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»Die Kontrollinstrumente spielen verrückt«

UMWELT Der Klimaforscher Hans Joachim Schellnhuber erklärt, wieso ihn die derzeitigen Wetteranomalien schockieren und warum er den Optimismus einiger Kollegen nicht teilt.

Der Telegrafenberg in Potsdam sei der schönste Wissenschaftsstandort in Mitteleuropa, sagt Schellnhuber, 73. Der emeritierte Professor für Theoretische Physik hat hier 1992 das Potsdam-Institut für Klimafolgenforschung gegründet. Ab Dezember wird er das Internationale Institut für Angewandte Systemanalyse im österreichischen Laxenburg leiten.

SPIEGEL: Herr Schellnhuber, der neue Chef des Weltklimarats, Jim Skea, hat Ende Juli dem SPIEGEL erklärt, dass die Welt bei einer Erwärmung um 1,5 Grad nicht untergeht. Er fordert pragmatische Lösungen statt einer Schockstarke. Hat der Mann recht?

Schellnhuber: Wenn man in einem brennenden Haus sitzt, sollte man sich natürlich nicht von Todesangst lähmen lassen. Und unser Haus brennt. Deshalb wird entspanntes Löschen hier oder da ebenfalls ins Verderben führen: Dramatische Herausforderungen verlangen dramatisches Handeln.

SPIEGEL: Ist der Chef des Weltklimarats also zu optimistisch?

Schellnhuber: Jim war immer schon ein fröhlicher Pragmatiker. Das mögen die Politiker, aber er sendet ein falsches Signal an die Öffentlichkeit.

SPIEGEL: Wie schlimm steht es denn Ihrer Ansicht nach?

Schellnhuber: Mit der bisherigen Klimapolitik werden wir die 1,5-Grad-Linie keinesfalls halten und die völ-

kerrechtliche Leitplanke von 2 Grad durchbrechen. Spätestens dann ist unsere Zivilisation in Gefahr. Die Menschen haben ein Recht, dies durch die Wissenschaft zu erfahren.

SPIEGEL: Kurz bevor sich die Länder auf das Weltklimaabkommen 2015 einigten, sagten Sie dem SPIEGEL, es gebe noch Chancen, dass das planetare Gefährdung »nur« hässliche Beulen davonträgt, der Totalschaden lasse sich vielleicht noch verhindern. Sind wir acht Jahre danach näher an den Beulen oder am Totalschaden?

Schellnhuber: Leider gilt Letzteres. Zum einen hat die Forschung mittlerweile ein relativ klares Bild davon, wie dieser Totalschaden zustande kommen könnte. Zum anderen spüren wir bereits bei der aktuellen Erderwärmung, die 2022 noch 1,2 Grad betrug, wie das Klimasystem zu zappeln beginnt. Irgendwie spielen die Kontrollinstrumente des Raumschiffs Erde momentan verrückt. Stellen Sie sich zum Vergleich vor, Sie steuern ein Flugzeug über den Atlantik, und die Armaturen zeigen plötzlich gewaltige Ausschläge. Sie würden in Panik geraten. Ich arbeite seit 40 Jahren in der Klimaforschung, aber solche Anomalien wie in den letzten Monaten haben wir noch nie registriert.

SPIEGEL: Was halten Sie derzeit für außergewöhnlich?

Schellnhuber: Das Jahr 2023 wird den Blick auf die Welt verändern. Seit März schlagen etwa die Durch-

Waldbrände in Griechenland: »Dieses Potpourri des Grauens wird sich in den kommenden Jahren noch verschlimmern.«

schnitttemperaturen der oberflächen extrem aus und nicht einmal mehr den Jahresverläufen. Aber ohne lende Wirkung der Ozeane planetare Erwärmung schon ter fortgeschritten. Das wird der Wissenschaft kaum zur genommen. Dieses Kalender höchstwahrscheinlich zum h der Messgeschichte werden, bereits an der 1,5-Grad-Linie dürfte. Insbesondere die September Temperaturen haben viele fassunglos gemacht. Außer die Ausdehnung des antarktischen Meereises abrupt abgenommen.

SPIEGEL: Wie erklären Sie sich diese Phänomene?

Schellnhuber: Es gibt drei Szenarien. Die erste Variante: »Peninsul«. Zufällig bewegen sich viele der unzähligen Klimavariablen in die gleiche Richtung und ein neues Gesamtbild vor. In manchen Fällen löst sich aber bald wieder. Die zweite Variante: Die Auswirkungen des Übergangs in die Phase der Klimakrise an. Bei den Übergängen pendeln wichtige Klimavariablen immer stärker und länger hin und her, bis es zum Systembruch kommt.

SPIEGEL: Was meinen Sie mit Systembruch?

Schellnhuber: Es wäre der Beginn der Holozän-Welt, die unsere Zivilisation in den letzten 12.000 Jahren ermöglicht hat. Der Systembruch erfolgt über Rückkopplungen



Physiker Schellnhuber



Physiker Hans Joachim Schellnhuber: »Alle Kontrollinstrumente spielen verrückt.« Foto: Doro Zinn / DER SPIEGEL

Wissenschaftler warnt vor dem »Klimainfarkt«

»Wir verlieren gerade überall unsere klimatische Heimat«

Das Jahr 2023 könnte erstmals eine Erwärmung um 1,5 Grad erreichen: Klimaforscher Hans Joachim Schellnhuber sagt, wieso ihn die derzeitigen Wetteranomalien schockieren und er den Optimismus einiger Kollegen nicht teilt.

Ein SPIEGEL-Gespräch von **Susanne Götze**
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KLIMAKRISE

Klimaforscher Schellnhuber: "Werden auch über das Zwei-Grad-Ziel hinauschießen"

Der weltweit angesehene Klimaexperte im Gespräch über rote Linien, die bedrohlichsten Kippelemente und seine beste Idee gegen den Klimawandel

Interview / Klaus Taschwer, Tanja Traxler

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Kanada

Rhodos

Teneriffa

Hawaii

Irini
(bei Athen)

Chile



Überschwemmungen 2023



Italien

Griechenland

Hongkong

Slowenien

Türkei

Libyen

What are medicanes? The 'supercharged' Mediterranean storms that could become more frequent

Agence France-Presse

15 Sep 2023



Medicane Daniel (also known as Storm Daniel) to the north of Libya on September 9, 2023.

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The flash flood that has killed thousands of people in Libya this week followed the 'medicane' storm Daniel



📷 Cars piled up atop wave breakers and the rubble of a building destroyed in flash floods after the Mediterranean storm, also known as a 'medicane', Daniel hit Libya's eastern city of Derna.

Photograph: AFP/Getty Images

Das Pariser Abkommen

Nations Unies Conférence sur les Changements Climatiques 2015

COP21/CMP11

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Weltklimarat $\leq 1.5^{\circ}\text{C}$!

Beschränkung der
Erderwärmung auf
“weit unter” 2 Grad Celsius

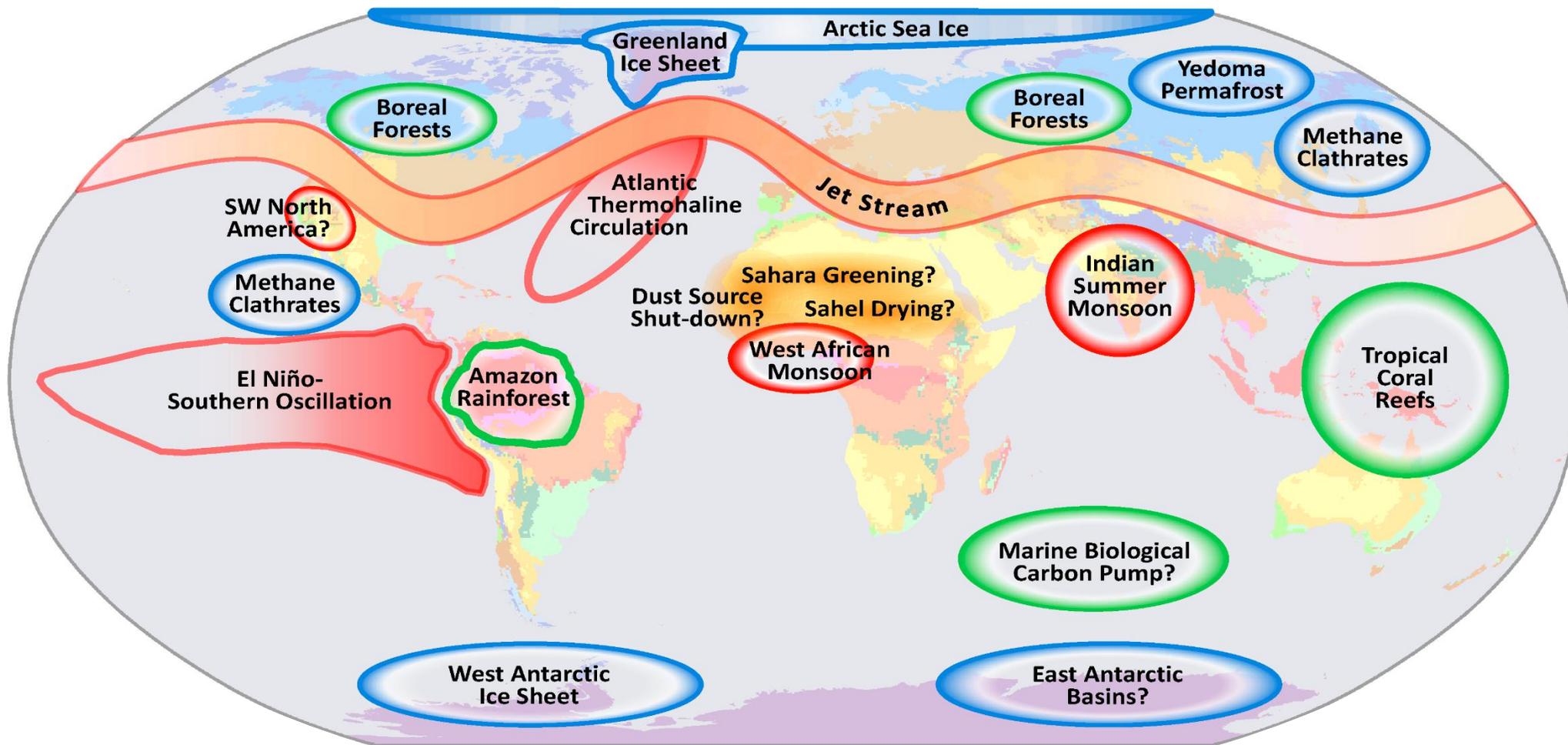
Netto-Null Emissionen von
Treibhausgasen nach Mitte des
21. Jahrhunderts

Nationale Emissionsziele
regelmäßig überprüft und
verschärft

Industrieländer stellen von
2020-2025 jährlich
100 Milliarden USD bereit

Bildquelle: <https://www.wmo.int/media/>

Drohende Risiken: Kippelemente im Erdsystem



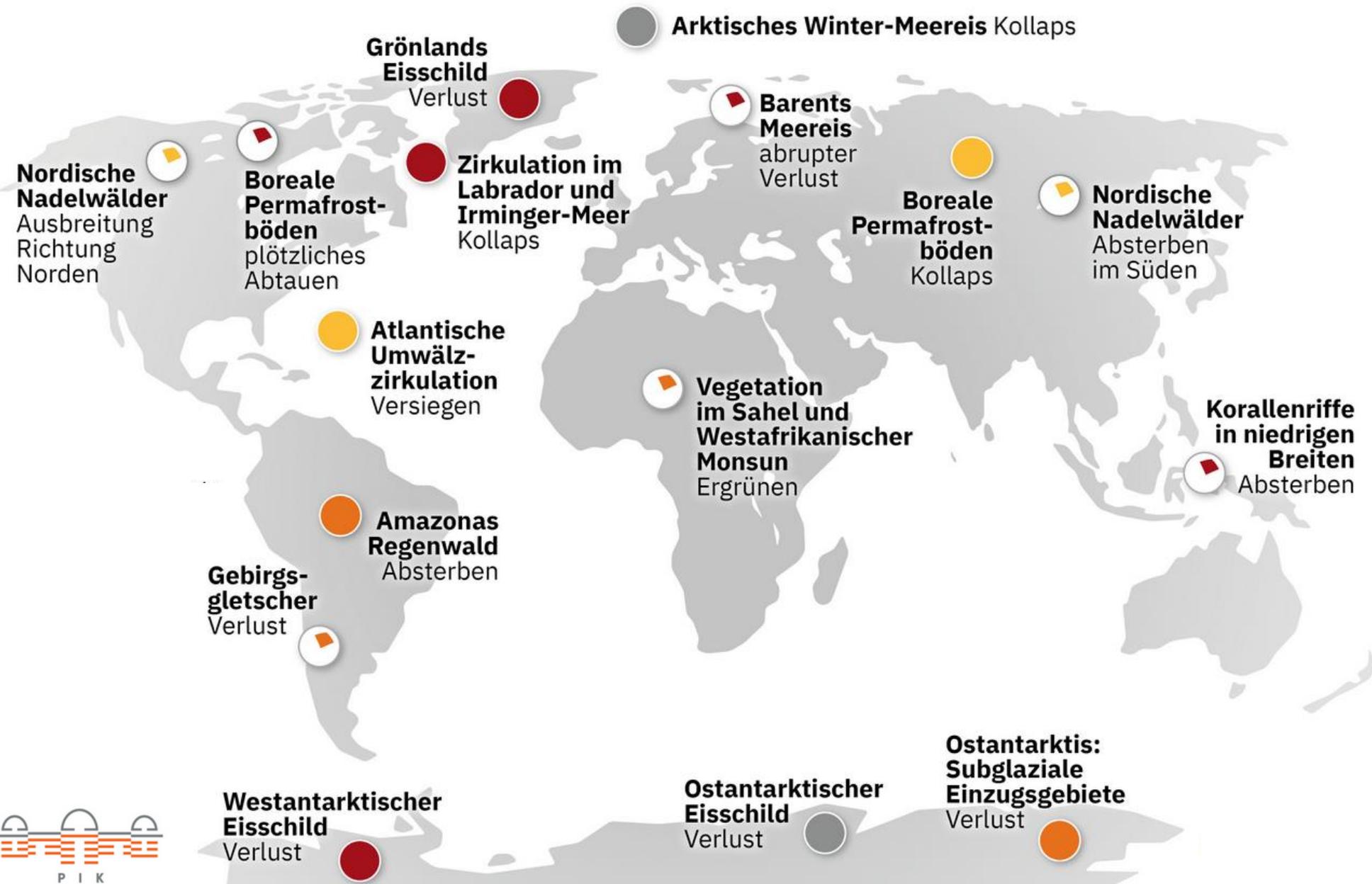
- Cryosphere Entities
- Circulation Patterns
- Biosphere Components

Köppen Climate Classification



PIK 2017, nach [Lenton et al. 2008](#)

Kippelemente im Erdsystem



- Regionale Kippelemente
- Kern-Kippelemente des Erdsystems

Kippen wird wahrscheinlich im Bereich von

- 1,5 – <2,0**
- 2,0 – 3,7**
- 3,7 – 6,0**
- >6°C**

globaler Erwärmung.



