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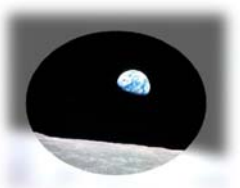


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Anthropogenic climate change



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The greenhouse effect

The Greenhouse Effect

Solar radiation

Long-wave radiation

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Source: Houghton 2001

Anthropogenic Influences on Climate Change

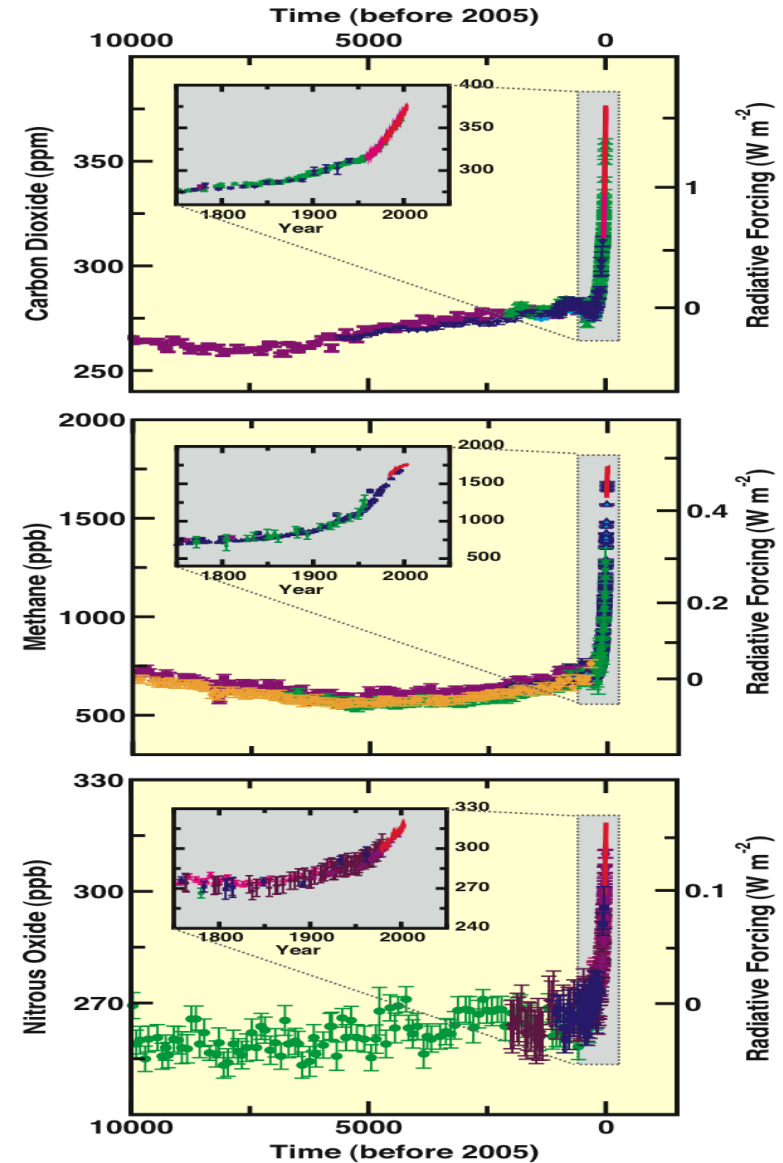
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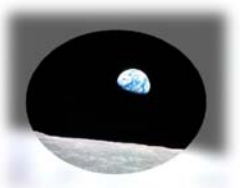
CO₂, CH₄ and N₂O Concentrations

- far exceed pre-industrial values
- increased markedly since 1750 due to human activities

Relatively little variation before the industrial era

Source: IPCC 2007a (WG I, SPM, p. 3)





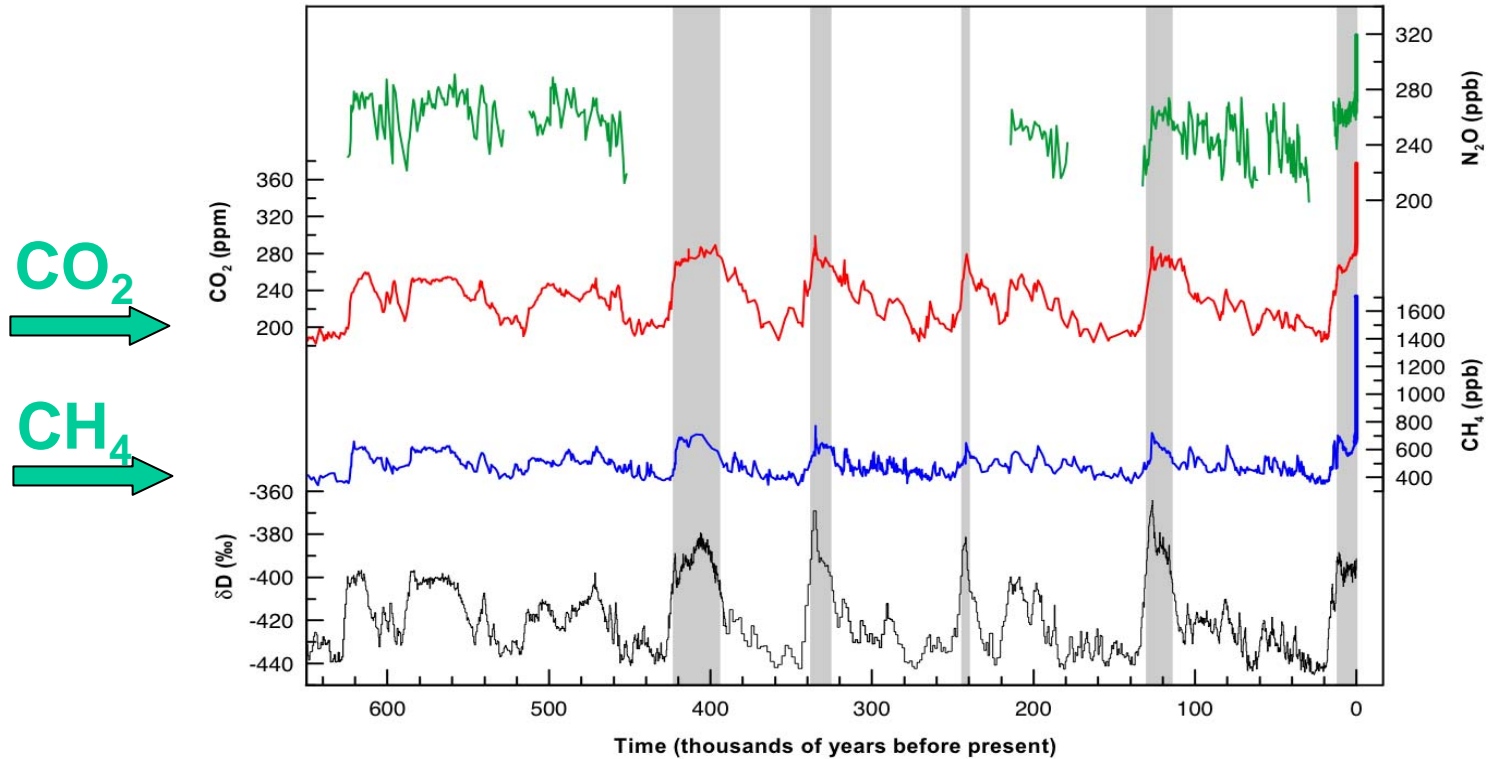
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New results on climate change in 2007 (WG I)



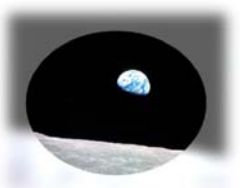
Long term changes in THG concentrations

Glacial-Interglacial Ice Core Data



The atmospheric concentration of CO₂ and CH₄ in 2005 exceeds by far the natural range of the last 650,000 years

