

# What are people for?

accelerating the energy revolution

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Background





Schumacher College



A satellite view of Earth at night, showing city lights and the dark blue oceans. The word "CARBONSENSE" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font across the center of the image.

**CARBONSENSE**



Image: size of the atmosphere (Adam Nieman)

*“the air itself is a biological product -a result of active exchange of gases with living organisms.”*

**James Lovelock**  
GAIA – The practical science  
of planetary medicine

**carbonsense**  
making sense of climate change

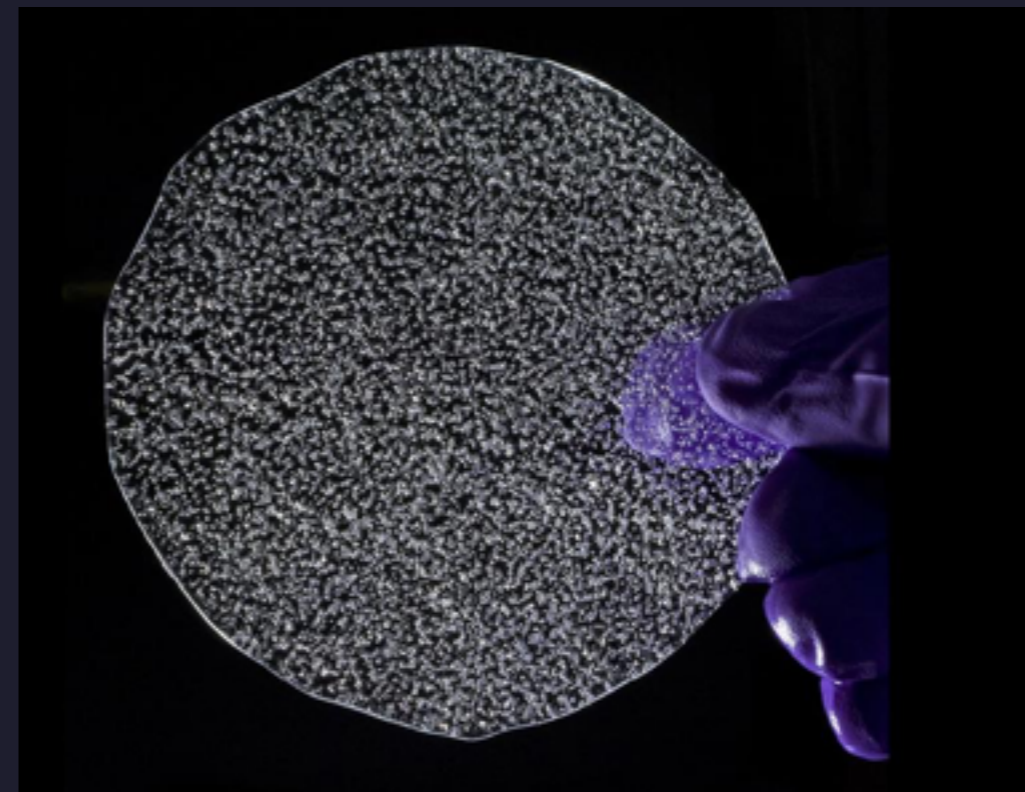
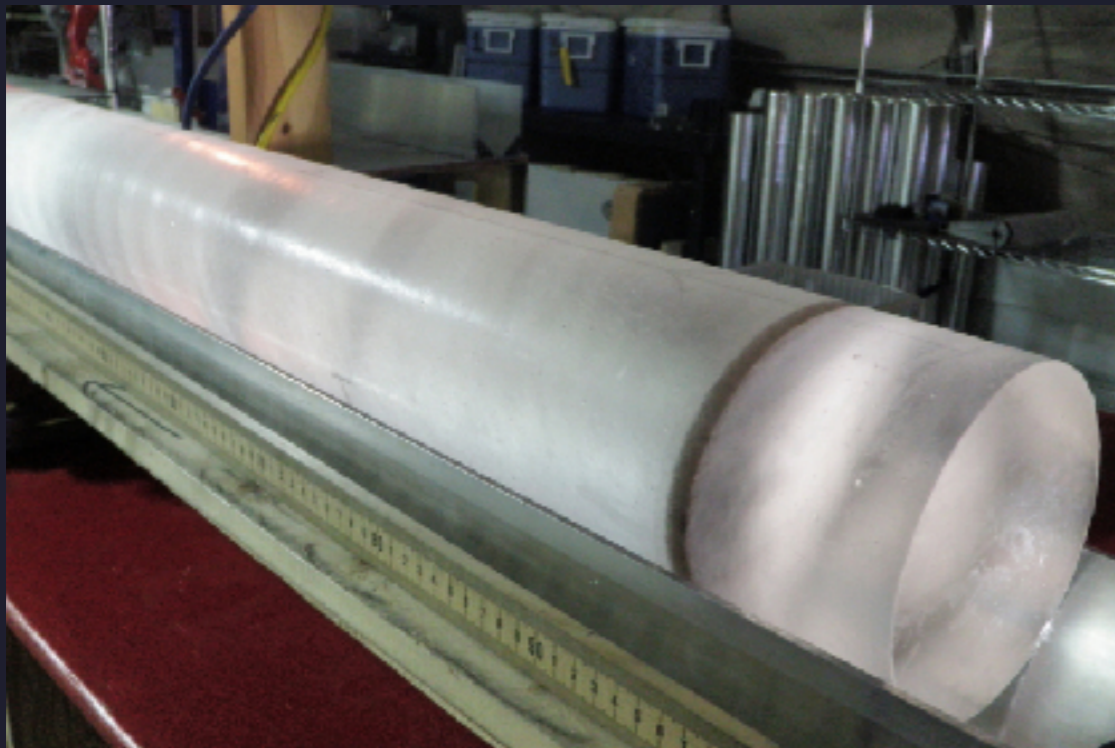




A young girl with dark, curly hair, wearing a light pink quilted jacket, is holding a large, dark purple balloon. The balloon is the central focus and has the text "1 kg CO<sub>2</sub>" written on it in white, bold, sans-serif font. The background is a clear blue sky with some light, wispy clouds. The girl is looking towards the camera with a neutral expression.

1 kg CO<sub>2</sub>

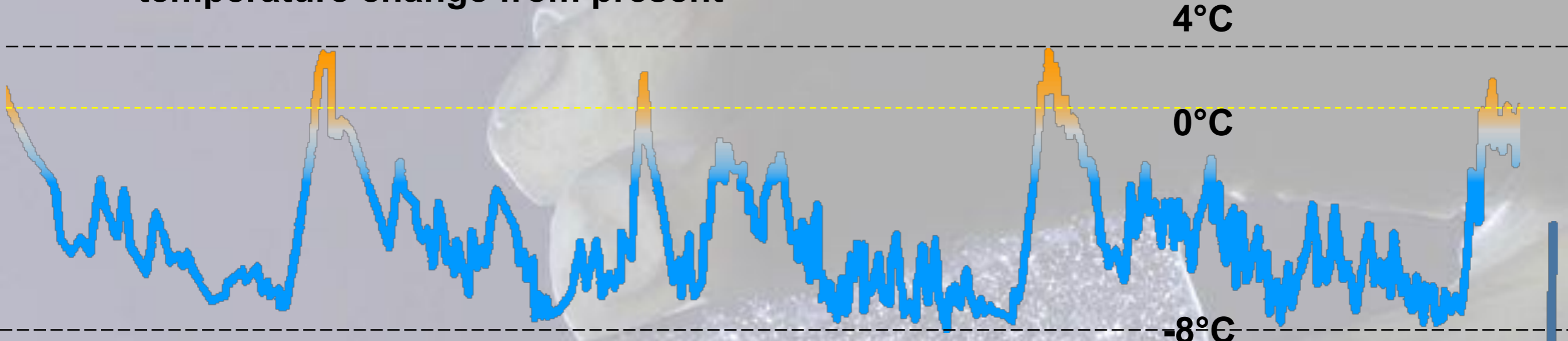




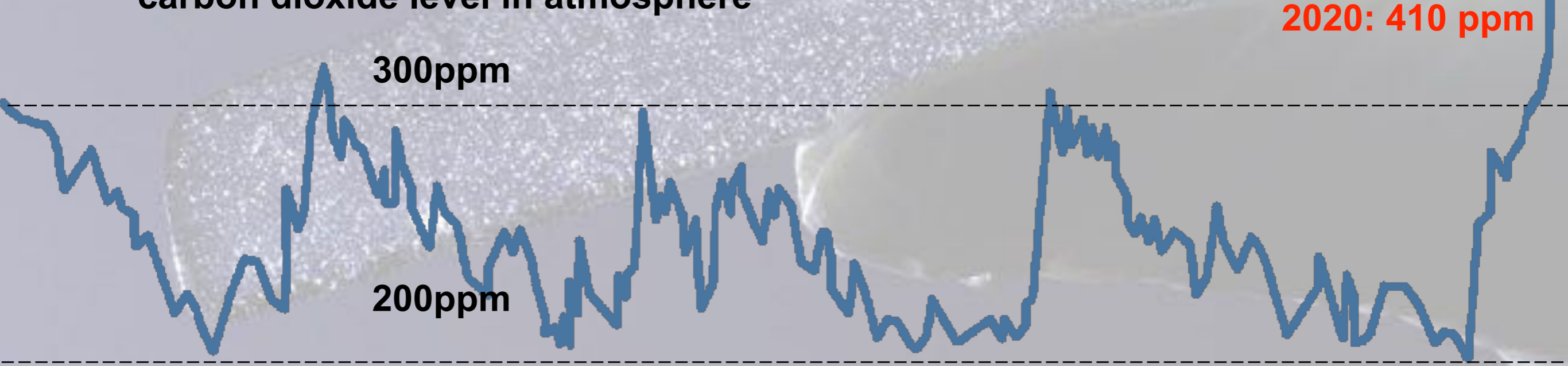
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# temperature change from present



# carbon dioxide level in atmosphere



-400,000                      -300,000                      -200,000                      -100,000                      today

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What would a genuinely carbon neutral BT look like?

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**Beyond carbon neutral**  
Peter Martin

CarbonSense

Carbon Disclosure Project  
Public Procurement Report 2008

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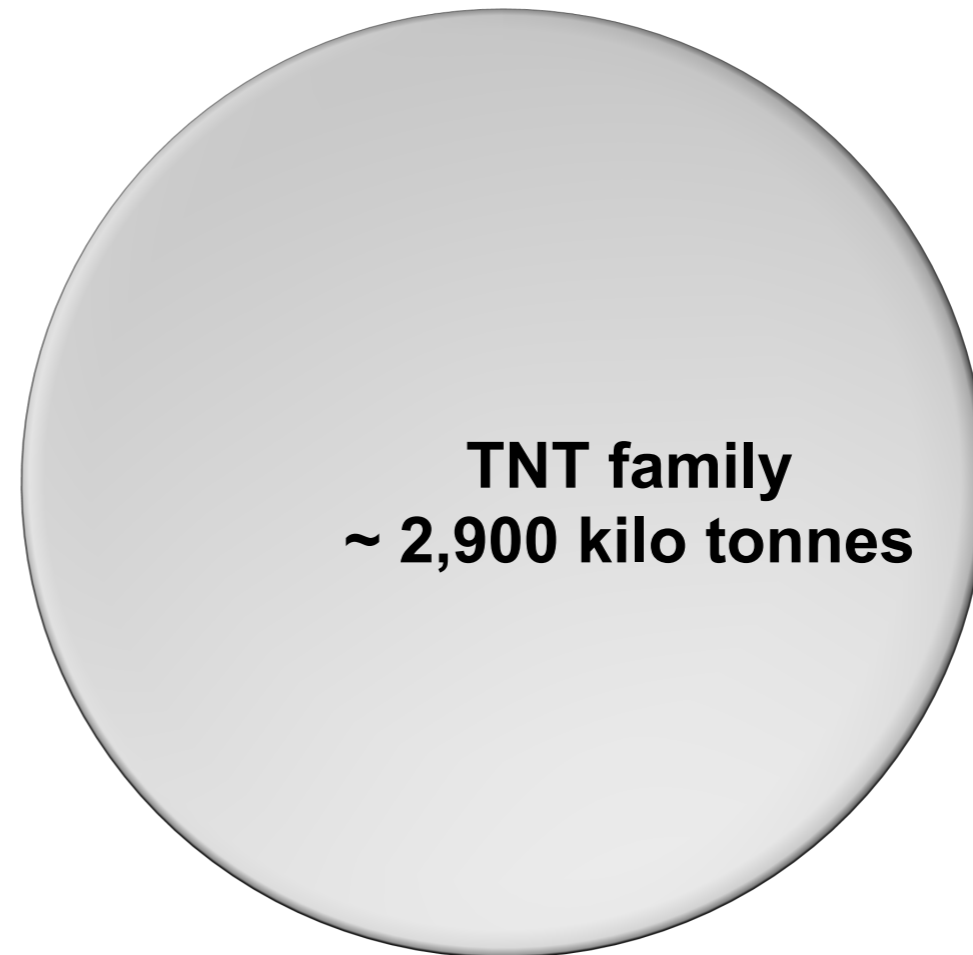
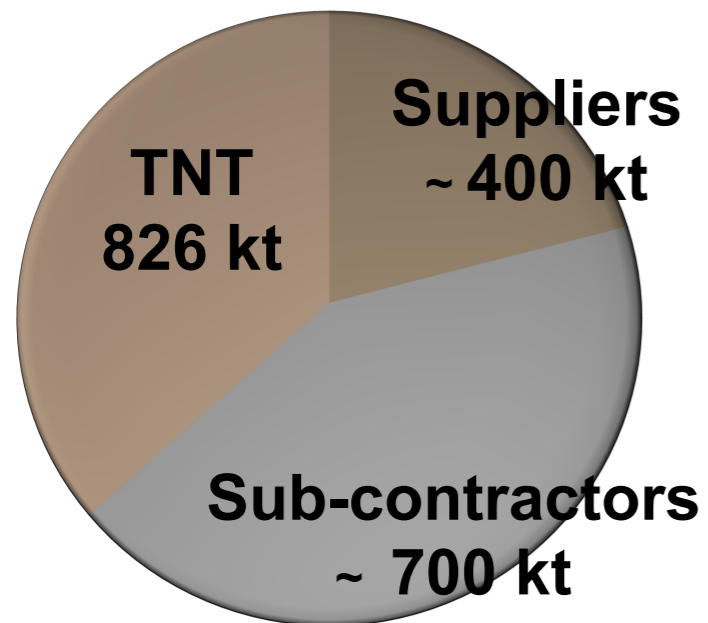


