

# Saving the World?

## Carbon Dioxide Removal (CDR) in Germany

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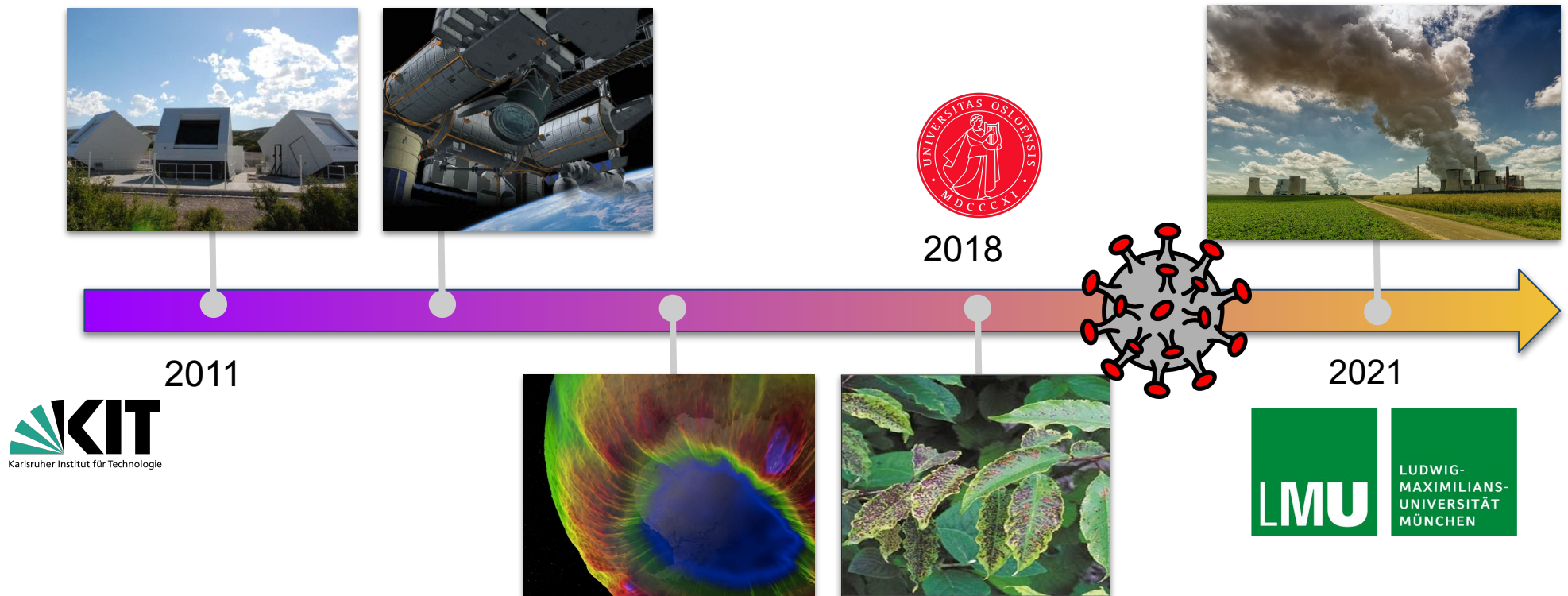


