

IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C

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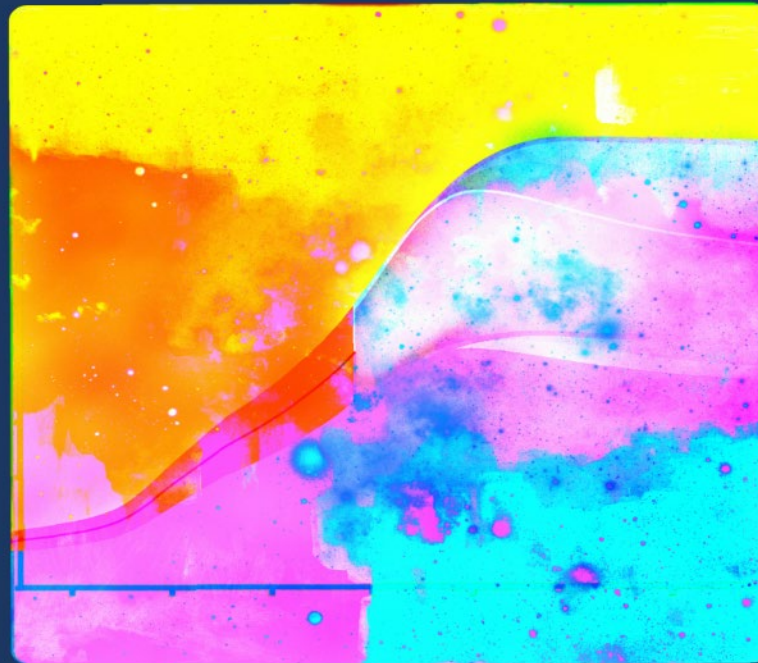
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• **Every bit of warming matters** •

• **Every year matters** •

• **Every choice matters** •

Understanding Global Warming of 1.5°C



Where are we now?

Since pre-industrial times, human activities have caused approximately 1°C of global warming.

- Already seeing consequences for people, nature and livelihoods
- At current rate, would reach 1.5°C between 2030 and 2052
- Past emissions alone do not commit the world to 1.5°C

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Projected Climate Change, Potential Impacts and Associated Risks



Impacts of global warming 1.5°C

At 1.5°C compared to 2°C:

- Less extreme weather where people live, including extreme heat and rainfall
- By 2100, global mean sea level rise will be around 10 cm lower but may continue to rise for centuries
- 10 million fewer people exposed to risk of rising seas



Impacts of global warming 1.5°C

At 1.5°C compared to 2°C:

- Lower impact on biodiversity and species
- Smaller reductions in yields of maize, rice, wheat
- Global population exposed to increased water shortages is up to 50% less



Impacts of global warming 1.5°C

At 1.5°C compared to 2°C:

- Lower risk to fisheries and the livelihoods that depend on them
- Up to several hundred million fewer people exposed to climate-related risk and susceptible to poverty by 2050

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Emission Pathways and System Transitions Consistent with 1.5°C Global Warming



Greenhouse gas emissions pathways

- To limit warming to 1.5°C, CO₂ emissions fall by about 45% by 2030 (from 2010 levels)
 - ↳ Compared to 25% for 2°C
- To limit warming to 1.5°C, CO₂ emissions would need to reach 'net zero' around 2050
 - ↳ Compared to around 2070 for 2°C
- Reducing non-CO₂ emissions would have direct and immediate health benefits



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



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



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 CO₂ emissions to decline substantially before 2030

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Strengthening the Global Response in the Context of Sustainable Development and Efforts to Eradicate Poverty



Climate change and people

- Close links to United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Mix of measures to adapt to climate change and reduce emissions can have benefits for SDGs
- National and sub-national authorities, civil society, the private sector, indigenous peoples and local communities can support ambitious action
- International cooperation is a critical part of limiting warming to 1.5°C

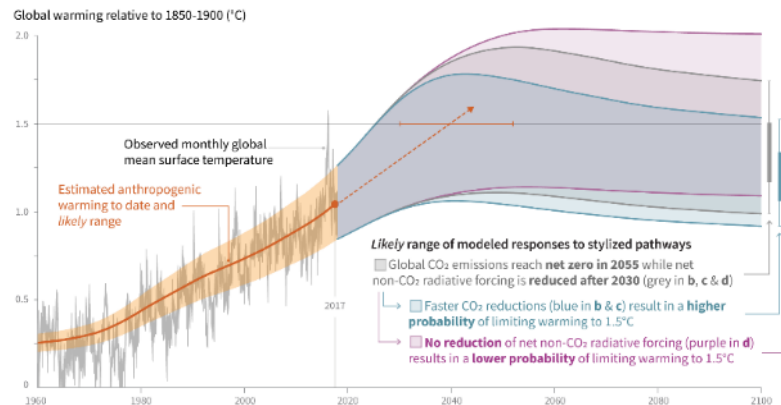


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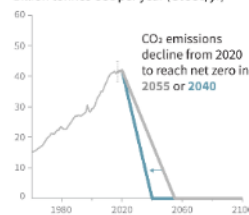
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b) Stylized net global CO₂ emission pathways

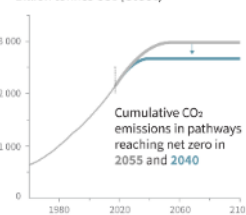
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Faster immediate CO₂ emission reductions limit cumulative CO₂ emissions shown in panel (c).

c) Cumulative net CO₂ emissions

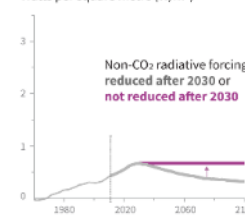
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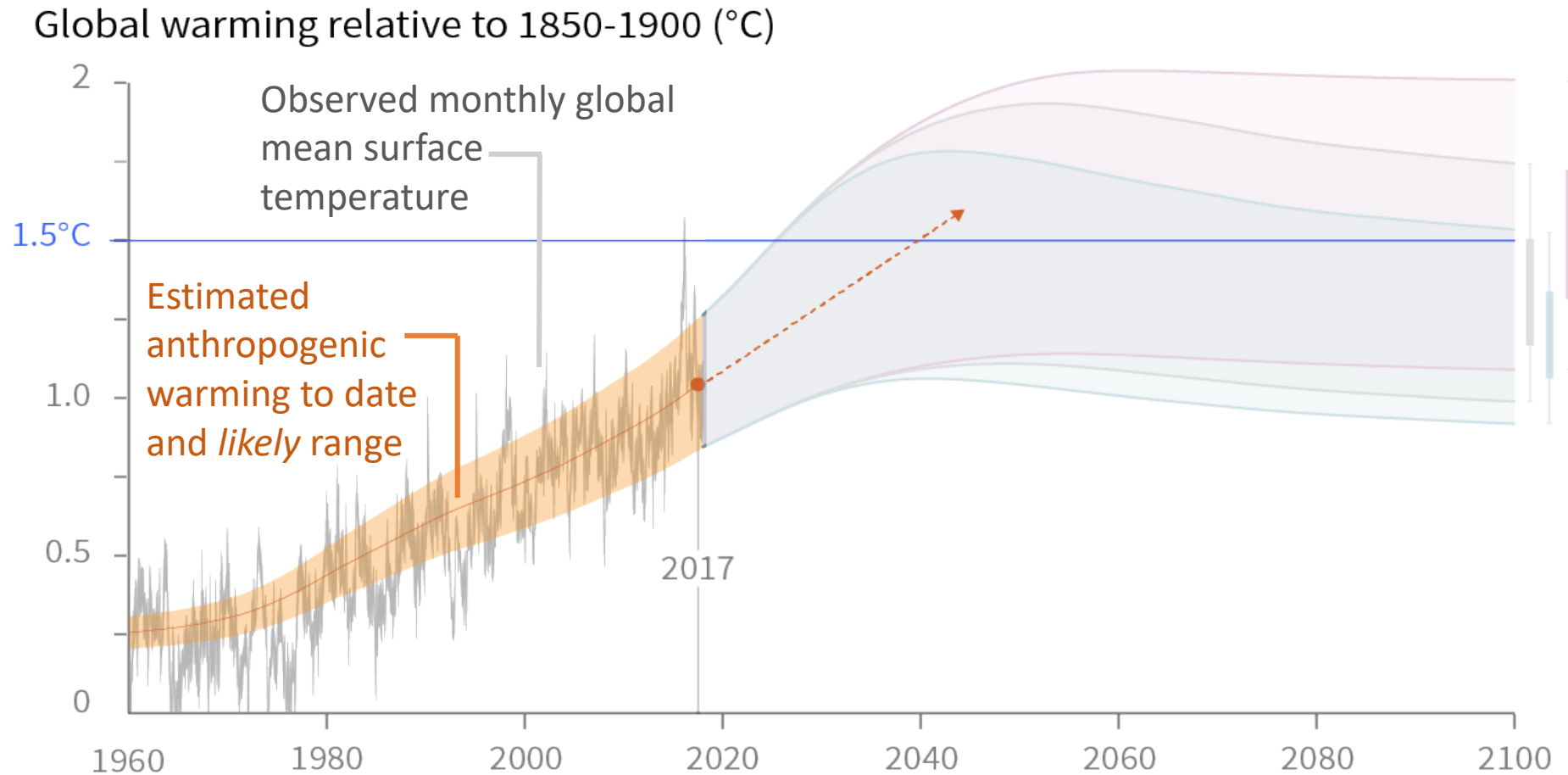
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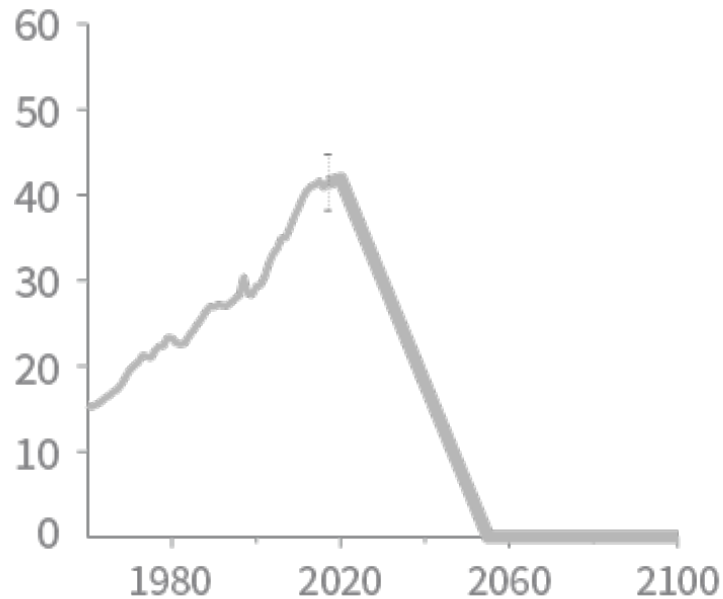
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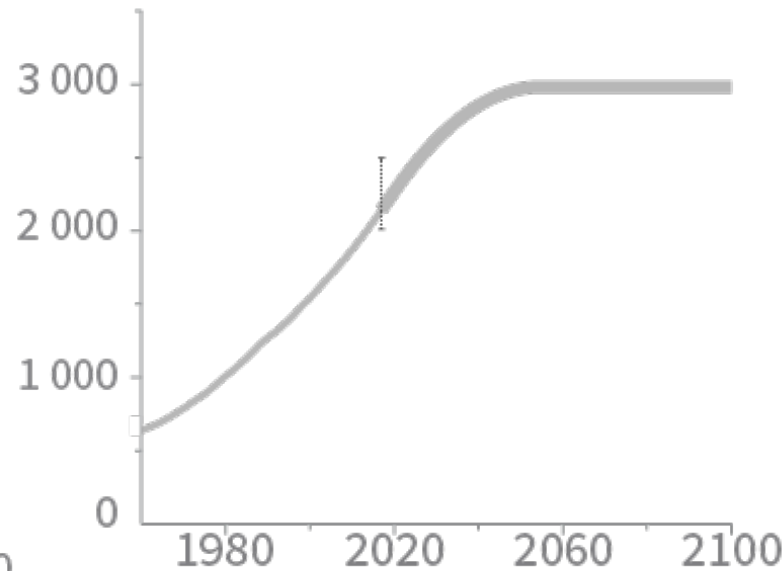
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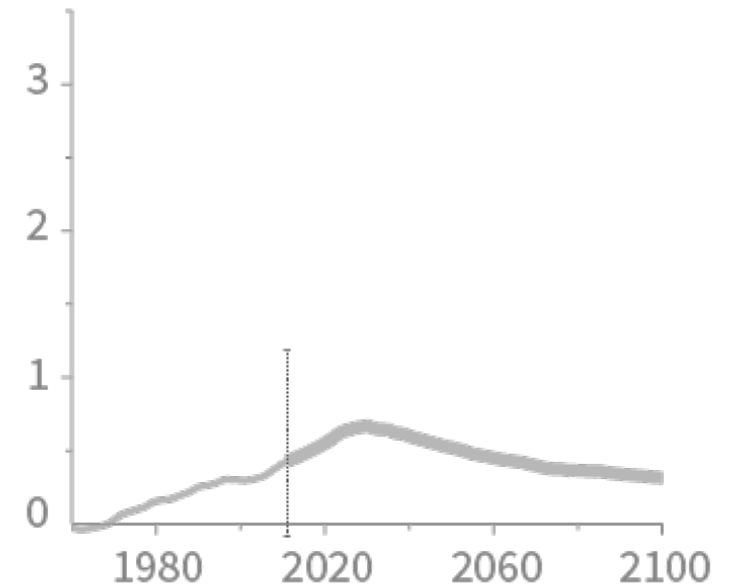
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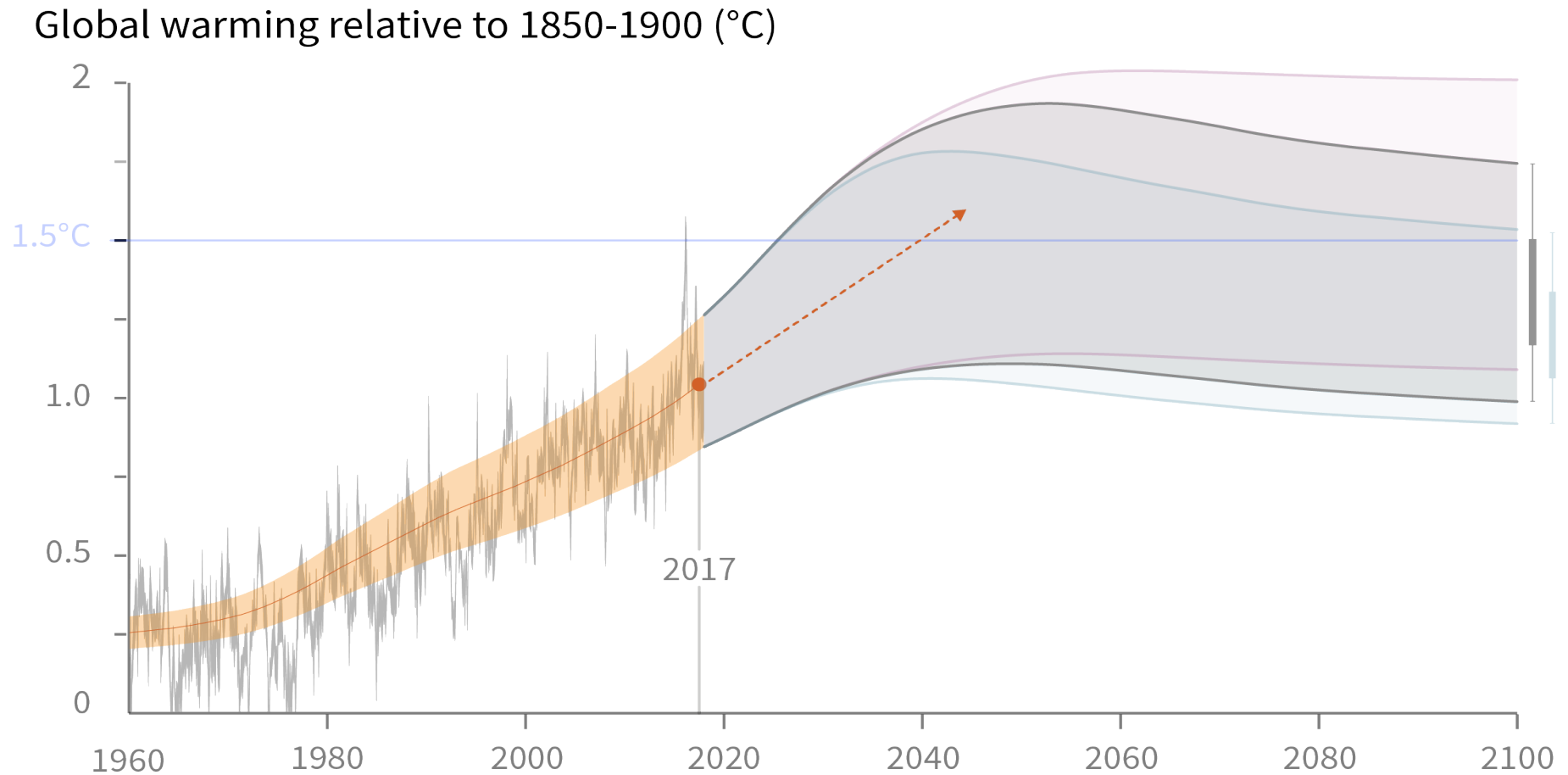