Source: Pachauri und Jallow, 6.2.2007



Global GHG emissions 1970 - 2004

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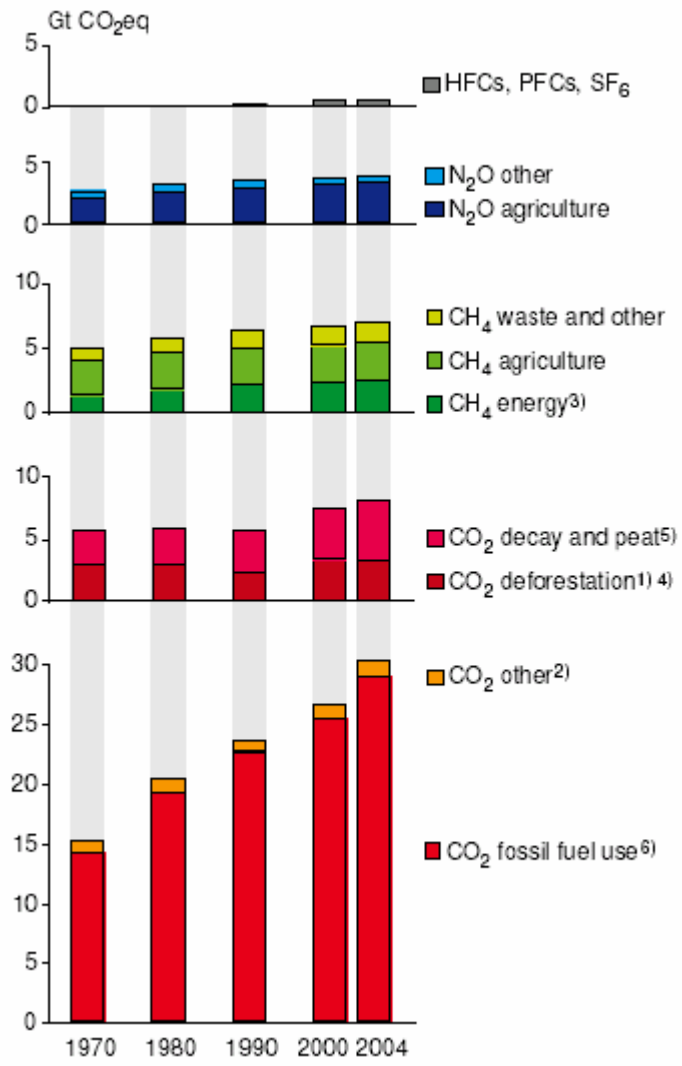


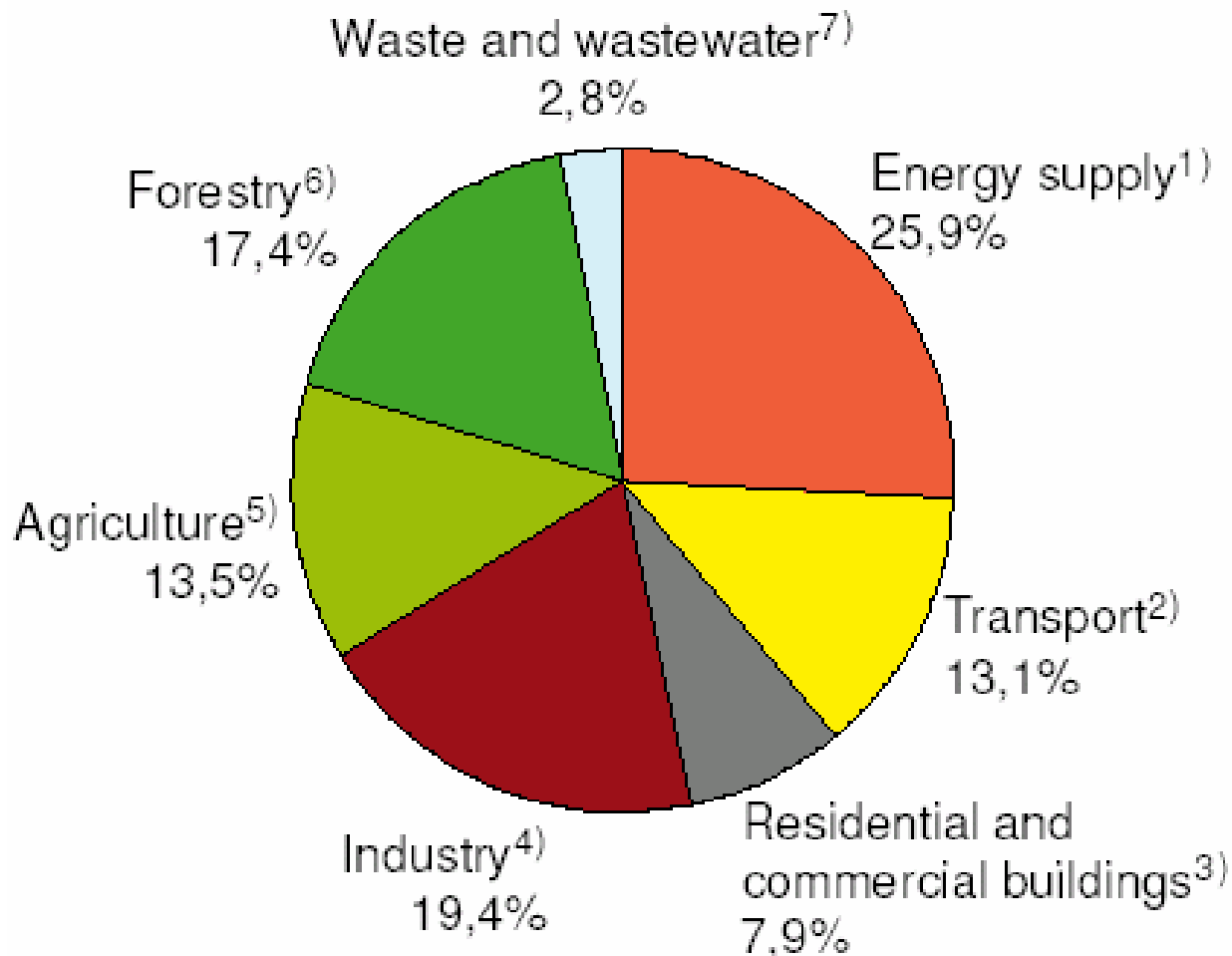
Figure TS 1a: Global anthropogenic greenhouse gas trends, 1970-2004 [Figure 1.1a].

Note: 100 year GWPs from IPCC 1996 (SAR) were used to convert emissions to CO₂-equivalents (cf. UNFCCC reporting guidelines). Gases are those reported under UNFCCC reporting guidelines. The uncertainty in the graph is quite large for CH₄ and N₂O (of the order of 30 to 50%) and even larger for CO₂ from agriculture and forestry.

