

## **Climate Change**

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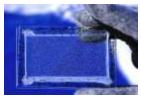






- Climate is changing everywhere, with visible impacts
- This is due to global greenhouse gas emissions
- On the near-term (horizon 2050), future changes are inevitable and we must be prepared to reduce risks
- Long-term changes (beyond 2050) depend drastically on greenhouse gas emissions in the next years and decades
- There are many options to act

### A major scientific endeavour



Fluid physics
Thermodynamics
Radiative transfers

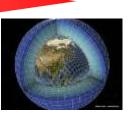
Chronology, proxies Super computors Satellites

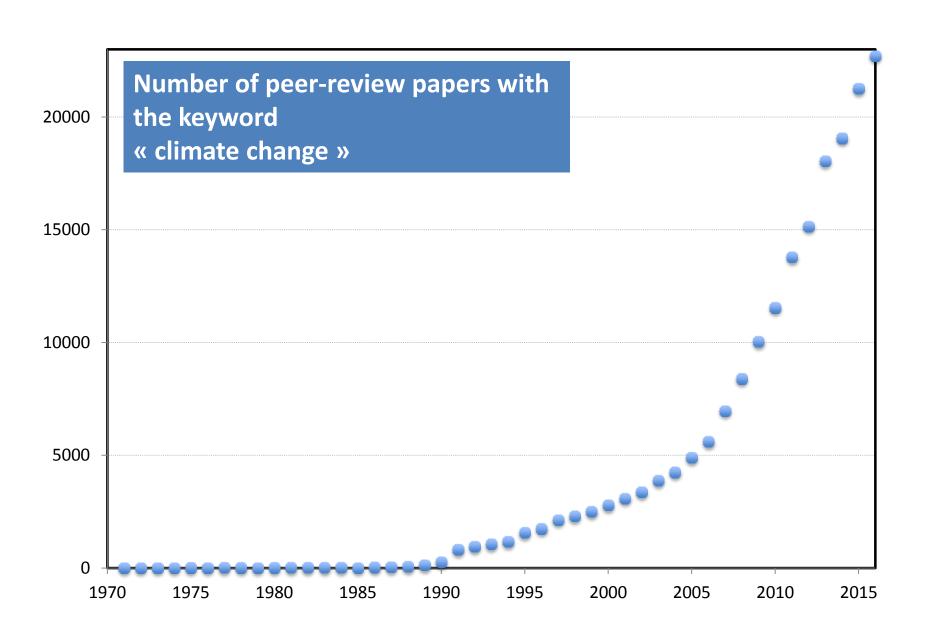


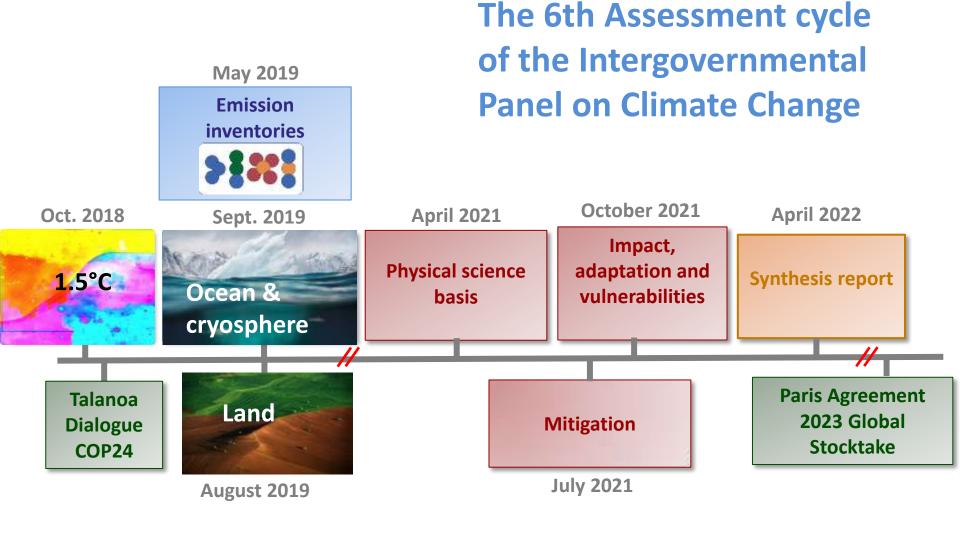
17<sup>th</sup> C Weather instruments 19<sup>th</sup> C Networks Ice ages Greenhouse effect 20<sup>th</sup> C Past climate Climate modelling





