

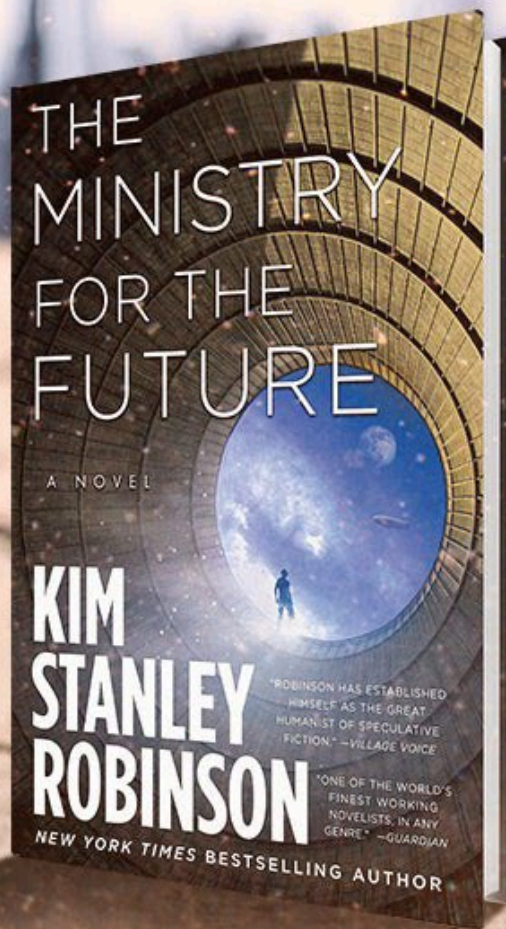
Climate Risks, Uncertainties, and Opportunities



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52.3°C (126F) today in New Delhi

Yep, hottest day ever.

And yes, that's a 20-year-old struggling with the heat.

nytimes.com/2024/05/29/world/a...



ALT Workers at a hospital in Ahmedabad, in northern India, helped Priyanshi Fakirbhai Patel, who was suffering from heat exhaustion on Friday. [Amit Datta/Reuters](#)

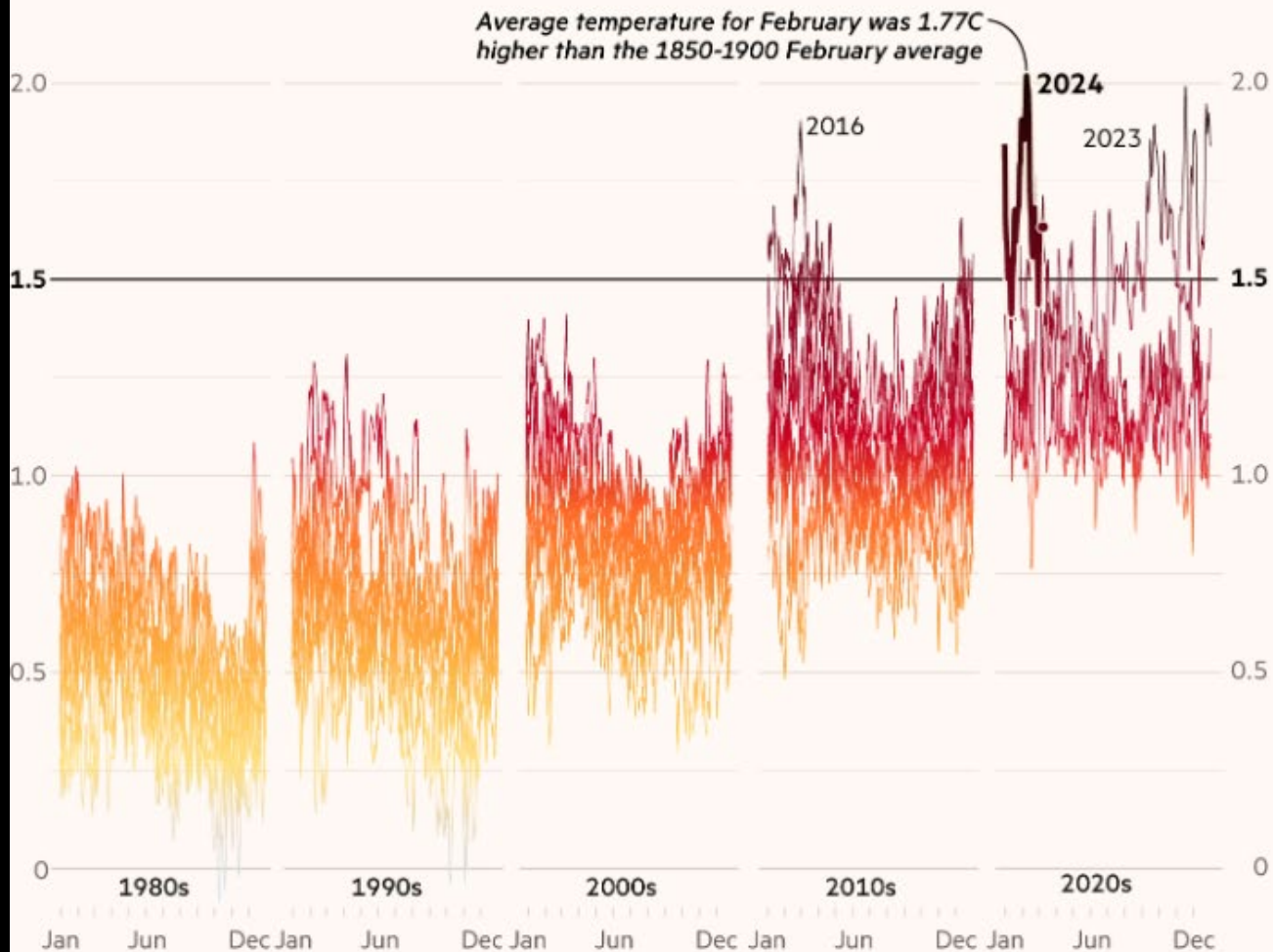
#heat #climate

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Climate graphic of the week

Global temperatures continue run of record highs in February

Difference between global 2-metre temperatures from 1980 to 2024 and pre-industrial average (C)



Warmer, wetter, hotter, drier – February caps unending stretch of record temperatures

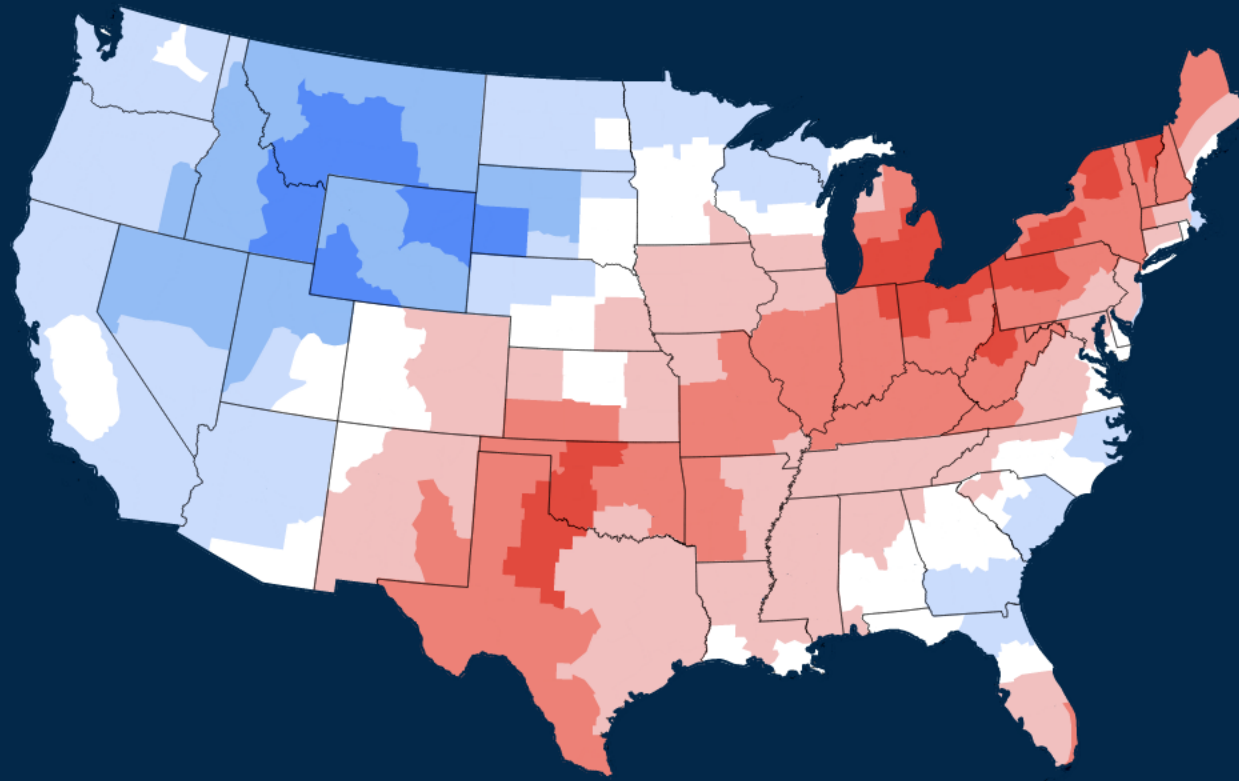
Global average temperature rise in February reaches 1.77C above pre-industrial levels

Source: C3S/ECMWF
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Source: *Financial Times* (10 March 2023)

Temperature Anomaly

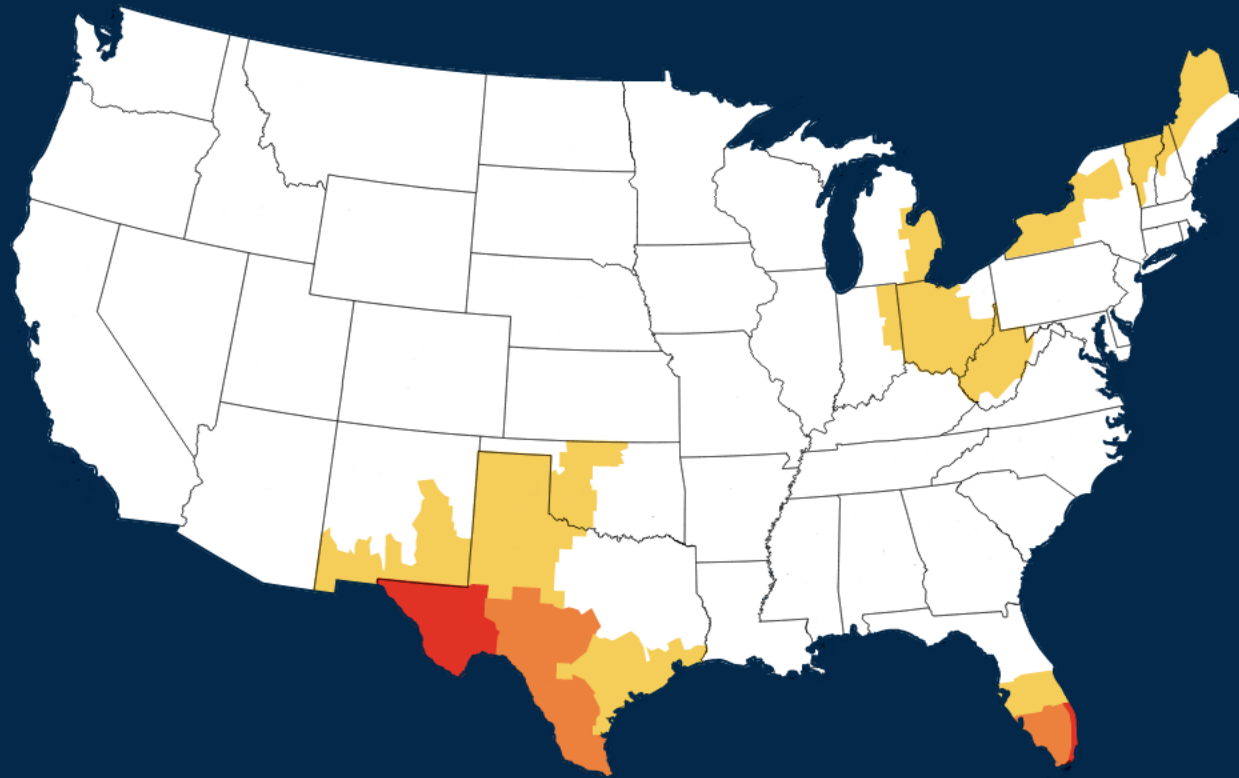
For High Temperature on May 20, 2024



Source: Climate Central analysis based on NOAA data. Produced 5/20/2024.

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Climate Shift Index™ For High Temperature on May 20, 2024



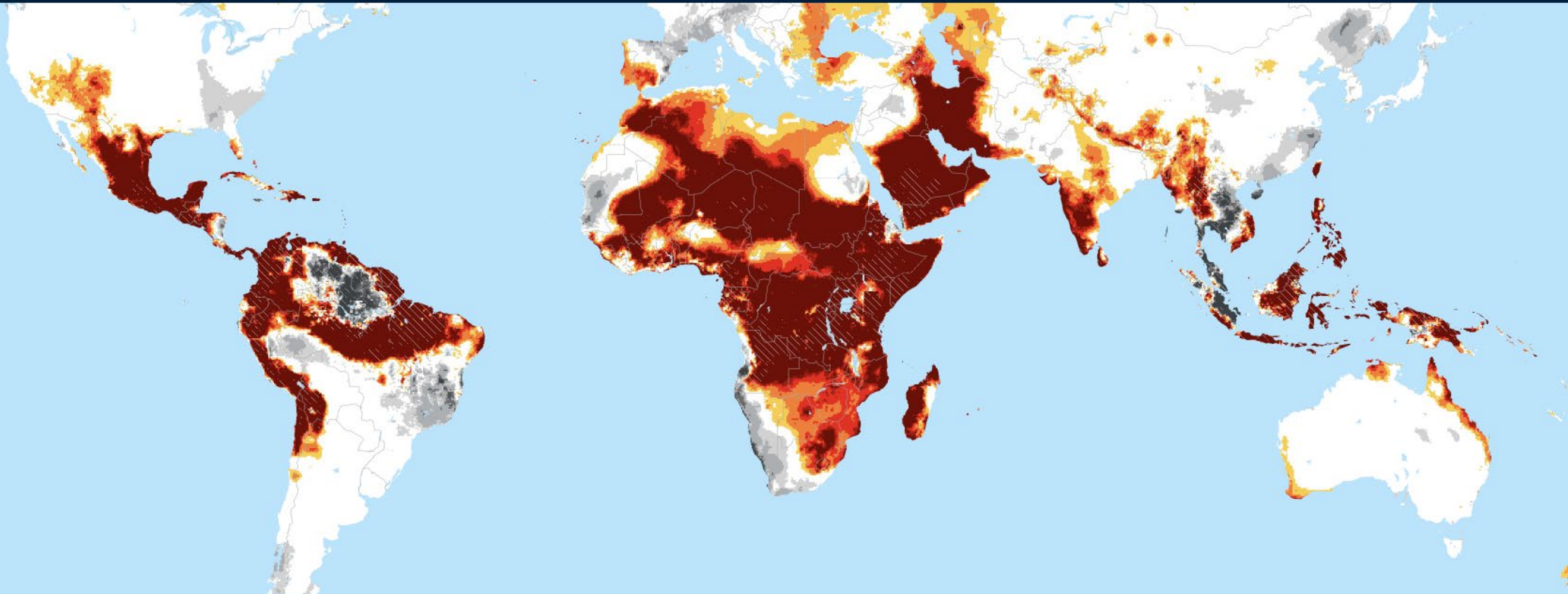
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Climate Shift Index

