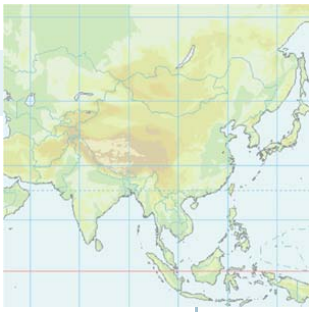

How can research serve international policy-making towards *Low Carbon Development Path*?

Looking Forward

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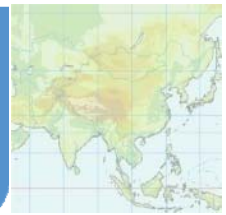

1. Elements of -…Science-Policy-… Nexus

2. 'Big win-win' from the Past Assessments
   - Attributing causality to Climate Change
   - Articulating Pathways to Low Carbon Future

3. Looking Forward: -...Policy-Science-…Nexus
   - Research driven by policy-makers' agenda
   - Science benchmarked to 'reality'
   - 'End-to-End' solutions that deliver multiple dividends
   - Community Driven; Cooperative Research

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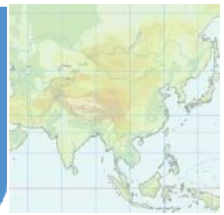


1. Holistic and Integrative Perspective

- What, Where, When?
- How, Who?

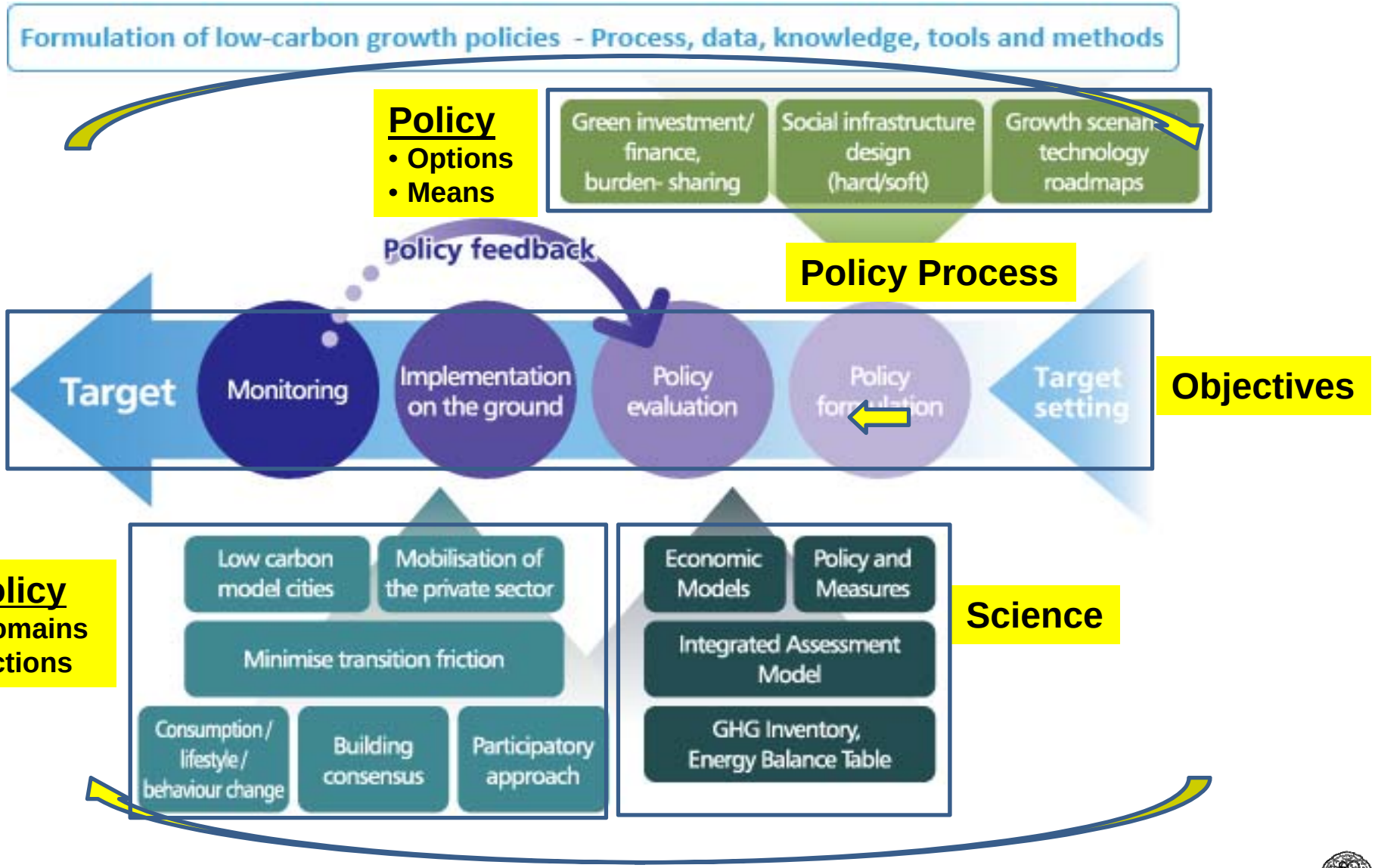
2. Policy relevant Science

- Integration of:
  - Information across all Scientific disciplines
  - Develop methods and tools
- Find ‘insights’, ‘implications’ and ‘means’ for policy formulation and implementation
- Innovations & Information (Futuristic/Strategic Platforms)

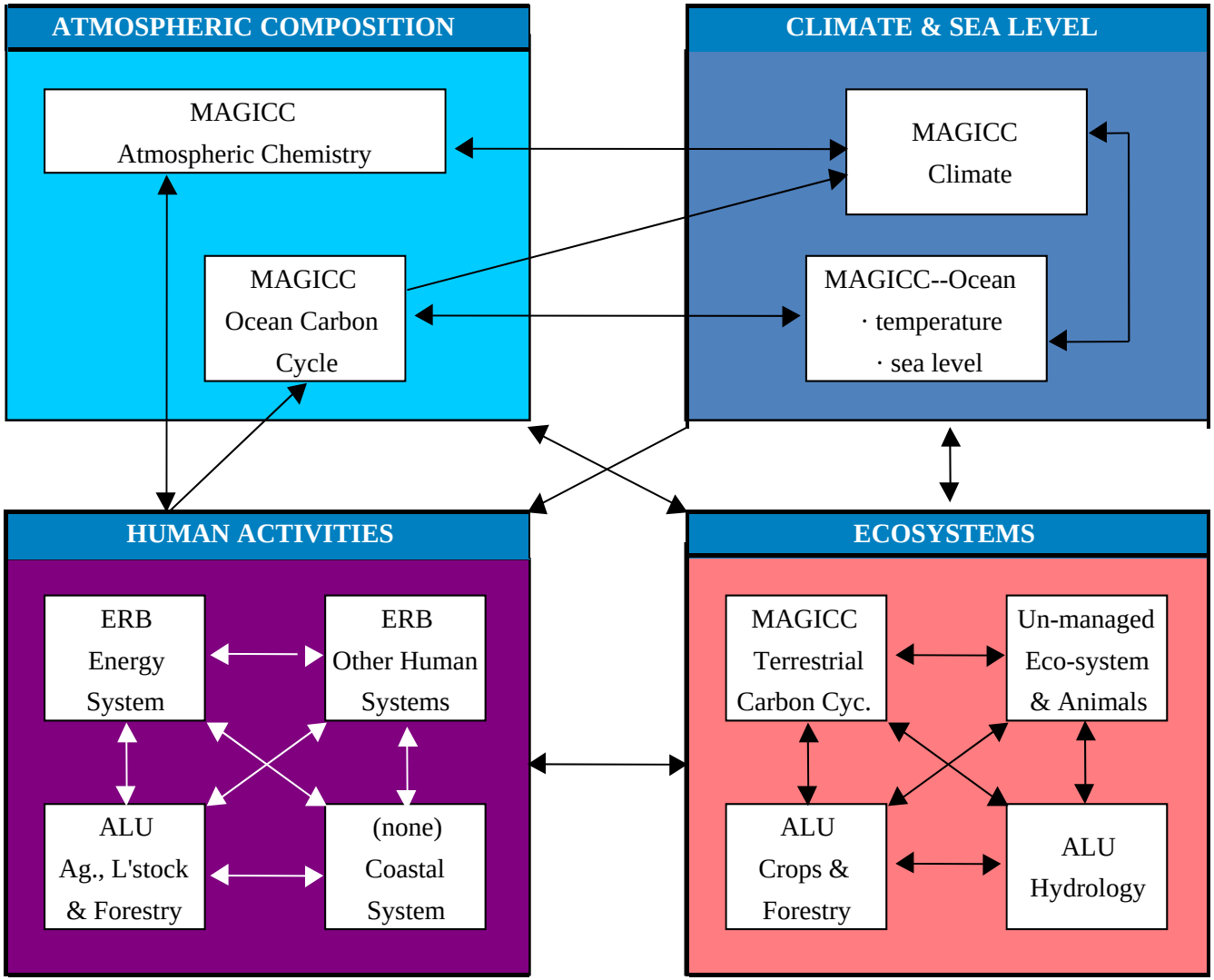
3. Research informing Policy

- Addressing key questions occupying policy-maker’s minds
- Outreach at Policy Forums

