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Gli scenari climatici del futuro



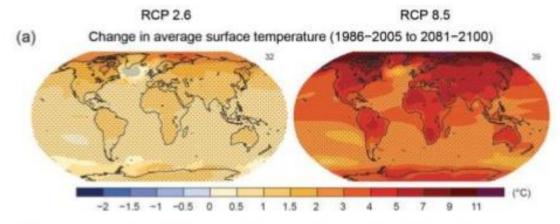
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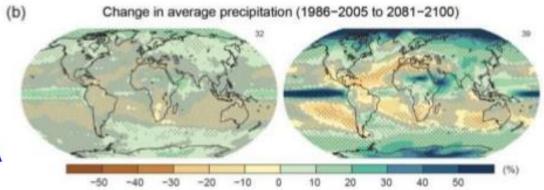
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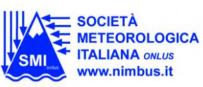
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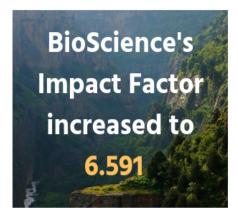




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**Issue Section:** Viewpoint

Scientists have a moral obligation to clearly warn humanity of any catastrophic threat and to "tell it like it is." On the basis of this obligation and the graphical indicators presented below, we declare, with more than 11,000 scientist signatories from around the world, clearly and unequivocally that planet Earth is facing a





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#### Comment

# Climate tipping points – too risky to bet against

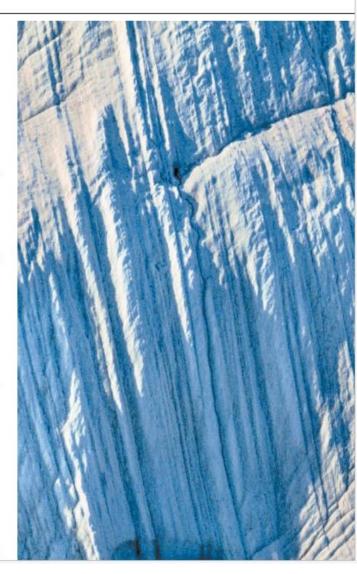
Timothy M. Lenton, Johan Rockström, Owen Gaffney, Stefan Rahmstorf, Katherine Richardson, Will Steffen & Hans Joachim Schellnhuber

The growing threat of abrupt and irreversible climate changes must compel political and economic action on emissions.

oliticians, economists and even some natural scientists have tended to assume that tipping points<sup>1</sup> in the Earth system – such as the loss of the Amazon rainforest or the West assuming that climate tipping points are of very low probability (even if they would be catastrophic), have suggested that 3 °C warming is optimal from a cost-benefit perspective. However, if tipping points are looking more likely, then the 'optimal policy' recommendation of simple cost-benefit climate-economy models<sup>4</sup> aligns with those of the recent IPCC report<sup>2</sup>. In other words, warming must be limited to 1.5 °C. This requires an emergency response.

#### Ice collapse

We think that several cryosphere tipping points are dangerously close, but mitigating



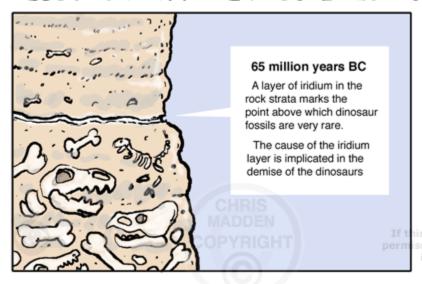
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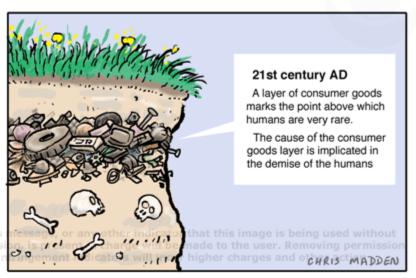
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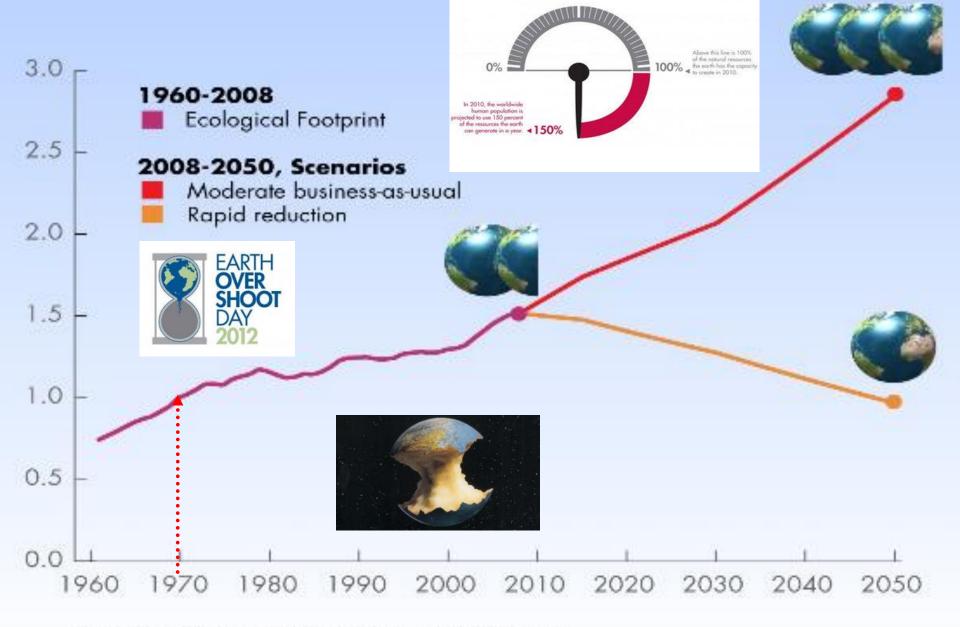


A new geologic era with no precise start date. Marked by significant human impact on climate and ecosystems. Coined by Paul Crutzen. Rise of agriculture. Deforestation. Cement. Combustion of fossil fuels. Coal, oil and gas roused from the earth. Extraction and emission. Operation Crossroads vaporizes 70 acres of Bikini Atoll. Deep geologic repositories. Pacific Trash Vortex, a swirling gyre of marine litter and plastic. 6.7 billion humans + growing. Palo Verde Nuclear Power Plant. Hull-Rust-Mahoning open pit mine. Three Gorges Dam. Fresh Kills Landfill. Las Vegas. Dubai.

#### LESSONS FROM THE FOSSIL RECORD







y-axis: number of planet earths, x-axis: years

# operating space for humanity safe

dentifying and quantifying planetary boundaries that must not be transgressed could help prevent humar activities from causing unacceptable environmental change, argue Johan Rockström and colleagues.

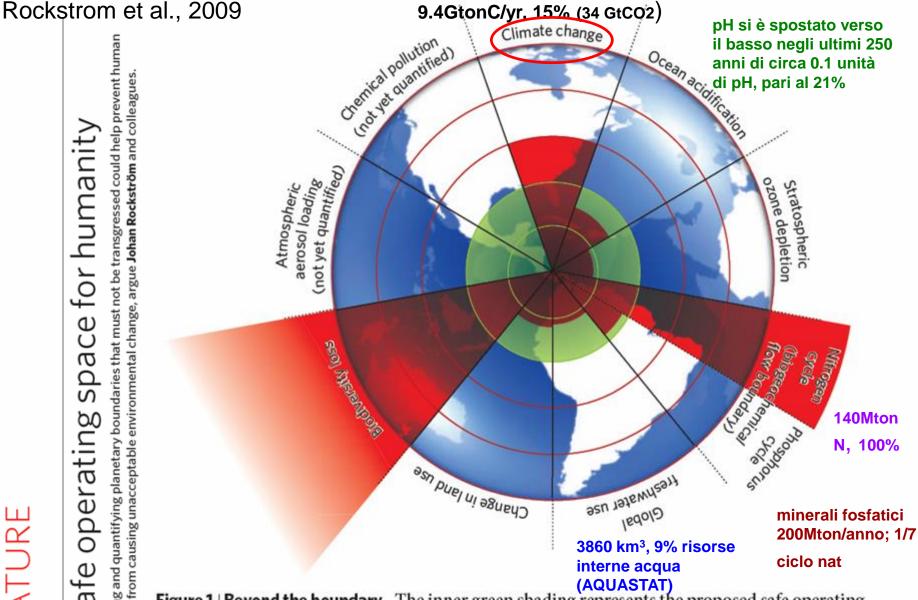
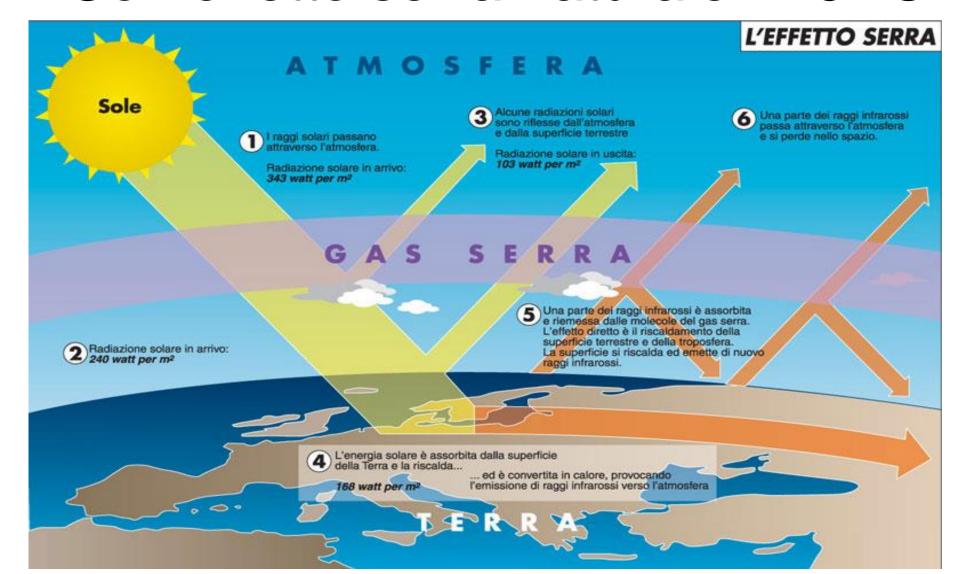


Figure 1 | Beyond the boundary. The inner green shading represents the proposed safe operating space for nine planetary systems. The red wedges represent an estimate of the current position for each variable. The boundaries in three systems (rate of biodiversity loss, climate change and human interference with the nitrogen cycle), have already been exceeded.

