



## CLIMATE EMERGENCY, CATASTROPHE; HOW BAD IS IT?

Aubrey Meyer, Director, Global Commons Institute

Webinar

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# A Word From Today's Chairman



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# Today's Agenda



- 15:00 – 15:05 Chairman's Introduction
- 15:05 – 15:25 Keynote Presentation – Aubrey Meyer
- 15:25 – 15:45 Question & Answer

# Today's Speaker



**Aubrey Meyer**

Director

Global Commons Institute



Climate Disaster looms. So as to achieve UNFCCC Compliance, a Well-Tempered global Climate-Accord is needed to avert it.



Aubrey Meyer is a violinist. Now in his 75th year, the GCI he directs established the 'Well-Tempered Climate Accord' 25 years ago.

Also known as Contraction & Convergence (C&C), this 'famous proposal' is widely known & well supported & 'inevitably required' to achieve the aims & principles of the UNFCCC.

UNFCCC-compliance is 'atmosphere concentrations stabilizing', so

- \* a 'tap with water flowing' (global source-emissions) into . . .
- \* a 'bath accumulating the water' (atmosphere-concentrations)
- \* a 'plug-hole draining water away' (around ½ source-emissions) . . .

**NB – therefore concentration rise only slows while emissions fall.**



Benefits of C&C are it is: -

- \* simple
- \* international
- \* enables economics

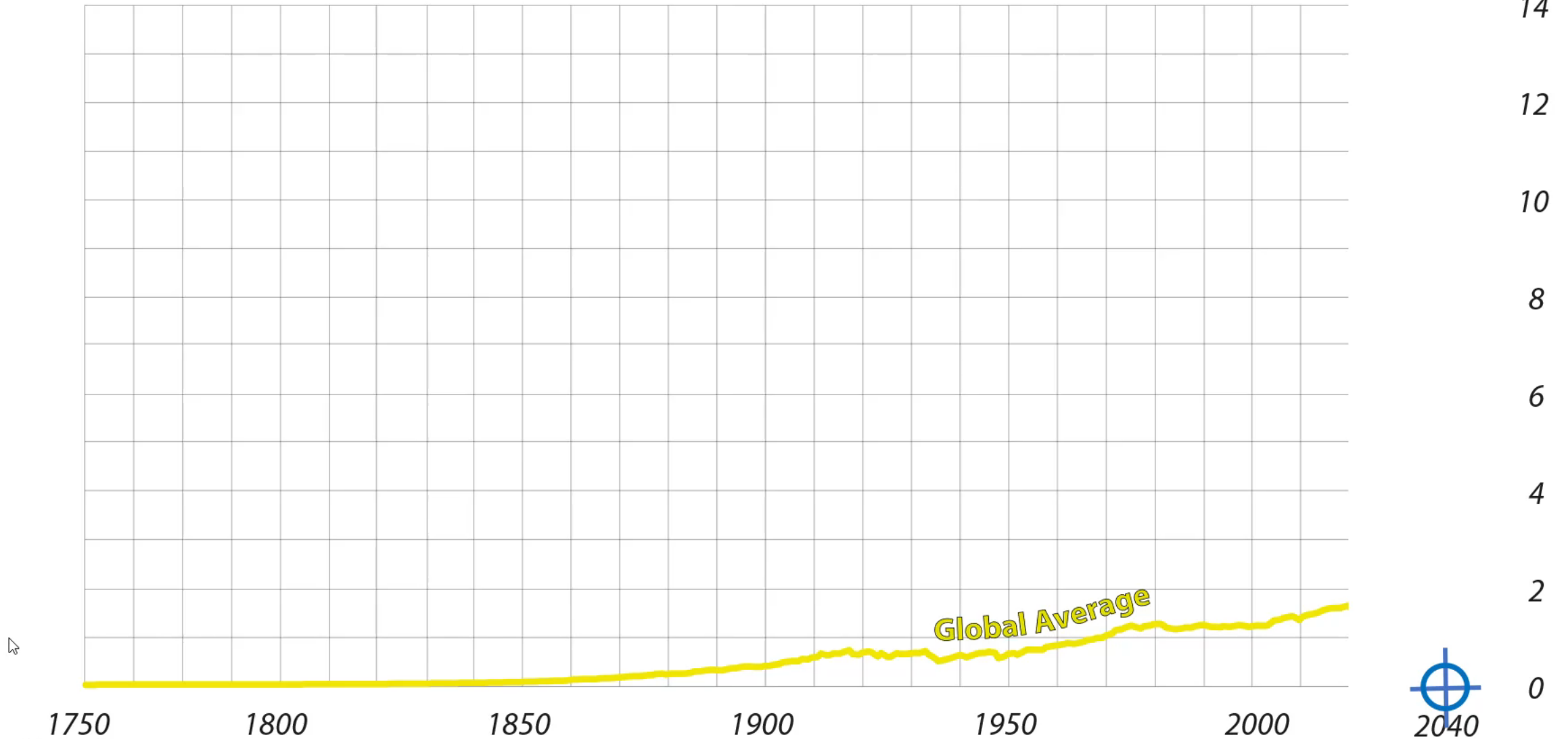
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# 1750-2020 The Global Average of CO2 Emissions Per Capita

*Getting to grips with what is policy-relevant . . .*



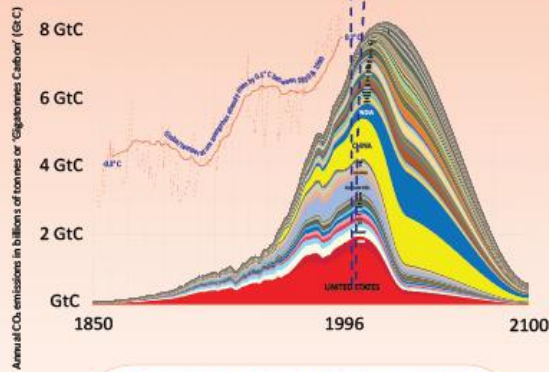
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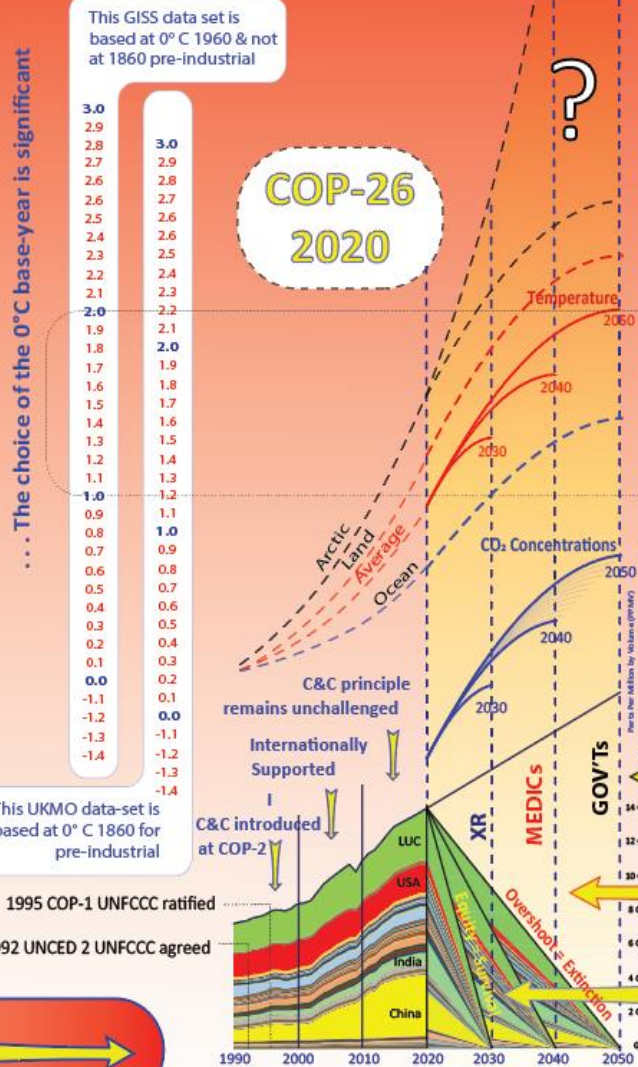
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The original image for full-term C&C on the global per capita average of emissions arising under a global cap.

For 24 years the non-implementation of C&C has led to 'the looming climate catastrophe' we face.

... however, changing the temperature baseline does not hide the dangers of acceleration



... The choice of the 0°C base-year is significant

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**COP-26 2020**

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Governments call for 'net zero' globally by 2050, failing to realize this is now too-little too-late to avoid runaway rates of climate change.

For this reason, Global Alliance of Health Professionals call for net-zero emissions globally by 2040, based on contraction & convergence principles.

Extinction Rebellion (XR) calls for zero emissions globally by 2030.

