

Was, wenn die Klimakatastrophe eintritt?

Klimapolitischer Stammtisch mit Gerriet Schwen

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1. Stand der Klimawissenschaften
2. Stand der Kommunikationswissenschaften
3. Strategische Überlegungen

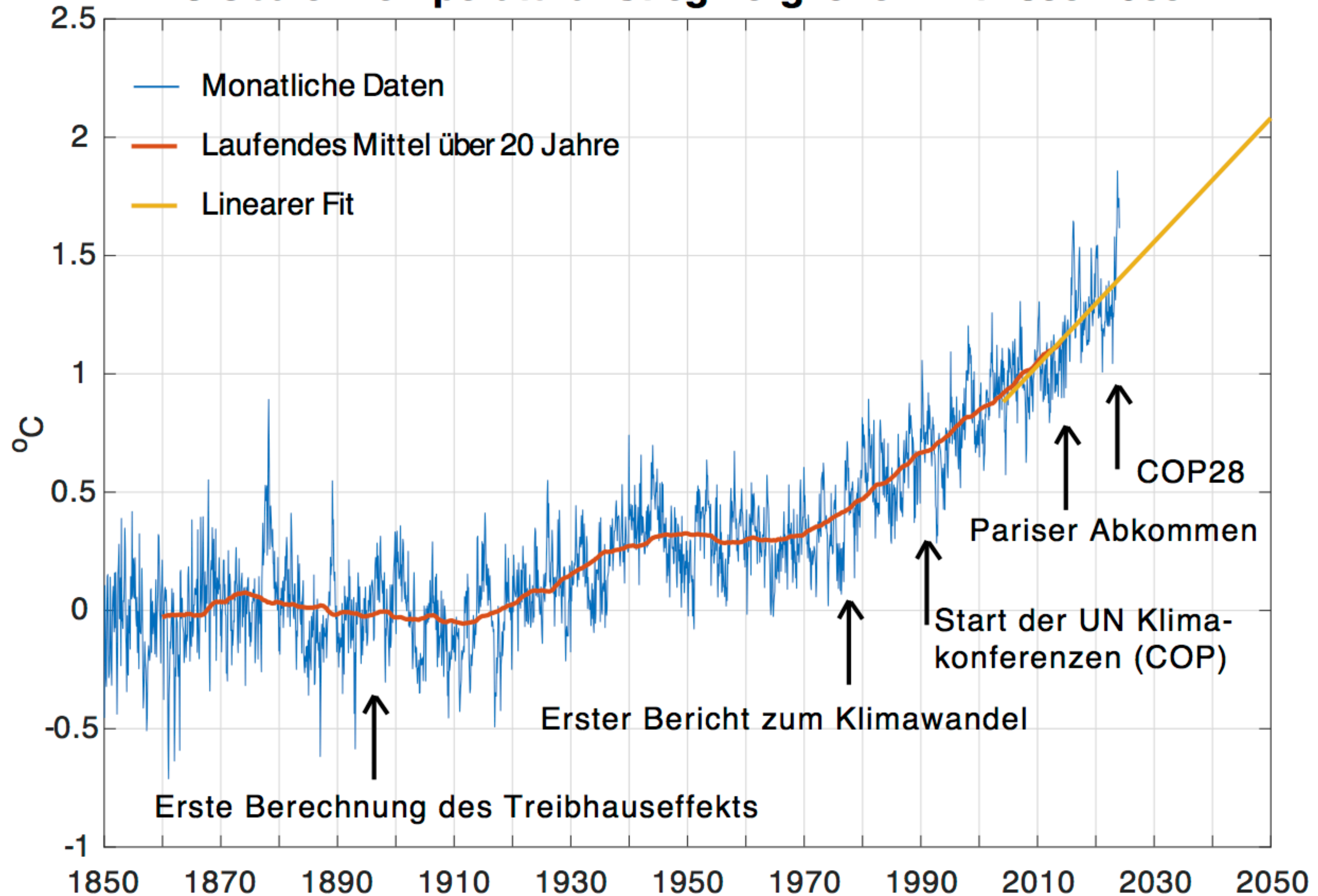
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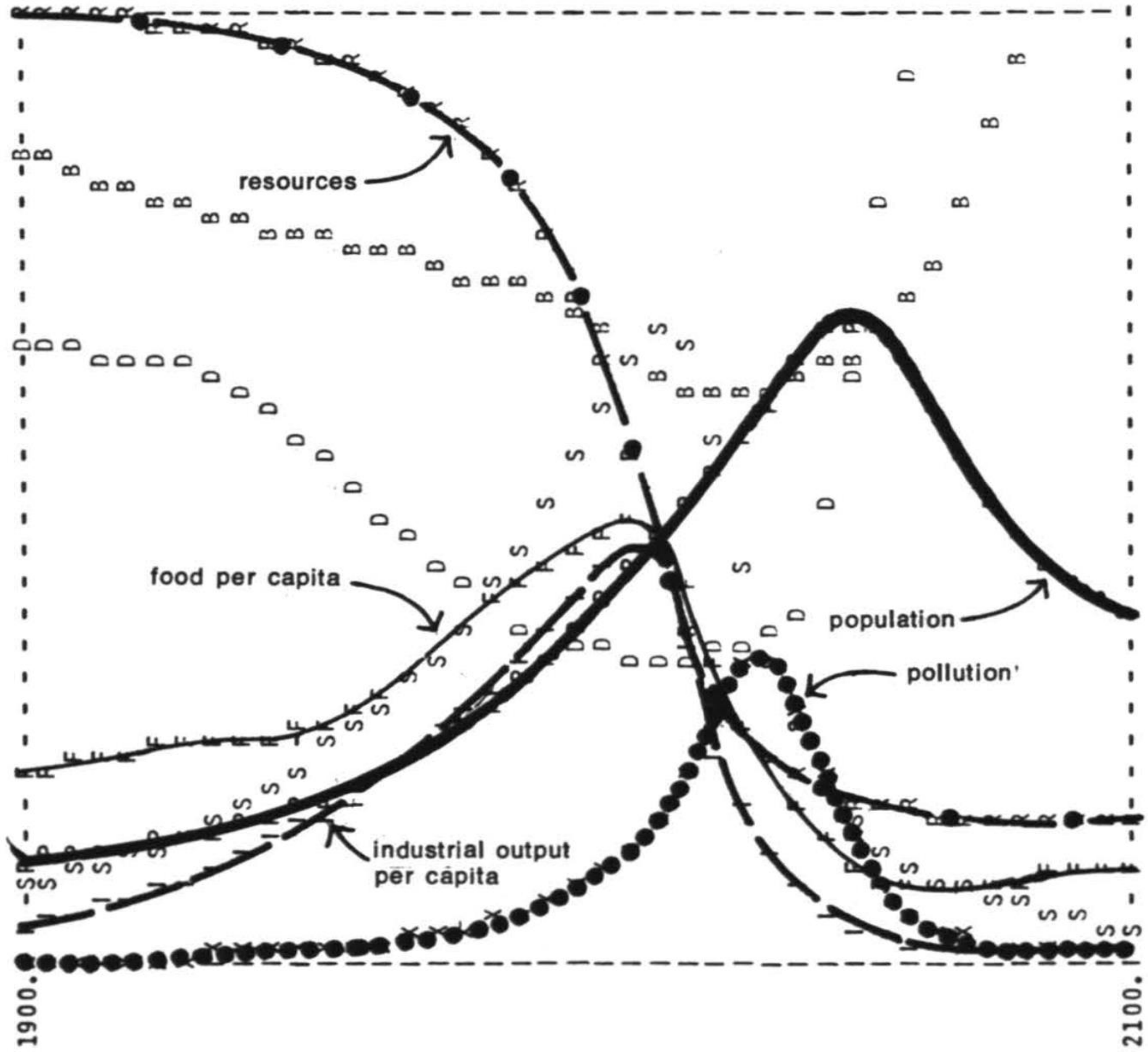
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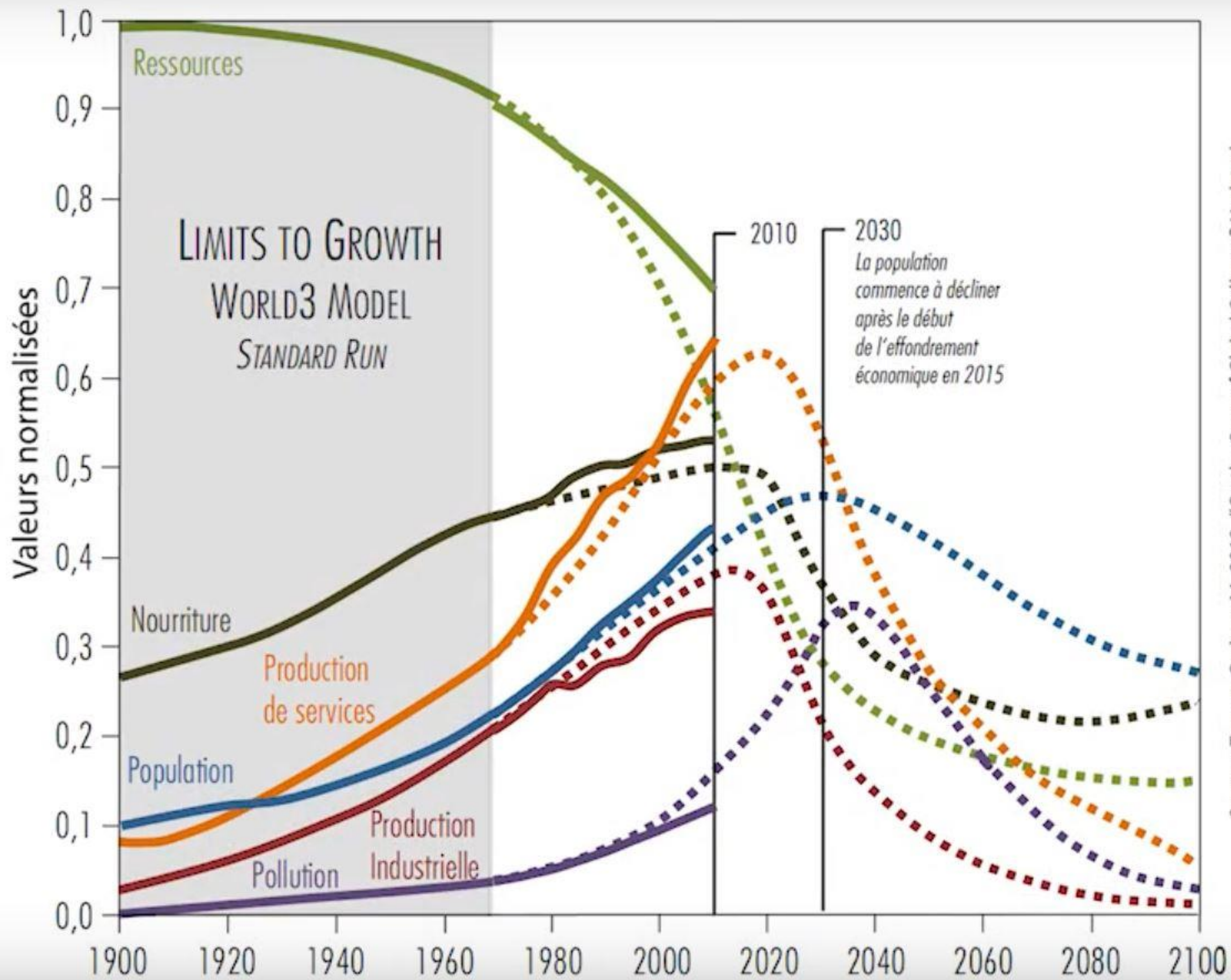
1. Klimawissenschaft

