



Global Warming of 1.5° C

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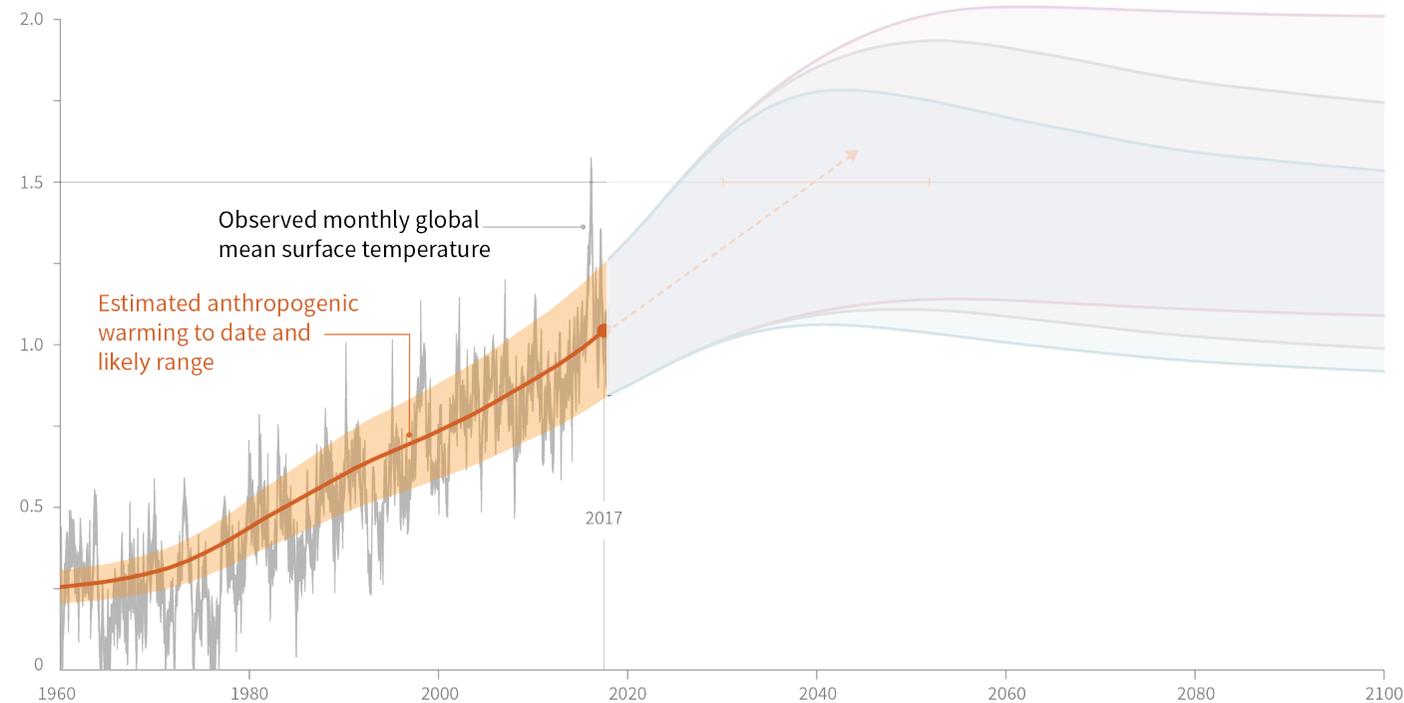
Since pre-industrial times, human activities have caused approximately 1.0°C of global warming.

- Already seeing consequences for people, nature and livelihoods
- At current rate, would reach 1.5°C between around 2030 and 2050
- Past emissions alone do not commit the world to 1.5°C