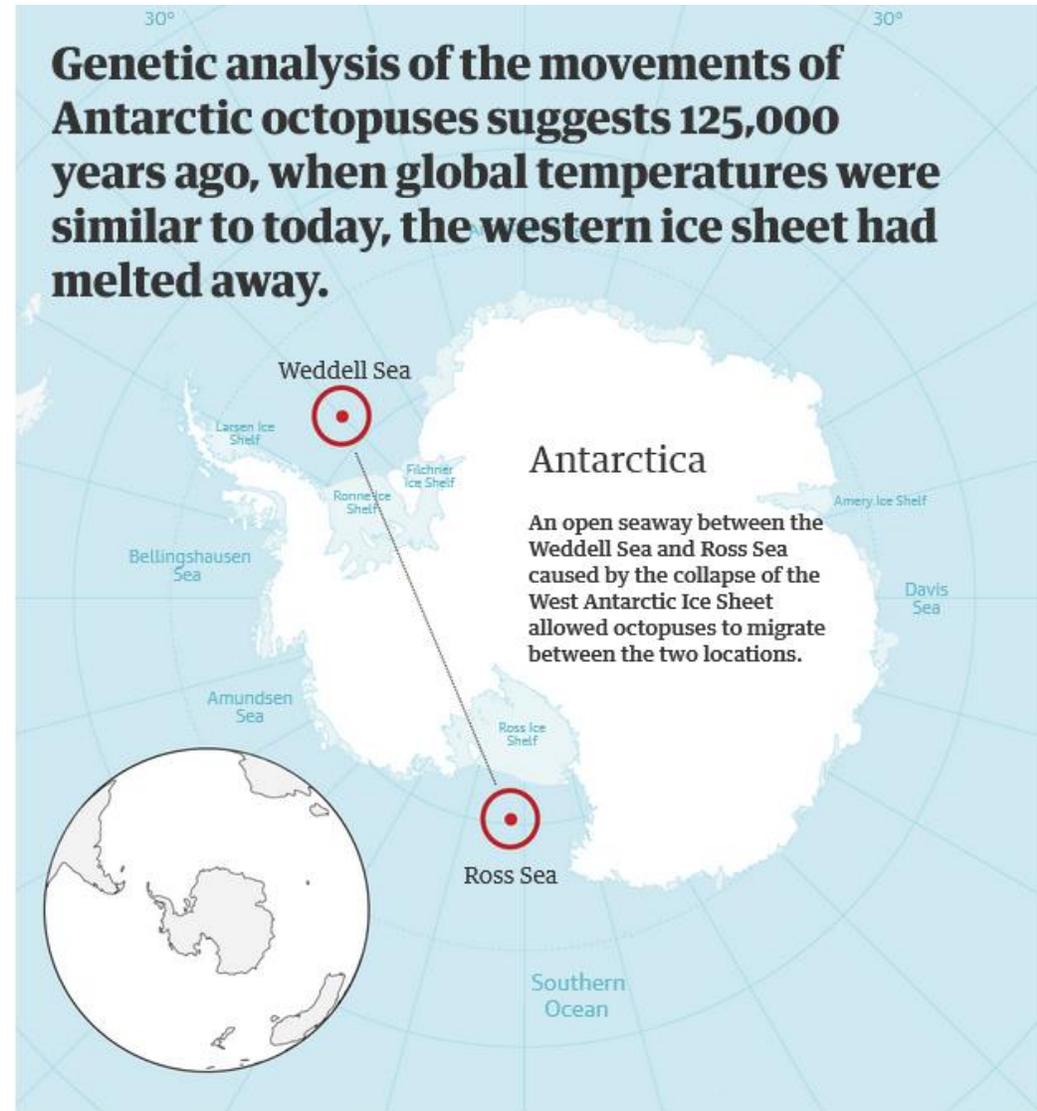
Science
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Genetic insight on ice sheet history

A. DUTTON AND R. M. DECONTO

Abstract

At the South Pole of Earth sits a landmass that has been home to a continent-sized ice sheet for the past 34 million years. Scientists have long been drawn to this icy expanse, initially to explore and discover, and later to study the evolution of the Antarctic continent, climate, and ice sheet. Despite decades of probing the region from the surface and from space, some important aspects of Antarctic history remain elusive. On page 1384 of this issue, Lau *et al.* (1) make headway to fill one such knowledge gap by reporting genetic evidence that two distinct populations of octopus were connected by a waterway across an area now completely covered by the ice sheet. This suggests that the West Antarctic Ice Sheet (WAIS) collapsed during a past warm period ~129,000 to 116,000 years ago, known as the Last Interglacial.

Full paper: [here](#)

Guardian graphic

Physics-based early warning signal shows that AMOC is on tipping course

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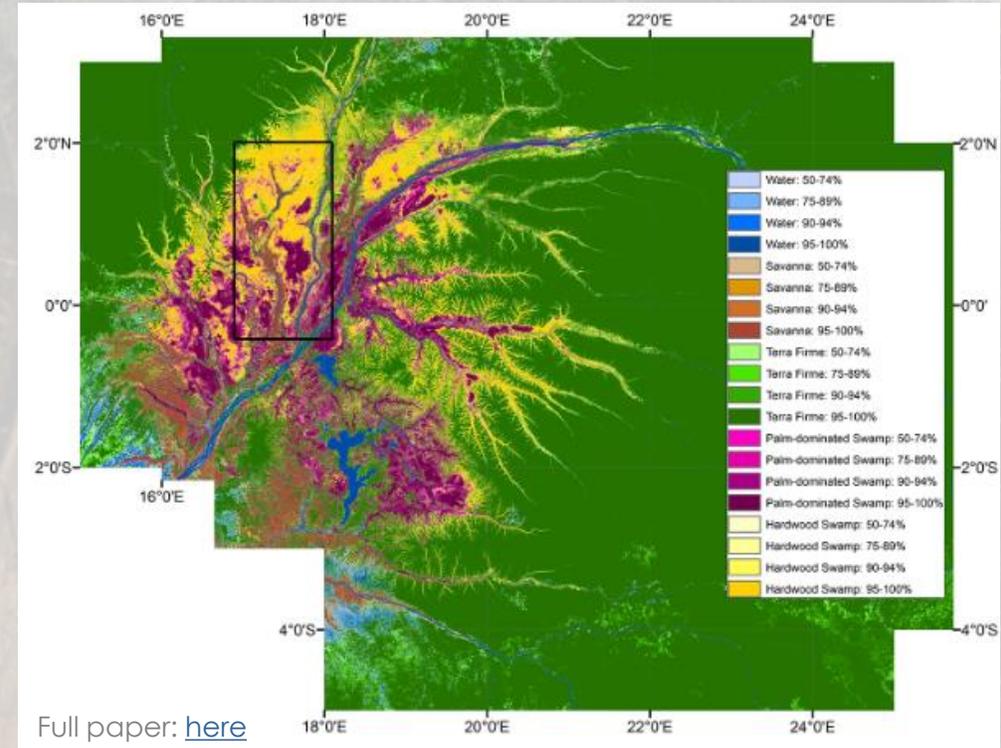
Abstract

One of the most prominent climate tipping elements is the Atlantic meridional overturning circulation (AMOC), which can potentially collapse because of the input of fresh water in the North Atlantic. Although AMOC collapses have been induced in complex global climate models by strong freshwater forcing, the processes of an AMOC tipping event have so far not been investigated. Here, we show results of the first tipping event in the Community Earth System Model, including the large climate impacts of the collapse. Using these results, we develop a physics-based and observable early warning signal of AMOC tipping: the minimum of the AMOC-induced freshwater transport at the southern boundary of the Atlantic. Reanalysis products indicate that the present-day AMOC is on route to tipping. The early warning signal is a useful alternative to classical statistical ones, which, when applied to our simulated tipping event, turn out to be sensitive to the analyzed time interval before tipping.

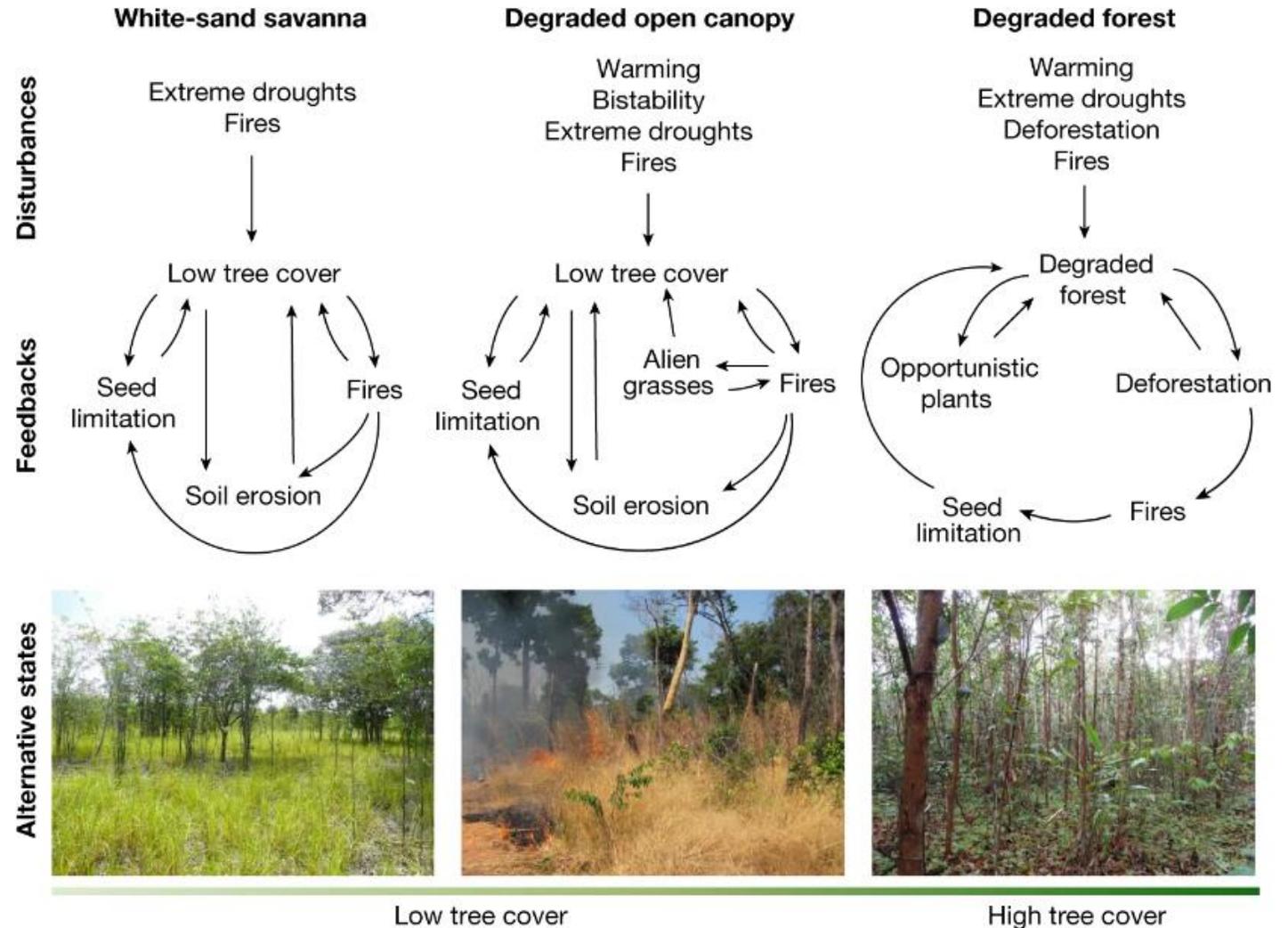


Age, extent and carbon storage of the central Congo Basin peatland complex

Greta C. Dargie , Simon L. Lewis, Ian T. Lawson, Edward T. A. Mitchard, Susan E. Page, Yannick E. Bocko & Suspense A. Ifo



Critical transitions in the Amazon forest system



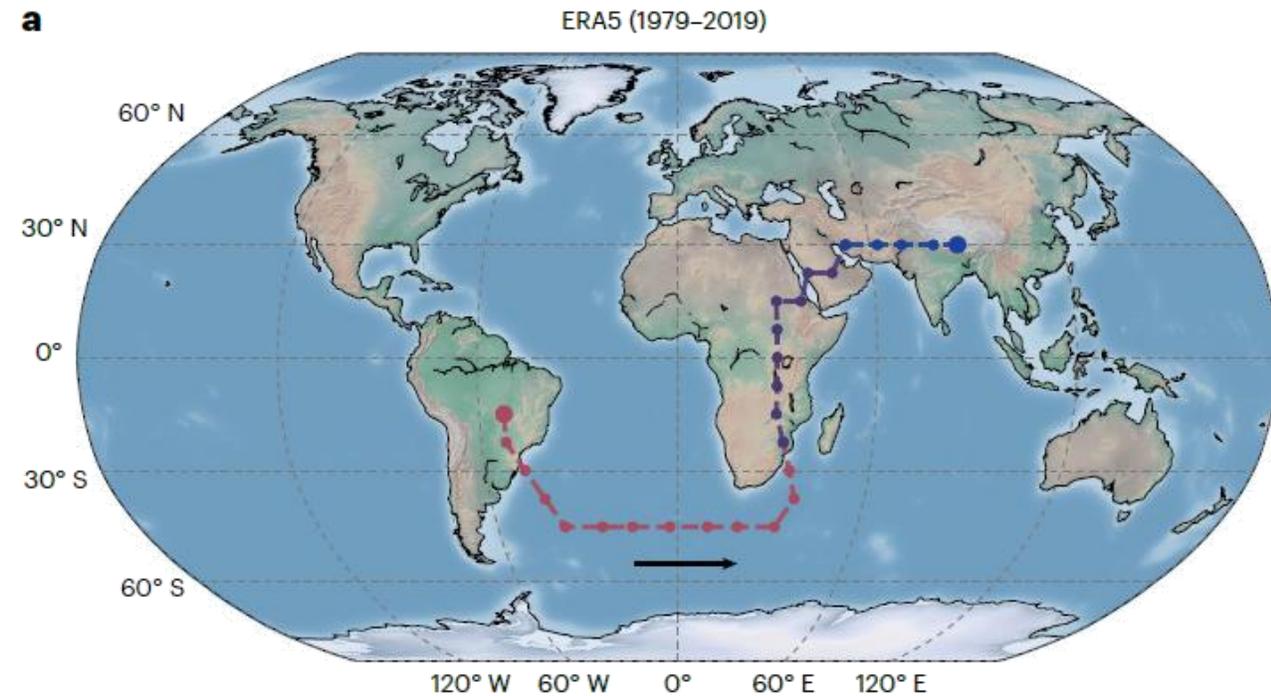
Teleconnections among tipping elements in the Earth system

Teng Liu, Dean Chen, Lan Yang, Jun Meng, Zanchenling Wang, Josef Ludescher, Jingfang Fan ✉, Saini Yang

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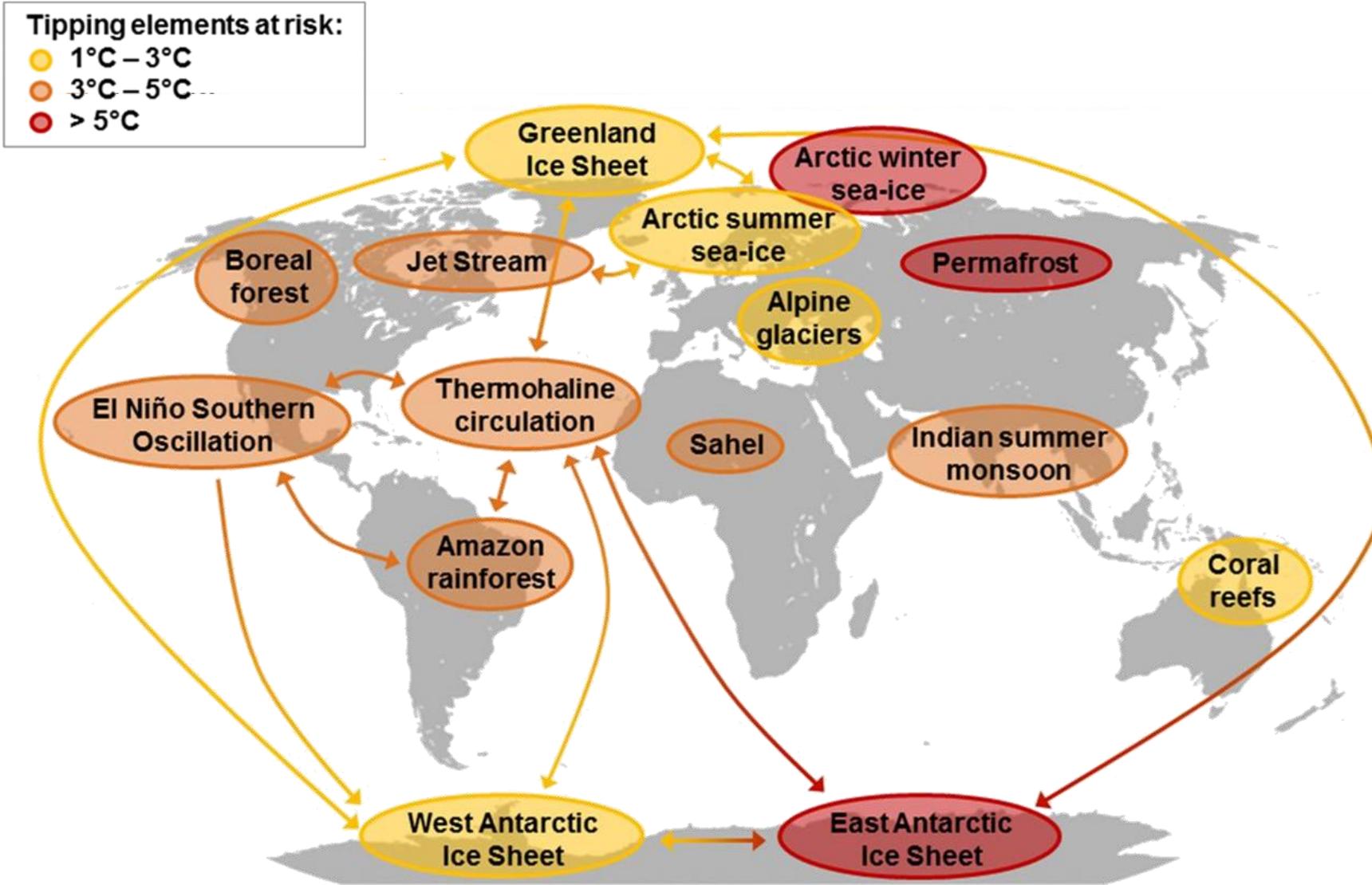
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Eine globale Erwärmung von mehr als 1,5 °C könnte mehrere Klimakippereignisse auslösen

... und Kippkaskaden



Steffen et al. 2018

Der Klimanotstand ist real

Climate Endgame: Exploring catastrophic climate change scenarios

Luke Kemp  , Chi Xu , Joanna Depledge, Kristie L. Ebi , Goodwin Gibbins, Timothy A. Kohler , Johan Rockström, Marten Scheffer , Hans Joachim Schellnhuber , Will Steffen , and Timothy M. Lenton 

Abstract

Prudent risk management requires consideration of bad-to-worst-case scenarios. Yet, for climate change, such potential futures are poorly understood. Could anthropogenic climate change result in worldwide societal collapse or even eventual human extinction? At present, this is a dangerously underexplored topic. Yet there are ample reasons to suspect that climate change could result in a global catastrophe. Analyzing the mechanisms for these extreme consequences could help galvanize action, improve resilience, and inform policy, including emergency responses. We outline current knowledge about the likelihood of extreme climate change, discuss why understanding bad-to-worst cases is vital, articulate reasons for concern about catastrophic outcomes, define key terms, and put forward a research agenda. The proposed agenda covers four main questions: 1) What is the potential for climate change to drive mass extinction events? 2) What are the mechanisms that could result in human mass mortality and morbidity? 3) What are human societies' vulnerabilities to climate-triggered risk cascades, such as from conflict, political instability, and systemic financial risk? 4) How can these multiple strands of evidence—together with other global dangers—be usefully synthesized into an “integrated catastrophe assessment”? It is time for the scientific community to grapple with the challenge of better understanding catastrophic climate change.

