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| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Evergreen Broadleaf Forest  | <input type="checkbox"/> 8 Woody Savannas      | <input type="checkbox"/> 14 Cropland/Natural Veg. Mosaic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 Deciduous Needleleaf Forest | <input type="checkbox"/> 9 Savannas            | <input type="checkbox"/> 15 Snow and Ice                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Deciduous Broadleaf Forest  | <input type="checkbox"/> 10 Grasslands         | <input type="checkbox"/> 16 Barren or Sparsely Vegetated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5 Mixed Forests               | <input type="checkbox"/> 11 Permanent Wetlands | <input type="checkbox"/> 17 Tundra                       |

You can try it out for yourself with EdGCM!  
<http://edgcm.columbia.edu>

The screenshot shows the EdGCM website interface. At the top, it says "EdGCM: Climate Modeling for Research and Education - ModelE Interface". Below that is a search bar and a navigation menu. The main content area features several articles and sections:

- EdGCM: The Project**: A section describing the project's goals and the scientific process.
- "Anthropocene" Greenhouse Gas Effects**: An article by Dominique Aghbarra and Christine Kwatik, dated Wednesday, 10 Nov 2008, discussing the early anthropogenic hypothesis.
- Snowball Earth: Effect of Obliquity**: An article by John Swain and Jeremiah Marsic, dated Wednesday, 10 Nov 2008, discussing geologic evidence from the Sturtian period.
- Examining the Effects of Global Warming on Greenland**: An article by Mark Cwadar, dated Sunday, 11 December 2005, discussing tracking changes in temperature and snowfall.

On the right side, there are sections for "EdGCM in Antarctica" with links to blogs and data, "EdGCM Forum Posts" with a list of recent posts, and "Visitor Locations" with a world map showing visitor activity.

## Special Report on Emissions Scenarios (SRES)

- Available at <http://www.grida.no/climate/ipcc/emission/>
- 4 storylines
  - Consider future greenhouse gas pollution, land-use change, and other driving forces
  - Peak Oil is *not* discussed
  - *Do not* include additional climate initiatives (e.g., UNFCCC or Kyoto Protocol emissions targets)
- 40 different scenarios, grouped by family into the storylines
  - These are not predictions or forecasts!
  - There is NO “best guess” scenario
  - Scenarios are NOT policy recommendations
- 6 scenario groups are considered equally sound and span a wide range of uncertainty

## Special Report on Emissions Scenarios (SRES): Why storylines?

- To help the writing team to think more coherently about the complex interplay among scenario driving forces within each and across alternative scenarios;
- To make it easier to explain the scenarios to the various user communities by providing a narrative description of alternative futures that goes beyond quantitative scenario features;
- To make the scenarios more useful, in particular to analysts who contribute to IPCC WGII and WGIII;
  - The social, political, and technological context described in the scenario storylines is all-important in analyzing the effects of policies either to adapt to climate change or to reduce GHG emissions; and
- To provide a guide for additional assumptions to be made in detailed climate impact and mitigation analyses
  - At present no single model or scenario can possibly respond to the wide variety of informational and data needs of the different user communities of long-term emissions scenarios.

## SRES: A<sub>1</sub> Storyline – A more integrated world

- Rapid economic growth (~3%/year to 2100)
  - Strong commitment to market-based solutions
- Global population reaches 9 billion in 2050 and gradually declines
- Quick spread of new and efficient technologies
  - High rates of investment and innovation at national & international level
- Convergent world
  - Income and way of life converge between regions
  - Extensive social and cultural interactions worldwide

## SRES: A<sub>1</sub> Storyline Subsets

- A1F1
  - Emphasis on fossil fuels
- A1B
  - Balanced emphasis on all energy sources
- A1T
  - Emphasis on non-fossil energy sources

## SRES: A<sub>2</sub> Storyline – A more divided world

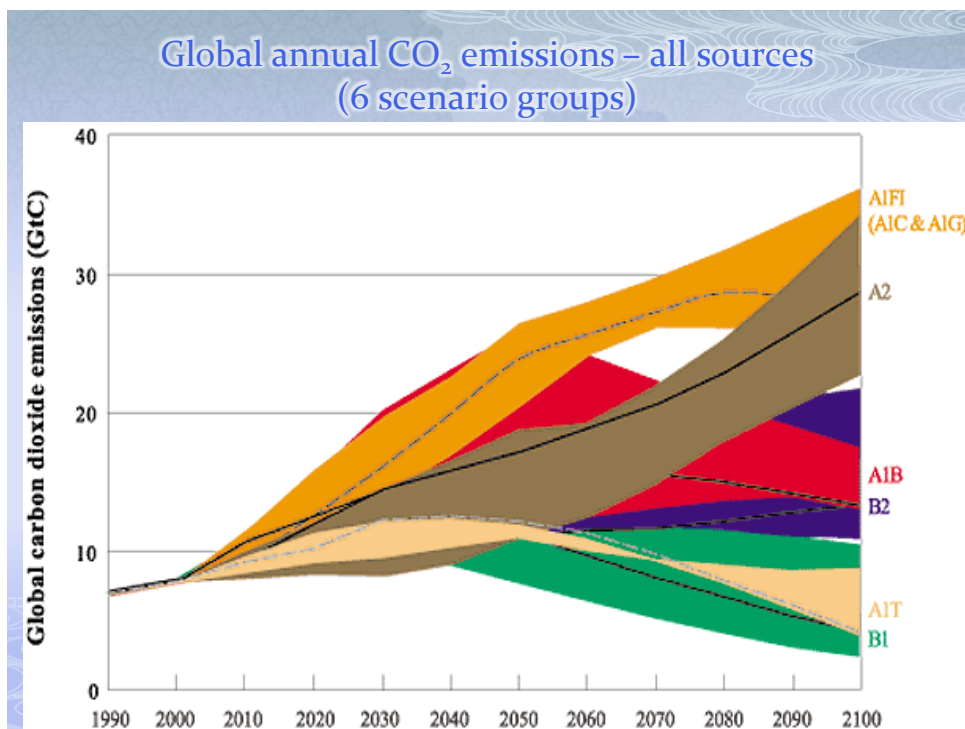
- World of independently operating, self-reliant nations (lower trade flow, less international cooperation)
- Continuously increasing population (15 billion by 2100)
- Regionally oriented economic development
  - Self-reliance and preservation of local identities
- Slower and more fragmented technological changes and improvements to per capita income
  - Primary changes in agricultural productivity to feed the 15 billion

