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Global primary energy consumption annually Global primary energy consumption, measured in terawatt-hours (TWh) per year. Here 'other renewables' are renewable

technologies not including solar, wind, hydropower and traditional biofuels.

1850

Source: Vaclav Smil (2017) and BP Statistical Review of World Energy

Our World in Data

Other renewables

Traditional biofuels

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2000 2017

Wind

A 50% increase in this energy demand is expected by 2050 - EIA 9/24/19

140,000 TWh

0 TWh

1800

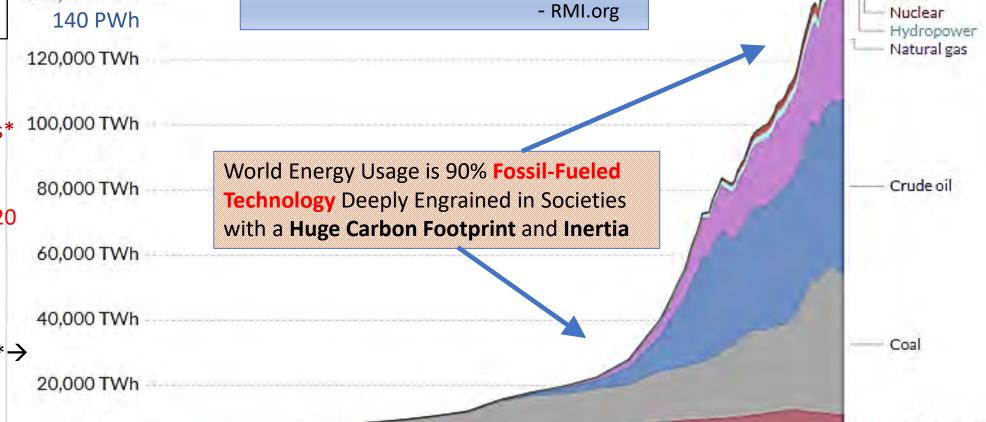
185 PWh = 630 Quads* (Petawatt-hours and Quadrillion BTUs)

*EIA projection to 2020

33 PWh = 100 Quads* \rightarrow

*US consumption 2018

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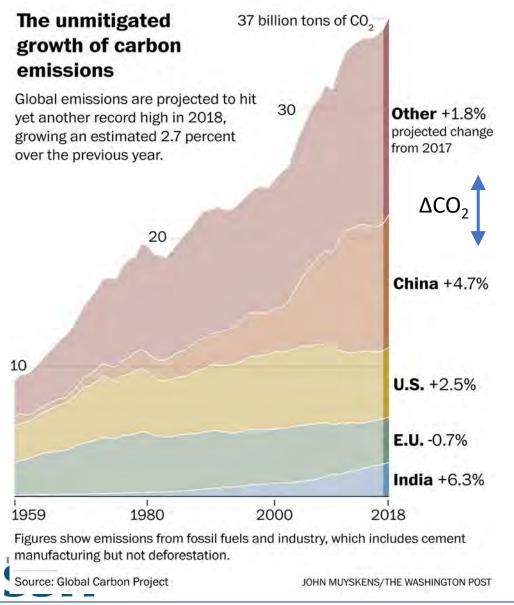
1900

