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# Climate Change: Solutions - Adaptation and Mitigation – (including the economical perspective\*)

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# Definition of adaptation and mitigation

## In essence:

- **Adaptation** can be understood as the process of adjusting to the current and future effects of climate change.
- **Mitigation** means making the impacts of climate change less severe by preventing or reducing the emission of greenhouse gases (GHG) into the atmosphere.

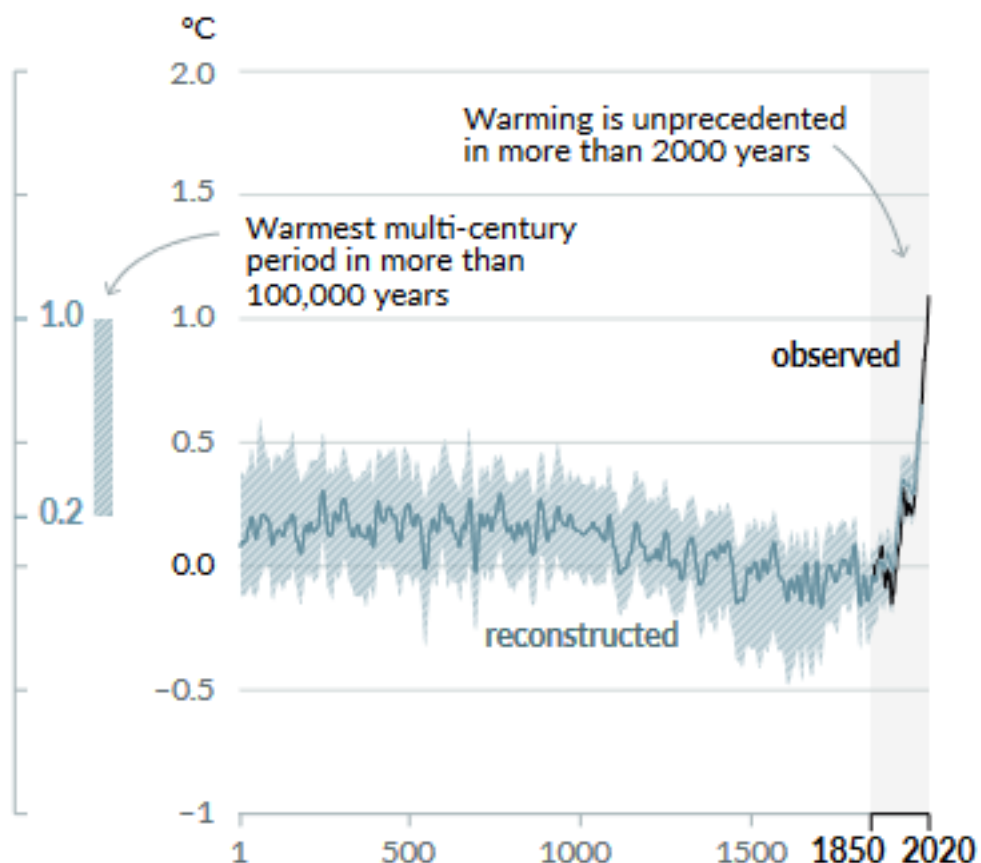
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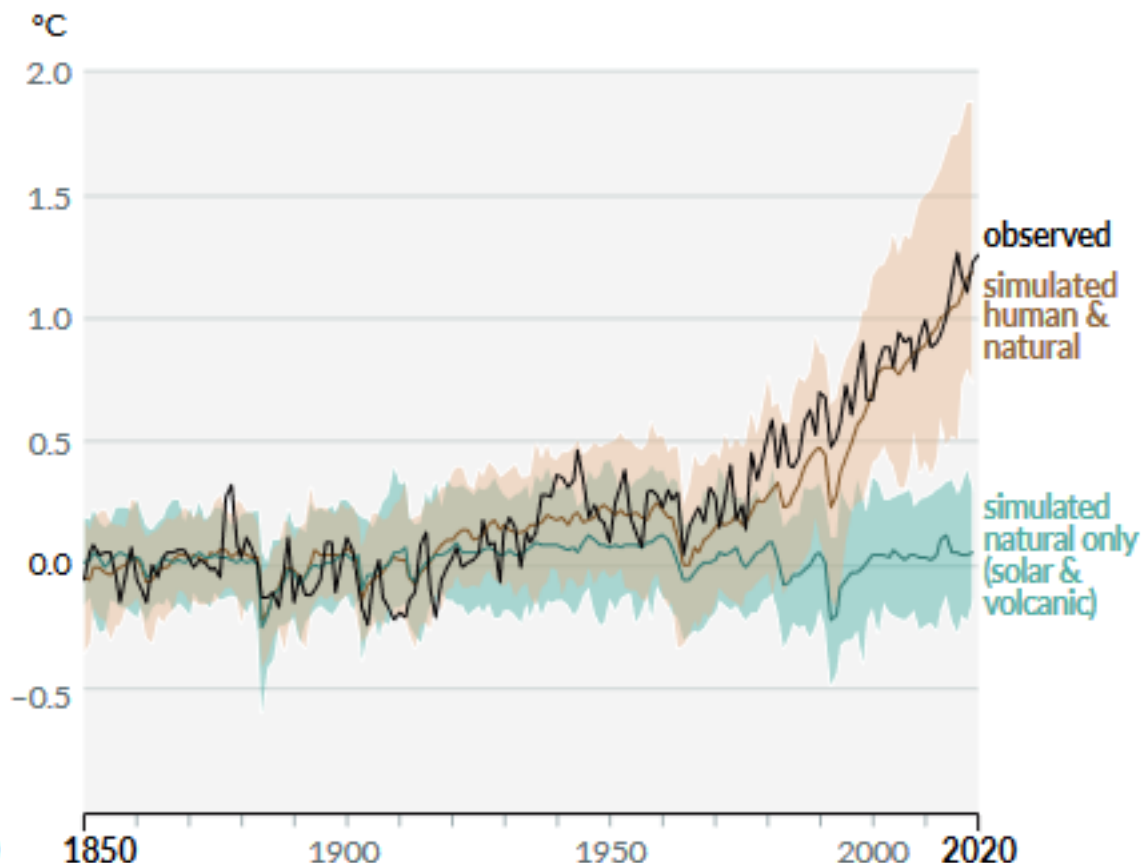


## Changes in global surface temperature relative to 1850–1900

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



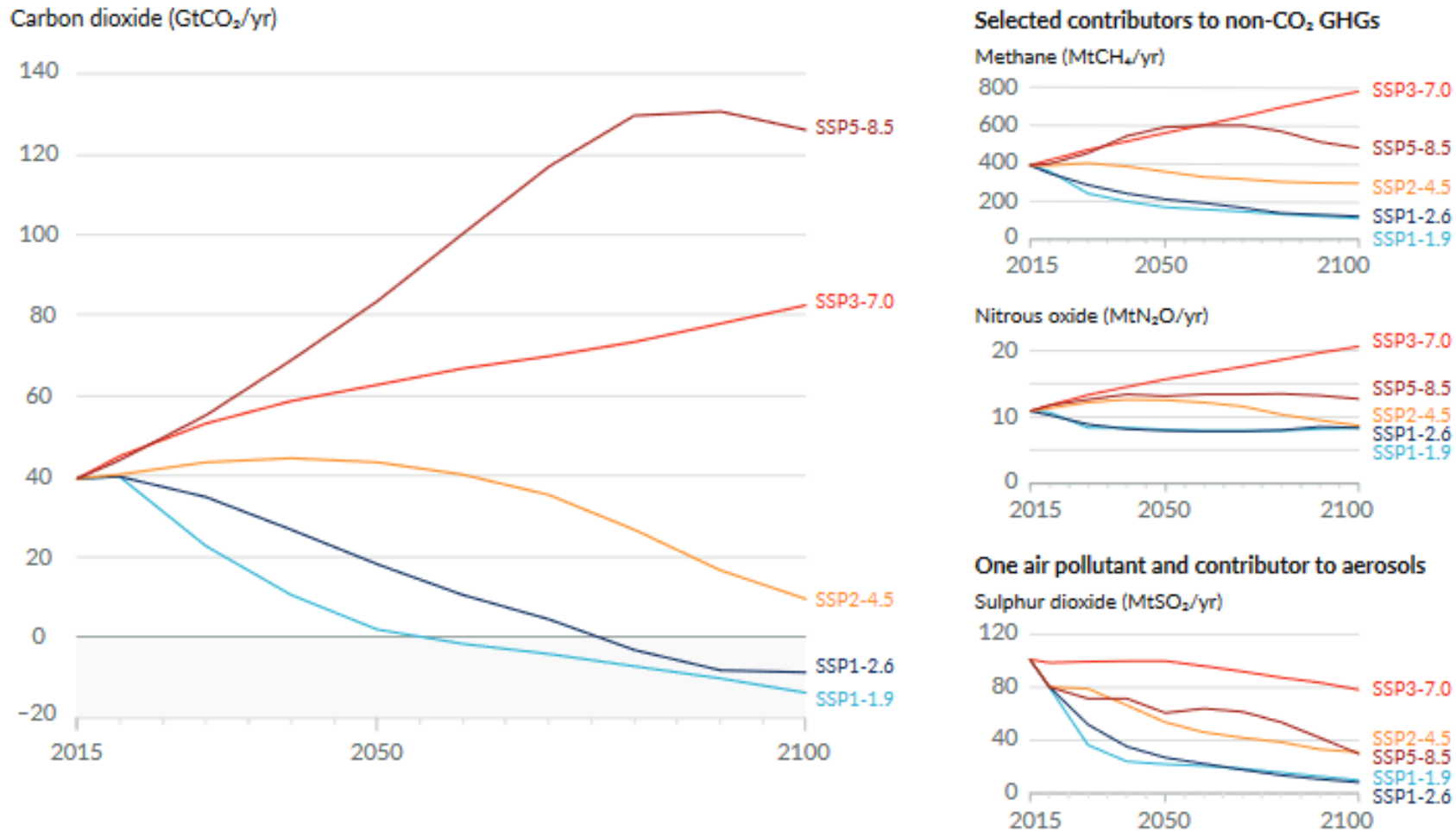
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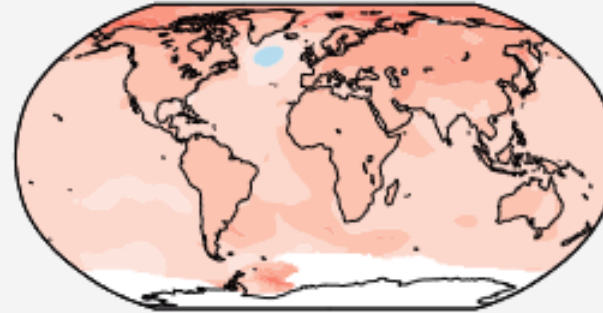
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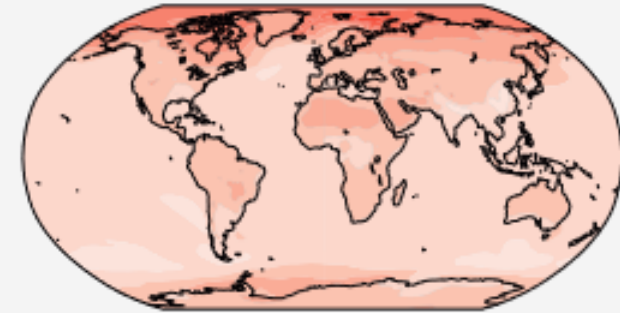
**(a) Annual mean temperature change (°C)  
at 1°C global warming**

Warming at 1°C affects all continents and is generally larger over land than over the oceans in both observations and models. Across most regions, observed and simulated patterns are consistent.

Observed change per 1°C global warming



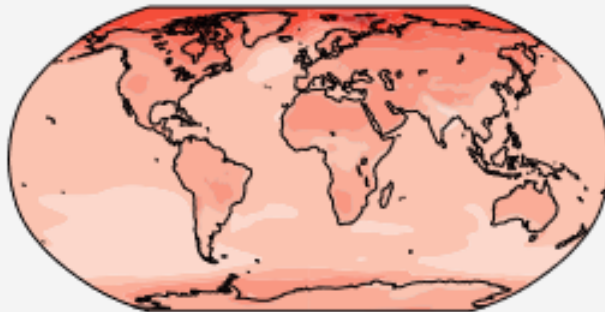
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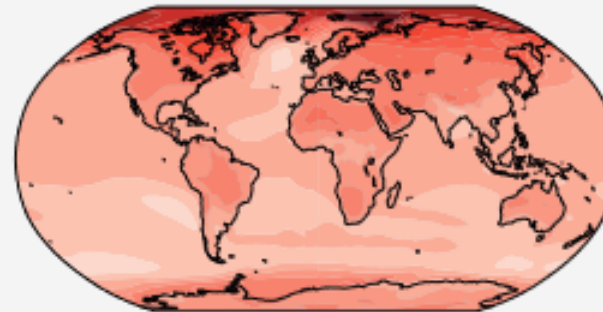
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Across warming levels, land areas warm more than ocean areas, and the Arctic and Antarctica warm more than the tropics.

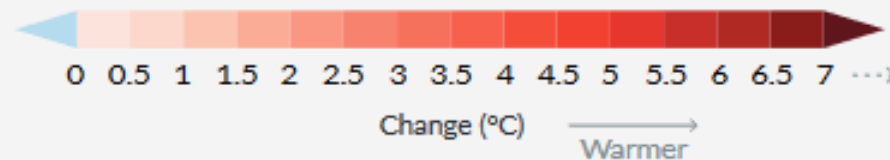
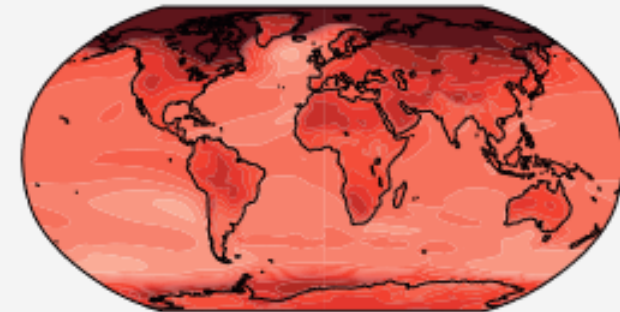
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Simulated change at 2°C global warming



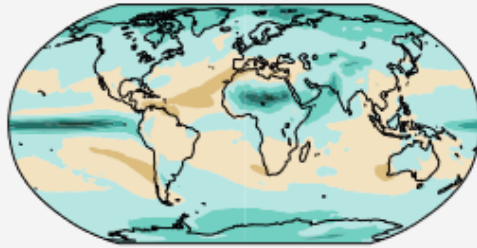
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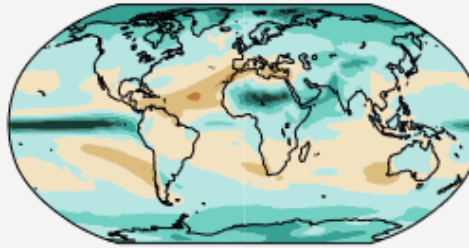
**(c) Annual mean precipitation change (%) relative to 1850–1900**

Precipitation is projected to increase over high latitudes, the equatorial Pacific and parts of the monsoon regions, but decrease over parts of the subtropics and in limited areas of the tropics.

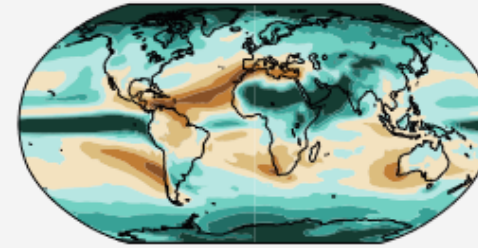
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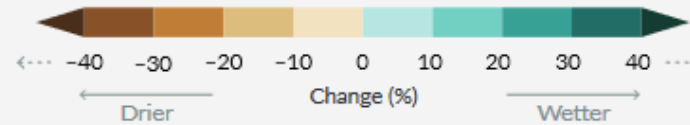
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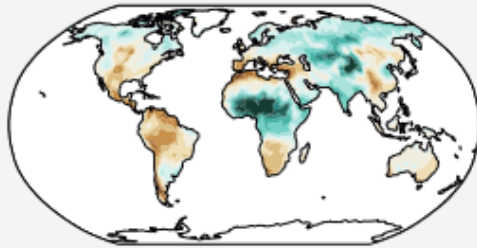
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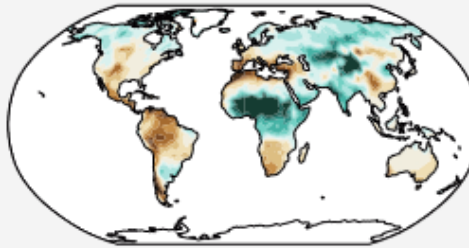
**(d) Annual mean total column soil moisture change (standard deviation)**

Across warming levels, changes in soil moisture largely follow changes in precipitation but also show some differences due to the influence of evapotranspiration.

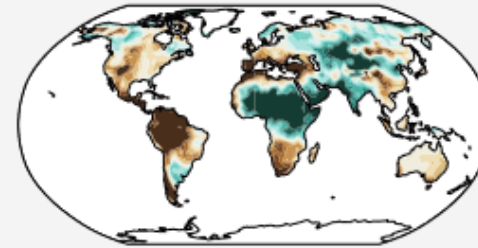
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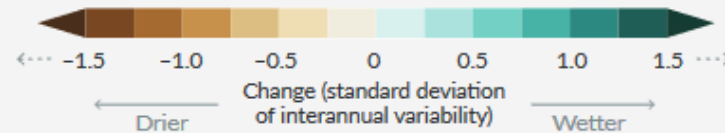
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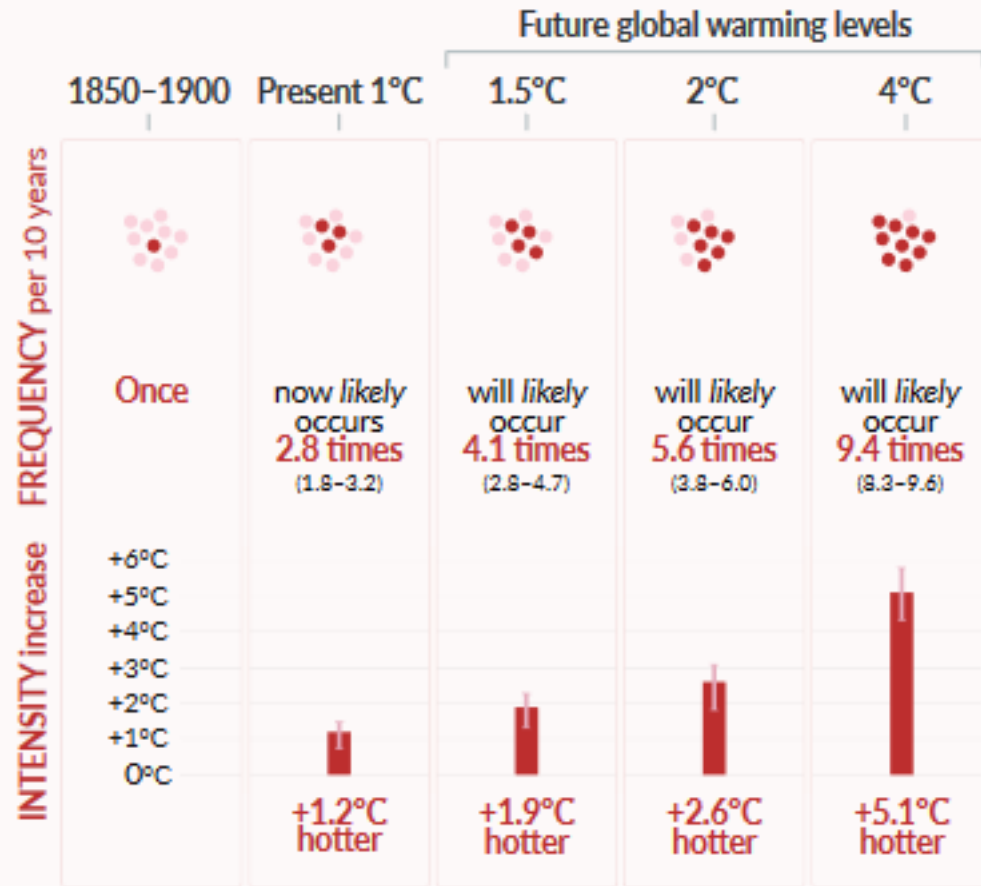
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## Hot temperature extremes over land