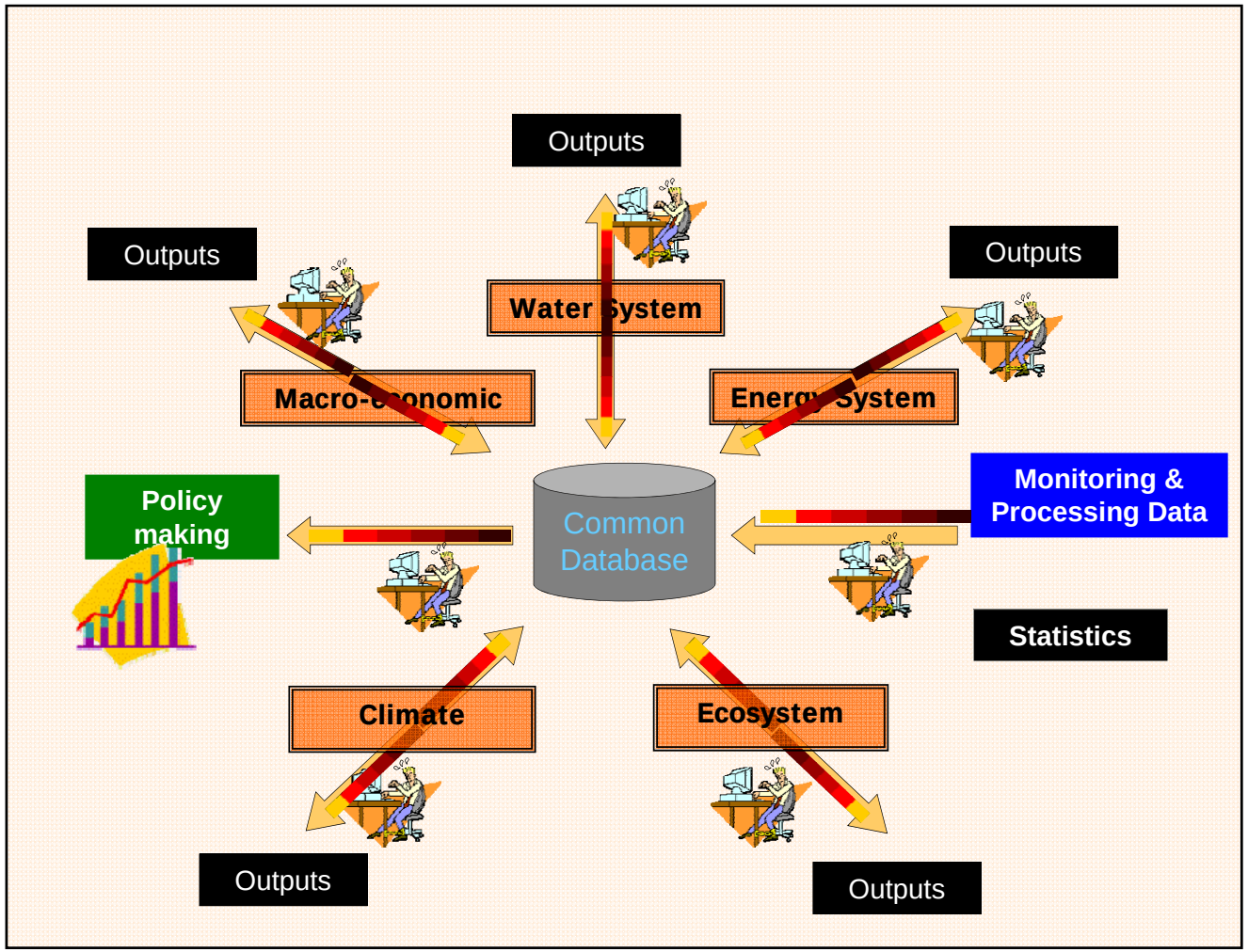
Policy and Science Nexus: What & How?



Integrated Policy Assessment Framework



Shared Information: Strategic Databases



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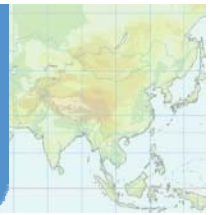
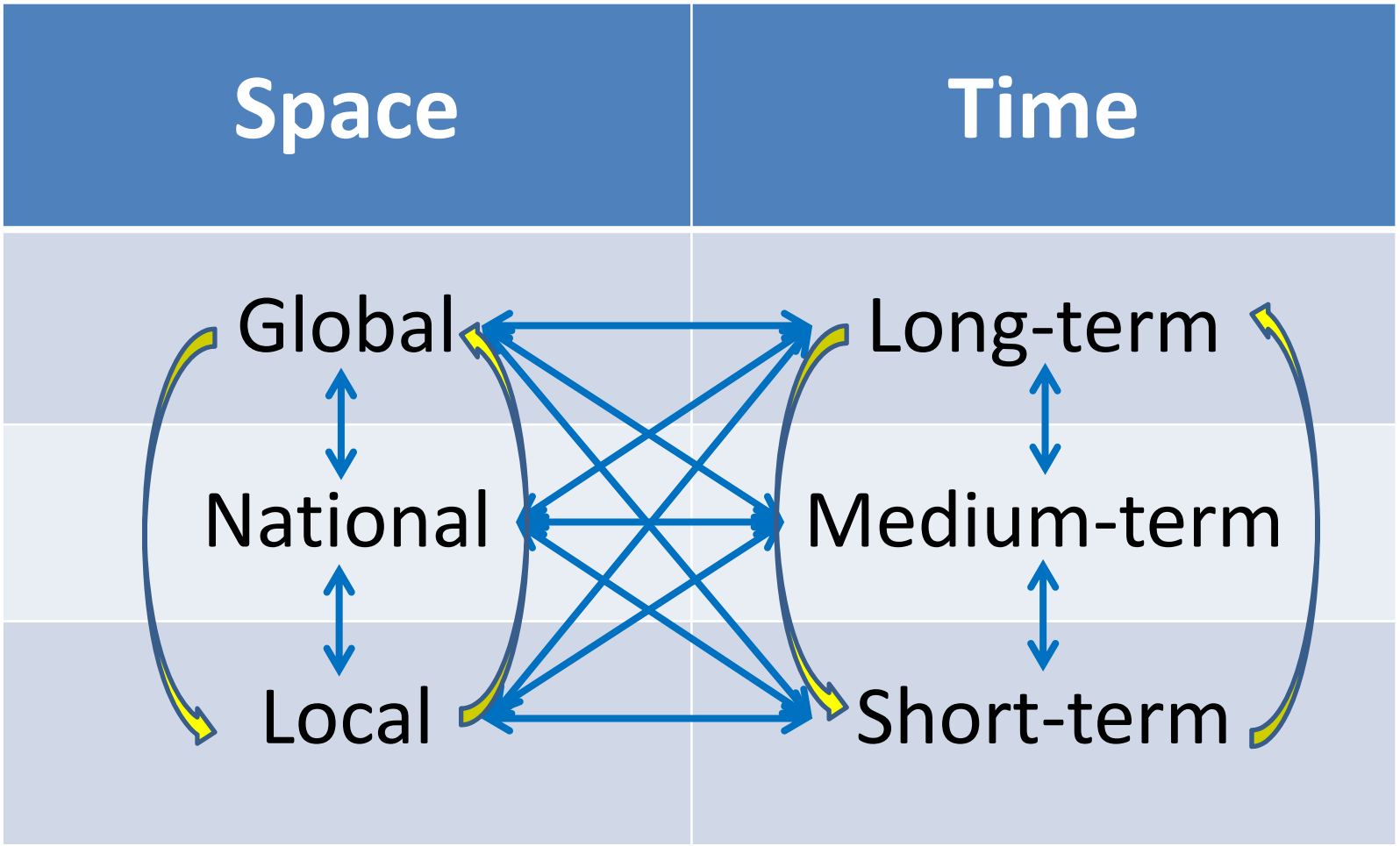
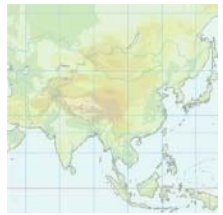
Policy and Science Nexus: Where, Who and When?