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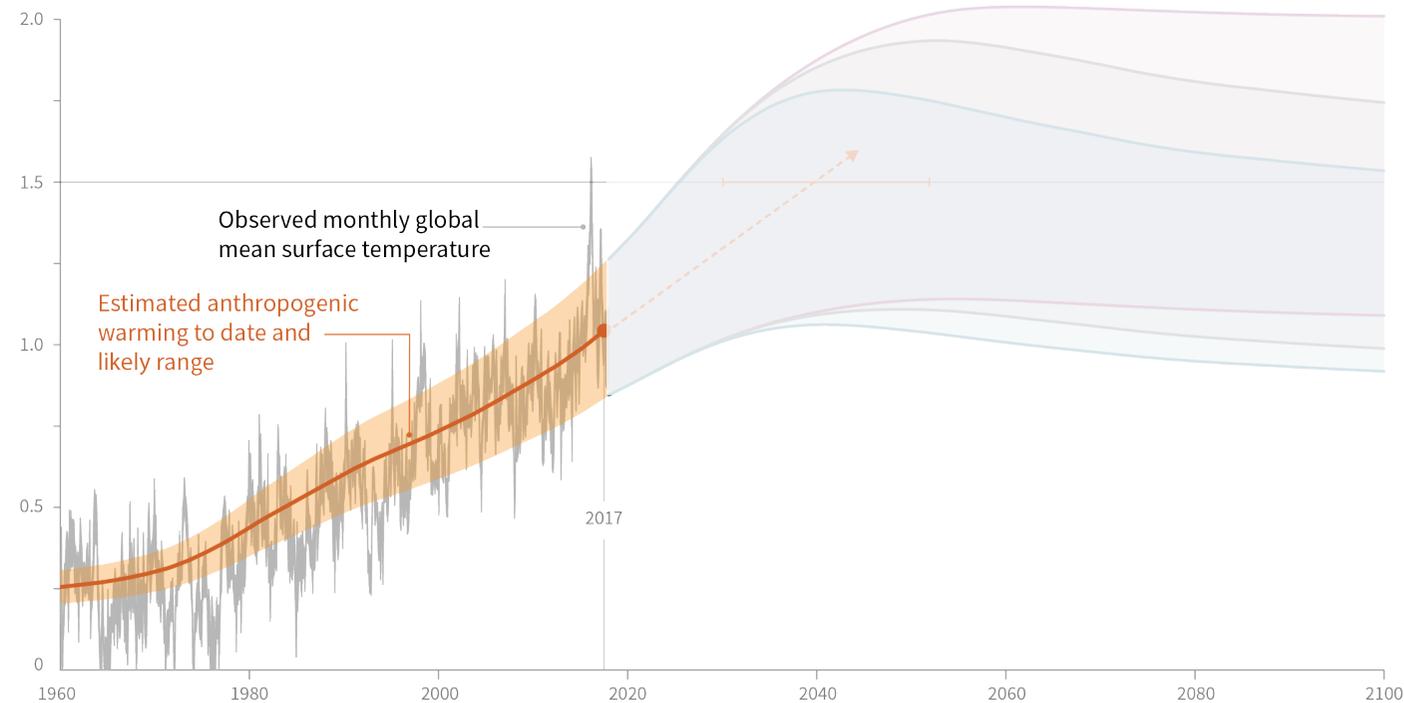
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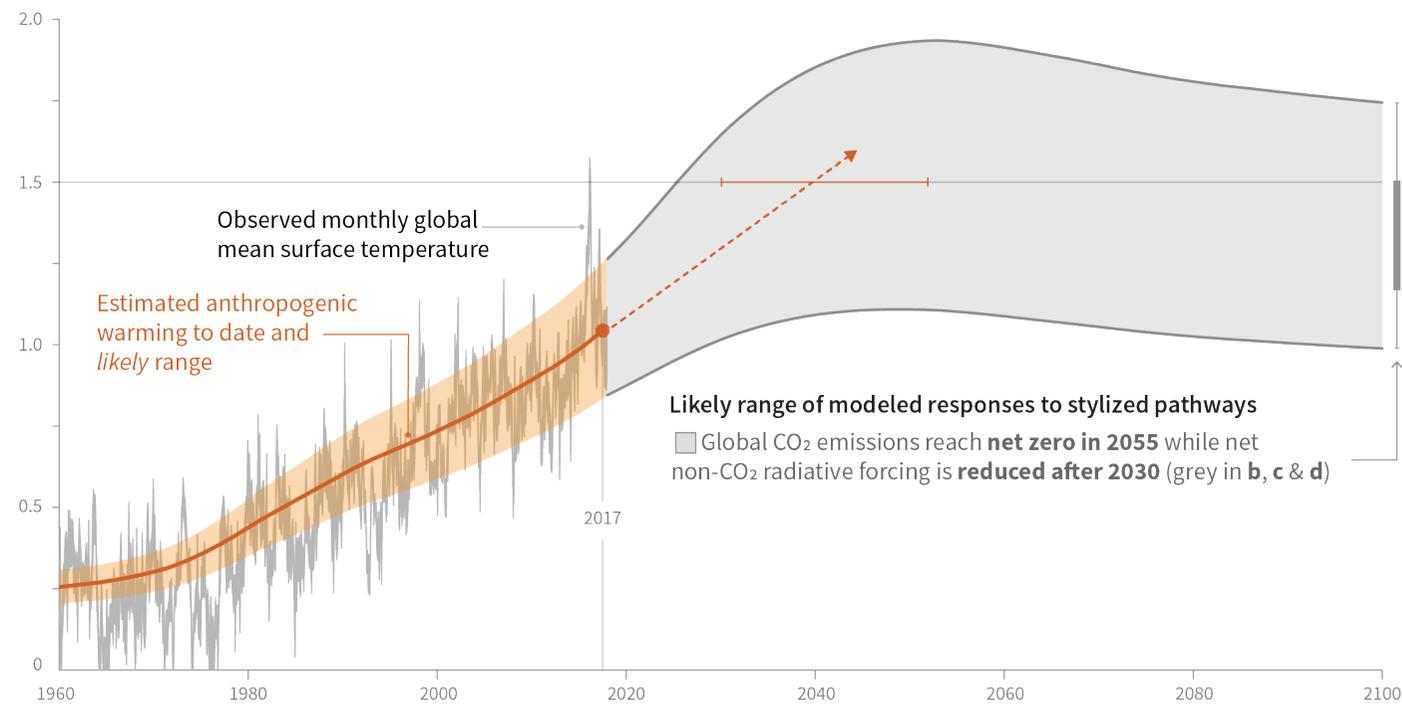
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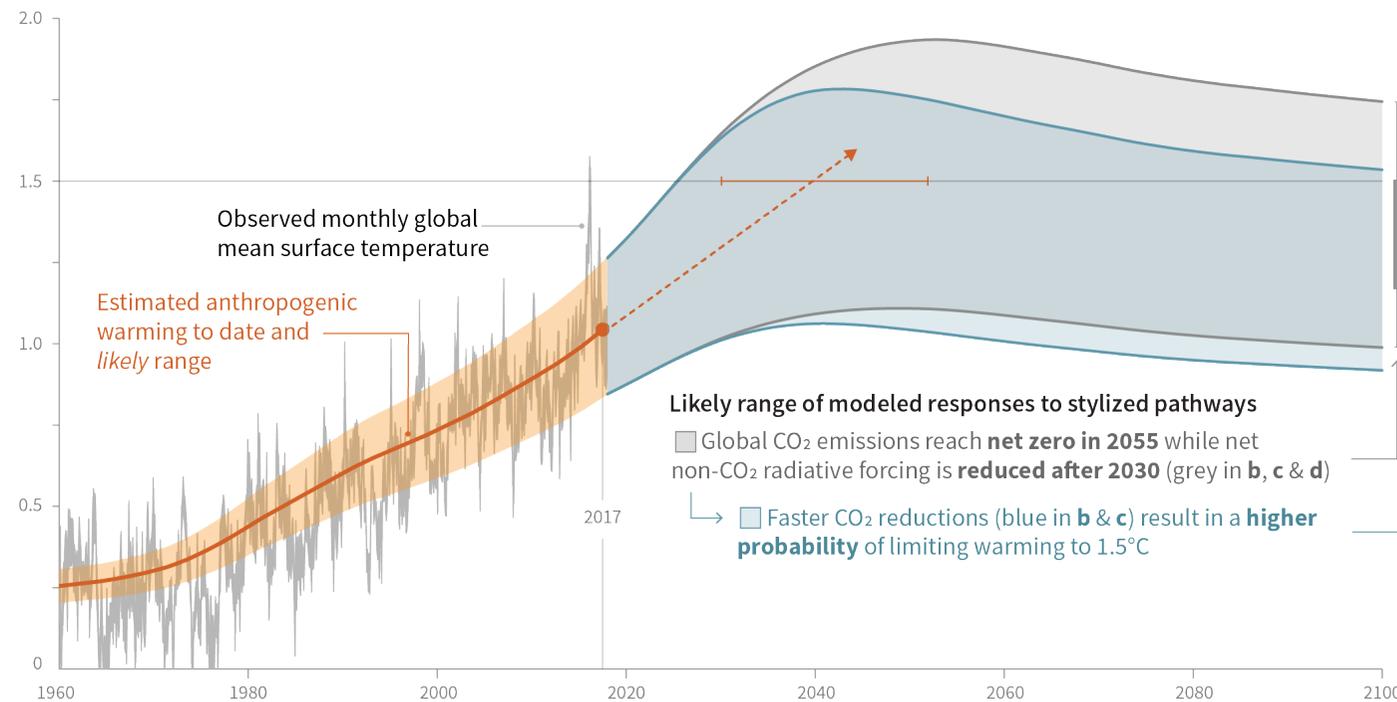
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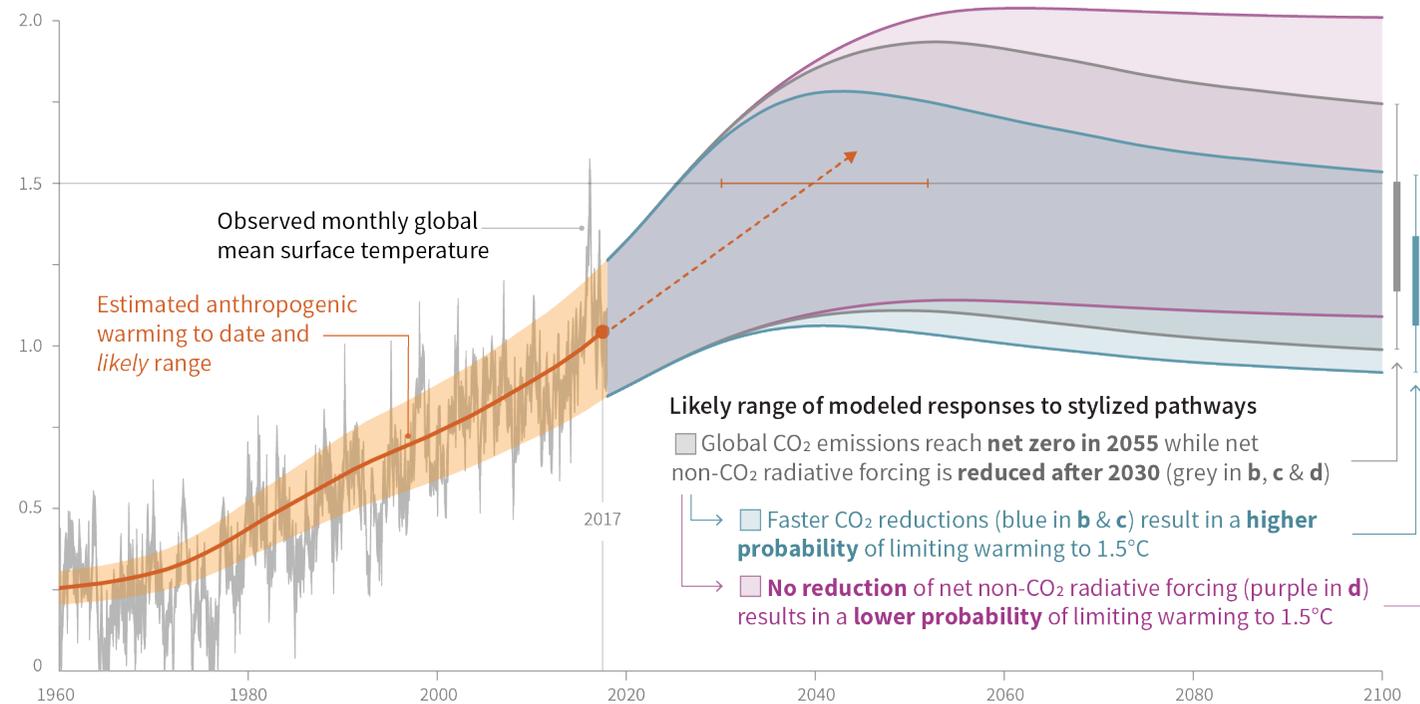
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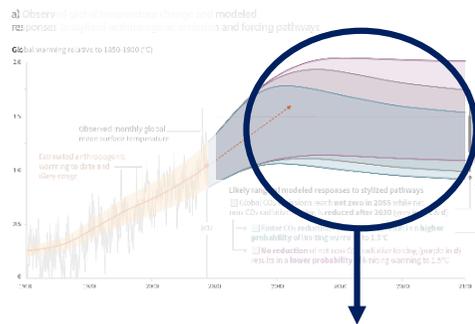
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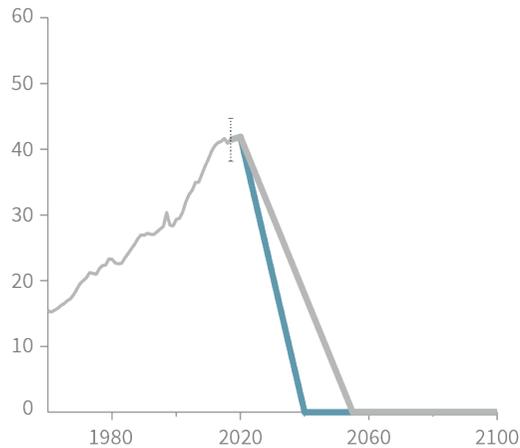
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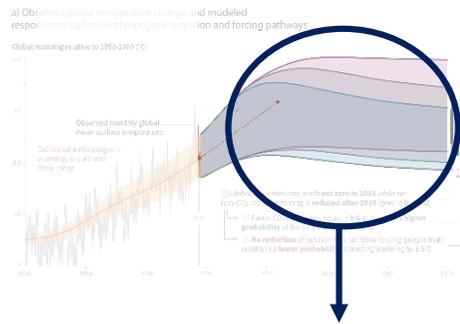
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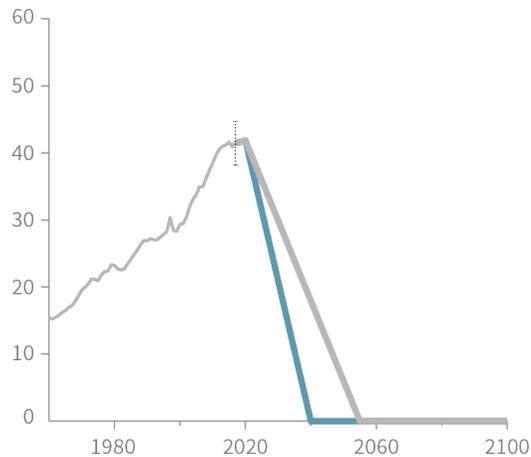


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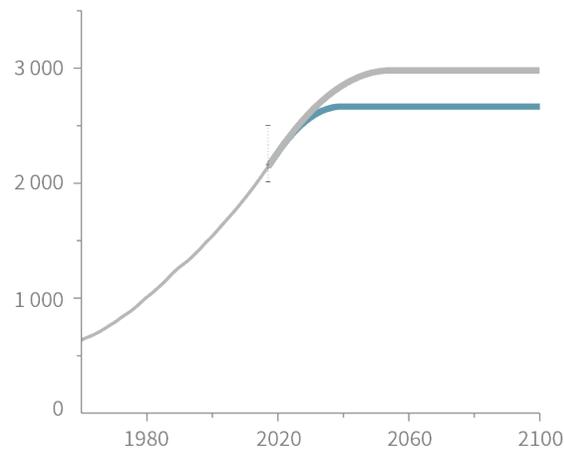