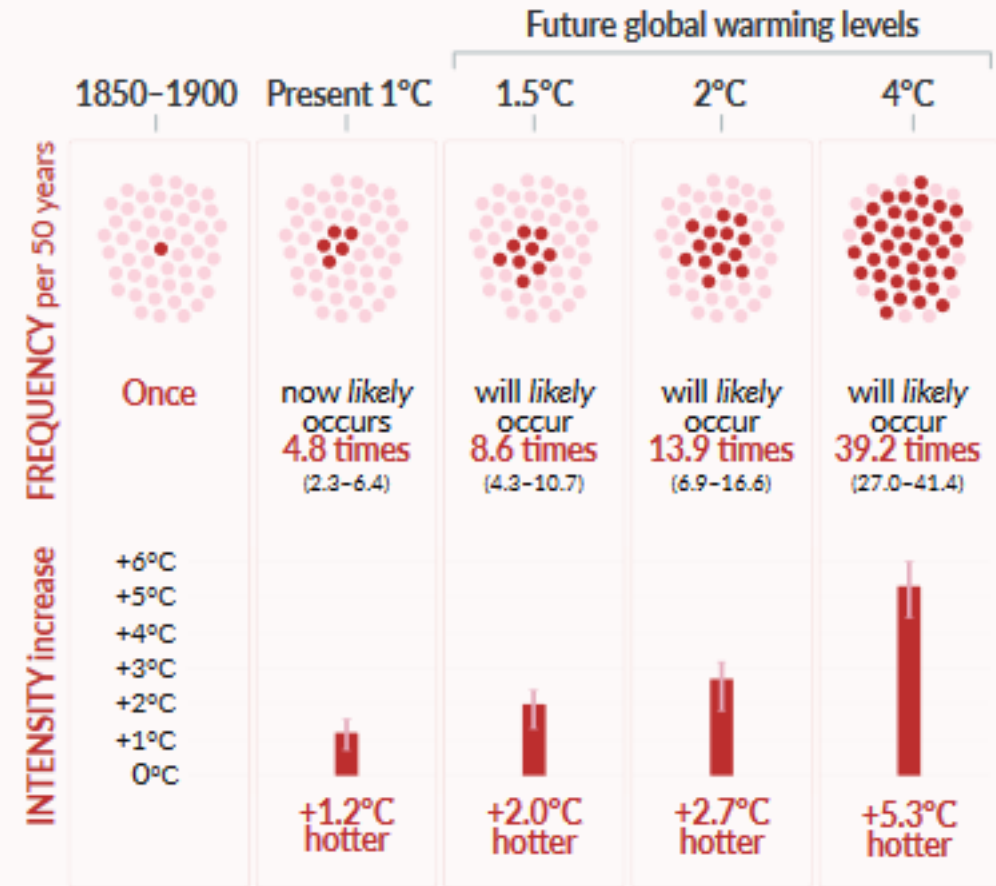
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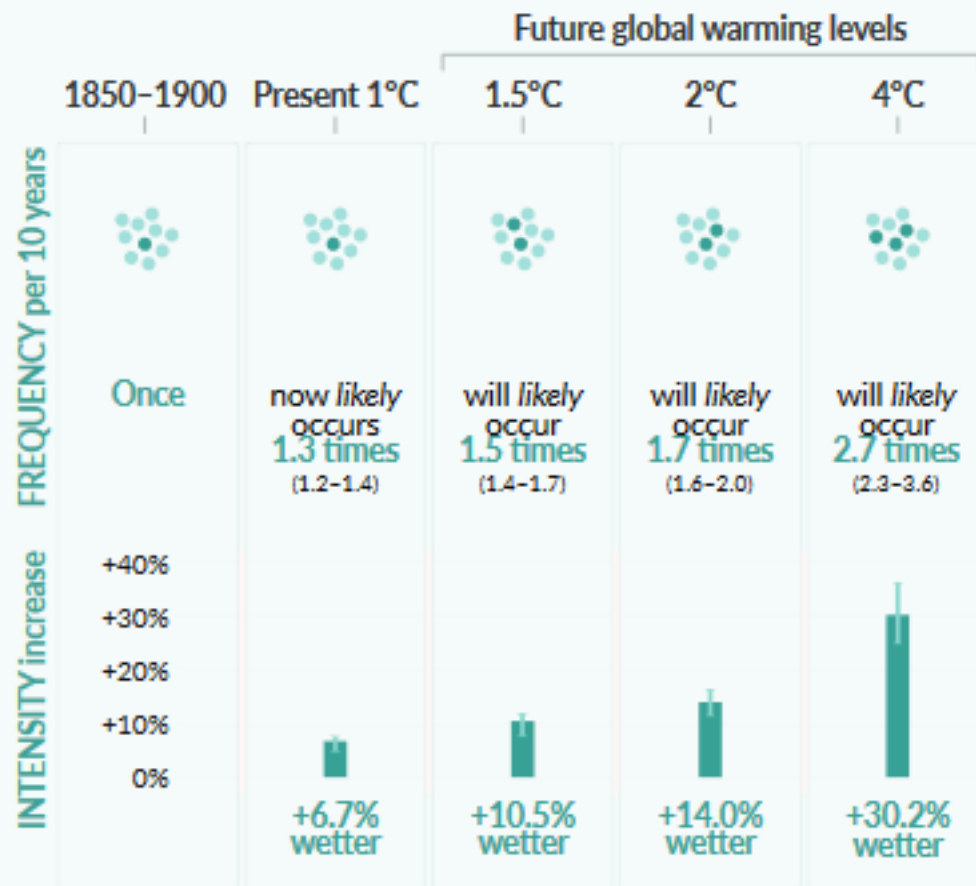
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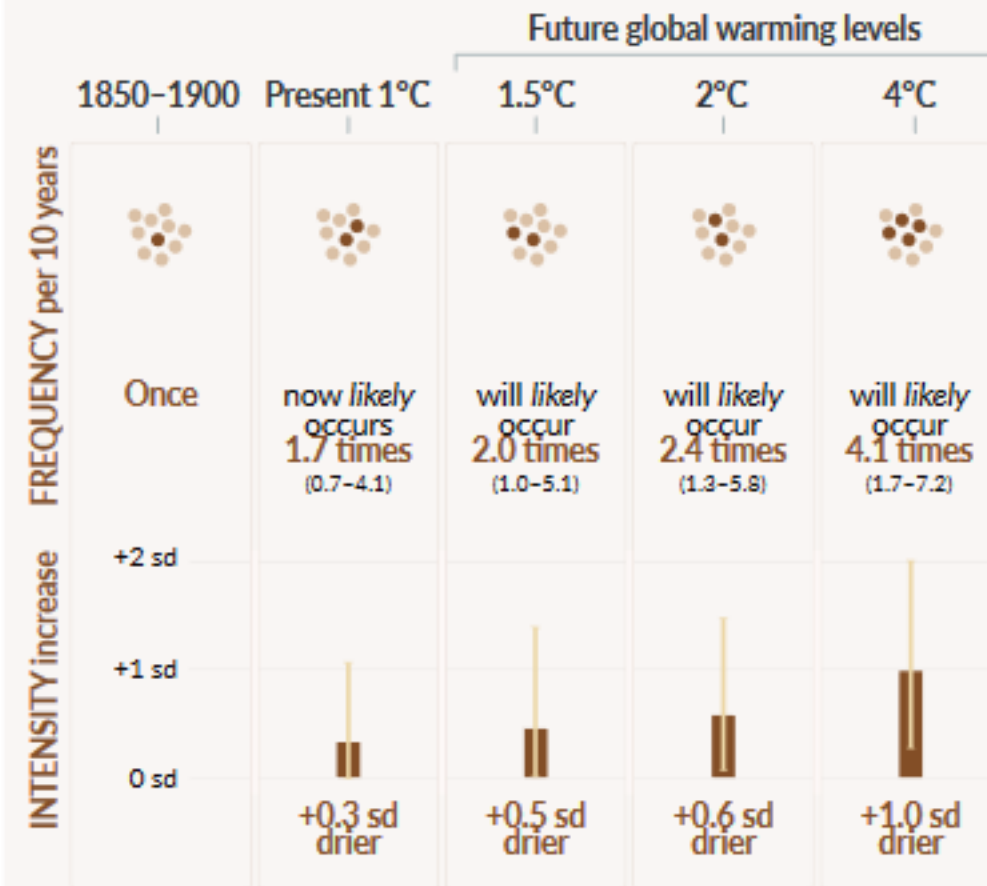
Frequency and increase in intensity of heavy 1-day precipitation event that occurred once in 10 years on average in a climate without human influence



## Agricultural & ecological droughts in drying regions

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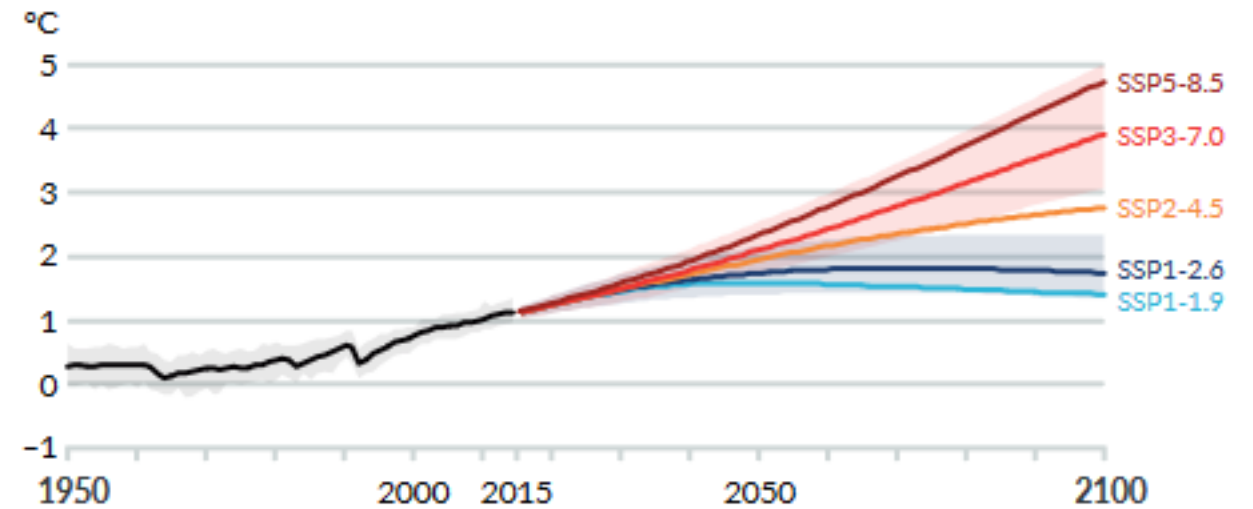
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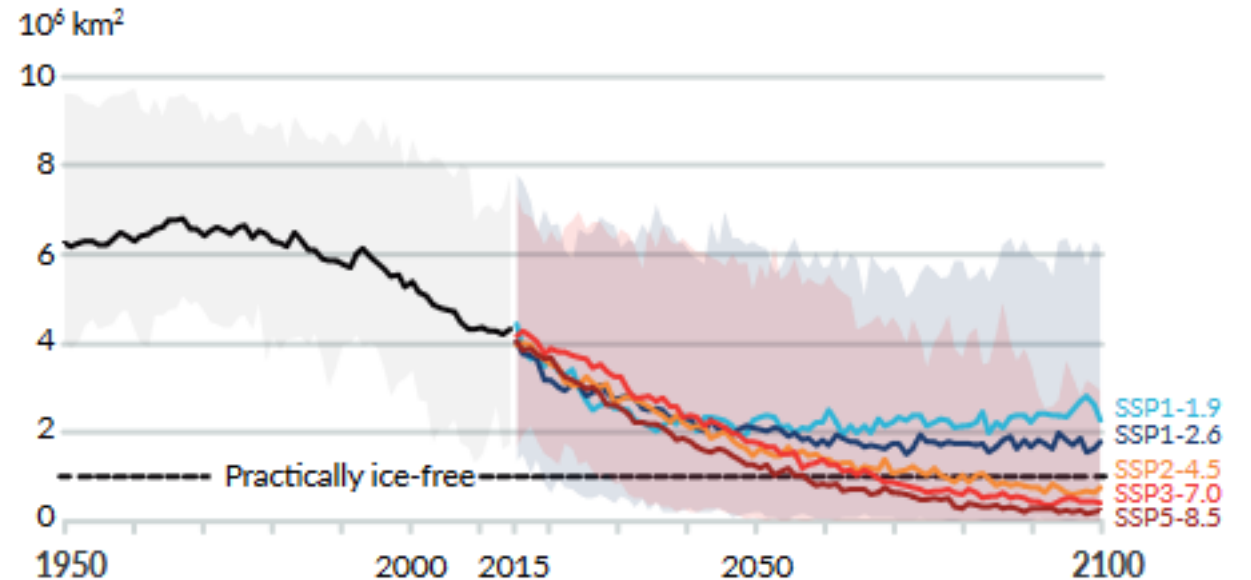


# Global surface temperature and Arctic sea ice area

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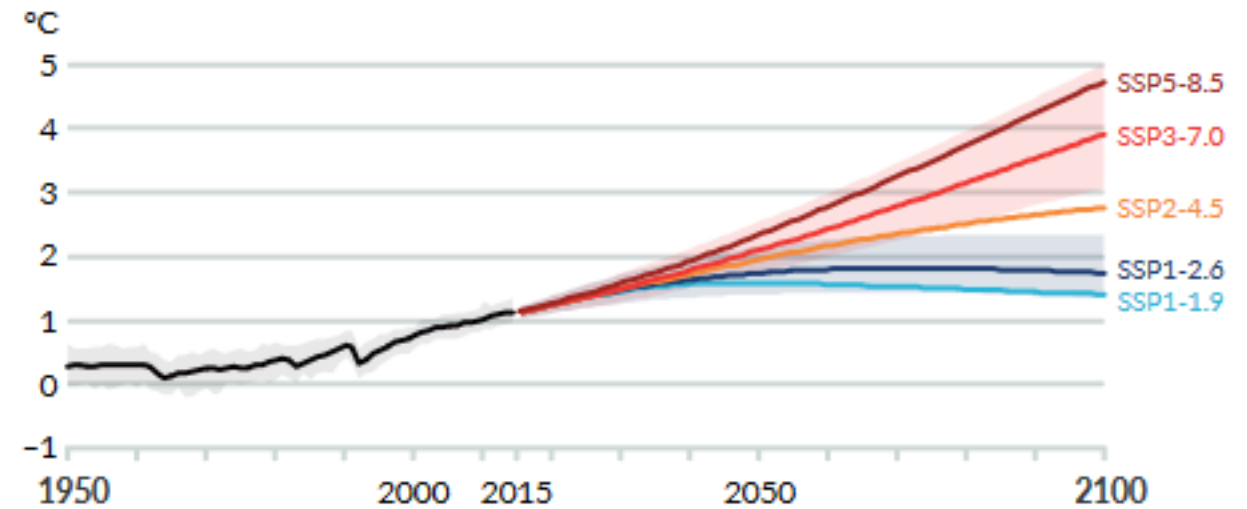


(b) September Arctic sea ice area

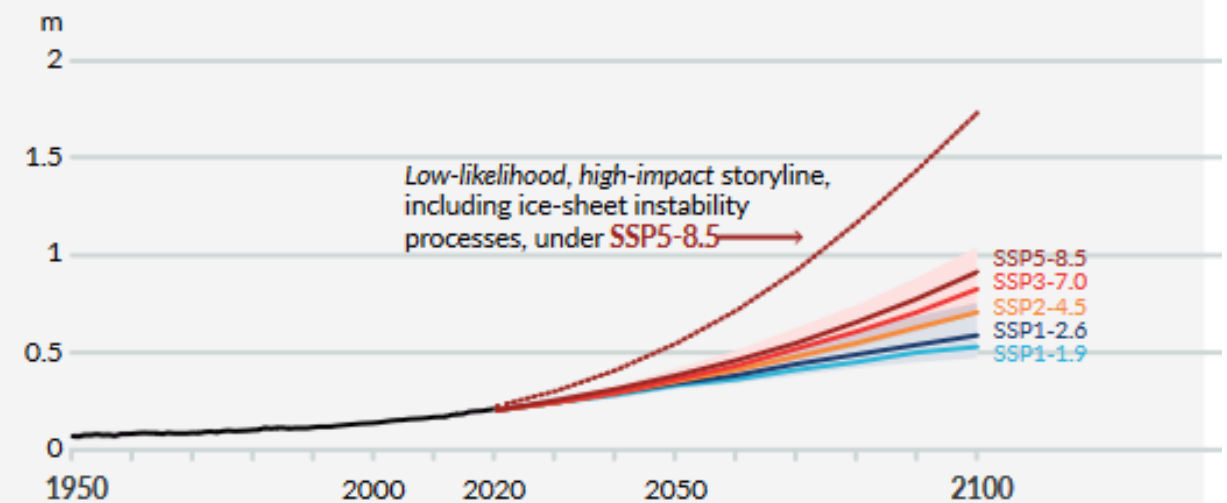


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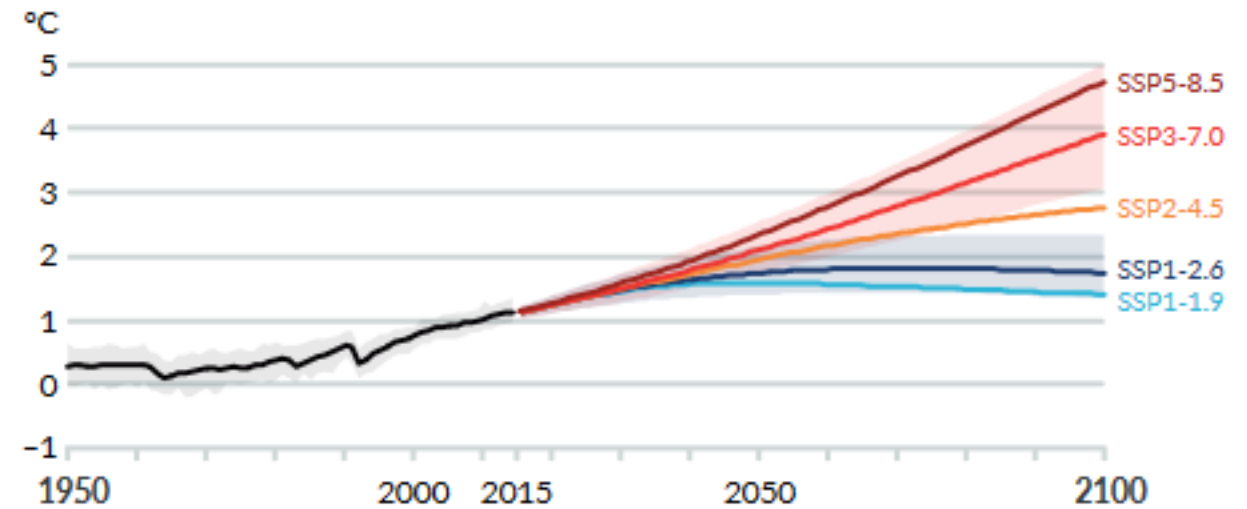


