

# SIXTH ASSESSMENT REPORT

Working Group I – The Physical Science Basis

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[Credit: NASA]

“Recent changes in the climate are widespread, rapid, and intensifying, and unprecedented in thousands of years.



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“ Unless there are immediate, rapid, and large-scale reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, limiting warming to 1.5°C will be beyond reach.



[Credit: Yoda Adaman | Unsplash]

“ It is indisputable that human activities are causing climate change, making extreme climate events, including heat waves, heavy rainfall, and droughts, more frequent and severe.



[Credit: Hong Nguyen | Unsplash]

“ Climate change is already affecting every region on Earth, in multiple ways.

The changes we experience will increase with further warming.



[Credit: Jenn Caselle | UCSB]

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[Credit: Andy Mahoney | NSIDC]

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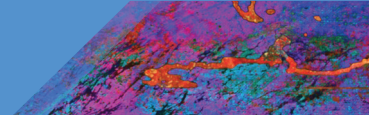


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To limit global warming, strong, rapid, and sustained reductions in CO<sub>2</sub>, methane, and other greenhouse gases are necessary.

This would not only reduce the consequences of climate change but also improve air quality.



## BY THE NUMBERS

### Author Team

**234** authors from **65** countries

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**30%** new to the **IPCC**

### Review Process

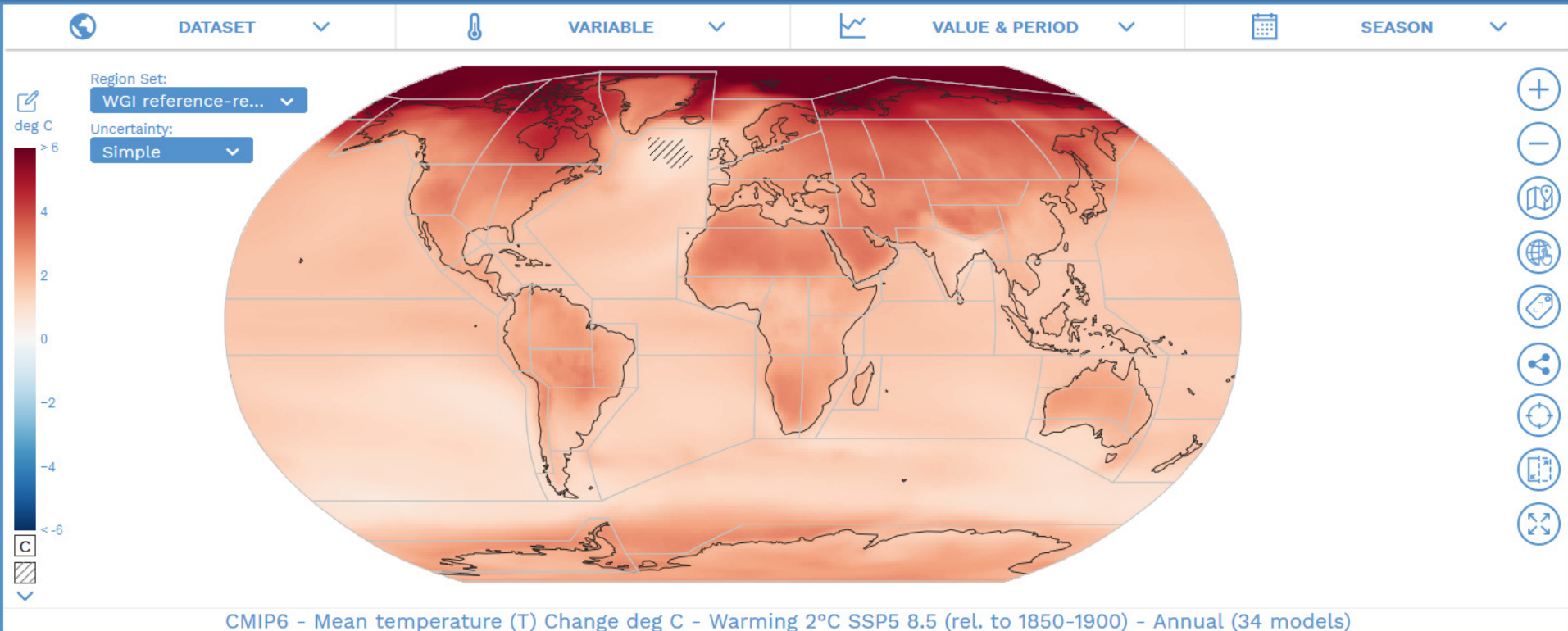
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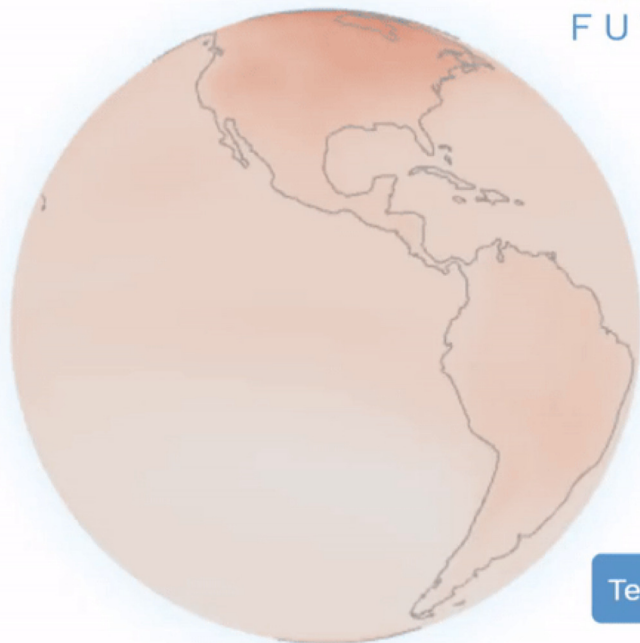
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## Interactive atlas

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+1.5°C

+2°C

+3°C

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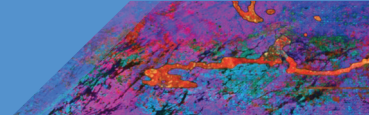
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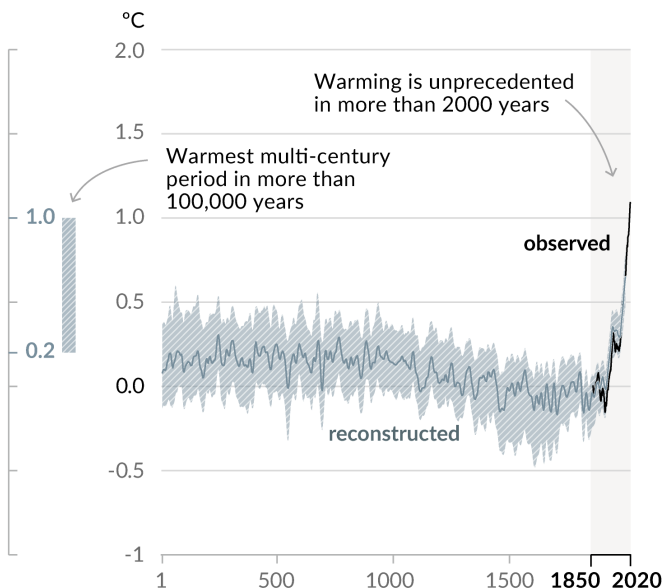


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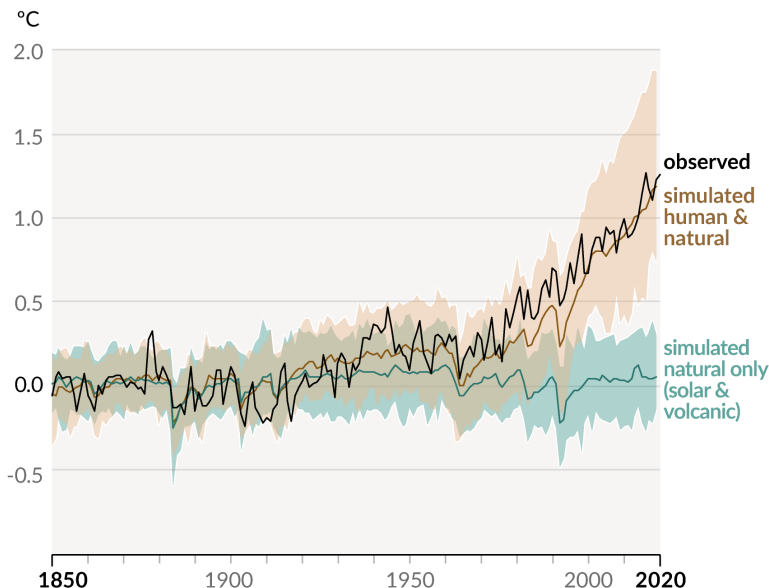
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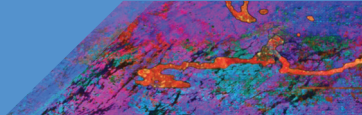
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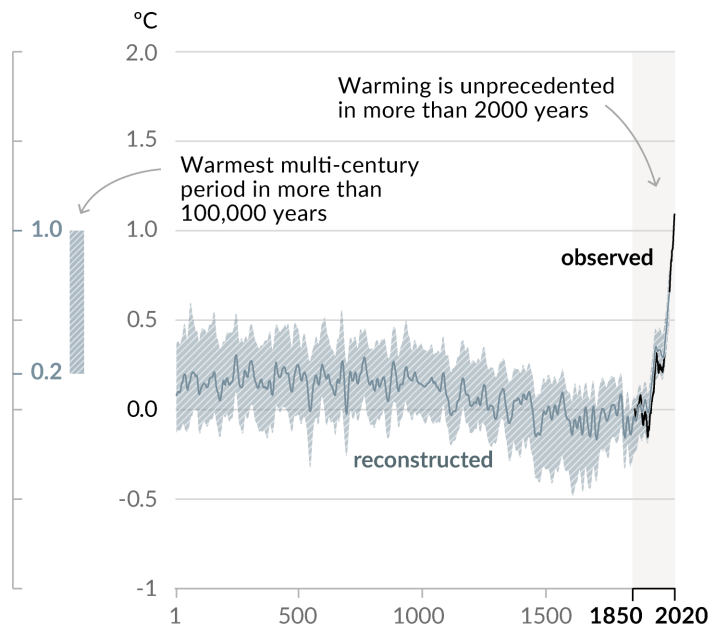


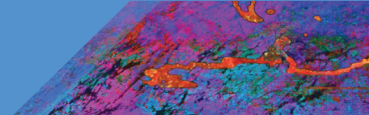


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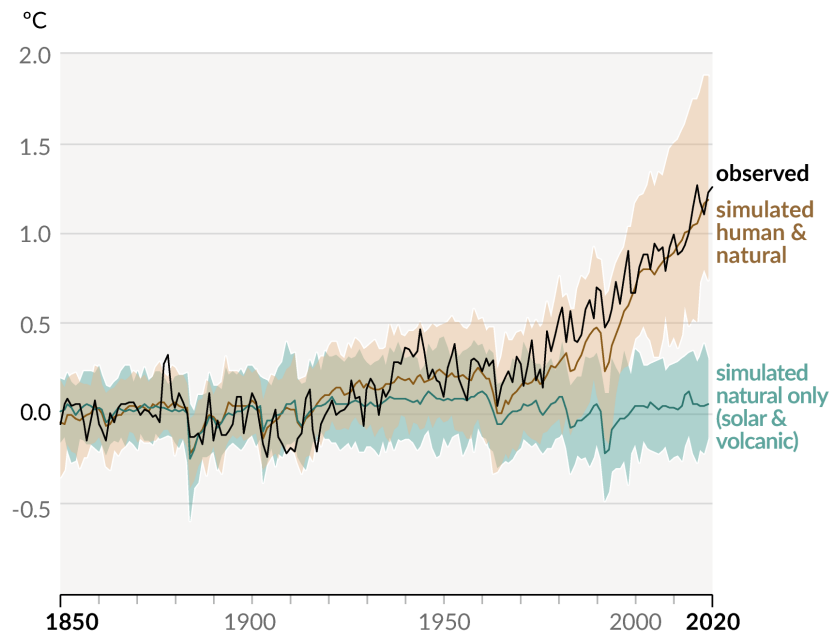