Globaler Temperaturanstieg verglichen mit 1850-1900





WORLD MODEL STANDARD RUN (BAU Scenario):
 Meadows et.al. (1972) THE LIMITS TO GROWTH. Universe Books , New York, p. 124.



Source : Turner, Graham M. 2012. "On the Cusp of Global Collapse? Updated Comparison of The Limits to Growth with Historical Data." *GAIA - Ecological Perspectives for Science and Society* 21 (2): 116–24. (image: R.Stevens)

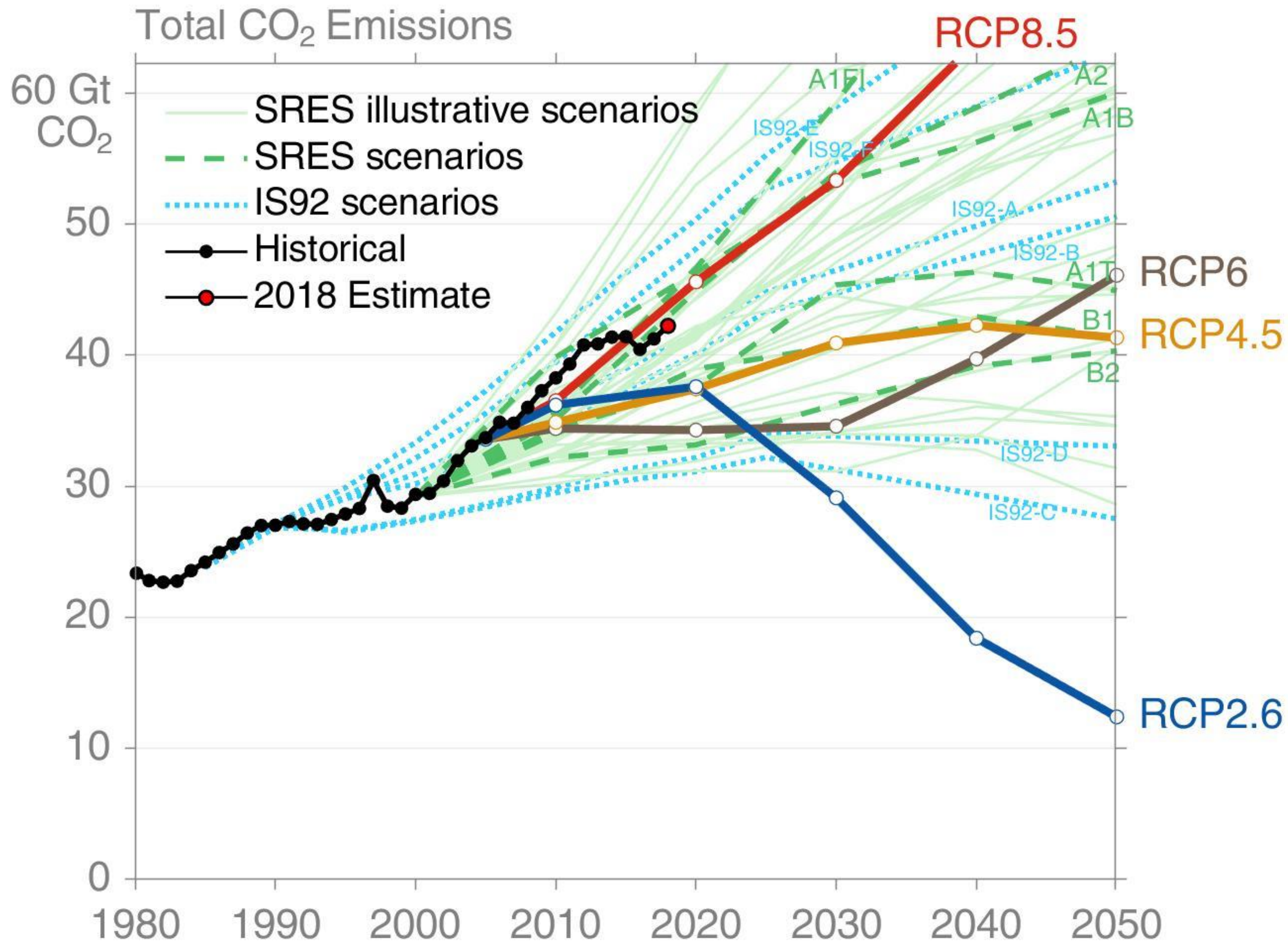
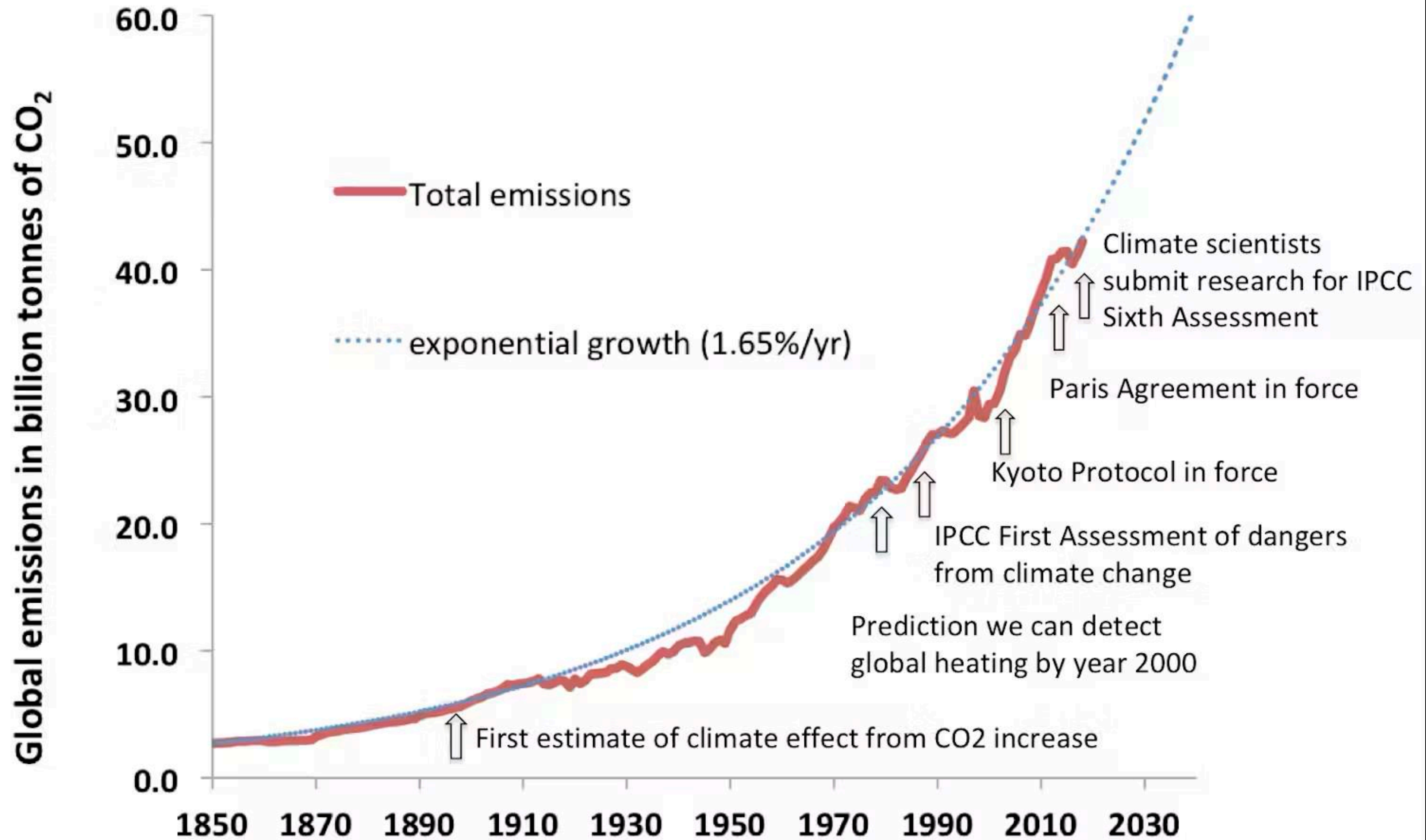
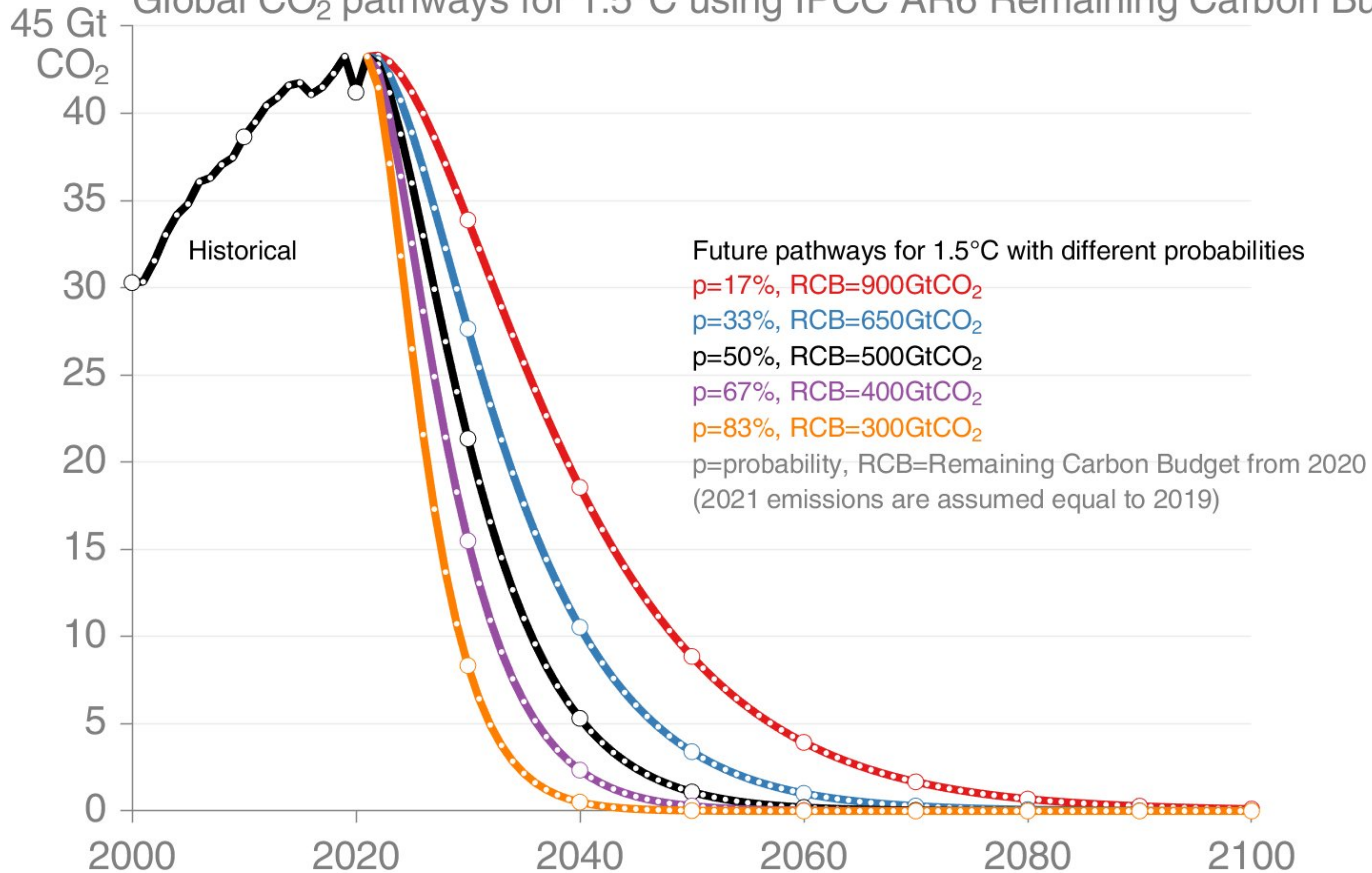


