

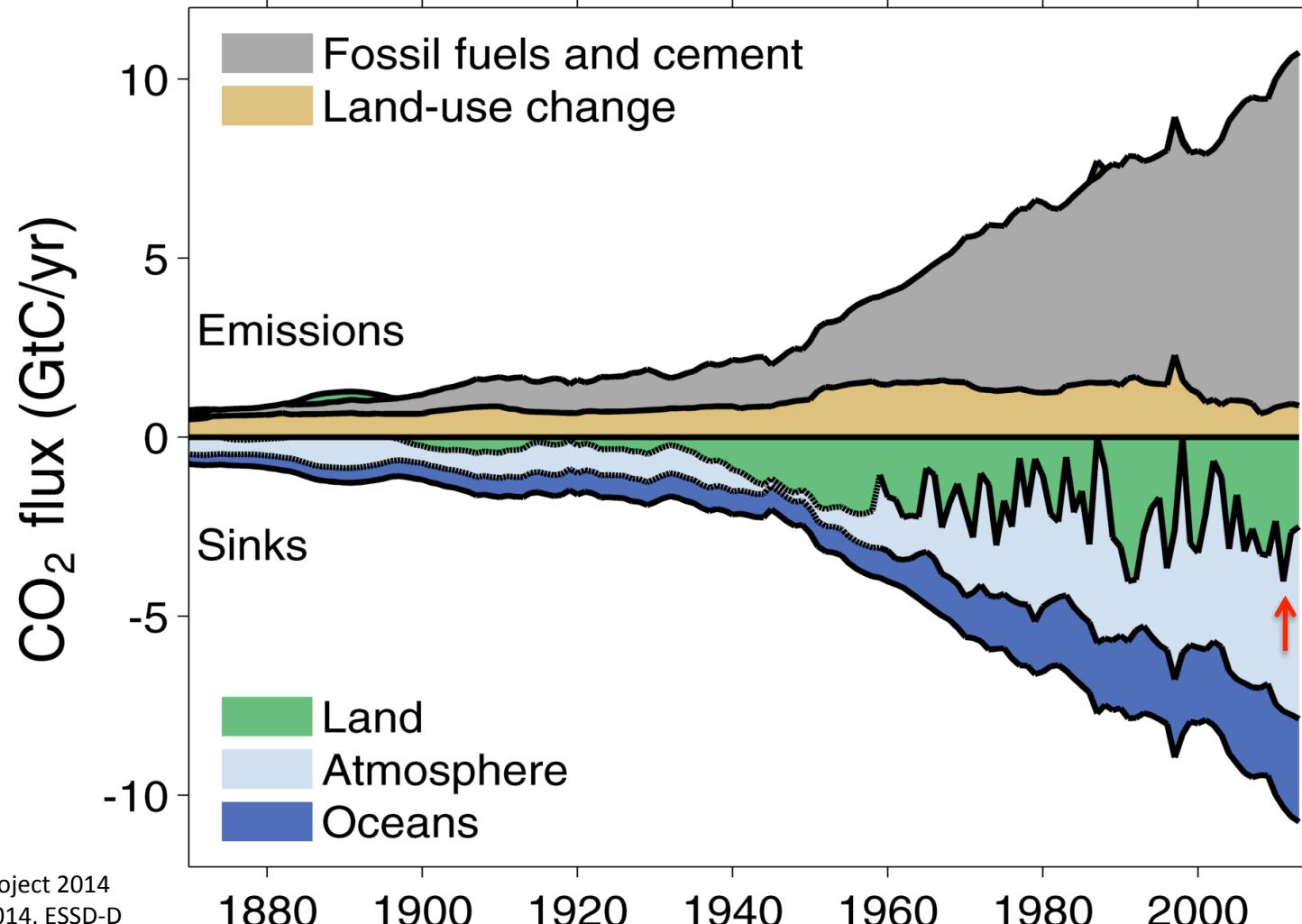
When the Ocean Fell and the Land Turned Green

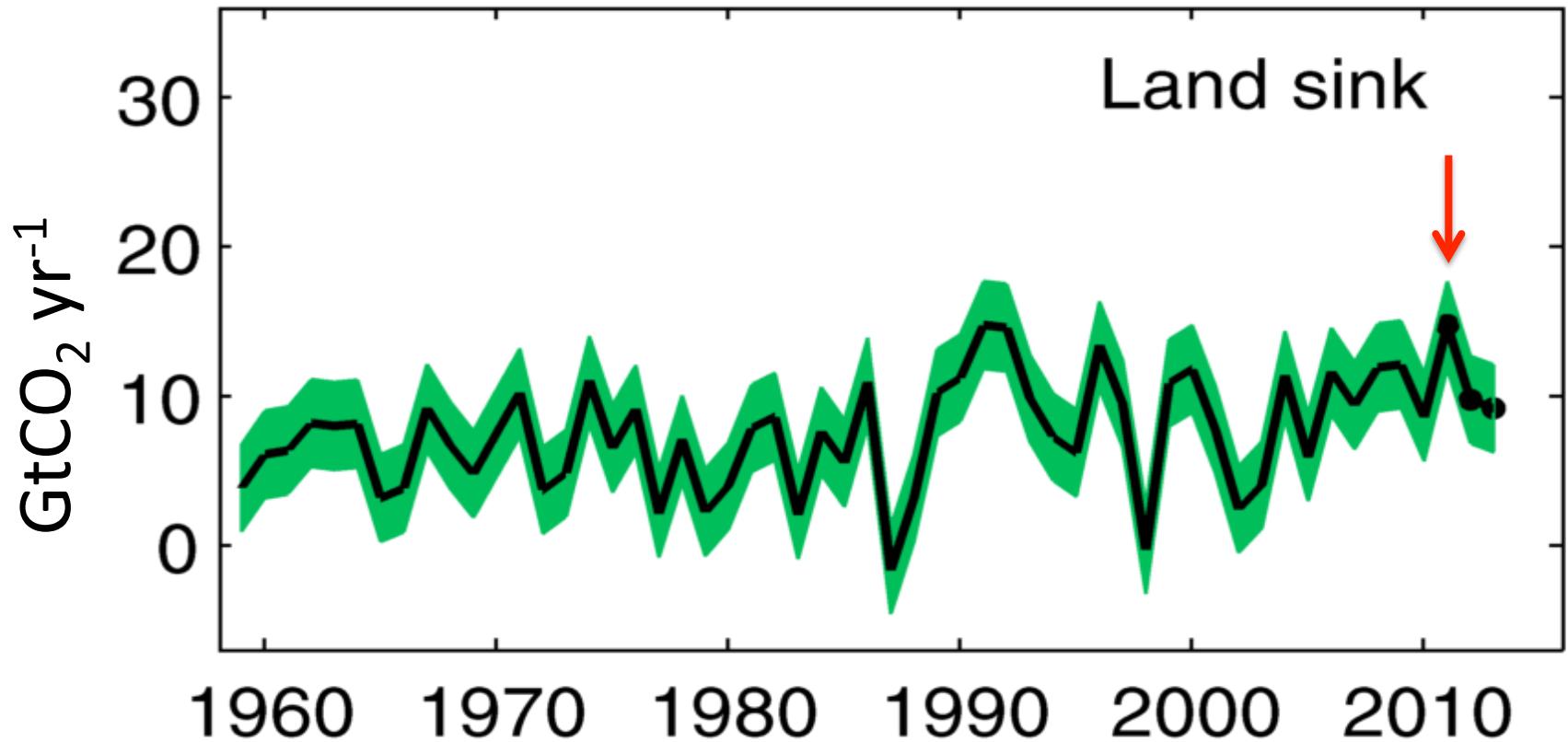
An aerial photograph showing a river flowing through a deep, narrow valley. The valley walls are steep and covered in lush green vegetation. The river itself is a vibrant blue-green color. The surrounding land is also green, with some darker, more shadowed areas on the hillside ridges.

