



# *EcoClim – 2021*

## **Le cycle du carbone dans un climat perturbé !**

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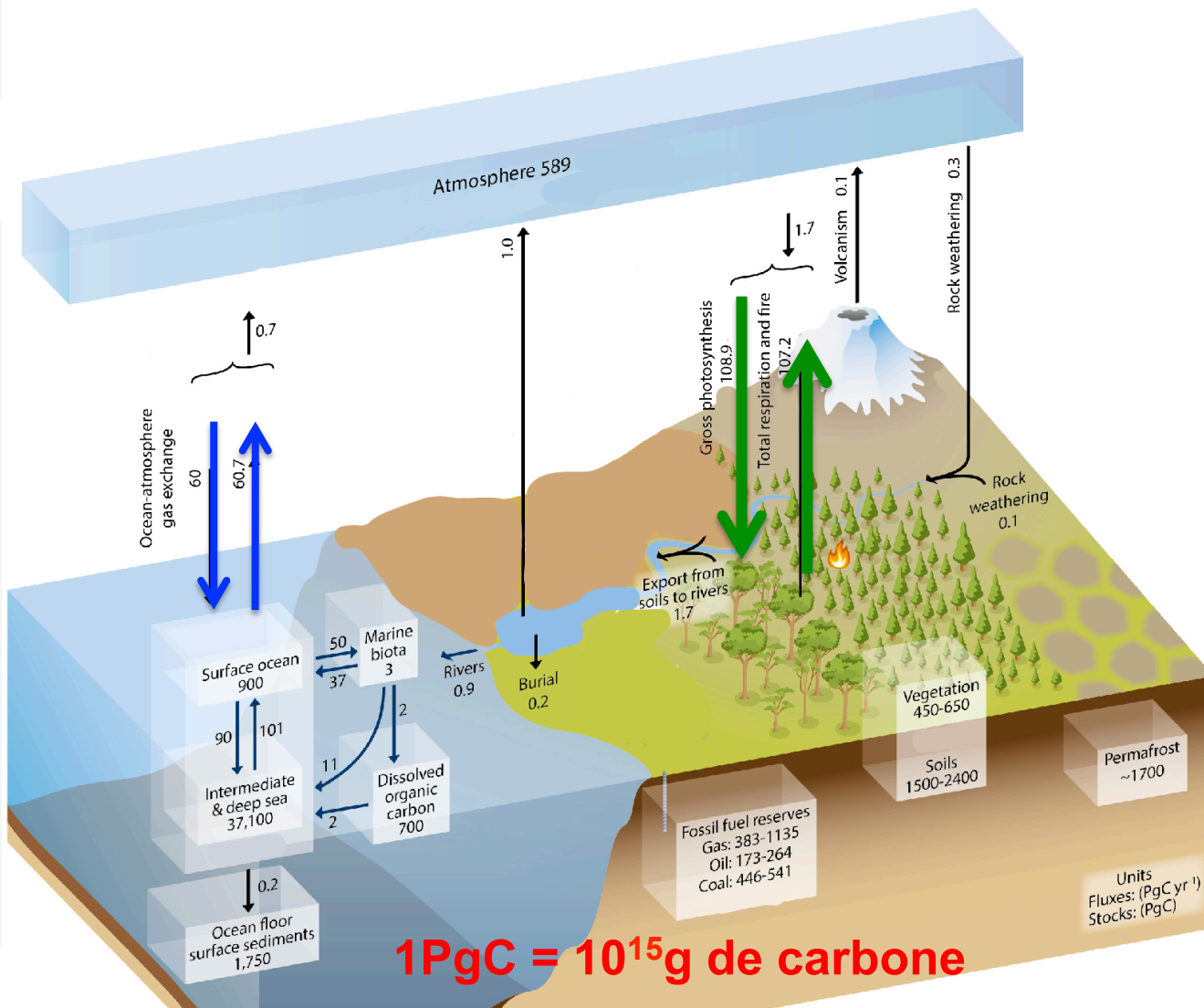
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# Plan

1. Le cycle du carbone naturel
2. La perturbation anthropique
3. Réponse des écosystèmes à la perturbation
4. Evolution future du cycle du carbone et incertitudes
5. La modélisation continentale du cycle du Carbone
6. L'impact de la pandémie sur les flux de CO<sub>2</sub>

# Cycle naturel pré-industriel du CO<sub>2</sub>



↓ Photosynthèse brute  
108.9 PgC/an

↑ Respiration et feux  
107.2 PgC/an

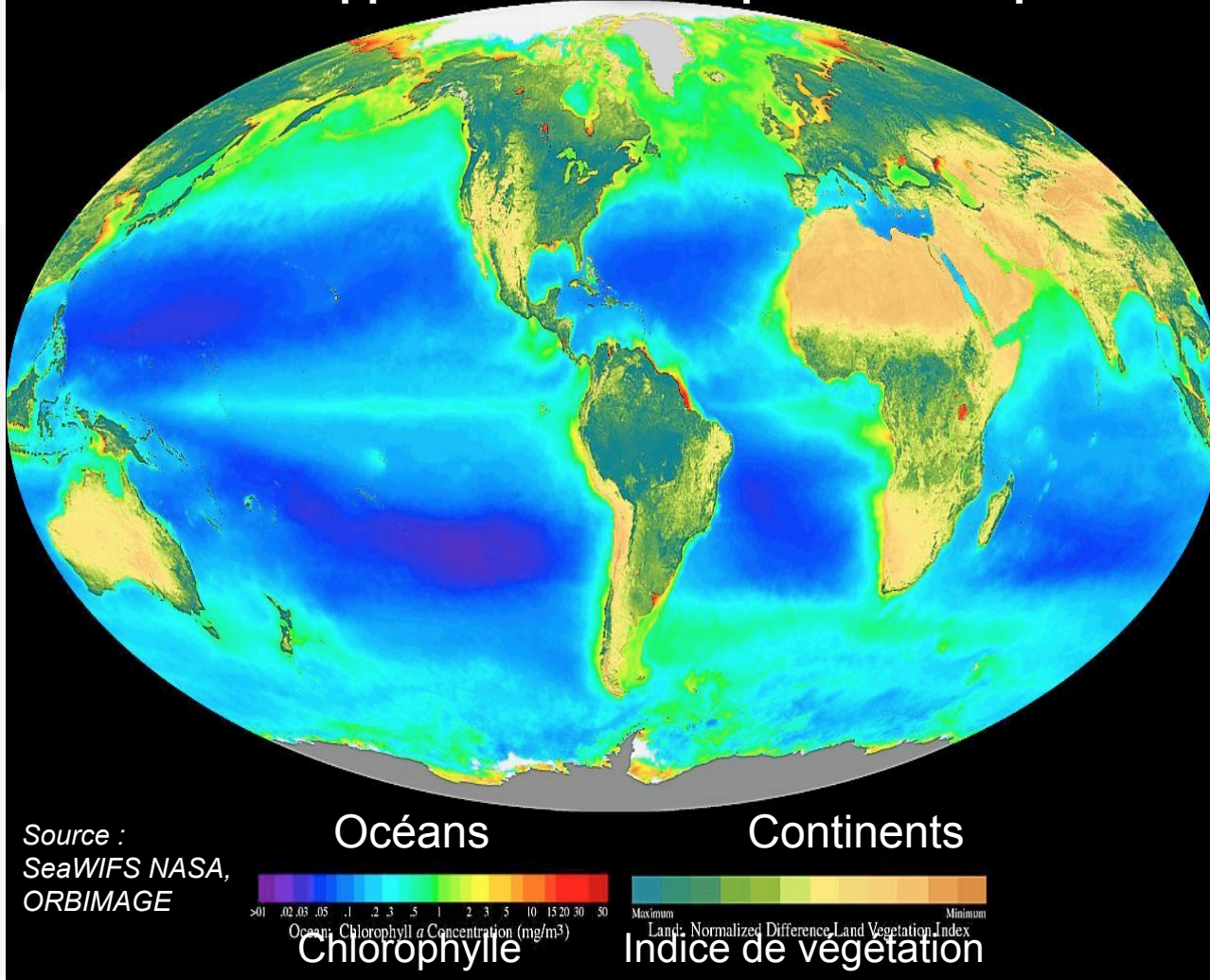
↓ Absorption océans  
60 Pg/an

↑ Dégazage océans  
60.7 Pg/an

↕ Erosions, rivières,  
volcans, sédimentation  
2 PgC/an

# Productivité Primaire continentale et océanique

## Indicateurs approximatifs de la productivité primaire



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~ 60 PgC/an

Assurée par les  
Plantes vasculaires

Limitée par:

Lumière

Température

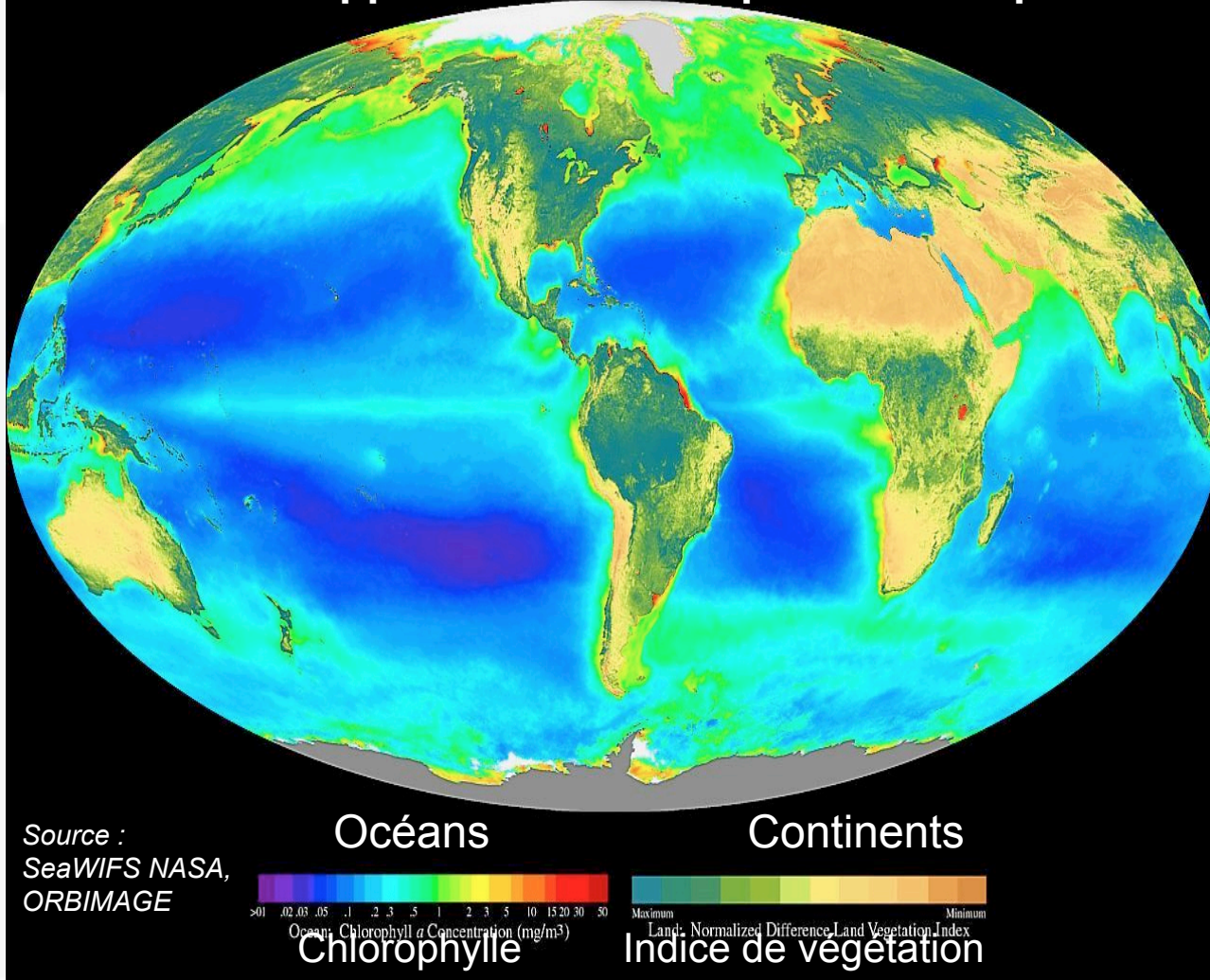
Eau

Nutriments (C, N, P,...)

Productivité Primaire Nette = Photosynthèse brute - Respiration végétale

# Productivité Primaire continentale et océanique

Indicateurs approximatifs de la productivité primaire



**OCEANS**

~ 50 PgC/an

Assurée par le  
phytoplancton

Limitée par :

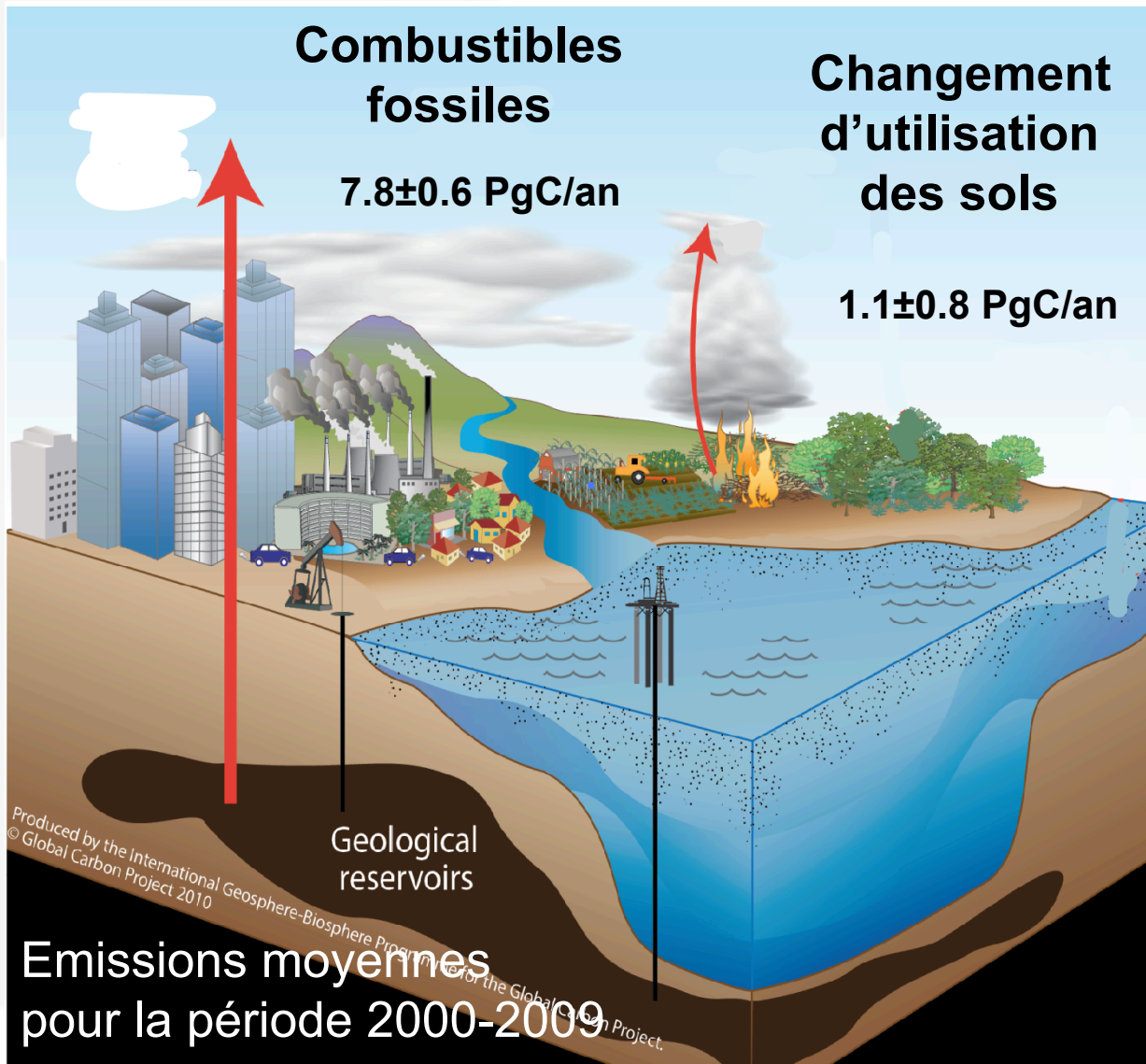
Lumière

Nutriments (C, N, P,...)

Fer

**Productivité Primaire Nette = Photosynthèse brute - Respiration végétale**

# Perturbation du cycle naturel du carbone



Combustion de charbon, de pétrole et de gaz

$7.8 \pm 0.6 \text{ PgC/an}$

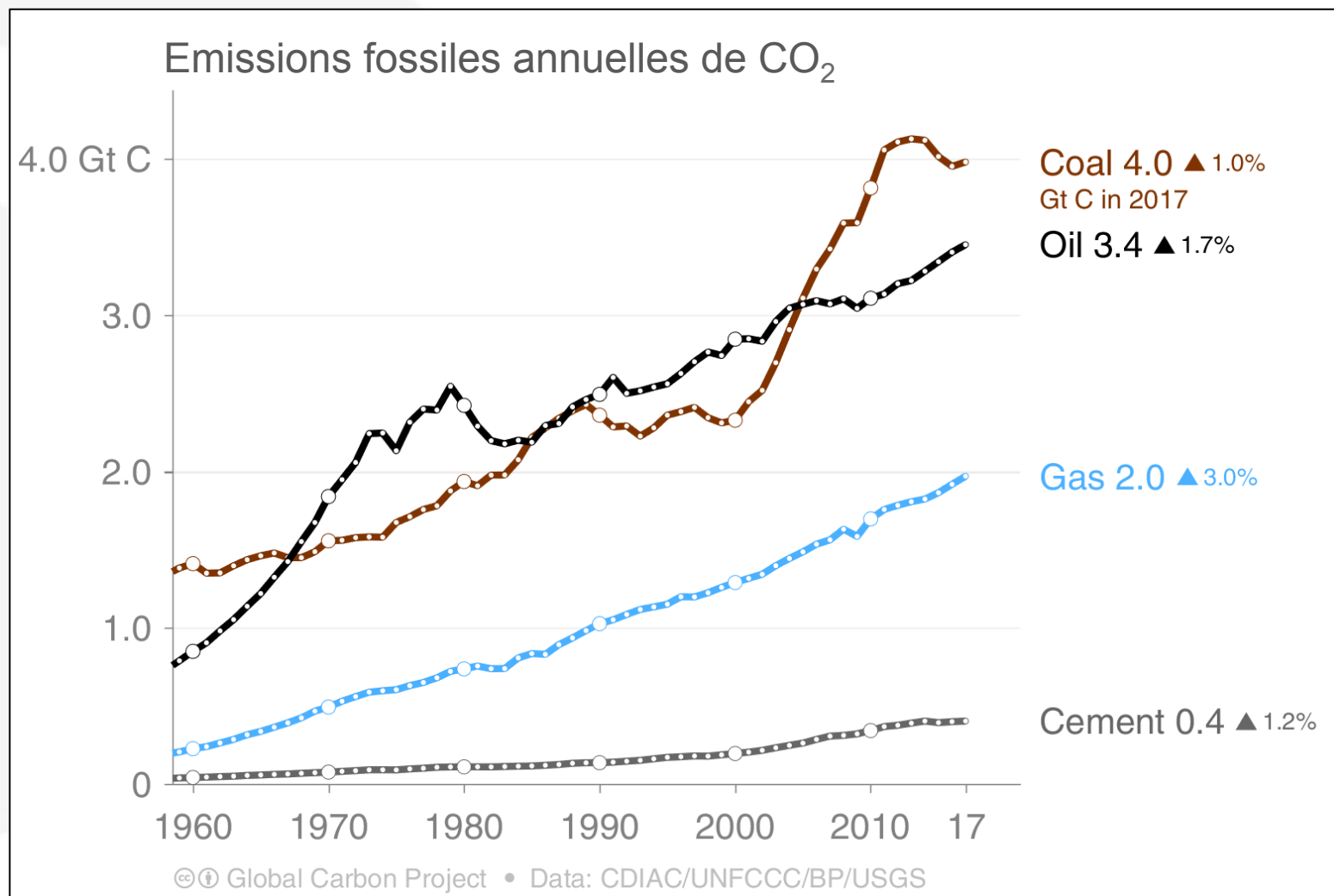
Changement d'utilisation des sols (déforestation incluant les feux de biomasse et de biofuels, conversions de terres)

$1.1 \pm 0.8 \text{ PgC/an}$

# Emissions fossile de CO<sub>2</sub> par catégorie

Partage des émissions fossiles de CO<sub>2</sub> en 2017:

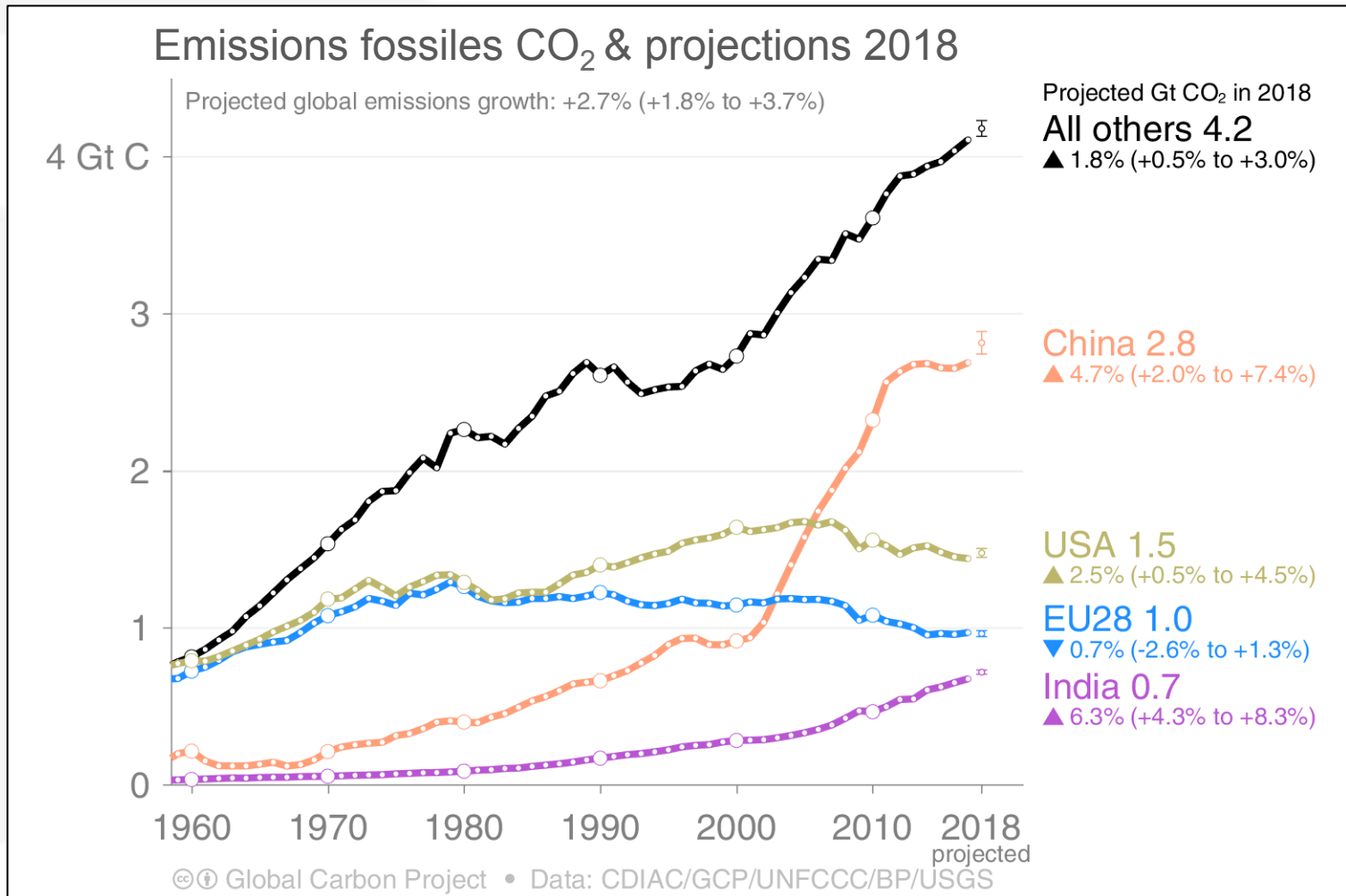
Charbon (40%), Pétrole (35%), Gaz (20%), Ciment (4%), Torchère (1%, not shown)



Source: [CDIAC](#); [Le Quéré et al 2018](#); [Global Carbon Budget 2018](#)

# Emissions par "pays" & Projections pour 2018

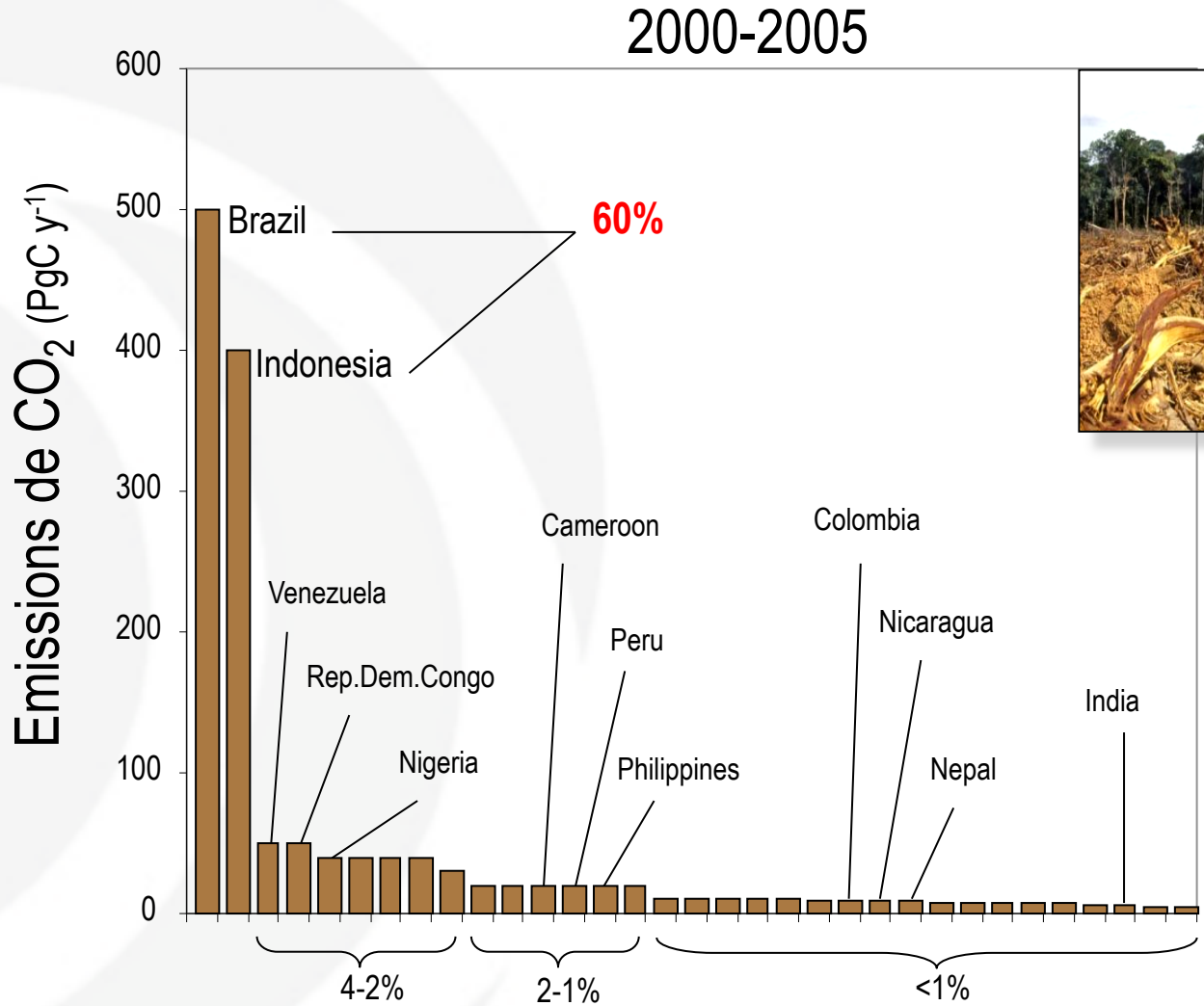
Projection des émissions fossile de CO<sub>2</sub> : augmentation de 2.7% in 2018 [+1.8% - +3.7%]  
La croissance globale repose sur les dynamiques de chaque pays.



Source: [CDIAC](#); [Jackson et al 2018](#); [Le Quéré et al 2018](#); [Global Carbon Budget 2018](#)



# Emissions de CO<sub>2</sub> dues à la déforestation

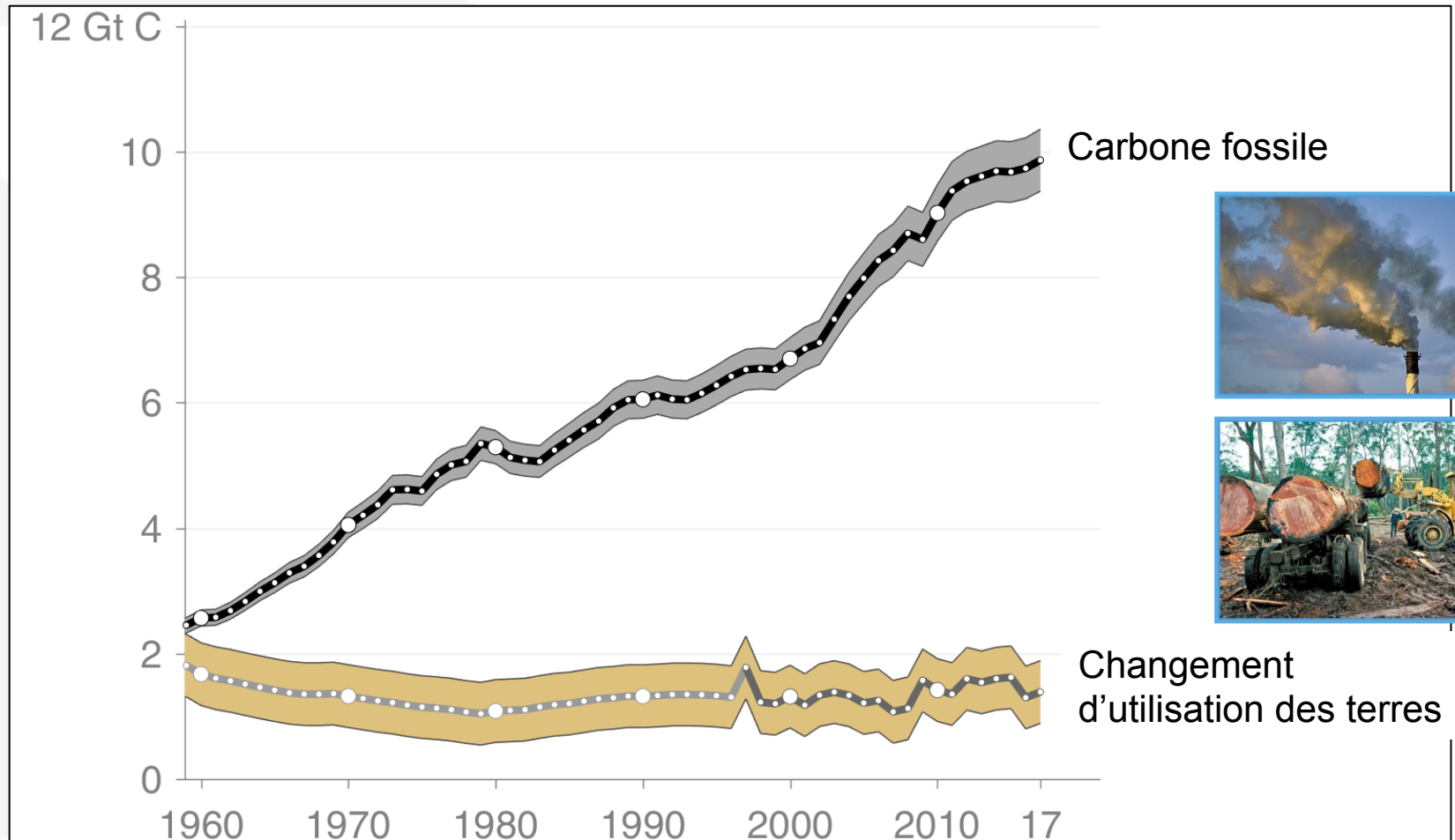


Source : Global Carbon Project

# Emissions anthropiques globales

Émissions totales globales :  $11.2 \pm 0.8$  GtC en 2017

Contribution de utilisation des terres: 43% en 1960, 13% en moyenne sur 2008–2017

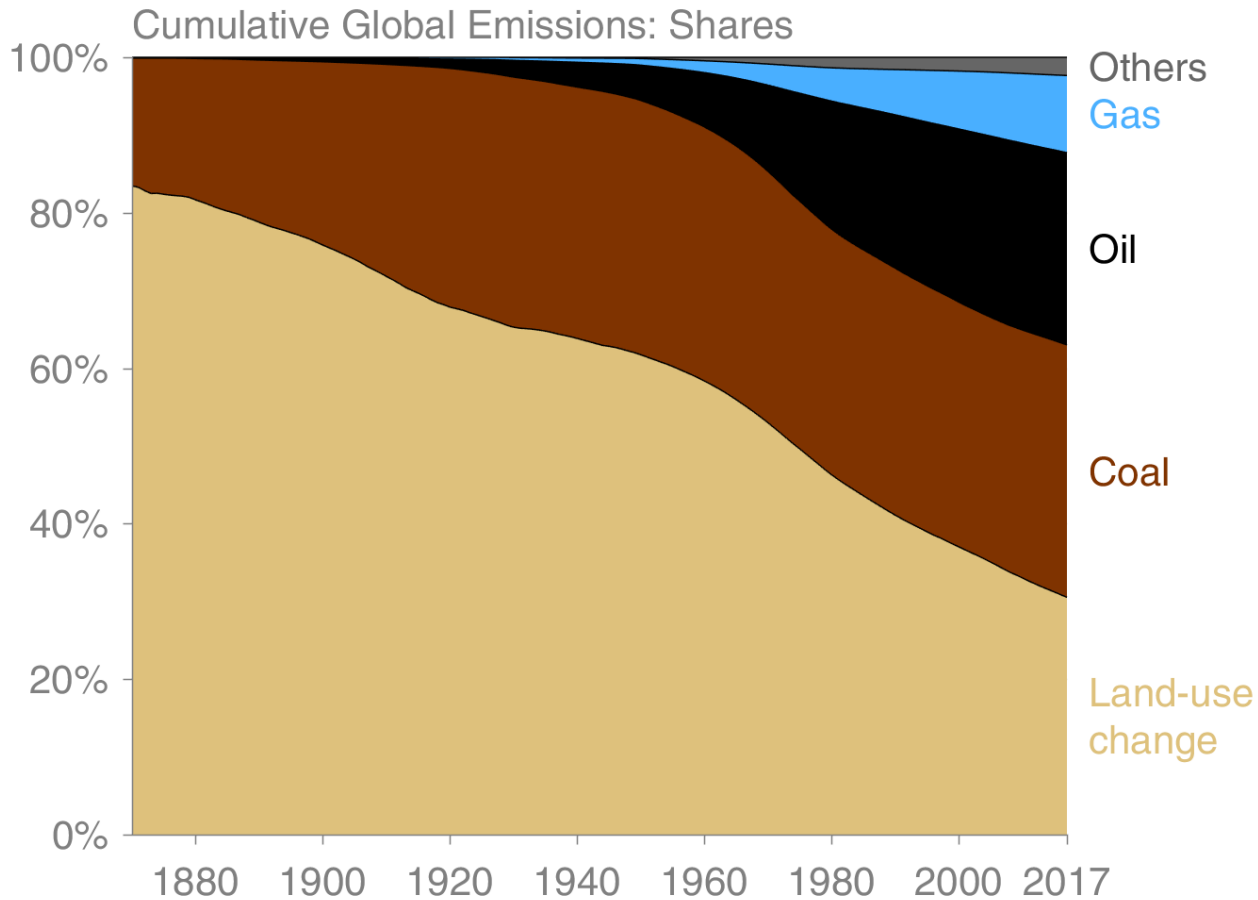


Estimation du flux liés à la déforestation selon 2 modèles à partir des surfaces brûlées depuis 1997.

Source: [CDIAC](#); [Le Quéré et al 2018](#); [Global Carbon Budget 2018](#)

## Emissions cumulées par type de source

Land-use change represents about 31% of cumulative emissions over 1870–2017, coal 32%, oil 25%, gas 10%, and others 2%

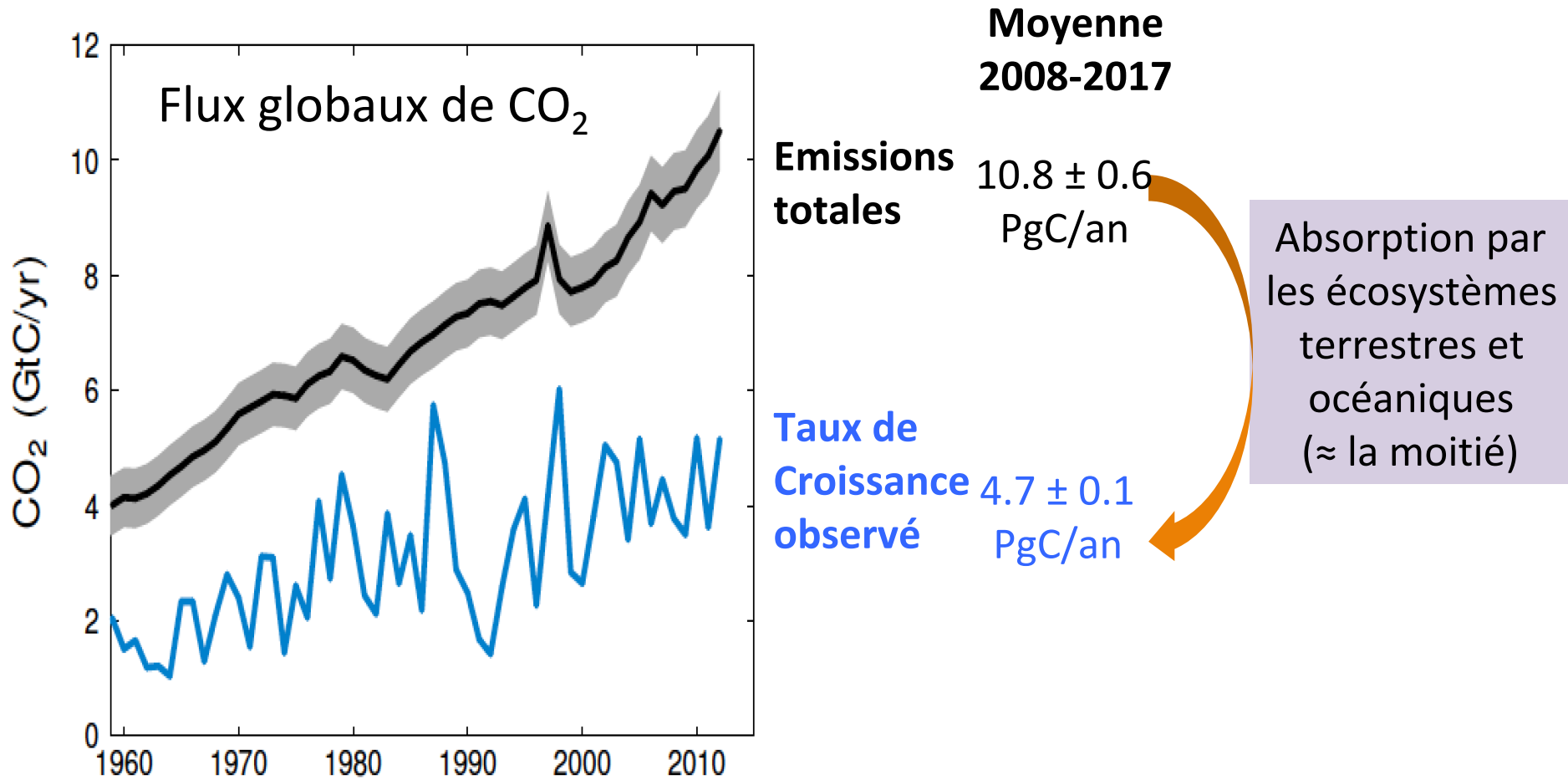


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Others: Emissions from cement production and gas flaring

Source: [CDIAC](#); [Houghton and Nassikas 2017](#); [Hansis et al 2015](#); [Le Quéré et al 2018](#);  
[Global Carbon Budget 2018](#)

# Absorption partielle des émissions de CO<sub>2</sub>





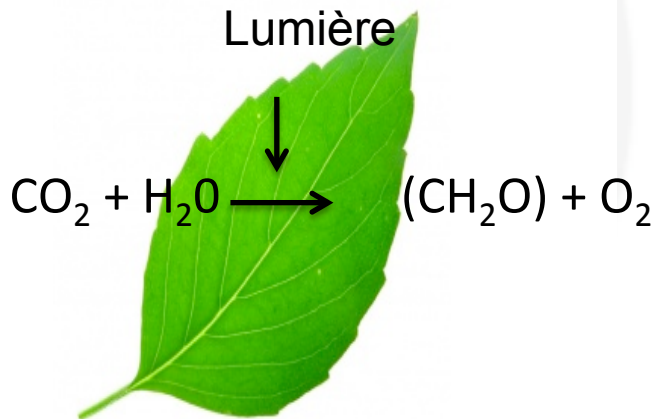
# Absorption par la biosphère terrestre

## → Effet fertilisant du CO<sub>2</sub> atmosphérique

### Photosynthèse (principe)

CO<sub>2</sub> atmos : substrat limitant

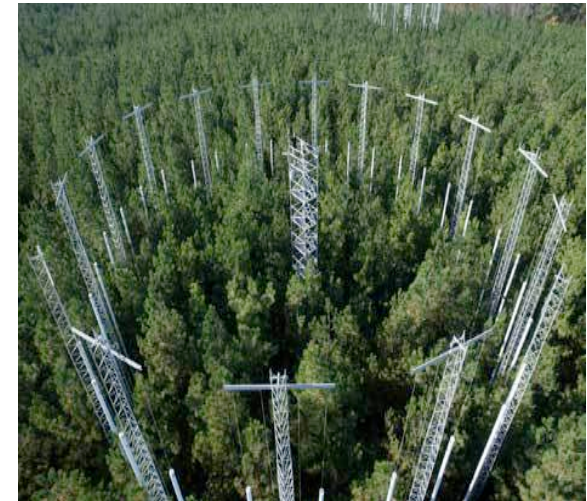
↗ [CO<sub>2</sub>]<sub>atm</sub> → ↗ Assimilation C



