

# futureearth

Research. Innovation. Sustainability.

## Future Earth's interdisciplinary research projects and networks

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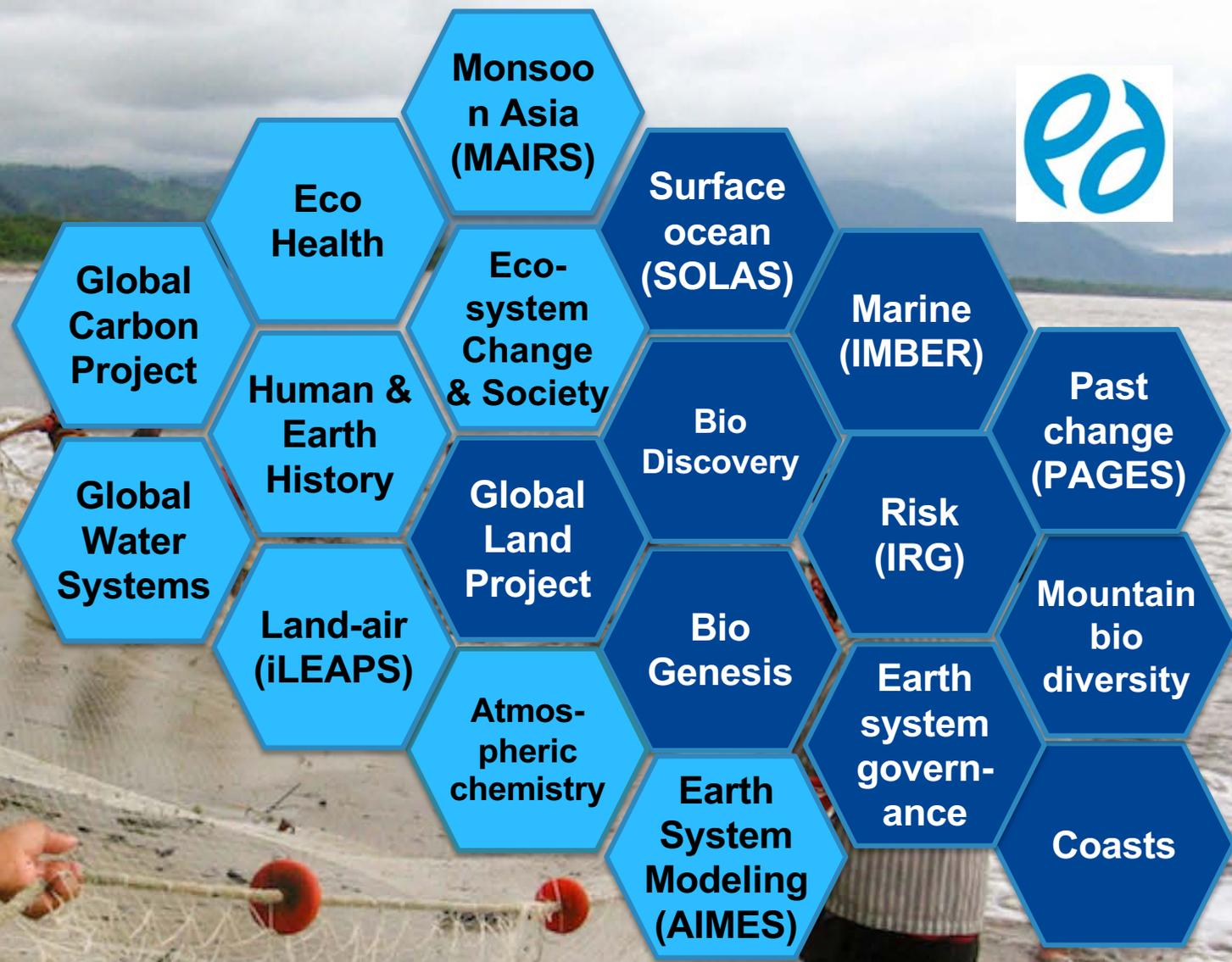




*Mission*

*Accelerate transformations to global sustainability  
through research and innovation*