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Global Land Sink 2011

4.1 PgC yr⁻¹

Mean Sink 2002-2011

2.6±0.8 PgC yr⁻¹

Higher sink

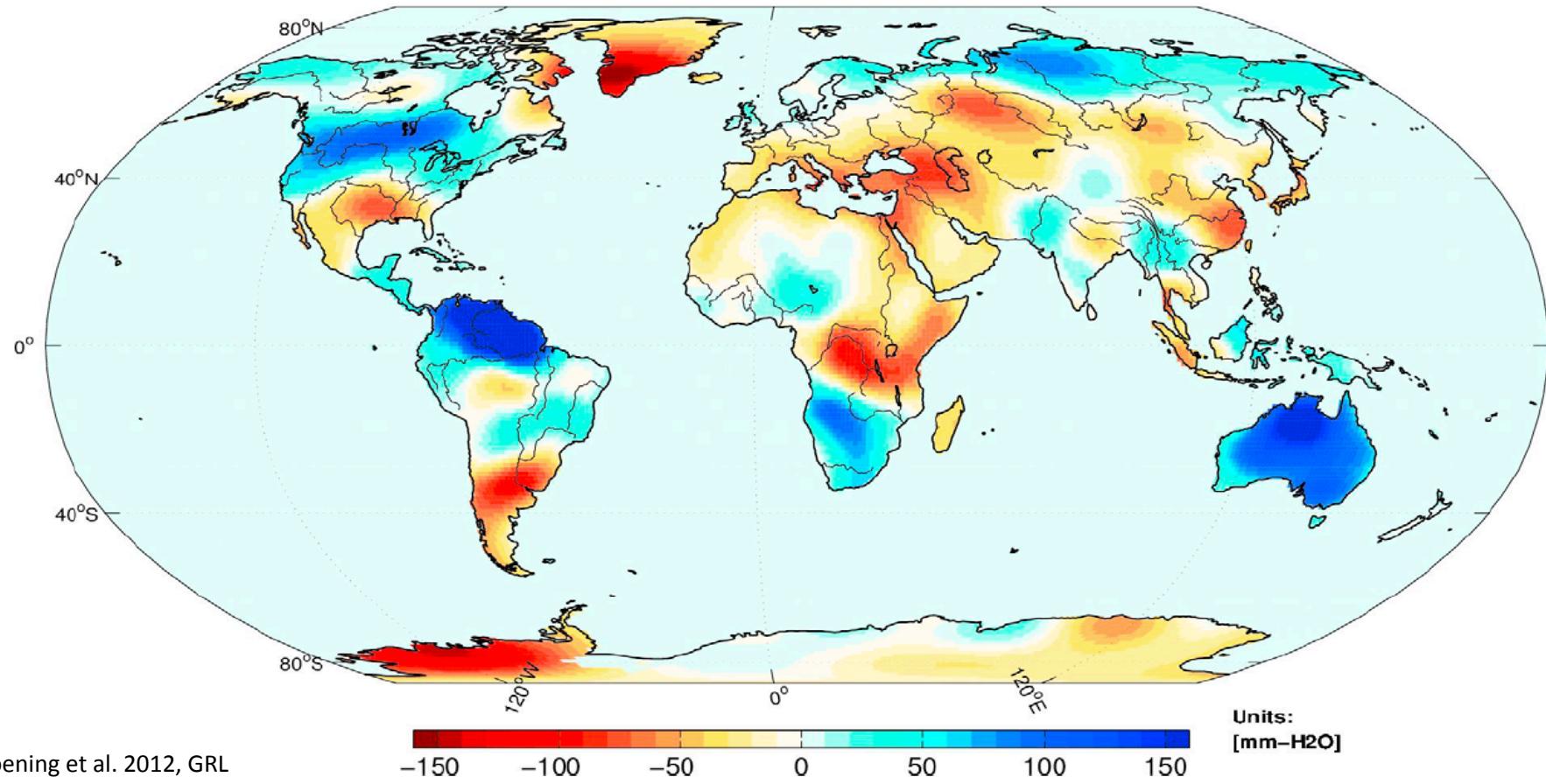
63%

Equivalent

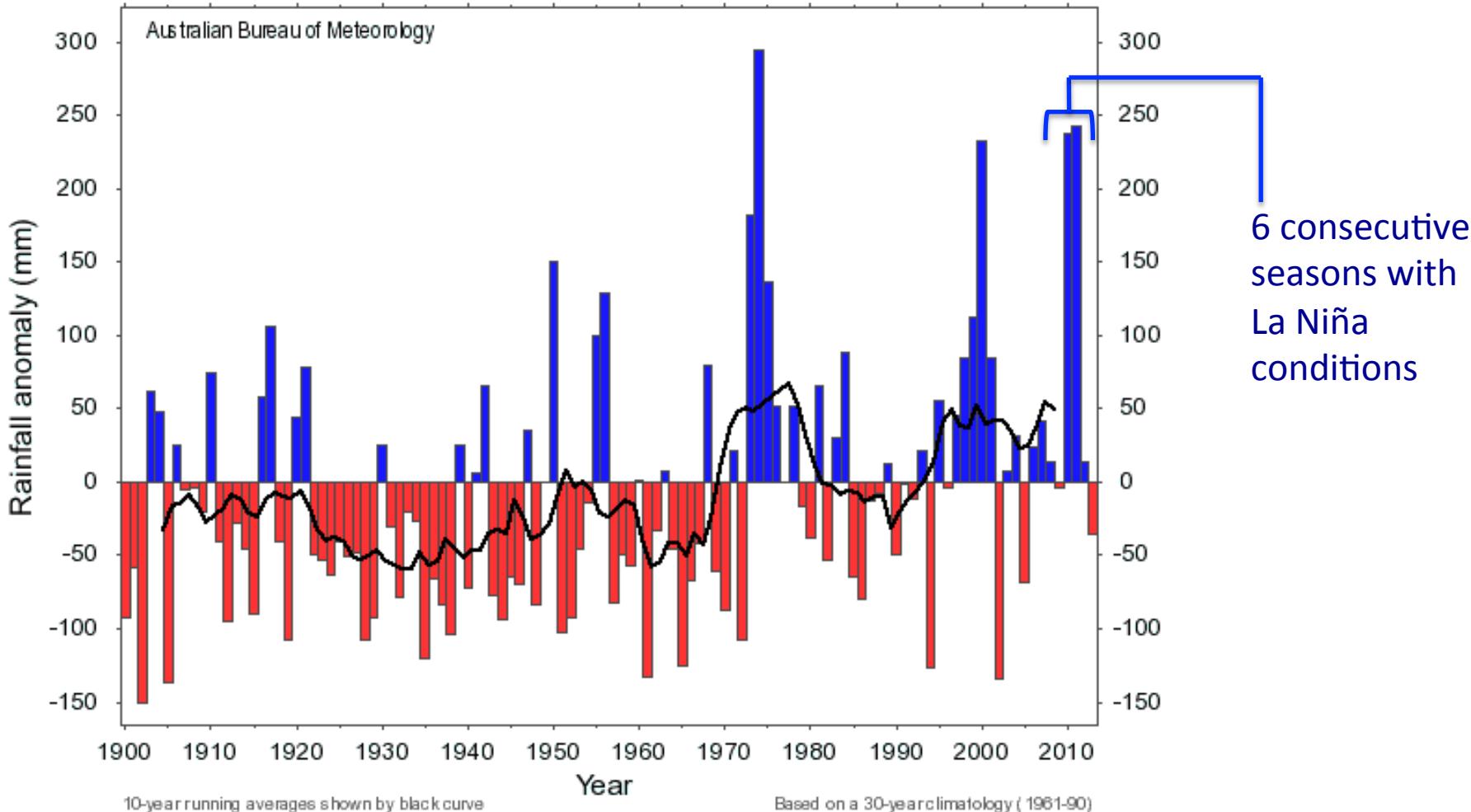
40% FF emissions

Changes in Water Mass (GRACE)

2010 (JFM) - 2011 (MAM)



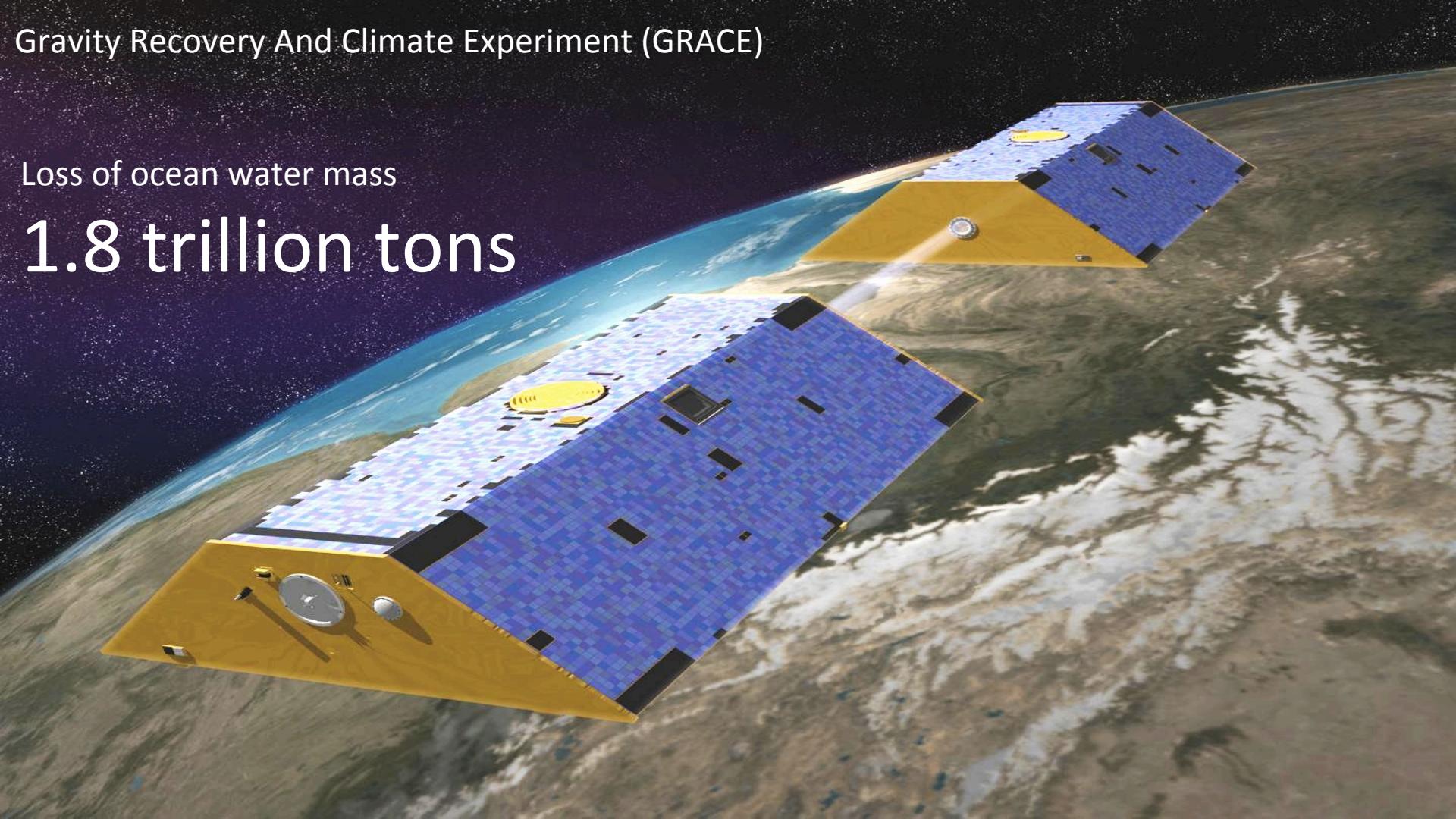
Annual rainfall anomaly - Australia (1900-2013)

