

“Challenges of Eco-Efficiency”

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# Climate Change Mitigation and Eco-efficiency

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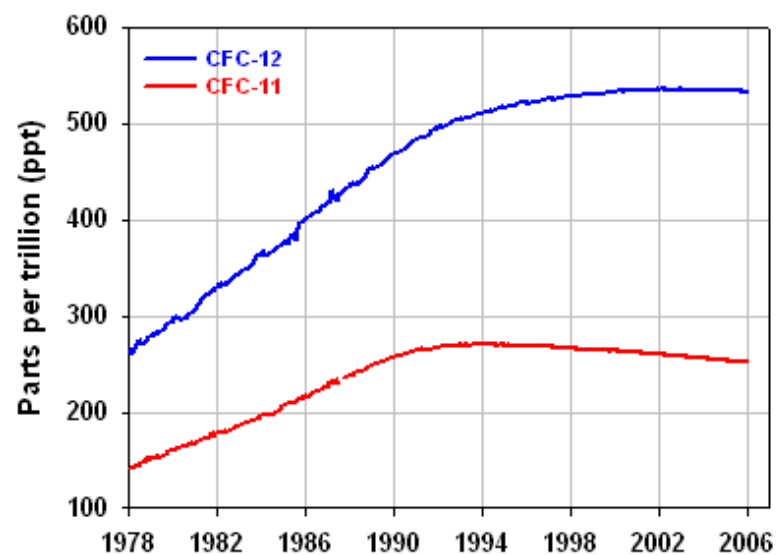
