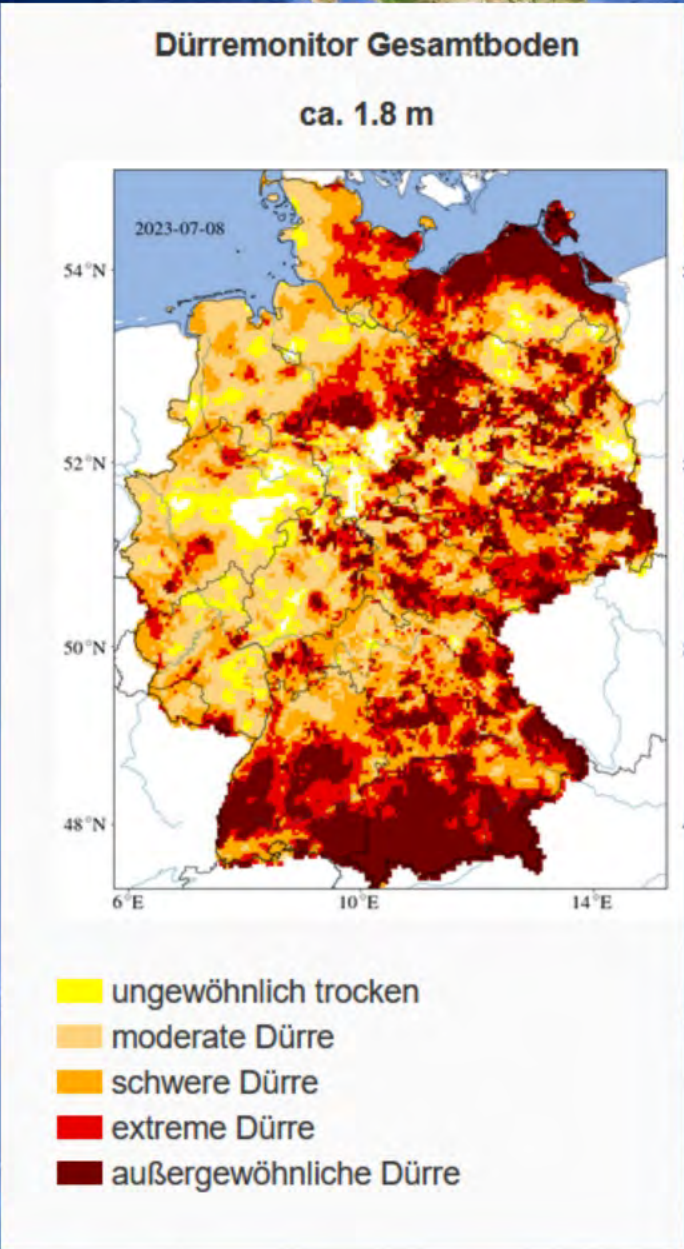
Syria's water security by exploiting limited land and water resources without regard for sustainability (10). One critical consequence of these unsustainable policies is the decline of winter water. Nearly all rainfall in the FC occurs during the 6-month winter season, November through April, and the rainfall exhibits large year-to-year variability (Figs. 1 and 2). In Syria, the rain falls along the country's Mediterranean Sea coast and in the north and northeast, the primary agricultural regions. Farmers depend strongly on year-to-year rainfall, as two thirds of the cultivated land in Syria is rain fed, but the remainder is irrigated and groundwater (11). For those farms that rely upon irrigation canals linked to river tributaries, access to irrigation supplies over half (60%) of all water used for agricultural purposes, and this groundwater has become increasingly limited as extraction has been greatly overexploited (12). The government attempted to stem the rate of groundwater depletion by enacting a law in 2005 requiring a license to dig wells, but this legislation was not enforced (6). Overuse of groundwater has been blamed for the recent drying of the Khabur River (6). The depletion of groundwater during the recent drought is clearly evident from remotely sensed





# Dürre in Deutschland: Aktuelle Lage

# 1952-2022



# Hauptaussagen des IPCC Klimaberichts 2023

„ Der vom Menschen verursachte Klimawandel wirkt sich bereits auf viele Wetter- und Klimaextreme in allen Regionen der Welt aus.

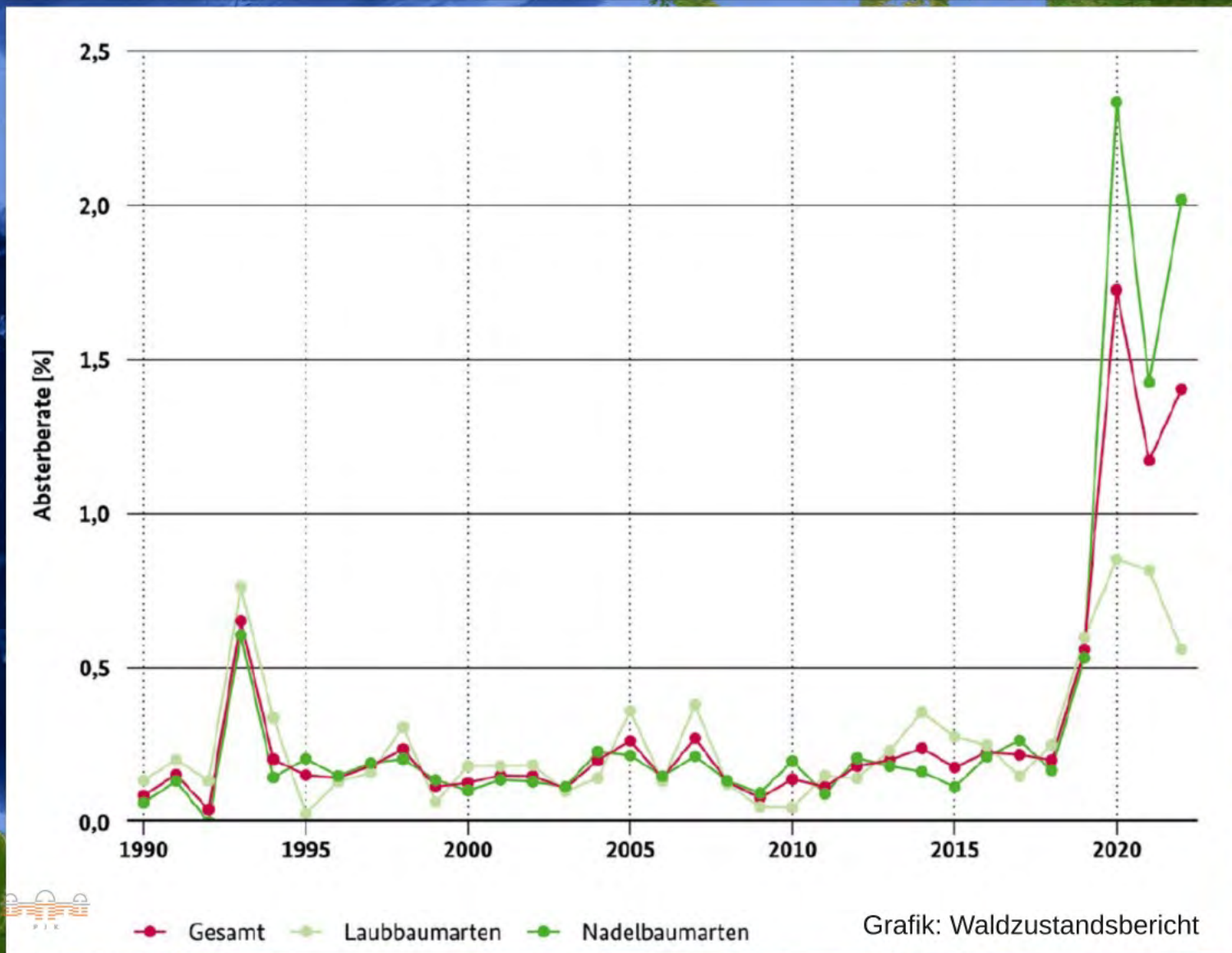
Dies hat zu weitverbreiteten nachteiligen Folgen und damit verbundenen Verlusten und Schäden für Natur und Menschen geführt (hohes Vertrauen). “

Hunderte Wissenschaftler aus aller Welt haben 8 Jahre an diesem Bericht gearbeitet.

Deutsche Übersetzung der Hauptaussagen: [https://www.de-ipcc.de/media/content/Hauptaussagen\\_AR6-SYR.pdf](https://www.de-ipcc.de/media/content/Hauptaussagen_AR6-SYR.pdf)



# Das neue Waldsterben in Deutschland

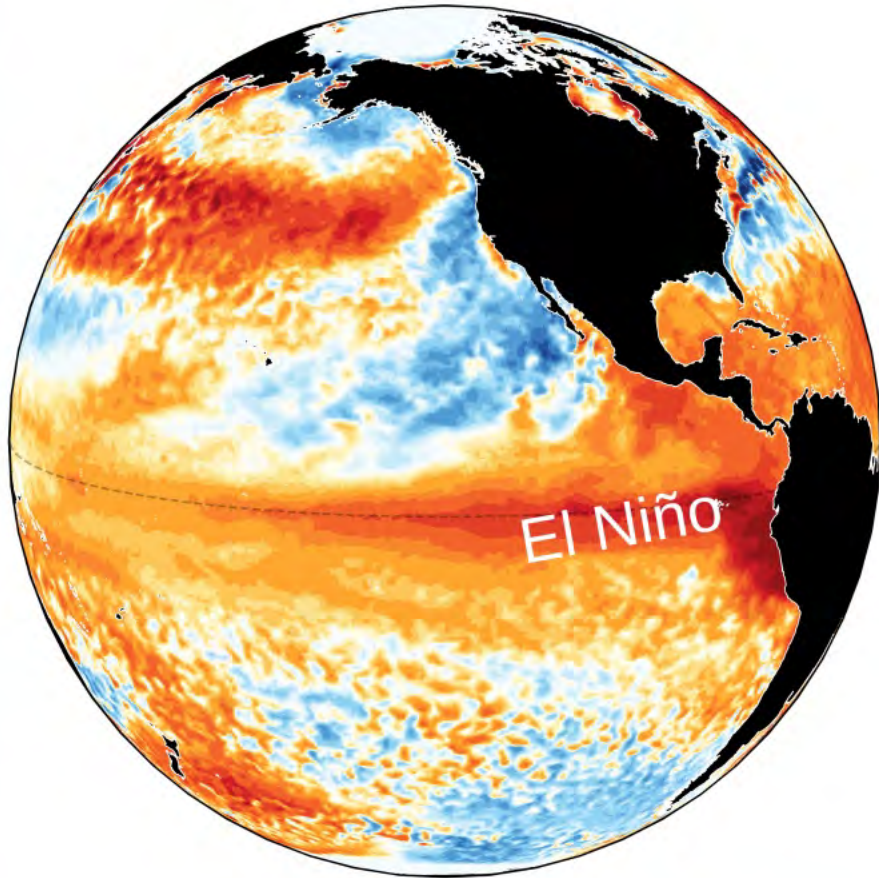


Grafik: Waldzustandsbericht

# Rekord-Meerestemperaturen Juni 2023

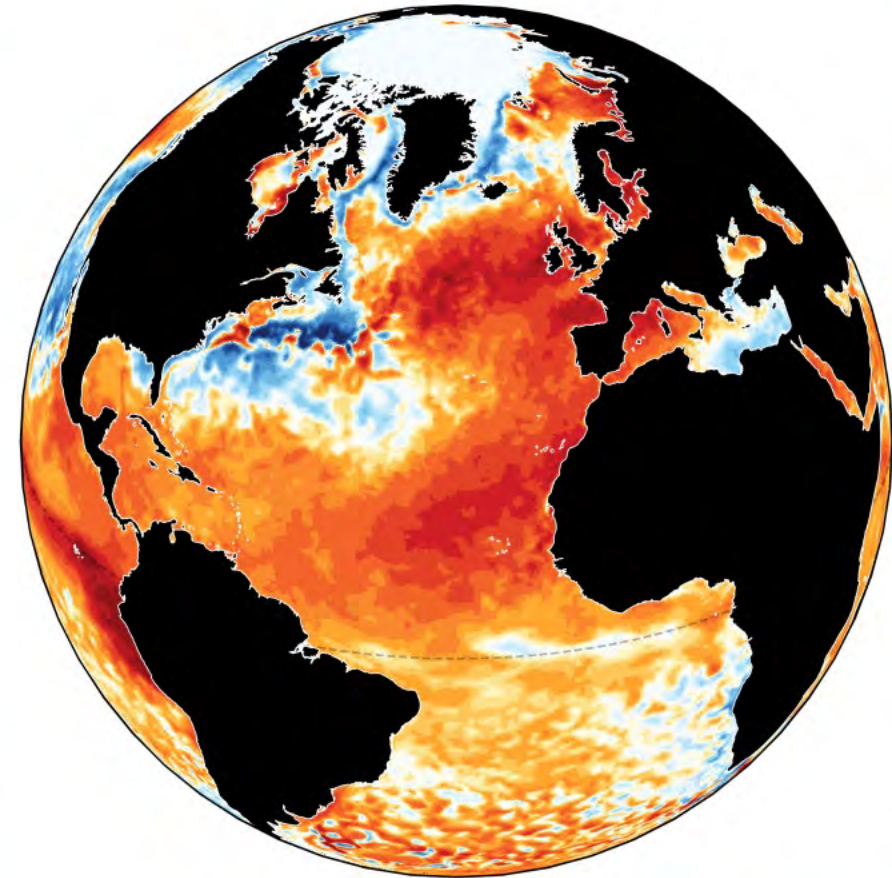
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relative to June average for 1991–2020



