IPCC key messages from the Fifth Assessment Report (AR5) and from the Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5 °C (SR15)

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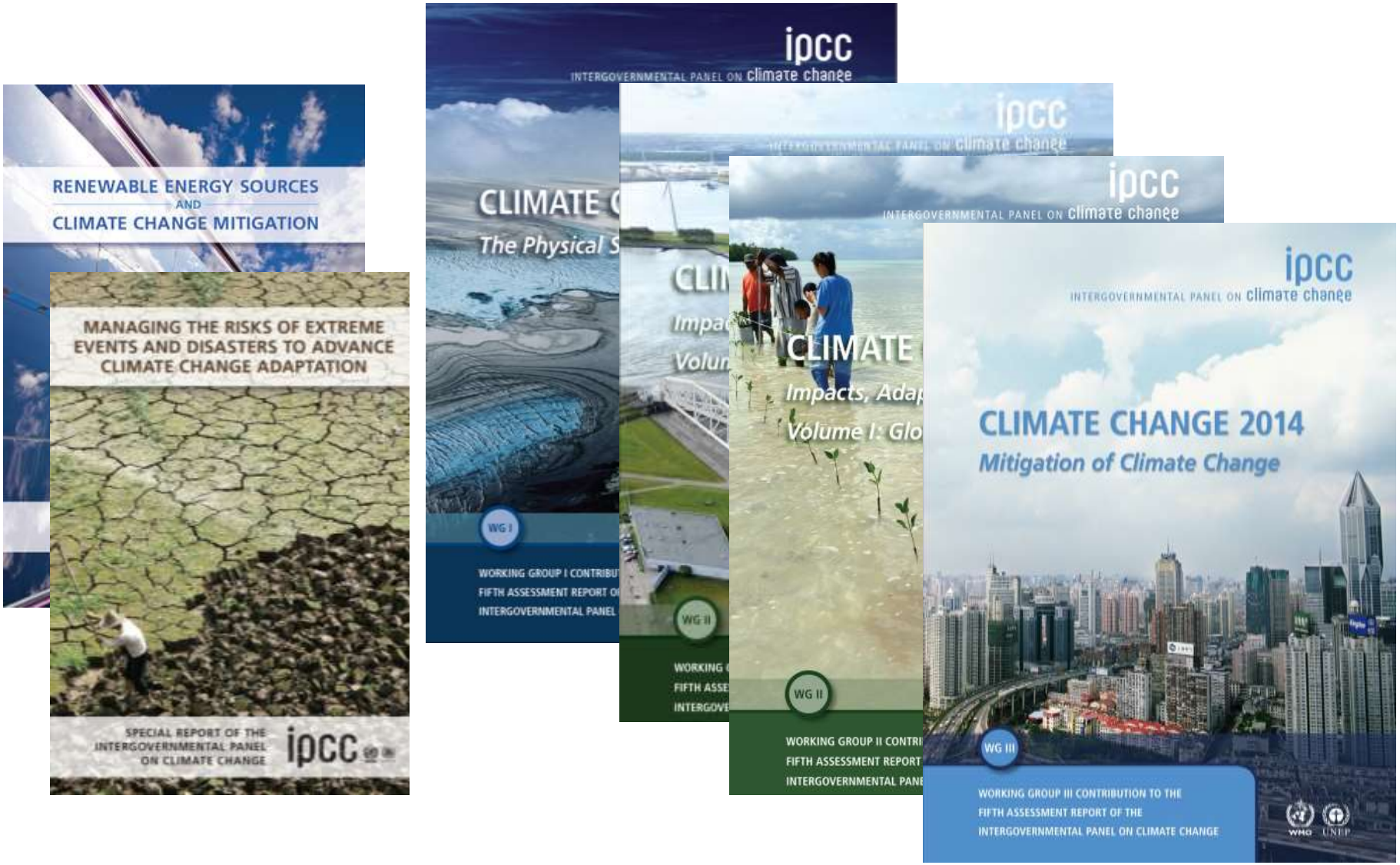

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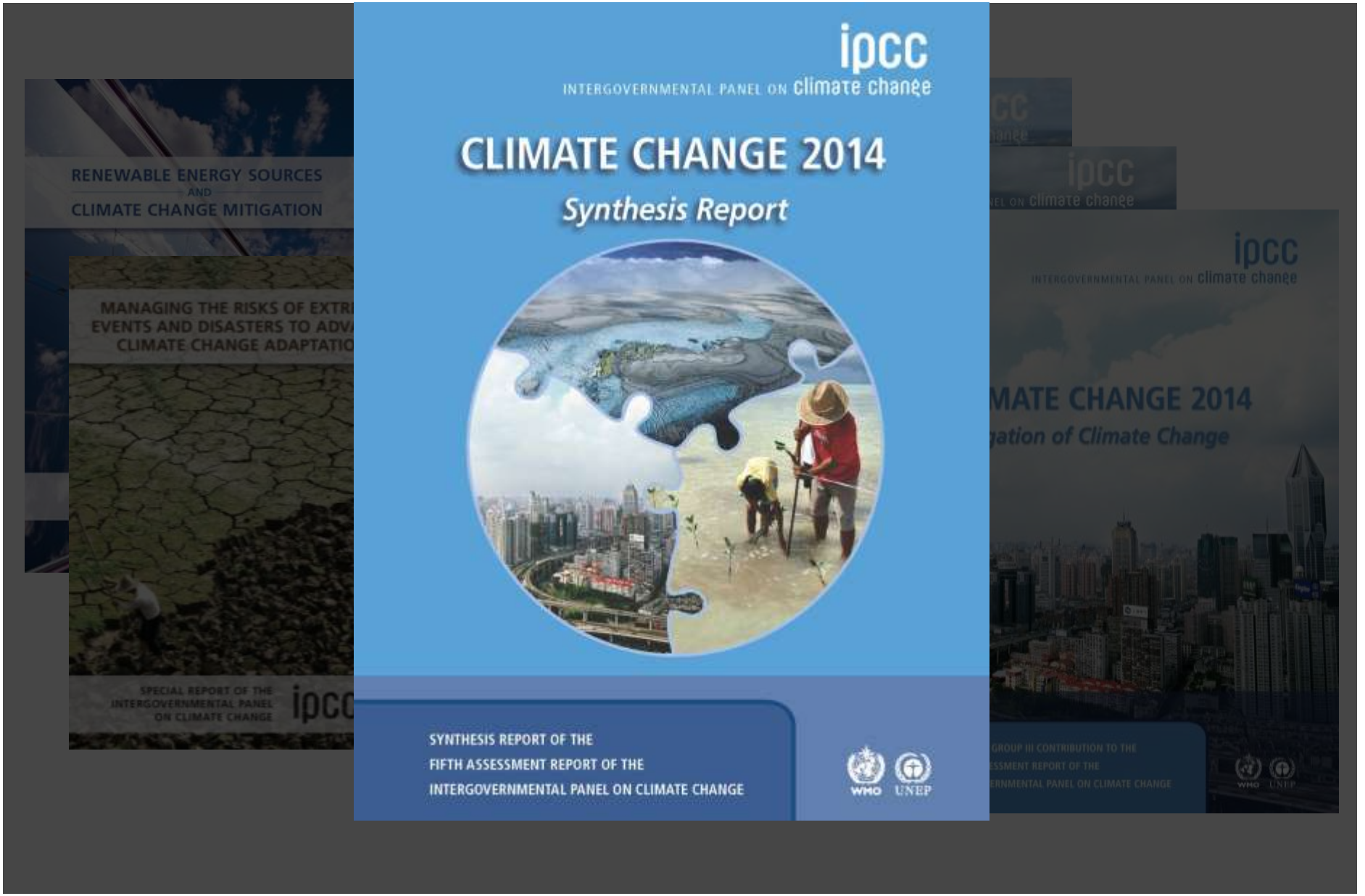
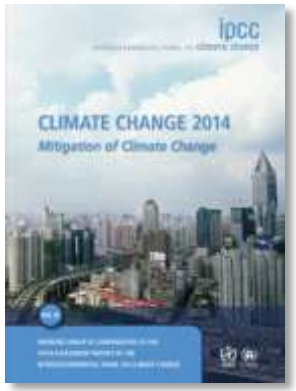


