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“L’evoluzione della conoscenza  
scientifica in materia climatica”

ovverosia

“Dove andiamo col clima? Quello che i  
giornali e la TV ripetono e quello che non  
sanno.”

# Revisiting the meteorology of June 1944 using a modern analysis and forecasting system A selection of results drawn from ERA-CLIM reanalyses

of the weather and climate of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century

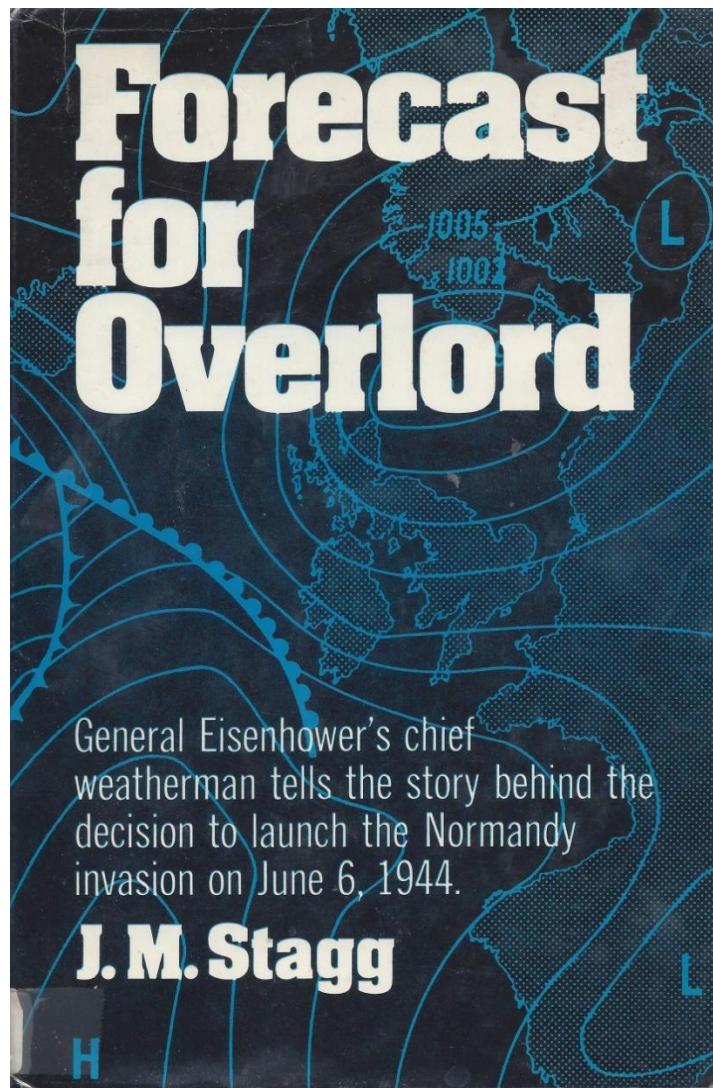
Adrian Simmons, Hans Hersbach, Paul Poli, Jean Bidlot and colleagues

European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts

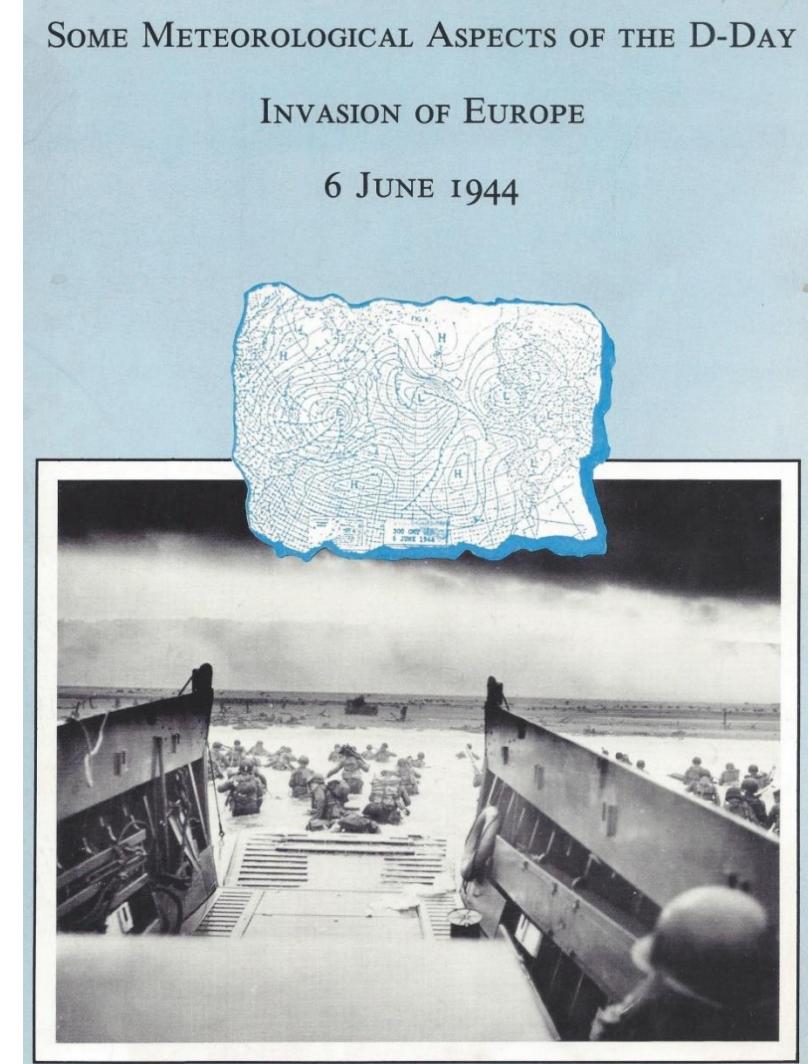
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ERA-CLIM and its follow-on ERA-CLIM2 are ECMWF-led multi-partner projects  
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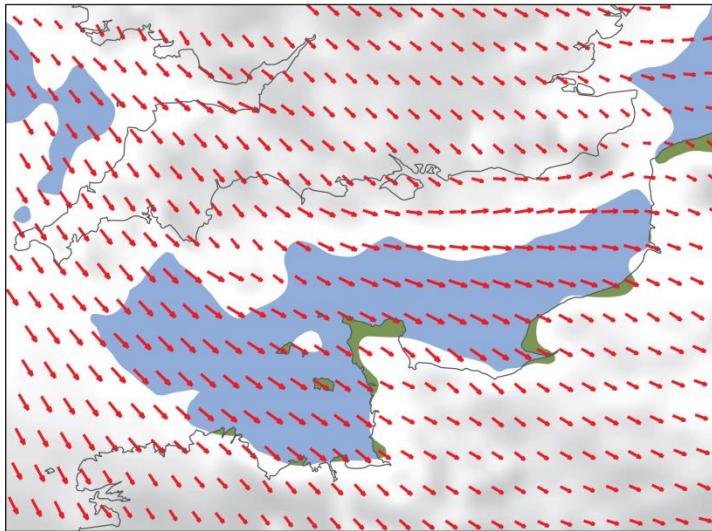
W.W. Norton & Co. Inc., 1971



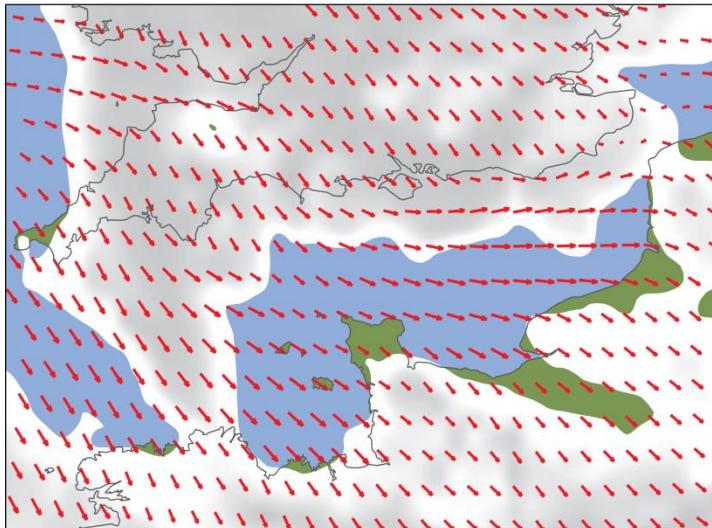
American Meteorological Society, 1984

# Cloud cover and 10m wind from short-range high-resolution (~16km grid) forecasts

H+12 valid 12 UTC 6 June 1944



H+15 valid 15 UTC 6 June 1944



Shortly  
before  
midday



Tuesday, 6 June:

Late  
Forenoon

Cloud: Clouds broke and cleared over Channel.

1700

Wind: WNW, Force 4, 5 at times.

Cloud: Clear conditions over Channel. Variable amounts of low cloud, mainly 6-9/10 over beachhead and further inland. There was a clear area over the Seine Estuary.

1800

Cloud: At Cherbourg, 4-6/10, base 3-5000 ft.; at Havre, 1-2/10 low cloud, 2-3000 ft., with patchy medium

Pictures from  
Imperial War  
Museum





qual'è il mio (nostro) lavoro?

- studio del mare

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in particolare:

- studio e previsione delle onde e  
delle mareggiate











# L'effetto serra: cent'anni di storia

## Arrhenius 1896



**Svante August Arrhenius (1859-1927)** chimico svedese, prodigo matematico, premio Nobel per la Chimica 1903. Nel 1896, dopo aver studiato i lavori di Fourier e i primi spettri di radiazione infrarossa prodotti da Langley, fu il primo a sostenere che la temperatura terrestre fosse regolata dalla concentrazione atmosferica di CO<sub>2</sub> (*On the influence of carbonic acid in the air upon the temperature of the ground*. Philosophical Magazine). Sostenne che l'aumento di CO<sub>2</sub> di origine antropica avrebbe evitato al mondo la prossima era glaciale e calcolò che un raddoppio di CO<sub>2</sub> avrebbe fatto aumentare la T di 5 C (oggi si stima tra 1,5 e 4,5 C). Al tasso di emissione del tempo, stimò che il raddoppio sarebbe avvenuto entro 3000 anni, in realtà è atteso per il 2050.



## Carbon Dioxide Causes Global Warming

(Modern Mechanics, Jul, 1932)

### Carbon Dioxide Heats the Earth

DR. E. O. HULBURT, physicist of the naval research laboratory, Washington, has found conclusive mathematical evidence that the earth's temperature is being warmed by the increased amount of carbon dioxide present in the air. Smoke stacks emit huge volumes of this gas, which is also found in the breath and waste products of humans and animals.



## Growing Blanket of Carbon Dioxide Raises Earth's Temperature (Popular Mechanics Aug, 1953)

### Growing Blanket of Carbon Dioxide Raises Earth's Temperature

Earth's ground temperature is rising  $1\frac{1}{2}$  degrees a century as a result of carbon dioxide discharged from the burning of about 2,000,000,000 tons of coal and oil yearly. According to Dr. Gilbert N. Plass of the Johns Hopkins University, this discharge augments a blanket of gas around the world which is raising the temperature in the same manner glass heats a greenhouse. By 2080, he predicts the air's carbon-dioxide content will double, resulting in an average-

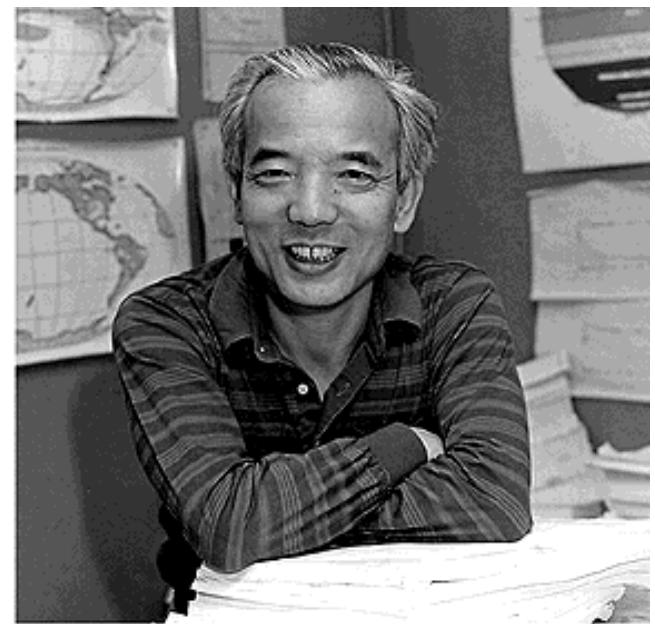
temperature rise of at least four percent. If most of man's industrial growth were over a period of several thousand years, instead of being crowded within the last century, oceans would have absorbed most of the excess carbon dioxide. But because of the slow circulation of the seas, they have had little effect in reducing the amount of the gas as man's smoke-making abilities have multiplied over the past hundred years.

# Syukuro Manabe

## Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Lab

### Princeton - [www.gfdl.noaa.gov](http://www.gfdl.noaa.gov)

- A **1967** paper with Richard Wetherald of GFDL, published in the *Journal of Atmospheric Sciences*, predicted how increased carbon dioxide levels due to fossil fuel use could warm the earth.
- **IPCC founded 1988**



OCTOBER 19, 1987

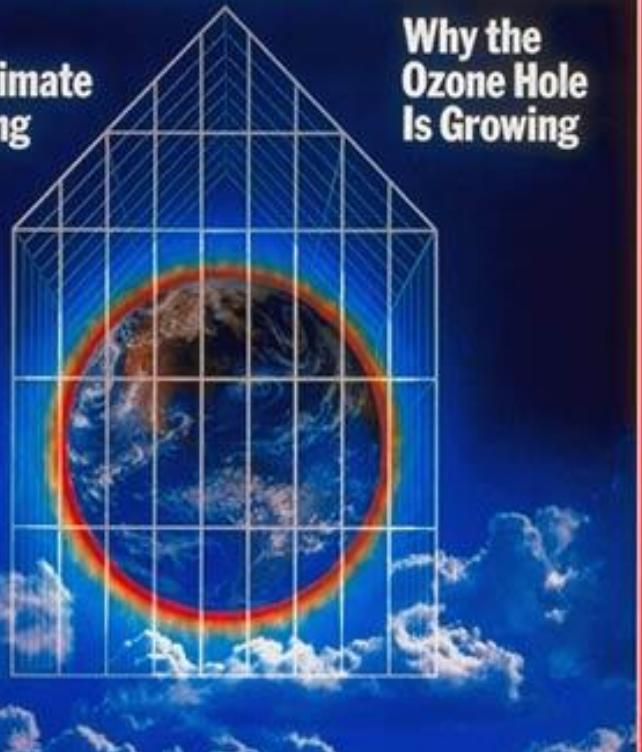
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# TIME

## The Heat Is On

How the  
Earth's Climate  
Is Changing

Why the  
Ozone Hole  
Is Growing



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APRIL 23, 2006

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## SPECIAL REPORT GLOBAL WARMING

# TIME

BE  
WORRIED.  
BE VERY  
WORRIED.

