

**“In and Out Air Strategies.  
From Climate Change to Microclimate.  
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# THE NOAH'S ARK PROJECT

## Global climate change impact on the built heritage

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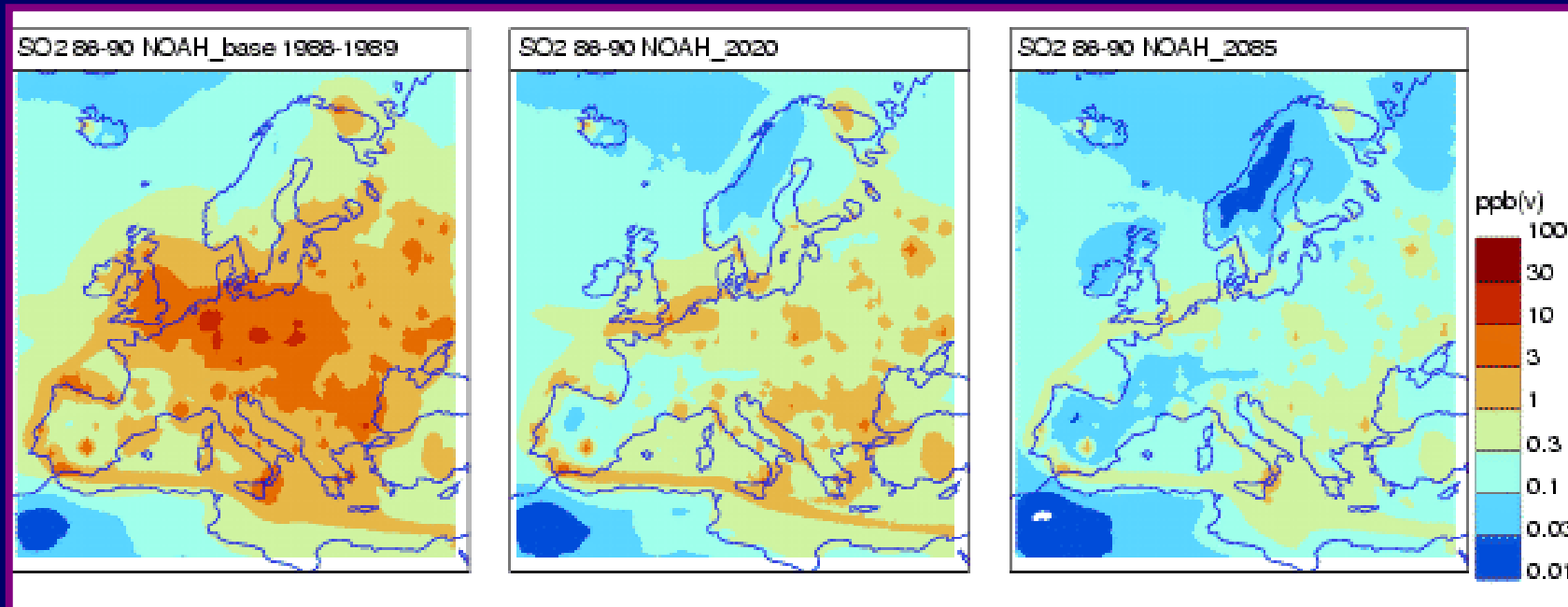
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# Pollution: *Important decay mechanism in cultural heritage materials*



Declining of acidic  
Pollutant emissions



*Climate is a factor of increasing importance in the weathering of buildings.*

# Future global climate change impact on built heritage and cultural landscapes



*EU project: Partners different countries*

## **HERITAGE CLIMATOLOGIES:**

*Need to transform traditional meteorological parameters into those relevant to cultural heritage*