Jun 1, 2024

Change in likelihood due to climate change



Climate Shift Index for average temperatures.
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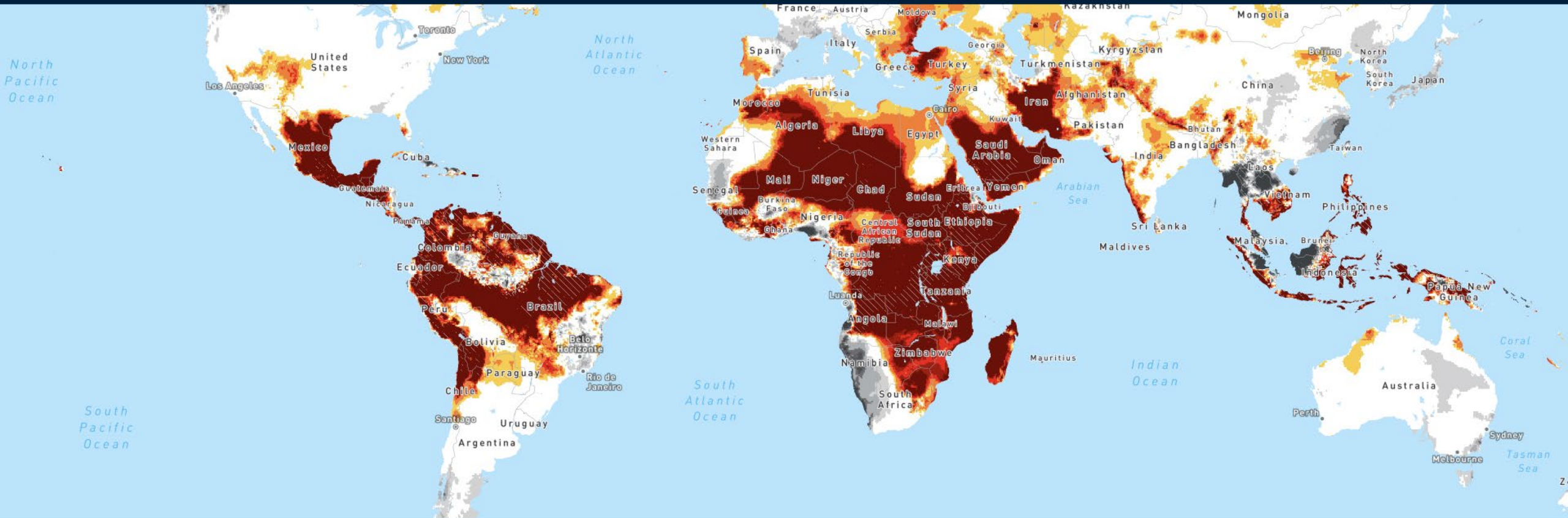
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Source: climatecentral.org/climate-shift-index

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Jun 2, 2024

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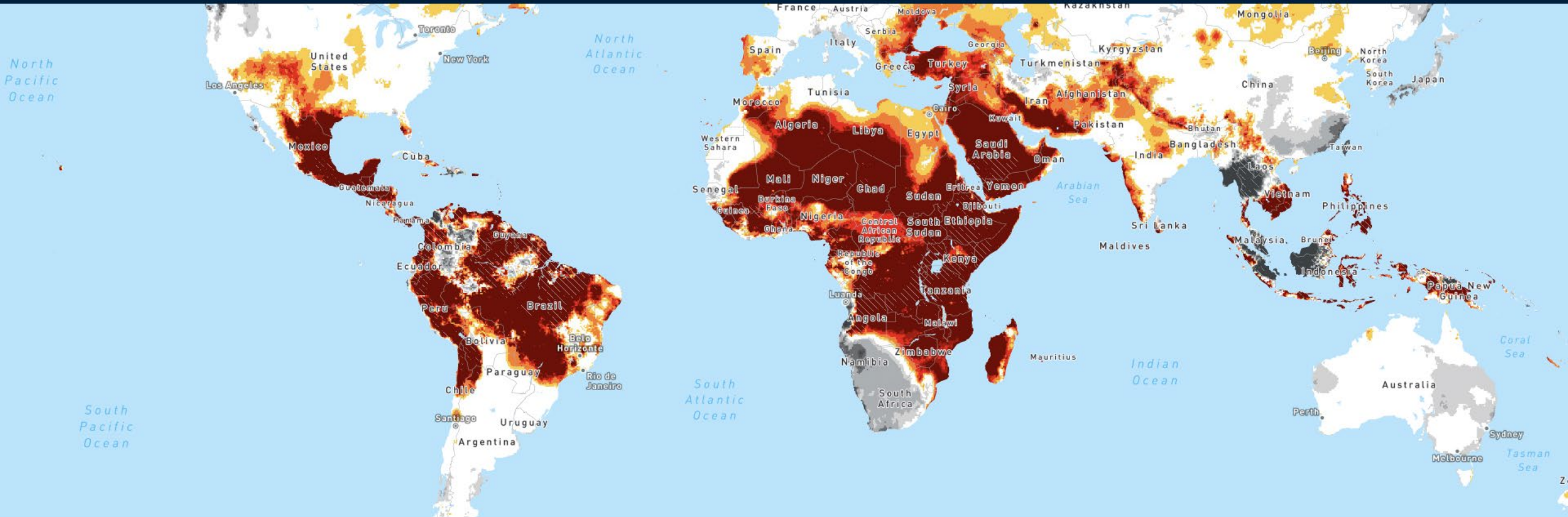
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Jun 3, 2024

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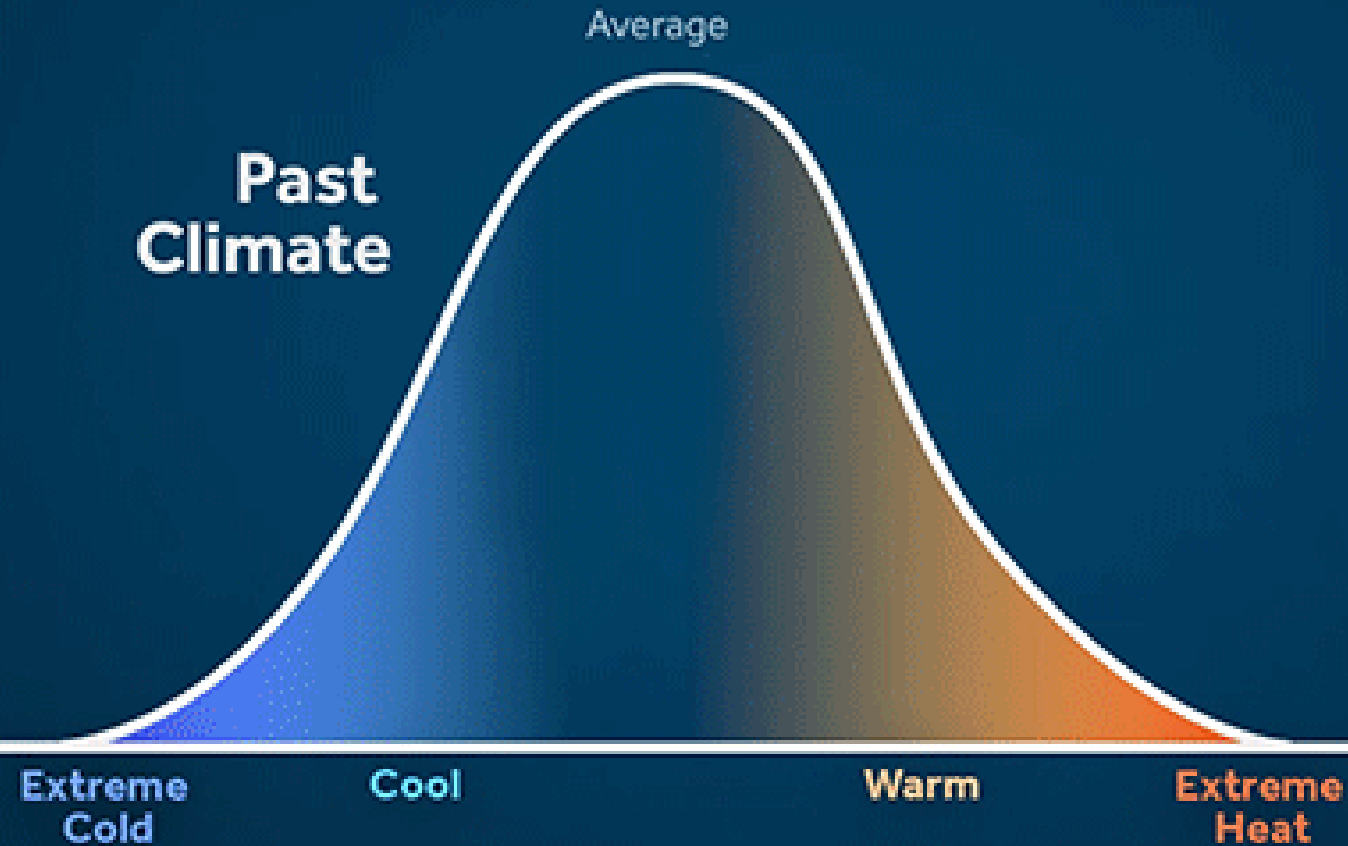


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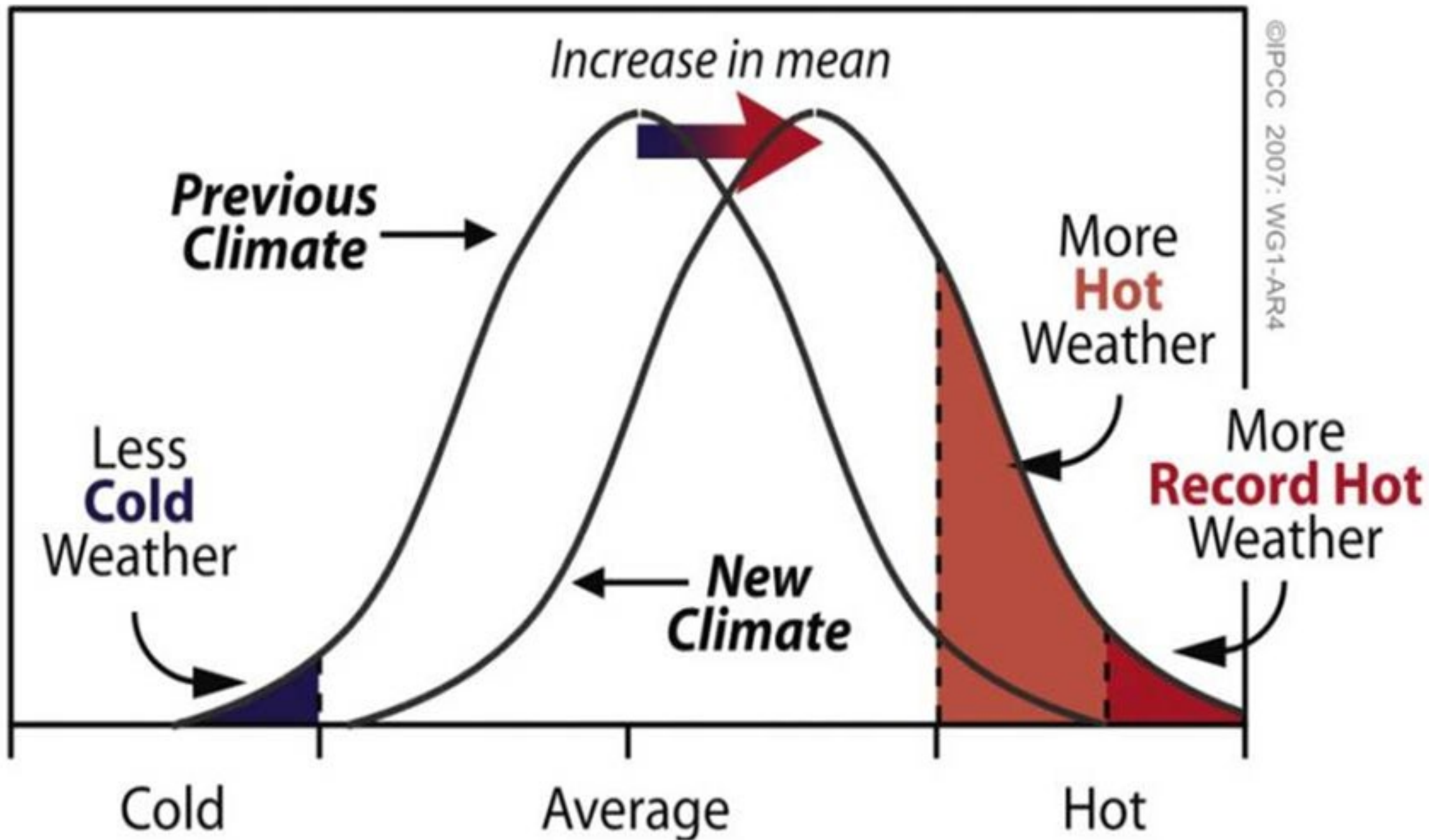
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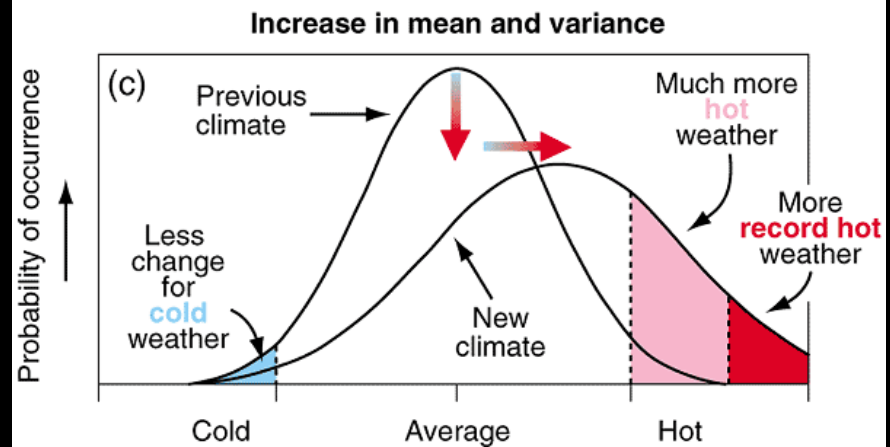
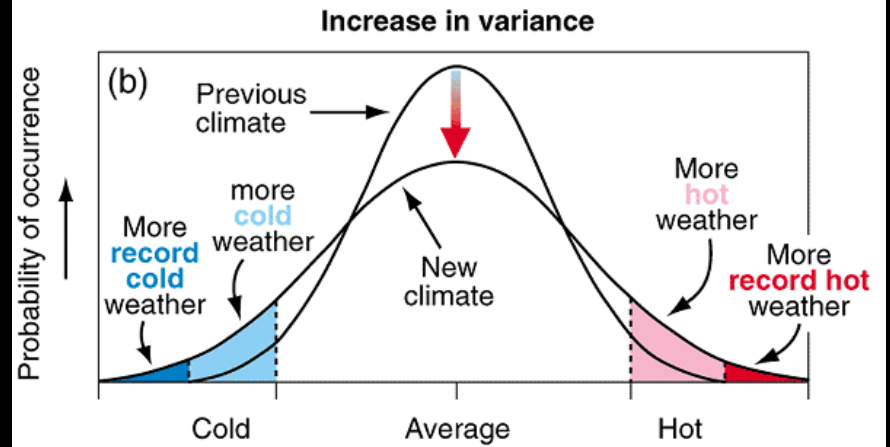
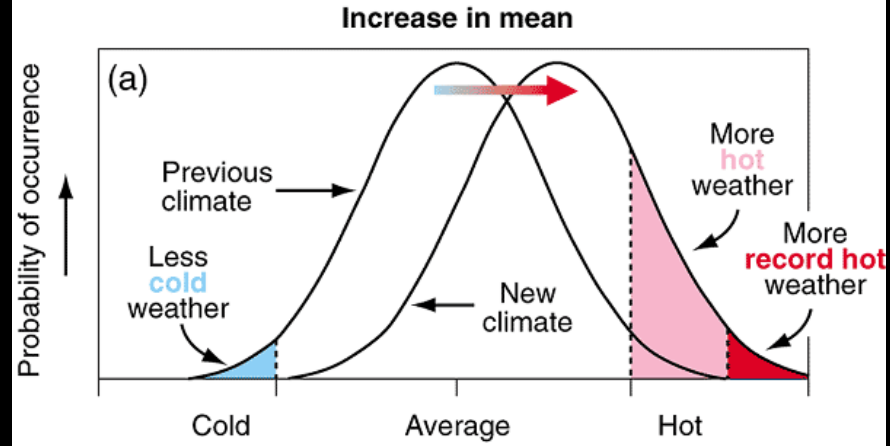
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SMALL CHANGE IN AVERAGE BIG CHANGE IN EXTREMES



Probability of occurrence





THE NEXT HOUSING DISASTER



Leaders | A \$25trn hit

Global warming is coming for your home

Who will pay for the damage?

