

Solar Insolation for Civilizations

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Based on Laskar et al, and Solanki, Taping

Laskar solar insolation results assume 1368 Wm^{-2}

Not included yet!! - Sunspot data from 1890 to 2005 on the same basis as Solanki's data

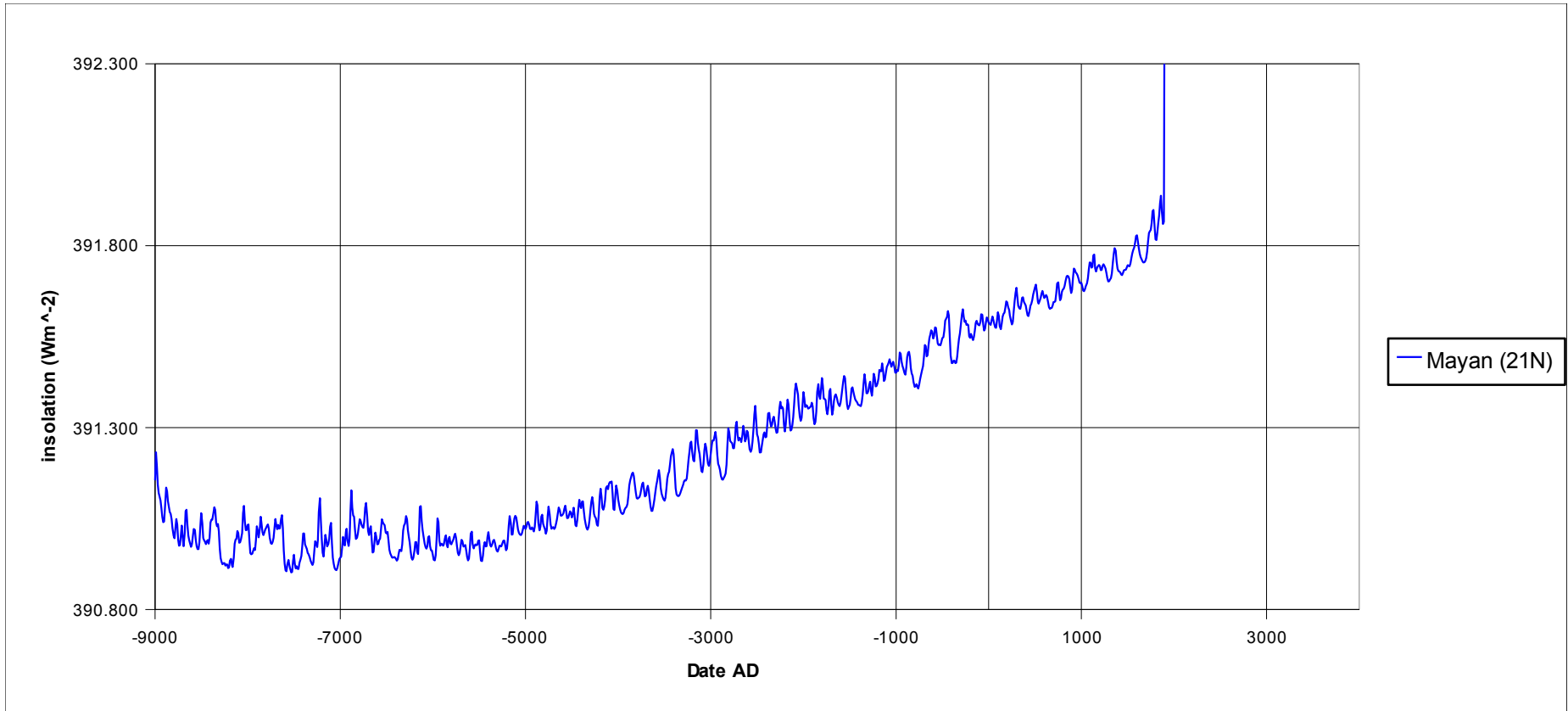
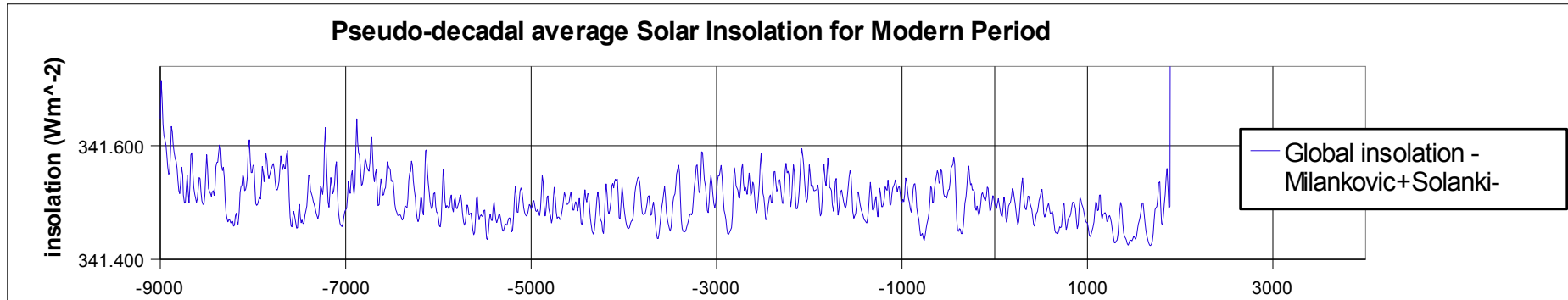
Not included yet!! - Irradiance scenarios into the future based on Charbonneau's chaotic model (infinitely many scenarios)