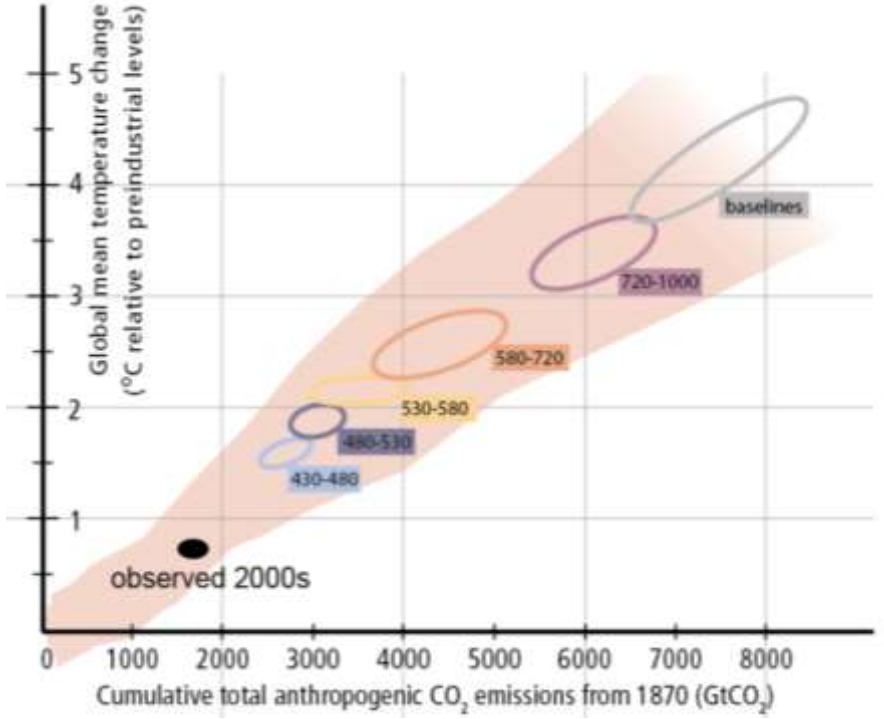


Human influence on the climate system is clear.

Changes in climate have caused impacts in natural and human systems.

Continued GHG emissions will cause further warming and amplify existing risks.

Multiple pathways exist to *likely* limit warming to below 2°C.



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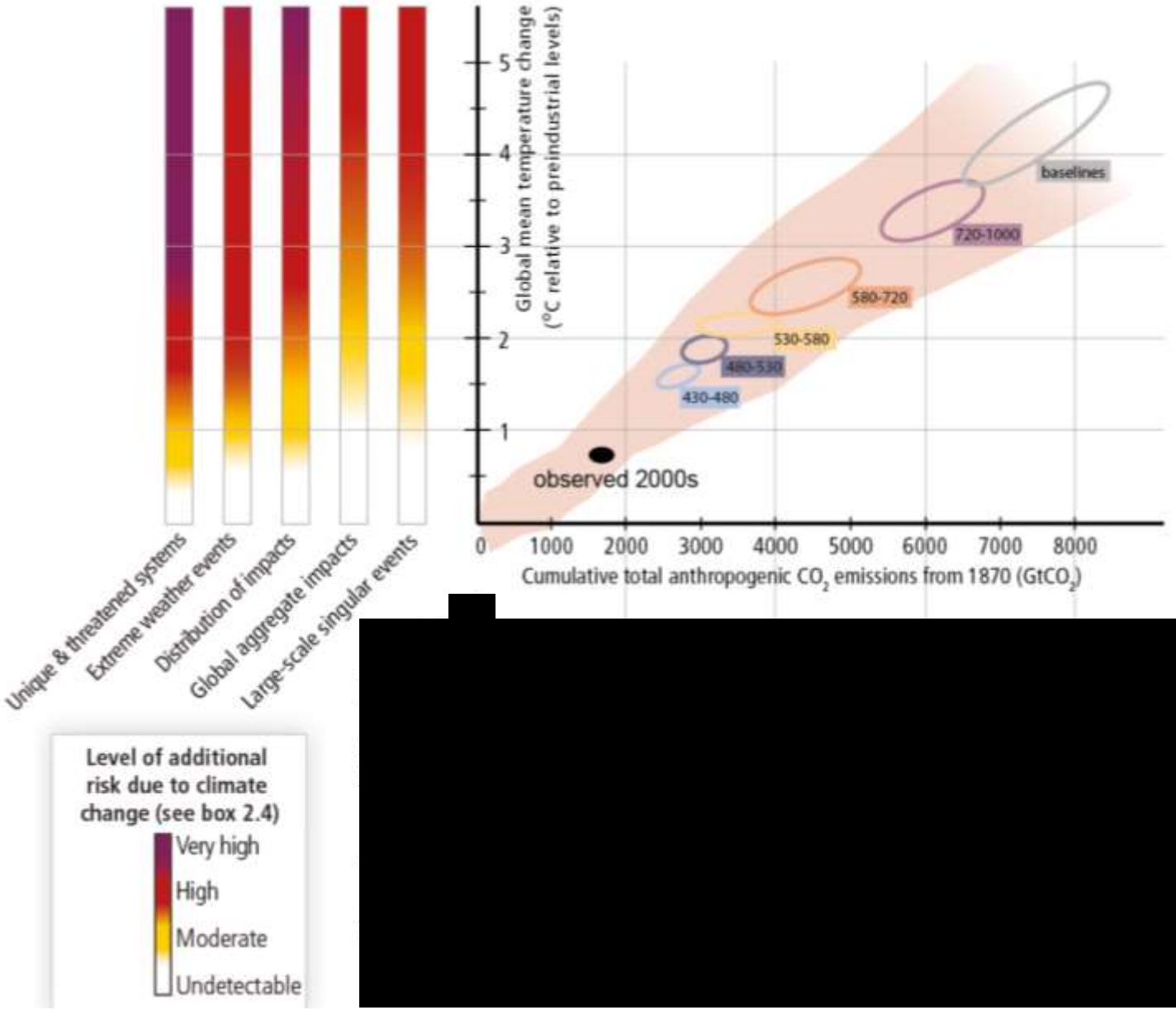