The potential costs stem from policies designed to reduce the emissions of houses as well as from climate-related damage. They are enormous. By one estimate, **climate change and the fight against it could wipe out 9% of the value of the world's housing by 2050**—which amounts to \$25trn, not much less than America's annual GDP. It is a huge bill hanging over people's lives and the global financial system. And it looks destined to trigger an almighty fight over who should pay up.

Known knowns are bad

**Unknowns, unknowables, risks
& uncertainties make it worse**



~\$200 / tCO₂

~\$200 Social Cost of CO₂

Based on 2% discount rate

Table ES.1: Estimates of the Social Cost of Greenhouse Gases (SC-GHG), 2020-2080 (2020 dollars)

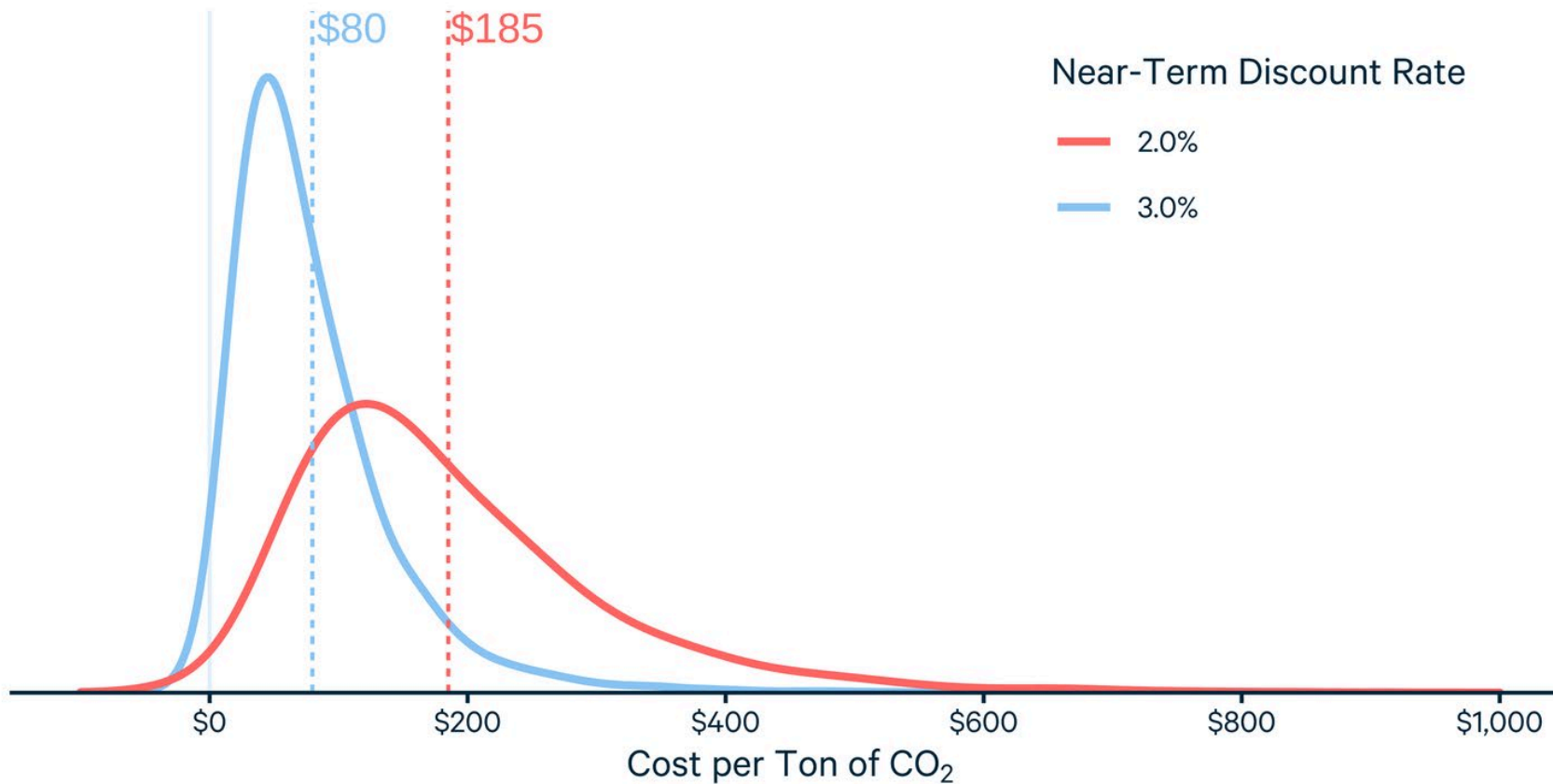
Emission Year	SC-GHG and Near-term Ramsey Discount Rate								
	SC-CO ₂ (2020 dollars per metric ton of CO ₂)			SC-CH ₄ (2020 dollars per metric ton of CH ₄)			SC-N ₂ O (2020 dollars per metric ton of N ₂ O)		
	2.5%	2.0%	1.5%	2.5%	2.0%	1.5%	2.5%	2.0%	1.5%
2020	120	190	340	1,300	1,600	2,300	35,000	54,000	87,000
2030	140	230	380	1,900	2,400	3,200	45,000	66,000	100,000
2040	170	270	430	2,700	3,300	4,200	55,000	79,000	120,000
2050	200	310	480	3,500	4,200	5,300	66,000	93,000	140,000
2060	230	350	530	4,300	5,100	6,300	76,000	110,000	150,000
2070	260	380	570	5,000	5,900	7,200	85,000	120,000	170,000
2080	280	410	600	5,800	6,800	8,200	95,000	130,000	180,000

Values of SC-CO₂, SC-CH₄, and SC-N₂O are rounded to two significant figures. The annual unrounded estimates are available in Appendix A.4 and at: www.epa.gov/environmental-economics/scghg.

~\$200 U.S. EPA SC-CO₂, up from ~\$50

~\$185 Social Cost of CO₂

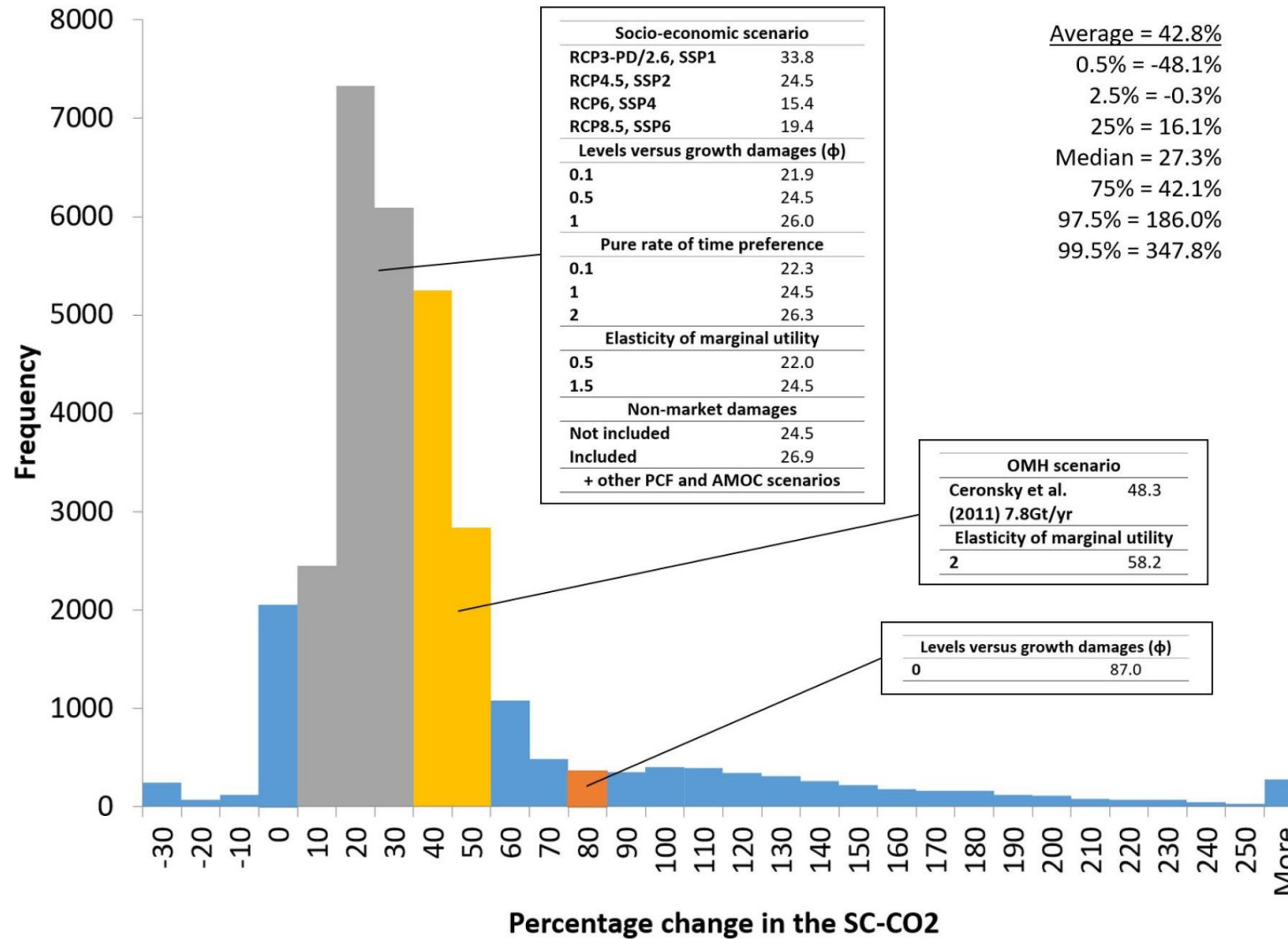
Based on 2% constant discount rate, with most of the increase due to discounting



~\$50 to ~\$80 from updated damages,
~\$80 to ~\$185 from discounting

Economic impacts of tipping points in the climate system

Tipping points increase SCC by between ~27-43%, with large, right-skewed distribution



$> \$200 / \text{tCO}_2$

~ \$200 / tCO₂

=

~8-10% of
global GDP

~ \$1,000 / tCO₂

=

~50% (!!) of
global GDP

> \$150 /
car entering NYC*

* Manhattan below 60th Street

The New York Times

There's Only One Way to Fix New York's Traffic Gridlock

June 8, 2023



Congestion pricing is the **only durable antidote to persistent traffic congestion**. The Columbia University economist and Nobel laureate William Vickrey demonstrated 60 years ago that there's no way out of gridlock without making drivers pay for taking up limited street space. Otherwise, there will always be more car owners wanting to use the available space than there is space to accommodate them.

Komanoff & Wagner, *NYT* (8 June 2023)

Our City Could Become One of the World's Greenest, but It Won't Be Easy

Feb. 7, 2023



The rewards the city reaps will not only be reputational. If New York cracks this decarbonization nut (as it started to do under Mayor Michael Bloomberg with transport and especially bike lanes), the city's hard-to-bear summers, when the asphalt, steel and brick absorb the sun's rays and turn the city into a heat island will mellow. The noise from air-conditioners and boilers will ebb.

It will be a much nicer place to live.