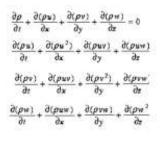


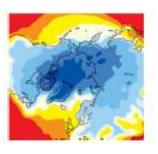


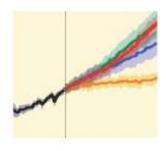


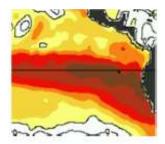
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### Climate modelling









Physical principles

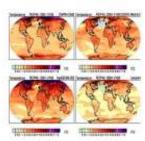
Today's climate

Trends

**Process** 







Weather forecast

Past climate

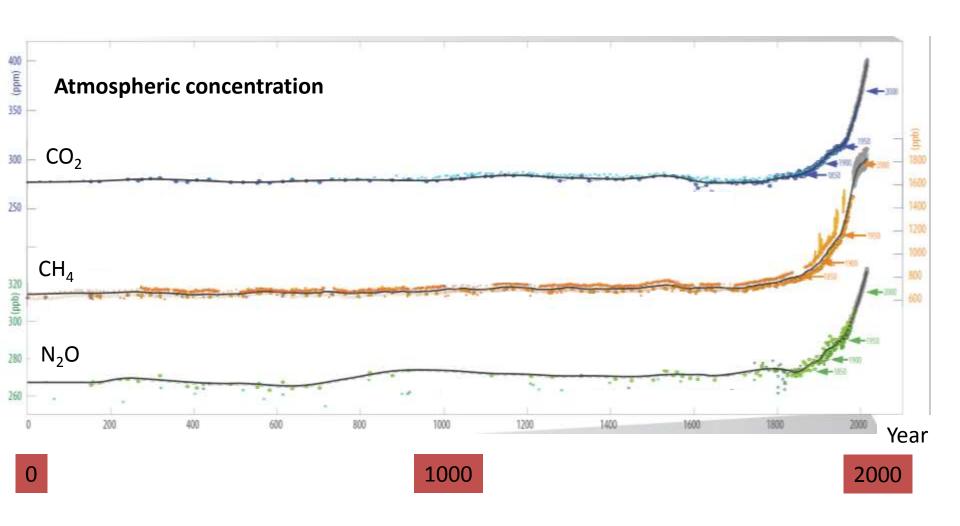
Robustness

## What is climate change?

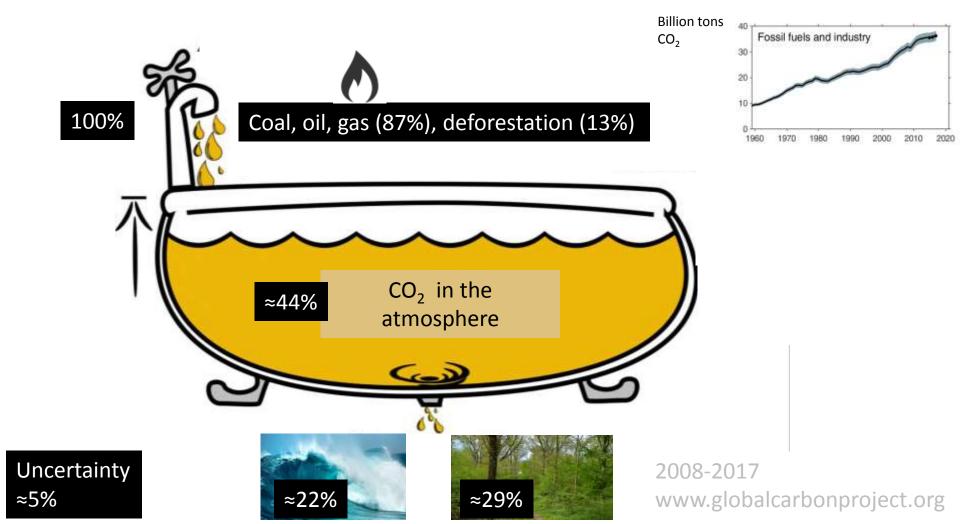




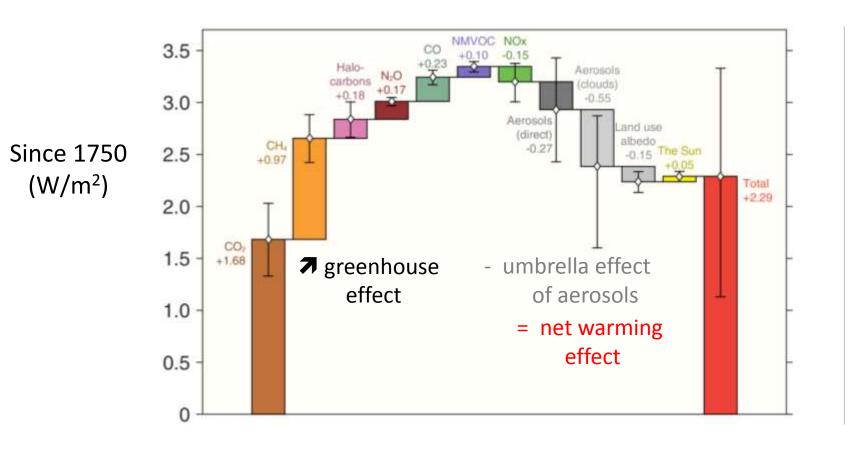
### Human influence on atmospheric composition