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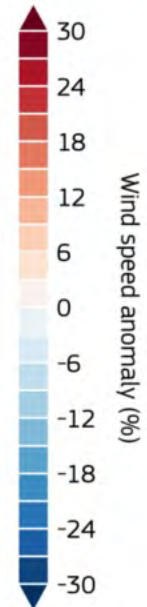
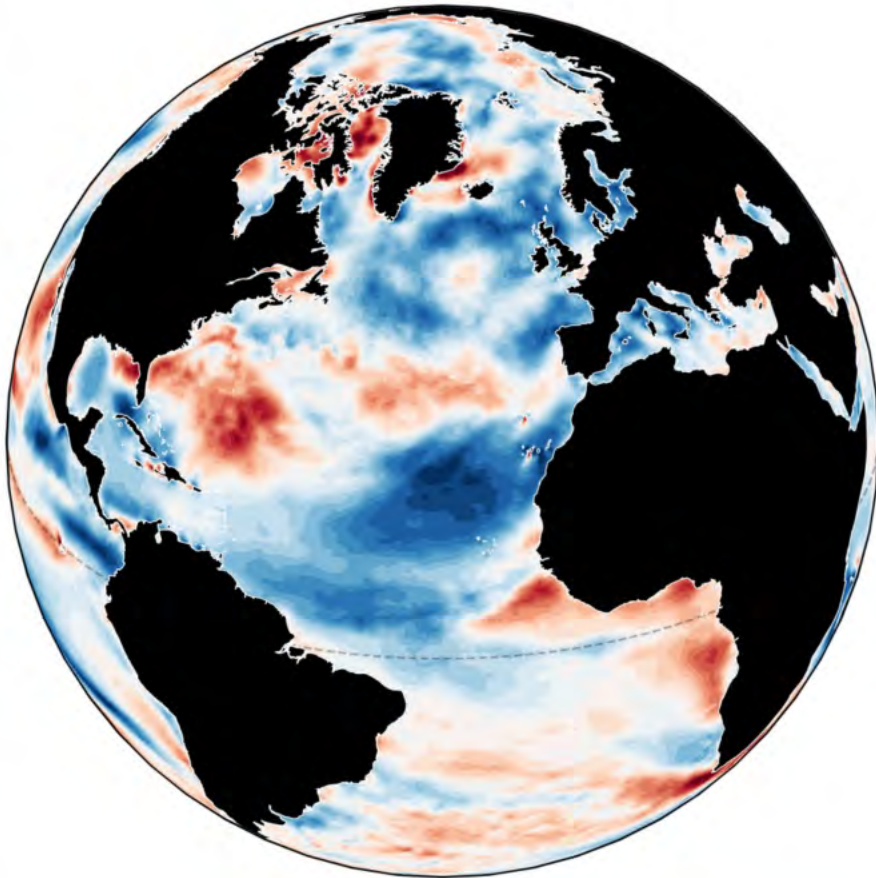
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## 10M WIND SPEED ANOMALY • JUNE 2023

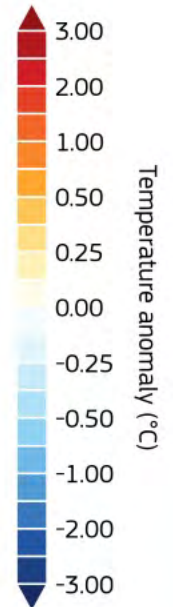
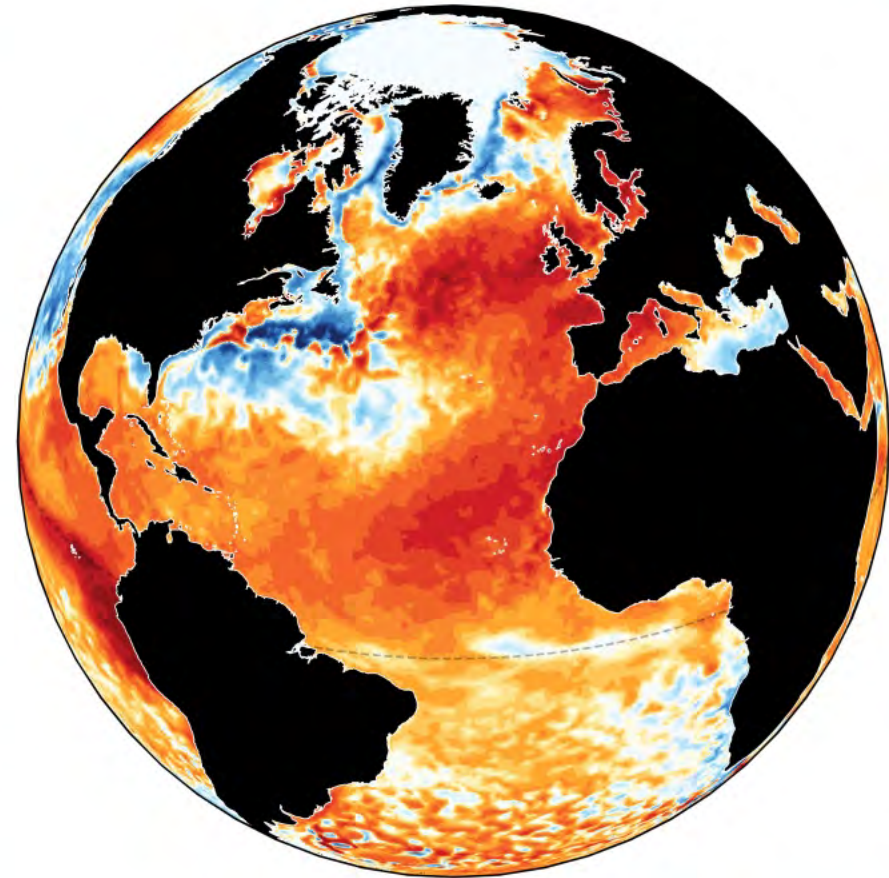
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Data: ERA5  
Credit: C3S/ECMWF

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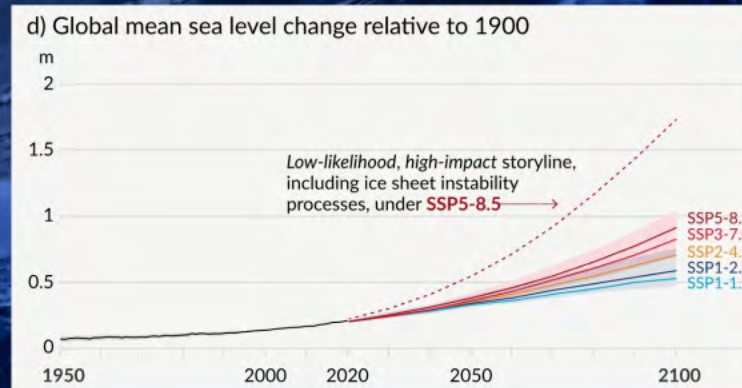
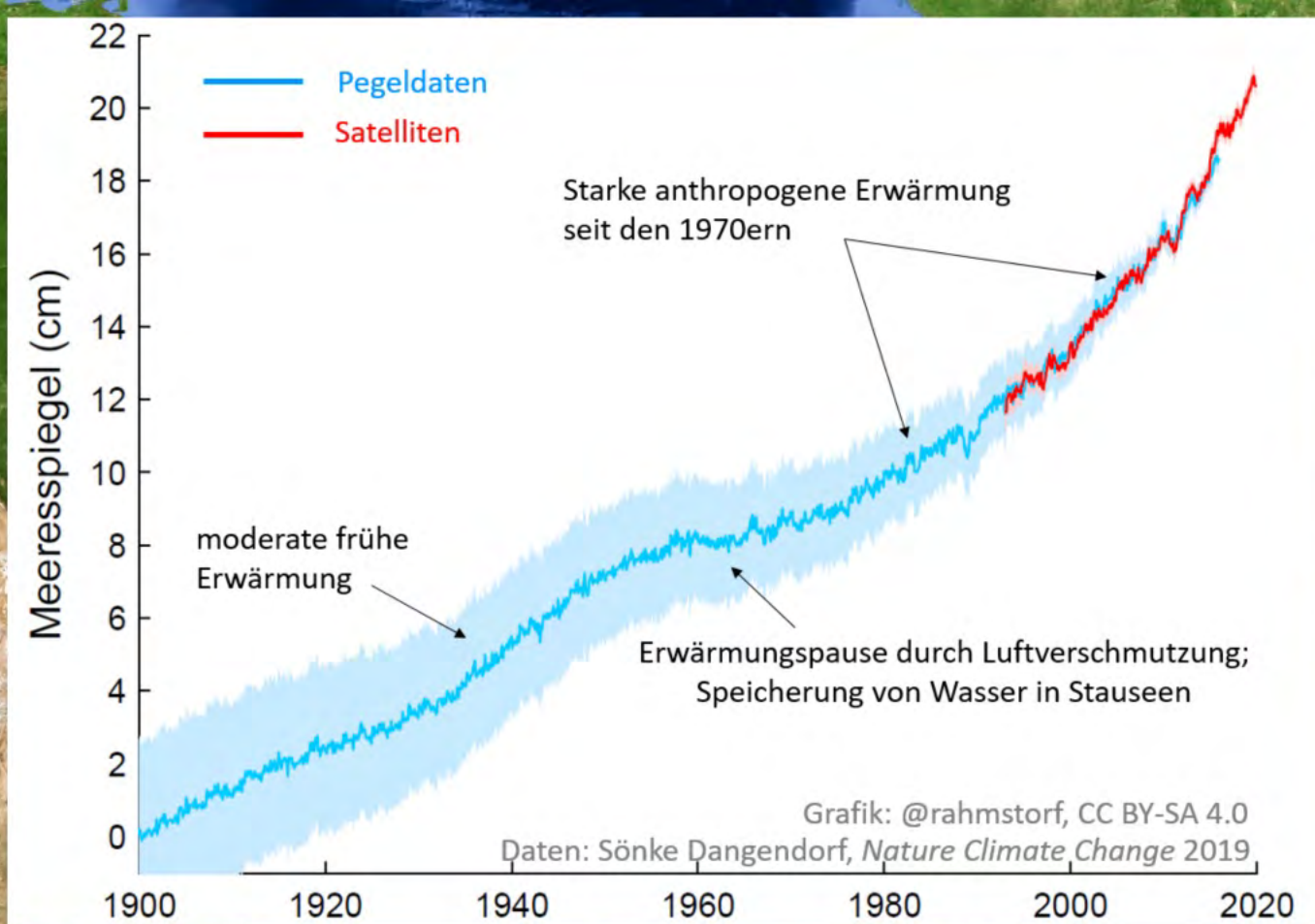
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Es gibt genug Eis auf der Erde  
für einen Meeresspiegelanstieg um

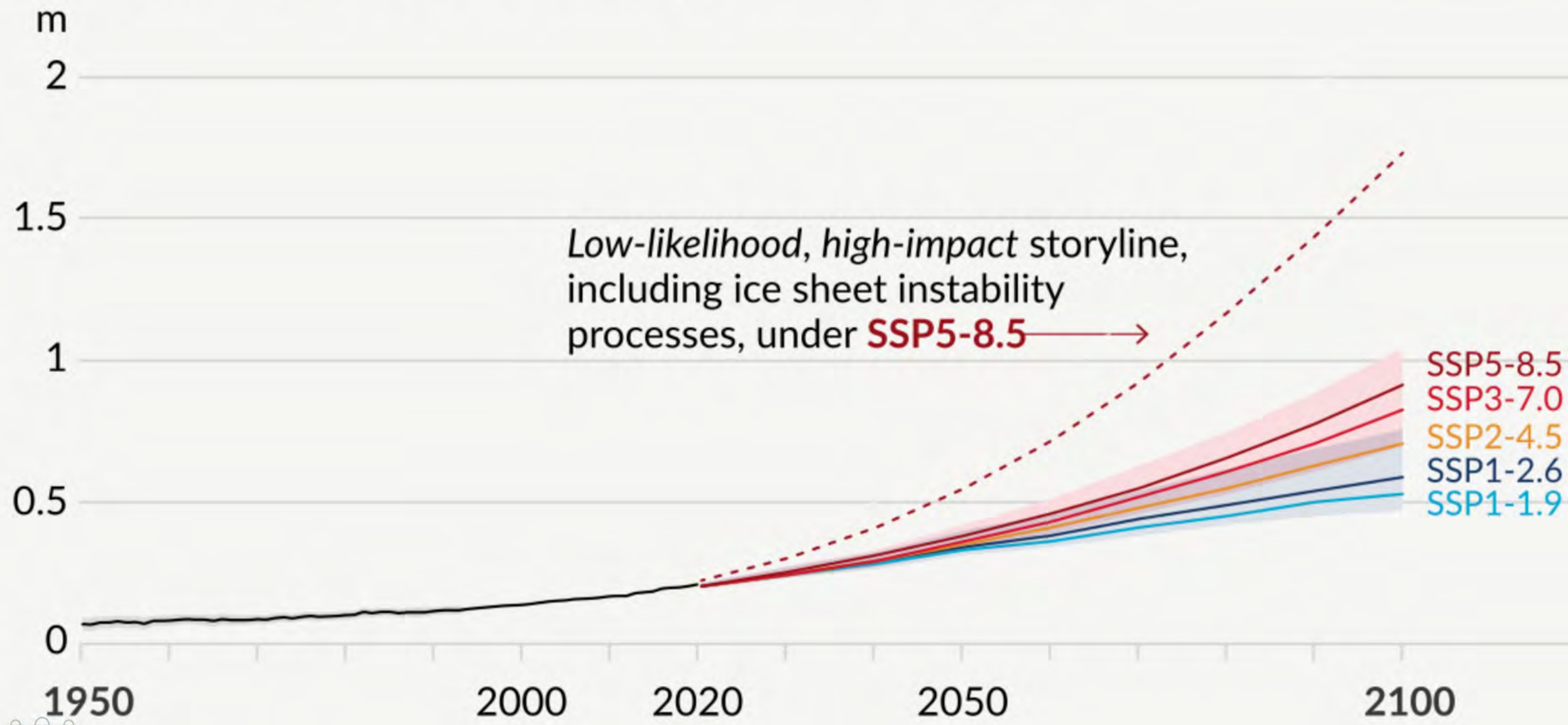
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# Anstieg des Meeresspiegels

