

STAY GROUNDED

Network to counter aviation
for a just transport system

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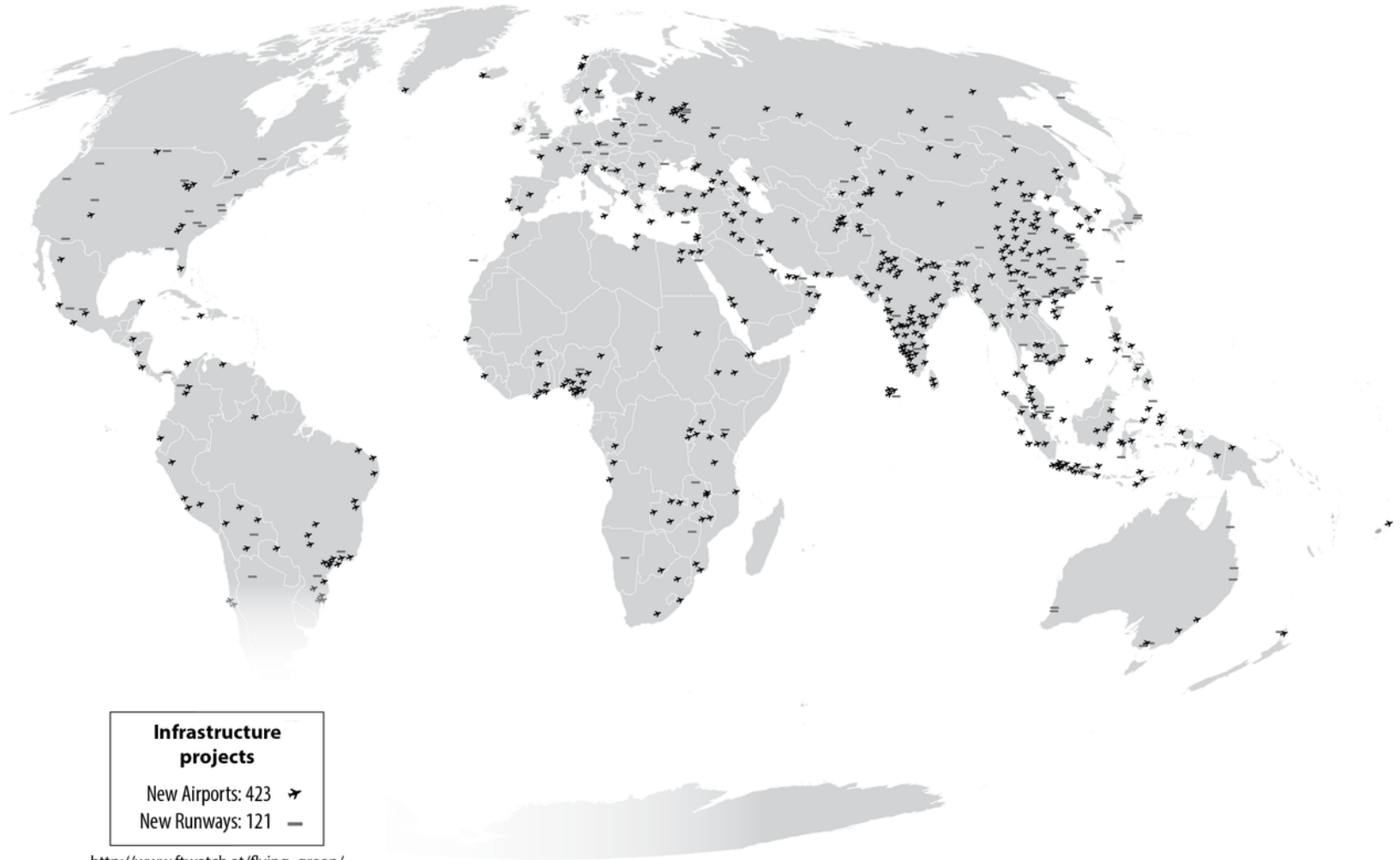
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Aviation reaches for the sky



