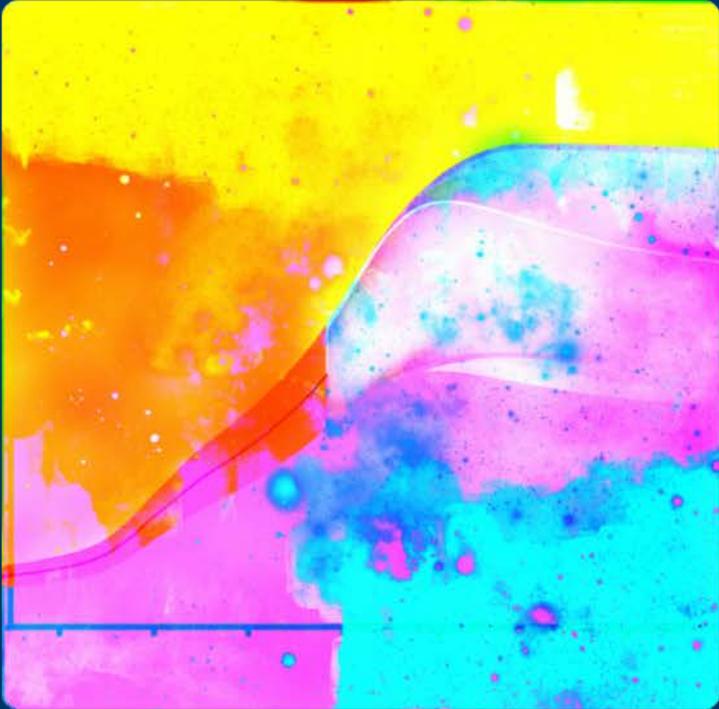


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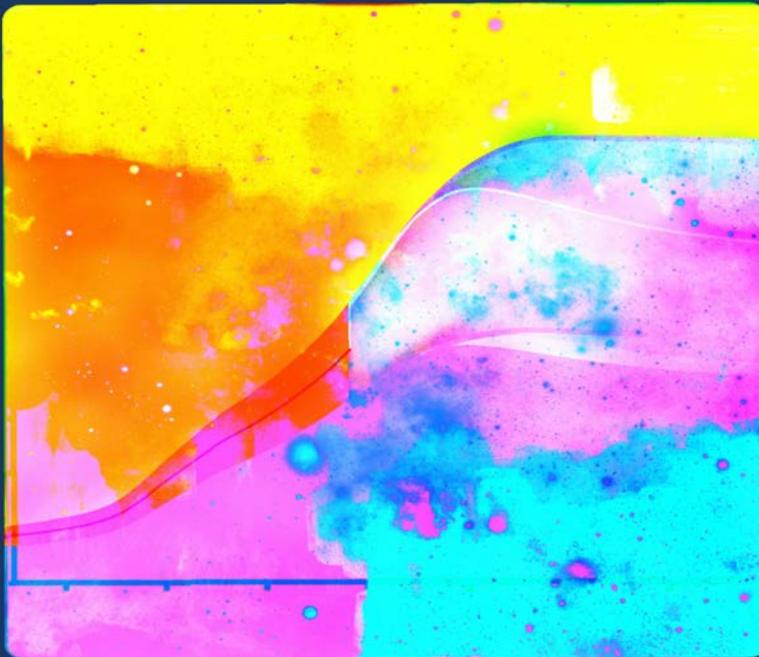
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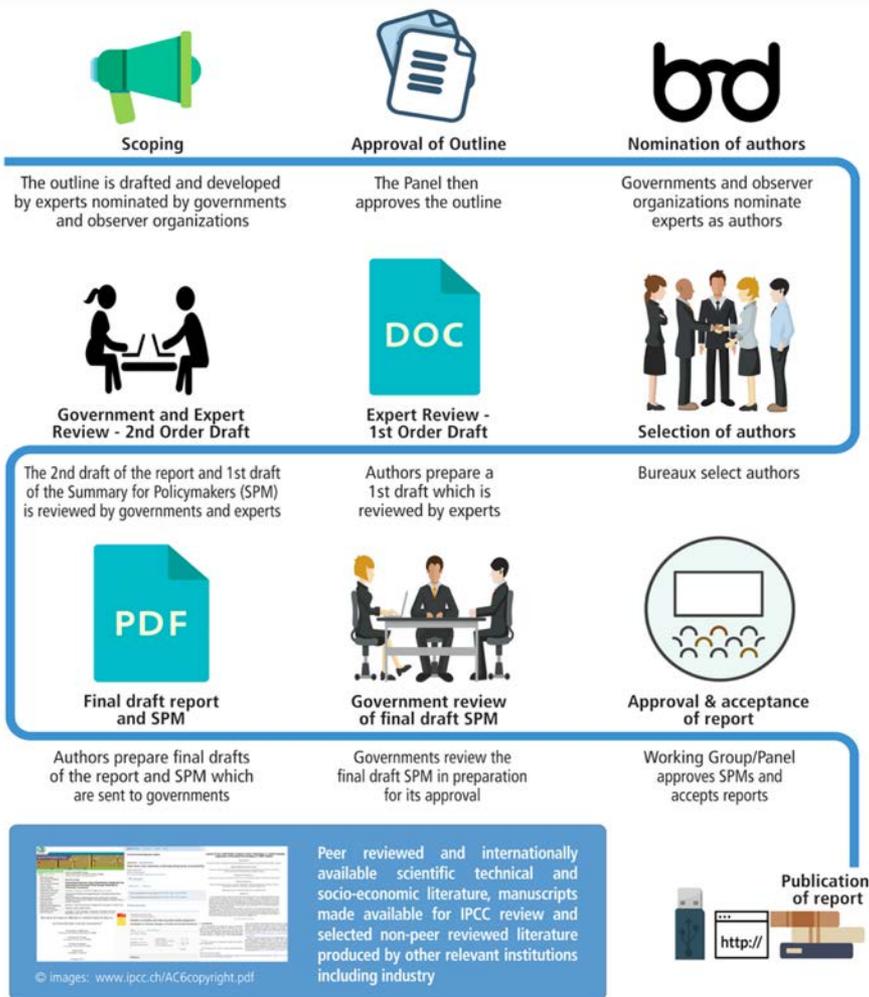
133 Contributing authors

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Process for IPCC reports.



Summary for policy makers approved line-by-line by IPCC Panel of governments.

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Sessions:

10am-1pm 3pm-7pm

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Thursday added night session: 11pm-2am

Friday went all night straight through to Saturday 3pm.

Co-chairs introduce session



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- Special report on climate change, desertification, land degradation, sustainable land management, food security and green house gas fluxes in terrestrial ecosystems (SR2): September 2019
- Working group 1: physical climate system
- Working group 2: impacts, vulnerability, adaptation and risks
- Working group 3: mitigation

Understanding Global Warming of 1.5°C



Where are we now?

Since pre-industrial times, human activities have caused approximately 1°C of global warming.

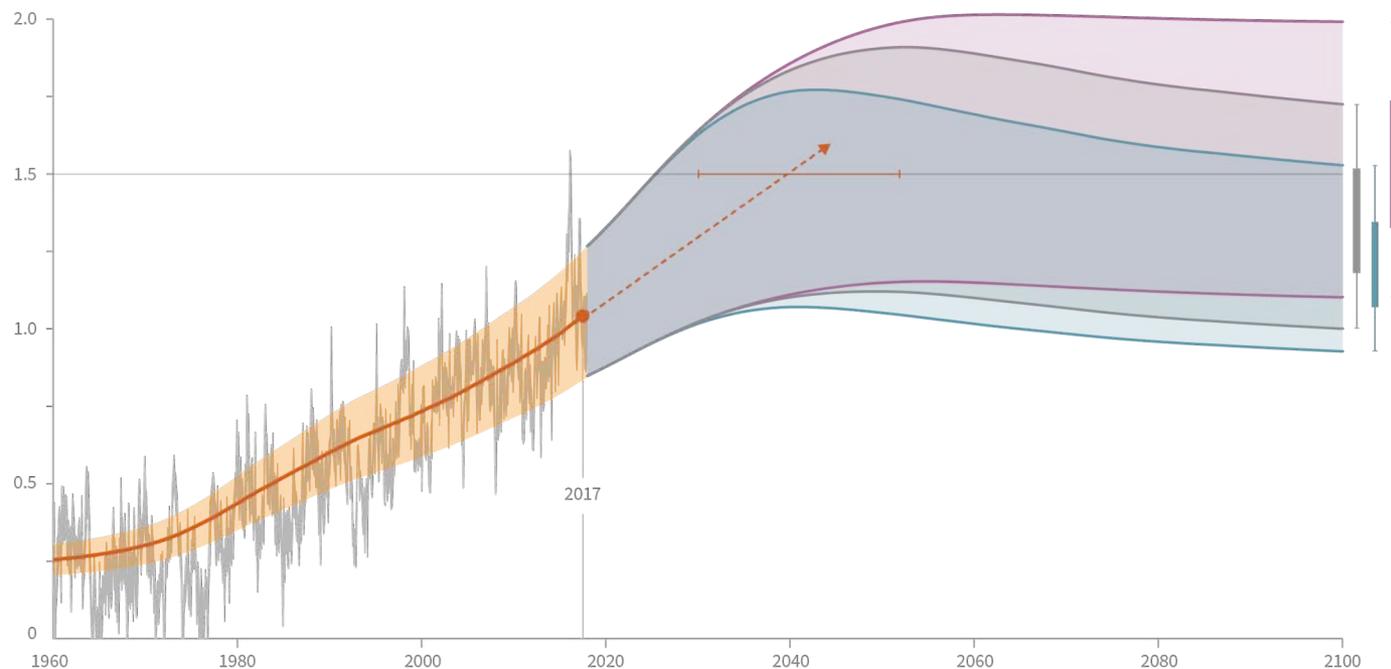
- Already seeing consequences for people, nature and livelihoods
- At current rate, would reach 1.5°C between 2030 and 2052
- Past emissions alone do not commit the world to 1.5°C

