Tackling Air Pollution and Climate Change:

A Bumpy Road Towards the Common Good

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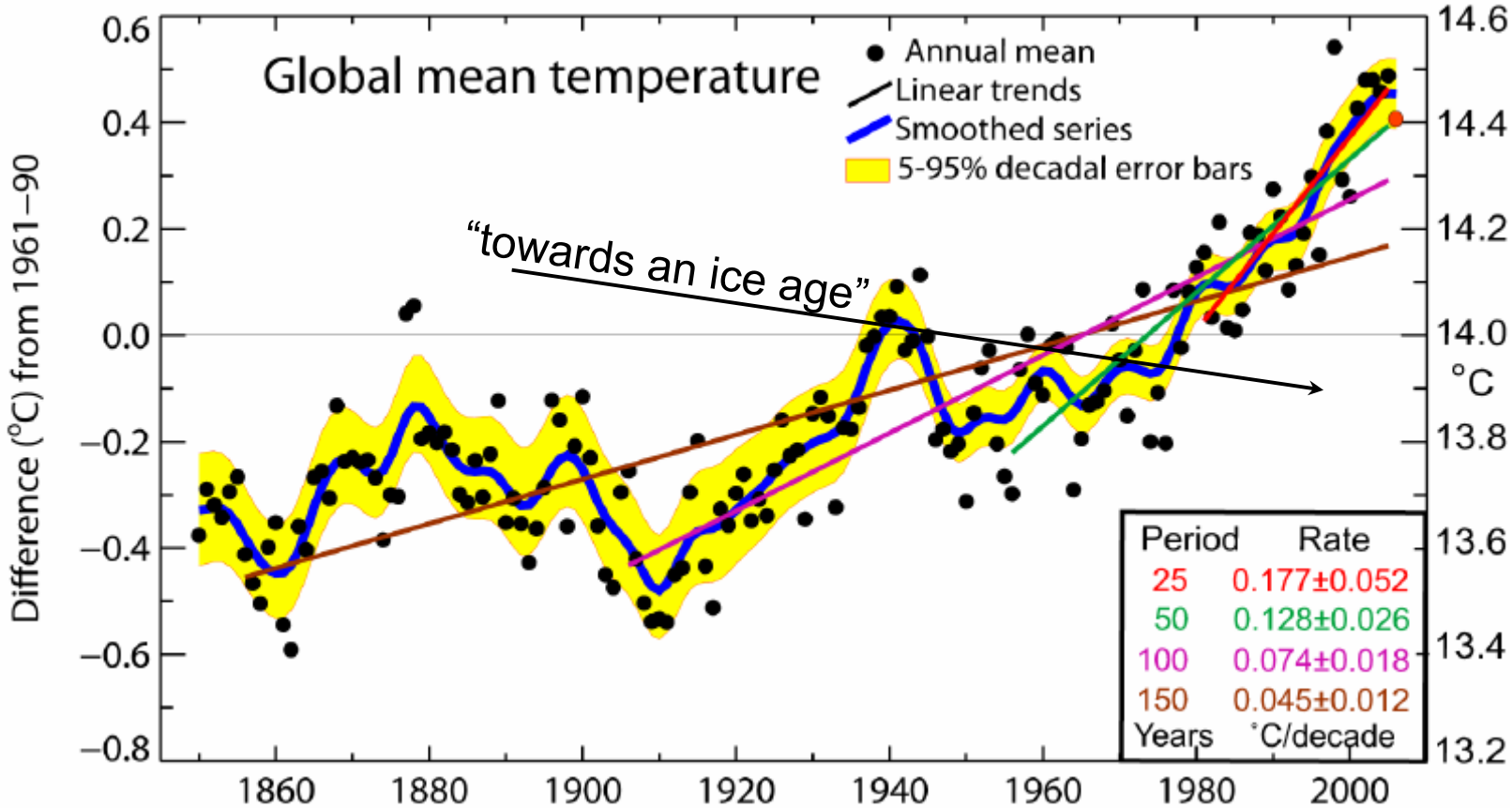
global warming



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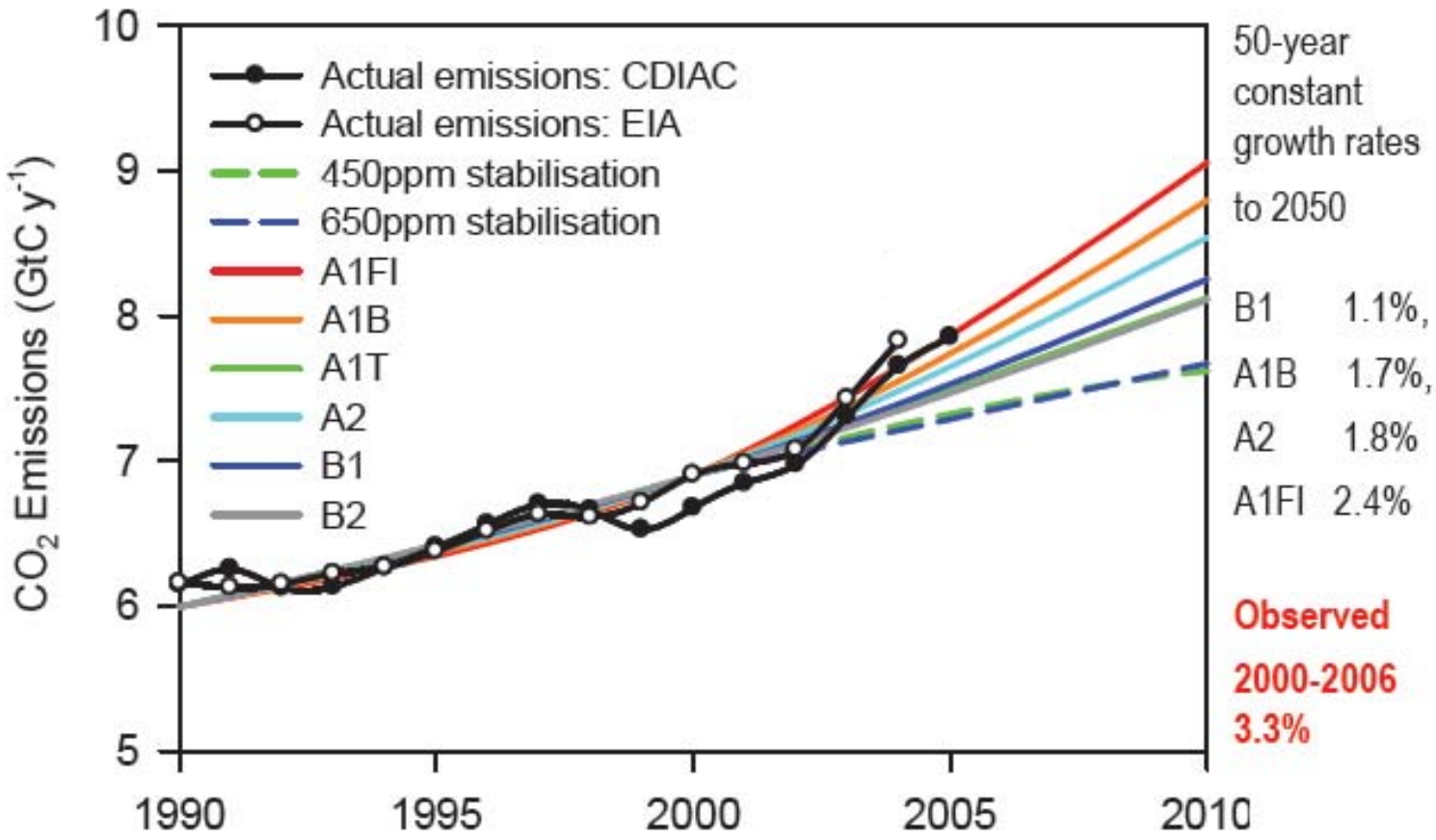
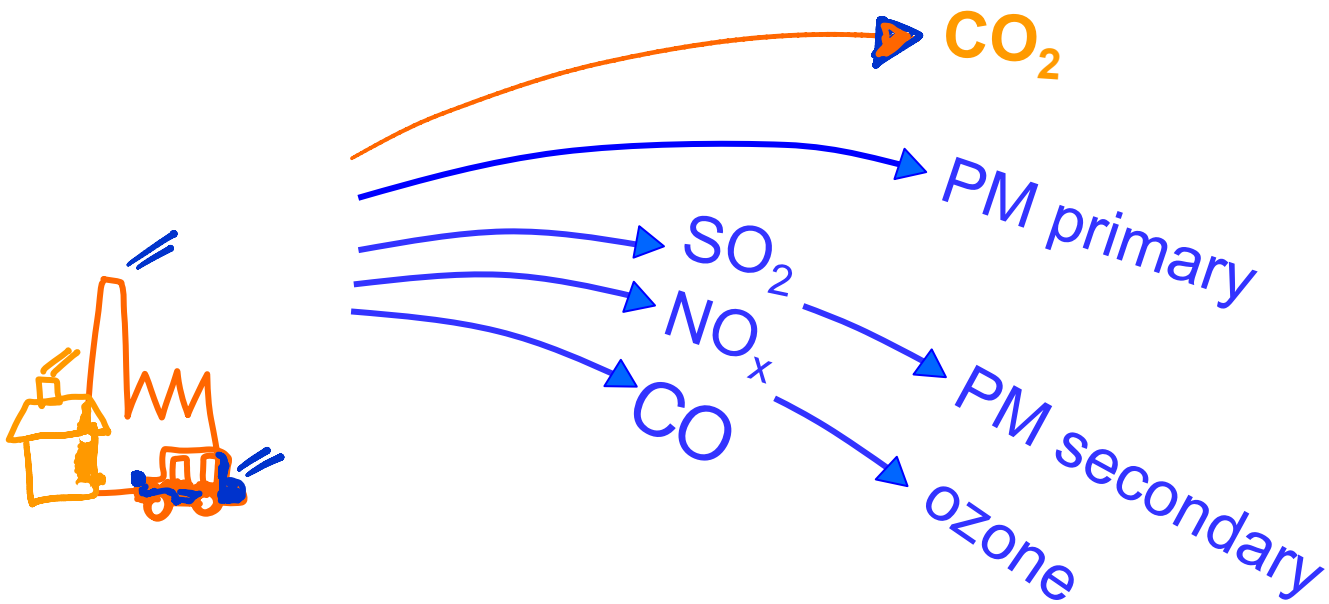
past emissions of greenhouse gases



Raupach et al. PNAS 2007 / Global Carbon Project, 2008

two problems, a common cause

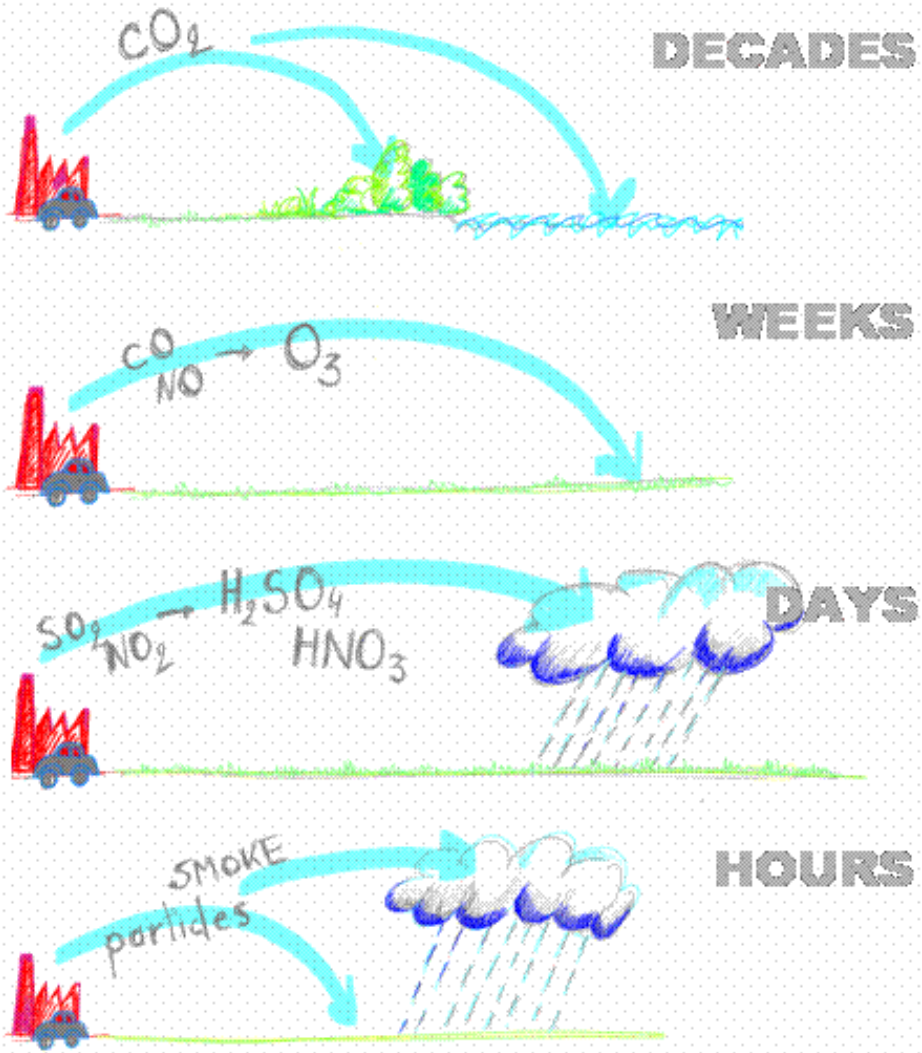


fossil fuel use

climate change
air pollution

atmospheric life times of GHGs and APs

Air Pollutants



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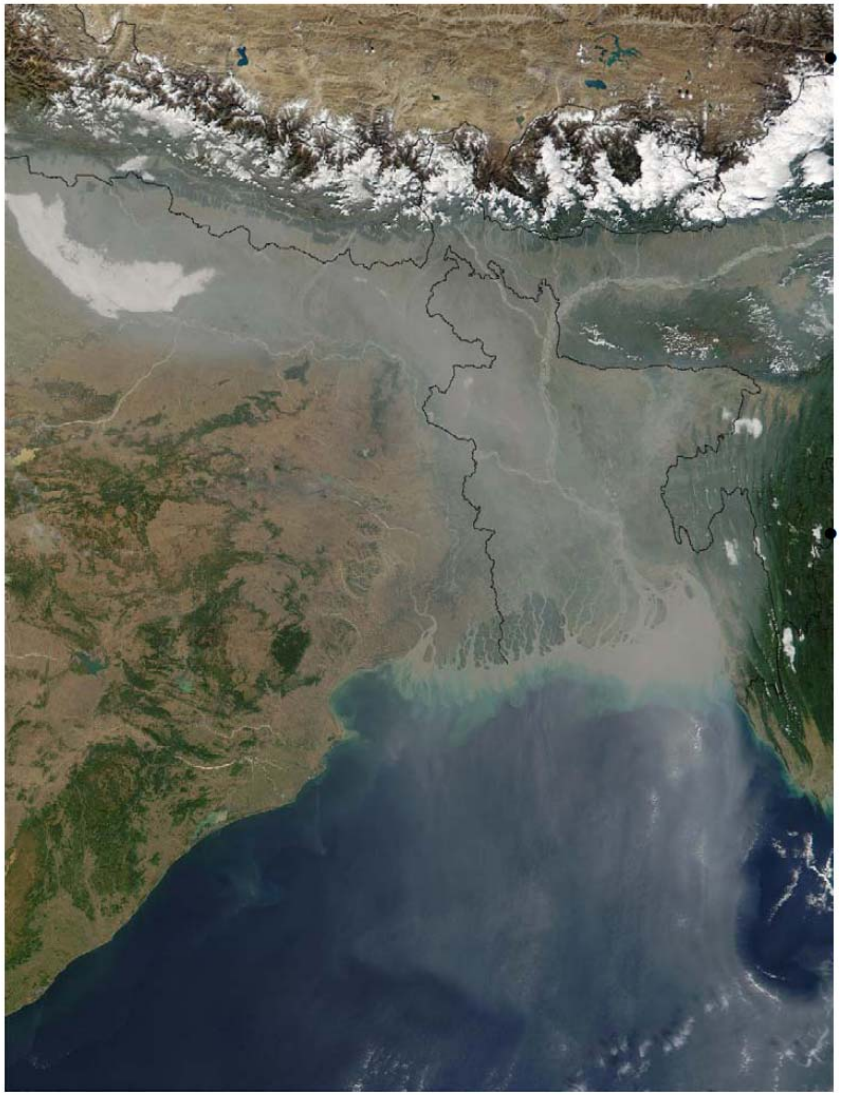

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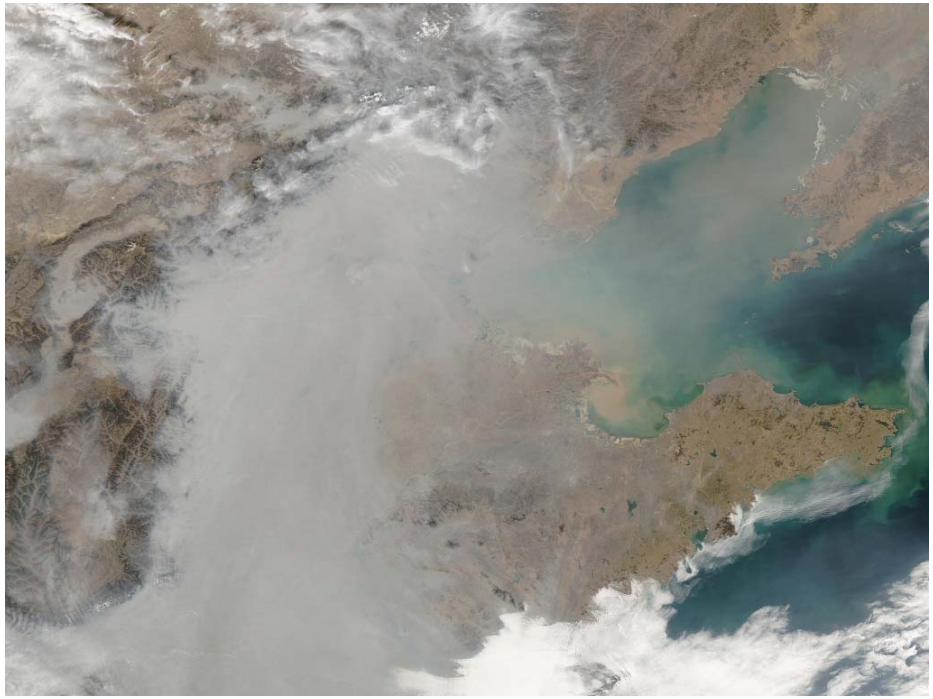

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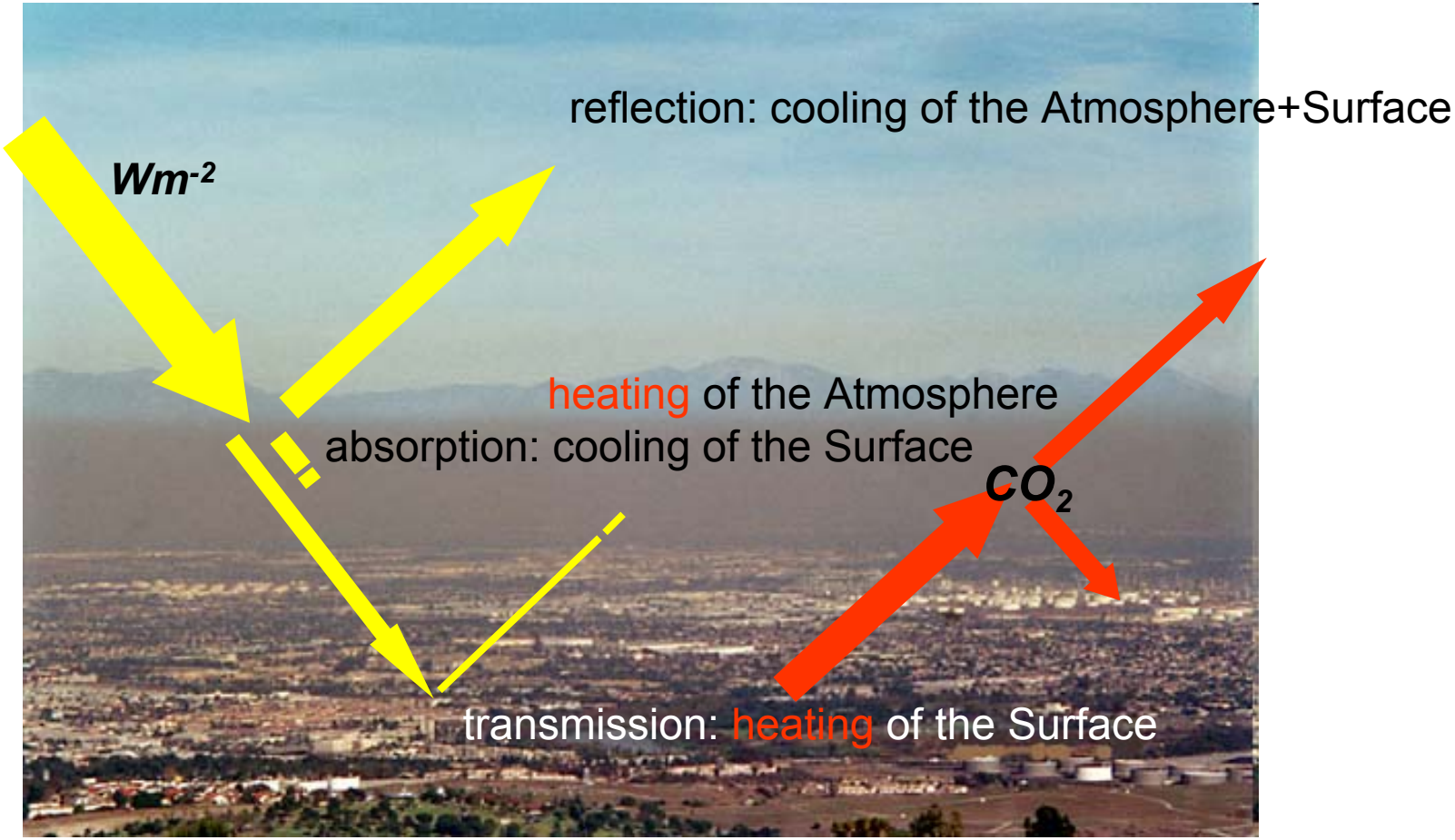
air pollution and radiation transfer



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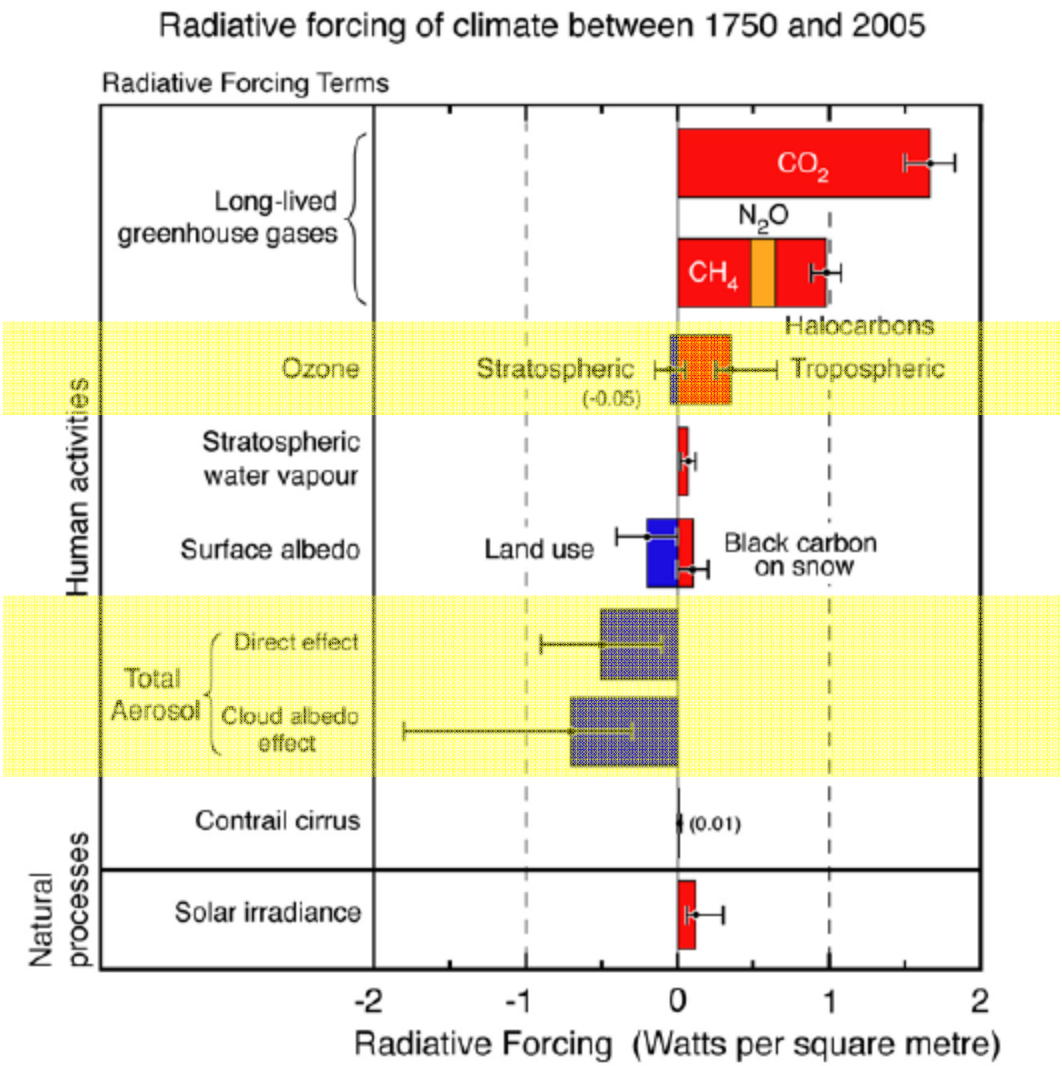
air pollution / climate link: the past