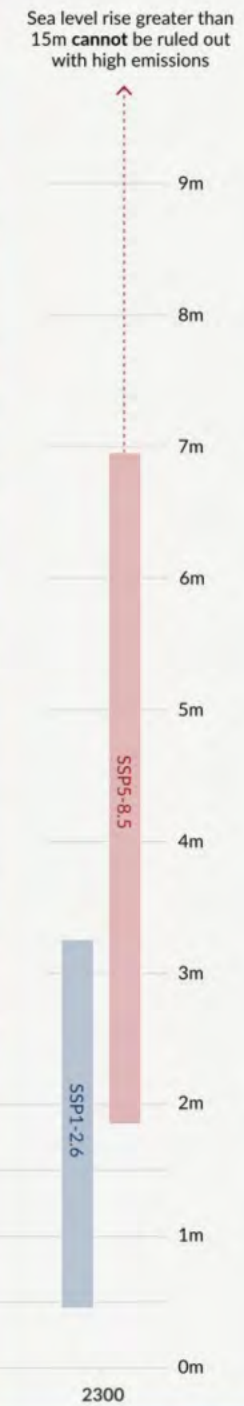
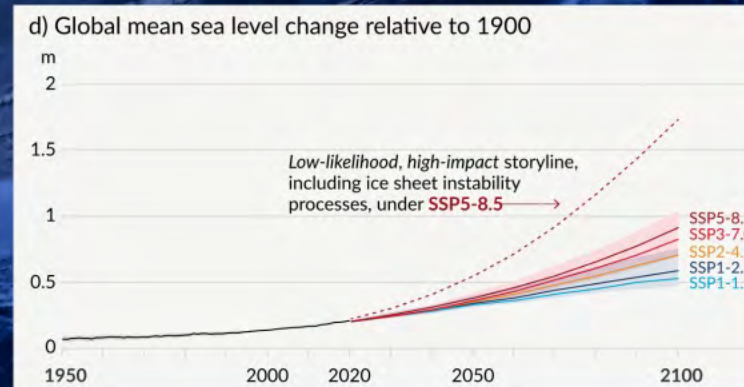
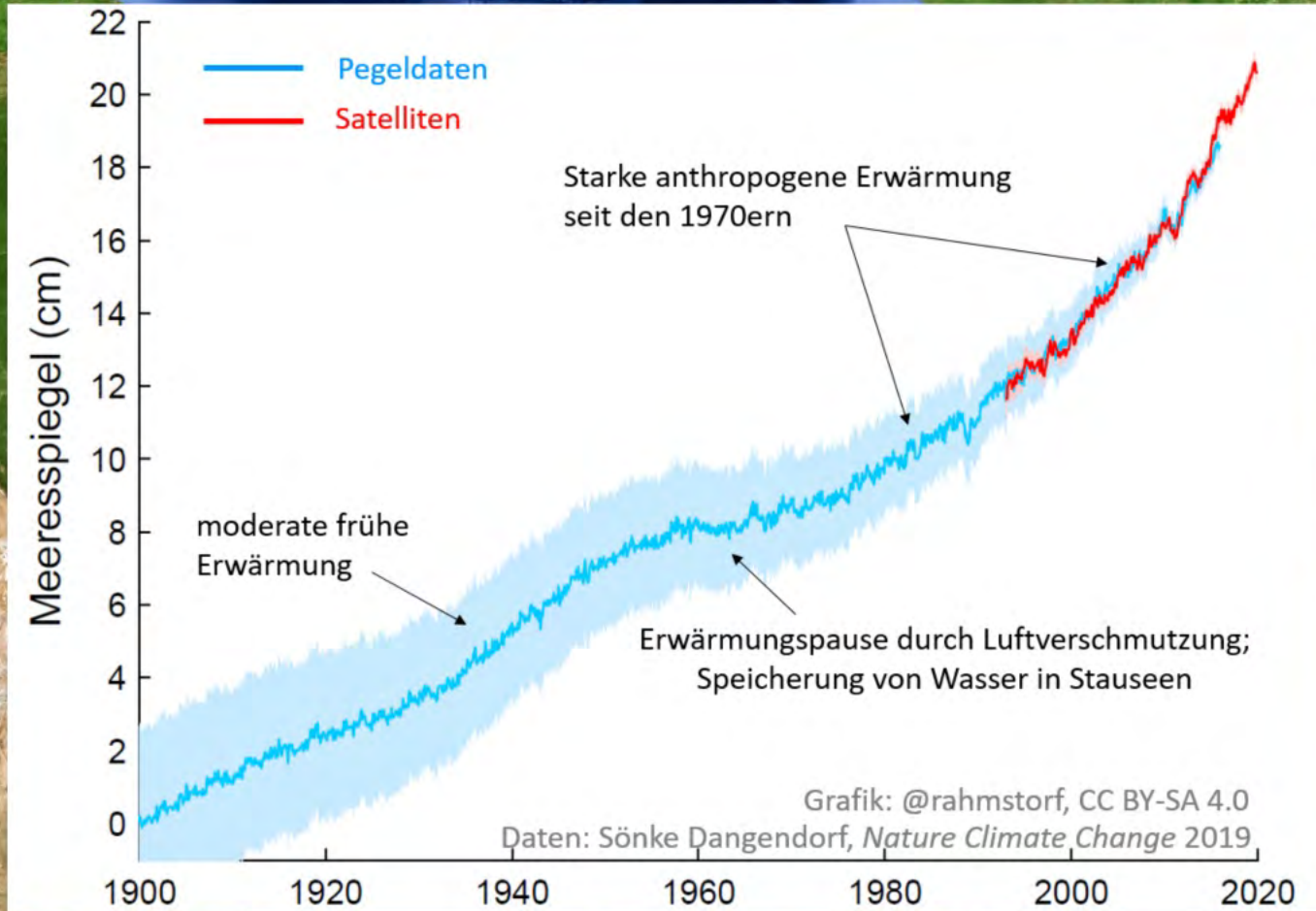


# d) Global mean sea level change relative to 1900





# Anstieg des Meeresspiegels





Maldiven



# Zwischenfazit

**Der Klimawandel ist real und zweifelsfrei durch fossile Energienutzung sowie Entwaldung verursacht**

**Schon jetzt leiden viele Millionen Menschen unter Folgen wie Wetterextremen, Bränden, Dürren und steigendem Meeresspiegel**

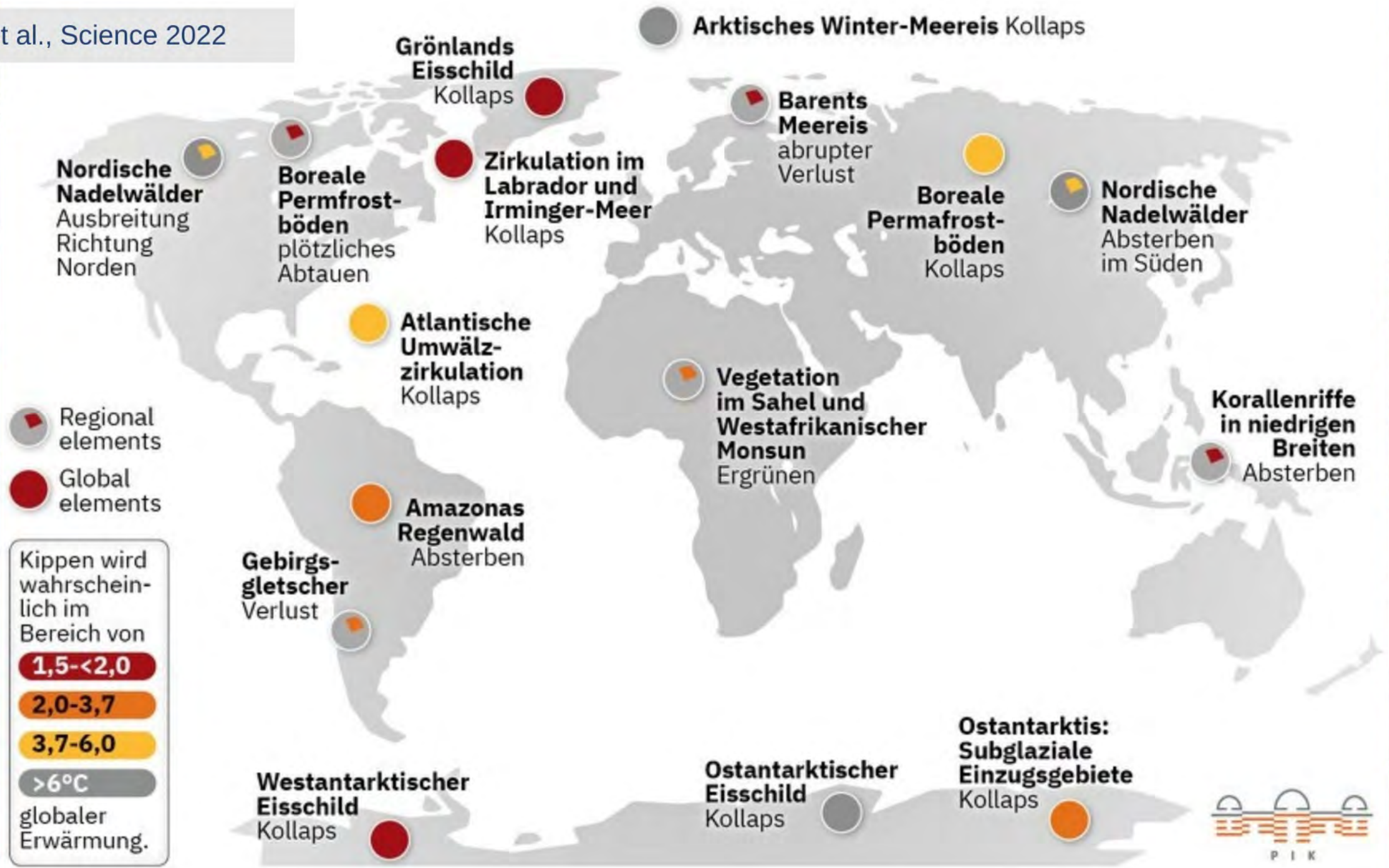


# Kipppunkte im Klimasystem

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- Regional elements
- Global elements

Kippen wird wahrscheinlich im Bereich von

- 1,5-<2,0
- 2,0-3,7
- 3,7-6,0
- >6°C

globaler Erwärmung.



# Wald macht Regen



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## On the importance of cascading moisture recycling in South America

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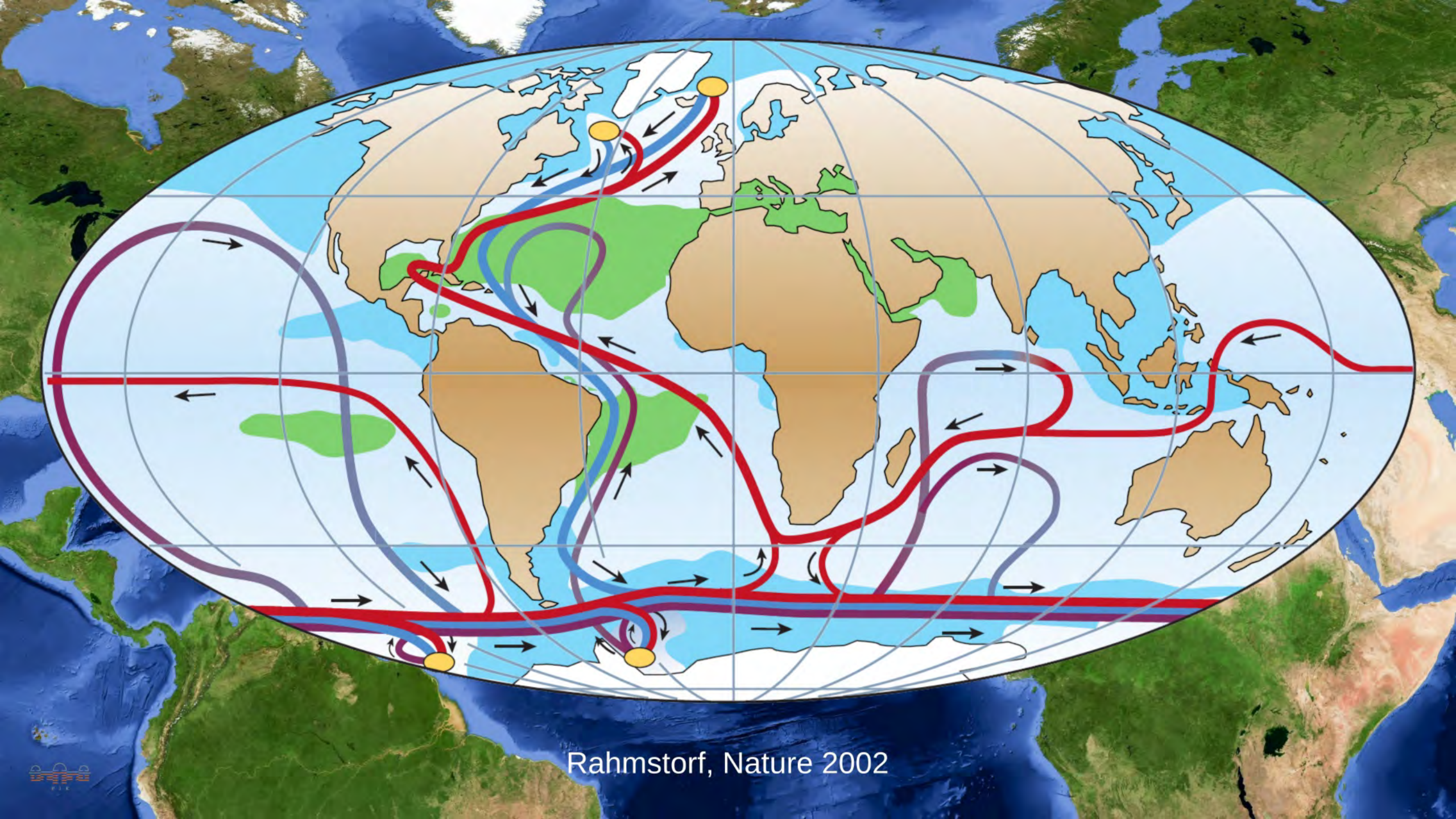
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# Beispiel Grönland

- Das Grönlandeis schmilzt
- Es hat einen Kipppunkt durch die Eis-Höhen-Rückkopplung
- Der liegt bei  $1,1^{\circ}\text{C}$  –  $2,3^{\circ}\text{C}$  lokaler Erwärmung
- Er führt zu 7 Meter Meeresspiegelanstieg