(d) Global mean sea level change relative to 1900

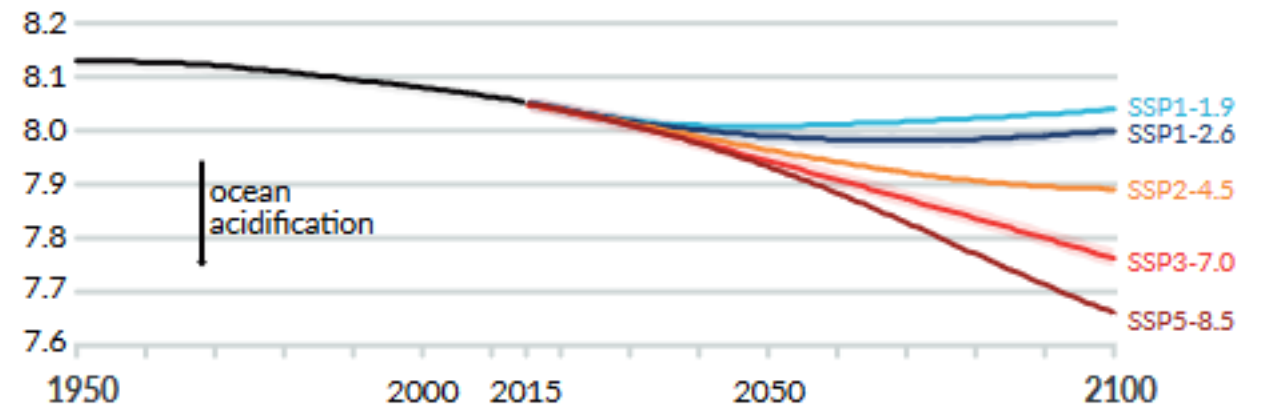


# Global surface temperature and ocean surface pH

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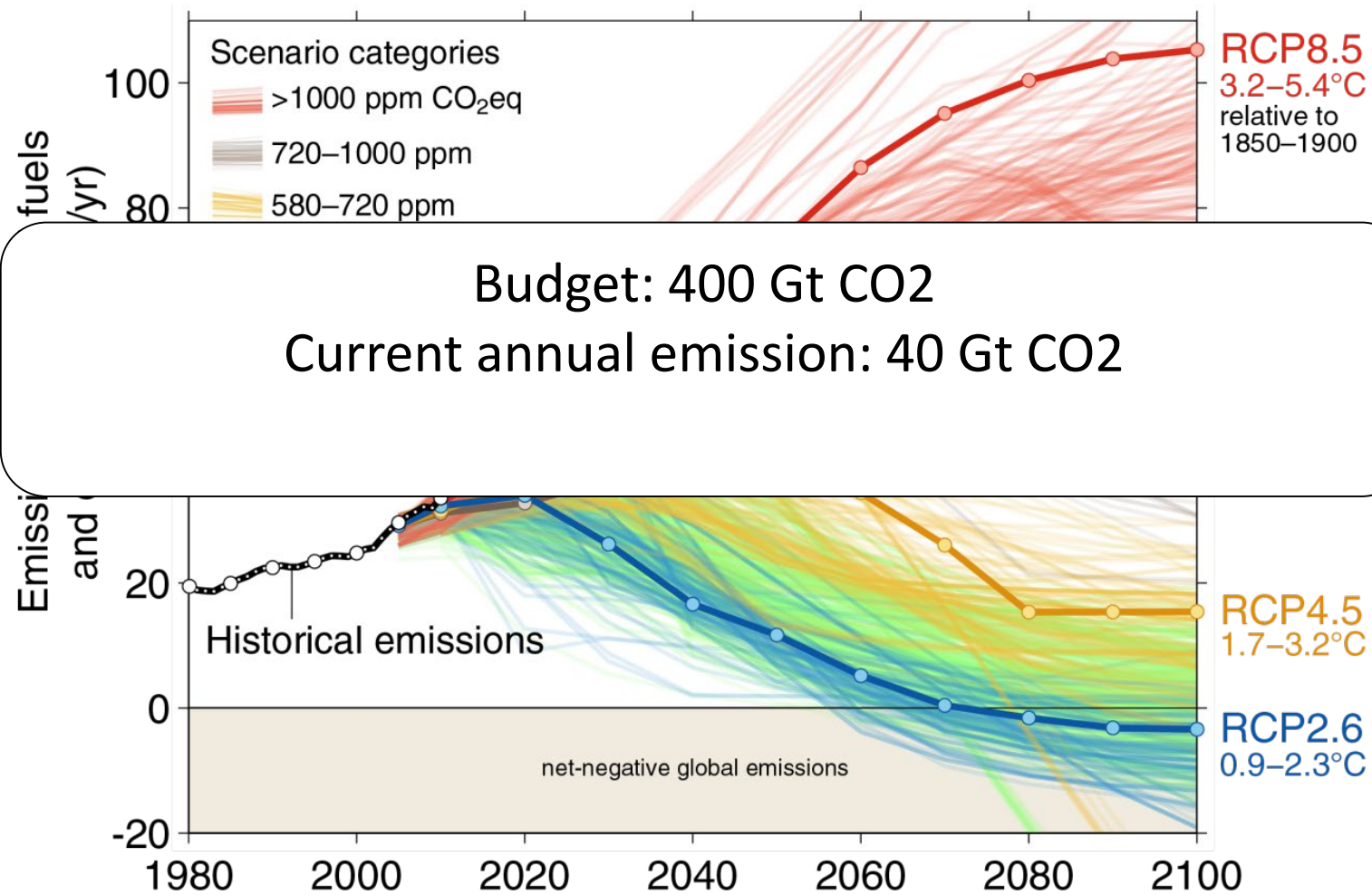
(c) Global ocean surface pH (a measure of acidity)





# From emissions to temperatures

## Business-as-usual in red

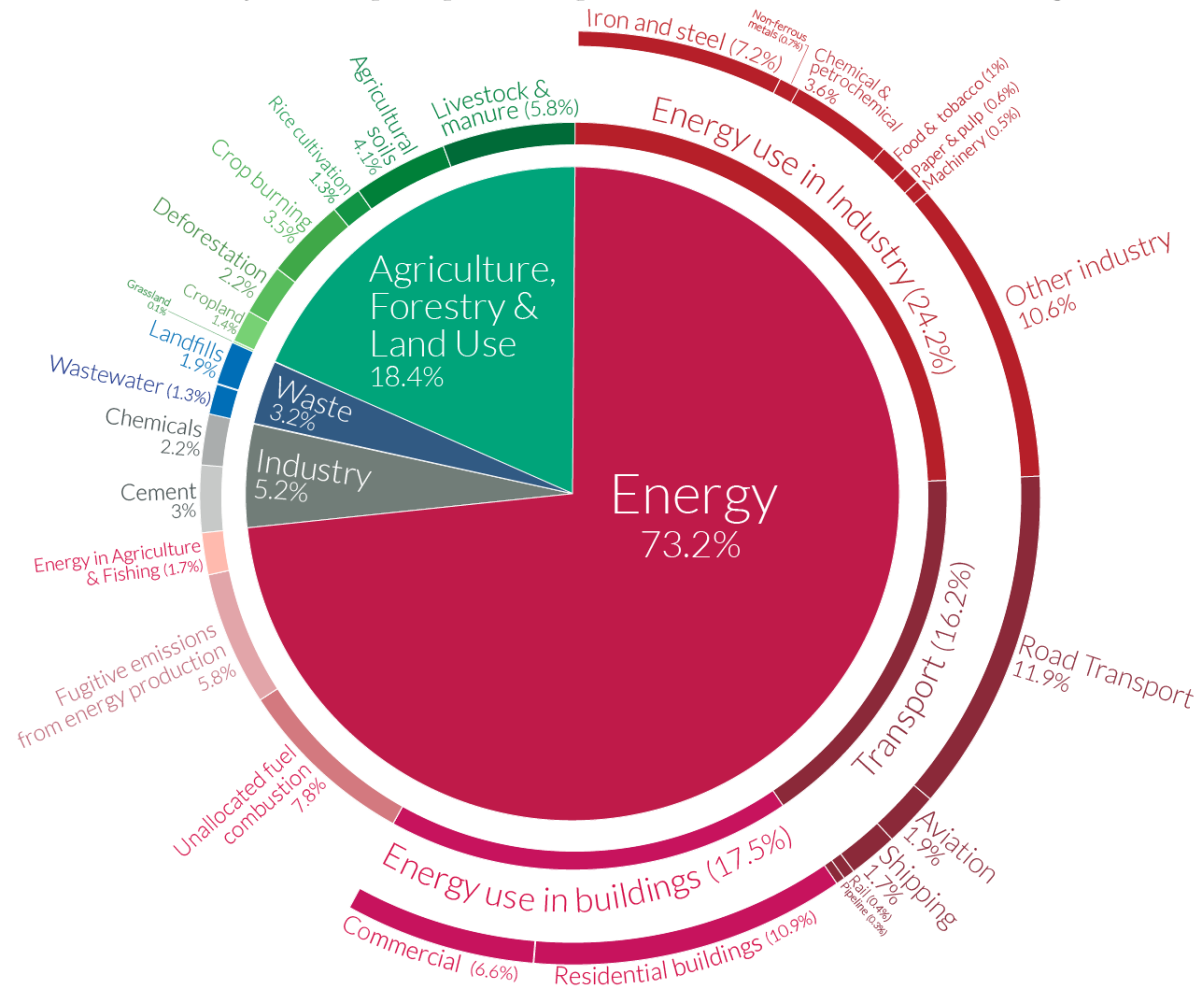


# What share do different sectors have in global GHG emissions?

## Global greenhouse gas emissions by sector

This is shown for the year 2016 – global greenhouse gas emissions were 49.4 billion tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>eq.

Our World  
in Data

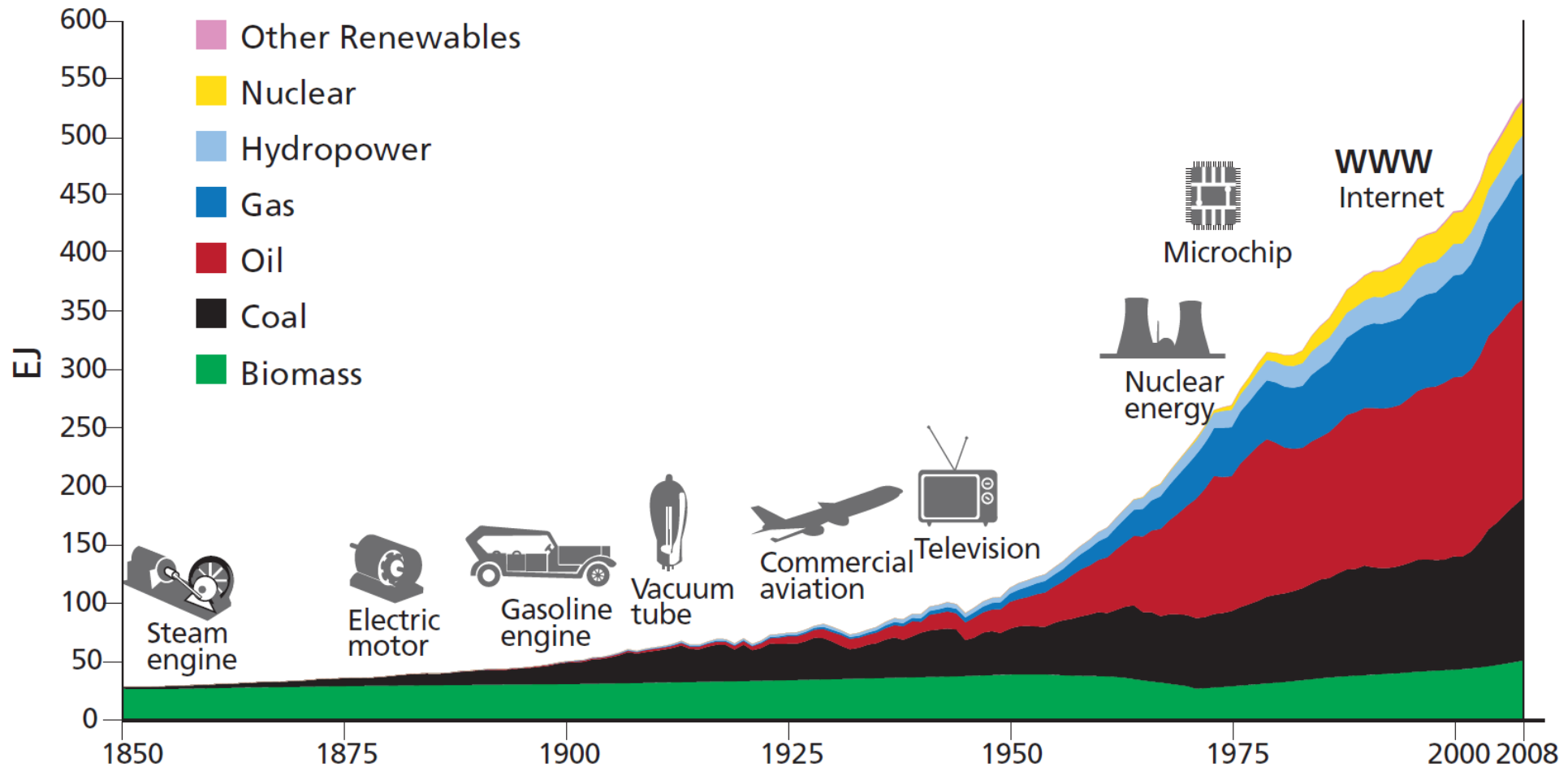


### • What are the biggest emitters within energy?

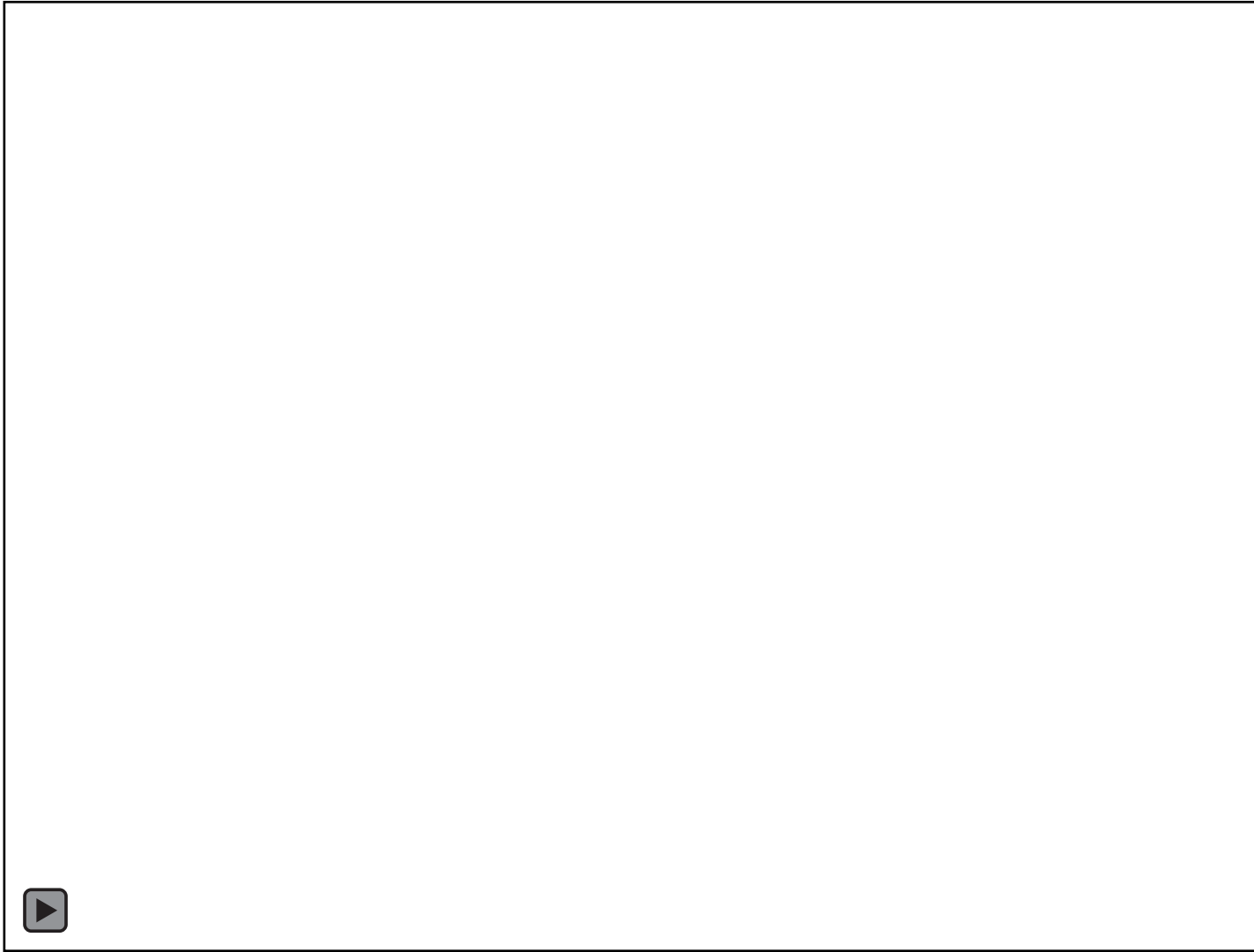
Energy-demand (or end-use) sectors  
(direct and indirect emissions)

- Industry
- Buildings
- Transport

# Size and complexity of energy systems significantly increased with economic growth, technological progress and population

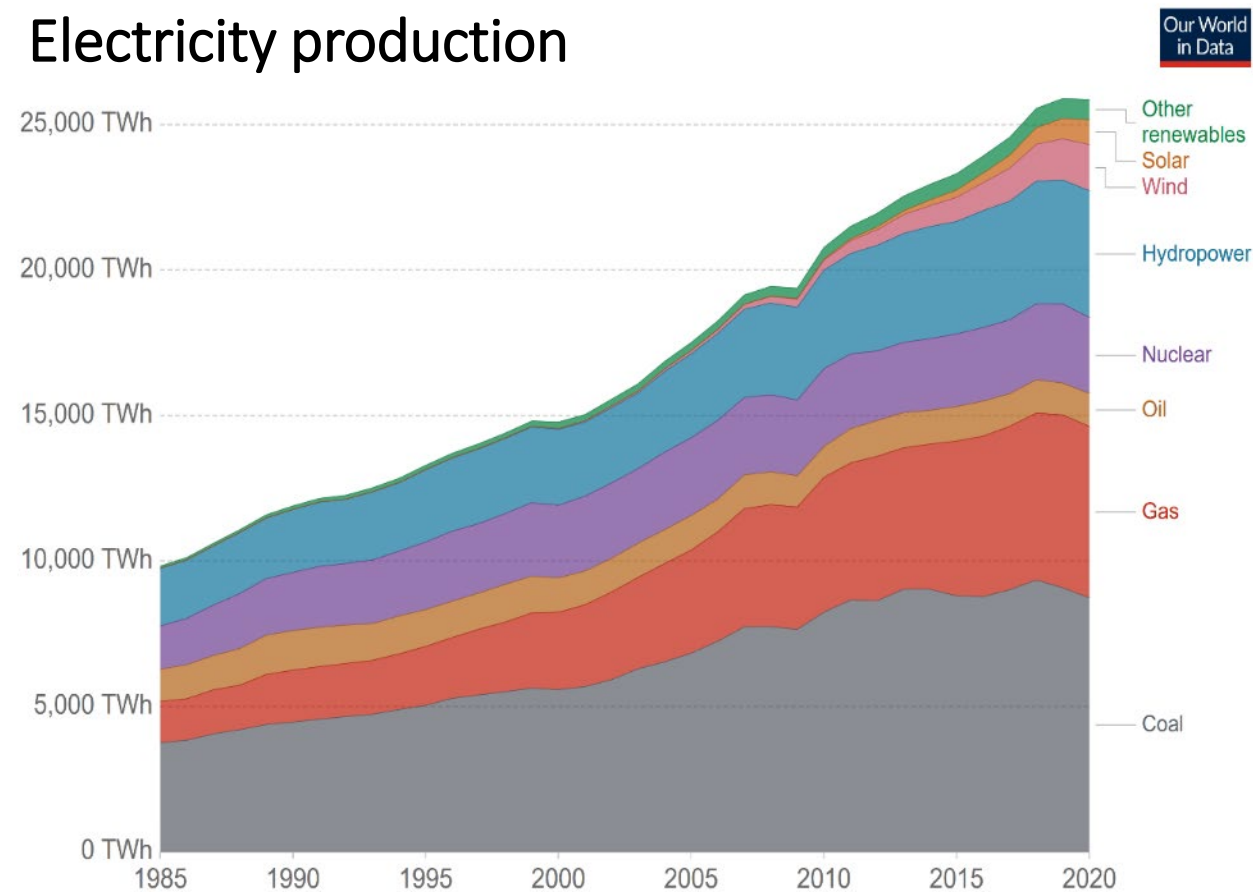


# The history of carbon emissions



# The power sector

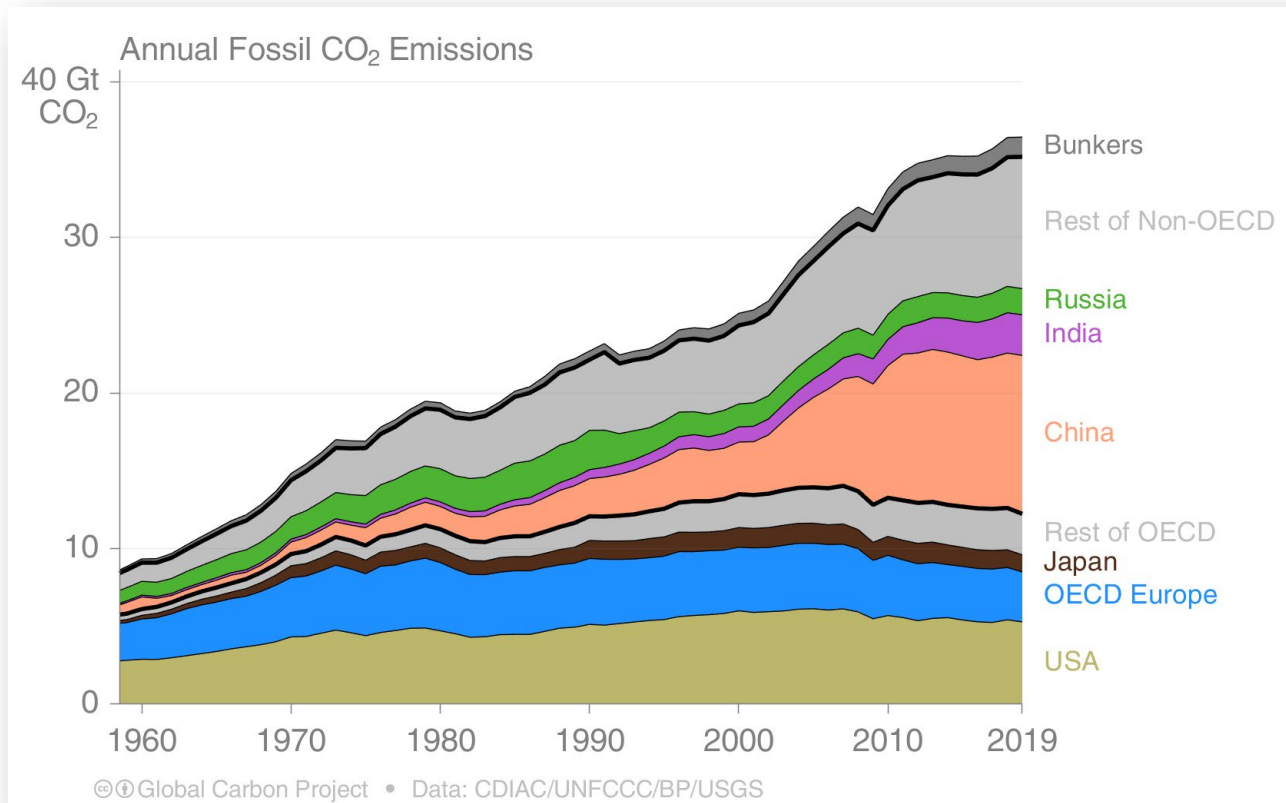
## Electricity production



Source: Our World in Data based on BP Statistical Review of World Energy & Ember (2021)  
Note: 'Other renewables' includes biomass and waste, geothermal, wave and tidal.