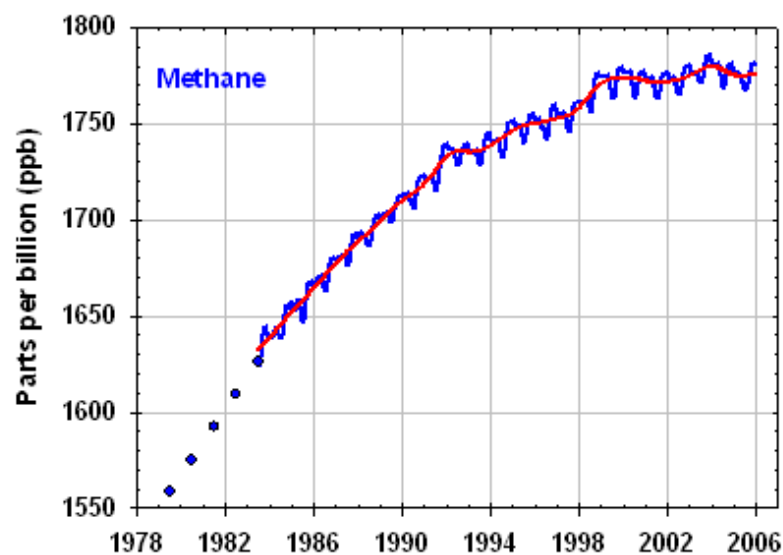
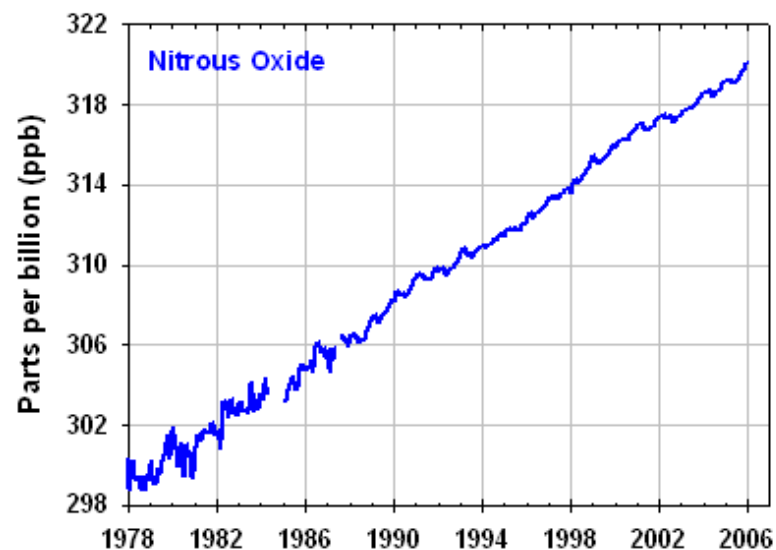
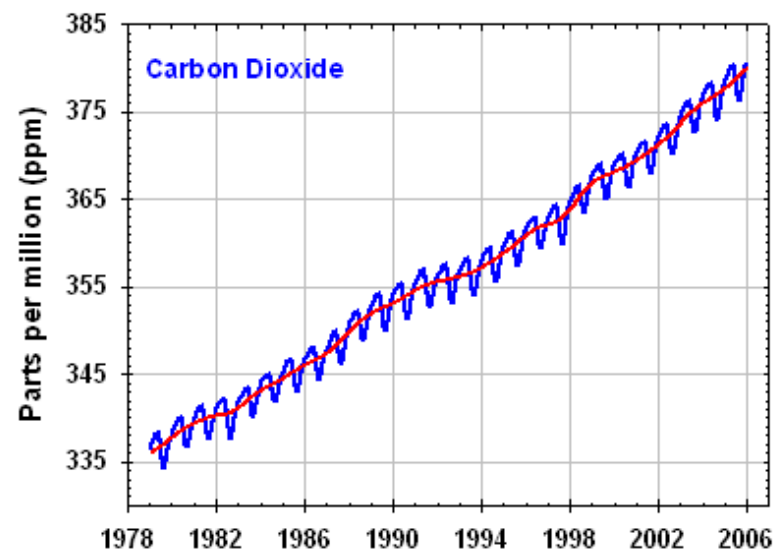
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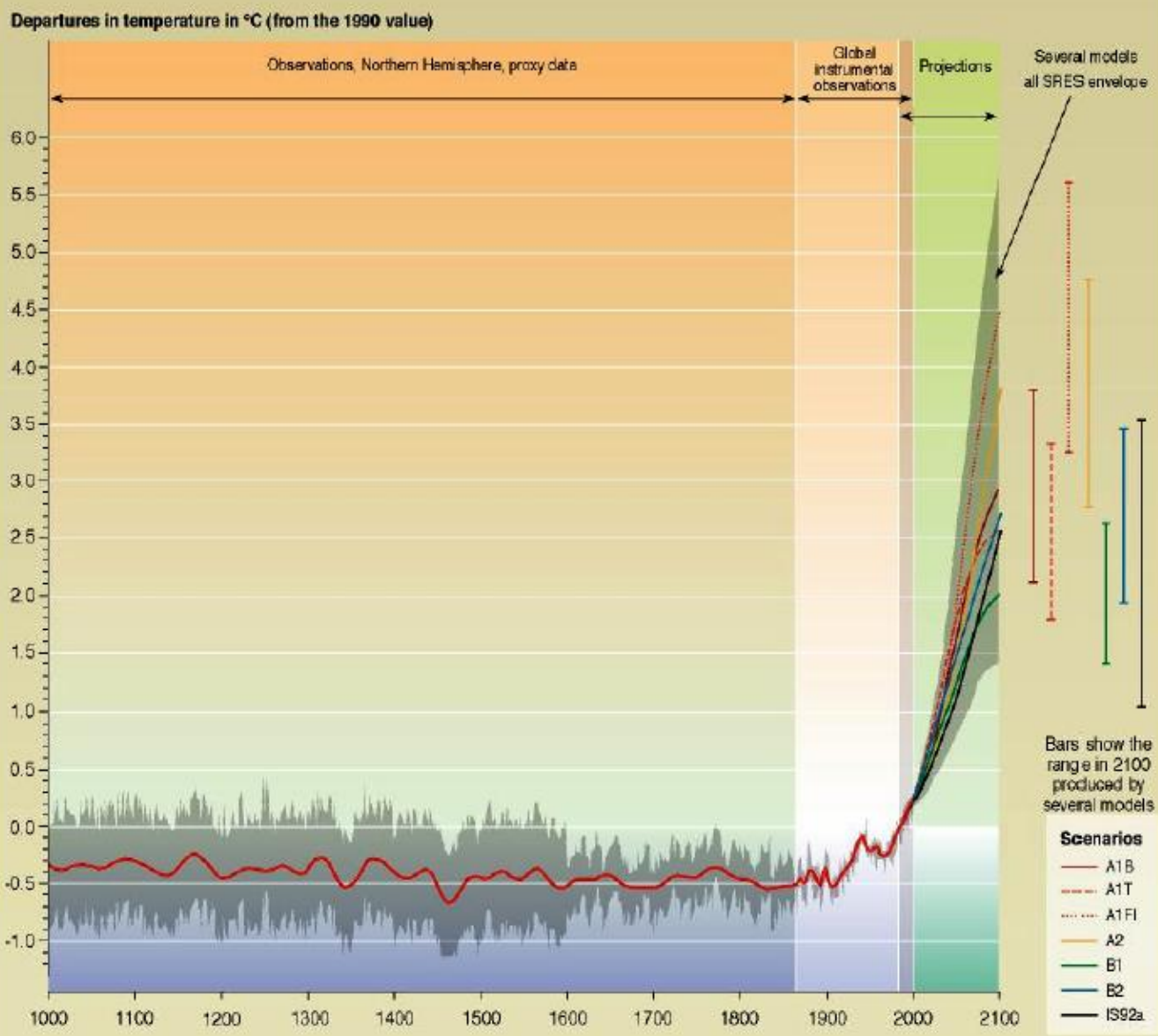


