

Water and climate change – recent concerns

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Three main concerns:

Water availablity

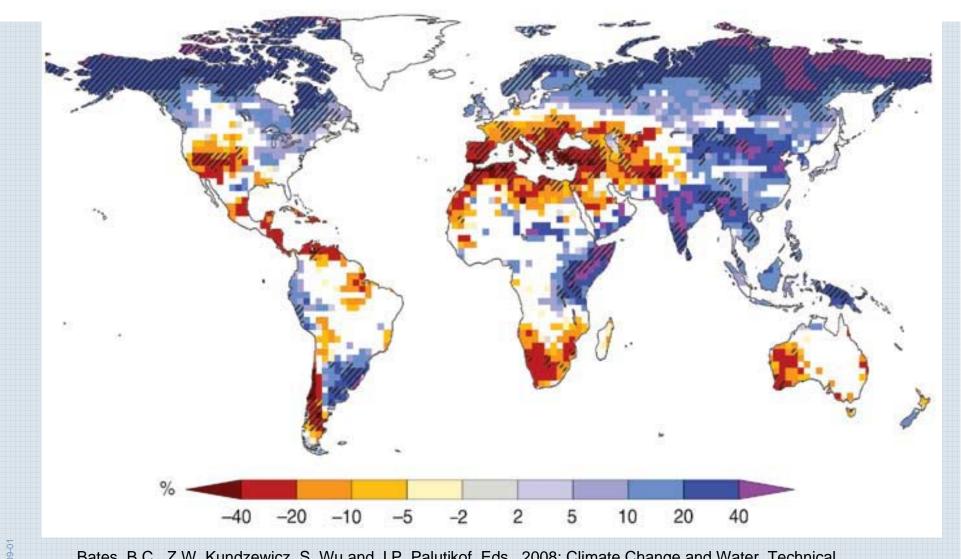
See level rise

Climate and energy

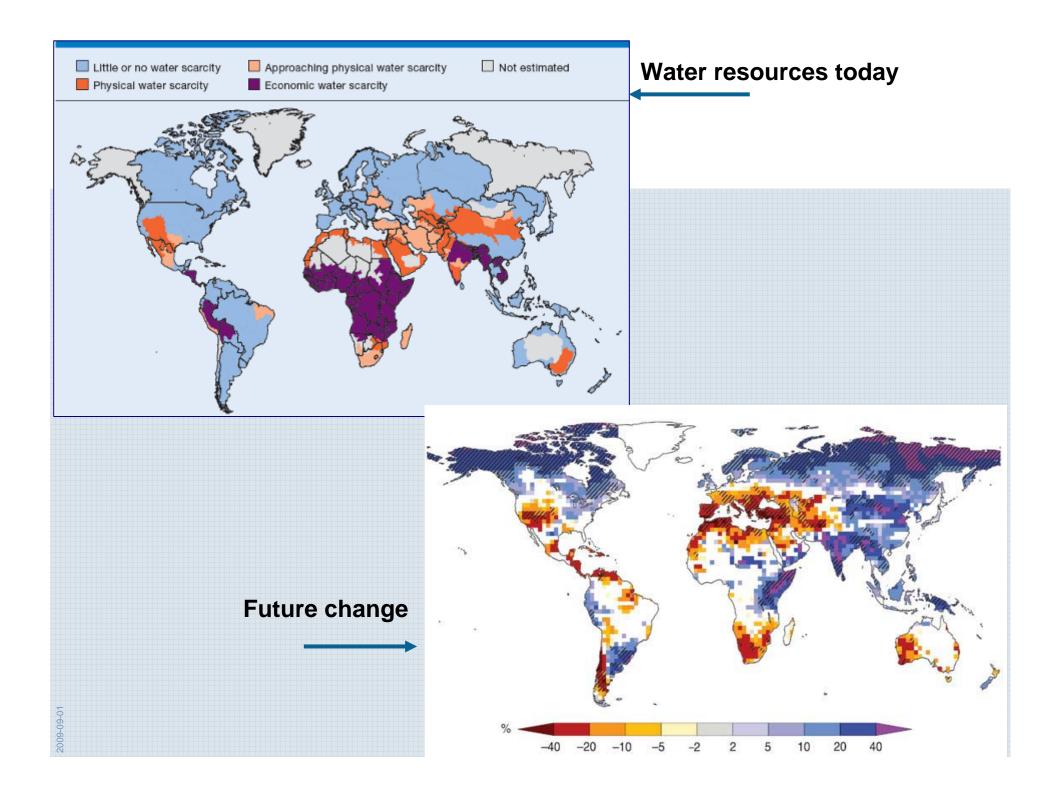
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Changed water availability according to 12 climate models

