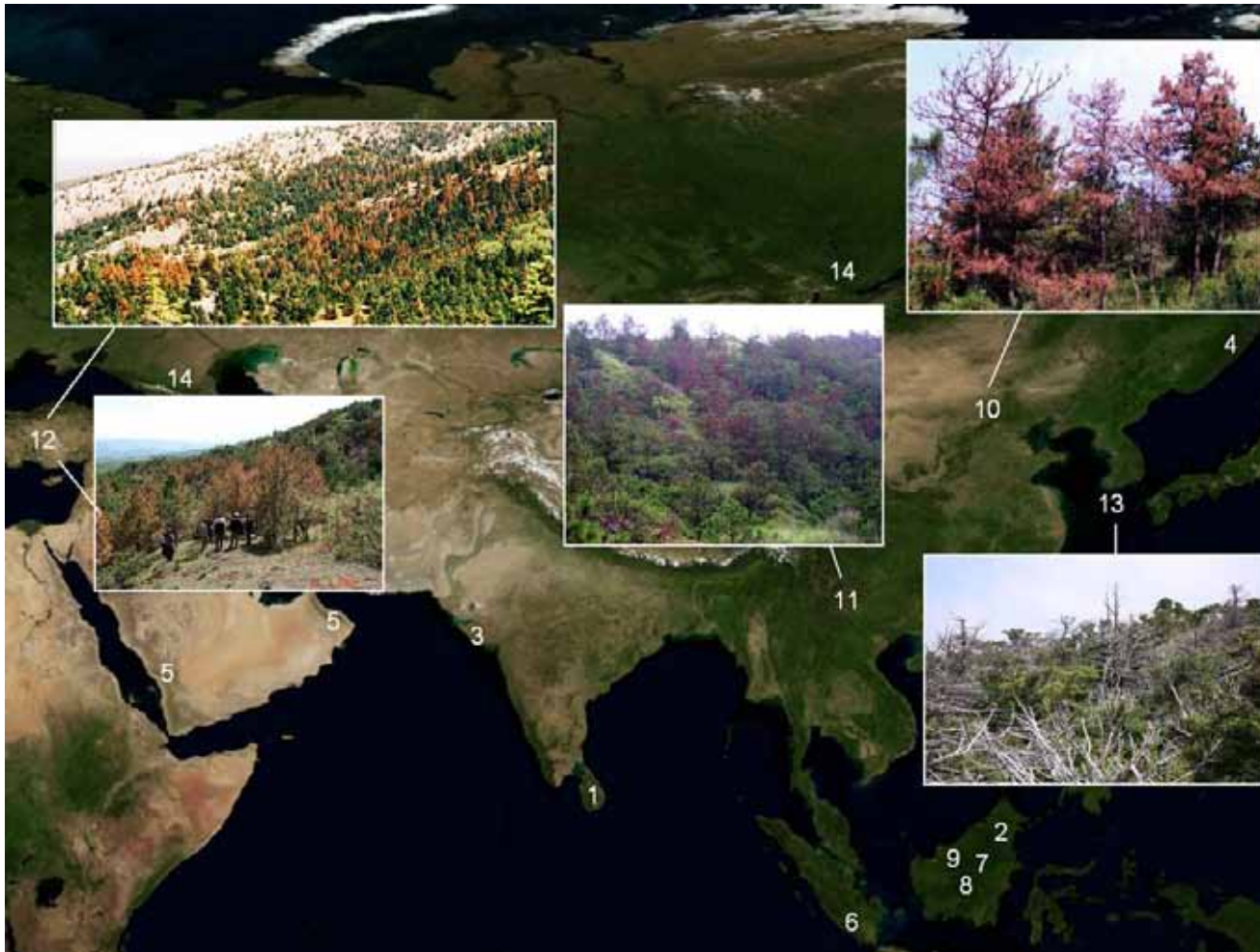




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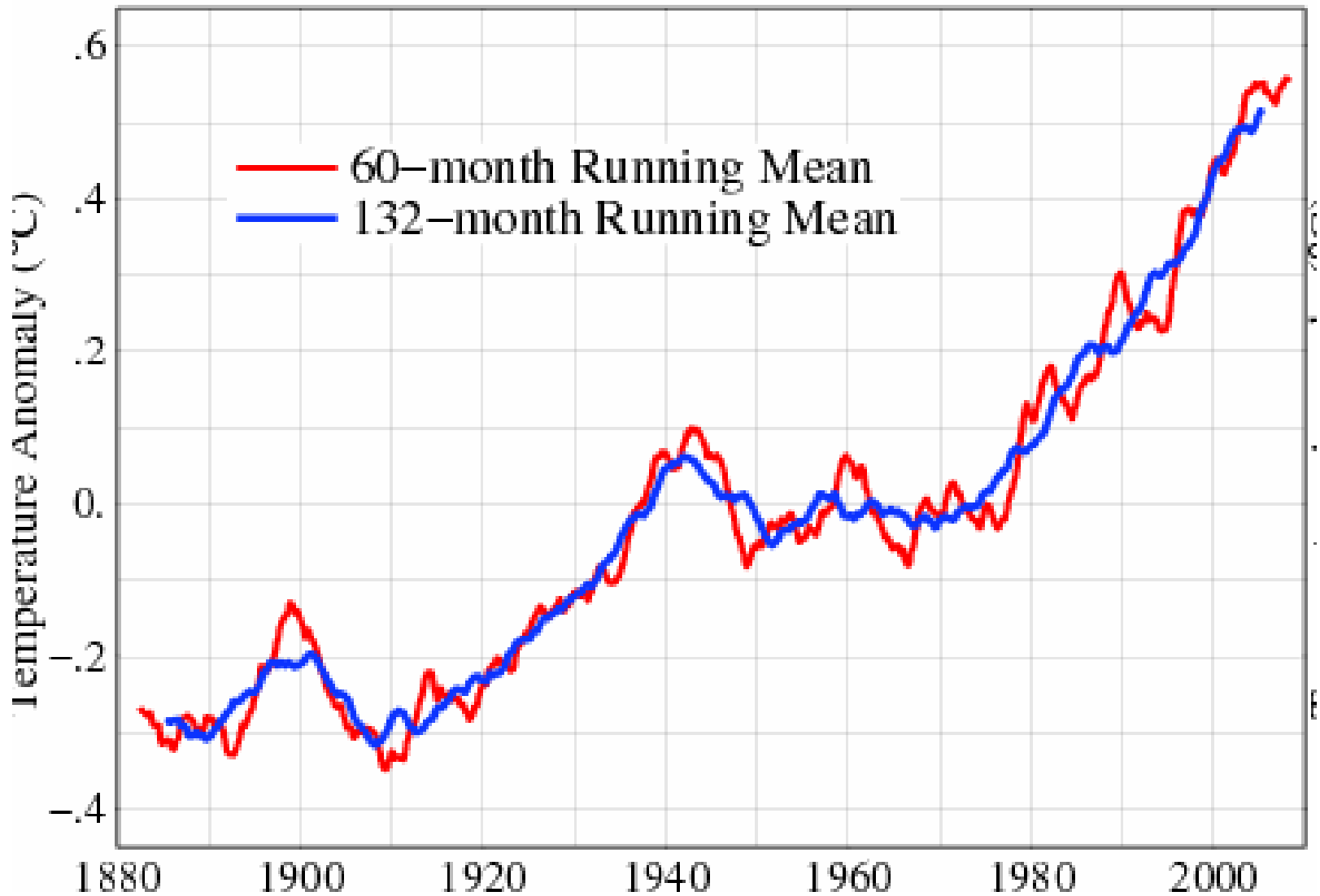
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# Forest ecosystems and global climate change

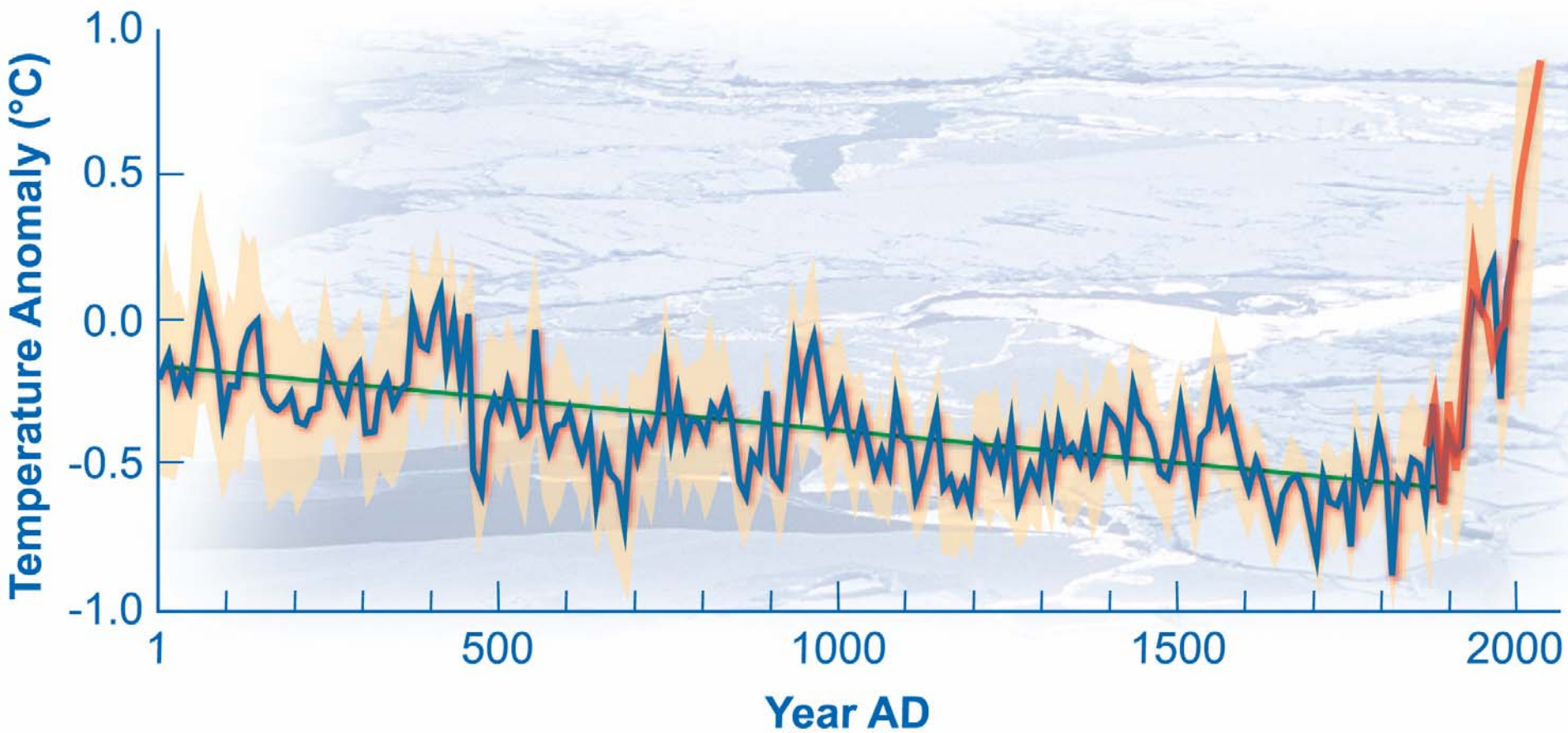


# Year 2010 (january-september) was the warmest ever

## Global Land–Ocean Temperature Index

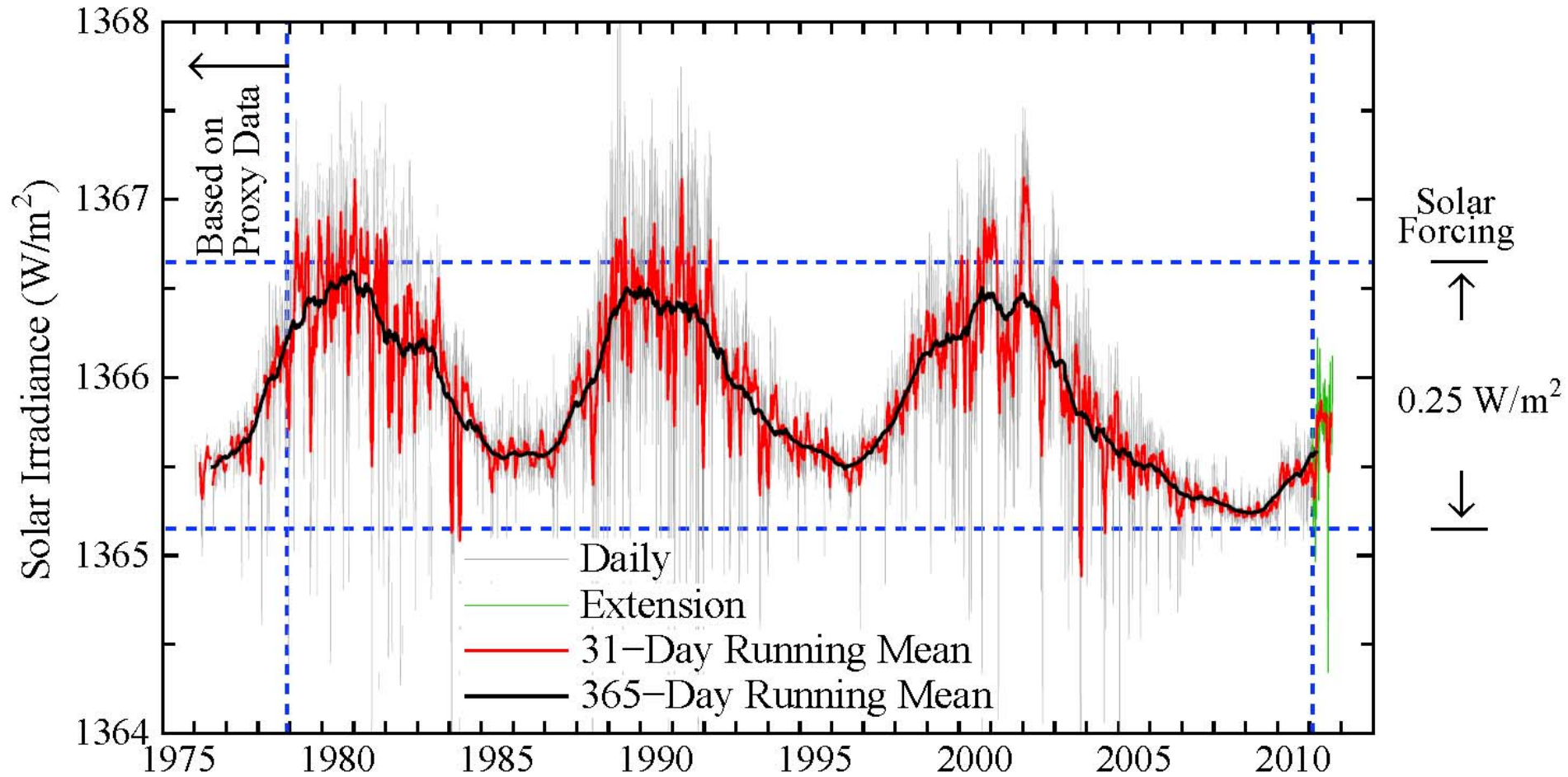


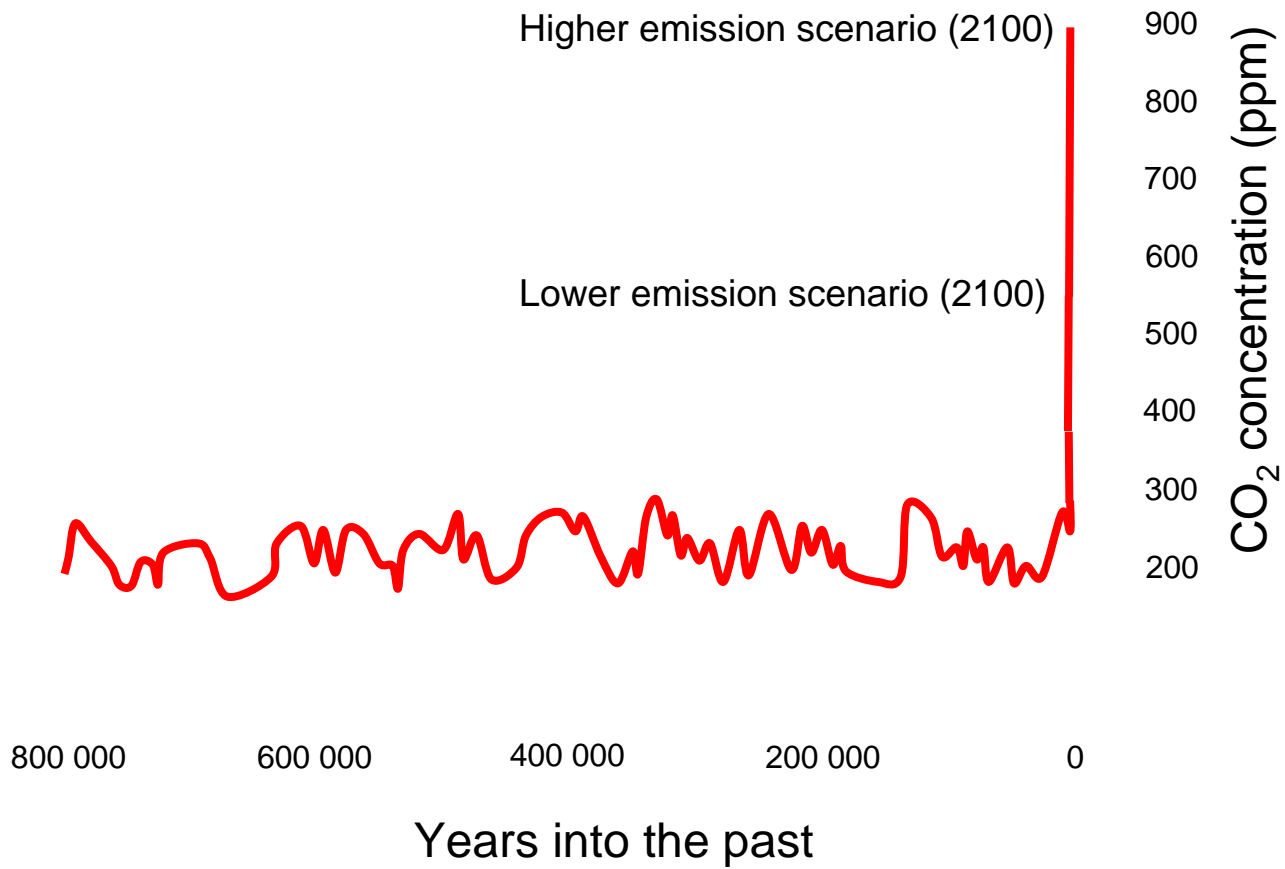
# Natural climate change?