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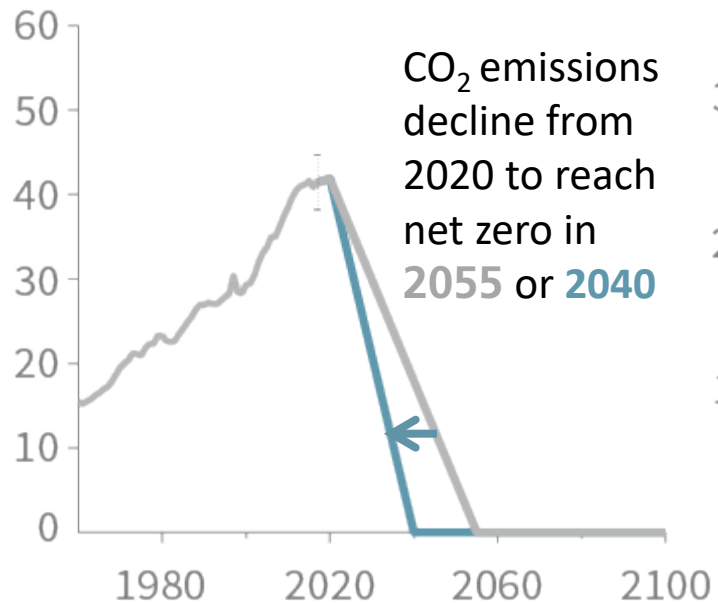
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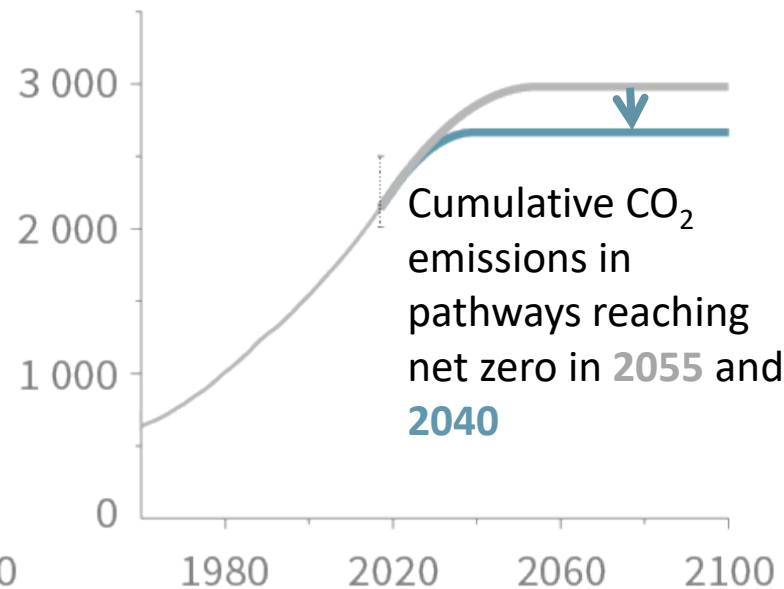
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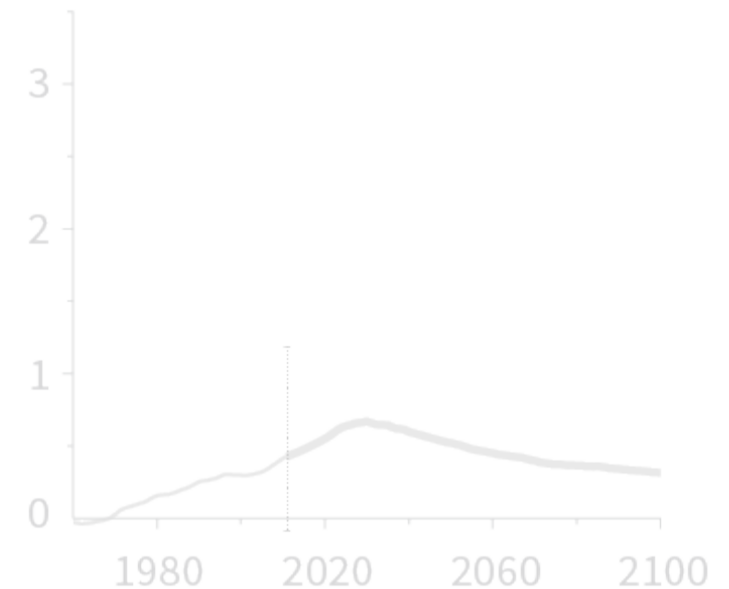
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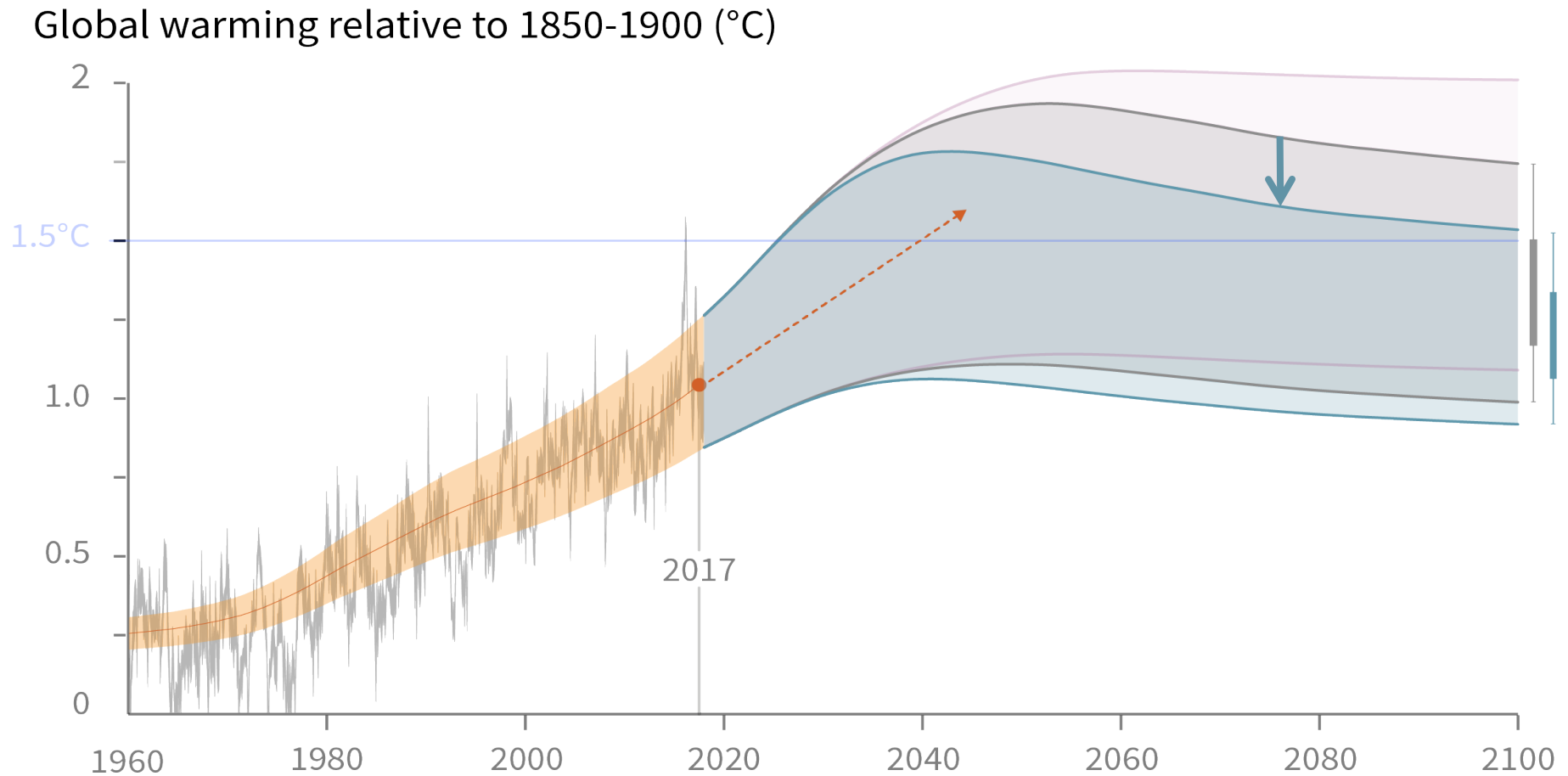


