

UK Climate Projections 2009

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UK Projections are a spur to action

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- Global deal at **Copenhagen**
- Action to achieve UK's 80% goal
- **Prepare** for the impacts
- **Protect** the economy, people and the environment
- **Seize opportunities** for UK and build a low carbon economy
- Getting everyone to do their bit



What are the Projections?

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- **Produced by Met Office**
- **A range of futures – 3 emission scenarios up to 2099**
- **Probabilities – not a weather forecast**

**Maps of the UK
for:**

✓ **Temperature**

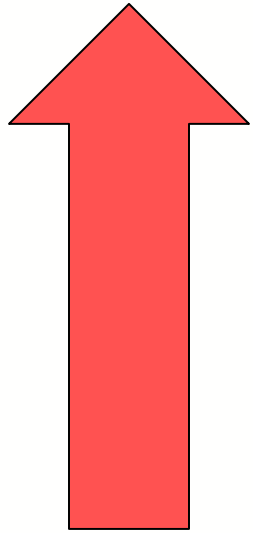
✓ **Rainfall**

✓ **Sea level**

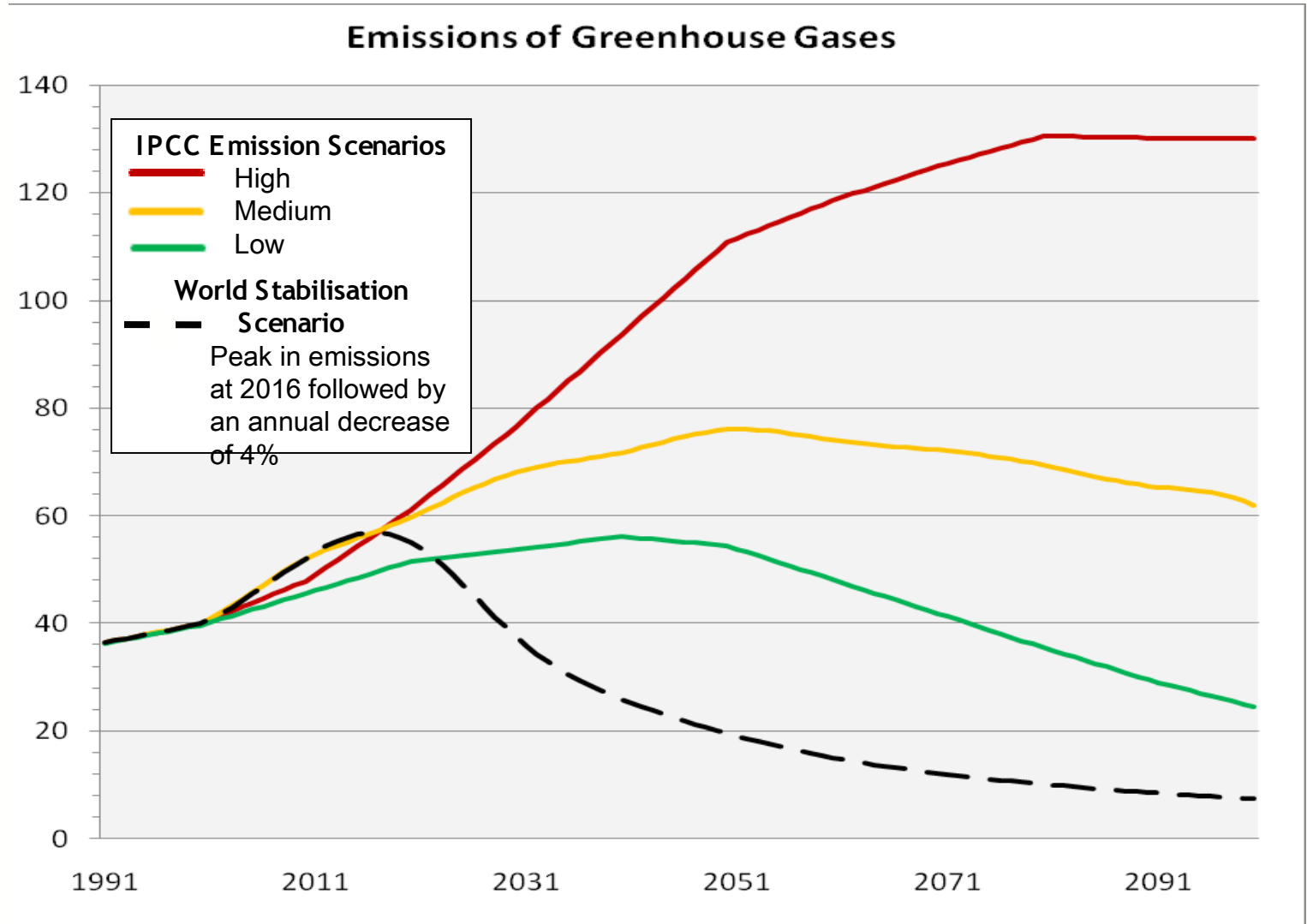
**on a 25 x 25 km
grid**

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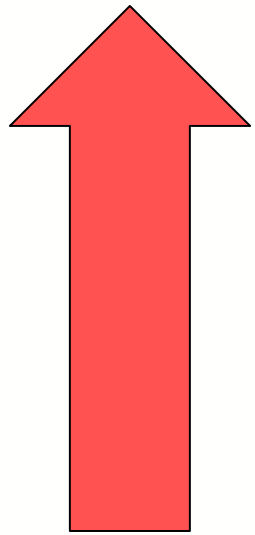


