Remaining Carbon Budget to 2050 vs. CO2 emissions embedded in fossil fuel reserves

To have a chance of avoiding 1.5C or more of global heating, scientists have estimated the world can only emit 275 bn more tons of greenhouses gases (50% confidence), and 625 bn for the 1.7C scenario.

2,590 Gt of CO2 have been emitted between 1850 and 2023,

The US alone has the potential to release 577 Gt of emissions, most of that from coal, through its known fossil fuel reserves.