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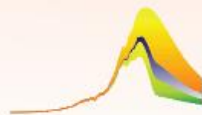
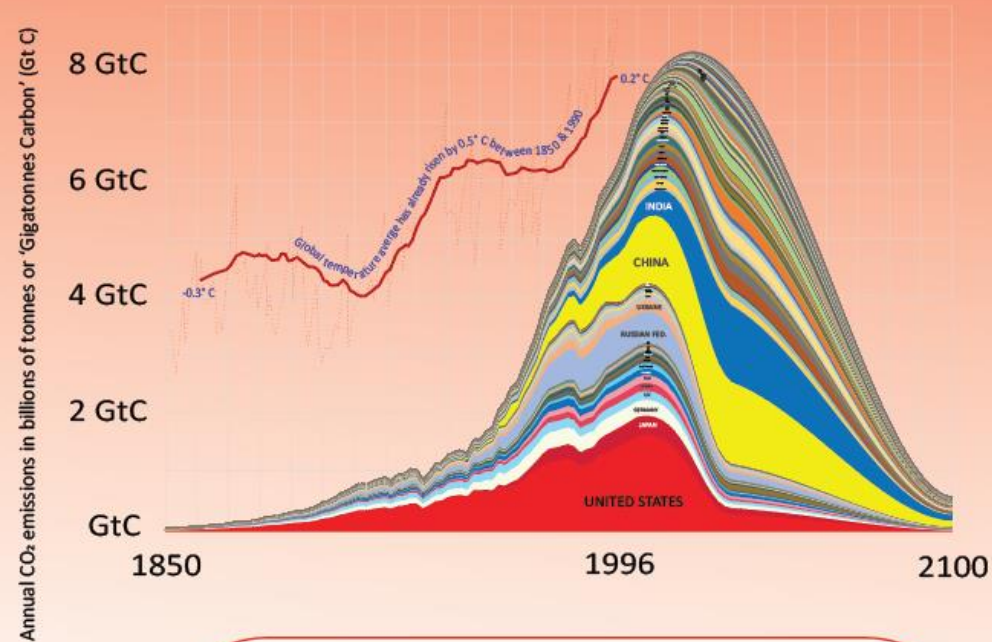
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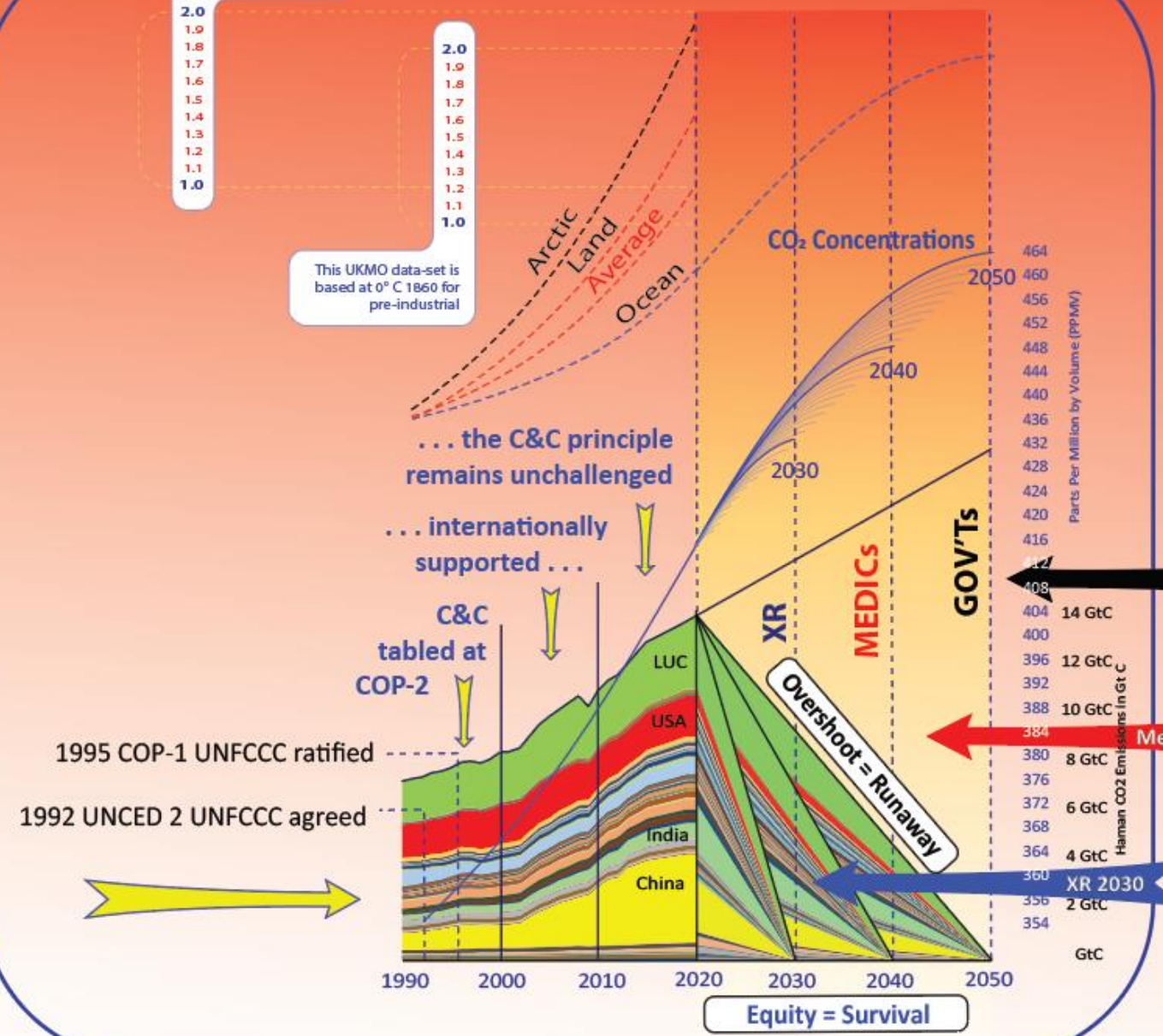
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Gov'ts 2050

