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Mitigation of Climate Change





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1 Technical Summary

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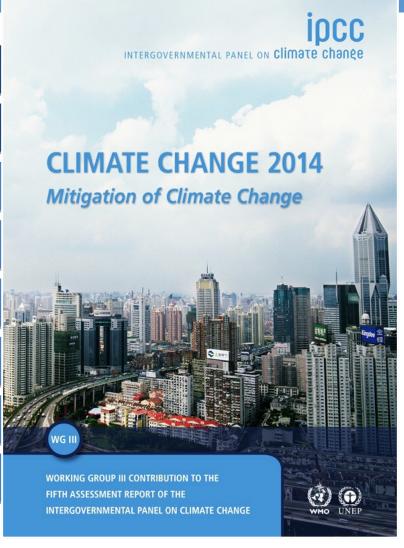
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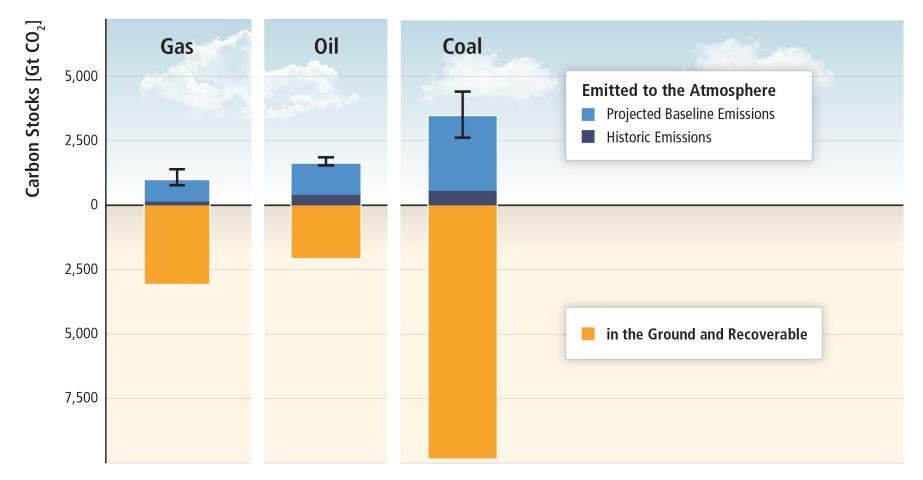
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There is far more carbon in the ground than emitted in any baseline scenario.

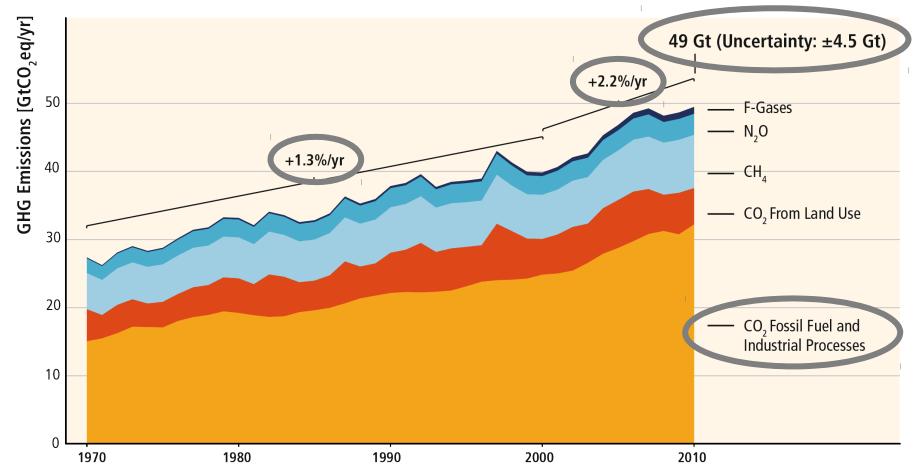


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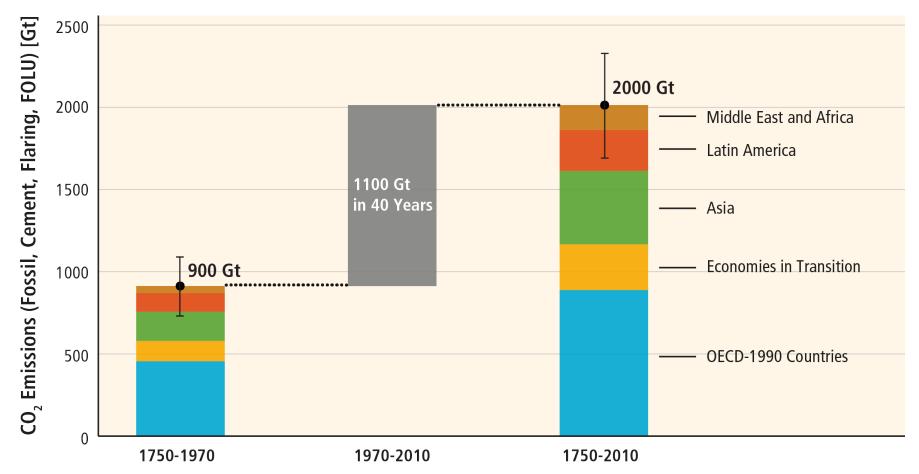
GHG emissions growth between 2000 and 2010 has been larger than in the previous three decades.







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

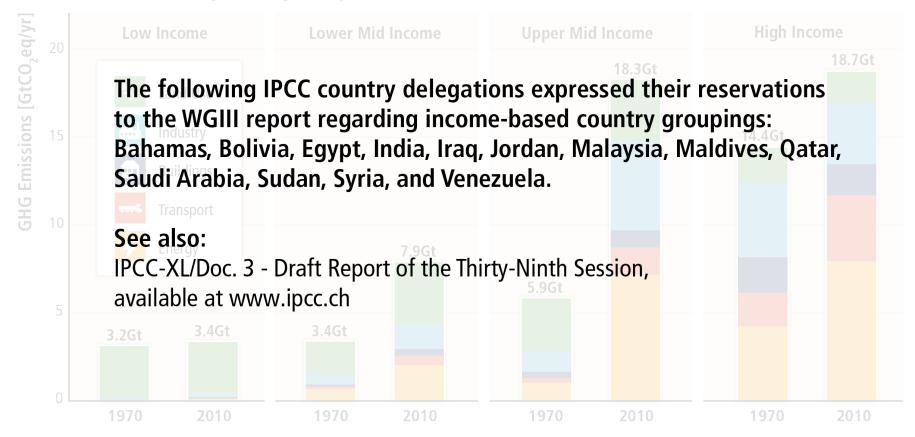






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GHG Emissions by Country Group and Economic Sector