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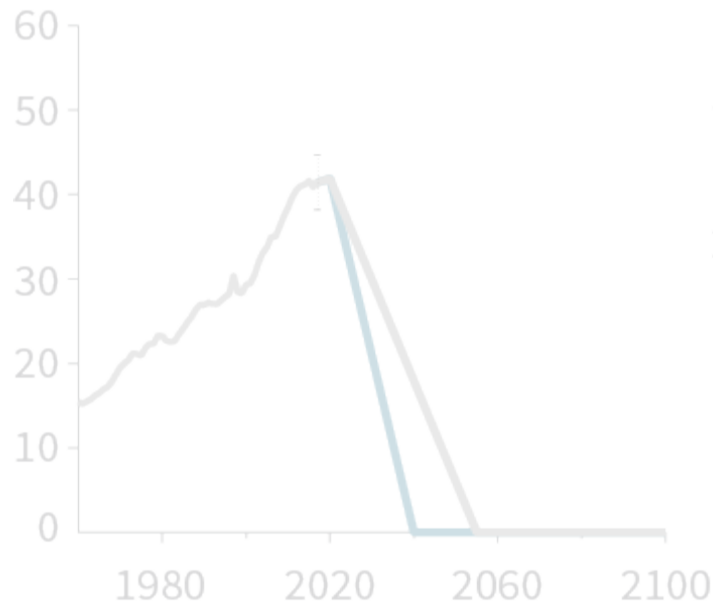
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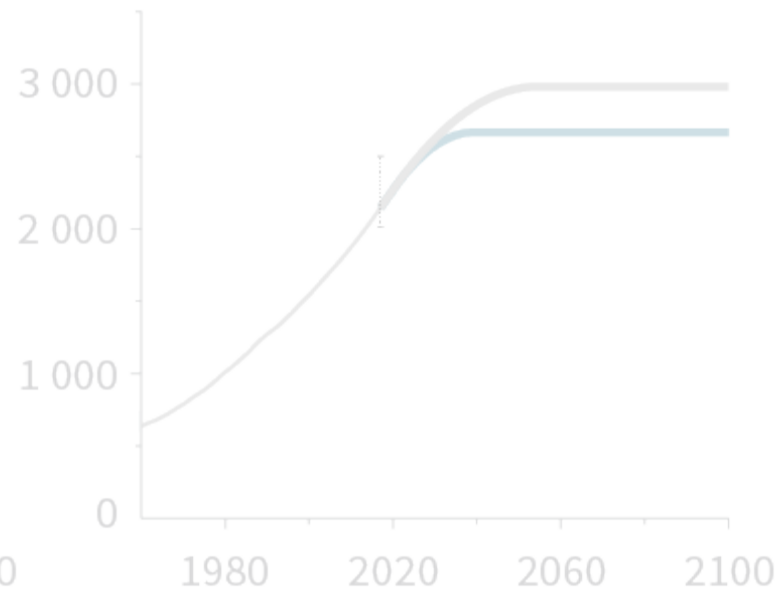
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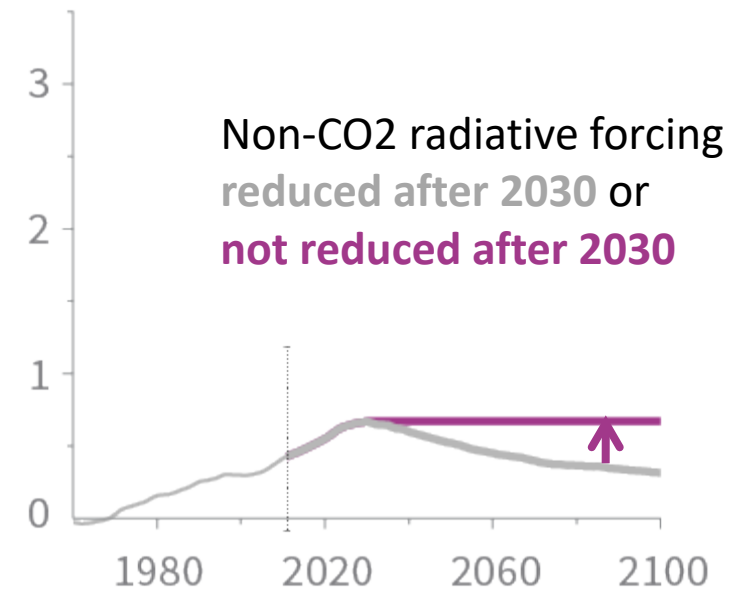
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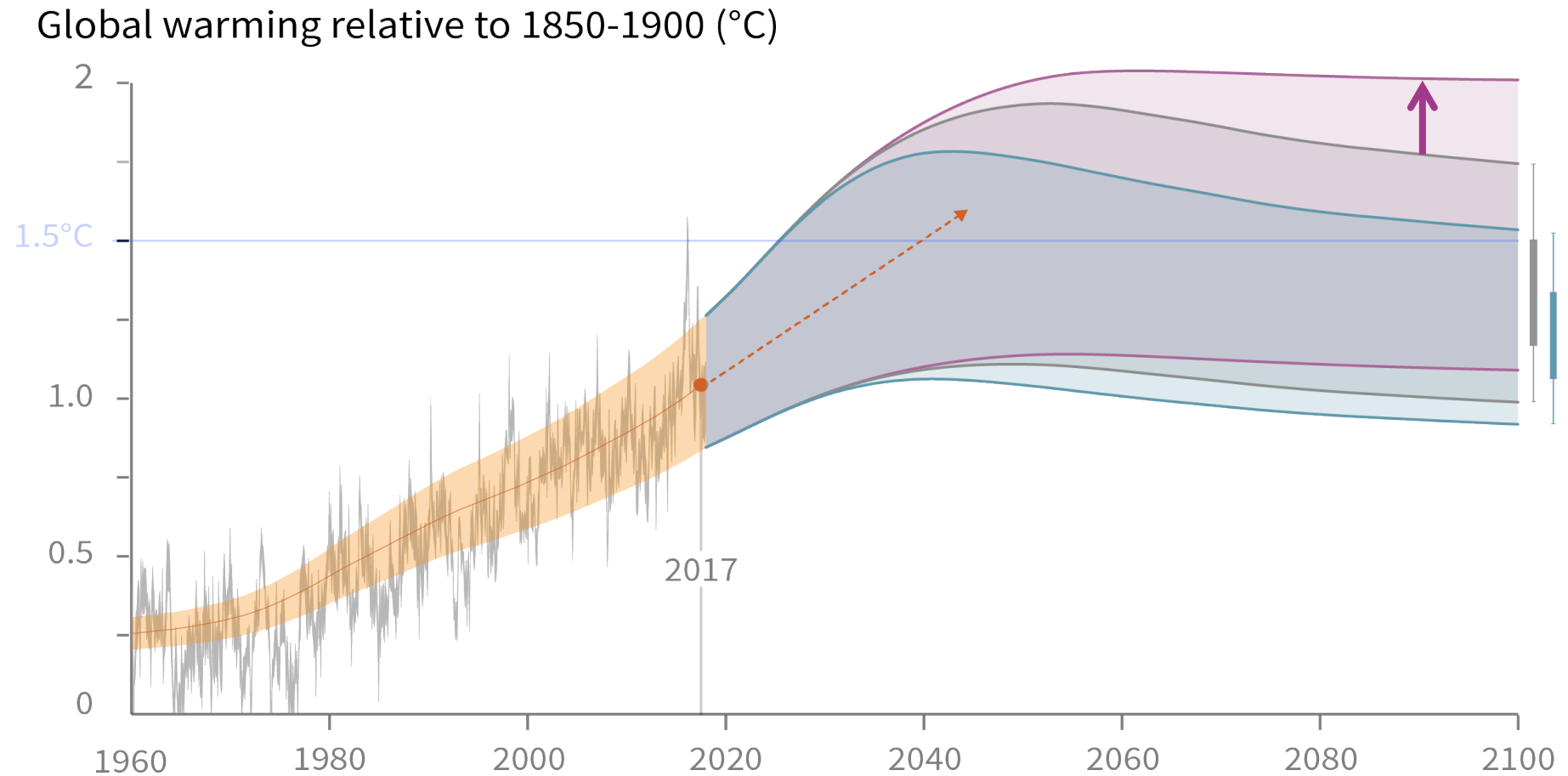


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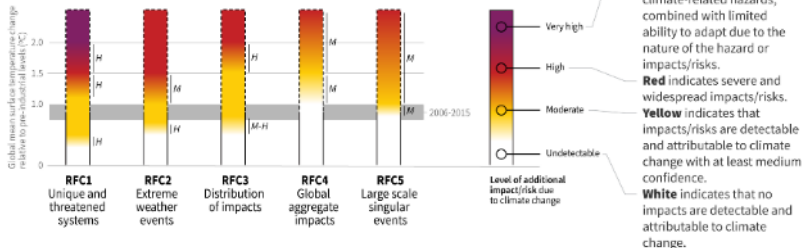
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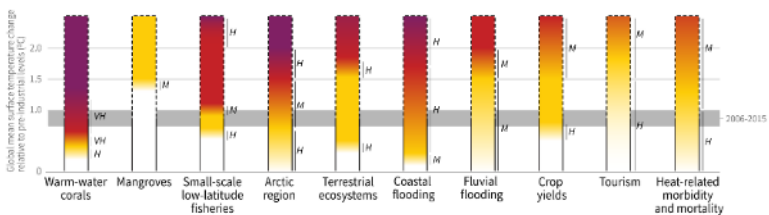
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Five Reasons For Concern (RFCs) illustrate the impacts and risks of different levels of global warming for people, economies and ecosystems across sectors and regions.

Impacts and risks associated with the Reasons for Concern (RFCs)



