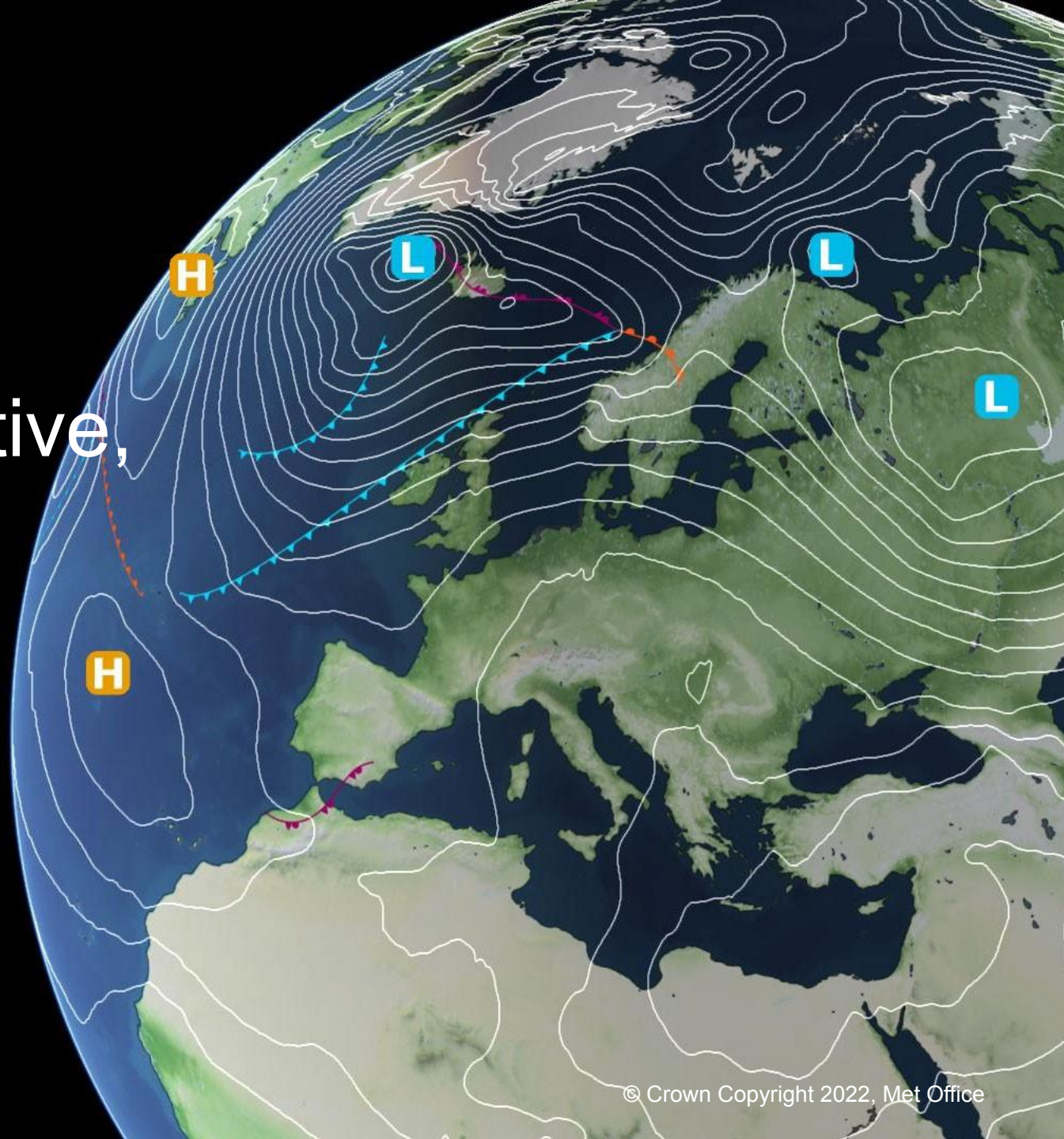


# Reassessing the carbon budget and net zero narrative, scientific progress and knowledge gaps

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# From the Rio earth summit (1992) to the Paris Agreement and beyond.....



UNFCCC Article 2: “The ultimate objective of this Convention ..... is to achieve .... stabilization of greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system. Such a level should be achieved within a time-frame sufficient to allow ecosystems to adapt naturally to climate change, to ensure that food production is not threatened and to enable economic development to proceed in a sustainable manner.”

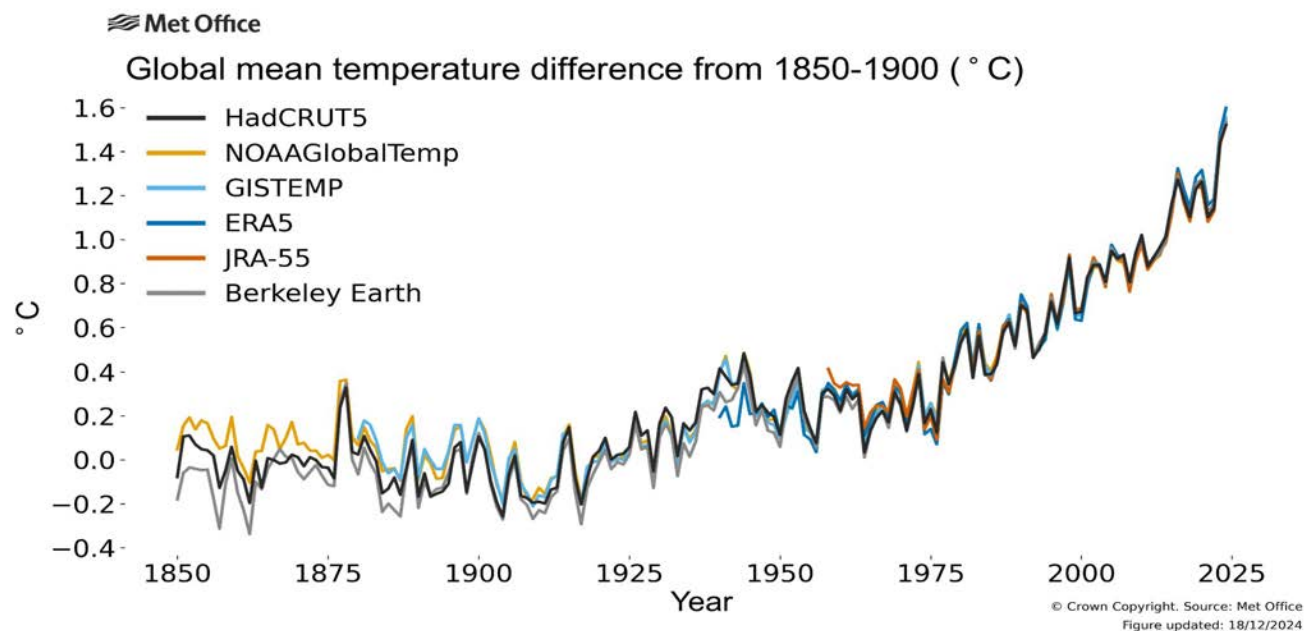


Paris Agreement 2015 article 2: “Holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels”

Article 4: “.. achieve a balance between anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of greenhouse gases in the second half of this century”



# Global climate has changed in significantly



2024 was 1.53°C above the 1850-1900 global average, according to the HadCRUT5 dataset, and is therefore the warmest year on record. 2023's value of 1.46°C



Also focus on the **rate of climate change**. E.g. the chance of a summer day in UK warmer than 40°C became 4x more likely between 1990 and 2020.

# “Paris warming” has reached around 1.35°C

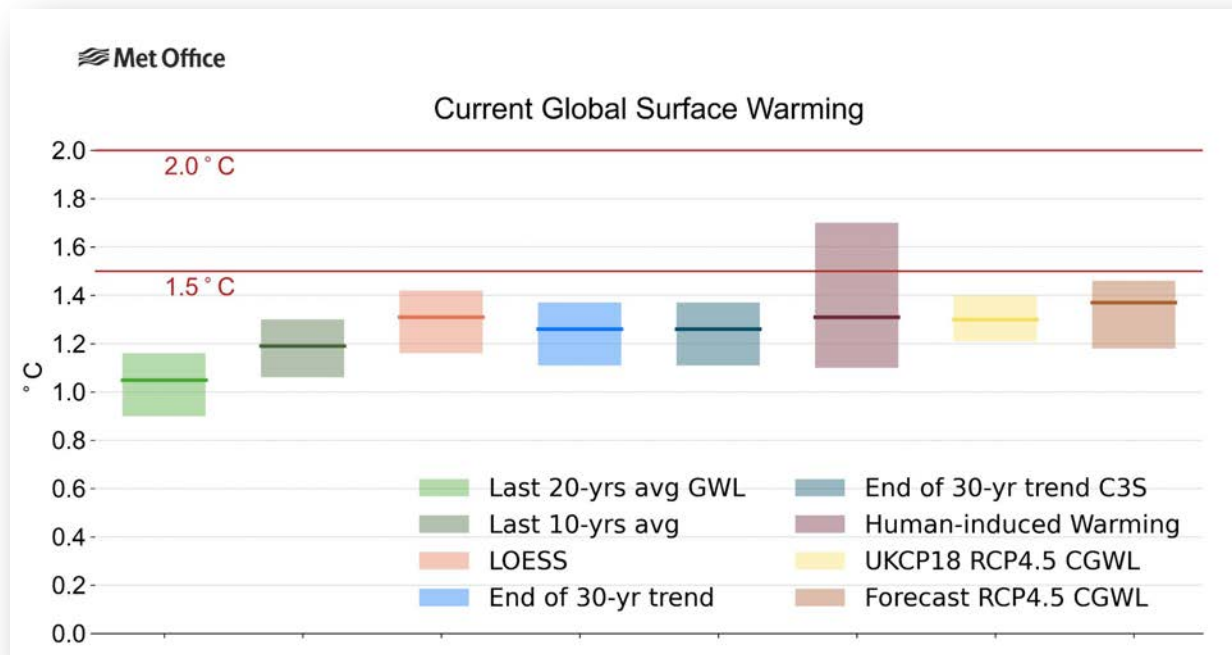
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## Approaching 1.5 °C: how will we know we’ve reached this crucial warming mark?

Assessing global mean temperature rise using the average warming over the previous one or two decades will delay formal recognition of when Earth breaches the Paris agreement’s 1.5 °C guard rail. Here is what’s needed to avoid the wait.

By [Richard A. Betts](#), [Stephen E. Belcher](#), [Leon Hermanson](#), [Albert Klein Tank](#), [Jason A. Lowe](#), [Chris D. Jones](#), [Colin P. Morice](#), [Nick A. Rayner](#), [Adam A. Scaife](#) & [Peter A. Stott](#)



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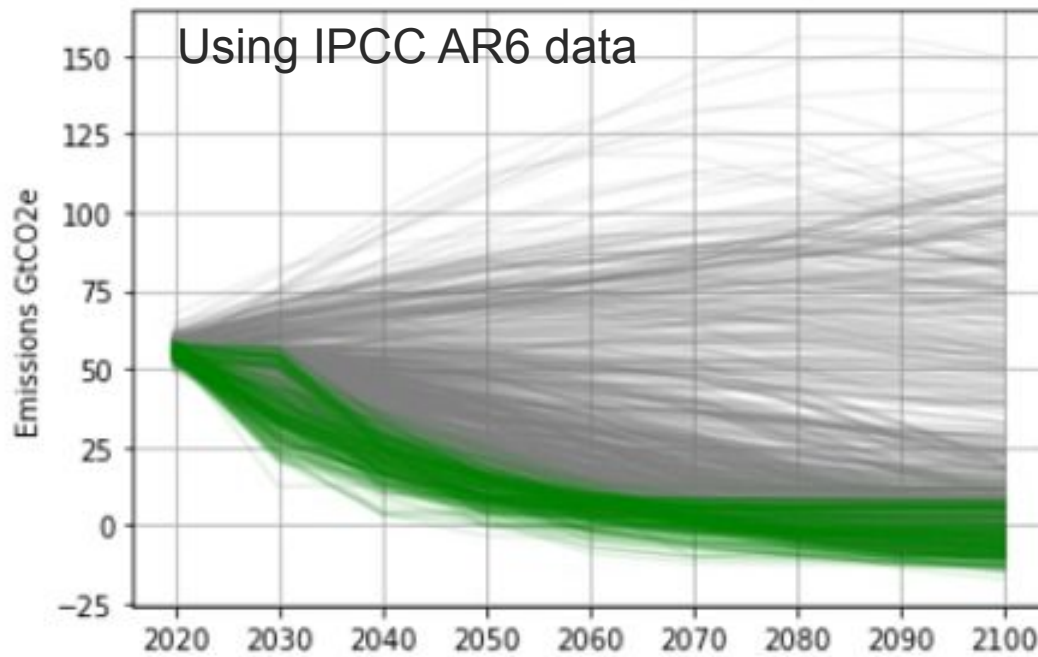
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# How much will the climate warm in future?

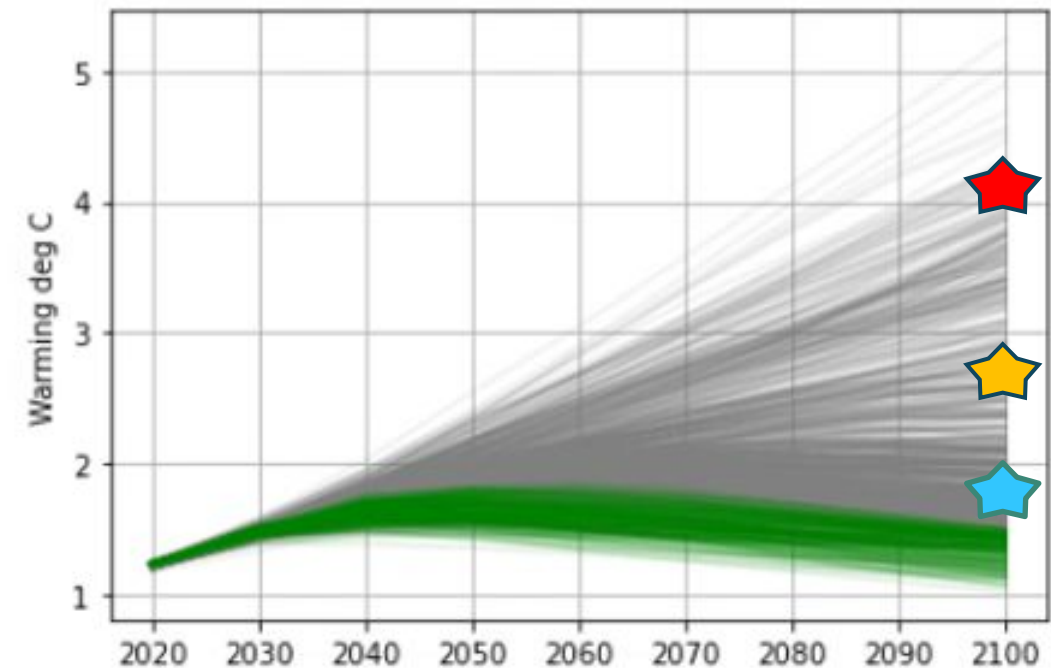
# Climate change in the future: is it still possible to limit warming to 1.5°C?



