



Il contributo di agricoltura e foreste alla mitigazione della crisi climatica

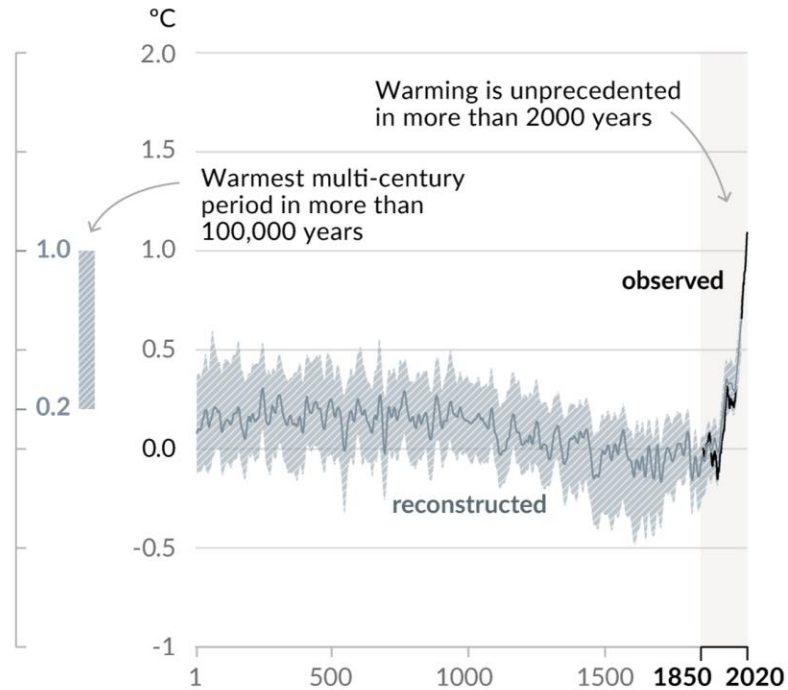
Prof. Riccardo Valentini
Università della Tuscia - DIBAF
Fondazione CMCC

Human influence has warmed the climate at a rate that is unprecedented in at least the last 2000 years

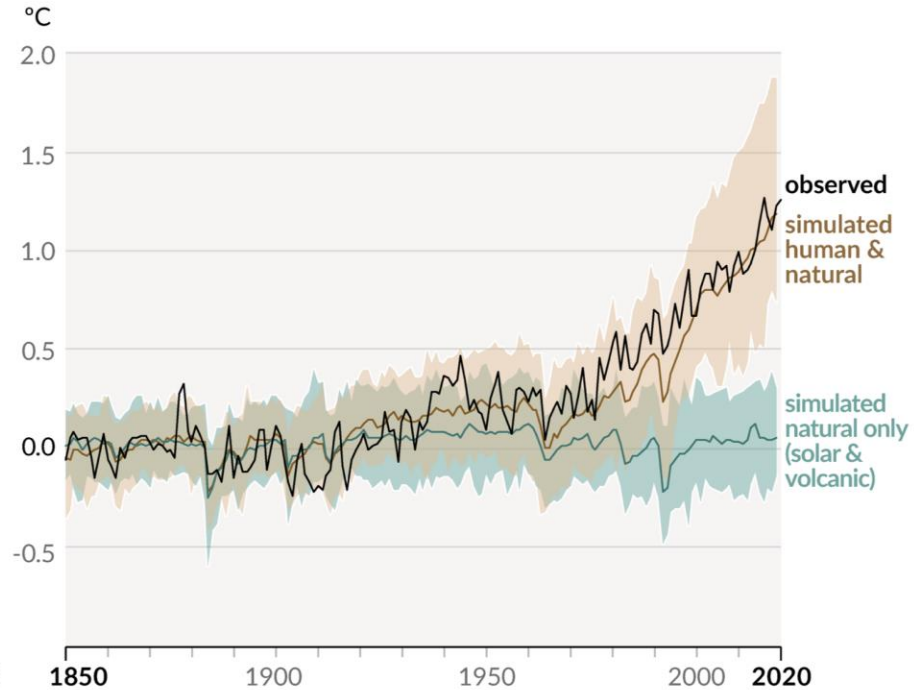
Figure SPM.1

Changes in global surface temperature relative to 1850-1900

a) Change in global surface temperature (decadal average) as **reconstructed** (1-2000) and **observed** (1850-2020)

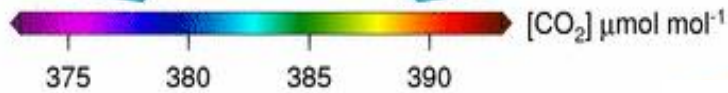
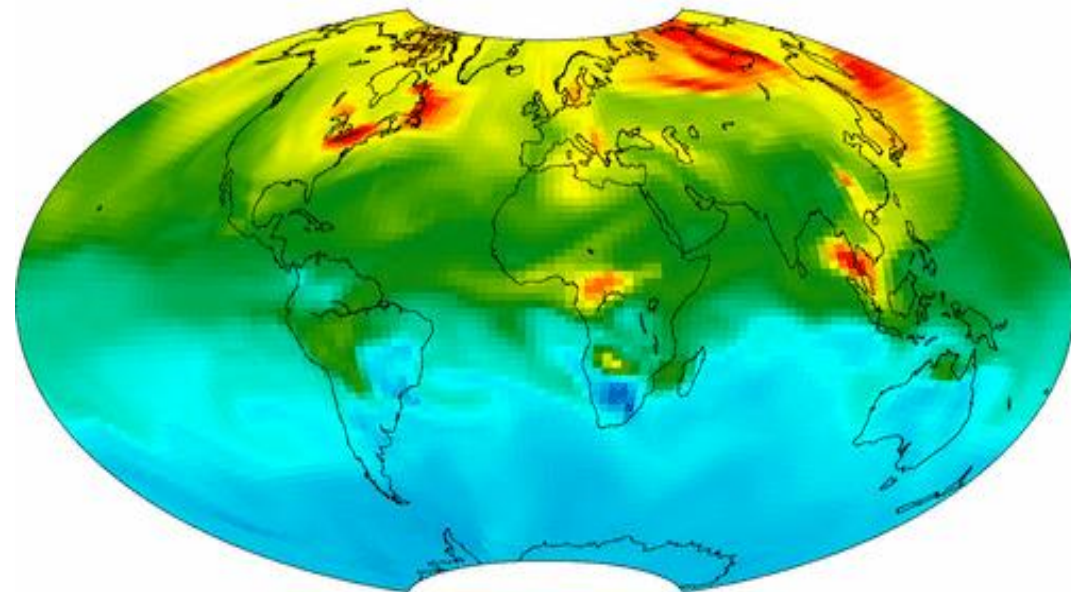


b) Change in global surface temperature (annual average) as **observed** and simulated using **human & natural** and **only natural** factors (both 1850-2020)



CarbonTracker free troposphere CO₂

2008-Jan-01



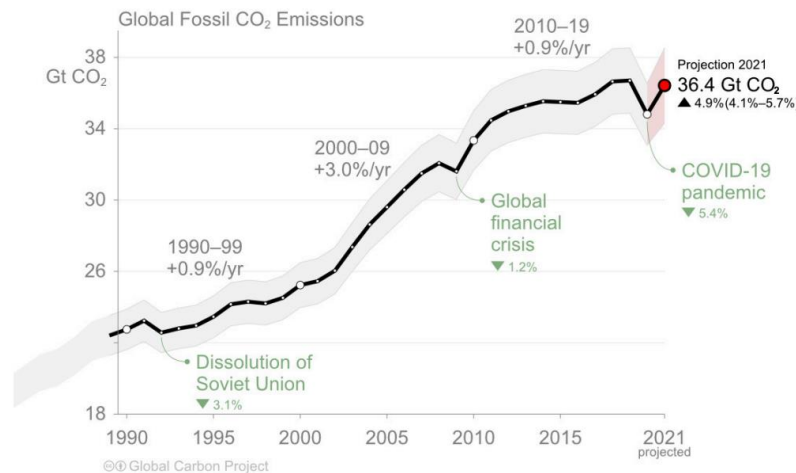
NOAA Earth System Research Laboratory
CarbonTracker CT2009 release

Oct. 4, 2022 = 415.16 ppm

Oct. 4, 2021 = 413.46 ppm

CO₂ emissions do not stop !

Global fossil CO₂ emissions in 2021 are set to **rebound 4.9%** after a **record 5.4% drop** in 2020. This follows a decade of strong and growing energy decarbonisation which reduced the growth of emissions.



CO₂ emissions cuts of 1.4 billion tonnes are needed each year on average to reach net zero by 2050

Human activities affect all the major climate system components, with some responding over decades and others over centuries *Figure SPM.8*