‘Big win-win’ into ‘Low Carbon Resilient Development’:

Select Examples of Present/Past Research Informing Policy

Evidence of Anthorpogenic Influence on Climate Change

IPCC SAR: The balance of evidence suggests a discernible human influence on global climate

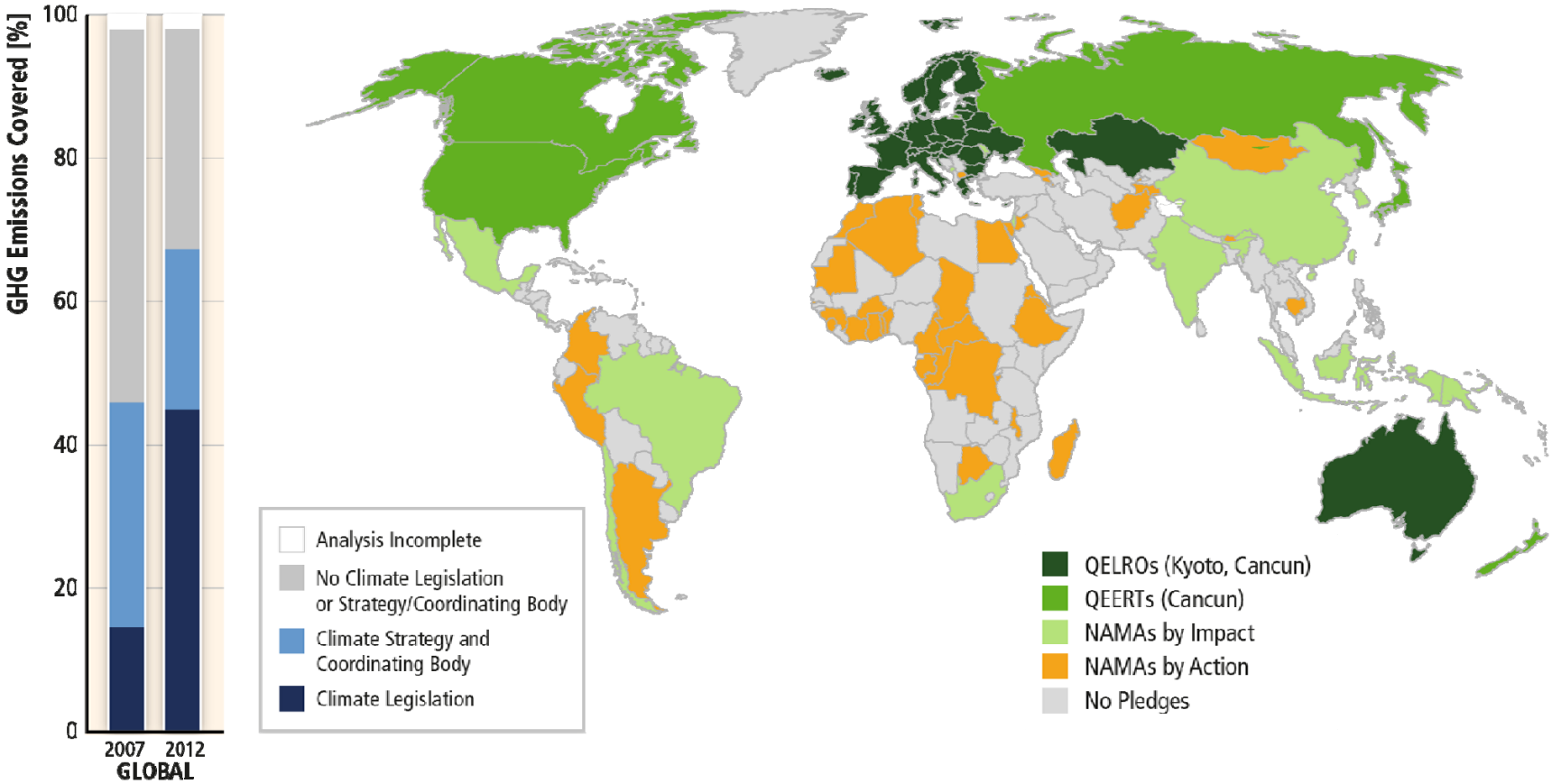
IPCC TAR: "There is new and stronger evidence that most of the warming observed over the last 50 years is attributable to human activities".[

IPCC AR4: Anthropogenic warming of the climate system is widespread and can be detected in temperature observations taken at the surface, in the free atmosphere and in the oceans. Evidence of the effect of external influences, both anthropogenic and natural, on the climate system has continued to accumulate since the TAR

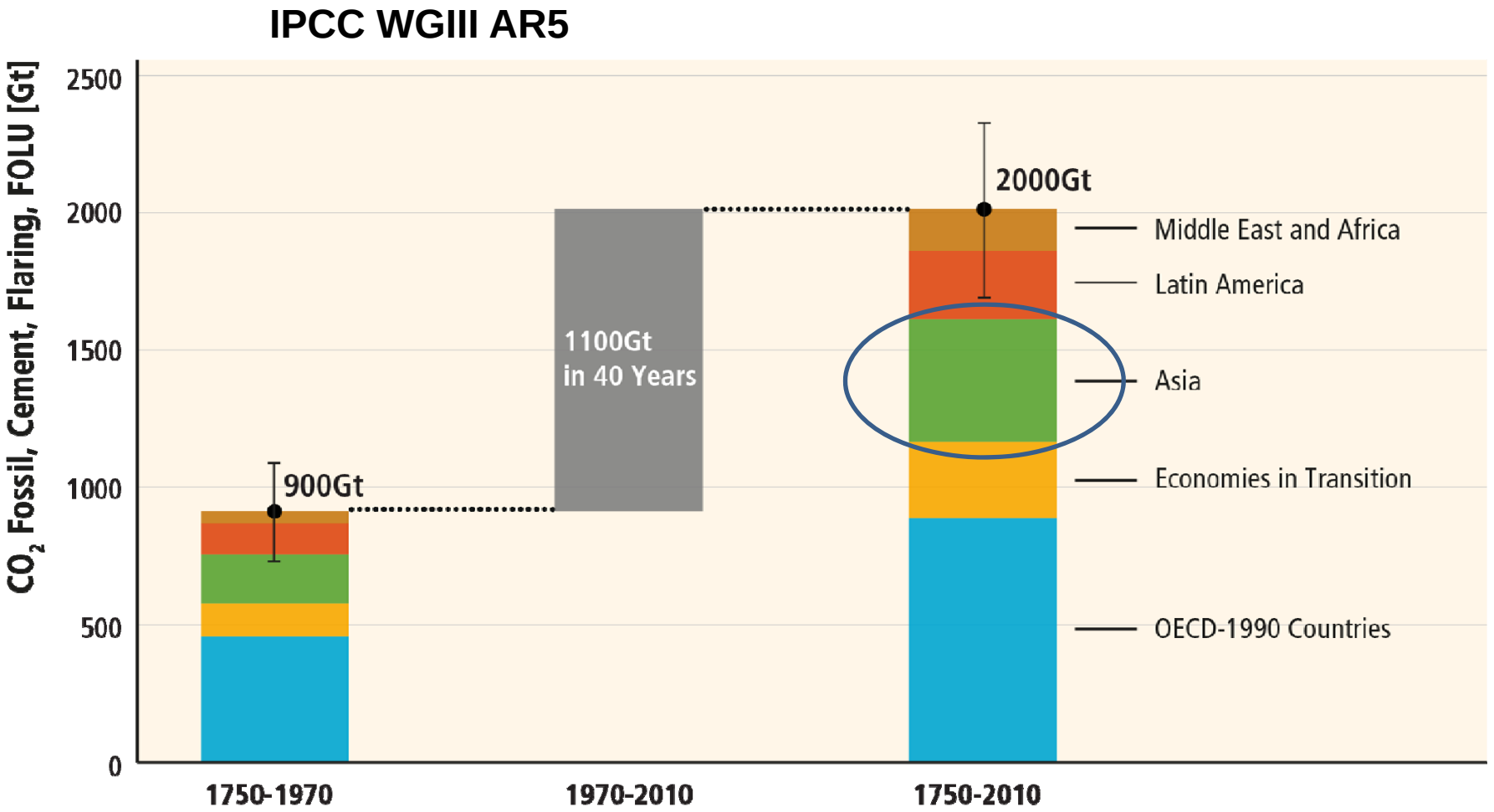
IPCC AR5: it is "extremely likely" that human influence was the dominant cause of global warming between 1951 and 2010.[4]

There has been a considerable increase in national and sub-national mitigation policies since AR4.