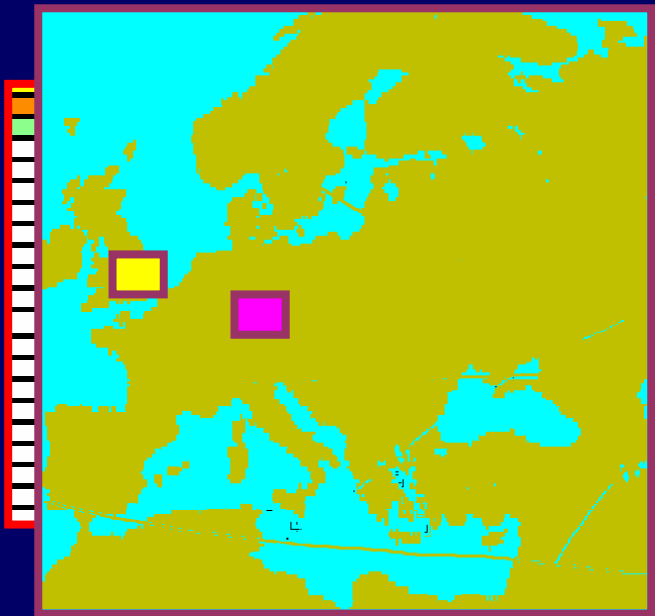
### **PROJECT OUTPUT**

Data base – maps - **vulnerability atlas**



Parameters: *Temperature, water, combined derived parameters*

Materials: *Stone/masonry materials, wood, metals, glass*



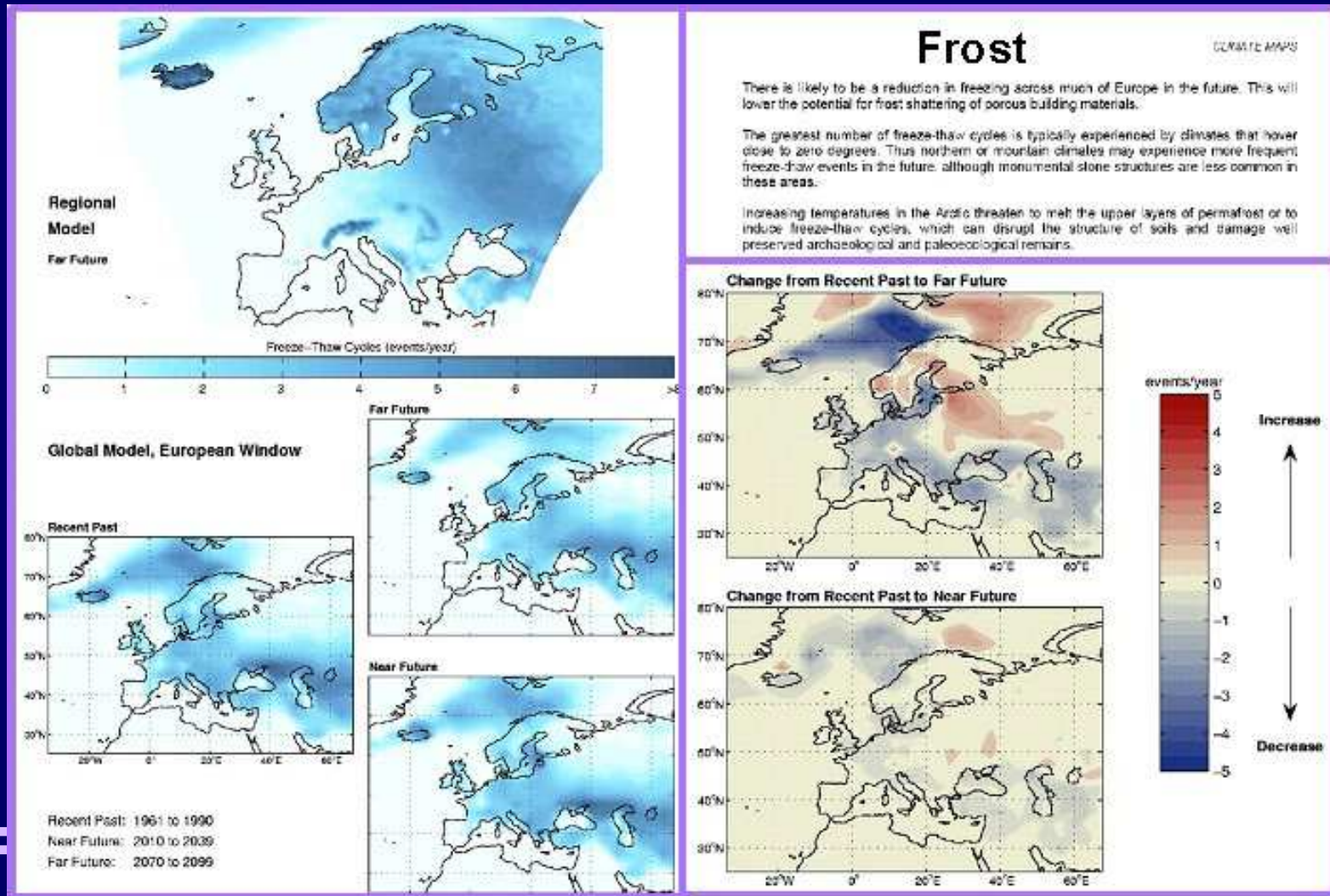
Model: *HadCM3, HadRM3, A2 scenario: T, RH, precipitation*

Europe, and single grid squares:  
*Central England*



# Vulnerability atlas: OUTPUT

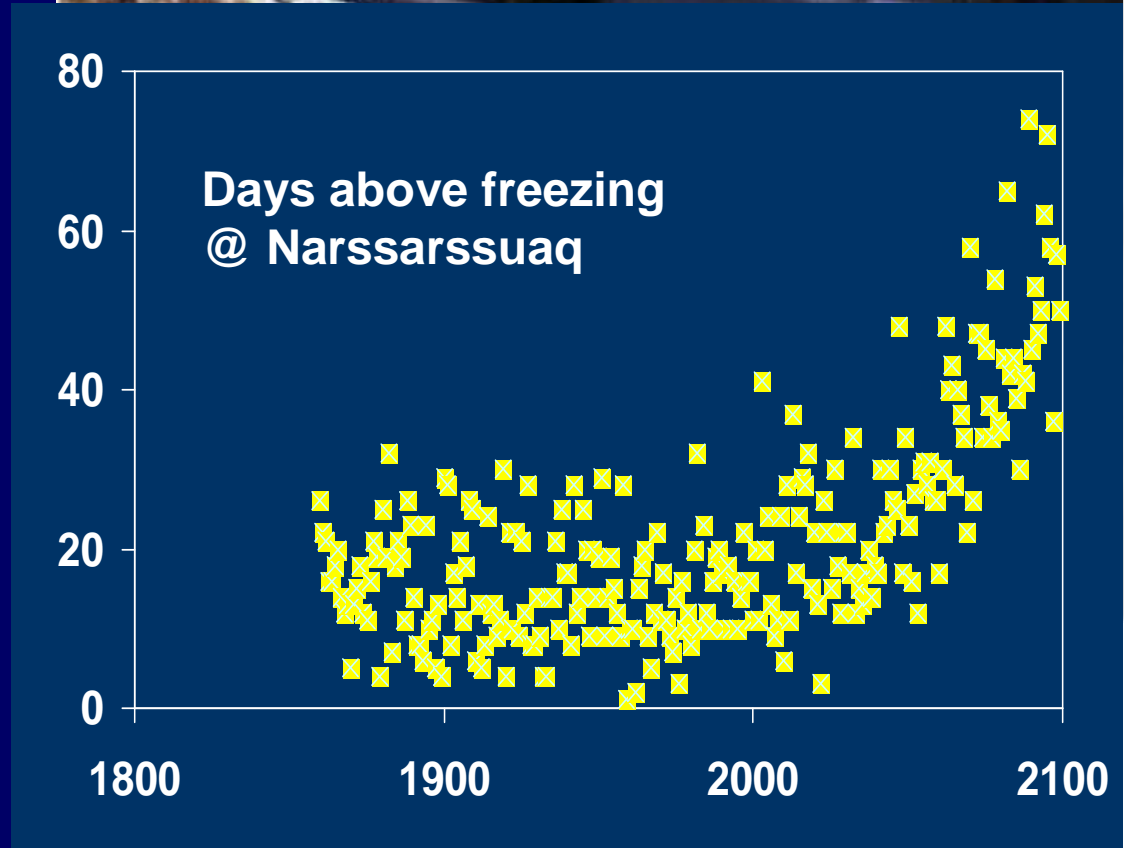
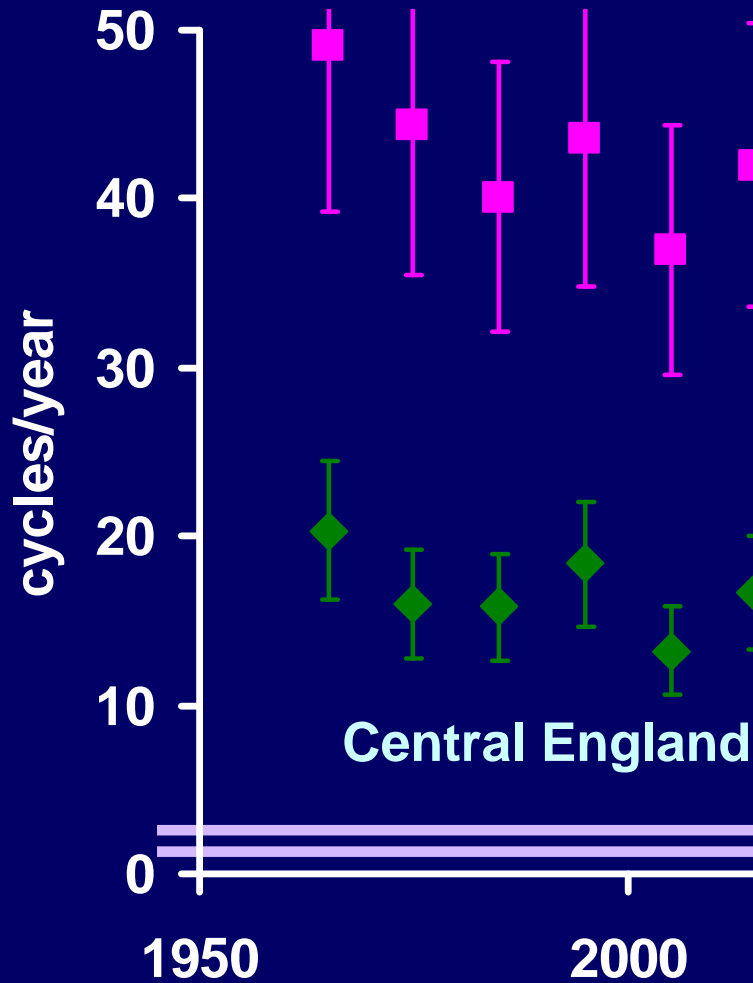
## *Future projections of potential damage*







