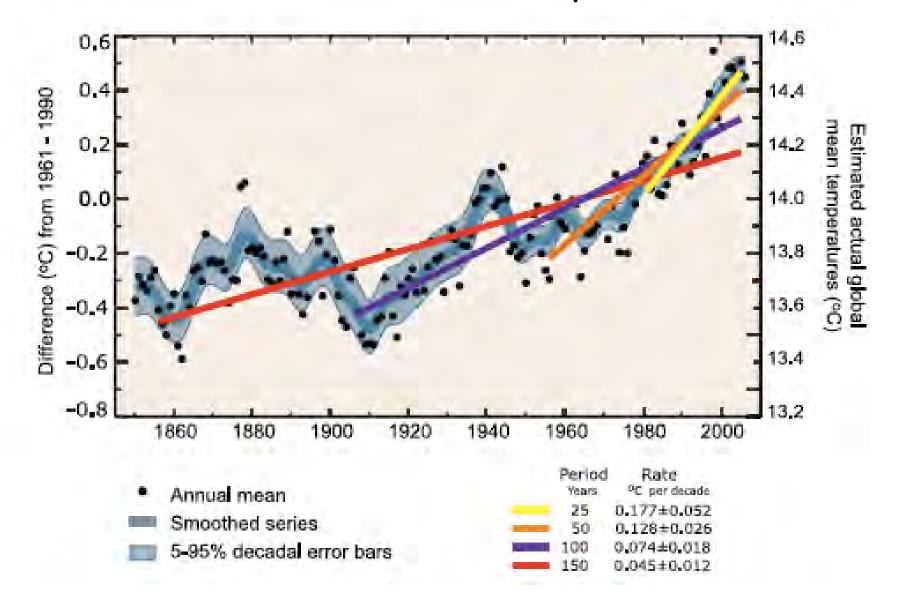
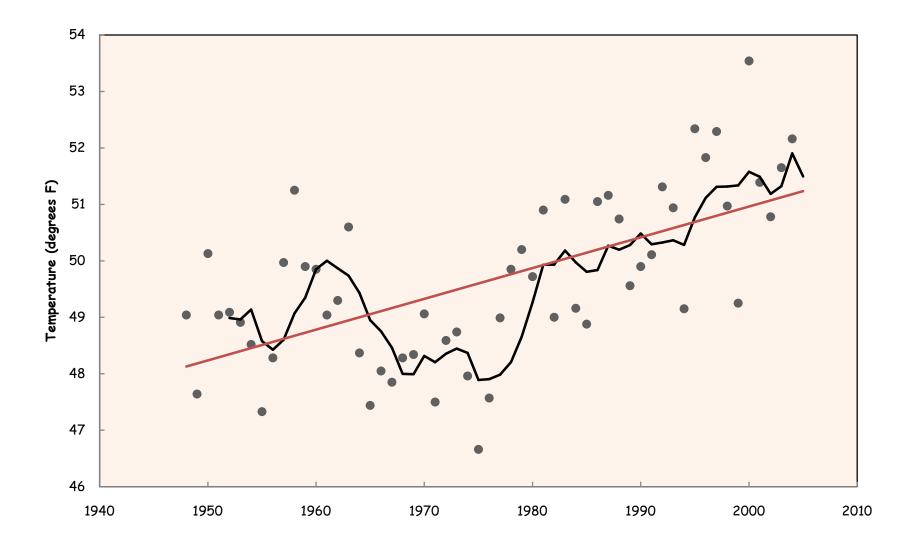
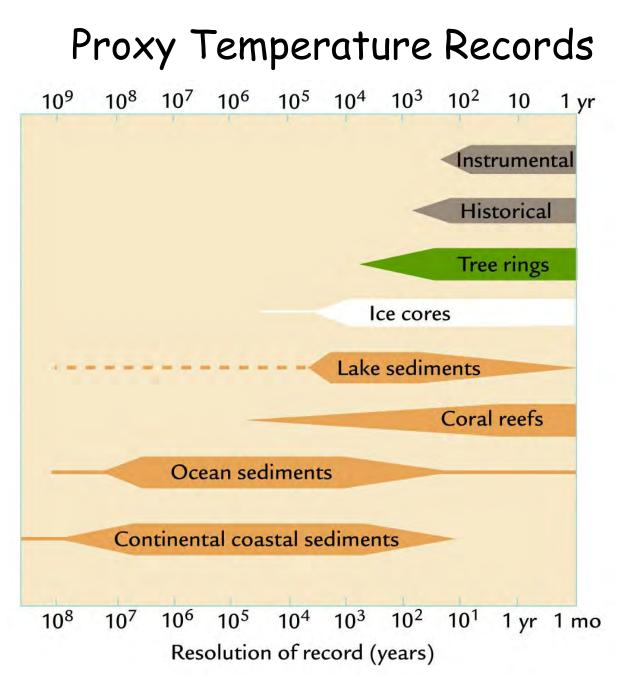
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