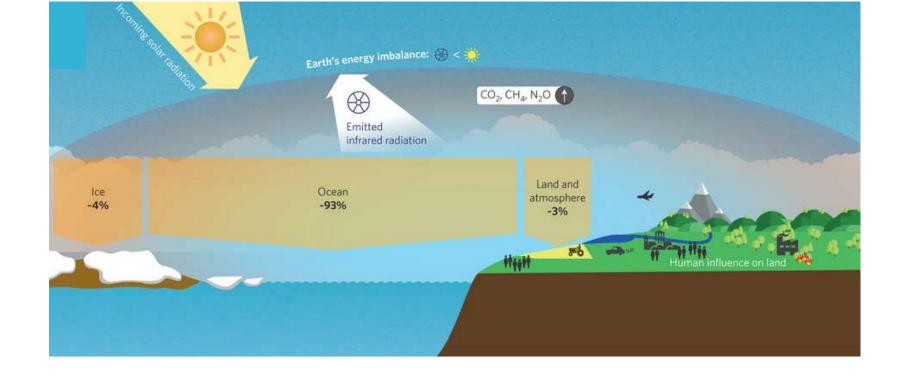


### Human influence on the global carbon cycle



#### Human influence on the Earth's energy budget





# Climate is changing due to the Earth's energy imbalance



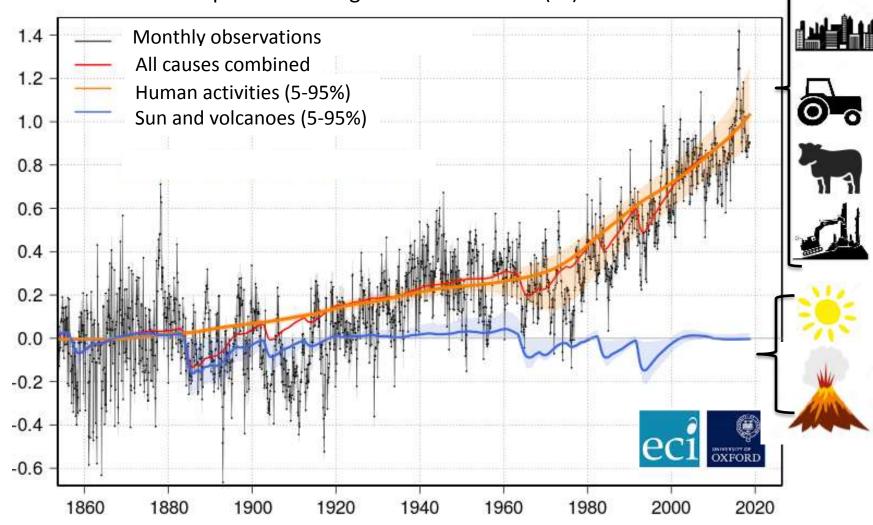
#### Temperature changes around the world (1901-2018)

## Temperature relative to average for whole period (degrees Celsius) Americas Europe Africa Asia and Middle east Pacific 2005

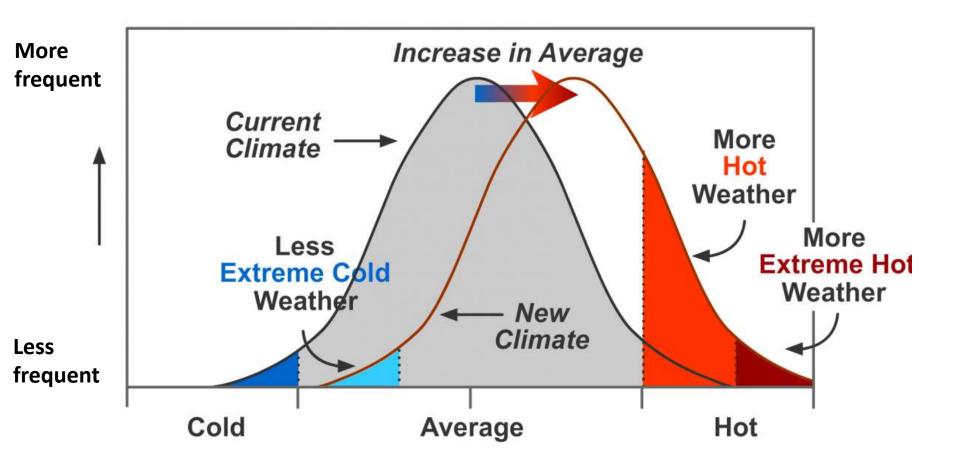
### **Global warming**

## Human influence on global climate

Global mean surface temperature change since 1850-1879 (°C)