Emissions of greenhouse gases



Global mean temperature response



Current policies



Net zero announcements



Backtracking

**Updated IPCC emissions scenarios no longer limit warming to 1.5°C**

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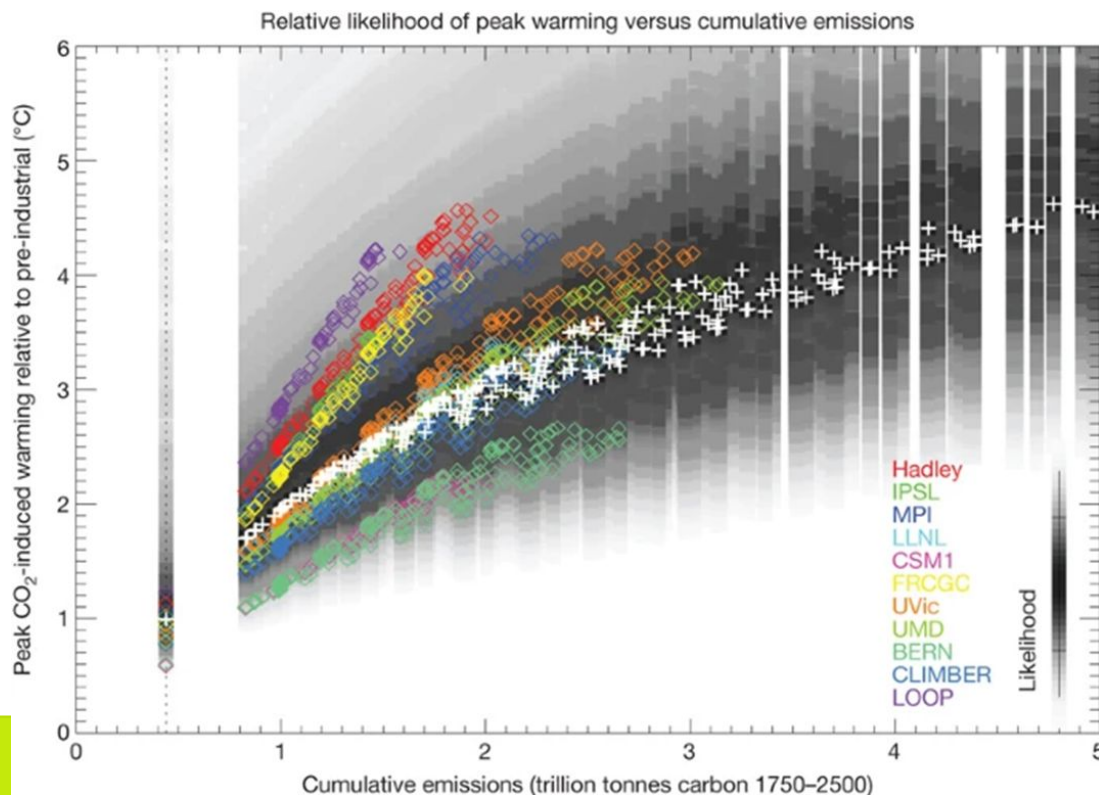
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## Greenhouse-gas emission targets for limiting global warming to 2 °C

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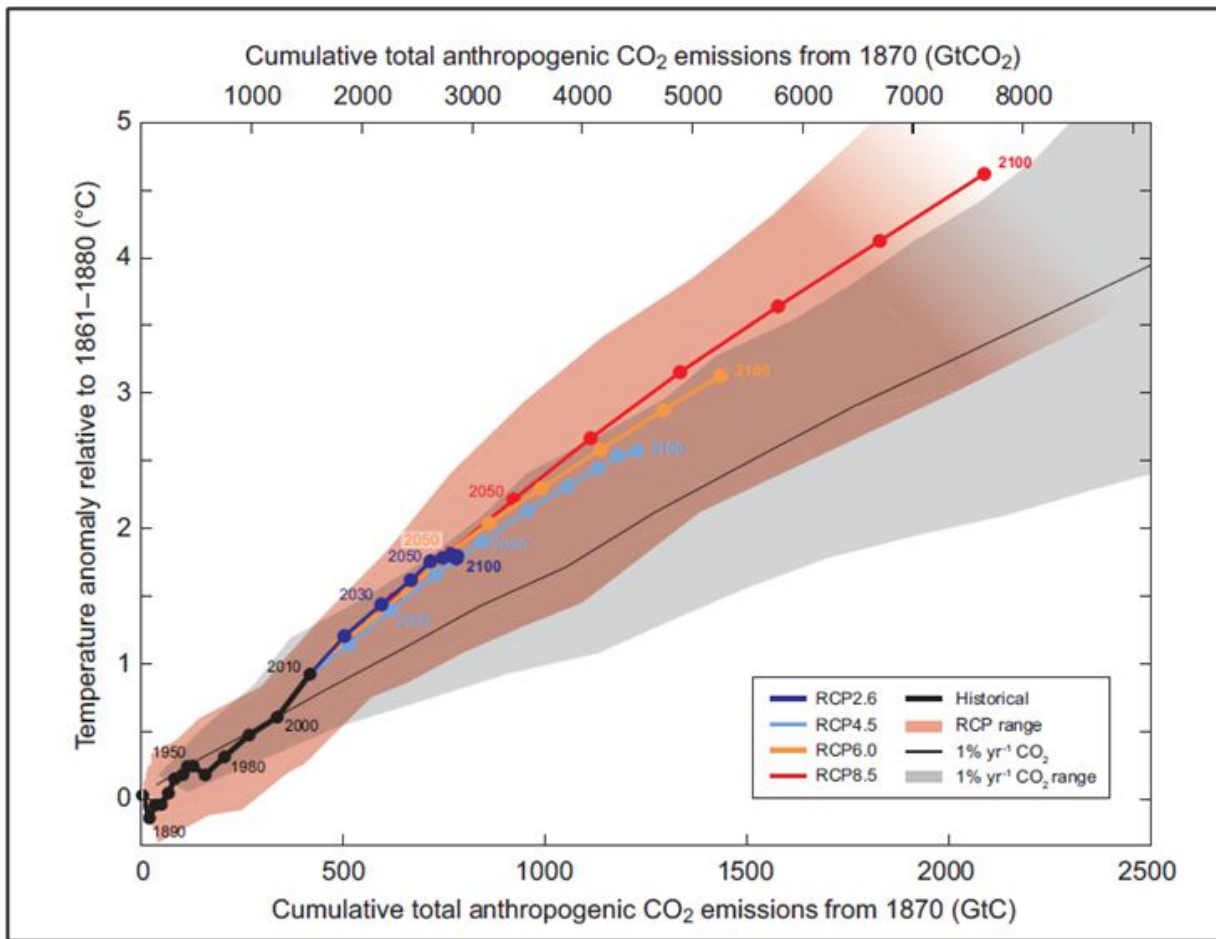
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- One of main advances in IPCC AR5
- The concept of net zero is clear from this relationship

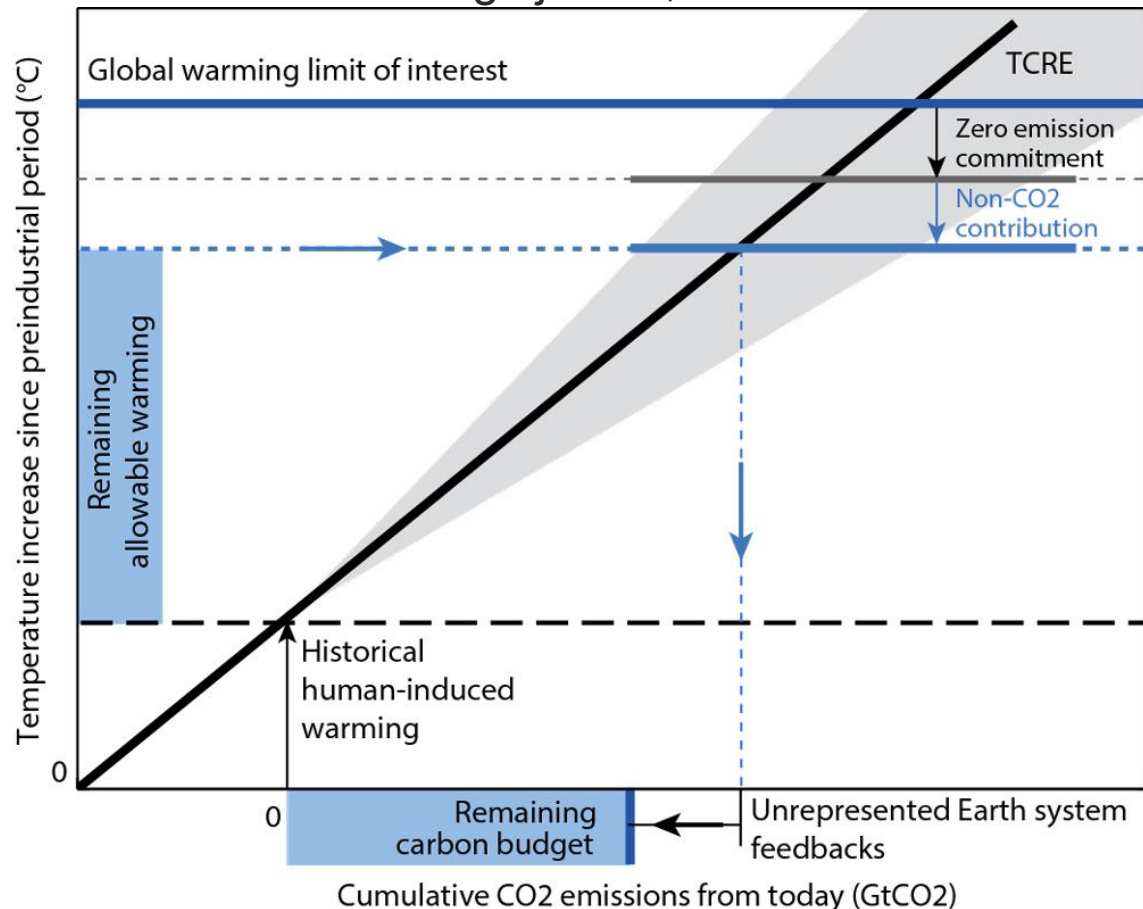


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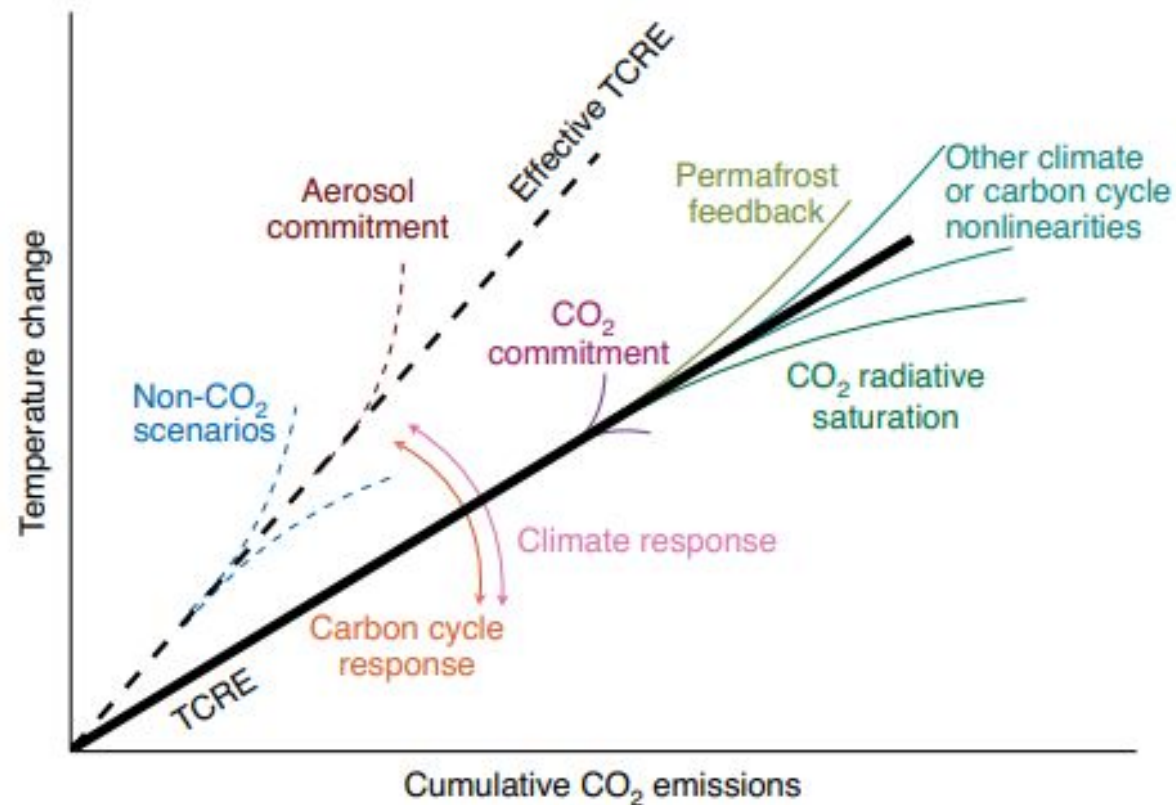
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But, we need to understand the uncertainty budget