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# Global Research Projects





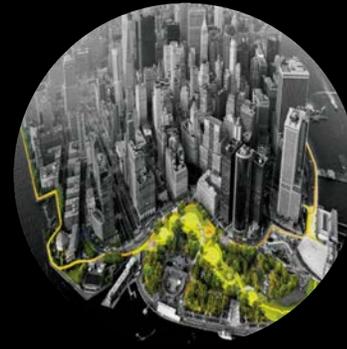
**Natural assets**



**Health**



**Oceans**



**Cities**



**The Nexus**



**Consumption &  
Production**



**Finance & Economics**



**Risk**

# Knowledge Action Networks

# Where we are: Europe



## Active National Structures

Cyprus

Finland

France

Germany

Ireland

Romania

Slovakia

Spain

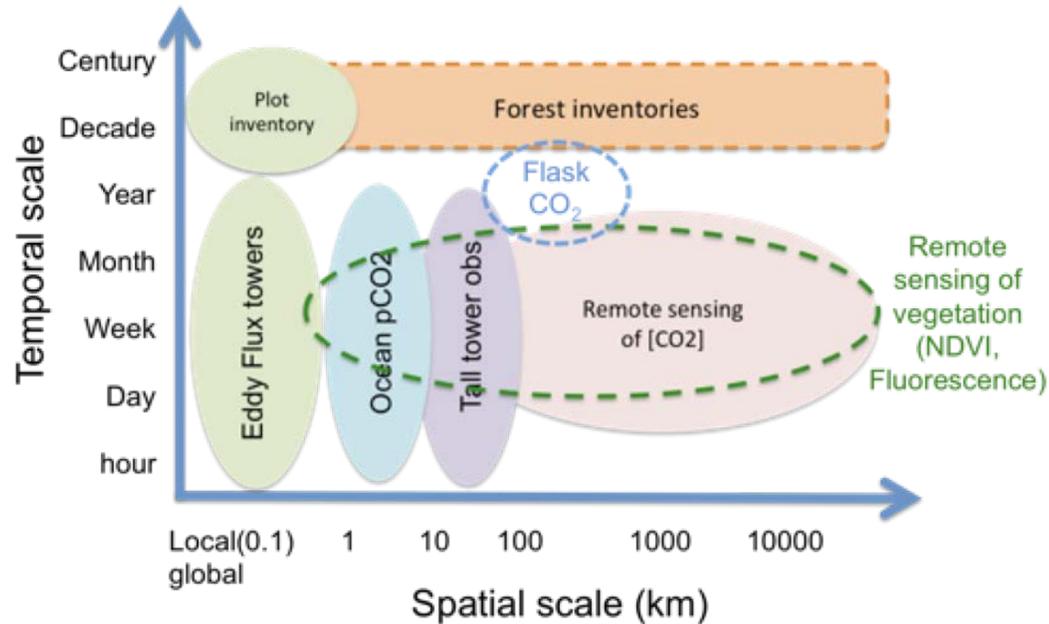
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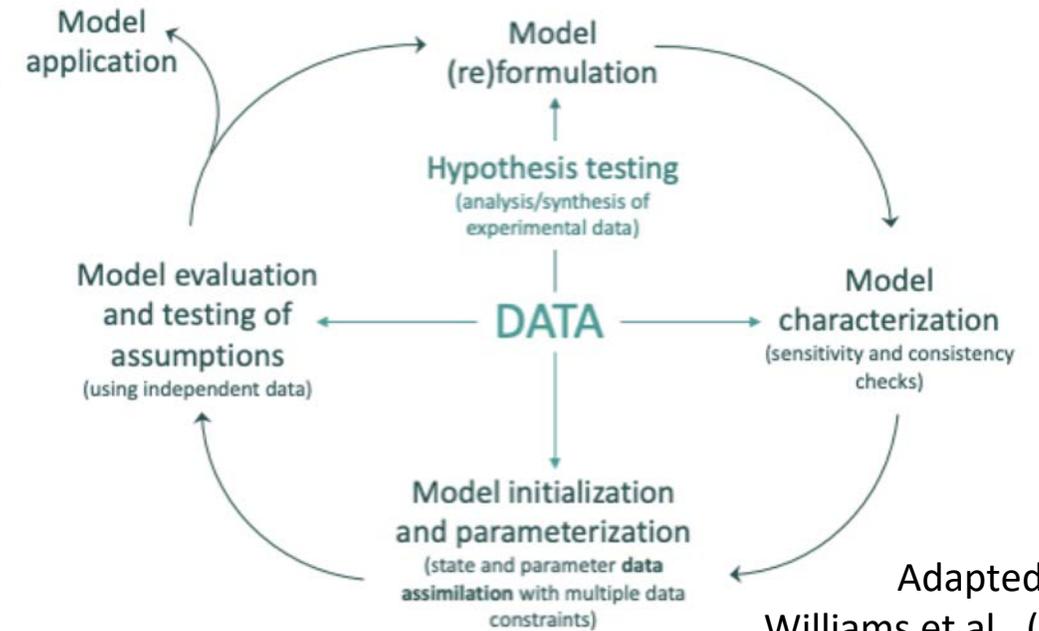
United Kingdom

## Working Group: Land Data Assimilation Consortium

→ Works closely with **data providers** to expand the number of **different types of observations** used to optimize land surface models within a DA framework



→ Increase the number of modeling groups who are routinely using DA frameworks to **estimate/reduce model uncertainty**



Adapted from Williams et al., (2009)

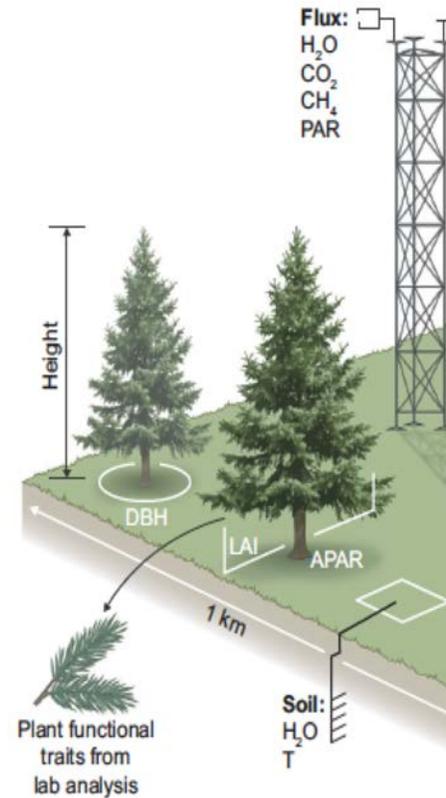
## Workshop: Understanding Vegetation Change in the Anthropocene

Summer 2021, AGCI, Colorado, United States

- Bring together an **interdisciplinary** team to discuss and combine the latest process-based knowledge of **plant responses to stress**, remote-sensing insights, and next generation Dynamic Global Vegetation Models.