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SPM1 | Cumulative emissions of CO₂ and future non-CO₂ radiative forcing determine the probability of limiting warming to 1.5°C

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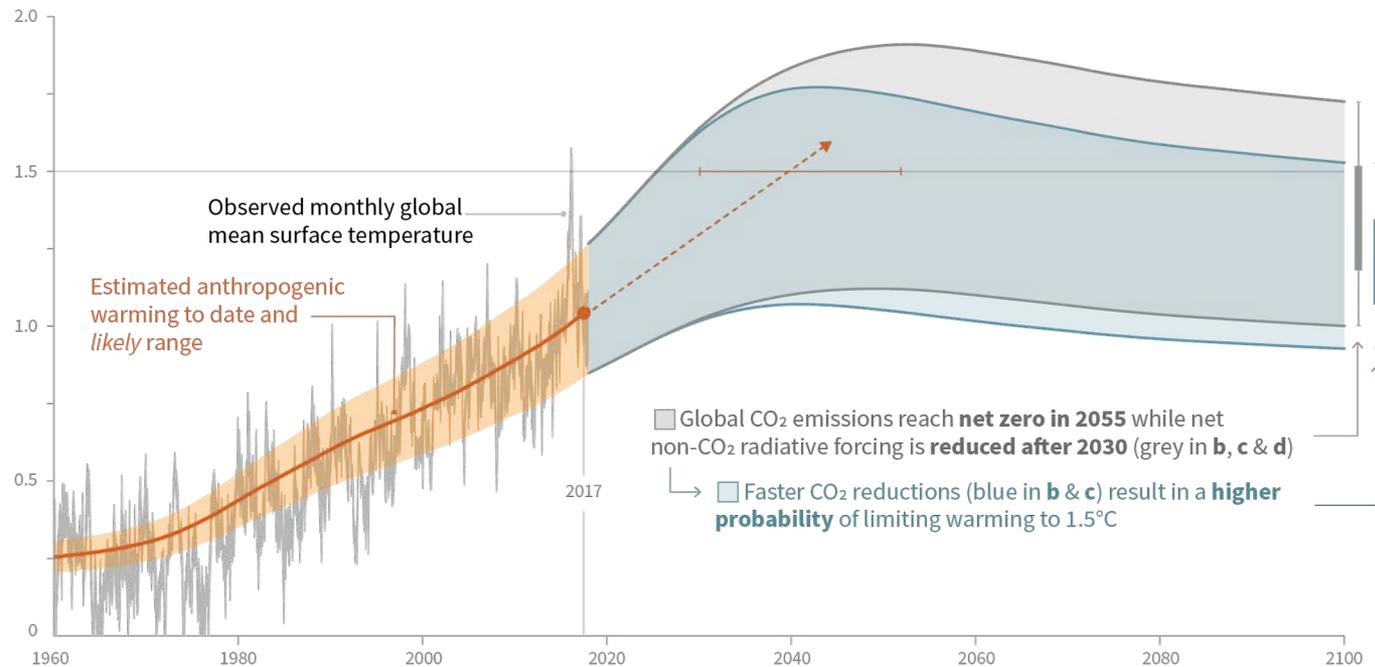


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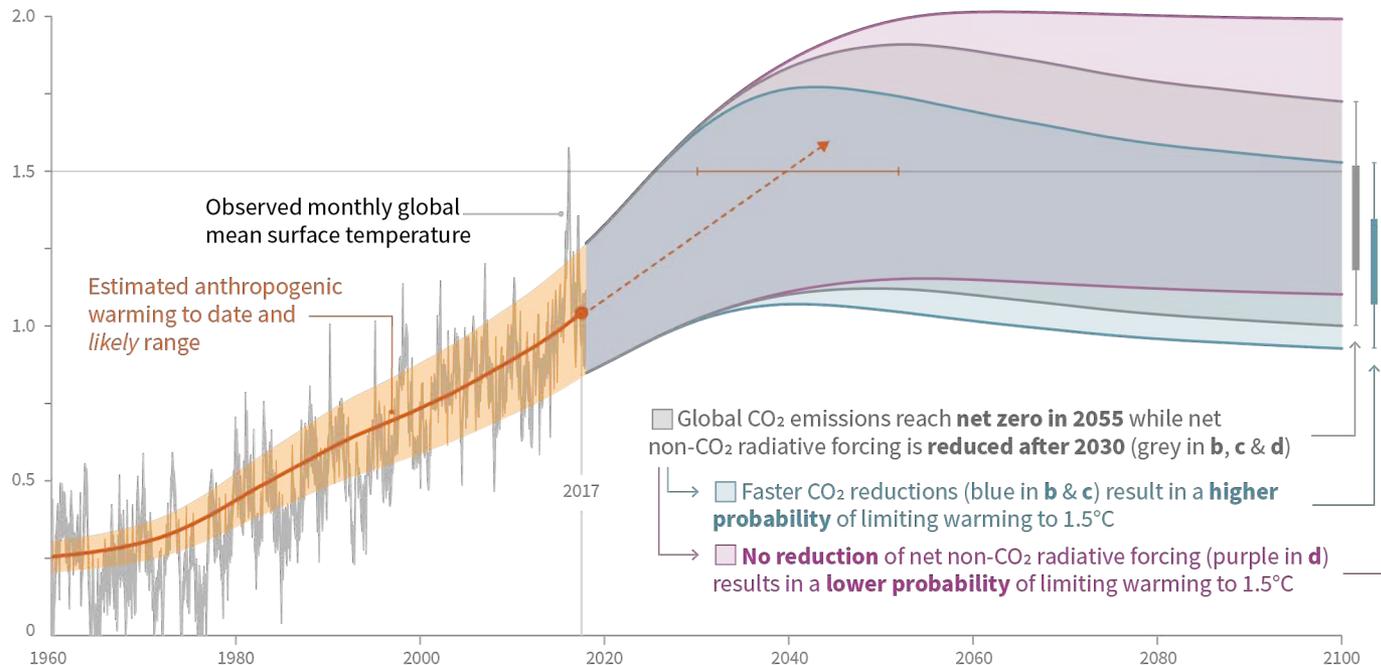


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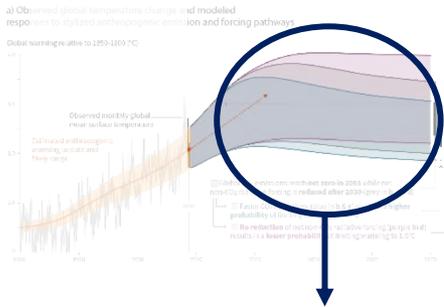
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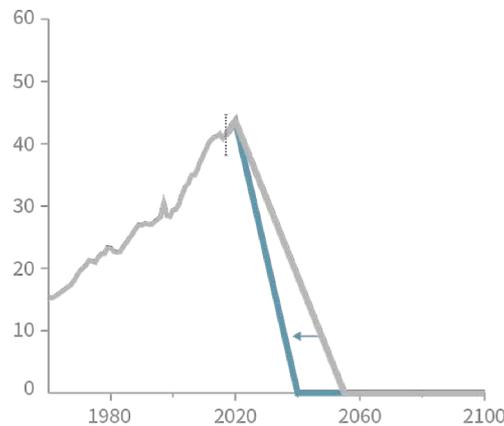
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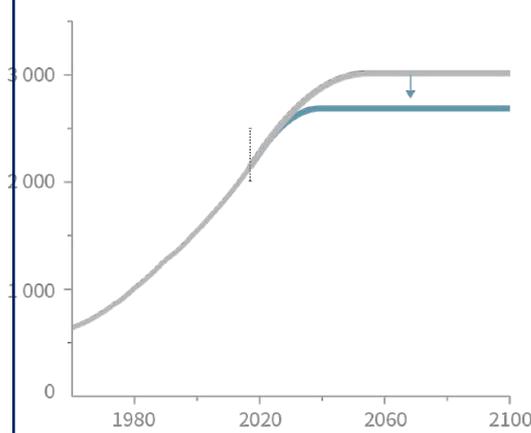


Maximum temperature rise is determined by cumulative net CO₂ emissions and net non-CO₂ radiative forcing due to methane, nitrous oxide, aerosols and other anthropogenic forcing agents close to peak temperature.

