How much confidence can we have in our climate models?



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Model Bias



SST bias averaged over 22 CMIP5 models

Wang et al. 2014, Nature Climate Change



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Model Bias

Enhancing atmosphere model resolution helps to reducing tropical SST biases



SST biases in KCM versions with low (T42L31) and high resolution (T255L62) its AGCM





Multidecadal to centennial variability



Park and Latif 2008







Lack of understanding of Earth system dynamics

We do not understand the big signals in the past







Lack of understanding of Earth system dynamics

sea level rise since the last ice age





https://www.giss.nasa.gov/research/briefs/gornitz 09/

after IPCC AR5

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- care for (reduce) obvious biases
- process understanding and high resolution modeling
- natural multidecadal to centennial variability
- link to paleoclimate community
- ocean observations