# While the sun activity is...

## Total Solar Irradiance





# CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and concentration will increase

## China : Coal

2010 exports decreased by 8.7 %

Consumption  
Production

net Exports  
net Imports

Year 1960 1970 1980 1990 2000 2010

Data: BP Statistical Review 2011 Graphic: mazamascience.com

USA

## China : Oil

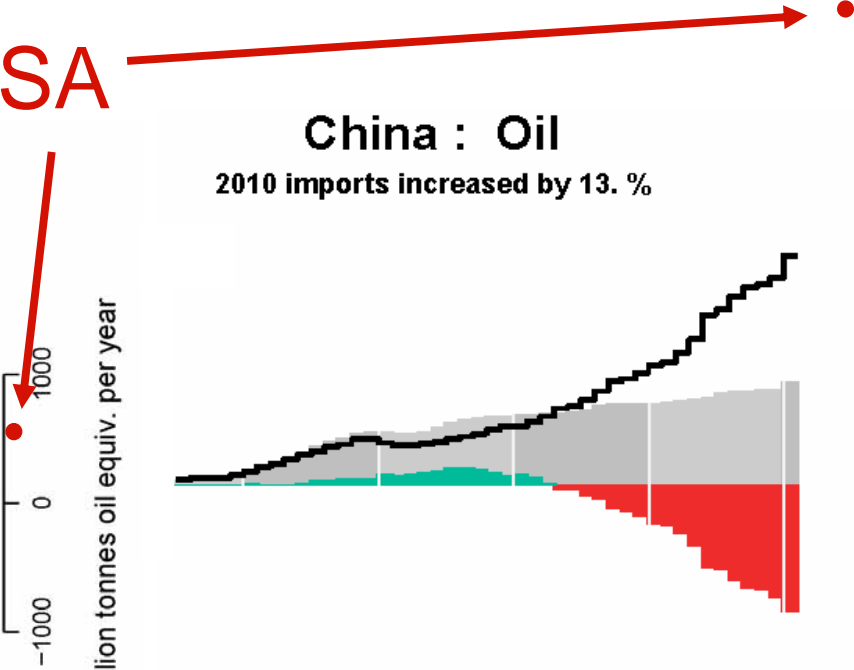
2010 imports increased by 13. %

million tonnes oil equiv. per year

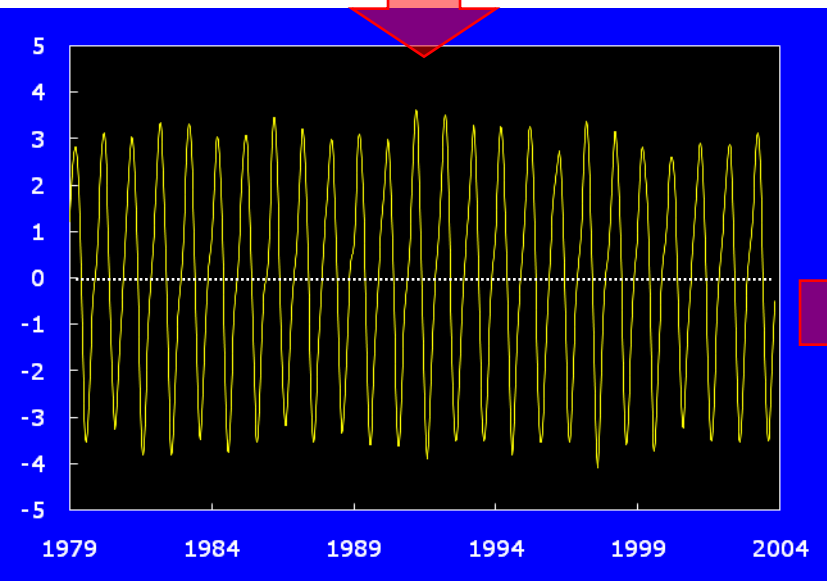
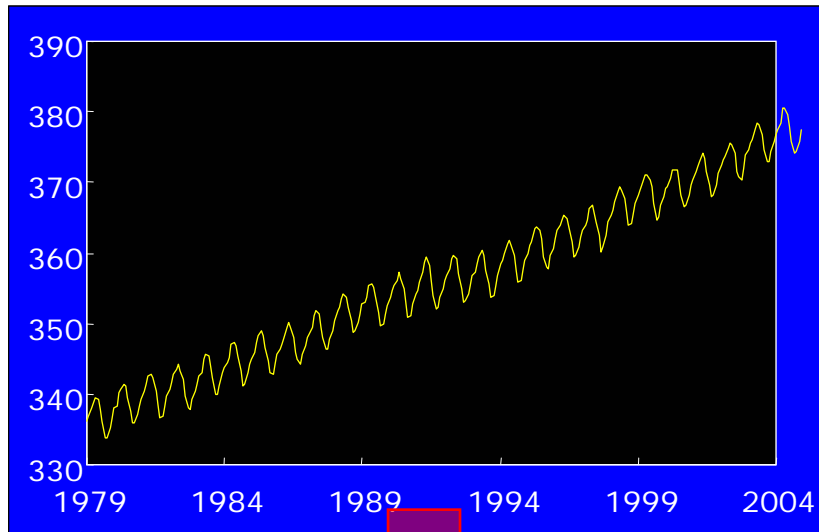
million barrels per day

1970 1980 1990 2000 2010

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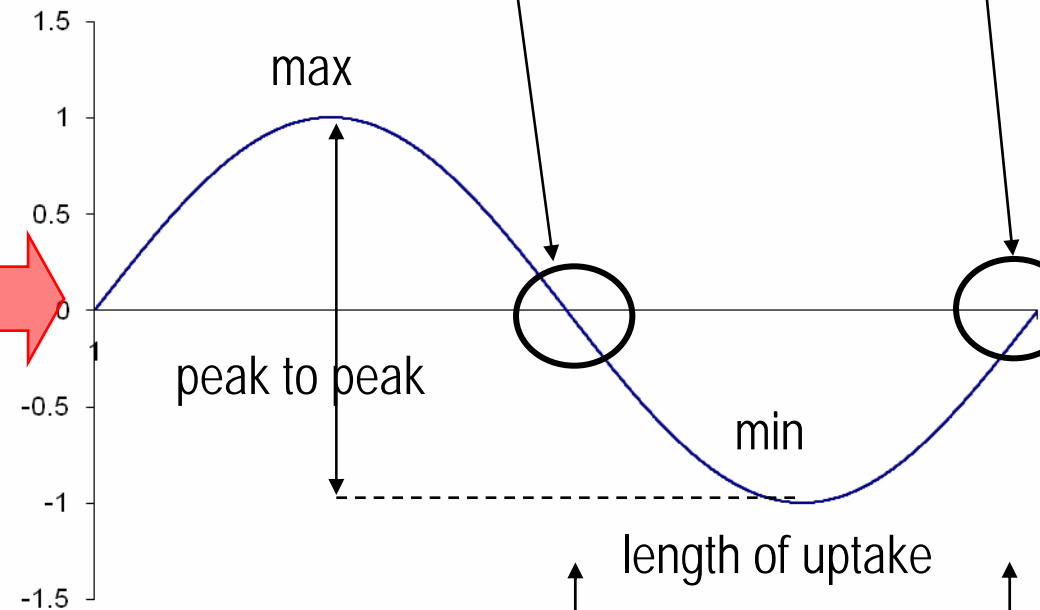


# Atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> long term records



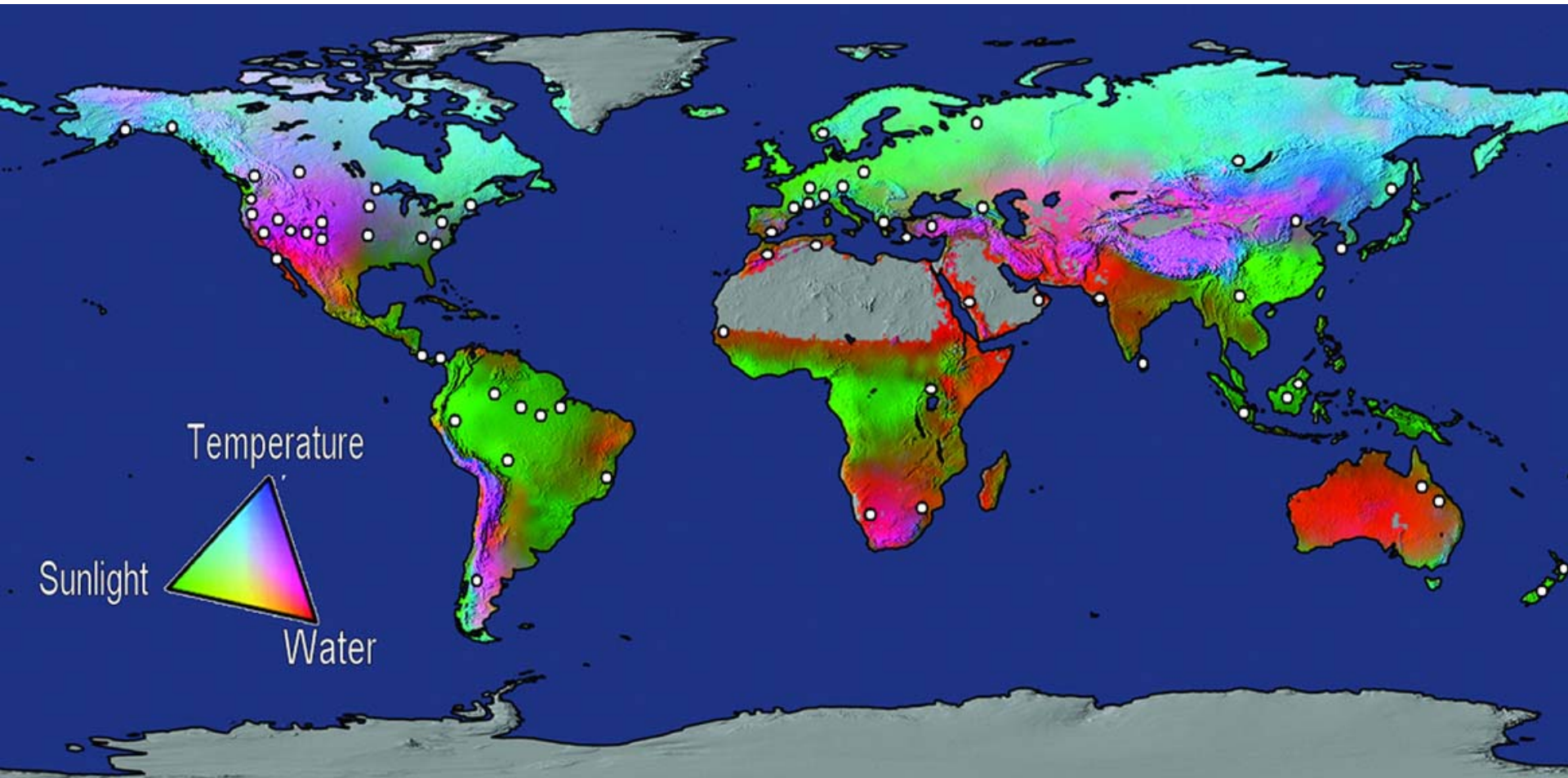
crossing down  
Spring,  
early summer

crossing up  
Autum,  
early winter





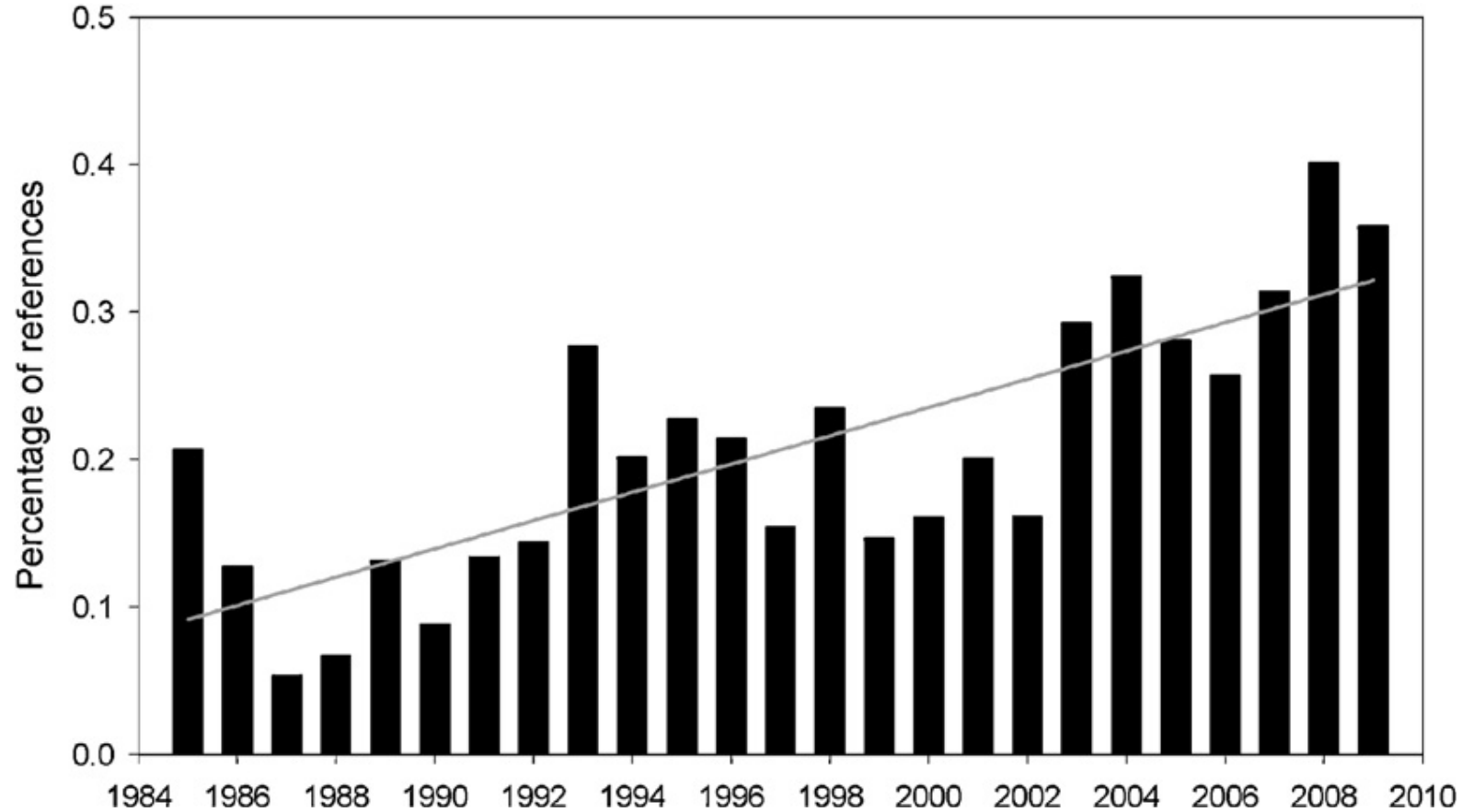
# Environmental limits of forests – temperature, sunlight, water



- Climatic stress – drought, high temperatures

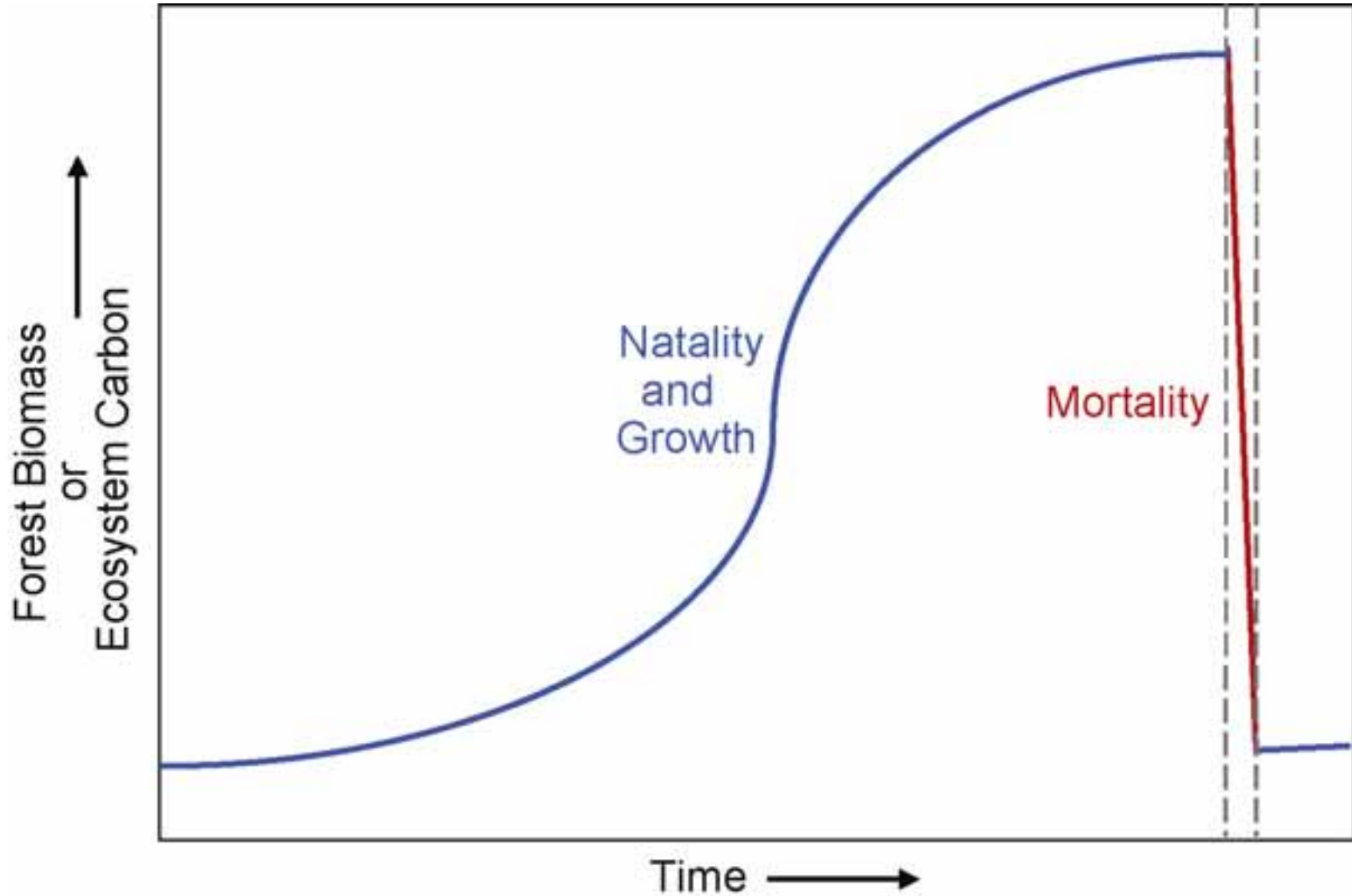
(Boisvenue and Running, 2006)