1950

Add 4.5 billion new air conditioners to

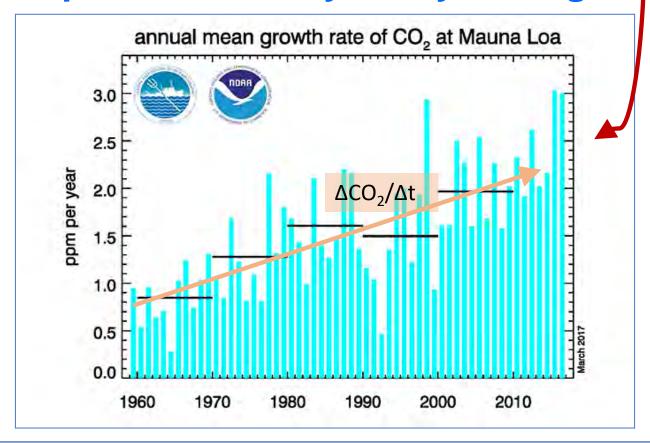
world by 2050 = add another 33 PWh

IEEE ISTAS 2019 CARBON EMISSIONS PER ANNUM



 CO₂ up to 40 gigatons per year worldwide rapidly increasing <u>rate</u>

compared to 30 Gt/yr ten years ago



Paleoclimatology – Geo Past is Key to Future

50 Million years ago

The Eocene/Paleocene

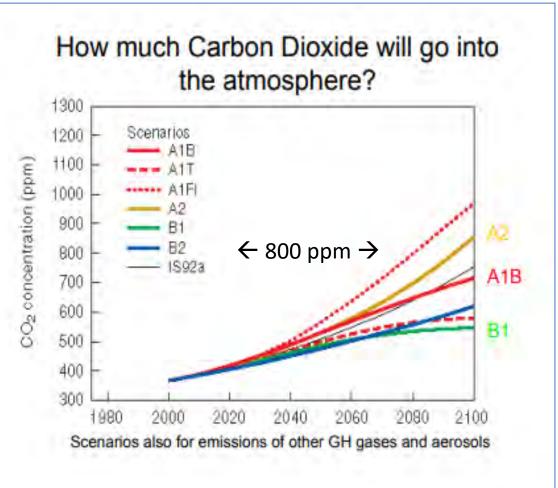
Thermal

Maximum

(PETM)

Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide

The Industrial Revolution Has Caused A Dramatic Rise in CO



Graphs from University of Washington

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800

ppm

800

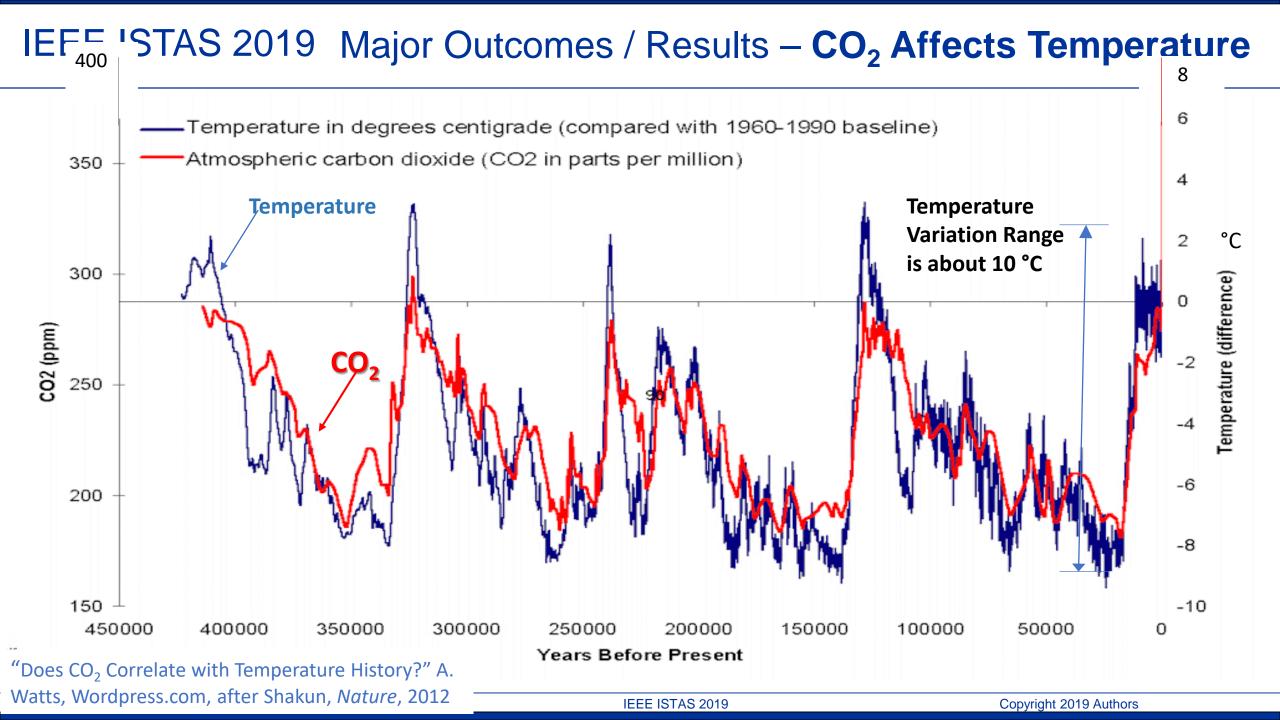
400

Carbon Dioxide Variations

 $A2 = as usual \rightarrow$

600

250



IEEE ISTAS 2019 ALASKA Columbia Glacier ONLY SIX Years Apart

Columbia Bay, Alaska – Photographer James Balog, Nat. Geo. magazine: Extreme Ice Survey of 18 Glaciers
The most extreme: Columbia Glacier is losing one mile every three years – so two miles of loss are shown below.
Since 1980, this glacier has lost height equal to the Empire State Building!