Full paper: [here](#)

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OPINION

Climate change and the threat to civilization

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In a speech about climate change from April 4th of this year, UN General Secretary António Guterres lambasted “the empty pledges that put us on track to an unlivable world” and warned that “we are on a fast track to climate disaster” (1). Although stark, Guterres’ statements were not novel. Guterres has made similar remarks on previous occasions, as have other public figures, including Sir David Attenborough, who warned in 2018 that inaction on climate change could lead to “the collapse of our civilizations” (2). In their article, “World Scientists’ Warning of a Climate Emergency 2021”—which now has more than 14,700 signatories from 158 countries—William J. Ripple and colleagues state that climate change could “cause significant disruptions to ecosystems, society, and economies, potentially making large areas of Earth uninhabitable” (3).

Because civilization cannot exist in unlivable or uninhabitable places, all of the above warnings can be understood as asserting the potential for anthropogenic climate change to cause civilization collapse (or “climate collapse”) to a greater or lesser extent. Yet despite discussing many adverse impacts, climate science literature, as synthesized for instance by assessment reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), has little at all to say about whether or under which conditions climate change might threaten civilization. Although a body of scientific research exists on historical and archeological cases of collapse (4), discussions of mechanisms whereby climate change might cause the collapse of

The consequences of climate change are likely to be dire—and in some scenarios, catastrophic. Scholars need to start discussing the mechanisms whereby climate change could cause the actual collapse of civilizations. Image credit: Flickr/Spencer.

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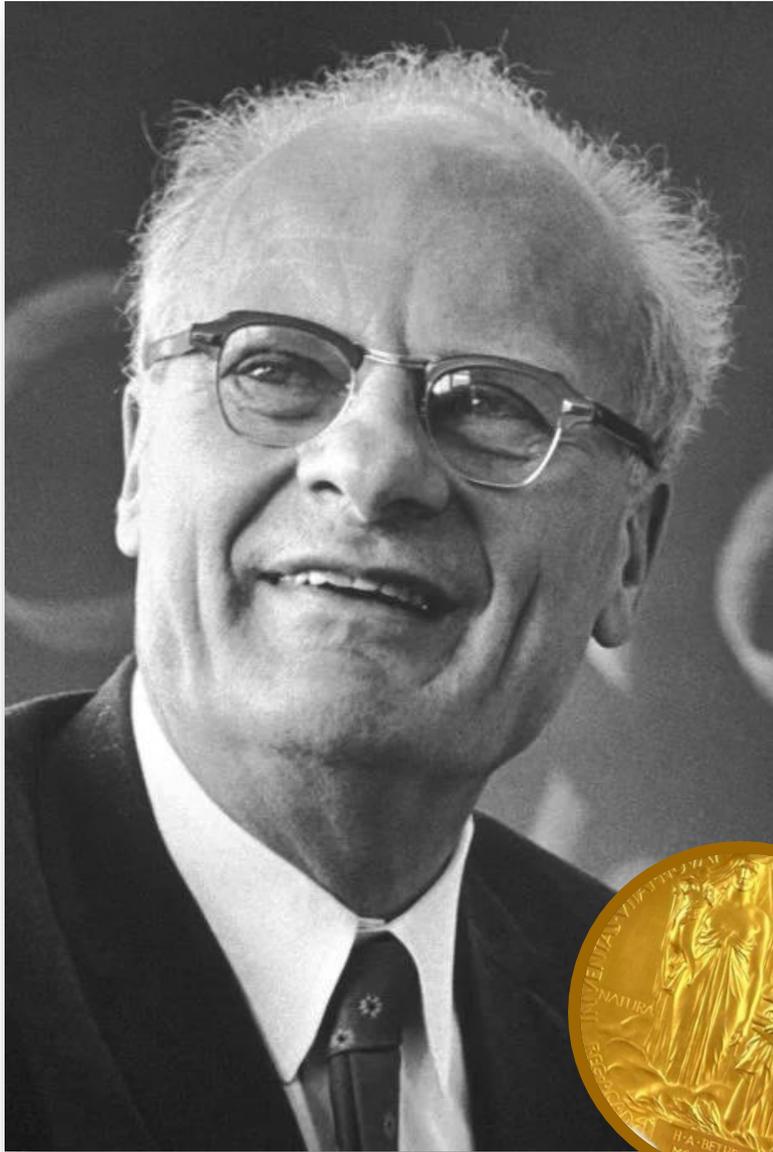
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Hans Albrecht Bethe (* 1906, † 2005)

Der Nobelpreis für Physik 1967 wurde Hans Albrecht Bethe „für seine Beiträge zur Theorie der Kernreaktionen, insbesondere seine Entdeckungen über die Energieerzeugung in Sternen“ verliehen.

“Meister der Unmöglichkeitstheorie”

„Wenn die Welt einmal untergehen sollte,
ziehe ich nach Wien, denn dort passiert alles
50 Jahre später.“



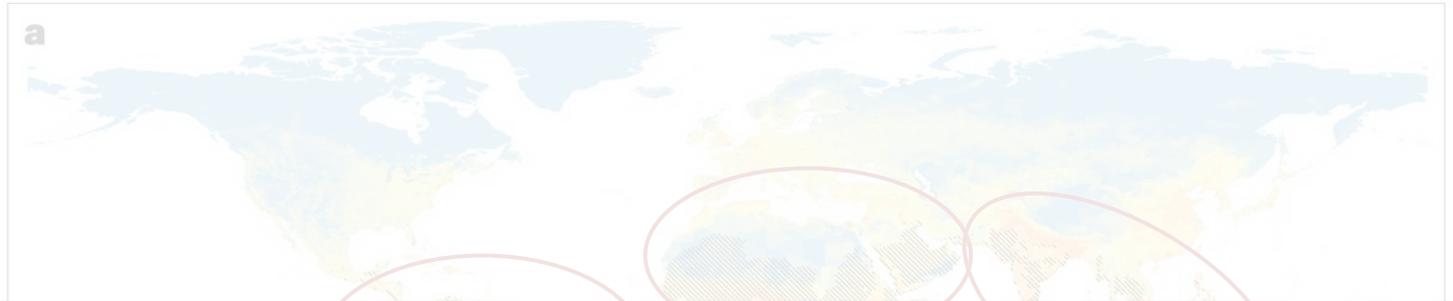
Gustav Mahler

Quantifying the human cost of global warming

Timothy M. Lenton [✉](#), Chi Xu [✉](#), Jesse F. Abrams, Ashish Ghadiali, Sina Loriani, Boris Sakschewski, Caroline Zimm, Kristie L. Ebi, Robert R. Dunn, Jens-Christian Svenning & Marten Scheffer

The
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warming



Eine globale Erwärmung um 2,7 °C könnte ein Drittel (22-39 %) der Menschen aus ihrer klimatischen Nische stoßen!

above 29°C by 2030, a level at which very few communities have lived in the past.

Up to 1 billion people could choose to migrate to cooler areas, the authors said, although those areas remaining within the climate niche would still experience more frequent heatwaves and droughts.

However, urgent action to lower carbon emissions and keep global temperature rise to 1.5°C would cut the number of people pushed outside the climate niche by 80%, to 400 million.

Full article: [here](#)

Das ist das prognostizierte Ergebnis der derzeitigen weltweiten Klimapolitik!



The Uninhabitable Earth

Famine, economic collapse, a sun that cooks us: What climate change could wreak — sooner than you think.

By David Wallace-Wells

»Ein tiefgreifendes Buch, das mich zugleich in Schrecken versetzt und mir Hoffnung für die Zukunft gibt.« Jonathan Safran Foer

DAVID WALLACE-WELLS

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DIE UNBEWOHNBARE ERDE

Leben nach der Erderwärmung

DER
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What are the Economic Costs of Climate Change?

Climate damage projections beyond annual temperature

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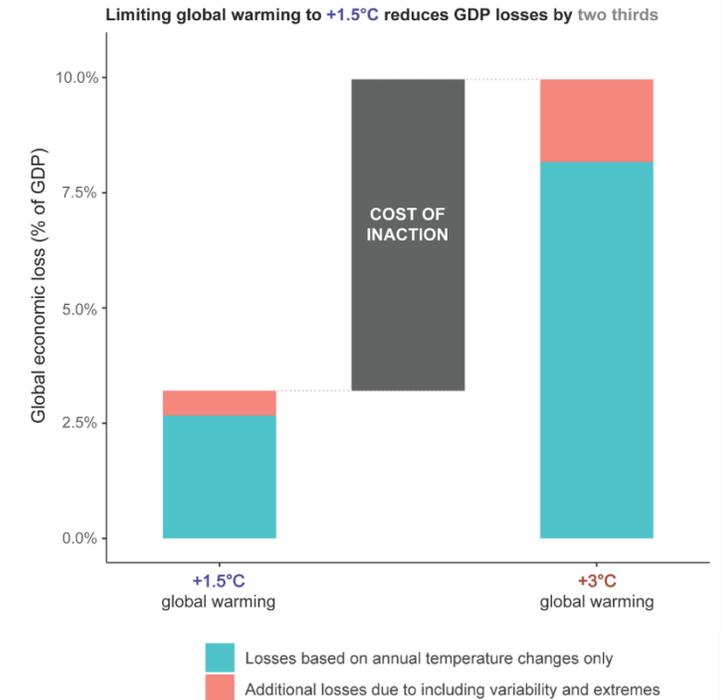
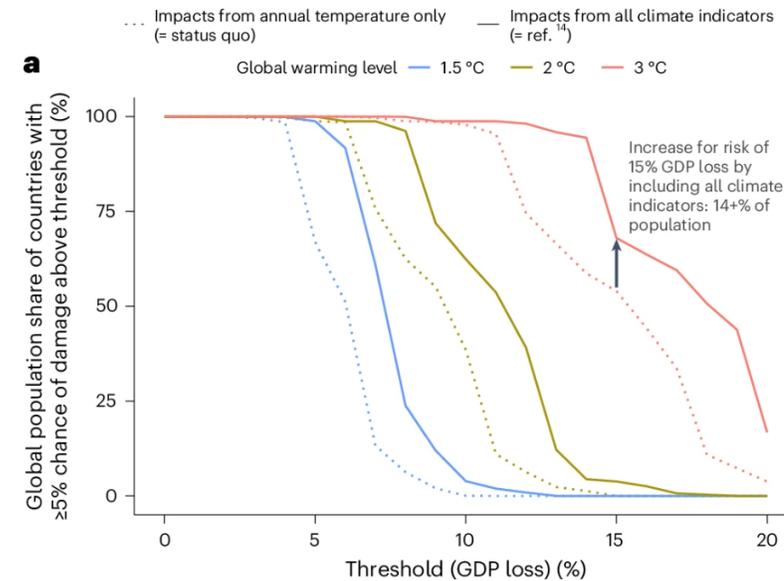
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Estimates of global economic damage from climate change assess the effect of annual temperature changes. However, the roles of precipitation, temperature variability and extreme events are not yet known. Here, by combining projections of climate models with empirical dose–response functions translating shifts in temperature means and variability, rainfall patterns and extreme precipitation into economic damage, we show that at +3 °C global average losses reach 10% of gross domestic product, with worst effects (up to 17%) in poorer, low-latitude countries. Relative to annual temperature damage, the additional impacts of projecting variability and extremes are smaller and dominated by interannual variability, especially at lower latitudes. However, accounting for variability and extremes when estimating the temperature dose–response function raises global economic losses by nearly two percentage points and exacerbates economic tail risks. These results call for region-specific risk assessments and the integration of other climate variables for a better understanding of climate change impacts.

Projections of economic damage from climate change are key for evaluating climate mitigation benefits, identifying effects on vulnerable communities and informing discussions around adaptation needs, as well as loss and damage financing. On a global or country level, such assessments have focused on how projected changes in annual mean temperatures affect gross domestic product (GDP)^{1,2}. However, the widespread losses in recent years driven by flooding and drought suggest that precipitation variability and extremes are similarly important^{3,4}. Anthropogenic forcing is increasing the frequency and intensity of precipitation extremes and variability on multiple scales, altering daily temperature patterns and driving an overall increase in precipitation over land^{5,6}. Continued global warming is expected to exacerbate these trends, potentially with uneven impacts across regions^{7,8}. Therefore, including precipitation, variability and extremes can improve the precision, comprehensiveness and interpretability of climate change damage estimations⁹.

