IPCC scenarios, integrated assessment models and key concepts for integrating climate change research across research domains

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Overview

- A Brief History of (IPCC) Scenarios
- The "New Scenarios Process"
- Representative Concentration Pathways (RCPs)
- Shared Socioeconomic Pathways (SSPs)
- CMIP6/ScenarioMIP
- SSP Updates and Extensions

A Brief History of (IPCC) Scenarios

IPCC: Climate Change Scenarios

Projections

What can happen?

- Socioeconomic projections
- Emissions, concentration, climate forcing projections
- Climate change projections
- Climate impact projections
- Integrated projections

Exploratory

Pathways

What should happen?
How to reach certain goals?

- Mitigation pathways
- Adaptation pathways
- Climate-resilient development pathways
- Integrated (transformation) pathways
- Sustainable development pathways

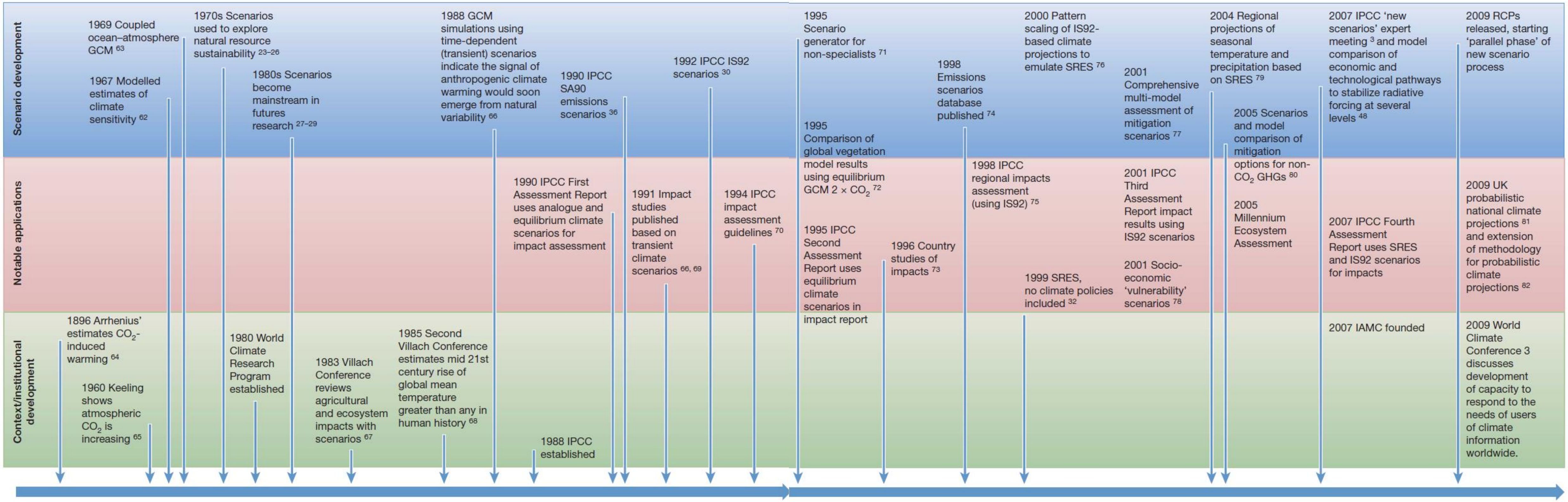
Normative

Used as a set

- Baseline and policy scenario pairs
- Multiple pathways to a single goal
- Set of pathways to different goals
- Range of projections spanning possible futures

Source: Elmar Kriegler, SENSES project

History of (IPCC) scenarios (1896-2009)