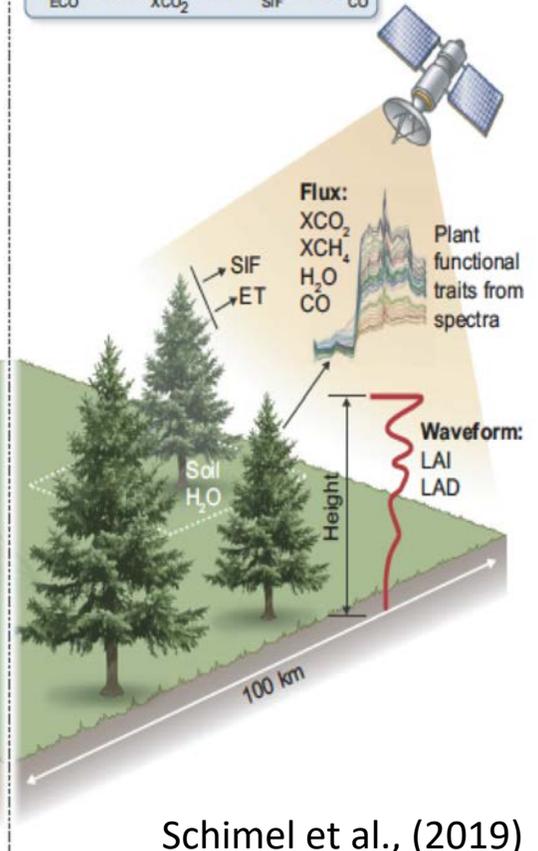
*In situ*

$$\text{Carbon equation} \\ \text{GPP} = \text{NEE}_{\text{EC}} - \text{R}_{\text{ECO}} \text{ (night)}$$



*Space*

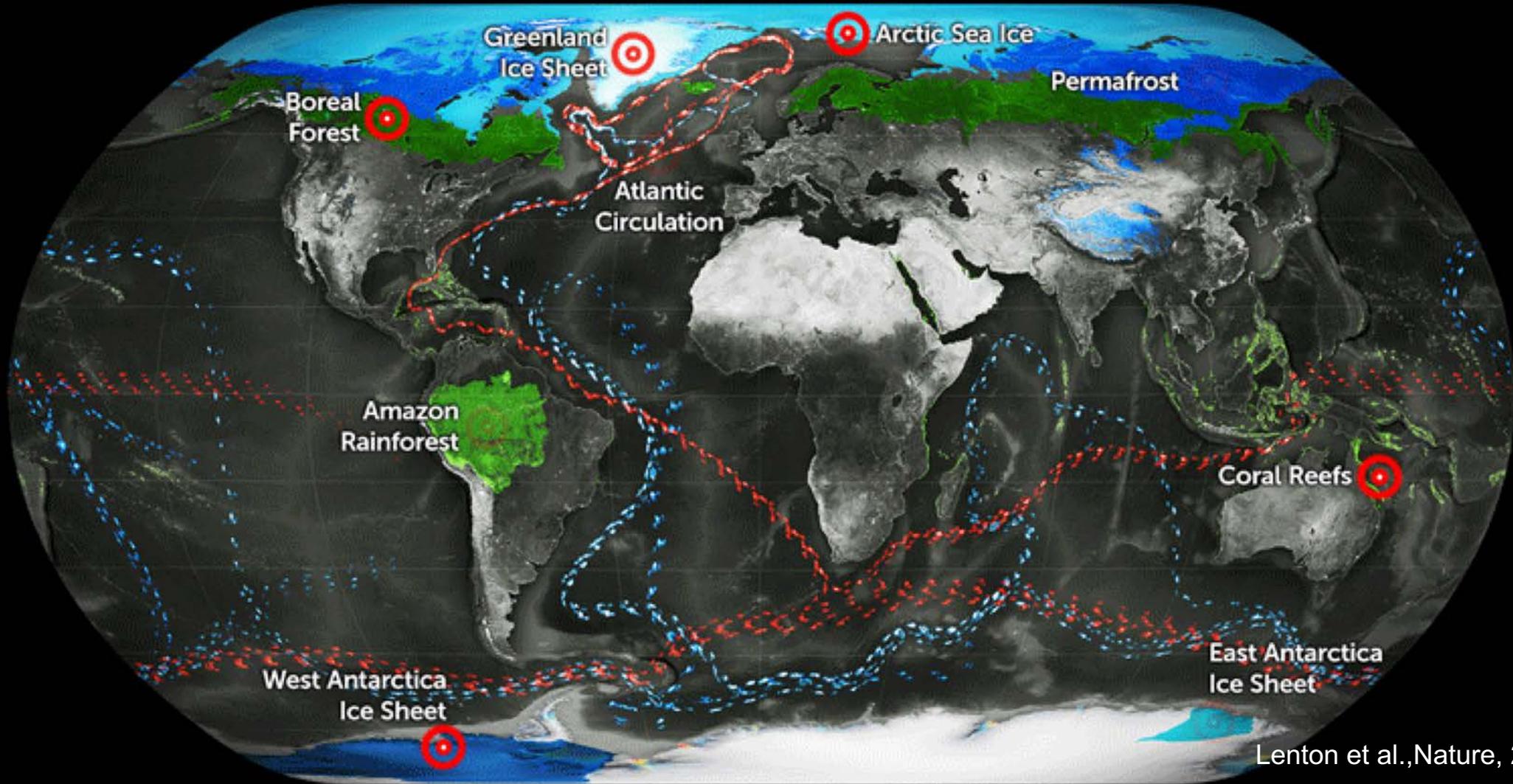
$$\text{Carbon equation} \\ \text{R}_{\text{ECO}} = \text{NEE}_{\text{XCO}_2} - \text{GPP}_{\text{SIF}} - \text{Fire}_{\text{CO}}$$



Schimel et al., (2019)

# Earth's Sleeping Giants Stirring

9 TIPPING ELEMENTS NOW ACTIVE



Lenton et al., Nature, 2019/ GLOBAIA

Lenton et al. Climate tipping points—too risky to bet against, Nature, vol. 575, 28.11.2019. | GLOBAIA