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Atmospheric CO₂

Avg. Earth Temperature

Earth's Last 400,000 Year Climate History

credit: Dr. Jim Hansen, NASA Goddard Inst. for Space Studies

CO₂ and the "Ornery Climate Beast"

How might today's human-caused increases in atmospheric concentrations of carbon dicride and other greenhouse gases change the planet? The past provides clues. Geological records show that in the past 400,000

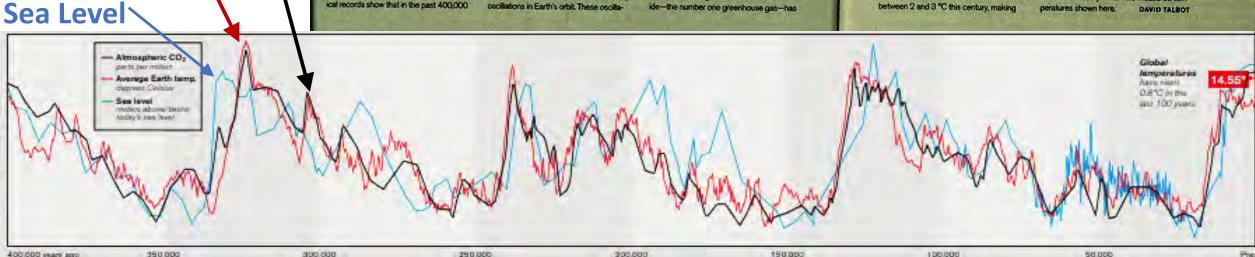
years, atmospheric concentrations of carbon dioxide, average Earth temperature, and sea levels have risen and fallen roughly in tandem, in 100,000-year cycles paced by slight oscillations in Earth's orbit. These oscilla-

tions affect the distribution of sunlight, hardly affecting the total amount reaching Earth; yet, scientists believe, this has been enough to set in motion chains of events that raise and lower temperatures, launch and end ice. ages, and trigger vast changes in sea level.

What's coming next? Carbon dioxide—the number one greenhouse gas—has

much more power to affect Earth's temperature than the orbital changes do. And in just the past 150 years, humankind has boosted. carbon dioxide concentrations by 32 percent. NASA planetary scientist Jim Hansen. says that if we continue to increase greenhouse-gas emissions, temperatures will rise between 2 and 3 °C this century, making

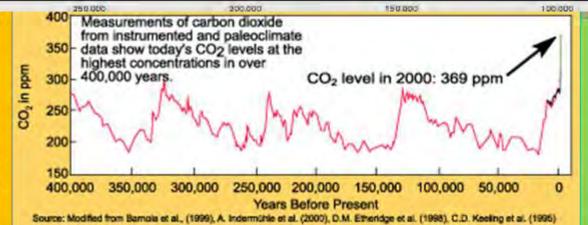
Earth as warm as it was three million years ago, when seas were between 15 and 35 meters higher than they are today. His predictions bear weight partly because he can verify his methods: using geological records. he has calculated past temperatures, and his results closely match the measured temperatures shown here.