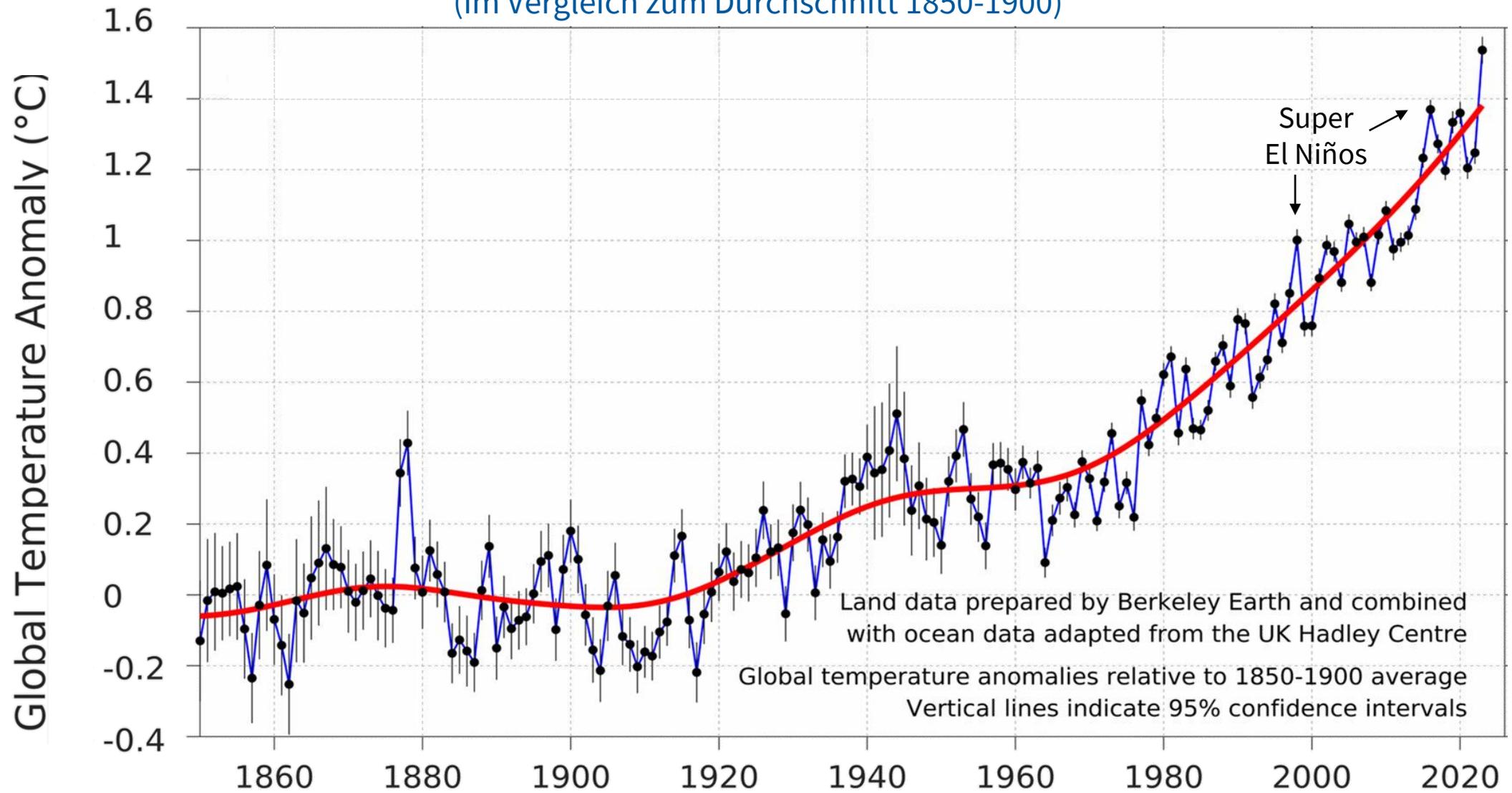
Economic damage from climate change can be assessed either bottom-up by quantifying, valuating and aggregating specific impacts (for example, crop failures or labour supply changes) or top-down by identifying the statistical relationship between observed climatic shifts and economic growth. While both approaches have advantages and limitations, top-down approaches usually neglect climatic shifts beyond annual temperature changes¹⁰. To address this shortcoming, recent studies have estimated the relationship between macrolevel income and a wider range of climatic indicators, such as total precipitation^{11,12}, temperature variability^{13,14} or temperature and precipitation extremes and anomalies^{15,16}. However, these studies do not investigate how much the inclusion of these climate indicators alters previous economic assessments of climate change, which is highly relevant for policy-making and future adaptation. A notable exception is ref. 15, which projects the effects of annual precipitation and temperature shifts on inequality. A comprehensive assessment of the projected

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Globale Durchschnittstemperatur

(im Vergleich zum Durchschnitt 1850-1900)



Globale Temperatur erstmals 2 Grad höher als in vorindustrieller Zeit

Am 17. November wurde zum ersten Mal die Zwei-Grad-Grenze überschritten. Das ergeben Daten des EU-Klimawandeldienstes Copernicus. Fachleute sprechen von einer »alarmierenden Regelmäßigkeit«.

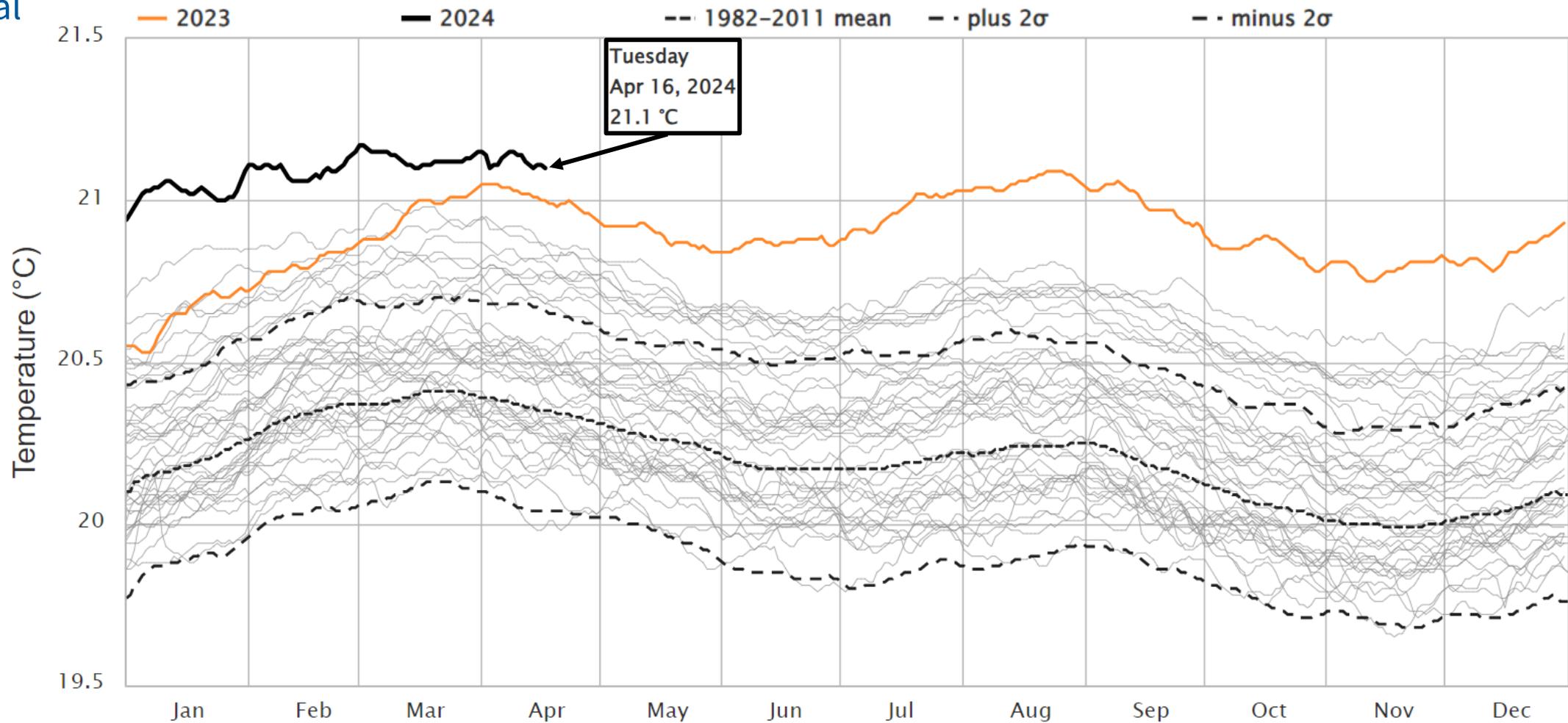
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Ozean-Oberflächentemperatur

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Why 2023's heat anomaly is worrying scientists



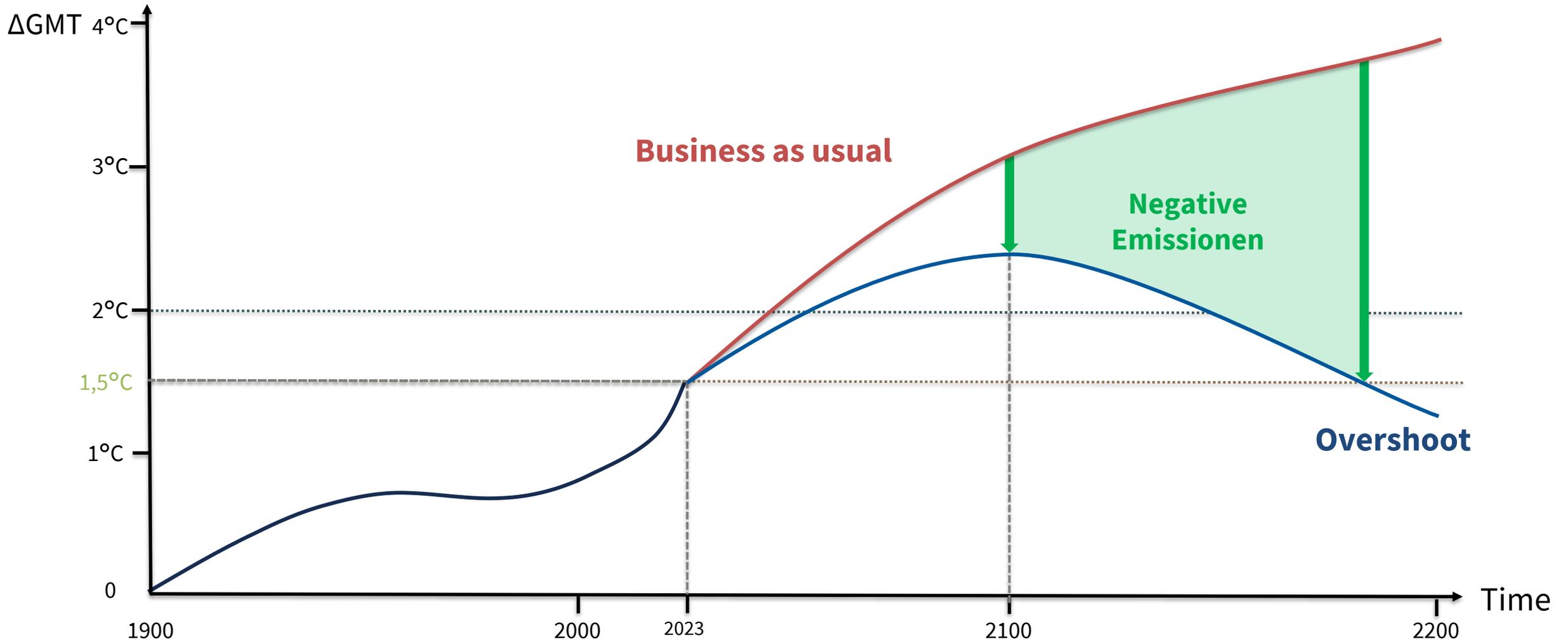
If the anomaly does not stabilize by August, then the world will be in uncharted territory.”

[Gavin Schmidt](#)



Climate models can't explain 2023's huge heat anomaly – we could be in uncharted territory

Klimareparatur: Repair or Despair!



Schellnhuber & Köllner 2022 (unpublished)

Die Große Doppel-Transformation

Dekarbonisierung der
Weltwirtschaft bis 2050

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Massive Extraktion von CO₂
aus der Erdatmosphäre



Energie- und Materialströme
gemeinsam betrachten!



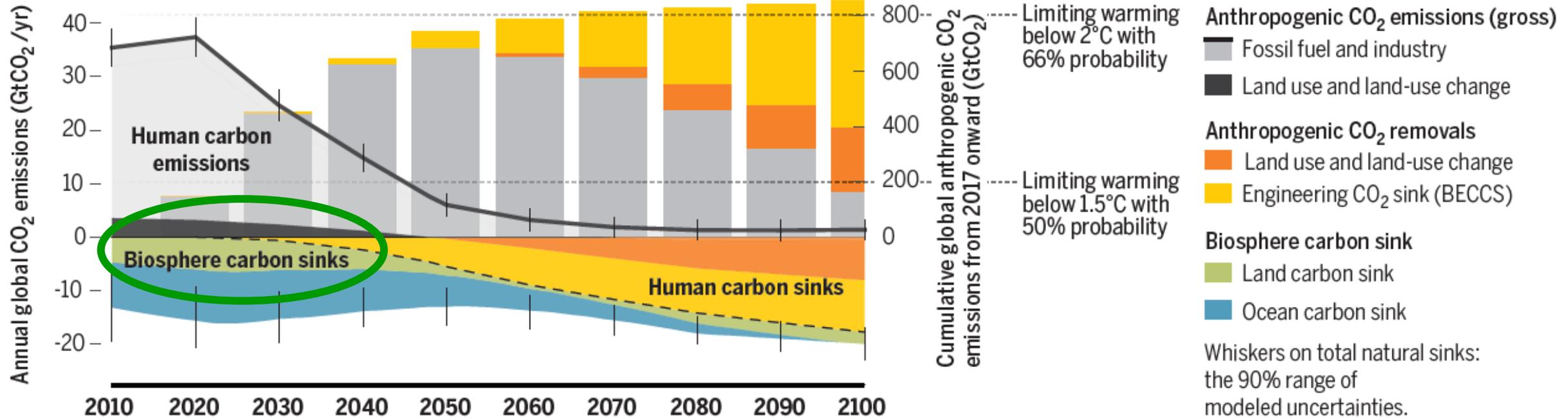
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Der Fahrplan für die Transformation

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HANS JOACHIM SCHELLNHUBER

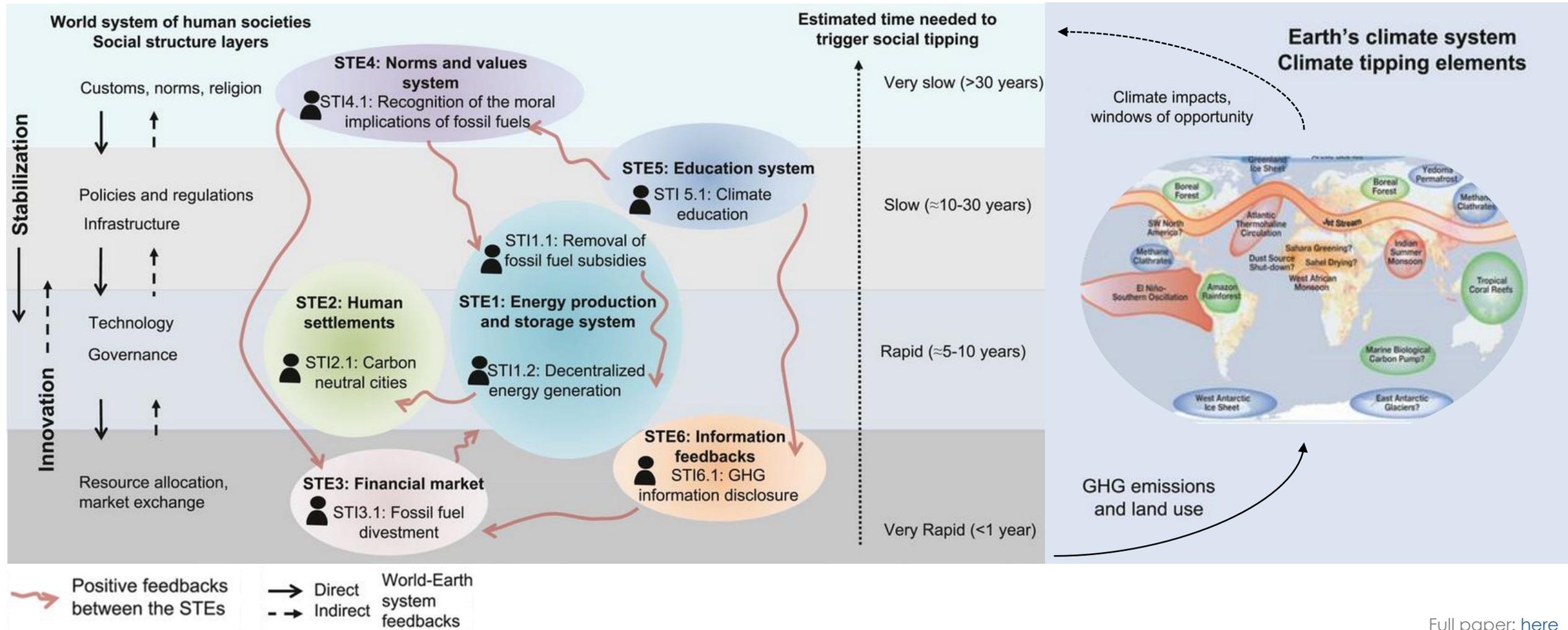
Decarbonization pathway consistent with Paris agreement



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Social tipping dynamics for stabilizing Earth's climate by 2050

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Auf dem Weg zur Europäischen Energiesouveränität

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European Power Sovereignty through Renewables by 2030

Executive Summary

What is the present state of play with respect to these three criteria?

- The power sector in the narrow sense is already self-sufficient, as electricity is mainly imported and exported within the European Union (EU27) and between the European and associated countries (cf. Table 4.4).
- Although 38% of the electricity sector in Europe was based on renewable energy sources in 2022, slightly more than 40% of the electricity in Europe is still be produced on the basis of fossil energy and a further 22% is provided by nuclear energy. In this respect, there is an indirect dependency. The fossil energy source is predominantly gas, of which about 50% on average in Europe came from Russia until 2022.
- The dependence of the European power sector on fossil energy has even increased due to the nuclear phase-out after 2022 (cf. Table 8.1).
- The previous growth rates in the RE sector are not sufficient to achieve the defined self-sufficiency targets in the power sector by 2030.