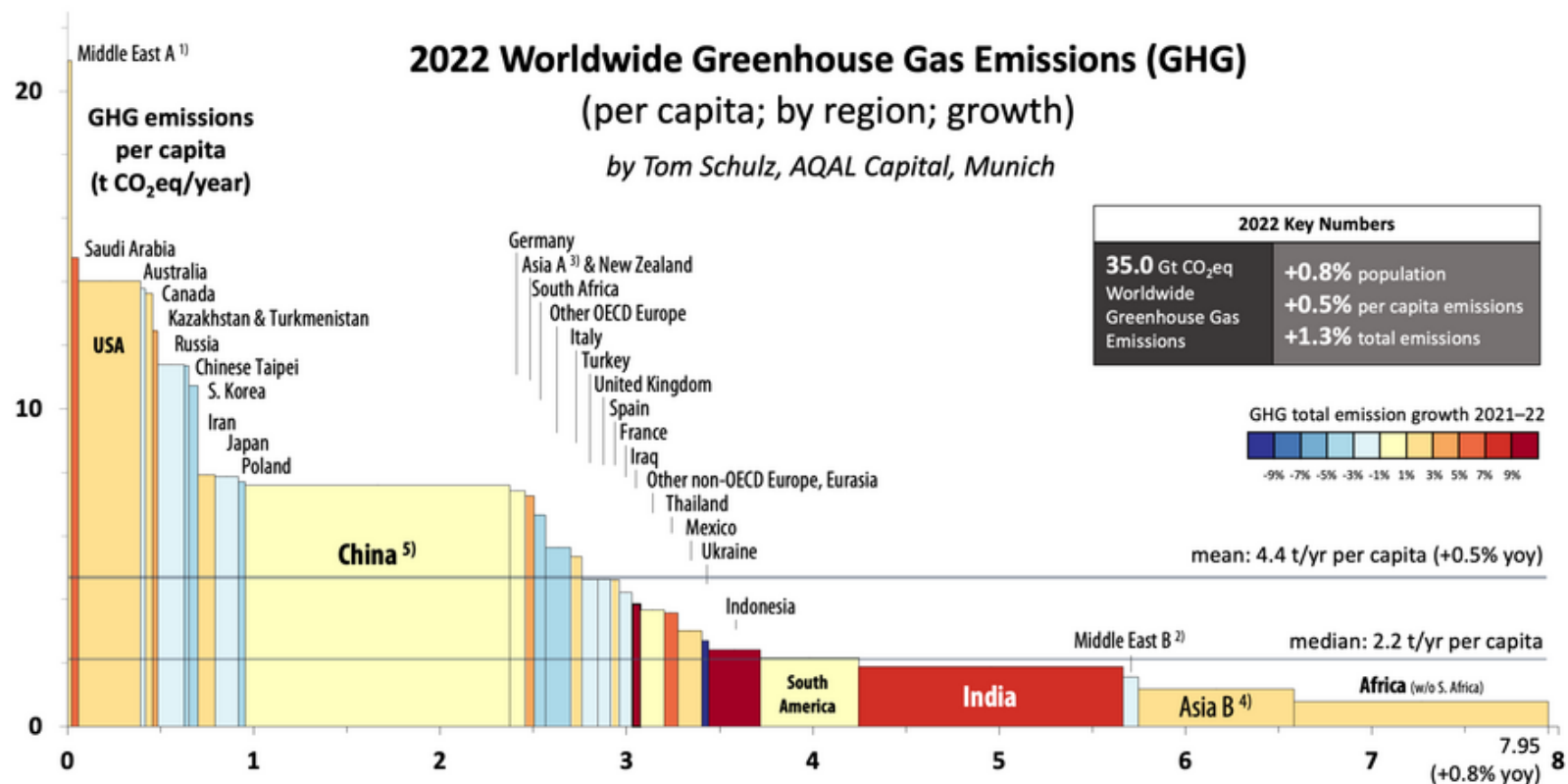
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# Different regional emission trends



Source: Global Carbon Project

# Per capita emissions and development are linked



How to read this diagram: The width of each bar corresponds to the region's population size, the height of the bar shows the emissions per capita, the area of each rectangle therefore represents the total emissions for that region. The area's color represents the growth of total emissions.

## Notes:

Using IEA data series GHGFC (GHG emissions from fuel combustion) and POP (Population). Does not include emissions from land use change, or natural sources.  
Aviation and marine bunkers not shown as territory but included in averages and totals.

<sup>1</sup> Middle East A: Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, United Arab Emirates

<sup>2</sup> Middle East B: Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Syrian Arab Republic, Yemen

<sup>3</sup> Asia A: Brunei Darussalam, Malaysia, Mongolia, Singapore

<sup>4</sup> Asia B: Asia without Asia A, China, India, Thailand, Chinese Taipei, Indonesia, S. Korea, Japan

<sup>5</sup> China: People's Rep. of China, Hong Kong

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Read more: <https://aqalcapital.com/2022-worldwide-ghg-emissions>



# How is the climate of your birthplace in the year 2100?

## Raw data accessible online:

- <https://cds.climate.copernicus.eu/cdsapp#!/dataset/projections-cordex-domains-singlelevels?tab=form>
- However: ...too complex to be used in this course...



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## IPCC WGI established an “Atlas” for the general public:

- Data from several model runs for many parameters and different time frames.
- Easy to use.
- <https://interactive-atlas.ipcc.ch/>

# How is the climate of your birthplace in the year 2100?

## Task:

Please go to <https://interactive-atlas.ipcc.ch/> and find out how the climate will change

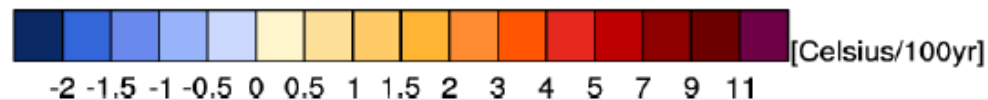
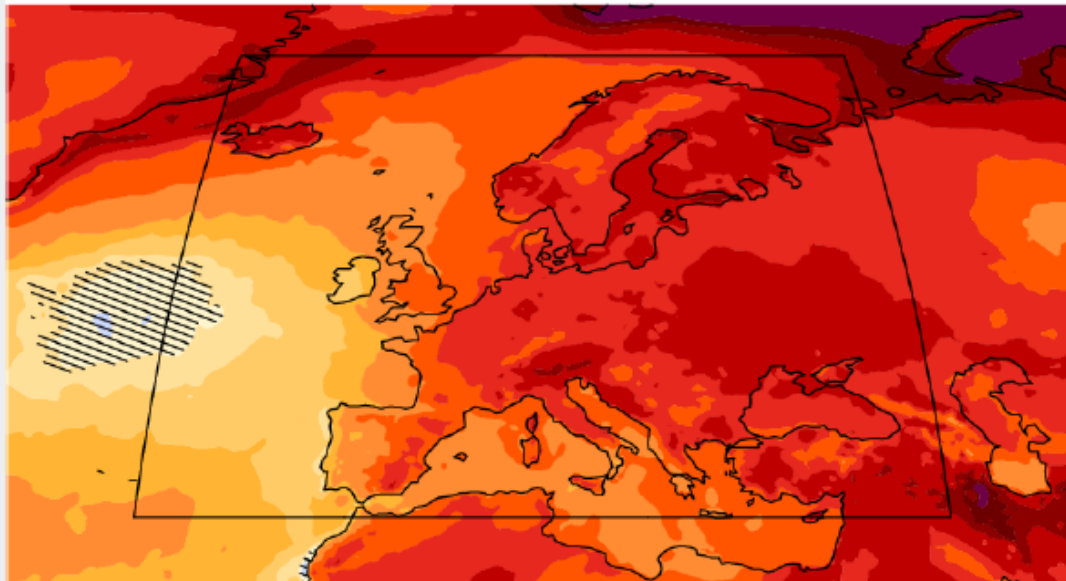
- at your birthplace → between the 1981-2010 period and the 2081-2100 period
- in the RCP8.5 scenario → for the following parameters:

Parameter	1981-2010	2081-2100	Difference	Change in %
Mean temperature				
Min. of min. temperatures				
Max. of max. temperatures				
Max. 5-day precipitation				
Frost days				

# Observed versus simulated trends (1979-2020)

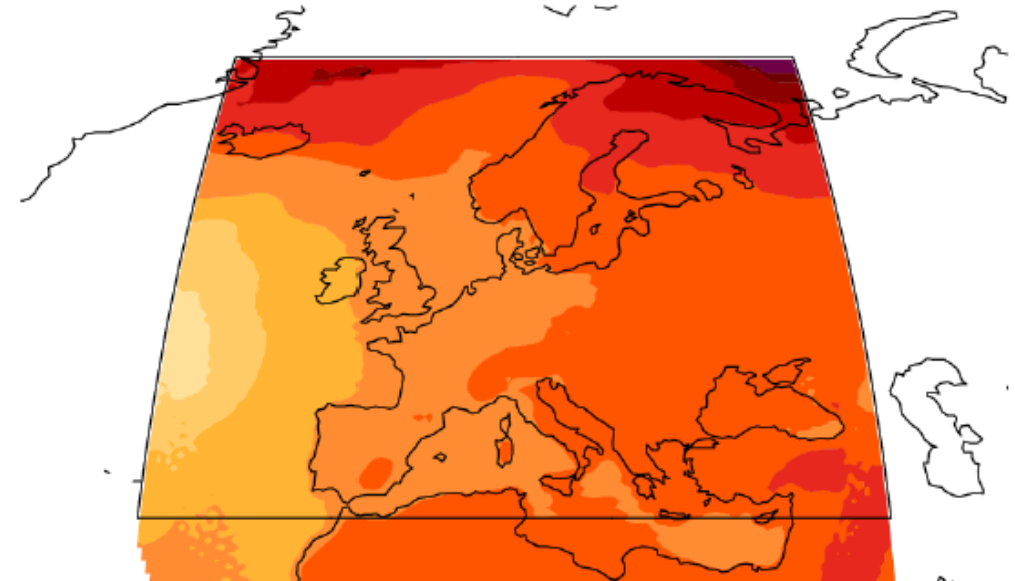
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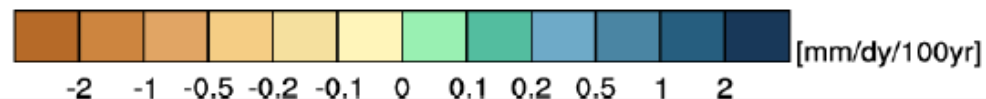
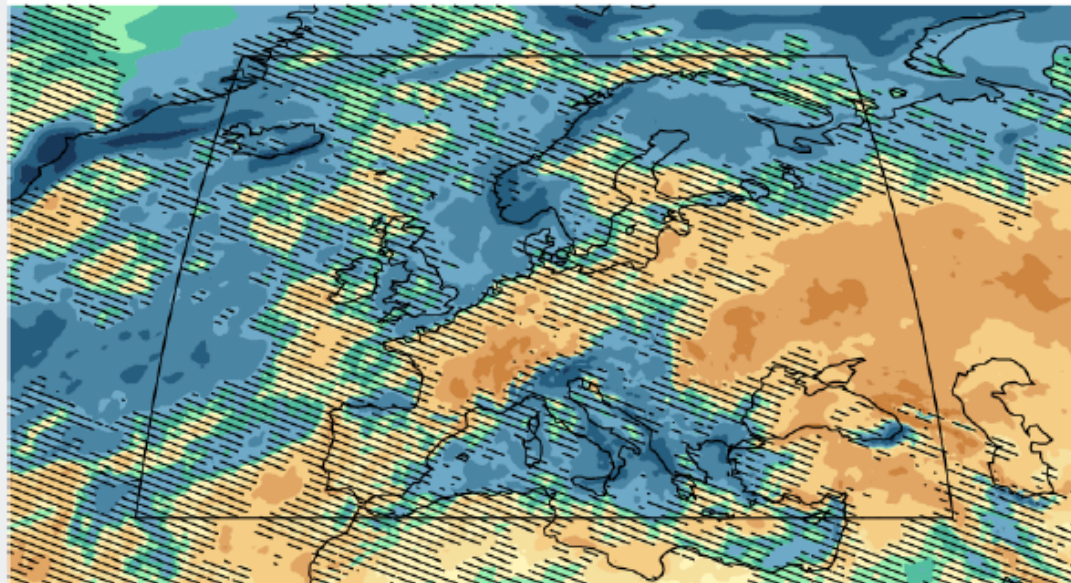
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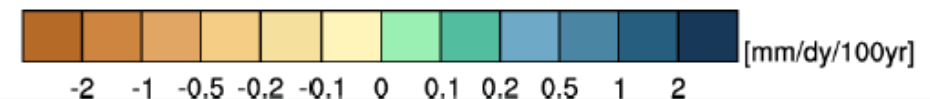
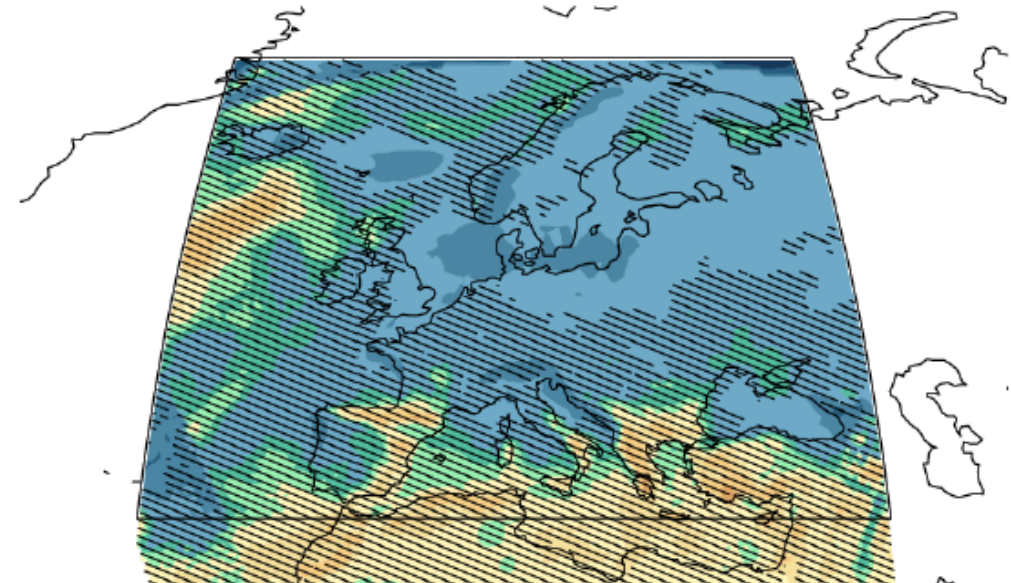
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# Climate change scenario: definition

- **Climate change scenarios are projections of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions** used to assess future vulnerability to climate change
- They are indeed **socioeconomic scenarios**
- **Needed are estimates** of future population growth, economic development, the structure of governance, social values, and patterns of technological change
- **Economic and energy modelling** are applied to quantify the effects of such different drivers and mitigation options

# The "Shared Socioeconomic Pathways" (SSPs) of the IPCC

- A new set of climate scenarios has been developed for the sixth IPCC report (IPCC AR6).
- The SSPs represent narratives for different socio-economic pathways resulting in different increases of atmospheric greenhouse gas concentrations ...
- and leading to different levels of global warming.

# Five basic SSP scenarios were defined

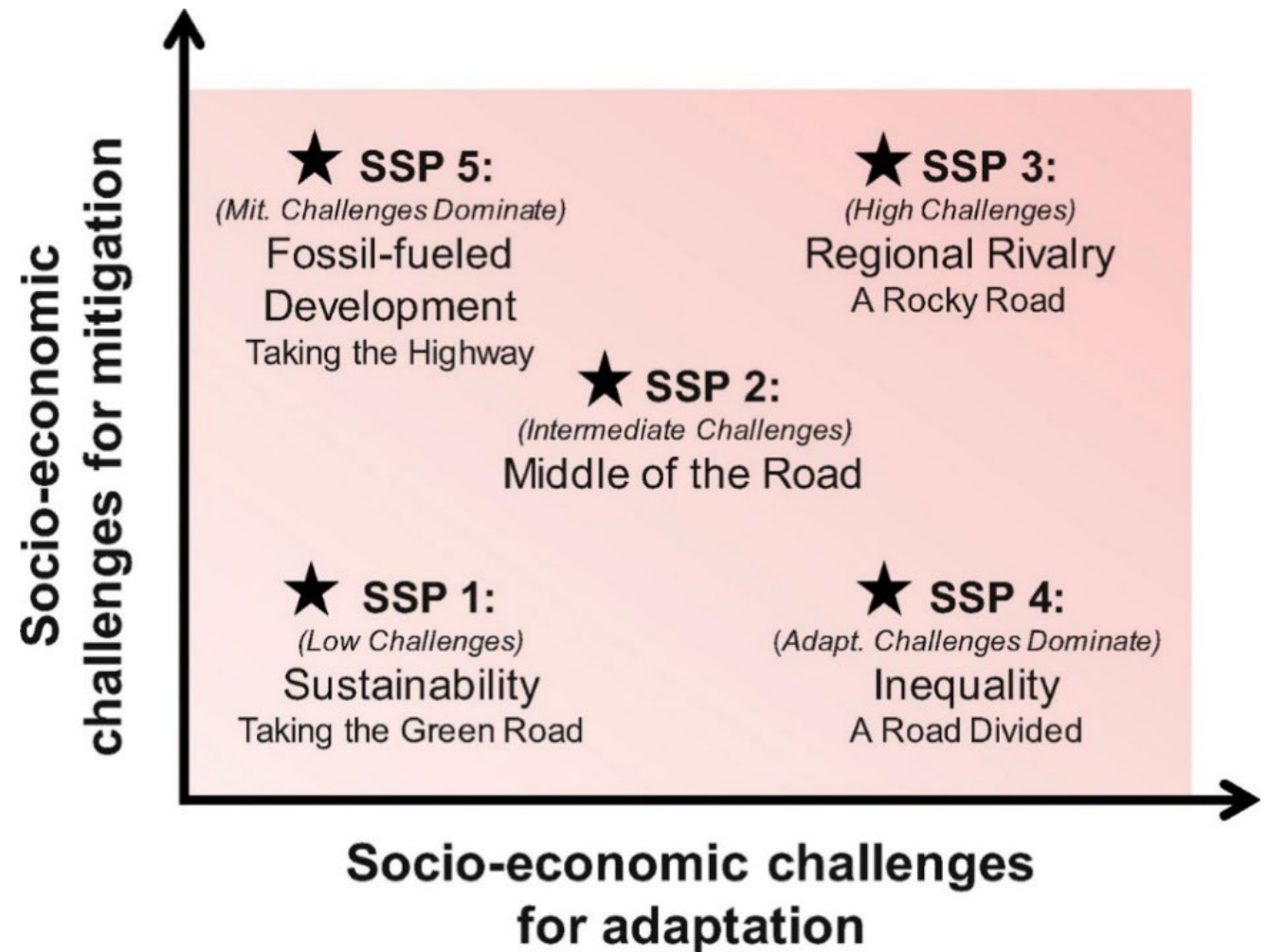
- **SSP1: The sustainable and “green” pathway describes an increasingly sustainable world.** Global commons are preserved, and the limits of nature are respected. The focus is more on human well-being than on economic growth. Income inequalities between states and within states are being reduced. Consumption is oriented towards minimizing material resources and energy usage.
- **SSP2: The “Middle of the Road” scenario describes a world of continued current global development** into the future. Income growth is moderate but it is barely expanded. Environmental systems are degraded. Cooperation between states, but not sufficient for the 21st century.
- **SSP3: Regional rivalry. A world of increasing regional tensions and conflicts.** Policies include technological development and investments in education and infrastructure, but with significant environmental damage.
- **SSP4: Inequality.** The chasm between globally cooperating developed societies and those stalling at a lower developmental stage with low income and a low level of education is widening. Environmental policies are successful in tackling local problems in some regions, but not in others.
- **SSP5: Fossil-fueled Development.** Global markets are increasingly integrated, leading to innovations and technological progress. The social and economic development, however, is based on an intensified exploitation of fossil fuel resources with a high percentage of coal and an energy-intensive lifestyle worldwide. The world economy is growing and local environmental problems such as air pollution are being tackled successfully.

