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# Clean Energy and Sustainable Development Laboratory

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## Mission

The Clean Energy and Sustainable Development (CleanED) lab is an international and interdisciplinary research team contributing to the green growth of the energy sector in Vietnam. Established in December 2014 with support from USTH and French Embassy, the CleanED lab hosts today four researchers from France and Vietnam, three doctoral fellows and two internationally qualified staff under the direction of Dr. Minh Ha-Duong.

Our expertise ranges from engineering to public policy on:



- Natural resources characterization and management
- Biomass and waste to energy conversion process technologies
- Energy systems optimization from smart grid to national plans


The CleanED lab is a working place for researchers, doctoral fellows and students from USTH's Energy department welcome Bachelor and Master level interns. Most are coming from or going to our partner laboratories in France: C BioWooEB/CIRAD, LAGEP/Université de Lyon, LABEX ARBRE/Université de Lorraine, LOG/Université du Littor; other USTH consortium members, and our partner institute in Vietnam: IES/VAST.

## Facilities

The CleanED lab office and experimental room are both located on the Campus of Vietnam Academy of Science Hoang Quoc Viet, Cau Giay, Hanoi.



**Prof. Ha-Duong**  
*Directeur de recherche*  
**Team: CIRED**  
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 Co-awarded Nobel prize for peace as IPCC lead author, 2007.

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### About me

My research is on energy, climate change, society, economics and uncertainty. I am interested in imprecise probabilities, especially using [possibility theory](#) for scenario-making and the [Transferable Belief Model](#) for expert opinion fusion, with applications to environmental and energy economics issues such as climatic change and carbon capture and storage...

I also work on the social and economic aspects of carbon capture and storage. My CCS blog in French is at [CaptageStockageCO2.eu](#). I also commit prose at my [homepage](#) on CIRED website.

Here is the formal CV, there is the informal summary (thanks PhD comics!), the LinkedIn and the bibliometric link.



# Transition to low carbon world

*Renewable energy technologies set new installation records as their contribution to the global energy mix continued to climb in 2013.*

*Renewable power capacity jumped more than 8 percent in 2013, accounting for over 56 percent of net additions*

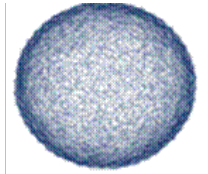
*It now has the potential to account for over a fifth of world electricity generation.*

# Climate negotiations since 1992



1992

UNFCCC  
Rio



COP15  
COPENHAGEN

2009  
COP 15  
Copenhag.

2010  
COP 16  
Cancun

2011  
COP 17  
Durban

2012  
COP 18  
Doha

2013  
COP 19  
Varsovie

2014  
COP 20  
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2015  
COP 21  
Paris

2007  
COP 13  
Bali

1997  
Protocol  
Kyoto

Starts 2005  
No USA  
27% of GHG  
emissions.  
39 countries  
- 5,2% over  
2008-2012  
relative to  
1990

Bali process

Bali  
roadmap  
Towards a  
post-2012  
agreement  
in 2009

Copenhaguen  
fiasco

Cancun  
agreement

Engagements de  
financement et de  
limitation des  
émissions à 2020,  
mise en place  
d'instance sur le  
financement,  
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transfert de  
techno.

Bali  
roadmap  
end

Décision :  
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du PK et création de la  
plateforme de Durban  
pour un accord en 2015

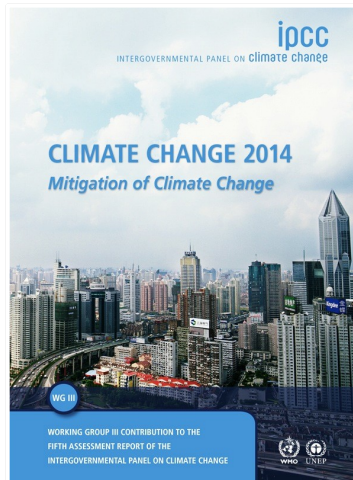
Durban platform

# UNFCCC

United Nations Framework Convention  
on Climate Change

## IPCC

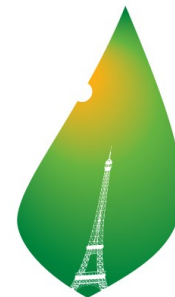
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on Climate Change



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# IPCC Fifth Assessment Report Synthesis Report

IPCC AR5 Synthesis Report

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# The IPCC Synthesis Report

→ Integration of three Working Group Reports of the 5<sup>th</sup> Assessment, 2013-2014

- WG I : The Physical Science Basis

- WGII: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability

- WGIII: Mitigation of Climate Change



# The IPCC Synthesis Report

- Written by 60 authors from Working Group reports
- Chaired by the IPCC Chair R.K. Pachauri
- Member governments approved the SPM on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014 (total membership of IPCC is 195 governments)



# Key Messages

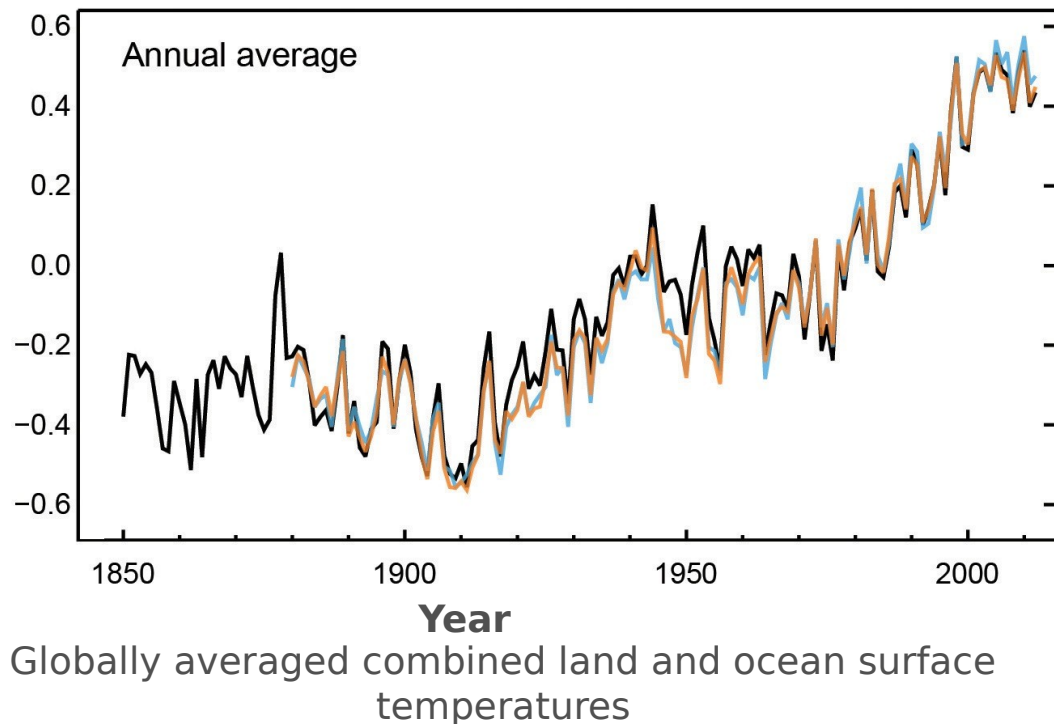
- Human influence on the climate system is clear
- The more we disrupt our climate, the more we risk severe, pervasive and irreversible impacts
- We have the means to limit climate change and build a more prosperous, sustainable future

AR5 WGI SPM, AR5 WGII SPM, AR5 WGI SPM



# Humans are changing the climate

It is extremely likely that we are the dominant cause of warming since the mid-20th century

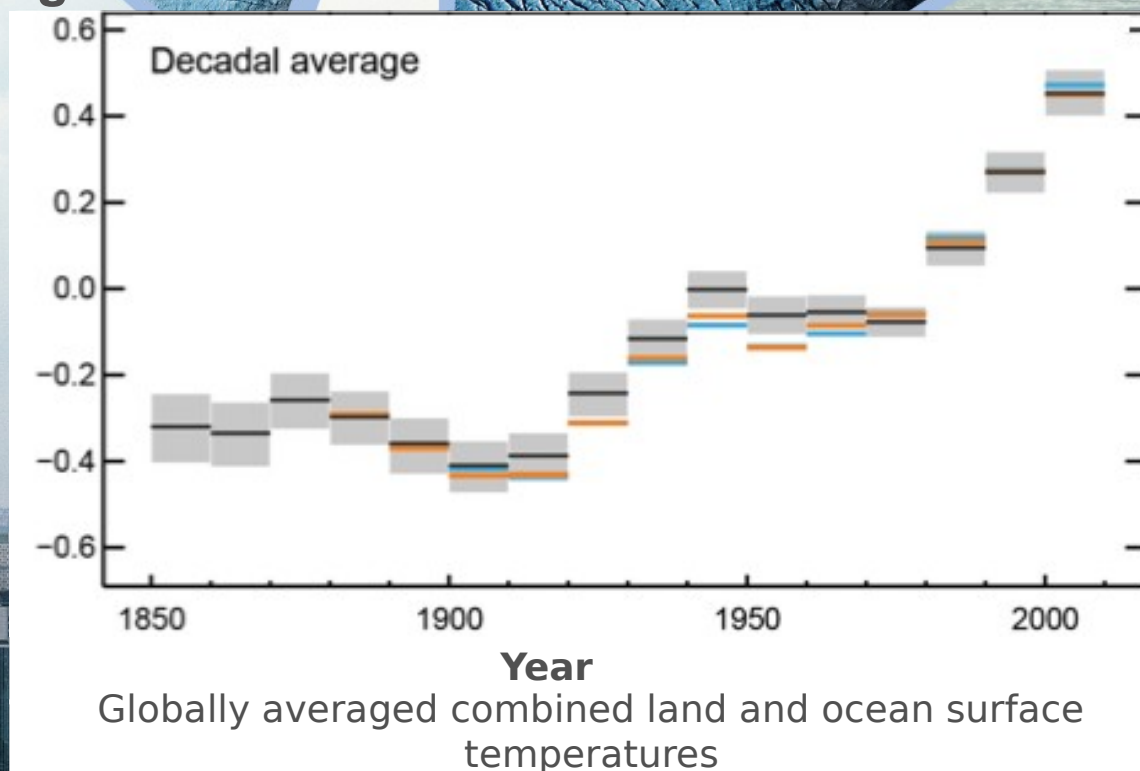


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# Temperatures continue to rise

Each of the past 3 decades has been successively warmer than the preceding decades since 1850

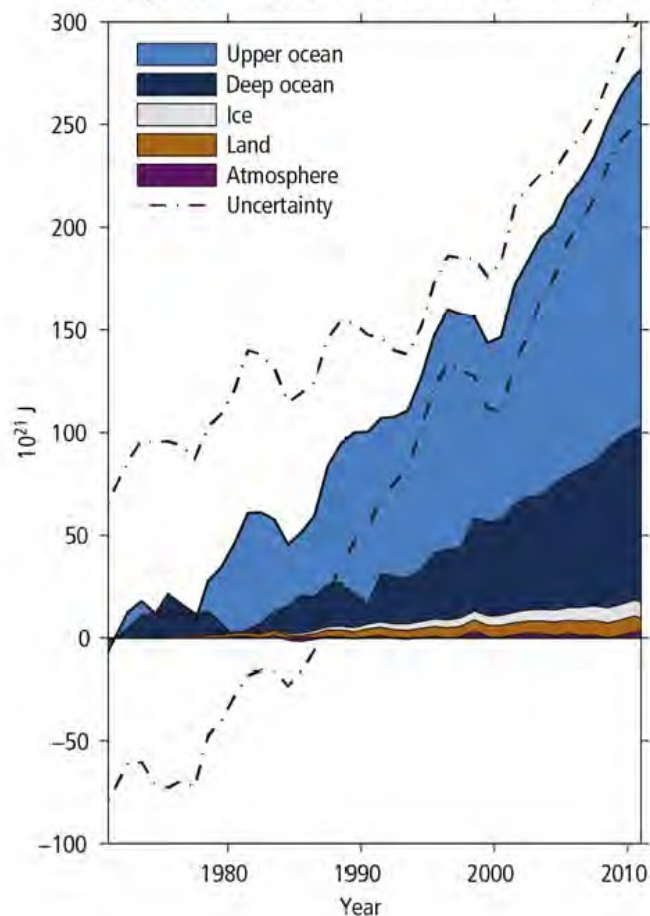


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# Oceans absorb most of the heat