Medics 2040

XR 2030

Equity = Survival



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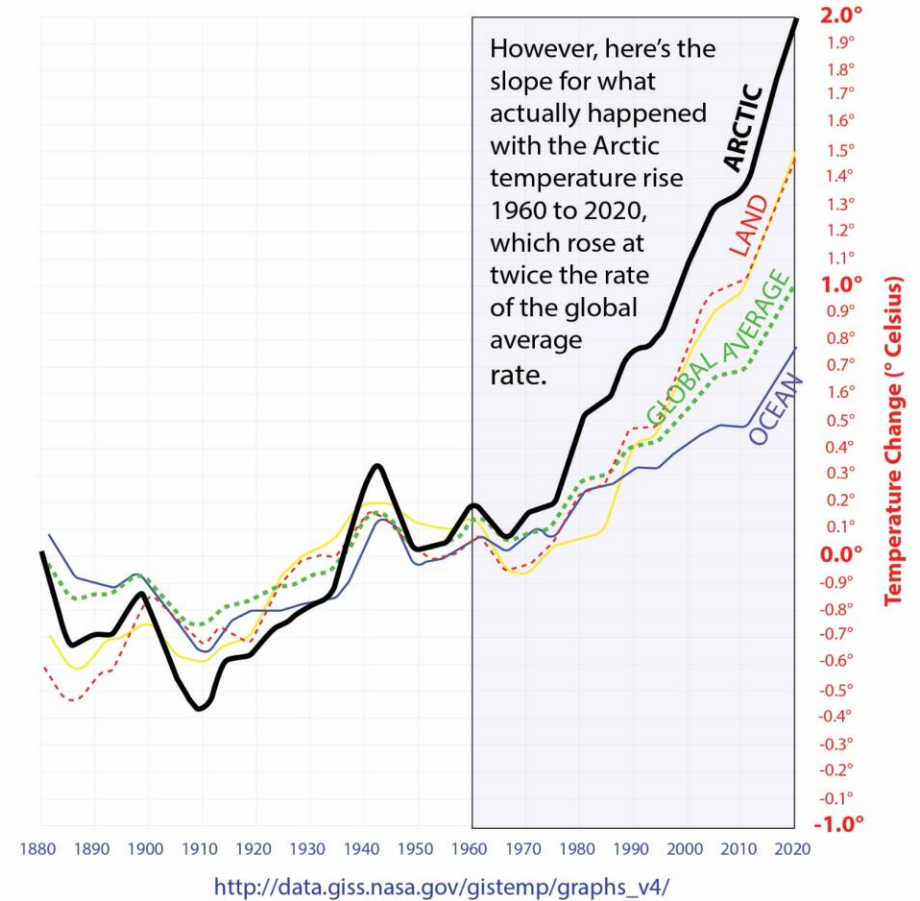
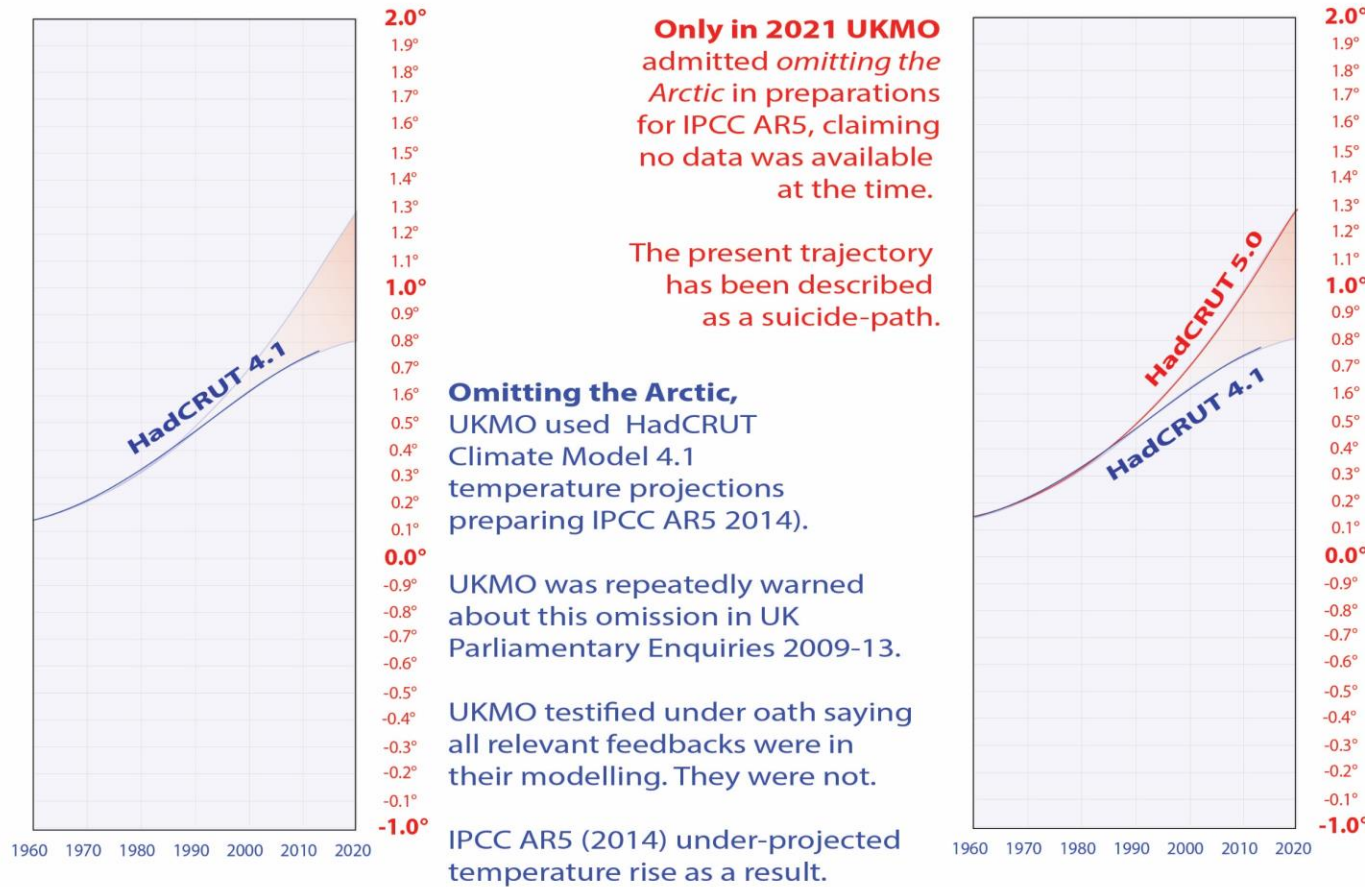
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# Did the scientific community make sufficiently clear what was going to happen with temperature rise?

Note the base year for temperature was set here as 0° C at c. 1860

# Global average temperature rise, compared with Land, Ocean & Arctic

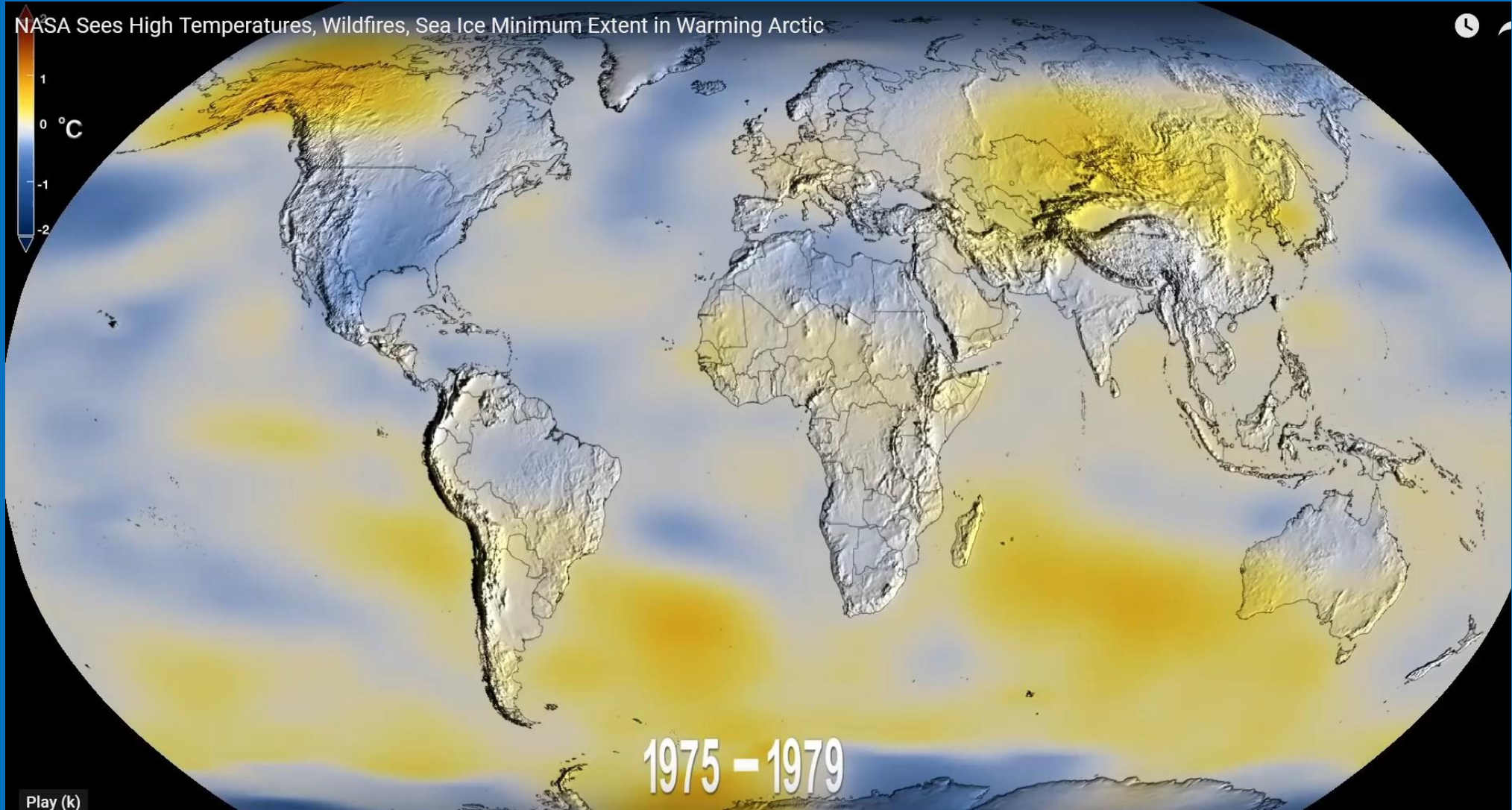
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**"Climate change has become a crisis & is pointing at catastrophe. Net-zero emissions by or before 2050 is required." Joe Biden**