Tail risks dwarf all else

Climate policy = insurance



Climate policy = opportunity



Negative climatic tipping points, meet the positive socio-economic ones the IRA is jumpstarting

- The challenge: Addressing ‘fossilflation’ while keeping ‘greenflation’ in check
- Direct effects are important
 - e.g. get \$8k rebate for your heat pump, \$2.5k to improve electric wiring, ... \$250b in DOE loans
 - adding up to \$1.2 trillion in federal spending over first decade, spurring \$2.9 trillion in total spending over first decade, >\$10 trillion by 2050, [per Goldman Sachs Research](#),

But:

- **It’s the external effects, norm changes, positive socio-economic tipping points that will make the real difference**



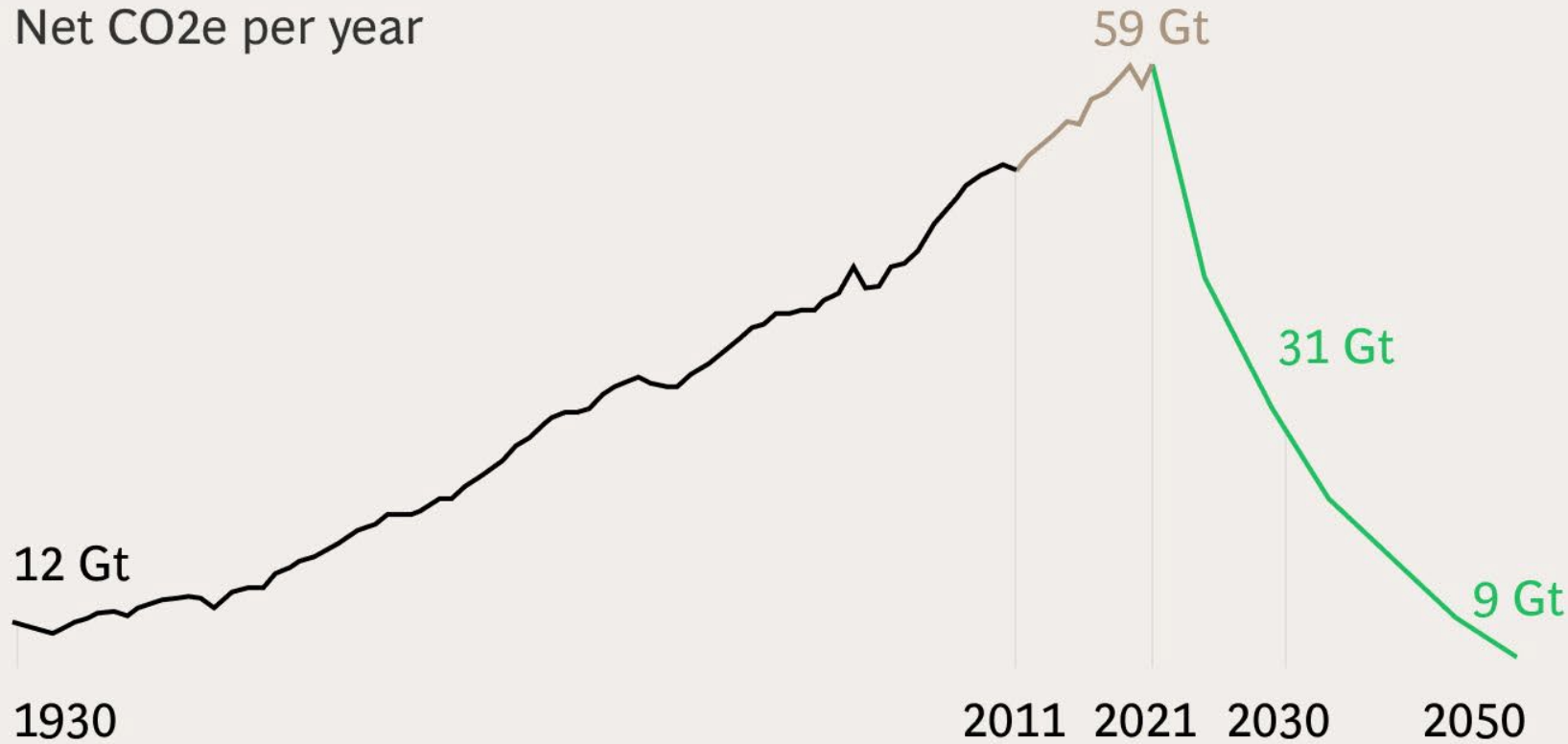


Rich Lesser, Global Chair, Boston Consulting Group, at Columbia Business School, 2022



Major course correction needed to achieve the 1.5°C ambition

Net CO₂e per year

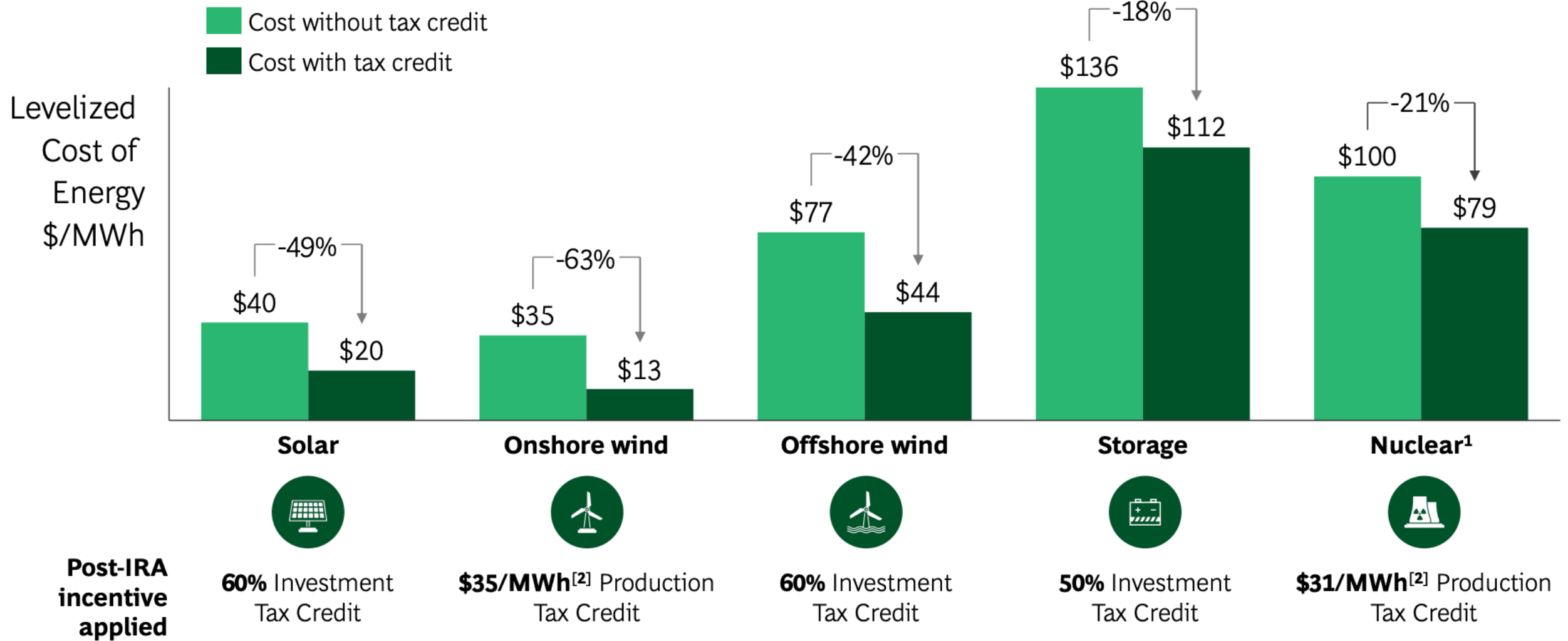


-7%
annual reduction in emissions needed by 2030 to meet the 1.5°C pathway

+1.5%
recent annual increase in emissions from 2011-2021

Sources: IPCC, PIK, BCG analysis

Impact of IIJA + IRA on Climate Solutions



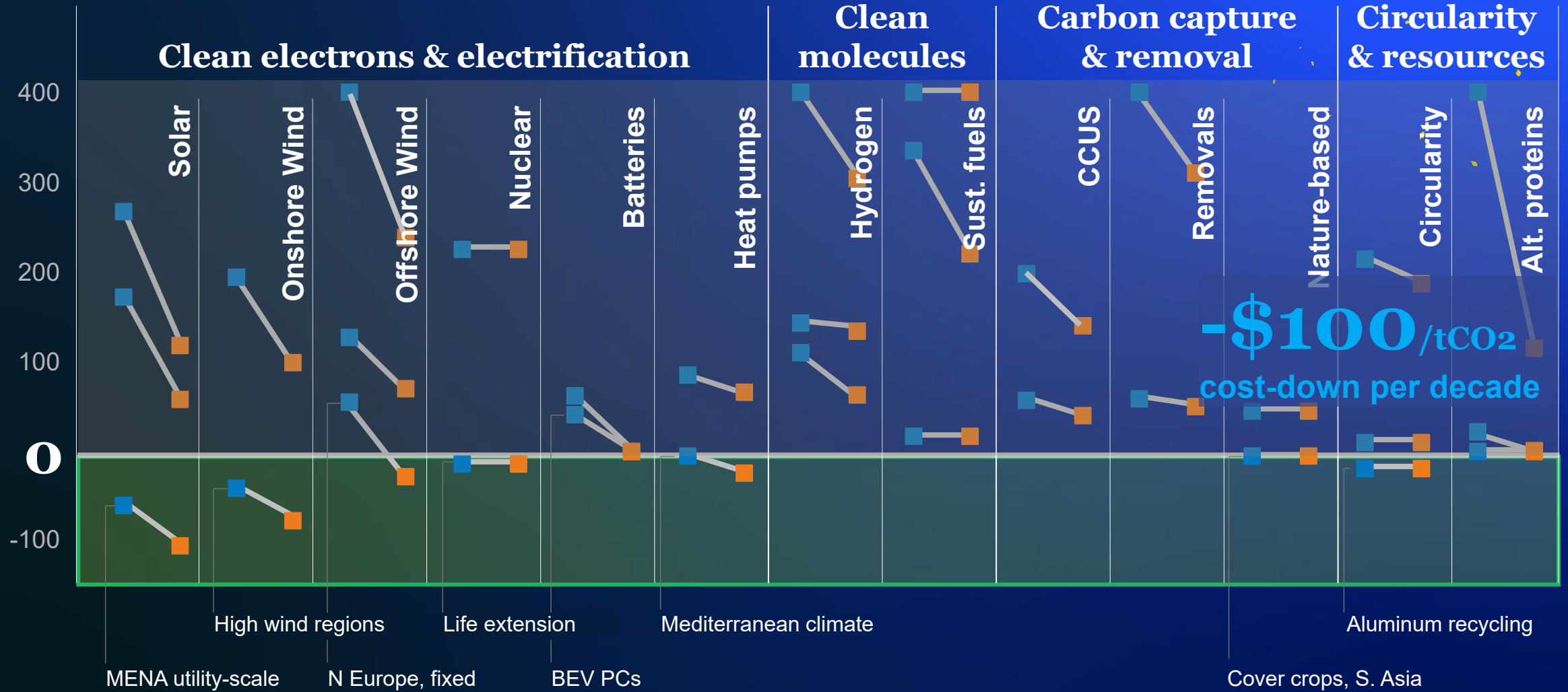
1. New small-modular reactor; 2. Assumes \$15/MWh incentive, inflation adjusted and with bonuses; Note: all technologies assume base + prevailing wage bonus + domestic production bonus + energy community bonus, and wind and solar also include low-income bonus Source: Lazard, BCG analysis



Bernd Heid, Senior Partner, McKinsey, at Columbia Business School, 2024

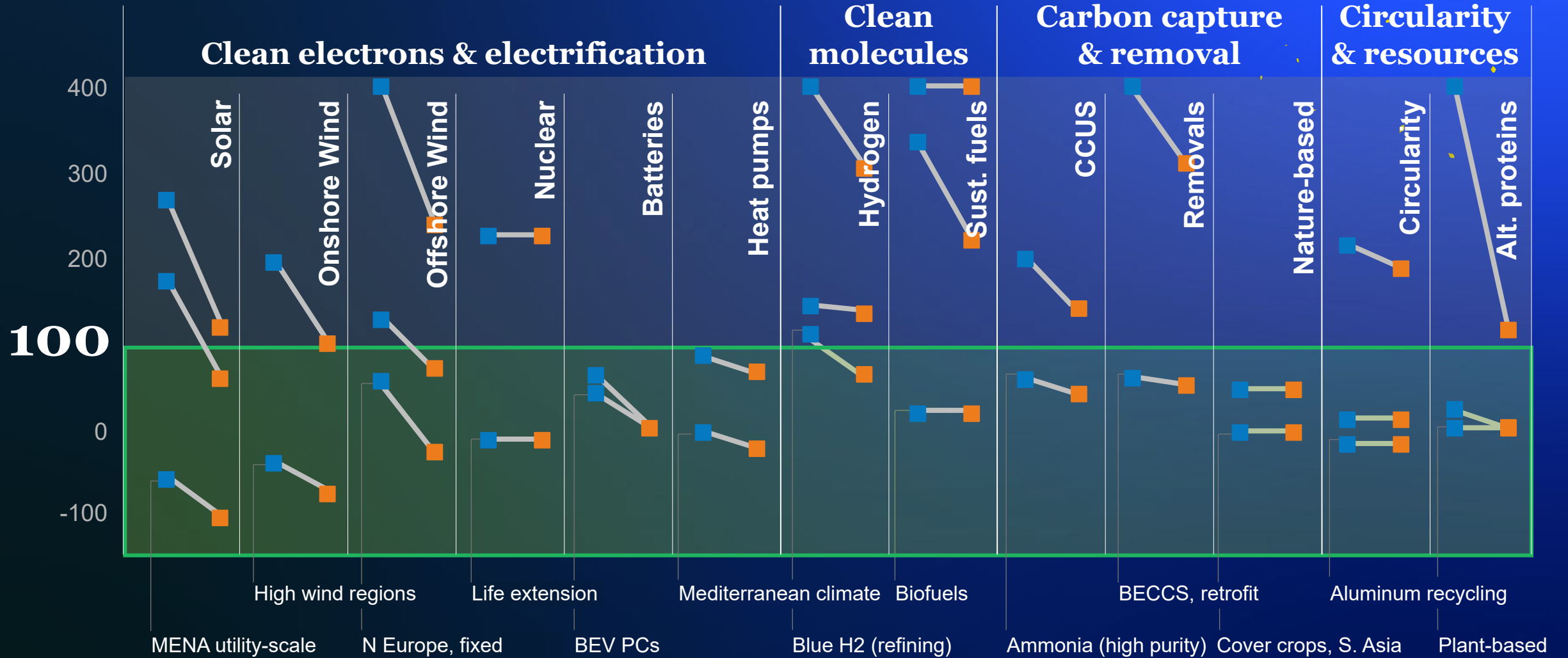
10 % of techs in the money today – steep cost-down to 2030

Estimated abatement costs, USD/tCO_{2e}



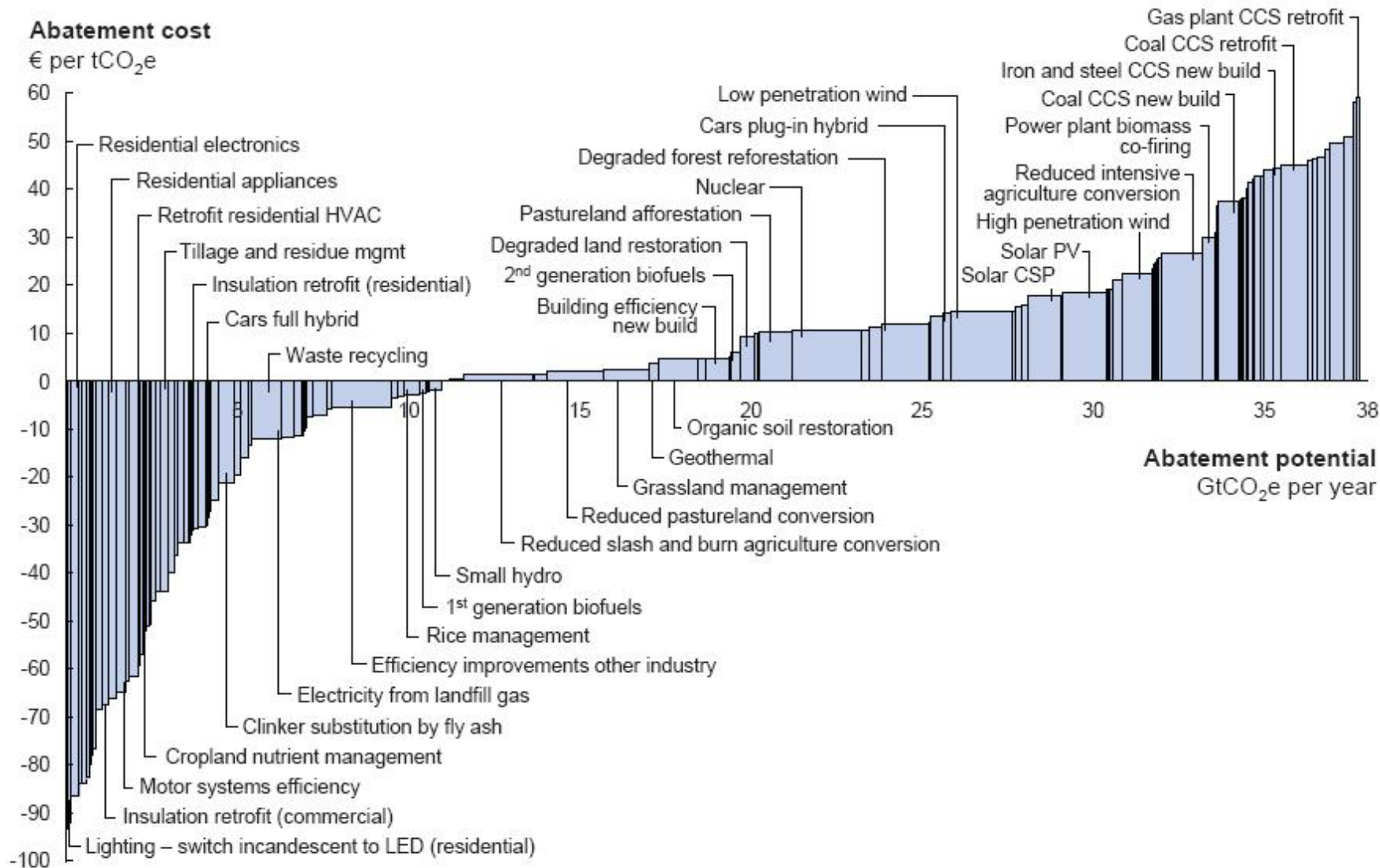
100\$/tCO₂ carbon tax would make most techs competitive