Energy accumulation within the Earth's climate system

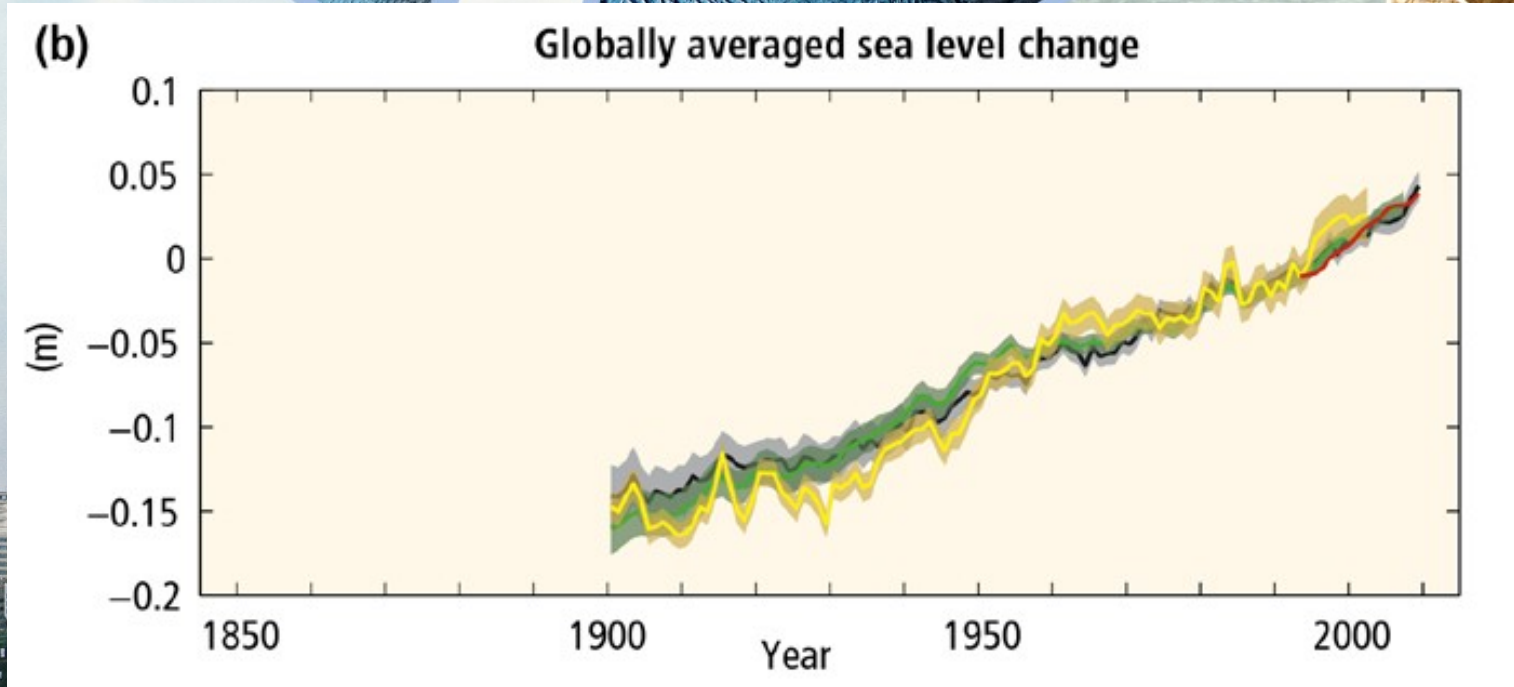
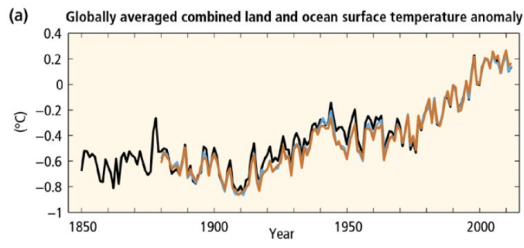


→ More than 90% of the energy accumulating in the climate system between 1971 and 2010 has accumulated in the ocean

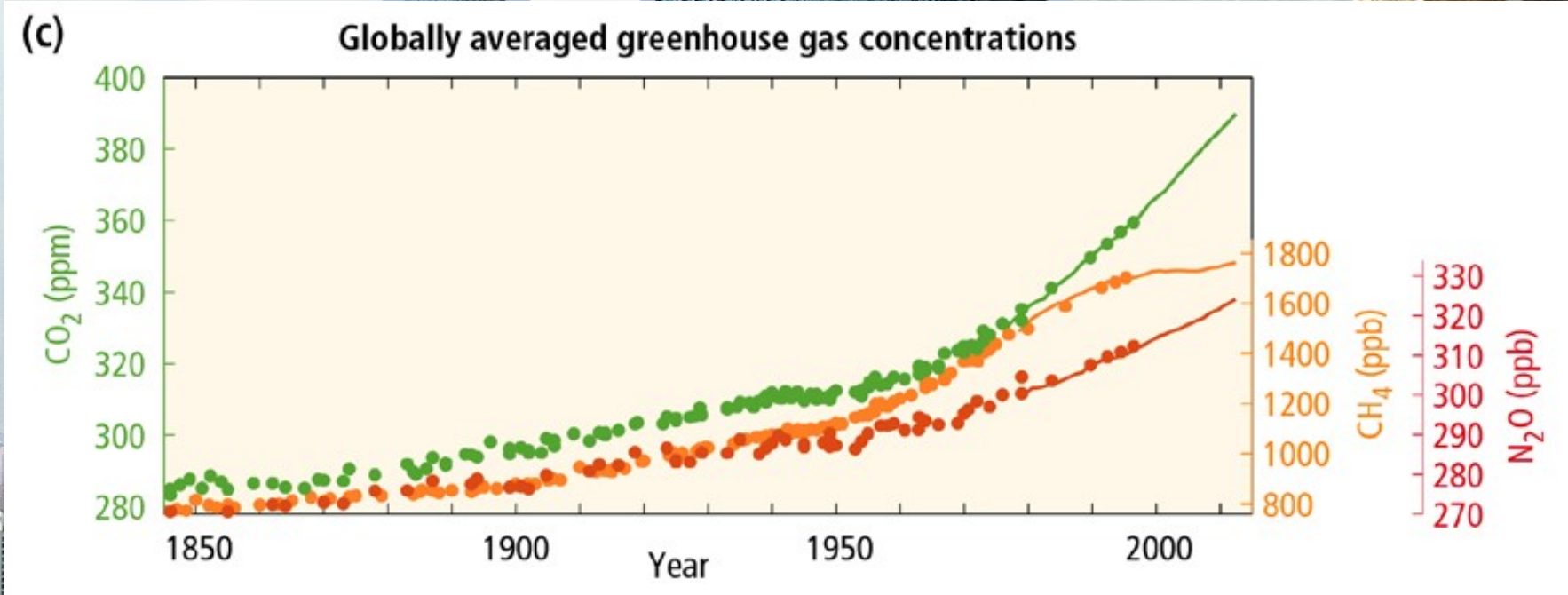
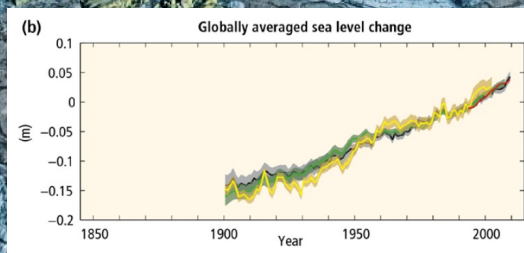
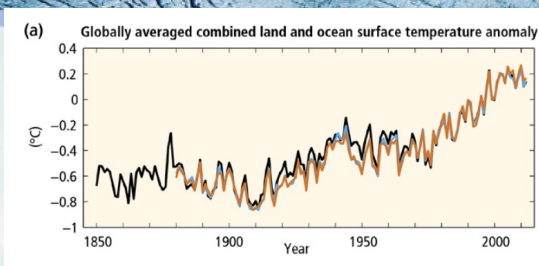
→ Land temperatures remain at historic highs while ocean temperatures continue to climb

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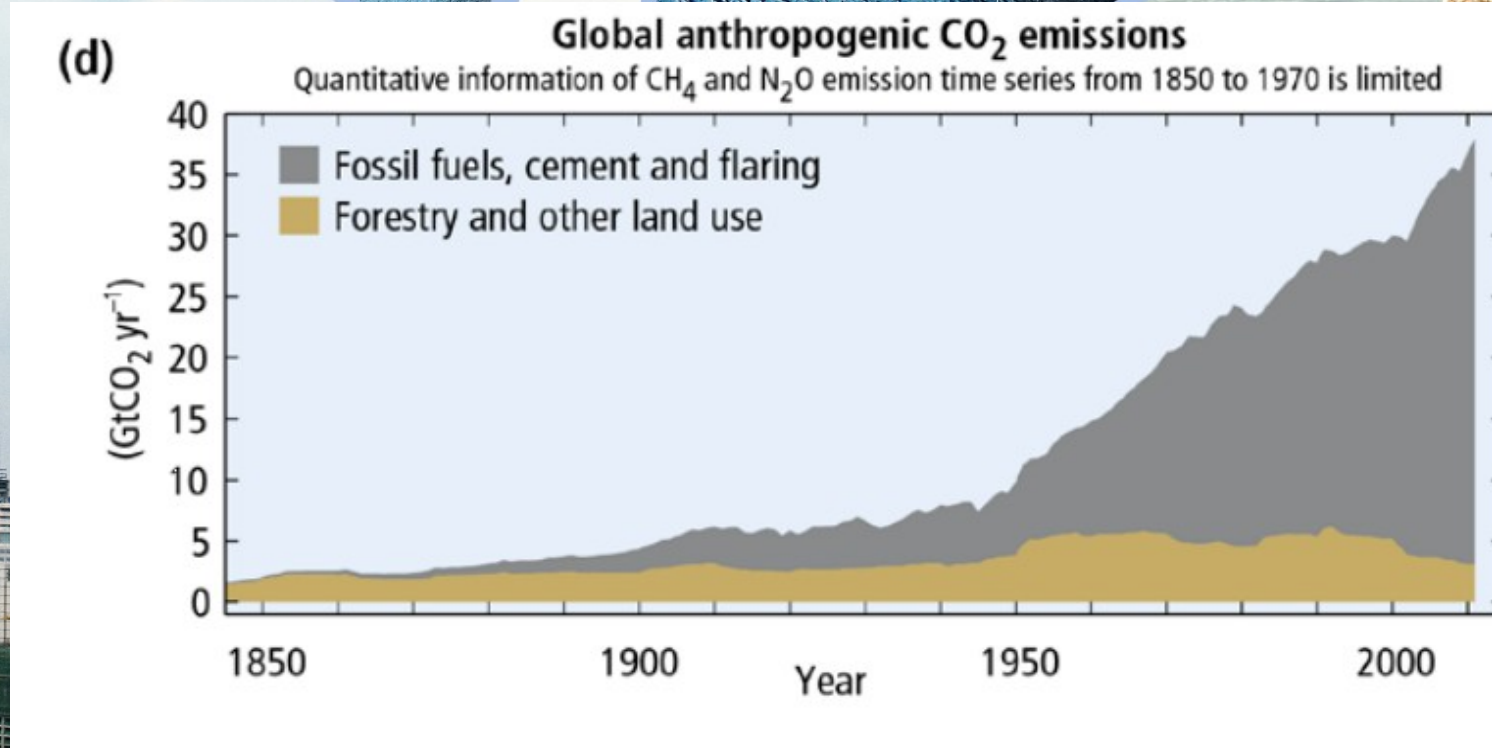
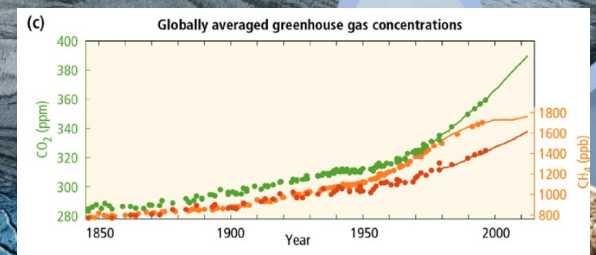
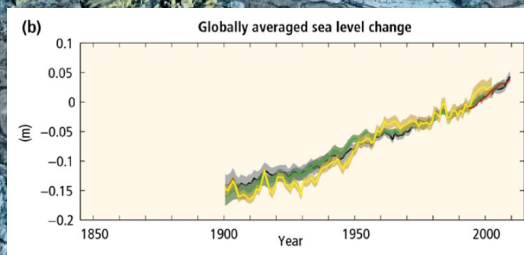
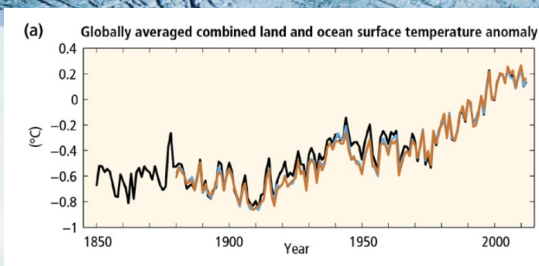