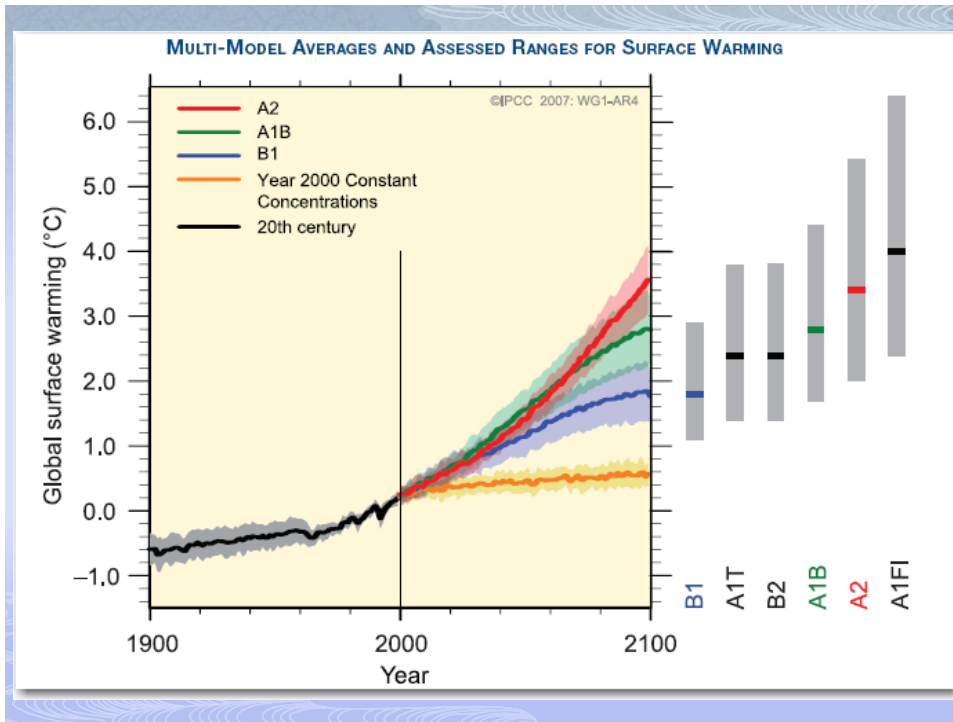
## SRES: B<sub>1</sub> Storyline – A more integrated, more ecologically friendly world

- High level of environmental and social consciousness; globally coherent approach to more sustainable development
- Rapid economic growth as in A1, but with rapid changes towards a service and information economy
- Global population reaches 9 billion in 2050 and gradually declines as in A1
- Reductions in material intensity and the introduction of clean and resource efficient technologies
  - Smooth transition to alternative energy systems as conventional oil and gas resources decline
- Emphasis on global solutions to economic, social and environmental stability

## SRES: B2 Storyline – A more divided, but more ecologically friendly world

- Increased concern for environmental and social sustainability compared to A2, with shift to local and regional decisions
- Continuously increasing population, but at a slower rate than in A2
- Emphasis on local, rather than global, solutions to economic, social and environmental stability
- Intermediate levels of economic development
- Less rapid and more fragmented technological change than in B1 & A1.





### Projected Globally Averaged Surface Warming and Sea-Level Rise at the End of the 21st Century

Case	Temperature Change (°F at 2090–2099 relative to 1980–1999)		Sea-Level Rise (inches at 2090–2099 relative to 1980–1999)
	Best estimate	Likely range	Model-based range excluding future rapid dynamical changes in ice flow
Constant Year 2000 concentrations	1.1	0.5 – 1.6	NA
B1 scenario	3.2	2.0 – 5.2	7.1 – 15.0
A1T scenario	4.3	2.5 – 6.8	7.9 – 17.7
B2 scenario	4.3	2.5 – 6.8	7.9 – 16.9
A1B scenario	5.0	3.1 – 7.9	8.3 – 18.9
A2 scenario	6.1	3.6 – 9.7	9.1 – 20.1
A1FI scenario	7.2	4.3 – 11.5	10.2 – 23.2

Source: Climate Change 2007: The Physical Science Basis—Summary for Policymakers.

Relative temperature change in °C is equal to °F / 1.8. 1" = 2.54 cm.

For example, the B2 Scenario has the best estimate of temperature change of 2.4 °C and a sea level rise of 20-43 cm by 2090-2099.