Not included yet!! - verification/ correction of irradiance from sunspots model based on Tapping et al

Howell's QNial program has a less accurate interpolation routine than Laskar et al (Howell's not used yet)

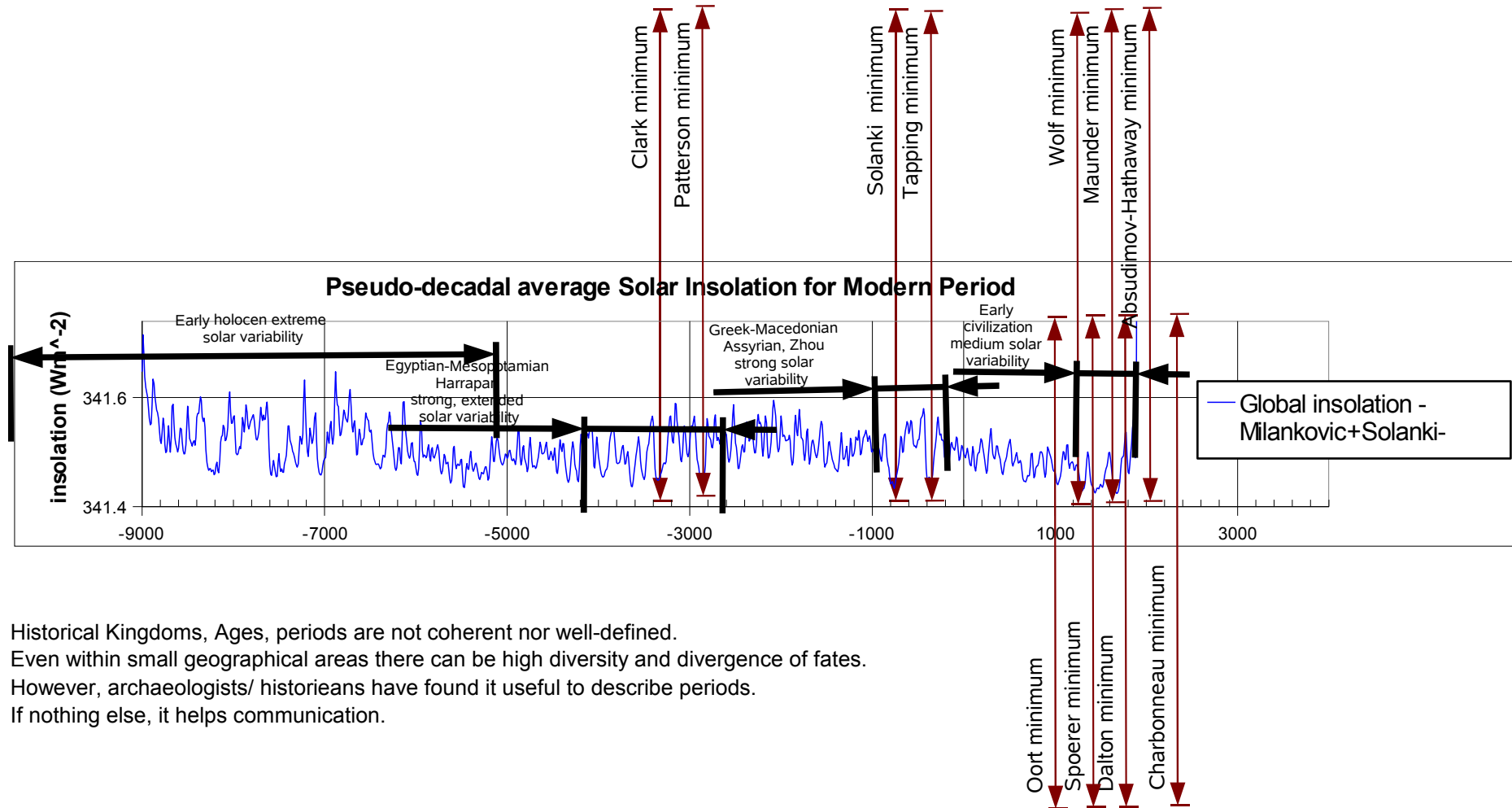
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Perhaps the temperatures are mostly influenced by GLOBAL irradiance variations (and leveraging such as galactic rays-clouds, water vapour-cloud, ice albedo, ocean absorbance etc), whereas crops are also affected in a big way by the pattern of seasonal variations (irradiance, precipitation, cloud etc etc)