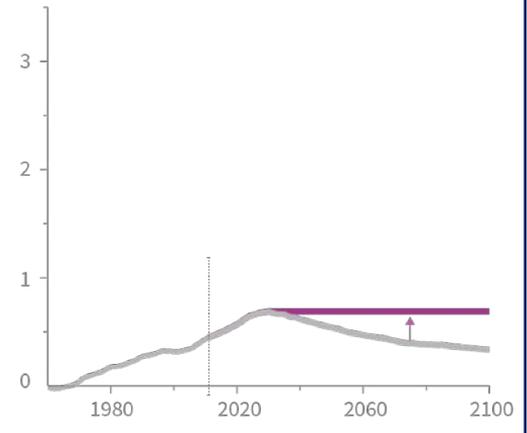
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Billion tonnes CO₂ per year (GtCO₂/yr)



c) Cumulative net CO₂ emissions
Billion tonnes CO₂ (GtCO₂)



d) Non-CO₂ radiative forcing pathways
Watts per square metre (W/m²)



Projected Climate Change, Potential Impacts and Associated Risks



Impacts of global warming 1.5°C

At 1.5°C compared to 2°C:

- Less extreme weather where people live, including extreme heat and rainfall
- By 2100, global mean sea level rise will be around 10 cm lower but may continue to rise for centuries
- 10 million fewer people exposed to risk of rising seas

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Impacts of global warming 1.5°C

At 1.5°C compared to 2°C:

- Lower impact on biodiversity and species
- Smaller reductions in yields of maize, rice, wheat
- Global population exposed to increased water shortages is up to 50% less

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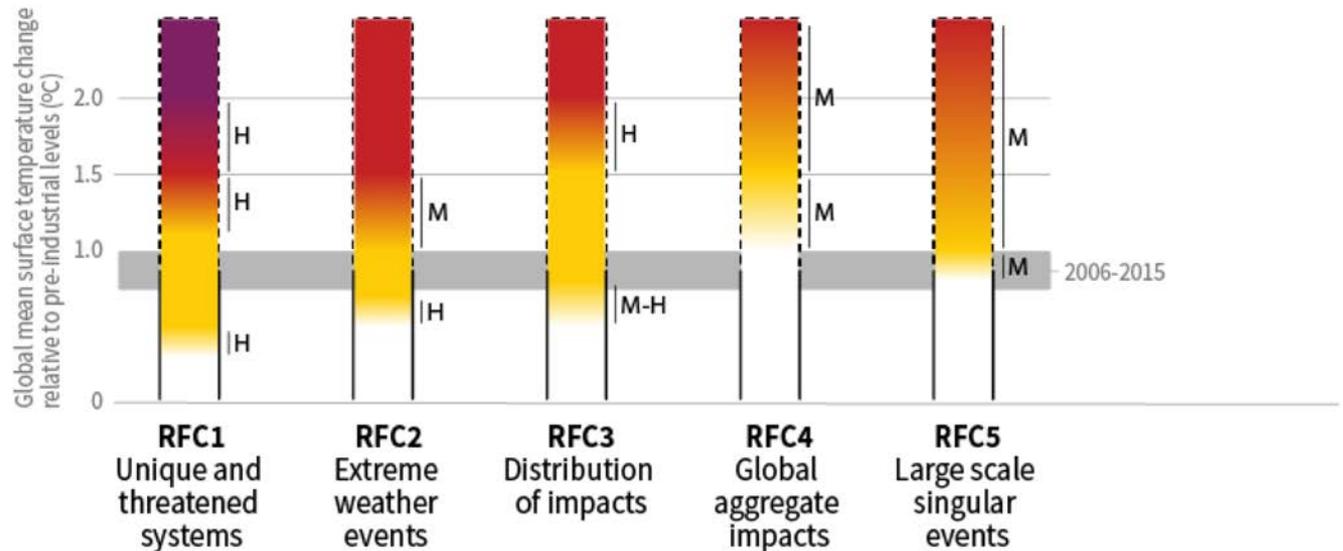
- Lower risk to fisheries and the livelihoods that depend on them
- Up to several hundred million fewer people exposed to climate-related risk and susceptible to poverty by 2050

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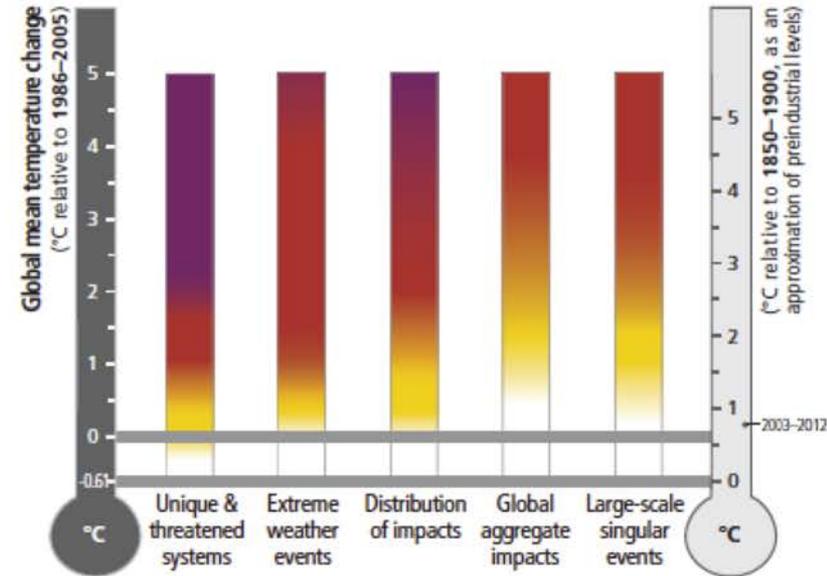
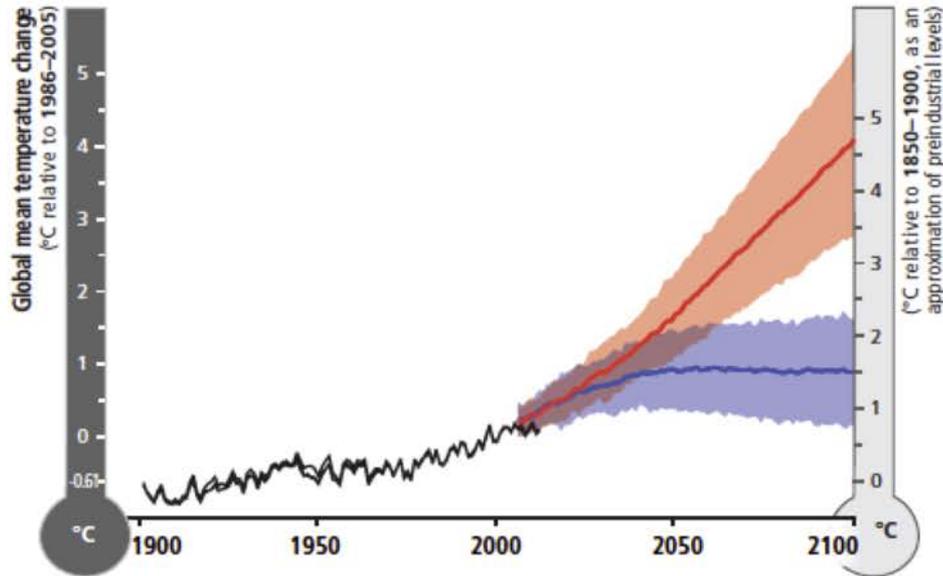
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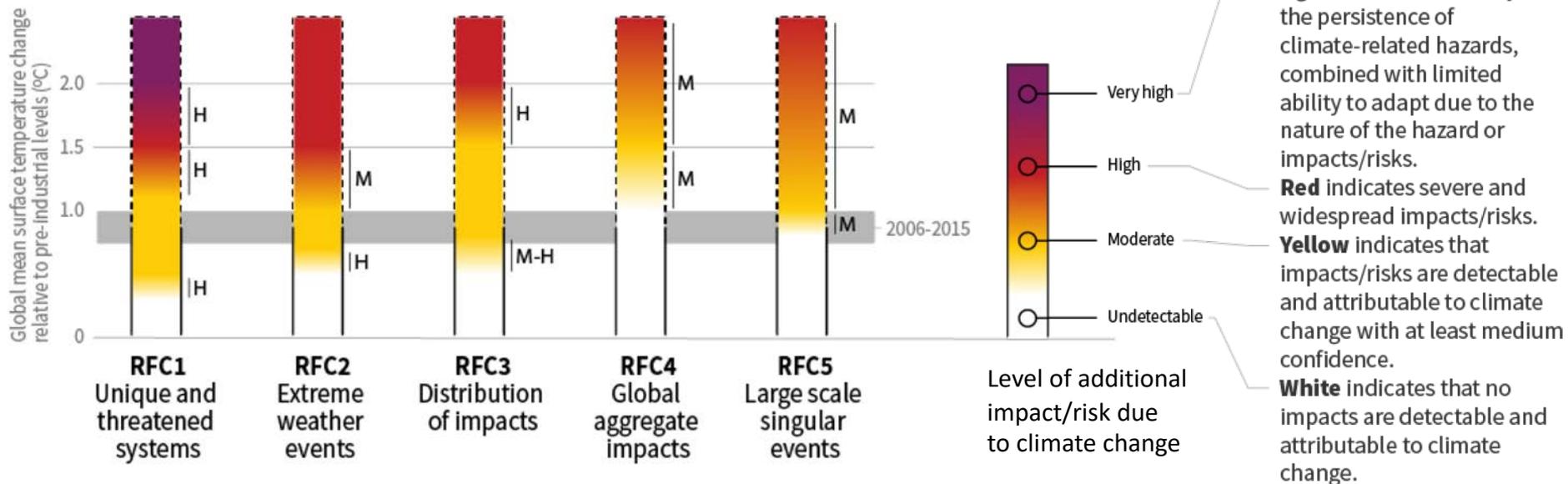