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Large abatement opportunities available at low or no cost

McKinsey Global v2.0 effort in 2009 identified 38 GtCO₂e abatement potential in 2030



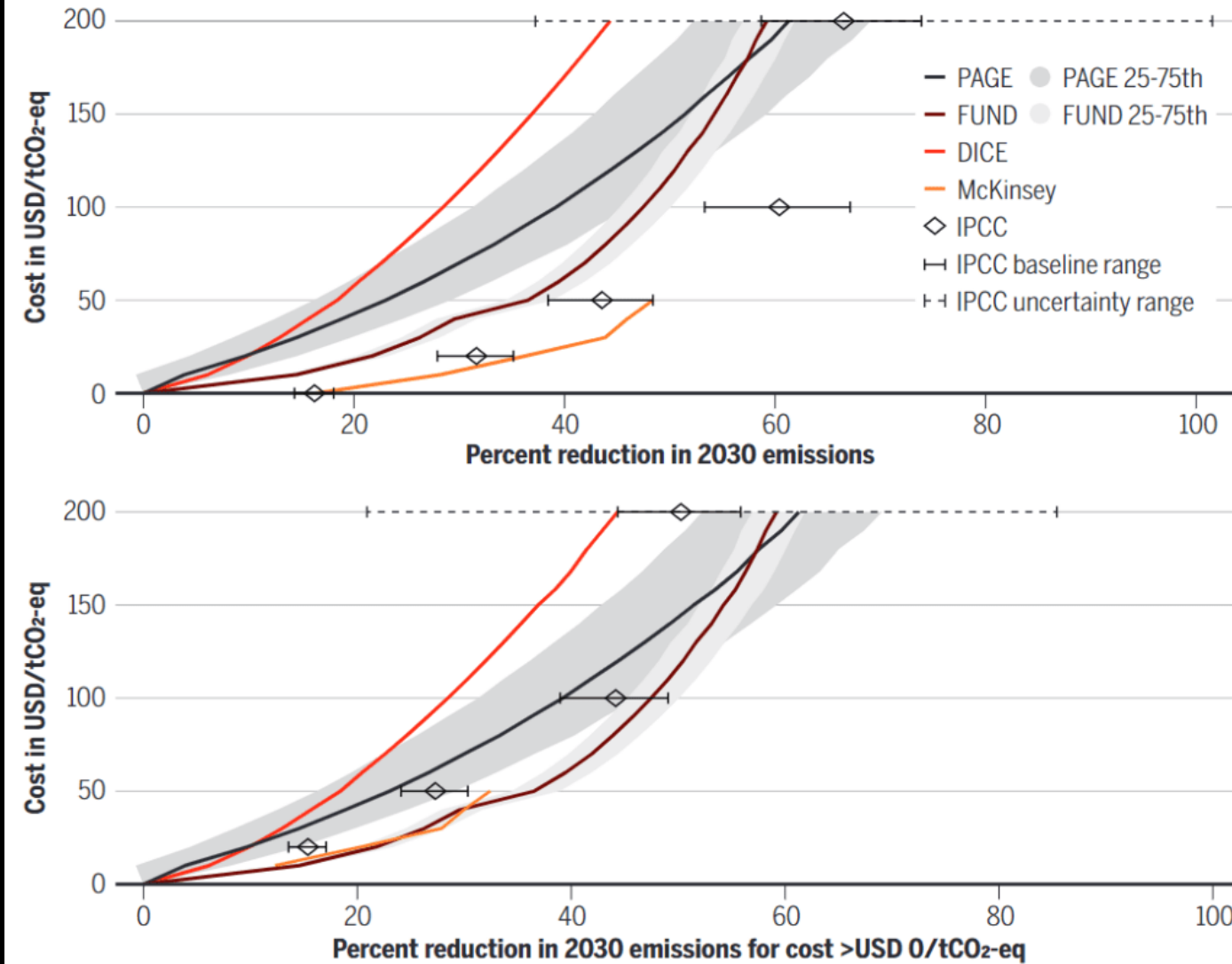
Note: The curve presents an estimate of the maximum potential of all technical GHG abatement measures below €60 per tCO₂e if each lever was pursued aggressively. It is not a forecast of what role different abatement measures and technologies will play.
 Source: Global GHG Abatement Cost Curve v2.0

How costly, or costless, is climate emissions mitigation? p. 1001



Comparison of global mitigation potentials at different costs

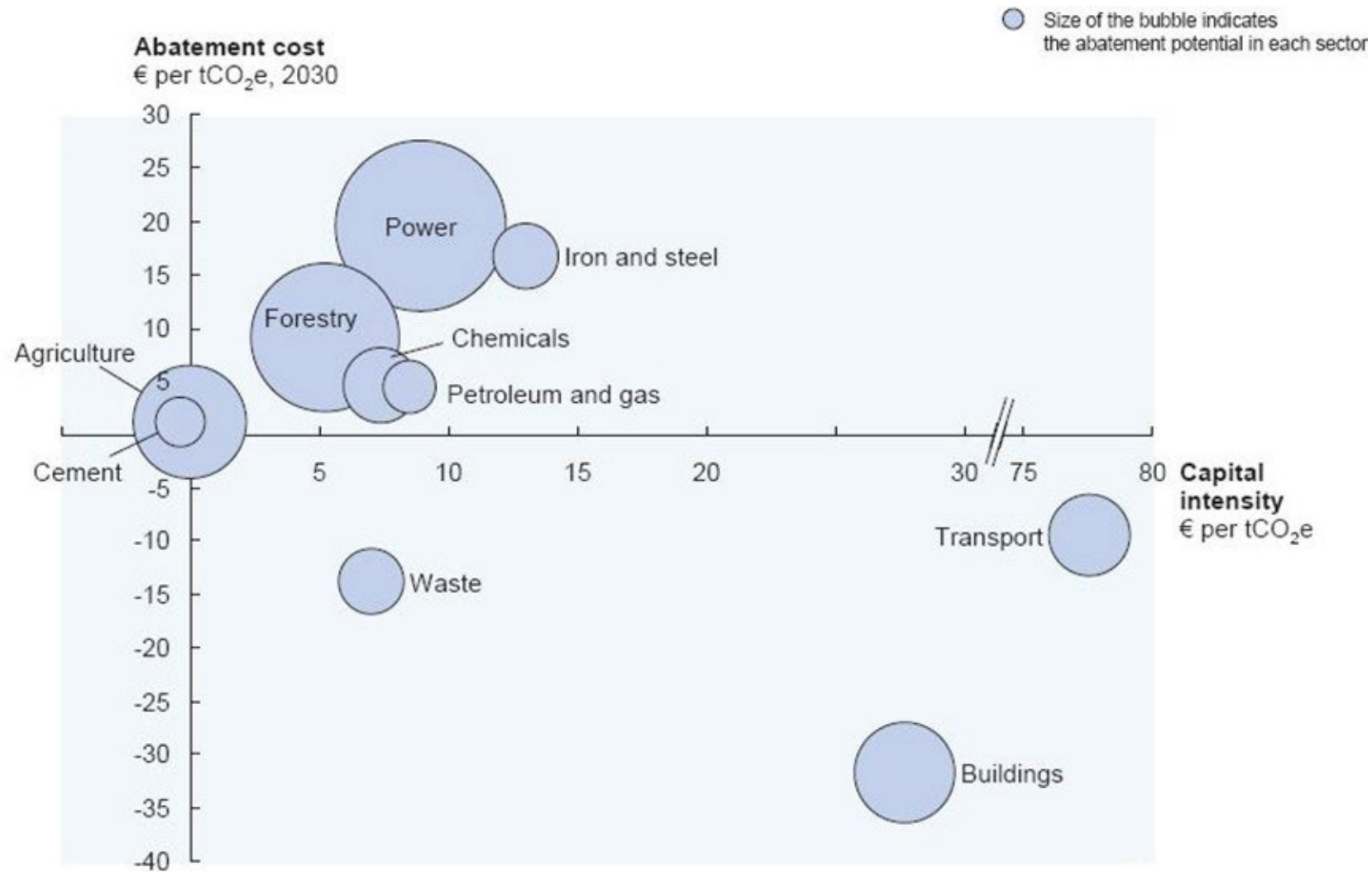
The IPCC results use different baseline emissions to calculate the range of mitigation potentials. The top panel reports the full set of results, and the bottom panel reports only the mitigation potentials with costs >\$0 per tonne of CO₂ equivalent (tCO₂-eq). USD reported in 2020 dollars. See supplementary materials.



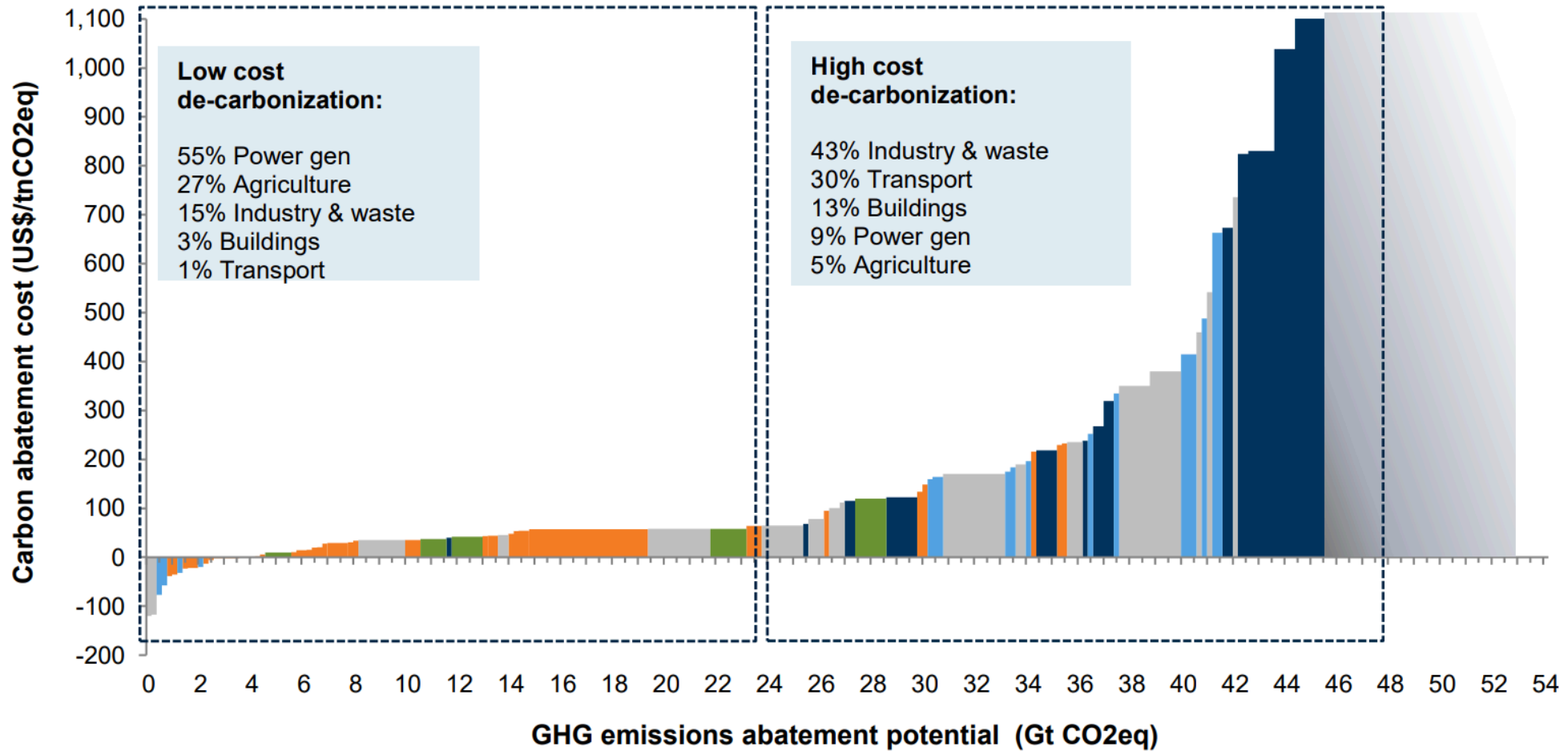
Source: Kotchen, Rising & Wagner. [“The costs of “costless” climate mitigation.”](#) *Science* (30 November 2023).

