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Technology at the service of systemic transformation

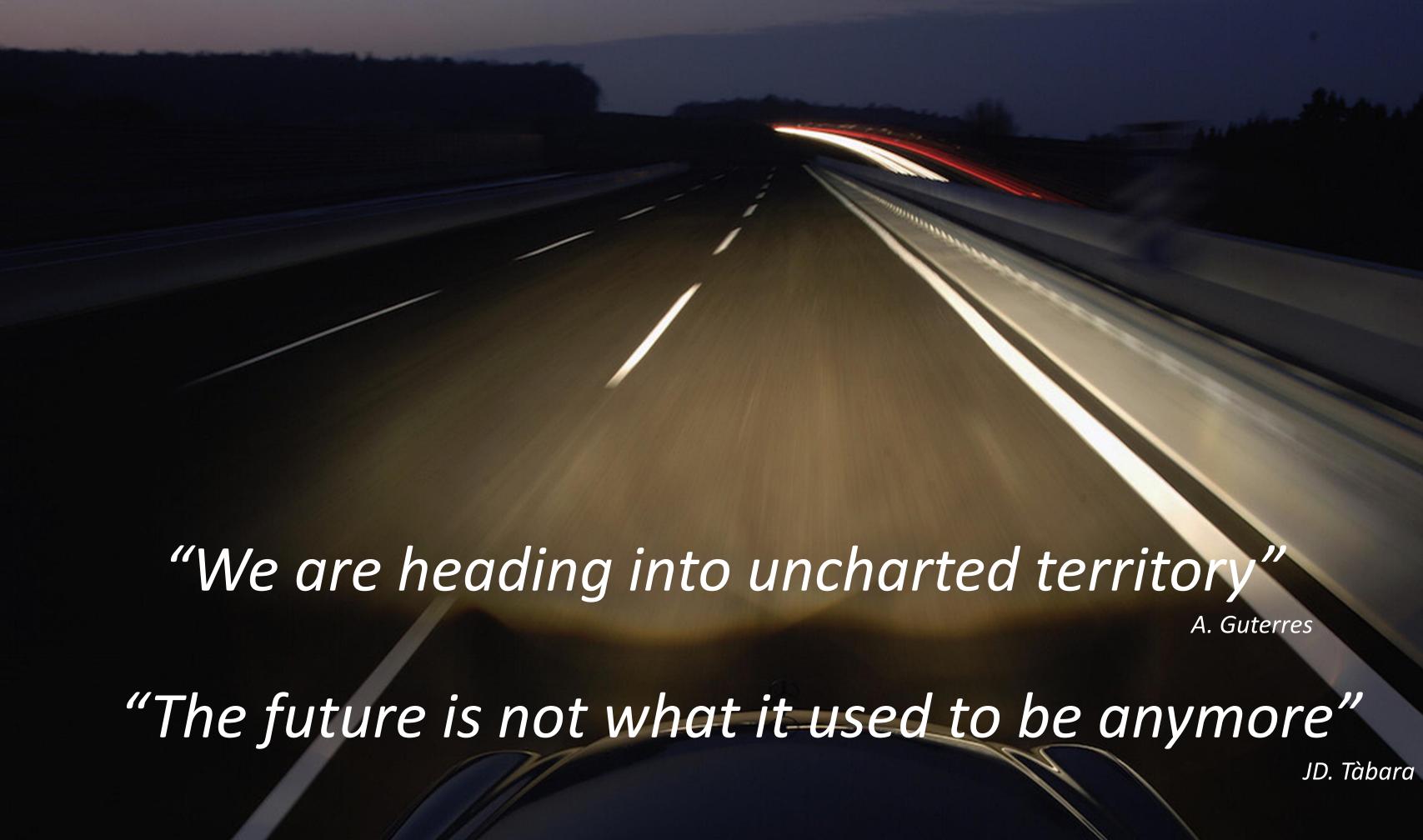
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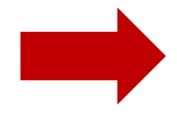
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A NEW KIND OF PROBLEMS

COMPLICATED + LINEAR change



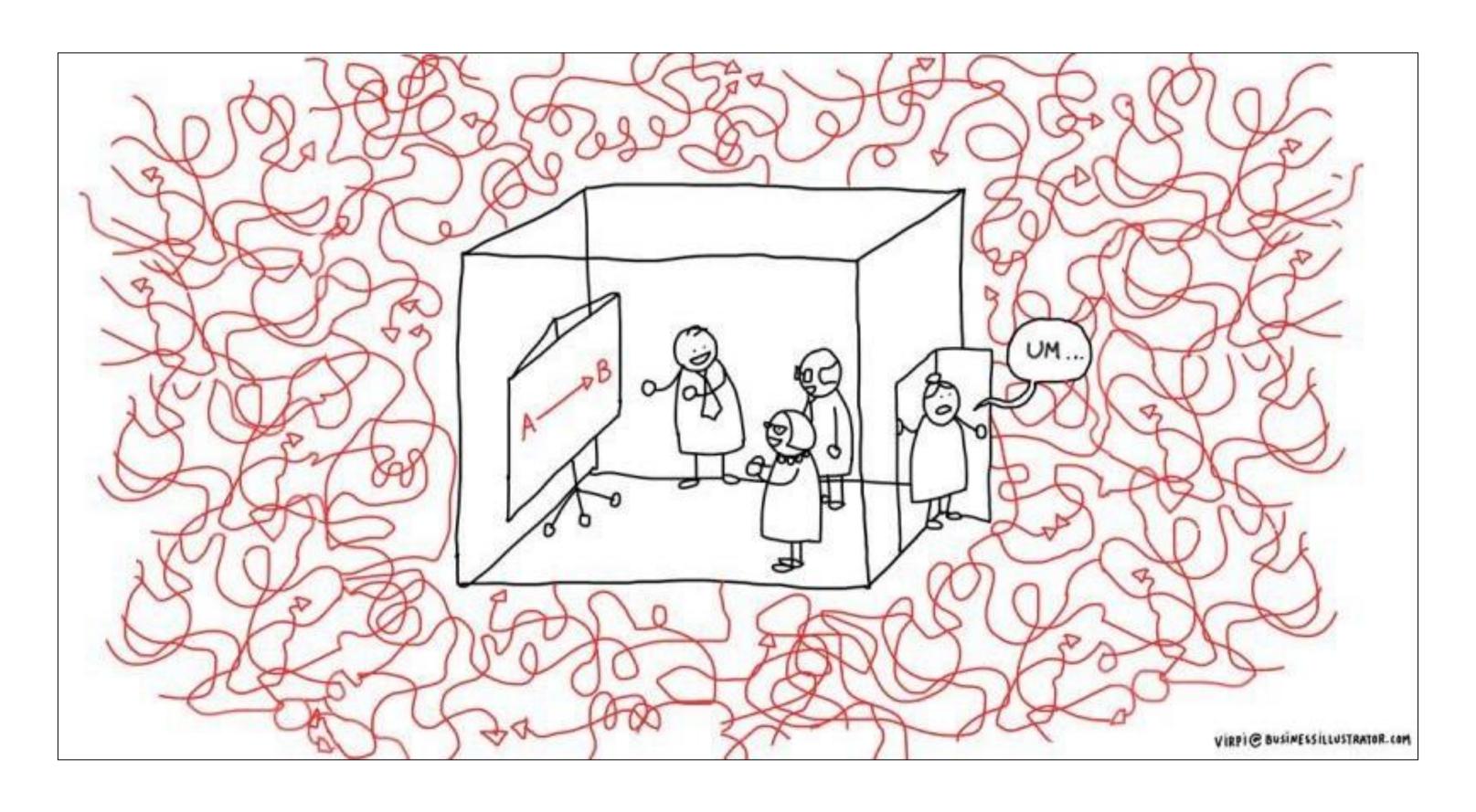
COMPLEX + EXPONENCIAL change

" clock problems"

"cloud problems"

ANALISIS > SINTESIS

INTERCONNECTED / COMPLEX / INTERDEPENDENT

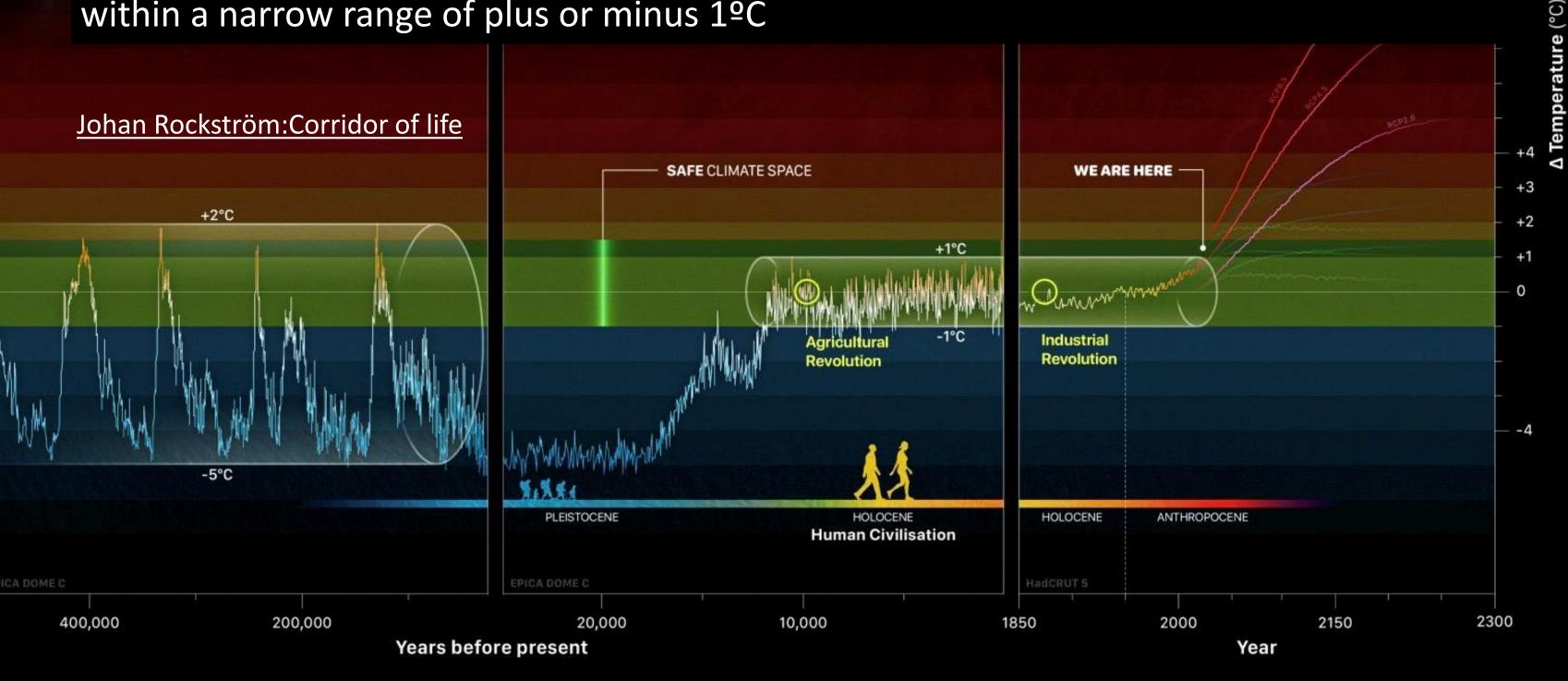


The present is not what it used to be either

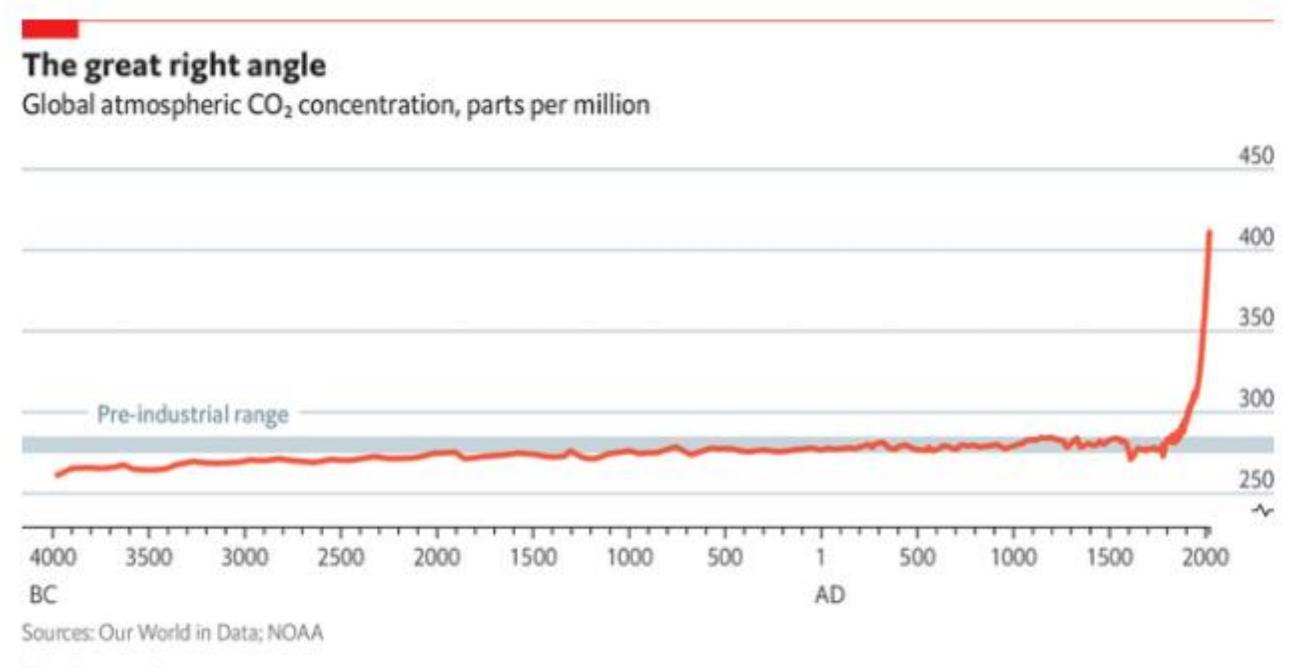
Holocene

Antropocene

For the last 10.000 years the average global temperature in the Holocene remained within a narrow range of plus or minus 1°C



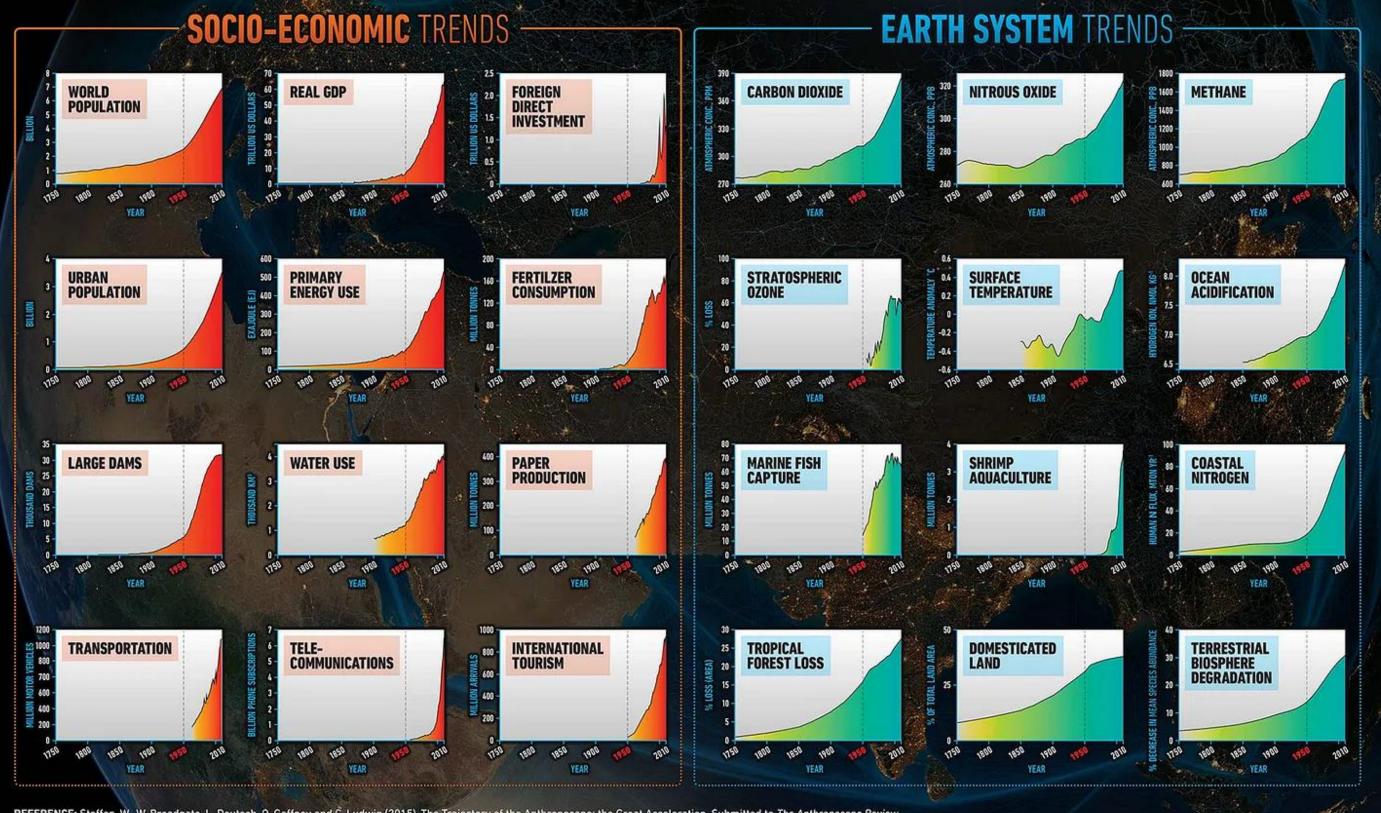
Antropocene



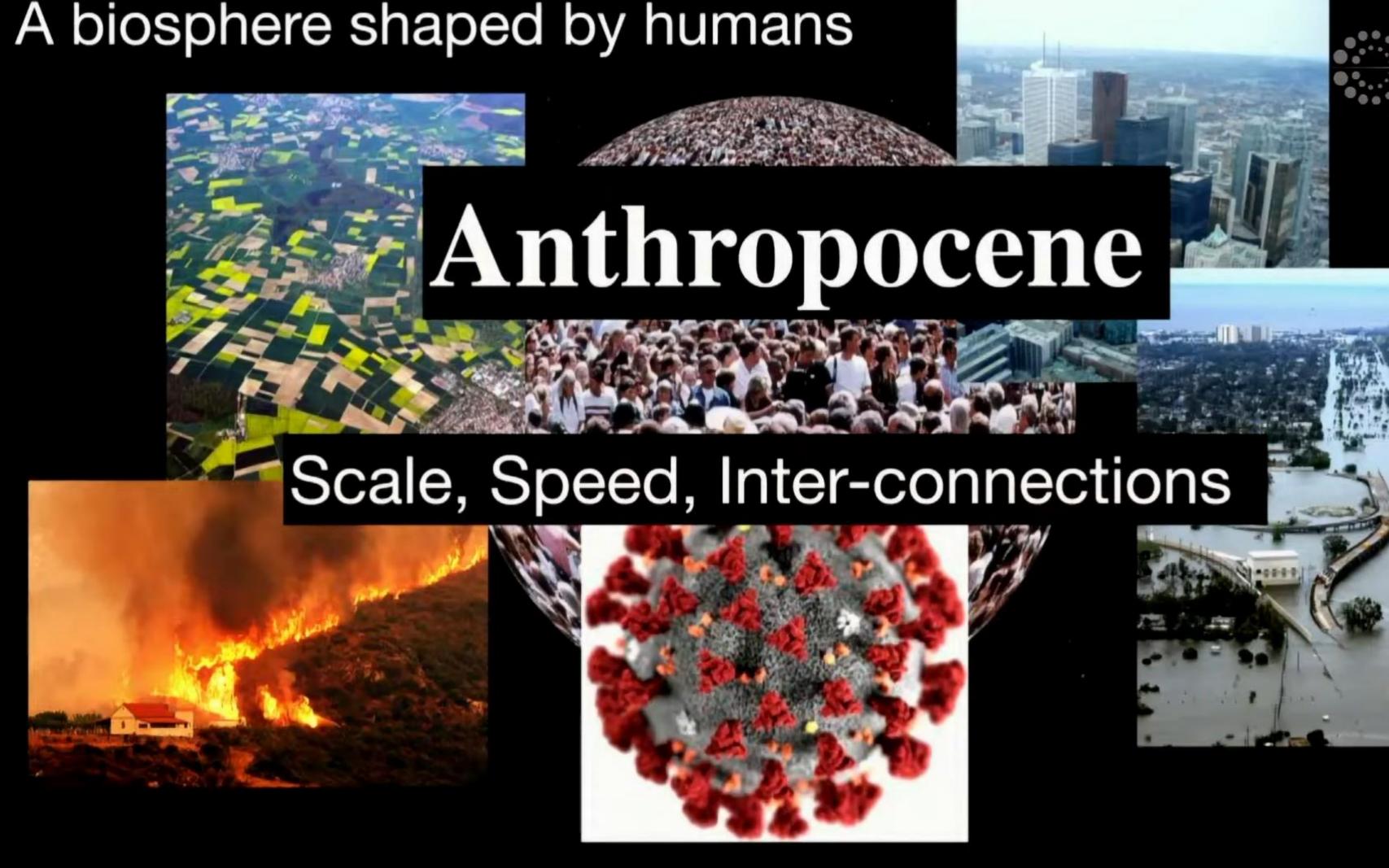
The Economist

When humans alter literally every aspect of the biosphere (2-3°C likely expected)