IPCC, 2014 (WG2)

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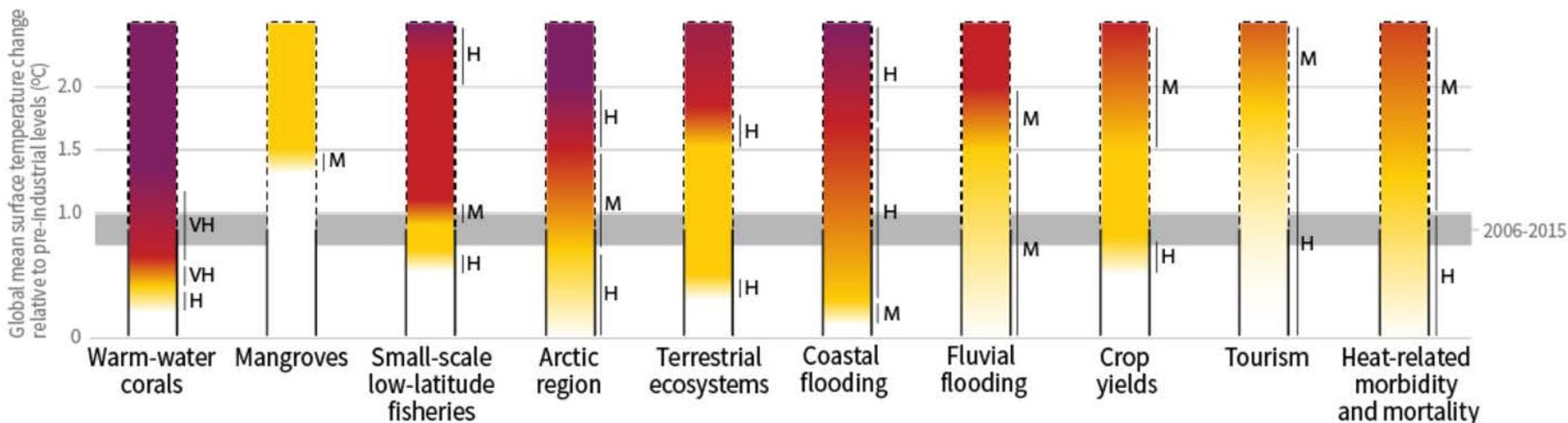


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Emission Pathways and System Transitions Consistent with 1.5°C Global Warming



Greenhouse gas emissions pathways

- To limit warming to 1.5°C, CO₂ emissions fall by about 45% by 2030 (from 2010 levels)
 - ↳ Compared to 20% for 2°C
- To limit warming to 1.5°C, CO₂ emissions would need to reach 'net zero' around 2050
 - ↳ Compared to around 2075 for 2°C
- Reducing non-CO₂ emissions would have direct and immediate health benefits



Greenhouse gas emissions pathways

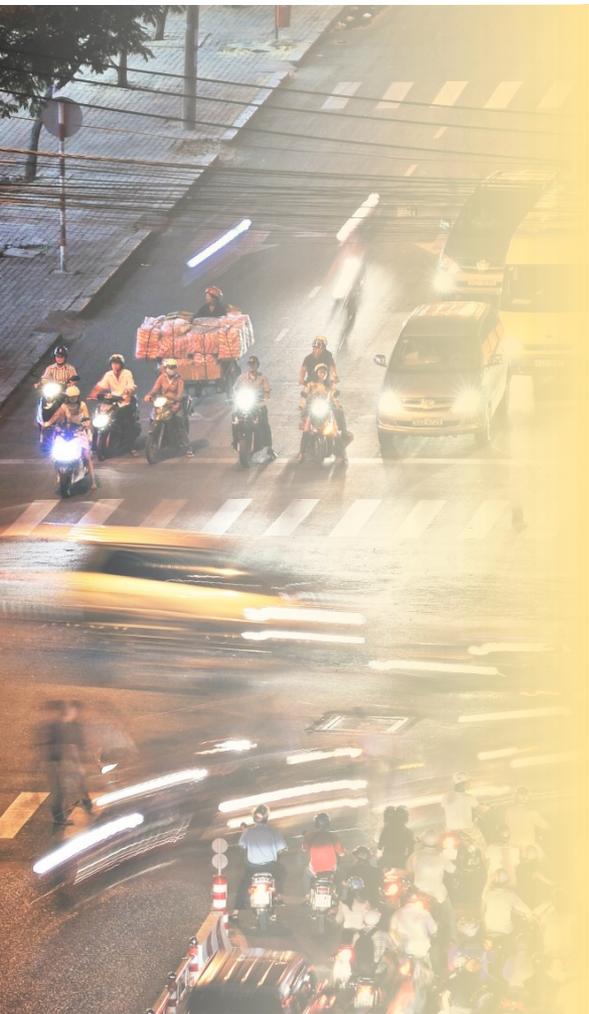
- Limiting warming to 1.5°C would require changes on an unprecedented scale
 - Deep emissions cuts in all sectors
 - A range of technologies
 - Behavioural changes
 - Increased investment in low carbon options



Greenhouse gas emissions pathways

- Progress in renewables would need to be mirrored in other sectors
- We would need to start taking carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere
- Implications for food security, ecosystems and biodiversity

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Greenhouse gas emissions pathways

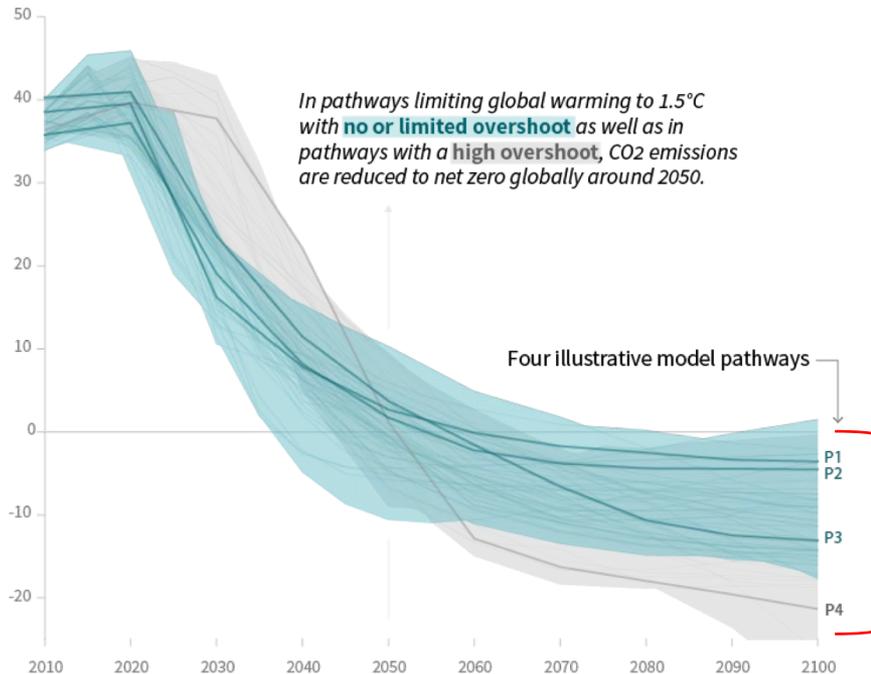
- National pledges are not enough to limit warming to 1.5°C → consistent with 3C rise.
- Avoiding warming of more than 1.5°C would require CO₂ emissions to decline substantially before 2030

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SPM3a | Global emissions pathway characteristics

Global total net CO₂ emissions

Billion tonnes of CO₂/yr



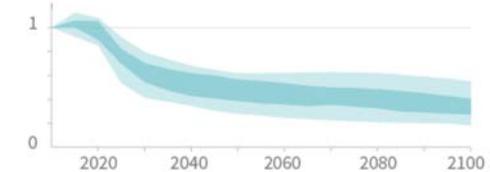
Timing of net zero CO₂
Line widths depict the 5-95th percentile and the 25-75th percentile of scenarios



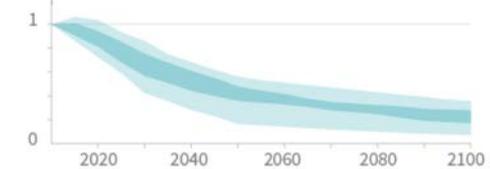
Non-CO₂ emissions relative to 2010

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.