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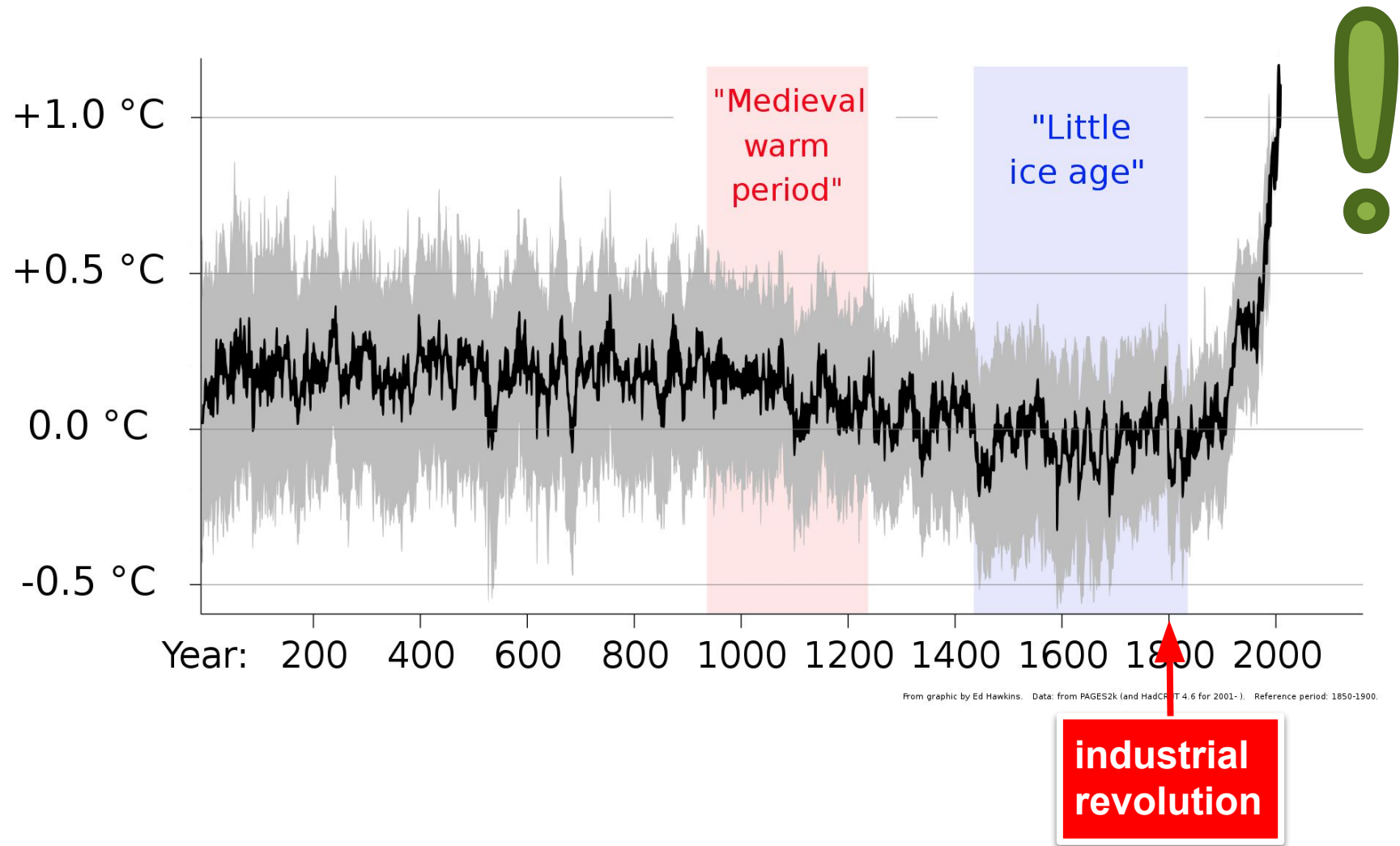
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## Timeline of my scientific work...