# Fraction of drought related references

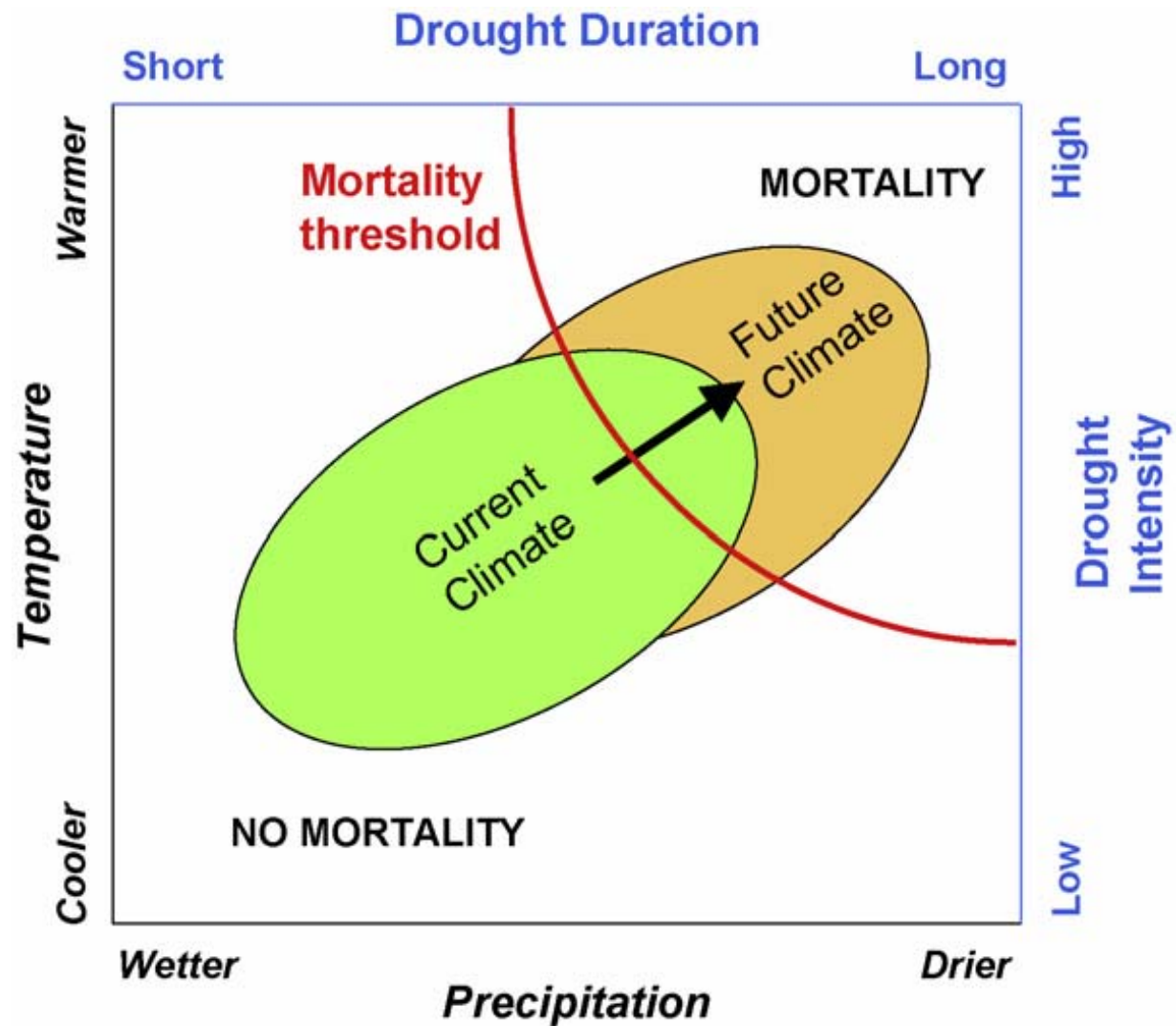


$(\text{forest} + \text{mortality} + \text{drought}) / \text{forest}$

# Dynamics of biomass (carbon) in time

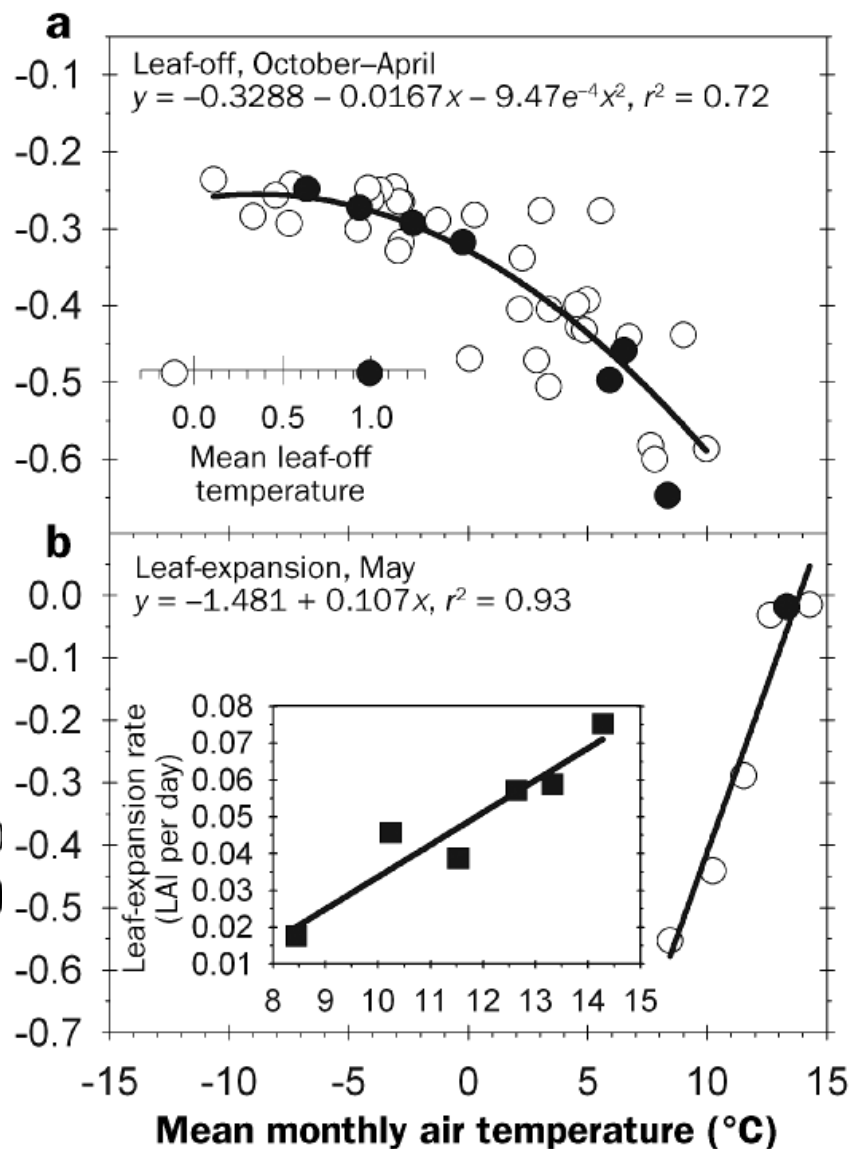
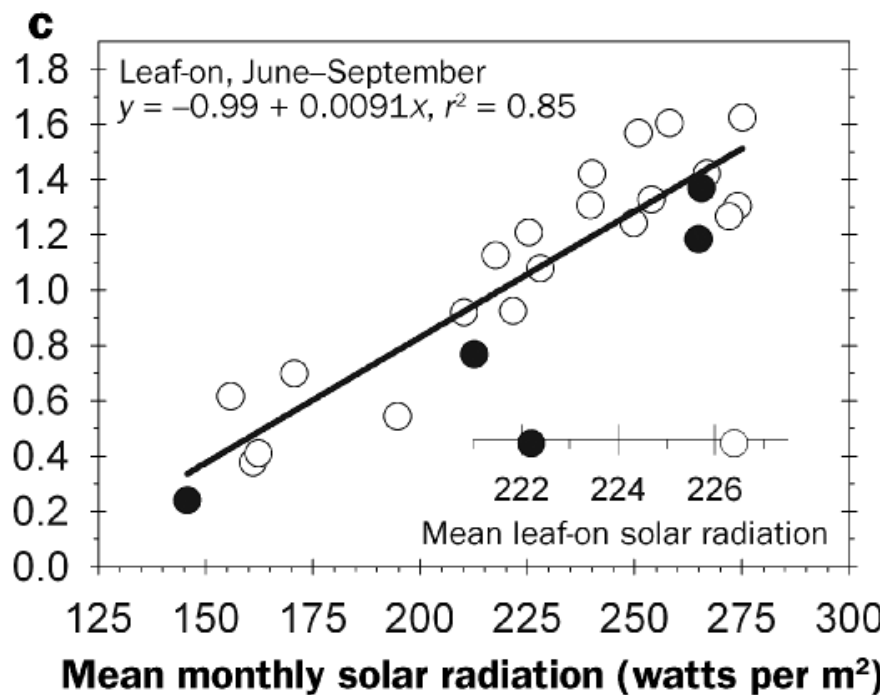


# Schematic effect of climate shifts on forest mortality

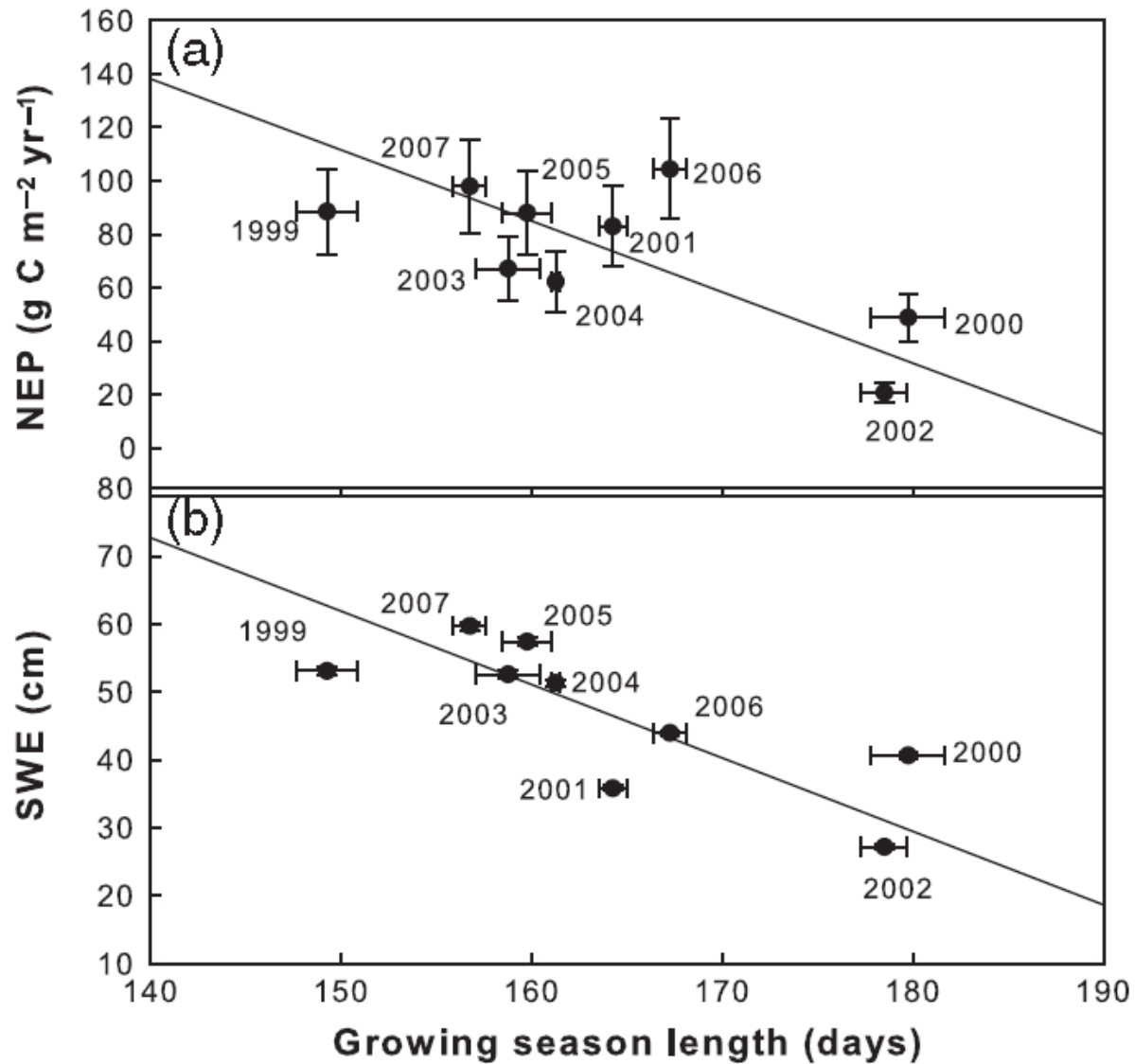


# Effect of ecological factors in relation to carbon sink

Monthly C storage (metric tons C per ha per month)

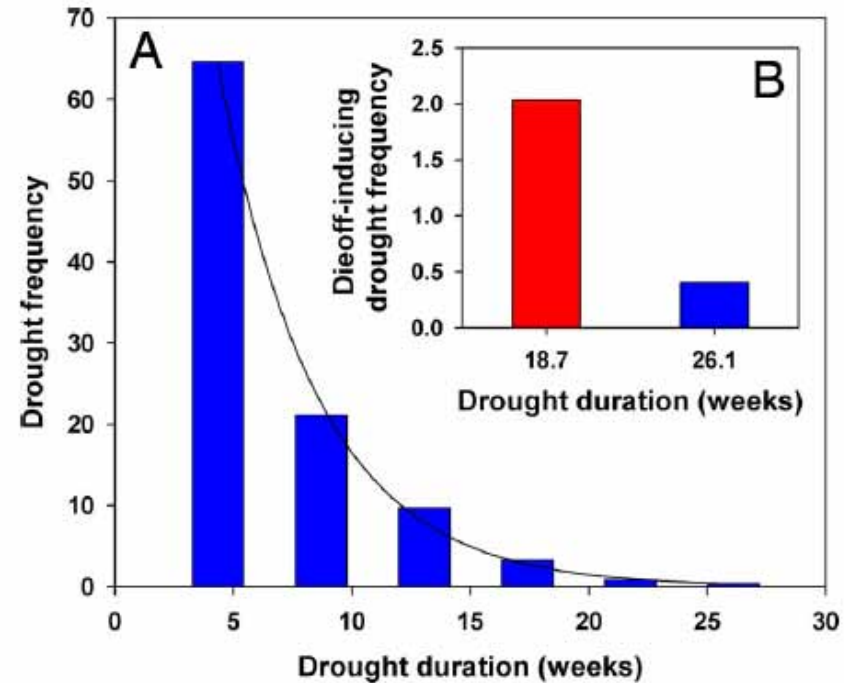
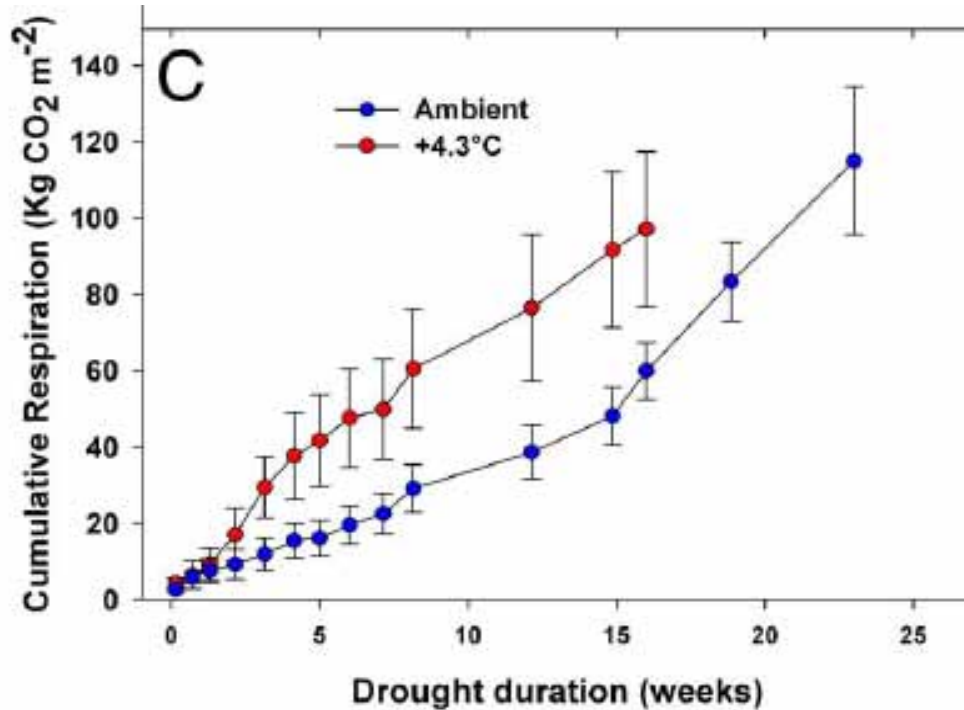


# Longer growing season – larger carbon sink?



Sub-alpine  
forest  
in Rocky  
Mountains

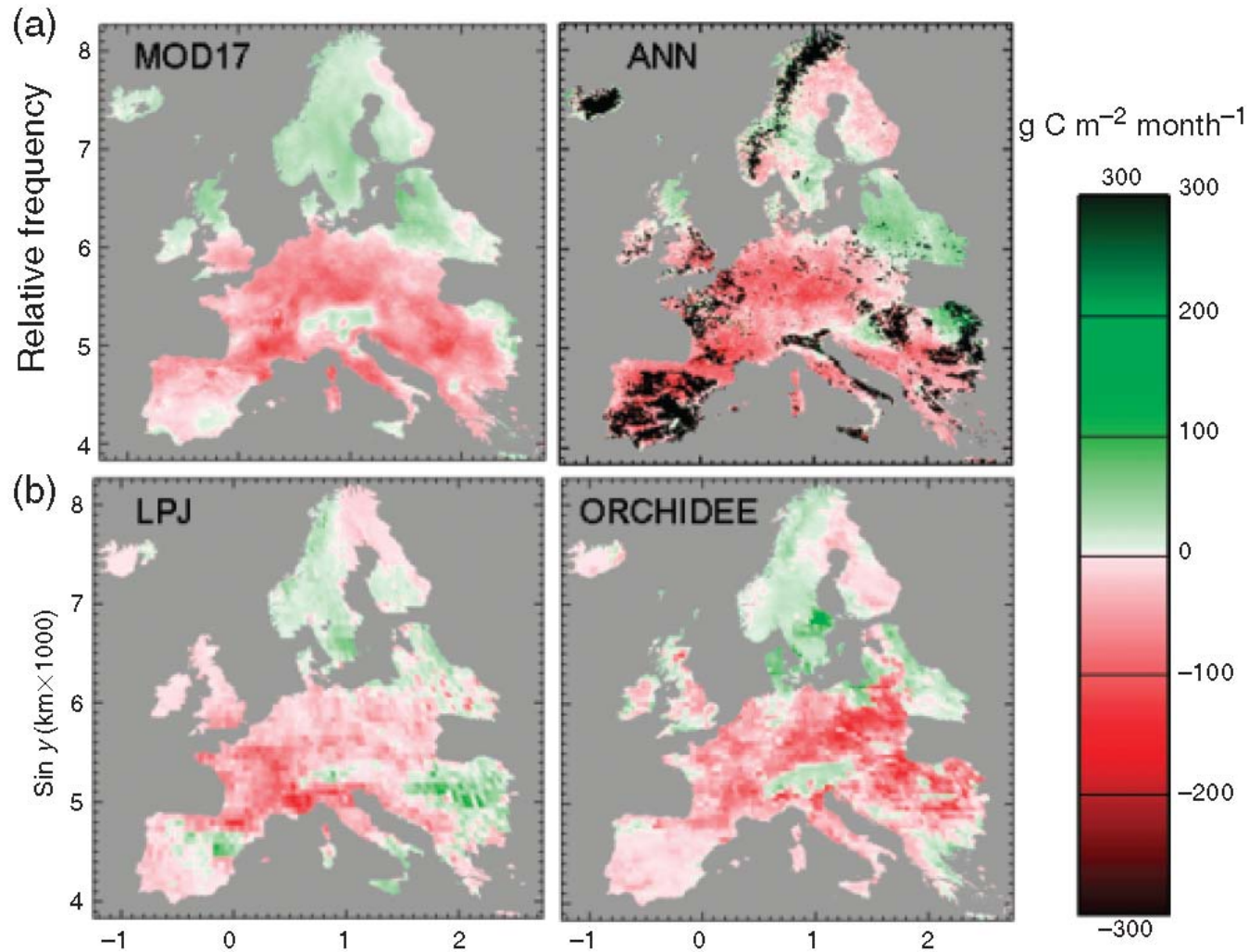
# Effect of higher temperatures during the drought on forest mortality (*Pinus edulis*)