GHG
Increase
GtCO₂e

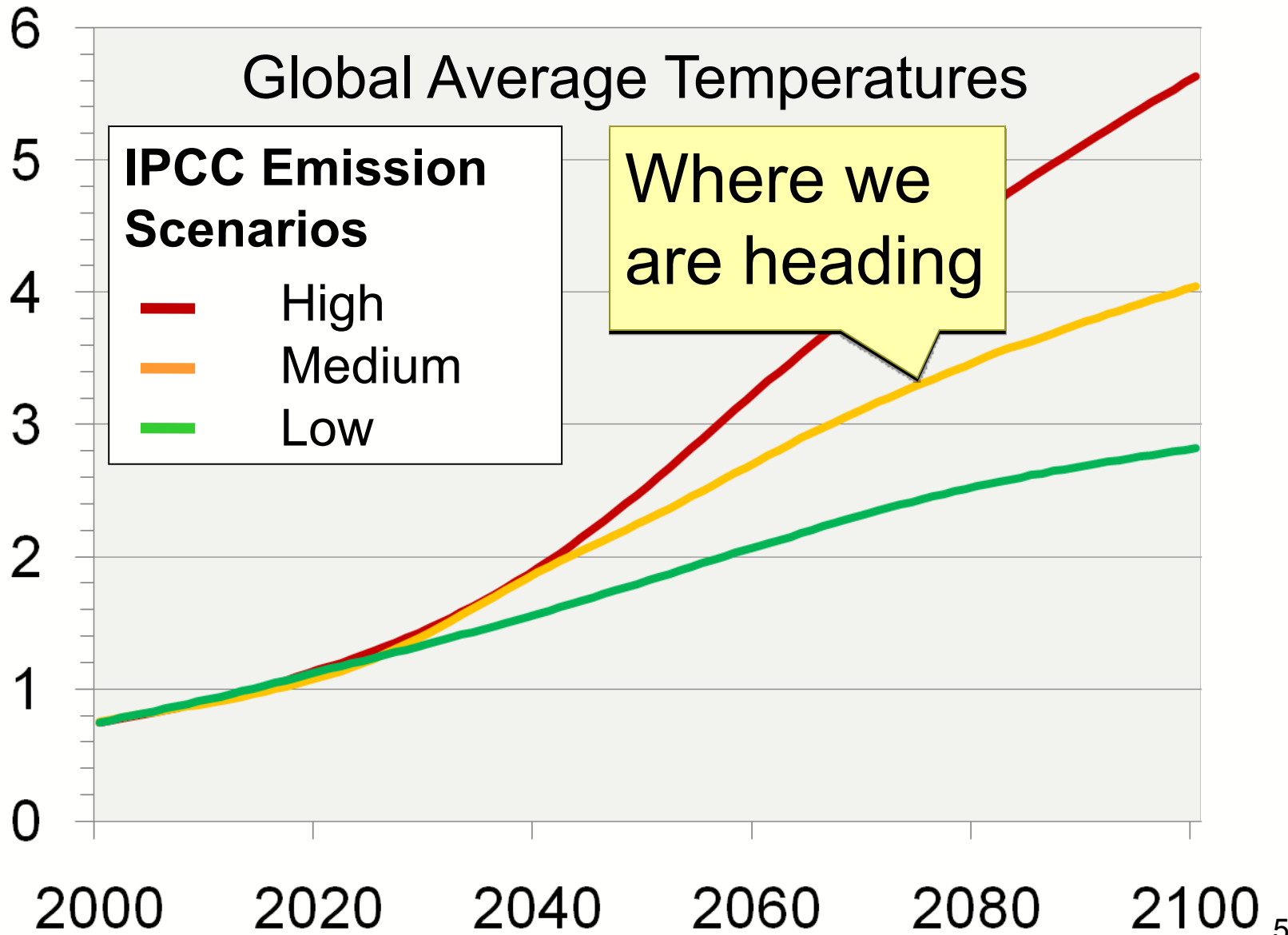