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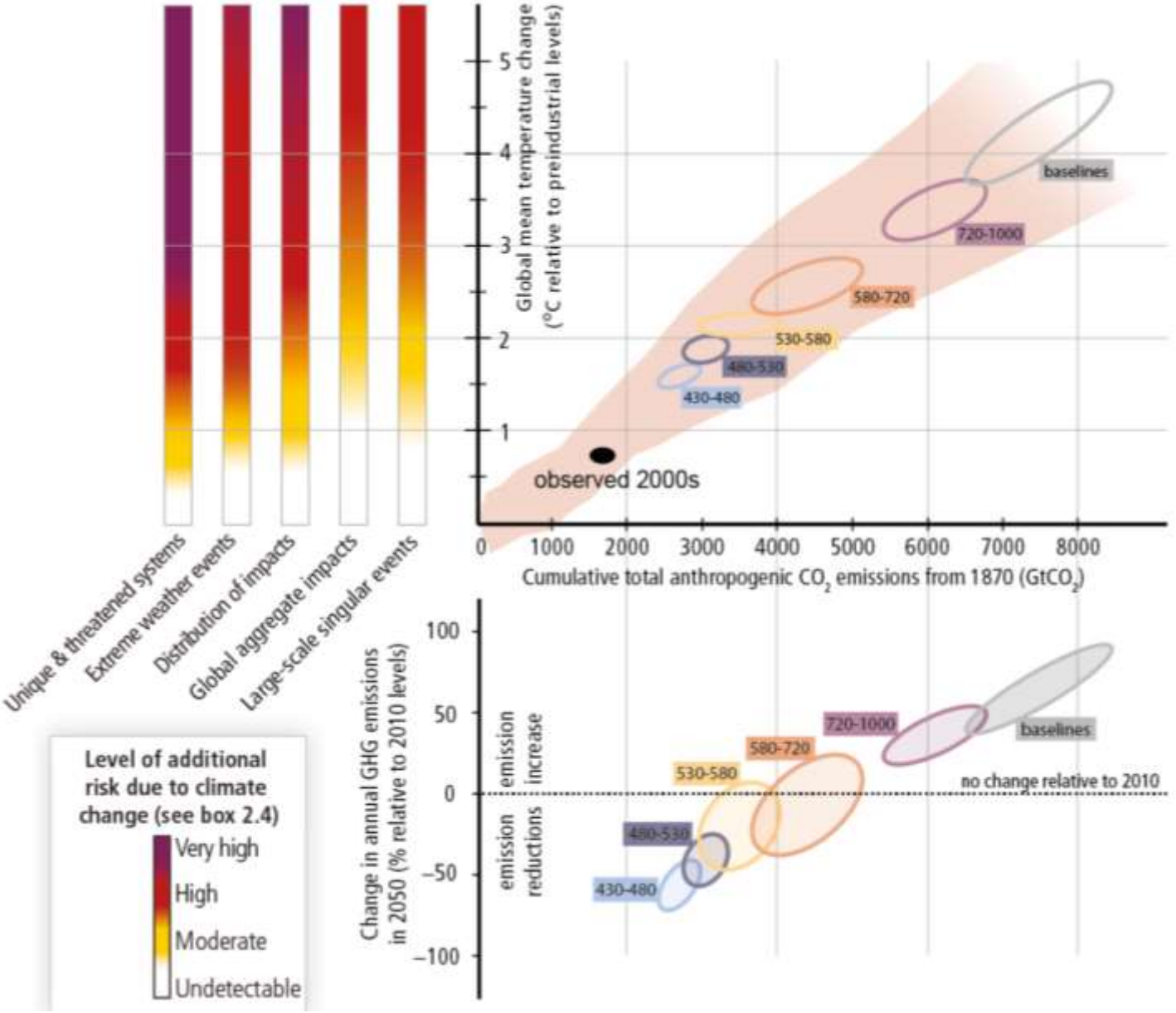