Question:  
What do you think, which path do we follow at the moment?



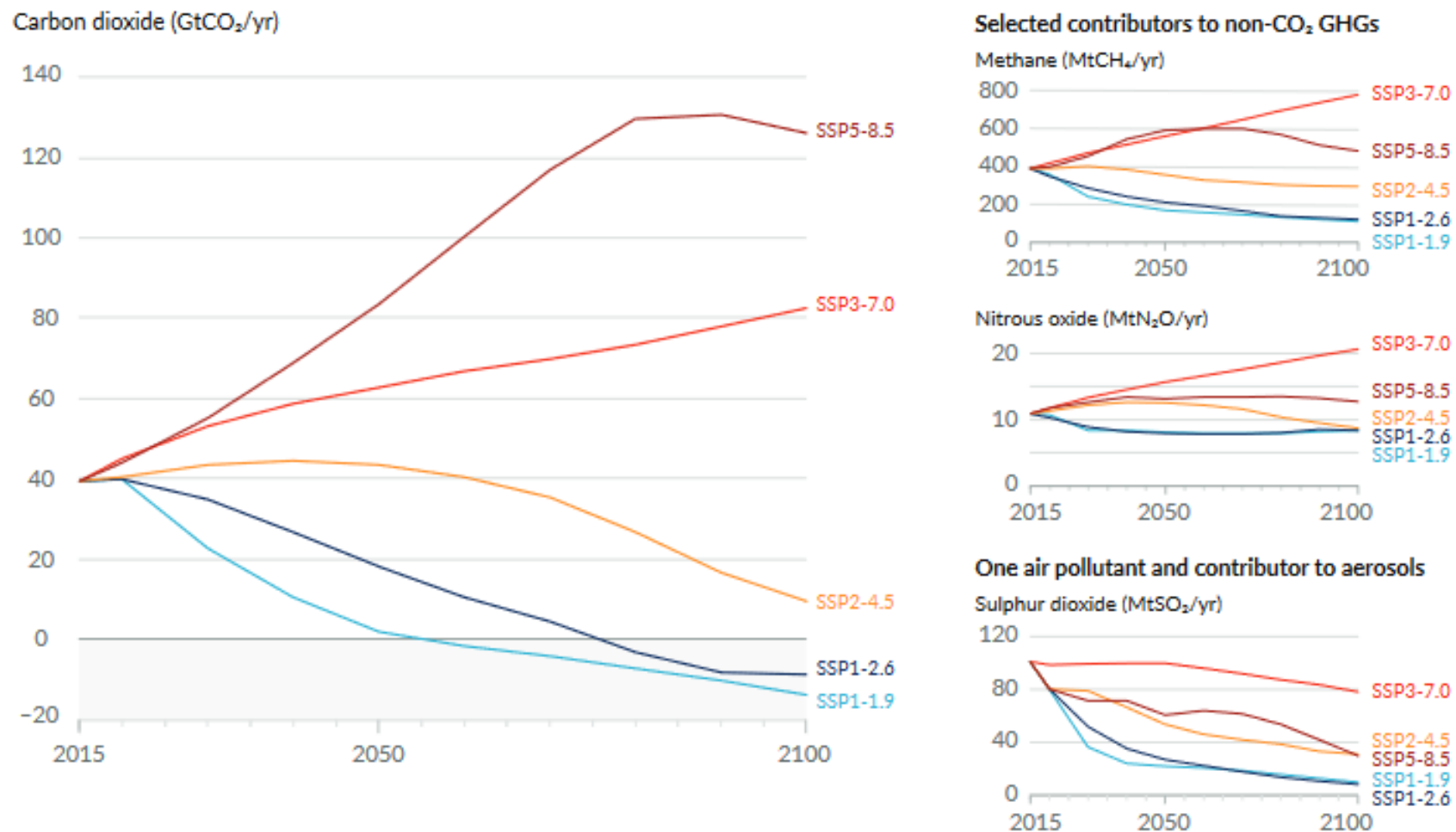
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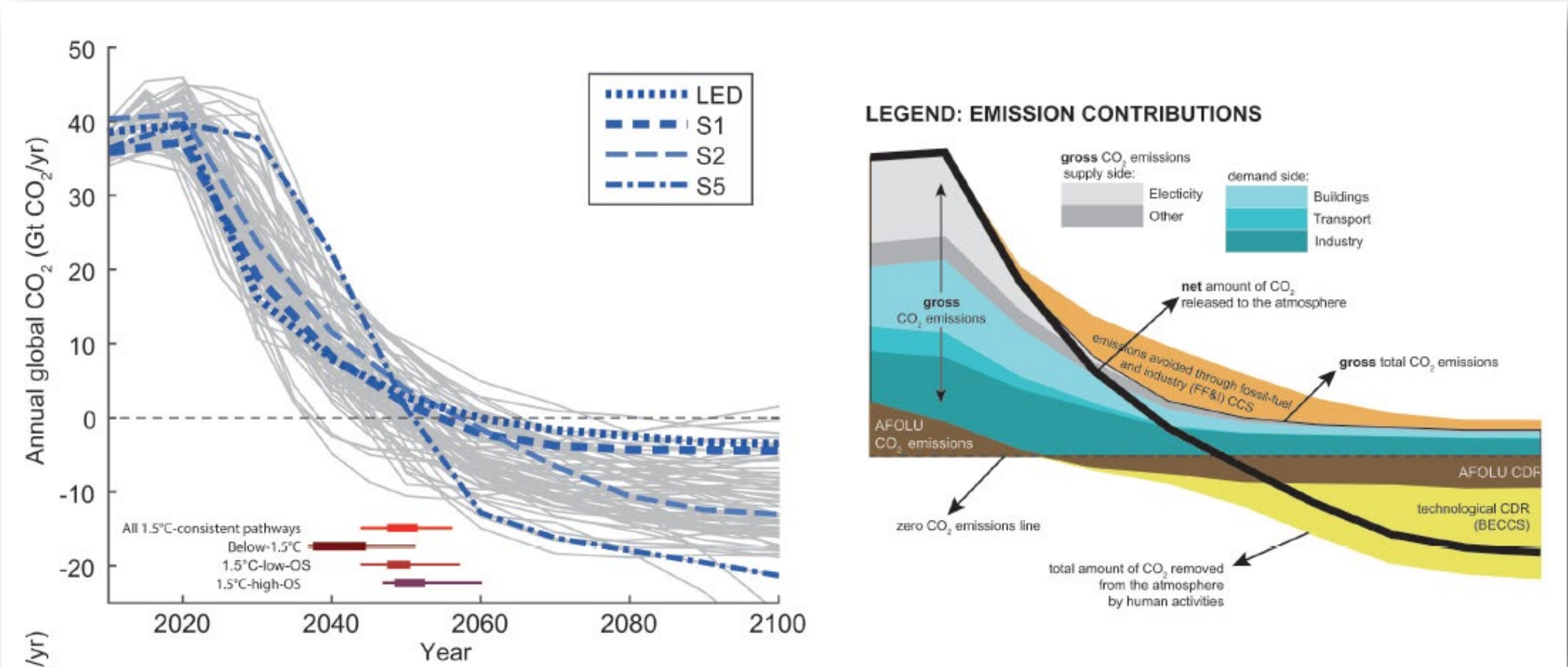


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# Creating negative emissions through carbon dioxide removal (CDR) to keep the 1.5°C goal



**BECCS CDR:** Bioenergy with Carbon Capture Storage  
**AFOGU CDR:** Agriculture, Forestry and other Landuse

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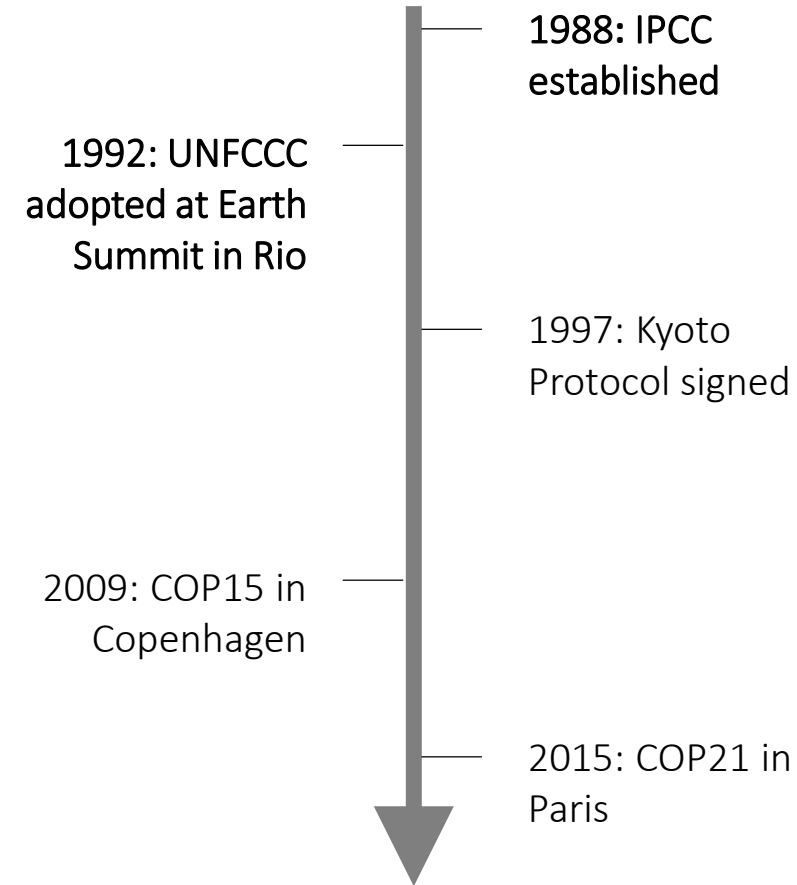
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# A very brief history of the UNFCCC

(UNFCCC = United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change)

- Following the creation of the IPCC, the need for a global treaty on emissions is established
- UNFCCC enters into force in 1994 with near-universal membership
- First Conference of the Parties (COP1) in Berlin in 1995



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- World map showing the ratification status of the 1992 Convention on Biological Diversity. The map uses four colors to indicate the status of countries:
- Red:** Annex B countries - No ratification or withdrawal
  - Orange:** Annex B countries - Ratified
  - Green:** Ratified
  - Grey:** Not ratified

# Flexibility Mechanisms under the Kyoto Protocol

**Idea:** introduce market-based mechanisms to increase efficiency

## International emission trading

- Annex-B countries that overachieve their targets can sell certificates to other countries

## Clean Development Mechanism (CDM)

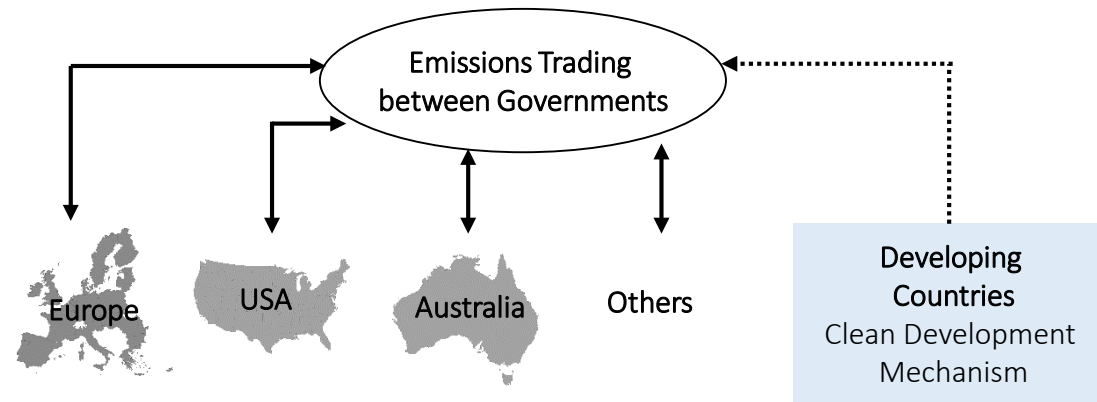
- Project-based emission reduction in non-Annex-B countries
- Certificates (CERs) can be “imported” to Annex-B countries

## Joint Implementation (JI)

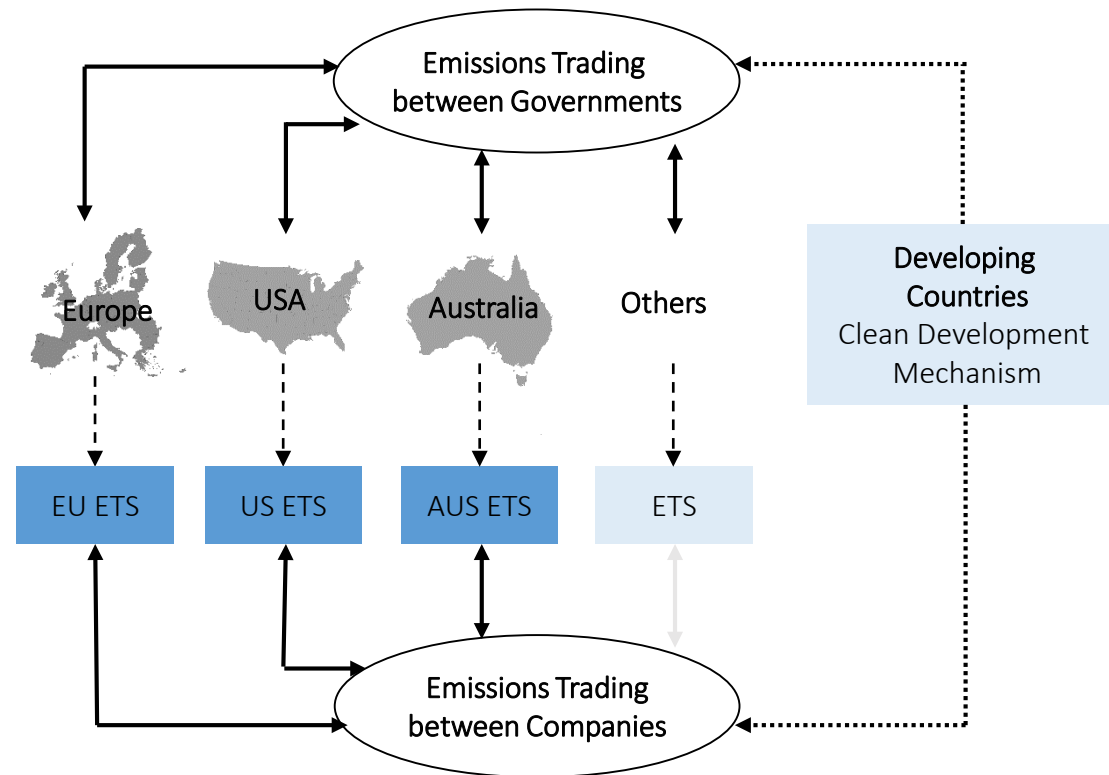
- Project-based emission reduction in Annex-B countries
- Certificates can be “imported” to Annex-B countries
- Only 10% of the size of CDM



# Kyoto Emissions Trading Architecture



# Envisaged Kyoto structure: devolving trading to private sector



Initial idea:  
Devolve govt. trading  
to private sector  
(didn't materialize  
internationally)

# How does your country perform?

**Task: Investigate the state of mitigation using the climate actions tracker**

-> <https://climateactiontracker.org/>

## Questions:

- How does your country perform?
- Where do we get (global temperature increase) based on current policies and actions? Based on pledges and targets? Based on optimistic scenario? -> “The CAT Thermometer”
- How huge is the 2030 emissions gap? -> “CAT emission gap”

# How to reach the 1.5 °C goal?

**Task: Simulate emission scenarios leading to specific temperature increase targets**

-> <https://c-roads.climateinteractive.org/>

## Questions:

- How to get below 2°C?
- How important are the single regions?
- Explore the impacts on other impacts such as sea level rise

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Global warming will severely affect economy and human well-being (negatively)

- Do these impacts not already ‚justify‘ a policy intervention from an economic perspective?

**Economic perspective: No! Not climate impacts justify intervention, but market failures**

- **There is a conceivable outcome where an individual may be made better-off without making someone else worse-off.**



“Climate change is the biggest market failure the world has ever seen.”

(Stern Review 2007)



# Definition: Market Failure

## Market failure

- A situation in which the market-driven allocation of goods and services (i.e., the competitive equilibrium) is not Pareto-efficient (or “Pareto-optimal”)
- That is, there exists another conceivable outcome where an individual may be made better-off without making someone else worse-off

## Market failures can be the results of ...

- ... the nature of a market (interaction)
- ... the nature of a good (missing market, externality)

# Definitions

## **Externality:**

An externality is a cost or benefit caused by a producer that is not financially incurred or received by that producer.

## **Internalization:**

Internalization occurs when a transaction is handled by an entity itself rather than routing it out to someone else.

## **Marginal costs:**

In economics, the marginal cost of production is the change in total production cost that comes from making or producing one additional unit.

# Climate Change as Market Failure

Basic source of market failure: **Externality of producing emissions**

- Every firm can emit carbon dioxide (as by-product of production)
- Emissions cause global warming and climate damages that reduce welfare
- **Emitters do not factor in the damages they cause**

➔ More emissions than socially optimal

➔ There exist a Pareto-improvement which can make everybody better off if less carbon is emitted

# Carbon Pricing vs. Other Policies

## Typical arguments against carbon pricing

- Carbon pricing has played a minor role compared to other policies
- If at all, existing carbon pricing schemes have achieved marginal emission reductions
  - But no break-through technology, no innovation, no investment
- By contrast, Renewable energy subsidies were successful
- Heated debates about the right policy (in academia but also in the public)
- Key evaluation criteria:
  - Effectiveness
  - Efficiency
  - Equity
  - Political feasibility



Source: <http://bostonreview.net/science-nature-politics/matto-mildenberger-leah-c-stokes-trouble-carbon-pricing>

- **In the economic perspective: crucial questions for policy evaluation are**
  - what is (are) the underlying market failures
  - how does a policy address these
  - what are the efficiency gains (or costs) of this policy
  - what are the distributional effects
- **In a broader perspective, key evaluation criteria are**
  - **Environmental effectiveness:** are emissions reduced?
  - **Static cost effectiveness:** are short-term emission reductions achieved at least cost?
  - **Dynamic cost effectiveness:** are long-term emission reductions achieved at least cost (taking innovation and investment into account)?
  - **Distributional impacts:** on population groups, firms, etc.
  - **Feasibility:** administrative requirements, political support

# Make the polluter pay

## 1. Internalizing the climate externality

- a) **Voluntary mitigation & bargaining**
- b) Carbon pricing
- c) Subsidies
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# Voluntary mitigation: The Kantian perspective

## Kantian approach

- Categorical Imperative abridged: „For an action to be moral, it must be that I would be willing to make the maxim (principle) that motivates the action a universal law (i.e. a principle to be followed everywhere and always by rational agents)”
- Everyone should reduce emissions voluntarily?
- Probably: yes
- Challenges

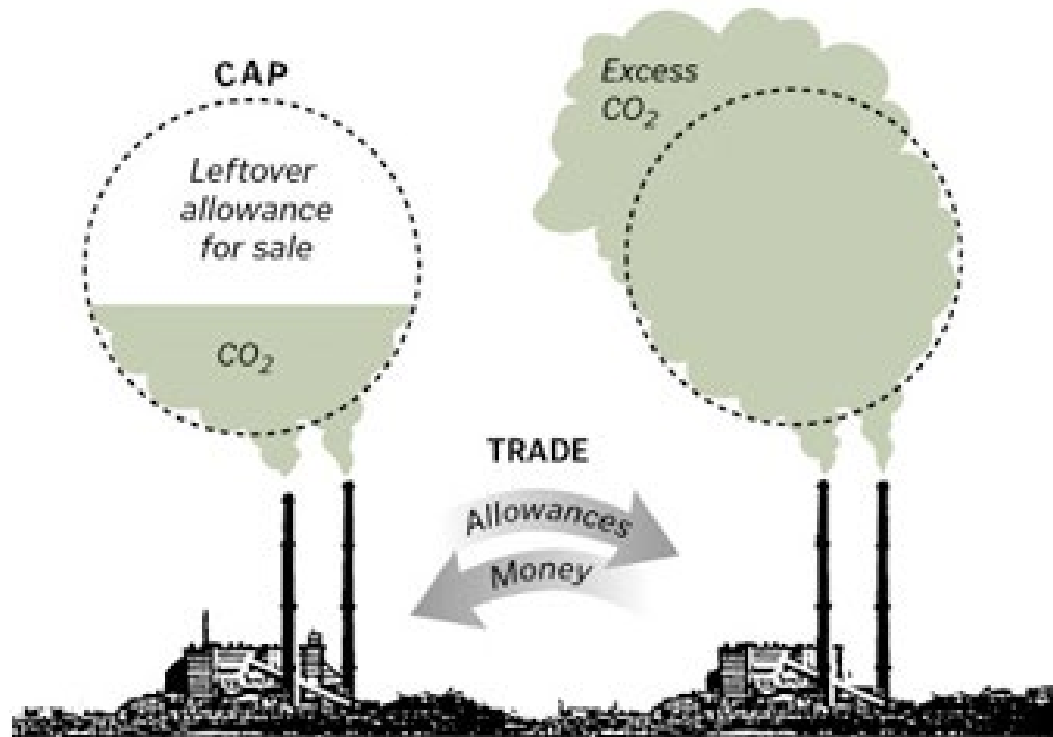
## Knowing about climate change

- (Initially) limited choices: technology and infrastructure context for individual action – restricting consumption as main – very costly – individual reduction option
- High individual costs relative to negligible benefits of individual action
- ...overall, a pretty high moral standard that few individuals appear to pass (would you?)
- **The free rider problem:** the use or overuse by people who aren't paying their fair share for it or aren't paying anything at all.