delivering zero carbon



choose orange

# CO<sub>2</sub> impact of TNT family







**planet me**

**TNT and climate change**

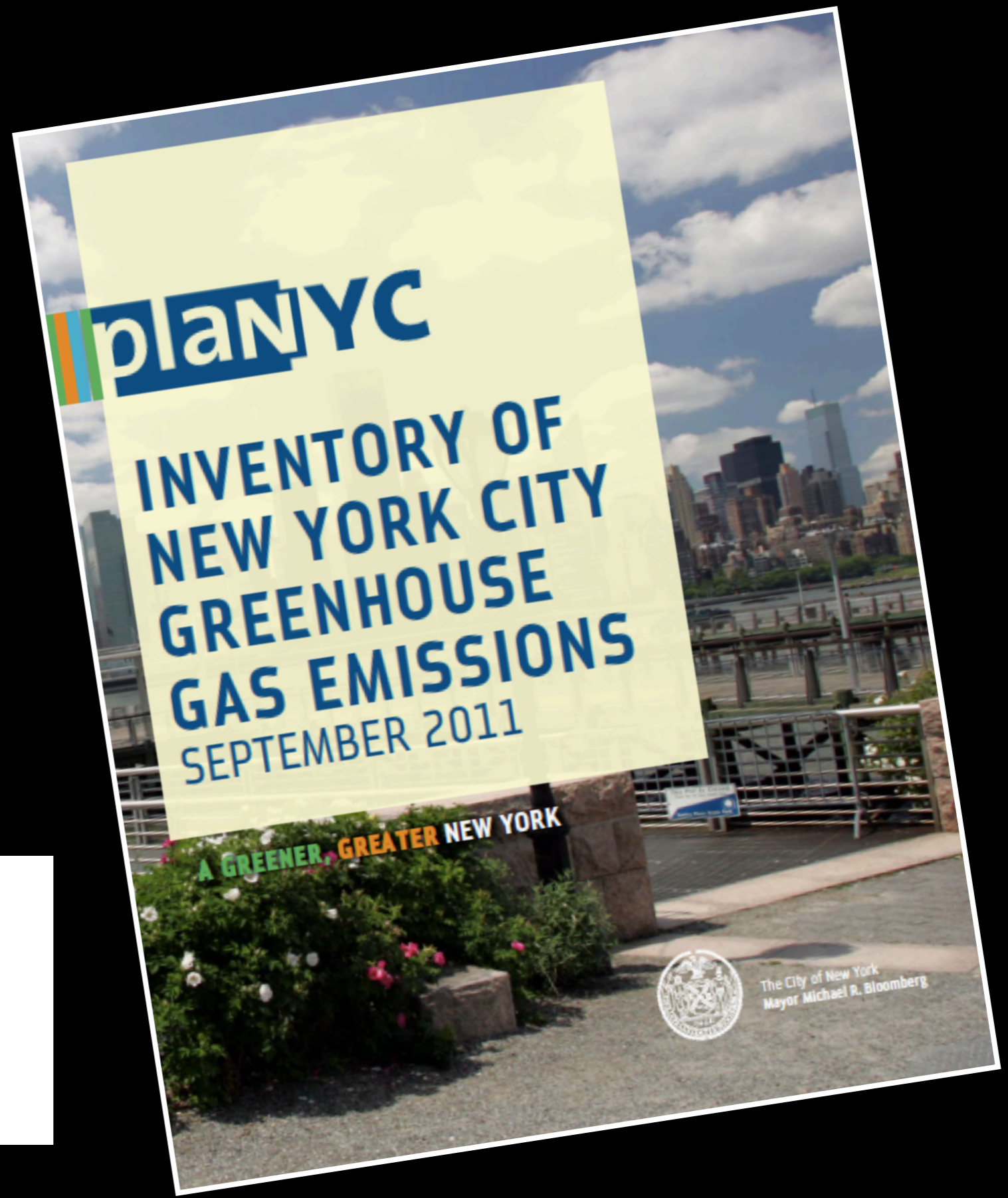
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A satellite view of Earth at night, showing city lights and carbon emissions. The image is a dark blue sphere with a bright white horizon line on the right. The continents are visible as dark shapes, with numerous small yellow and orange dots representing city lights. A prominent, dense cluster of these dots is located in the northern hemisphere, likely representing North America. The text "CARBON VISUALS" is overlaid in the center in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

# CARBON VISUALS









Credit: New York City Economic Development Corporation

# Citywide Inventory

**Citywide GHG emissions were 1.1 percent lower in 2010 than 2009 due to reduced electricity use, cleaner imported electricity, and more efficient steam generation**

To most accurately and consistently assess and report a city's carbon emissions, a clear scope of analysis and boundaries specifying the emissions sources assessed is essential. Following standard international convention for the completion of city GHG inventories, the citywide inventory consists of all direct and indirect emissions from energy used by buildings, on-road transportation, and public transit (excluding aviation and marine transportation) within New York City; fugitive emissions from wastewater treatment, solid waste disposed both in and outside the city, and electricity and natural gas distribution within New York City; and emissions associated with solid waste exported outside of the city.

## Citywide inventory results

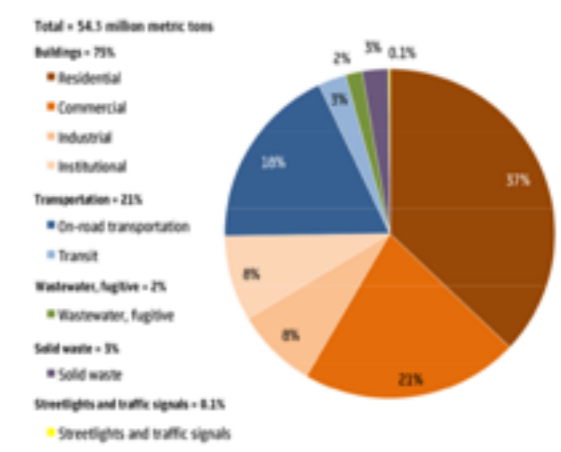
In 2010 total GHG emissions in New York City were 54.3 MgCO<sub>2</sub>e, 11.7 percent below 2005 base year emissions of 61.6 MgCO<sub>2</sub>e. 2010 GHG emissions are broken down as follows:

- Scope 1 GHG emissions (direct emissions from on-site fossil fuel combustion or fugitive emissions): 36,236,992 MgCO<sub>2</sub>e
- Scope 2 GHG emissions (indirect emissions from energy generated in one location, but consumed in another, such as electricity and steam): 18,112,658 MgCO<sub>2</sub>e
- Scope 3 GHG emissions (sources not counted toward an entity's total emissions levels, such as biogenic CO<sub>2</sub> from biofuels—reported for information only): 14,321,140 MgCO<sub>2</sub>e

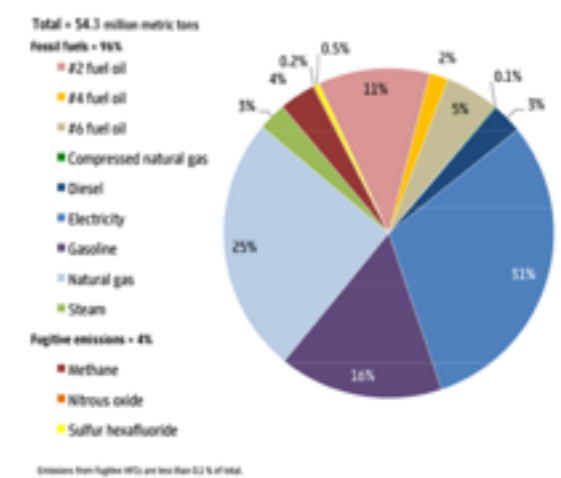
2010 citywide GHG emissions were 1.1 percent below 2009 levels of 55.0 MgCO<sub>2</sub>e. While this annual reduction is less than reported last year, emissions were again lower despite continued growth in population and building floor area and a significant increase in summer temperatures in 2010. One year of data cannot be used to determine a certain trend. However, reductions reported in 2010 show that significant progress continues to be made toward achieving the City's GHG reduction goal. The full impact of many policies and programs launched by the City as part of PlaNYC, including the energy efficiency laws that are part of the Greener, Greater Building Plan and the creation of the New York City Energy Efficiency Corporation (NYCEEC) and development of related financing tools for energy efficiency in the private sector, have yet to be realized as the programs are now beginning to scale up. While reporting overall GHG emissions levels indicates progress

the City is making toward achieving its goals, understanding the drivers of these changes is critical to ensuring the most efficient development and implementation of policies necessary to keep the City's GHG reductions on track to fulfilling this mandate.

2010 Citywide CO<sub>2</sub>e Emissions by Sector



2010 Citywide CO<sub>2</sub>e Emissions by Source



Emissions from fugitive GHGs are less than 0.1% of total.