**+ 4,3 °C** during the drought shortened time needed for large-scale die-off by o 26 %

**5-fold** increase in the number of catastrophic drought

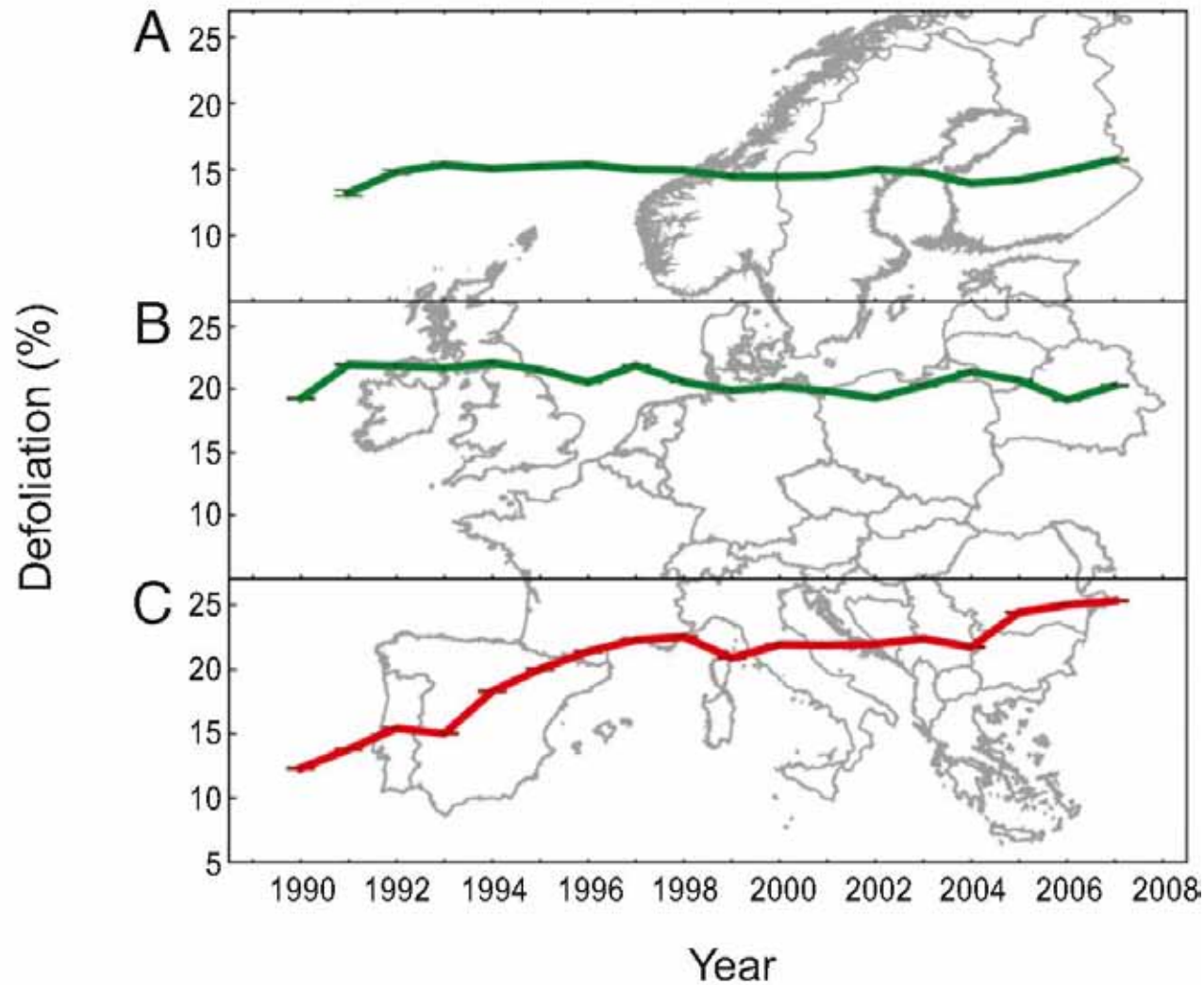
# European heat wave of 2003 and carbon sink



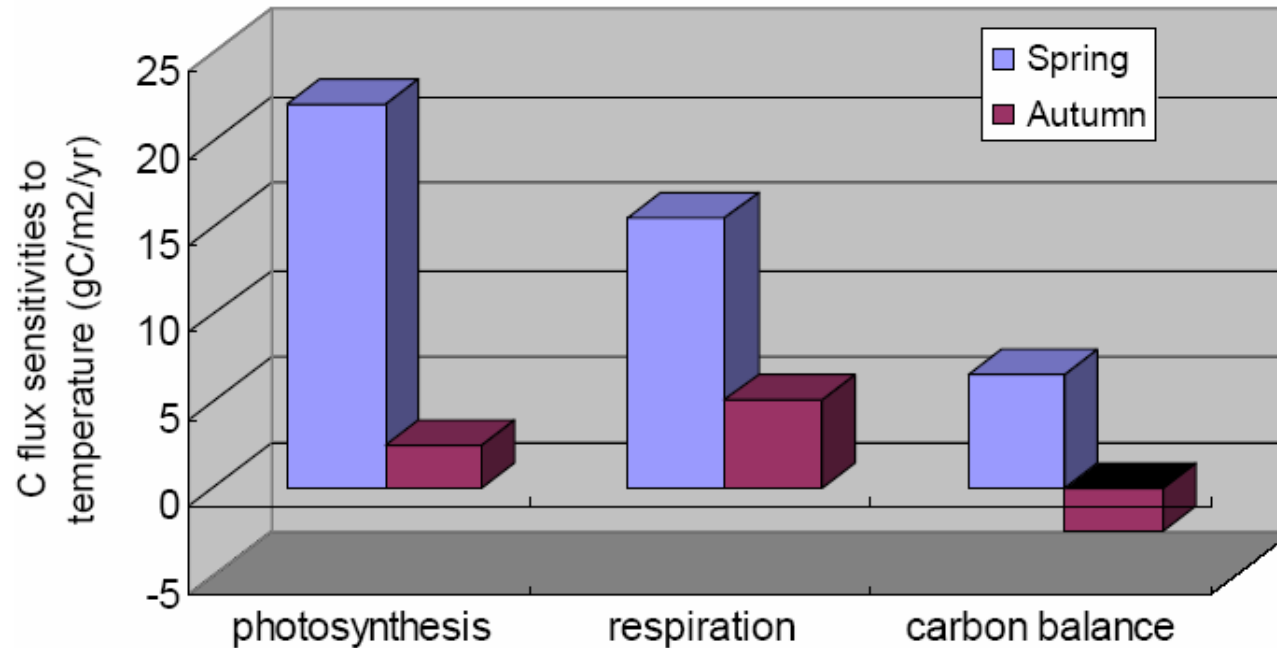
Decrease in GPP and respiration!



# Changes in precipitation and defoliation



# Temperature vs. gross C Fluxes in NH (>25°N)



**Spring:** Warm temperatures accelerate growth more than soil decomposition. The annual relationship of NEP to temperature is positive

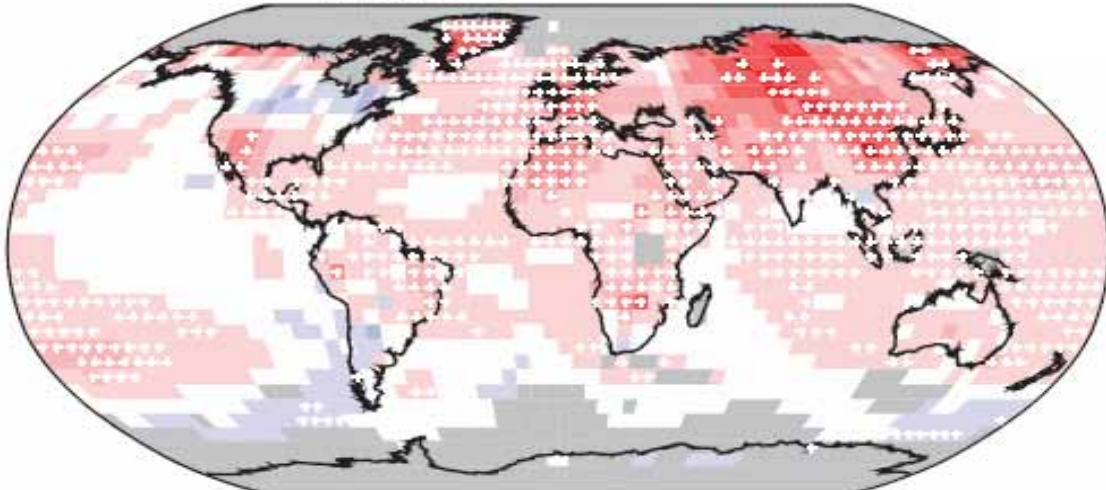
=> Warming enhances carbon uptake

**Autumn:** Warm autumn accelerate growth less than soil decomposition. The annual relationship of flux to temperature is negative.

=> Warming reduces carbon uptake

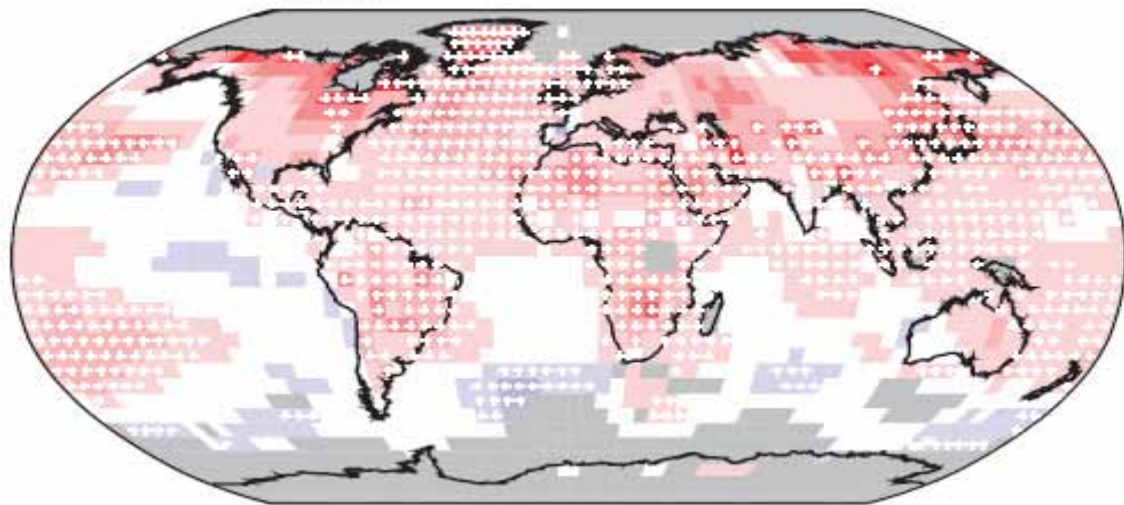
# Carbon sink in Eurasia is > than in North America

MAM



The warming trend is more pronounced in **spring** over **Eurasia**

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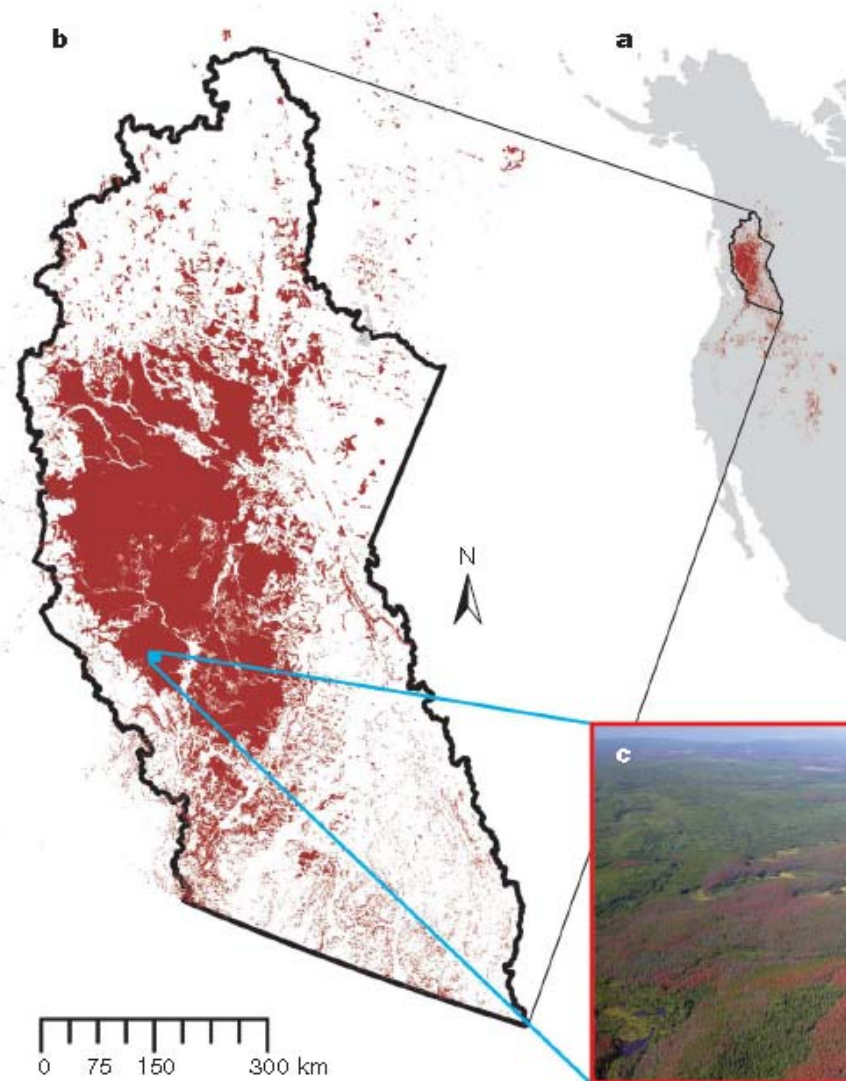


The warming trend is more pronounced in **autumn** over **North America**



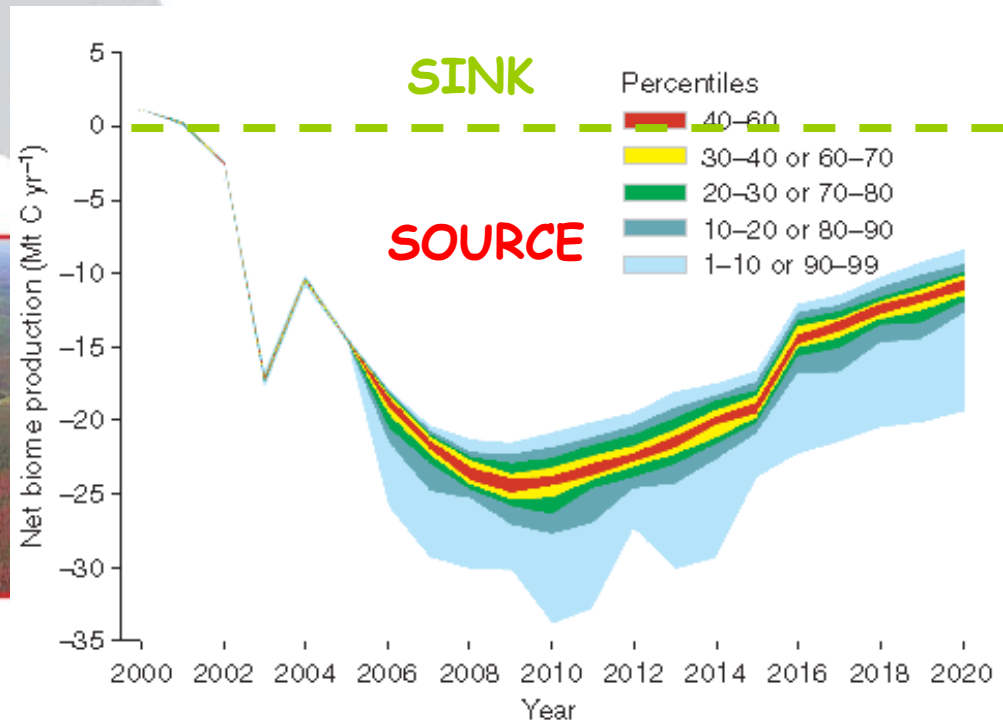
# Forests in North America

*Pinus ponderosa* (pest *Dendroctonus ponderosae*)

