

Pathways toward low carbon societies in Asia by 2050 and contributions of Japan to their realization

—Quantitative and qualitative assessment of LCS using Asia-Pacific Integrated Model (AIM)—

Methodologies to Estimate Pathways

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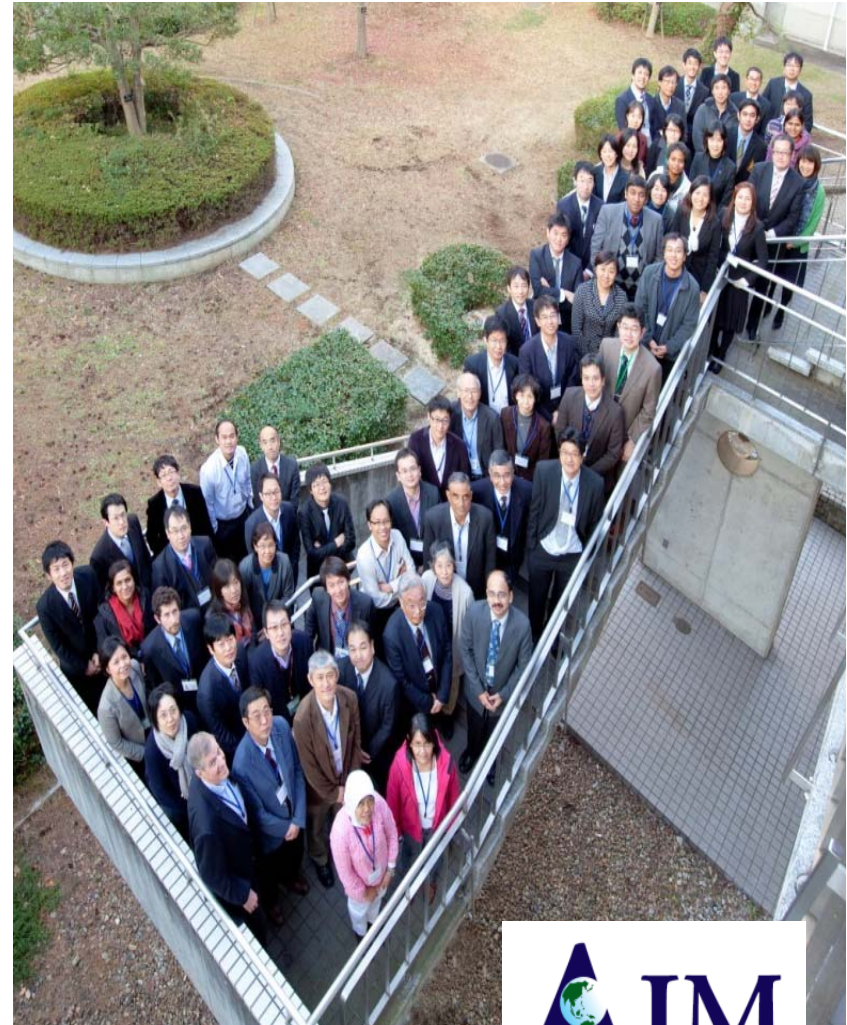
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AIM (Asia-Pacific Integrated Model): A model for quantified LCS assessment

- AIM is an integrated assessment model to assess mitigation options to reduce GHG emissions and impact/adaptation to avoid severe climate change damages
- Developed since 1990
- First set of models focusing on Asia-Pacific region to assess the strategies of low carbon development plan quantitatively