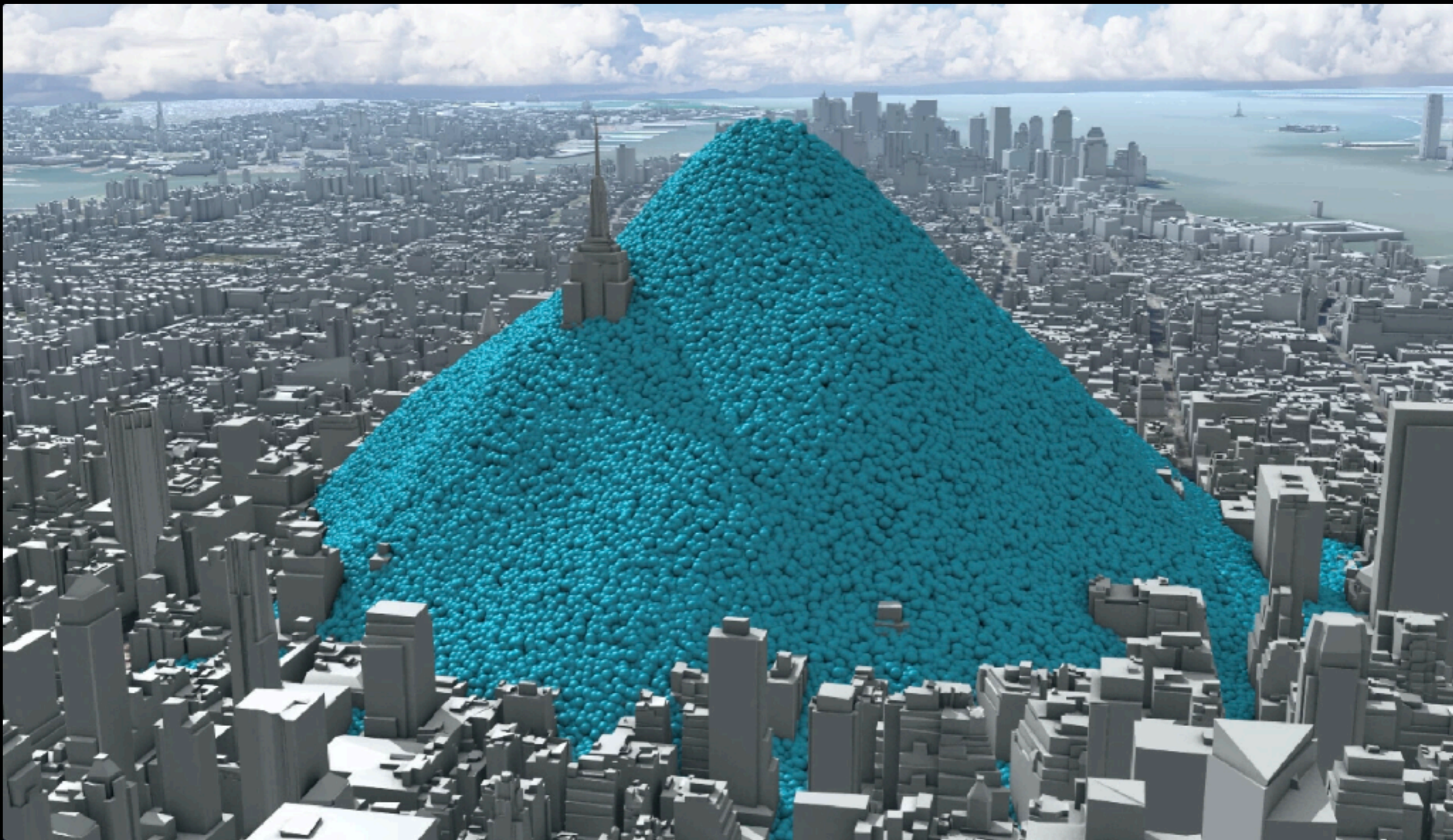


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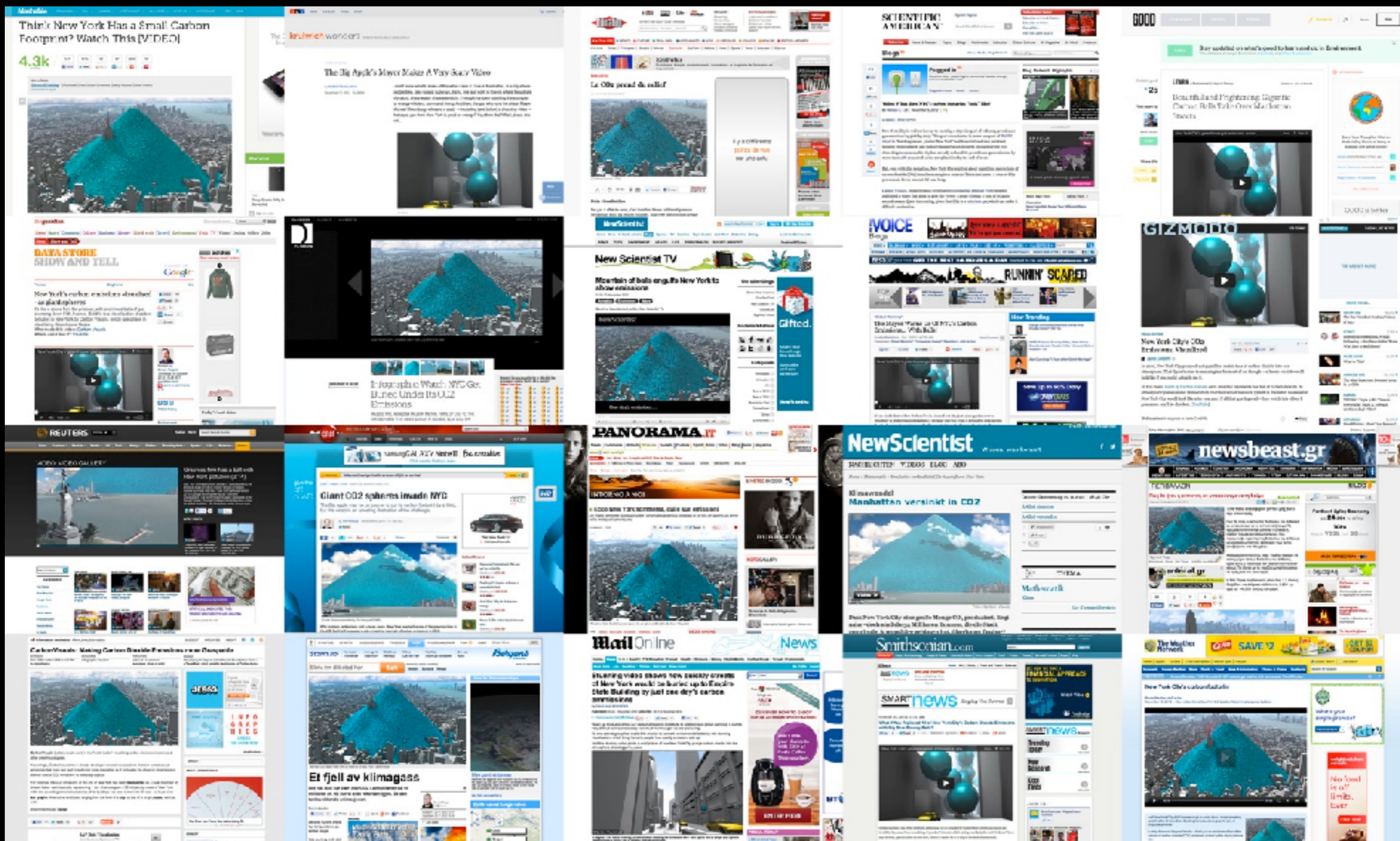
# New York City carbon emissions video (2012)



New York City's daily carbon dioxide emissions as one-tonne spheres. In 2010 New York City added 54 million metric tons of carbon dioxide (equivalent) to the atmosphere. Environmental Defense Fund enabled us to make this video, first shown in The White House. <https://www.realworldvisuals.com/cv-projects/new-yorks-carbon-emissions>



New York City emissions video - on over 100 websites and blogs, and viewed on YouTube by over 430,000 since launch.





## ALL PROJECTS

We have created films, animations, images, interactive tools and apps for organisations from global to local. The breadth of our work can be seen below or viewed by sector [Business](#), [Campaigns and NGOs](#), [Government](#) and [Education](#).



University of Exeter trials Emissions Visualiser  
23 Mar 2016



California's massive methane leak  
14 Jan 2016



Communicating vital scientific services  
8 Dec 2015



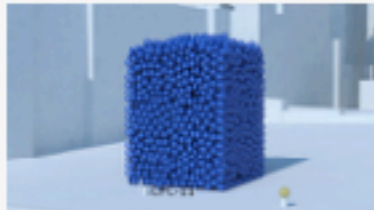
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How do you sell low carbon?  
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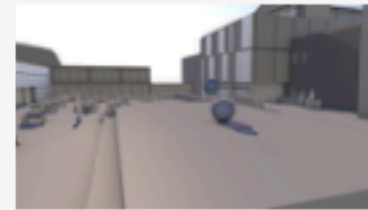
Ozone campaign meets climate change  
4 Nov 2015



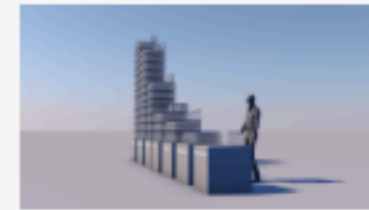
The Ozone Song  
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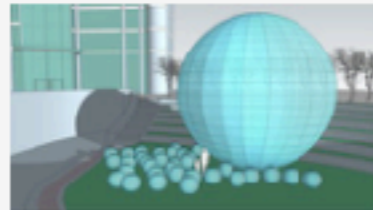
Visualising water use for AGM  
1 Feb 2015



UK 80% reduction target - in Piccadilly Circus  
29 Jan 2015



UN ozone celebrations  
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Get Positive  
8 Jul 2015



Past, present and future - Oundle School  
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The case for Carbon Capture & Storage  
1 Jan 2015



NHM sustainability engagement  
21 Dec 2014



Making sense of carbon, trees and timber  
11 Nov 2014



Resource efficiency in Asia Pacific  
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Illustrating the world's first Carbon Neutral Engine Oil  
18 Oct 2014



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Animating the world's cars  
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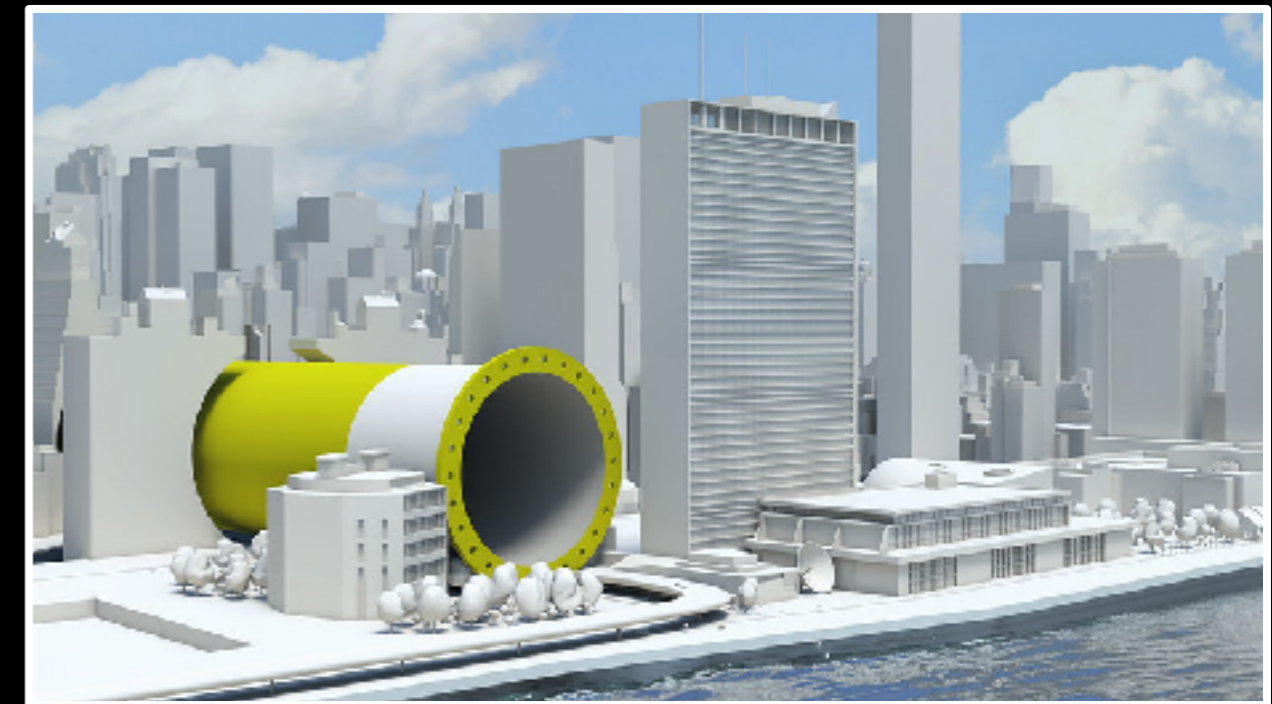
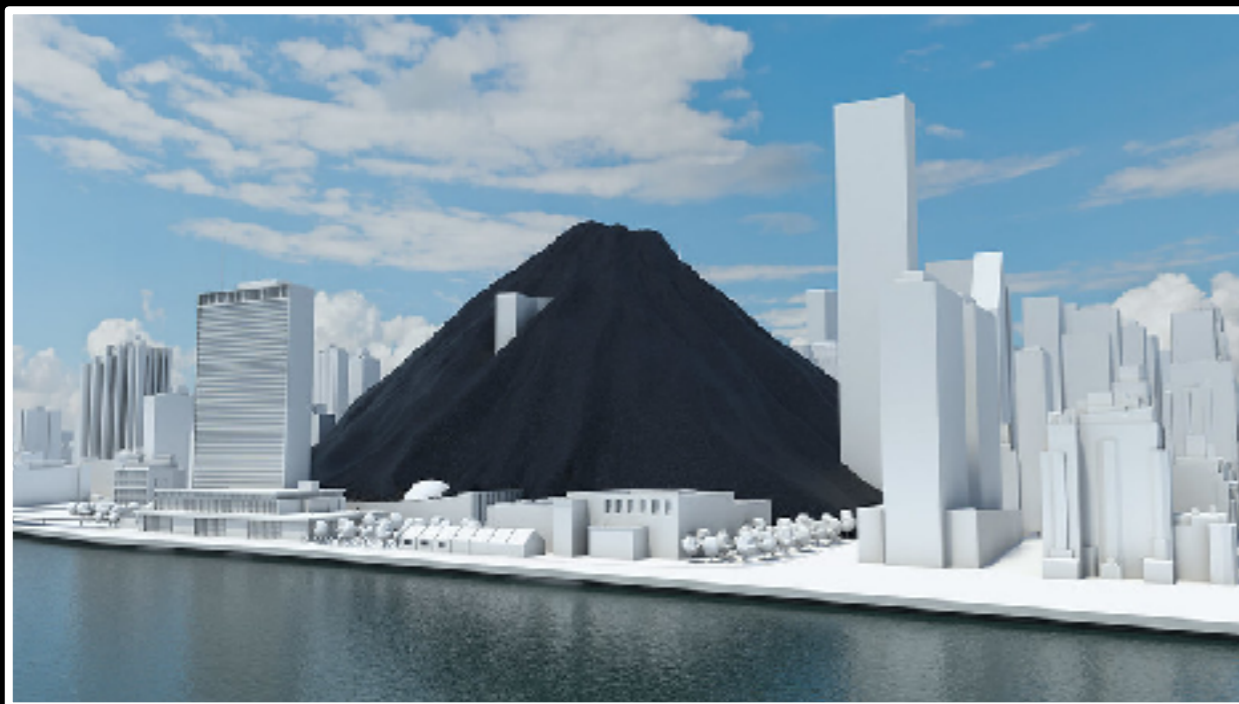
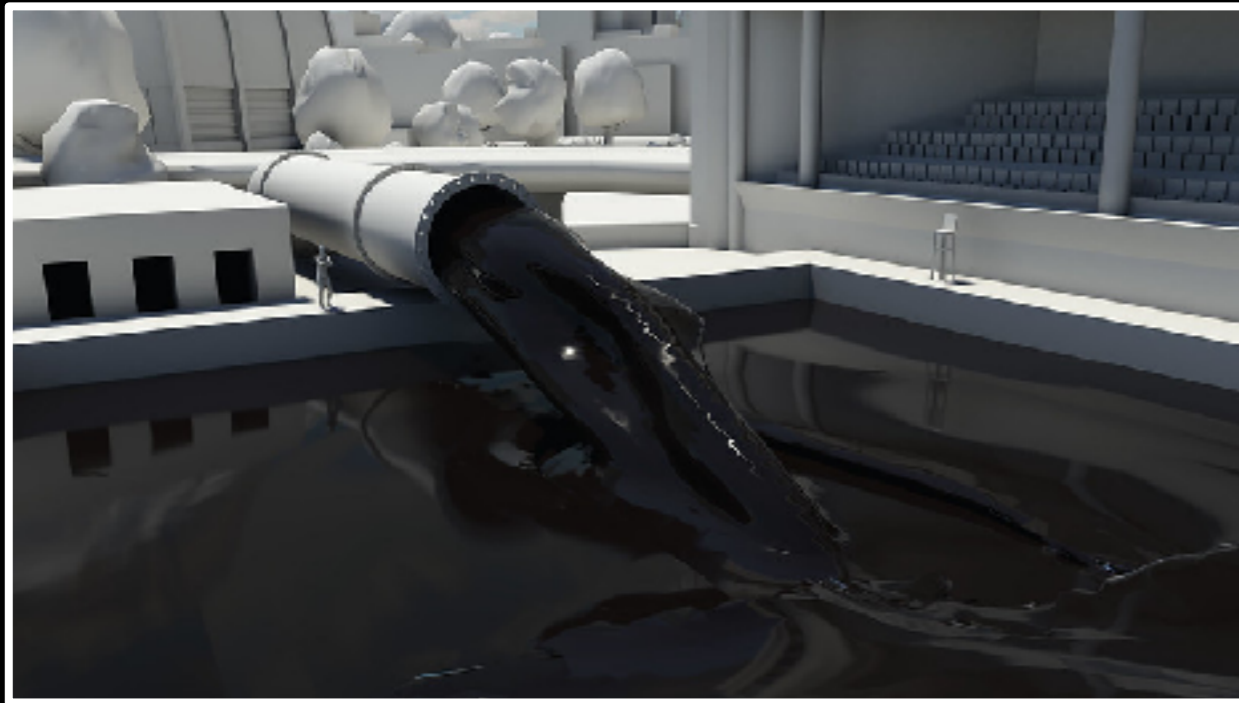
[www.carbonvisuals.com](http://www.carbonvisuals.com)