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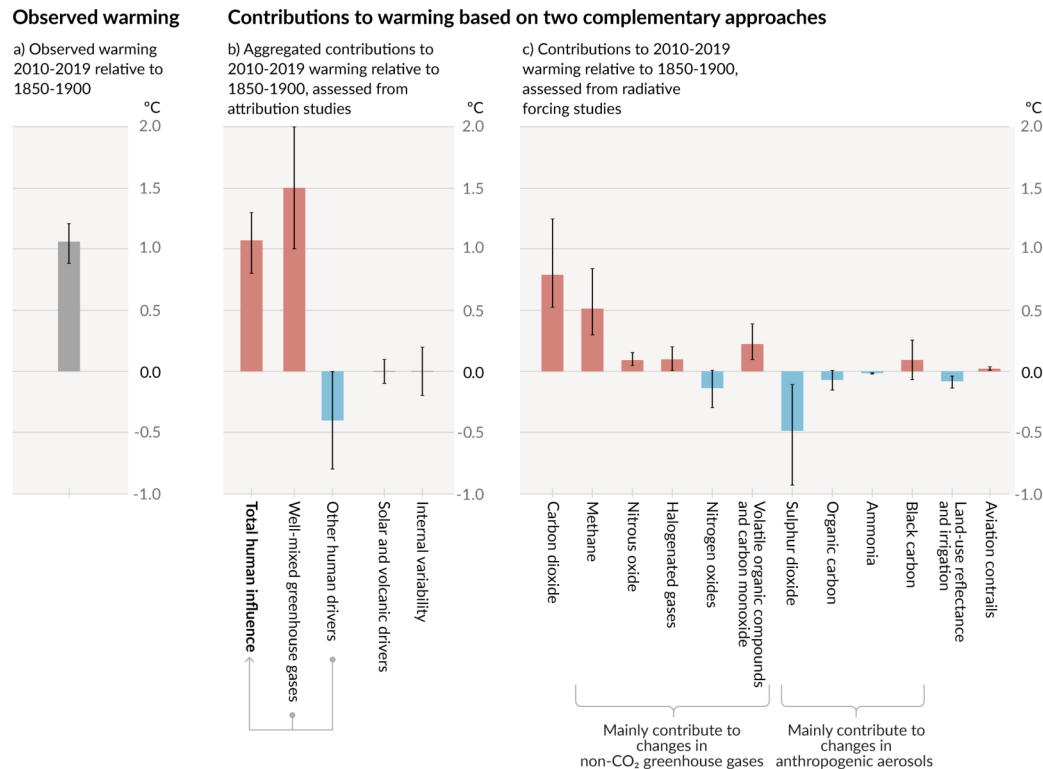
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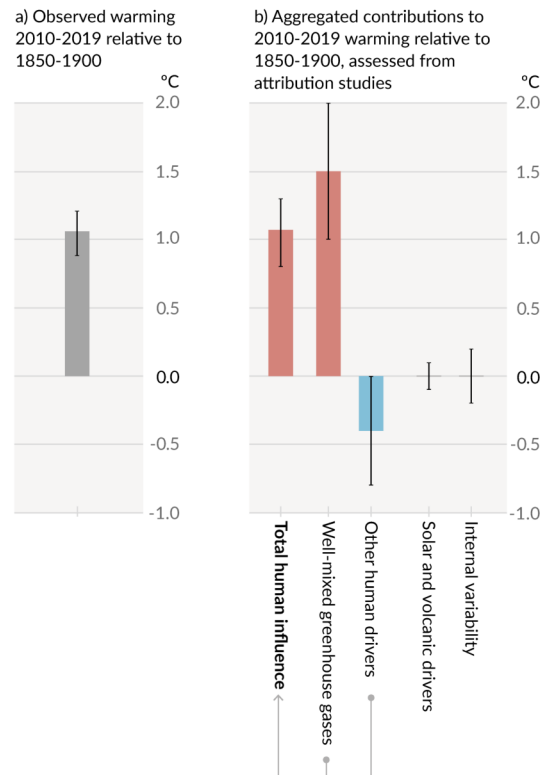
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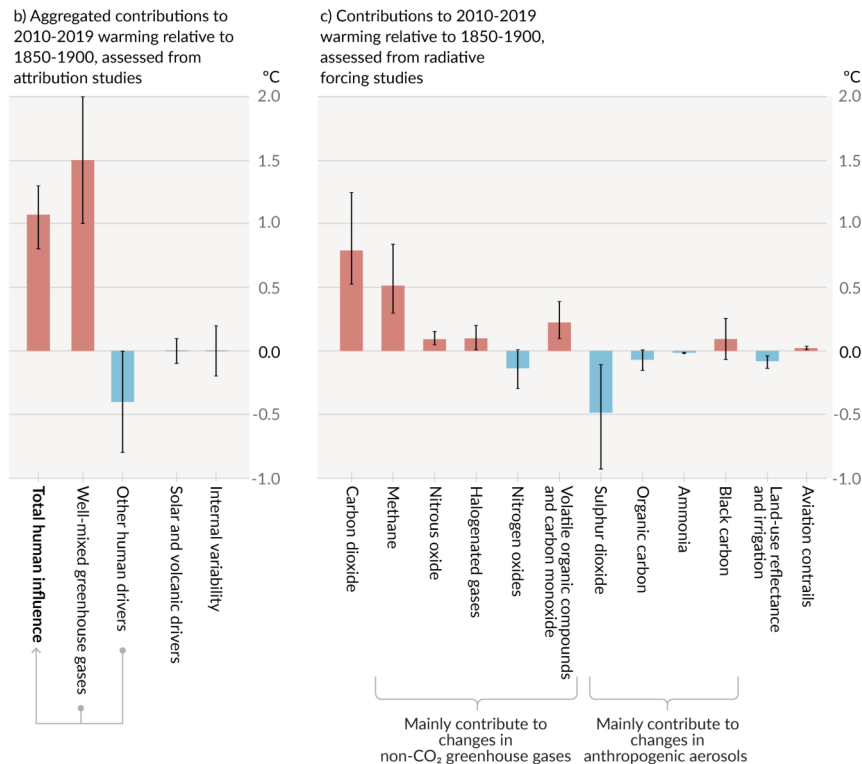
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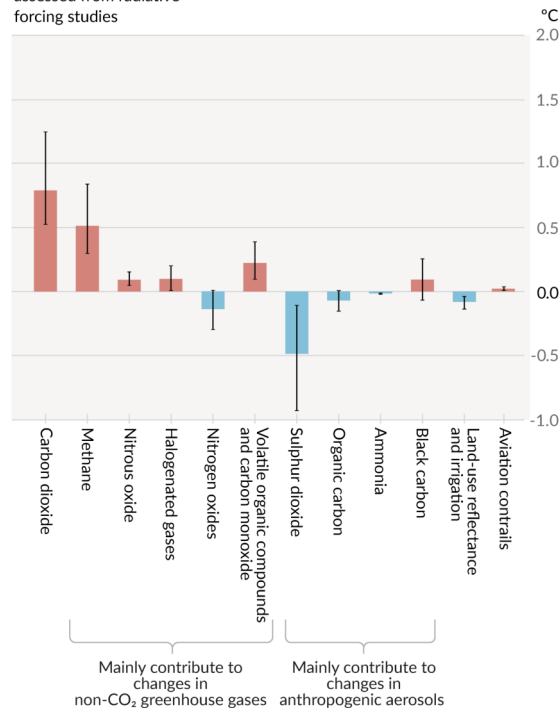
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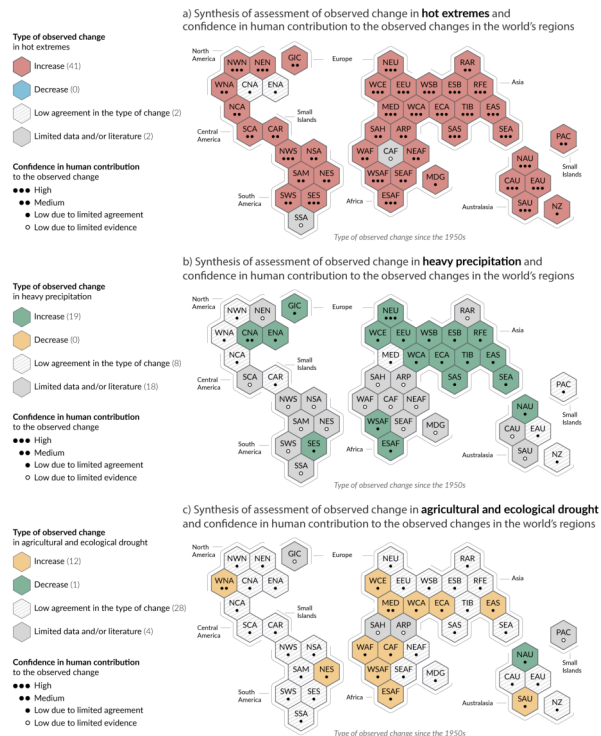
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c) Contributions to 2010-2019 warming relative to 1850-1900, assessed from radiative forcing studies



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a) Synthesis of assessment of observed change in **hot extremes** and confidence in human contribution to the observed changes in the world's regions

Type of observed change  
in hot extremes

● Increase (41)

● Decrease (0)

▨ Low agreement in the type of change (2)

■ Limited data and/or literature (2)

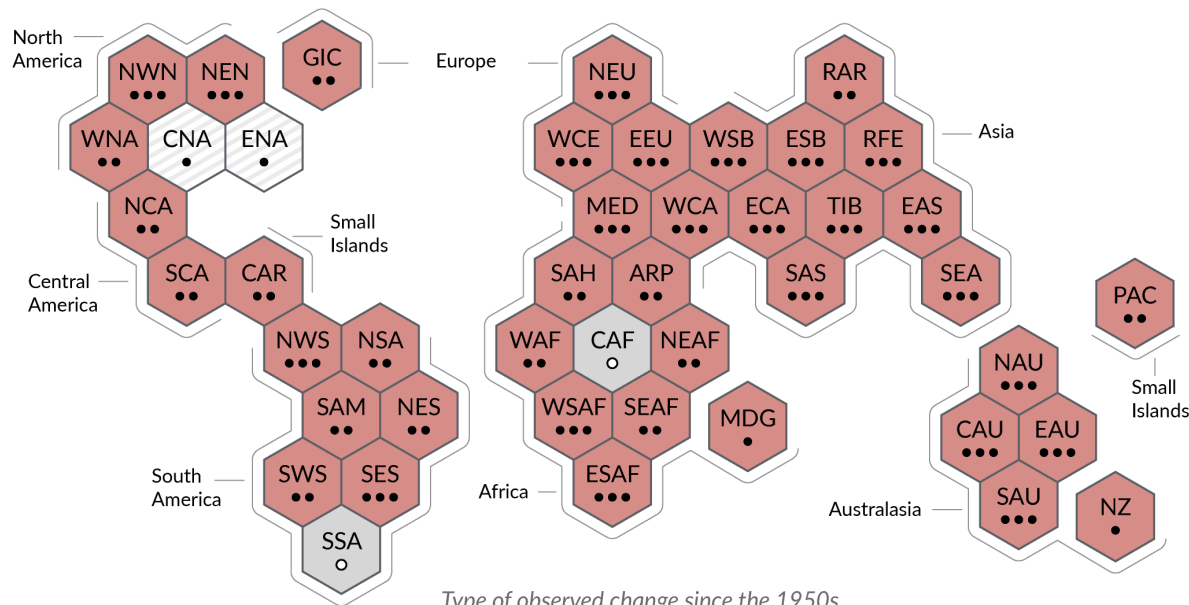
Confidence in human contribution  
to the observed change