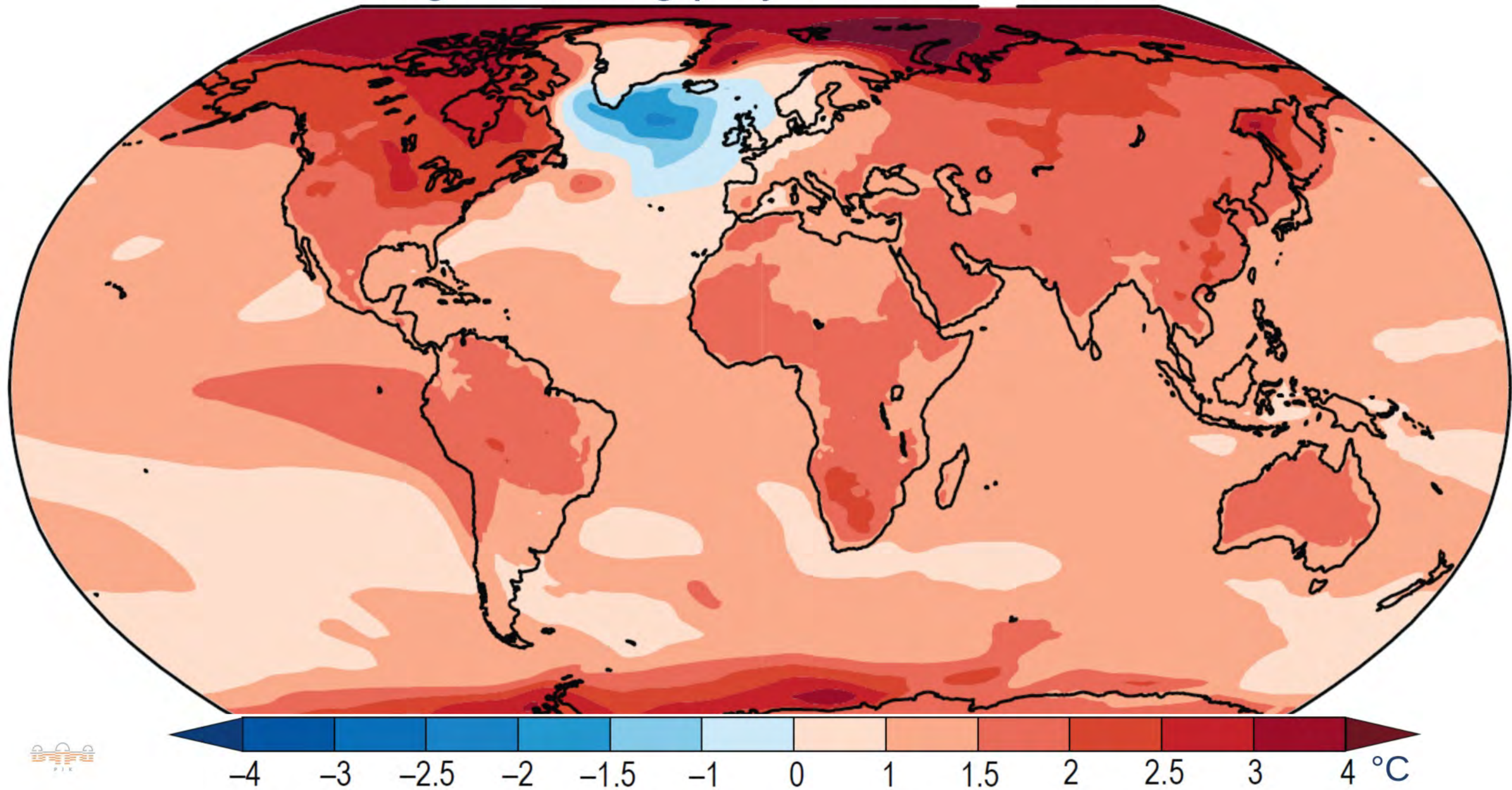


Rahmstorf, Nature 2002

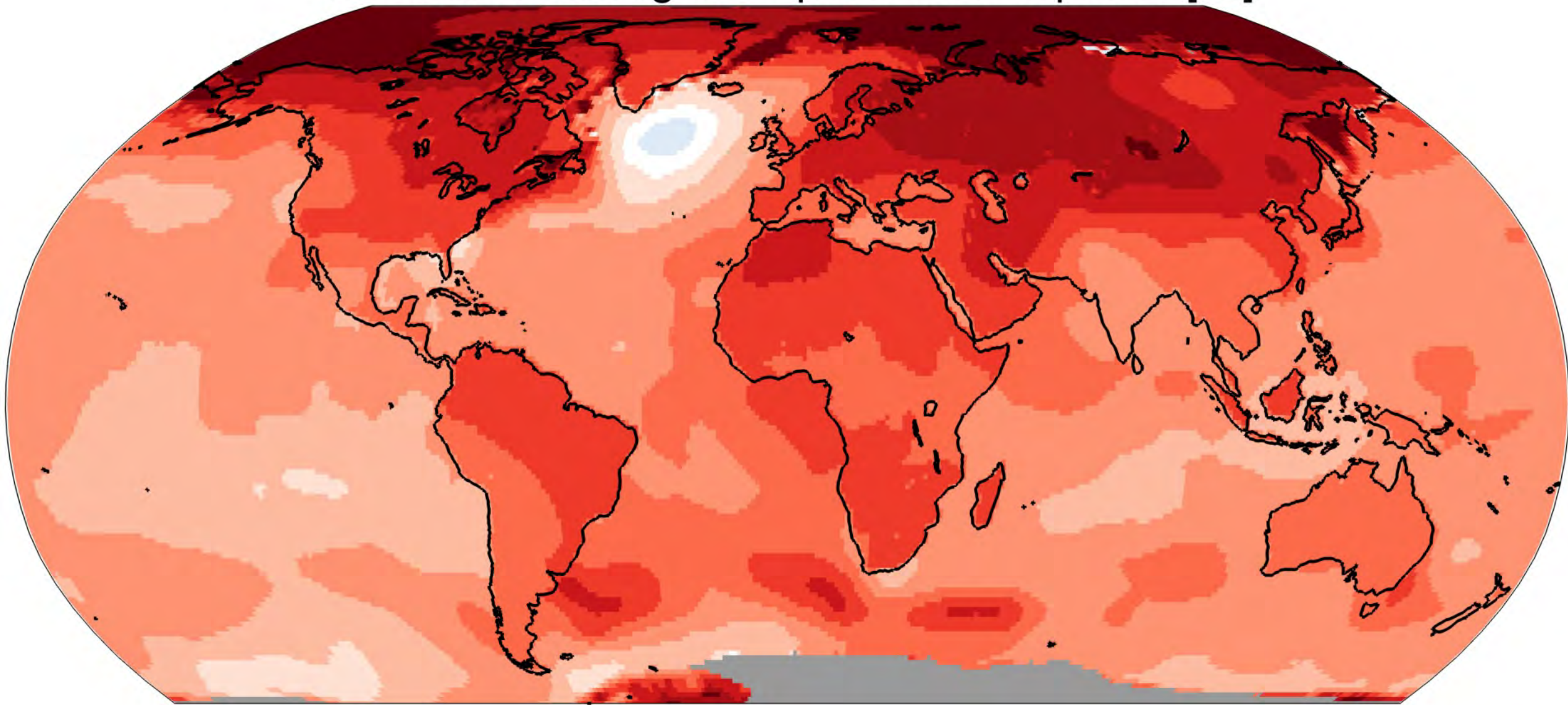




# 'High warming projection' IPCC AR6



# Observed warming since pre-industrial period [°C]

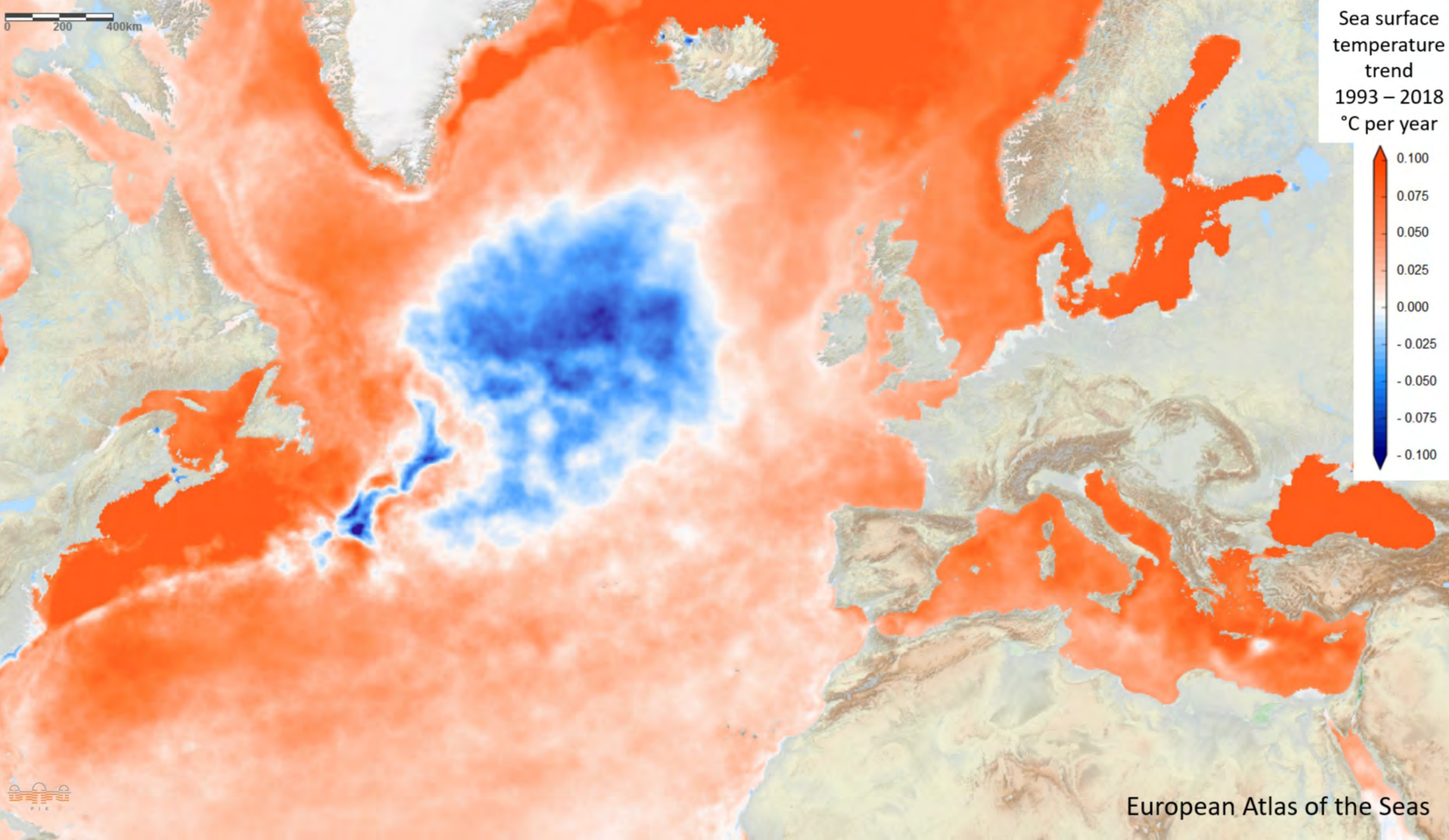
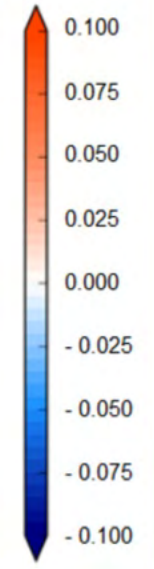


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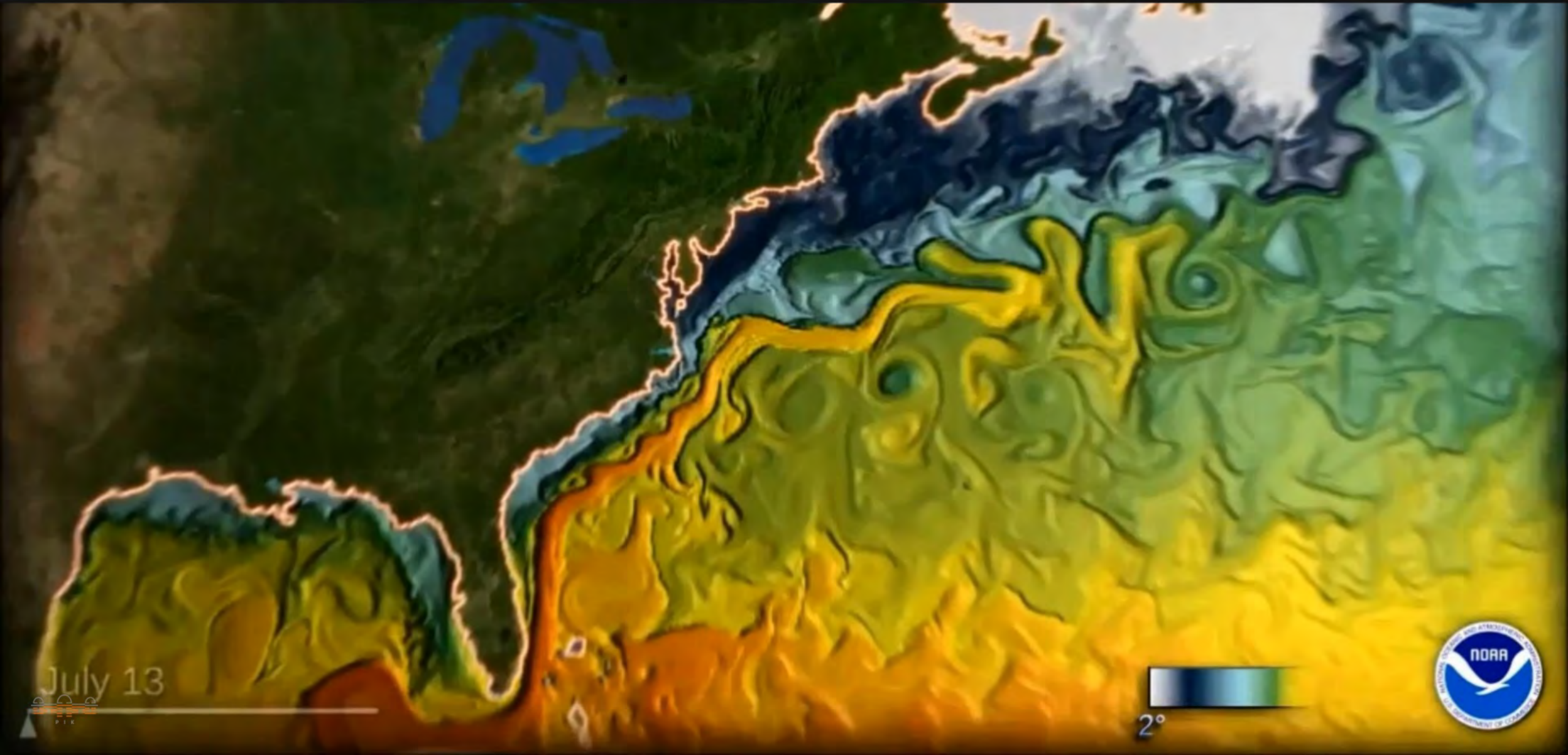