THE GREAT ACCELERATION

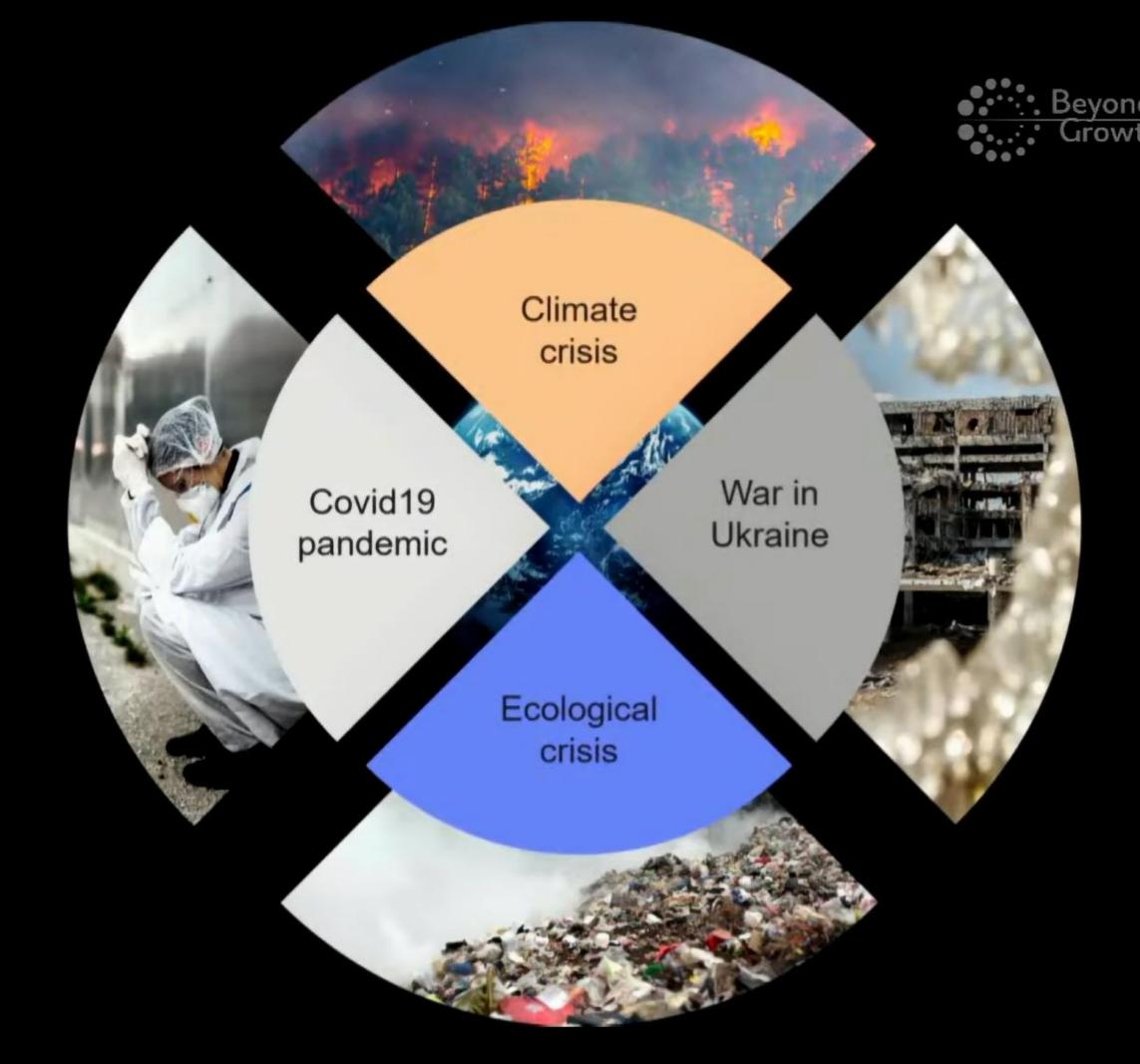


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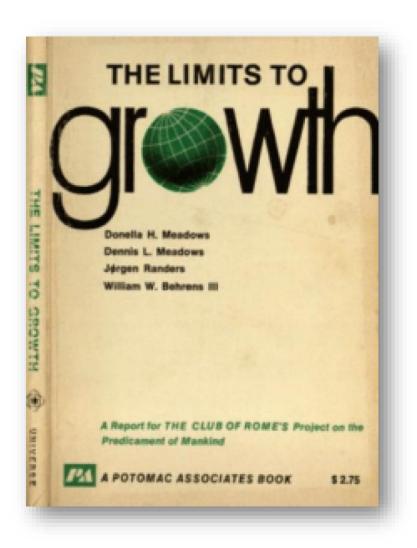
Four interconnected global crises

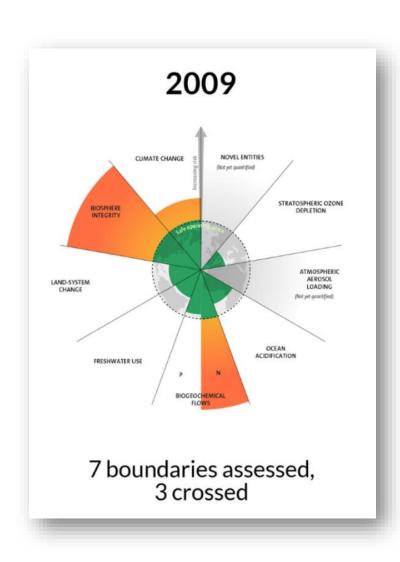


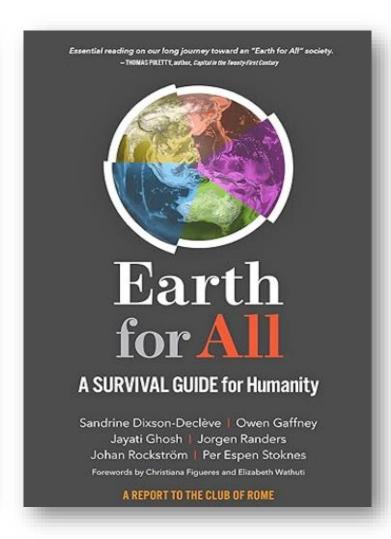


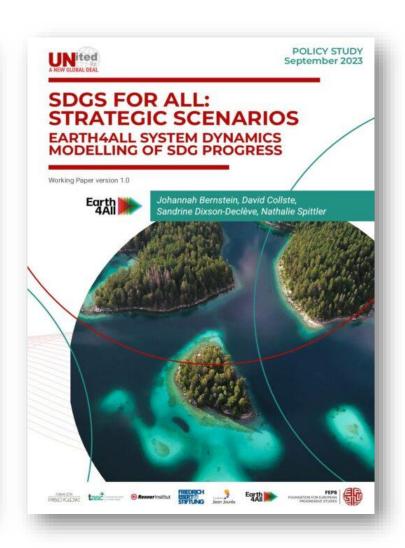
LIMITS

BIOPHYSICAL SOLUCIONISM/MENTAL MODEL ECONOMIC MODEL









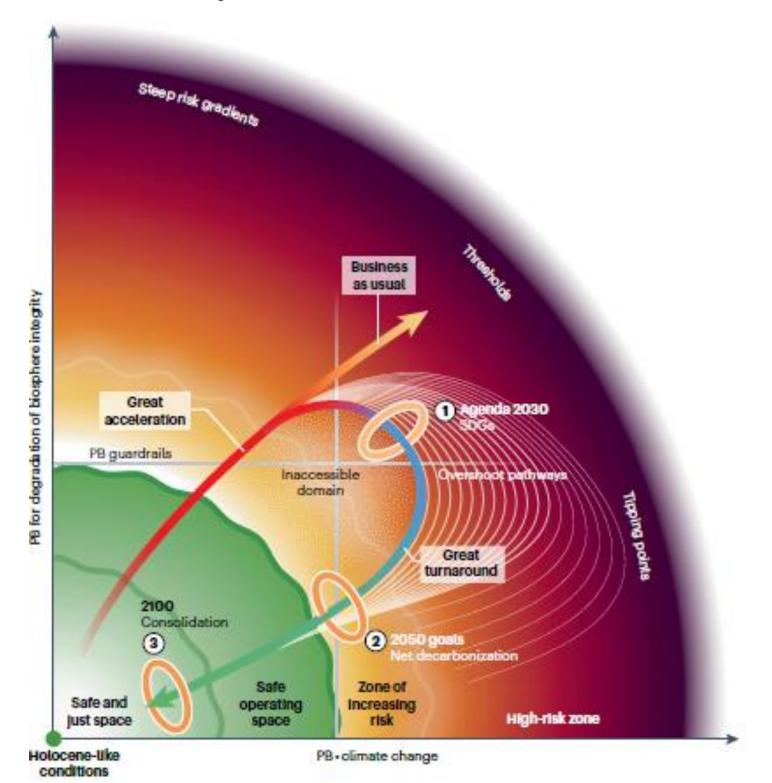
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Review article



Planetary Boundaries guide humanity's future on Earth



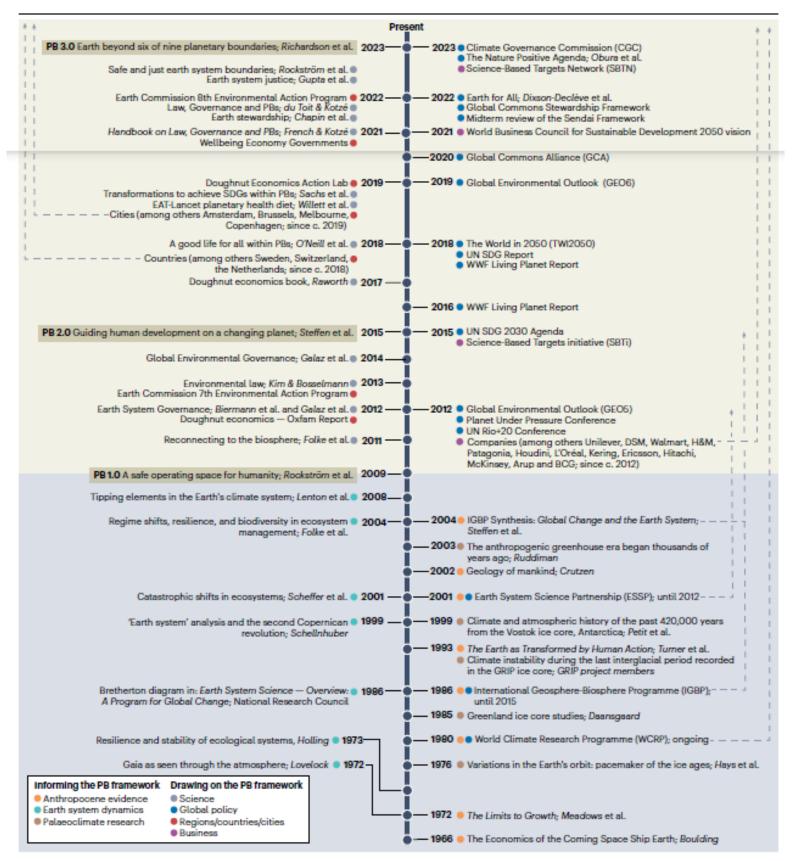
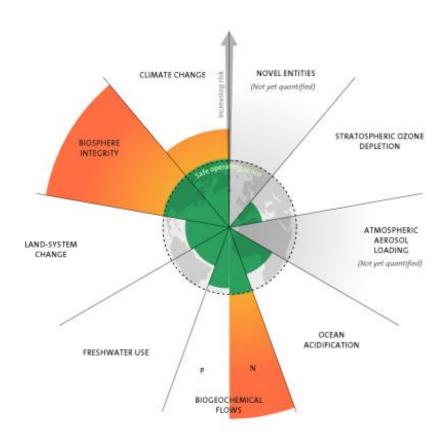


Fig. 1| Origins, evolution and societal uptake of the Planetary Boundary framework. Key features informing (bottom) and drawing on (top) the Planetary Boundary (PB) framework, including science (grey), global policy (blue), regions/countries/cities (red) business (purple), Anthropocene evidence

(orange), Earth system dynamics (teal) and palaeoclimate research (brown).

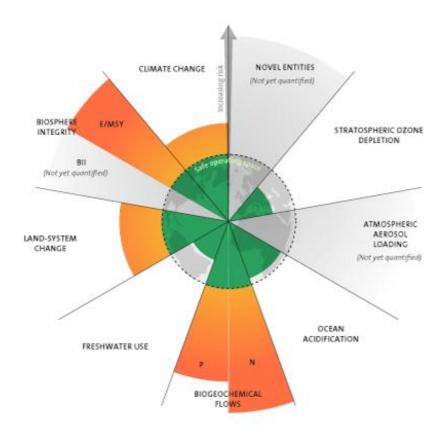
PB science is not only informed by multiple strands of scientific enquiry but has
Influenced academia and policy across disciplines and sectors. SDG, Sustainable
Development Goals.

2009



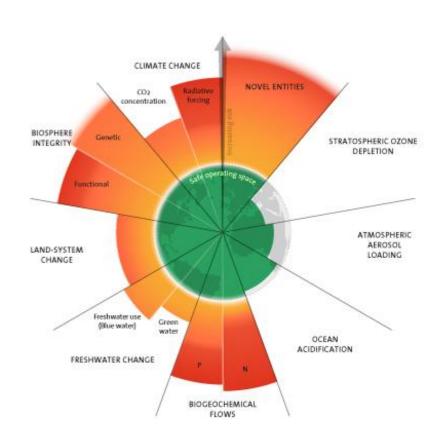
3 boundaries crossed

2015



4 boundaries crossed

2023



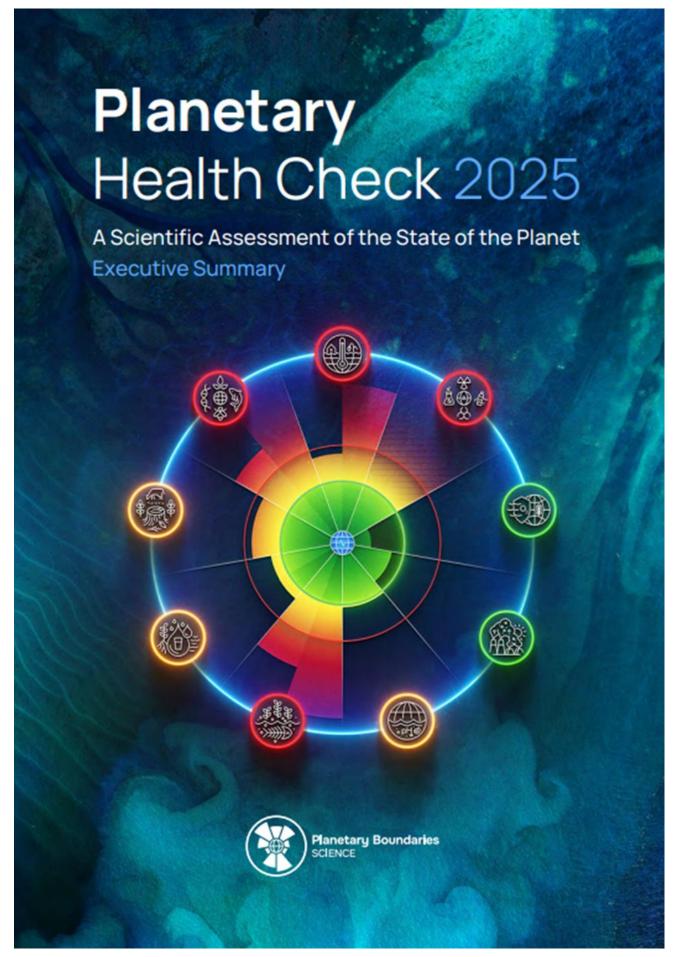
6 boundaries crossed

FUNCIONALITY STABILITY RESILIENCE

PLANETARY BOUNDARIES

Biophysical systems that regulate the well-being of people and life support systems on the planet and that determine a **safe operating space for humanity**

https://www.science.org/doi/pdf/10.1126/sciadv.adh2458
Planetary Boundaries guide humanity's future on Earth



https://youtu.be/ndPVcg6uSZc

Executive Summary

The Planetary Health Check (PHC) report provides an currently quantified by one or two control variables. assessment of the state of our planet. It is based on the Planetary Boundaries (PBs) - the nine processes that are known to regulate the stability, resilience (ability to absorb disruptions) and life-support functions of our planet. Each of these processes, such as Climate Change or Ocean Acidification, is

The 2025 PHC report concludes that seven out of nine Planetary Boundaries have been breached, with all of those seven showing trends of increasing pressure - suggesting further deterioration and destabilization of planetary health in the near future (Fig. ES 1).

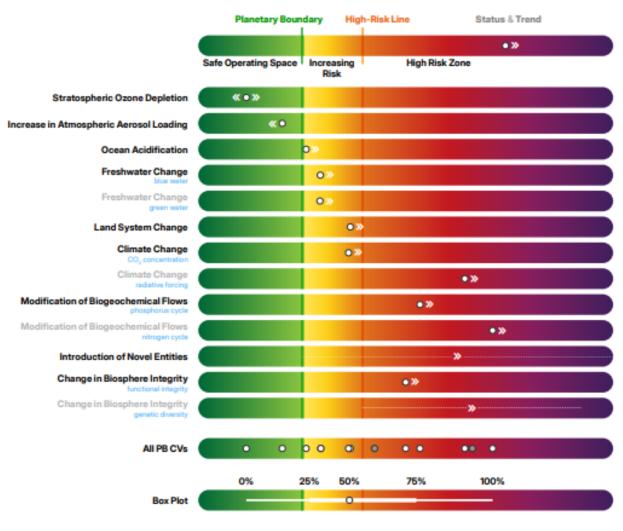


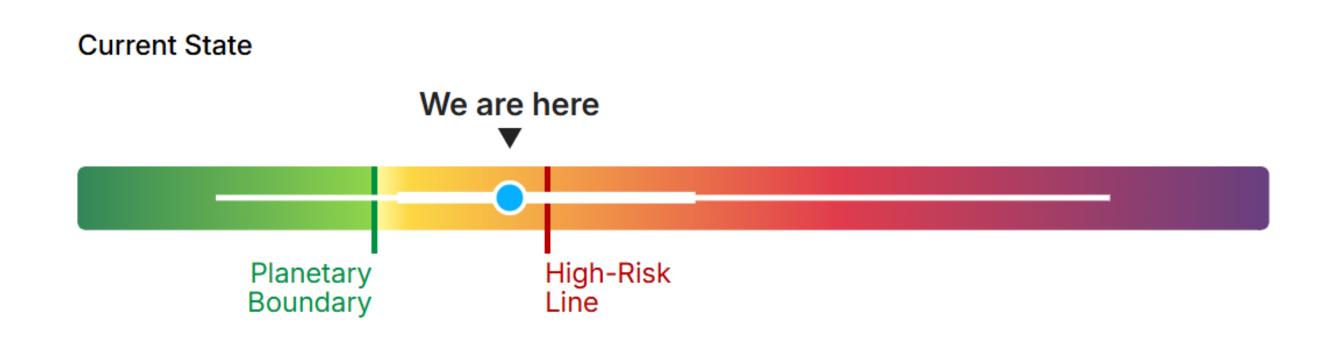
FIGURE ES 1 - Planetary Health at a glance. Just as a blood test provides insights into a human body's health and identifies areas of concern, this Planetary Health Check evaluates the 13 measured control variables across the 9 Planetary Boundary (PB) processes to report on Earth's stability, resilience, and life-support functions - the overall health of our planet. The 2025 assessment shows that seven of the nine PBs have been breached: Climate Change, Change in Biosphere Integrity, Land System Change, Freshwater Change, Modification of Biogeochemical Flows, Introduction of Novel Entities, and Ocean Acidification. All of these show increasing trends, suggesting further deterioration in the near future. Two PB processes remain within the Safe Operating Space: Increase in Atmospheric Aerosol Loading (improving global trend) and Stratospheric Ozone Depletion (currently stable). The Planetary Health Check Symbol (Fig. ES 2) summarizes all of these findings, showing the Planet's overall health at a glance.

PBScience | Planetary Health Check 2025

Our planet's vital signs are flashing red

We have breached 7 out of 9 Planetary Boundaries.

The Planetary Health Check 2025 makes it clear: We have to act now.



