

Climate change: Understanding and acting

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The Essential Truth About Climate Change in Ten Words

The basic facts of climate change, established over decades of research, can be summarized in five key points:

IT'S REAL

IT'S US

EXPERTS AGREE

IT'S BAD

THERE'S HOPE

Global warming is happening.

Human activity is the main cause.

There's scientific consensus on human-caused global warming.

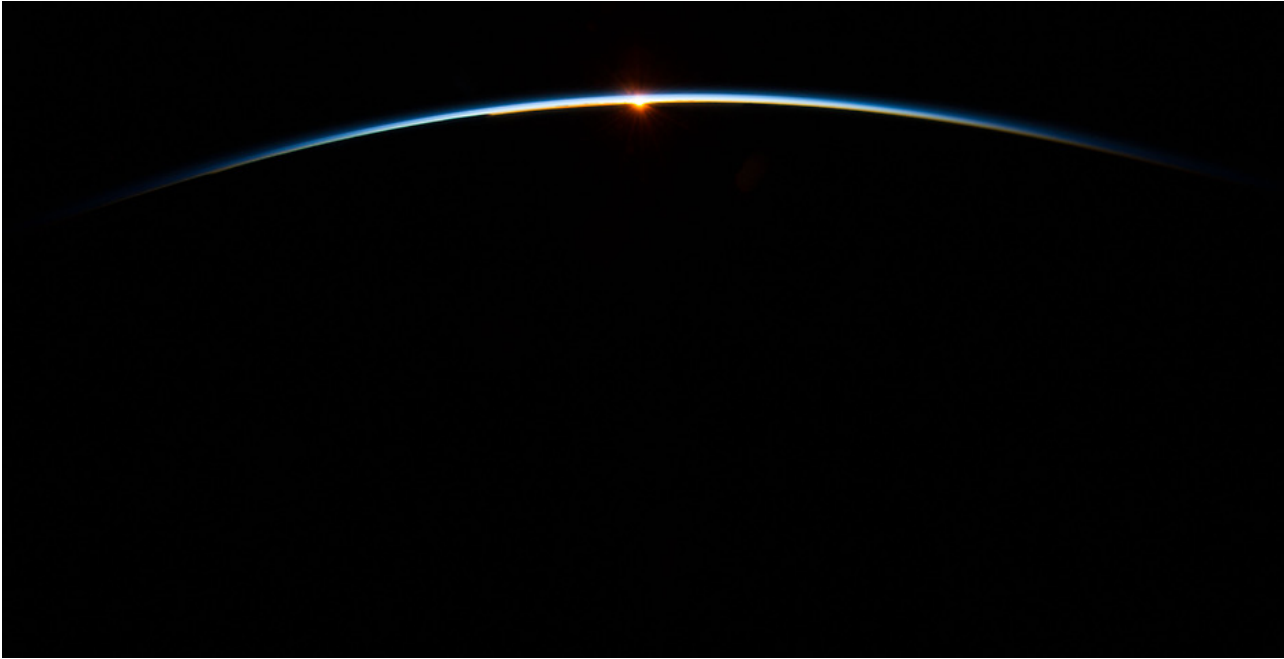
The impacts are serious and affect people.

We have the technology needed to avoid the worst climate impacts.



Felix Schaad (Tages Anzeiger, Switzerland)

Our atmosphere is thin and fragile (as seen by ISS crew on 31 July 2013)



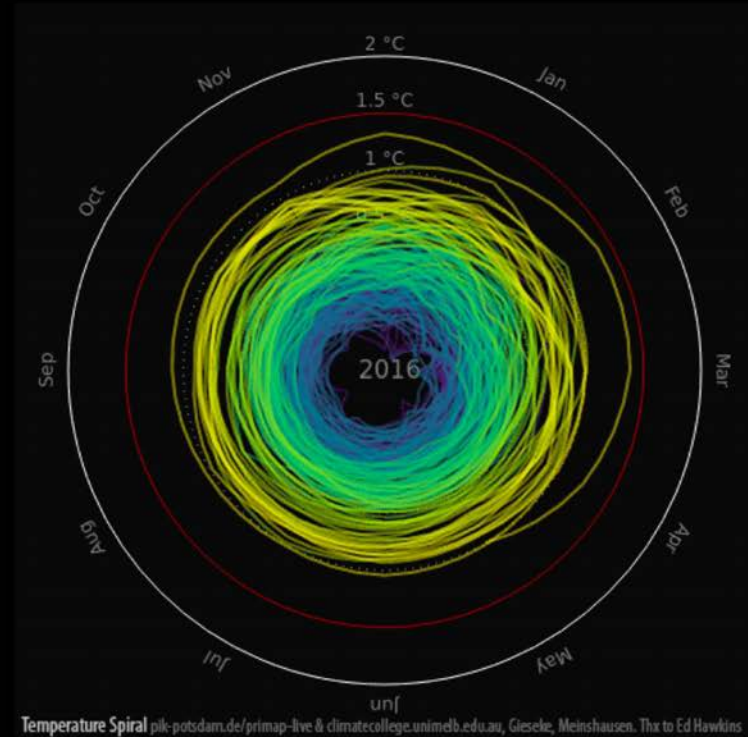
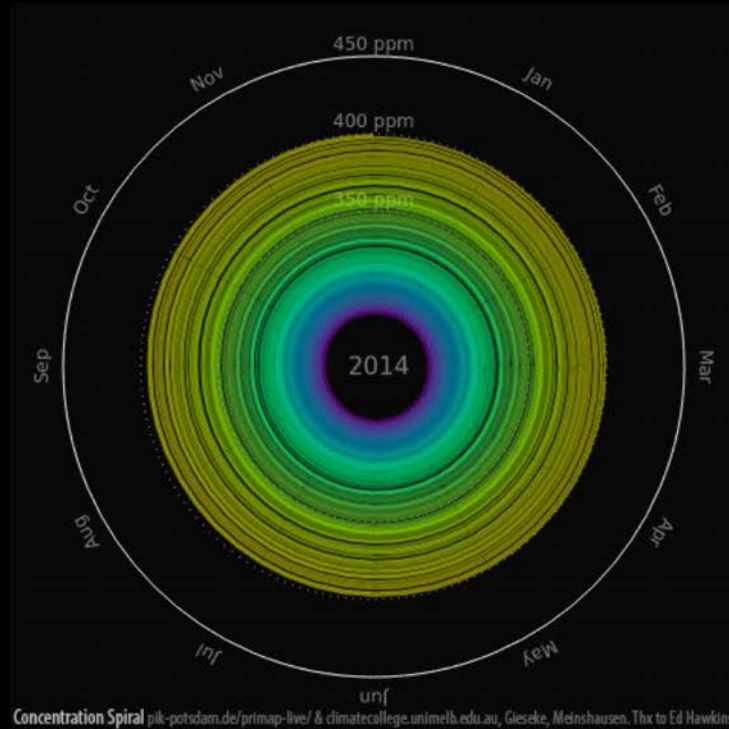
Source: NASA

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Fact: Because we use the atmosphere as a free dustbin for our greenhouse gases, we thicken the thermal insulation layer around the planet

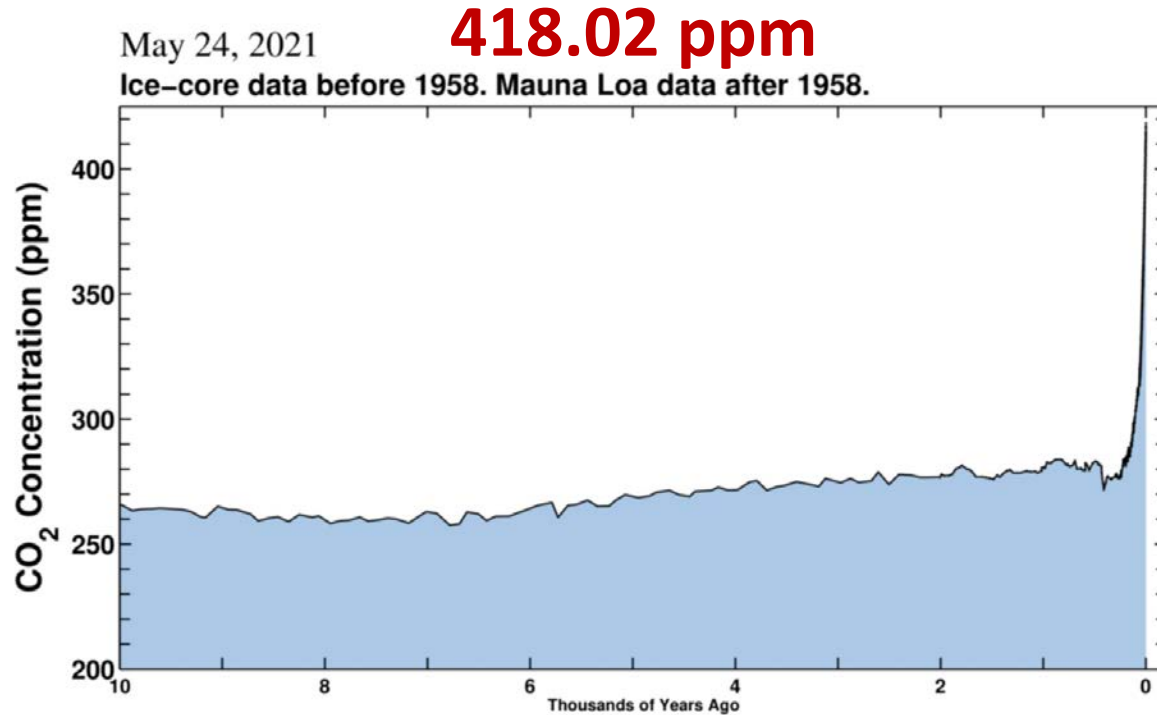
That is why we must cut emissions to net ZERO as soon as possible

CO₂ Concentration and Temperature spirals



CO₂ Concentration since 1850 and Global Mean Temperature in °C relative to 1850 – 1900
Graph: Ed Hawkins (Climate Lab Book) – Data: HadCRUT4 global temperature dataset
Animation available on <http://openclimatedata.net/climate-spirals/concentration-temperature/>

CO₂ Concentration 24 May 2021 (Keeling curve + last 10000 years)

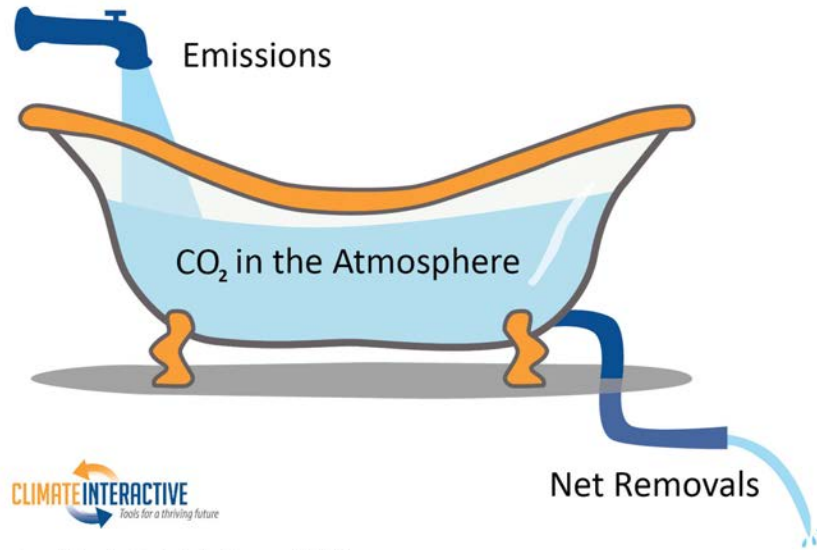


Source: scripps.ucsd.edu/programs/keelingcurve/

Fact: The changing composition of the atmosphere and the resulting climate change are due to our usage of fossil fuels, cement, and to deforestation

The science about this is now crystal clear

The Carbon Bathtub



Overall framing by Dr. John Sterman, MIT Sloan

Source: @CarbonInteractive

Climatic Change: Are We on the Brink of a Pronounced Global Warming? (Broecker, 1975)

Table 1. Reconstruction and prediction of atmospheric CO₂ contents based on fuel consumption data.