Air Pollutants



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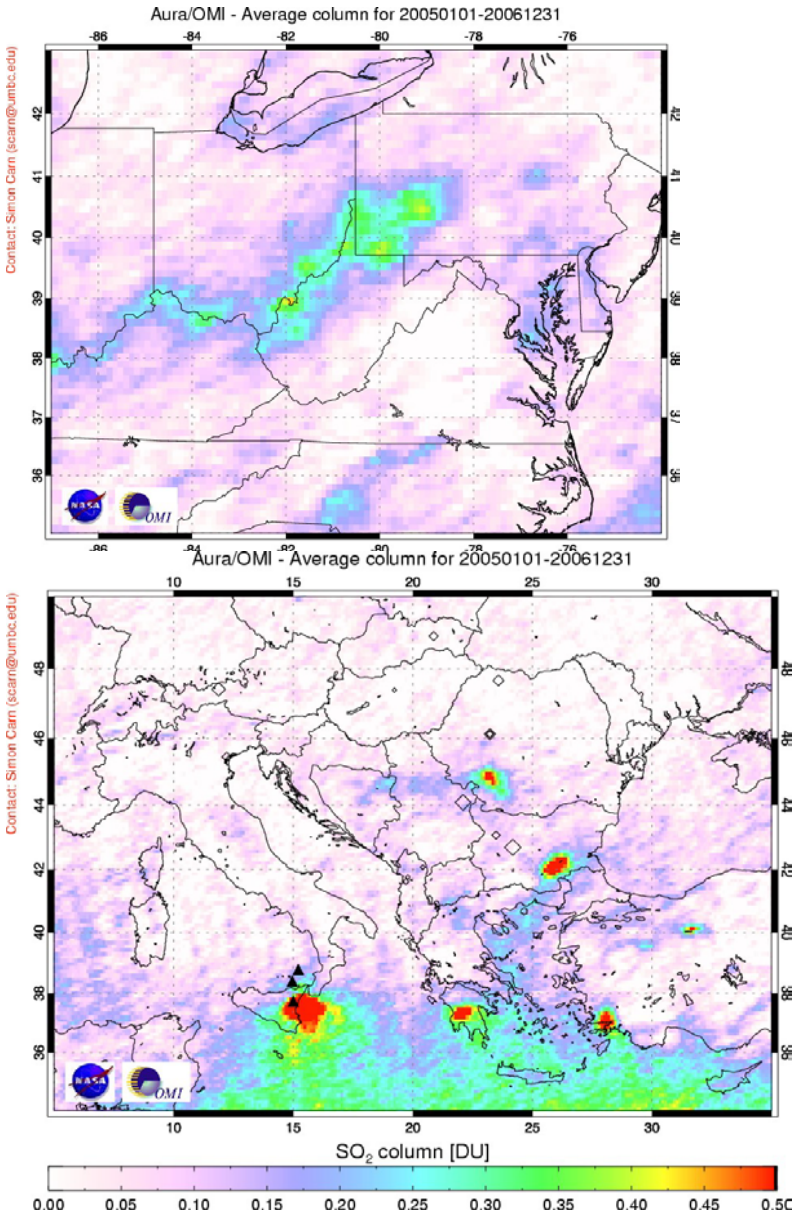
SO_2 concentration over US, Europe

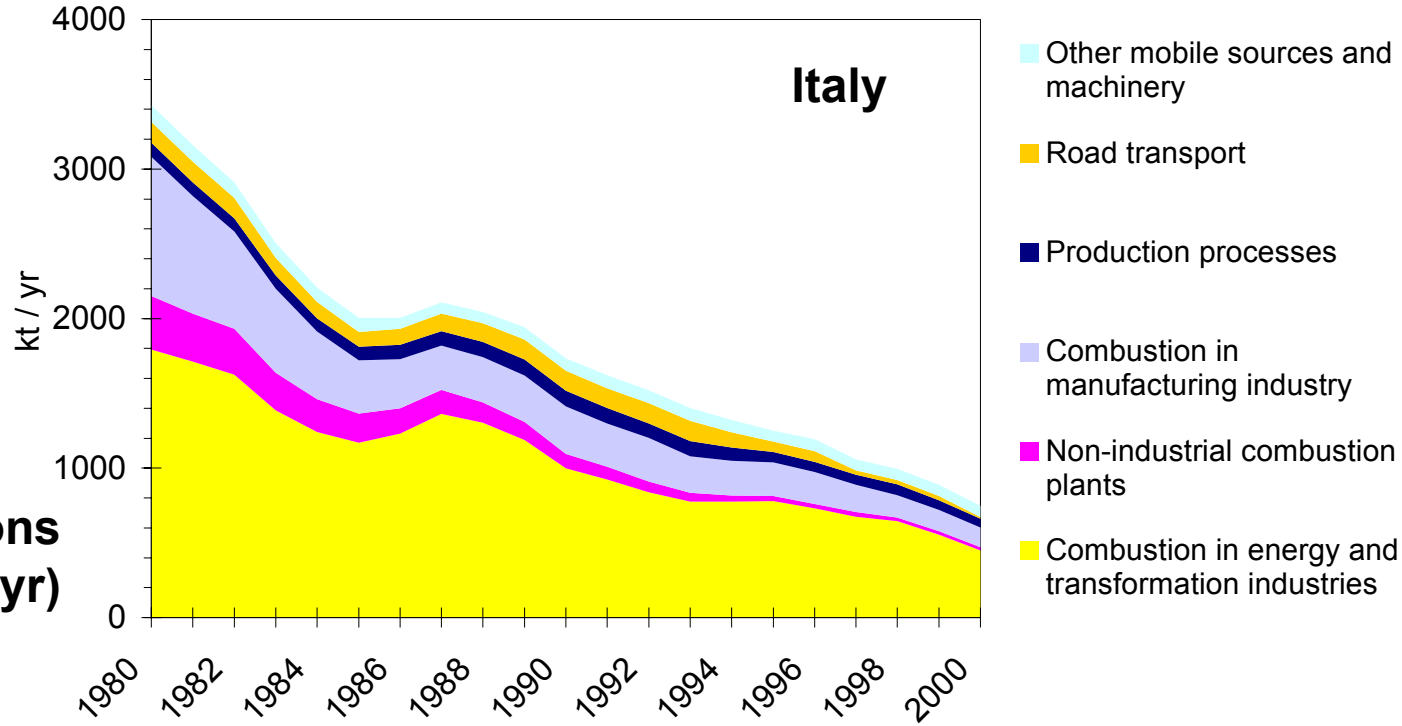


2005-2006

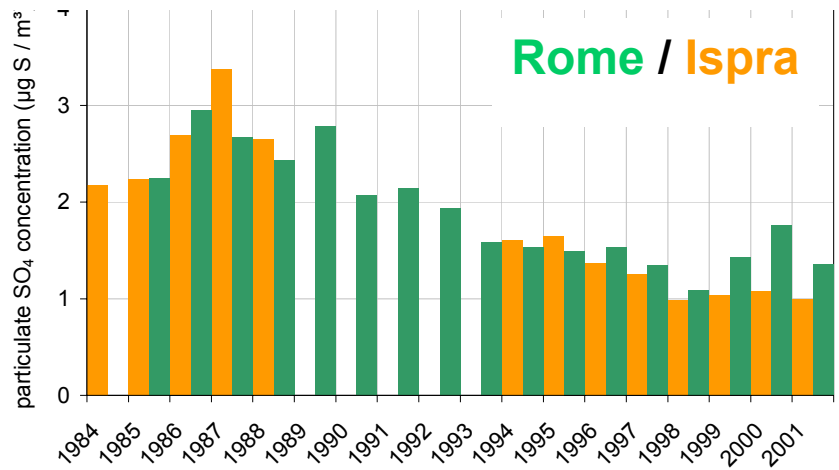
NASA Aura/OMI
Column burdens

air pollution emission reductions in Italy

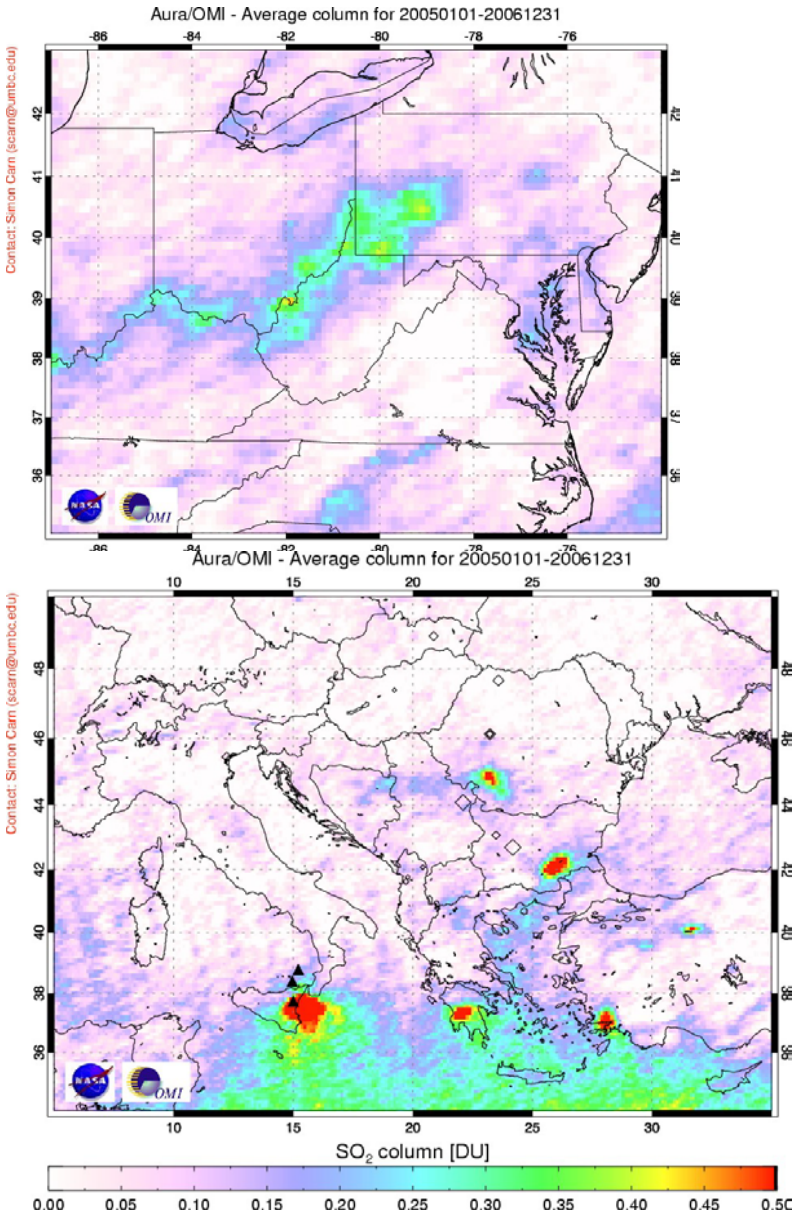
SO_2 emissions (kt / yr)

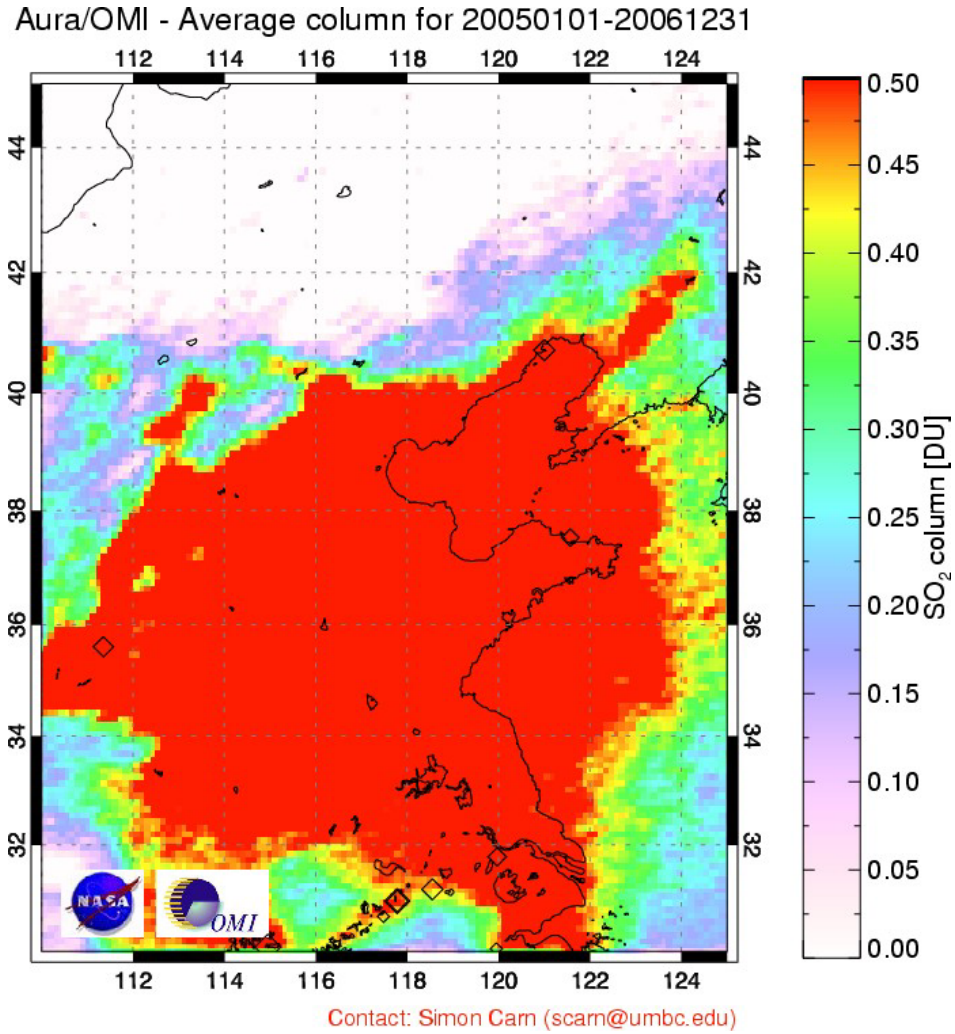


sulfate concentrations ($\mu gr/m^{-3}$)



SO_2 concentration over US, Europe and China





2005-2006

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Column burdens

NO_2 concentrations worldwide

1997-2002

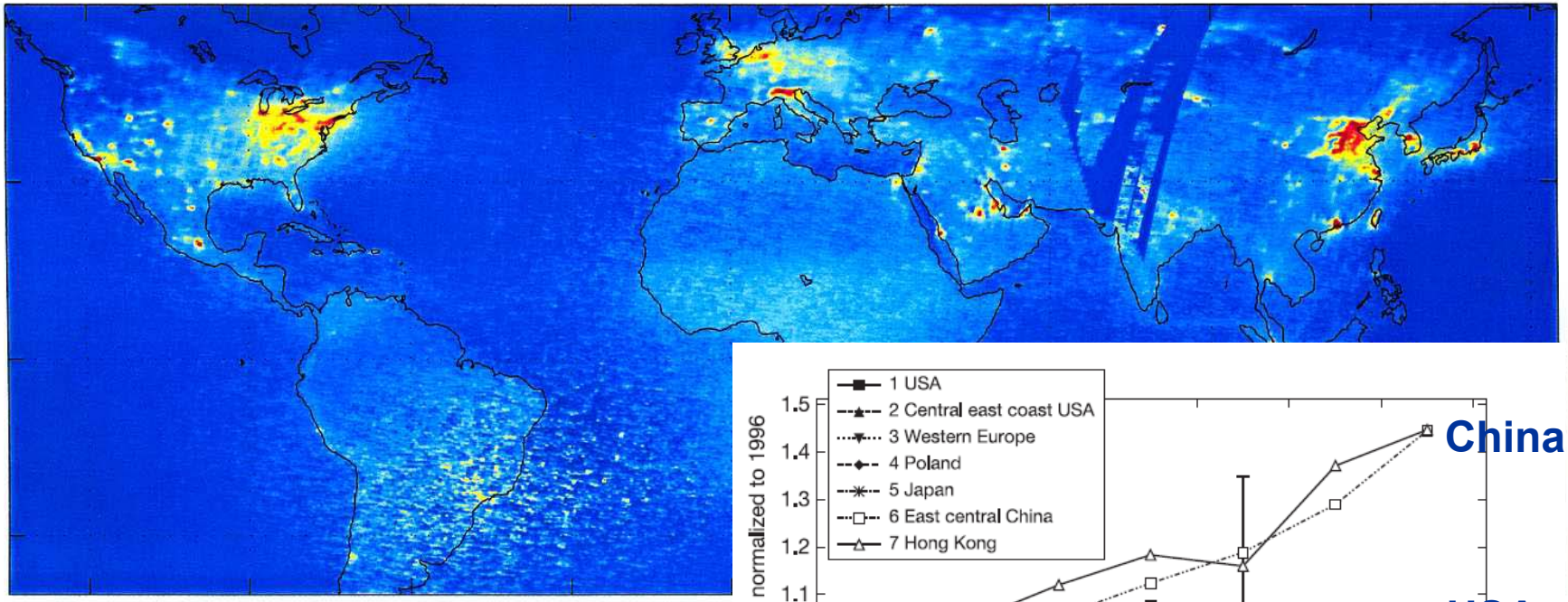

Figure 5: Global mean of tropospheric NO_2 VCD, using narrow viewing mode pixels only (

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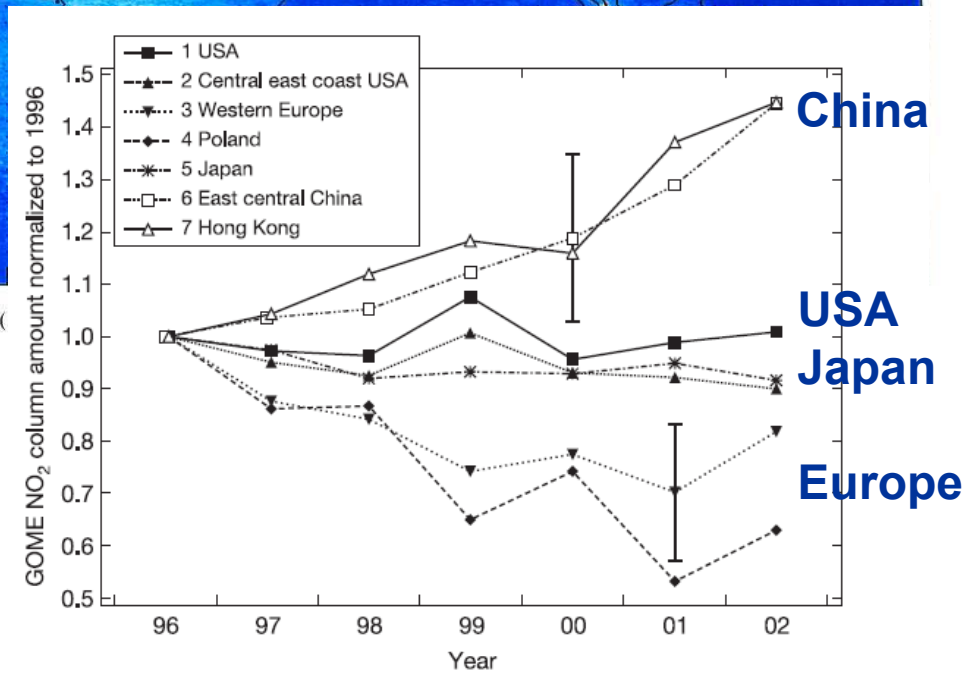
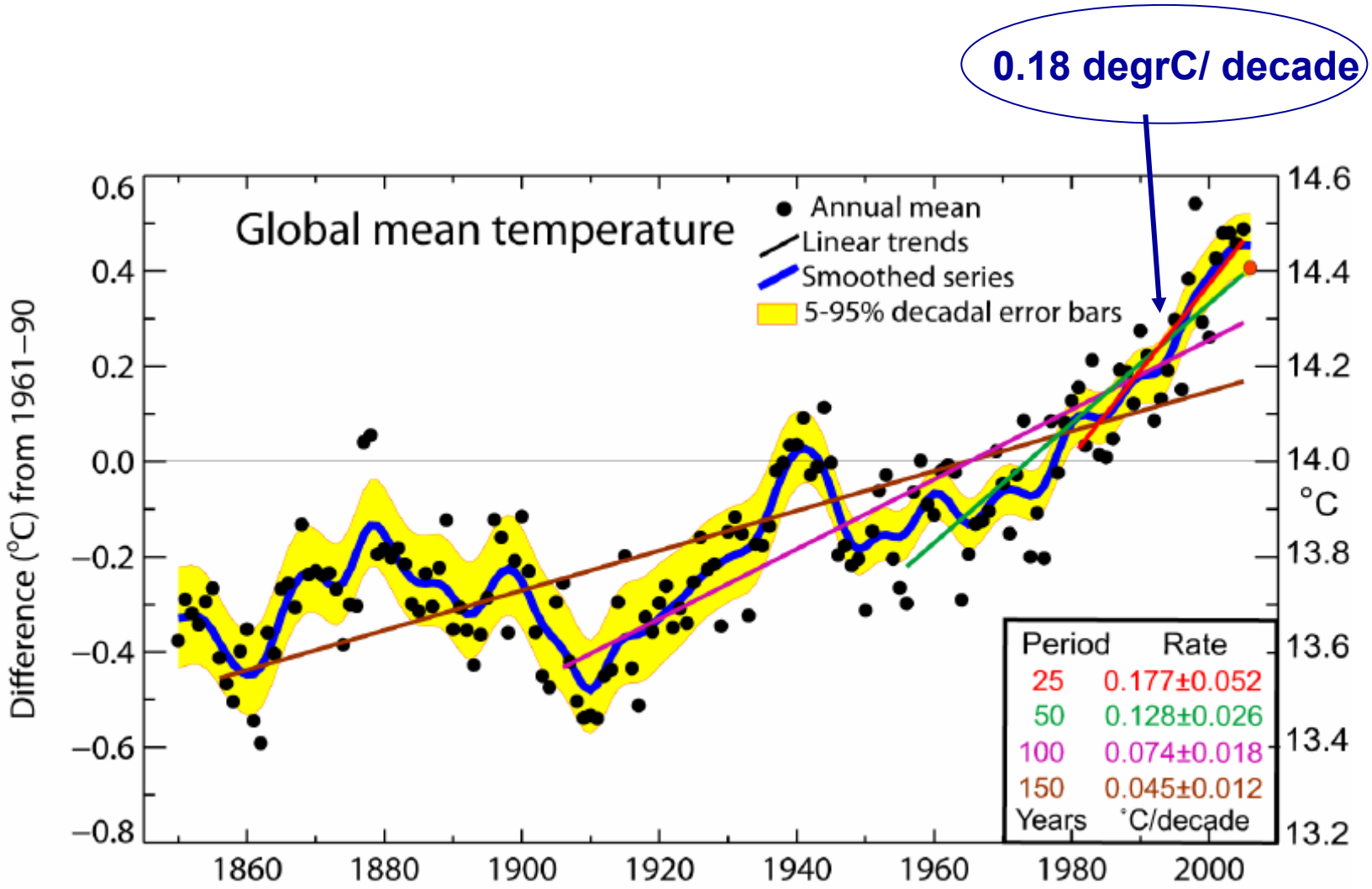
Column burdens



Richter et al. Nature 2005

air pollution / climate link: the past



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Hemispheric mean temperature, difference from 1961-90 (degrC)

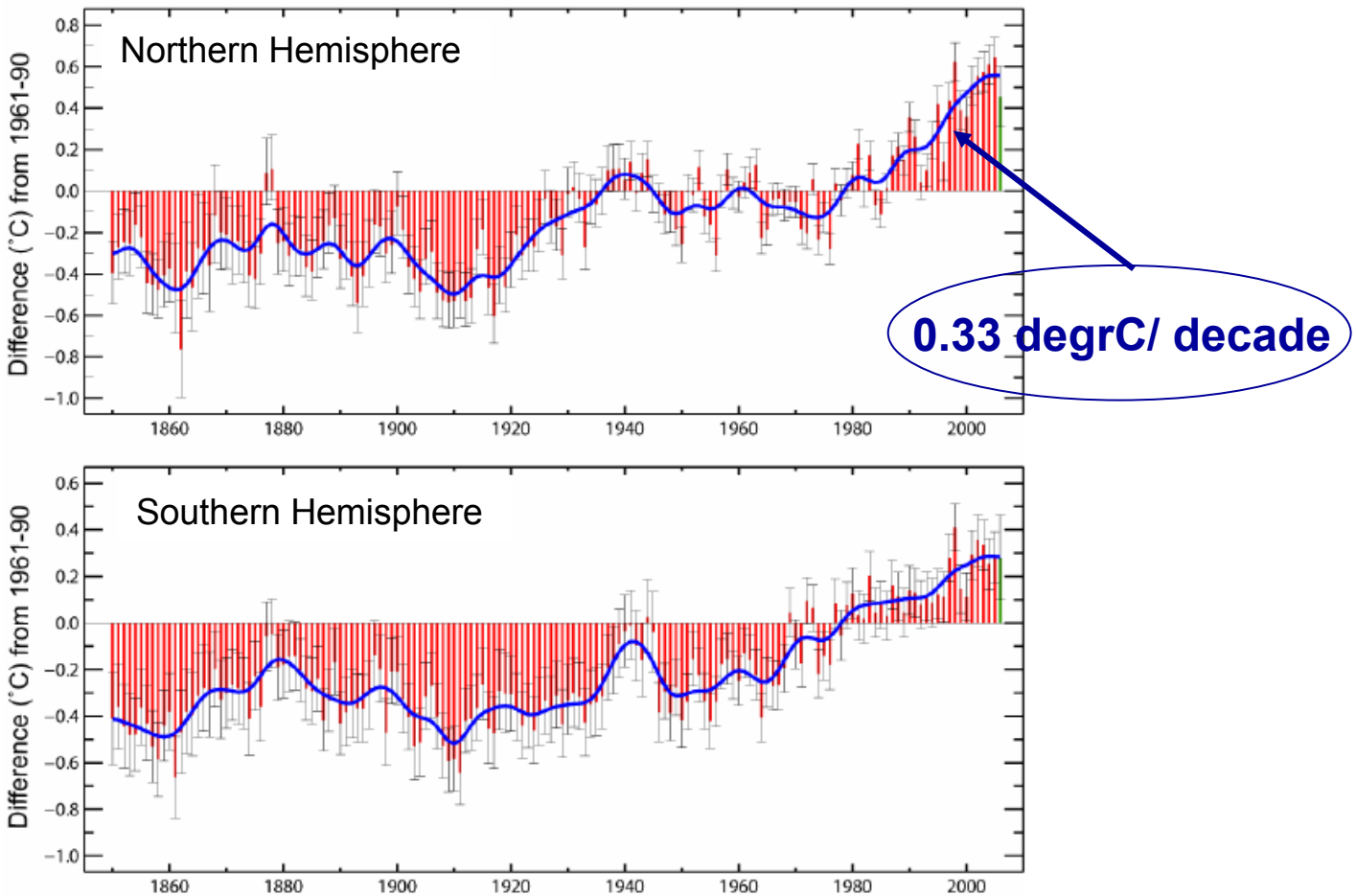

Figure 3.6. Global and hemispheric annual combined land surface air temperature and SST anomalies (°C) (red) relative to the 1961 to 1990 mean, along with 5 to 95% error bar ranges, from HadCRUT3 (adapted from Brohan et al., 2006). The blue decadal smoothing is described in Appendix 3.A. The preliminary value for 2006 is given as a green bar.