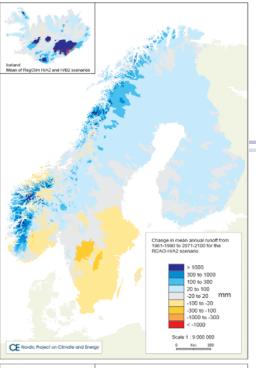


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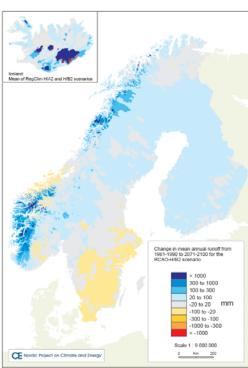




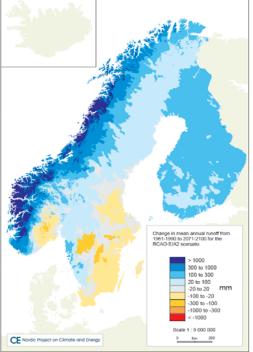
Annual runoff change (mm) Hadley/A2



Annual runoff change (mm) Hadley/B2

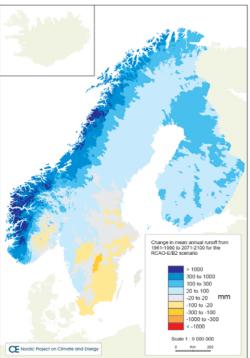


Annual runoff change (mm) Echam/A2



Annual runoff change (mm)

Echam/B2





IPCC (2007) statement on sea level rise until 2100

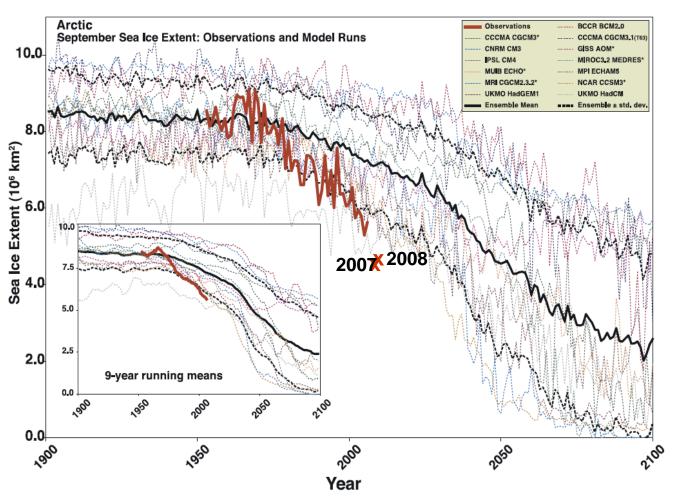
The sea level will rise 18 - 59 cm until 2100

+ some 20 cm for local effects in the North Sea

"Dynamical processes related to ice flow not included in current models but suggested by recent observations could increase the vulnerability of the ice sheets to warming, increasing future sea level rise. Understanding of these processes is limited and there is no consensus on their magnitude."

