

Net Zero Emissions Why and How

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#### Net Zero Emissions: Course Description

The effects of global warming are evident. Already a 1° C global average temperature rise from pre-industrial times, the world is on a trajectory to exceed a global average temperature beyond that experienced in all human history. Greenhouse gas emissions from the burning of fossil fuels are the major cause of this temperature rise. But fossil fuels are still at the center of modern life, and their replacement is going slowly. A world without fossil fuels is both possible and necessary, but not without commitments from individuals, communities, and nations. Much of the technology exists, but little of the political will.

#### Net Zero Emissions

• Why? Climate change.

• How? Stop burning fossil fuels.

### Week 1

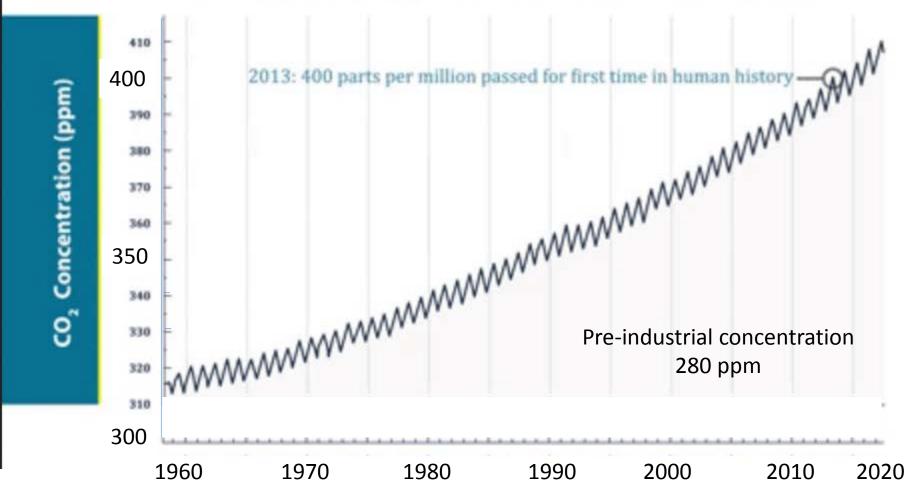
#### Global Warming and Global Emissions

The IPCC October, 2018 Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5 °C provides the basis for the understanding of why the world must come to net zero emissions by 2050. It authoritatively describes the impact of global warming even at this level of temperature rise to all aspects of the environment and human society. The IPCC has been criticized by some as being alarmist and by others by being conservative in its projections. Which evaluation is more justified?

#### Keeling Curve: Atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> Concentration

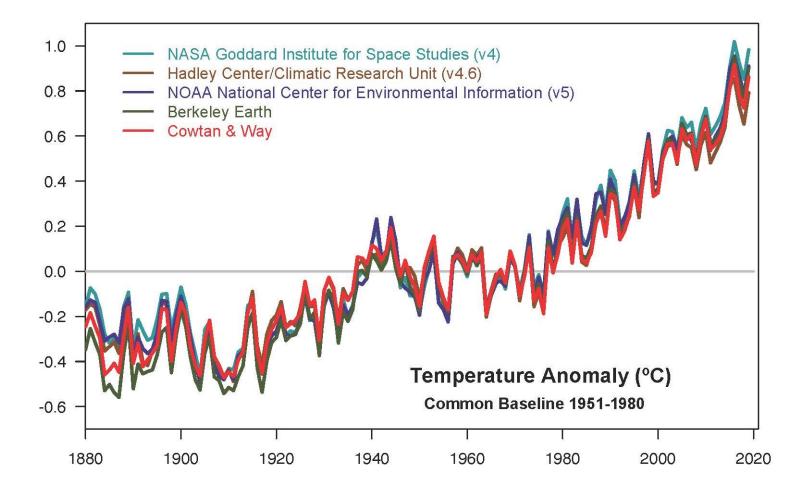
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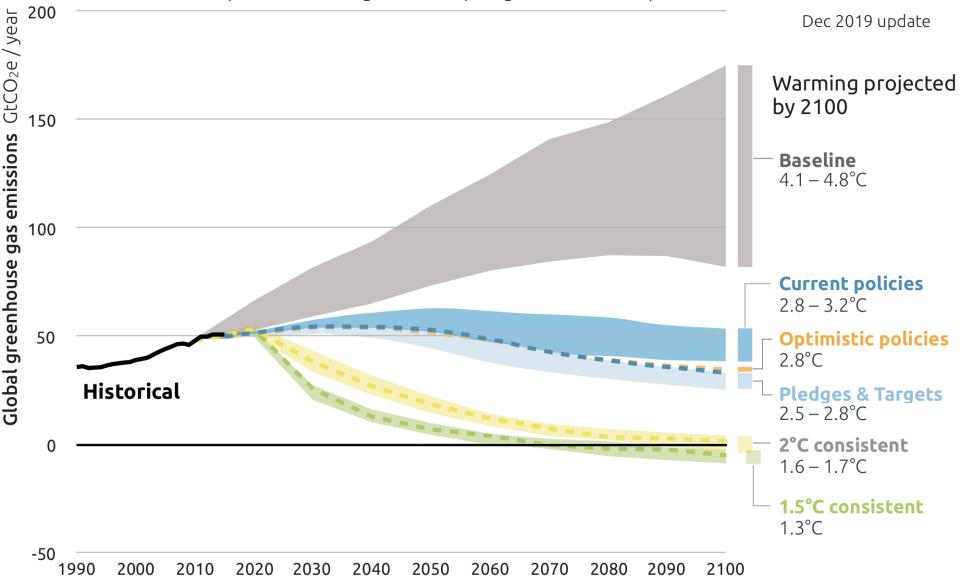
### Week 2 Paris Agreement and NDCs

The Paris Agreement of December, 2015 is the international framework by which governments declare their goals and policies toward climate change through nationally determined contributions (NDCs). The Agreement provided for continued negotiations through annual conferences of the Conference of the Parties, since Paris in Marrakesh, in Bonn, in Katowice, and most recently in Madrid. Has the international community made progress in efforts to address climate change?



#### 2100 WARMING PROJECTIONS

Emissions and expected warming based on pledges and current policies



Climate Action

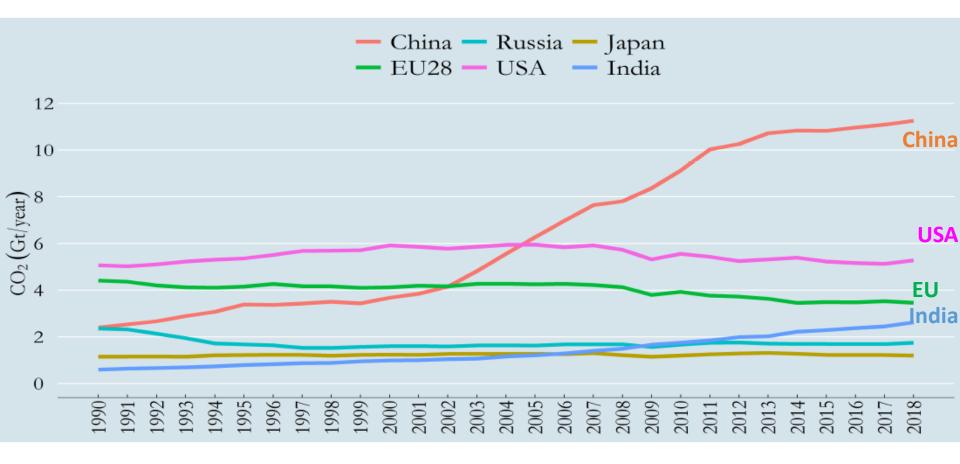
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### Week 3 China and the United States

China with 27% of global GHG emissions and the United States with 15% account for 42% of global GHG emissions. But GDP per capita in China is only 15% of that in the United States. The actions of both countries will have a major impact on global emissions reduction. This issue will be an important component in our upcoming national elections. The Green New Deal and Democratic candidates Climate Change Plans are worthy of discussion. Would they be sufficient?

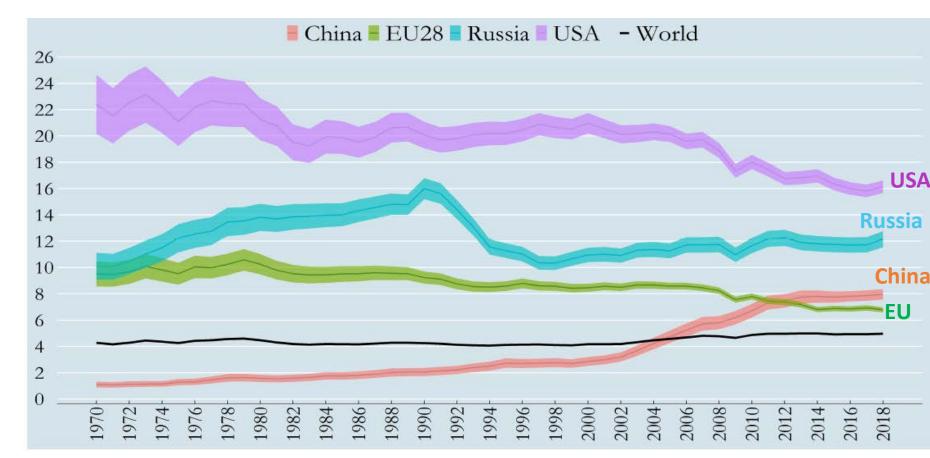
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### Fossil CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions of Selected Economies



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#### Annual Per capita CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions



rate of possible change =  $\frac{\text{institutional efforts}}{\text{infrastructure inertia}}$ 



### John R. Holdren Memorandum to the President November, 2000 The Energy-Climate Challenge

"Today's fossil-fuel-dominated world energy system (worth some \$10 trillion at replacement cost and characterized by equipment-turnover times of 20 to 50 years) could not be rapidly replaced with non-CO2-emitting alternatives even if these were no more expensive than conventional fossil-fuel technologies have been (and today, the non-CO2 options are considerably more expensive.)"

World Bank data: 2000 World GDP 33.3 trillion in 2000 US\$



## Try to Fathom Some Big Numbers

### 1 trillion dollars

#### With one trillion dollars, Apple could buy everyone in San Francisco an apartment.

Total student debt in the U.S. is 1.5 trillion dollars.

The American Society of Civil Engineers reports that 4.5 trillion dollars is need to repair American's roads, bridges, dams, airports, and schools.

#### Week 4 Zero Carbon Options

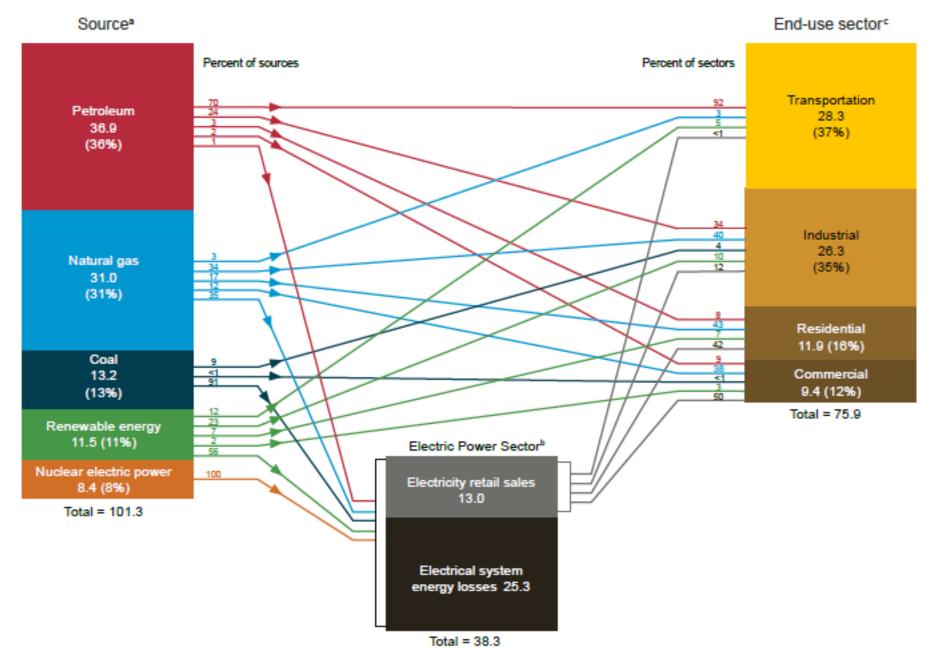
In the United States the three fossil fuels, coal, oil, and natural gas, provide for 60% of our electrical generation, 92% of our transportation, 88% of our industry, 58% of residential and 48% of commercial energy use. Obviously, net zero emissions by 2050 will require the dramatic disruption of the fossil fuel industry. Can this transformation be made without devastating economic dislocation?

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#### U.S. energy consumption by source and sector, 2018

(Quadrillion Btu)



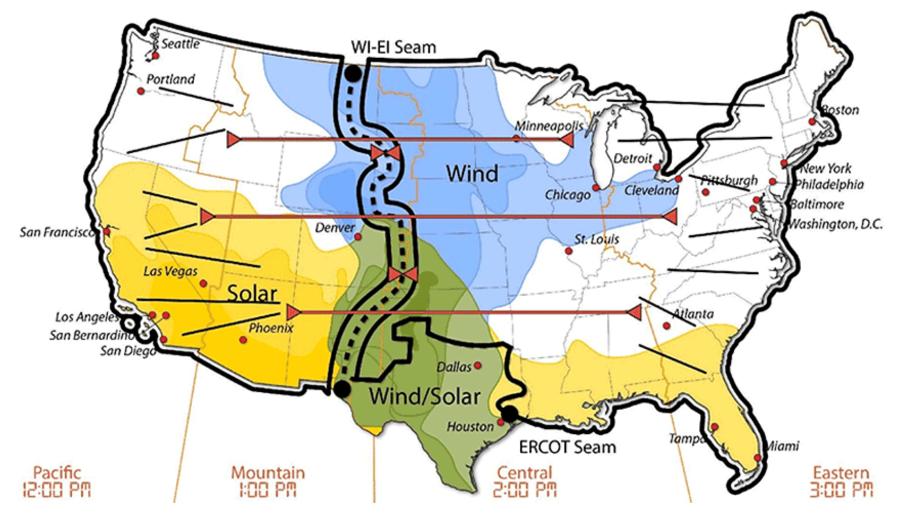


#### Week 5

Two plentiful sources of renewable energy, wind and solar, have experienced near exponential growth in the past decades and now provide in the United States 3% of total primary energy (8% of electricity generation). Intermittency and variability of these resources require either a dispatchable resource or energy storage. What is a possible mix of wind, solar, storage, and dispatchable resources, given technological and economic considerations?