Impacts and risks for selected natural, managed and human systems

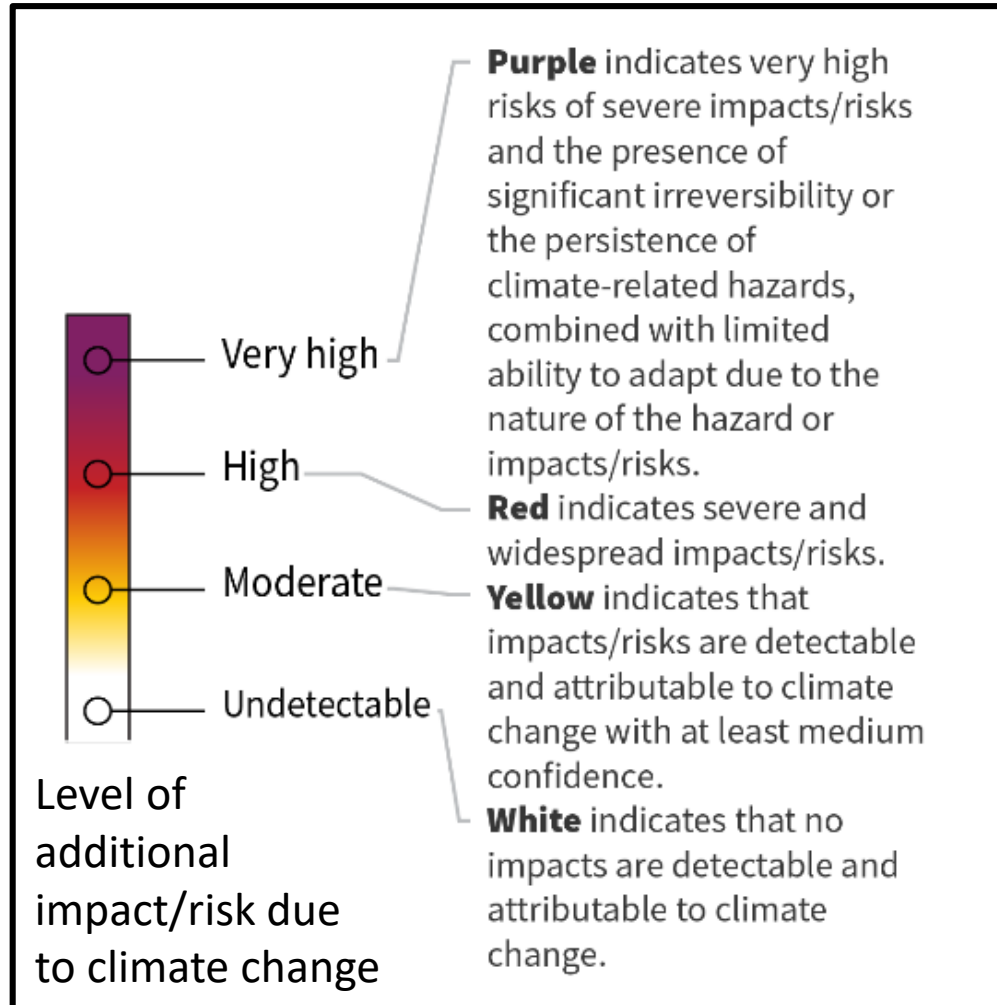


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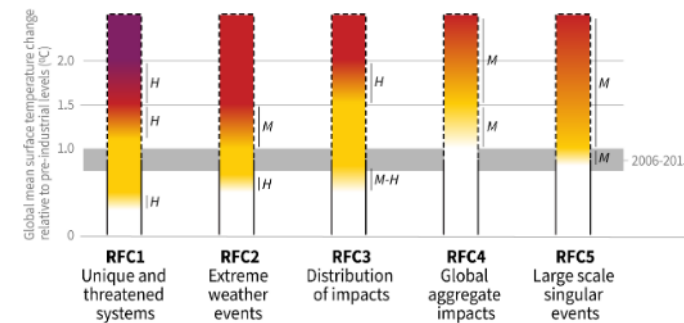
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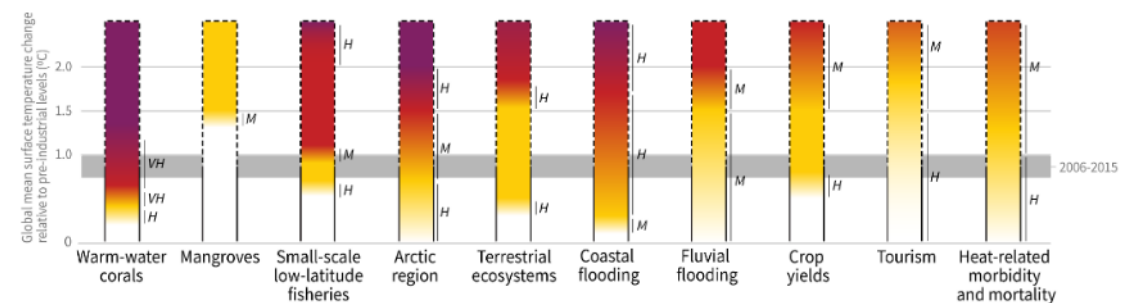
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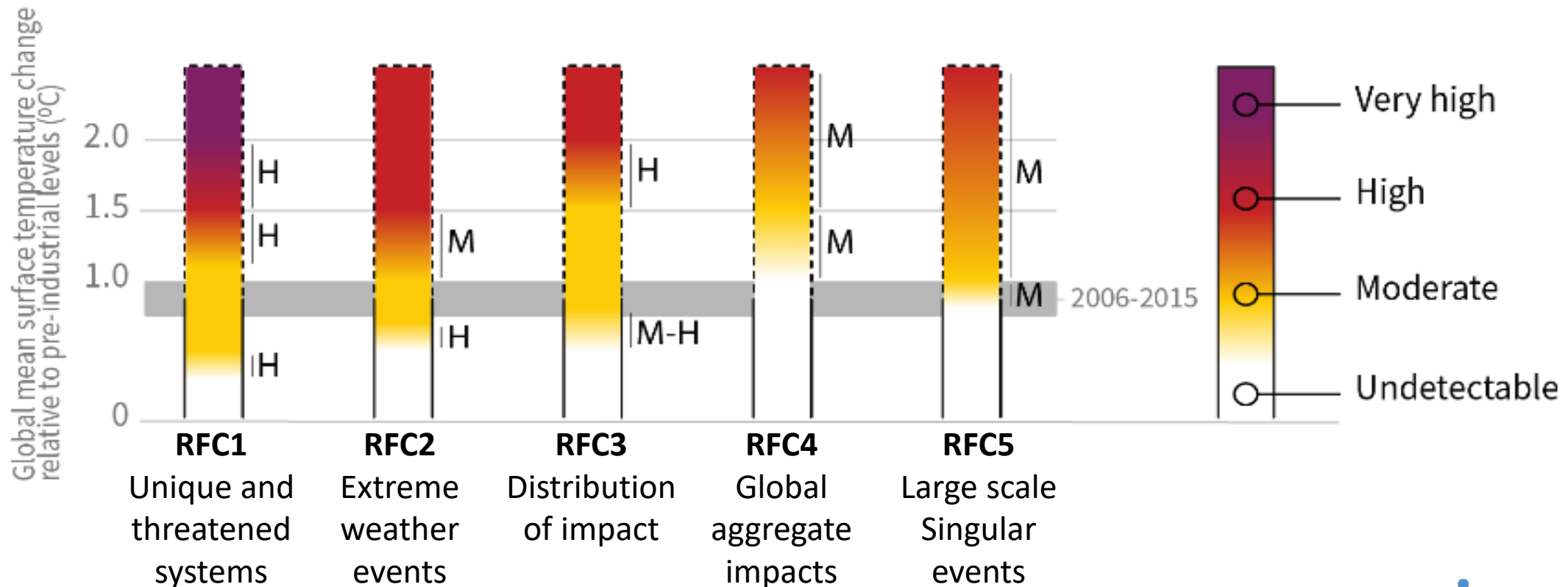
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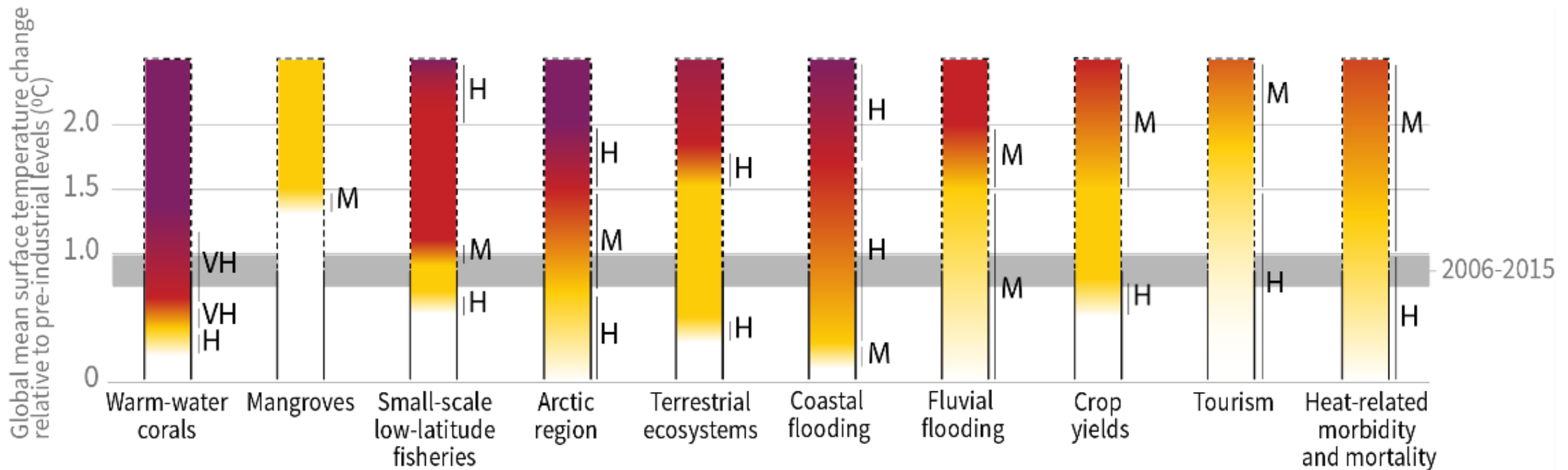


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SPM2 | Example : Terrestrial ecosystems

By 2.5°C, **biome shifts** and species range losses escalate to very high levels – adaptation options are very limited (*irreversible*).

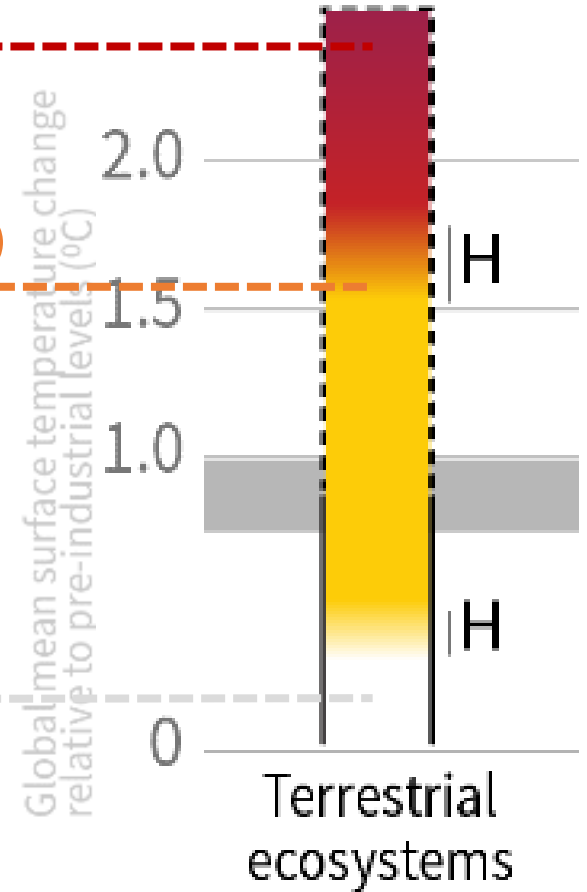
Key transition between 1.5°C to 2.0°C due to extensive shifts of biomes and a doubling or tripling of the number of plants, animals or insects losing over half of their climatically determined geographic ranges

No detection and attribution of impacts of global warming on terrestrial ecosystems

> 2.0°C (risk)

+ 1.5 to 2.0°C (risk)

+ < 0.3°C (< 1975)



Differences become much larger between 1.5°C and 2.0°C

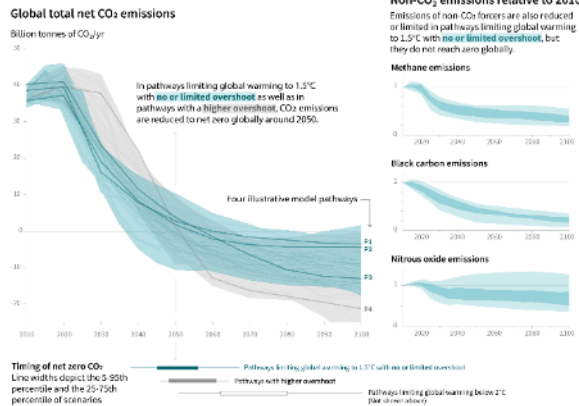
SPM3

b) Characteristics of four illustrative model pathways

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Global emissions pathway characteristics

General characteristics of the evolution of anthropogenic net emissions of CO₂, and total emissions of methane, black carbon, and nitrous oxide in model pathways that limit global warming to 1.5°C with no or limited overshoot. Net emissions are defined as anthropogenic emissions reduced by anthropogenic removals. Reductions in net emissions can be achieved through different portfolios of mitigation measures illustrated in Figure SPM.3b.



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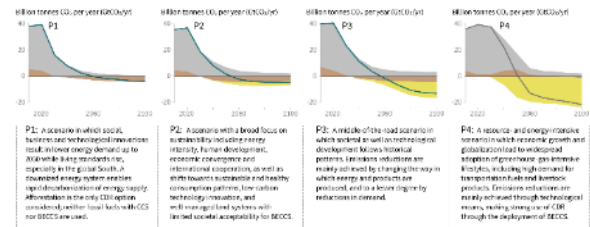
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Characteristics of four illustrative model pathways

Different mitigation strategies can achieve the net emissions reductions that would be required to follow a pathway that limits global warming to 1.5°C with no or limited overshoot. All pathways use Carbon Dioxide Removal (CDR), but the amount varies across pathways, as do the relative contributions of Bioenergy with Carbon Capture and Storage (BECCS) and removals in the Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use (AFOLU) sector. This has implications for emissions and several other pathway characteristics.

Breakdown of contributions to global net CO₂ emissions in four illustrative model pathways

● Fossil fuel and industry ● AFOLU ● BECCS



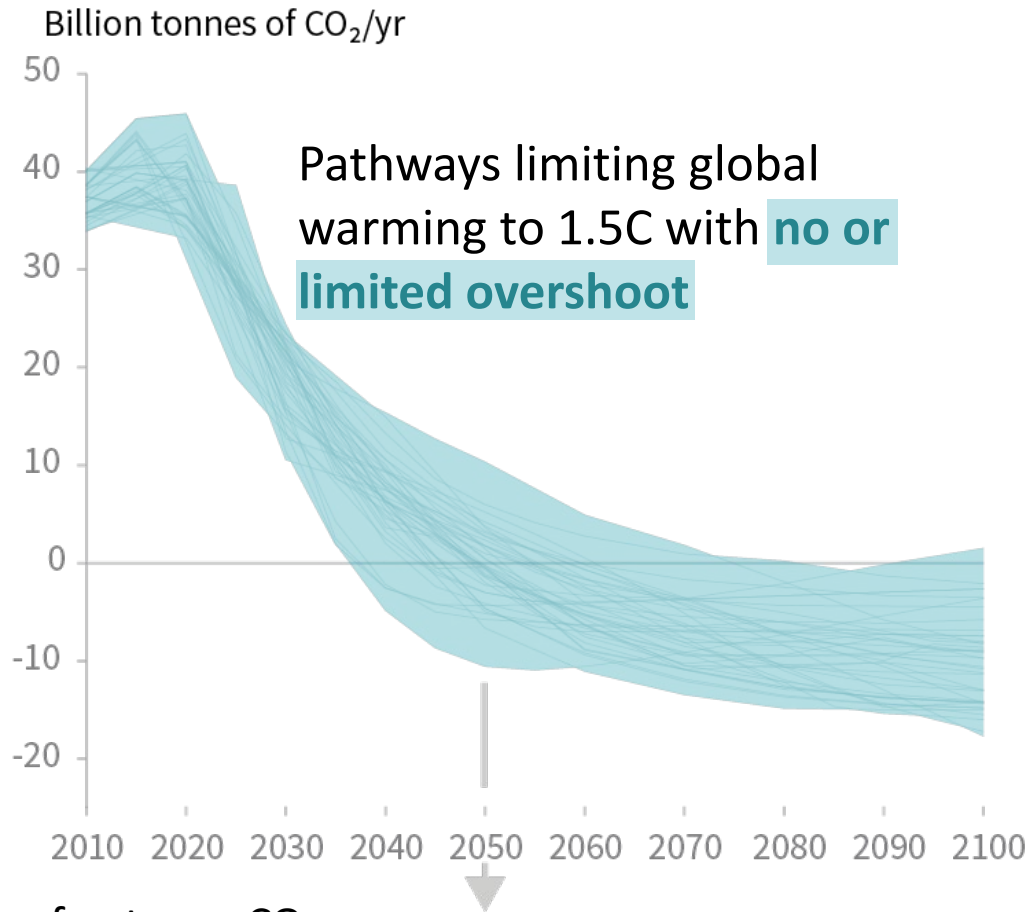
Global indicators	P1	P2	P3	P4	Interquartile range
Non-Enriched countries	Not in the Enriched countries	Not in the Enriched countries	Not in the Enriched countries	Higher standard	Not in the Enriched countries
China's economic growth in 2002 (GDP, % w.r.t. 2001)	5.0	-4.1	-4.3	4	2.14, 401
China in 2002 (GDP, 2001=100)	-4.3	-3.8	-3.4	6.87	6.87, 446
Europe's economic growth in 2002 (GDP, % w.r.t. 2001)	5.0	-4.0	-3.0	7	2.14, 401
Europe in 2002 (GDP, 2001=100)	-4.2	-4.0	-3.0	-300	102, 432
France's economic growth in 2002 (GDP, % w.r.t. 2001)	-15	5	17	30	142, 73
France in 2002 (GDP, 2001=100)	-3.1	-2.1	-1.1	44	132, 432
Germany's economic growth in 2002 (GDP, % w.r.t. 2001)	22	5.0	-6.0	25	107, 67
Germany in 2002 (GDP, 2001=100)	7.1	8.4	10.1	10	34, 462
Italy's economic growth in 2002 (GDP, % w.r.t. 2001)	-17	-10.1	-17.5	-109	107, 432
Italy in 2002 (GDP, 2001=100)	-3.7	-1.7	-2.7	27	142, 73
Japan's economic growth in 2002 (GDP, % w.r.t. 2001)	-3.7	-1.3	-1.3	-8.1	3.84, 33
Japan in 2002 (GDP, 2001=100)	-4.7	-5.0	-4.1	-32	170, 432
United States' economic growth in 2002 (GDP, % w.r.t. 2001)	2.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	1.74, 73
United States in 2002 (GDP, 2001=100)	-1.4	-0.3	-0.1	-9.1	107, 67
United Kingdom's economic growth in 2002 (GDP, % w.r.t. 2001)	5.0	2.0	0.0	10.1	114, 229
United Kingdom in 2002 (GDP, 2001=100)	1.0	1.0	1.0	4.0	193, 109
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NOTE: Indicators have been selected to show trends identified by the Chapter 2 assessment. National and local characteristics can differ substantially from the global trends shown above.