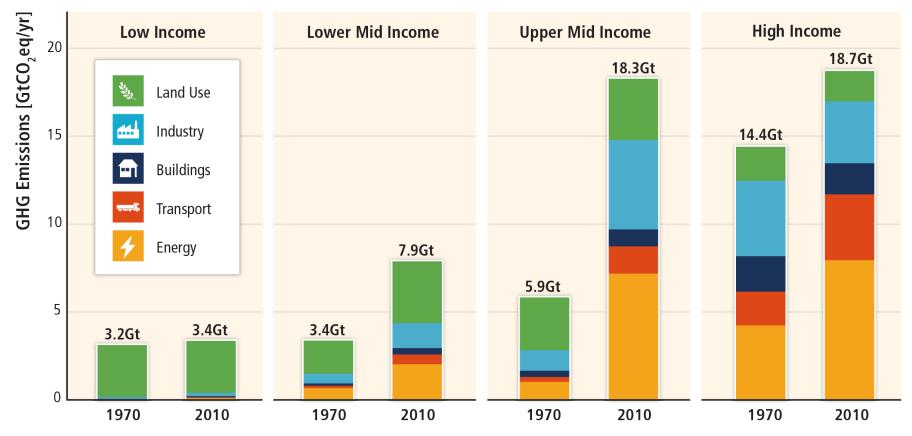






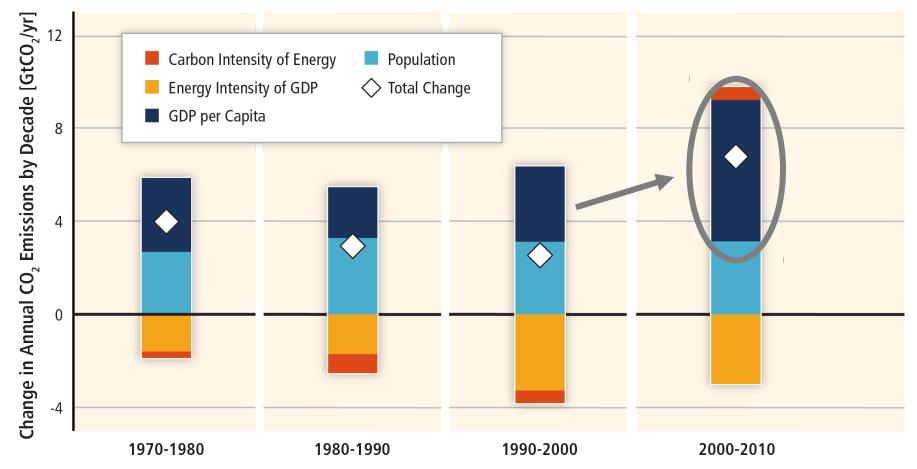
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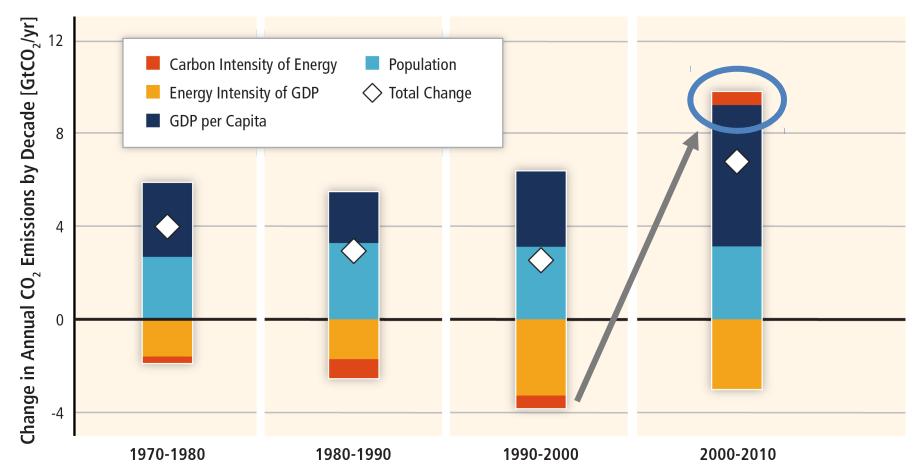


GHG emissions rise with growth in GDP and population.





The long-standing trend of decarbonization has reversed.