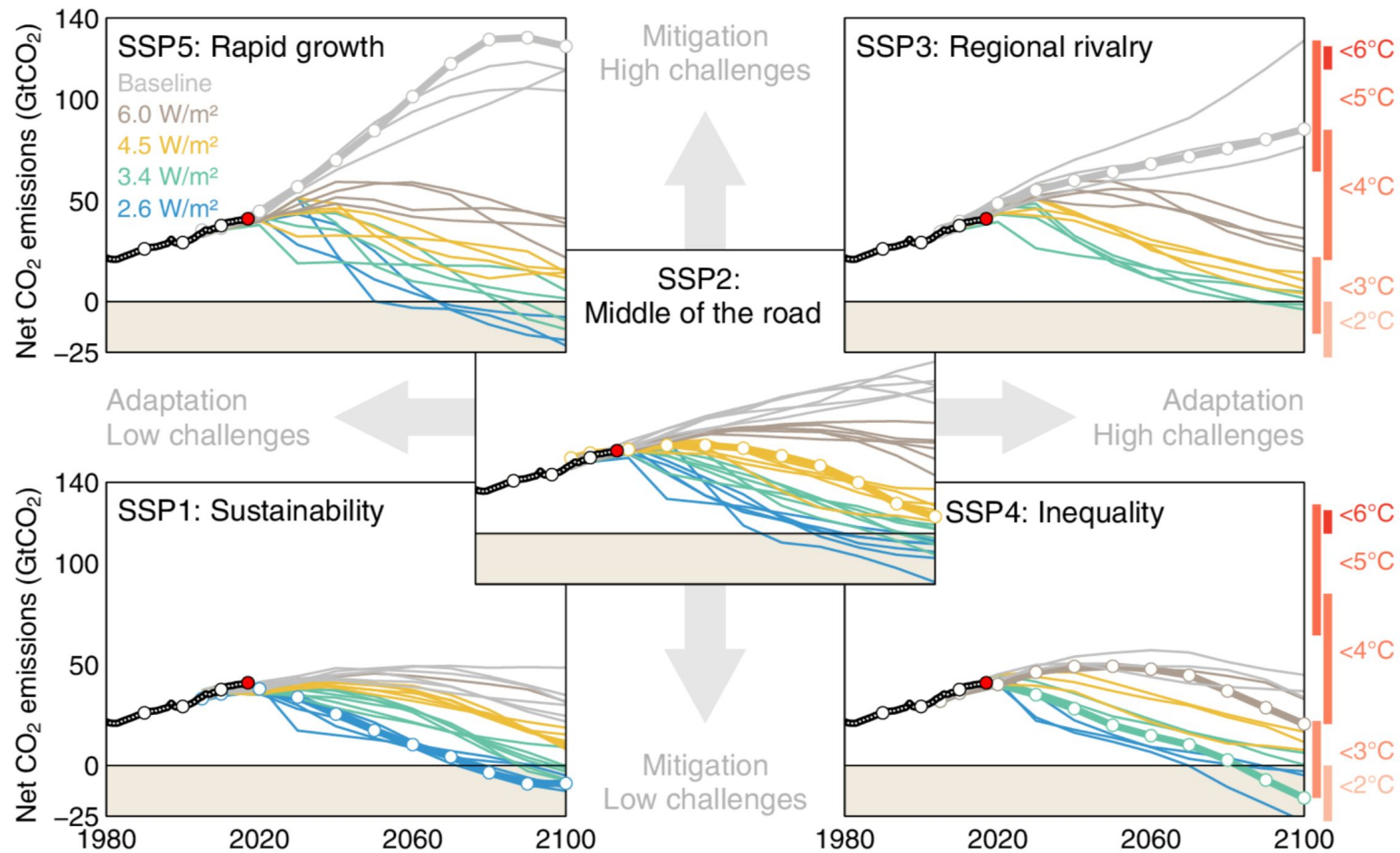




Global mean temperature change over the past 2022 years...