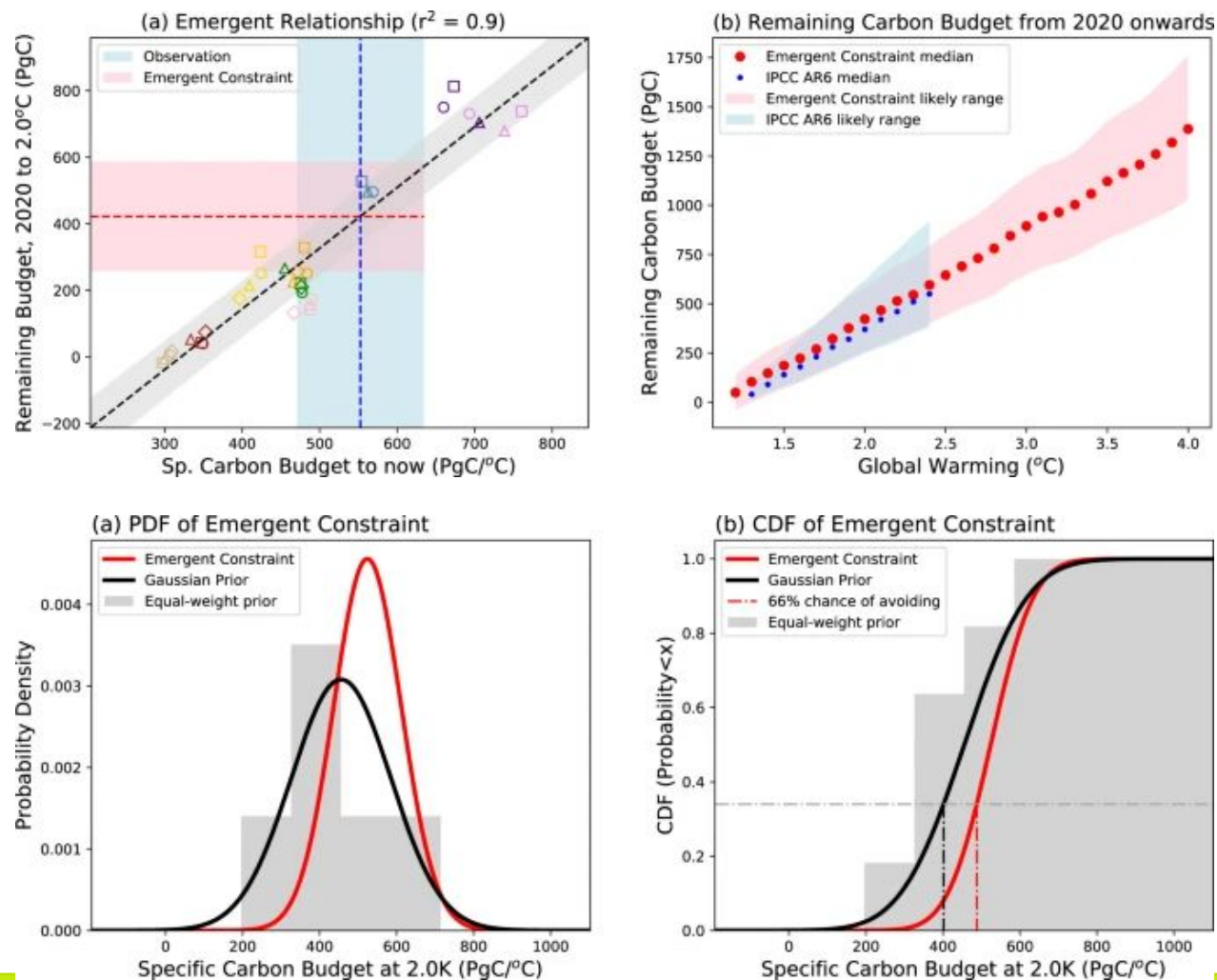
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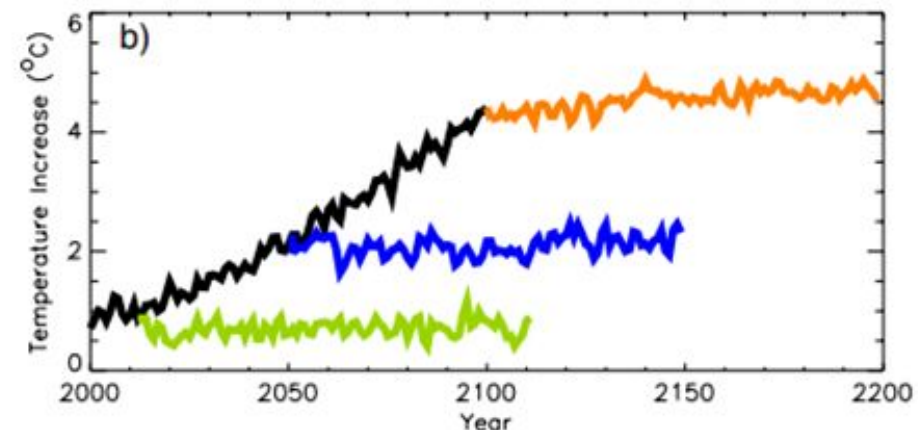
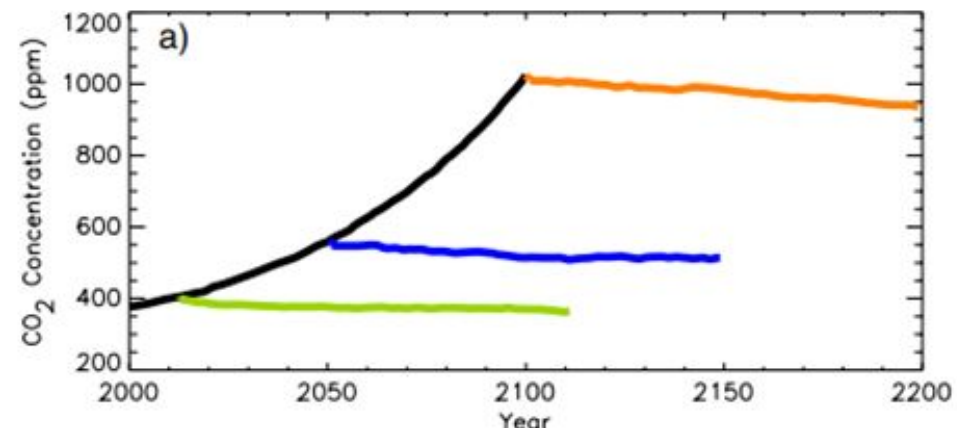
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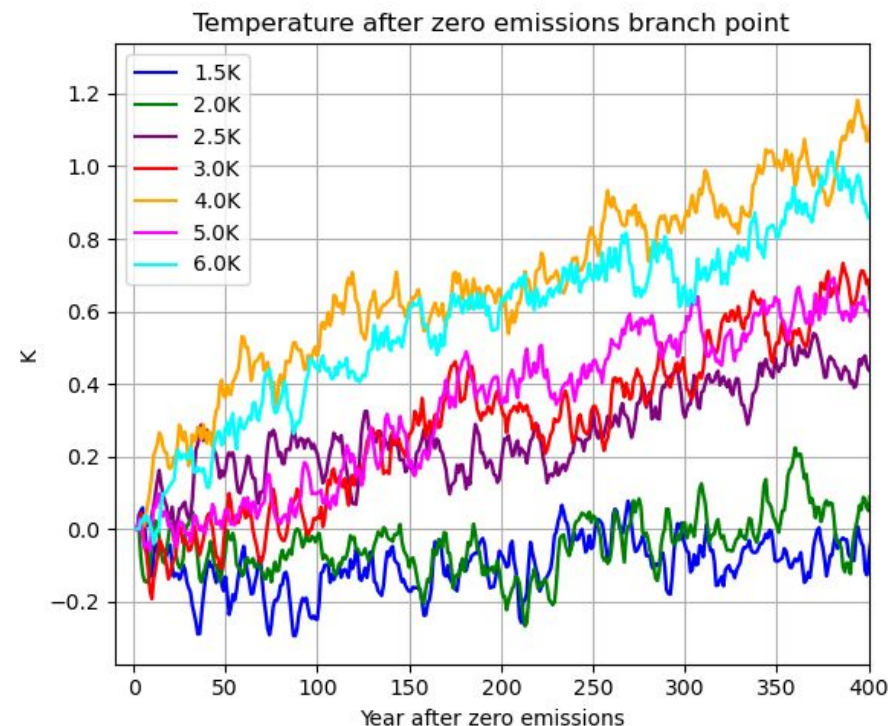
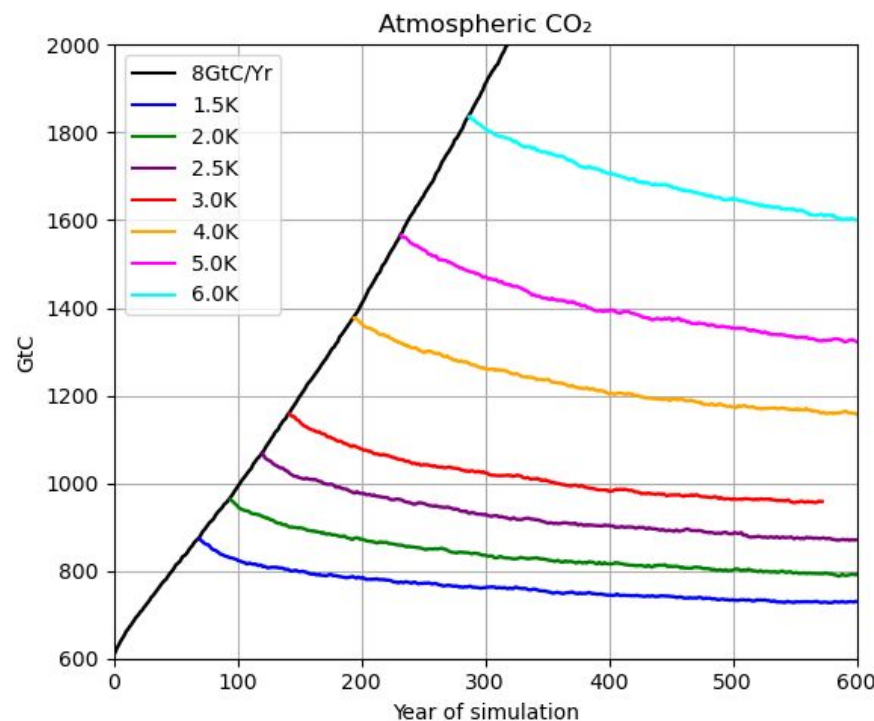
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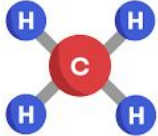
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UKESM experiments that zero emissions are a range of warming levels

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What about earth  
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## Effect of terrestrial nutrient limitation on the estimation of the remaining carbon budget

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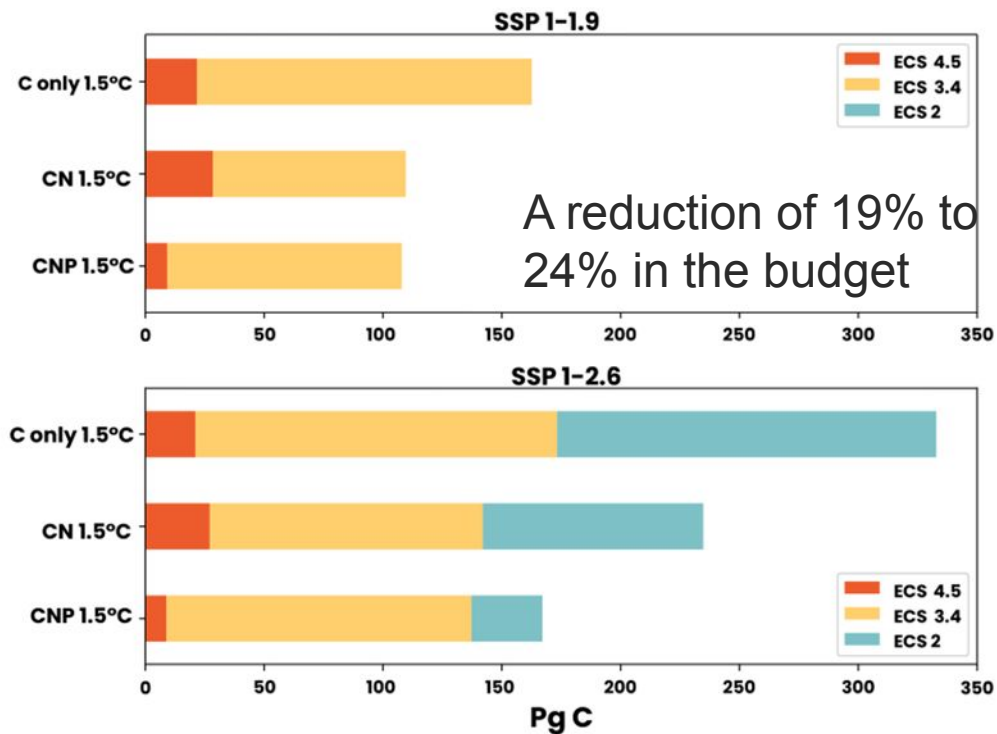
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1.5°C

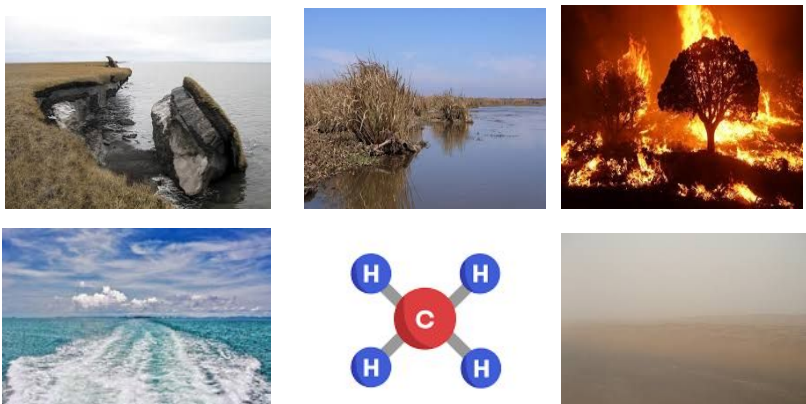
1.7°C

2°C

	HadGEM2	GFDL	IPSL	MIROC	Mean
1.3°C	-7	-40	7	-18	-15
1.5°C	-26	-40	4	-37	-25
1.7°C	-33	-59	-18	-37	-37
2°C	-62	-92	-22	-81	-64



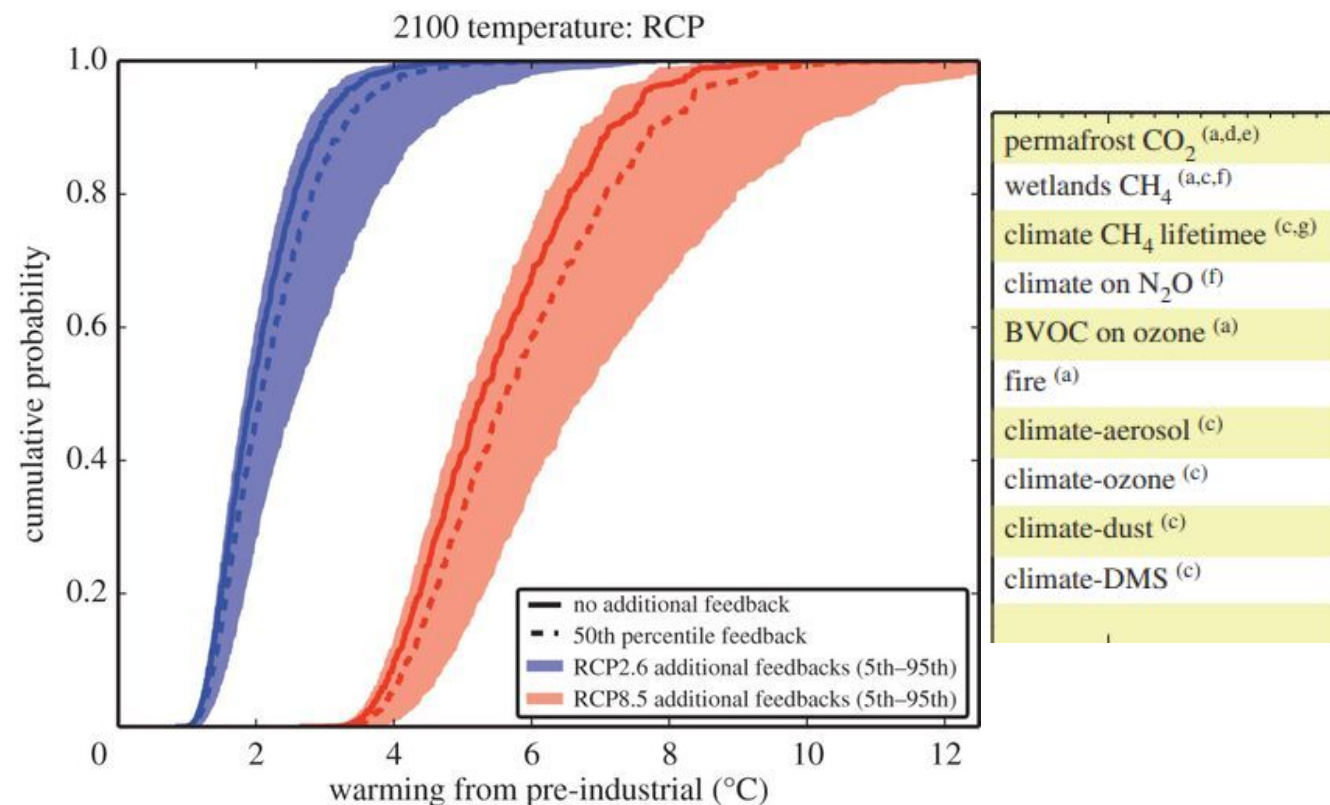
## What about earth system feedbacks?



### The impact of Earth system feedbacks on carbon budgets and climate response

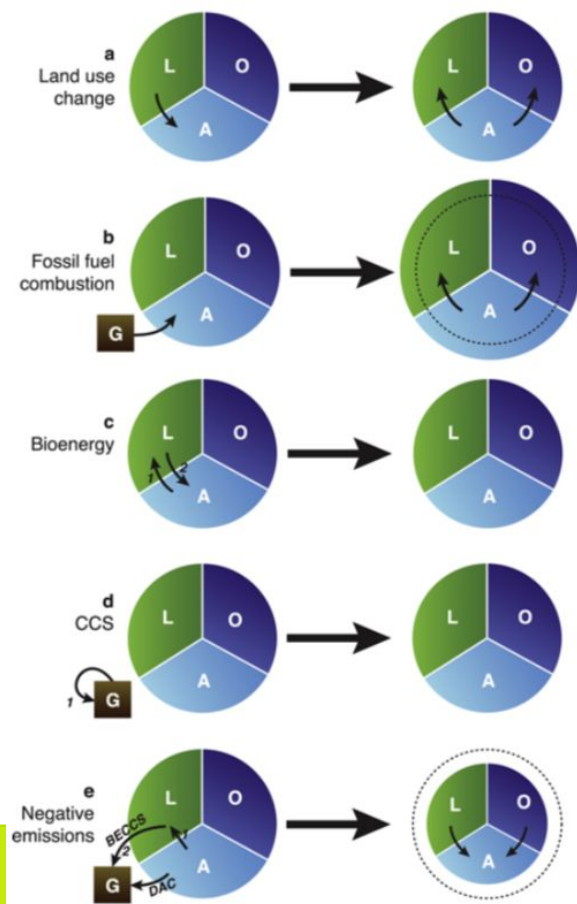
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Now being explored in more complex earth system models:  
Recent Met Office results by **Liddicoat et al., 2025** suggest reduction in carbon budgets of up to 25%

Is the linear relationship the same if we remove carbon?



