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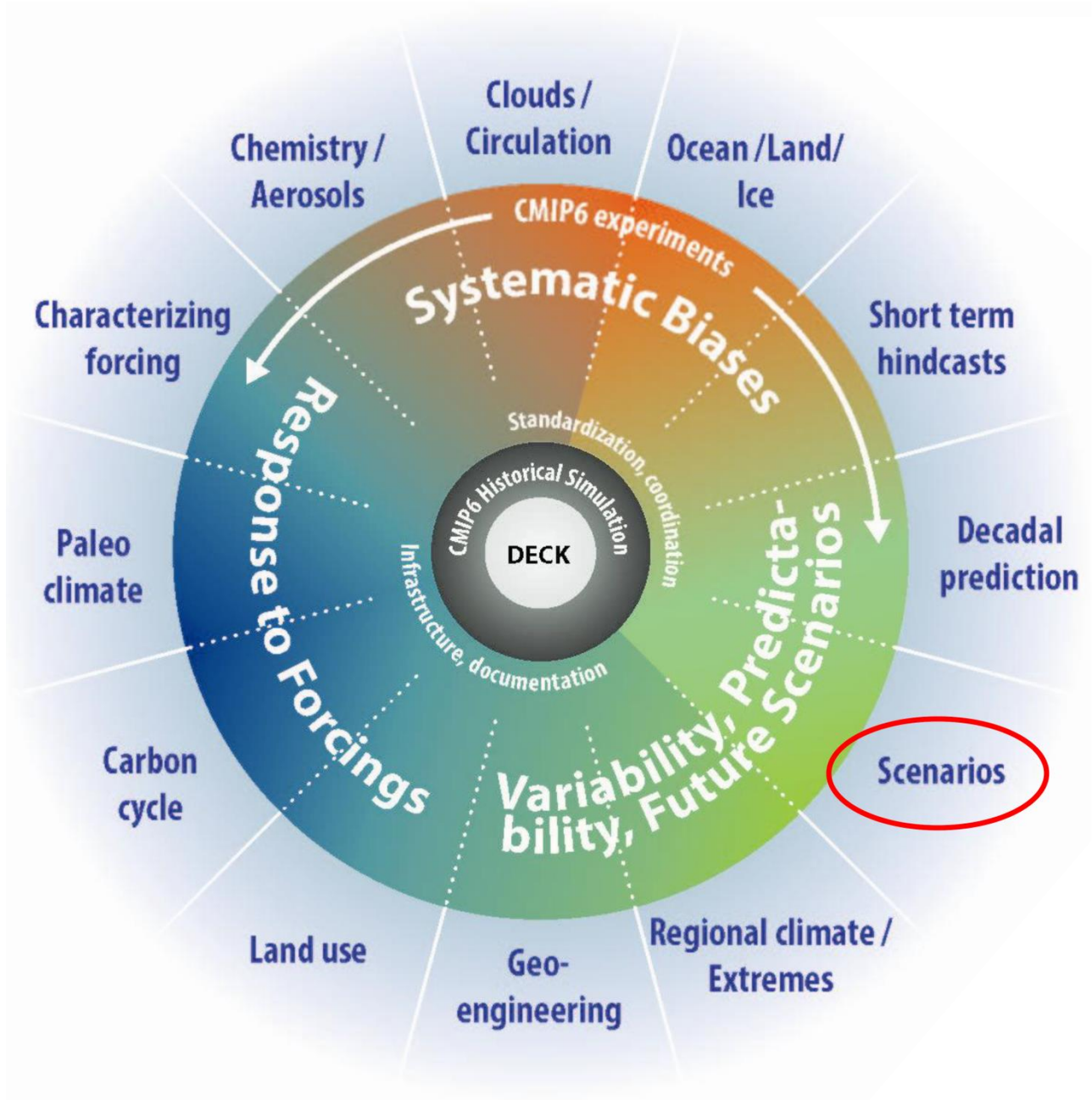
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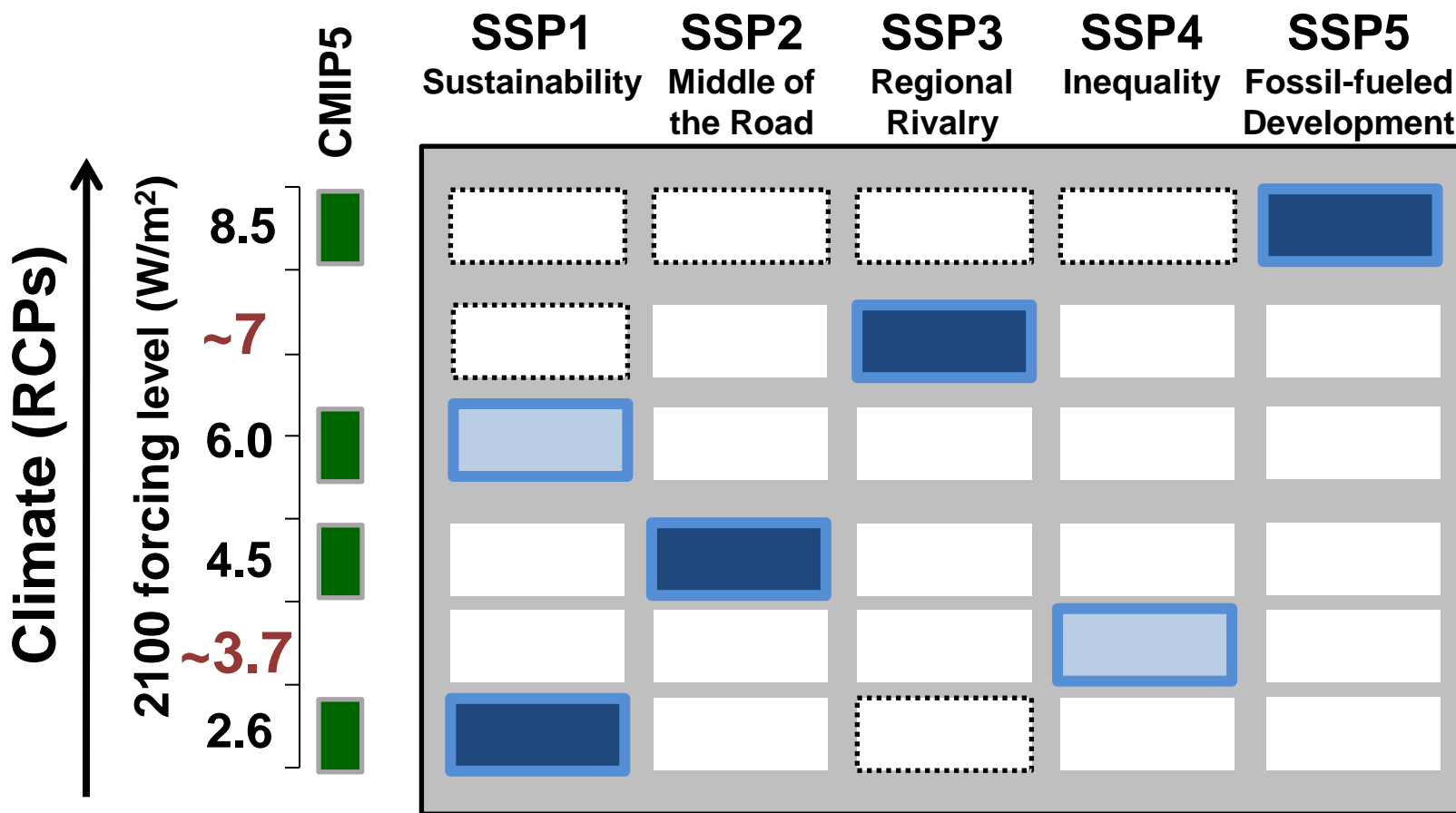