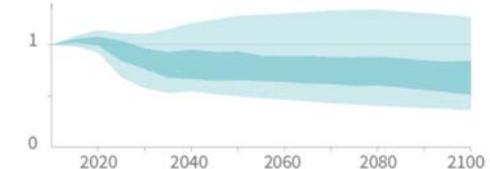
Methane emissions



Black carbon emissions



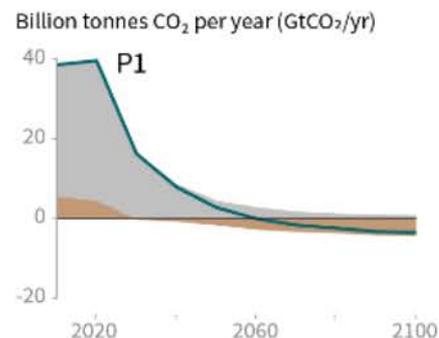
Nitrous oxide emissions



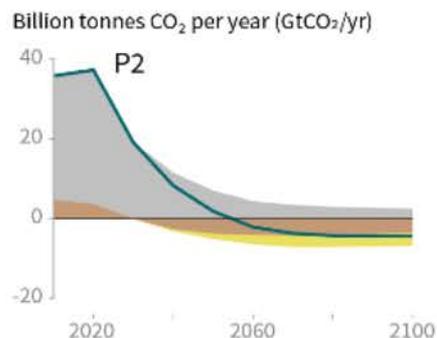
SPM3b | Characteristics of four illustrative model pathways

Breakdown of contributions to global net CO₂ emissions in four illustrative model pathways

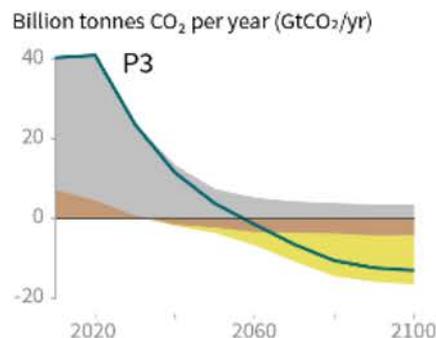
● Fossil fuel and industry ● AFOLU ● BECCS



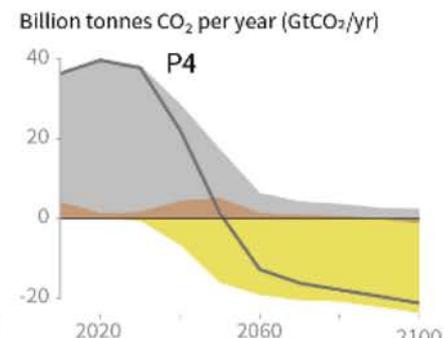
P1: A scenario in which social, business and technological innovations result in lower energy demand up to 2050 while living standards rise, especially in the global South. A downsized energy system enables rapid decarbonization of energy supply. Afforestation is the only CDR option considered; neither fossil fuels with CCS nor BECCS are used.



P2: A scenario with a broad focus on sustainability including energy intensity, human development, economic convergence and international cooperation, as well as shifts towards sustainable and healthy consumption patterns, low-carbon technology innovation, and well-managed land systems with limited societal acceptability for BECCS.



P3: A middle-of-the-road scenario in which societal as well as technological development follows historical patterns. Emissions reductions are mainly achieved by changing the way in which energy and products are produced, and to a lesser degree by reductions in demand.



P4: A resource- and energy-intensive scenario in which economic growth and globalization lead to widespread adoption of greenhouse-gas-intensive lifestyles, including high demand for transportation fuels and livestock products. Emissions reductions are mainly achieved through technological means, making strong use of CDR through the deployment of BECCS.

SPM3b | Characteristics of four illustrative model pathways

Global indicators	P1	P2	P3	P4	Interquartile range
	No or low overshoot	No or low overshoot	No or low overshoot	High overshoot	No or low overshoot
CO₂ emission change in 2030 (% rel to 2010)	-58	-47	-41	4	(-59,-40)
↳ in 2050 (% rel to 2010)	-93	-95	-91	-97	(-104,-91)
Kyoto-GHG emissions* in 2030 (% rel to 2010)	-50	-49	-35	-2	(-55,-38)
↳ in 2050 (% rel to 2010)	-82	-89	-78	-80	(-93,-81)
Final energy demand** in 2030 (% rel to 2010)	-15	-5	17	39	(-12, 7)
↳ in 2050 (% rel to 2010)	-32	2	21	44	(-11, 22)
Renewable share in electricity in 2030 (%)	60	58	48	25	(47, 65)
↳ in 2050 (%)	77	81	63	70	(69, 87)
Primary energy from coal in 2030 (% rel to 2010)	-78	-61	-75	-59	(-78,-59)
↳ in 2050 (% rel to 2010)	-97	-77	-73	-97	(-95,-74)
from oil in 2030 (% rel to 2010)	-37	-13	-3	86	(-34,3)
↳ in 2050 (% rel to 2010)	-87	-50	-81	-32	(-78,-31)
from gas in 2030 (% rel to 2010)	-25	-20	33	37	(-26,21)
↳ in 2050 (% rel to 2010)	-74	-53	21	-48	(-56,6)
from nuclear in 2030 (% rel to 2010)	59	83	98	106	(44,102)
↳ in 2050 (% rel to 2010)	150	98	501	468	(91,190)
from biomass in 2030 (% rel to 2010)	-11	0	36	-1	(29,80)
↳ in 2050 (% rel to 2010)	-16	49	121	418	(123,261)
from non-biomass renewables in 2030 (% rel to 2010)	430	470	315	110	(243,438)
↳ in 2050 (% rel to 2010)	827	1277	878	1127	(575,1200)
Cumulative CCS until 2100 (GtCO₂)	0	348	687	1218	(550, 1017)
↳ of which BECCS (GtCO ₂)	0	151	414	1191	(364, 662)
Land area of bioenergy crops in 2050 (million hectare)	22	93	283	724	(151, 320)
Agricultural CH₄ emissions in 2030 (% rel to 2010)	-24	-48	1	14	(-30,-11)
in 2050 (% rel to 2010)	-33	-69	-23	2	(-46,-23)
Agricultural N₂O emissions in 2030 (% rel to 2010)	5	-26	15	3	(-21,4)
in 2050 (% rel to 2010)	6	-26	0	39	(-26,1)