IPCC WGIII AR5



About half of cumulative anthropogenic CO2 emissions between 1750 and 2010 have occurred in the last 40 years.



Based on Figure 5.3

CO_2 Potential in Fossil Fuel Reserves Versus 2^oC Budget

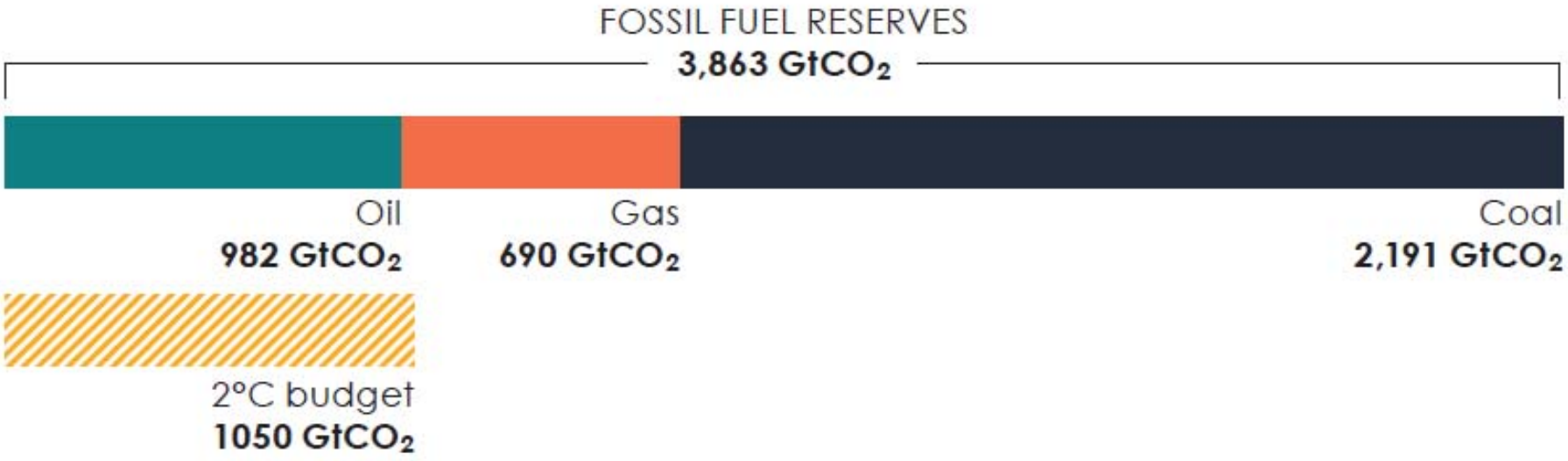
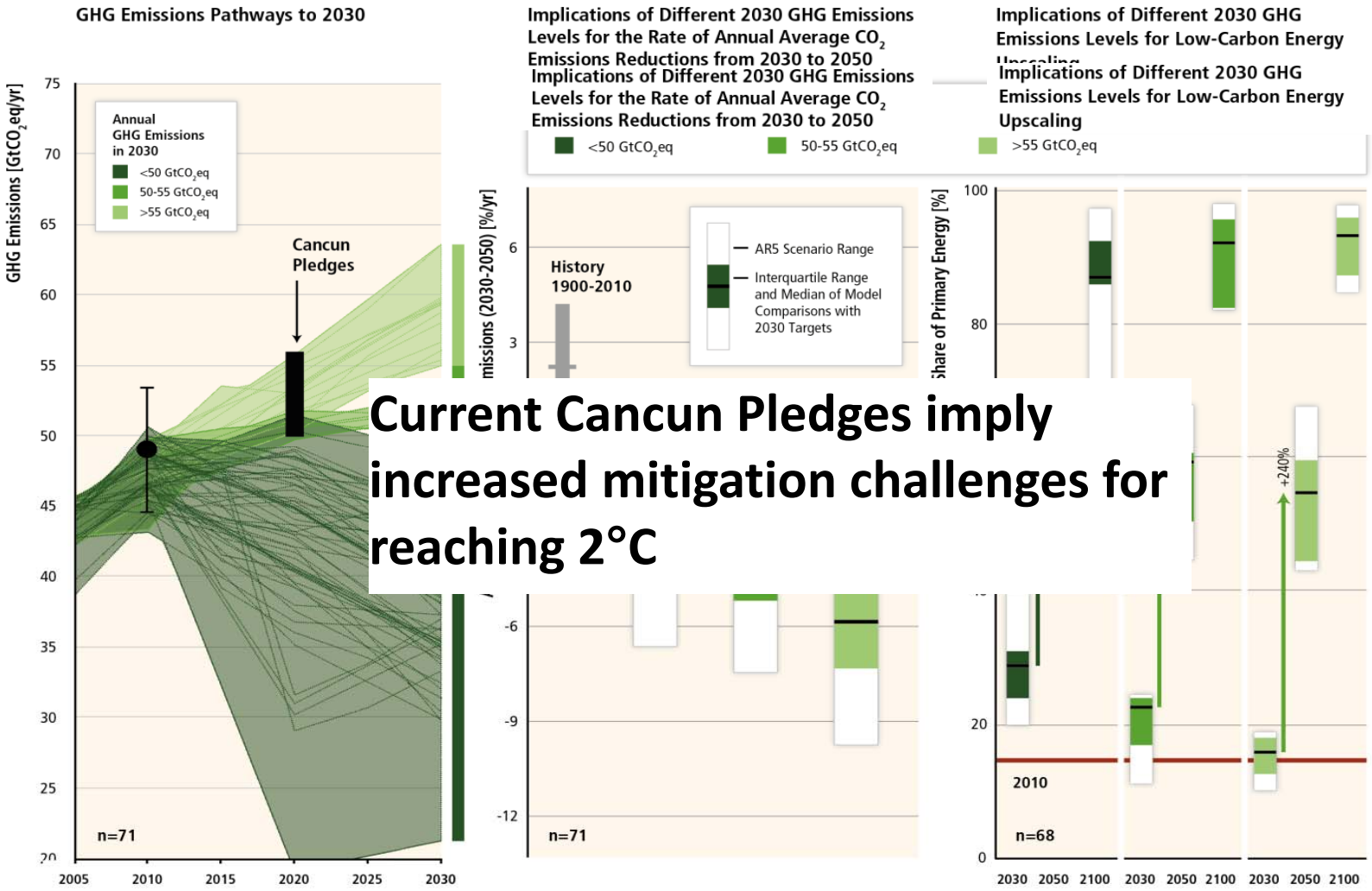


Figure 2: Conventional and unconventional fossil fuel reserves of coal, oil and gas, and the remaining global carbon budget compatible with scenarios limiting global mean warming to 2°C above pre-industrial temperatures. Source of Fossil Fuel Reserves: IPCC, 2011, Figure 1.7; Source of Carbon Budget: IPCC, 2013a and IPCC erratum, 2013b, adapted.