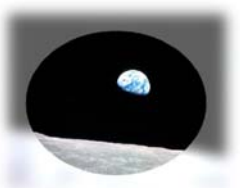
- 1) Including traditional biomass combustion at 10% (assuming 90% sustainable production). Feedstocks, steel manufacturing & other non-energy use of fossil fuel is included. Corrected for 10% carbon of burned biomass that remains as charcoal.
- 2) Cement production and natural gas flaring.
- 3) Including from biofuel production and biomass use
- 4) For large-scale forest and scrubland biomass burning averaged data for 1997-2002 based on Global Fire Emissions Data base satellite data.
- 5) CO₂ emissions from decay (decomposition) of aboveground biomass that remains after logging and deforestation and CO₂ from peat fires and decay of drained peat soils (excluding fossil fuel fires).
- 6) Fossil fuel use includes emissions from feedstock

Source: IPCC 2007 (TS WG III, p. 4)

Global GHG emissions by sector in 2004

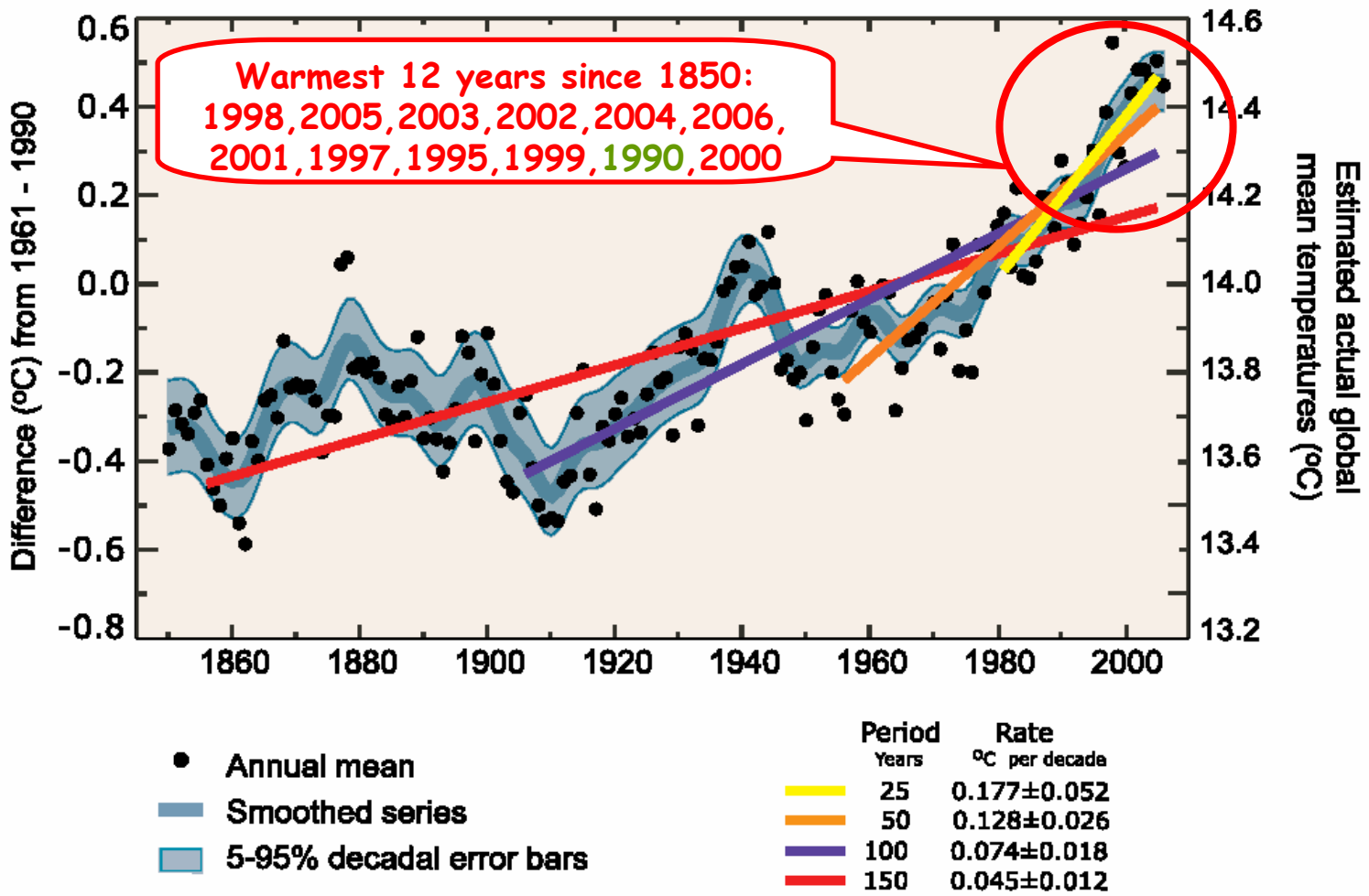


Source: IPCC 2007 (TS WG III, p. 5)

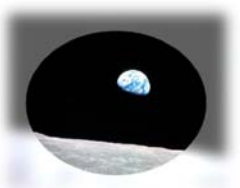


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Increased global temperature change

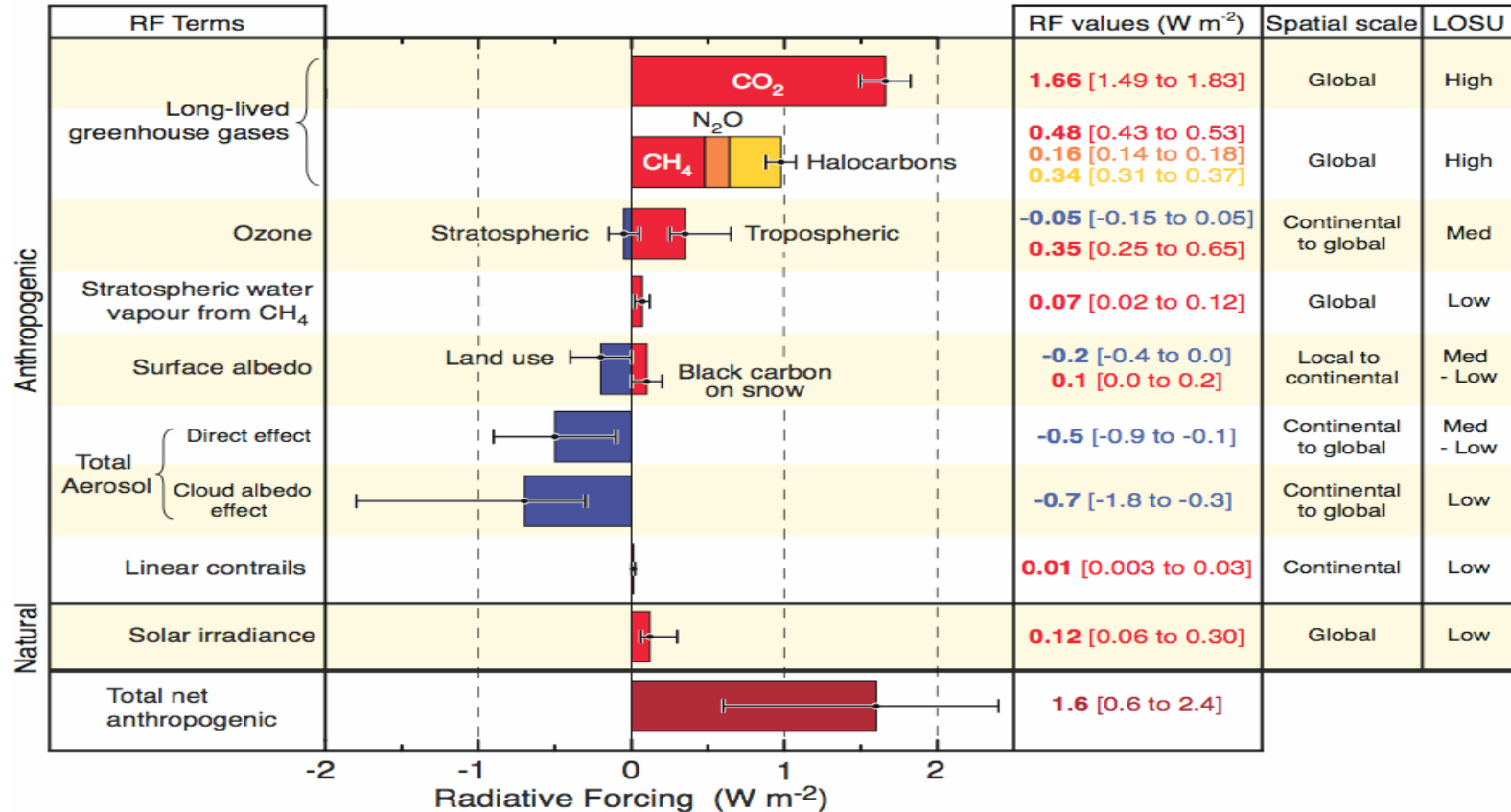


Source: IPCC 2007a (WG I TS p, 37)