#### U.S. Wind, Solar, and Transmission

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#### Week 6

The transition to net zero emissions may be too slow to limit global warming to an acceptable level. Warming would subside if greenhouse gases could be removed from the atmosphere. A handful of technologies have been identified, all of which require implementation on a massive scale. Do negative emissions have a role in producing net zero emissions?



100 to 200 meters ~

### Carbon Dioxide Removal Strategies

1. Enhanced upwelling/downwelling

- Ocean fertilization with nutrients to promote Phytoplankton growth
- 3. Direct air capture with geological sequestration
- Biomass for energy with CO<sub>2</sub> capture and geological sequestration
- 5. Biomass for sequestration by burial or biochar
- 6. Afforestration and land-use management
- 7. Land-based enhanced weathering

#### Week 7

Suppose neither emissions reduction nor negative emissions are implemented effectively and in a timely fashion. Should management of solar radiation or other geoengineering technologies be considered? Should research and pilot projects be pursued in the near term?



# Space Stratosphere 2 Troposphere 4 Total Second of

Solar Radiation Management Strategies

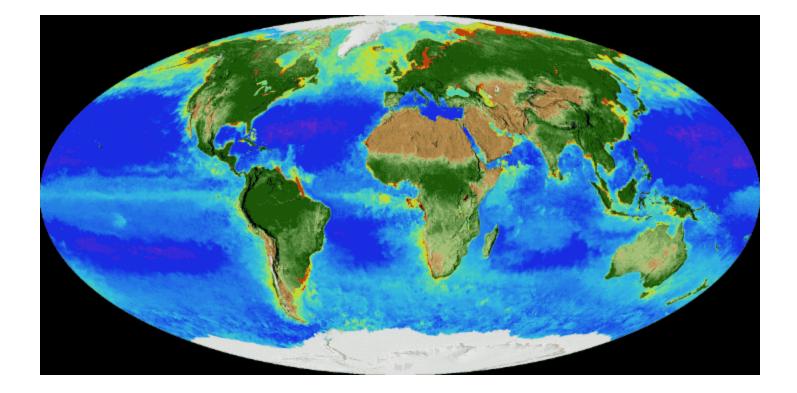
1. Space-based reflective mirrors

- 2. Stratospheric aerosol injection
- 3. Cloud-brightening
- 4. Painting roofs white
- 5. Planting more reflective crops
- 6. Covering desert surfaces with reflective material

#### Week 8

Fossil fuel resources are not renewable, and their use will eventually end. In human history there have been other energy transitions, but none with this urgency. Along with energy there must be a transition for water resources and food production. What will be "The Future That We Will Not See?"





### Energy, Climate, and Emissions

- U.S. and Global Energy Sources and Use
  - Energy flow
- Climate science
  - Temperature analysis
  - Weather 2050
- Climate change and GHG emissions
  - Stripes
  - Billion dollar weather events
- Climate models
  - Climate model accuracy
- Sea level rise
- Review

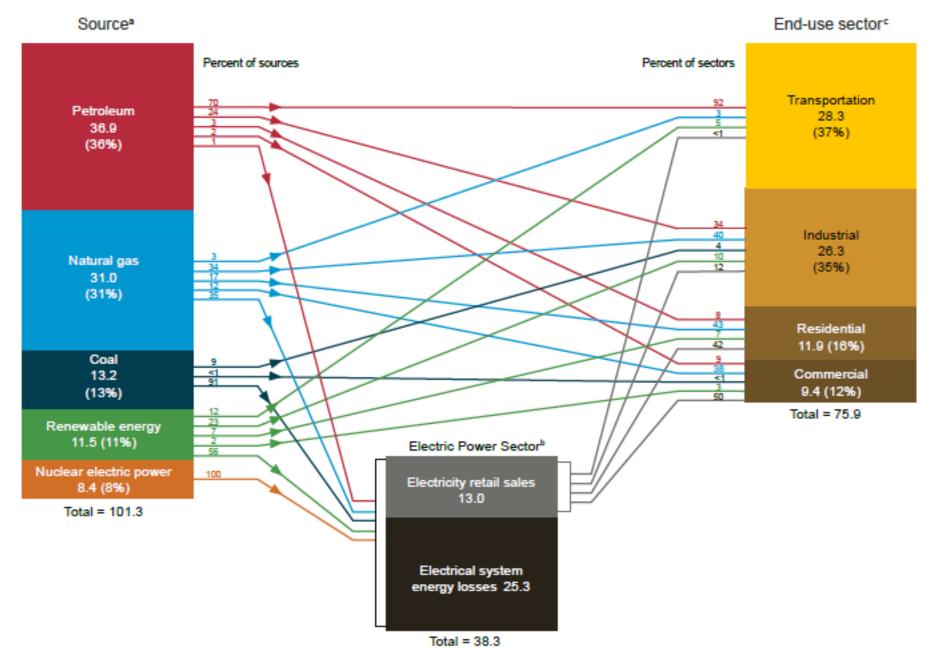
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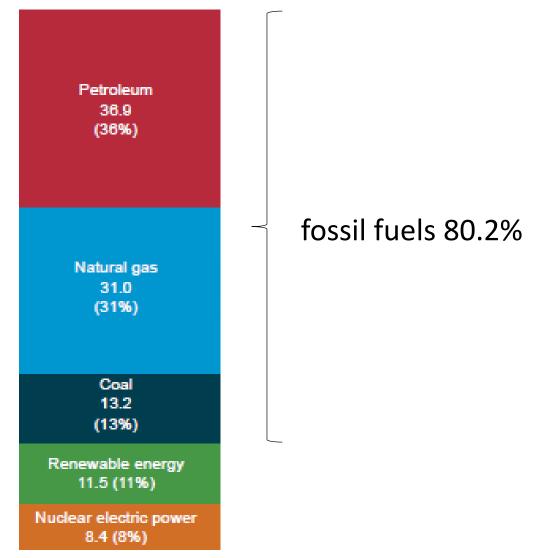




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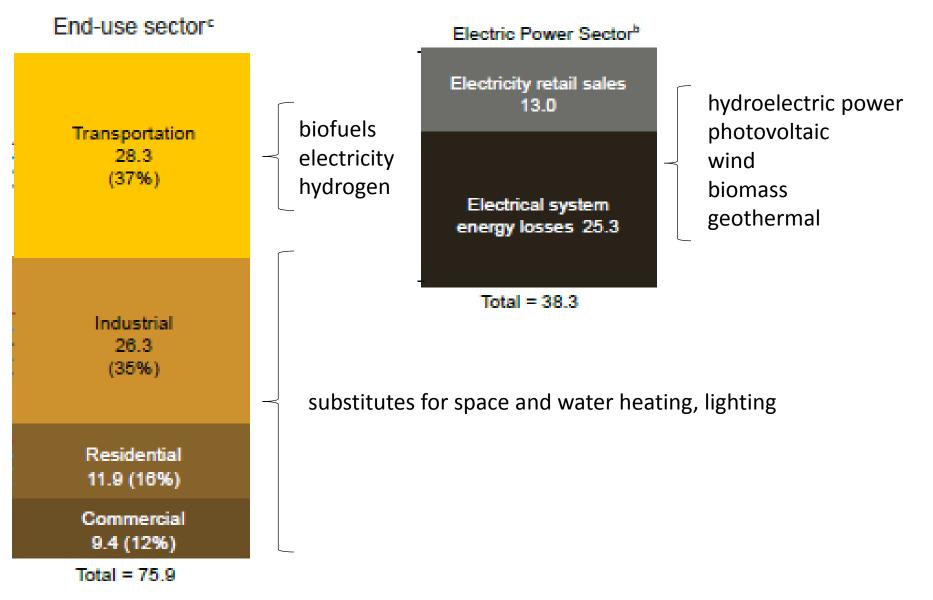
### U.S. Primary Energy Sources, 2018

Source<sup>a</sup>



Total = 101.3

#### U.S. Energy Use Sectors, 2018





## Try to Fathom Some Big Numbers

### $1 \text{ quad} = 10^{15} \text{ BTU} = 293 \text{ TWh}$

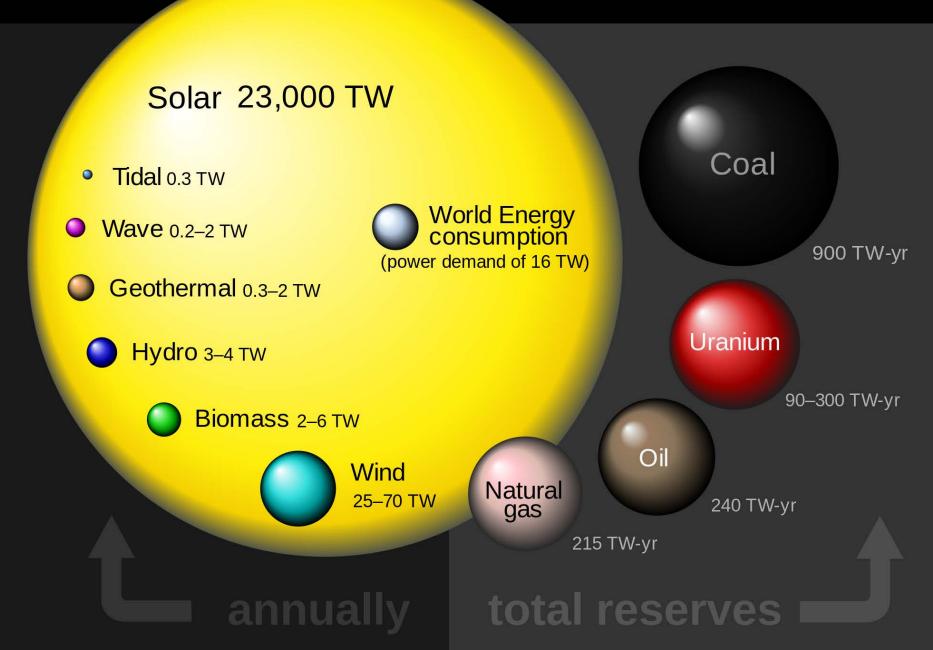
In the U.S. 235 million passenger cars and light-duty trucks consume 16.6 quads of energy.

14 million light-duty vehicles consume about one quad.

In the U.S. 98 nuclear reactors consume 8.4. quads of energy.

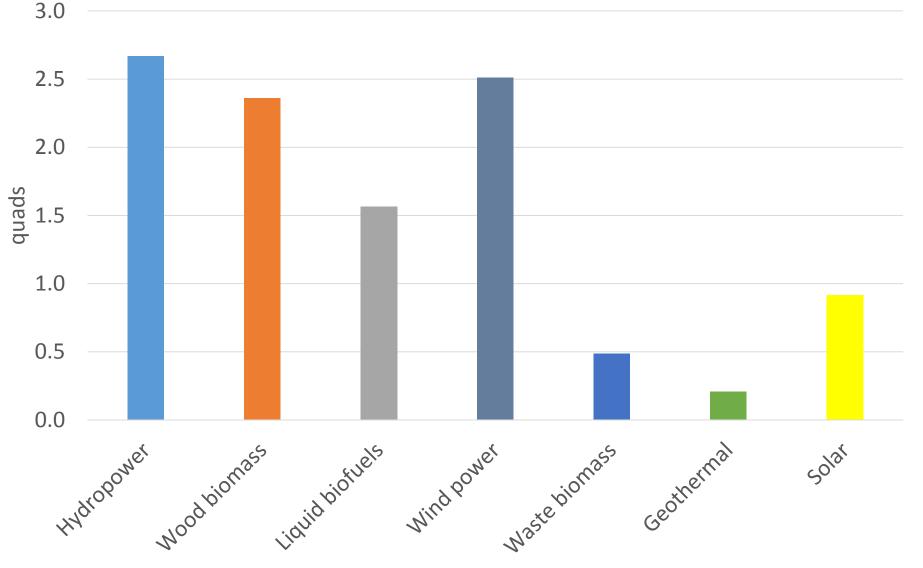
12 reactors consume about one quad.

#### **Global Energy Potential**



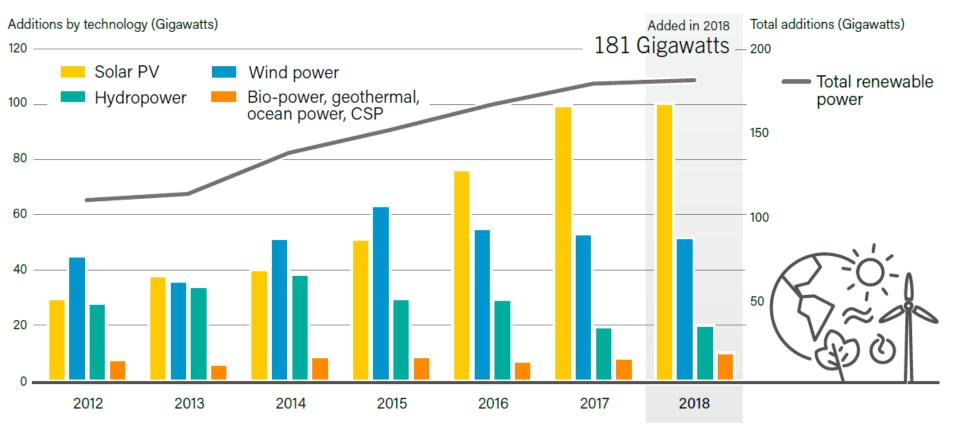


#### U.S. Renewable Energy Sources, 2018



Total renewable fraction of primary energy is 11%

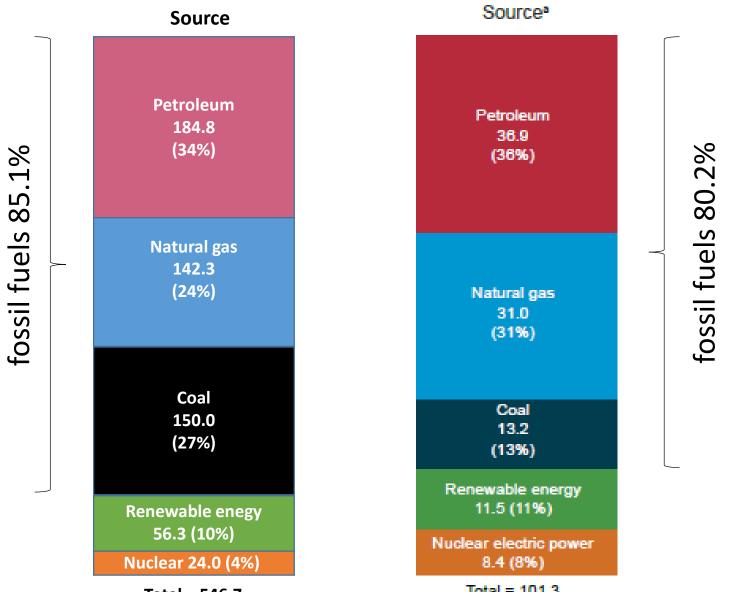
### Annual Additions of Global Renewable Power Capacity, by Technology and Total, 2012-2018



Note: Solar PV capacity data are provided in direct current (DC).