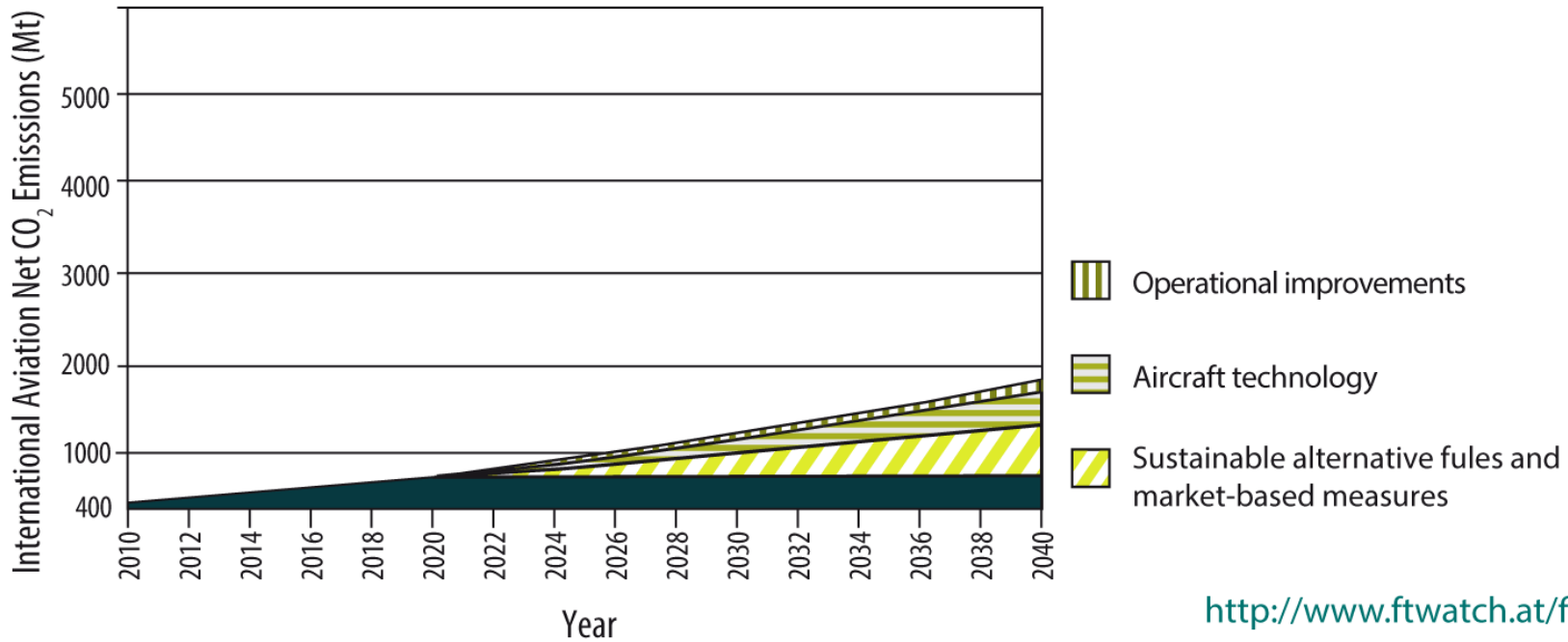
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We are at a crossroads

- [IPCC special report](#) on the impacts of global warming of 1.5 °C: *the next 11 years are crucial to take ambitious action to reach the goals of the Paris Agreement*
- infrastructure projects and global regulatory measures decide upon the development of aviation in the next years and decades
- Therefore now is the time to act