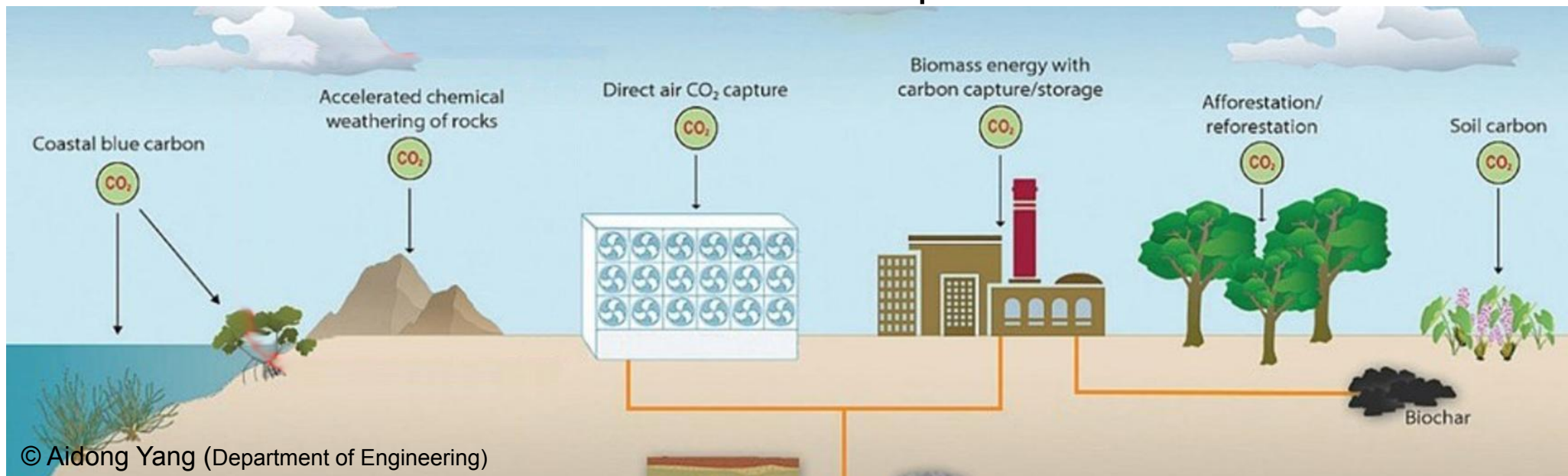


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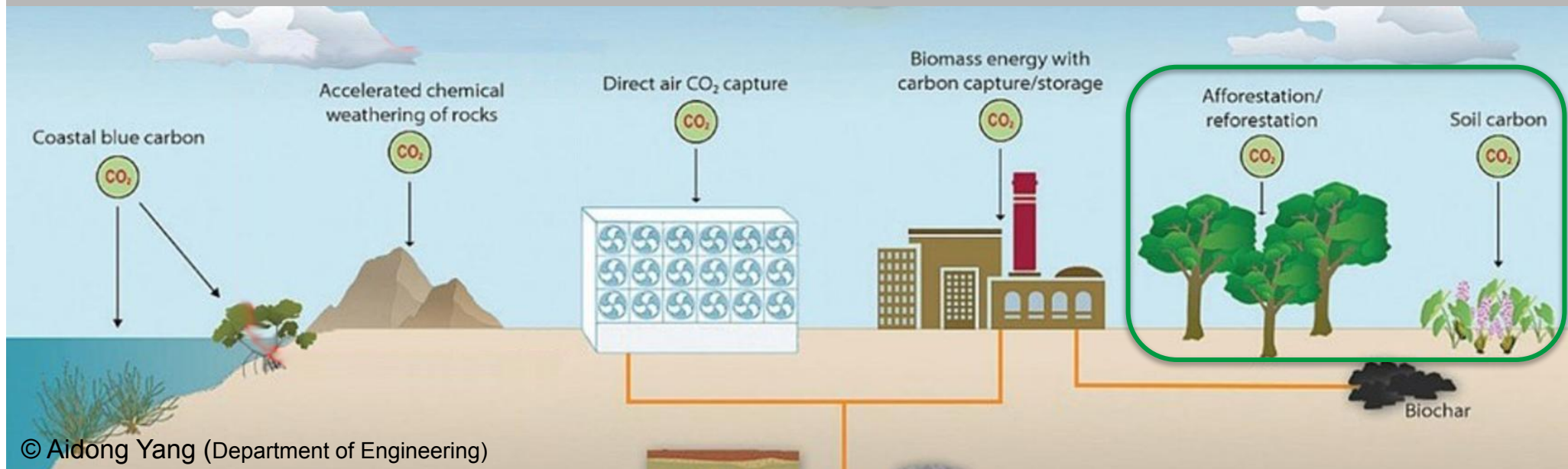
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Afforestation/  
Reforestation



Bioenergy with  
carbon capture



Forest  
management



what is the potential of terrestrial CDR?

what is socially acceptable?



## Global exploratory scenarios

## National scenarios

- based on **normative visions**, national/EU targets, ethical aspects
- Integration of **socio-ecological indicators** to feasibility framework

### Dynamic Global Vegetation Models (DGVMs) with different strengths:

#### JSBACH/ICON-LAND

Vegetation-  
atmosphere  
coupling

- LPJmL
- Climate, water and land-use effects

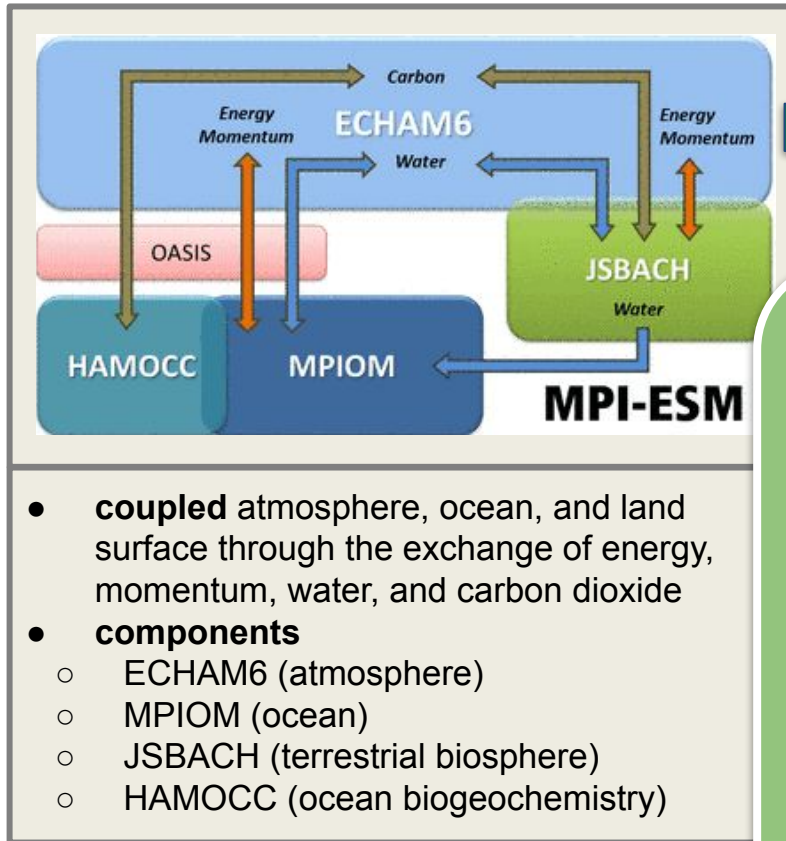
- LPJ-GUESS
- High-resolution vegetation dynamics, N-cycle