A satellite view of Earth at night, showing city lights and the curvature of the planet. The image is dark blue with bright yellow and white lights representing urban areas. The text "REAL WORLD VISUALS" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font.

# REAL WORLD VISUALS





Film showing actual quantities of global fossil fuel consumption designed to engage world leaders, industry experts, campaigners and scientists at the UN Climate Summit, New York, September 2014. Client: WBCSD (World Business Council for Sustainable Development)  
<https://www.realworldvisuals.com/cv-projects/the-worlds-fossil-fuel-use-and-emissions>

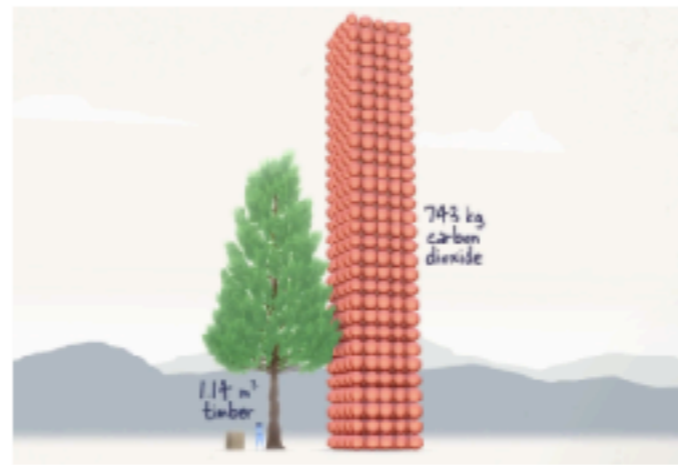




### Helping tell Porsche's carbon story

How can global car manufacturers show climate change leadership? Plugging out petrol and diesel vehicles alone is not enough as making electric cars uses a lot of energy, particularly in the manufacture of the batteries. So the challenge is to engage with the supply chain and get them to do to reduce emissions - primarily by only using renewable electricity.

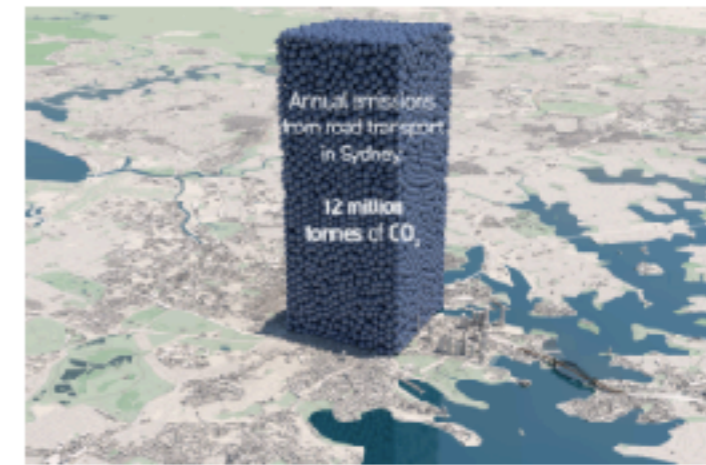
Apr 18, 2023



### Trees store carbon

In 2014 we made a video set for Wood for Good, the UK timber industry's promotional campaign, showing the carbon benefits of using wood and timber in the UK construction sector. The brief, eight years later, was to make shorter versions of the films suitable for educational use and social media sharing.

Nov 23, 2022



### Transport emissions come to life

How do you highlight the climate benefits of using electric bikes and e-scooters in cities? This was the challenge set by Beam Mobility, the largest micro-mobility operator in the Asia Pacific region.

Aug 1, 2022

## GLOBAL

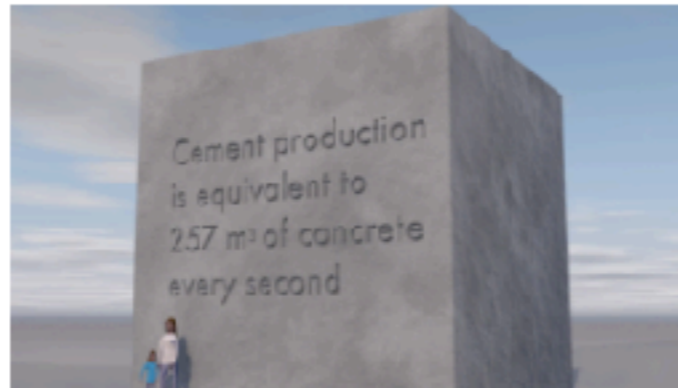
In this section you will find a range of our projects highlighting global emissions and the sources of those emissions over the years.



### Electric vehicles - the raw materials

Electric vehicles are at the heart of the clean energy transition. But as prices reduce and manufacturers increase their model line ups where are the raw materials needed to produce rapidly increasing volumes of EVs going to come from?

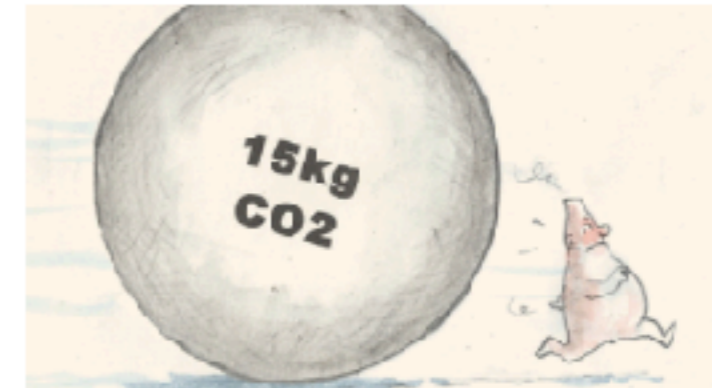
Dec 15, 2021



### What's the carbon footprint of cement?

The global cement / concrete supply chain currently produces a disproportionate amount of greenhouse gas emissions. Innovative solutions that make cement and concrete production and usage sustainable are urgently needed. But how do you bring together different technology, financial and stakeholder to rapidly reduce t

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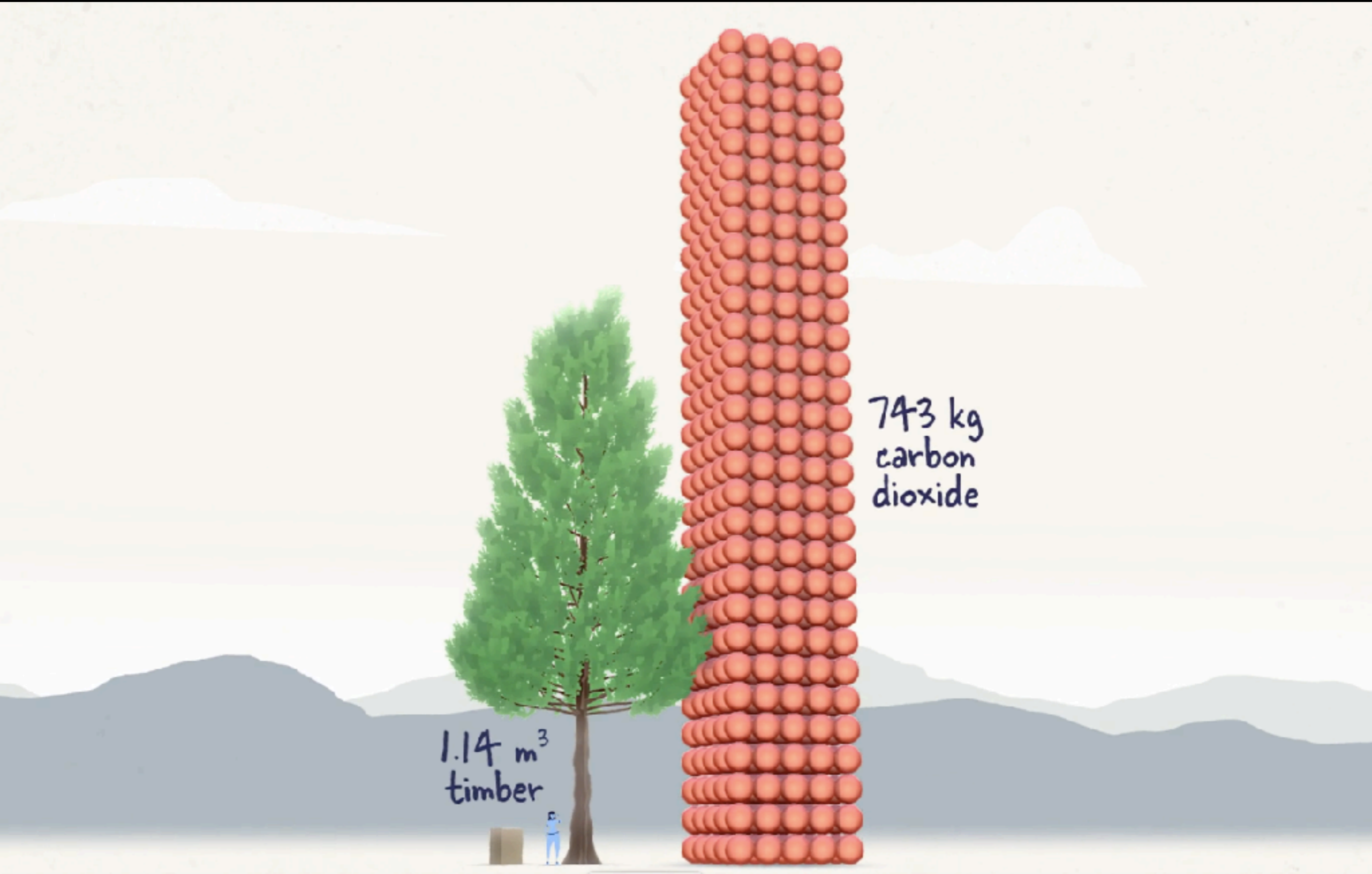


### Can humour help the climate crisis?

The world is waking up to the climate crisis. Children are protesting and Extinction Rebellion has gone global. But many people are still unaware of the carbon emissions associated with everyday activities. That's why we have teamed up with innovative multi-media theatre company Forkbeard Fantasy to see if humour could help.