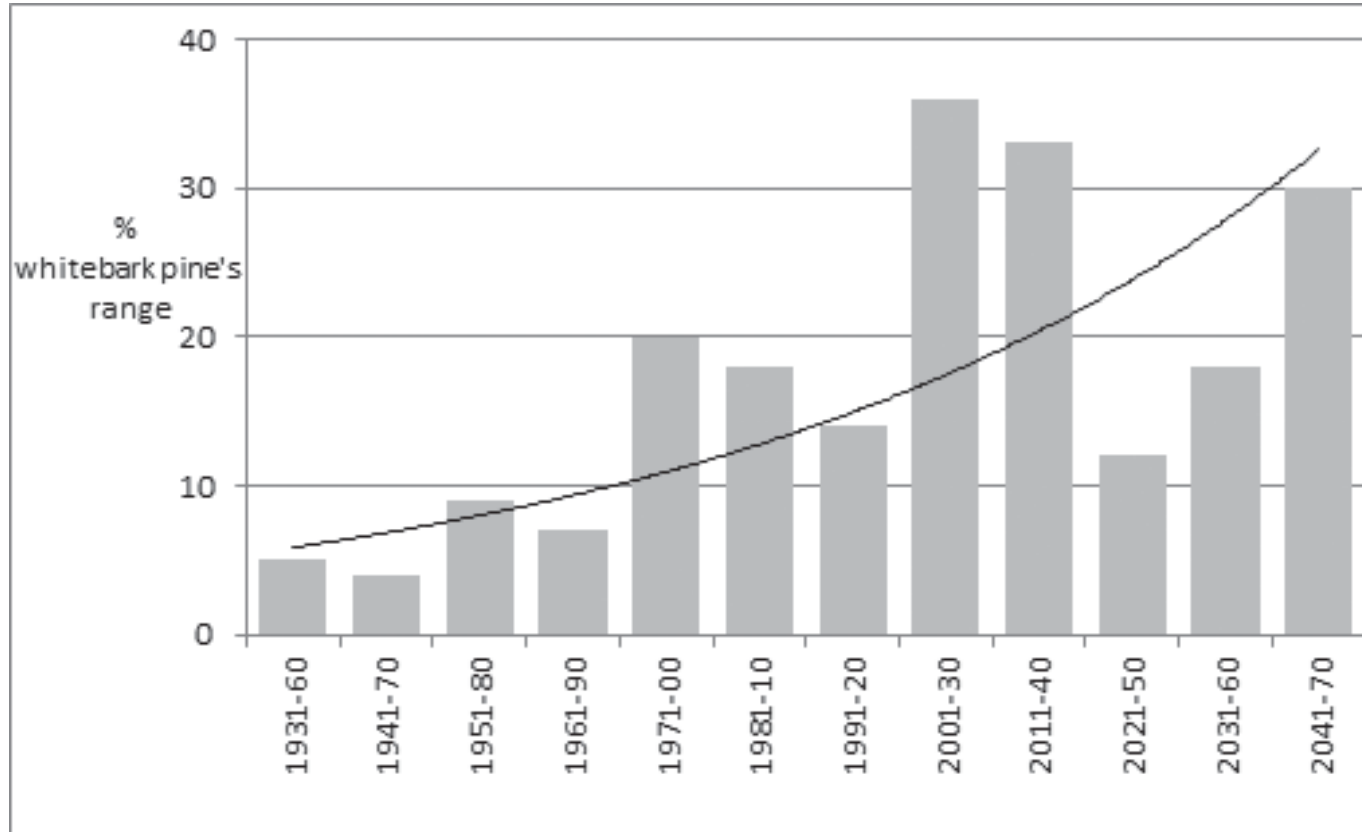


**Current outbreak is 10-fold bigger than any other in history**

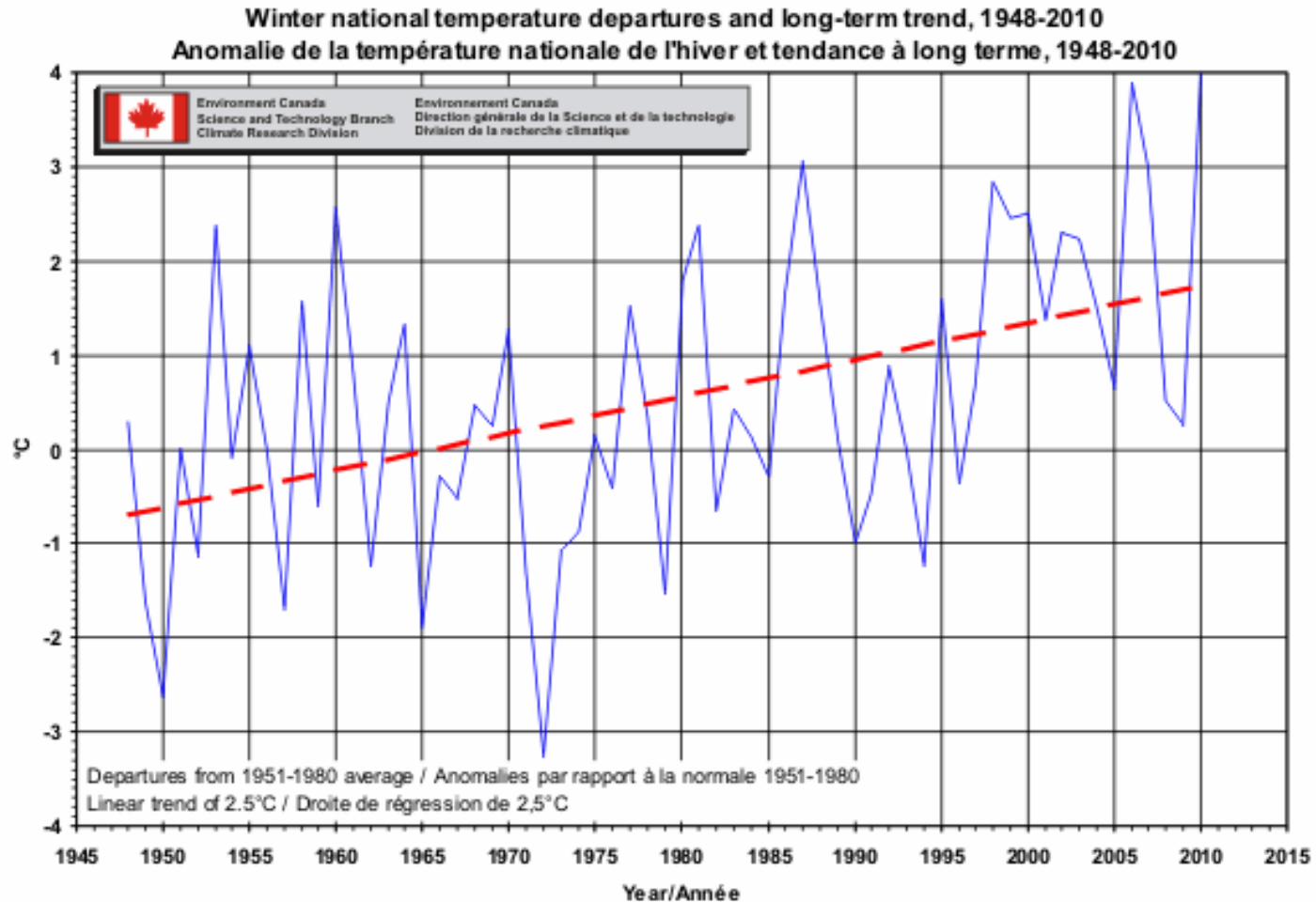
**Decrease in productivity is similar to increase in 80 to 90-ties as a result of global change**



Whitebark pine's range in British Columbia that is climatically suitable habitat for mountain pine beetle.

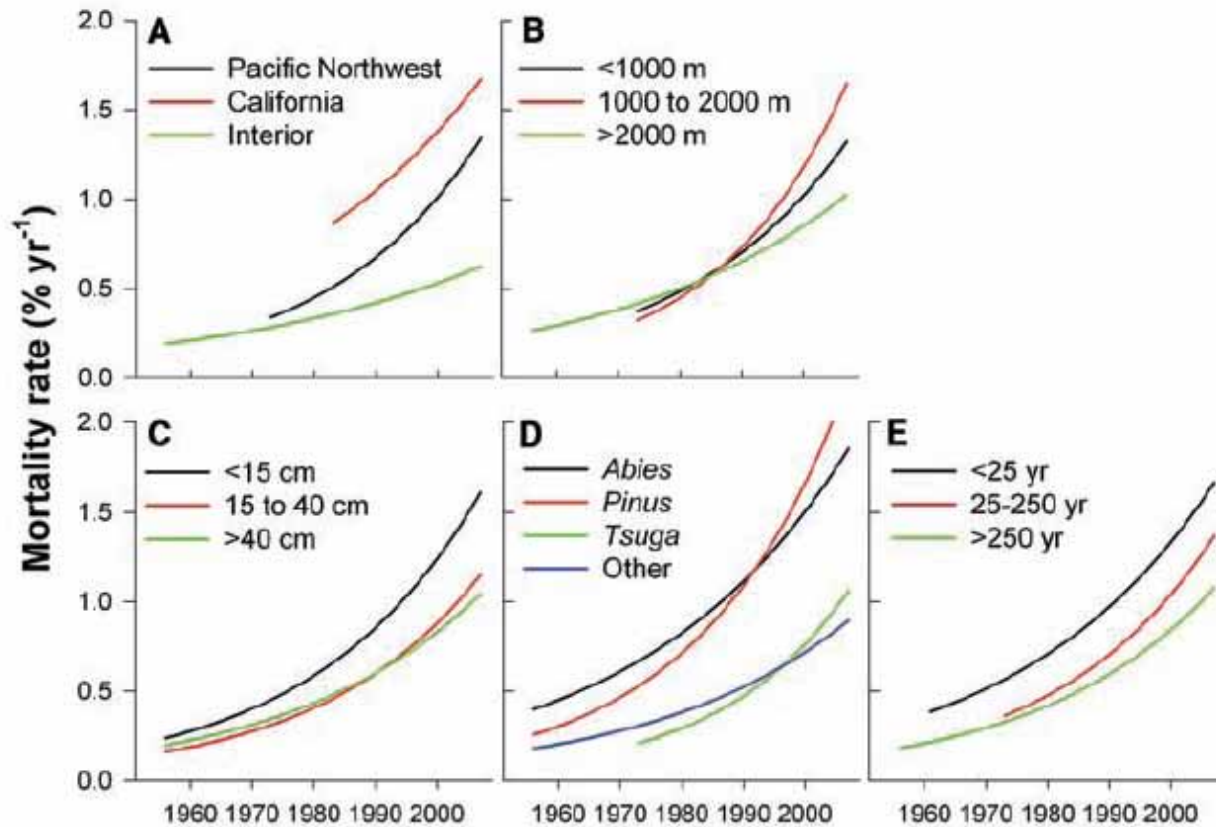


# Winter temperature increase is crucial for insect survival



Average winter temperatures in Canada 1948-2010

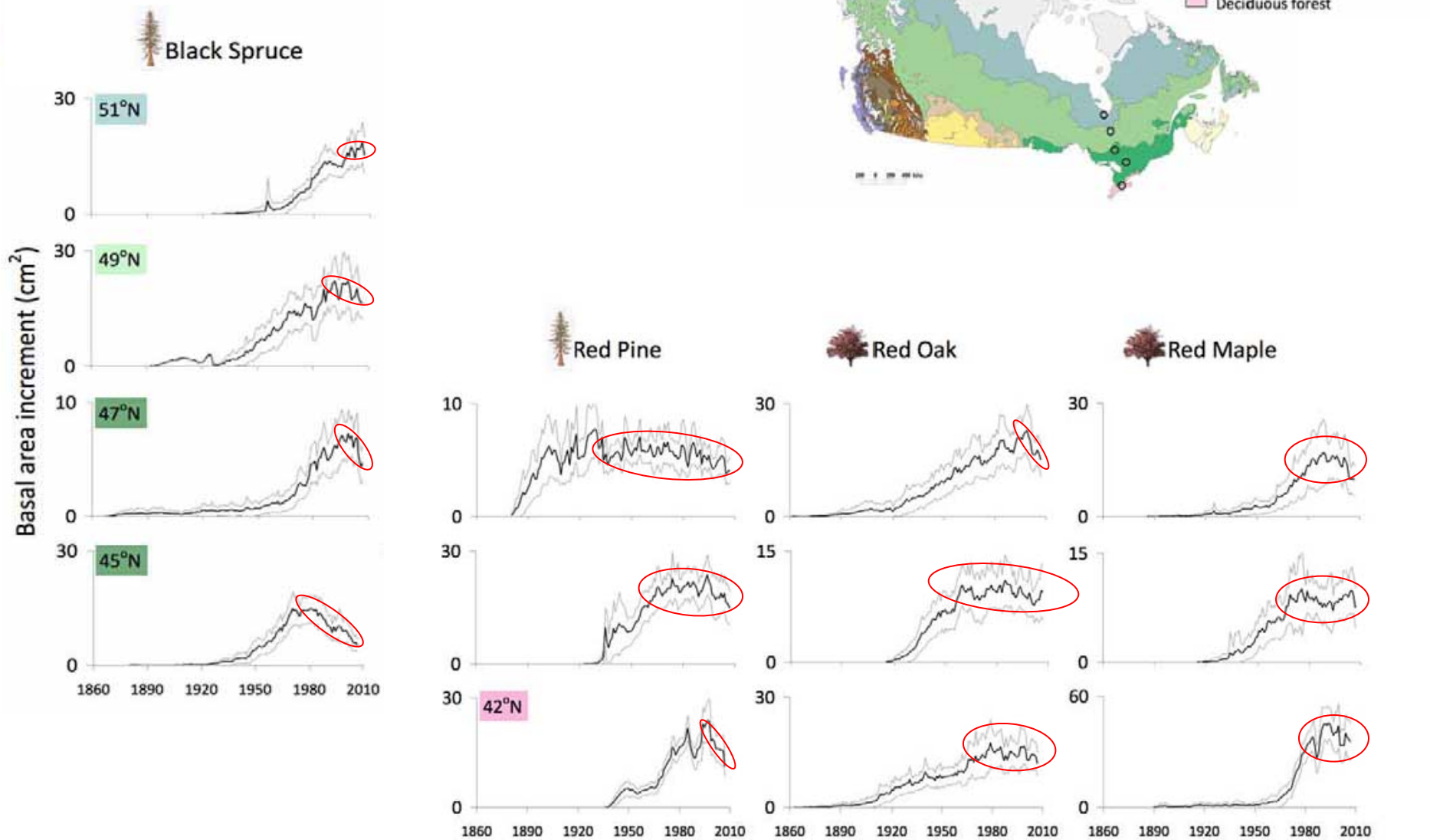
# Background mortality rate of natural forests is increasing



## Widespread Increase of Tree Mortality Rates in the Western United States

Phillip J. van Mantgem,<sup>1\*</sup> Nathan L. Stephenson,<sup>1\*</sup> John C. Byrne,<sup>2</sup> Lori D. Daniels,<sup>3</sup> Jerry F. Franklin,<sup>4</sup> Peter Z. Fulé,<sup>5</sup> Mark E. Harmon,<sup>6</sup> Andrew J. Larson,<sup>4</sup> Jeremy M. Smith,<sup>7</sup> Alan H. Taylor,<sup>8</sup> Thomas T. Veblen<sup>7</sup>

# Growth of forests is slowing down

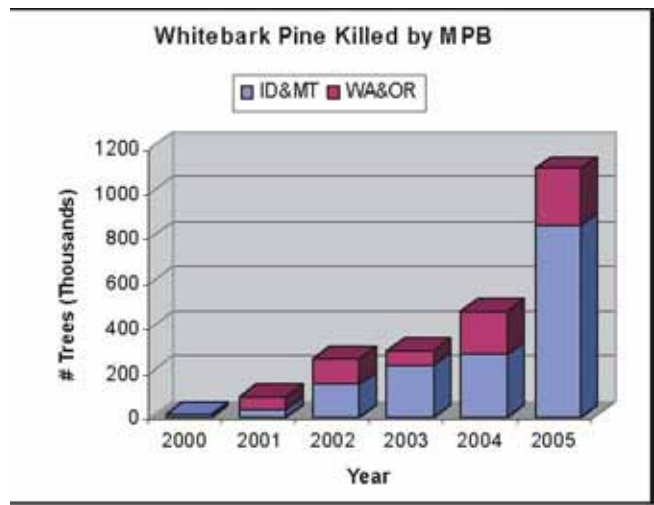




# Suitable conditions in decline for Whitebark pine (*Pinus albicaulis*)



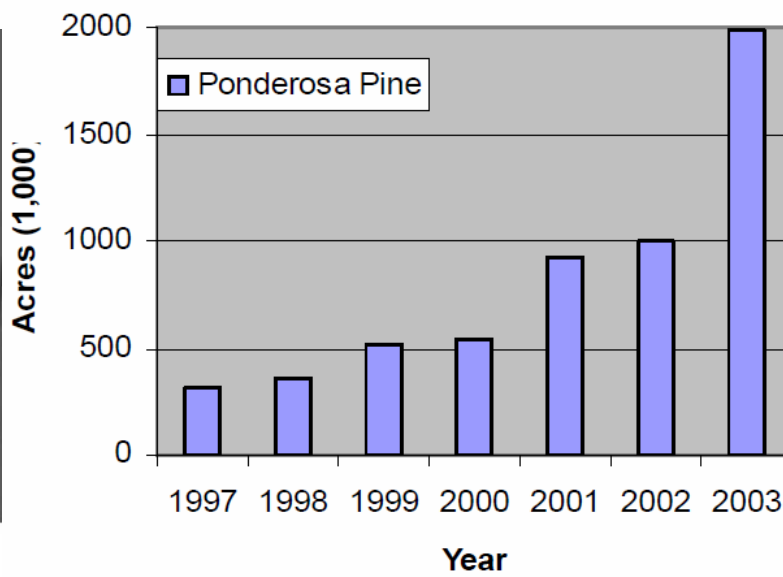
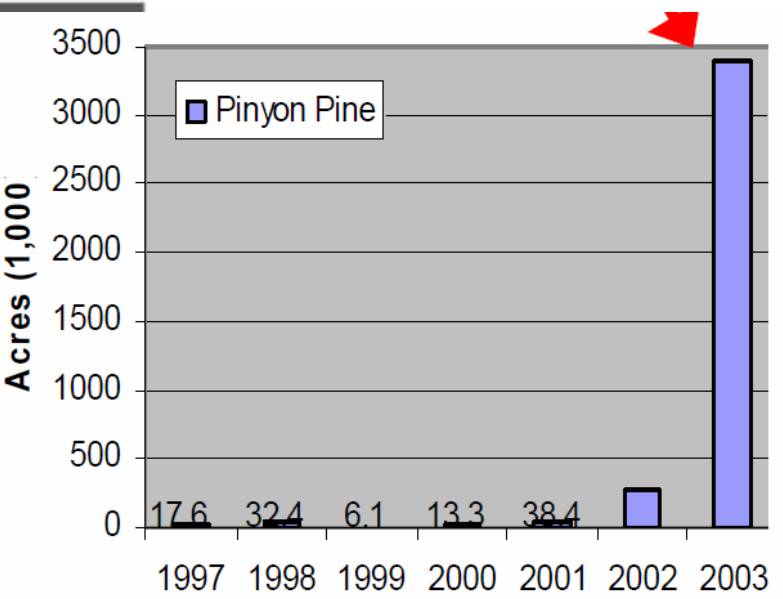
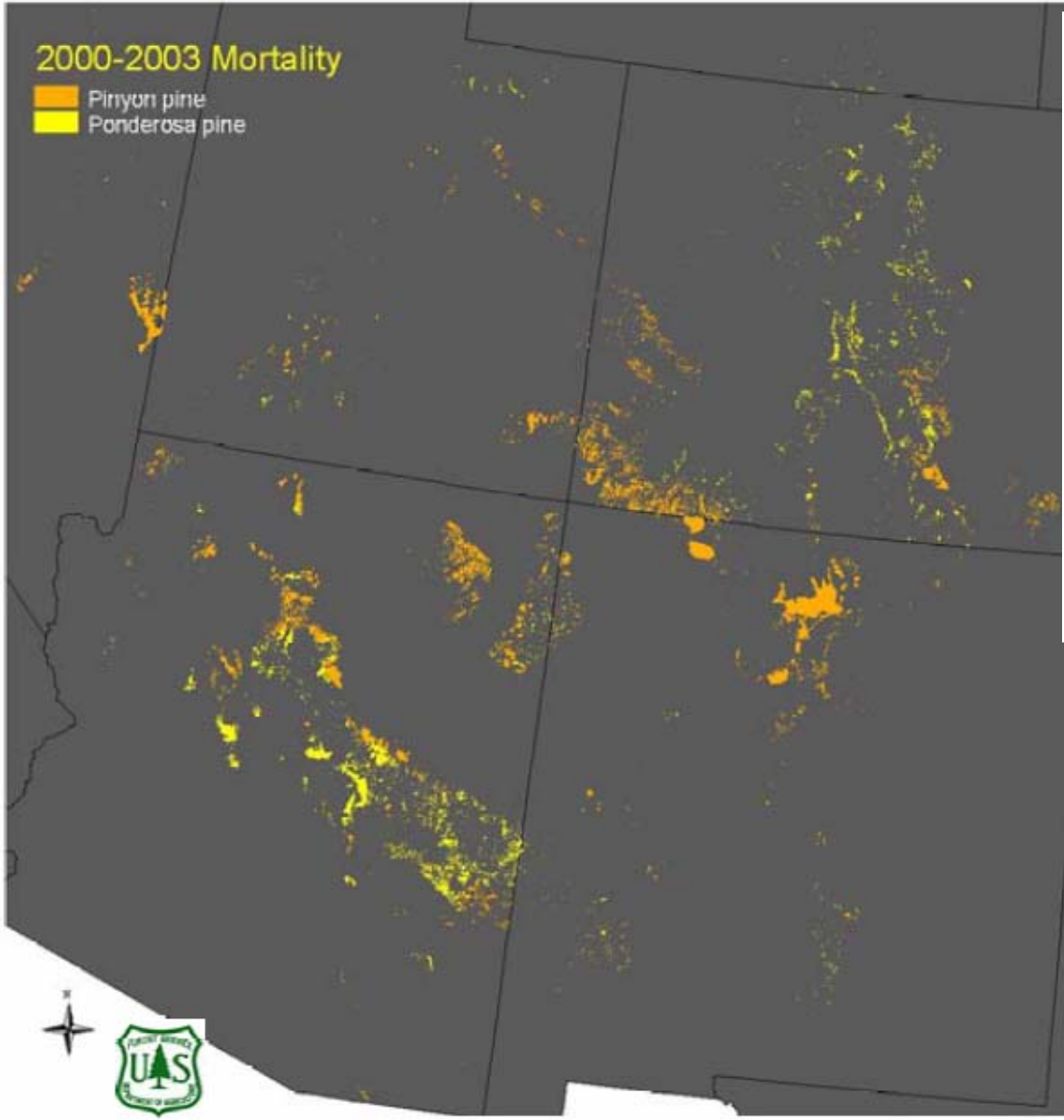
Yellowstone