Land-use maps

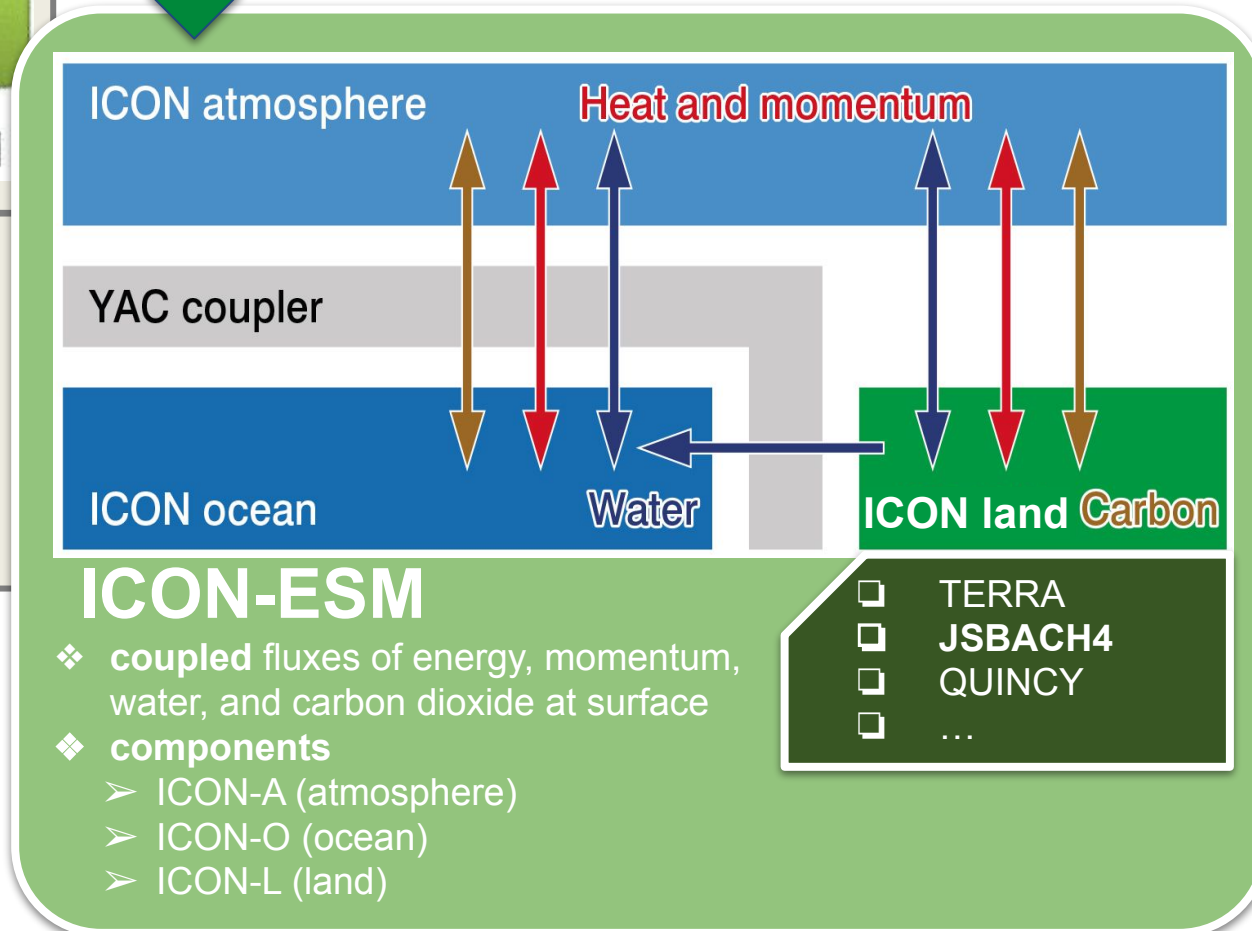
### Agent-based model (ABM):