Examples of Brochures introducing Asian Low Carbon Scenarios

Communication and feedbacks of LCS study to real world



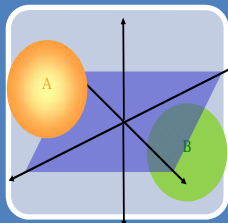
Methodology for LCS Action Plan

Process



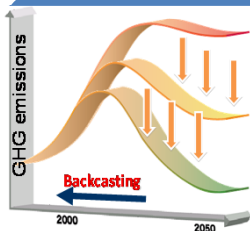
Information and Data Collection

- Identification of data sources
- preliminary data formation



Synthesis and Preliminary Analysis

- Information collection for present practices and policies
- Data compilation



Modeling and Analysis

- Development of storylines
- Quantification scenarios

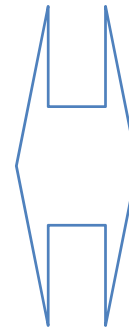


Developing LCS Action Plan

- Quantification of LCS action plans
- Development of roadmaps

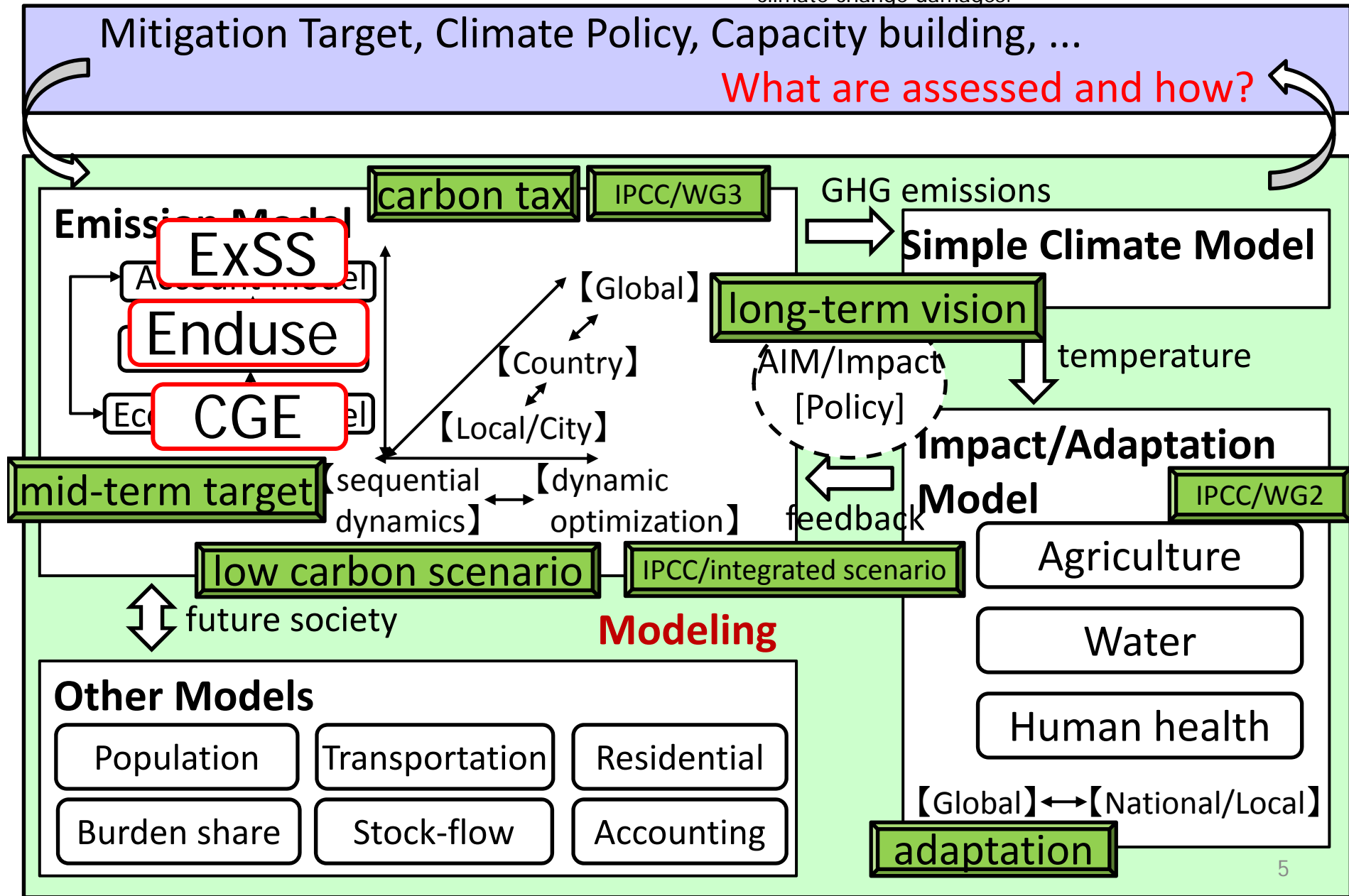
Objectives/Outputs

- Identify emission reduction potentials and its co-benefit
- Estimate the cost of policy measures
- Provide incentives for use of innovative technologies
- Prioritize investments
- Promote behavioral and lifestyle changes
- Monitor performance



Structure of AIM model

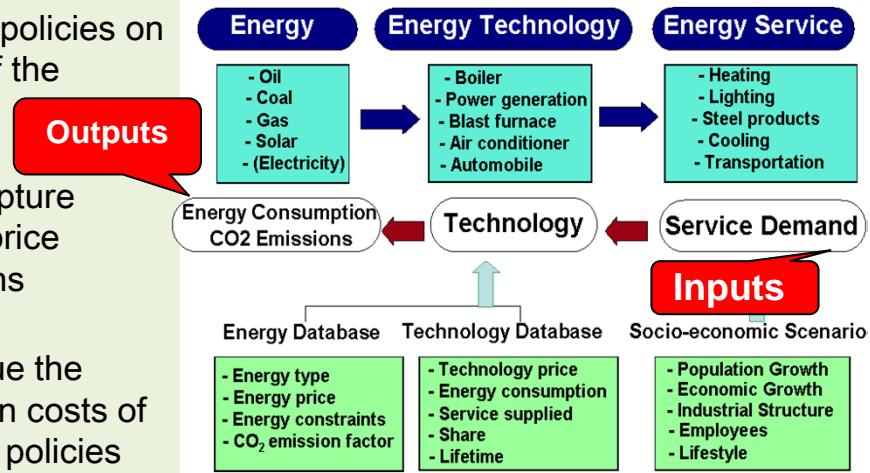
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Characteristics of Bottom-up (sector optimization) models

e.g. AIM/Enduse, AIM/AFOLU

Key Features and Assumptions	Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Choice of the most efficient mix of technologies to deliver services Rich collection of related data, abundant in detail on various technologies and countermeasures Perfect foresight: simulates perfect competition among technologies and energies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In case of energy sector, provide a comprehensive, coherent picture of the energy system (from primary energy to final energy and energy services use) Useful for assessing and identifying mitigation and efficiency potentials Enable assessment of supply and demand-oriented policies to curb GHG emissions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neglect feedback effects of emission reduction policies on the rest of the economy Do not capture demand-price interactions Undervalue the transaction costs of mitigation policies Assume that markets react perfectly to price signals



Structure of the AIM/End-Use Model

- “Energy technology” refers to a device that provides a useful service by consuming energy
- “Energy service” refers to a measurable need that must be satisfied.