27-29 January 2021, ISSI, Bern, Switzerland

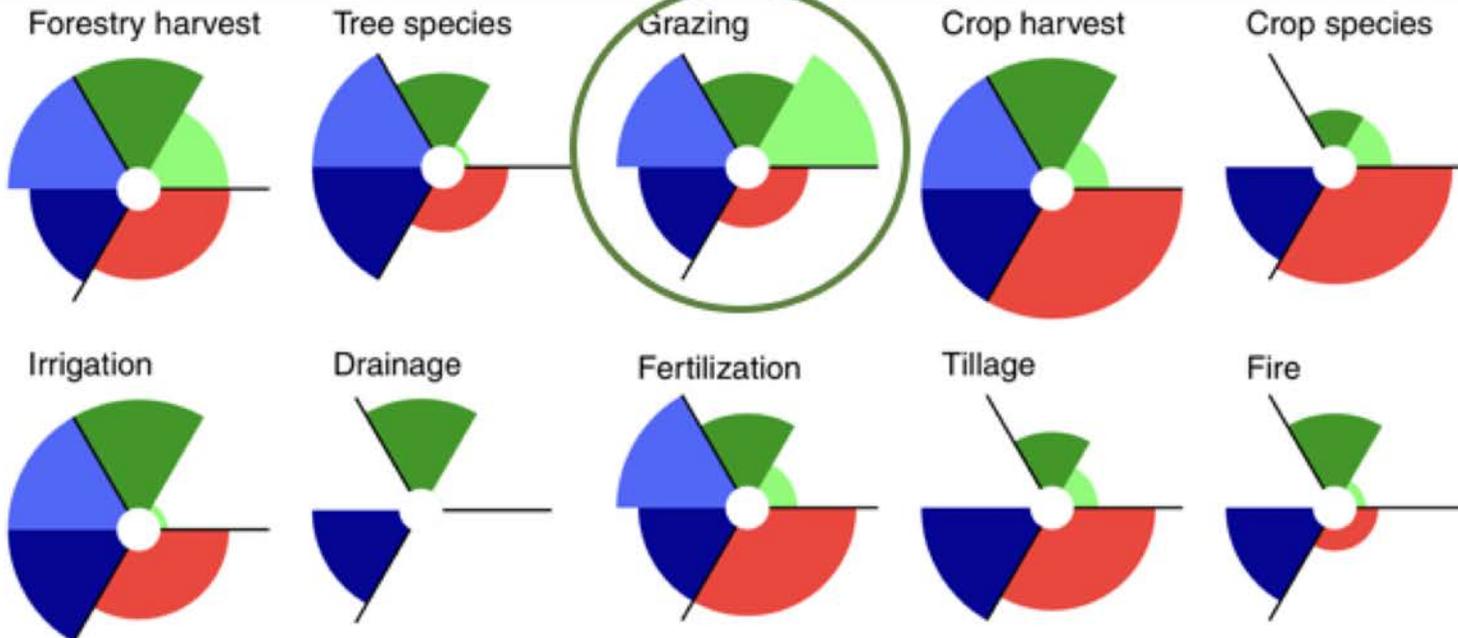
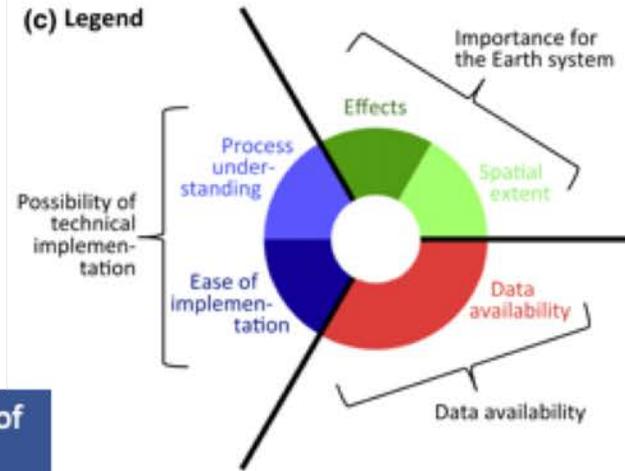
Clarify satellite data requirements to monitor the climate system's resilience to **tipping points**, constrain models, and build on the ESA CCI programme for a future abrupt change **early warning system**.

# Opportunity: EO needs for modelling

## Models meet data

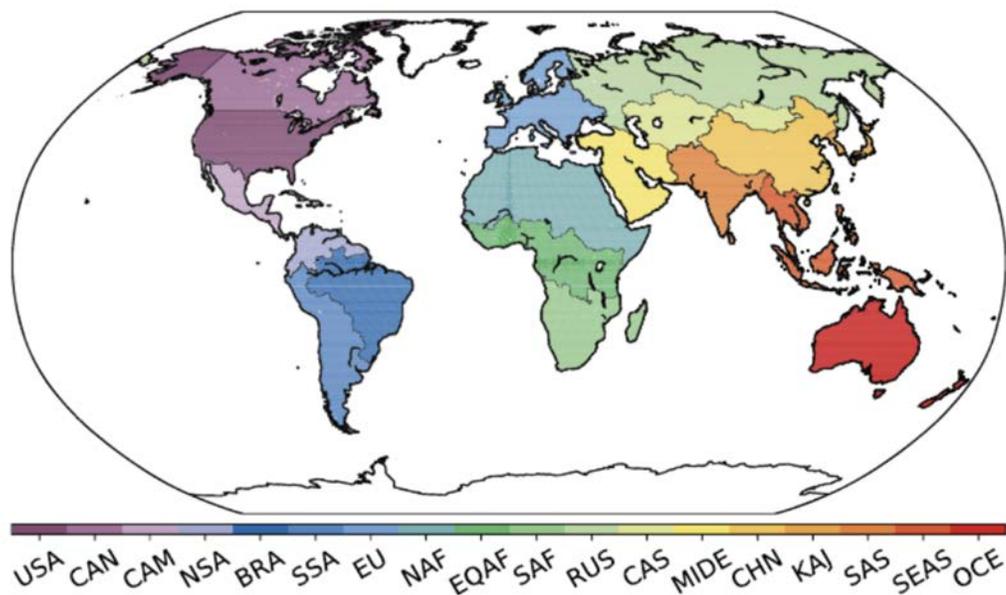
Should be high priority for observational community!