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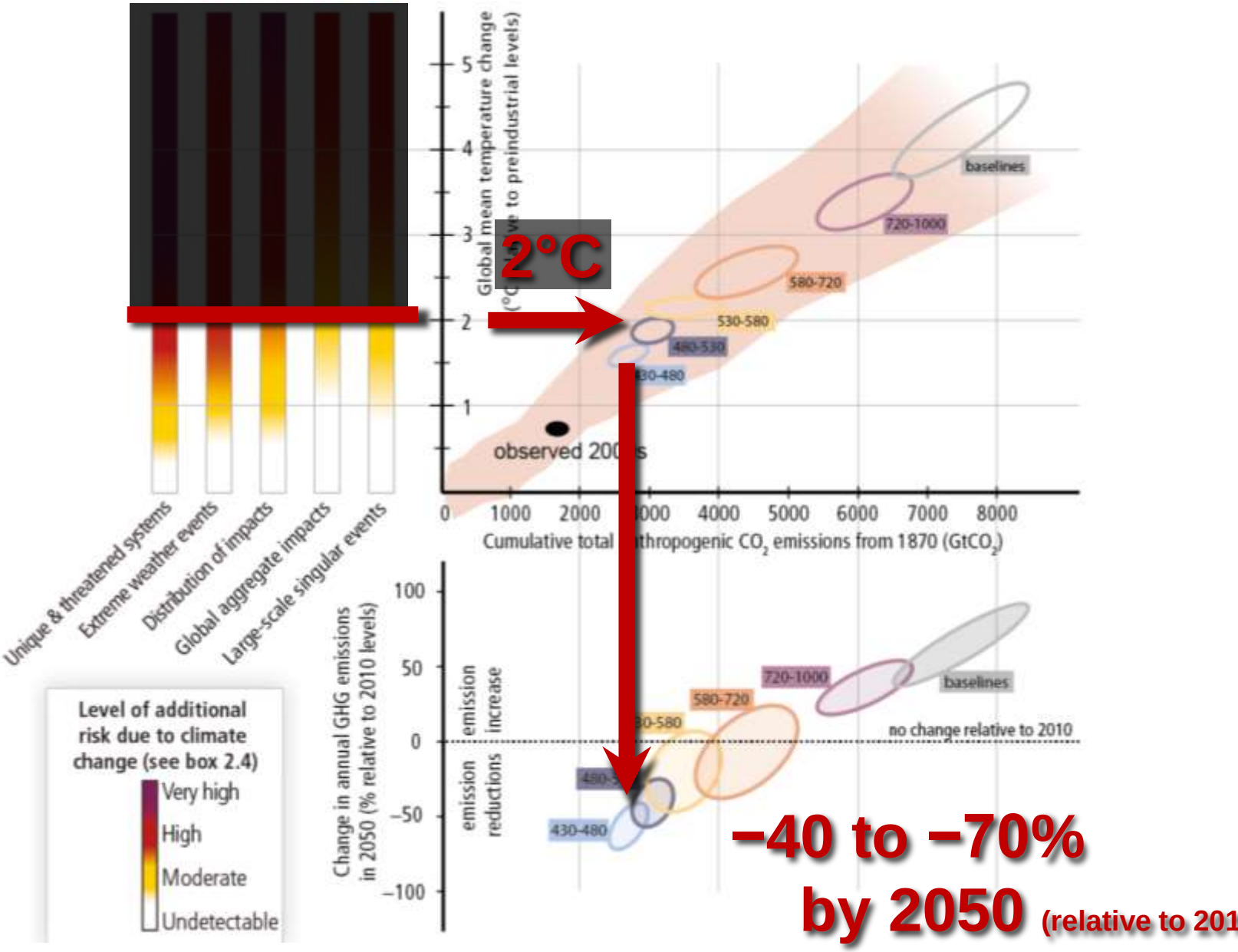

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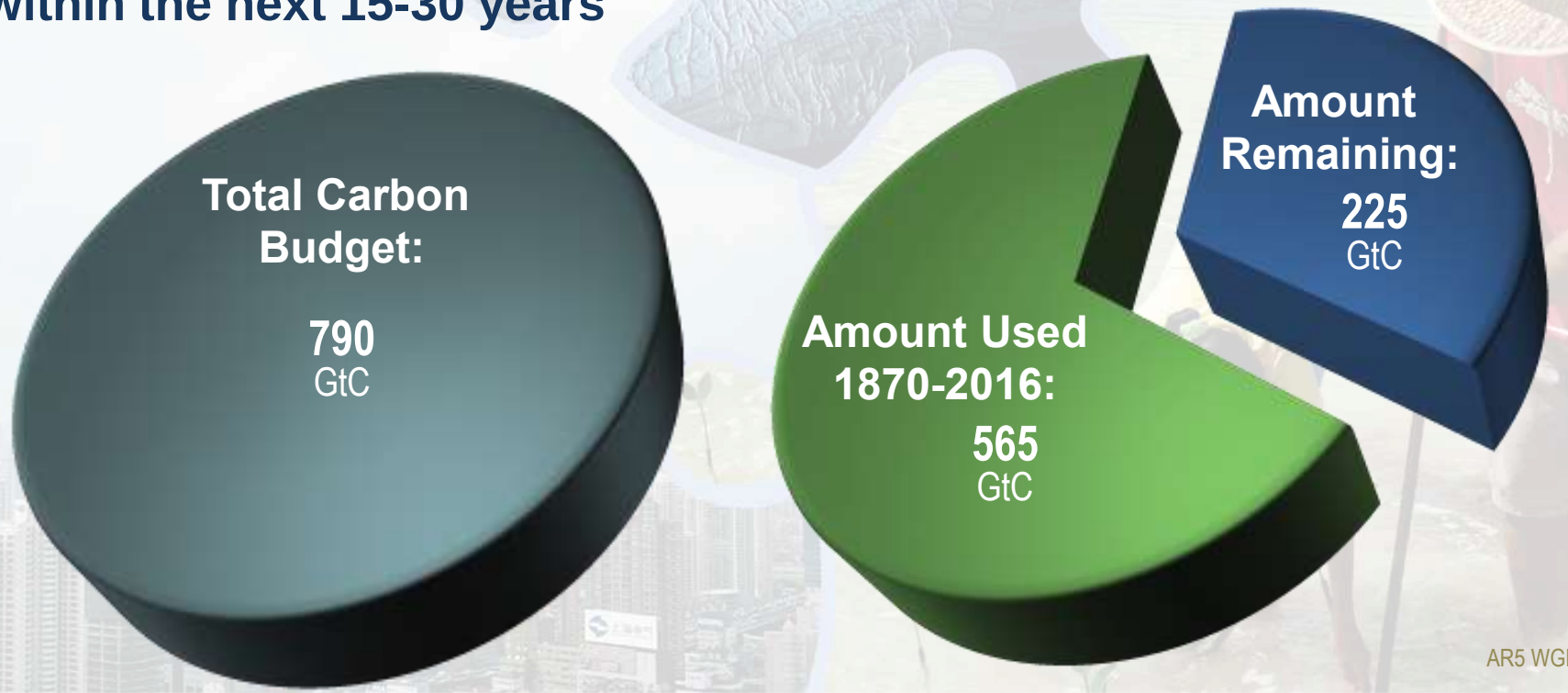
The window for action is rapidly closing