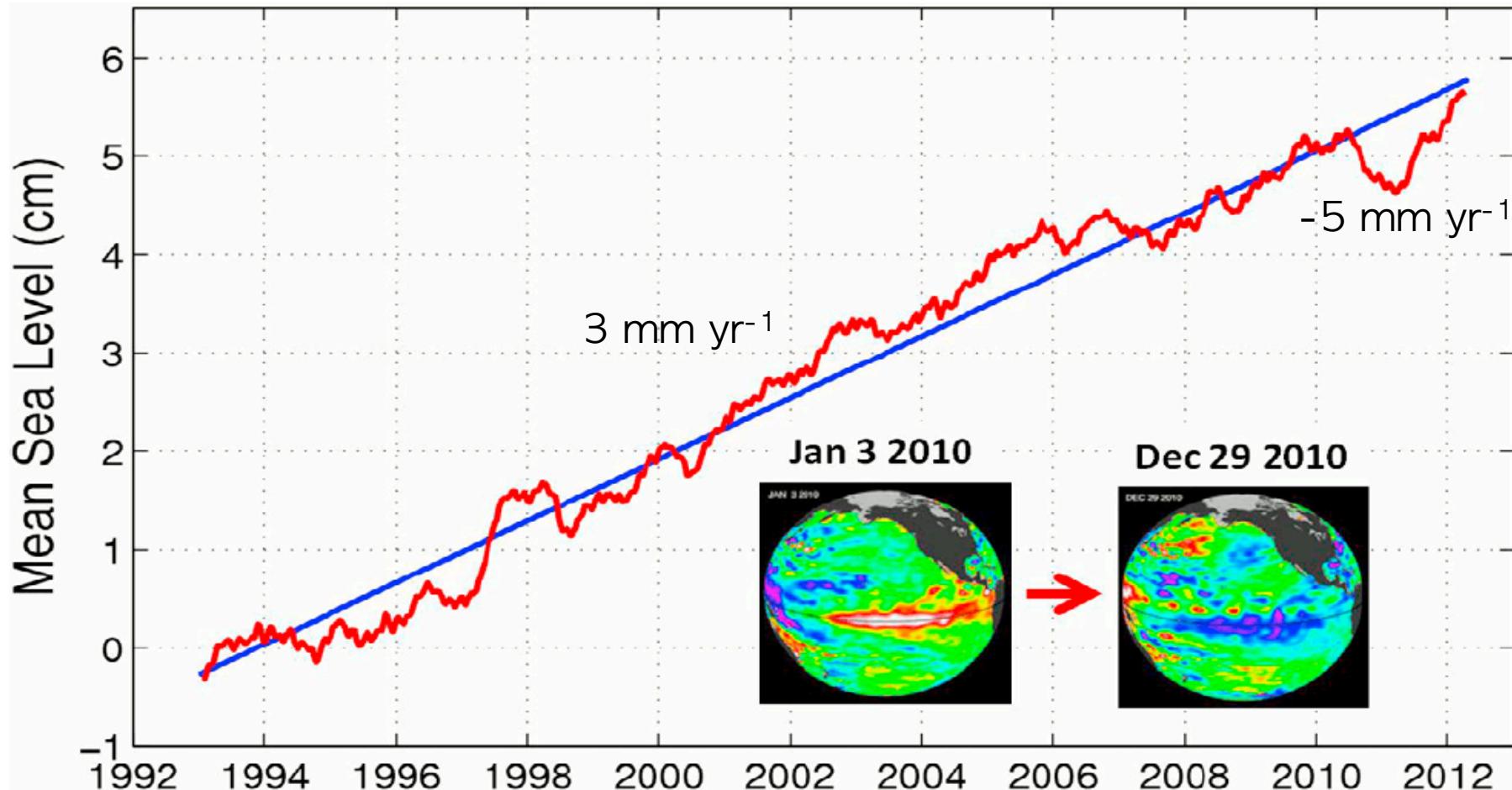


Gravity Recovery And Climate Experiment (GRACE)