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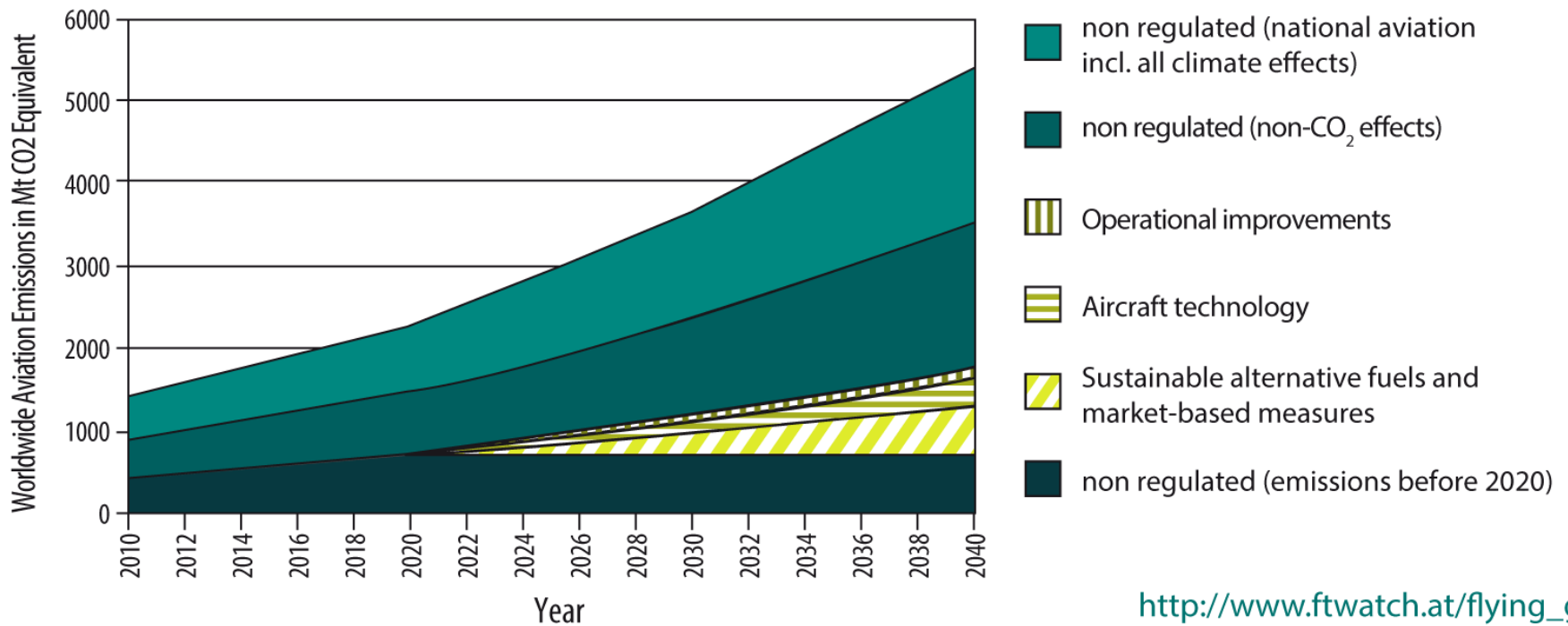
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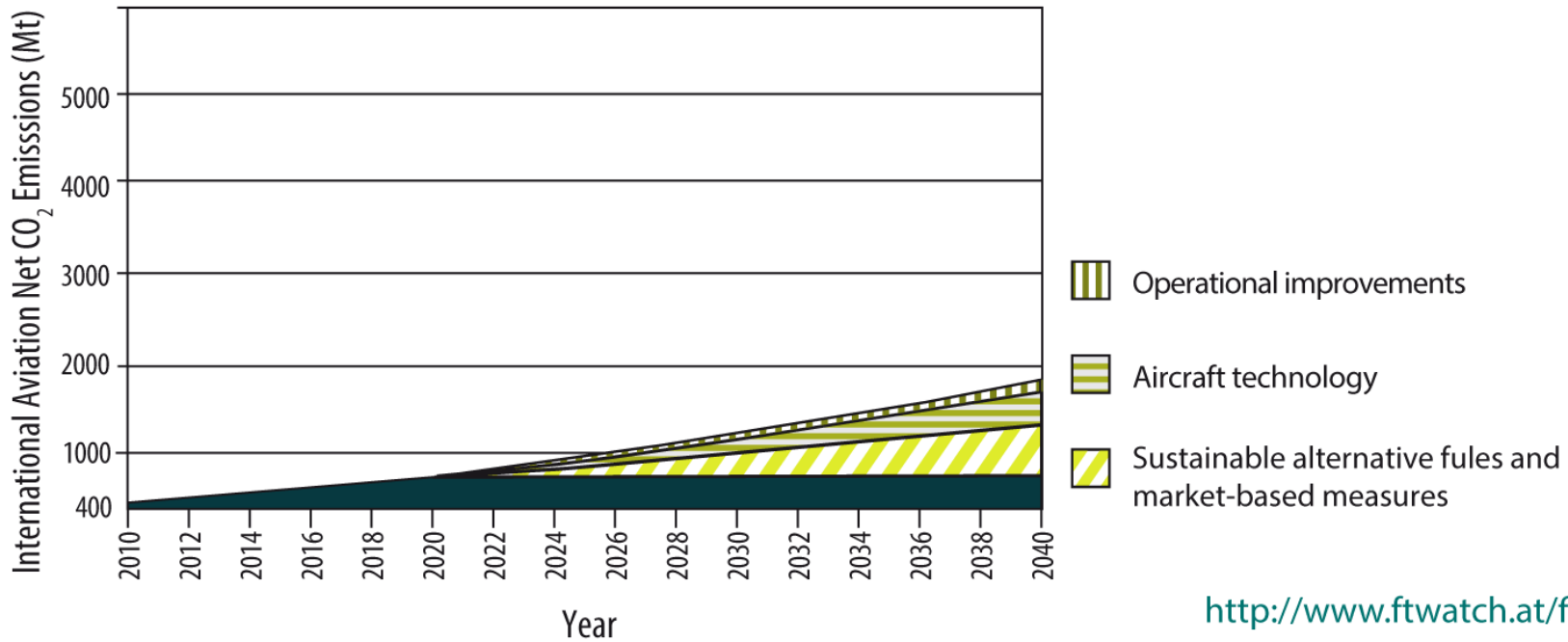
Contribution of measures contextualized with all aviation emissions



