

# CO<sub>2</sub> reduction and air travel at ETH Zurich

## Some science background

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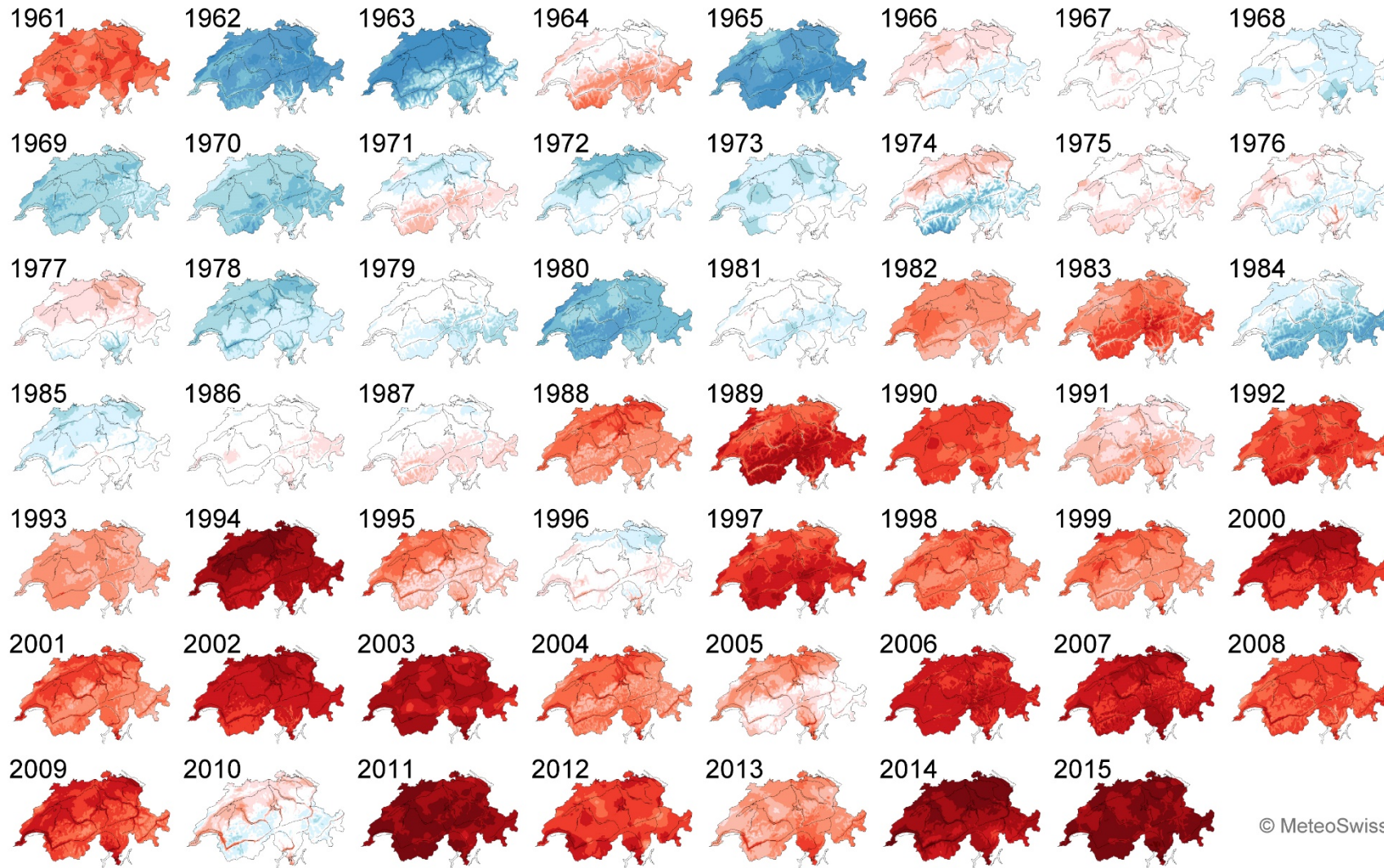
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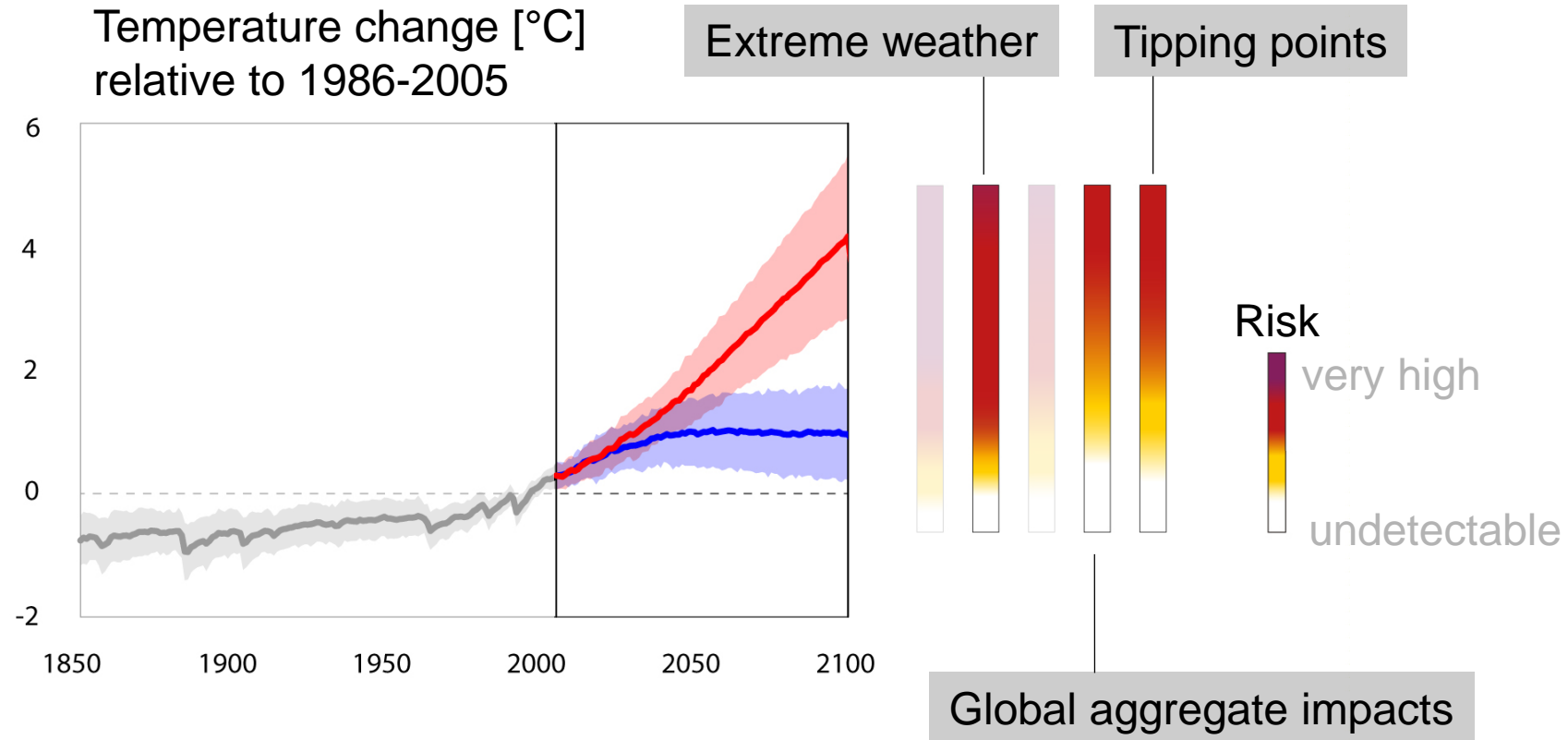
# Diagnosis: «Warming is unequivocal»