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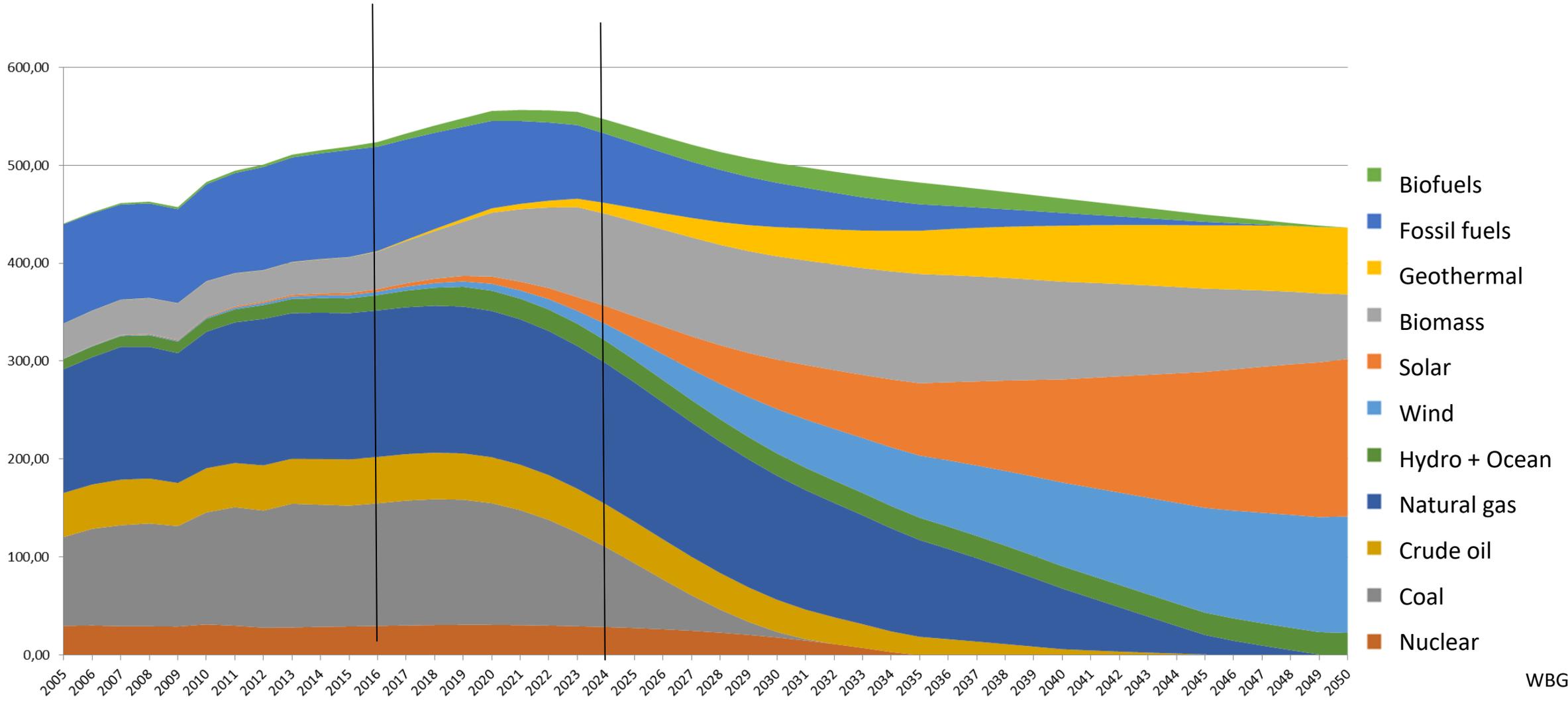
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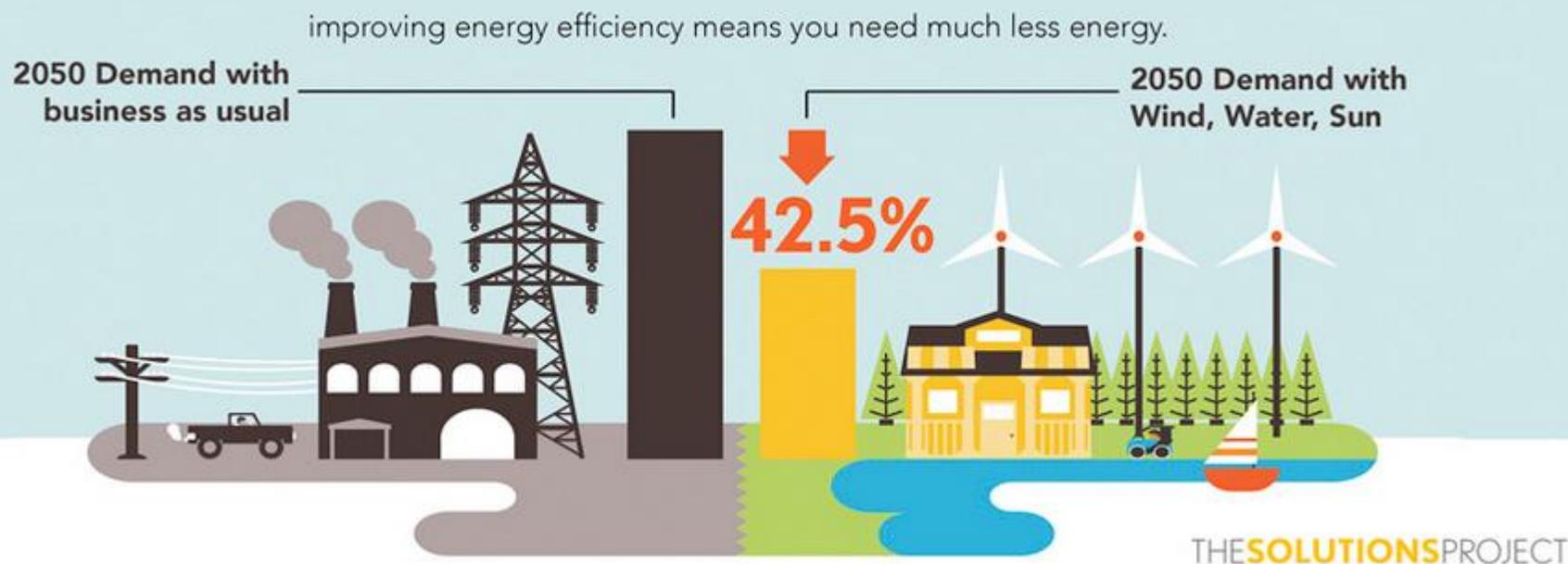
Wind, water and solar technologies can provide 100 percent of the world's energy, eliminating all fossil fuels. HERE'S HOW

- Supplies of wind and solar energy on accessible land dwarf the energy consumed by people around the globe.
- The authors' plan calls for 3.8 million large wind turbines, 90,000 solar plants, and numerous geothermal, tidal and rooftop photovoltaic installations worldwide.
- The cost of generating and transmitting power would be less than the projected cost per kilowatt-hour for fossil-fuel and nuclear power.
- Shortages of a few specialty materials, along with lack of political will, loom as the greatest obstacles.

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100% Clean and Renewable Wind, Water, and Sunlight All-Sector Energy Roadmaps for 139 Countries of the World



Radical transformation pathway towards sustainable electricity via evolutionary steps

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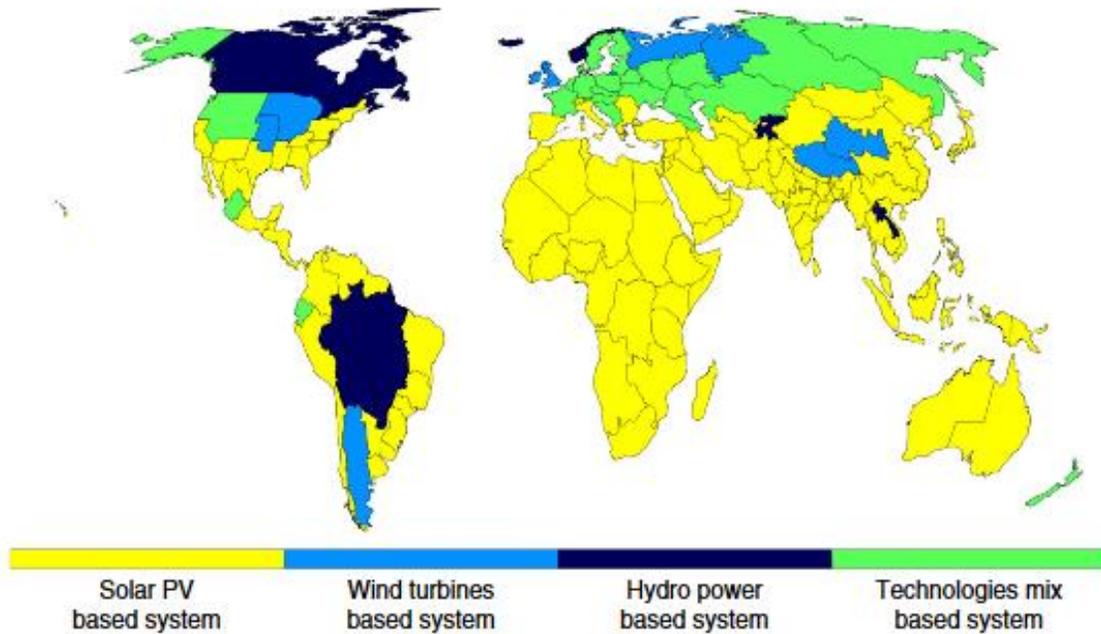


Fig. 1: Main types of 100% renewable electricity systems based on their main source of electricity (>50% share of electricity generation). If none of the technologies have a share exceeding 50% defined as "Technology mix-based system"

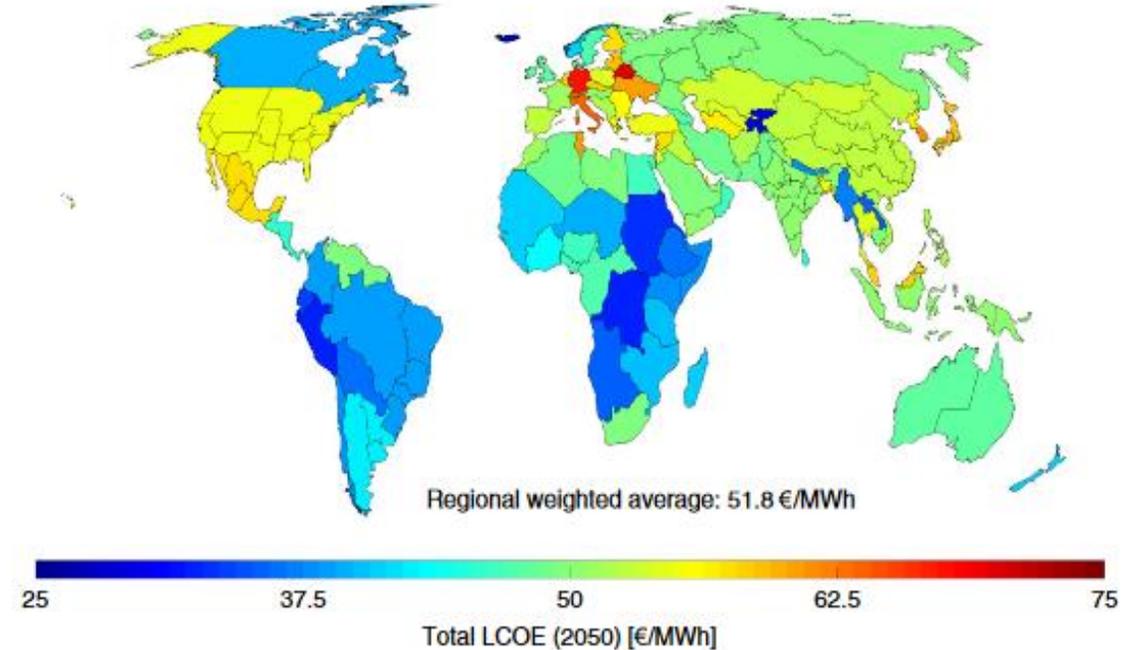


Fig. 2: Levelized cost of electricity for 100% renewable electricity systems in 2050. Numbers are calculated based on the generation mix for 2050 and financial and technical assumptions for all electricity system components.

Photovoltaic Potential

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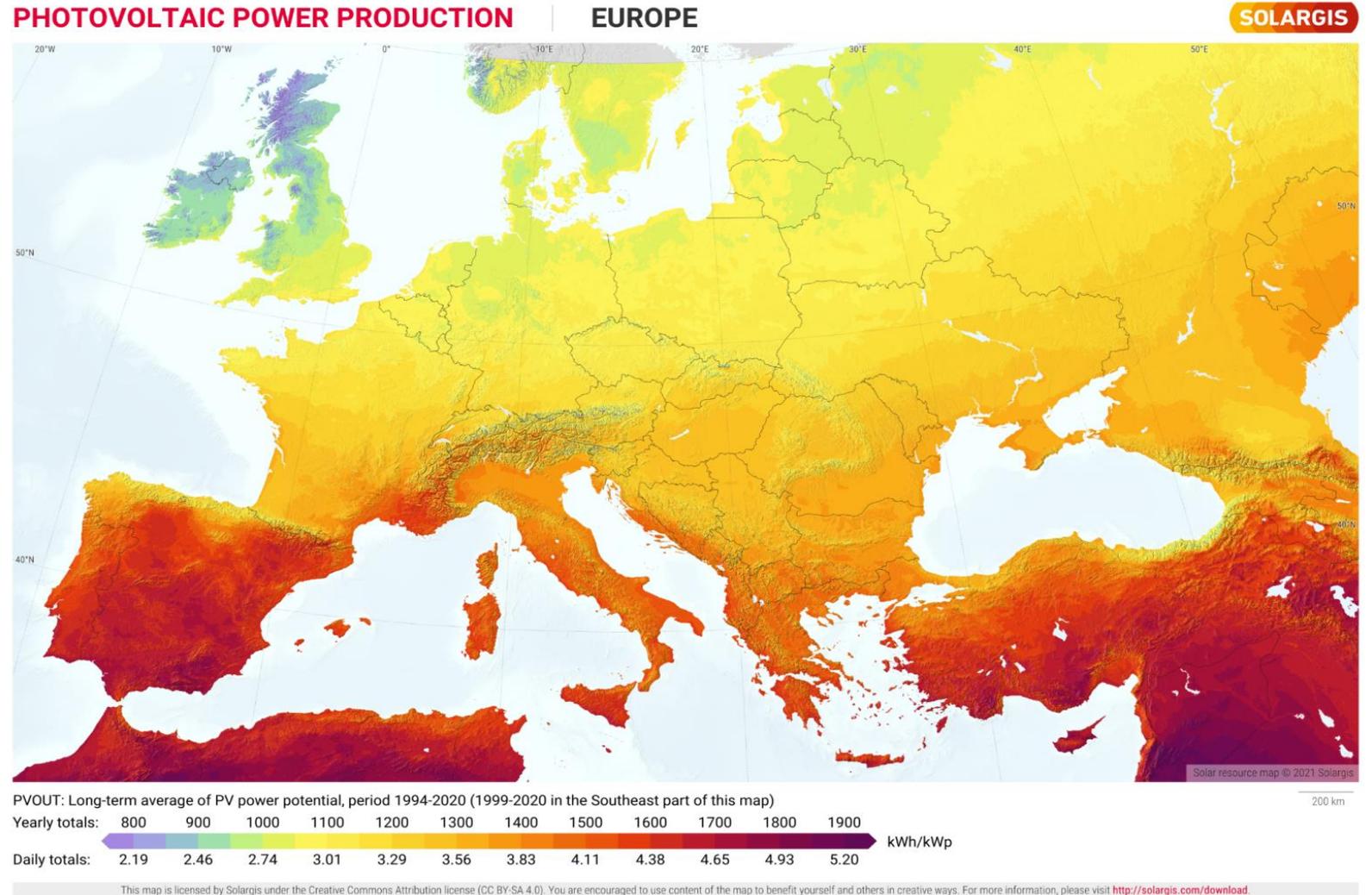


Figure 3.5: Potential photovoltaic electricity production (Source: Global Solar Atlas 2.0: 2023).

Potential Rooftop PV Utilization (Germany)



Figure 6.1: Utilisation of potentials for rooftop PV on new buildings in different German cities. While in Essen, approx. 63% of newly built roof areas are covered by rooftop PVs this holds only for 10% in Hamburg. Thus, cities do not exploit their full potential. Note, these numbers are also biased by the underlying construction activities in the respective cities, although the trend may persist (Source: LichtBlick Solarcheck 2021).

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Wind speed and respective Electricity production

Figure 3.1: Annual average wind speed (m/s) from the Technical University of Denmark via the Global Wind Atlas. It takes into account small-scale spatial variability of winds speeds and surface roughness change effects. (Source: <https://globalatlas.irena.org>).