a) Global surface temperature change relative to 1850-1900

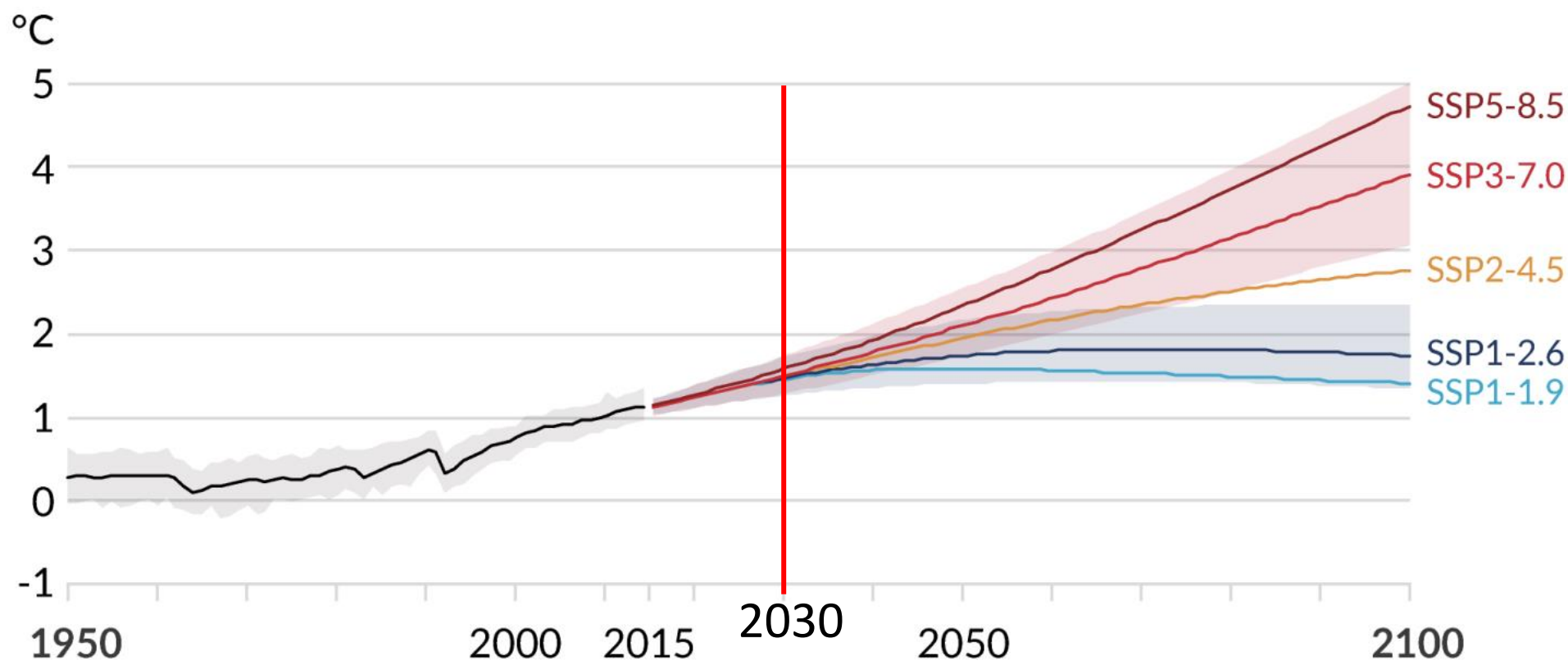
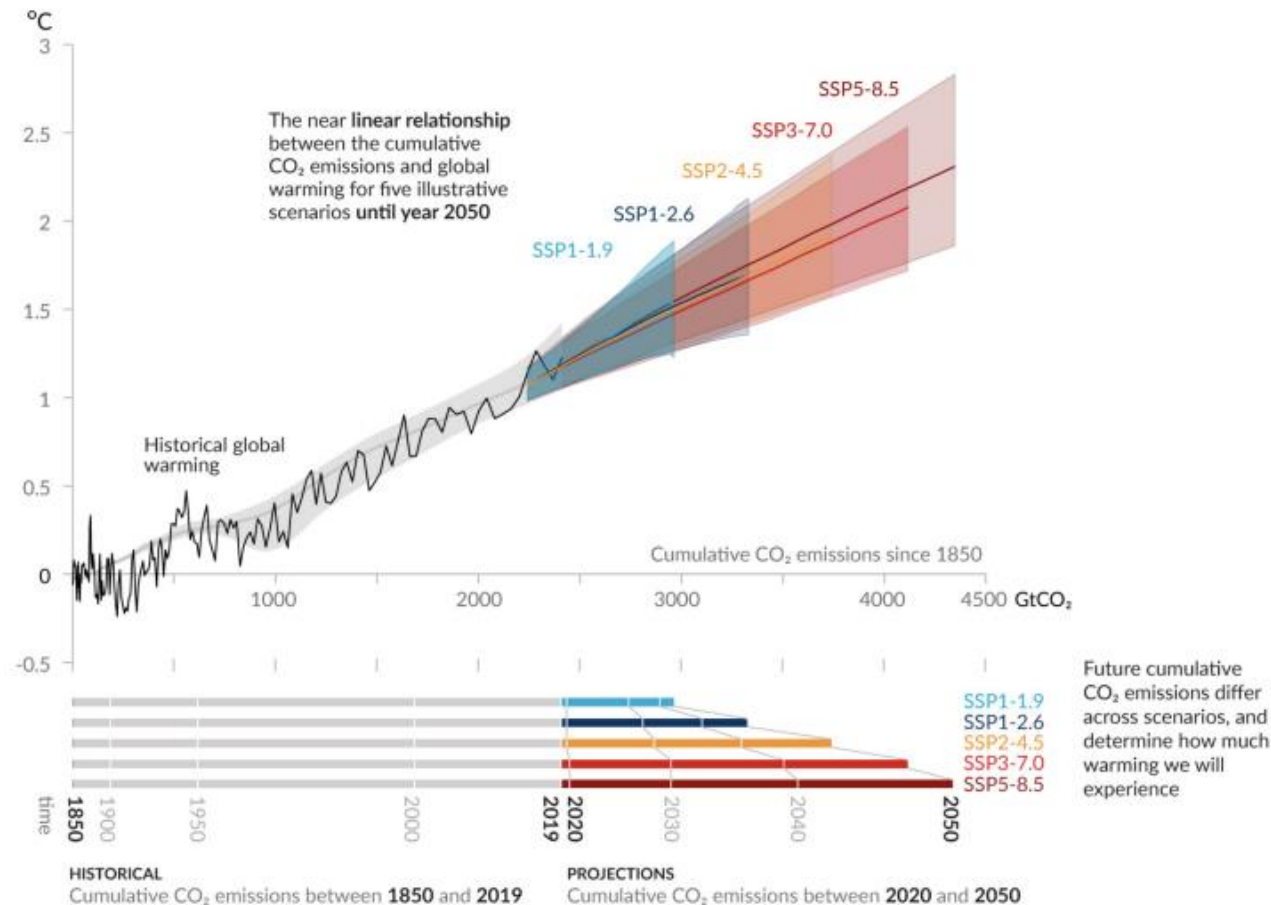


Figure SPM.10

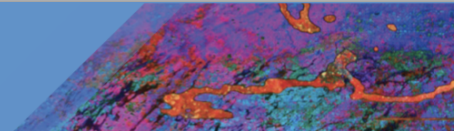
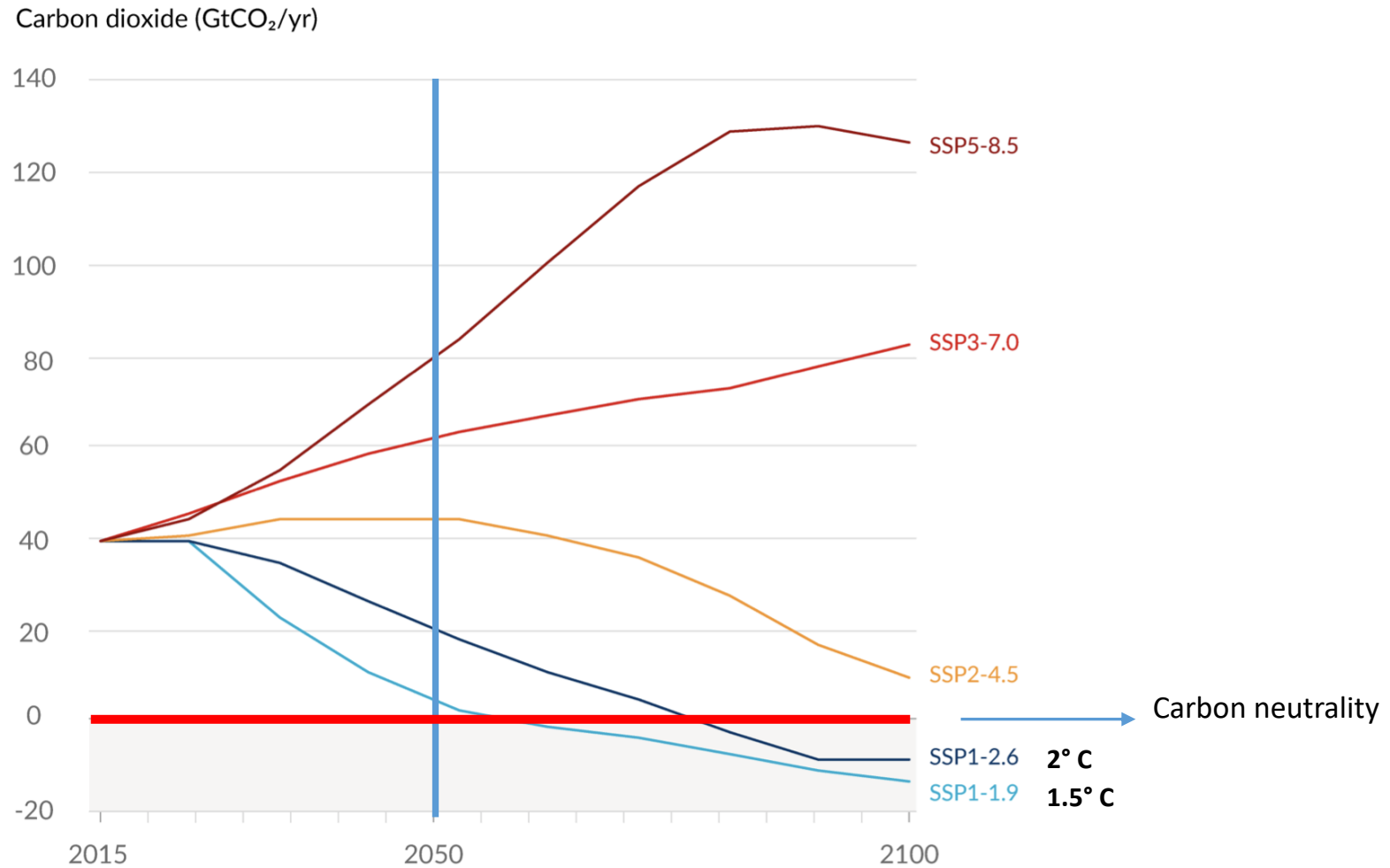
Every tonne of CO₂ emissions adds to global warming

Global surface temperature increase since 1850-1900 (°C) as a function of cumulative CO₂ emissions (GtCO₂)



Future emissions cause future additional warming, with total warming dominated by past and future CO₂ emissions