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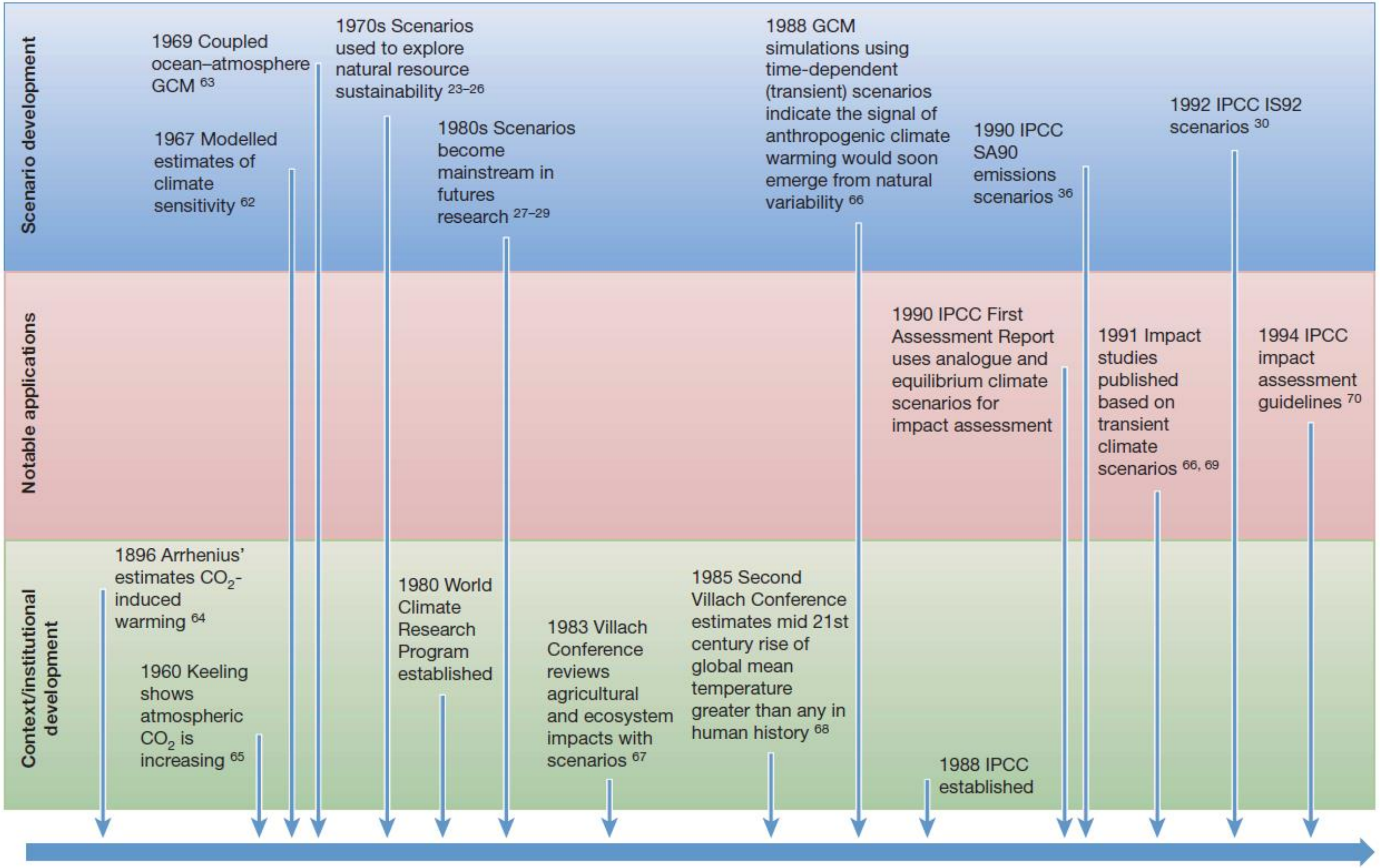