# Freeze/thaw



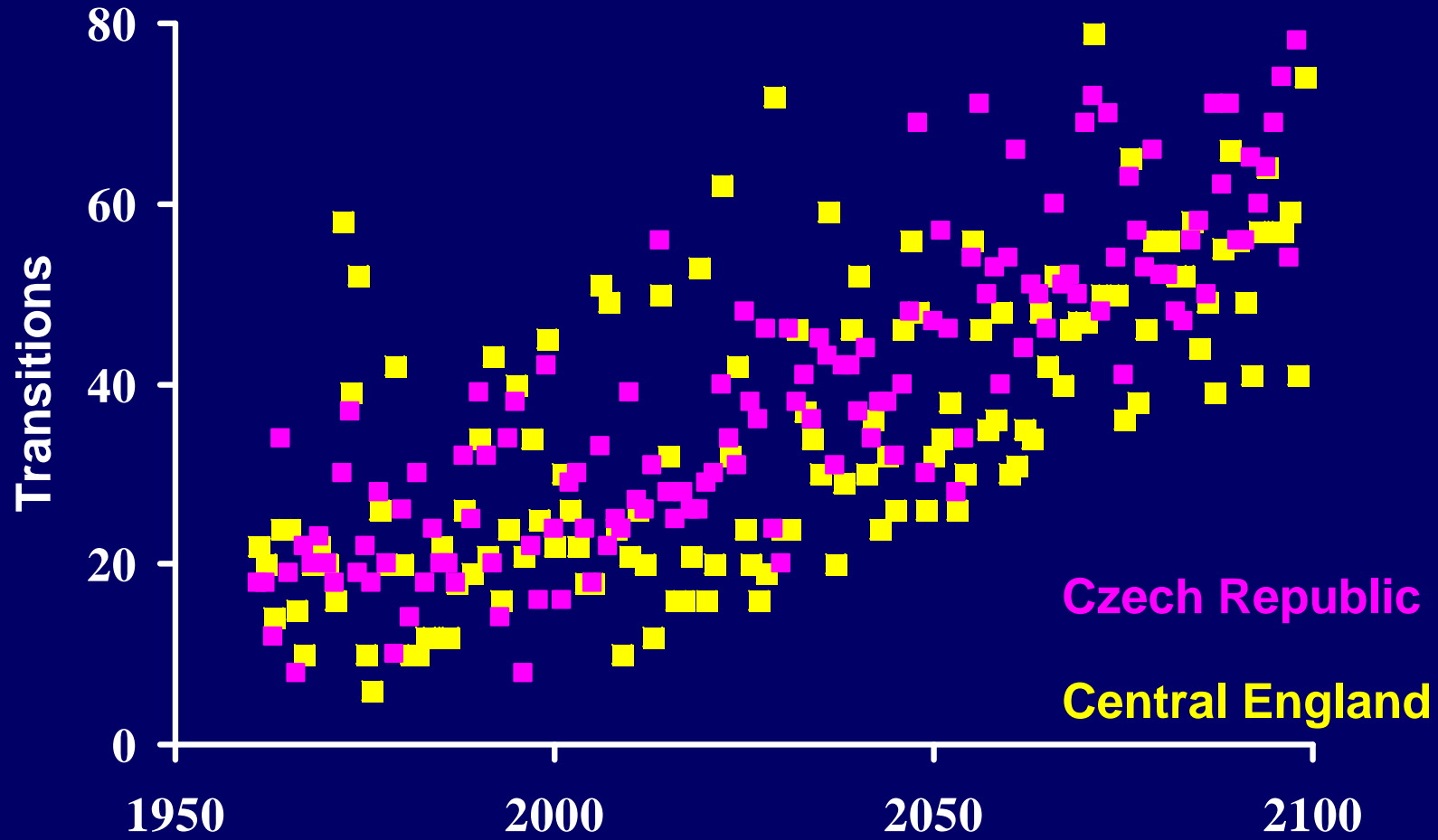




# salt crystallisation

Humidity cycles: RH 75.3 % transition for sodium chloride

c2



Hadley Model (HCM3a2)