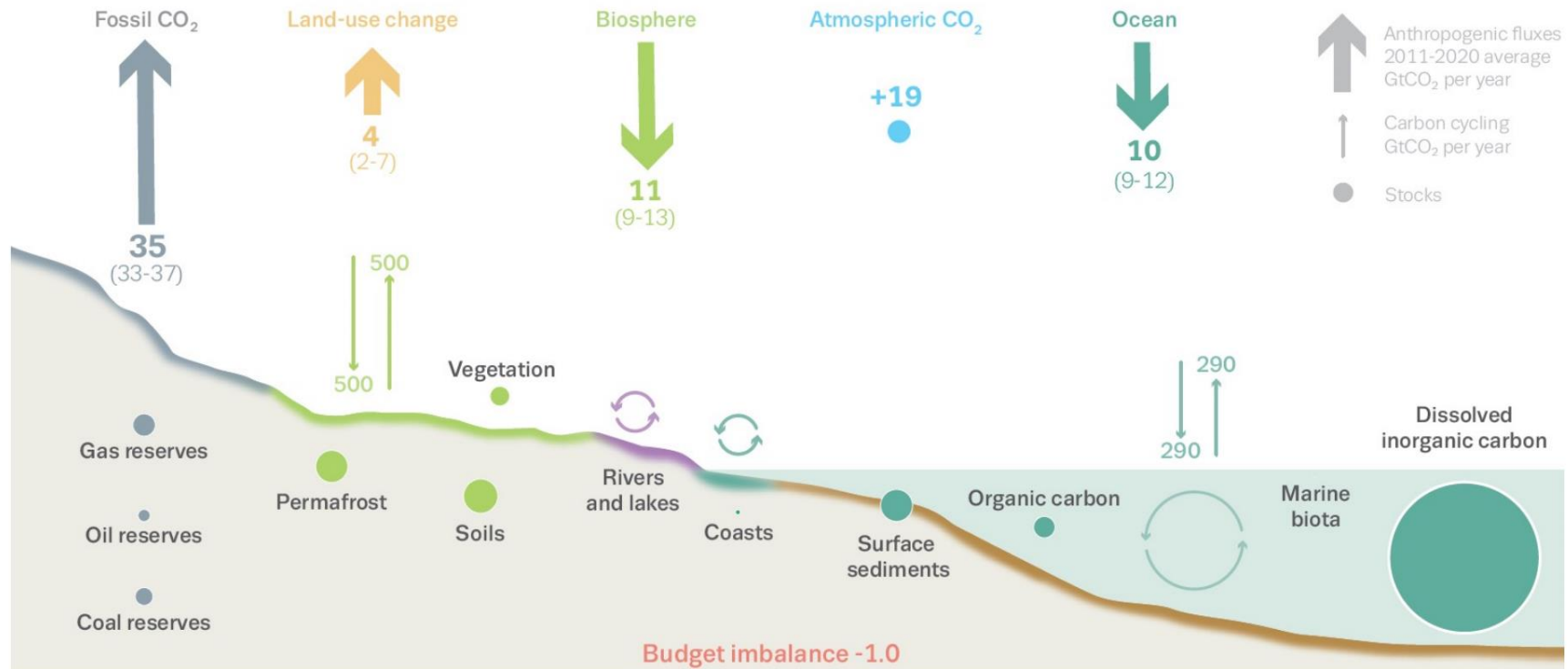
Figure SPM.4



2021 Global Carbon Budget

The level of **CO₂** continues to increase in the atmosphere, causing climate change.

Emissions from deforestation and other land-use change remain high, partly offset by removals from regrowth of forest and soil recovery.



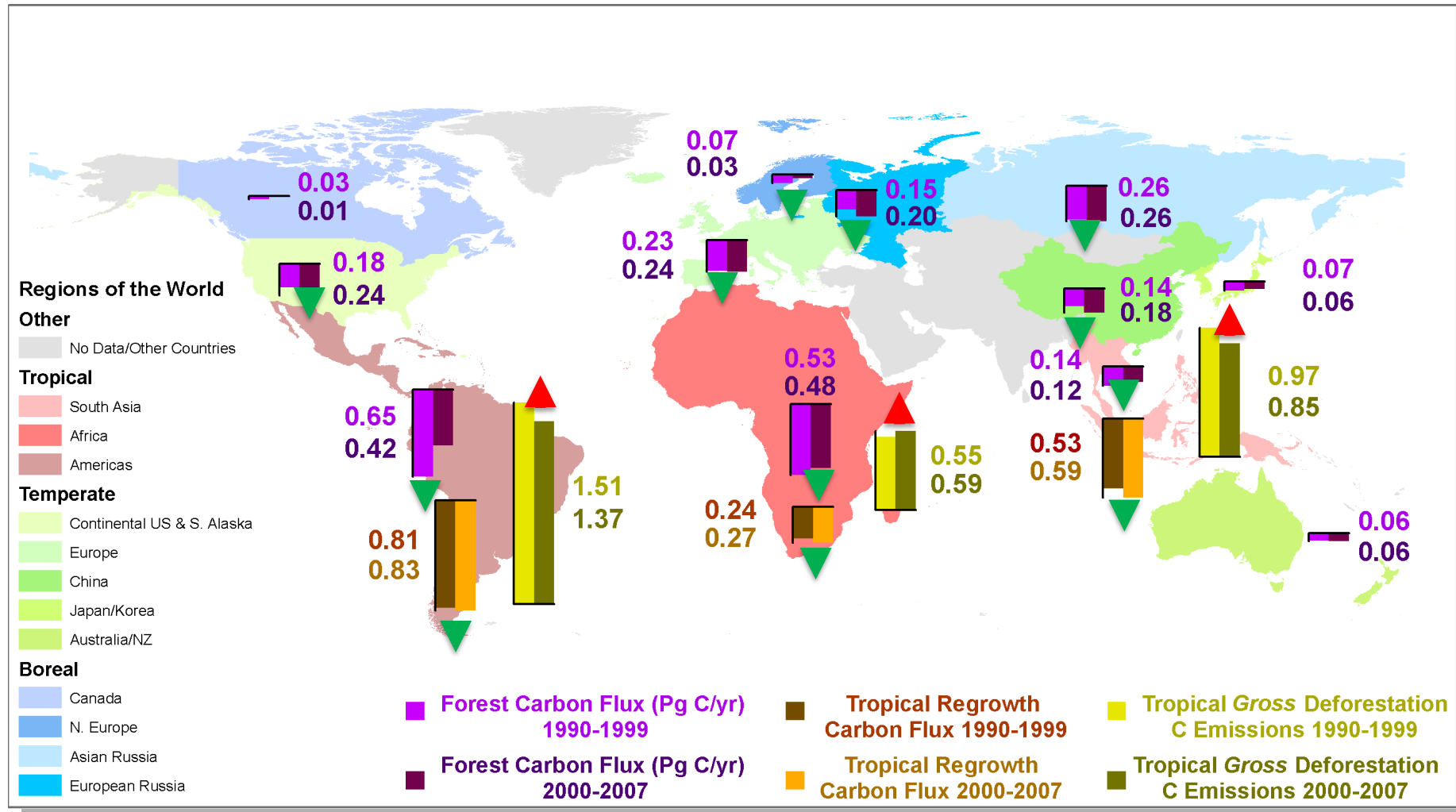
Copyright:



Produced by the Global Carbon Project based on Friedlingstein et al. Earth System Science Data (2021). Written and edited by Corinne Le Quéré (UEA) and Pierre Friedlingstein (Exeter University) with the Global Carbon Budget team. Emissions figures by Robbie Andrew (CICERO), bottom figure by Nigel Hawtin. Infographics design adapted from a previous version by Nigel Hawtin. Poster created by Natalie Porter (ClimateUEA).

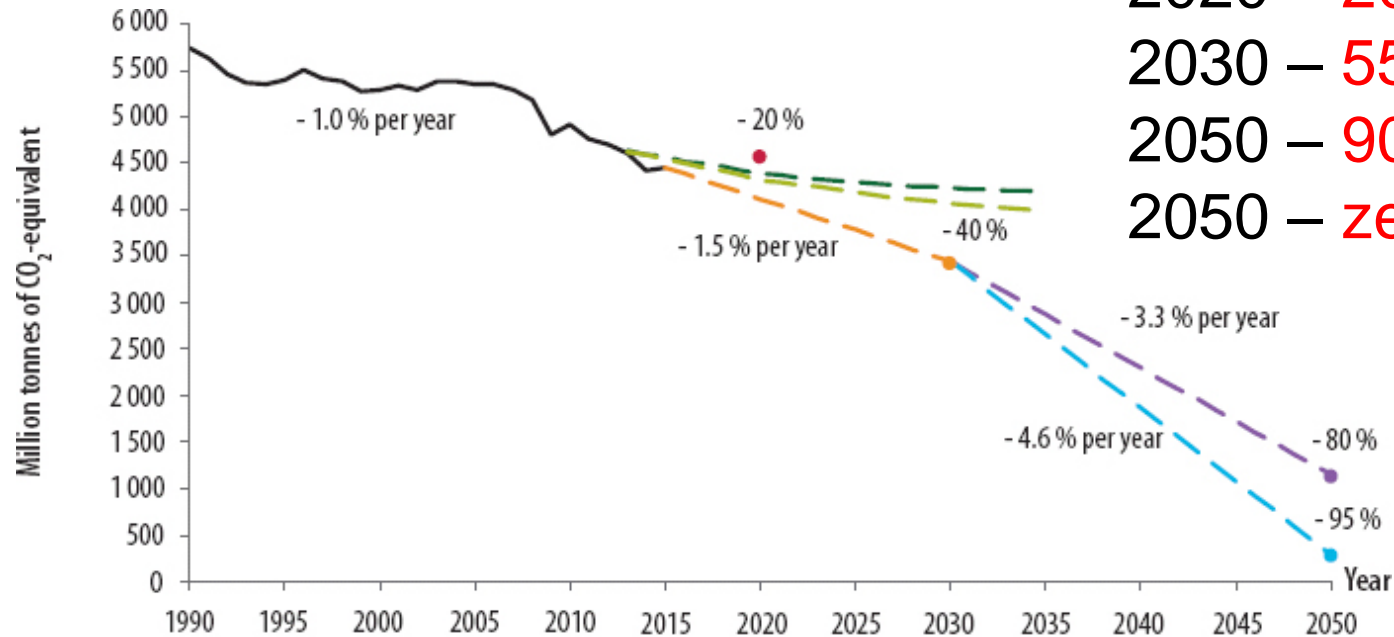


Large and Consistent Global Forest Carbon Sink



Il cammino EU verso la neutralità

2020 – 20% since 1990 → 23%
2030 – 55 % since 1990 → Paris agreement
2050 – 90% since 1990 (for some sectors)
2050 – zero net emission