# Terra senza effetto serra -18 °C Con effetto serra naturale +15 °C



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The Temperature of the Arrhenius of the Arrhenius would probably fall to -200° C.



**Svante August Arrhenius** (Nobel prize, Chemistry, 1903)

Developed the hothouse theory for CO<sub>2</sub> in 1896, and in 1905 predicted that raising CO2 content of the atmosphere would cause an increase in mean global temperature similar in magnitude to modern predictions





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#### CO<sub>2</sub>, the greenhouse effect and global warming: from the pioneering work of Arrhenius and Callendar to today's **Earth System Models**

Thomas R. Anderson<sup>a,\*</sup>, Ed Hawkins<sup>b</sup> and Philip D. Jones<sup>c,d</sup>

Climate warming during the course of the twenty-first century is projected to be between 1.0 and 3.7 °C depending on future greenhouse gas emissions, based on the ensemble-mean results of state-of-the-art Earth System Models (ESMs). Just how reliable are these projections. given the complexity of the climate system? The early history of climate research provides insight into the understanding and science needed to answer this question. We examine the mathematical quantifications of planetary energy budget developed by Svante Arrhenius (1859-1927) and Guy Stewart Callendar (1898-1964) and construct an empirical approximation of the latter, which we show to be successful at retrospectively predicting global warming over the course of the twentieth century. This approximation is then used to calculate warming in response to increasing atmospheric greenhouse gases during the twenty-first century, projecting a temperature increase at the lower bound of results generated by an ensemble of ESMs (as presented in the latest assessment by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change). This result can be interpreted as follows. The climate system is conceptually complex but has at its heart the physical laws of radiative transfer. This basic, or "core" physics is relatively straightforward to compute mathematically, as exemplified by Callendar's calculations, leading to quantitatively robust projections of baseline warming. The ESMs include not only the physical core but also climate feedbacks that introduce uncertainty into the projections in terms of magnitude, but not sign: positive (amplification of warming). As such, the projections of end-ofcentury global warming by ESMs are fundamentally trustworthy: quantitatively robust baseline warming based on the well-understood physics of radiative transfer, with extra warming due to climate feedbacks. These

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Callendar.

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projections thus provide a compelling case that global climate will continue to undergo significant warming in response to ongoing emissions of CO2 and other greenhouse gases to the atmosphere.

#### Introduction

Climate change is a major risk facing mankind. At the United Nations Climate Change Conference held in Paris at the end of last year, 195 countries agreed on a plan to reduce emissions of CO2 and other greenhouse gases, aiming to limit global temperature increase to well below 2 °C (relative to pre-industrial climate, meaning a future warming of less than 1.4 °C because temperature had already increased by 0.6 °C by the end of the twentieth century). The link between CO2 and climate warming has caught the attention of scientists and politicians, as well as the general public, via the well-known "greenhouse effect" (Figure 1). Solar radiation passes largely unhindered through the atmosphere, heating the Earth's surface. In turn, energy is re-emitted as infrared, much of which is absorbed by CO2 and water vapour in the atmosphere, which thus acts as a blanket surrounding the Earth. Without this natural greenhouse effect, the average surface temperature would plummet to about -21 °C. 1 rather less pleasant than the 14 °C experienced today.

The concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere is increasing year on year as we burn fossil fuels, which enhances the natural greenhouse effect and warms the planet. To what extent, then, must CO2 emissions be kept under control in order to restrict global temperature rise to within 2 °C? The projections of complex Earth System Models (ESMs) provide quantitative answers to this question. Run on supercomputers, these models integrate the many processes taking place in the atmosphere, on land and in the ocean. According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the latest results of these models indicate

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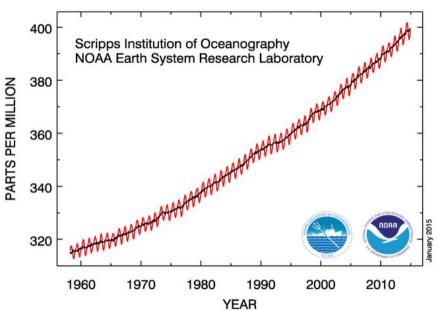
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Andrew A. Lacis, Gavin A. Schmidt, David Rind, and Reto A. Ruedy, "Atmospheric CO2: Principal Control Knob Governing Earth's Temperature," Science 330 (2010):

#### Charles David Keeling's first observations, 1958-60

 Unequivocal evidence that CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations are rising steadily









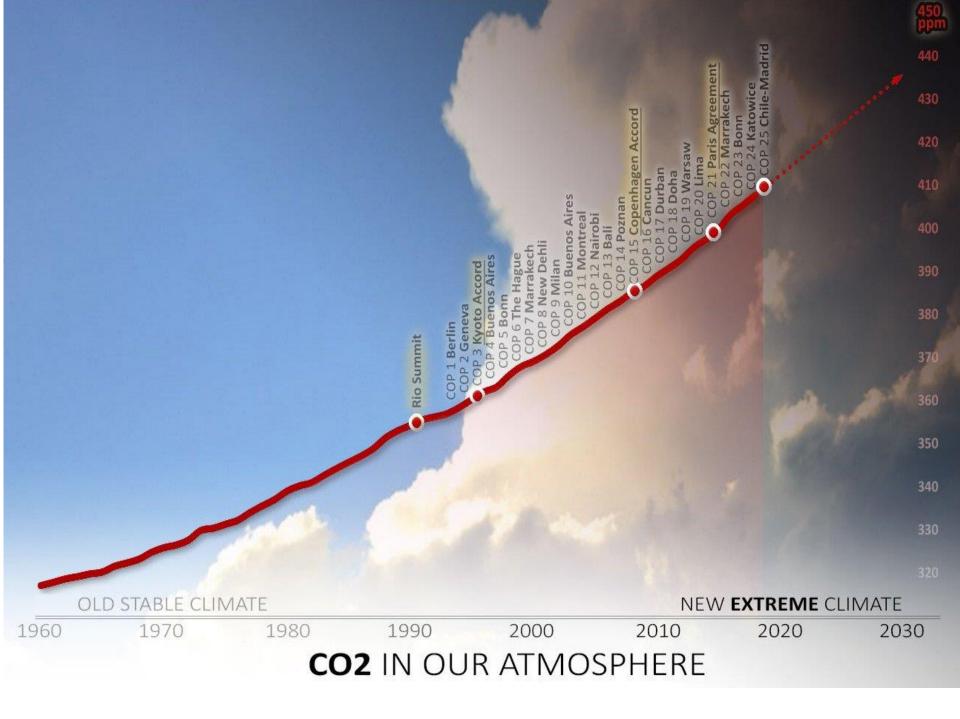
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Report to the National Academy of Sciences
Jule G. Charney and co-authors
1979



When it is assumed that the CO2 content of the atmosphere is doubled and statistical thermal equilibrium is achieved, the more realistic of the modeling efforts predict a global surface warming of between 2°C and 3.5 °C, with greater increases at high latitudes.

- Oceans "could delay the estimated warming for several decades"
- "We may not be given a warning until the  ${\rm CO_2}$  loading is such that an appreciable climate change is inevitable."



#### **Progetto EPICA**

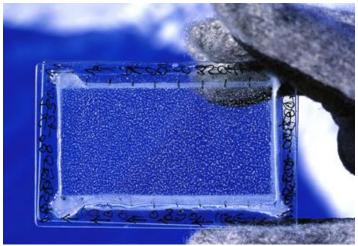
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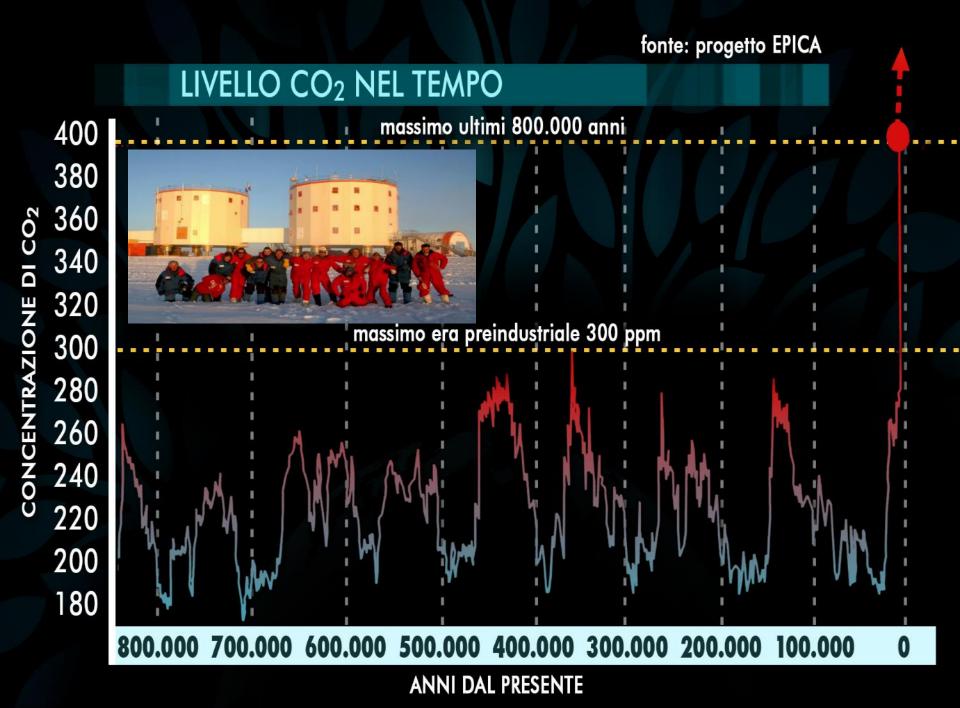
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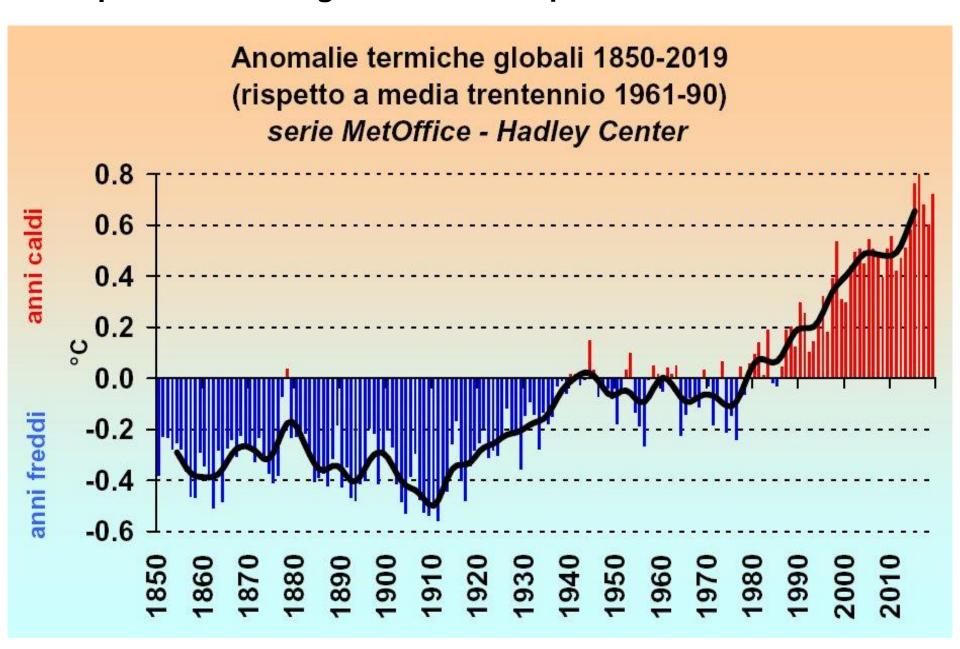