Source: See endnote 183 for this chapter.

# Global and U.S. Primary Energy Sources, 2018

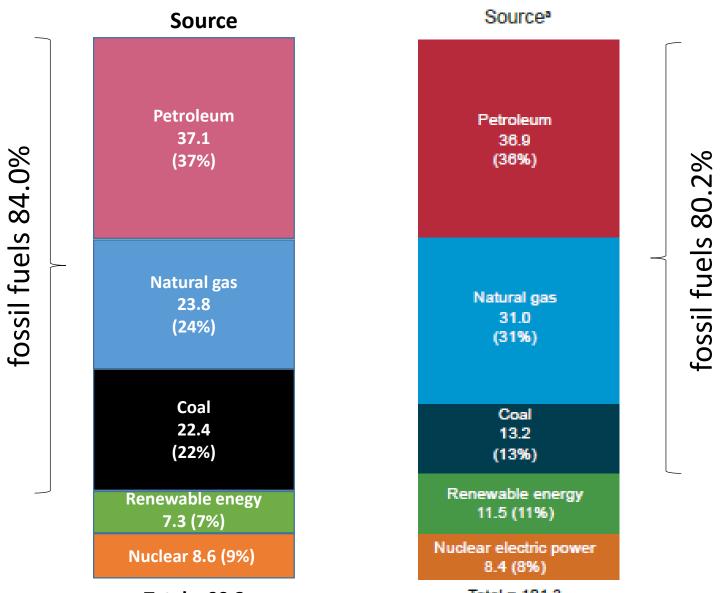


Total = 546.7

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Total = 101.3

### U.S. Primary Energy Sources, 2008 and 2018

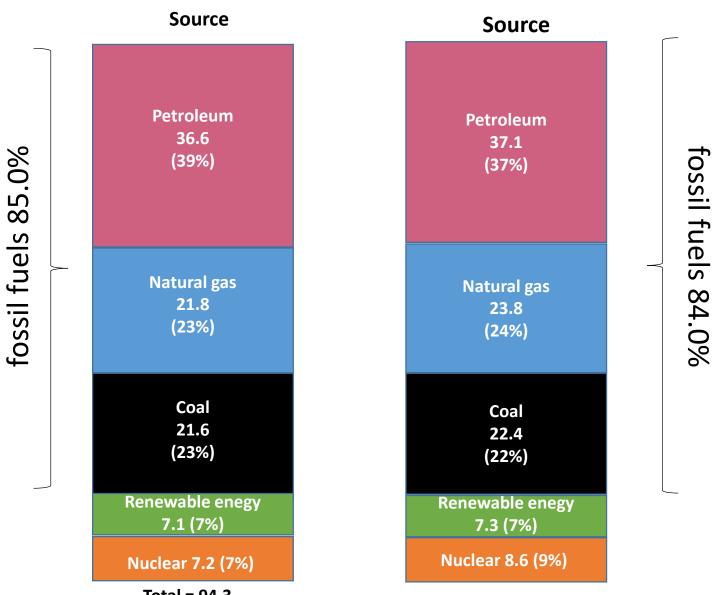


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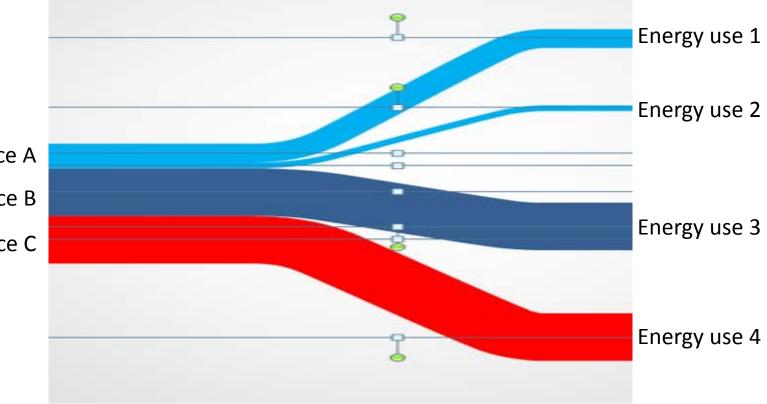
# U.S. Primary Energy Sources, 1980 and 2008



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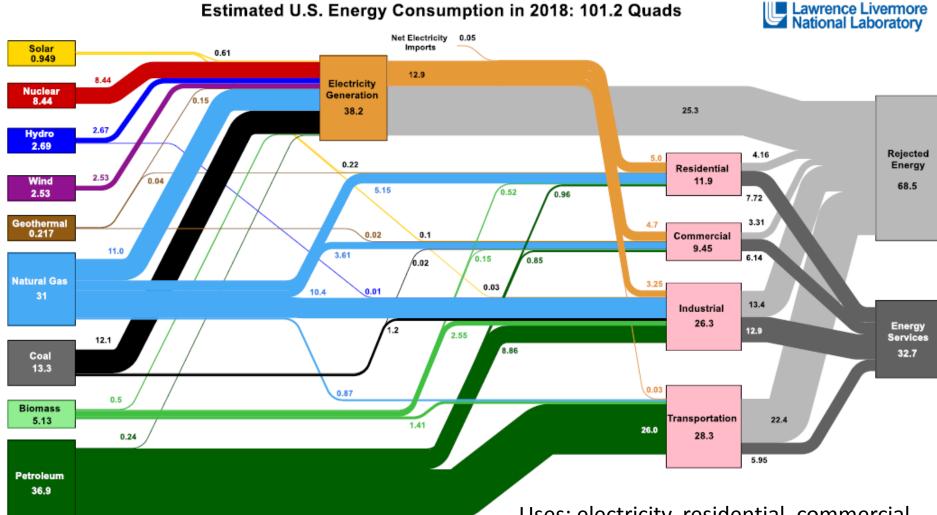
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# Flow Concept Sankey Diagram



Energy source A Energy source B Energy source C

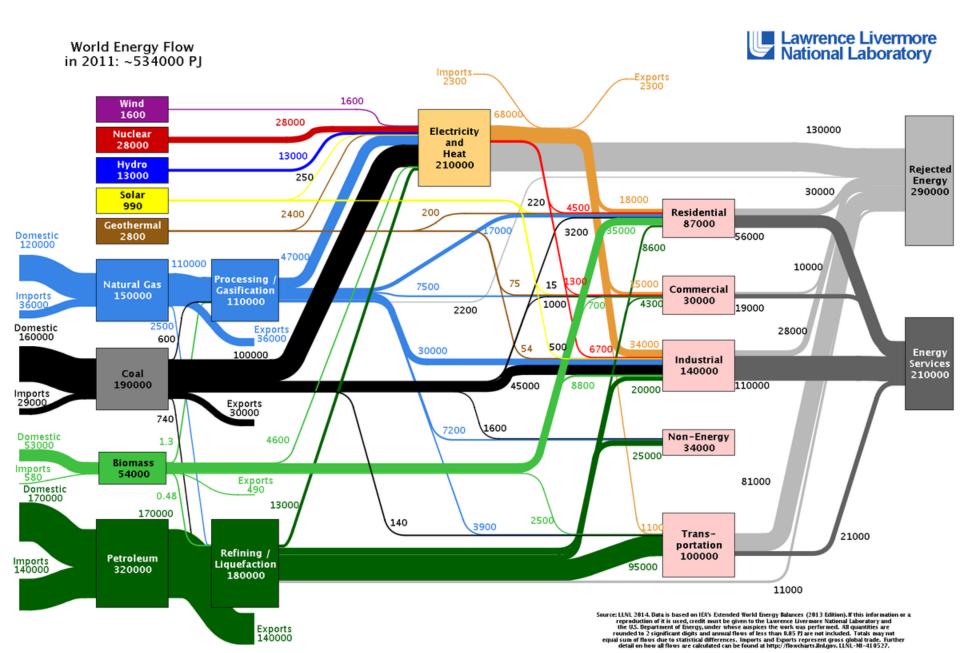
# U.S. Energy Flow 2018



Uses: electricity, residential, commercial, Industrial, transportation.

Sources: fossil fuels, nuclear, renewables

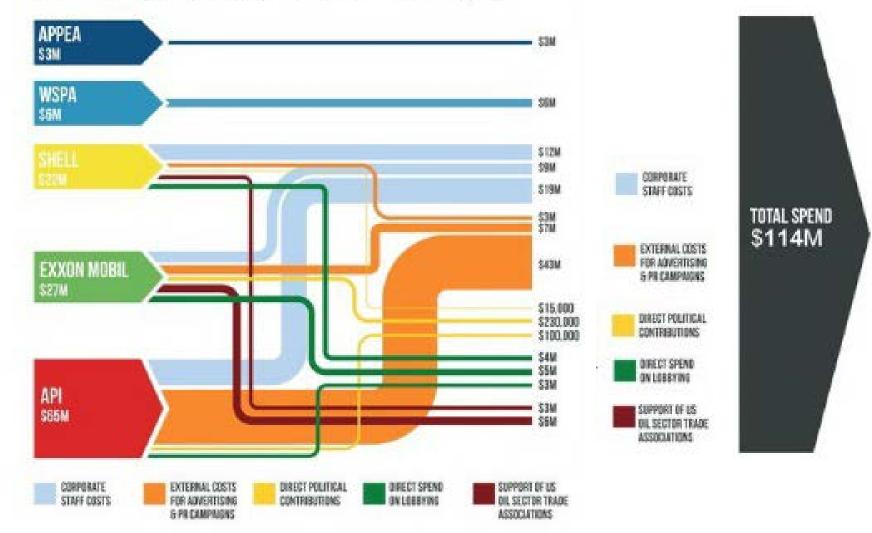
# Global Energy Flow, 2011





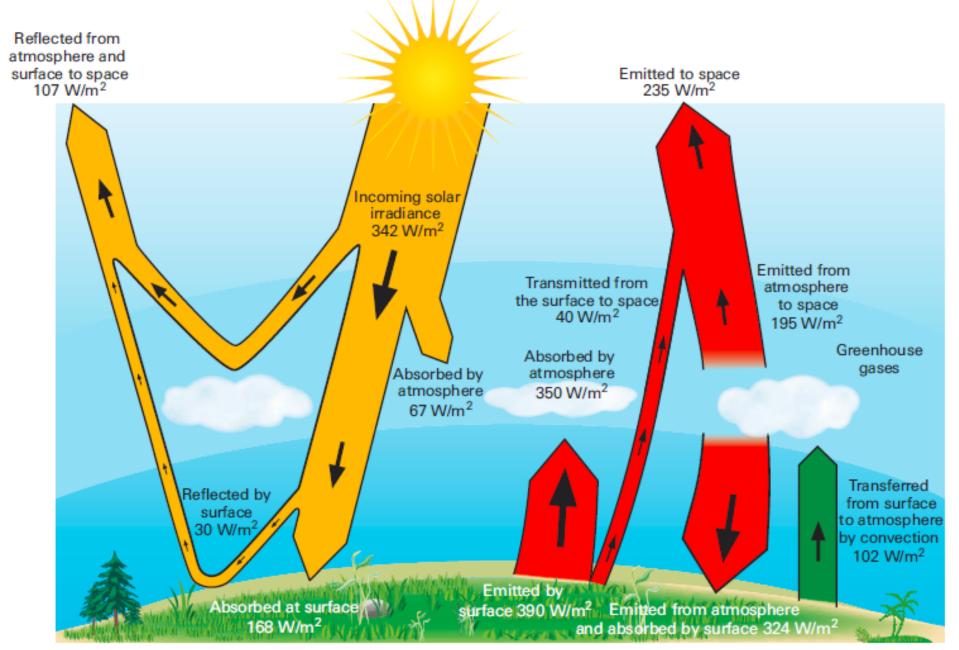
# Oil Company Climate Lobbying 2015

How much big oil spends on obstructive climate lobbying:



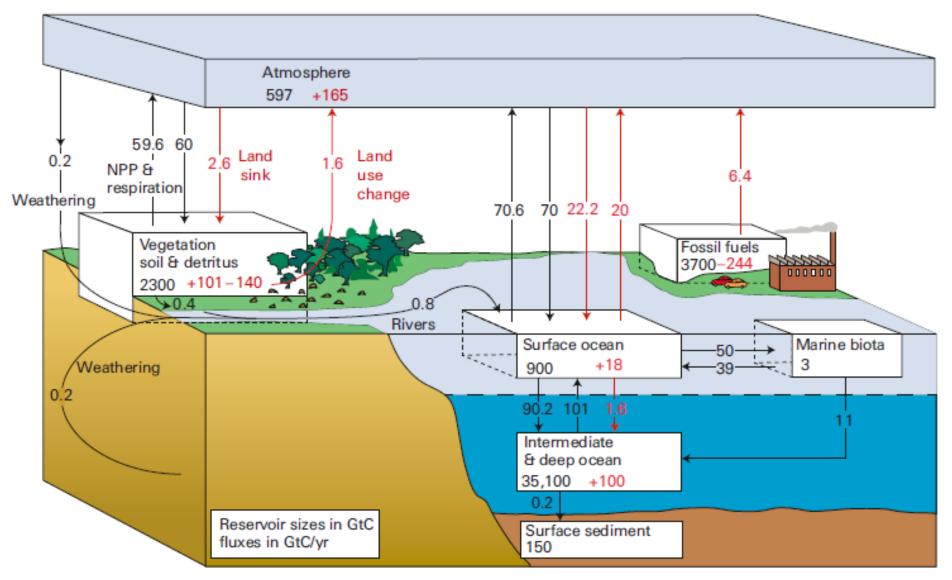
# **Climate Science**

# Global Average Energy Fluxes (in Balance)





# Global Carbon Cycle



Black numbers pre-industrial steady state. Red numbers additions due to human activity.



