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The latest scientific findings from UNEP GAP report and IPCC AR5 - 2 °C global temperature change limit target and Global GHG reductions by 2050 -

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IPCC AR4: Long-term Emissions Pathways

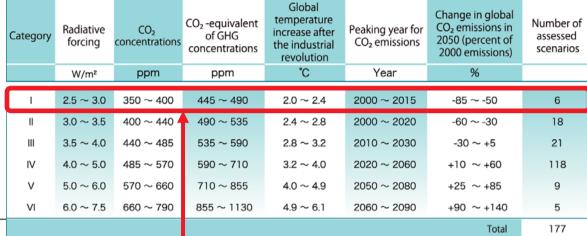


Right Top Table:

Classification of the stabilization targets for the GHGs reviewed in the IPCC AR4

Left Bottom Figure:

Target-specific CO2 emissions reviewed in the IPCC AR4



Source: IPCC 4th Assessment Report, Working Group III

Category VI 80 Category V Category IV 70 Category III emissions Category II Category Global CO₂ e -10 2000 2010 2050 2080 2100

2 °C global temperature change limit

It requires "negative CO2 emissions" in the latter half of the 21 century

Source)

National Institute for Environmental Studies Center for Global Environmental Research IPCC scenario database

http://www.cger.nies.go.jp/db/scenario/index.html



Transition from IPCC AR4 to IPCC AR5



IPCC AR4 WG3 (2007)

Three papers discussed how to achieve 450 CO₂eq ppm concentration target which is equivalent to 2°C global temperature limit above pre-industrial levels



Policy makers in COP15 paid attention to the 2°C global temperature limit above pre-industrial levels in the Copenhagen Accord in 2009



UNEP analysed gaps of GHG emissions between 2 °C global temperature limit pathways and Cancun Agreements in 2010.

IPCC AR5 WG3 (2014)

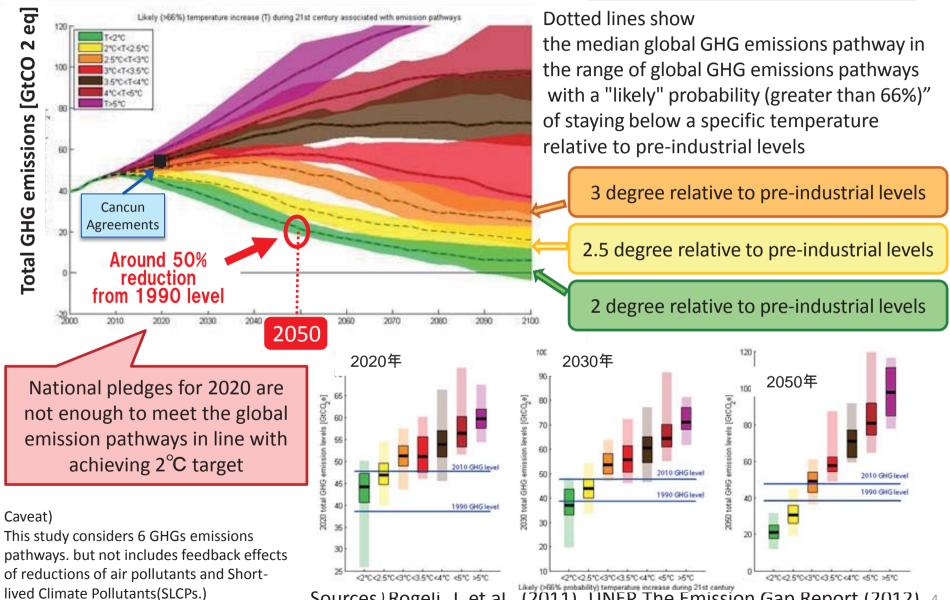


- ➤ Biomass energy with CCS (BECCS) is one of the essential technologies and it is difficult to achieve the 2°C target without BECCS
- Energy efficiency improvement plays a key role. But the rate of change toward the 2°C target is not in line with the current trends, much faster.