Assessment of readiness of model structures and availability of observational data



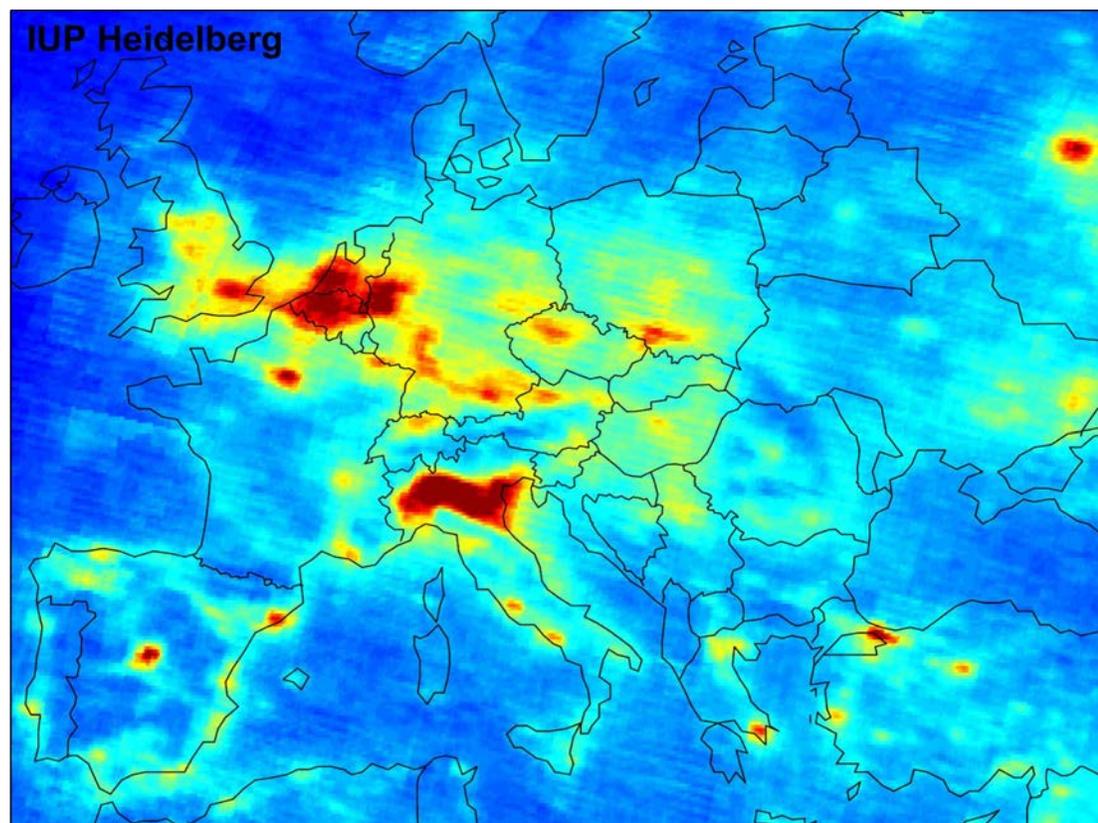
## RECCAP-2 Regional models

Coordinated by GCP, RECCAP-2 collects and synthesises regional data for 14 large regions of the globe for harmonisation sufficient to scale to the globe and compare different regions: **aims to overcome the regional Carbon budget uncertainties.**



Bastos, A., et al., 2020

## Earth Observations for "live" emission tracking under COVID-19





**bioDISCOVERY**

- **SUPPORTING ASSESSMENT BODIES:** linking biodiversity & climate change community on different biomes to address scenarios & modelling and assessment & policies (IPBES Task Force)  
**IPCC/IPBES co-sponsored workshop due 2020** (postponed).
- **OBSERVATIONS AND INDICATORS:** Use of EO to obtain measures of taxonomic, functional and structural diversity at various spatial and temporal scales.  
**GlobDiversity project on Essential Biodiversity Variables** – higher spatial resolution & longer time series needed. Bottom-up development and open, flexible algorithms essential (requires agency engagement with GEOBON, identification of gaps)
  - On ECVs: e.g. use of CCI Land Cover for species distribution modelling.
  - Arctic as a fast-changing region: importance of new ESA missions (Siberia project).