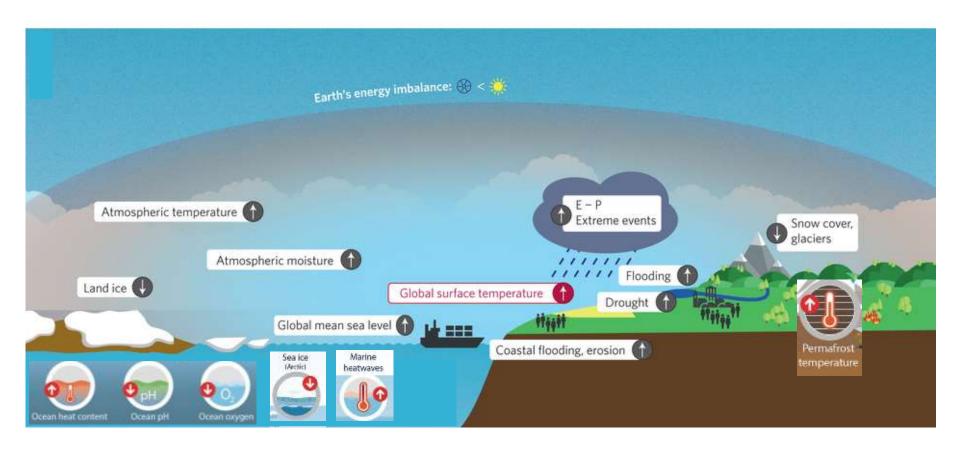


### Global warming is affecting extreme events

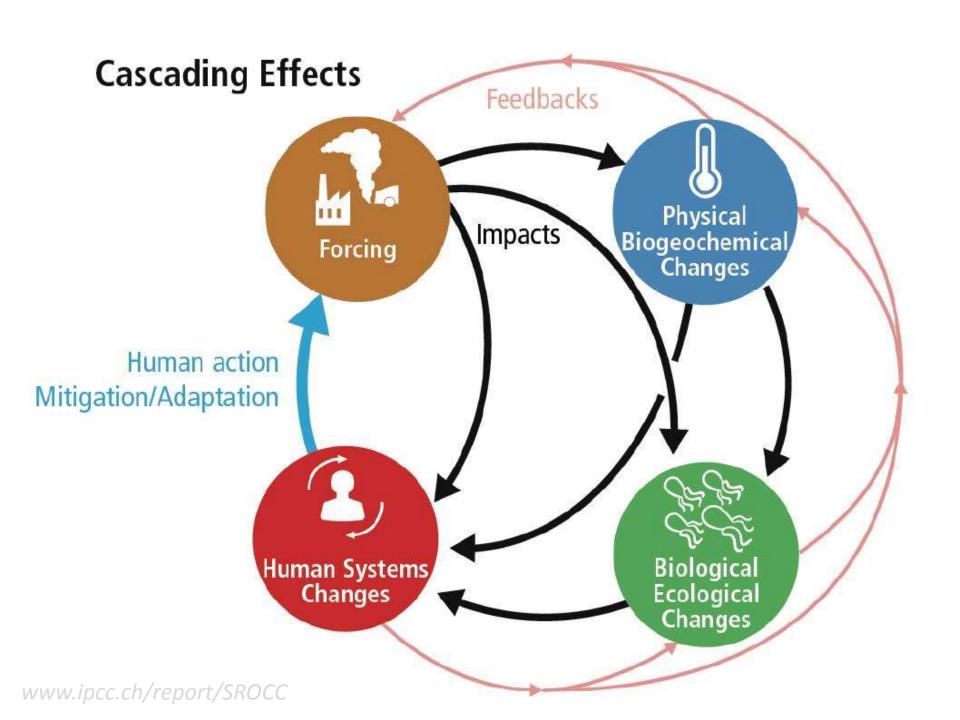


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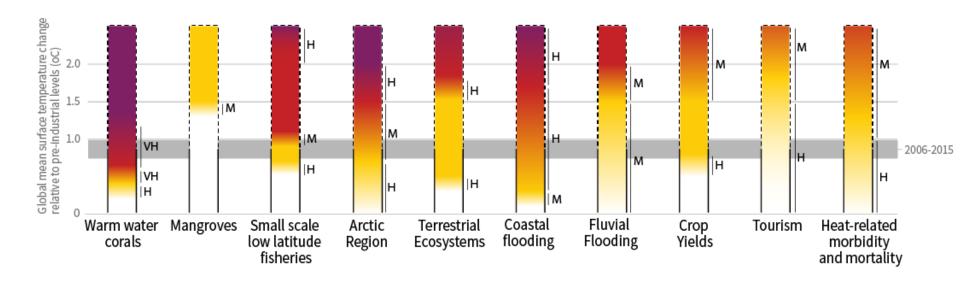
### Climate change hazards