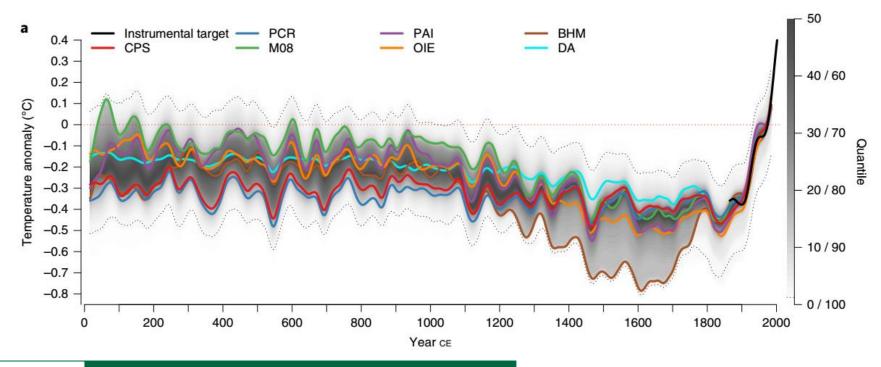
L'analisi delle bolle d'aria sigillate nel ghiaccio permette di ricostruire le concentrazioni storiche di CO2 e metano





#### Temperatura media globale: +1°C in più nell'ultimo secolo





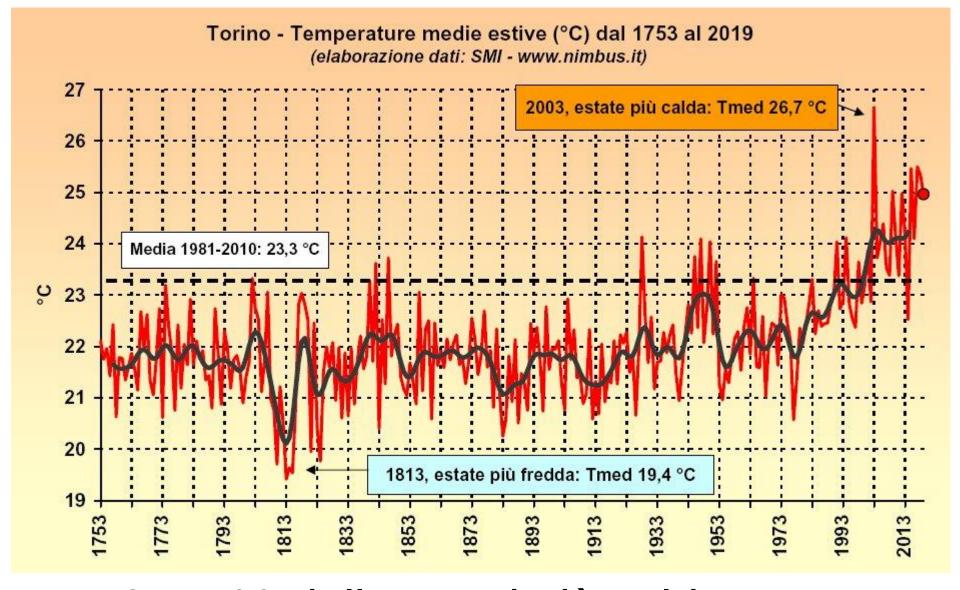
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### Consistent multidecadal variability in global temperature reconstructions and simulations over the Common Era

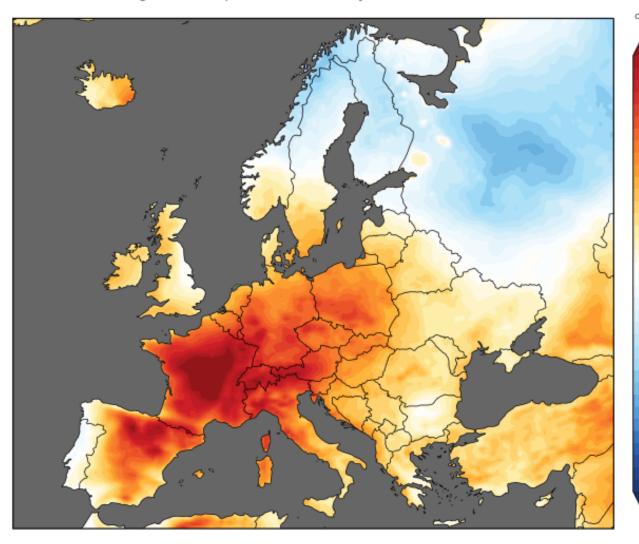
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Multidecadal surface temperature changes may be forced by natural as well as anthropogenic factors, or arise unforced from the climate system. Distinguishing these factors is essential for estimating sensitivity to multiple climatic forcings and the amplitude of the unforced variability. Here we present 2,000-year-long global mean temperature reconstructions using seven different statistical methods that draw from a global collection of temperature-sensitive palaeoclimate records. Our reconstructions display synchronous multidecadal temperature fluctuations that are coherent with one another and with fully forced millennial model simulations from the Coupled Model Intercomparison Project Phase 5 across the Common Era. A substantial portion of pre-industrial (1300-1800 cE) variability at multidecadal timescales is attributed to volcanic aerosol forcing. Reconstructions and simulations qualitatively agree on the amplitude of the unforced global mean multidecadal temperature variability, thereby increasing confidence in future projections of climate change on these timescales. The largest warming trends at timescales of 20 years and longer occur during the second half of the twentieth century, highlighting the unusual character of the warming in recent decades.



9 su 10 delle estati più calde sono successive al 2002

#### Average 2m temperature anomaly for 25-29 June 2019



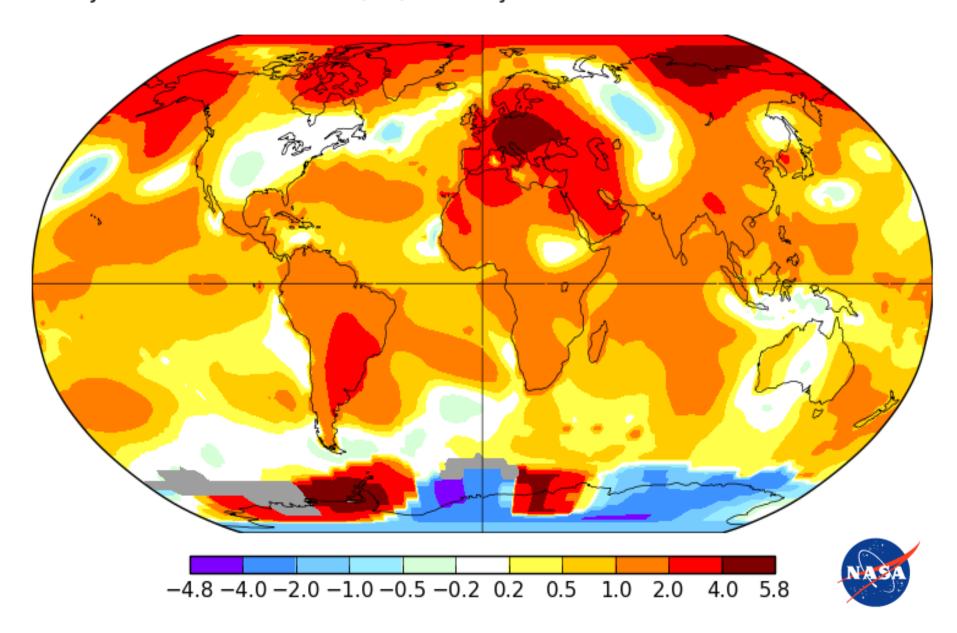
Giugno 2019 è risultato in Europa il più caldo in assoluto mai registrato. Mediamente anomalie dell'ordine dei 2°C rispetto al periodo 1981-2010, ma alcune aree, come Francia, Svizzera, Germania e Nord Italia, hanno fatto registrare anomalie anche di 6-10°C nei 5 giorni più caldi dal 25 al 29 giugno.





