

Reporting Summary

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Statistics

For all statistical analyses, confirm that the following items are present in the figure legend, table legend, main text, or Methods section.

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The exact sample size (*n*) for each experimental group/condition, given as a discrete number and unit of measurement
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A description of any assumptions or corrections, such as tests of normality and adjustment for multiple comparisons
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A full description of the statistical parameters including central tendency (e.g. means) or other basic estimates (e.g. regression coefficient) AND variation (e.g. standard deviation) or associated estimates of uncertainty (e.g. confidence intervals)
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For null hypothesis testing, the test statistic (e.g. *F*, *t*, *r*) with confidence intervals, effect sizes, degrees of freedom and *P* value noted
Give P values as exact values whenever suitable.
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For Bayesian analysis, information on the choice of priors and Markov chain Monte Carlo settings
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For hierarchical and complex designs, identification of the appropriate level for tests and full reporting of outcomes
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Estimates of effect sizes (e.g. Cohen's *d*, Pearson's *r*), indicating how they were calculated

Our web collection on [statistics for biologists](#) contains articles on many of the points above.

Software and code

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Data collection

All data was collected from computer model simulations of the Global Change Analysis Model

Data analysis

All analysis was conducted with R 3.3

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Scripts used to process and analyze GCAM output data and produce figures are available at <https://github.com/sspeizer/gcam-cwf-trn-analysis>.

Research involving human participants, their data, or biological material

Policy information about studies with [human participants or human data](#). See also policy information about [sex, gender \(identity/presentation\), and sexual orientation](#) and [race, ethnicity and racism](#).

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Population characteristics	Not applicable
Recruitment	Not applicable
Ethics oversight	Not applicable

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Ecological, evolutionary & environmental sciences study design

All studies must disclose on these points even when the disclosure is negative.

Study description	This analysis combines publicly available technology data with Global Change Analysis Model to explore how CO2 emissions change in the future.
Research sample	The research sample of this study is the direct model output of global emission profiles and energy use in GCAM for 2005-2100. This data is obtained for each of the scenarios described in the main text.
Sampling strategy	The study sample contains all 32 GCAM regions and all modeling periods (5-year intervals from 2005 to 2100) for all scenarios. No sample was excluded. All data was collected from the GCAM simulations.
Data collection	Data was collected via GCAM model output by the authors.
Timing and spatial scale	Data for the study periods is modeled every 5 years between 2005 and 2100 at 32 region scale. No additional data collection was performed outside GCAM simulations.
Data exclusions	No data was excluded from this study.
Reproducibility	All model input data files will be provided in a Github repository upon publication. GCAM is a deterministic model, such that all results are reproducible. Model output data supporting this analysis will also be deposited in the data repository upon publication.
Randomization	Randomization is not relevant for this study as each scenario was defined deterministically and the initialization conditions would not change simulation results.
Blinding	Blinding is not relevant to this study, as all scenarios in this study are simulated through a deterministic simulation model with no potential placebo effect.

Did the study involve field work? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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n/a	Involvement in the study
☒	☐ Antibodies
☒	☐ Eukaryotic cell lines
☒	☐ Palaeontology and archaeology
☒	☐ Animals and other organisms
☒	☐ Clinical data
☒	☐ Dual use research of concern
☒	☐ Plants

Methods

n/a	Involvement in the study
☒	☐ ChIP-seq
☒	☐ Flow cytometry
☒	☐ MRI-based neuroimaging

Plants

Seed stocks

Not applicable

Novel plant genotypes

Not applicable

Authentication

Not applicable