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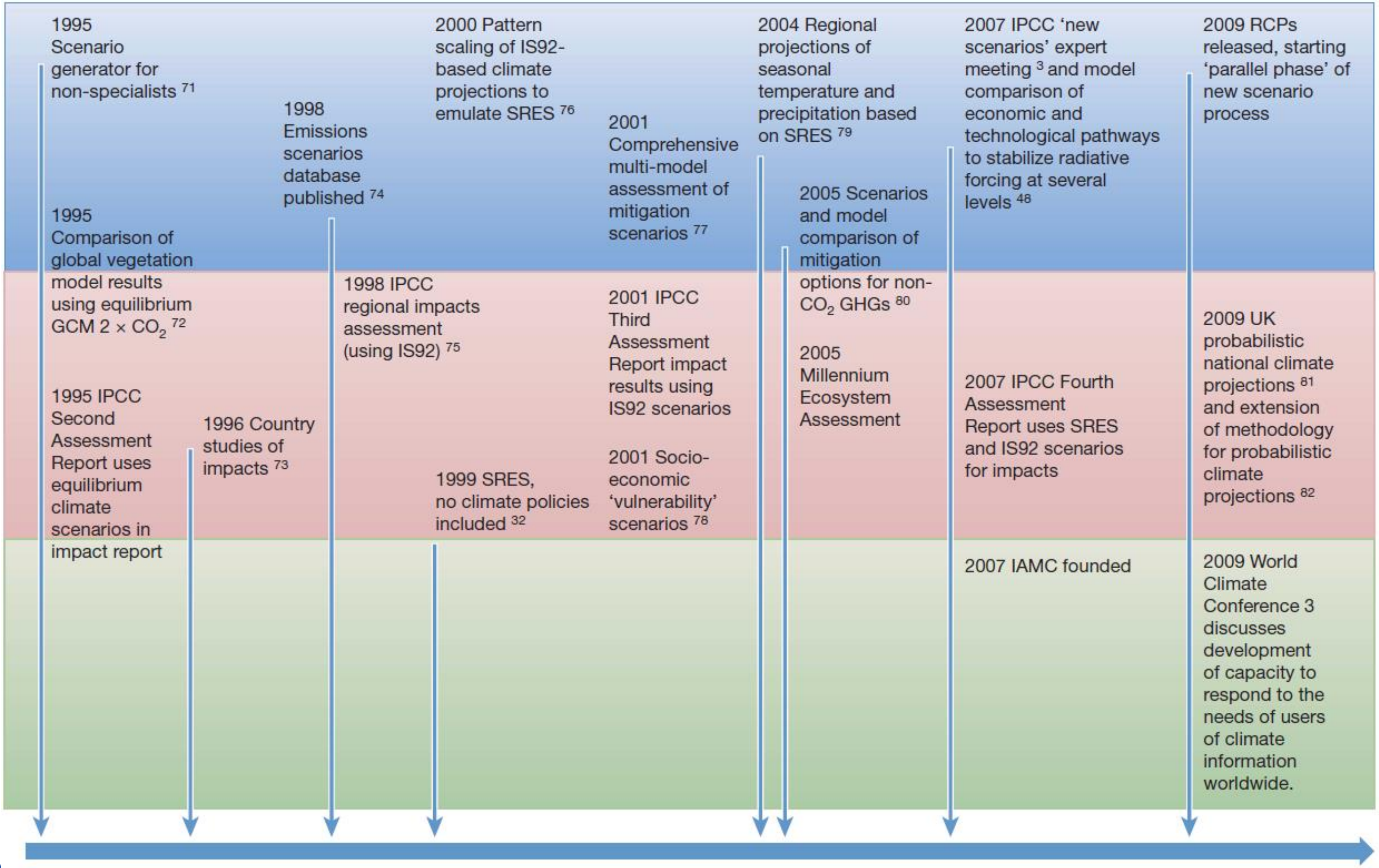