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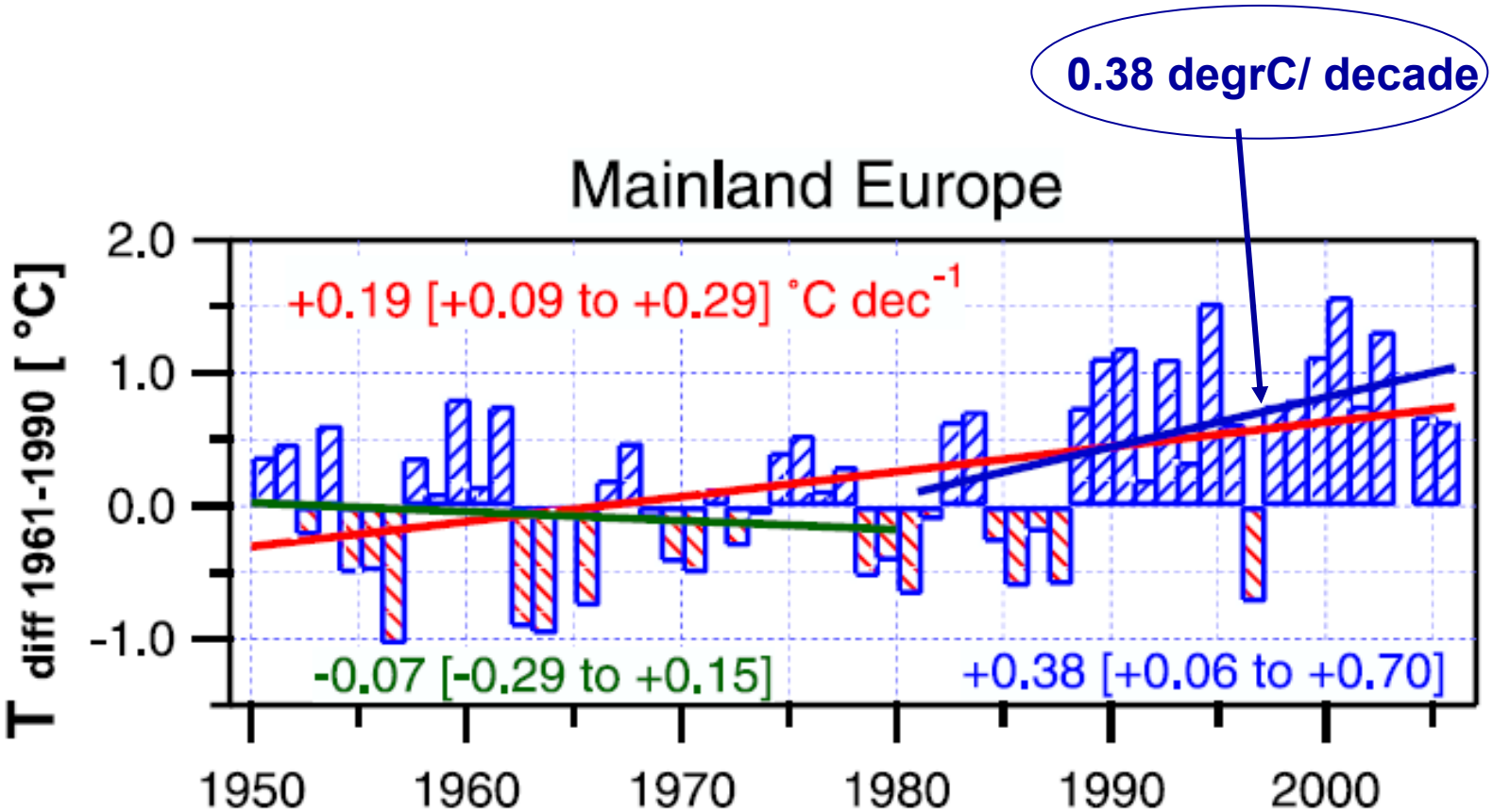
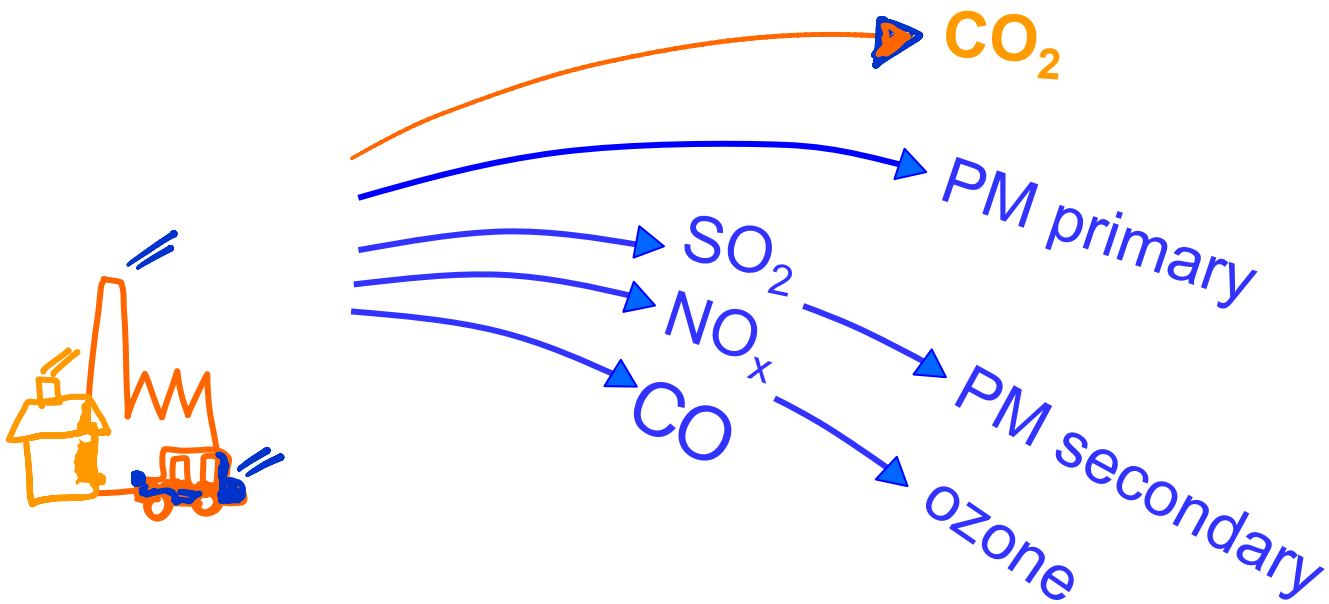
air pollution / climate link: the past



"Of the rapid temperature rise since 1980s …,about 2/3 are … likely forced by aerosol decline."

Philipona et al, 2009, GRL

two problems, a common cause



fossil fuel use

climate change
air pollution

AP and CC policies: so far not integrated

AIR POLLU
policies

AP's are rea

- AP's are sh
- local / regio
- national / re

- end-off-pipe
-(structural ch

EU15
75% reduction of
50% reduction of
50% reduction of

CLIMATE CHANGE
policies

CO2 is not reactive

- CO2 is long lived
- global problem
- global policies

- structural / behavioral measures
- (end-off-pipe control, CCS)

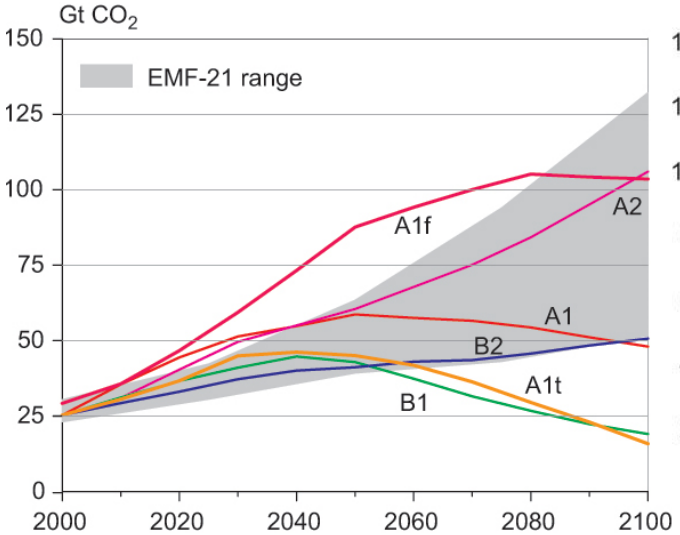
EU15
8% reduction of CO2 : 1990 > 2010

20% reduction of CO2 1990 > 2020

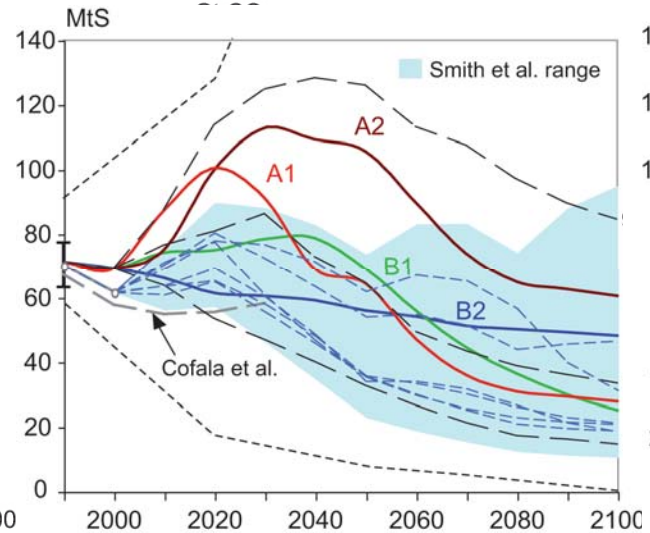
IPCC GHG and AP future emission scenarios

without extra policies

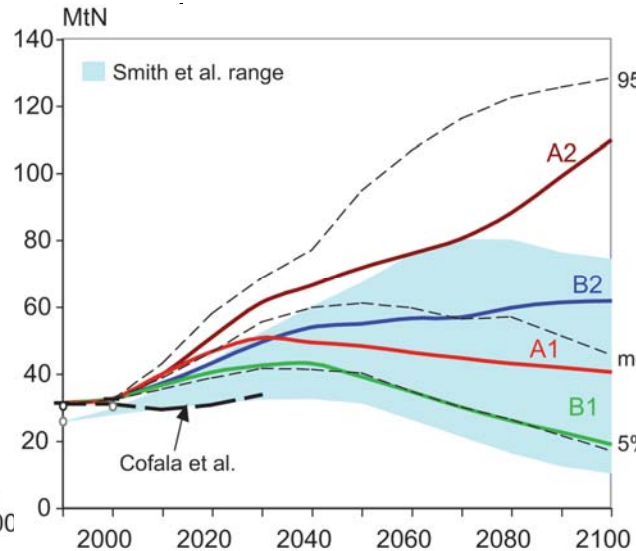
CO_2



SO_2



NO_x

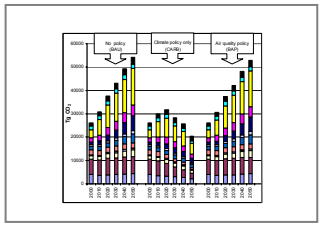


IPCC 4AR WG3

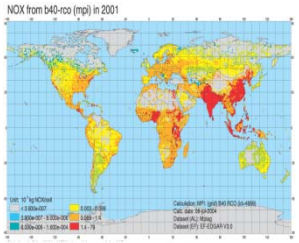
JRC GHG and AP future emission scenarios

with extra policies

AP control technologies
(GAINS JRC)

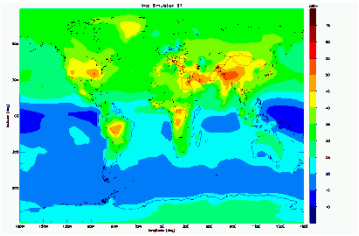


global scenarios
of
energy market
+
CC policy
(POLES JRC)

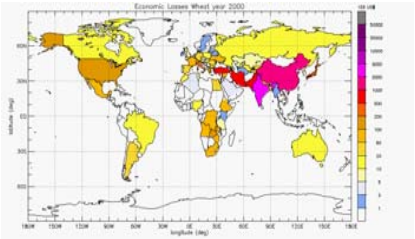


emissions
of
CO2 &
air pollutants,

present &
future
(EDGAR JRC)



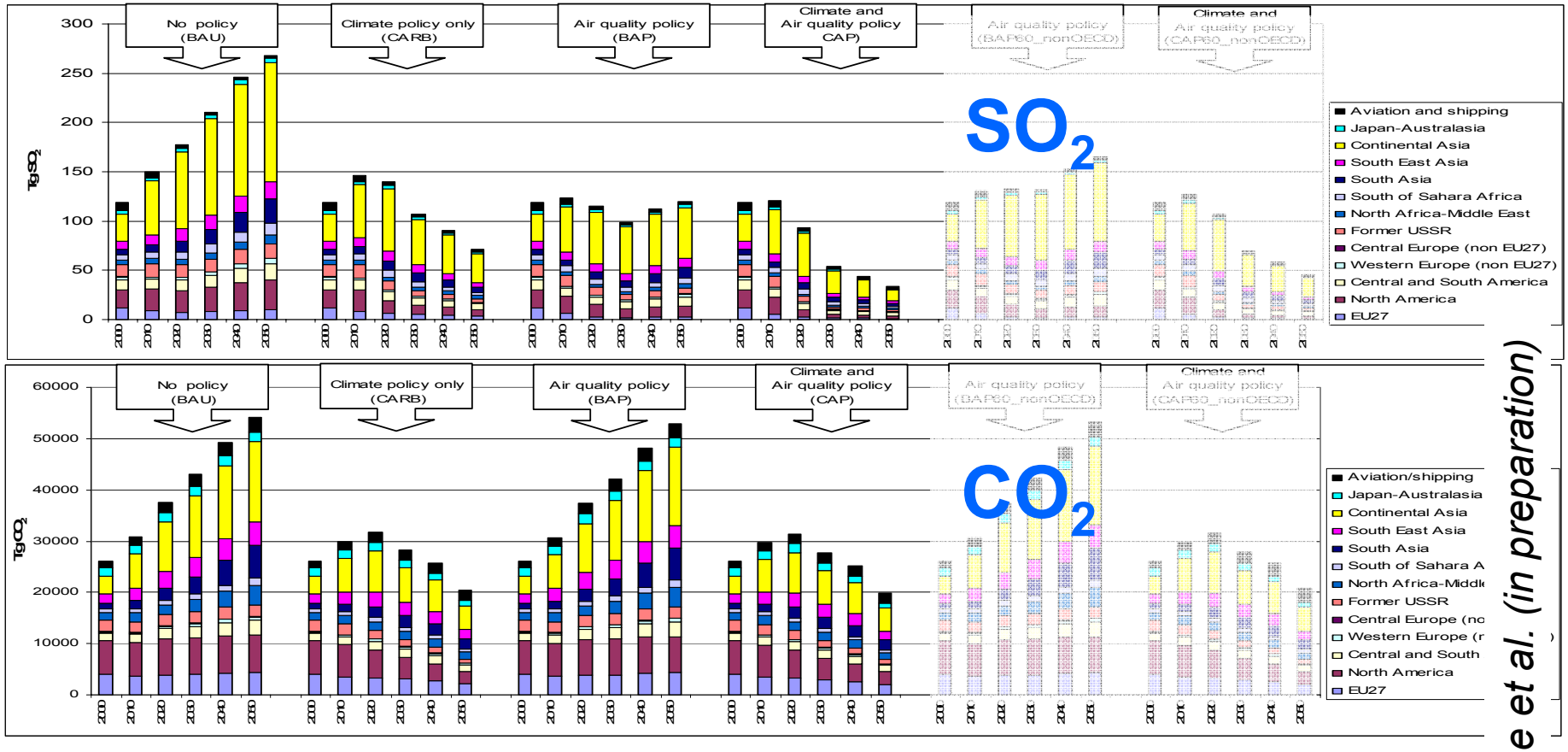
air pollution
&
climate
(TM5 CTM)
(ECHAM5 GCM)



impacts
&
economic costs
(JRC in house)

JRC GHG and AP future emission scenarios

with extra policies



BAU *(implement current legislation)*

CC only *(25% CO2 reduction by 2050, globally)*

AP only *(~EU standards globally)*

CC + AP

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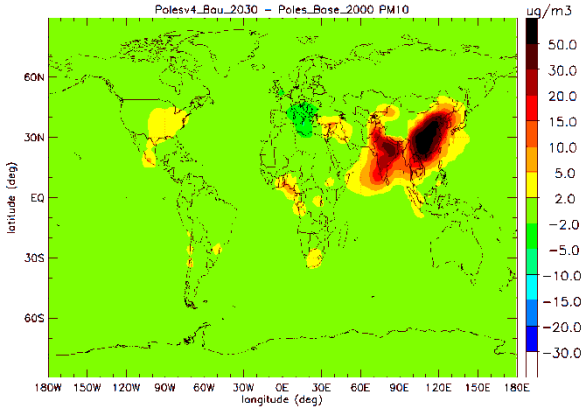
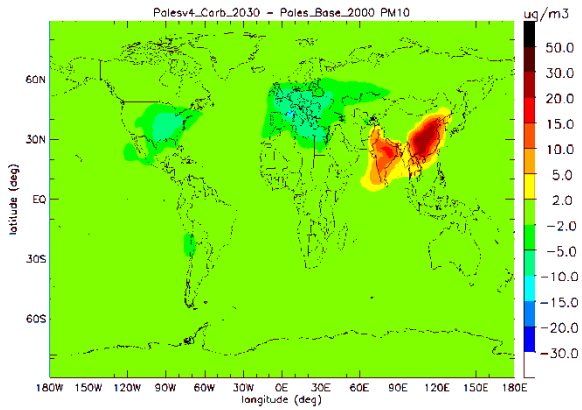
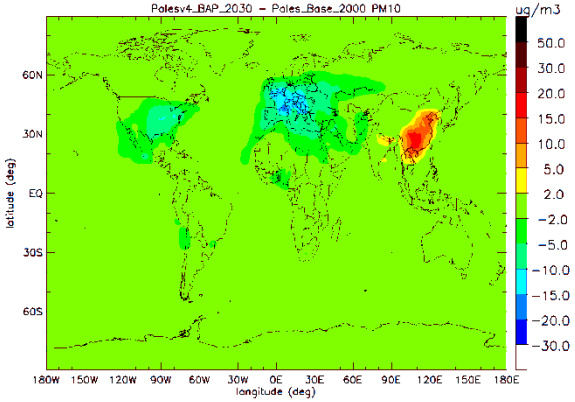
changes in air pollutant fields
between 2000 and 2030

BAU **CC policy only** **AP policy only**

PM10 (surface)







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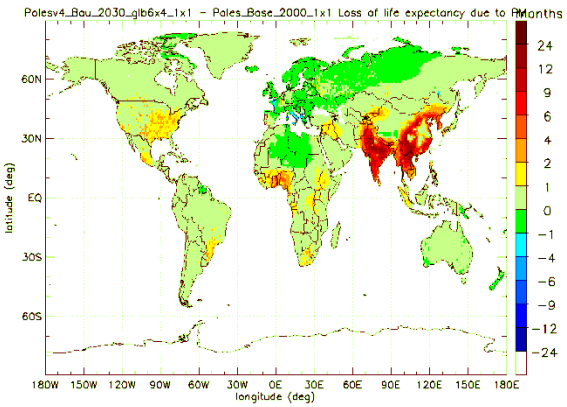
changes in health impacts

between 2000 and 2030

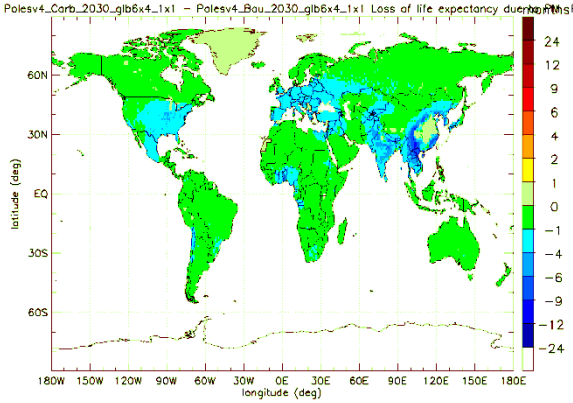
BAU

loss of life expectancy between 2000 and 2030 without additional policies (months)



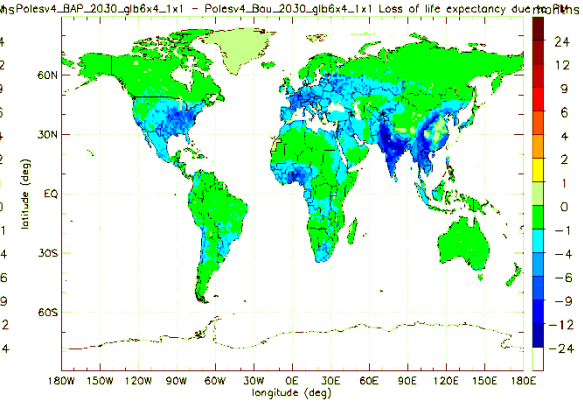
CC only

effect of CC-only policy by 2030 compared to BAU



AP only

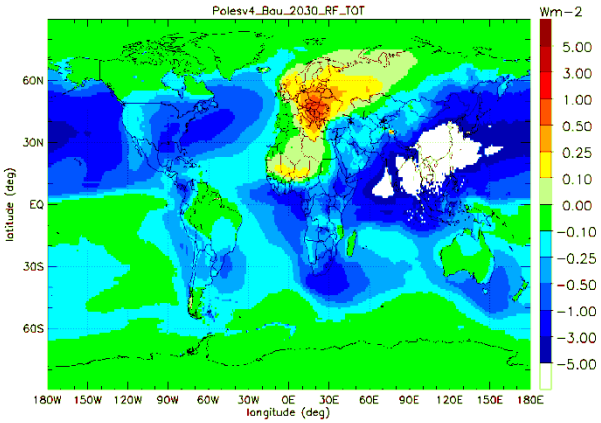
effect of AP-only policy by 2030 compared to BAU



changes in radiative forcing due to aerosols between 2000 and 2030

BAU

TOA radiative forcing between 2000 and 2030 without policies (W/m2)



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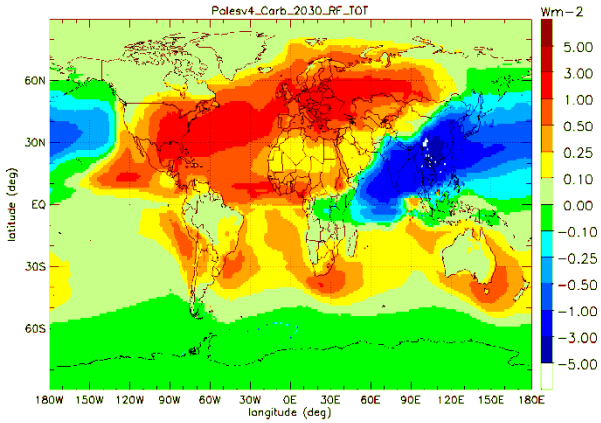

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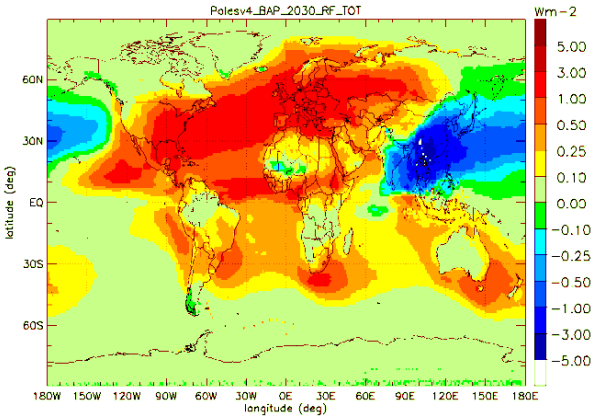