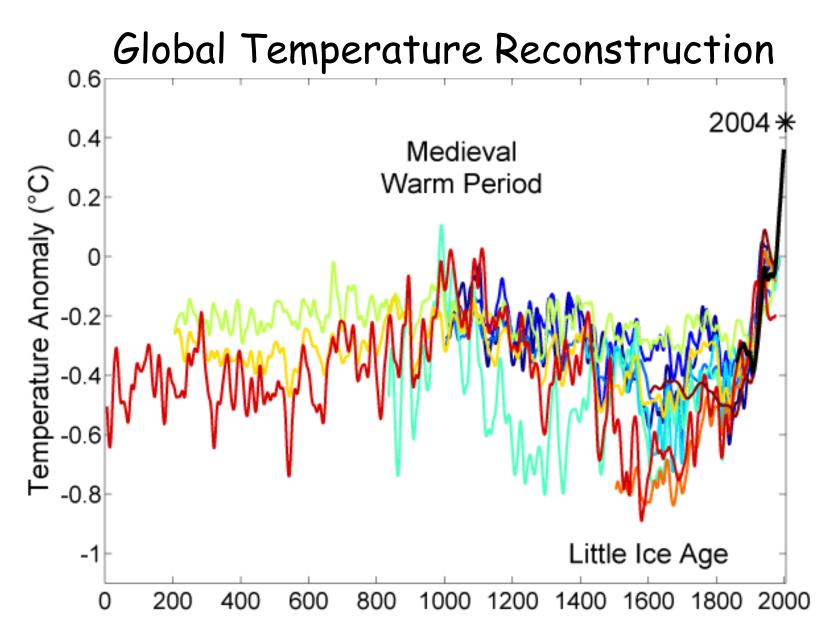
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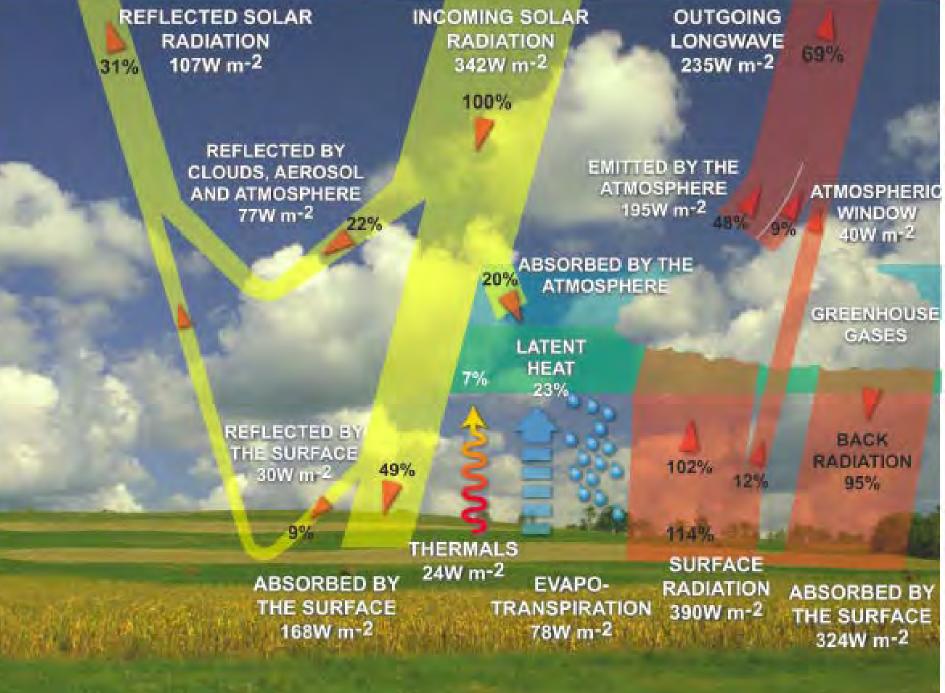