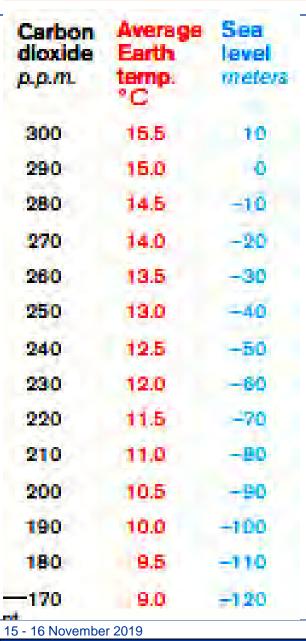
NOAA states, "CO2 levels are at the highest concentrations in over 400,000 years" →

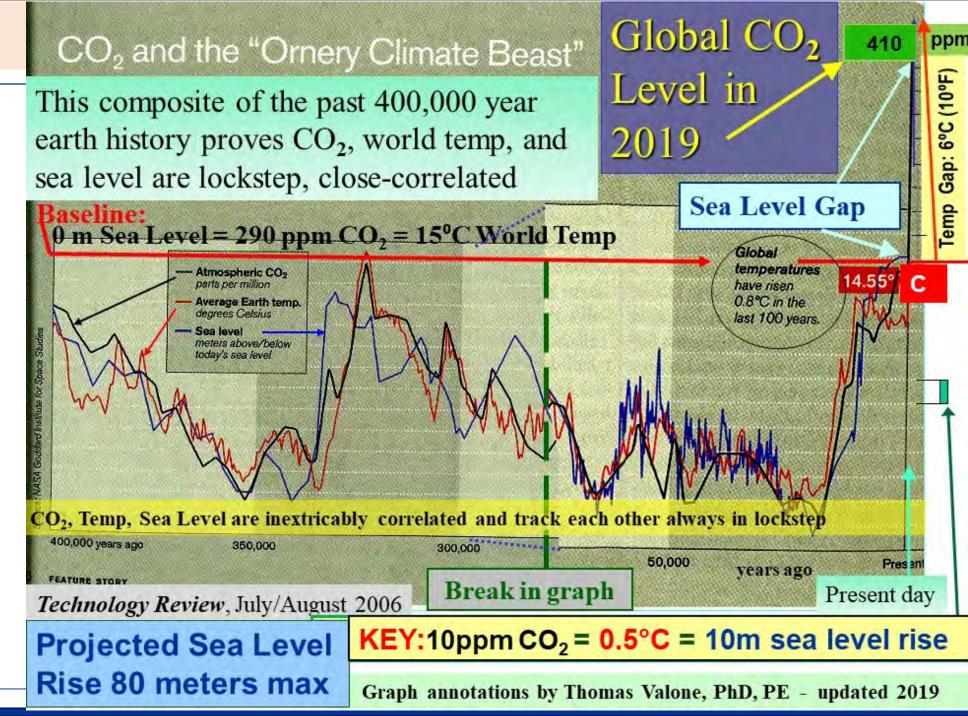


On right is the same CO, data from nede. noaa. gov



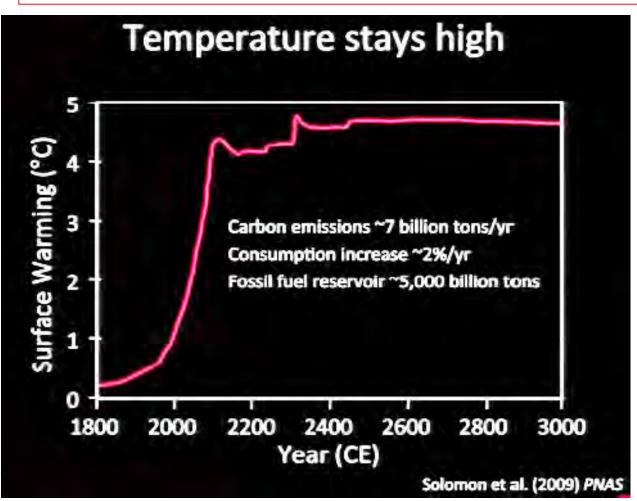
MIT's **Technology** Review July/August, 2006 **Jim Hansen's Table** of Vostok data points for 400,000 years





IEEE ISTAS 2019 Hansen Formula for CO₂, Temperature, and Sea Rise

$$+/- (20 \text{ ppm CO}_2 = 1 ^{\circ}\text{C} = 20 \text{ m sea rise})$$



- Formula becomes nonlinear past 500 ppm CO₂ as global temperature response lessens
- In 2009, Dr. Solomon (NOAA)
 projected 4 − 5 °C by 2100,
 assuming a CO₂ peak at around
 2100 wishful thinking 7→11 Gt
- Hansen's Formula prediction of
 6 °C by 2100 will continue to
 increase if business as usual 2100s