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Scenarios in IPCC

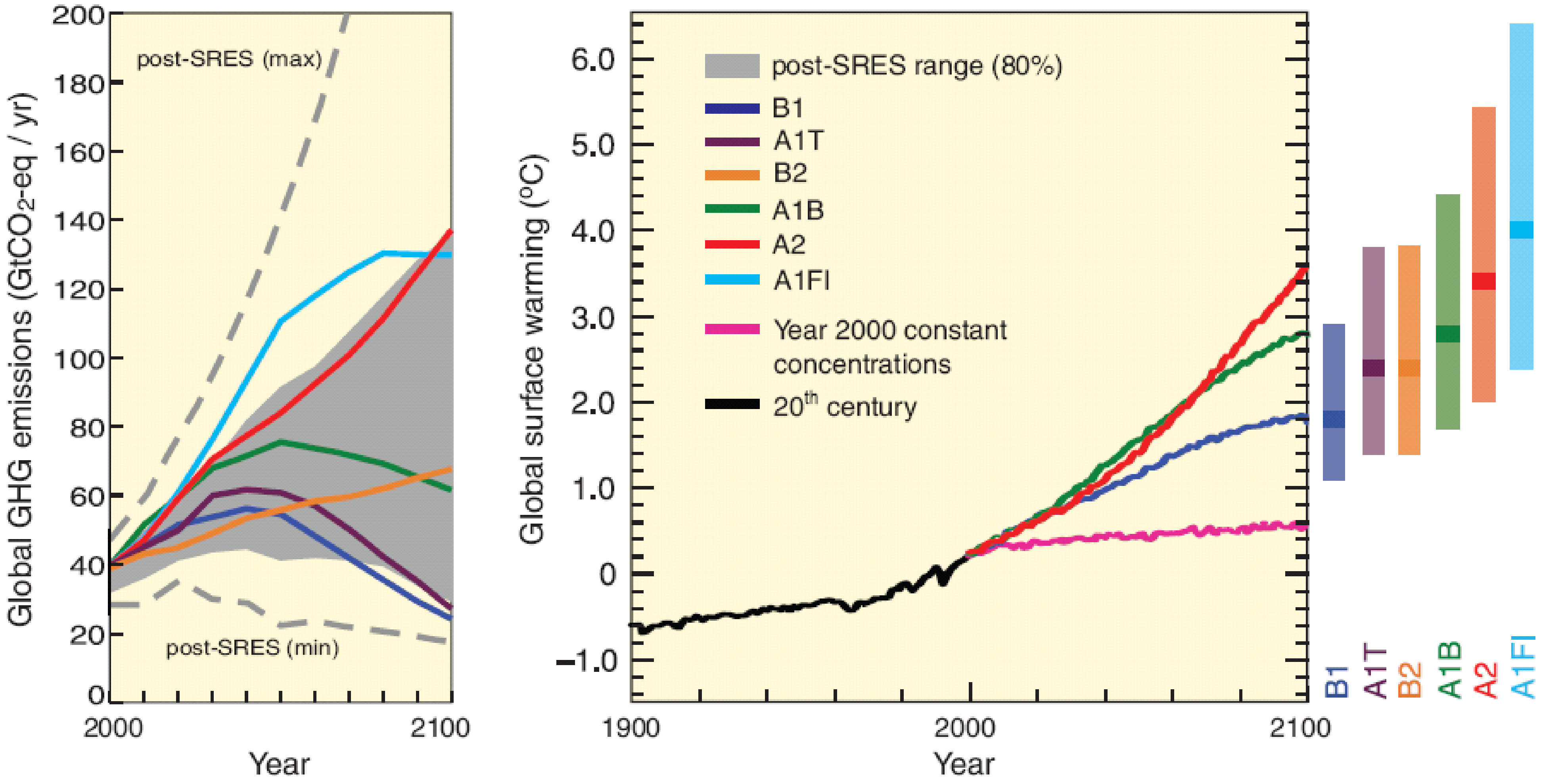
A clarification

- last official “IPCC scenarios” were published in 2000 as part of the Special Report on Emissions Scenarios (SRES)
- since then, IPCC has only assessed scenarios that were published in the (peer-reviewed) literature

The “New Scenarios Process”

Introduction: Reasons for "new" scenarios

Scenarios for GHG emissions from 2000 to 2100 (in the absence of additional climate policies) and projections of surface temperatures



Source: IPCC AR4 (2007)