# How Much CO<sub>2</sub> in the Atmosphere?

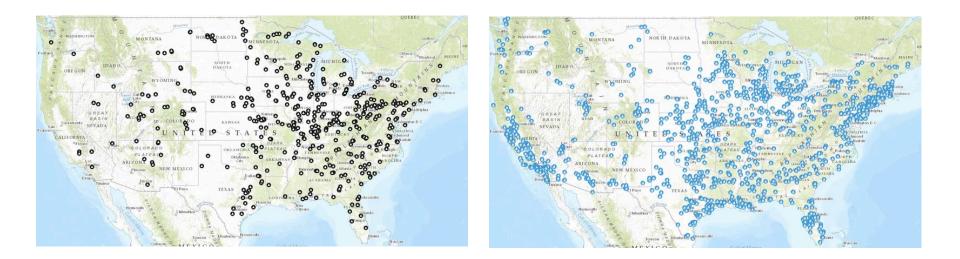
- Atmospheric pressure P = 101 kPa
- Mass of atmosphere M =  $P \times (4\pi R^2)/g$ 
  - 101 kPa ×  $(4\pi (6.4 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^2)^2)/(9.8 \text{ N} / \text{kg}) = 5.3 \times 10^6 \text{ Gt}$
- GMW of atmosphere 78% O<sub>2</sub>, 21% N<sub>2</sub>, 1% Ar  $\rightarrow$  29 g per mole
- Atmosphere contains  $1.83 \times 10^{20}$  moles
- Currently  $CO_2$  at 411 ppm = 7.52 × 10<sup>16</sup> moles = 3,300 GtCO<sub>2</sub>
- Pre-industrial CO<sub>2</sub> at 280 ppm 2,250 GtCO<sub>2</sub>
- 1,050 GtCO<sub>2</sub> emitted in atmosphere since industrialization



# Try to Fathom Some Big Numbers

1 Gt CO<sub>2</sub>

## In the U.S. in 2018 9,719 power plants emitted 1.763 GT CO<sub>2</sub>

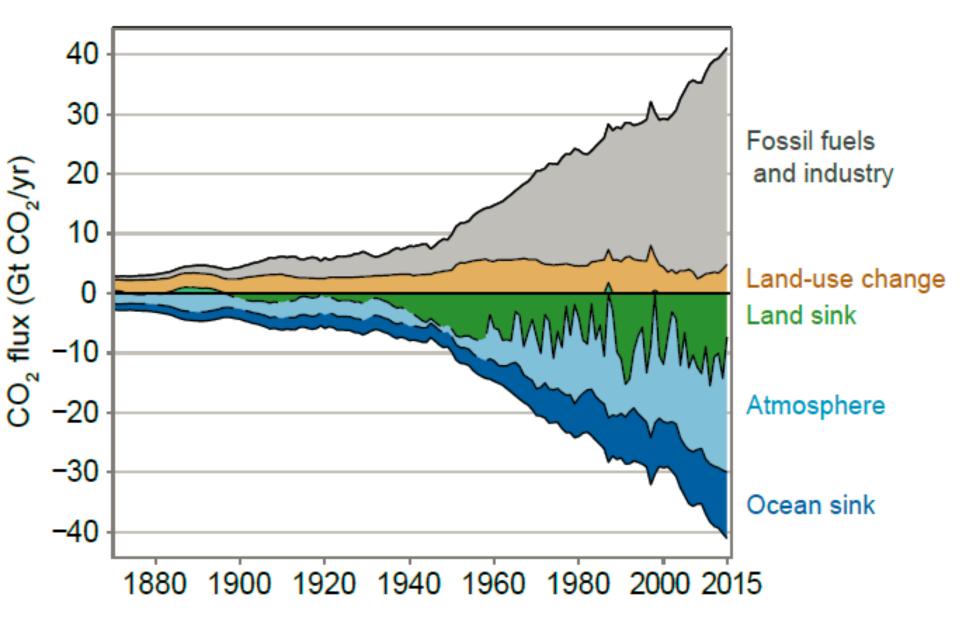


**Coalfired** plants

Natural gas fired plants

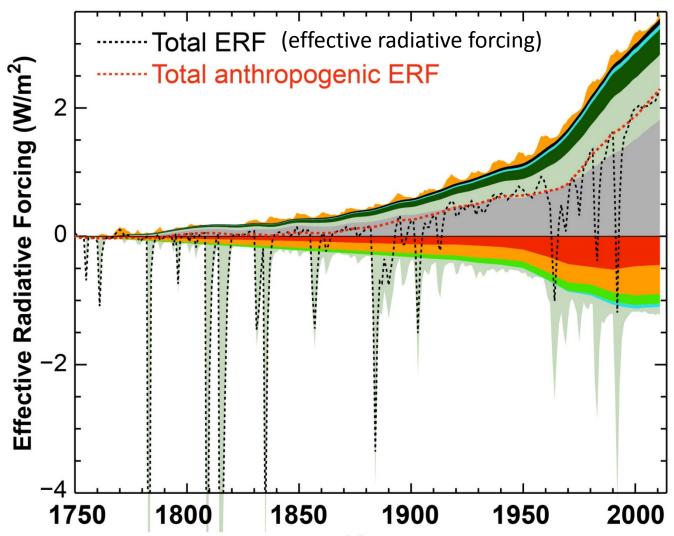
# CO<sub>2</sub> Sources and Sinks 1870–2015

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## **Time Evolution of Forcings**

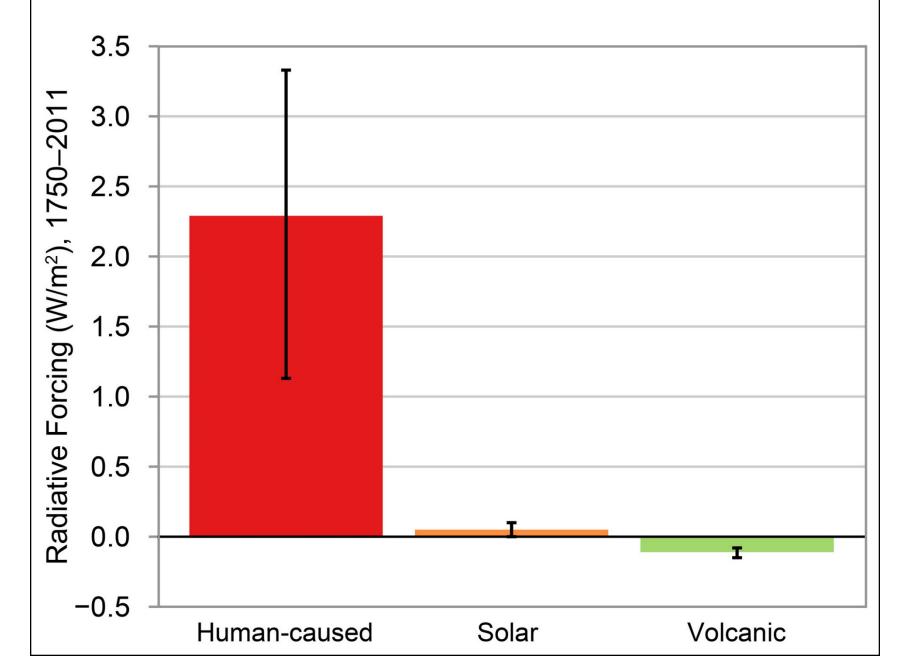


### Solar

Black carbon on snow and contrails Stratospheric water **Tropospheric ozone Other WMGHG Carbon dioxide** Aerosol-radiation int. Aerosol-cloud int. Land use Stratospheric ozone Volcanic



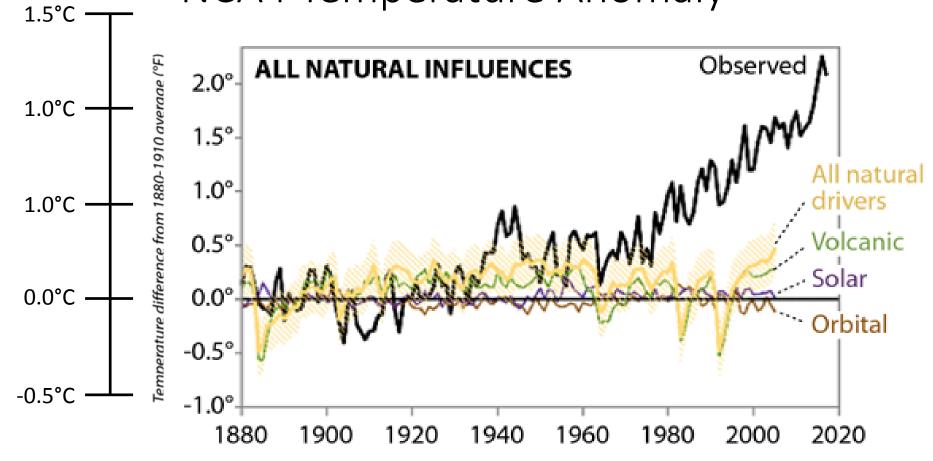
# **Causes of Radiative Forcing**



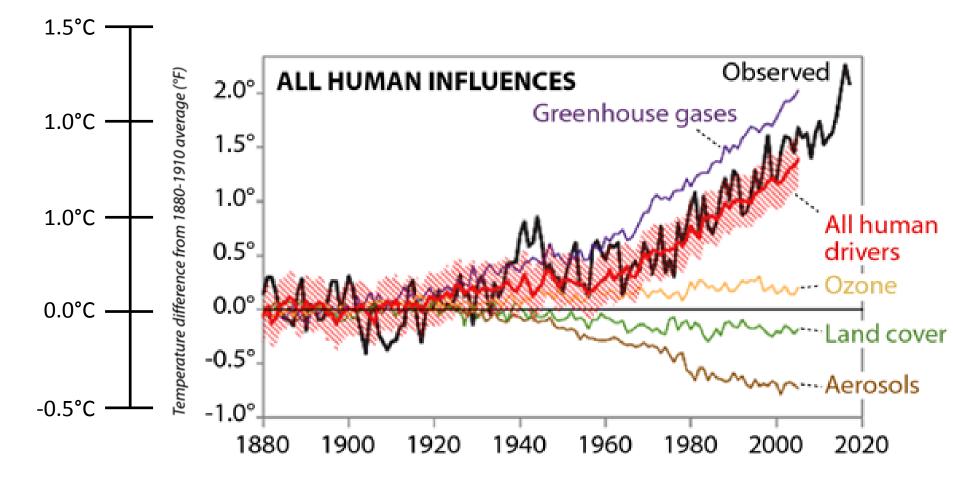
# **Temperature Analysis**



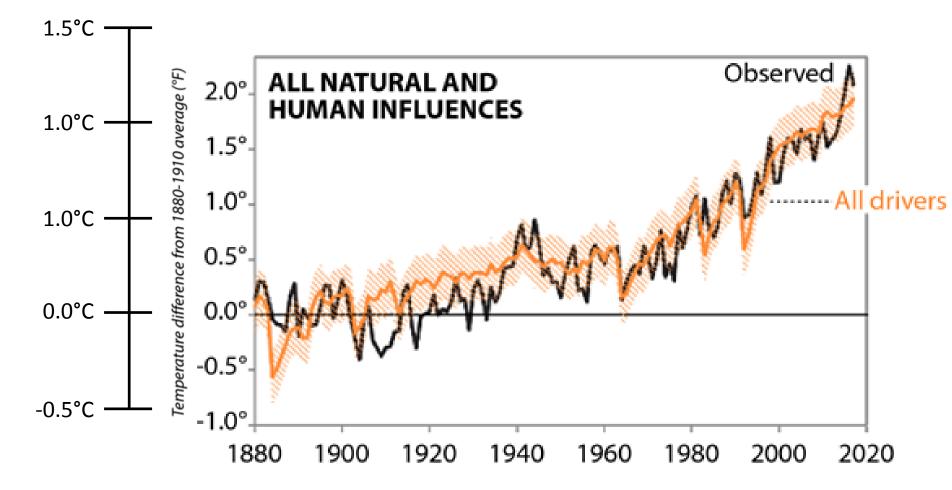
# NCA4 Temperature Anomaly



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## Weather 2050



WMO Weather Report 2050 - USA Weather Channel 720

## Weather Report 23 September 2050 The Weather Channel, USA



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## Weather Report 23 September 2050 NHK, Japan