Irreversible tipping points

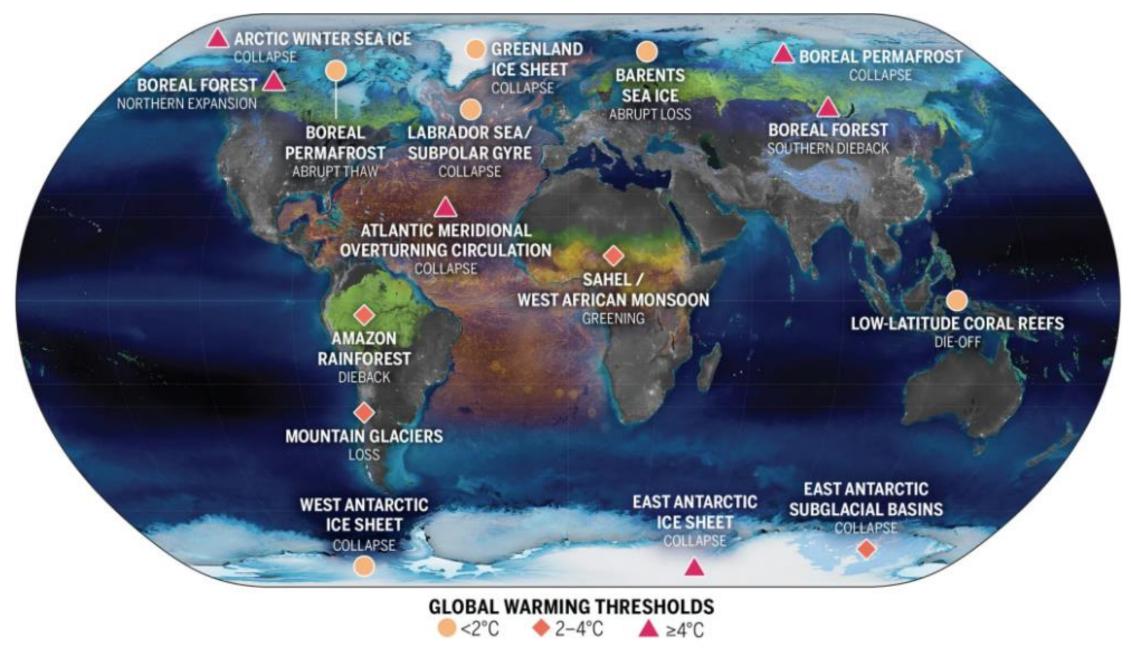


Fig. 1 Tipping points and the temperatures at which they are likely to to (Image: McKay et. al, Science, 9 Sept, 2022)

Once a system has been tipped into a new state, it can't be returned to its original state simply by undoing the even that caused it to tip. **Nine of these sixteen are showing instability.**

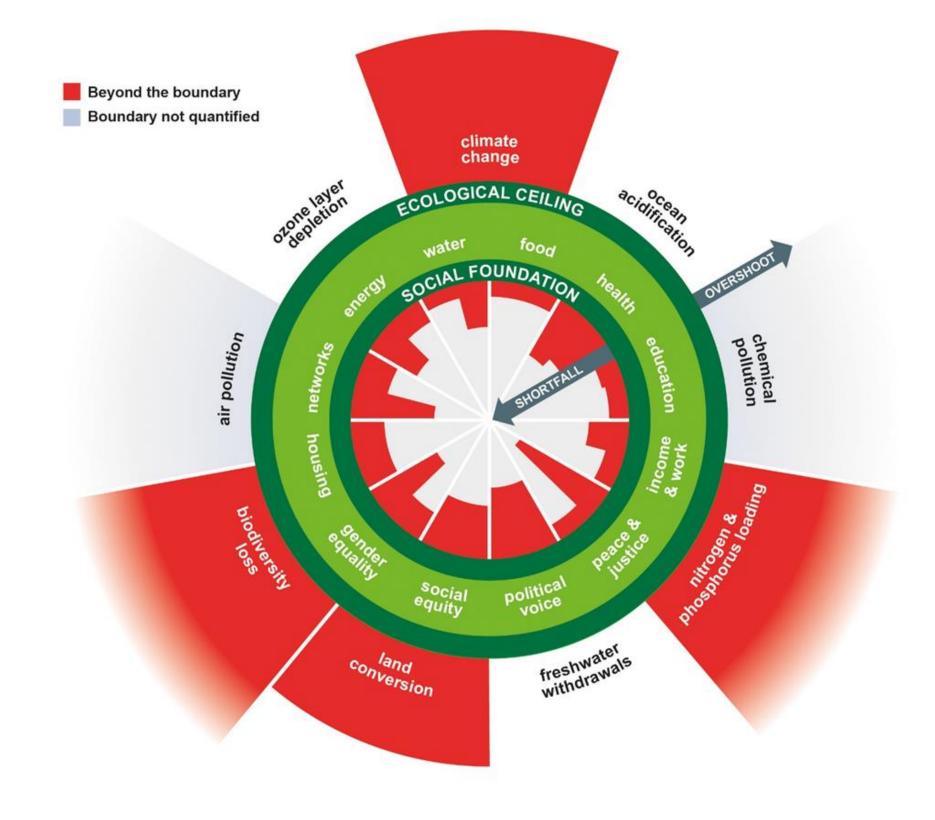


2030 = 2 x planet Earth



The "DONUT" of the social and planetary boundaries

The challenges we face are not only of a technical nature, but they also entail ethical dilemmas



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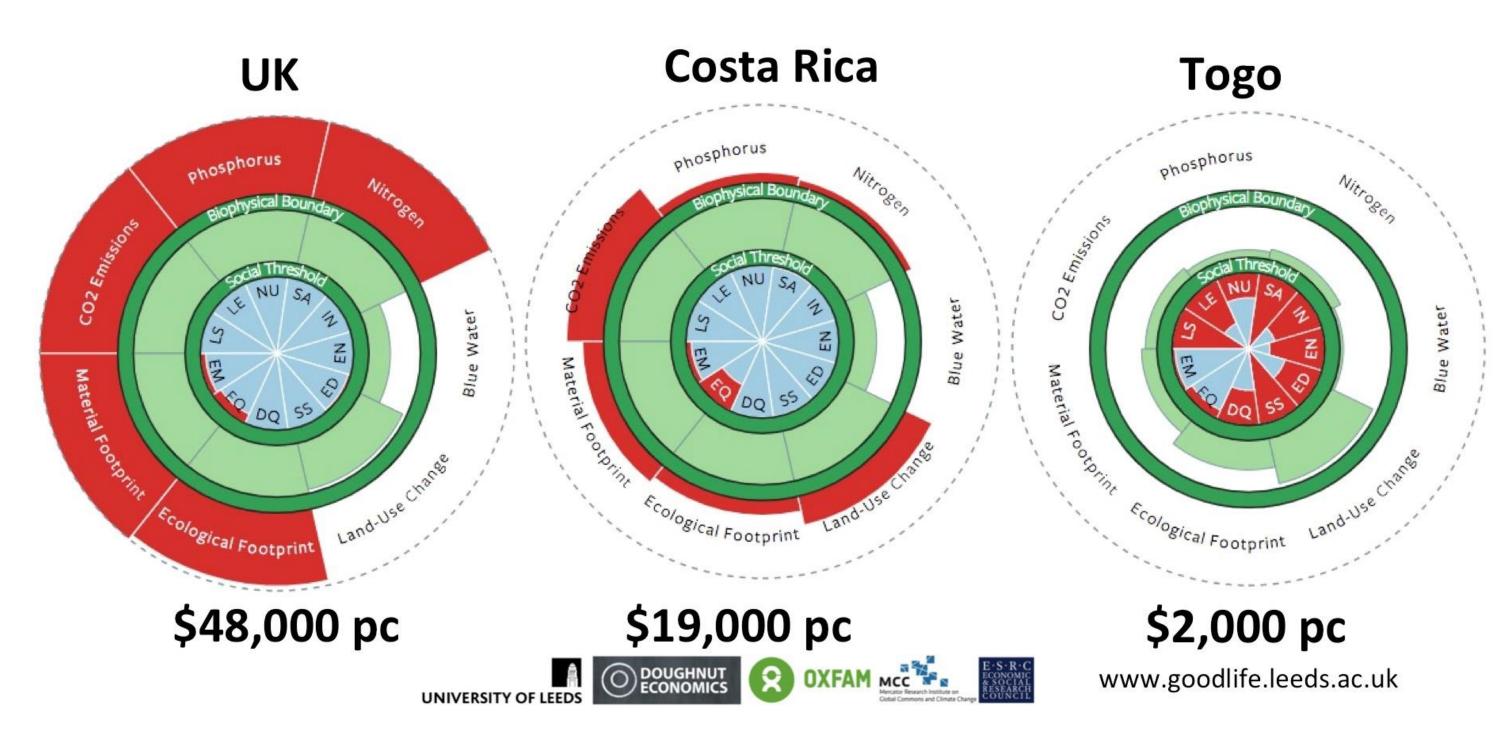
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150 National Doughnuts

A Good Life For All Within Planetary Boundaries

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UNFAIR SHARE OF THE CONSEQUENCES

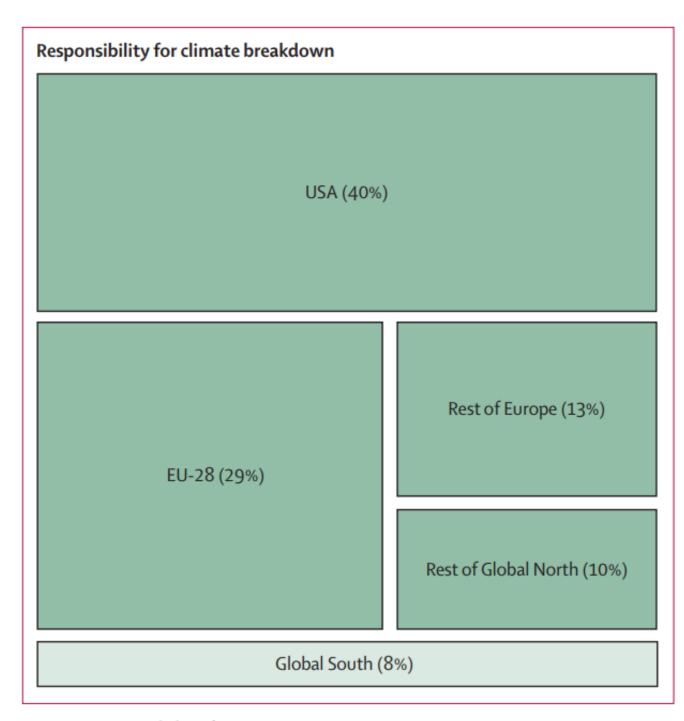
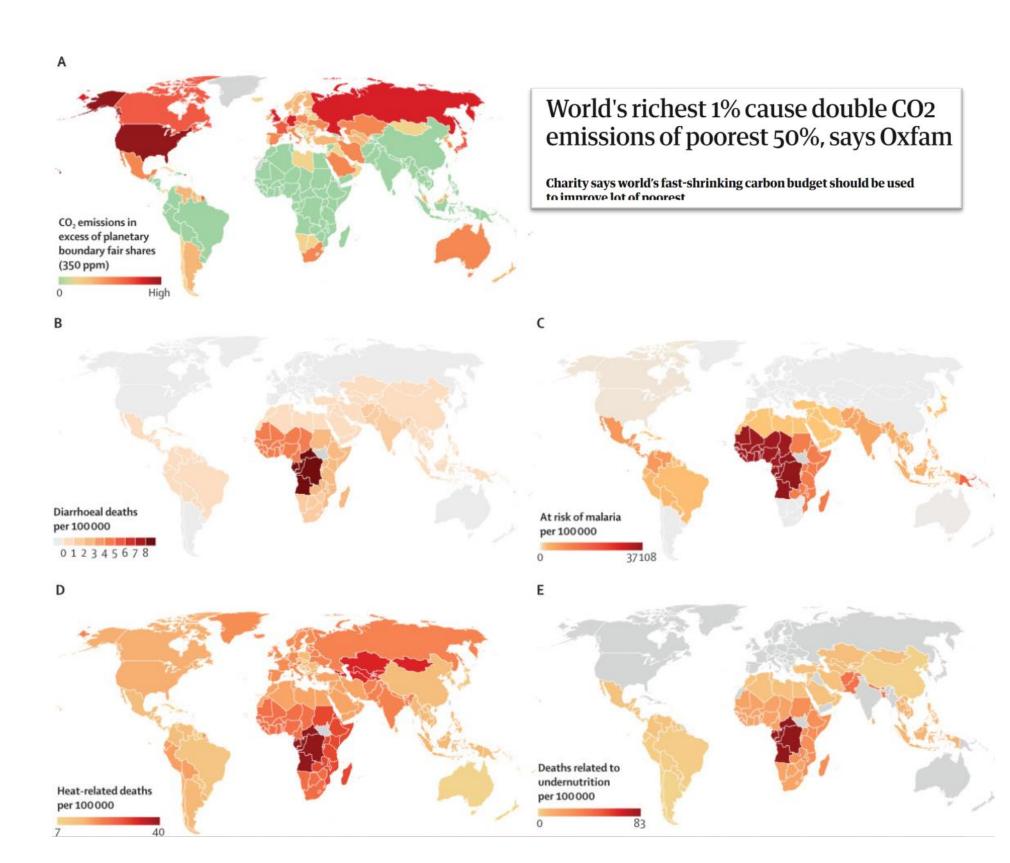


Figure: Responsibility for excess emissions

For the purposes of this analysis, the term Global North refers to the USA, Canada, Europe, Israel, Australia, New Zealand, and Japan, whereas the term Global South refers to the rest of the world: Latin America, Africa, the Middle East, and Asia.



Sustainability and security will not be possible without justice

"No podemos tener un planeta seguro si no hay justicia"

Los investigadores incorporan el criterio de justicia, considerado en otros trabajos, donde se sostiene que este es un ingrediente a considerar, si se quiere realmente integrar la humanidad dentro de los límites planetarios. "No es una opción política. Hay pruebas abrumadoras de que un enfoque de justicia y equidad es esencial para la estabilidad planetaria. No podemos tener un planeta seguro en términos biofísicos si no hay justicia", resalta la profesora Joyeeta Gupta, coautora, catedrática de Medio Ambiente y Desarrollo de la Universidad de Ámsterdam.

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Earth system justice needed to identify and live within Earth system boundaries

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Climate crisis

Consumerism and the climate crisis threaten equitable future for humanity, report says

The Earth Commission says hope lies in sustainable lifestyles, a radical transformation of global politics and fair distribution of resources

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Governing the economics of the common good: from correcting market failures to shaping collective goals

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ABSTRACT

ABOUT COMPONENTS OUR PARTNERS NEWS + EVENTS SEARCH STAYINFORMED

To meet today's grand challenges, economics requires an understanding of how common objectives may be collaboratively set and met. Tied to the assumption that the state can, at best, fix market failures and is always at risk of "capture", economic theory has been unable to offer such a framework. To move beyond such limiting assumptions, the article provides a renewed conception of the common good, going beyond the classic public good and commons approach, as a way of steering and shaping (rather than just fixing) the economy towards collective goals.

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NEW RESEARCH REVEALS PATH TO PROSPERITY FOR PLANET AND PEOPLE IF **EARTH'S CRITICAL RESOURCES ARE BETTER SHARED**

THE LANCET

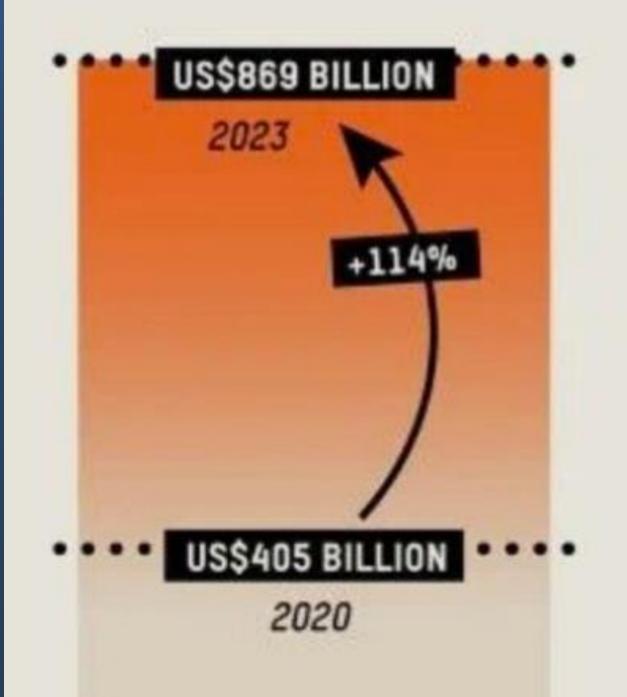


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Advancing the economics of health for all

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THE WORLD'S FIVE RICHEST MEN
HAVE MORE THAN DOUBLED
THEIR WEALTH SINCE 2020,
WHILE FIVE BILLION PEOPLE
WERE MADE POORER.





FOOD CRISIS



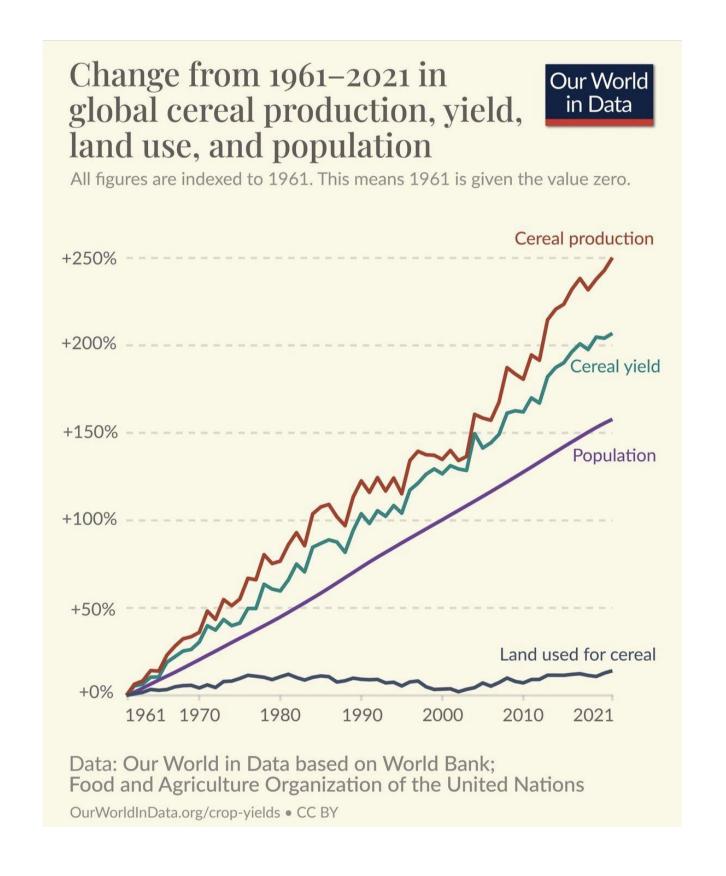
The GREEN REVOLUTION 1950 -1960

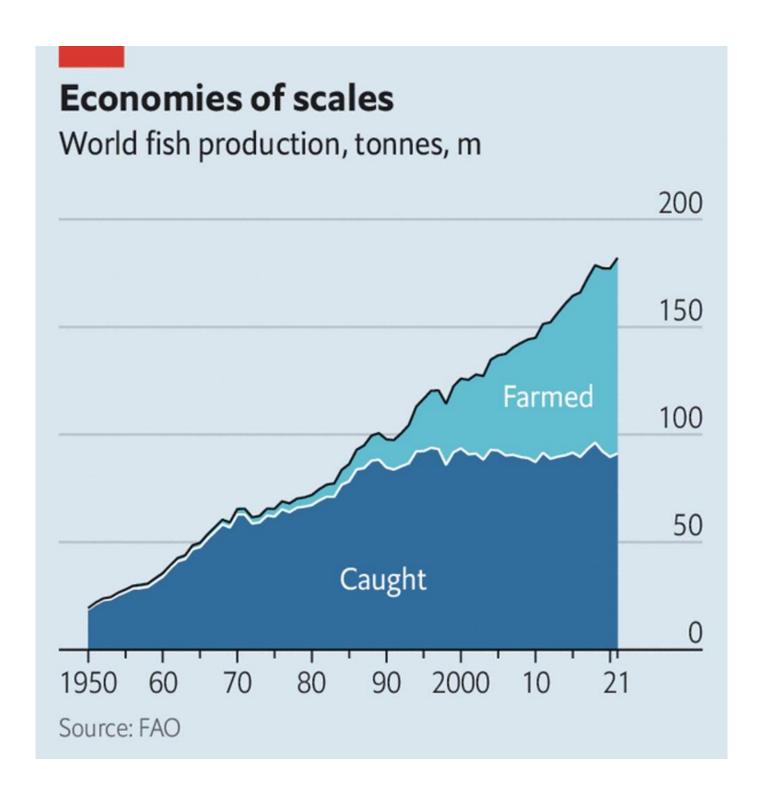
- High-yielding varieties
- Chemical fertilizers
- New Agrochemicals
- Irrigation
- Mechanization
- Land use change

Sharp increases in productivity

Driver of Prosperity and wellbeing

One of the main drivers of human prosperity







CURRENT FOOD PRODUCTION

28% of the global population works in agriculture

38% of the land is dedicated to agriculture and about 80% of this land is used to produce animal feed

70% of fresh water consumption

80% contribution to biodiversity loss

50% decline in fish populations essential for food and jobs in the last 4 decades

1/3 of the food produced food is lost or wasted



"Many of the problems in the present, were the solutions of the past"

828 millions (9,8%)



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Hunger and famine are not accidents — they are created by the actions of people

Hundreds of millions of people are going hungry as conflicts affect food supplies. There is also growing evidence that food producers are exploiting the situation to increase their profits.