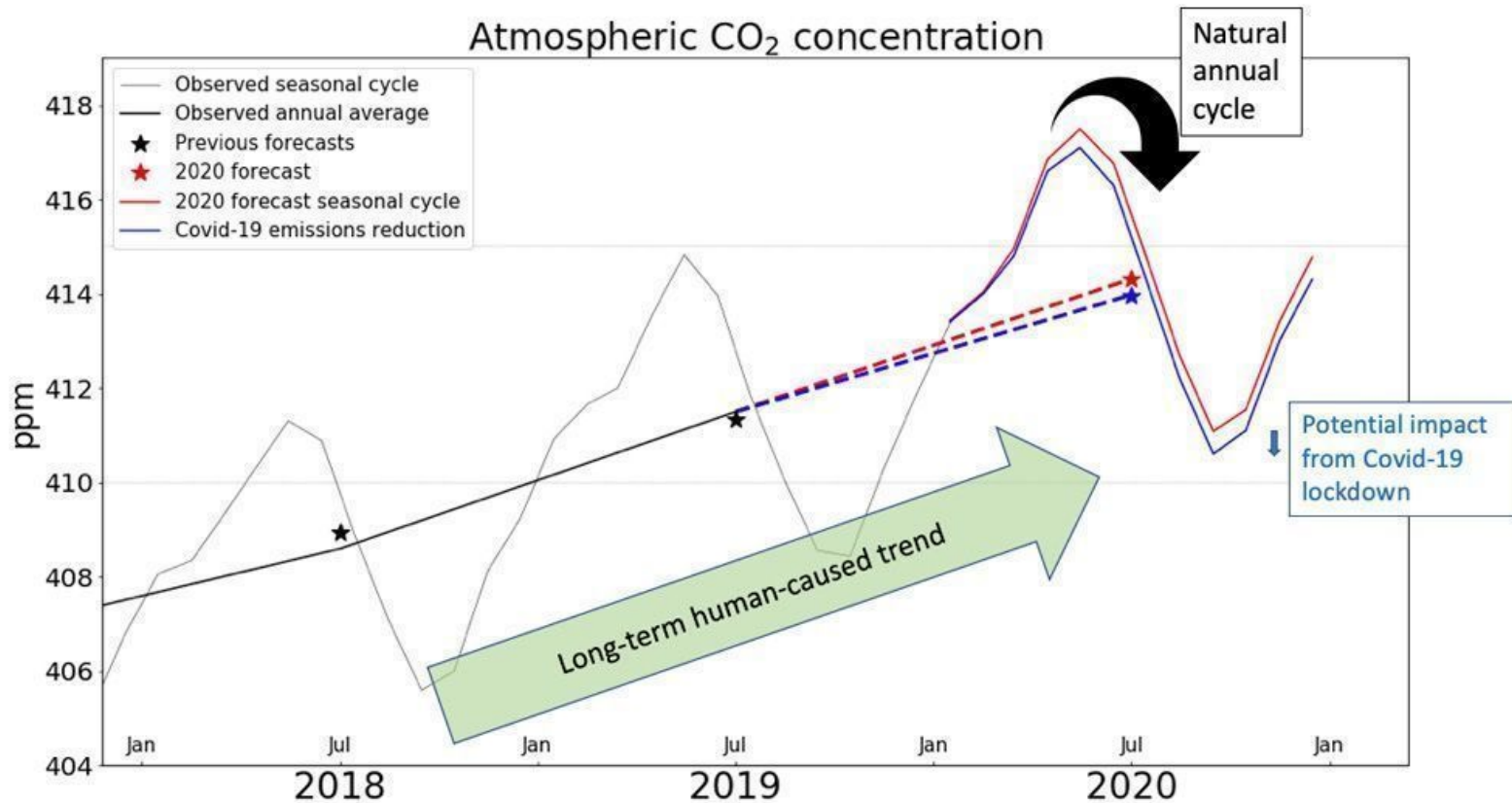
Year	Chemical fuel CO ₂ (× 10 ¹⁶ g)	Excess atmo- spheric CO ₂ * (× 10 ¹⁶ g)	Excess atmo- spheric CO ₂ (%)	Excess atmo- spheric CO ₂ (ppm)	CO ₂ content of the atmosphere† (ppm)	Global temper- ature increase‡ (°C)
1900	3.8	1.9	0.9	2	295	0.02
1910	6.3	3.1	1.4	4	297	.04
1920	9.7	4.8	2.2	6	299	.07
1930	13.6	6.8	3.1	9	302	.09
1940	17.9	8.9	4.1	12	305	.11
1950	23.3	11.6	5.3	16	309	.15
1960	31.2	15.6	7.2	21	314§	.21
1970	44.0	22.0	10.2	29	322§	.29
1980	63	31	14	42	335	.42
1990	88	44	20	58	351	.58
2000	121	60	28	80	373	.80
2010	167	83	38	110	403	1.10

*On the assumption that 50 percent of the CO₂ produced by the burning of fuel remains in the atmosphere.

†The preindustrial atmospheric partial pressure of CO₂ is assumed to be 293 ppm. ‡Assumes a 0.3°C global temperature increase for each 10 percent rise in the atmospheric CO₂ content. §Value observed on Hawaii for 1960, 314 ppm; value for 1970, 322 ppm (8).

|| Post-1972 growth rate taken to be 3 percent per year.

« Covid19 »: a very small effect on CO₂ concentration



Why the IPCC ?

Established by WMO and UNEP in 1988

to provide **policy-makers**
with an **objective source of**
information about

- causes of climate change,
- potential environmental and socio-economic impacts,
- possible response options (adaptation & mitigation).

WMO=World Meteorological
Organization

UNEP= United Nations Environment
Programme



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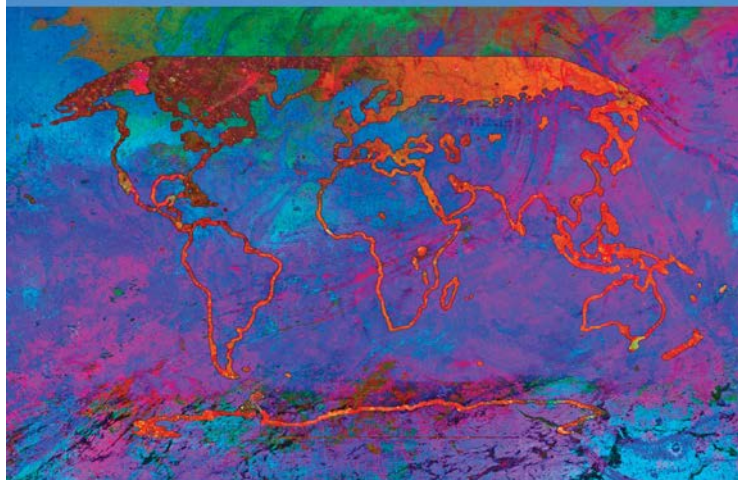
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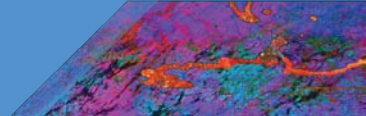
Summary for Policymakers



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28% women, **72%** men

30% new to the **IPCC**

Review Process

14,000 scientific publications
assessed

78,000+ review comments

46 countries commented on Final
Government Distribution

**Human influence
has warmed the
climate at a rate that
is unprecedented in
at least the last 2000
years**

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

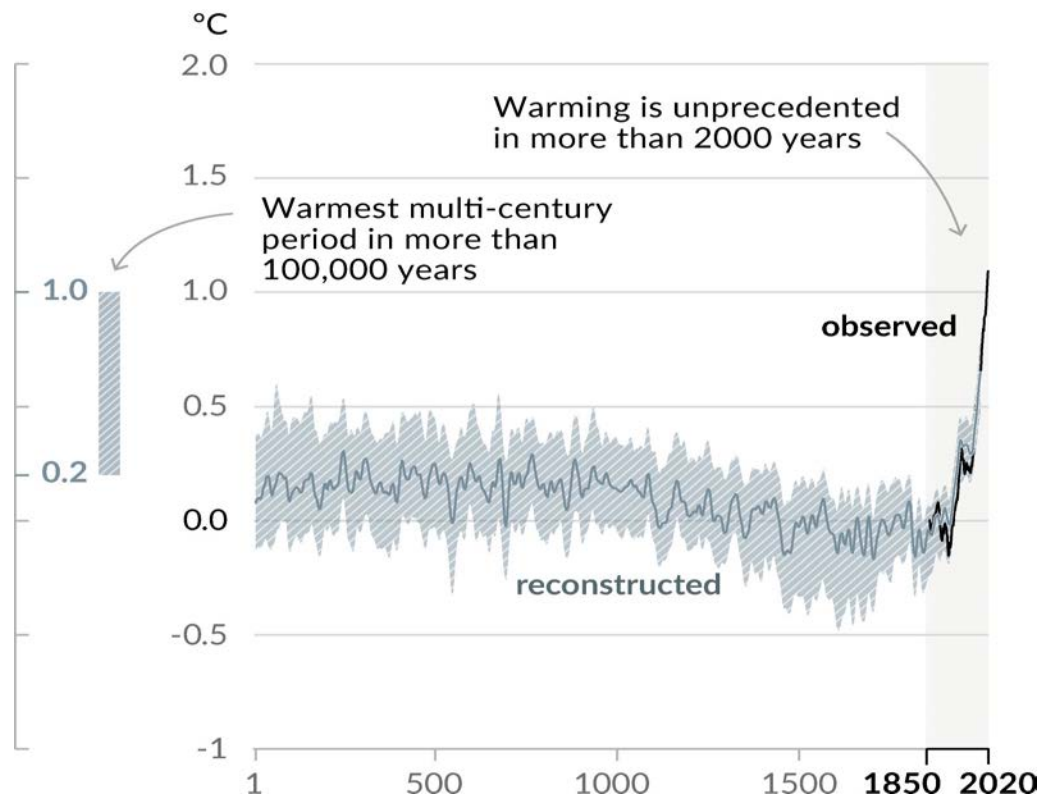


Figure SPM.1

Progression of Understanding: Greater and Greater Certainty in Attribution

AR1 (1990): “unequivocal detection not likely for a decade”

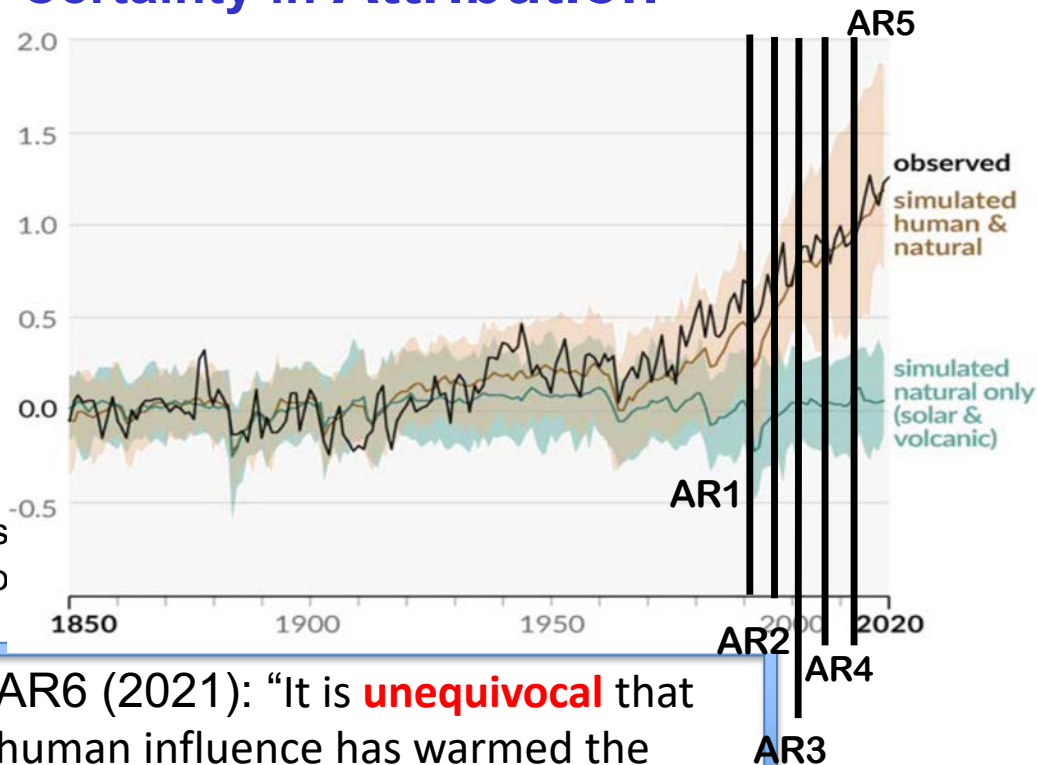
AR2 (1995): “balance of evidence suggests **discernible** human influence”

AR3 (2001): “most of the warming of the past 50 years is **likely** (odds 2 out of 3) due to human activities”

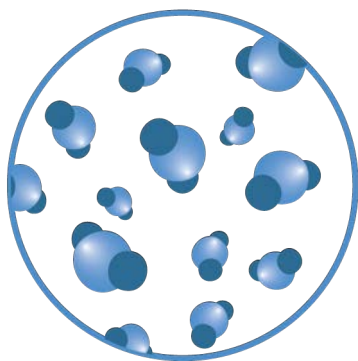
AR4 (2007): “most of the warming is **very likely** (odds 9 out of 10) due to greenhouse gases”

AR5 (2013) «It is **extremely likely** (odds 95 out of 100) that human influence has been the dominant cause... »

AR6 (2021): “It is **unequivocal** that human influence has warmed the atmosphere, ocean, and land.”