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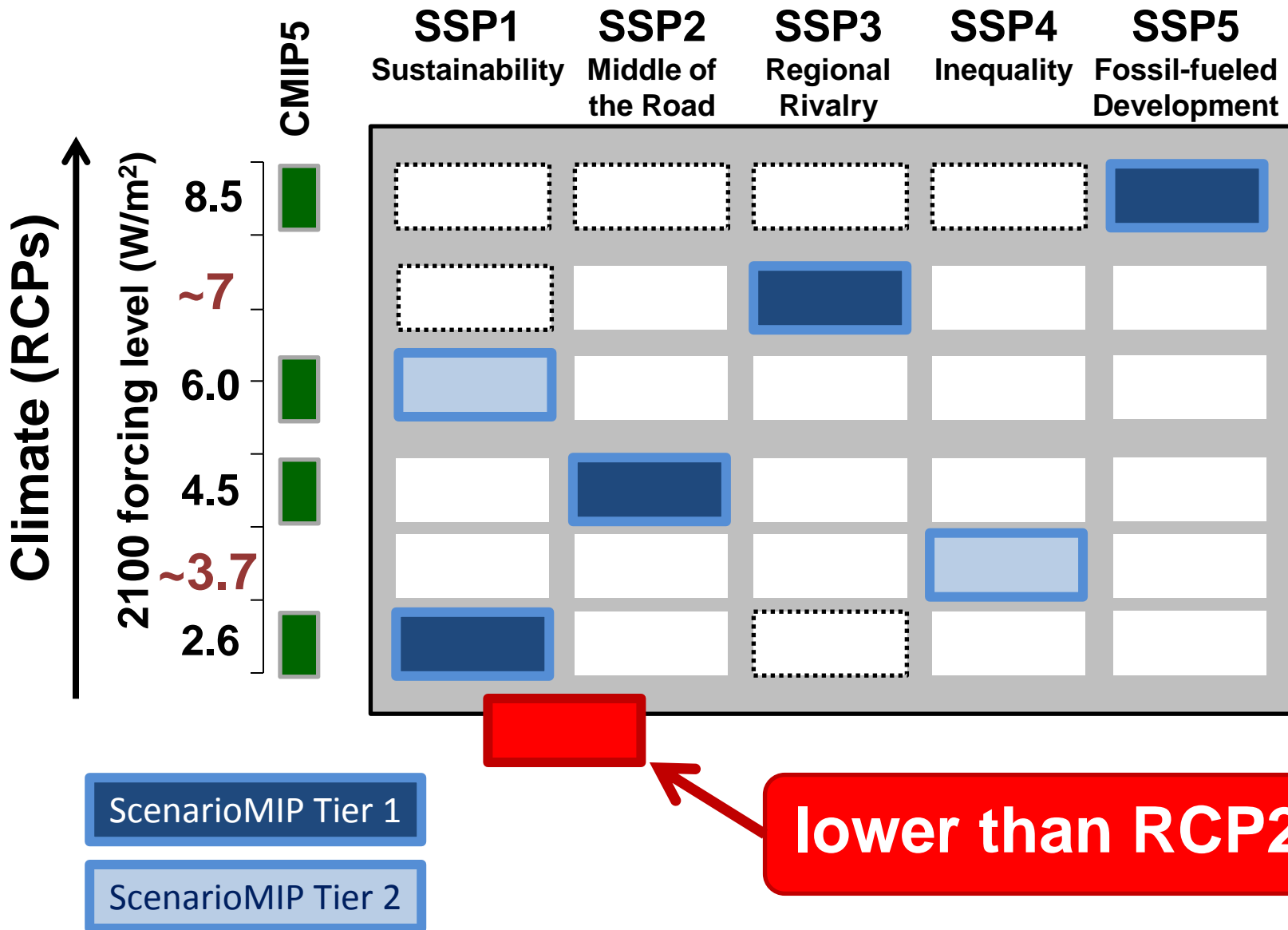


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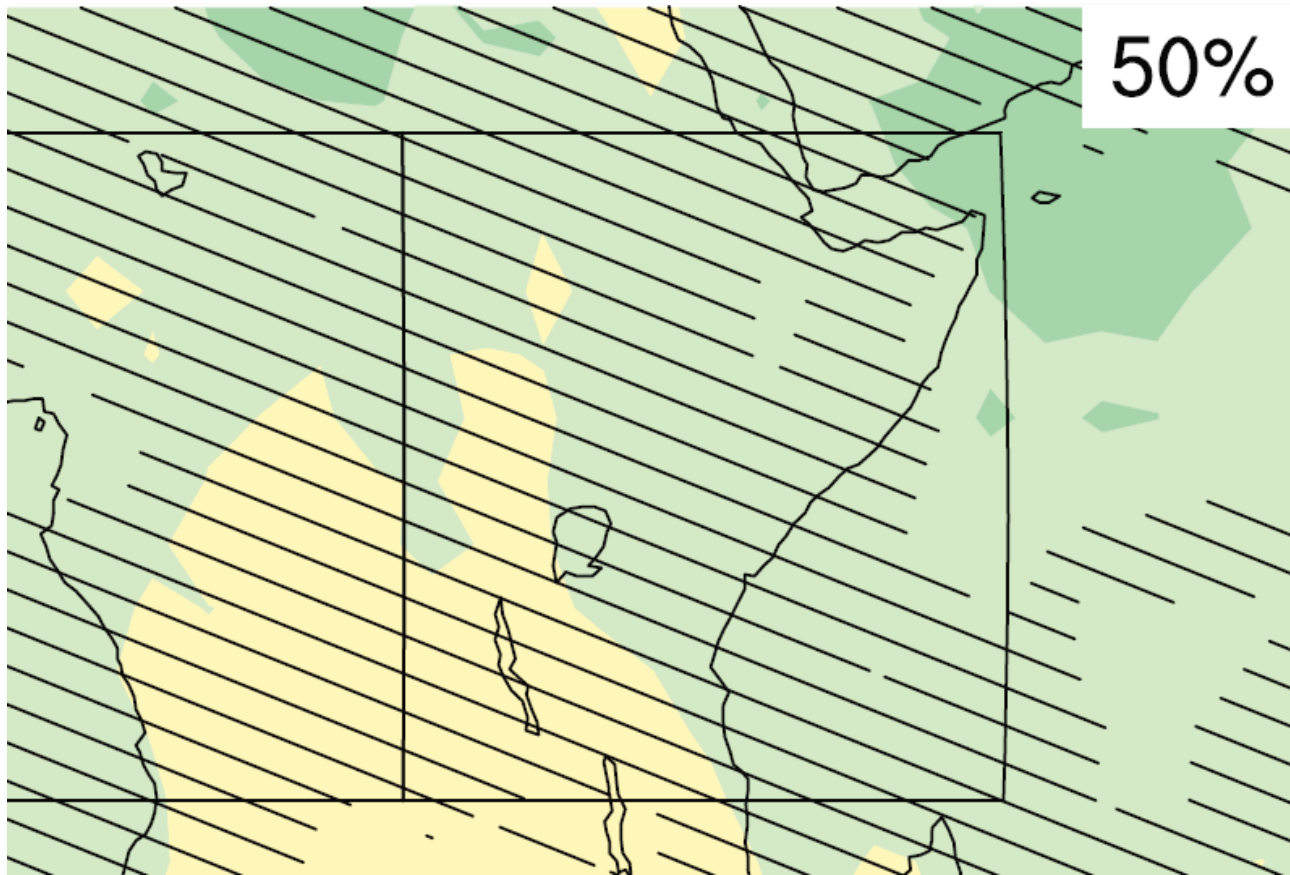