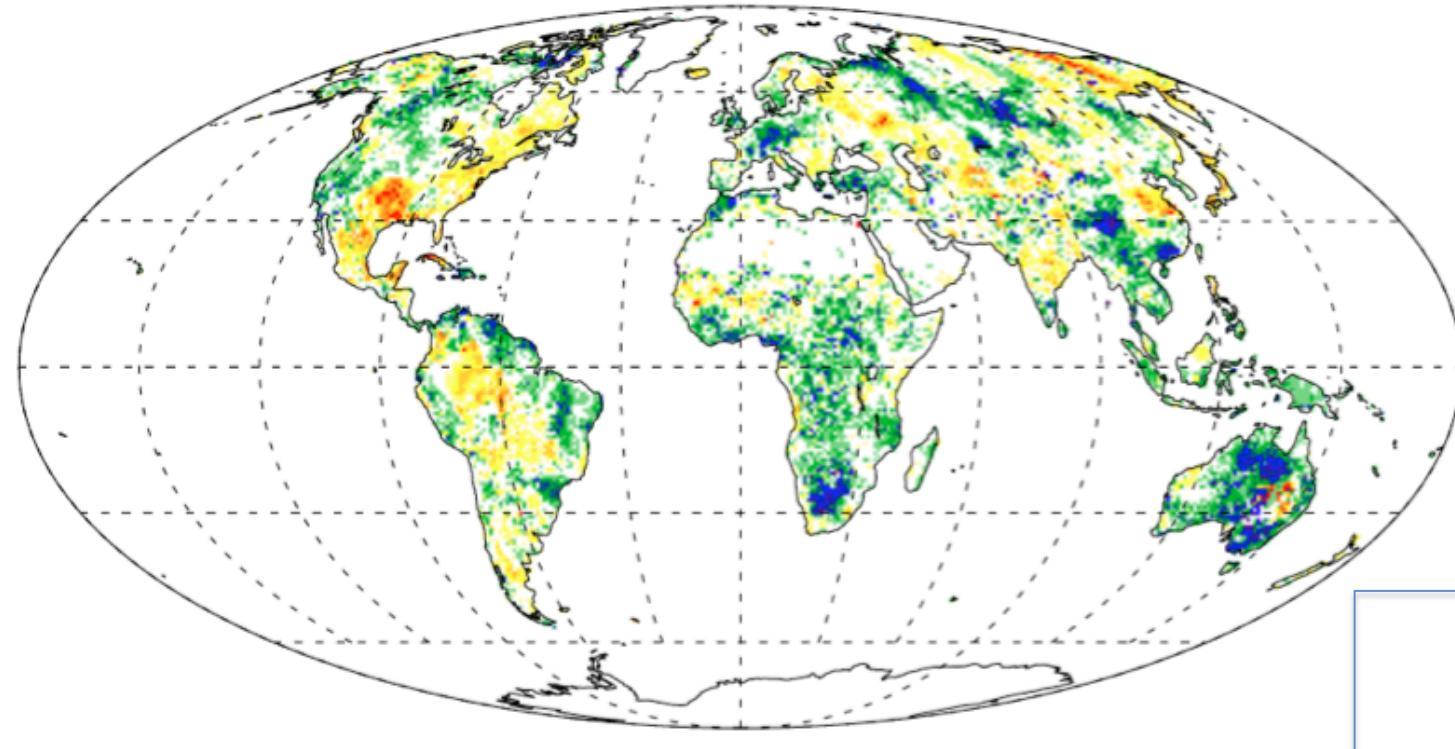
Loss of ocean water mass

1.8 trillion tons

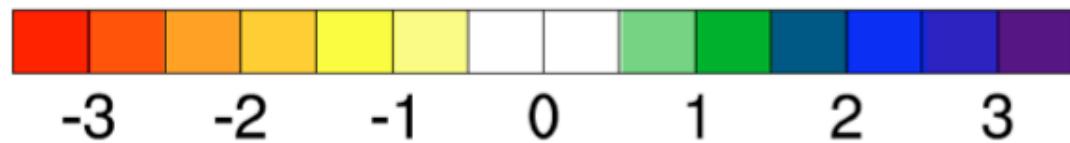




LPJ-Net Ecosystem Exchange Anomaly

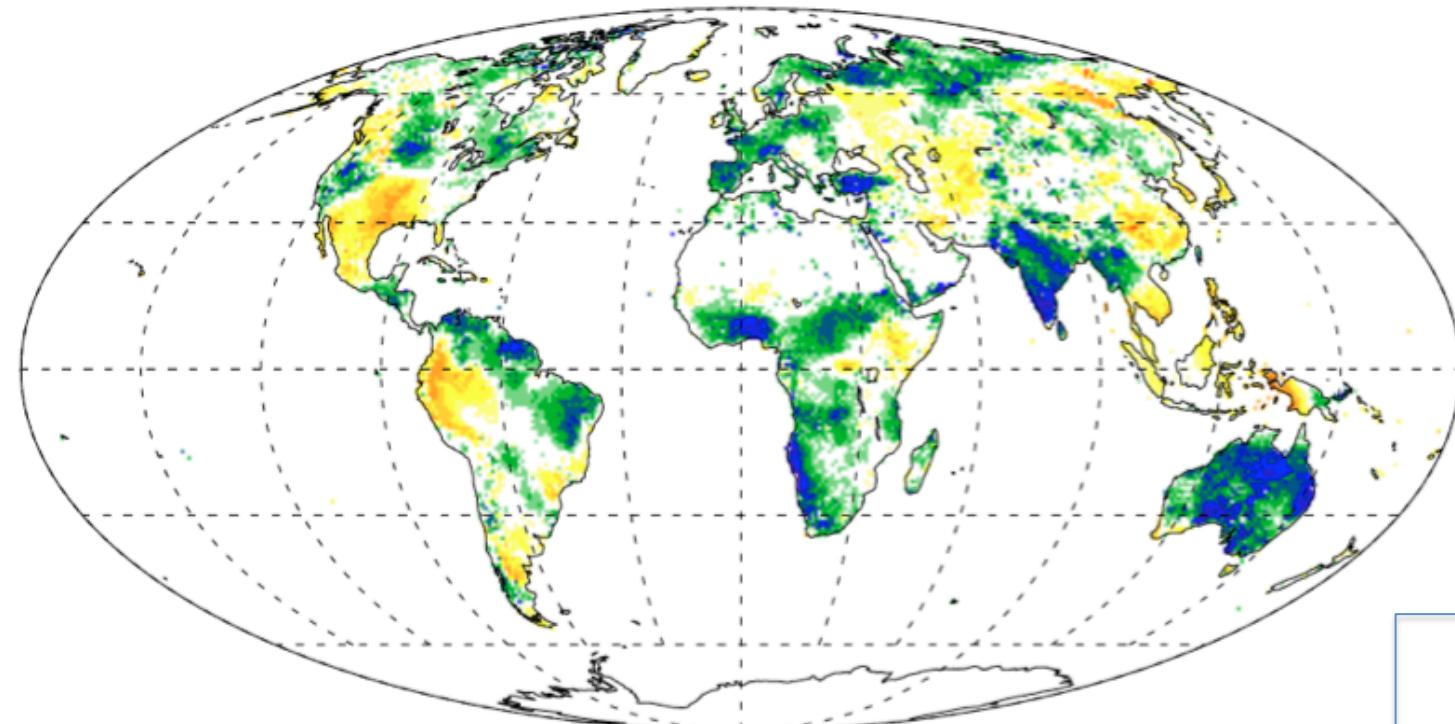


2011 LPJ NEE anomaly

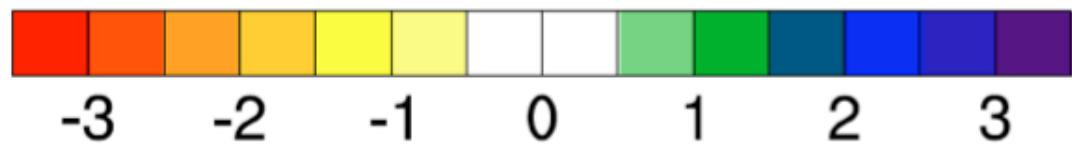


NEE
Australia = 57% of
S. Hemisphere
anomaly
(Absolute NEE= 0.8 PgCy^{-1})

MODIS NPP Anomaly



2011 MODIS NPP anomaly



NPP
87% anomaly
of the S. Hemisphere

Flux Attribution - Australia 2011

(compared to 2003–2012, LPJ)

- **NPP:** 45% increase (from 1.75 to 2.54 PgC yr⁻¹)
- **R_h:** 9% increase (from 1.48 to 1.61 PgC yr⁻¹)
- **Fire:** 29% decrease in fire emissions (from 0.13 to 0.09 PgC yr⁻¹) yielding a net 0.84 PgC

Extremes
Frequency/Intensity

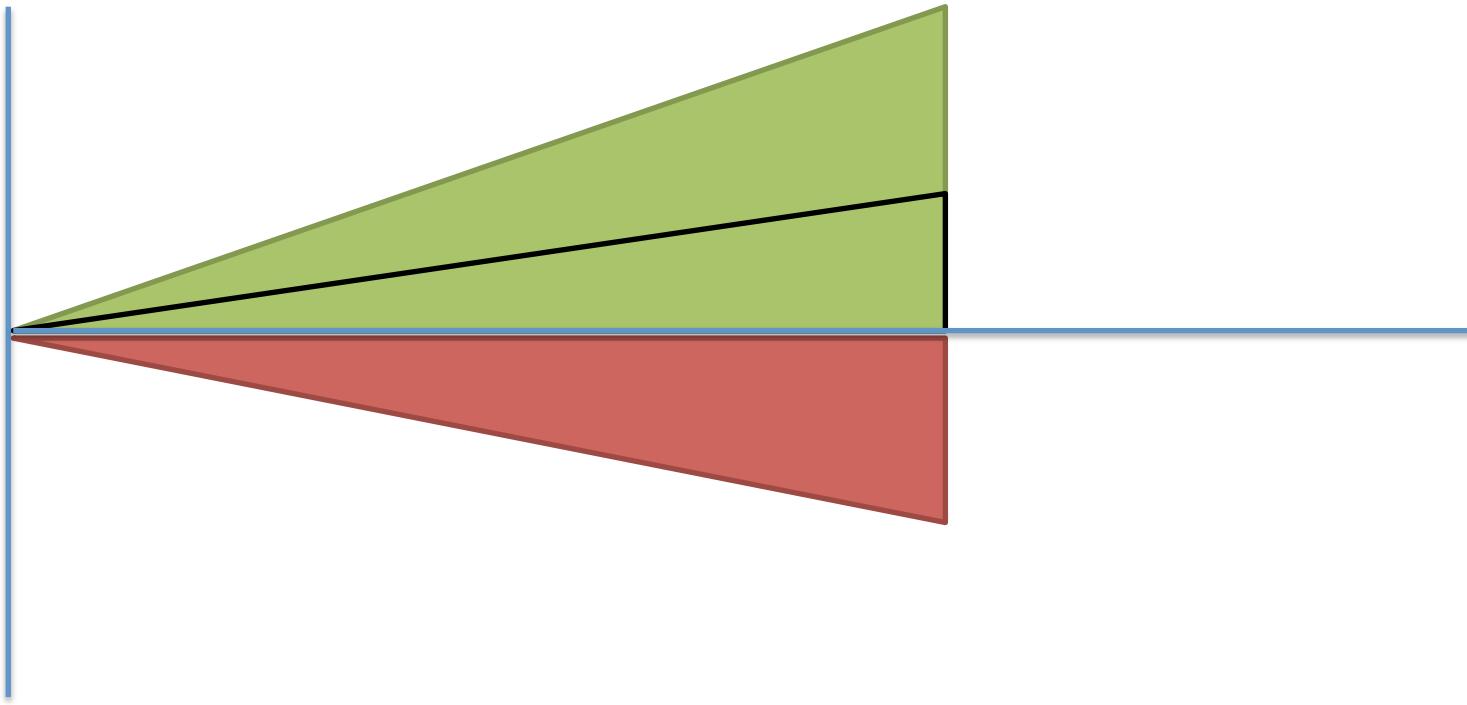
Max.