Faster immediate CO₂ emission reductions limit cumulative CO₂ emissions

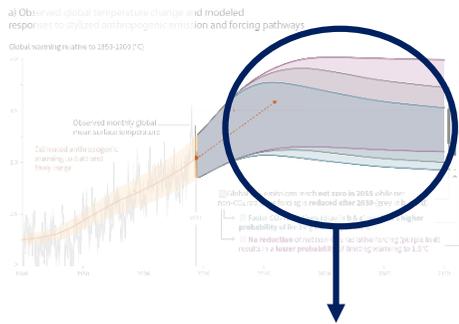
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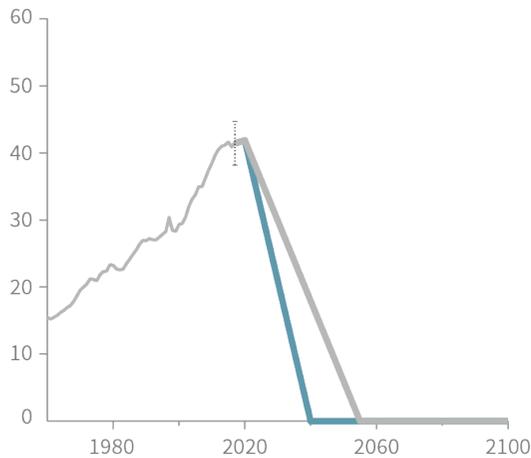


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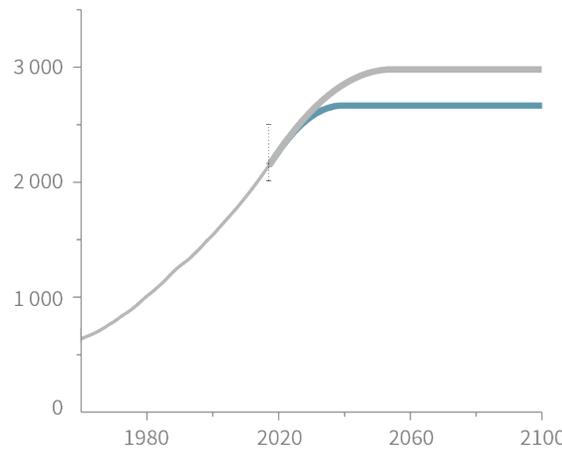


Maximum temperature rise is determined by cumulative net CO₂ emissions and net non-CO₂ radiative forcing due to methane, nitrous oxide, aerosols and other anthropogenic forcing agents.

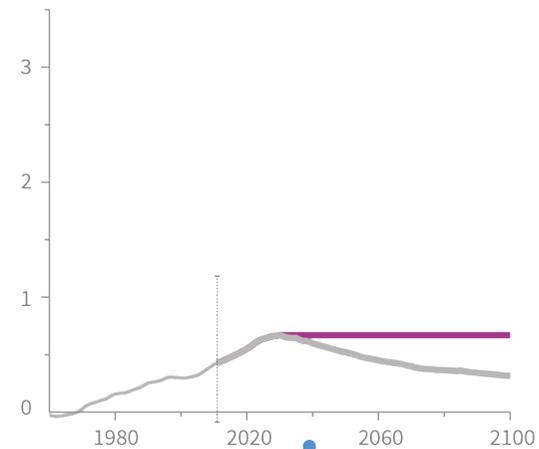
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d) Non-CO₂ radiative forcing pathways
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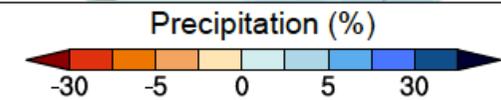
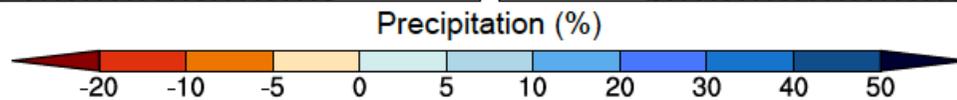
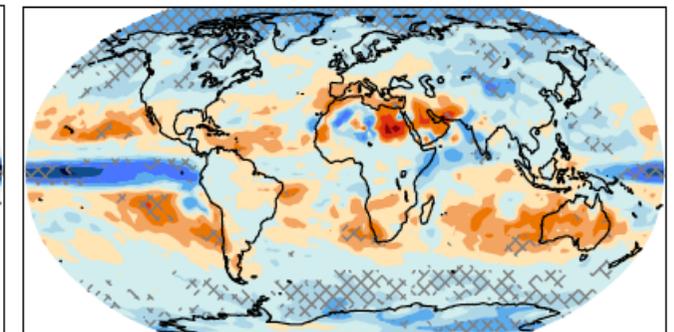
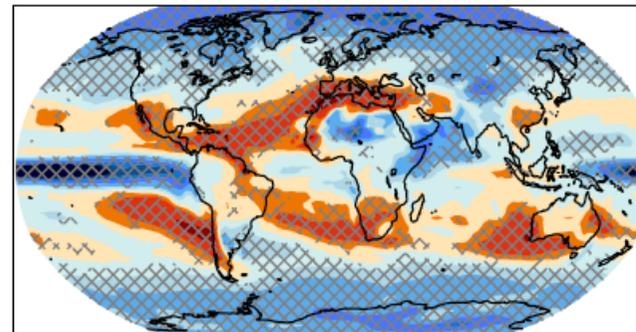
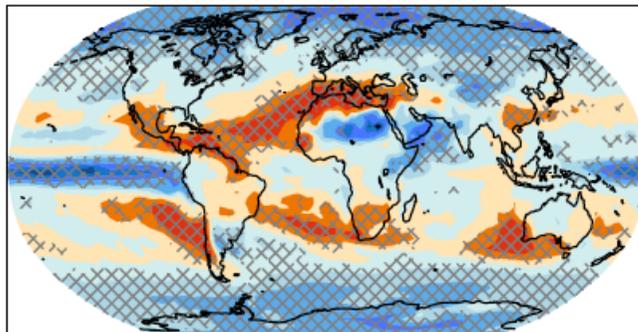
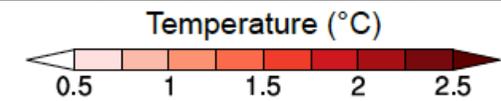
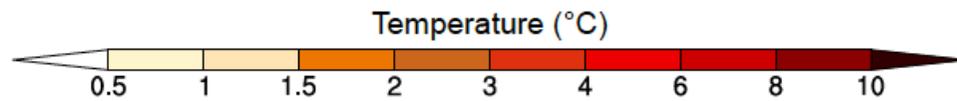
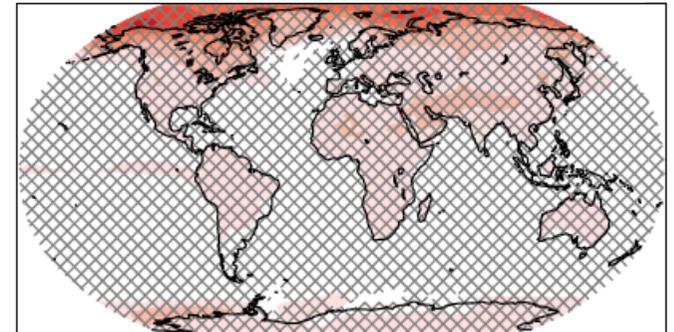
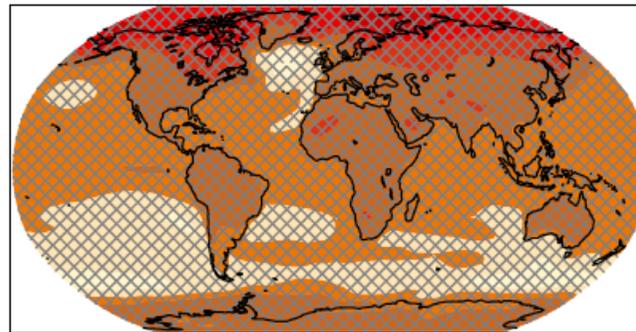
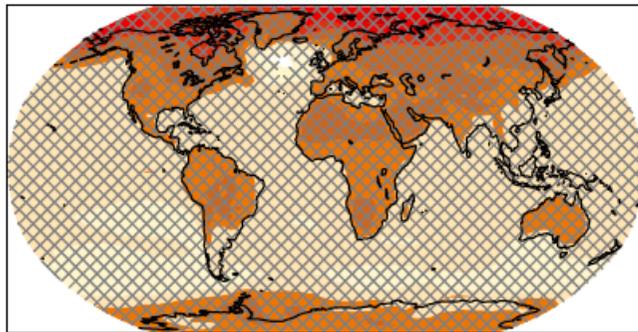


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Global warming of 1.5°C

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26 CMIP5 models; hatching : 66% model agreement