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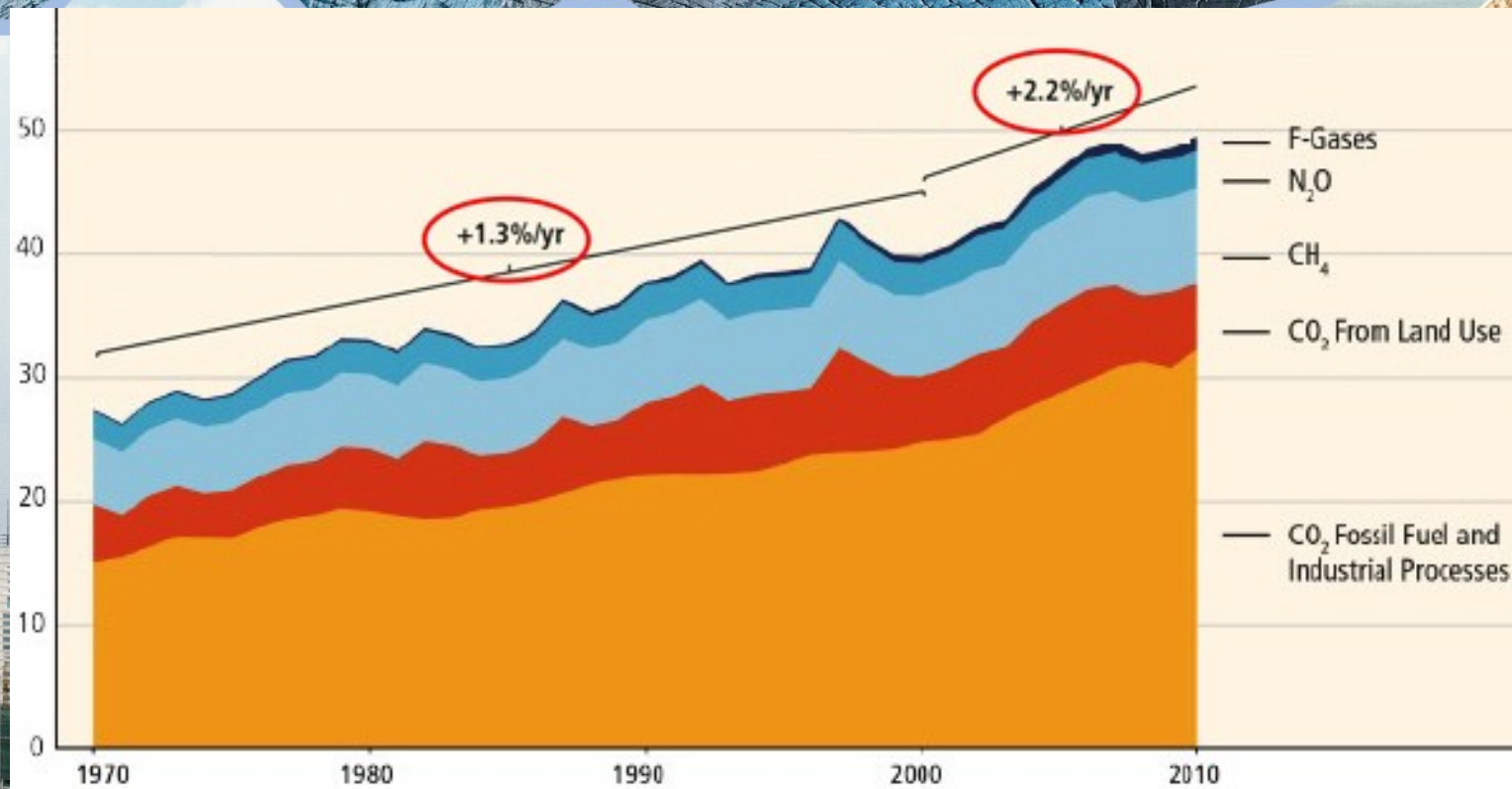




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# GHG emissions growth between 2000 and 2010 has been larger than in the previous three decades

GHG Emissions [GtCO<sub>2</sub> eq/yr]

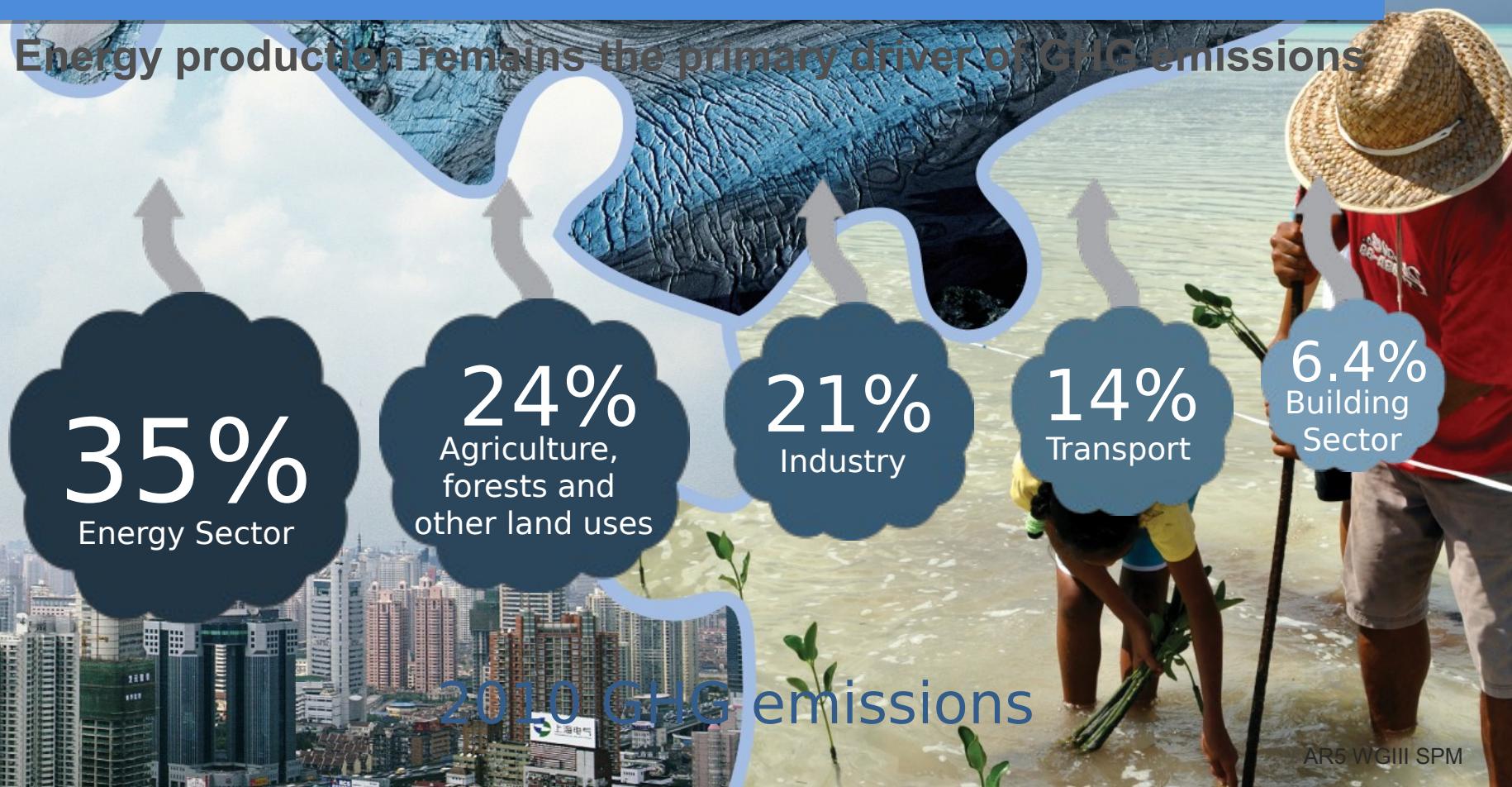


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# Sources of emissions

Energy production remains the primary driver of GHG emissions

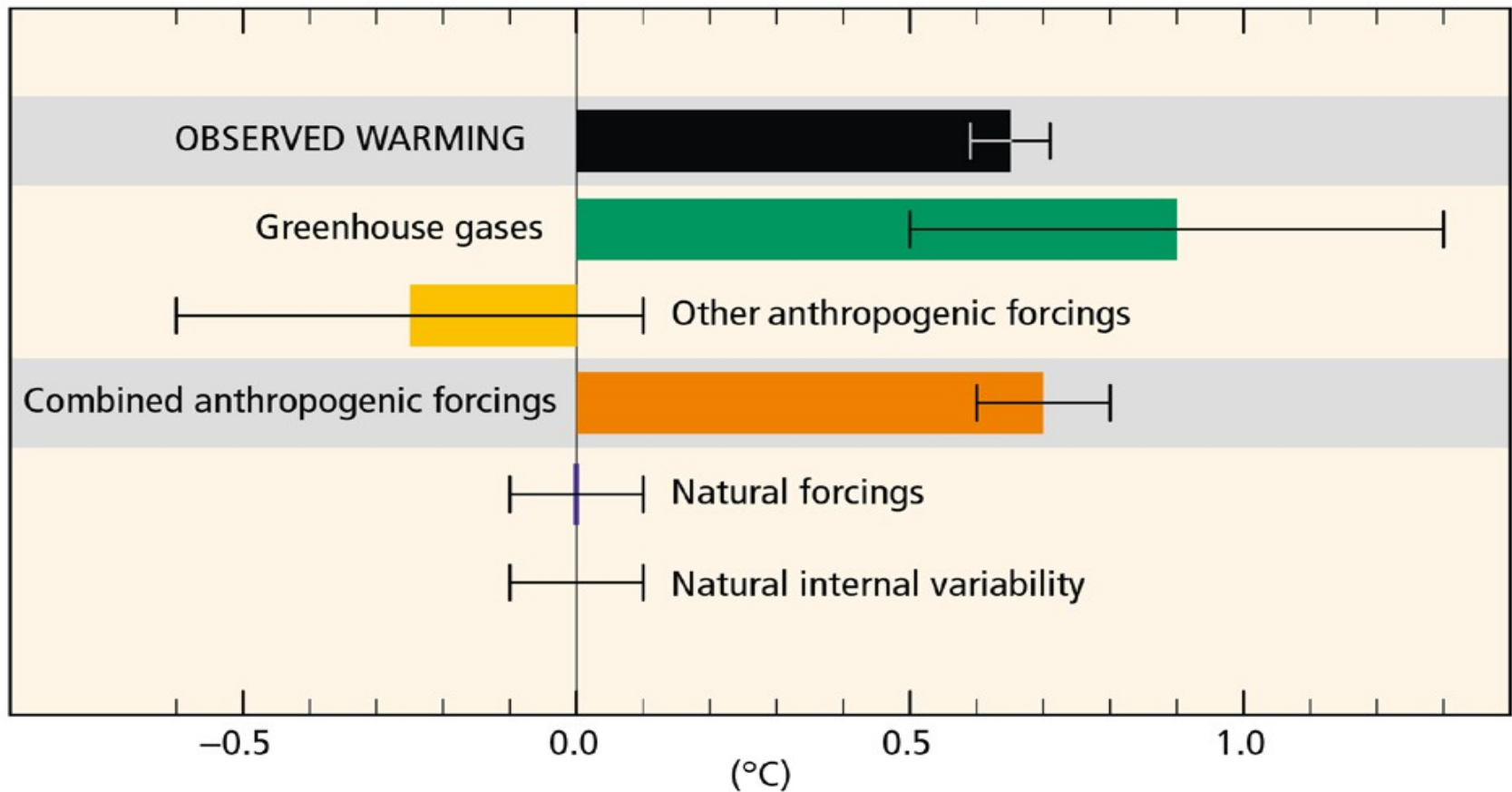


2010 GHG emissions

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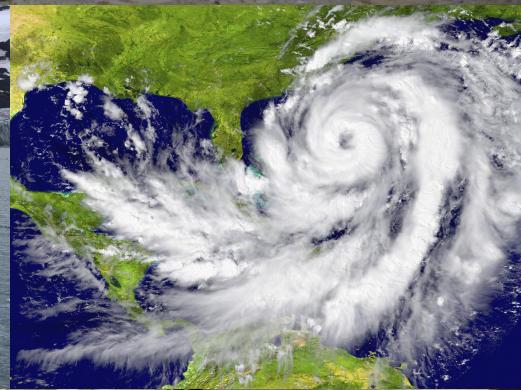
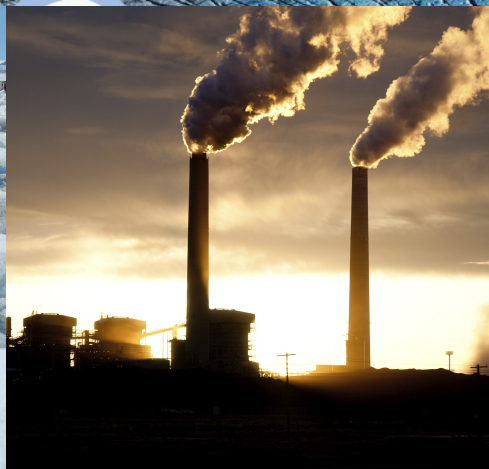
# Anthropogenic forcings are *extremely likely* the cause of warming