●●● High

●● Medium

● Low due to limited agreement

○ Low due to limited evidence



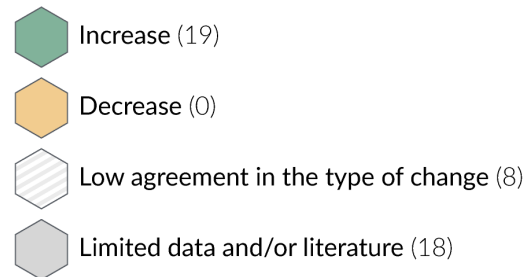
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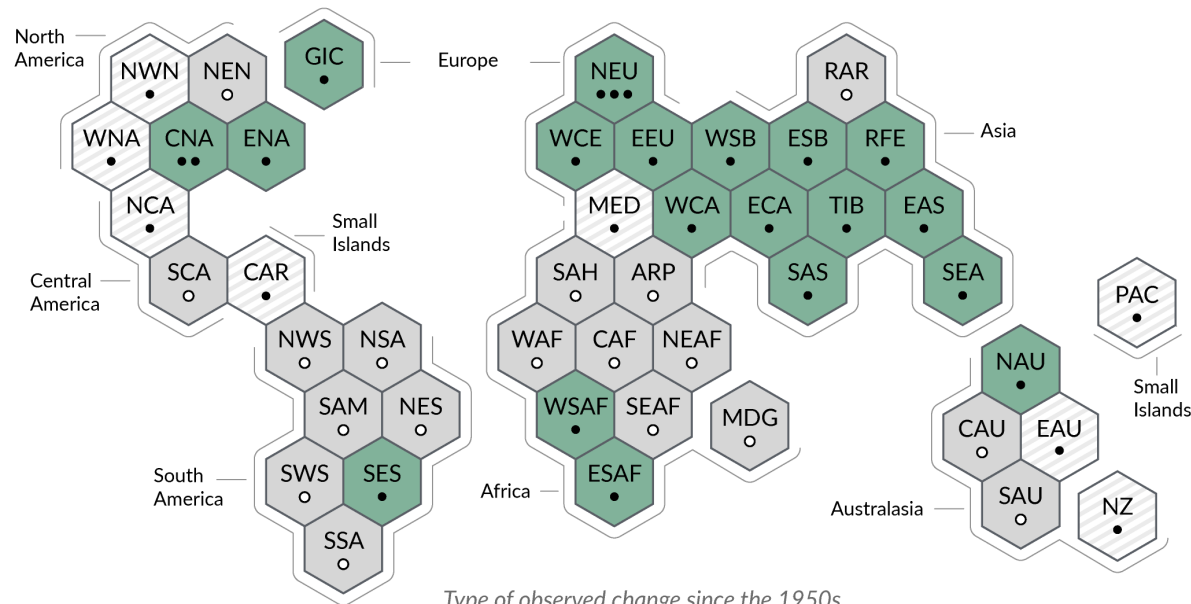
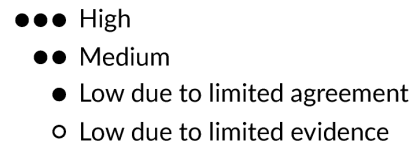
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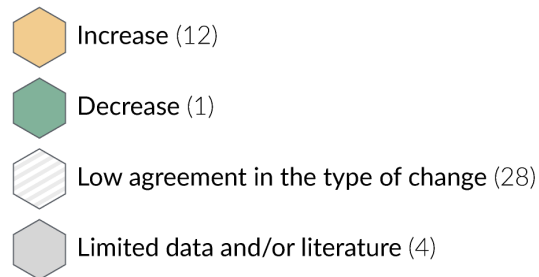
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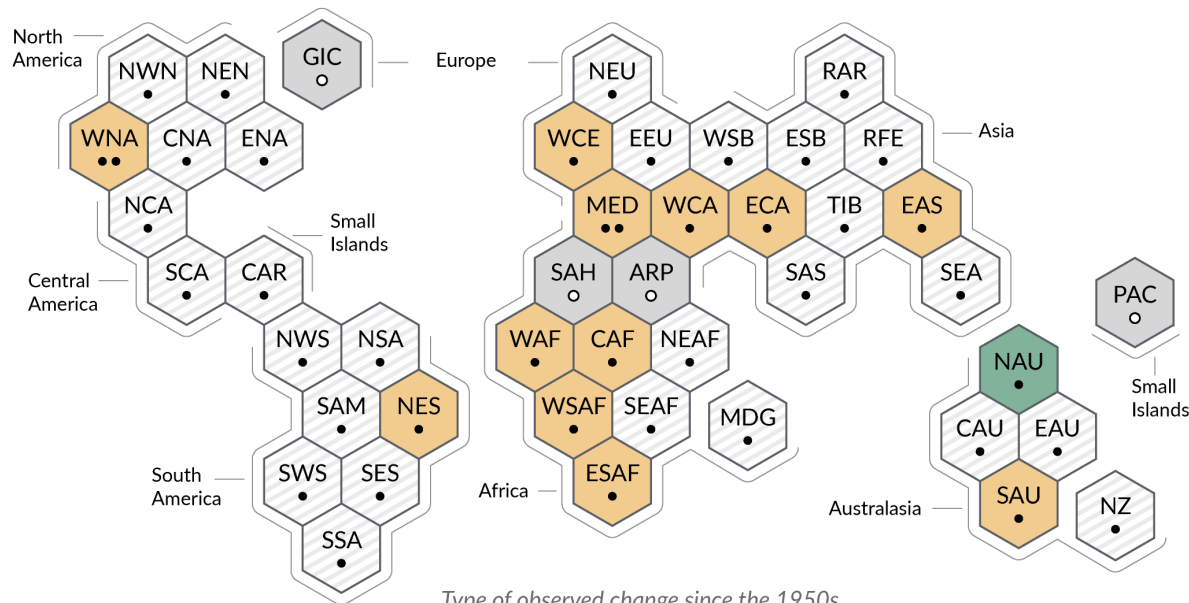
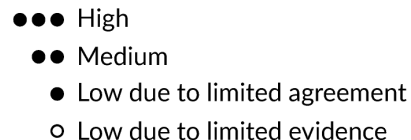
## Type of observed change

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## Confidence in human contribution

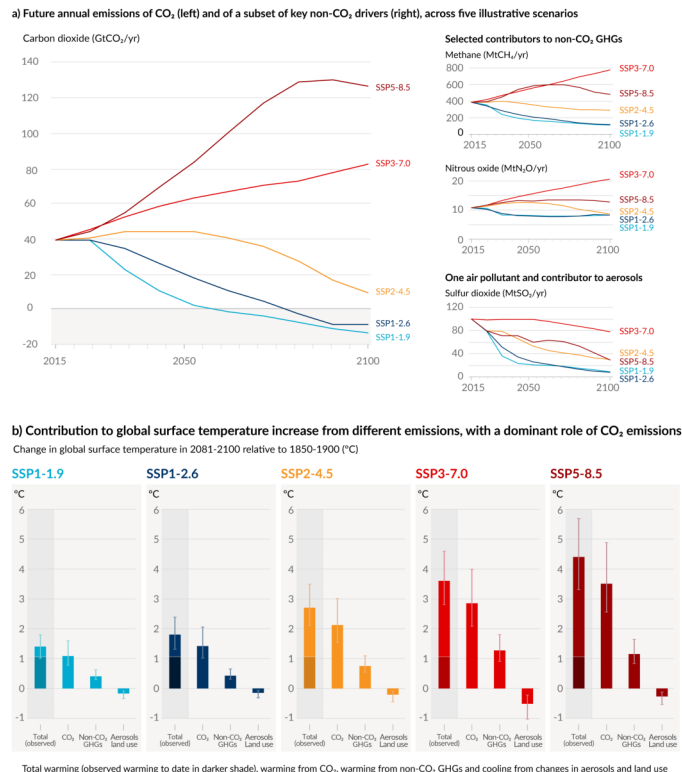
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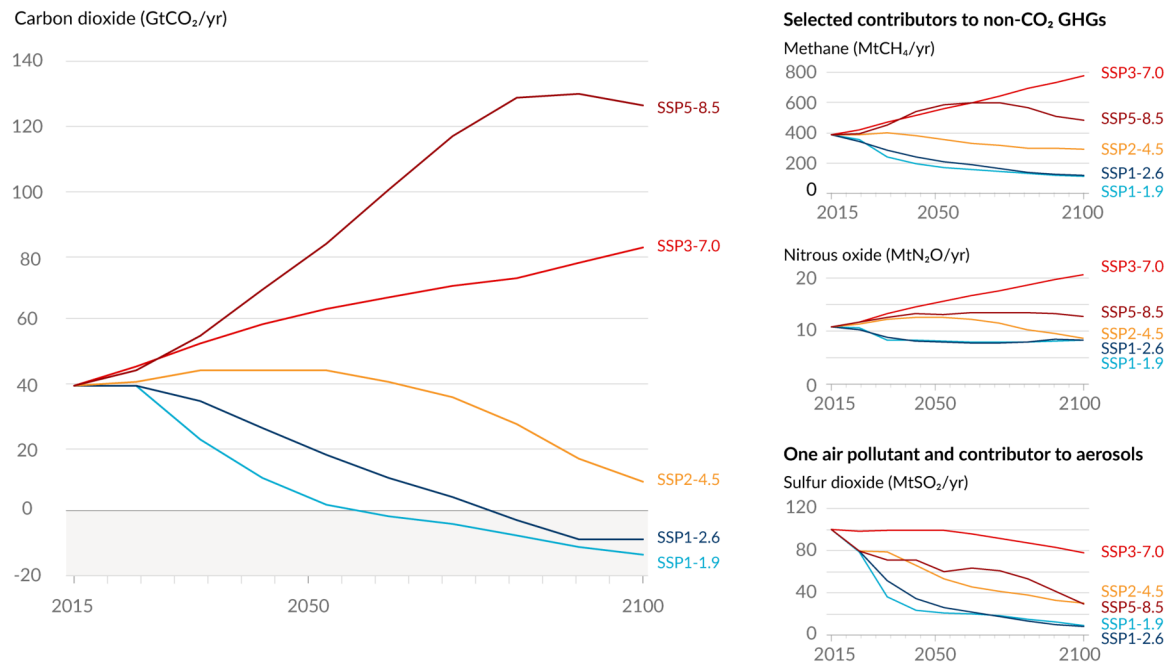
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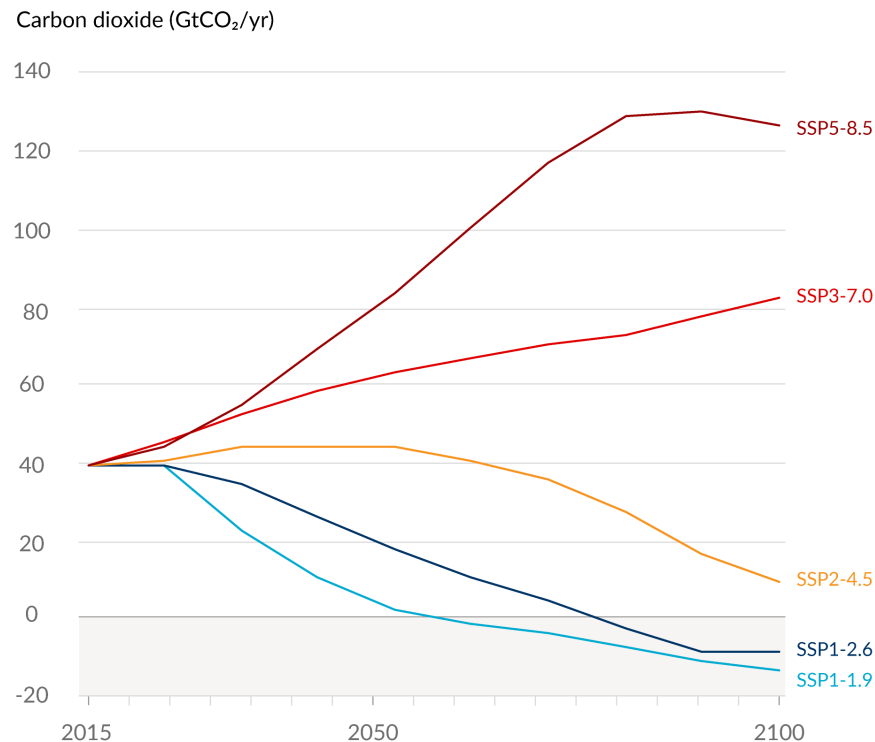
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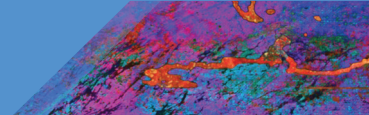
a) Future annual emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> (left) and of a subset of key non-CO<sub>2</sub> drivers (right), across five illustrative scenarios