Key Messages

The world is facing a serious setback in efforts to end hunger. Conflict, the climate crisis and the economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic — compounded by the war in Ukraine — are turning a crisis into a catastrophe.

Have a look at the 2022 GHI Ranking »

The 2022 Global Hunger Index reflects both the scandal of *alarming* hunger in too many countries, as well as the changing trajectory in countries where decades of progress in tackling hunger is being eroded.

Explore the global, regional, and national hunger trends »



10 billion people in 2050



Understanding the biophysical limits to growth to build an economy that respects planetary boundaries

The food system transgresses **Planetary Boundaries**

- · 21-37% GHG emissions from global food system (IPCC 2019)
- · Majority of global working poor in agriculture (WB, 2016)
- · 690 million undernourished 2019 (FAO et al. 2020)
- · >10 million lives lost annually due to unhealthy diets (GBD, 2019)

Source: Rockström et al. 2020, Nature Food

Beyond zone of uncertainty (high risk) In zone of uncertainty (increasing risk) Below boundary (safe)

Food boundary not yet quantified

Biosphere integrity

Cropland

Freshwater

Application Ocean

Greenhouse gas

Evidence tells us that food systems are failing on multiple fronts, starting from food security and nutrition... and is getting worse.



Atmospheric aerosol loading

Novel entities

> Stratospheric ozone depletion



"Humanity now poses a threat to the stability of the planet... [This requires] nothing less than a new global agricultural revolution."

Dr. Johan Rockström

1.5°C IS A LIMIT NOT A GOAL

RESEARCH

CLIMATE CHANGE

Global food system emissions could preclude achieving the 1.5° and 2°C climate change targets

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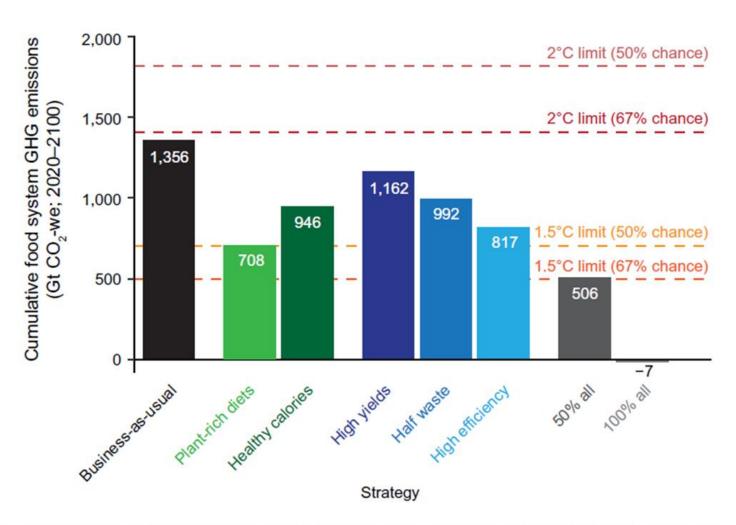
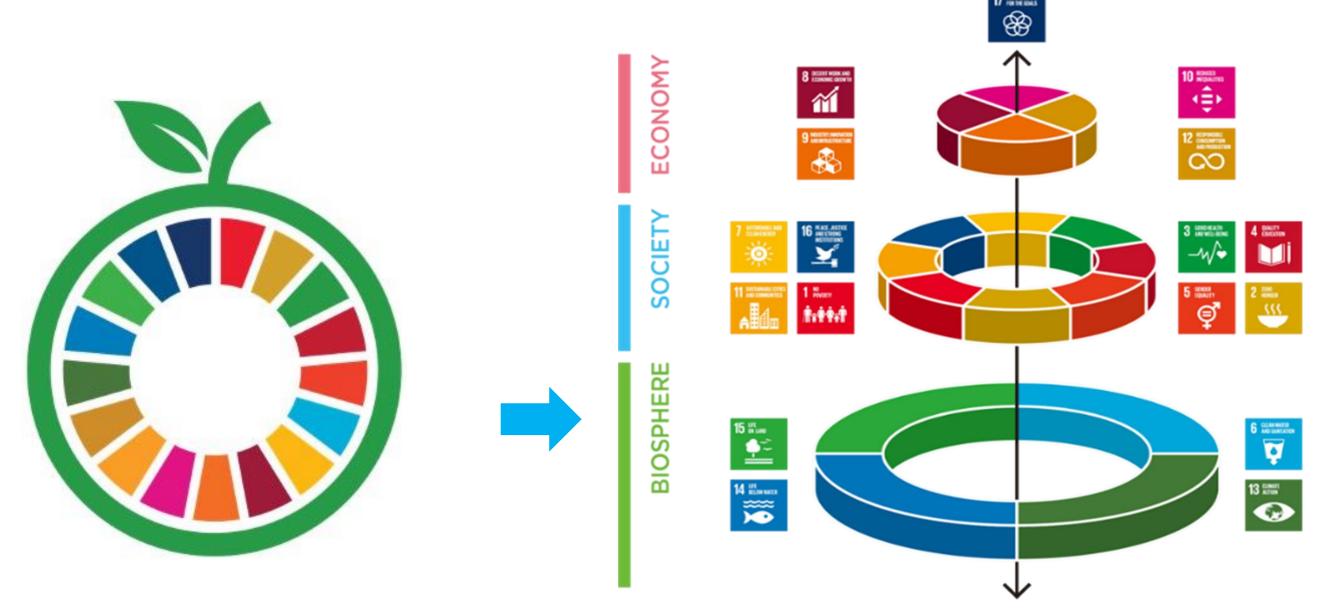


Fig. 1. Projected cumulative 2020 to 2100 GHG emissions solely from the global food system for business-as-usual emissions and for various food system changes that lead to emission reductions.

We must radically transform the Food Systems at a global level



Only if we succeed in returning food systems to a safe and stable operating space will we have real options to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Agreement.

Food Systems Transformation

United Nations Food Systems Summit:



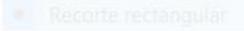
Innovation is a fundamental lever for change

If we are to transform food systems both locally and globally, actors from all sectors and disciplines will need to work together using

- > shared innovation principles
- > new processes of knowledge generation



Food systems transformations are needed





The Aspiration



INCLUSIVE

Ensuring economic and social inclusion for all food system actors, especially smallholders, women and youth



SUSTAINABLE

Minimizing negative environmental impacts, conserving scarce natural resources and strengthening resiliency against future shocks



EFFICIENT

Ensuring that sufficient food is produced and available for the world's population



NUTRITIOUS & HEALTHY

Promoting consumption of a diverse range of healthy, nutritious, and safe foods

The Challenges

700 million people in the agricultural sector live below the global poverty line 70% of water withdrawal and 30% of greenhouse gas emissions come from agrifood sector

60%
more food
will be required to feed a world
population of 9.5 billion by 2050

2 billion people

in the world suffer from various forms of malnutrition

These aspirations are aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals, and achieving them will require coordinated action by all global food system actors to address systemic and interconnected challenges

THE BIG CHALLENGE



How on earth can we feed a future population 10 billion people a healthy diet within planetary boundaries?

https://eatforum.org/content/uploads/2019/01/EAT-Lancet Commission Summary Report.pdfç

https://livestream.com/brightnorway/eat





Three ways to return food systems within the planetary boundaries

Potential for improvement:

1.	Reduction of food waste	6-16%
	(avoid + reuse)	

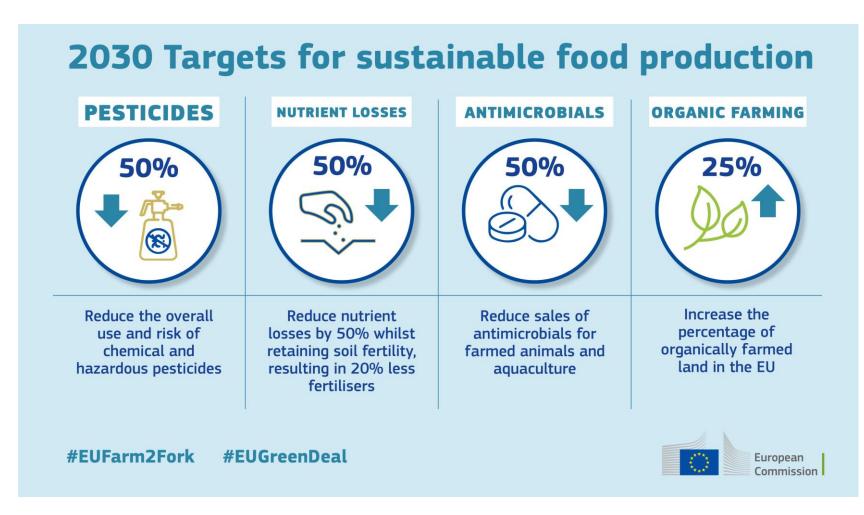
- 2. Eco-innovation in agrosystems 3-30% (promote the most impactful measures)
- 3. Diet change (less environmentally intensive foods) 5-22%

∑ 14-68%

The European Green Deal



Productive Model Transformation



High transition costs and resistance

Intense Food Systems Innovation Activity

Eficiency and optimal use of resources





Carbon Farming
Soil
regeneration

Food lost and waste reduction





Protein Transition

Tools for change

Innovations in Biotecnology

- Next Generation Sequencing (NGS)
- Phenotyping Methodologies
- New low density array systems

Harnessing Technology in the field

- Satellite technologies
- Automatic milking systems (AMS)
- Robotics in crop production
- Drones/Unmanned Aerial vehicles (UAVs)

New production systems

- Indoor/Vertical Farming
- Hydroponics
- Urban agriculture



FIGURE: TOP 10 TECHNOLOGIES FOR FOOD SYSTEMS TRANSFORMATION





Spain: Becoming a FoodTech nation

- With more than 400 startups along the entire agri-food value chain, it stands out as a country that generates startups of high technological value, only behind the United Kingdom, Israel or the United States.
- More than 60% do not exceed 3 years of life and 13% of startups have been created during the pandemic.
- Catalunya 22,4 %; Community of Madrid 20,21%; Andalusia 14,29%



Harvesting data







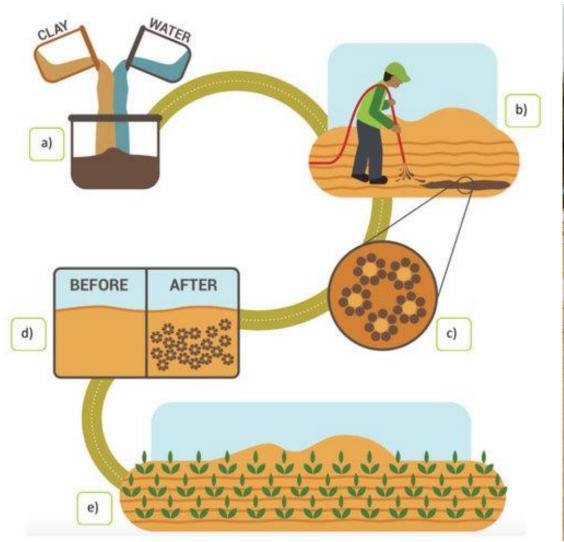
World-leading expertise and capabilities in data science, smart analytics, bioinformatics, translational research and knowledge exchange in soils, crops, livestock, food and sustainability.

Working alongside academia and industry to deliver new innovations, services and products for the whole food and farming sector (Rothamsted Research, Reading University, NIAB and SRUC).

Data unlocks unimaginable solutions to feed the world and protect the planet







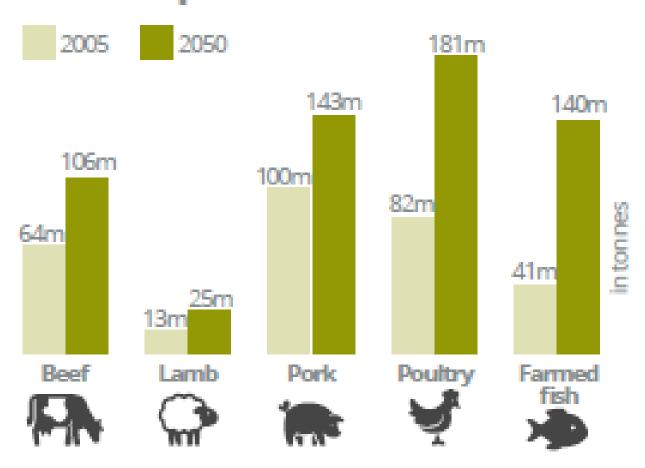






THE PROTEIN TRANSITION

Global demand for animal products



- Antimicrobial resistance
- Zoonotic diseases
- Non comunicable diseases

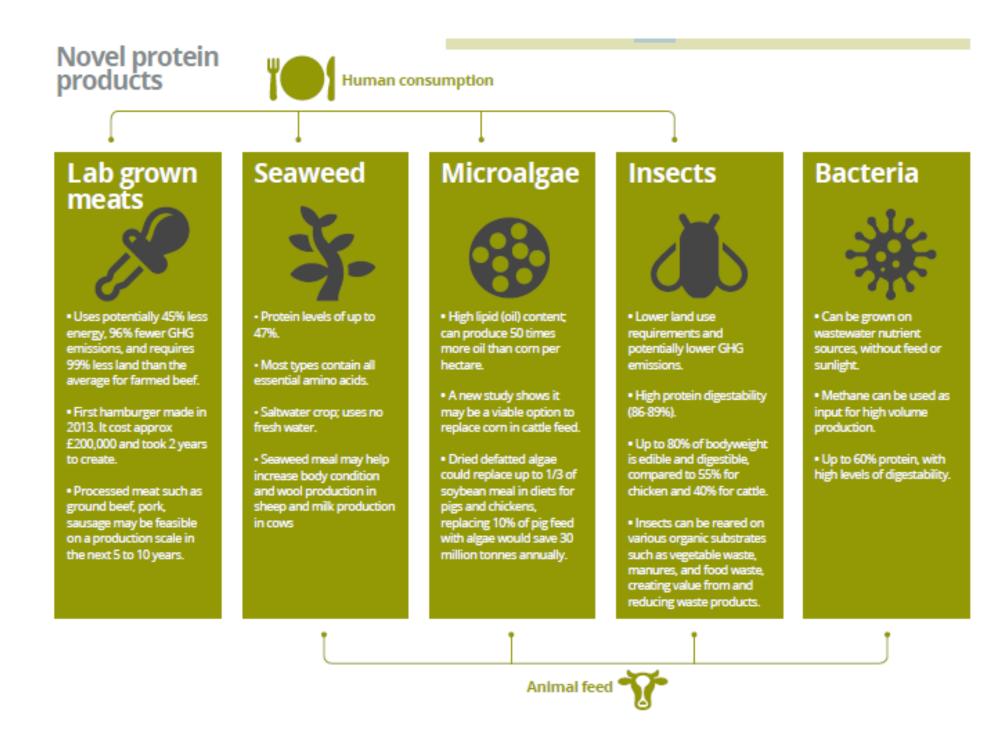
76% demand increase by 2050

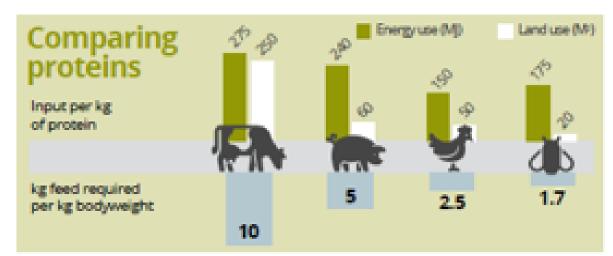
Conventional protein production systems are becoming environmentaly unsustainable

https://www.ted.com/talks/bruce friedrich the next global agricultural revolution

The Protein disruption

The environmental cost of meat production means there is a need to find alternative protein sources for both human consumption and animal feed, supplementing efforts to develop sustainable aquaculture systems





May innovation and techology make animals obsolete?

A new generation of startups is emerging promising more efficient and sustainable protein production













Modernizing meat production

The Good Food Institute is a nonprofit think tank and international network of organizations working to accelerate alternative protein innovation.

Globally, meat consumption is the highest it has ever been. According to the UN, global meat production is projected to double by 2050.

With plant-based meat, cultivated meat, and fermentation, we can mitigate the environmental impact of our food system, decrease the risk of zoonotic disease, and ultimately feed more people with fewer resources.

By making meat from plants and cultivating meat from cells, we can modernize meat production.

GFI is building a world where alternative proteins are no longer alternative.







Flexitarians, Millennials, and Z Generation are Driving the Demand



Flexitarians, or consumers who favor plant-based foods while eating animal products in moderation, are the major drivers of the industry's increasing demand

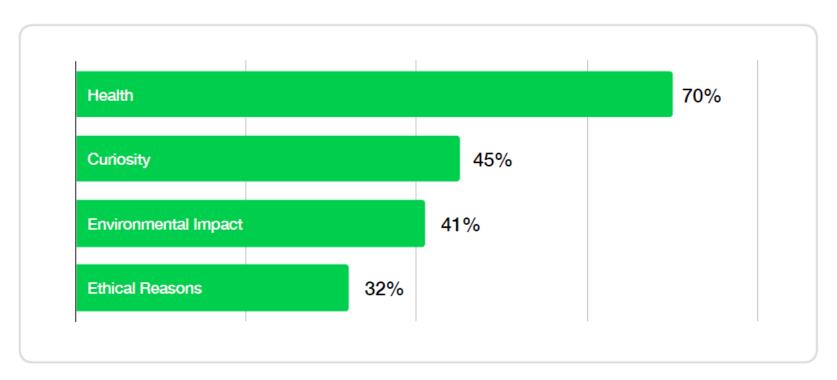


Figure 9. 80% of American meat eaters want to eat more plant-based meat. Their biggest motivators are health, curiosity, environmental impact and ethical reasons. Source: Numerator.

"Just as electric cars are not a silver bullet to fix climate change, these solutions are not going to fix our damaging industrial food system. We need to change the system – not the product."



Phil Howard



THE POLITICS OF PROTEIN FAKE MEAT IN THE SPOTLIGHT INFOSHEET APRIL 2022

FAKE MEAT WILL NOT SAVE THE PLANET



The future of European agri-food systems lies not on linear but on <u>circular approaches</u>, with an integrated and <u>regenerative use of natural resources</u> and associated agri-biomass, avoiding loss and leakage of resources or pollutants.

Management of animal health and welfare under the concept of One Health is a prerequisite for well-functioning circular and sustainable agri-food systems.

Back to the ground ...

Today 95% o food production depends on soil

One-third of the world's soil is severely degraded and fertile soil continues to be lost at a rate of 24 billion tons per year.