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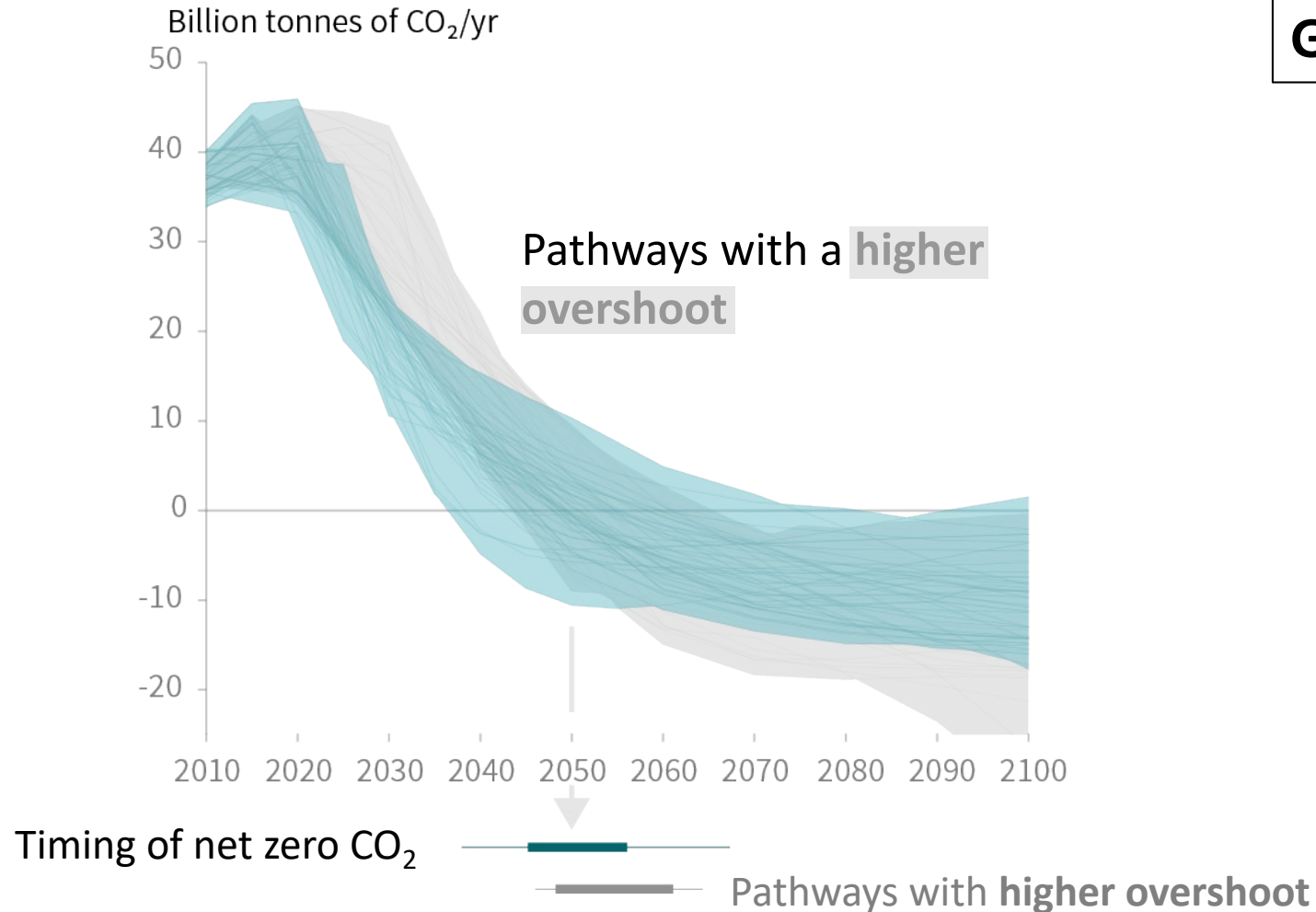
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Timing of net zero CO₂ ——— **Pathways with no or limited overshoot**

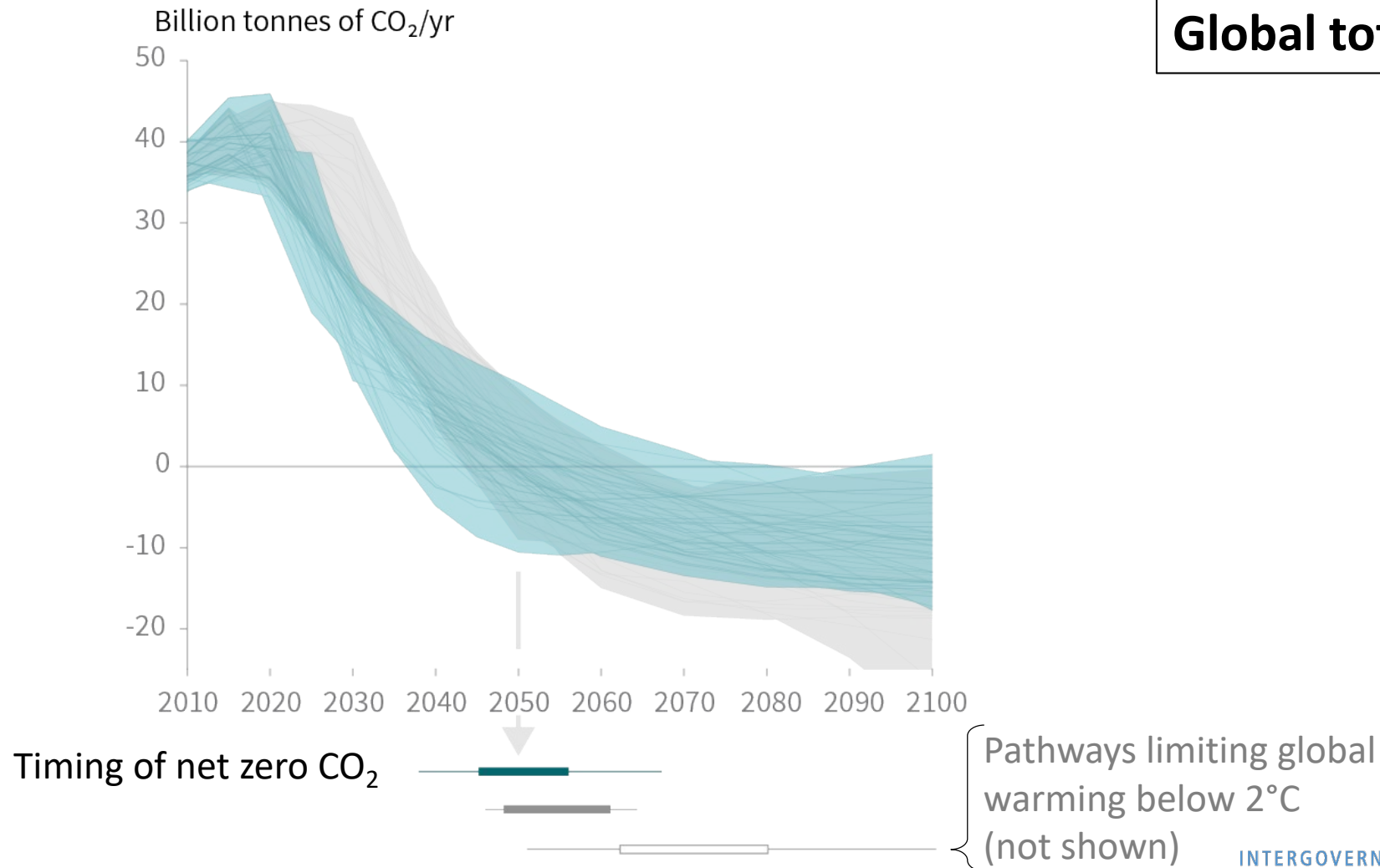
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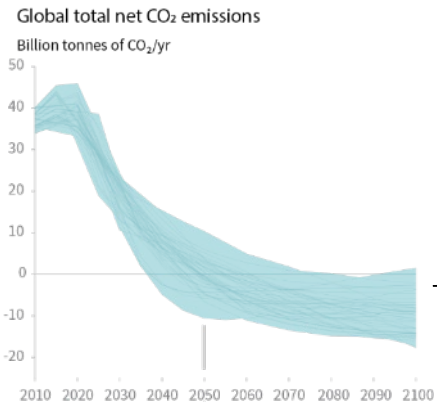


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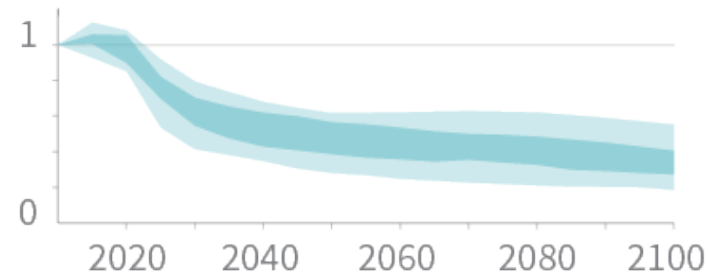
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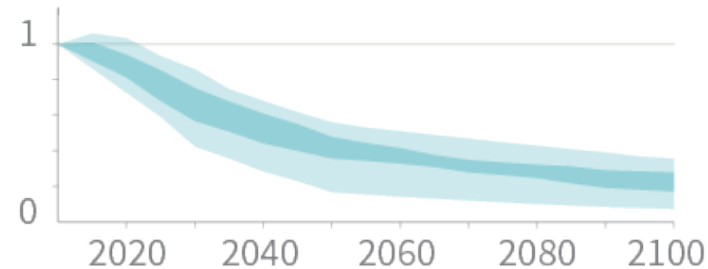
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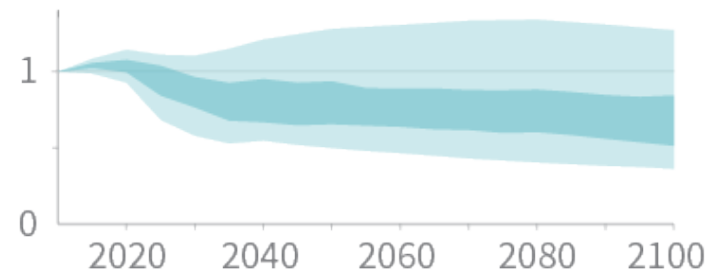
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Black carbon emissions



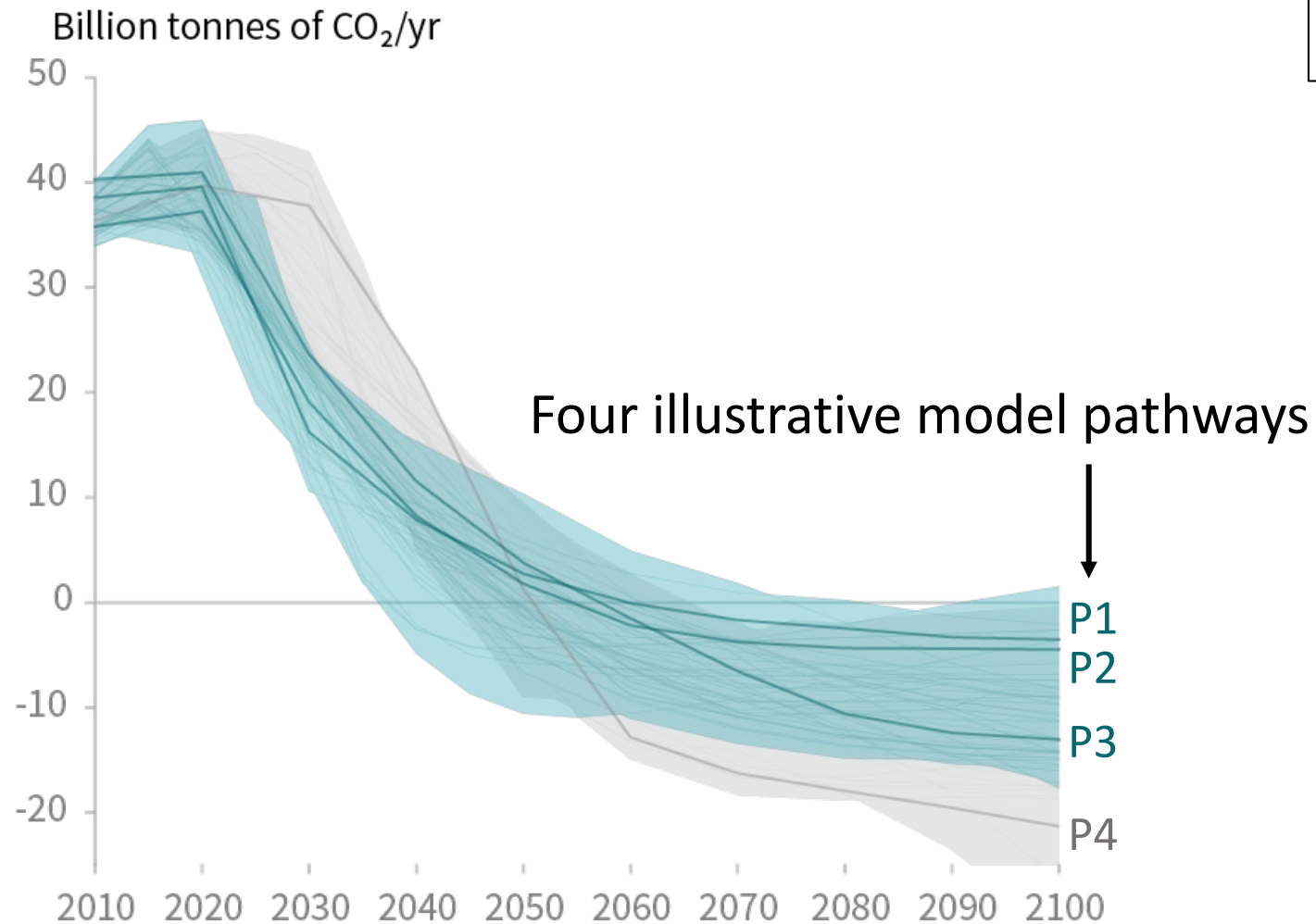
Nitrous oxide emissions



Non-CO₂ emissions relative to 2010

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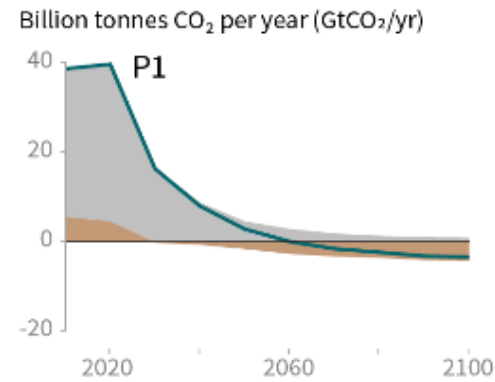