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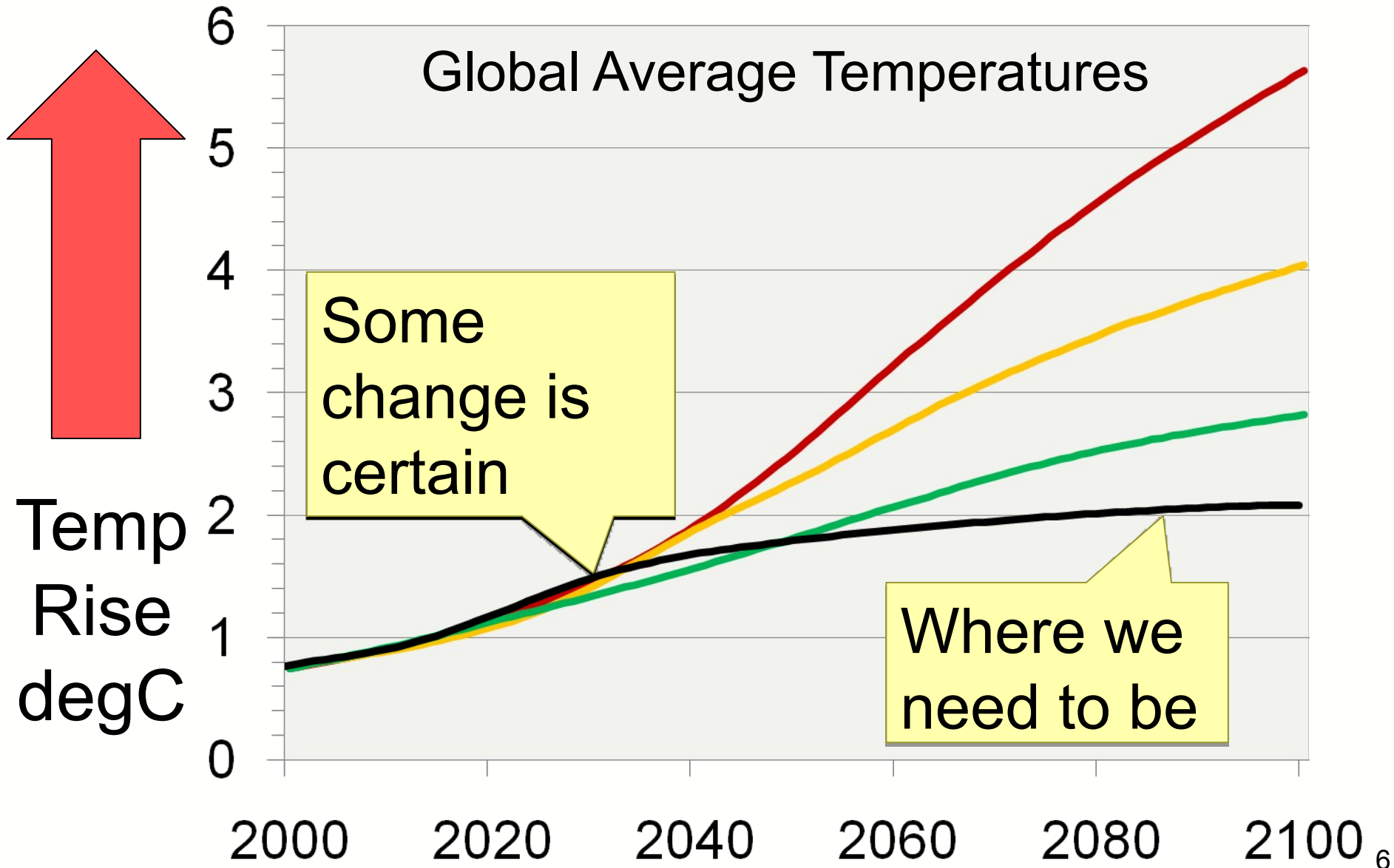