Contributions to observed surface temperature change over the period 1951-2010





# Some of the changes in extreme weather and climate events observed since about 1950 have been linked to human influence



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# Impacts are already underway

- Tropics to the poles
- On all continents and in the ocean
- Affecting rich and poor countries



AR5 WGII SPM



# Projected climate changes

Continued emissions of greenhouse gases will cause further warming and changes in the climate system



Oceans will continue to warm during the 21st century



Global mean sea level will continue to rise during the 21st century



It is very likely that the Arctic sea ice cover will continue to shrink and thin as global mean surface temperature rises



Global glacier volume will further decrease

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# Potential Impacts of Climate Change



Food and water shortages



Increased displacement of people



Increased poverty

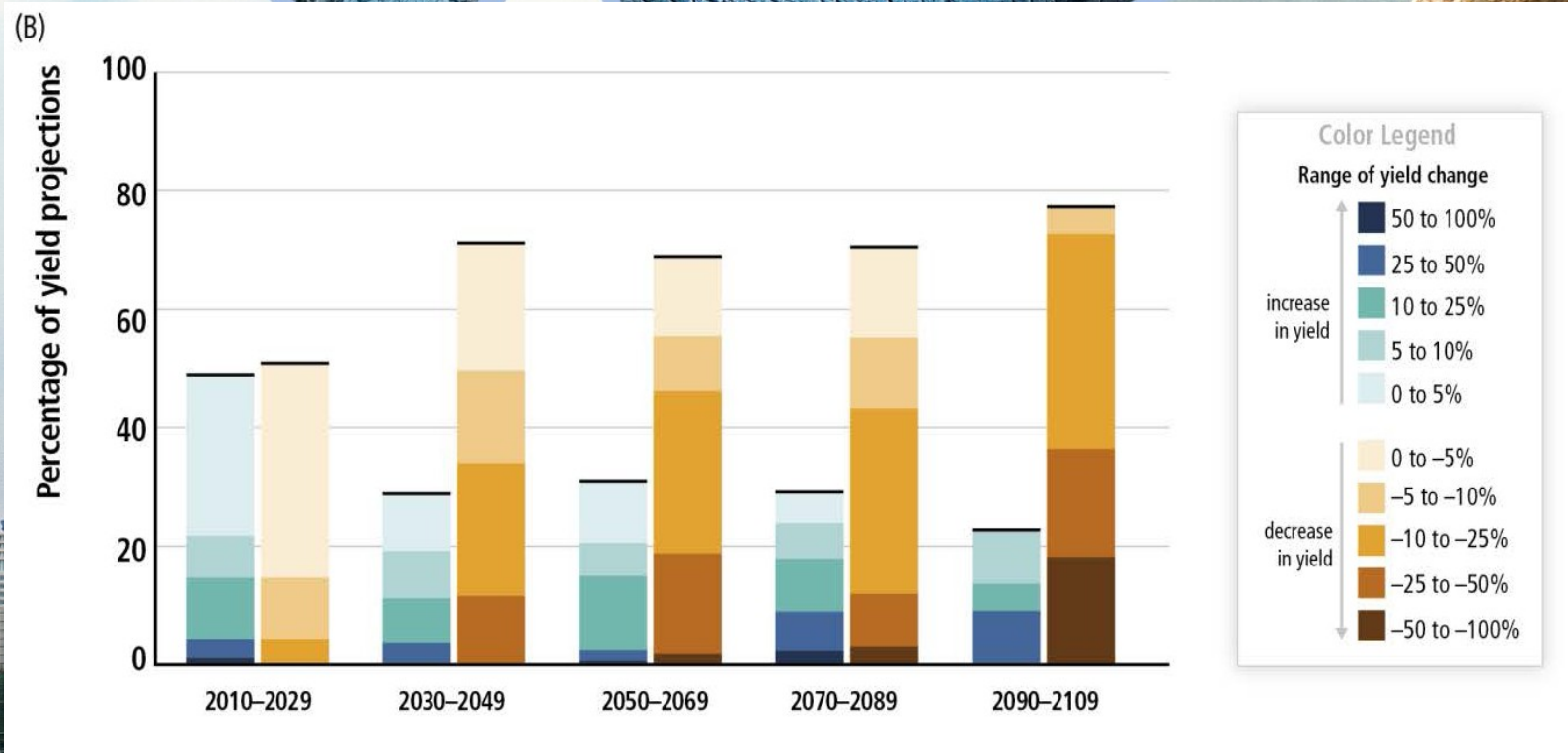


Coastal flooding

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# Climate Change Poses Risk for Food Production

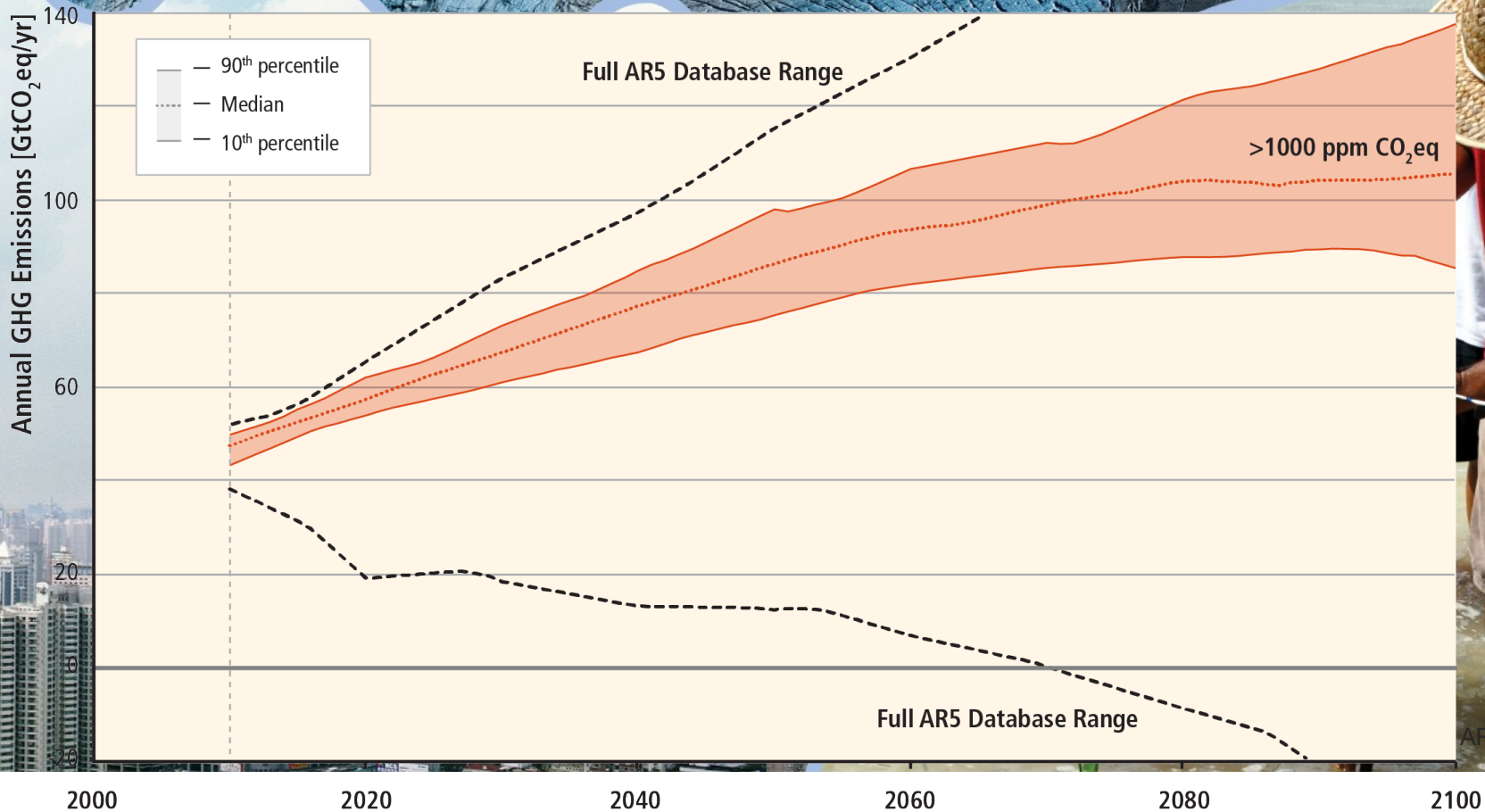
Percentage of yield projections



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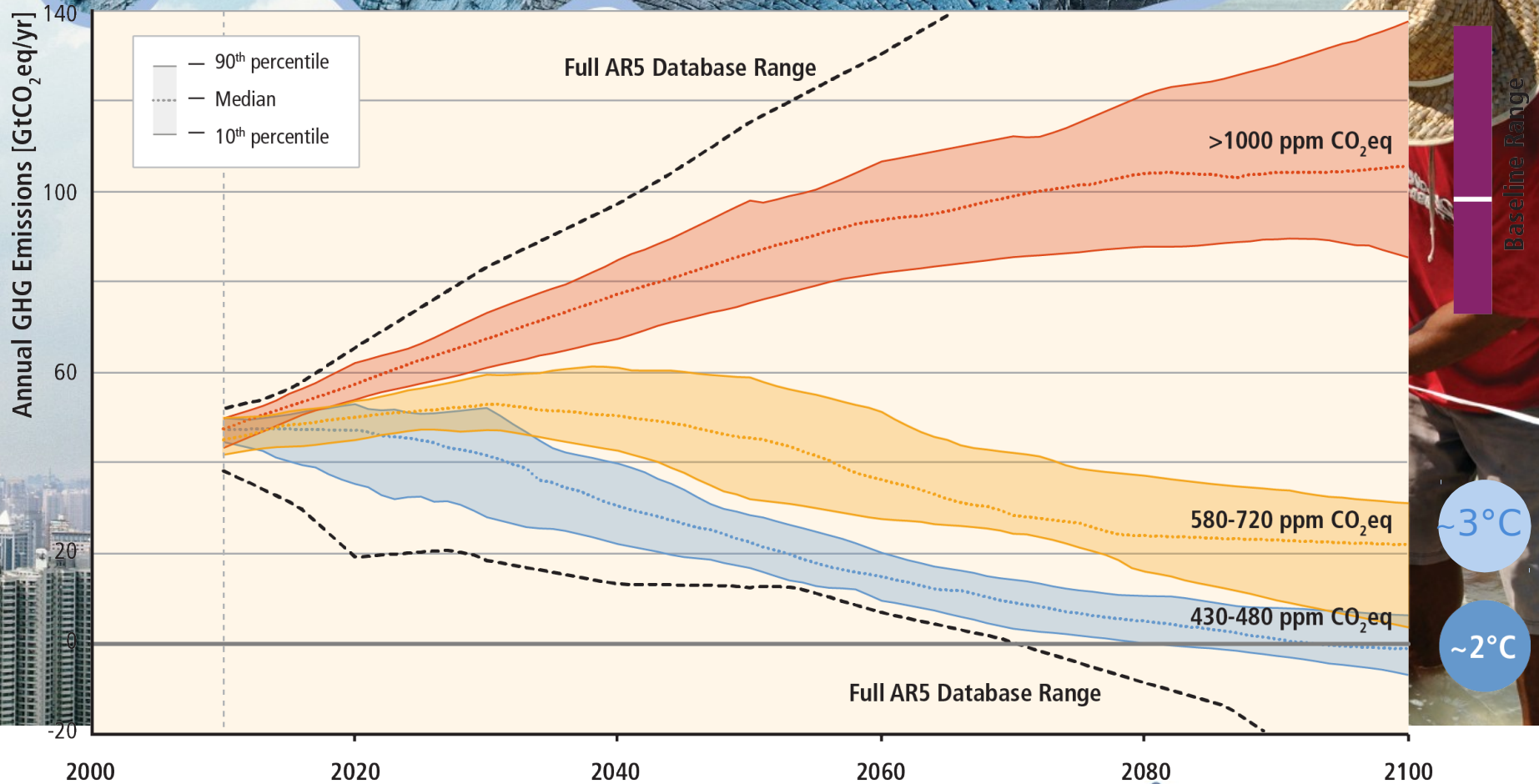