# NASA Wildfires Arctic Warming



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vtM9KTVGFVw>



# Jetstream increasingly 'wavy' (up & down)



<https://www.cbsnews.com/team/jeff-berardelli/>

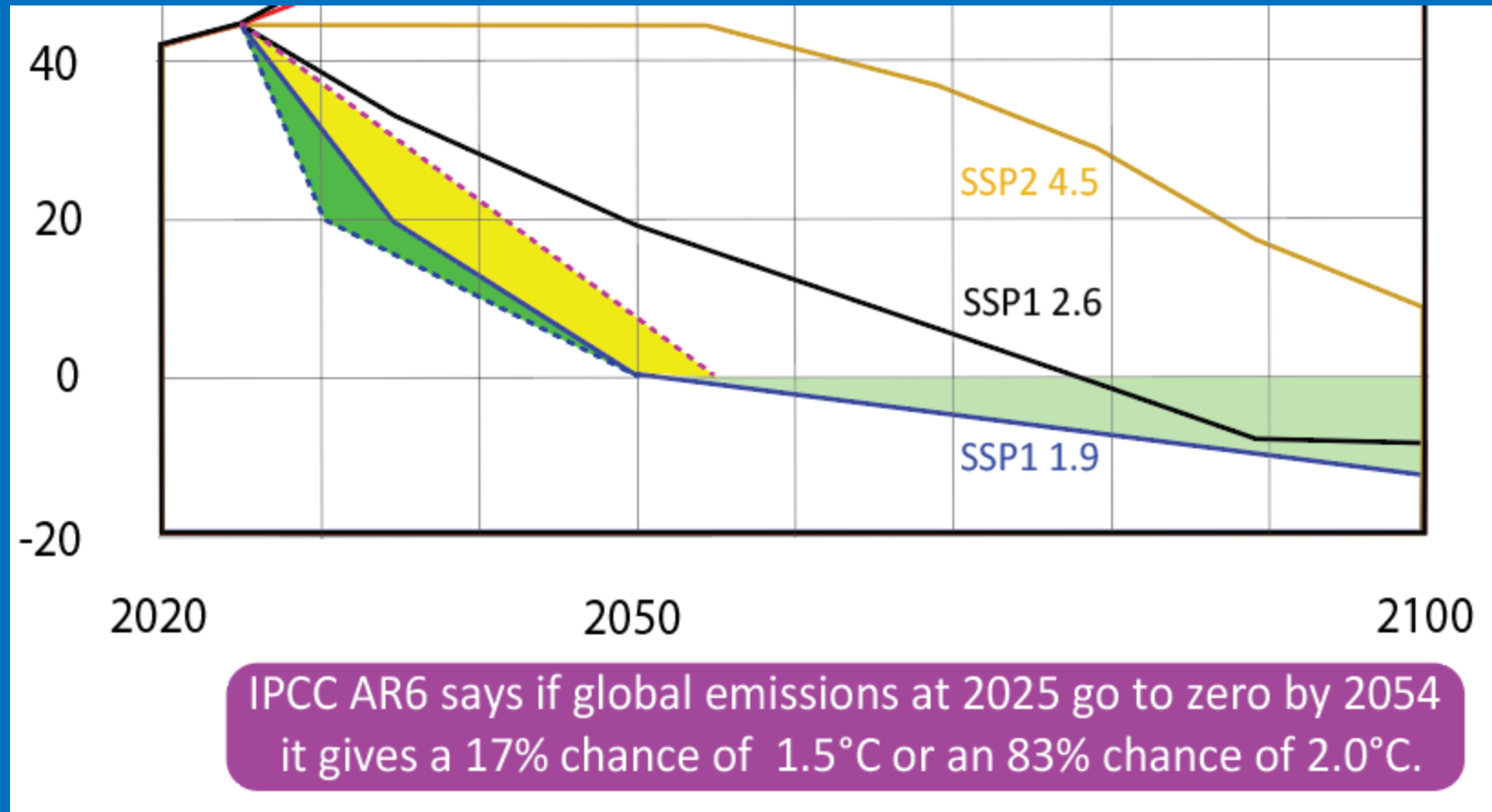
IPCC AR6 2021 - Table SPM.2 says: **Carbon Budget 900 Gt CO<sub>2</sub>**  
**17% likely for 1.5°C but 83% likely for 2.0°C**

	Probabilities				
	17%	33%	50%	67%	83%
<b>1.5</b>	<b>900</b>	650	500	400	300
<b>1.7</b>	1450	1050	850	700	550
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IPCC AR6 Table SPM.2:

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# IPCC 900 Gt CO<sub>2</sub> = Zero by 2054 i.e. area under RED dotted line



Some say, *“halve emissions globally by 2030,”* to avert runaway.  
Are the SSPs already irrelevant?

# The IMF & Fat Tail Risks

IMF says - high-impact but low-probability . . .

Others now say - high-impact & increasing-probability . . .

*"There is growing agreement between economists & scientists that the **tail risks** are material & the risk of catastrophic & irreversible disaster is rising, implying potentially infinite costs of unmitigated climate change, including, in the extreme, human extinction."*

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*"The promises are simply not good enough. Many nations are sticking to their business-as-usual approach. Governments must go back and look – very, very carefully - at what they are able to offer. It's incredible to think that just when nation are facing an emergency that could eventually end human life on this planet we are wandering into a minefield blindfolded where the next step could mean disaster."*

**Patricia Espinoza UNFCC Exec Secretary**

*"It's a red alert for our planet."*

**Antonio Guterres UNSG**

*"We are today perilously close to tipping points that, once passed, will send global temperature spiralling catastrophically higher."*

**Sir David Attenborough at UN Security Council;**

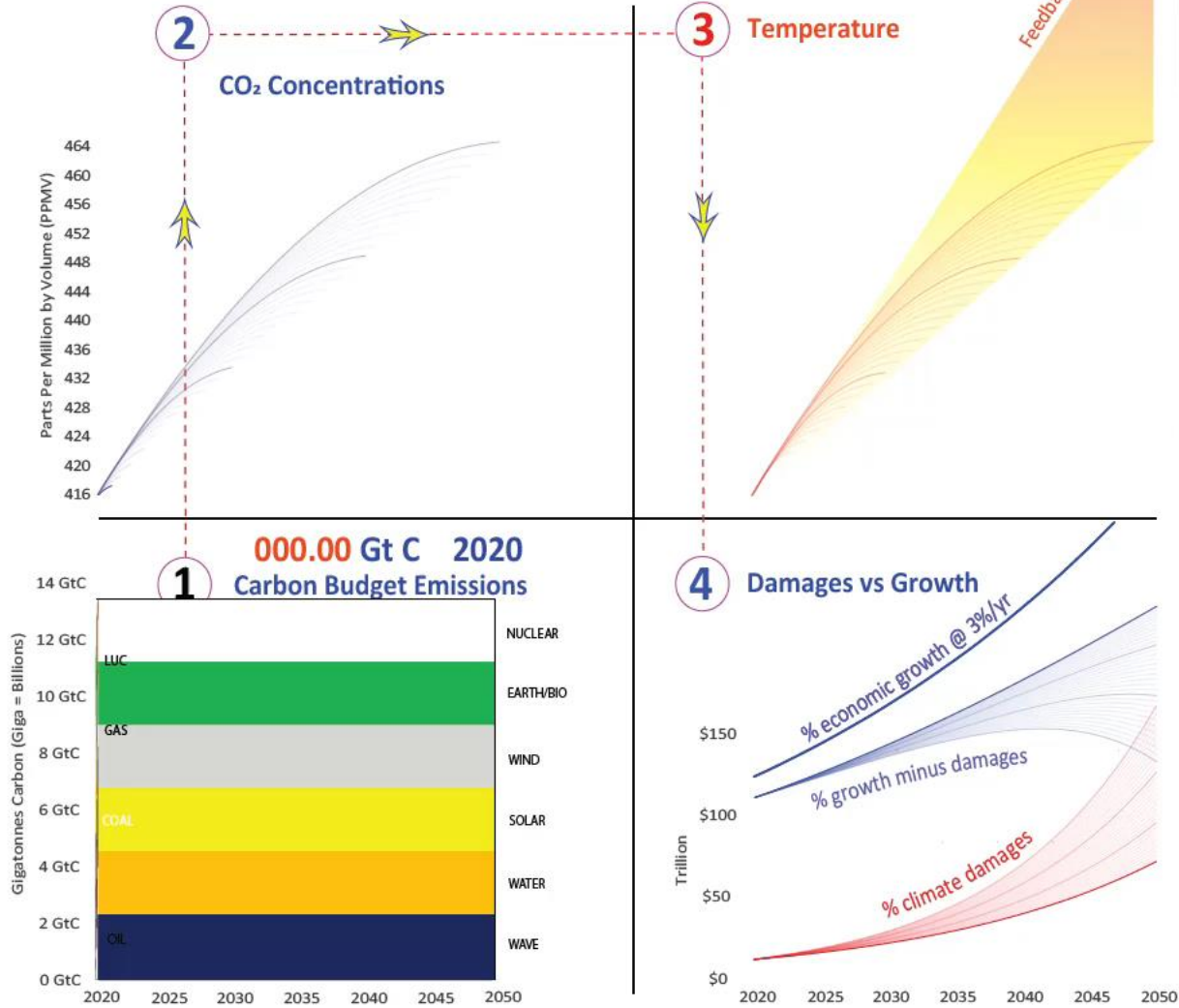
*"We must hold governments accountable."*