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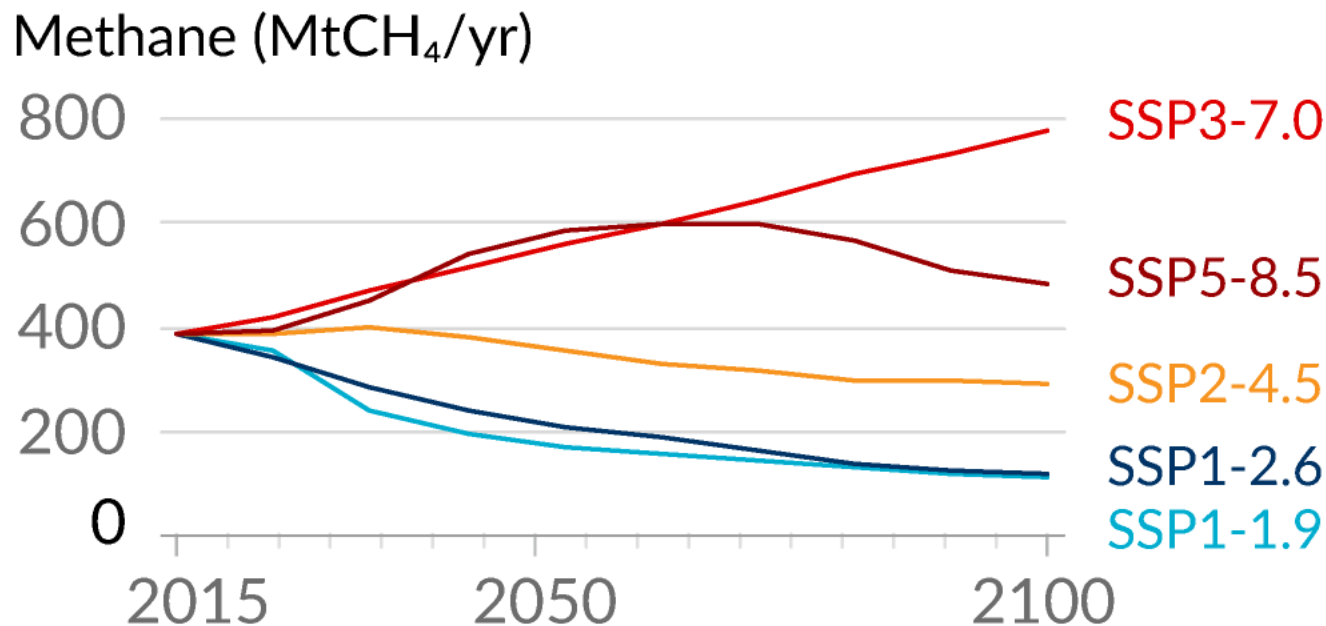
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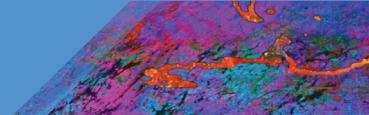




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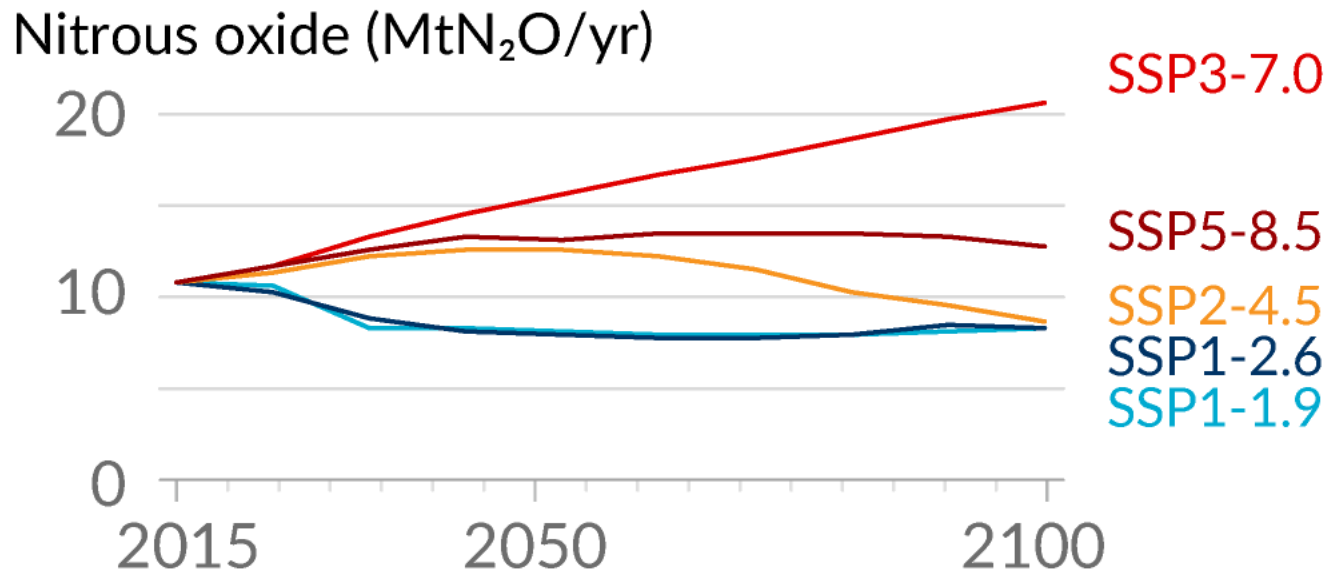
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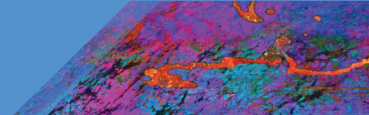




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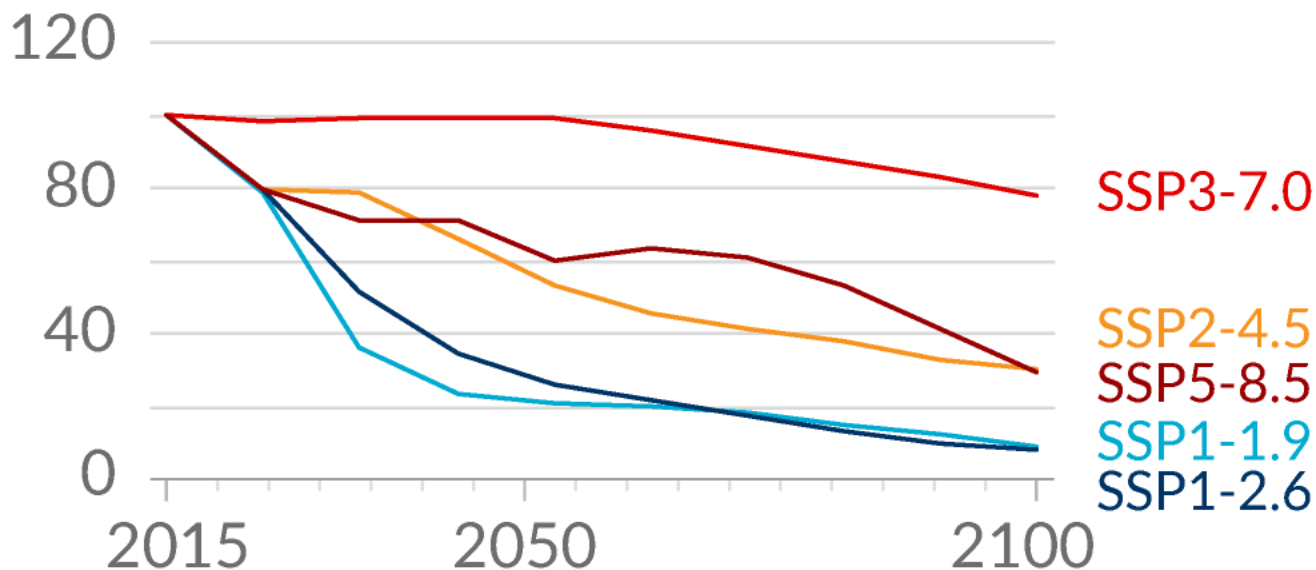