CO₂
concentration



Highest

in at least

2 million years

Sea level
rise



Fastest rates

in at least

3000 years

Arctic sea ice
area



Lowest level

in at least

1000 years

Glaciers
retreat



Unprecedented

in at least

2000 years

Human-induced climate change is already affecting many weather and climate extremes in every region across the globe



Extreme heat

More frequent

More intense



Heavy rainfall

More frequent

More intense



Drought

Increase in some regions



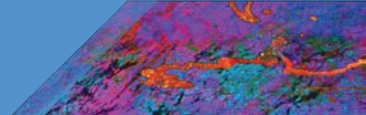
Fire weather

More frequent



Ocean

Warming
Acidifying
Losing oxygen



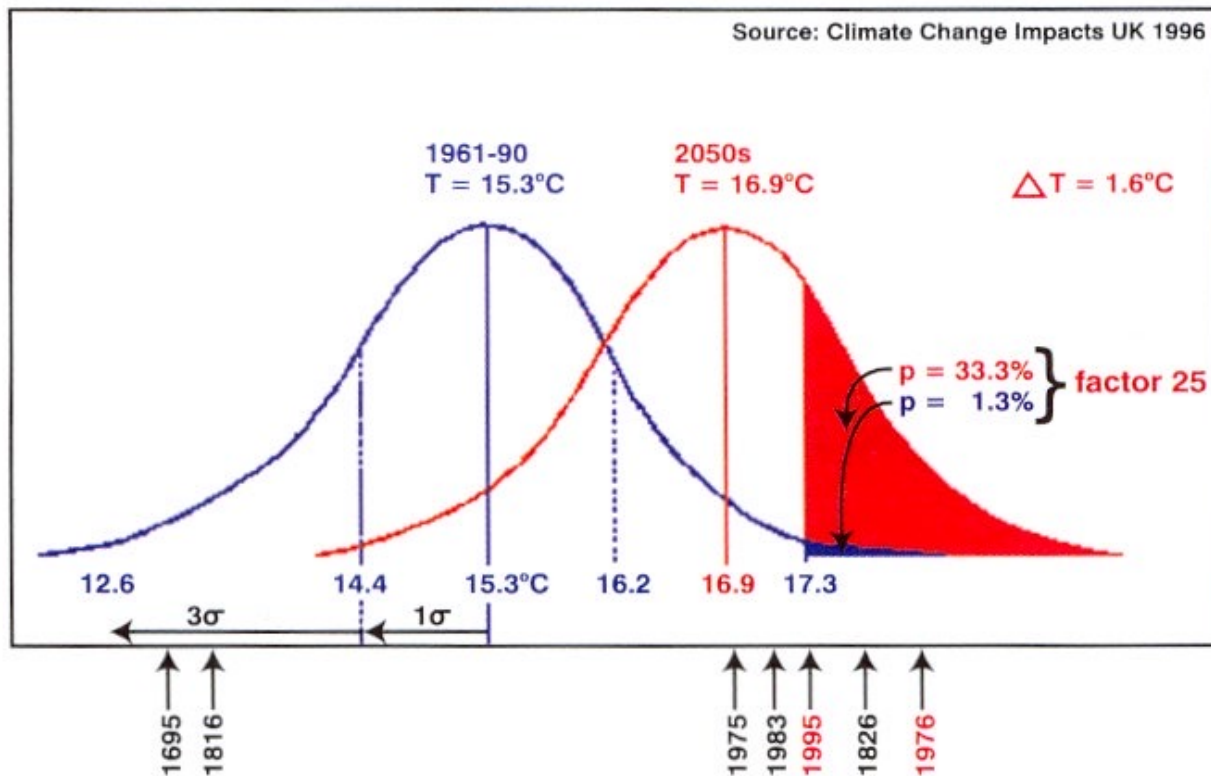
A.3 Human-induced climate change is already affecting many weather and climate extremes in every region across the globe

It is virtually certain that **hot extremes** (including heatwaves) have become more frequent and more intense across most land regions since the 1950s

The frequency and intensity of **heavy precipitation** events have increased since the 1950s over most land area (...) (high confidence), and human-induced climate change is likely the main driver.

Increasing Probabilities of Extremes

Example: Summer Temperatures in Central England

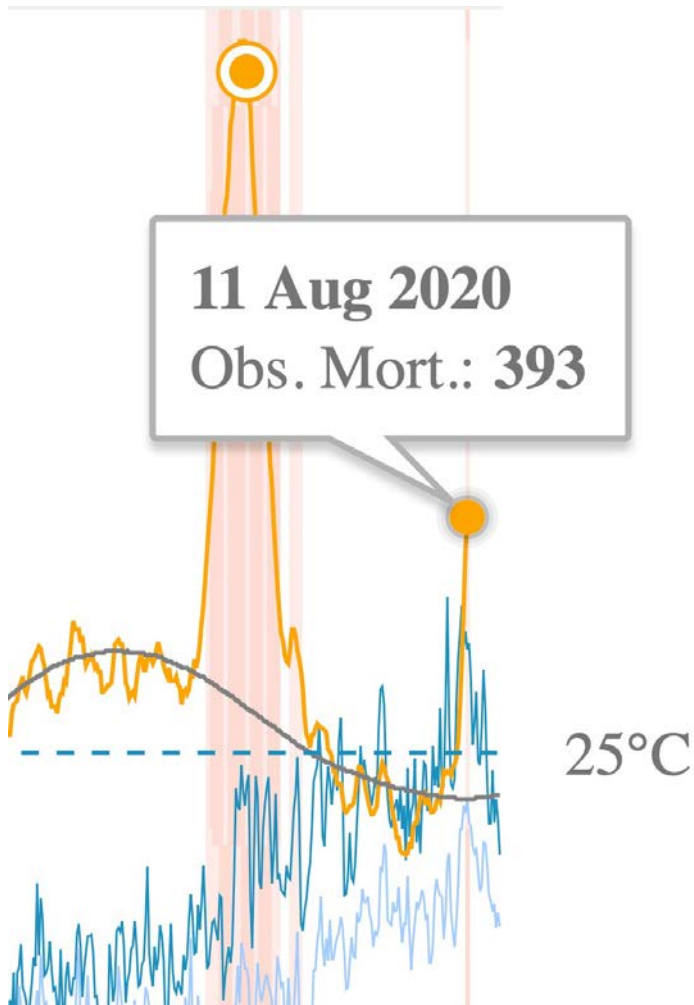


Heat waves kill (Ex: 2003 summer in EU: 70000 deaths)



Une personne âgée dans un couloir des urgences du centre hospitalier de Versailles en août 2003. | AFP PHOTO MARTIN BUREAU

**Décès dus à la canicule
d'août 2020 en Belgique:
plus de 1400 d'après
Sciensano**



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Climate change is already affecting every inhabited region across the globe, with human influence contributing to many observed changes in weather and climate extremes

Figure SPM.3

a) Synthesis of assessment of observed change in **hot extremes** and confidence in human contribution to the observed changes in the world's regions

Type of observed change in hot extremes



Increase (41)



Decrease (0)



Low agreement in the type of change (2)



Limited data and/or literature (2)

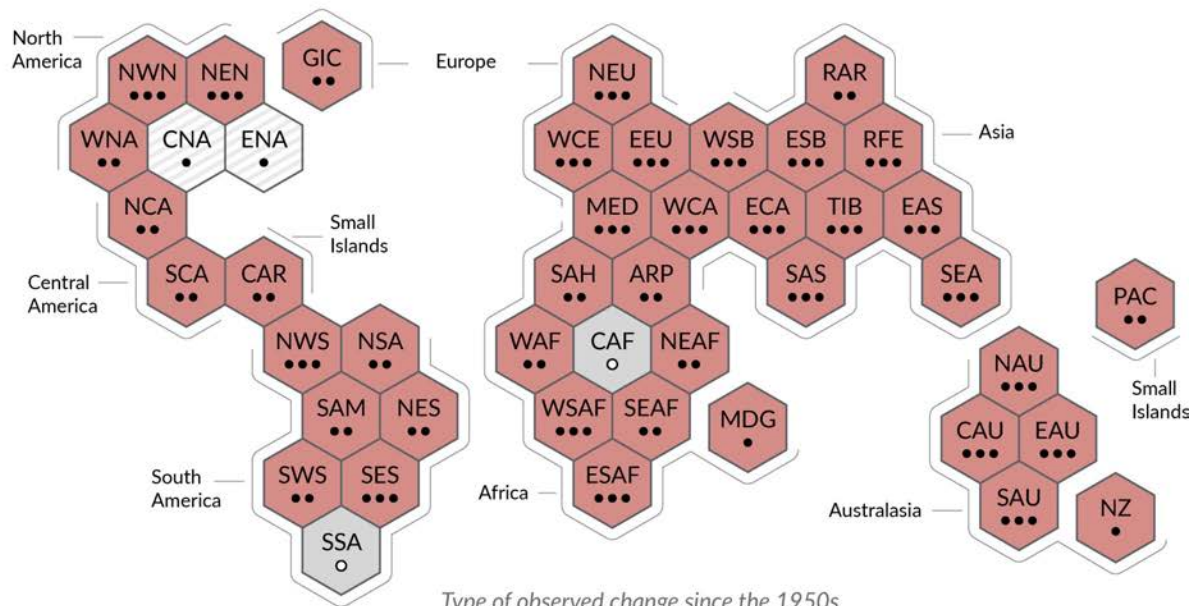
Confidence in human contribution to the observed change

●●● High

●● Medium

● Low due to limited agreement

○ Low due to limited evidence



Type of observed change since the 1950s

WARMER AIR



MORE EVAPORATION



MORE PRECIPITATION

**Available
water**

1°C
7%

**increase =
more water vapor**

- Temperature +

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b) Synthesis of assessment of observed change in **heavy precipitation** and confidence in human contribution to the observed changes in the world's regions

Type of observed change in heavy precipitation

● Increase (19)

● Decrease (0)

▨ Low agreement in the type of change (8)

■ Limited data and/or literature (18)

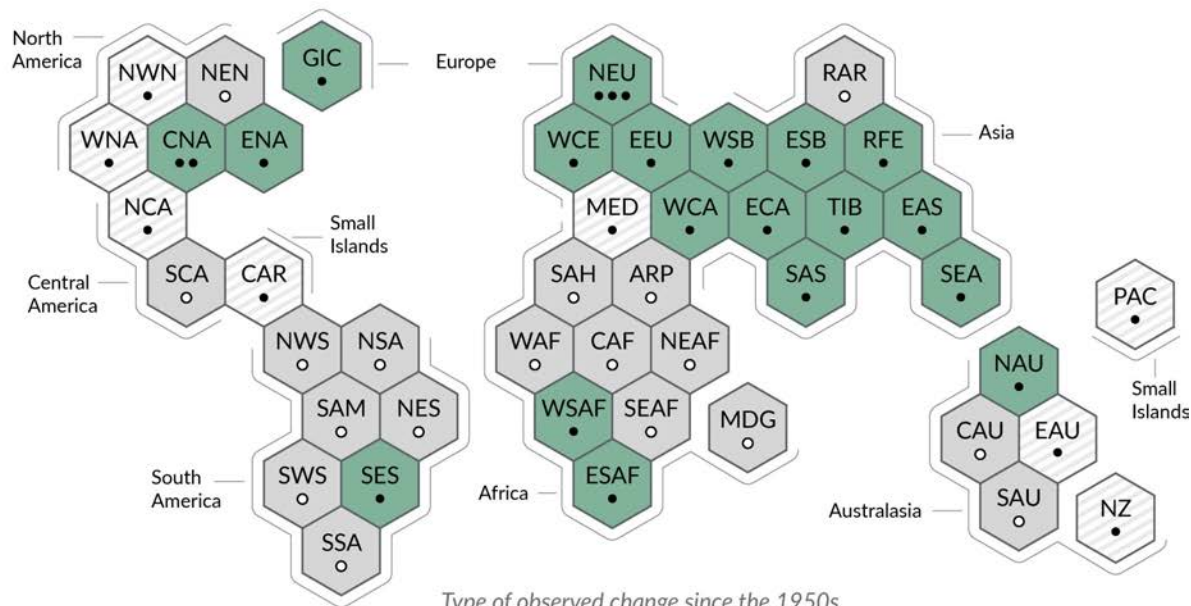
Confidence in human contribution to the observed change

●●● High

●● Medium

● Low due to limited agreement

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Wallonia Floods, July 2021



Source:
VRT Nieuws

Floods cost



The Louvre and Musée d'Orsay in Paris evacuated their vaults (May 2016)



Geoffroy Van Der Hasselt / Getty Images

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c) Synthesis of assessment of observed change in **agricultural and ecological drought** and confidence in human contribution to the observed changes in the world's regions

Type of observed change
in agricultural and ecological drought

● Increase (12)

● Decrease (1)

▨ Low agreement in the type of change (28)

■ Limited data and/or literature (4)