In addition, CO_2 estimate in Fossil sources is several times higher - 31352 to 50092 GT

Ref: IPCC AR5 WGIII Chapter 7 Table 7.2

Delayed mitigation significantly increases the challenge to reach low concentration targets



Current Cancun Pledges imply increased mitigation challenges for reaching 2°C

Figure SPM.5
IPCC WGIII AR5

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

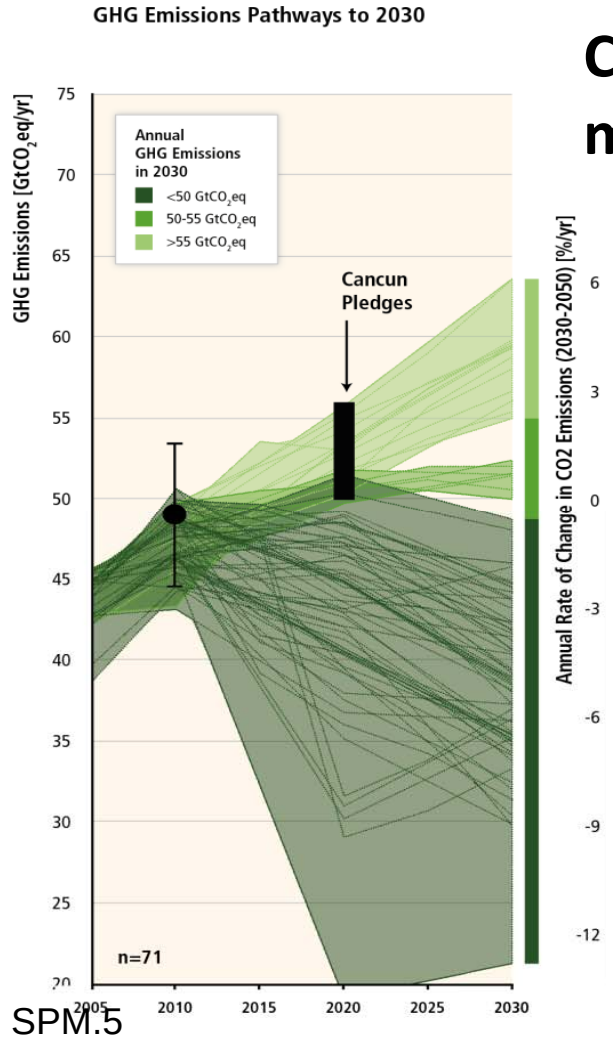


Figure SPM.5
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Delayed mitigation

50 $GtCO_2e$

Cost-effective mitigation

Assessment building on work of AMPERE project
(Riahi et al., 2014, Tech. For. & Soc. Change, online first)

Substantial reductions in emissions would require large changes in investment patterns.

IPCC WGIII AR5

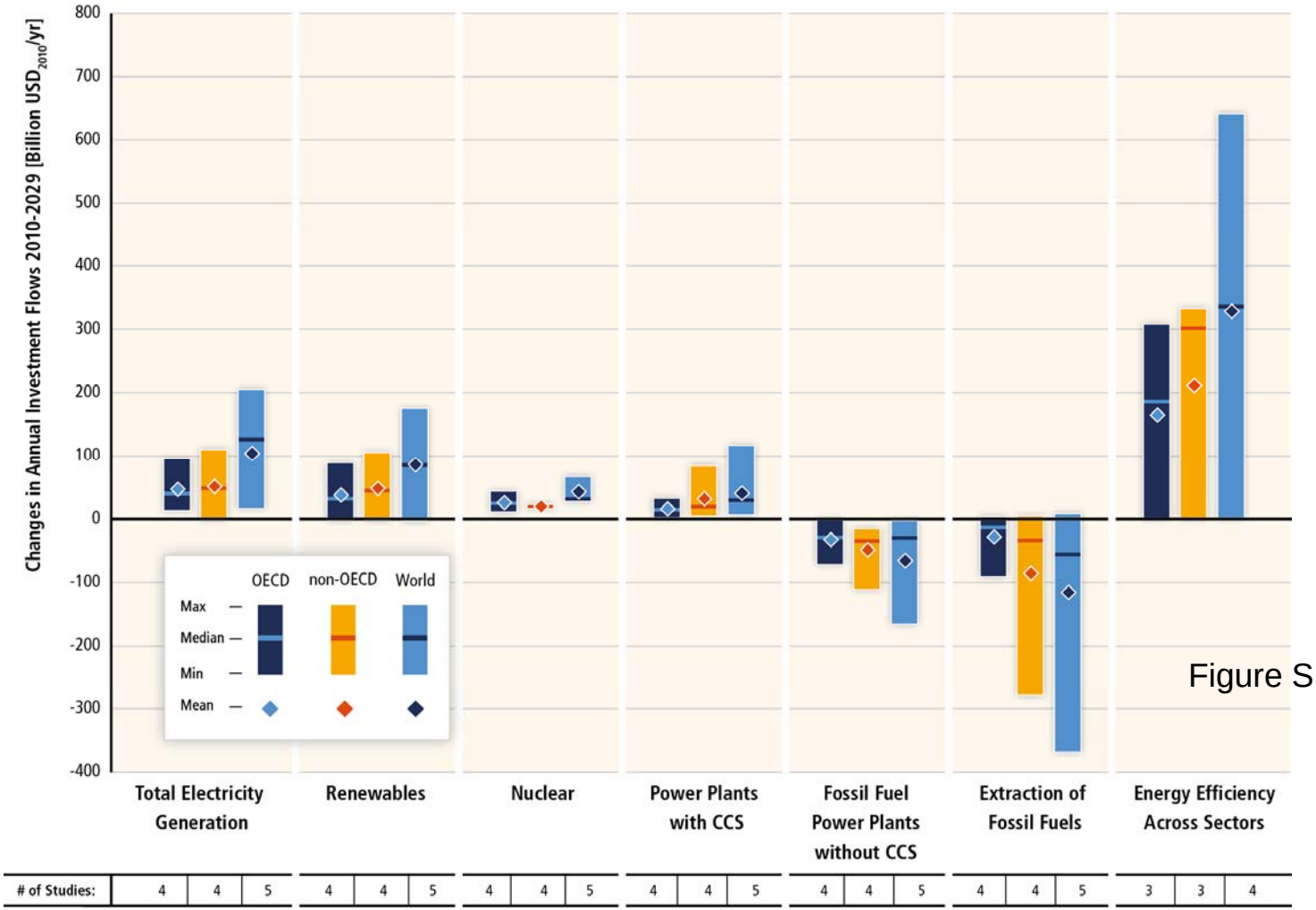


Figure SPM.9

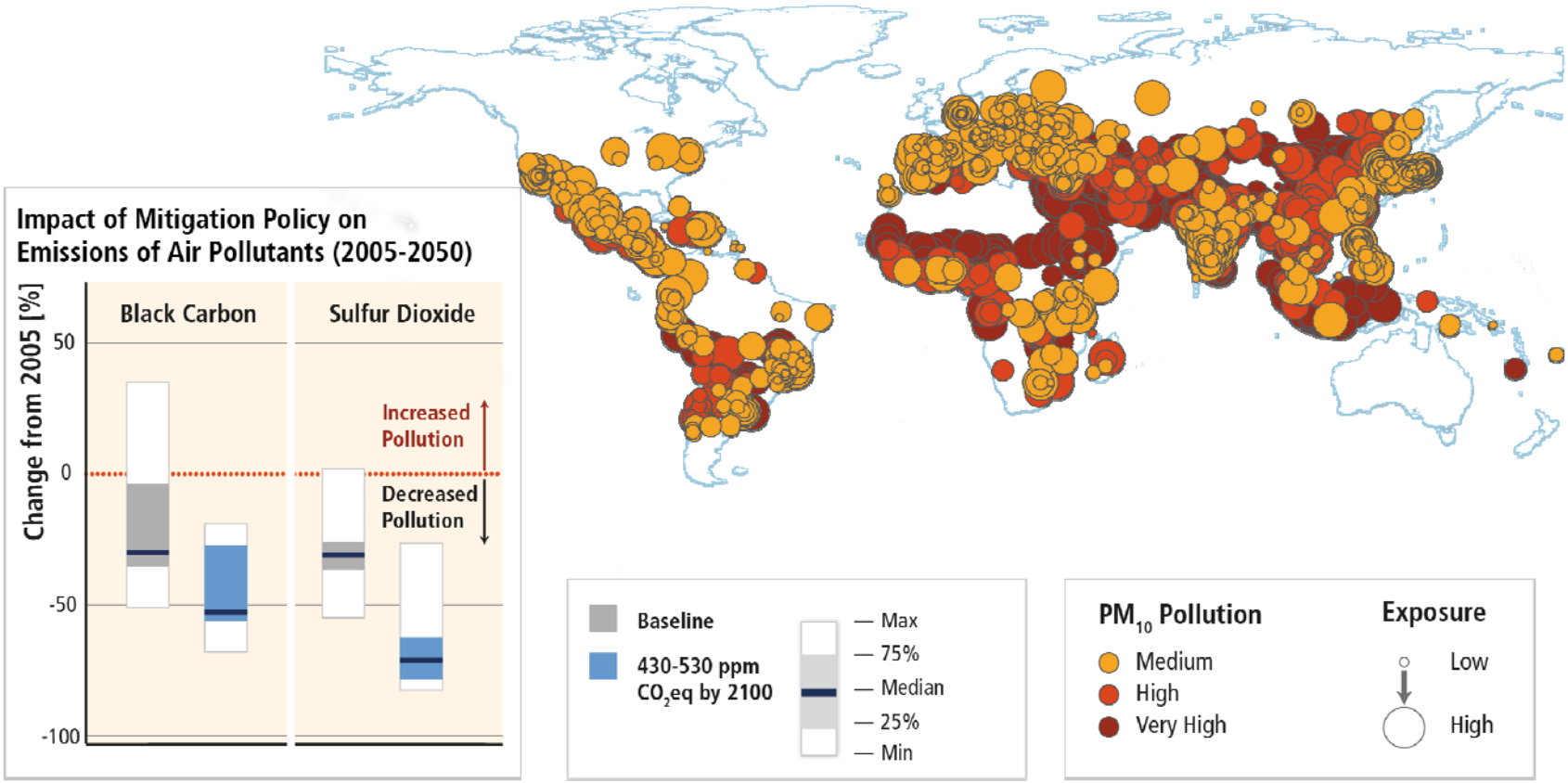
Mitigation costs vary widely, but are relatively modest compared to overall economic growth under idealized assumptions.