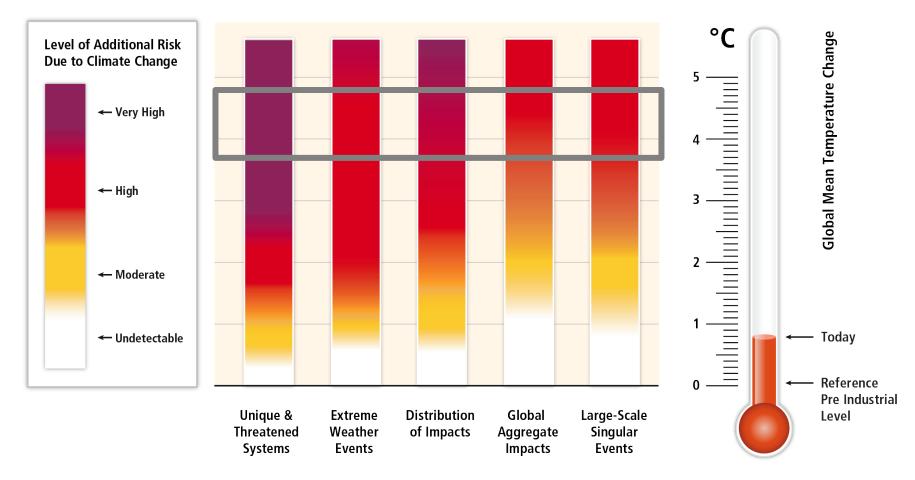








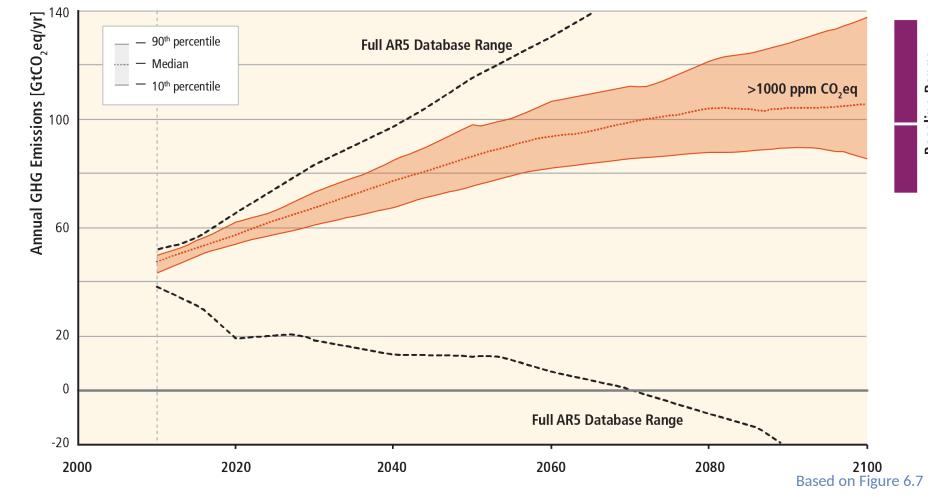
Without additional mitigation, global mean surface temperature is projected to increase by 3.7 to 4.8°C over the 21st century.



Based on WGII AR5 Figure 19.4



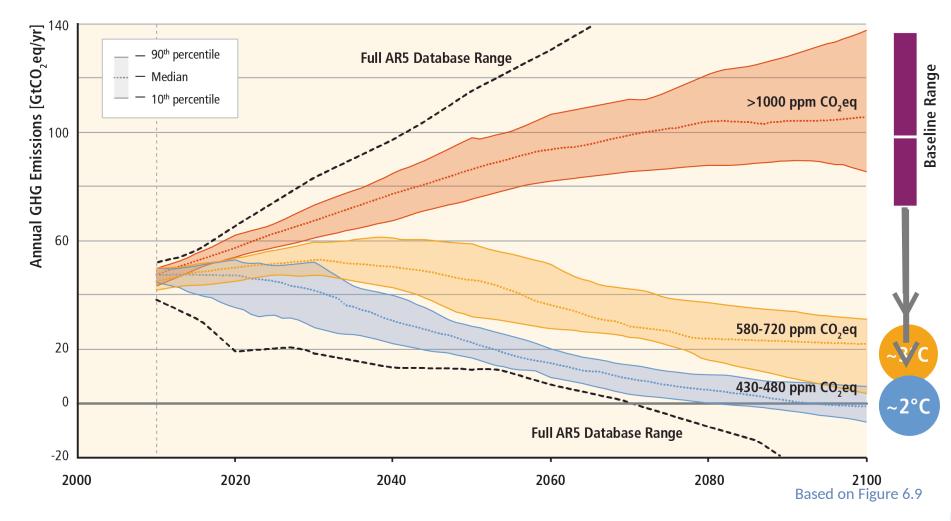
Stabilization of atmospheric GHG concentrations requires moving away from business as usual.







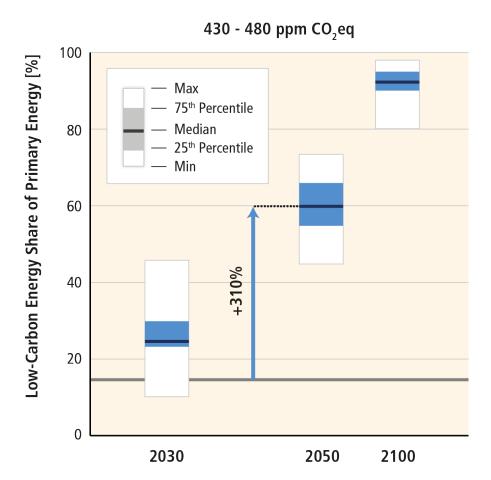
Lower ambition mitigation goals require similar reductions of GHG emissions.







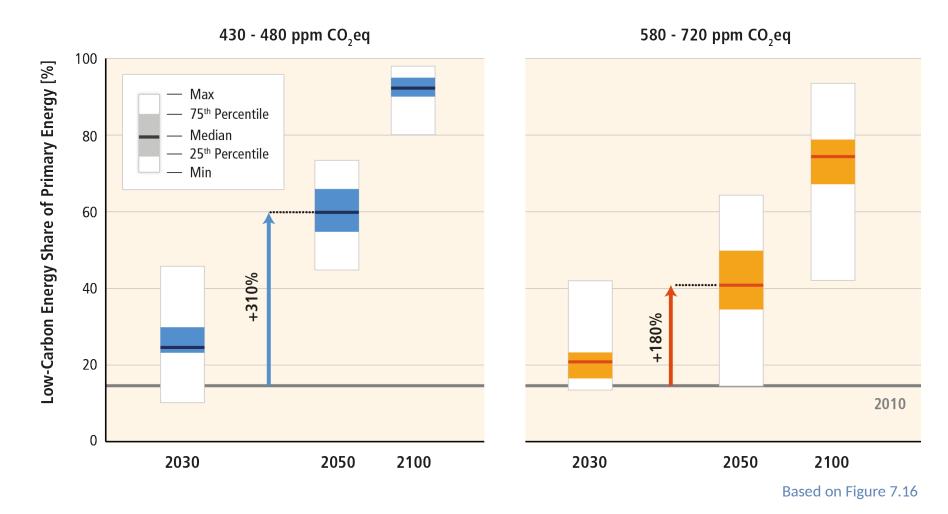
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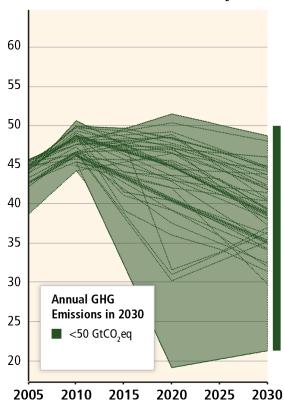


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Many scenarios make it at least about as likely as not that warming will remain below 2°C relative to pre-industrial levels.

Before 2030
GHG Emissions Pathways [GtCO₂eq/yr]



"Immediate Action"

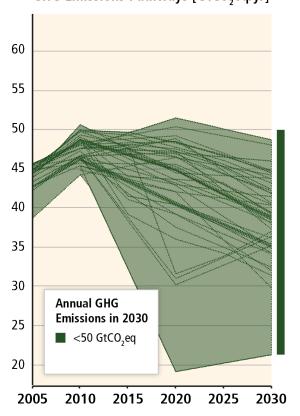
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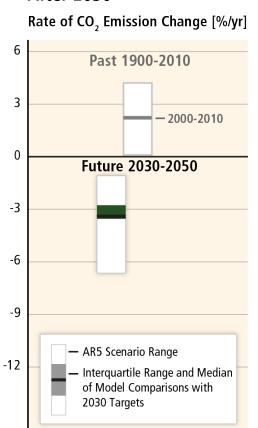


Still, between 2030 and 2050, emissions would have to be reduced at an unprecedented rate...

