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Adaptation to CC in the Arctic: Roshydromet's prospective

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Adaptation to CC is being recognized internationally not less important than mitigation





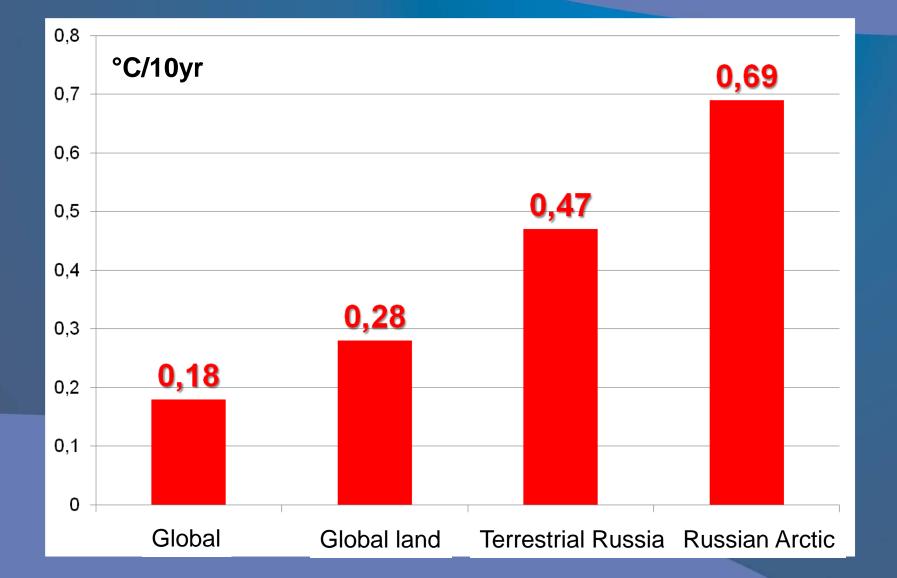
Adaptation as a part of Russian national climate policy



Arctic is becoming one of most visible objects (and subjects) for near- and long-term strategies of adaptation to current and expected CC.

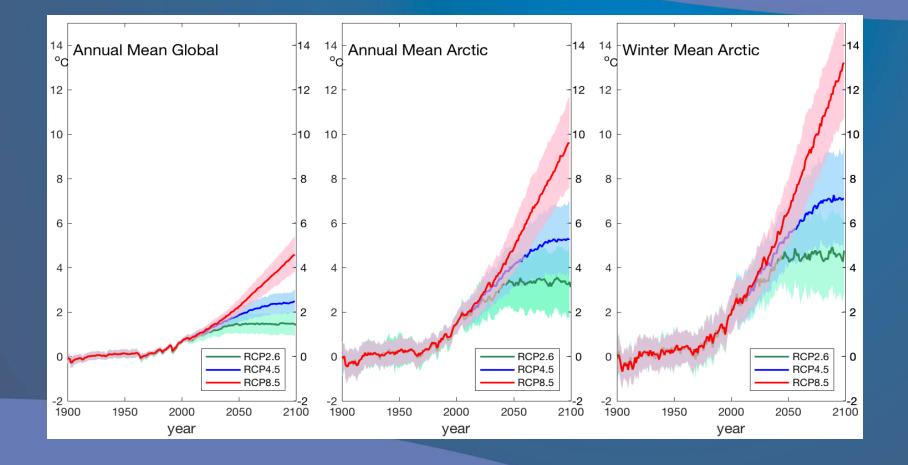
Roshydromet: Warming since mid-1970s through 2018





Arctic amplification: through the 21st century





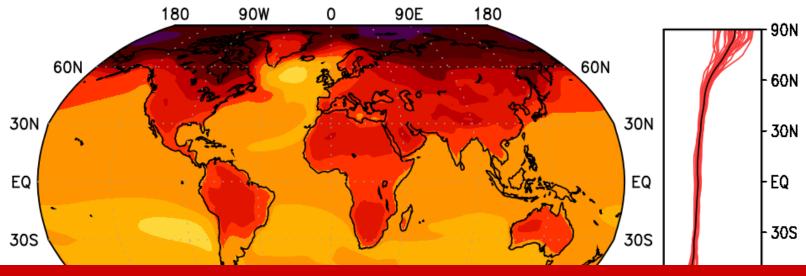
Overland et al., 2018 (Polar Science. accepted): https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1873965218301543?via%3Dihub

Arctic amplification: the causes and consequences still to be explored



CMIP5 projections (by late 21st century, RCP8.5)

CMIP5 31 model RCP8.5 2080-2099 TAS change scaled by global TAS (C/C)



Open questions:

What are the relative roles of local sea ice and remote sea surface temperature changes in driving polar amplification, and how does the global climate system respond to changes in Arctic sea ice?