Capital intensity varies widely across sectors

Transport and buildings with largest up-front capital expenditure requirements



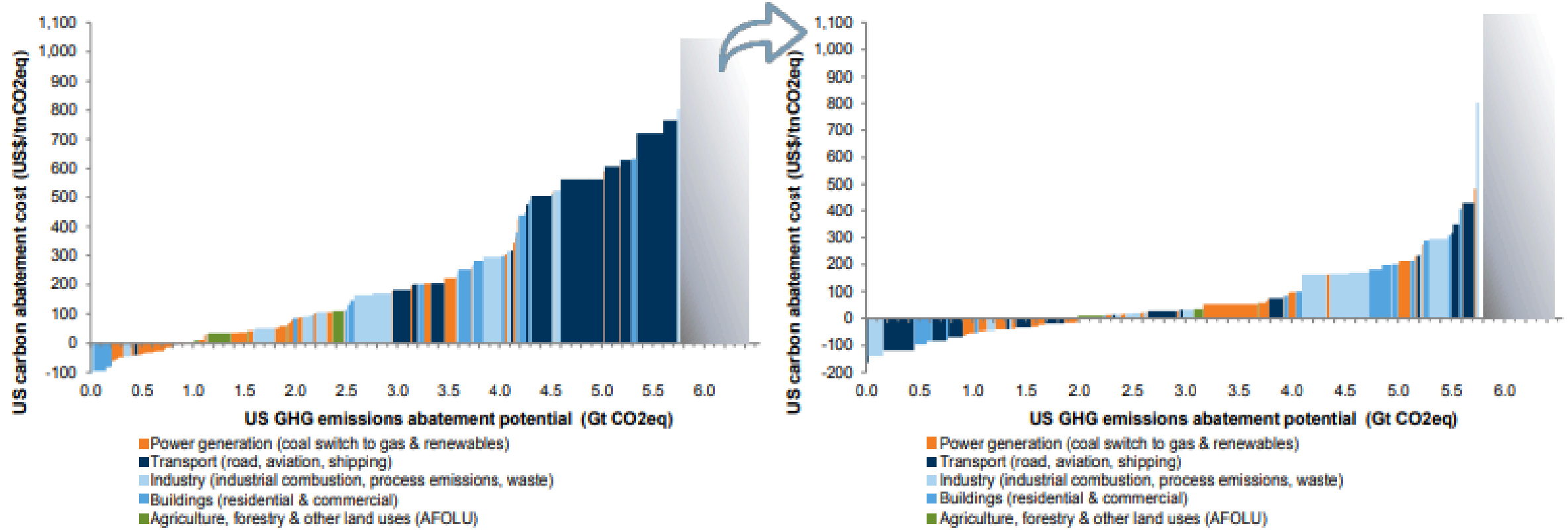
Goldman Carbon Abatement Cost



- Power generation (coal switch to gas & renewables)
- Industry (iron & steel, cement, chemicals and other)
- Agriculture, forestry & other land uses (AFOLU)
- Transport (road, aviation, shipping)
- Buildings (residential & commercial)
- Non-abatable at current conservation technologies

Exhibit 46: The IRA has transformed the cost curve of the US bringing most technologies in the money, especially in the transportation and buildings sectors

US carbon abatement cost curve for anthropogenic GHG emissions, based on current technologies and current costs, assuming economies of scale for technologies in the pilot phase prior and after IRA

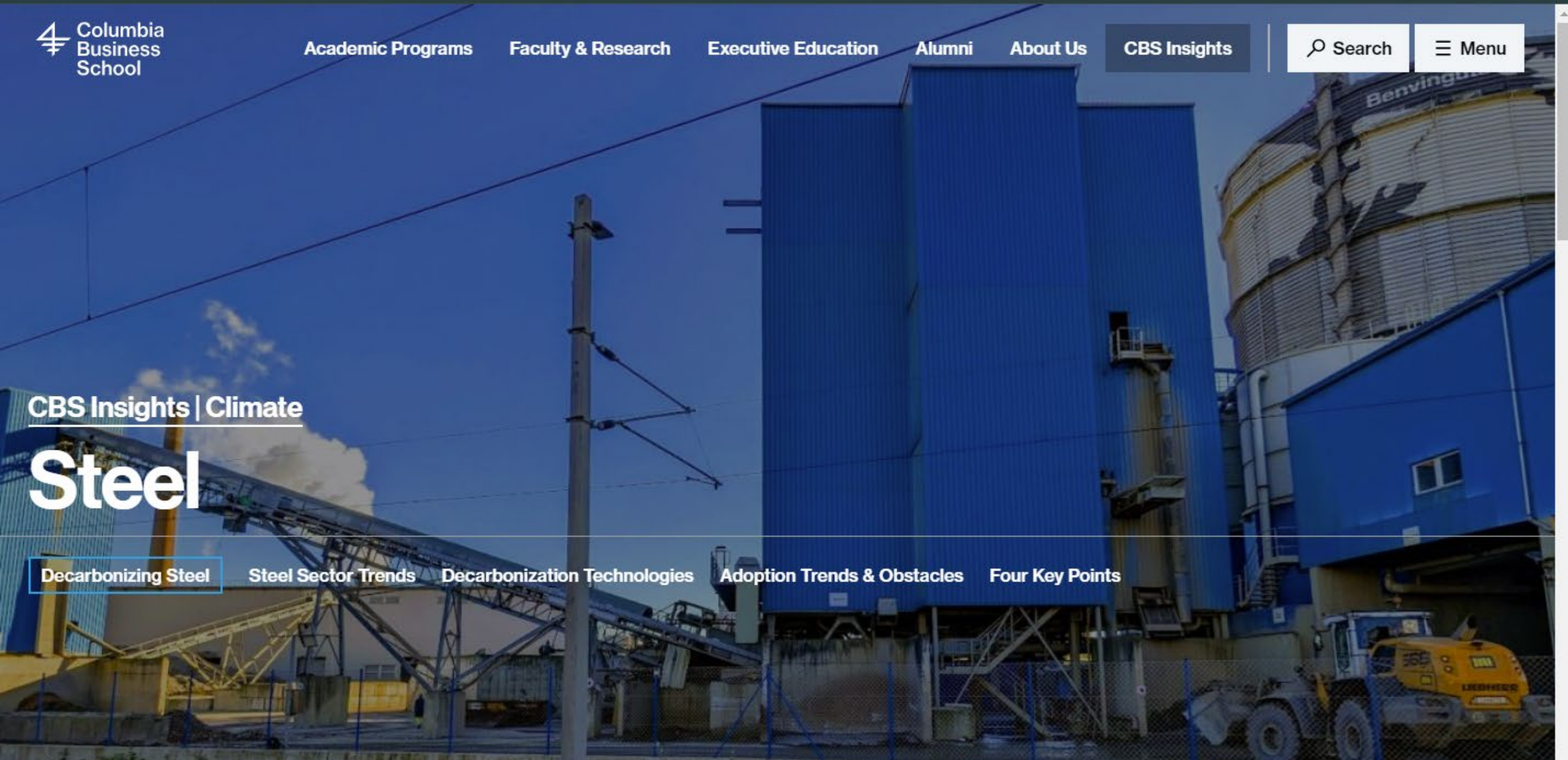


Source: Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research





CBS Insights | Climate Steel

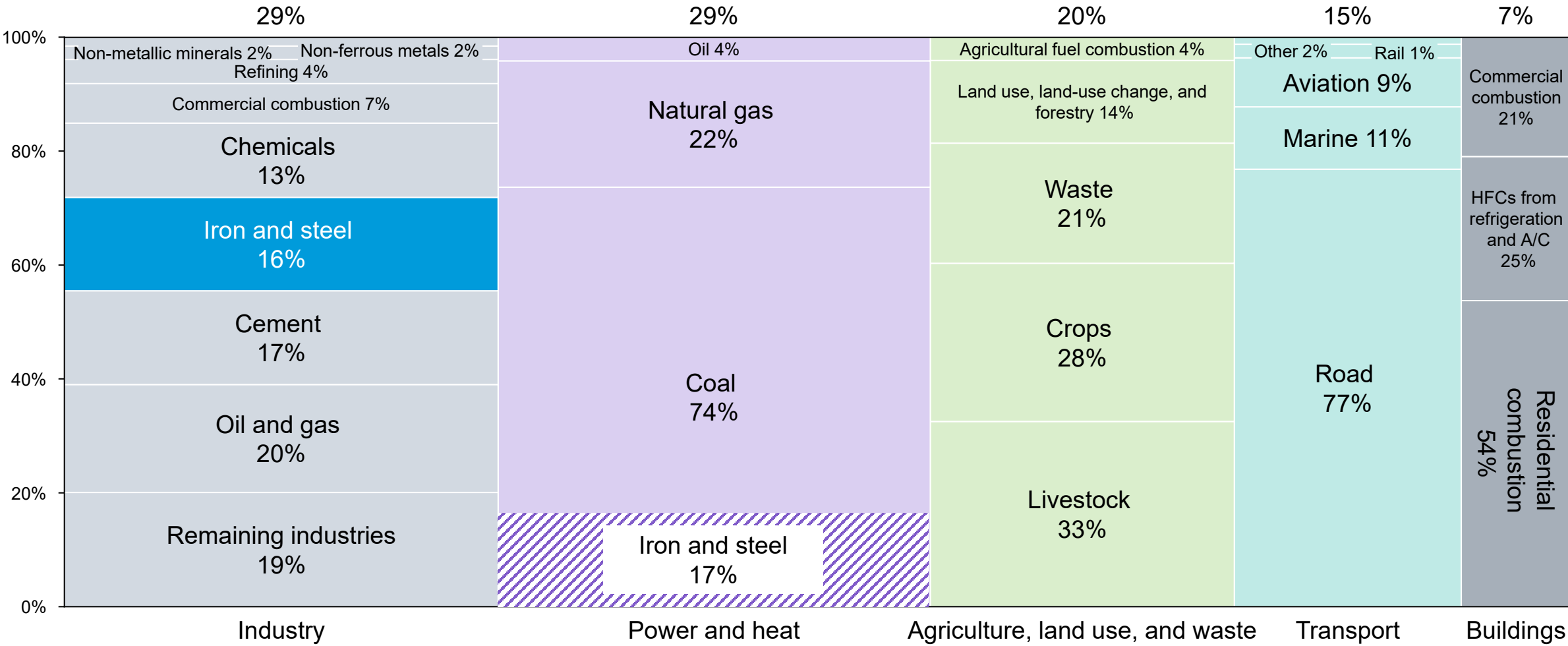
- Decarbonizing Steel
- Steel Sector Trends
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- Four Key Points



Steel sector scope 1 and 2 emissions are ~10% of global emissions

CO₂e emissions in 2021: 50.1 billion tonnes

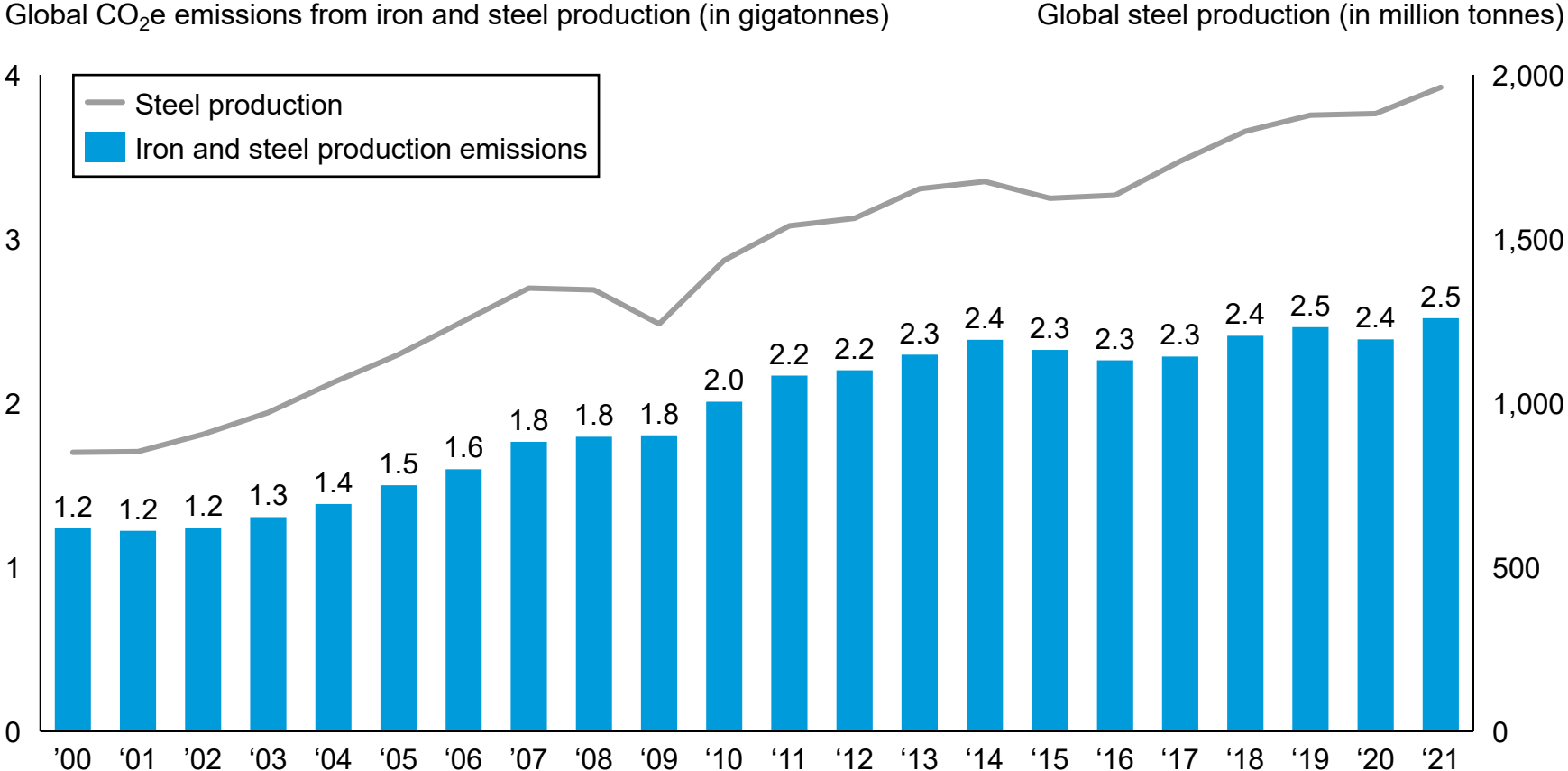
Scope 1  Scope 2 



Sources: Scope 1 emissions from [Rhodium Group ClimateDeck](#) (September 2023); Scope 2 iron and steel estimate from [IEA](#) (2023).
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Global steel emissions have more than doubled since 2000, with emission growth decoupled from production growth after 2016

Global CO₂e emissions decoupled from steel production post-2016



Observations

- In recent years, the steel industry has made efforts to **reduce its carbon footprint with more energy-efficient processes and technologies**
 - Though not enough by itself, recycling rates **have improved** (sitting around 80%-90% globally)
 - **Better manufacturing yields** have made supply chains more efficient
 - **Enhanced control processes and predictive maintenance strategies** have led improvements in **operational efficiency**
- **China**, the largest steel producer in the world, saw a **3% decline in steel output** in 2021 and a similar decline in the years since