«Human influence on the climate system is clear»



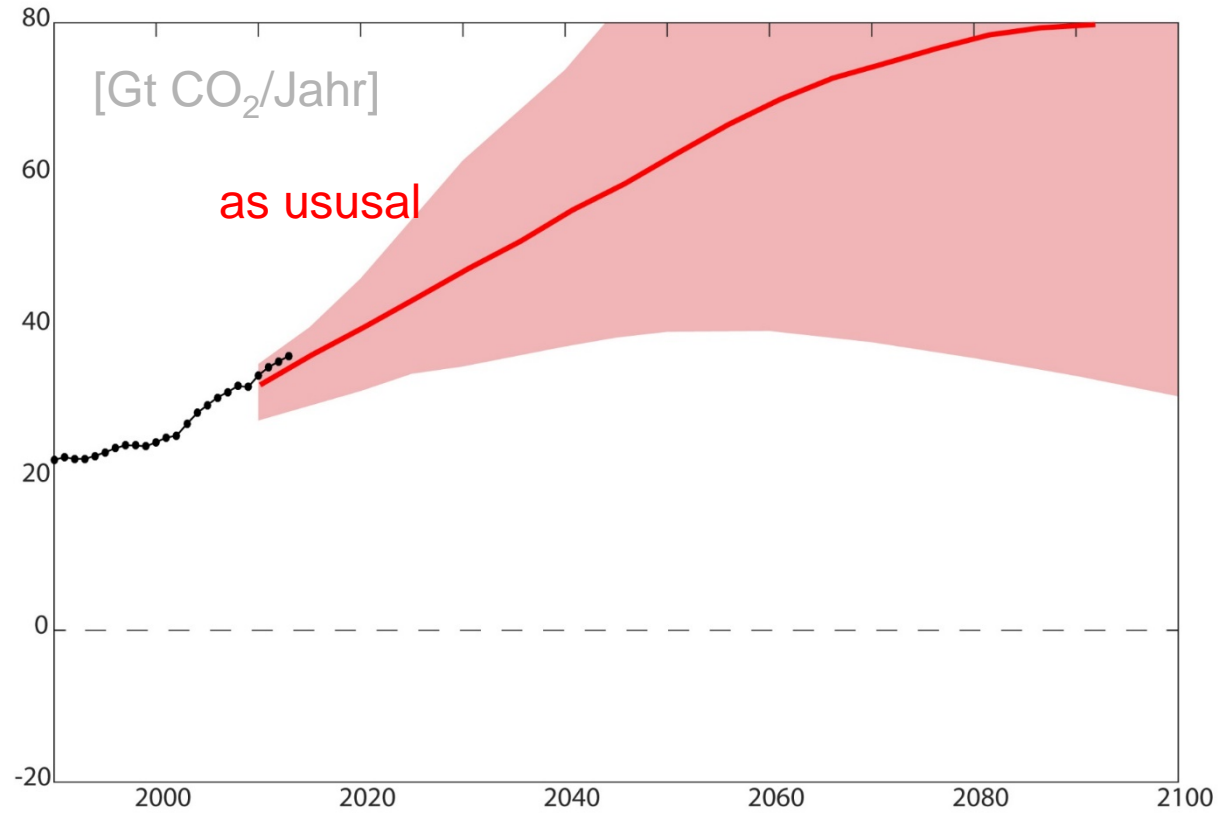
# 2°C or 4°C warming

## Levels of additional risk



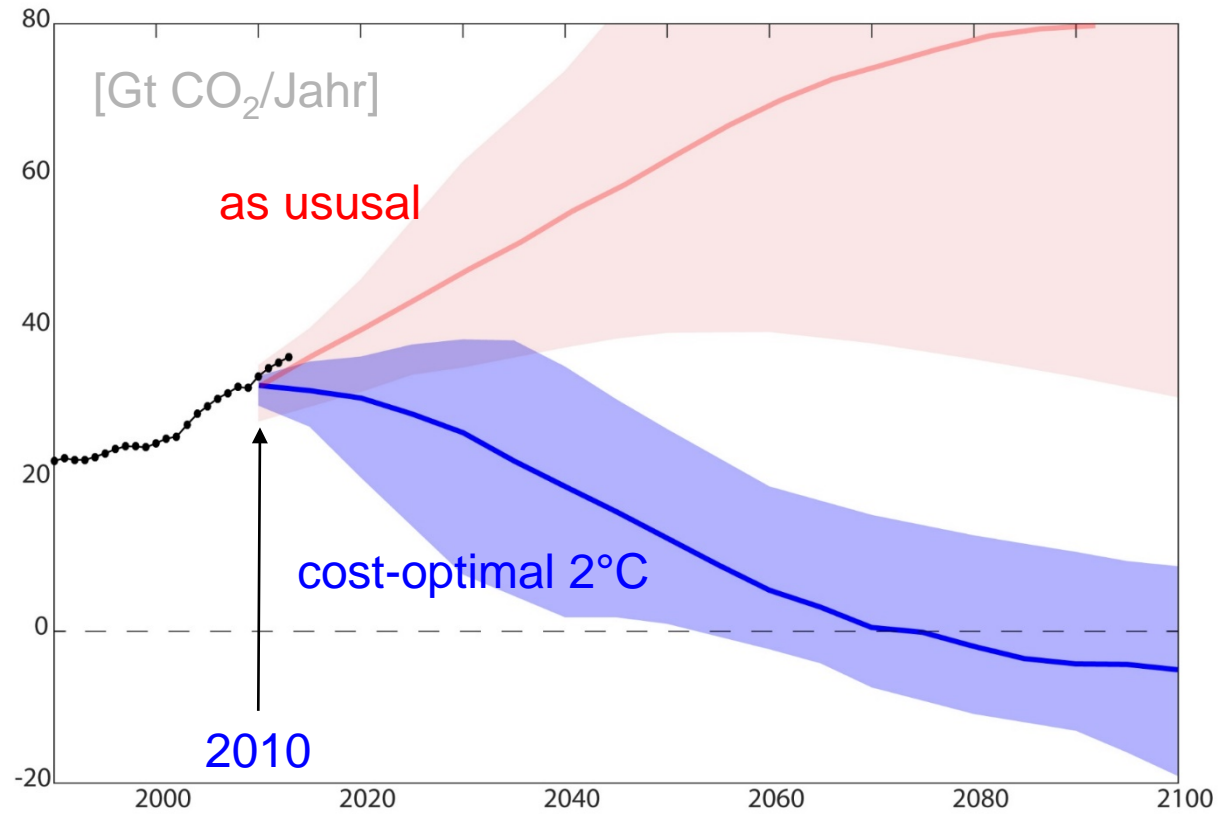
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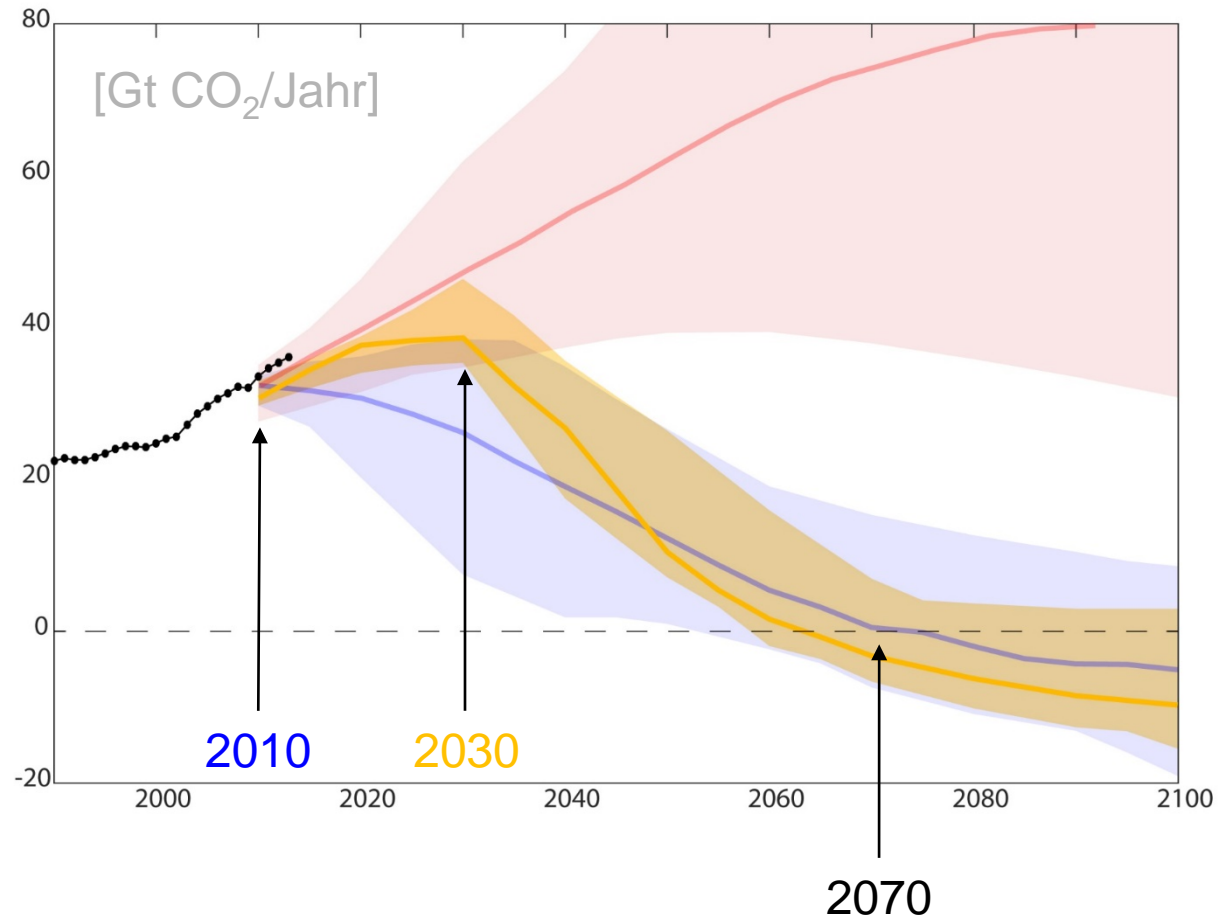