Oct 18, 2019



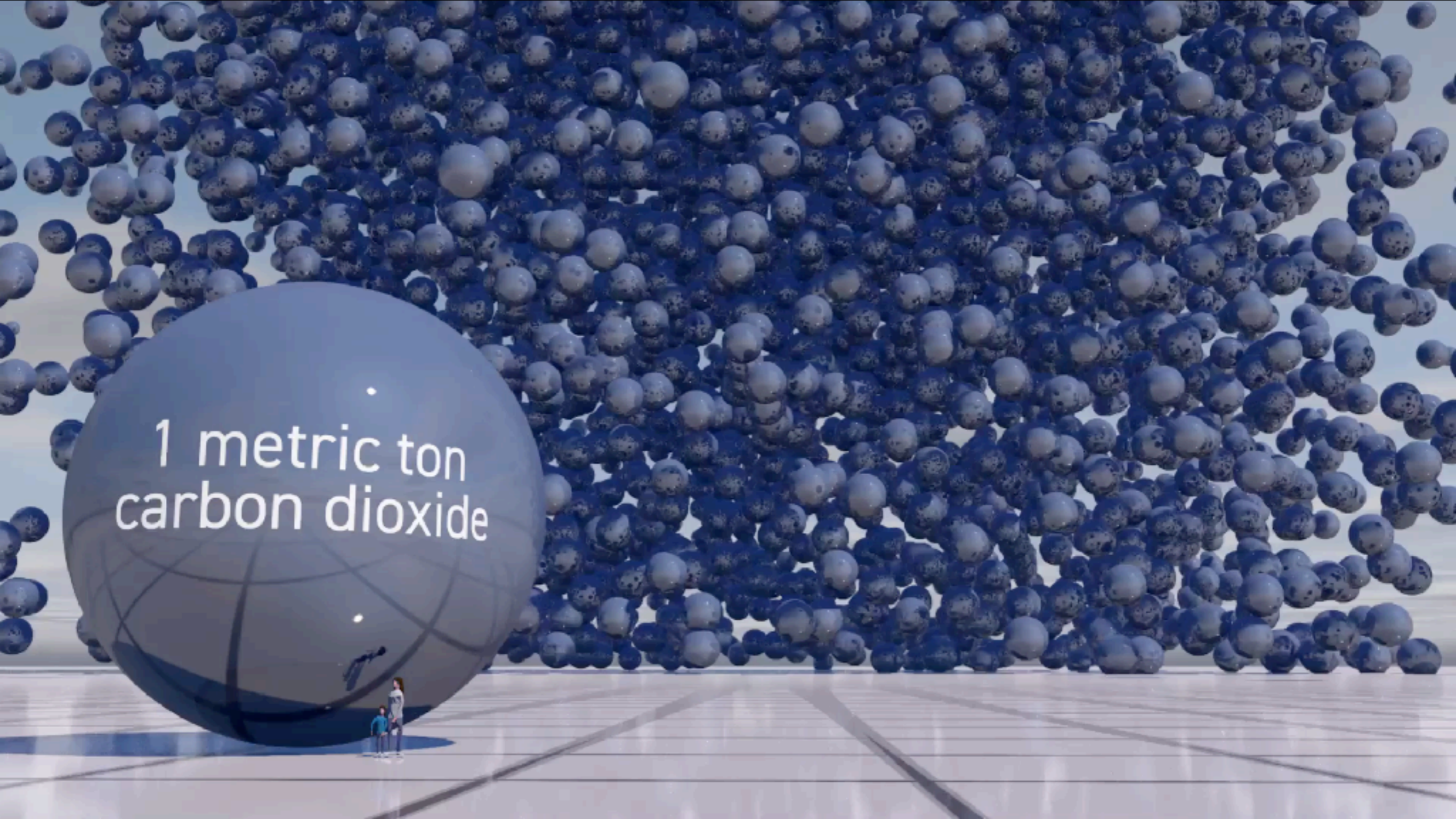


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<https://www.realworldvisuals.com/rwv-projects/trees-store-carbon>



we add a paper thick layer of CO<sub>2</sub> to the atmosphere



...EVERY DAY



A satellite view of Earth at night, showing city lights and the dark ocean. The text "WHAT HAS CHANGED?" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font.

**WHAT HAS  
CHANGED?**







A satellite view of Earth at night, showing city lights and the dark ocean. The text "CLIMATE CHANGE" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font across the center of the image.

**CLIMATE CHANGE**



EBOOKS

SCIENTIFIC  
AMERICAN.

THE SCIENCE OF

# Climate Change



The  
Economist

NOVEMBER 27TH - DECEMBER 3RD 2010 Economist.com

The euro crisis, continued

Attacking the Fed

What's up with North Korea

Germany's model Mittel-management

Saving Fiat from Italy

## How to live with climate change







Photo: Alex Treadway/ICIMOD





















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PUBLIKO

Pedro

NO PARKING  
EITHER SIDE

NO PARKING  
EITHER SIDE







## Pakistan floods kill 580 and bring misery to millions

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# ENERGY REVOLUTION





the energy revolution





Demonstrator project, 2000, off Northumberland coast,  
2 x 2 MW turbines, 66m diameter - 2000 homes





Hornsea 1 wind farm, 2019,  
174 x 7 MW turbines, 190m  
diameter - 1 million homes





Hornsea 3 wind farm, 2027,  
2,200 MW - 2 million homes





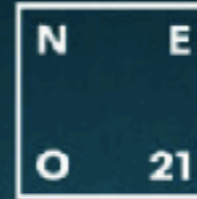
Bhadla Solar Park, India, 2.25 GW  
5,700 ha (14,000 acres)





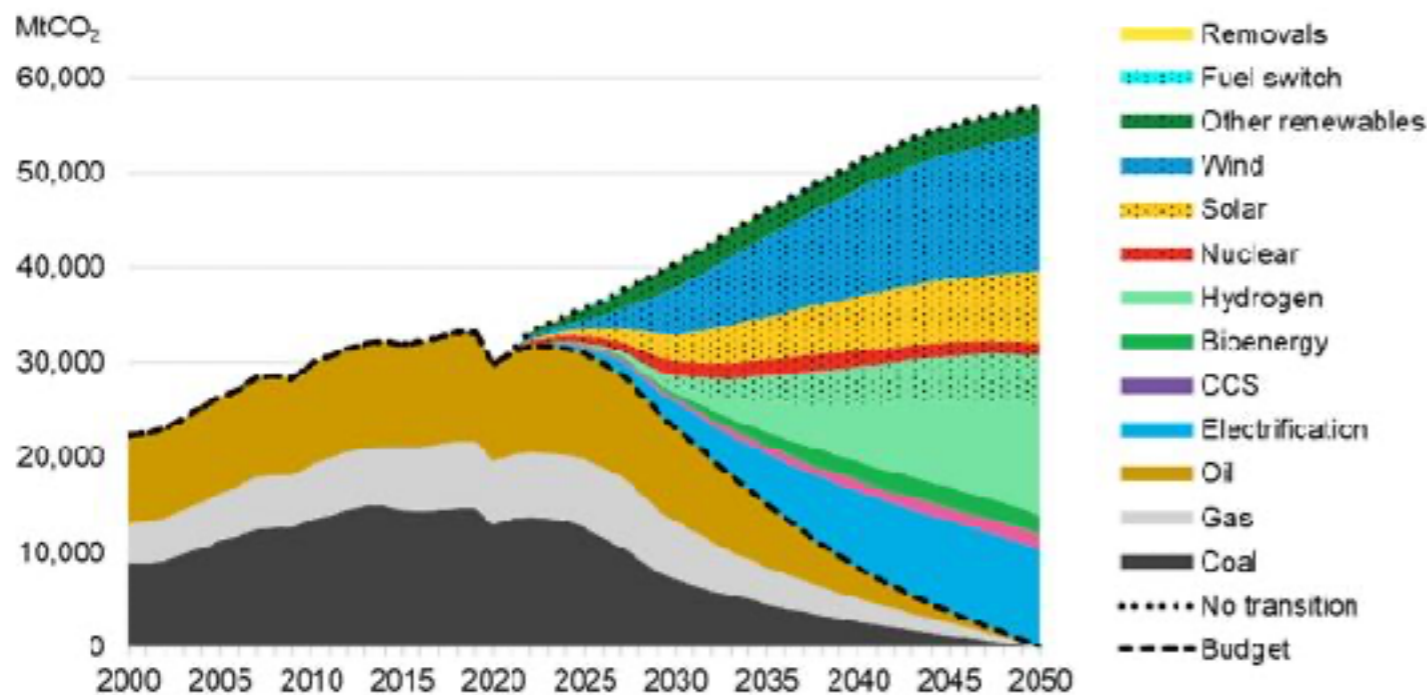


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# New Energy Outlook 2021

Emissions and abatement, by source, Green Scenario



Source: BloombergNEF

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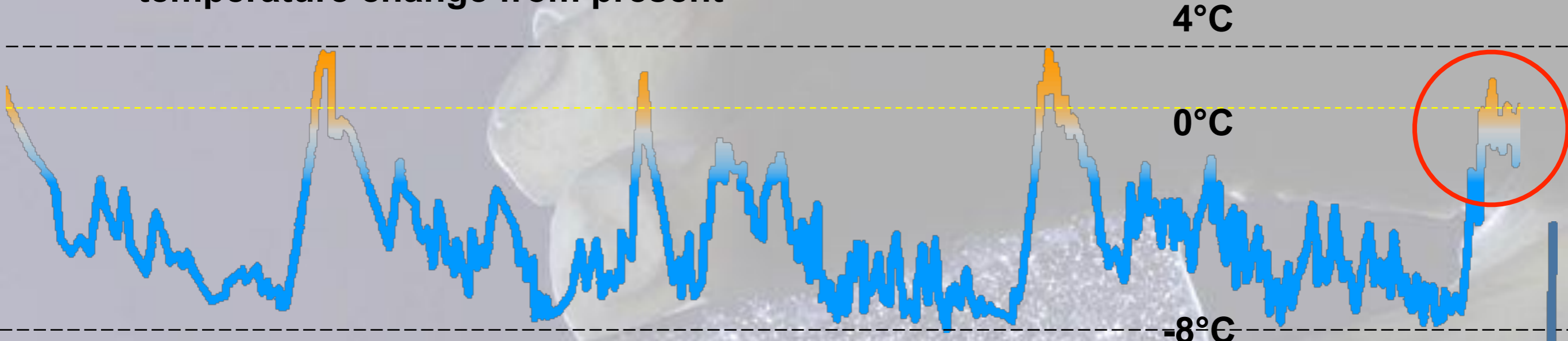


A satellite view of Earth at night, showing the dark blue oceans and the glowing yellow and orange lights of cities and towns. The text "WHAT ABOUT PEOPLE?" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font in the center of the image.

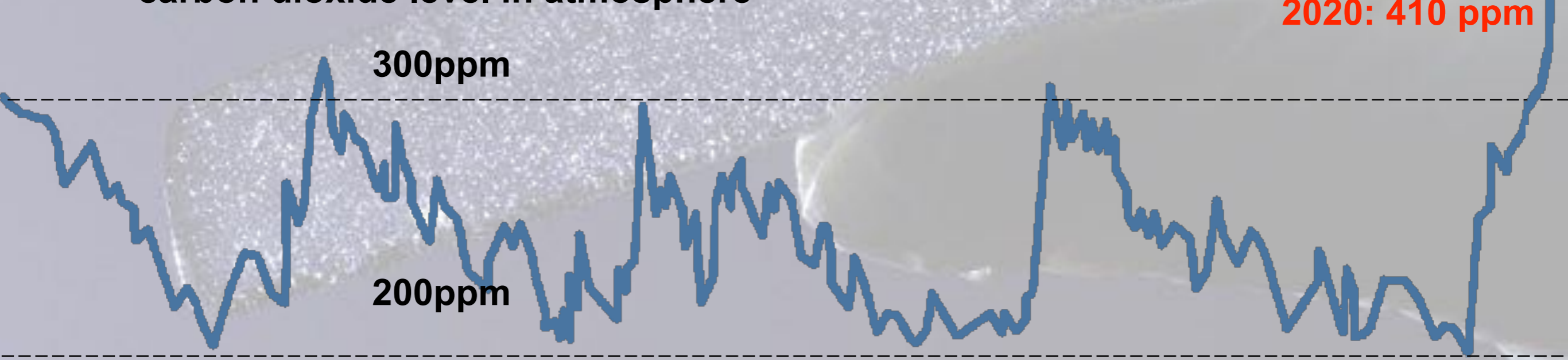
**WHAT ABOUT  
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# temperature change from present



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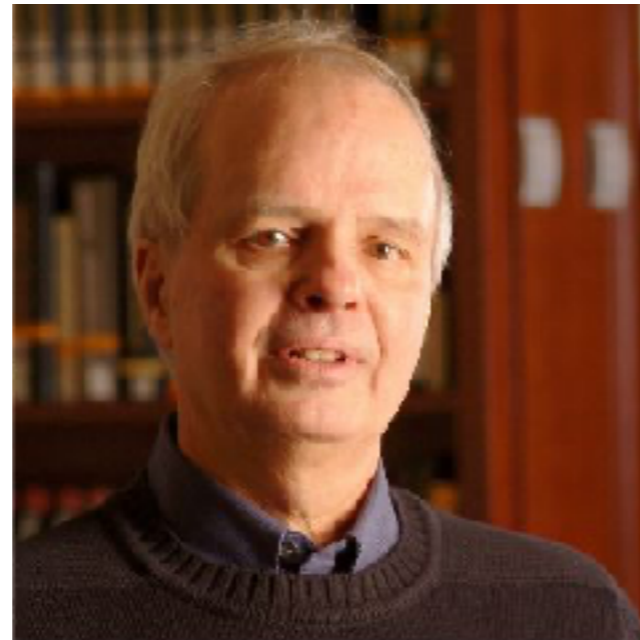