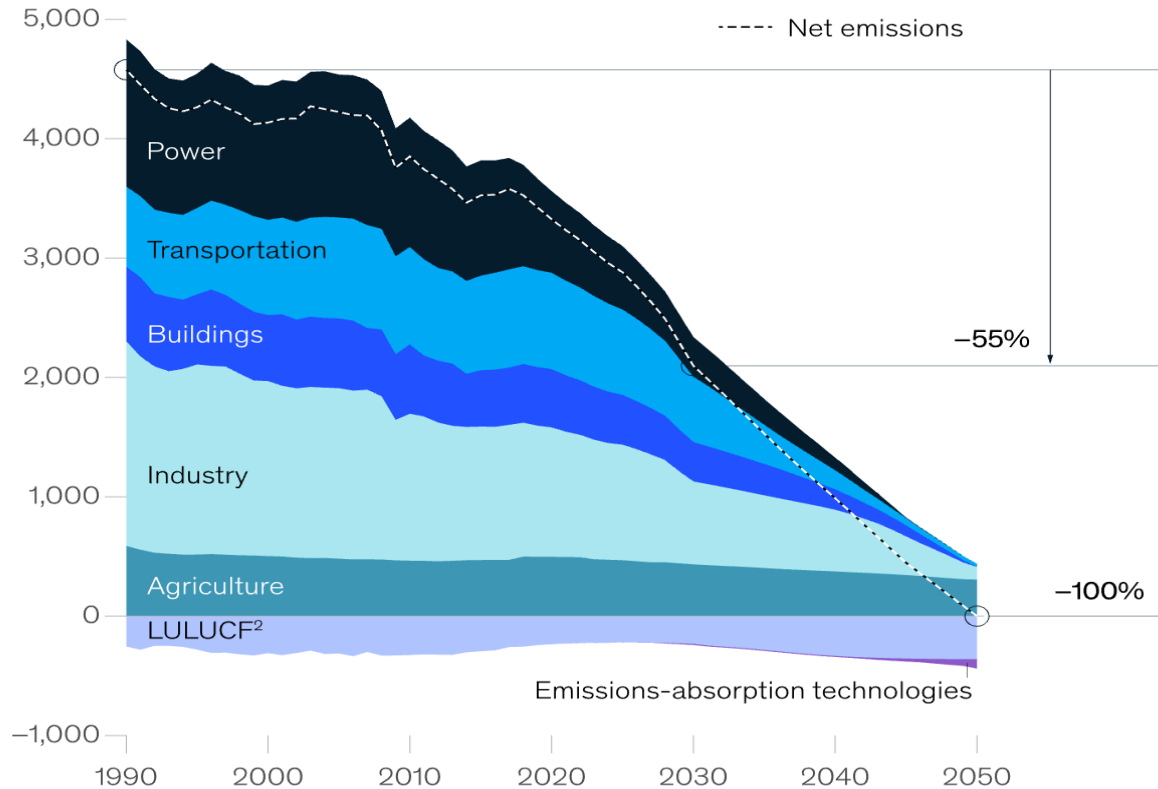


- Historic greenhouse gas emissions
- Projections 'with existing measures'
- Projections 'with additional measures'
- 2020 target (-20 % vs 1990)
- 2030 target (-40 % vs 1990)
- 2050 objective (-80 % vs 1990)
- 2050 objective (-95 % vs 1990)
- Effort needed to reach 2030 target
- Effort needed to reach 2050 objective (-80 %)
- Effort needed to reach 2050 objective (-95 %)

The «resistent» Agricultural sector

The power sector would reach net-zero emissions before the others.

Total emissions per sector in cost-optimal pathway for EU-27,¹ megatons of carbon dioxide equivalent



Residuo:
➔ **65-85**
MtCO₂eq

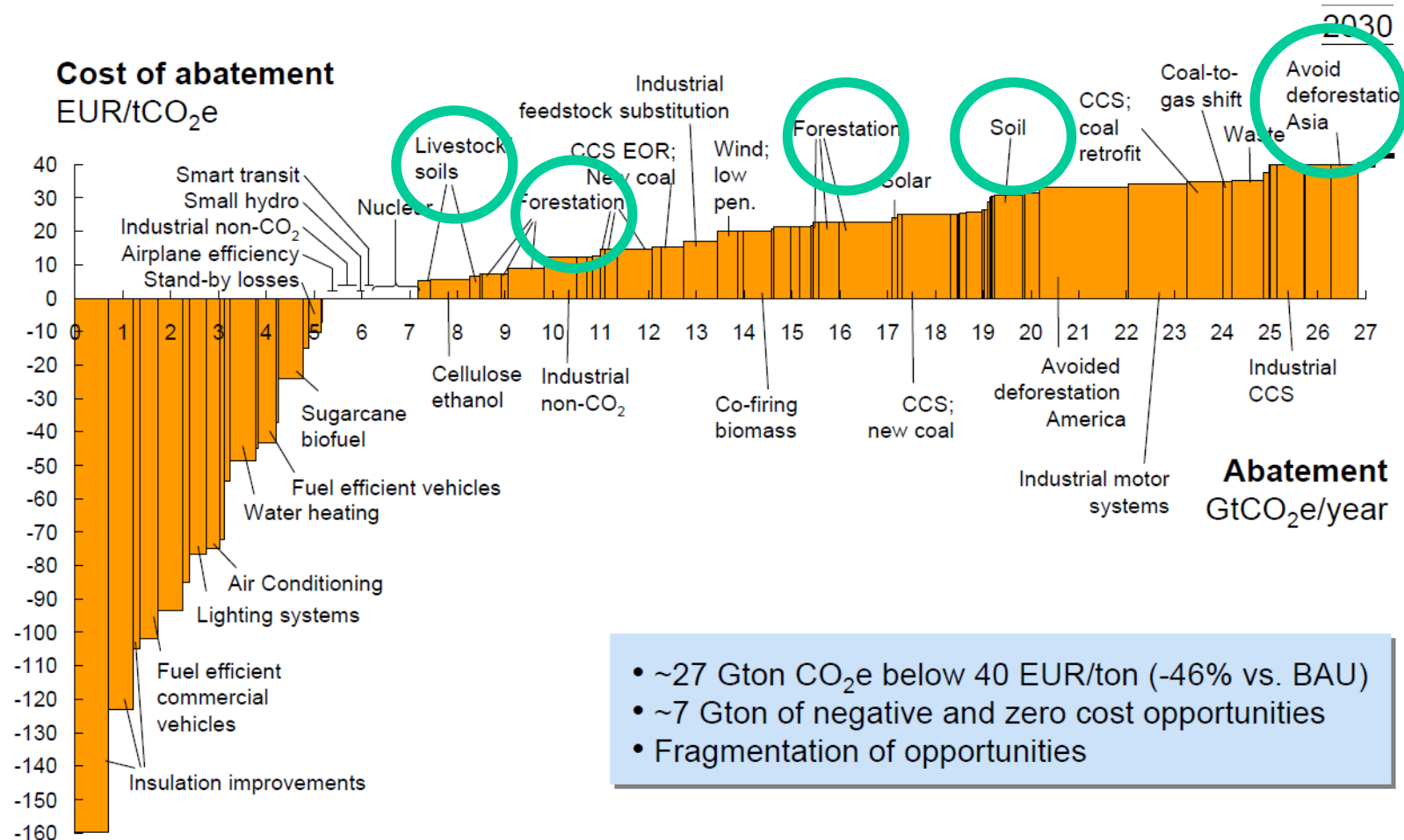
¹Excluding international aviation and shipping.

²Land use, land-use change, and forestry entails all forms in which atmospheric CO₂ can be captured or released as carbon in vegetation and soils in terrestrial ecosystems.

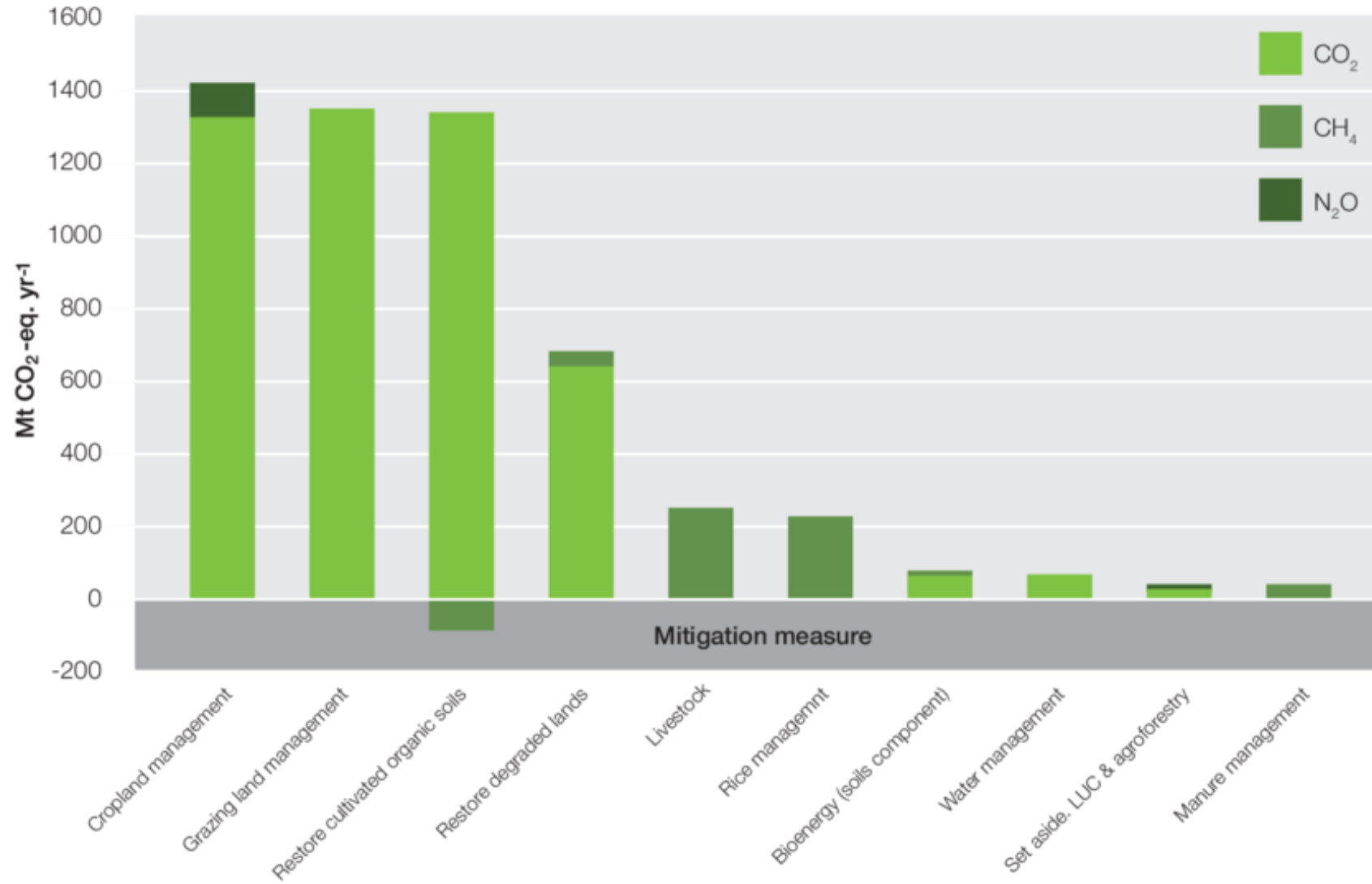
Source: UNFCCC; McKinsey analysis

Mitigation

Most future benefits of decarbonizing the economy depend on the agriculture, forestry and land use sector (AFOLU)

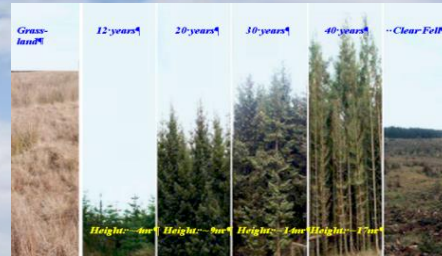


Climate mitigation potential of agriculture





Soil greening



Reforestation



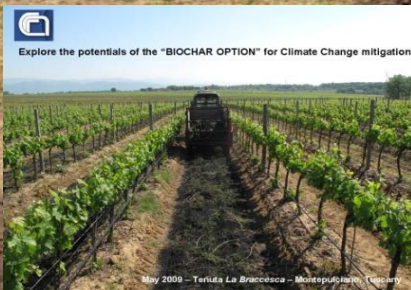
Pasture management



Organic farming



Minimum tillage



Biochar



Bioenergy

CARBON FARMING

Increased carbon sequestration by land use management in Mediterranean forest

(Ruiz-Peinado et al. 2017)