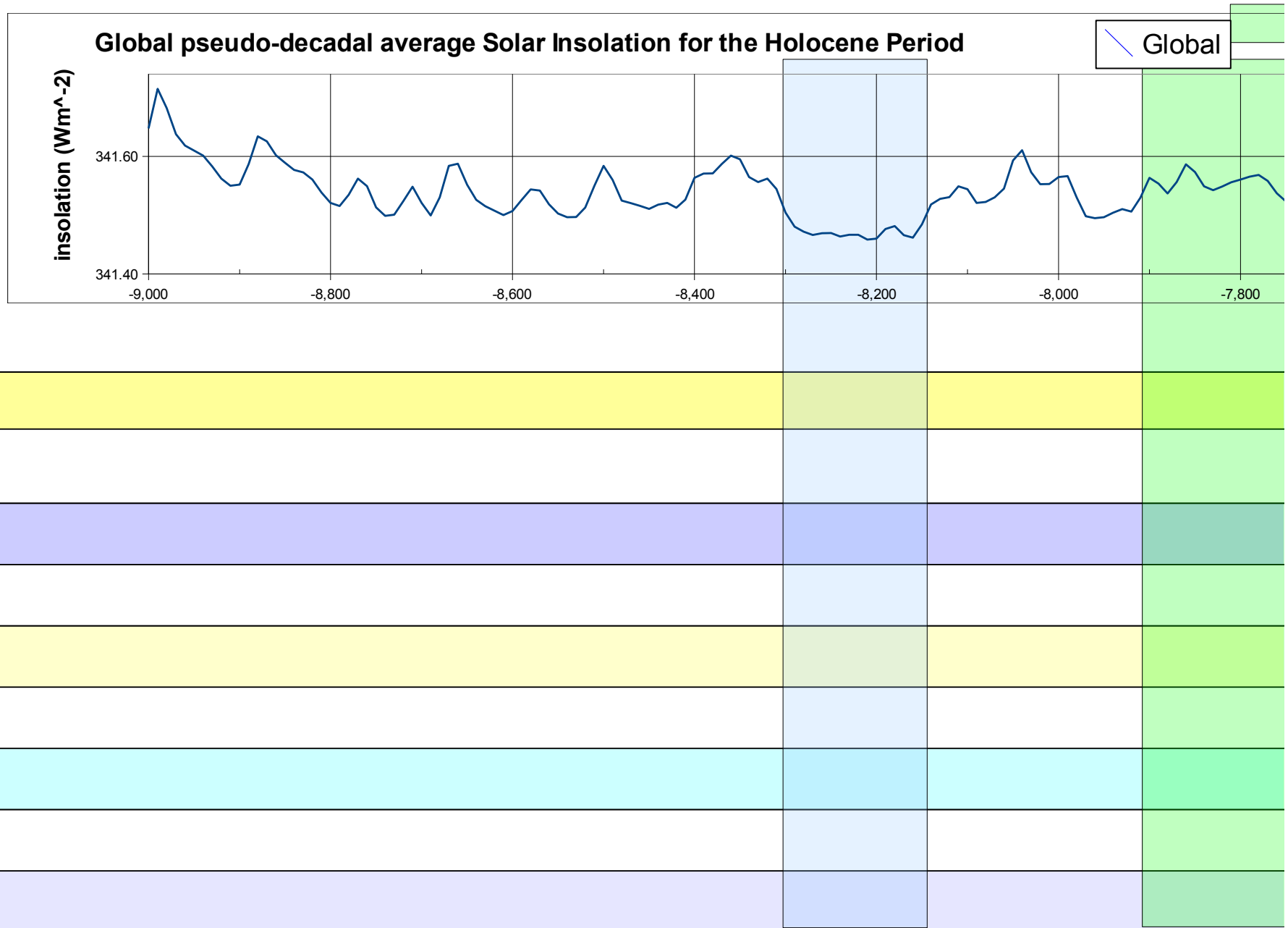
How does one characterize "periods, phases or states" of a chaotic system (eg solar variability)?