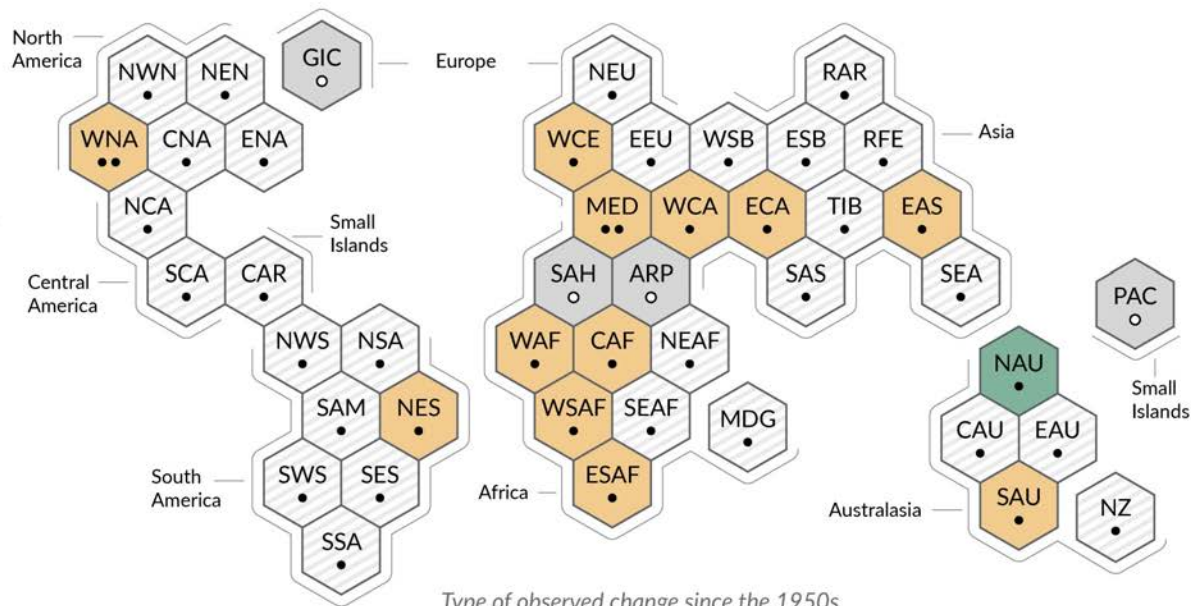
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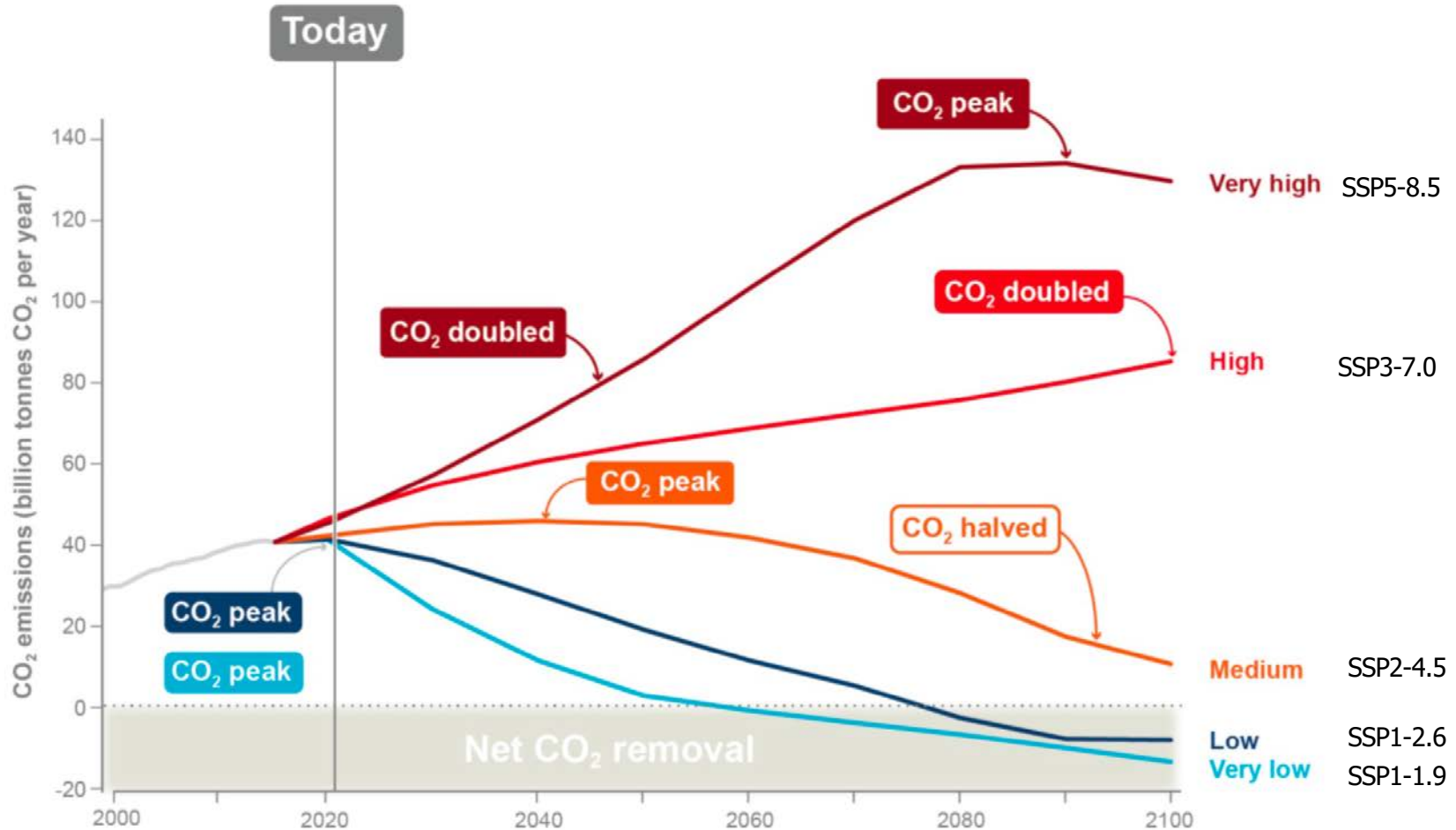
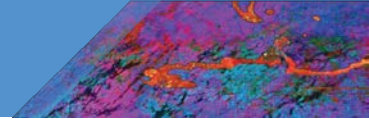


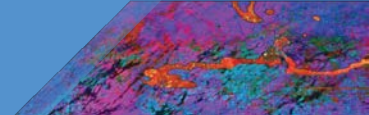
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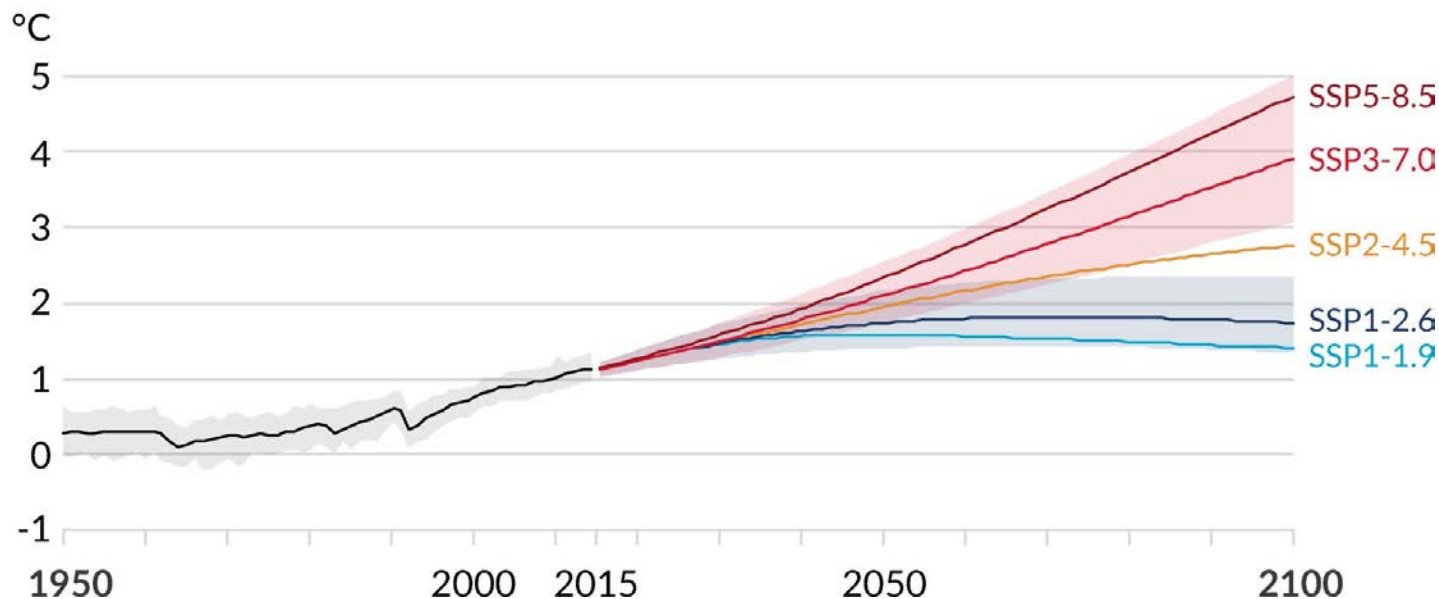




Human activities affect all the major climate system components, with some responding over decades and others over centuries

Figure SPM.8

a) Global surface temperature change relative to 1850-1900



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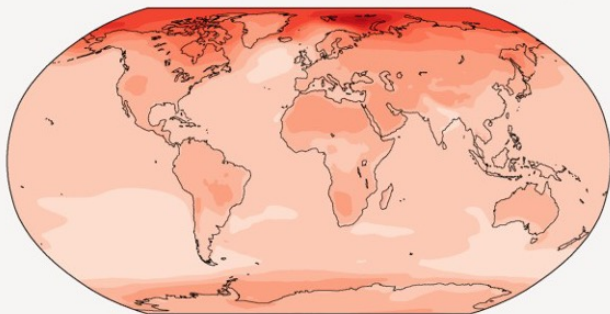
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Across warming levels, land areas warm more than oceans, and the Arctic and Antarctica warm more than the tropics

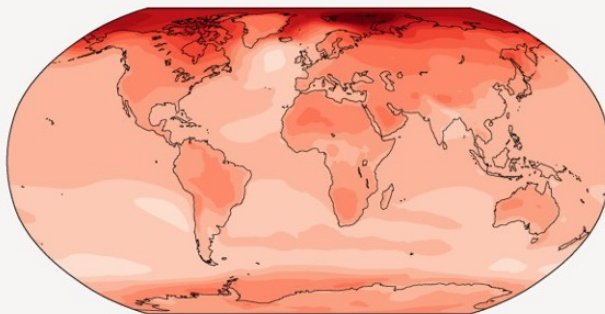
+1.5° C

Simulated change at 1.5 °C global warming



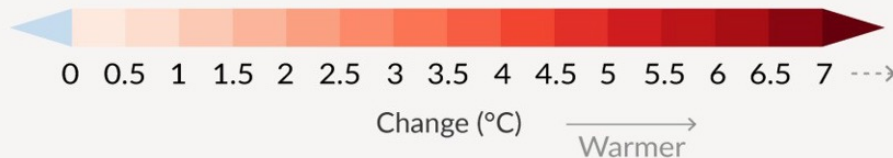
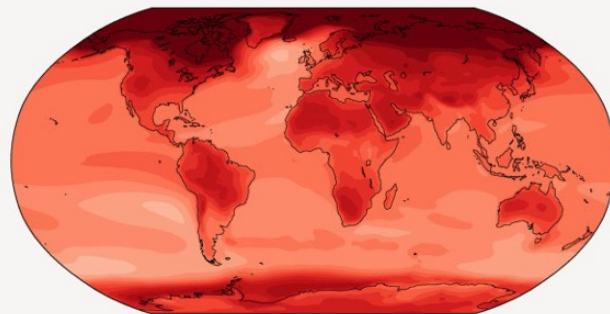
+2° C