May lead to additional 20 cm

Modelled and observed extension of the Arctic sea ice

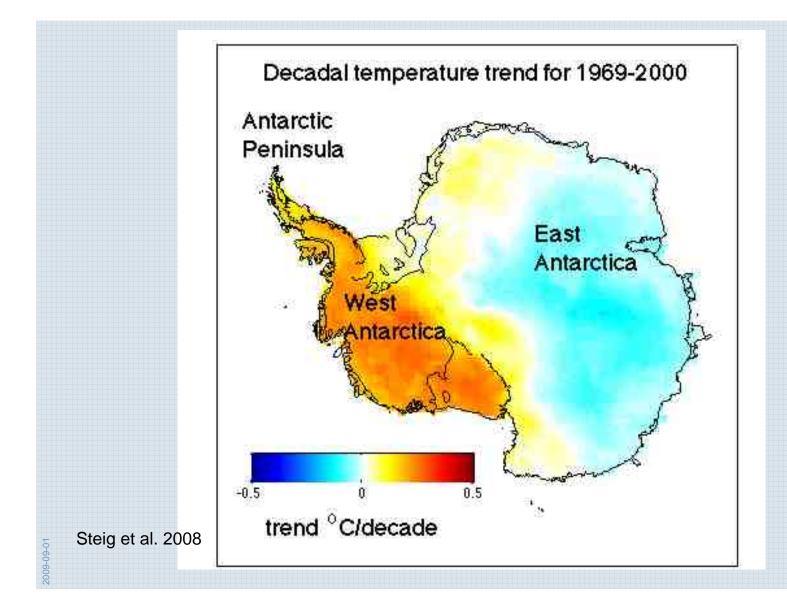


Source: Genomgång av forskning sedan IPCC AR4/WGI 2007 Markku Rummukainen Erland Källén





West Antarctic warming







http://www.deltacommissie.com/en/advies

"It is the Delta Committee's conclusion that a regional sea level rise of 0.65 to 1.3 meters should be expected for 2100, and from 2 to 4 meters in 2200. This includes the effect of land subsidence. These values represent plausible upper limits based on the latest scientific insights."

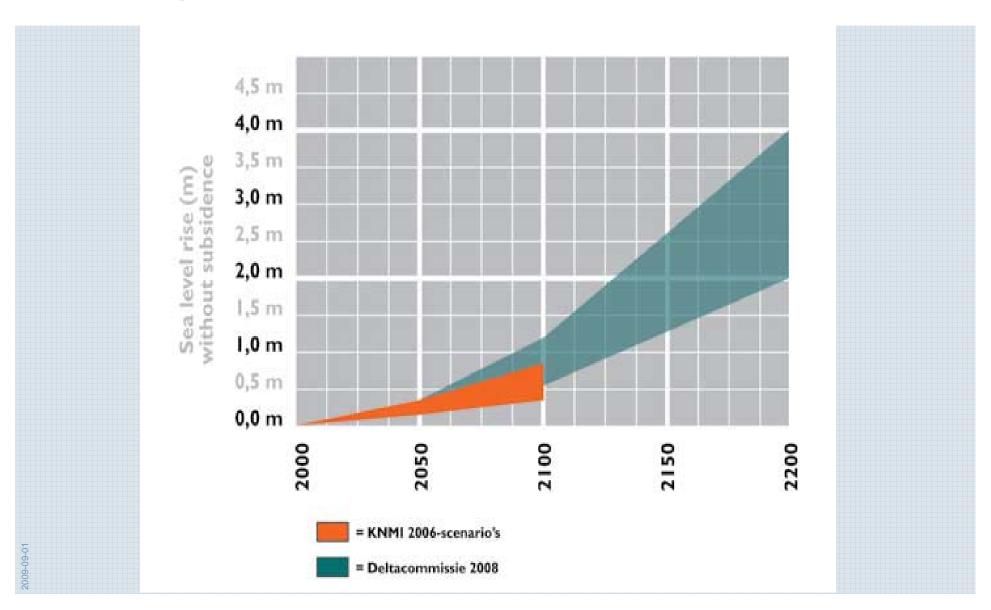




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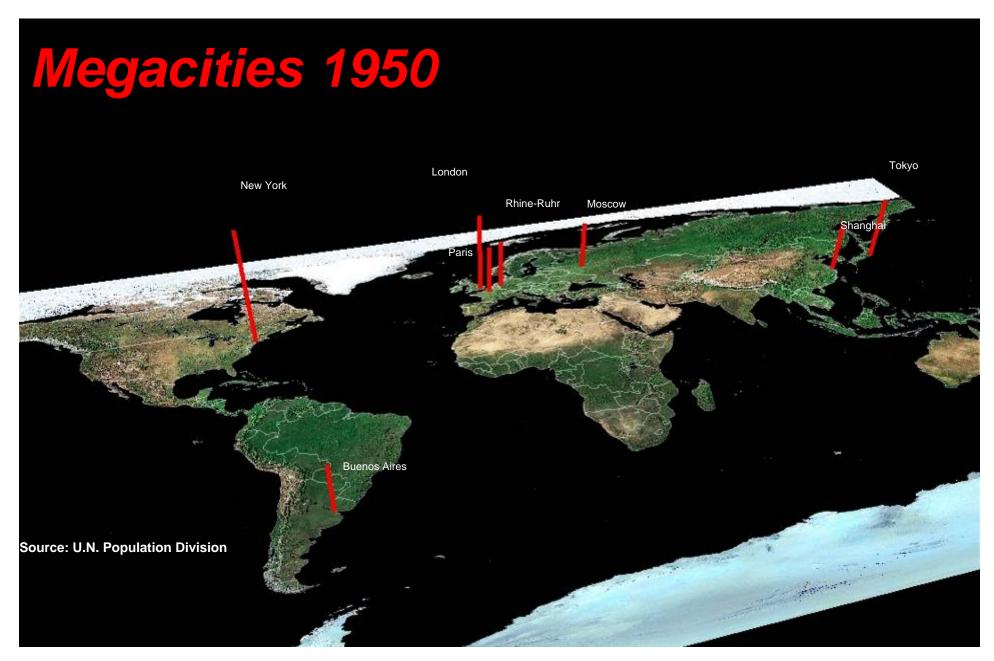
The Dutch Delta Committee, 2008