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Sea surface  
temperature  
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1993 – 2018  
°C per year

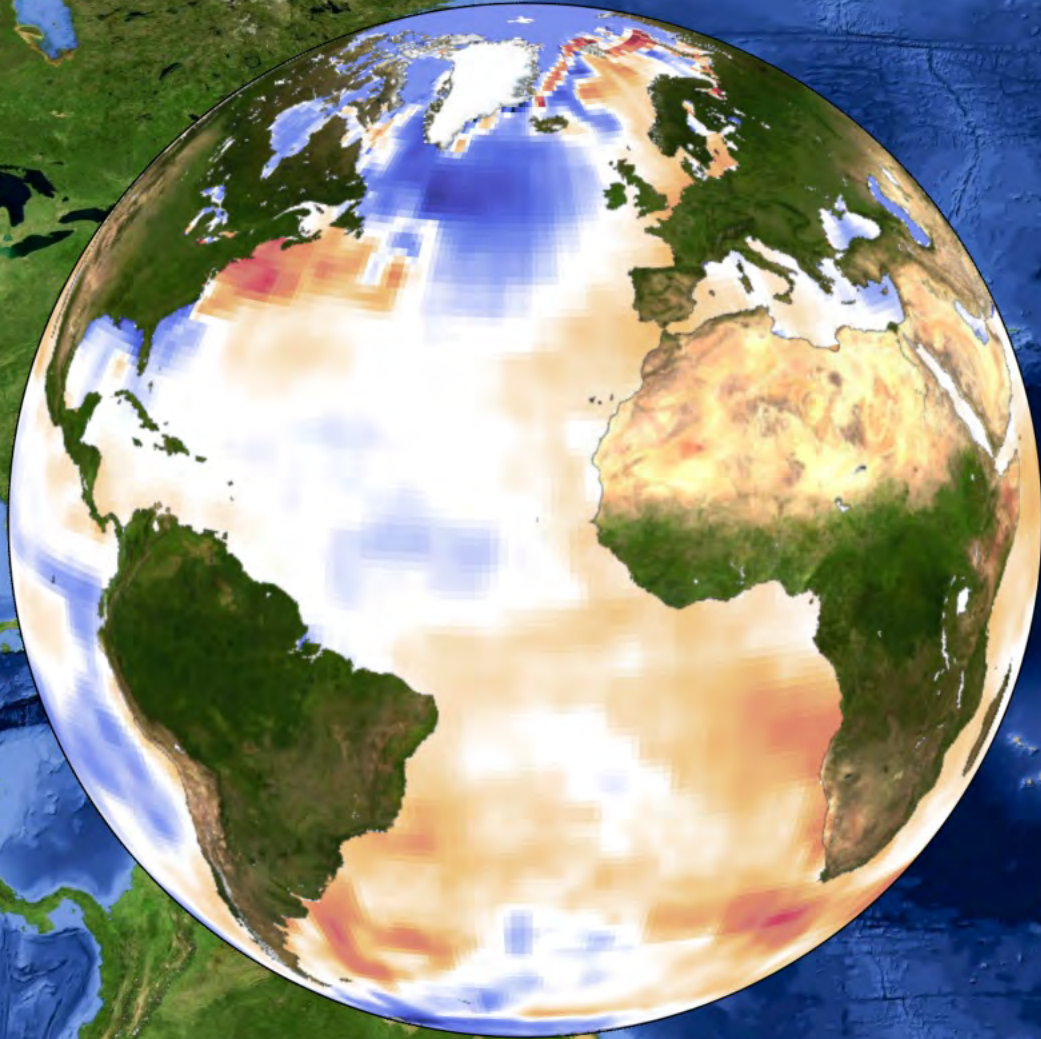


# Das Golfstromsystem im Modell



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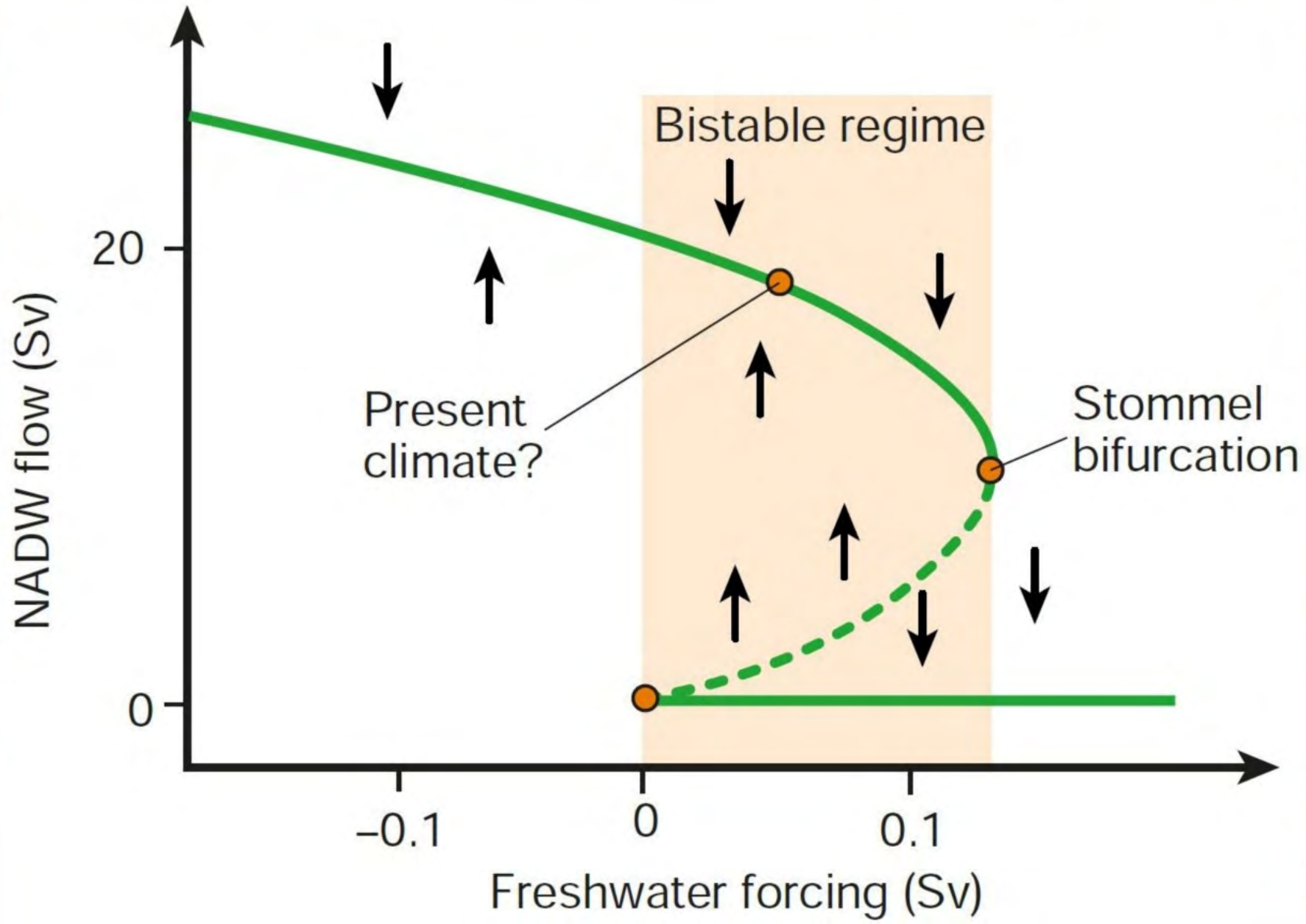
Klimamodell



Caesar et al., Nature 2018



# Kipppunkt der Atlantikzirkulation



# Der Klimavertrag von Paris

Conférence sur les Changements Climatiques 2015

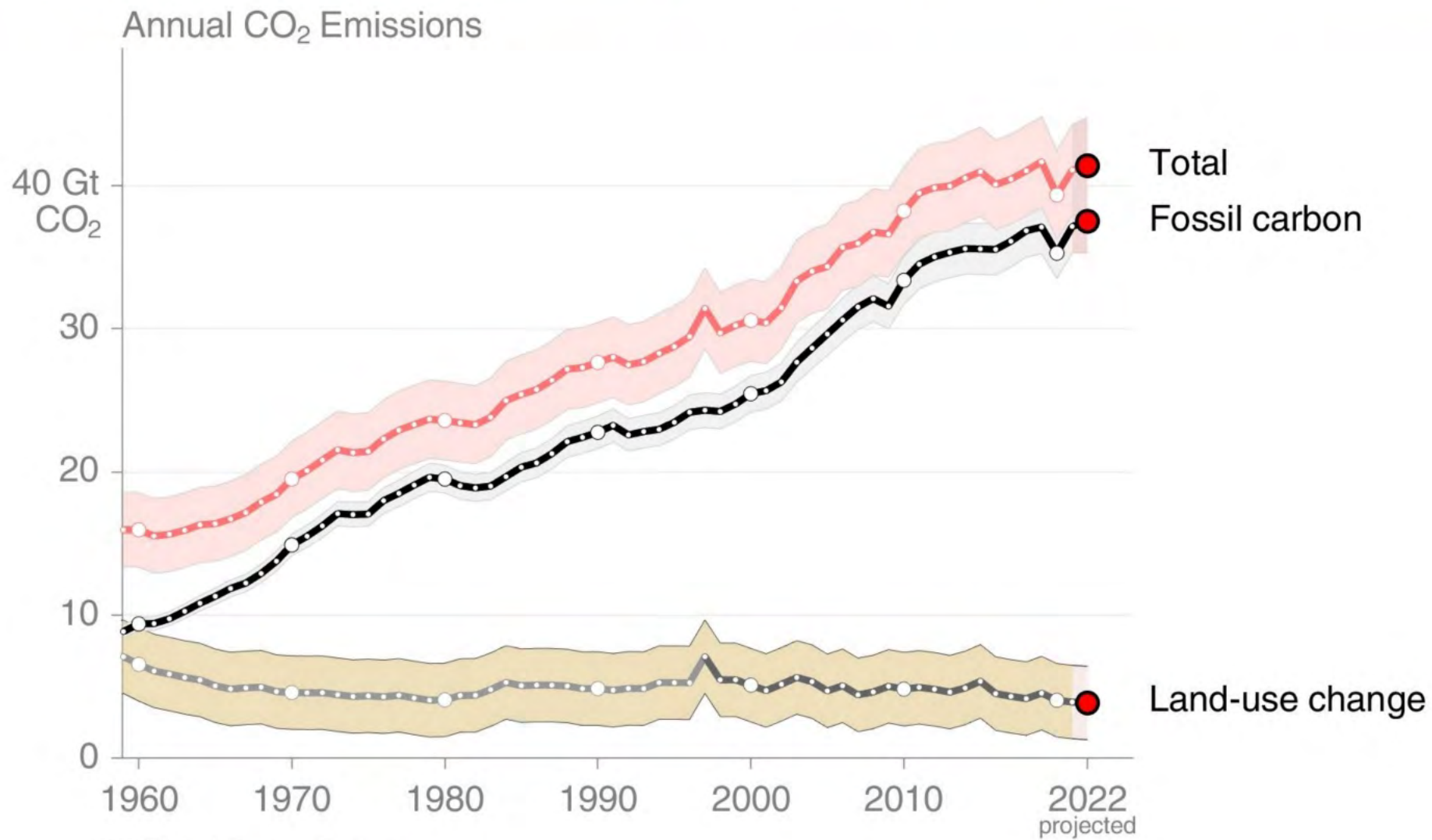
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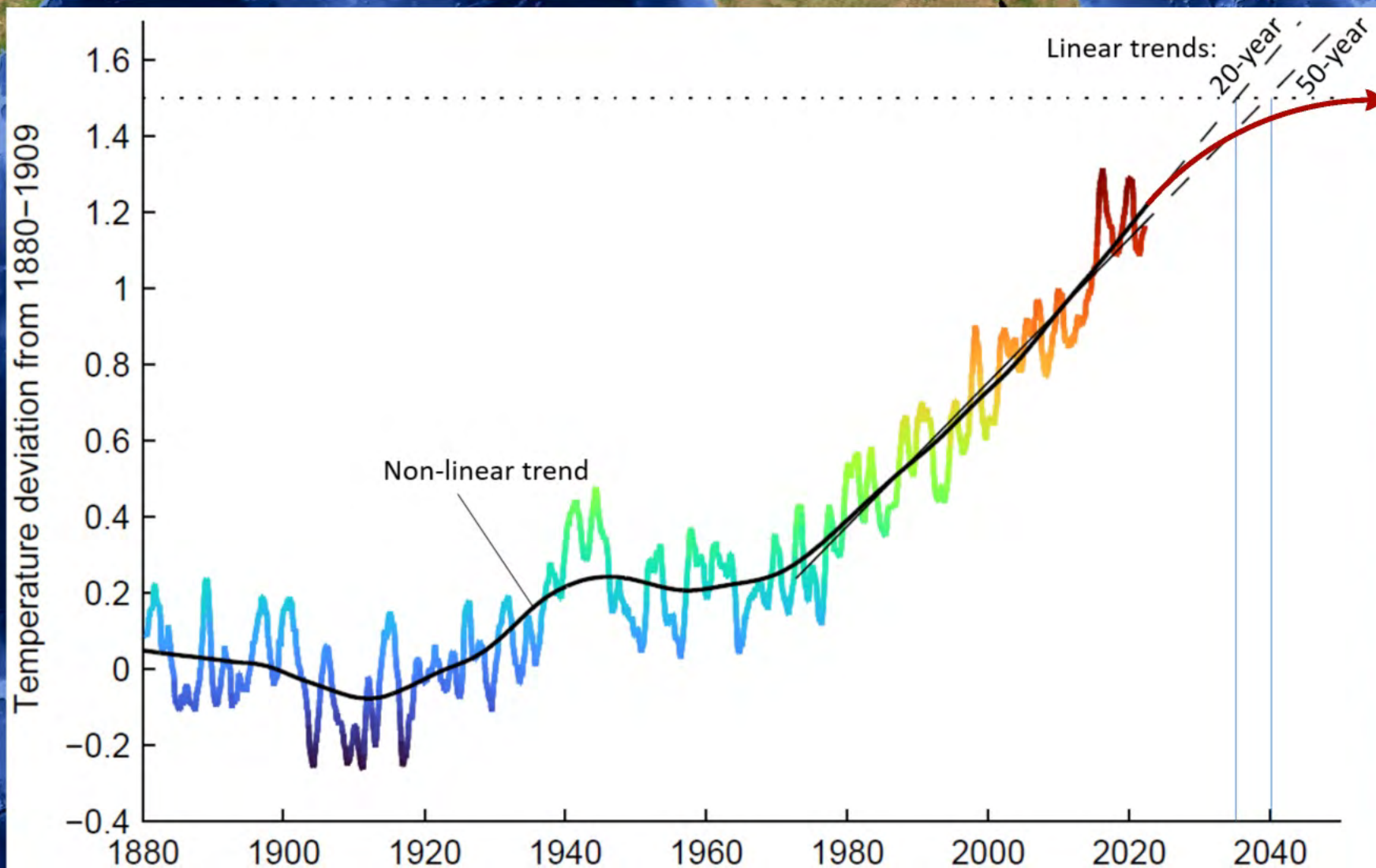
*“...der Anstieg der durchschnittlichen Erdtemperatur deutlich unter 2 °C über dem vorindustriellen Niveau gehalten wird und Anstrengungen unternommen werden, um den Temperaturanstieg auf 1,5 °C über dem vorindustriellen Niveau zu begrenzen”.*