Simulated change at 2 °C global warming



+4° C

Simulated change at 4 °C global warming

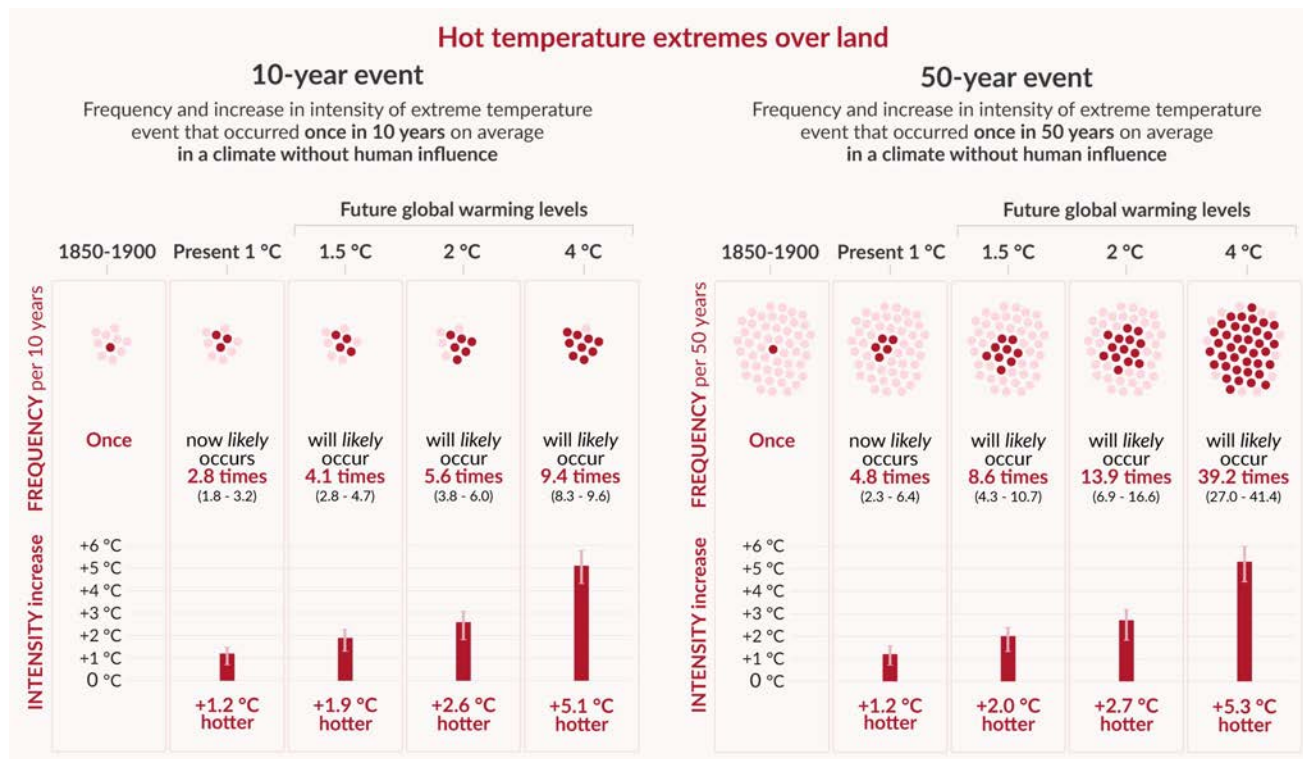


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Projected changes in extremes are larger in frequency and intensity with every additional increment of global warming

Figure SPM.6



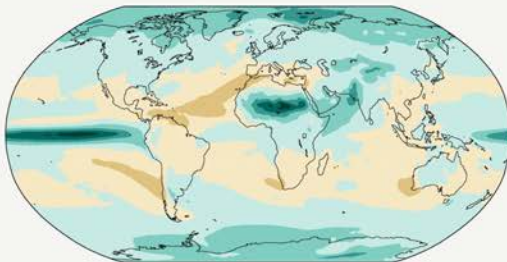
With every increment of global warming, changes get larger in regional mean temperature, precipitation and soil moisture

Figure SPM.5

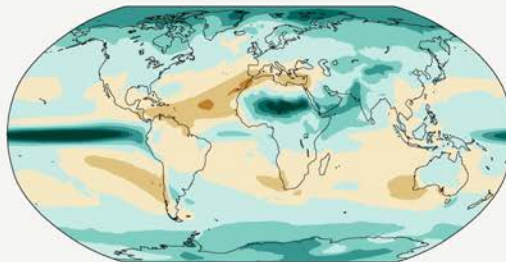
c) Annual mean precipitation change (%) relative to 1850-1900

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.

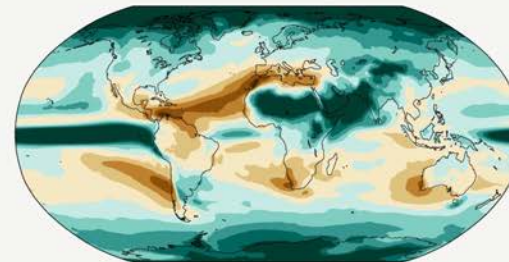
Simulated change at 1.5 °C global warming



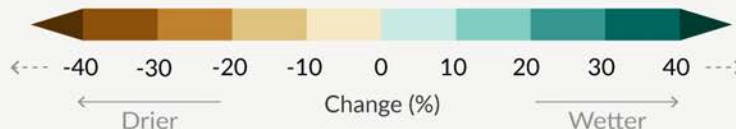
Simulated change at 2 °C global warming



Simulated change at 4 °C global warming



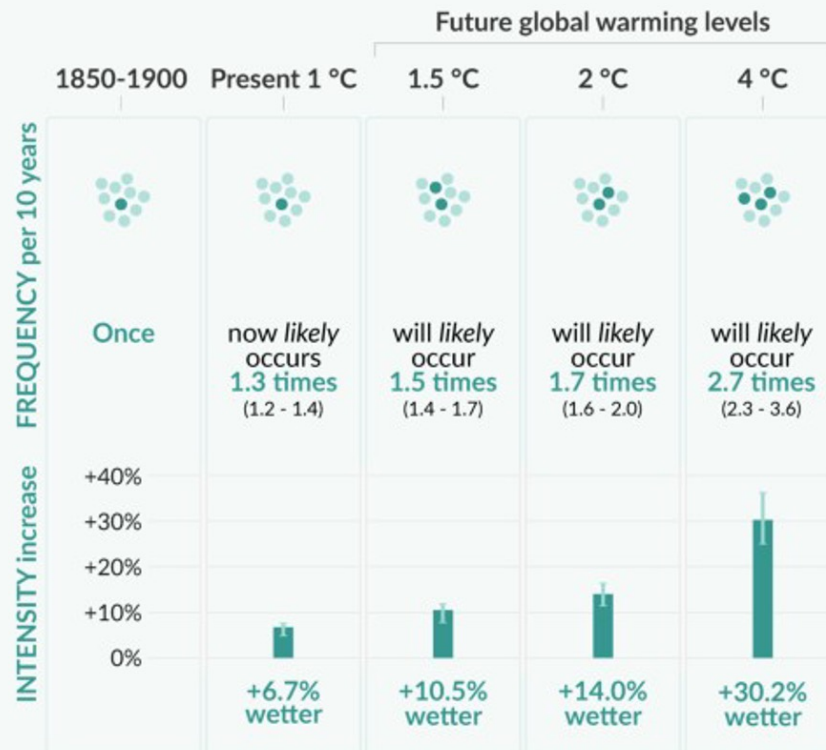
Relatively small absolute changes may appear as large % changes in regions with dry baseline conditions



Heavy precipitation over land

10-year event

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

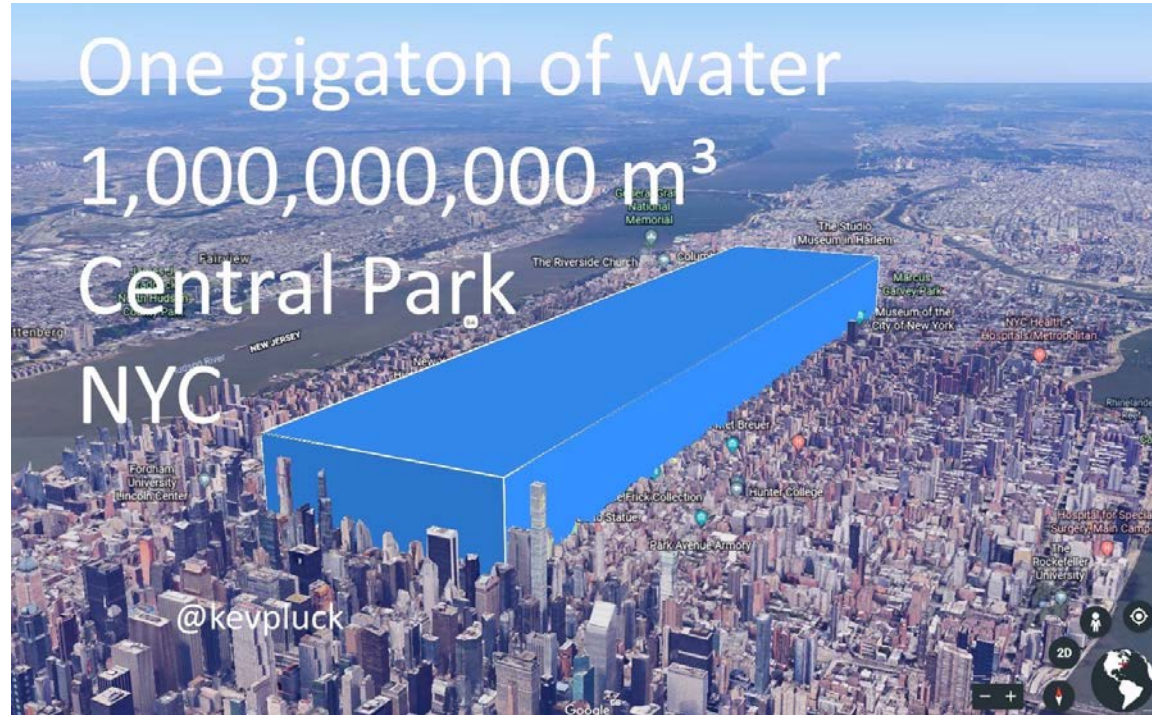


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Fact: Average temperature is on its way to exceed the « conservation temperature » for the Greenland and (some of the) Antarctic ice sheet

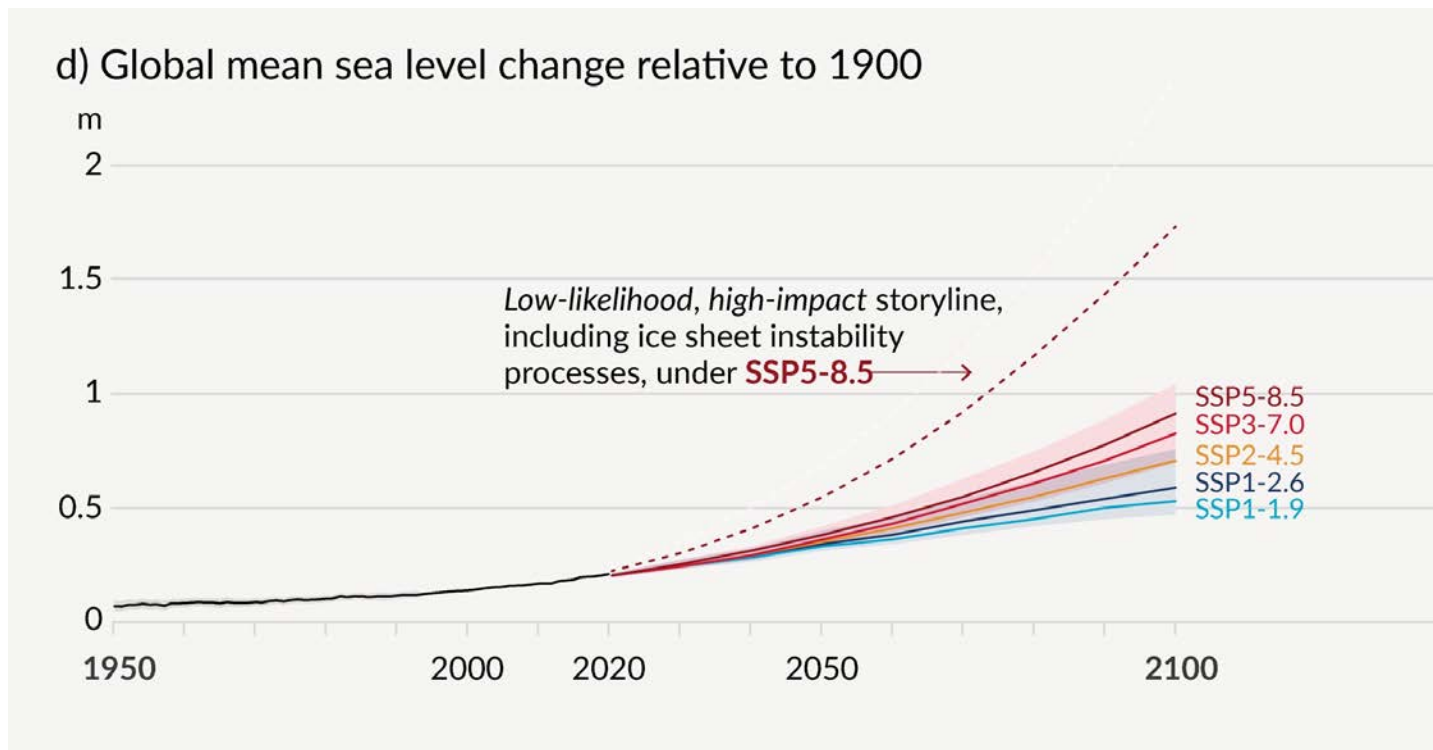
There is therefore a very high risk that average sea level would increase by several metres over the next century or two