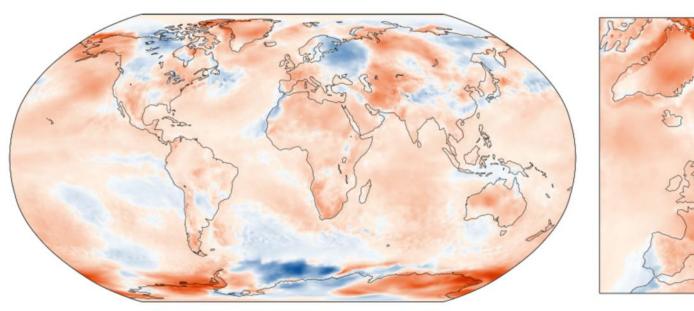


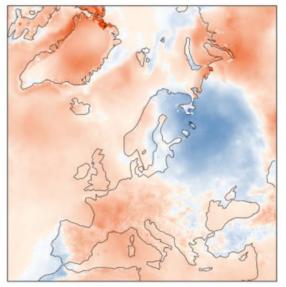


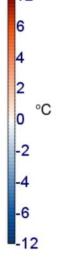


# Luglio 2019: il mese più caldo della storia meteorologica terrestre

Surface air temperature anomaly for July 2019 relative to 1981-2010









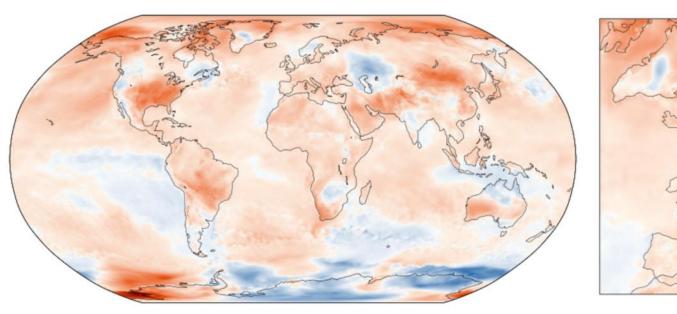


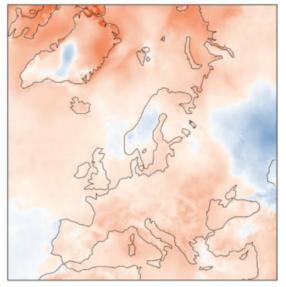


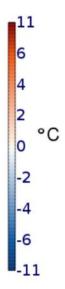


# Settembre 2019: anche questo, il più caldo della storia meteo

Surface air temperature anomaly for September 2019 relative to 1981-2010









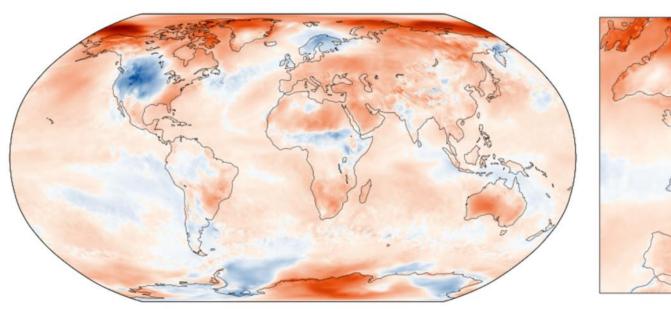


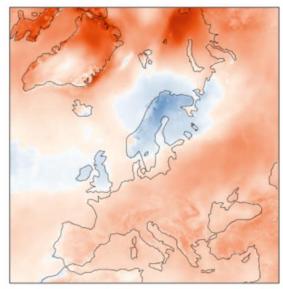


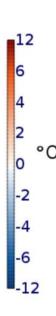


# Ottobre 2019: ancora il più caldo della serie globale

Surface air temperature anomaly for October 2019 relative to 1981-2010









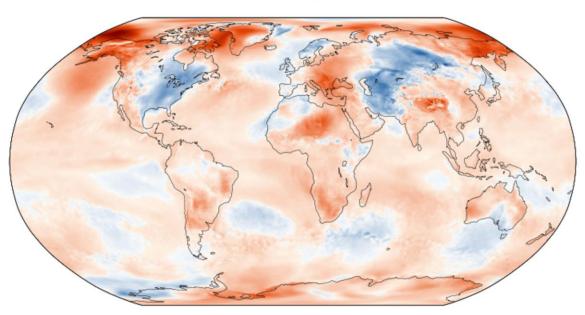


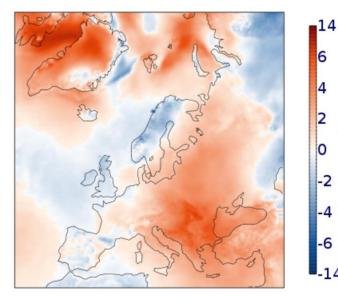




# Novembre 2019: ancora il più caldo della serie globale, pari con 2016

Surface air temperature anomaly for November 2019 relative to 1981-2010







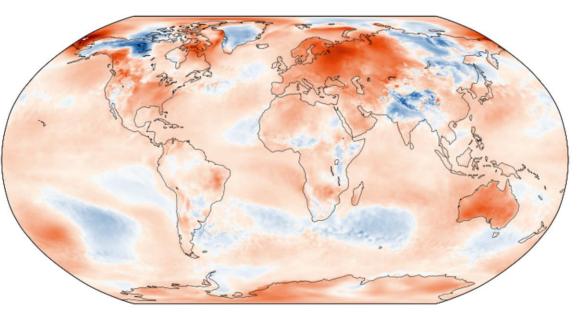


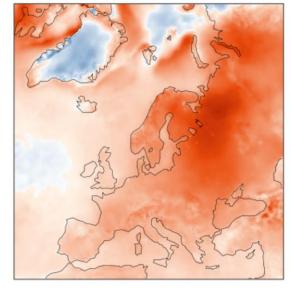


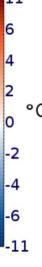


# Dicembre 2019: ancora il più caldo della serie globale (pari con 2015)

Surface air temperature anomaly for December 2019 relative to 1981-2010











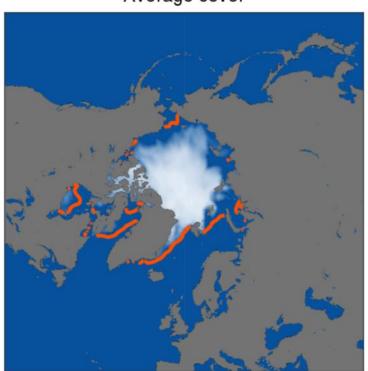




### Banchisa polare ai minimi

Arctic sea-ice cover for July 2019

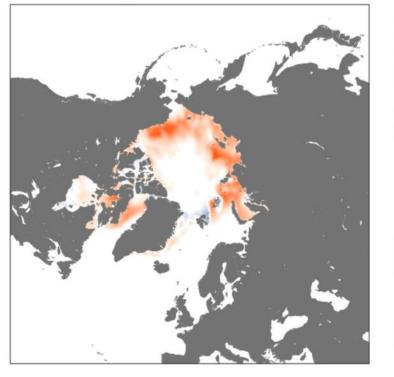






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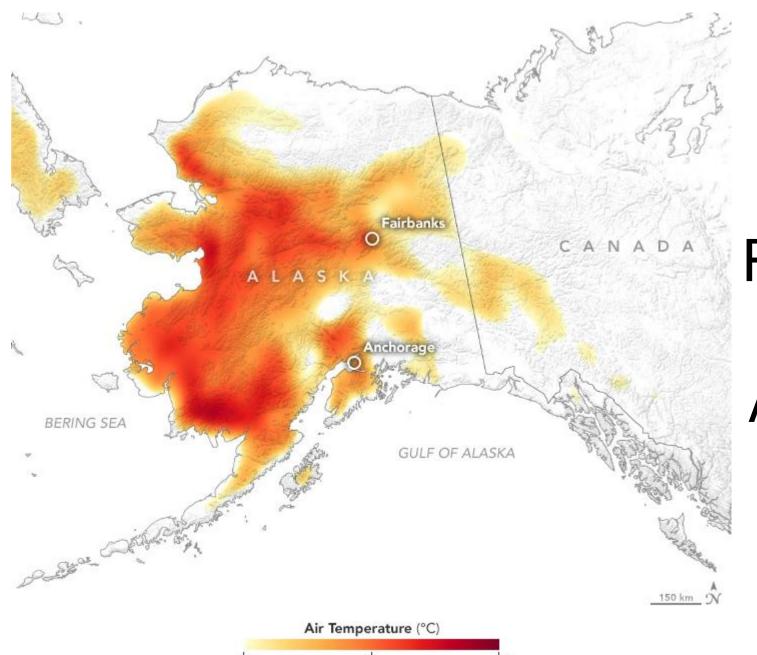
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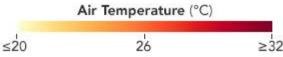
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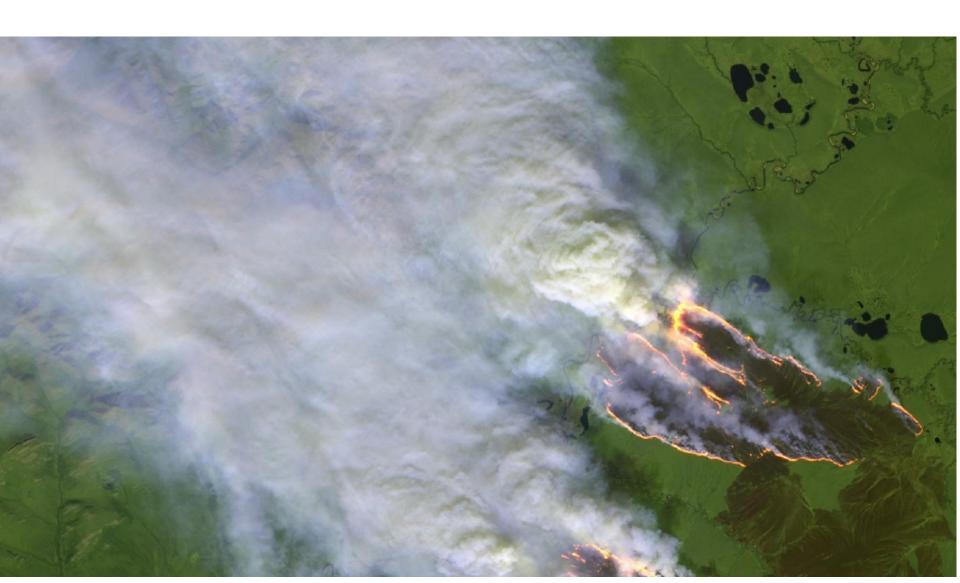