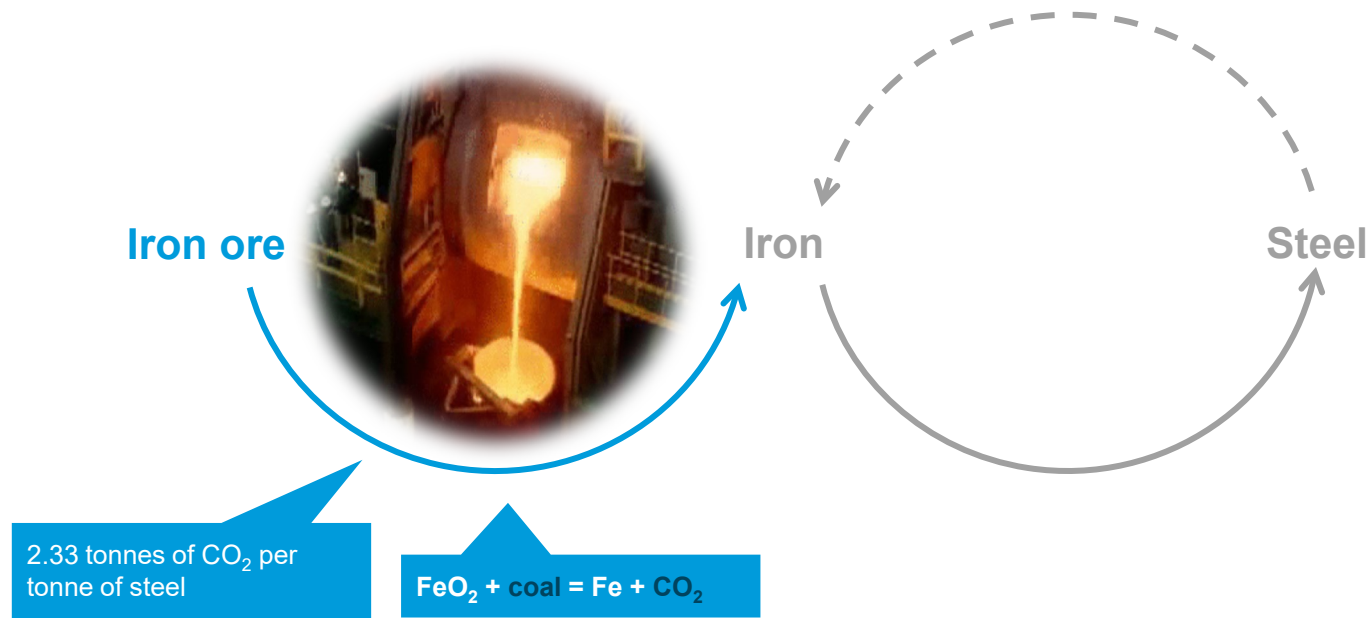
Note: The majority of the world's iron is used to make steel. Sources: [Rhodium Group ClimateDeck](#) (September 2023); [World Steel Association](#); McKinsey, [Decarbonization Challenge for Steel](#); IEA, [CO₂ Emissions in 2022](#), Reuters, [China 2021 Crude Steel Output](#). Credit: Mimi Khawsam-ang, Max de Boer, Grace Frascati, and [Gernot Wagner](#) (22 February 2024); share/adapt [with attribution](#). Contact: gwagner@columbia.edu

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BF-BOF ~73% of global steel production and ~80% of iron and steel CO₂ emissions

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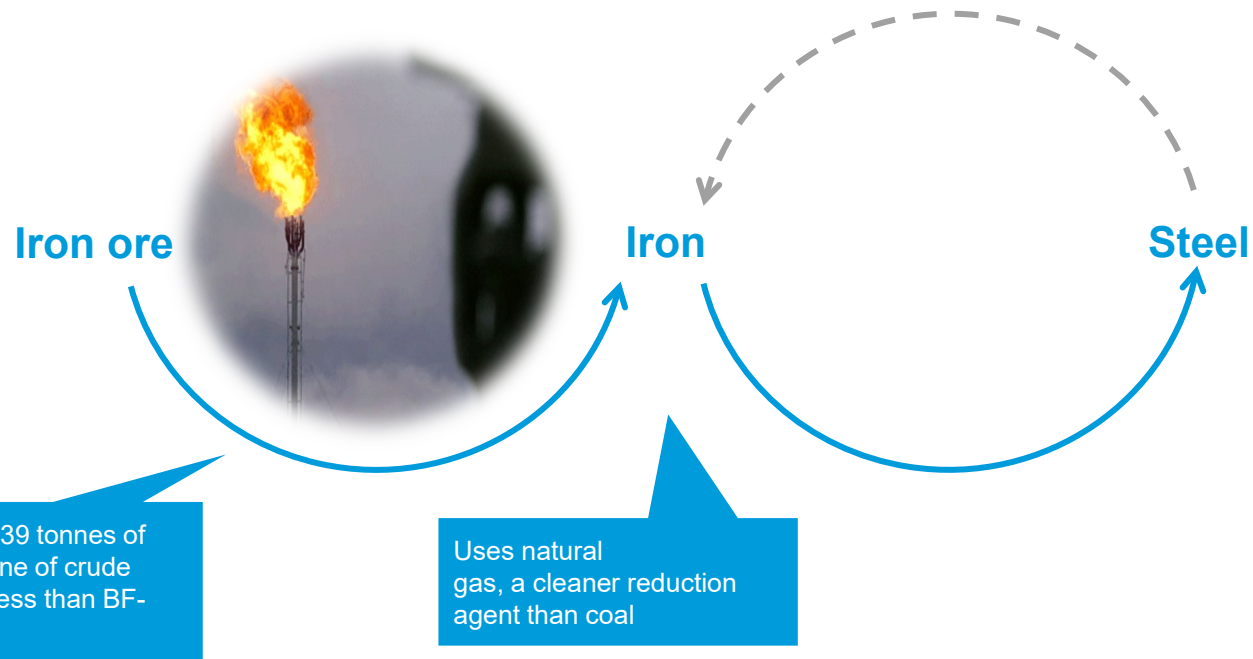
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3 Of the three main steelmaking methods, natural gas-based direct reduced iron-electric arc furnace (NG DRI-EAF) is the most expensive and least used




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At present, crude steel is produced through three main methods that all emit CO₂: BF-BOF, scrap EAF, and NG DRI-EAF

	1	2	3
	Blast Furnace-Basic Oxygen Furnace (BF-BOF)	Scrap Electric Arc Furnace (Scrap EAF)	Natural Gas-Based Direct Reduced Iron – Electric Arc Furnace (NG DRI-EAF)
Description	Iron ore, coke, and limestone produce pure iron in a blast furnace , which is turned into steel in an oxygen furnace	Scrap metal is melted in an EAF using electrical energy	Iron ore is turned into iron using natural gas , which is then melted in an EAF to produce steel
Main inputs	Iron ore, cooking coal	Scrap steel, electricity	Iron ore, natural gas
% of global steel production	 72%	 21%	 7%
CO2 per tonne of crude steel	2.3 tonnes	0.7 tonnes	1.4 tonnes
Energy intensity per ton of crude steel	~24 GJ	~10 GJ	~22 GJ
Average cost per tonne of crude steel	~\$390	~\$415	~\$455

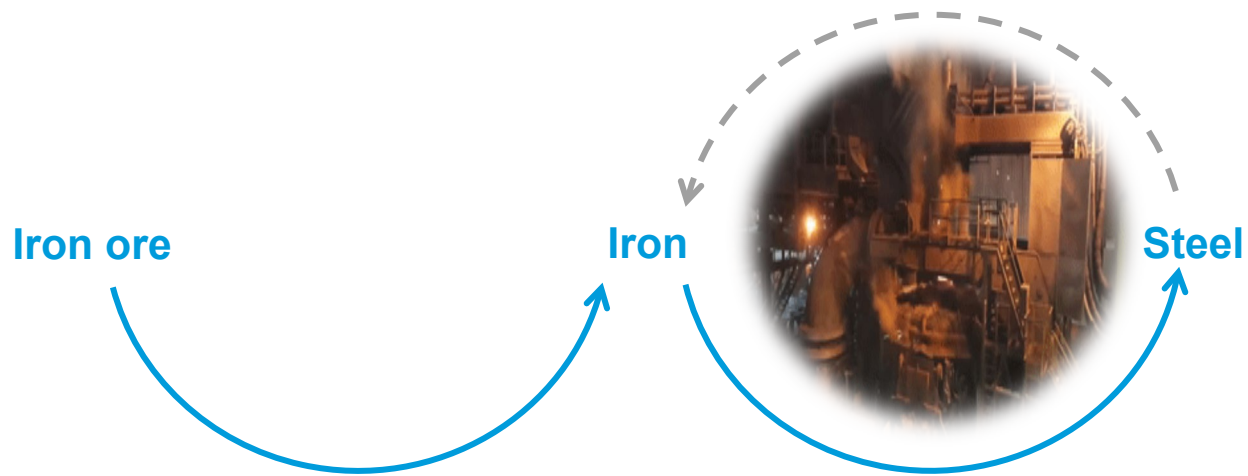
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Steel Decarbonization Technologies

1 Green H₂ DRI-EAF is an emerging technology using green hydrogen instead of natural gas as an iron ore reductant with standard electric arc furnaces

Green H₂ direct reduced iron-EAF has an average cited decarbonization potential of ~90%



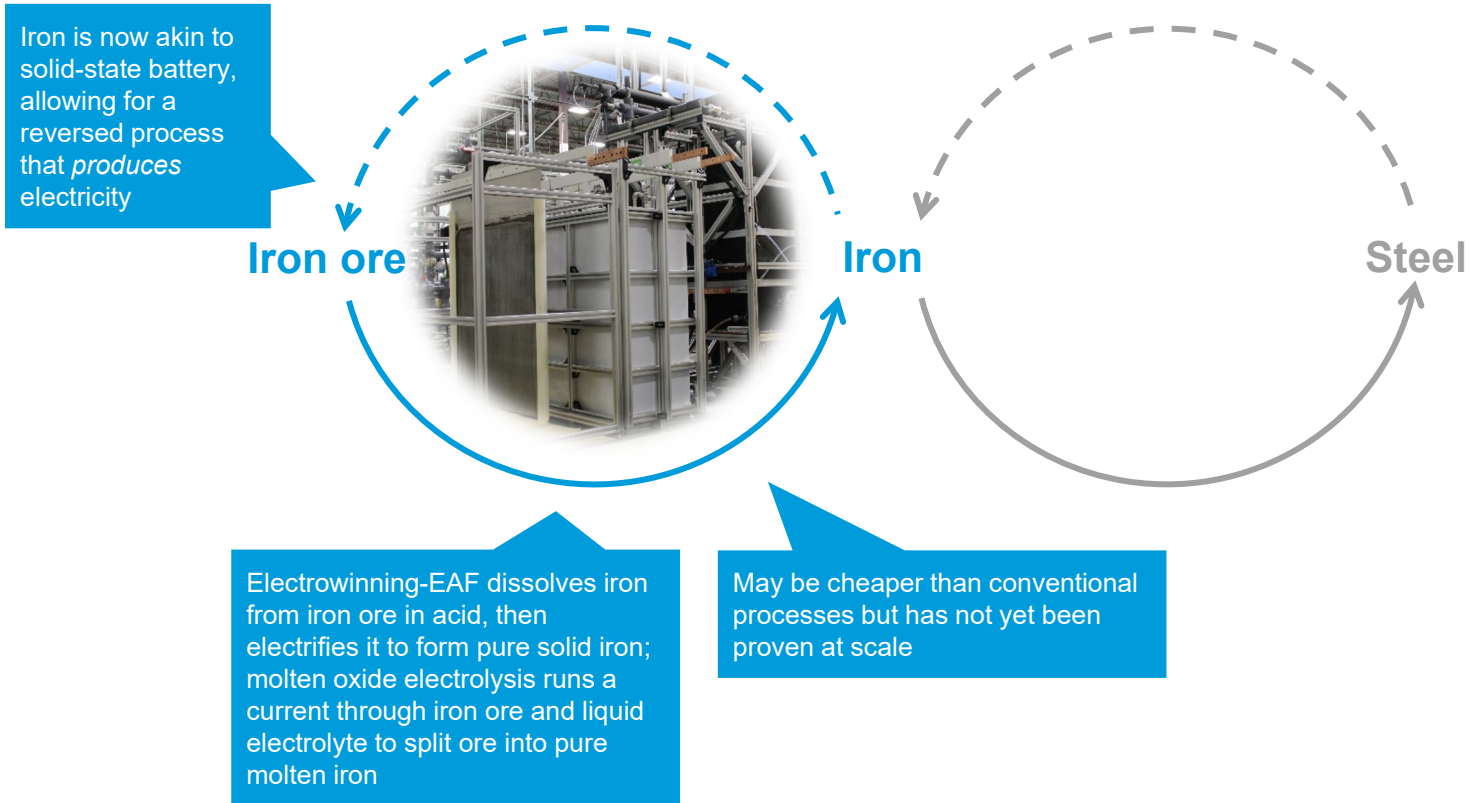
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2 Iron ore electrolysis is an emerging technology that uses an electric current to drive a chemical reaction, producing molten iron or pure solid iron

Iron ore electrolysis has an average cited decarbonization potential of ~97%



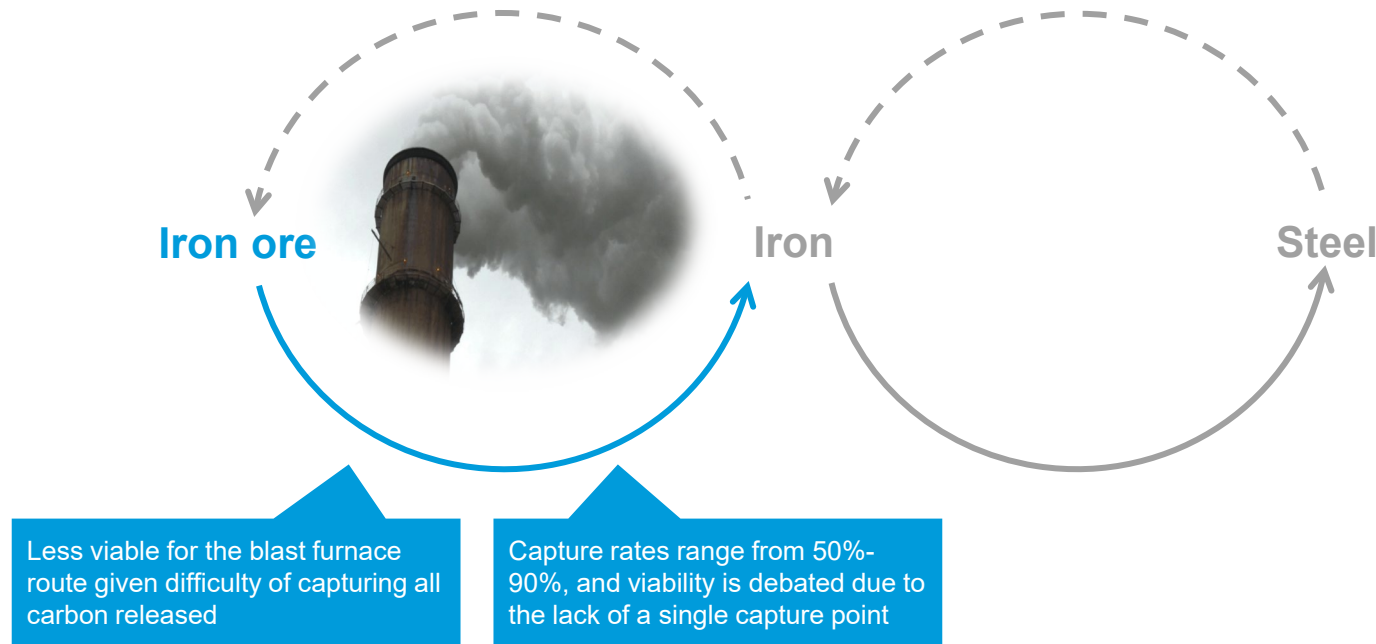
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- **Iron ore electrolysis:** Molten oxide electrolysis runs a current through iron ore and liquid electrolyte to split ore into pure molten iron; electrowinning-EAF dissolves iron from iron ore in acid, then electrifies it to form solid iron

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3 Carbon capture, utilization, and storage (CCUS) is an emerging technology that reduces steel's carbon footprint by capturing released CO₂

Despite a cited ~90% decarbonization potential, CCUS technology is largely unproven