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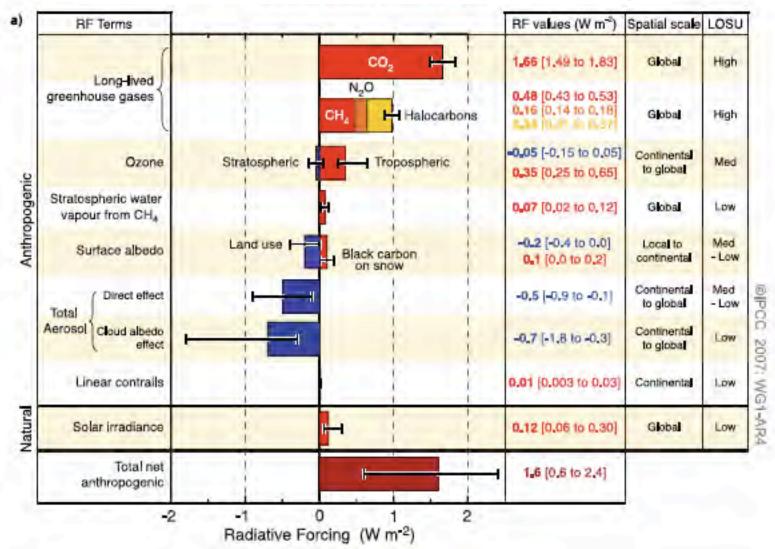
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Source: National Research Council 2006

