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Marine ecosystems
are more sensitive to
climate change than
terrestrial ones

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Land use

Vegetation cover and formation

Fire in natural and afforested landscapes

Management and protection of natural
and afforested landscapes

Connectivity and fragmentation of open
landscapes

Light pollution – ecological and spatial
aspects

Climate change and its impact on biodiversity

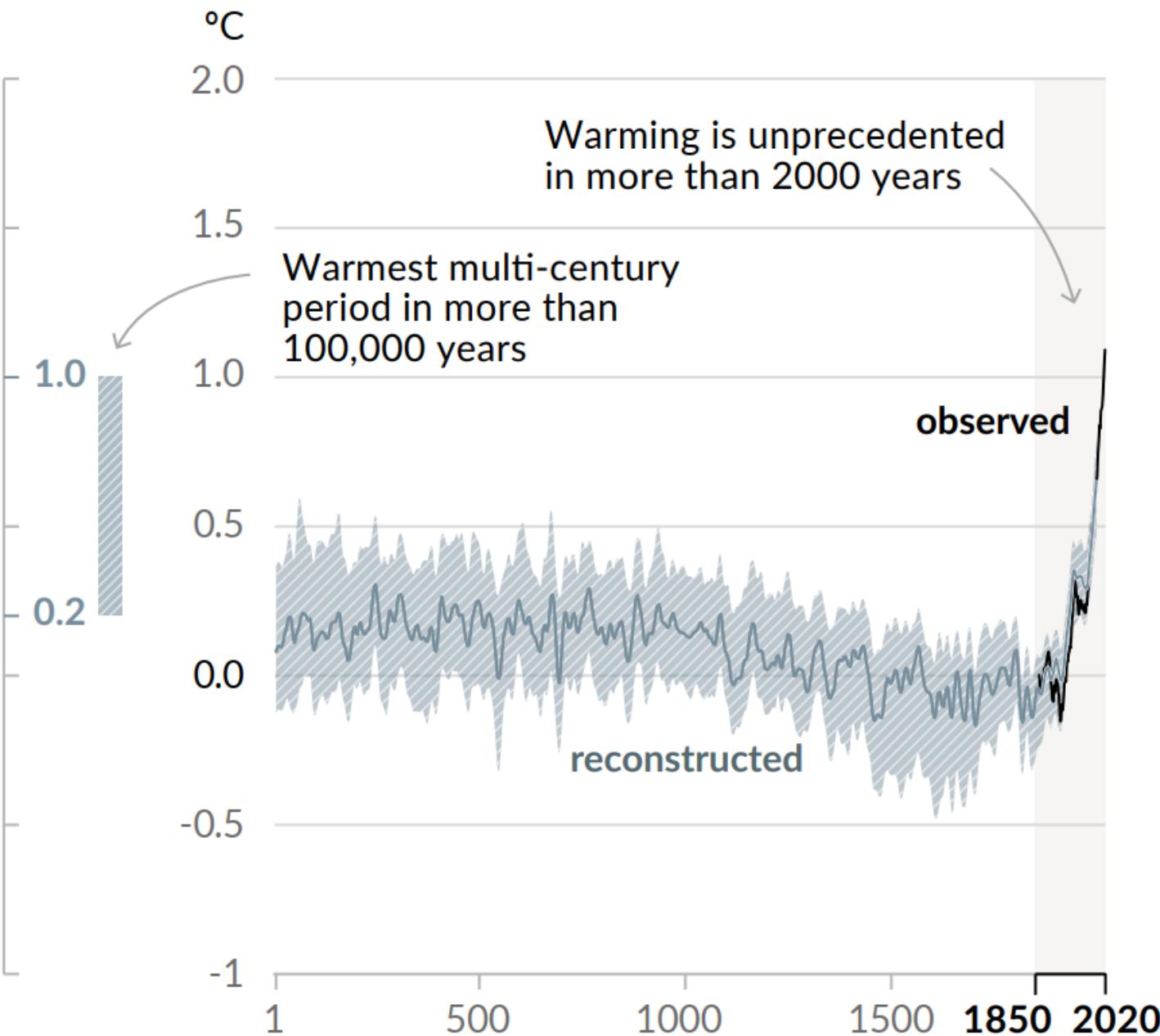




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Climate change

a) Change in global surface temperature (decadal average) as **reconstructed** (1-2000) and **observed** (1850-2020)



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(Masson-Delmotte et al. 2021)