## Development of greenhouse gas concentrations

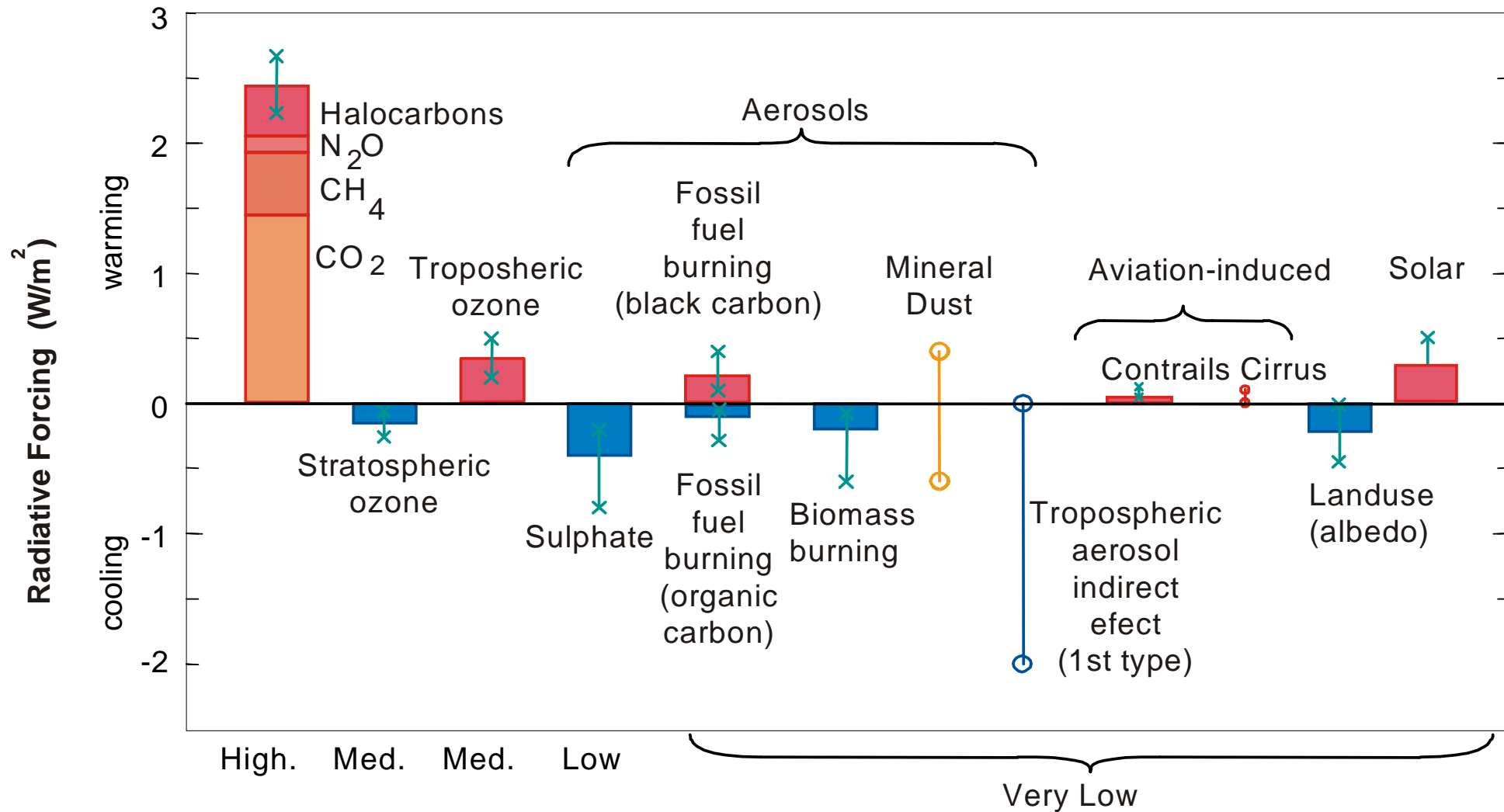


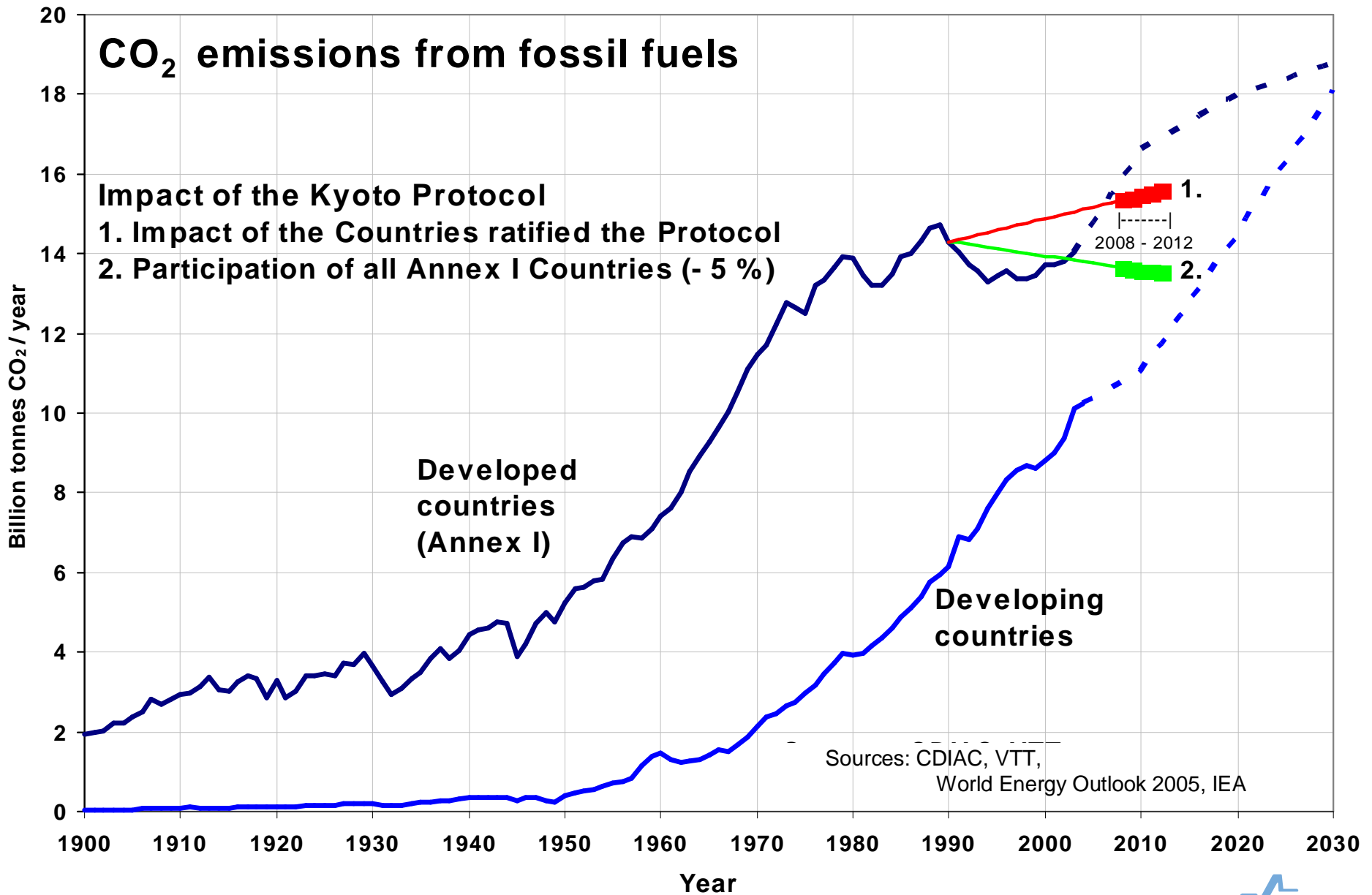
Lähde: NOAA, 2006.