Valdes, Bonham-Carter - Time Dependent Neural Network Models For Detecting Changes Of State In Earth and Planetary Processes.pdf



Historical Kingdoms, Ages, periods are not coherent nor well-defined.
 Even within small geographical areas there can be high diversity and divergence of fates.
 However, archaeologists/ historieans have found it useful to describe periods.
 If nothing else, it helps communication.

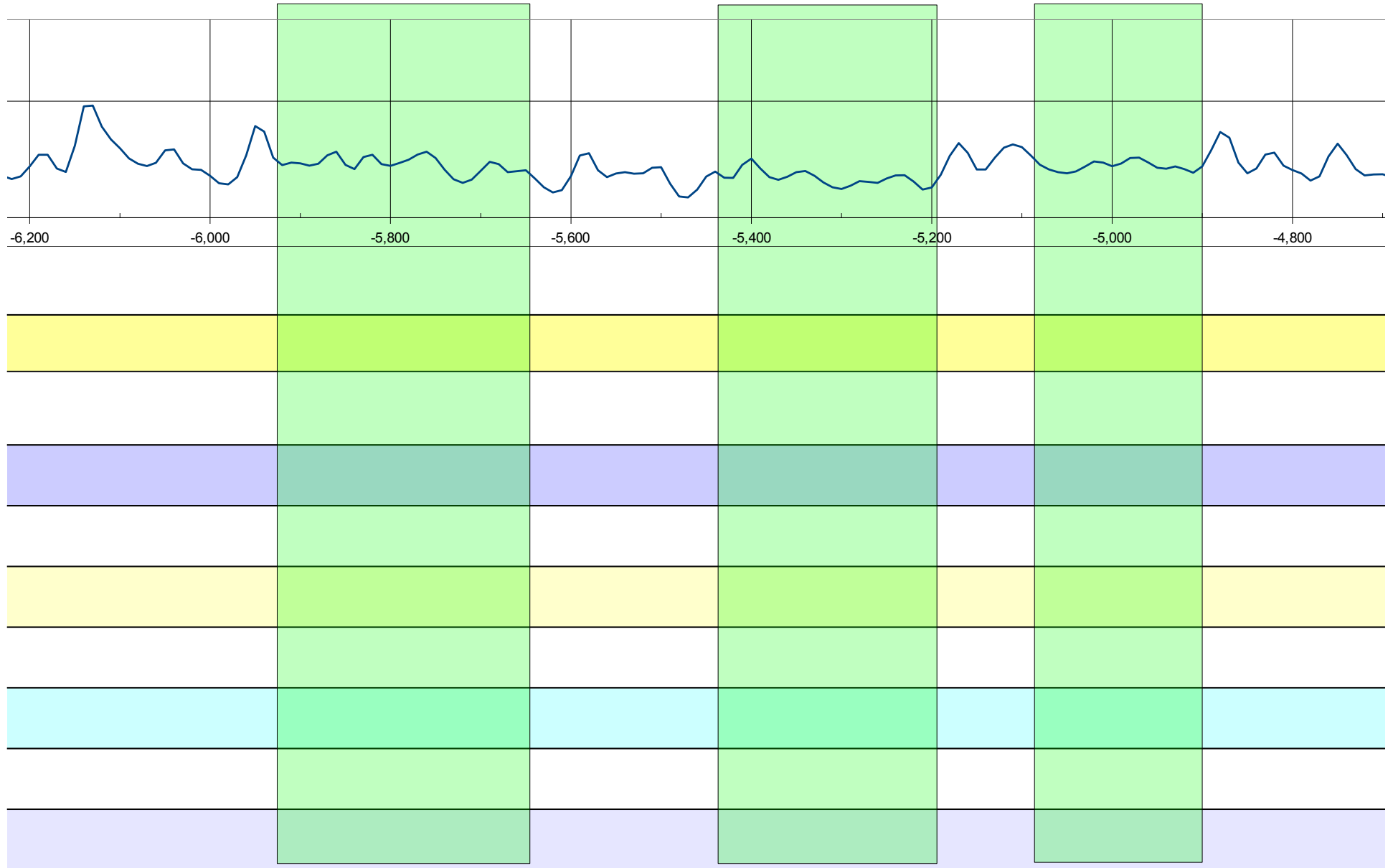
Global pseudo-decadal average solar insolation for the Holocene Period