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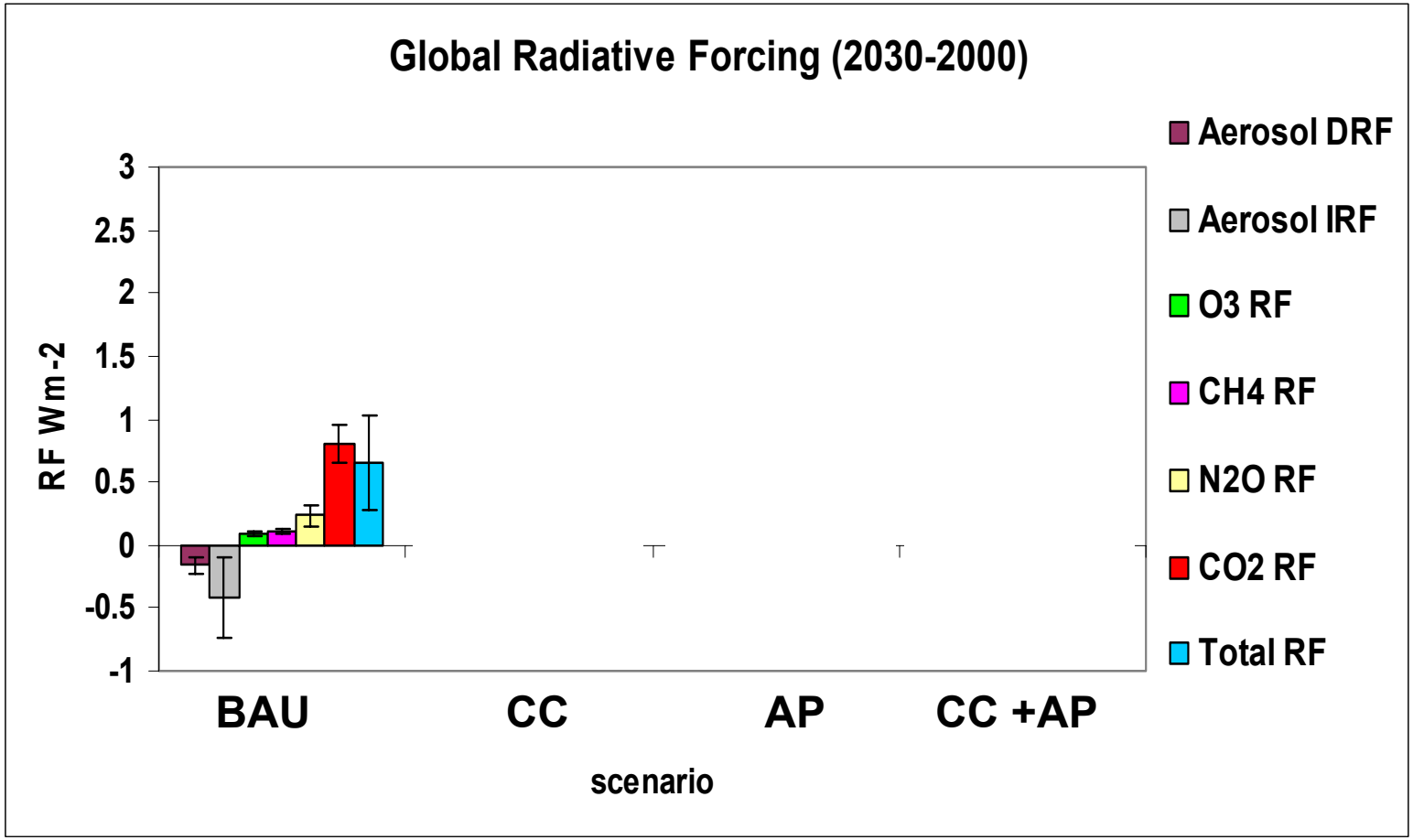
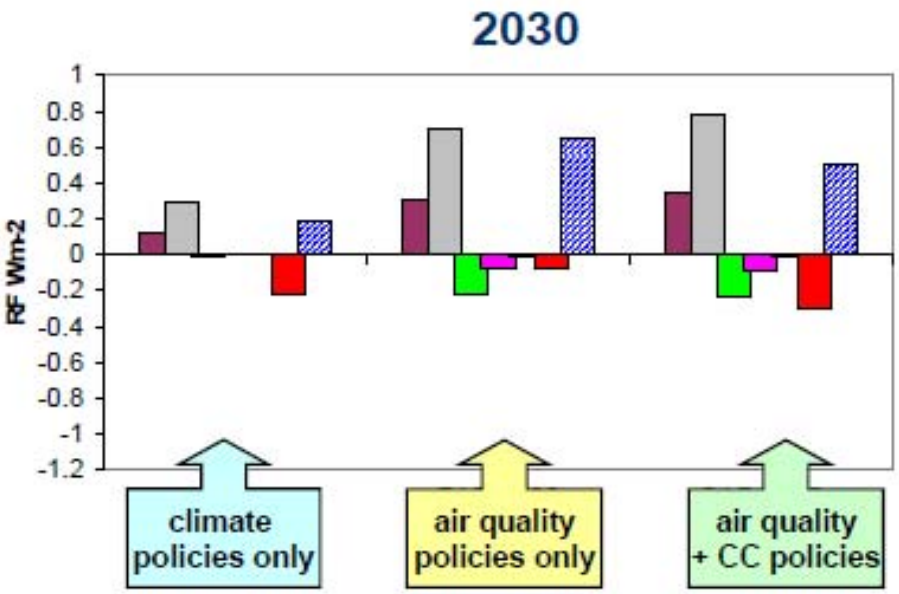
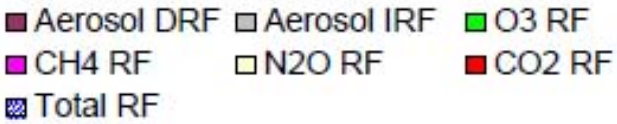
changes in radiative forcing
between 2000 and 2030



changes in radiative forcing *because* of policies

Effect of policies in 2030 compared to BAU in 2030



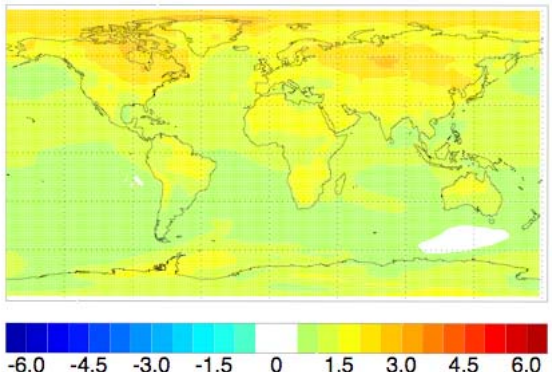


changes in surface temperature
between 2000 and 2030ies

50% of equilibrium temperature

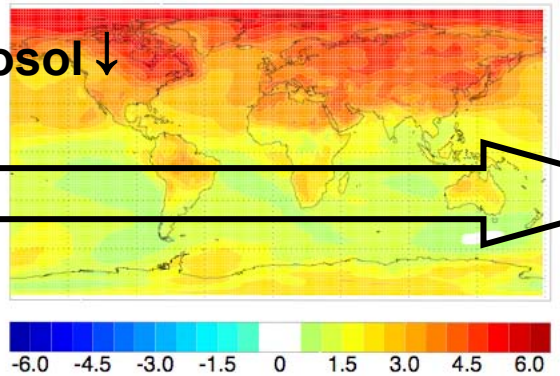
GHG ↑

ΔT =
0.6 °C



GHG ↑ +Aerosol ↓

ΔT =
1.1 °C



***0.3 - 0.4* °C/decade globally**
***0.7 – 0.8* °C/decade locally**

GHGs: SRES B2 scenario
Aerosols: IIASA MFR scenario

Kloster et al. Climate Dynamics (in press)

changes in surface temperature

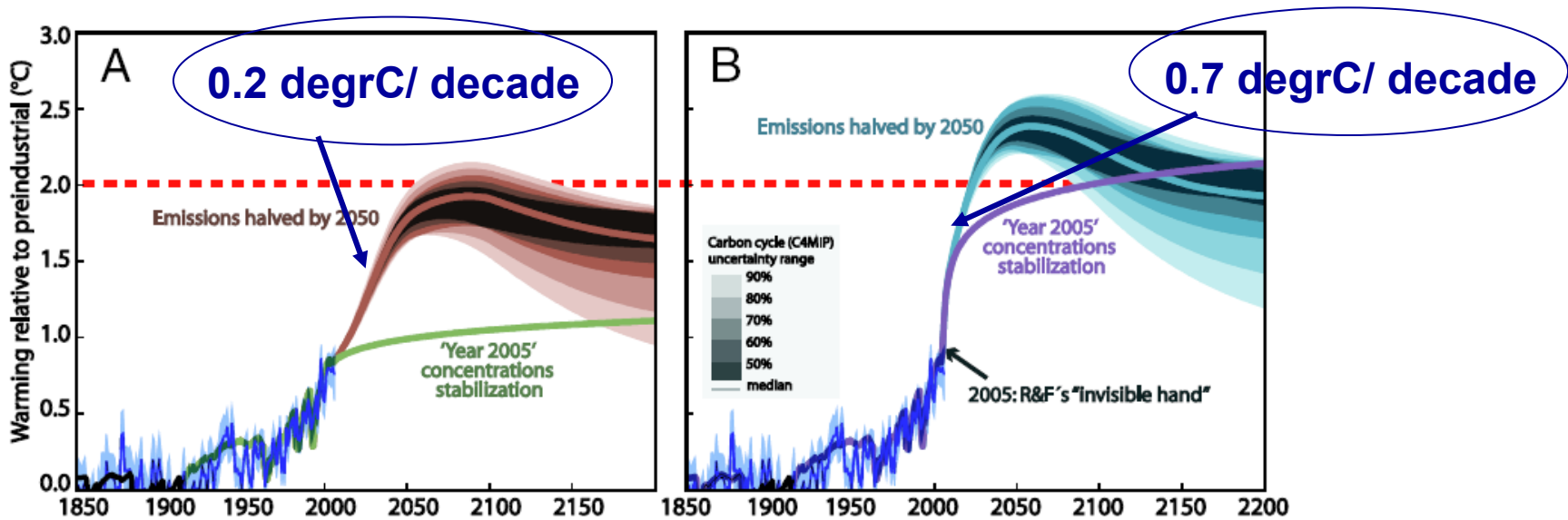
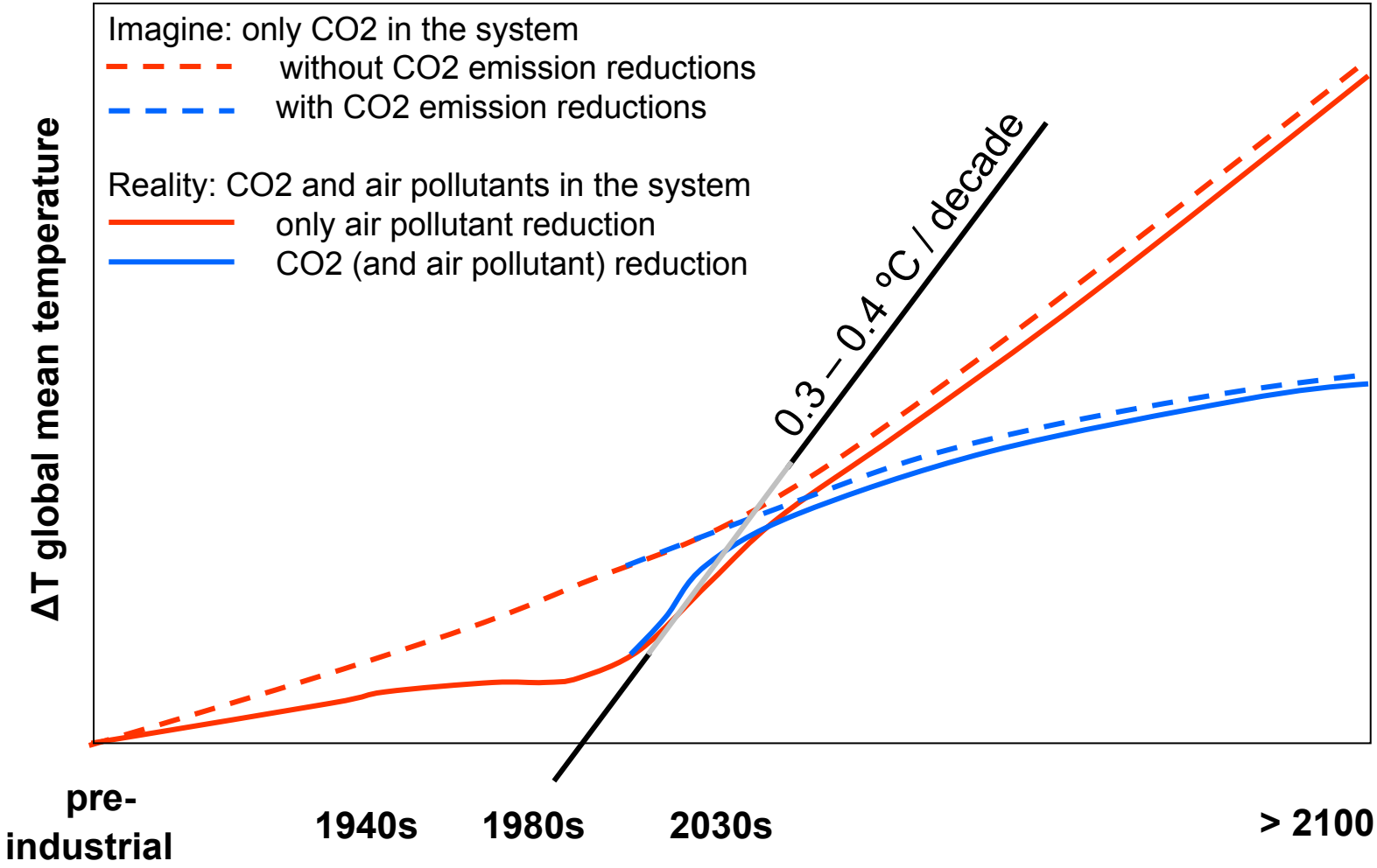


Fig. 1. Comparison of GMT development as resulting from fixing concentrations at 2005 levels ["concentrations stabilization scenario" (CSS)] and halving global Kyoto-GHG emissions by 2050 relative to 2000 levels ["mitigation scenario" (MS)], respectively. (*A*) Freezing of current air pollution and GHG levels in CSS, and concomitant gradual decrease of air pollution in MS. (*B*) The "invisible hand" of R&F (1) eliminates all forcings except those of long-lived GHGs and tropospheric ozone in 2005, i.e., aerosol cooling vanishes, in both CSS and MS. Climate sensitivity is chosen as 3°C throughout; other climate parameters (such as those affecting ocean inertia) are calibrated toward HadCM3; carbon cycle parameters are varied for representing the range of ten C4MIP models (14) by using MAGICC 6.0 (13). Historical observations of GMT are taken from HadCRUT3v (15).

Schellnhuber, PNAS, 2008

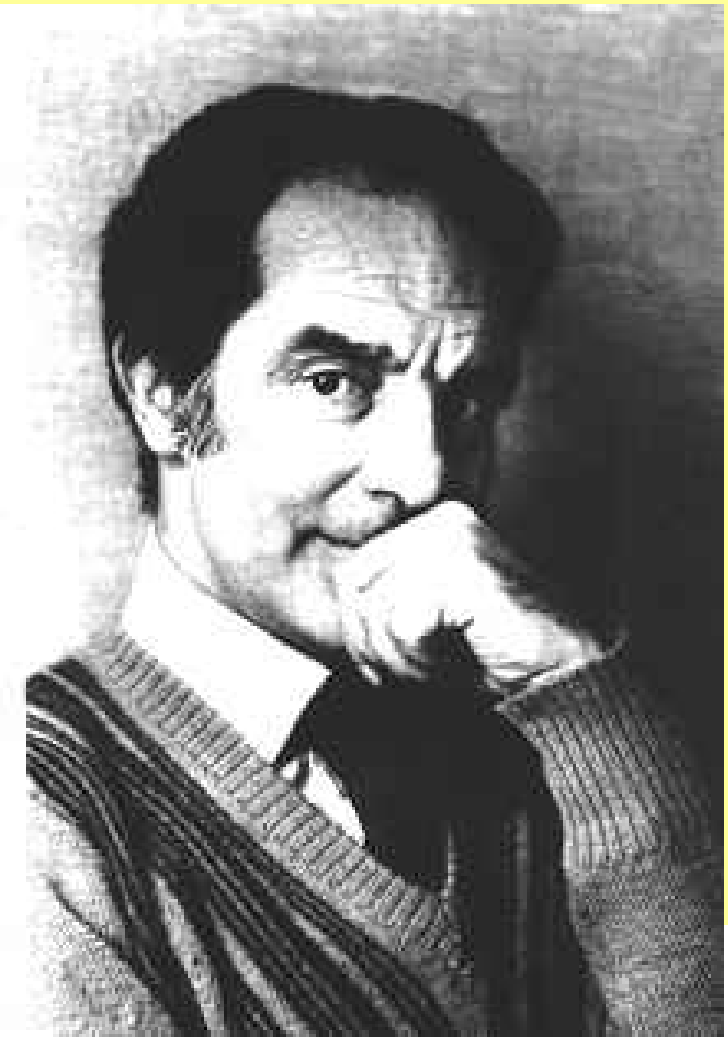
the overall picture: a bumpy road ahead



Raes and Seinfeld, 2009, Atm. Env. (in press)

conclusions

- Reducing the use of fossil fuels (structural/behavioral changes, CC policy) and reducing emissions from fossil fuels (end-of-pipe control, AP policy) are required immediately to tackle air pollution and climate change.
- CC policies have co-benefits for air pollution (and others)
- AP policies are still required, to tackle air pollution in all world regions
- AP policies are expected to lead to a faster global and regional warming, mainly because of the reduction of aerosols.
- CC policies that aim at climate stabilization in the long term (> 50 years), will lead to a faster warming in the short term (< 30 years).
- Communicate well about why we do what: make distinction between short-term and long-term benifits and disbenifits of AP and CC policies
- The problem of a faster warming in the short term might be alleviated by focusing *also* on reductions of short-lived warming agents: black carbon aerosols, CH_4 and tropospheric ozone (*Hansen's alternative scenario*)



Italo Calvino (1923-1985)

SIX MEMO'S

FOR THE NEXT MILLENNIUM

1- Lightness
2- Quickness
3- Exactitude
4- Visibility
5- Multiplicity
6- Consistency

thanks

primer on climate change

change in greenhouse gas and air pollutant *concentrations*

effect on Earths radiation balance: **"radiative forcing (Wm^{-2})**

effect on climate:
- **Temperature (ºC)**
- precipitation

immediate response

response time of decades

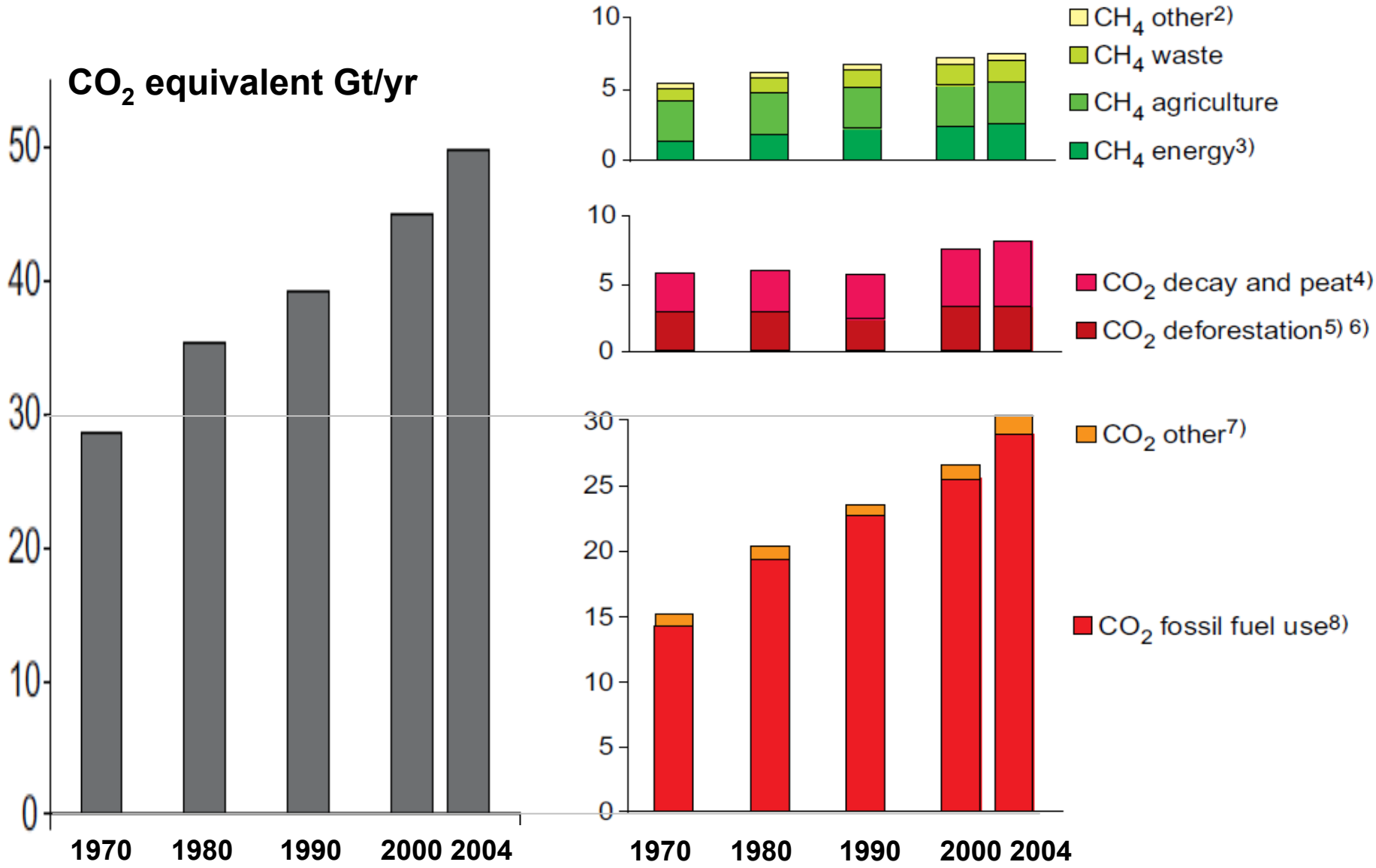
Radiation Model

Climate Model

climate sensitivity

0.81 (0.41 – 1.2) ºC/ Wm-2
3.7 (2 – 4.5) ºC for doubling CO_2

past emissions of greenhouse gases



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integration AP and CC policies

- integrated AP and CC policy means:
  to define, in each world region, the right mix of technical and non-technical control measures, in order to be:
  - socially equitable
    - allow for development and poverty reduction
  - cost-effective
  - environmental effective
    - reduce air effects of air pollution
    - avoid dangerous climate change
  - look for synergies, avoid trade-offs

Category	CO_2 concentration at stabilisation (2005 = 379 ppm)[b]	CO_2 eq [b] concentr at equilibrium	Peaking year for global CO_2 emission	Change in global CO_2 emissions in 2050 (percent of 2000 emissions)[a,c]	Global mean temperature increase at equilibrium	Global average sea level rise above pre-industrial at equilibrium from thermal expansion only[f]	Number of assessed scenarios
	ppm	ppm	year	percent	°C	metres	
I	350 – 400	350-490	2000-2015	-85 to -50	2.0-2.4	0.4 – 1.4	6
II	400 – 440	490 – 535	2000 – 2020	-60 to -30	2.4 – 2.8	0.5 – 1.7	18
III	440 – 485	535 – 590	2010 – 2030	-30 to +5	2.8 – 3.2	0.6 – 1.9	21
IV	485 – 570	590 – 710	2020 – 2060	+10 to +60	3.2 – 4.0	0.6 – 2.4	118
V	570 – 660	710 – 855	2050 – 2080	+25 to +85	4.0 – 4.9	0.8 – 2.9	9
VI	660 – 790	855 – 1130	2060 – 2090	+90 to +140	4.9 – 6.1	1.0 – 3.7	5

Notes:

a) The emission reductions to meet a particular stabilisation level reported in the mitigation studies assessed here might be underestimated due to missing carbon cycle feedbacks (see also Topic 2.3).

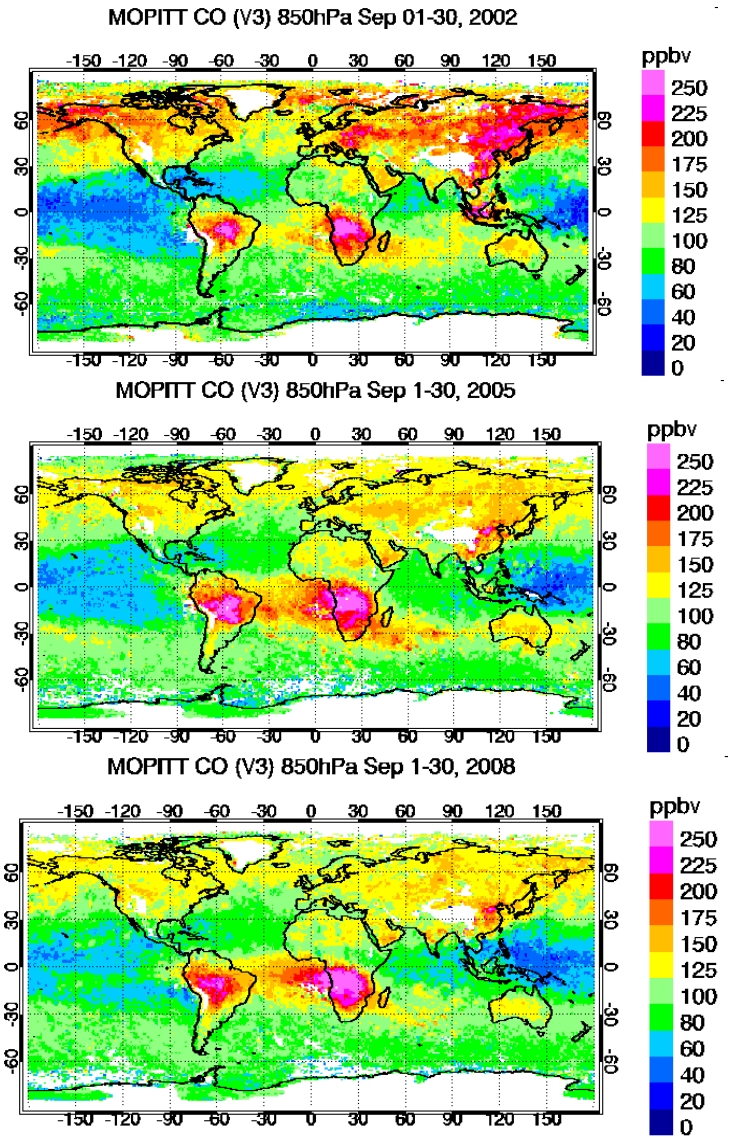
b)

In 2005 CO_2 concentration = 379 ppm (CO_2)

CO_2 equivalent concentration = 455 ppm (CO_2+ CH_4+ N_2O …)

CO_2 equivalent concentration = 375 ppm (CO_2+ CH_4+ N_2O+O_3+ aerosols)

IPCC 4AR Climate Change 2007 Synthesis Report Table 5.1



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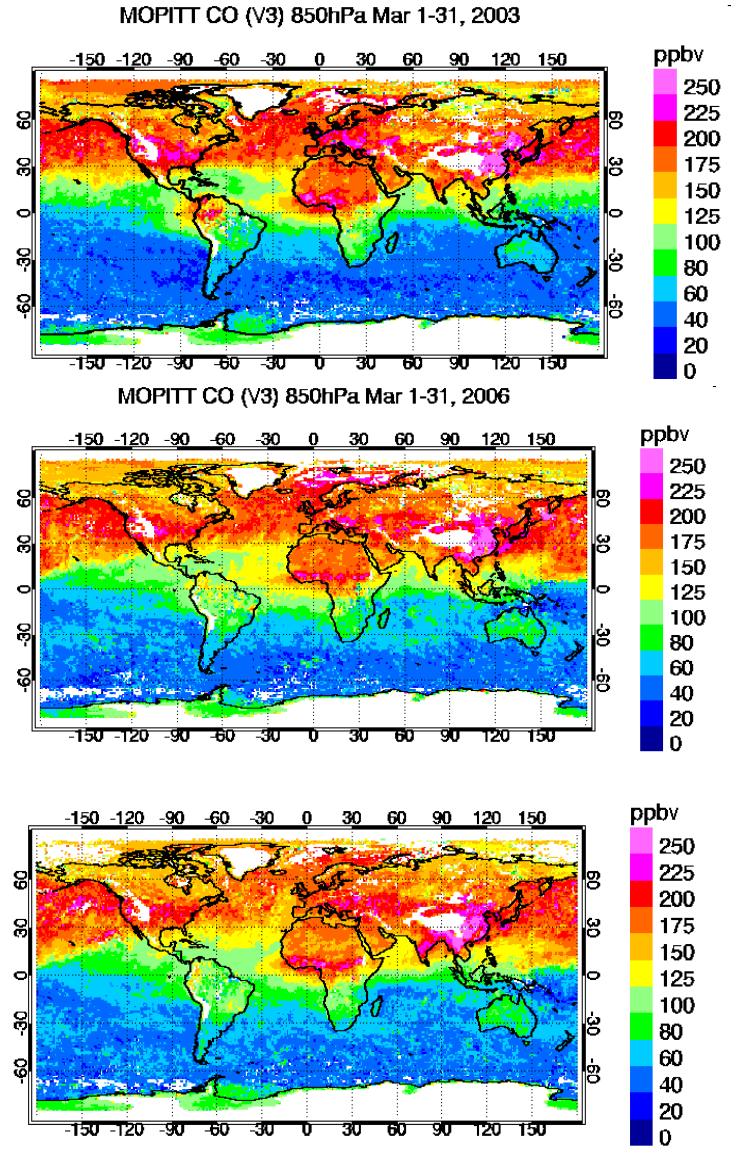