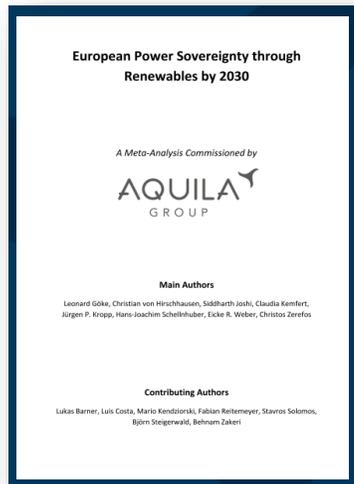
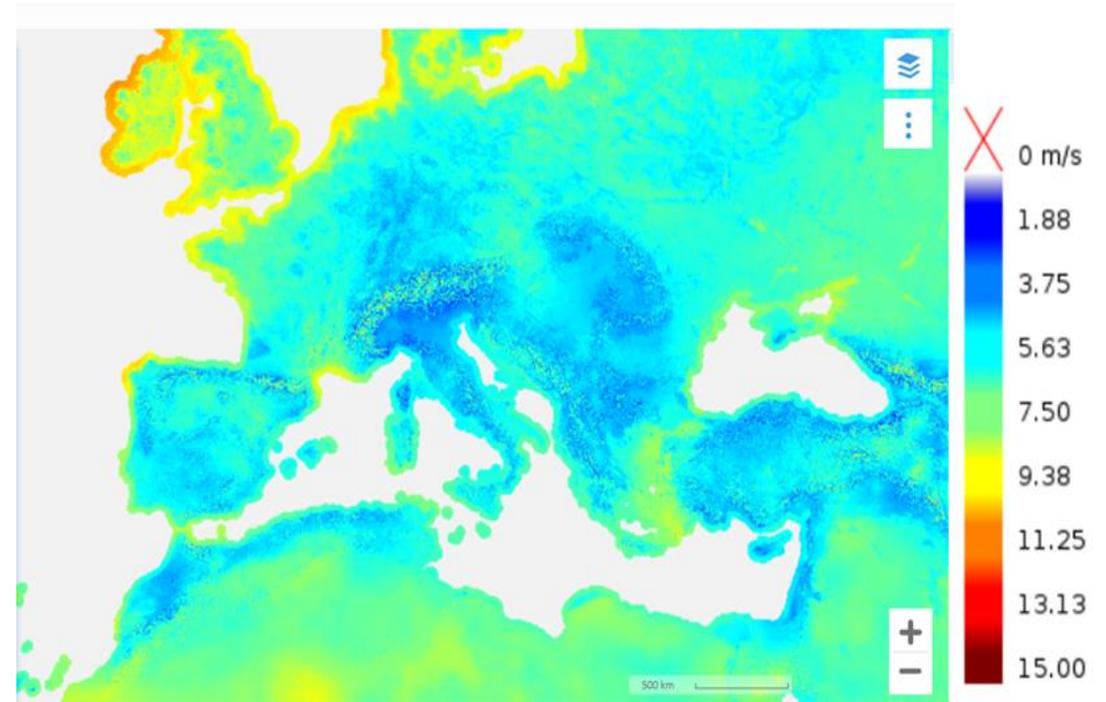


Table 3.1: Electricity production from wind power in 2021 in the EU27+UK (TWh) (Wind Europe 2021).

EU + UK electricity consumption (TWh)	Onshore wind energy production (TWh)	Offshore wind energy production (TWh)	Total wind energy production (TWh)	Share of consumption met by wind energy
2,921	357	80	437	15%

Floating Wnd Turbines Potential (2030)

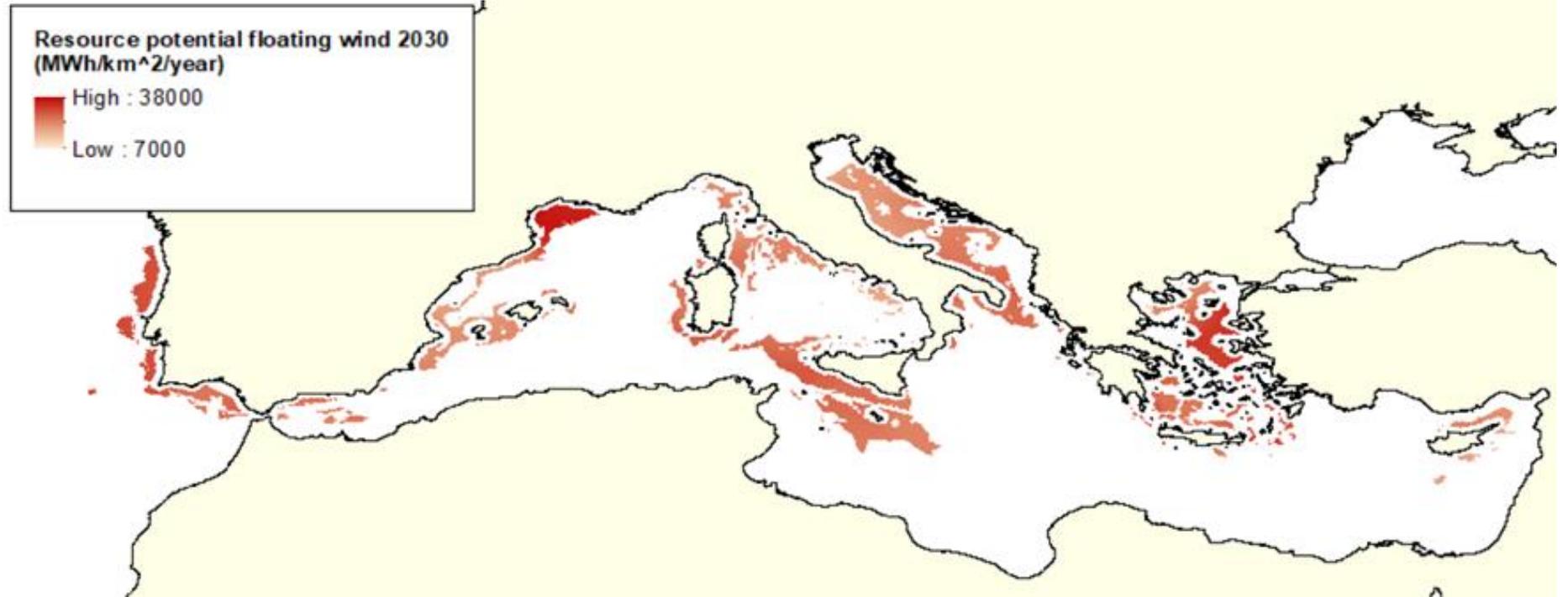


Figure 3.16: Resource potential for floating wind turbines in 2030 in MWh/m²/yr (Source: EC 2020).

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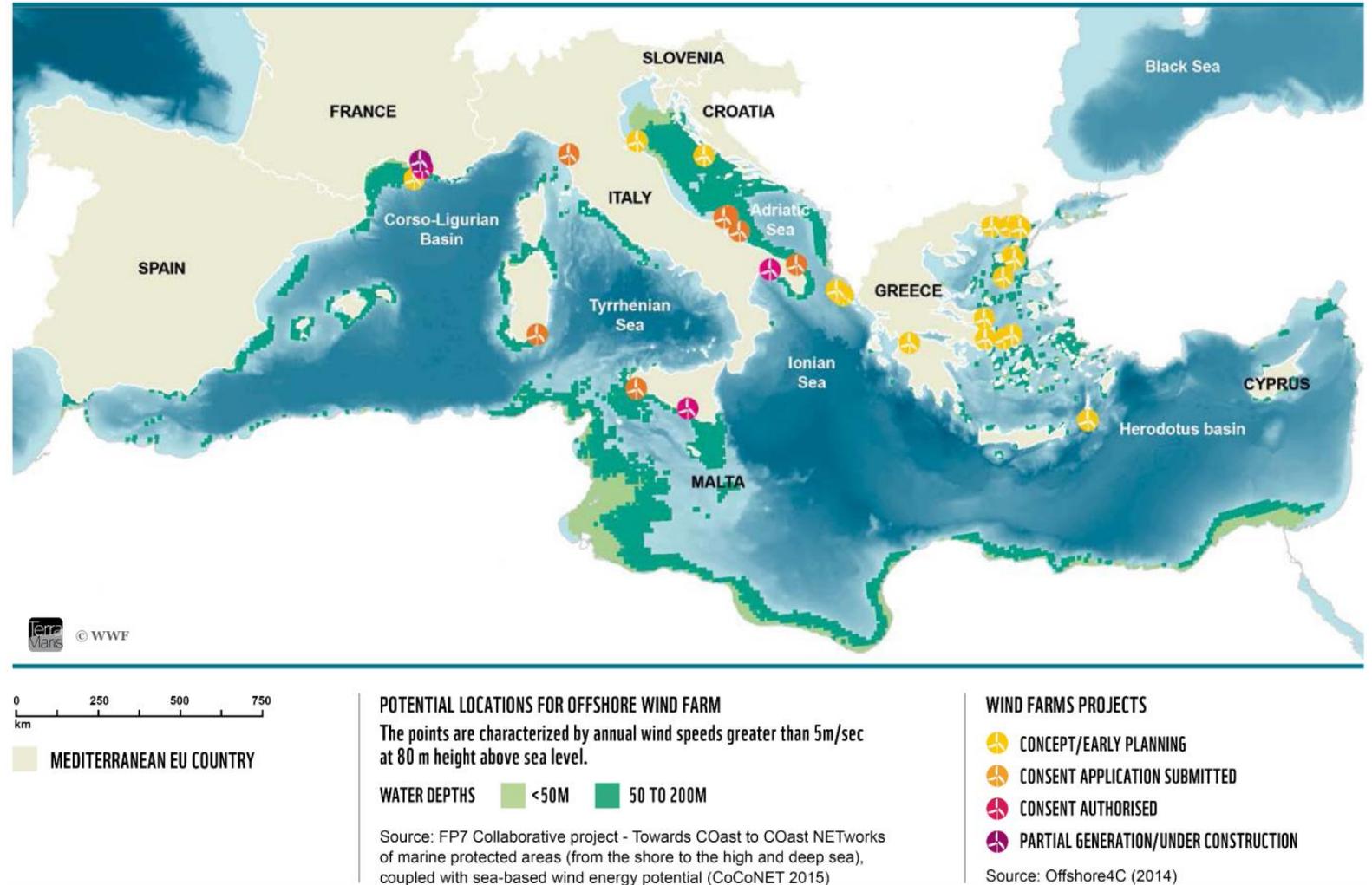
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Potential Locations for Offshore Wind Farms



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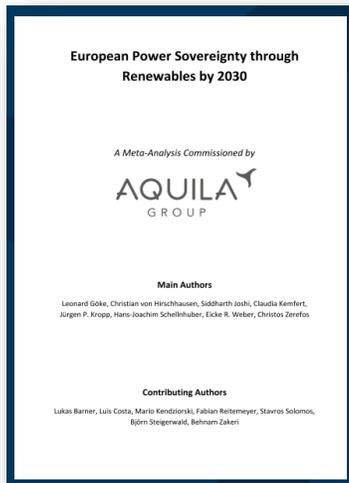
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Figure 7.1: Potential locations for offshore wind farms in the Mediterranean (from Piante and Ody, 2015).

Challenges

- Self-Sufficiency in electricity achieved (almost)
- Substitution of traditional primary energy resources is the problem (57% dependency on fossils/uranium)
- Behavioral changes can mitigate energy bill by 20-25%
- Sector capacity built-up is by far too slow, but still possible
- Solar and wind costs are unbeatable in comparison to traditional resources
- Grid infrastructure needs (distributed) extension – in terms of length, but also storage capacities
- European integration helps to protect the climate and welfare (burden sharing!)
- One dependency should not be substituted by another (e.g. Russia/China)
- Built-up of industries in Europe is necessary!
- Digitalization will help to manage distributed networks and power generation
- unexploited RES are located in Southern Europe
- Much more ambitious policies are needed (reduction, coordination, built-up, hydrogen)
- Stable 24/7/360 electricity supply, needs oversizing generation capacity from wind and solar

Mit freundlicher Genehmigung von Jürgen Kropp



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Starchitecture

SCENES, ACTORS AND SPECTACLES IN CONTEMPORARY CITIES

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How and why do spectacular buildings get commissioned and procured? What are their visible urban effects? What can urban planners, architects, and policymakers learn in order to engage in more successful citymaking?

In recent years, media and critical attention has been lavished on famous architects, and the contributions of their designs to the branding of cities. The post-“Bilbao effect” global landscape is one where cities compete for the highest-profile skyscrapers, cultural projects, and high-profile developments designed by star architects whom even casual readers know by first name: Frank Gehry, Bjarke Ingels, Jean Nouvel, Zaha Hadid, Norman Foster, Rem Koolhaas.

Far less is known about the decision-making processes behind these projects and their subsequent urban effects. A unique combination of urban studies and photography, Starchitecture investigates projects designed by star architects in cities including Paris, New York, Abu Dhabi, Bilbao, and the architectural microcosm of the Vitra campus in Weil am Rhein, Germany. Author Davide Ponzini and photographer Michele Nastasi seek to explain and critique a growing global condition by revealing how starchitecture has been and continues to be deployed in cities around the world. The arguments they raise are vital to understanding the urban landscapes of today, and tomorrow.