### Variations of the Earth's surface temperature: 1000 to 2100



## Global average radiative forcing in early 1990's (IPCC 2001)





## Countermeasures

- † **Mitigation of climate change**
- † **Adaptation to climate change**
  
- † **UN Framework Convention of Climate Change (UNFCCC)  
(ilmastosopimus)**

Conference of Parties (COP) (osapuolten kokoukset)

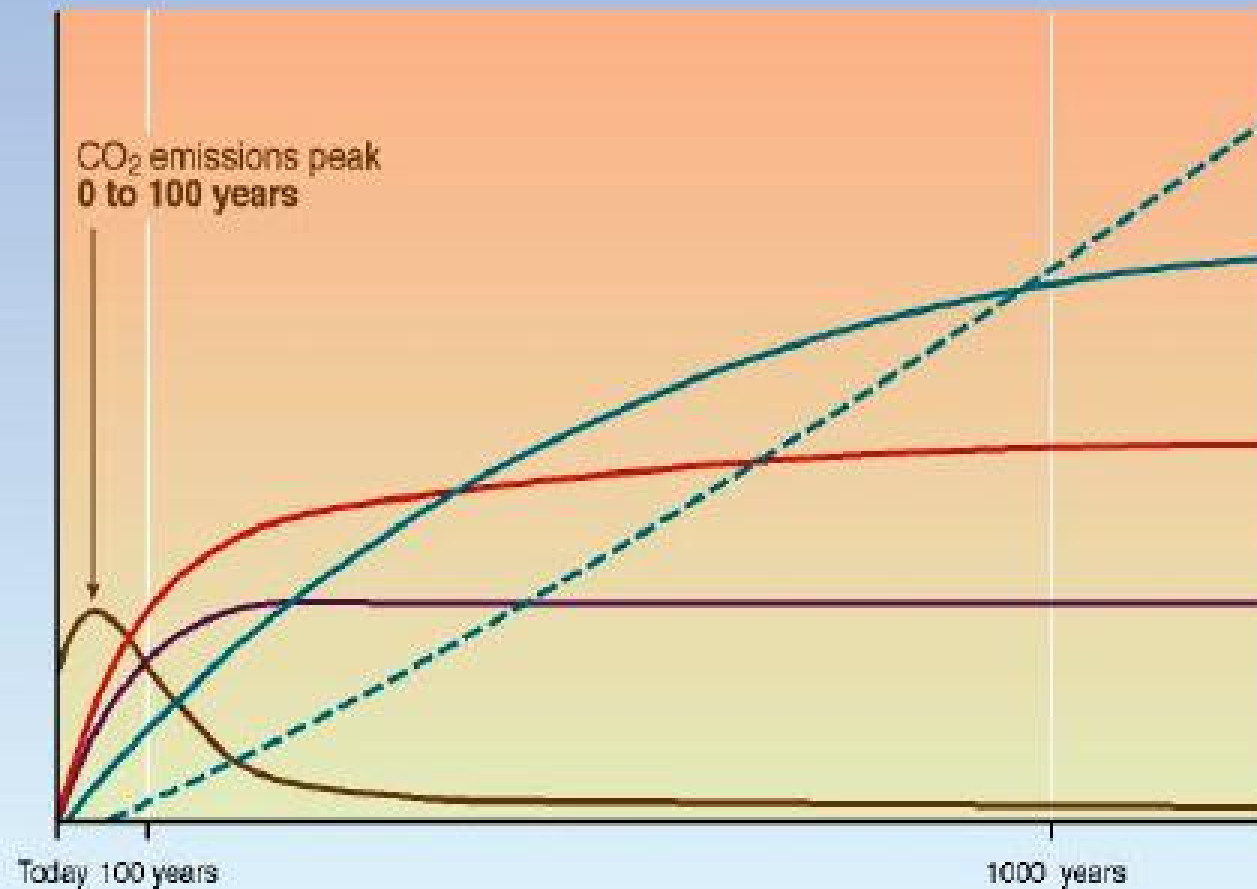
Kyoto Protocol (Kioton pöytäkirja)

Requirements for the new protocol:

- Greater number of countries to achieve deeper total emission reductions
- The protocol should steer technologies and economy towards lower emissions

## CO<sub>2</sub> concentration, temperature and sea level continue to rise long after emissions are reduced

Magnitude of response



Time taken to reach equilibrium

Sea-level rise due to ice melting:  
**several millenia**

Sea-level rise due to thermal expansion:  
**centuries to millenia**

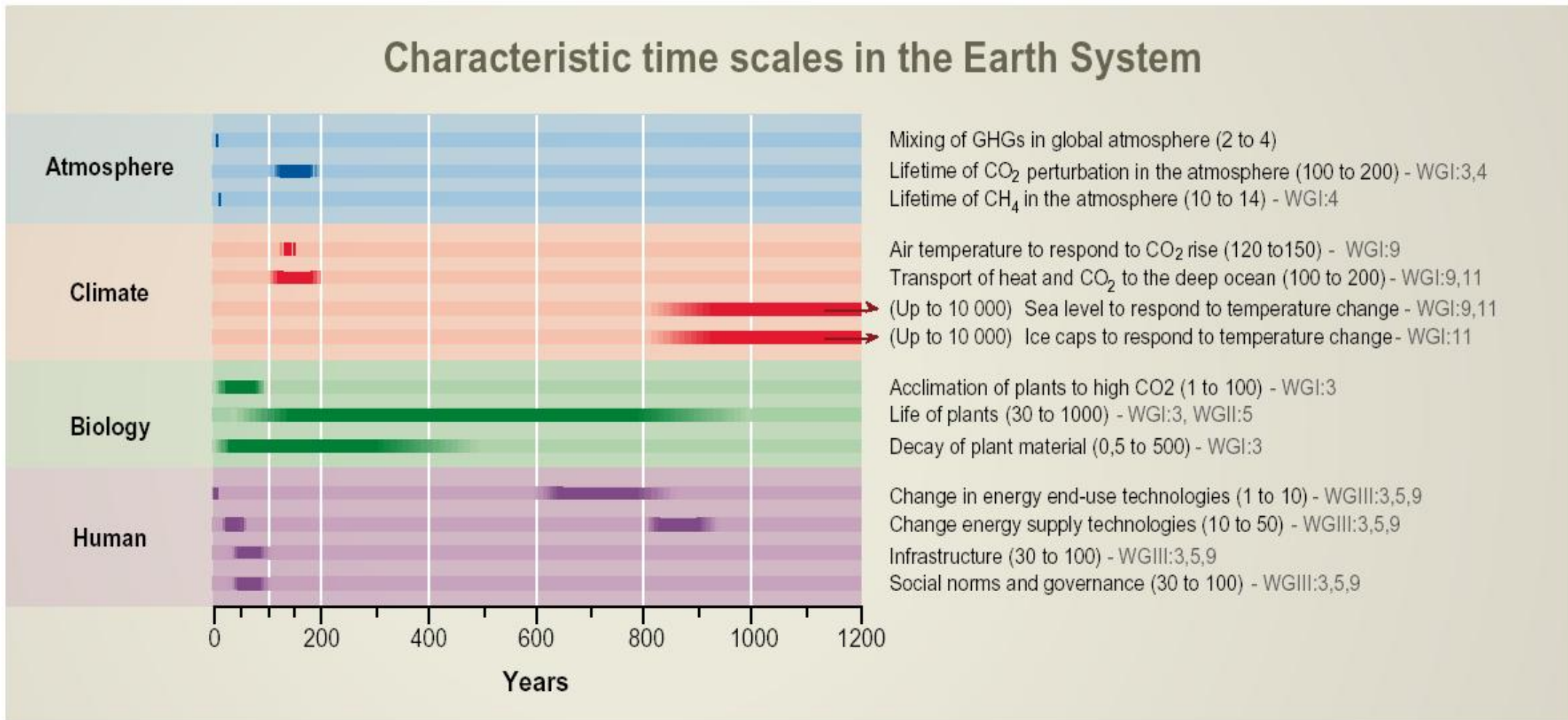
Temperature stabilization:  
**a few centuries**