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IEEE ISTAS 2019 OUR FUTURE WITHIN 100 YEARS IF "AS USUAL"

In 100 years, the atmospheric CO₂ will reach 500-1000 ppm, which was last experienced during the EOCENE (55 to 36 million years ago)



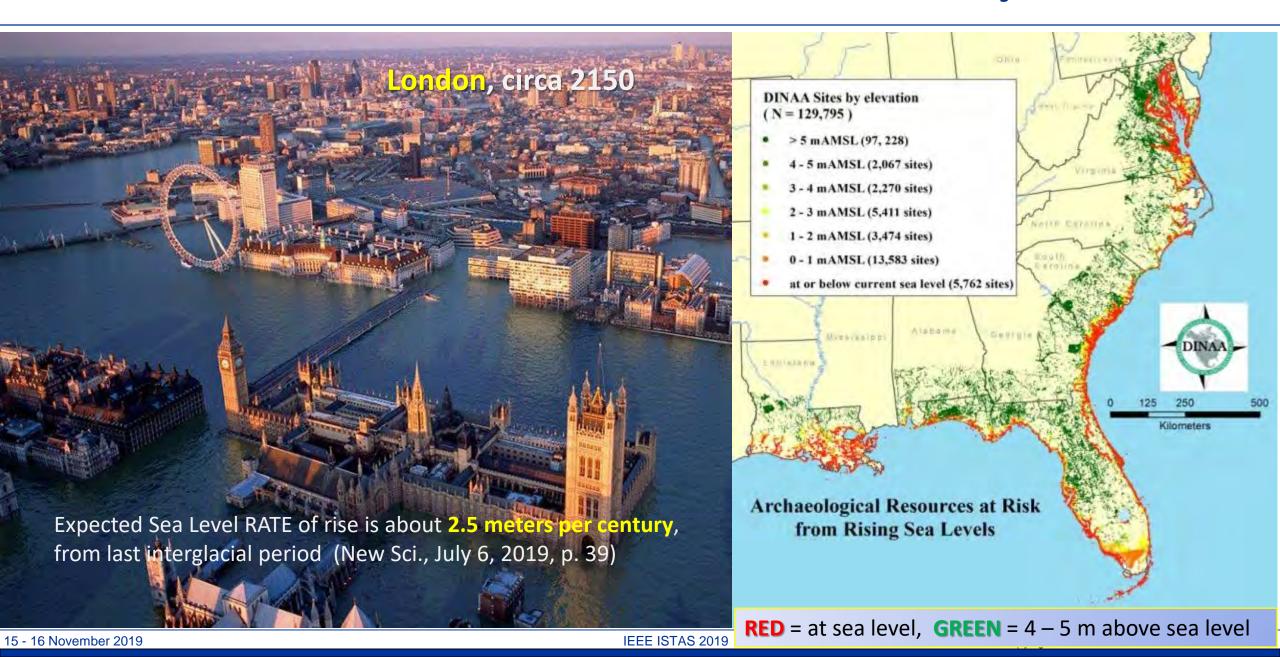
The Eocene climate was warm, even at high latitudes:

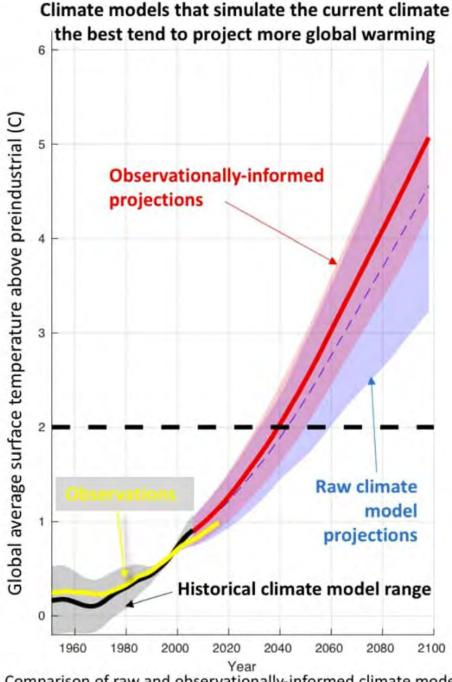
- -palm trees flourished in Wyoming and Antarctica was a pine forest
- -crocodiles lived in the Arctic
- -deep ocean temperature was 55°F (today it is ~35°F)
- -sea level was at least 300 feet higher than today
- * Climate models with mid-range climate sensitivity simulate an Eocene that is much too cold compared to the fossil records