Plante chlorophyllienne

### Mise en évidence expérimentale

Expérience FACE (doublement CO<sub>2</sub>)

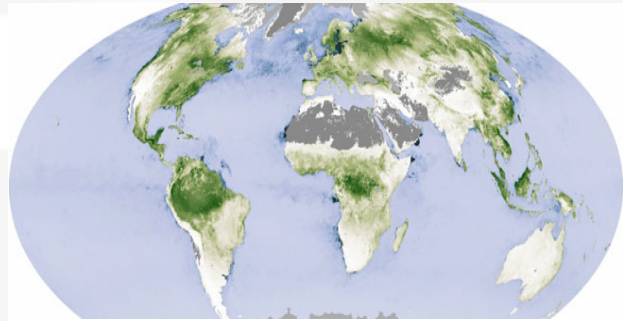


→ Augmentation de la productivité  
primaire nette ≈ 20-40%  
(Norby et al. 2010)

# Absorption par la biosphère terrestre



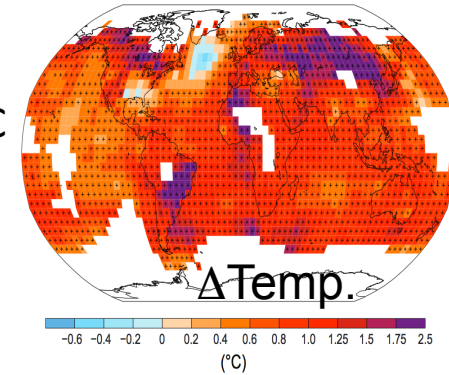
➤ Effet fertilisant du CO<sub>2</sub>



➔ Lié à la productivité primaire

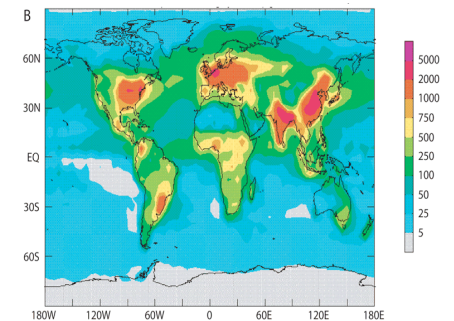
➤ Impact du changement climatique

- ✧ sur la photosynthèse
- ✧ sur la dégradation du C organique des sols



➤ Disponibilité en nutriments (dépôts d'azote)

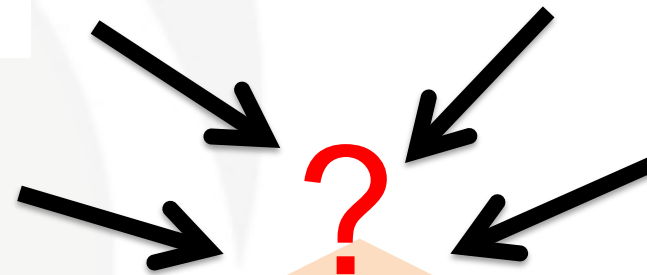
Dépôt de N inorganique (mg m<sup>-2</sup> an<sup>-1</sup>)



➤ Gestion des écosystèmes



Extensif vs Intensif



**depuis 1750: 150 PgC ± 60%**  
Variations temporelles & spatiales du puits incertaines  
➔ Enjeux de recherche

# Bilans nets variables selon les écosystèmes

## Importance des sols:



- Dynamique du C sol
- Impactée par CC ?
- effet « priming » ?

→ Temps de résidence moyen du « carbone aérien » très variable

Forêts tempérées



Temps de résidence : 20 ans

Forêts boréales



Temps de résidence : 80 ans

Forêts tropicales



Temps de résidence : 30 ans

# Devenir des émissions anthropiques de CO<sub>2</sub> (2008–2017)

## Sources = Puits



9.4 GtC/yr  
87%



13%  
1,4 GtC/yr



4.7 GtC/yr  
44%



29%  
3.2 GtC/yr



22%  
2.4 GtC/yr

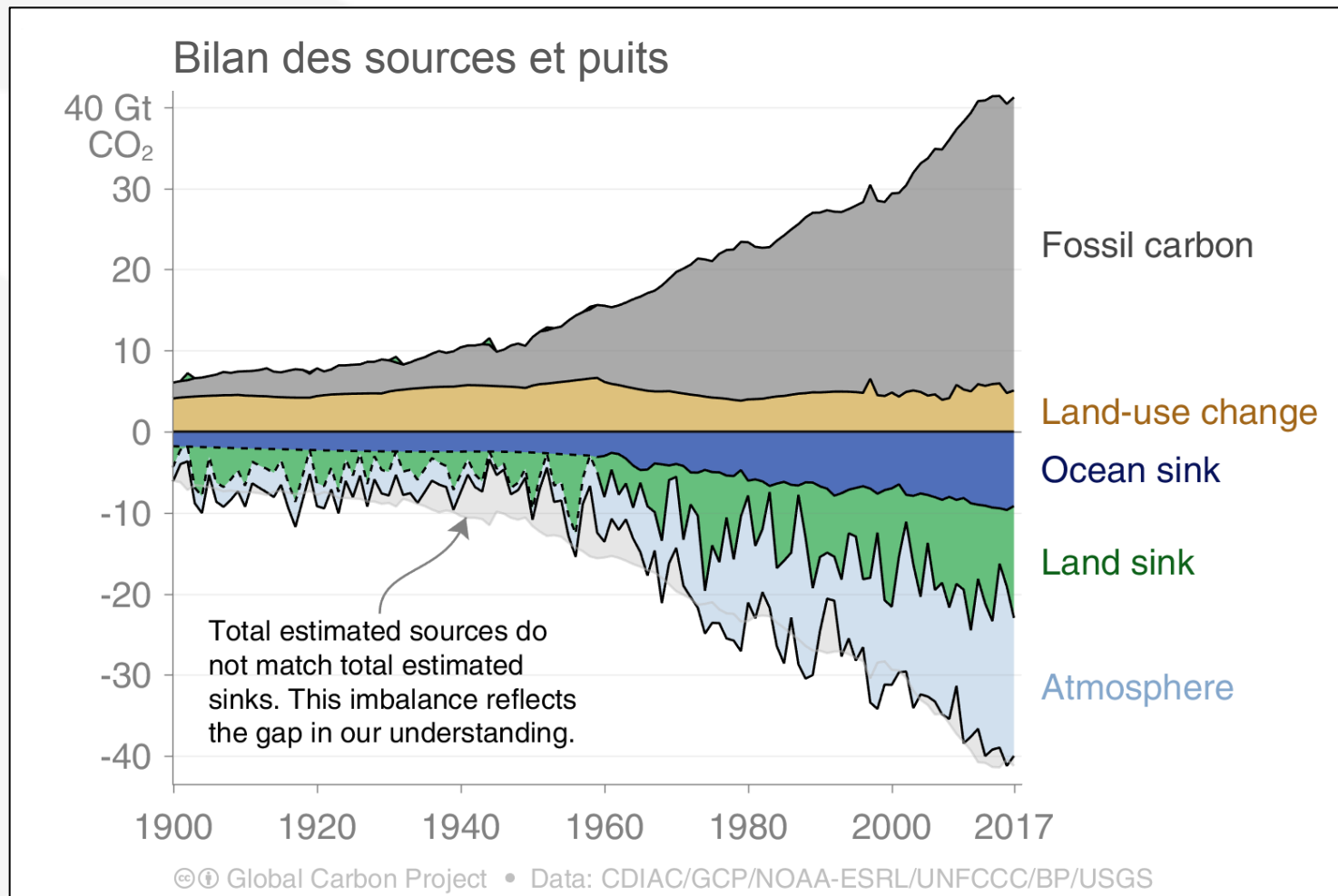
Déséquilibre du budget:  
(différence entre les sources et puits estimés)

5%  
0.5 GtC/yr



# Bilan global du CO<sub>2</sub>

Depuis 1750, les activités humaines ont émis 555 ± 85 PgC (fossil & Land use)

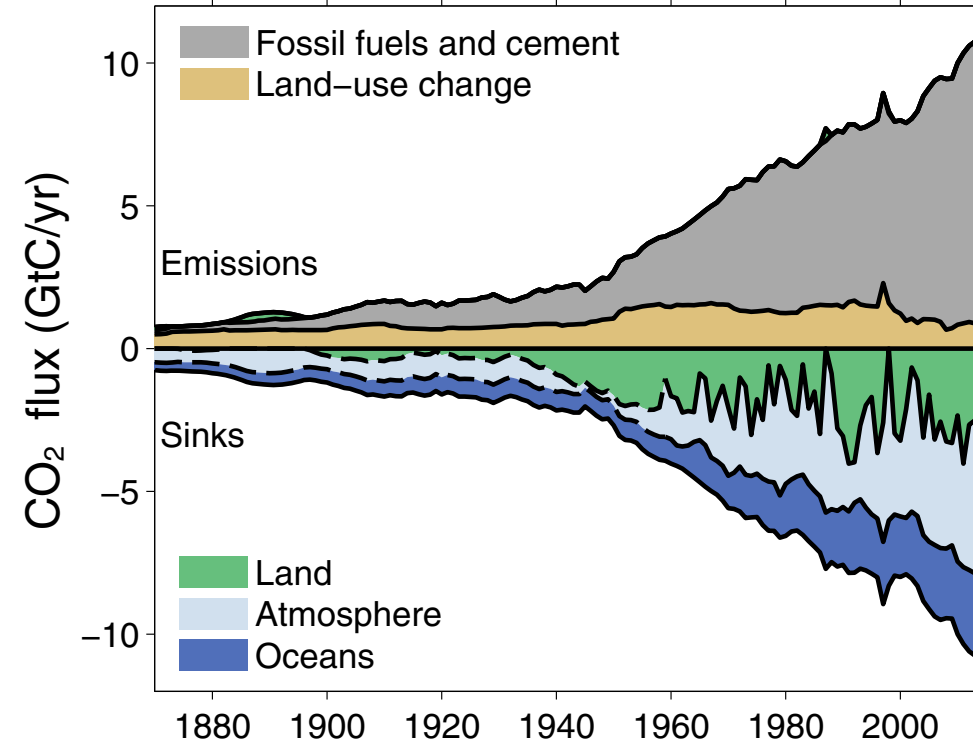


Le terme “déséquilibre” entre émissions et puits totaux révèle notre manque de compréhension!

Source: [CDIAC](#); [NOAA-ESRL](#); [Global Carbon Budget 2018](#)

# Retro-actions du cycle du carbone

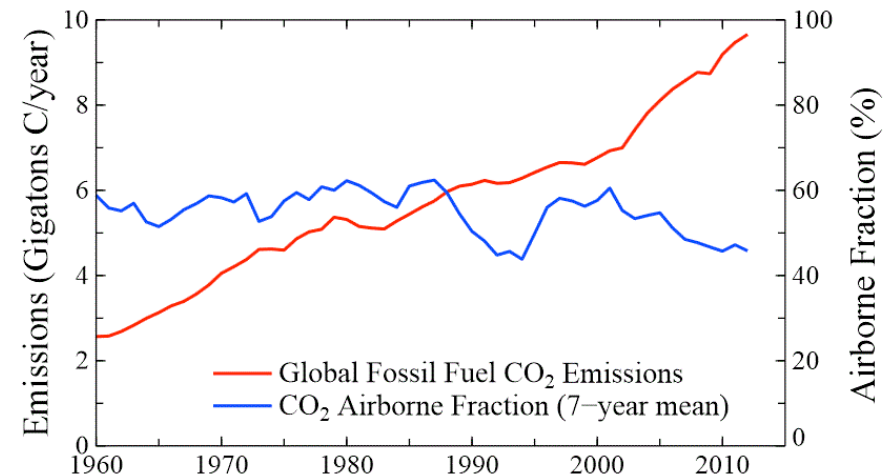
Data: CDIAC/NOAA-ESRL/GCP/Joos et al 2013/Khatiwala et al 2013



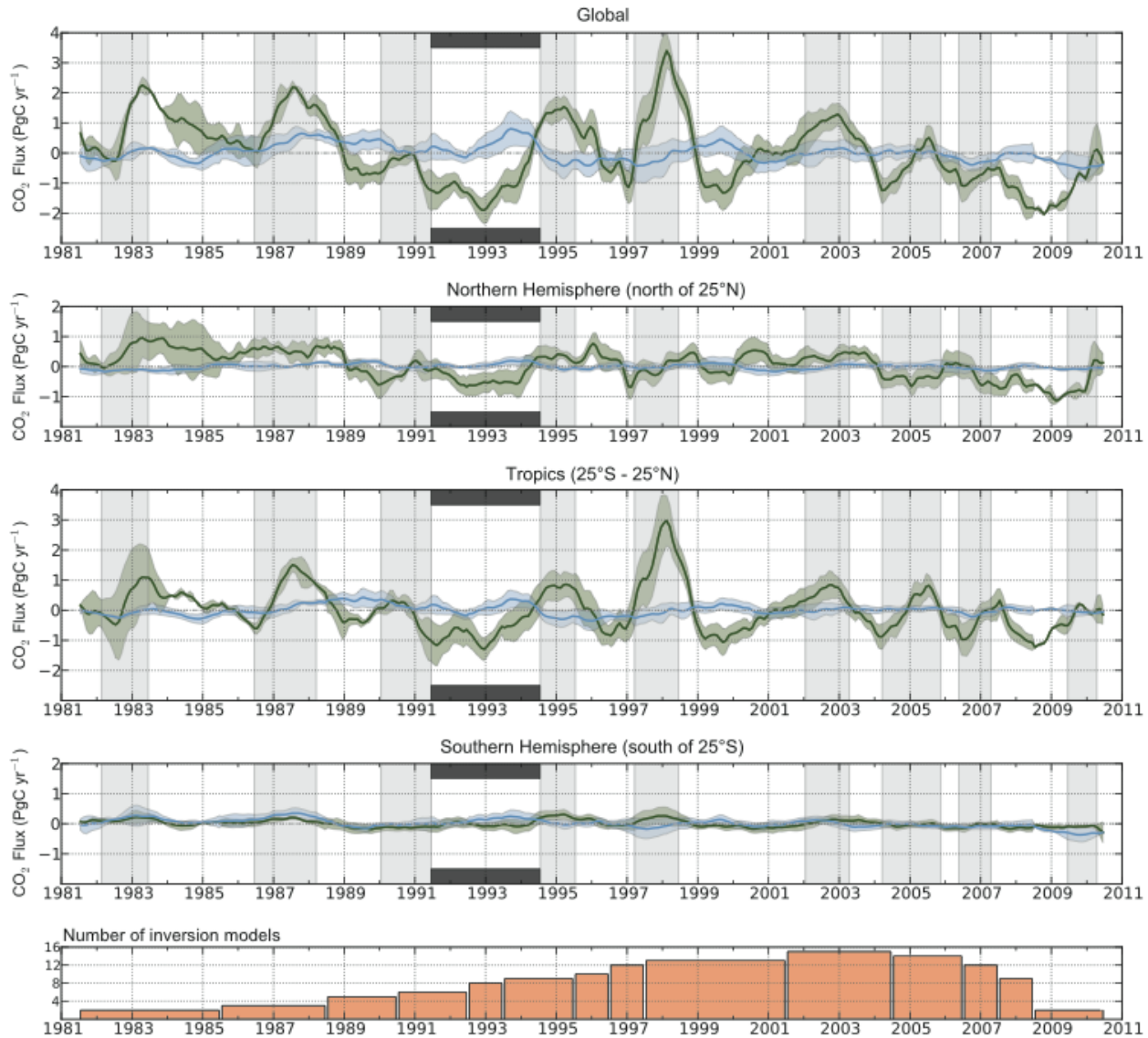
- Fraction atmosphérique (AF)

$$AF = \frac{S_{ATM}}{(E_{FF} + E_{LUC})}$$

- AF constant et contrôlée par:
  - Changement climat
  - Fertilization CO<sub>2</sub>
  - Dépot N
  - Utilisation des terres



# Anomalies du flux de carbone (terrestre / océanique) (from atmospheric CO2 inversion)



Global

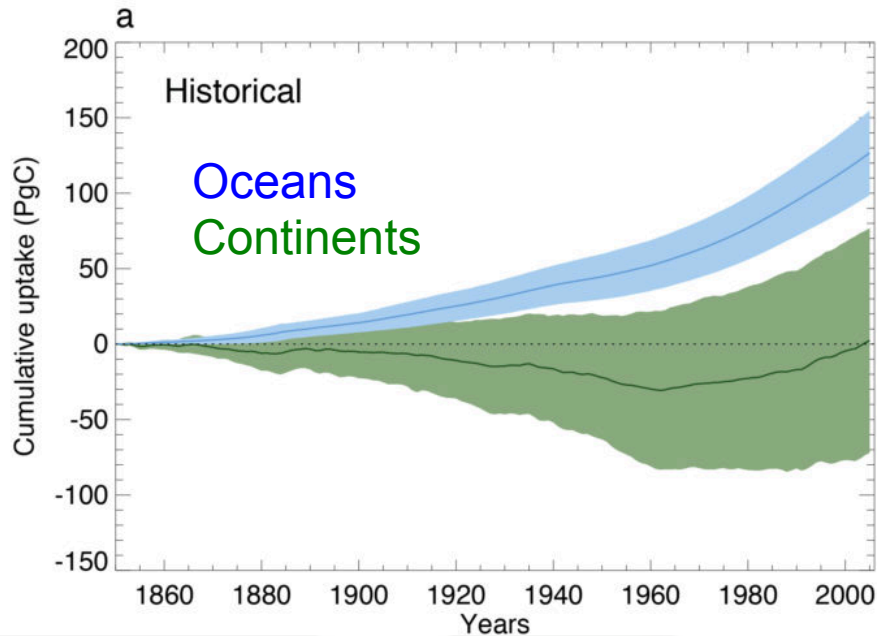
North Hemis.

Tropics

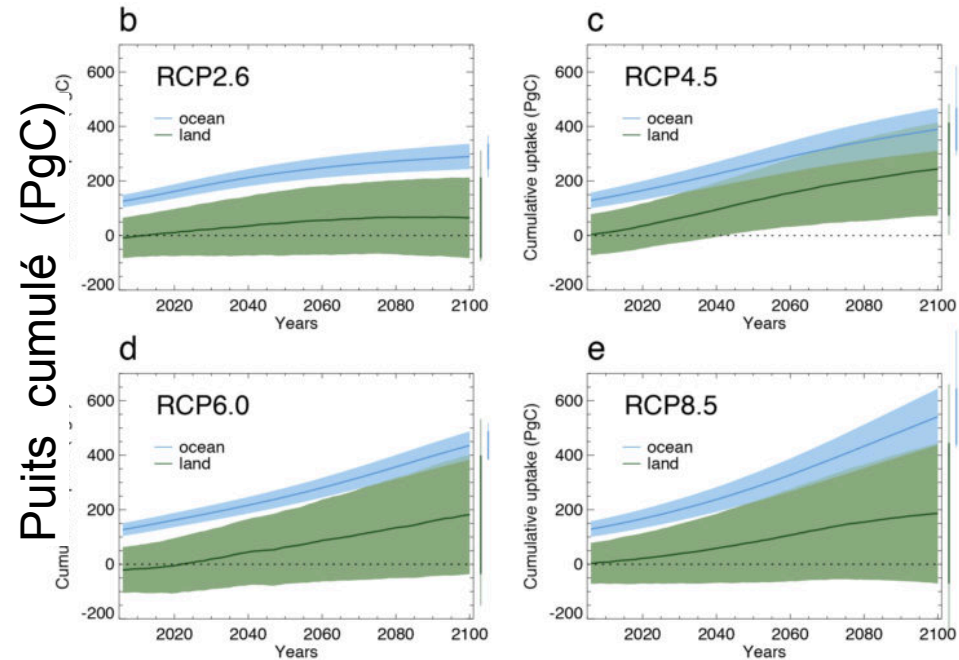
South Hemis.