World's soils 'under great pressure', says UN pollution report

Soils provide 95% of all food but are damaged by industrial, farming, mining and urban pollution



▲ Glyphosate herbicide is sprayed on to a corn field in northwestern France. Photograph: Jean-François Monier/AFP/Getty





Improve soil health

Foster biodiversity

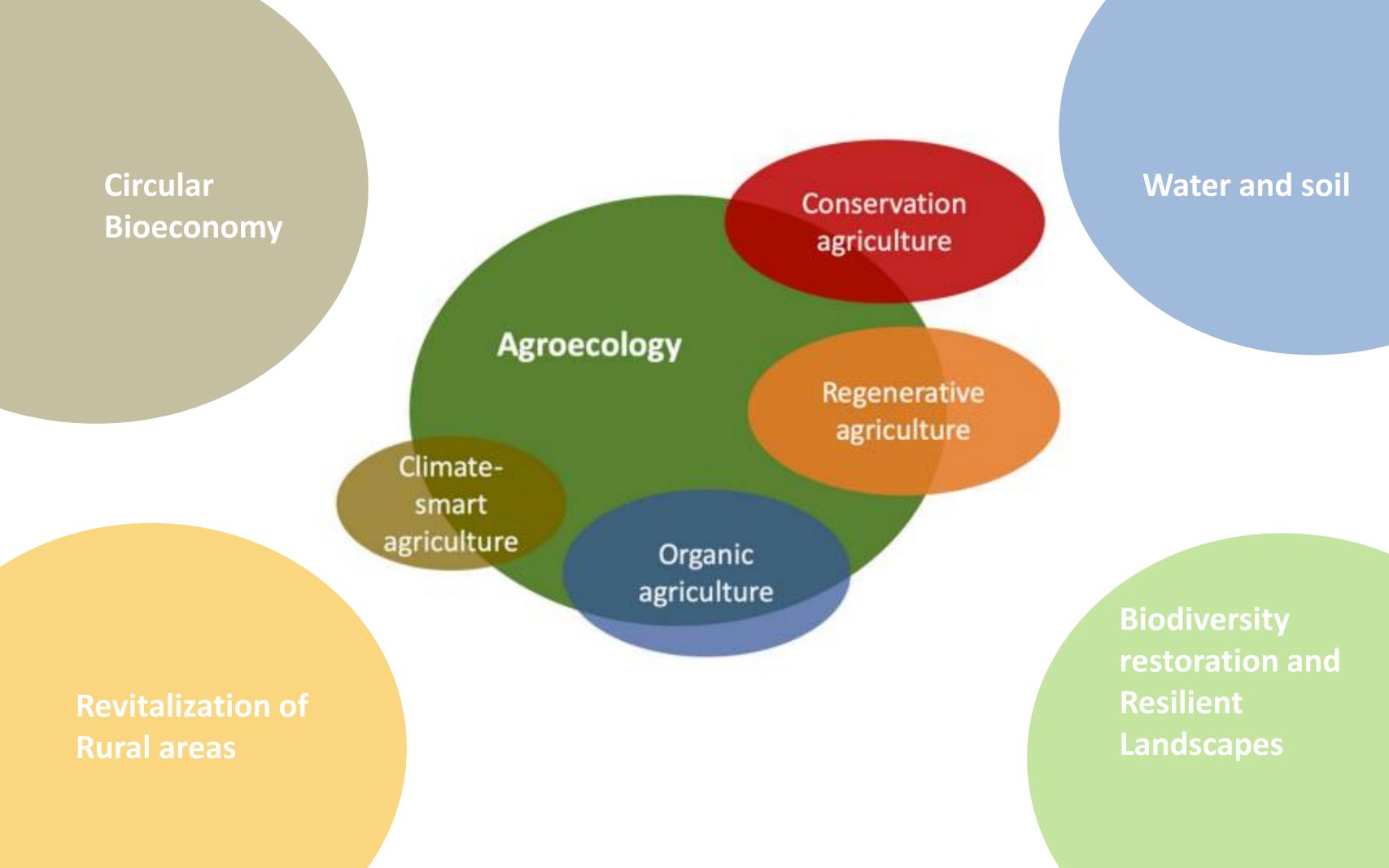
Promote economic resilience in farming communities

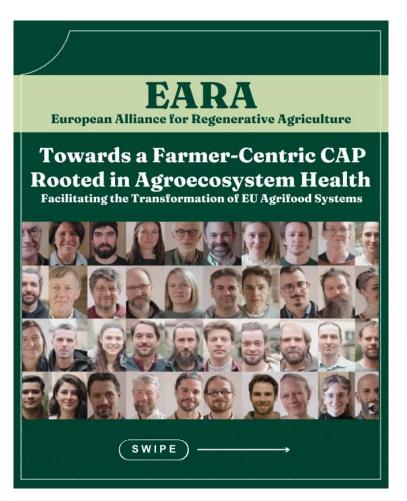
Agroecology

Dynamic and holistic approach to agriculture and animal husbandry,

A science, a set of practices and a socio-political movement aimed at supporting the transition of agri-food systems.

It aims to connect science, practice and society and provoke the adoption of a set of policies aimed at sustainable agricultural practices.



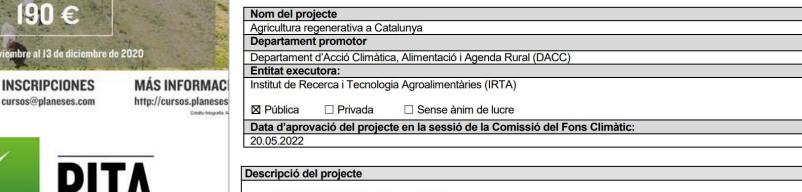




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de l'activitat agroalimentària catalana i implementar elements de l'agricultura regenerativa, l'agroecologia i la bioeconomia tot mantenint i, fins i tot, incrementat la productivitat agrària. Les accions del projecte contribuiran a la transició sostenible de l'agricultura mitjançant l'augment de la seva competitivitat resiliència. A través de la introducció de nous models de maneig i pràctiques innovadores s'impulsarà l'adopció de canvis sistèmics en l'agricultura catalana (mediterrània) que permetran l'assoliment de varis Objectius de Desenvolupament Sostenible

Projectes Fons Climàtic

ADVANCES IN AGROECOLOGY

Urban Agroecology

edited by Monika Egerer

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Interdisciplinary Research and Future Directions





Marketplace for farmers, pioneer in promoting carbon credits. Aims to absorb 1 trillion tonnes of carbon.

"People with money at the shelves vote for the world they want."

- Merijn Dols, Senior Director of Open Innovation and Circular Economy for Food , Danone





The Unilever regenerative agriculture principles

with Implementation Guides 2021

Home Services Contact





Show your customers how sustainable you are







Summary of the four worldviews on the future of agriculture

	Traditionalists	Agroecologists	Technovegans	Sustainable intensifiers
Approach to technology	Pragmatic	Cautious	Optimistic about new food technology	Optimistic about new farming technology
Trade and economics	Free trade for exports, resist imports	Economies should revolve around local food	Use global food systems to deploy meat and dairy alternatives rapidly	Use trade to let efficient farmers feed the world
Food philosophy	Food security and flavour matter most	Food is culture and identity	Natural is a lie: food can be engineered to be better	Abundance at low cost
Nature and climate	Farmers should do something, but action is mostly for others	Lower yields mean more farmland nature. Avoiding inputs avoids fossil fuels	Making livestock obsolete frees land for more wild nature and carbon removal	Farming intensively frees up land for nature and carbon removal
Diet	No change. Meat is crucial to a healthy diet	Reduce meat consumption by returning to traditional diets	Like for like substitution of animal proteins with alternative proteins	Limited change, eg from beef to chicken

https://green-alliance.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Crossing-the-Divide.pdf

DIVERSITY

DIETS
PRODUCTION SYSTEM

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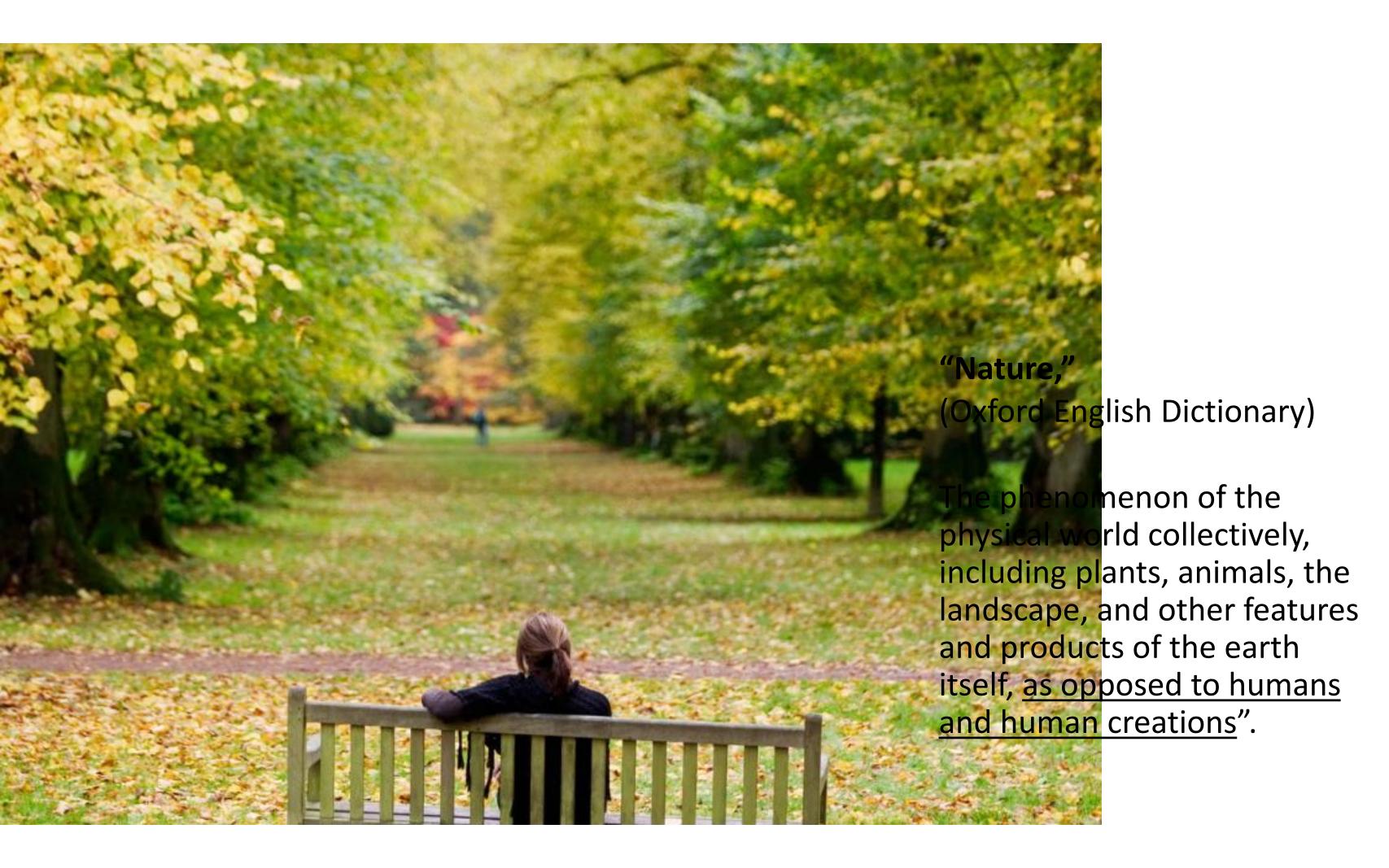
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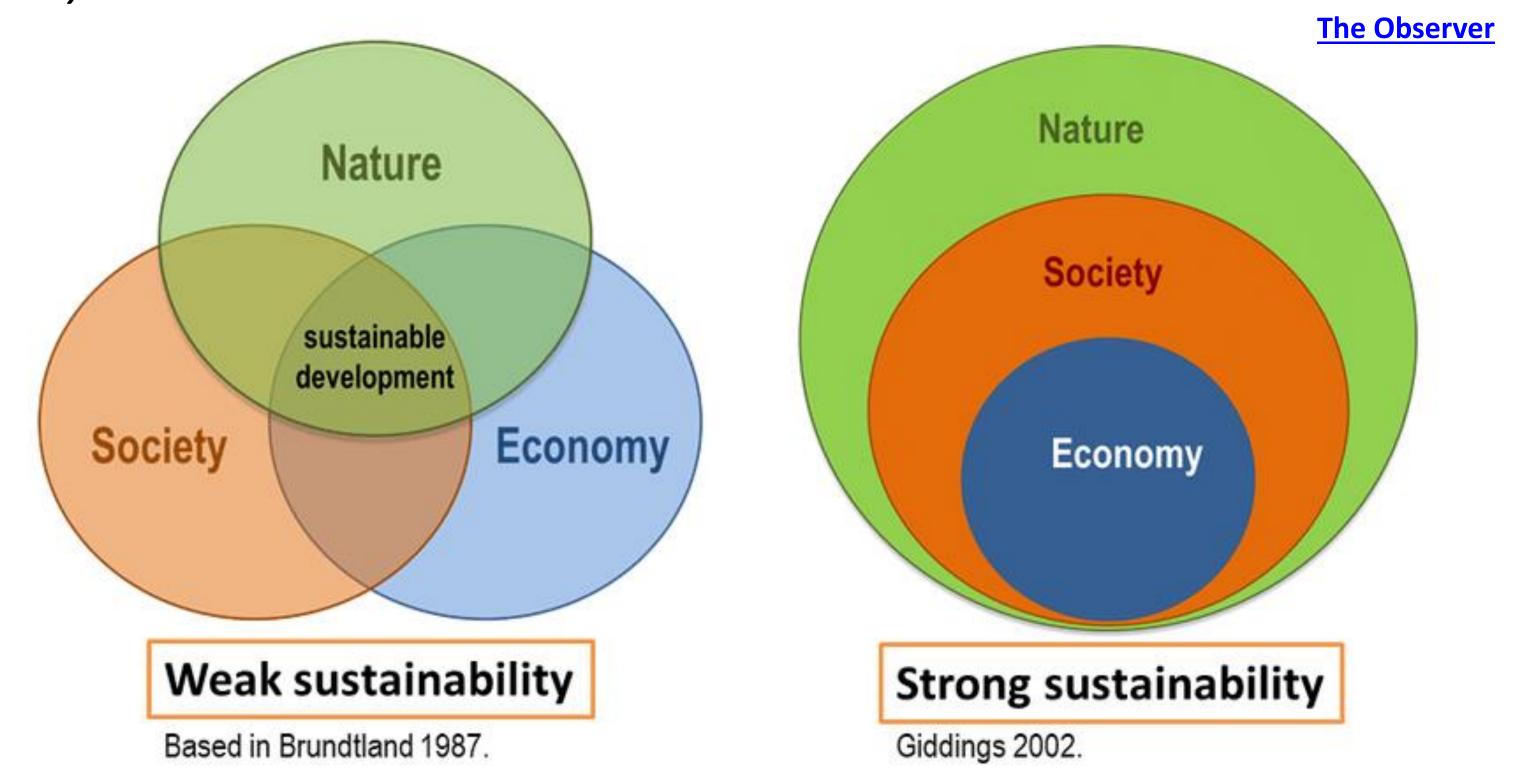
Transforming global food systems involves not only adapting the current model to be more ethical and sustainable, but also doing things as they have never been done before.

LIMITS

OF OUR CURRENT MINDSET



"Our economic system is embedded in the biosphere. If we take down the biosphere, we lose everything, and we don't have an economic system anymore"



El Papa cuestiona el modelo económico actual porque «la Tierra arde» y el capitalismo «mata»

«Se trata de transformar una economía que mata en una economía de la vida, en todas sus dimensiones», ha declarado Francisco ante cerca de mil jóvenes reunidos en Asís



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Sustainable agrifood systems for a postgrowth world

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Limits to economic growth

Across the world, decisions on investment and policy are made under the assumption of continuous economic expansion. Fundamental physical limits may soon put an end to this phase of development, as foreshadowed by the 1972 report The Limits to Growth.

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'It's easier to imagine the end of the world than the end of capitalism'

Fredric Jameson and Slavoj Žižek

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Sustainability scientists' critique of neoclassical economics

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Abstract

Non-technical summary. Neoclassical economics (NCE) theory and neoliberal economics practice together form one of the principal driving forces of environmental destruction and social injustice. We critically examine ten key hypotheses that form the foundations of NCE, and four other claims. Each fails to satisfy one or more of the basic requirements of scientific practice. Hence, NCE is fundamentally flawed, is irrational in the common meaning of the word, and should not be used as a guide for government policies. Because NCE is socially constructed, it can be replaced with an interdisciplinary conceptual framework that is compatible with ecological sustainability and social justice.

Technical summary. Neoclassical economics (NCE) is widely regarded as providing theoretical justification for neoliberal notions such as 'governments should minimize regulation and spending, and hence leave major socioeconomic and environmental decisions to the market'. A large body of literature finds that NCE is largely responsible for environmental destruction and social inequality. As NCE is claimed to be a science and has appropriated terminology.

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Economics for the future - Beyond the superorganism

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ABSTRACT

Our environment and economy are at a crossroads. This paper attempts a cohesive narrative on how human evolved behavior, money, energy, economy and the environment fit together. Humans strive for the same emotional state of our successful ancestors. In a resource rich environment, we coordinate in groups, corporations and nations, to maximize financial surplus, tethered to energy, tethered to carbon. At global scales, the emergent result of this combination is a mindless, energy hungry, CO2 emitting Superorganism. Under this dynamic we are now behaviorally 'growth constrained' and will use any means possible to avoid facing this reality. The farther we kick the can, the larger the disconnect between our financial and physical reality becomes. The moment of this recalibration will be a watershed time for our culture, but could also be the birth of a new 'systems economics'. and resultant different ways of living. The next 30 years are the time to apply all we've learned during the past 30 years. We've arrived at a species level conversation.

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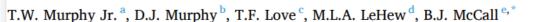
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Perspective

Modernity is incompatible with planetary limits: Developing a PLAN for the future



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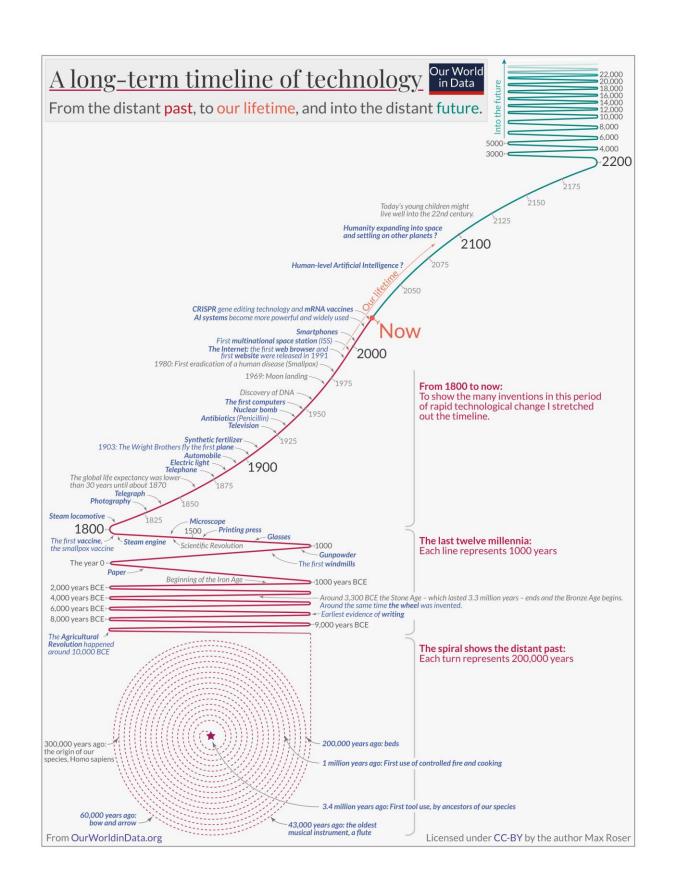


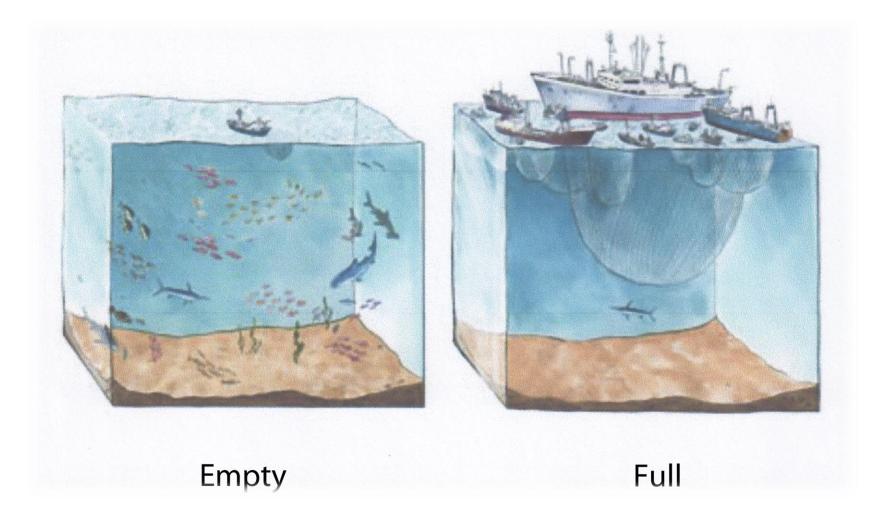
ABSTRACT

This age of modernity is characterized by consistent growth in energy use, economic activity, and resource consumption, and a generally increasing standard of living-albeit inequitably distributed. All currently living humans, and most academic disciplines, have developed in this age, which appears normal and indefinite to us. But modernity has been enabled by the rapid and accelerating expenditure of our one-time inheritance of fossil fuels, and by drawing down the resources and ecosystems of our finite Earth—none of which can be sustained as we transition from a resource-rich frontier to a human-dominated planet. Climate change is often singled out as modernity's existential crisis, but it is only one of a series of interlocking challenges constituting an unprecedented predicament that must be understood and mitigated in order to live within planetary limits. While energetic and technological challenges attract significant attention, arguably the greatest challenges are conceptual or even cultural. In particular, as we review in this Perspective, today's political economy has been designed to value short-term financial wealth over the real treasure of Earth's functioning ecosystems, to discount the future at the expense of the present, and to demand infinite exponential growth...which is simply impossible on a finite planet. Given all this, humanity should view its present overshoot-prone trajectory with tremendous suspicion, humility, and concern. We call for the establishment of a transdisciplinary network of scholars from across the entire academic landscape to develop a global understanding of planetary limits and how humanity can adapt to the associated realities. We present a set of foundational principles to serve as a starting point to anchor this network and drive a new area of focused inquiry to develop a shared vision of viable future paths.