University of
Washington
Climate Change
Lecture Notes,
www.atmos.Wash
ington.edu



IEEE ISTAS 2019 Sea Encroachment After 2100 in Major Cities





Comparison of raw and observationally-informed climate model projections from Brown and Caldeira (2017, *Nature*)

11,000 scientists warn of 'untold suffering' caused by climate change



By Emma Tobin and Ivana Kottasová, CNN

① Updated 3:24 AM ET, Wed November 6, 2019

Nov. 6, 2019 CNN

Latest numbers show at least 5 metres sea-level rise locked in

It's too late to stop the seas rising at least 5 metres and only fast, drastic action will avert a 20-metre rise, **New Scientist** calculates based on recent studies

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MASS EXTINCTION

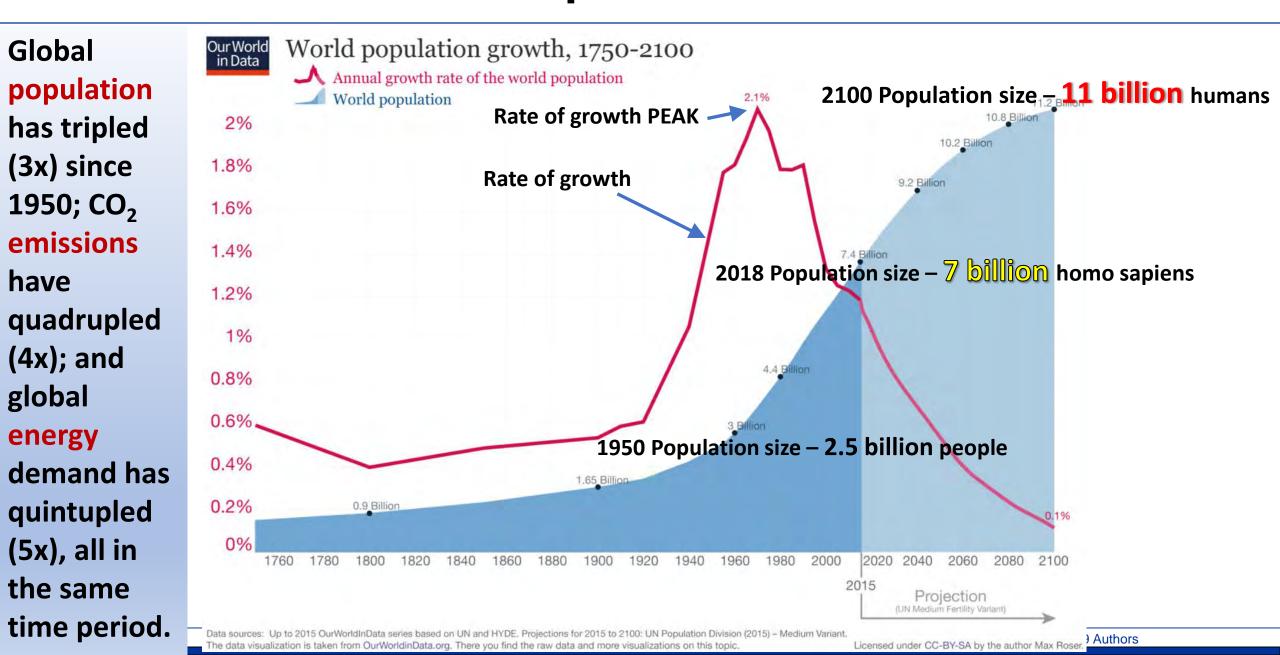
Rothman, Sci. Adv., Sept., 2017

Thresholds of catastrophe in the Earth system

Daniel H. Rothman

The history of the Earth system is a story of change. Some changes are gradual and benign, but others, especially those associated with catastrophic mass extinction, are relatively abrupt and destructive. What sets one group apart from the other? Here, I hypothesize that perturbations of Earth's carbon cycle lead to mass extinction if they exceed either a critical rate at long time scales or a critical size at short time scales. By analyzing 31 carbon isotopic events during the past 542 million years, I identify the critical rate with a limit imposed by mass conservation. Identification of the crossover time scale separating fast from slow events then yields the critical size. The modern critical size for the marine carbon cycle is roughly similar to the mass of carbon that human activities will likely have added to the oceans by the year 2100.