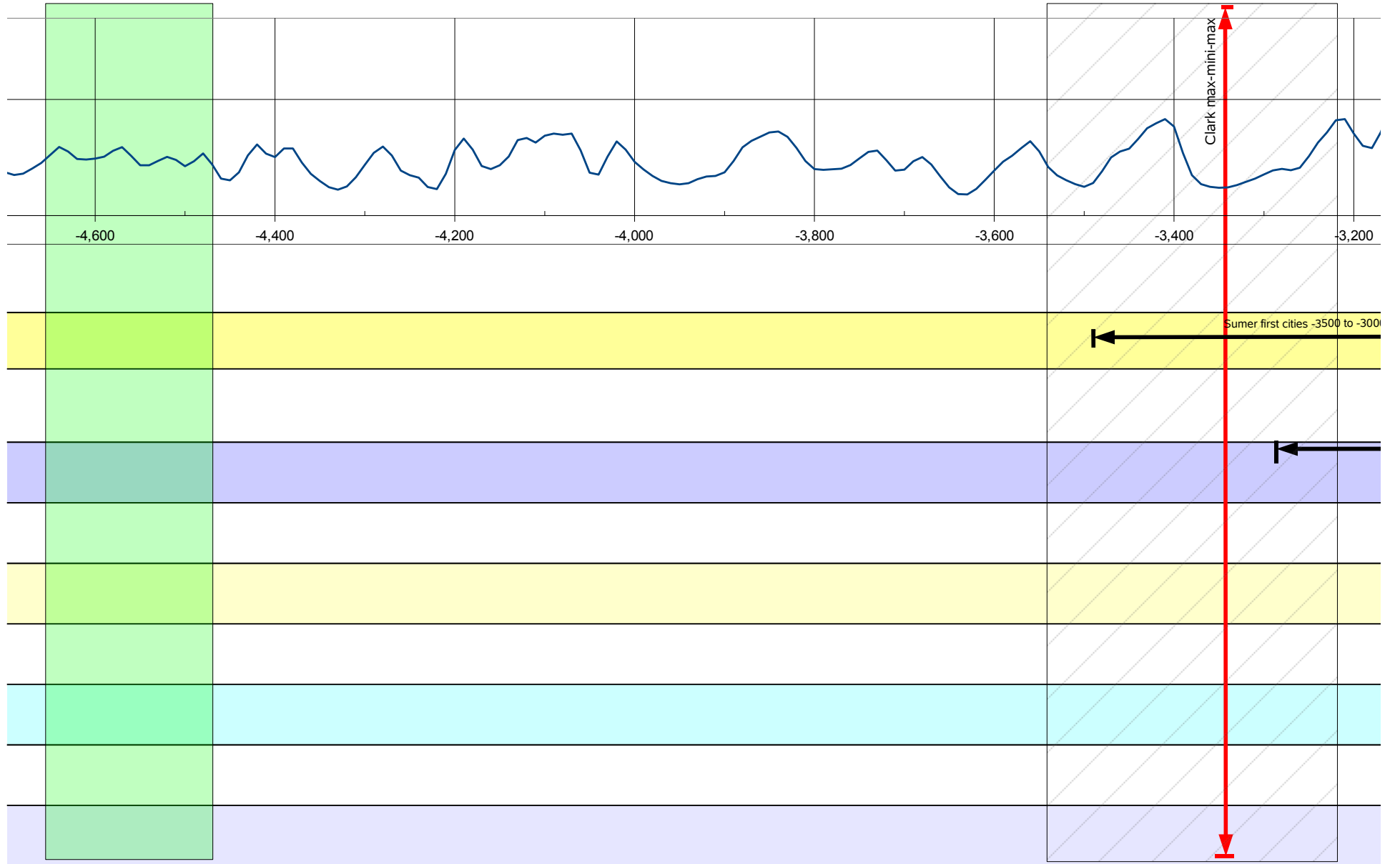


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