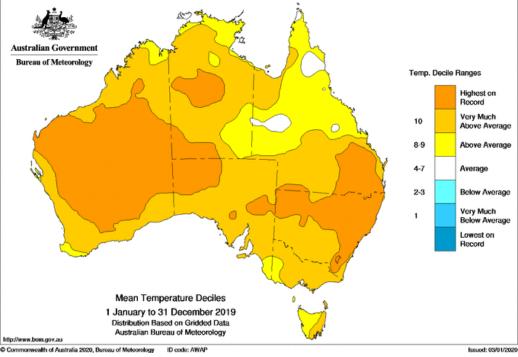


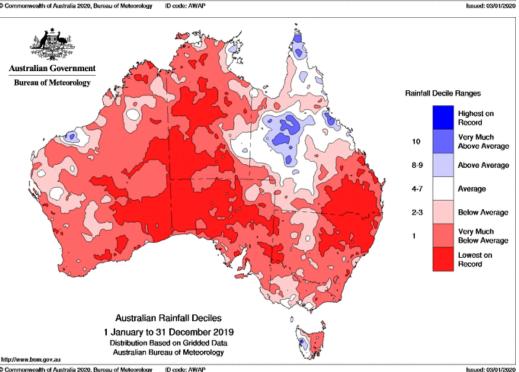
## Record 32°C Alaska 4 lug 2019



### Epocali incendi in Siberia



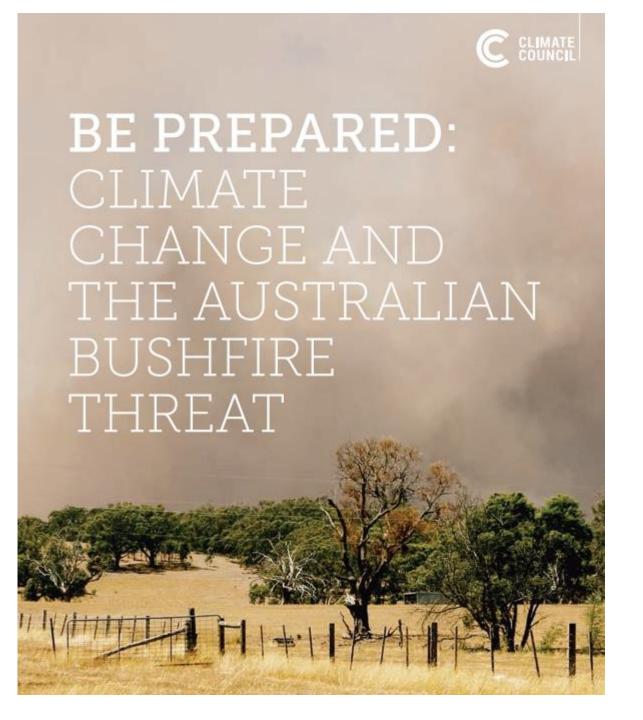




I devastanti incendi australiani dopo un 2019 di caldo e siccità record in 110 anni

(anomalia temperatura +1,5 °C e pioggia -40%)

Commonwealth of Australia 2020, Bureau of Meteorology ID code: AWAP



E' del 2013!



1897 2005 2015 (f. Druetti) (f. L. Mercalli) (f. S. Jobard)

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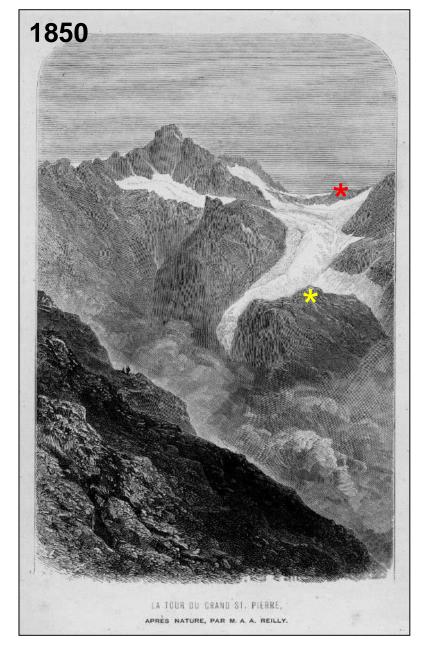
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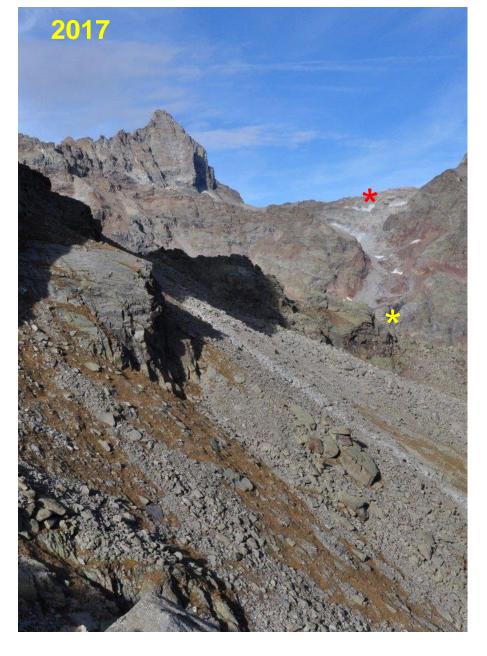
I ghiacciai alpini si sono ridotti di oltre il 50% in un secolo



Ghiacciaio Meridionale del Sabbione (Ossola) dalla diga.

Regresso frontale circa 1200 m.





Ghiacciaio di Teleccio (Gran Paradiso)



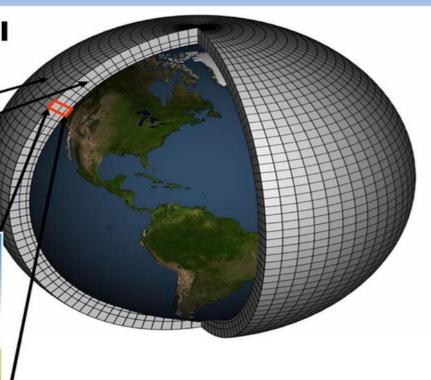
#### **Global Climate Models**

Schematic for Global Atmospheric Model

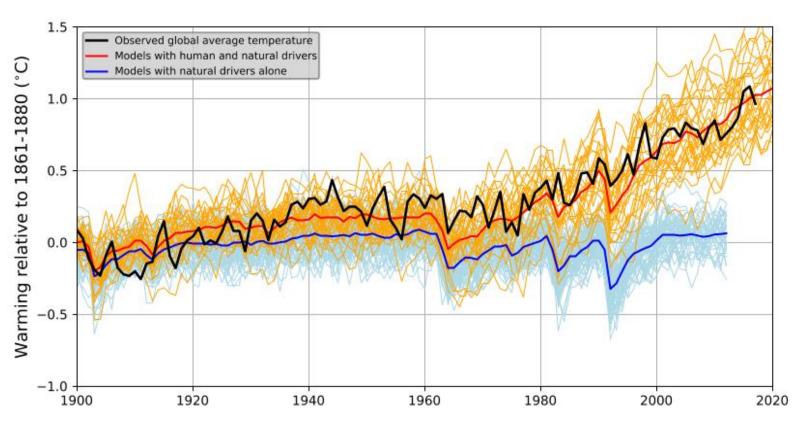
Horizontal Grid (Latitude-Longitude)

Vertical Grid (Height or Pressure)



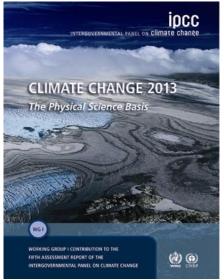


## Climate models reproduce observed warming only when human influences are included







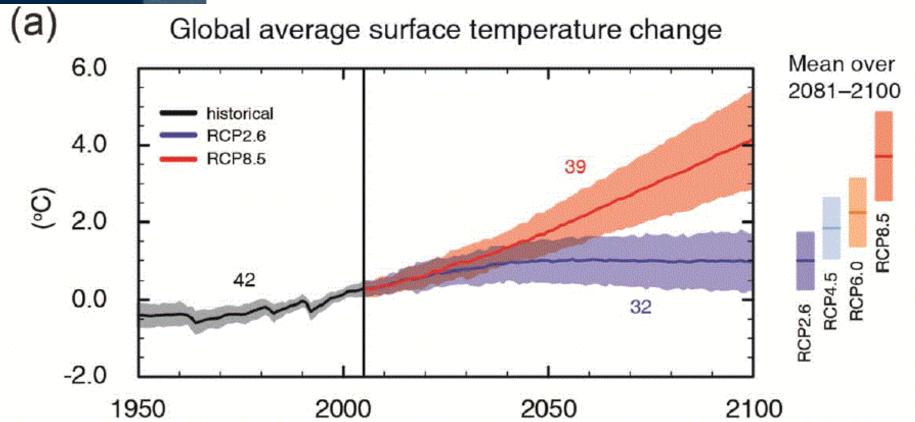






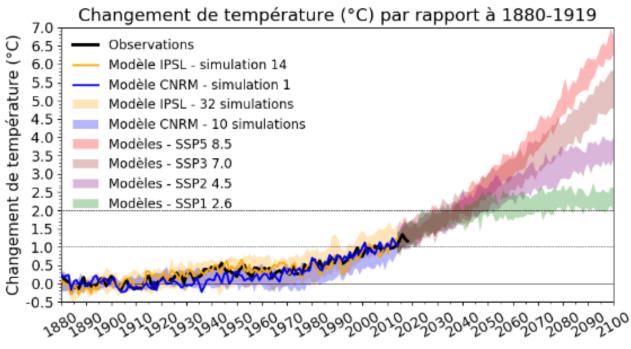
## Scenari 5° rapporto IPCC (AR5 2013):

+2°C al 2100 se si applica Accordo Parigi 2015 (linea azzurra), oppure fino a +5°C in più con business-as-usual (linea rossa)



#### Fino a +7 °C al 2100

Figure 8. Comme pour la figure précédente, mais avec la prolongation sur le 21e siècle pour une sélection de quatre scénarios, SSP1 2,6, SSP2 4,5, SSP3 7,0 et SSP5 8,5. Pour chaque scénario, l'enveloppe rassemble l'ensemble des simulations réalisées avec les deux modèles. Période de référence : 1880-1919