UNEP GAP report 2012 Global GHG emissions constraint







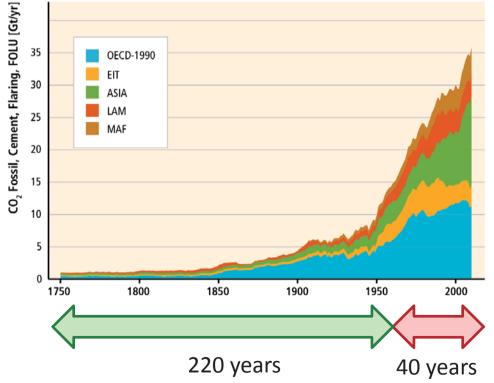
Historical Trends of Cumulative CO₂ Emissions



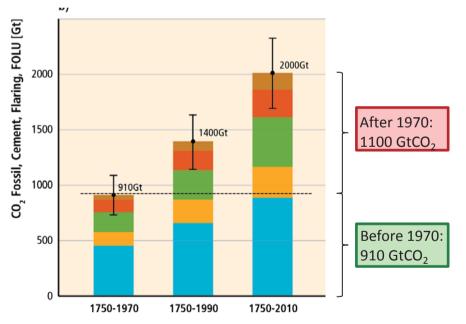
◆ IPCC AR5 WG1 says that there is a proportional relation between temperature increase and cumulative GHG emissions. Thus, when discussing future temperature increase, it is important to pay attention to amount of cumulative emissions.

Historical cumulative anthropogenic CO₂ emissions have more than doubled since

1970 (i.e. last 40 years).



Source) IPCC AR5, Figure TS.2



Note)

OECD-1990: OECD countries affiliated in 1990

EIT: Economies in Transition

ASIA: Asian countries

LAM: Latin America countries

MAF: Middle East and Africa countries



Characteristics of scenarios in IPCC AR5



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- ◆ In order to achieve 2°C global temperature change limit target above pre-industrial levels with a "likely" probability (greater than 66%), it is necessary to reduce GHG emissions around 40-70% by 2050 compared to the level in 2010, and almost zero emission by 2100.

| CO₂eq Concentrations | | Relative position of the RCPs ⁵ | Cumulative CO ₂ emissions ³ (GtCO ₂) | | Change In CO ₂ eq emissions compared to 2010 In (%) ⁴ | | Temperature change (relative to 1850–1900) ^{5,6} | | | | |
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| (concentration range) ⁹ | | | | | | | | 1.5°C | 2.0°C | 3.0°C | 4.0°C |
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| 450 (430-480) | Total range ^{1, 10} | RCP2.6 | 550-1300 | 630-1180 | −72 to −41 | -118 to -78 | 1.5–1.7 (1.0–2.8) | More unlikely than likely | Likely | Likely | |
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Source) IPCC AR5, Table SPM.1

Caveat) AR5 classified categories & discussed temperature change in 2100, but AR4 classified categories & discussed temperature change in long-term GHG equilibrium.

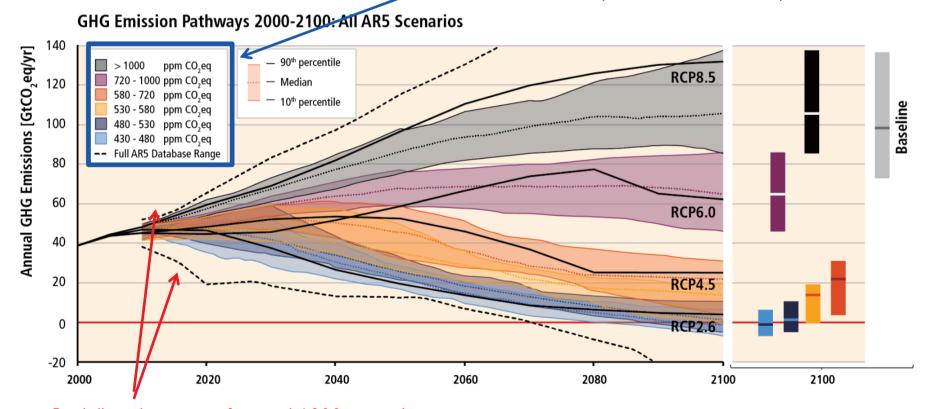


IPCC AR5: Long-term Emissions Pathways



◆ Without more mitigation, global mean surface temperature might increase by 3.7°C to 4.8°C over the 21st century.