Temp
Rise
degC



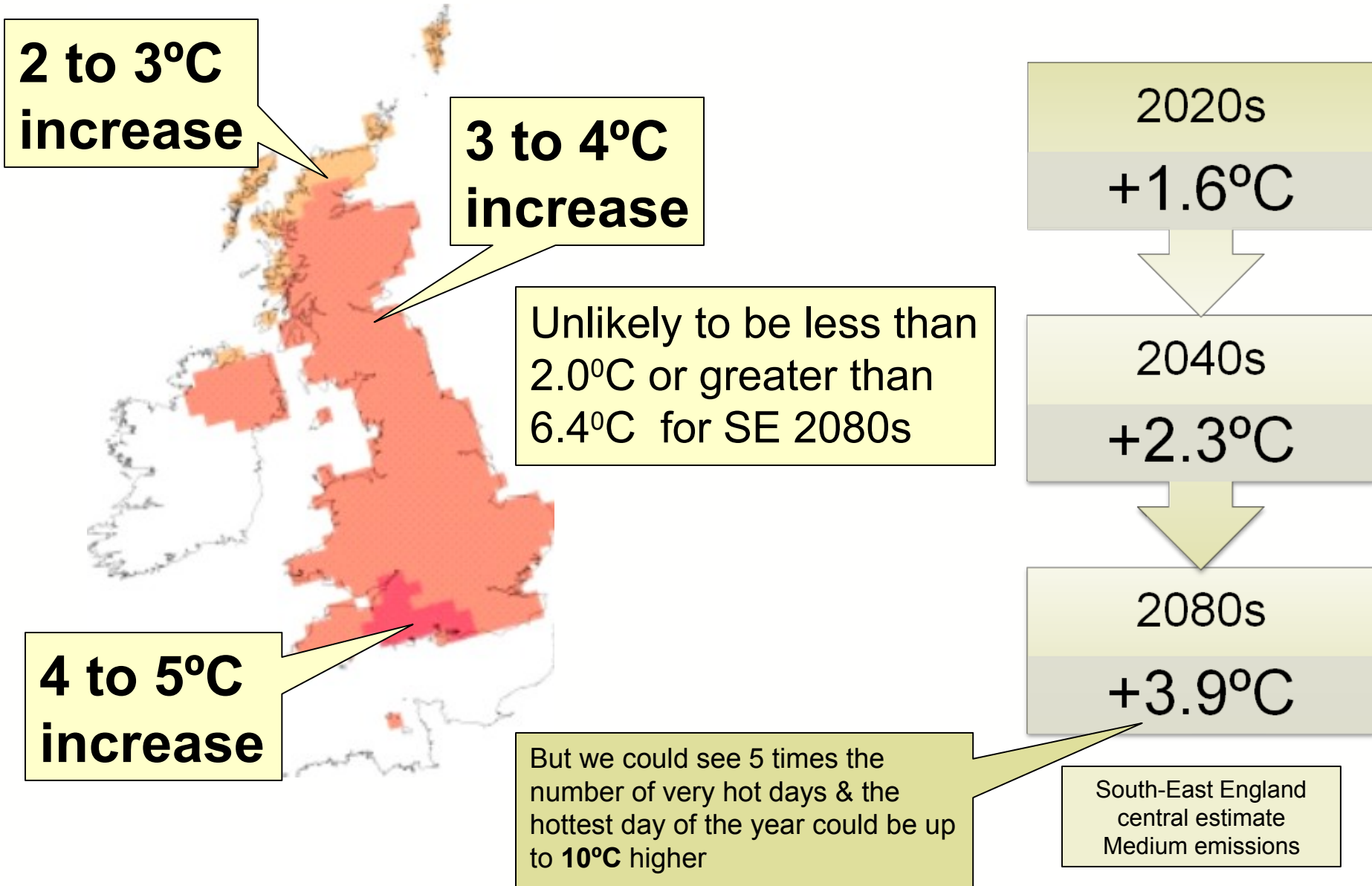
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