# Globale CO<sub>2</sub>-Emissionen



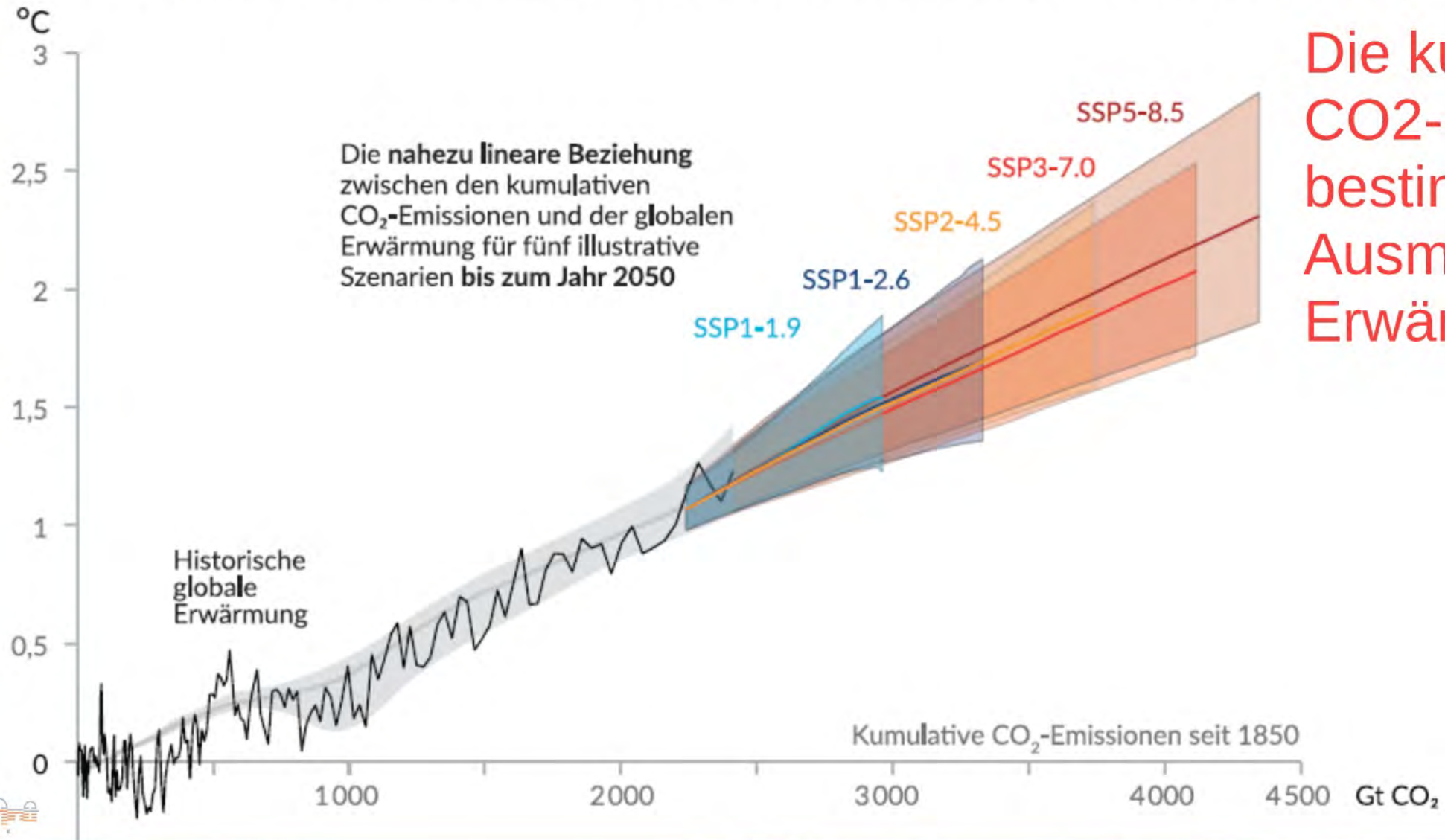


# Können wir 1,5 Grad noch halten?



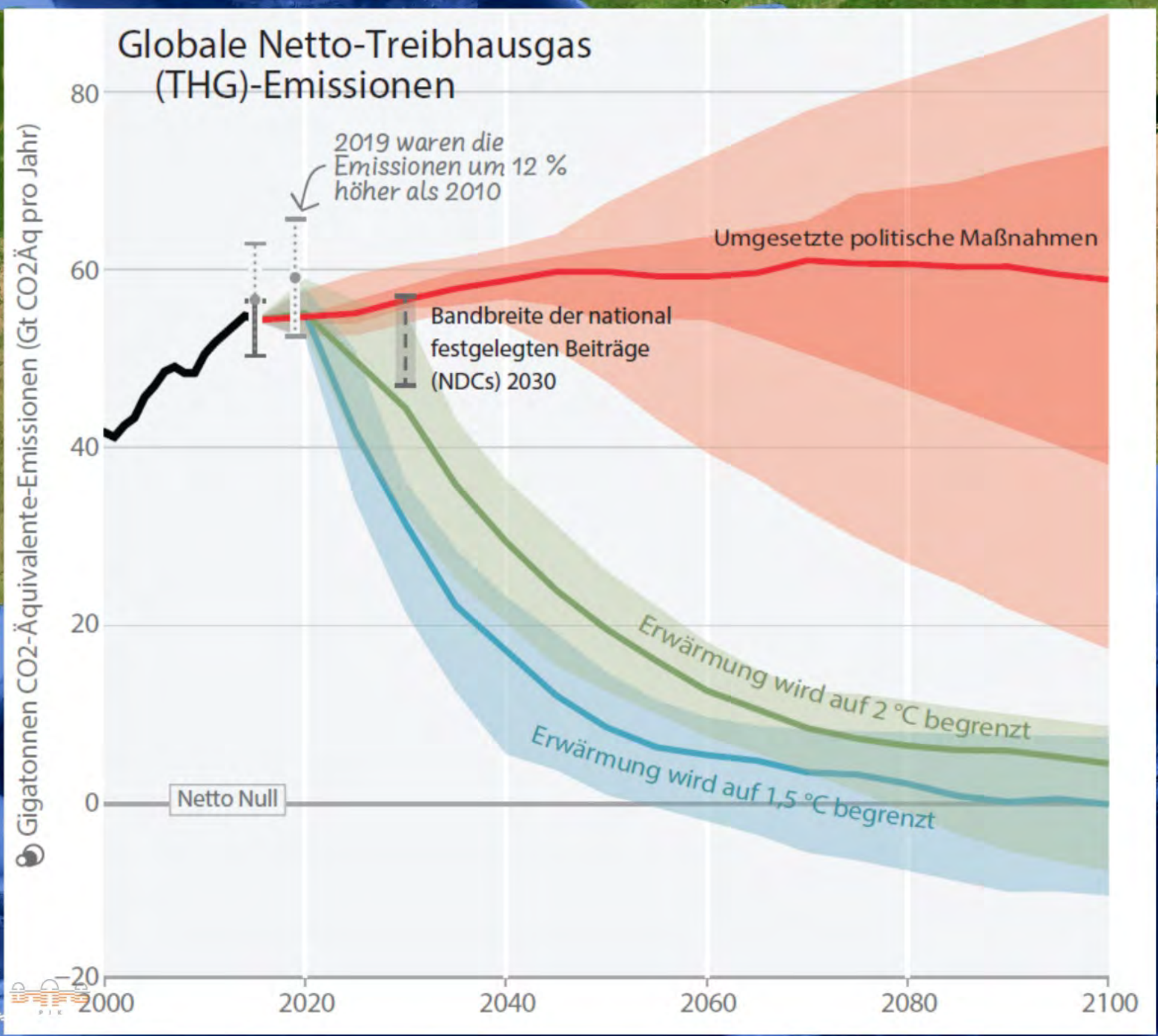
# Jede Tonne CO<sub>2</sub>-Emissionen erhöht die globale Erwärmung

Anstieg der globalen Oberflächentemperatur seit 1850–1900 (°C) als Funktion der kumulativen CO<sub>2</sub>-Emissionen (Gt CO<sub>2</sub>)



Die nahezu lineare Beziehung zwischen den kumulativen CO<sub>2</sub>-Emissionen und der globalen Erwärmung für fünf illustrative Szenarien bis zum Jahr 2050

Die kumulativen CO<sub>2</sub>-Emissionen bestimmen das Ausmaß der Erwärmung!



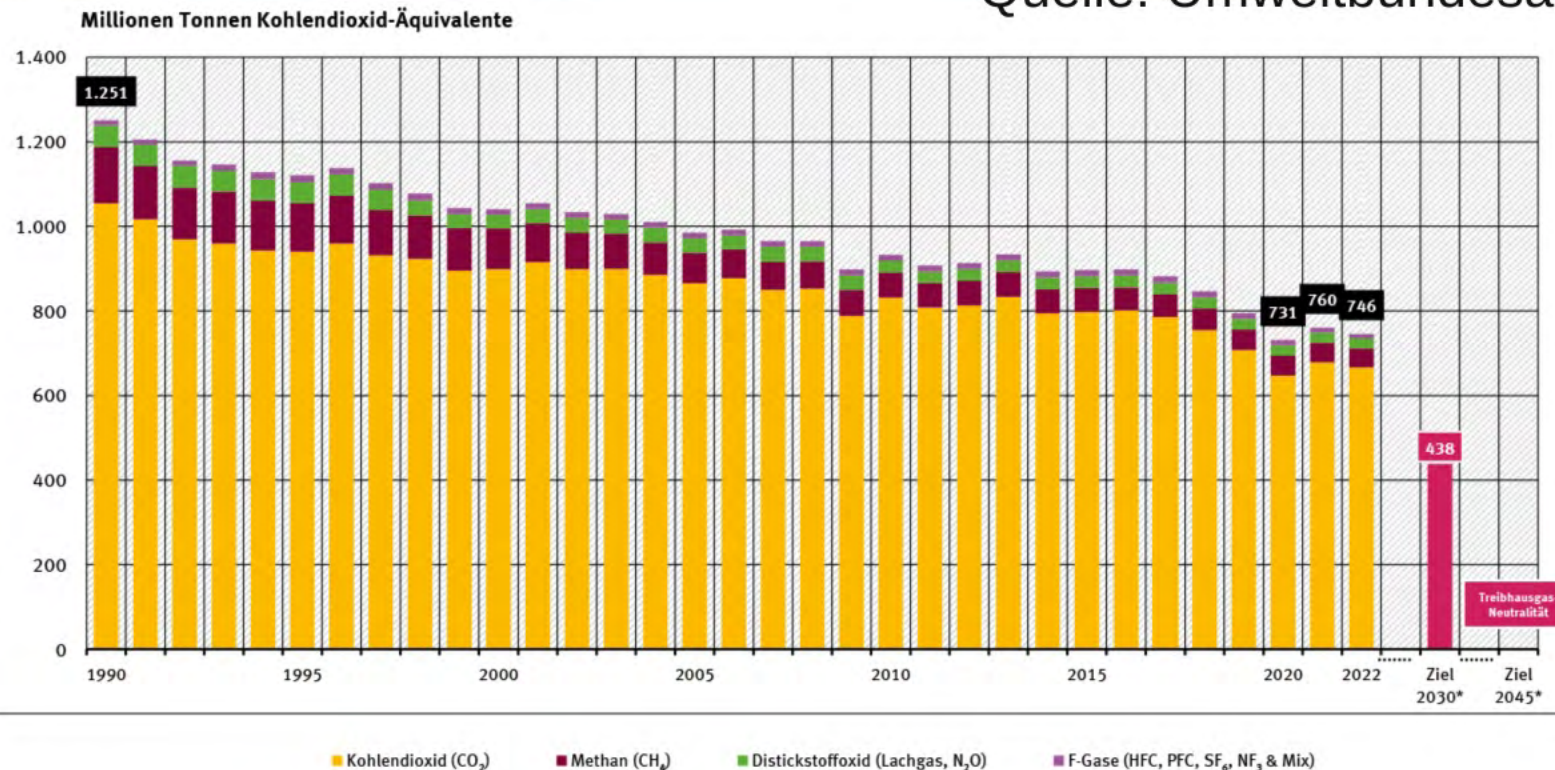
# IPCC 2023:

"Die begrenzung der Erwärmung auf 1,5°C und 2°C erfordert **schnelle** und **tiefgreifende** sowie in den meisten Fällen **sofortige** Senkungen der Treibhausgasemissionen in **allen Sektoren** in diesem Jahrzehnt."