NPP

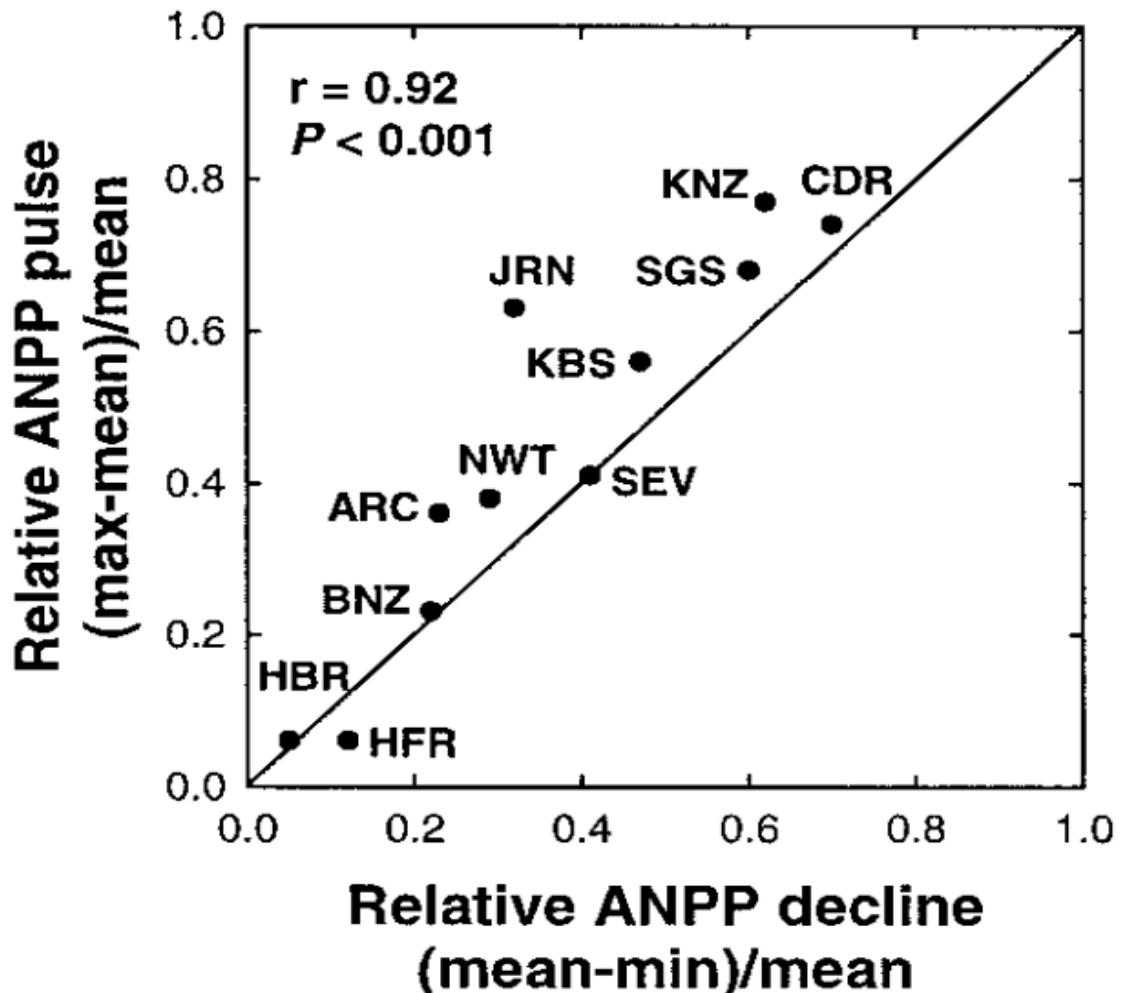
Mean

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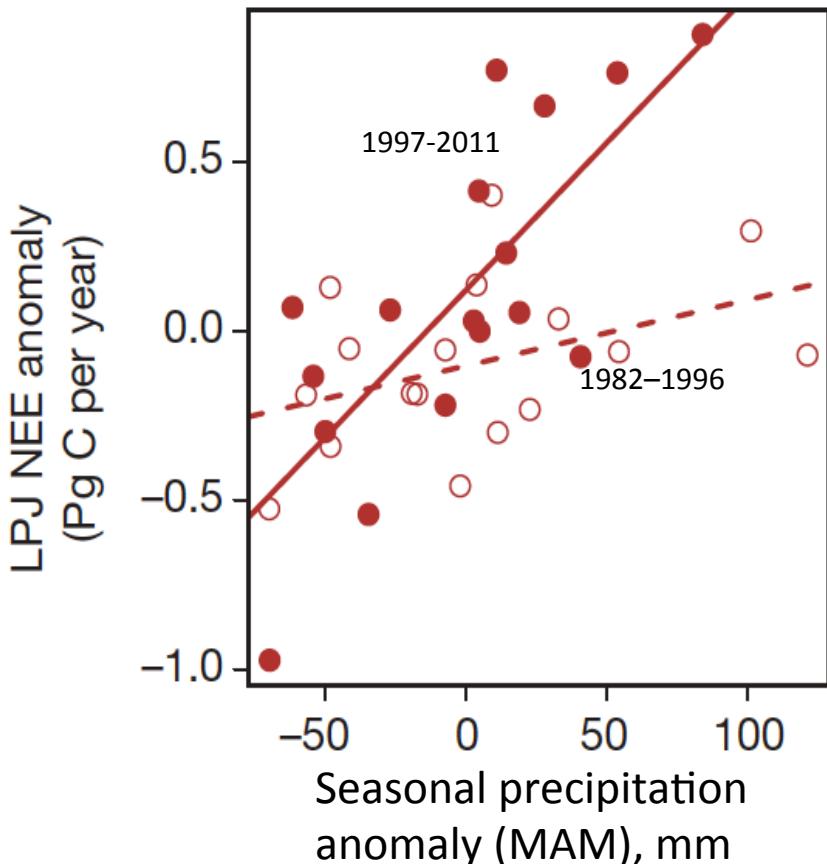
Asymmetric Responses to Wet/Dry