IEEE ISTAS 2019 World Population Growth – conservative est.



Solutions, Suggestions, Adaptations besides renewables

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₹ 21°C **₹** 23°C 73°F

25°C



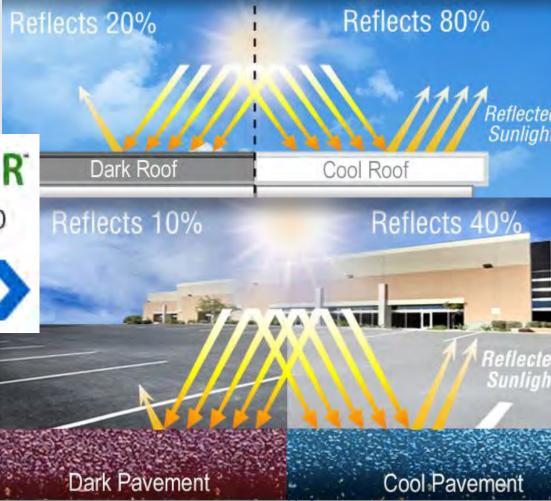
29°C 84°F

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Conclusion and Outlook

How to make a carbon tax popular

Politicians are cautious but a survey of 3000 people in the US found attitudes to it are positive if the money raised goes toward renewable energy or is redistributed to people as a rebate.

-Sci. Adv., Sept., 2019 doi.org/dbqd

World needs a huge carbon tax by 2030 to limit climate change, IMF says

BY CHRIS MOONEY AND ANDREW FREEDMAN

A global agreement to make fossil-fuel burning more expensive is urgent and the most efficient way of fighting climate change, an International Monetary Fund study found on Thursday.

The group found that a global tax of \$75 per ton by 2030 could limit the planet's warming to 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit), or about double what it is now. That would greatly increase the price of fossil-fuel-based energy - especially from the burning of coal - but the economic disruption could be offset by routing the money raised straight back to citizens.

"If you compare the average level of the carbon tax today, which is \$2 [a ton], to where we need to be, it's a quantum leap," said Paolo Mauro, deputy director of the fiscal affairs department at

cia ple cli

Can we stabilize CO, to 350 ppm or lower? FELIPE DANA/ASSOCIATED PRESS

The IMF found that a global fossil-fuel levy of \$75 per ton by 2030 could limit the planet's warming, which has drastically affected Greenland, above - to 2 degrees Celsius.

low to hold climate change to 2 degrees, noting that he had expected the figure to be closer to \$100 per ton, given the world's high emissions path.

Gernot Wagner, who studies climate policy at New York University, agreed. He co-wrote a paper published Monday arguing that a carbon price should

gradually be reduce account the costs o age from global war "If one takes clir Nov. 2019

uncertainty seriou bers rise much higher still," Wagner said in an email.

Most economists and policymakers have designed carbon tax policies that start relatively low and ramp up quickly over time. Proponents say it would minimize economic hardship for consumers and companies for their past choices while changing future decisions such as purchases of polluting equipment or automobiles.

"The climate cris and public/popular tion to attack it is strong and unque even \$75/ton by 20 too moderate a ta Komanoff, director Tax Center, wrote

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Young Evangelicals Welcome Bipartisan Carbon Tax Bill