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Theory

Grey Wolf



Photo: Hamaarag's cameras

Cristataria hermonensis



Photo: Oz Rittner

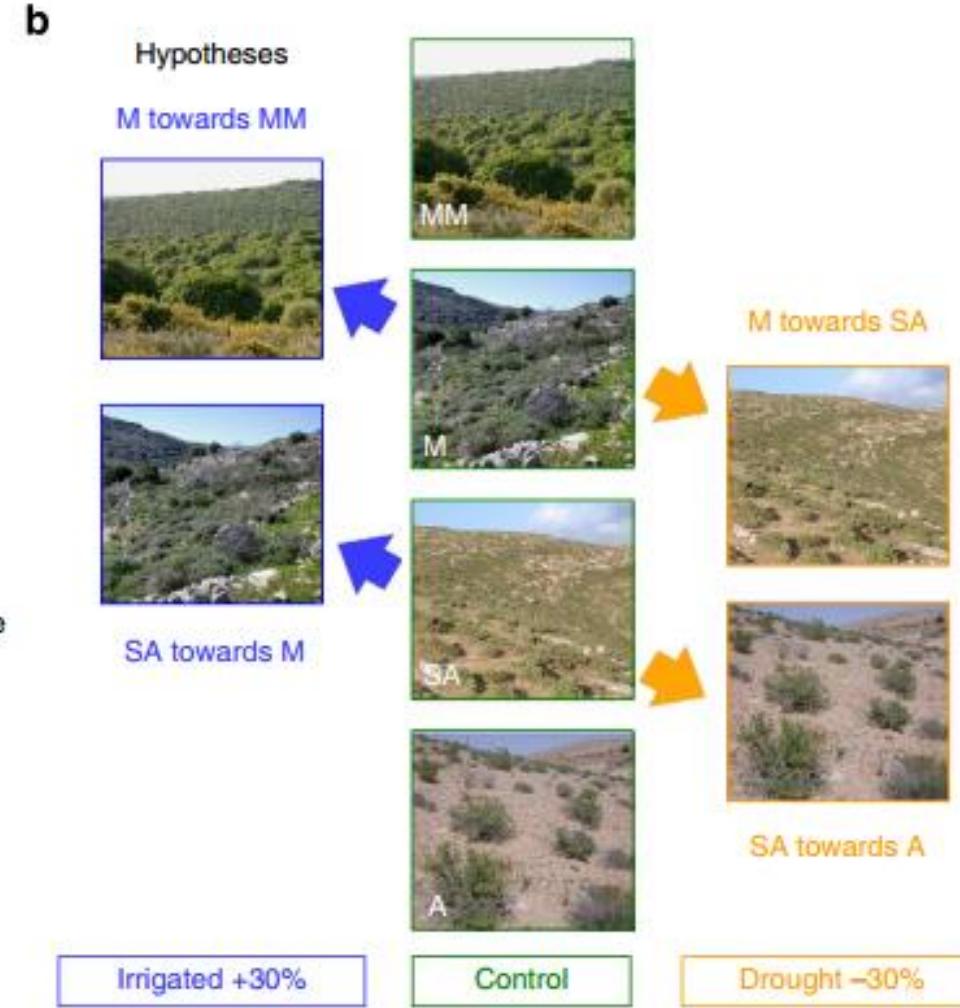
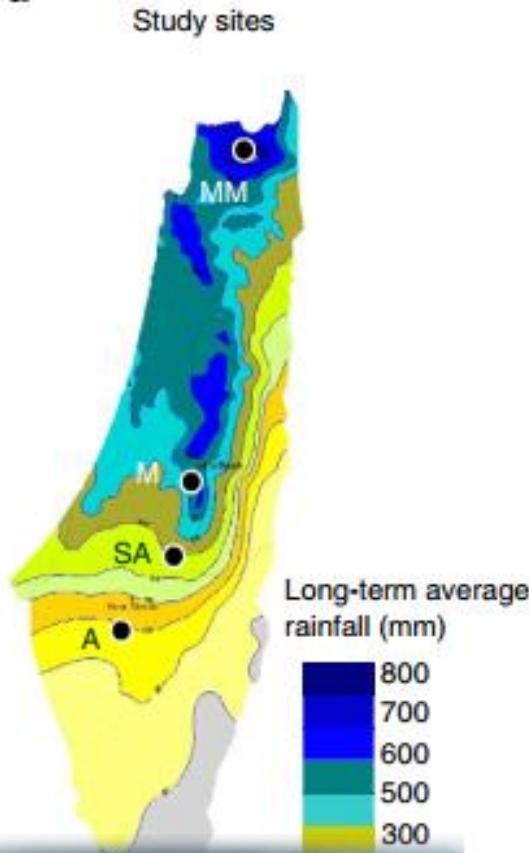
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Droughts' ^a impacts on flora