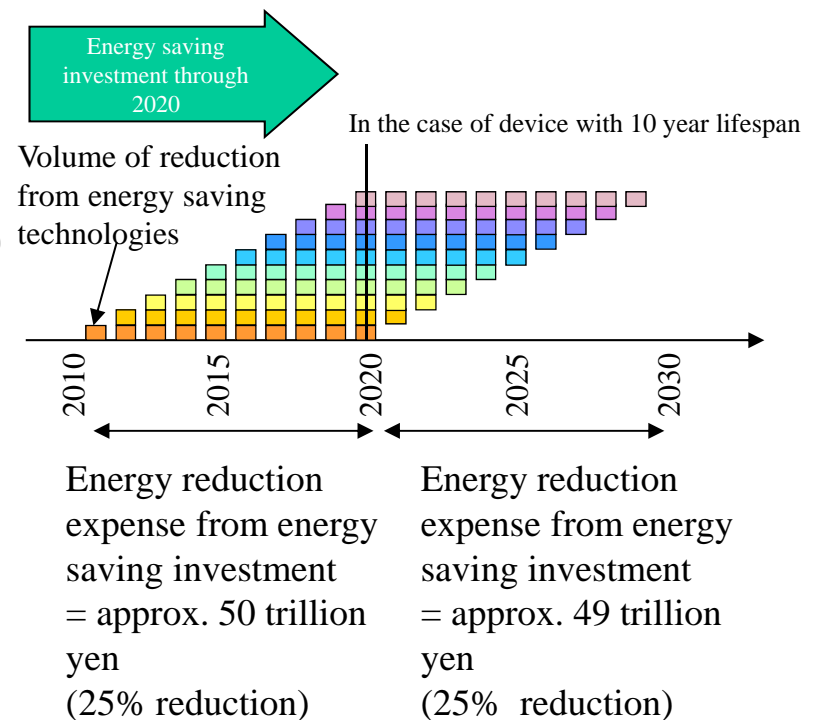
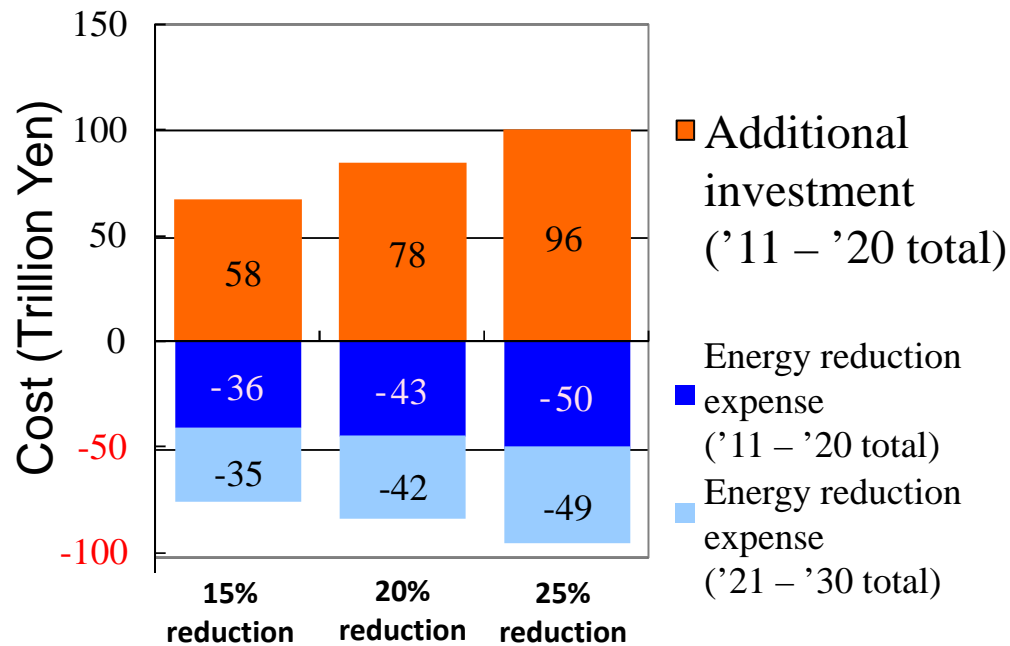
From 1995, Japan Ministry of Environment used this model almost all times to evaluate the national reduction targets of Japan. Also, the case of China study conducted by Energy Research Institute, NDRG, PRC, and the National Thailand study by Thammasat University, Thailand caused hot, but positive discussions on Low Carbon Development within the nations.