Temperature and emissions

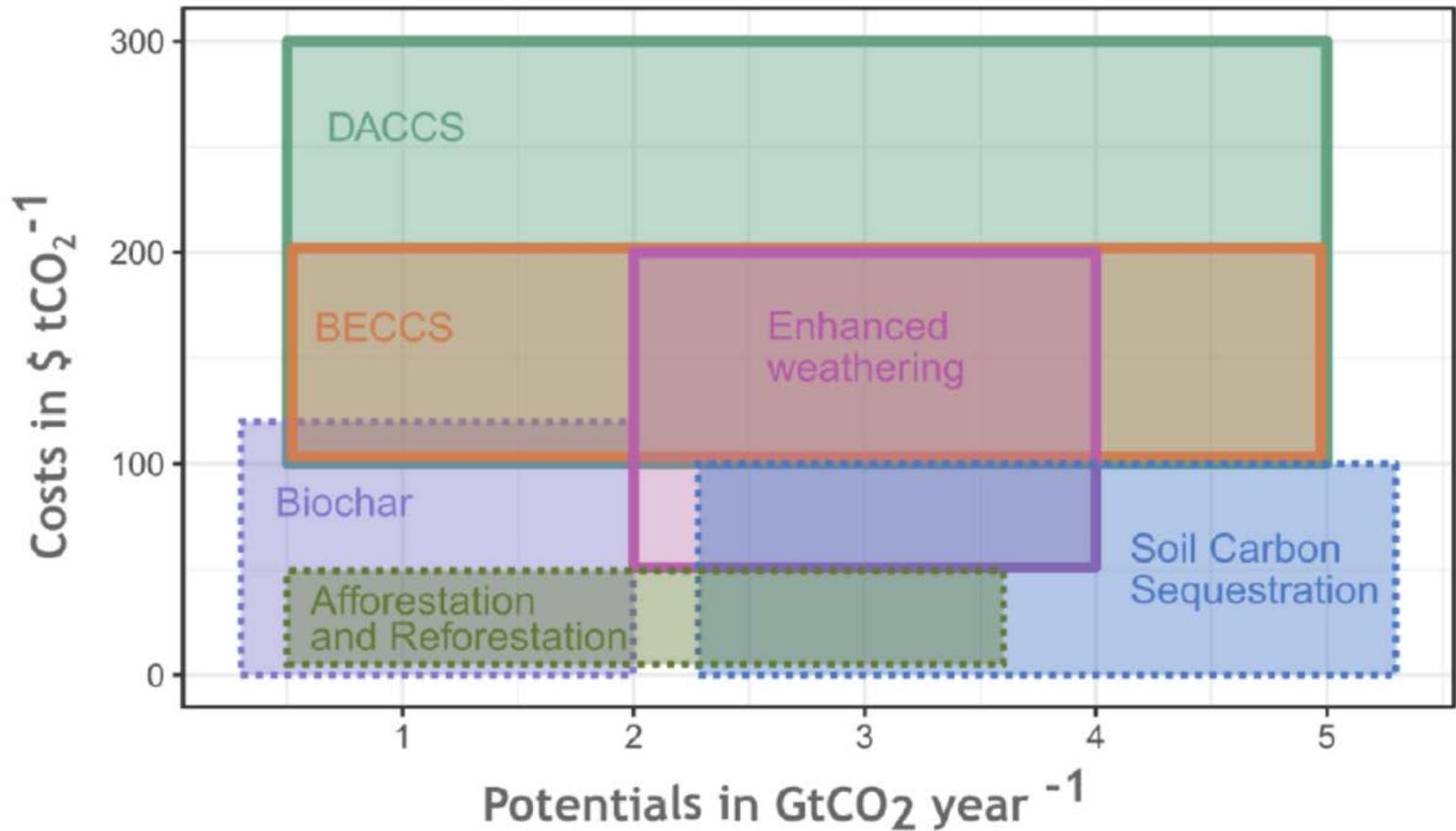
Energy systems

Carbon dioxide removal

Agriculture

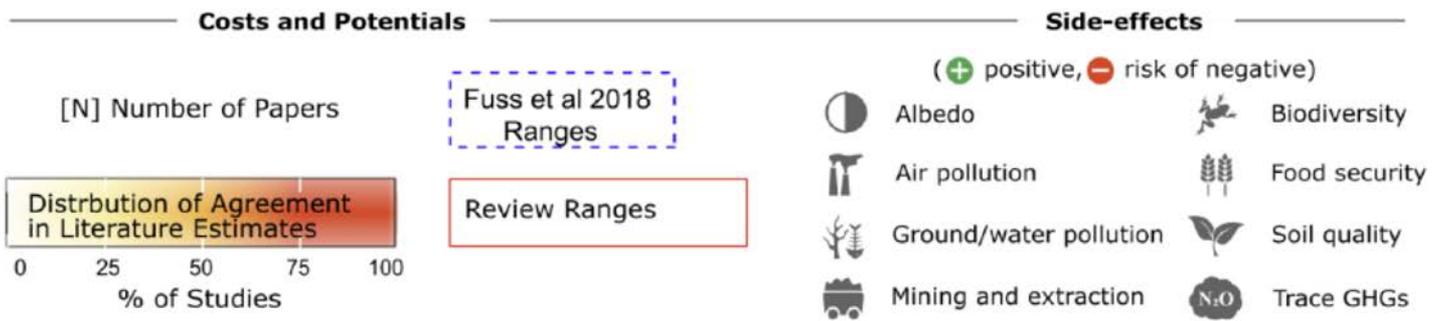
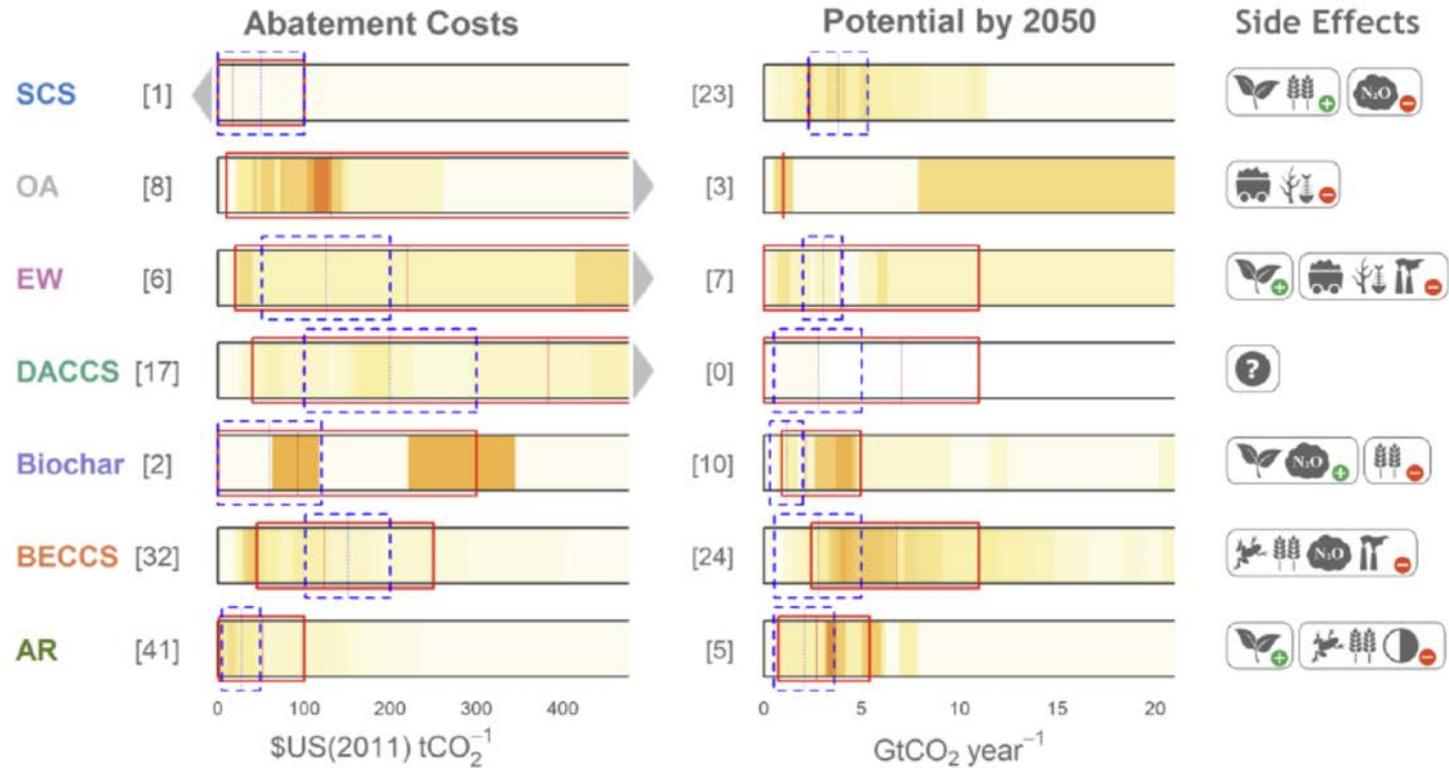
NOTE: Indicators have been selected to show global trends identified by the Chapter 2 assessment. National and sectoral characteristics can differ substantially from the global trends shown above.

* Kyoto-gas emissions are based on SAR GWP-100
 ** Changes in energy demand are associated with improvements in energy efficiency and behaviour change



DACCS=direct air capture and storage
 BECCS=bioenergy carbon capture and storage

SR1.5 report (2018); Chapter 4.



SCS=soil carbon sequestration;
 OA=ocean alkanization;
 EW=enhanced weathering
 AR=afforestation

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Strengthening the Global Response in the Context of Sustainable Development and Efforts to Eradicate Poverty



Climate change and people

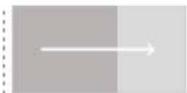
- Close links to United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Mix of measures to adapt to climate change and reduce emissions can have benefits for SDGs
- National and sub-national authorities, civil society, the private sector, indigenous peoples and local communities can support ambitious action
- International cooperation is a critical part of limiting warming to 1.5°C

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SPM4

Indicative linkages between mitigation and sustainable development using SDGs (the linkages do not show costs and benefit)

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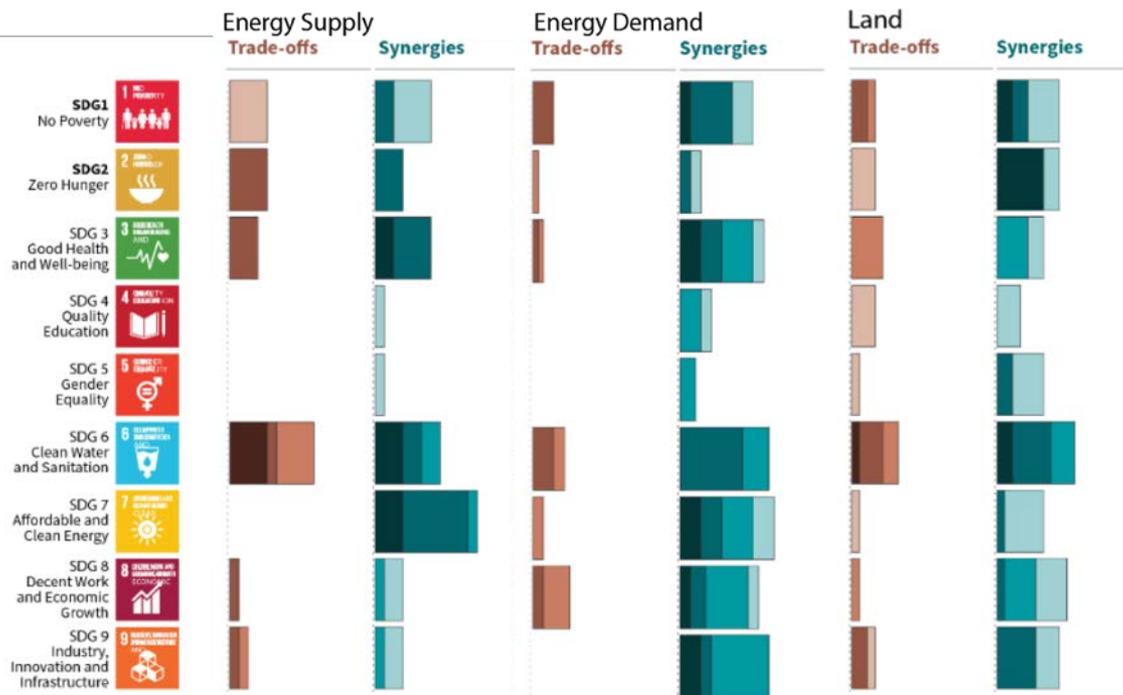
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Very High