Asymmetric NPP Responses to Wet/Dry



Changes in Precipitation Sensitivity – Australia



x4 increase
sensitivity of continental net C
uptake to precipitation

before 1997:
100 mm → 0.2 PgCyr^{-1}

after 1997:
100 mm → 0.8 PgCyr^{-1}

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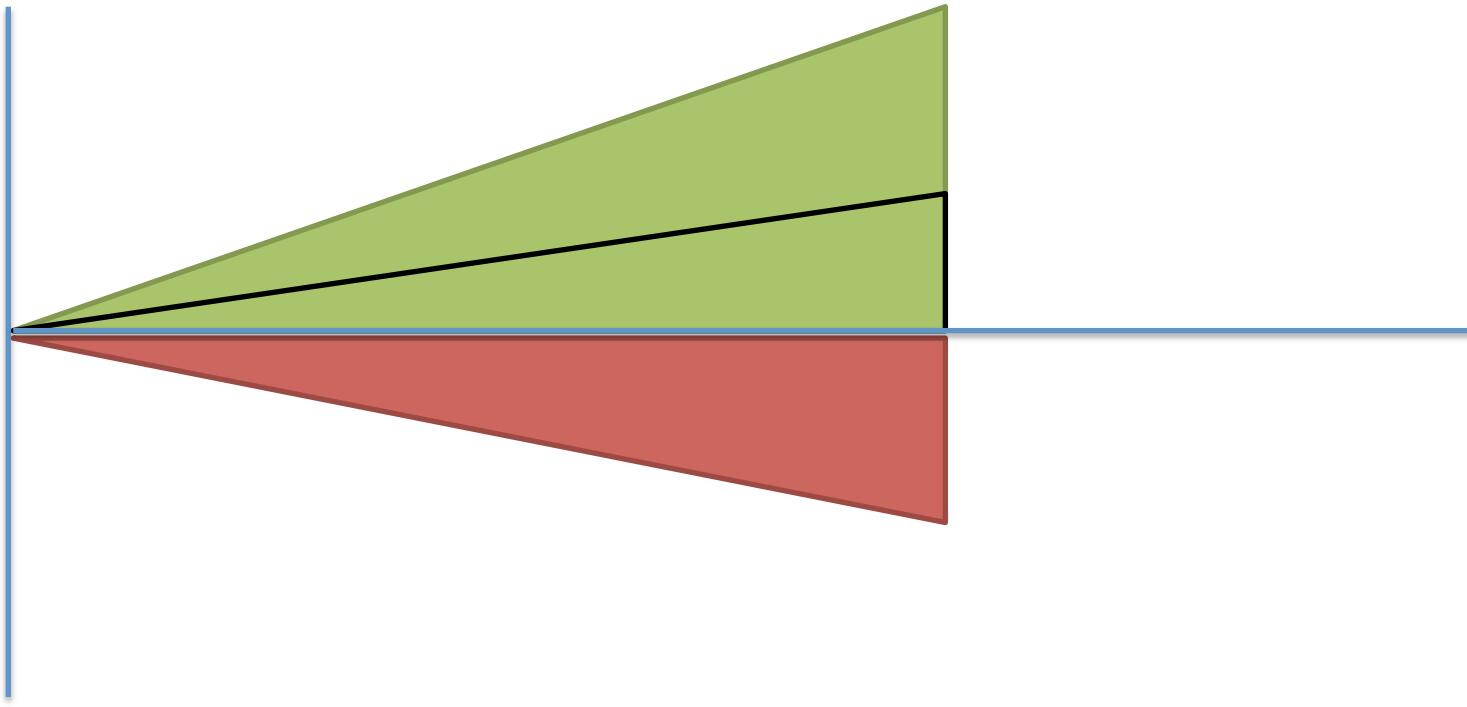
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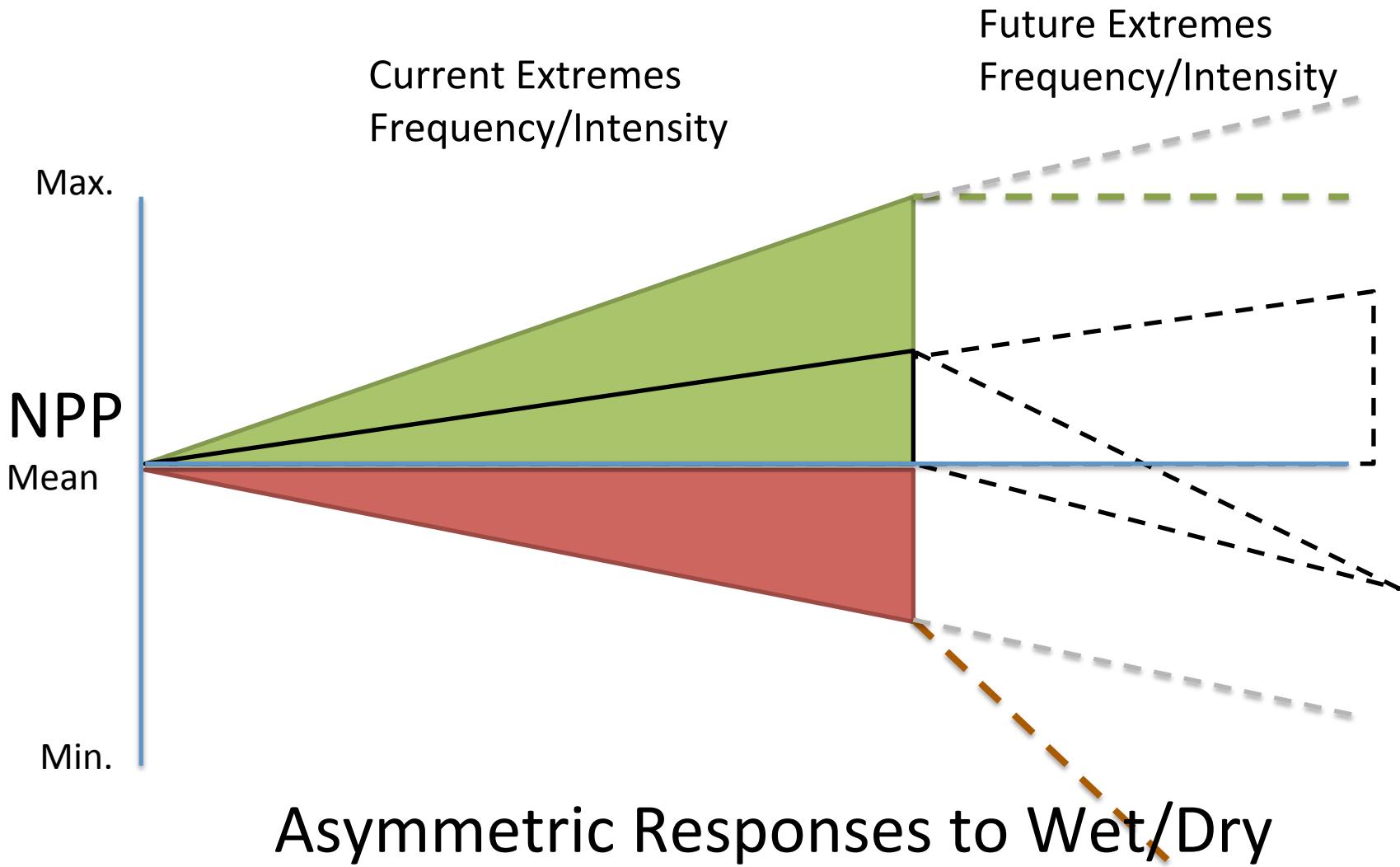