CO<sub>2</sub> stabilization:  
**100 to 300 years**

CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

(IPCC 2001)

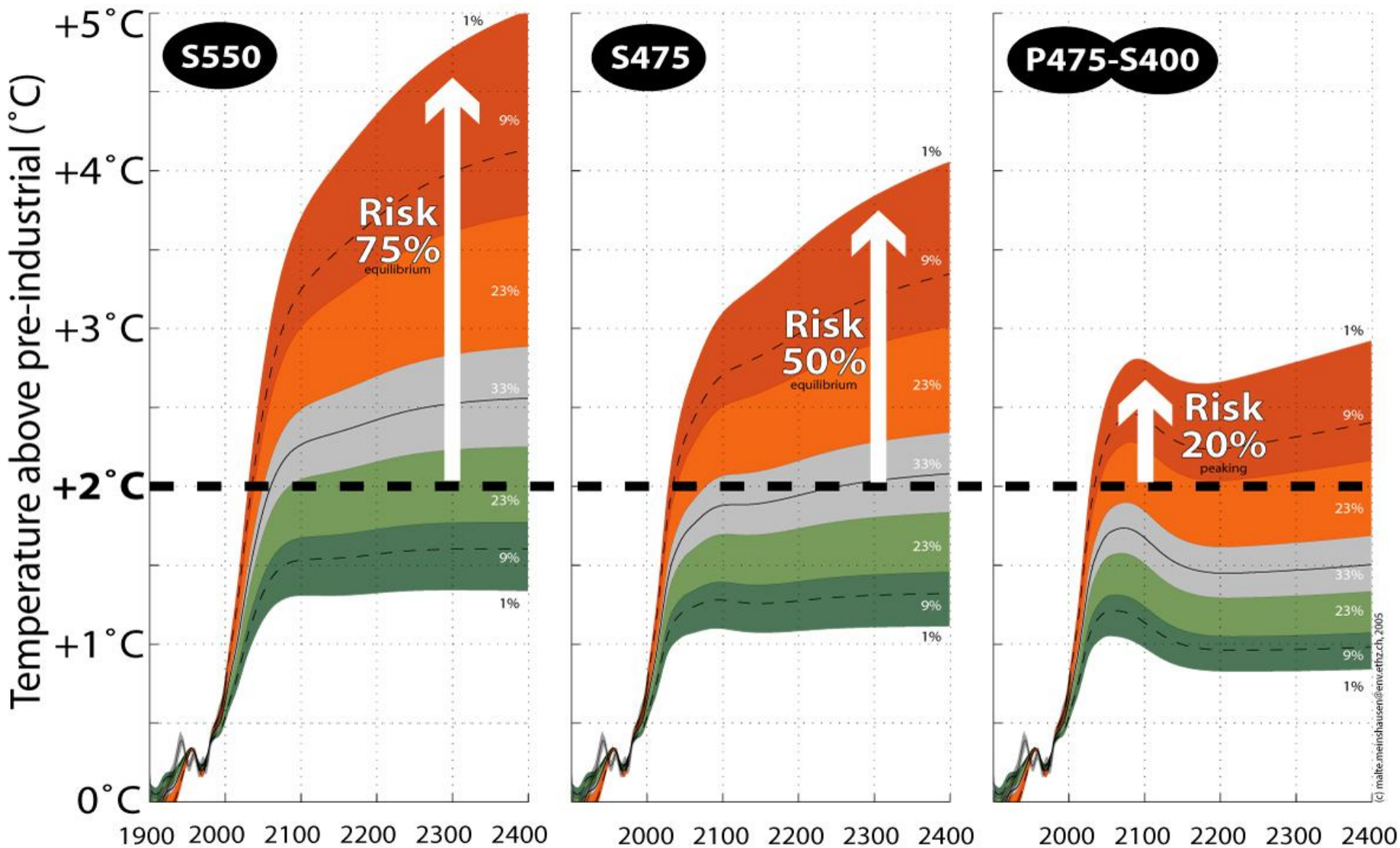
# Time scales



(IPCC 2001)