(Munoz-Rojas et al. 2016)

Thinning

(light versus unthinned/heavily thinned)

5-10% C ha⁻¹

Extending rotation period (20-30 y)

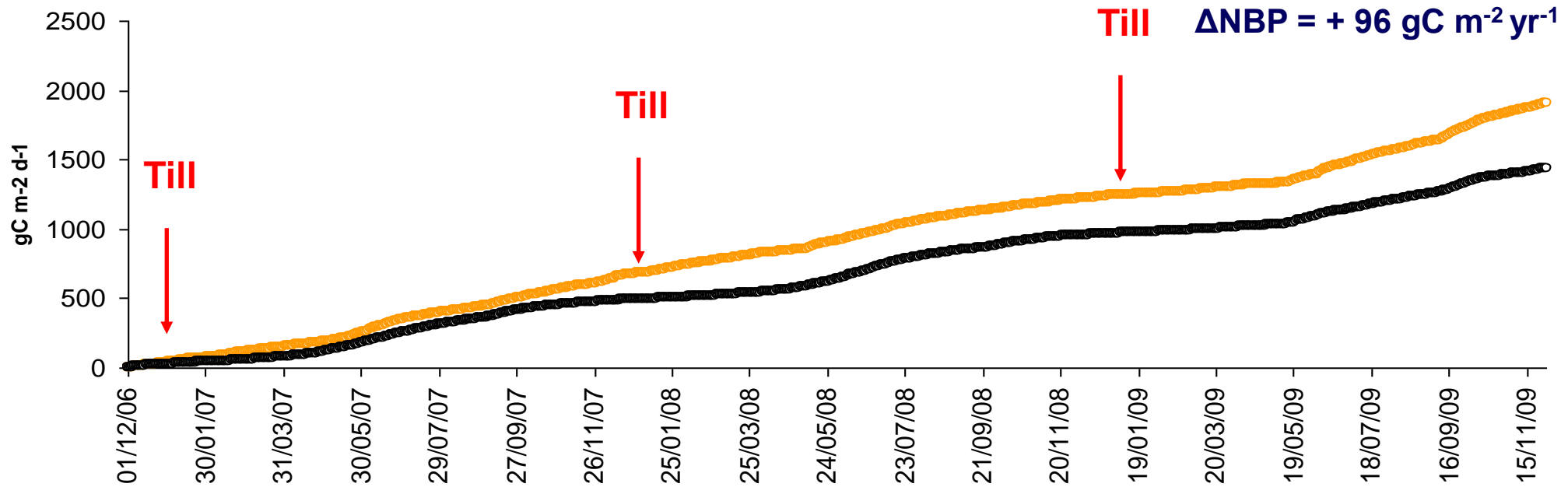
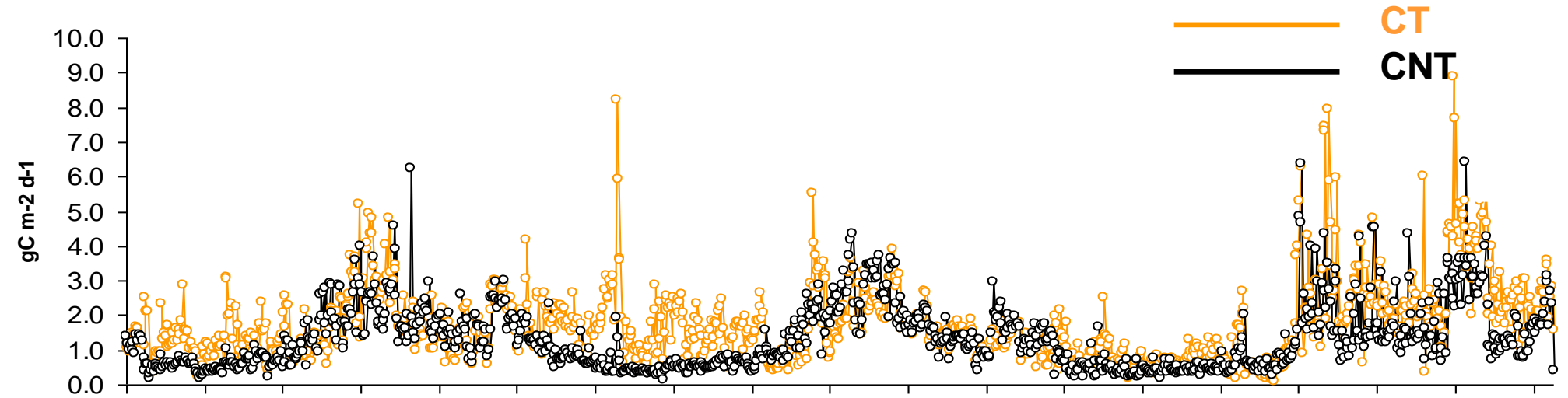
6-37% C ha⁻¹

Soil carbon changes

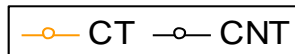
(reforestation/afforestation)

-10 + 45% C ha⁻¹

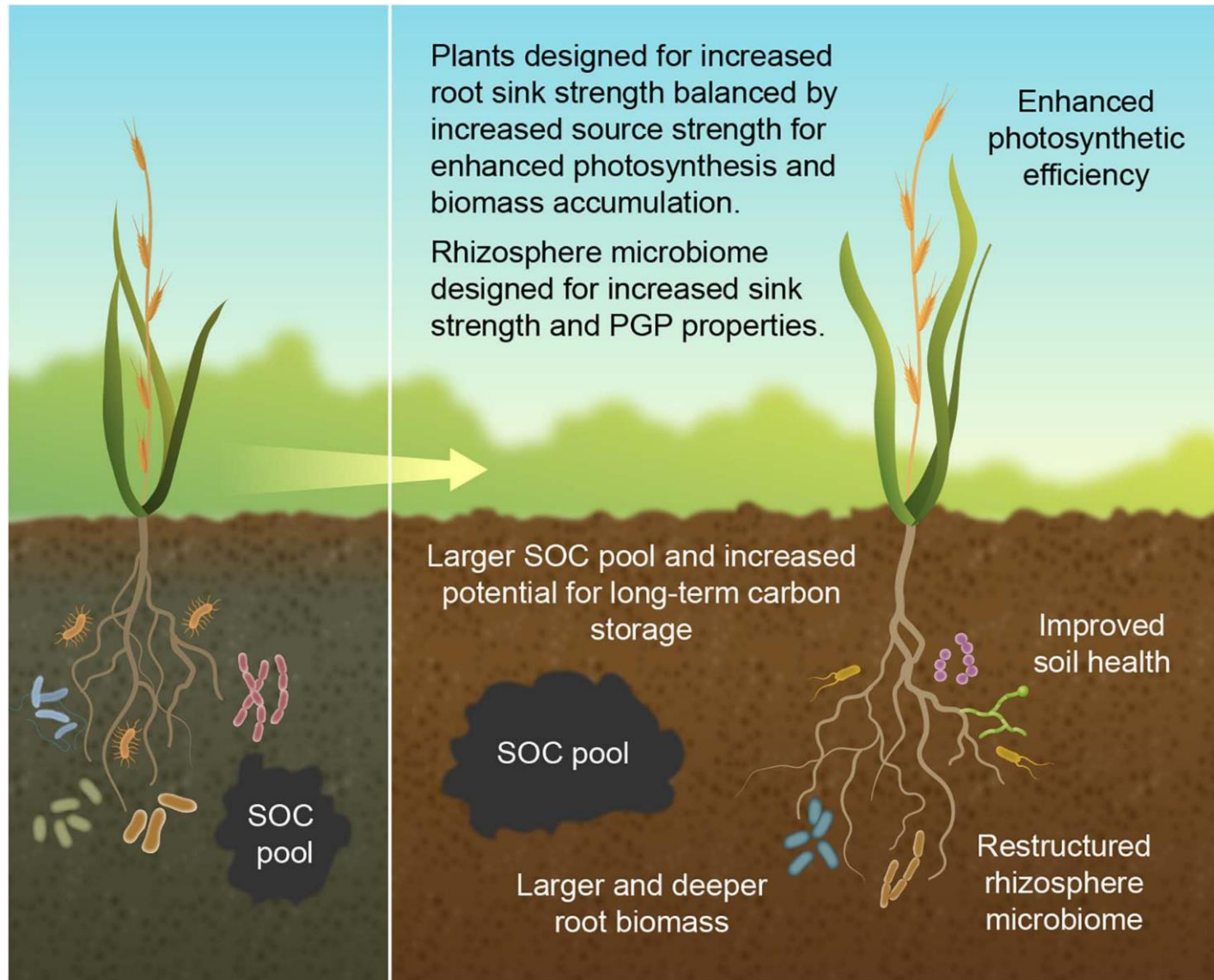
Rh: corn no-till (CNT) vs corn till (CT)