Different colors show different categories which achieve the same CO2-eq concentration at the point in 2100



Dash line: the range of around 1200 scenarios

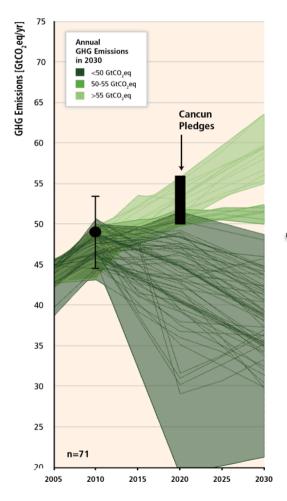
Source) IPCC AR5, Figure SPM. 4



Delayed mitigation VS cost-effective mitigation

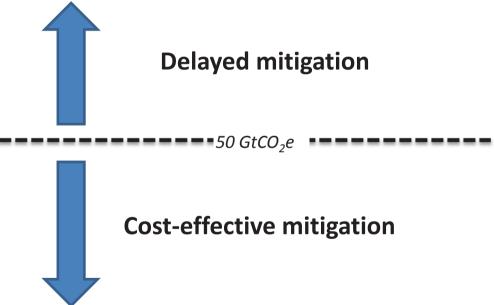






Source) IPCC AR5, Figure SPM. 5

Delayed mitigation significantly increases the challenge to reach low concentration targets.



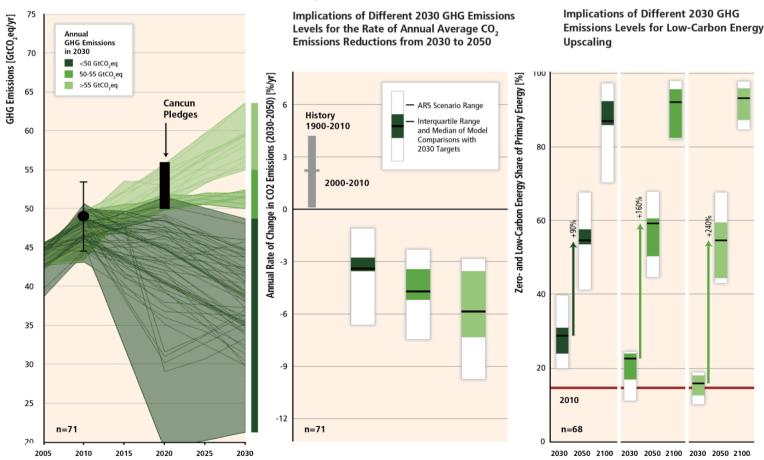
In cost-effective 2°C mitigation strategies, emissions have peaked and emission levels in 2030 tend to be lower than today.



Cancun Agreements and 2°C target



- Cancun pledges correspond to staying below 3 °C target with "likely" probability. Current Cancun Pledges imply increased mitigation challenges for reaching 2°C.
- If we delay mitigation action, it becomes more difficult to shift to lower GHG emissions levels such as 2 °C target.





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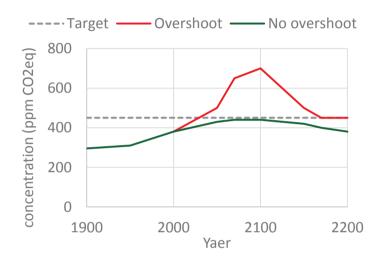
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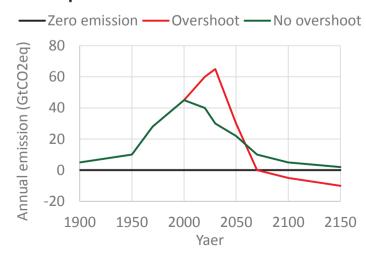
Risks of Delayed Action and Overshoot Scenarios AIM