**Aubrey Webson, AOSIS Chairman**



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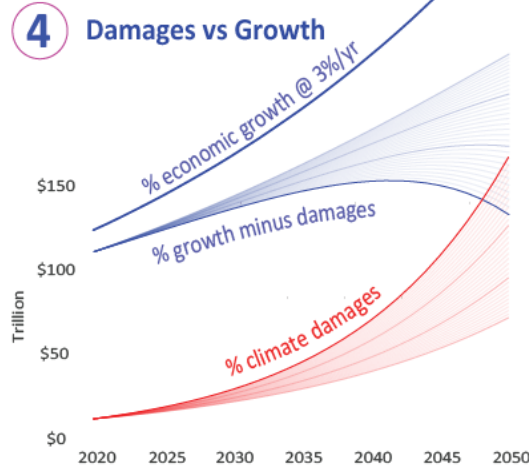
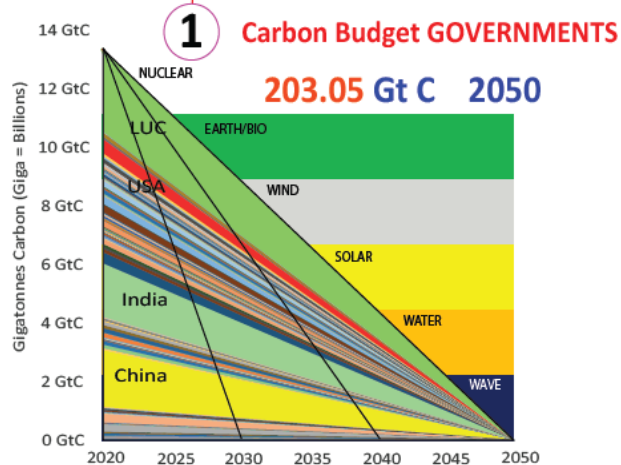
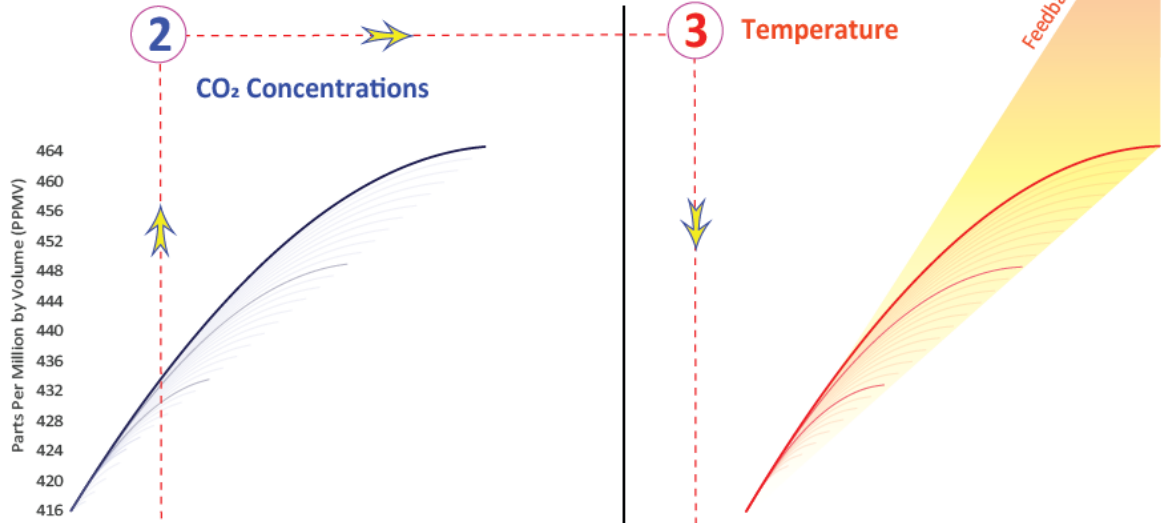
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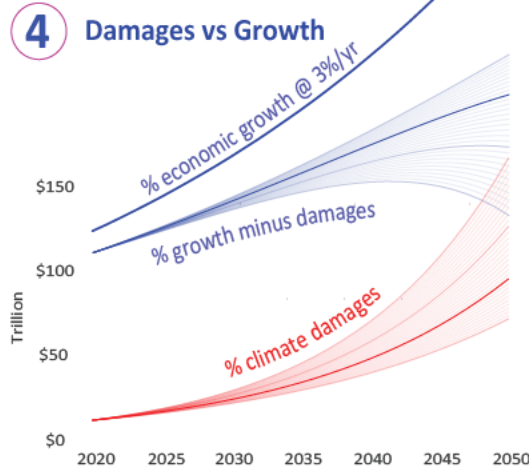
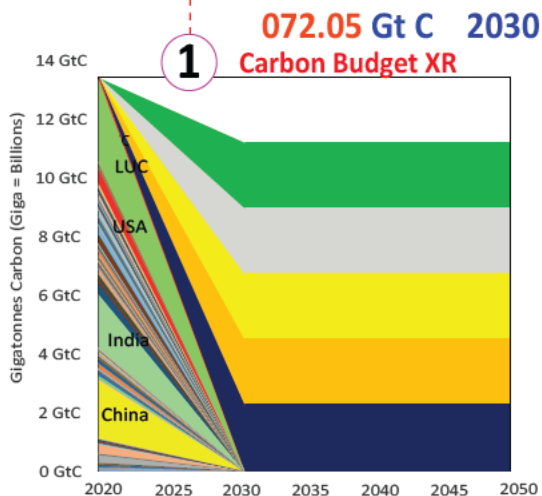
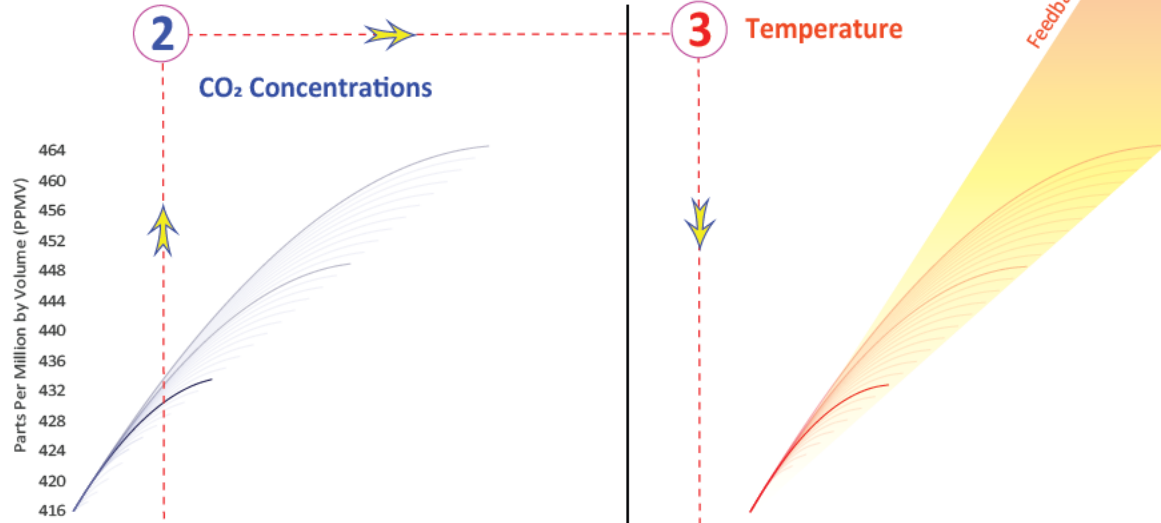
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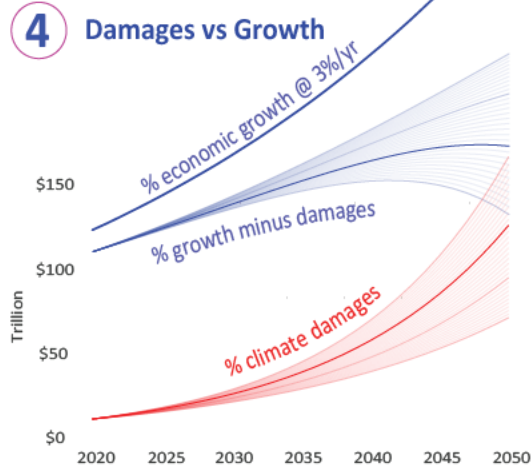
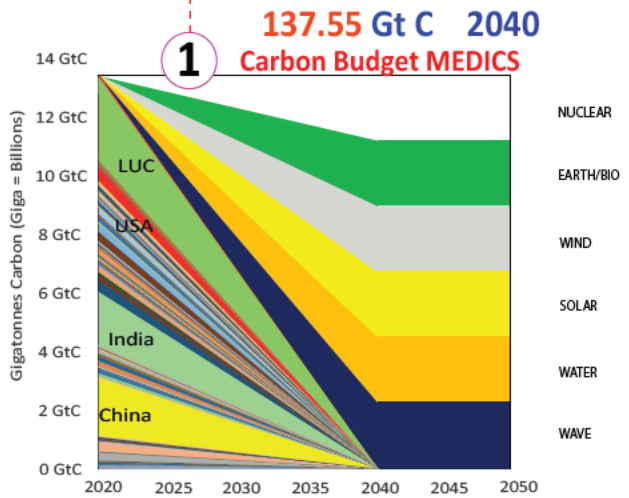
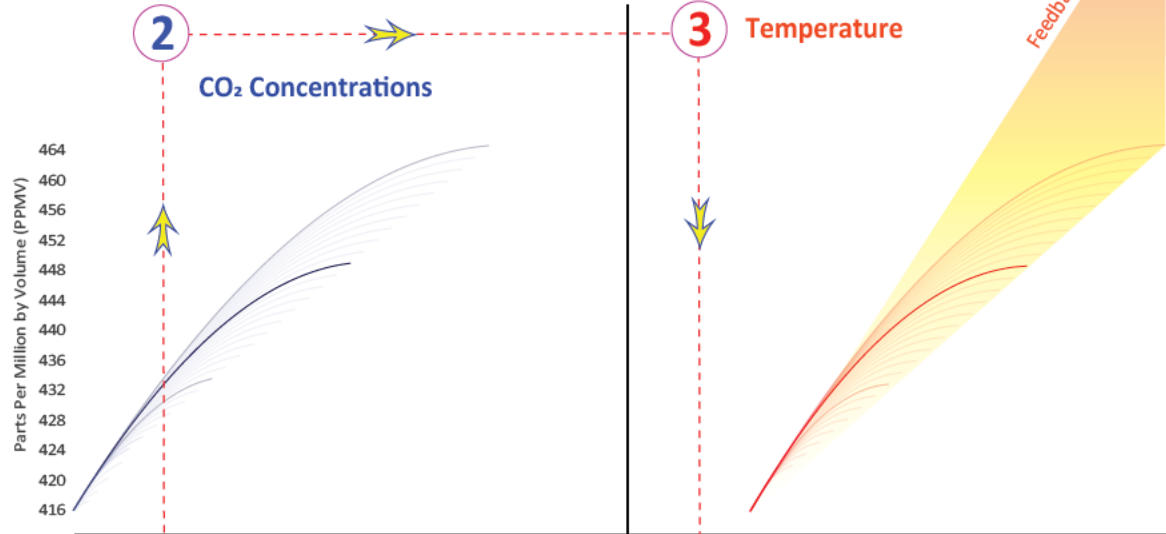
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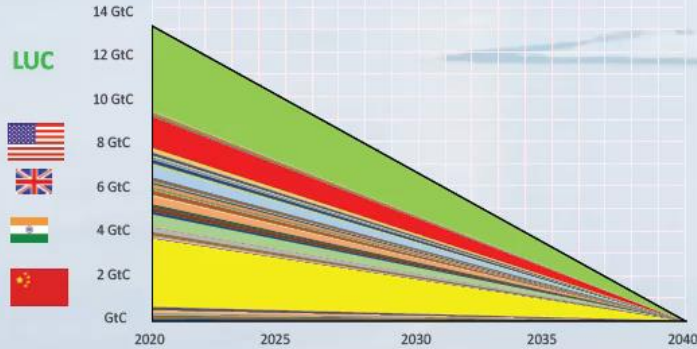
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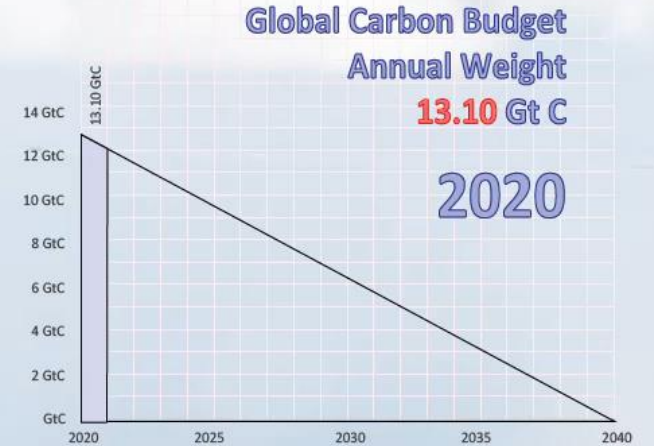
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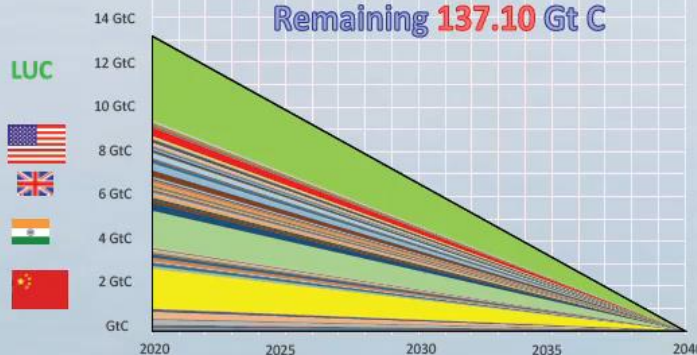
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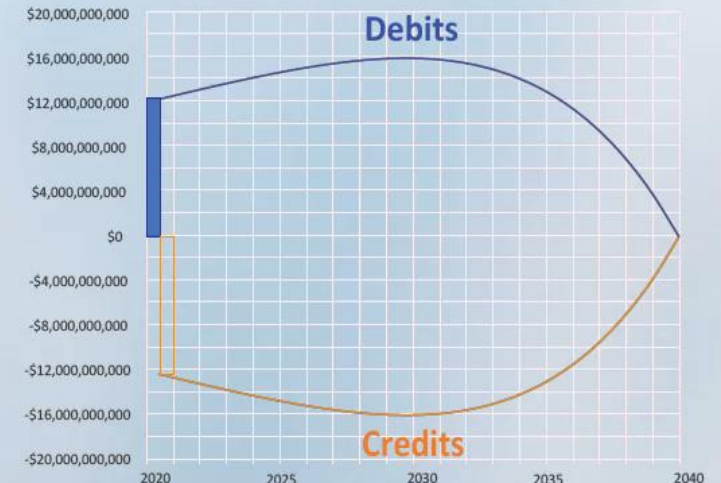
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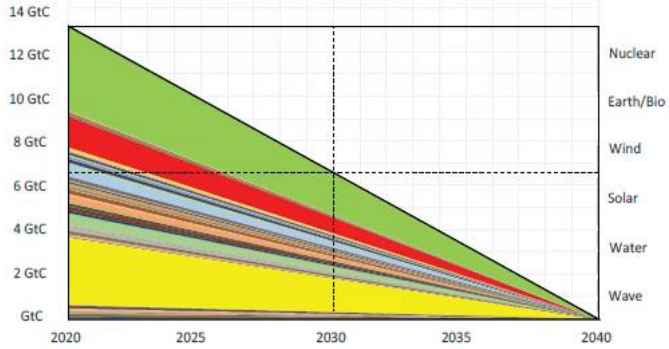