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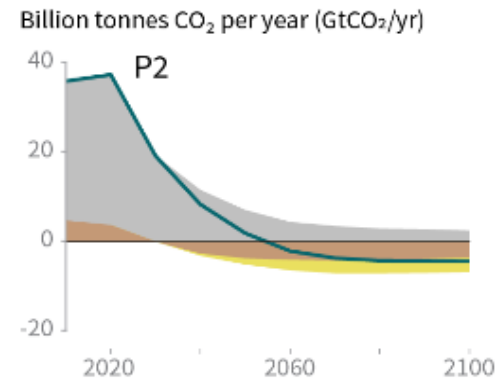
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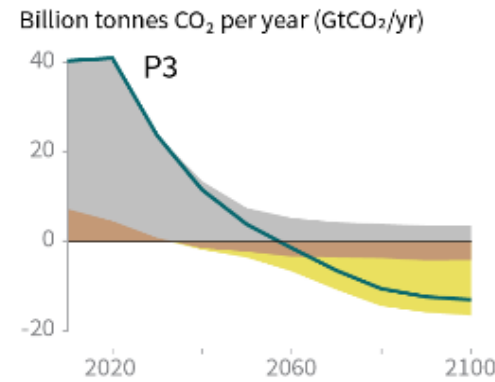
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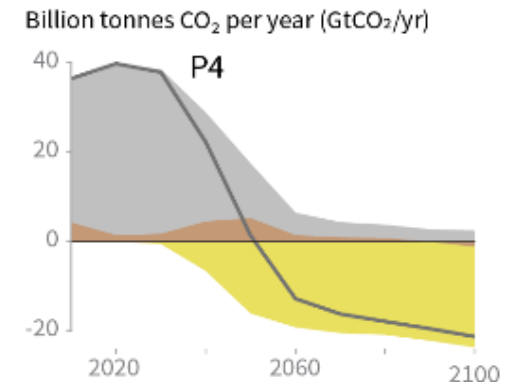
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P2: A scenario with a broad focus on sustainability including energy intensity, human development, economic convergence and international cooperation, as well as shifts towards sustainable and healthy consumption patterns, low-carbon technology innovation, and well-managed land systems with limited societal acceptability for BECCS.



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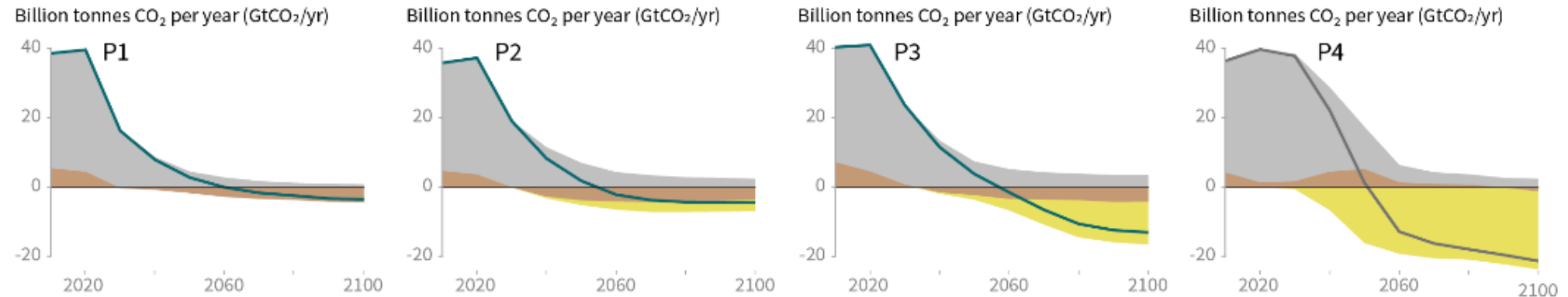


P4: A resource- and energy-intensive scenario in which economic growth and globalization lead to widespread adoption of greenhouse-gas-intensive lifestyles, including high demand for transportation fuels and livestock products. Emissions reductions are mainly achieved through technological means, making strong use of CDR through the deployment of BECCS.

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Innovation and lower energy demand, with development

Innovation and sustainability focus

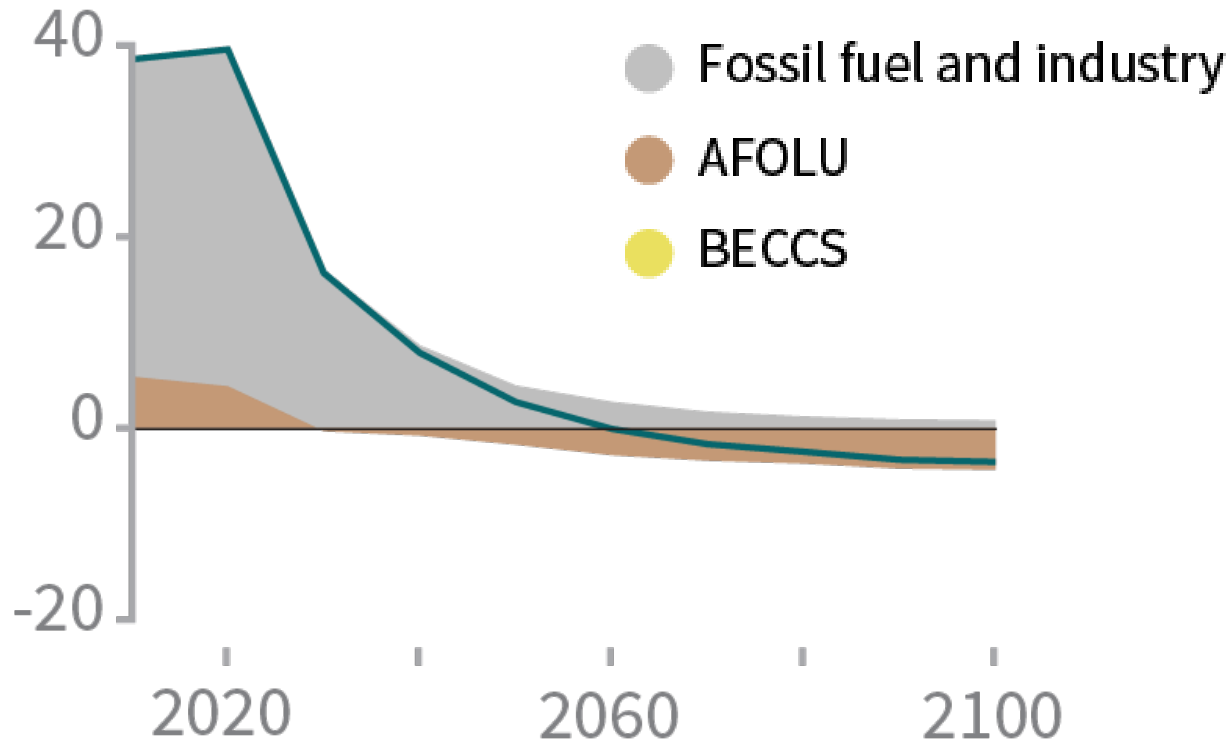
Middle of the road, historical patterns of development

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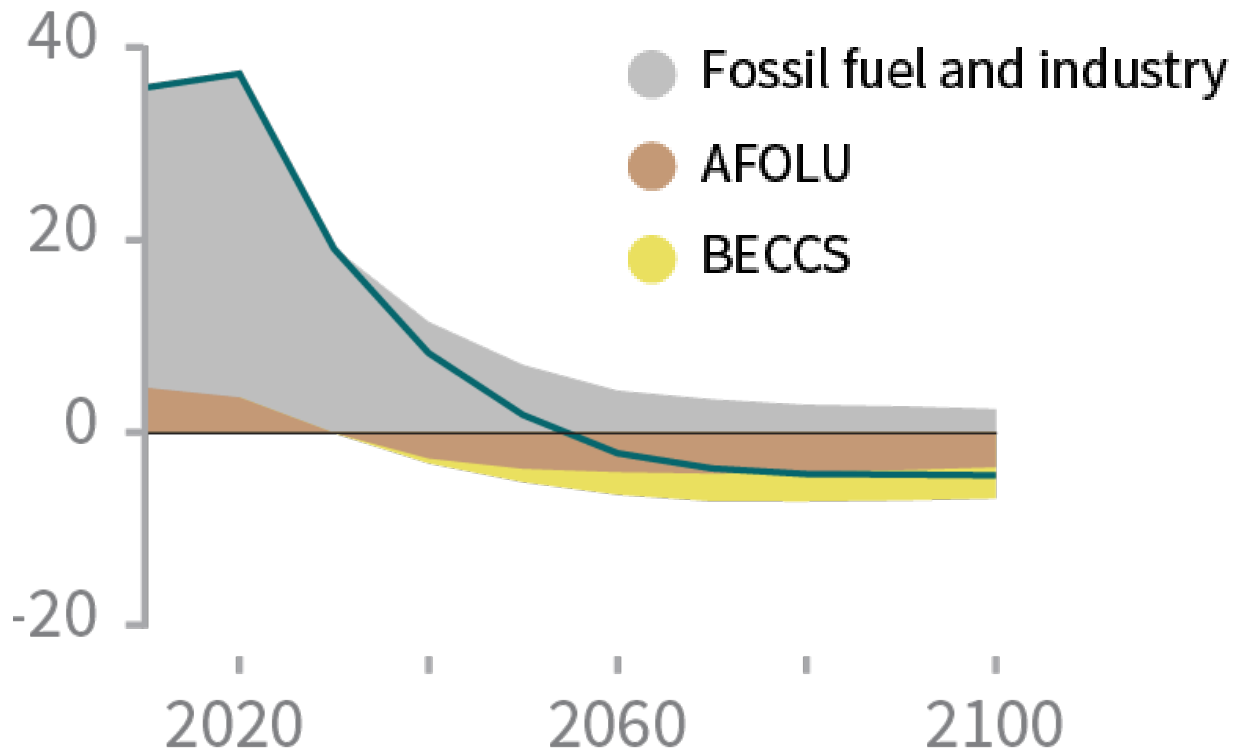


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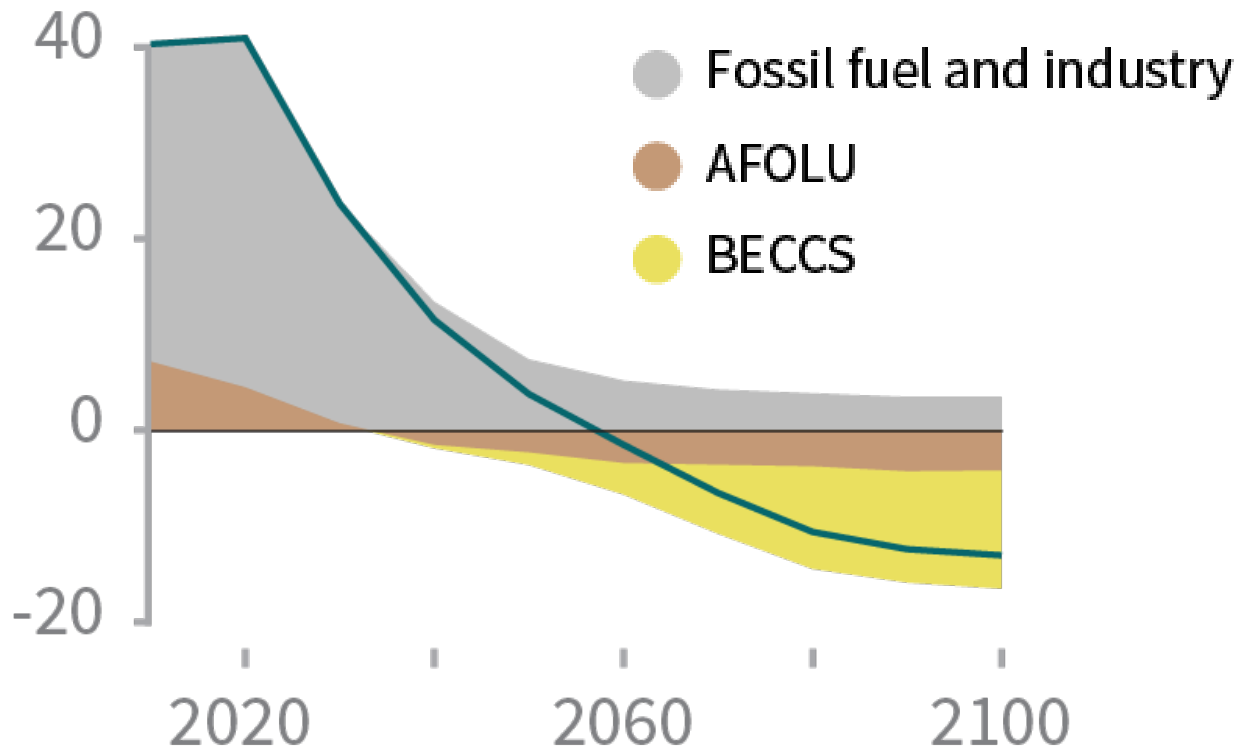