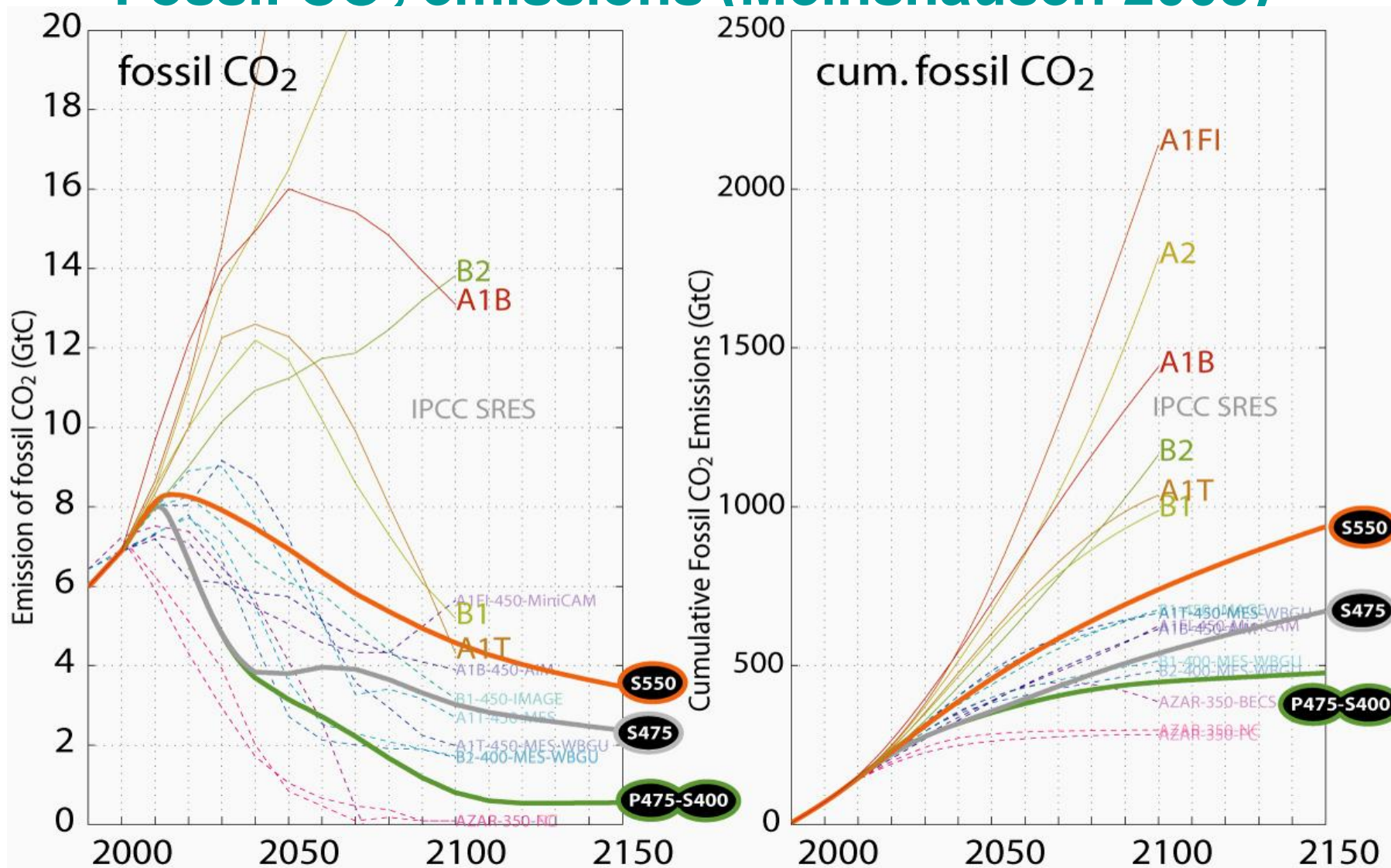
(Meinshausen 2005)



@ PDF Wigley (IPCC 90% lognormal)

- † 475 peaking within range, but at lower end of existing mitigation scenarios
- † Fossil carbon budget 400 GtC for stabilization at 400 ppm CO<sub>2</sub>eq.

## Fossil CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (Meinshausen 2005)



# Pressures

## **OECD/IEA World Energy Outlook 2004 and 2005:**

### **World population will grow**

**from 6,2 billion in the year 2002 to over 8 billion in 2030**

### **World economy will grow**

**by a factor of 2,5 to the year 2030**

### **Energy consumption will be**

**by a factor of 1,5 greater in 2030**

**the share of fossil fuels will remain over 80 per cent**

**In 2002 there was 1,6 billion people without electricity, this is a serious constraint for development and well-being**