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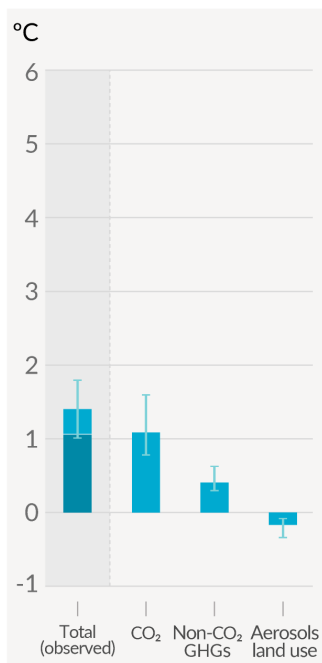
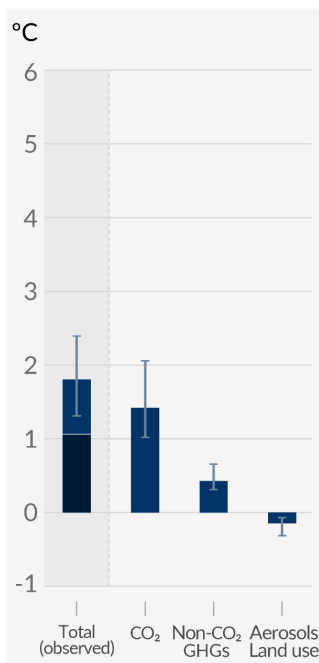
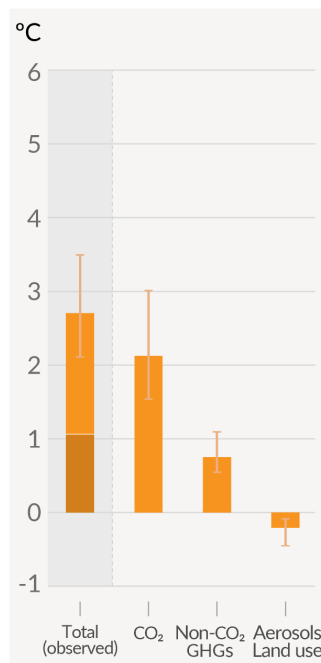
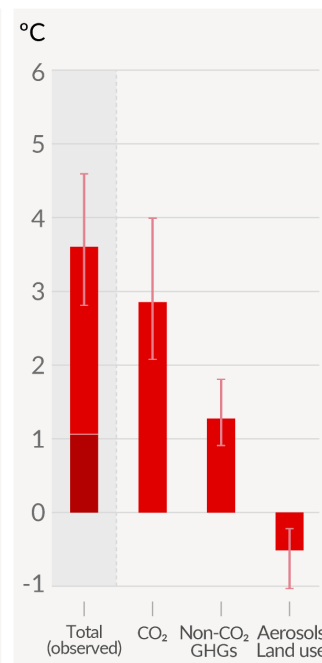
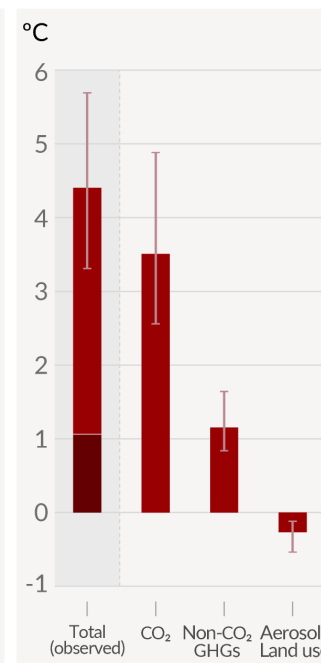
Sulfur dioxide (MtSO<sub>2</sub>/yr)



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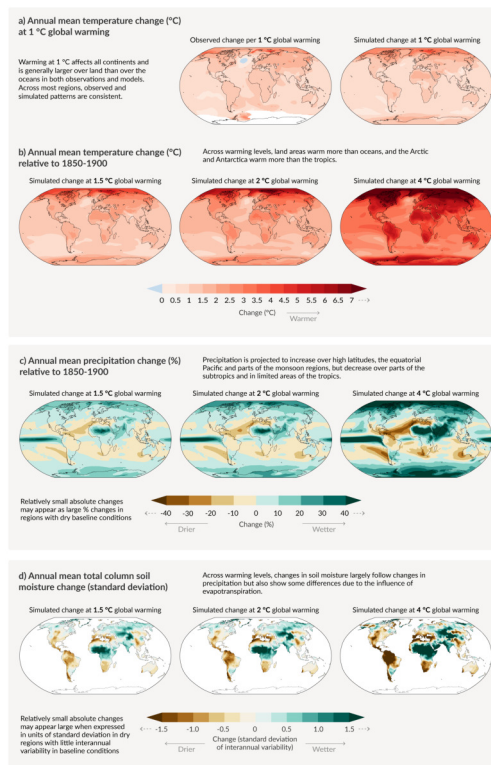
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Change in global surface temperature in 2081-2100 relative to 1850-1900 (°C)

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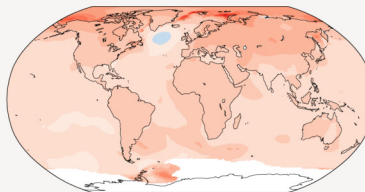
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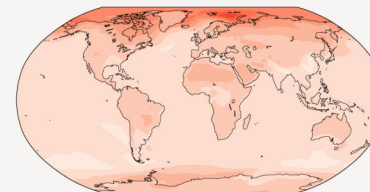
### a) Annual mean temperature change (°C) at 1 °C global warming

Warming at 1 °C affects all continents and is generally larger over land than over the oceans in both observations and models. Across most regions, observed and simulated patterns are consistent.

Observed change per 1 °C global warming



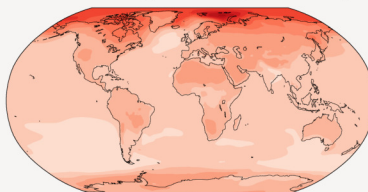
Simulated change at 1 °C global warming



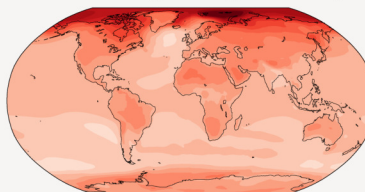
### b) Annual mean temperature change (°C) relative to 1850-1900

Across warming levels, land areas warm more than oceans, and the Arctic and Antarctica warm more than the tropics.

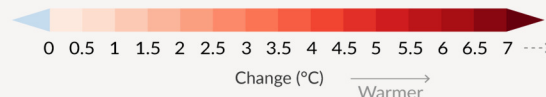
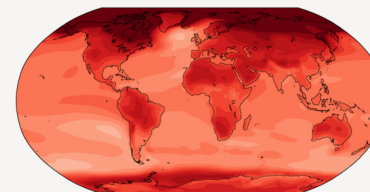
Simulated change at 1.5 °C global warming



Simulated change at 2 °C global warming



Simulated change at 4 °C global warming



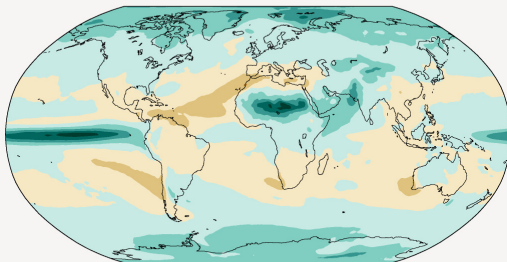
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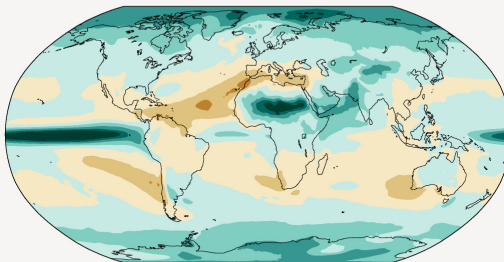
### c) Annual mean precipitation change (%) relative to 1850-1900

Precipitation is projected to increase over high latitudes, the equatorial Pacific and parts of the monsoon regions, but decrease over parts of the subtropics and in limited areas of the tropics.

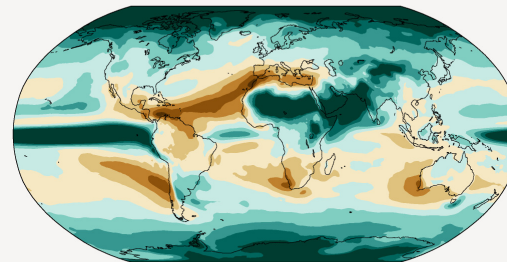
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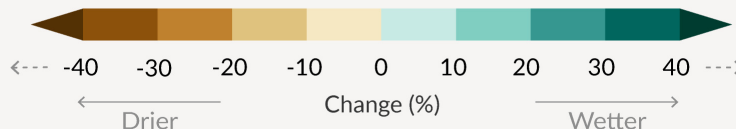
Simulated change at 2 °C global warming



Simulated change at 4 °C global warming



Relatively small absolute changes may appear as large % changes in regions with dry baseline conditions



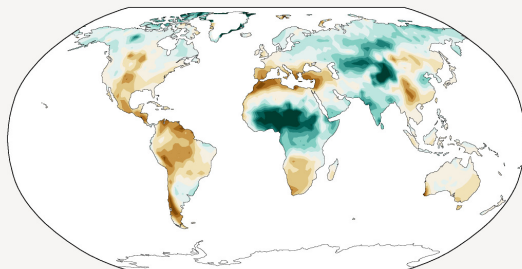
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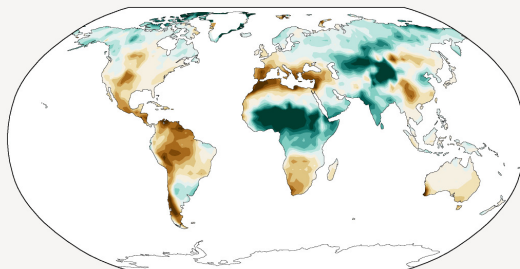
### d) Annual mean total column soil moisture change (standard deviation)

Across warming levels, changes in soil moisture largely follow changes in precipitation but also show some differences due to the influence of evapotranspiration.

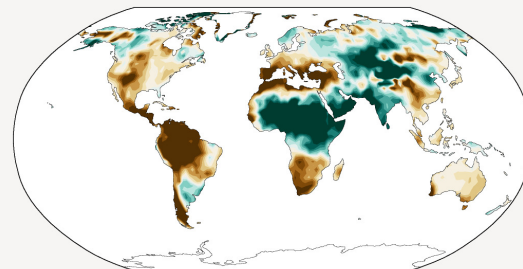
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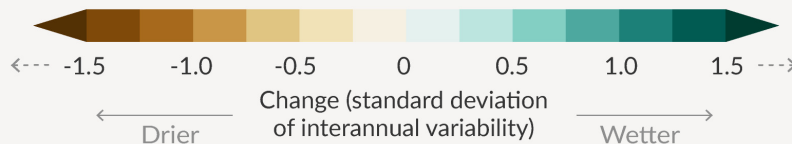
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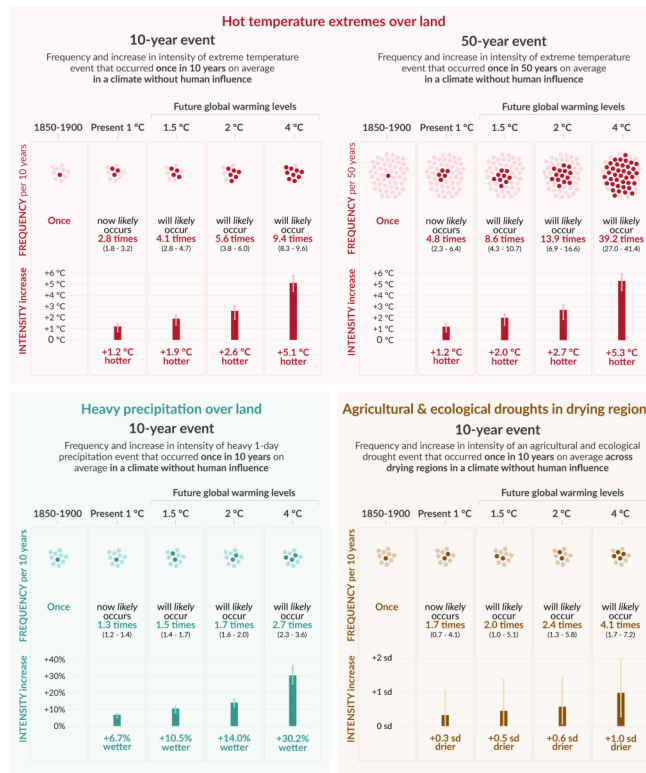


Relatively small absolute changes may appear large when expressed in units of standard deviation in dry regions with little interannual variability in baseline conditions