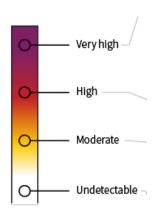


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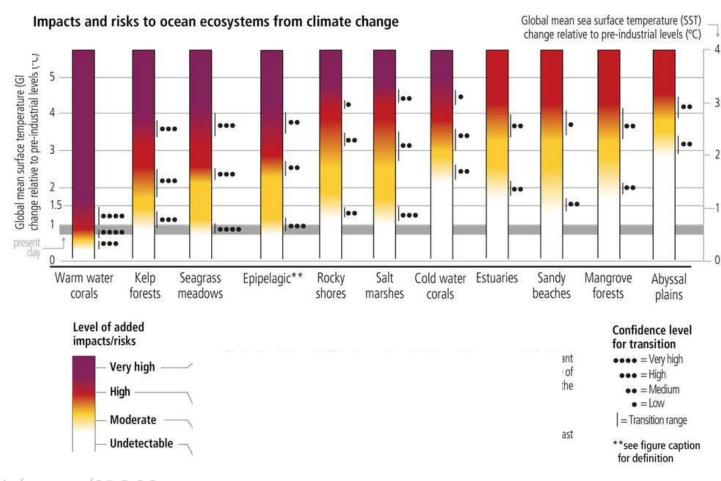


# Impacts and risks for selected natural, managed and human systems

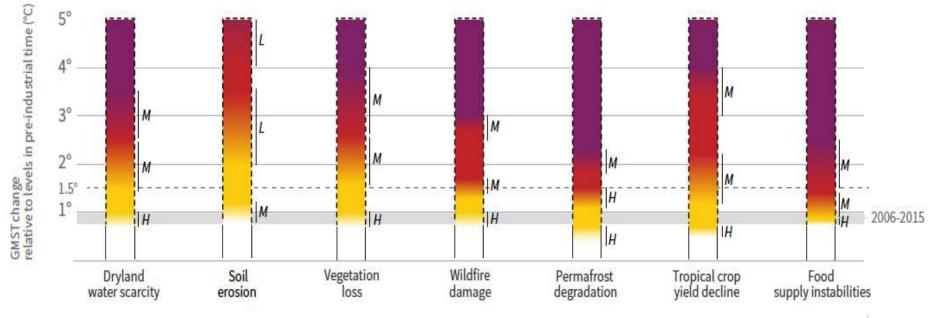


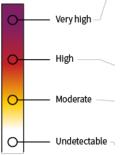


### Impacts and risks to marine life from climate change

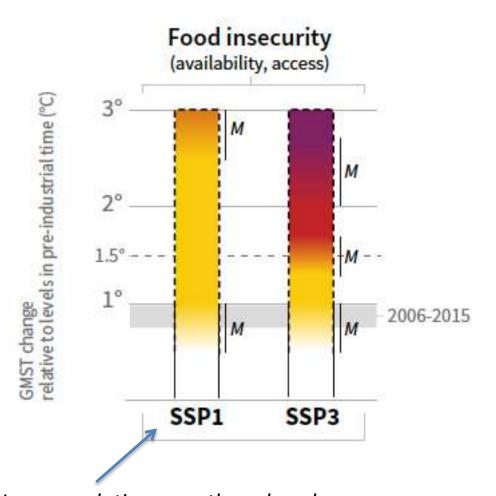


# Risks from changes in land-based processes as a result of climate change





# Different socio-economic pathways affect levels of climate-related risks

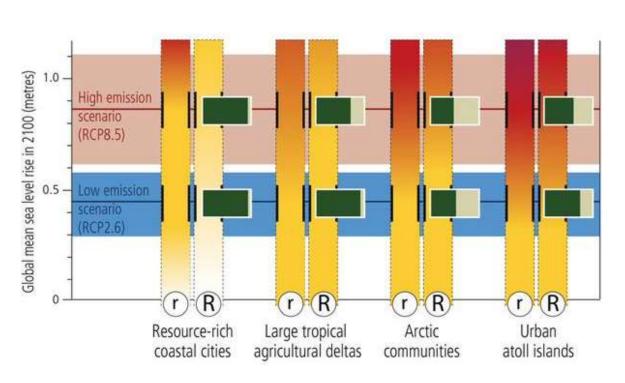


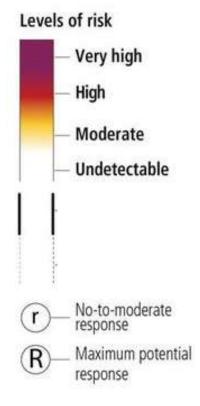


Low population growth, reduced inequalities, food production in low emission systems, effective land use regulation, high adaptive capacity