72% of our carbon budget compatible with a 2°C goal already used and continued emissions at current levels will exhaust the budget within the next 15-30 years



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Limiting Temperature Increase to 2˚C

Measures exist to achieve the substantial emissions reductions required to limit likely warming to 2°C

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 behavioral changes

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Ambitious Mitigation Is Affordable

- Economic growth reduced by ~ 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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Equity, ethical, value judgment, economic dimensions are important considerations for actions

Issues of equity, justice, and fairness arise with respect to mitigation and adaptation:

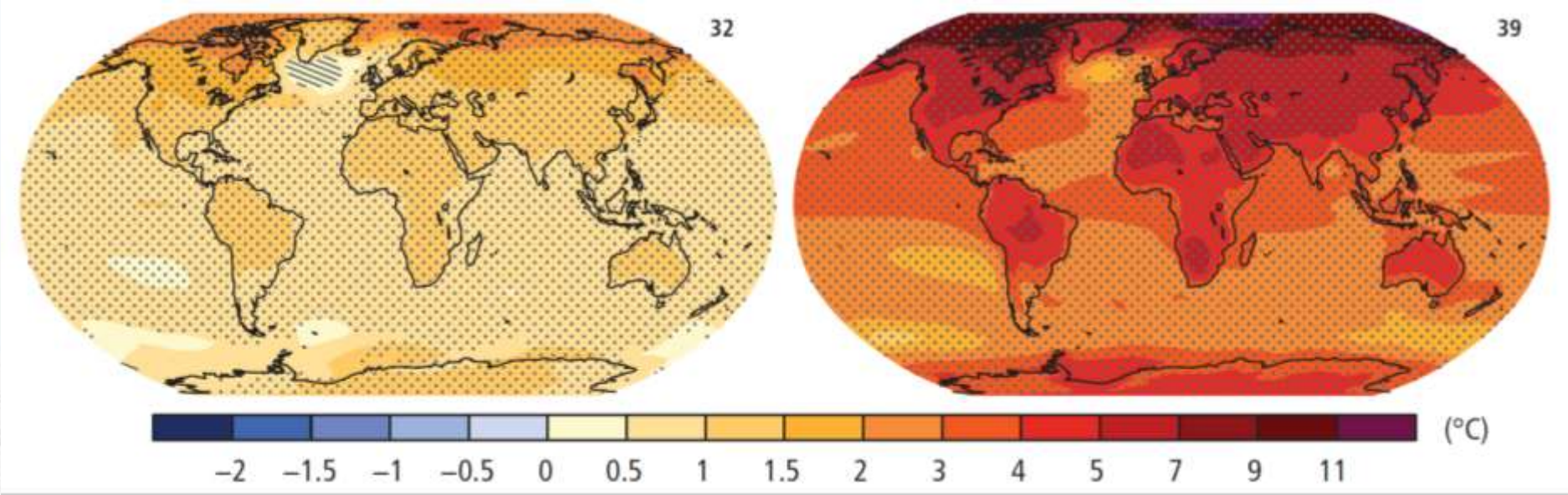
- Different past and future contributions to the accumulation of GHGs in the atmosphere
- Varying challenges and circumstances
- Different capacities to address mitigation and adaptation.

Options for equitable burden-sharing can reduce the potential for the costs of climate action to constrain development.

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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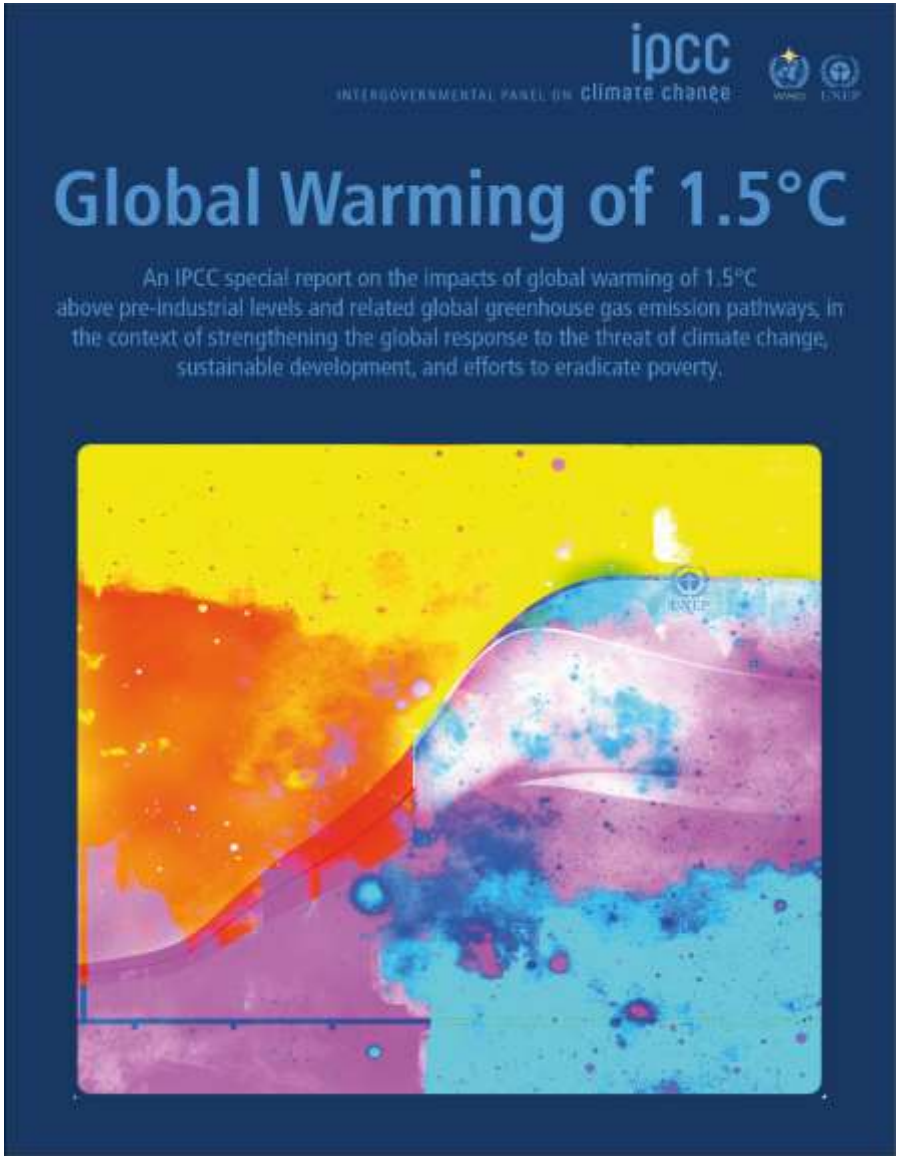
Global Warming of 1.5°C