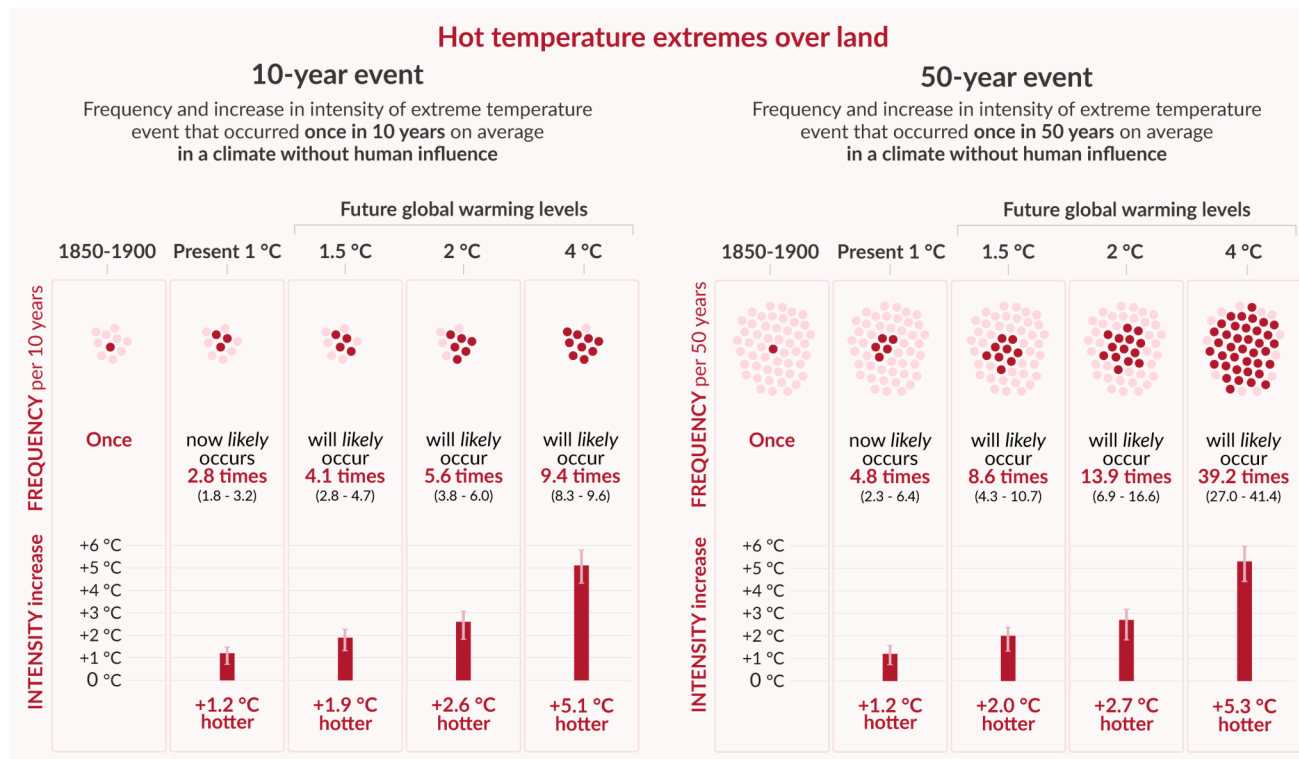
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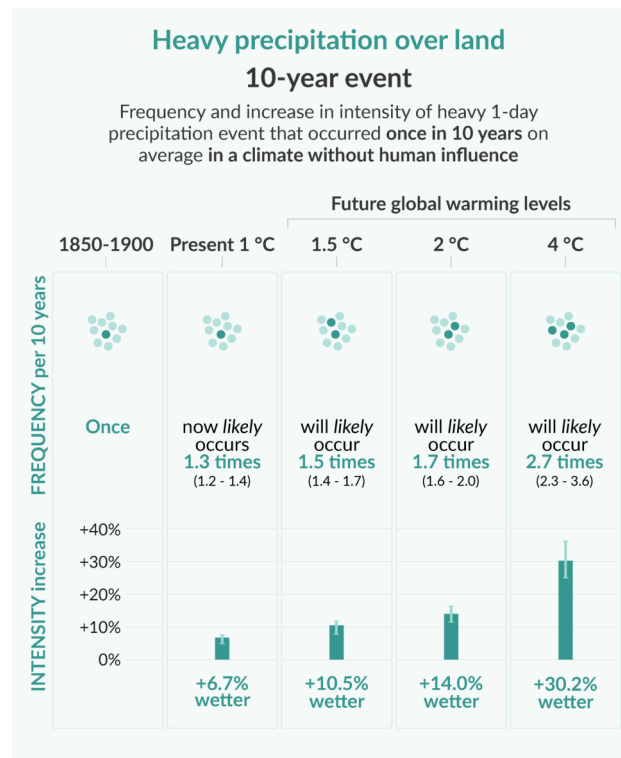
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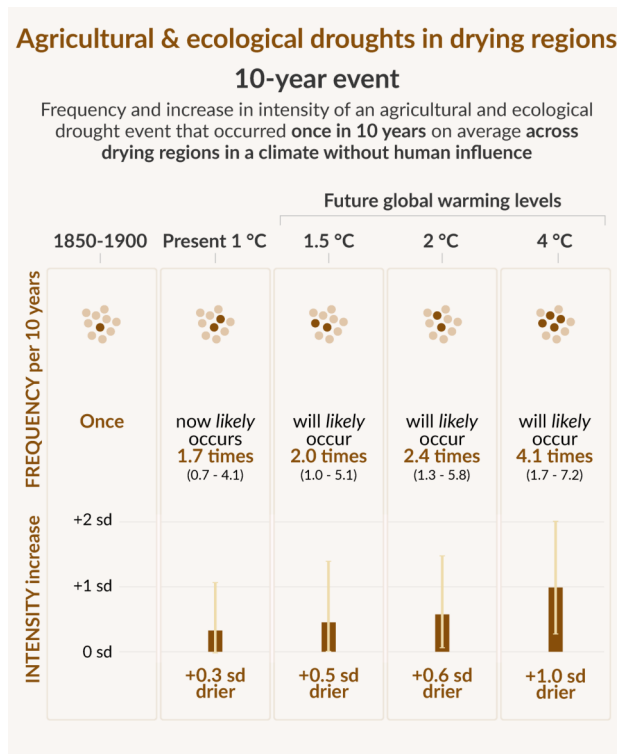
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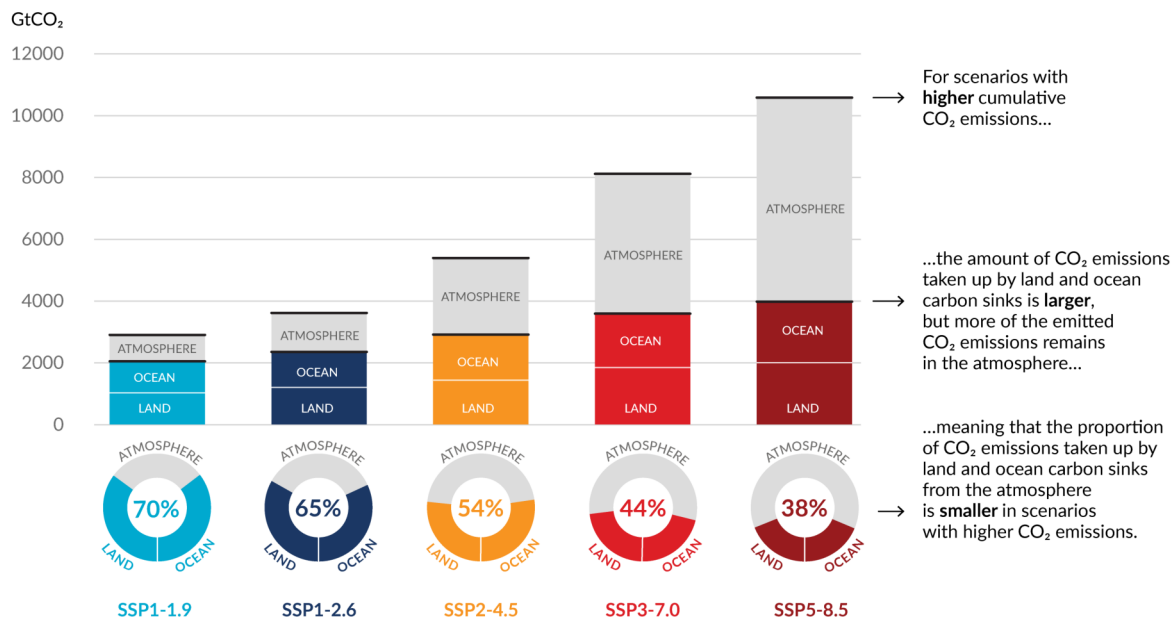
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# The proportion of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions taken up by land and ocean carbon sinks is smaller in scenarios with higher cumulative CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

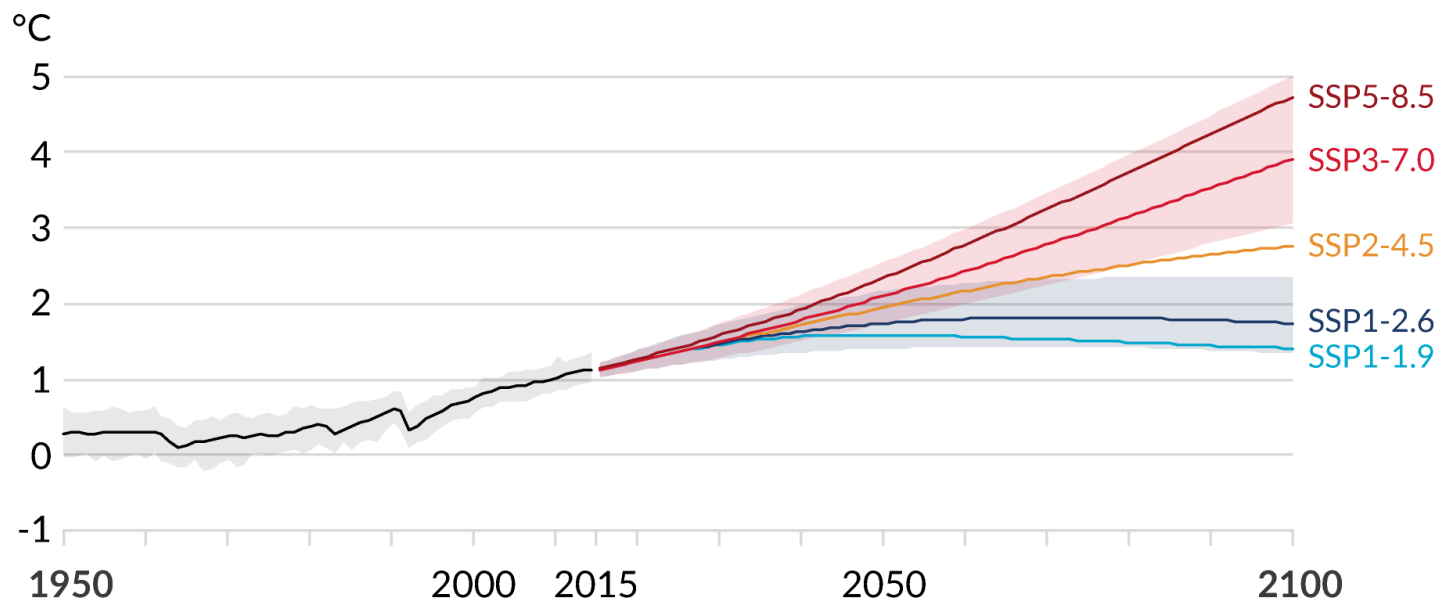
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Total cumulative CO<sub>2</sub> emissions **taken up by land and oceans** (colours) and remaining in the atmosphere (grey) under the five illustrative scenarios from 1850 to 2100



## Human activities affect all the major climate system components, *Figure SPM.8* with some responding over decades and others over centuries

### a) Global surface temperature change relative to 1850-1900



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### b) September Arctic sea ice area