## Diapositive 9

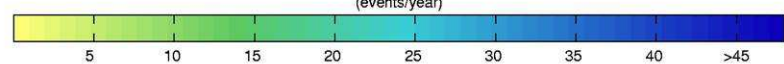
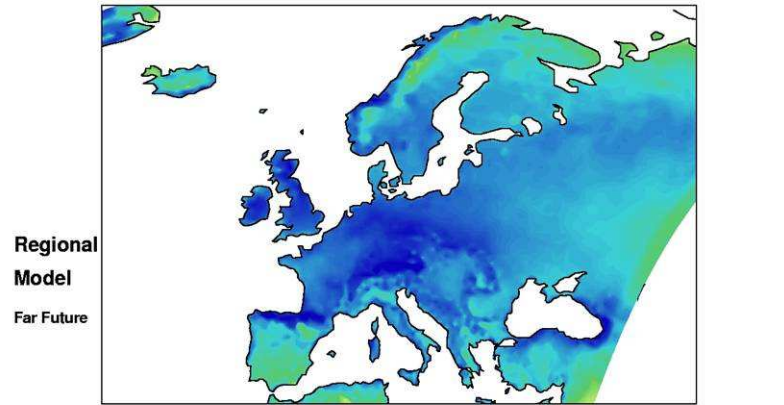
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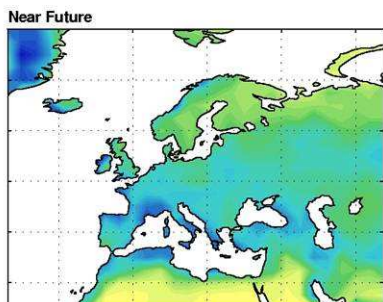
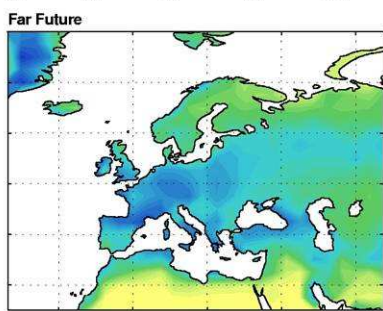
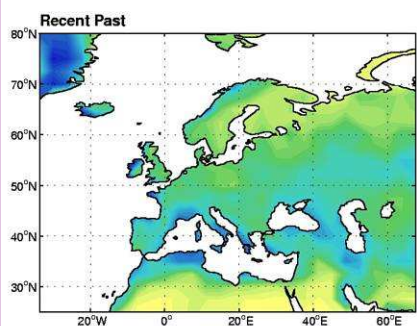
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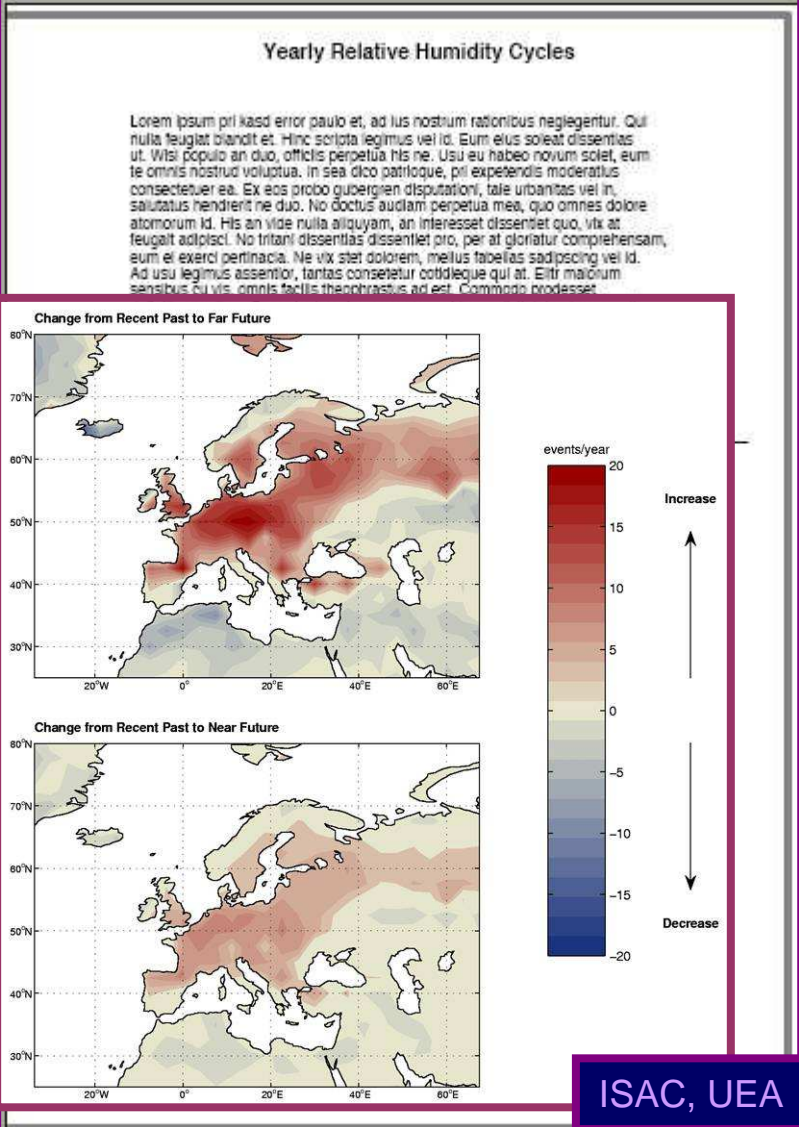
# Vulnerability atlas: Salt Crystallisation



**Global Model, European Window**



Recent Past: 1961 to 1990  
Near Future: 2010 to 2039  
Far Future: 2070 to 2099



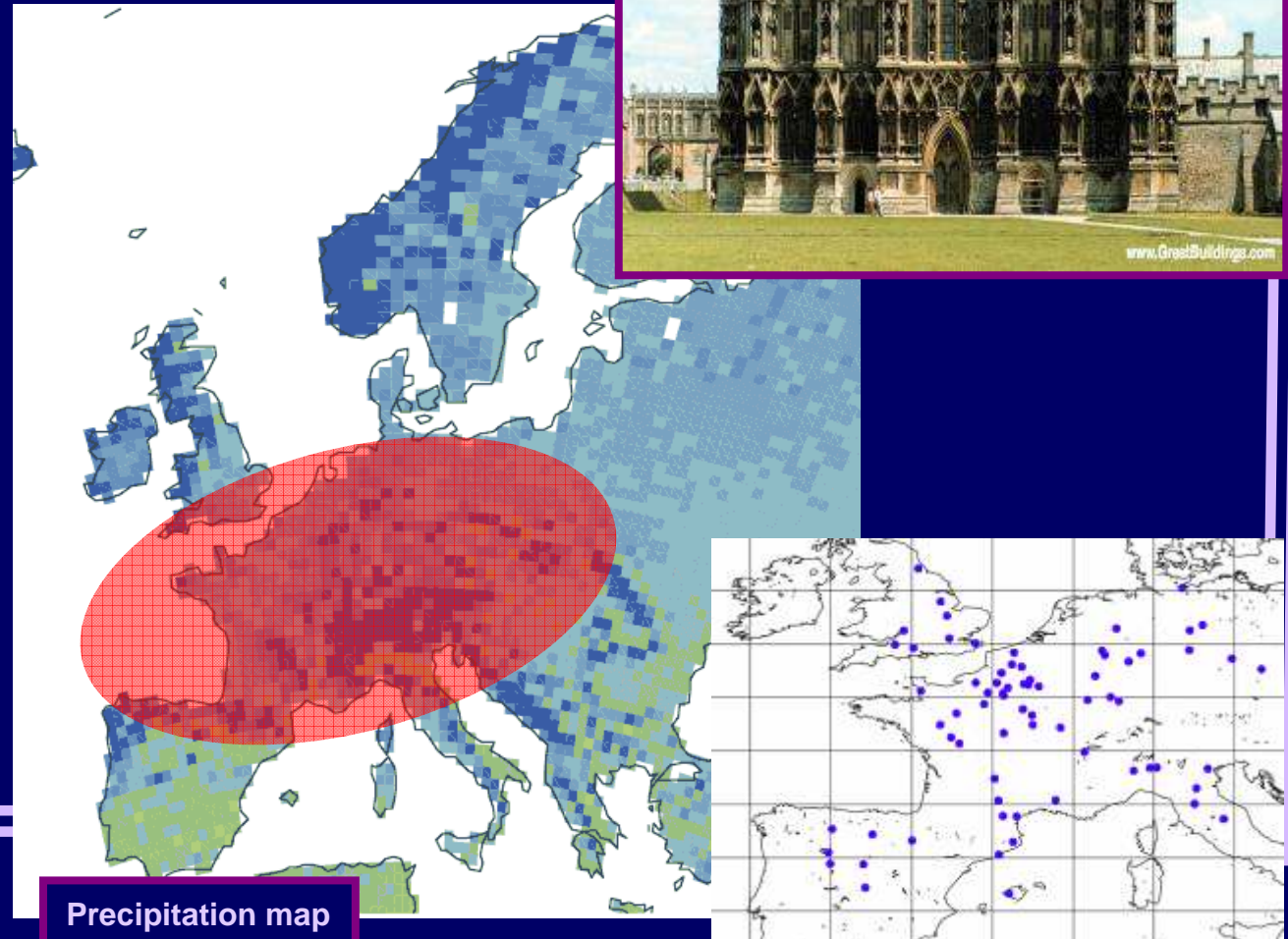




# Architectural form

Will salt damage seek out  
gothic architecture?