2000y



# And other species (*Pinyon pine*, *Ponderosa pine*)



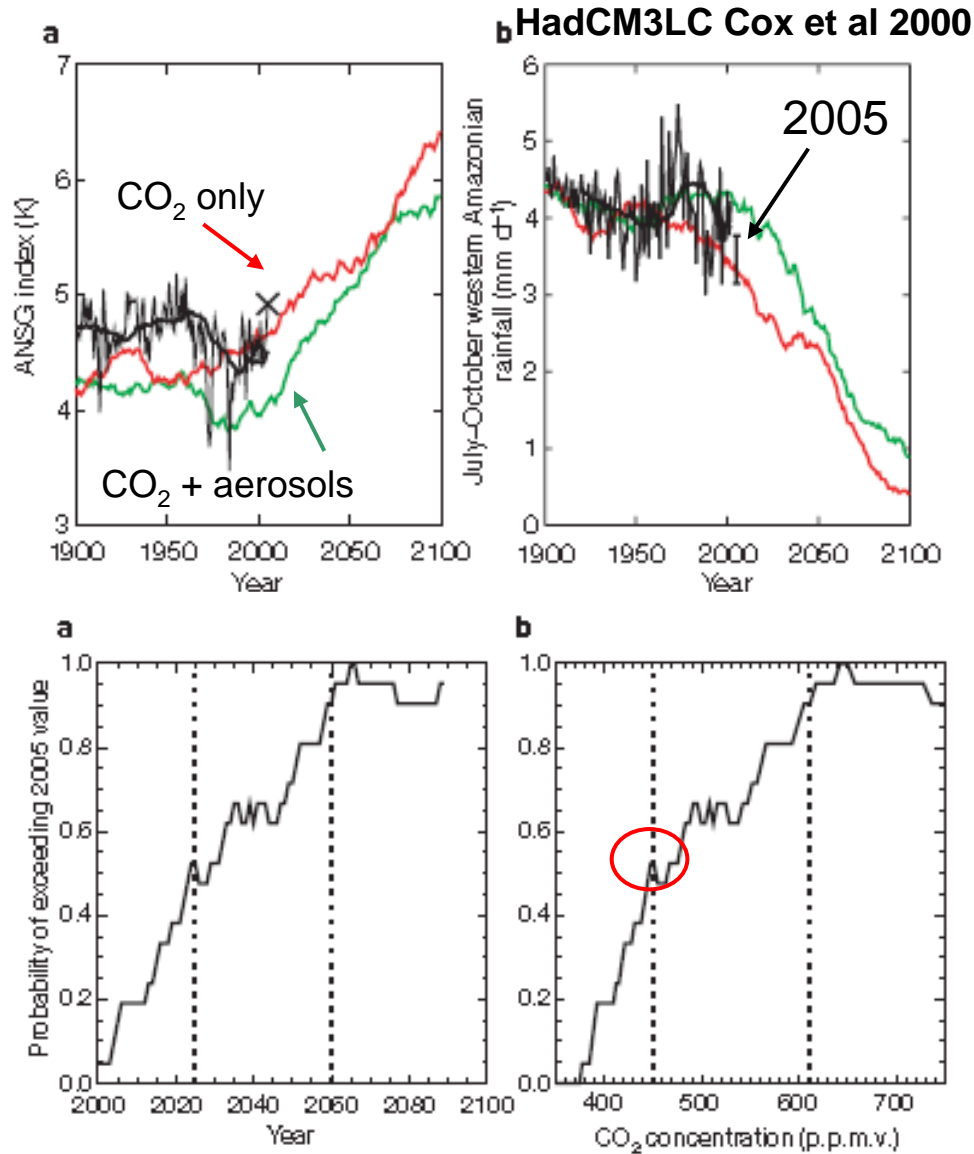
# And other species - *Alaskan Spruce* (pest *Dendroctonus rufipennis*)



Canada (Yucon), boreal forest, *Picea glaucens* die-off at  
an area of 400 000 ha (= 4 000 km<sup>2</sup>) as a  
consequence of mild winters



# Amazon forest

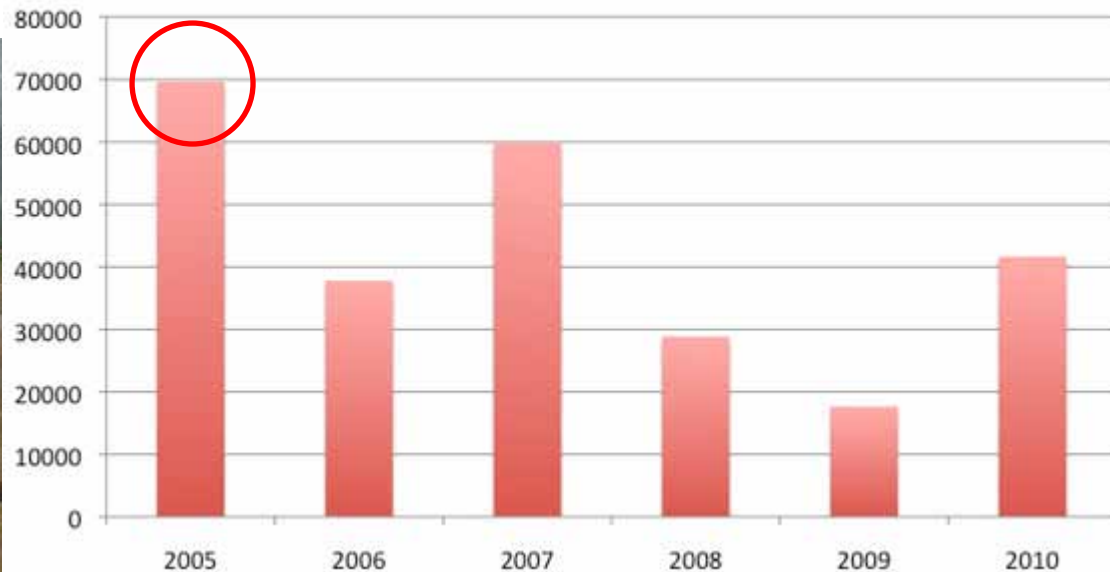


# Fires in Amazon will increase

23. 8. 2010, téměř 150 000 požárů!!



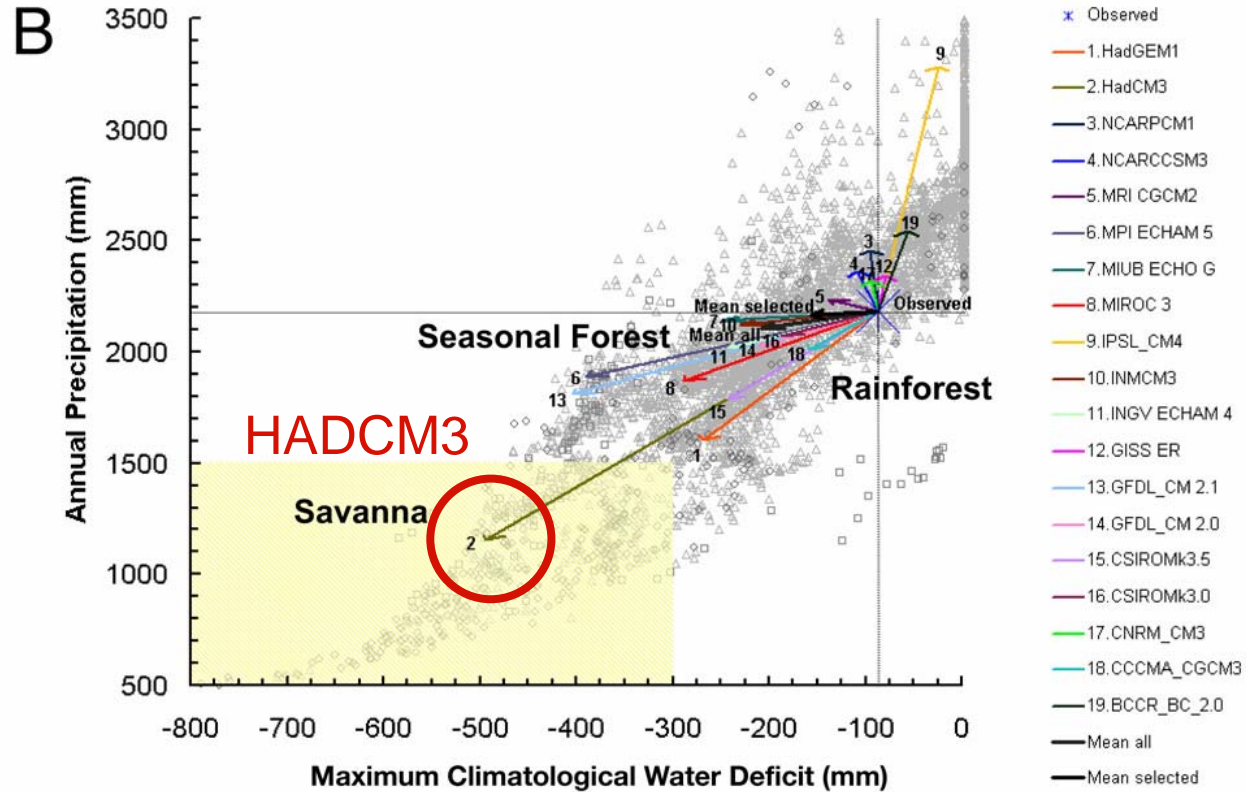
Accumulated fire 'hot spots' in Brazil: Jan 1-Aug 26



7. 10. 2010, Brazílie



# Amazon forest and climate models



# Wildfires are bigger and more frequent

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## Wildfires when snowmelt is...

### Early

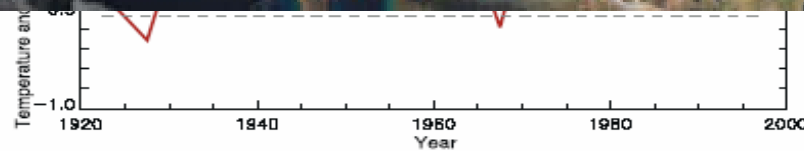


### Late



Based on data from Dr. A. L. Westerling, University of California-Merced

CLIMATE CO<sub>2</sub> CENTRAL





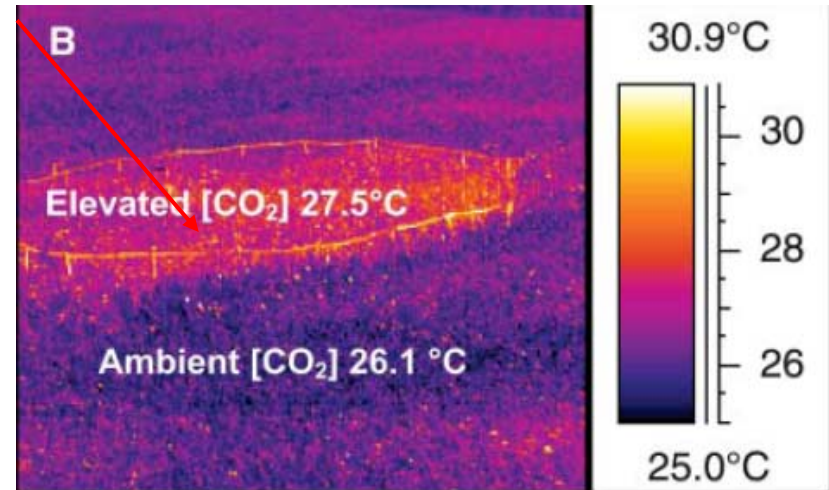
# Increased CO<sub>2</sub> and leaf temperature

Lower stomatal conductance,  
Lower transpiration

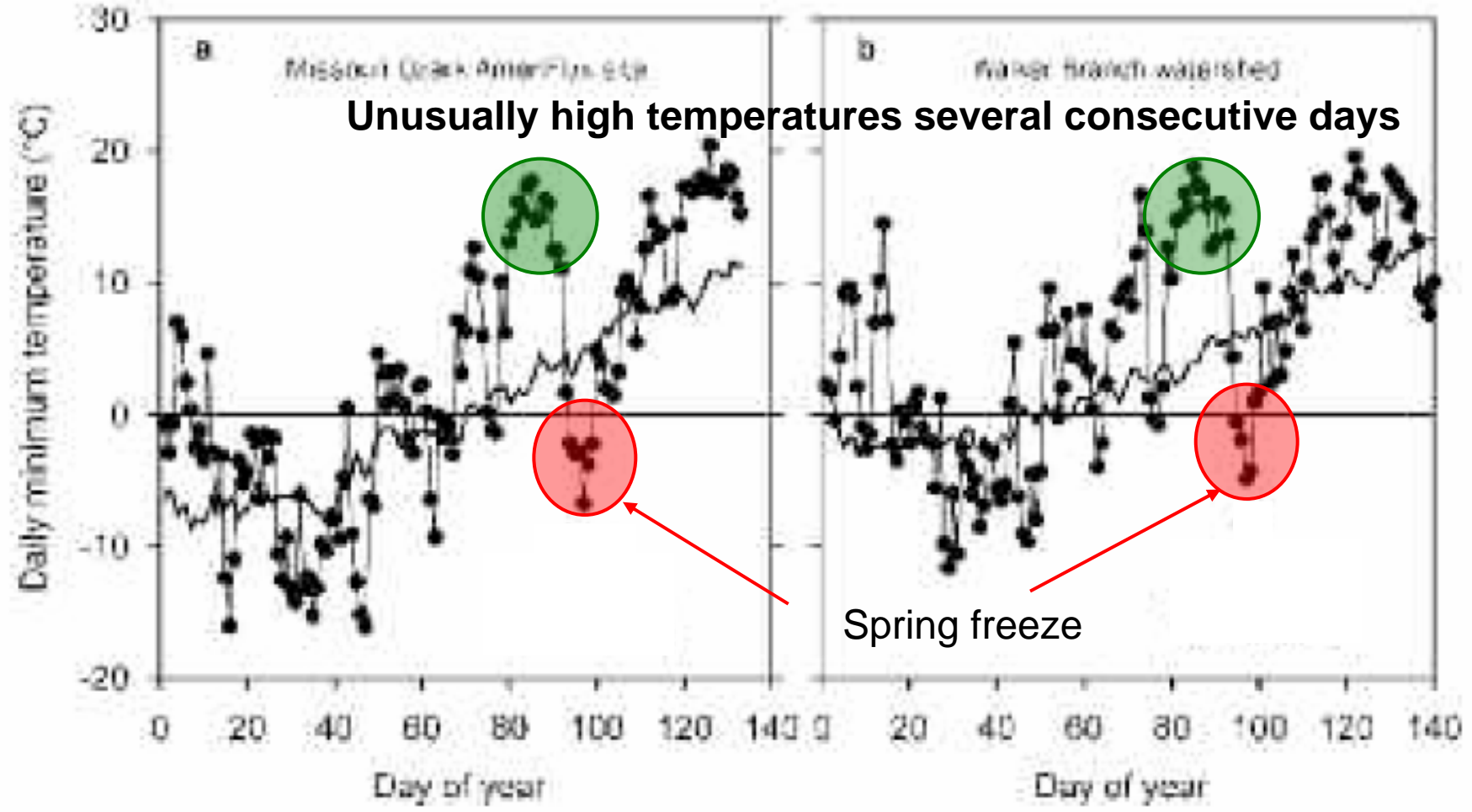


Lower freeze tolerance (as a  
result of slower acclimation)

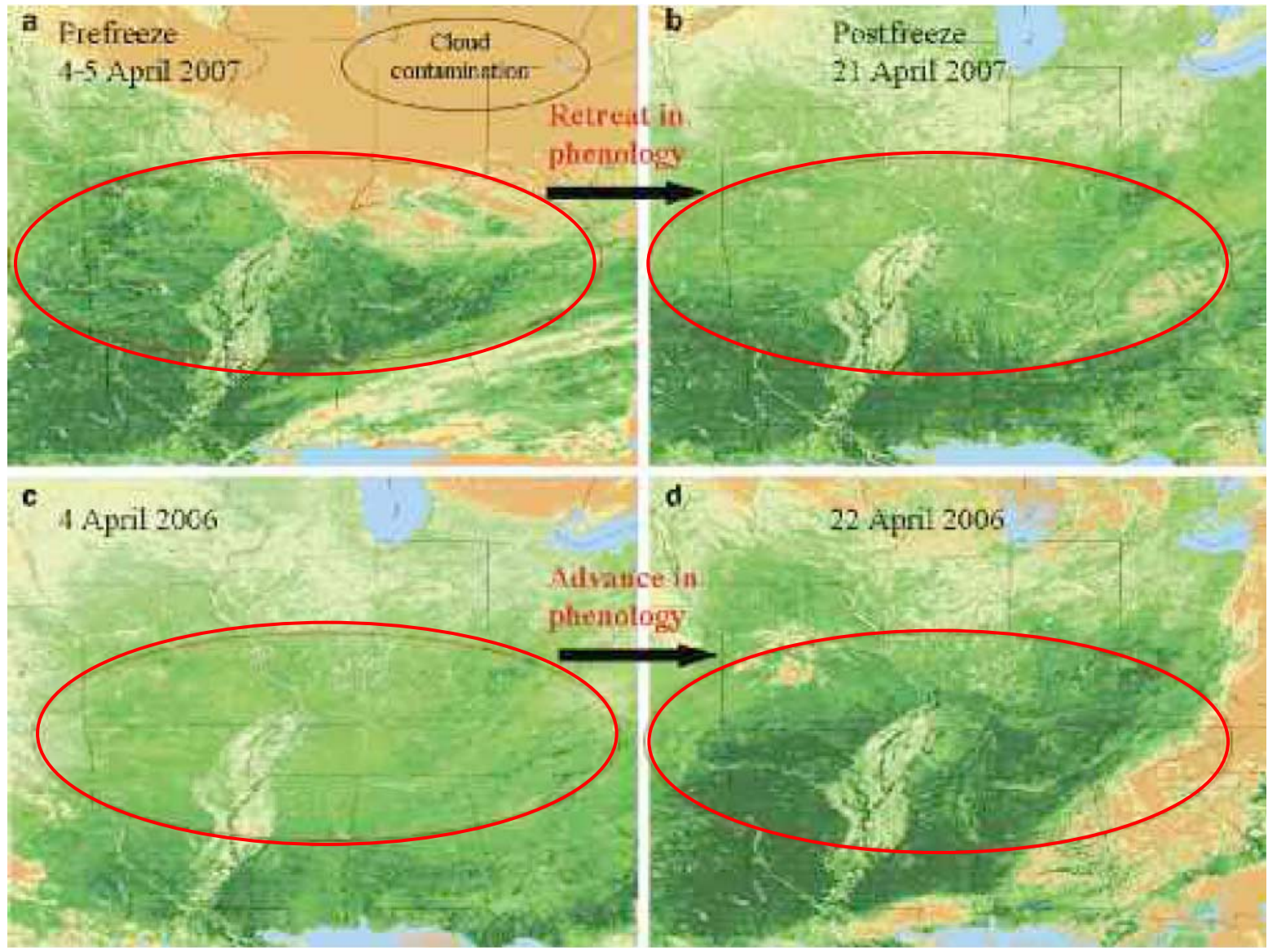
(Loveys et al. 2006)