Table SPM.2	Consumption losses in cost-effective implementation scenarios			
	[% reduction in consumption relative to baseline]			[percentage point reduction in annualized consumption growth rate]
2100 Concentration (ppm CO_2eq)	2030	2050	2100	2010-2100
450 (430–480)	1.7 (1.0–3.7)	3.4 (2.1–6.2)	4.8 (2.9–11.4)	0.06 (0.04–0.14)
500 (480–530)	1.7 (0.6–2.1)	2.7 (1.5–4.2)	4.7 (2.4–10.6)	0.06 (0.03–0.13)
550 (530–580)	0.6 (0.2–1.3)	1.7 (1.2–3.3)	3.8 (1.2–7.3)	0.04 (0.01–0.09)
580–650	0.3 (0–0.9)	1.3 (0.5–2.0)	2.3 (1.2–4.4)	0.03 (0.01–0.05)

- By comparison overall consumption grows by 300-900% in the baselines
- Costs exclude benefits of mitigation (reduced impacts as well as other co-benefits (e.g. improvements for local air quality).

Mitigation can result in large co-benefits for human health and other societal goals.

IPCC WGIII AR5



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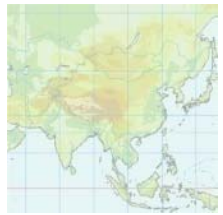
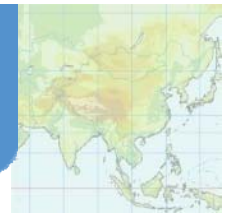


Looking Forward: -...Policy-Science-...Nexus

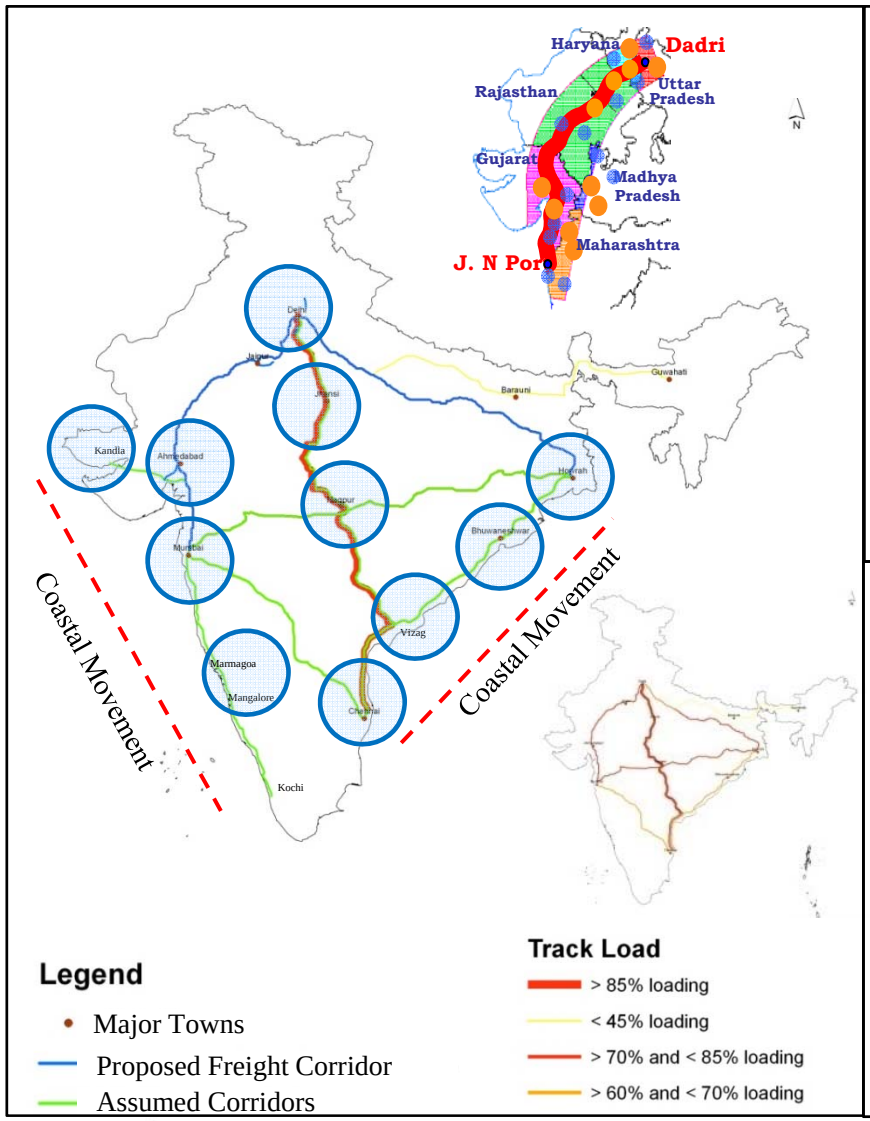
- Rethinking Research Perspective
- Cooperative and Community Driven Research
- 'Insights + Numbers' with End-to-End Solutions