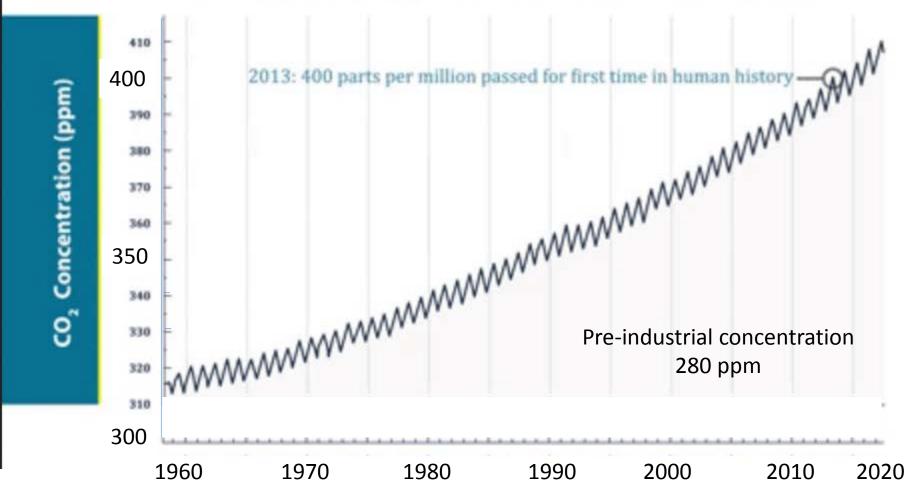


# Climate Change and GHG Emissions

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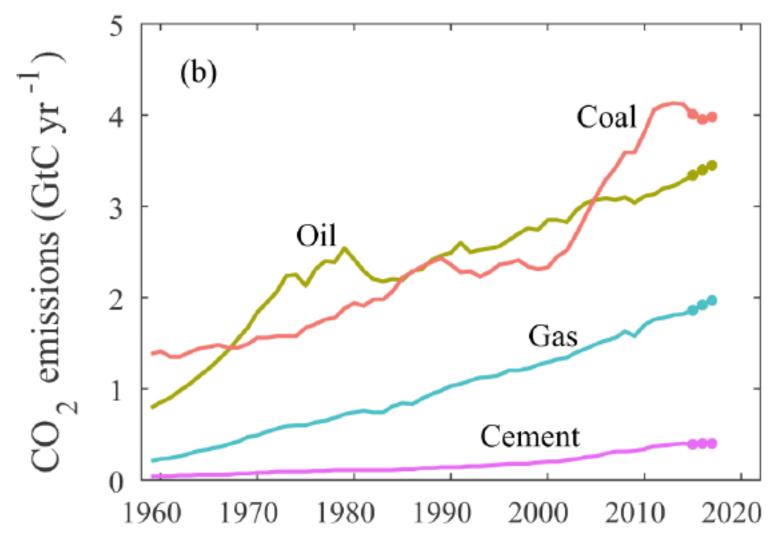


# NOAA 800,000 Years of CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions

	Atmospheric CO <sub>2</sub> (ppm)		40
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Jan 1979: 336 ppm			33
1980	1990	2010	

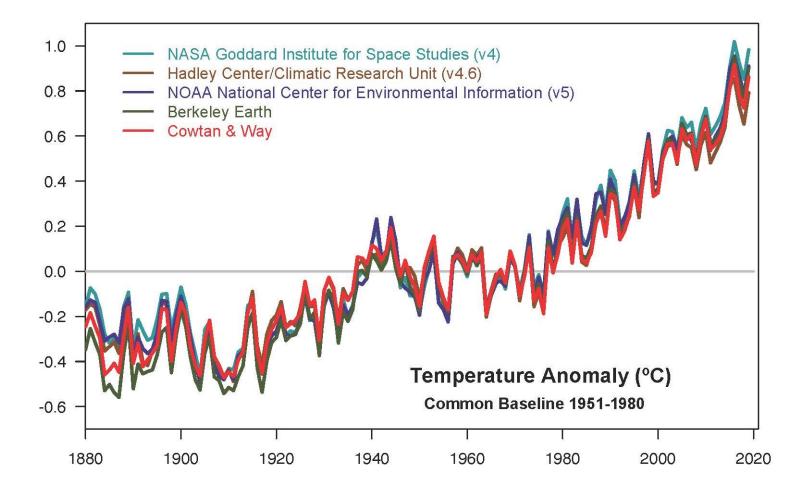
# Global Emission by Fuel Type

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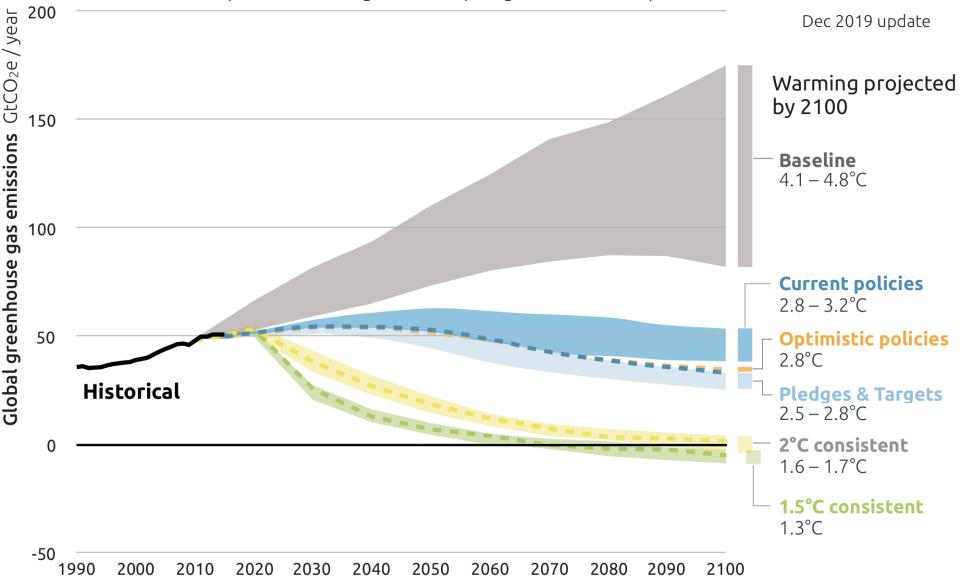
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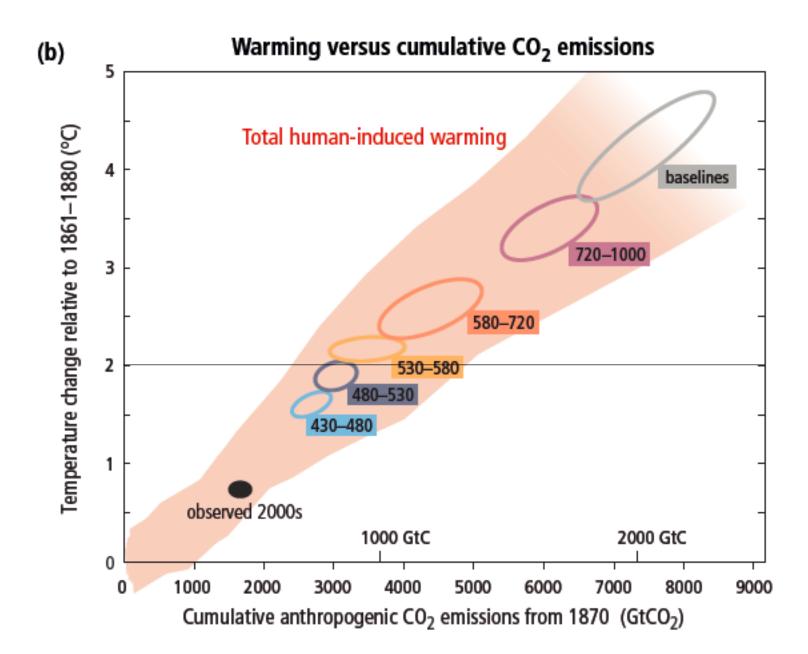
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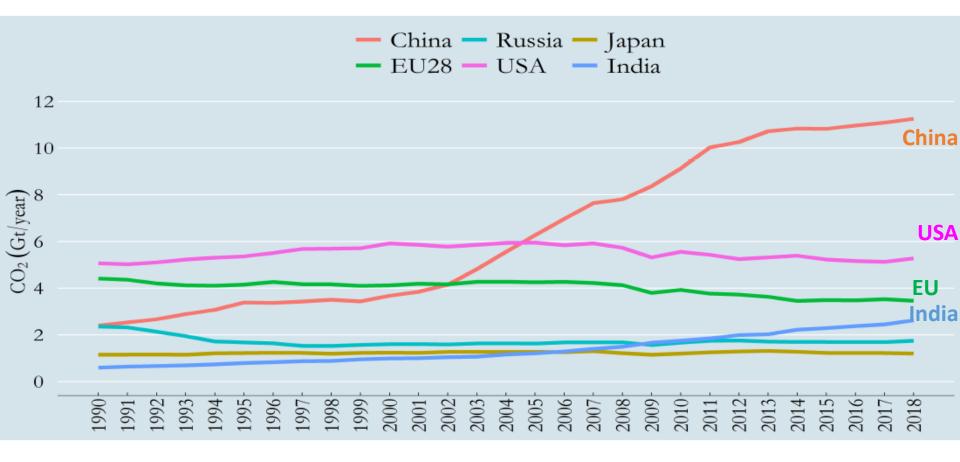
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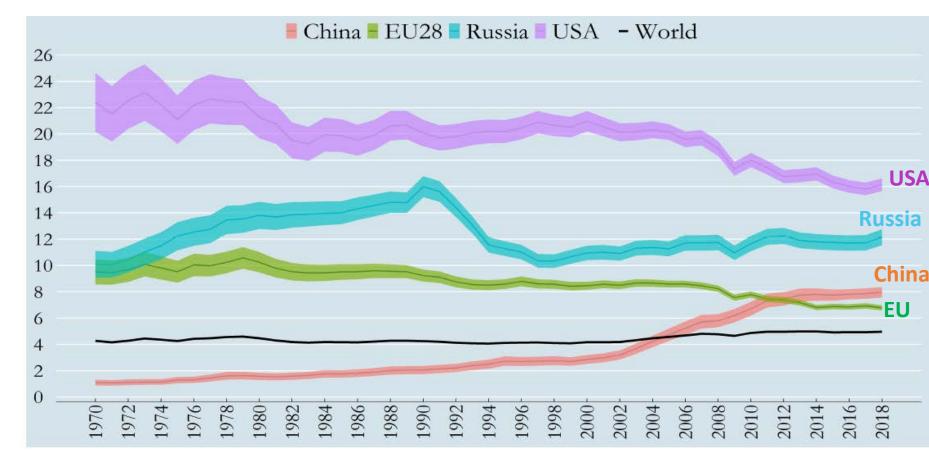
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# Fossil CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions of Selected Economies



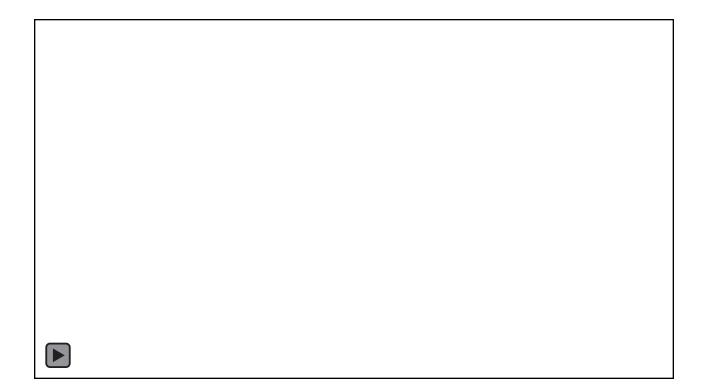
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# Annual Per Capita CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions



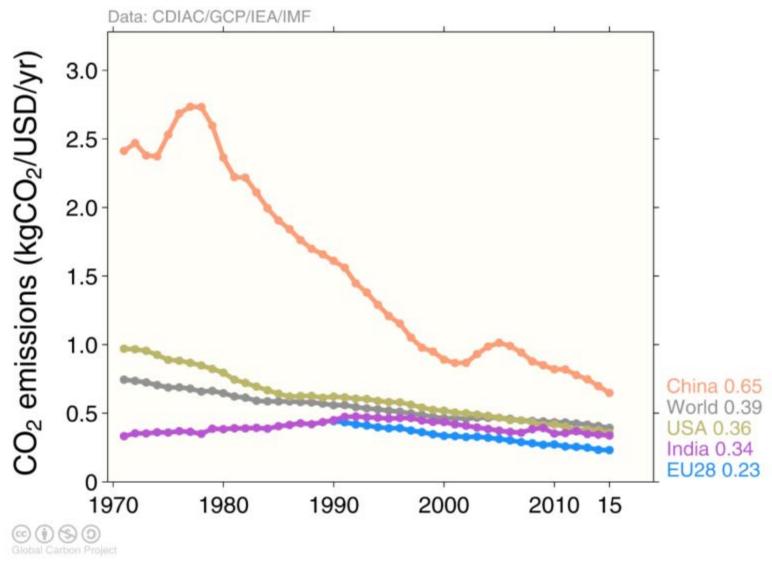


# CO<sub>2</sub> Emission Timeline Selected Countries



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# Emission Intensity 1970 - 2015



# Stripes



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## Warming Stripes for GLOBE from 1850-2018

1850	1900	1950	2000 Ed Hawkins

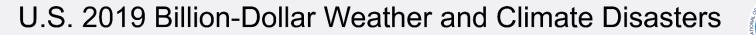
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## Warming Stripes for All of USA from 1895-2018

1895	1920	1945	1970	1995	2018

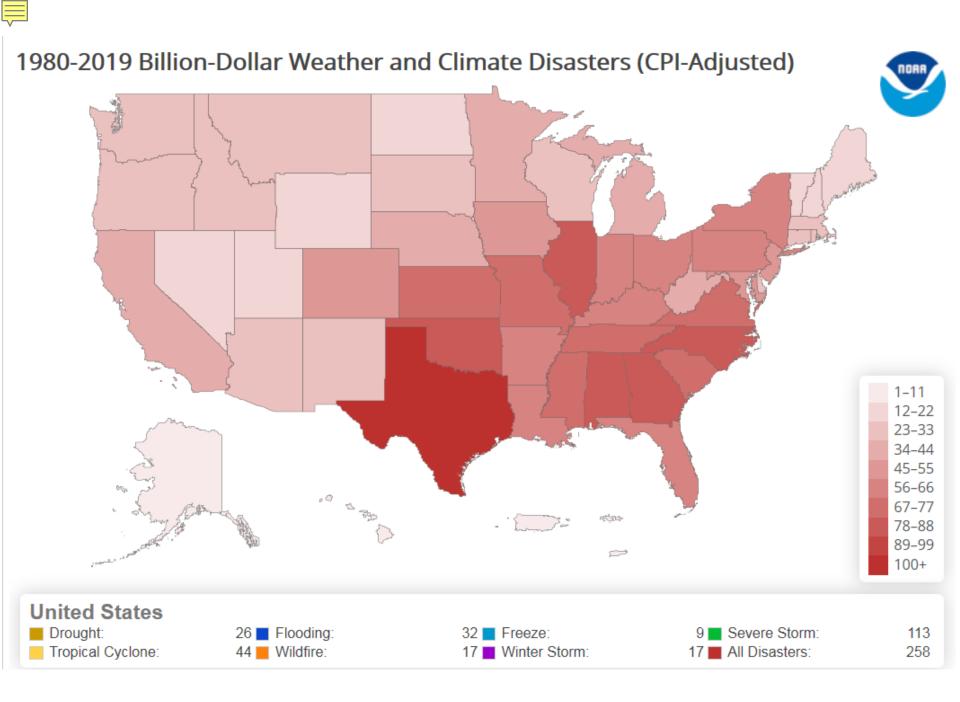
# Billion Dollar Weather Events







This map denotes the approximate location for each of the **14 separate billion-dollar weather and climate disasters** that impacted the United States **during 2019**.