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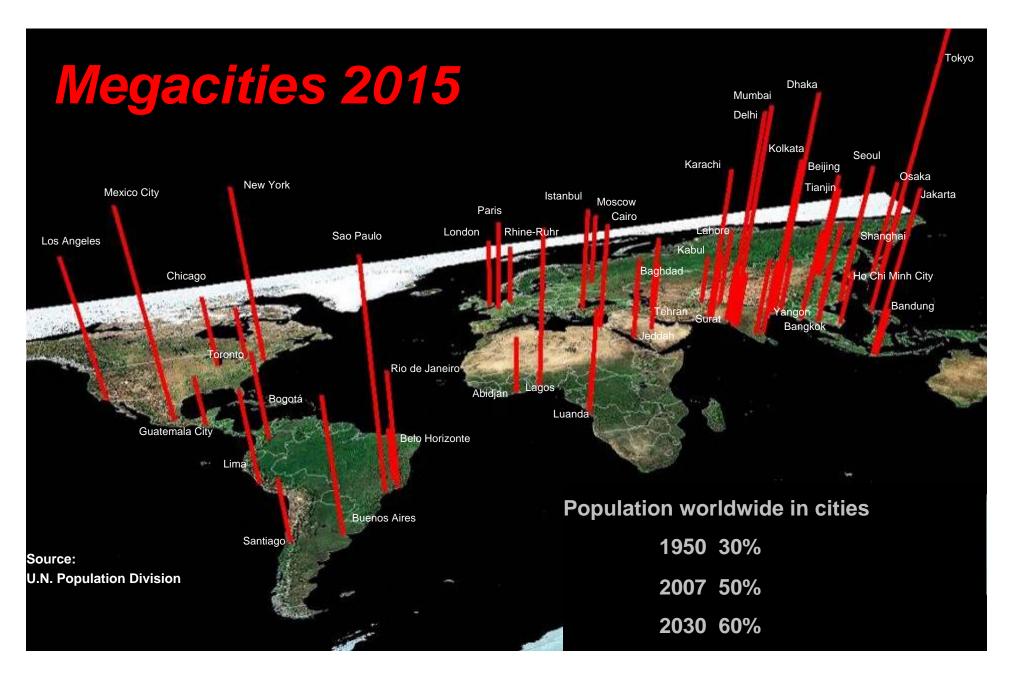