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P3

Billion tonnes CO₂ per year (GtCO₂/yr)

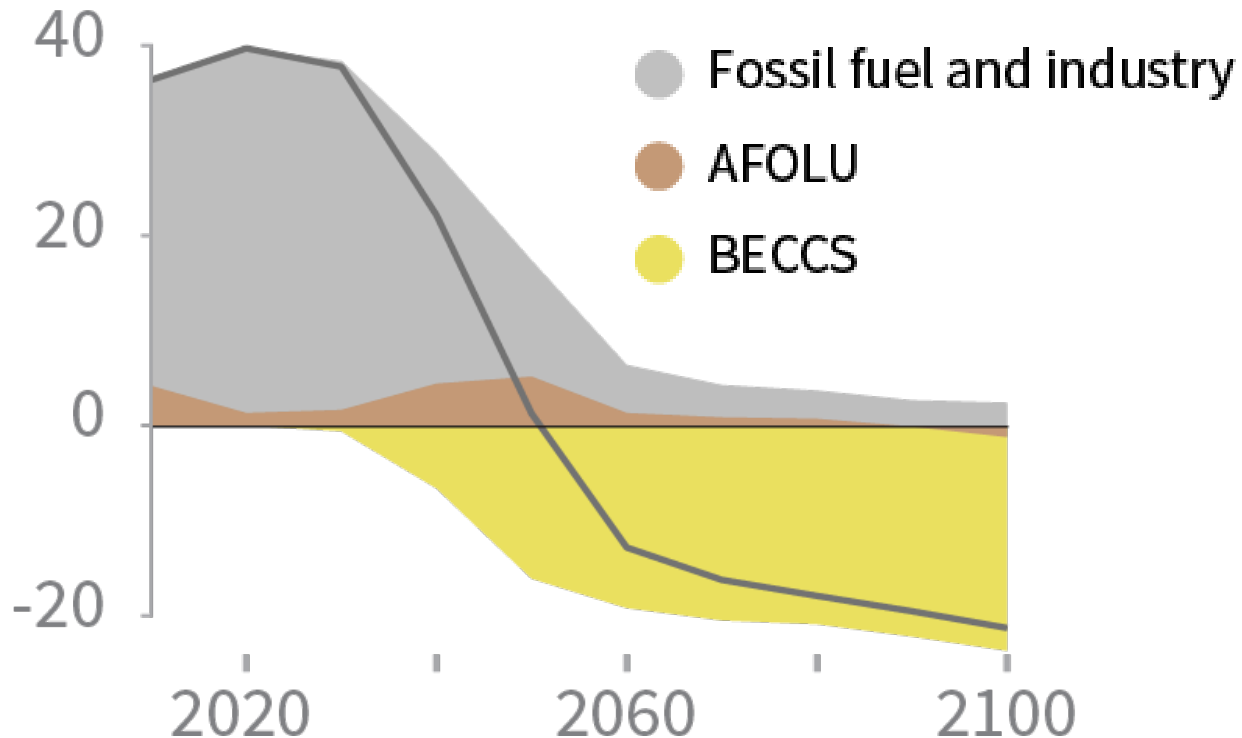


P3: A middle-of-the-road scenario in which societal as well as technological development follows historical patterns. Emissions reductions are mainly achieved by changing the way in which energy and products are produced, and to a lesser degree by reductions in demand.

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P4

Billion tonnes CO₂ per year (GtCO₂/yr)



P4: A resource- and energy-intensive scenario in which economic growth and globalization lead to widespread adoption of greenhouse-gas-intensive lifestyles, including high demand for transportation fuels and livestock products. Emissions reductions are mainly achieved through technological means, making strong use of CDR through the deployment of BECCS.

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Temperature
and emissions

Energy systems

Carbon dioxide
removal

Agriculture

Global indicators	P1	P2	P3	P4	Interquartile range
Pathway classification	No or low overshoot	No or low overshoot	No or low overshoot	High overshoot	No or low overshoot
CO ₂ emission change in 2030 (% rel to 2010)	-58	-47	-41	4	(-59,-40)
↳ in 2050 (% rel to 2010)	-93	-95	-91	-97	(-104,-91)
Kyoto-GHG emissions* in 2030 (% rel to 2010)	-50	-49	-35	-2	(-55,-38)
↳ in 2050 (% rel to 2010)	-82	-89	-78	-80	(-93,-81)
Final energy demand** in 2030 (% rel to 2010)	-15	-5	17	39	(-12, 7)
↳ in 2050 (% rel to 2010)	-32	2	21	44	(-11, 22)
Renewable share in electricity in 2030 (%)	60	58	48	25	(47, 65)
↳ in 2050 (%)	77	81	63	70	(69, 87)
Primary energy from coal in 2030 (% rel to 2010)	-78	-61	-75	-59	(-78, -59)
↳ in 2050 (% rel to 2010)	-97	-77	-73	-97	(-95, -74)
from oil in 2030 (% rel to 2010)	-37	-13	-3	86	(-34,3)
↳ in 2050 (% rel to 2010)	-87	-50	-81	-32	(-78,-31)
from gas in 2030 (% rel to 2010)	-25	-20	33	37	(-26,21)
↳ in 2050 (% rel to 2010)	-74	-53	21	-48	(-56,6)
from nuclear in 2030 (% rel to 2010)	59	83	98	106	(44,102)
↳ in 2050 (% rel to 2010)	150	98	501	468	(91,190)
from biomass in 2030 (% rel to 2010)	-11	0	36	-1	(29,80)
↳ in 2050 (% rel to 2010)	-16	49	121	418	(123,261)
from non-biomass renewables in 2030 (% rel to 2010)	430	470	315	110	(243,438)
↳ in 2050 (% rel to 2010)	832	1327	878	1137	(575,1300)
Cumulative CCS until 2100 (GtCO ₂)	0	348	687	1218	(550, 1017)
↳ of which BECCS (GtCO ₂)	0	151	414	1191	(364, 662)
Land area of bioenergy crops in 2050 (million hectare)	22	93	283	724	(151, 320)
Agricultural CH ₄ emissions in 2030 (% rel to 2010)	-24	-48	1	14	(-30,-11)
in 2050 (% rel to 2010)	-33	-69	-23	2	(-46,-23)
Agricultural N ₂ O emissions in 2030 (% rel to 2010)	5	-26	15	3	(-21,4)
in 2050 (% rel to 2010)	6	-26	0	39	(-26,1)

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Temperature and emissions

Global indicators	No or limited overshoot			Higher overshoot	No or limited overshoot
	P1	P2	P3	P4	Interquartile range
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Energy systems

	No or limited overshoot		Higher overshoot	No or limited overshoot	
Global indicators	P1	P2	P3	P4	Interquartile range
Final energy demand** in 2030 (% rel to 2010)	-15	-5	17	39	(-12,7)
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Renewable share in electricity in 2030 (%)	60	58	48	25	(47,65)
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Primary energy from coal in 2030 (% rel to 2010)	-78	-61	-75	-59	(-78, -59)
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Carbon dioxide removal

Global indicators

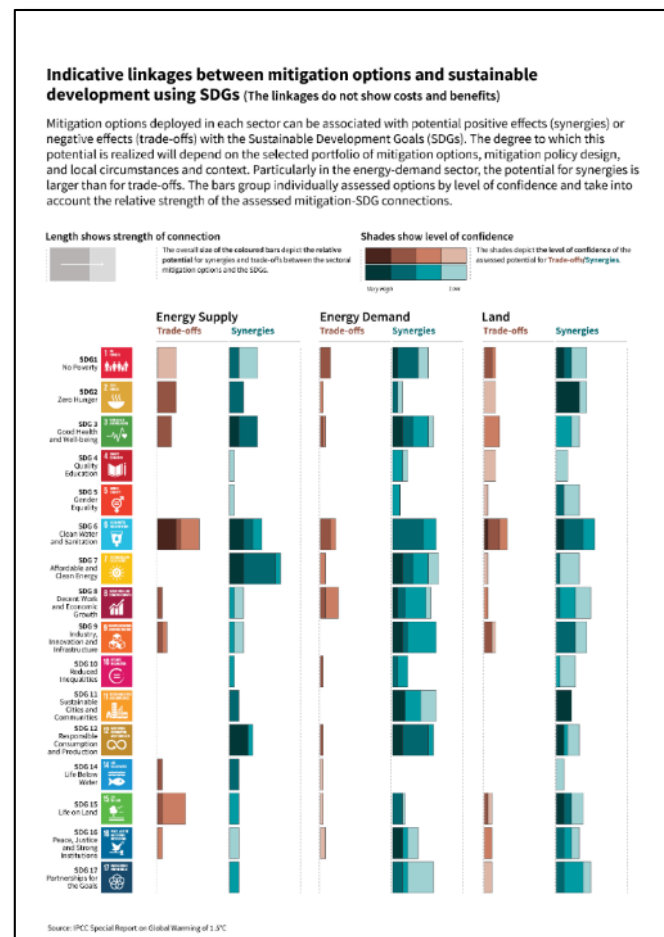
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	P1	P2	P3	P4	Interquartile range
Cumulative CCS until 2100 (GtCO ₂)	0	348	687	1218	(550,1017)
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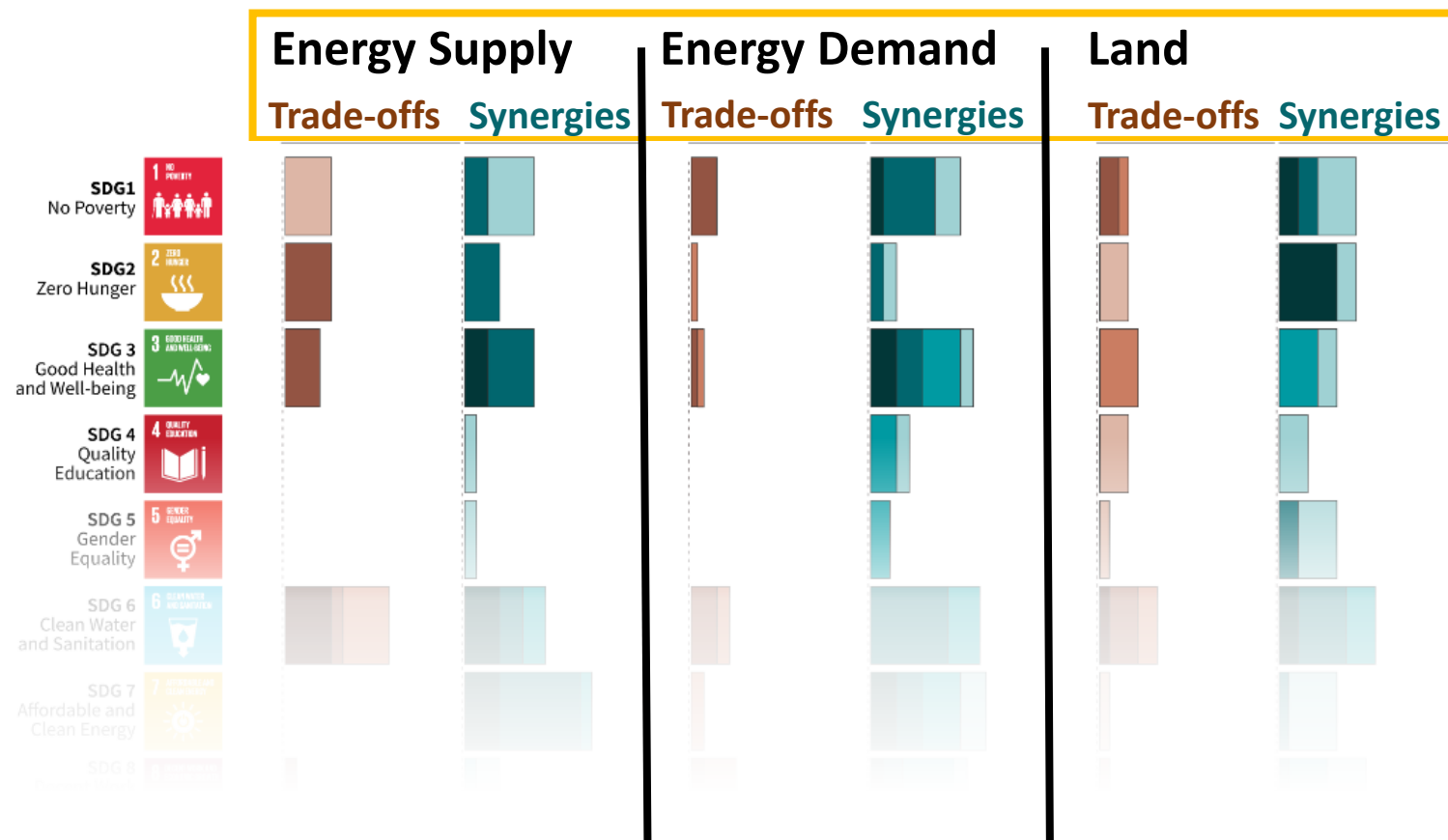
Agriculture