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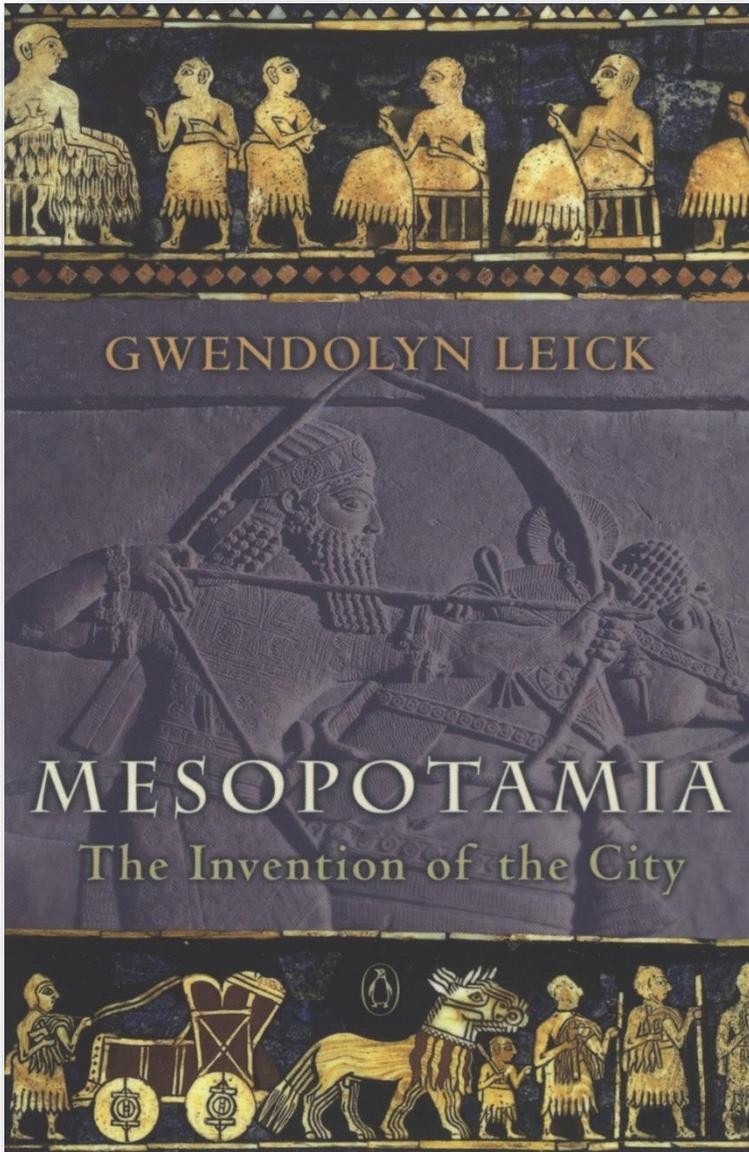
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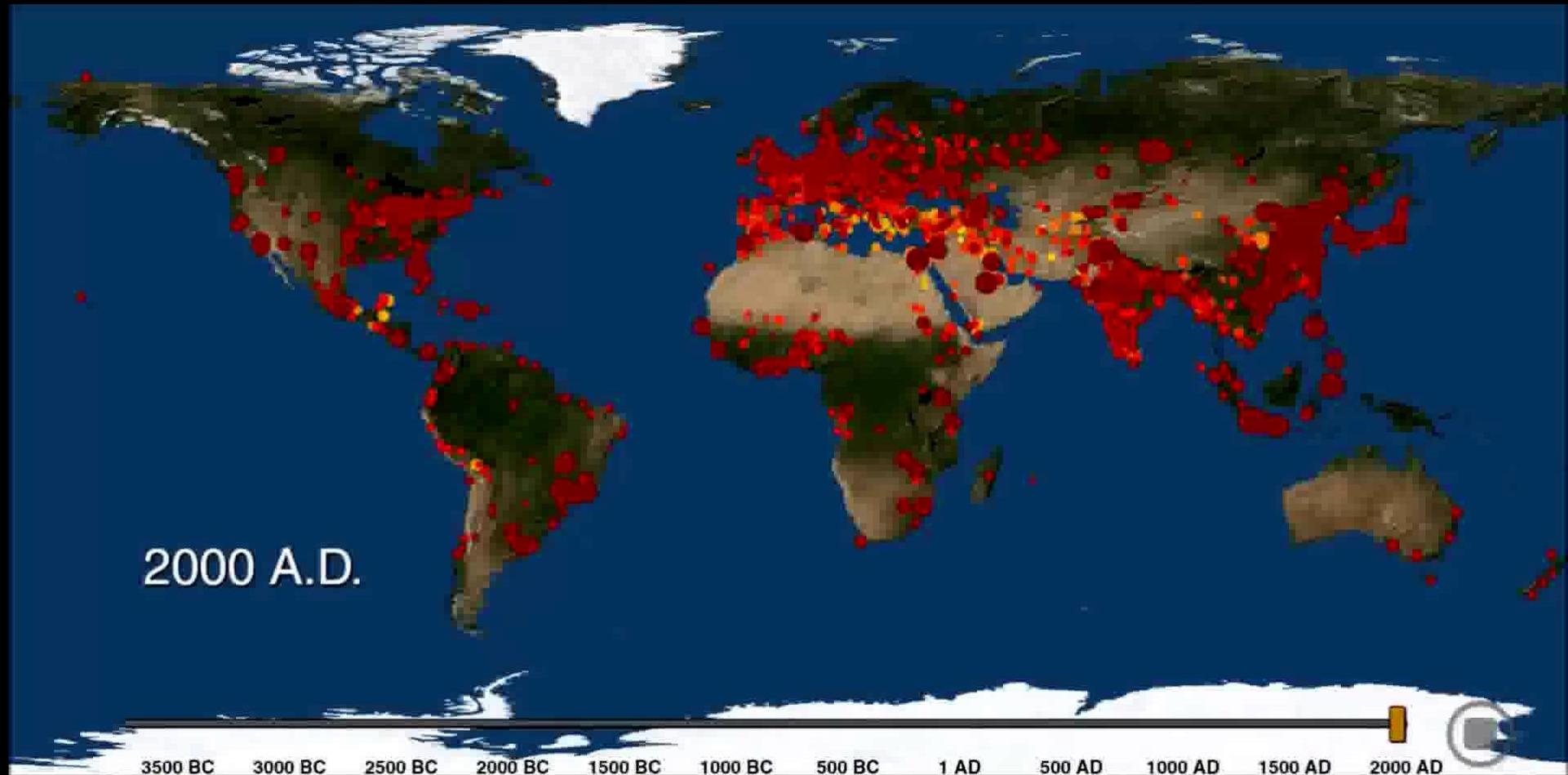
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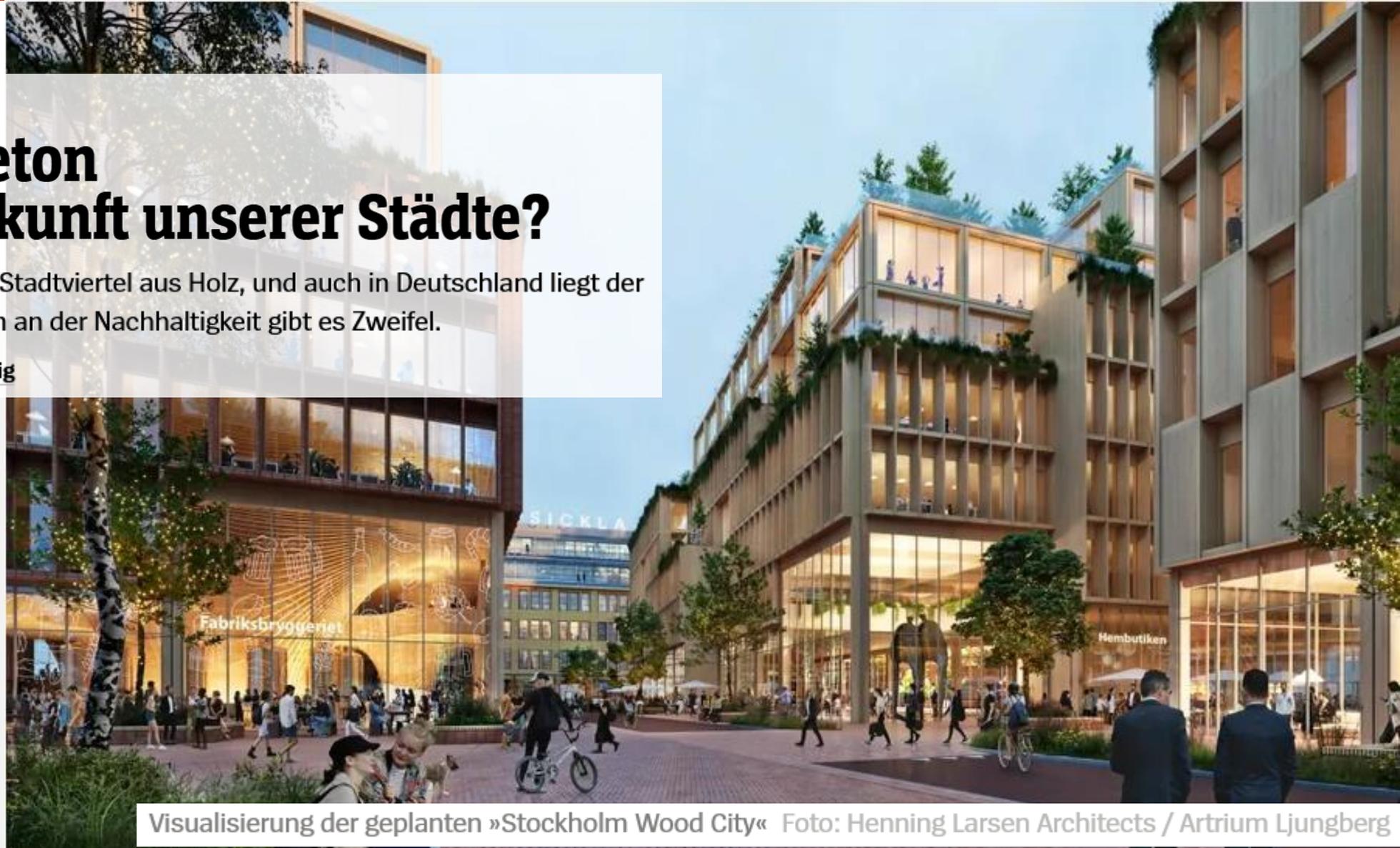
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S+ Holz statt Beton – ist das die Zukunft unserer Städte?

In Schweden entsteht ein ganzes Stadtviertel aus Holz, und auch in Deutschland liegt der natürliche Rohstoff im Trend. Doch an der Nachhaltigkeit gibt es Zweifel.

Von **Philip Bethge** und **Henning Jauemig**



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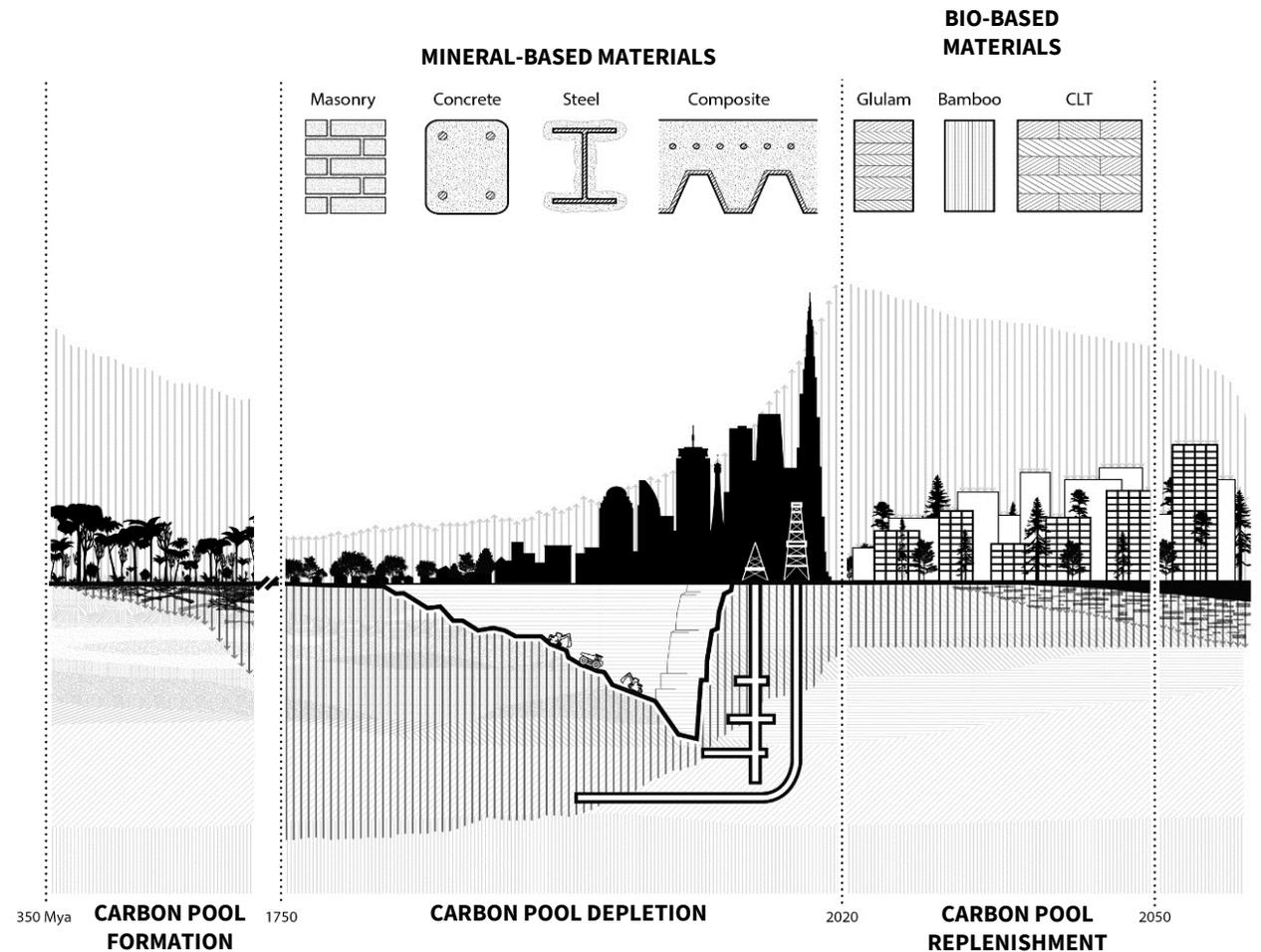
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Die Wald-Bau-Pumpe