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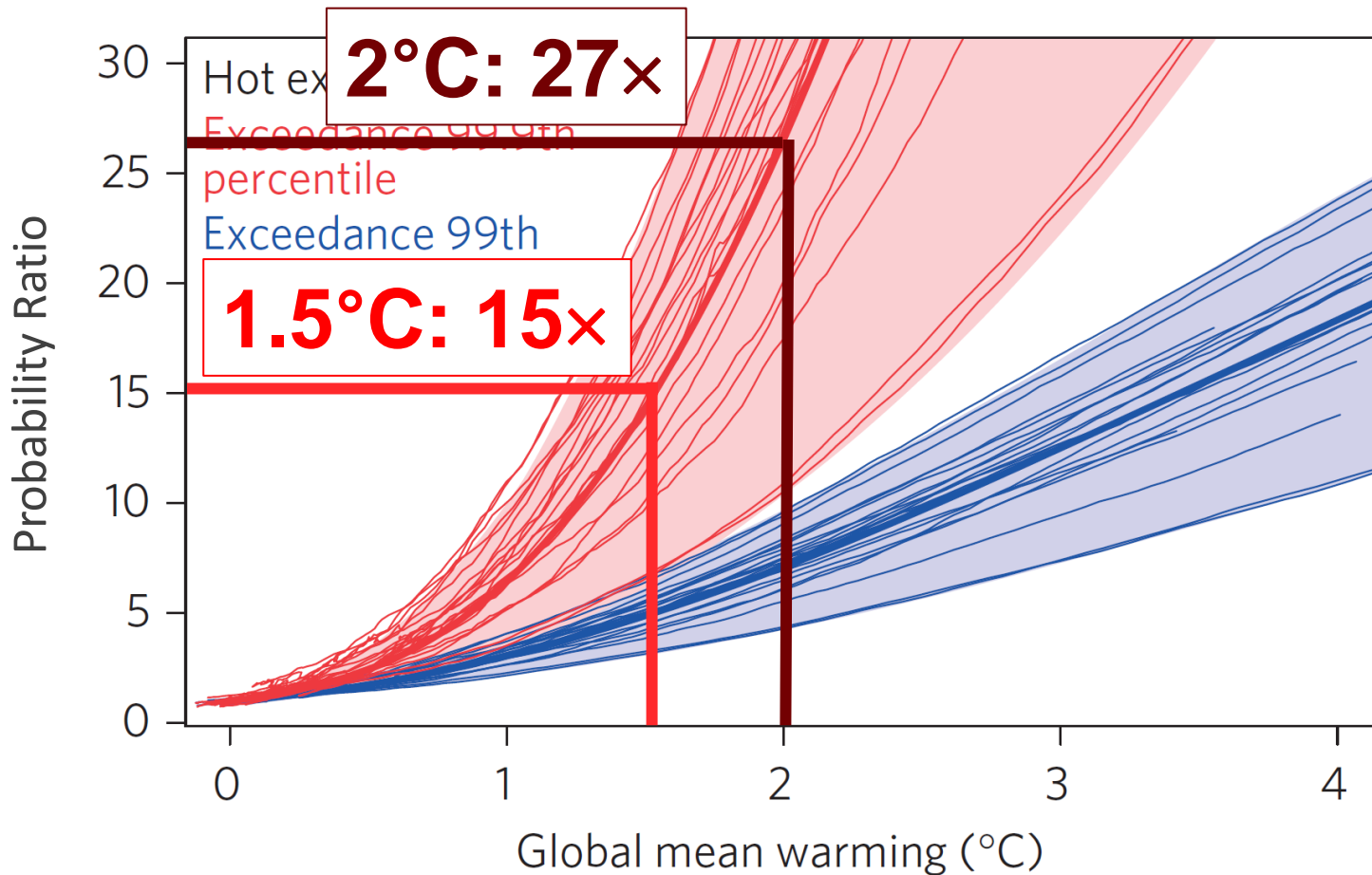
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IPCC WGI: Atlas of Global and Regional Climate Projections