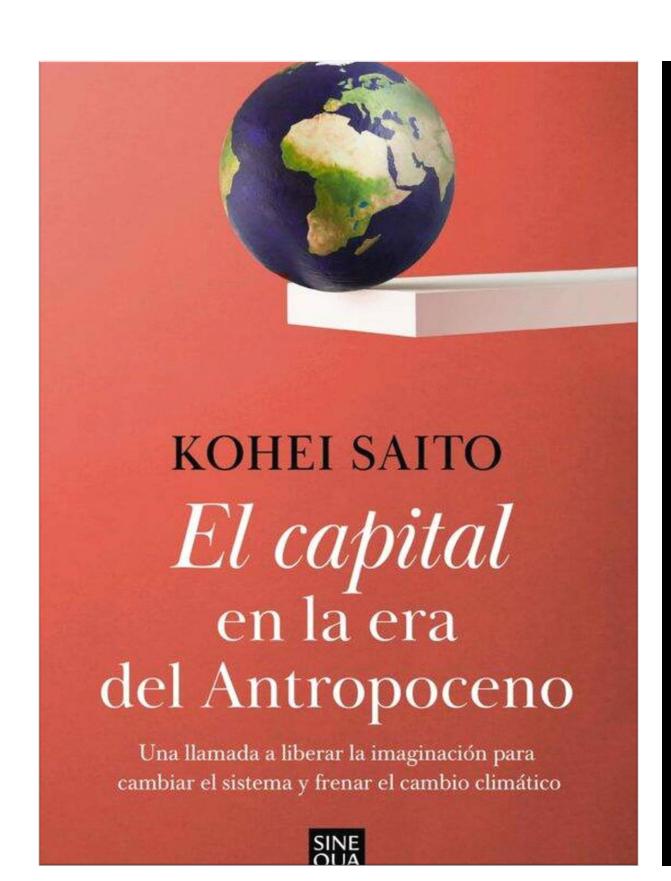
We need a new economic model





https://greattransition.org/publication/economics-for-a-full-world

- > Redesign of our current sociotechnical systems
- > Change of values and cosmovision





Unlearning Economics: Jon Erickson, Josh Farley, Steve Keen, Kate Rawor.th

5 Economists Redefining... Everything. Oh Yes, And They're Women (Forbes)



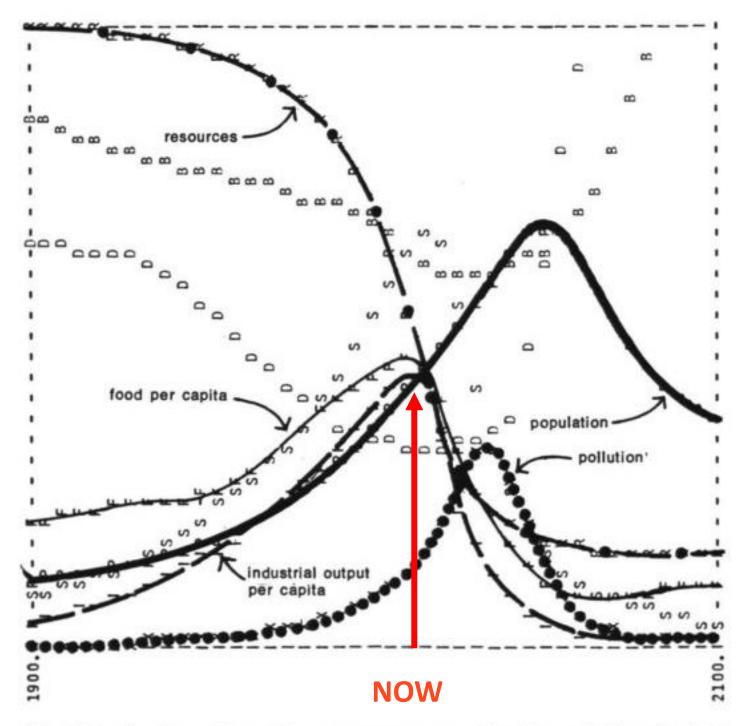
They are revolutionising their field by questioning the meaning of everything from 'value' and 'debt' to 'growth' and 'GDP.'

From top left: Mariana Mazzucato, Carlota Perez, Kate Raworth, Stephanie Kelton, Esther Duflo. 20-first

We need to discuss the underlying driver: Growth as the MEGA-rule

Meadows and Meadows (2007):

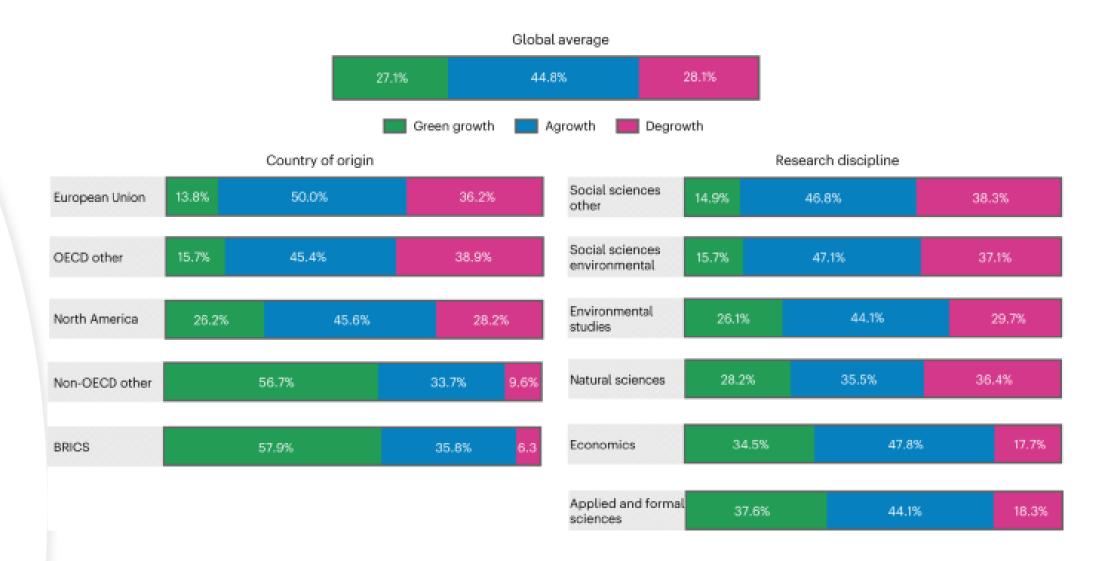
"There is a primary cause of the Continuous Critical Problems: It is growth. Exponential growth of energy use, material flows, and population against the earth's physical limits. That which all the world sees as the solution to its problems is in fact a cause of those problems."



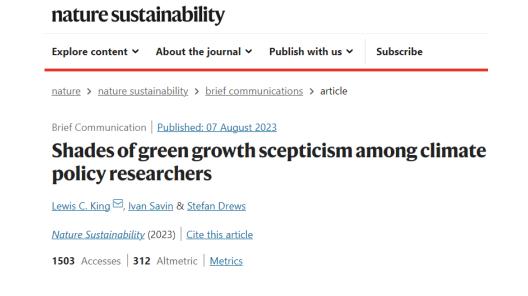
The "standard" world model run assumes no major change in the physical, economic, or social relationships that have historically governed the development of the world system. All variables plotted here follow historical values from 1900 to 1970. Food, industrial output, and population grow exponentially until the rapidly diminishing resource base forces a slowdown in industrial growth. Because of natural delays in the system, both population and pollution continue to increase for some time after the peak of

Let's not call it Degrowth ...

- The new economic paradigm called postgrowth argues that the pursuit of infinite economic growth is incompatible with planetary boundaries. In other words, alternative economic frameworks are needed to achieve long-term sustainability and well-being.
- Post-growth scholarship has evolved and diversified in a variety of perspectives that can fall into two main categories: degrowth and agrowth*.
- 73% of the 764 researchers surveyed prefer options such as agrowth or degrowth to green growth policies,
- The degree of scepticism varies significantly depending on the country and research discipline of the respondents



"Biophysical límits indicate that Technology-driven Green Growth cannot deliver what it promises"





PLENARY 3

Addressing the limits of resource consumption: towards a resilient economy



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Understanding the biophysical limits to growth to build an economy that respects planetary boundaries



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Barrau University of Grenoble



iona Harvey Journalist at The Guardan



O'Neill Professor, Univ., of Leeds and President of the ESSEE

















"Is the economy, stupid!!!"

"We must not forget that the big levers exist at the system level, it is the system that defines most of the options and creates the incentives on which we react as consumers"

"We have to start looking at the system and look for these leverage points, perhaps outside the areas in which we usually work and the networks we are connected to. Otherwise, we won't be addressing the root cause of the problems if not just the symptoms, and the time to treat just the symptoms has run out."

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLCsKDAfAp2L1V3CyZokKQbfCJRZ7hldh7

Is Sustainable/Green Growth an oximoron?

Sustainability as a political term.

'Sustainability' is not a scientific term, or objective, neutral and universal in its meaning and interpretation. It is a politically charged word, embedding

values, worldviews, and ideologies.

Context-specific objectives.

The principles defined should be used to apply 'sustainability' in each relevant context with clear and explicit normative objectives (e.g. the SDGs at macro level).

Ethical and value systems.

The implicit value systems embedded in the word 'sustainability' should be explored, brought to light, and negotiated openly.

Hierarchy of priorities.

The values negotiated should be distilled into principles to guide choices. A possible hierarchy of decision-making priorities could be: 1) the biosphere's integrity is a non-negotiable limit; 2) excessive economic and social inequities are morally unacceptable; 3) economic performance is not the only goal.

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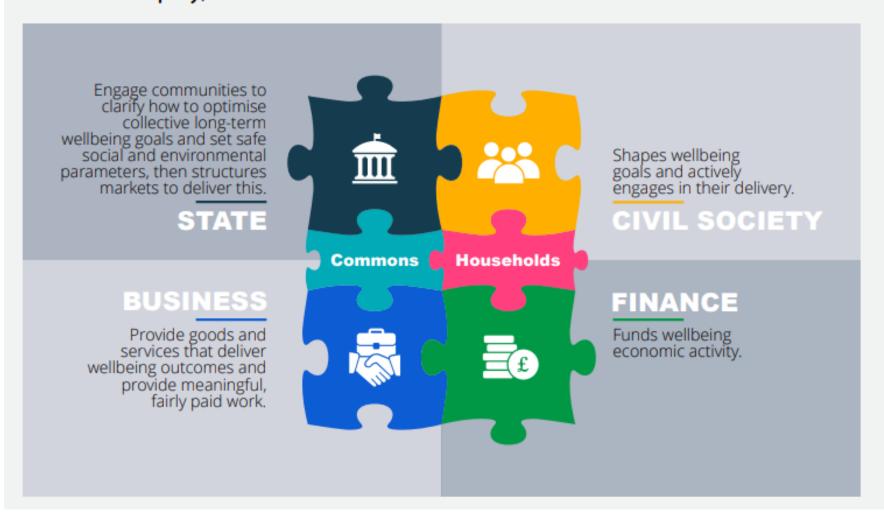


We need to finance trasnformation and to transform finances



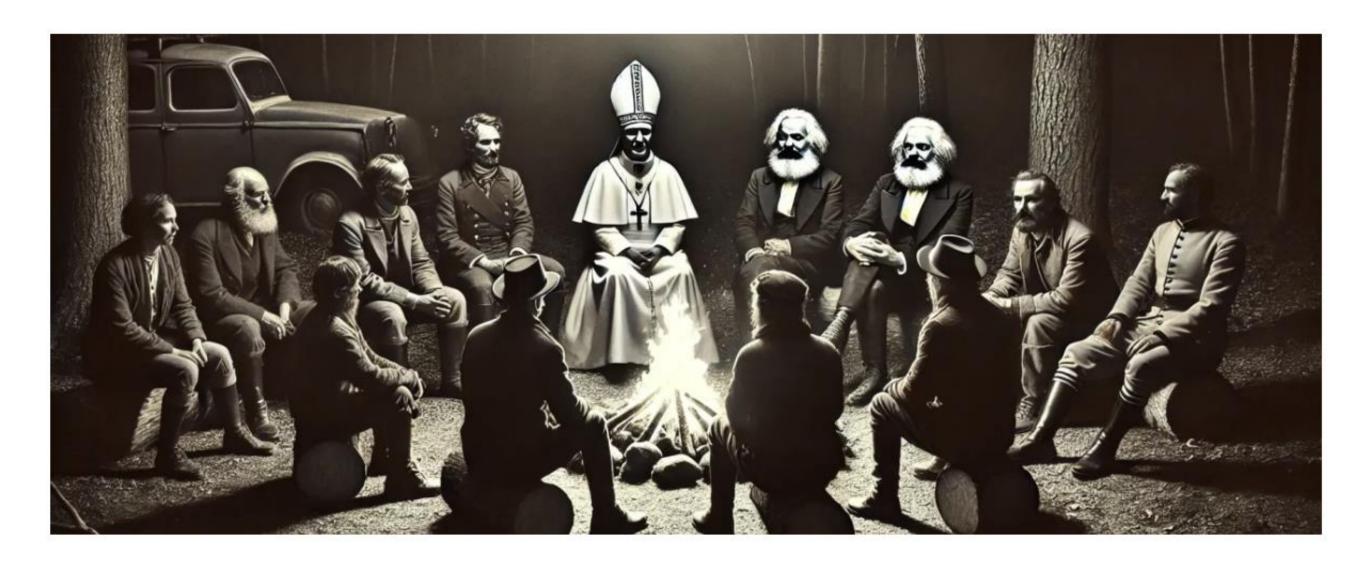
What might a new economy look like?

There is a diverse range of economic approaches where the economy serves the wellbeing of people and the planet, referred to here as a new economy. This recognises how people are a part of—and dependent on—nature and each other for their flourishing. In a new economy each economic actor has important interdependent functions to play, that can be summarised as:



IN NEED OF

NEW NARRATIVES



#28 Narratives



Hans Stegeman in

Chief Economist Triodos Bank | Group Director Impact & Economics | Columnist | Author | Speaker





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GDP Growth vs PROSPERITY More vs SUFFICIENT

Living Systems Design

Pays attention to quality & quantity Effectiveness- doing the right thing Informed by a Systems View of Life ************************* Thinking in patterns and principles

The SDGs as a bridge towards regeneration?















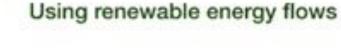




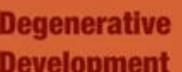




SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Depletion fossil energy stocks





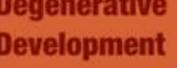












Design of Technical Systems

Values only the quantifiable Efficient - doing things right Informed by Mechanism & Technology Siloed & fragmented thinking

Conventional (staying within the law)

Green (a little less negative impact)

Sustainable (adding no additional harm)

Restorative (humans doing things to nature)

Regenerative (humans doing things as nature)

Degenerative Cultures

Based on Reed, 2006 & Roland, 2018

Regenerative Cultures

Development

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Diseño de sistemas vivos

Presta atención a calidades y cantidades Efectividad: hacer lo correcto Informado por una visión sistémica de la vida Pensamiento holistico en patrones y principios

Los ODSs como puente hacia un impacto regenerativo?



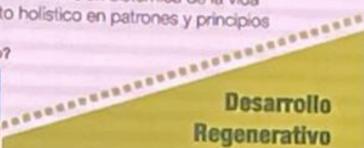










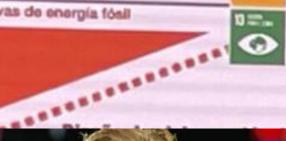


Usando flujos de





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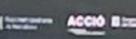
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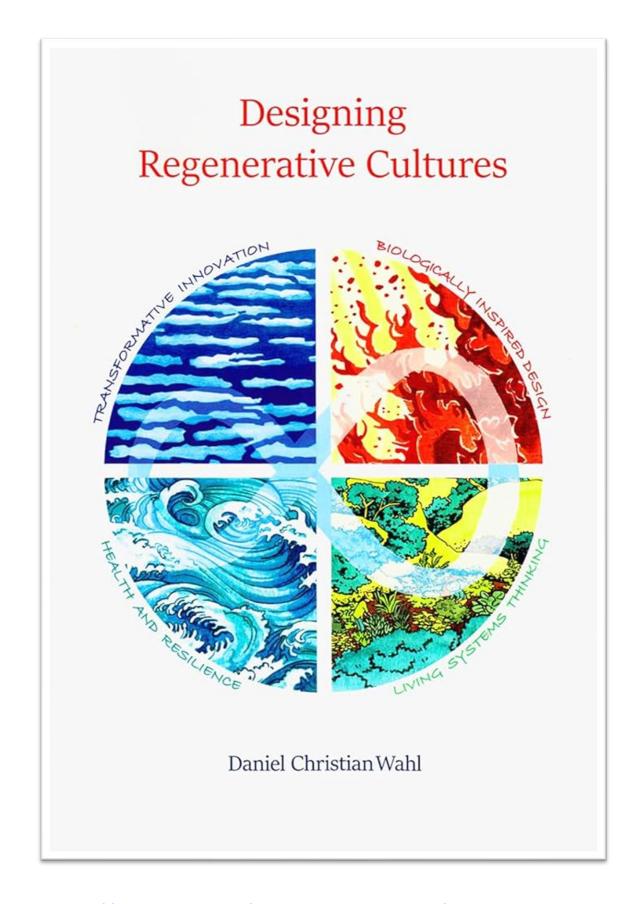






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Can regenerative economics & mainstream business mix?

Is it even possible to create regenerative businesses in a degenerative economic system?

Instead of obsessing over quick answers, shouldn't we try to ask the right questions?

https://medium.com/activate-the-future/can-regenerative-economics-mainstream-business-mix-ef2f8aafa8d4 https://medium.com/nyc-design/introduction-to-design-for-human-and-planetary-health-8f4c82a94db3





WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM

We need a paradigm shift: Regenerative business

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In our opinion, they must take a regenerative approach to business. This idea involves a strategy that promotes the restoration and regeneration of natural resources and social systems. It goes beyond sustainability and seeks to create positive impacts on the environment, society and economy.

World Business Council for Sustainable Development

https://www.wbcsd.org/Overview/About-us/Vision-2050-Time-to-Transformhttps://www.weforum.org/agenda/2023/03/regenerative-business-sustainability/

















"A Hoax"

"To acknowledge its reality is to face vulnerability, loss and uncertainty. By naming it a hoax, Trump protects his audience from pain.

He offers a simpler, more comforting story: there is no problem, and if there is, it has been fabricated by others with ulterior motives. The burden of responsibility evaporates, and the reckoning with the loss of privileges is avoided."

A psychological perspective on the theatre of lies



TRANSFORMATION

SECOND DEEP TRANSITION

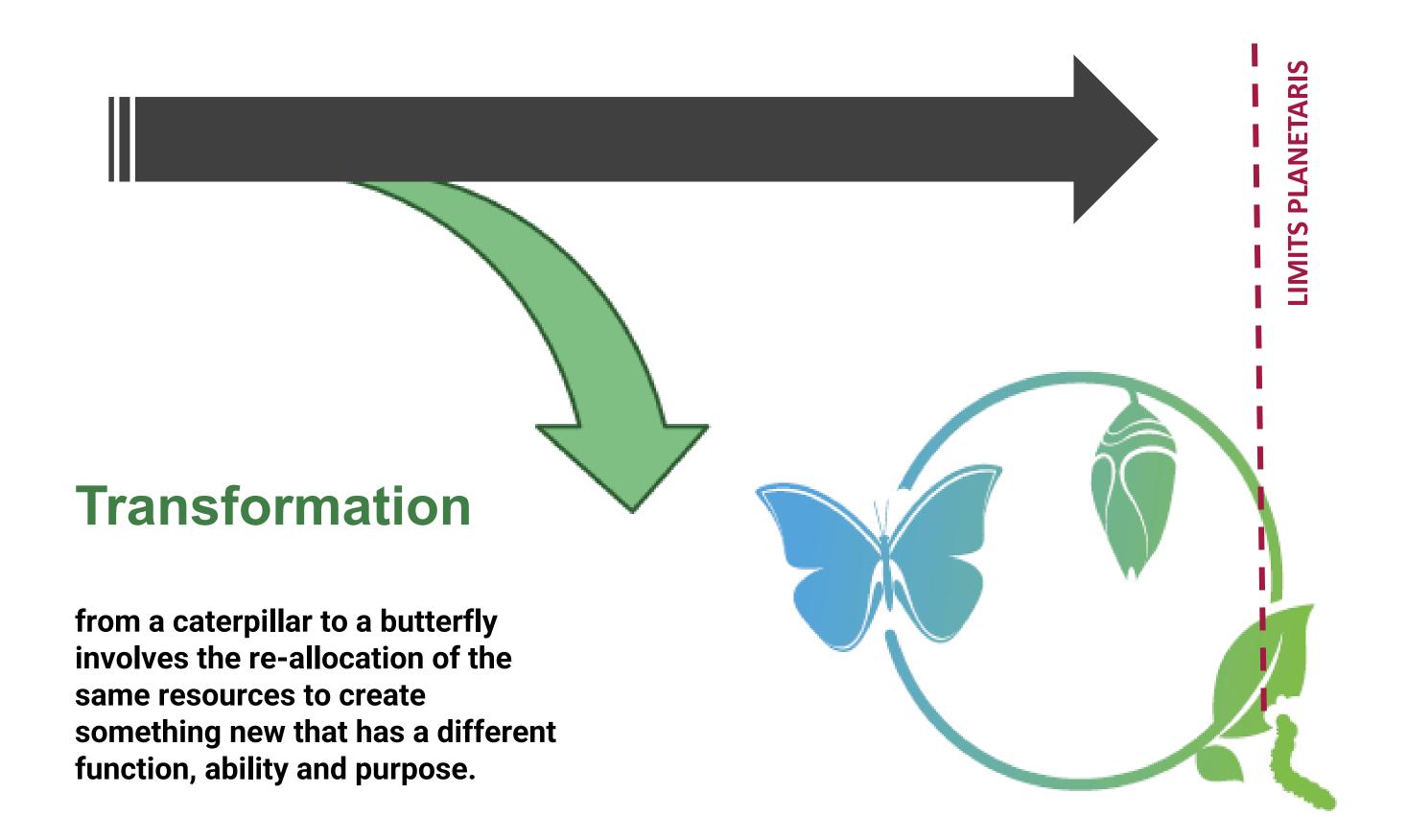
A different kind of change

	Adjust	Reform	Transform
Core Questions	Are we doing things right?	What are the right things to be doing?	What is right?
Purpose	Improve performance	Change the system & its parts	Create previously unimagined possibilities
Power & relationship	Confirms existing rules	Opens rules to revision	Enable new ways of thinking about power
Action logic	Project implementation	Piloting	Experimenting
Typical actions	Copying, duplicating, mimicking	Changing policy, adapting	Visioning, experimenting, inventing
Tools logic	Negotiation logic	Mediation logic	Envisioning logic

Table 1: Different kinds of change (modified from Waddell 2011).