# Treibhausgas-Ausstoß in Deutschland

Treibhausgas-Emissionen seit 1990 nach Gasen

Quelle: Umweltbundesamt



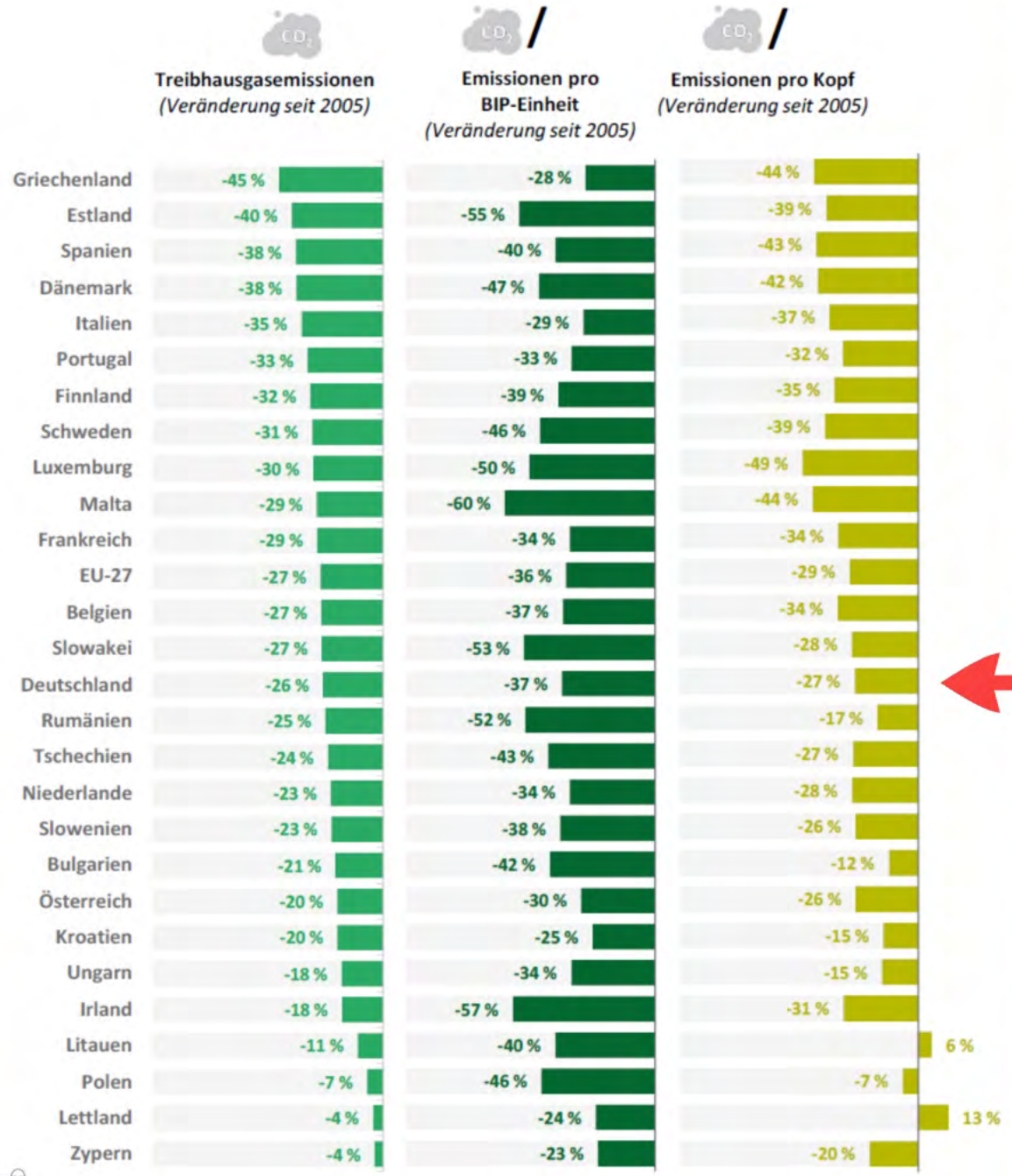
1% der Bevölkerung  
2% der CO<sub>2</sub> Emissionen

#6 bei aktuellen,  
#4 bei historischen  
fossilen CO<sub>2</sub>-  
Emissionen

Emissionen ohne Landnutzung, Landnutzungsänderung und Forstwirtschaft  
\* angepasste Ziele 2030 und 2045: entsprechend der Novelle des Bundes-Klimaschutzgesetz (KSG) vom 12.05.2021

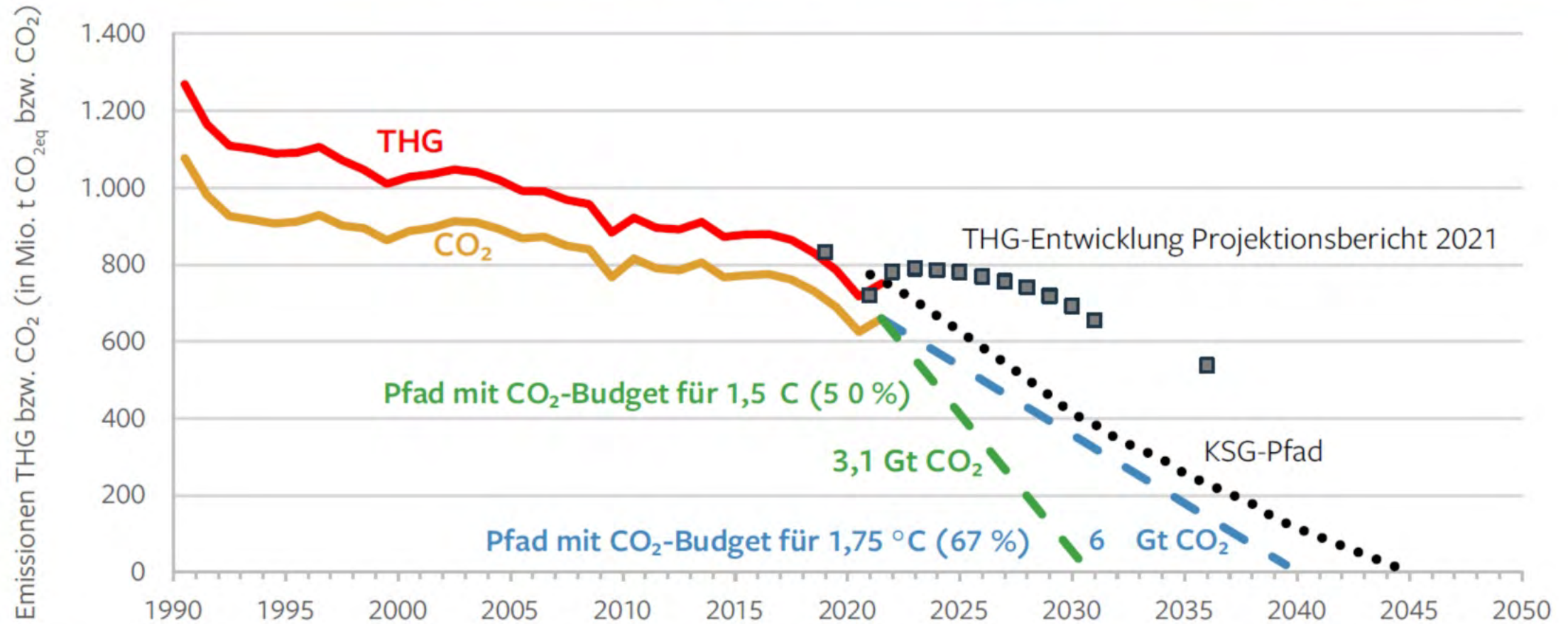
Quelle: Umweltbundesamt, Nationale Treibhausgas-Inventare 1990 bis 2021  
(Stand 03/2023), für 2022 vorläufige Daten (Stand 15.03.2023)

# Treibhausgas-Minderung in EU-Staaten seit 2005



Quelle: Europäischer Rechnungshof auf der Grundlage von Daten der Europäischen Umweltagentur.

# Das Emissionsbudget

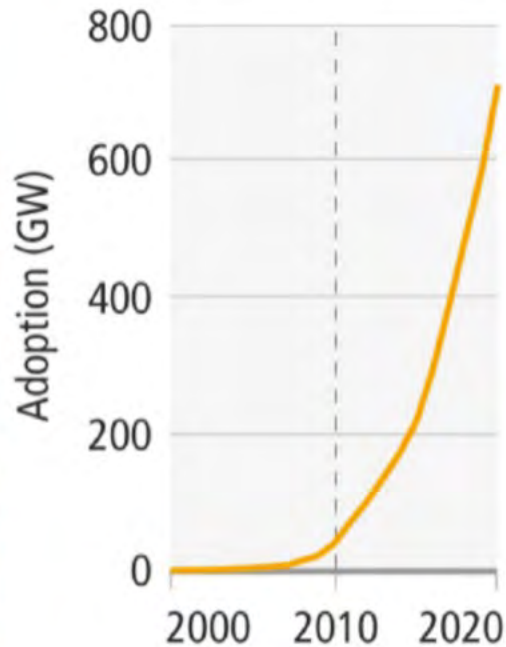


1.000 Mio. t CO<sub>2</sub> bzw. CO<sub>2eq</sub> = 1 Gt CO<sub>2</sub> bzw. CO<sub>2eq</sub>

# Weltklimarat IPCC: Es gibt die Lösungen

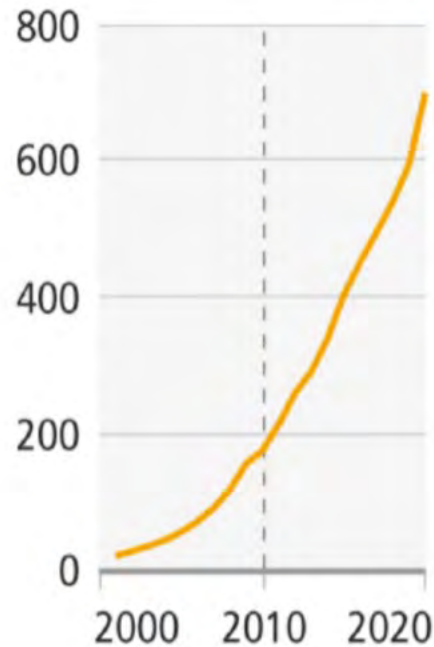
Und sie wachsen exponentiell und werden immer billiger!

### Photovoltaics (PV)



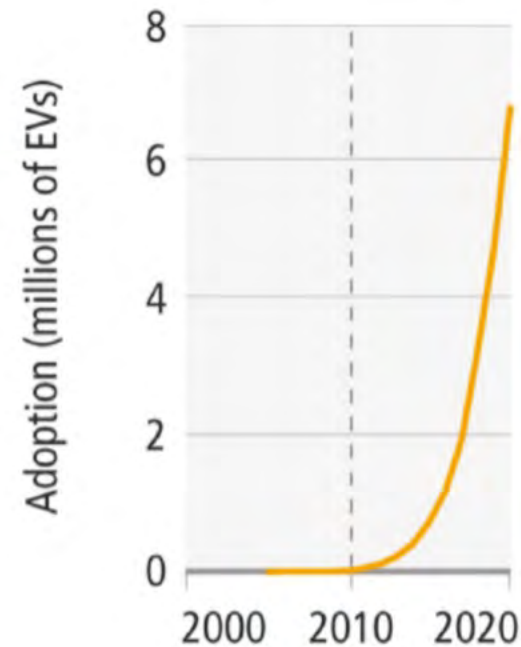
Share of electricity produced in 2020: 3%