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Based on Figure 6.7

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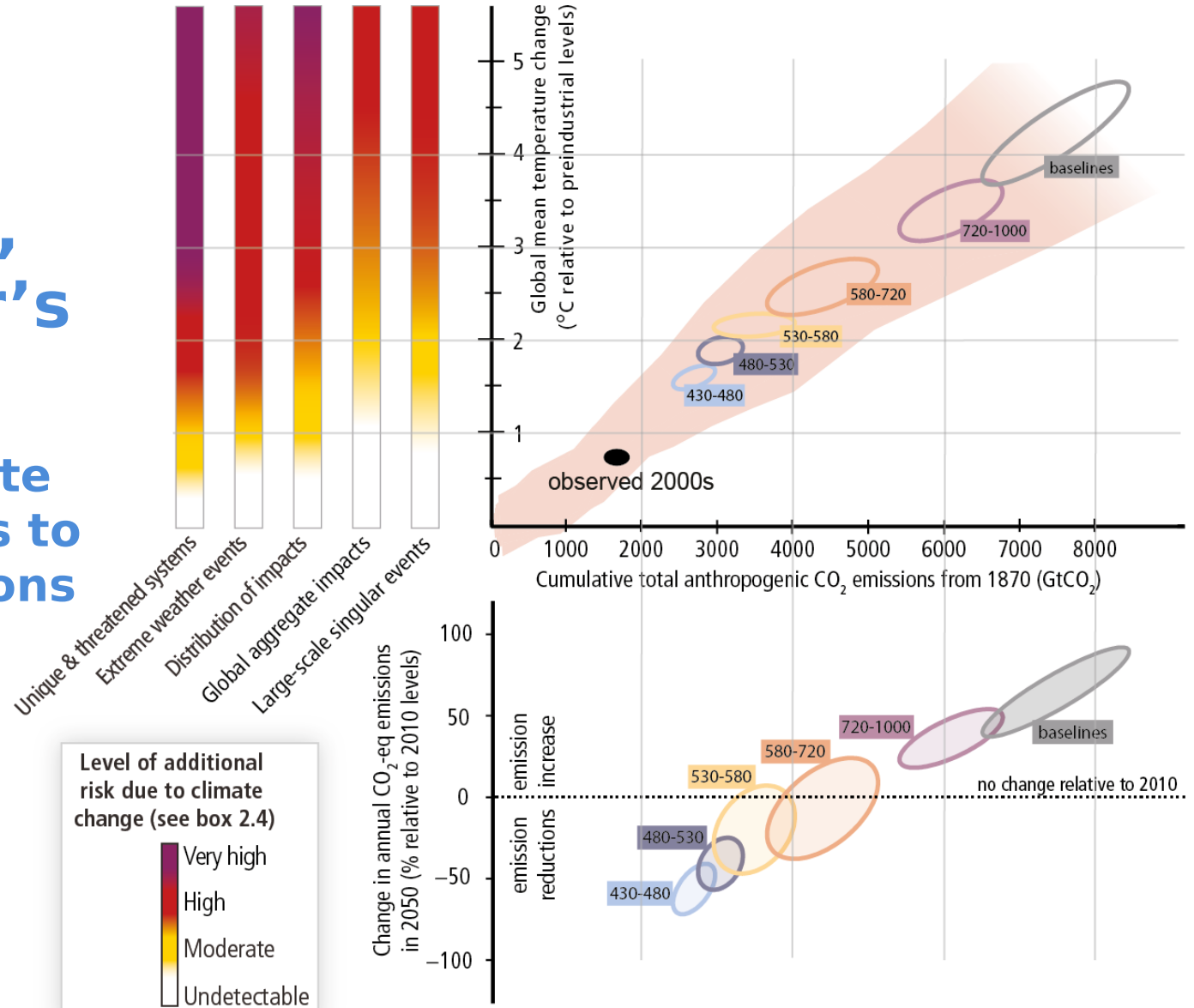


Based on Figure 6.7

(A) Risks from climate change... (B) ...depend on cumulative CO<sub>2</sub> emissions...

# Figure SPM.10, A reader's guide

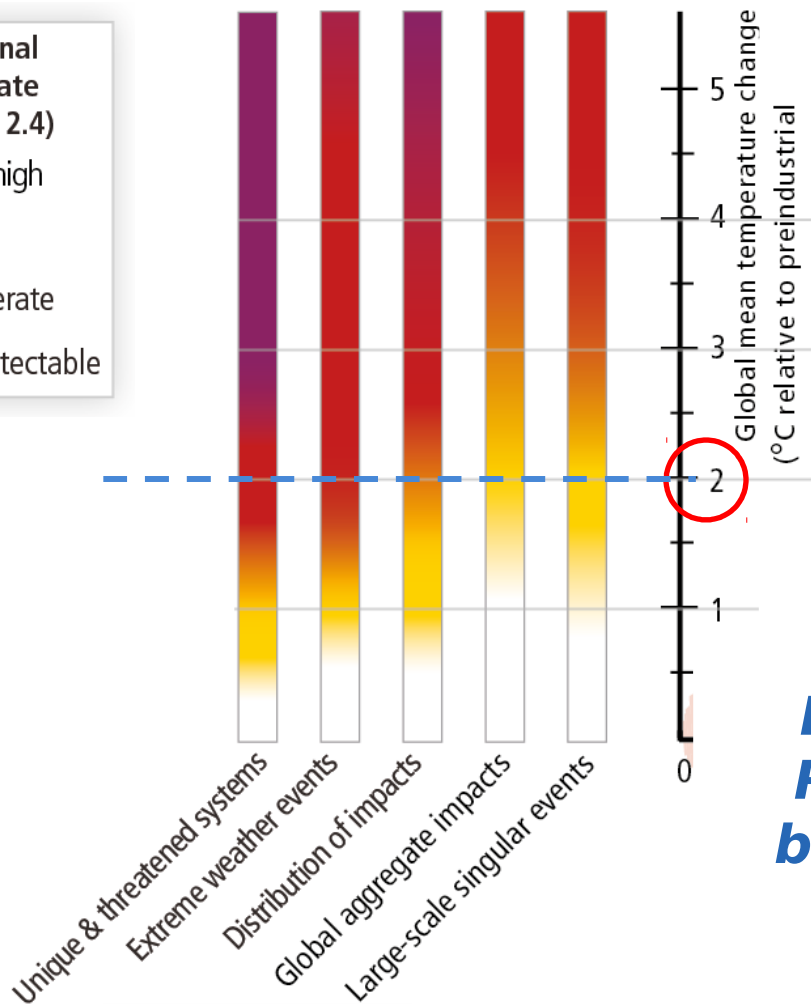
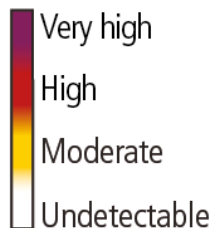
From climate change risks to GHG emissions



(C) ...which in turn depend on annual emissions over the next decades



Level of additional risk due to climate change (see box 2.4)

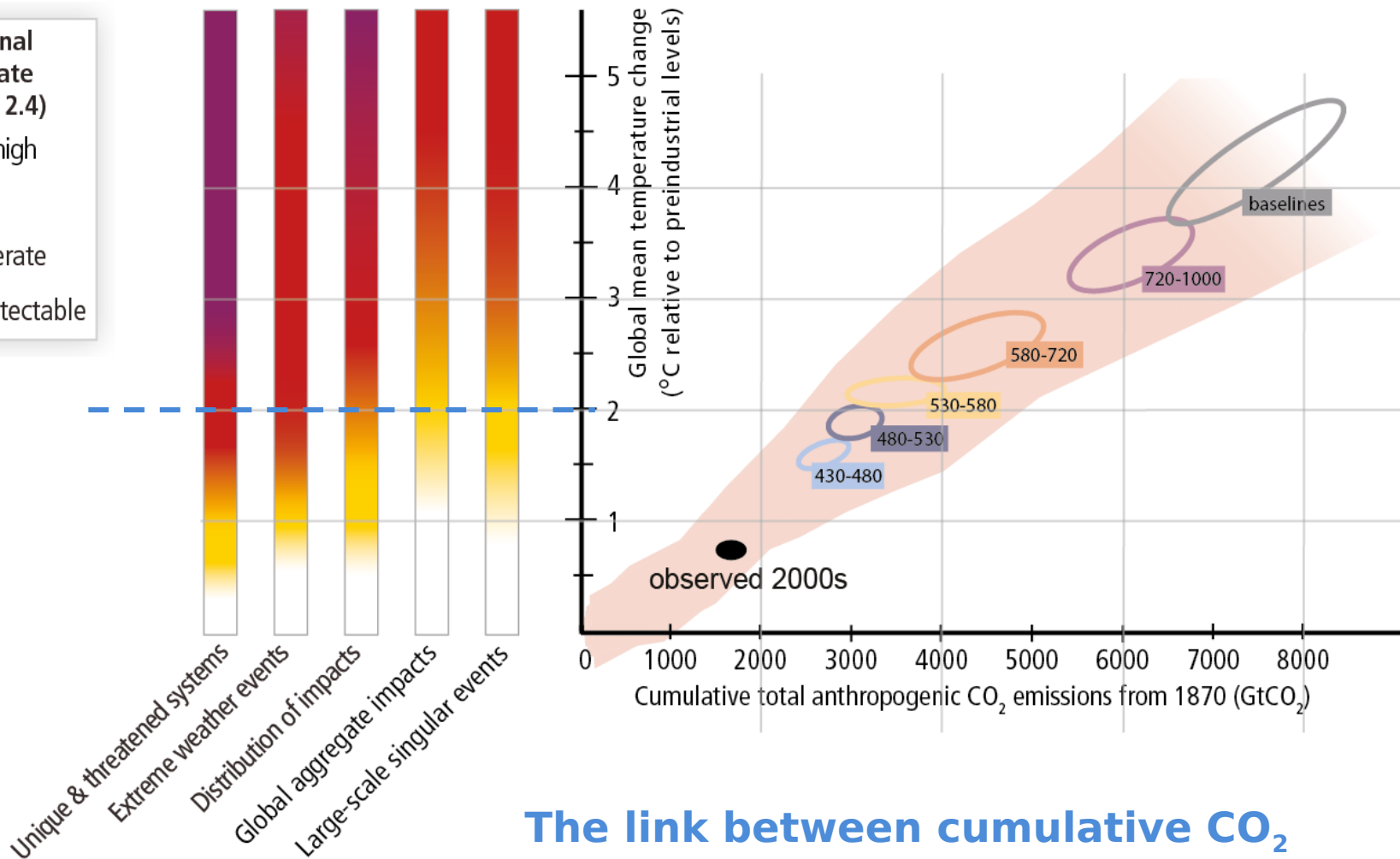
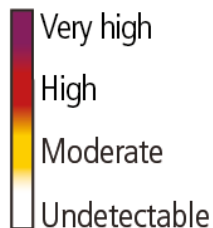


**The risks from climate change, assessed by the WGII of the IPCC AR5, and aggregated in five “Reasons for Concern”**

***Levels of risk across the Reasons for Concern can be associated with a level of global temperature change.***

***Here shown for a warming by 2°C***

Level of additional risk due to climate change (see box 2.4)

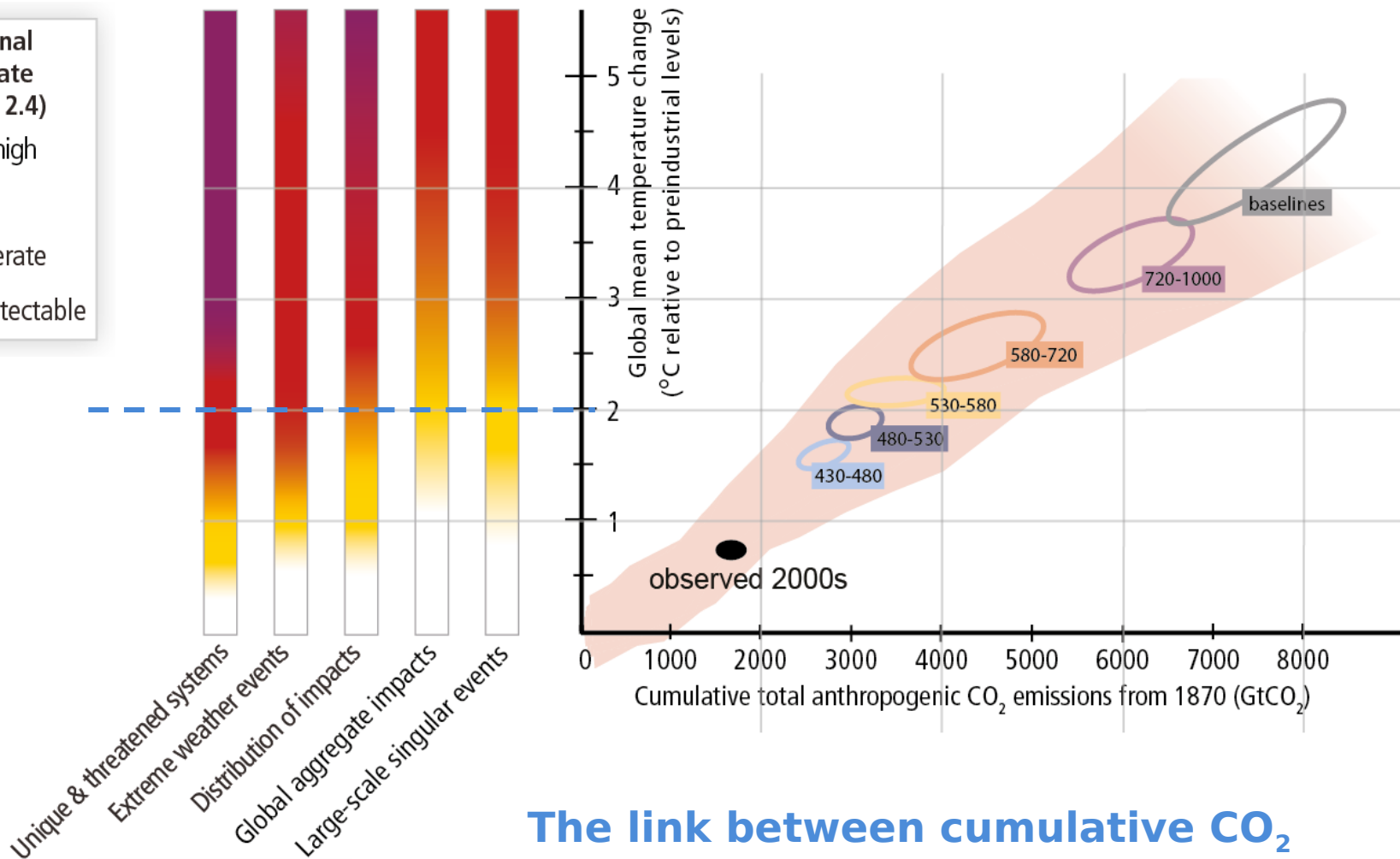
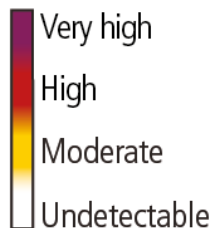


## The link between cumulative CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and global mean temperature

The pink plume is from WGI complex models.