An IPCC special report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways, in the context of *strengthening the global response to the threat of climate change, sustainable development, and efforts to eradicate poverty.*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The report in numbers

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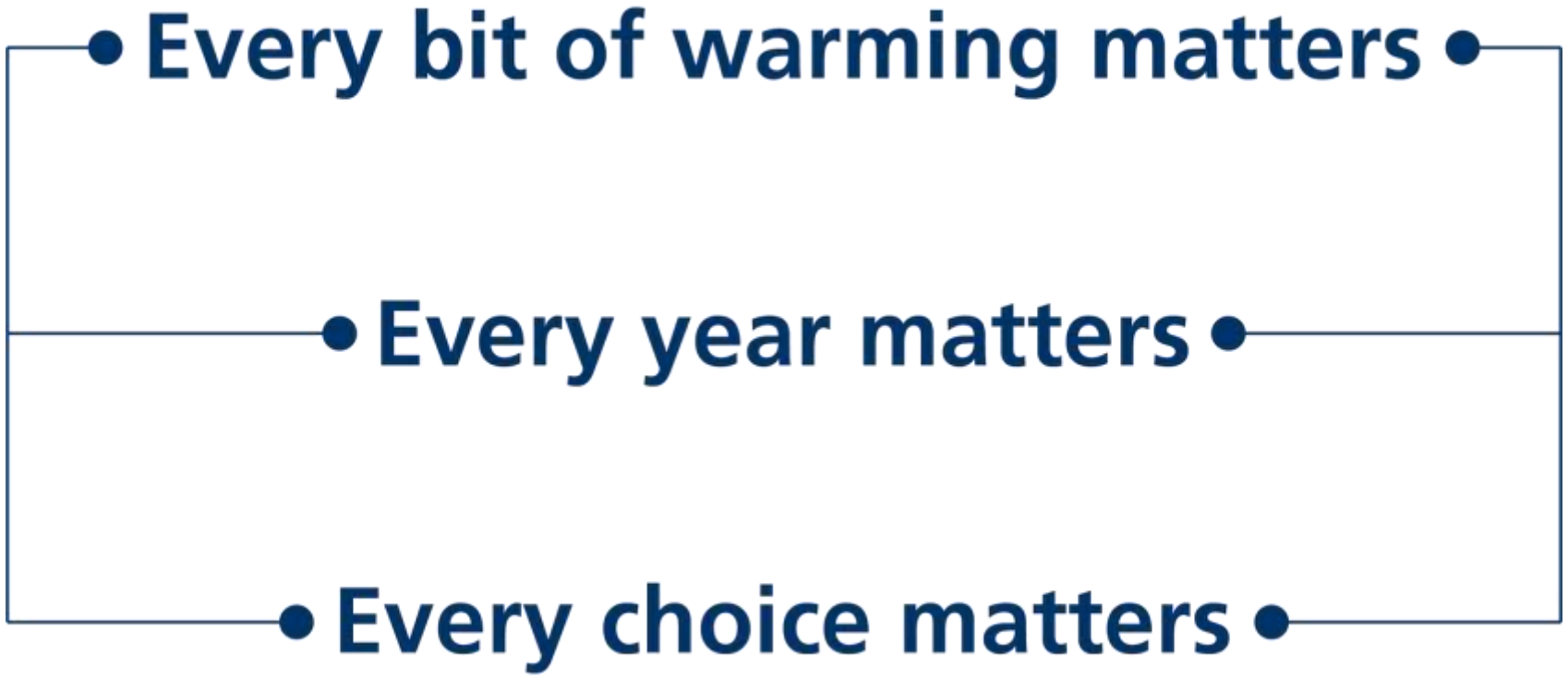
Every bit of warming matters
Every year matters
Every choice matters

Where are we now?

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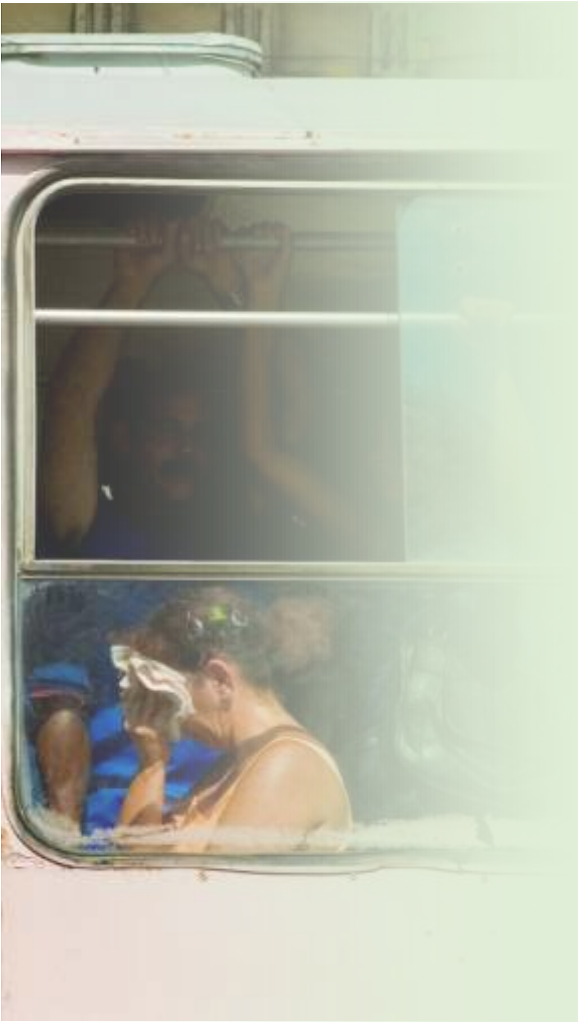
Where are we now?