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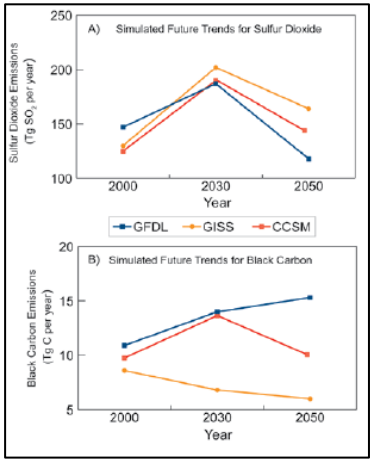
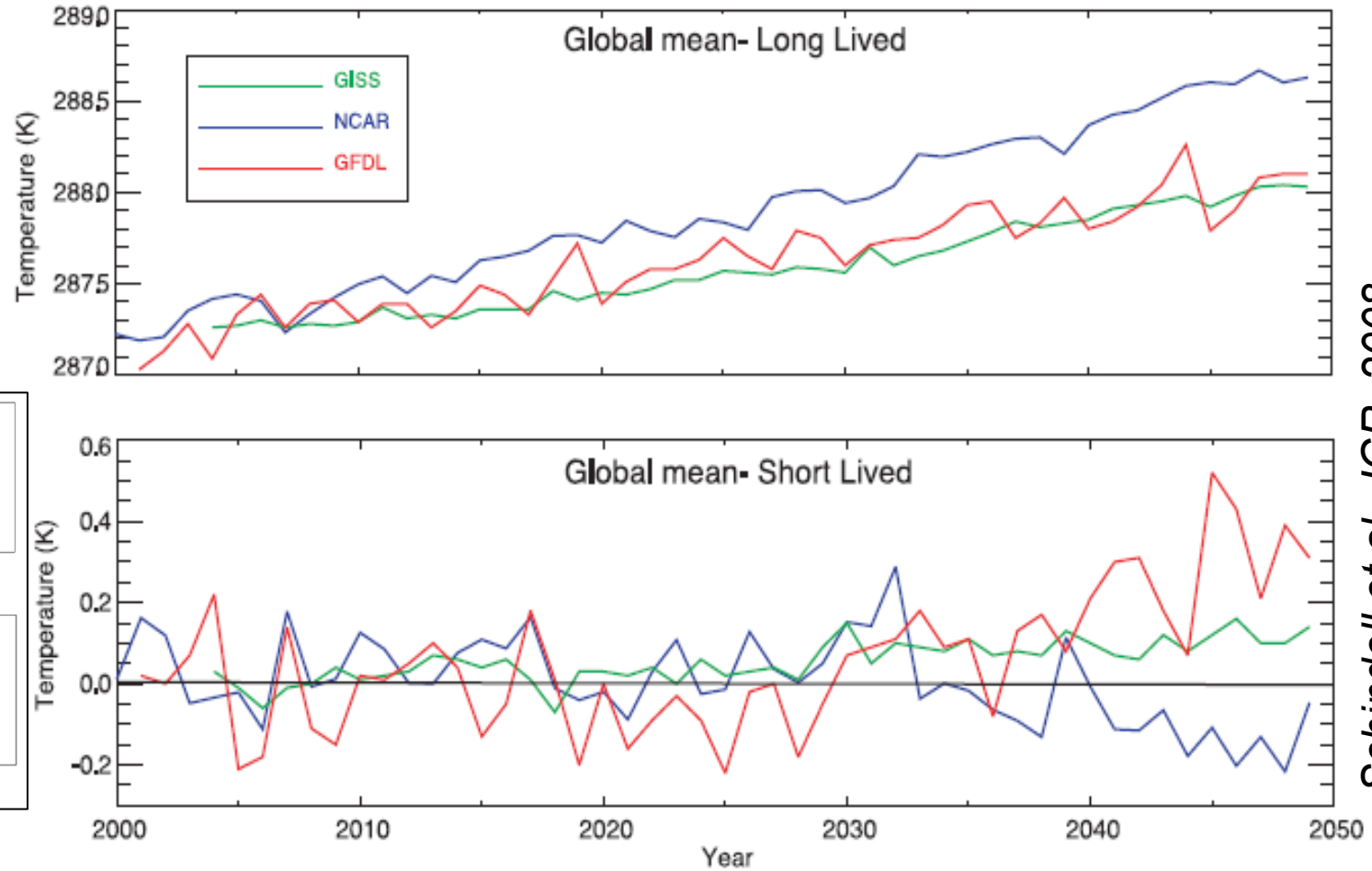
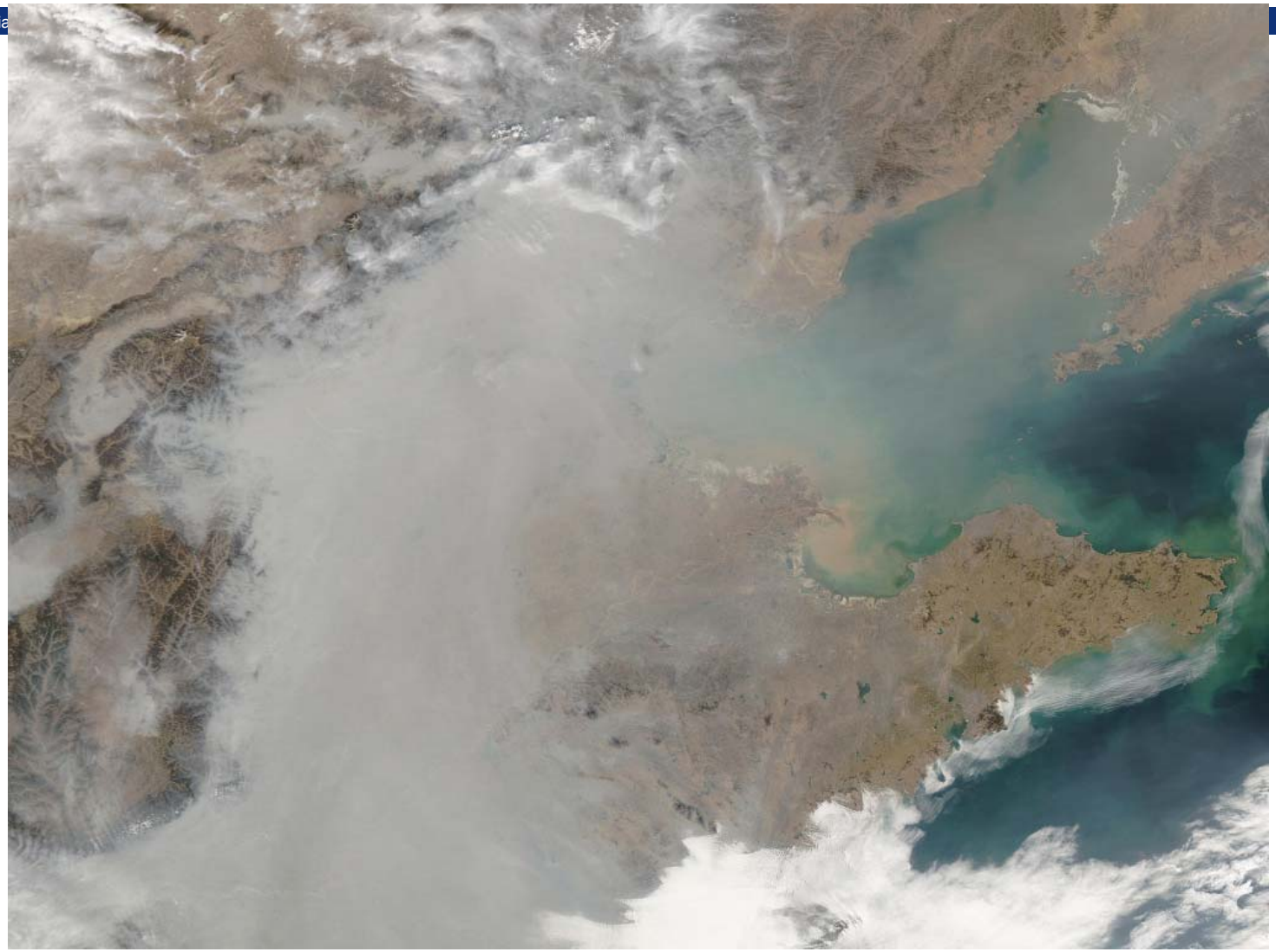




Schindell et al.,JGR, 2008

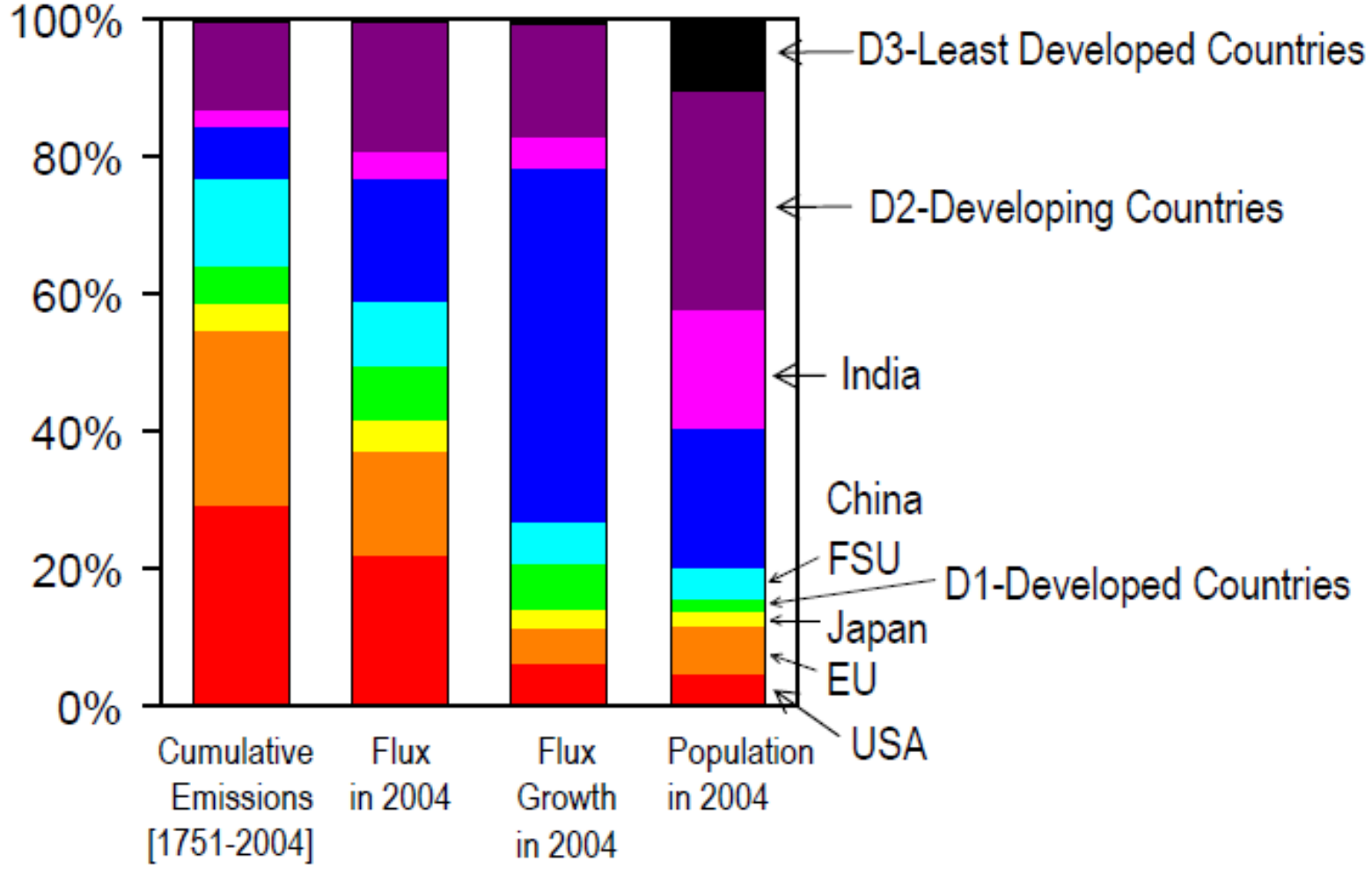
Figure 5. Global mean annual average temperature in the simulations with time-varying long-lived species only (top) and due to short-lived species based on the ((long-lived+short-lived)-long-lived) difference (bottom). Results are ensemble means for GFDL and GISS.

the direct" radiative effect of aerosols



absorption an scattering in urban haze
Beijing area

regional share of fossil fuel emisisons



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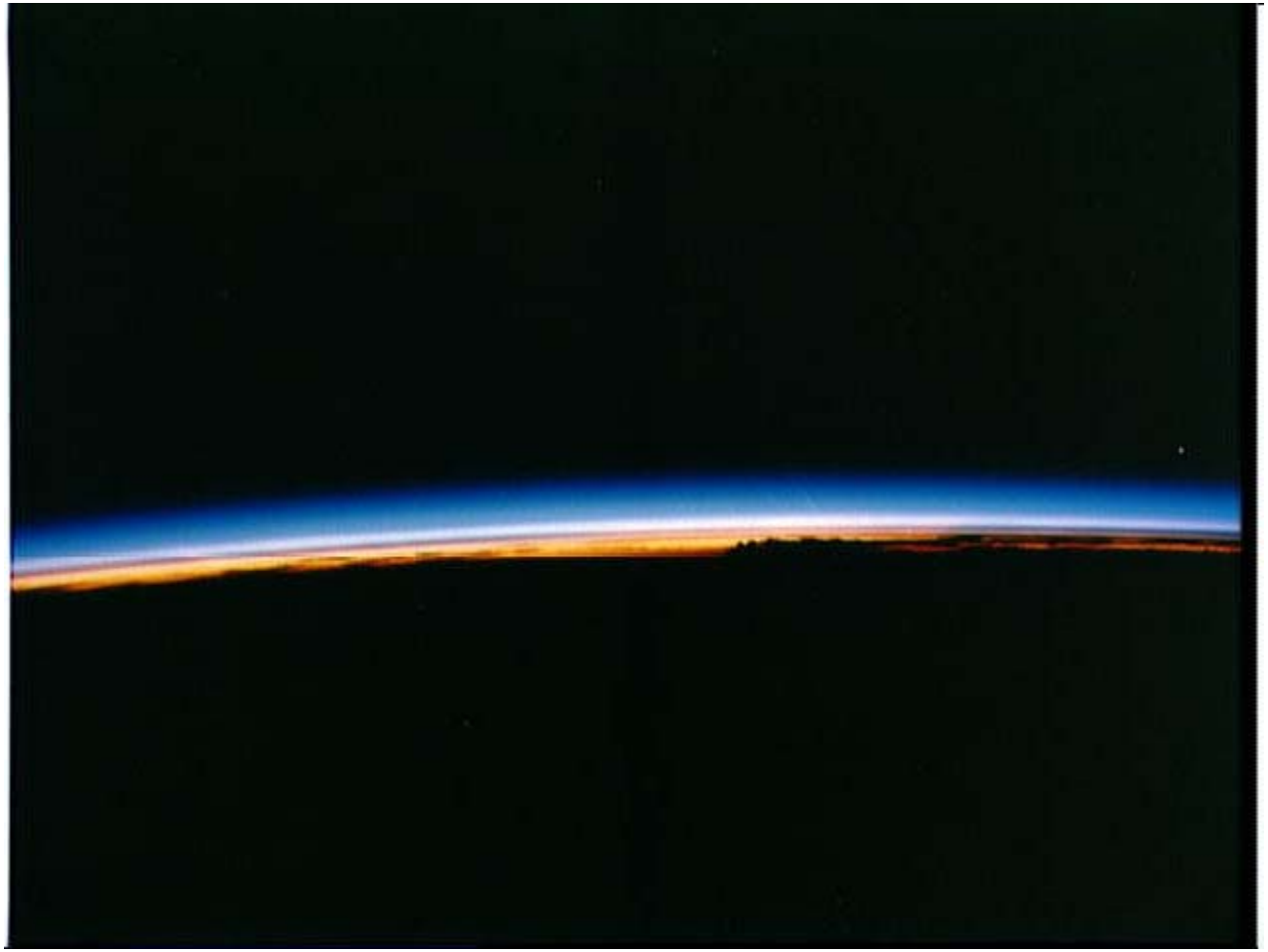
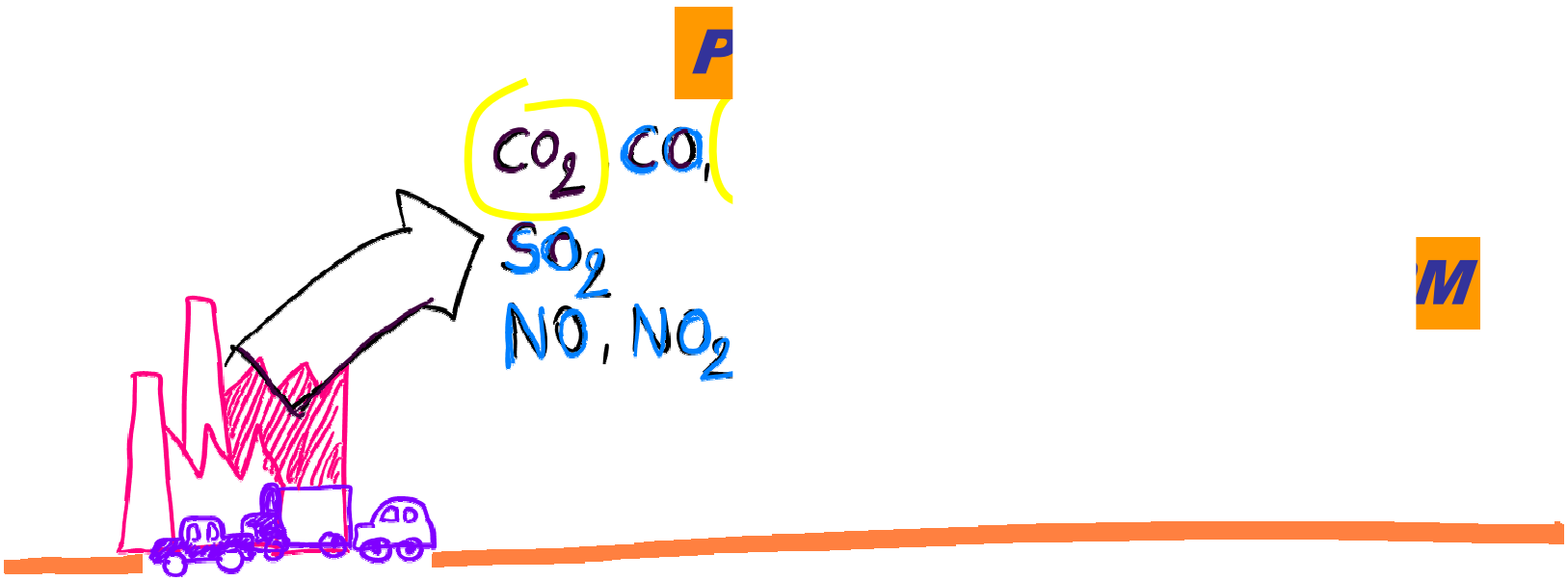


This is what the atmosphere looks like viewed edge on from space. The image is of a small cross-sectional area, note the small curvature of the surface, yet the atmosphere is a small part of the whole. Looking closely, you can see tall thunderstorm clouds silhouetted against an orange layer of atmospheric gases backlit by the sun just below the horizon. Above this layer is the clear blue of the stratosphere and the blackness of space.
From NASA Space Shuttle Flight 6 on 4 April 1983.

Air pollutants and greenhouse gases from fossil fuel burning



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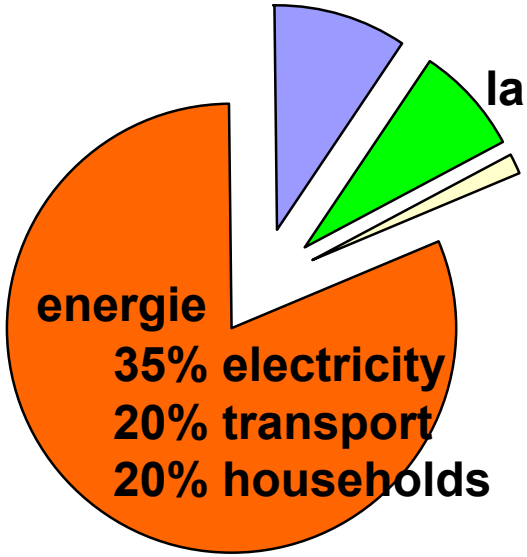

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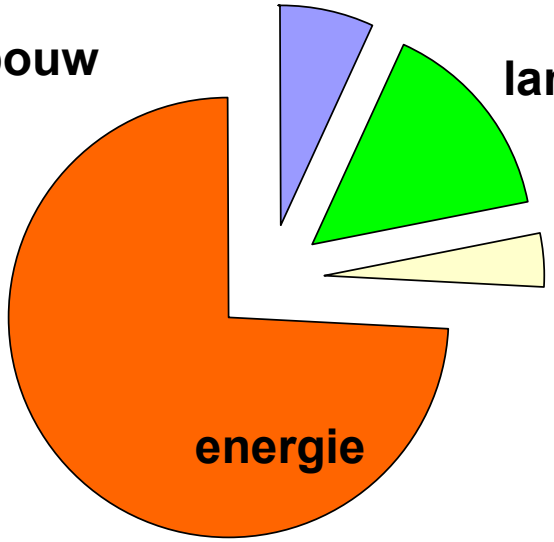

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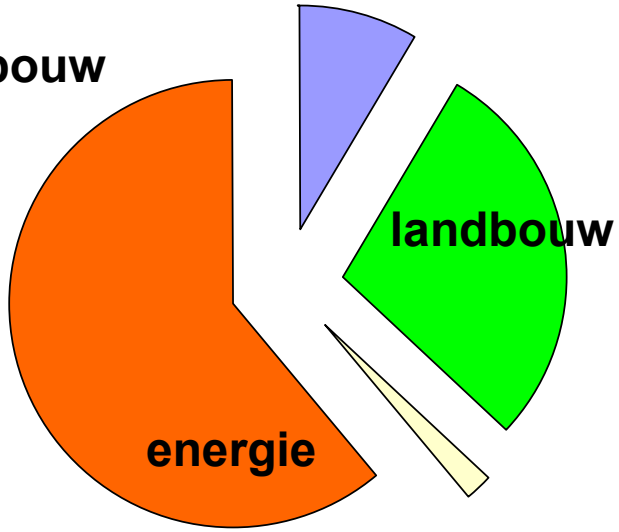

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QUESTIONS:

- What are the effects of air pollution control policies on climate ?

- What are the effects of climate change mitigation policies on the level of air pollutants

- Are there co-benifits of one policy for the other?

Calculations with TM5 Chemical Transport Model

fixed 2000 meteorology (no AP – Climate feed backs)
atmospheric chemistry
aerosol species do not interact

We calculate
- Fields of air pollutants :ozone
  particulate matter (sulfate, BC, OC, SS, dust)
- Effects on human health , natural ecosystems and agriculture
- Effects of TOA radiative forcing (through off-line calculation)

-for year 2000
-for years 2030 and 2050 under various policy scenarios
  -Business as usual for APs and GHGs **(BAU)**
  -Only climate policies **(CC only)**
  -Only air pollution reduction policies **(AP only)**
  -Climate and air pollution policies **(CC + AP)**

GCM study

QUESTIONS:

- What are effects of GHGs and aerosols on surface temperature and precipitation?

- Are GHG and aerosol effects additive?