It includes the uncertainty from non-CO<sub>2</sub> gases and climate and carbon cycle

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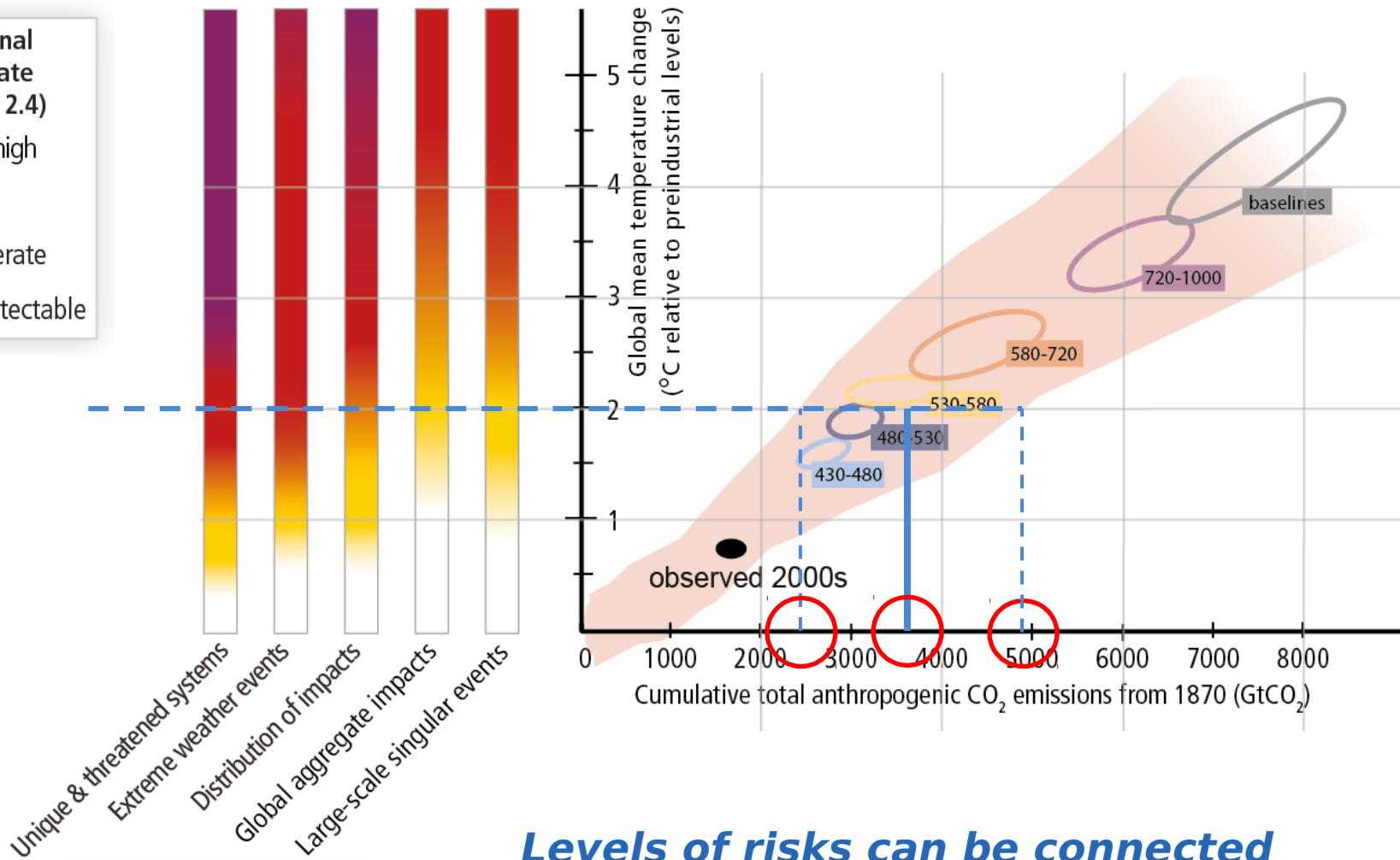
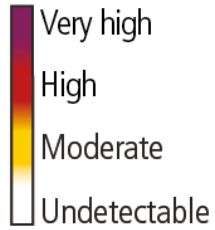


## The link between cumulative CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and global mean temperature

The ellipses show results from the WGIII models, using a simple climate model. It does not include climate and carbon cycle uncertainty, but explores more



Level of additional risk due to climate change (see box 2.4)

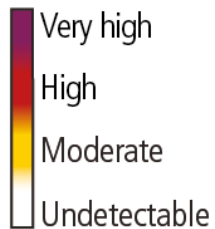


**Levels of risks can be connected to cumulative CO<sub>2</sub> emission levels, for the i**

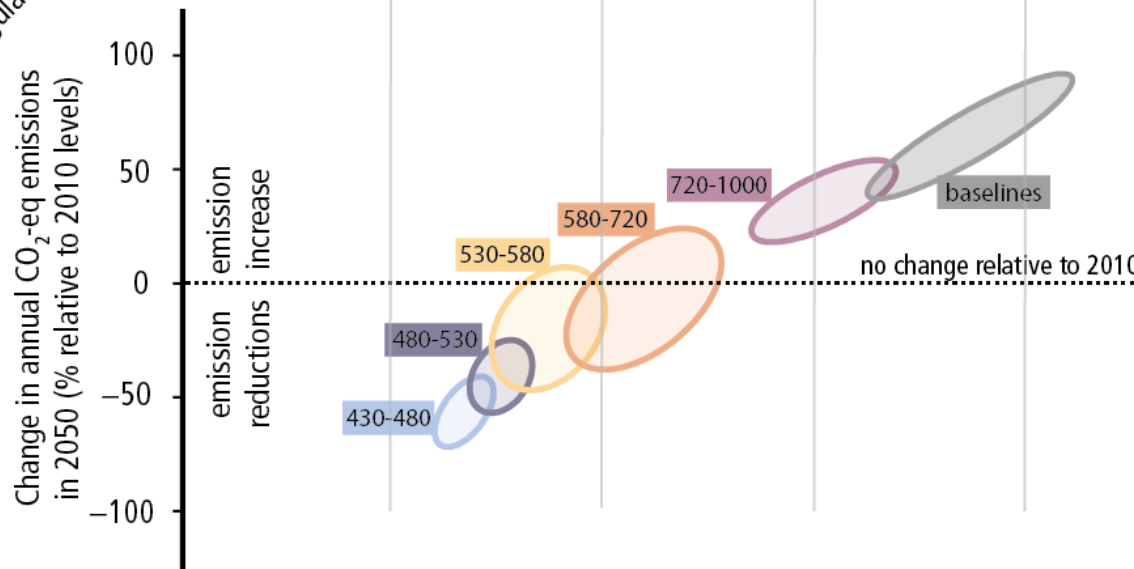
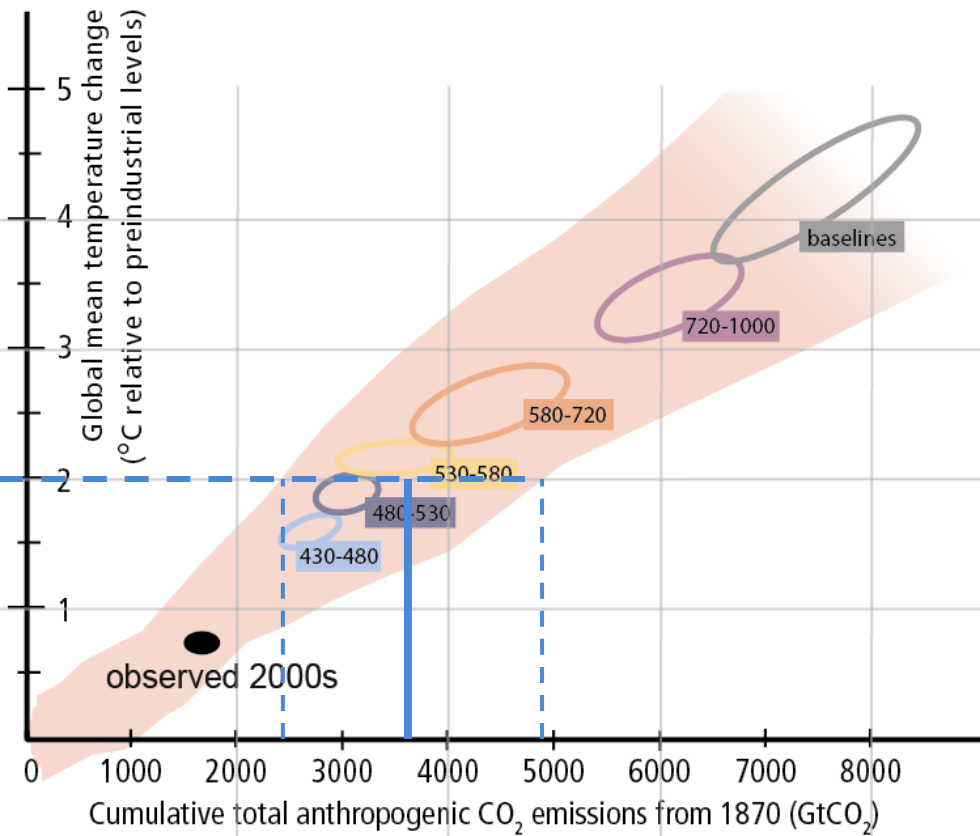
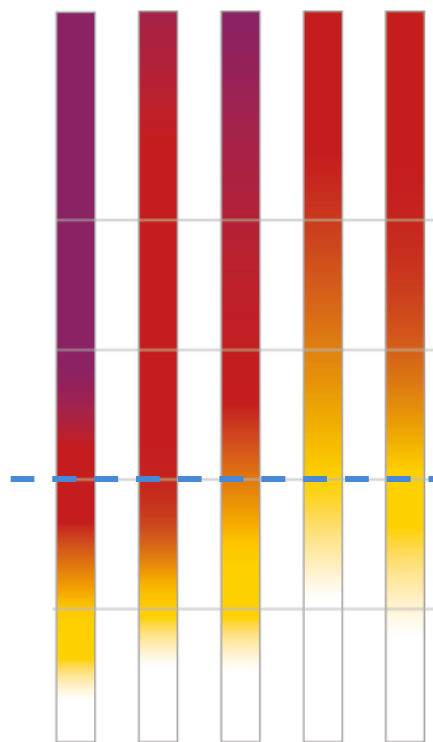
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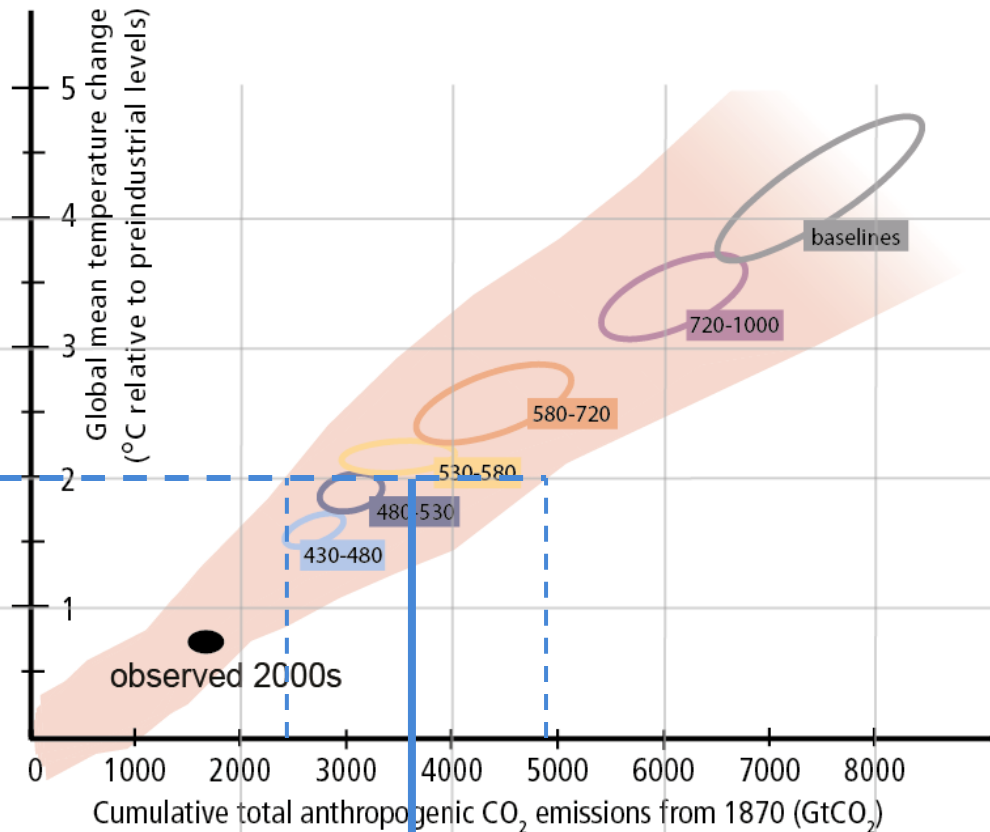
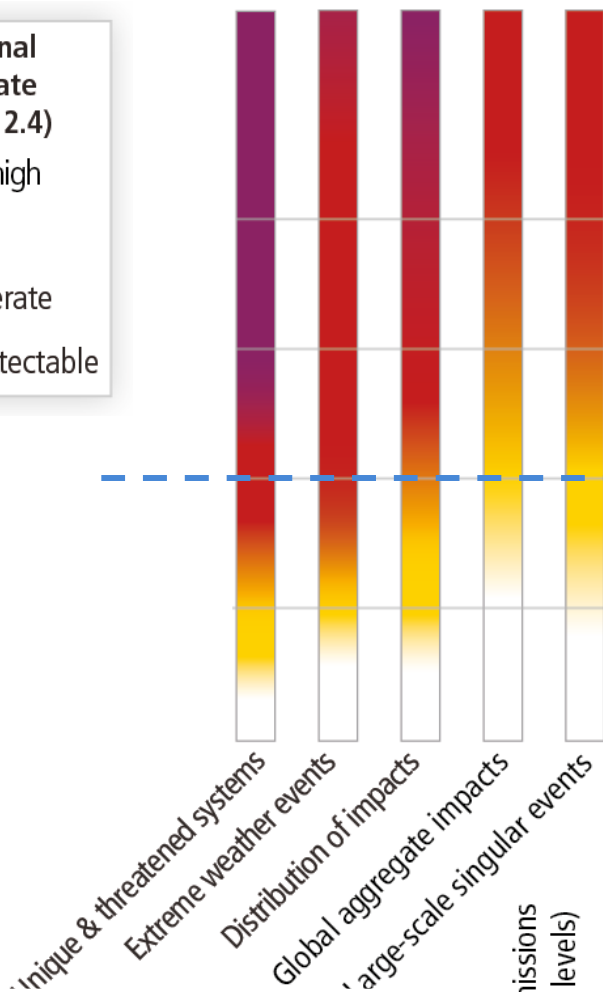
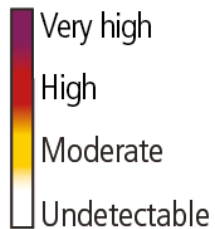
Unique & threatened systems  
Extreme weather events  
Distribution of impacts  
Global aggregate impacts  
Large-scale singular events