## Simulating the Earth system response to negative emissions

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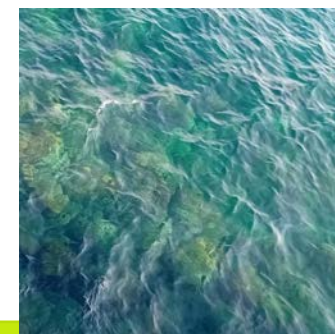
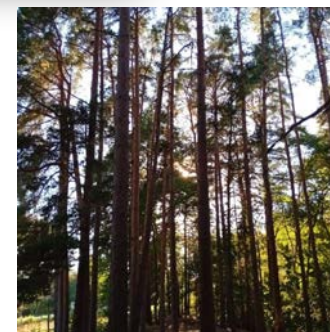
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“Earth system models suggest significant weakening, even potential reversal, of the ocean and land sinks under future low emission scenarios.”

“...will hinder the effectiveness of negative emissions technologies and therefore increase their required deployment to achieve a given climate stabilisation target.”



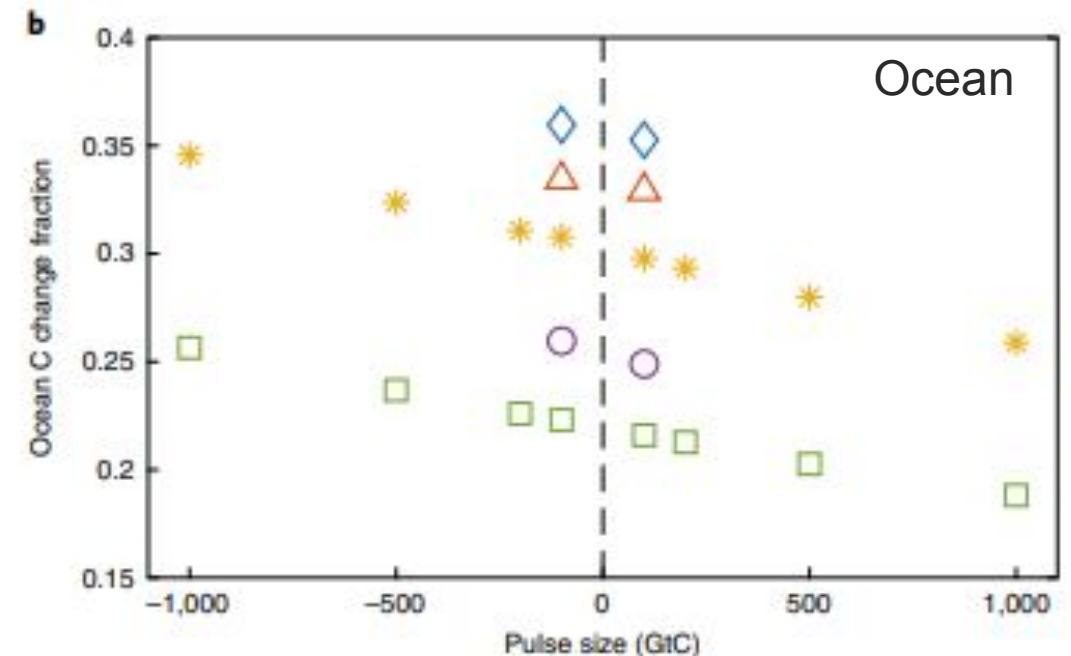
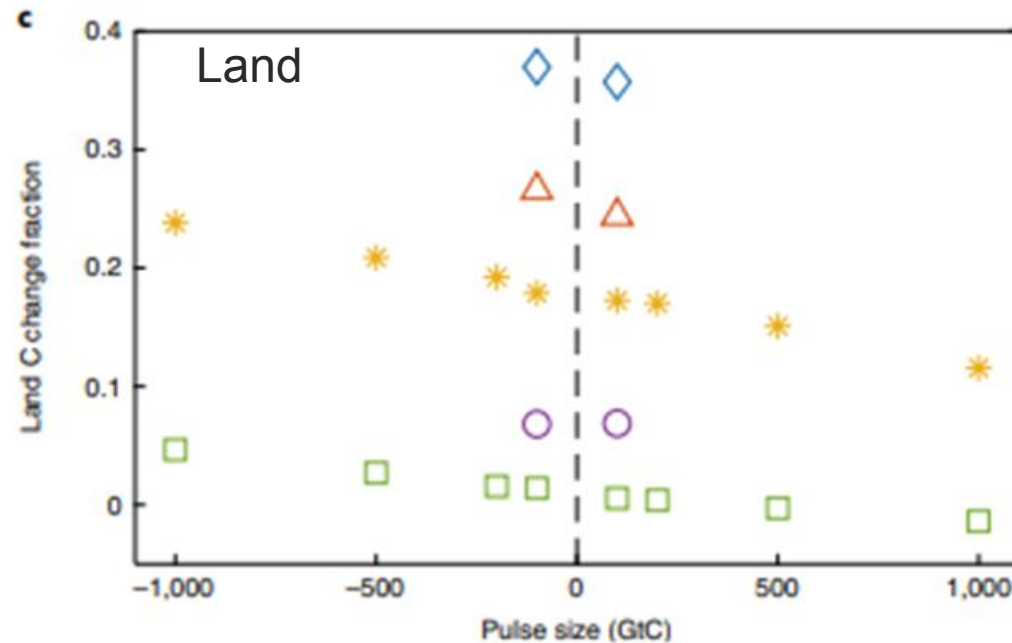
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## Asymmetry in the climate–carbon cycle response to positive and negative CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

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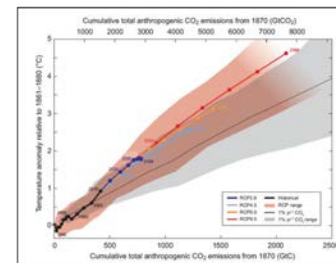


# Is limiting warming to below 1.5°C feasible?

**Climate constraints:** Given an emissions pathway, what happens to climate?

**Economic and technological constraints:** on achieving an emission pathway

**Political and social constraints:** Creating the situation to drive emission reductions.



# Is limiting warming to below 1.5°C feasible?

## Carbon budget perspective

Temperature (°C)	Estimated remaining carbon budgets from the beginning of 2025 (GtCO <sub>2</sub> )				
Avoidance probability:	17%	33%	50%	67%	83%
1.5	320	200	130	80	30
1.6	620	420	310	240	160
1.7	910	640	490	390	290
2.0	1790	1310	1050	870	690

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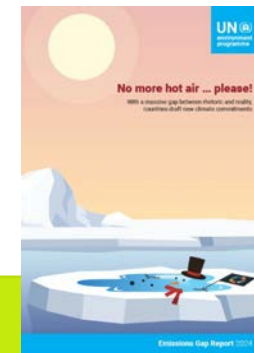
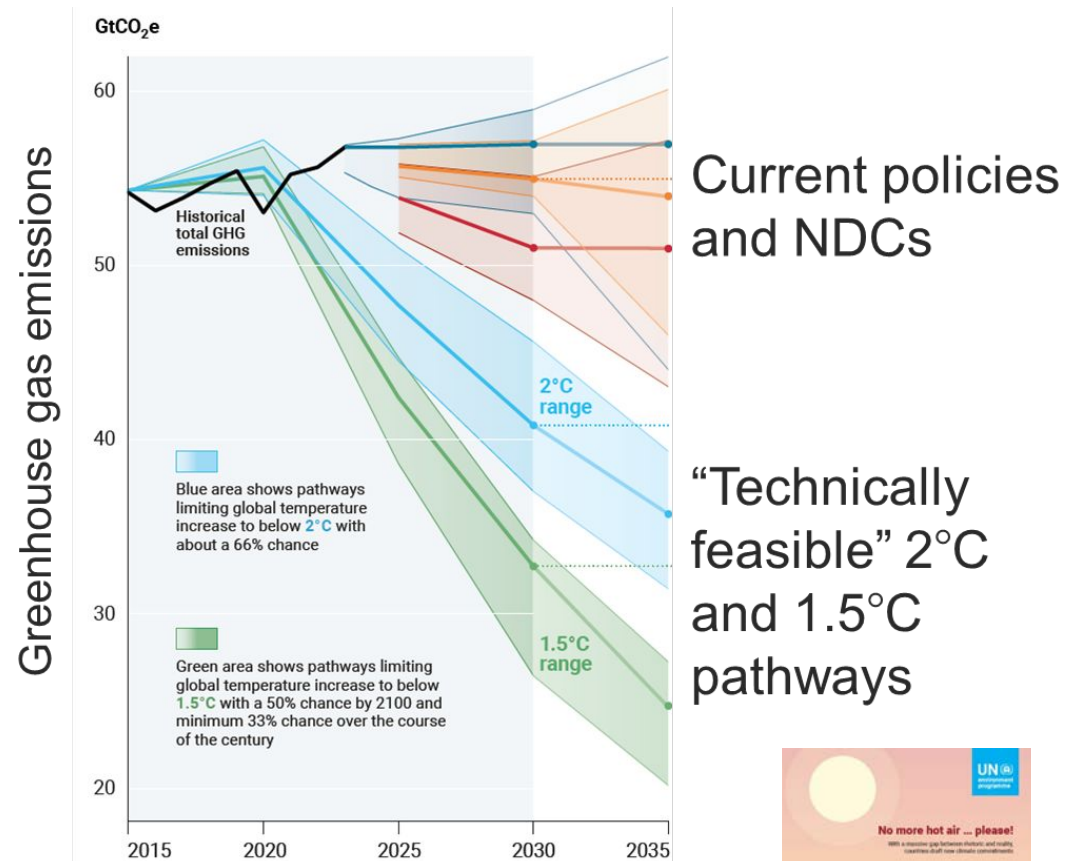
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**For at least a 50% chance of limiting peak long-term warming to below 1.5°C there is less than 3 years of emission budget left!**

## Emission scenario perspective



# But are integrated assessment models covering a wide enough range of scenarios?

## Adjusting 1.5 degree C climate change mitigation pathways in light of adverse new information

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Within IAMs there are many routes to low temperature rise outcomes: but many “choices” push up the costs.

Surprises around lack of technology solution coming later is more problematic.

**Fig. 9: Summary indicators across 2030 pathway adjustment scenarios.**

	CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions (average 2030-2040 %/yr reduction)	Transport final energy (average 2030-2040 %/yr reduction)	Buildings final energy (average 2030-2040 %/yr reduction)	Industry final energy (average 2030-2040 %/yr reduction)	Electricity share of final energy (2040)	Geothermal (EJ of generation in 2040)	Hydro (EJ of generation in 2040)	Nuclear (EJ of generation in 2040)	Carbon price (2010\$/tCO <sub>2</sub> in 2040)	BECCS (MtCO <sub>2</sub> removed in 2040)	DAC (MtCO <sub>2</sub> removed in 2040)	Total CDR (cumulative GtCO <sub>2</sub> removed over period 2050-2100)	Probability of exceeding 1.5°C
1p5_ref	1.9%	0.3%	-0.7%	-0.8%	27%	5.0	18.8	13.6	114	851	0	622	0.63
1p5_lowBudget_30	2.4%	0.7%	-0.6%	-0.7%	28%	5.7	20.2	13.6	176	795	115	617	0.62
1p5_limAFOLU_30	2.7%	0.7%	-0.6%	-0.7%	28%	5.7	20.2	13.6	177	881	115	640	0.63
1p5_limRNW_30	1.9%	0.3%	-0.7%	-0.8%	27%	5.2	19.7	13.6	118	847	0	622	0.63
1p5_limCCS_30	3.7%	1.3%	-0.2%	-0.7%	31%	5.9	22.9	14.6	361	160	115	383	0.61
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Experiments with reduced renewables, CCS, DAC, nuclear and remaining carbon budget



## Temporary overshoot: Origins, prospects, and a long path ahead

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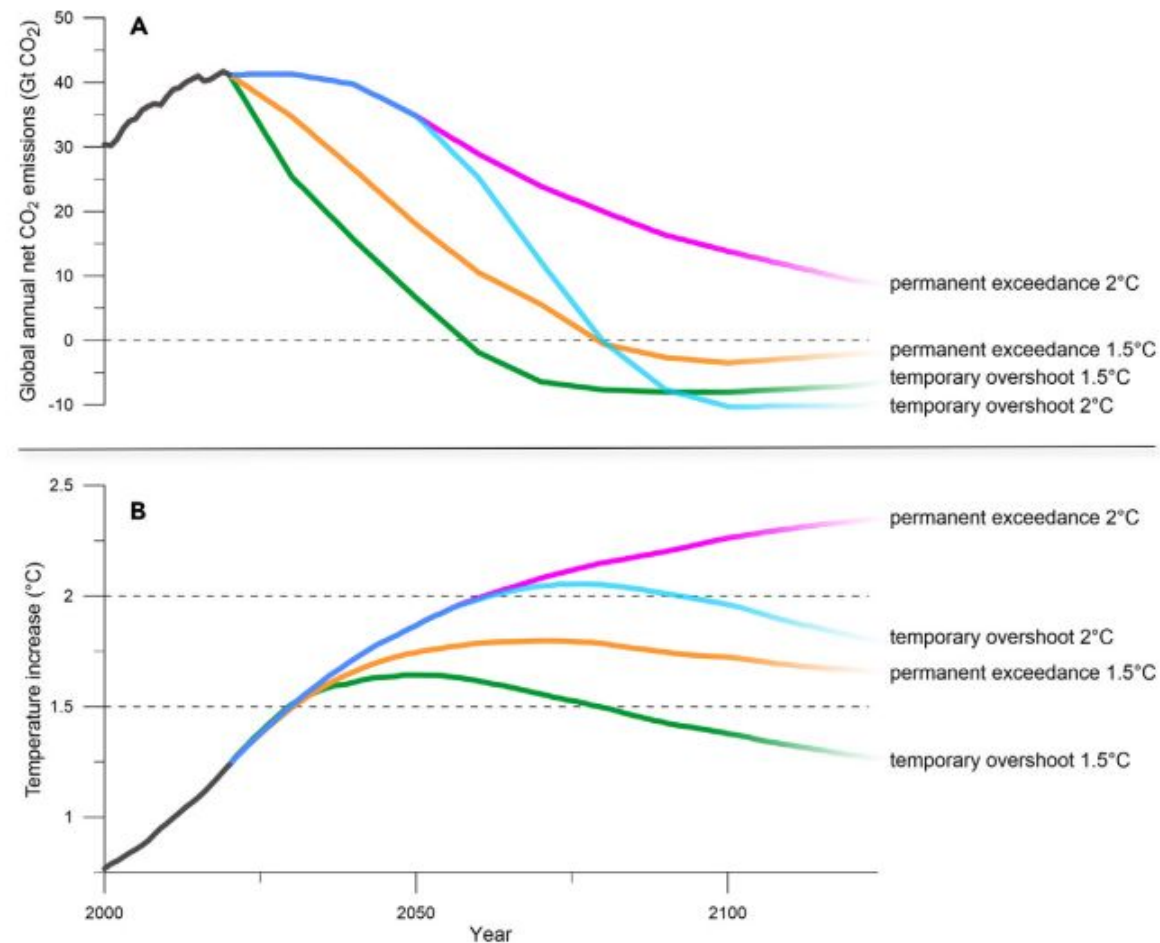
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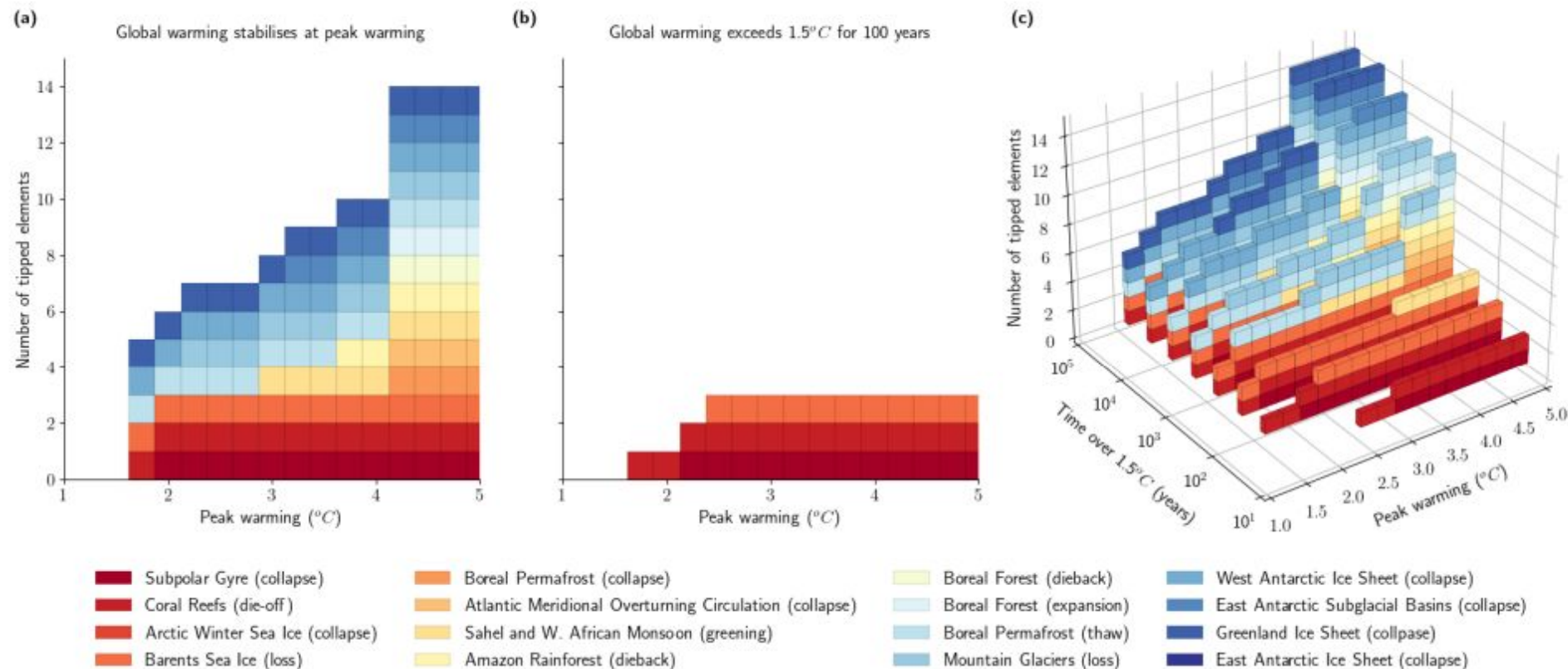
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# Overshoot scenarios need more investigation