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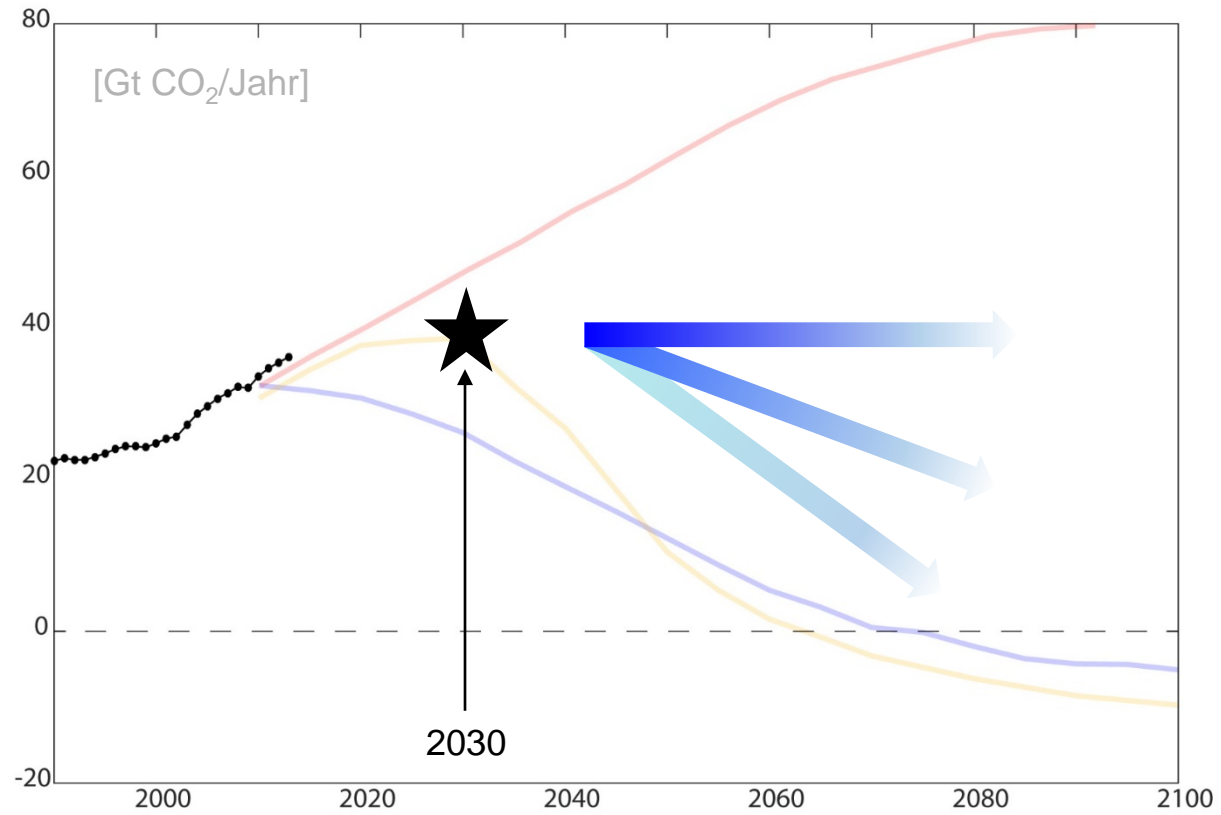
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**The carbon budget**

**How do we distribute the cake?**





# Global Commons Problem

«Common but differentiated responsibility»



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- “It’s too costly, too difficult, it cannot be done...”: There are opportunities. The end goal should not prevent us from making a step. Every ton helps. And we haven’t even started.

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