Before 2030
GHG Emissions Pathways [GtCO₃eq/yr]



After 2030



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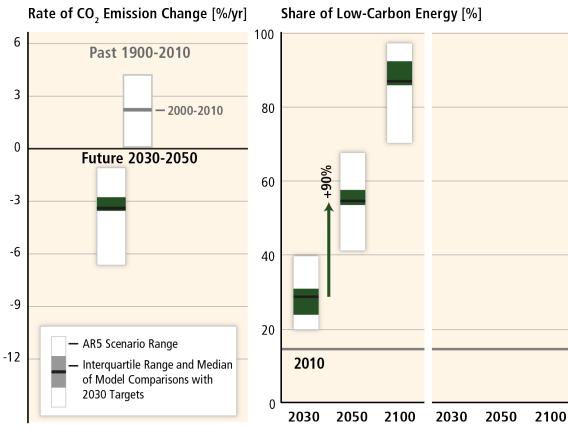




...implying a rapid scale-up of low-carbon energy.

Before 2030 GHG Emissions Pathways [GtCO,eq/yr] **Annual GHG**

After 2030



Based on Figures 6.32 and 7.16



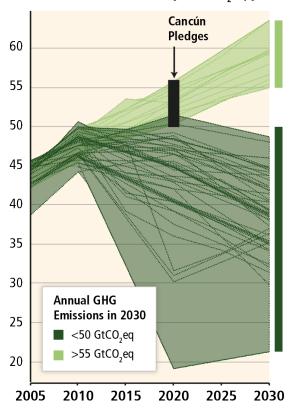


Emissions in 2030

<50 GtCO₂eq

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GHG Emissions Pathways [GtCO,eq/yr]



"Delayed Mitigation"

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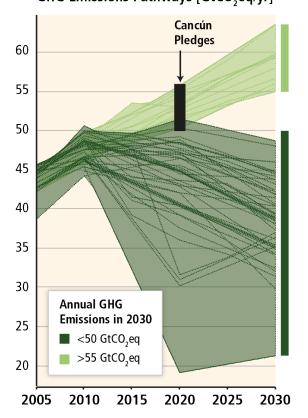
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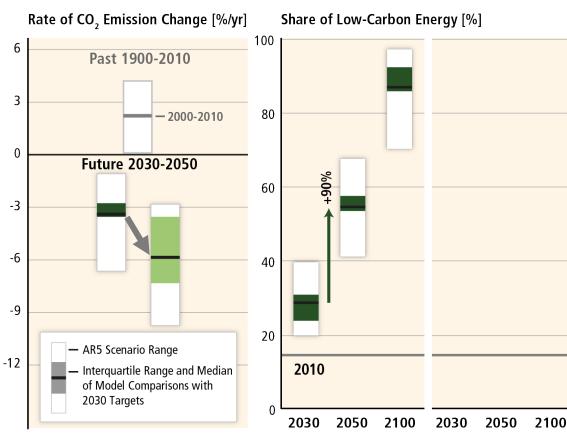


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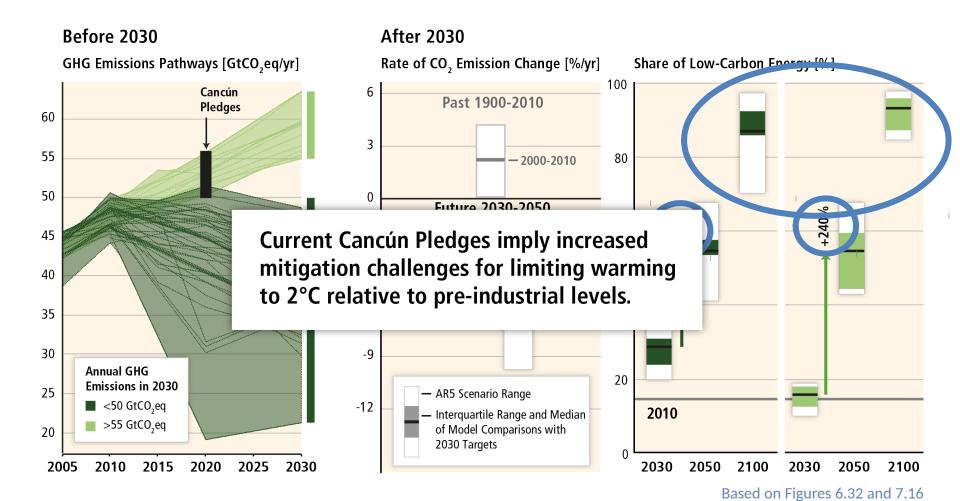
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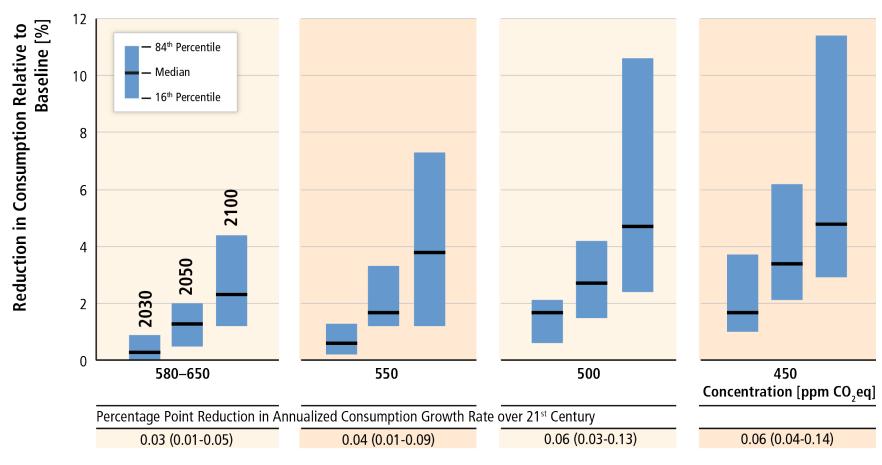