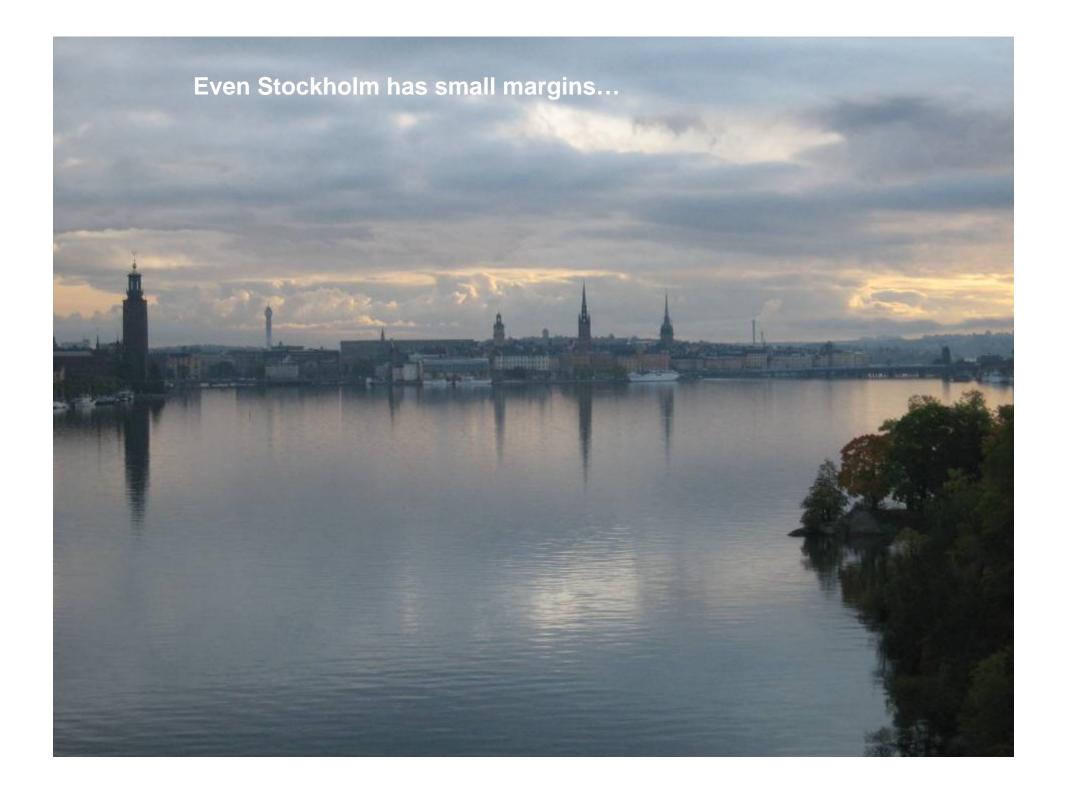
Population Trends





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The catchment of Lake Mälaren