# Simulation du stockage futur de carbone par les océans et les continents: modèles CMIP5

Historique



Futur: trajectoires représentatives de concentration en GhG (RCP)



Très forte incertitude associée aux projections du stockage de C sur les continents

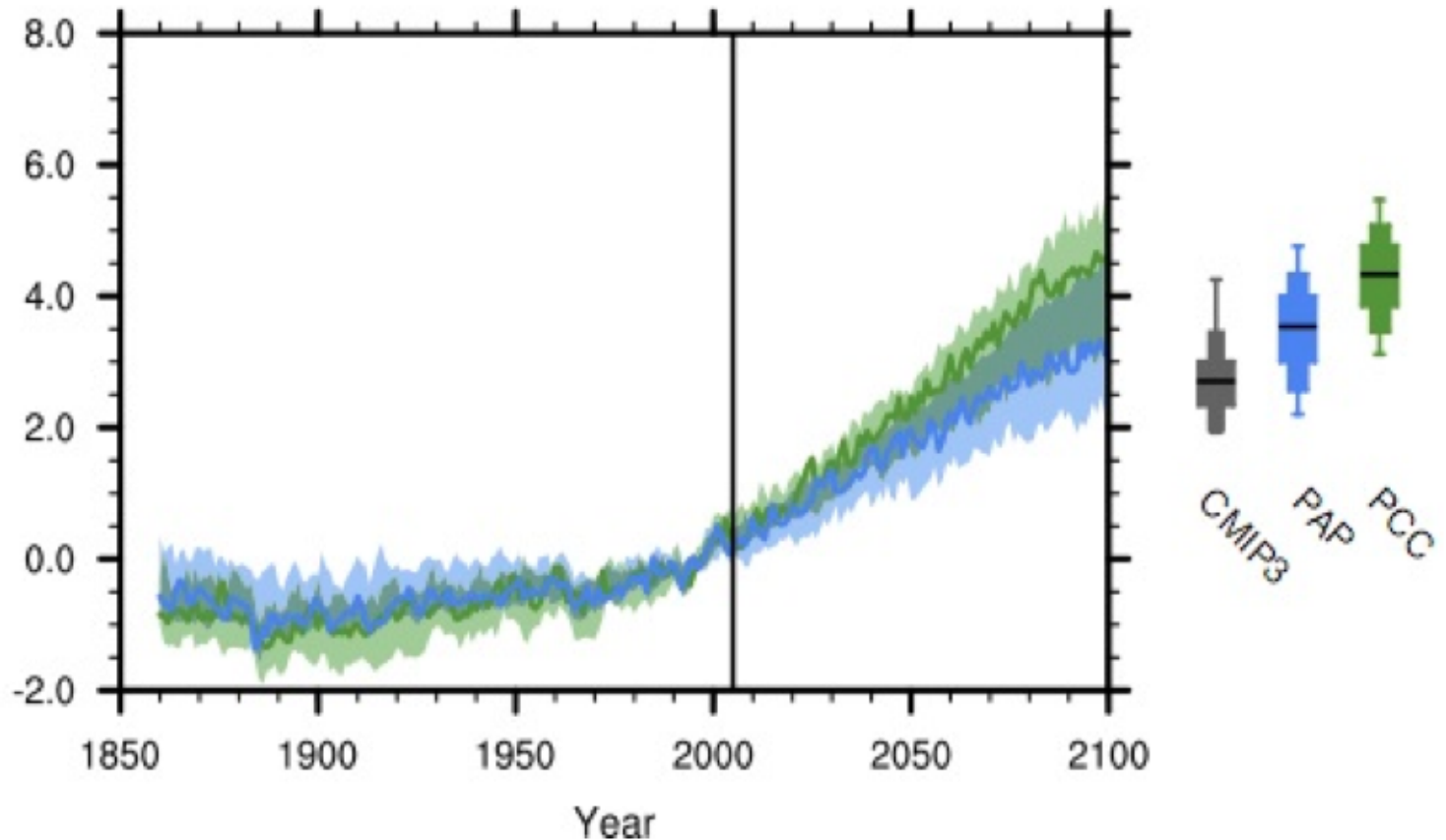
# Incertitudes: paramètres Carbone vs Physique

Analyse de sensibilité avec 1 modèle (HadCM3 – SRES-A1B) variant:

Paramètres de la physique atmosphérique

Paramètres du cycle du carbone terrestre

Changement  
de la  
Température  
moyenne  
globale  
(°C)

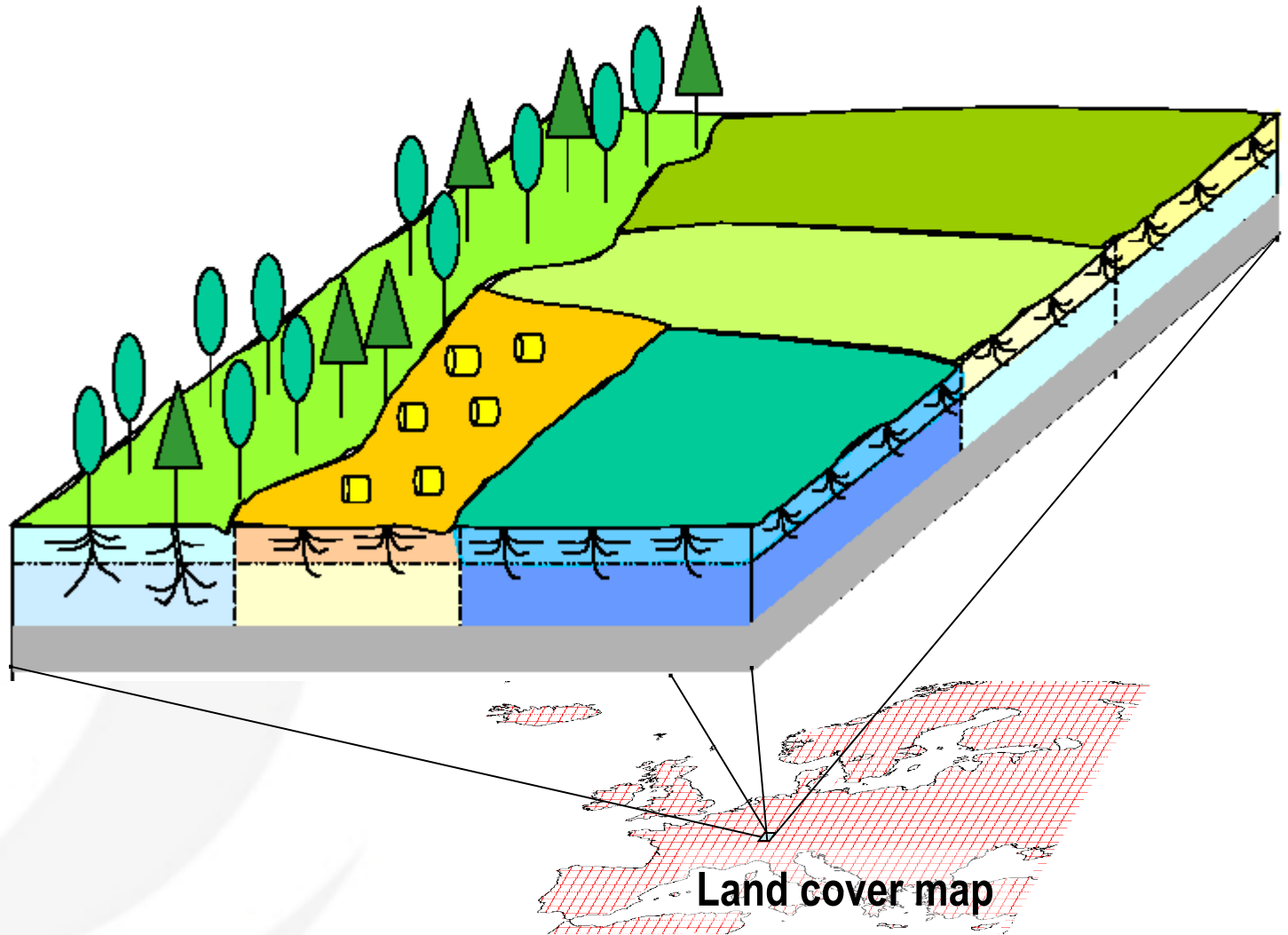




# **Modélisation du bilan de carbone des écosystèmes terrestres !**

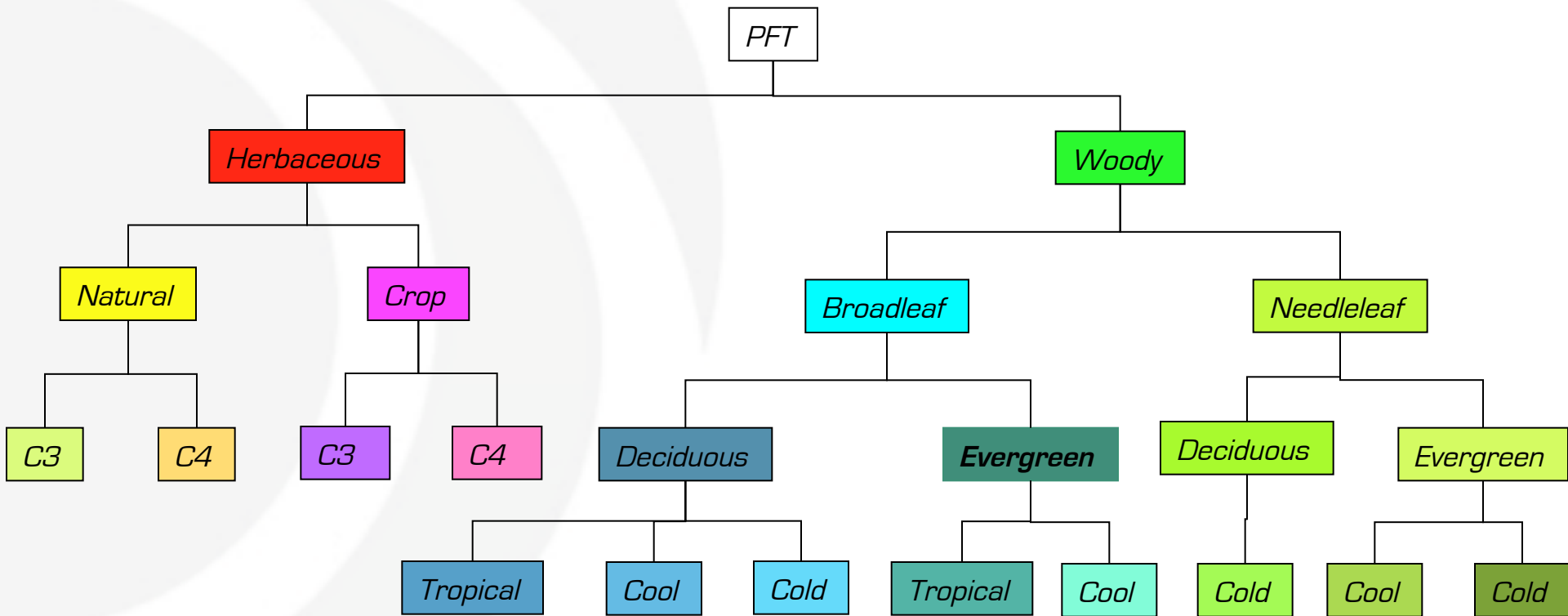
# Modèles de surface continentale...

- A mosaic of vegetation



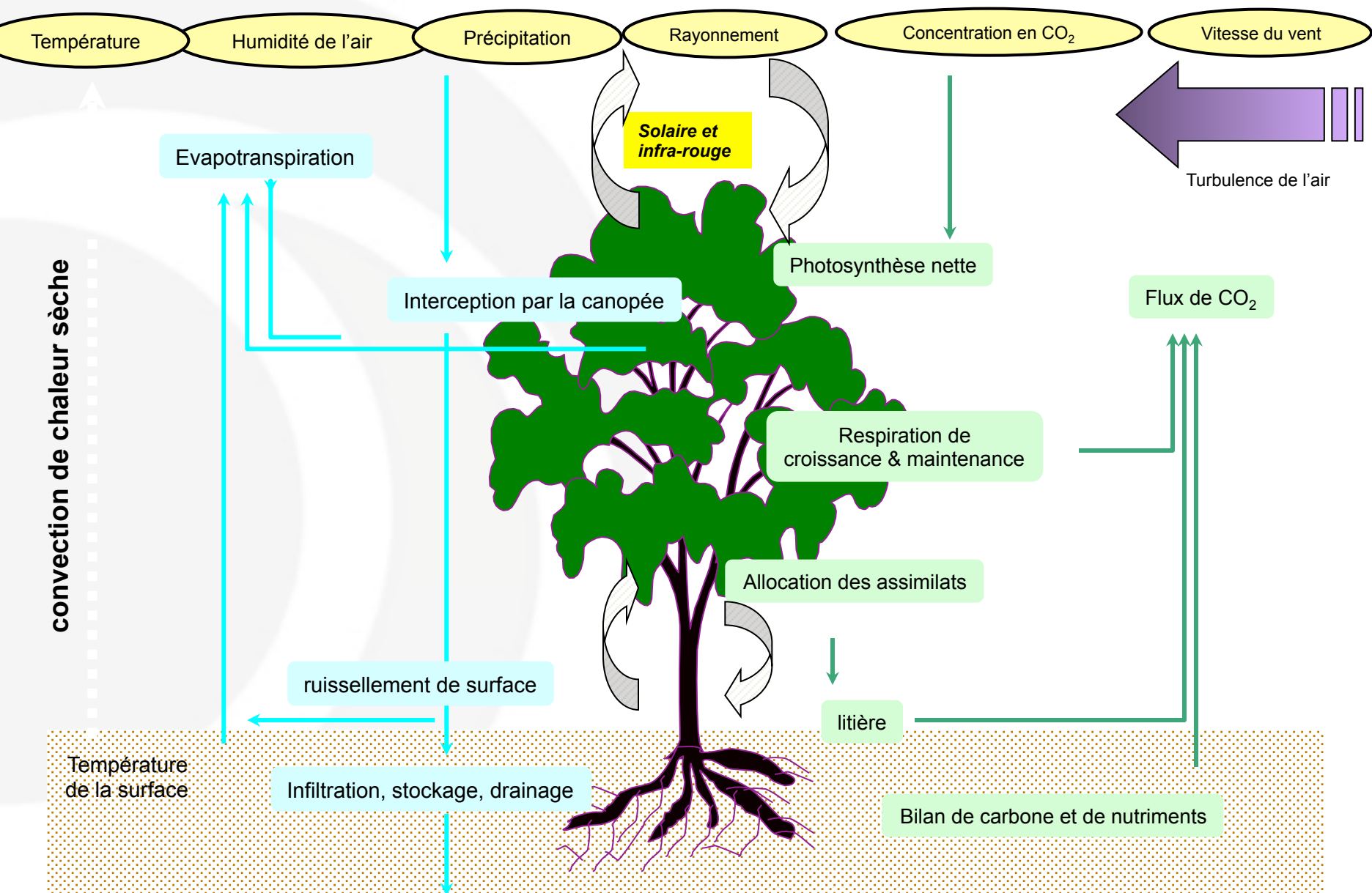
# Représentation de la végétation

- Concept de 'Type fonctionnel de plante' (PFT)
- Définit selon des critères systématiques, physiologiques, phénologiques, climatiques





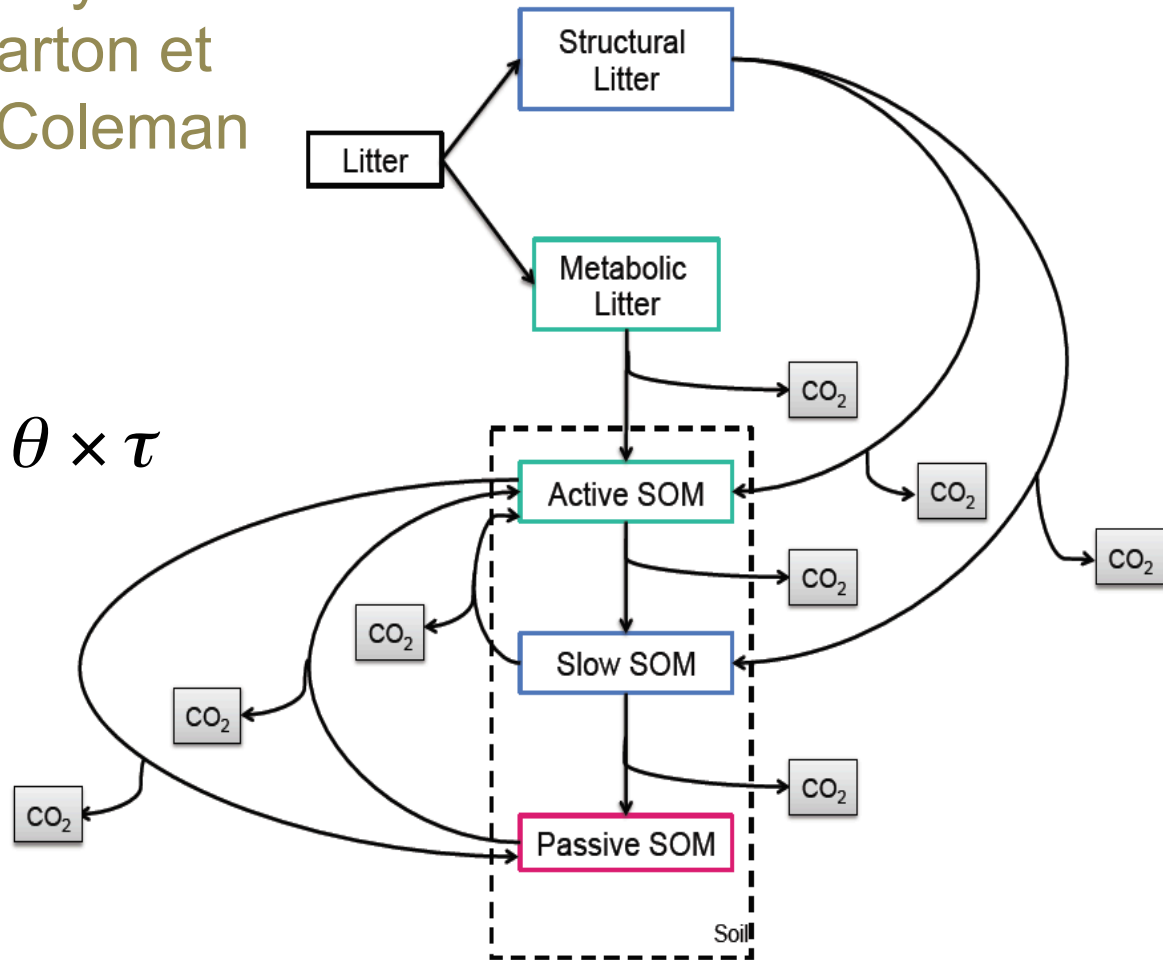
# Les processus clés simulés par un modèle de biosphère



# Représentation du carbone des sols (tous les modèles)

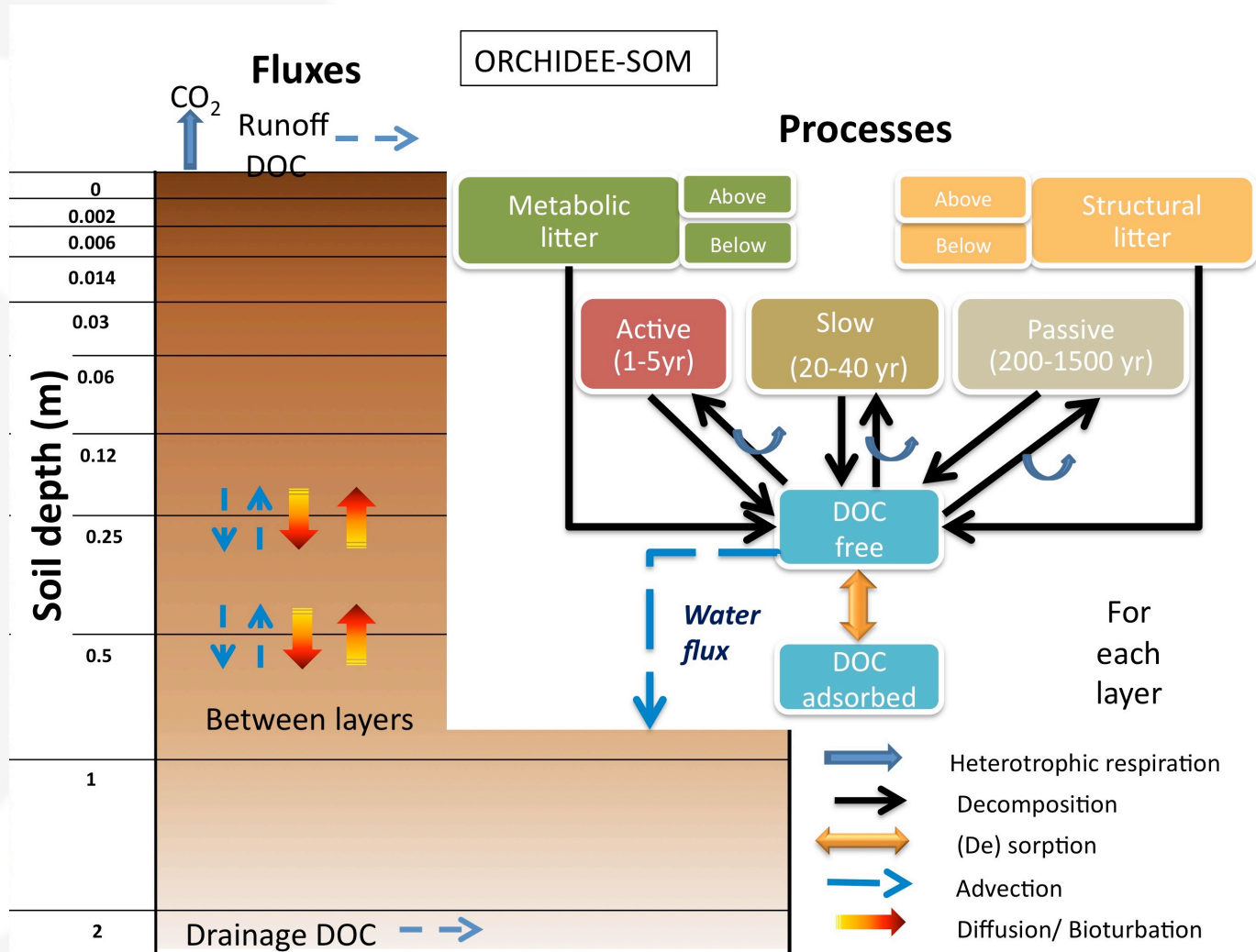
- Soil representation mainly based on CENTURY (Parton et al., 1987) or on RothC (Coleman and Jenkinson, 1999)