- CRAFTY-DE
- Land-use decision in Germany





JSBACH as the land component of both MPI-ESM and ICON-ESM



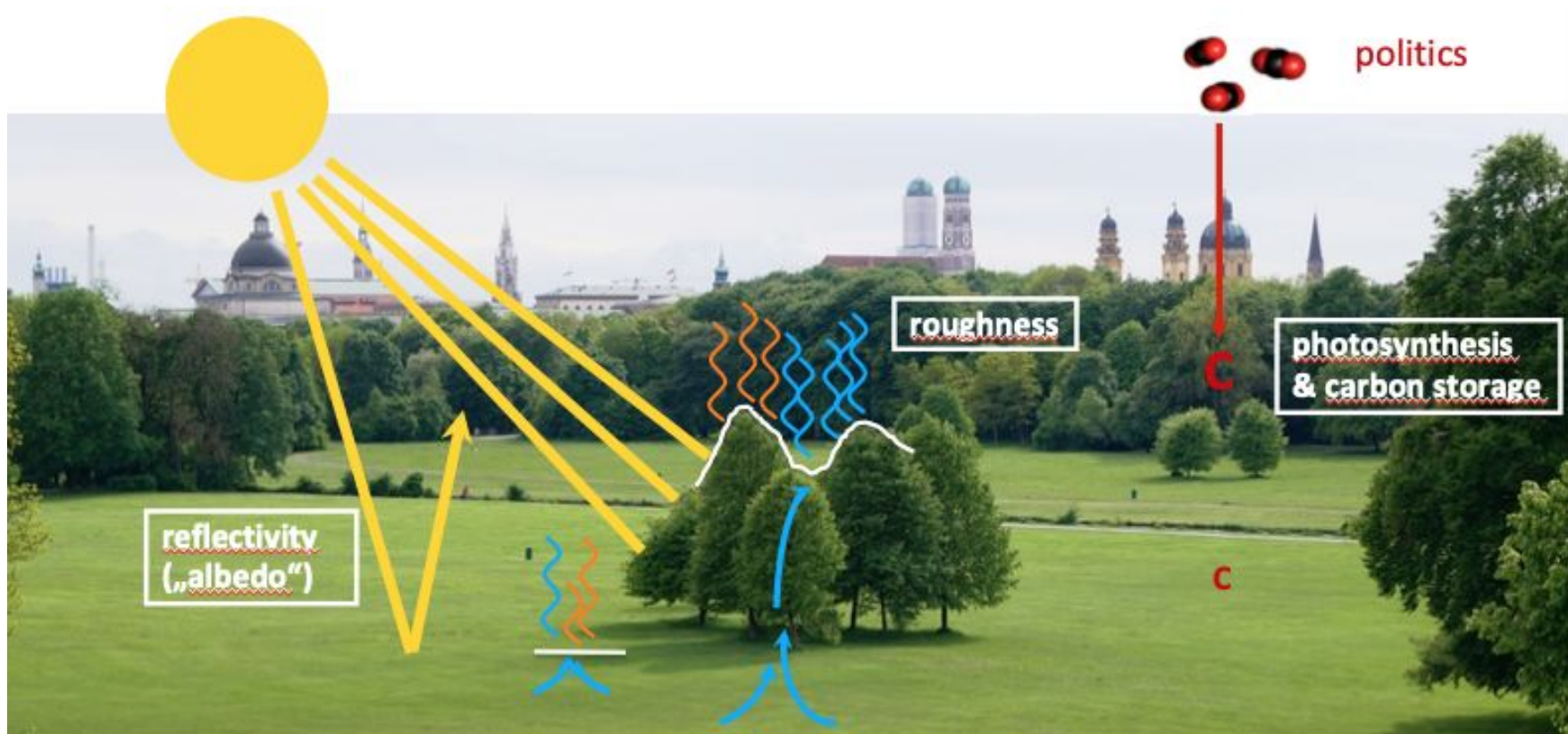
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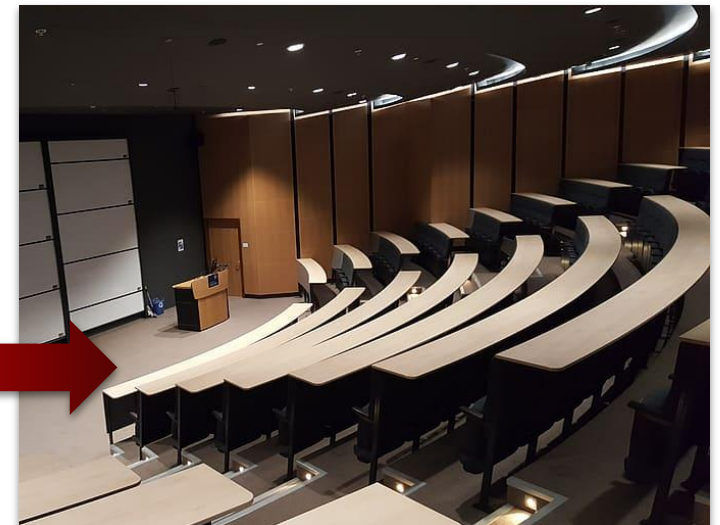
## Biogeophysical effects