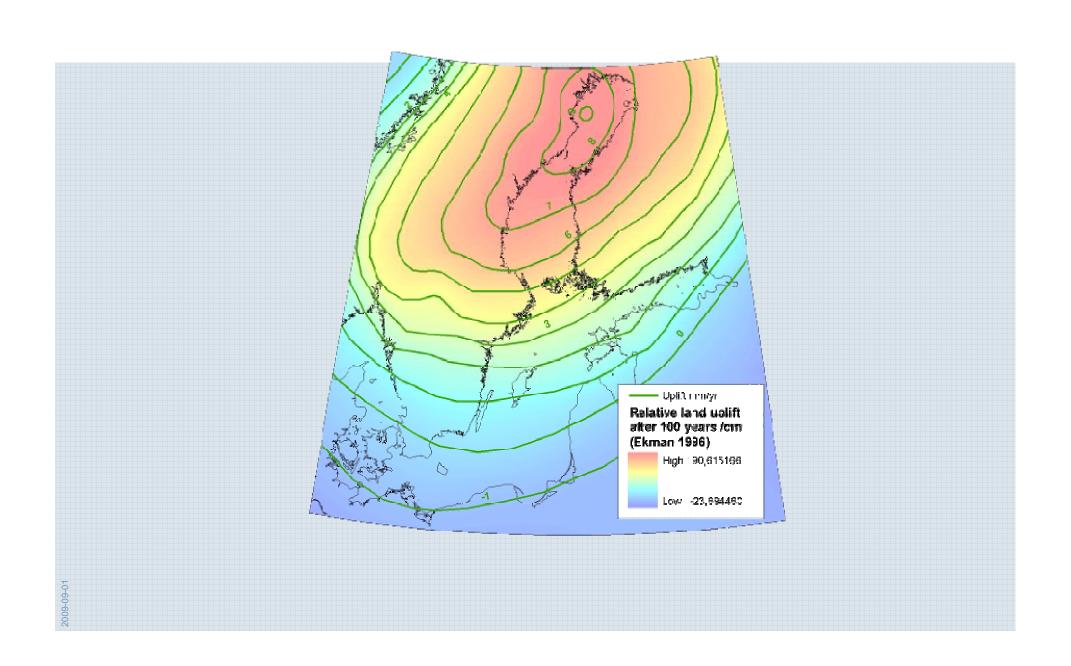
A flood in Stockholm in 1924





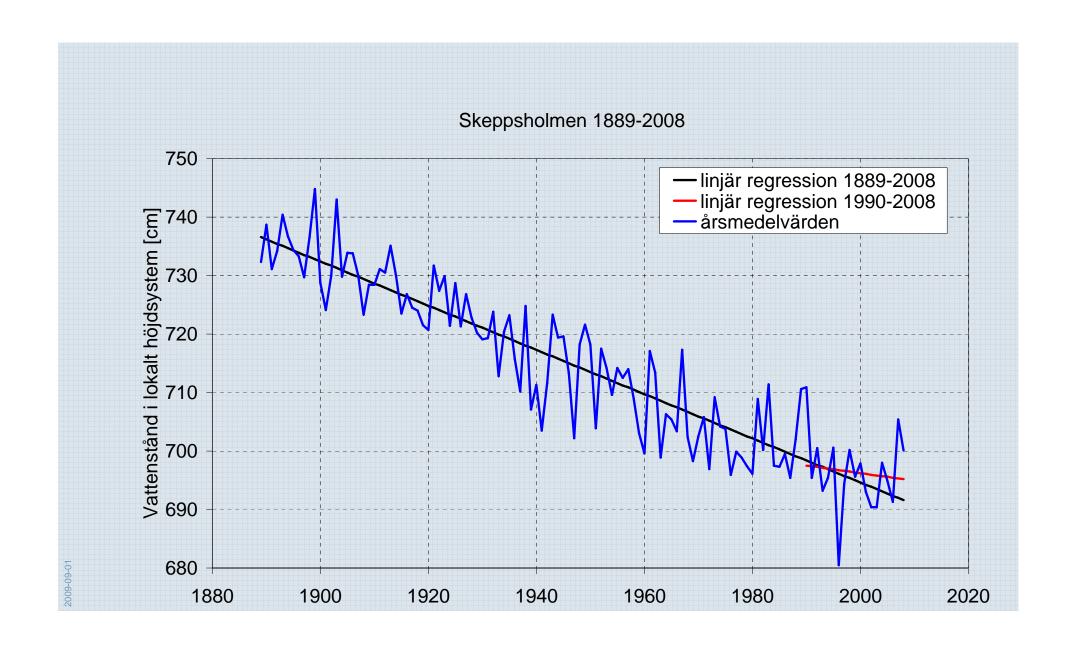


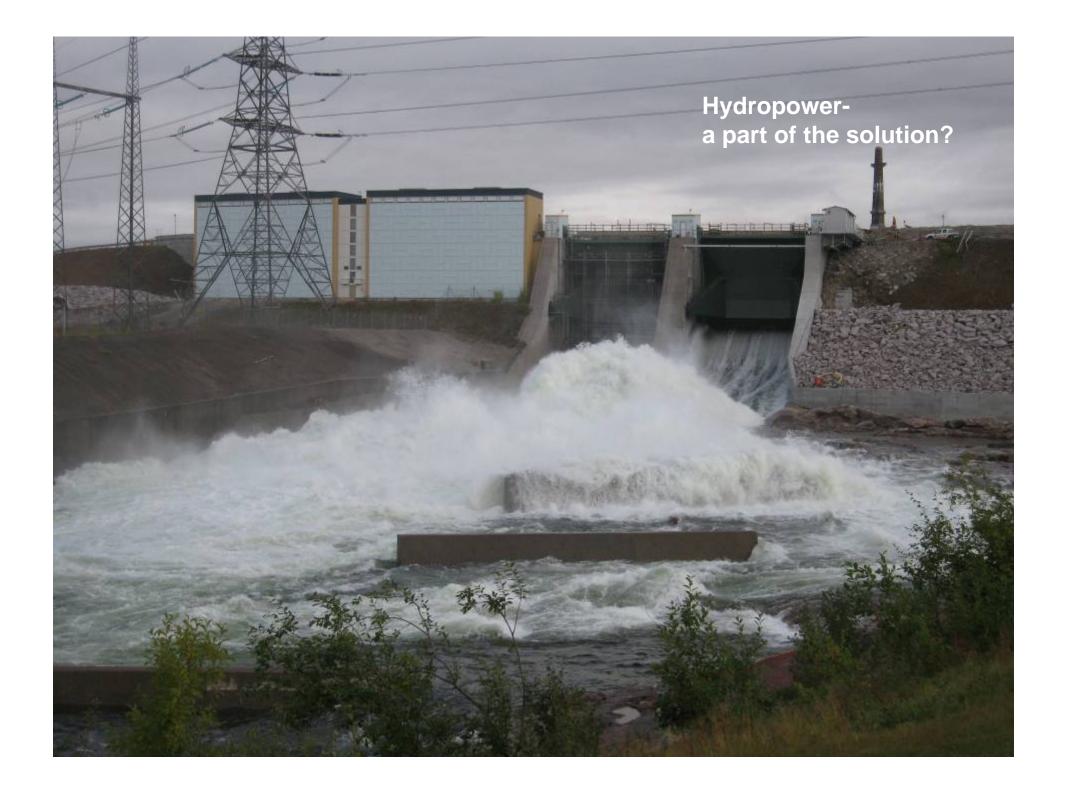
Uplift of land in Scandinavia





Sea levels in Stockholm since 1889







Nordic hydropower in % of total electricity production

Norway	100%	123 TWh

Sweden 45% 66 TWh

Finland 12% 8 TWh

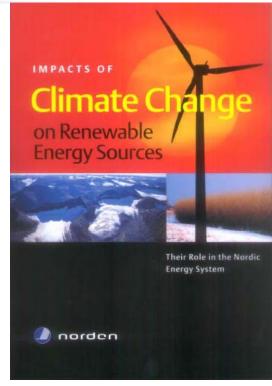
(approximate figures)



Nordic-Baltic projects on the impact of climate change on renewable energy

Climate Water and Energy 2001-2002