$10^6 \text{ km}^2$

10

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1950

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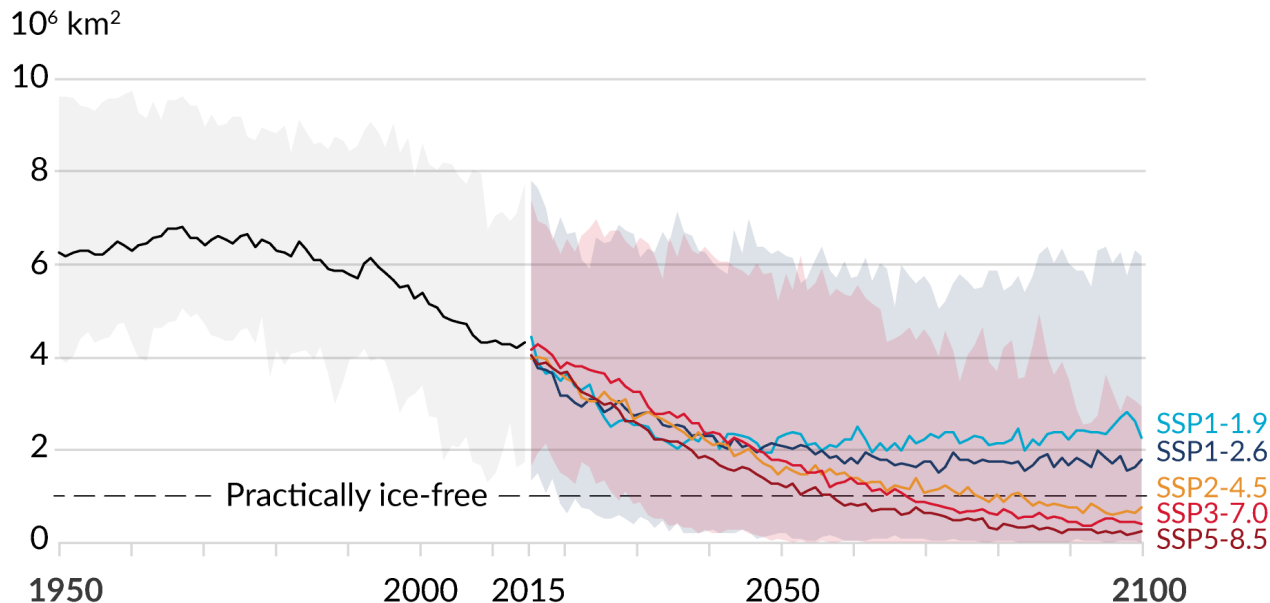
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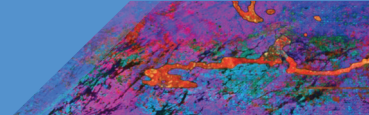
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--- Practically ice-free ---

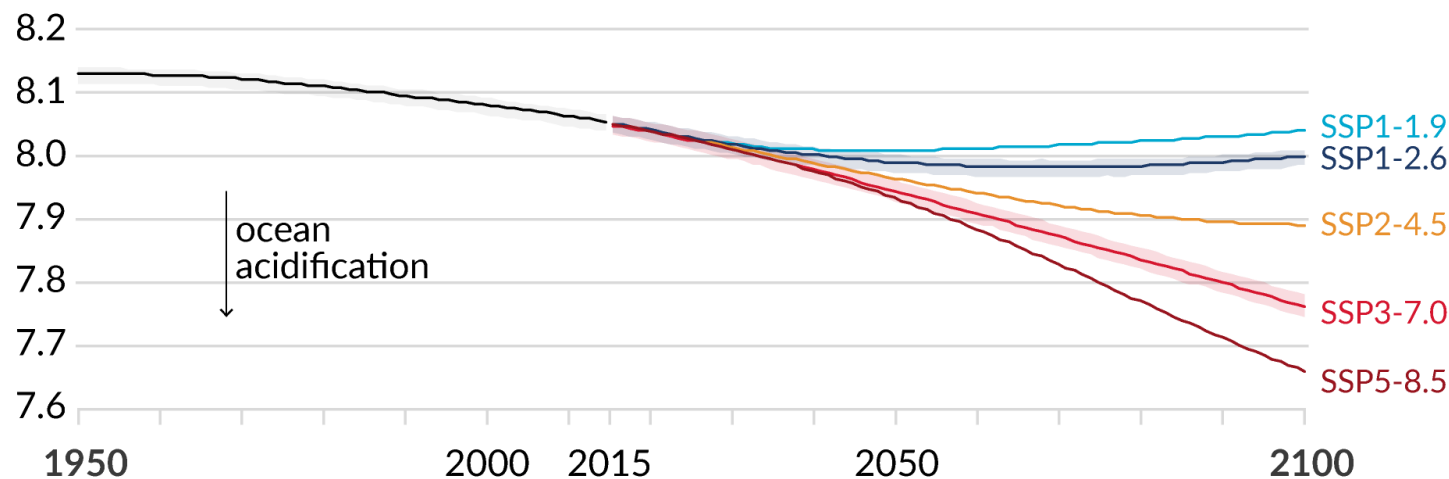
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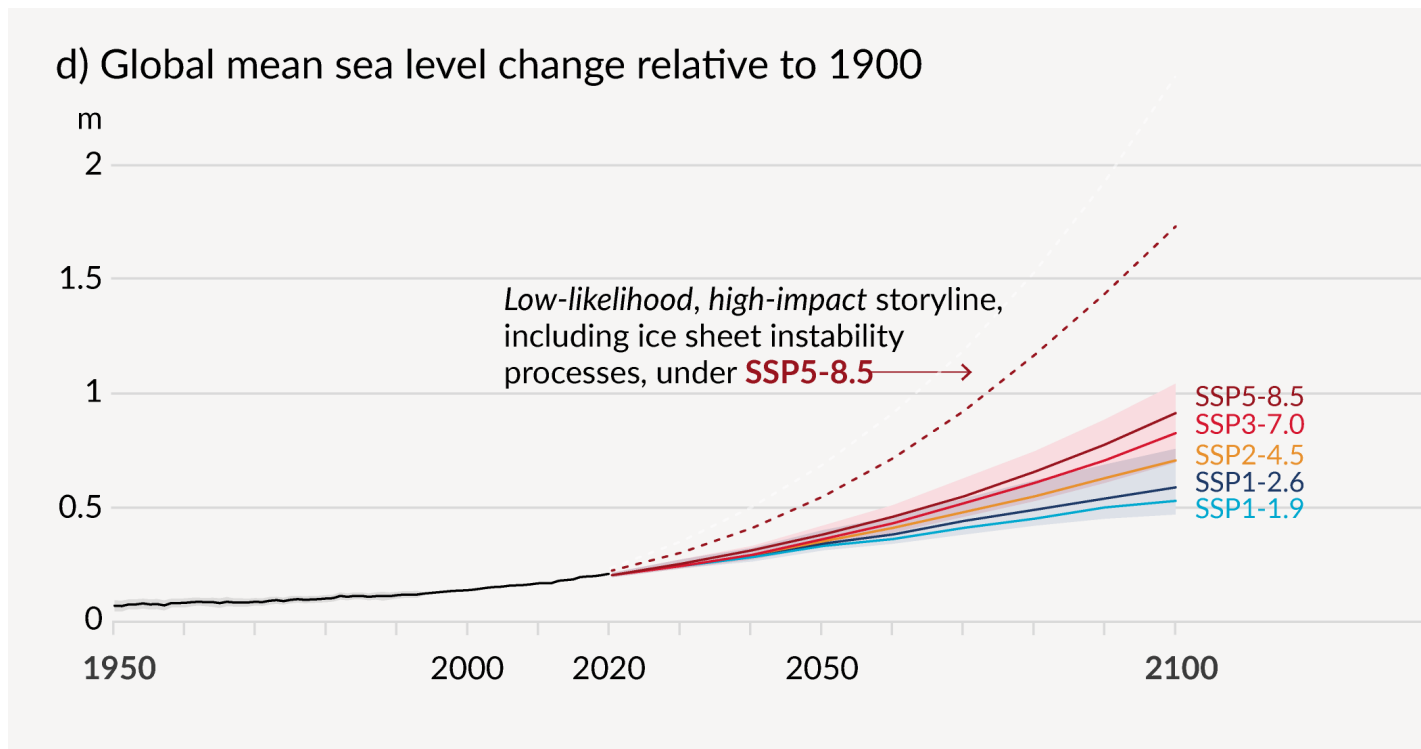


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### c) Global ocean surface pH (a measure of acidity)

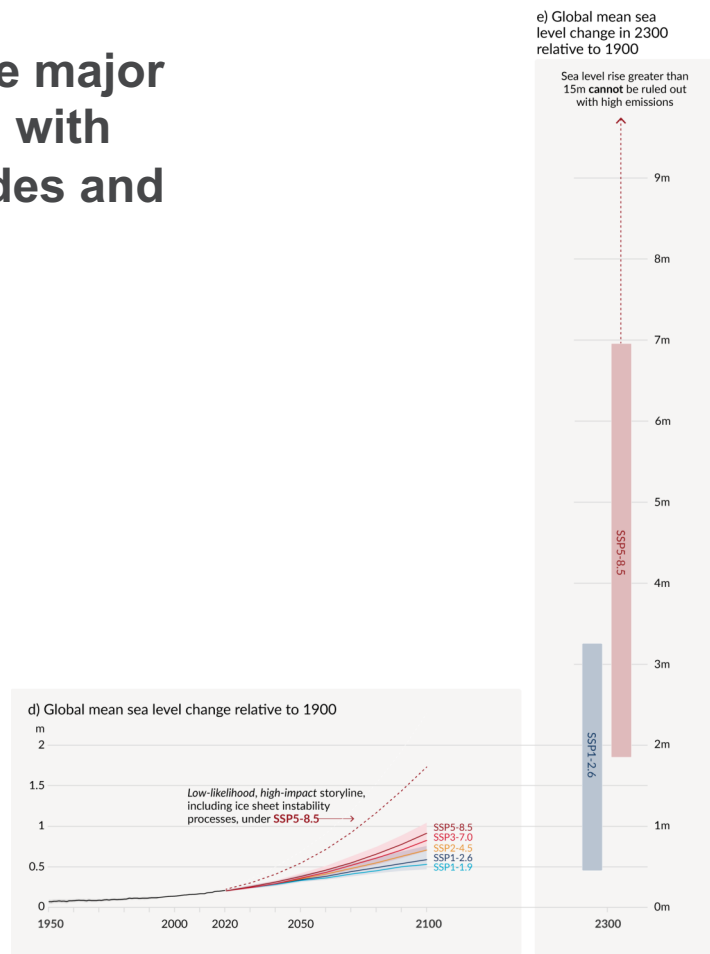


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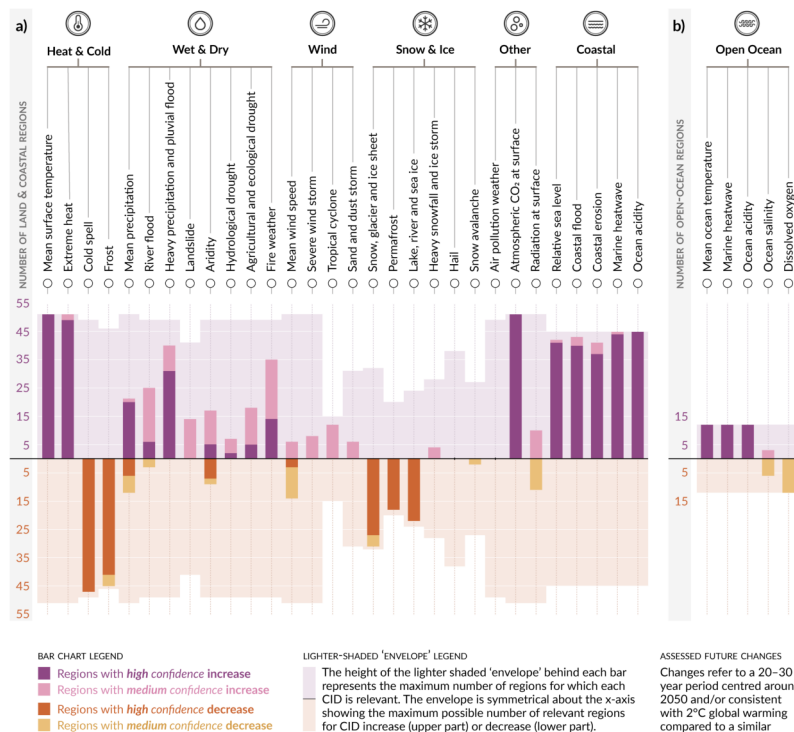
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# Multiple climatic impact-drivers are projected to change in all regions of the world

