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argue that historical changes in vegetative cover have produced greater atmospheric loadings of CO₂ than previously believed. Although these conclusions are far from receiving universal acceptance (Research News, 9 Dec., p. 1107), their implications for global warming deserve serious consideration.

In our work, we assumed a small historical contribution of CO₂ from the biosphere and thus a relatively high fraction of anthropogenic CO₂ emissions which remained airborne (an airborne fraction of about 0.6 in 1980). We also assumed no net addition of CO₂ from the biosphere in the future. To test the sensitivity of our results to these assumptions, we developed a new scenario using the median estimate of Woodwell et al. of the historical airborne fraction (0.30) and their projection of future CO₂ contributions from the biosphere assuming zero population growth in 2100 (6). In this new scenario, we also held the airborne fraction constant over time rather than assuming, more realistically, that it would gradually increase.

Our new modeling results showed only a modest change in the medium termthe projected date of a climatically significant temperature rise (2°C) was delayed from 2040 to 2050. Longer term changes were more substantial-the assumptions of Woodwell et al. reduced the temperature rise projected for 2100 by 26 percent, from 5.0° to 3.7°C. Our results indicate that the estimates by Woodwell et al. of larger net releases of CO₂ from the biosphere and lower fraction of airborne carbon partially offset each other until forests effectively disappear (by 2060 in the scenario of Woodwell et al.). Thereafter, the lower airborne fraction reduces the rate of CO₂ and temperature rise.

In summary, the main conclusion of Can We Delay a Greenhouse Warming? appears to be robust-fossil fuel policies are unlikely to prevent a significant warming by the middle of the next century, although they could substantially reduce total warming that occurs by 2100. This study also demonstrates that learning more about the sinks and sources and thus future growth of greenhouse gases other than CO₂, and about the thermal sensitivity of the atmosphere to all greenhouse gases, will be critical to reducing uncertainty about warming in the next 50 years and beyond. Developing successful strategies for adapting to climate change will depend on better understanding of the timing and effects of global warming.

Much of EPA's research has focused on adaptation-that is, on ways to reduce potential negative effects of climate change and exploit positive ones.

For example, two pilot studies were undertaken to assess the value of anticipating future sea level rise in Charleston, South Carolina, and Galveston, Texas. The results suggest that preparing for sea level rise could reduce property losses due to storm damages and coastline erosion by hundreds of millions of dollars in each of these communities (7). The importance of anticipating changes in sea level to siting hazardous waste and sewage treatment facilities was also investigated. Another study analyzed the potential opportunities and risks faced by the forest products industries as a result of changes in CO₂ and climate. These and other studies clearly demonstrate the importance of narrowing remaining uncertainties about the trend and distributions of future climate change as fast as possible.

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Keyes et al. appear to have missed the point of our discussion. Any reduction in the total release of CO_2 , whether through conservation of energy or through improved management of forests, will be reflected in lower rates of accumulation in the atmosphere. The possibilities for reducing the buildup of CO₂ or postponing the time of doubling appear considerably greater than Keyes et al. suggest from consideration of fossil fuel policies alone. Adaptation is not the only strategy.

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