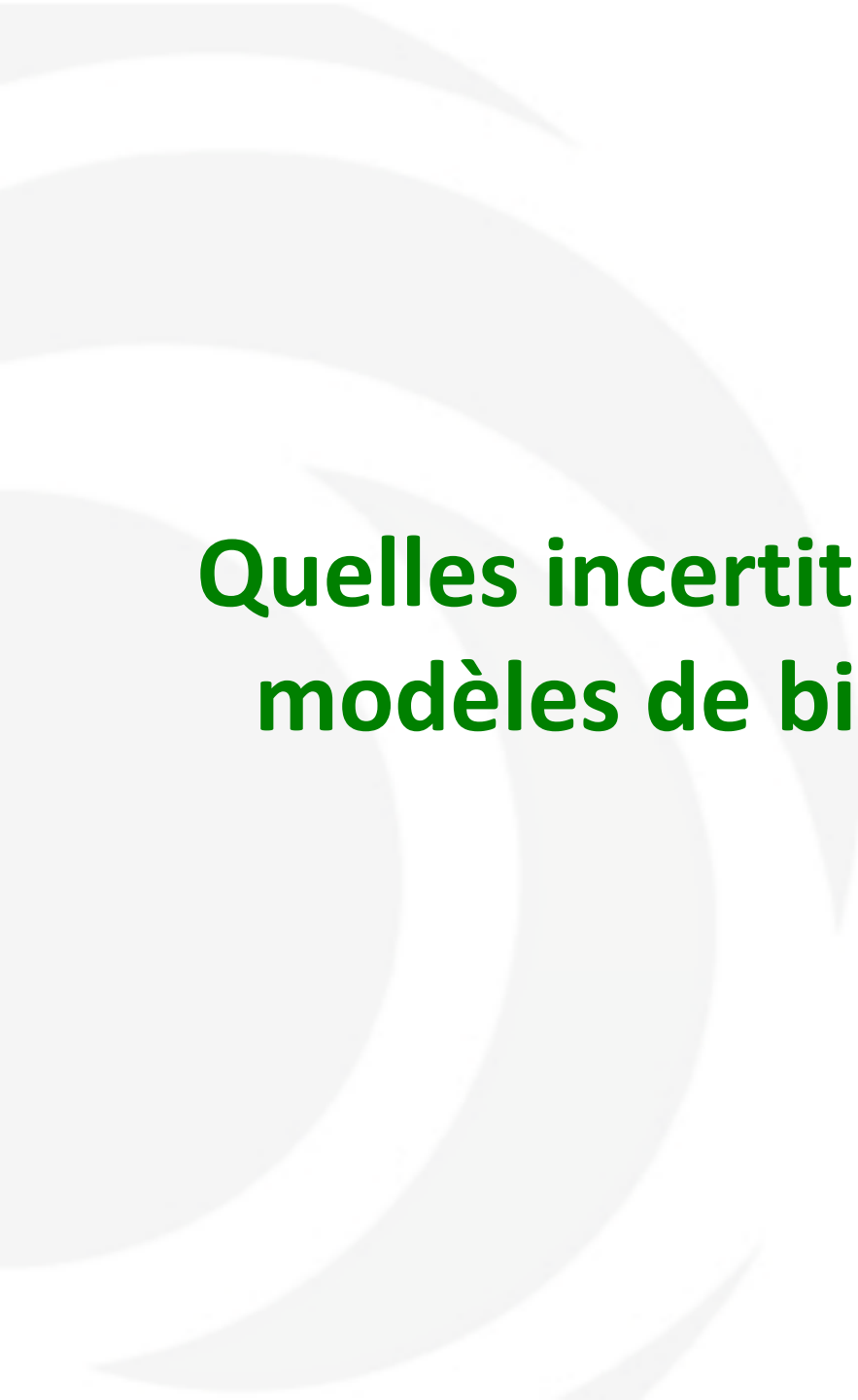
$$\frac{\partial SOC}{\partial t} = I - k \times SOC \times \theta \times \tau$$



# Représentation du carbone des sols (ORCHIDEE modèle)

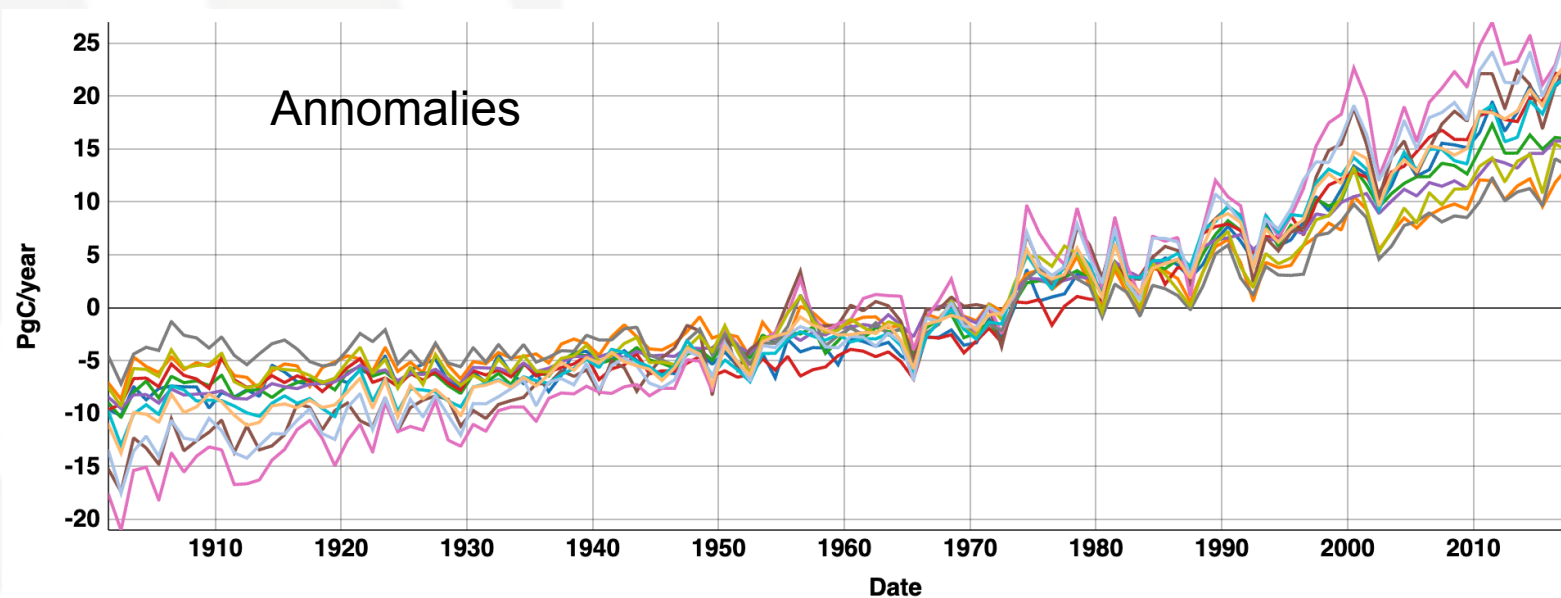
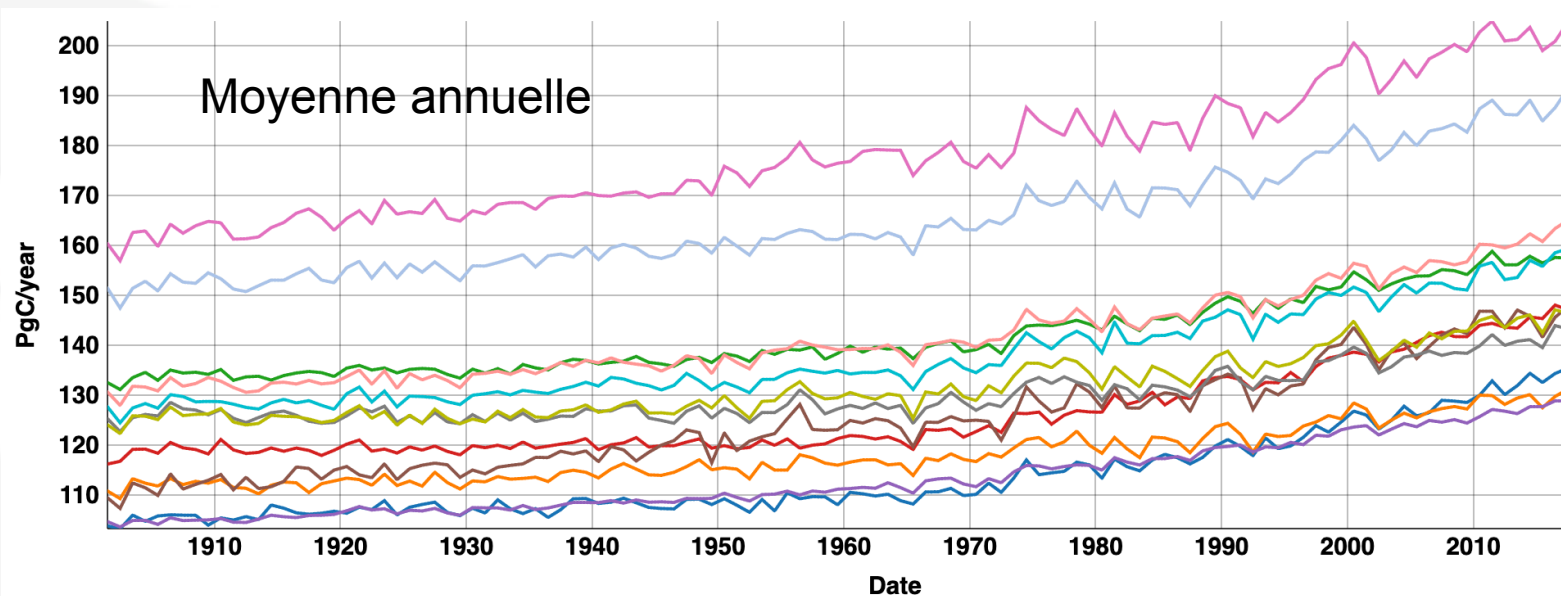
- Soil C discretized using the same layers than hydrology scheme (11 layers). A new pool introduced (DOC)





**Quelles incertitudes associées aux  
modèles de biosphère actuels ?**

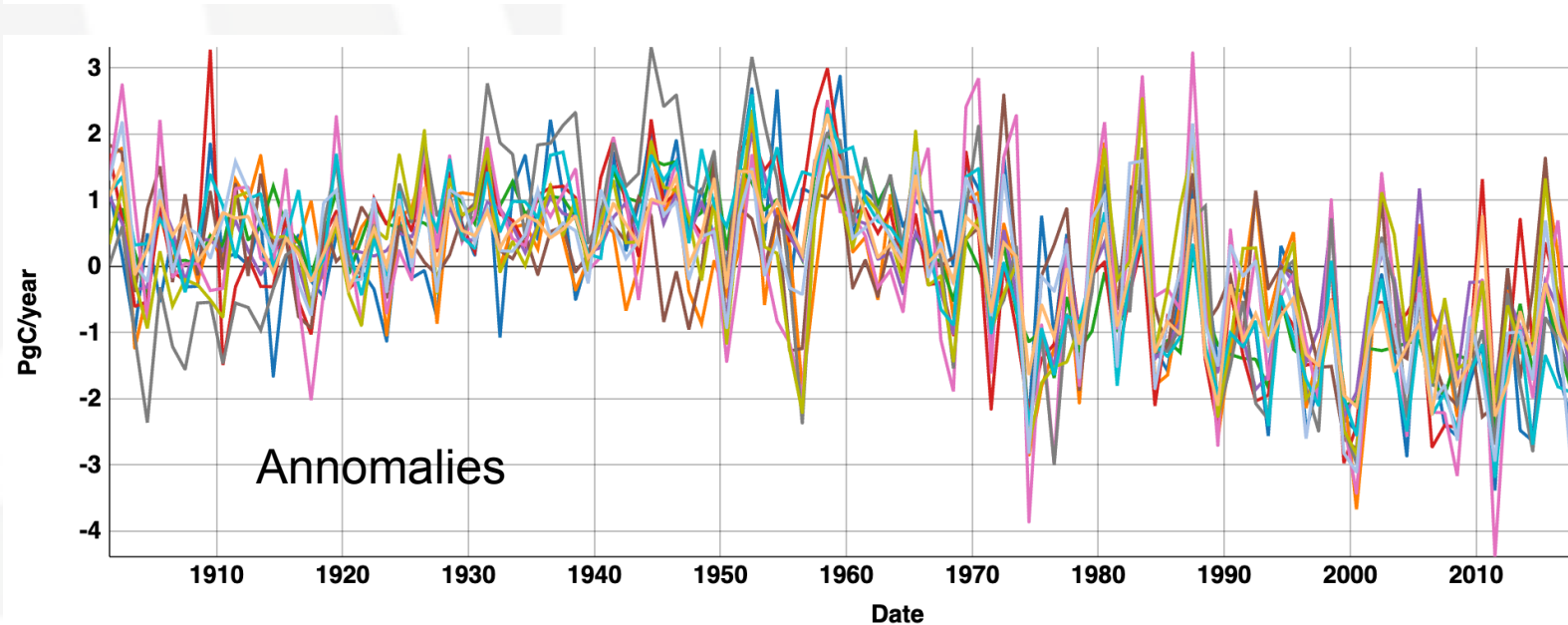
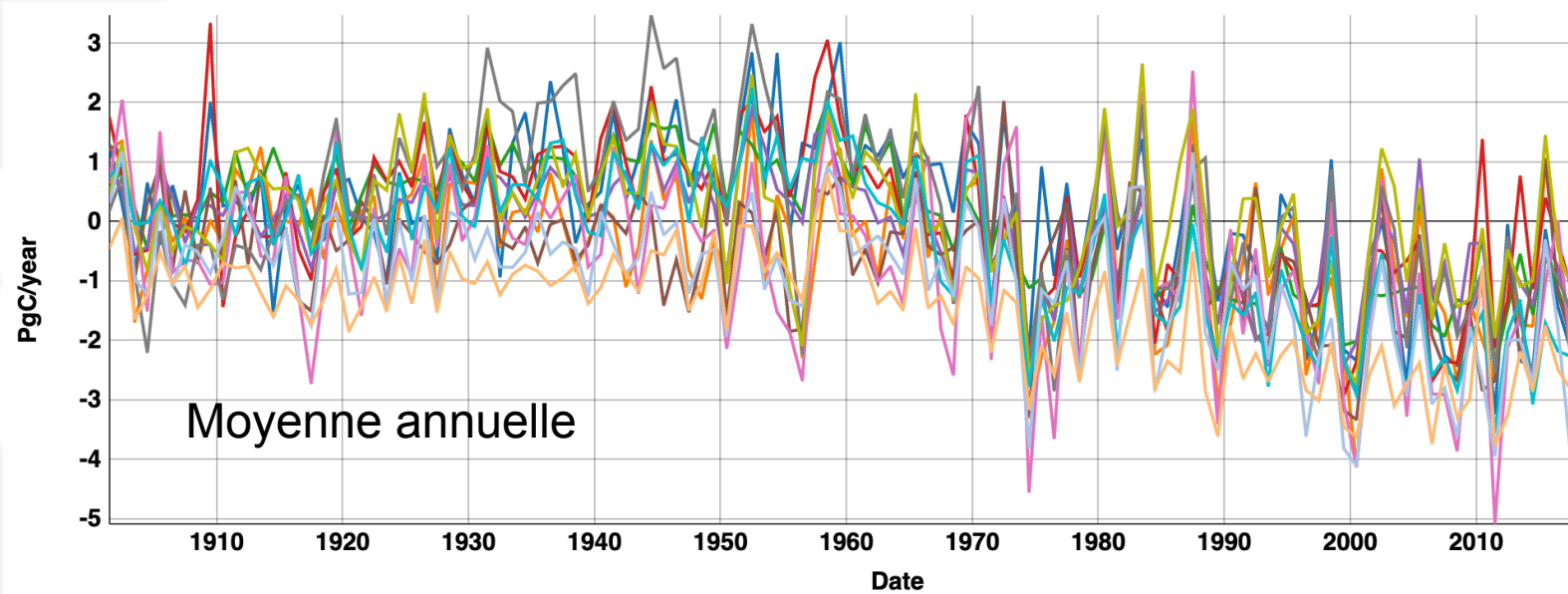
# Flux de Photosynthèse: Modèle global



TRENDY  
Inter-  
comparaison

# Flux de net de de carbone (végétation – atmopshère)

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Inter-  
comparaison

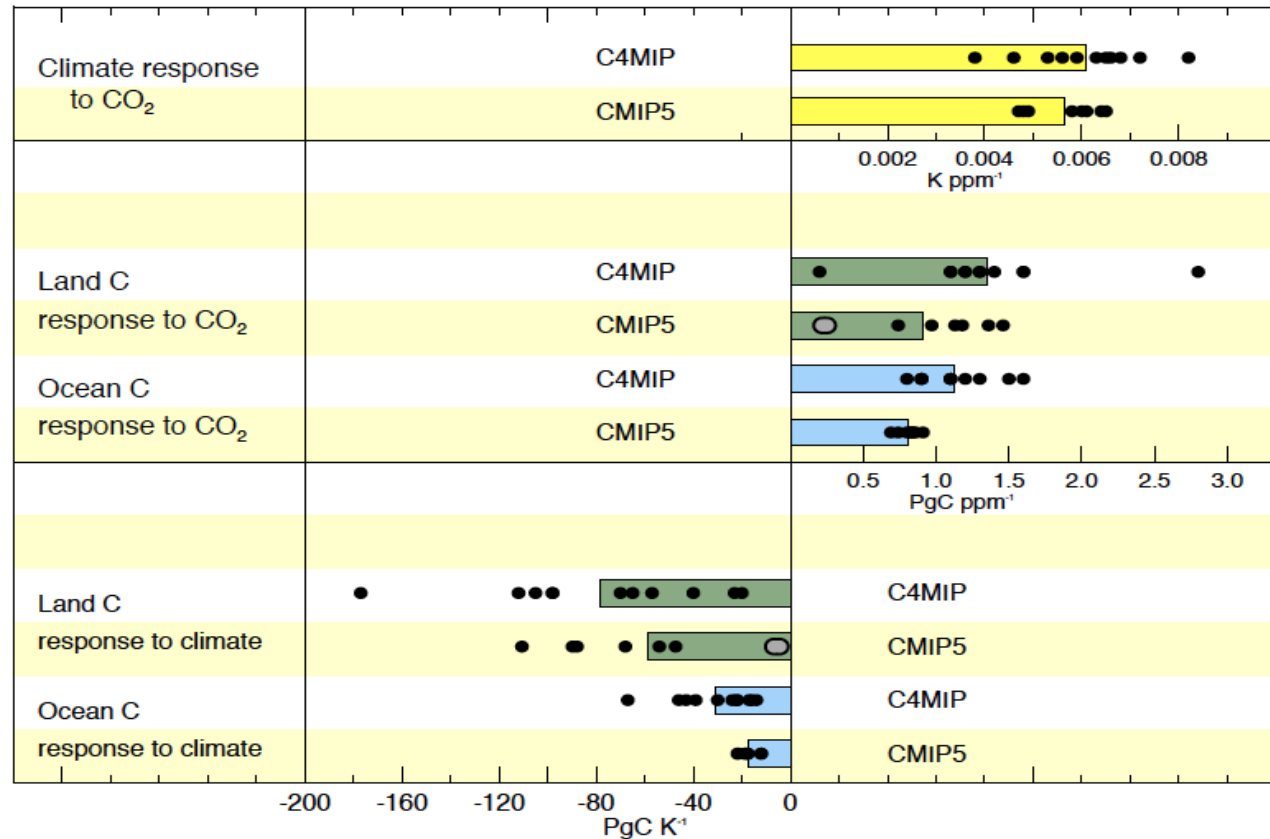


# Rétroactions positives Climat - Carbone

Climate response to CO<sub>2</sub> (K / ppm)

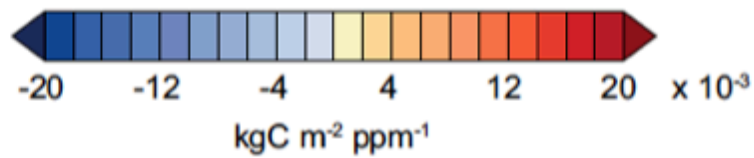
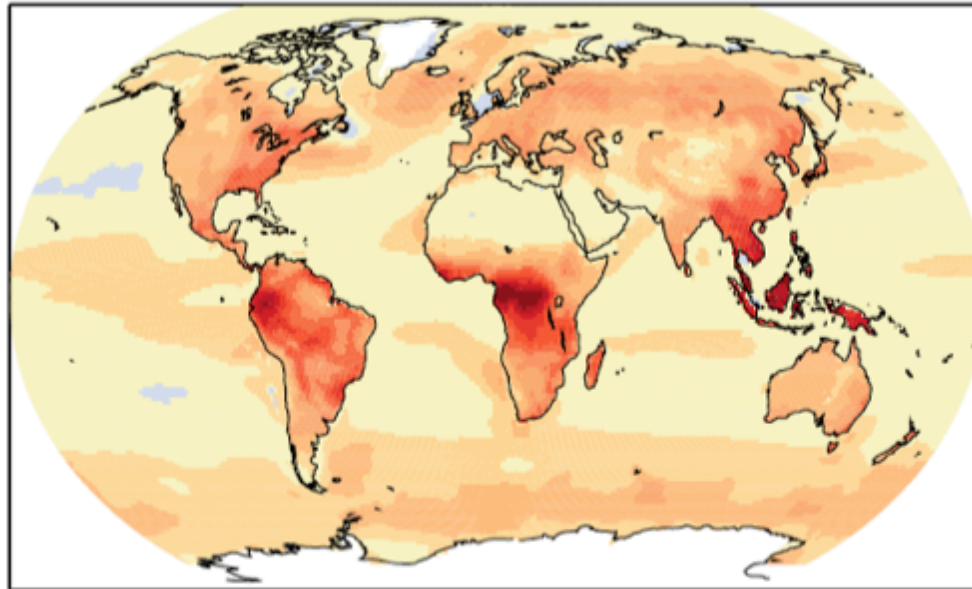
Sinks response to CO<sub>2</sub> (PgC / ppm)