Climate and Energy 2003-2006



Climate and Energy Systems 2007-2010

Conclusions from the CE-project

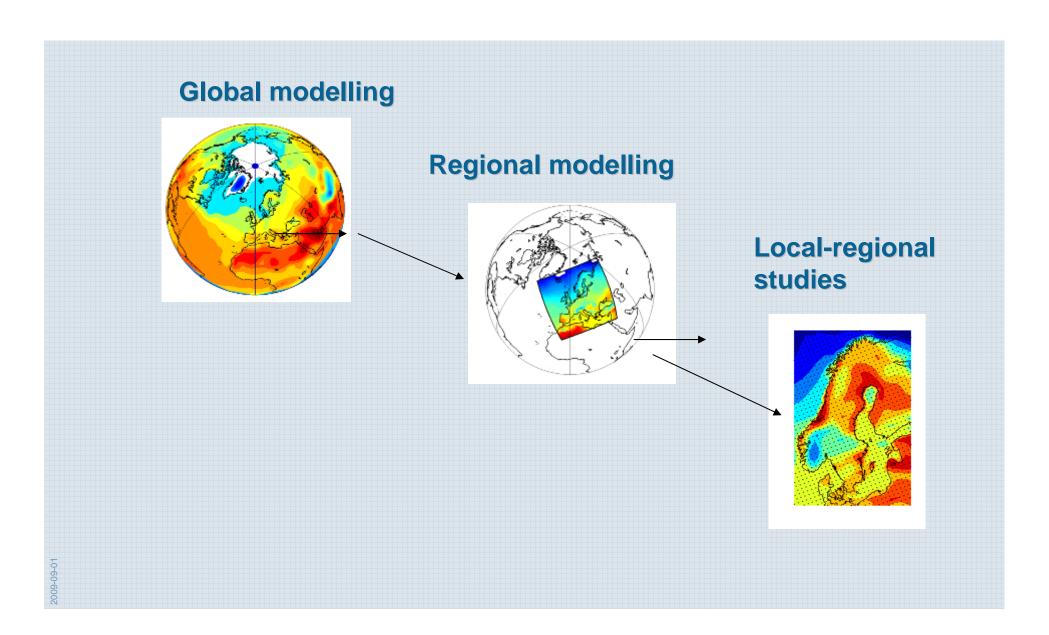
- Hydropower production is expected to increase in the Nordic area (But this is not the case for the rest of Europe!)
- The annual rythm in river flow will be more favourable for production
- Impact on dam safety is not self-evident and has to be analysed carefully
- The development of the future European energy market will have strong impact on the Nordic hydropower industry