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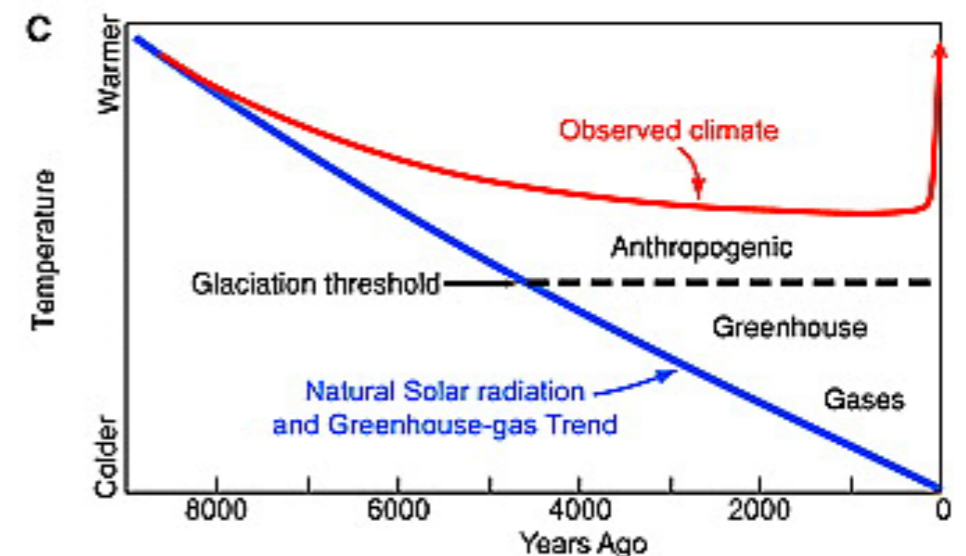
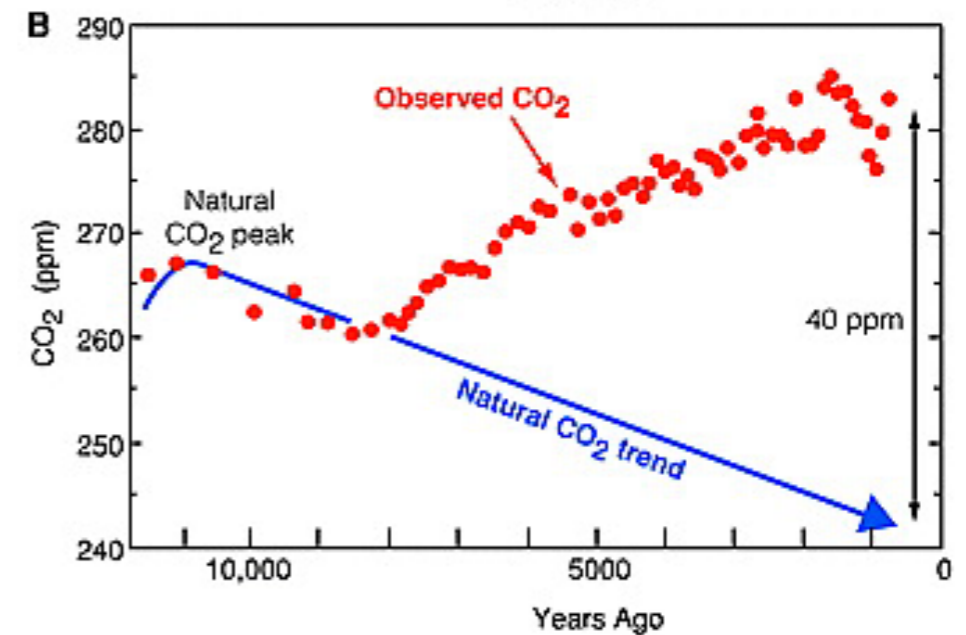
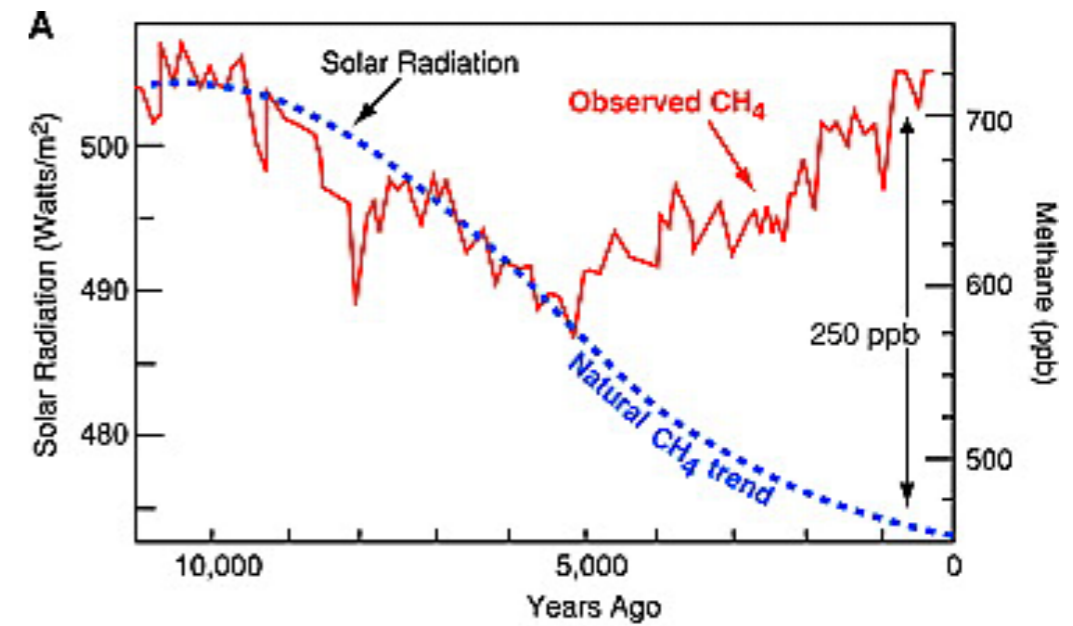




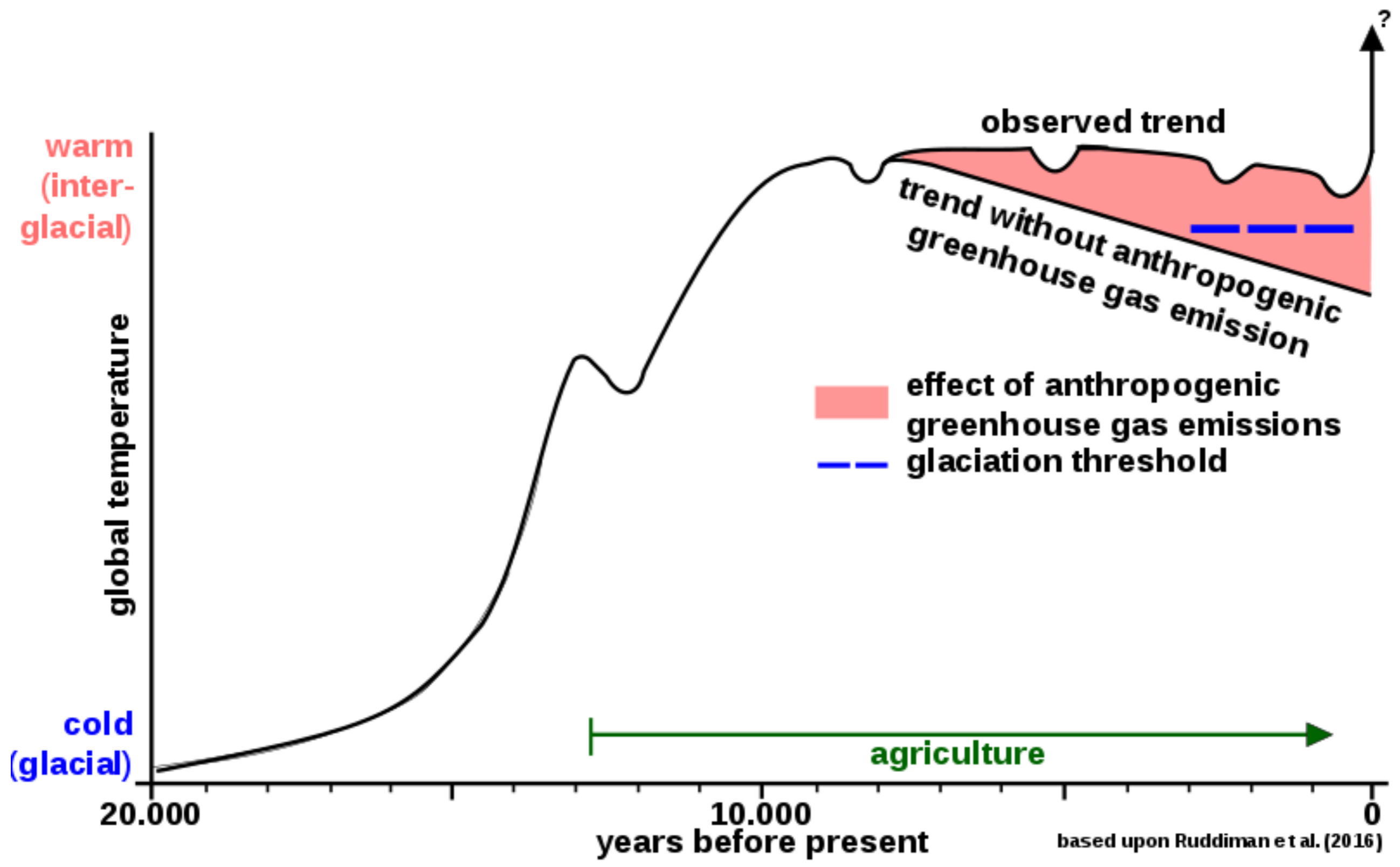
# HOW DID HUMANS FIRST ALTER GLOBAL CLIMATE?

A bold new hypothesis suggests that our ancestors' farming practices kicked off global warming thousands of years before we started burning coal and driving cars

By William F. Ruddiman

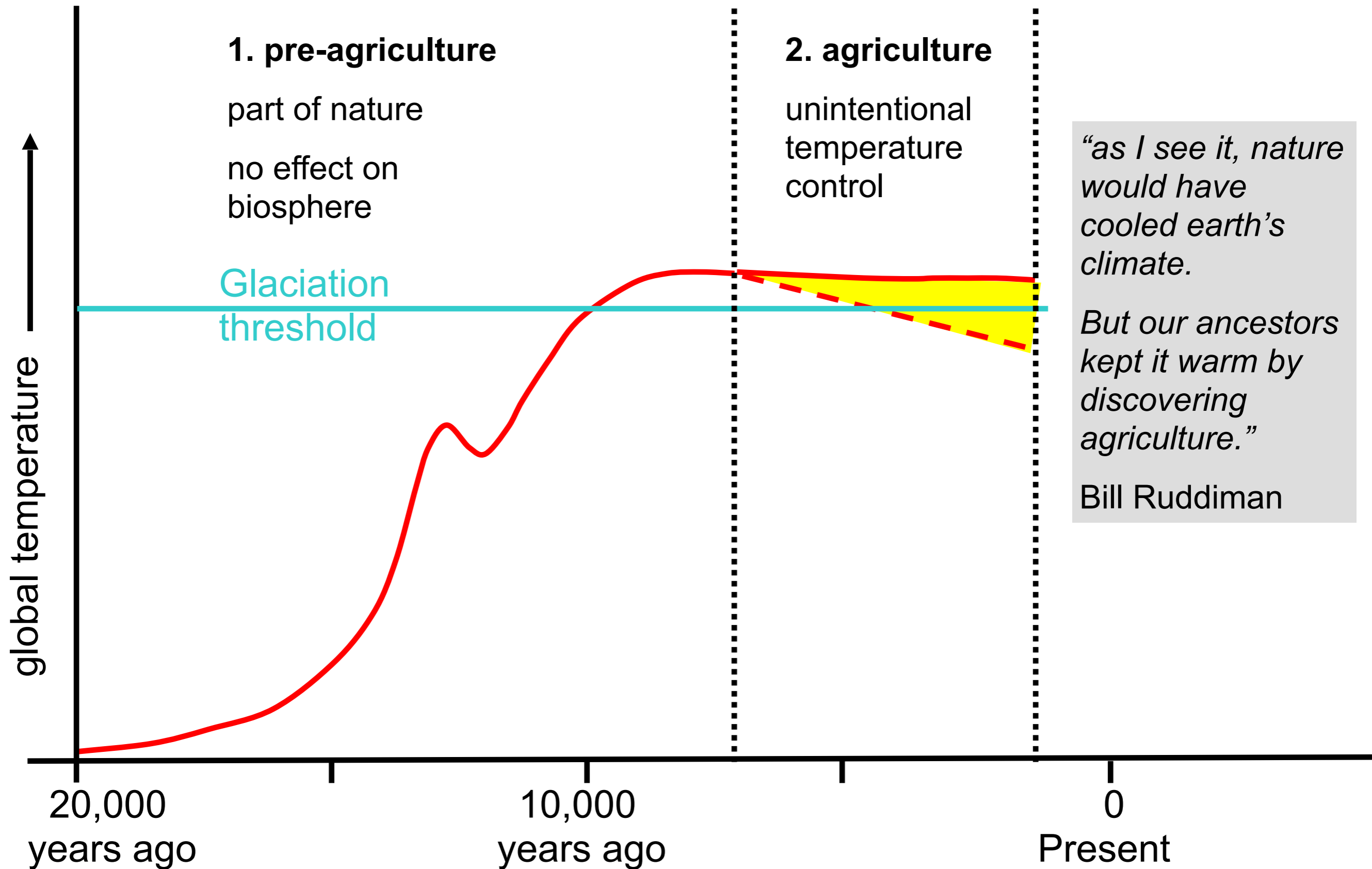






based upon Ruddiman et al. (2016)