**In 2002 about 2,4 billion people use traditional biomass for cooking and heating**

**Energy security is at risk in many countries**

# Reduction of Emissions

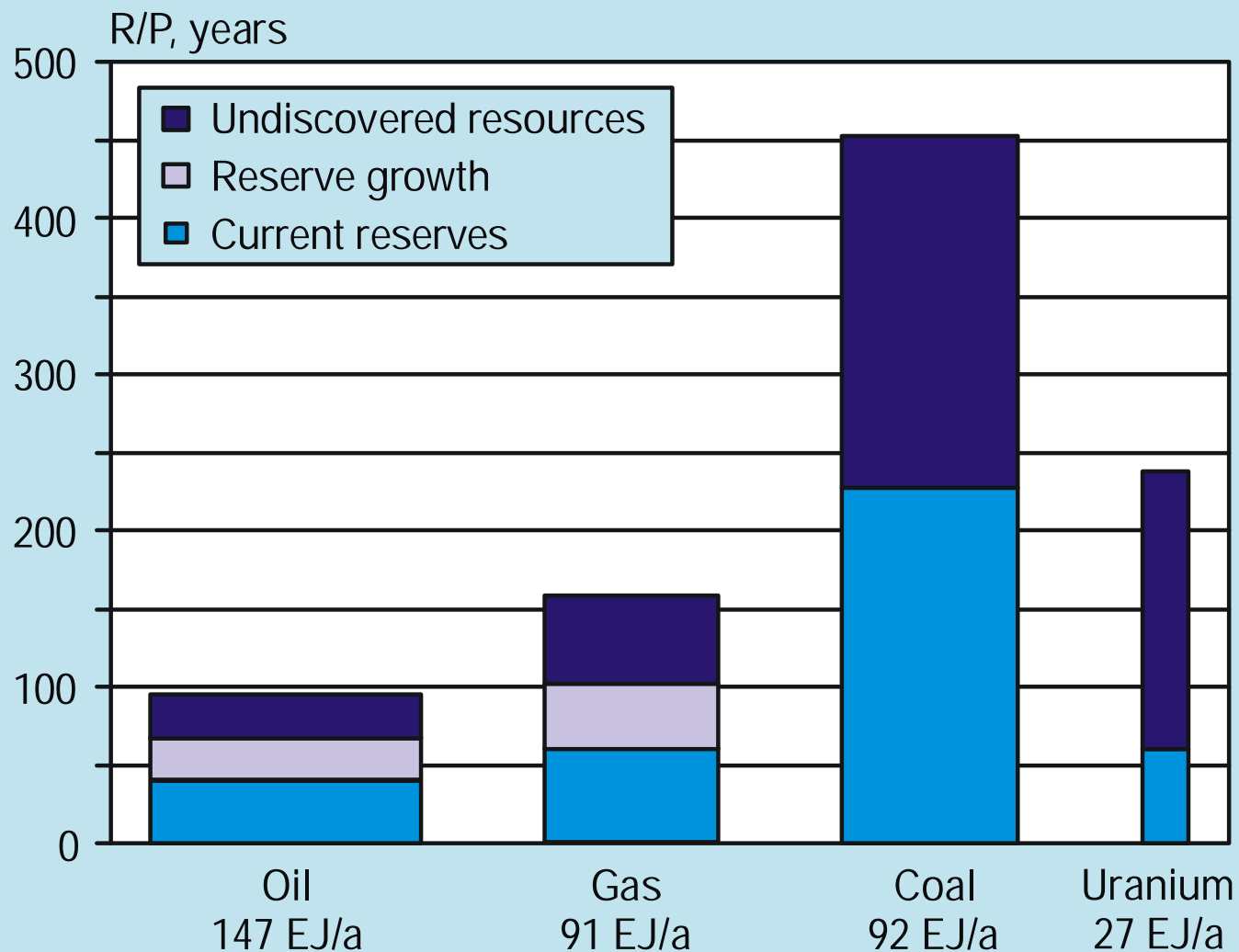
## Ordinary emission reduction measures

- Efficient low-emissions technology
- Change of consumption

## Steering instruments

- Agreements, standards, norms
- Economic instruments: taxes, subsidies, emission trading etc.
- Information, voluntary measures

## The size of the conventional fuel resources



## Kaya identity

$$C = \left( \frac{C}{E} \right) \times \left( \frac{E}{GDP} \right) \times \left( \frac{GDP}{POP} \right) \times POP$$

$C$  = CO<sub>2</sub> emission

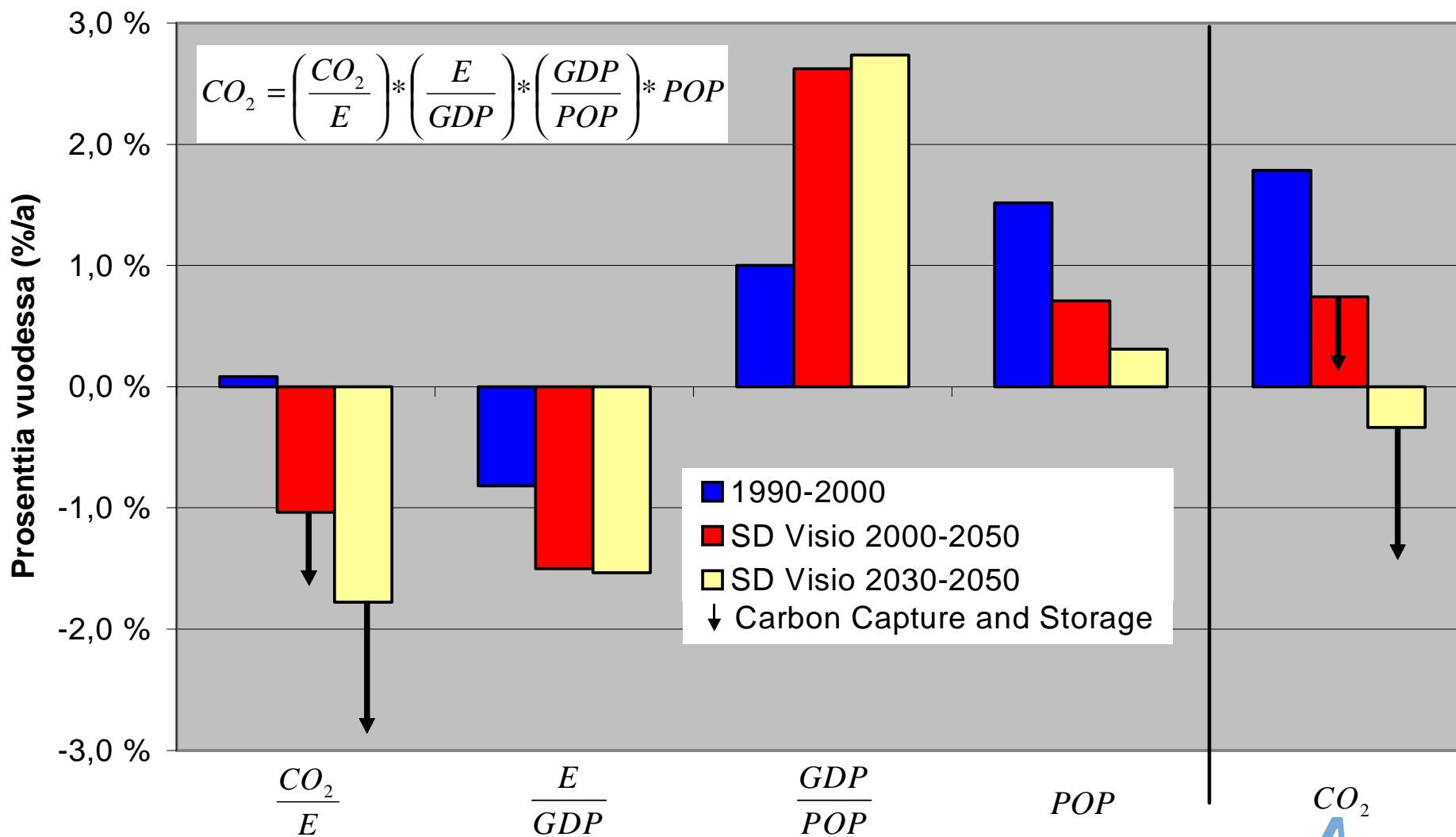
$GDP$  = Gross domestic Product

$E$  = Energy use

$POP$  = Population

- $POP$  is increasing in developing countries, almost stable in developed countries (except in USA)
- Factor ( $GDP / POP$ ) can be increased only.
- Factor ( $E / GDP$ ) can be controlled by structural changes and efficiency improvements (practices, technology).
- Factor ( $C / E$ ) can be controlled by technology and by choice of energy source (most easy to accept).