Japanese Case Study

Relationship between low-carbon investment and energy reduction expense

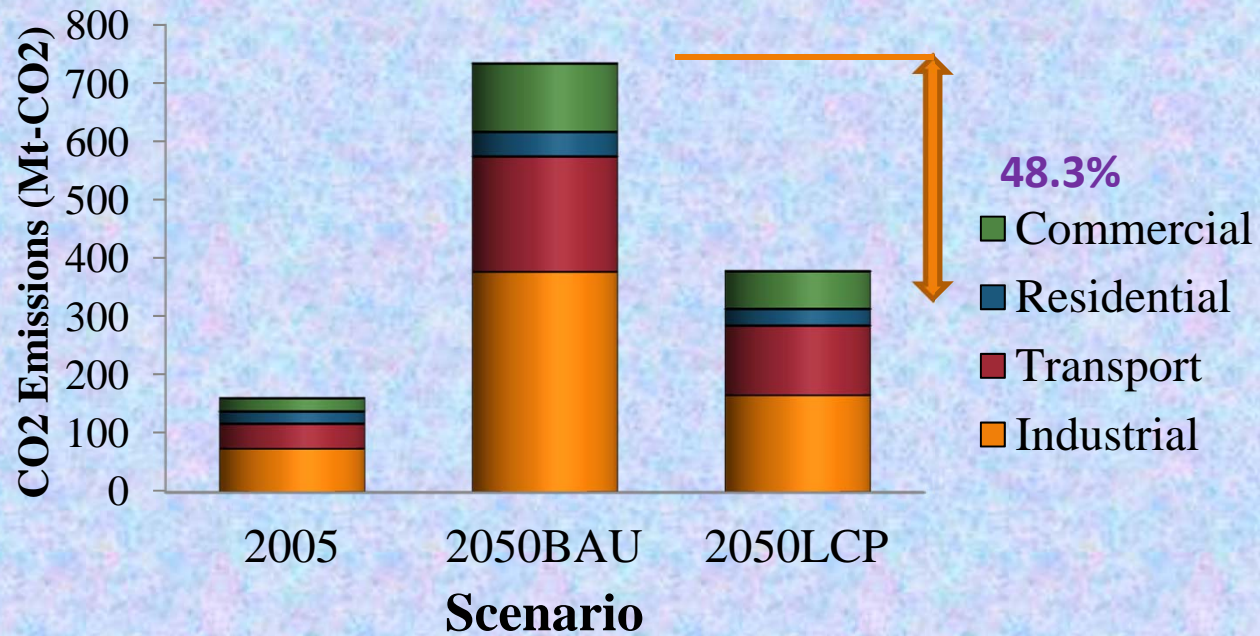
- As for the investment amount for global warming, half of the overall investment amount will be collected by 2020 and an amount equal to the investment amount will be collected by 2030 based on energy expenses that can be saved through technologies introduced.

<Low-carbon investment amount and energy reduction expense>

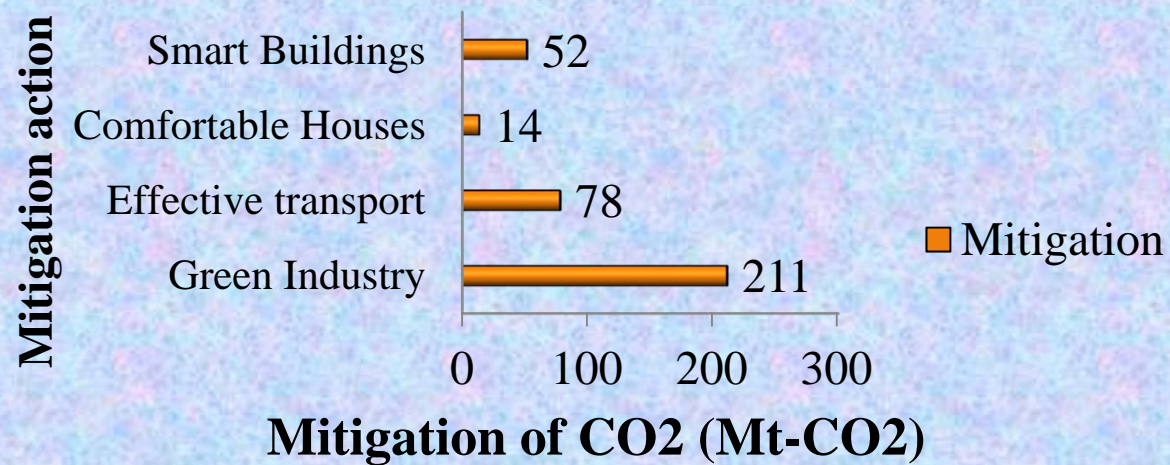


Thailand Case Study

GHG Emissions in 2050 (Peak CO₂)



GHG Mitigation by 2050 (Peak CO₂)