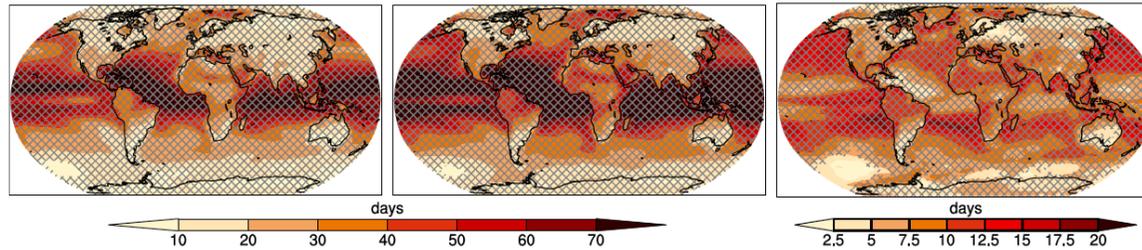
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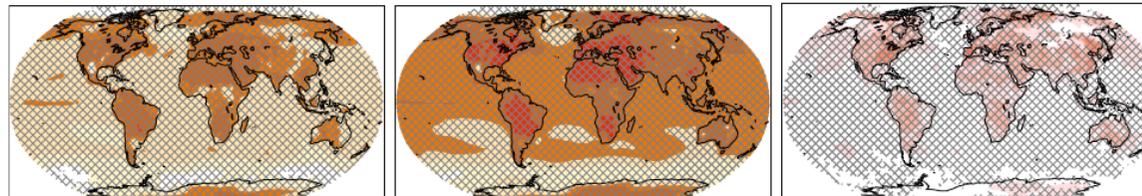
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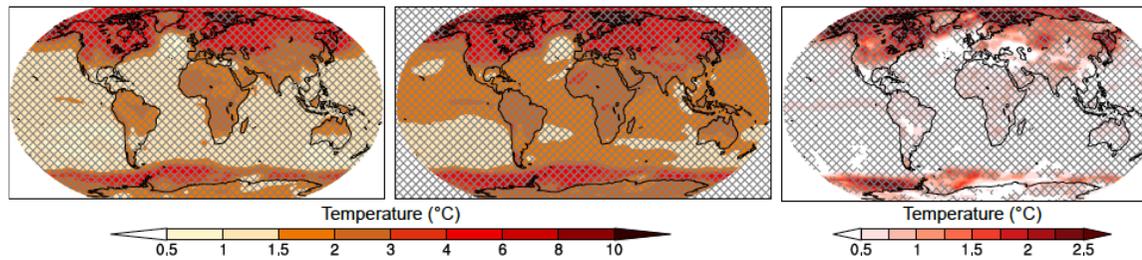
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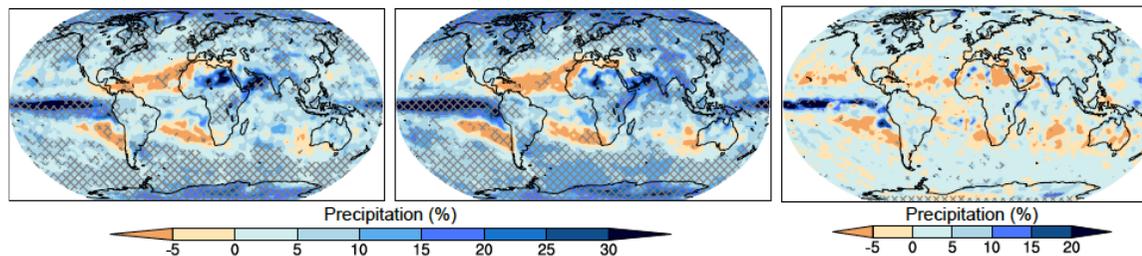
Temperature of hottest days (°C)



Temperature of coldest nights (°C)



Extreme precipitation (%)



Emergence and intensity of regional climate change hot spots

Arctic summer sea-ice

- *L* maintained; 50% or higher risk to be ice free; *VL* to be ice free
- Habitat (polar bear, whales, seals, sea birds) : losses; losses; critical losses
- Arctic fisheries : benefits; benefits; benefits

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LC, low confidence

MC, medium confidence

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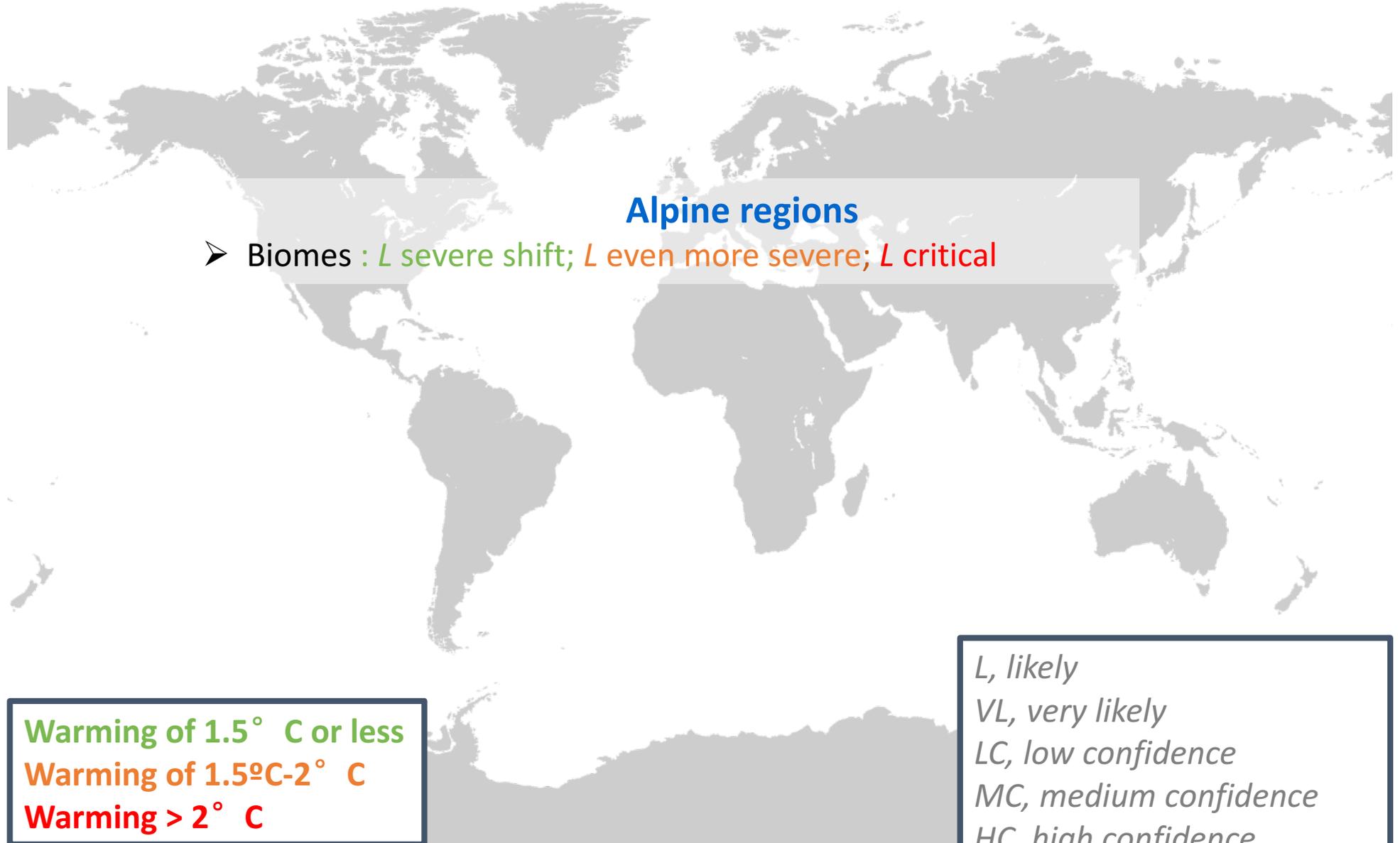
Arctic land regions

- Cold extreme: warm up to 4.5° C (HC); warm up to 8° C (HC); VL drastic warming
- Tundra : L biome shifts; L more shifts; drastic biome shift possible (LC)
- Permafrost : L 17-44% reduction; L larger (28-53%); potential for collapse (LC)
- Boreal forest : increased mortality at S. boundary (MC); further (MC); potential dieback (LC)

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Alpine regions

- Biomes : L severe shift; L even more severe; L critical

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Mediterranean

- Extreme drought: increase probability(MC); robust increase(MC); robust and large increase(MC, HC)
- Runoff decrease: about 9% (MC); about 17% (MC); substantial reductions (MC, HC)
- Water deficit: risk (MC); higher risks (MC); very high risks (MC, HC)

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Tropics

- # hot days and nights, heatwaves: **increases (HC)**; largest increase; **oppressive, VL health impact**
- Livestock heat stress : **increased**; **onset of persistent (MC)**; **L persistent**
- Crop yields: **risks**; **extensive risks (W. Africa, SE Asia, S. America)**; **VL substantial reductions**
- Rainforests : **reduced biomass**; **larger reductions**; **reduced extent, potential forest dieback (MC)**