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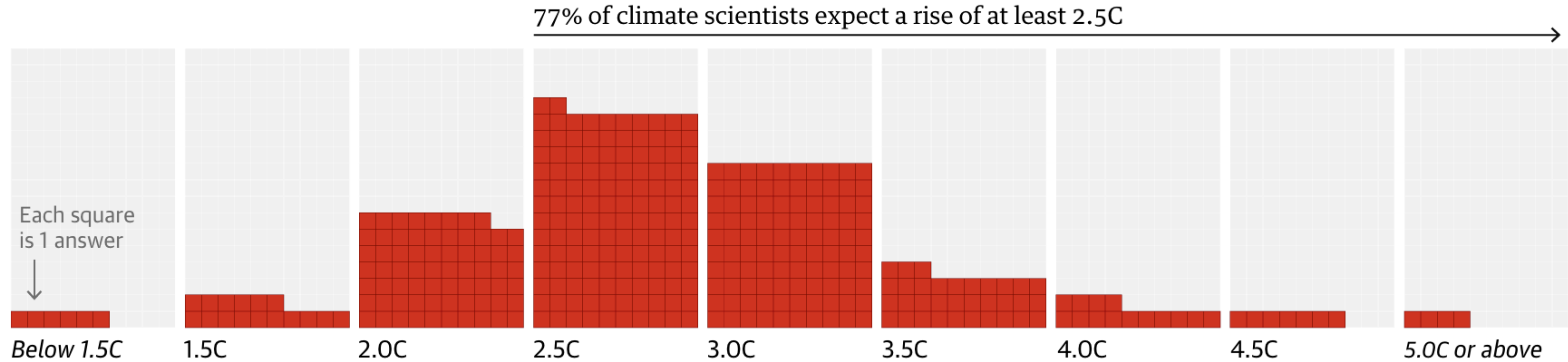
Global CO₂ pathways for 1.5°C using IPCC AR6 Remaining Carbon Budgets



How high will global heating go?

How high above pre-industrial levels do you think average global temperature will rise between now and 2100?