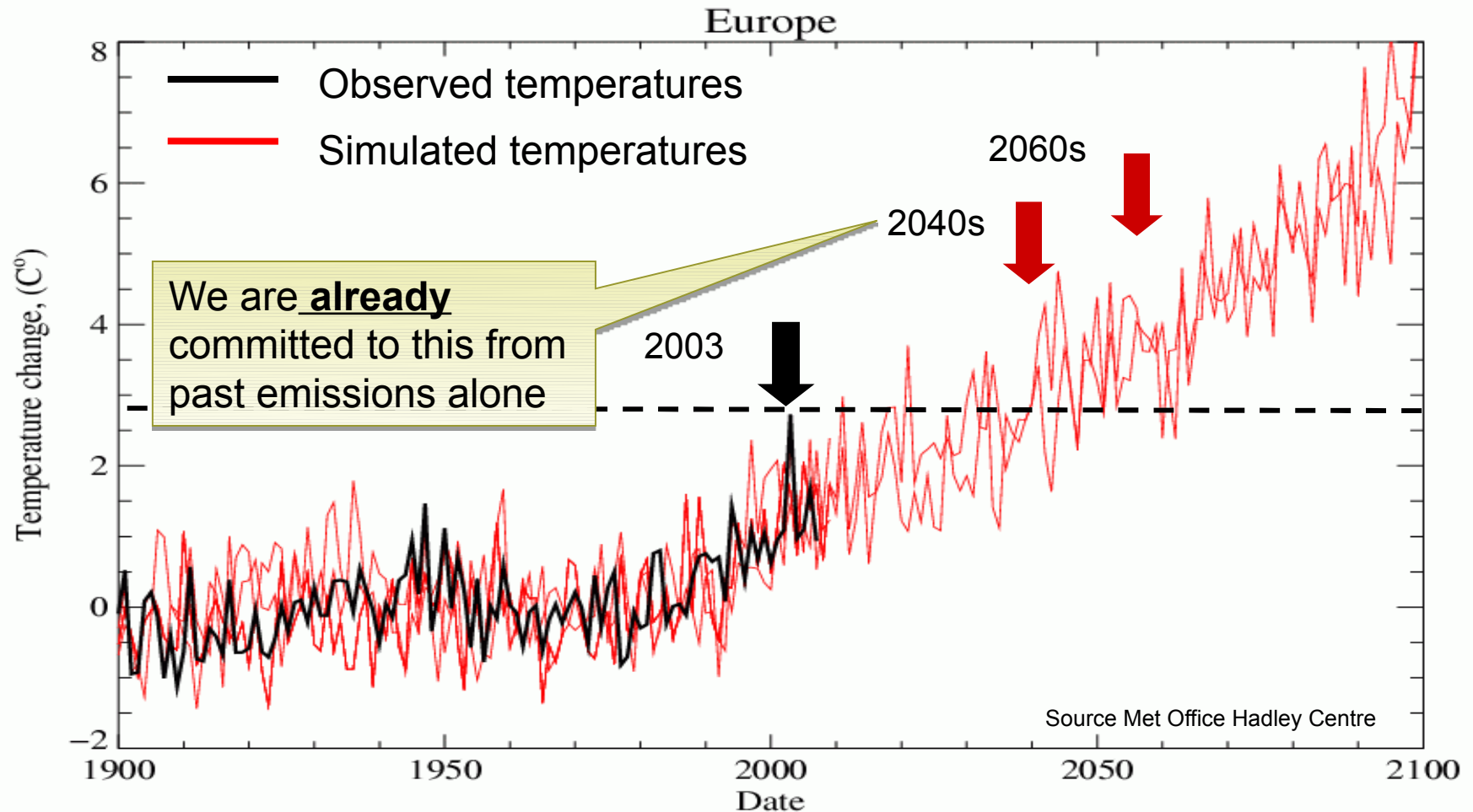
Summer average temperature