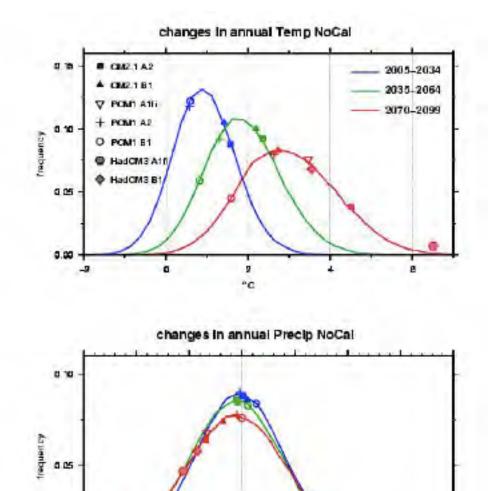


## **Global Mean Radiative Forcings**



Source: IPCC

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26

% of historical (1981-1990)

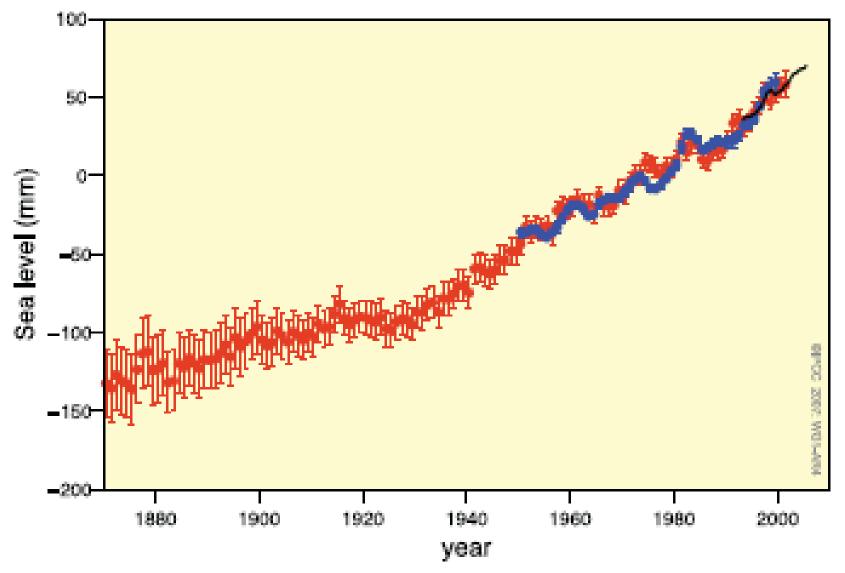
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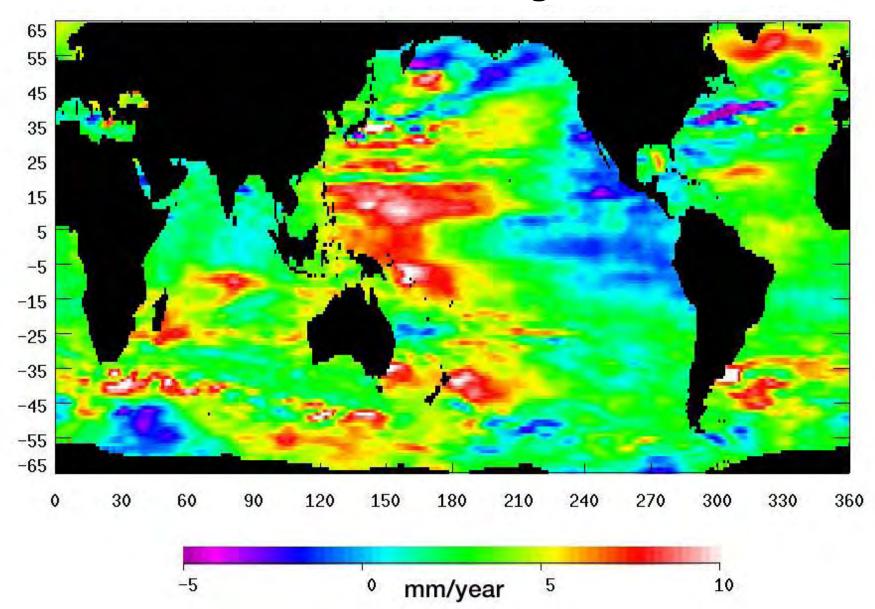
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Source: Cayan et al. 2008

#### Global Mean Sea Level

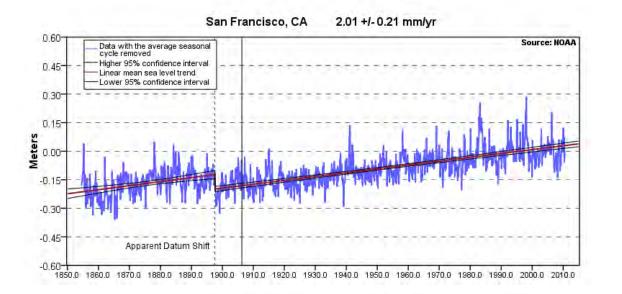


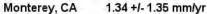
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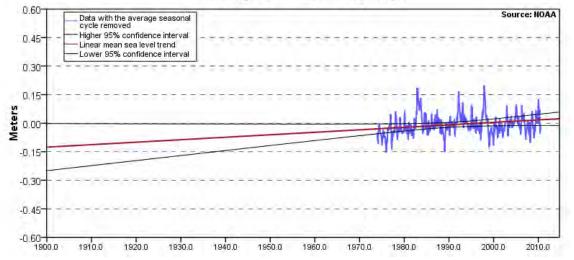