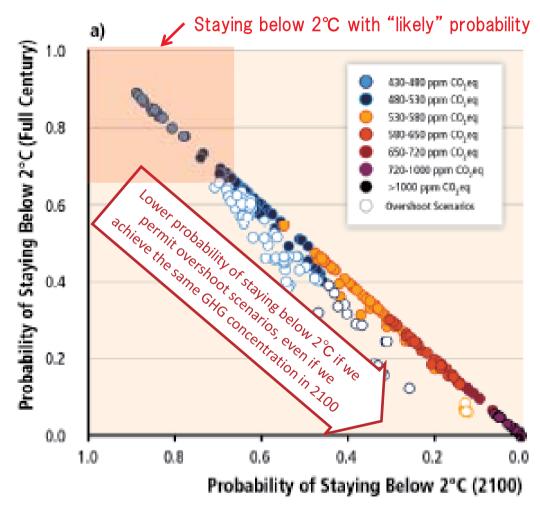
♦ Example of overshoot in concentration



♦ Example of overshoot in emission



Discussions on with & without overshoot scenarios when achieving stringent GHG concentration scenarios

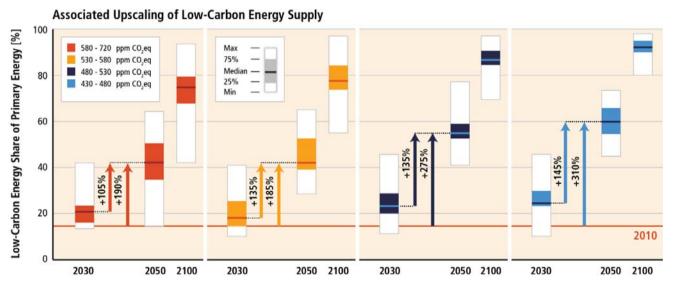




Other findings in IPCC AR5



- Historical national per-capita GHG emissions are highly variable within and between income groups. (IPCC AR5, Figure TS. 4)
- Mitigation requires major technological and institutional changes including the upscaling of low- and zero carbon energy (IPCC AR5, Figure SPM. 4)

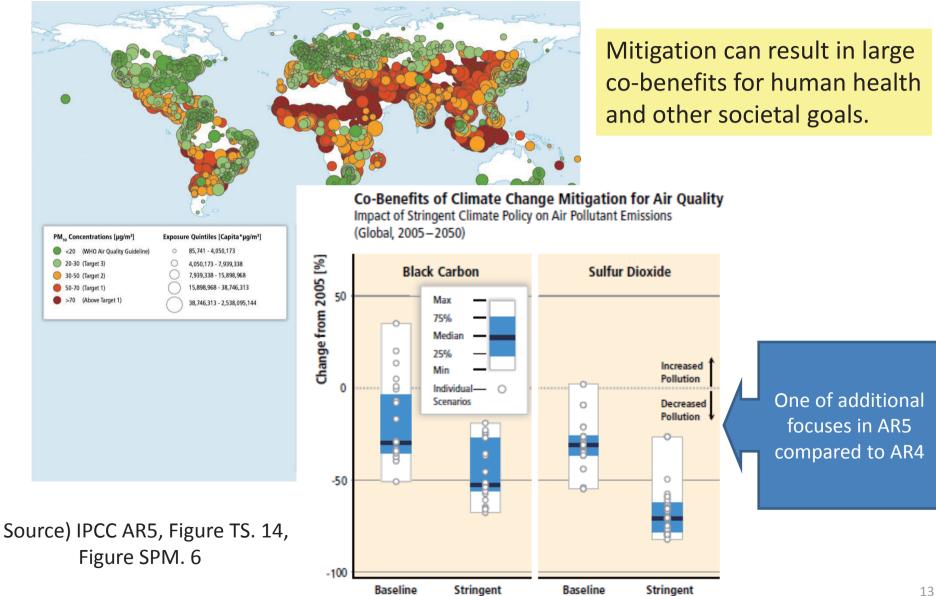


- Estimation for mitigation costs vary widely depending on scenario settings. Mitigation costs in cost-effective scenarios and estimated cost increases due to assumed limited availability of specific technologies and delayed additional mitigation (IPCC AR5, Table SPM. 2)
- Since AR4, there has been an increased focus on policies designed to integrate multiple objectives, increase co-benefits and reduce adverse side-effects.