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Summer Temperatures in context

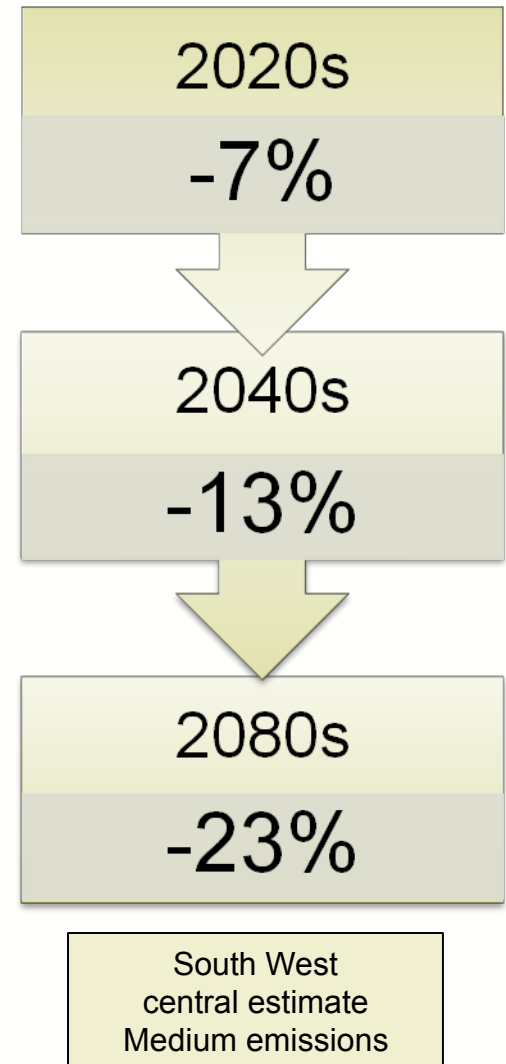
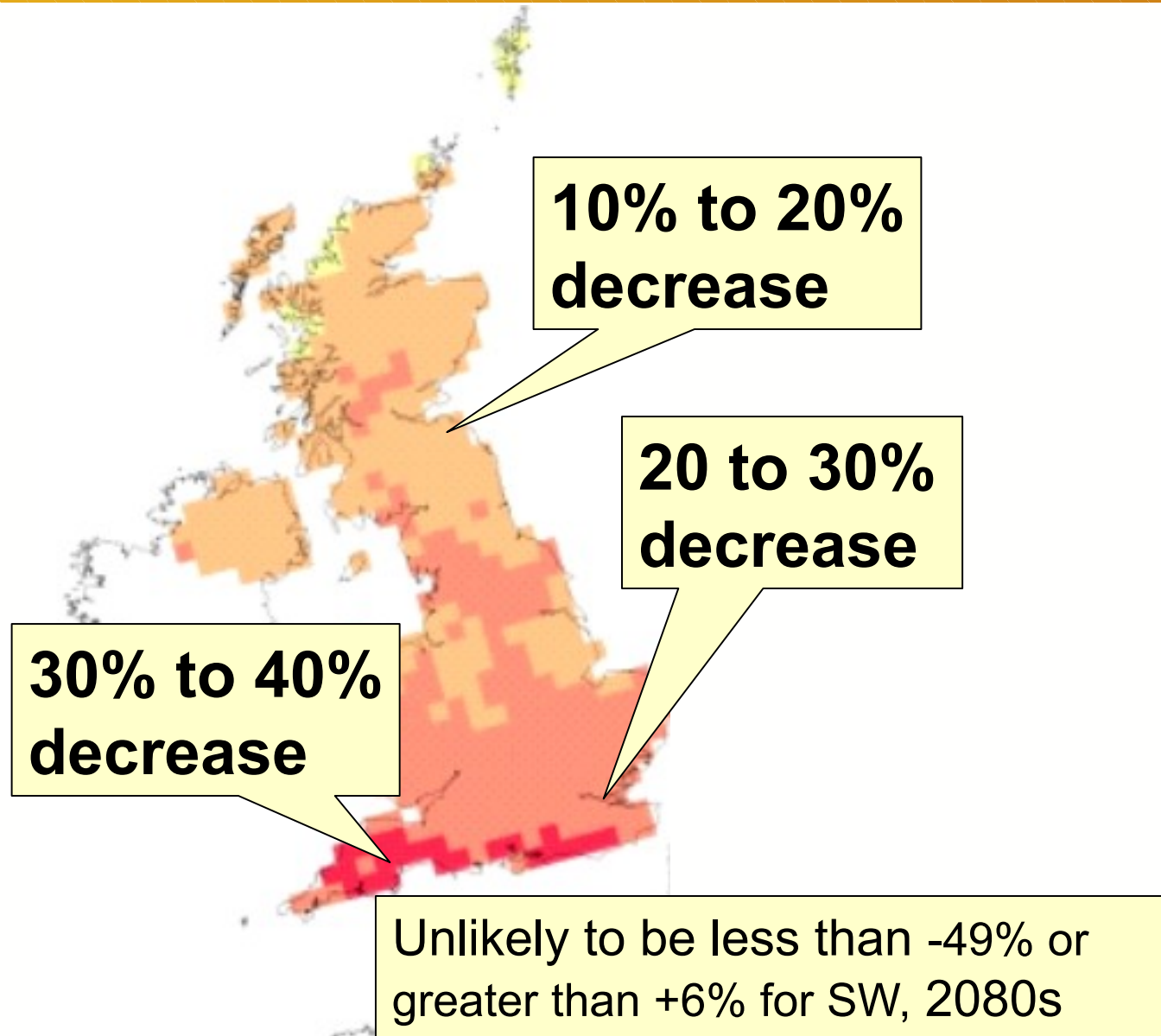
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35 000 people died across Northern Europe in the August heat-wave of 2003 – effective planning is essential