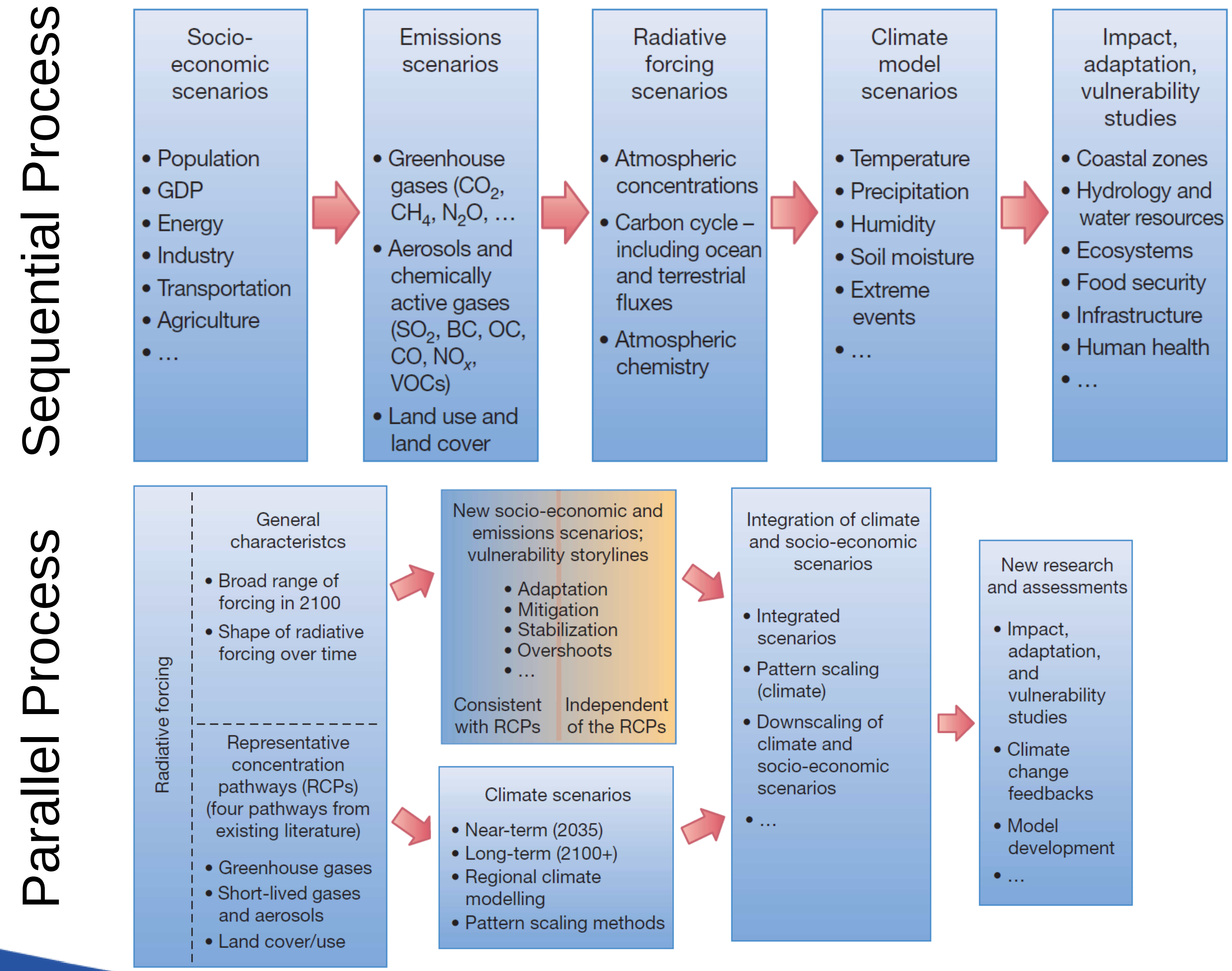
Reasons for “new” scenarios

Four important reasons to develop new community scenarios for climate assessment:

1. Need to cover a wider range of GHG concentrations (SRES only included baseline scenarios)
2. Need for a wider set of parameters (Climate models have become more complex; higher information need)
3. Need for scenarios that cover mitigation & adaptation issues (need for more collaboration between “WGs”)
4. Use more recent insight into trends in scenario drivers (update)