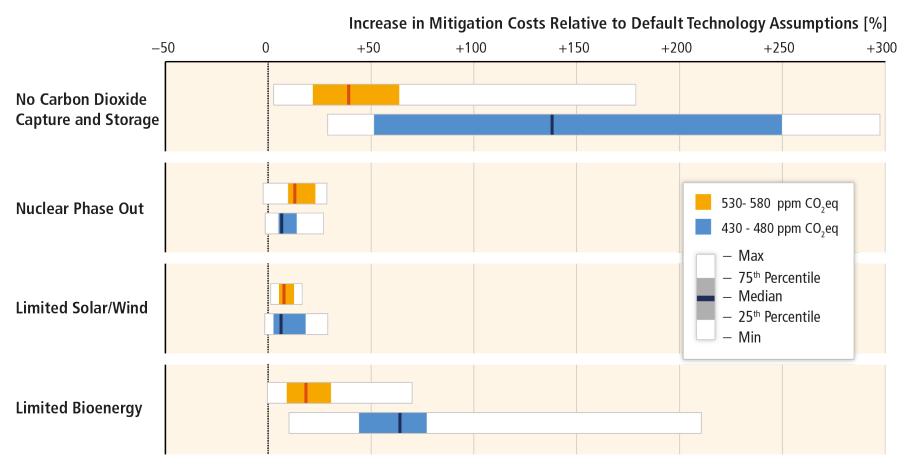
Global costs rise with the ambition of the mitigation goal.



Based on Table SPM.2



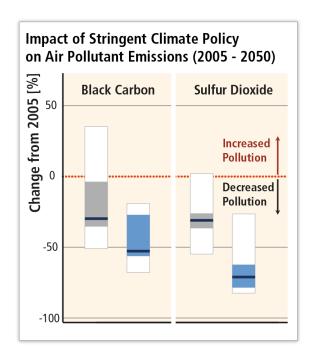
Technological limitations can increase mitigation costs.

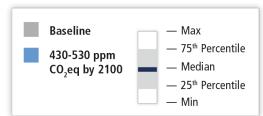






Mitigation can result in co-benefits for human health and other societal goals.



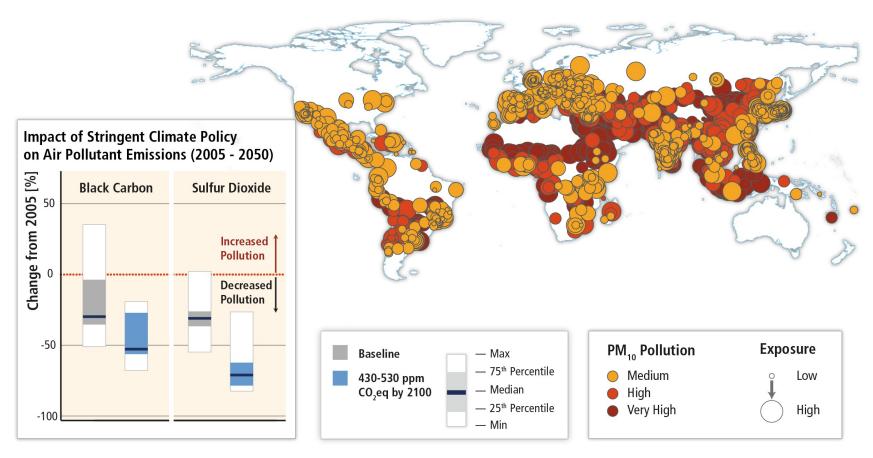


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Climate change mitigation can result in co-benefits for human health and other societal goals.



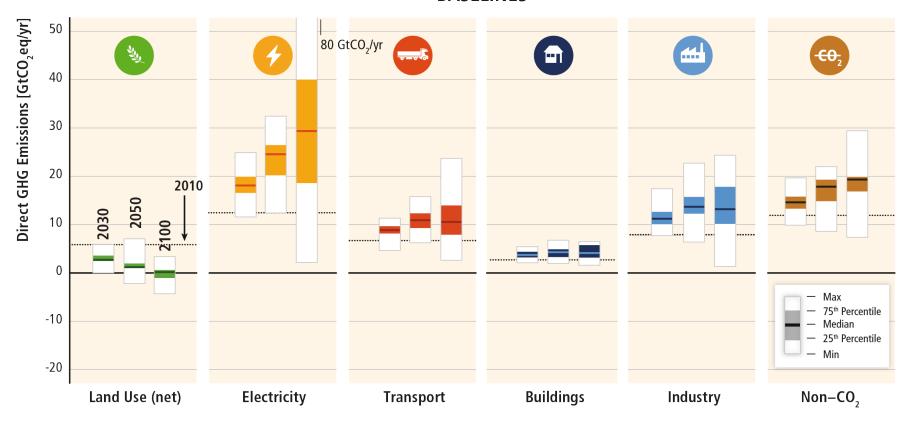
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Baseline scenarios suggest rising GHG emissions in all sectors, except for CO₂ emissions from the land use sector.

BASELINES

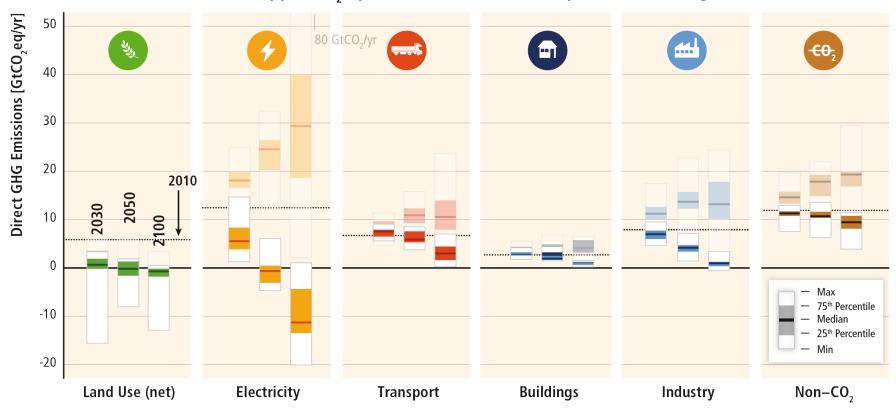






Mitigation requires changes throughout the economy. Systemic approaches are expected to be most effective.