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# Carbon Trade



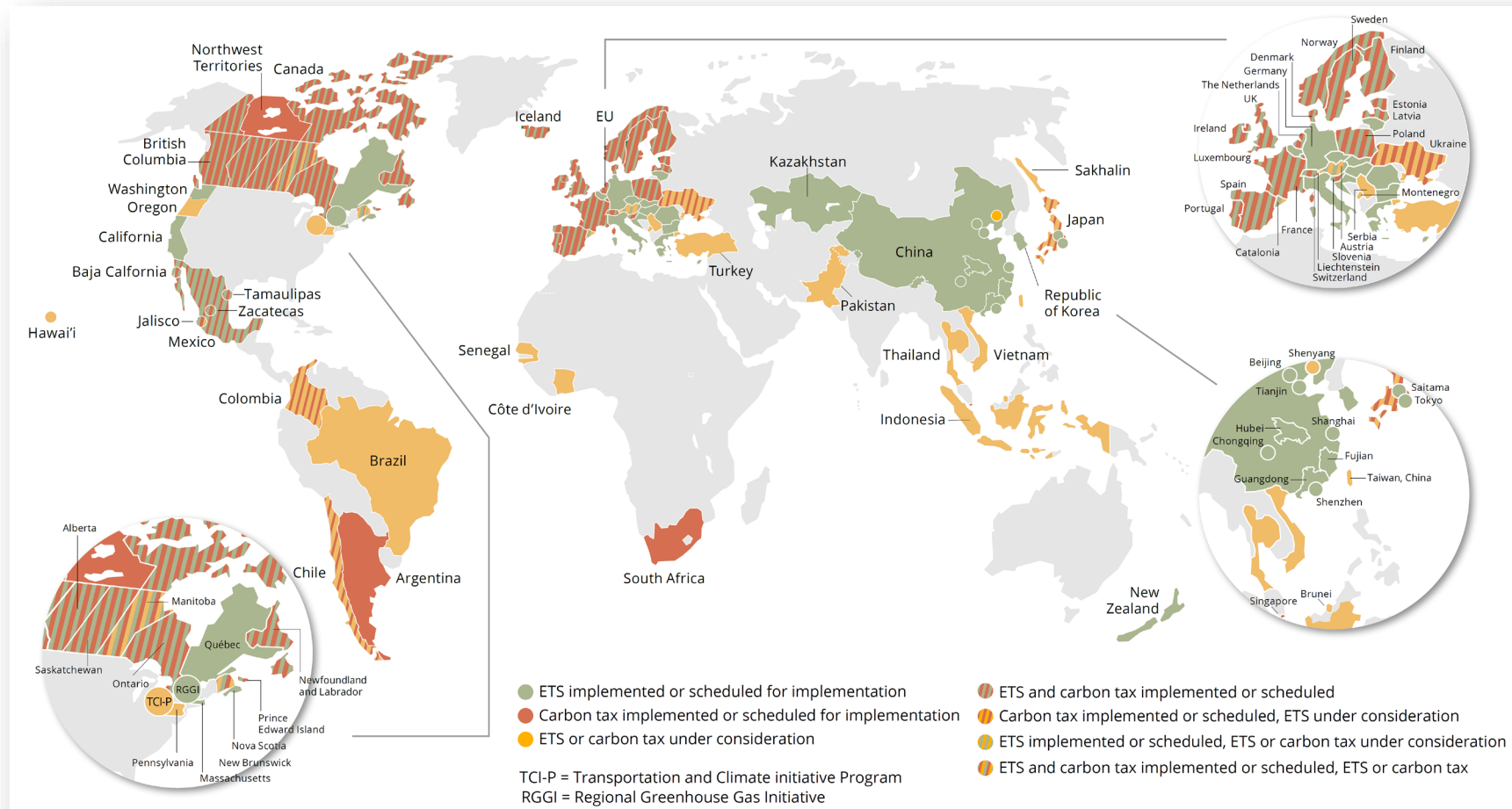
## Cap and Trade

[ˈkɑp (ˈ)ɑn(d) ˈtrɑd]

A common term for a government regulatory program designed to limit, or cap, the total level of emissions of certain chemicals, particularly carbon dioxide, as a result of industrial activity.

 Investopedia

# Countries with carbon pricing in place or scheduled



World Bank 2021

# Greenhouse gas emissions: internalization

Internalization: put a price tag on emissions

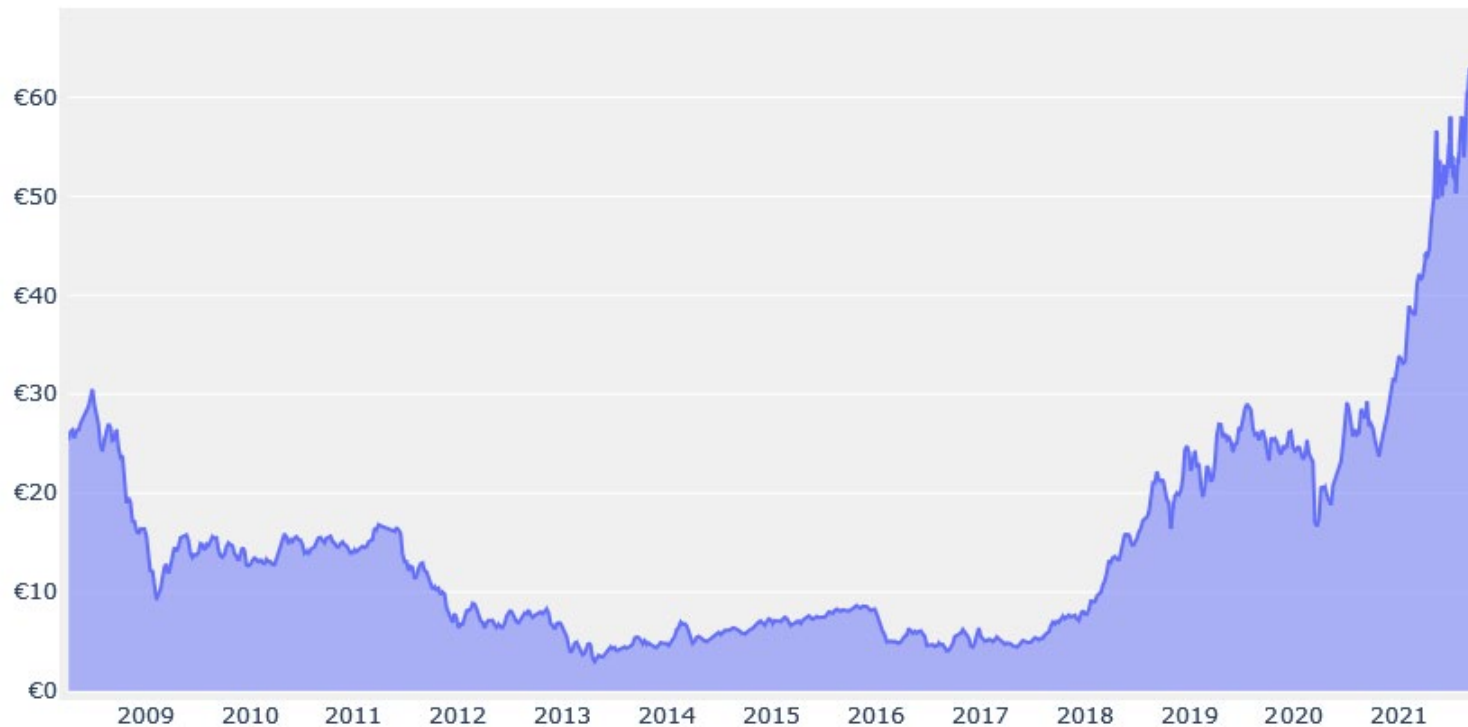
- With the additional price, the utility factors in the negative effects on others
- Consequently, it will emit less

Price should correspond to the damage done (external cost)

- Then, private and social incentives are aligned
- The privately optimized quantity of emissions resembles the planner quantity

# Price of certificates/credits: Indicator for functionality

Prices in EU-ETS



<https://sandbag.be/index.php/carbon-price-viewer/>

Textbook "Environmental Economics":

- the lower the demand / abatement costs, the lower the price
- low prices = low demand -> no problem

Textbook "Transformation":

- Low prices = low incentives to reduce emissions → **big problem**



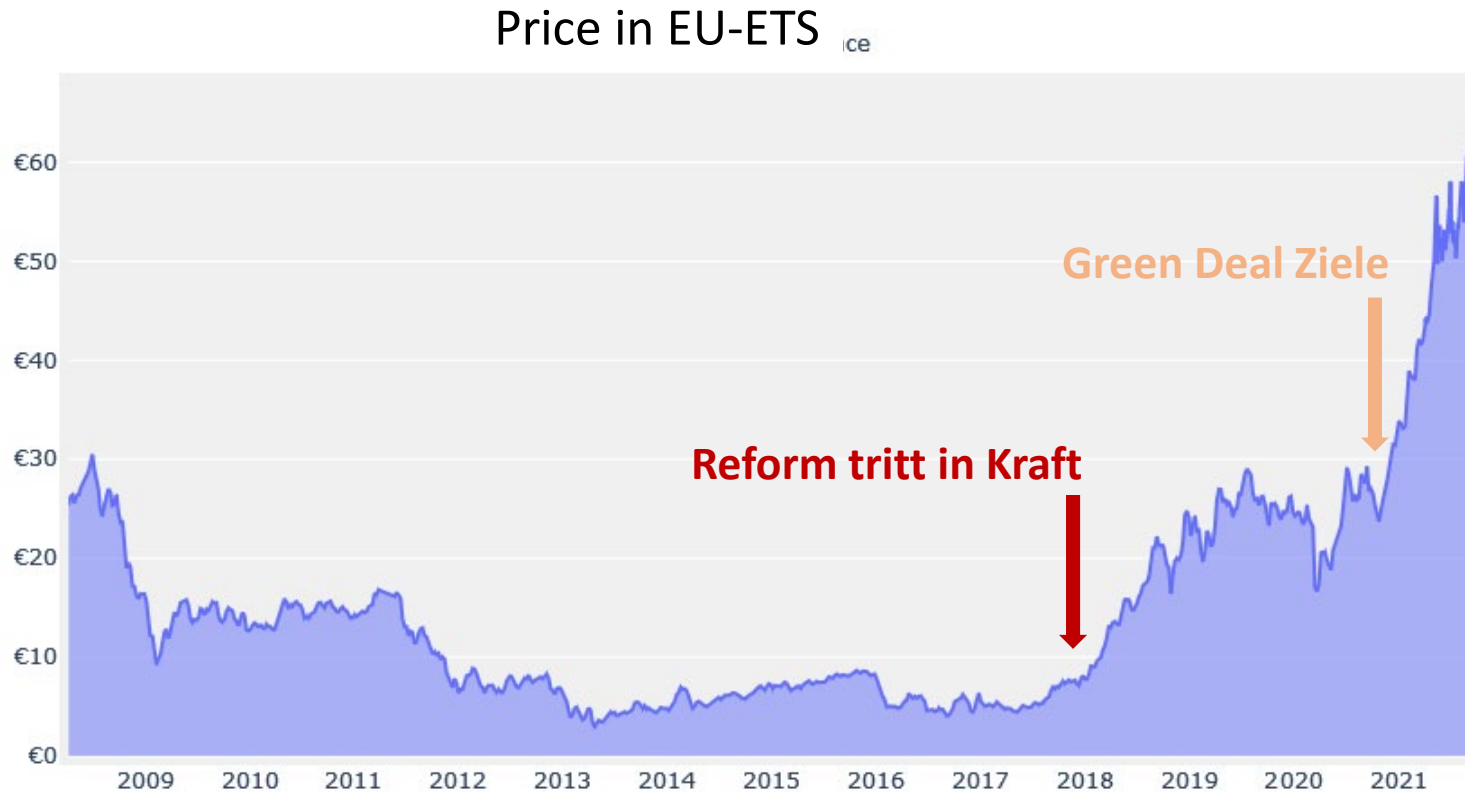
# 2008: Financial crisis reduces demand for certificates

Prices in EU-ETS



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# 2018: Reform of ETS for Phase IV (2021-2030)



- *New deal 2023*
- *Market participants are already pricing in future cancellation (cf. also Green Deal Dec. 2020).*

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# Cap-and-trade schemes in three steps

## 1. Create property rights

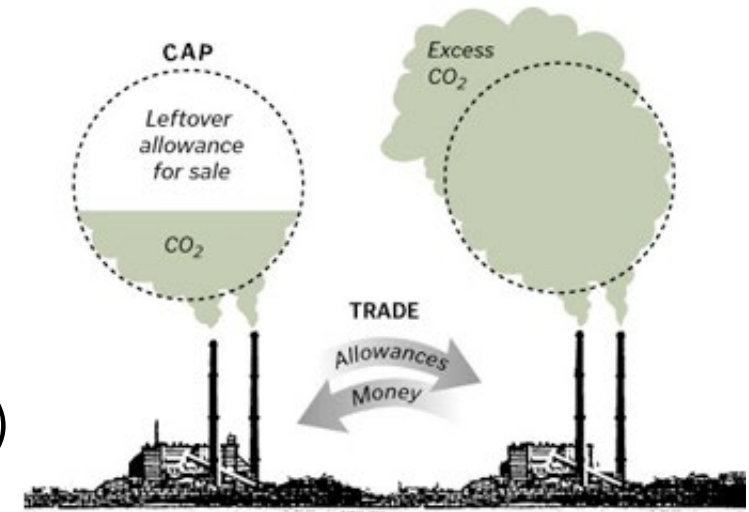
- Create rights to pollute through legislation
- Before: anyone could emit

## 2. Set a cap

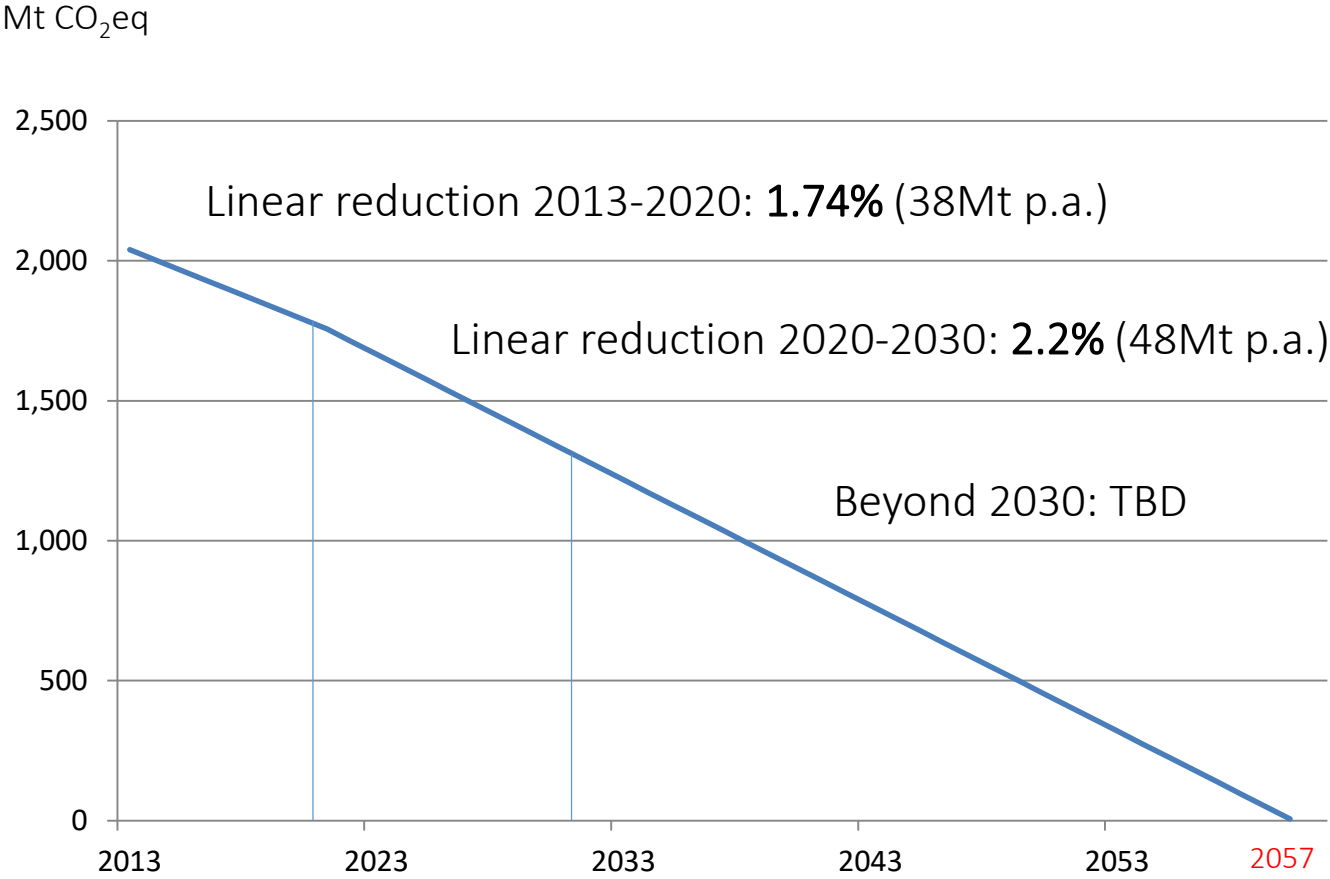
- Government sets an overall limit on emissions (“cap” or “budget”)

## 3. Allow for trading

- Firms can sell or buy permits from other firms at the marketplace
- Governments distribute permits for free or sell them to emitting parties
- The permit price that emerges from the transaction is the price on emissions



# EU ETS cap and mitigation pathway (in principle)



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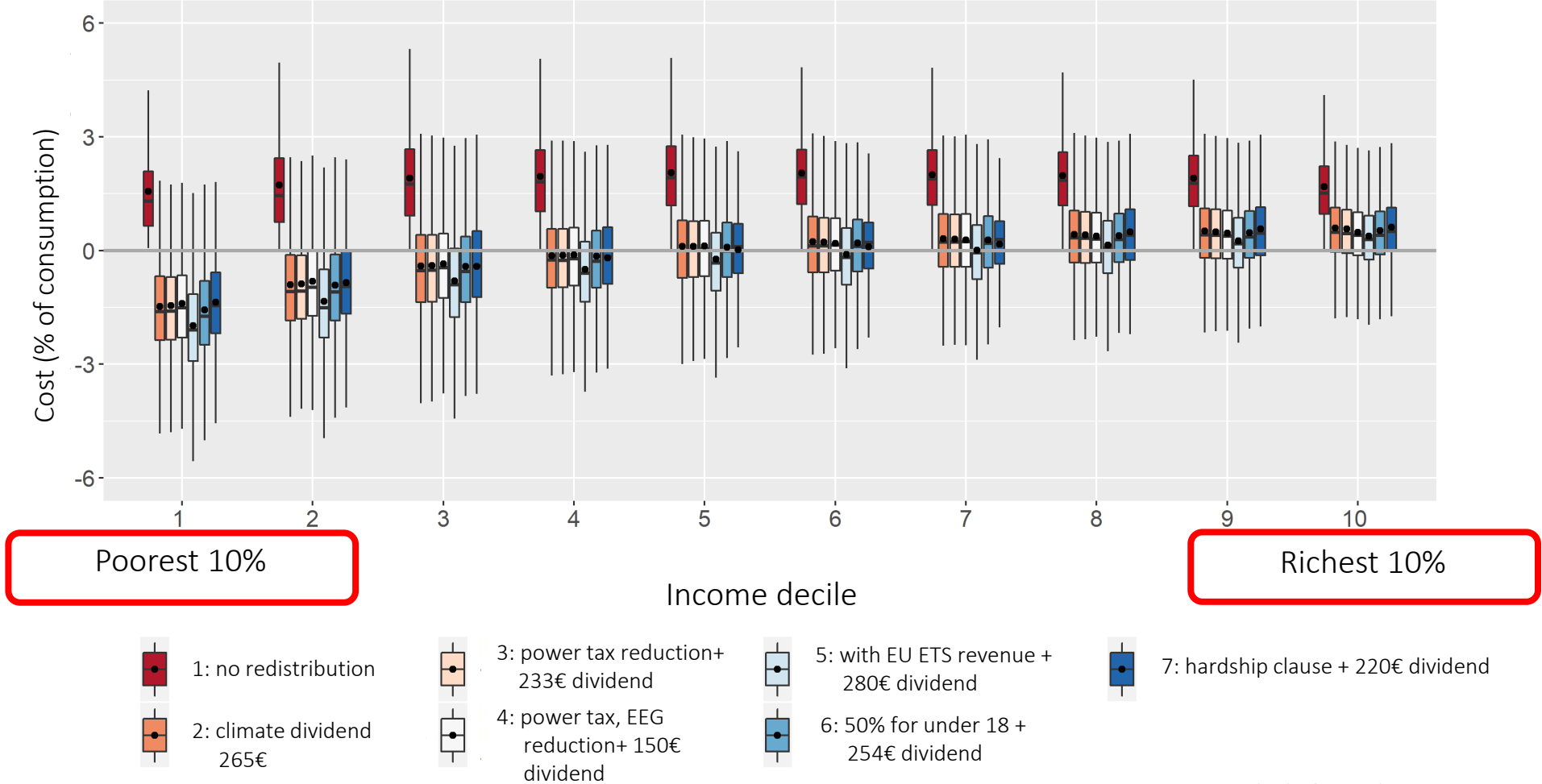
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# Revenue recycling options and distributional impacts