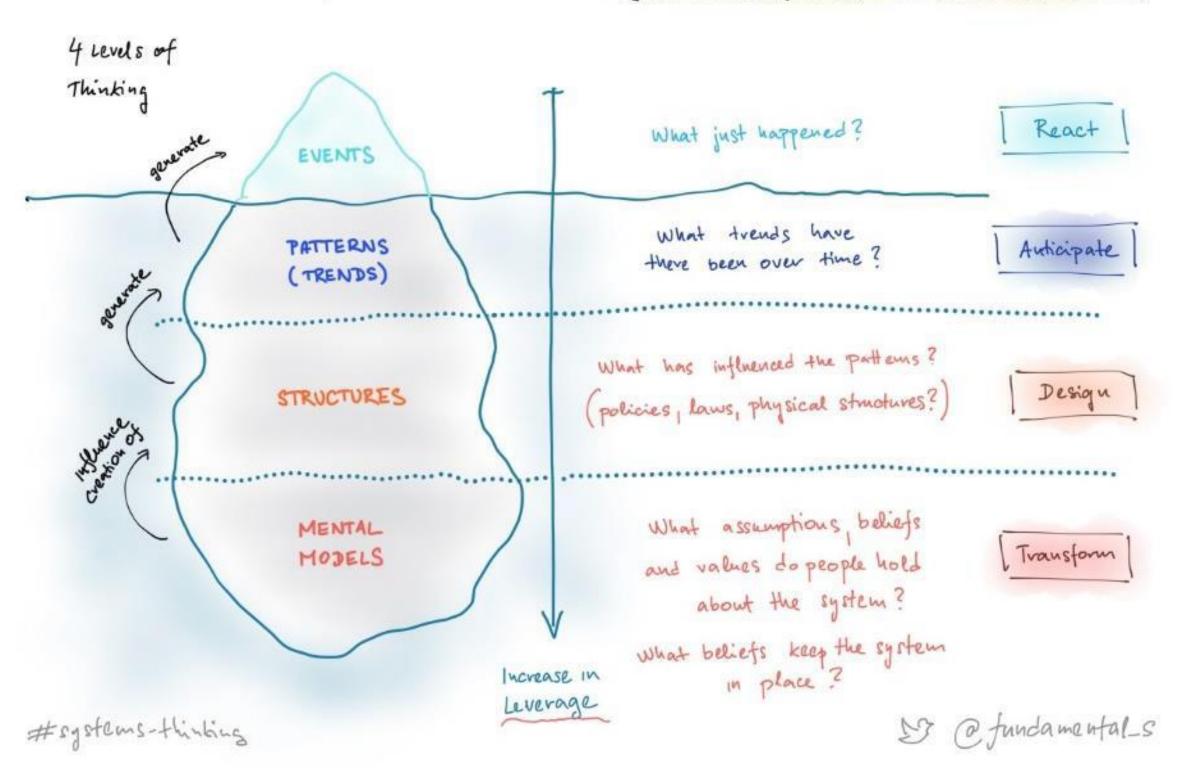


An introductory guide to fundamental change for researchers and change makers in a world of crises

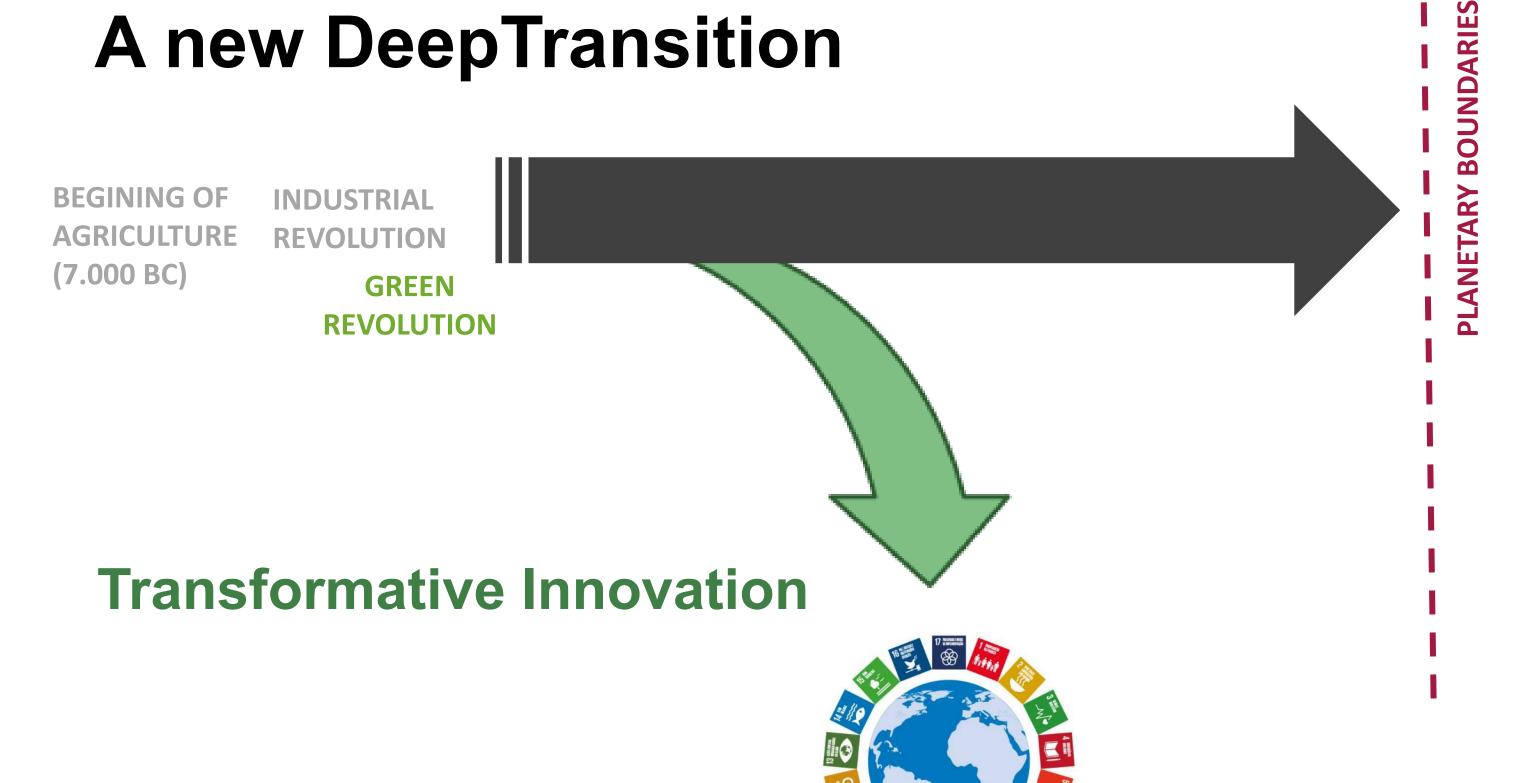


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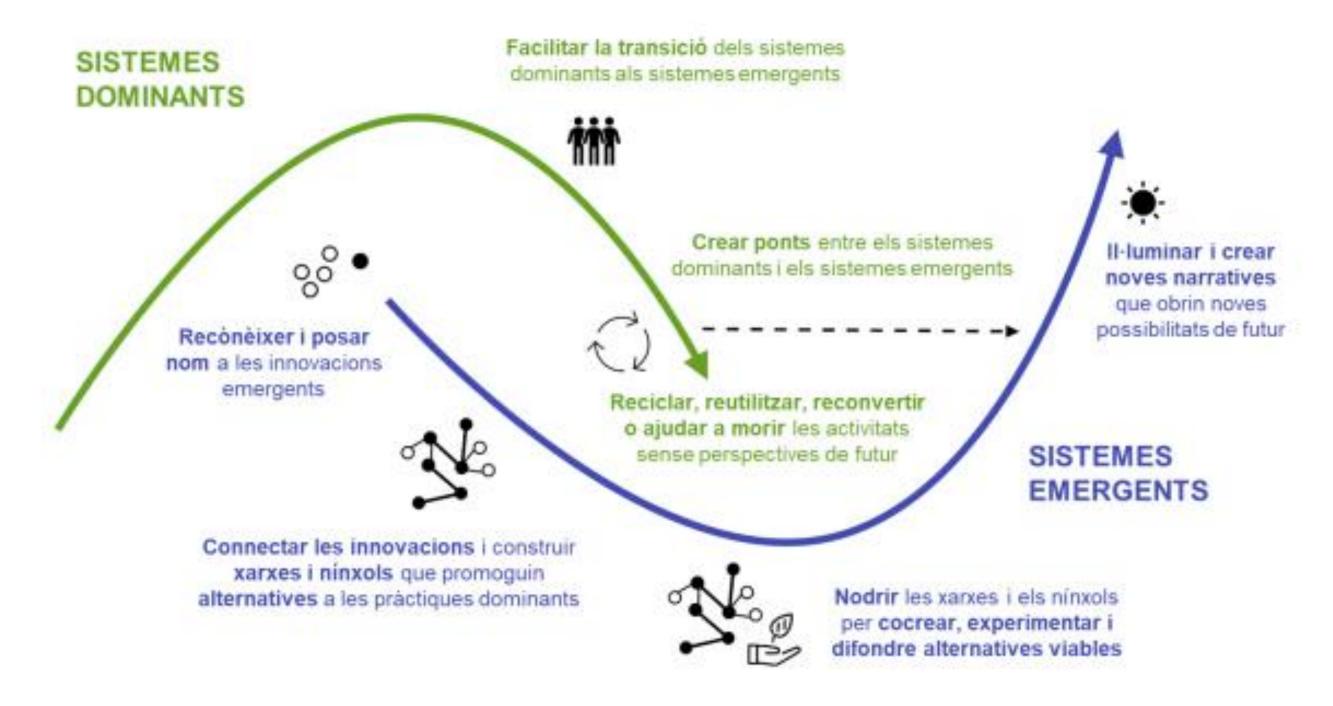
APPROACH THE PROBLEMS ON RELEVANT



A new DeepTransition



Two loops Model



"Don't fight the existing systems, create an alternative system that makes the old one obsolete."

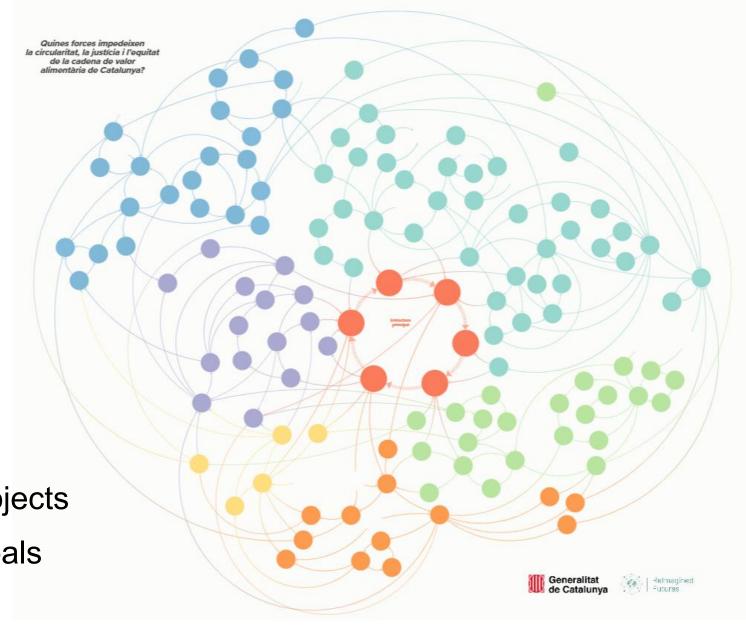
Why a different approach is needed for food systems transformation?

Food systems are complex socio-technical systems entwining health, environment, economy, culture:

- ☐ Linear policy tools and silver-bullet solutions often fail
- Power, values and lock-ins shape what is possible

Shared Agendas are:

- Place-based and co-created
- Systemic and adaptive
- Rooted in coalitions, not isolated actors
- Tackle root causes, not symptoms
- Provide space to develop, test and connect alternatives
- Build portfolios of complementary actions, not single projects
- ☐ Link short-term initiatives to long-term transformation goals



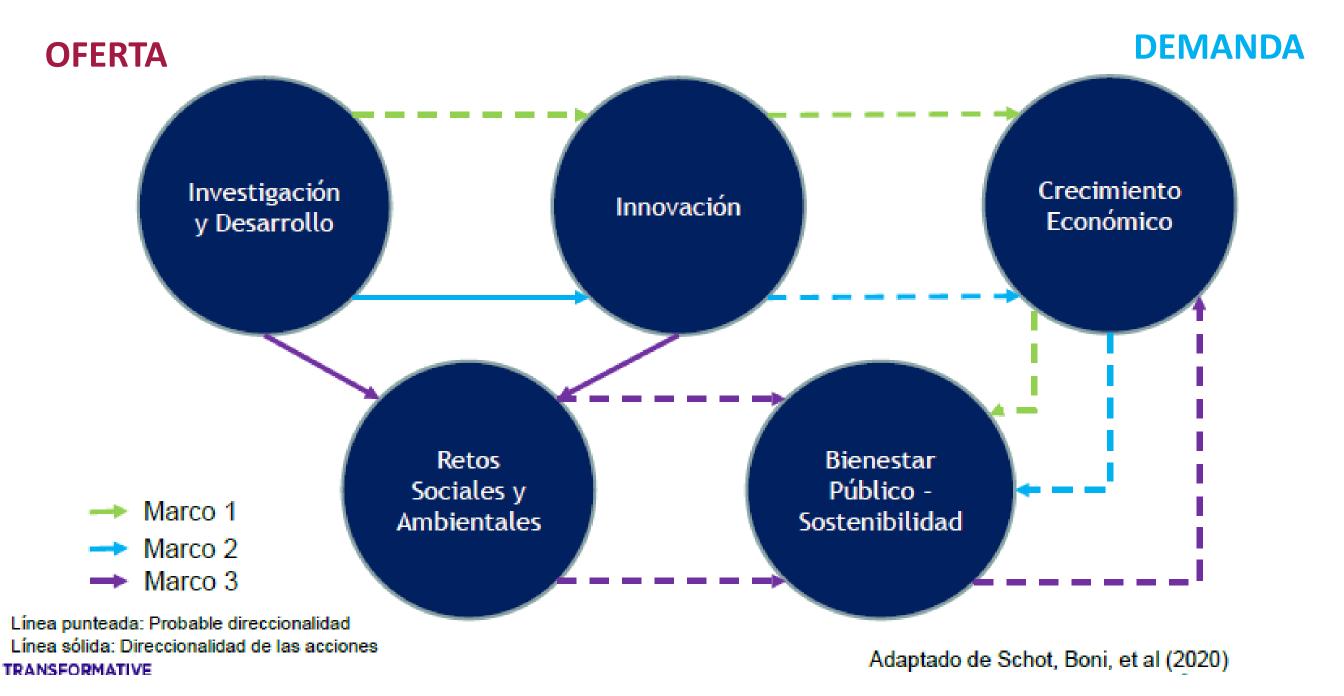
Food System Transformation

- In the food sector, a profund systemic transformation is increasingly recognized as necessary and urgent.
- Since the 2021 Food Systems Summit, complexity approaches have gained traction.
- Addressing food challenges requires a placebased approach,
- Solutions must be developed with an active participation of local stakeholders.
- However, applying these concepts in real practice is still very challenging.



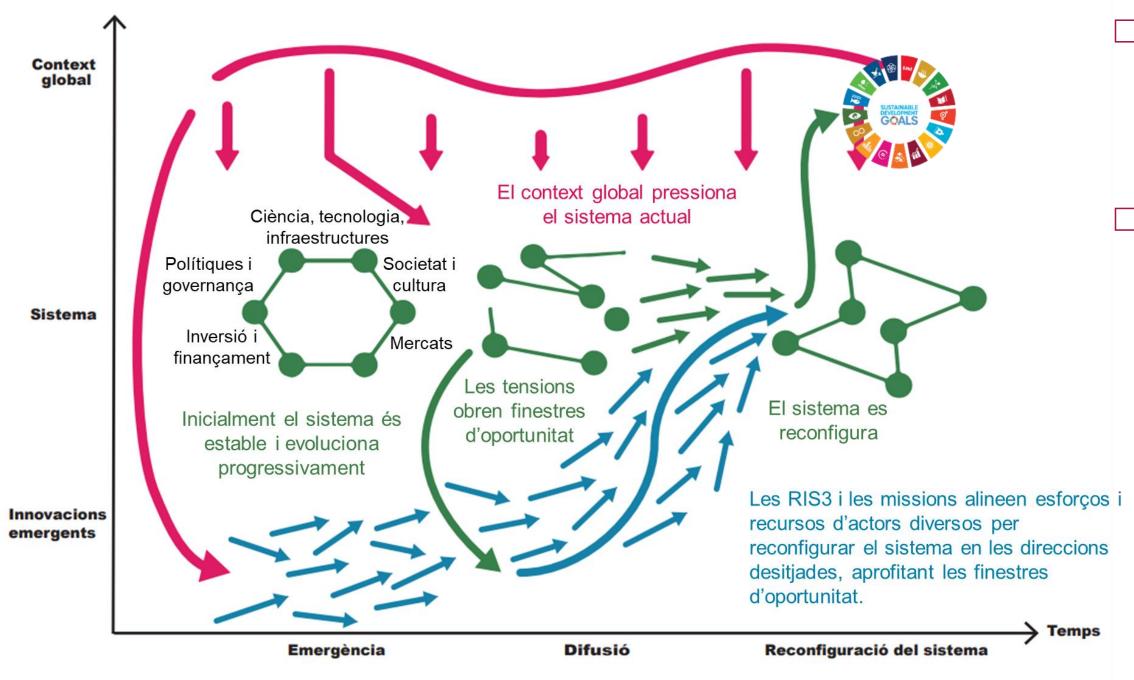


TRES MARCOS DE INNOVACION



TRANSFORMACION

RIS3CAT Shared Agendas and The Multilevel Perspective theory of change



- Les **tendències globals pressionen** els sistemes
 sociotècnics i els desestabilitzen
- Les tensions i els problemes generen **oportunitats** perquè es plantegin, es desenvolupin i es difonguin alternatives a les pràctiques dominants, que funcionen amb lògiques diferents (i que responen millor a les pressions de les tendències globals)





Shared Agendas in practice: 3 steps to systems change

First

- Prepare the ground
- Define the challenge, build coalition, diagnose the system
- Set up governance and identify leverage points