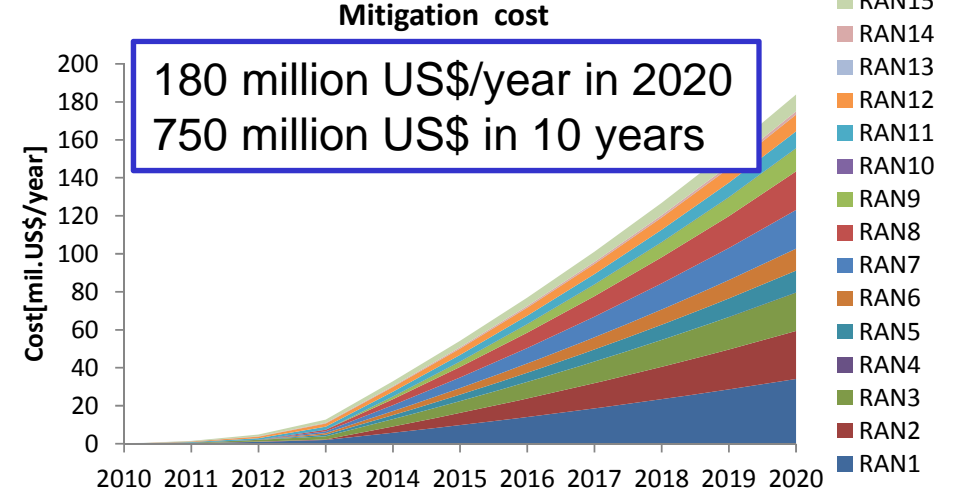
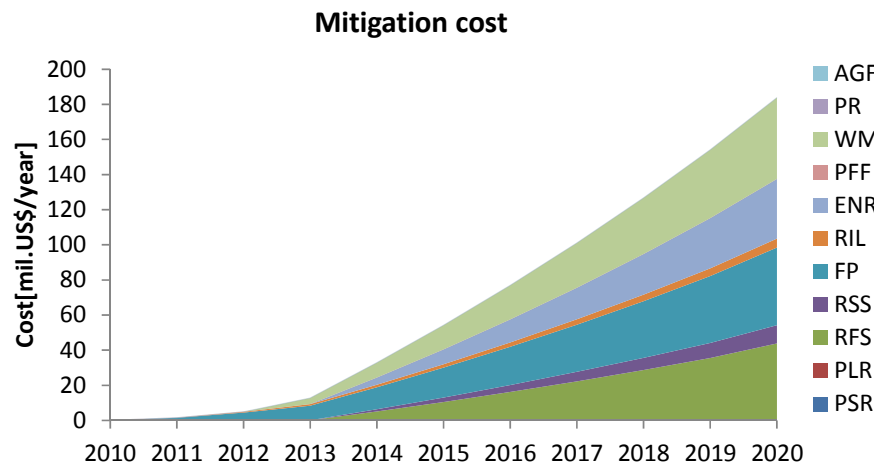
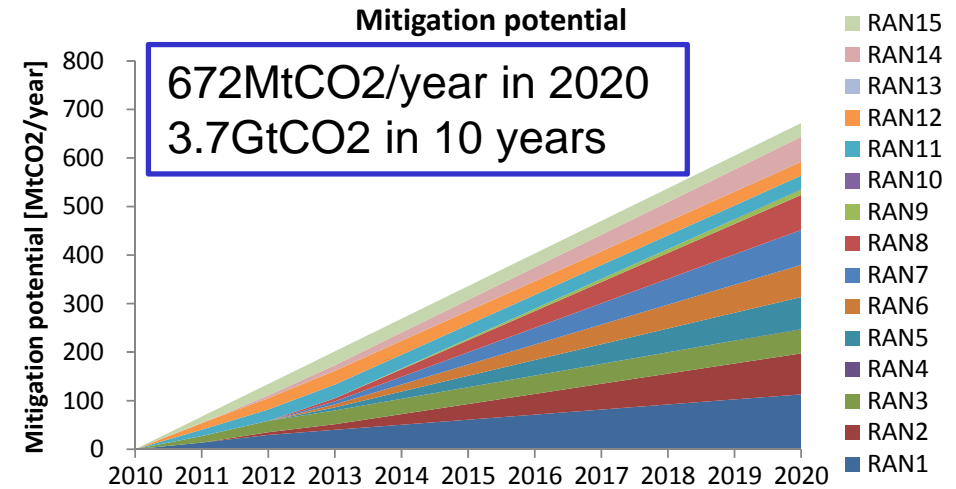
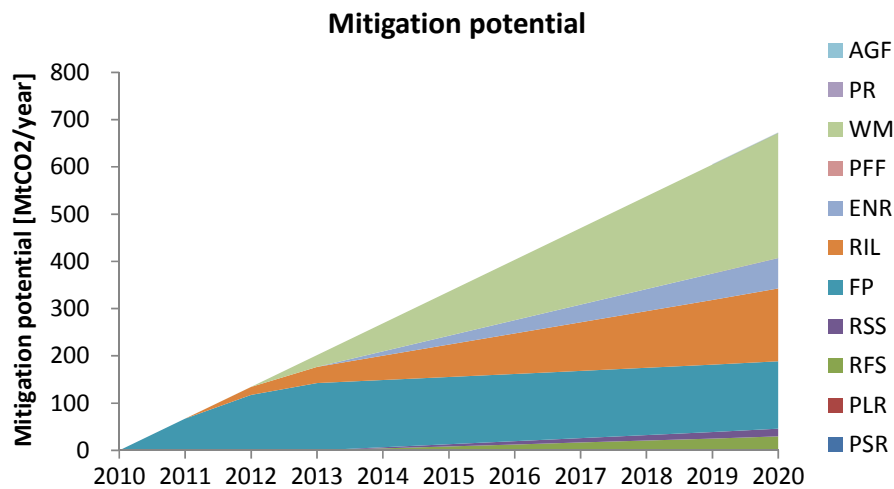
Indonesia Case Study