Count of answers given by IPCC climate experts



Guardian graphic. Source: Guardian survey of climate experts. 380 responses

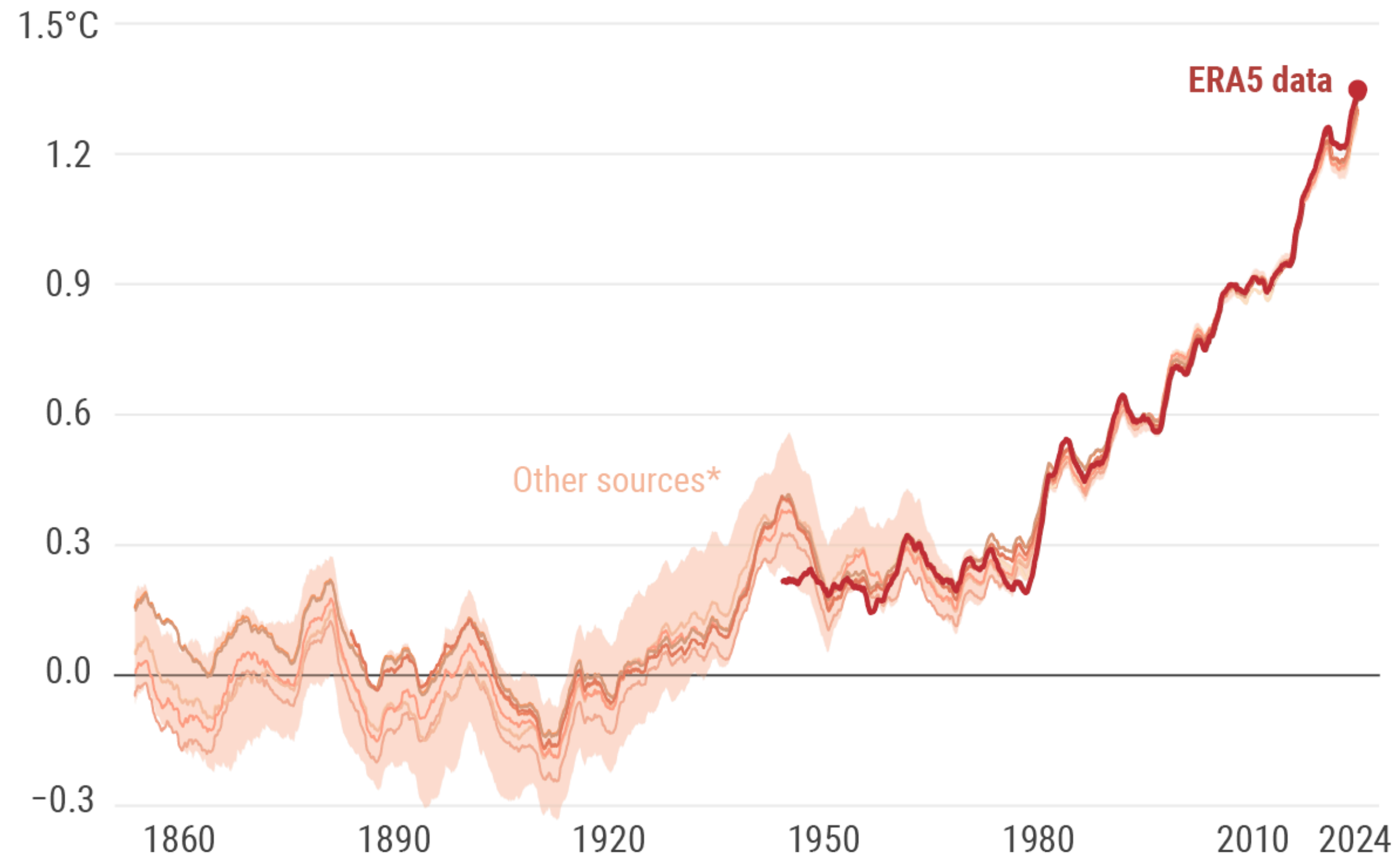
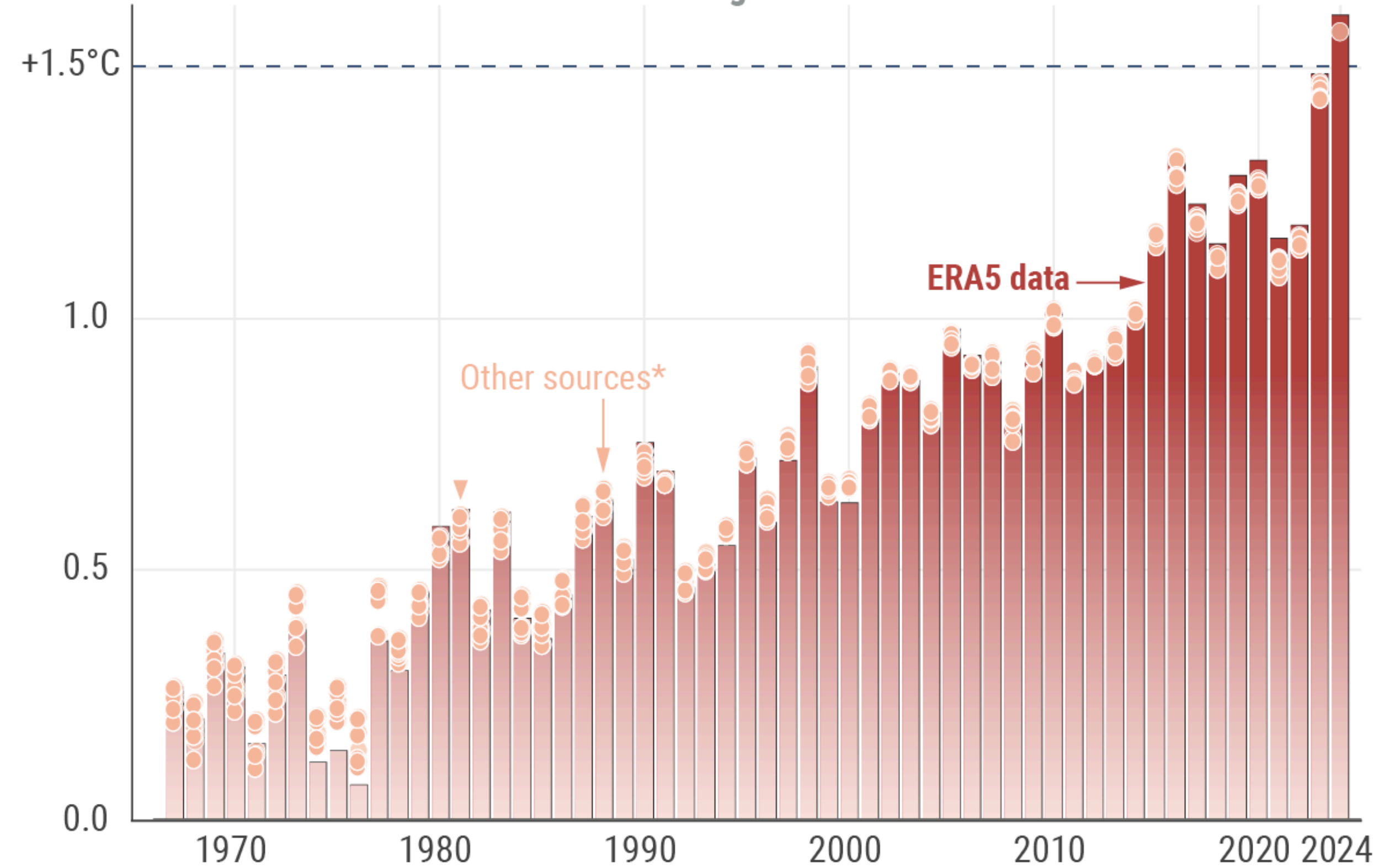


Global surface temperature increase above pre-industrial

Reference period: pre-industrial (1850–1900) • Credit: C3S/ECMWF

Annual averages - since 1967

5-year averages - since 1850



*Other sources include JRA-3Q, GISTEMPv4, NOAA GlobalTempv6, Berkeley Earth and the HadCRUT5 ensemble mean. Shading shows the range of the HadCRUT5 ensemble.



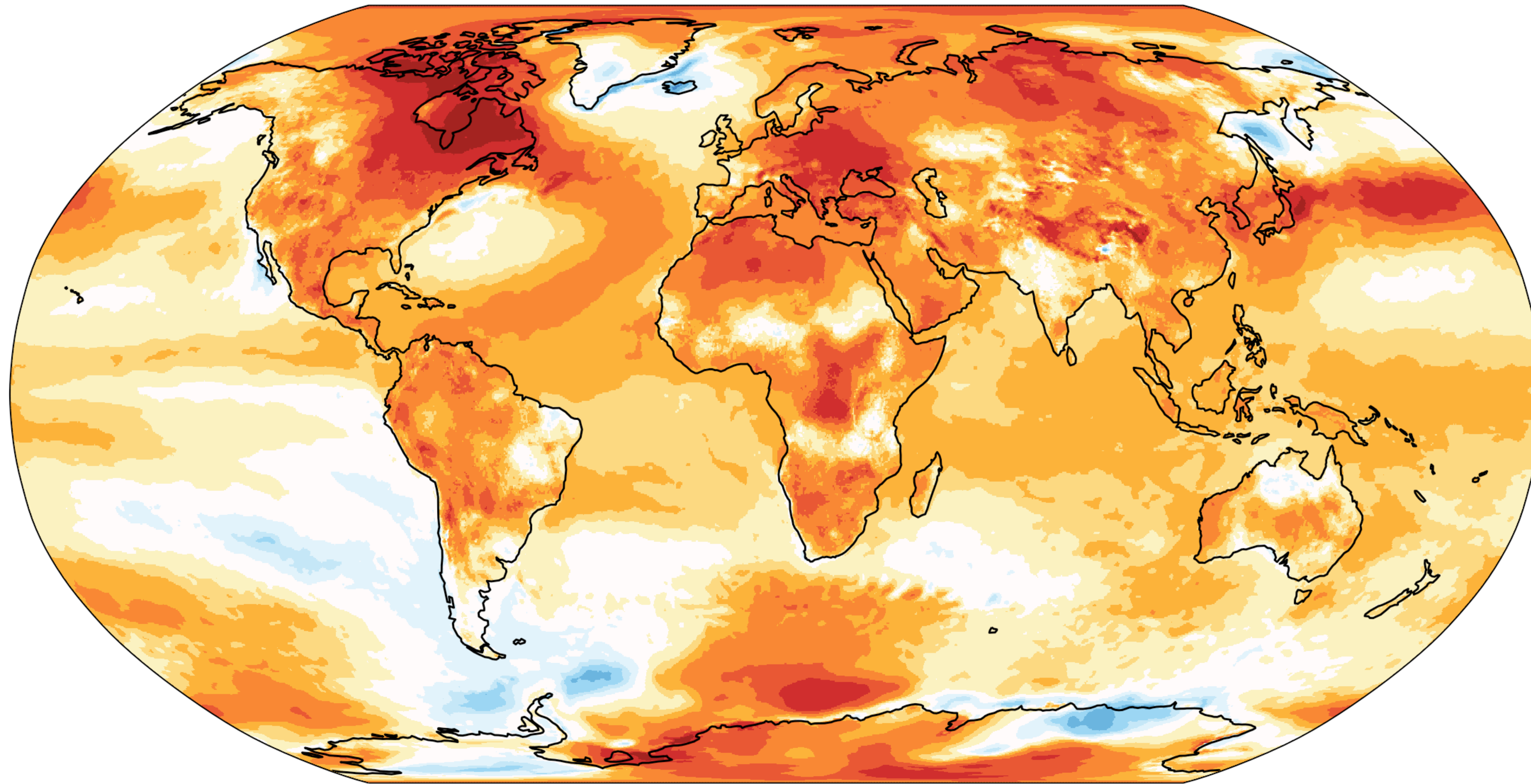
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Surface air temperature anomalies in 2024

Data: ERA5 • Reference period: 1991–2020 • Credit: C3S/ECMWF



Anomaly (°C)