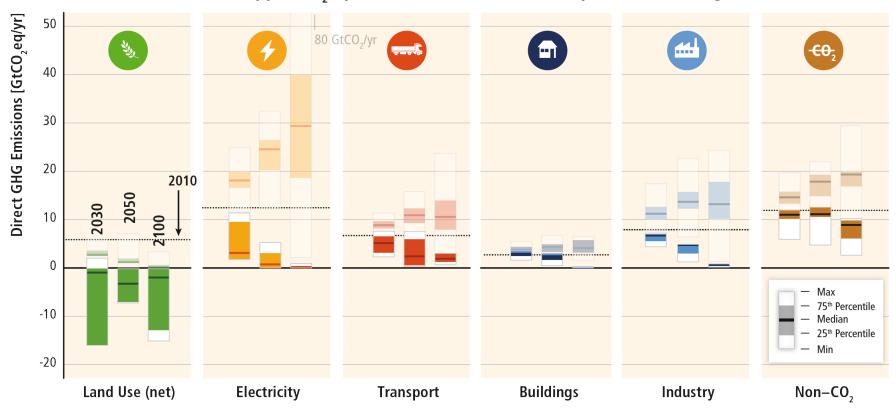
450 ppm CO₂eq with Carbon Dioxide Capture and Storage





Mitigation efforts in one sector determine efforts in others.

450 ppm CO₂eq without Carbon Dioxide Capture and Storage

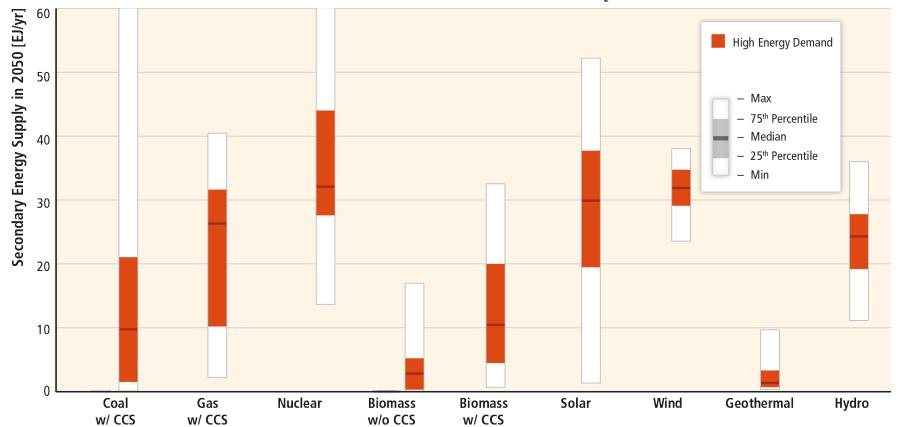






Decarbonization of energy supply is a key requirement for limiting warming to 2°C.

Contribution of Low Carbon Technologies to Energy Supply (430-530 ppm CO₂eq Scenarios)

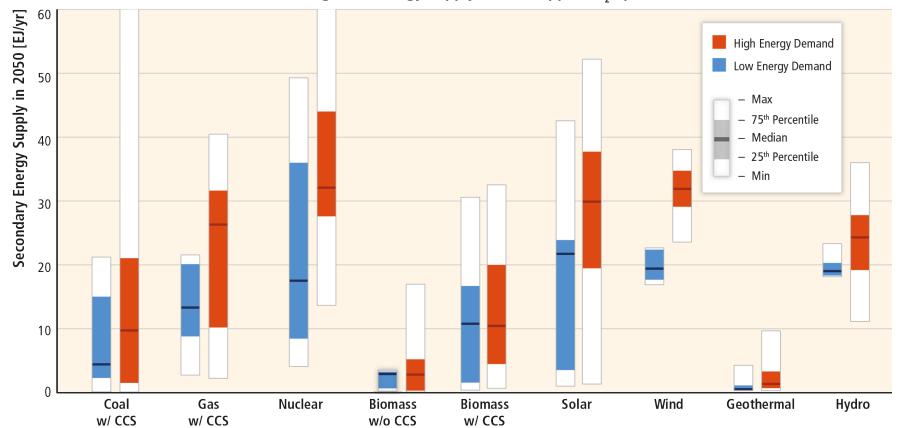






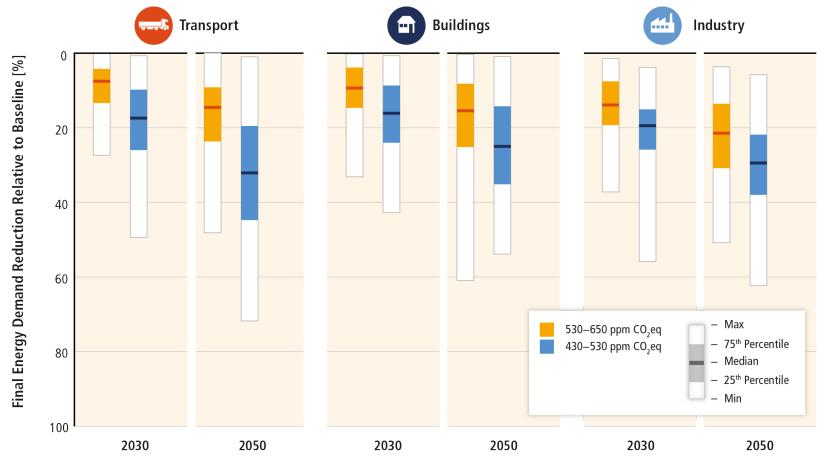
Energy demand reductions can provide flexibility, hedge against risks, avoid lock-in and provide co-benefits.

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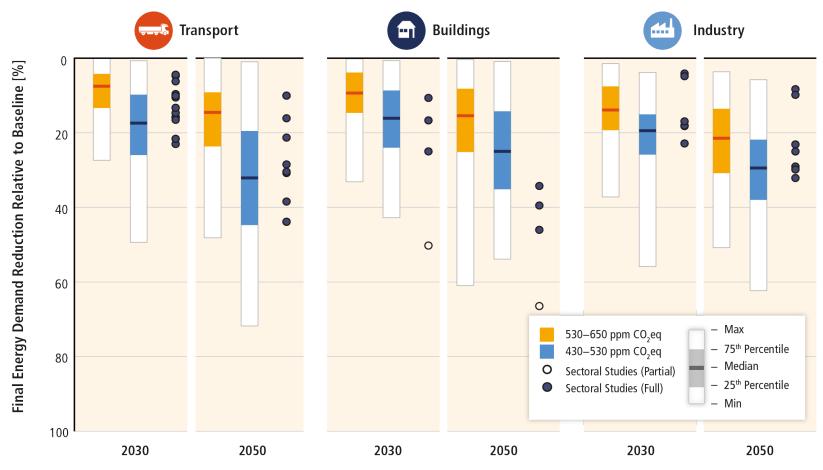
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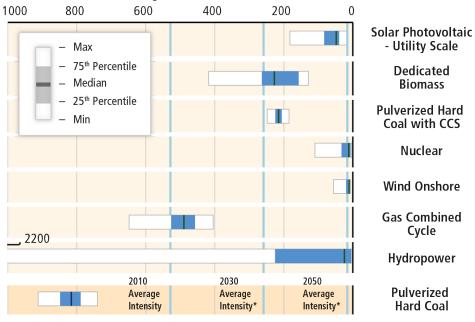
Based on Figure 6.37





Examples from electricity generation: Low emission technologies exist, but emissions are reduced to different degrees.