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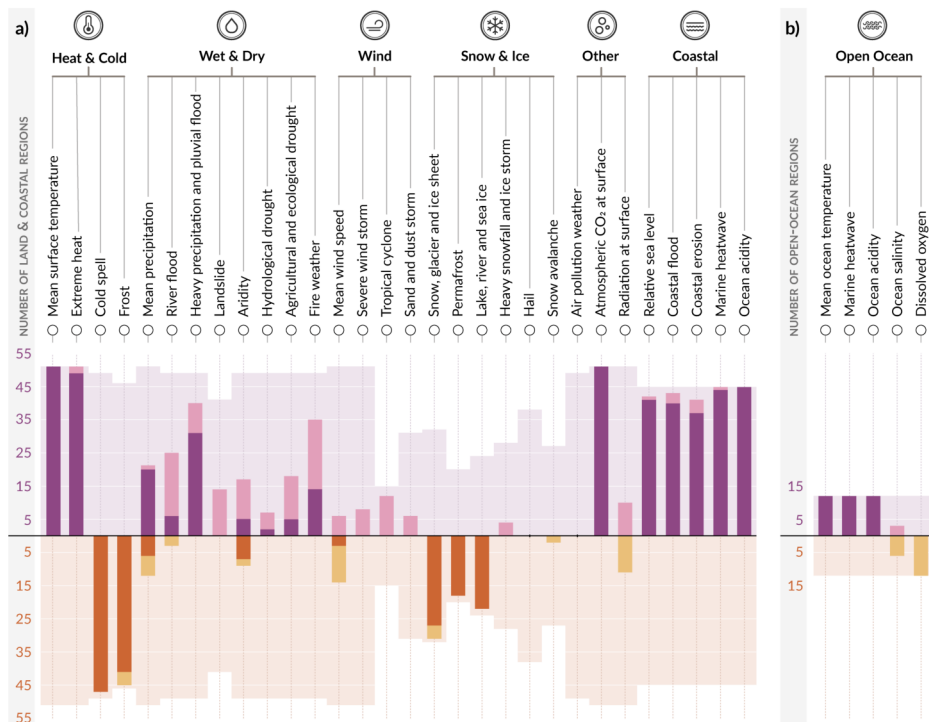
Number of land & coastal regions (a) and open-ocean regions (b) where each climatic impact-driver (CID) is projected to **increase** or **decrease** with **high confidence** (dark shade) or **medium confidence** (light shade)



## Multiple climatic impact-drivers are projected to change in all regions of the world

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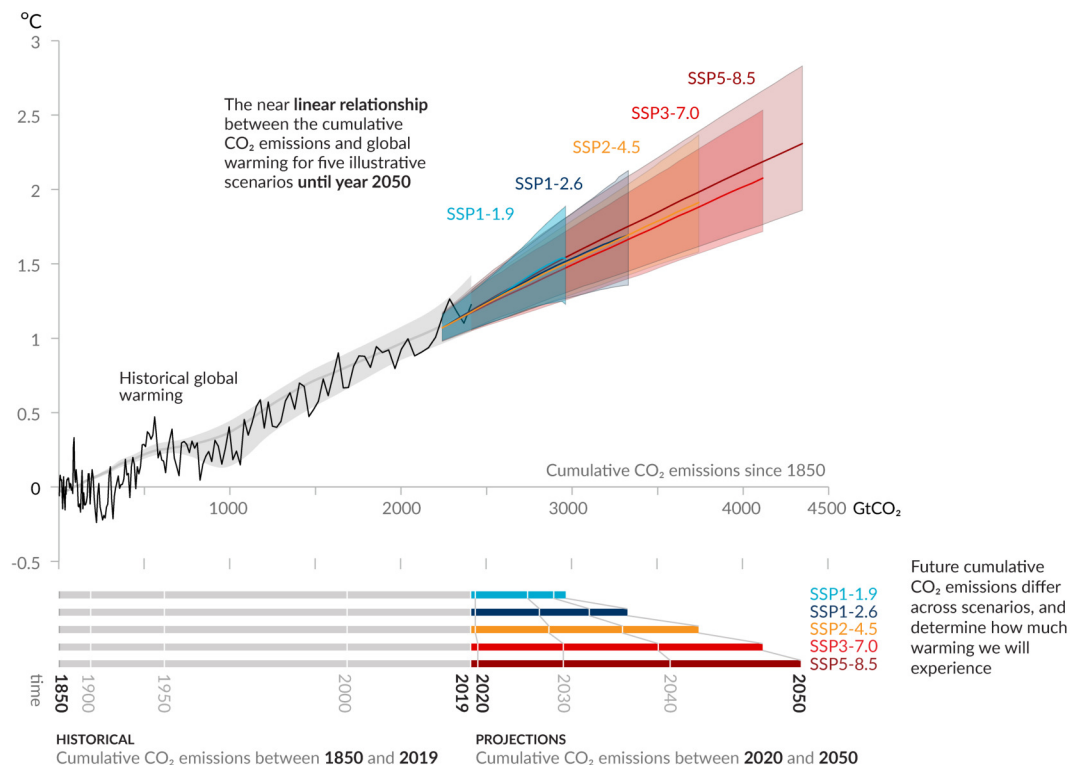
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Changes refer to a 20–30 year period centred around 2050 and/or consistent with 2°C global warming compared to a similar period within 1960–2014 or 1850–1900.

# Every tonne of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions adds to global warming

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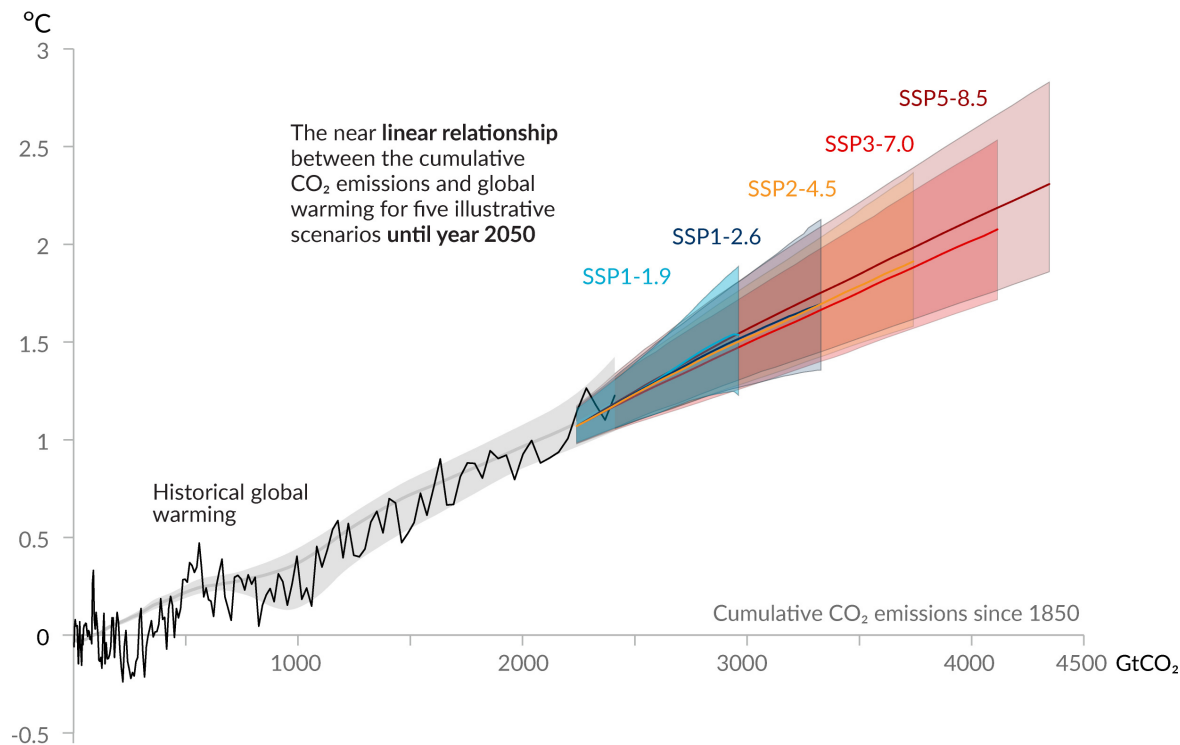
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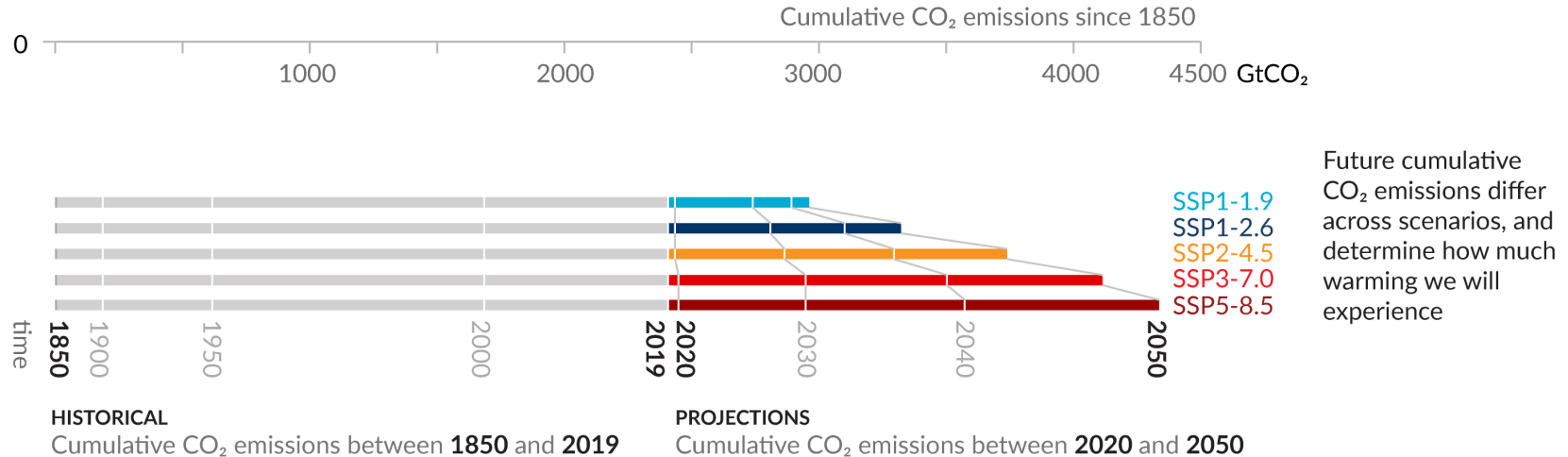
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