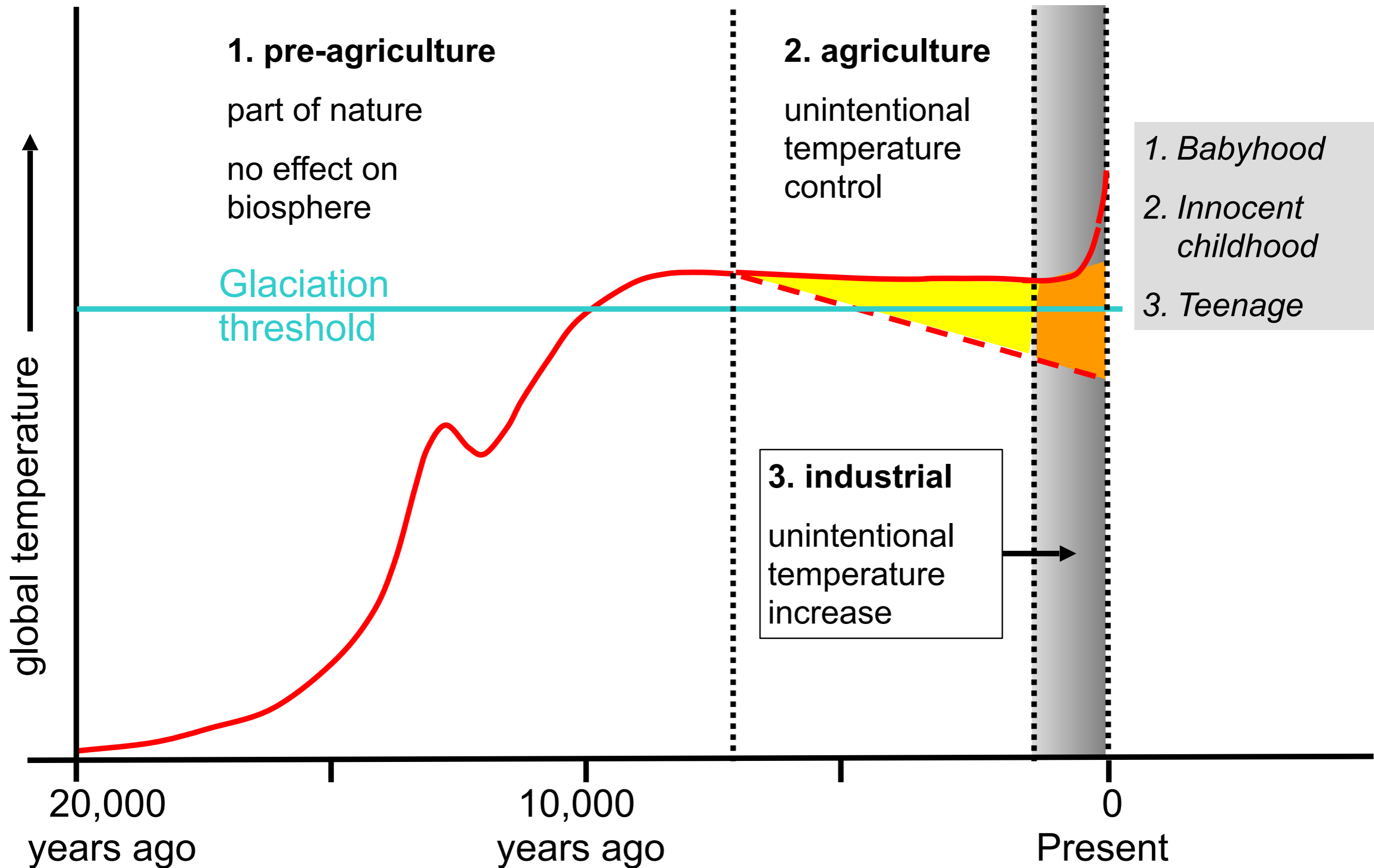




*“as I see it, nature would have cooled earth’s climate.  
But our ancestors kept it warm by discovering agriculture.”*

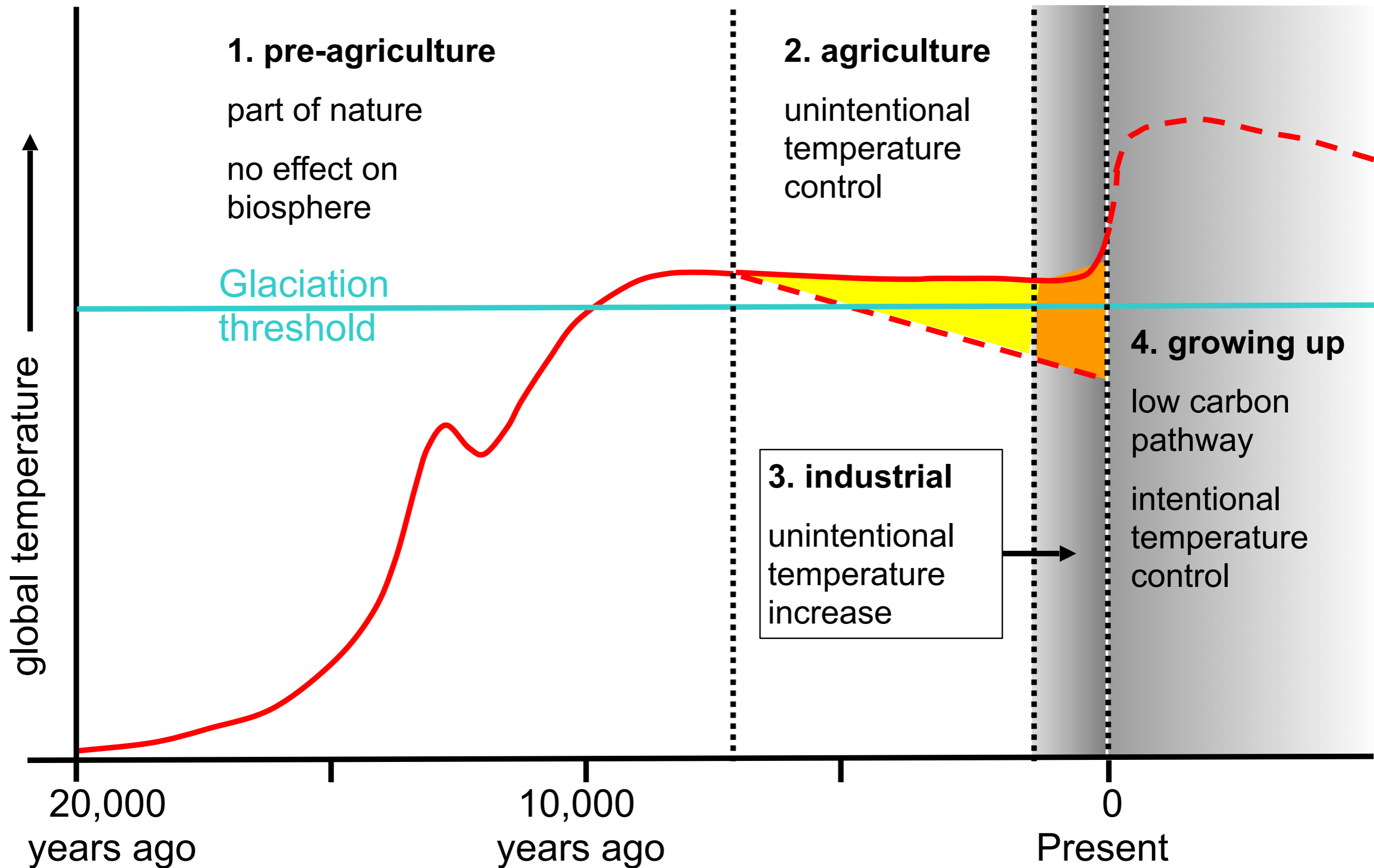
Bill Ruddiman





stages of human / planetary relationship





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where are the grown-ups?





destructive

grown-up

short term  
selfish  
addictive  
peer influenced  
black & white  
big is best

short & long term  
collaborative  
self control  
informed choice  
nuanced  
appropriate scale

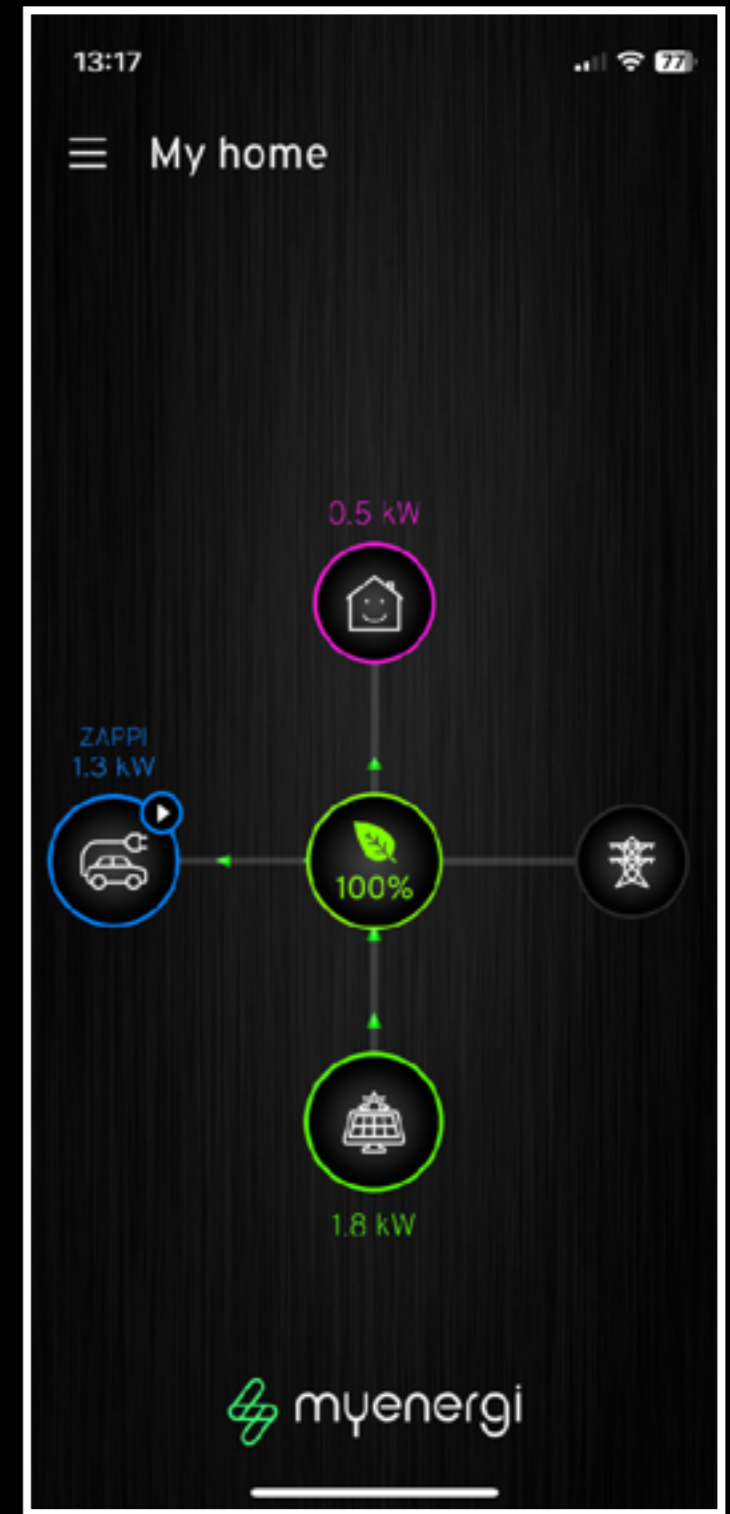
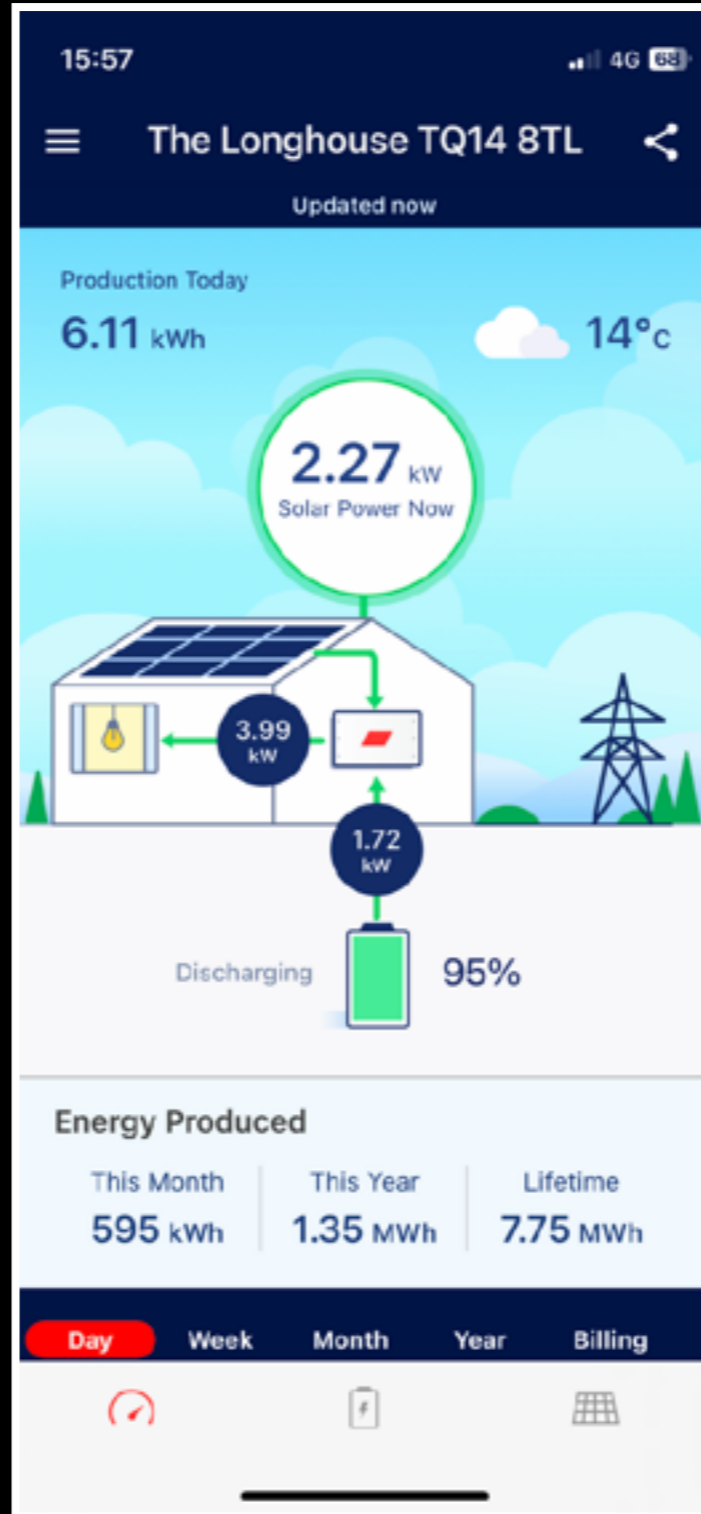
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A satellite view of Earth at night, showing city lights and the word 'CHOICE' overlaid in white. The image captures the curvature of the planet, with the dark blue oceans and the glowing yellow and white lights of urban areas. The word 'CHOICE' is centered in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