Sinks response to climate (PgC / K)



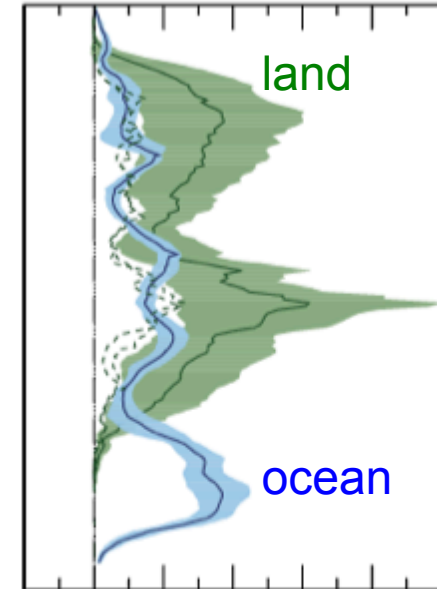
Climate change will affect carbon cycle processes in a way that will exacerbate the increase of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere (*high confidence*)

# Réponse au CO<sub>2</sub> atmosphérique seul



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sink

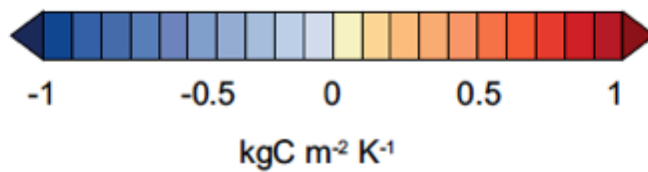
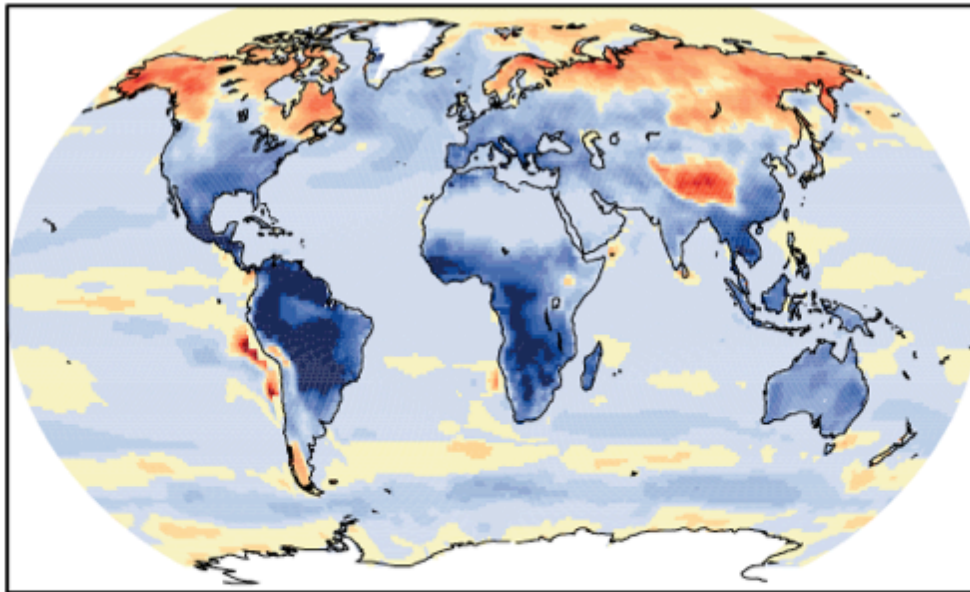
increasing  
sink



0 0.10 0.20  
 $10^8$  kgC m<sup>-1</sup> ppm<sup>-1</sup>

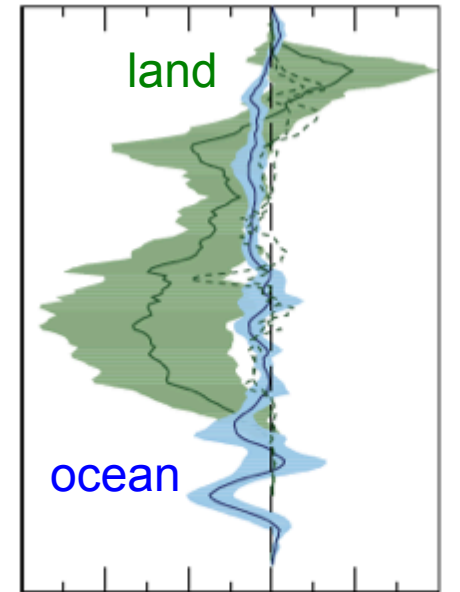


# Réponse au changement du climat seul



decreasing  
sink

increasing  
sink



models do not include the  
release of permafrost C

# Productivité limitée par les nutriments

nature  
geoscience

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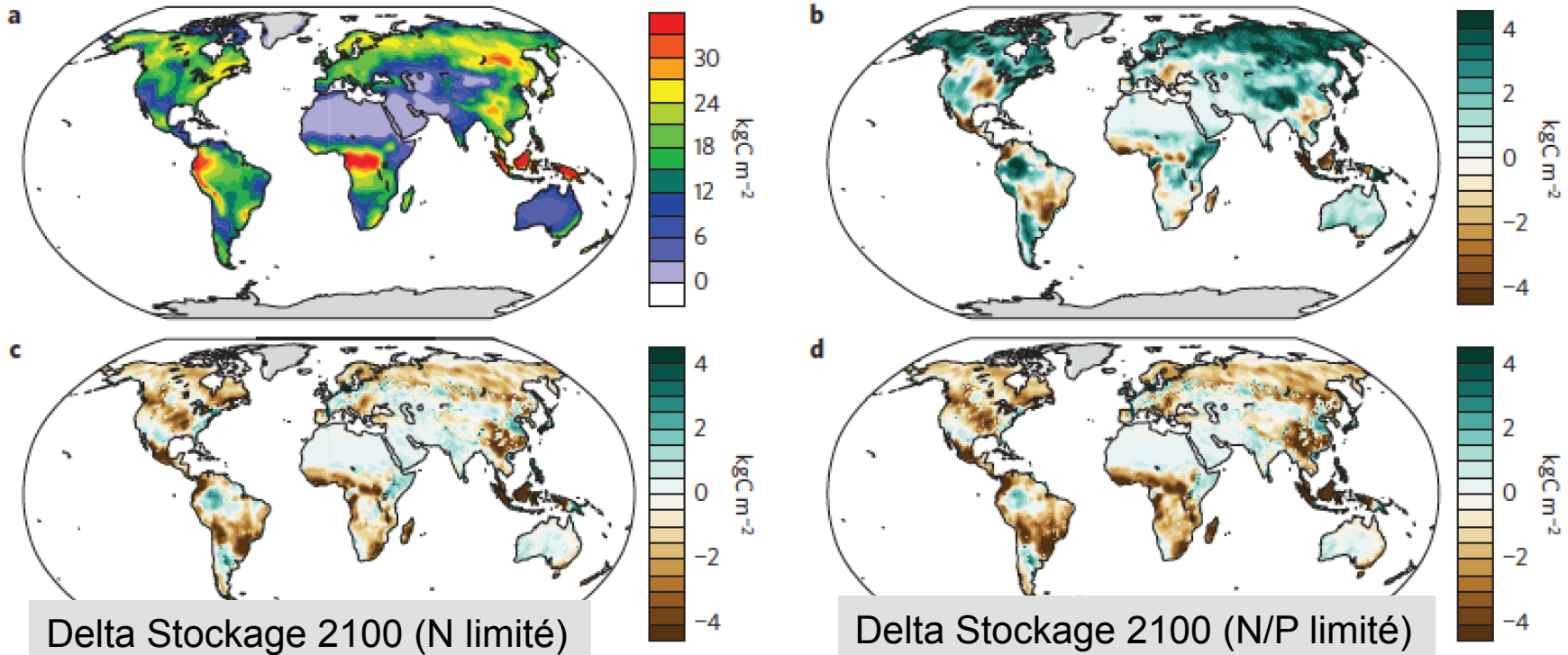
## Future productivity and carbon storage limited by terrestrial nutrient availability

William R. Wieder<sup>1,2\*</sup>, Cory C. Cleveland<sup>3</sup>, W. Kolby Smith<sup>3,4</sup> and Katherine Todd-Brown<sup>5,6</sup>

Wieder et al., Nature 2015

Stockage initial

Delta Stockage 2100 (Pas de limite)



Delta Stockage 2100 (N limité)

Delta Stockage 2100 (N/P limité)

**Figure 2 | Multi-model mean terrestrial C storage and changes in C storage with different assumptions about nutrient limitation.** **a**, Mean initial terrestrial C storage for all CMIP5 models (1860-1869). **b-d**, Multi-model mean changes in terrestrial C storage at the end of the twenty-first century under RCP 8.5 assuming that increases in NPP are limited by nothing (as in the CMIP5 archive; **b**), new N inputs (**c**), and new N and P (**d**). Individual model results for data summarized are shown in Supplementary Figs 8-10.

# Effet combiné climat - carbone

## Combined climate and carbon-cycle effects of large-scale deforestation

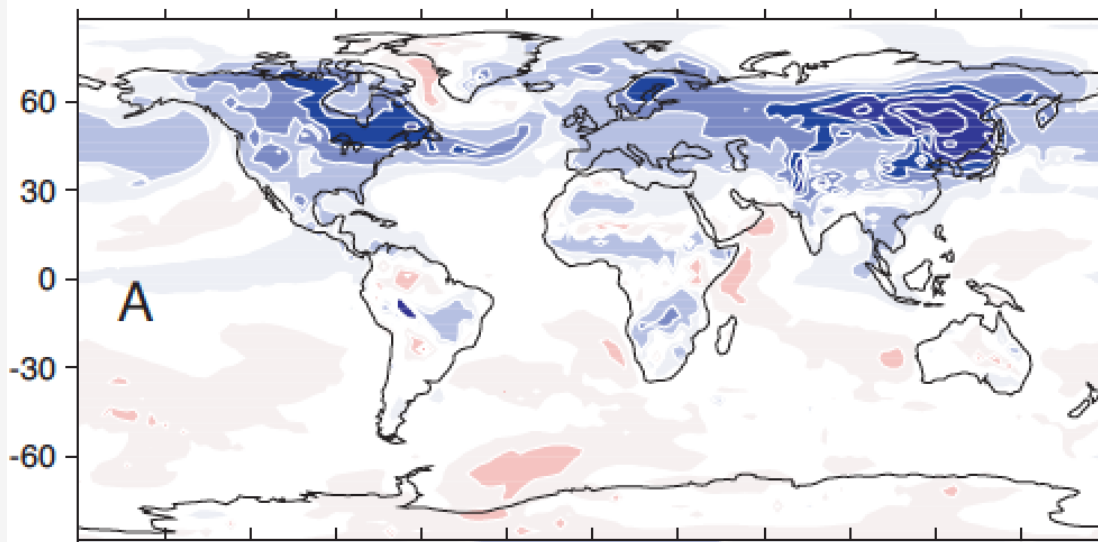
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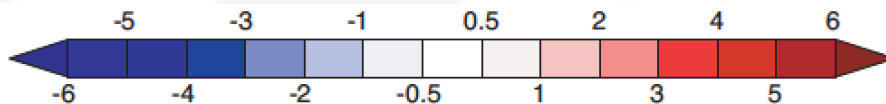
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Simulation du Delta Température en 2100:  
Avec déforestation – Reference (sans déforestation)

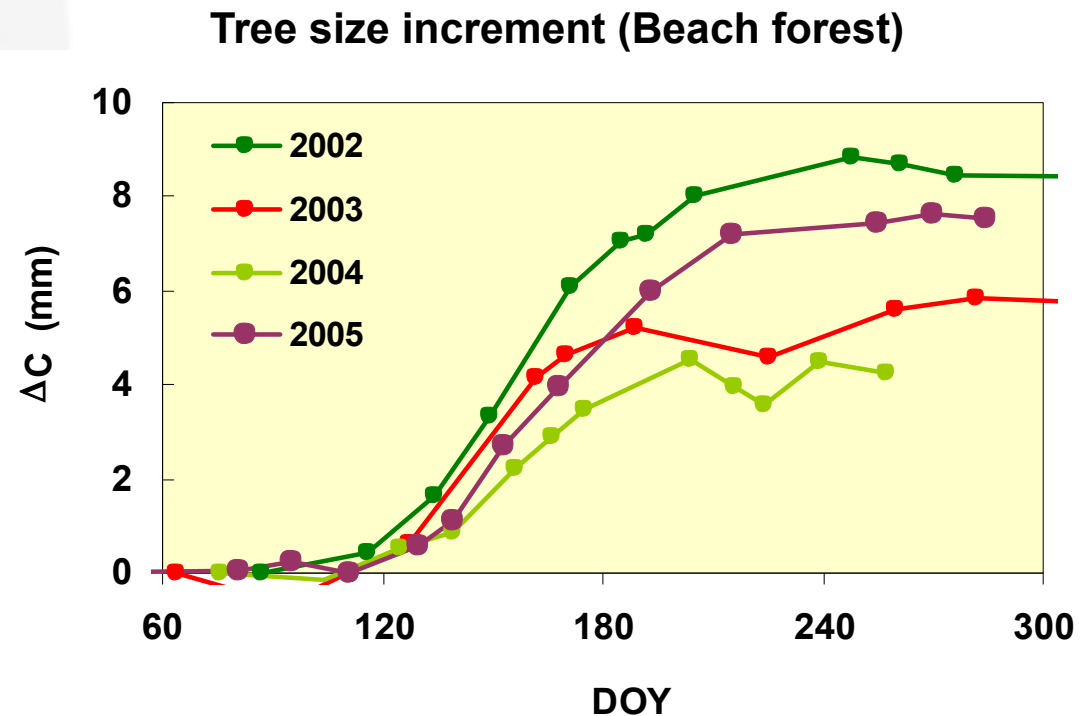


→ Effet biophysique  
refroidissant  
sur-compense  
effet réchauffant du CO<sub>2</sub>



# Qqs enjeux dans la modélisation du bilan de C terrestre

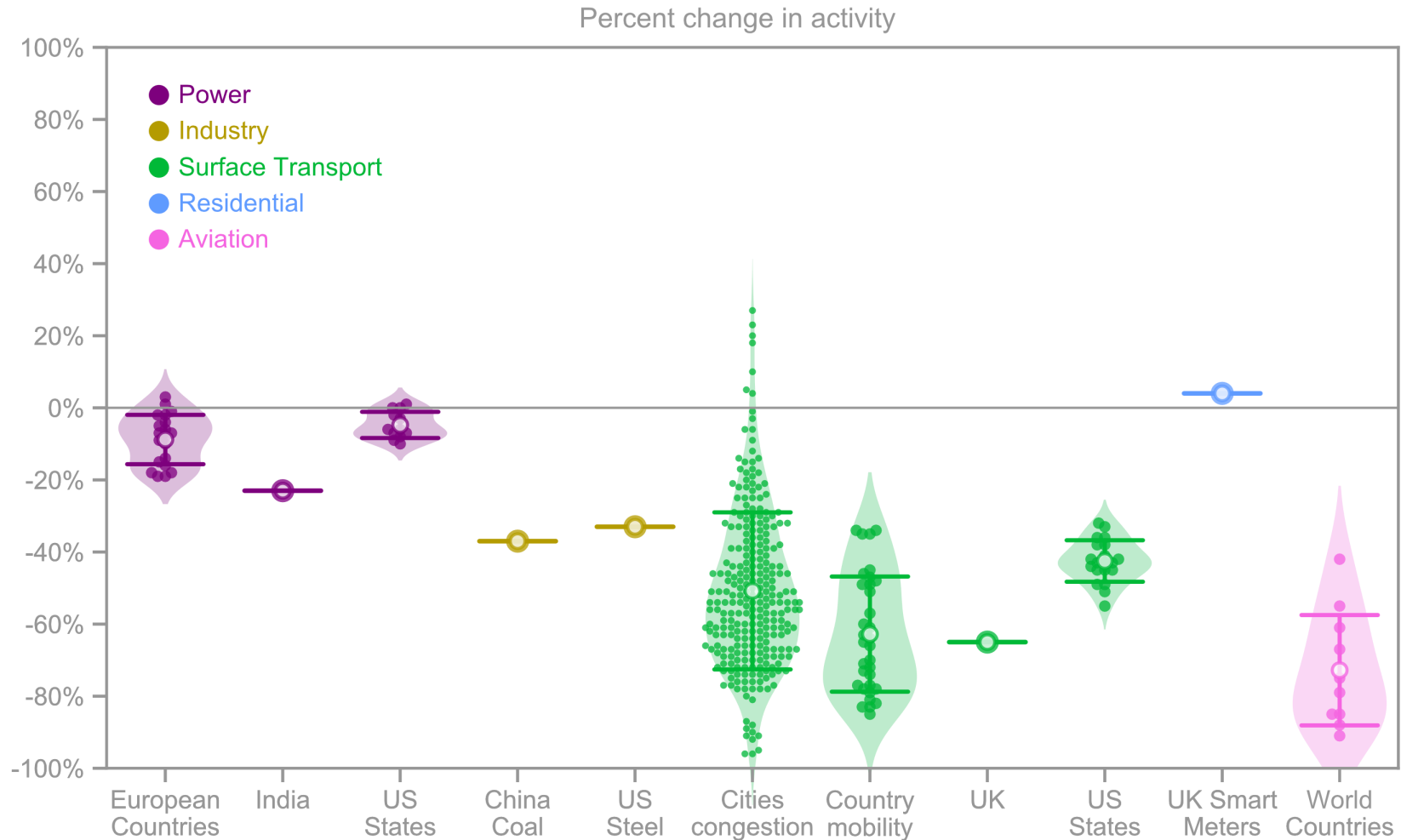
- Soil processes (carbon dynamic)
- Better account for Land management history
- Species competitions & Adaptation to climate changes
- Biotic effects on forests (i.e. insect damage)
- Lag effects of climate extreme





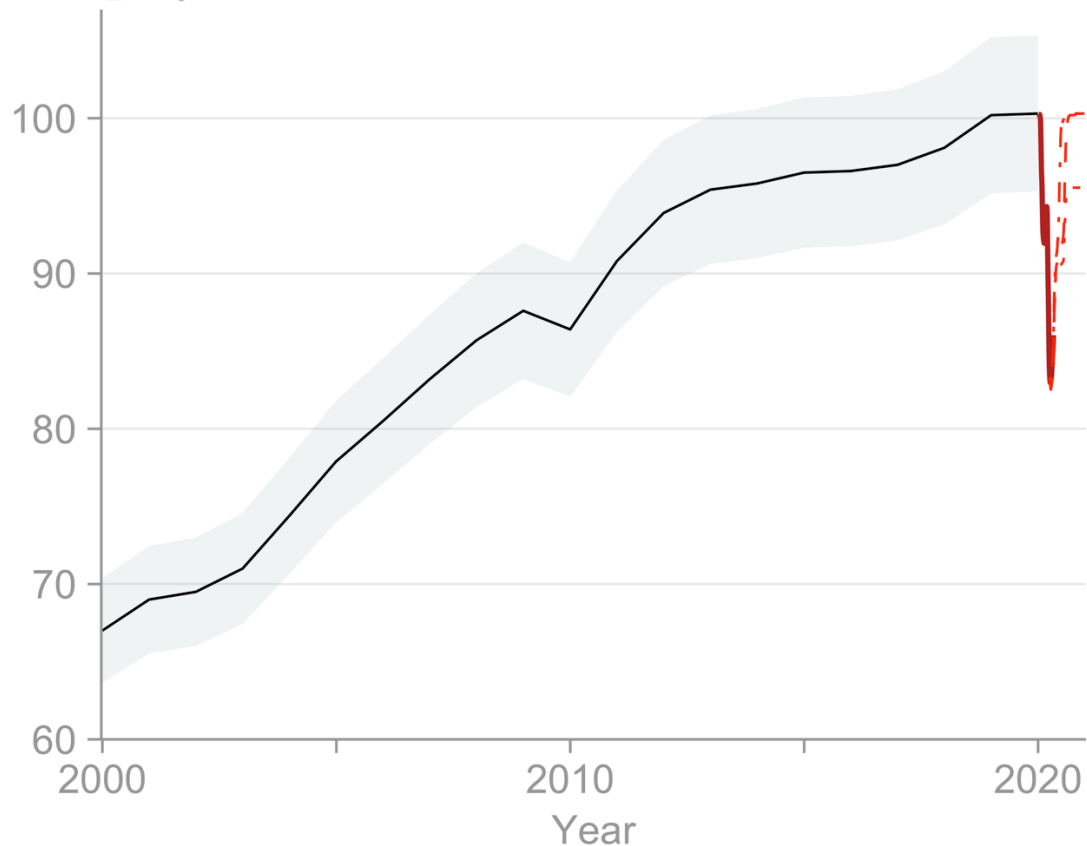
# **Covid-19 : impact sur les émissions de CO<sub>2</sub>**