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Offsets – licence to pollute

- Too cheap to be effective „Cost control paragraph“
- Hinders effective action on climate change
- Don't not reduce emissions
 - [only 2%](#) of offsets from UN Clean Development Mechanism projects had high probability of real emission reductions
- Neocolonial character
 - Many projects based in the global south, eg. REDD+,
 - Often coincide with human rights violations
 - rural population has to change their everyday life while global elite continues to fly

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Today we are happy to announce that over 1.5 million Youth tickets have been CO2-offset since we started the initiative 1 year ago. Just one of the actions we are taking for more sustainable air travel 🌱🌍 #flysas #aviation #TravelersForTheFuture



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«Aircraft pollute the atmosphere, but, with a small part of the cost of the ticket, they will plant trees to compensate for part of the damage created. [...]. This is hypocrisy!«

Pope Francis.

CO2 neutral CHP?

- CHP claims to become CO2 neutral in 2019
- Airport Carbon Accreditation Scheme
 - Main business of airports – flights - not included
 - Airport operations account for only 5% of global aviation emissions
 - Misleading programme that serves to delegitimize resistance



Reducing aviation emissions means reducing aviation



Steps for a Just Transport System

- [„13 Steps for a Just Transport System and for Rapidly Reducing Aviation“](#) Stay Grounded Manifesto
- signed by more than 170 organizations globally



- **What must be avoided:**
- Offsetting
- New airports and airport expansion
- privileges for the aviation industry
 - finally tax kerosene, airports, tickets and frequent fliers

Steps for a Just Transport System

What it takes:

- A Just Transition
- A shift to other modes of transport
 - Shift short haul and medium-distance flights to the rail
 - Trains don't have to be high speed, but should be affordable, attractive and powered by renewable energy
- Enable changing habits and modes of living
 - Challenge workplace norms and institutional travel policies
- Strong political commitments
 - Stricter local and regional measures
 - Limits for short-haul flights



Conference: Degrowth of Aviation

12-14th of July, 2019, Barcelona

- Co-organized by Institute for Ecological Sciences and Technology ICTA and civil society organisations
- Discussion of concrete measures and strategies to reduce air traffic
- brings together social movements, NGOs and scientists
- flight free conference



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