PAGES and satellite data



Calibration and validation



Calibrate seasonally resolved coral proxy records of tropical and subtropical climate variability with modern data



Calibrate fire parameters (number, intensity and area) to the charcoal signal in surface lake sediments by MODIS sensors



Use ESA data (GPP, land cover, LAI, albedo, soil moisture etc) for calibration of reconstruction models

PAGES' and ESA's ECV datasets



Global Climate Indicators (GCI) – 12k

Develop key large-scale metrics of climate and environmental changes, in particular for the Holocene (past 12,000 years)

D. Kaufman

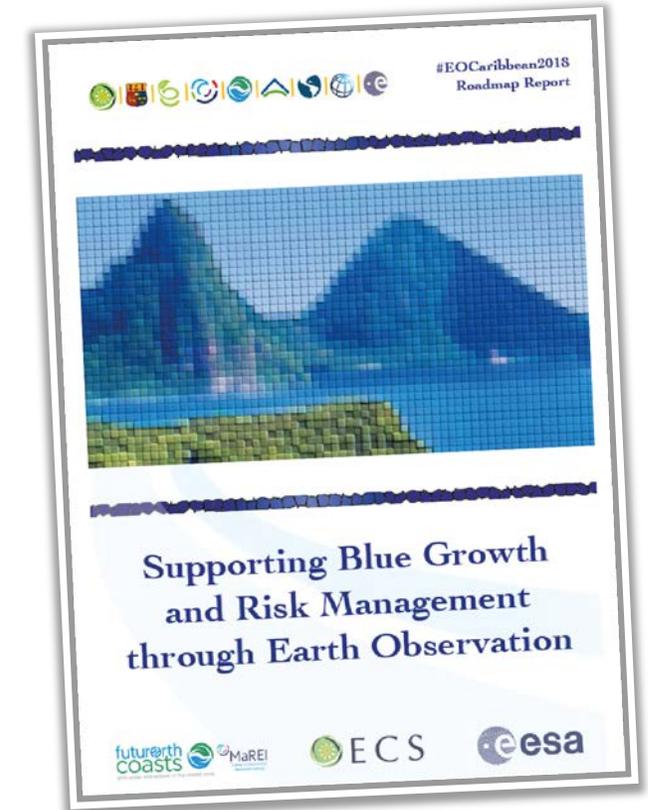
	Atmosphere	Cryosphere	Biosphere	Ocean			
	CO <sub>2</sub> (ppm)	CO <sub>2</sub> rate of change (ppm/Century)	Temperature relative to pre-industrial (°C)	Glacier extent relative to pre-industrial Inverted colour scale	Northern tree line relative to pre-industrial (lat)	Sea level relative to 1900 (m)	Sea level rate of change (mm/yr or m/1000 yr)
<b>Min</b> Low/neg <b>Max</b> High/pos Little Ice Age (1450–1850 CE)	277–285	2.7 ± 0.01	-0.3 +0.09, -0.27		-0.5 ± 1	-0.01 ± 0.06	0.0 ± 0.2
Medieval Warm Period (950–1250 CE)	280–286	2 ± 0.01	0.14 +0.12, -0.19		0.5 ± 1	-0.05 ± 0.10	-0.4 ± 0.4
Mid-Holocene (8.5–5.5 ka)	264 ± 5	0.5 ± 0.01	0.5 ± 0.3		2 ± 1	-3 ± 0.5	1.2 ± 0.1

Four hotspots of change

Coastal zones and coastal peoples – turning the tide of global sustainability

- Islands at Risk
- Urbanization in Coastal Zones
- Arctic Coasts
- River-Mouth System, Deltas and Estuaries

- Linking researchers, practitioners & other stakeholders around use of EO/CCI data:



## - Providing feedback on relevance of EO data projects to the wider community/different stakeholders:



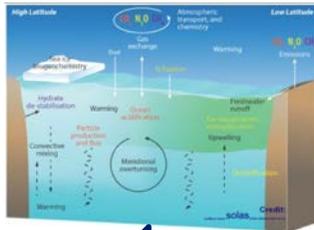
Relevant CCI datasets and needs: Ocean data, ice sheets, (HR) land cover (coastal urbanization, habitat conversion, vulnerable infrastructure)

Science-policy-society nexus: data for decision-making, co-design of indicators for coastal status and resilience, work on identifying policy drivers related to coastal resilience (e.g. EU-mandated planning directives on sea-level rise, fisheries management, cargo emission regulations, ecosystem protection policies etc.)