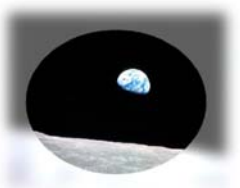
Components of radiative forcing

Radiative Forcing Components



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Source: IPCC 2007a (WG I, SPM p.4)



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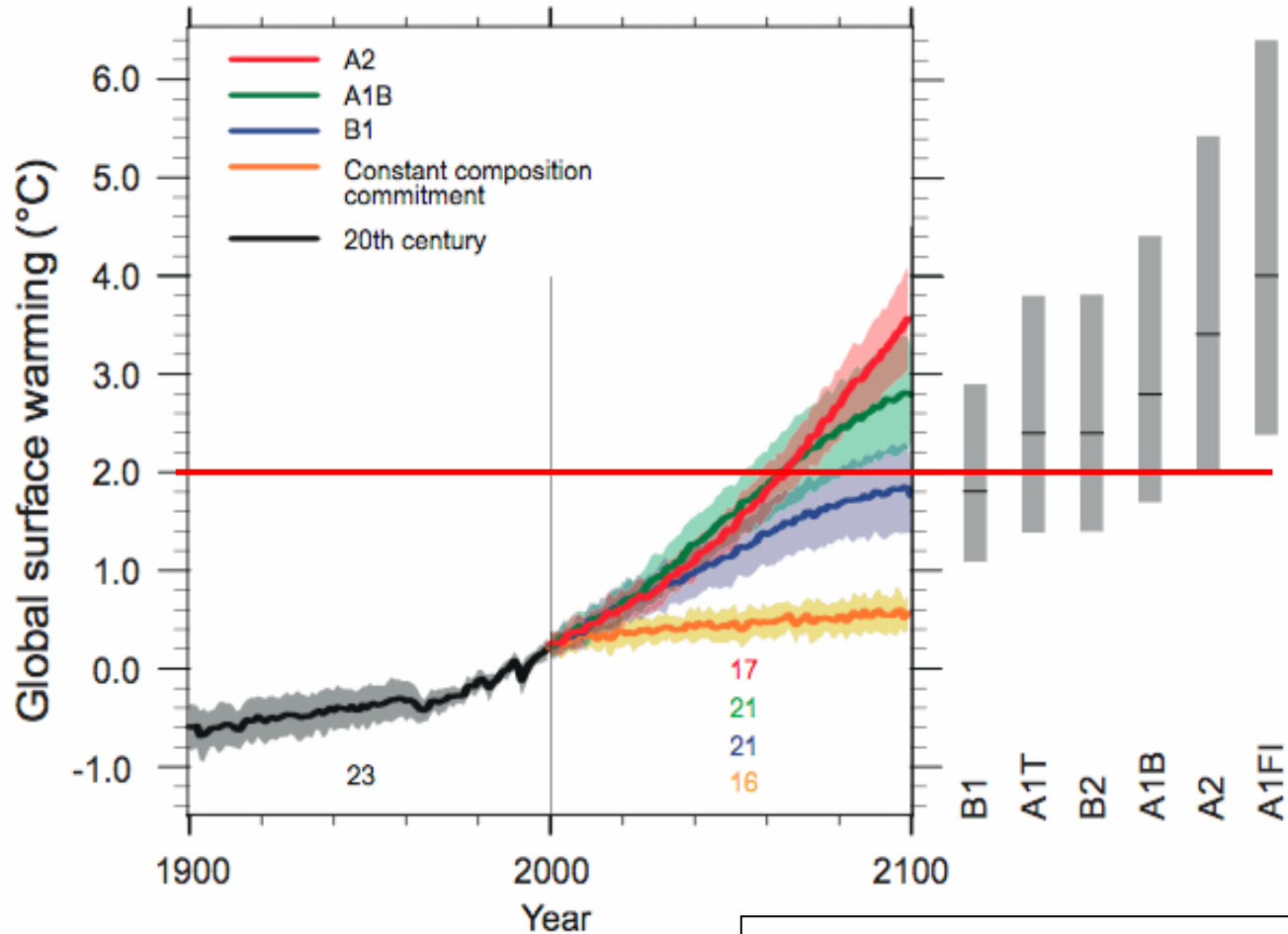
- The need for mitigation



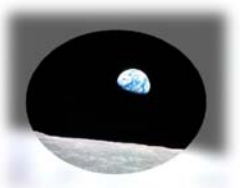
Projections of Future Changes in Climate

Best estimate for low scenario (B1) is 1.8°C (*likely* range is 1.1°C to 2.9°C), and for high scenario (A1FI) is 4.0°C (*likely* range is 2.4°C to 6.4°C).

Broadly consistent with span quoted for SRES in TAR, but not directly comparable



Source: IPCC 2007a (WG I, SPM p.14)



New results on climate change mitigation 2007:

- The timeframe for mitigation



New stabilization scenarios

Table TS 2: Classification of recent (Post-Third Assessment Report) stabilization scenarios according to different stabilization targets and alternative stabilization metrics [Table 3.5]