- What is the climate sensitivity to changing GHGs, to changing aerosols, to changing both?

$$\lambda = \Delta T / RF \qquad (^{o}C/W/m^2)$$

- What is the hydrological sensitivity to changing GHGs, to changing aerosols, to changing both?

$$h = \Delta precip / \Delta T \qquad (\%/^{o}C)$$

GCM study

Calculations with ECHAM5 General Circulation Model

on-line atmospheric chemistry
aerosol species *do* interact

We calculate

- Fields of air pollutants :ozone
  particulate matter (sulfate, BC, OC, SS, dust)
- Effect **on** radiative forcing,
- Effects on temperature and precipitation

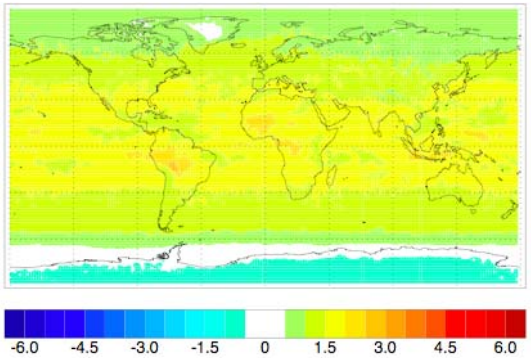
-for year 2000 (equilibrium calculation)
-for year 2030 (equilibrium calculation)
- Only GHG increase according to B2 (**GHG↑**) ***(SRES B2)***
- Only air pollution reduction polcies (**AE↓**) *(MFR everywhere)*
-'GHG increase + aerosol decrease (**GHG↑ + AE↓**)

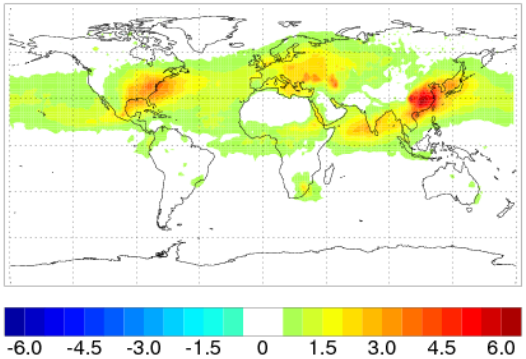
changes in radiative forcing
between 2000 and 2030

Total sky TOA radative forcing

GHG ↑

RF= 1.53 W/m2



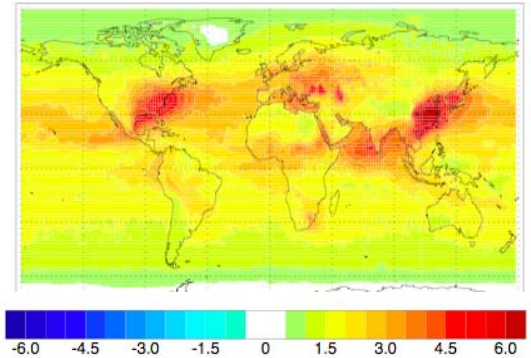


AE ↓

RF= 1.13 W/m2

GHG ↑ +AE ↓

RF = 2.66 W/m2



GHGs: SRES B2 scenario
Aerosols: IIASA MFR scenario

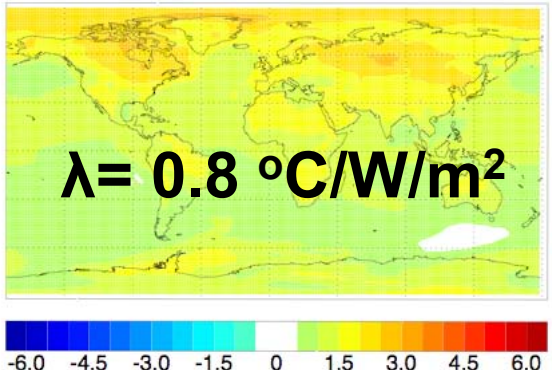
Kloster et al. Atmos. Chem. Phys., 2008

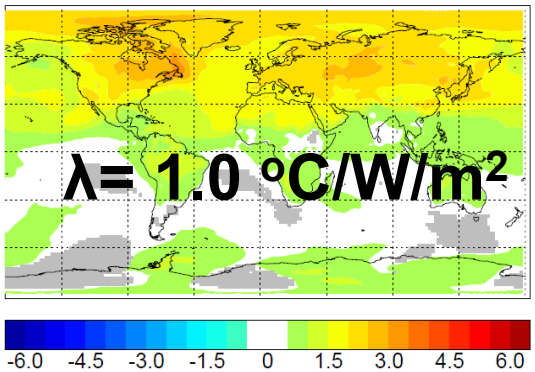
changes in surface temperature

between 2000 and 2030

GHG ↑

ΔT =
1.20 °C



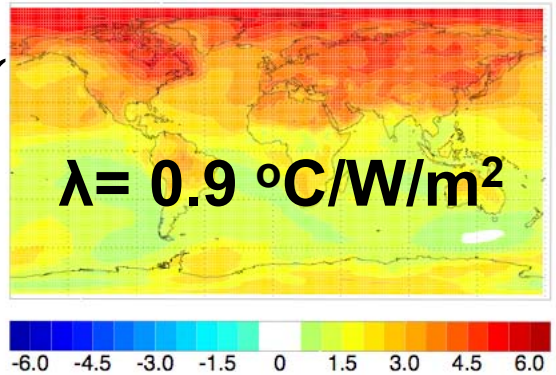


AE ↓

ΔT =
0.96 °C

GHG ↑ +AE ↓

ΔT =
2.18 °C



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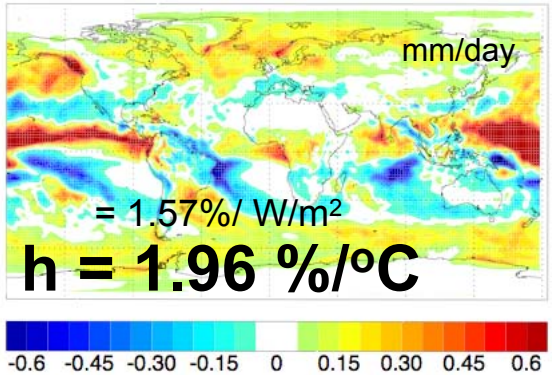
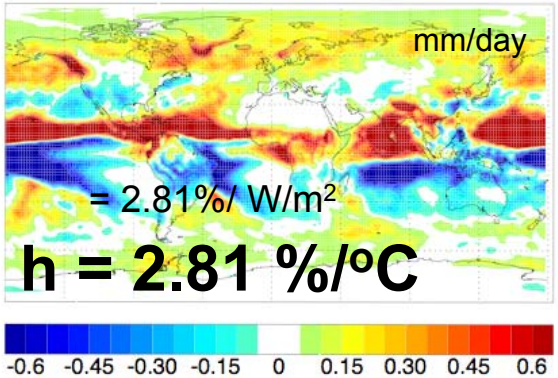
Kloster et al. Climate Dynamics (in press) 2009

changes in precipitation
between 2000 and 2030

GHG ↑

Δprecip = +2%



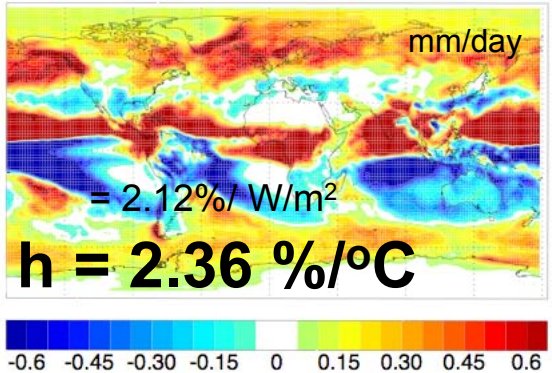


AE ↓

Δprecip = +3%

GHG ↑ +AE ↓

Δprecip = +5%



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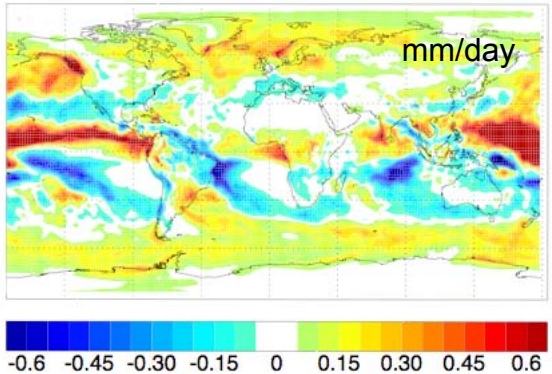
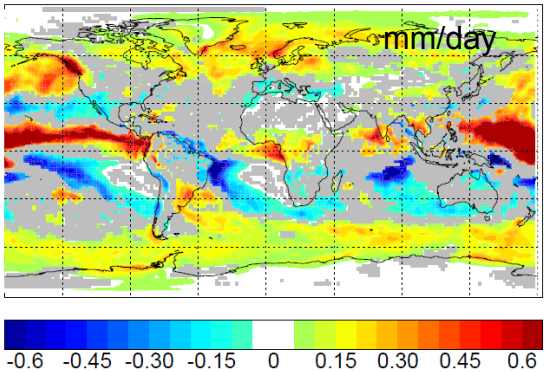
changes in precipitation
between 2000 and 2030

GHG ↑

Δprecip = +2%





changes with increases above 95% significance level only

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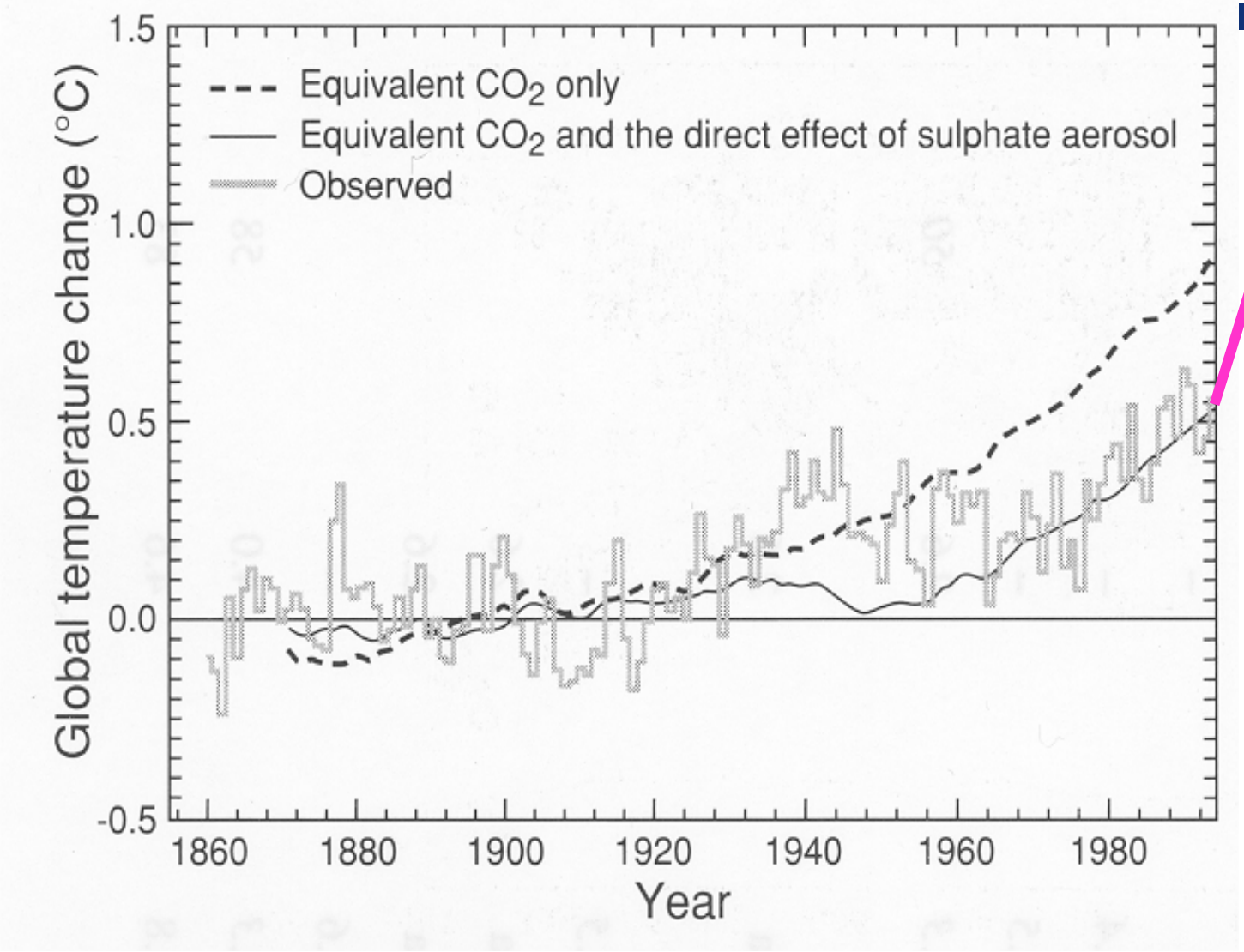
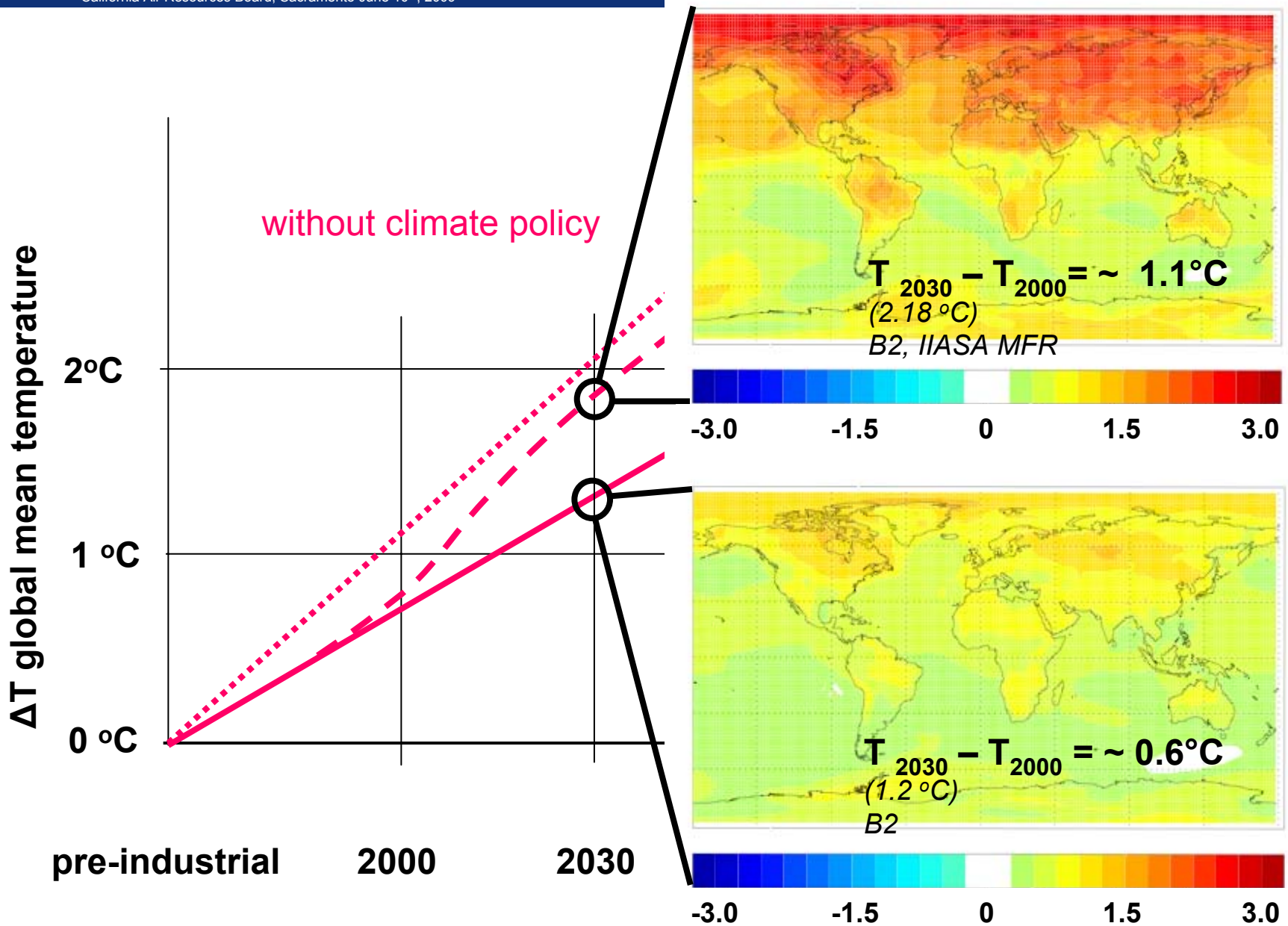
effect of aerosols on on global temperatur



IPCC, 1995

the overall picture



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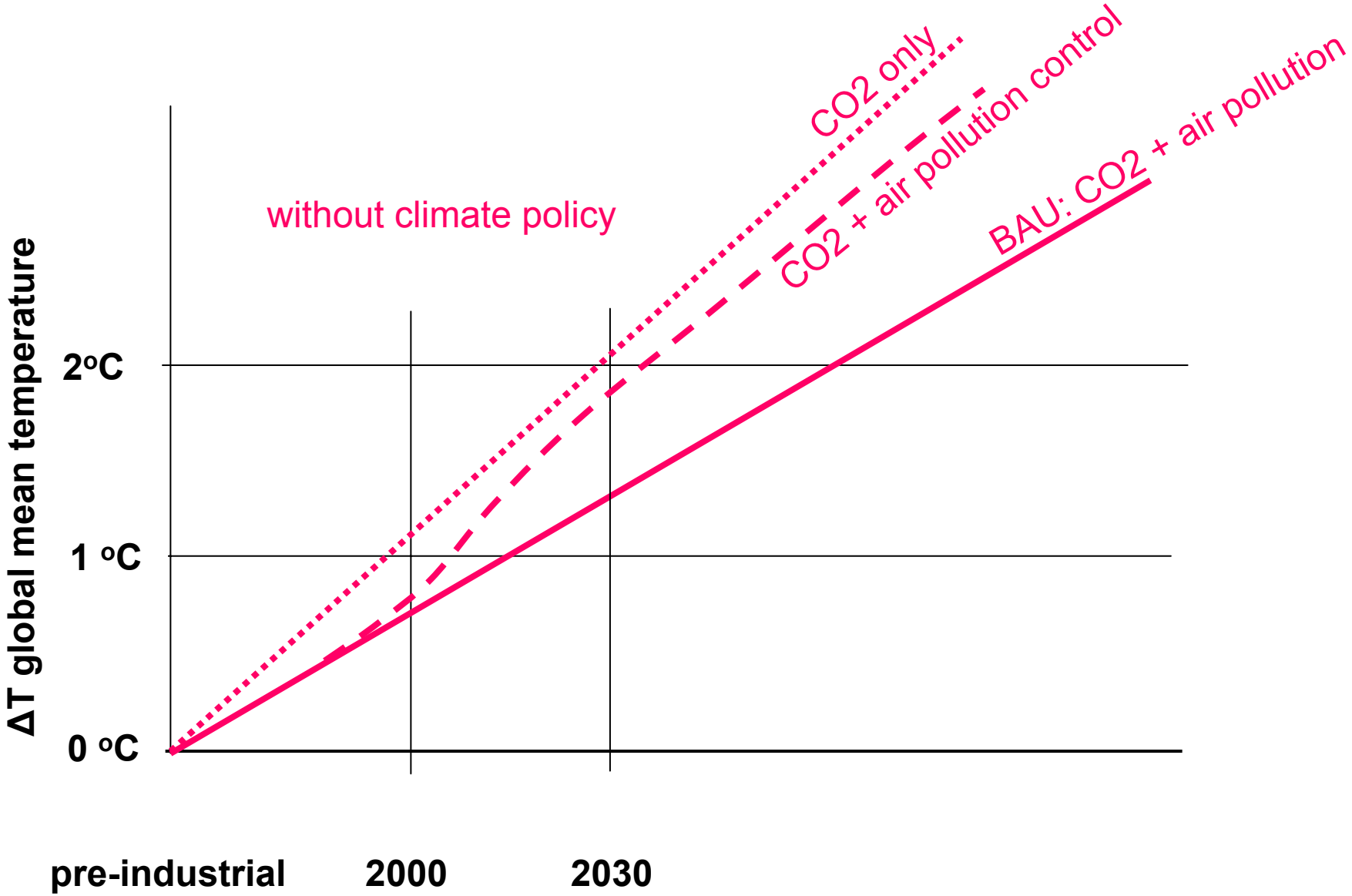

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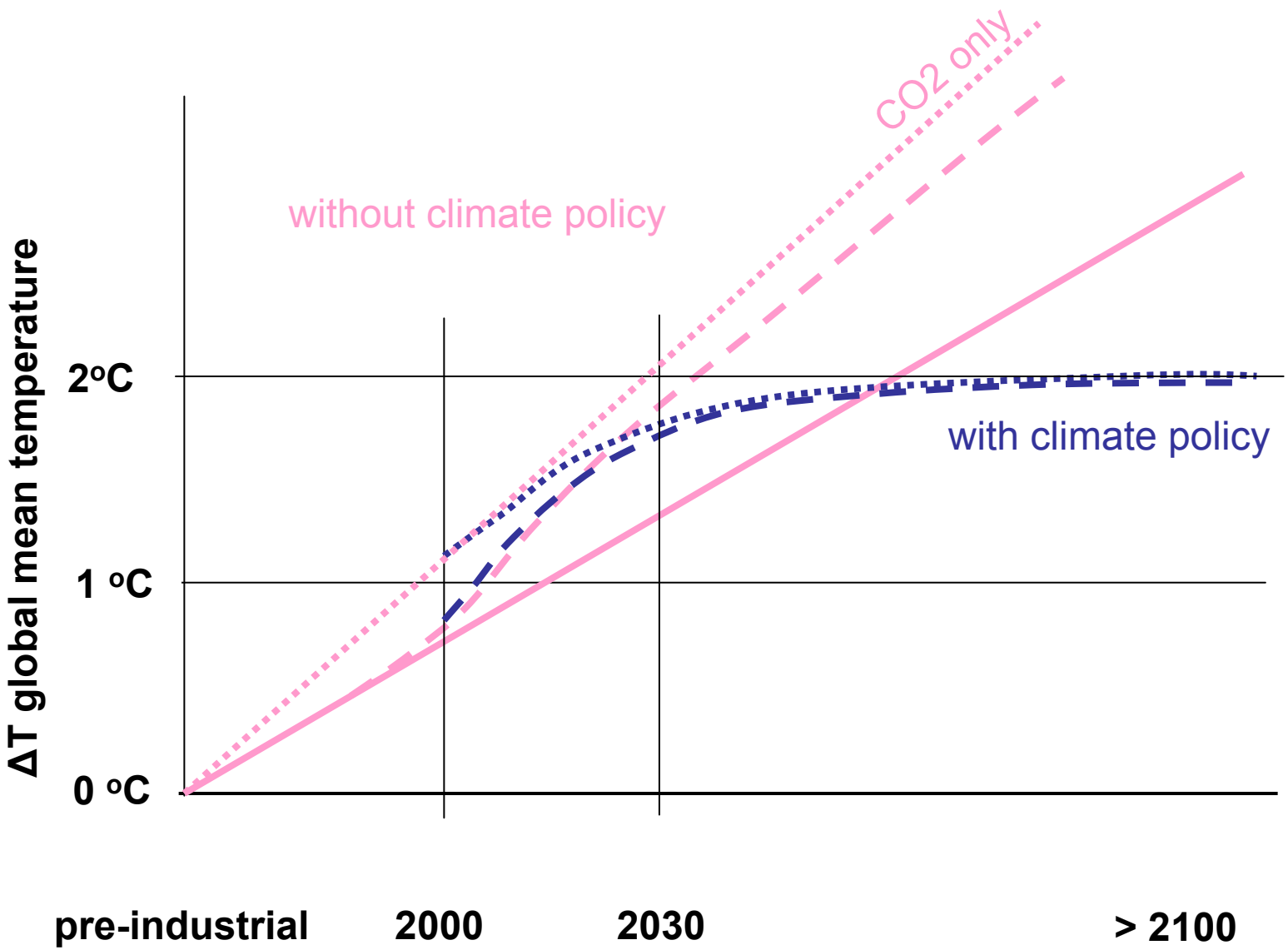

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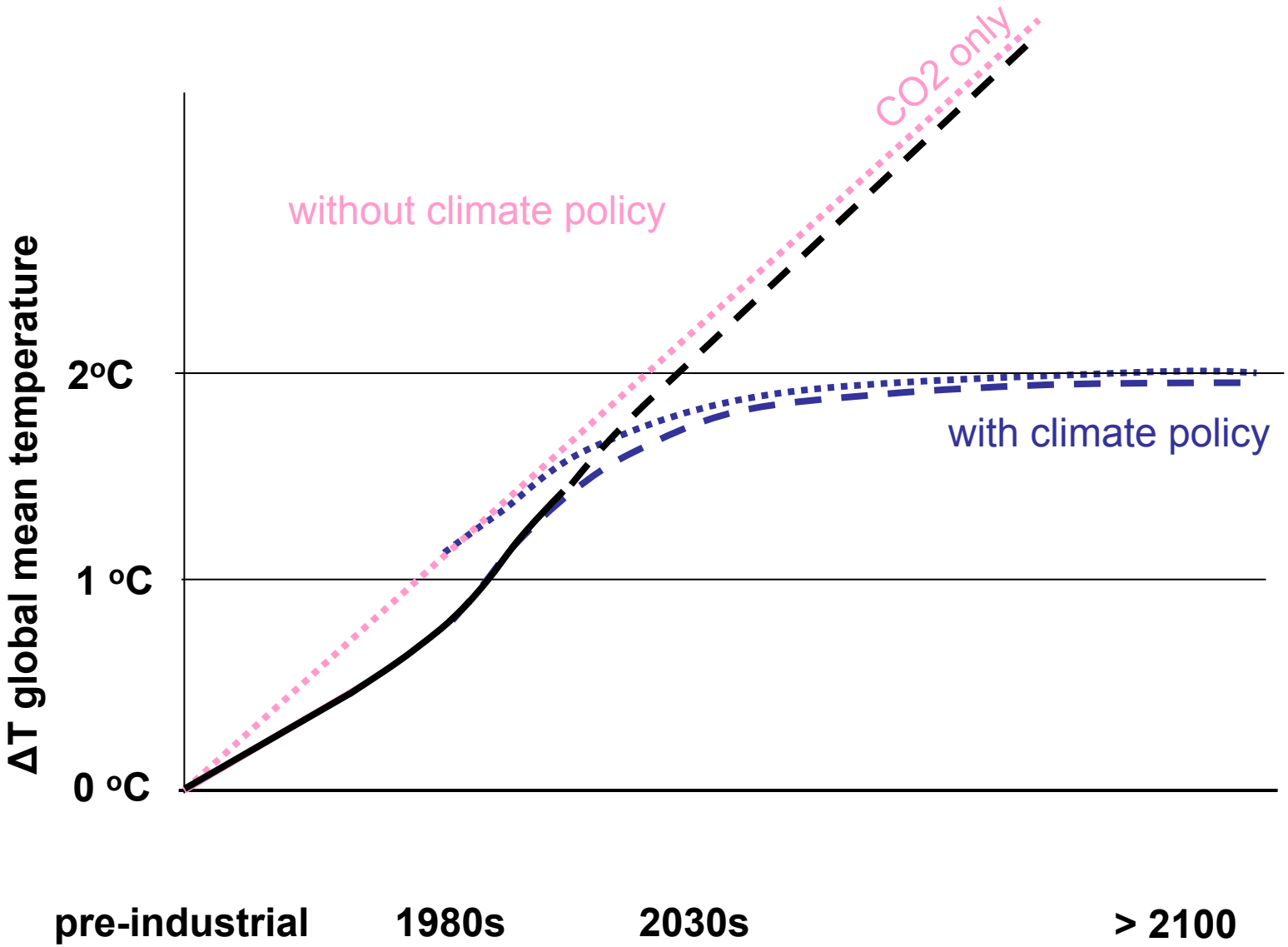
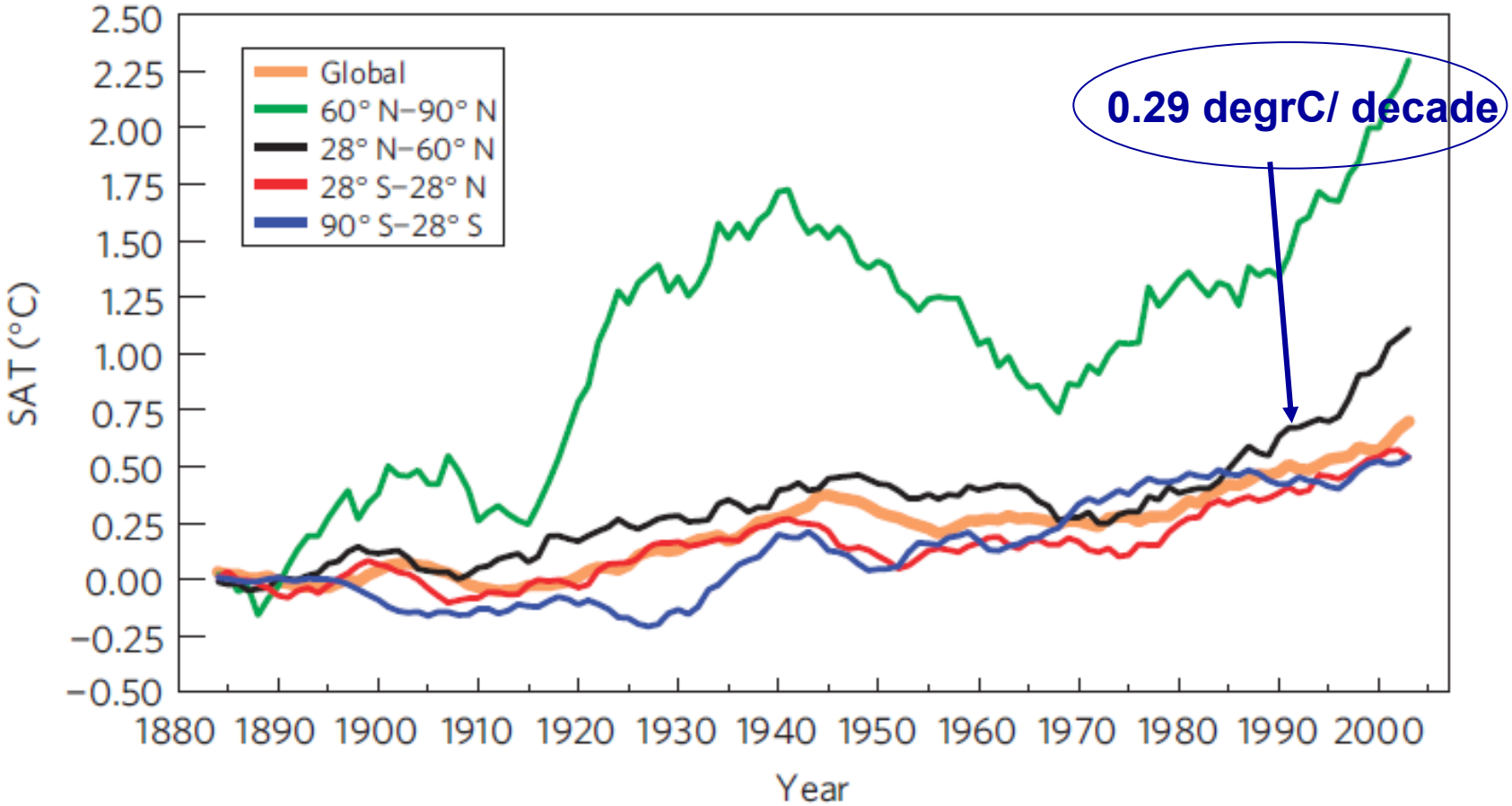


the air pollution - climate link: the past

Global and zonal mean temperature, difference from 1880-90 (degrC)