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- **CCUS:** Equipment is added to existing steel-producing infrastructure to capture emitted CO₂, to then sequester or reuse

Green H₂, electrolysis, and CCUS could reduce steelmaking CO₂ emissions by over 85% if implemented at scale

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Description	<p>100% Green Hydrogen (H₂) DRI-EAF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green hydrogen replaces natural gas as an iron ore reductant in DRI shaft; the rest of the process remains the same Generates water as a byproduct instead of CO₂ 	<p>Iron Ore Electrolysis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two different processes are possible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Molten oxide electrolysis: High current runs through mixture of iron ore and liquid electrolyte to split ore into pure molten iron Electrowinning-EAF: Iron from iron ore is dissolved in acid. Iron-rich solution is then electrified to form pure solid iron 	<p>Carbon Capture, Utilization, and Storage (CCUS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCUS equipment can be added to existing steel-producing infrastructure to capture emitted CO₂ Captured CO₂ is then sequestered underground or reused
Real-time sector initiatives	<p>HYBRIT 100% fossil fuel-free DRI-EAF production with green H₂ used for DRI</p>	<p>Electra Electrowinning to produce high-purity iron plates ready for EAF input (no DRI or MOE step)</p>	<p>ArcelorMittal Carbalyst® captures carbon from a blast furnace and reuses it as bio-ethanol. However, technology not proven at scale</p>
Applicability to conventional routes	<p>Applicable to existing DRI-EAF route, with minor retrofitting</p>	<p>Full overhaul of BF-BOF equipment required; replacement of DRI shaft in DRI-EAF</p>	<p>Retrofitting of capture technology is possible on conventional BF-BOF and DRI-EAF</p>
Decarbonization potential (vs. BF-BOF)	<p>~90%</p>	<p>~97%</p>	<p>~90% Hypothetical best-case scenario</p>
Estimated production cost (excl. CapEx)	<p><\$800 per tonne of steel</p>	<p>~\$215 per tonne of iron + cost of 'stranded' iron ore</p>	<p>~\$380 – 400 per tonne</p>

Sources: [Columbia Center on Global Energy Policy](#) (2021); IEA, [Iron and Steel Technology Roadmap](#) (2020); [McKinsey](#) (2020); [Mining Technology](#) (2023); [Tata Steel](#); [Primetals Technologies](#); Edie, [ArcelorMittal accused of net-zero greenwashing](#) (2023). Credit: Mimi Khawsam-ang, Max de Boer, Grace Frascati, and [Gernot Wagner](#) (13 March 2024); share/adapt with attribution. Contact: gwagner@columbia.edu

An aerial photograph of a vast, calm lake surrounded by dense green forests and rolling hills. The water reflects the sky, and several small islands are visible. A dirt road winds through the forest in the foreground. The text 'H2 green steel' is overlaid in the center in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

H2 green steel

Investors:

- Altor Equity Partners
- AMF
- Andra AP-Fonden
- Ane & Robert Maersk Ugglå
- BILSTEIN GROUP
- Cristina Stenbeck
- Daniel Ek
- EIT InnoEnergy
- Exor
- FAM
- GIC
- Hitachi Energy
- Hy24
- IMAS Foundation
- Just Climate
- Kingspan
- Kinnevik
- Kobe Steel
- Marcegaglia
- Mercedes-Benz AG
- Scania
- Schaeffler
- SMS Group
- Stena Metall Finans
- Swedbank Robur Alternative Equity
- Temasek
- Vargas

Financing

Series A & B

~€2.0 billion

Debt commitment

€3.5 billion

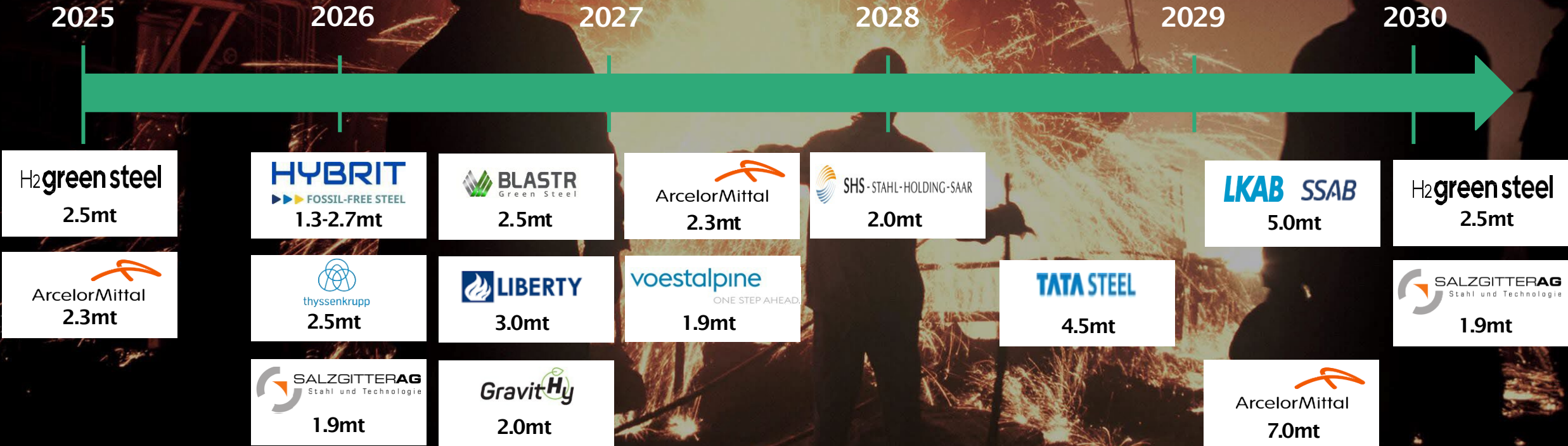
When we launched, only 2-3mt DRI steel had been announced in Europe

DRI announced in Europe 2021, *mt liquid steel*



Since our announced, more than ~40mt green steel projects have been promised by 2030

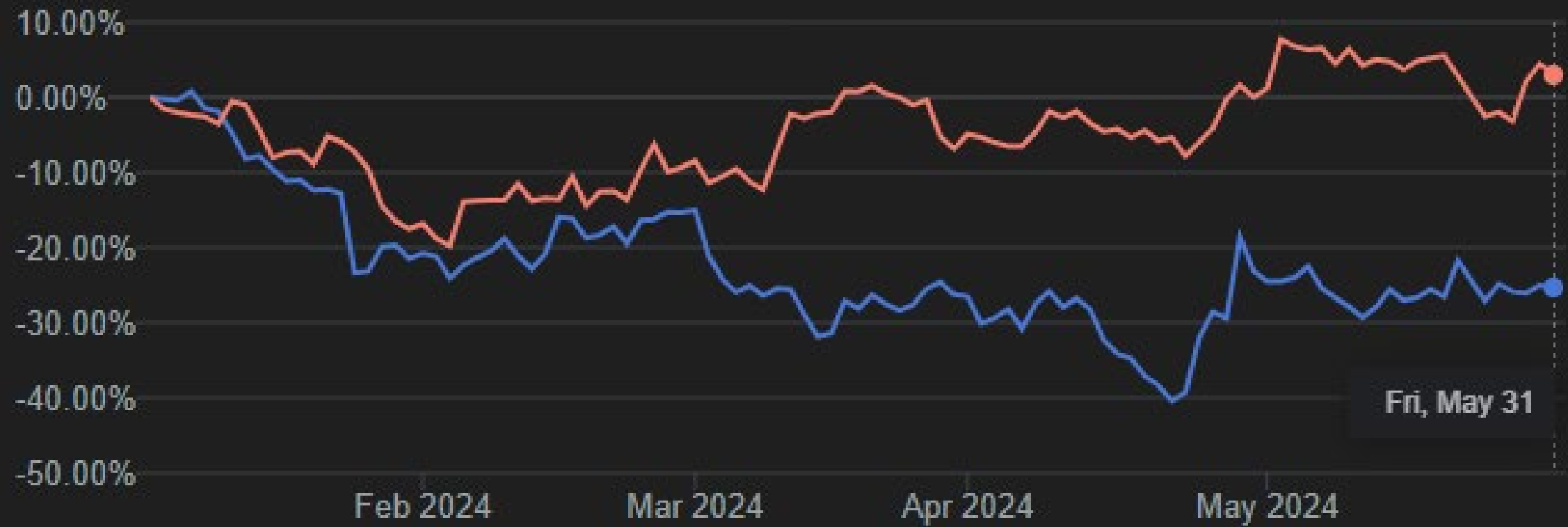
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178.10 USD -25.31%

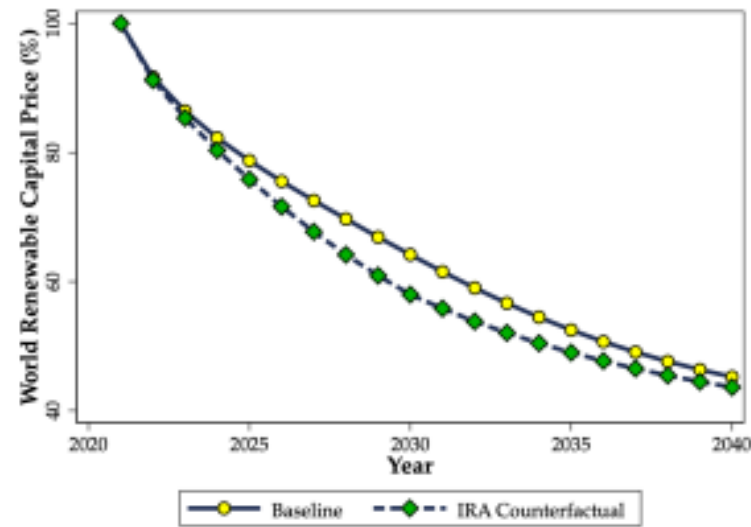
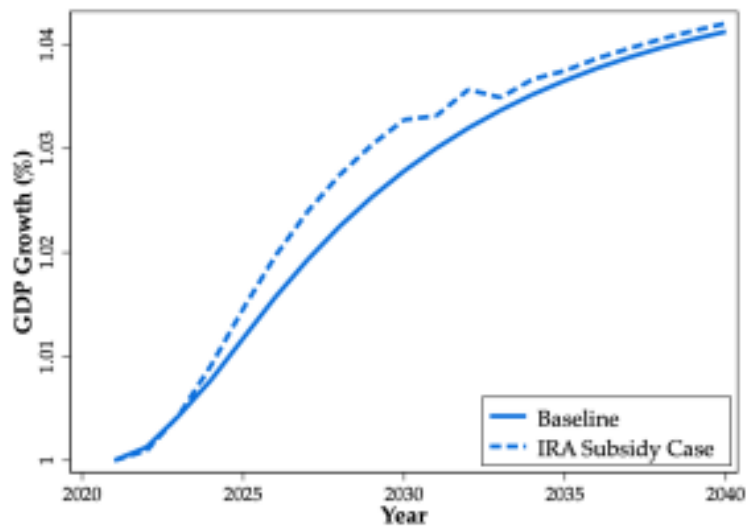
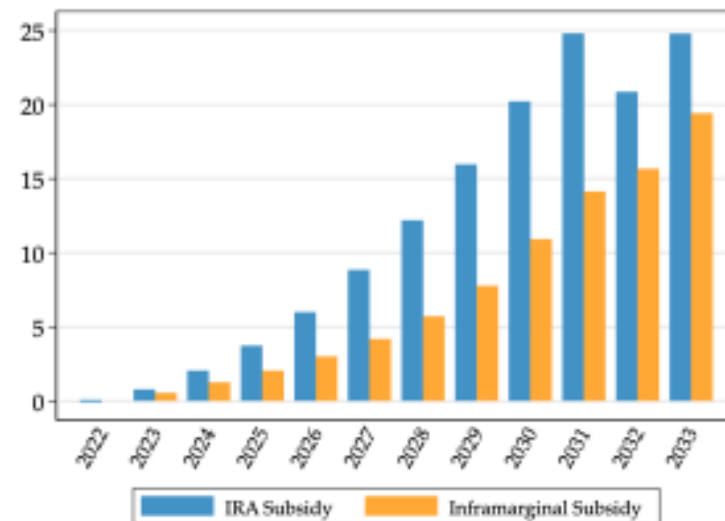
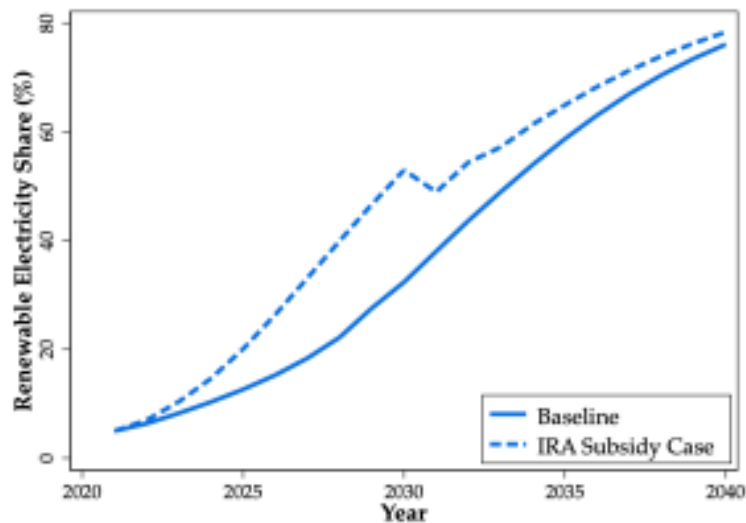
BYD Company ADR (BYDDY)
56.11 USD +3.03%

3 months 6 months **YTD** 1 year 5 years Max



Fri, May 31

Figure 7: The Impact of the Inflation Reduction Act



Notes: The top left panel shows the model's projection for renewable power share under the IRA production tax credit, and without. The top right panel shows the total cost of the bill (in blue), and subsidies going to capital that would be installed in the absence of the subsidy. The bottom left shows GDP growth in both scenarios, and the bottom right shows the renewable capital price.

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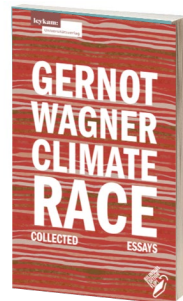
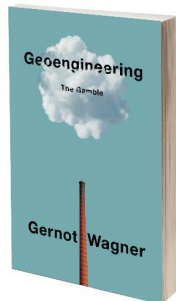
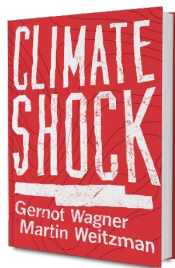
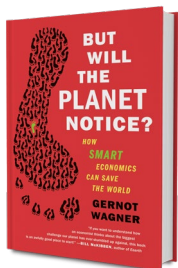
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Abstract

We provide a spatial theory of clean growth to assess the global impact of the rise of renewable energy. We model the details of the combined production and transmission network of electricity ("the grid") that determine the supply and losses of energy in space. The local rate of clean energy adoption depends on learning-by-doing, the global electricity and trade network, and regional comparative advantage in renewable resources. To quantify the contribution of renewable adoption to global growth, we collect and harmonize global data on transmission lines, power stations, trade, and regional output. We use the model to measure the aggregate and spatial implications of clean growth, as well as the role of the Inflation Reduction Act affecting the transition.



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