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

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

Where do we want to go?



Where do we want to go?

There are clear benefits at 1.5°C compared to 2°C:

- Less extreme impacts from extreme weather where people live
- By 2100, global mean sea level rise will be around 10 cm lower but will continue to rise for centuries
- 10 million fewer people exposed to risk of rising seas and less coastal ecosystems exposed

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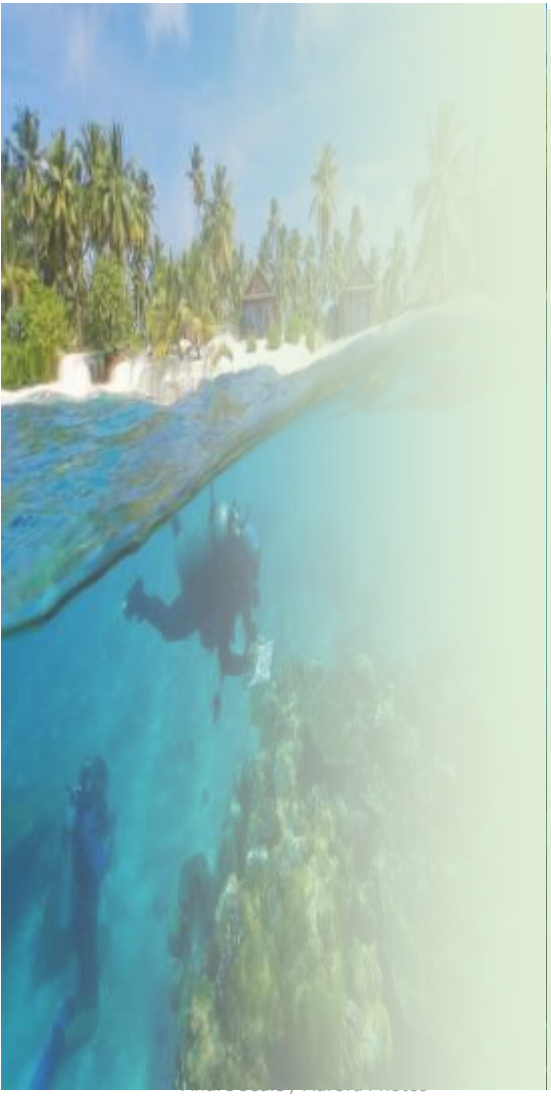

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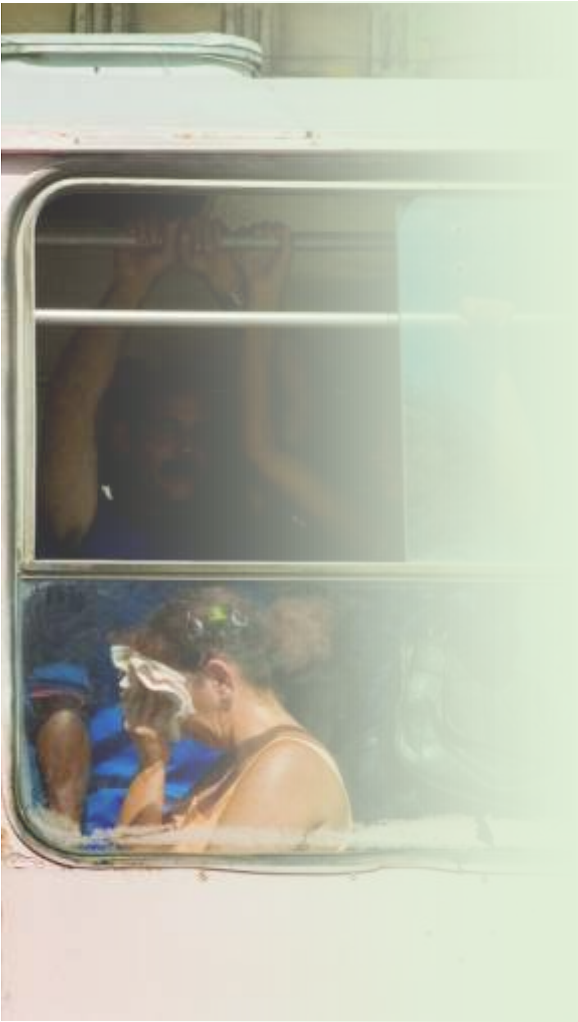
At 1.5°C compared to 2°C:

- Smaller reductions in yields of maize, rice, wheat and sorghum
- Global population exposed to water stress is up to 50% less, also less water stress for ecosystems
- Up to several hundred million fewer people exposed to climate-related risk and susceptible to poverty by 2050
- Lower impact on biodiversity and species



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At 1.5°C and even more so at 2°C, there is disproportionately high risk for Arctic, dryland regions, small island developing states and least developed countries

At 1.5°C compared to 2°C:

- Lower risk for health, livelihoods, food security, water supply, human security and economic growth
- A wide range of adaptation options can reduce climate risks; less adaptation needs at 1.5°C

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How do we get there?

Greenhouse gas emissions pathways

- To limit warming to 1.5˚C, CO_2 emissions fall by about 45% by 2030 (from 2010 levels)
  - ↳ Compared to 25% for 2˚C
- To limit warming to 1.5˚C, CO_2 emissions would need to reach 'net zero' around 2050
  - ↳ Compared to around 2070 for 2˚C
- Reducing non-CO_2 emissions would have direct and immediate health benefits

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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