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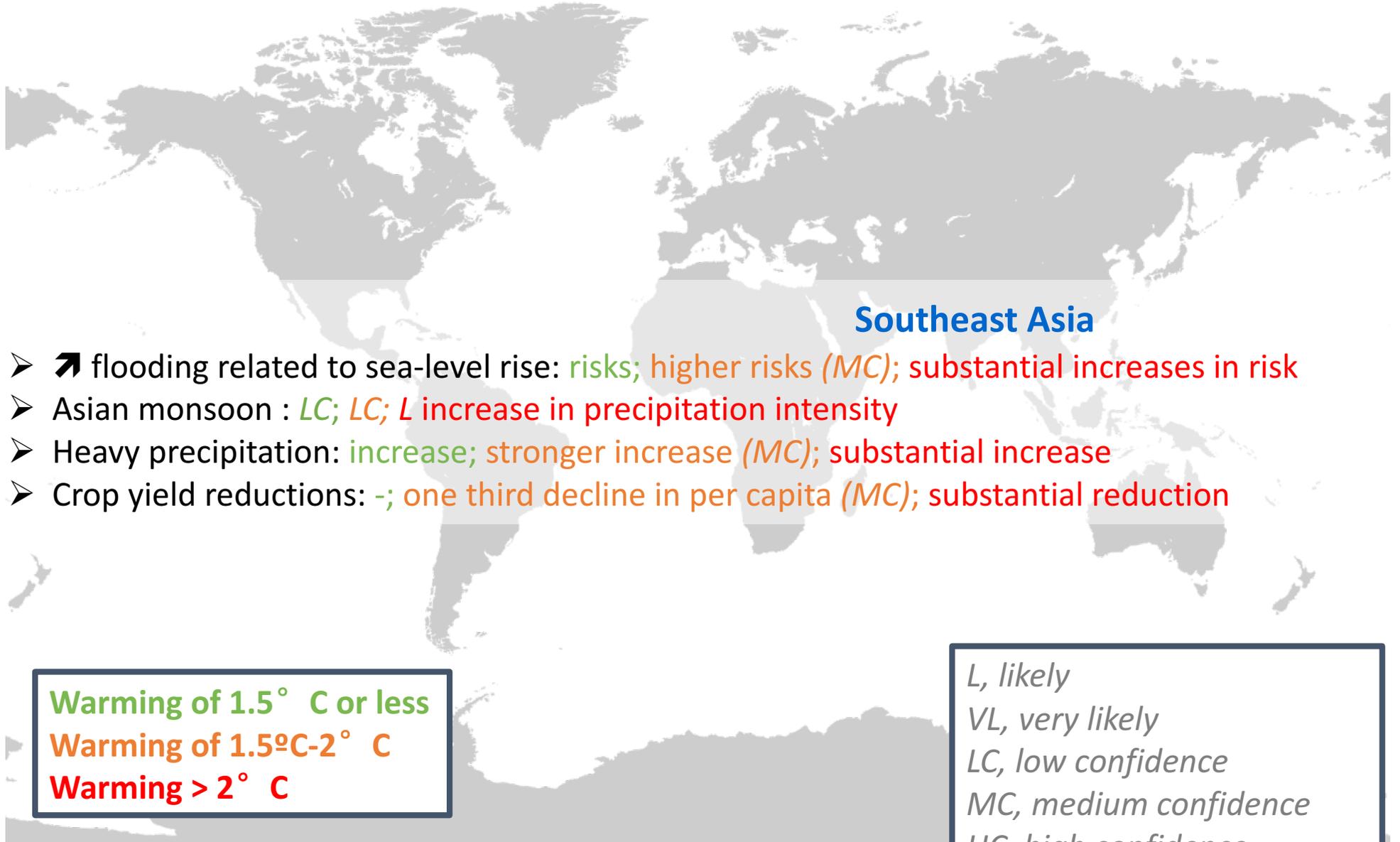
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Southeast Asia

- ↗ flooding related to sea-level rise: **risks**; **higher risks (MC)**; **substantial increases in risk**
- Asian monsoon : **LC**; **LC**; **L increase in precipitation intensity**
- Heavy precipitation: **increase**; **stronger increase (MC)**; **substantial increase**
- Crop yield reductions: **-**; **one third decline in per capita (MC)**; **substantial reduction**

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West African and the Sahel

- Monsoon : uncertain ; uncertain ; strengthening (LC)
- Hot nights, longer, more frequent heat waves: L ↗; L further ↗; VL substantial ↗
- ↓ in maize and sorghum production: L, about 40% ↓ suitable area; L larger ↓; major regional food insecurities (MC)
- Undernutrition risks : increased; higher; high

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Southern Africa

- Water availability: reductions (*MC*); larger reductions (*MC*); large reductions (*MC*)
- # of hot nights and ↗ heat waves : increases (*HC*); further increase (*HC*); drastic increase (*HC*)
- Increased mortality from heat-waves: high risks; higher risks (*HC*);
substantial impact on health and mortality (*HC*)
- Undernutrition / dryland agriculture and livestock: high risk; higher risk (*HC*); very high risks

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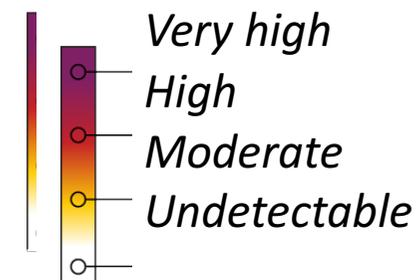
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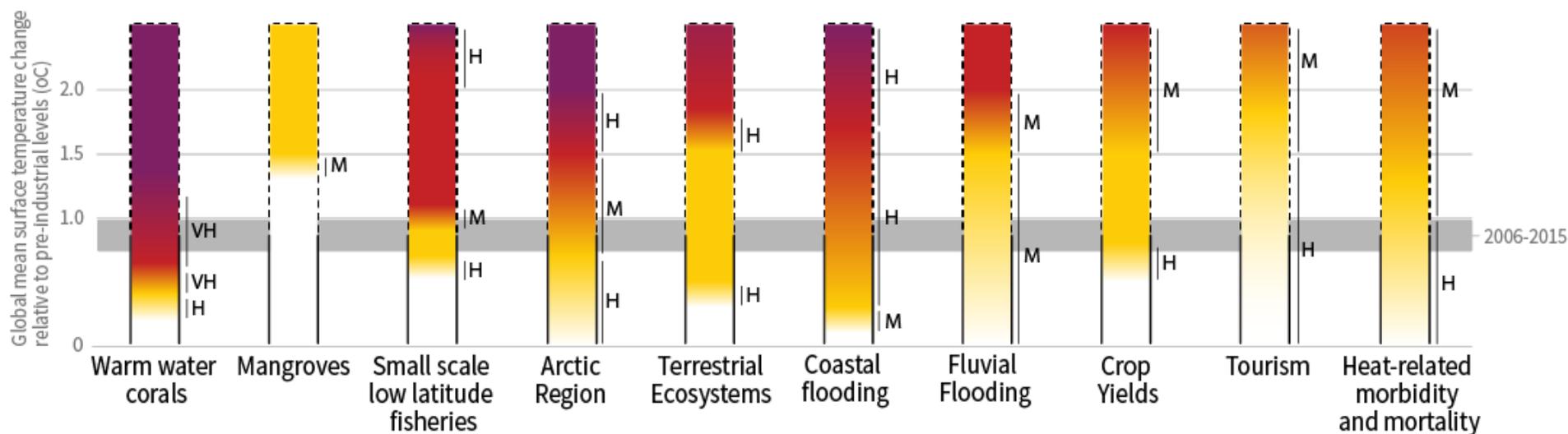
Small islands:

- Inundation risk : land exposed; tens of thousands displaced ; substantial, widespread impacts
- Coastal flooding: risks; high risks ; substantial and widespread impacts
- Fresh water stress : increased; projected aridity; substantial and widespread impacts
- # of warm days : increase; further increase (70 warm days/year), persistent heat stress in cattle ; persistent heat stress
- Loss of coral reefs: 70-90%; most coral reefs ; loss of most coral reefs (VL)

How do climate-related risks change as a function of the level of global warming?