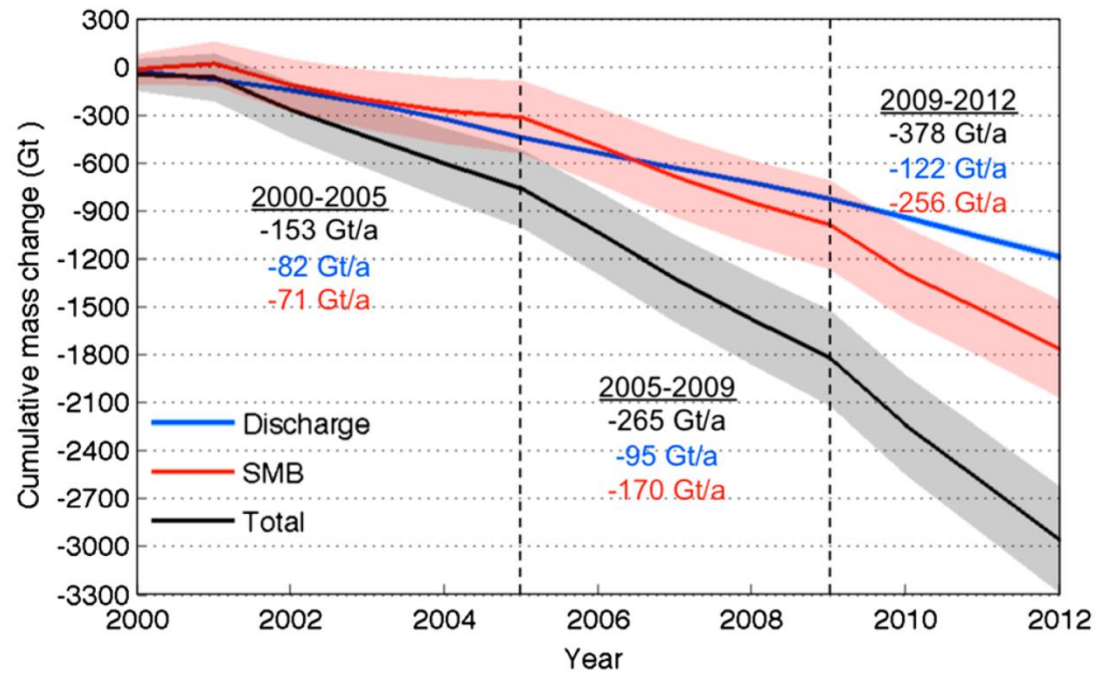
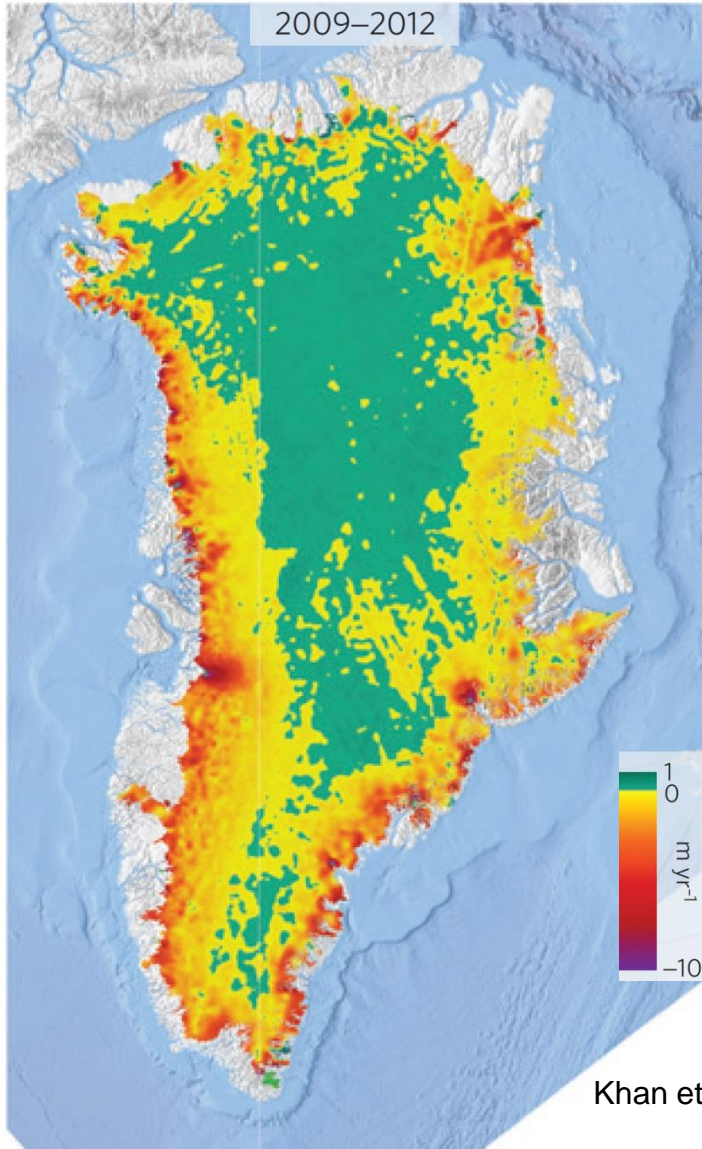


RCP 2.6 (annual, 2081-2100)

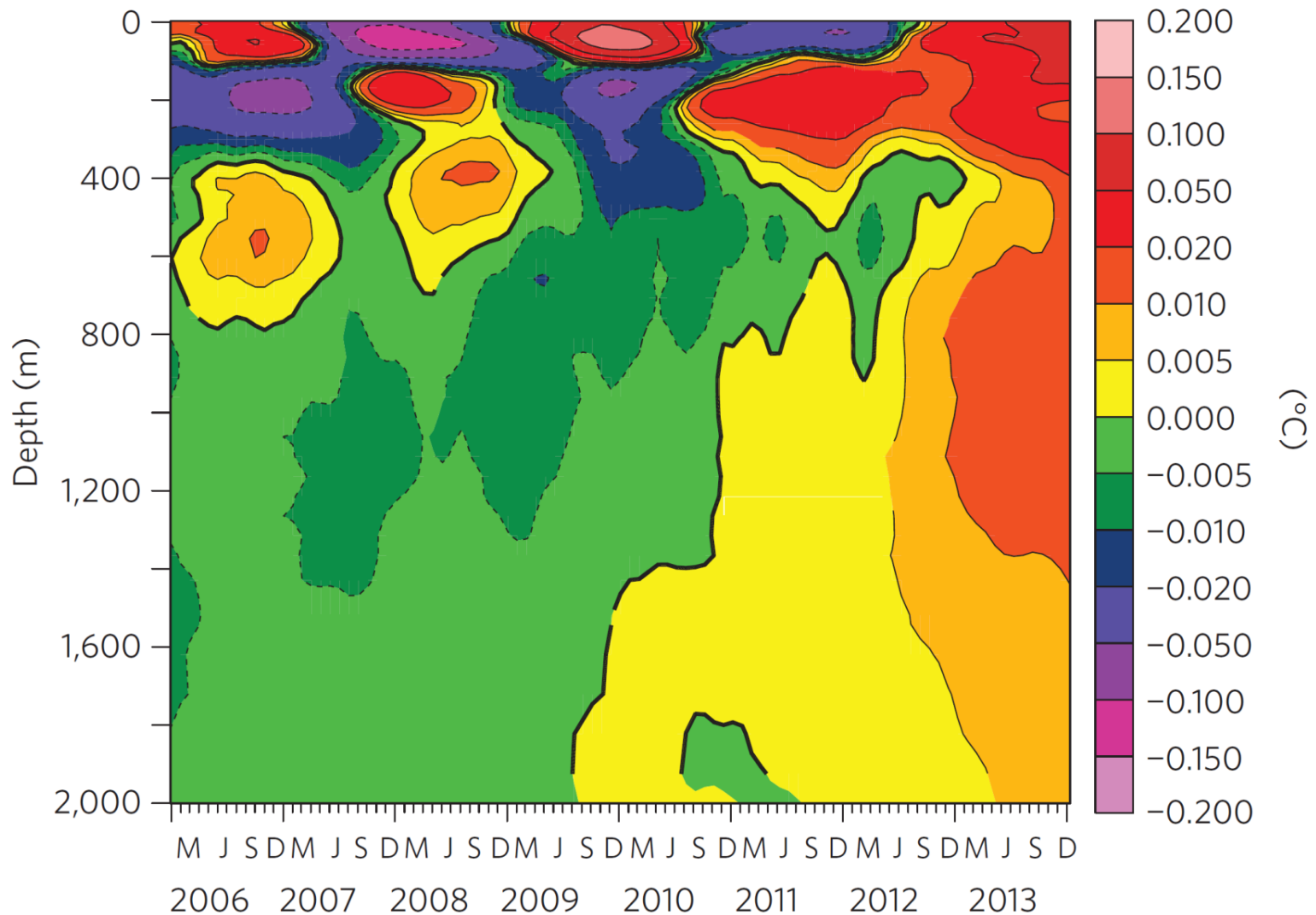
Difference between 1.5°C and 2°C target: Extreme events