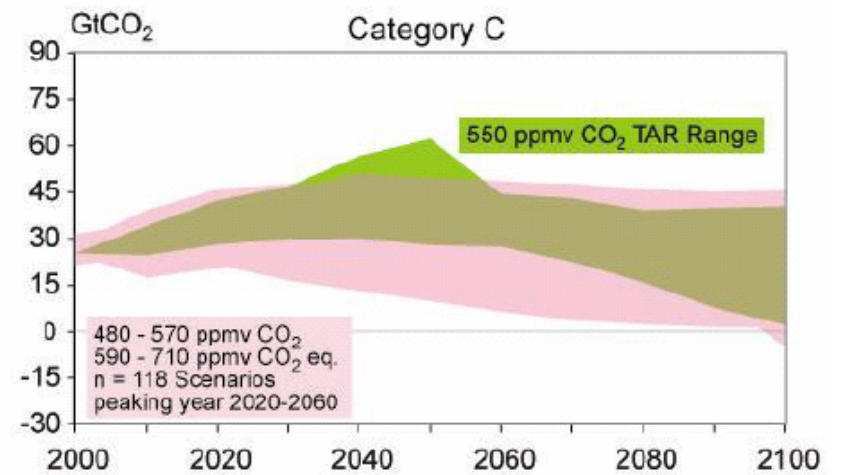
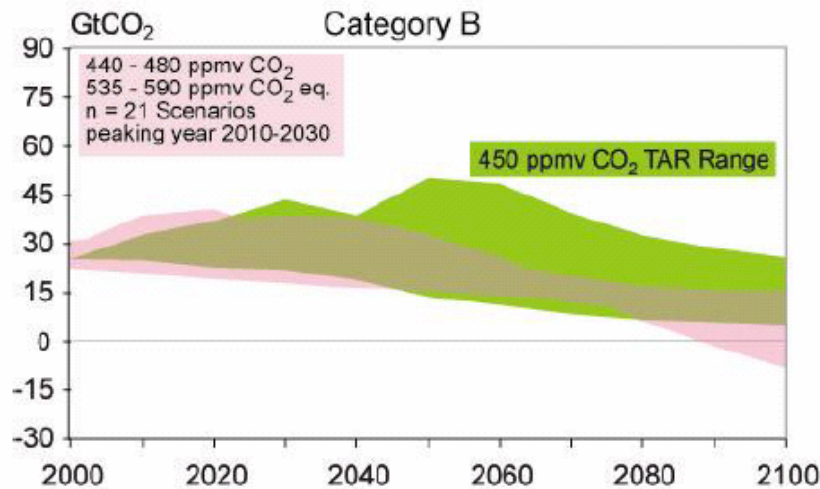
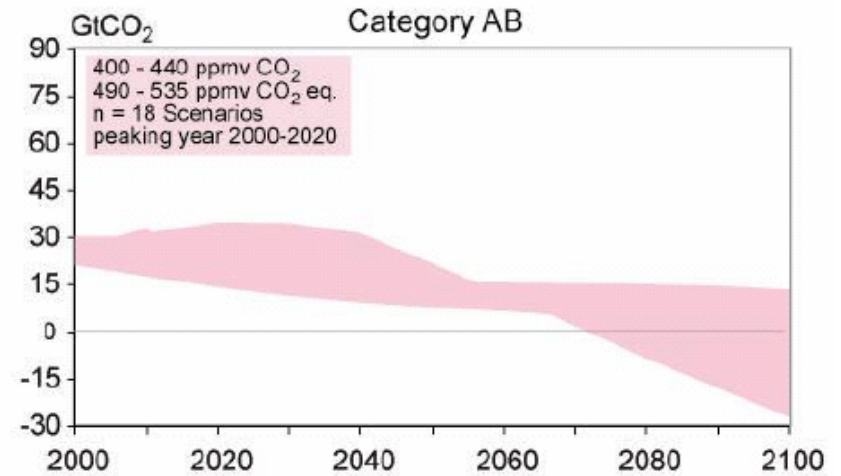
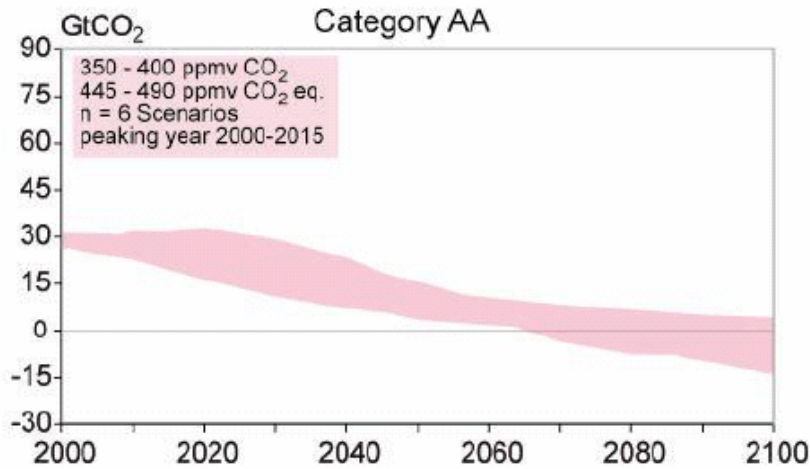
Category	Additional Radiative forcing	CO ₂ concentration	CO ₂ - eq. Concentration	Global mean temperature increase above pre-industrial at equilibrium, using best guess climate sensitivity ^{1,2}	Peaking year for CO ₂ emissions ³	Change in global emissions in 2050 (% of 2000 emissions) ³	No. of scenarios
	W/m ²	ppmv	ppmv	Celsius	Year	percent	
A1	2.5 – 3.0	350 – 400	445 – 490	2.0 – 2.4	2000 - 2015	-85 to -50	6
A2	3.0 – 3.5	400 – 440	490 – 535	2.4 – 2.8	2000 - 2020	-60 to -30	18
B	3.5 – 4.0	440 – 485	535 – 590	2.8 – 3.2	2010 - 2030	-30 to +5	21
C	4.0 – 5.0	485 – 570	590 – 710	3.2 – 4.0	2020 - 2060	+10 to +60	118
D	5.0 – 6.0	570 – 660	710 – 855	4.0 – 4.9	2050 - 2080	+25 to +85	9
E	6.0 – 7.5	660 – 790	855 – 1130	4.9 – 6.1	2060 - 2090	+90 to +140	5
Total							177

¹ Note that global mean temperature at equilibrium is different from expected global mean temperatures in 2100 due to the inertia of the climate system

Source: IPCC 2007 (TS WG III, p. 19)



Emissions for stabilization levels of 445 – 570ppmv CO₂eq.



Source: IPCC 2007 (SPM WG III, p. 23)

Arctic ice loss faster than forecast by AR4

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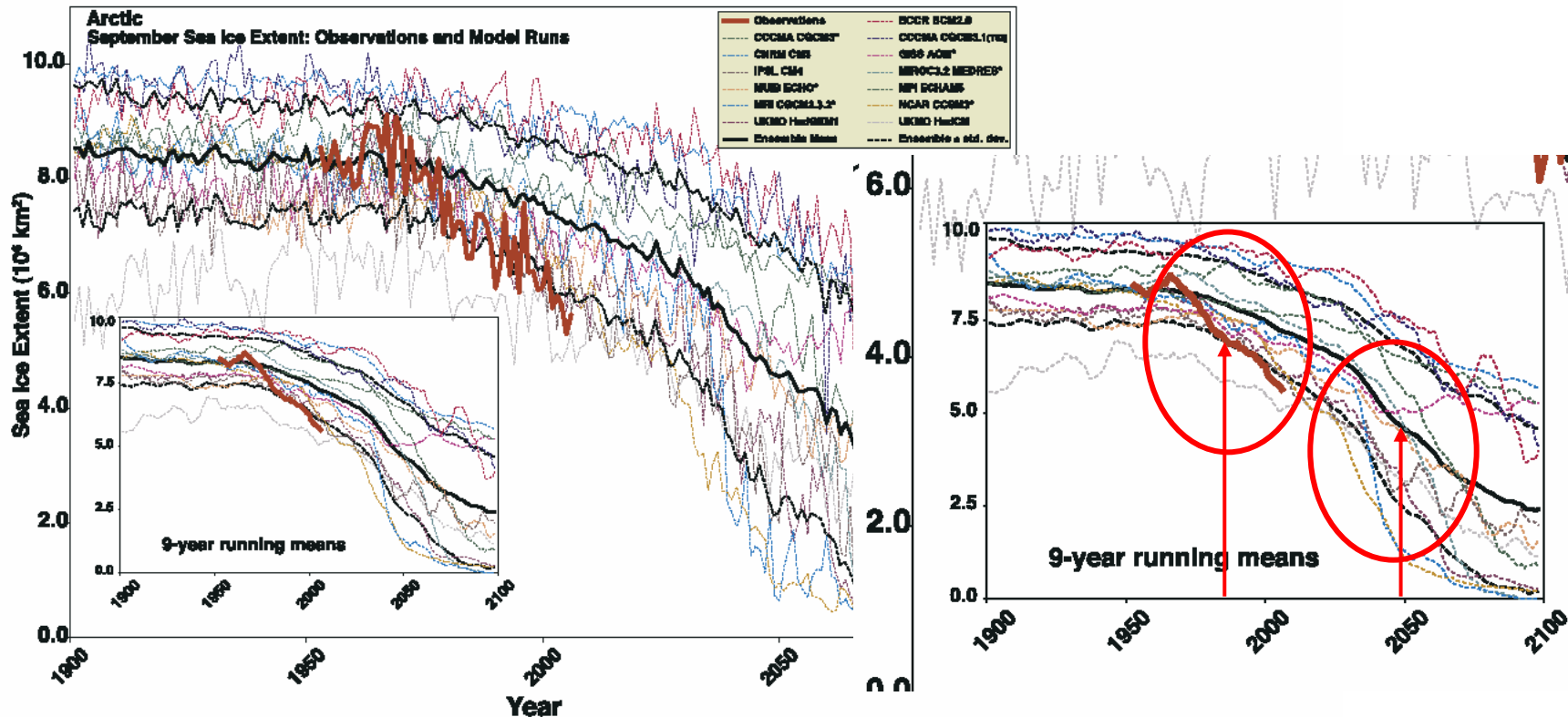
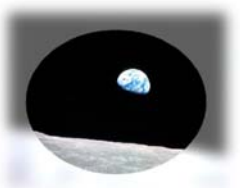


Figure 1. Arctic September sea ice extent ($\times 10^6 \text{ km}^2$) from observations (thick red line) and 13 IPCC AR4 climate models, together with the multi-model ensemble mean (solid black line) and standard deviation (dotted black line). Models with more than one ensemble member are indicated with an asterisk. Inset shows 9-year running means.