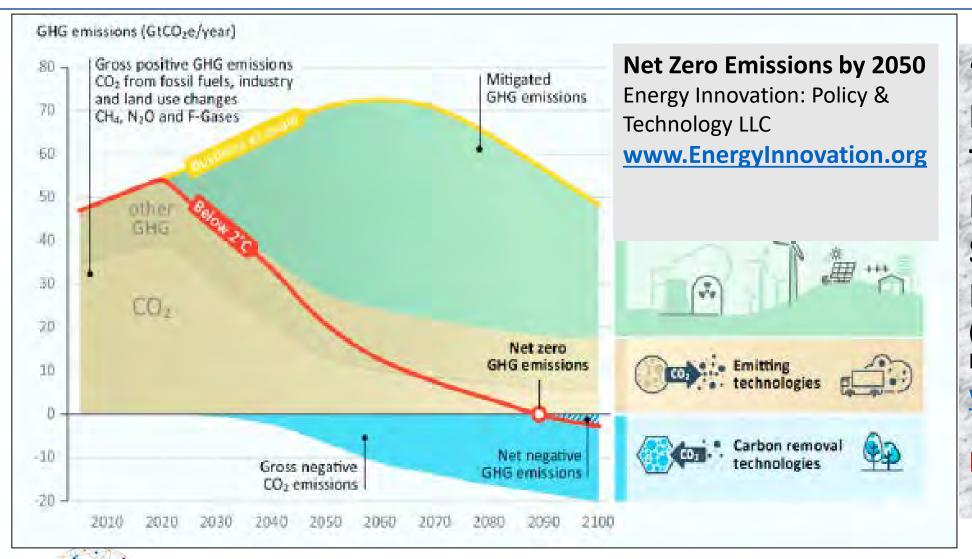
Posted by Victoria Goebel

Sept. 26, 2019

Today, Representative Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA) introduced the bipartisan Market Choice Act, an ambitious plan to incentivize a free-market transition toward clean, renewable energy. The bill will significantly drive down greenhouse gas emissions, direct most of the revenue raised toward much-needed infrastructure investment.

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IEEE ISTAS 2019 Negative Emissions and Carbon Sequestration



"Negative **Emissions Technologies and** Reliable **Sequestration: A** Research Agenda" (2019) National Academies **Press** www.NAP.edu/25259 **FREE** download (PDF)

Wishful Thinking for a Quick Reduction by the National Academies Press

Carbon Capture & Utilization (CCU) or Carbon Capture & Storage (CCS) in Gigatons?

"Pulling CO₂ out of the air and using it could be a trillion-dollar business"

Put CO₂ to work making valuable products. www.vox.com/energy-and-environment

1 ppm CO_2 = 2 Gt Carbon = 7.77 Gt CO_2

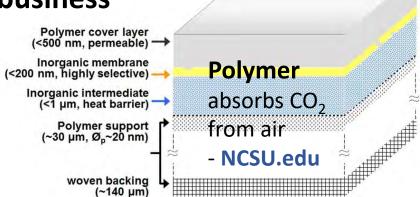
THE HANSEN CHALLENGE

Can we REDUCE the CO₂ level to <u>lower temperature</u>? YES, it is reversible!

- Choose 350 ppm (+3 °C) as the target CO₂ level just to lower temperature
- Calculate gigatons (Gt) to remove in total if done today (a long shot)
- Take present 410 ppm 350 ppm = 60 ppm which is equal to 466 Gt CO₂
- However, every year an average of 5 ppm CO₂ or +40 Gt/yr will be added (in A2)
- Therefore, any Global Carbon Reduction Program will require CCS-CCU to invest enough to remove say, 100 Gt/yr for 10 years and 50 Gt/yr after, until
- the hoped-for carbon emission rate peaks and a century later,

the emissions slow down, level off, as population has done globally

Carbon Engineering out of Calgary, Canada →
Tested Direct Air Capture (DAC) for CCU, CCS







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IEEE ISTAS 2019 Transformative Zero or Negative Emissions Tech

"A Process for Capturing CO₂ from the Atmosphere" DAVID KEITH ET AL., JOULE, VOLUME 2, ISSUE 8, P1573-1594, AUGUST 15, 2018

- ⇒ Estimates low cost can be around \$100/ton of CO₂ presently
- \rightarrow \$50 billion/yr for 50 Gt/yr @\$1/t

Carbon Engineering – very low-carbon fuels, powered by renewables, using CO_2 from the air, drawing hydrogen from electrolysis to produce hydrocarbons. The company calls the process "air to fuels," or A2F, and it is targeting wide commercialization in 2021.

 \rightarrow SOLUTIONS to excess CO_2 need Gt CCS as well as these renewable, carbon-neutral fuels.

HyTech is targeting a big market – diesel engines – the source of 50% of urban smog, especially in winter

Onboard electrolyzers are the game plan for turning existing \rightarrow diesel engine fleet into zero-emissions vehicles (ZEV) by making them run on pure hydrogen.

-- HyTech Power, based in Redmond, Washington



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