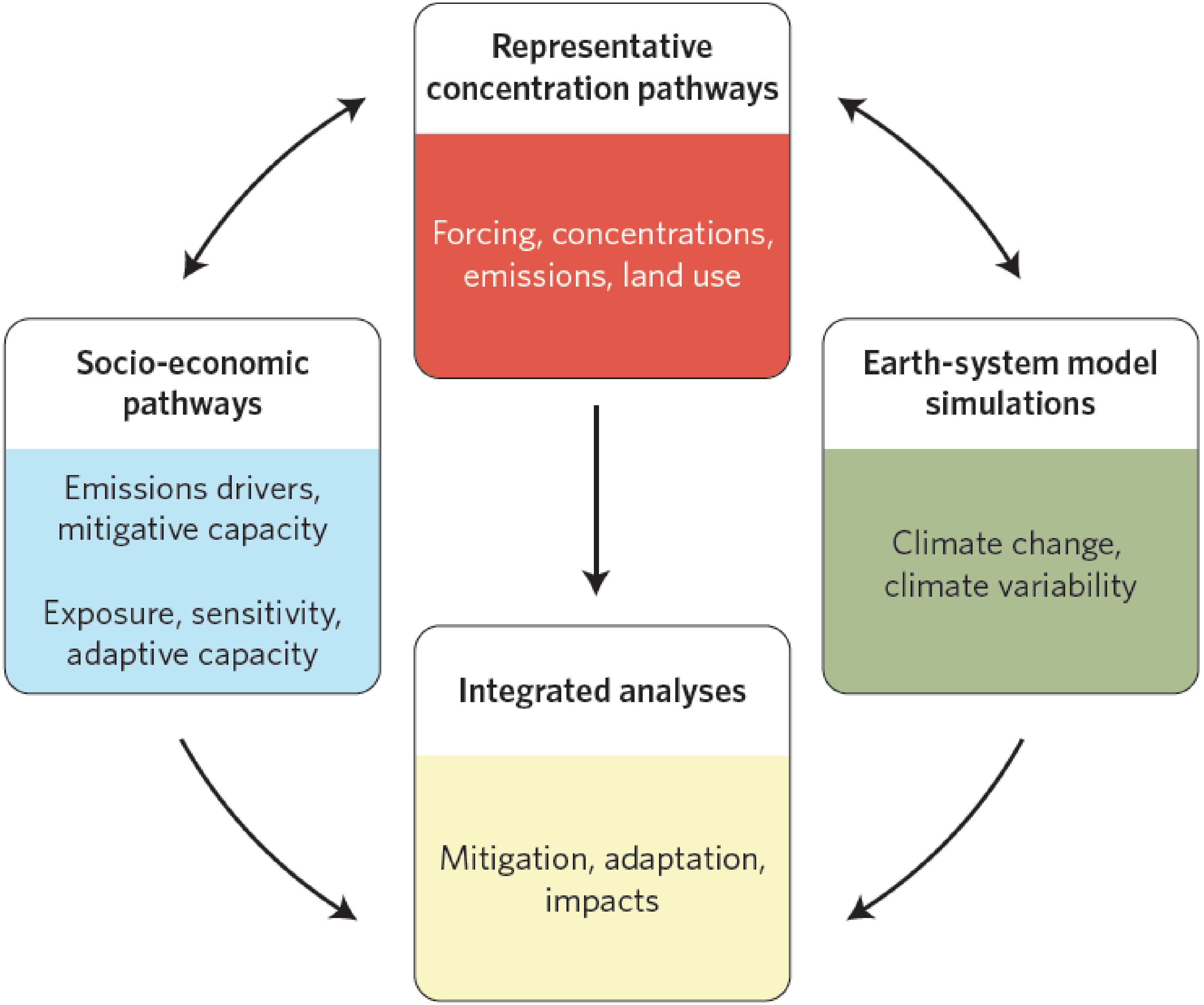
Source: Moss et al. 2010

Sequential vs. Parallel Process



Source: Moss et al. 2010

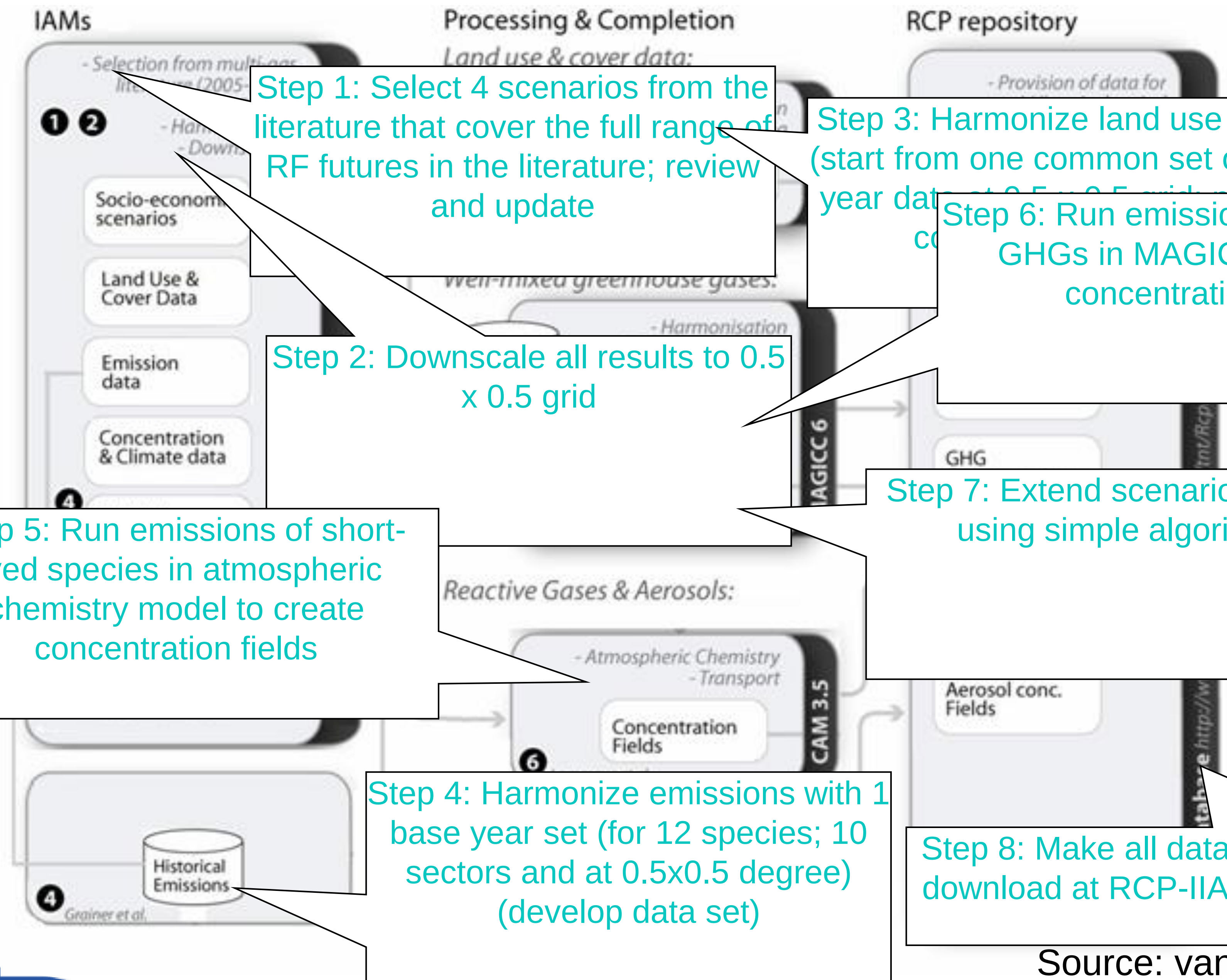
The Parallel Process



Source: O'Neill & Schweizer 2011

Representative Concentration Pathways (RCPs)

RCP workflow



Step 1: Select 4 scenarios from the literature that cover the full range of RF futures in the literature; review and update

Step 2: Downscale all results to 0.5 x 0.5 grid

Step 3: Harmonize land use output (start from one common set of base year data at 0.5 x 0.5 grid; provide c…