Smith et al., 2018 (Geosci. Model Dev. Discuss., under revision): https://doi.org/10.5194/qmd-2018-82 Sea-ice extent in September over 1979-2099: 30 CMIP5 models RCP8.5/4.5 against updated observation (1979-2018)

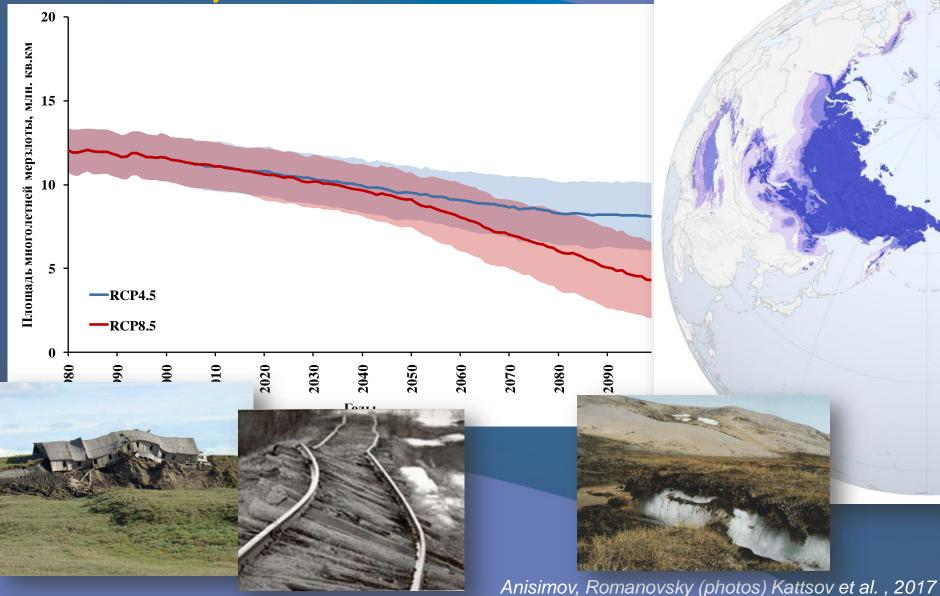
> -RCP4.5 RCP8.5 NSIDC v3.0 Площадь,106км²] Голы

An open question:

The prospect of an "*ice-free Arctic Ocean*": how soon the sea ice in the Arctic may become essentially seasonal?

Pavlova, 2018

Subsurface permafrost extent over 1980-2099: 28 CMIP5 models RCP8.5/4.5 Russian territory



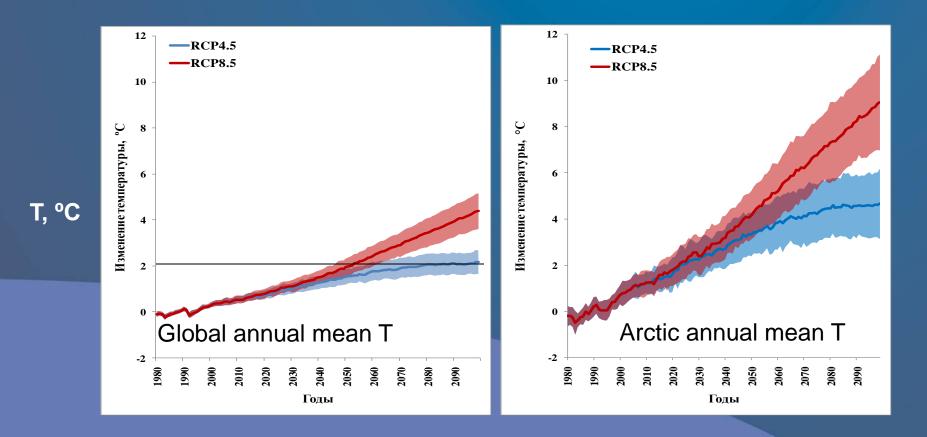
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An open question:

Can a warming Arctic become a significant obstacle to achieving Paris Agreement's CC mitigation targets – e.g. the "below 2°C"?