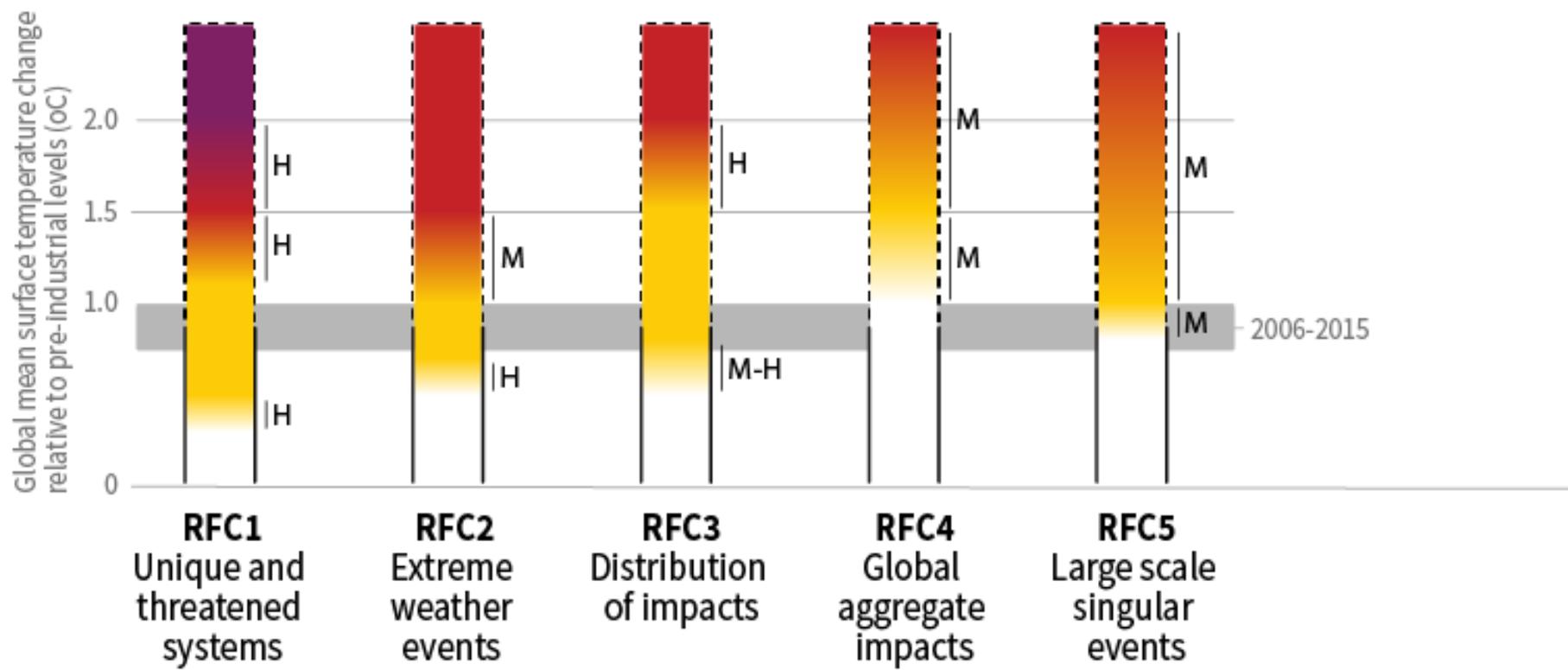


Impacts and risks for selected natural, managed and human systems

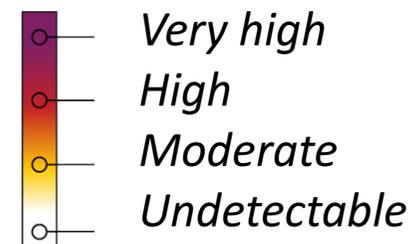


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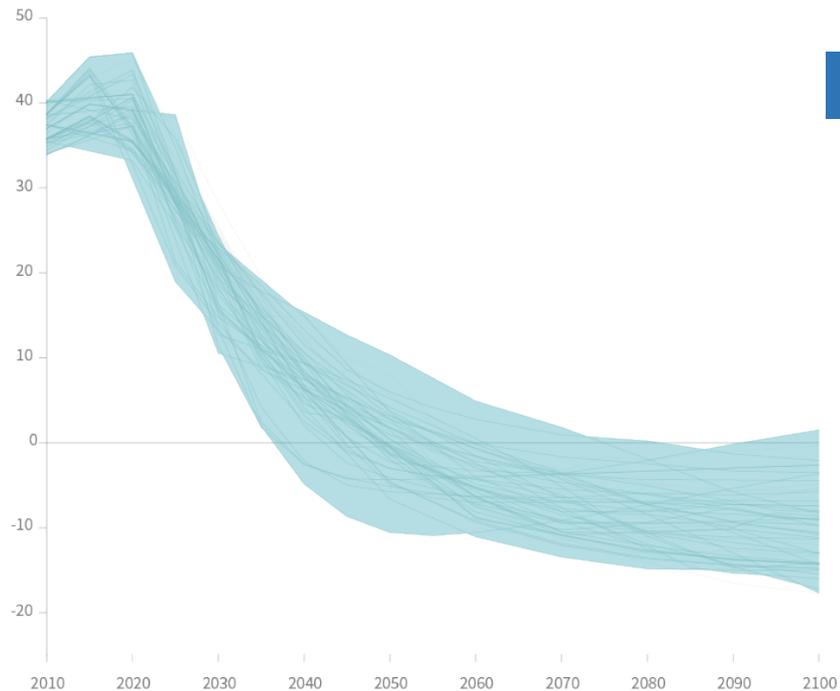
At 1.5°C compared to 2°C

- Up to several hundred million fewer people exposed to climate-related risk and susceptible to poverty by 2050
- Disproportionately high risk for Arctic, dryland regions, small island developing states and least developed countries
- Lower risks for health, livelihoods, food security, water supply, human security and economic growth
- Wide range of adaptation options which can reduce climate risks; less adaptation needs at 1.5°C

What are greenhouse gas emission pathways compatible with limiting warming to 1.5°C?

Global total net CO₂ emissions

Billion tonnes of CO₂/yr



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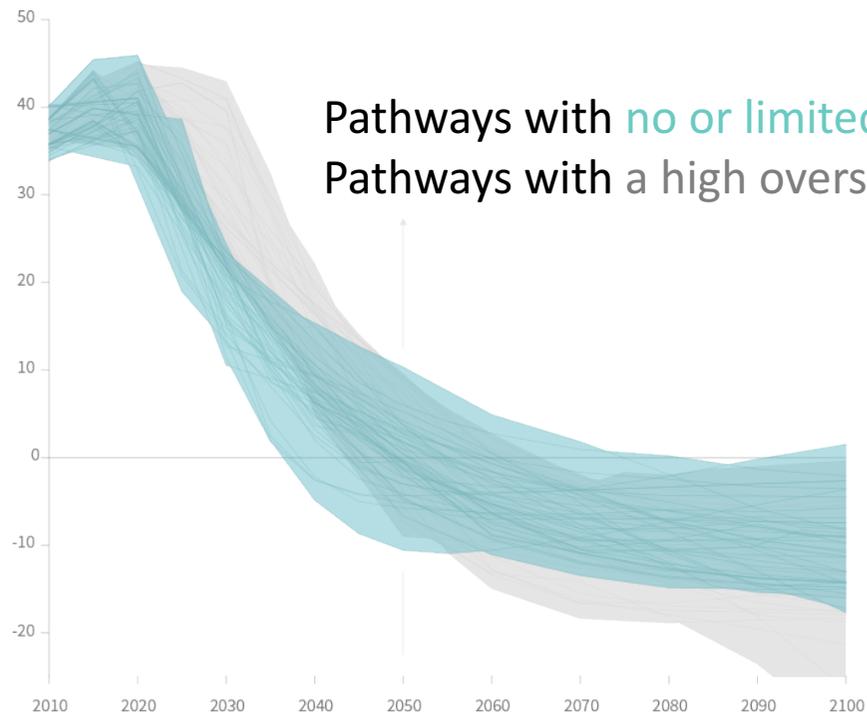
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Pathways limiting global warming to 1.5°C with no or low overshoot

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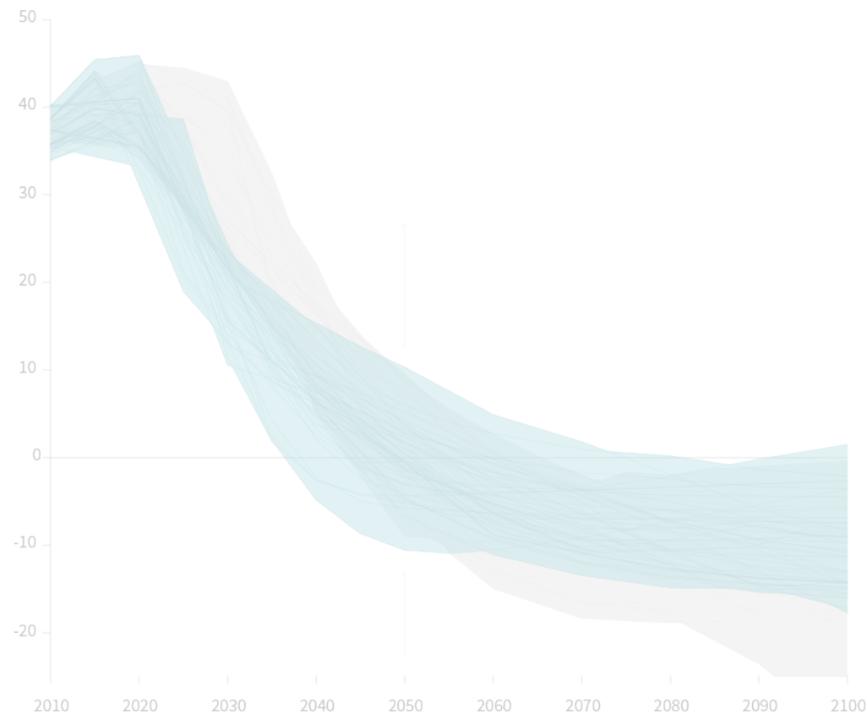
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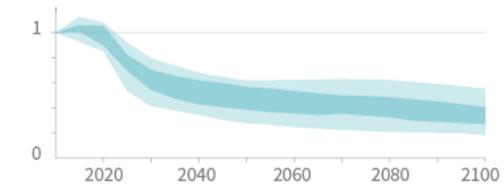


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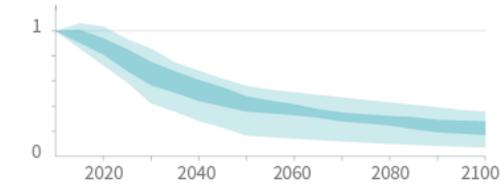


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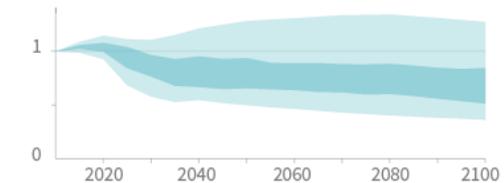
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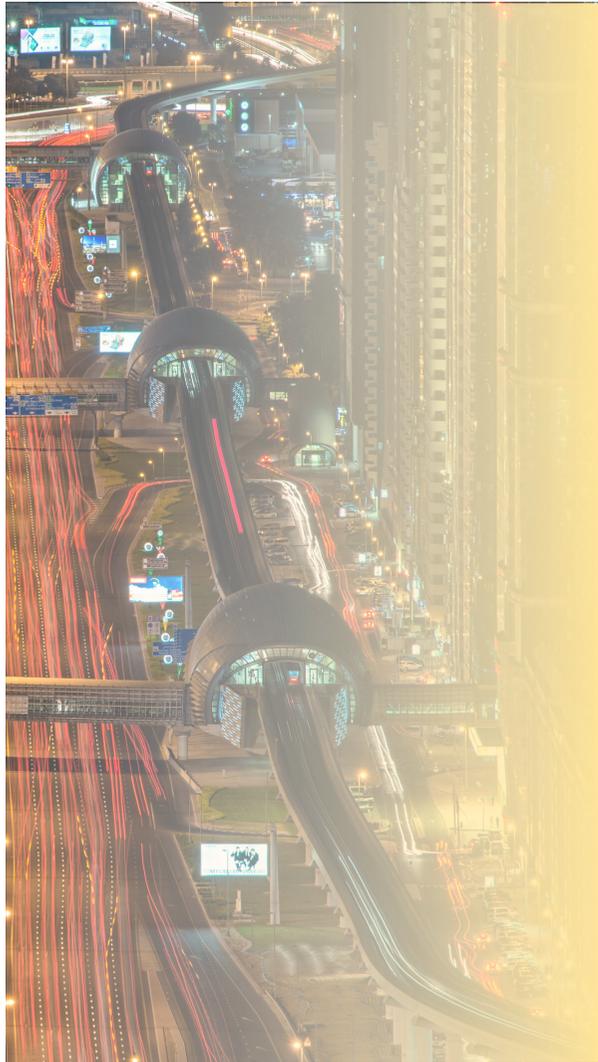