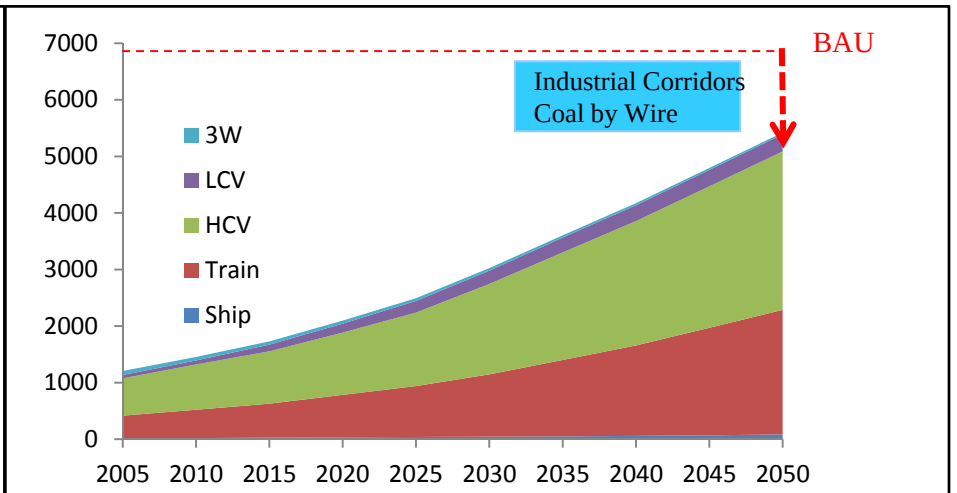
Rethinking Research Perspective



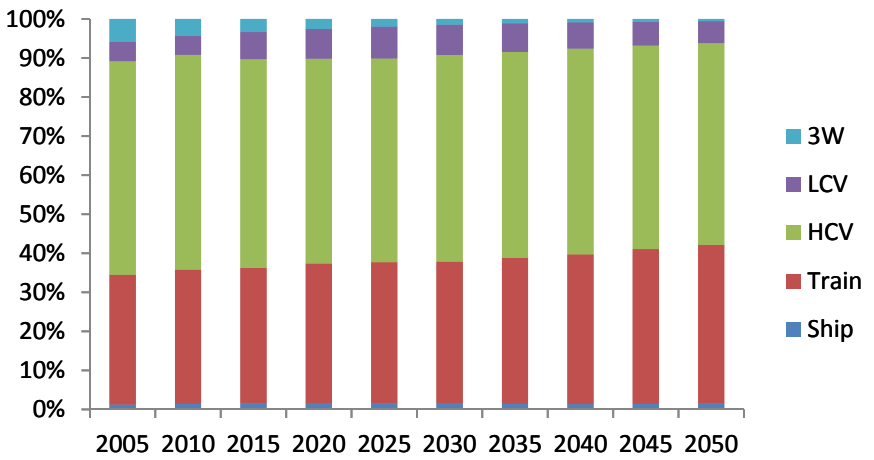
1. ‘Horses for Courses’ Approach to Research
2. Align low carbon research with
3. Look beyond obvious (conventional) options
4. Cooperation (low transaction costs & risks) + Competition (market efficiency)
5. New and Multiple Instruments to Facilitate Change

Infrastructure Choice: e.g. Freight Corridors





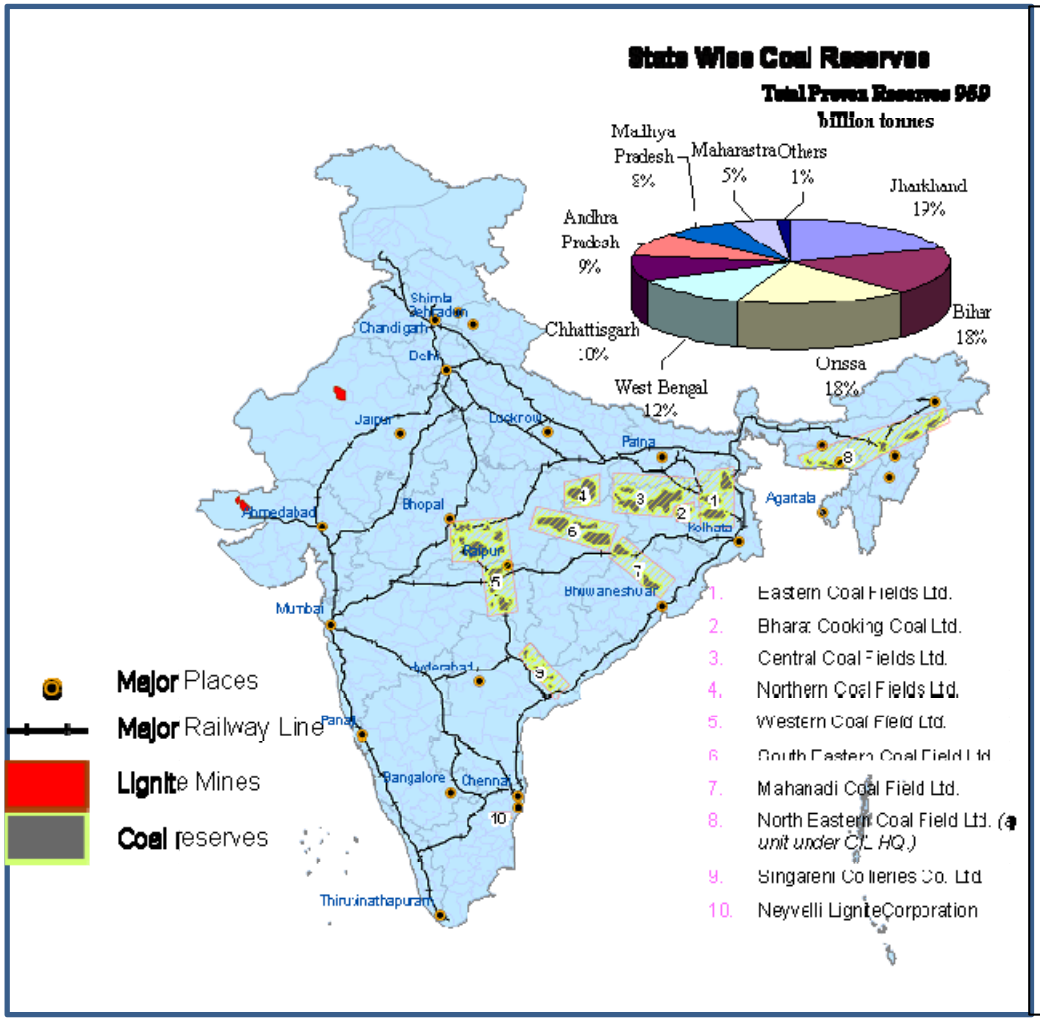
Freight movement by transport infrastructure type (Bn Tkm)

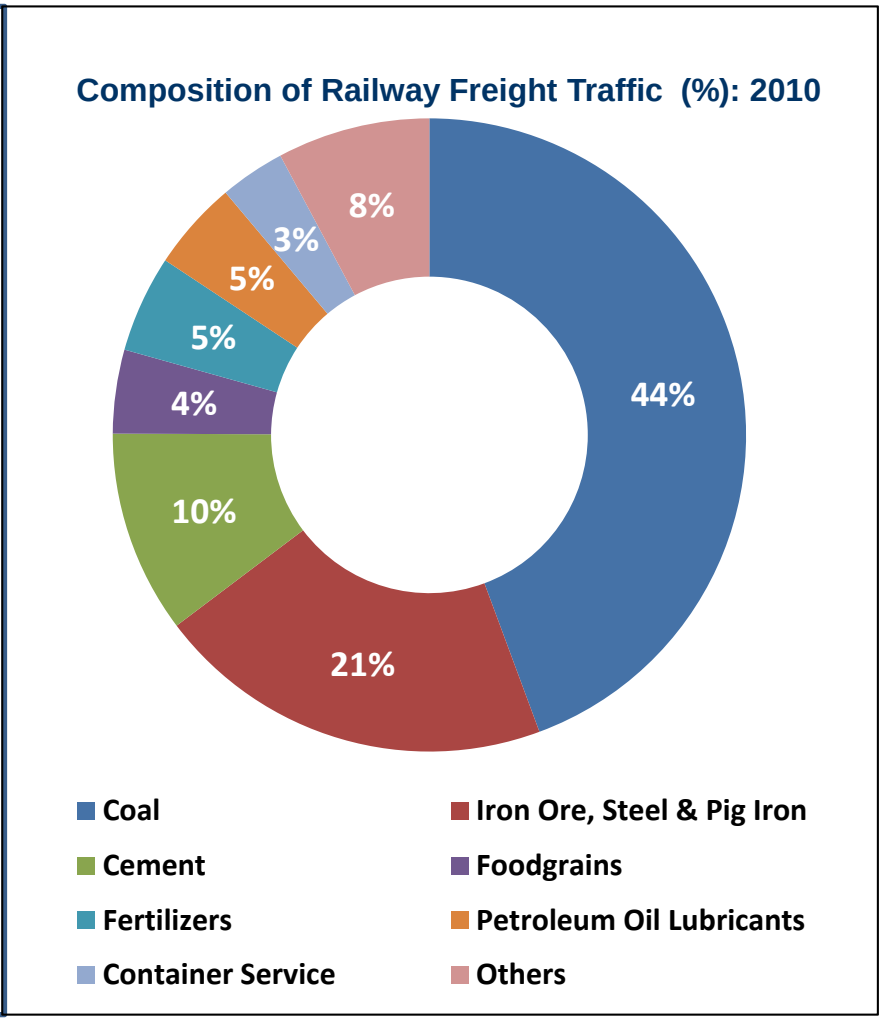


Sectoral shares in freight transport infrastructure (%)