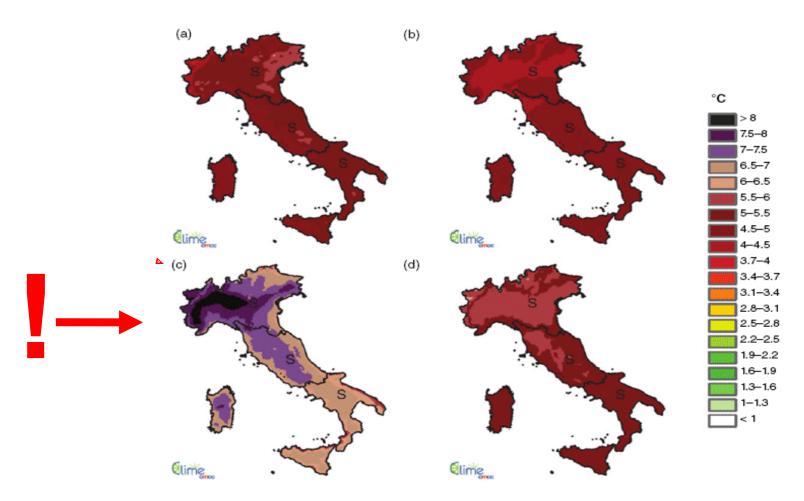
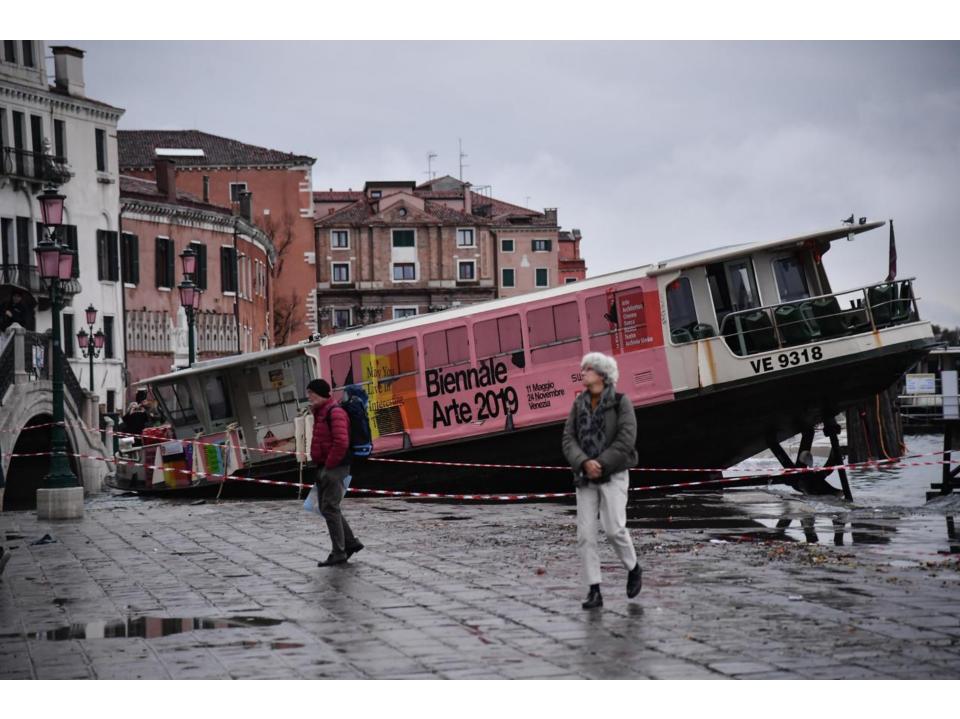


Figure 9. Temperature climate projections, RCP8.5: seasonal differences (°C), between the average value over 2071–2100 and 1971–2000 for (a) DJF, (b) MAM, (c) JJA and (d) SON (S, significant; NS, not significant).

## E se non facessimo nulla? NW Italiano + 8 ° C in estate nel 2100! Torino come Karachi...

Bucchignani et al. (2015) *High-resolution climate simulations with COSMO-CLM over Italy*, Int. J. Climatol.

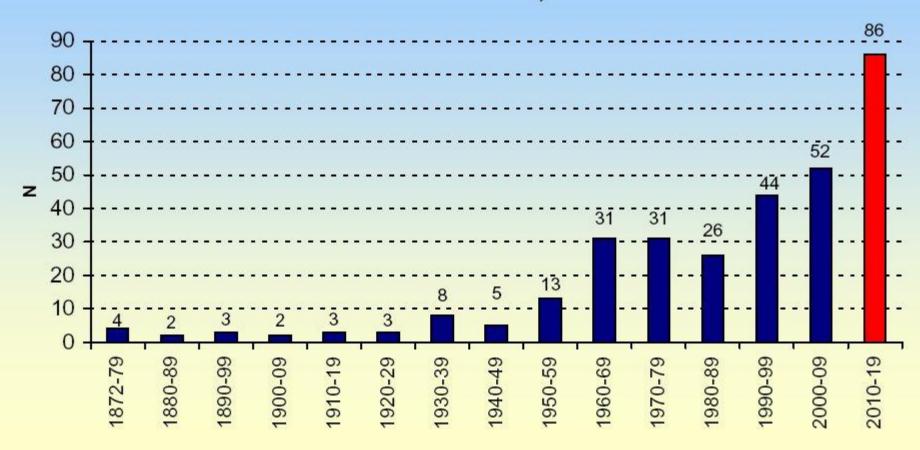




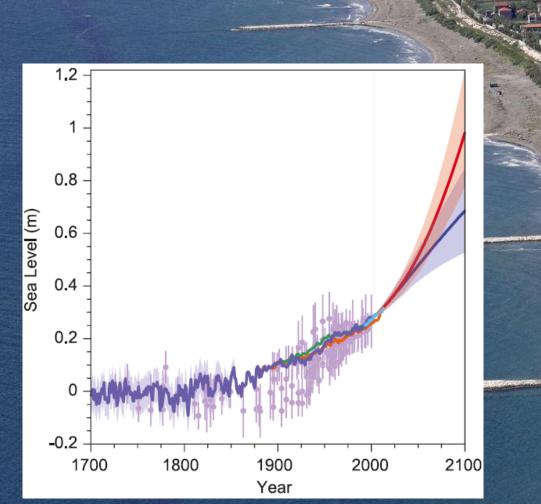


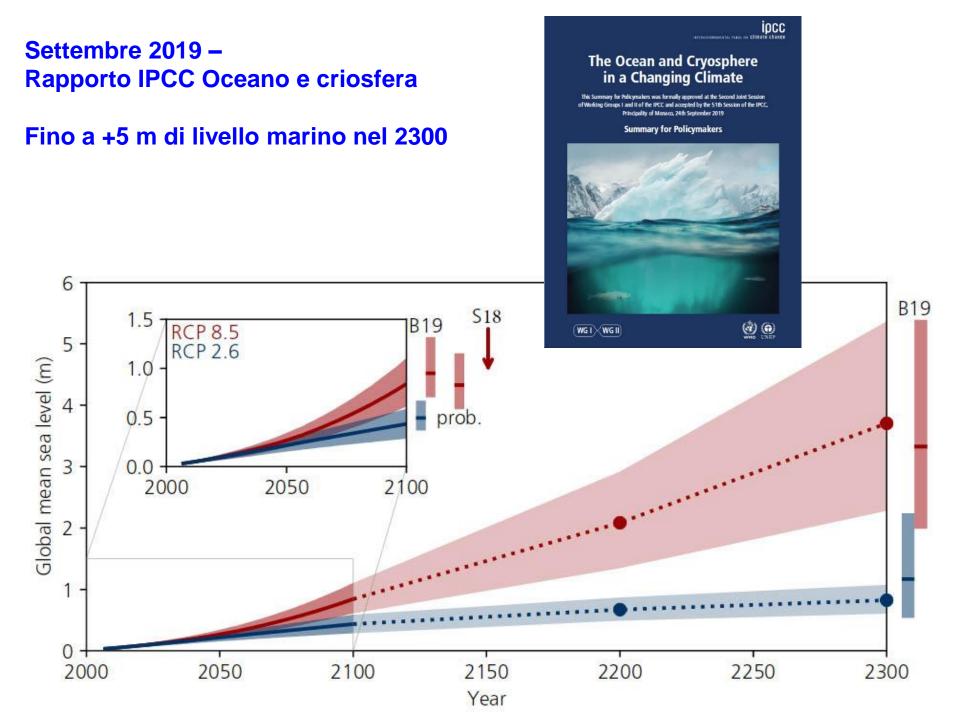
### Distribuzione decennale delle alte maree >= 110 cm a Venezia-Punta della Salute dal 1872 al 2019

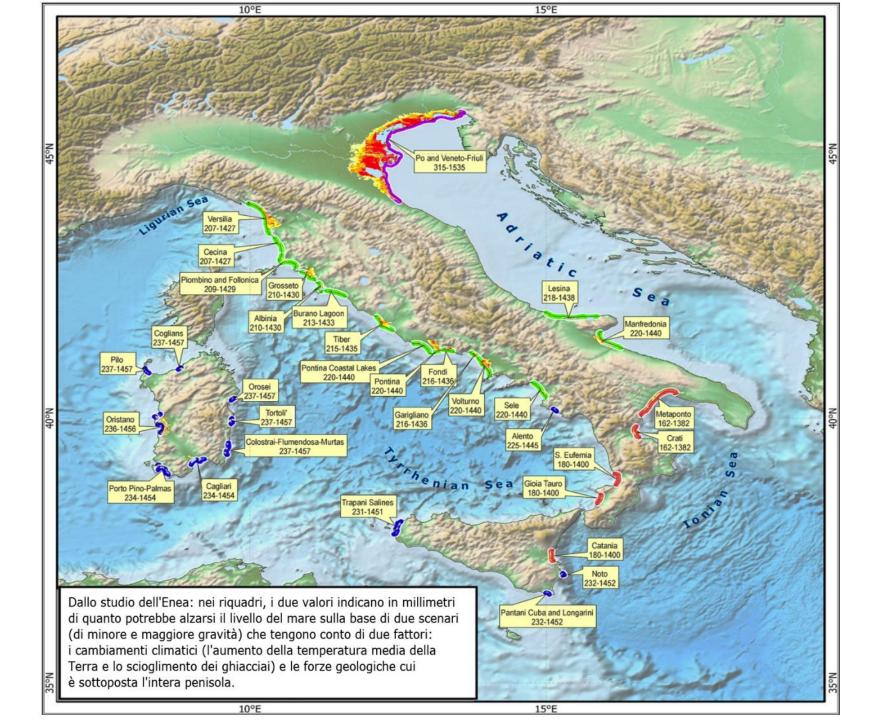
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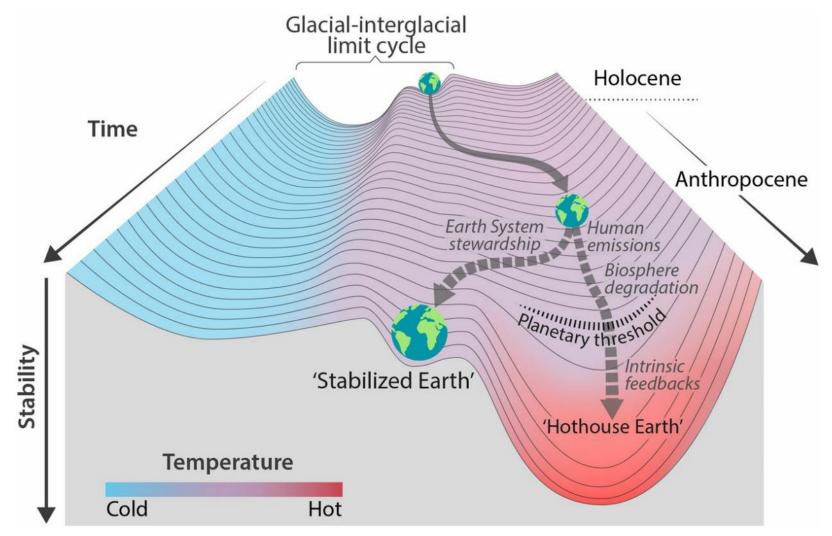
# Le zone costiere risentiranno dell'aumento del livello marino, e dovranno essere adeguatamente protette (es: Venezia, delta del Po)