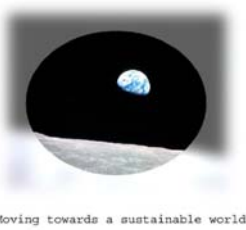
Quelle: Stroeve et al. 2007 S.2



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New results on climate change mitigation 2007:

- The means for mitigation



Global economic mitigation potential 2030

Table SPM 1: Global economic mitigation potential in 2030 estimated from bottom-up studies.

Carbon price (US\$/tCO ₂ -eq)	Economic mitigation potential (GtCO ₂ -eq/yr)	Reduction relative to SRES A1 B (68 GtCO ₂ - eq/yr) %	Reduction relative to SRES B2 (49 GtCO ₂ - eq/yr) %
0	5-7	7-10	10-14
20	9-17	14-25	19-35
50	13-26	20-38	27-52
100	16-31	23-46	32-63

Source: IPCC 2007 (SPM WG III, p. 11)

- 5. Both bottom-up and top-down studies indicate that there is substantial economic potential for the mitigation of global GHG emissions over the coming decades, that could offset the projected growth of global emissions or reduce emissions below current levels (*high agreement, much evidence*).

Source: IPCC 2007 (SPM WG III, p. 10)

Global sectoral economic mitigation potential 2030

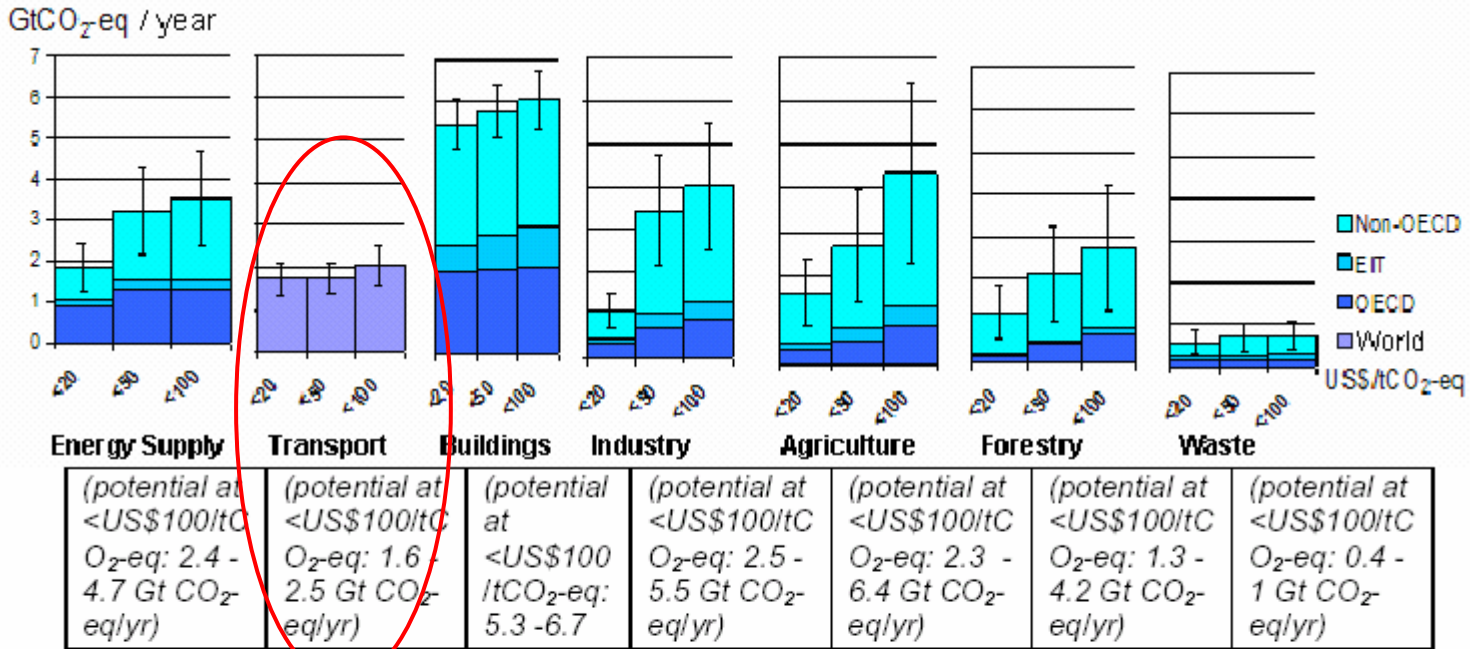
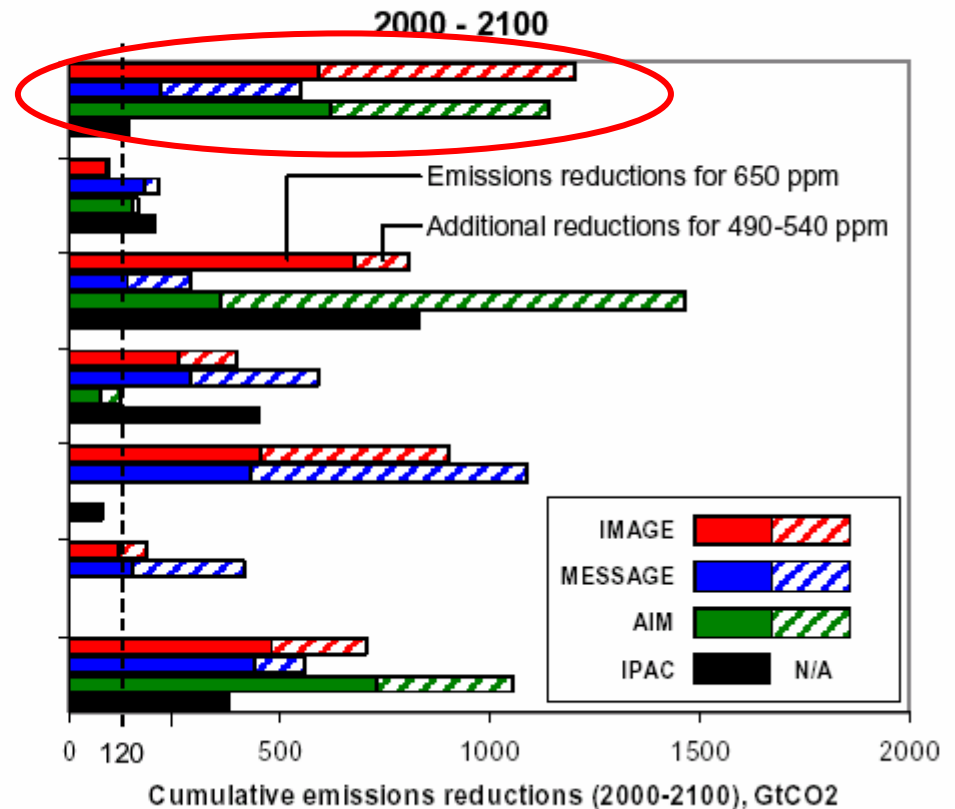
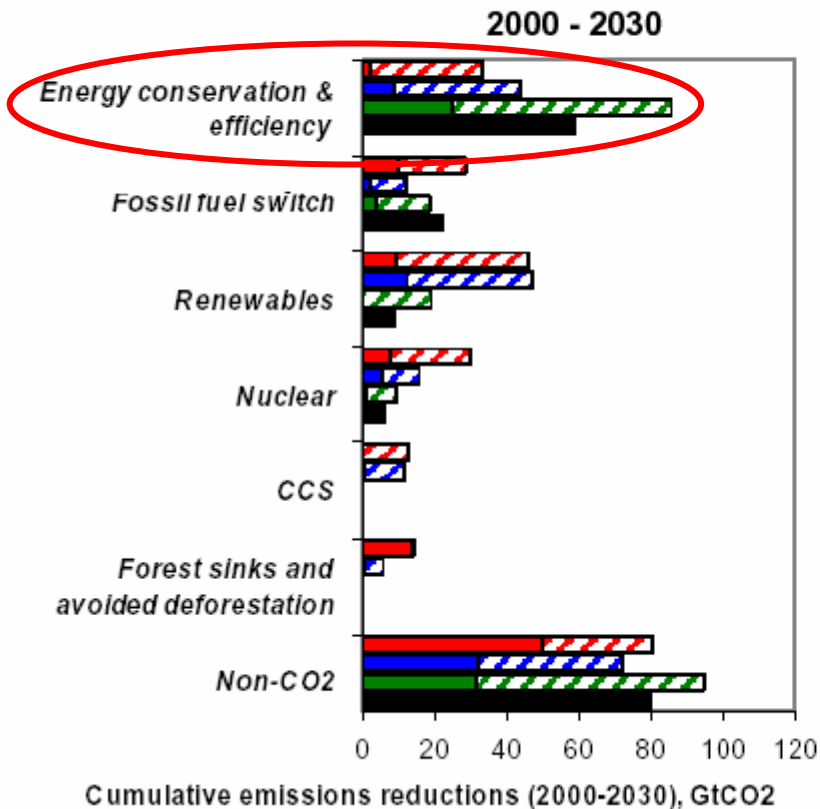