Black carbon emissions



Nitrous oxide emissions





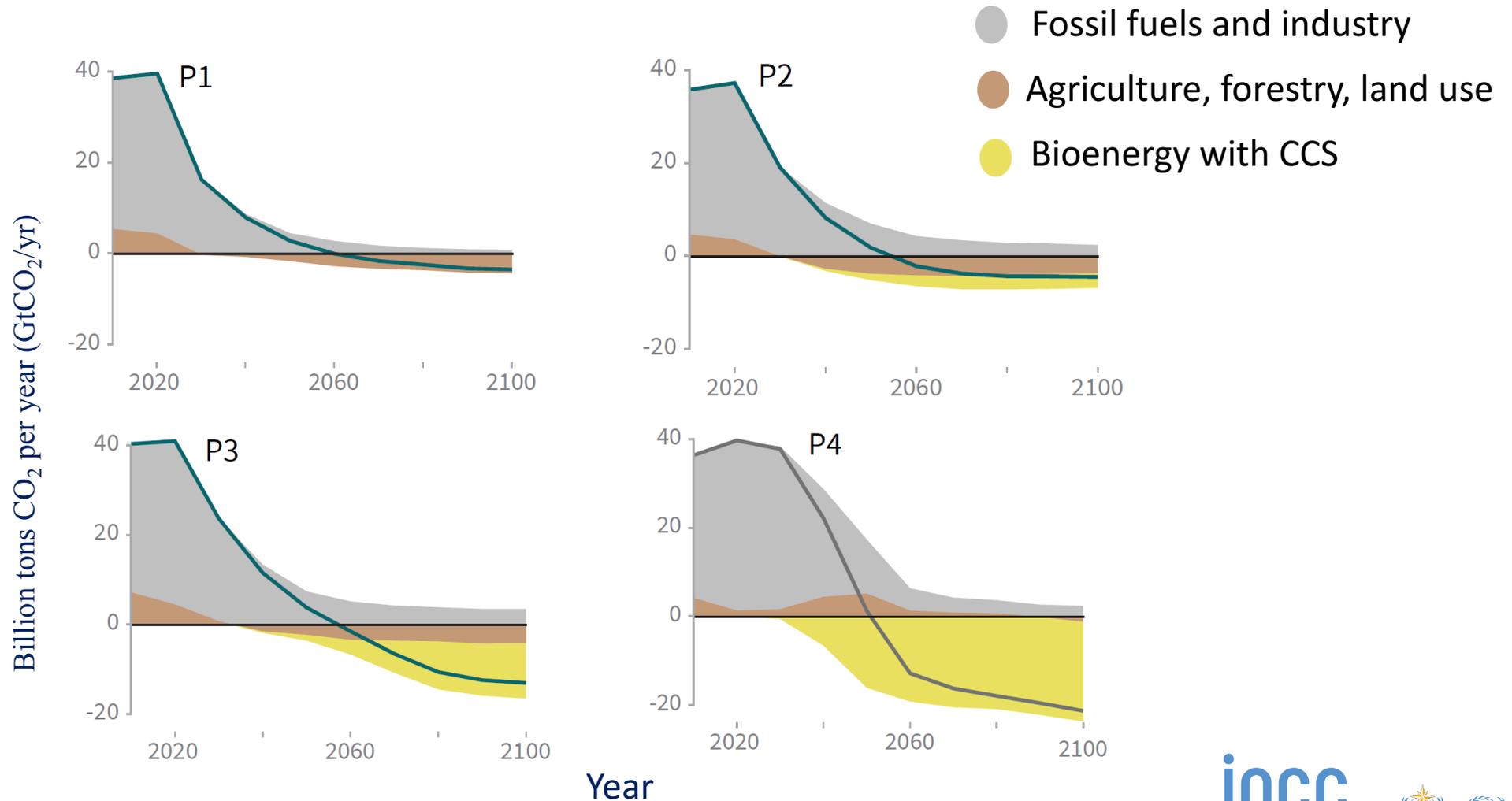
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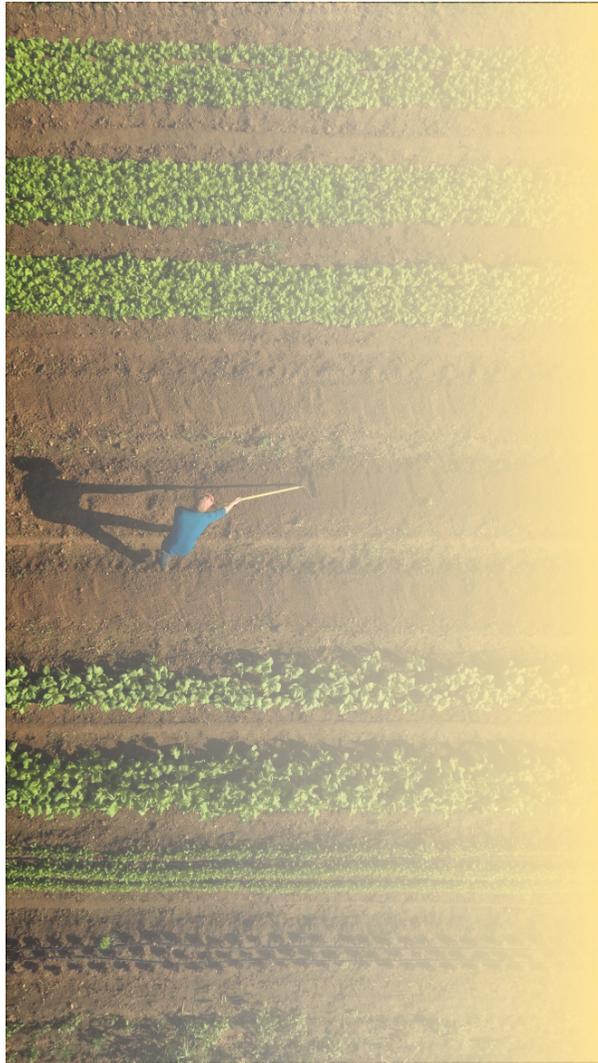
Limiting warming to 1.5°C

Would require rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented changes in all systems

- A range of technologies and behavioural changes
- Scale up in annual investment in low carbon energy and energy efficiency by factor of five by 2050
- Renewables supply 70-85% of electricity in 2050
- Coal declines steeply, ~zero in electricity by 2050
- Deep emissions cuts in transport and buildings
- Transitions in land use, scale depending on mitigation portfolio
- Urban and infrastructure system transitions, changes in urban planning practices

Four illustrative model pathways

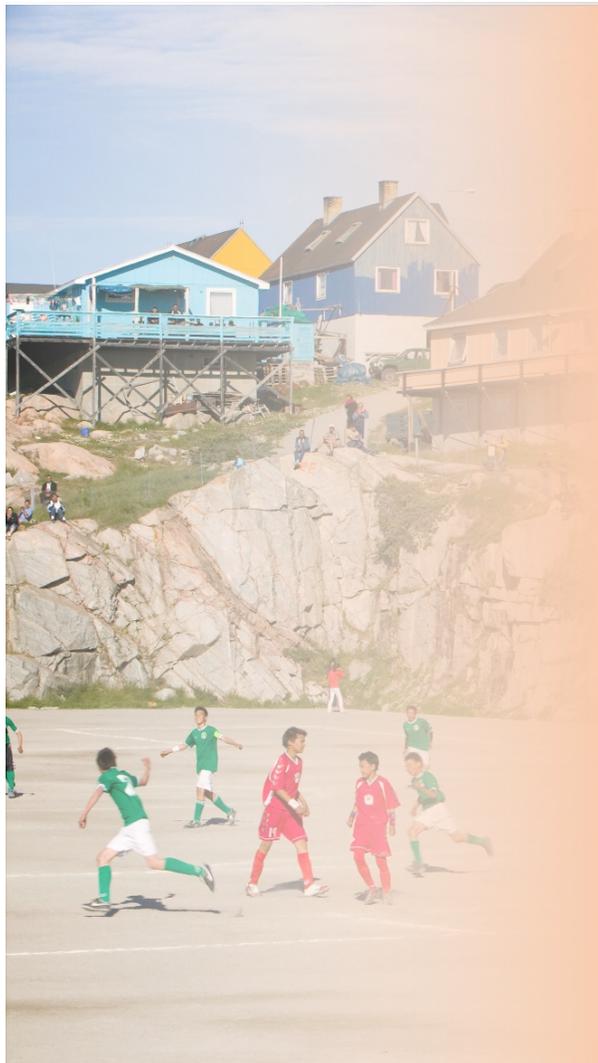




Where are we?