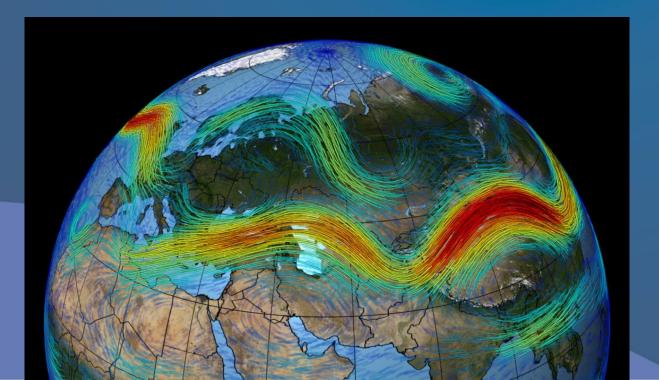


Reshuffles at the "kitchen of weather": How CC will affect high-impact weather in the Arctic and beyond?



An open question:

To what extent recent extreme heat and cold waves, floods and droughts may be connected with the warming of the Arctic?





Etc.



Some other open questions:

Consequences of the Arctic Ocean freshwater budget changes for the *global THC*: how soon and how significantly the increased export of freshwater from the Arctic can affect the deep water formation in the Northern North Atlantic?

The role of ice-sheet (Greenland) dynamics in amplification of ice sheets' contribution to the *global SLR*: are the state-of-the-art SLR projections still too conservative?

The relative role of *short-lived climate forcers* (SLCF), particularly black carbon, in the Arctic warming: how to improve its quantification?

Polar predictability on time scales from a season through a decade. A particular intriguing question: what happens to predictability in the Arctic climate system with shrinking of cryosphere?

So, while achievements of climate science are encouraging...



Knowledge gaps are challenging credibility of projections

Arctic as a cross-cut of the World Climate Research Programme's Grand Challenges



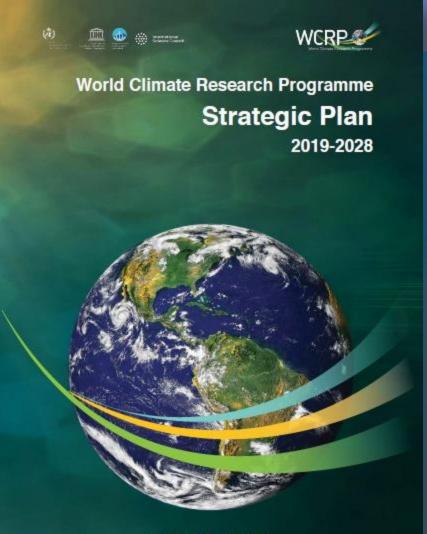
https://www.wcrp-climate.org/grand-challenges/grand-challenges-overview

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- Weather and Climate Extremes
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- ✓ Near-term Climate Prediction



World Climate Research Programme





WCRP Publication No. 1/2019

High resolution CC modeling to provide input into the impact models

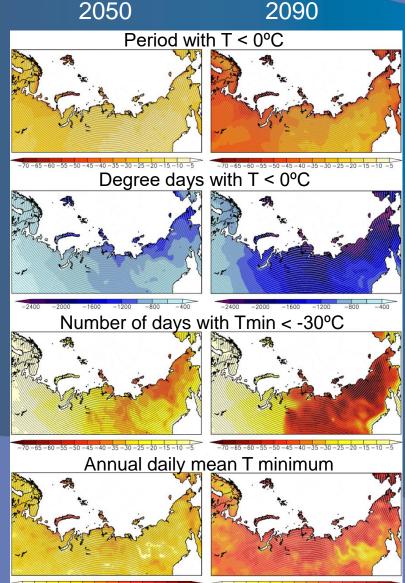
Pan-Arctic RCM (301×301) 50 km

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Shkolnik et al. 2013

MGO RCM (Arctic-CORDEX) mid- and late 21st century VOEIKON MAIN VS late 20th century (RCP8.5)