# Covid-19 pandemic impact on C fluxes

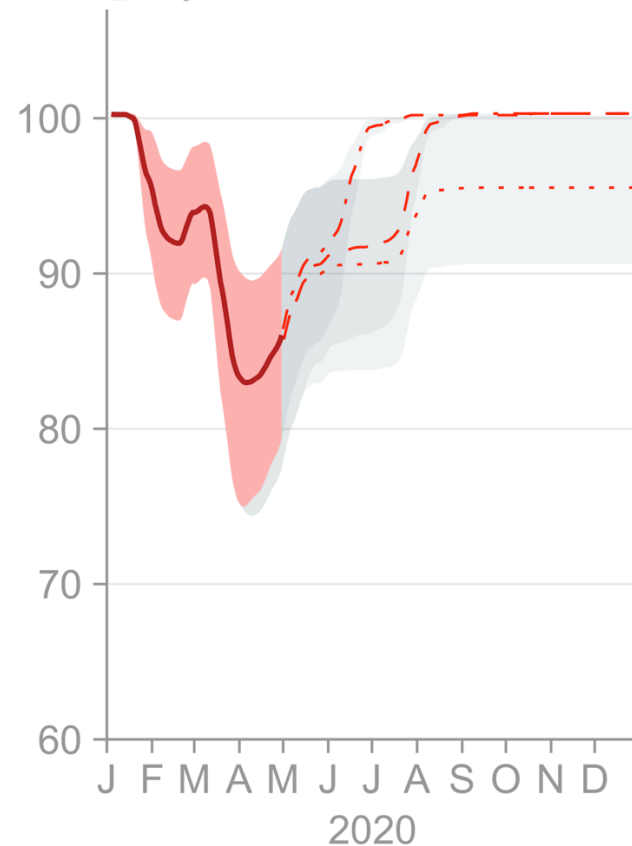


# Covid-19 pandemic impact on C fluxes

Global daily fossil CO<sub>2</sub> emissions  
MtCO<sub>2</sub> day<sup>-1</sup>



MtCO<sub>2</sub> day<sup>-1</sup>

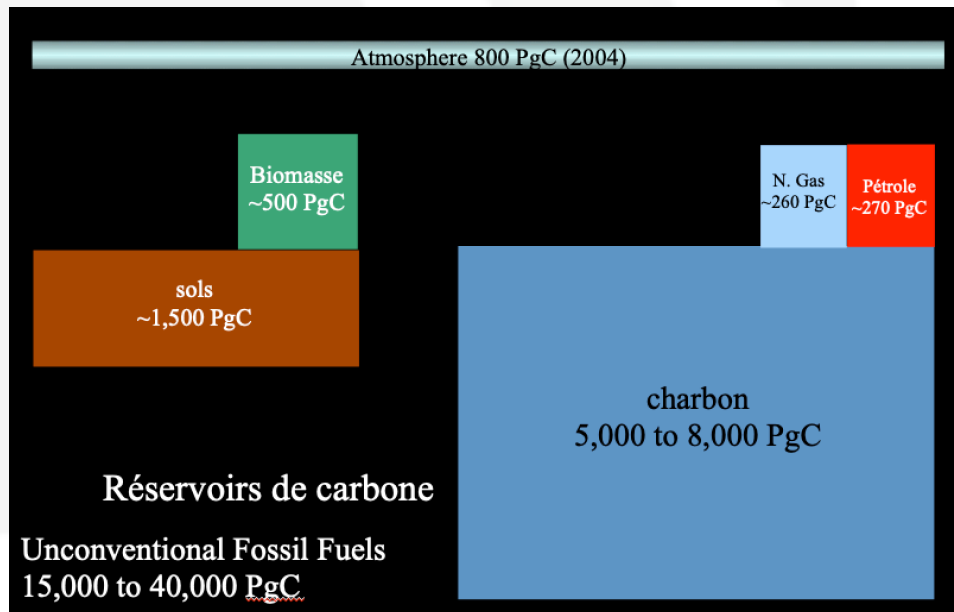


# Merci pour votre attention !

## Quelques enjeux...

Comment ne pas utiliser tout le C fossile restant ?

Besoin de prendre en compte tous les services écosystémiques !





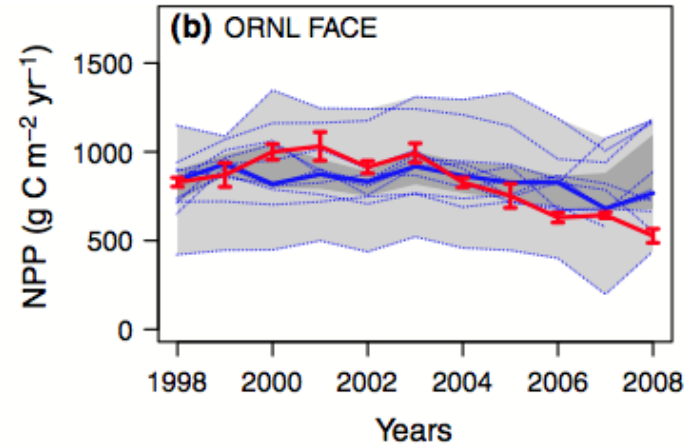
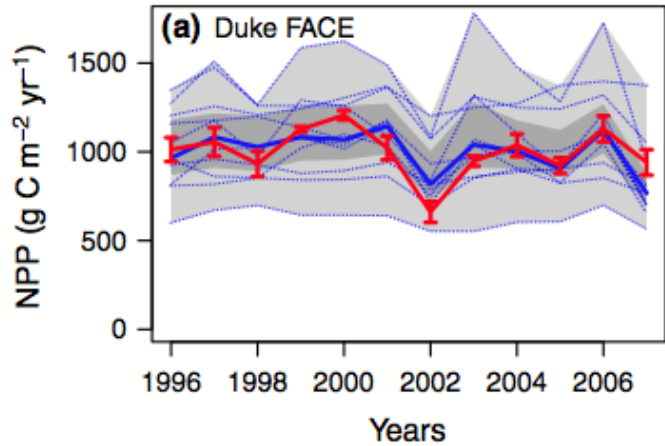


**Additional slides**

# Evaluation de la réponse des modèles au CO2

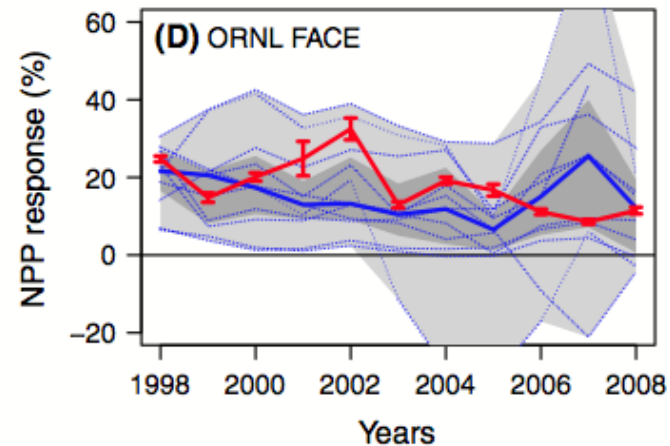
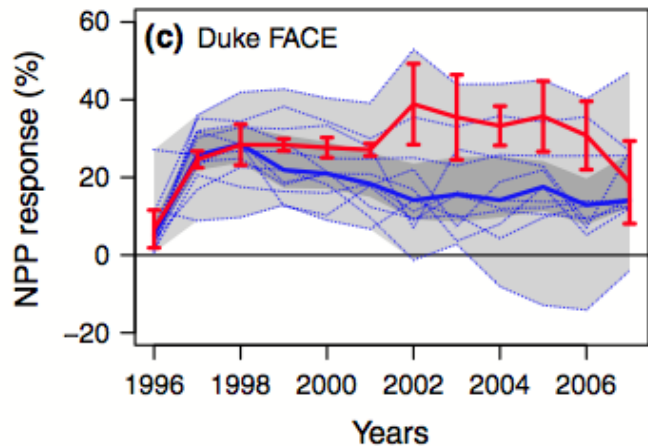
Expérience d'enrichissement en CO2 : réponse simulée de la Productivité Primaire Nette (NPP) de modèle incluant cycles C/N

NPP  
(control  
CO2)



Observed  
Models

NPP  
(double  
CO2)



— observed      ■ interquartile model range      ··· individual models  
— multi-model mean      ■ model range

# Forêts boréales et climat..

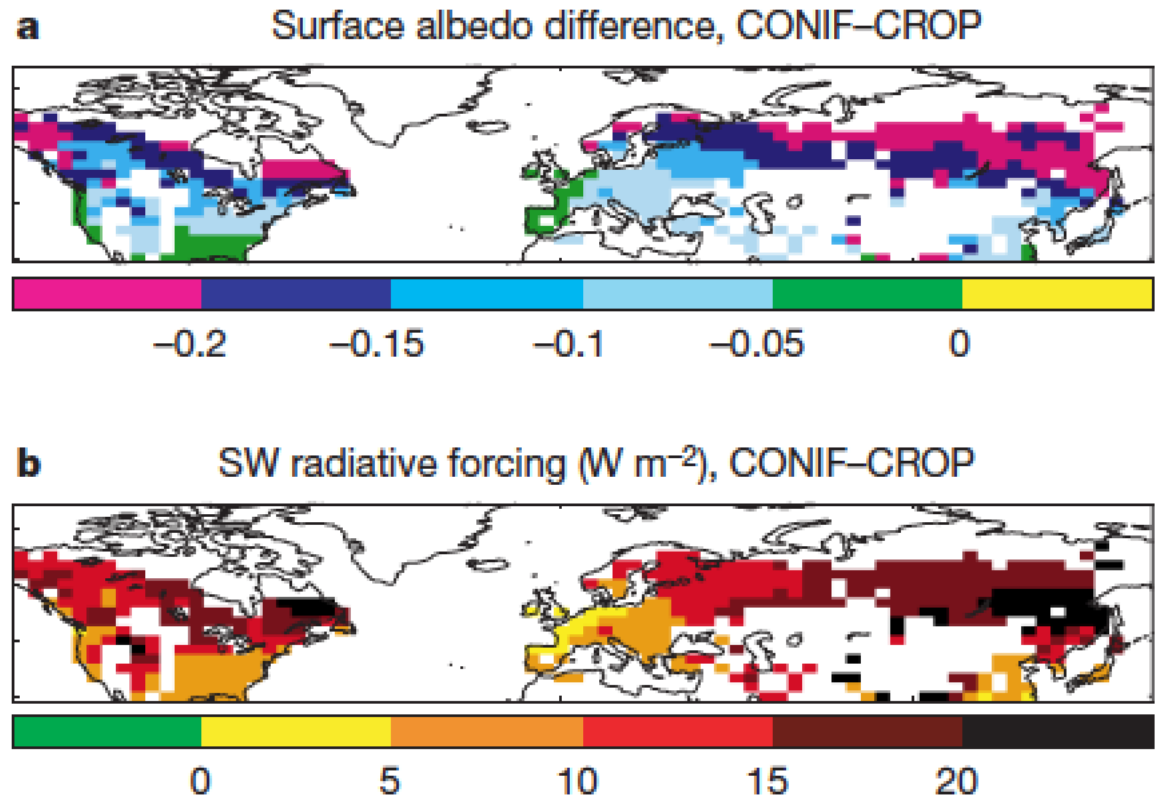
**Offset of the potential carbon sink from boreal forestation by decreases in surface albedo**

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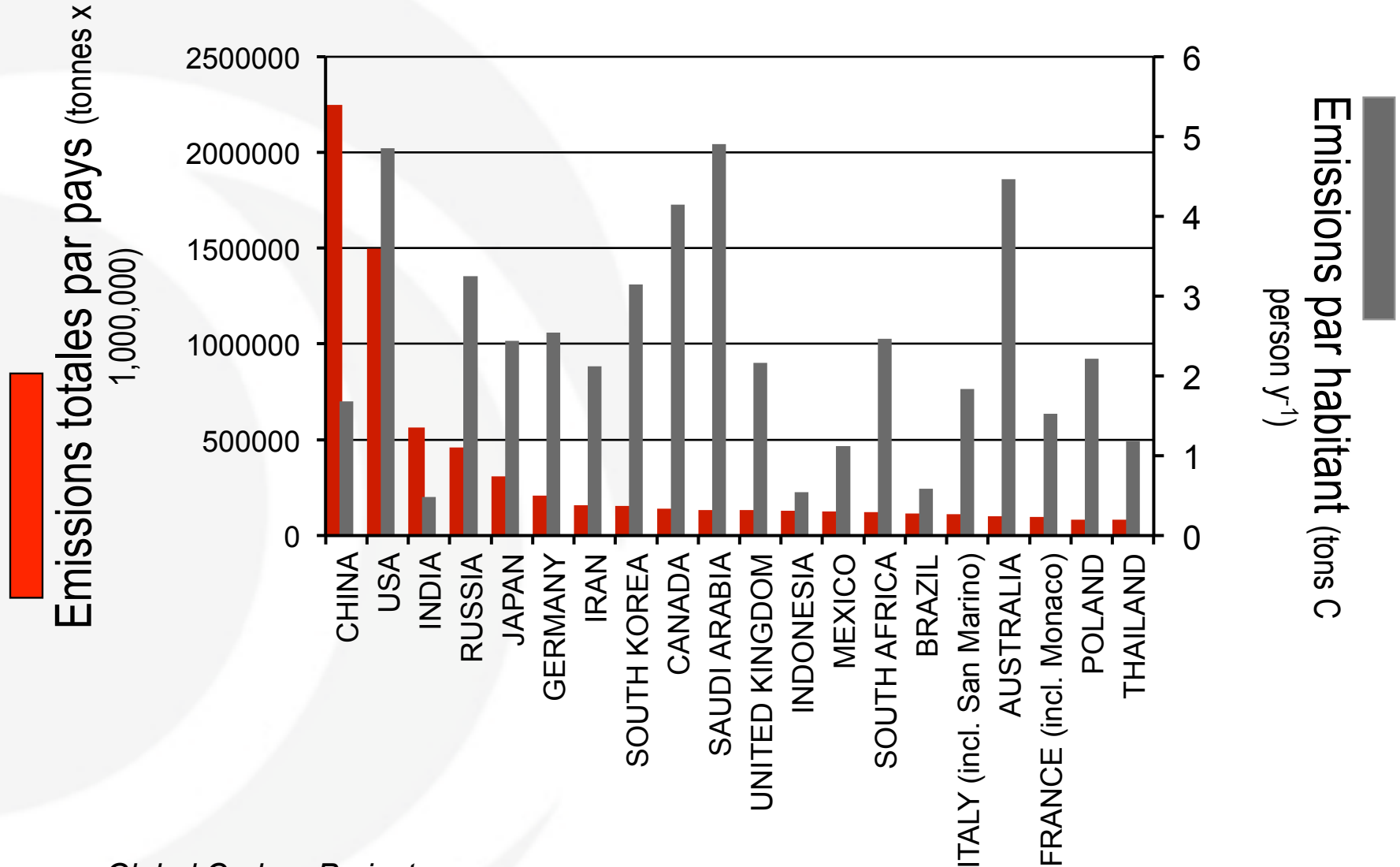
*Betts et al., Nature, 2000*

→ Augmentation des forêts boréales compense en partie l'effet de stockage du CO<sub>2</sub> sur le climat (température)  
Via une diminution de l'albédo



**Figure 1** Effects of forestation on the solar radiation budget. **a**, Difference in annual-mean surface albedo  $\alpha$  simulated by CONIF and CROP. **b**, Local instantaneous shortwave (SW) radiative forcing at the tropopause due to surface albedo change. At uncoloured gridpoints, vegetation was identical in CONIF and CROP.

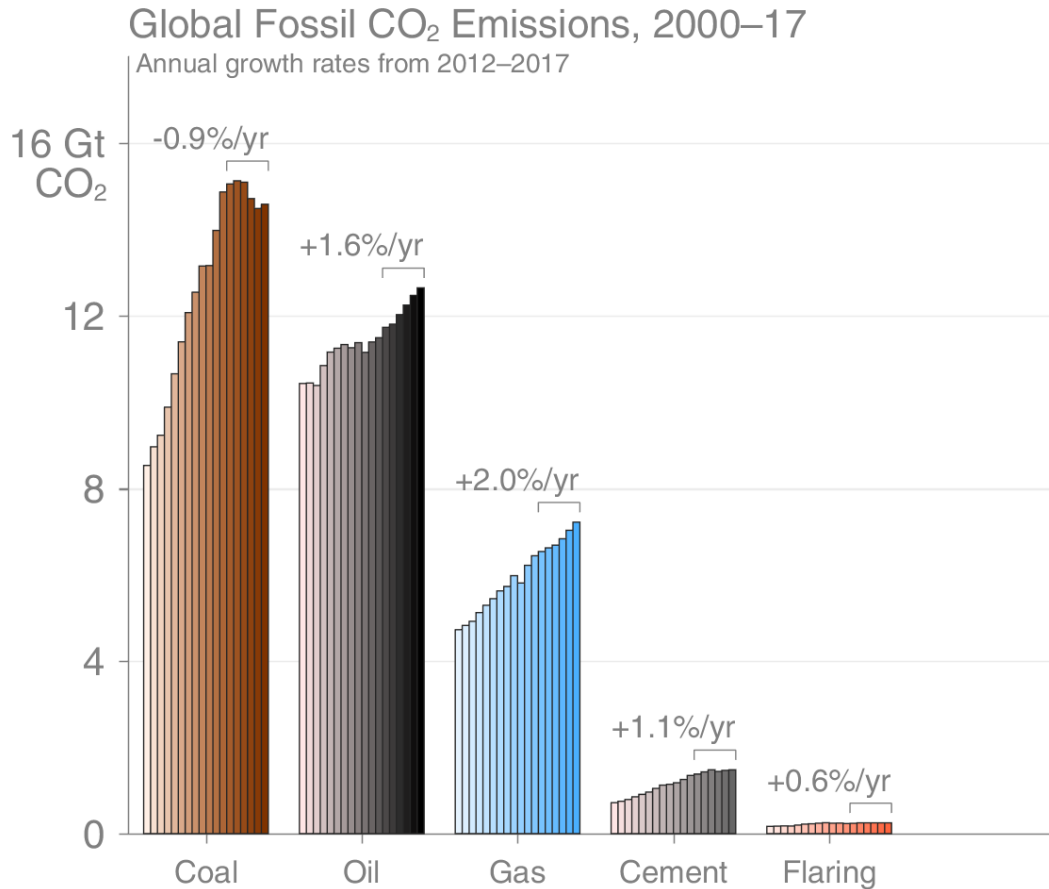
# Emissions de CO<sub>2</sub> fossile par pays et par habitant



Source : Global Carbon Project

# Fossil CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions by source

Emissions by category from 2000 to 2017, with growth rates indicated for the more recent period of 2012 to 2017

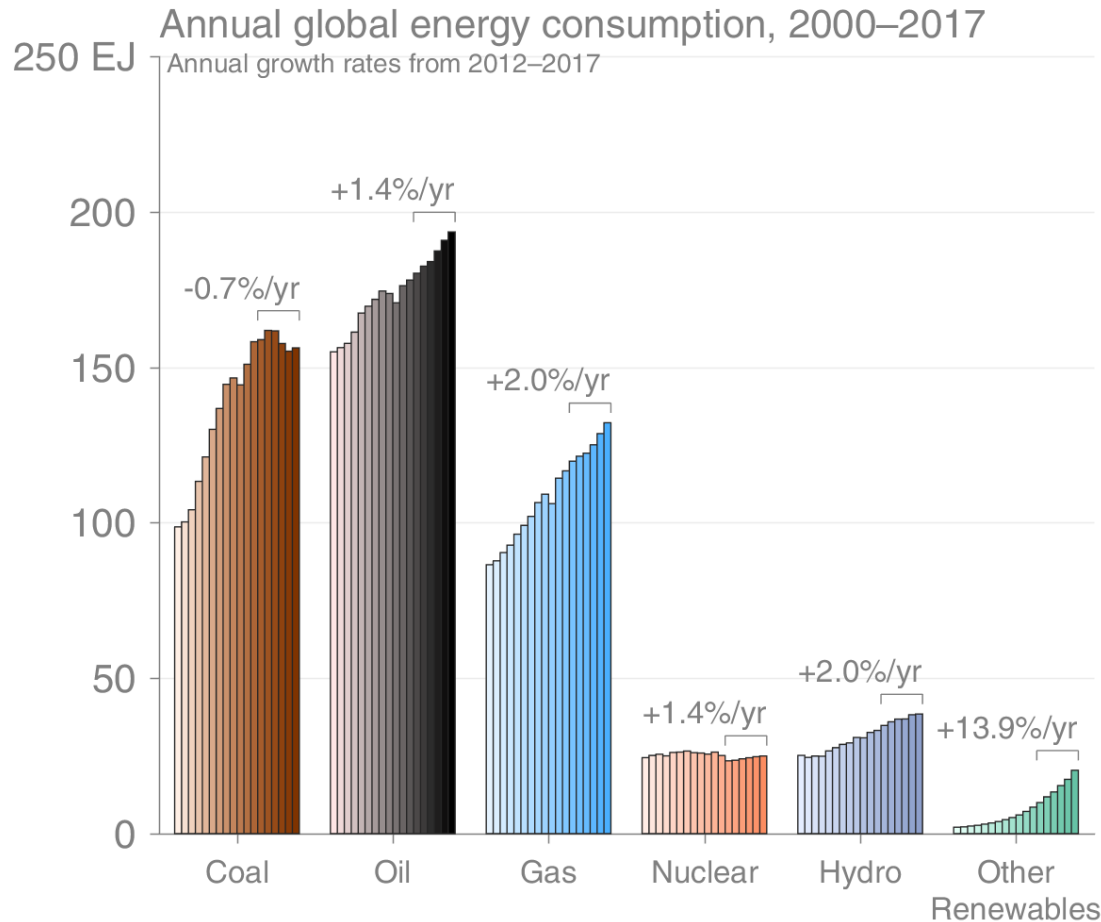


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Source: [CDIAC](#); [Jackson et al 2018](#); [Global Carbon Budget 2017](#)

# Energy use by source

Energy consumption by fuel source from 2000 to 2017, with growth rates indicated for the more recent period of 2012 to 2017