SECTORS AND MODELS

- ◆ **The covered sectors** of the analysis are: Energy, AFOLU, Industrial and waste sectors.
- ◆ **Three national level quantification models/tools** are expected to use. They are:
 - **Extended Snapshot model (ExSS) and AFOLU-A:** To design LCS vision and quantify the GHG reduction potentials;
 - ***Bottom-up type end-use model (AIM/enduse, AFOLU-B):*** *To identify effective technologies and necessary financial policies for Low Carbon Growth;*
 - **CGE model (AIM/CGE[basic]):** To assess the macroeconomic impacts of Low Carbon Growth policies

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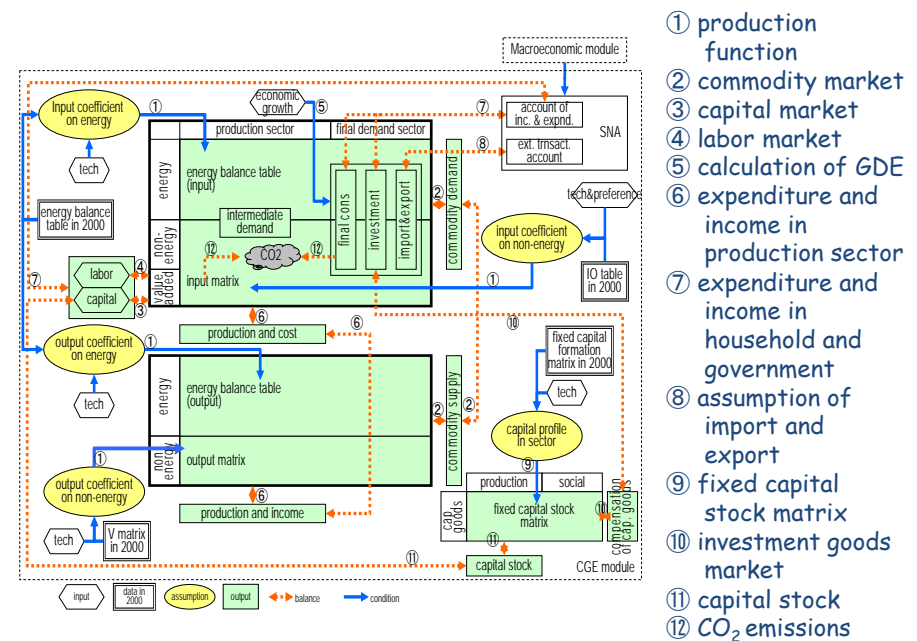
Mitigation potential & cost land use change



Source: Rizaldi Boer, 2013

Characteristics of Top-down (Computable General Equilibrium) models AIM/CGE

Key Features and Assumptions	Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Markets and the economy, as a whole, reach equilibrium, through price adjustments Markets work efficiently (no market barriers, hidden costs or information barriers) Able to analyze long-term resource allocation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Able to estimate economy-wide costs of reduction policies, including trade effects Describes the details of economic interactions among sectors Able to assess long-term effects of GHG abatement policies on structural change in a coherent macro-setting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poor description of energy end uses and technologies Assume markets always work efficiently Cannot well reflect short-run economic adjustment costs Have a weak statistical basis (usually models are calibrated on a single-year basis)



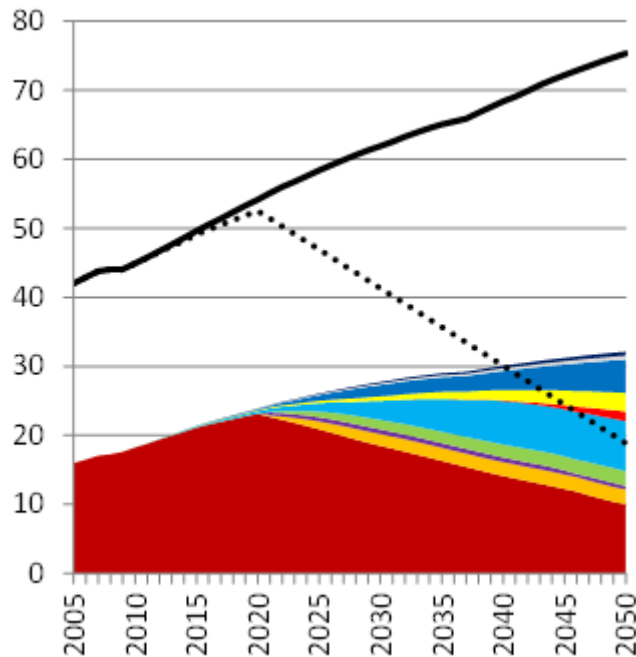
Framework of AIM/CGE

Applied very often to evaluate national macro-economic impacts by GHG reduction targets of Japan. Also, we applied this model to many Asian countries, such as China, India, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, Philippine, Vietnam, Taiwan and Korea.

There is potential to reduce GHG emissions by 69% compared to the reference case in Asia

- The global emissions will become 1.8 times larger compared to the 2005 level and emissions in Asia will be doubled under the reference scenario.
- It is feasible to reduce GHG emissions in Asia by 69% by introducing ten actions and Others (CH₄ and N₂O emissions from other than agriculture and livestock) appropriately compared to the reference scenario in 2050.