Distributional impacts: Carbon price 130 Euro in 2030 in non-ETS (40 Euro in ETS)





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## Idea: Instead of taxing dirty technologies, subsidize clean technologies

- Often appears politically more attractive – diffuse losers, concentrated winners
- Make clean tech competing with dirty tech economically more attractive
- Up to the point where dirty tech eventually leaves the market
- Does not actually internalize the climate externality – polluter doesn't pay

### Examples:

- Monetary payments & tax breaks for deployment of renewable and energy efficiency technologies (solar panels, wind turbines, electric vehicles, home insulation, ...)
- Monetary payments for phasing-out of GHG emitting technologies (e.g. coal power plant shutdown, cash-for-clunkers, ...)
- Monetary payments, tax breaks, state-funded organizations for basic clean tech research & development

## **Problems of using subsidies to internalize GHG externalities:**

- Government require information about least cost clean technologies and subsidize right technologies at right level – otherwise too much/little deployment, some options not considered
- No incentive to reduce consumption of GHG emitting products other than substituting away
- Rebound effect: Subsidizing clean energy incentivizes additional (cheap) energy consumption

# Let the polluter pay

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# Standards (rules, laws)

## The idea

- Ban, limit or otherwise regulate harmful activity directly

## Command-and-control instruments

- Also “direct regulatory instruments” or “prescriptive regulation”
- Very common form of environmental regulation

## A broad and heterogeneous group of policies

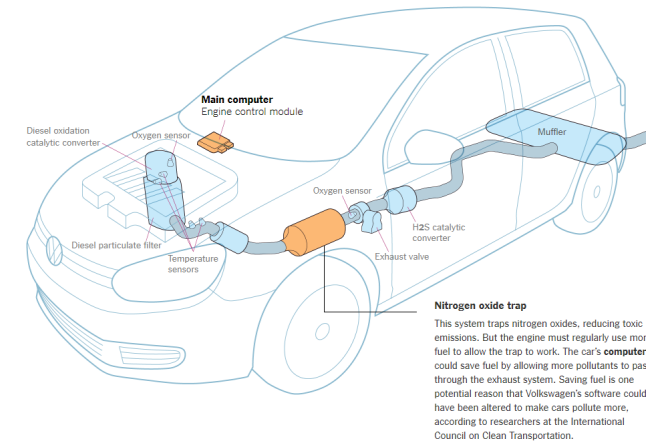
- **Input control:** ban / moratorium on fossil fuel mining
- **Output control:** no firm can emit more than X tons of pollutant Z
- **Bans/limits:** ban on incandescent light bulb, limits on the rating of vacuum cleaners
- **Standards:** vehicle fuel efficiency standards, efficiency requirements for buildings
- **Technology control:** requirement to use a particular method or technology, e.g., catalytic converters in cars, “scrubbers” or CCS in coal-fired power plants
- **Directives to state-owned enterprises (SOEs):** e.g. mandate reducing coal power plant CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, enhance production of renewable energy

# Standards: pro's and con's

- Across the board judgment of such a broad group of policies is difficult
  - Let's try anyway
- Pro: sometimes easier to monitor
  - Installation of catalytic converters in cars is easier to verify than actual emissions while driving
- Pro: can be infused with market elements to resemble price-based instruments
  - For example, tradable renewable portfolio or vehicle performance standards
- Con: requires substantial knowledge on the part of the regulator
  - Firms have heterogeneous costs
  - Information asymmetry: firms have an incentive to hide private costs
- Con: might lack dynamic incentives
  - Can stifle innovation if locking in an existing technology (but can also be well-designed)

# Tempting human ingenuity

- Bans trigger efforts to avoid them
  - Building standards make people try to find ways to sneak around
  - Fuel efficiency standards for cars have lead to massive efforts to cheat
- Prices mean profit opportunities
  - Price incentives create profit opportunities
  - “Do good and become rich”





# Takeaways

- From the climate economics perspective, GHG emissions are an externality to be internalized
- Economists almost virtually universally agree carbon pricing is the best instrument to do the job
- Other instruments (subsidies, standards) less suited because they require government information and face rebound effects
- Multiple instruments are required even in the economics perspective
- Rationale: Additional market (and possibly government) failures
- One instrument per failure – calibrate carefully, which is challenging
- Cost-effectiveness enables maximizing emission reductions and minimizing distributional conflict

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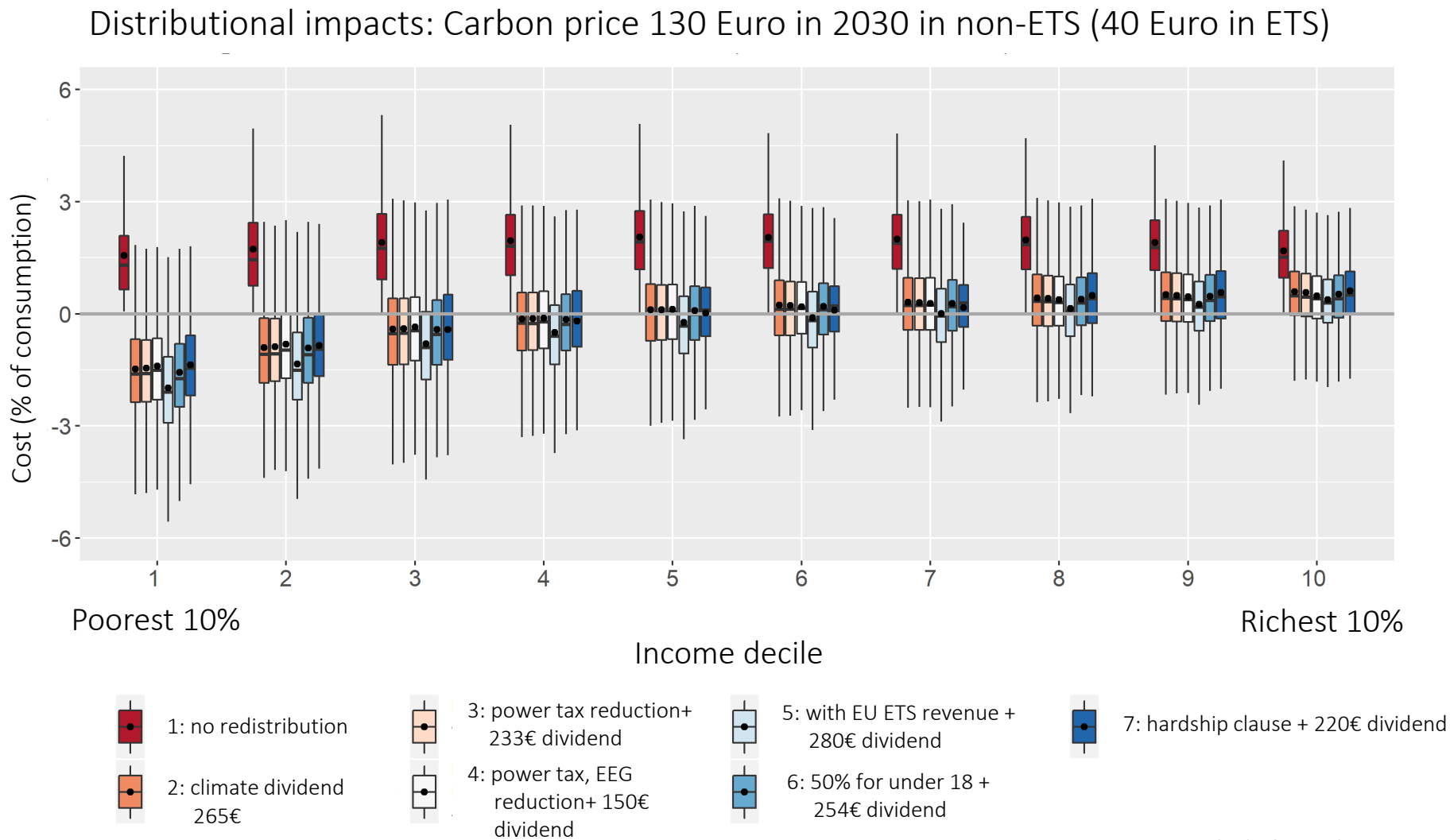
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# Mitigation and adaptation

- Despite mitigation efforts, climate change will continue
- We are in the midst of climate change
- The number and intensity of climate extremes is on the rise
- => We have to adapt!

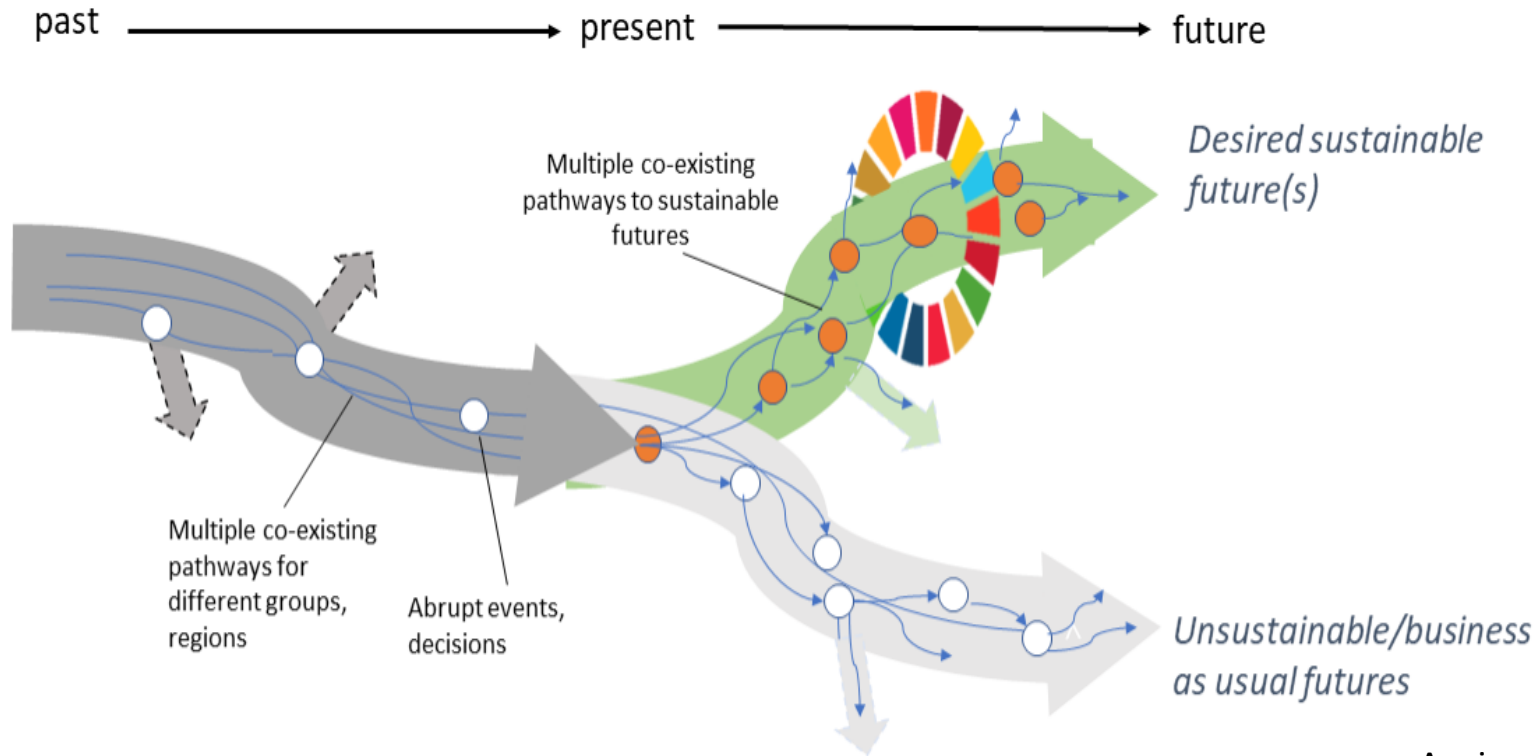
**Ideal are measures combining mitigation and adaptation**

# Comparison of policy instruments for reducing GHG emissions

	Carbon Pricing	Subsidies	Standards
Environmental effectiveness	High - depends on stringency & design (coverage, credibility, ...), price elasticities	Medium – no direct incentive to reduce emissions, depends on stringency & design	High – depends on stringency & design (coverage, ...)
Static cost-effectiveness	Which one do you favour?		
Dynamic cost-effectiveness			
Progressive distributional impacts			
	targeting distributional outcomes	targeting distributional outcomes can be challenging	targeting distributional outcomes can be challenging
Political feasibility	Medium - context-specific, often challenging	High - tend to be widely accepted (at stringency levels in the past)	High - tend to be widely accepted (at stringency levels in the past)

# From a single sustainable future to multiple narratives for SDPs

Reflecting **different perspectives** through **multiple SDPs**

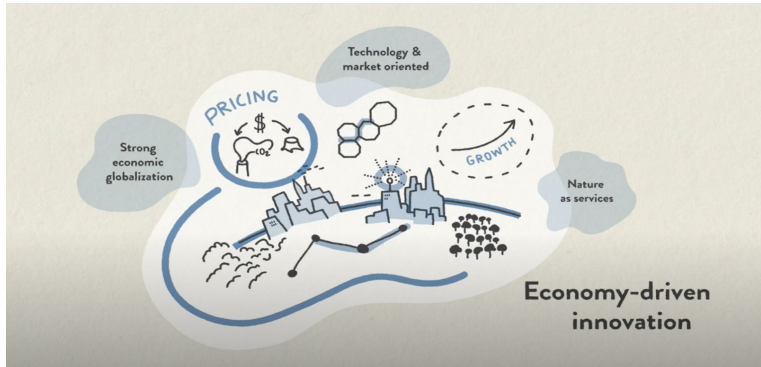


Aguiar *et al.* (2020); Roy *et al.* (2019);  
Fazey *et al.* (2016)

- Holistic coverage of SDG+ space (2030-2050+)
- Combining multiple sub-transformations of human-society-nature systems
- Exploiting synergies and mitigating trade-offs

# SHAPE SDP narratives

reflecting different perspectives on how to pursue SD



## Economy-driven Innovation (SDP-EI)

- Technology and innovation
- Continued economic growth, medium to strong convergence, reduction of inequality
- High demand for material and energy services, very high efficiency



## Resilient Communities (SDP-RC)

- Solidarity, well-being, equitable access to resources
- Post-growth in high-income countries, continued economic growth in Global South, very rapid reduction of inequality
- Lifestyle change, low material consumption patterns



## Managing the Global Commons (SDP-MC)

- Strong international & national institutions
- Moderate economic growth, fast reductions of inequality
- Medium demand for material and energy services, orientation towards human services, high recycling rates



# Adaptation and mitigation in cities





# Adaptation in cities - Examples



Sponge city/urban district in Berlin  
Infiltration leads to groundwater  
recharge and prevention of flash floods

Green roofs for cooling and  
production  
<https://unhabitat.org/programme/city-resilience-profiling-programme>





# Adaptation in cities - Examples





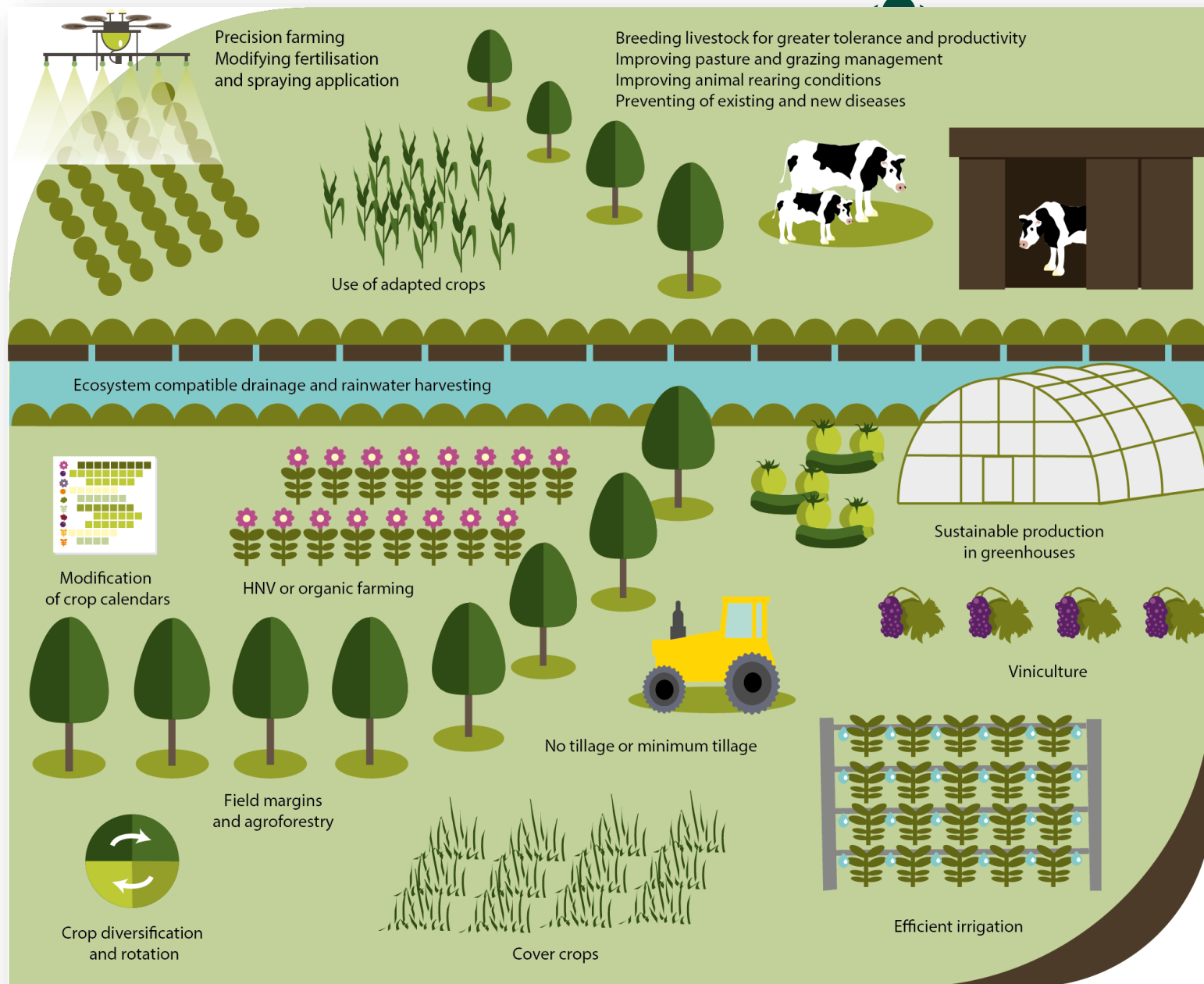
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## CLIMATE SOLUTIONS FOR AFRICAN CITIES

Urban low emission development can transform the fabric of our cities to become climate resilient. These sustainable urban communities are clean, safe and inclusive and allow people, nature and local enterprise to flourish.