Climate change isn't some vague future problem—it's already damaging the planet at an alarming pace. Here's how it affects you, your kids and their kids as well

EARTH AT THE TIPPING POINT

HOW IT THREATENS YOUR HEALTH

HOW CHINA & INDIA CAN HELP  
SAVE THE WORLD—OR DESTROY IT

THE CLIMATE CRUSADERS



Progetto EPICA - EPICA

(European Project for Ice Coring in Antarctica)

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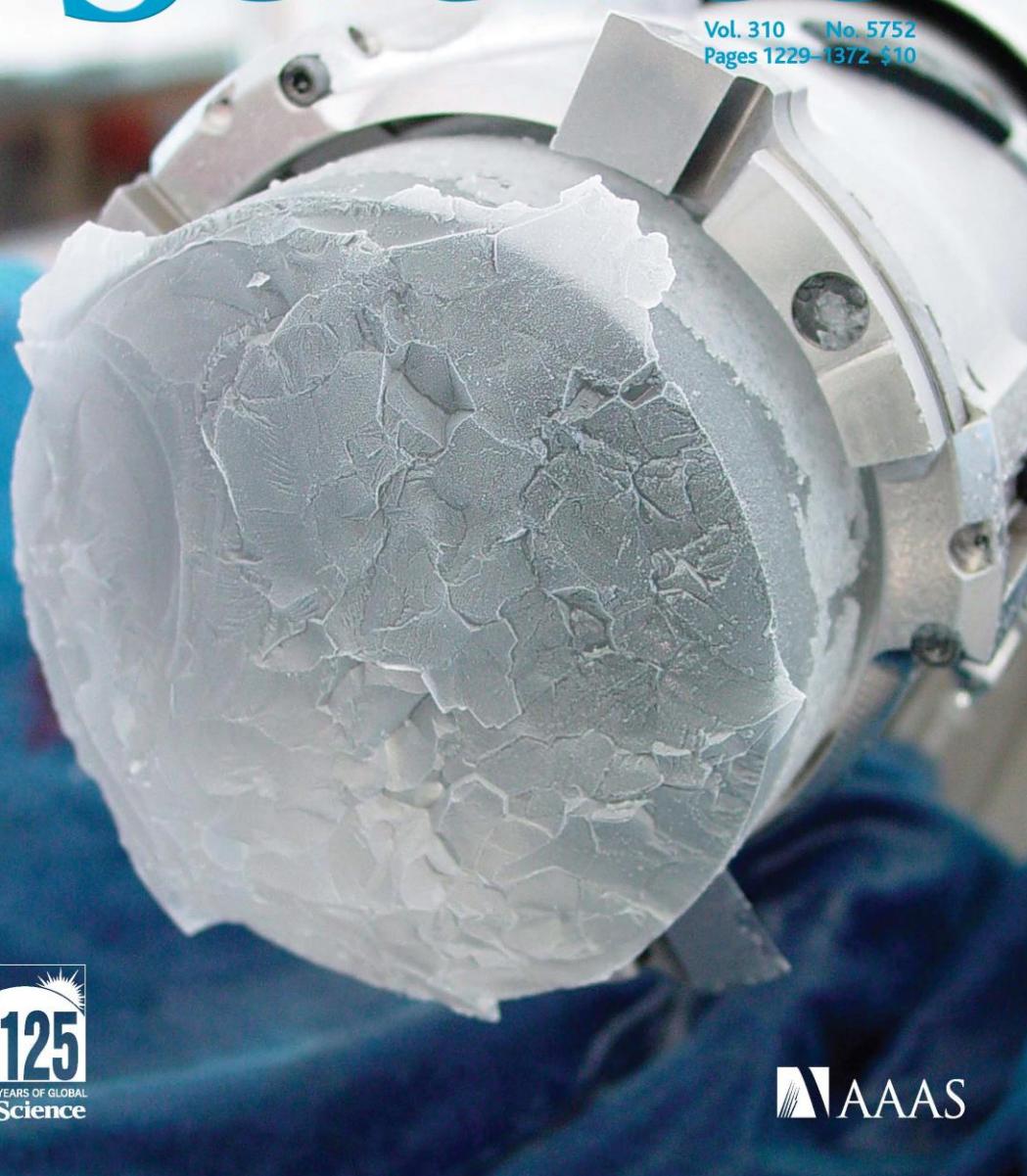
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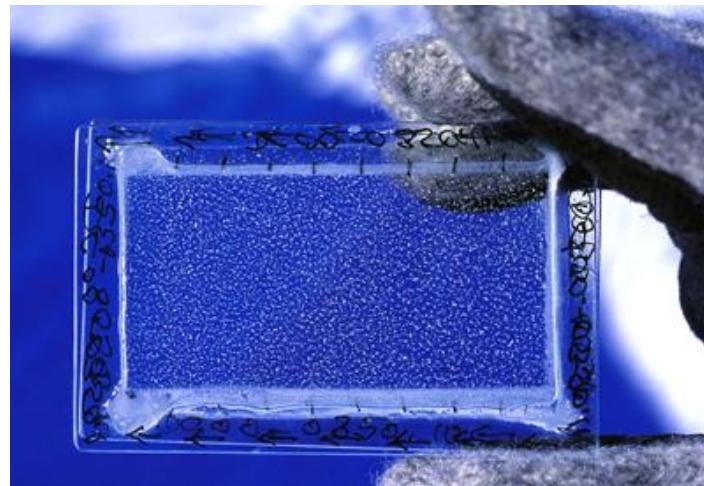
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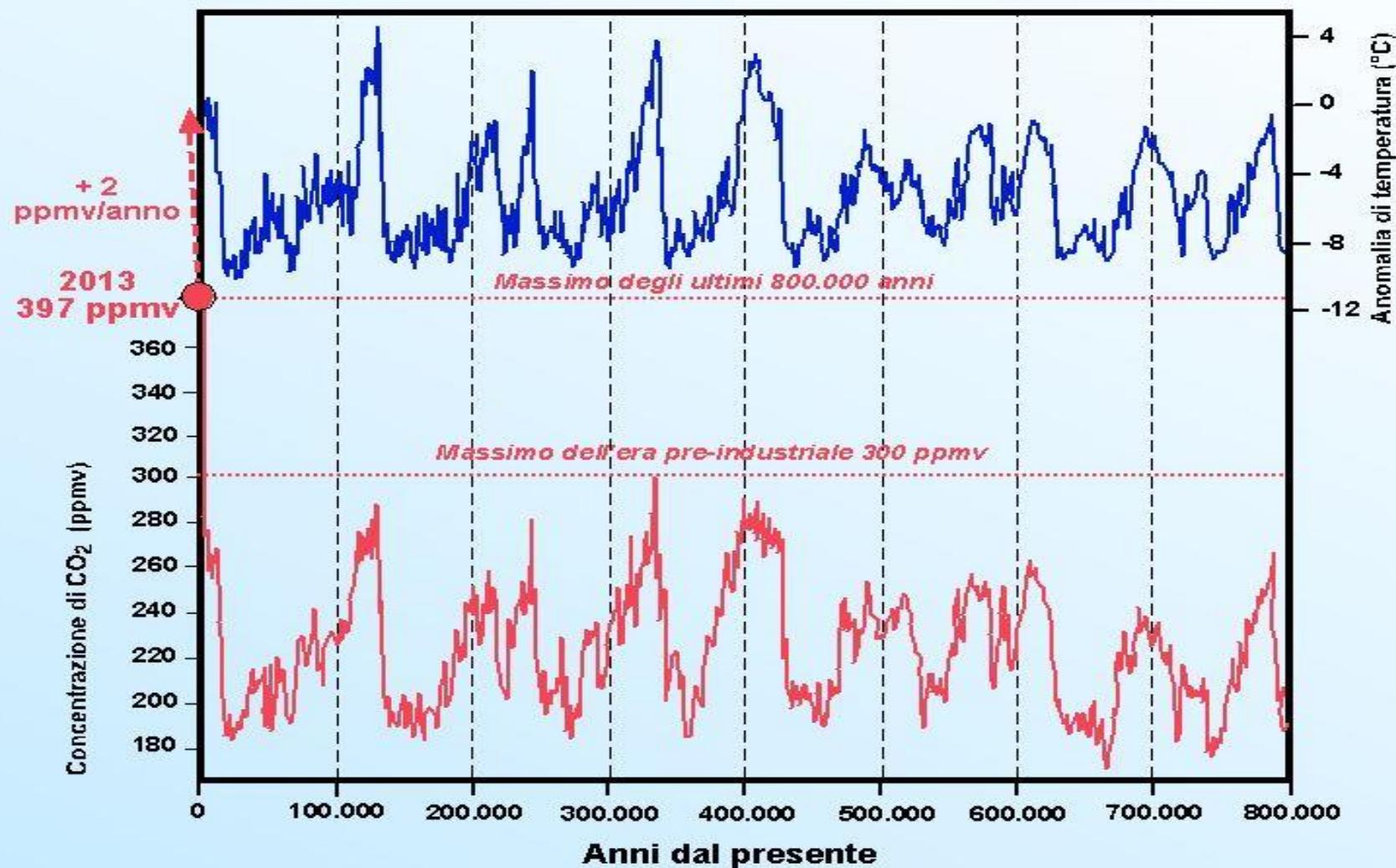
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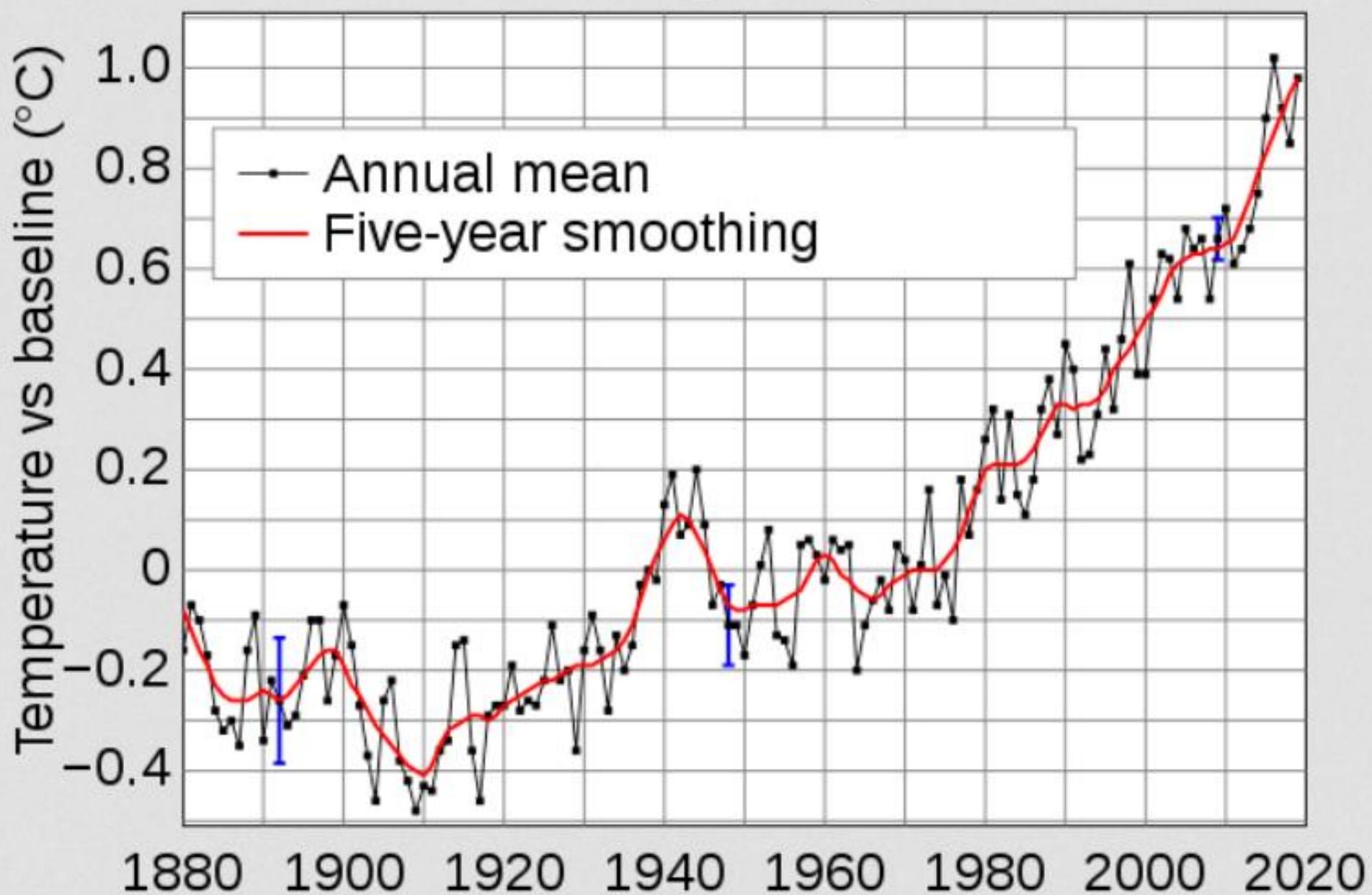


**EPICA - Dome C (Antartide)**  
**Concentrazione di CO<sub>2</sub> e anomalia di temperatura**



Analisi chimica delle bolle d'aria «fossile» intrappolate nel ghiaccio  
CO<sub>2</sub> max. concentrazione 300 ppmv

# Global Average Temperature



**1987**



**2010**



**Il riscaldamento globale è tra noi...**  
*Ghiacciaio occidentale del Carro (Gran Paradiso)*

# Ruitar 1909



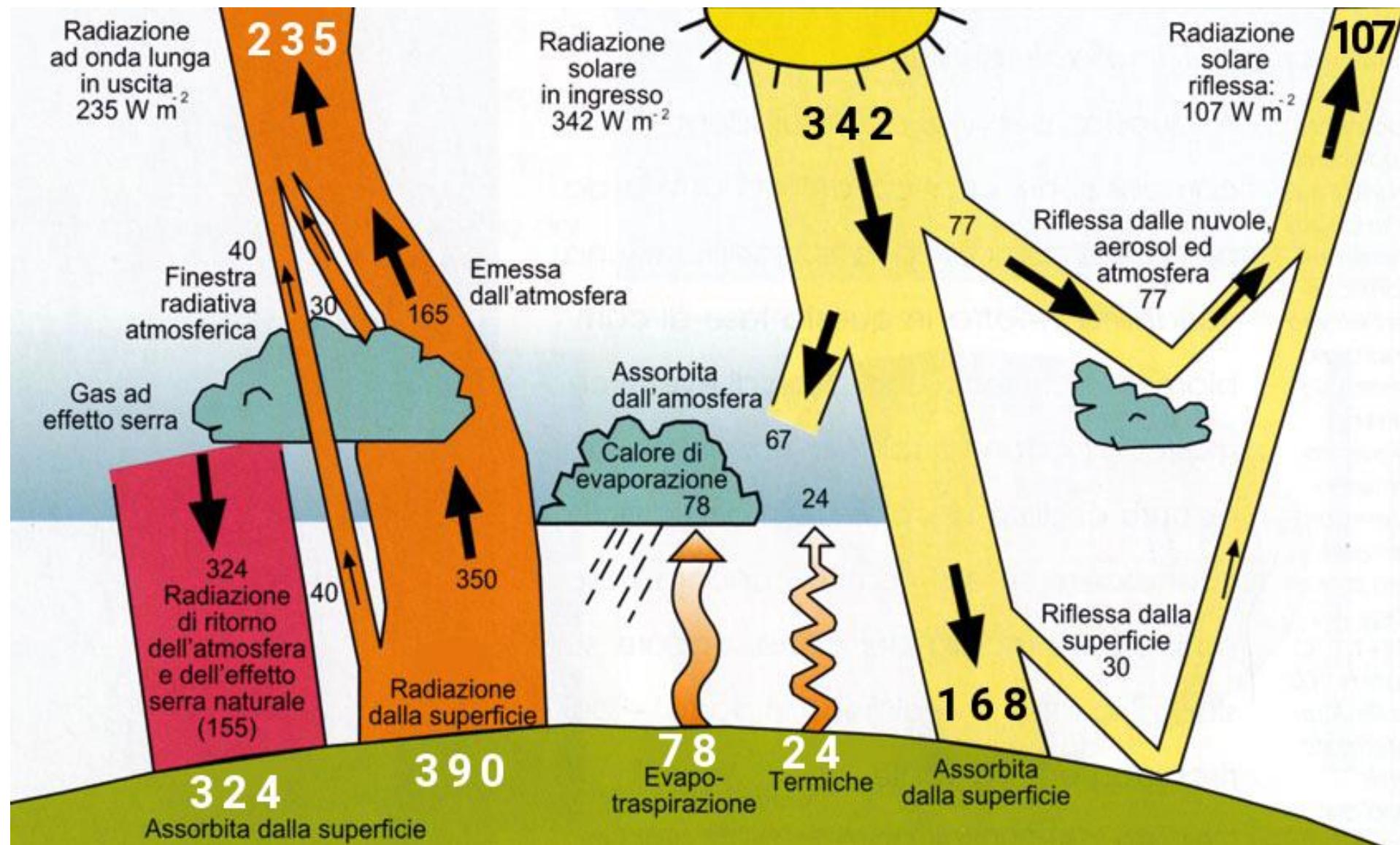
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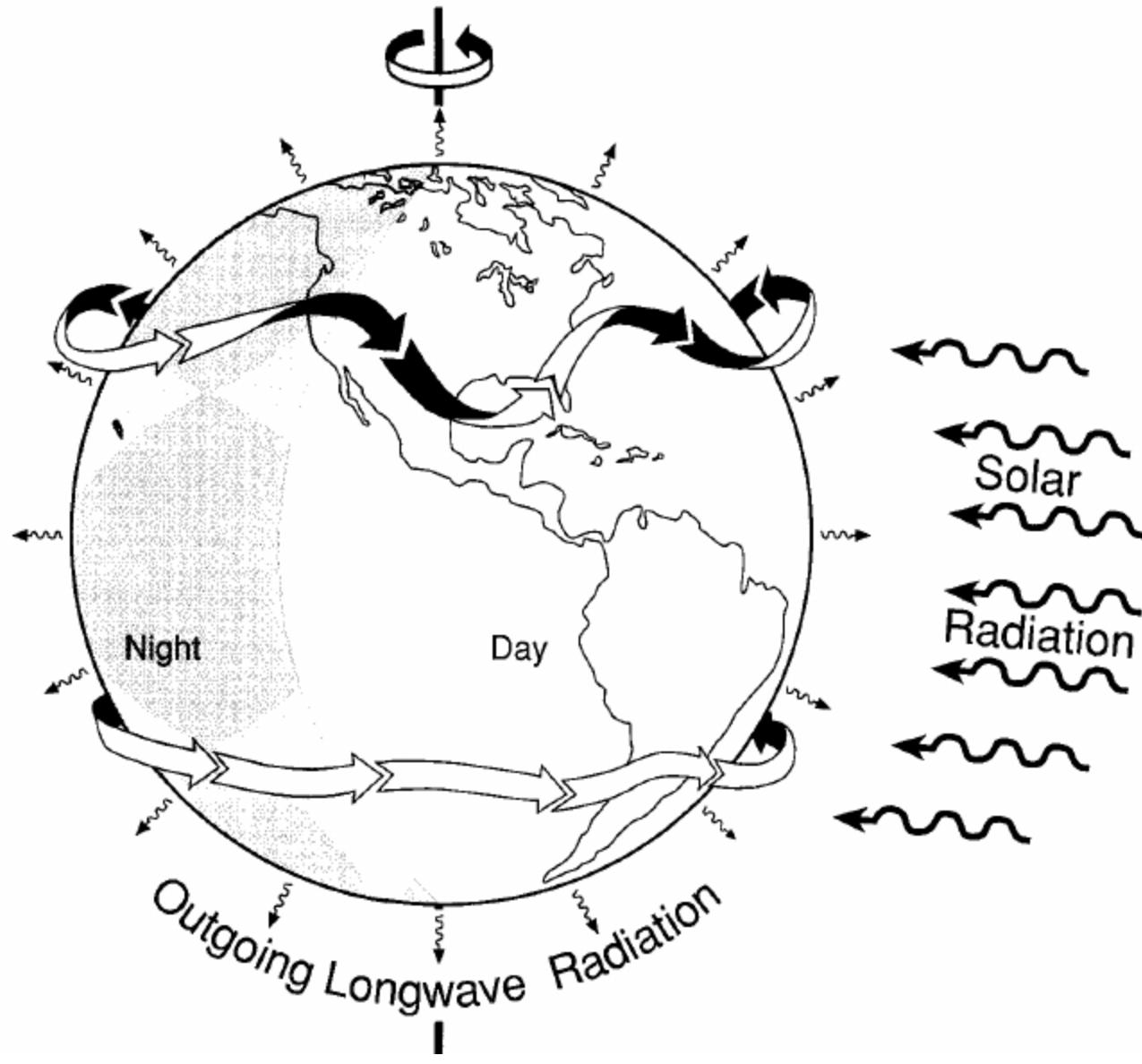
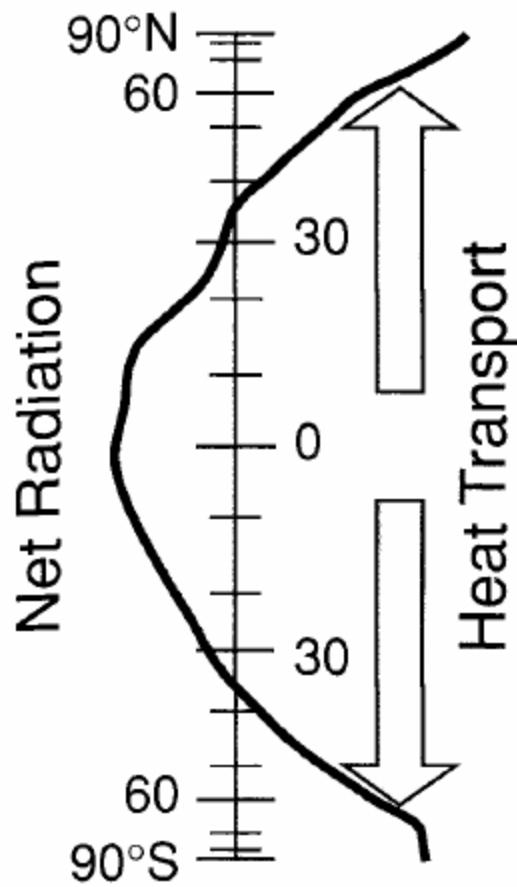


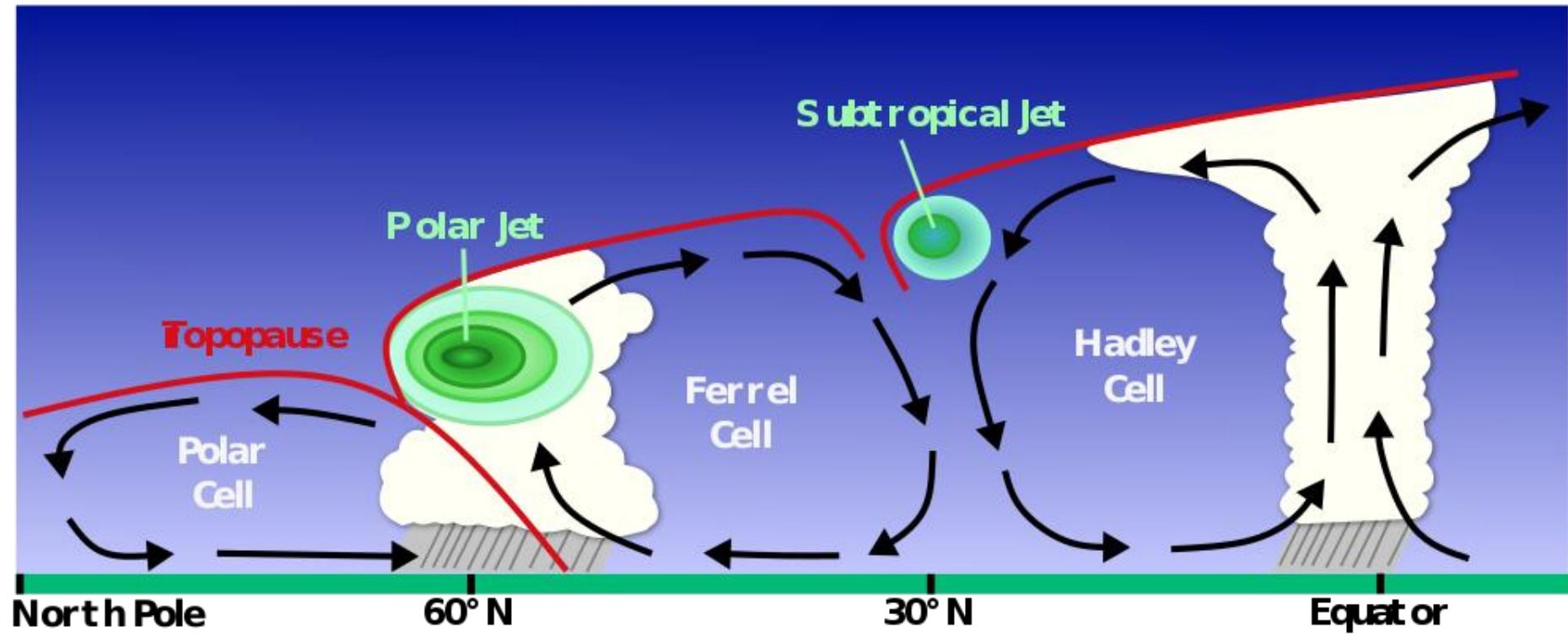






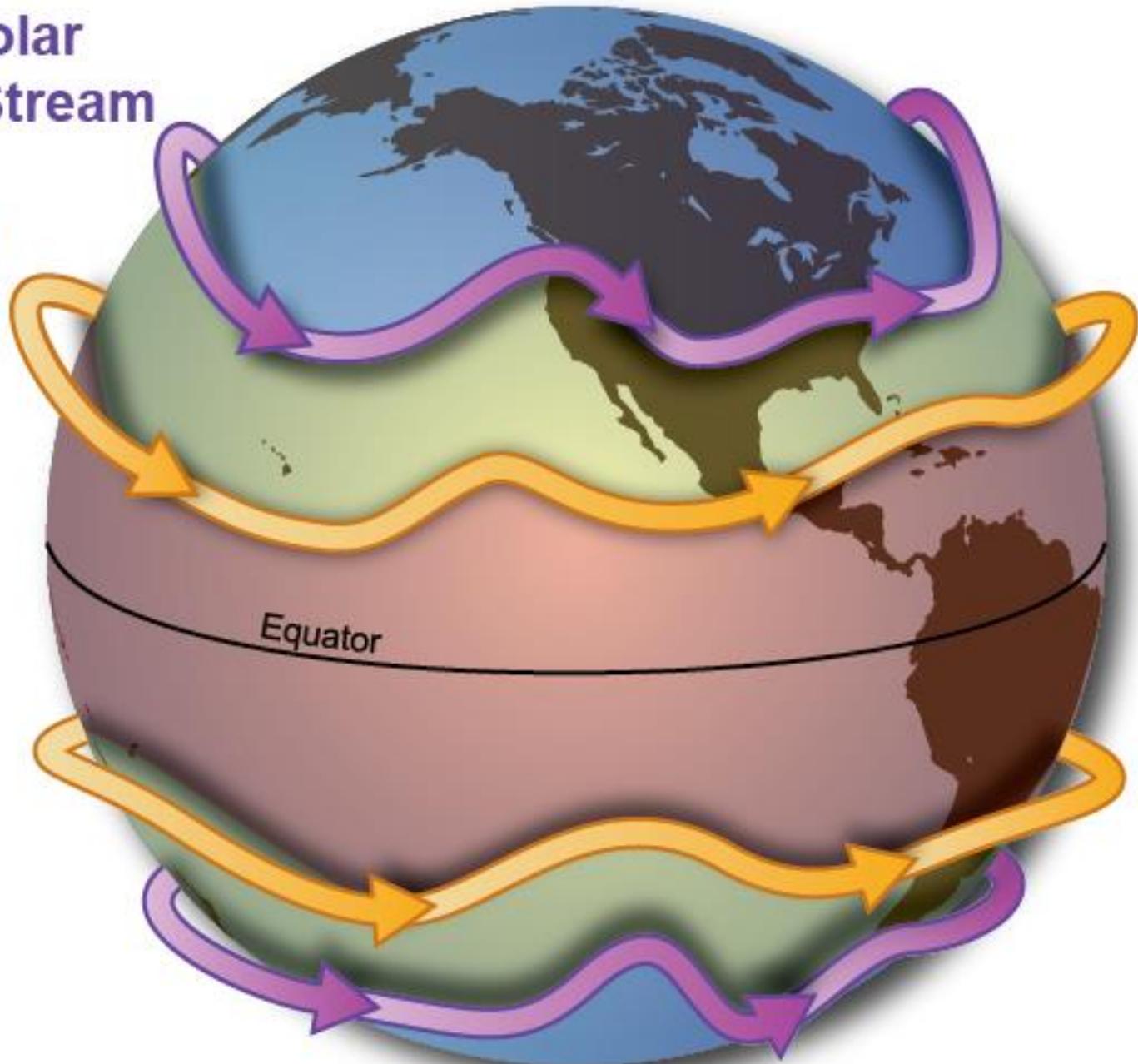


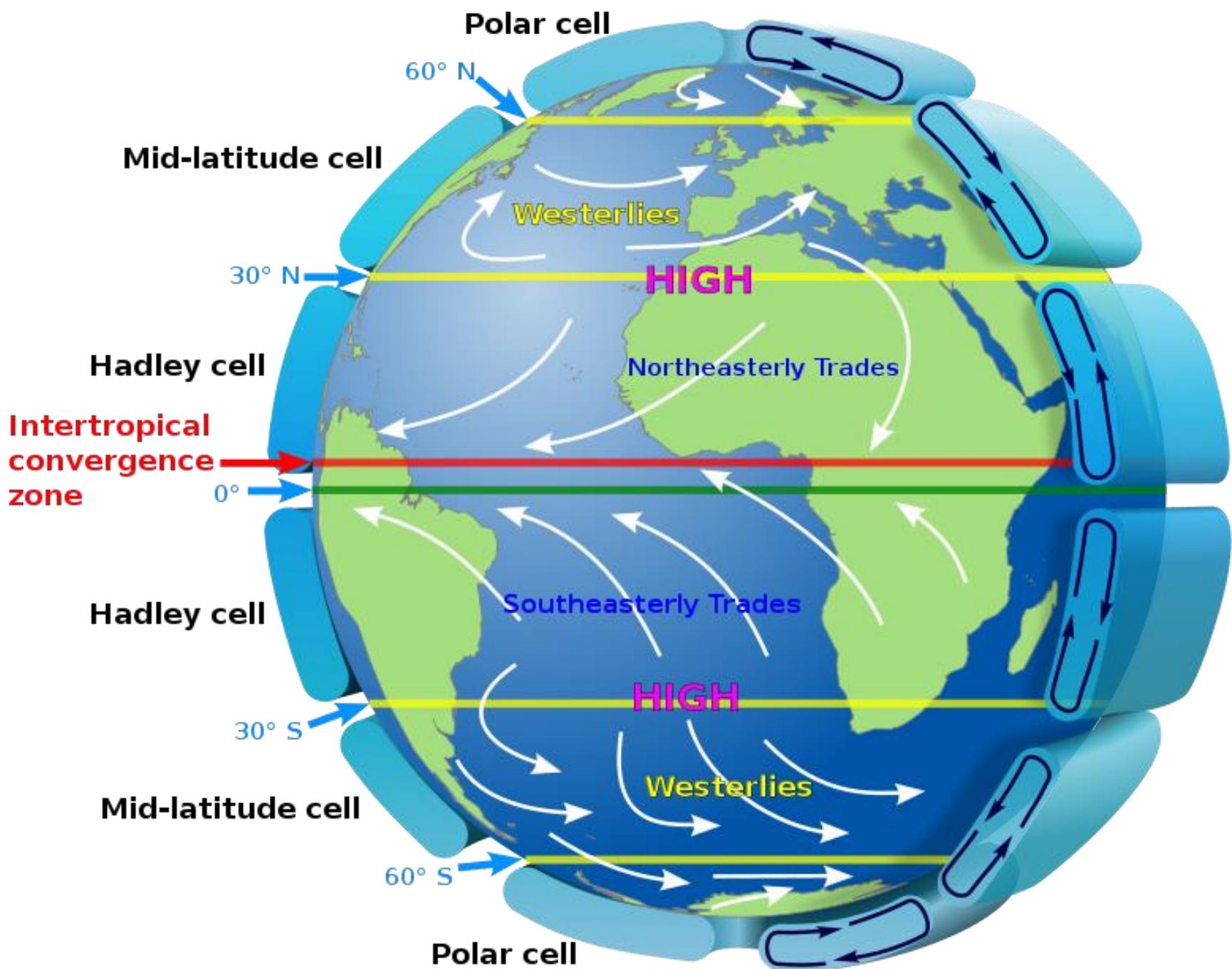




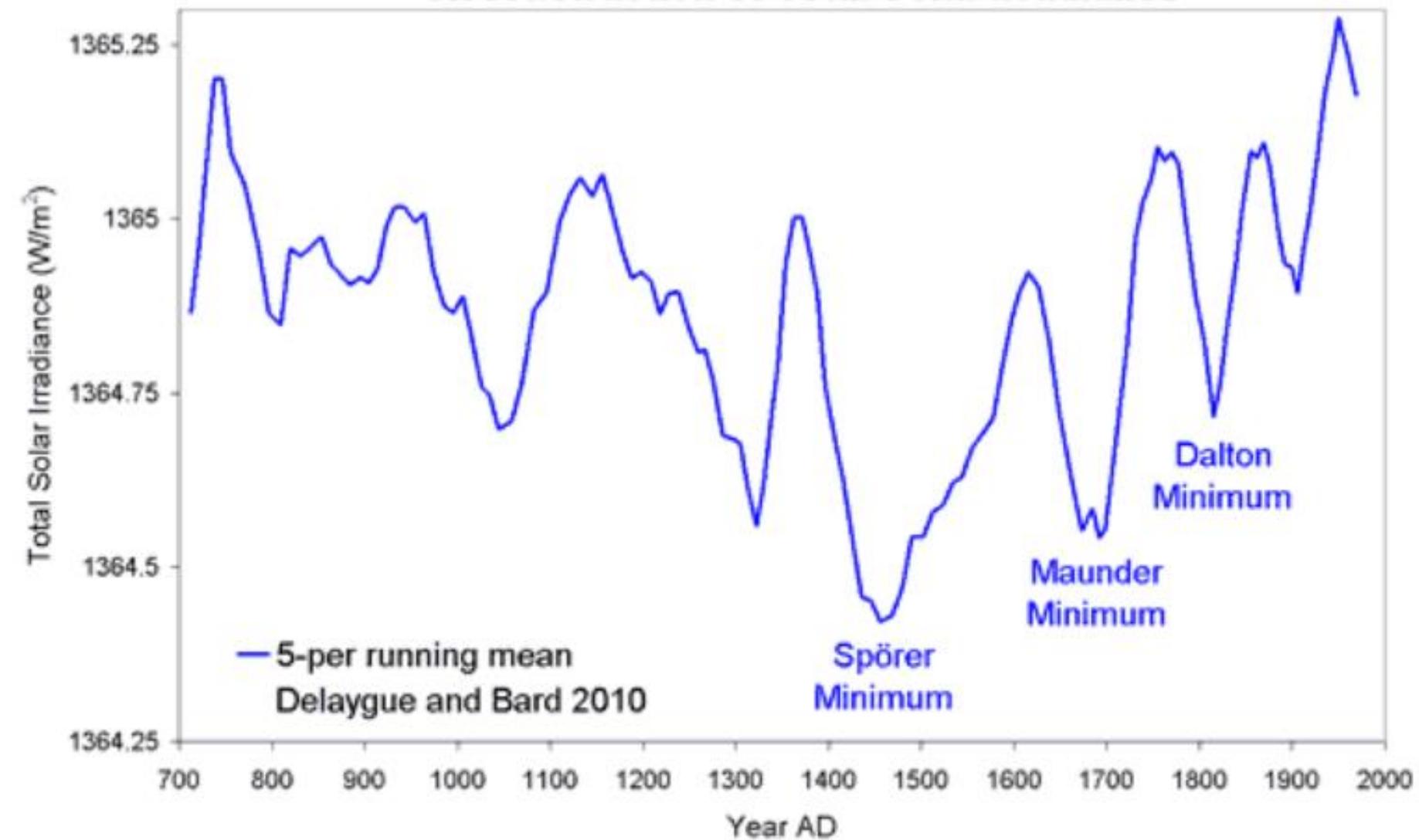
Polar  
Jet Stream

Subtropical  
Jet Stream

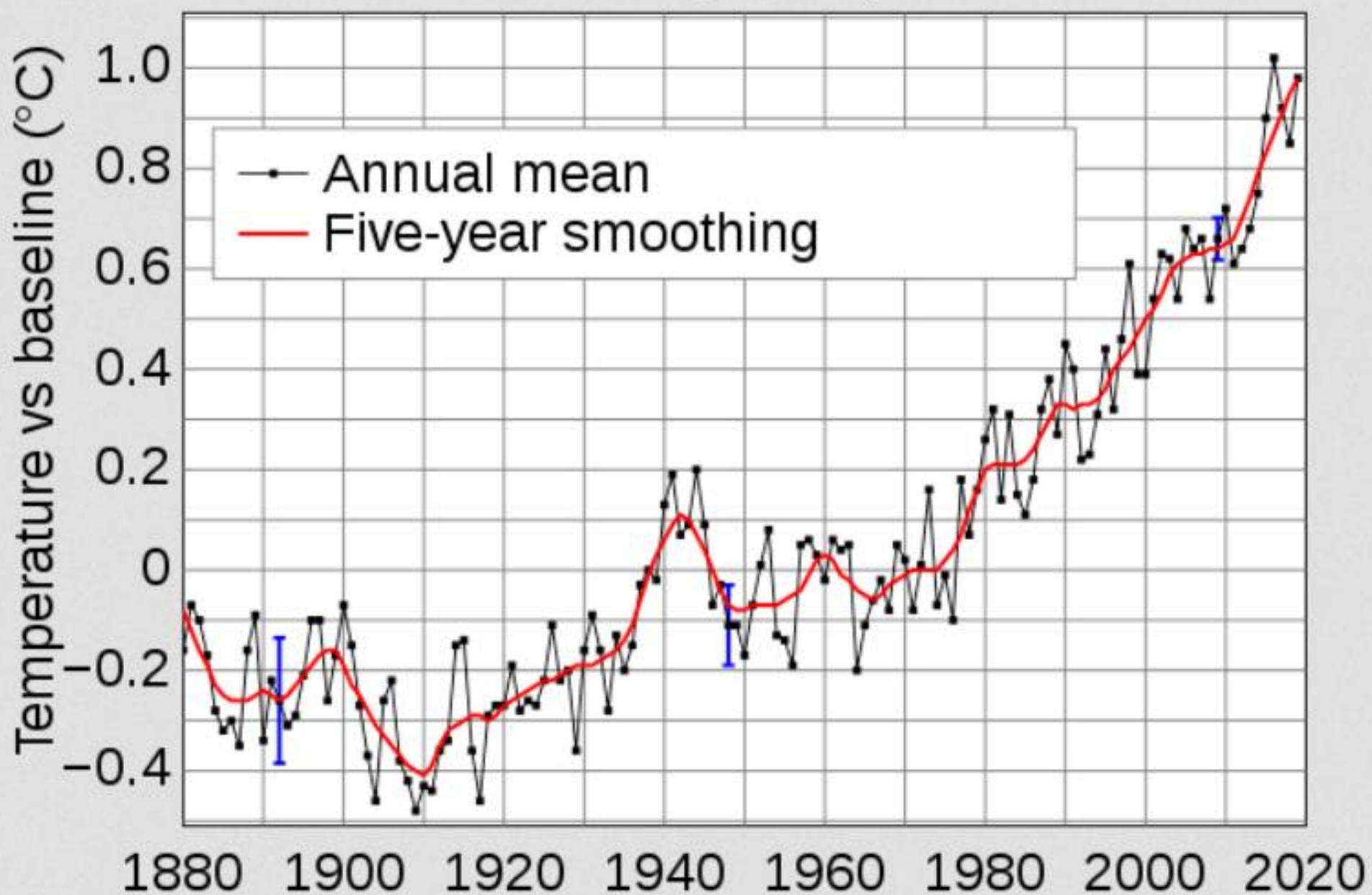




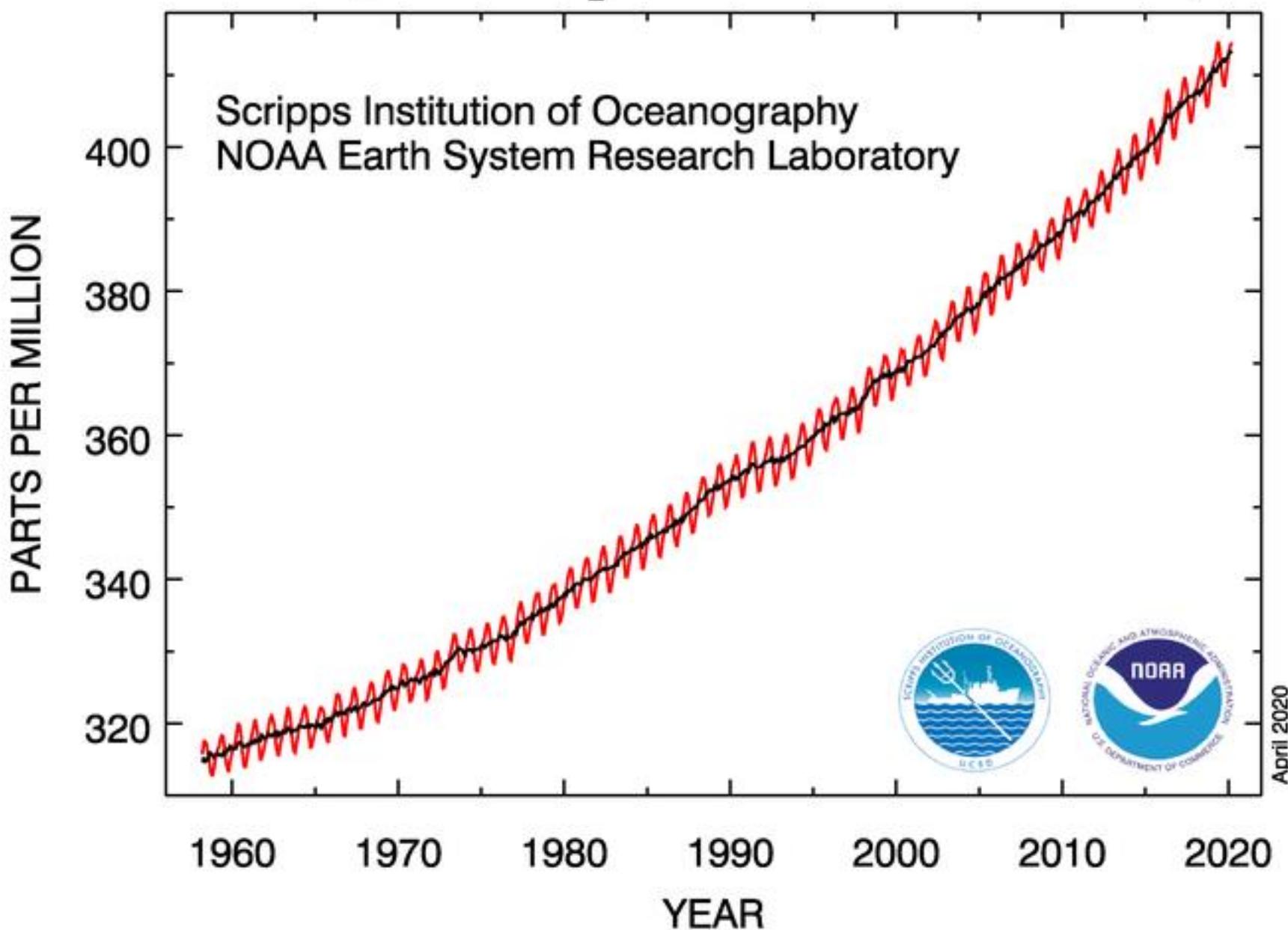




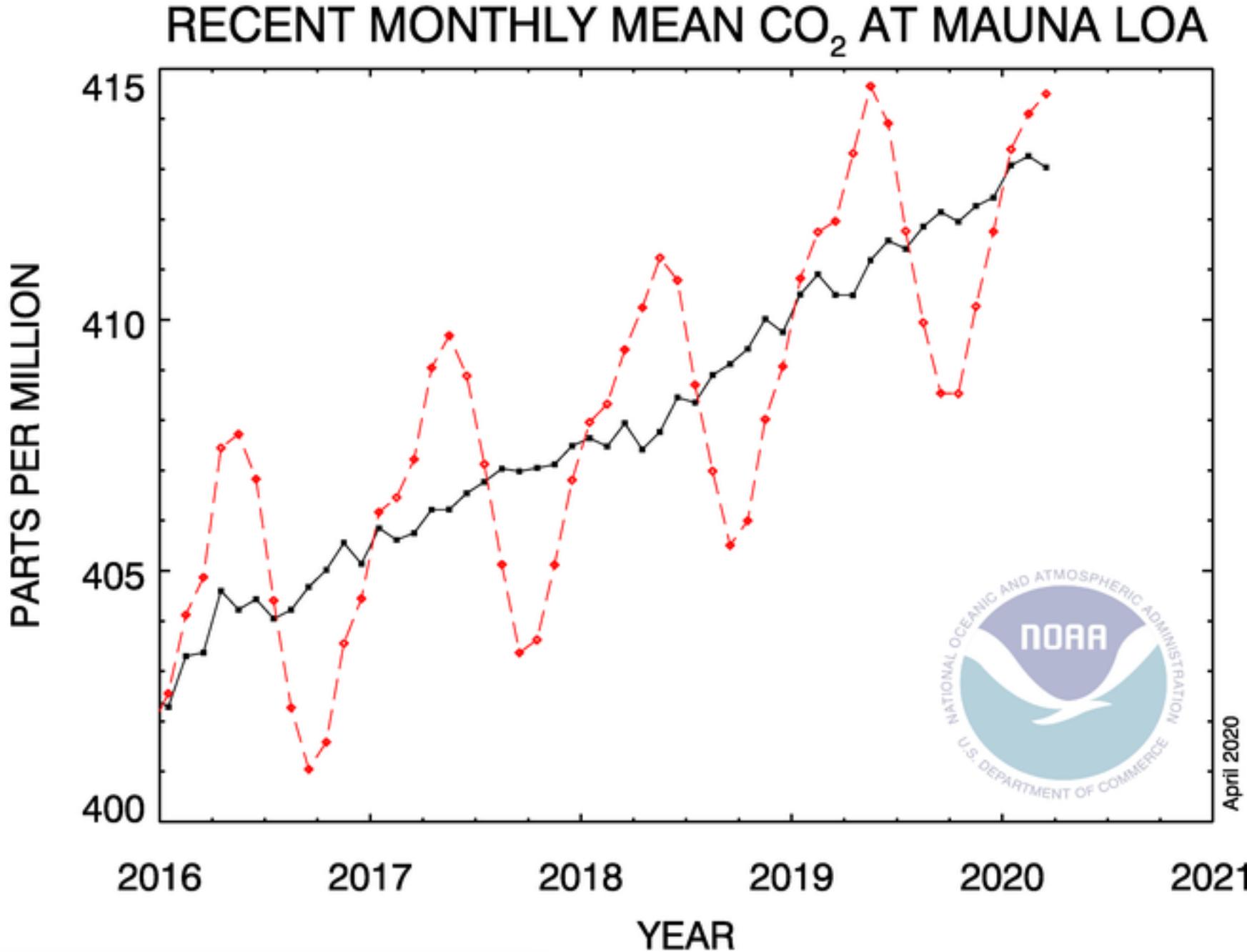
# Global Average Temperature



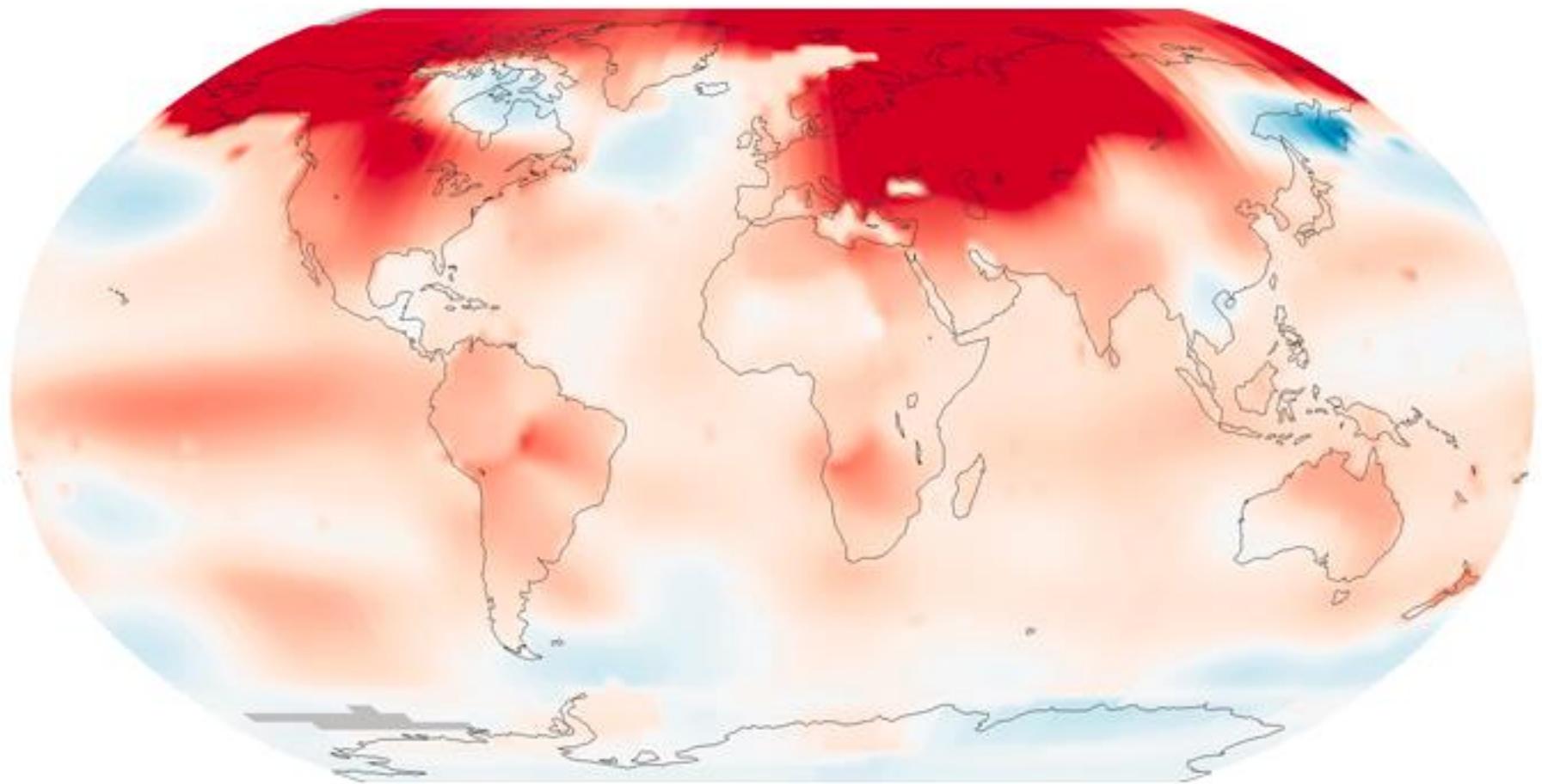
# Atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> at Mauna Loa Observatory



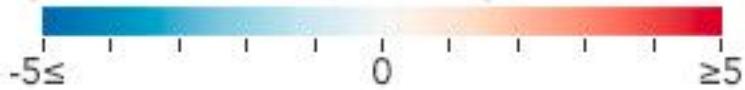
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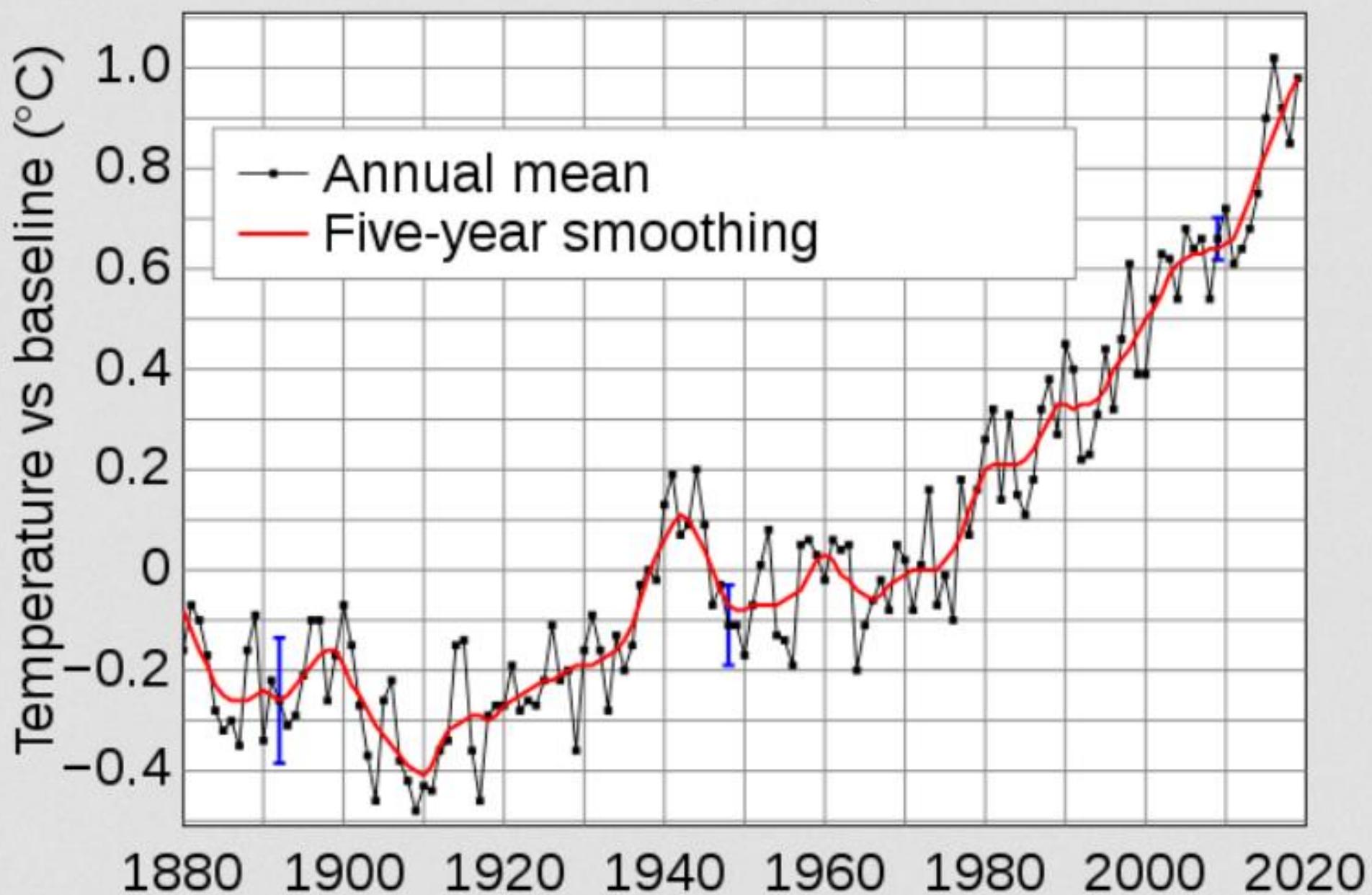
April 2020



February 2016 Mean Surface Temperature Anomaly ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )

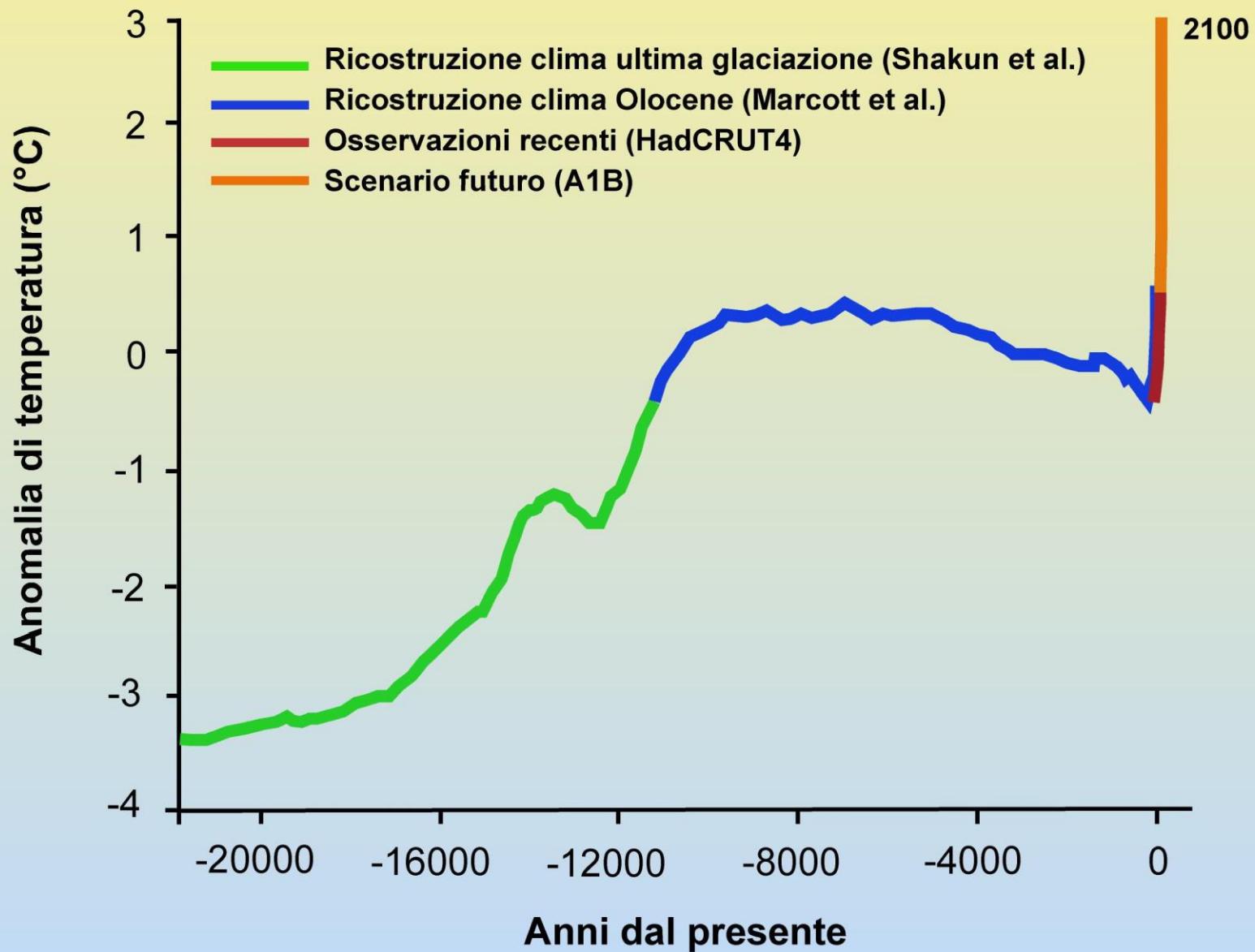


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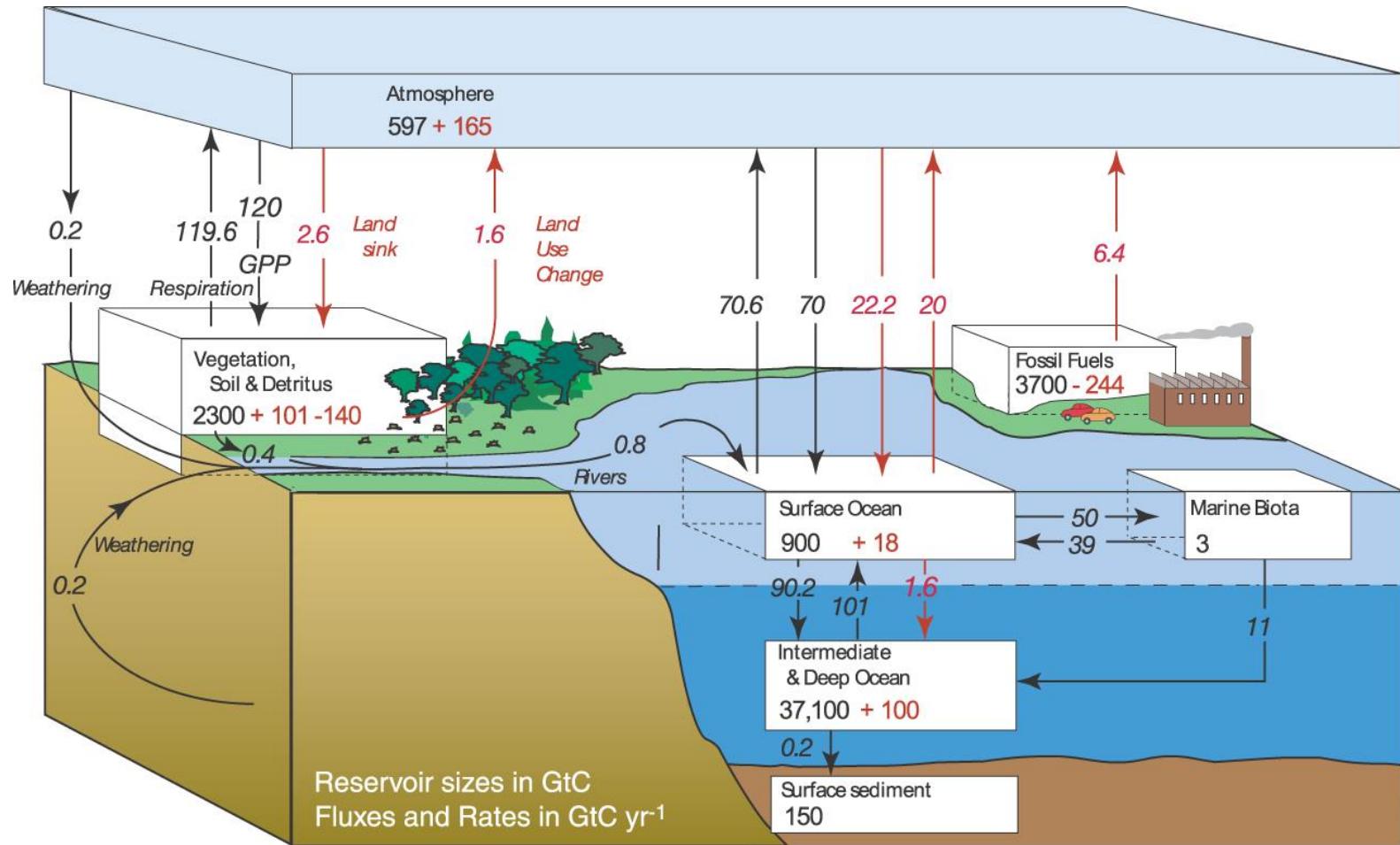
# Variazioni termiche globali dall'ultima glaciazione e scenario al 2100



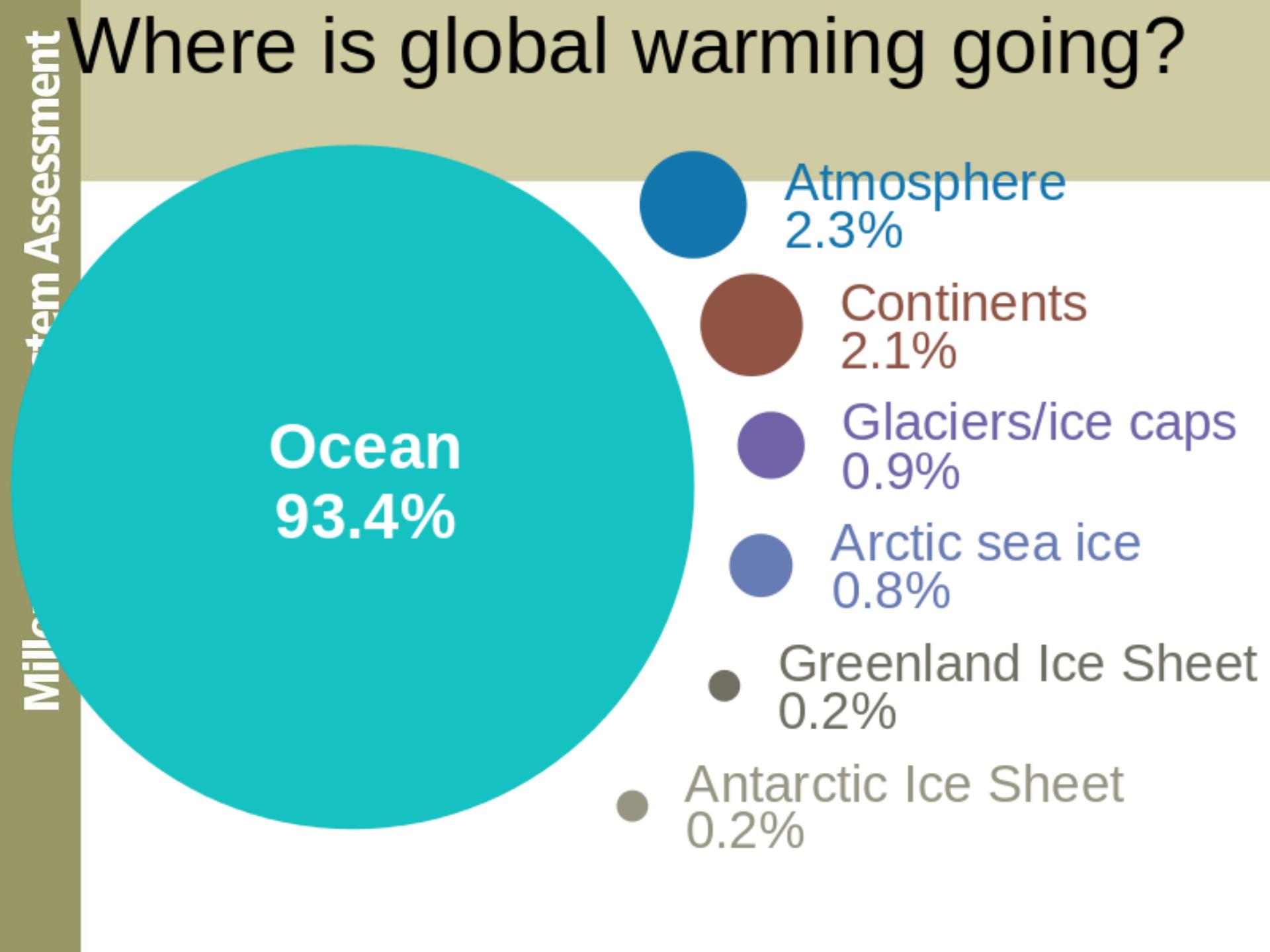


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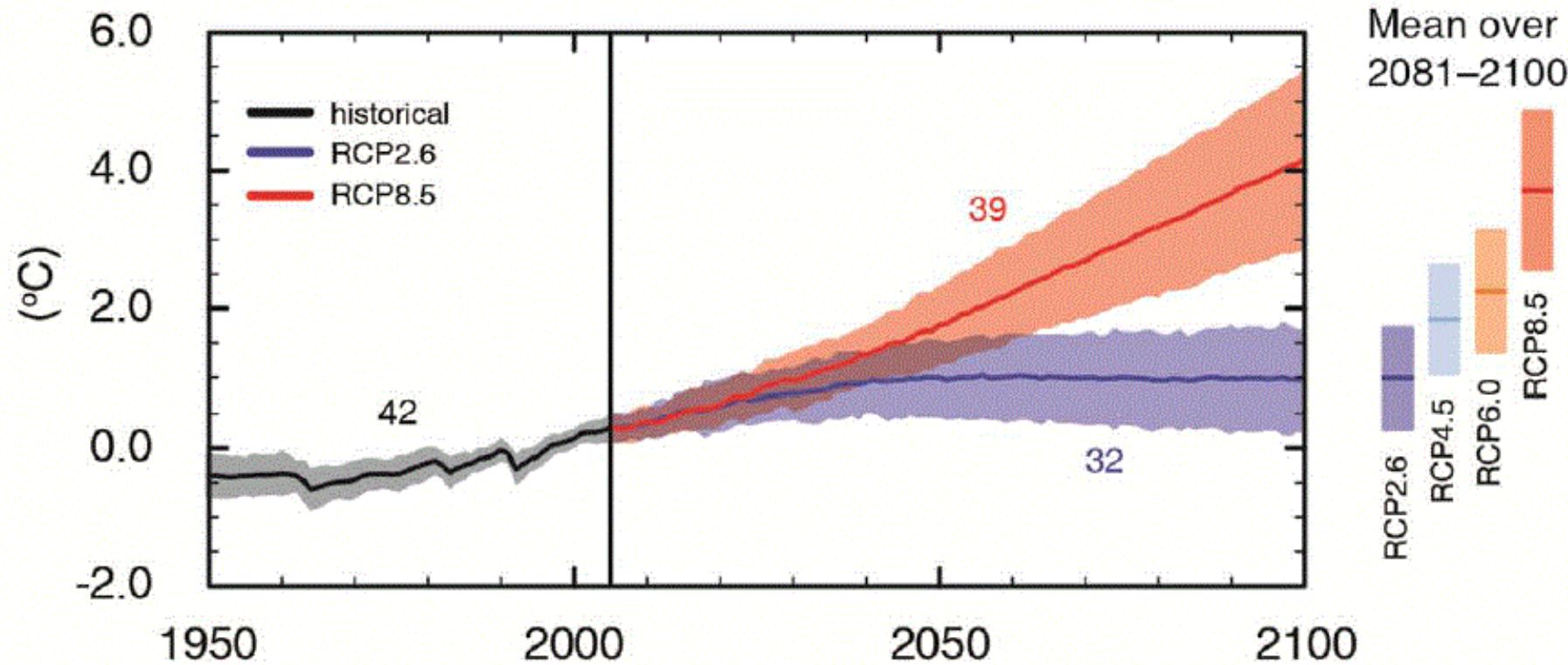


# Where is global warming going?

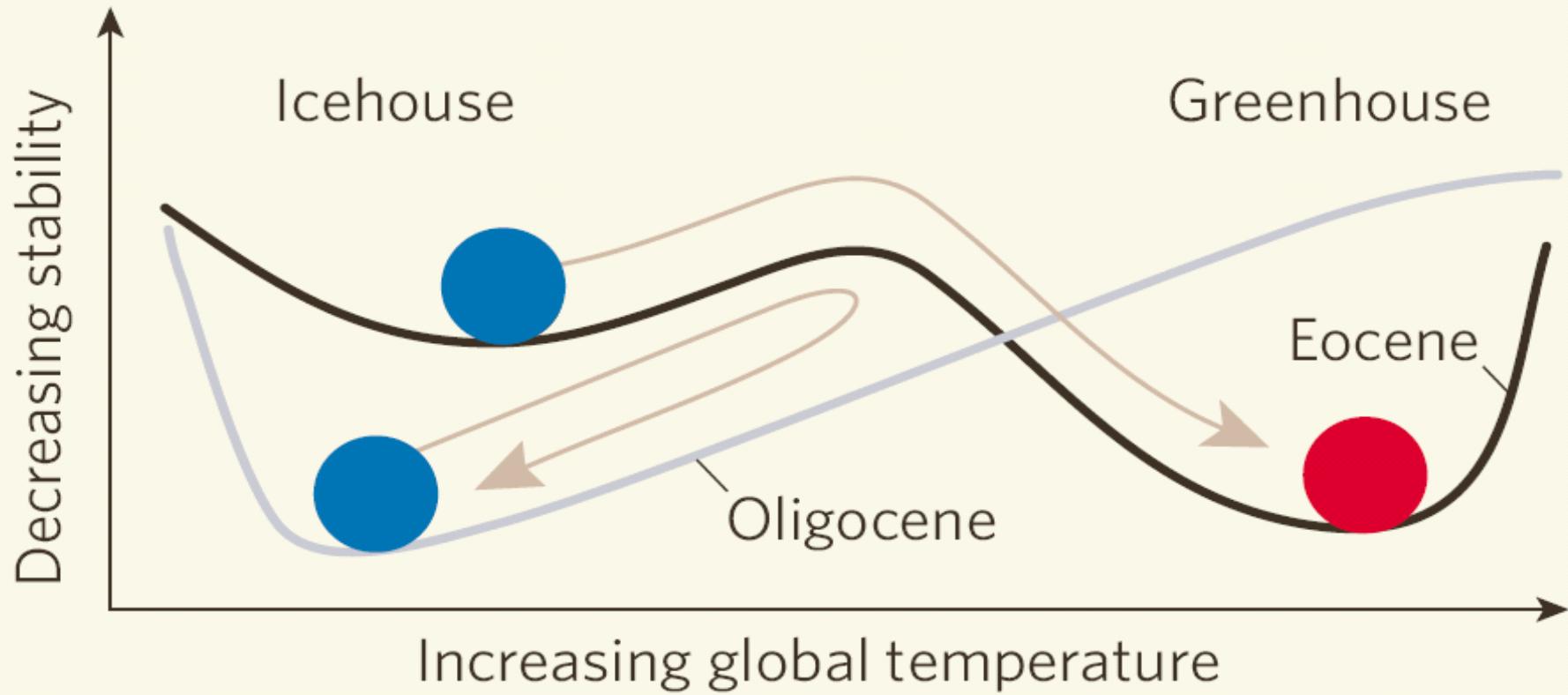


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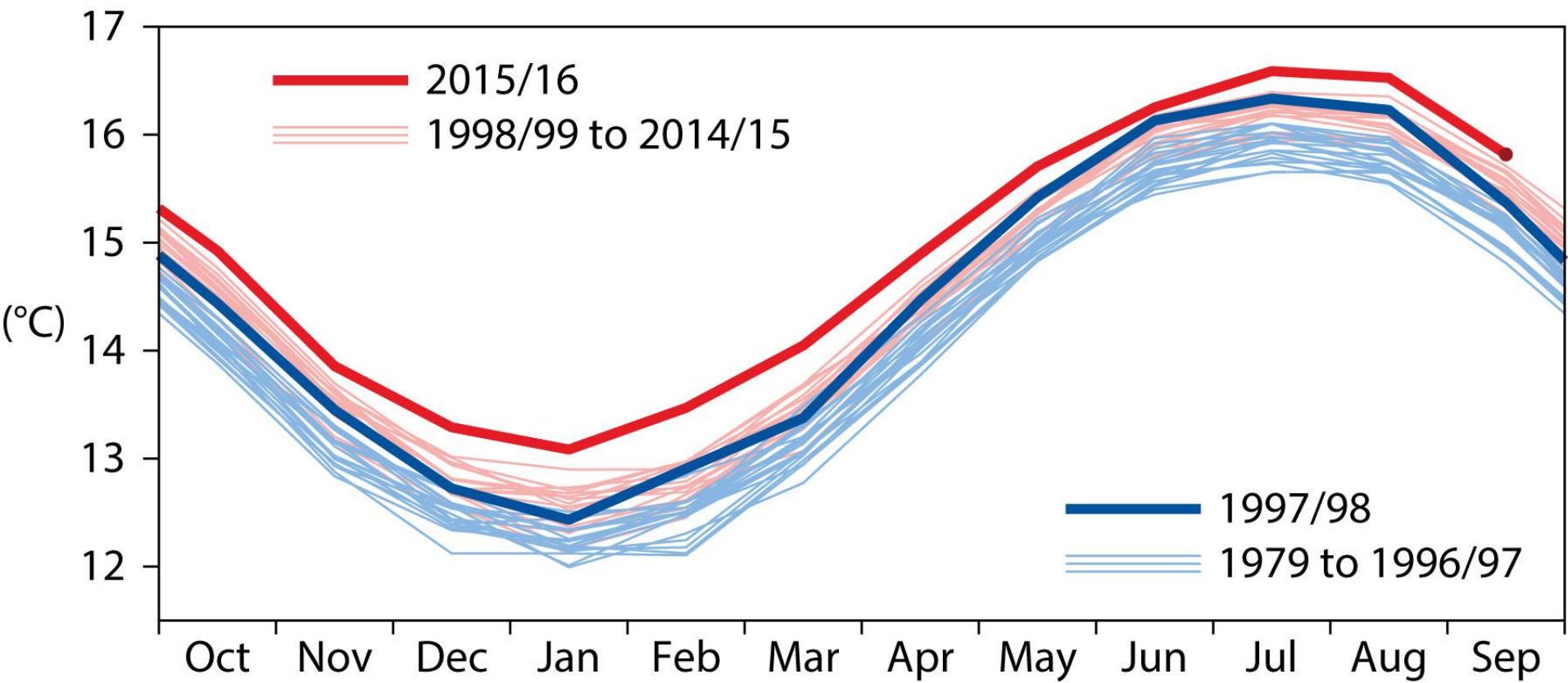
## Global average surface temperature change



RCP = Representative Concentrations Pathways,  $\text{W/m}^2$

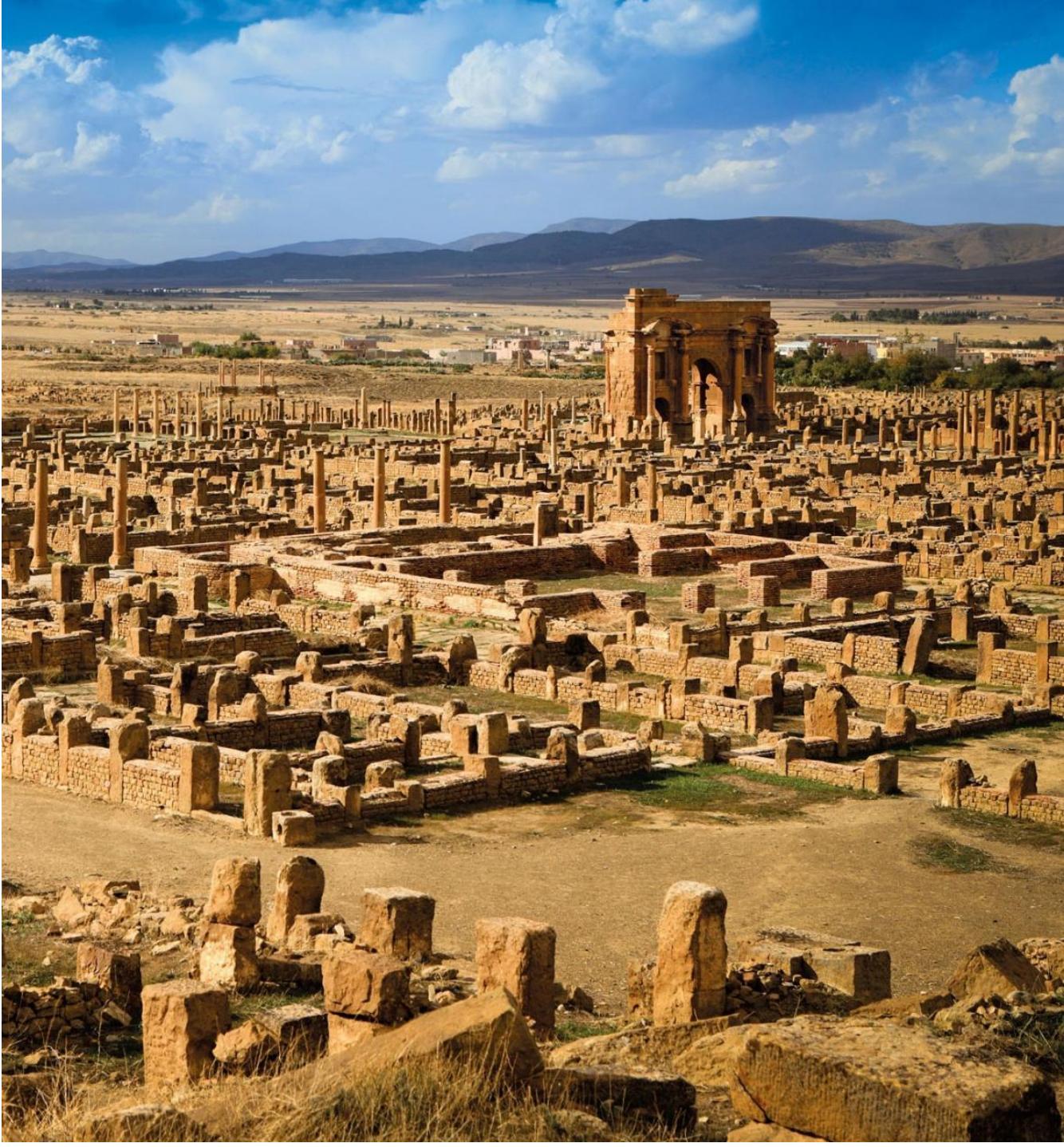


**Figure 1 | Glacial stability and instability.** Global temperature is indicated by the balls. The findings of

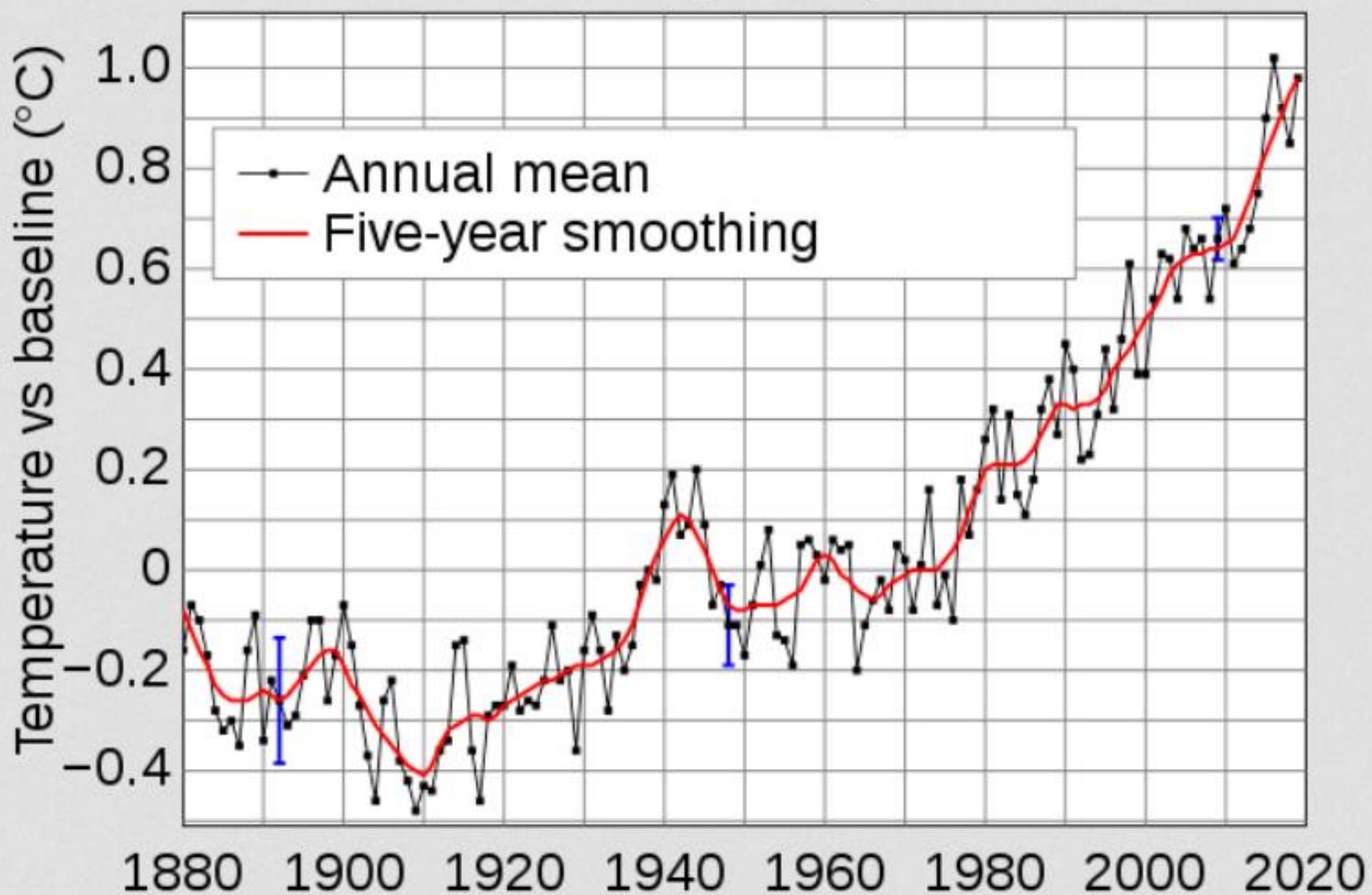


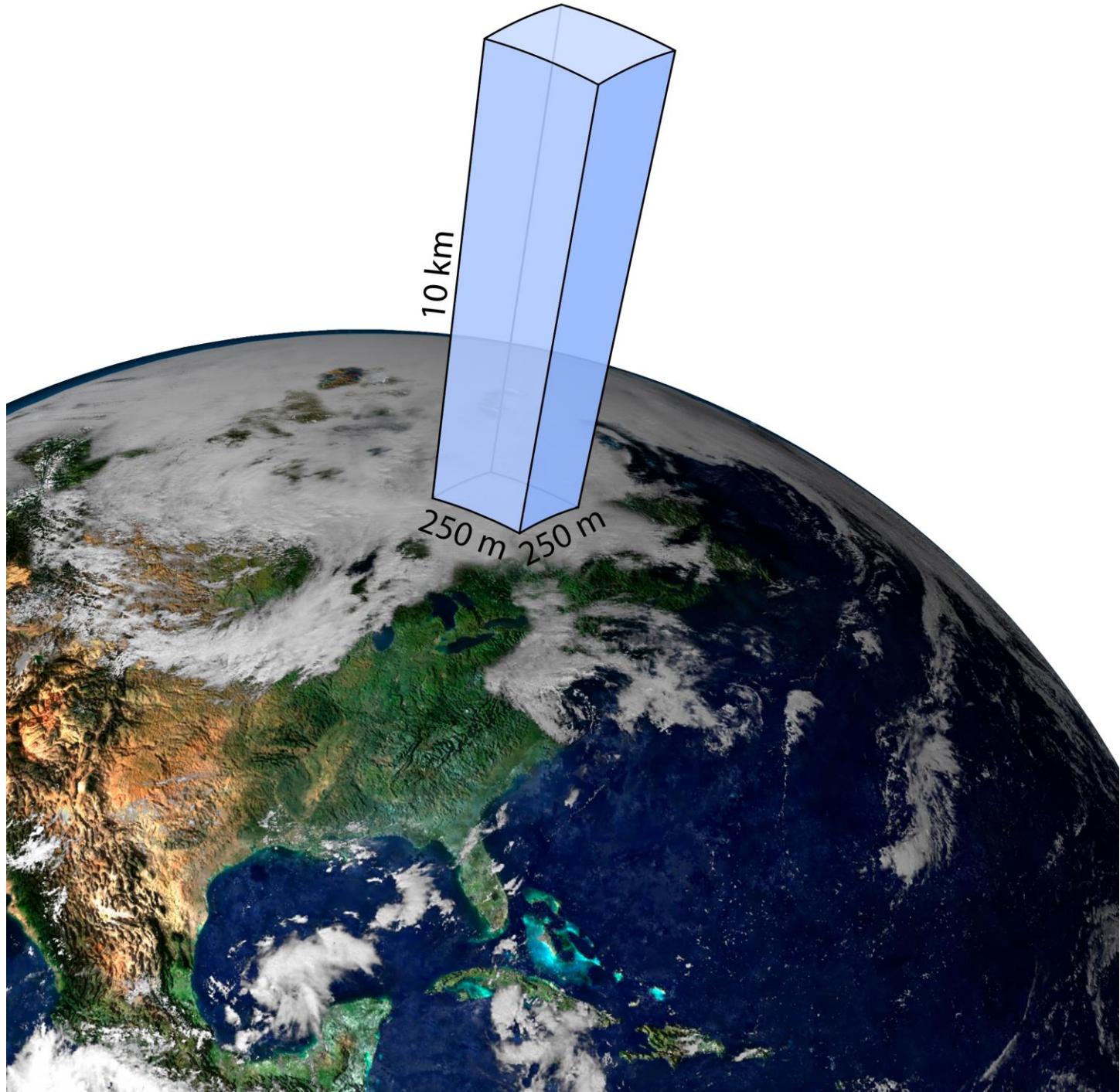






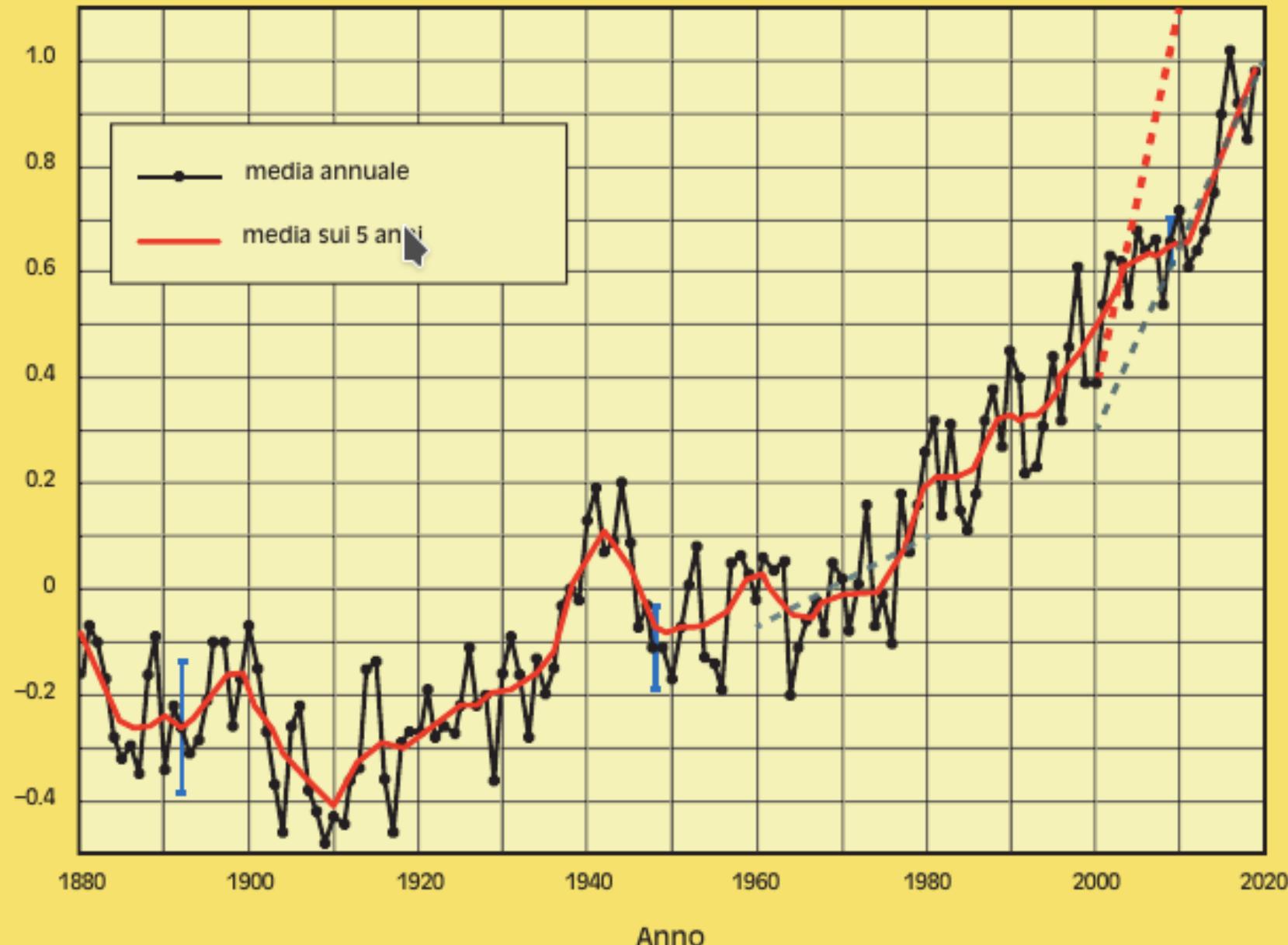
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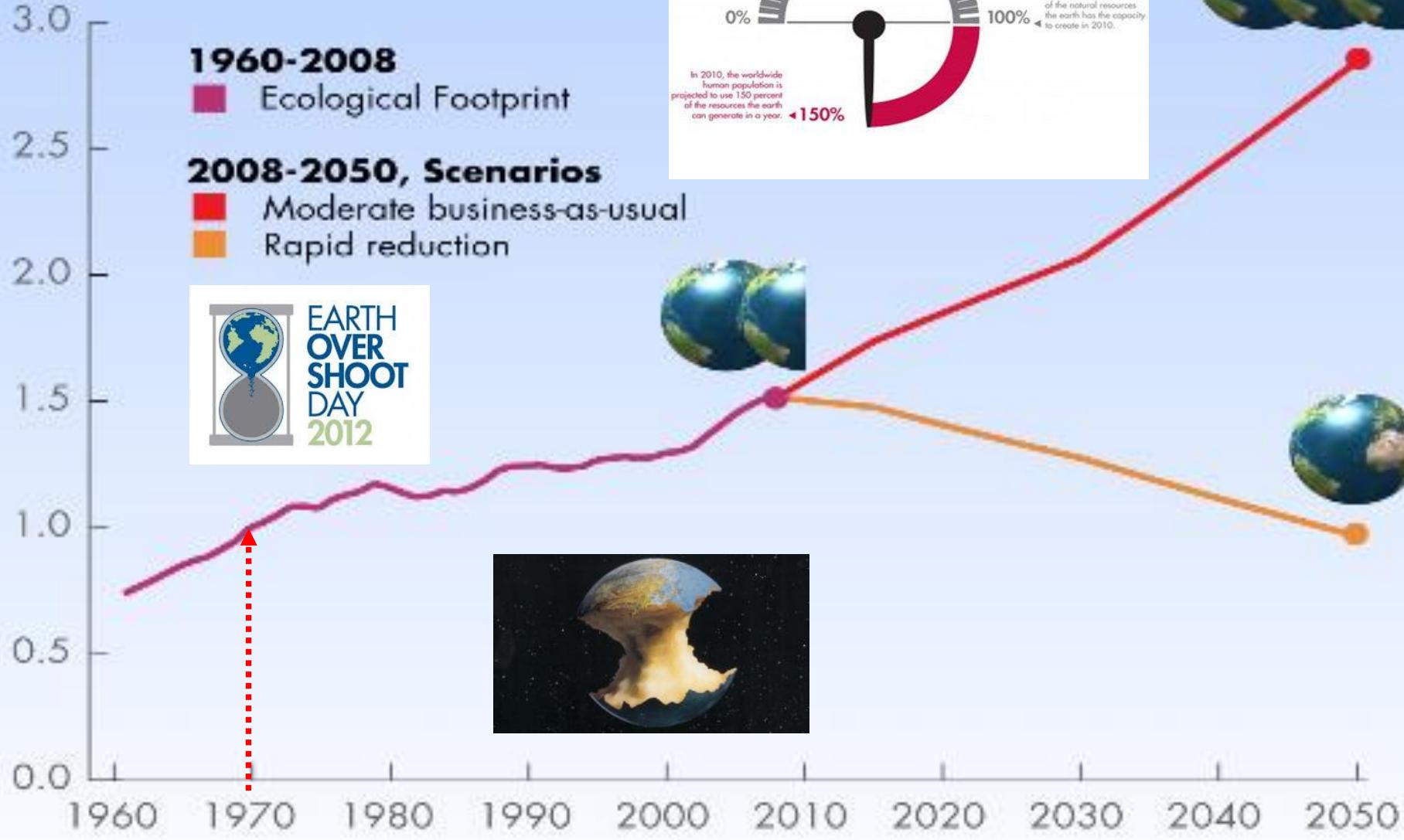




## Temperatura media globale

Temperatura rispetto al 1880 ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )





y-axis: number of planet earths, x-axis: years

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