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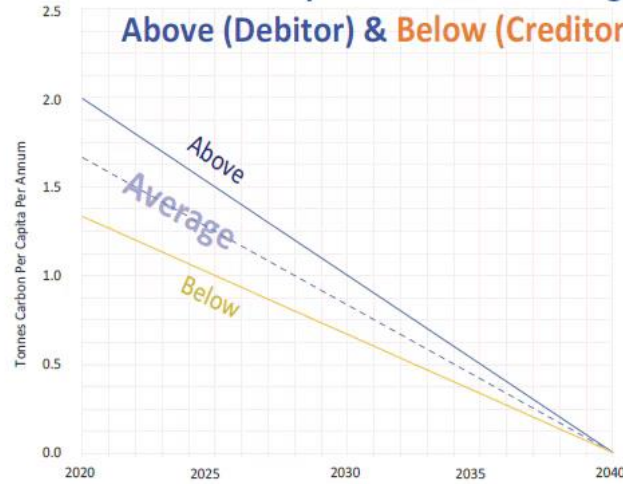
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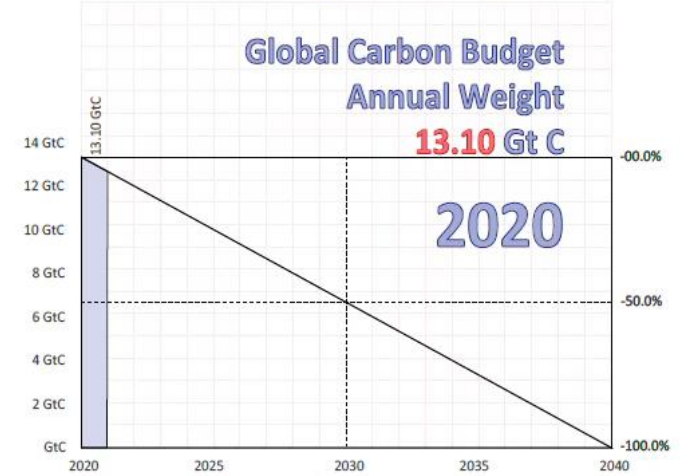