Overshooting may enable us to avoid many earth system tipping points

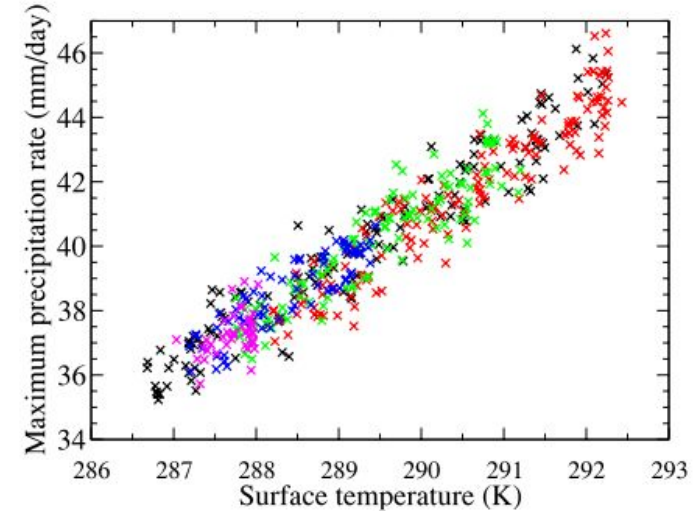
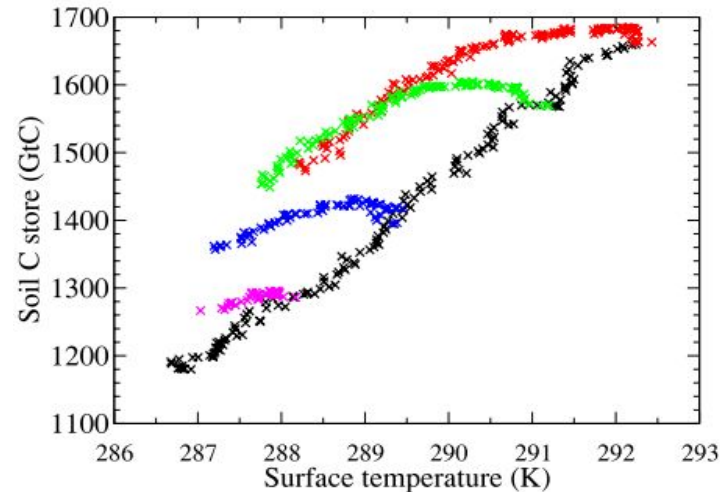
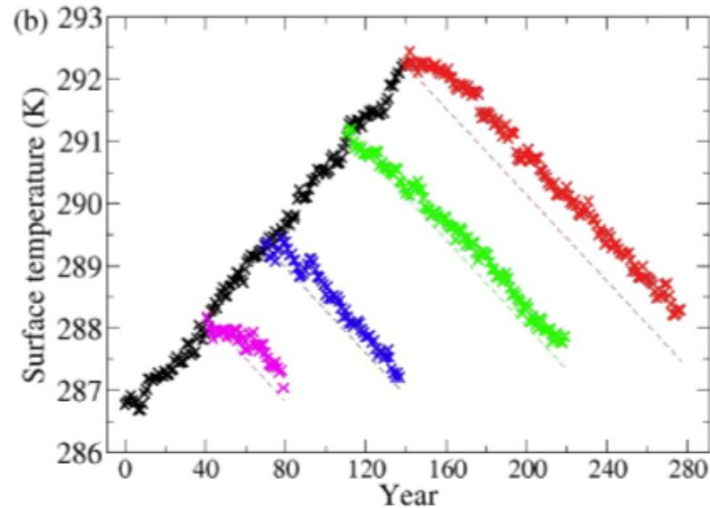


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# Overshoot scenarios need more investigation

Overshooting a given warming level doesn't need to be permanent

But some consequences might be!



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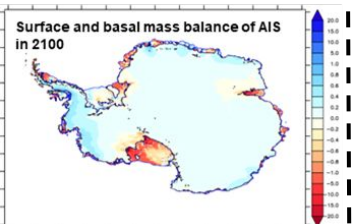
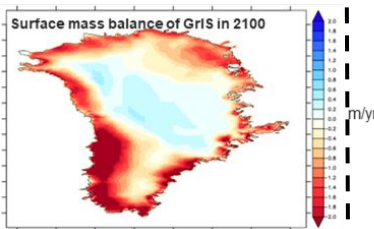
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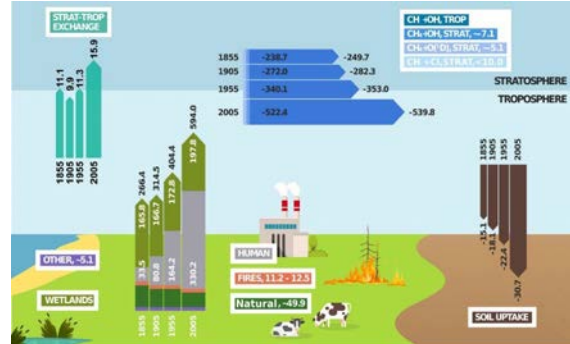
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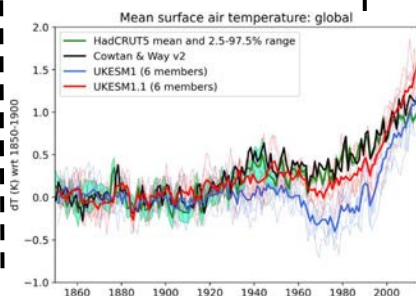
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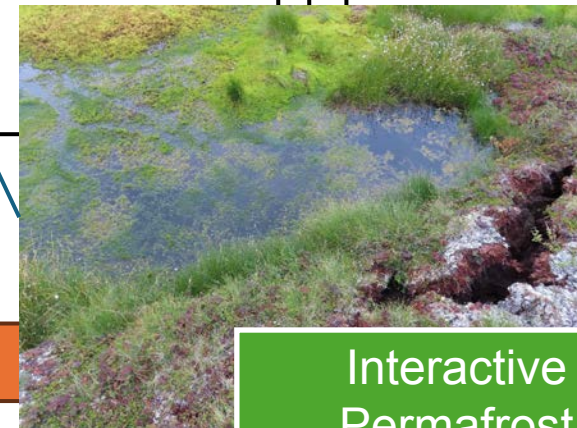
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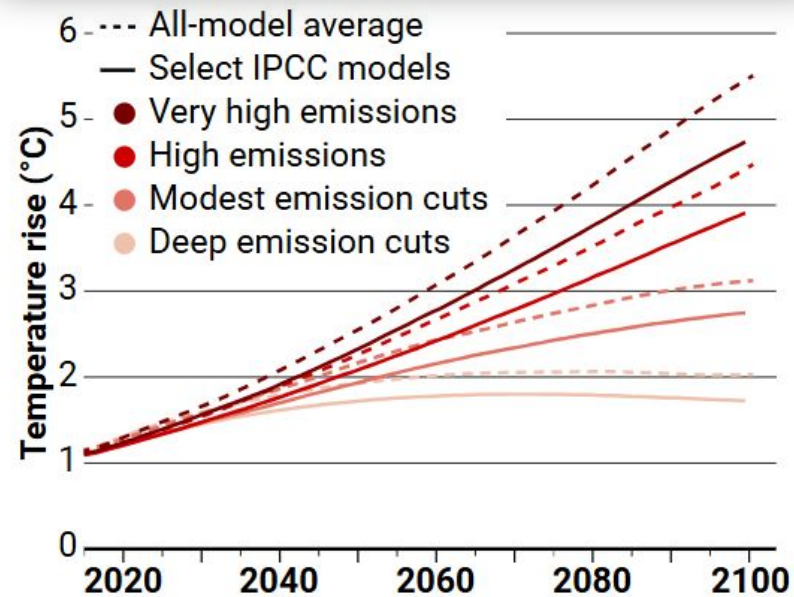
# can simulate many aspects of the observations BUT must be used cautiously

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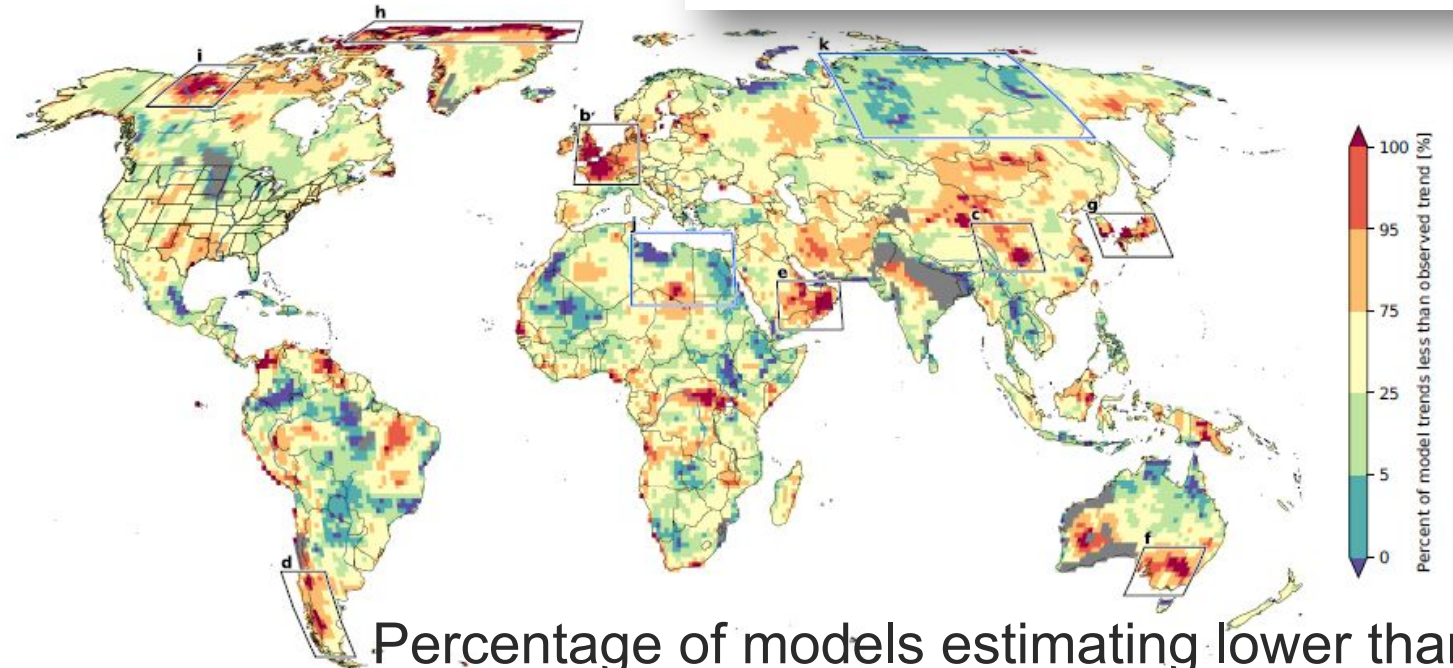
U.N. report authors say researchers should avoid suspect models



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## Global emergence of regional heatwave hotspots outpaces climate model simulations

Kai Kornhuber<sup>a,b,c,1</sup>, Samuel Bartusek<sup>a,d</sup>, Richard Seager<sup>b</sup>, Hans Joachim Schellnhuber<sup>a,1</sup>, and Mingfang Ting<sup>b,c</sup>



Percentage of models estimating lower than observed trend in “tail widening” in temperature