Step 4: Harmonize emissions with 1 base year set (for 12 species; 10 sectors and at 0.5x0.5 degree) (develop data set)

Step 5: Run emissions of short-lived species in atmospheric chemistry model to create concentration fields

Step 6: Run emissions of long-lived GHGs in MAGICC to create concentration data

Step 7: Extend scenarios to 2300 using simple algorithms

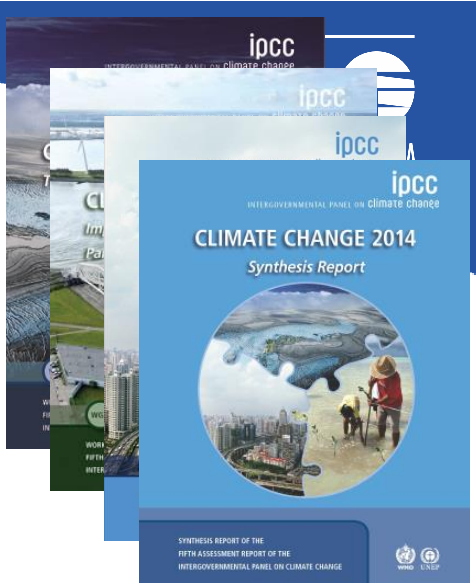
Step 8: Make all data available for download at RCP-IIASA database