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Laying of pipes and drilling

Equipment downtime, personnel idle time and operating costs

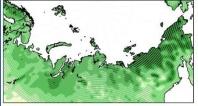
Solidity characteristics and "wet works" in construction

Khlebnikova et al ,2018

MGO RCM (Arctic-CORDEX) mid- and late 21st century vs late 20th century (RCP8.5)

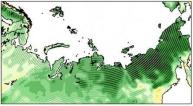
Changes in humidification by 2090

annual precipitation

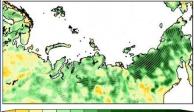


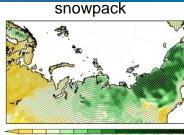


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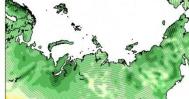


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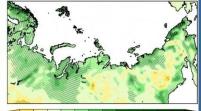




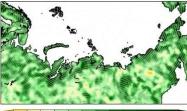
Cold season precipitation Warm season precipitation



Frac of liquid precipitation



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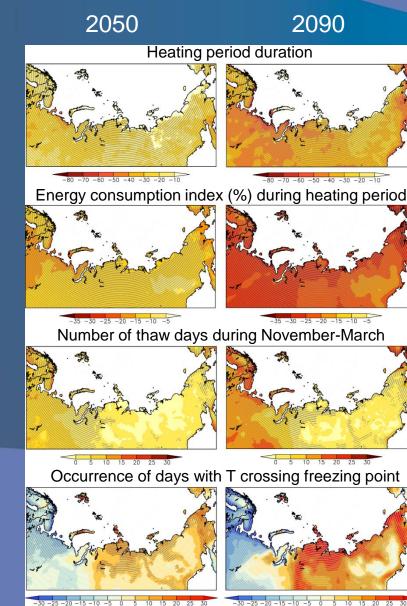
Oil and gas production facilities and machinery, especially for offshore operations and port's inshore facilities

Corrosion resistant characteristics

Efficiency of roadway network

Khlebnikova et al ,2018

MGO RCM (Arctic-CORDEX) mid- and late 21st century vs late 20th century (RCP8.5)



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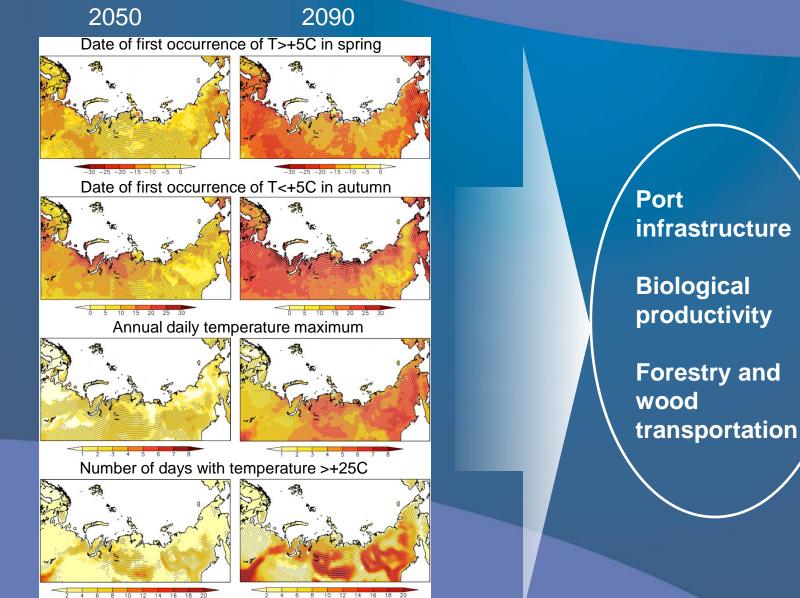
Reliability of heat supply systems and optimization of their