Global indicators	No or limited overshoot			Higher overshoot	No or limited overshoot
	P1	P2	P3	P4	Interquartile range
Land area of bioenergy crops in 2050 (million km ²)	0.2	0.9	2.8	7.2	(1.5,3.2)
Agricultural CH ₄ emissions in 2030 (% rel to 2010)	-24	-48	1	14	(-30,-11)
↳ in 2050 (% rel to 2010)	-33	-69	-23	2	(-47,-24)
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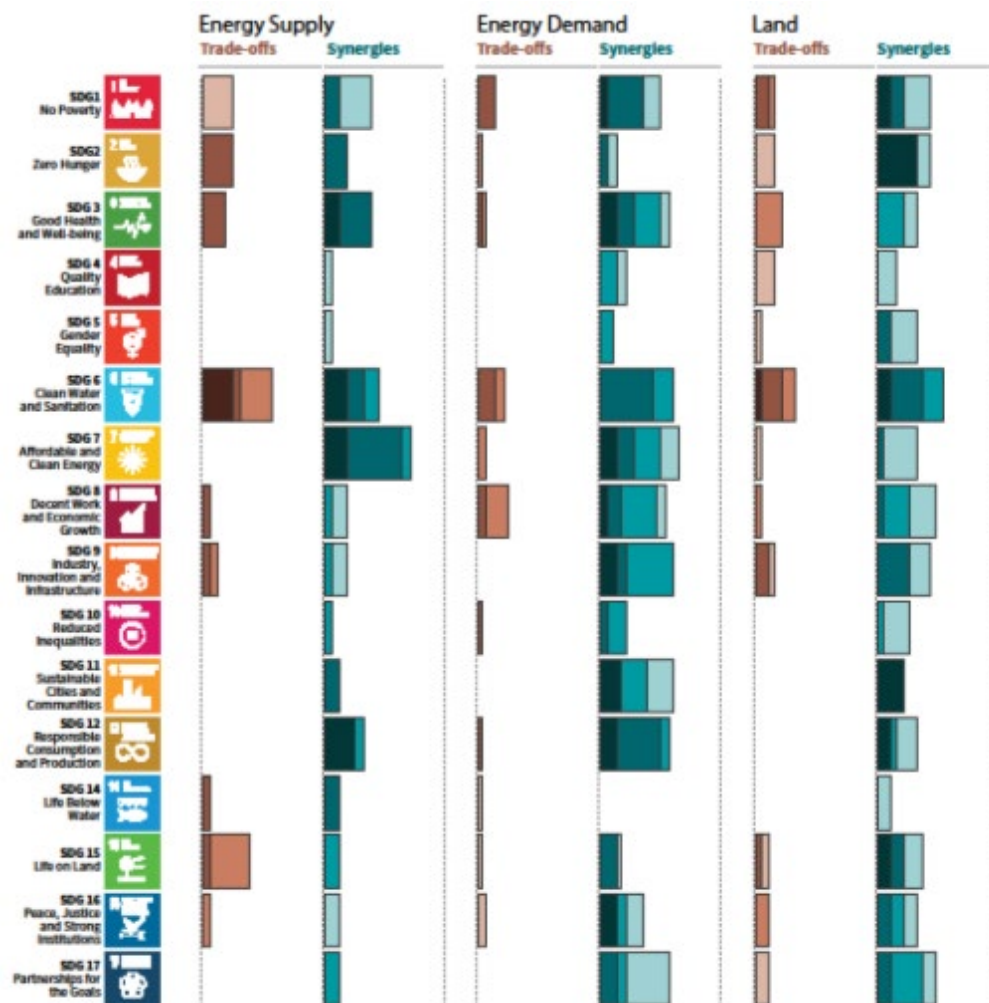
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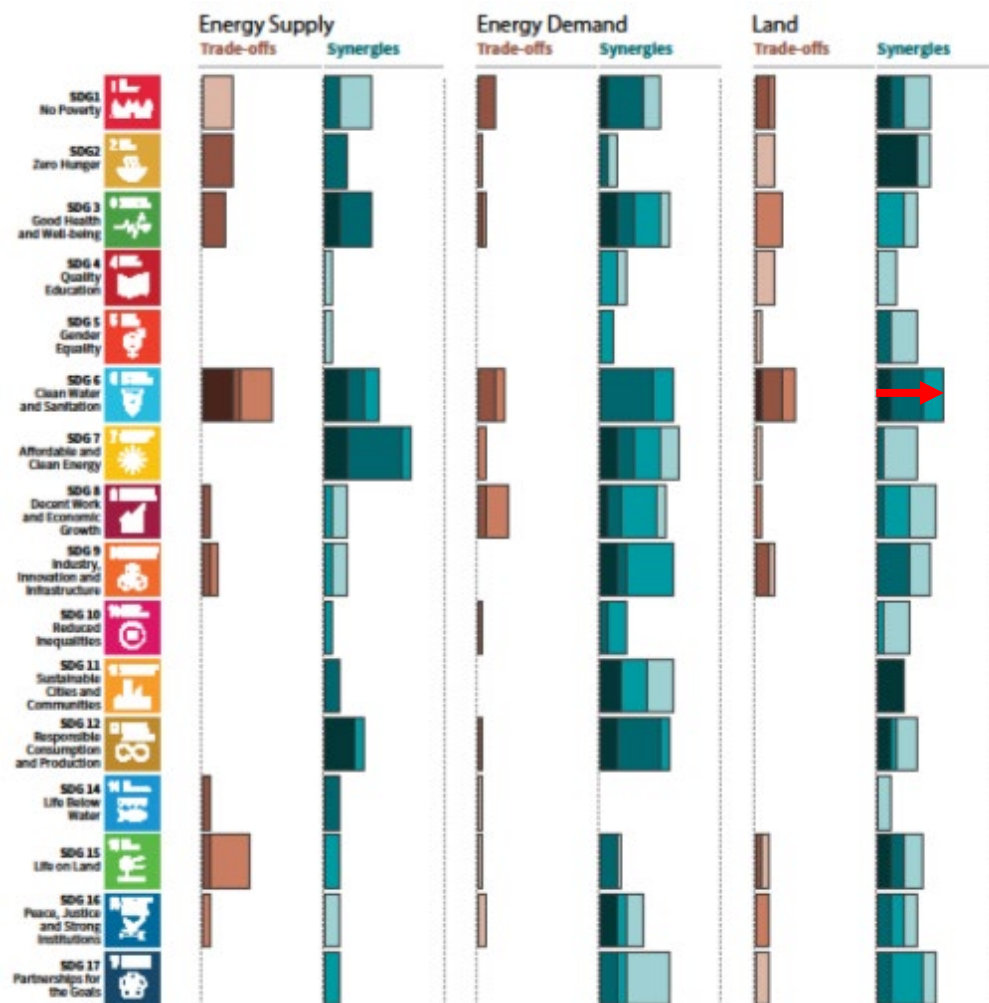


Length shows strength of connection



The overall **size of the coloured bars (from 0 to 100%)** depict the **relative potential** for synergies and trade-offs between the sectoral mitigation options and the SDGs.

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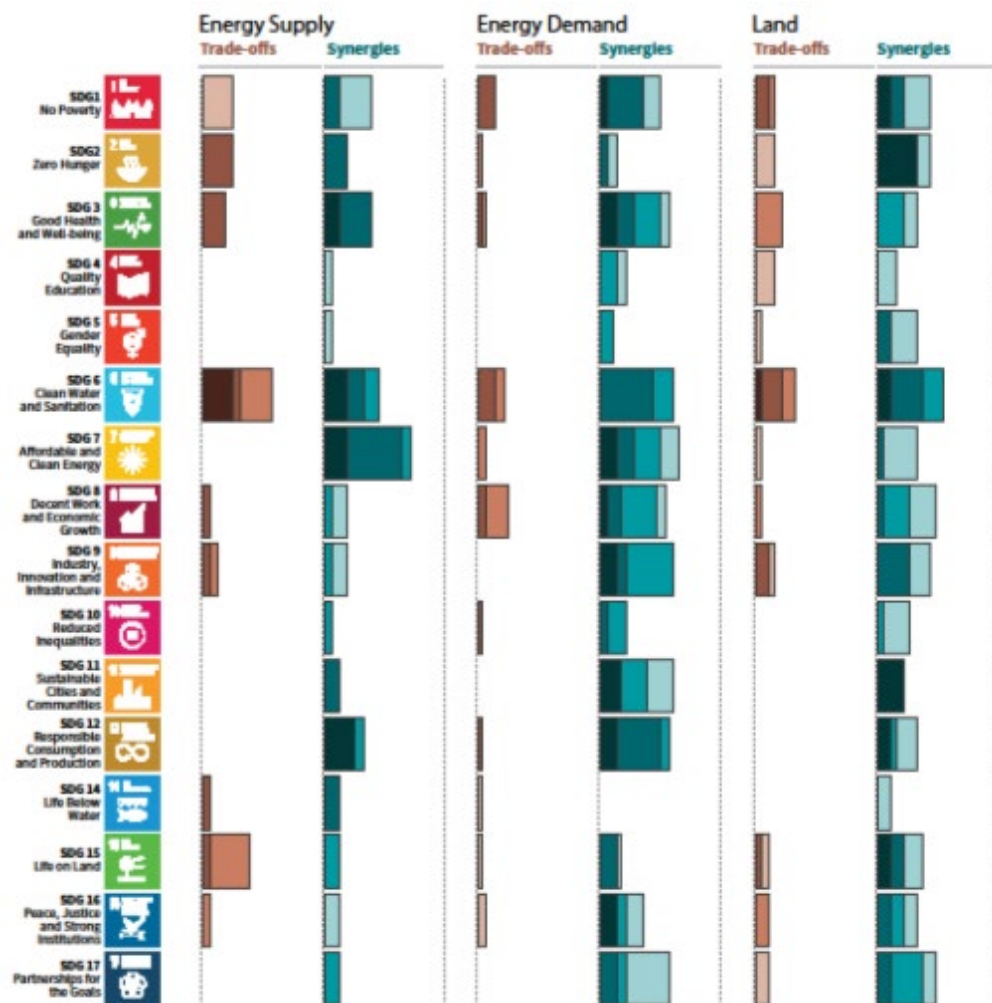


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Shades show level of confidence

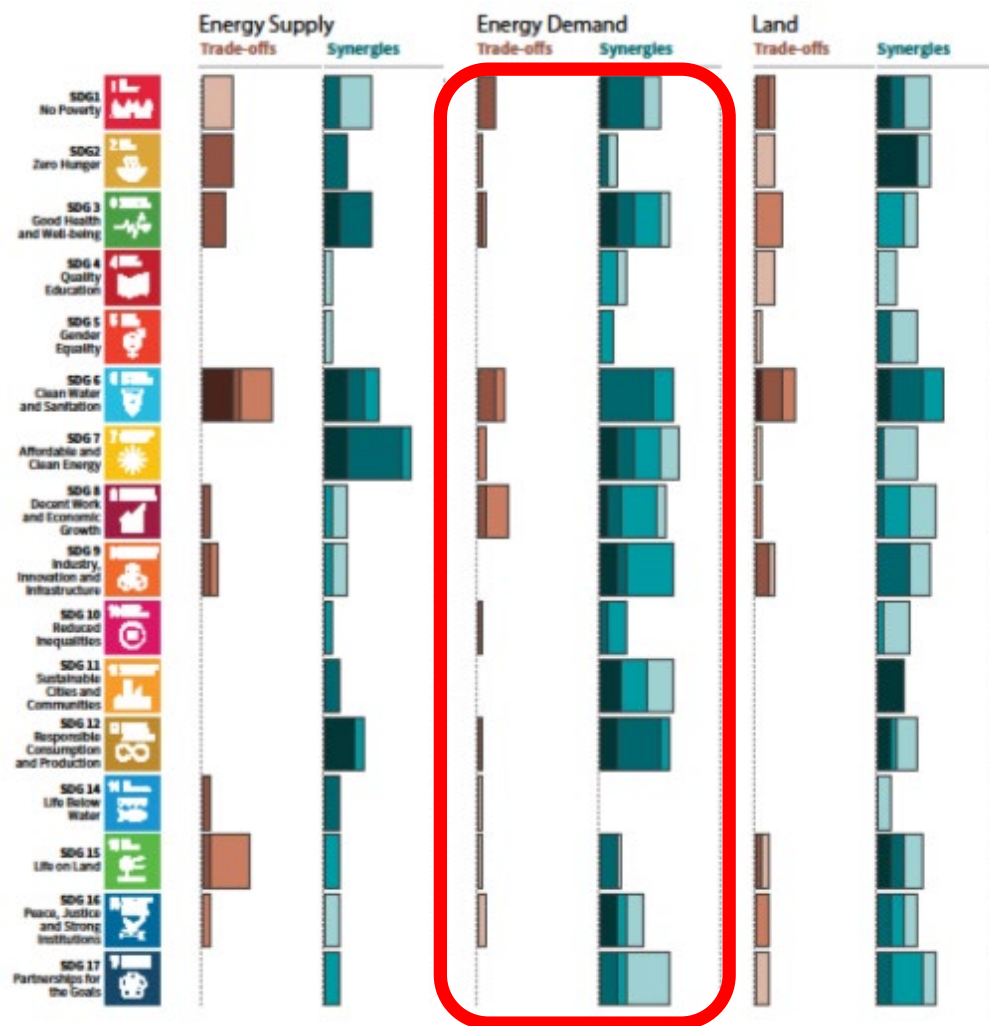


Very high

Low

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

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- Mitigation may result at the same time into synergies and trade-offs
- Particularly in the energy-demand sector, the potential for synergies is larger than for trade-offs.

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