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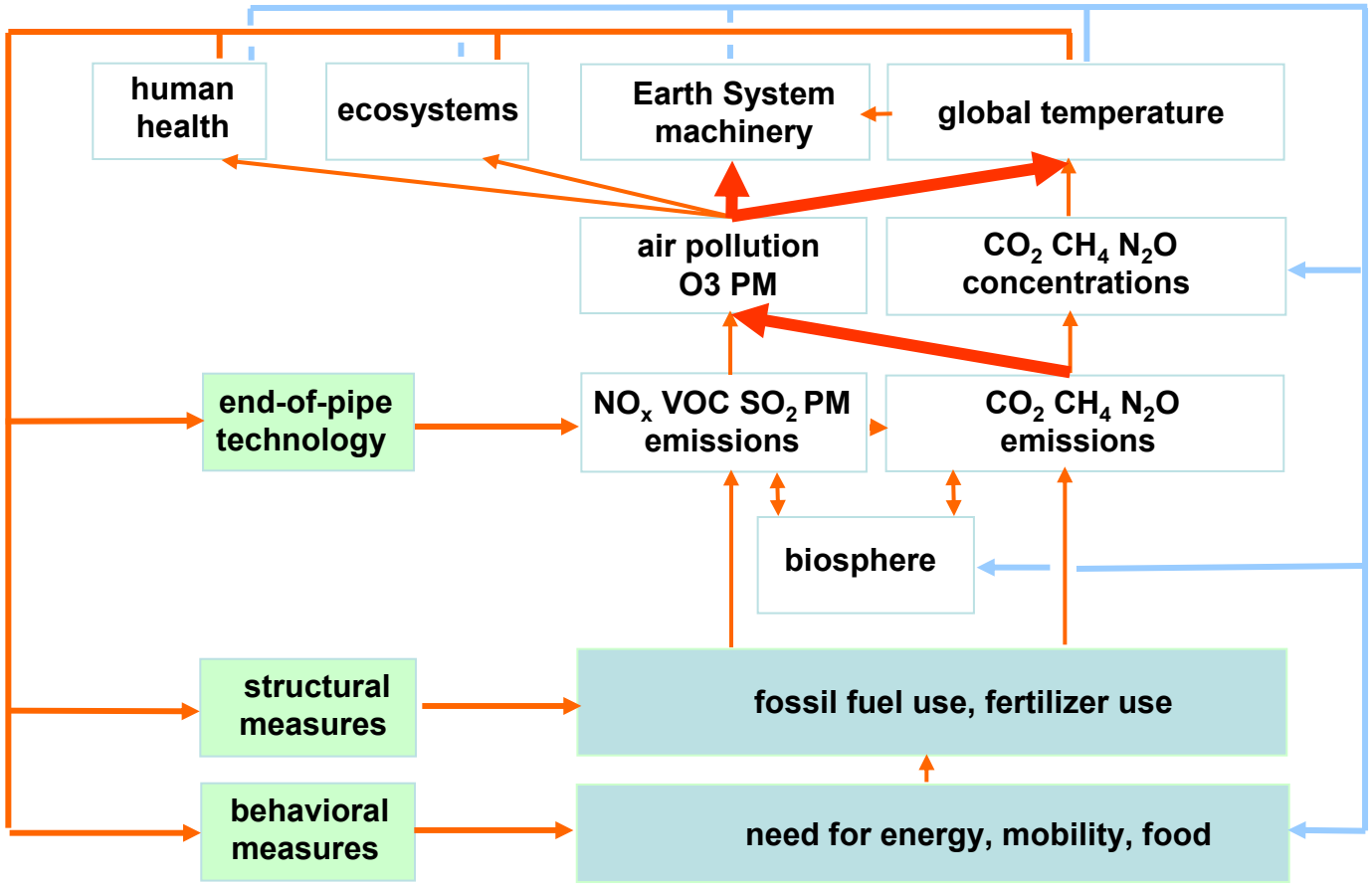
integration AP and CC policies

POLICY RESPONSE



SYSTEM RESPONSE

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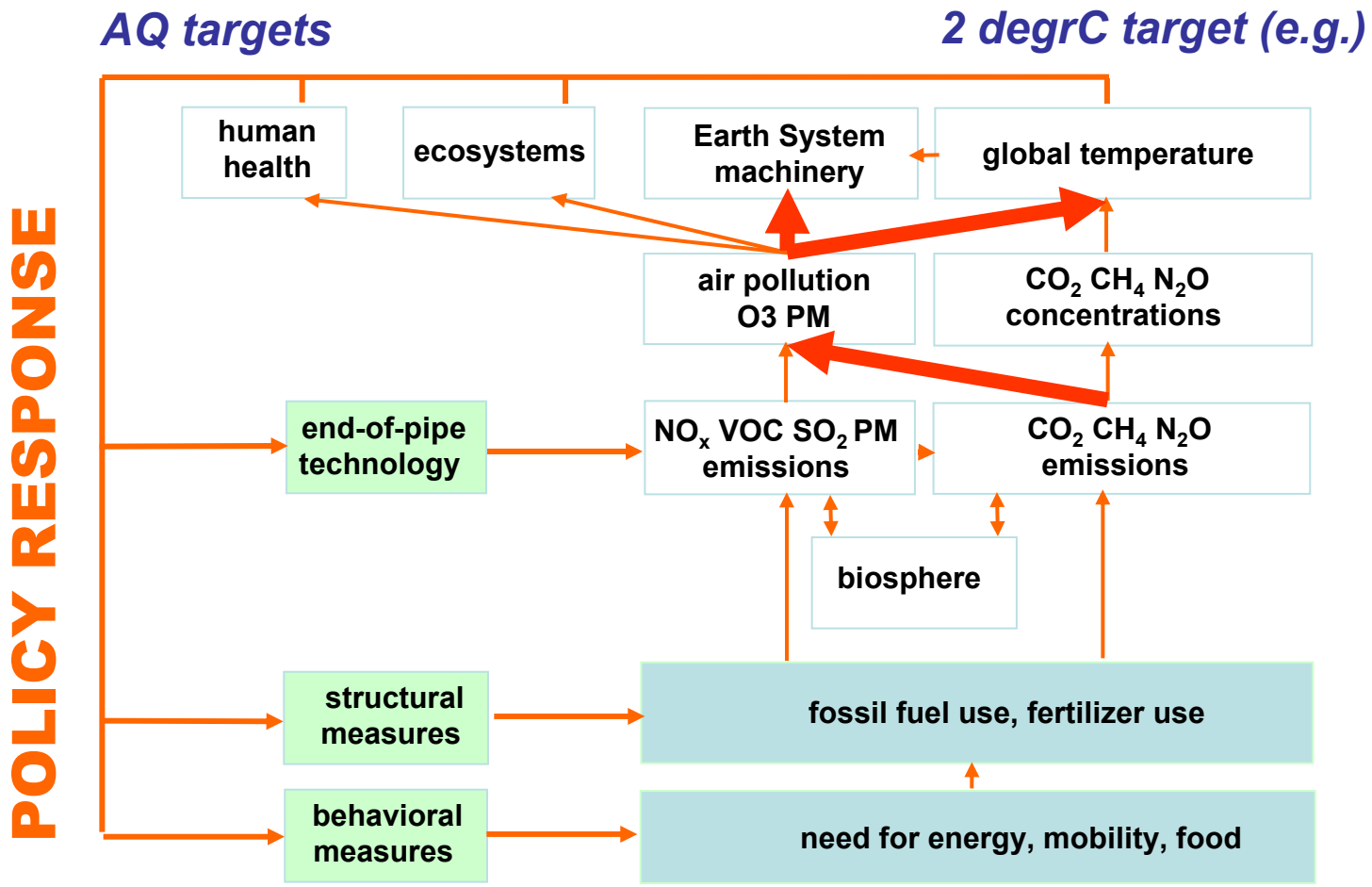

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changes in APs and GHG concentrations between 2000 and 2030

% change	GHG↑	AE↓	GHG↑ +AE↓
sulfate	+4	-35	-32
Black carbon	+6	-17	-13
Organic carbon	+6	-6	-1
Sea salt	+2	+1	+3
Dust	+7	-7	-1
CO2	+21	0	+21
CH4	+36	0	+36
N2O	+8	0	+8

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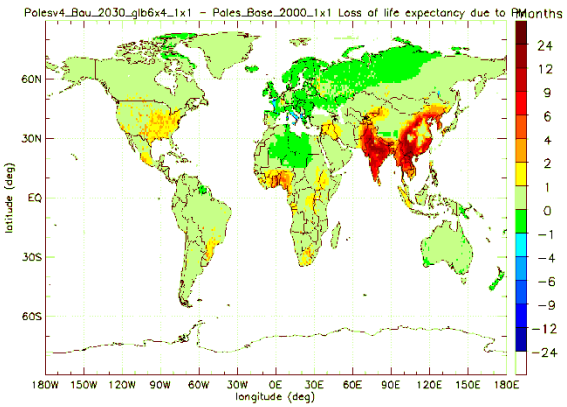
changes in health impacts

between 2000 and 2030

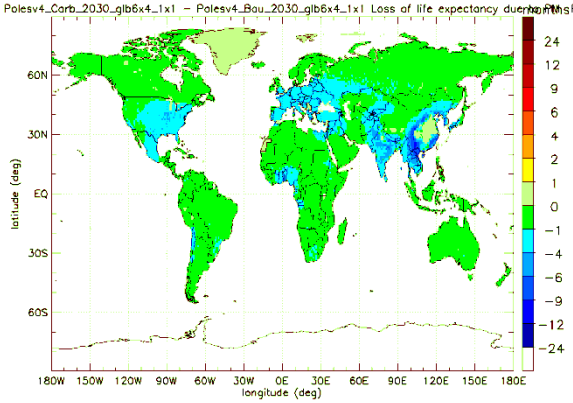
BAU

loss of life expectancy between 2000 and 2030 without additional policies (months)



CC only

effect of CC-only policy by 2030 compared to BAU



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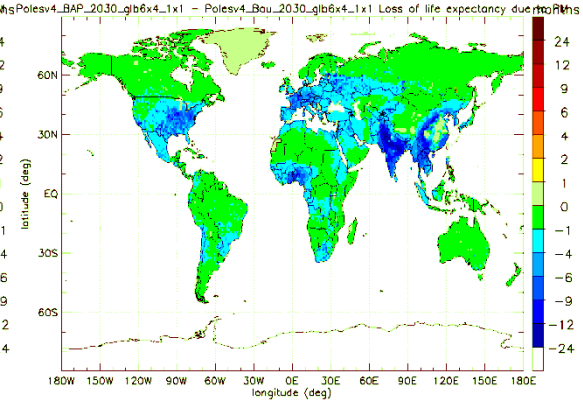

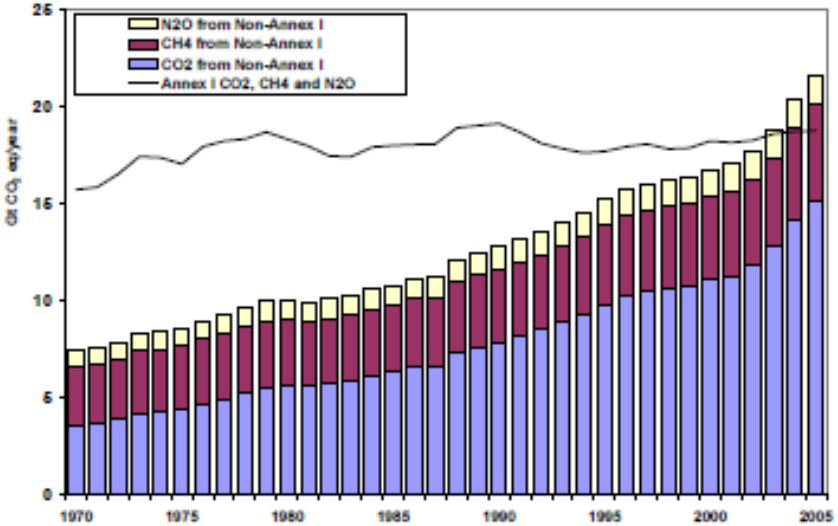

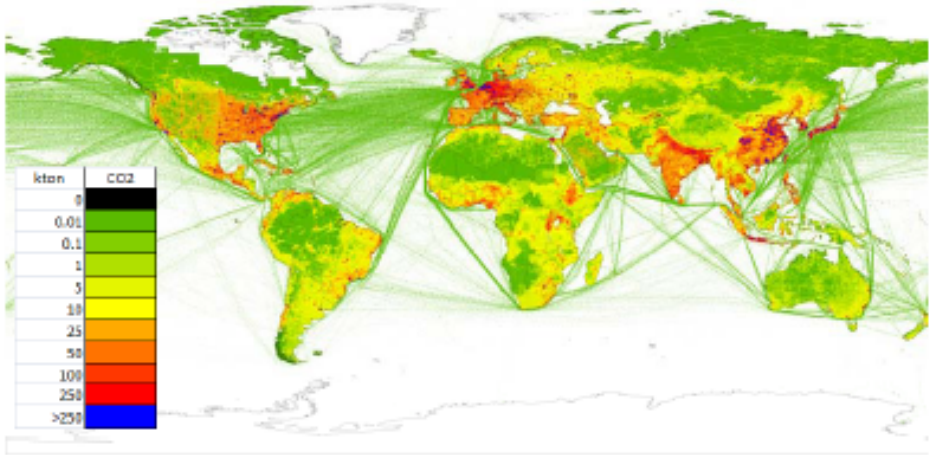

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Global anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gas emissions 1970-2005 by world country.

EDGAR v4.0:
Global anthropogenic CO_2 emissions in 2005 allocated to 0.1^0 grid cells (excl. aviation).

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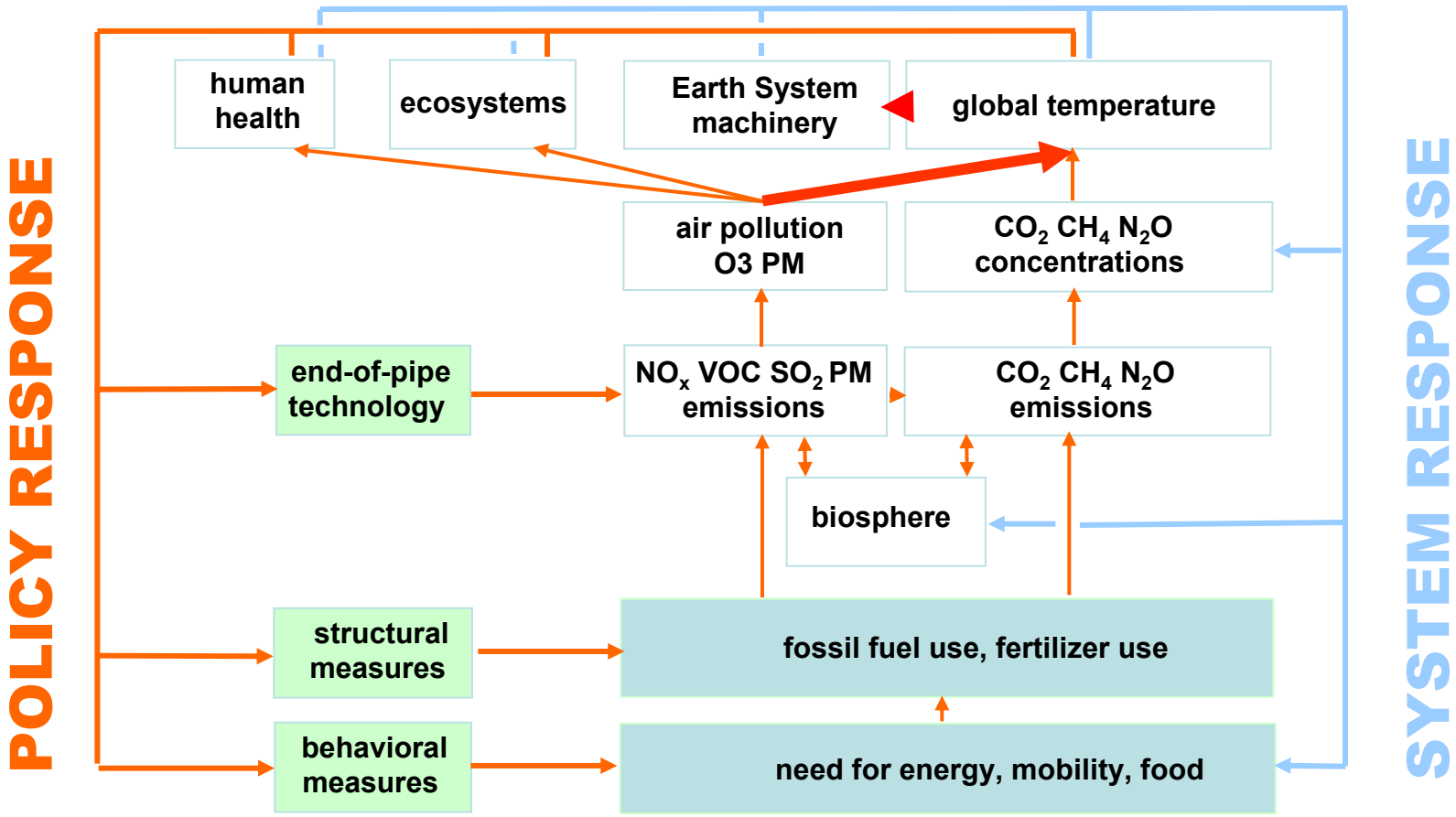
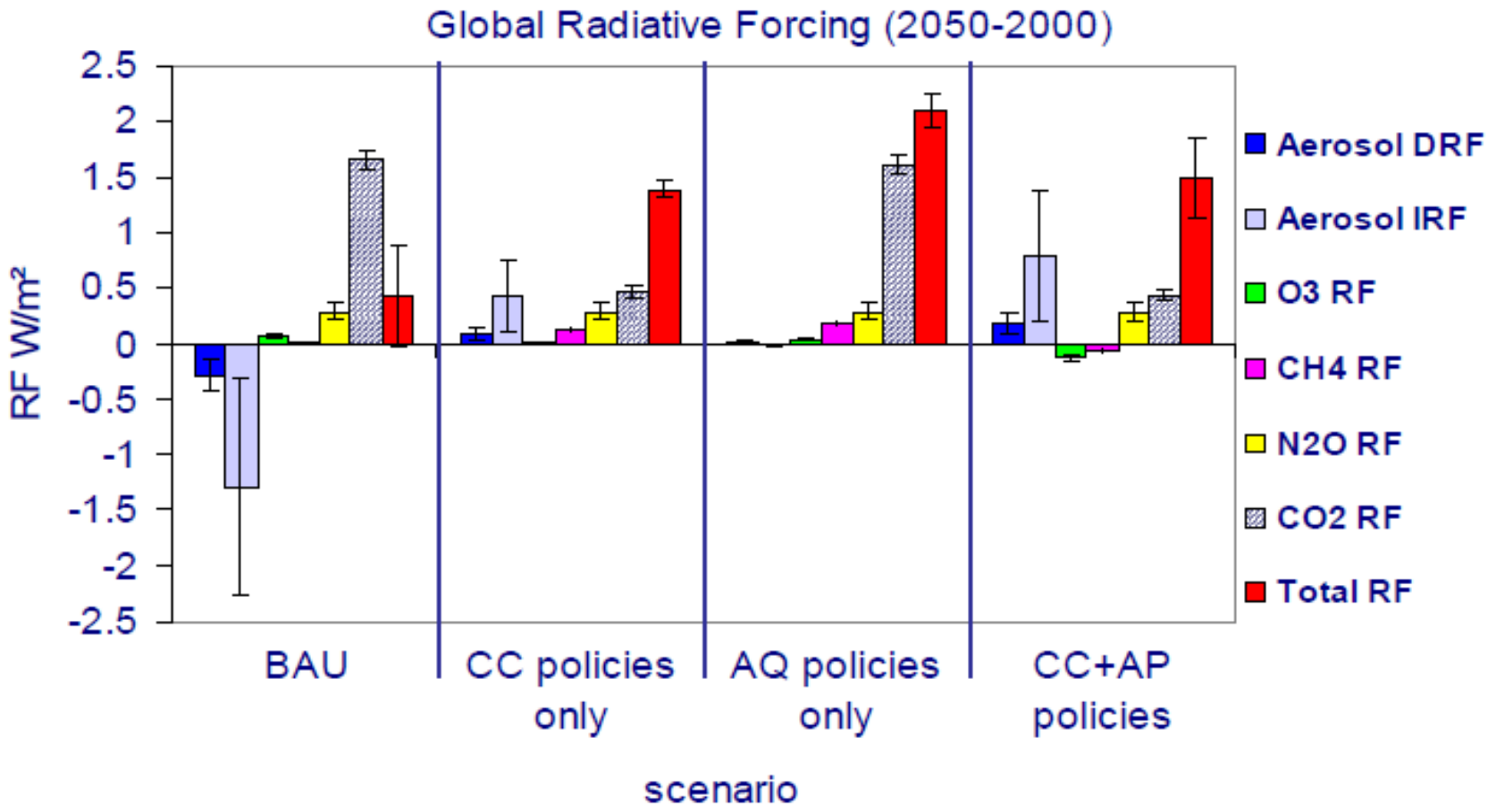
the air pollution - climate link




Global Radiative Forcing (2050-2000)
RF W/m²
2.5
2
1.5
1
0.5
0
-0.5
-1
-1.5
-2
-2.5
BAU
CC policies only
AQ policies only
CC+AP policies
scenario
Aerosol DRF
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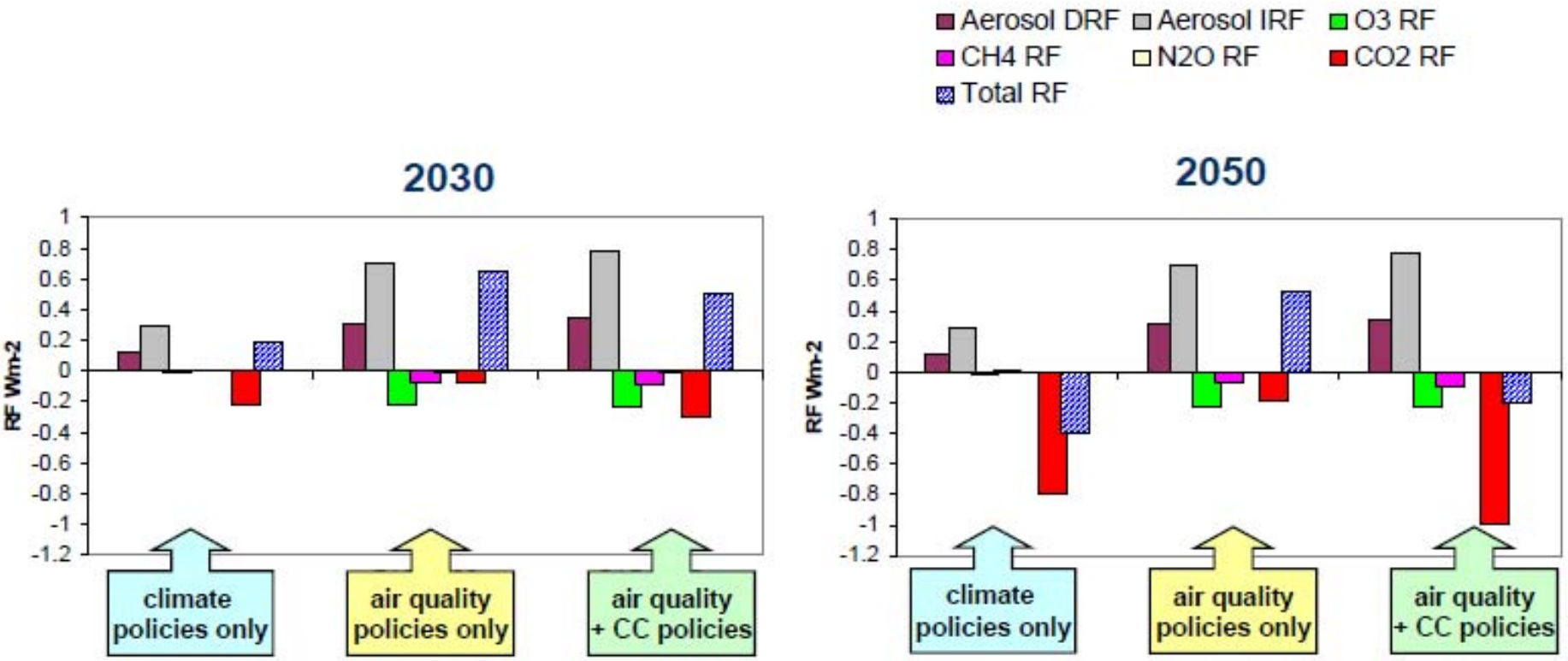
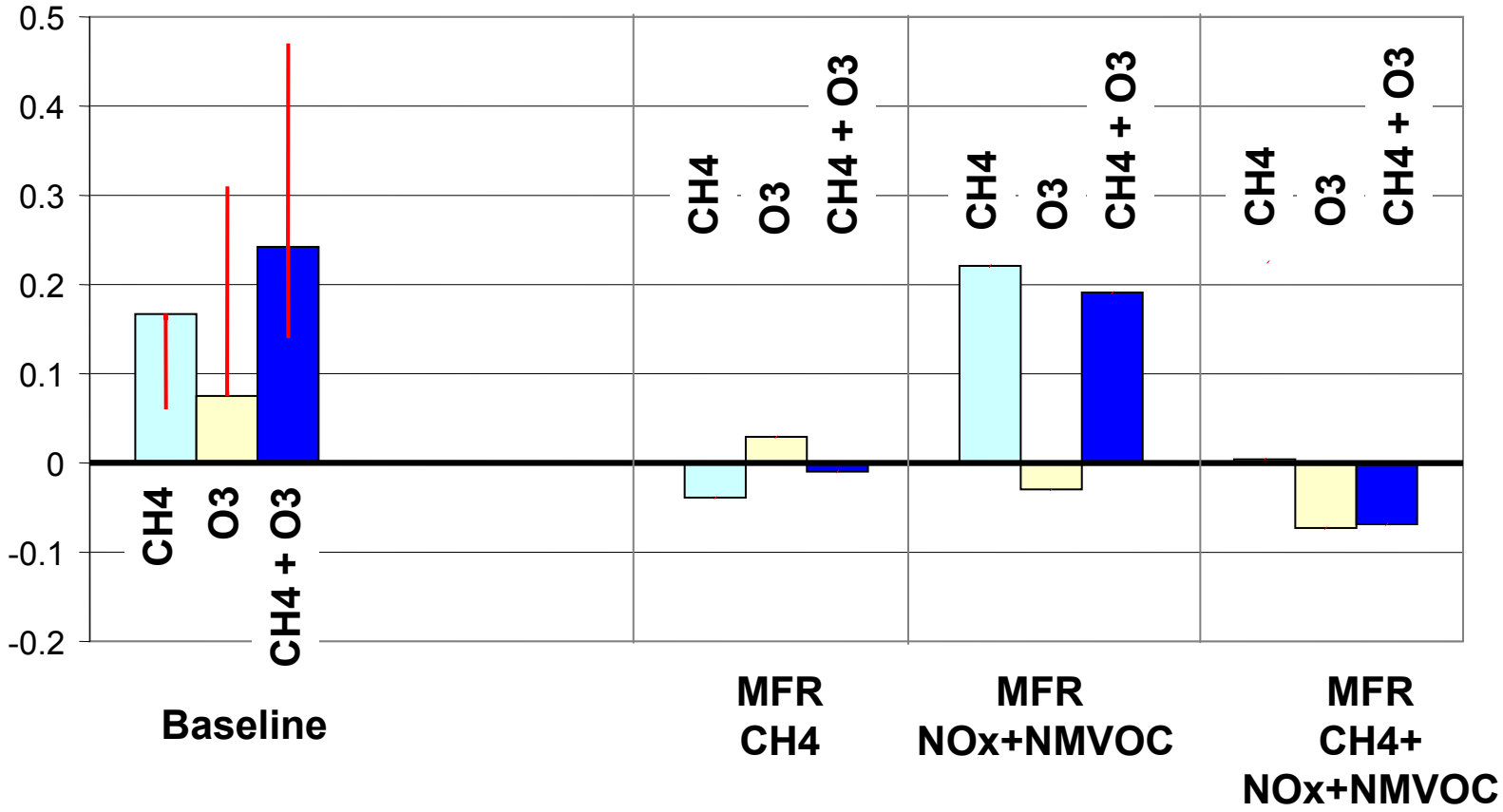
CO2 RF
Total RF