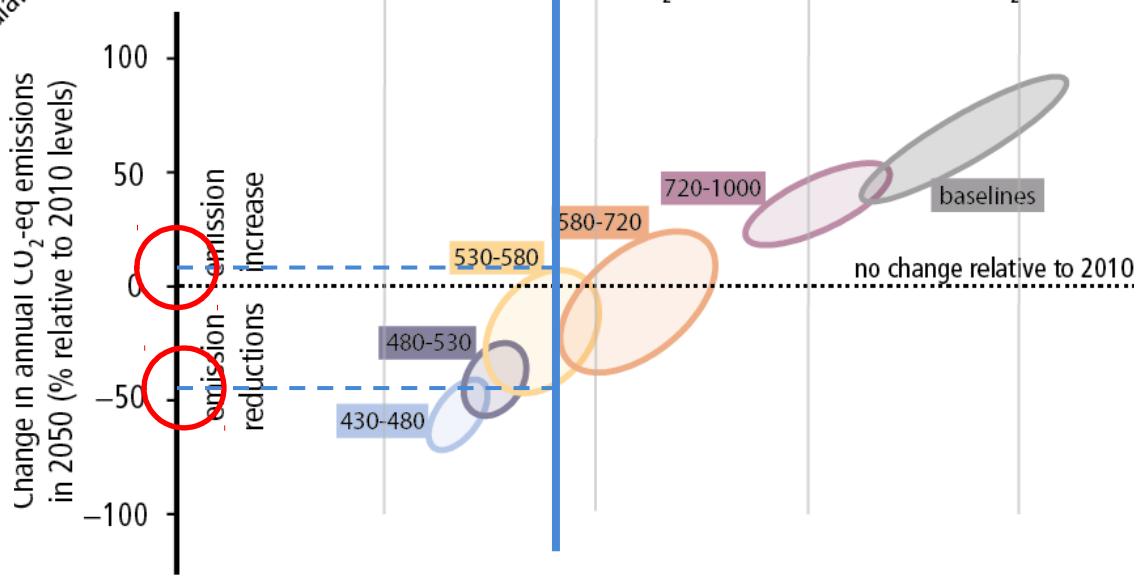
**The link between changes in annual GHG emissions by 2050 and the cumulative CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of the WGIII scenarios categories**



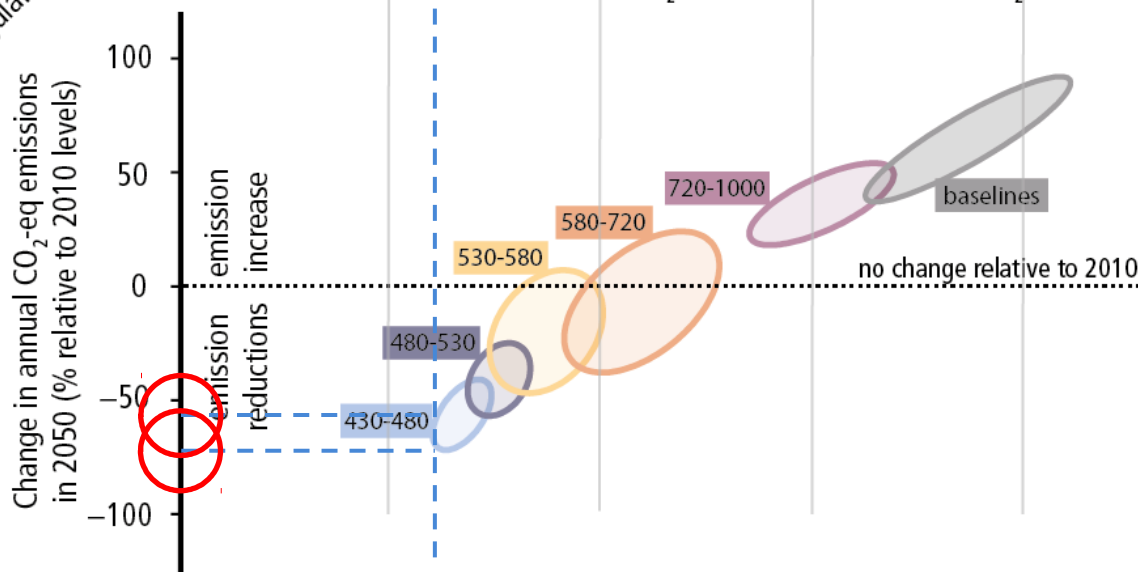
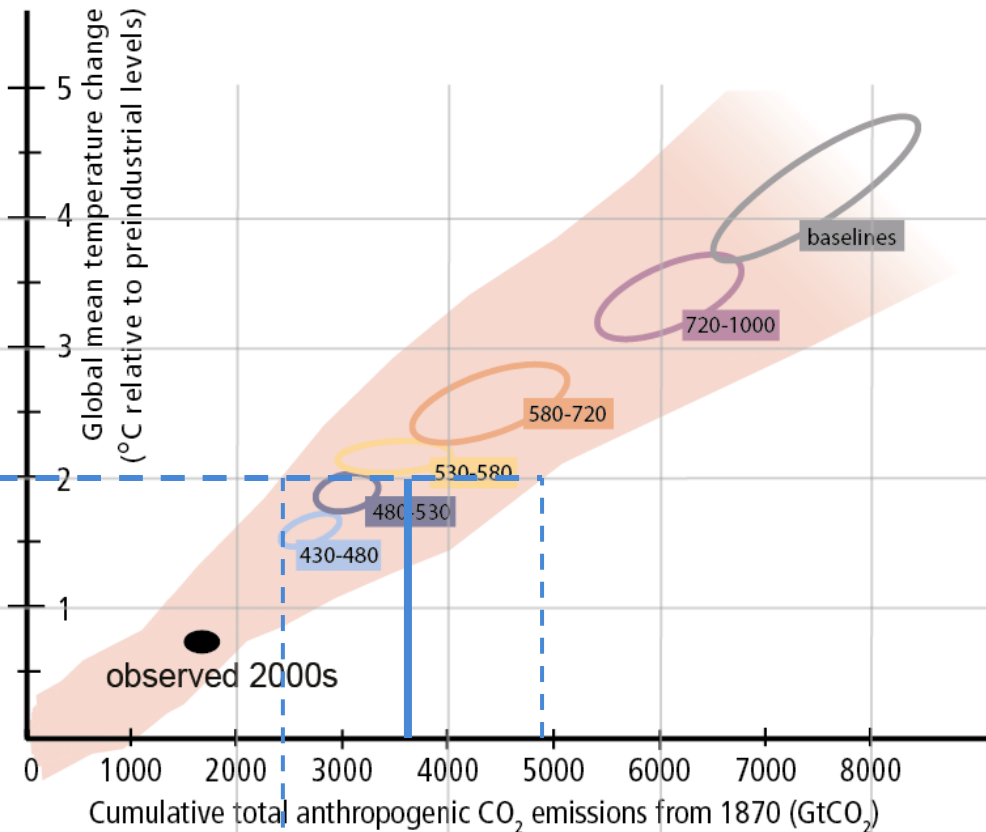
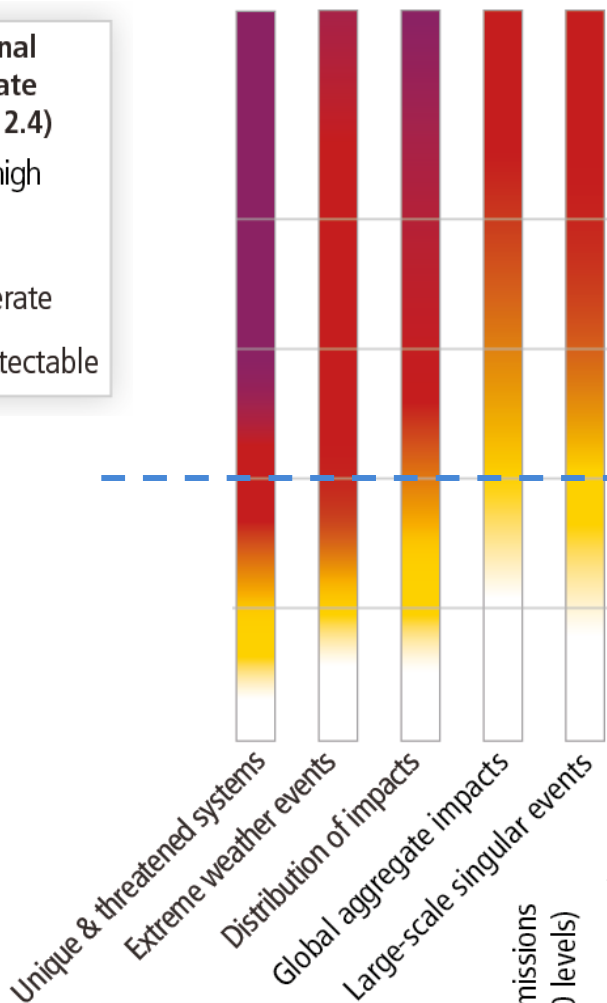
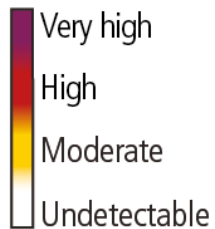
Level of additional risk due to climate change (see box 2.4)