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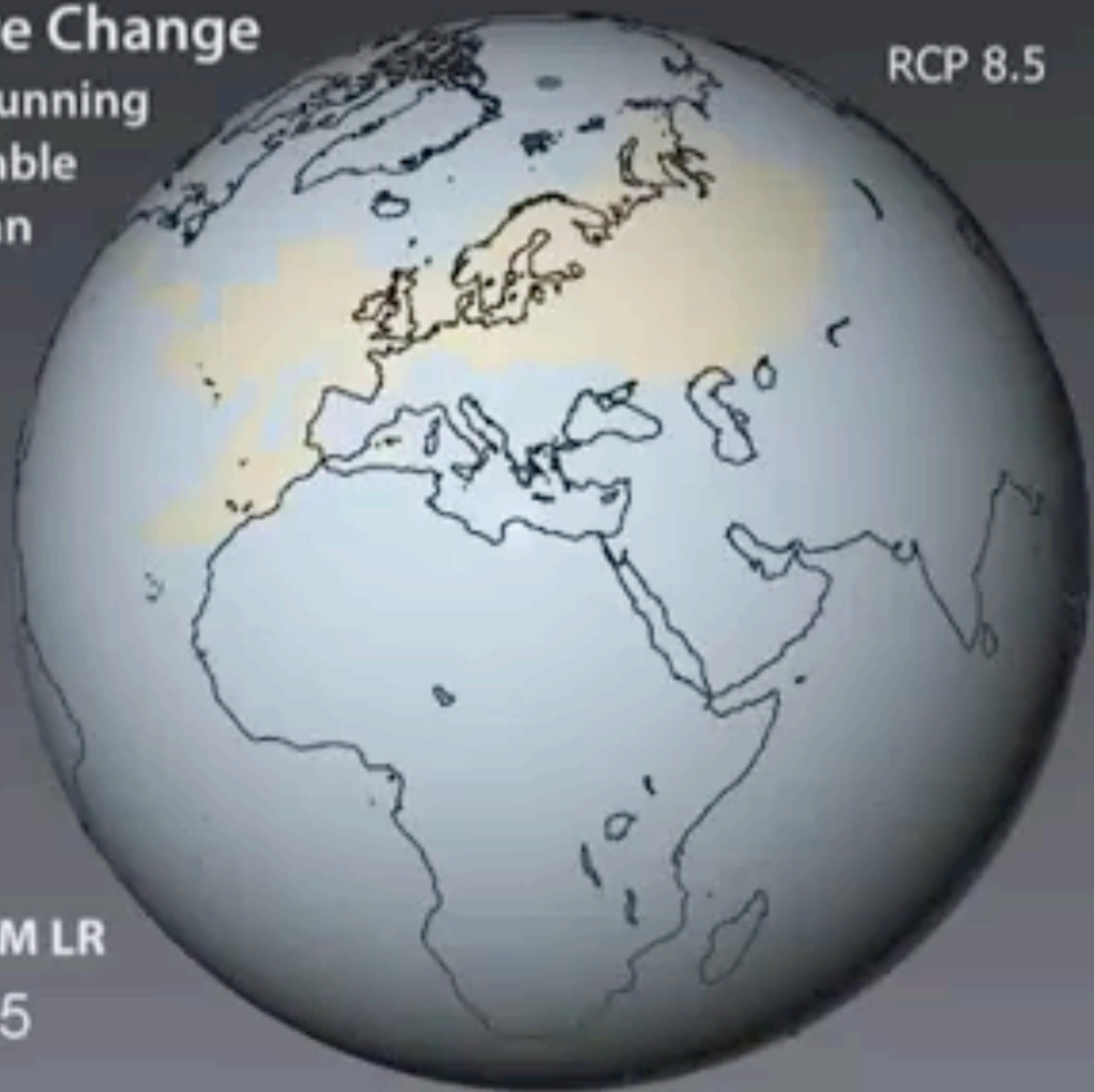
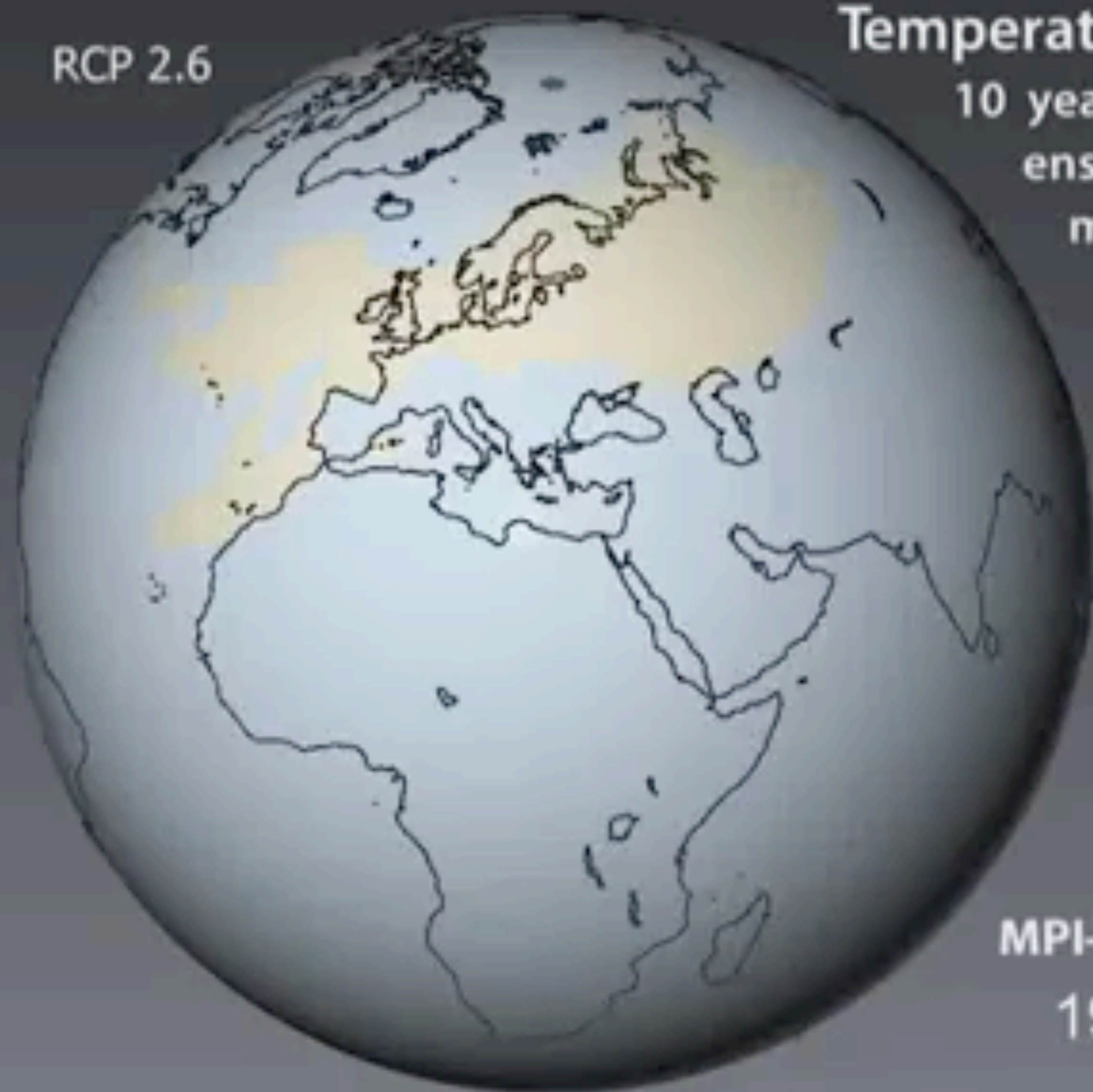


RCP 2.6

Temperature Change

10 year running
ensemble
mean

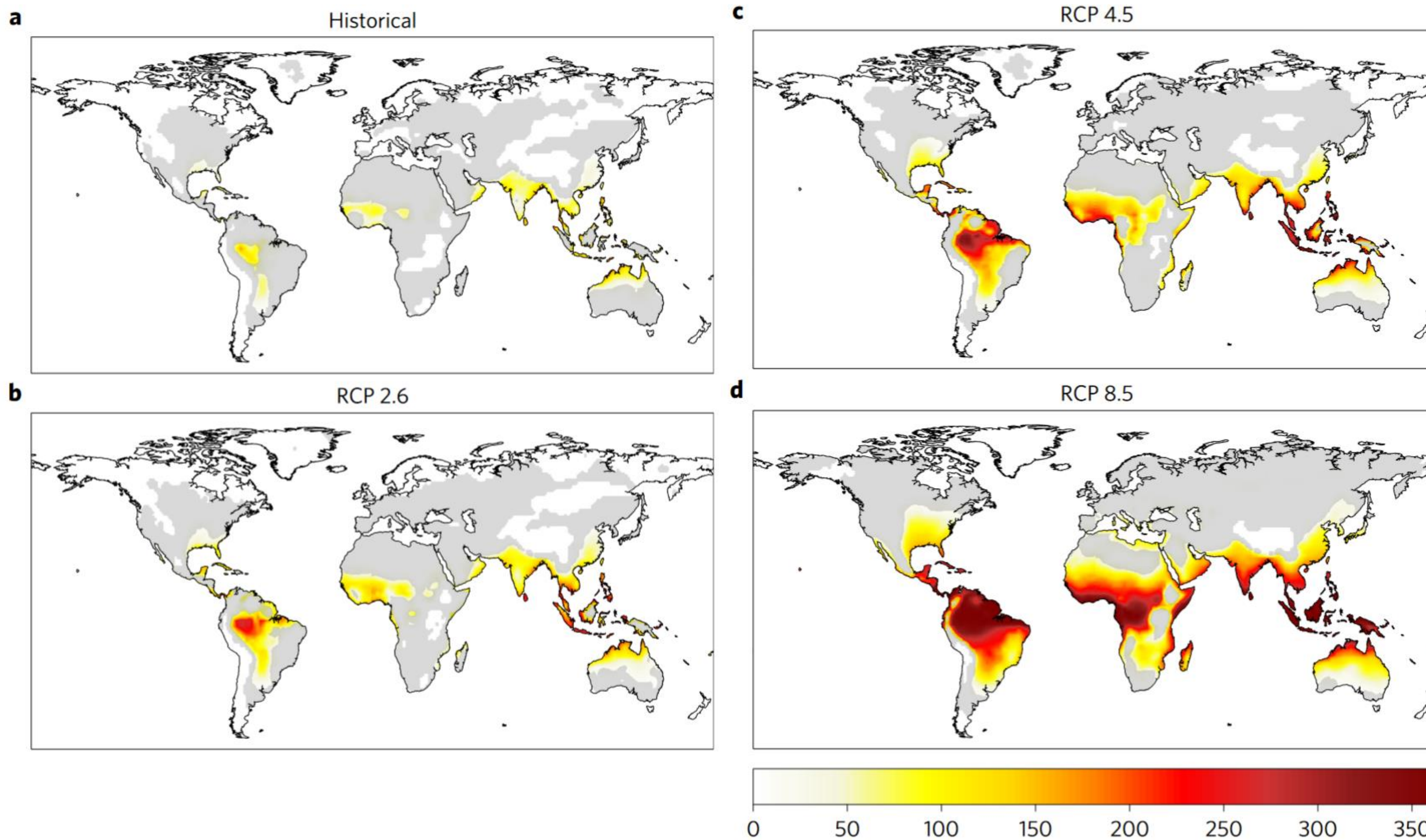
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MPI-ESM LR
1985