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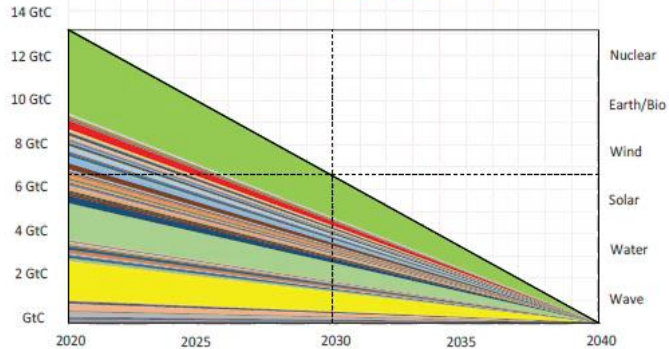
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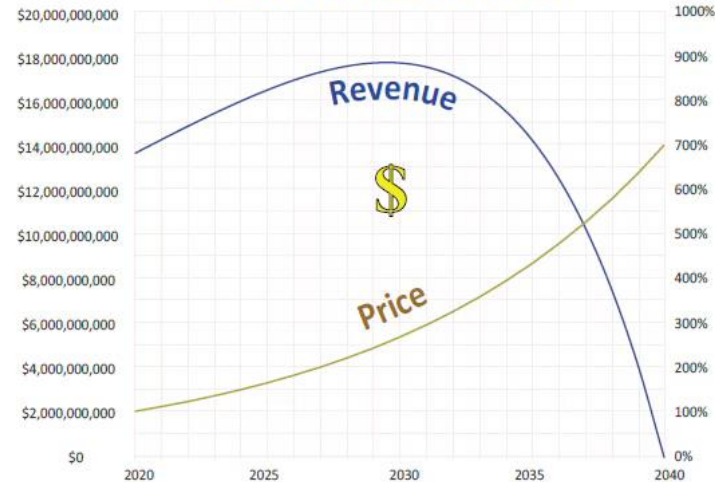
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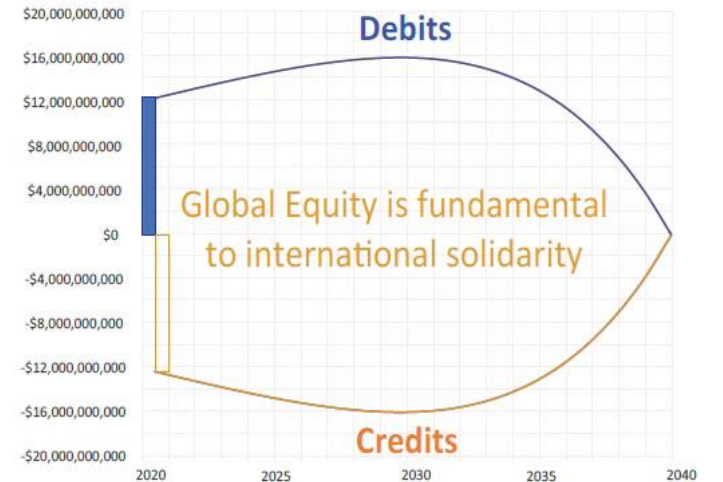
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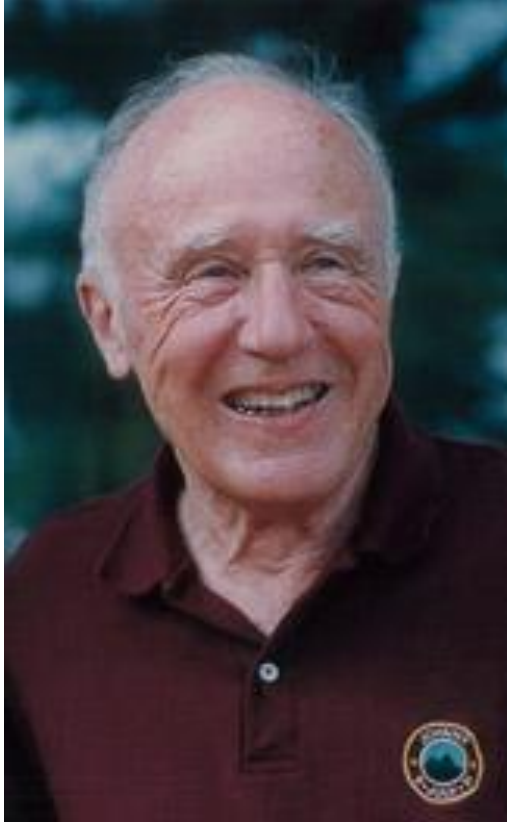
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Internationally Health Professional are increasingly uniting around this simple full-term strategy for UNFCCC-Compliance. Editorials have now been published in over 200 Medical Journals worldwide base on [this template from the UKCHA](#).

Averting Climate Disaster needs a Well-Tempered 'numeraire' which is a musical unit of measurement.





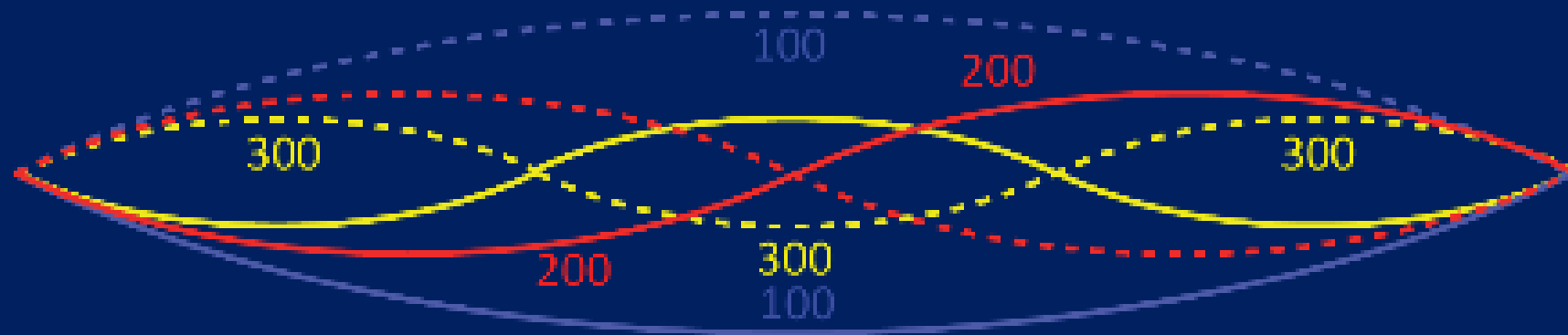
## John Archibald Wheeler

*“Behind it all is surely an idea so simple, so beautiful, that when we grasp it - in a decade, a century, or a millennium - we will all say to each other, how could it have been otherwise? How could we have been so stupid?”*

*“Atoms are musical instruments”* (Frank Wilceck),  
Indeed, the universe itself is a music instrument.



UNFCCC&C-Compliance raises the **numeraire-question** asking: "*are we just trying to extend our world of monetary disorder into the full feedback reality of a musical universe?*"



# Structure of harmonic series both seen & heard



1:0 1:1 1:2 1:3 1:4 1:5 1:6 1:7 1:8 1:9 1:10 1:11 1:12 1:13

# The Harmonic Series<sup>☆</sup>

50% length 2\* Rate

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20% length 5\* Rate

etc . . . .

‘Force Majeure’