- albedo
- evapotranspiration
- vegetation roughness length

## Biogeochemical effects

- vegetation carbon
- soil carbon







## Land use transition scheme

JSBACH3

JSBACH4

initial state

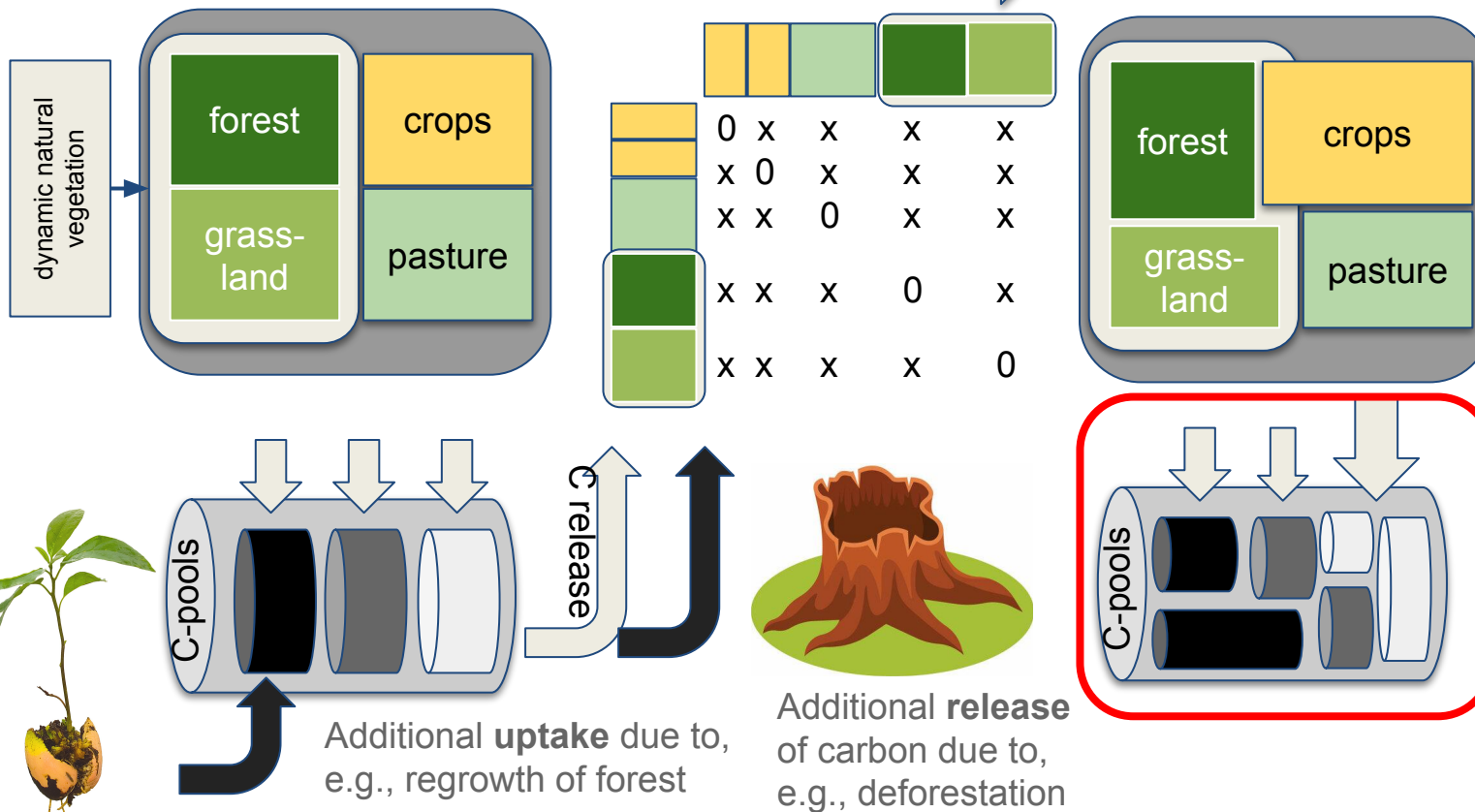
transition matrix

next state