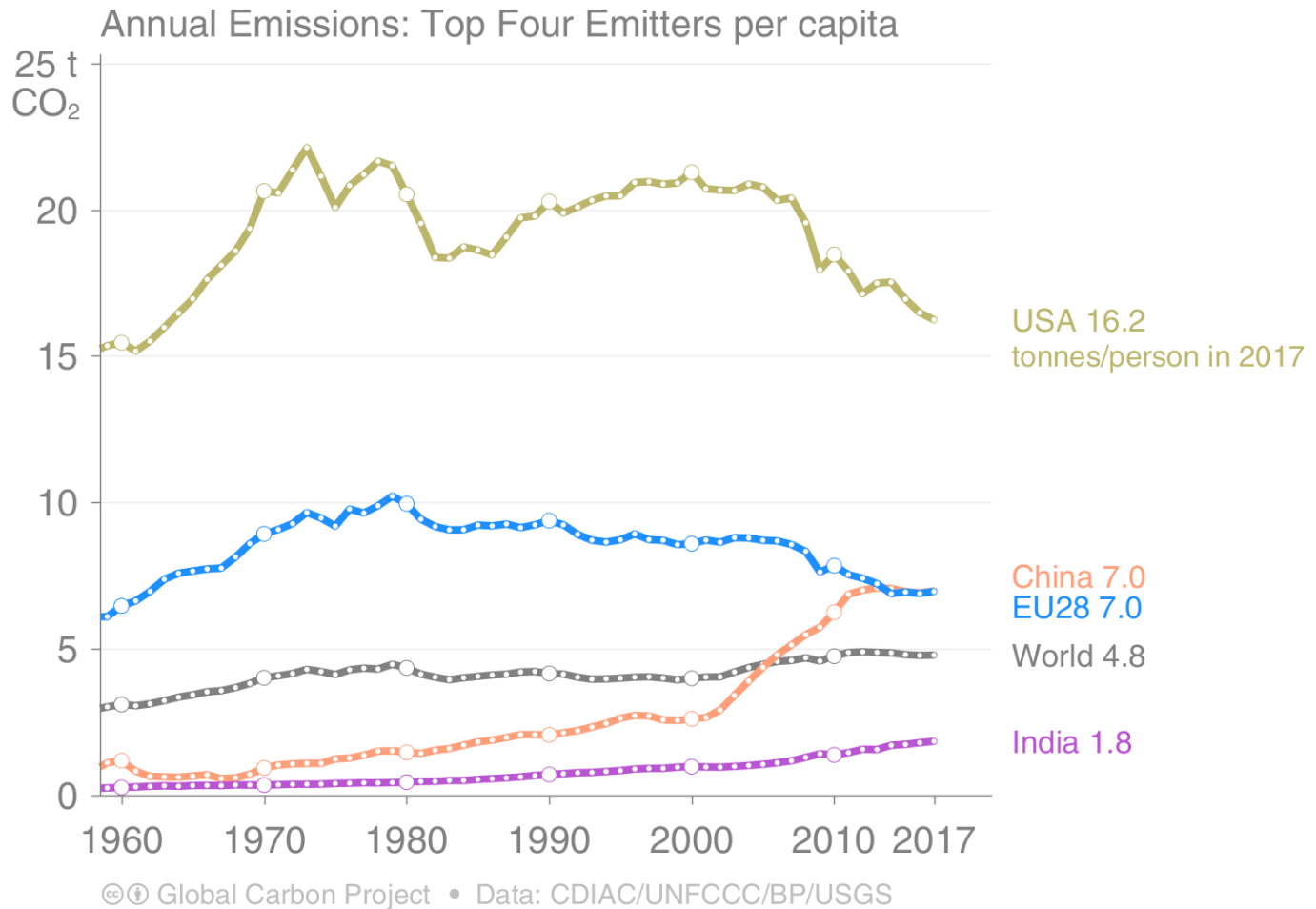
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This figure shows primary energy, using the BP substitution method (non-fossil sources are scaled up by an assumed fossil efficiency of 0.38)

Source: [BP 2018](#); [Jackson et al 2018](#); [Global Carbon Budget 2018](#)

# Top emitters: Fossil CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions per capita

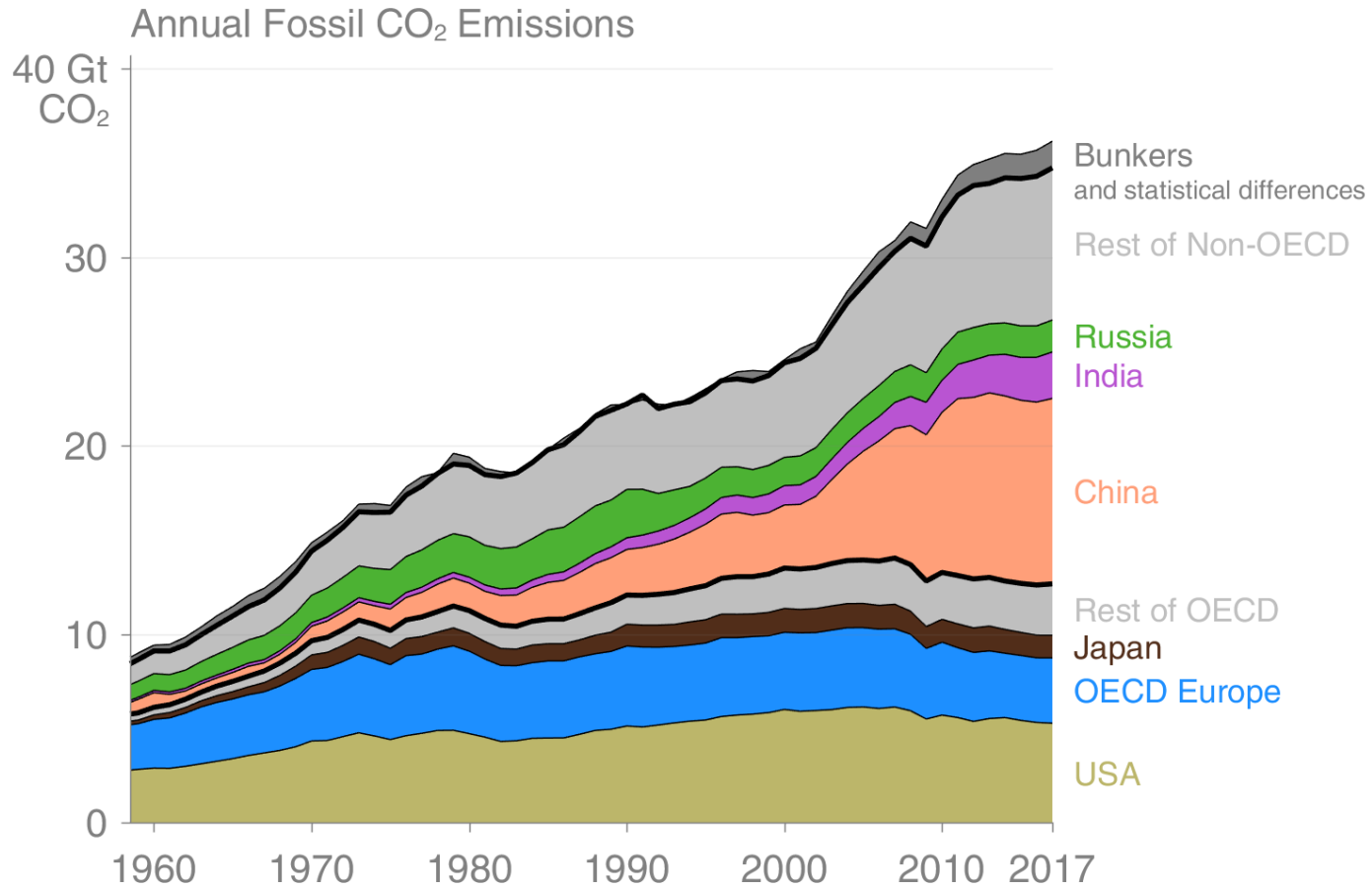
Countries have a broad range of per capita emissions reflecting their national circumstances



Source: [CDIAC](#); [Le Quéré et al 2018](#); [Global Carbon Budget 2018](#)

# Breakdown of global fossil CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by country

Emissions in OECD countries have increased by 5% since 1990, while those in non-OECD countries have more than doubled



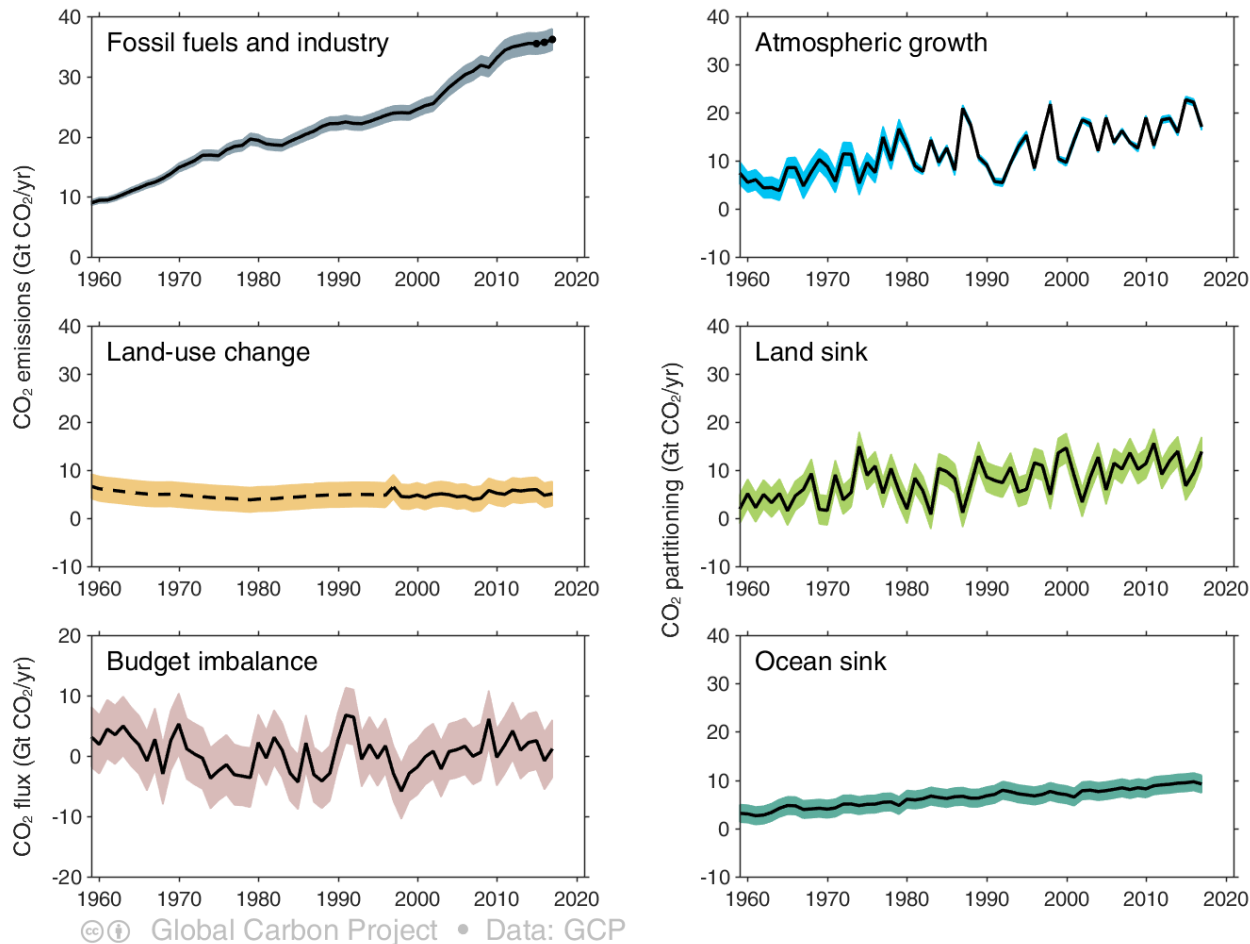
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# Changes in the budget over time

The sinks have continued to grow with increasing emissions, but climate change will affect carbon cycle processes in a way that will exacerbate the increase of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere



The budget imbalance is the total emissions minus the estimated growth in the atmosphere, land and ocean.

It reflects the limits of our understanding of the carbon cycle.

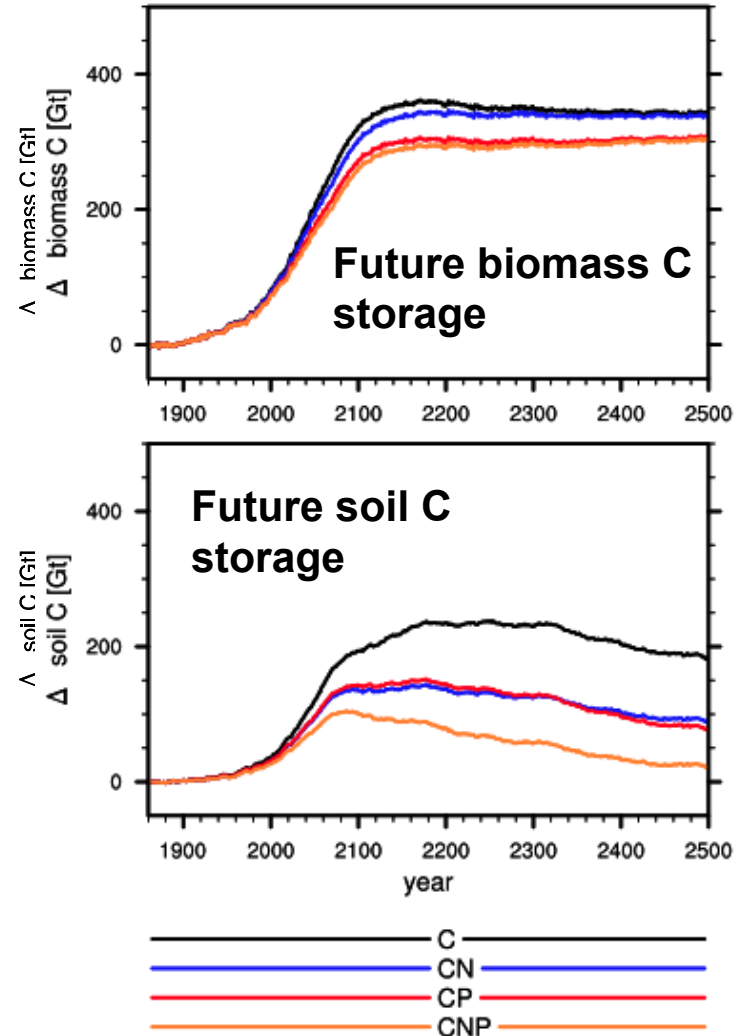
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# Future of the assessment : Nutrient limitation on terrestrial C storage



Only 1-2 Earth System Models included N-limitations in CMIP5 and found a smaller sink response to CO<sub>2</sub> and climate

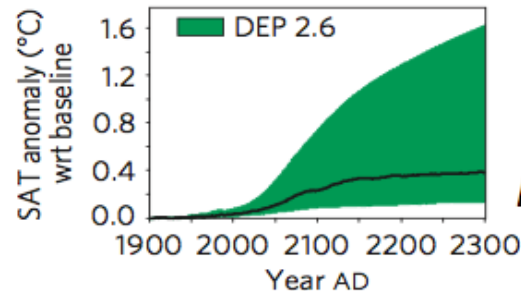
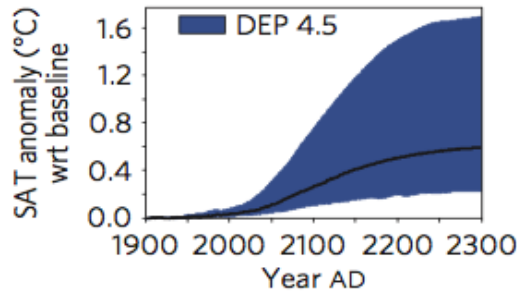
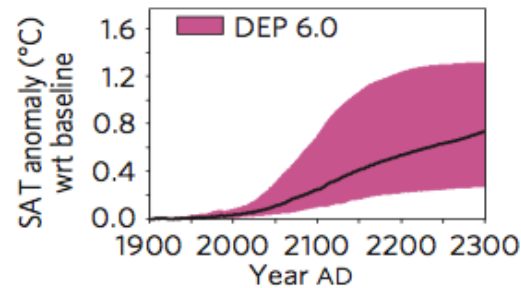
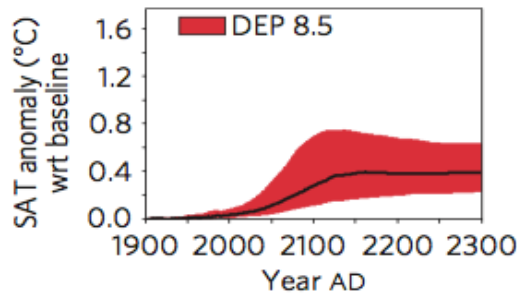
Offline model with **N** & **P** limitations



Goll et al. 2012

# Future of the assessment : 'cold' carbon processes, permafrost C

**1670 Pg C  
In permafrost**



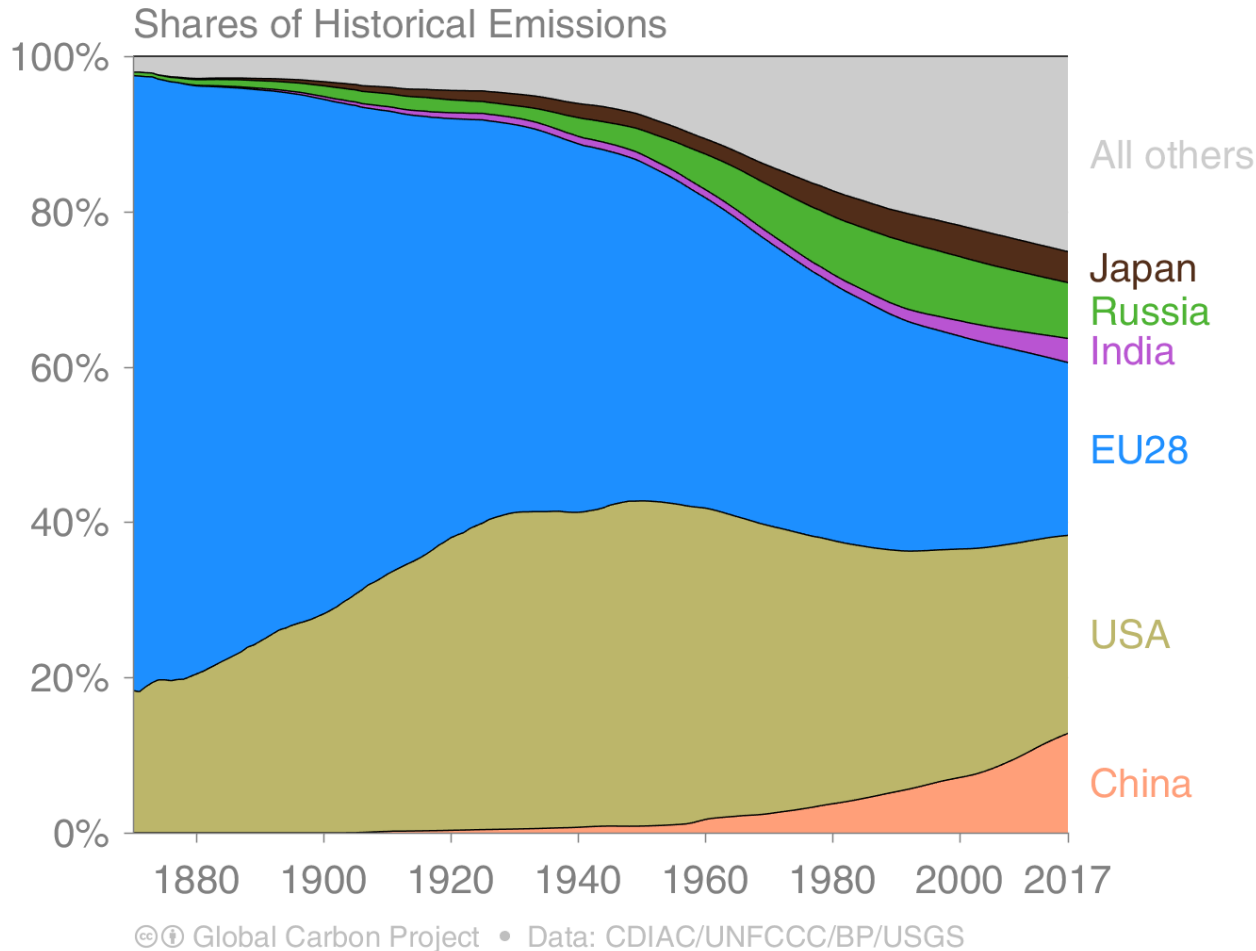
*Mc Dougall et al. 2013*

**An Earth System Model with permafrost carbon processes was driven by RCP emissions  
Result: higher projected warming (0.13 to 1.7°C) and CO<sub>2</sub> release (70 to 500 PgC)**

**Key « missing » processes : soil ice, soil C vertical distribution, soil C pools decomposition rates [C:N], fire & thermokarst**

# Historical cumulative fossil CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by country

Cumulative fossil CO<sub>2</sub> emissions were distributed (1870–2017):  
USA 25%, EU28 22%, China 13%, Russia 7%, Japan 4% and India 3%



Cumulative emissions (1990–2017) were distributed China 20%, USA 20%, EU28 14%, Russia 6%, India 5%, Japan 4%  
'All others' includes all other countries along with bunker fuels and statistical differences

Source: [CDIAC](#); [Le Quéré et al 2018](#); [Global Carbon Budget 2018](#)