Stability landscape showing the pathway of the Earth System out of the Holocene and thus, out of the glacial-interglacial limit cycle to its present position in the hotter Anthropocene.







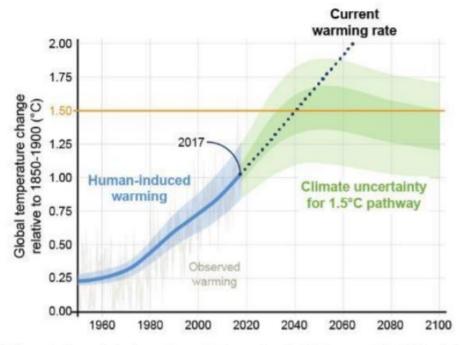
#### **Global Warming of 1.5°C**

An IPCC special report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways, in the context of strengthening the global response to the threat of climate change, sustainable development, and efforts to eradicate poverty.



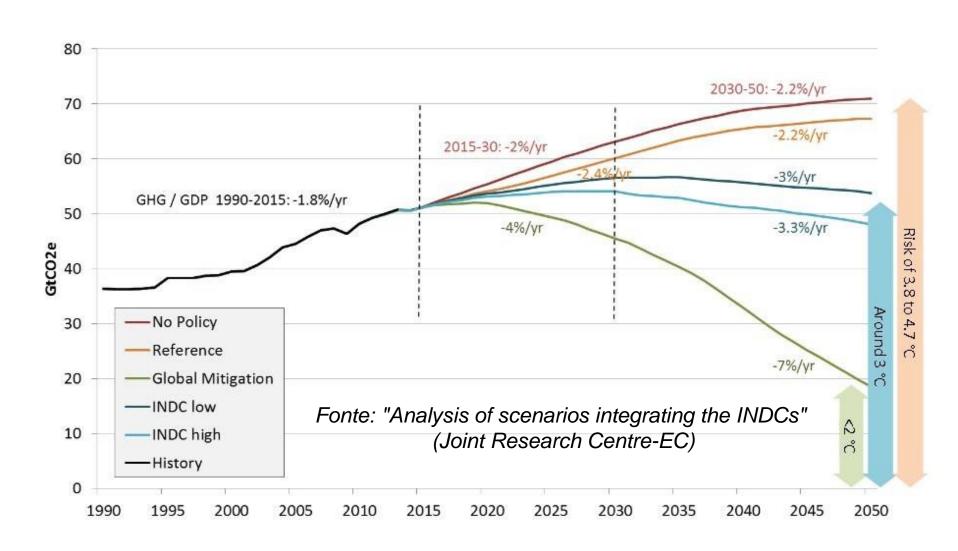
#### FAQ1.2: How close are we to 1.5°C?

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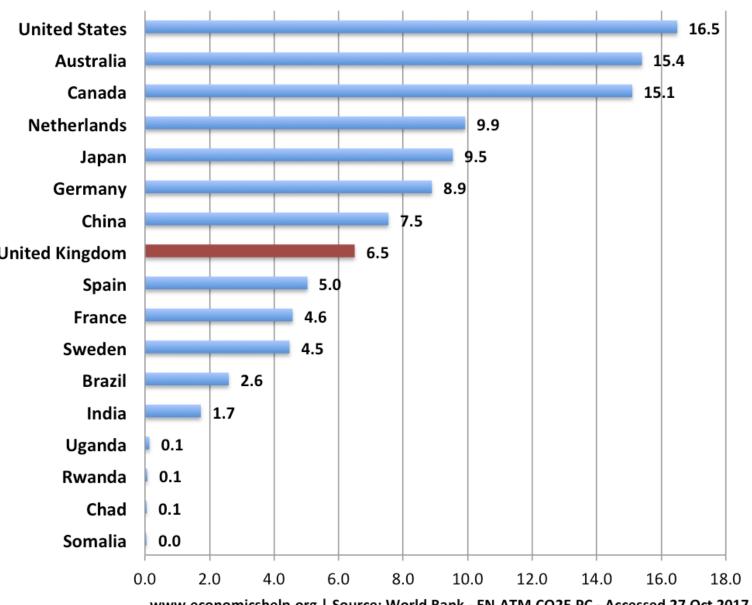


FAQ1.2, Figure 1: Human-induced warming reached approximately 1°C above pre-industrial levels in 2017. At the present rate, global temperatures would reach 1.5°C around 2040.

## Promesse ambiziose di riduzione CO<sub>2</sub>, ma non bastano: se applicate, circa +3 °C nel 2100 !







2014

Italy 5.3 t

EU 6.4 t

Global mean 5.0 t

www.economicshelp.org | Source: World Bank - EN.ATM.CO2E.PC - Accessed 27 Oct 2017.

Metric tonnes per capita

#### OIL & GAS SUPPLY AND STRANDED ASSET RISK

How does potential oil and gas supply compare to demand under different global warming outcomes?

B2DS demand

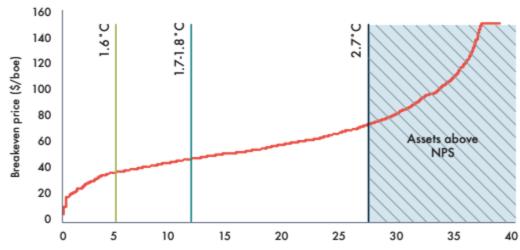
SDS demand

NPS demand

Production from new oil fields 2019-2040

The only way that fossil fuel companies can be "Paris-aligned" is to commit to not sanctioning projects that fall outside the remaining carbon budget constraint.

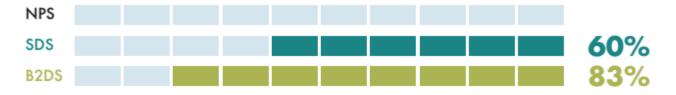
In the context of the energy transition towards a decarbonised economy, these potential fossil fuel developments risk destroying investor value as well as the climate.



Cumulative potential of oil field liquids supply 2019-2040, new oil fields (mmboe/d)

Source: Rystad Energy, IEA, CTI analysis

Share of capital expenditure at risk of stranding in each scenario (2019-2030)





1.5°C warming

In a 1.5°C world, no new oil & gas project would be compliant If no CCS is assumed, 1.5°C warming is delivered by existing projects alone. The oil and gas in projects that have already been sanctioned will take the world past 1.5°C, assuming carbon capture and storage remains sub-scale. Without a response sufficient to prematurely close existing projects, a warming of a warming of 1.5°C is already effectively locked in, and no new projects are compliant with the low end of the Paris goals.

#### Oil and gas companies have approved \$50 billion of investment since 2018 in major projects that undermine climate targets and threaten shareholder returns

#### by 2030 Largest non-Paris compliant projects sanctioned by oil and gas majors since 2018

Carbon Tracker has identified \$50 billion of investment in 19 major projects that are not even consistent with a 1.7-1.8 °C pathway and would require oil prices of nearly \$60 per barrel or more to deliver adequate returns. They include:

| Resource<br>theme | Project                 | IOC partners                      | 2019-2030<br>capex  | Country   | Scenario<br>compliant |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
|                   | LNG Canada<br>T1, T2    | Shell                             | \$13 <sub>bn</sub>  | Canada    | No No                 |
|                   | Gorgon/Jansz<br>Stage 2 | Shell, Chevron,<br>ExxonMobil     | \$3.6 bn            | Australia | No No                 |
|                   | Aspen<br>Phase 1        | ExxonMobil                        | \$2.6 bn            | Canada    | No No                 |
|                   | Amoca FFD               | Eni                               | \$1.4 <sub>bn</sub> | Mexico    | No No                 |
|                   | Zinia 2                 | BP, ExxonMobil,<br>Total, Equinor | \$1.3 bn            | Angola    | No No                 |

Investment decisions on a further \$21 billion in 12 projects inconsistent with a low-carbon world are due this year.

These projects represent an imminent challenge for investors and companies looking to align with climate goals.

Demand / global warming scenarios:

B2DS SDS

NPS

Source: Rystad Energy, IEA, CTI analysis



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## The climate issue

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"physical risks related to climate change can severely damage our economies, for example through the large cost of repairing infrastructure and coping with uninsured losses."