# Billion Dollar Disaster Events

CPI-Adjusted Unadjusted **United States** Ŧ United States Billion-Dollar Disaster Events 1980-2019 (CPI-Adjusted) Drought Severe Storm **Tropical Cyclone** Flooding Freeze Wildfire Winter Storm All Disasters Cost 5-Year Avg Costs Costs 95% CI 16 -\$450 -\$400 14 -\$350 12 -\$300 Number of Events 10 Cost in Billions \$250 8 - \$200 6 -\$150 4 -\$100 2 \$50 - \$0 0 1980 2019 1990 2000 2010 Powered by ZingChart Updated: January 8, 2020

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# Billion Dollar Disaster Events

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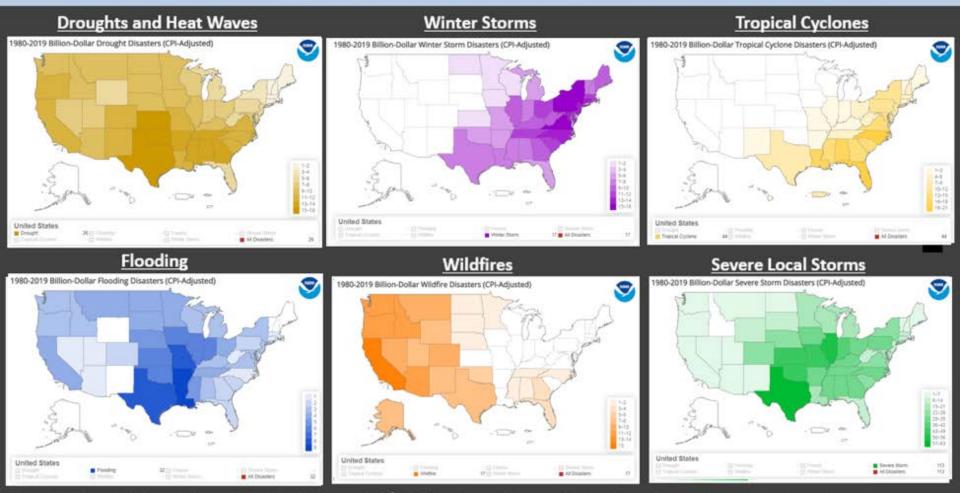
Begin Year:	1980	-	End Year:	2019	•	Update

### Billion-dollar events to affect the U.S. from 1980 to 2019 (CPI-Adjusted)

DISASTER TYPE	NUMBER OF EVENTS	PERCENT FREQUENCY	CPI-ADJUSTED LOSSES (BILLIONS OF DOLLARS)	PERCENT OF TOTAL LOSSES	AVERAGE EVENT COST (BILLIONS OF DOLLARS)	DEATHS
Drought	26	10.1%	\$249.7 CI	14.2%	\$9.6	2,993 <sup>†</sup>
Flooding	32	12.4%	\$146.5 <sup>§</sup> CI	8.3% <sup>§</sup>	\$4.6 <sup>§</sup>	555
Freeze	9	3.5%	\$30.5 CI	1.7%	\$3.4	162
Severe Storm	113	43.8%	\$247.8 CI	14.1%	\$2.2	1,642
Tropical Cyclone	44	17.1%	\$945.9 CI	53.9%	\$21.5	6,502
Wildfire	17	6.6%	\$84.9 CI	4.8%	\$5.0	347
Winter Storm	17	6.6%	\$49.3 CI	2.8%	\$2.9	1,048
All Disasters	258	100.0%	\$1,754.6 <sup>CI</sup>	100.0%	\$6.8	13,249

# **Billion Dollar Disaster Events**

## Billion-dollar weather and climate disasters frequency mapping: 1980-2019



\*248 weather and climate disasters reached or exceeded \$1 billion during this period (CPI-adjusted); cost > \$1.75 trillion in damages

Please note that the map reflects a summation of billion-dollar events for each state affected (i.e., it does not mean that each state shown suffered at least \$1 billion in losses for each event).

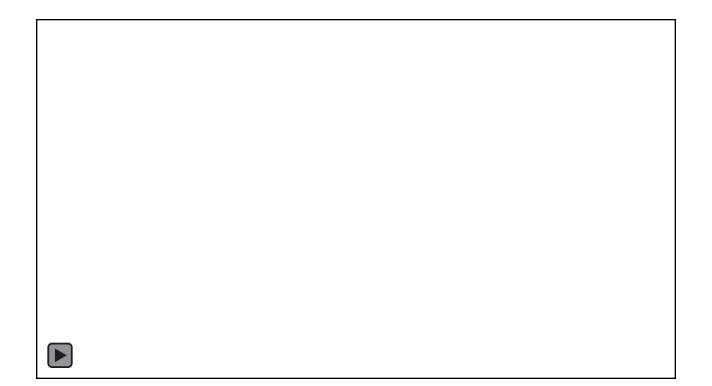
# Climate Models

# Climate Change and Models from "Fair and Unbiased" to "Most Watched, Most Trusted"



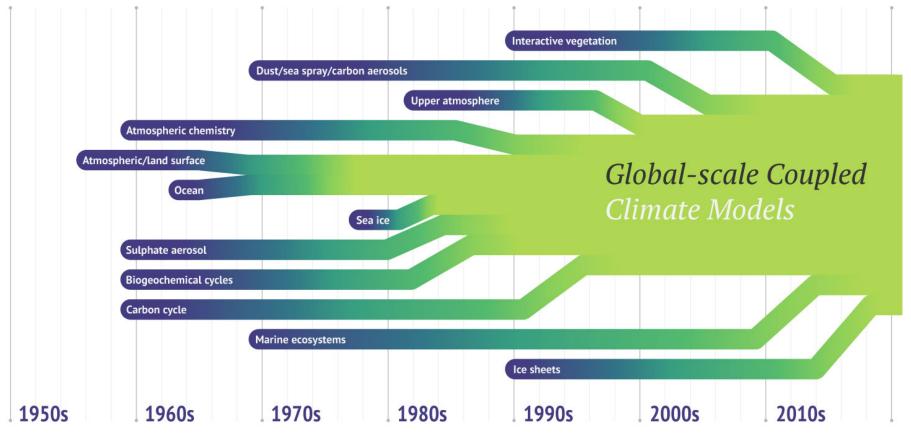


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## Climate models

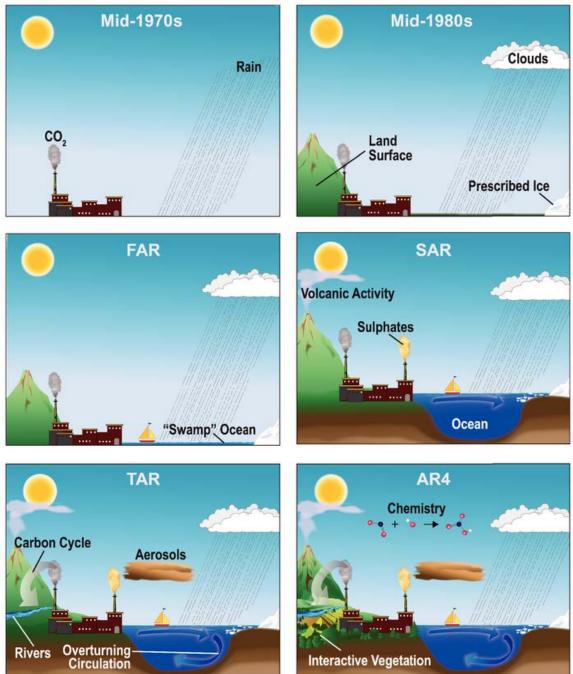
For decades scientists have been using mathematical models to help us learn more about the Earth's climate. Known as climate models, they are driven by the fundamental physics of the atmosphere and oceans, and the cycling of chemicals between living things and their environment. Over time they have increased in complexity, as separate components have merged to form coupled systems.



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## The World in Global Climate Models

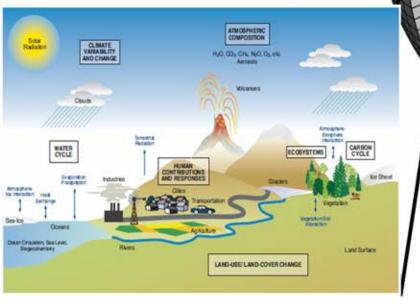




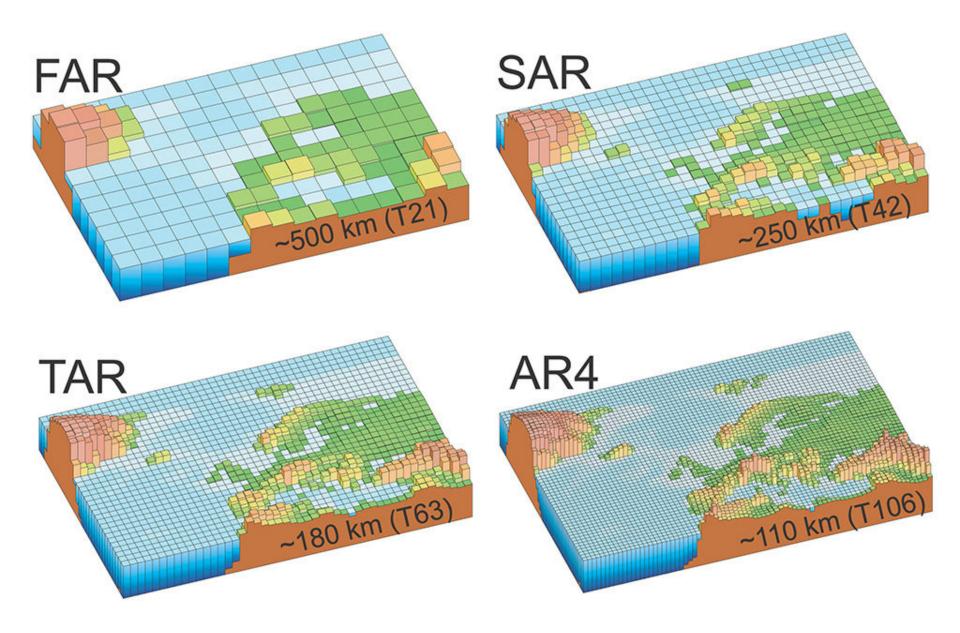
# Schematic for Global Atmospheric Model

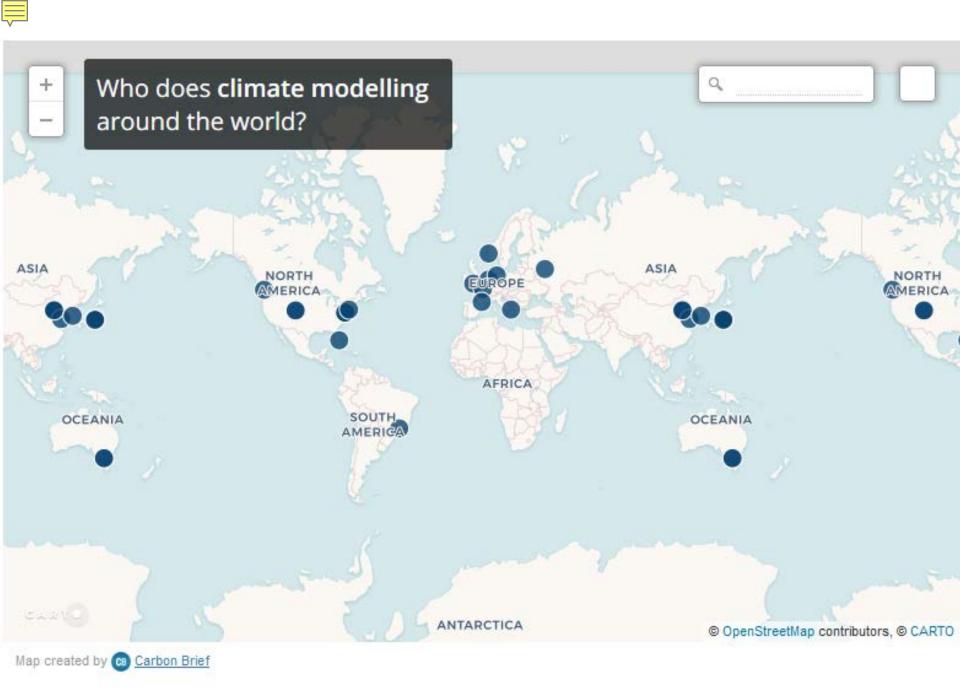
Horizontal Grid (Latitude-Longitude)

Vertical Grid (Height or Pressure)