Efficiency of transport infrastructure,

functioning

Khlebnikova et al ,2018

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Khlebnikova et al ,2018

Extreme weather events keep holding top positions in global risk ratings



	2017	2018	2019
	Extreme weather events	Extreme weather events	Extreme weather events
WORLD ECONOM FORUM	C	Natural disasters	Failure of climate-change mitigation and adaptation
The Global Risks Report 2019 14th Edition	Major natural disasters	Cyber-attacks	Natural disasters
In partnership with Marsh & McLennan Companies and Zurich Insurance Group	Large-scale terrorist attacks	Data fraud or theft	Data fraud or theft
	Massive incident of data fraud/theft	Failure of climate-change mitigation and adaptation	Cyber-attacks

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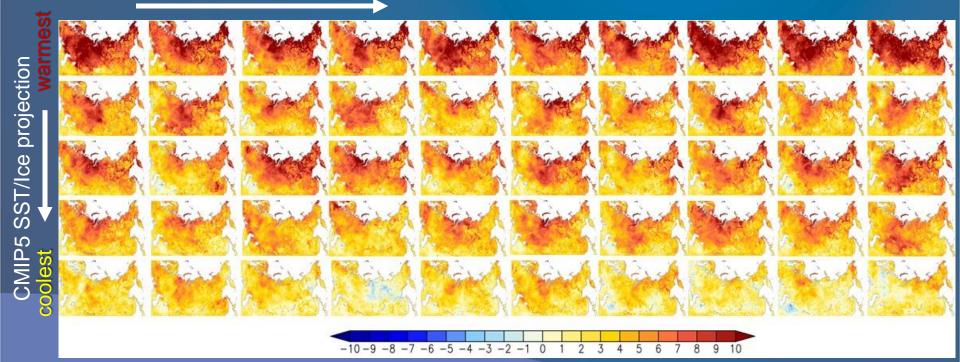


Shkolnik et al. 2015



MGO RCM 50-member ensemble (25 km) late 21st vs late 20th century (RCP8.5)

perturbed initial conditions



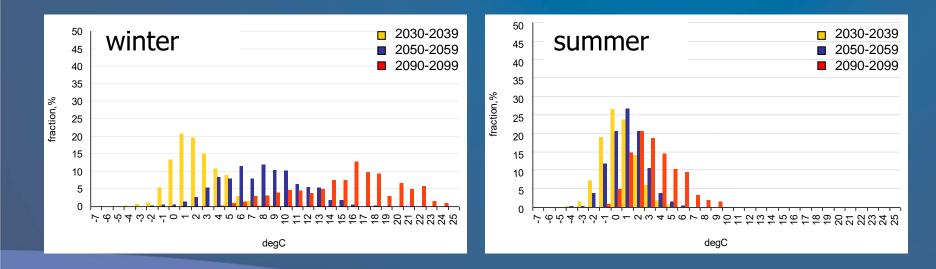
Changes (°C) in annual T_{min} by 2055 relative to 1995: effects of unforced climate variability and global ocean forcing

Kattsov et al., 2017



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T PDF change (°C) at Taymyr peninsula, Russian Arctic (RCP8.5)

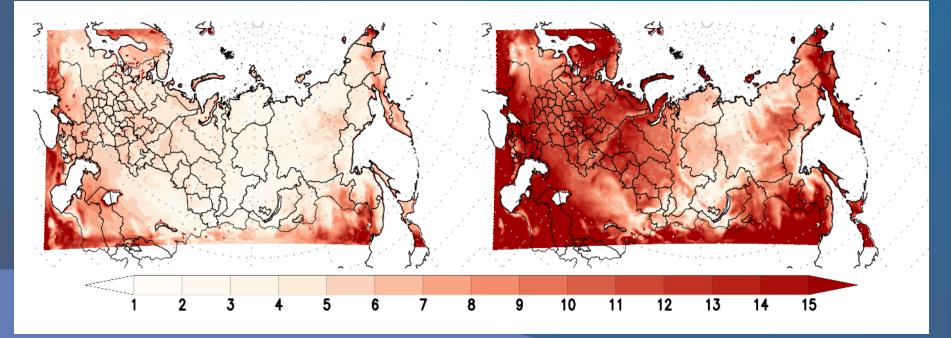


Pikaleva, 2017



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Heat wave duration change (days) vs 1990-1999 (RCP8.5)