Alberti et al. 2009



Plants Carbon Engineering



The EU current carbon sink

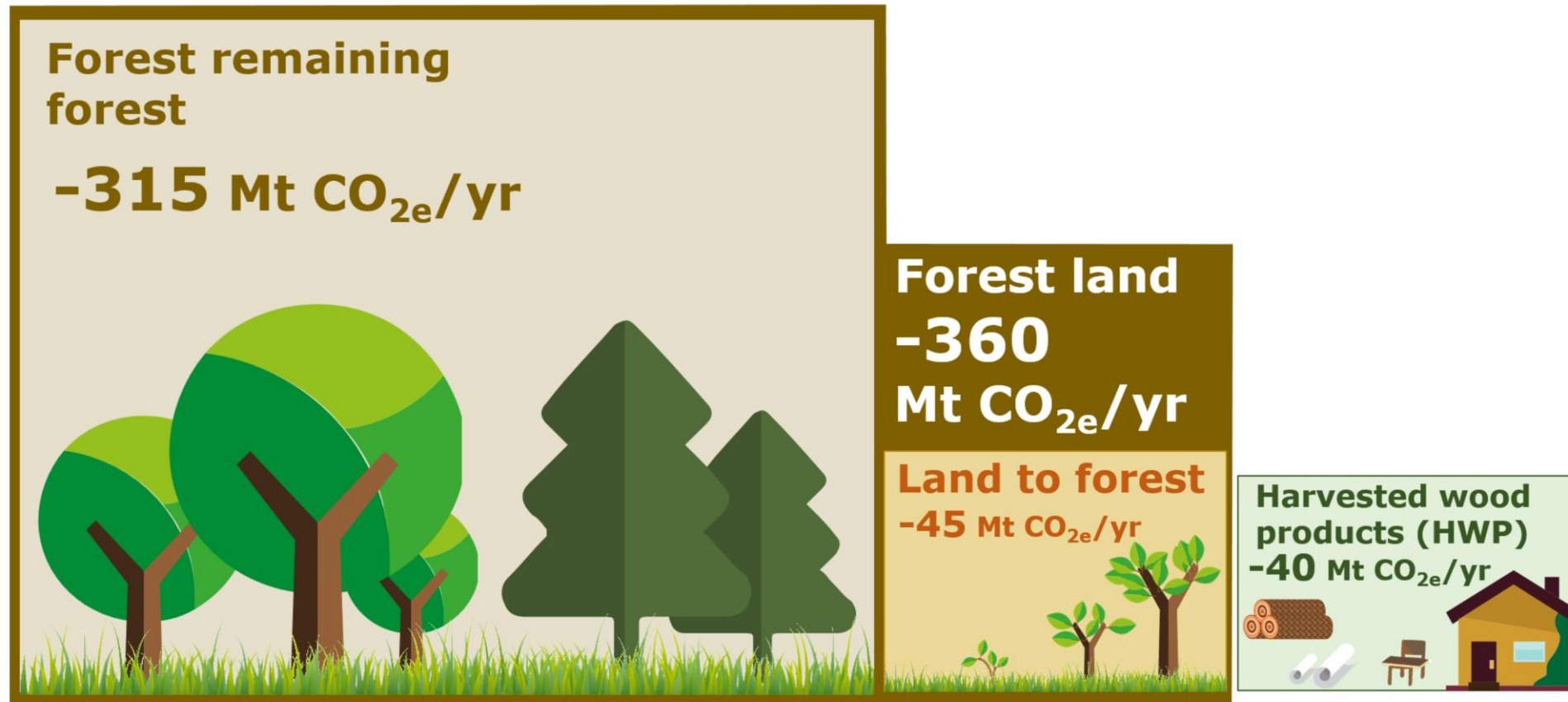


Figure 1. Approximate average net carbon sinks in the EU³ during the period 2016-2018: forest land (-360 MtCO_{2e}/yr) and HWP (-40 Mt CO_{2e}/yr), together offsetting -400 Mt CO_{2e}/yr, i.e. about 10% of total EU GHG emissions. The net sink from 'forest land' results from the 'forest land remaining forest land' (about -315 MtCO_{2e}/yr) and the 'land converted to forest land' over the past 20 years (about -45 Mt CO_{2e}/yr) and include changes in carbon stock in living biomass, dead organic matter and soil organic carbon.

The EU future carbon sink scenario

- Decarbonization scenario (zero net emission@2050)

360 Mt CO₂ eq/anno -----»» 450 Mt CO₂ eq/anno

- Wood products scenarios
- Bioenergy

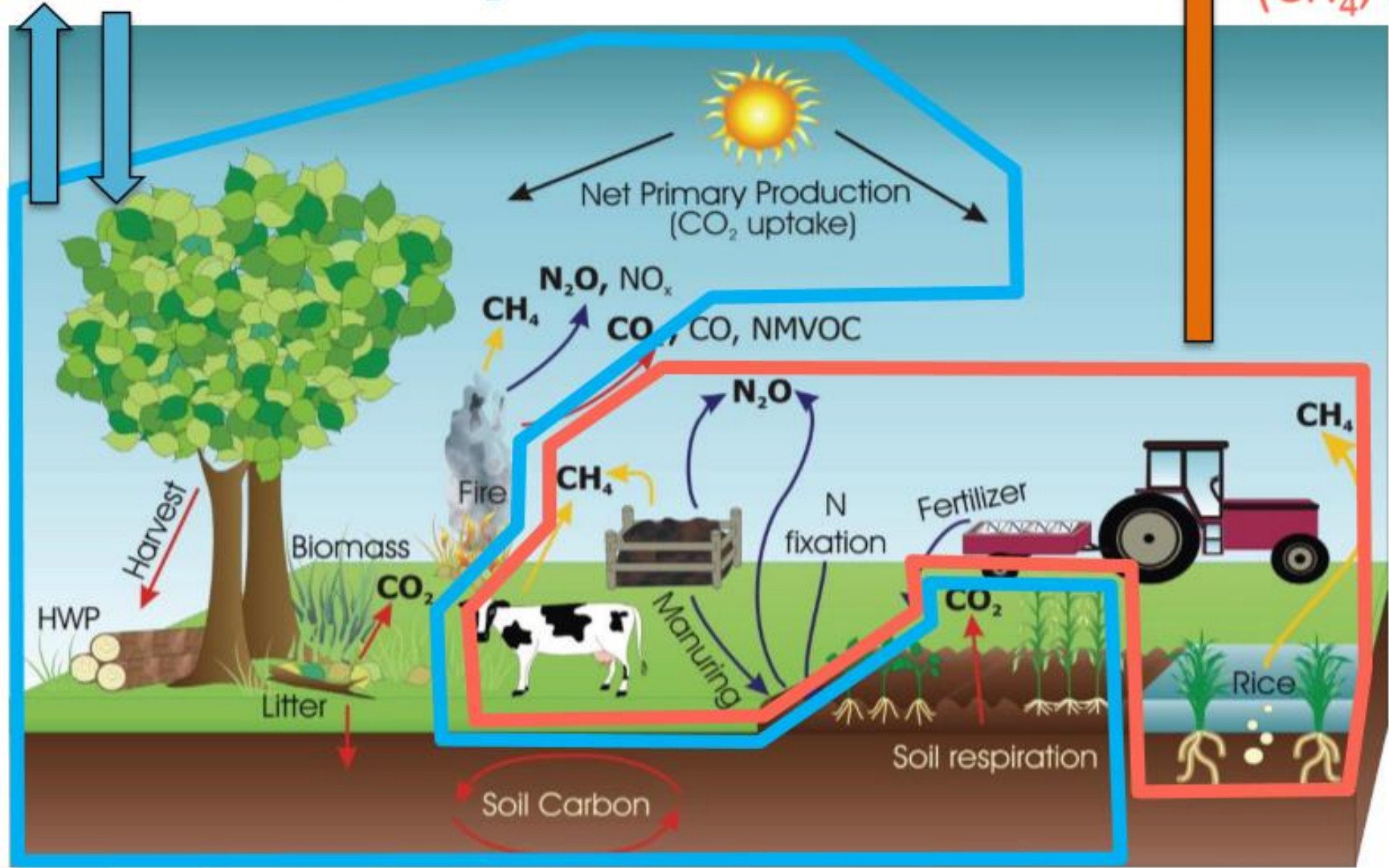
Settori di reporting/accounting

Land Use, Land use Change and Forestry

Agricoltura

(LULUCF): mainly CO_2

(CH_4, N_2O)



All human-induced

Land base accounting ?

Are pest and diseases a threat to carbon mitigation potential ?

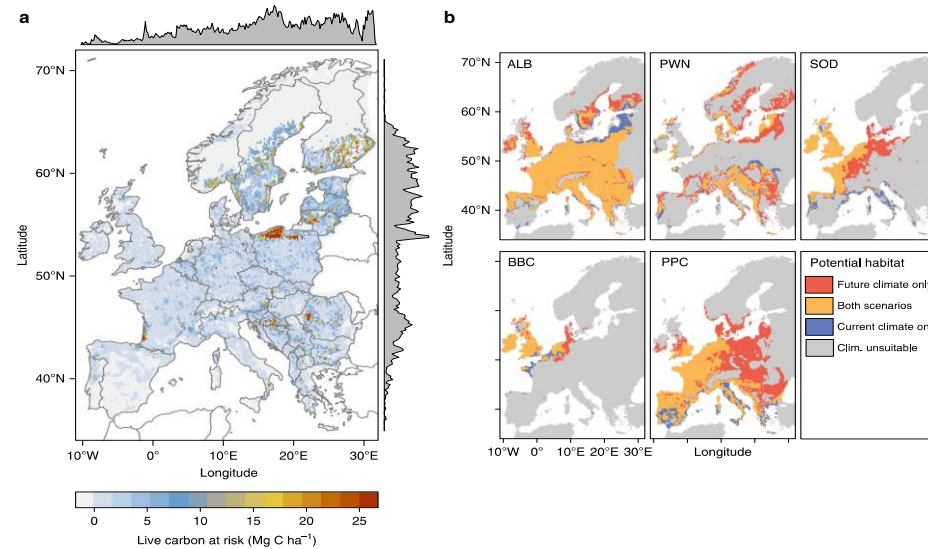


Fig. 1 Live tree carbon at risk from an invasion of five alien pest species into their climatically suitable areas in Europe. **a** The total amount of live tree carbon at risk (in Megagrams carbon per hectare) from a complete invasion of all five pest species into their climatically suitable areas under intermediate climate change (2030–2080, scenario RCP 4.5). **b** Climatically suitable ranges for each pest species under current climate (1950–2000) and intermediate climate change (2030–2080, scenario RCP 4.5). ALB: Asian Long-horned Beetle (*Anoplophora glabripennis*), PWN: Pine Wood Nematode (*Bursaphelenchus xylophilus*), SOD: Sudden Oak Death (*Phytophthora ramorum*), BBC: Beech Bleeding Canker (*Phytophthora kernoviae*), PPC: Pitch Pine Canker (*Fusarium circinatum*)

NATURE COMMUNICATIONS | DOI: 10.1038/s41467-018-04096-w

ARTICLE

Table 3 Equilibrium C cycle effects of a potential invasive alien disturbance regime compared to the natural disturbance regime in Europe

		Current climate (Tg C)	Future climate (Tg C)
Invasive alien disturbance regime	ALB—Asian Long-horned Beetle	246.0	252.0
	PWN—Pine Wood Nematode	188.4	291.2
	SOD—Sudden Oak Death	9.0	32.7
	BBC—Beech Bleeding Canker	5.7	11.7
	PPC—Pitch Pine Canker	10.4	46.5
	All	308.7	392.6
Natural disturbance regime	Wind, native bark beetles, and wildfires	319.8	503.4

Values indicate the long-term reduction of total ecosystem C storage capacity in Europe's forests due to disturbance (Tg C). For invasive alien pests, the implementation of effective pest management measures is considered under both current climate (1950–2000) and future climate (RCP 4.5, 2030–2080), as also natural disturbance risk is commonly managed in Europe's forests. Values for the natural disturbance regime of Europe are taken from Seidl et al.⁶ and refer to observations for 1971–2010 (current climate) and the median projection for an ensemble of 12 climate change scenarios for 2021–2030. Please note that, while methodologically similar, the reference periods and climate scenarios differ between the assessments of invasive alien and natural disturbance regimes. All: upper bound of the equilibrium C cycle effect from all five invasive alien pests jointly