Summer rainfall

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Winter rainfall

0% to 10% decrease

10% to 20% increase

Unlikely to be less than +3% or greater than +35% for NW, 2080s

20% to 30% increase

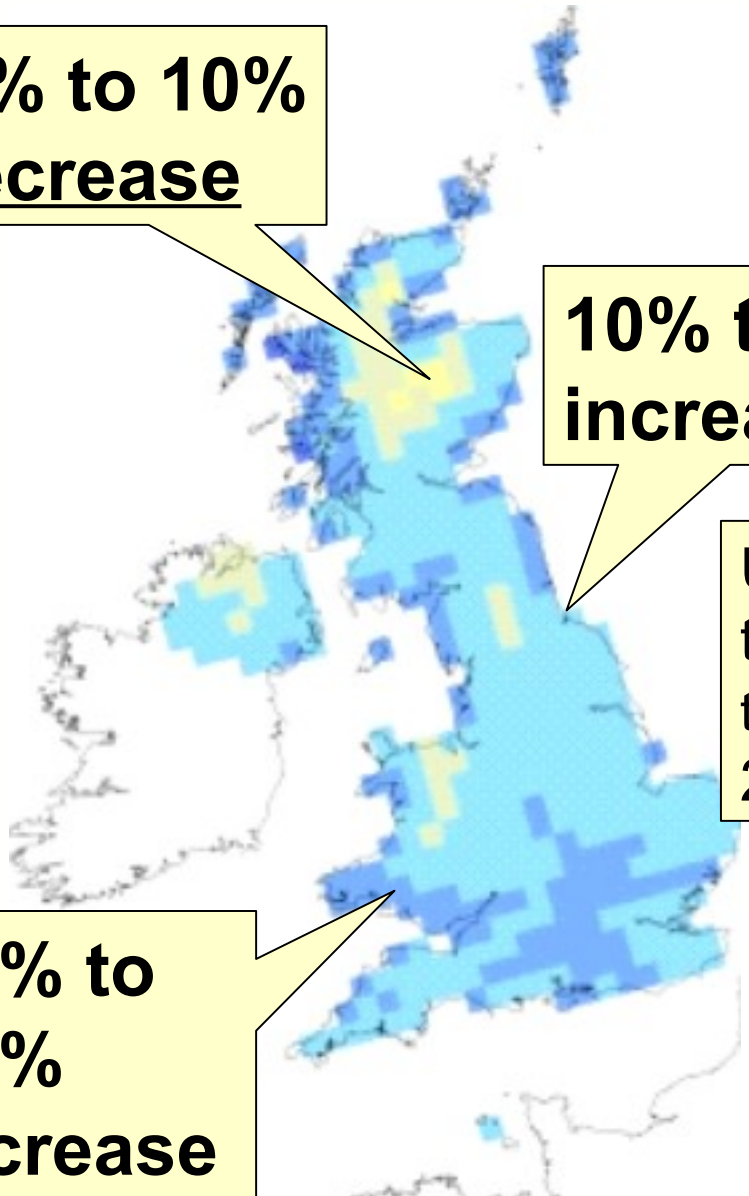
2020s
+6%

2040s
+10%

2080s
+16%

But the wettest day of the year could see up to 31% more rainfall in the North

North West central estimate
Medium Emissions



Sea level rise – London

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Central Estimate



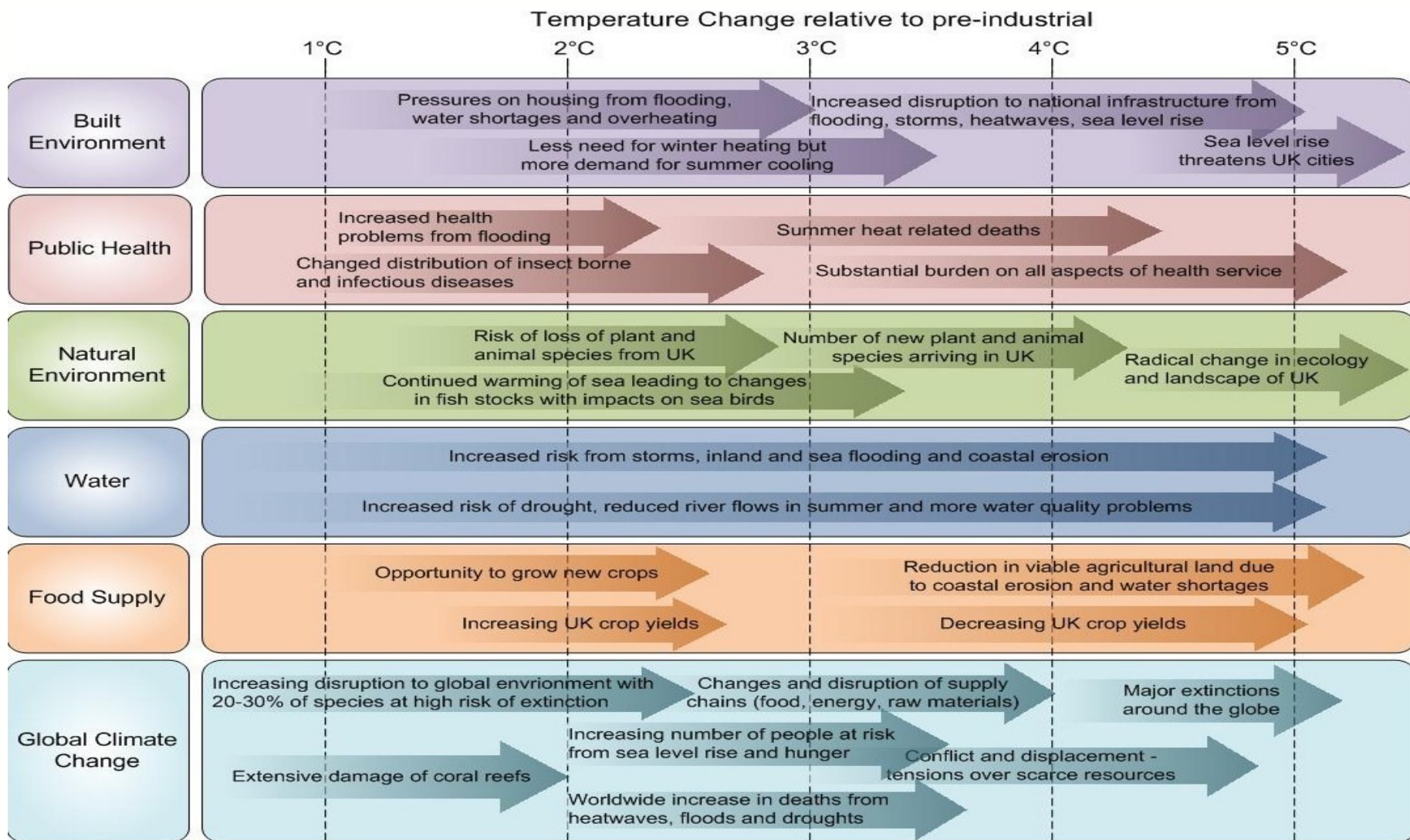
Worst Case

High++ scenario: 2100
Rises up to 1.9 meters



Our approach to dealing with impacts is about managing risk across the economy, it is not a 'green' issue

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What are we doing already?

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What are the opportunities?