GHG emissions (GtCO₂e/year)



Reductions by

- Action1: Urban Transport
- Action2: Interregional Transport
- Action3: Resources & Materials
- Action4: Buildings
- Action5: Biomass
- Action6: Energy System
- Action7: Agriculture and Livestock
- Action8: Forest & Landuse
- Others (CH₄ and N₂O emissions from other than agriculture and livestock)

GHG Emissions in

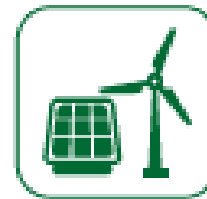
- the world (Reference)
- the world (LCS)
- Asia (LCS)

Ten Actions toward Low Carbon Asia are examined



Action 1 Urban Transport

Structured Compact City



Action 6 Energy System

Low carbon energy system with local resources



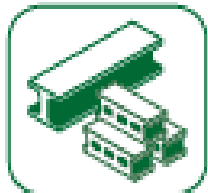
Action 2 Interregional Transport

Mainstreaming trains and water transportation



Action 7 Agriculture & Livestock

Spread of high yields and low emission agricultural technologies



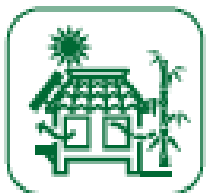
Action 3 Resources & Materials

Smart material use that realizes the full potential of resources



Action 8 Forest & Landuse

Sustainable forest management



Action 4 Buildings

Smart buildings that utilize natural systems



Action 9 Technology & Finance

Technology and finance to facilitate achievement of LCS



Action 5 Biomass

Local production and local consumption of biomass



Action 10 Governance

Transparent and Fair Governance that Supports LCS Asia

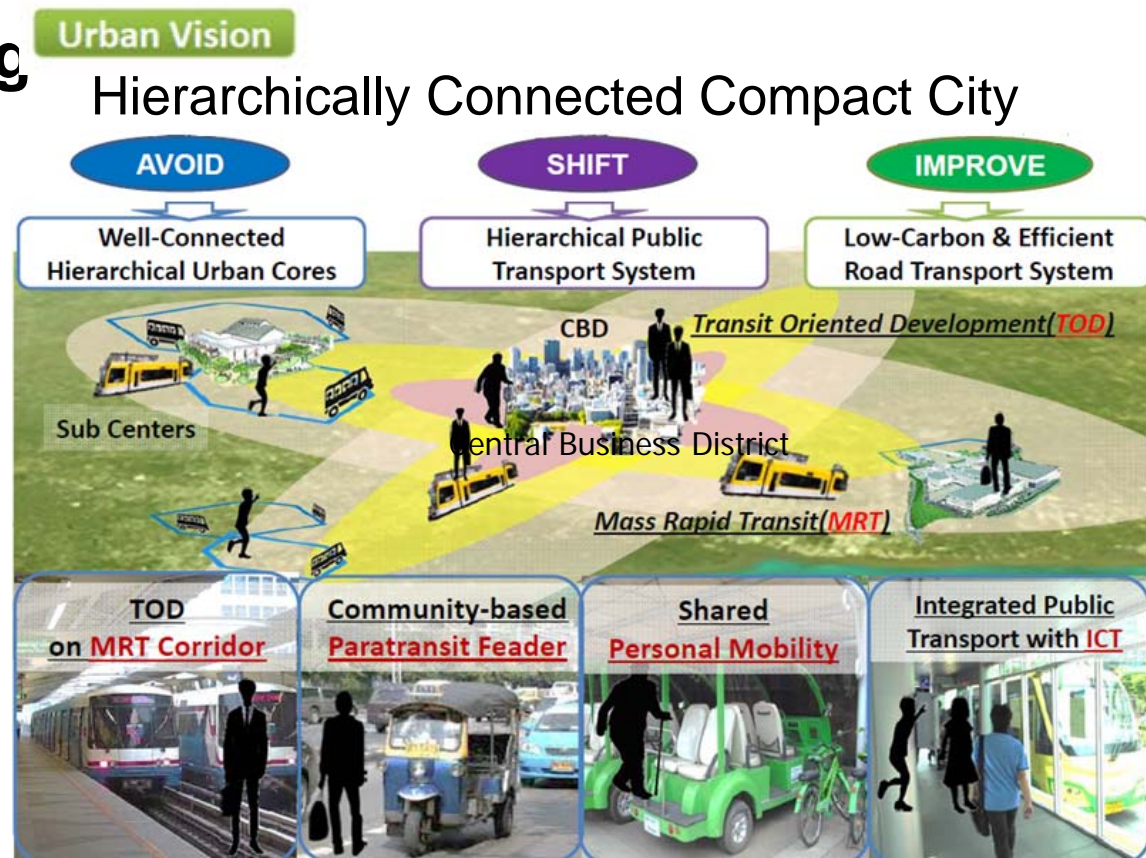
Actions 1 & 2: Transport

Action 1: Hierarchically Connected Compact Cities

- Compact cities with well-connected hierarchical urban centers
- A seamless and hierarchical transport system
- Low carbon vehicles with efficient road-traffic systems