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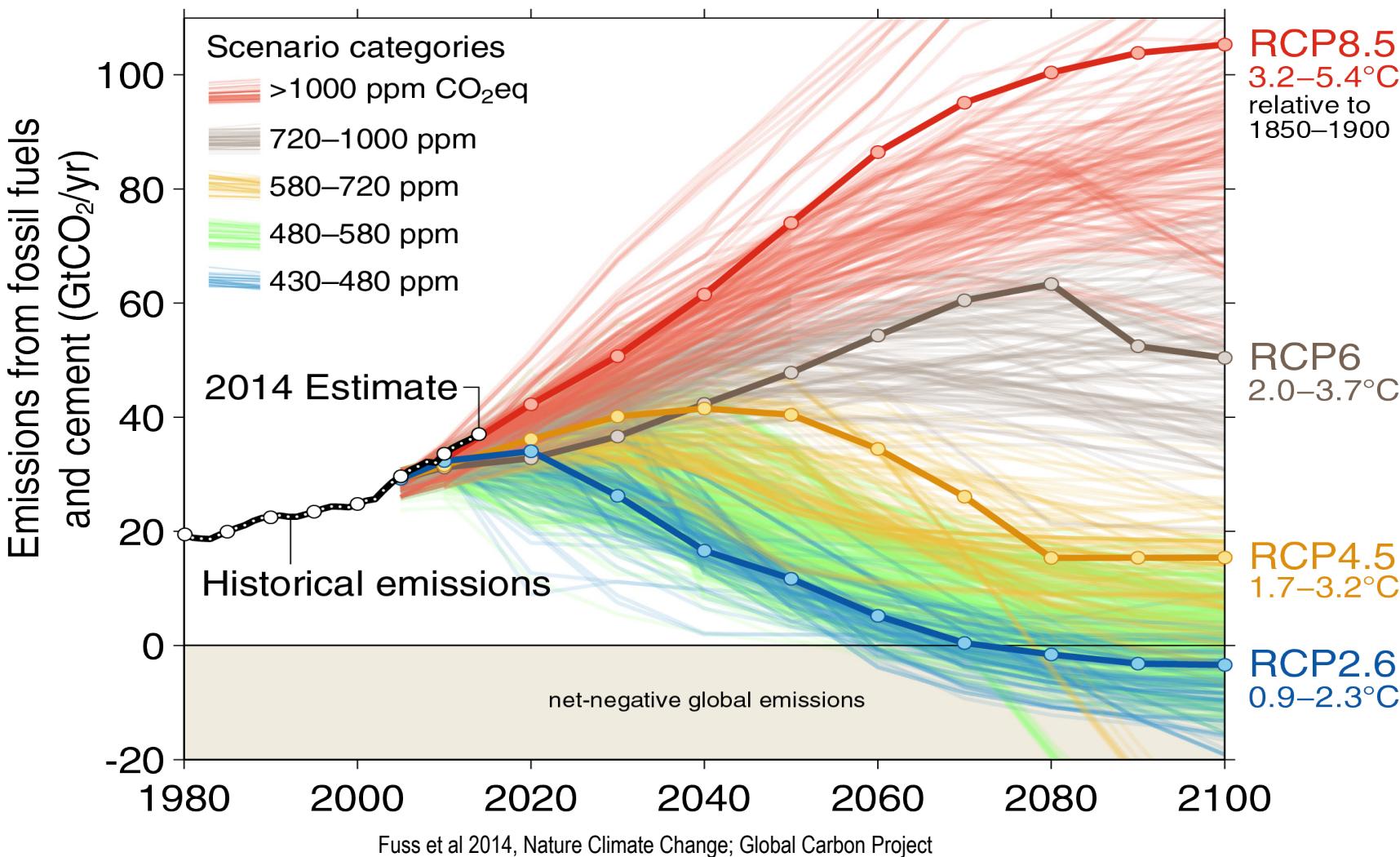
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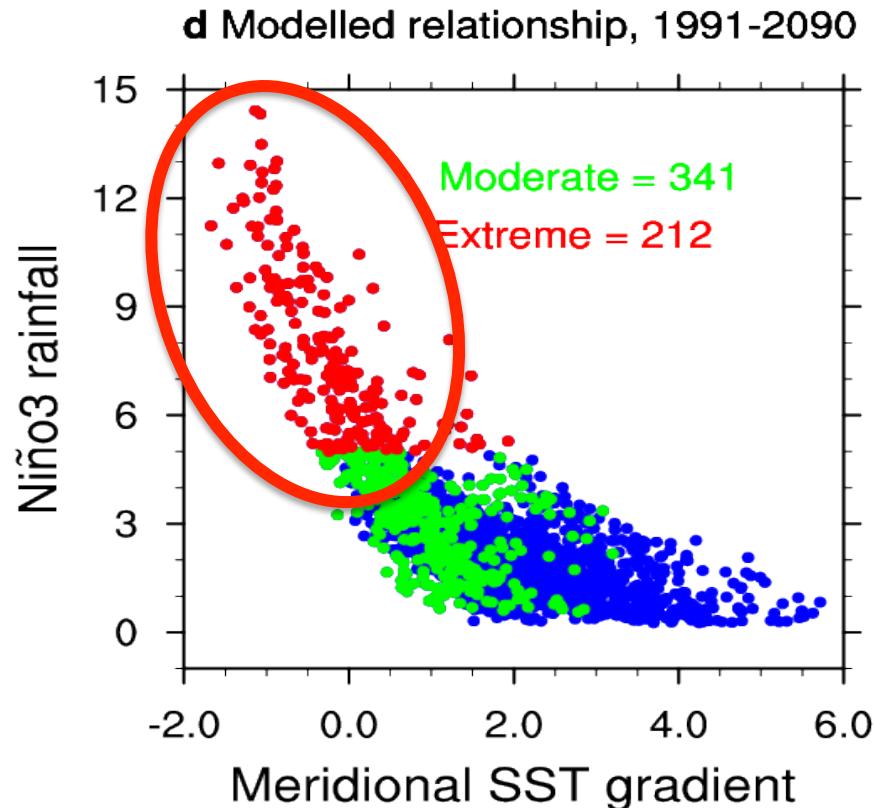
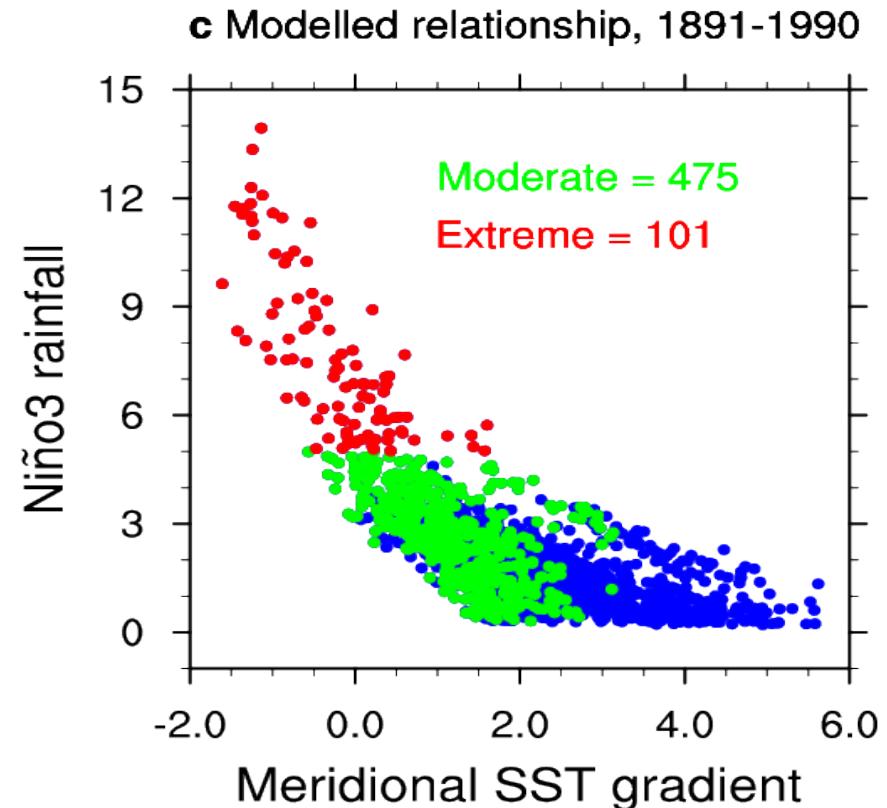
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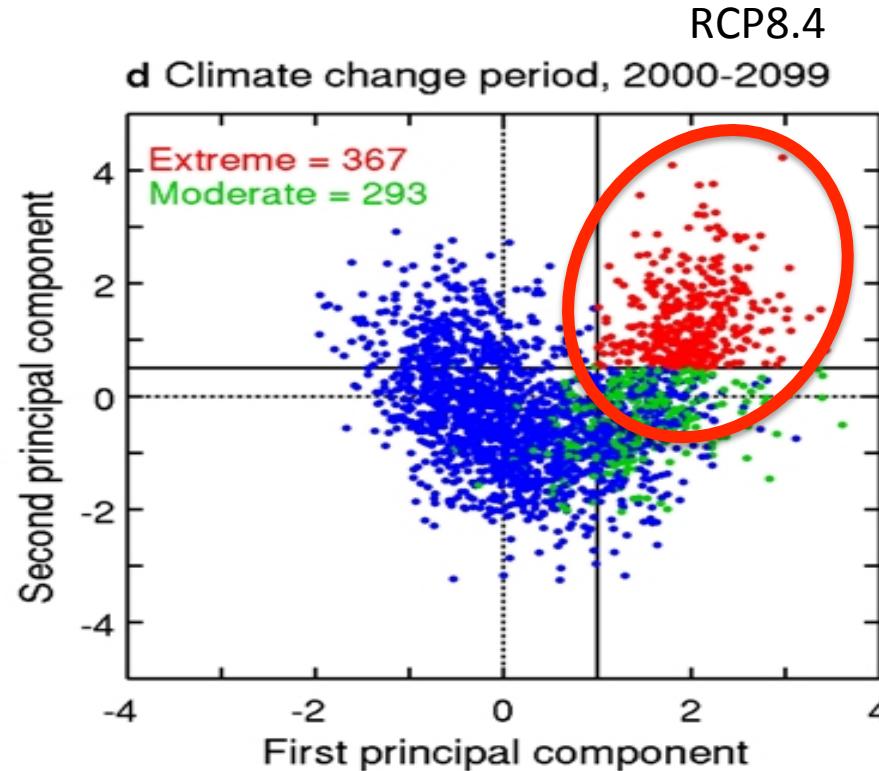
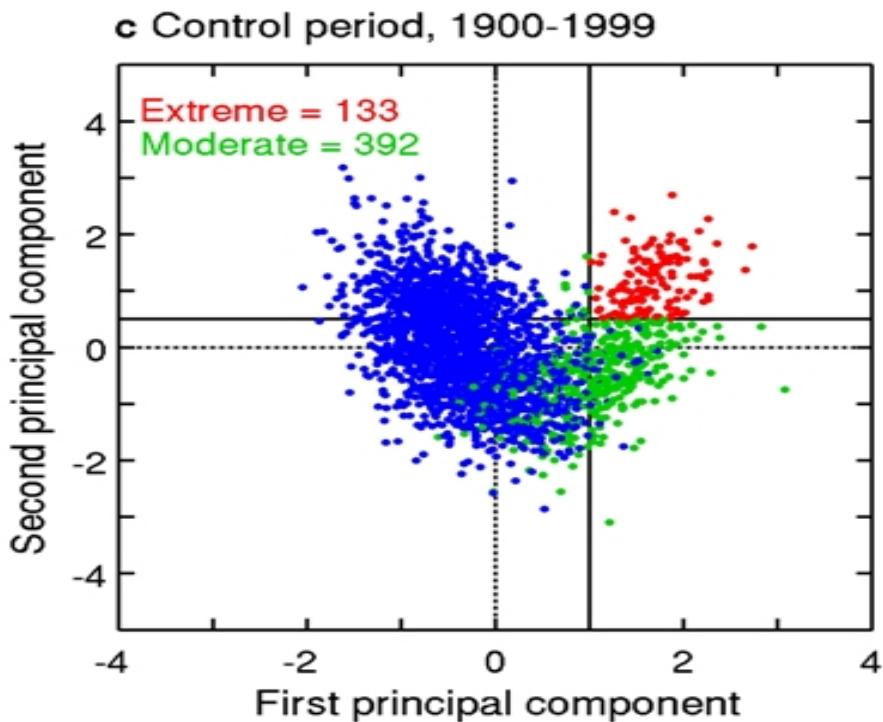