(Tielbörger et al. 2014)

(Kröel-Dulay et al. 2022)

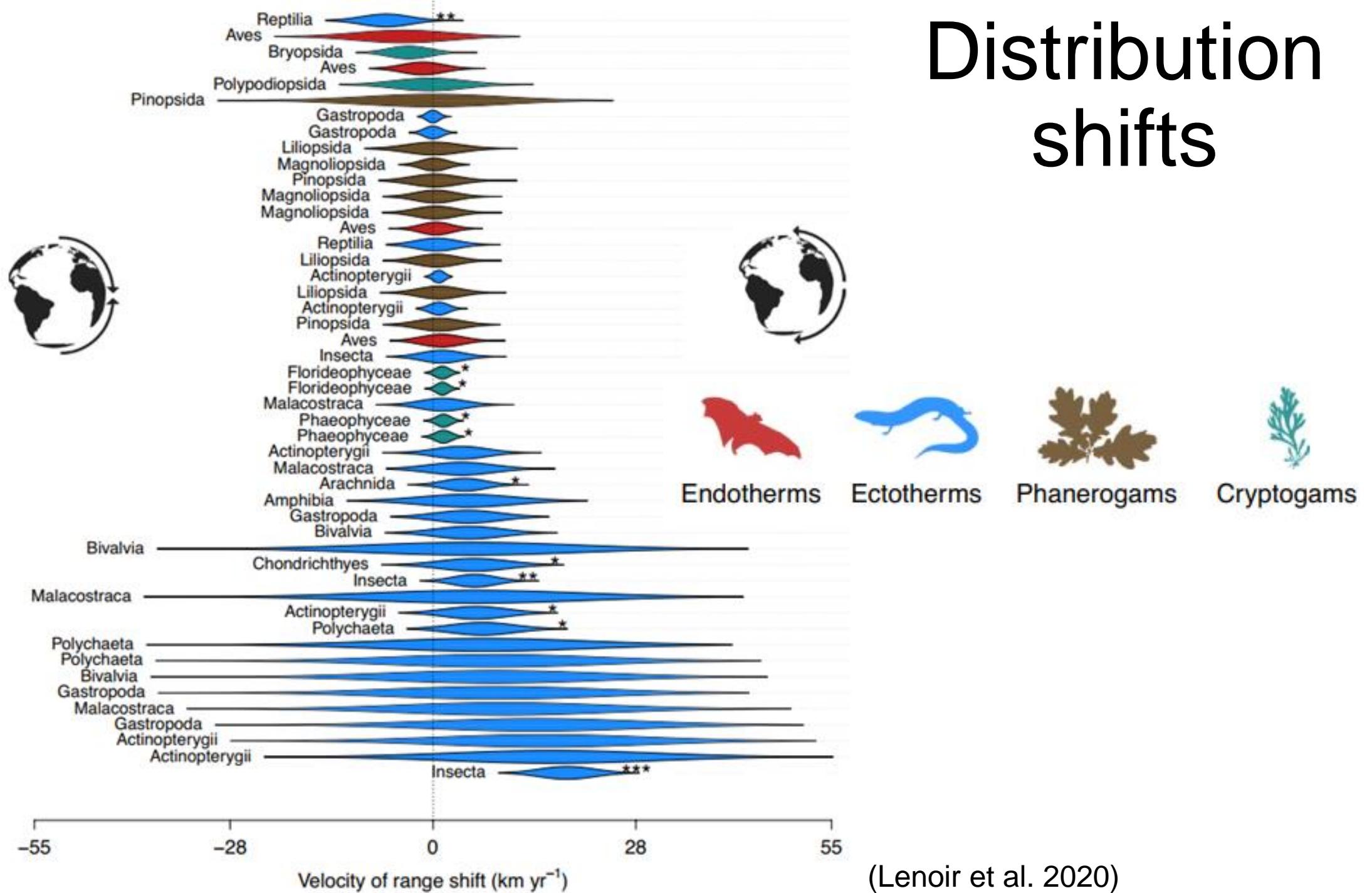
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Distribution shifts