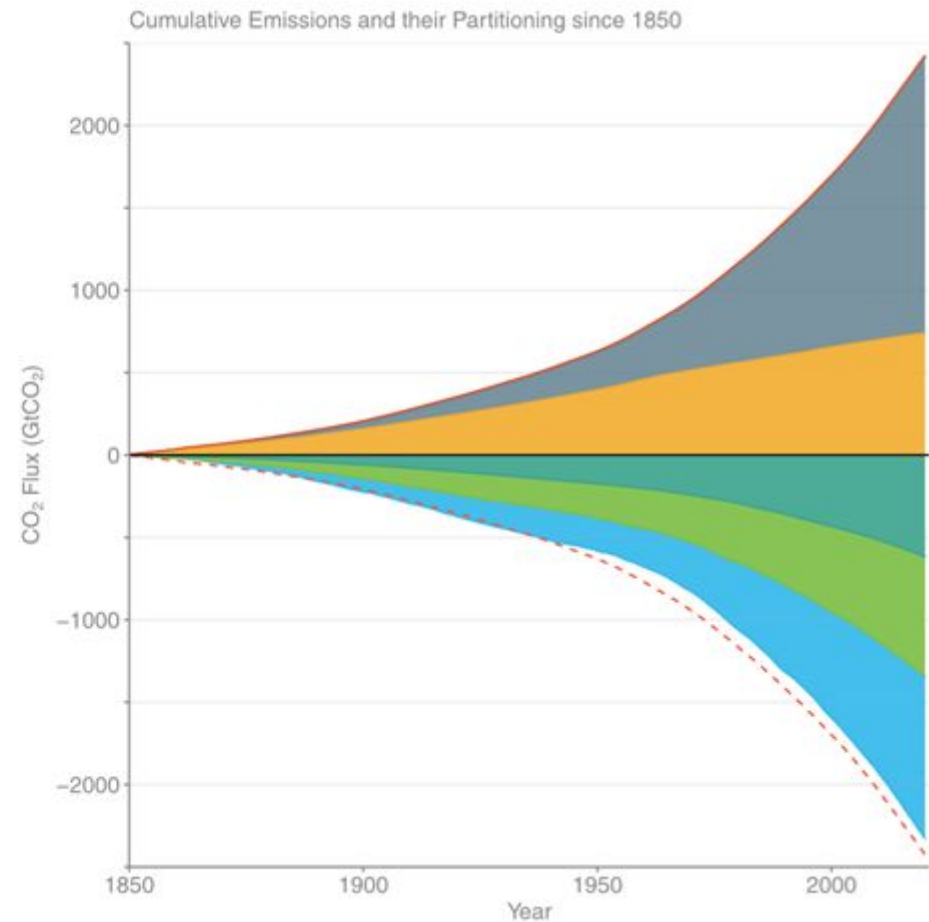
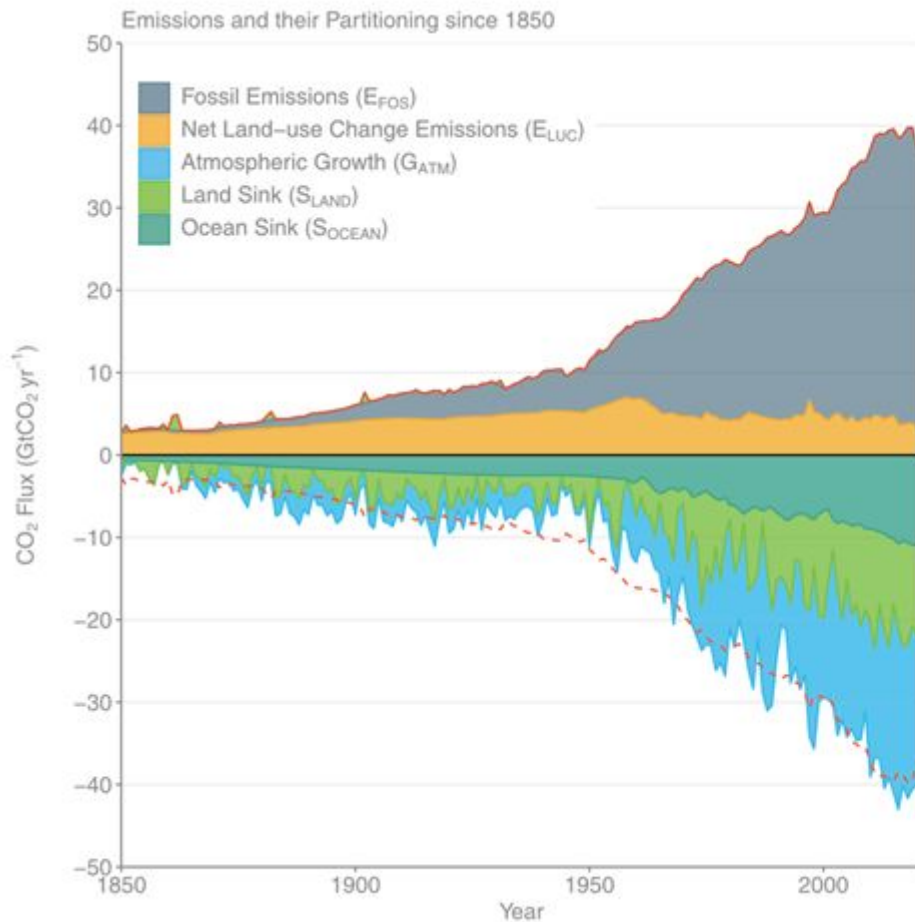
planned  
developments

Additional land use classes

Additional product pools



## Contributing to accounting carbon sources and sinks with JSBACH3 simulations



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