Porous stone  
Central and  
Western  
European  
area



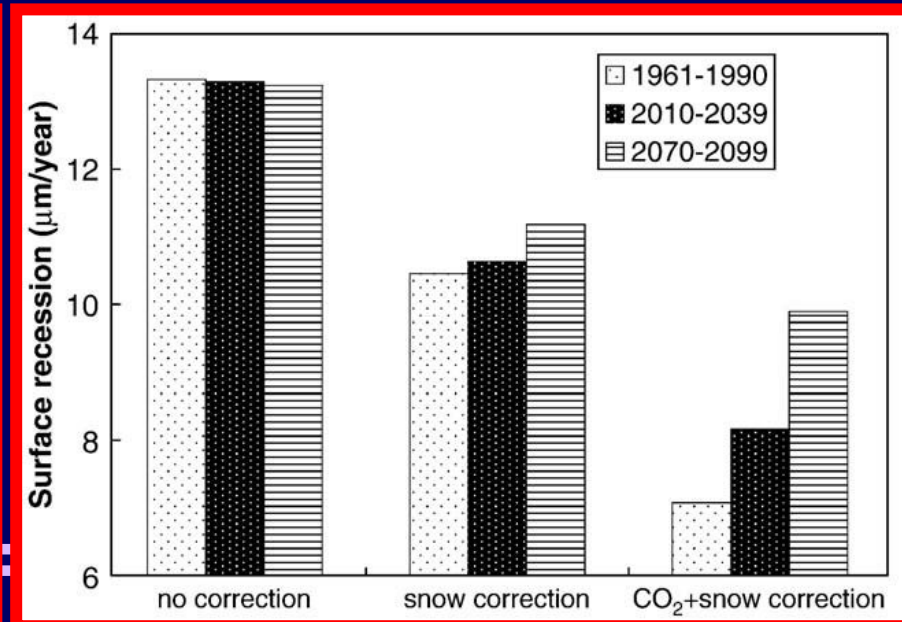
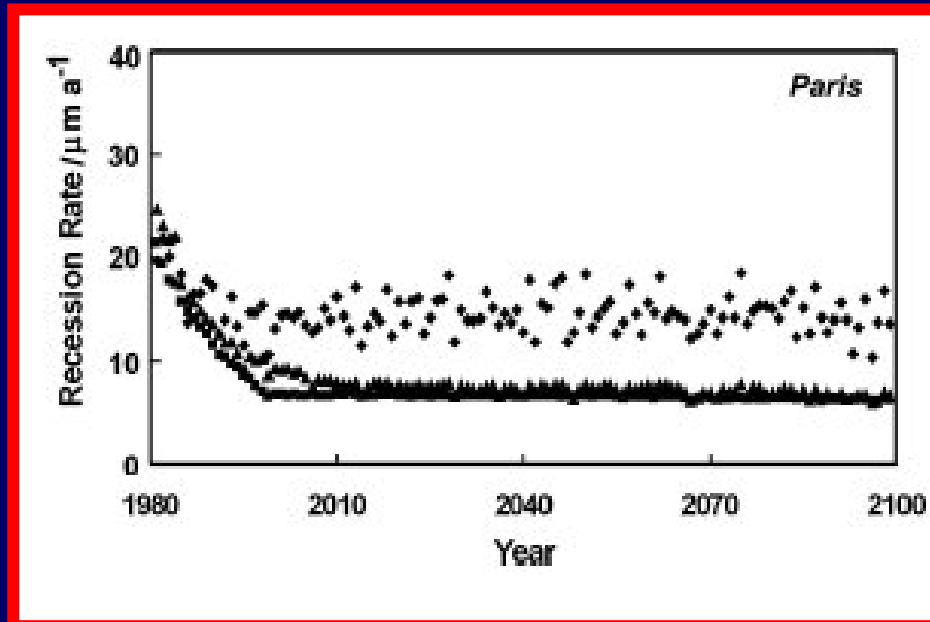


# Surface recession



Increase in the karst recession rate of carbonate stone, resulting from the rise in carbon dioxide concentrations.

Total recession rate remain well below the severe rates of attack that occurred in the first half of the 20th century.