Note: Map boundaries are for illustration

Choice of Infrastructure – Coal by wire





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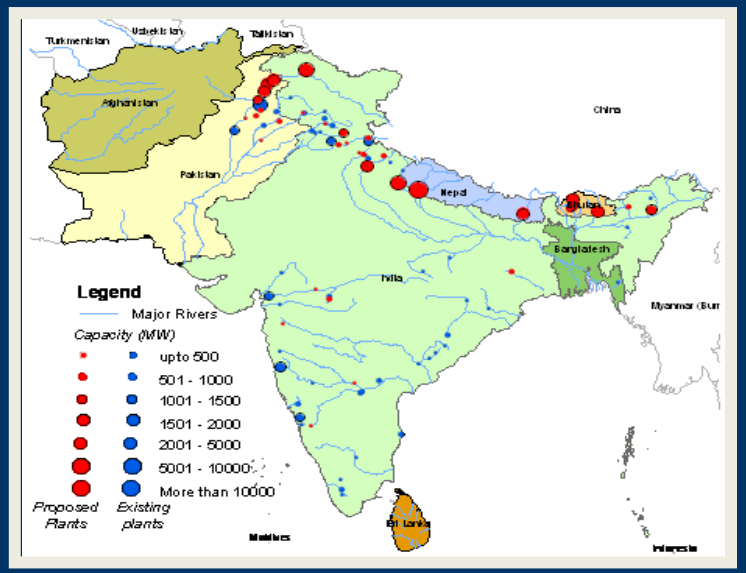
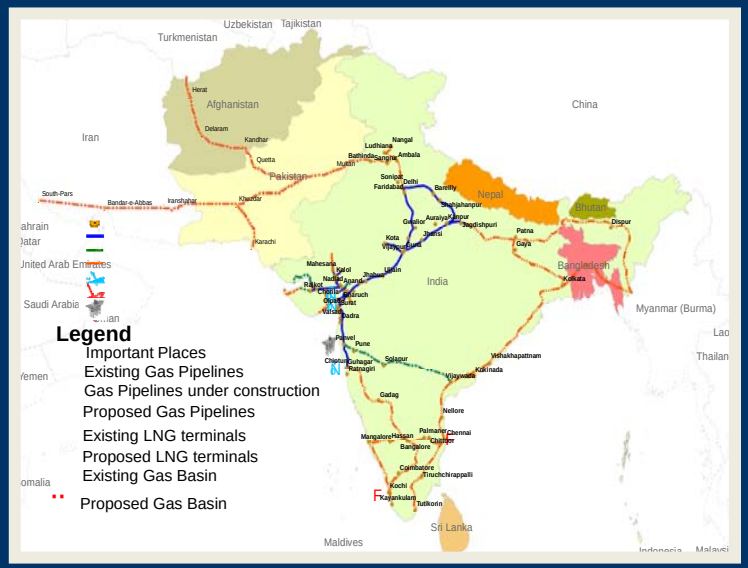
Integrated S-Asia Energy Market – Co-benefits





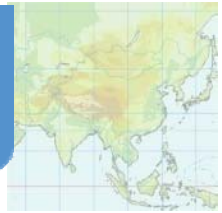
Co-benefits of South-Asia Integrated Energy-Water Market

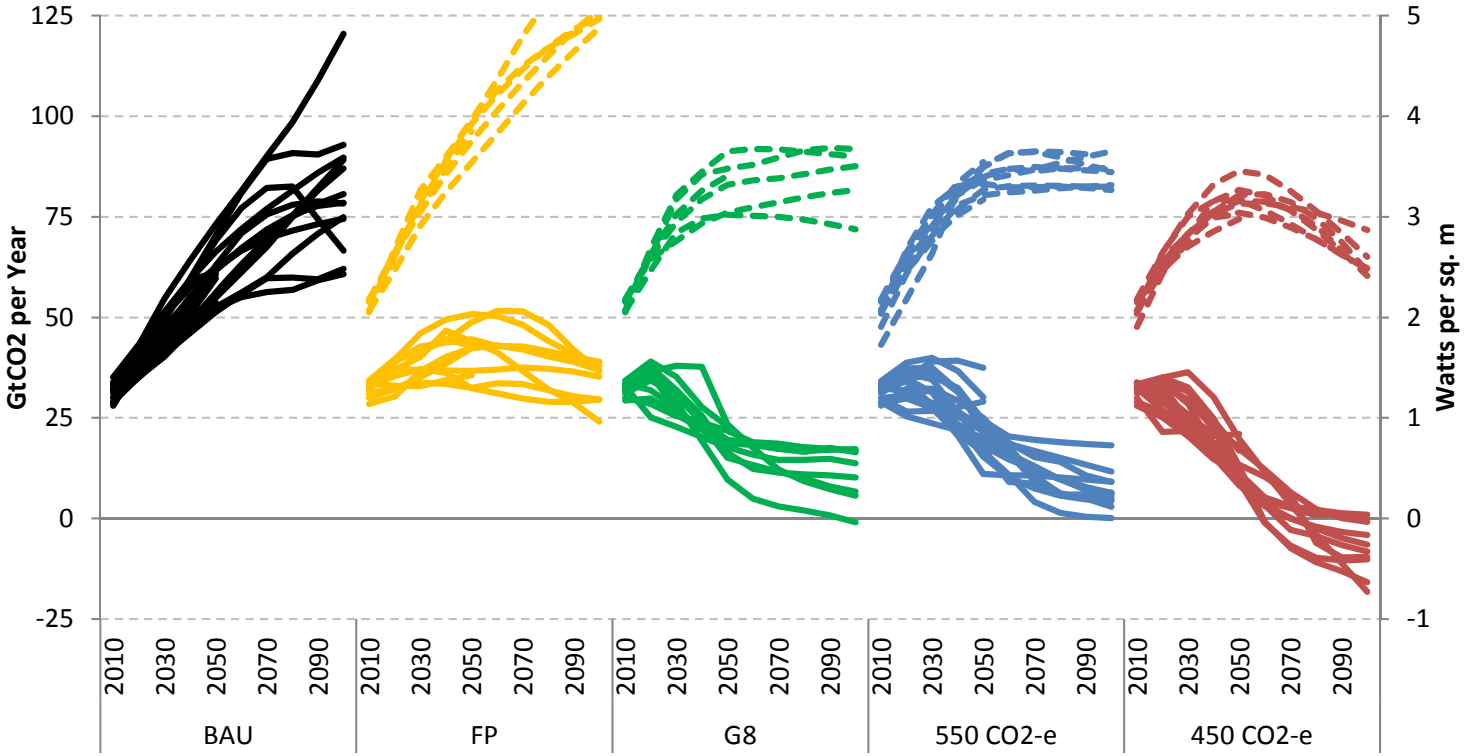
Benefit (Saving) Cumulative from 2010 to 2030		$ Billion	% GDP
Energy	60 Exa Joule	321	0.87
CO_2 Equiv.	5.1 Billion Ton	28	0.08
SO_2	50 Million Ton	10	0.03
	Total	359	0.98

Spill-over Benefits / Co-Benefits

- More Water for Food Production (MDG1)
- 16 GW additional Hydropower (MDG1&7)
- Flood control (MDG1&7)
- Lower energy prices would enhance competitiveness of regional industries (MDG1)

Cooperative and Community Driven Research





FF&I CO2 emissions and radiative forcing

Ref:
1. Blanford, Kriegler, Tavoni, 2014, Climatic Change 123(3-4)
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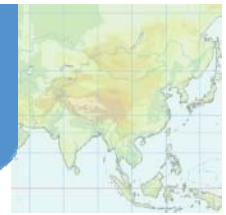
‘Insights + Numbers’ with End-to-End Solutions



1. Research is framed to find generic ‘insights’ and ‘numbers’;
2. Reframing of research is therefore the needed to address dynamics at ‘specifics’ and propose ‘End-to-End’ solutions
3. Free market competition delivers economic efficiency where perfect ‘rule of law’ institutions exist; the diversity of contexts needs ‘cooperation’ to be the driving force of low carbon policies
4. Stakeholder engagement is vital for cooperation and to minimize ‘transaction costs and risks’ of implementing ‘ideal’ solutions
5. Shared and Inclusive vision is vital to propose and implement ‘End-to-End’ solutions

Conclusions: Looking Forward

1. Low carbon research has made eminent contributions to climate policymaking

2. The shifting context needs research to find new directions and approaches

3. Research needs greater global engagement, especially of developing countries where new opportunities, in the short-run, may prevent long-term 'lock-ins'

4. Low carbon research needs to be more sharing, caring and daring.

Policymakers have shown keen interest in low carbon policy research and would support knowledge networks so long as research is purposive, inclusive and practical.

Thank you