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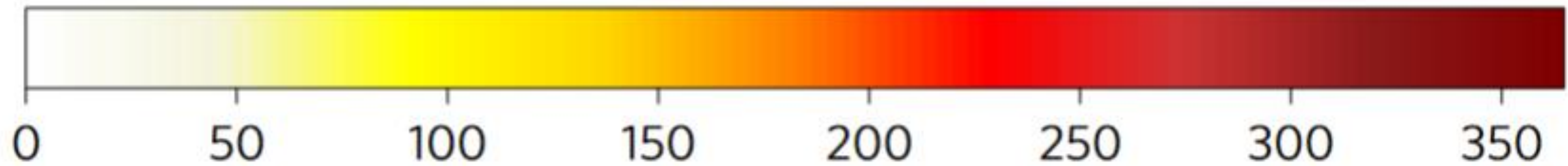
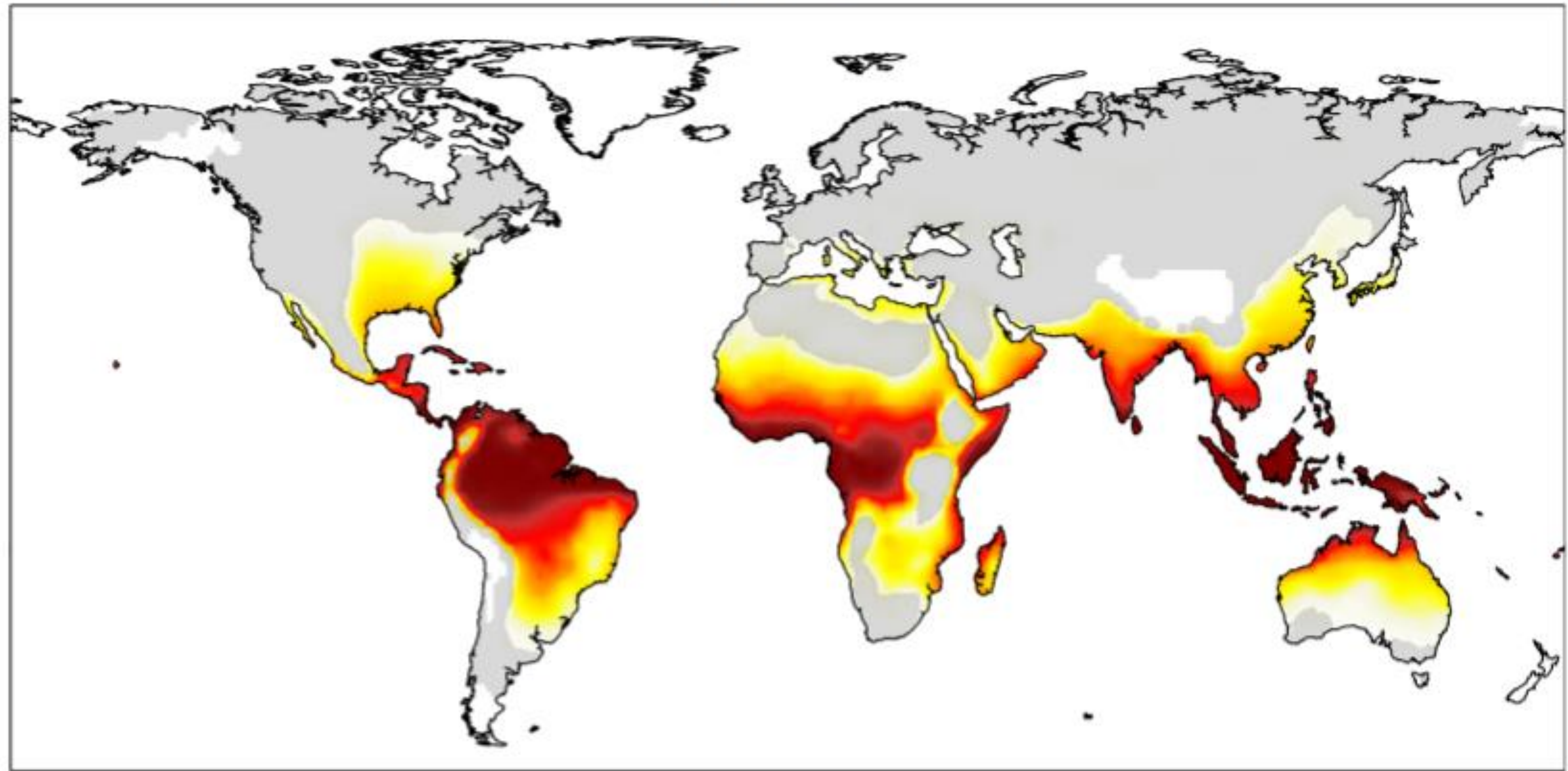


