



Planet Pulse

**A rhythmic check-in on
climate issues**





A new market for the bug zapper

- Did you know that there were no mosquitoes in Iceland?
- If you didn't, no worries, because thanks to warmer weather in that part of the world, Iceland is no longer sans mosquitoes.
- Before a month ago, other than Antarctica, Iceland enjoyed a mosquito-free environment.
- With Iceland warming at four times the rate of the rest of the northern hemisphere, three specimens of the itchy little bugs have now been discovered.

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Who saw this coming?

The headline is a trick question. The answer is anyone who took an unbiased and realistic view of EV adoption.

In August 2024, I wrote the following:

California is a cautionary tale... unlikely to meet the goal of having 15 million EVs on the road by 2035, and it will definitely need to modify the legislation that mandates the end of new ICE vehicles sales by 2035.

- This week Axios published a story about the fading away of state mandates.
- The chair of California's Air Resource Board described the planned phase-out of gas-powered cars by 2035 as a "very active area of discussion."
- Actually, it's a short discussion. Not happening in California or anywhere else.
- It started as an unrealistic goal. Now it's simply impossible.



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Another COP Flop

- Last week I said I wasn't going to write about COP because the annual climate event "jumped the shark" years ago.
- In November of last year, I laid out a 10-point strategy to revamp COP into something useful.
- This morning Axios published an update on this year's COP that lamented the backtracking on the commitment to transition away from fossil fuels.
- Nikki Reisch from the Center for International Environmental Law said the following in a statement:

"The weakness of the text underscores why the climate talks are solely in need of reform..."

No kidding



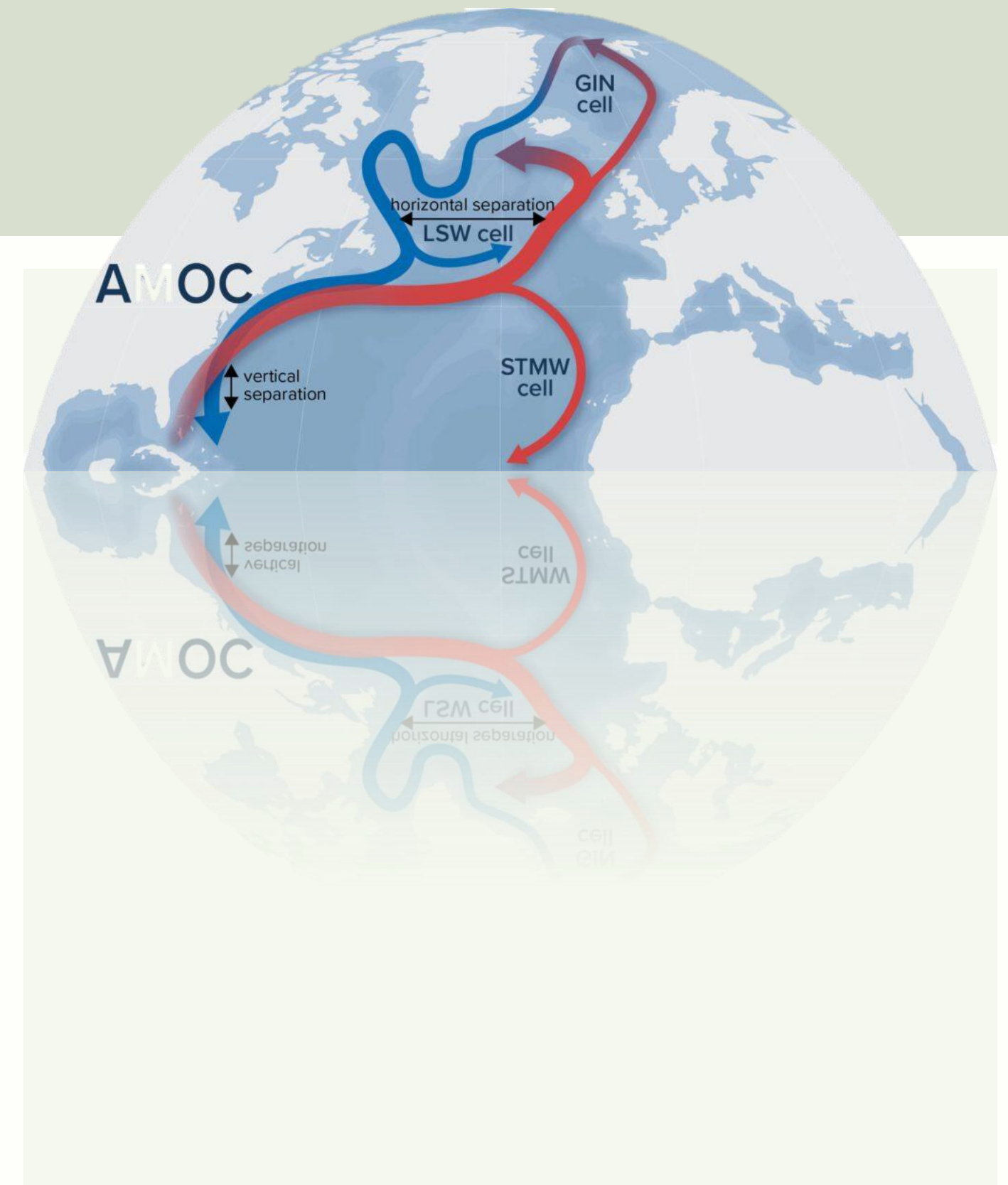
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Mosquitoes may be a trivial concern

- I've written about the potential collapse of the Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation or AMOC.
- Think of AMOC as a conveyor. It moves warm surface water north from the tropics, and cold deep water south.
- Needless to say, it plays a critical role in determining weather conditions and ocean life.
- If AMOC were to shut down, it could trigger a modern-day ice age in Northern Europe.
- Given this, Iceland has designated the possibility as an existential threat, triggering its government to strategize for worst-case scenarios.
- The presence of a few mosquitoes, pales in comparison.



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