2050-2059

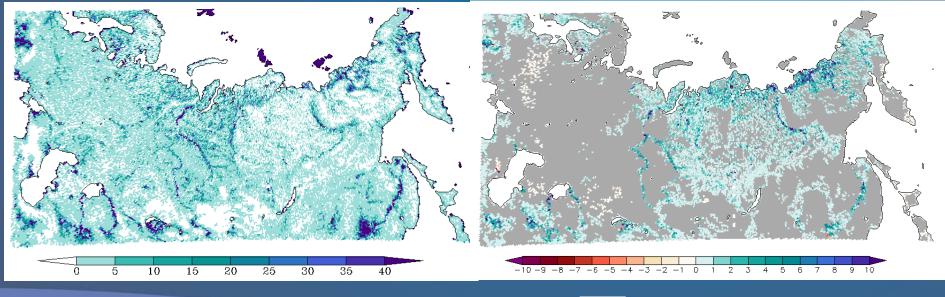
2090-2099

Kattsov et al., 2017



MGO RCM 30-member ensemble (25 km) 21st vs late 20th century (RCP8.5)

Floods



signal to noise ratio < 1

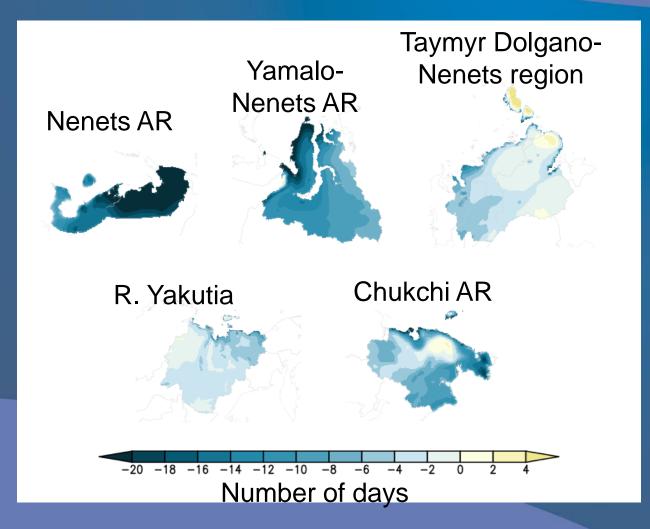
Simulated max yearly flooded area, 1990-99 (% of 0.25°×0.25° grid cell area)

Its projected change by 2050-59

Shkolnik et al., 2017

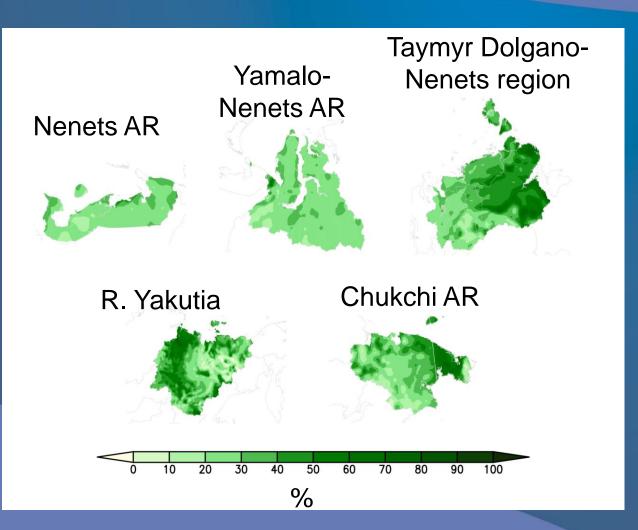
Changes in the number of days with intraday T crossing 0°C in May-June by 2050-59 (RCP8.5) 50 ensemble members





Pikaleva, 2017

Changes in maximum precipitation over 5 consequent days (%) in July-September by 2090-99 (RCP8.5) 50 ensemble members



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Concluding remarks



It is necessary to learn to take the best possible decisions on adaptation to CC. Having in mind the very high cost of erroneous decisions, particularly in the Arctic, it is necessary to invest in enhancing observations and scientific research aimed at minimising uncertainties of CC projections and quantifying corresponding impacts.

The science community is faced by a big work on making use of opportunities provided by modern technologies. In particular, an intensive progress is urgently needed in developing methods and techniques that provide interpretation and proper use of climate monitoring and modelling results for application (proactive adaptation).



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