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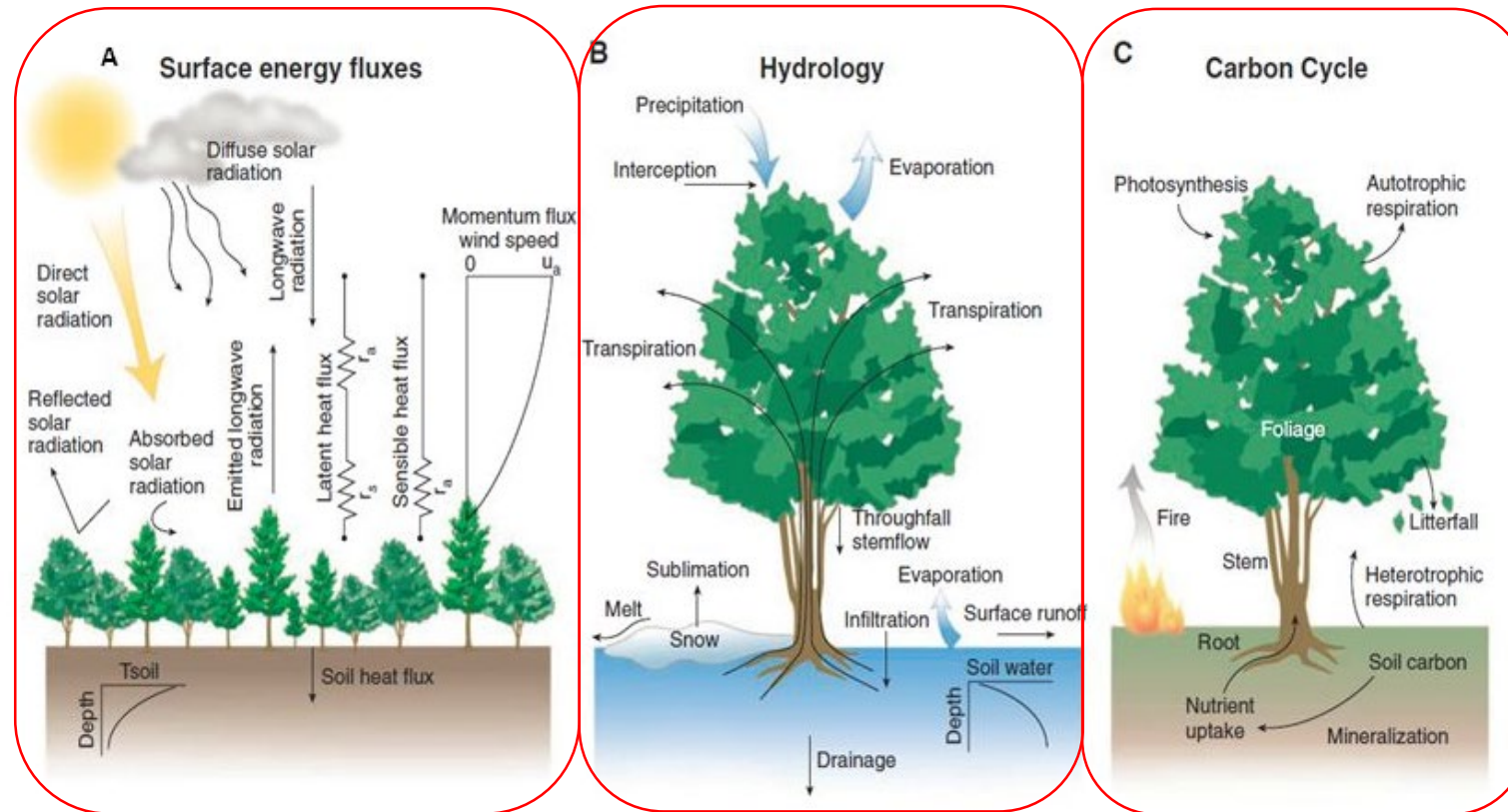
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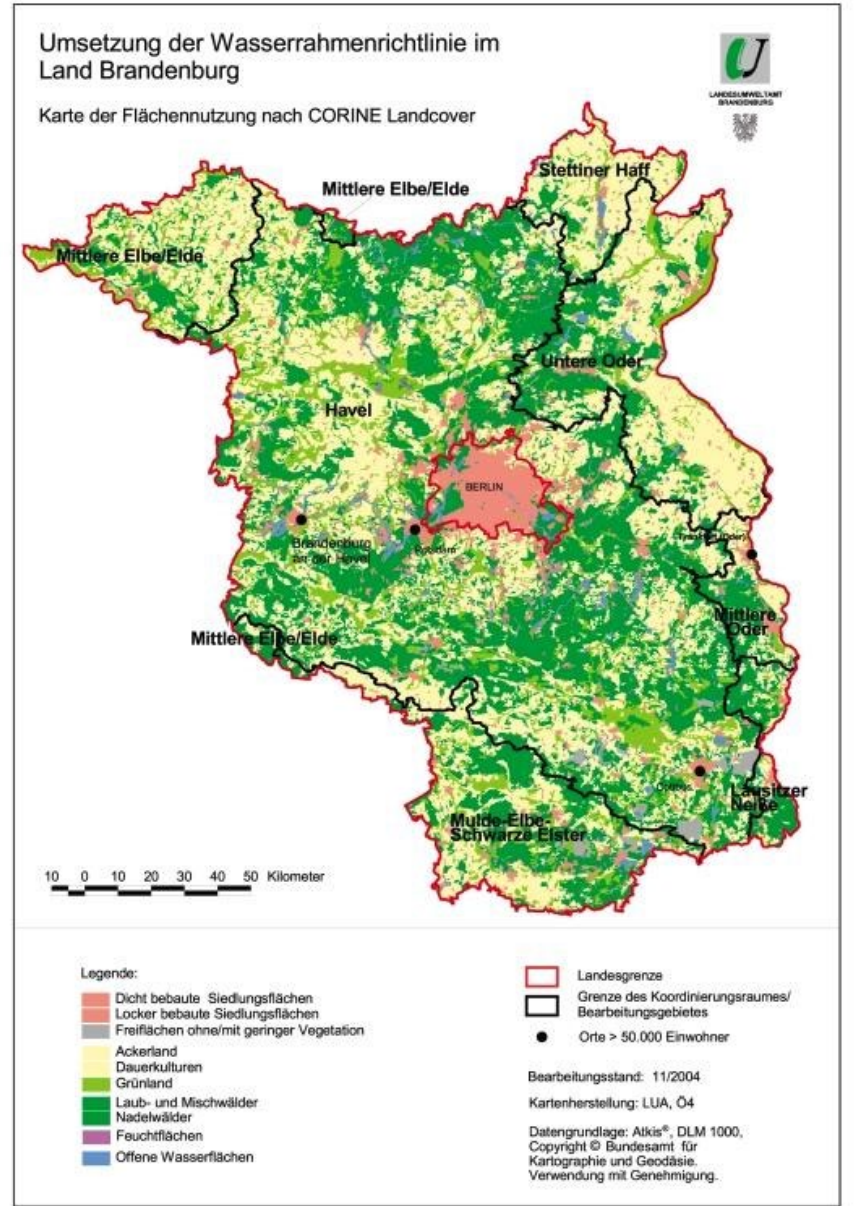
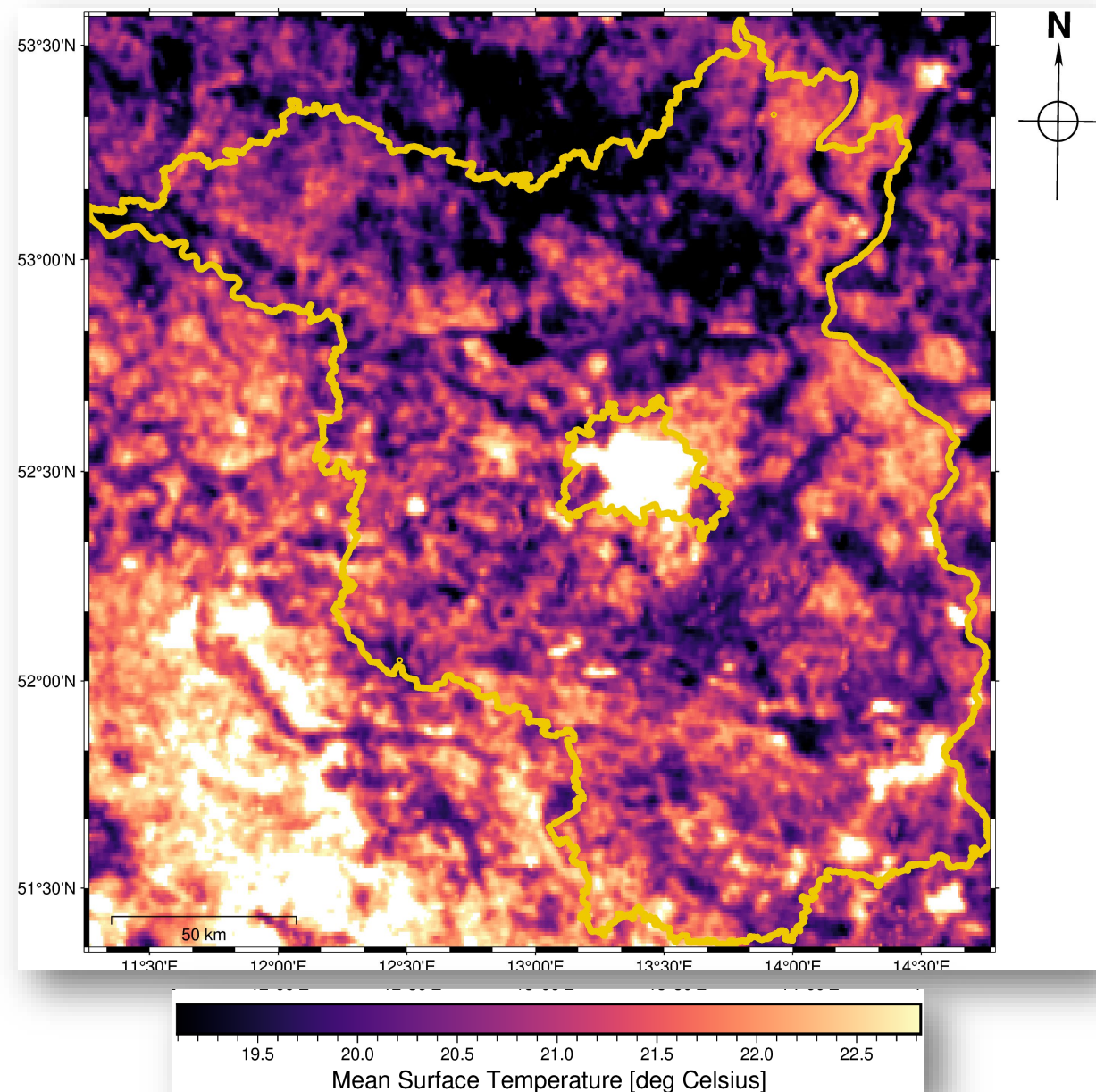
# Adaptation and mitigation: the role of vegetation



Source: Bonan et al. 2008



# Thermal photo (Landsat, August)



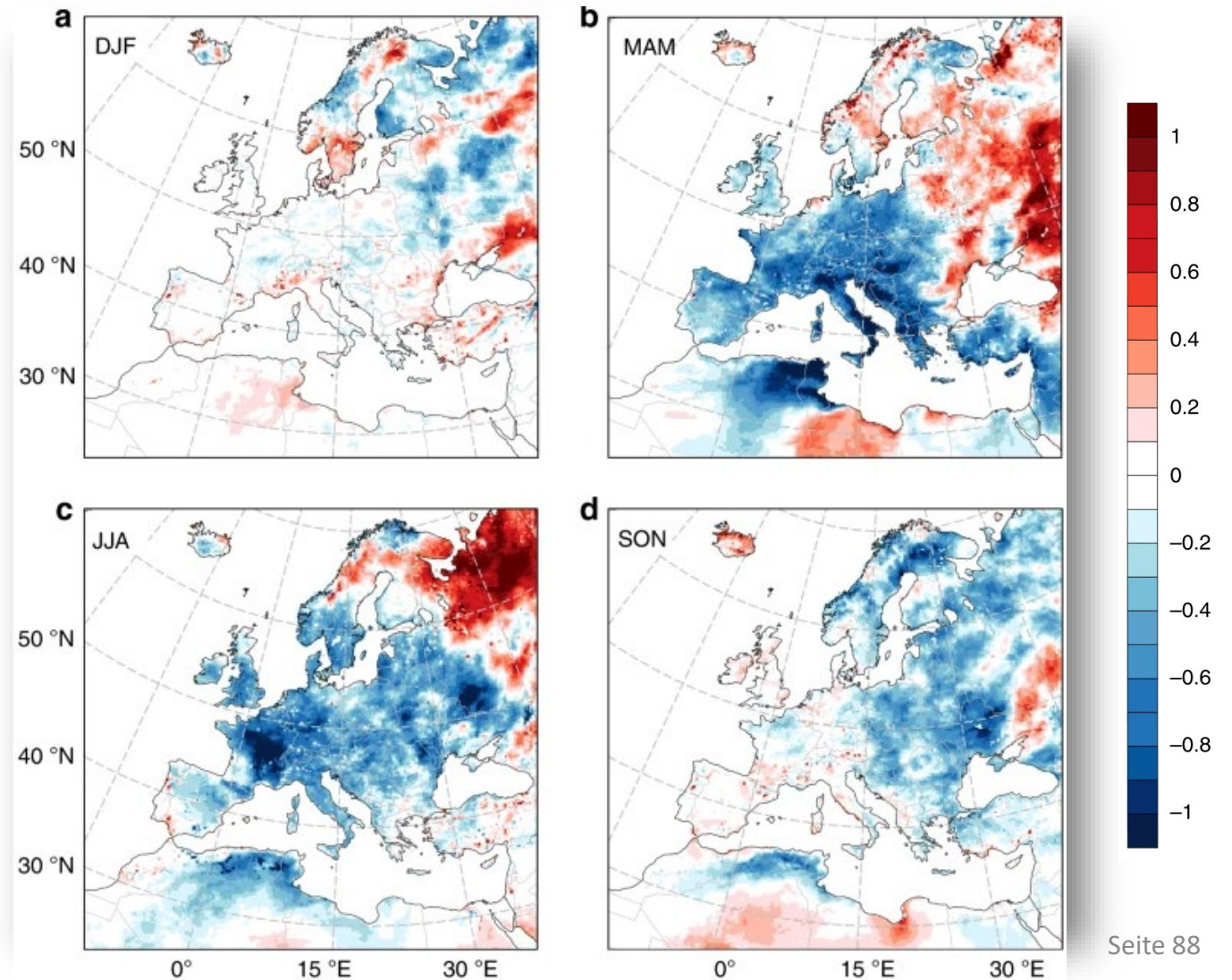


# Predominant regional biophysical cooling from recent land cover changes in Europe (Huang et al. 2020, *Nature Communications*)

From 1992 to 2015, approximately 25 Mha of agricultural land was left abandoned. **Declines in agricultural land mostly occurred in favor of forests (15 Mha, 7 Mha of net gain) and urban settlements (8 Mha).**

Two simulations with the land cover in 1992 and 2015 are performed and the resulting relative differences in 2-m air temperature and surface air humidity investigated.

Regional climate model WRF (Weather Research and Forecasting model)



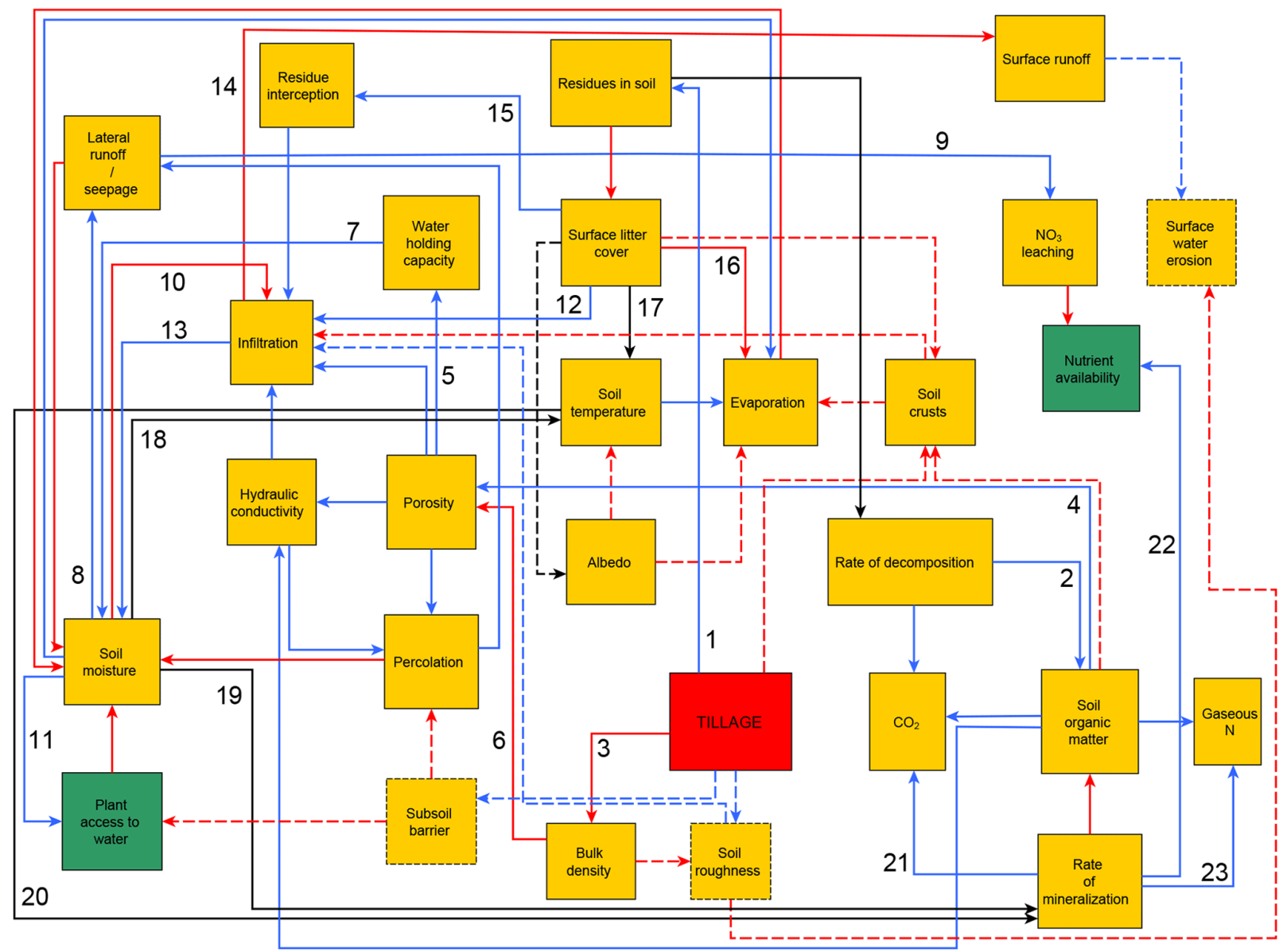


# How should a landscape look like / be composed to be climate resilient and still providing basic ecosystem services such as water, food and protection?



-> climate landscapes?

# Management for climate mitigation



# Suggestions for presentations

1. Smart mitigation in the energy sector
2. Geo-engineering: pros and cons
3. Mitigation in the agricultural sector
4. Mitigation in the forest sector
5. Mitigation across sectors
6. Climate landscapes

Tomorrow we meet in the front of building A62:

**Legend:**

- Blue: Helmholtz Centre Potsdam German Research Centre for Geosciences - GFZ
- Light Blue: Alfred Wegener Institute, Helmholtz Centre for Polar and Marine Research (AWI)
- Orange: Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK)
- Red: Leibniz Institute for Astrophysics Potsdam (AIP)
- Grey: Germany's National Meteorological Service Potsdam (DWD)
- Green: Buildings in shared use

**Map Labels:**

- Forest House
- "GeoBioLab" under construction
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- House B
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# Bargaining: The Coase Theorem

- Ronald Coase (1960): *The Problem of Social Cost*
  - Chicago Law School
- The idea (Coase Theorem)
  - Under certain conditions, parties trade and reach the efficient outcome – without state intervention
  - Not even Coase thought the Coase theorem applies on most cases
- Conditions
  - Well-defined property rights
  - Limited transaction costs
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Ronald Coase (1910 – 2013), Nobel Laureate 1991

# Annex B of the Kyoto Protocol

Country	Kyoto target 2008-2012 (percent change from 1990 emissions)	Projected emissions in 2000 (percentage change from 1990 emissions)
Australia	+8	+15
Bulgaria	-8	-28
Canada	-6	+10
Croatia	-5	na
Estonia	-8	-46
European Union	-8	+3
Hungary	-6	-18
Iceland	+10	+5
Japan	-6	+4
Latvia	-8	-26
Liechtenstein	-8	+18
Lithuania	-8	na
Monaco	-8	na
New Zealand	0	+16
Norway	+1	+11
Poland	-6	-17
Romania	-8	na
Russian Federation	0	-17
Slovakia	-8	-16
Slovenia	-8	na
Switzerland	-8	-3
Ukraine	0	na
United States	-7	+4