**Levels of risks can now be connected to GHG emission changes by 2050. Added uncertainty arises from action on non-CO<sub>2</sub> gases, timing of pre-2050 action, and ambition**



Level of additional risk due to climate change (see box 2.4)

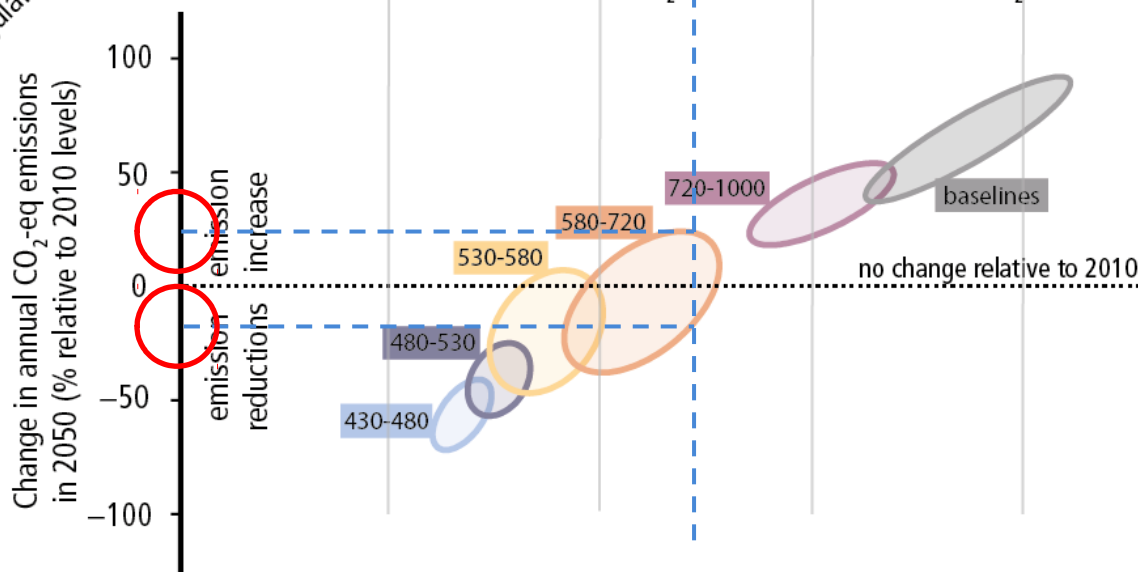
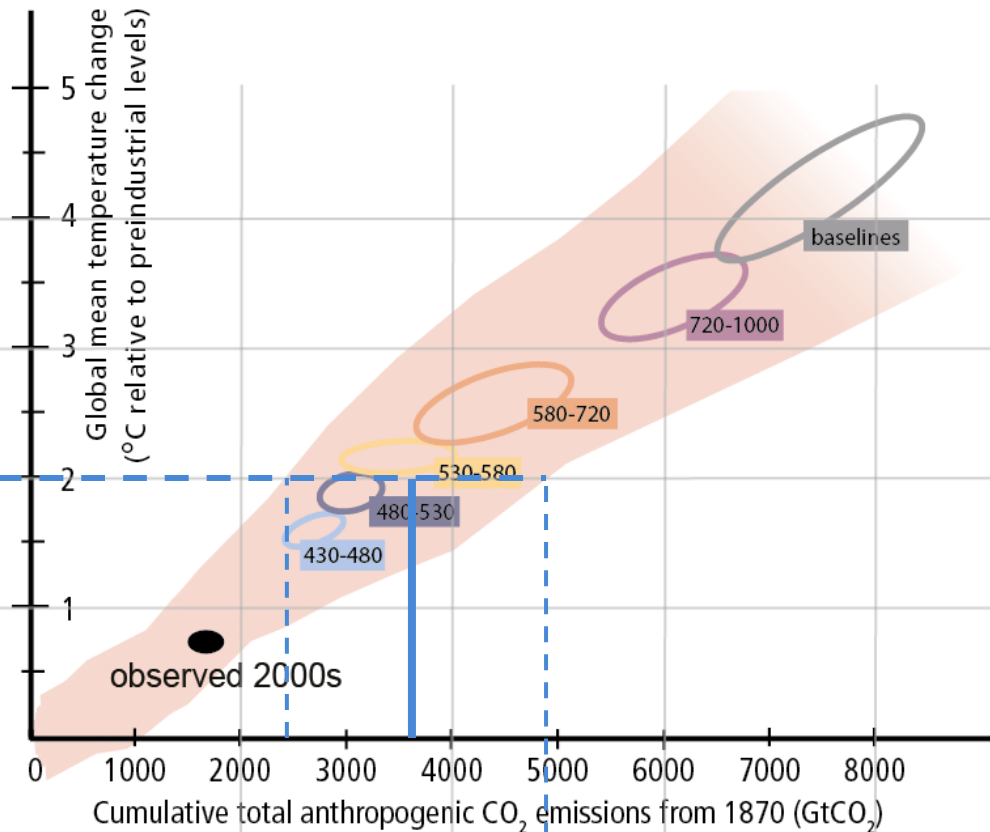
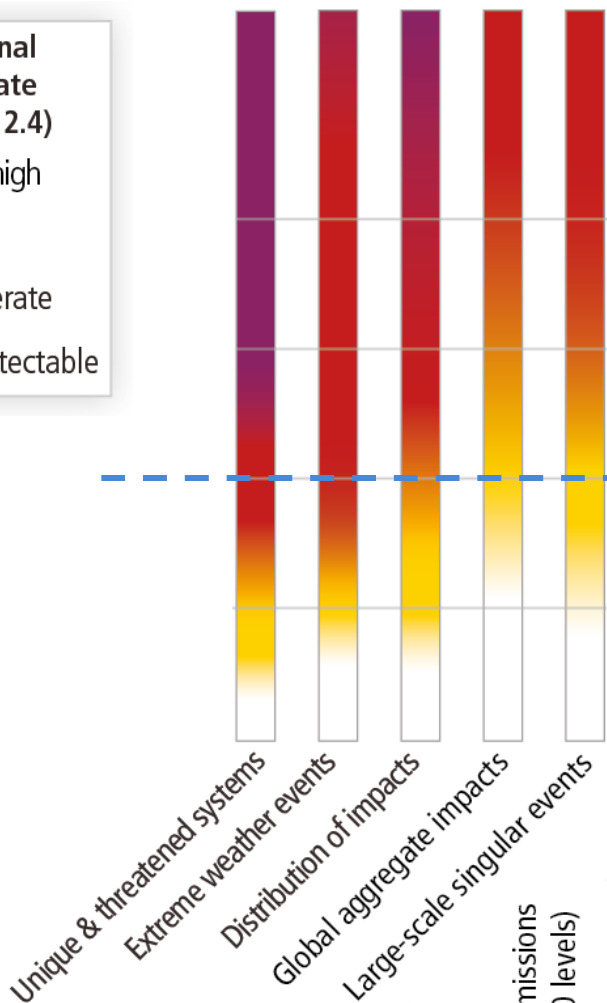
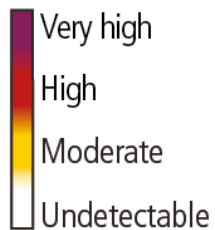


**The constraint on changes in GHG emissions by 2050 depends on the sensitivity of the climate response.**

**Here, with large climate sensitivity,**



Level of additional risk due to climate change (see box 2.4)



**The constraint on changes in GHG emissions by 2050 depends on the sensitivity of the climate response.**

**Here, with low climate sensitivity,**

# Limiting Temperature Increase to 2°C



Measures exist to achieve the substantial emissions reductions required to limit likely warming to 2°C (40-70% reduction in GHGs globally by 2050 and near zero GHGs in 2100)



A combination of adaptation and substantial, sustained reductions in greenhouse gas emissions can limit climate change risks



Implementing reductions in greenhouse gas emissions poses substantial technological, economic, social, and institutional challenges



But delaying mitigation will substantially increase the challenges associated with limiting warming to 2°C

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# Mitigation Measures



## More efficient use of energy



## Greater use of low-carbon and no-carbon energy

- Many of these technologies exist today



## Improved carbon sinks

- Reduced deforestation and improved forest management and planting of new forests
- Bio-energy with carbon capture and storage



## Lifestyle and behavioural changes



# Ambitious Mitigation Is Affordable

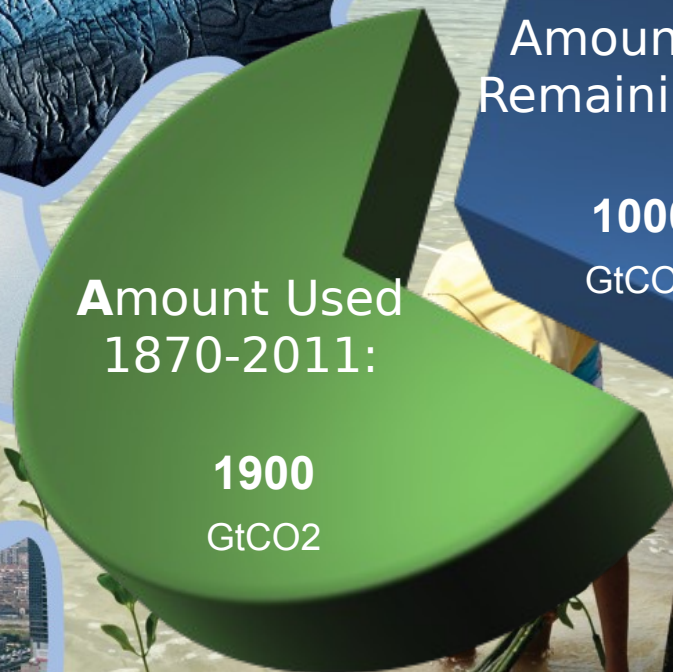
- Economic growth reduced by  $\sim 0.06\%$   
(BAU growth 1.6 - 3%)
- This translates into delayed and not forgone growth
- Estimated cost does not account for the benefits of reduced climate change
- Unmitigated climate change would create increasing risks to economic growth

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# The window for action is rapidly closing

65% of our carbon budget compatible with a 2°C goal already used



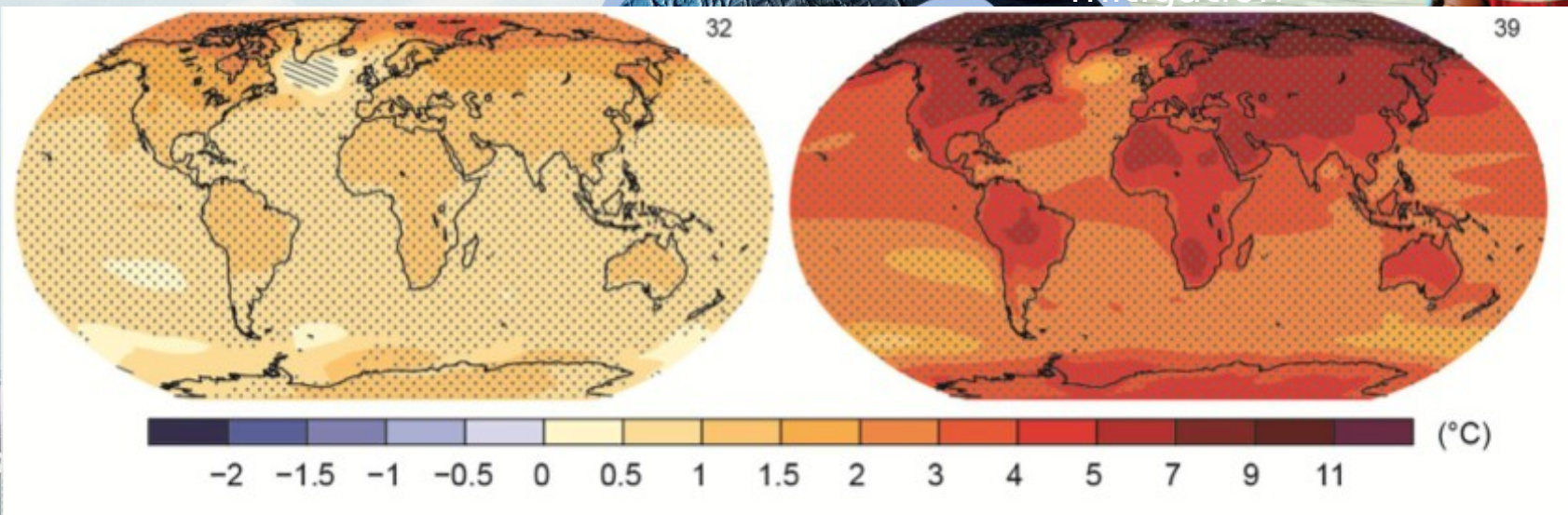
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# The Choices We Make Will Create Different Outcomes

With substantial mitigation


Without additional mitigation



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

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