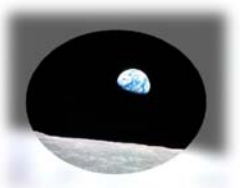
Figure SPM 6: Estimated sectoral economic potential for global mitigation for different regions as a function of carbon price in 2030 from bottom-up studies, compared to the respective baselines assumed in the sector assessments. A full explanation of the derivation of this figure is found in 11.3.

Quelle: IPCC 2007 (SPM WG III, p. 14)

Contributions to cumulated emission reductions until 2030 and 2100 - 650 and 490-550ppmv CO2-eq



Source: IPCC 2007 (SPM WG III, S. p5)



New results on climate change mitigation 2007:

- The cost of mitigation

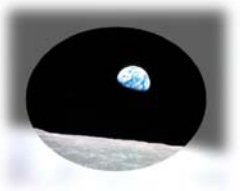
Global macro-economic mitigation costs for 2030 and 2050

Table SPM.6: Estimated global macro-economic costs in 2050 relative to the baseline for least-cost trajectories towards different long-term stabilization targets⁴² [3.3, 13.3]

Stabilization levels (ppm CO ₂ -eq)	Median GDP reduction ⁴³ (%)	Range of GDP reduction ^{43, 44} (%)	Reduction of average annual GDP growth rates (percentage points) ^{43, 45}
590-710	0.5	-1 – 2	< 0.05
535-590	1.3	slightly negative – 4	<0.1
445- 535 ⁴⁶	Not available	< 5.5	< 0.12

20. In 2050⁴¹ global average macro-economic costs for multi-gas mitigation towards stabilization between 710 and 445 ppm CO₂-eq, are between a 1% gain to a 5.5% decrease of global GDP (see Table SPM.6). For specific countries and sectors, costs vary considerably from the global average. (See Box SPM.3 for the methodologies and assumptions and paragraph 5 for explanation of negative costs) (*high agreement, medium evidence*).

Source: IPCC 2007 (SPM WG III, p. 26)

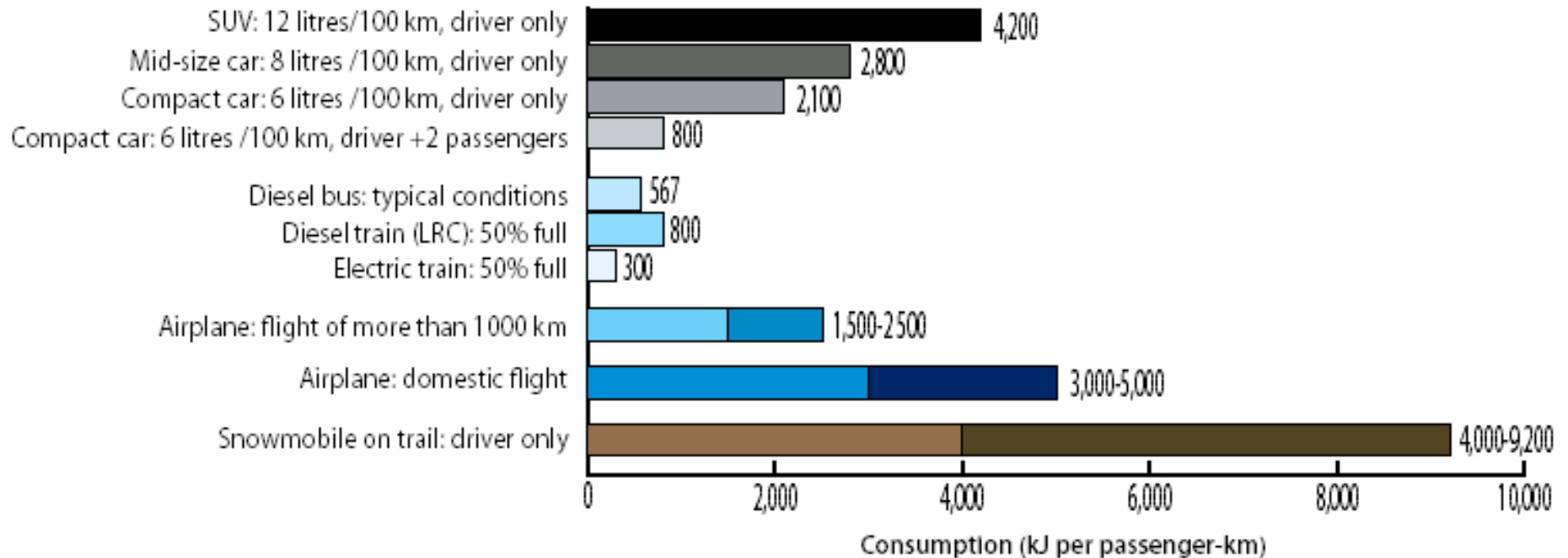


Mitigation in the transport sector



Energy consumption of different modes of transportation (Intercity travel in Canada)