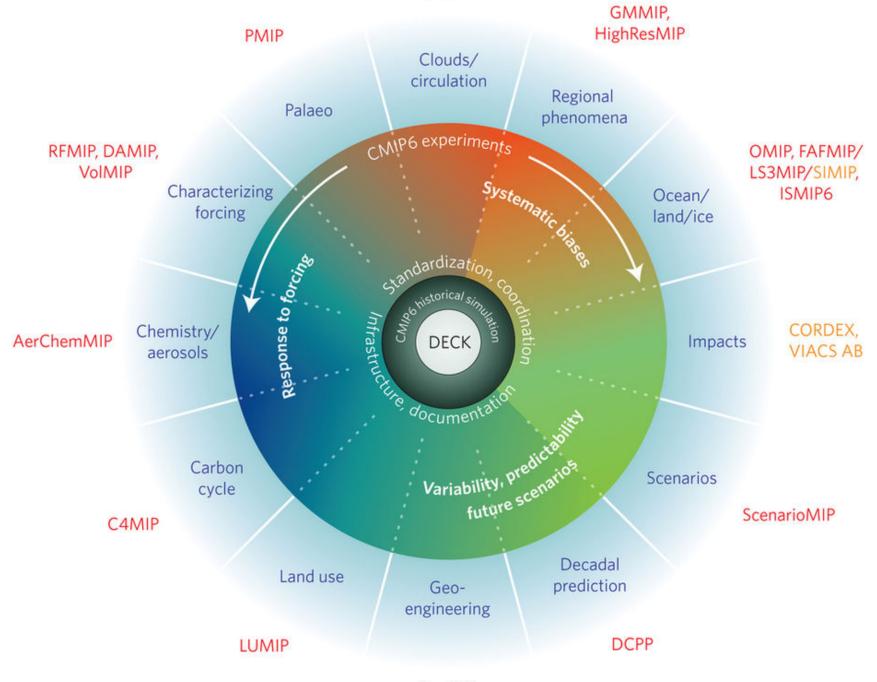








### CFMIP, DynVarMIP



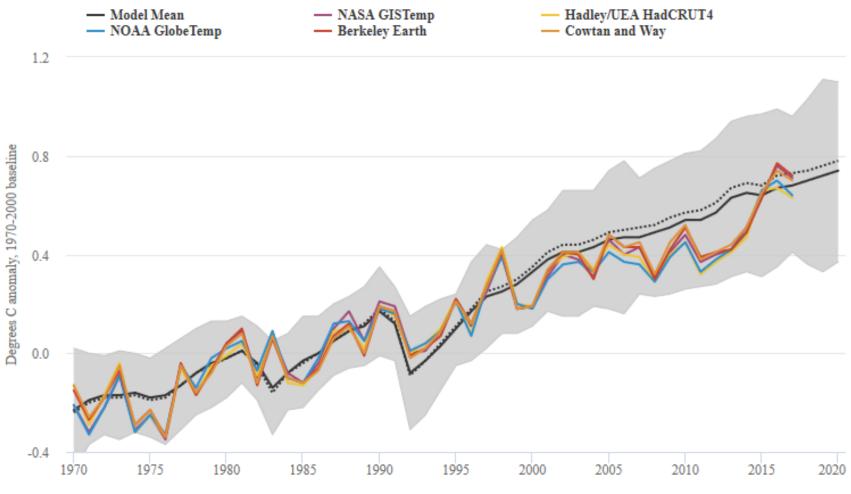
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# Parametrized Systems in Climate Models

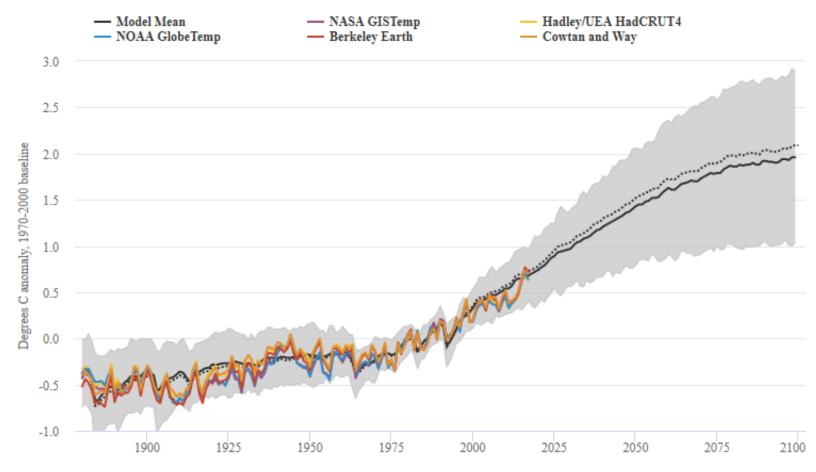




### Climate models and observations, 1970-2017







### Climate models and observations, 1880-2100

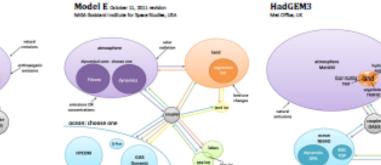
## **The Software Architecture of Global Climate Models**



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#### Key to Diagrams

Each component of the climate system has been assigned a colour: atmosphere ocean land sea ice land too sediment.

Model code for a component is represented with a bubble. Fixees are represented with arrows, in a colour showing where they originated.

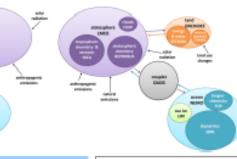
Couplers are grey. O Components can pass fluxes either directly to each other or through the coupler.

The area of a bubble represents the size of its code base, relative to other components in the same model.

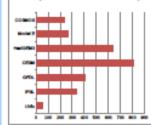
A smaller bubble within a larger one ( ) represents a small, highly encapsulated model of a system (eg clouds) that is used by the component.

Radiative forcings are passed to components with plain arrows.

IPSL Closes Model M. Institut Plane Since Laplace, Prance



#### Size (thousands of lines of code)



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#### Introduction

It has become common to compare and contrast the output of multiple global climate models (GCMs), such as in the Climate Model Intercomparison Project Phase 5 (CMPS). However, Intercomparisons of the software architecture of GCMs are almost nonexistent. In this qualitative study of seven GCMs from Canada, the United States and Europe, we attempted to fill this gap in meanch. By examining the model source code, reading documentation, and Interviewing developert, we created diagrams of software structure and compared metrics such as encapsulation, coupler design, and complexity.

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### Component-Based Software Engineering

A global climate model is really a collection of models (components), each representing a major realm of the climate system, such as the atmosphere or the land surface. They are highly encapsulated, for stand-alone use as well as a mix-andmatch approach that facilitates code sharing between institutions.

This strategy, known as component-based software engineering (CISE), pools resources to create high-quality components that are used by many GCMs. For example,

- UVIc uses a modified version of GFDC's ocean model, MOM.
- HadGEM3 and CESM both use CCF, a sea ice model developed a third institution (Los Alamos).

Contrary to CBSE goals, there is no universal interface for climate models, so components need to be modified when they are passed between institutions. Furthermore, the right to edit the master copy of a component's source code is generally restricted to the development team at the hosting institution. As a result, many different branches of the software develop.

A drawback to CBSE is the fact that, in the real world, components of the climate system are not encapsulated. For example, how does one represent the relationship between two is or and the ocean? Many different trategies exist:

- CESM: sea ice and ocean are completely separate components.
- IPSL: sea ice is a sub-component of the ocean.
  GPDL: sea ice is an interface to the ocean. All flaces to and from the ocean must pass through the sea ice region, even if no lice is actually present.

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### The Coupling Process

Since the climate system is highly interconnected, a CBSE approach requires code to tie the components together interpolating fluxes between grids and controlling interactions between components. These tasks are performed by the coupler. While all GCMs contain some form of coupler, the extent to which it is used varies widely:

- CESM: Every interaction is managed by the couplet.
  IPSE: Only the atmosphere and the ocean are
- connected to the coupler. The land component is directly called by the atmosphere.
- HadGEM3: all components are connected to the coupler, but ocean-ice fluxes are passed directly, since NEMO and CICE have similar grids.

A CBSE approach has even affected coupling, OASIS, a coupler used by many models (including COSMOS, HadGENG, and IPSL) is built to handle any number and any type of components, as well as the flux fields within.

#### Complexity and Focus

A simple line count of GCM source code serves as a reasonable proxy for relative complexity. A model that represent many processes will generally have a larger code base than one that represents only a fee. Between models, complexity varies widely. Within models, the bulk of a GCM's complexity is often concentrated in a single component, due to the origin of the model and the institution's goals:

- HadGEM3: atmosphere-centric. It grew out of the atmospheric model MetUM, which is also used for weather forecasting, requiring high atmospheric complexity.
- UNic: ocean-centric. It began as a branch of MOM, and kept the combination of a complex ocean and a simple atmosphere due to its speed and suitability to very long simulations.
- CESM: atmosphere-centric, but land is catching up, having even surpassed the ocean. It is embracing the "Earth System Model" frontier of terrestrial complexity, particularly feedback in the carbon cycle.

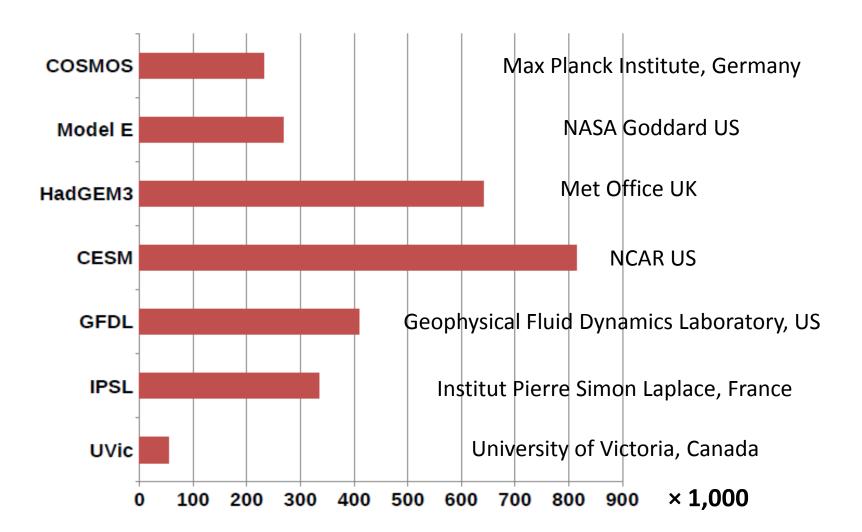
### Conclusions

While every GCM we studied shares a common basic design, a wide range of structural diventity exists in areas such as coupler structure, relative complexity between components, and levels of component encapsulation. This diversity can complexite model development, particularly when components are passed between institutions. However, the range of design choices is arguably beneficial for model output, as it inadvertently produces the software engineering equivalent of perturbed physics (although not in a systematic manner).

Additionally, architectural differences may provide new insights into variability and spread between model results. By examining software variations, as well as scientific variations, we can better understand discrepancies in GCM output.



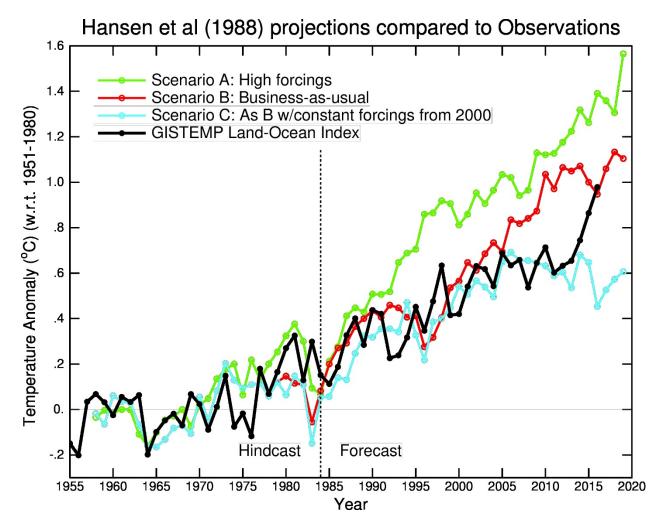
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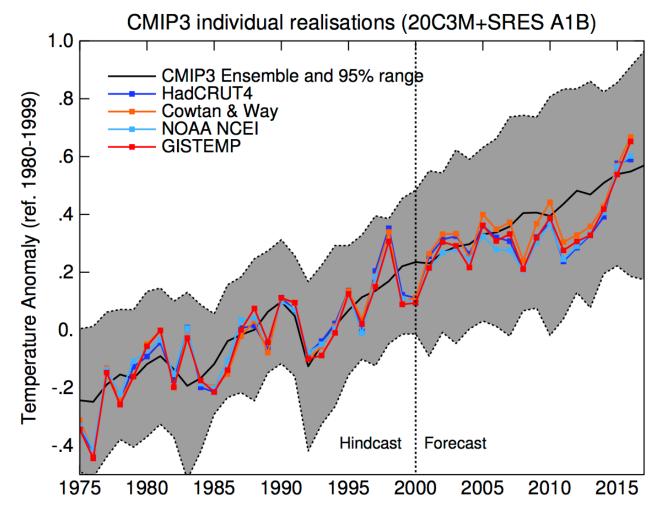


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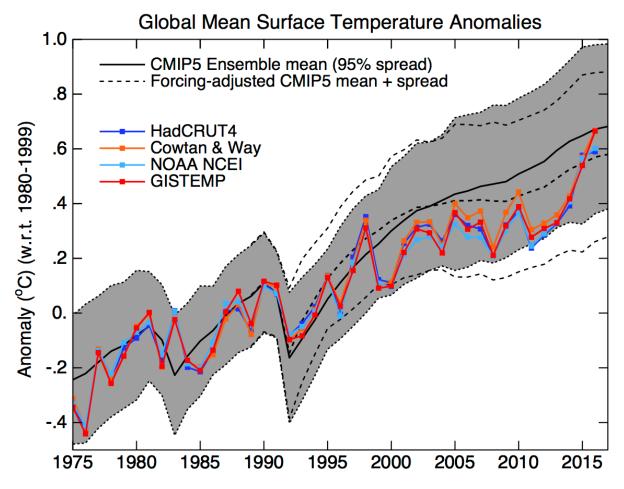
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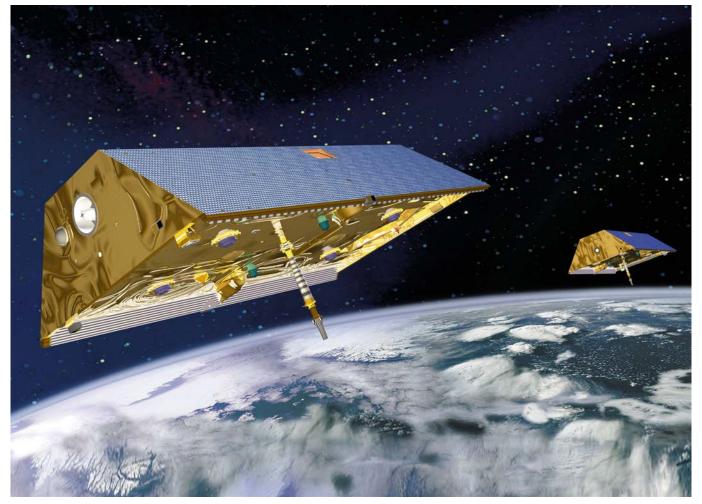
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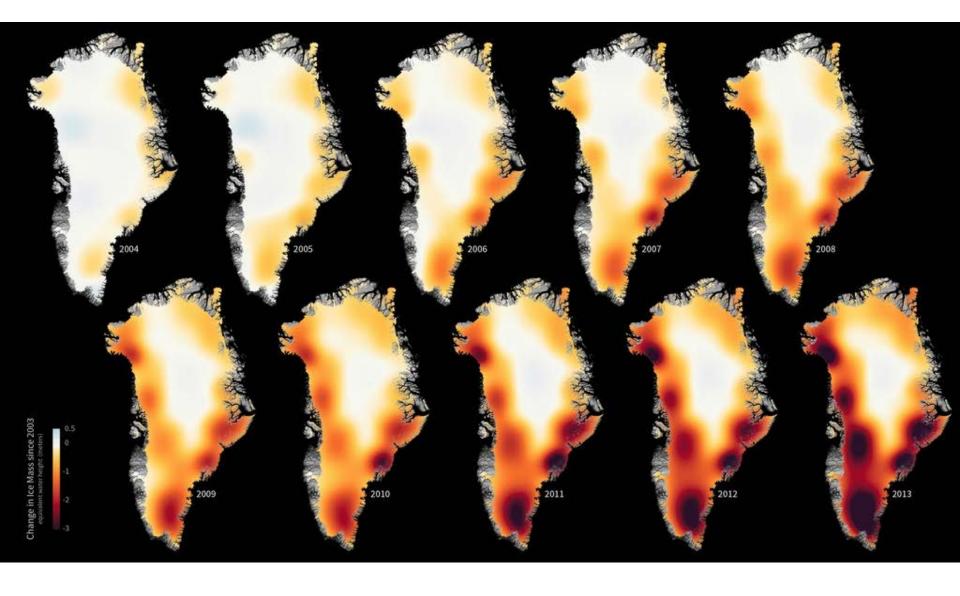