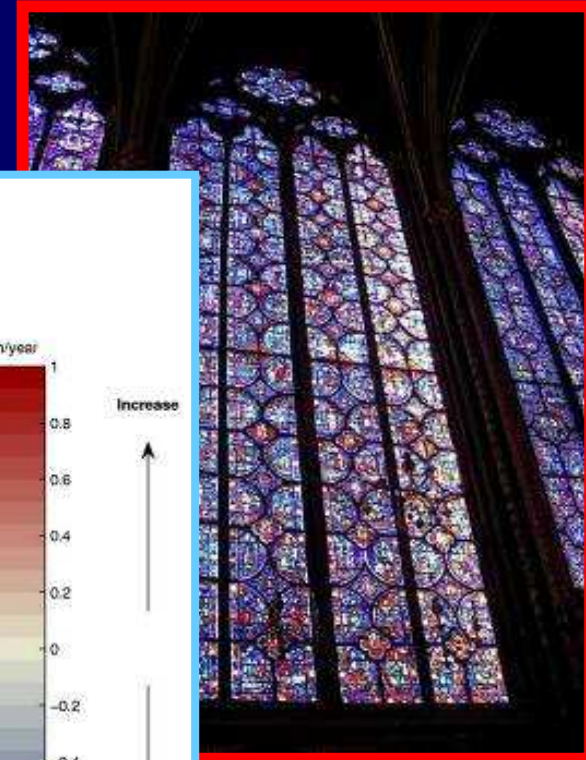
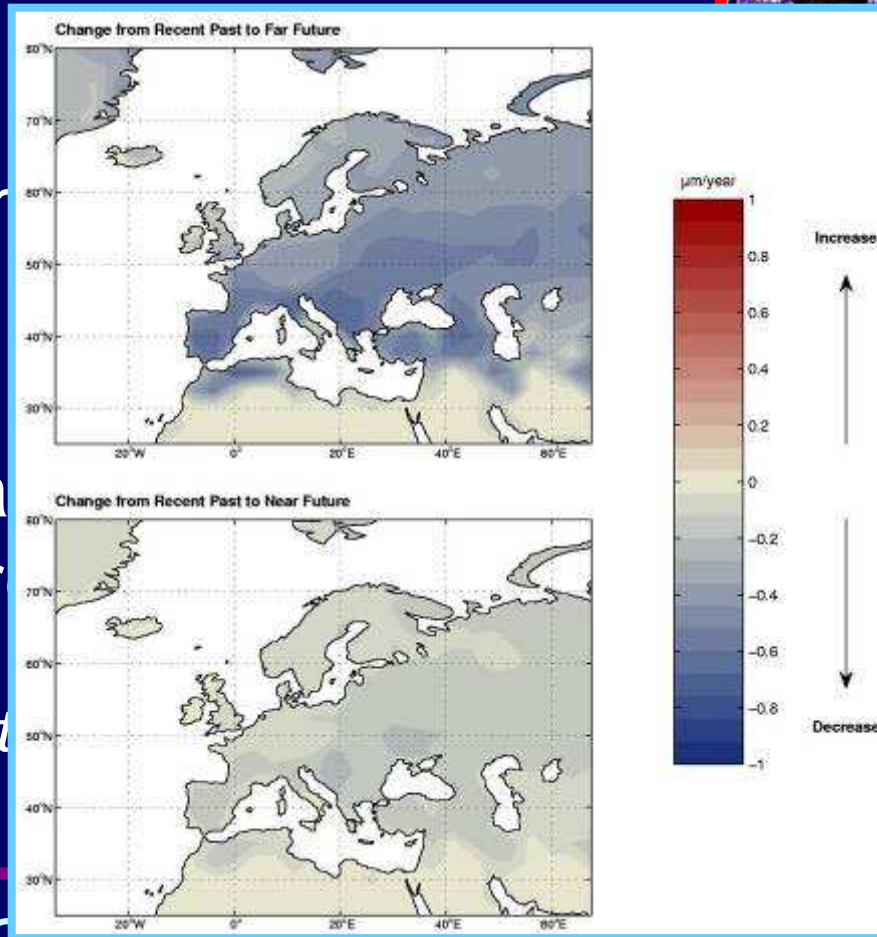


# Corrosion of glass

Chemical attack  
degradation m

Medieval Glass:  
by humidity, a  
dust, micro-or

*Damage funct*



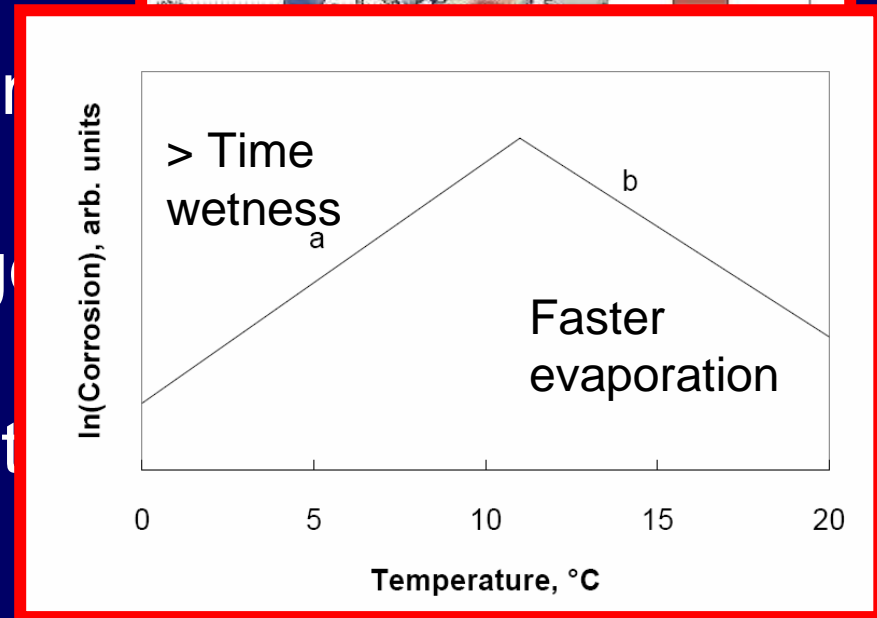
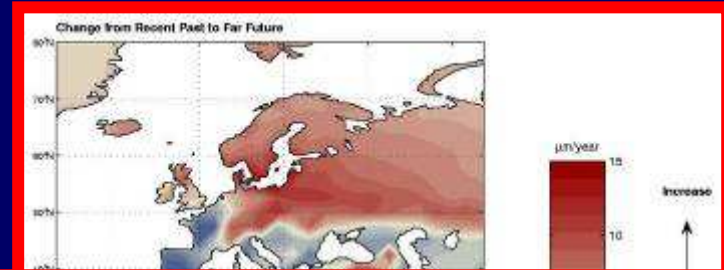
*Minor decrease in glass corrosion  
all over Europe*





# Corrosion of metals

Chemical effects on steel/iron, bronze  
Corrosion expected to increase in Northern Europe and to decrease in Southern Europe.  
Trend dominated by average annual temperature.  
Maximum corrosion effect observed at 10 °C.



*Damage function (MULTI-ASSES)*



# Wood decay humidity shocks



Swelling-shrinkage of wood main hazard to cultural wooden objects in-doors.

Risk index: quarterly number RH variations which exceed 30% over two consecutive days.