# Effect of increased weather variability on ecosystems



# Effect of increased weather variability on ecosystems



# Effect of CO<sub>2</sub> and temperature on plant-pest interactions

## Anthropogenic increase in carbon dioxide compromises plant defense against invasive insects

Jorge A. Zavala<sup>\*†</sup>, Clare L. Casteel<sup>\*‡</sup>, Evan H. DeLucia<sup>\*‡</sup>, and May R. Berenbaum<sup>\*§¶</sup>

## Sharply increased insect herbivory during the Paleocene–Eocene Thermal Maximum

Ellen D. Currano<sup>\*†‡</sup>, Peter Wilf<sup>\*</sup>, Scott L. Wing<sup>†</sup>, Conrad C. Labandeira<sup>†§</sup>, Elizabeth C. Lovelock<sup>¶</sup>, and Dana L. Royer<sup>¶</sup>

Review

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*Tansley review*

Insect-damaged fossil leaves record food web response to ancient climate change and extinction

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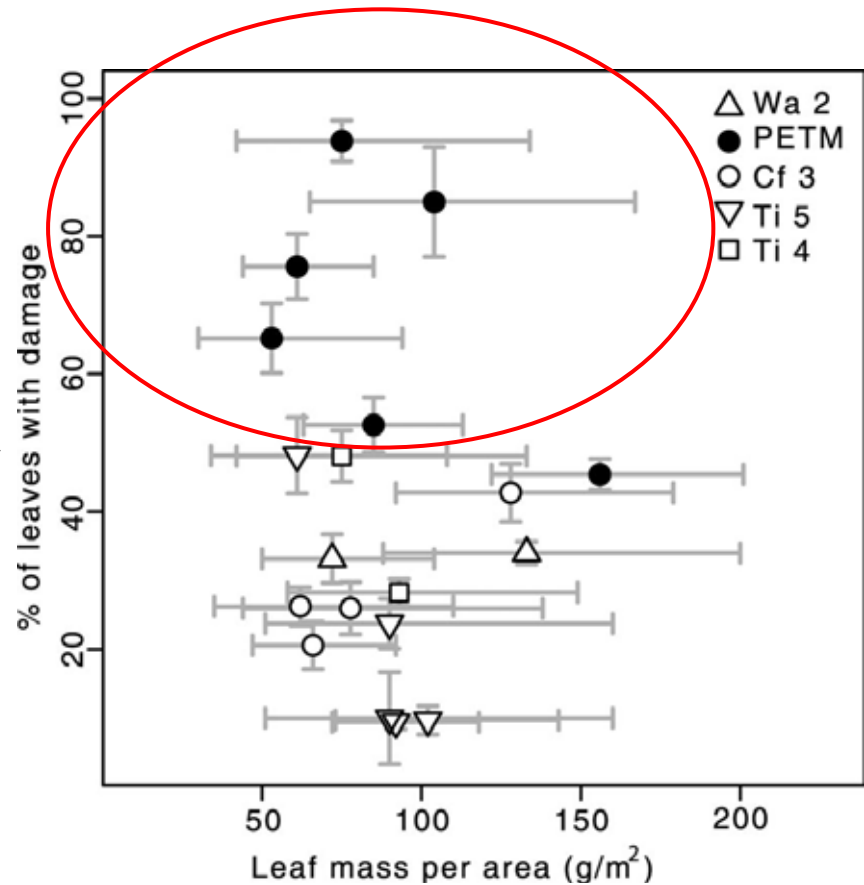
P. Wilf  
Department of Geosciences, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA 16802, USA

**Rising temperature is associated with increased herbivory** in multiple studies, a result with major predictive importance for current global warming. Diverse floras are usually associated with diverse insect damage; however, recovery from the end-Cretaceous extinction reveals uncorrelated plant and insect diversity as food webs rebuilt chaotically from a drastically simplified state. Calibration studies from living forests are needed to improve interpretation of the fossil data.

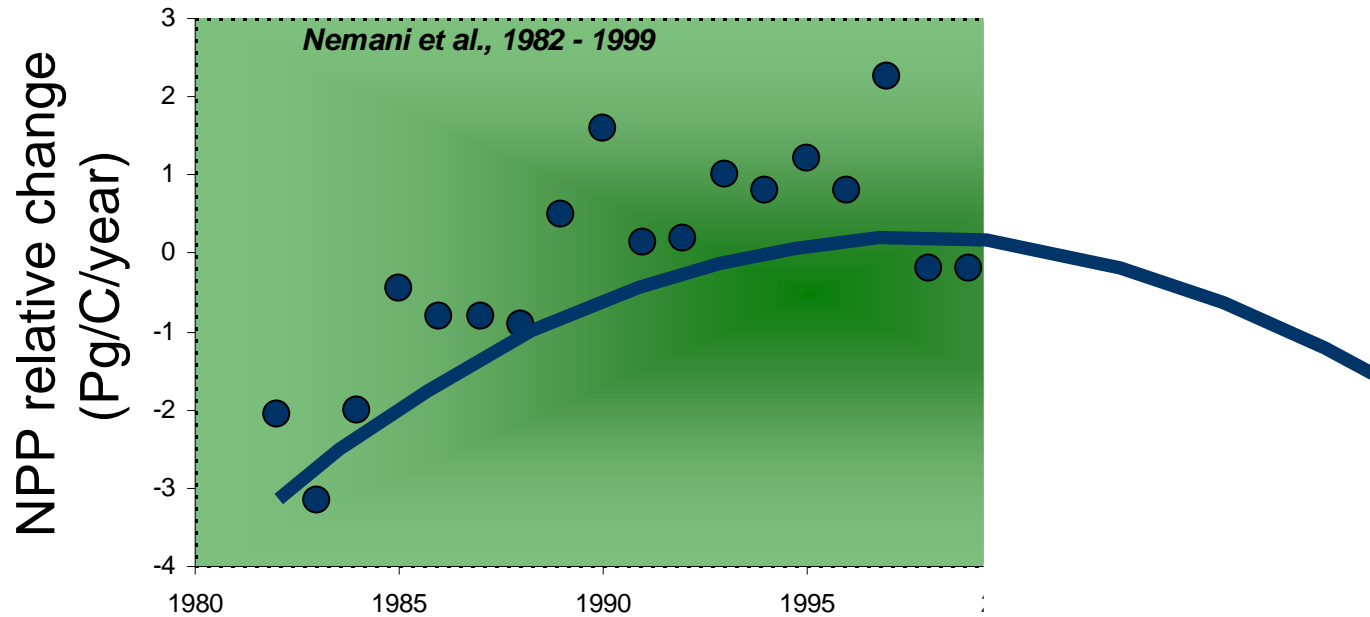
# Paleocen-Eocen Thermal Maximum (PETM)

55.8 millions year ago:

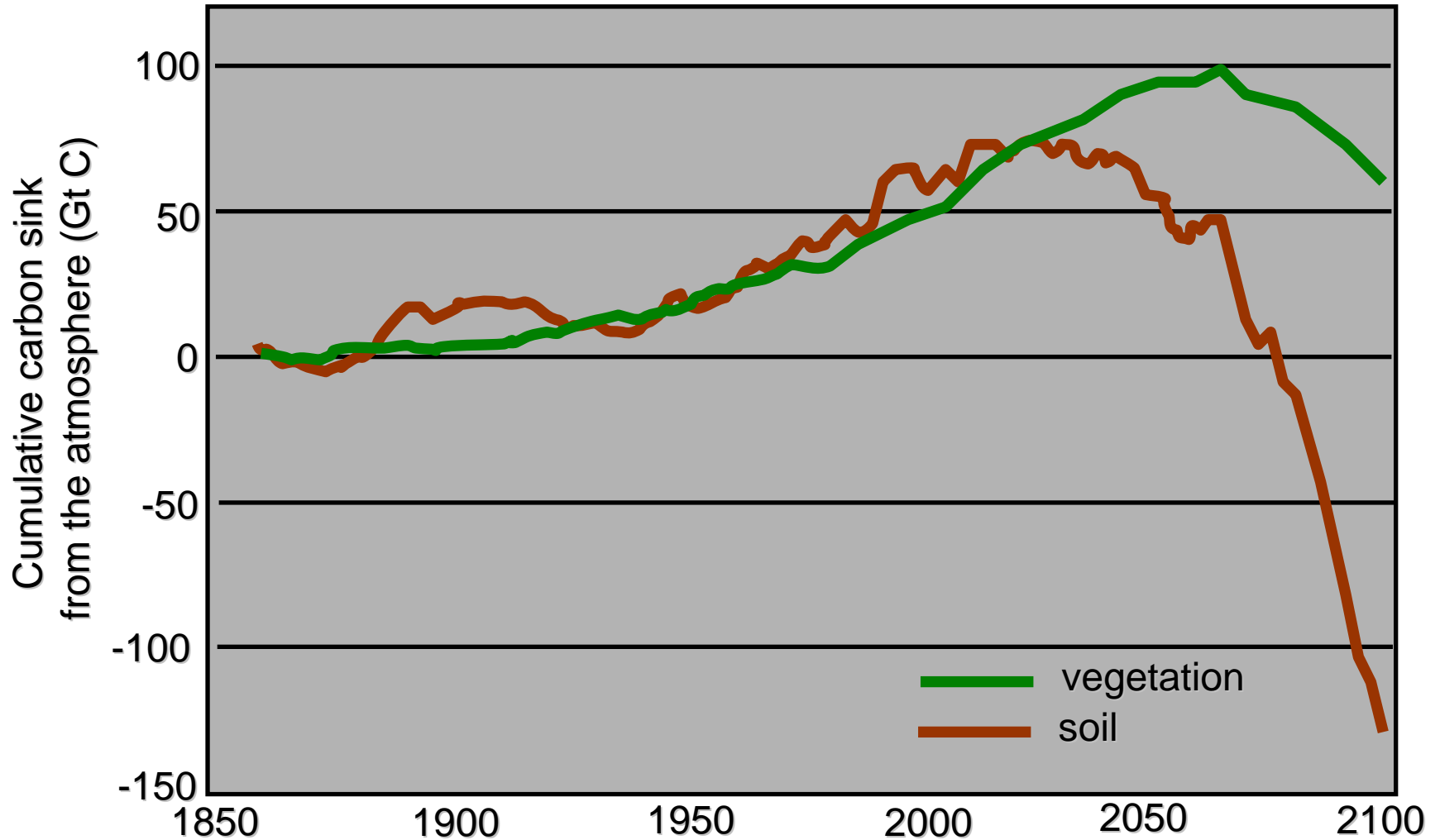
- ❖ 3-fold increase of atm. CO<sub>2</sub>
- ❖ Global temp. Increases by  $\approx 5^{\circ}\text{C}$  in 10 000 years
- ❖ Increased insect damage in angiosperm plant is probably the result of combined CO<sub>2</sub> and temperature effects



# Observations of global NPP



# What do climate models expect?

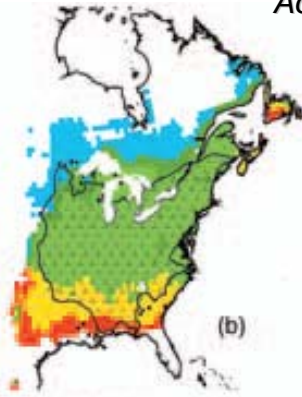
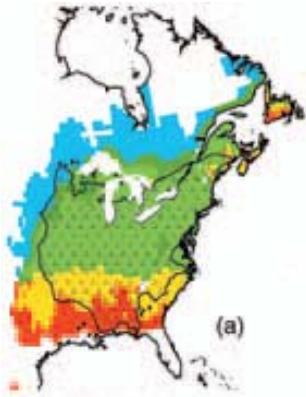


# Vegetation shifts (process-based models)

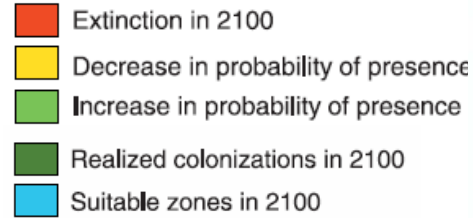
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*Acer saccharinum*

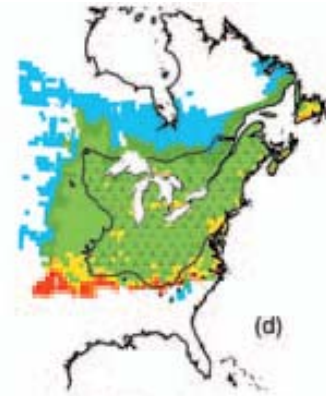
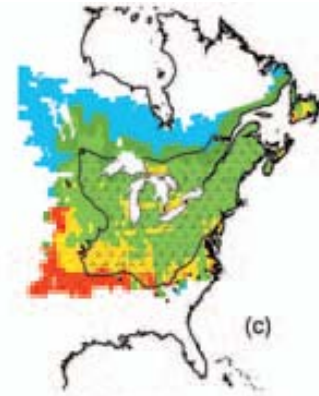


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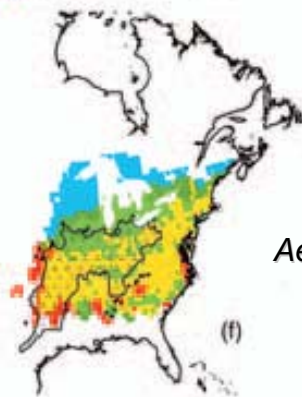
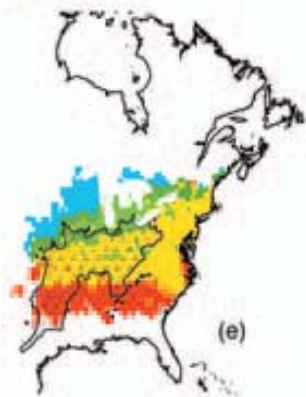


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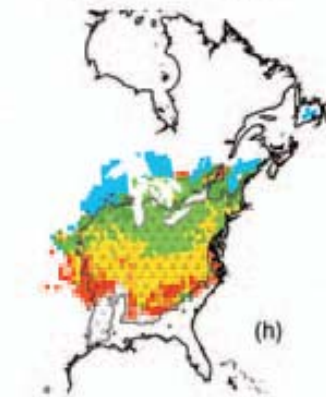
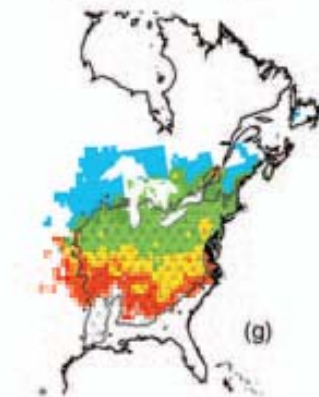
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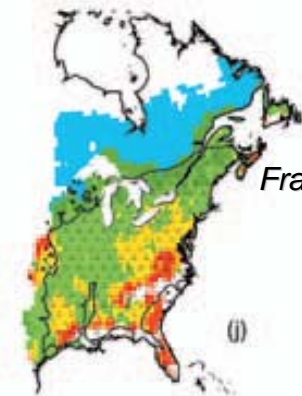
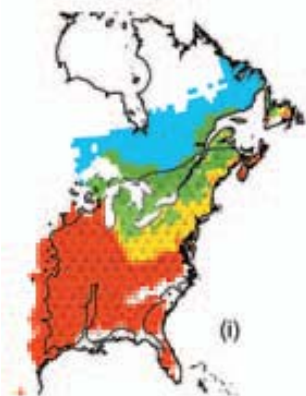
*Aesculus glabra*



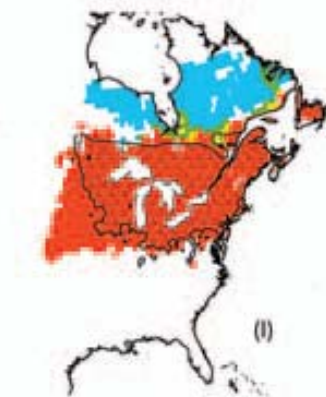
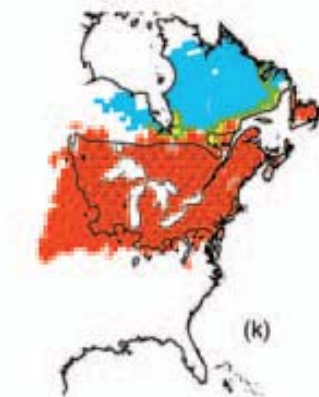
*Carya avata*



*Fraxinus americana*



*Fraxinus nigra*





# Vegetation shifts (process-based models)

Climate change has already caused distribution shifts in many species, and climate predictions strongly suggest that these will accelerate in the future.

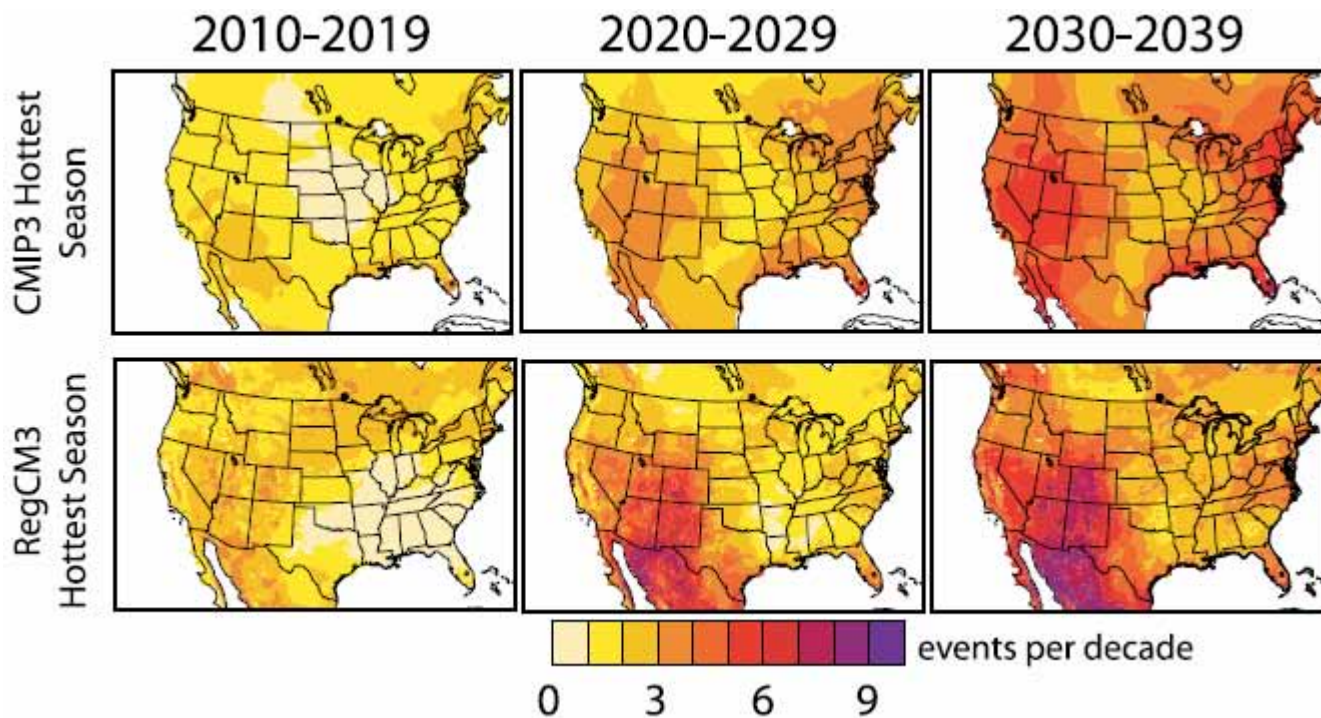
16 North American tree species, local extinctions in the south of species ranges (21% of the present distribution, on average)

colonizations of new habitats in the north, though these are limited by dispersal ability for most species.