Number of days above deadly threshold

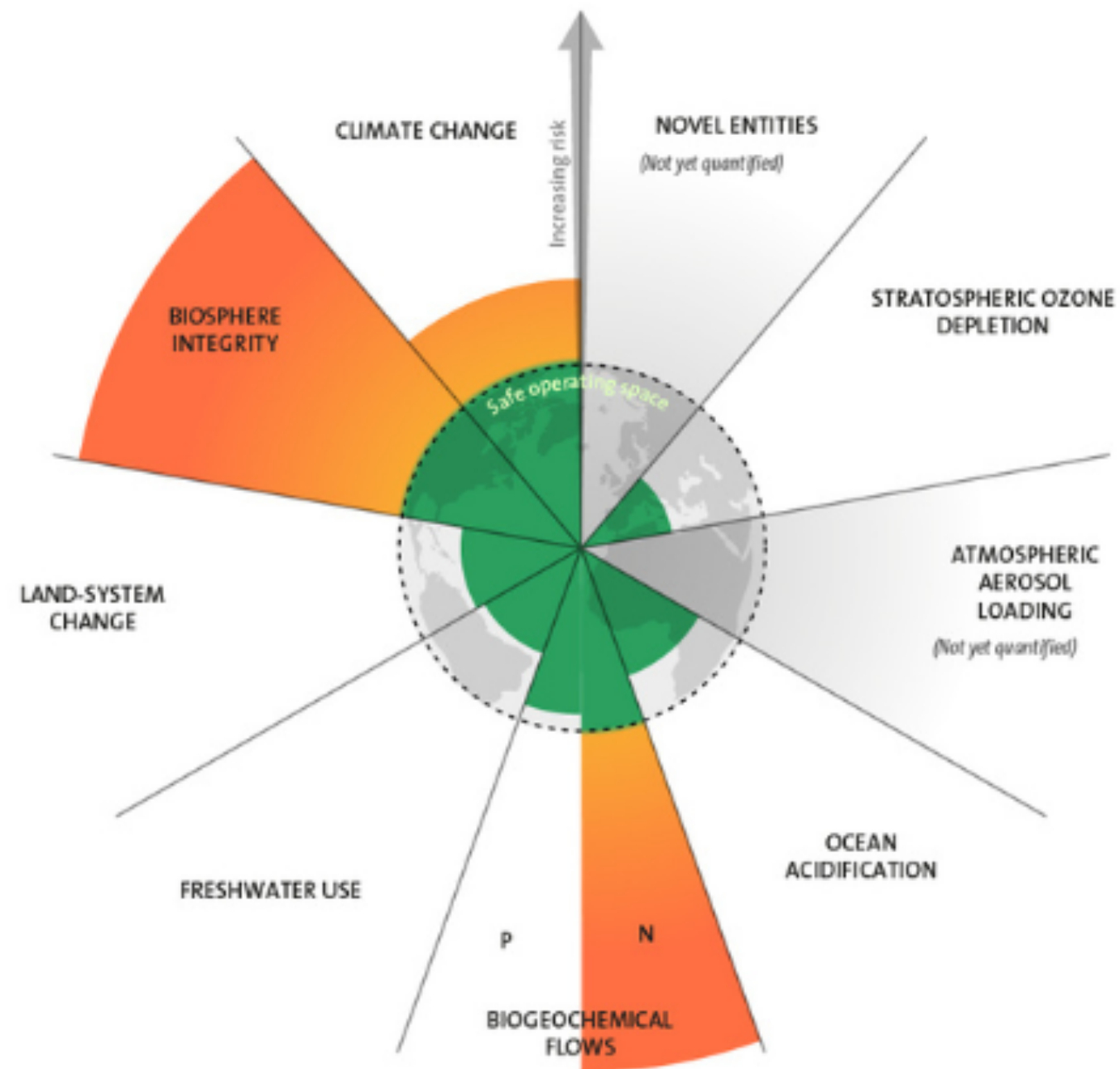
Quelle: Mora et.al. 2017

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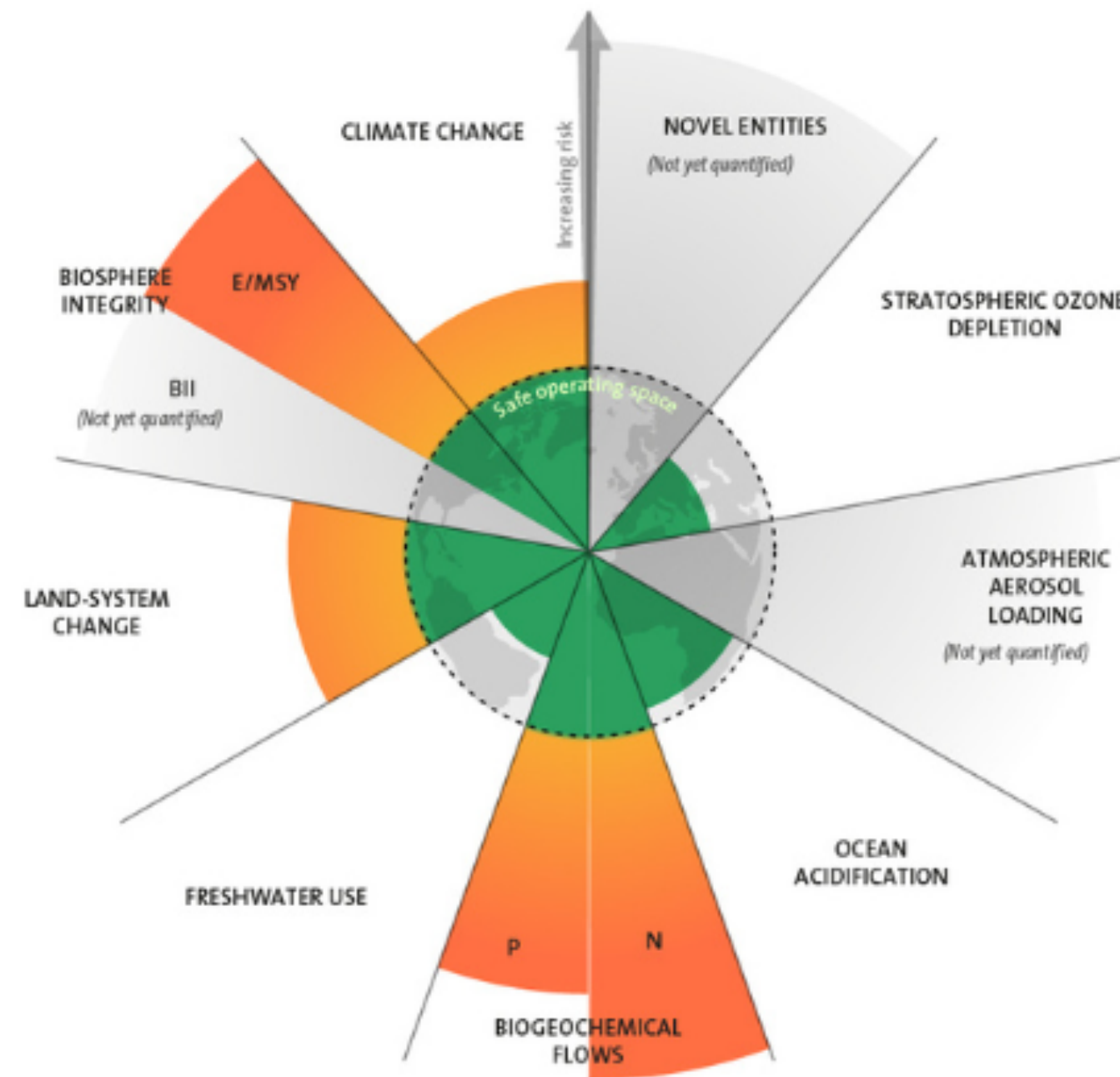


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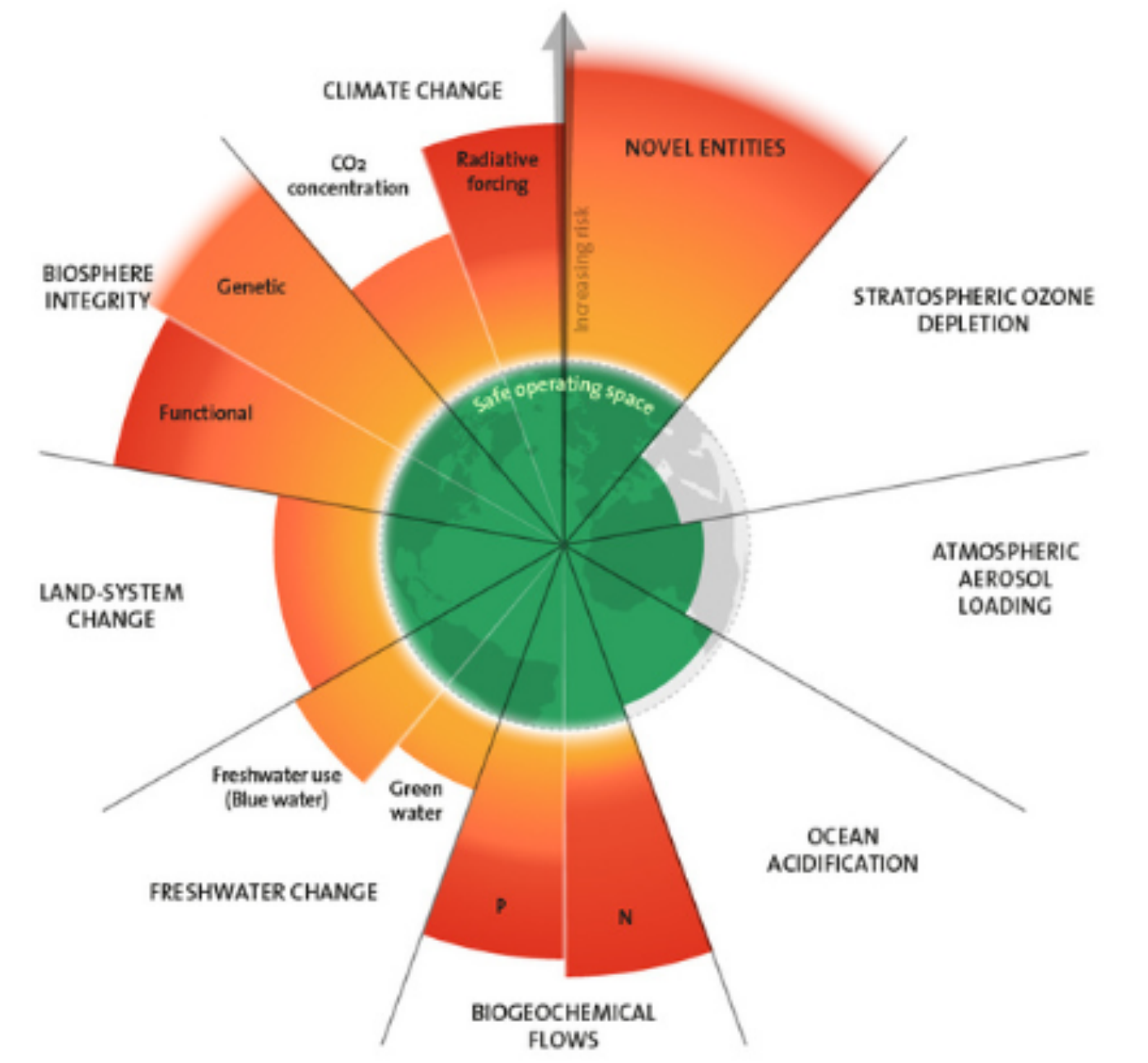
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3 crossed