Less stable future climate



*Number of events will increase up to 100%*



# Bio-infestation of wood, outdoors

Fungal problems occur  
in the presence of  
excess water

Growth is possible  
between 2-30 °C

Depends mainly on  
precipitation pattern  
and temperature



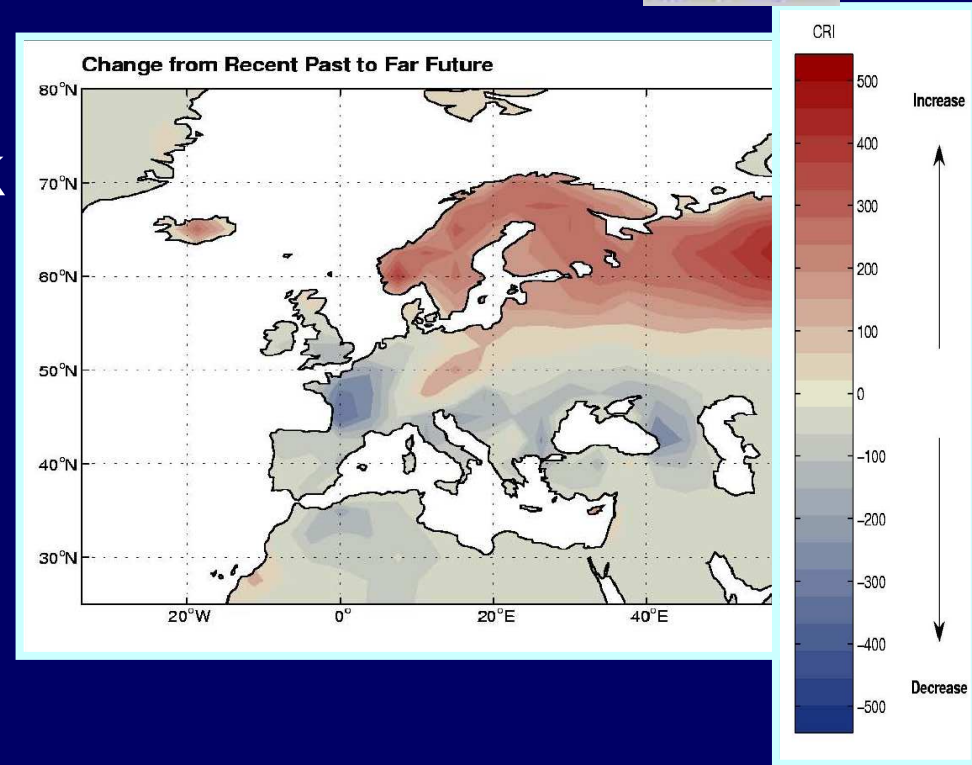




# Indices for fungal growth



Index used in Noah's ark considers moisture penetration in wood, temperature and precipitation patterns



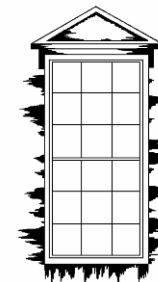
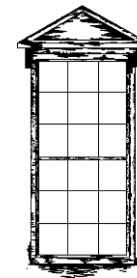
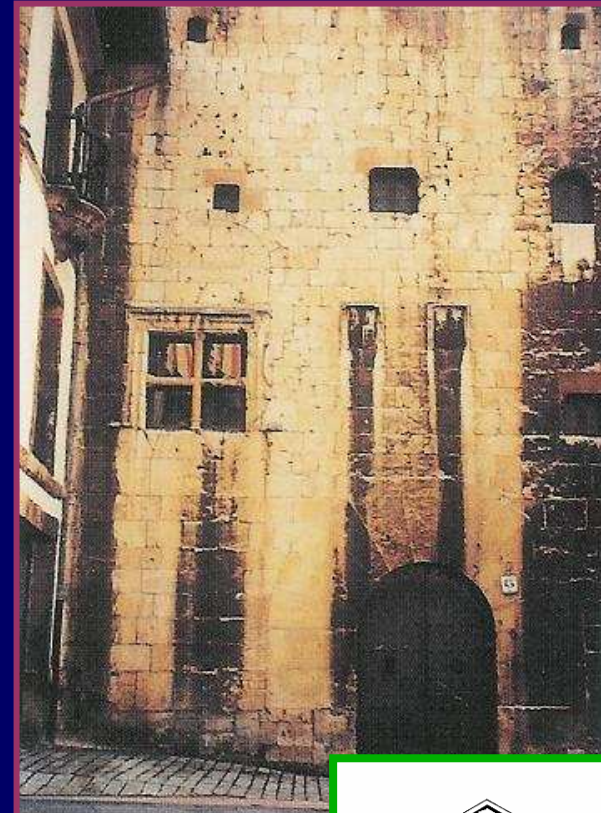
*Risk will increase in the North and decrease in the South*

# Wind driven rain Redistribution processes

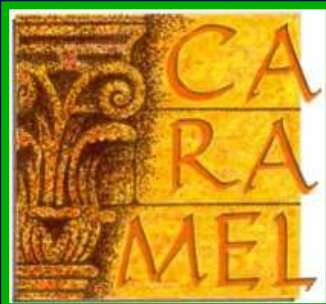
## Blackening perception

Desire for cleaning increases  
with the amount of soiling.

*...lighter or darker is OK  
but not like that*



## Aesthetics of patterns



Grossi and Brimblecombe (2004)



## Colour change

Evidence of warming of soot colour e.g. Tower of London

Sulfation and iron oxidation

Also likely to be oxidation of diesel soots – possibly both surface organic compounds and the carbon core

Different biological growth

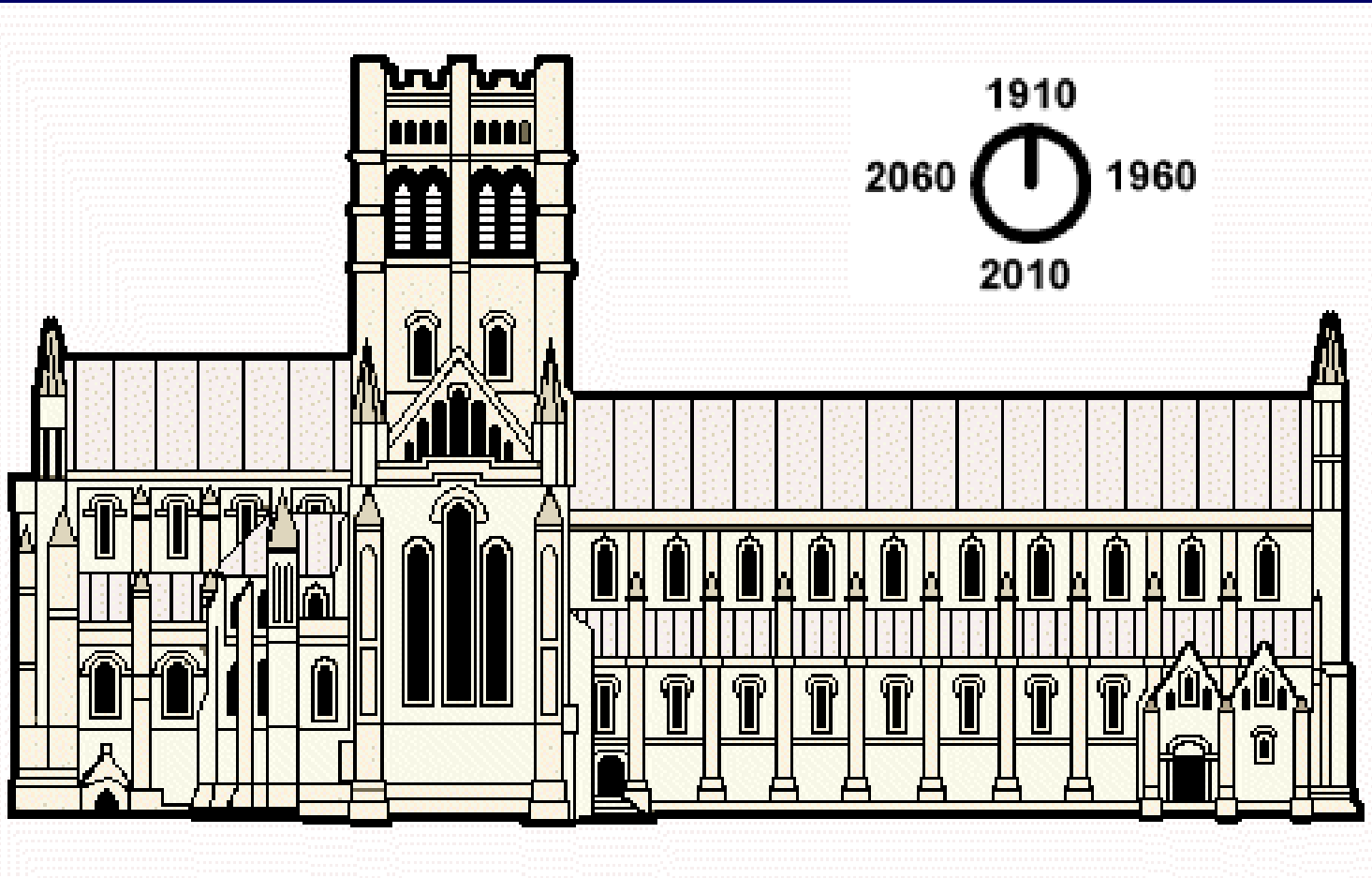


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# Future yellowing?