The Antarctic Ice Sheet presently loses 1 Gt of ice every 1.5 day



Source: @Kevpluck, June 2018

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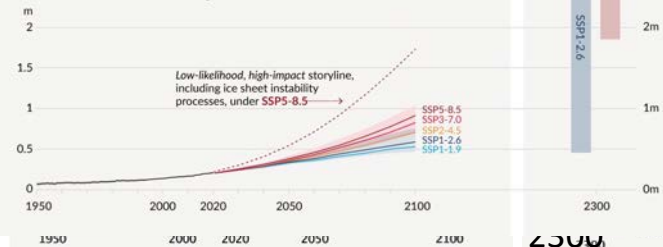


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« Sea level rise **greater than 15 m** cannot be ruled out with high emissions »

d) Global mean sea level change relative to 1900



e) Global mean sea level change in 2300 relative to 1900

Sea level rise greater than 15m cannot be ruled out with high emissions



7 m

2 m

Multiple climatic impact-drivers are projected to change in all regions of the world











Figure SPM.9

Number of land & coastal regions (a) and open-ocean regions (b) where each climatic impact-driver (CID) is projected to **increase** or **decrease** with **high confidence** (dark shade) or **medium confidence** (light shade)



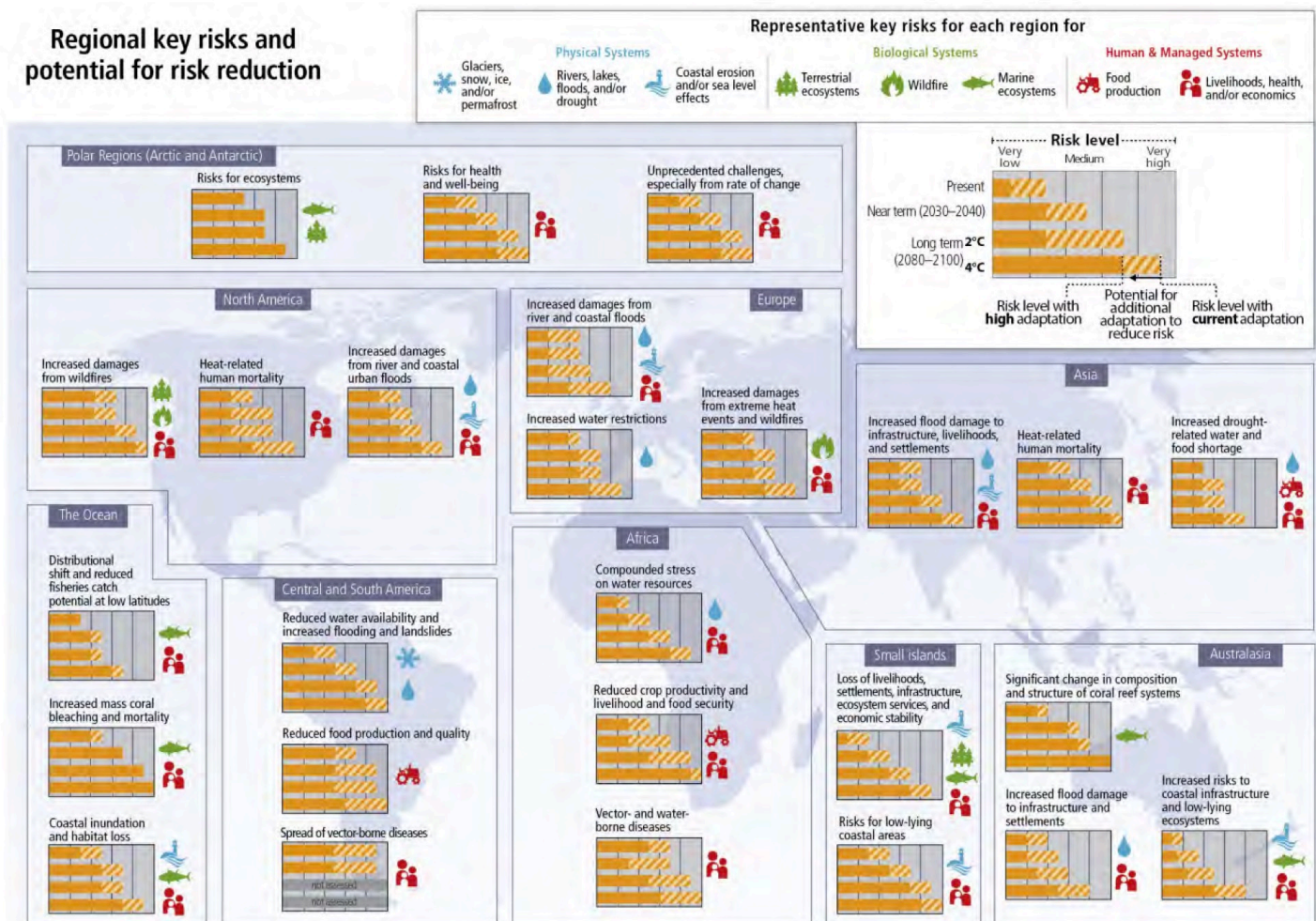
HALF A DEGREE OF WARMING MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE:

EXPLAINING IPCC'S 1.5°C SPECIAL REPORT

	1.5°C	2°C	2°C IMPACTS
EXTREME HEAT Global population exposed to severe heat at least once every five years	 14%	 37%	2.6x WORSE
SEA-ICE-FREE ARCTIC Number of ice-free summers	AT LEAST 1 EVERY 100 YEARS	AT LEAST 1 EVERY 10 YEARS	10x WORSE
SEA LEVEL RISE Amount of sea level rise by 2100	 0.40 METERS	 0.46 METERS	.06M MORE
SPECIES LOSS: VERTEBRATES Vertebrates that lose at least half of their range	 4%	 8%	2x WORSE
SPECIES LOSS: PLANTS Plants that lose at least half of their range	 8%	 16%	2x WORSE
SPECIES LOSS: INSECTS Insects that lose at least half of their range	 6%	 18%	3x WORSE

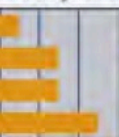
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Regional key risks and potential for risk reduction



Arctic)

or ecosystems



Risks for health and well-being

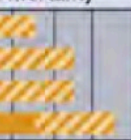


Unprecedented challenges, especially from rate of change



North America

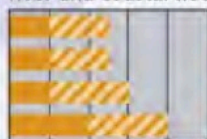
related mortality



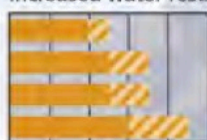
Increased damages from river and coastal urban floods



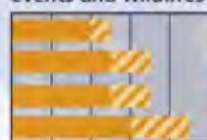
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Increased water restrictions



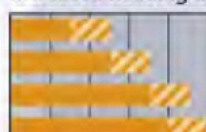
Increased damages from extreme heat events and wildfires



Europe

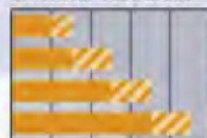
Central and South America

Reduced water availability and increased flooding and landslides

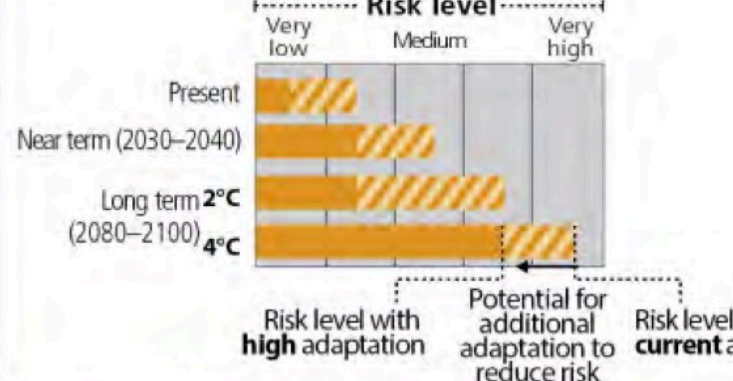


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Compounded stress on water resources

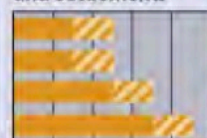


Reduced crop productivity and livelihood and food security

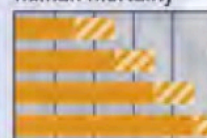


Asia

Increased flood damage to infrastructure, livelihoods, and settlements



Heat-related human mortality



Increased drought-related water and food shortage



Small islands

Loss of livelihoods, settlements, infrastructure, ecosystem services, and

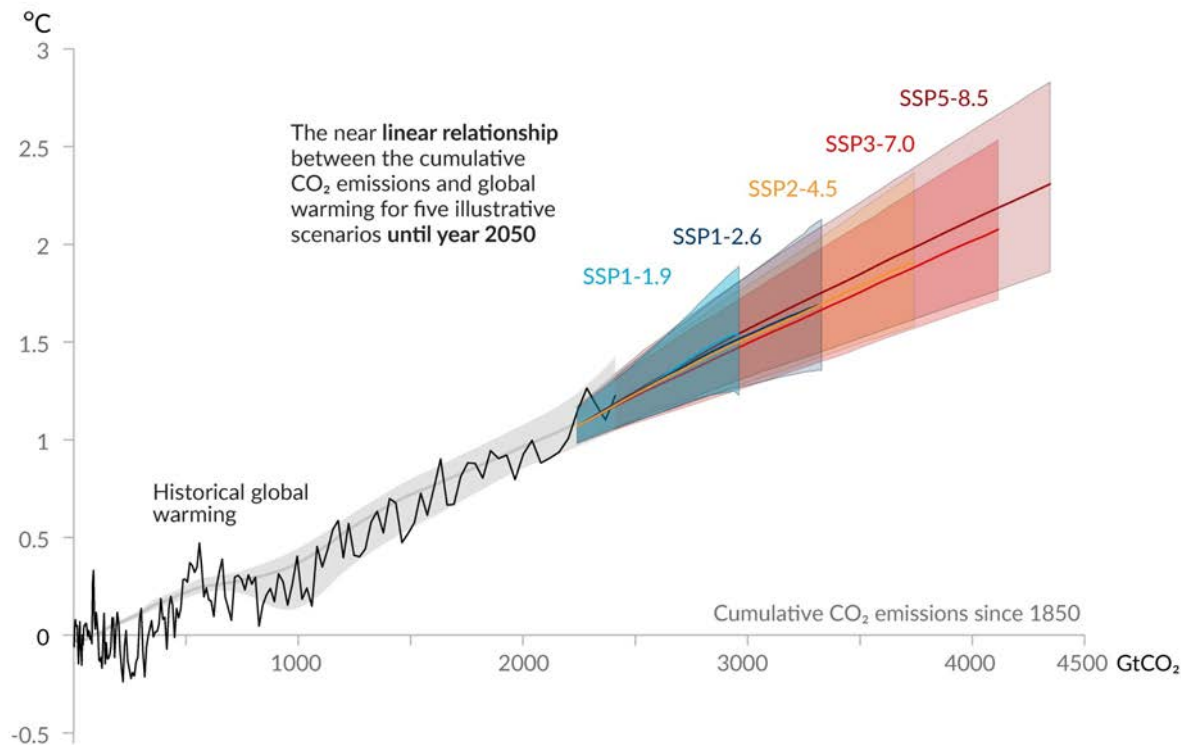
Significant change in composition and structure of coral reef systems

Australia

Every tonne of CO₂ emissions adds to global warming

Figure SPM.10

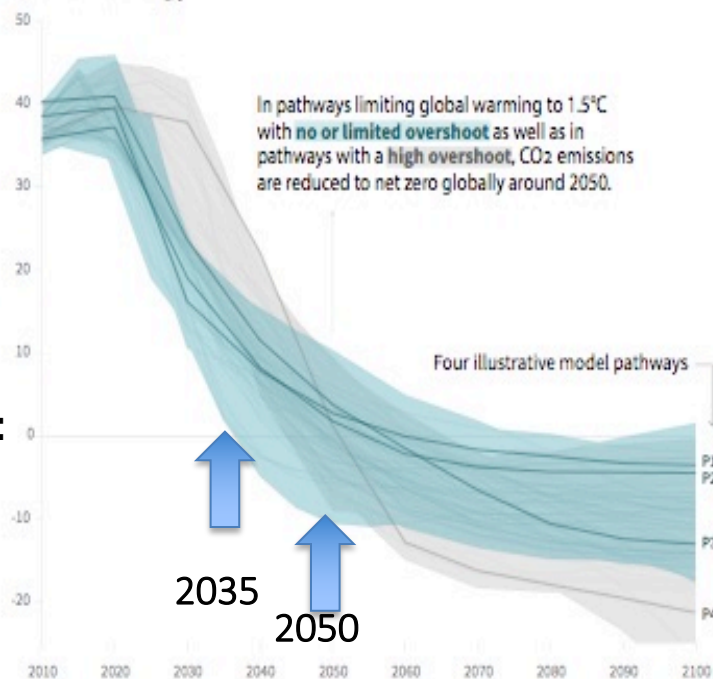
Global surface temperature increase since 1850-1900 (°C) as a function of cumulative CO₂ emissions (GtCO₂)



Emission pathways compatible with below 1.5° C warming:

Global total net CO₂ emissions

Billion tonnes of CO₂/yr



Net ZERO:

Timing of net zero CO₂

Line widths depict the 5-95th percentile and the 25-75th percentile of scenarios



Pathways limiting global warming to 1.5°C with no or low overshoot

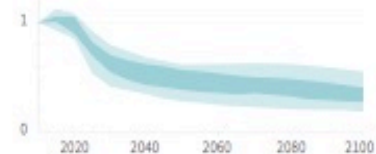
Pathways with high overshoot

Pathways limiting global warming below 2°C (Not shown above)

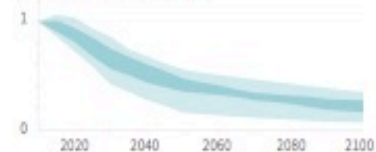
Non-CO₂ emissions relative to 2010

Emissions of non-CO₂ forcers are also reduced or limited in pathways limiting global warming to 1.5°C with no or limited overshoot, but they do not reach zero globally.