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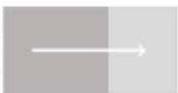
Energy Demand: behavior change

Land: reduce food waste, switching diets, soil C sequestration, forest preservation

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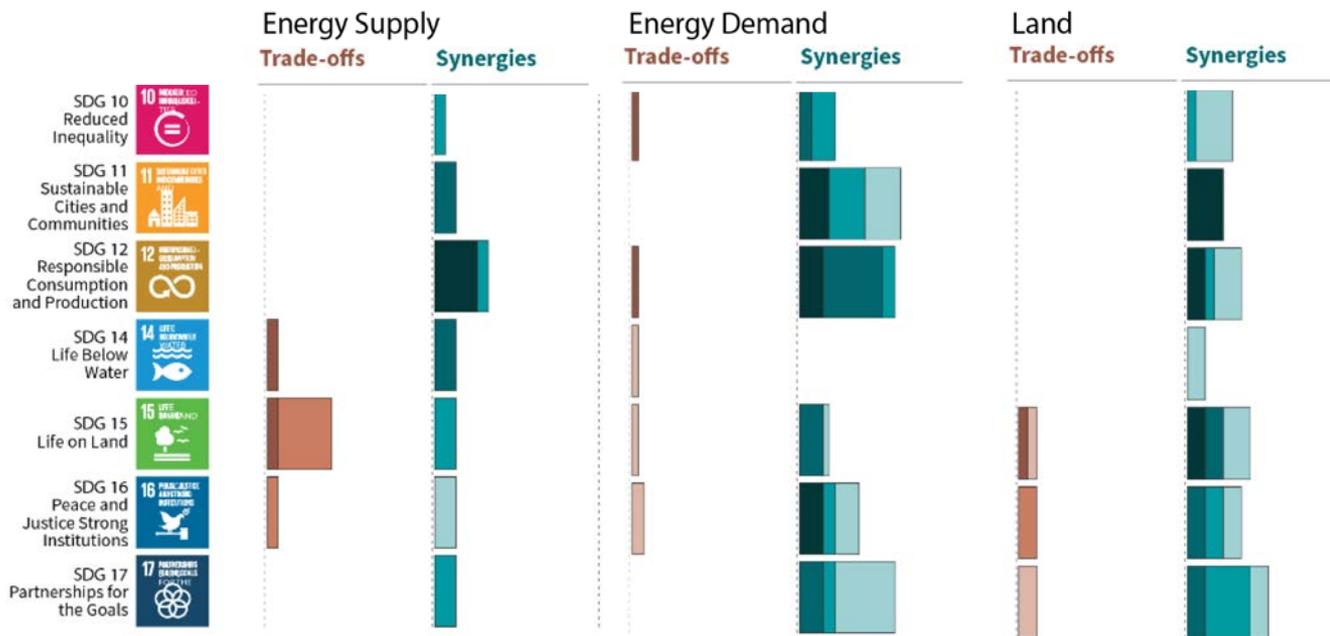


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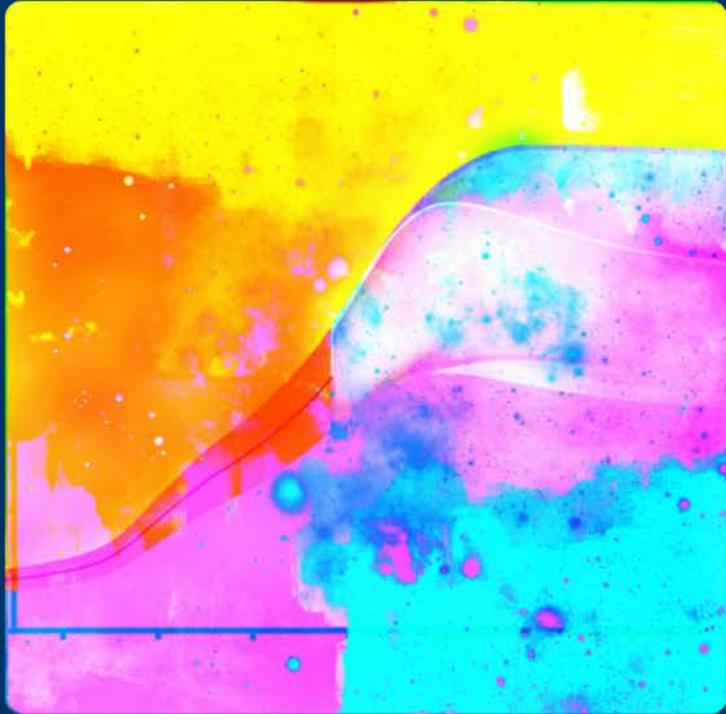


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Summary

- 1C warming already: not impossible to be under 1.5C
- Need to adapt to current level and 1.5C or higher: already seeing harms
- Very ambitious to reach 1.5C or 2C
 - Need to move to sustainable energy now
 - Need to have behavior change now (less energy and ag used)
 - Need to move to sustainable ag now
 - Need to develop carbon dioxide removal technologies now (current technologies have many negative impacts)
- Report identifies many potential trade-offs between climate policy and sustainable development
 - Need to make sure expensive technologies aren't required: don't block developing countries or eradication of poverty.
- Report identifies many potential synergies between climate action and other goals (clean air, clean water, biodiversity)



Questions?

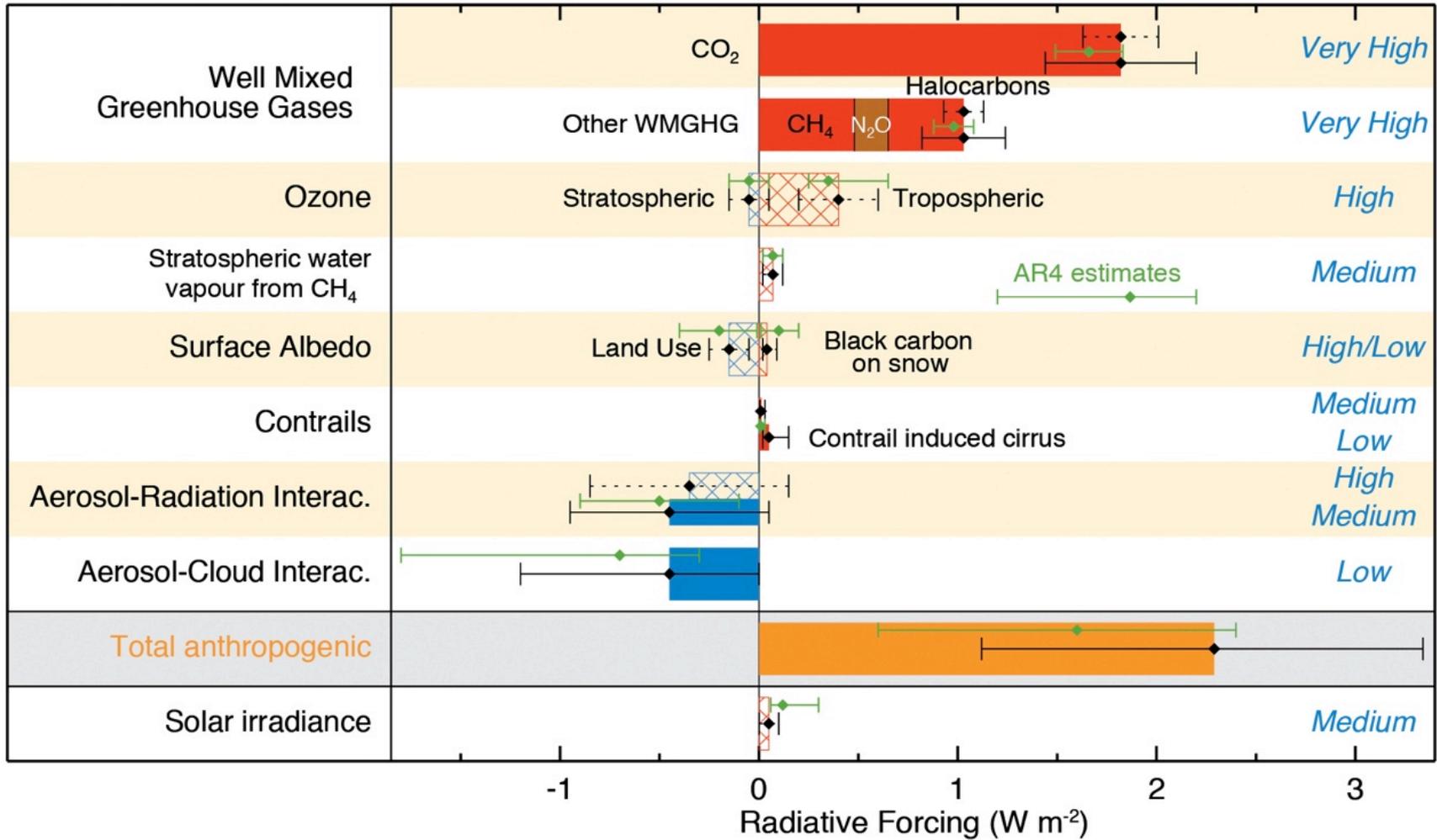
Radiative forcing of climate between 1750 and 2011