Co-benefits of GHG mitigations





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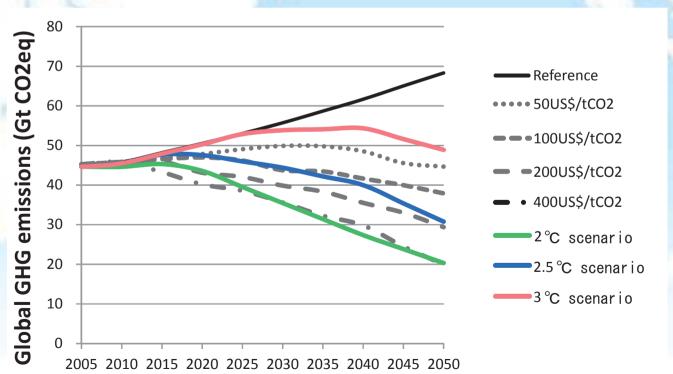


Global GHG emissions pathways and comparison with 2 °C target pathways



The global GHG emissions pathways by AIM/Enduse[Global] are compared with the emissions pathways consistent with the 2°C target scenarios.

- ☐ Transitions toward the 2°C target are not in line with the current trend.
- □ It requires high carbon price around 400 US\$/tCO₂ in 2050, which is necessary to consider comprehensive strategies to promote mitigation technologies to achieve the maximum potentials of energy savings.

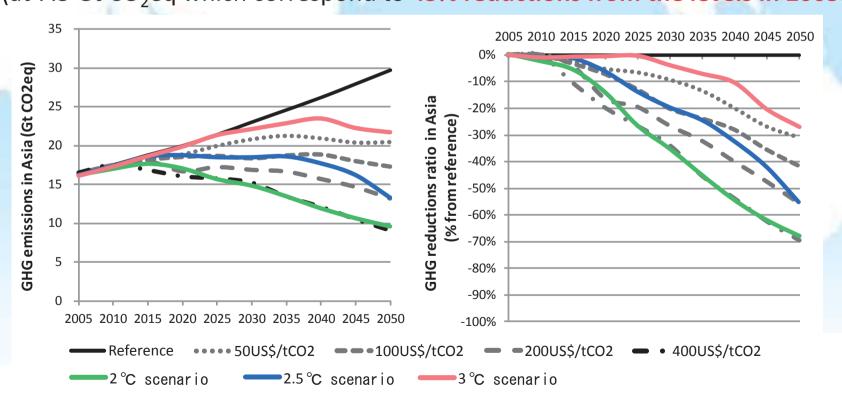




GHG emissions pathways in Asia and comparison with 2 °C target pathways



- ☐ Mitigation potentials are influenced by the portfolio of various mitigation measures, and various options are available for accelerating the introduction of energy efficient technologies on both the demand side and the supply side
- ☐ In 400 US\$/tCO2 scenario, GHG emissions in Asia in 2050 are largely reduced
 - at 20.5Gt CO₂eq which correspond to 69% reductions from baseline.
 (at 7.5 Gt CO₂eq which correspond to 45% reductions from the levels in 2005.)

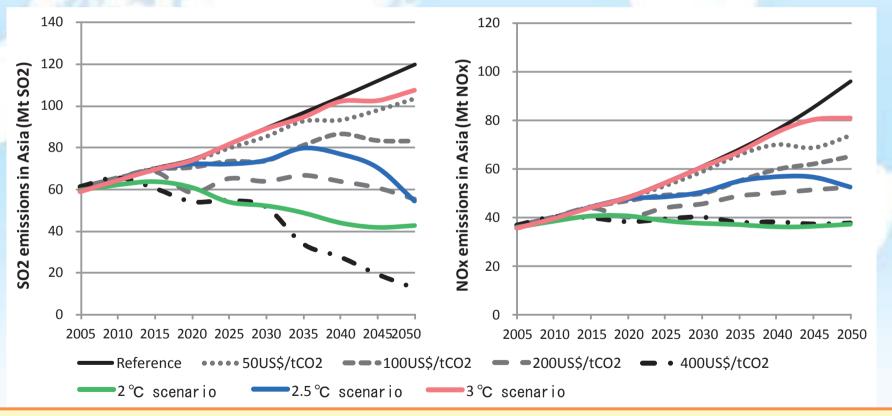




SO₂ & NOx emissions pathways in Asia Cobenefits of implementing CO2 mitigation policies-