Action 2: Mainstreaming Rail and Water in Interregional Transport

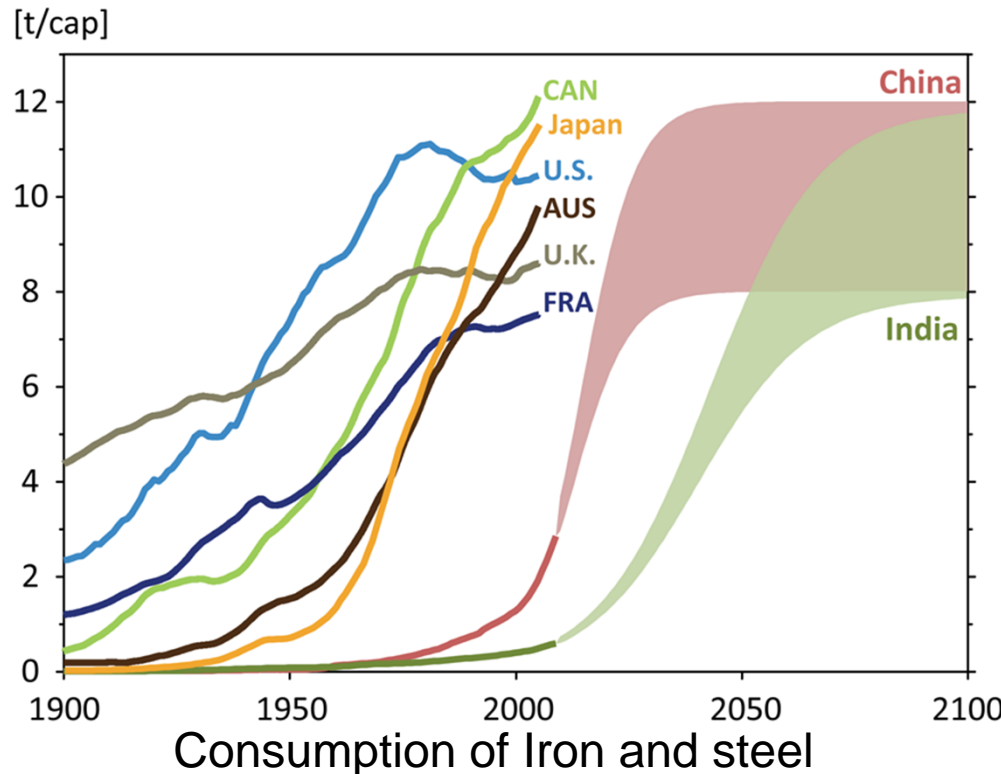
- Formulation of industrial corridors using a low carbon transport system
- Establishment of an intermodal transport system incorporating rail and water
- Reduction of CO2 emissions from vehicles and aircraft



Action 3: Smart Ways to Use Material that Realize the Full Potential of Resources

- Production that dramatically reduces the use of resources
- Use of products in ways that extend their lifespan
- Development of systems for the reuse of resources

Lower per capita stock (8 t/cap), the saturation level of France and the UK, would decrease the steel demand in China significantly to the lower level of 0.3 Gt in 2050



Source: Müller and Wang, 2009

Key Messages

Achieving 2°C target is feasible

If all the actions proposed here are applied appropriately, 69% of the emissions in the Reference scenario can be reduced in Asia in 2050. This is in line with a global pathway with the 2°C target.

Early actions are needed

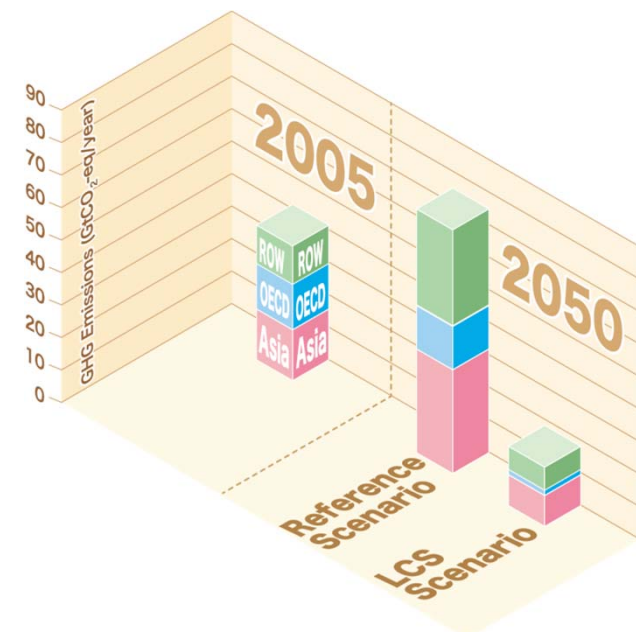
Whatever pathways are followed, GHG emissions should be reduced to zero in the long run to keep the climate at the corresponding level. More the actions are delayed, larger the reduction rates become and higher the stabilization level will be.

GHG emissions need to be below zero to lower temperature. To realize negative emissions is very tough.

There is a danger that socio-ecosystem will not be recovered even if GHG concentrations are returned to the lower level.

Leapfrogging development in Asia leads to a Low Carbon Society

Transition to low carbon emissions and low-resource consumption societies, while simultaneously improving the economic standards of living is vital for sustainable development. Asia has many opportunities to realize an LCS by leapfrogging.



Thank you very much!

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