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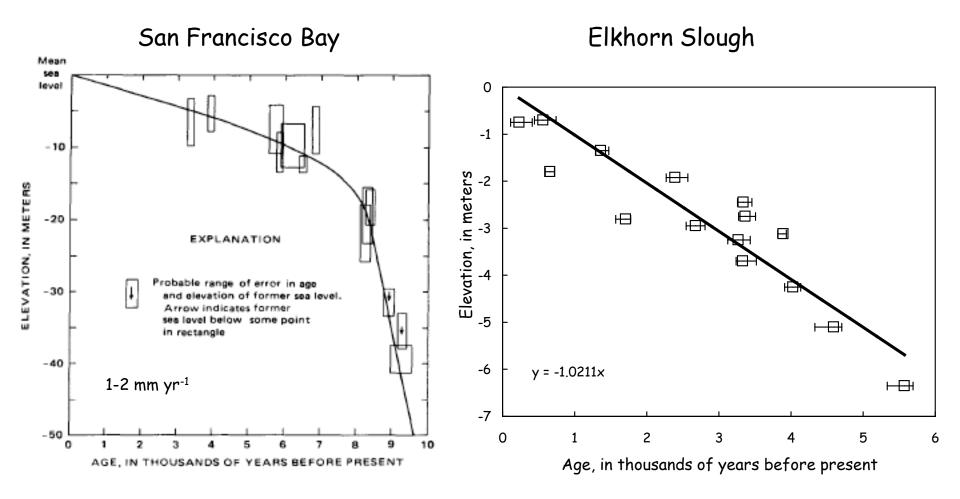
#### Contemporary Central California Sea Level Trends







### Pre-Historic Central California Sea Level Trends



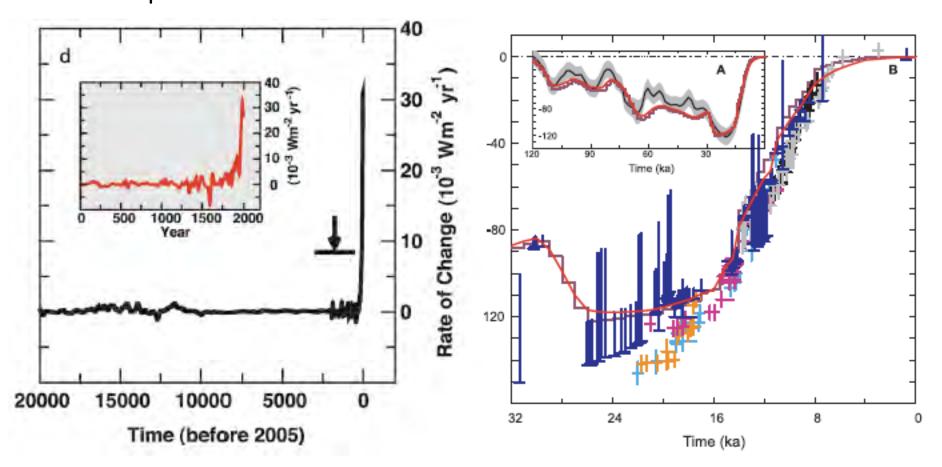
> Late Holocene rates of *relative* sea level rise for C. California ~1 mm yr<sup>-1</sup>

Source: Atwater et al. 1979; Watson et al. 2010

### Rate of Change

Temperature

Sea Level



# Conclusions

- Anthropogenic forcings are causing myriad changes in the global climate system. These changes sum to a net positive radiative forcing, as a result of greenhouse gas emissions.
- This warming appears to be increasing the rate of sea level rise, with the greater rates of increase found in the W. Pacific.
- Rates of sea level rise in Central California appear to be less than global averages, measured through satellite altimetry and tide gauge data, with a slight increase over background rates.
- The contemporary rate of global temperature increase is much higher than natural rates of change; for sea level rise, more rapid rates were found during deglaciation.