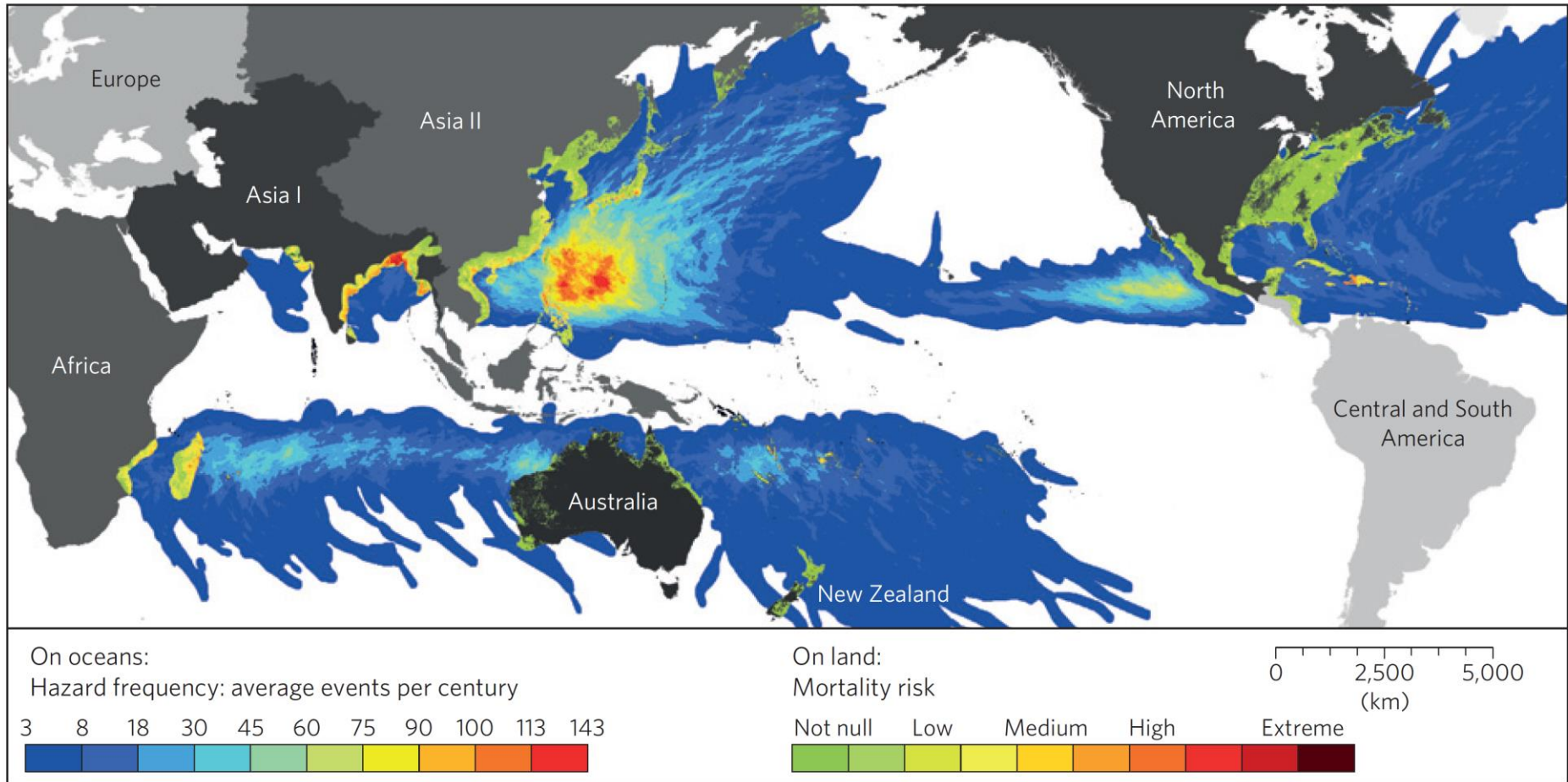
Ice sheet changes, mass balance and sea level



Ocean observations: Distribution of heat uptake



Human exposure: Quantified drivers



AgMIP: Agricultural yield change under RCP8.5

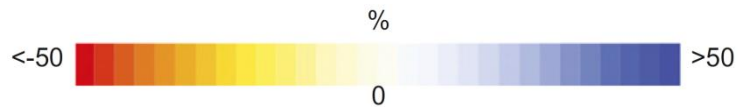
All GGCMs

Maize

Wheat

Rice

Soy



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- IPCC AR5 has strengthened the **link across communities**
- Substantial bottom-up process of **scenario development**
- IPCC expert meetings and workshops **accelerate science**
- Science will become **more regional**, include more systems, and hence will be **more policy-relevant**
- The science community is well prepared to provide input to the **scoping of the forthcoming assessment**