Distribution shifts are very species-specific, however the loss of habitats southward will be mostly due to **increased drought mortality and decreased reproductive success**

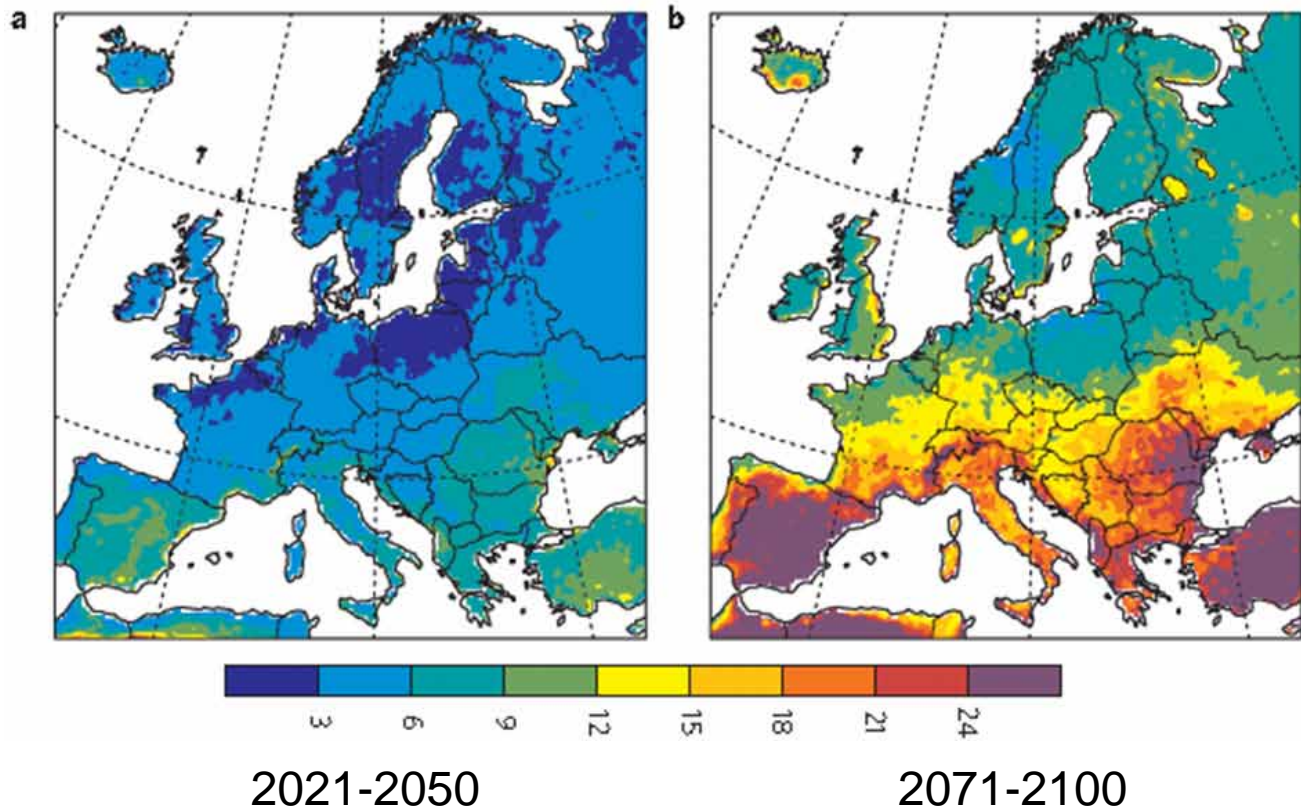
northward colonizations will be primarily promoted by **increased probability of fruit ripening and flower frost survival**

# Occurrence of extreme heat waves will increase

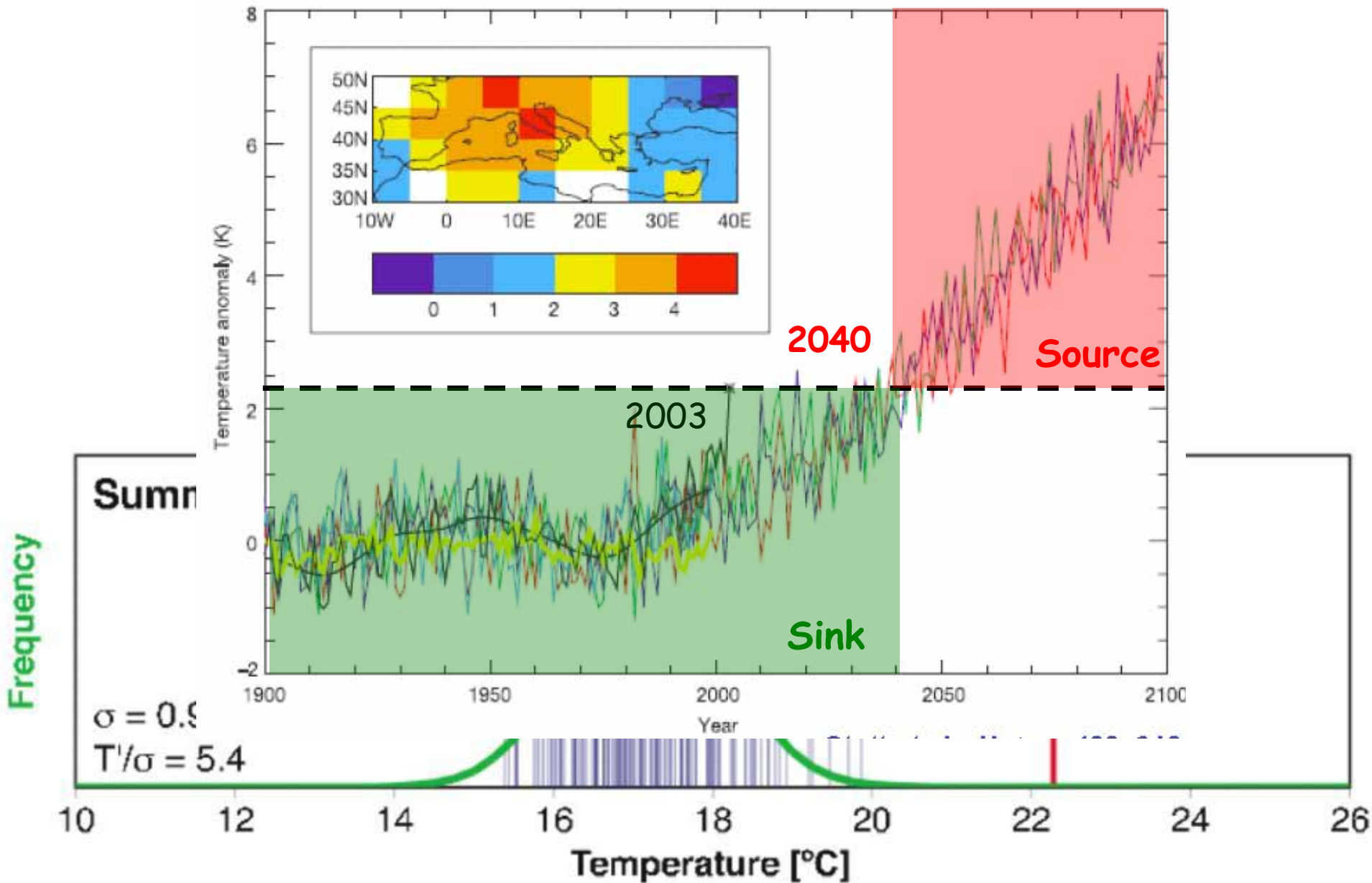


## ... also in Europe

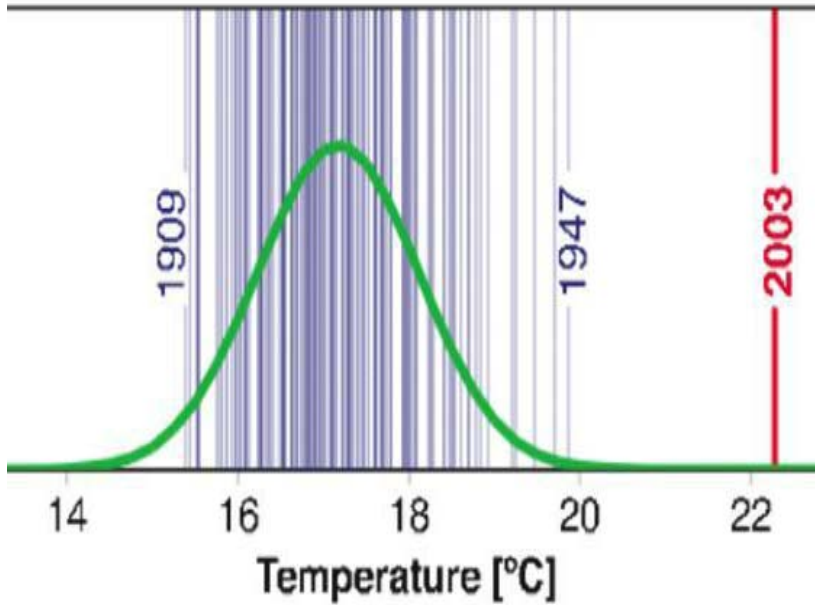
Increased heat wave frequency as compared to normal (1961-1990)



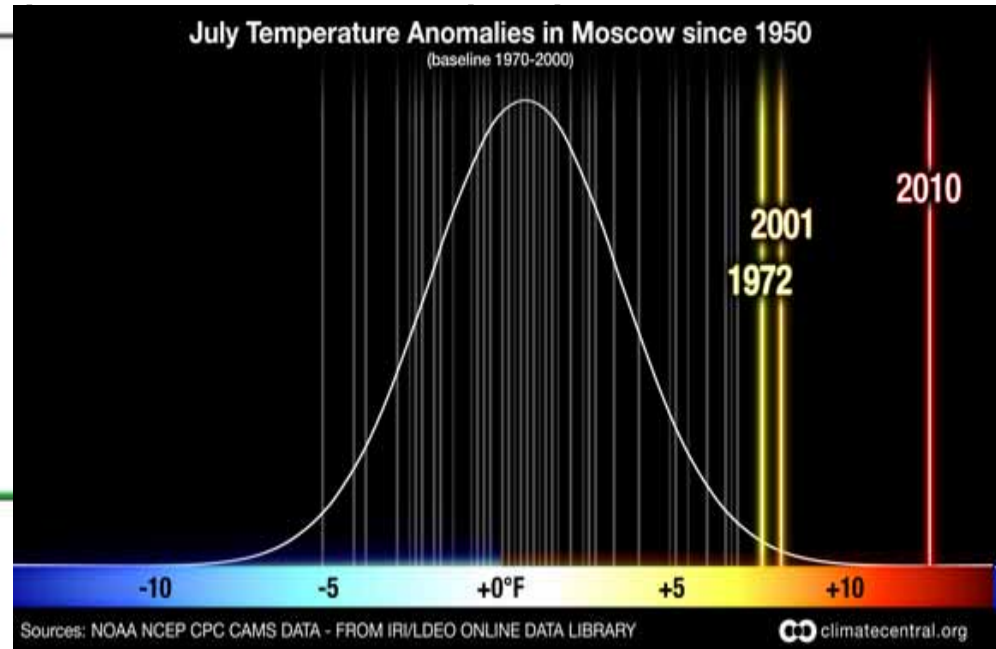
# Probability of heatwaves has already doubled in Europe



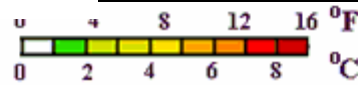
# Heat wave in Russia



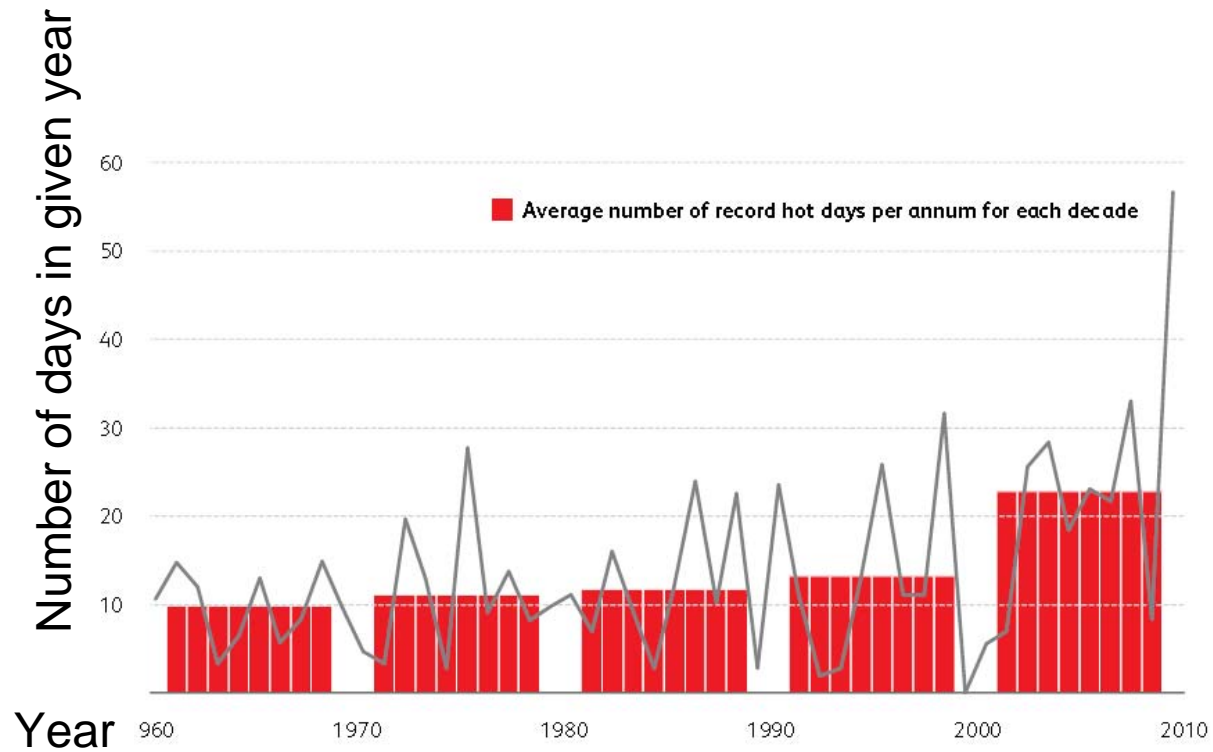
Once in 500 years



Once in 1000 years



# Average number of record hot temperatures in Australia

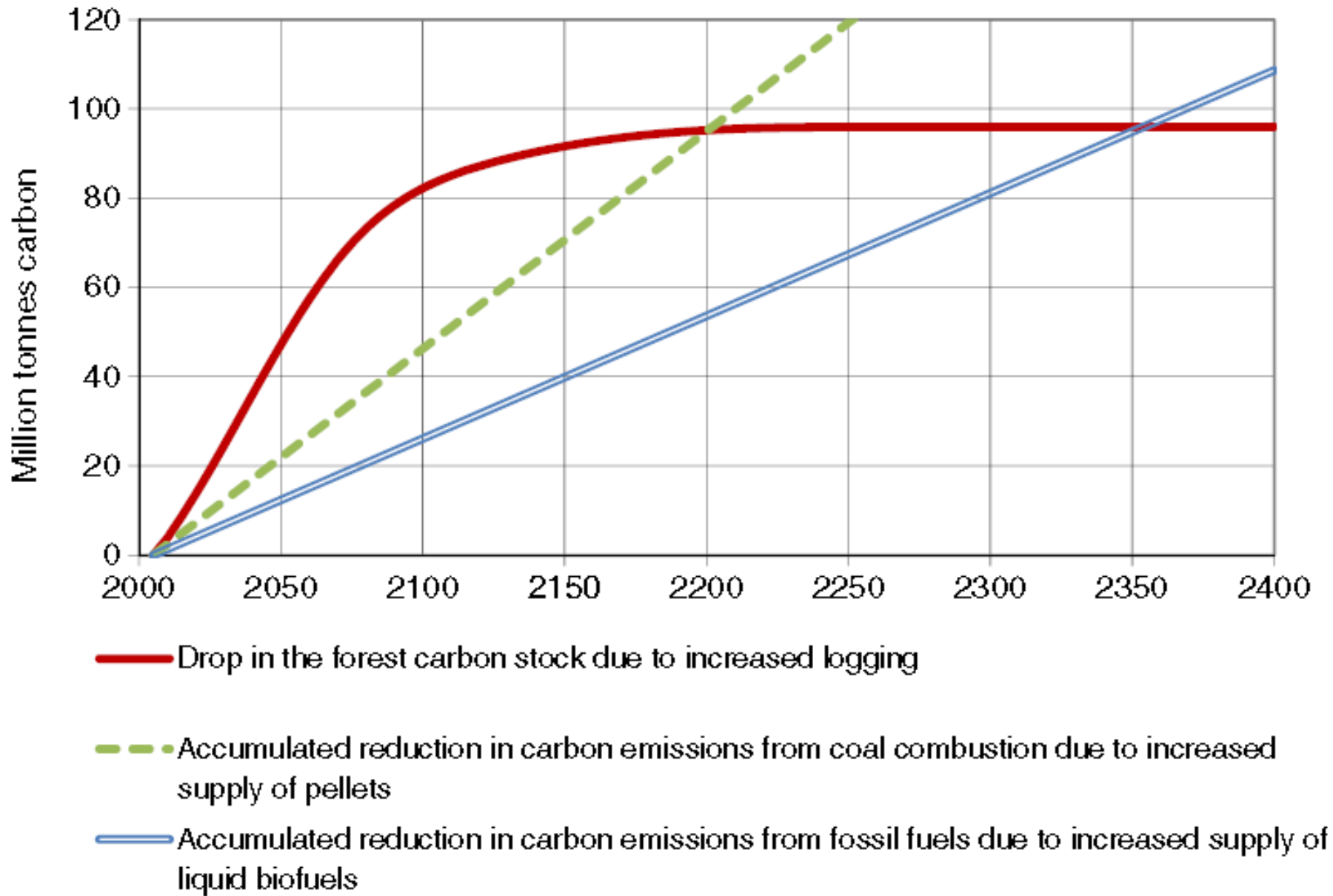




# Temperatures and wildfires in australia



# Biomass as an renewable energy source?





# Conclusions

- Climatic extremes (droughts and floods) will be more frequent and larger
- Ability of the forest ecosystems to absorb carbon will decline in the future
- Climate change poses increasingly difficult challenge for long-term forest management

*Thank*

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*for attention*