Downscaling and uncertainty





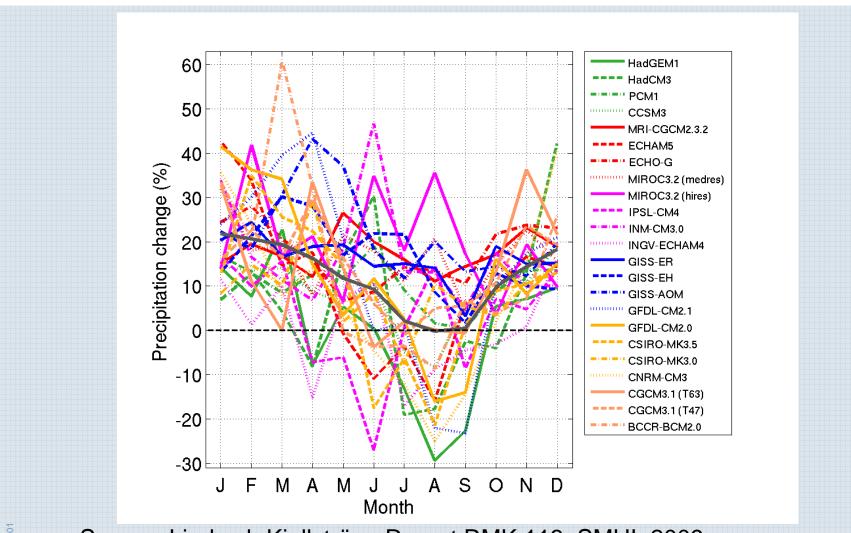




	Institute	Scenario	Forcing GCM	Regional model	Resolution	Timeperiod
	SMHI	A1B	ECHAM5 (1)	RCA3	50km	1961-2100
	SMHI	A1B	ECHAM5 (3)	RCA3	50km	1961-2100
	CNRM	A1B	ARPEGE	Aladin	25km	1961-2050
	KNMI	A1B	ECHAM5 (3)	RACMO	25km	1961-2100
*	OURANOS	A1B	CGCM3	CRCM	25km	1961-2050
	MPI	A1B	ECHAM5 (3)	REMO	25km	1961-2100
	C4I	A2	ECHAM5 (3)	C4I-RCA3	25km	1961-2050
	C4I	A1B	HadCM3	C4I-RCA3	25km	1961-2099
	METNO	A1B	ВСМ	HIRHAM	25km	1961-2050
*	UCLM	A1B	HadCM3	PROMES	25km	1961-2050
+	ETHZ	A1B	HadCM3	CLM	25km	1961-2050
	DMI	A1B	ARPEGE	HIRHAM	25km	1961-2050
	НС	A1B	HadCM3Q0	HadCM3Q0	25km	1961-2050



Seasonal cycle of monthly mean changes in precipitation under the A1B emission scenario by the end of the 21st century (2071-2100) in southern Sweden. (Global climate models)



Source: Lind och Kjellström. Report RMK 113, SMHI, 2009

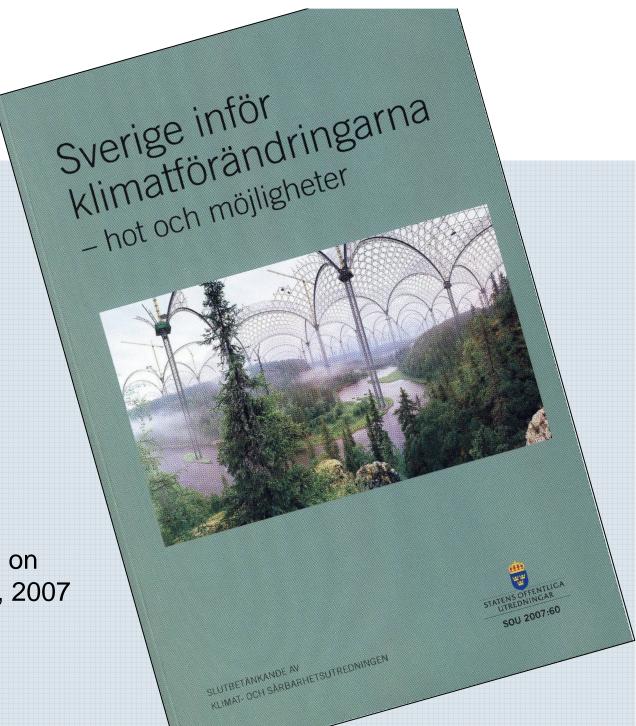


One last question:

How can we develop a strategy for risk assessment and climate adaptation that, in a reasonable way, accounts for all the inherent uncertainties in the climate projections?

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the Swedish Commission on Climate and Vulnerability, 2007