- ☐ In order to focus on cobenefits of reducing air pollutants by introducing GHG mitigation measures, air pollutant removal devices are not considered
- □ SO₂ and NOx emissions in Asia will be significantly reduced as cobenefits of achieving the GHG emissions pathways of 2°C target scenarios.



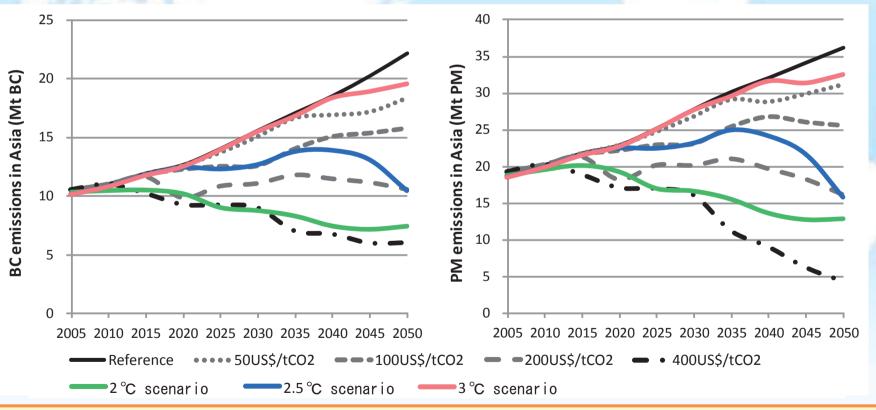
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- ☐ These are due to measures of energy efficiency improvement on the demand side and also a drastic energy shift on the supply side.

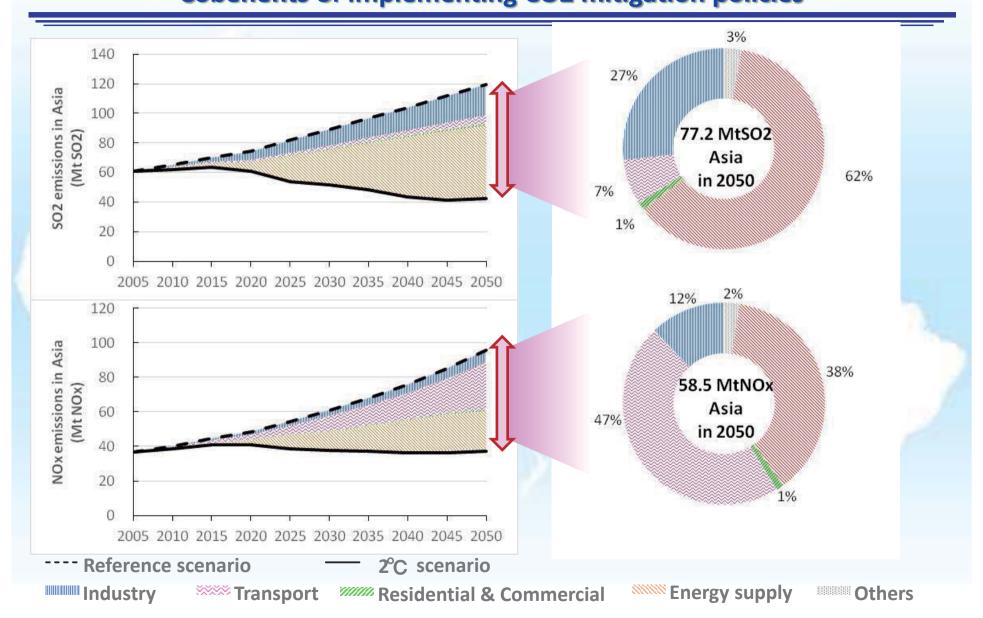


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