# SOLAS 2015-2025: Core Themes and Cross-Cutting Themes

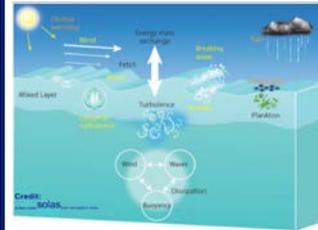
## Theme 1

Greenhouse gases and the oceans



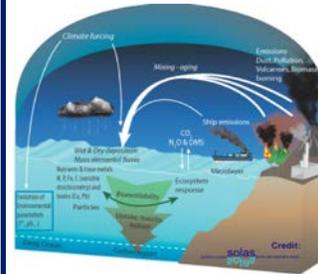
## Theme 2

Air-sea interface and fluxes of mass and energy



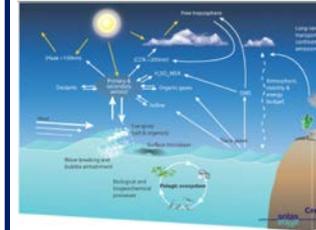
## Theme 3

Atmospheric deposition and ocean biogeochemistry



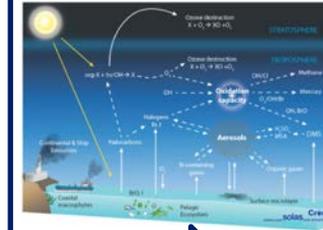
## Theme 4

Interconnections between aerosols, clouds, and marine ecosystems



## Theme 5

Ocean biogeochemical control of atmospheric chemistry

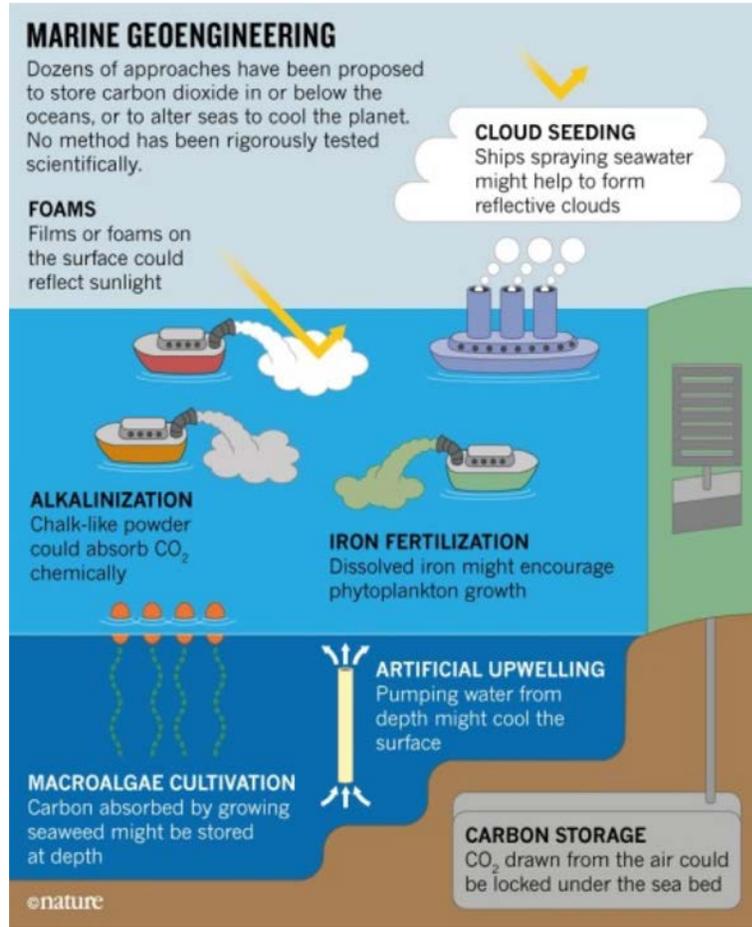


- Integrated topics (e.g., upwelling systems, polar oceans, Indian Ocean)
- Evaluating the environmental efficacy and impacts of climate intervention
- Science & Society: ship-plumes, blue carbon, open-ocean stewardship

*"to achieve quantitative understanding of the key biogeochemical-physical interactions and feedbacks between the ocean and atmosphere, and of how this coupled system affects and is affected by climate and global change."*

## Highlights of some recent foci

### Climate Intervention



Boyd & Vivian, 2019

### Global network of time series stations for studying air-sea interactions

Cape Verde, UK, Korea, Italy, Canada, Bermuda, Sweden, Finland, Ireland, Iceland, Svalbard

- Formalised endorsement process in development



### SOLAS Indian Ocean Meeting

30 September 2020

<https://solas.tropmet.res.in/>



## Mountain Research Initiative (MRI) – strategic partner of Future Earth

Mountain Observatories Working Group  
*Building a global network of observatories  
with shared protocols for in-situ-  
measurements.*

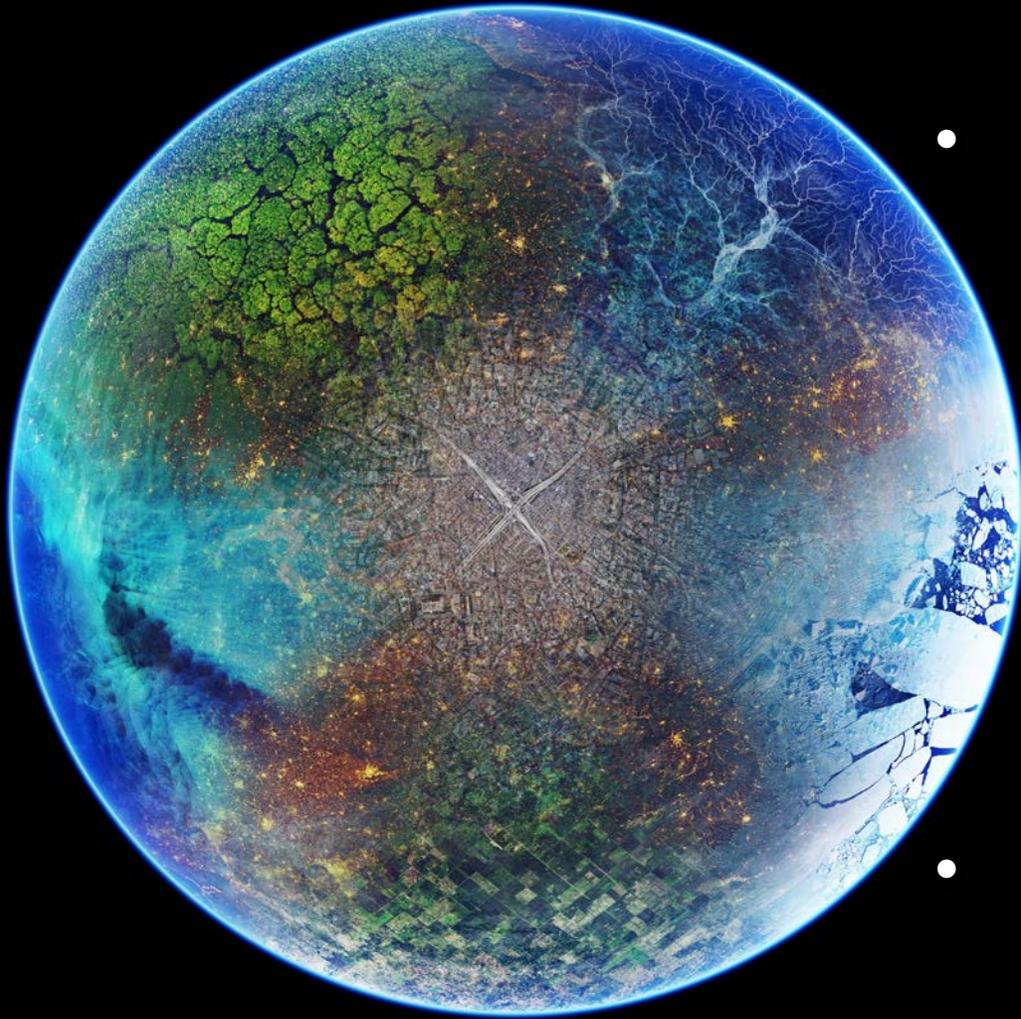
### **GEO-GNOME workshop:**

- **Identified most important ECVs for mountain processes:** land surface temperature, precipitation, albedo, snow cover, wind and water vapor.
- **Developed ECV data collection protocols & frameworks in mountain environments,** & criteria for data quality (spatial and temporal resolutions) for key processes.