## IEA SD Vision Scenario, World Kaya Identity factors



## General possibilities to control climate change

### Factors reducing greenhouse gas emissions

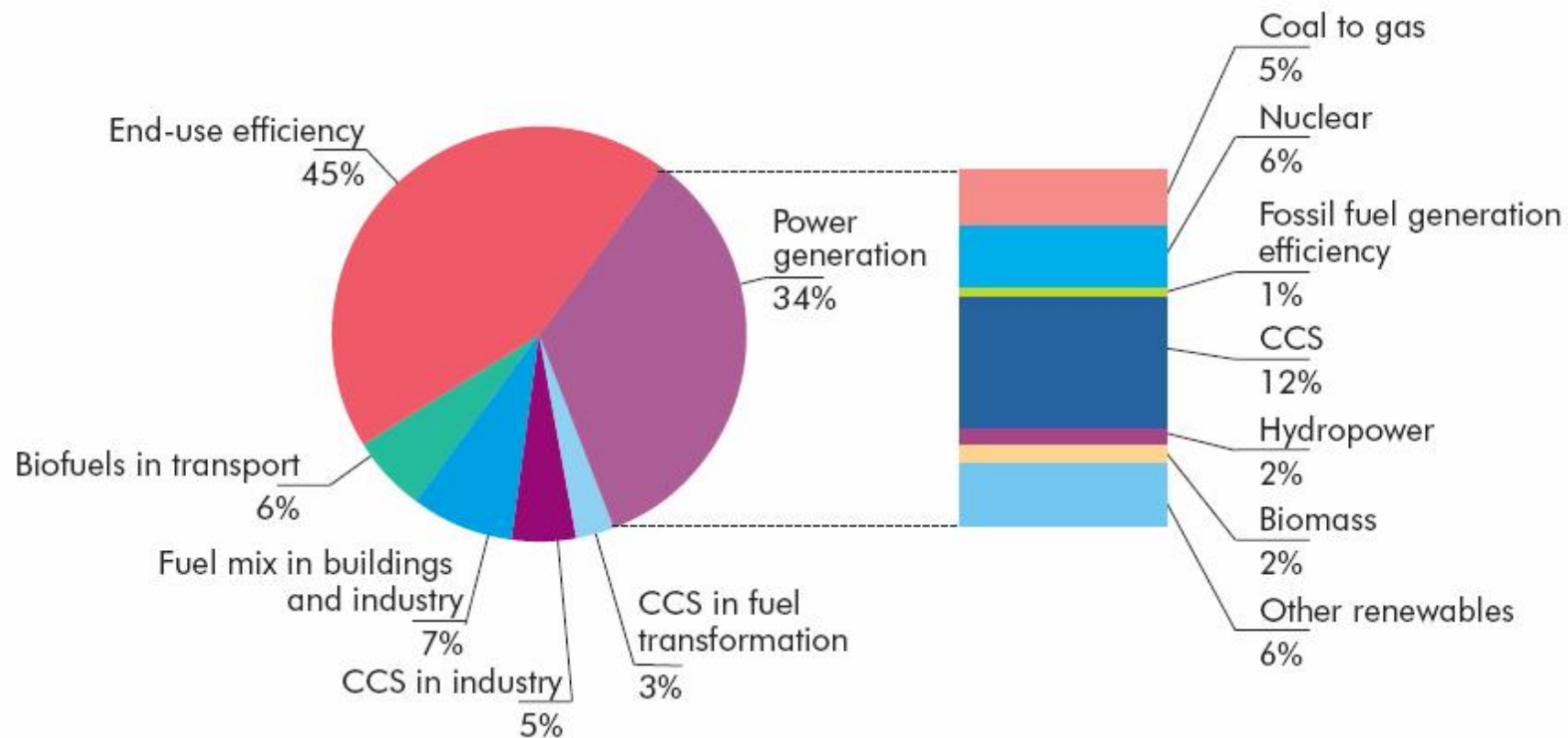
- change of economic structure so that proportion of relatively less energy using sectors will grow
- more efficient and economical use of energy (changes connected to energy use technologies and consumption habits)
- more efficient energy production, and growth of proportion of low and non-emission energy sources
- decrease of industrial process emissions as well as emissions of other sectors (e.g. agriculture, waste management, refrigeration appliances)
- In addition, the atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentration can be lowered by storing atmospheric carbon to carbon sink



## Technological alternatives

- t **Improvements of energy use efficiency**
- t **Raising the efficiency of fuel use in energy production (e.g. CHP, combined cycle processes)**
- t **Renewable energy sources (biomass, industrial and municipal wastes, wind, hydro etc.)**
- t **Nuclear power**
- t **CO2 capture and storage (e.g. old oil and gas fields)**
- t **Reduction of emissions from waste management and agriculture**
- t **Reduction of emissions of fluorinated gases**

## IEA: Reduction of the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 16% by 2050



### Key point

Improved efficiency of end-use technologies contributes 45% of the reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

IEA, 2006. Energy technology perspectives 2050.

# Summary

- † **Deep emission reductions required to mitigate climate change**
  - Broad spectrum of technologies needed (in esp. energy production and use)
  - Product substitutions
  - Structural changes in consumption needed
  - Carbon sequestration (biological, geological)
  - Control of other GHG emissions (e.g. CH<sub>4</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O, Fluorinated gases)

## Summary (2)

- † **Climate change seems to be unavoidable >> mitigation and adaptation possible**
- † **Very great inertia (natural and socioeconomic)**
- † **Wide spectrum of emission reduction measures needed**
- † **Costs of emission reduction vary by sectors and areas**
- † **85% of global energy production is based on fossil fuels, growth of world population and consumption increase energy demand**
  
- † **Great demand for new low-emission technologies**
- † **Great demand for efficiency improvements**