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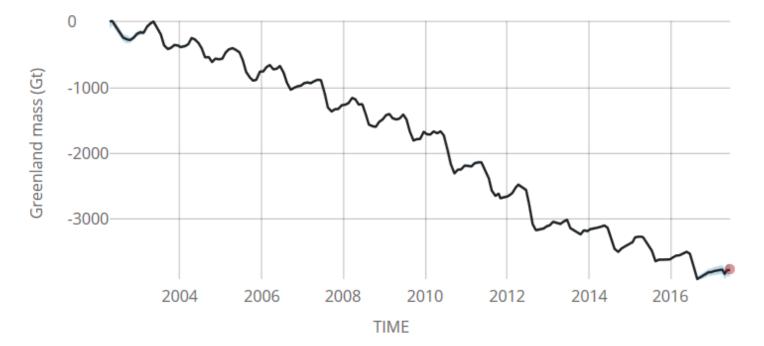


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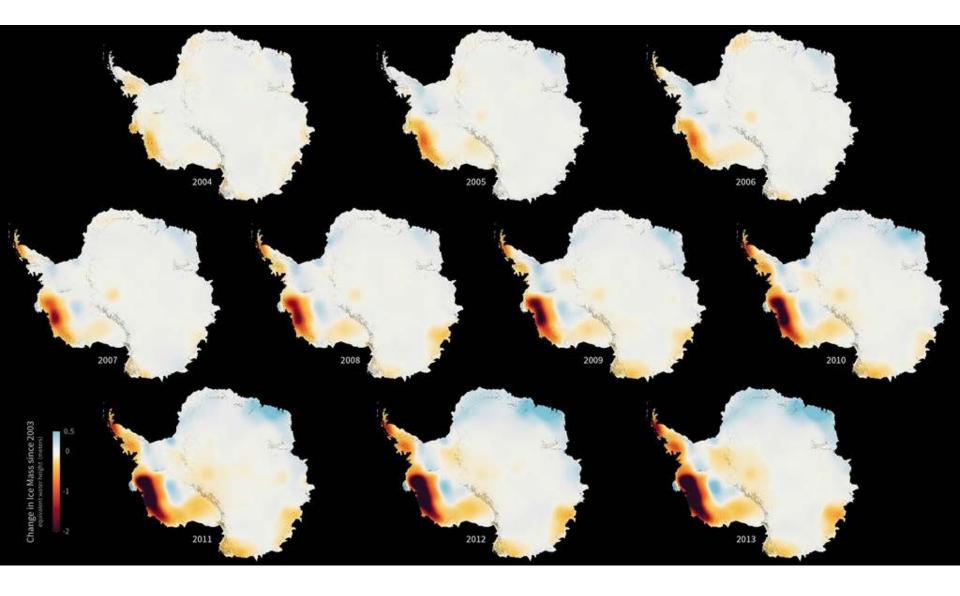
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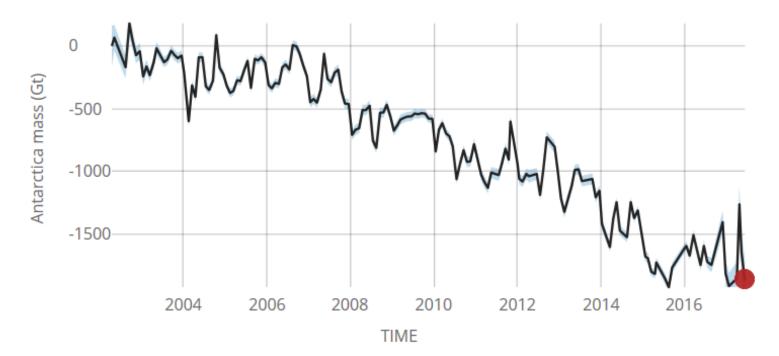
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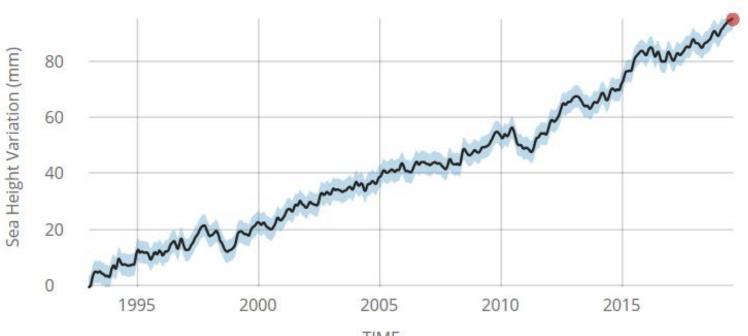
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# Sea Level Rise Affect on Manhattan



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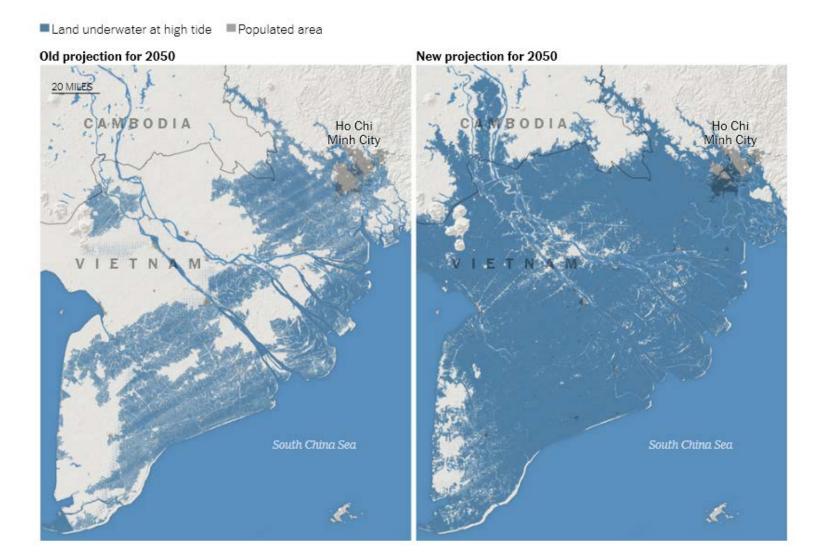
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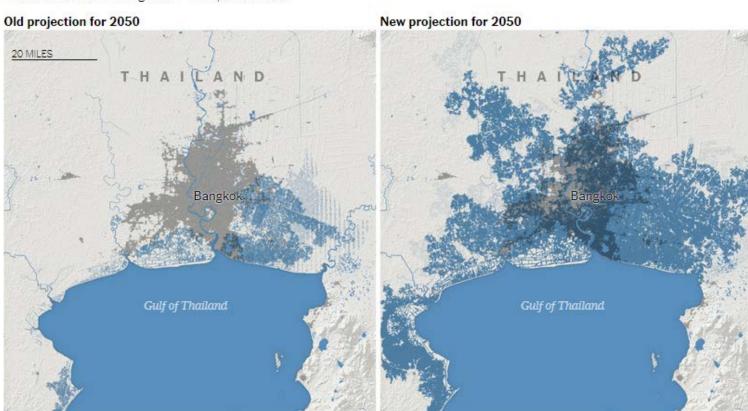
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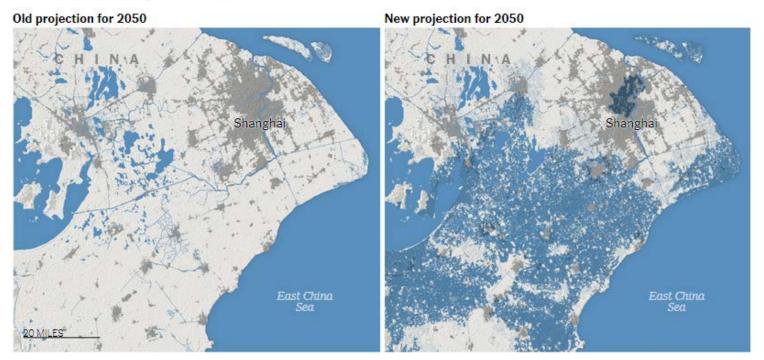
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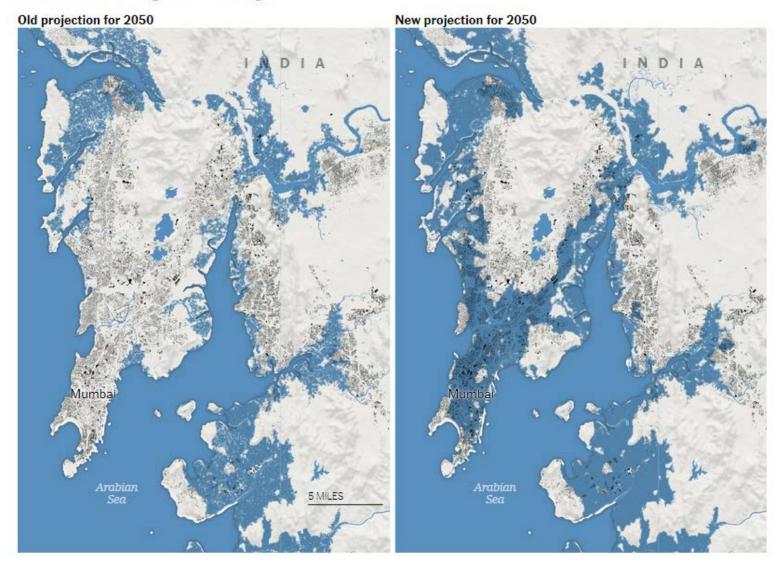
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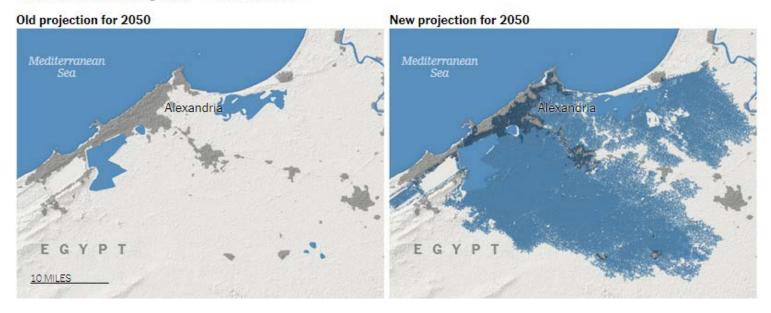
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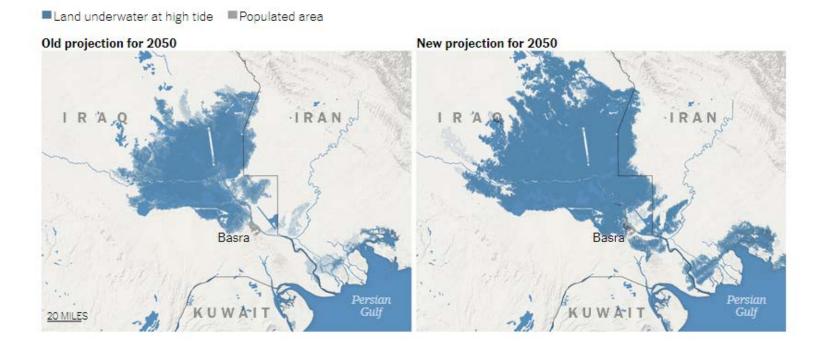


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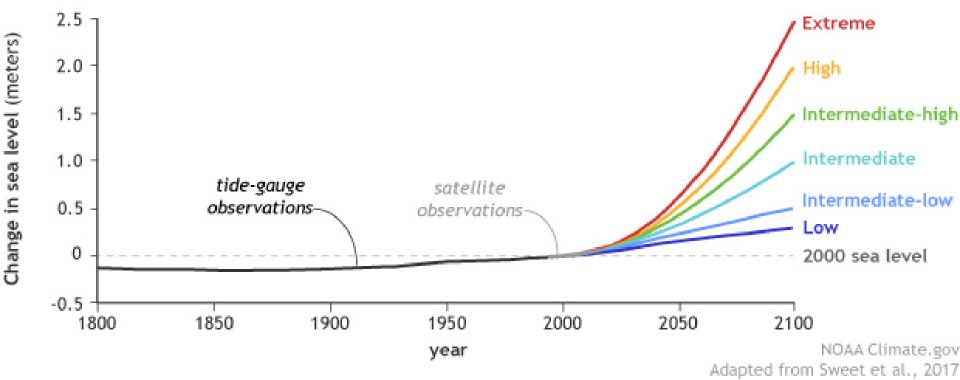
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