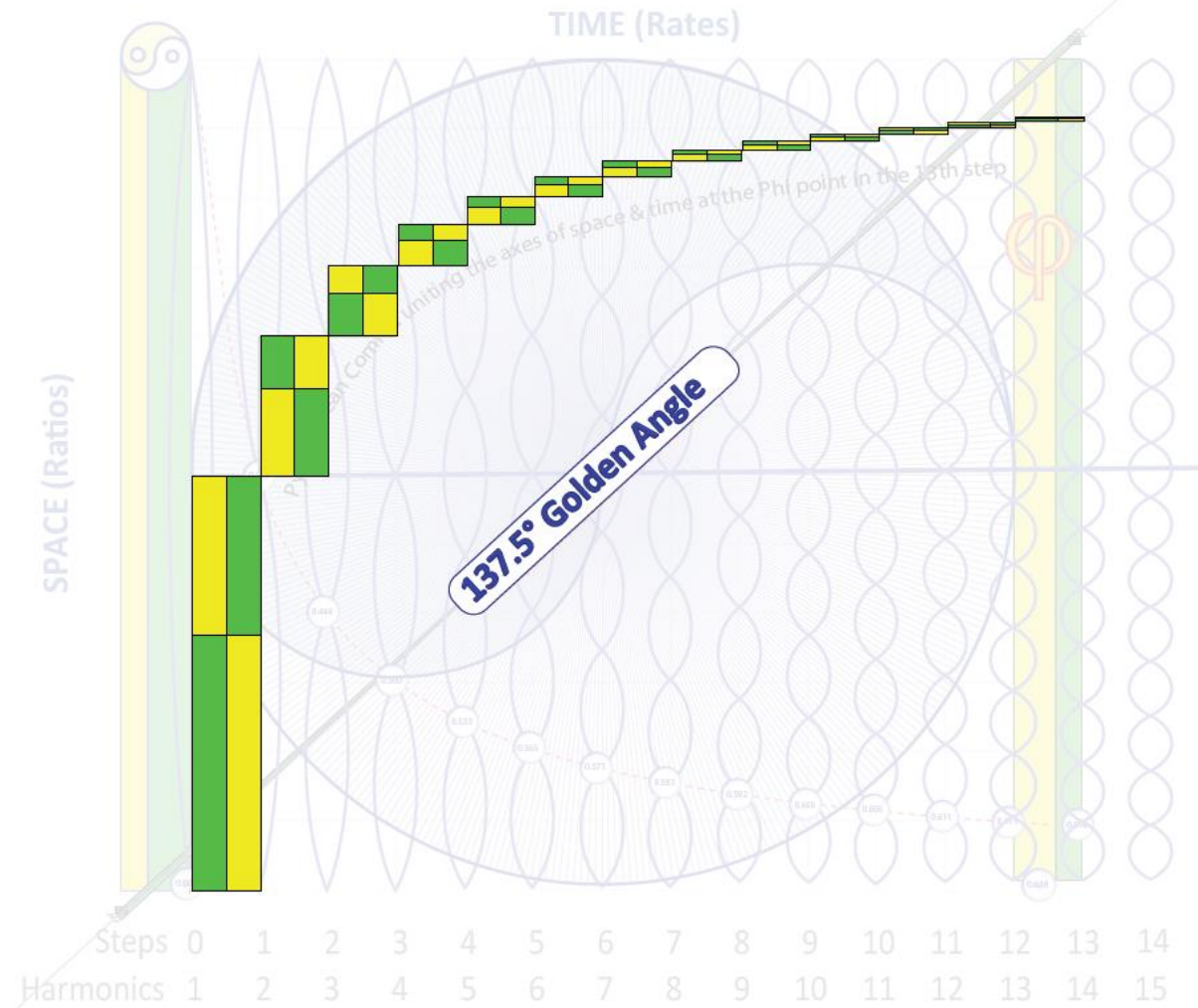
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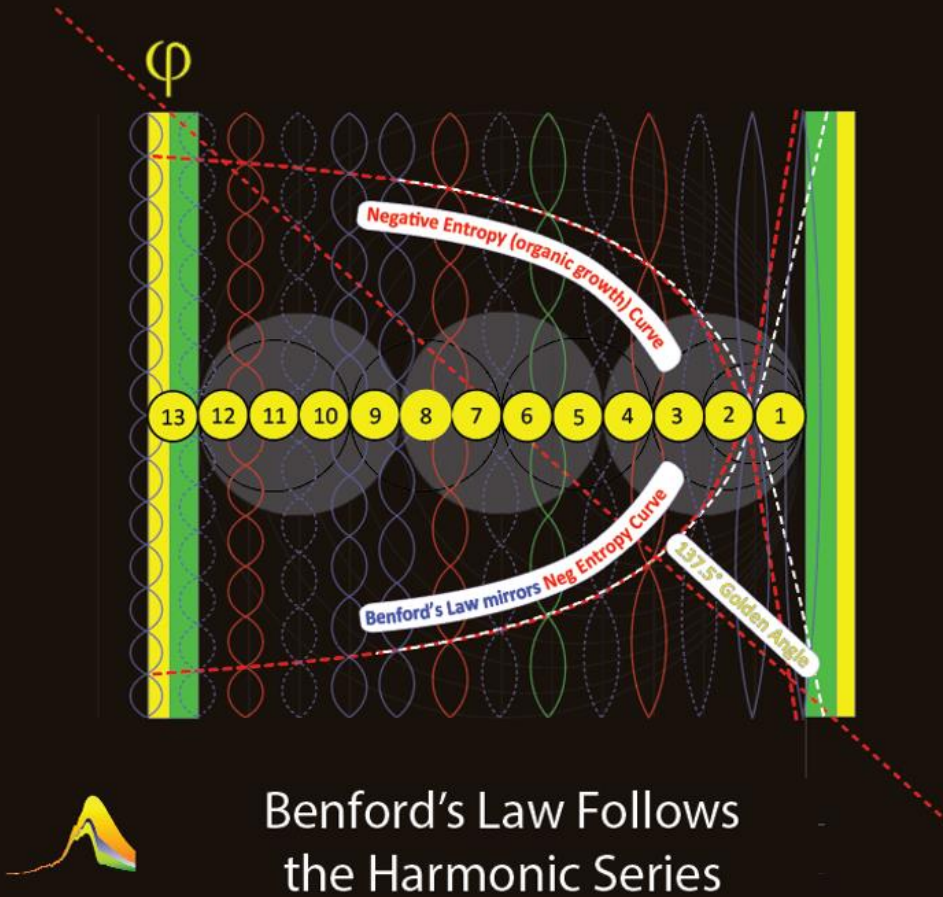
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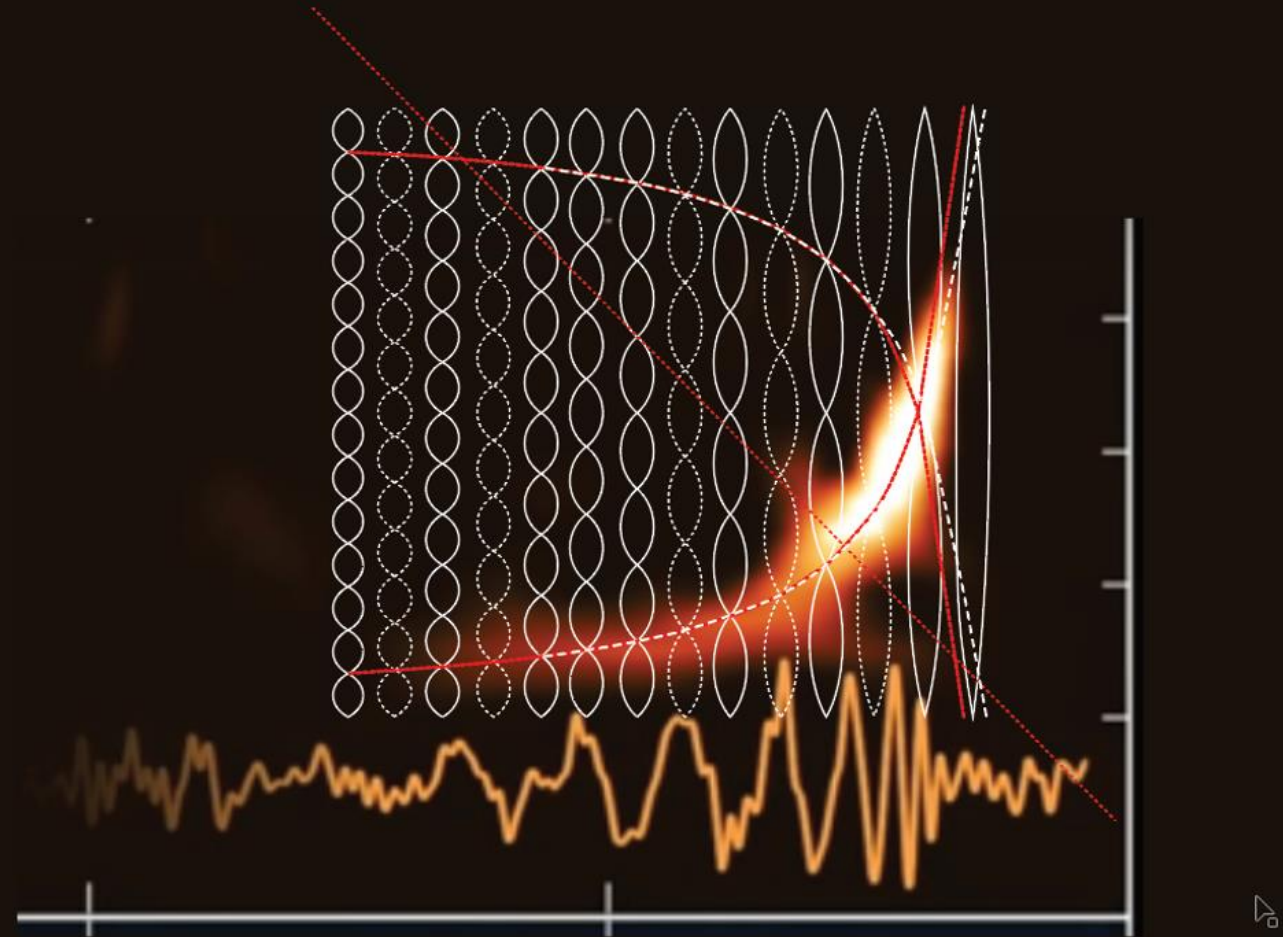


Harmonic Series gives rise to the neg-entropy or Phi derivation Curve



Benford's Law Follows the Harmonic Series

The LIGO Curve of two black holes colliding follows the Phi derivation Curve



Recordings from both LIGO detectors May 2019

Benford Law little-known, but widely-used in fraud detection.

*To have hope*

*we must exist & hope exists*

*because the harmonic series exists.*

*The harmonic series is force-majeure;*

*it gives the numeraire & the hopes*

*of all our existence.*





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