Doubling (x2) of extreme El Niño events



Tripling (x3) of Indian Ocean Dipole



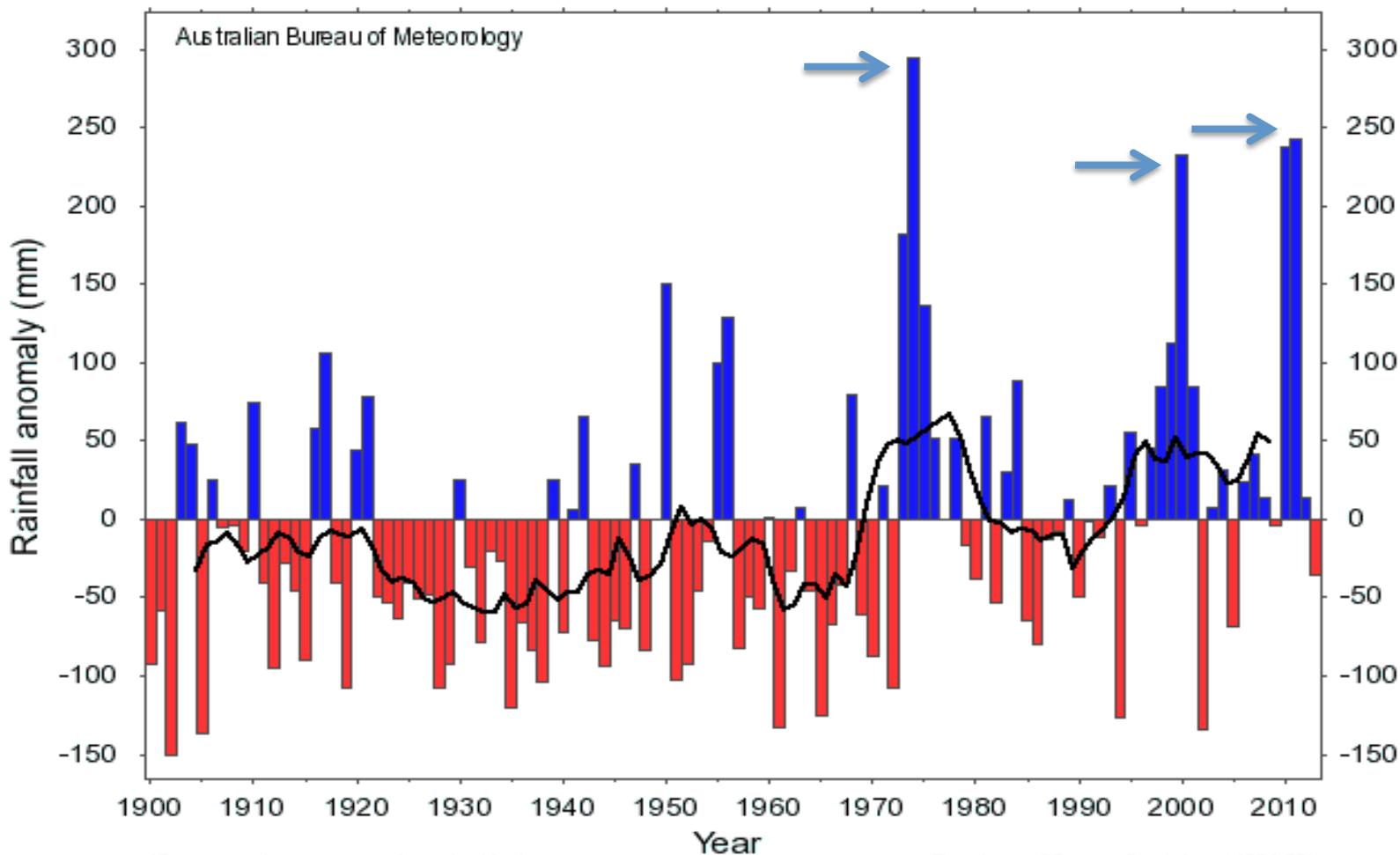
Near Doubling of Extreme La Niña events

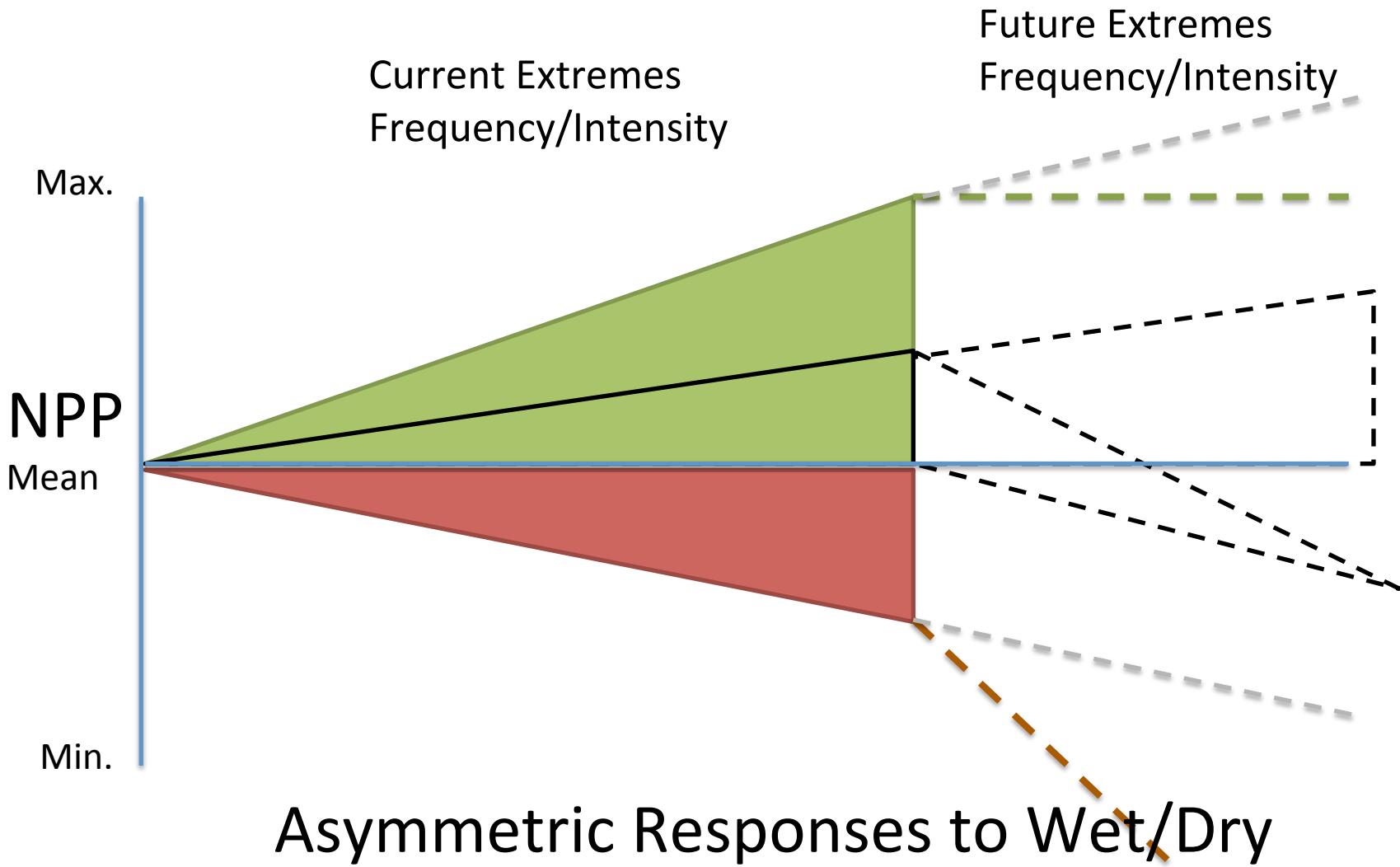
RCP8.4

One in 23 years → One in 13 years

About 75% of the increase occurs in years
following extreme El Niño events

Annual rainfall anomaly - Australia (1900-2013)





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Global AVHRR FPAR Anomalies

S – Southern Hemisphere

N – Northern Hemisphere

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Seasonal FPAR

SON S

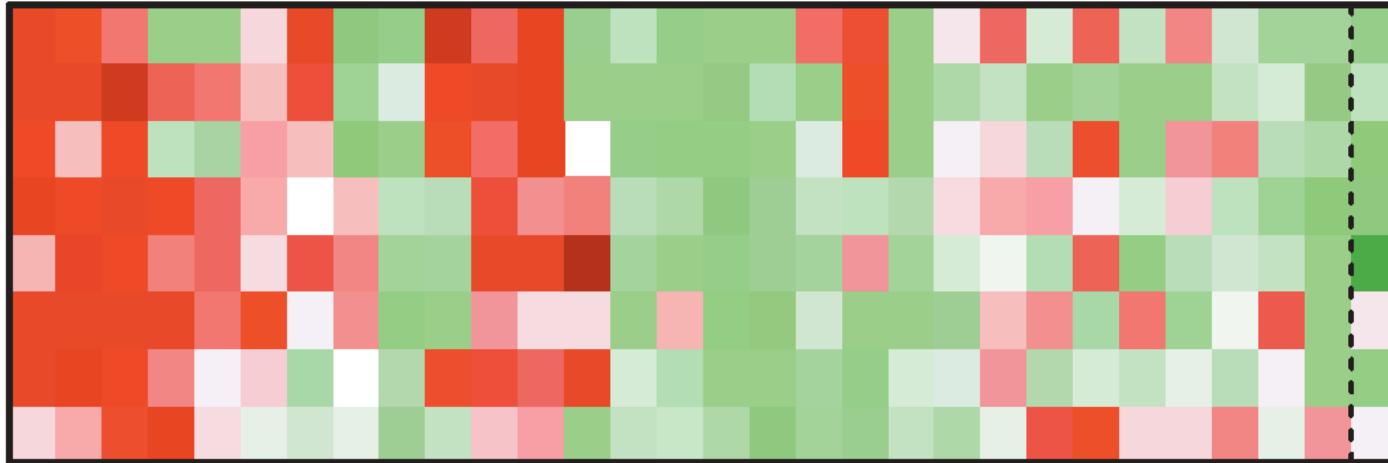
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1983 1987 1991 1995 1999 2003 2007 2011

Anomalies against 1982-2011 average
Australia FPAR June-July-August 2011 highest of period