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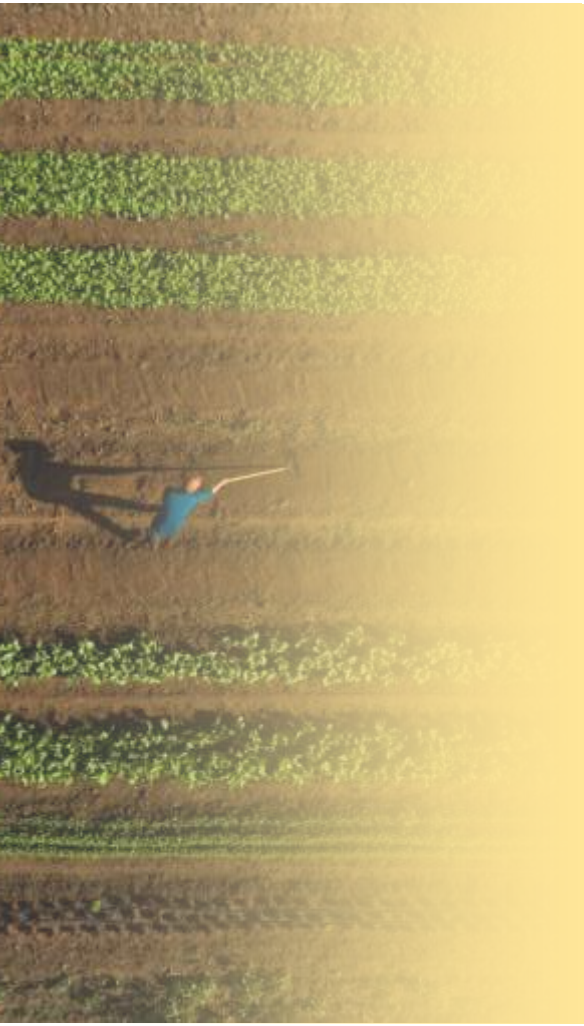

Greenhouse gas emissions pathways

- 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

- Avoiding warming of more than 1.5°C would require CO_2 emissions to decline substantially before 2030

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Four system transitions

"….. require rapid and far-reaching transitions in energy, land, urban and infrastructure (including transport and buildings), and industrial systems."

Rapid; Far reaching; Unprecedented

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How do we get there?

1. Energy system transitions

- Decarbonization of electricity
  - Renewable energy
  - Integration of renewables into energy systems
  - Exiting fossil fuel generation
- Electrification of energy end use
  - Vehicles, Industry, Buildings
- Energy efficiency
  - All sectors
- Adaptation of key infrastructure to climate change

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How do we get there?
2. Industrial transitions

- Energy efficiency
- Electrification and hydrogen
- Industrial carbon capture, utilization and storage
- Bio-based industry
- Circular economy

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How do we get there?

3. Urban and infrastructure transitions

- Land use and urban planning
- Adoption of low–carbon transport fuels (e.g. electricity, hydrogen)
- Shifts to public transportation and sharing. non-motorized transport
- Fuels and technologies that reduce emissions from aviation and shipping
- Smart grids
- Efficient appliances, green infrastructure
- Building codes and standards, Low/zero-carbon buildings

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How do we get there?

4. Land and ecosystem transitions

- Afforestation and reforestation
- Agroforestry
- Sustainable intensification of agriculture
- Conservation agriculture
- Soil management , Livestock management
- Ecosystem restoration and biodiversity management
- Wetland management
- Building on indigenous knowledge and local knowledge

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How do we get there? Sustainability

- SD can support enable the systemic transitions and transformation
- Pathways with low energy demand, low material consumption and low carbon food have the highest co-benefits with sustainable development
- Benefits and trade-offs with SD and balancing social well-being, economic prosperity, environmental protection

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How do we get there? Ethical and fair transitions

- A **careful mix of policies** will allow mitigation and adaptation to be pursued alongside sustainable development - **climate resilient development pathways**
- **Equity and social justice** are core elements of the societal and systems transitions and transformations
- This implies cooperation, **multi-level governance, innovation** and the **re-direction of investment flows**

Urgent far reaching action

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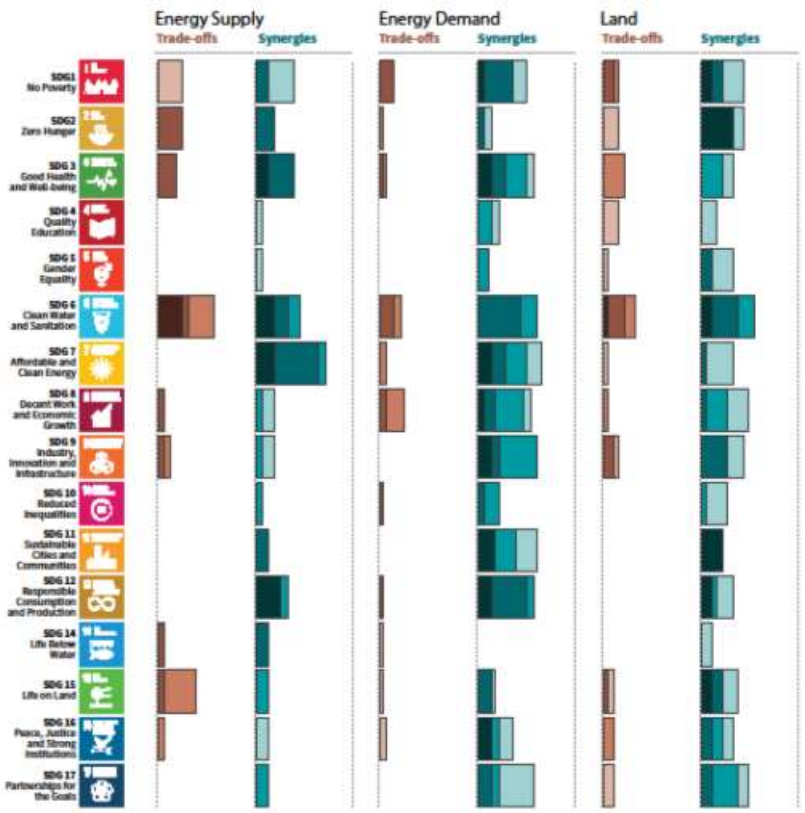
Urgent and far-reaching action

- Global carbon **emissions peak before 2030** in all pathways compatible with 1.5°C warming
- Emissions of **carbon dioxide fall by 45% by 2030**, reaching **net zero around 2050**, with deep cuts in methane and other emissions
- **Ethical and fair transitions**
- Limiting global warming to 1.5°C is not impossible, but **political and societal will** to accelerate transitions is key

SPM4| Indicative linkages between mitigation and sustainable development using SDGs



Length shows strength of connection

The overall **size of the coloured bars** depict **the relative potential** for synergies and trade-offs between the sectoral mitigation options and the SDGs.

Shades show level of confidence

The shades depict the level of confidence of the assessed potential for **Trade-offs**/**Synergies**

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