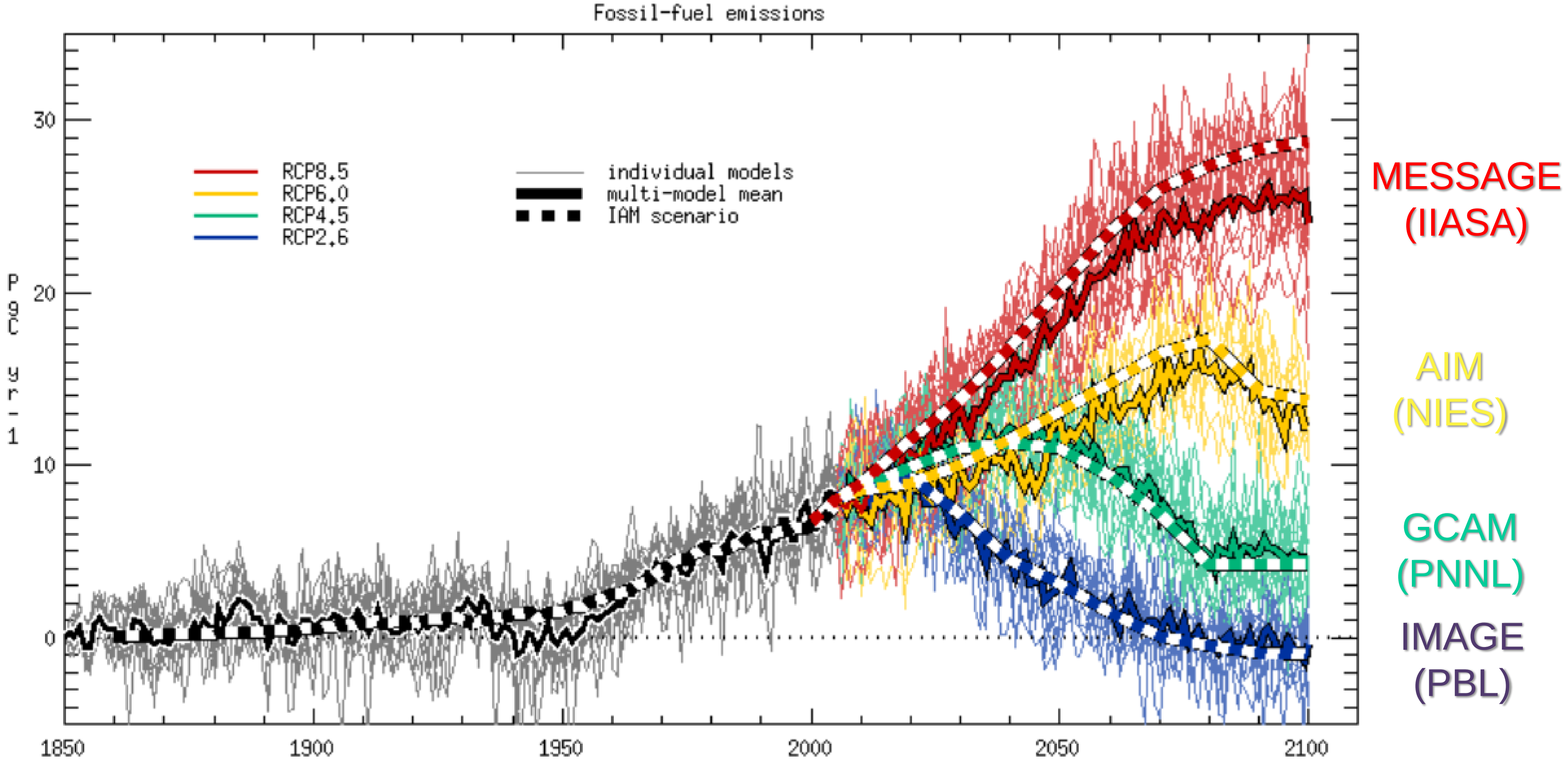
Source: van Vuuren et al. 2011

IAM Models Preparing the RCPs

Model	Home Institution
AIM Asia Integrated Model	National Institutes for Environmental Studies, Tsukuba Japan
GCAM Global Change Assessment Model	Joint Global Change Research Institute, PNNL, College Park, MD
IMAGE The Integrated Model to Assess the Global Environment	PBL Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency, Bildhoven, The Netherlands
MESSAGE Model for Energy Supply Strategy Alternatives and their General Environmental Impact	International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis; Laxenburg, Austria

RCPs were run by climate models and assessed in AR5





Source: van Vuuren et al. 2011; Jones et al. 2013

Shared Socioeconomic Pathways (SSPs)

The Scenario Matrix Architecture

Challenge to mitigation

SSP5: Fossil fueled development

- Rapid growth, free trade
- High technology development,
- Environment and social goals not a priority: adaptive, technology-fix
- Focus on economic growth

Markets first

Clash of civilisations

SSP3: Regional rivalry

- Competition among regions
- Low technology development
- Environment and social goals not a priority
- Focus on domestic resources
- High population growth
- