

Multiscale Resilience, some achievements and prospects

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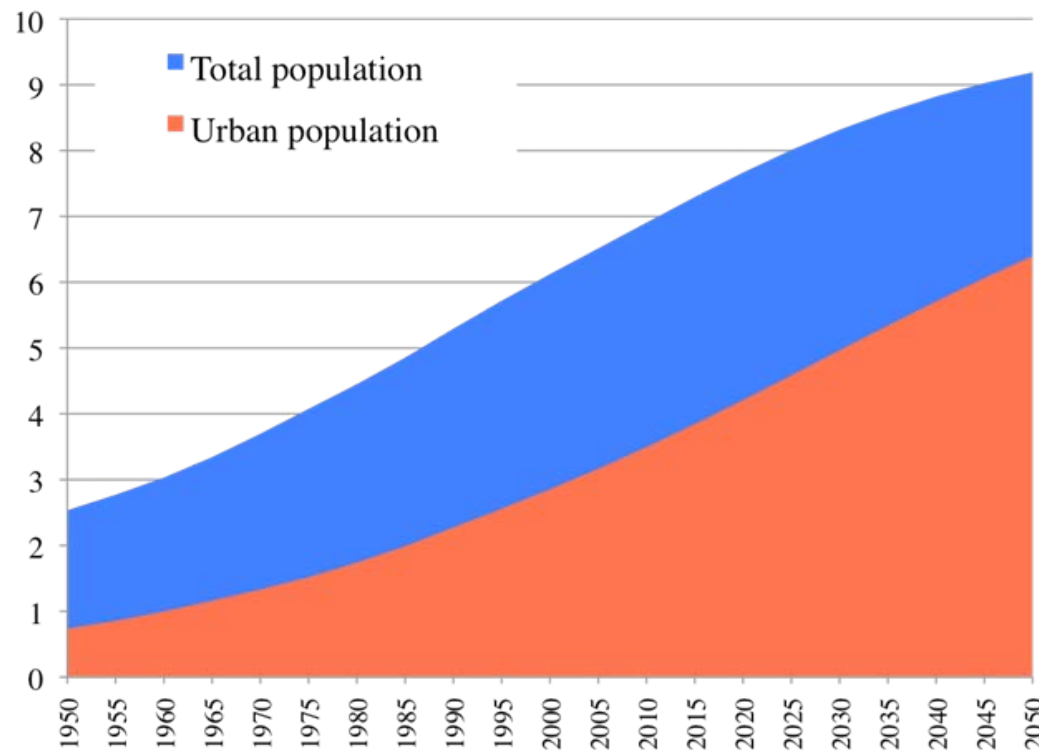


Why Cities ?



Growing Urban Population

(Billion)



- a few key UN figures
 - majority of the world population is now urbanised
 - by 2050: 80% / 8 billion in emerging countries
 - total growth of the world population is expected in cities
 - most assets are already in cities
 - 70-80% of GHG production is in cities

IPCC process

- IPCC reports the most developed attempts of a dialogue between Science and Policy
 - a 3-step filtering climate research (which is vast!)
 - > Assessment Reports (AR):
 - > Synthesis Report (SYR)
 - > Summary for Policymaker (SPM)
- => evolution of an extremely complex system in few lines, e.g.,

SPM 1. Observed Changes and their Causes

Human influence on the climate system is clear, and recent anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases are the highest in history. Recent climate changes have had widespread impacts on human and natural systems. {1}

Economical scenarios

SPM 2.1 Key drivers of future climate

Cumulative emissions of CO₂ largely determine global mean surface warming by the late 21st century and beyond. Projections of greenhouse gas emissions vary over a wide range, depending on both socio-economic development and climate policy. {2.1}

SPM 2.2 Projected changes in the climate system

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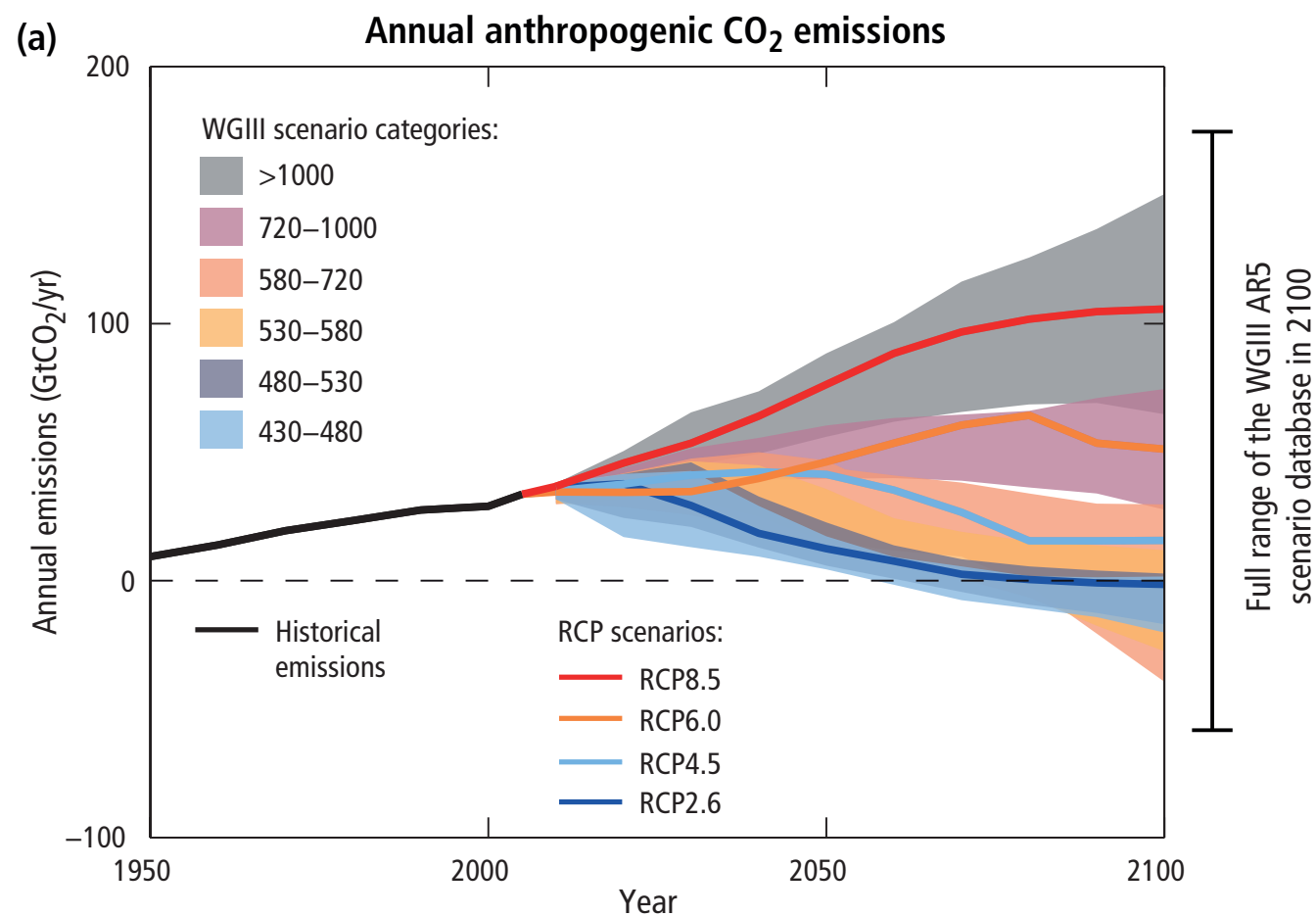


Figure SPM.5 | (a) Emissions of carbon dioxide (CO₂) alone in the Representative Concentration Pathways (RCPs) (lines) and the associated scenario categories used in WGIII (coloured areas show 5 to 95% range). The WGIII scenario categories summarize the wide range of emission scenarios published in the scientific literature and are defined on the basis of CO₂-eq concentration levels (in ppm) in 2100.

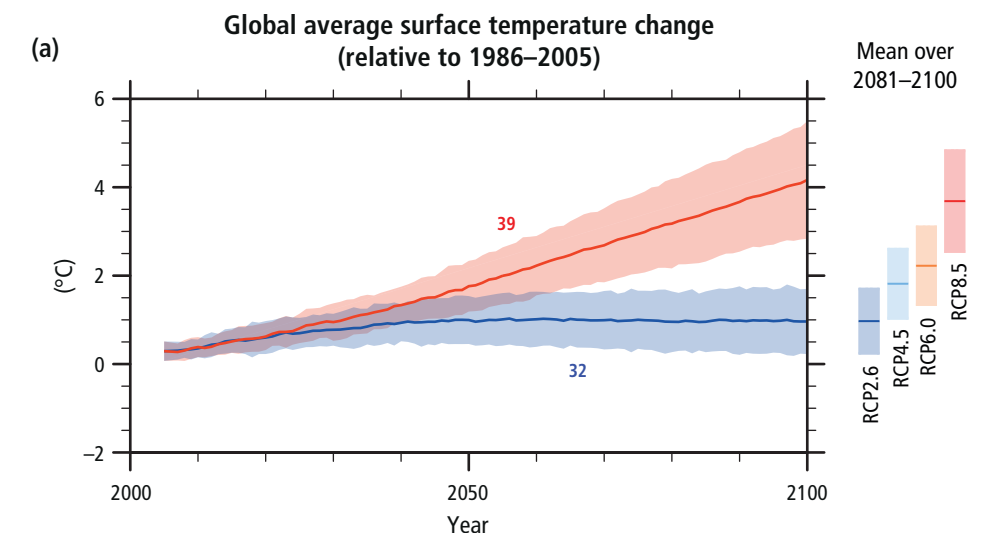
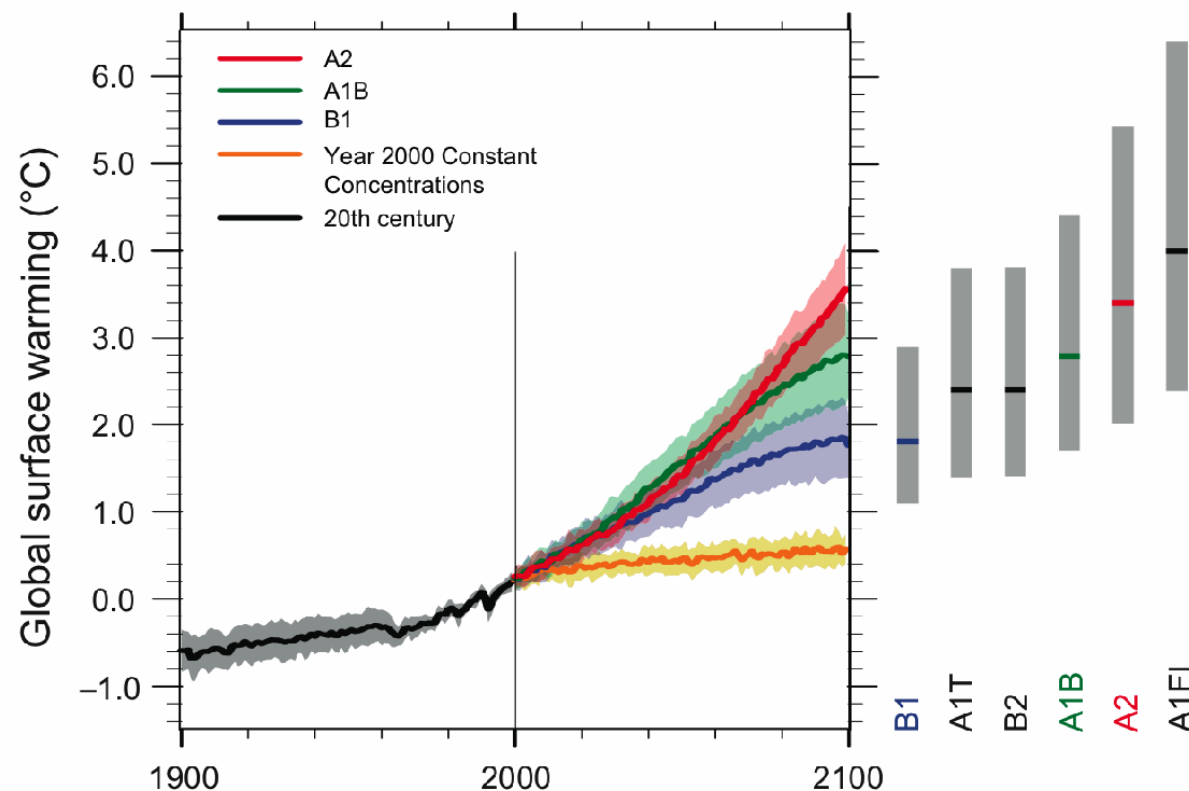


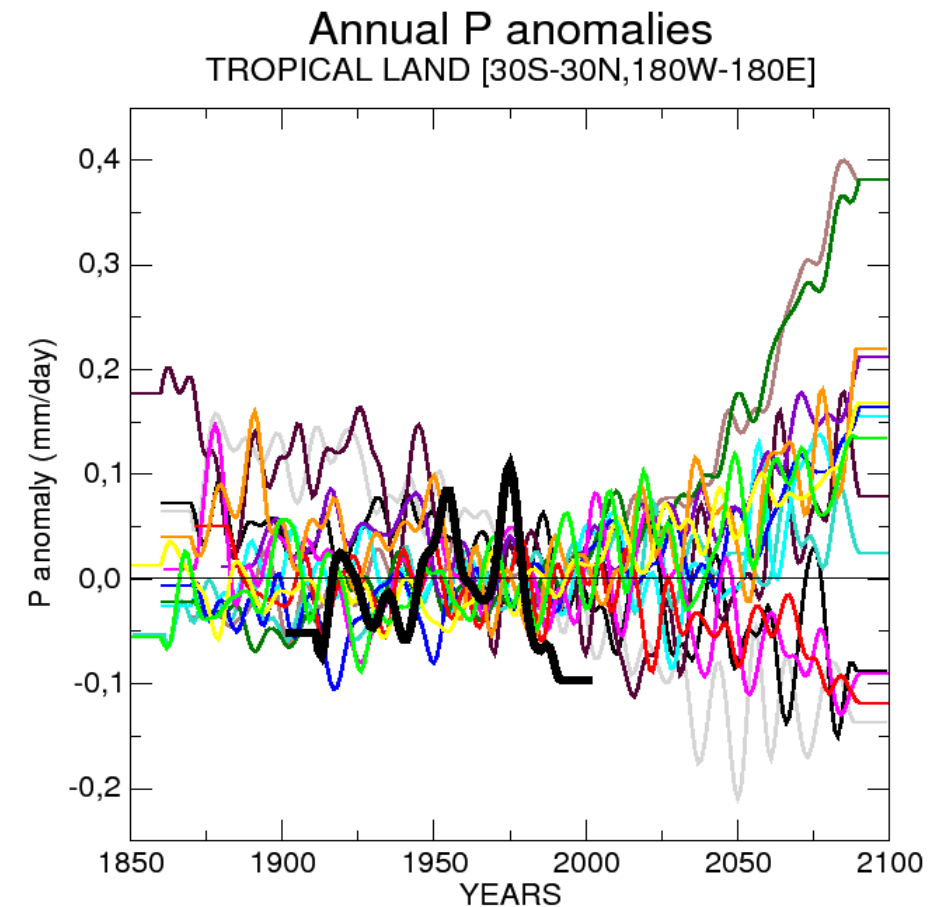
Figure SPM.6 | Global average surface temperature change (a) All changes are relative to 1986–2005. Time series of projections and a measure of uncertainty (shading) are shown for scenarios RCP2.6 (blue) and RCP8.5 (red). The mean and associated uncertainties averaged over 2081–2100 are given for all RCP scenarios as coloured vertical bars at the right hand side of each panel. The number of Coupled Model Intercomparison Project Phase 5 (CMIP5) models used to calculate the multi-model mean is indicated

IPCC AR4

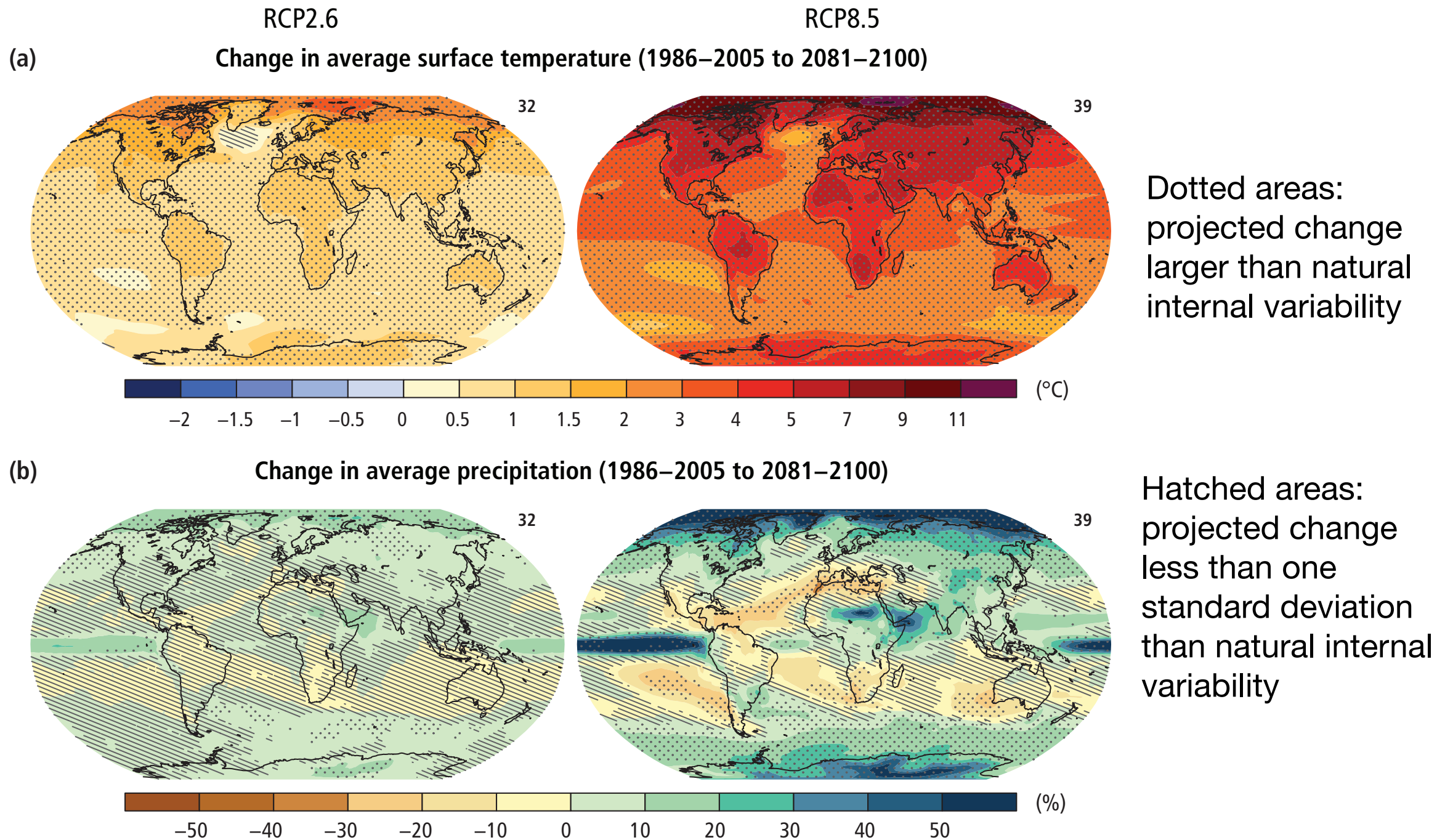
- IPCC reports crucial



Agreement of models on a temperature increase...



but **disagreement** on the evolution of precipitation extremes !



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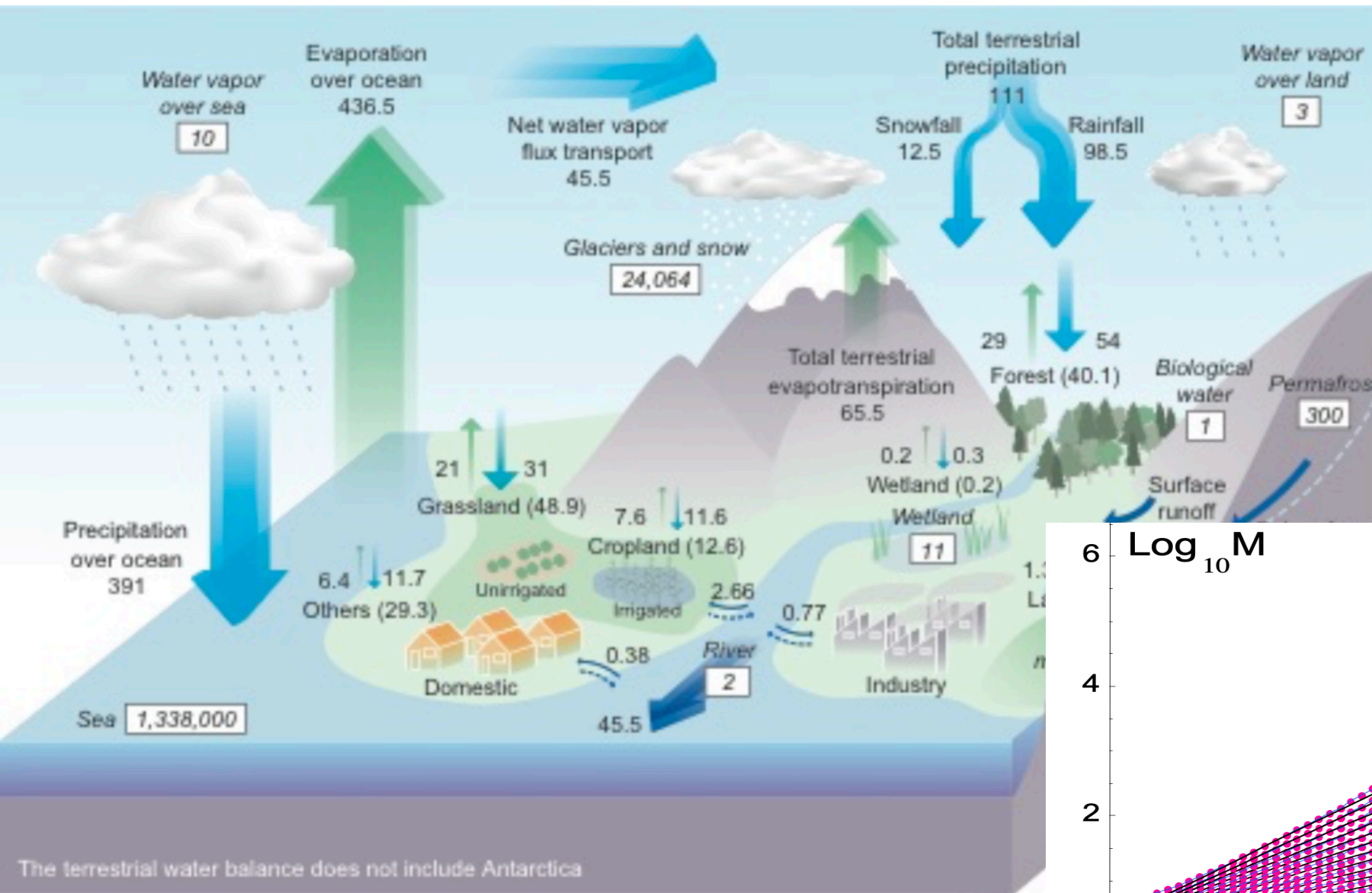
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Figure SPM.7 | Change in average surface temperature (a) and change in average precipitation (b) based on multi-model mean projections for 2081–2100 relative to 1986–2005 under the RCP2.6 (left) and RCP8.5 (right) scenarios.

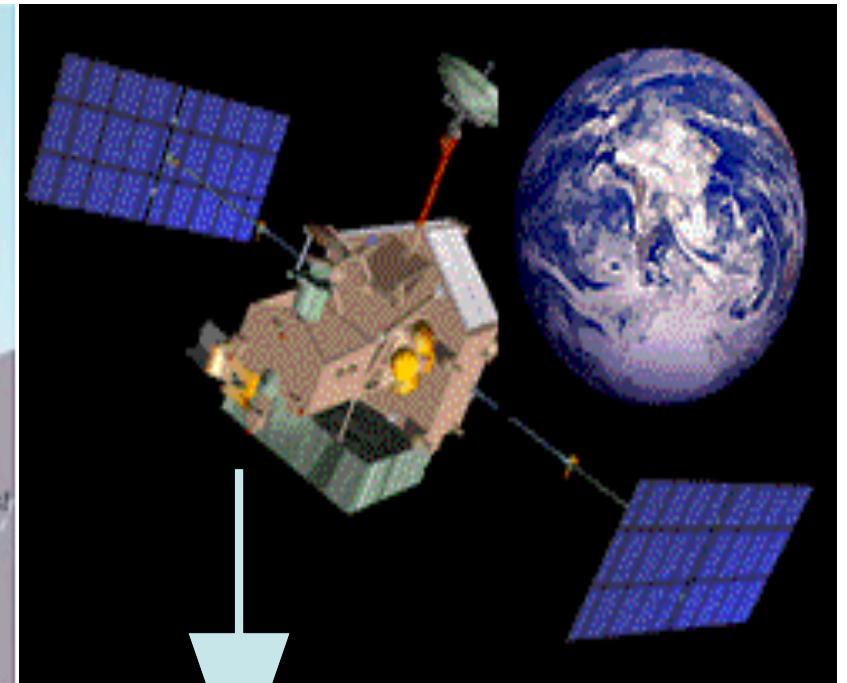


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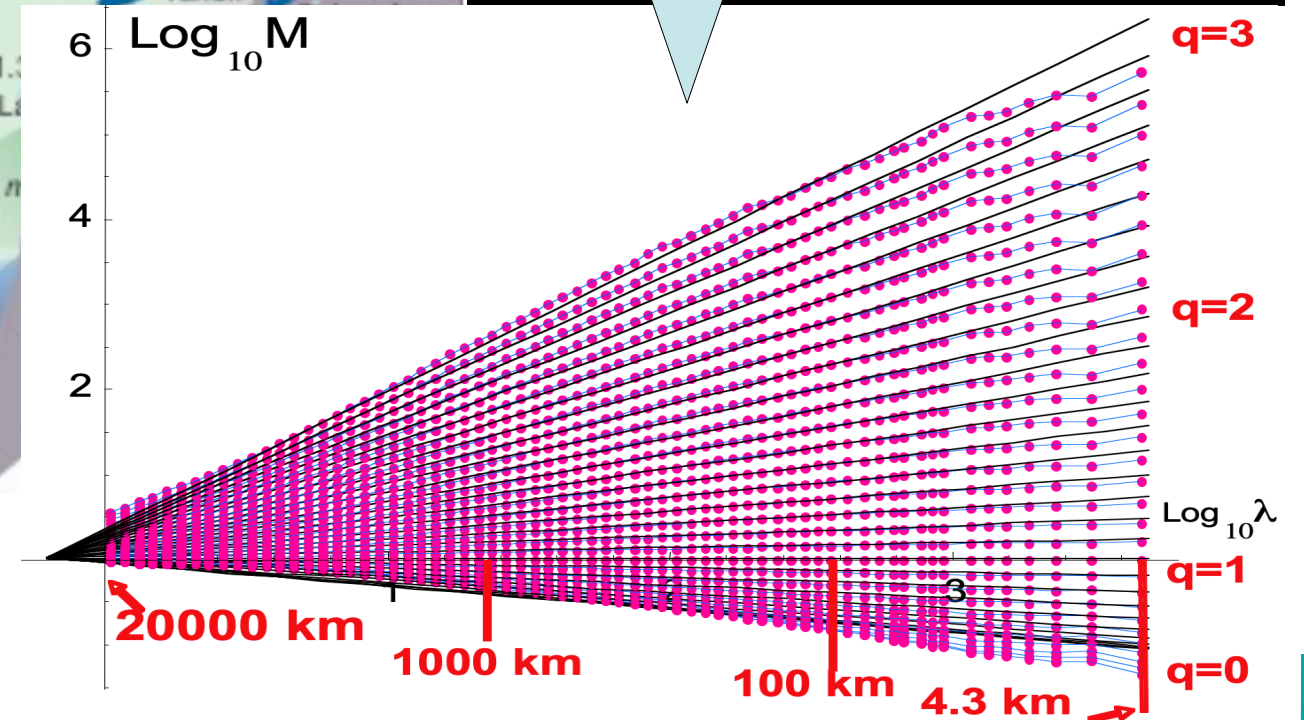
Deadlock: water cycles



Global hydrological cycle (Oki & Kanae, 2006)



TRMM, JAXA and NASA



TRMM Multifractal analysis (L. et al., 2008)



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Integrative approaches vs. silo thinking

PUB decade 2003-2013 Prediction in Ungaged Basins

PREDICTIONS IN UNGAUGED BASINS: PUB KICK OFF



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The Blind Men and the Elephant

John Godfrey Saxe, 1816 – 1887



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Disputed loud and long,
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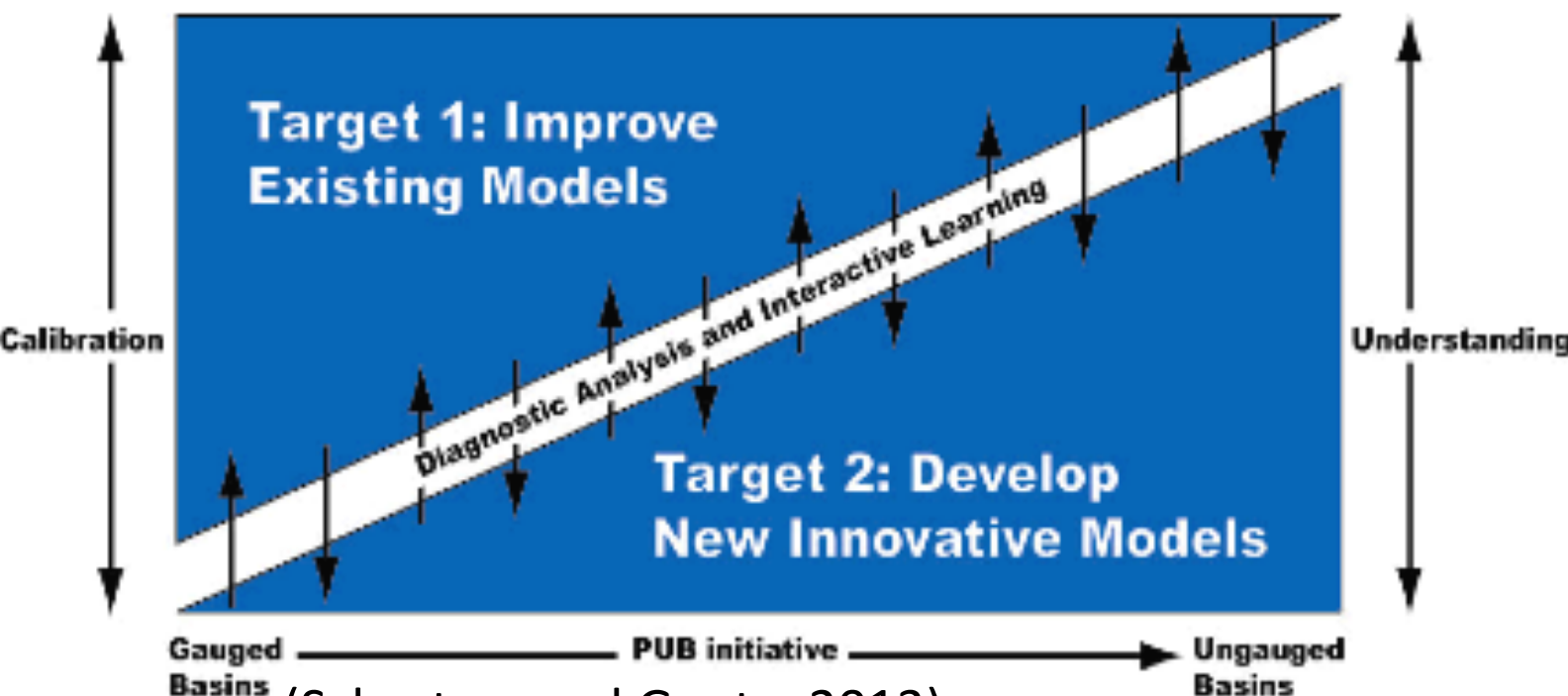
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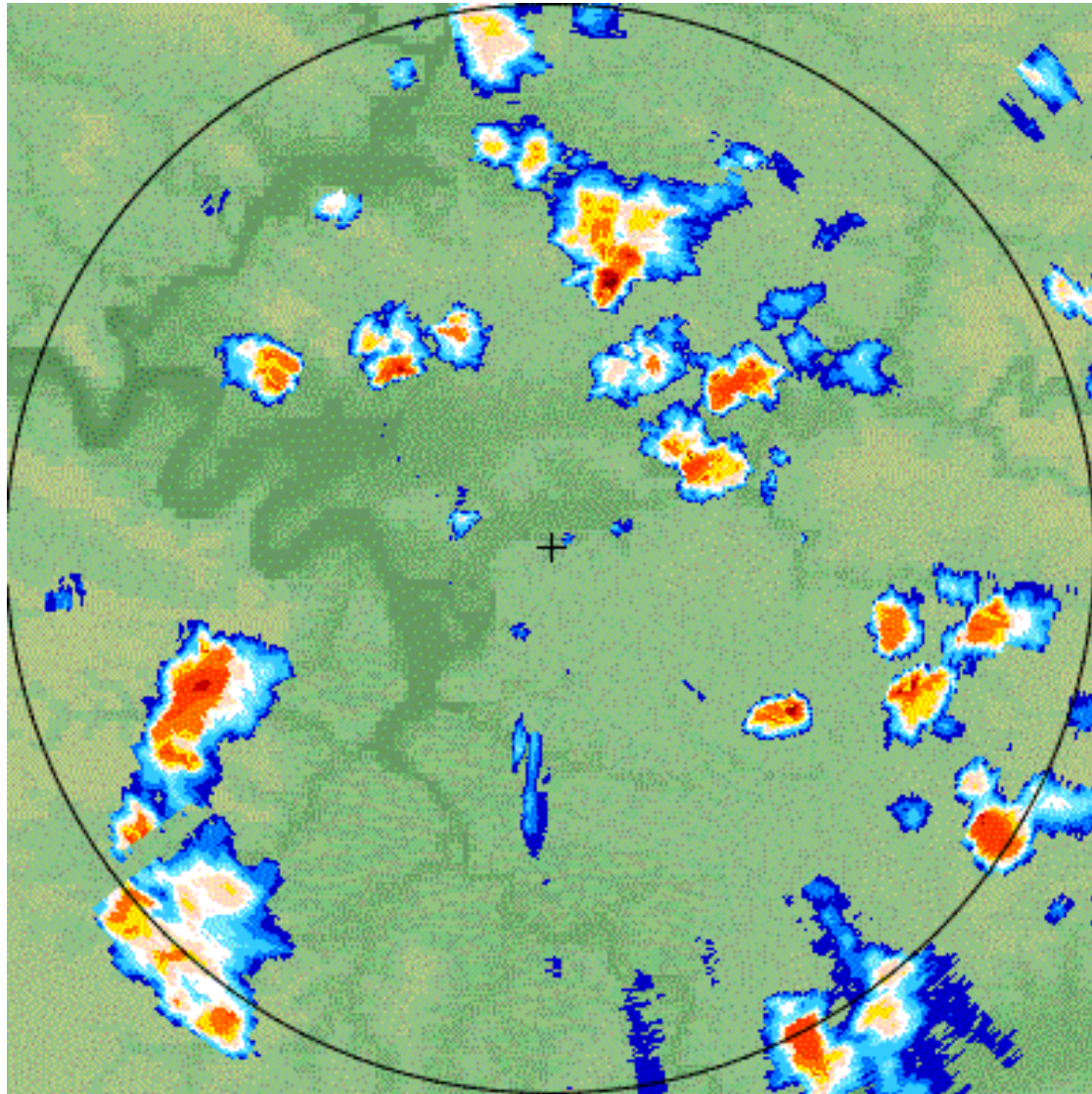


Towards Paradigm Change - From Calibration to Understanding



(Schertzer and Gupta, 2013)

Russian dolls... and multiplicative cascades



CASCADE
LEVELS

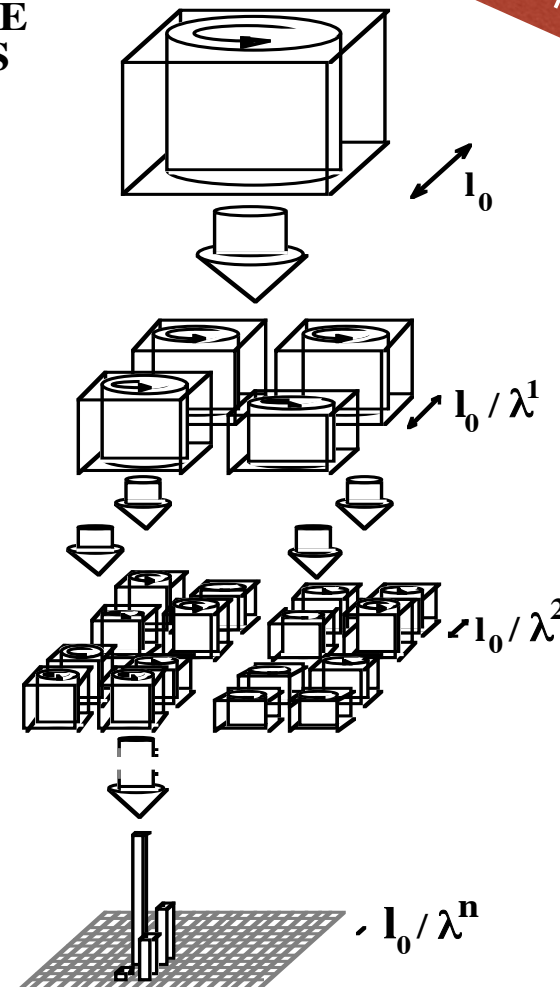
0 --

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Discrete in scale cascades
only for pedagogy !

multiplication by 4
independent random
(multiplicative)
increments

multiplication by 16
independent random
(multiplicative)
increments

Polarimetric radar observations of heavy rainfalls over Paris region during 2016 spring (250 m resolution):

- **heaviest rain cells** are much smaller than **moderate ones**
- true for their dimensions => **multifractal field**
- **complex dynamics** of their aggregation into a large front



To downscale climate scenarios?

Consensus on the need to downscale simulations:

- to manage water
- modelling cities below a kilometer?

but a fundamental obstacle :

- relationships large/small scales
- *stationnary?* (« stationnarity is dead ! »)
- *Implicit hypothesis* in:
 - correlations (linear or not) large/small scales or neural networks: training on « *non perturbed* » data sets;
 - weather types: *stationnary basis*, only frequencies change;
 - GCM: *stationnary parametrisations* of small scales...

Alternative:

- Analyze and take into account the *evolution of fluxes through scales!*
- Example: **rainrate** for the water cycle.

Scaling of precipitations

1. Parsimonious description: only 3 exponents:

- intermittency:
 - **average intermittency** C_1 : how sparse is the average rainfall?
 $C_1 \neq 0$: it does not rain everyday, everywhere!
 - **intermittency variability** α : diversity of rainfall regimes
 $\alpha \neq 0$: not only the alternative rain/no rain!
- scale dependence[↑] **H** of the average rainfall $\langle R_1 \rangle$?

For rainfall $H \approx 0$

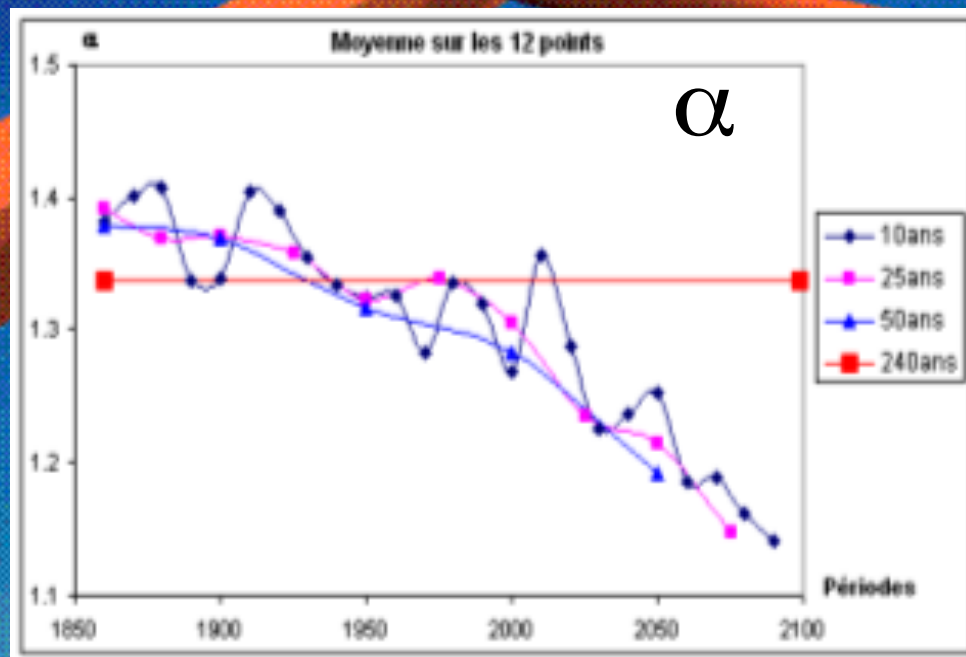
a Trivial conséquences for the extremes:

C_1 and $\alpha \uparrow \Rightarrow$ extremes \uparrow or C_1 and $\alpha \downarrow \Rightarrow$ extremes \downarrow

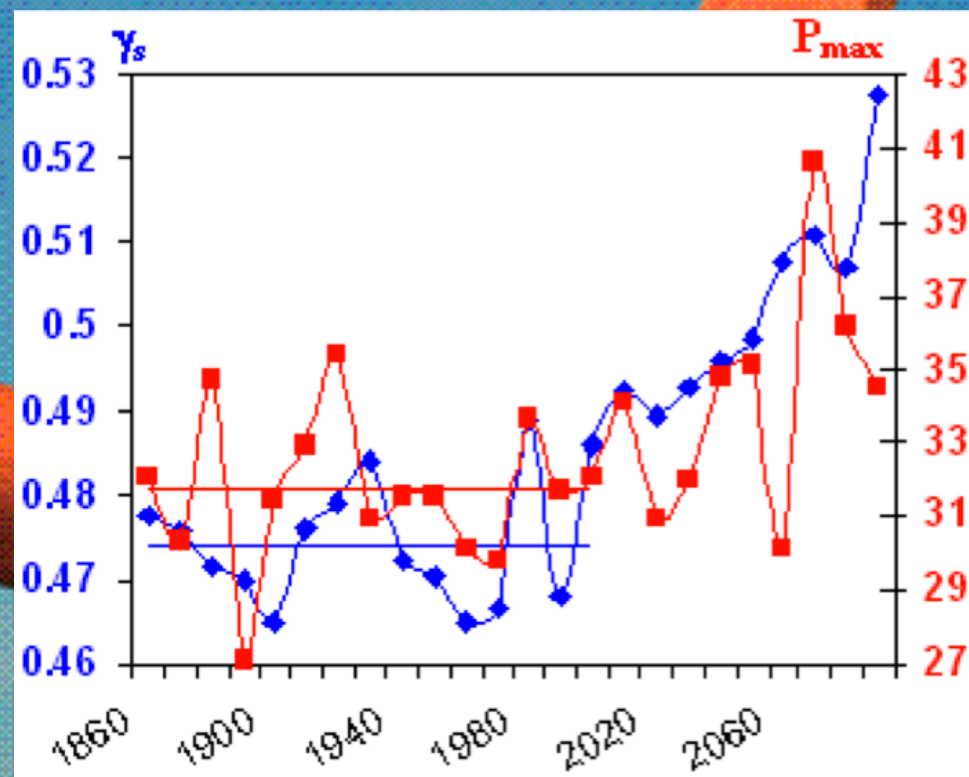
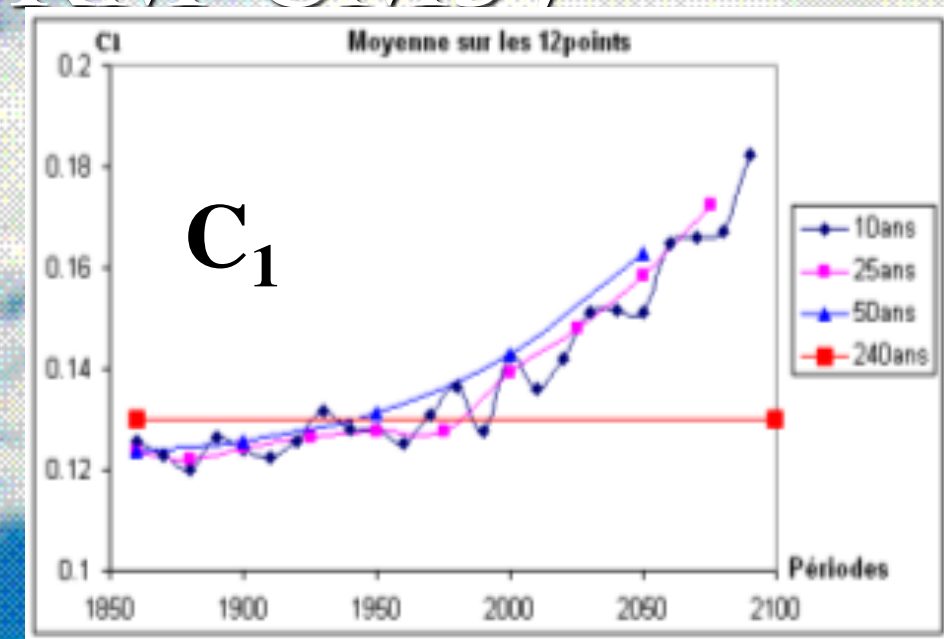
a More generally:

- these exponents define the Intensity-Duration-Frequency (IDF) curves over a wide range of scale and intensities (Benjdoudi et al., 1987, Tchiguirinskaia et al 2010) ;
- allow to compare quantiles over various durations

Multiscale analysis of the scenario A2 1860-2100 (CNRM-CM3)



- average intermittency $C_1 \uparrow$
- intermittency variability $\alpha \downarrow$,
=> difficulty to evaluate extremes of precipitations



=> refined analysis :

- time evolution of the **Most Probable**

Singularity γ_s (Hubert et al, 1993; Douglas & Barros, 2003):

- a **scale invariant statistic**, more **stable** than the maximal simulated precipitation P_{max} .

- Enable us to conclude: **extremes \uparrow** (Royer et al., 2008),

-- **seasonality can be taken into account** (Royer et al., 2010)

Context



Goal 11: Make cities inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

- Recent international agreements
 - 18/03/2015, Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015 – 2030:
 - 3rd priority/4: invest in resilience
 - 21/10/2015, UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
 - 11/12/2015, COP21 “Paris Agreement”:
 - develop/ increase resilience to climate change
 - UN-Habitat City Resilience Profiling Programme, CRPP: to measure and improve resilience to multi-risks
 - 30/05/2016, Urban Agenda for the EU: EU, as UN partner, support all these agreements



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Europe engagement

Cities to become smart, safe, **resilient**, sustainable, inclusive, enjoyable, and to increase well-being and health.

The screenshot displays the 'RESEARCH & INNOVATION Participant Portal' of the European Commission. The breadcrumb trail indicates the path: European Commission > Research & Innovation > Participant Portal > Opportunities. The navigation menu includes 'MY AREA', 'HOME', 'FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES' (selected), 'HOW TO PARTICIPATE', 'PROJECTS & RESULTS', 'EXPERTS', and 'SUPPORT'. A user profile for 'DANIEL SCHERTZER' is visible in the top right.

On the left sidebar, under 'MY AREA', there are links to 'My Organisation(s)', 'My Proposal(s)', 'My Project(s)', 'My Audit(s)', 'My Notification(s)' (with a red badge showing '44'), 'My Formal Notification(s)', and 'My Expert Area'. Below this is a section for 'EU Programmes 2014-2020' with search and update options.

The main content area features a call for 'CALL: SMART AND SUSTAINABLE CITIES' with identifier 'H2020-SCC-2016-2017' and a publication date of '14 October 2015'. A link to 'Call budget overview' is provided. Below this, a 'Horizon 2020' section highlights the 'Pillar: Societal Challenges' and 'Work Programme Year: H2020-2016-2017', with a specific focus on 'Cross-cutting activities (Focus Areas)'. A link to the 'H2020 website' is also present.

The bottom section, titled 'Call summary and aims', contains the following text: 'European cities are forerunners in the transition towards a low carbon and resource efficient economy. A fast growing percentage (currently 72%) of the EU population lives in urban areas, using 70% of our energy. Quality of city life and the attractiveness of cities as environments for learning, innovation, doing business and job creation are now key parameters for success in the global competition for talent, growth and investments.' A '- Less' button is located to the right of this text.

Corporate engagements

"Une ville durable est résiliente, inclusive, sobre et futée" Antoine Frérot, PDG de Veolia

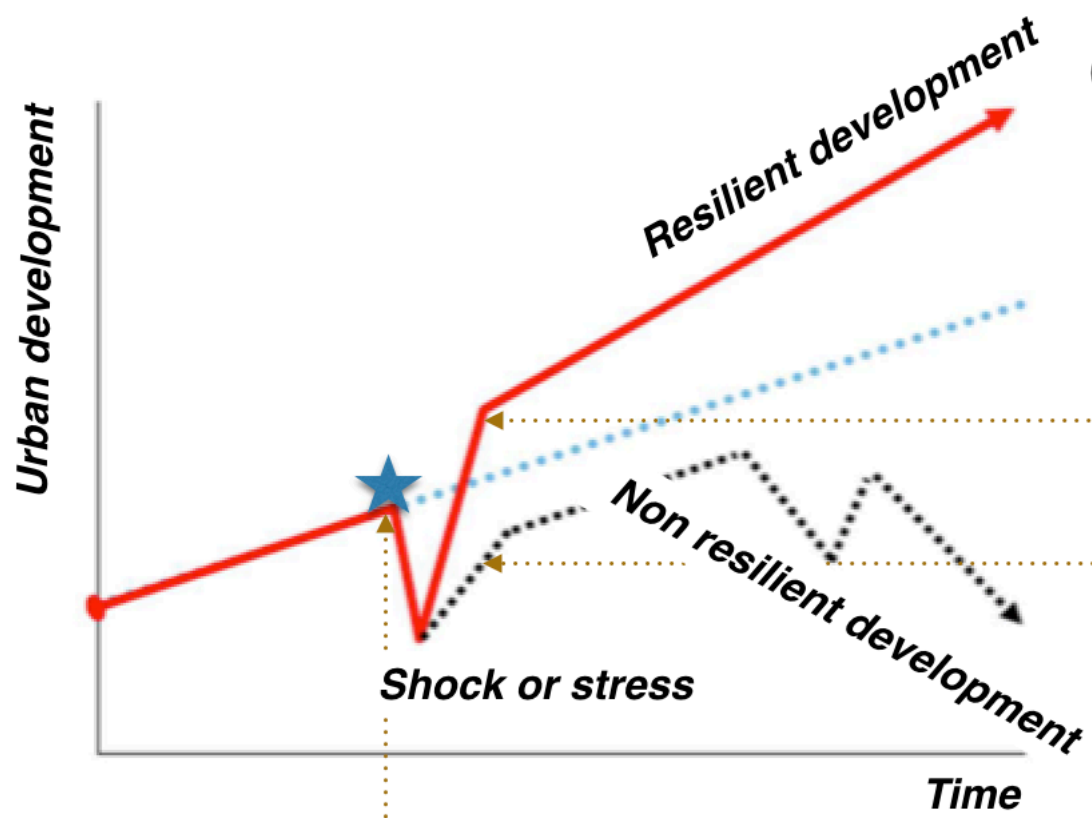


"L'eau est déjà le sujet numéro un dans des régions comme la Californie, le Moyen-Orient ou la Chine du Sud. Des solutions de réutilisation des eaux usées existent, moins coûteuses que le dessalement. Elles peuvent servir à l'irrigation pour le maraîchage périurbain, le nettoyage des voiries, l'arrosage des golfs, etc.", explique le Pdg de Veolia quand on lui demande comment aller vers la ville sobre. (Crédits : Reuters)

Antoine Frérot, Pdg de Veolia, partage avec "La Tribune" sa vision des défis auxquels sont confrontées les villes du monde. Il nous détaille les offres complémentaires à ses métiers historiques qu'il leur propose pour y faire face et accroître leur résilience.

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Context



- Large city networks
 - 100 Resilient Cities (100RC),
 - pioneered by the Rockefeller Foundation
 - AGU is a partner
 - ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability
 - C40
 - etc.

Urban Geosciences

- EGU 2017 Great Debate
“Transition to Next Generation Cities and Planet Earth future”
 - large attendance
 - vital two-way interactions between geophysical and urban systems
 - from architect dreams to geophysical realism?
 - no longer silo thinking, requires an holistic approach





Urban Geosciences



Vienna (Austria) on 7–12 April 2019

ITS6 – Urban Geoscience

ITS6.1/NP8.5/AS4.50/CL2.26/HS11.31/NH9.23

Urban Geosciences (co-organized)

Convener: Daniel Schertzer | Co-conveners: Klaus Fraedrich , Stefano Tinti

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Resilience studies & Adaptive Capacity (co-organized)

Convener: Bruno Barroca | Co-conveners: Damien Serre , Charlotte Heinzlef , Mattia Leone , Xun Sun , Elisabeth Krueger , Vincent

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Urban Ecohydrology: from building greening to future cities (co-organized)

Convener: Thomas Nehls | Co-conveners: Simone Fatichi , Günter Langergraber , Gabriele Manoli , Athanasios Paschalis

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Cities and Interdisciplinary Geosciences

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Geosciences are more than ever solicited in their full interdisciplinarity to meet the urgent need to make our cities climate neutral and proof, smart, safe, resilient, sustainable, inclusive, enjoyable, and to increase well-being and health.



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Urban challenges, AGU centennial kick-off

Conclusions and prospects

- UN 2030 Agenda:
a vibrant call to intelligence and innovation
- no success without:
 - **advanced observation technologies** (e.g., small radars et lidars)
 - **innovations** (e.g., Blue Green/Nature Based solutions)
 - **disruptive methodologies** (multiscale analysis, modelling and simulation)
 - **integrative and synergic approaches:** beyond silo thinking
 - similar to PUB decade, but at **much lower scales**
 - **common concepts** (e.g., resilience) et tools (e.g., integrative platforms)

**“We can not reasonably expect to do today's job
with yesterday's methods and be in business tomorrow”**

J. Salter