Forcing agent

Confidence Level

Anthropogenic

Natural



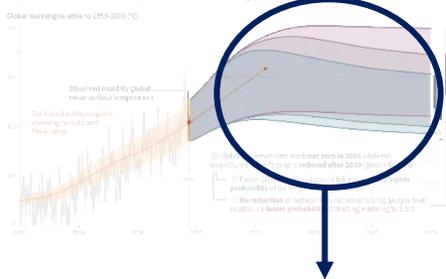
C2.6 Total annual average energy-related mitigation investment for the period 2015 to 2050 in pathways limiting warming to 1.5°C is estimated to be around 900 billion USD₂₀₁₅ (range of 180 billion to 1800 billion USD₂₀₁₅ across six models¹⁷). This corresponds to total annual average energy supply investments of 1600 to 3800 billion USD₂₀₁₅ and total annual average energy demand investments of 700 to 1000 billion USD₂₀₁₅ for the period 2015 to 2050, and an increase in total energy-related investments of about 12% (range of 3% to 23%) in 1.5°C pathways relative to 2°C pathways. Average annual investment in low-carbon energy technologies and energy efficiency are upscaled by roughly a factor of five (range of factor of 4 to 5) by 2050 compared to 2015 (*medium confidence*). {2.5.2, Box 4.8, Figure 2.27}

C2.7. Modelled pathways limiting global warming to 1.5°C with no or limited overshoot project a wide range of global average discounted marginal abatement costs over the 21st century. They are roughly 3-4 times higher than in pathways limiting global warming to below 2°C (*high confidence*). The economic literature distinguishes marginal abatement costs from total mitigation costs in the economy. The literature on total mitigation costs of 1.5°C mitigation pathways is limited and was not assessed in this report. Knowledge gaps remain in the integrated assessment of the economy wide costs and benefits of mitigation in line with pathways limiting warming to 1.5°C. {2.5.2; 2.6; Figure 2.26}

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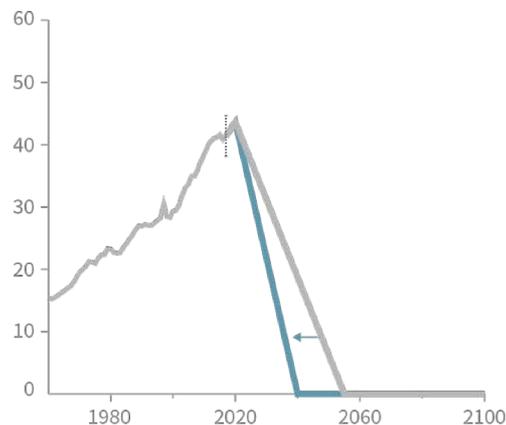
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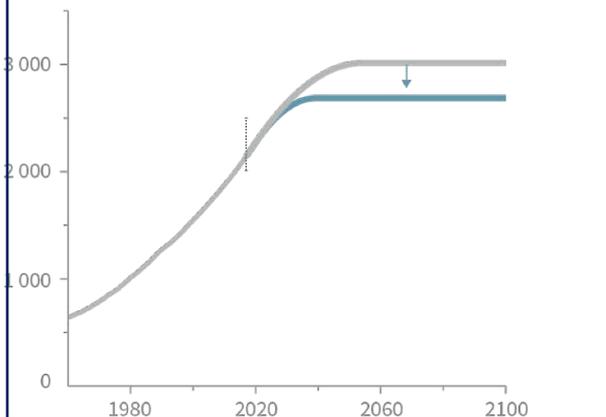


Faster immediate CO₂ emission reductions limit cumulative CO₂ emissions

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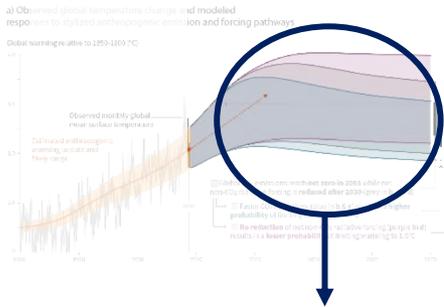


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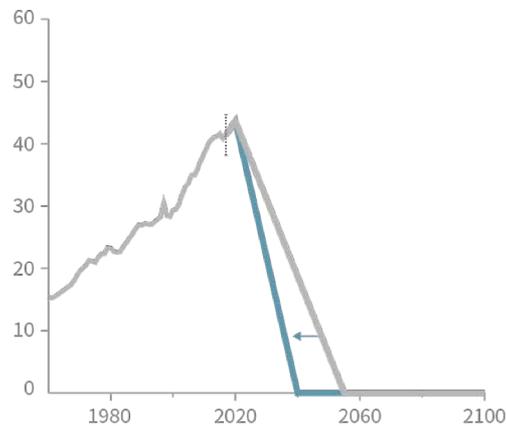


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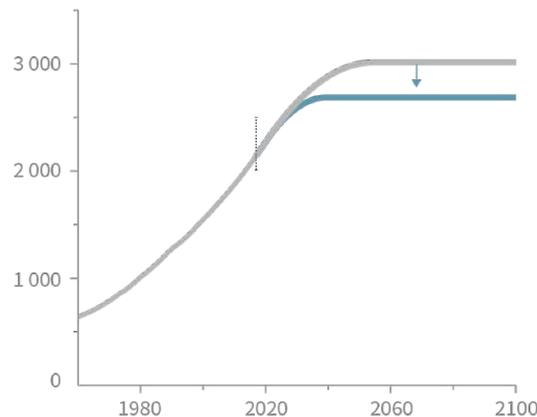
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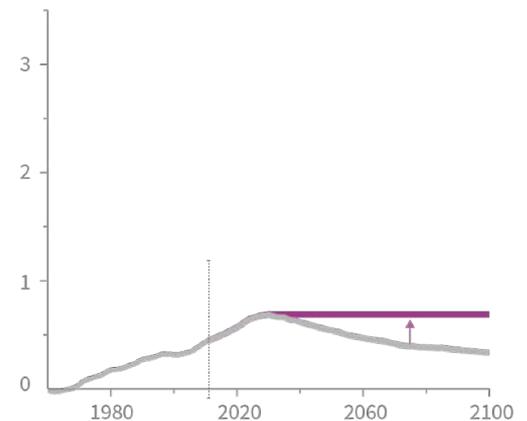
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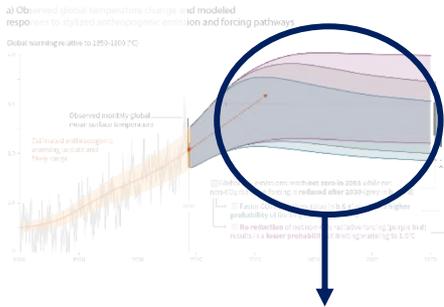


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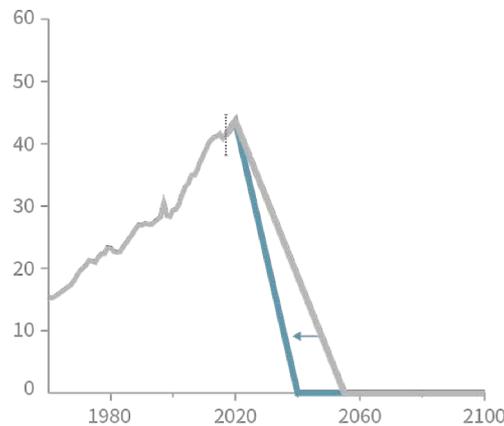
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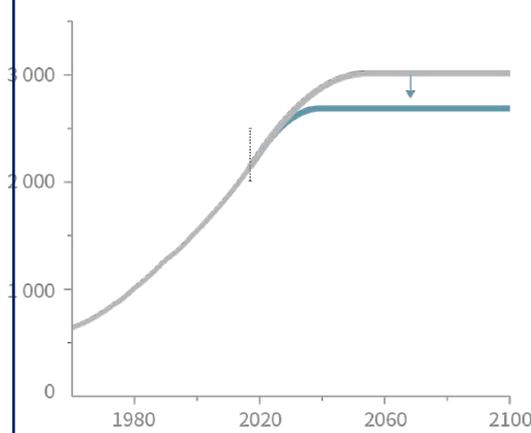


Maximum temperature rise is determined by cumulative net CO₂ emissions and net non-CO₂ radiative forcing due to methane, nitrous oxide, aerosols and other anthropogenic forcing agents.

b) Stylized net global CO₂ emission pathways
Billion tonnes CO₂ per year (GtCO₂/yr)



c) Cumulative net CO₂ emissions
Billion tonnes CO₂ (GtCO₂)



d) Non-CO₂ radiative forcing pathways
Watts per square metre (W/m²)