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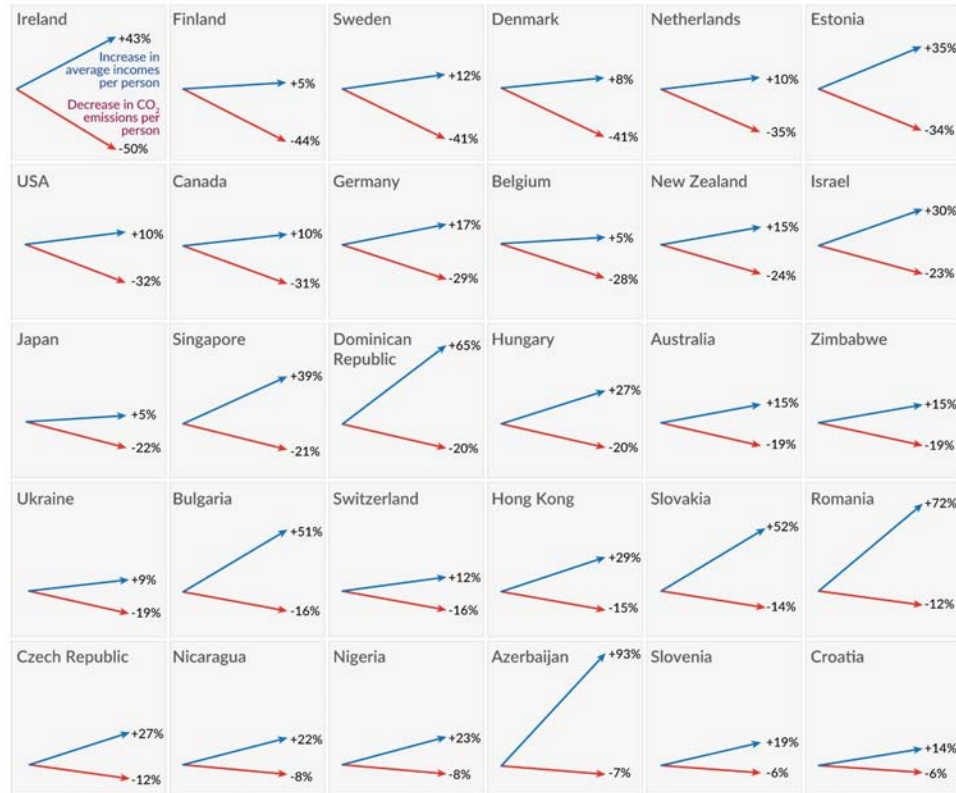
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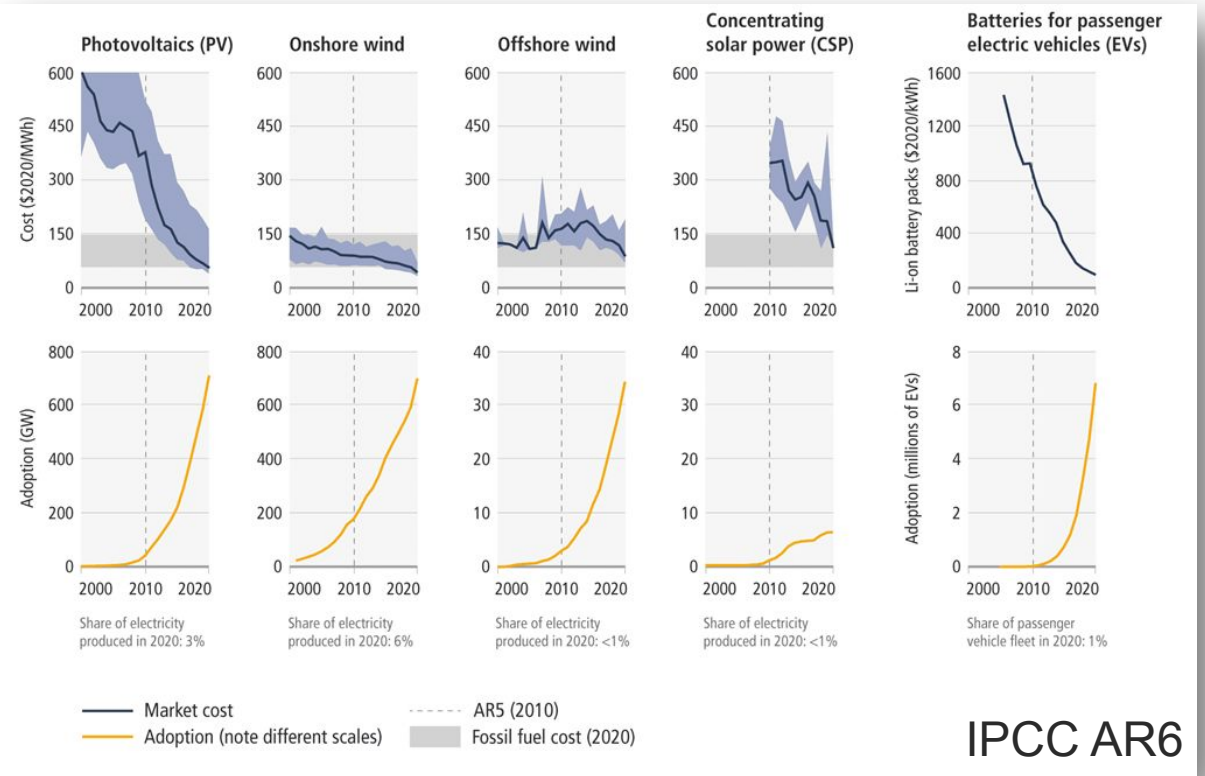
## Decoupling: Countries that achieved economic growth while reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, 2005-20

Our World  
in Data

Emissions are adjusted for trade. This means that CO<sub>2</sub> emissions caused in the production of imported goods are added to its domestic emissions – and for goods that are exported the emissions are subtracted.  
Average incomes are measured by GDP per capita (except for Ireland, for which it is measured by GNI per capita).



Data sources: Global Carbon Project & World Bank.  
There are more countries that achieved the same, but only those countries for which data is available and for which each change exceeded 5% are shown.  
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# Discussion

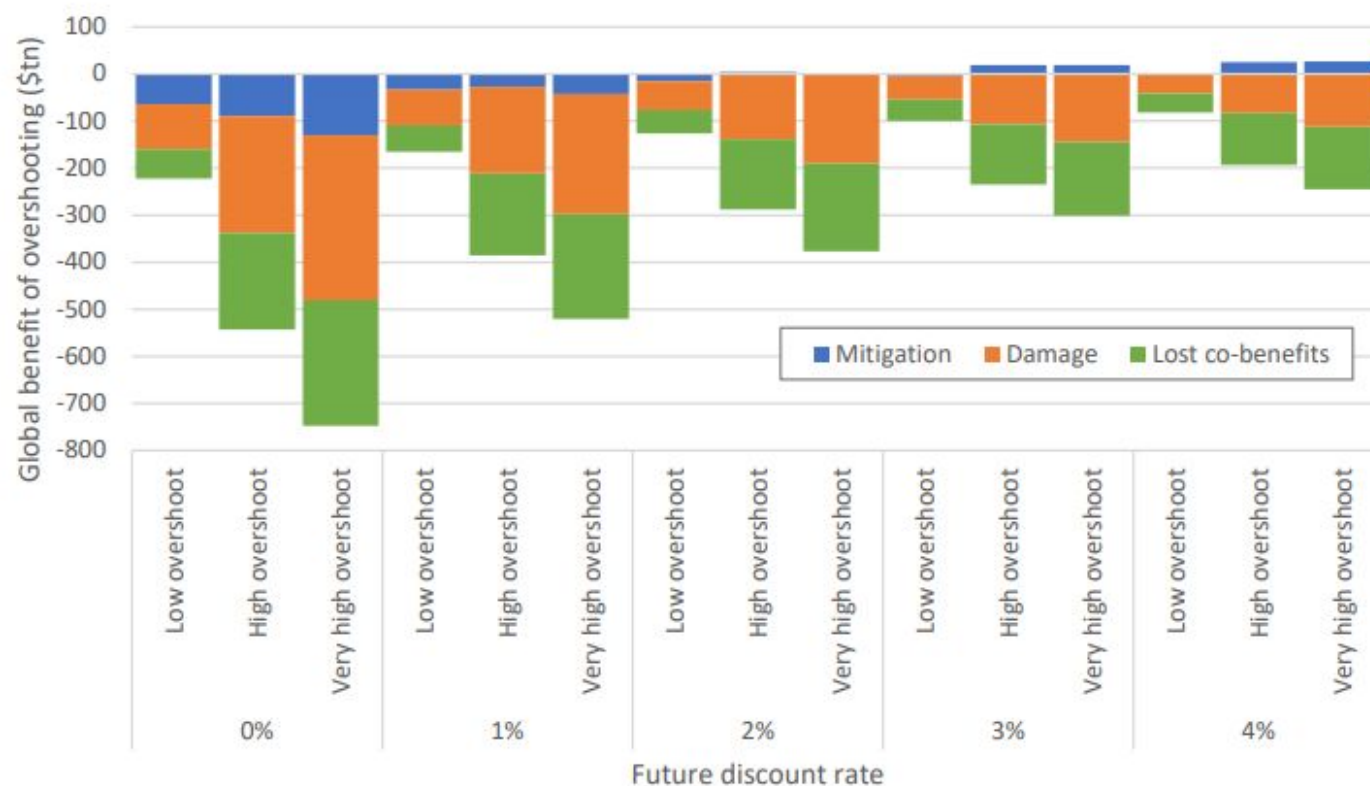


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Costs of avoided damages might be very large!



But can it be achieved!



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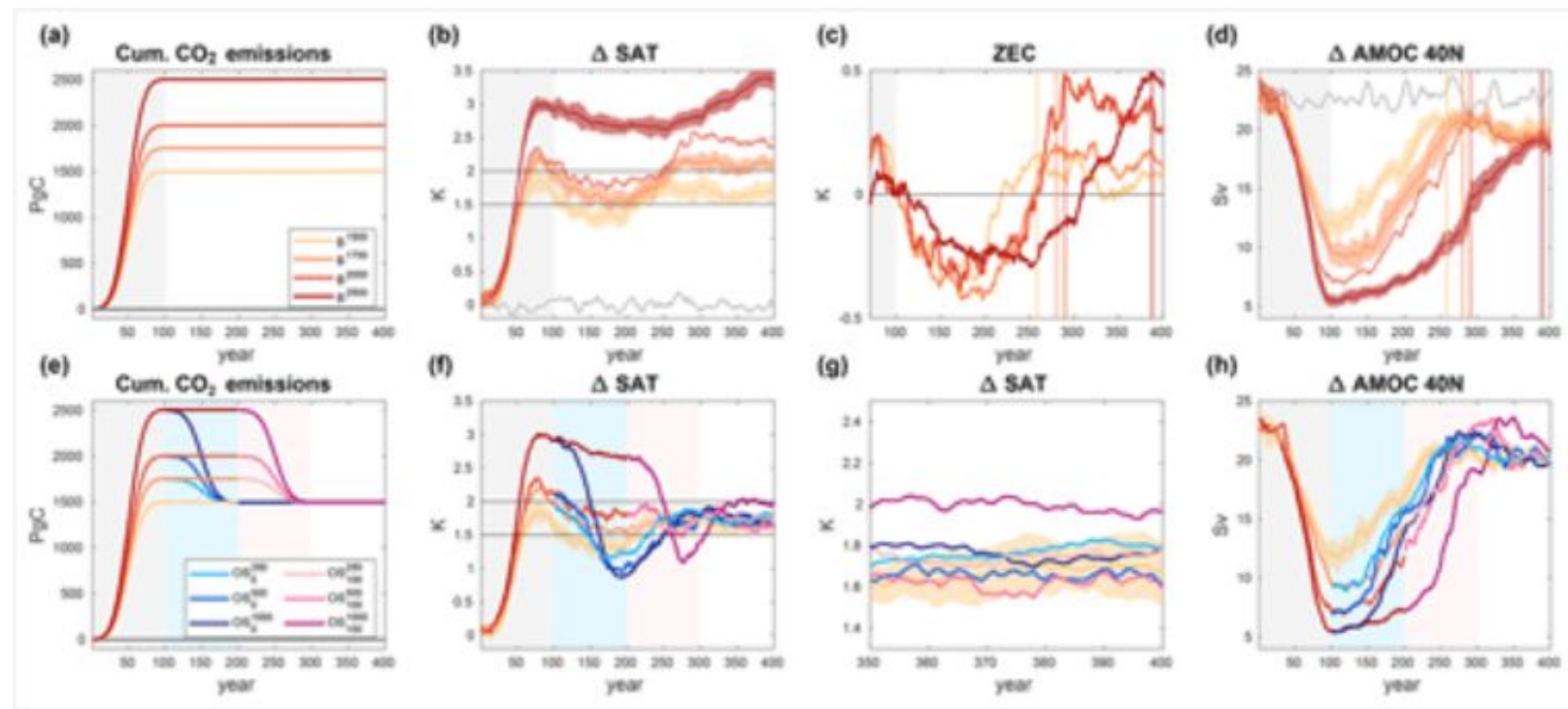
Emit now, mitigate later? Earth system reversibility  
under overshoots of different magnitudes and durations

Jörg Schwinger<sup>1</sup>, Ali Asaadi<sup>1</sup>, Norman Julius Steinert<sup>1</sup>, and Hanna Lee<sup>1,2</sup>

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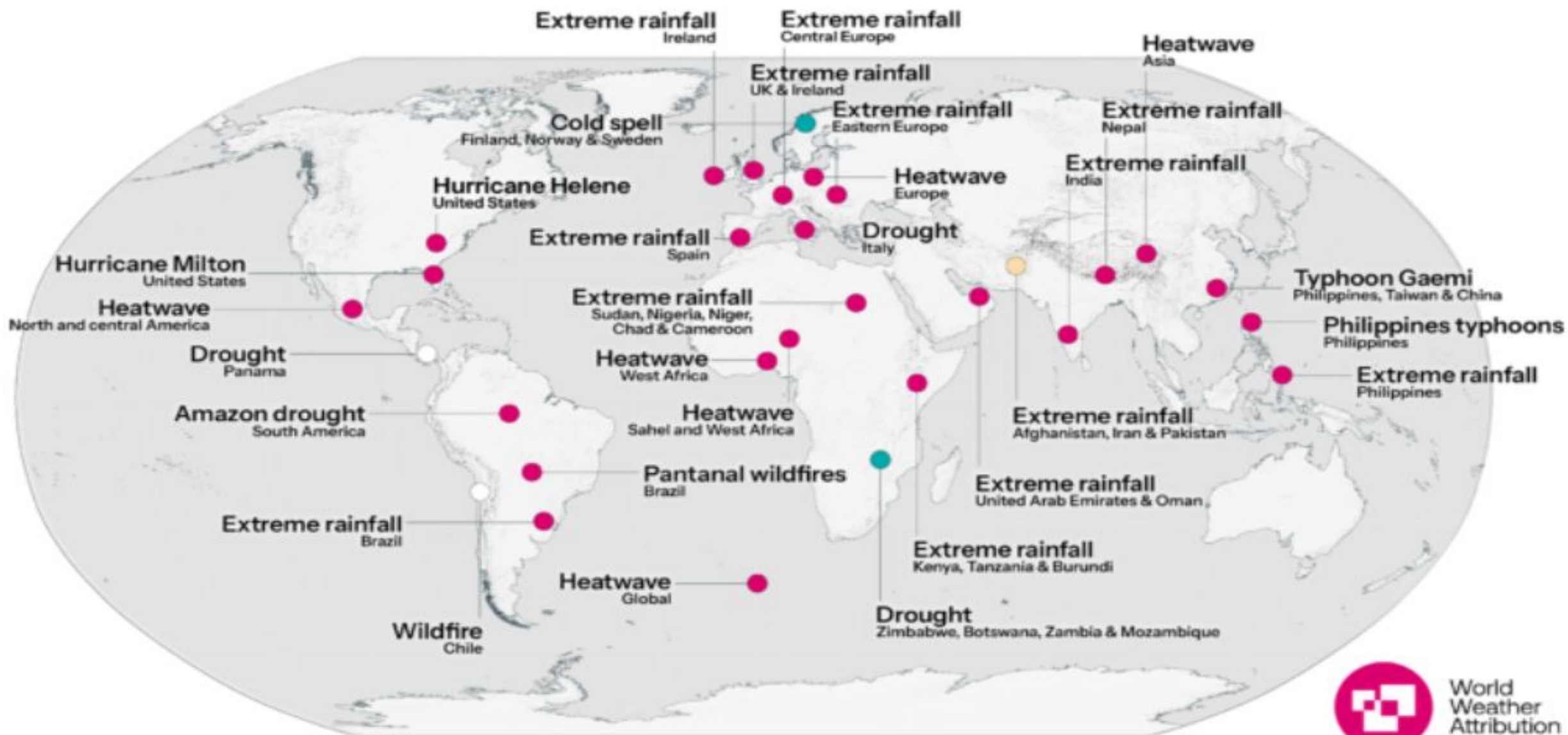
Many projects  
looking at  
overshoot issues:

- CSNOW
- TerraFIRMA
- RESCUE
- TiPMIP



# World Weather Attribution studies 2024

● More severe / likely   
 ○ No evidence of change   
 ● Less severe / likely   
 ● Inconclusive