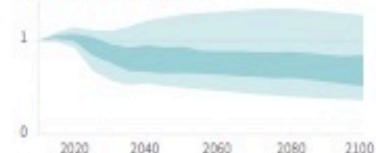
Methane emissions



Black carbon emissions



Nitrous oxide emissions





Trajectoires d'émissions de gaz à effet de serre

- Limiter le réchauffement planétaire à 1.5° C demanderait des changements à une échelle sans précédent

Transitions de systèmes : énergie, agro-foresterie, villes, industrie, infrastructures

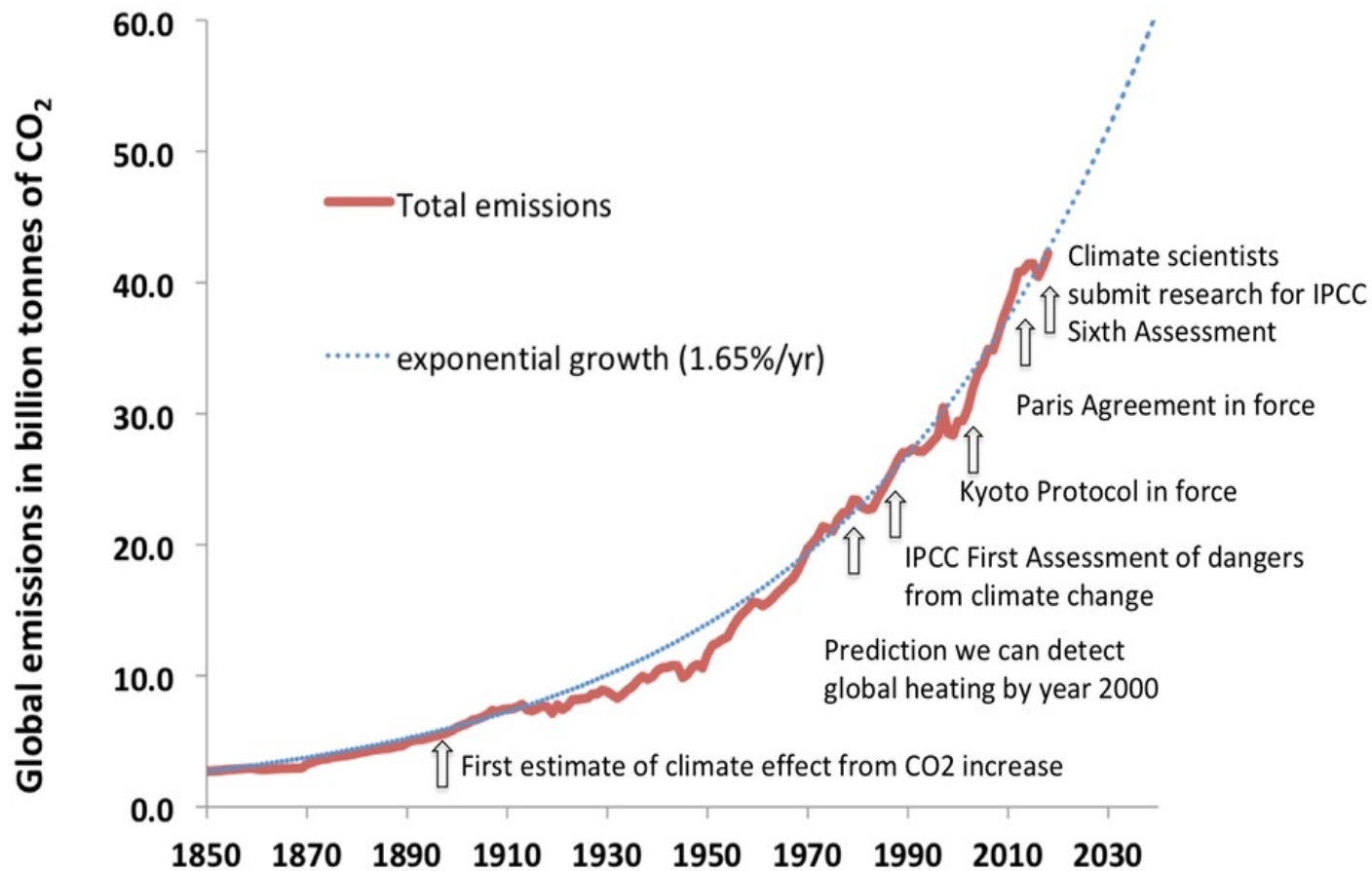
Fortes baisses d'émissions dans tous les secteurs

Large palette de technologies

et de changements de comportements

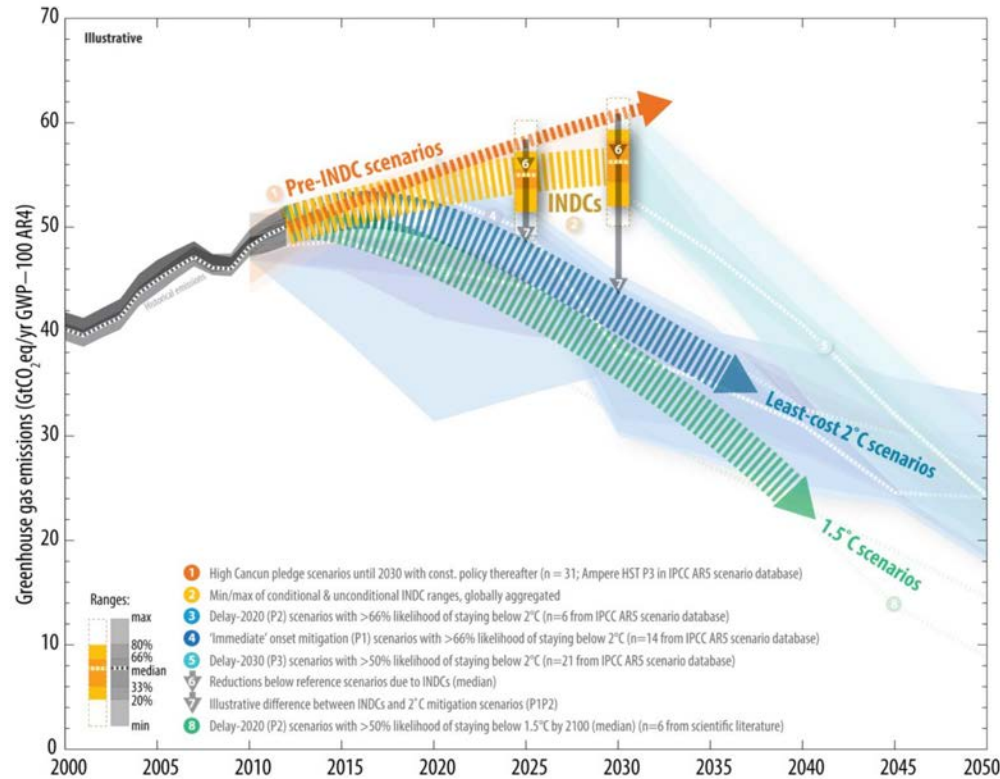
Augmentation des **investissements** dans les options bas carbone et l'efficacité énergétique (x5 en 2050)

Peter Essick / Aurora Photos



Source: Wolfgang Knorr, in The Conversation (2019)

Comparison of global emission levels in 2025 and 2030 resulting from the implementation of the intended nationally determined contributions



UNFCCC, Aggregate effect of the intended nationally determined contributions: an update

<http://unfccc.int/resource/docs/2016/cop22/eng/02.pdf>

**Fact: It might become much worse,
but the future climate is in our
hands**

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for a beautiful moment in time we
created value for shareholders**



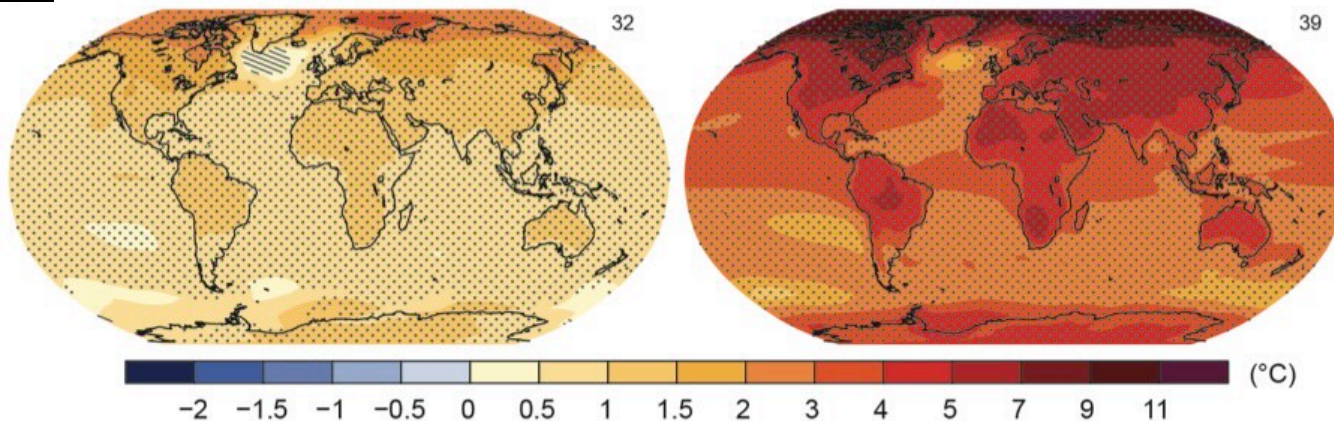
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RCP2.6

RCP8.5

Change in average surface temperature (1986–2005 to 2081–2100)

Fig. SPM.8

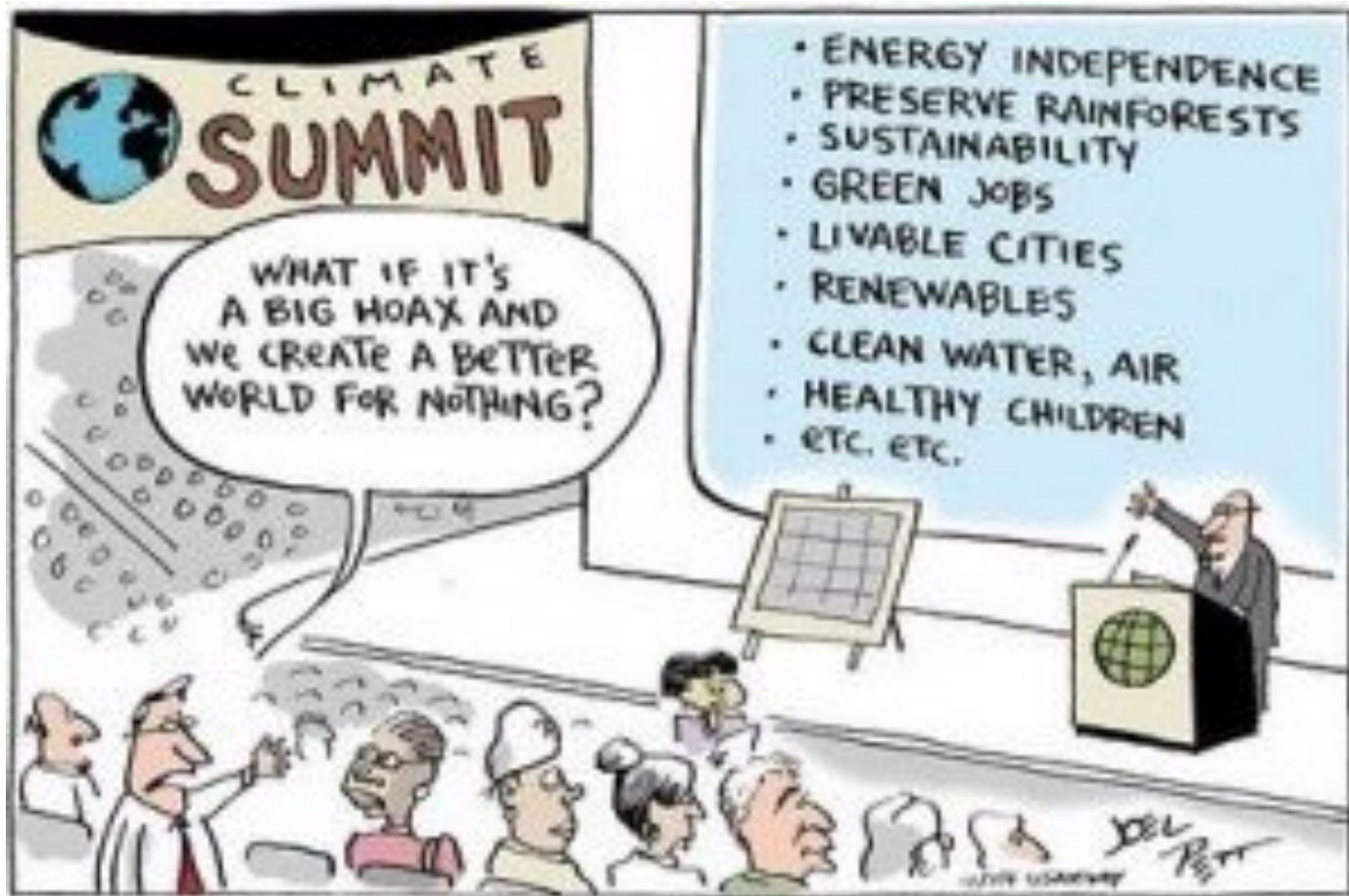


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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS





Joel Pett, USA Today

Nations Unies Conférence sur les Changements Climatiques

COP21/CMP11

Paris, France



The Paris Agreement (COP21, December 2015)

Vision

« ...strengthen the **global response to the threat of climate change**, in the context of **sustainable development** and efforts to **eradicate poverty** »

Objectives

a) Holding the increase in the global average temperature:

- « **to well below 2°C** above pre-industrial levels »
- « **pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C** above pre-industrial levels,
recognizing that this would significantly reduce the risks and impacts of climate change »

b) Adaptation and Mitigation

- « **Increasing the ability to adapt** to the adverse impacts of climate change and **foster climate resilience** and
- **low greenhouse gas emissions development**, in a manner that does not threaten food production»

c) Finances

- « Making **finance flows consistent** with a pathway towards low greenhouse gas emissions and climate-resilient development. »

CLIMATE NEGOTIATIONS SINCE PARIS AGREEMENT

Two main issue set the tone

1. Making the Paris Agreement fully operational by agreeing the Katowice Rulebook

- Paris Agreement generally defines principles and mandates for further elaboration and conclusion
- Original plan: conclude the finalisation of the Rulebook at the first Meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (was expected right before 2020)
- Due to the rapid entry into force of Paris Agreement at COP22 in 2016 this had to be revised
- Marrakesh (COP22) decides for conclusion of the rulebook by end of 2018 (COP24)
- COP24 succeeds in reaching agreement on the Katowice Rulebook Paris Agreement
- One very important exception to this: Article 6 market mechanism and the cooperation between Parties to achieve their emission reductions.



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2. Enhancing climate ambition

- Central feature of Paris Agreement: 5 YEAR AMBITION CYCLE
 - > Global Stocktake of Paris Agreement (Art 14 Paris Agreement)
 - > Concept: science based input, technical preparations, political phase to be followed by new NDCs (in 2025, 2030, ...)
 - > Invitation to communicate Long term strategies (LEDS)
- GST only starts in 2023 (and every 5 year thereafter): need for similar arrangement prior to this
 - > Solution: Paris Agreement decision to have in 2018 a 'Facilitative Dialogue' (branded as '**Talanoa Dialogue**' by Fiji)
 - > invitation to IPCC to present **Special Report on Global Warming of 1,5°C (reduce global emission with 45% by 2030 compared to 2010)**
- Since then building up on enhancing ambition (UN SG Summit 2019, Greta Thunberg, race to zero initiatives, ...)
- At the focus of climate diplomacy and external dimension of EU Green Deal
- Originally Parties expected to present new or updated NDC in 2020



CLIMATE NEGOTIATIONS SINCE PARIS AGREEMENT

Preparing for COP26 in Glasgow: UK decided to postpone with 1 year and so only in November 2021

4 Broad workstreams

- i) Enhancing national ambition in NDCs and LTS
 - EU NDC 'at least 55%' and decision for climate neutral EU
 - Other major economies are speeding up China; South Korea, Canada, ...
 - US President Biden: decided immediately after to rejoin Paris Agreement and decided for Climate Ambition Summit on 22 April
- ii) Finalising the rulebook
- iii) Upcoming mandates: new Climate Finance goal by 2025, adaptation ...
- iv) Climate campaigns: energy transition, transport, nature based solutions, climate resilience and adaptation, sustainable finance -> coalitions of the willing to spur transition and gain political momentum



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"put the world on a path to driving down emissions, until they reach **net zero** by the middle of this century"

- All countries to set targets to get us to **net zero** by the middle of the century,
- and to come forward with **2030 emissions reduction targets** to take us there.
- Consign **coal power** to history.
- Signal the end of **polluting vehicles**.
- Tackle **methane** emissions.
- Call time on **deforestation**, by making sustainable production pay.
- Countries to commit to **all new cars** being **zero emission by 2040**, or earlier.

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"to protect people
and nature"

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ITALY

- Accelerate progress towards the Global Goal for Adaptation.
- Action to avert, minimise and address loss and damage
- Adaptation Action Coalition.
- Risk Informed Early Action Partnership.

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"mobilising **finance** to
tackle climate
change"

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ITALY

- deliver on the **\$100 billion**, and support developing countries to respond to the climate crisis. It is a matter of trust.
- get **private finance** flowing, and collaborating with donors and development banks to create investment opportunities in emerging markets.

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"Working together"

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH ITALY

- building consensus among governments, so the negotiations in Glasgow are a success.
- finalise the Paris Rulebook
 - carbon markets.
 - transparent reporting.
 - Common Timeframes.

**(Element) of solution n° 1: The survival of
humanity and ecosystems must become a
much higher political priority**

... as if we were all running for our life.

Solution n° 2: Economic actors must be confronted much more clearly with their responsibilities

Degrowth of climate-unfriendly activities
must be accepted, while growth of activities
helping climate protection and poverty
eradication must be encouraged

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Solution n° 3: The best understood language is the price. Destroying the environment must become more and more expensive. Collected funds must be used to help the decarbonization, and avoid impacting the poor disproportionately

EU Emission Trading System, CO₂ taxes, fines, internal CO₂ price (firms do « as if » CO₂ emission was expensive). NB: Price must match the effect desired!

**Solution n° 4: Transition towards
a clean and sustainable economy
and energy system must be
« just », and other synergies with
the SDGs must be sought**

**Ex : The Polish energy system
cannot be transformed without
facilitating the coal miners
reconversion**

@JPvanYpersele

**Solution n° 5: Before looking at
how to produce energy cleanly,
much more attention must be
given to reducing energy
demand and efficiency, in all
sectors**

All production and consumption
patterns must be reconsidered,
helped by energy audits, etc.

- **Substantial reductions in emissions to stay under 2° C would require large changes in investment patterns e.g., from 2010 to 2029, in billions US dollars/year:** (mean numbers rounded, IPCC AR5 WGIII Fig SPM 9)

- **energy efficiency:** **+330**
- **renewables:** **+ 90**
- **power plants w/ CCS:** **+ 40**
- **nuclear:** **+ 40**
- **power plants w/o CCS:** **- 60**
- **fossil fuel extraction:** **- 120**

**Solution n° 6: Building sector: offers
many opportunities in energy
saving, economic activity, improving
wellbeing...**

Solution n° 7: Mobility : much more space and priority to pedestrians, bicycles, and public transport; reduce priority given too long to individual transport in urban planning

Electrify remaining vehicles (with clean electricity). Fly less, only if essential.

**Solution n° 8: Food and
agriculture. A possible change with
big positive impact: eat less (red)
meat and cheese, of better quality!
Eat more plant-based food
(produced cleanly)**

...It is good for health as well!

Solution n° 9: The Sun gives us in two hours about as much energy as the world uses in *one year*, all forms of energy considered

The cost of solar kWh is crashing, wind power, heat and electricity storage, and smart grids are moving forward

Trying to practice what I « preach »:

- Energy audit before renovation
- Strong external insulation (wood fiber)
- Super-efficient windows
- Air tightness + heat recovery ventilation system
- Ground-water heat pump replacing oil furnace
- Solar PV covering all consumption
- No tropical wood
- Small, used electric car

Conclusions

The IPCC AR6 WGI report confirmed that the inhabitability of the Earth is at stake due to climate change

Adaptation is key, and resources need to be much better shared and managed, but adaptation will not be sufficient at all

Stabilizing the temperature as close as possible to no more than 1.5°C above the pre-industrial is essential, and requires to move away quickly from fossil fuels, and to stop deforestation

The challenge is huge: transform the world in a few decades so that the whole world activities are decarbonized, while poverty and hunger are eliminated

Addressing this challenge opens so many opportunities, including opportunities to address in a synergistic manner other societal goals, such as the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.

This gives me hope:

**Well-informed
young people
speaking truth to
power**

**With @GretaThunberg in the Lausanne train station,
August 2019**



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De la COP25 à la COP26, en mode confiné



Pierre Kroll - Le Soir 18/12/2019

Ces changements-là, personne ne les a demandés. Nous voici privés de nombreuses libertés et confrontés à une organisation sociale et économique assommée. Ce qui n'est encore rien, comparativement au risque mortel auquel sont davantage confrontés les soignants, toutes les personnes qui œuvrent à maintenir des services essentiels, celles et ceux qui se trouvent dans une région moins favorisée ou plus contaminée, et les plus âgés. Une crise qui change tout, de manière pénible, mais, on le suppose, temporaire.

Quels en seront les leçons et les effets à long terme ? Le télétravail, l'un des symboles de la crise, pourra-t-il demain contribuer à réduire le besoin de déplacements et les émissions de gaz à effet de serre ? Trouvera-t-on les moyens d'organiser efficacement des réunions internationales par vidéoconférence ? Ou, au contraire, la privation momentanée poussera-t-elle à davantage de voyages ? Venons-nous un rebond de la consommation matérielle, encouragée par des États en manque de rentrées fiscales ? Le soutien au redémarrage économique pourra-t-il être encadré par des règles cohérentes avec la nécessité de stopper le réchauffement climatique, dans le cadre d'une « transition juste » ? L'opportunité d'accélérer la mise en œuvre du long terme vanté « développement durable » sera-t-elle saisie, ou sera-t-il seulement pourvu « au plus pressé », comme d'habitude ?

À quoi penserons-nous une fois l'orage passé ? À la nécessité de mieux anticiper les drames possibles, voire tout à fait prévisibles, comme dans le cas des changements climatiques et de la perte de la biodiversité ? Dans un premier temps, l'action pourrait prendre du retard, la COP26, initialement prévue en

novembre, est déjà reportée. Qu'en sera-t-il des engagements à plus d'efforts en matière climatique, que les États doivent communiquer au secrétariat de la Convention au plus tôt, et bien avant la COP26 ?

Comme le rappelle et l'explique cette Lettre, les progrès engrangés à la COP25 ont été bien trop maigres. Face au tsunami sanitaire, social, et économique que représente le coronavirus, il n'y aura pas d'autre issue que de redresser la tête. Nous espérons que cette volonté sera celle qui animera tous les acteurs de la COP26.

Bruna Gaino, Solenn Koc, Philippe Marbaix et Jean-Pascal van Ypersele

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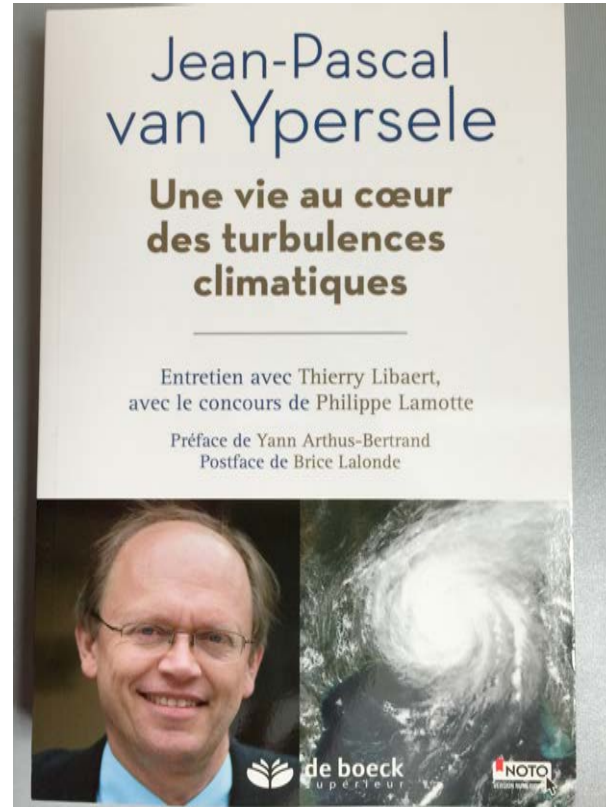


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