- National pledges are not enough to limit warming to 1.5°C
- Avoiding warming of more than 1.5°C would require carbon dioxide emissions to decline substantially before 2030

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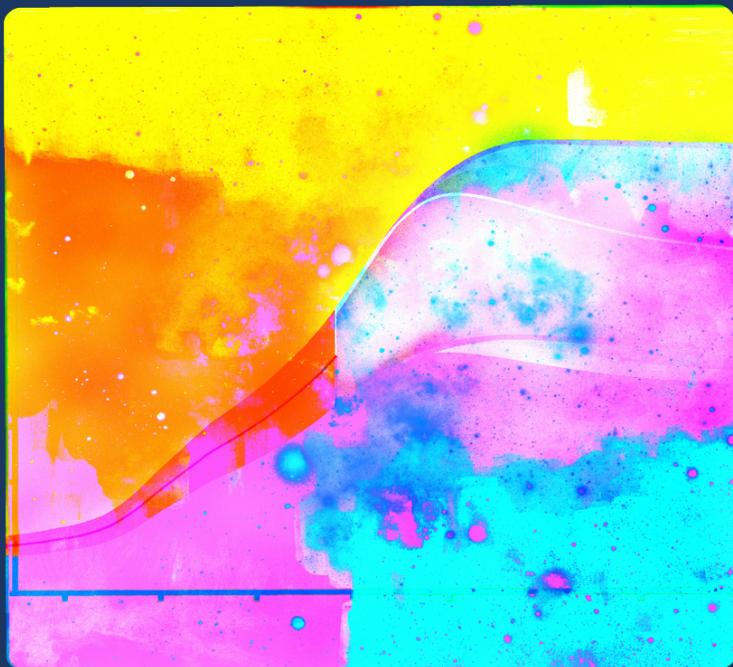
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Climate change and sustainability

- Ethical and fair transitions
- Different pathways have different synergies and trade-offs with UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Careful mix of measures to adapt to climate change and reduce emissions can help achieve SDGs
- Low energy demand, low material consumption and low carbon food carry highest benefits
- Cooperation, governance, innovation and mobilisation of finance key for feasibility

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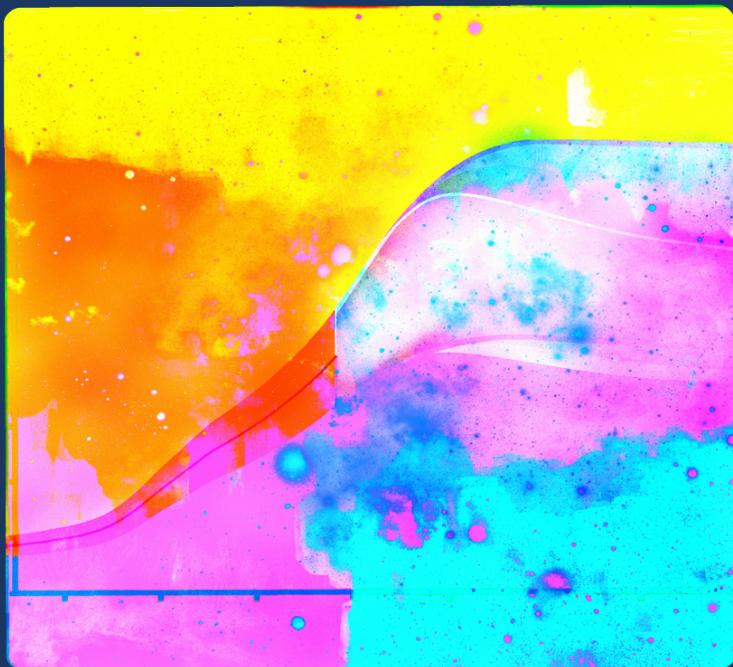
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Every year matters

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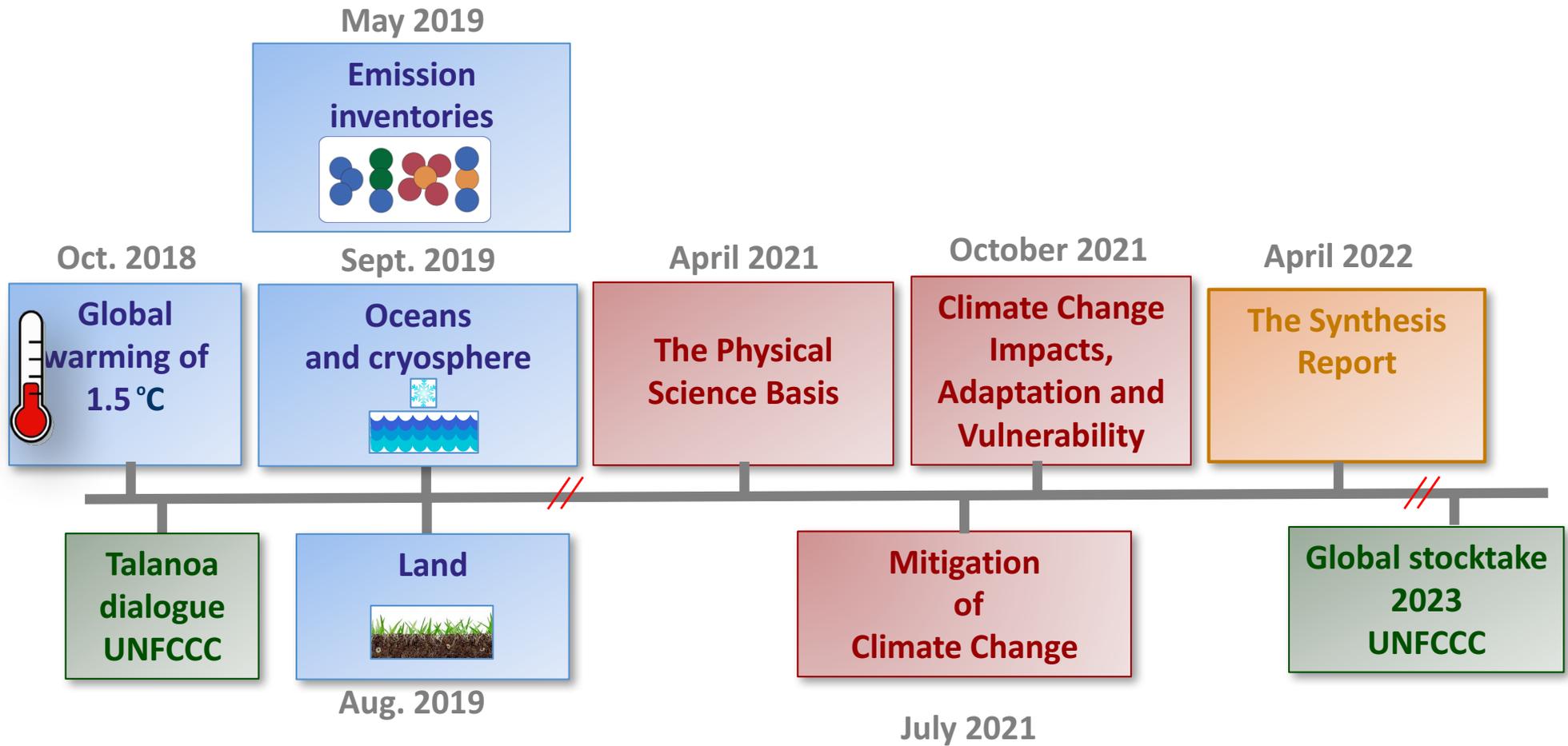
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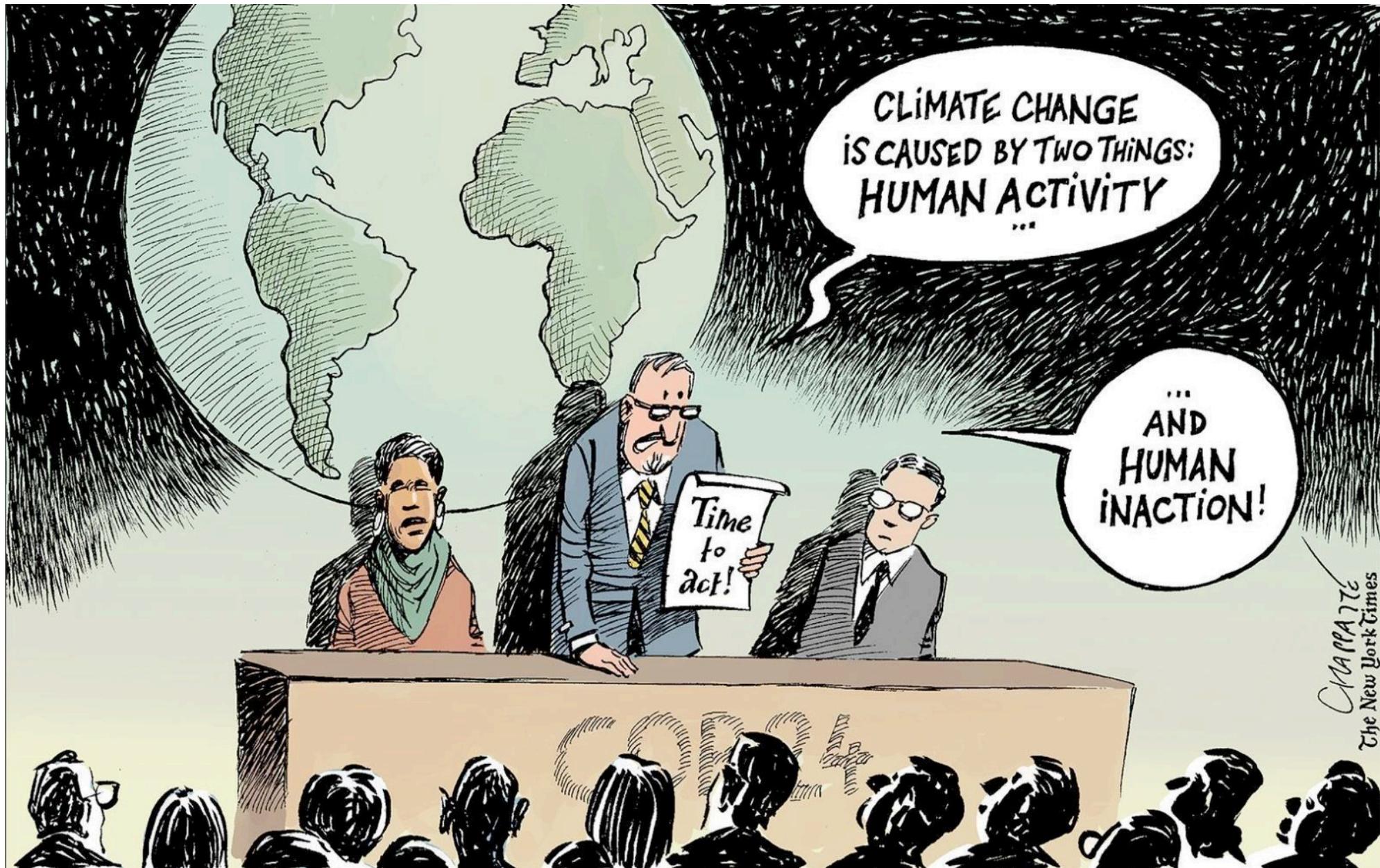
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