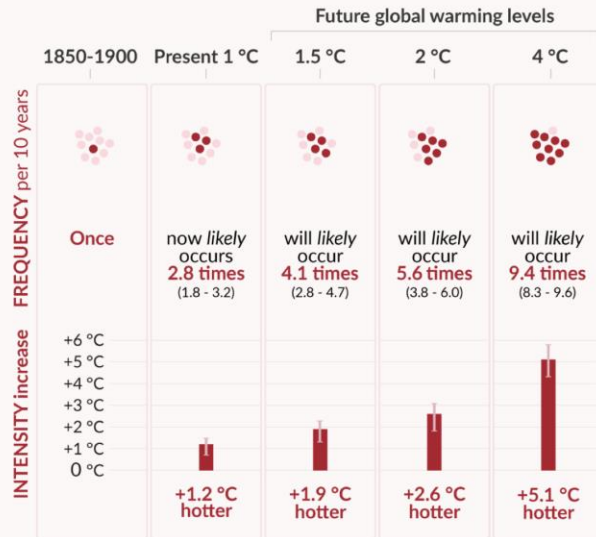


AR6 Extreme events future scenarios

Hot temperature extremes over land

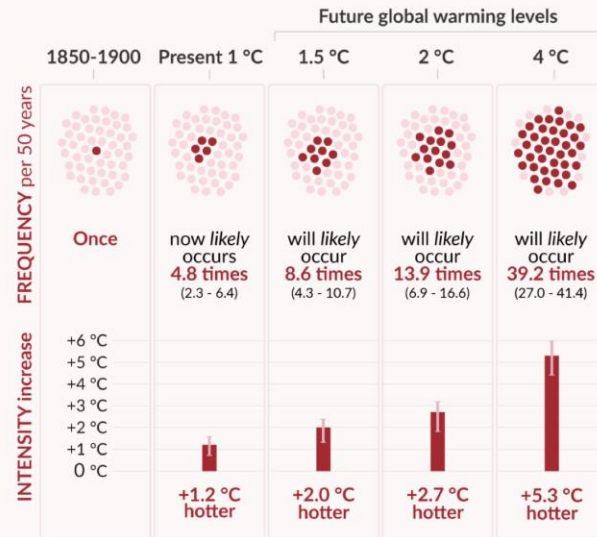
10-year event

Frequency and increase in intensity of extreme temperature event that occurred **once in 10 years** on average in a climate without human influence



50-year event

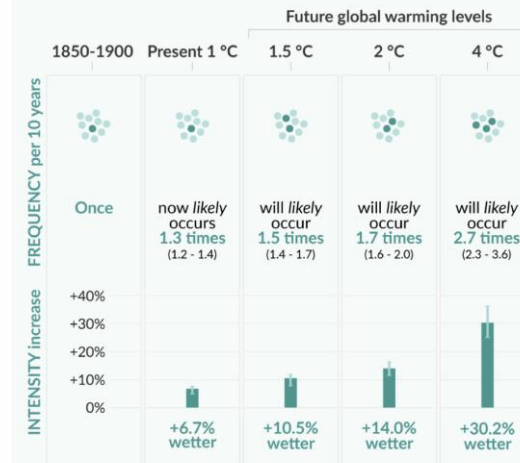
Frequency and increase in intensity of extreme temperature event that occurred **once in 50 years** on average in a climate without human influence



Heavy precipitation over land

10-year event

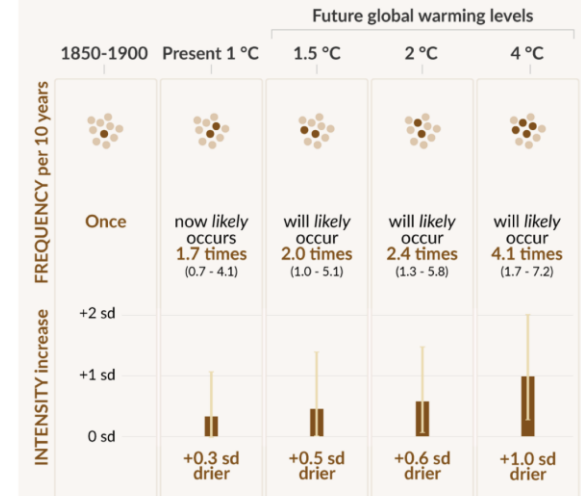
Frequency and increase in intensity of heavy 1-day precipitation event that occurred **once in 10 years** on average in a climate without human influence



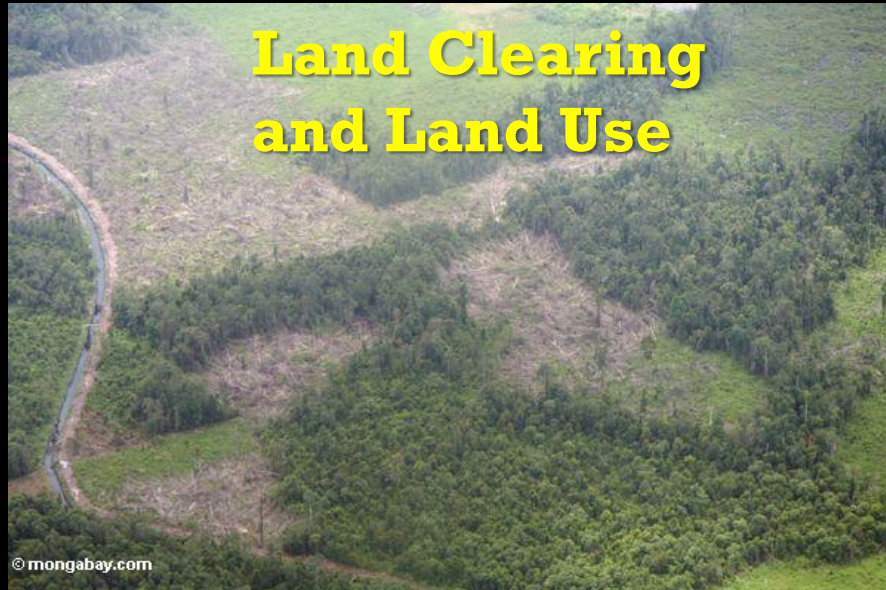
Agricultural & ecological droughts in drying regions

10-year event

Frequency and increase in intensity of an agricultural and ecological drought event that occurred **once in 10 years** on average across drying regions in a climate without human influence



The biggest uncertainties



Are pest and diseases a threat to carbon mitigation potential ?

Alien species +27%
Disturbances +57%

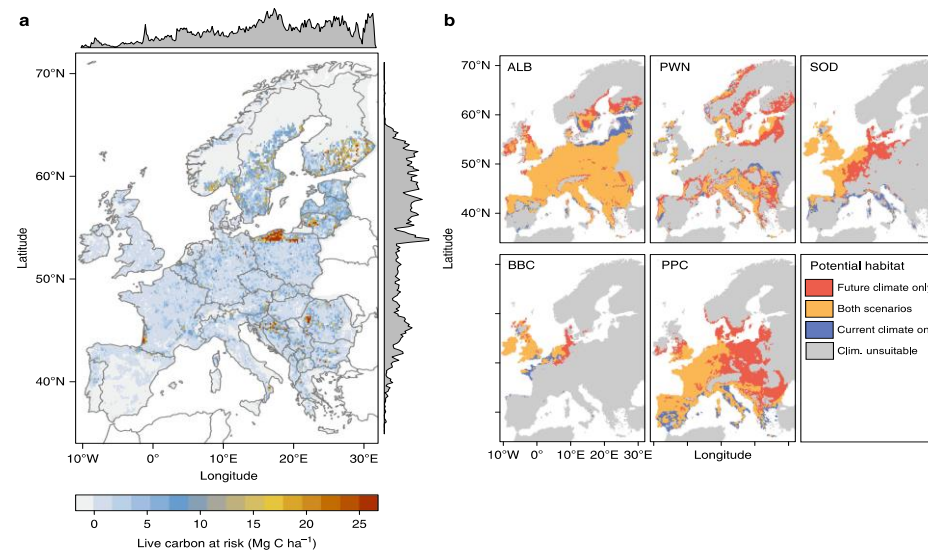


Fig. 1 Live tree carbon at risk from an invasion of five alien pest species into their climatically suitable areas in Europe. **a** The total amount of live tree carbon at risk (in Megagrams carbon per hectare) from a complete invasion of all five pest species into their climatically suitable areas under intermediate climate change (2030–2080, scenario RCP 4.5). **b** Climatically suitable ranges for each pest species under current climate (1950–2000) and intermediate climate change (2030–2080, scenario RCP 4.5). ALB: Asian Long-horned Beetle (*Anoplophora glabripennis*), PWN: Pine Wood Nematode (*Bursaphelenchus xylophilus*), SOD: Sudden Oak Death (*Phytophthora ramorum*), BBC: Beech Bleeding Canker (*Phytophthora kernoviae*), PPC: Pitch Pine Canker (*Fusarium circinatum*)

Table 3 Equilibrium C cycle effects of a potential invasive alien disturbance regime compared to the natural disturbance regime in Europe

		Current climate (Tg C)	Future climate (Tg C)
Invasive alien disturbance regime	ALB—Asian Long-horned Beetle	246.0	252.0
	PWN—Pine Wood Nematode	188.4	291.2
	SOD—Sudden Oak Death	9.0	32.7
	BBC—Beech Bleeding Canker	5.7	11.7
	PPC—Pitch Pine Canker	10.4	46.5
	All	308.7	392.6
Natural disturbance regime	Wind, native bark beetles, and wildfires	319.8	503.4