# Sea level rise risks depend on emissions and on response options





Relative contribution of response options to risk reduction (per geography)

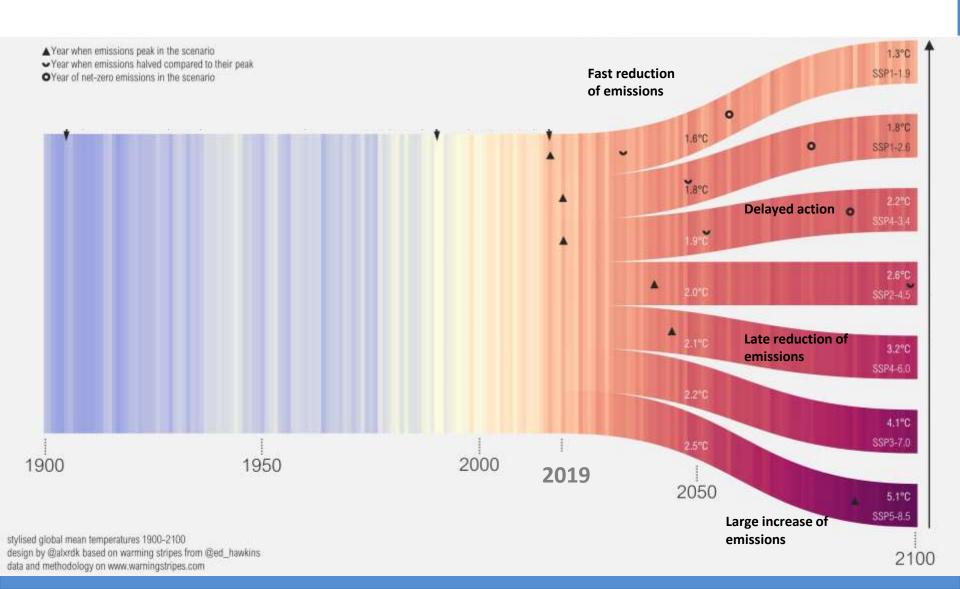


## What are plausible futures?





#### Today's choices determine future risks



## If not us, who? If not now, when?





#### If not us, who? If not now, when?

- There are many options for action, and this requires new mindsets and new skills (« climate literacy »)
  - not just awareness raising, but skills
  - systemic vision (beyond usual silos)
  - understanding science (Earth system)
  - understanding societal implications
  - systems transitions (energy, land use, urban, industry, finance)
  - societal transformation (law, best practices, demand side)
  - potential and limits, co-benefits and trade-offs, enabling conditions
  - building resilient, carbon neutral development pathways
- Training teachers www.oce.global



Monitor, assess, benchmark « climate literacy »

#### If not us, who? If not now, when?

- Research and action to support transitions and transformations
- Agenda of research and action for cities and climate change
- Cultural heritage and climate change
- Transforming universities, living labs of transitions:
  - Environmental & carbon footprints
  - Open data and student projects
  - Researchers engaged with society
  - Vision, targets, pathways, implementation
  - Net zero emissions and resilience
  - International benchmarking
  - Creativity

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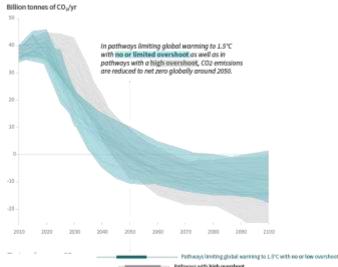


Pathways limiting global warming below 2°C

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#### Global total net CO2 emissions



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