Effect of policies in 2030 and 2050 compared to BAU in 2030 and 2050



the CH4, ozone, climate link

Change in global mean radiative forcing 2000-2030 [W/m²]



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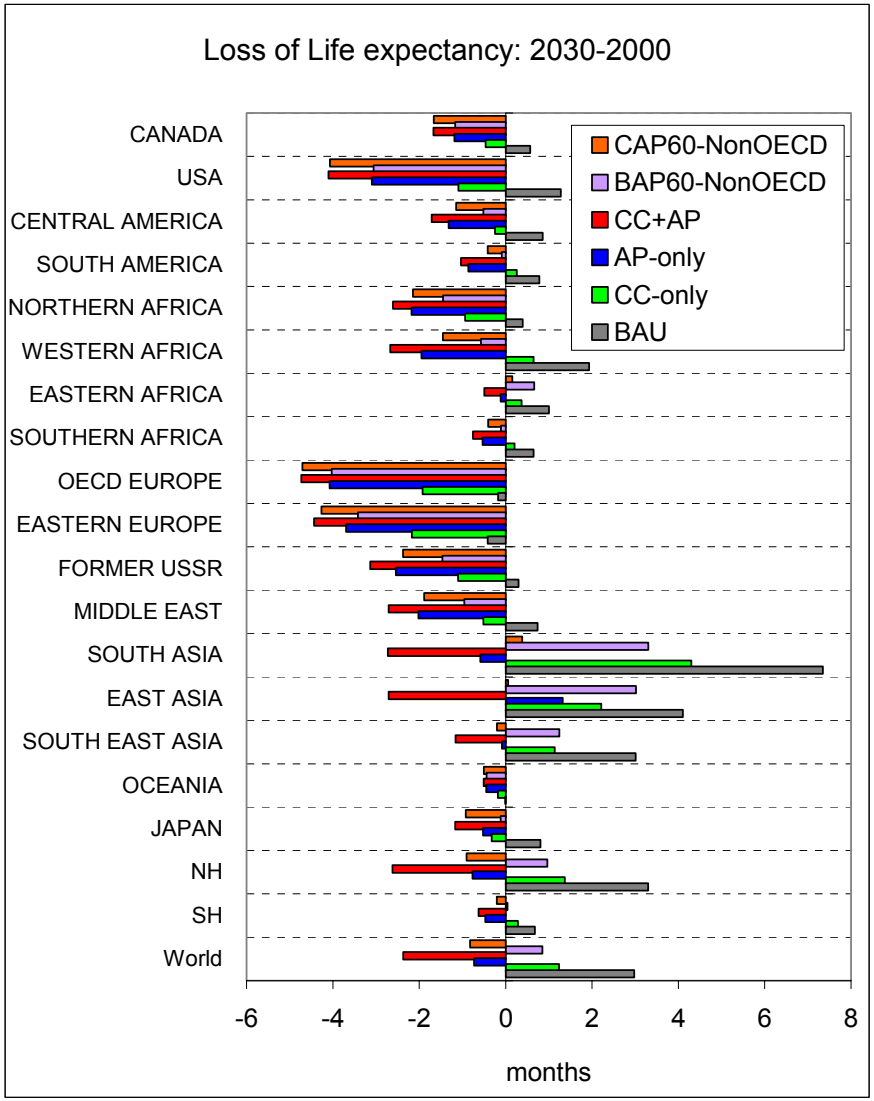
Loss of Life expectancy: 2030-2000
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OECD EUROPE
EASTERN EUROPE
FORMER USSR
MIDDLE EAST
SOUTH ASIA
EAST ASIA
SOUTH EAST ASIA
OCEANIA
JAPAN
NH
SH
World
CAP60-NonOECD
BAP60-NonOECD
CC+AP
AP-only
CC-only
BAU
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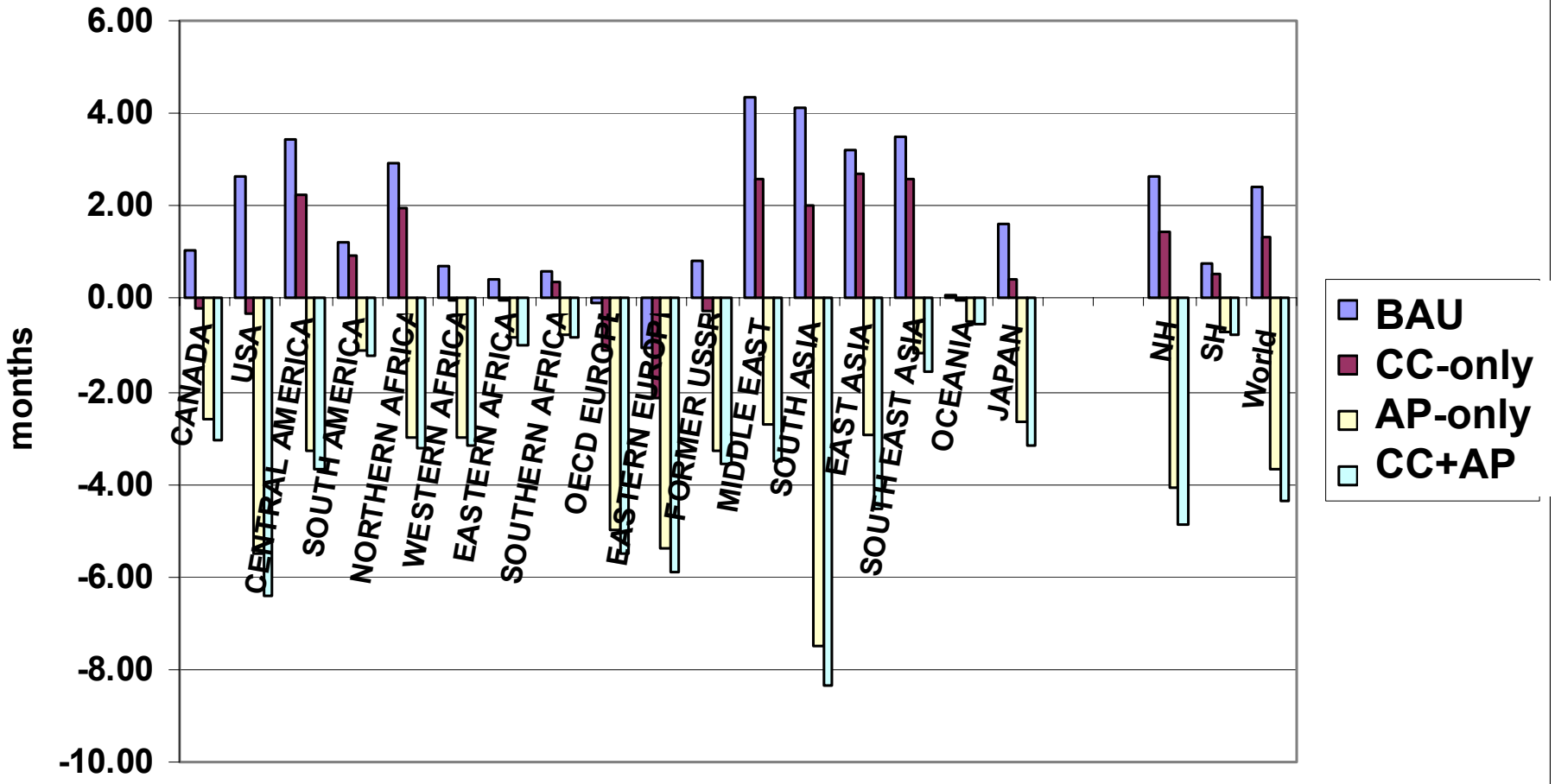
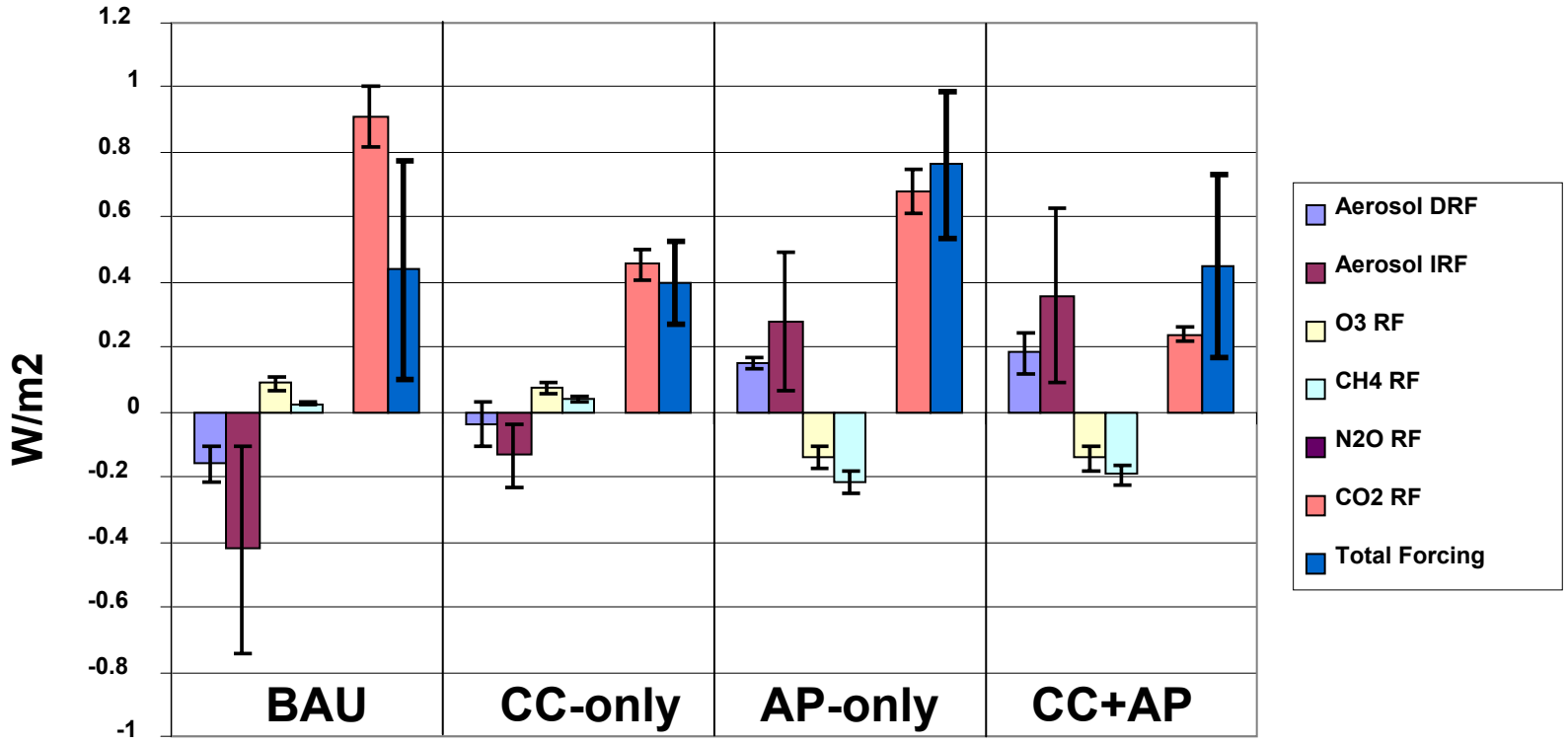
months

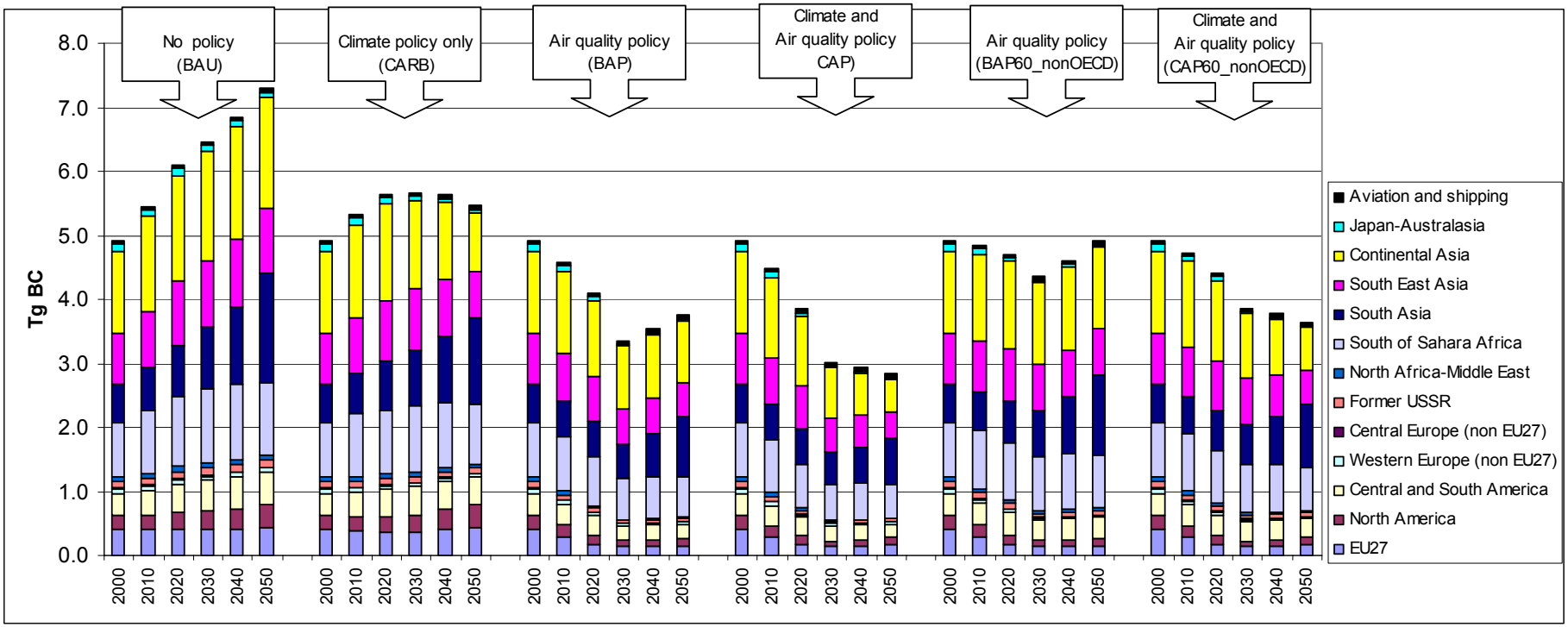
integrated energy, CC and AP modelling

additional loss of life expectancy due to PM between 2000 and 2030 in various scenarios



additional global radiative forcing between 2000 and 2030 in various scenarios




No policy (BAU)
Climate policy only (CARB)
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Tg BC
8.0
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2.0
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2000
2010
2020
2030
2040
2050
Aviation and shipping
Japan-Australasia
Continental Asia
South East Asia
South Asia
South of Sahara Africa
North Africa-Middle East
Former USSR
Central Europe (non EU27)
Western Europe (non EU27)
Central and South America
North America
EU27

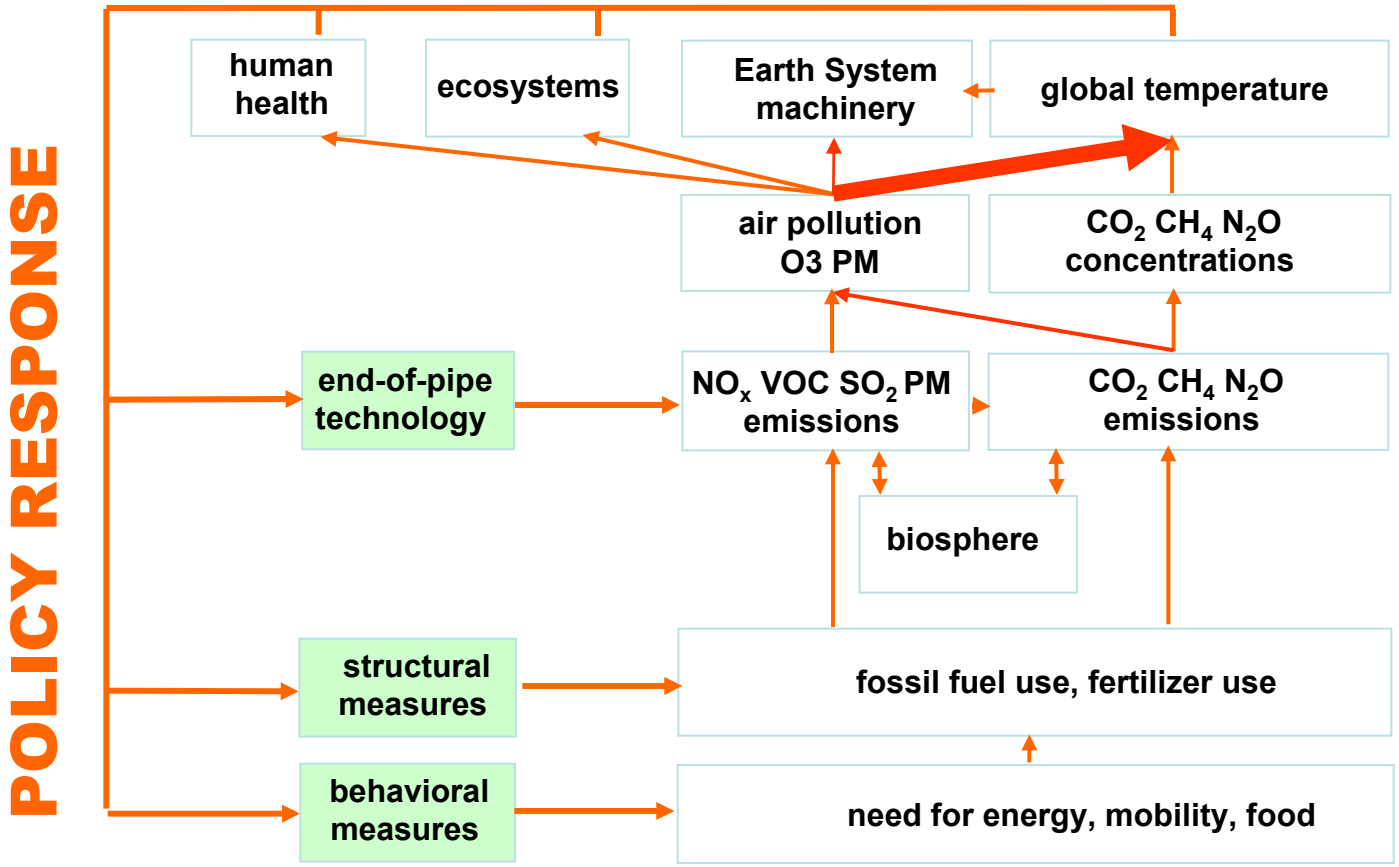
BC Tg BC yr-1

integration AP and CC policies

- integrated AP and CC policy means:

  to define, in each world region, the right mix of technical and non-technical control measures, in order to be:
  - socially equitable
    - allow for development and poverty reduction
  - cost-effective
  - environmental effective
    - reduce air effects of air pollution
    - avoid dangerous climate change

the aerosol (PM) climate link



changes in air pollutant fields
between 2000 and 2030

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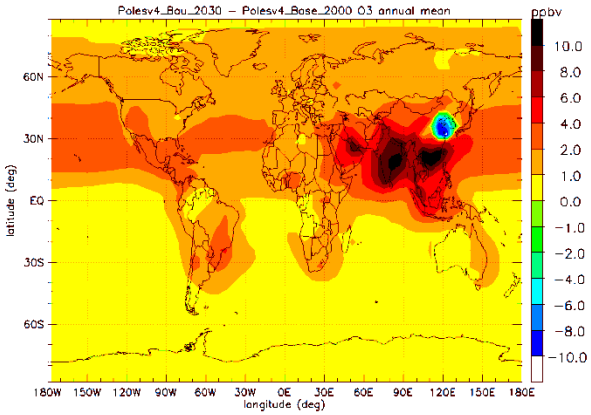
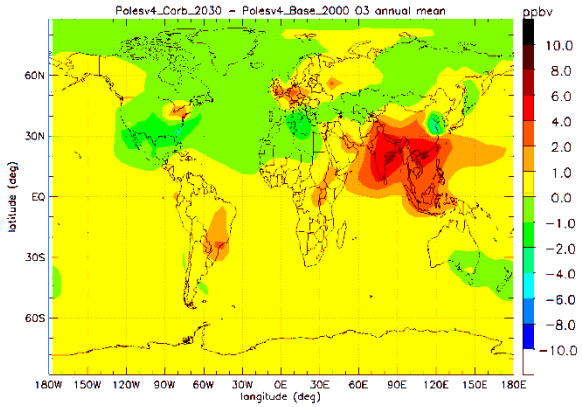
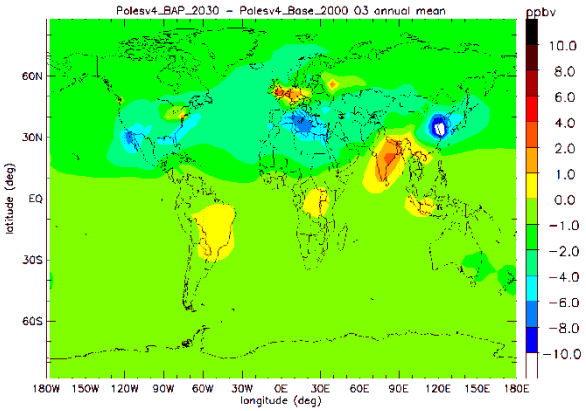
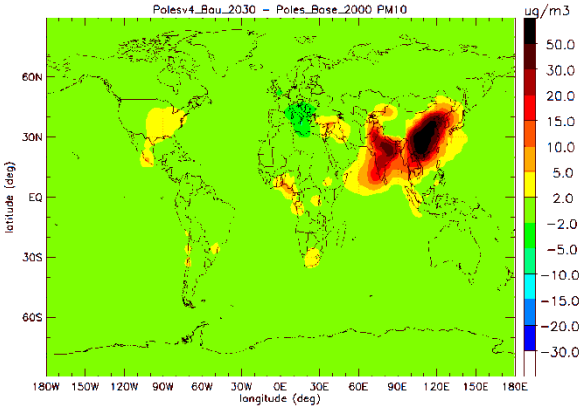
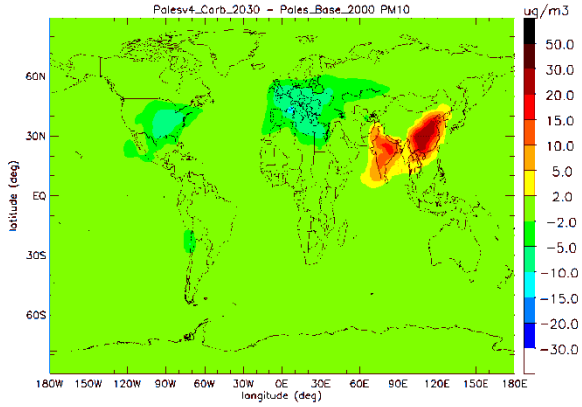
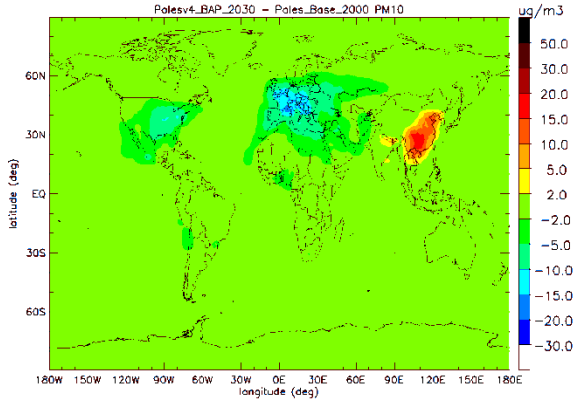
Ozone (surface)







PM10 (surface)