Photos: Moshe Laudon

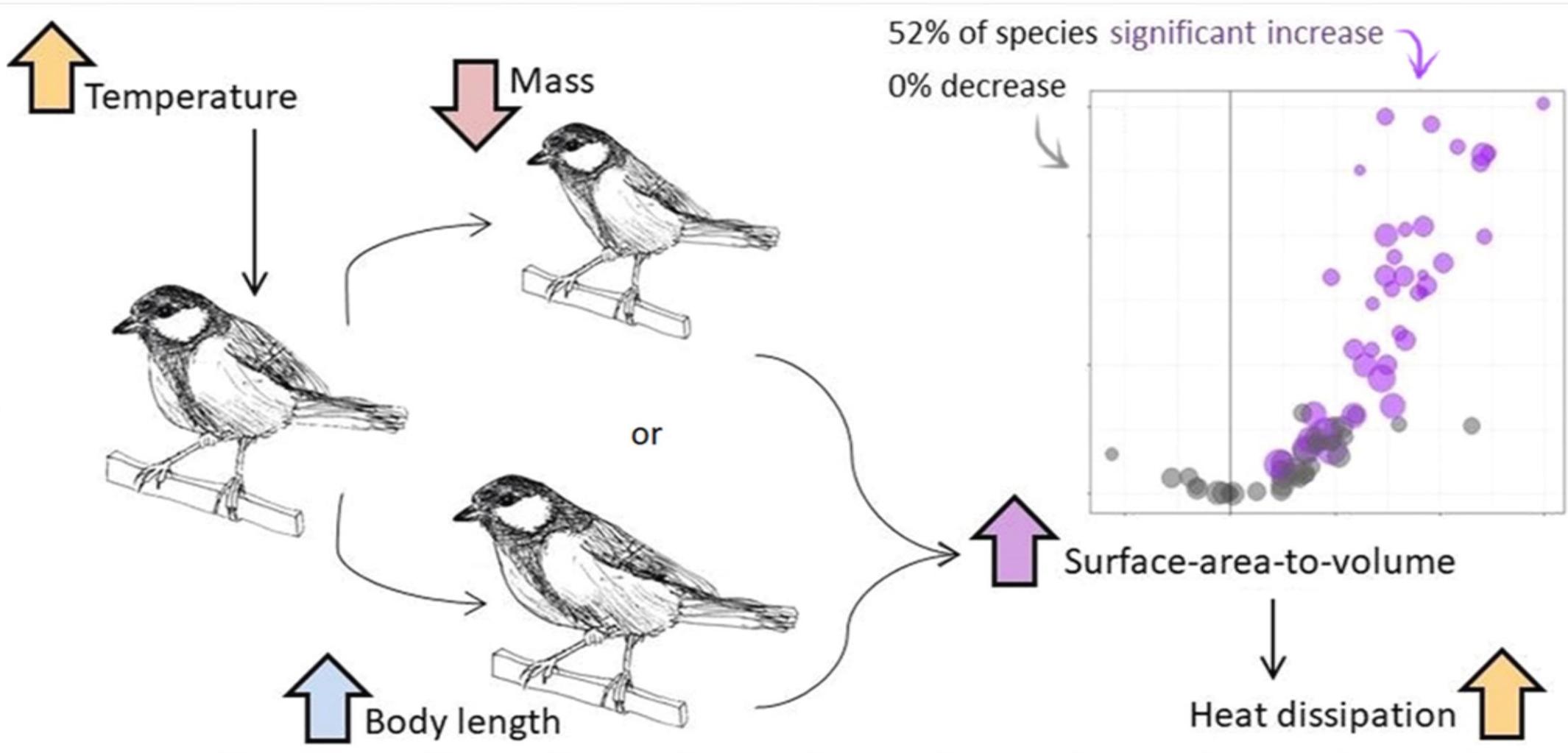
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(Comay et al.
2021)



Morphological Shifts



(Dubiner & Meiri 2022)



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Extreme Events



(Genin et al. 2020)

Photos: Yoav Lindman, Eric Diamant, Assaf Zvuluni and anonymous photographers

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Wide scale local extinctions

rocky intertidal



rocky subtidal



soft subtidal



mesophotic



תצלום: Ivo Gallmetzer

(Albano et al. 2021)

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Summary

- Climate change is already here, and it will exacerbate the more we ignore it
- Its impacts on biodiversity include body size reduction , distributional shifts, local extinctions and mass mortality events
- Marine ecosystems are more severely impacted than terrestrial ones, probably due to lower heat tolerance



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