### Onshore wind



Share of electricity produced in 2020: 6%

### Batteries for passenger electric vehicles (EVs)



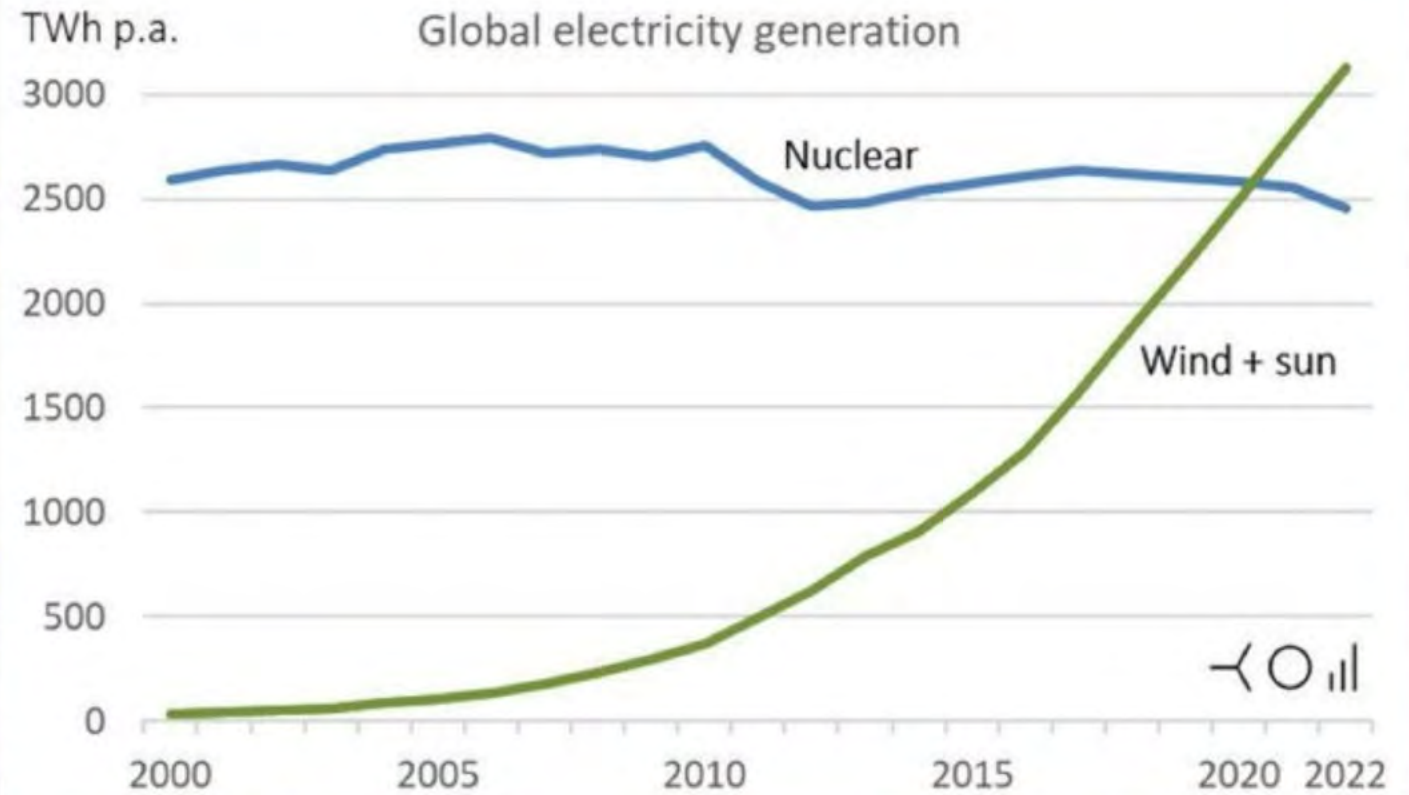
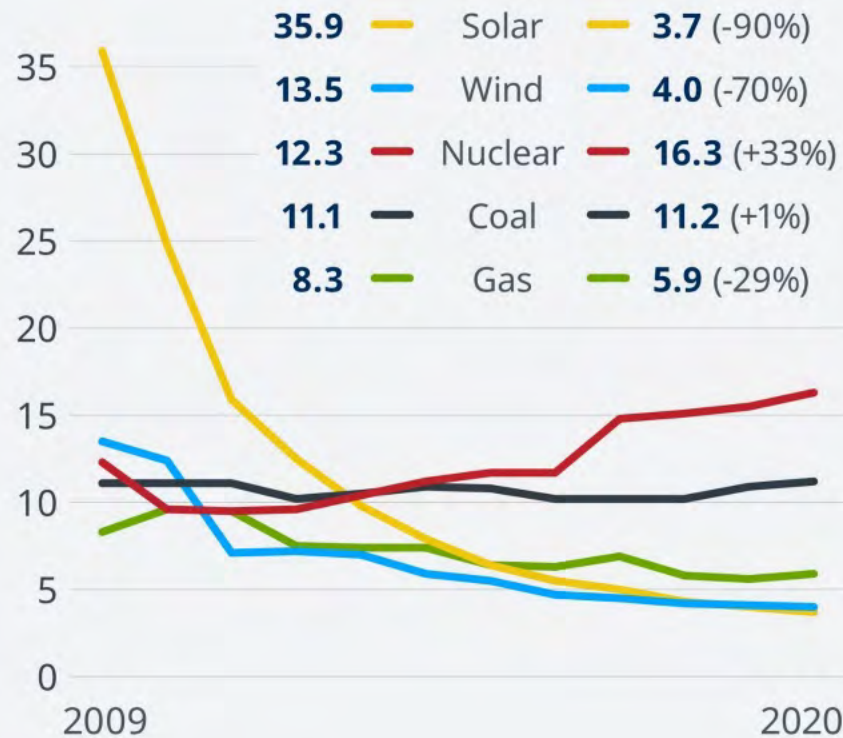
Share of passenger vehicle fleet in 2020: 1%



# IEA: über 80 % der Strom-Investitionen gehen in EE

## Worldwide energy prices over the last decade

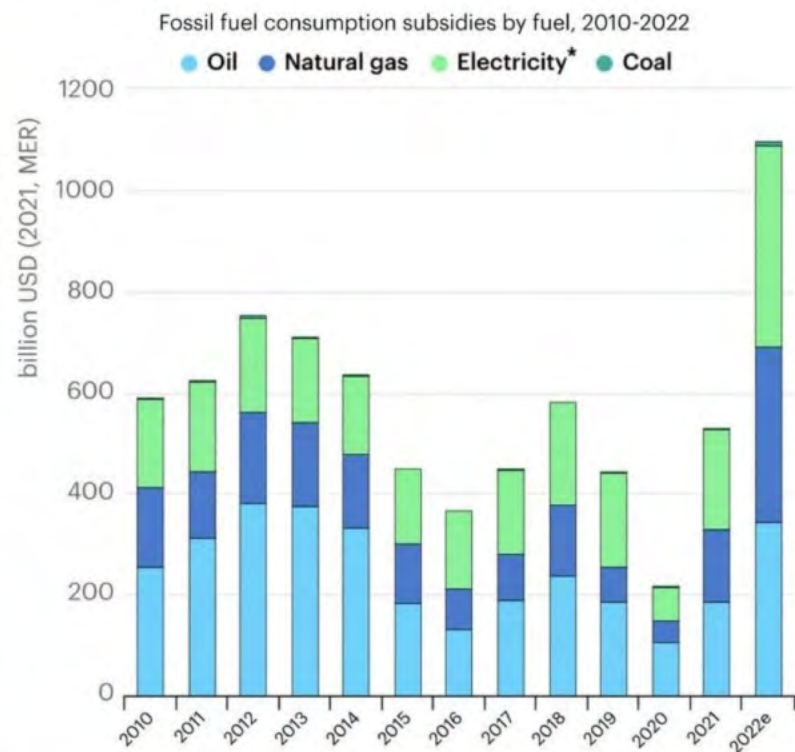
Generation costs in cents (US\$)





# Ist also alles gut? Leider nein...

## Fossil fuel consumption subsidies rose to a record high of over \$1 trillion in 2022 amid the global energy crisis

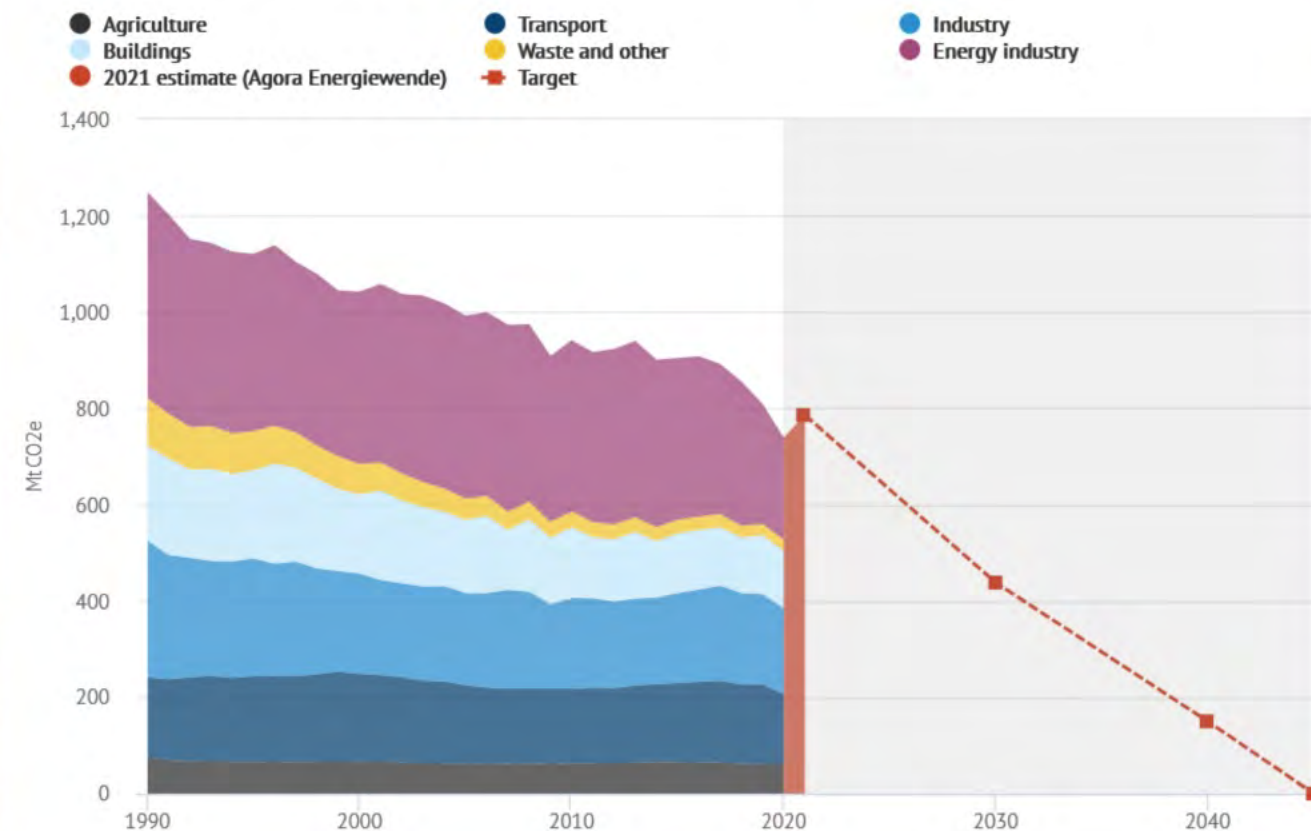


International Energy Agency

\* Electricity generated from fossil fuels

## Emissions from the German energy sector have fallen rapidly in recent years

But other sectors have seen much less progress



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## Hat sich die Wärmepumpe für Sie gelohnt?

Angaben in Prozent

■ Neubauten ■ Häuser gebaut vor Jahr 2000

**Ja**



**Kann ich noch nicht einschätzen**



**Nein**



Quelle: ZEIT ONLINE Leserbefragung April 2023, 3.366 Haushalte

Rank	Country	Stock per 100 households
1	Norway	60.4
2	Sweden	42.7
3	Finland	40.8
4	Estonia	34.3
5	Denmark	19.1



# Wärmepumpen



# Hauptaussagen des IPCC Klimaberichts 2023

„Das Zeitfenster, in dem eine lebenswerte und nachhaltige Zukunft für alle gesichert werden kann, schließt sich rapide (*sehr hohes Vertrauen*).“

„Die in diesem Jahrzehnt getroffenen Entscheidungen und durchgeführten Maßnahmen werden sich jetzt und für Tausende von Jahren auswirken (*hohes Vertrauen*).“

Hunderte Wissenschaftler aus aller Welt haben 8 Jahre an diesem Bericht gearbeitet.

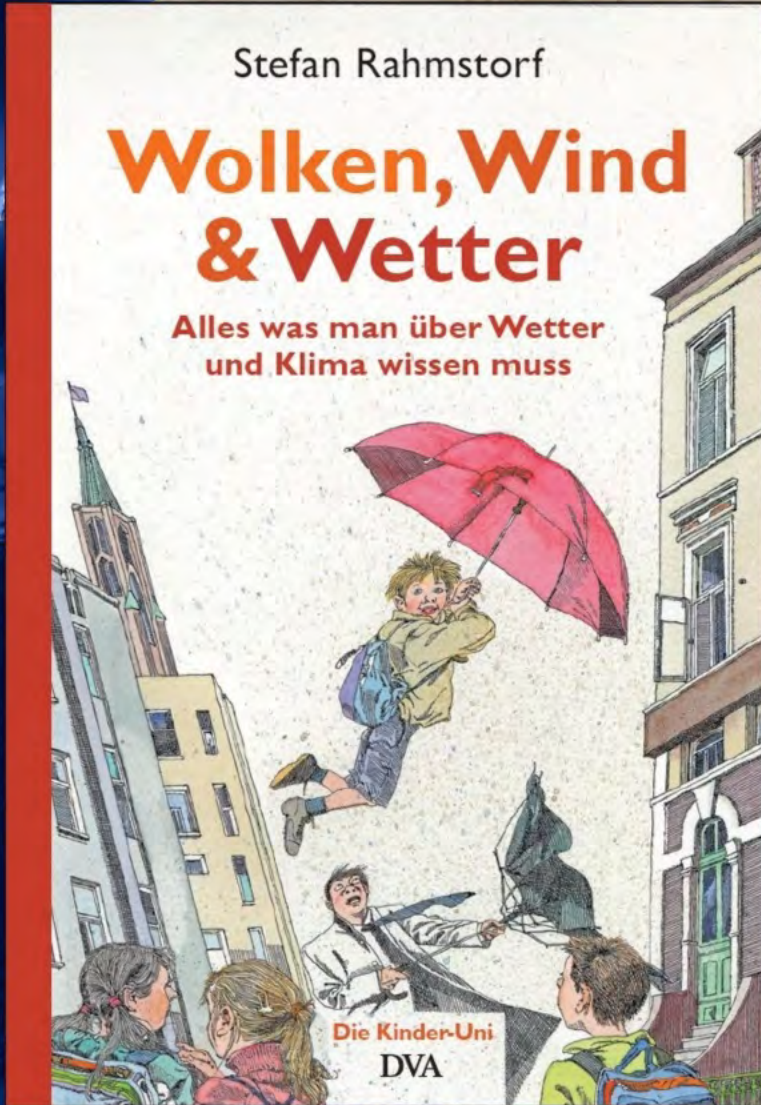
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# Kommt der gesellschaftliche Kipppunkt?



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