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We achieved much in 2008, with 2009 being a key year linking to long term statutory framework

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2008

Website
Climate Change Act
UKCIP
NI188 Guidance
LA support

2009

Projections launch & Rollout

Adaptation Sub Committee

Statutory Guidance

Departmental Adaptation plans

2010

Adpt Sub Committee 1st report

Decision: use of reporting power

2011

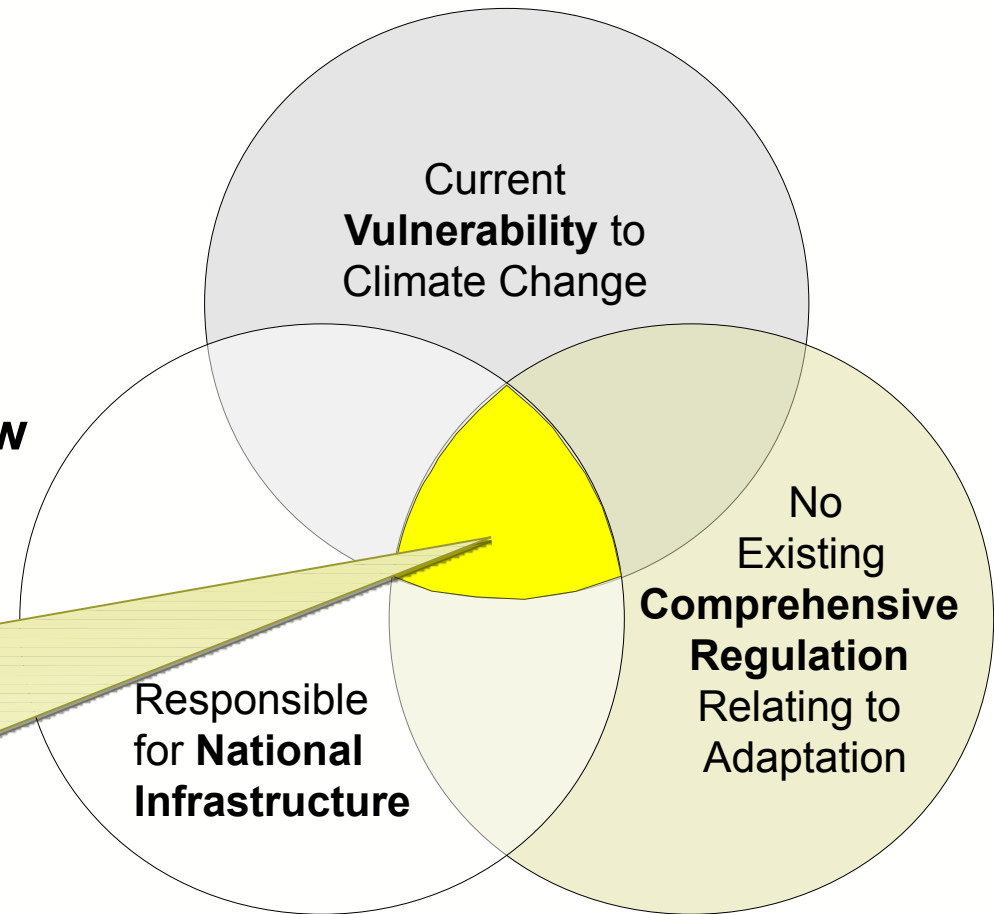
Risk Assessment

National Programme

Adaptation Reporting Power

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- **key sectors to report on the impacts to them of climate change**
- **Primary lever for Govt**
- **Consultation happening now**



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Transport
Environment

Key messages

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- **The costs of failing to adapt will be high**



- **Global deal at Copenhagen is critical**