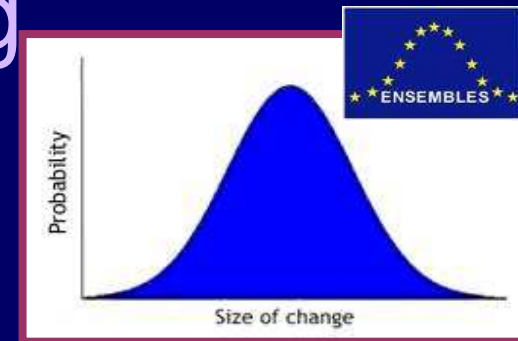


*Cathedral of St. John the Baptist (Norwich)*

Alison Green (2006)

# Present / Future Modelling

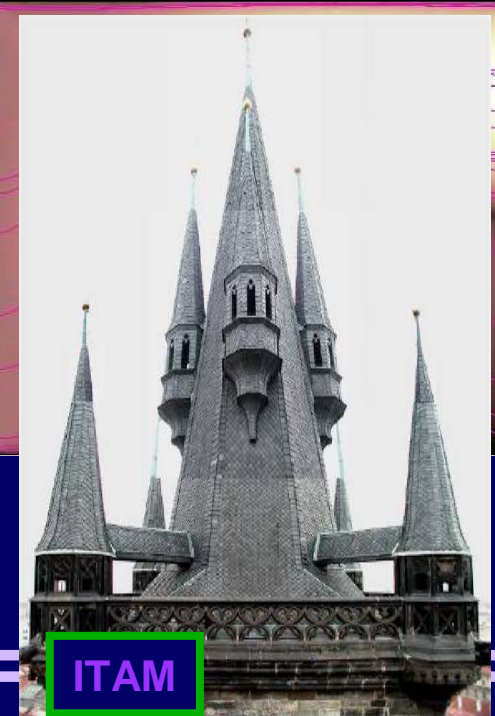
Probabilistic projections - ENSEMBLES



From materials to sites: time and space scaling.  
Improve heritage climatology



<http://travelwithkids.about.com2.htm>

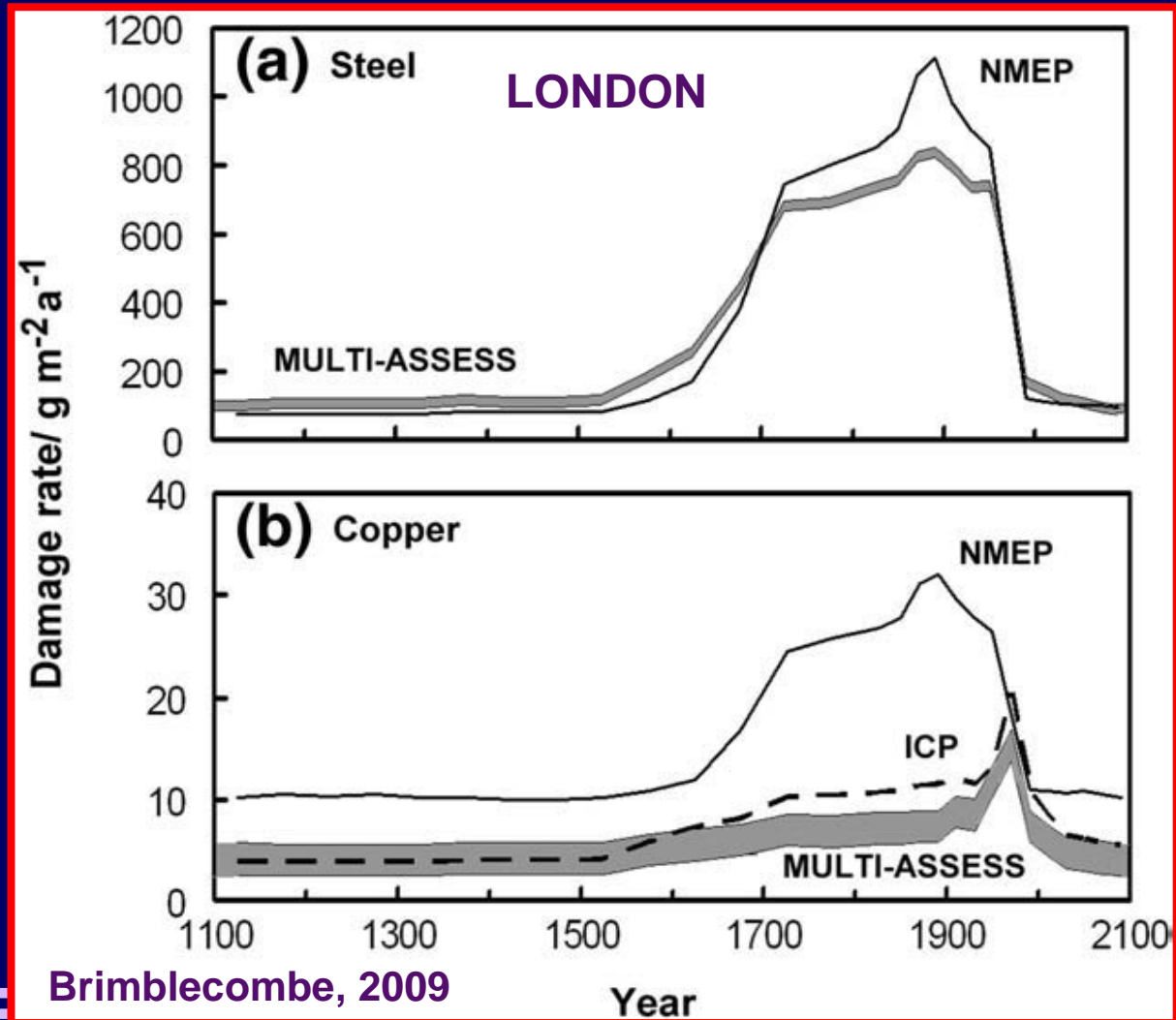


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From sites to architectural detail

Mapping the past

# Millennium damage / London



Brimblecombe, 2009