Emission Intensity [gCO₂eq/KWh], Based on Lifecycle Emissions



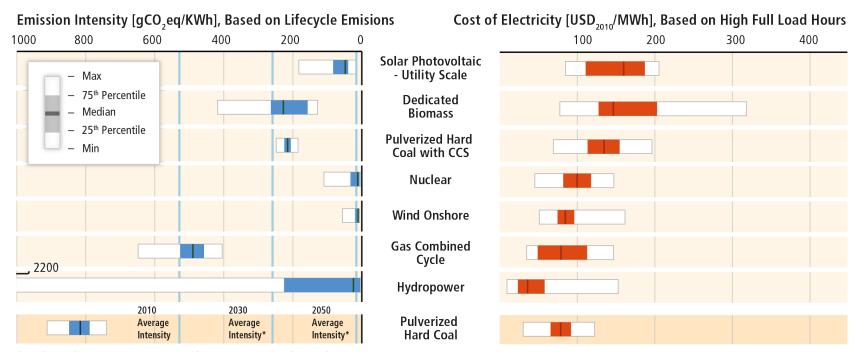
^{*} Median Value in Mitigation Scenarios (430-530 ppm CO₃eq by 2100)

Based on Figure 7.7





Due to cost decline, renewable energy technologies are becoming economical solutions in an increasing number of countries.

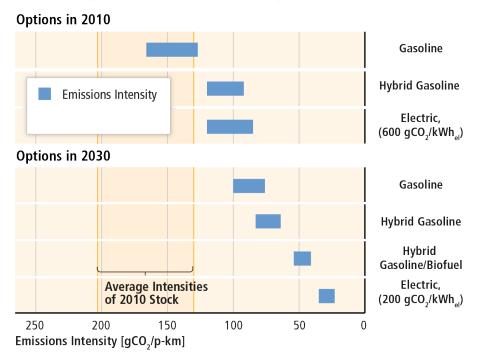


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Based on Figure 7.7

Examples from transport: Several strategies exist to reduce emissions from transportation.

Some Mitigation Technologies for Light Duty Vehicles



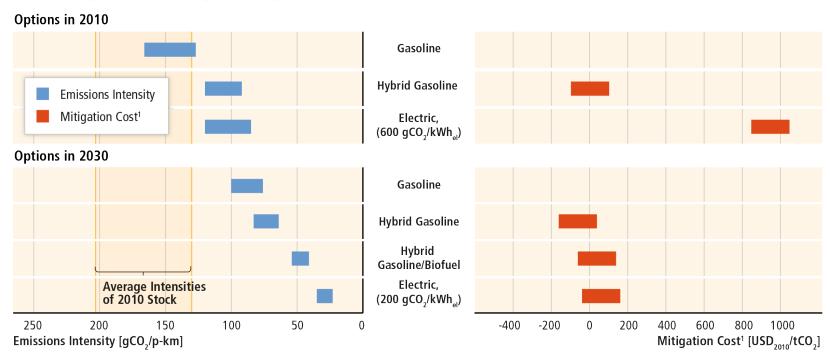
Based on Figure TS.21





Private costs of reducing emissions in transport vary widely. Societal costs remain uncertain.

Some Mitigation Technologies for Light Duty Vehicles



¹ Levelized cost of conserved carbon; calculated against 2010 new gasoline (2030 optimized gasoline) for 2010 (2030) options.

Mitigation cost are based on point estimates ±100 USD₂₀₁₀/tCO2 and are highly sensitive to assumptions.

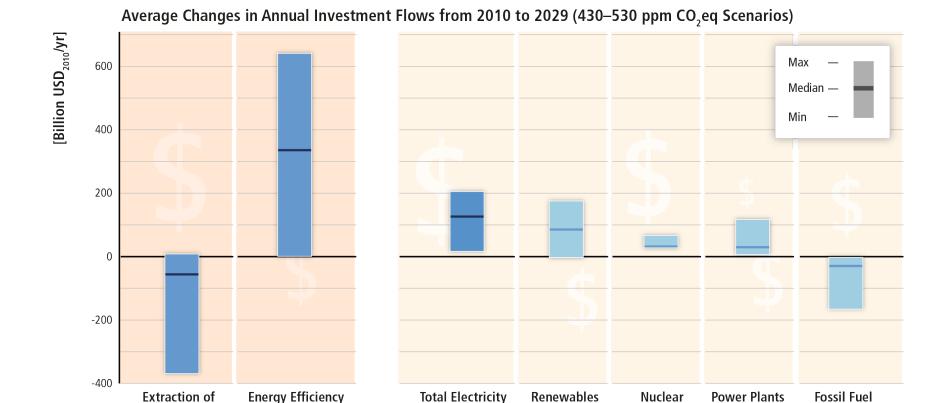
Based on Figure TS.21







Substantial reductions in emissions require significant changes in investment patterns and appropriate policies.