Anthropogen gestörtes / gesteuertes System

Wald-Bau-Pumpe

Um das Klima wieder herzustellen

- (i) Erhalt und Pflanzung von 500 Milliarden Bäumen
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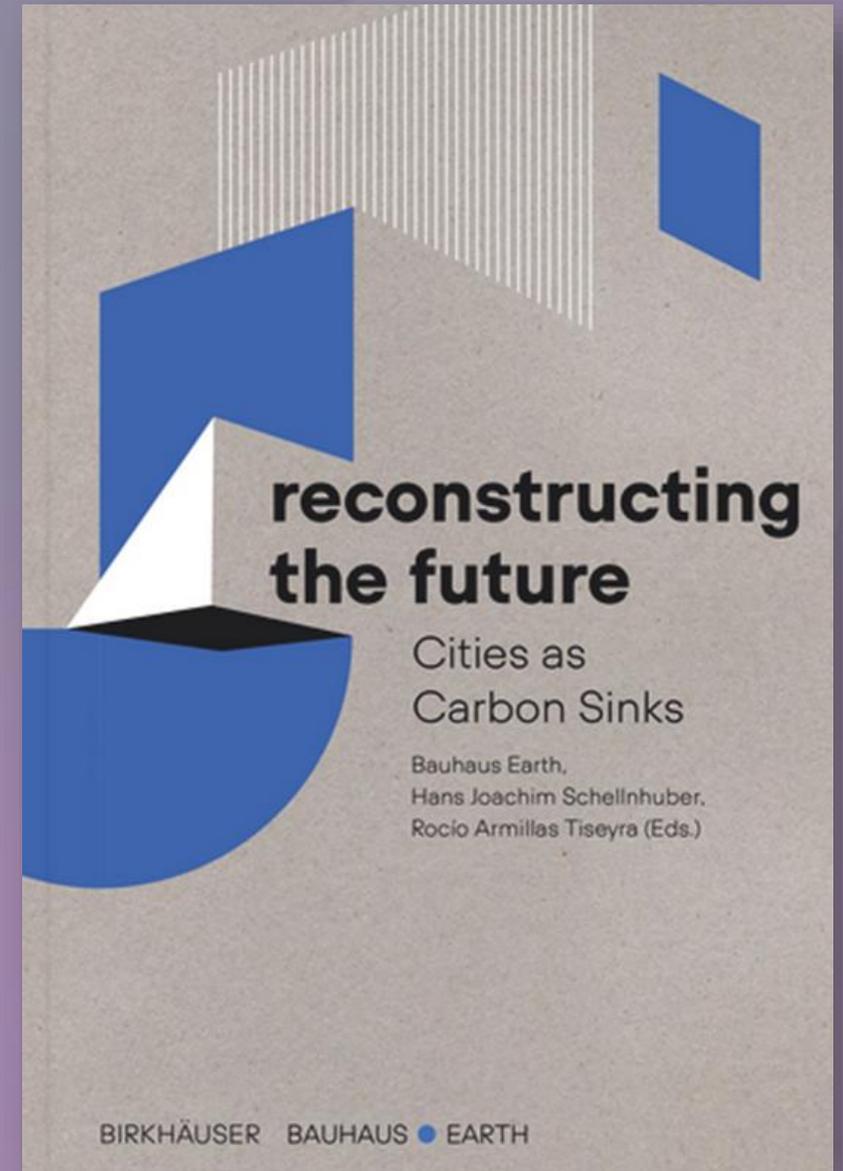
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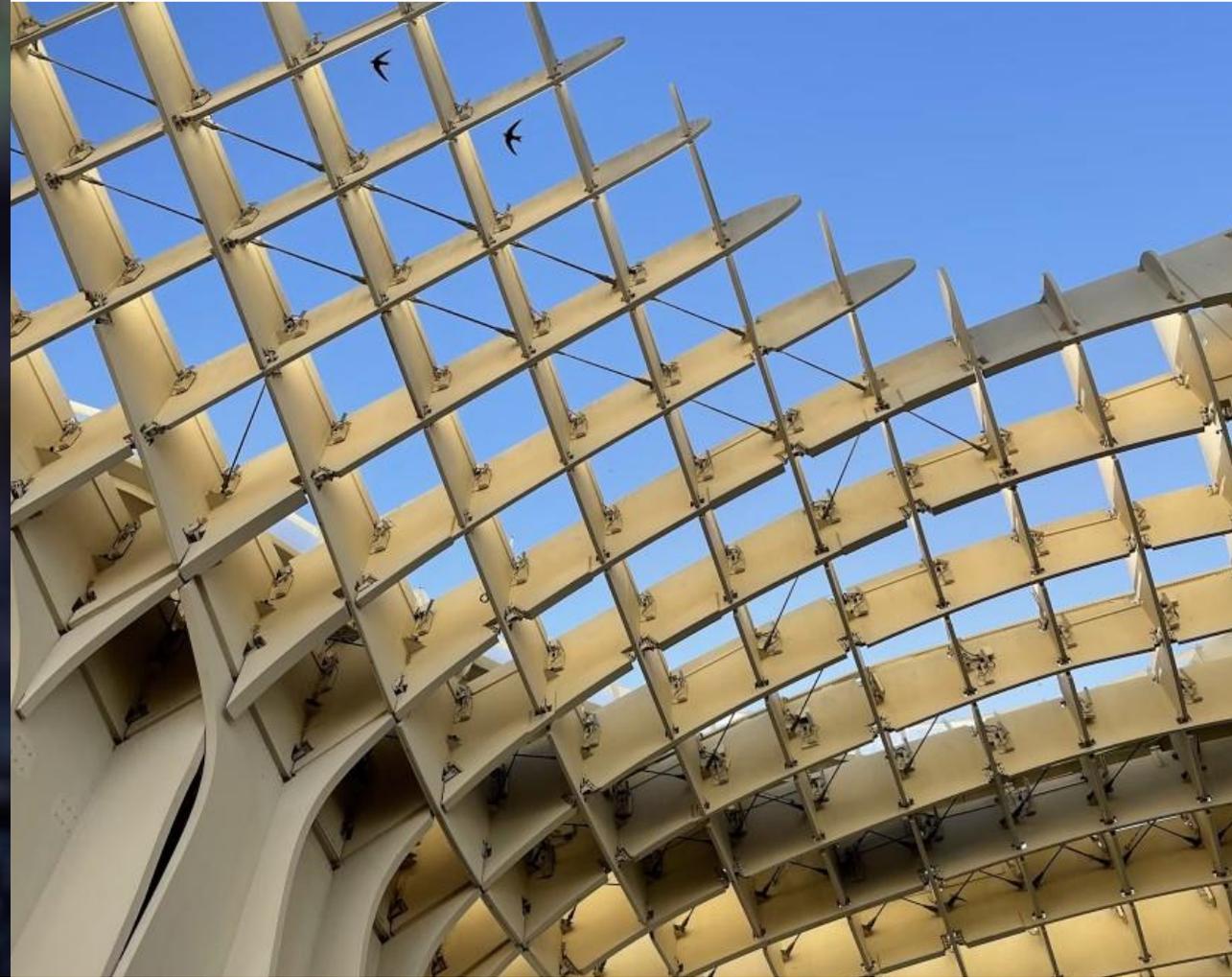
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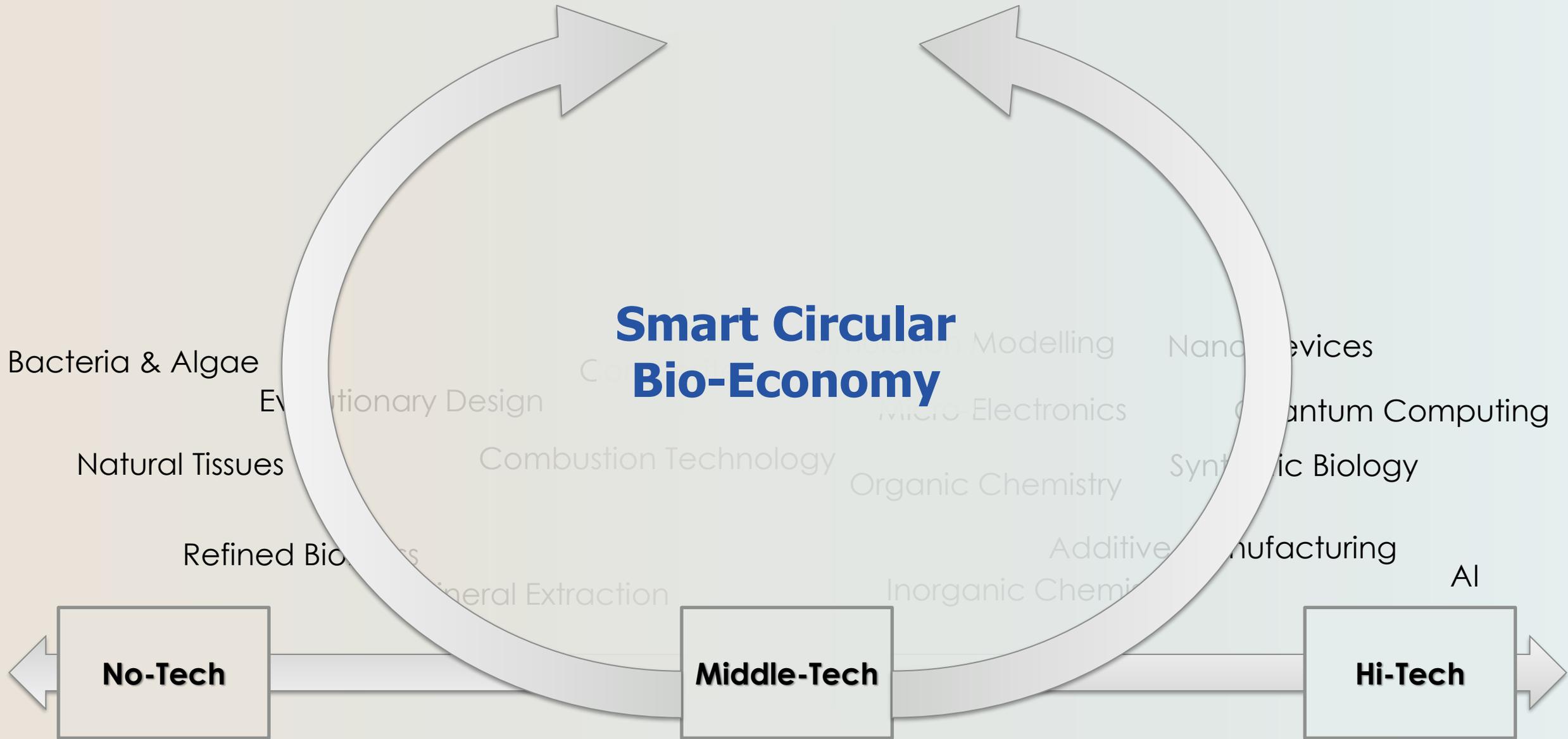
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Die langfristige
Nutzung dieser
Materialien schafft
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wirtschaftlichen
Wert **und** trägt zur
Reperatur des
Klimas bei.

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No-Tech Meets Hi-Tech!



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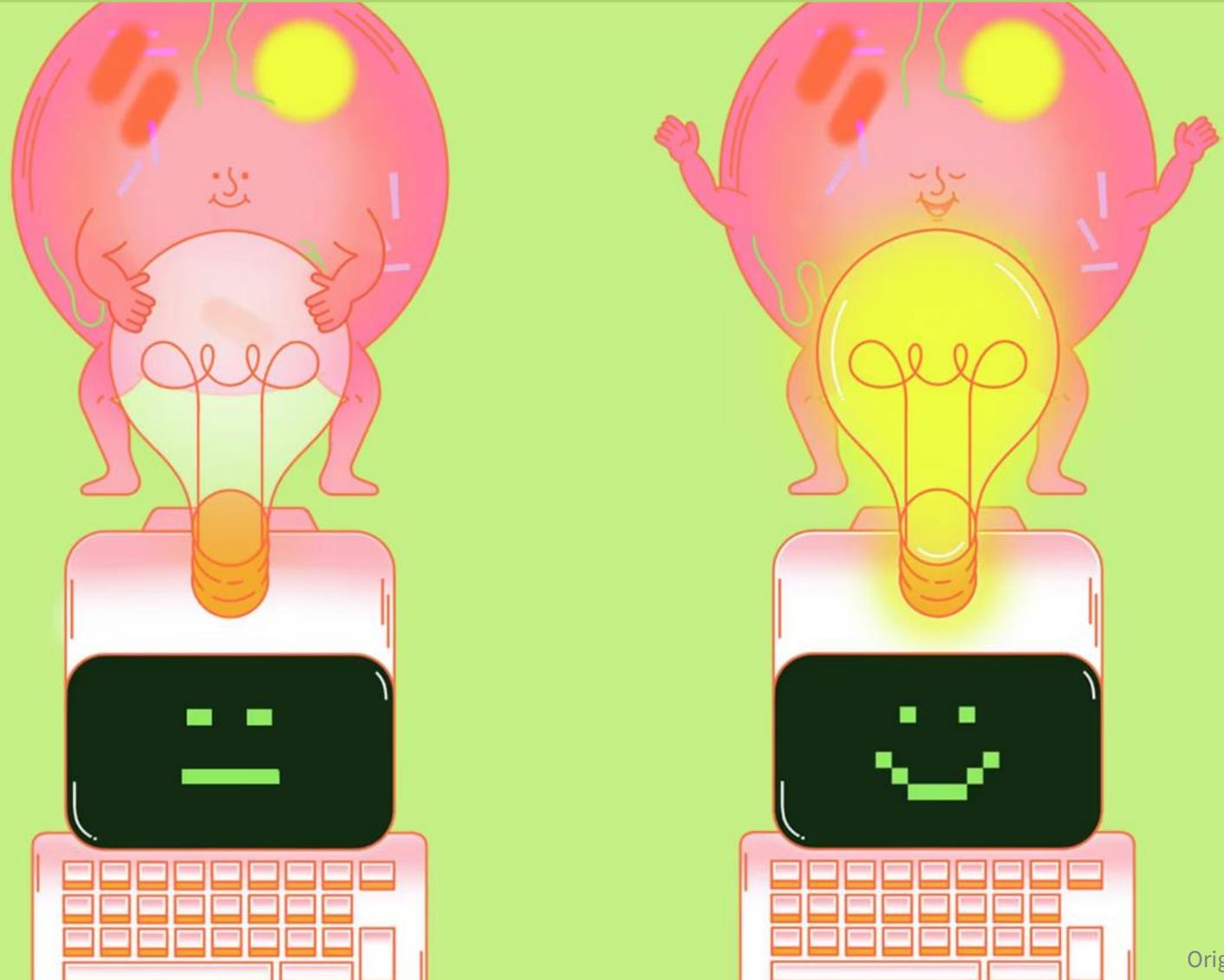
REVIEW

Personalized vaccines for cancer immunotherapy

Ugur Sahin^{1,2,3*} and Özlem Türeci⁴

Organoide Intelligenz

Die Maschine lebt



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INFORMATIK-REVOLUTION

Erste Schritte auf dem Weg zu einer Quanten-KI

Künstliche Intelligenz und Quantencomputer verleihen unseren technischen Systemen enorme Fähigkeiten. Nun sollen die beiden Sphären sinnvoll verknüpft werden

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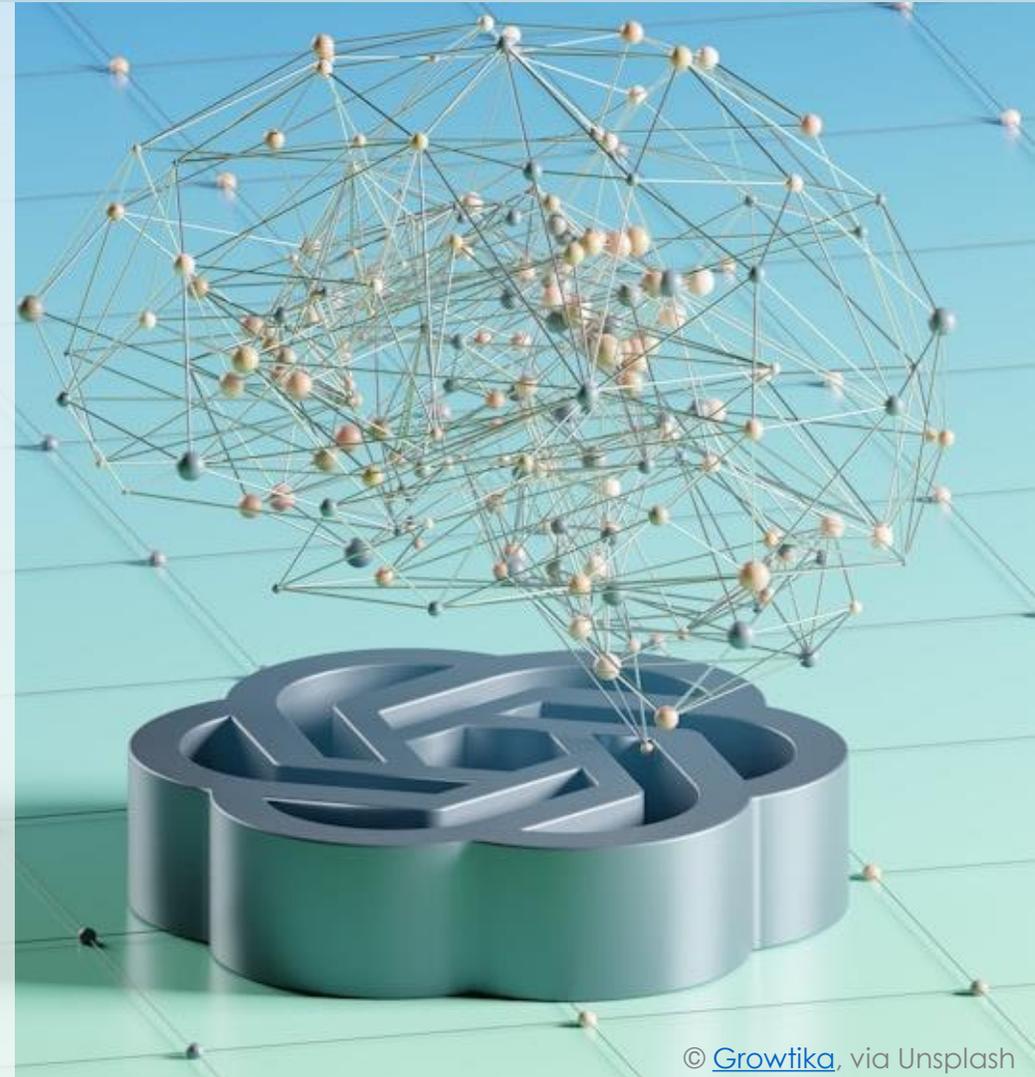
Künstliche Intelligenz übertrifft menschliche Fähigkeiten immer schneller

Der KI-Boom führt zu Höchstleistungen, aber auch zu explodierenden Kosten und immensem Energieverbrauch. Forscher fürchten, dass den Systemen die Trainingsdaten ausgehen könnten

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TOP TAKEAWAYS

Artificial Intelligence Index Report 2023

1. AI beats humans on some tasks, but not on all.

AI has surpassed human performance on several benchmarks, including some in image classification, visual reasoning, and English understanding. Yet it trails behind on more complex tasks like competition-level mathematics, visual commonsense reasoning and planning.

2. Industry continues to dominate frontier AI research.

In 2023, industry produced 51 notable machine learning models, while academia contributed only 15. There were also 21 notable models resulting from industry-academia collaborations in 2023, a new high.

3. Frontier models get way more expensive.

According to AI Index estimates, the training costs of state-of-the-art AI models have reached unprecedented levels. For example, OpenAI's GPT-4 used an estimated \$78 million worth of compute to train, while Google's Gemini Ultra cost \$191 million for compute.

4. The United States leads China, the EU, and the U.K. as the leading source of top AI models.

In 2023, 61 notable AI models originated from U.S.-based institutions, far outpacing the European Union's 21 and China's 15.

5. Robust and standardized evaluations for LLM responsibility are seriously lacking.

New research from the AI Index reveals a significant lack of standardization in responsible AI reporting. Leading developers, including OpenAI, Google, and Anthropic, primarily test their models against different responsible AI benchmarks. This practice complicates efforts to systematically compare the risks and limitations of top AI models.

6. Generative AI investment skyrockets.

Despite a decline in overall AI private investment last year, funding for generative AI surged, nearly octupling from 2022 to reach \$25.2 billion. Major players in the generative AI space, including OpenAI, Anthropic, Hugging Face, and Inflection, reported substantial fundraising rounds.

7. The data is in: AI makes workers more productive and leads to higher quality work.

In 2023, several studies assessed AI's impact on labor, suggesting that AI enables workers to complete tasks more quickly and to improve the quality of their output. These studies also demonstrated AI's potential to bridge the skill gap between low- and high-skilled workers. Still other studies caution that using AI without proper oversight can lead to diminished performance.

8. Scientific progress accelerates even further, thanks to AI.

In 2022, AI began to advance scientific discovery. 2023, however, saw the launch of even more significant science-related AI applications—from AlphaDev, which makes algorithmic sorting more efficient, to GNoME, which facilitates the process of materials discovery.

9. The number of AI regulations in the United States sharply increases.

The number of AI-related regulations in the U.S. has risen significantly in the past year and over the last five years. In 2023, there were 25 AI-related regulations, up from just one in 2016. Last year alone, the total number of AI-related regulations grew by 56.3%.

10. People across the globe are more cognizant of AI's potential impact—and more nervous.

A survey from Ipsos shows that, over the last year, the proportion of those who think AI will dramatically affect their lives in the next three to five years has increased from 60% to 66%. Moreover, 52% express nervousness toward AI products and services, marking a 13 percentage point rise from 2022. In America, Pew data suggests that 52% of Americans report feeling more concerned than excited about AI, rising from 38% in 2022.

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