Figure A: Efficiency of passenger transport modes – Intercity travel

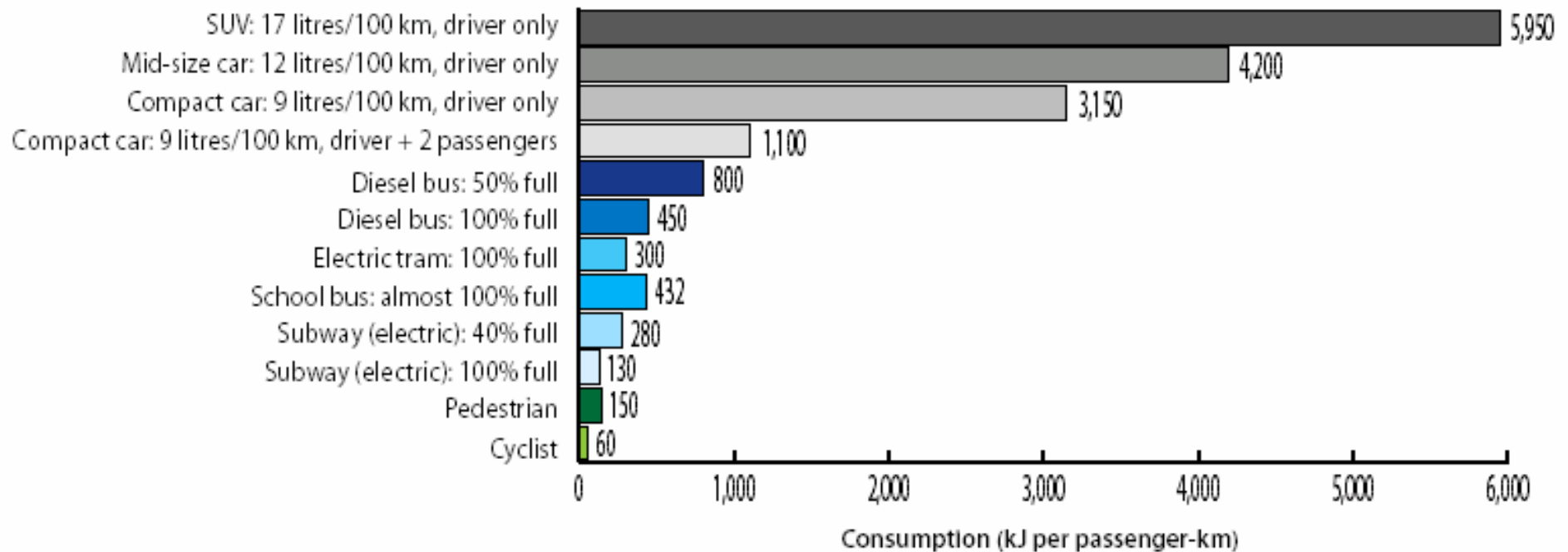


Source: Hydro Quebec 2006, p. 2

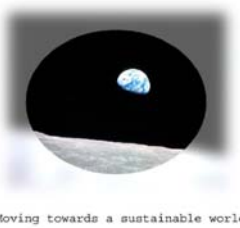


Energy consumption of different modes of transportation (Urban travel in Canada)

Figure B: Efficiency of passenger transport modes – Urban travel



Source: Hydro Quebec 2006, p. 2



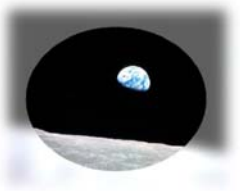
Key mitigation technologies and practices currently commercially available

11. There are multiple mitigation options in the transport sector²⁸, but their effect may be counteracted by growth in the sector. Mitigation options are faced with many barriers, such as consumer preferences and lack of policy frameworks (*medium agreement, medium evidence*).

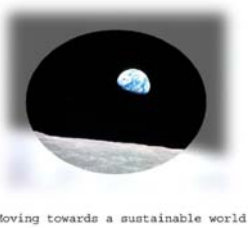
Source: IPCC 2007 (SPM WG III, p. 18)

- More fuel efficient vehicles
- hybrid vehicles
- cleaner diesel vehicles
- biofuels
- modal shifts from road transport to rail and public transport
- non-motorised transport (cycling, walking)
- land-use and transport planning

Source: IPCC 2007 (SPM WG III, p. 13)



Conclusions



Conclusions

- Climate change is developing faster than we thought
- GHG concentrations need to be stabilized at even lower levels (455 – 490 ppmvCO₂eq) to avoid serious damages
- The transport sector will have to share the burden of GHG reductions
- By 2050 the emissions from transportation need to be cut down to 50% of the 1990 global emissions
- Vastly improved efficiency will be the main contributor
- Changes to more efficient modes of transport will play a key role in urban areas
- Bio fuels will play an important role in the longer run



Thank you for your attention!



Anthropogenic and natural forcings

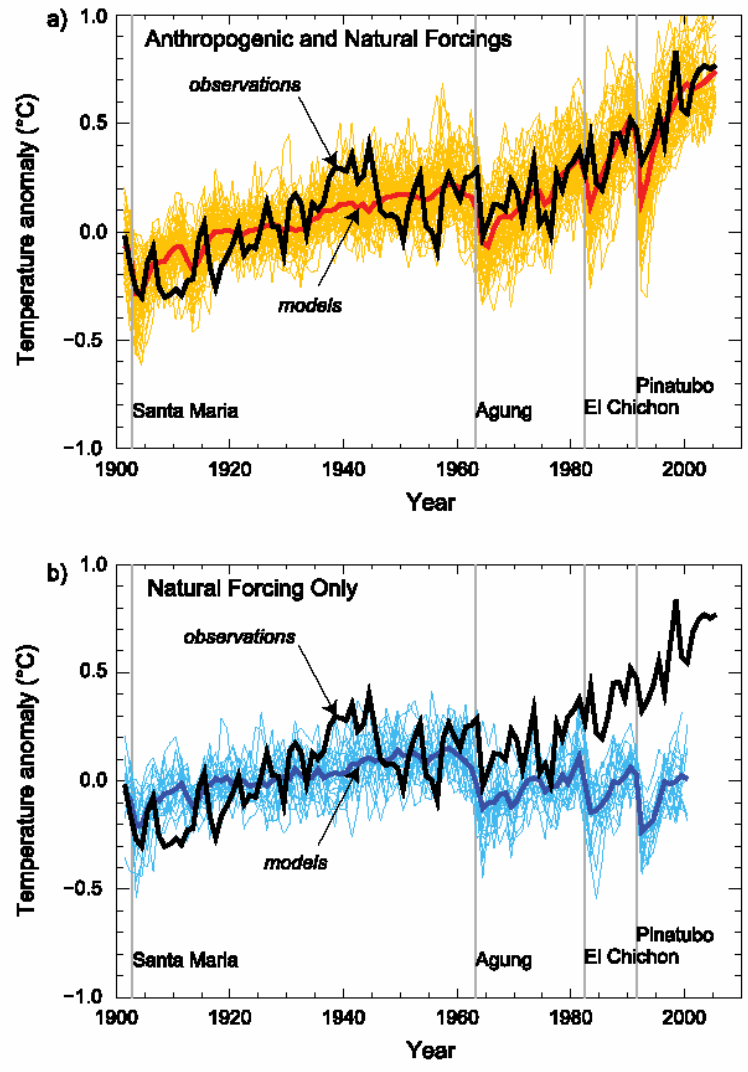


Figure TS.23. (a) Global mean surface temperature anomalies relative to the period 1901 to 1950, as observed (black line) and as obtained from simulations with both anthropogenic and natural forcings. The thick red curve shows the multi-model ensemble mean and the thin lighter red curves show the individual simulations. Vertical grey lines indicate the timing of major volcanic events. (b) As in (a), except that the simulated global mean temperature anomalies are for natural forcings only. The thick blue curve shows the multi-model ensemble mean and the thin lighter blue curves show individual simulations. Each simulation was sampled so that coverage corresponds to that of the observations. {Figure 9.5}

Source: IPCC 2007a (WG I TSp.62)

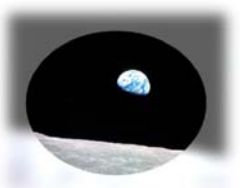


Table 3: Transportation options – Energy consumption and CO₂ emissions

Mode	Number of passengers, or load factor	Consumption (kJ per passenger-km)	Energy source	Direct** CO ₂ emissions (g per passenger-km)
Intercity passenger transportation				
SUV: 12 litres/100 km	one	4,200	gasoline	286
Mid-size car: 8 litres/100 km	one	2,800	gasoline	190
Compact car: 6 litres/100 km	one three	2,100 800	gasoline	143 54
Diesel bus	average*	567	diesel	40
Train: Diesel (LRC)	50%	800	diesel	56
Electric	50%	300	hydro	0
Airplane: Flight of more than 1,000 km	average	1,500-2,500	kerosene	102-170
Domestic flight		3,000-5,000	kerosene	204-340
Snowmobile on trail	one	4,000-9,200	gasoline	272-626
Urban passenger transportation				
SUV: 17 litres/100 km	one	5,950	gasoline	405
Mid-size car: 12 litres/100 km	one	4,200	gasoline	286
Compact car: 9 litres/100 km	one three	3,150 1,100	gasoline	214 75
Diesel bus	50%	800	diesel	56
	100%	450	diesel	32
Electric tram	100%	300	hydro	0
School bus	average	432	gasoline	29
Subway (electric)	40%	280	hydro	0
	100%	130		
Pedestrian		150	cereals	wheat = 2
Cyclist		60	cereals	wheat = 1
Freight transportation	Load factor	kJ per tonne-km	Energy source	g per tonne-km

Source: Hydro Quebec 2006, p. 5