Generation

Based on Figure 16.3

Power Plants without CCS



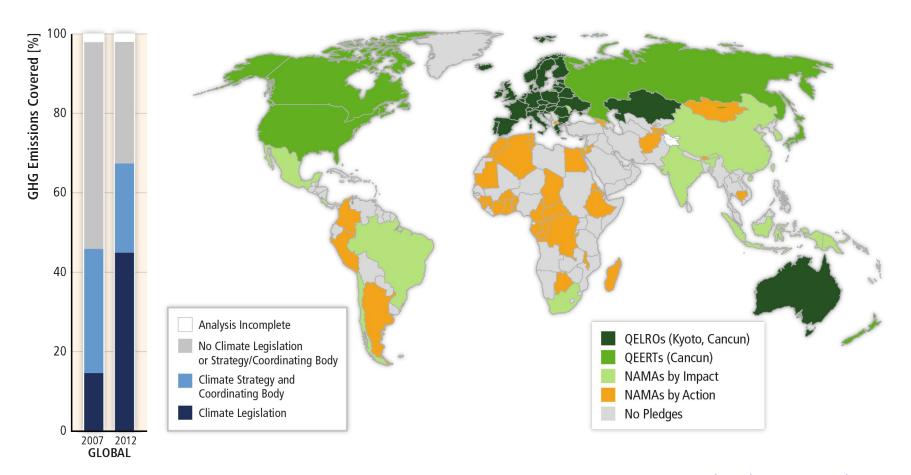
with CCS



Fossil Fuels

Across Sectors

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

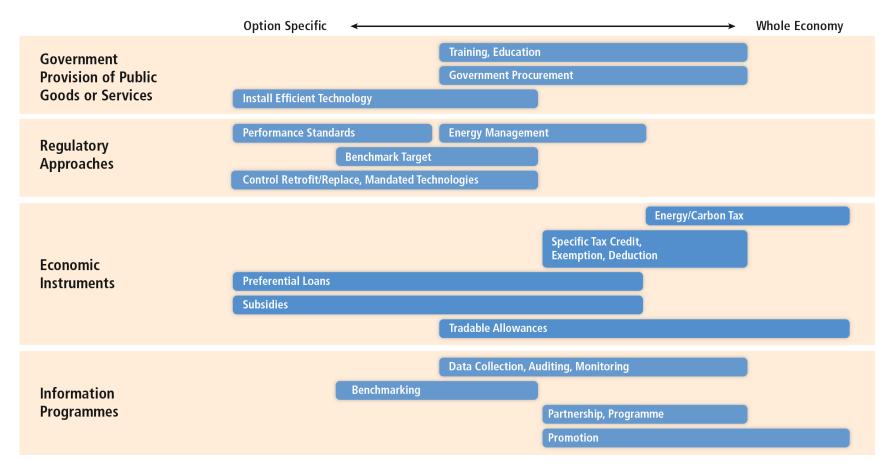


Based on Figures 15.1 and 13.3





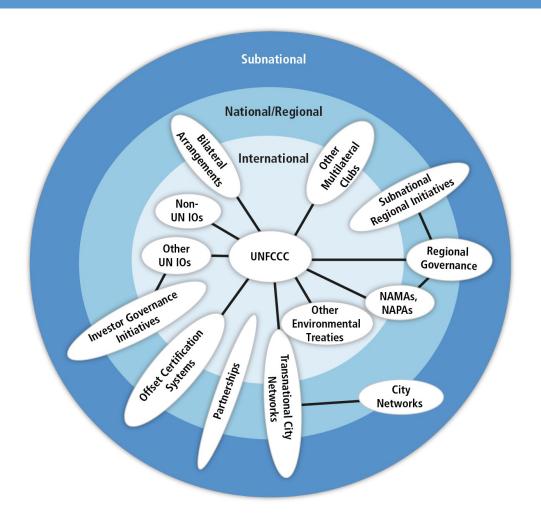
Sector-specific policies have been more widely used than economy-wide policies.



Based on Figure 10.15



Climate change mitigation is a global commons problem that requires international cooperation across scales.

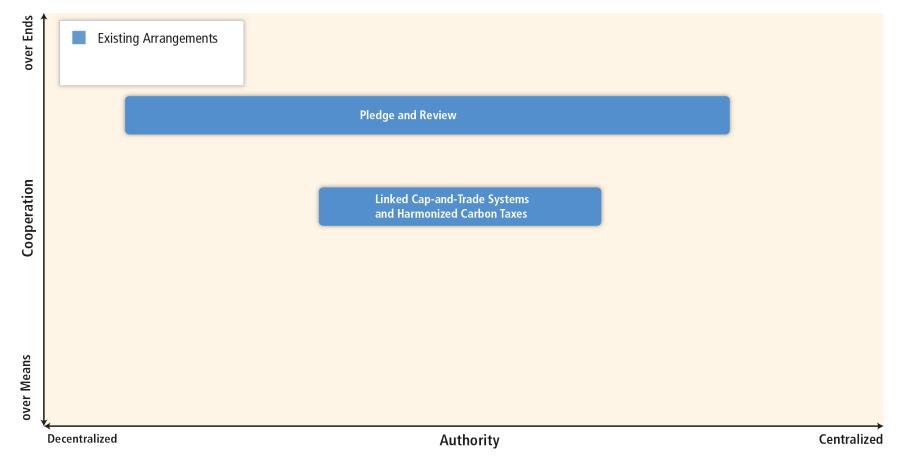


Based on Figure 13.1





International cooperation can focus on the ends or means and vary in the degree of centralization.

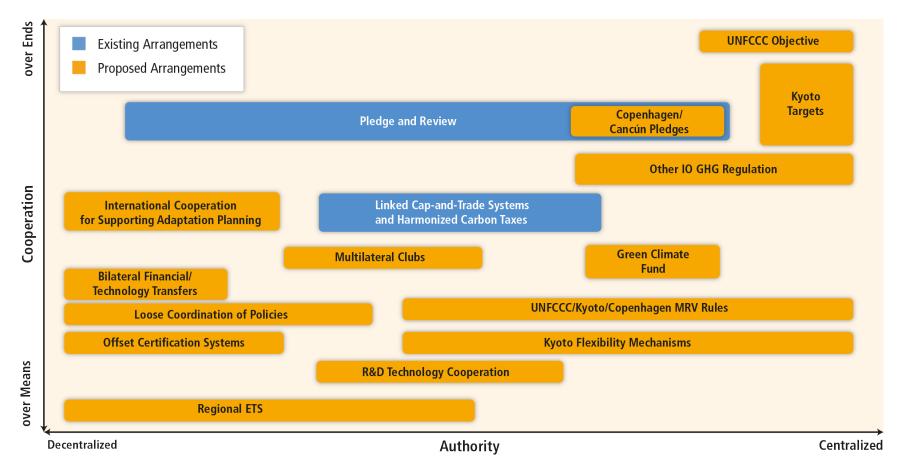


Based on Figure 13.2





Effective mitigation will not be achieved if individual agents advance their own interests independently.



Based on Figure 13.2





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