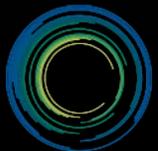


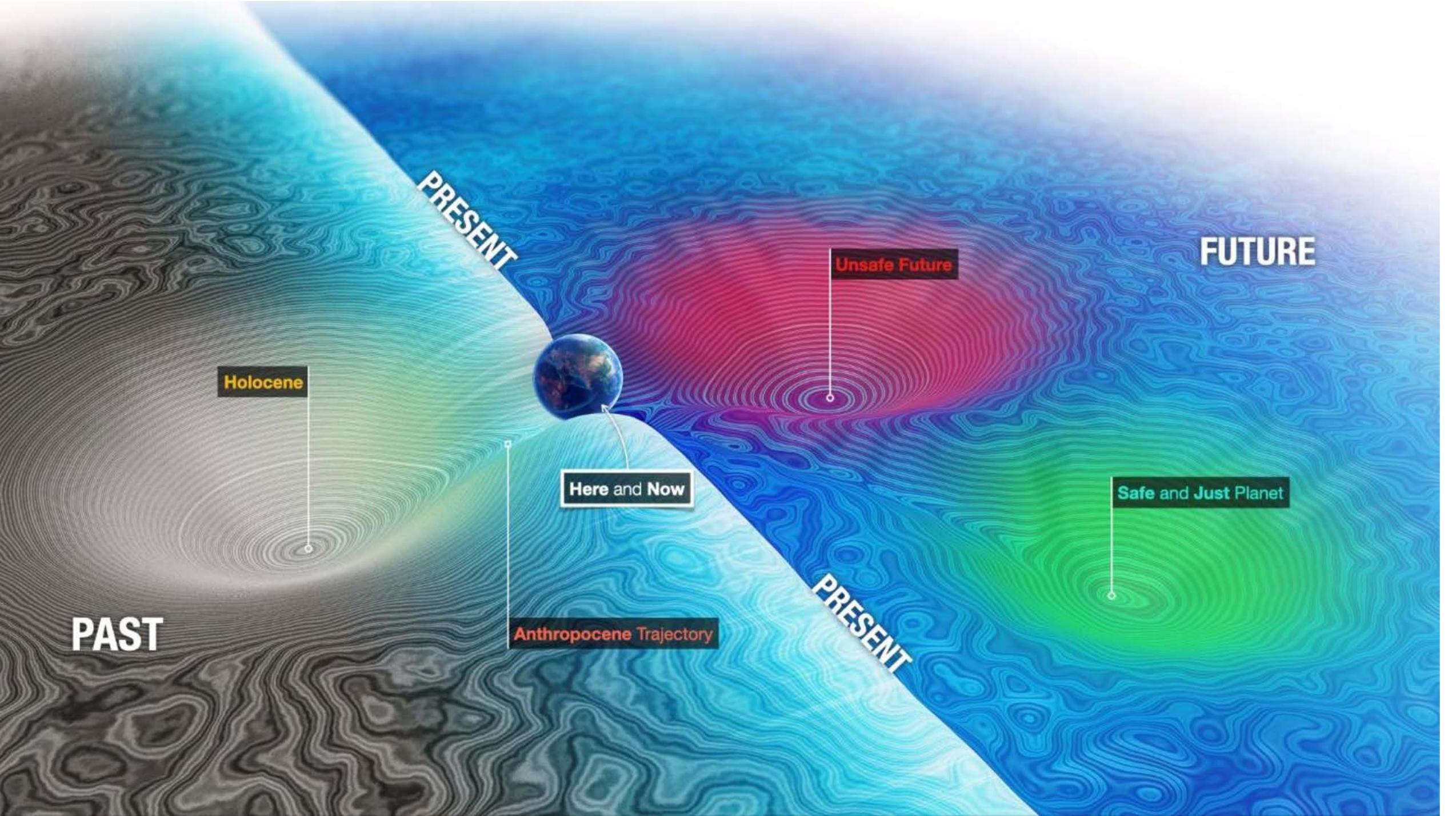
Workshop lead: C. Adler

# EARTH COMMISSION



- An independent scientific assessment to define a **safe and just corridor** for people and planet
  - Synthesize scientific knowledge on the biophysical conditions for a stable and resilient planet
  - Integrate socio-economic and well-being issues with biophysical conditions
  - Synthesize and assess knowledge about the social levers of transformation
- The synthesis underpins the **setting of science based targets** for business, nations and cities





PRESENT

FUTURE

Holocene

Here and Now

Unsafe Future

Safe and Just Planet

PAST

Anthropocene Trajectory

PRESENT

Sustainability Research + Innovation

# S R I 2021



June 12–15, 2021 in Brisbane, Australia

# SRI2021: Opportunities



- A special session / event
- Exhibition booth
- Virtual engagement between now and June 2021 (webinars, blogs, events)

[SRI2021.org](https://SRI2021.org)

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