2015



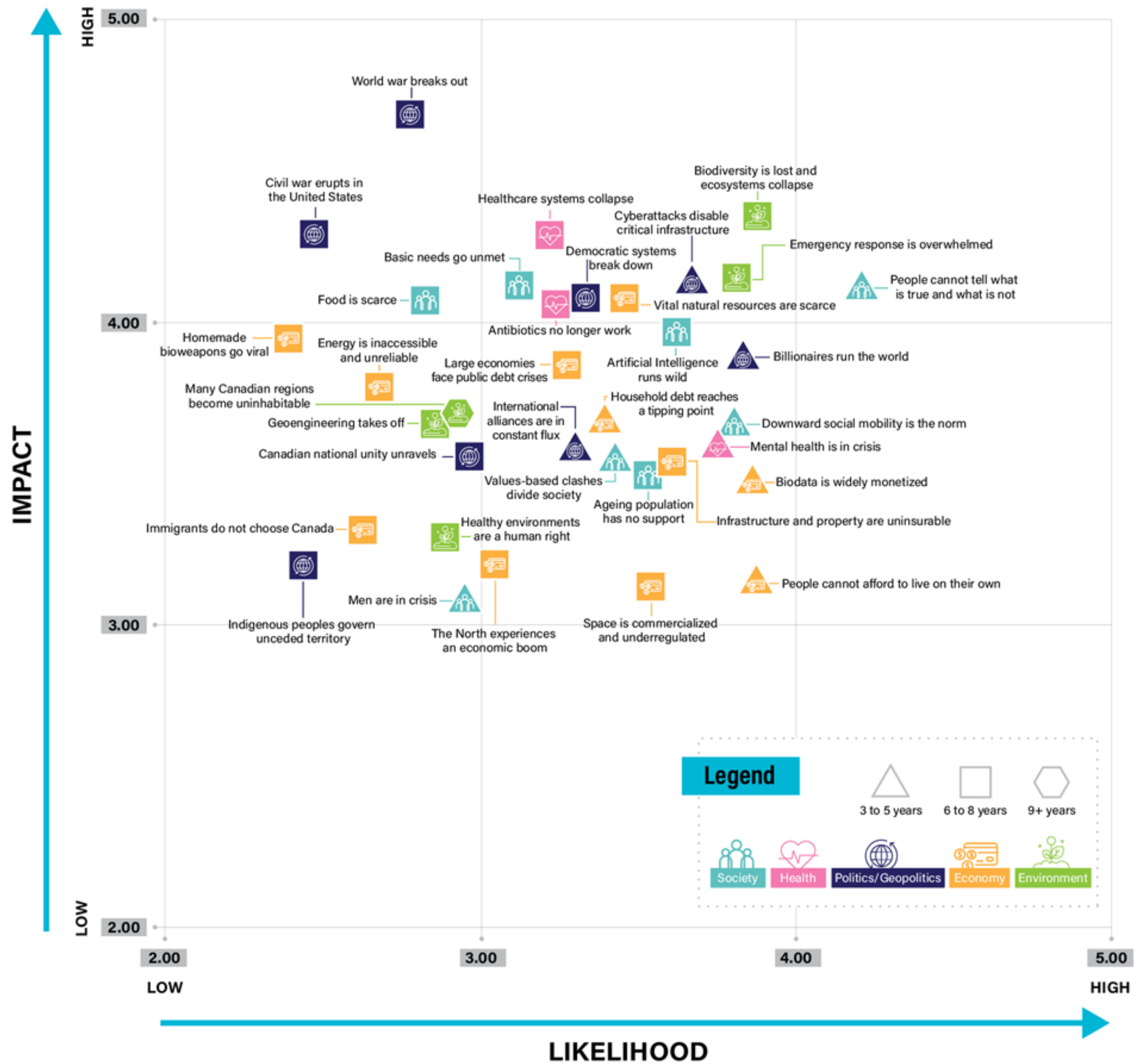
7 boundaries assessed,
4 crossed

2023



9 boundaries assessed,
6 crossed

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2. Kommunikationswissenschaft



And I've been standing on stages like this so many times,

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sharing the dire scientific diagnostic.

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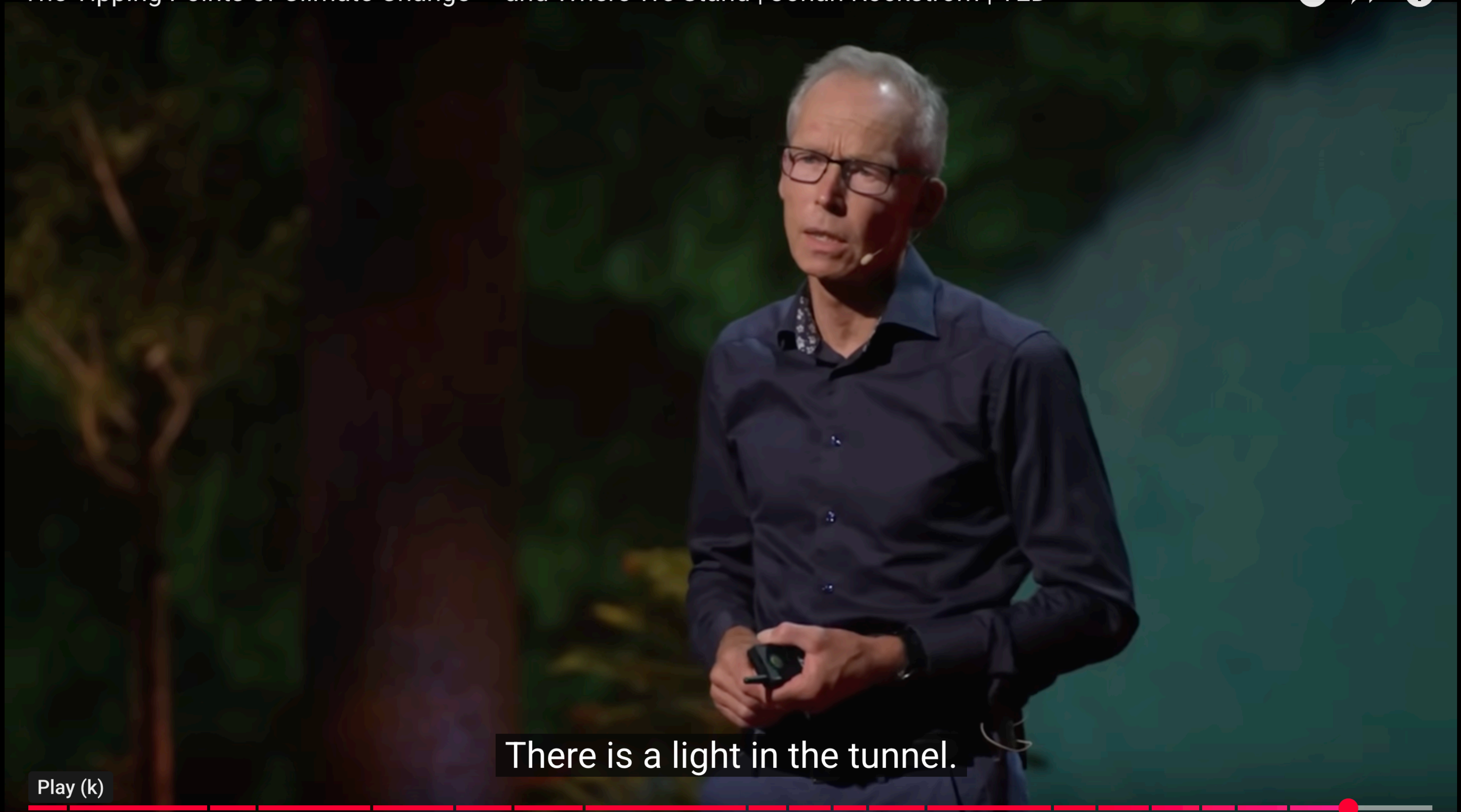




But still, I just told you

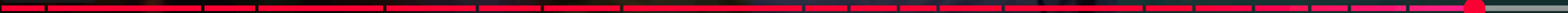


that I do conclude that there is still some window open.



There is a light in the tunnel.

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Abstract

Climate communication is often flooded with doom-and-gloom messages that invoke negative emotions, which can be counterproductive. To improve climate communication, we created and tested a new "happy climate" frame that highlights the happiness benefits of climate action. In a pre-registered experiment, we randomly assigned participants to read one of four message frames (happy climate, disaster, facts, or control) and asked them to select the climate actions they would be willing to take. We found that the happy climate frame led to the highest willingness to take individual and civic climate actions overall and was particularly effective for increasing willingness to take individual climate action for people with low and average levels of belief in anthropogenic climate change. These findings provide causal evidence that presenting the happiness benefits of climate action can promote willingness to take individual and civic climate action across the ideological spectrum.

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Appealing to Fear: A Meta-Analysis of Fear Appeal Effectiveness and Theories

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Fear appeals are a polarizing issue, with proponents confident in their efficacy and opponents confident that they backfire. We present the results of a comprehensive meta-analysis investigating fear appeals' effectiveness for influencing attitudes, intentions, and behaviors. We tested predictions from a large number of theories, the majority of which have never been tested meta-analytically until now. Studies were included if they contained a treatment group exposed to a fear appeal, a valid comparison group, a manipulation of depicted fear, a measure of attitudes, intentions, or behaviors concerning the targeted risk or recommended solution, and adequate statistics to calculate effect sizes. The meta-analysis included 127 articles (9% unpublished) yielding 248 independent samples ($N_{\text{Total}} = 27,372$) collected from diverse populations. Results showed a positive effect of fear appeals on attitudes, intentions, and behaviors, with the average effect on a composite index being random-effects $\bar{d} = 0.29$. Moderation analyses based on prominent fear appeal theories showed that the effectiveness of fear appeals increased when the message included efficacy statements, depicted high susceptibility and severity, recommended one-time only (vs. repeated) behaviors, and targeted audiences that included a larger percentage of female message recipients. Overall, we conclude that (a) fear appeals are effective at positively influencing attitude, intentions, and behaviors; (b) there are very few circumstances under which they are not effective; and (c) there are no identified circumstances under which they backfire and lead to undesirable outcomes.

Keywords: fear appeals, risk, health communication, meta-analysis

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Fear appeals are persuasive messages that attempt to arouse fear by emphasizing the potential danger and harm that will befall individuals if they do not adopt the messages' recommendations (Dillard et al., 1996; Maddux & Rogers, 1983). Although these messages are often used in political, public health, and advertising

Xu et al., 2015), others are adamant that such messages are counterproductive (e.g., Drug Free Action Alliance, 2013; Ruiter et al., 2014). The fear appeal literature reflects this disagreement, and empirical studies, literature reviews, and meta-analyses conducted over the past six decades have offered a diverse array of

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Effectively reducing climate change requires marked, global behavior change. However, it is unclear which strate-

3. Strategische Konsequenzen

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