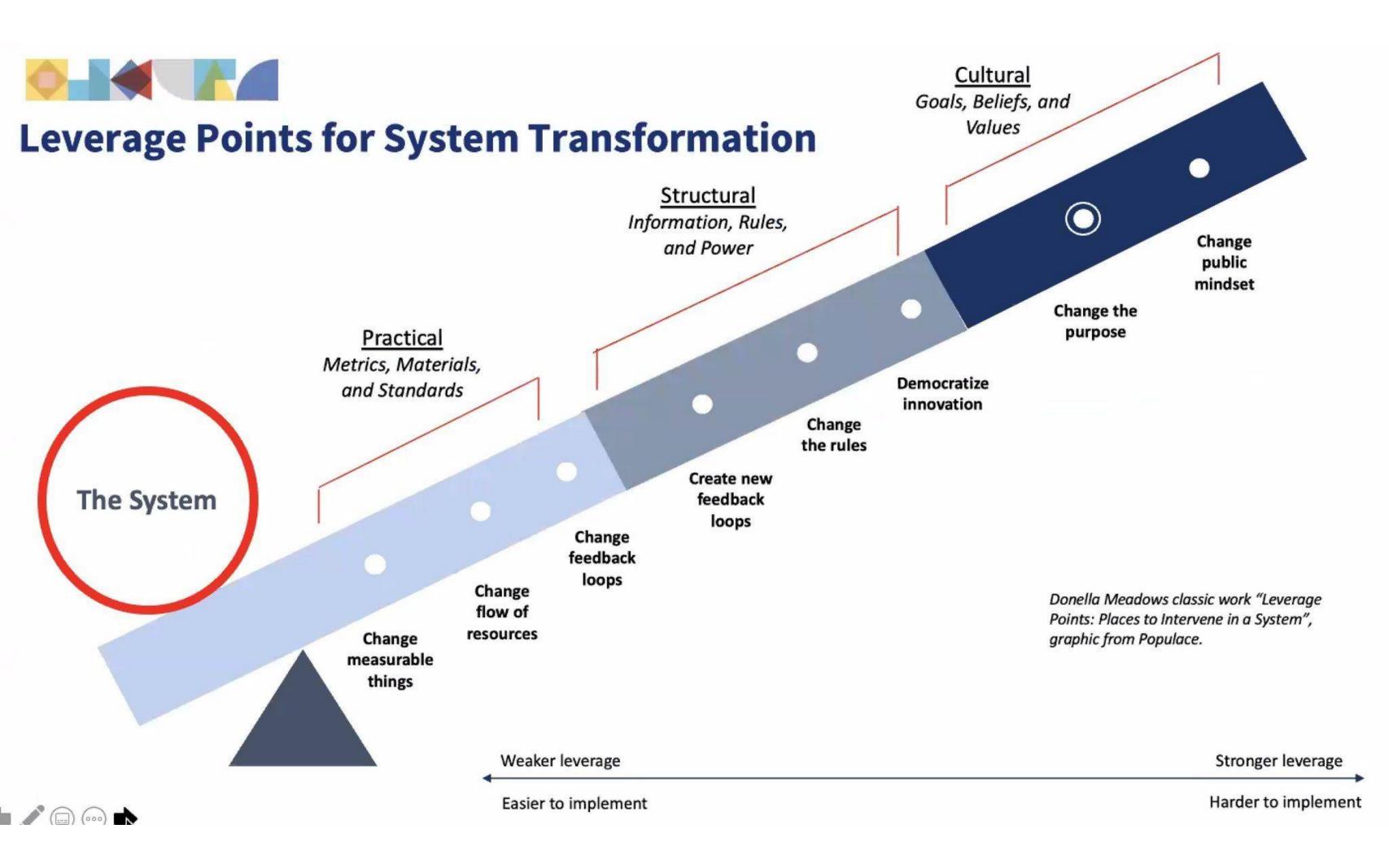
Second

- Design and test solutions
- Co-create experiments across policy, markets, practice
- Develop a portfolio, not a single bet

Third

- Achieve systemic impact
- Scale successful solutions
- Monitor how systems shift (not just outputs)
- Learn and adapt through formative evaluation





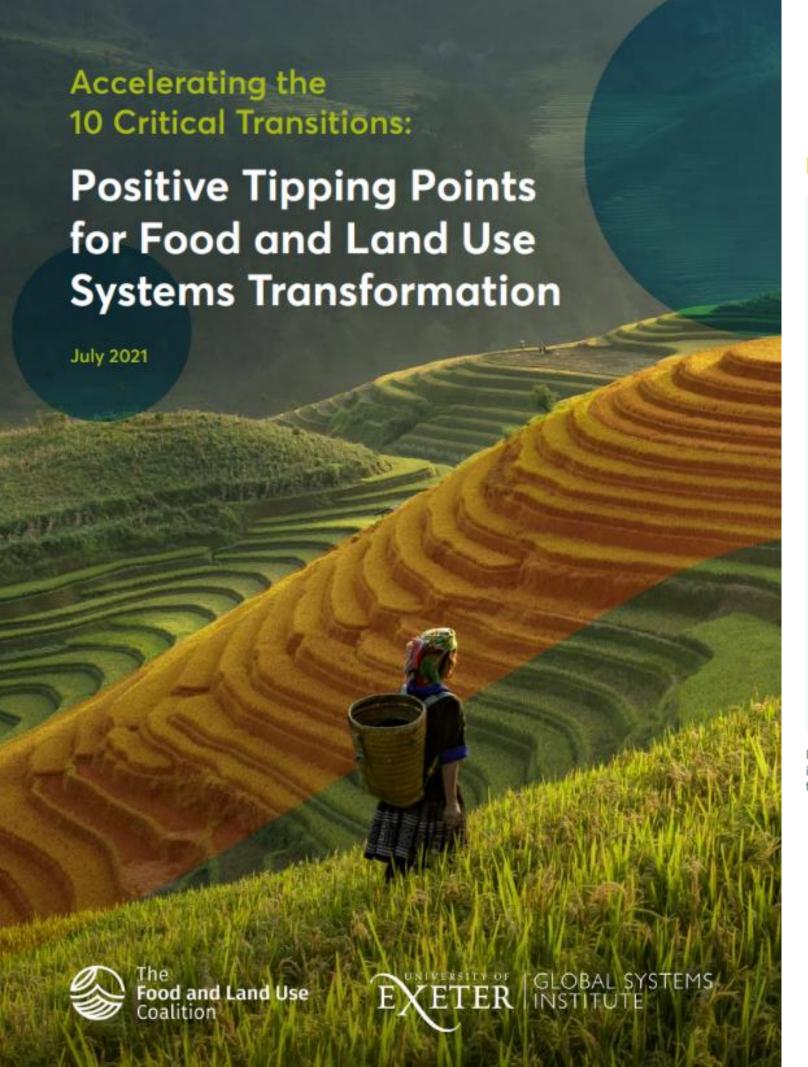
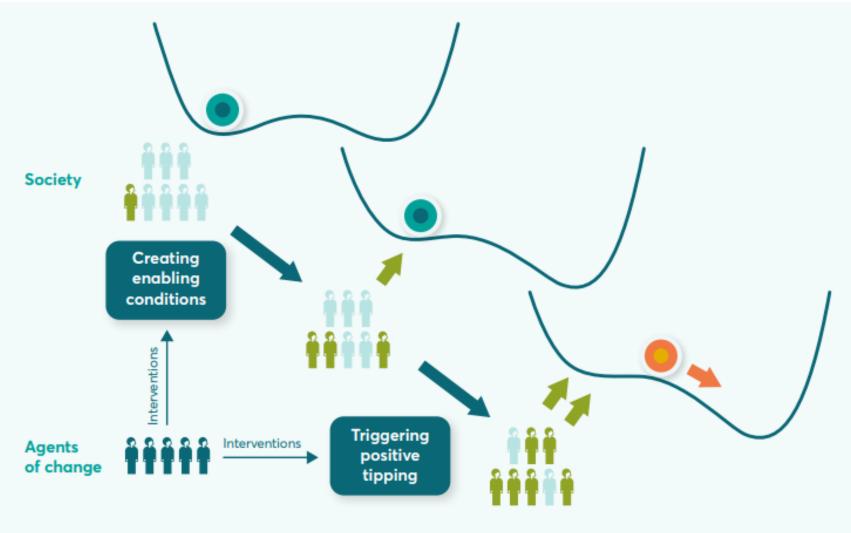


Figure 3: A dynamical systems conceptualisation of positive tipping points¹⁵



In this conceptualisation of systemic tipping points, the current state of the system is the "ball" and the shape of the "valley" it sits in describes its resilience to perturbations. The schematic shows how interventions by agents of change can create enabling conditions and then trigger the system to be tipped into an alternative state (the other valley).

https://www.foodandlandusecoalition.org/wpcontent/uploads/2021/07/Positive-Tipping-Points-for-Food-and-Land-Use-Systems-Transformation.pdf

- While corporate-controlled global commodity chains dominate land and resources, most of the world is actually fed by food chains that are close to home.
- Civil society assessments have estimated that over 70% of the world's population is fed by small-scale producers and workers in 'peasant food webs', despite them accounting for less than 1/3 of agricultural land and resources.





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Food as a commodity, human right or common good

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Rather than as a consumer good, as it happened with education and health at the beginning of the 20Th century

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https://www.academia.edu/6604247/What if food is considered a common good

"It is not just about inventing new solutions but about transforming our relationship with the planet. We must shift

from a paradigm of exploitation to one of stewardship."

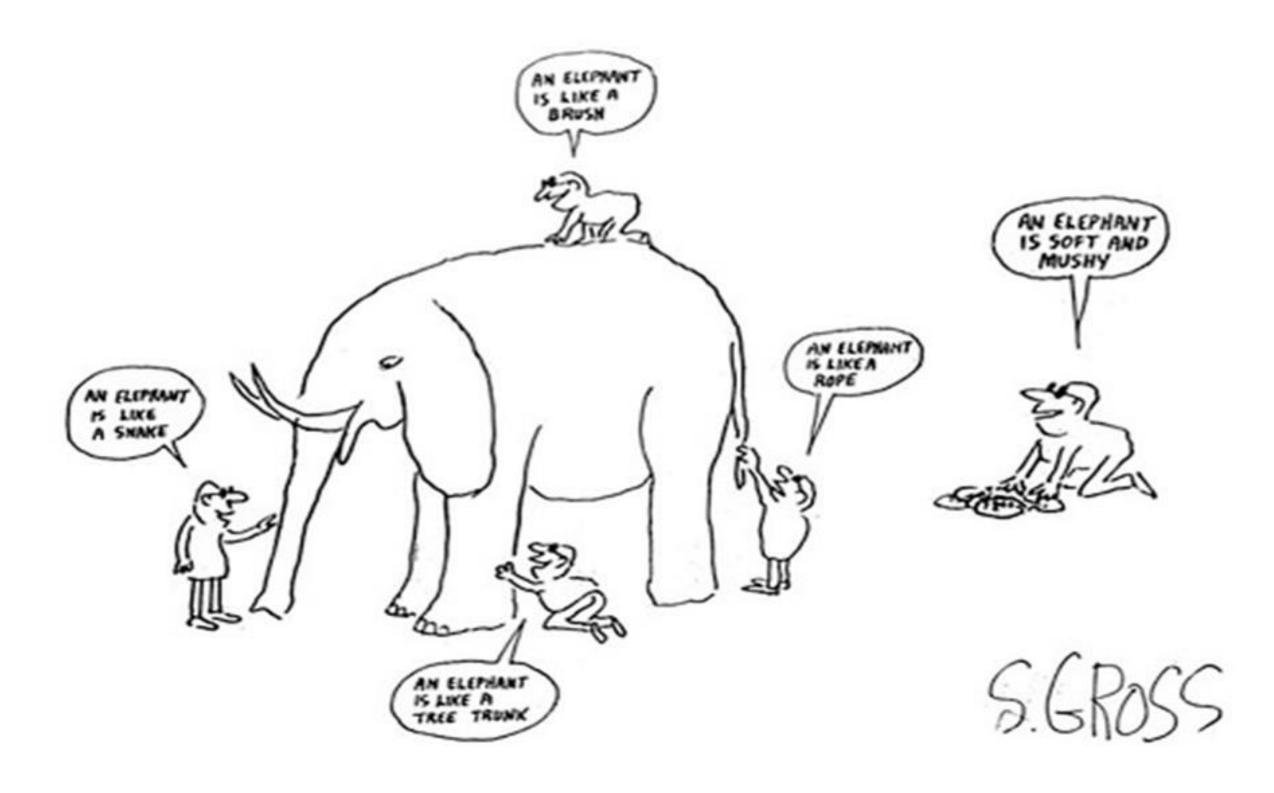
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Director, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact

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We need a combination of perspectives



and a systems approach to solving complex problems

To take away

- There are **no silver bullets to solve complex problems**; we need more information and dialogue to avoid being trapped in polarized and dogmatic positions.
- Science-based analysis shows the way, but we need more systemic approaches that integrate a greater number of actors and to avoid reductionism.
- Only the combination of a multitude of thousands of solutions and small changes will cause the necessary transformation.
- Individual responsibility and behavioral changes are essential, but we need to change the rules of the system and, ultimately, the current socio-economic model.
- Food is the most important single lever at our disposal to optimize people's health and sustainability within planetary boundaries.

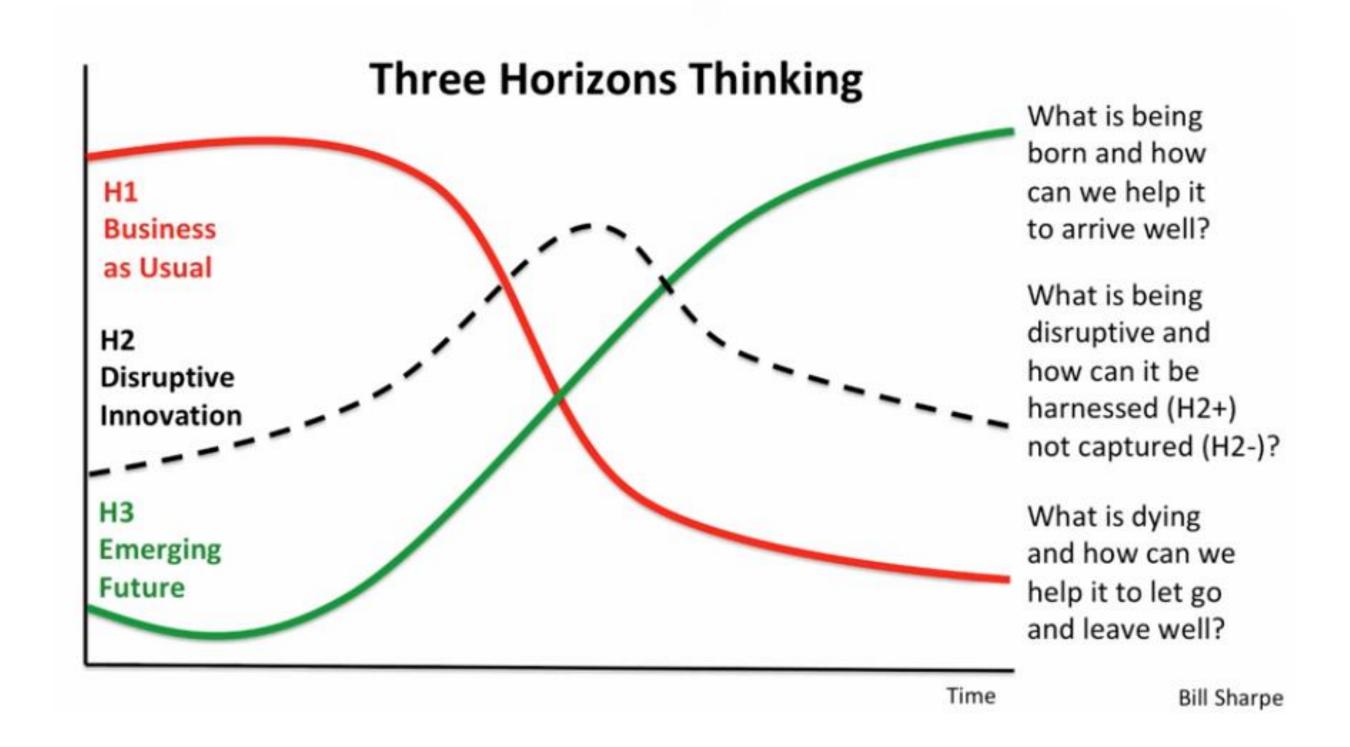
Final thoughts

- Dare to question your own ideas and beliefs.
- Feed your curiosity, try to understand life processes.
- Be wary about "the solution".
- Remember that innovation is worldview dependent



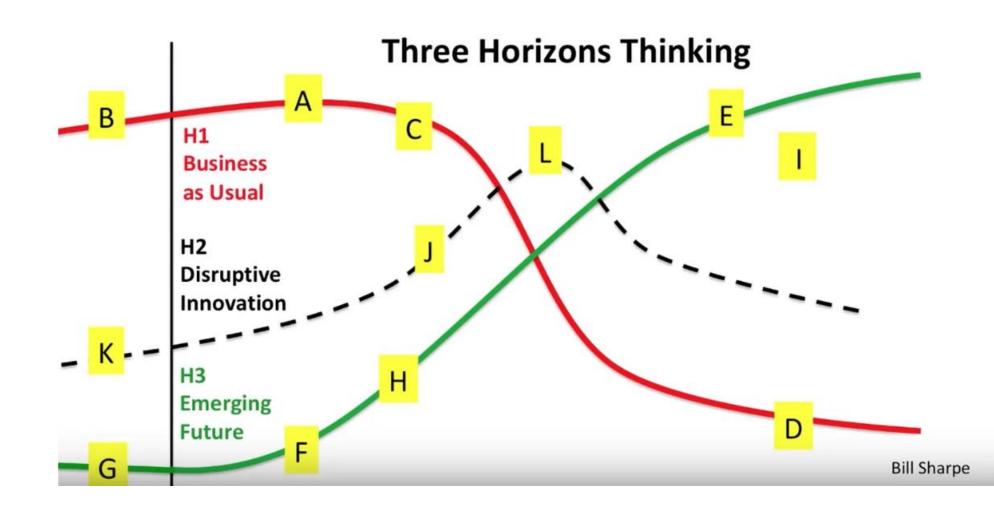
TASK ONE

Three Horizons: An introduction



Questions to answer

- A What is business as usual?
- B Look back how did we get here?
- C Why do we believe it's not fit for purpose and is failing?
- D Is there anything valuable about the old system we would want to retain rather than lose?
- E What is the future we want to bring about?
- F What are seeds of that future visible in the present?
- G Looking back whose work are these present possibilities built on?
- H How could these "seeds of that future" be scaled and spread?
- I What are competing visions of the future being pursued by others?
- J What is being disrupted?
- K What are the roots of those disruptions?
- L—If you are a disruptive actor, whether a social movement, a tech innovator, or a new form of finance, what kind of guidance can you set for yourself to help influence whether your disruption is captured to extend the life of H1, or harnessed to bring about H3?

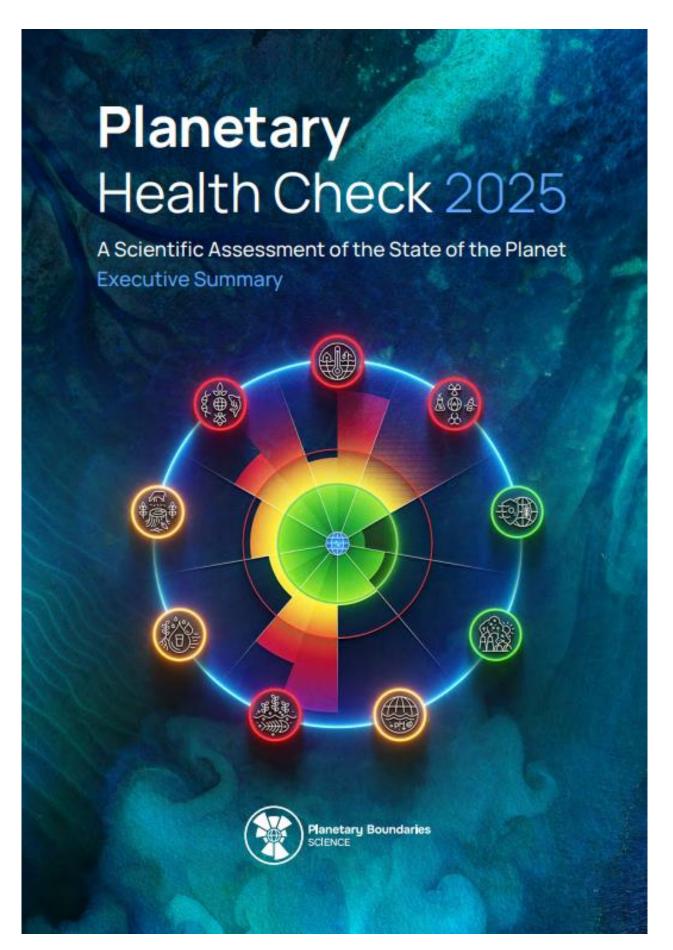


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RECOMMENDED TASK

- Read the executive summary of the Planetary Health Check 2025 report.
- Question your own level of knowledge about the topic.
- Reflect on the importance of the information presented.
- Decide whether it changes your perception of the challenges or issues you work on.
- Assess how to apply this knowledge framework to your professional practice.
- Assess how to apply it to your personal Life.



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Thank you!





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