CHOICE







# what's your beef?

	Beef CO2 data		
	kilo CO2e per kilo*	sequestration**	kilo CO2e per steak**
Global average	46	0	10
UK grass fed average	17.12	0	4
Woodland Valley Farm	35	-66	-7
Average PFLA farm (estimate)	15	-10	1

\*\* average UK steak is 225 grams (8 oz)







Anders Eldrup, CEO, DONG, 2009

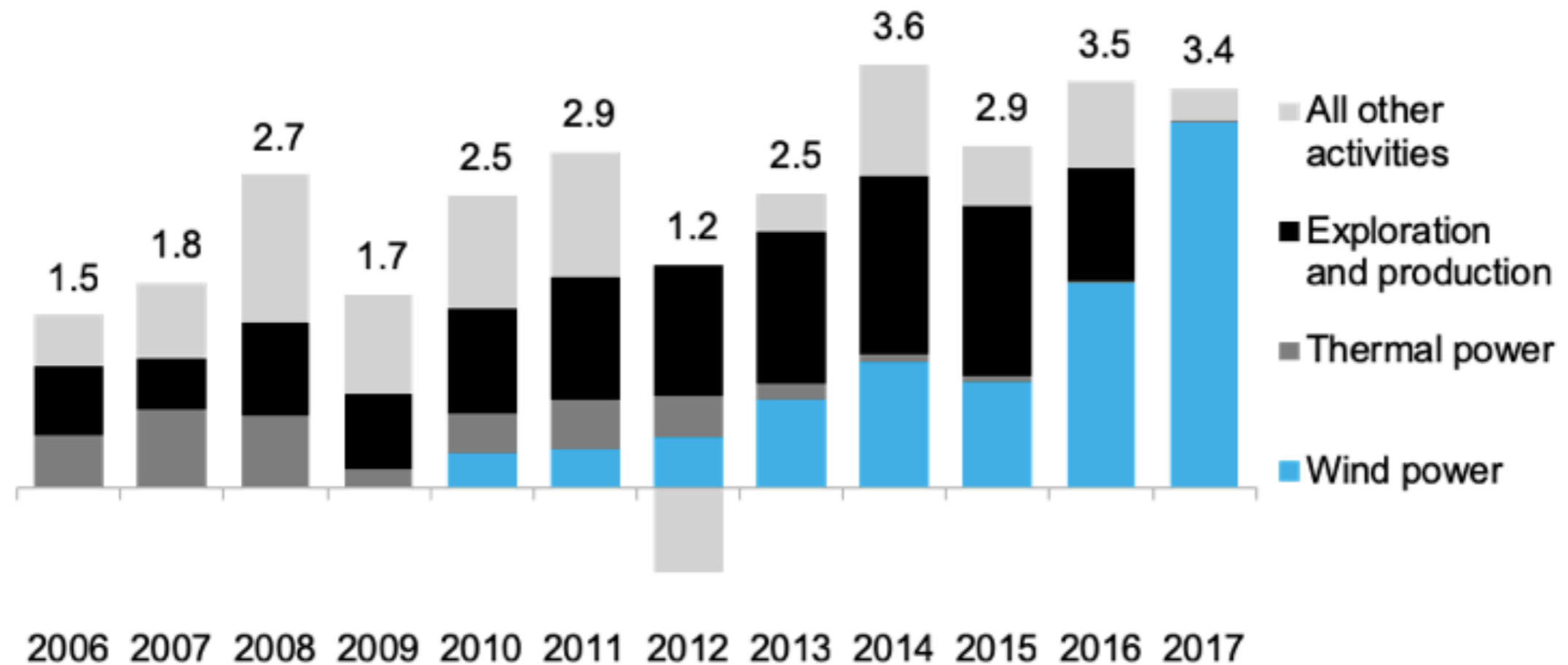
*“We will transform our company from 15% renewable energy and 85% of fossil-fuel based energy to the opposite”.*

**DONG**  
energy



**Figure 3 : Orsted Ebitda by business segment**

\$ billion



*(Source: Bloomberg LP, BloombergNEF.)*

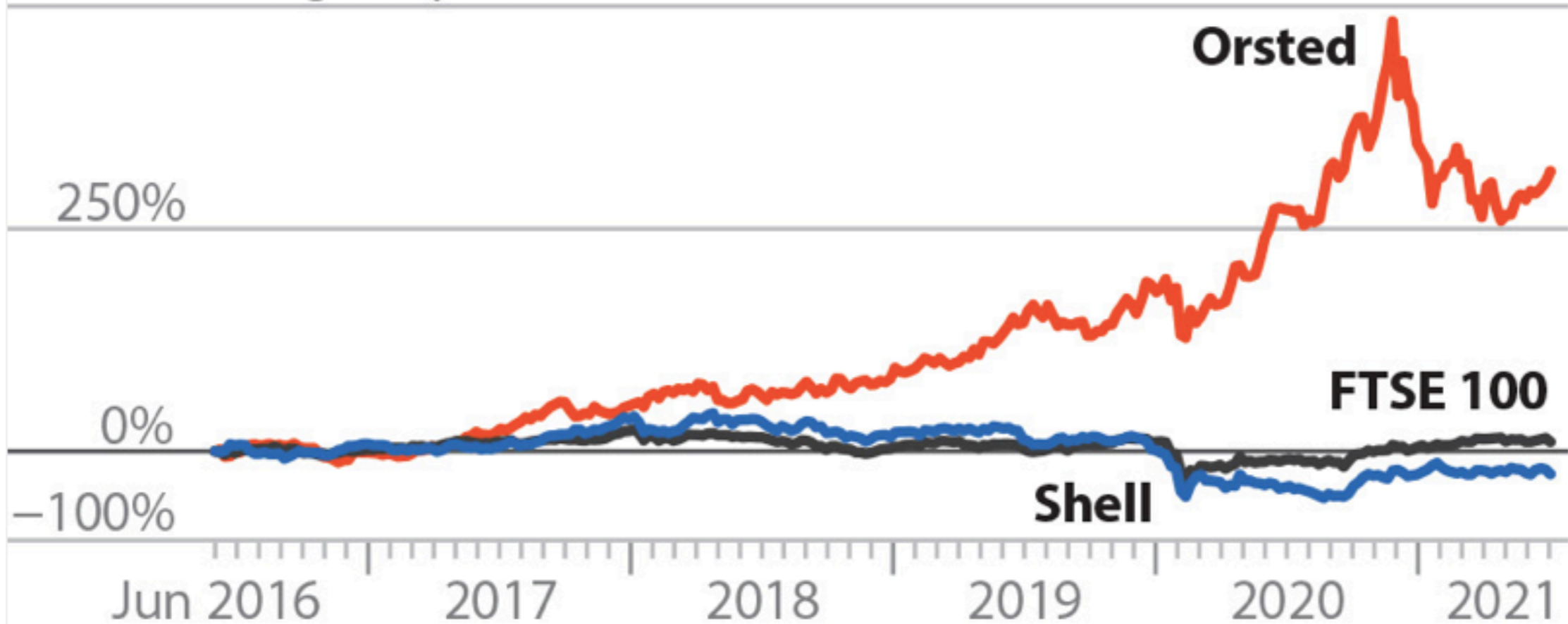




# Danish Utility's Green Energy Transition

Orsted's shift to renewables yields gains for shareholders

500% change in price



Source: Refinitiv

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REGENERATION





*Kaymenf Baftar 2009*

# Re generation De klimaatcrisis opgelost in één generatie

Paul Hawken

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[www.regeneration.org](http://www.regeneration.org)





## Equity ▶

This comes first because it encompasses everything. All that needs to be done must be infused by equity. Fairness is about social systems—how we treat one another, how we treat ourselves, and how we treat the living world. The planet has been transformed in a blink of an eye. If we are to transform the climate crisis, we need to transform ourselves, and we had best not blink. Time is of the essence. Social systems require the same level of care, attention, and kindness as ecosystems. They are incomparable yet inseparable. The state of the environment accurately reflects the violence, injustice, disrespect, and harm we do to people of different cultures, beliefs, and skin color. As Jane Goodall points out, you save forests and species by helping to create better lives for people.

The primary method of reversing global greenhouse gas emissions is simple: stop putting them into the atmosphere. It is also the most difficult, while being the greatest economic opportunity. The amount of carbon-emitting fossil fuel consumed is astonishing. Every day, the world burns 100 million barrels of oil, 47 billion pounds of coal, and 10 billion cubic meters of natural gas, which together emit 34 billion tons of carbon dioxide every year. Reduce puts an end to the emissions from agriculture, transport, food systems, deforestation, desertification, and ecosystem destruction. The implementation of renewable energy from wind, solar, energy storage, and microgrids are critical, and well on their way. Equally important is the reduction of energy and material use. Reduce solutions include electric vehicles, micro-mobility, carbon-positive buildings, walkable cities, carbon architecture, electrified buildings, minimized food waste, and the next category: Protect.

Screenshot



## ◀ Reduce





Protect is synonymous with preserving, safeguarding, and defending. Terrestrial systems hold 3.3 trillion tons of carbon in and above ground. That is about four times as much carbon than is in the atmosphere. The carbon is contained in forestlands, peatlands, wetlands, grasslands, mangroves, tidal salt marshes, farmland, and rangeland. We need to keep it here on earth. Every year, some portion of each of these ecosystems is degraded, developed, converted, or lost. It is a relatively small percentage, but it adds up. When living systems break down or are destroyed, the plants and organisms below and above ground die, resulting in carbon dioxide emissions. If we lose 10 percent of the earth's terrestrial systems, these emissions could increase carbon dioxide in the atmosphere by as much as 100 parts per million.

There is a natural carbon cycle that has been functioning for hundreds of millions of years. Carbon moves in and out of the atmosphere. Forests, plants, and phytoplankton take in carbon dioxide and convert it to oxygen and carbohydrates. Roughly 25 percent of our carbon emissions are absorbed by oceans and transformed into fish, kelp, whales, shells, seals, and bones, but most of it is converted to carbonic acid, which is slowly killing sea life and is leading to a dead ocean. The primary way human beings can sequester is through regenerative agriculture, managed grazing, reforestation, afforestation, degraded land restoration, replanting mangroves, bringing back wetlands, and protecting existing ecosystems. The oft-used term net-zero emissions is not the goal. It is the threshold where the world begins to reduce atmospheric carbon levels back to pre-industrial levels.



Screenshot





## Influence ▶

Influence encompasses laws, regulations, subsidies, policies, and building codes. It is one thing to cease using plastic bags. It is better to get single-use plastic banned. As each of us endeavors to examine and modify our impact, we gain insight into the cause of degenerative processes, products, and services. You can't fix pollution, degradation, or plastic downstream. The cause is upstream, and that is where influence needs to be directed. It can start with the purchasing policies of one's school, city, or business. Influence can be exerted in the form of letters, emails, or messages to corporations and trade associations. It can mean speaking with or writing to city councils, provincial or state legislators, governors, presidents, and members of Congress or Parliament. It can take the form of boycotts and protests. Each of us has but one voice. When one voice becomes "we," change happens.

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In virtually every area of climate, social justice, and the environment, there are organizations that are highly competent at what they do, that are ahead of the curve and embody knowledge and networks that make them the most effective change agents. Links within Nexus in the Action + Connection section offer lists of the organizations around the world that are true regenerators, leaders who are often working with limited resources, citizens doing the extraordinary activities that governments and big business should be undertaking but are not. The lists in Nexus are specific to place, ecosystems, species, social justice, food, pollution, water, and more. You can find them quickly and easily to match the geographies and areas in which you want to help make change.

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It's not your job to save the planet. The idea of saving the Earth is a heavy burden and you can't do it anyway.

There is no such thing as carbon pollution. It is part and parcel of virtually everything we need, make, and touch, everything that is alive, delicious, astonishing, and sacred.

We have placed extraordinary amounts of carbon into the atmosphere, and we know exactly how we did it. Today, we know how to bring it back home to bring the planet into balance.

The carbon we bring home is the food needed to regenerate life on Earth. When we feed the Earth we heal the climate.

Regeneration is the default mode of life. You are able to read this sentence because the 30 trillion cells in your body are regenerating every nanosecond.

We can kill, poison, burn, or well life on Earth, but when that ceases, regeneration begins.

Now is the time to bring our life, practices, products, cities, agriculture, and all else into alignment with the living world and end the climate crisis.

Welcome to regeneration.



# What are people for?

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