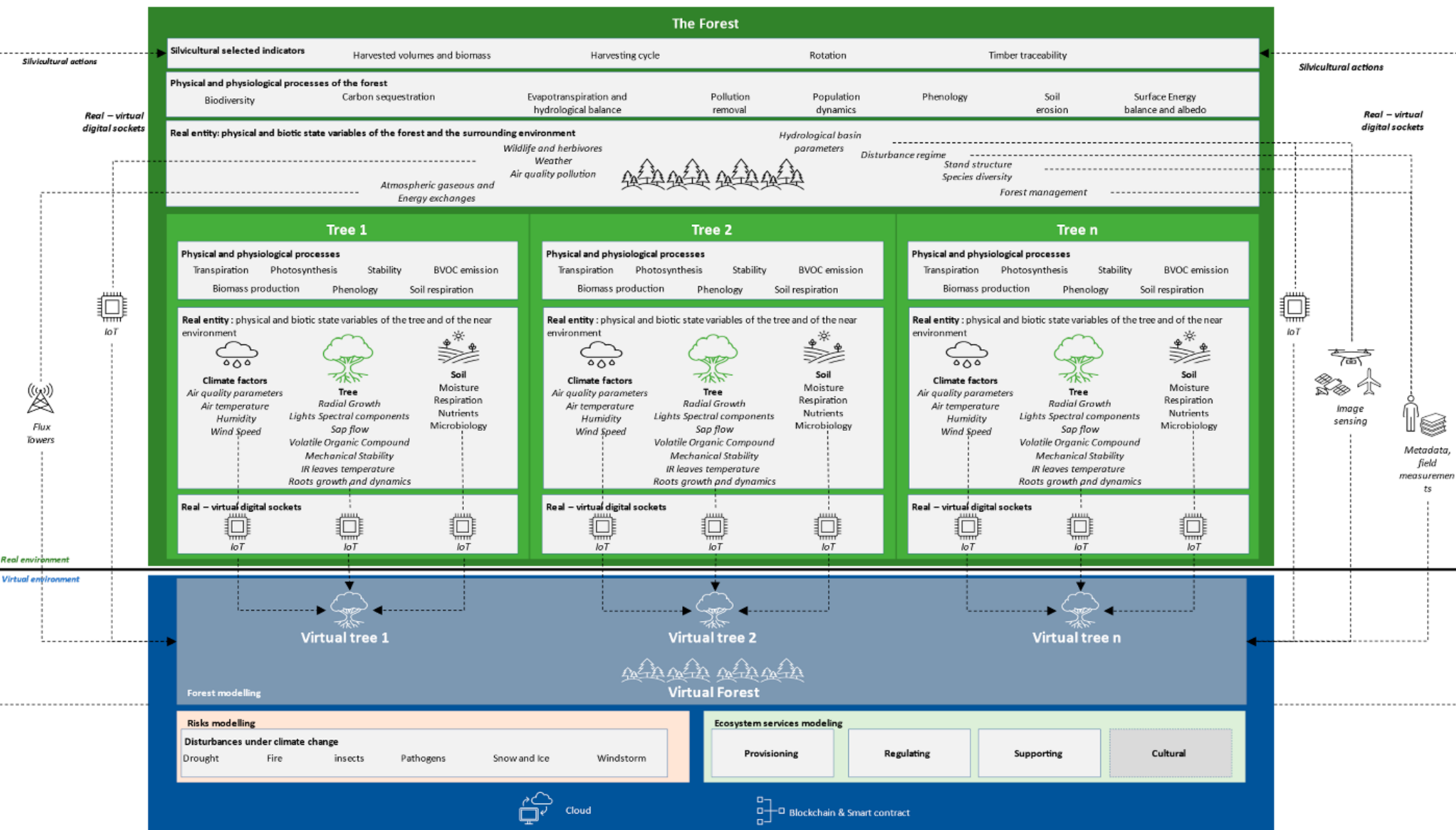
Values indicate the long-term reduction of total ecosystem C storage capacity in Europe's forests due to disturbance (Tg C). For invasive alien pests, the implementation of effective pest management measures is considered under both current climate (1950–2000) and future climate (RCP 4.5, 2030–2080), as also natural disturbance risk is commonly managed in Europe's forests. Values for the natural disturbance regime of Europe are taken from Seidl et al.⁶ and refer to observations for 1971–2010 (current climate) and the median projection for an ensemble of 12 climate change scenarios for 2021–2030. Please note that, while methodologically similar, the reference periods and climate scenarios differ between the assessments of invasive alien and natural disturbance regimes. All: upper bound of the equilibrium C cycle effect from all five invasive alien pests jointly

THE PARADOX OF THE CICADA AND THE ANT AND FOREST CARBON SEQUESTRATION



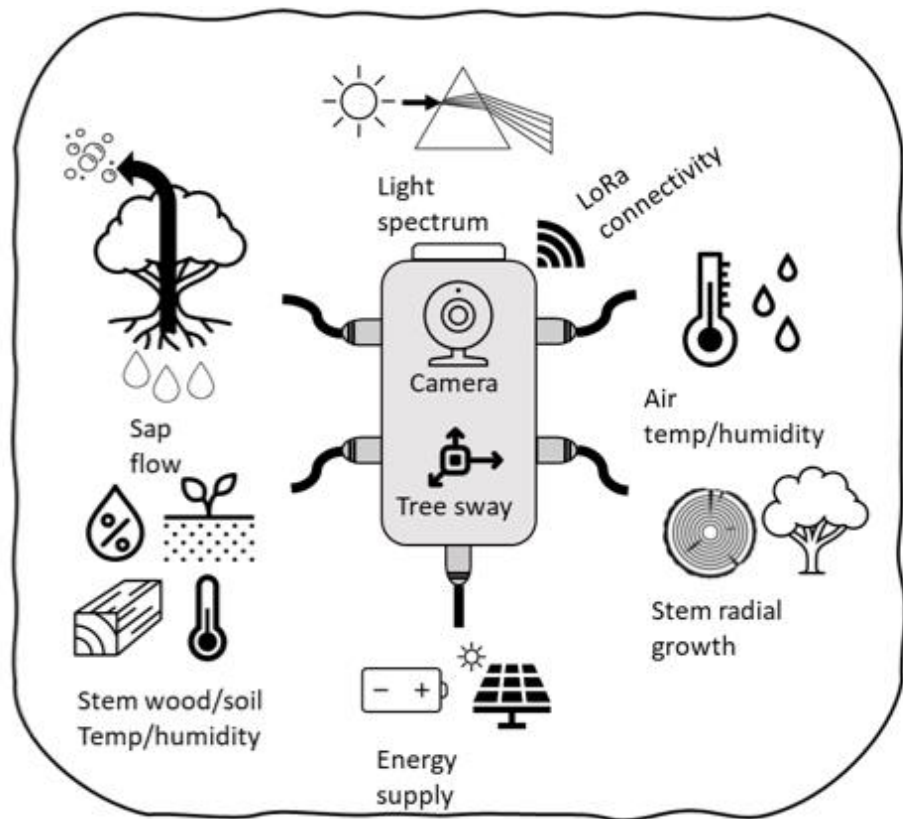
- Is it more convenient to take a small amount of biomass continuously over time or to let it accumulate indefinitely?

REAL TIME FOREST MONITORING - The FOREST DIGITAL TWIN



Tree-Talker

a multifunctional device for monitoring trees biological and physical features based on the Internet of Things (IoT) technology



TreeTalk
©



UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI
DI PALERMO



FONDAZIONE
EDMUND MACH



Philipps



Universität
Marburg



Nature4.0
Inspire to invent change



UNIVERSITÀ
DEGLI STUDI
DEL MOLISE



Real time carbon Blockchain

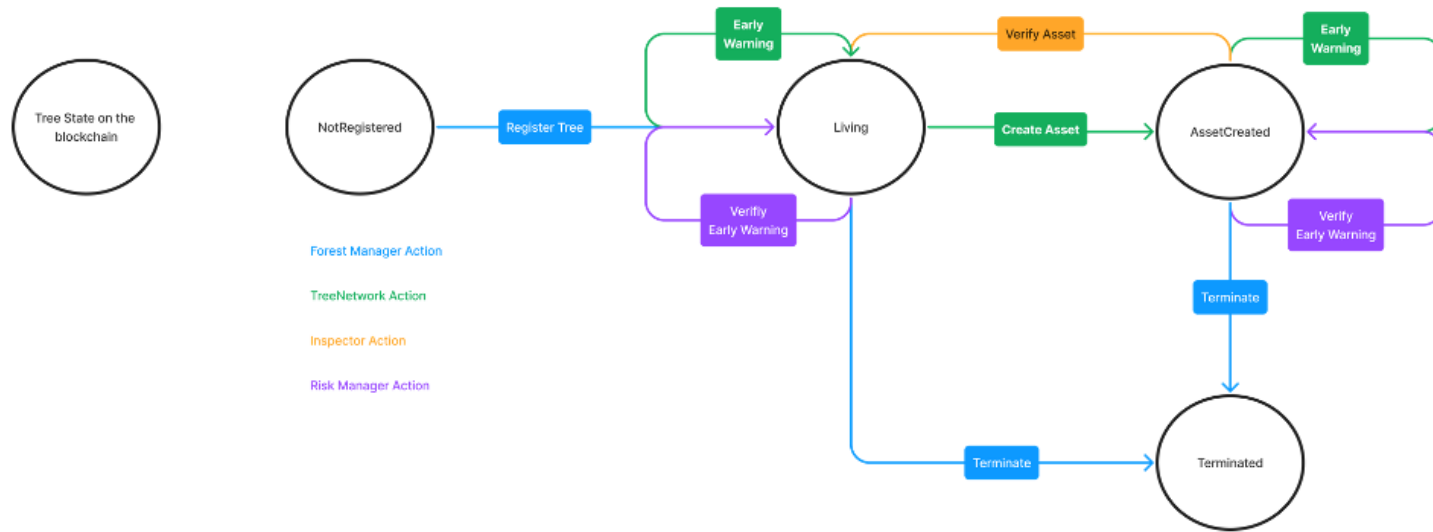


Figure 6: Tree lifecycle on the blockchain enforced in the smart contract

- **Forest Manager:** responsible to register the tree on the blockchain network and emit tokens
- **TreeNetwork:** the network of IoT devices sharing information on state variables at tree levels
- **Inspector:** role responsible to confirm the creation of the asset (e.g. Kg Carbon sequestered)
- **Risk Manager:** role responsible to force the creation of asset buffer (not available for tokenization) in case of early warnings from the Tree Network

```

ID,doy,air_temp,air_hum,vbat,cum_sum
5C200000,255.0,15.85,93.0,3.8138646145721724,37.56527791335943
5C200001,255.0,16.0,93.0,3.7598116892810123,48.24669231114562
5C200002,255.0,15.8,93.0,3.3585064683554107,32.27654672674196
5C200003,255.0,15.95,93.0,3.7778552432976347,32.48829463998276
5C200004,255.0,15.8,93.0,3.5131777209202735,28.556712910473653
5C200005,255.0,16.0,96.5,3.7618942783419738,17.43427537747356
5C200006,255.0,16.05,99.0,3.540987911600816,29.97910833353048
5C200007,255.0,15.7,104.5,3.539669769109094,20.8570630707713
5C200008,255.0,15.95,95.0,3.8273836657169986,9.801416958857594
5C200009,255.0,16.05,100.0,3.7189360893244405,31.635611733663435
5C200010,255.0,16.0,93.0,3.337476177171641,22.173250503723107
5C200011,255.0,16.1,95.0,3.6411687887691806,28.571439333236683
5C200012,255.0,19.066666666666666,99.0,3.3243611811341003,28.800185402243155
5C200013,255.0,15.8,92.0,3.9128856215594667,32.09050221782769
    
```

Figure 5: example of data captured for a stand per single day



Grazie !!