# Evolving the global carbon budget approach – the relationship is uncertain

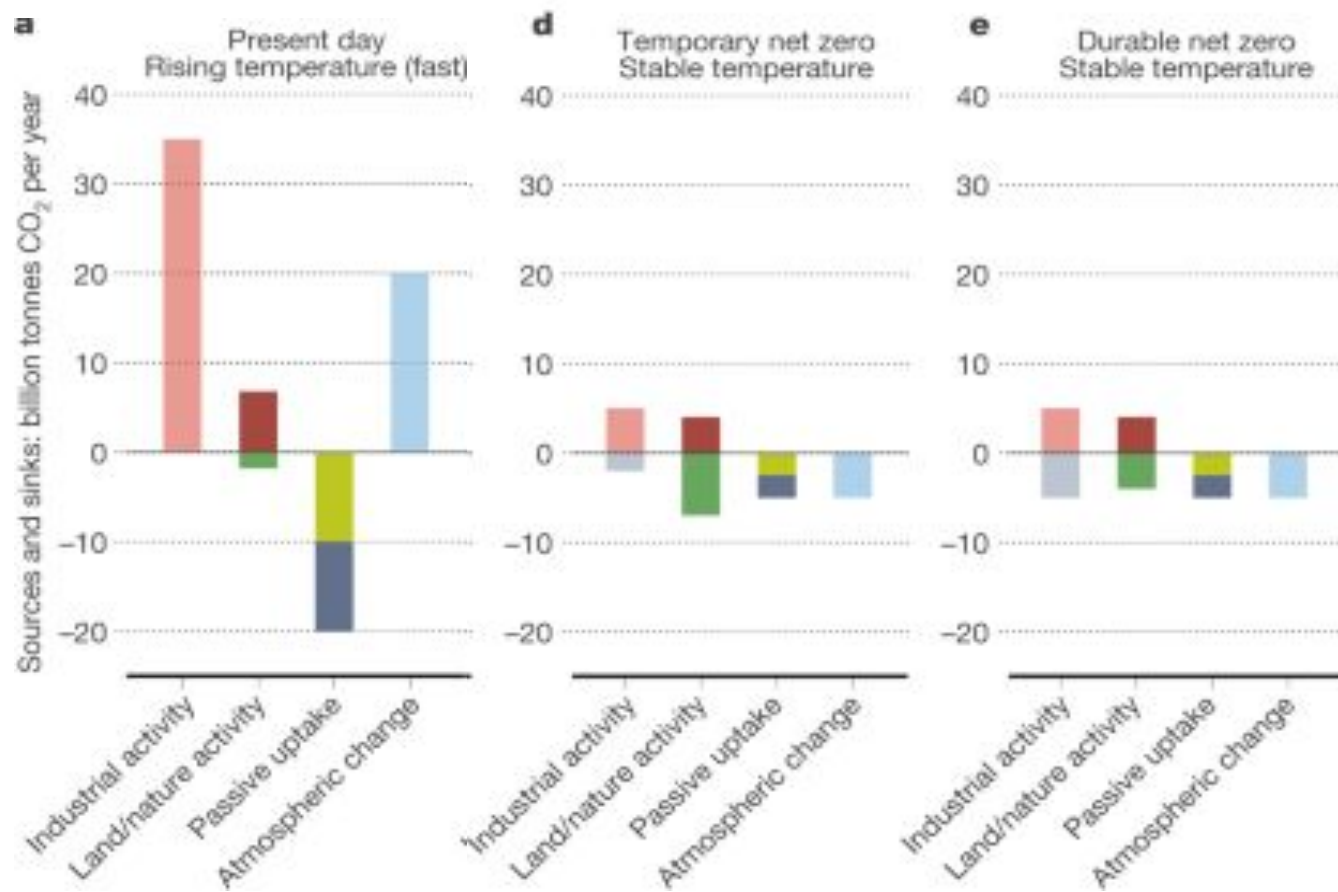
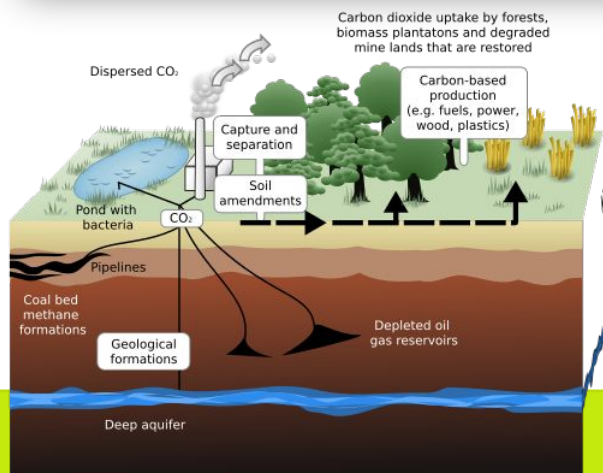
## Does it matter where carbon removal goes?

### Geological Net Zero and the need for disaggregated accounting for carbon sinks

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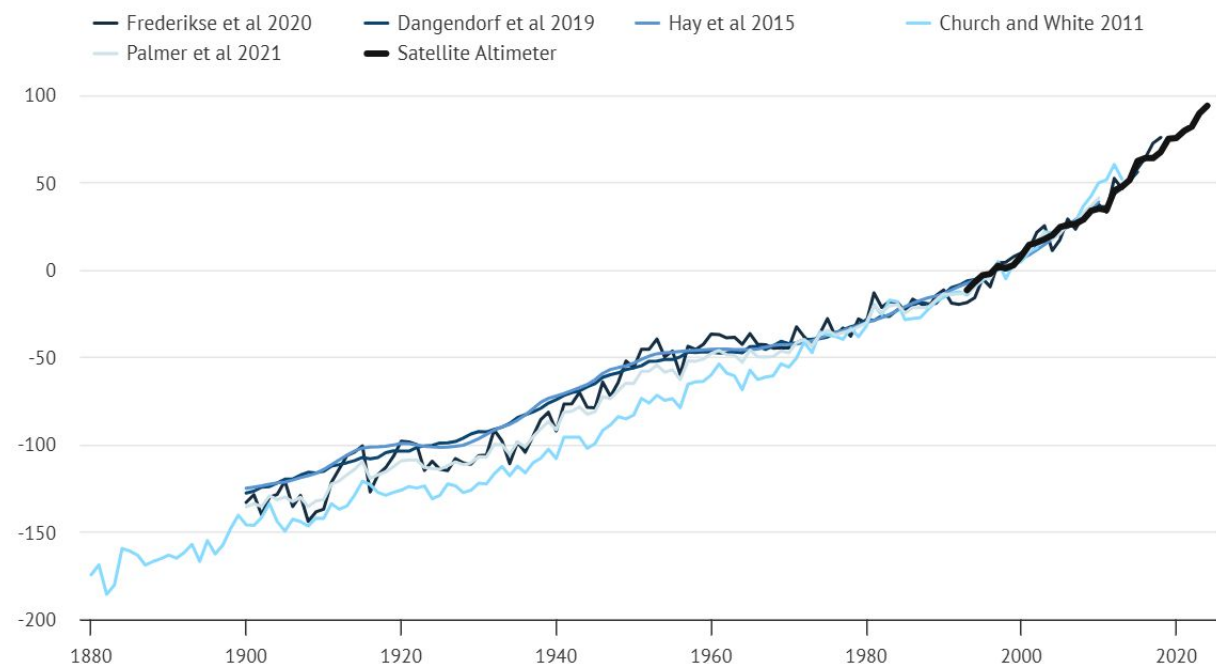
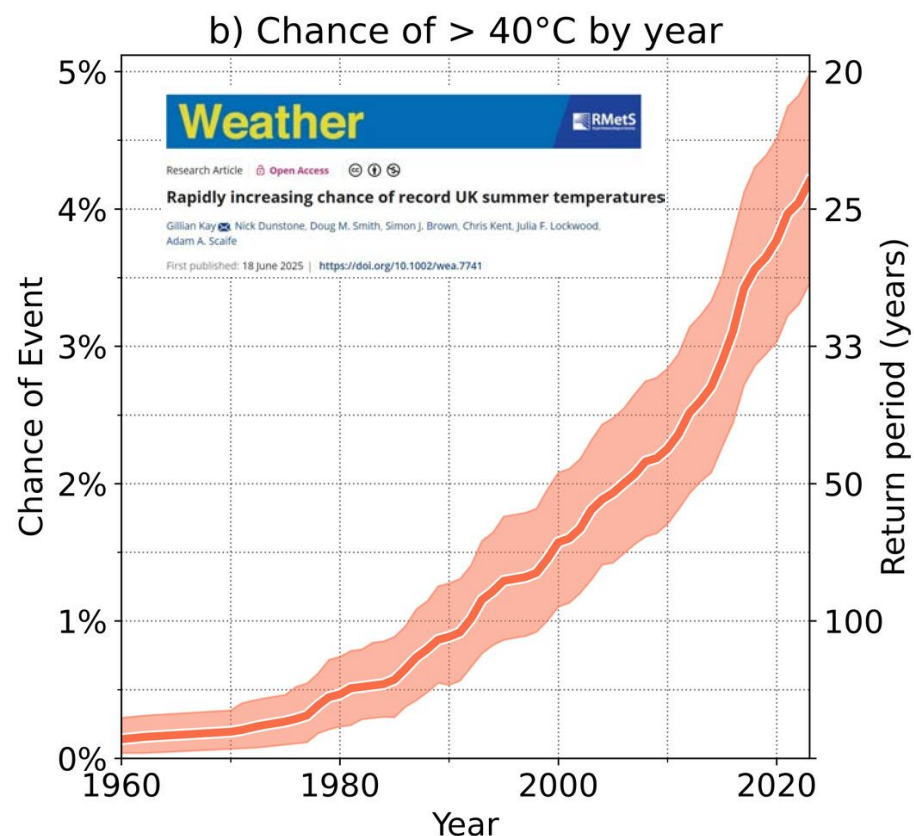


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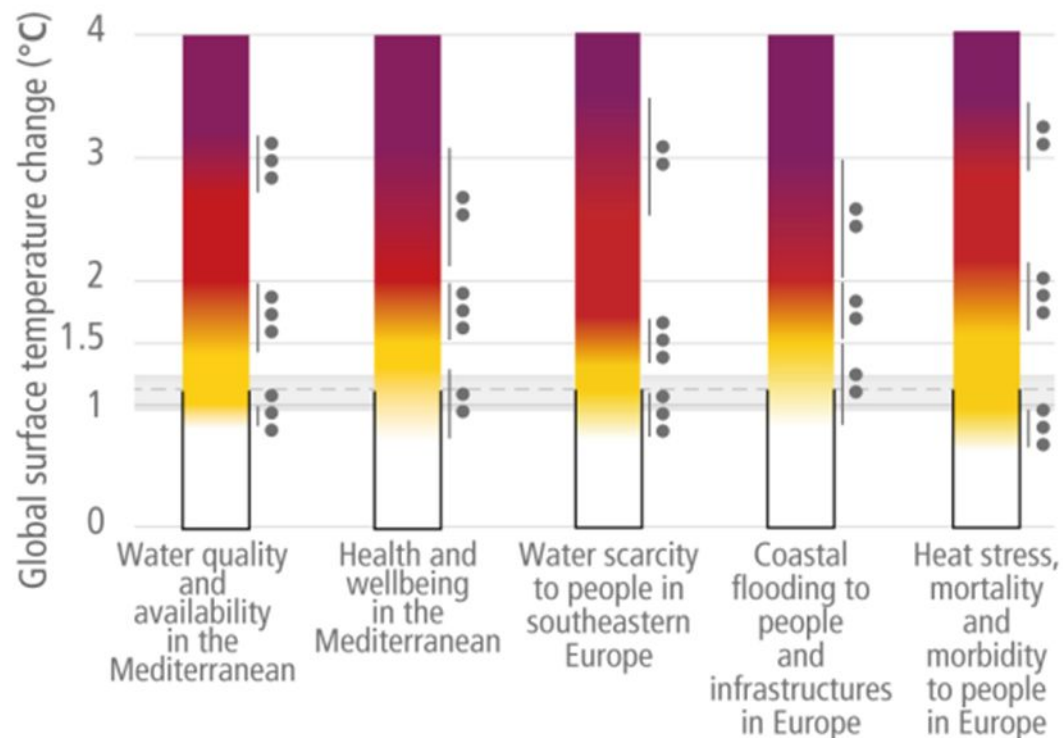
Source: Frederikse et al. (2020), Dangendorf et al. (2019), Hay et al. (2015), Church and White. (2011) and Palmer et al. (2021)