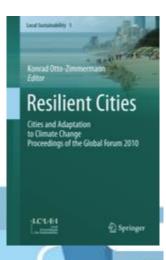
Central banking and financial stability in the age of climate change

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## Città resilienti e sostenibili

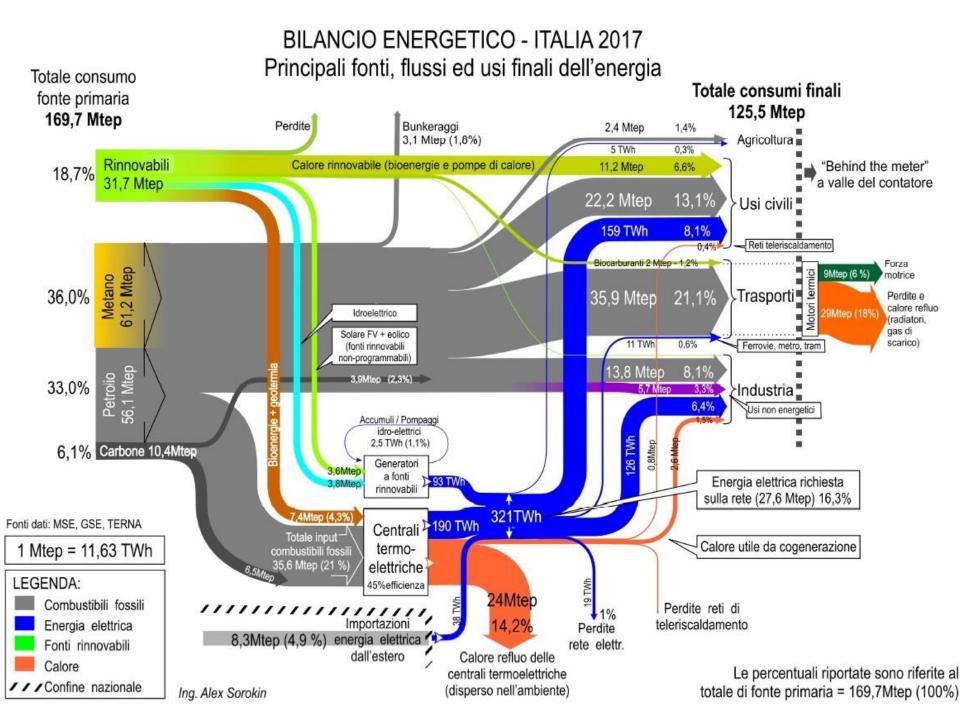


#### The Risks

As more people and assets become rapidly concentrated in cities and as infrastructure struggles to keep up with rapid growth, the risk from natural disasters and climate change is rising.









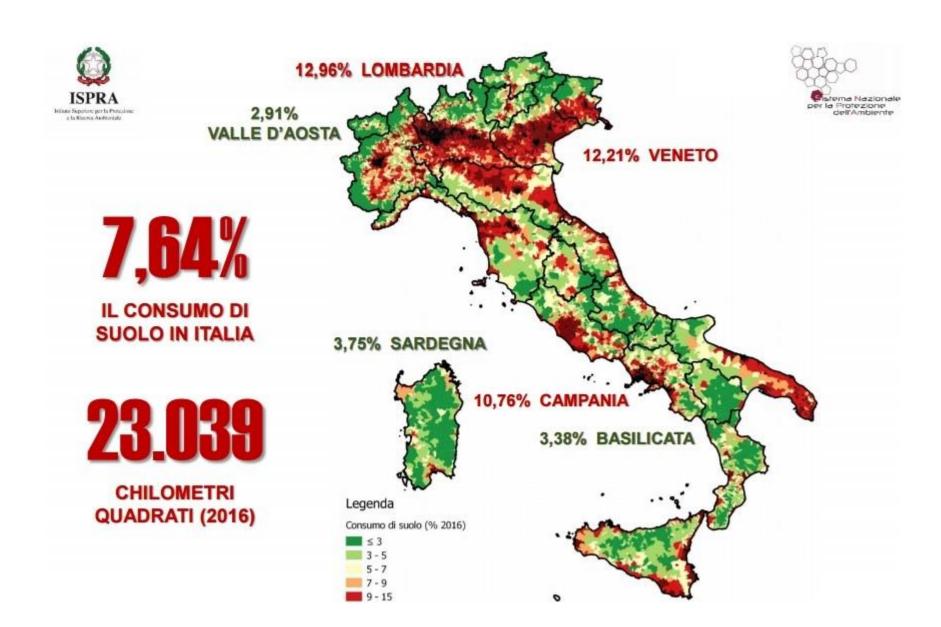
# Meno viaggi aerei, meno trasporti in genere, più telelavoro



Allevamento: vale 15% delle emissioni globali Ridurre la quota di carne rossa nella dieta e sostenere agricoltura biologica e a filiera corta



#### Fermare la cementificazione, il suolo non è infinito!



#### Al lavoro! Gli obiettivi UN dell'Agenda 2030





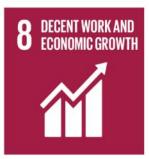


























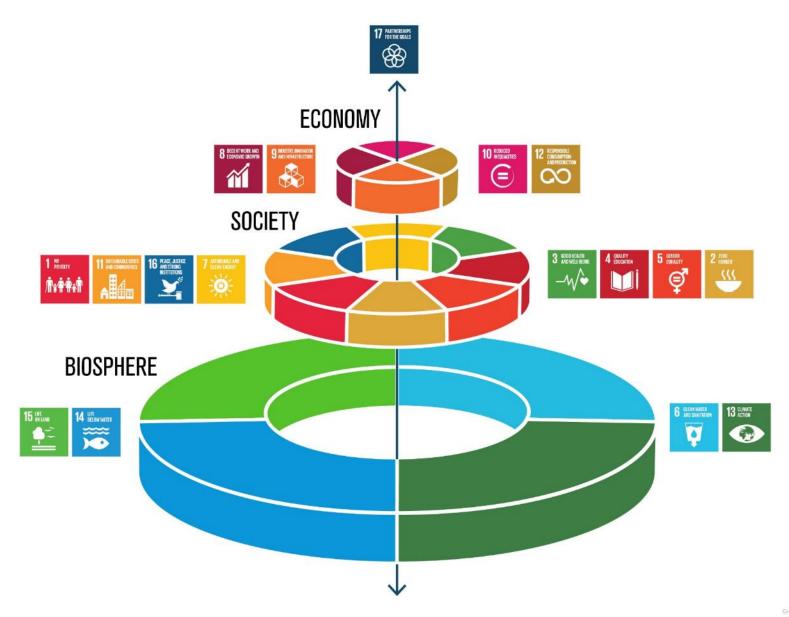


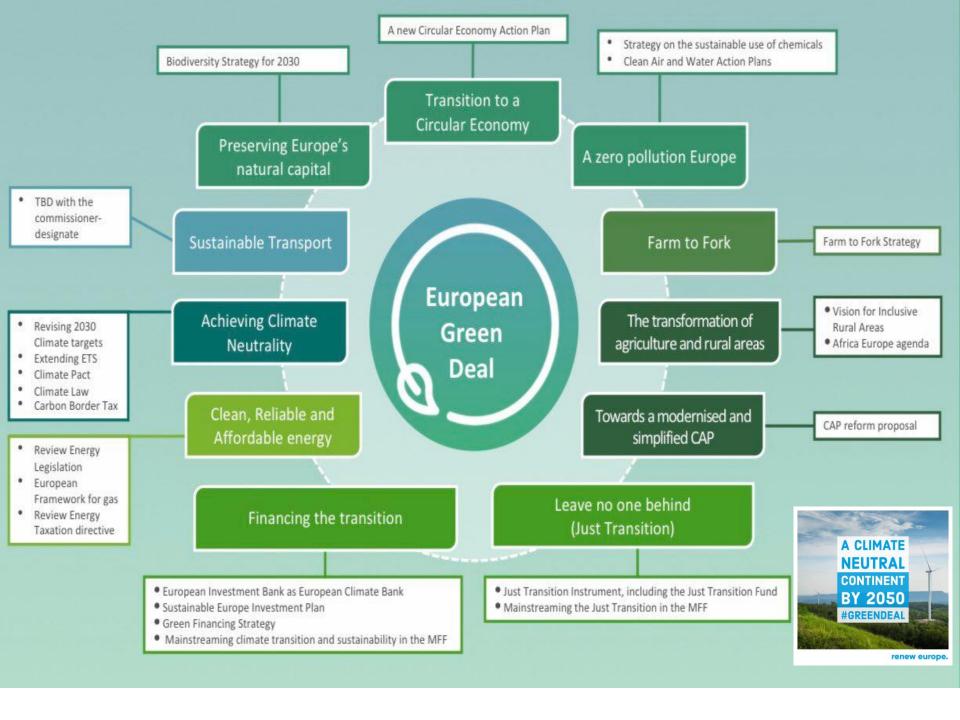






"The wedding cake" - organizzazione gerarchica dei Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) - Da Johan Rockström and Pavav Sukhdev - Stockholm Resilience Centre









## A RACE WE CAN WIN

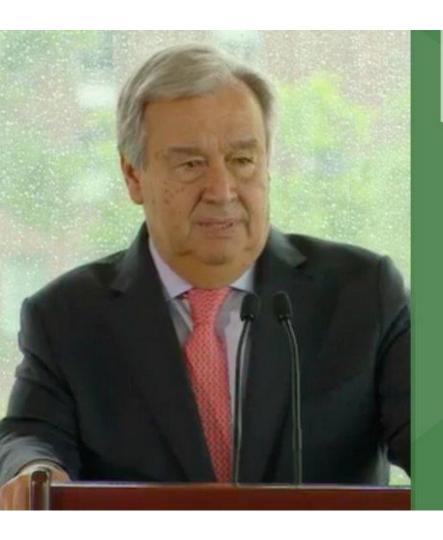
Climate change is the defining issue of our time - and we are at a defining moment.



António Guterres, United Nations Secretary-General, 10 September, 2018

"Climate change is moving faster than we are."

"If we do not change course by 2020, we risk missing the point where we can avoid runaway climate change, with disastrous consequences for people and all the natural systems that sustain us."





## A RACE WE CAN WIN

The transition to a cleaner, greener future needs to speed up. We stand at a truly "use it or lose it" moment.



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The only question is how to communicate the gravity of our situation to the non-scientific public. In the words of Kaisa Kosonen, an observer at the negotiations, "Scientists might want to write in capital letters, 'ACT NOW, IDIOTS,' but they need to say that with facts and numbers."







Ticome Terriso. Il tempo che inibia a mancare ser comprendere che quella climatica e antisentate il un'emergenza di cui dobbiamo preccuparci.