**CarbonBrief**  
CLEAR ON CLIMATE

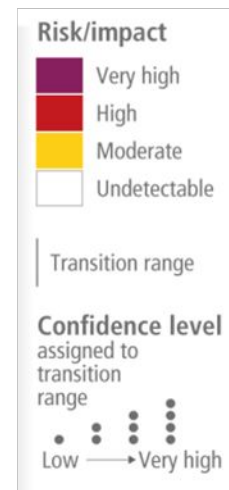
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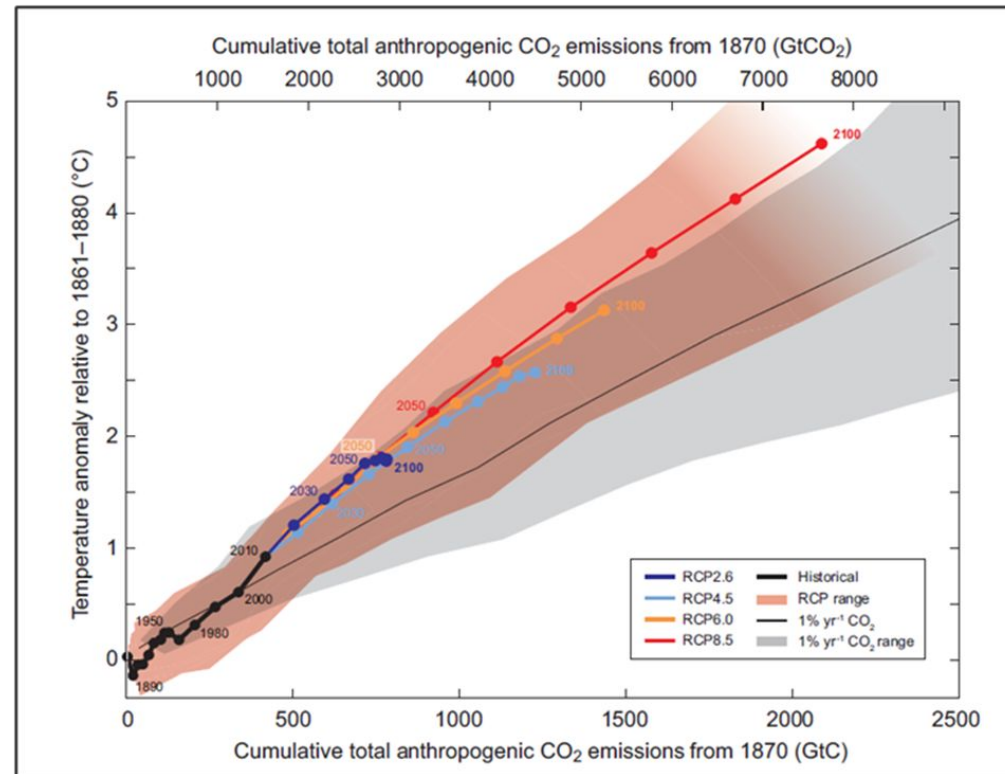
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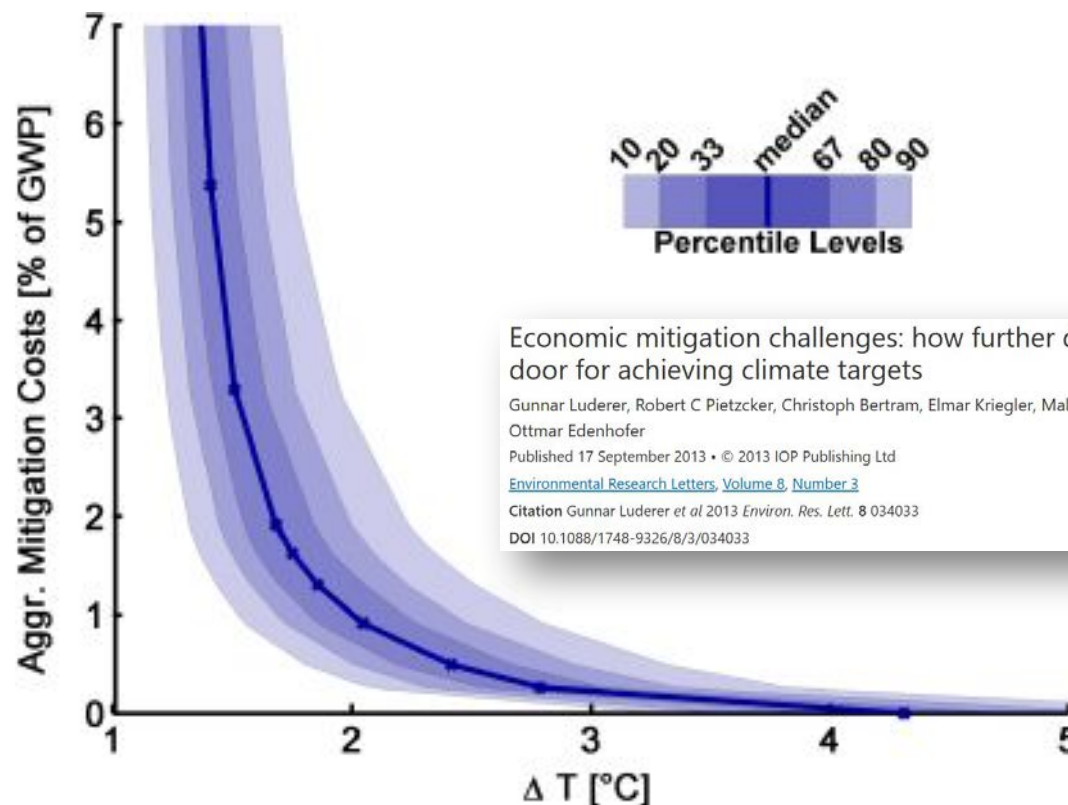
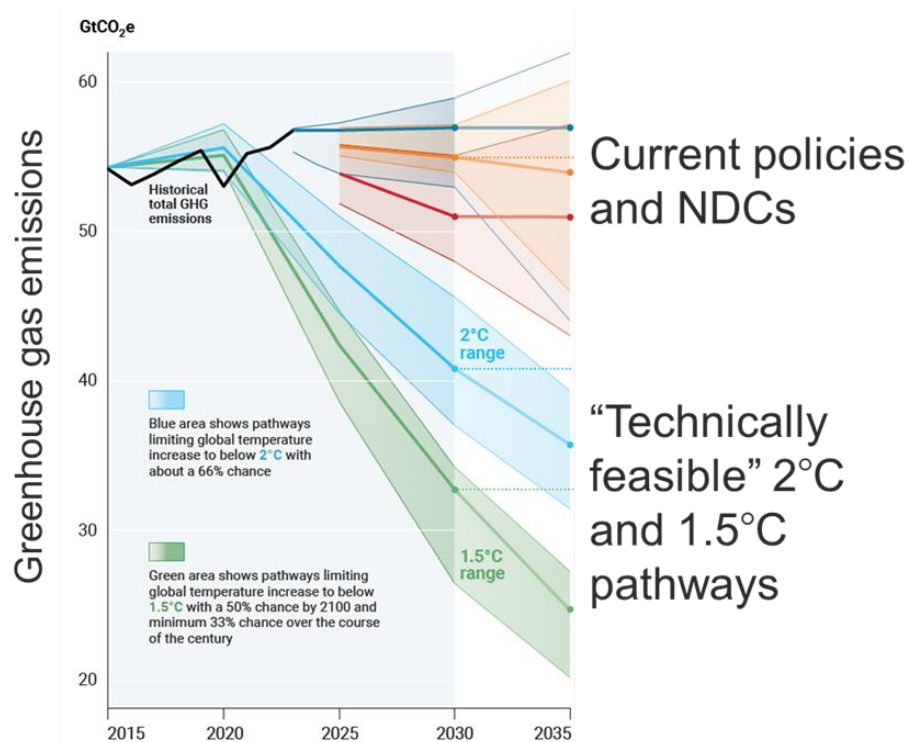
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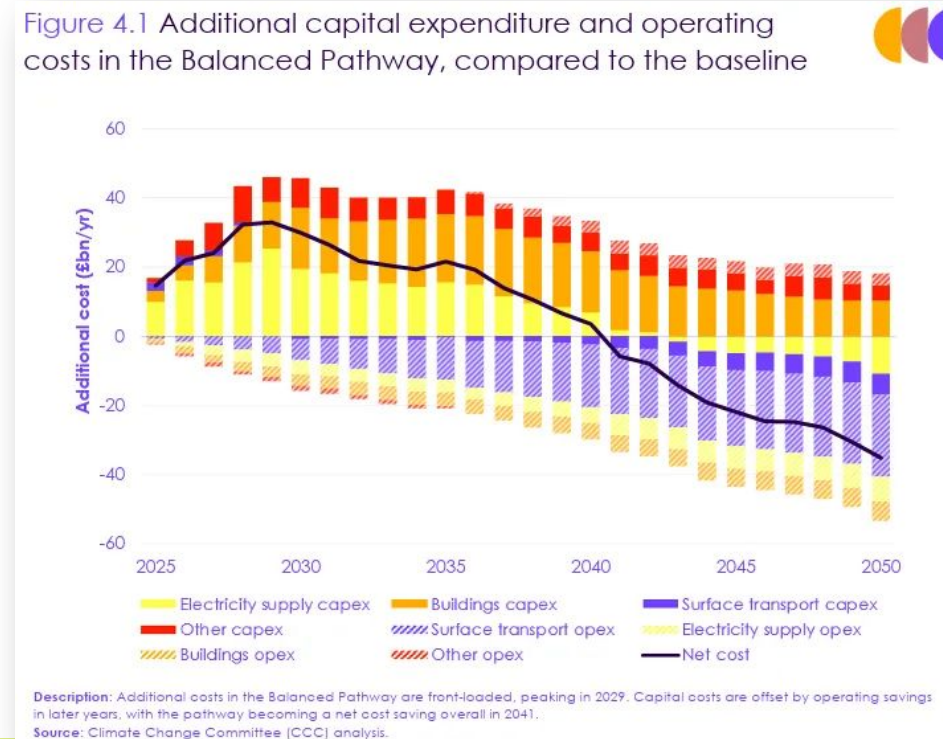
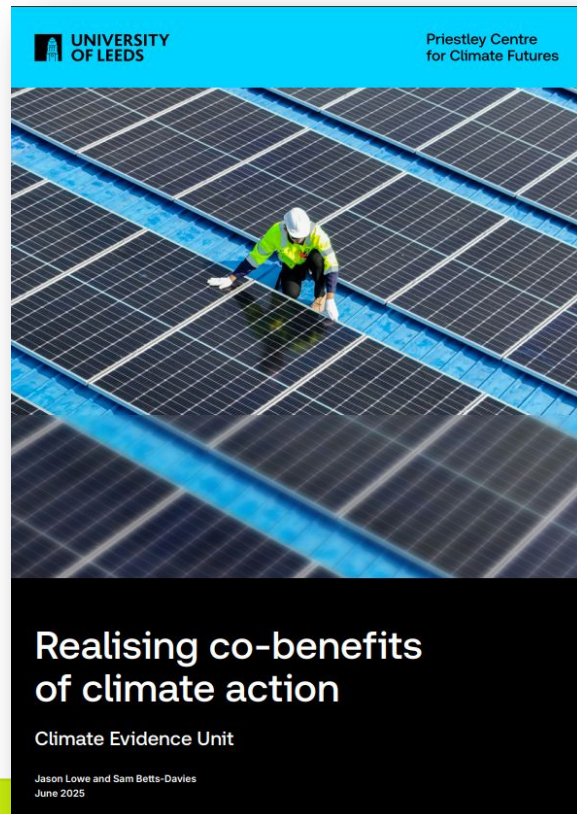
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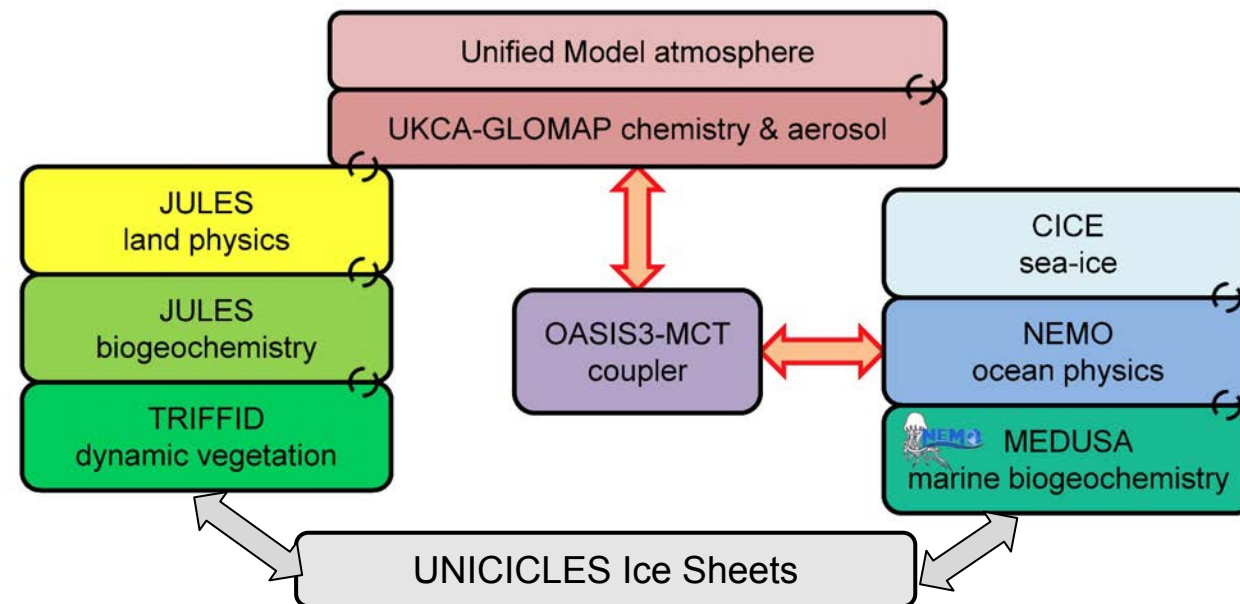
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*A world-leading community Earth System Model developed in partnership*



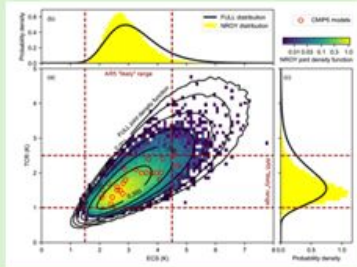
# Traceable set of Earth System Modelling Tools

## Earth System Emulators

### PRIME

Probabilistic Regional Impacts  
from Model patterns and Emissions

### FaIR



InTEM Greenhouse  
Gas Inversion



## UKCA

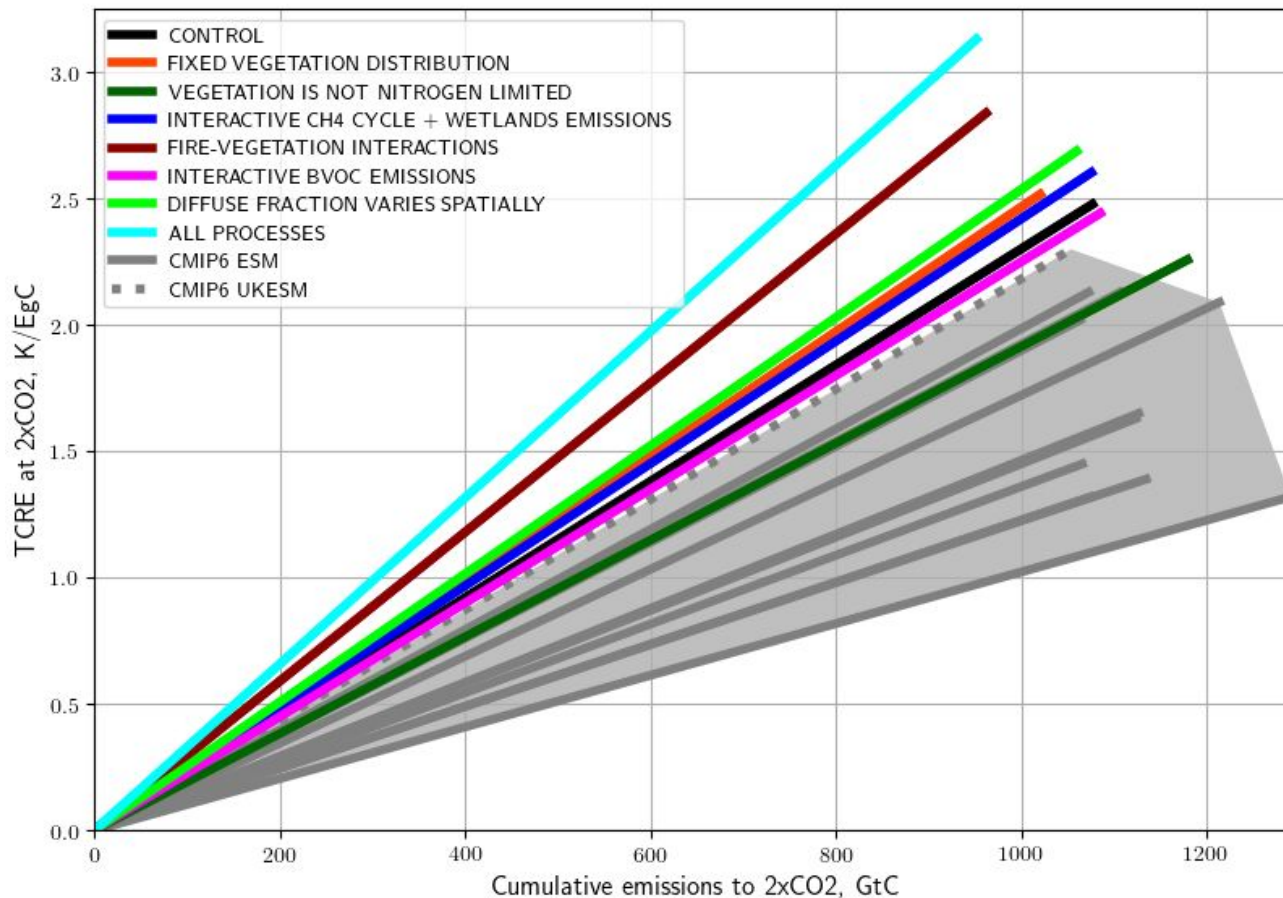


UKESM-  
Hybrid  
Resolution

UKESM-Fast:  
Constrained  
PPE

UKESM-  
Regional

# Application Highlights – Remaining Carbon Budget



- Quantifying long standing missing processes in the carbon budget
  - Fire-vegetation interactions (-14.6%)
  - Nitrogen limitation (-9.7%)
  - Diffuse radiation (-8.5%)
  - Dynamic Vegetation (+1.5%)
  - Wetland methane emissions (-5.1%)
  - BVOCs (+1.4%)
- Applying to CMIP6 multi-model ensemble implies remaining carbon budget to 2°C may be up to 25% too high.

# What about overshoot scenarios?

*Annual Review of Environment and Resources*

## Overshoot: A Conceptual Review of Exceeding and Returning to Global Warming of 1.5°C

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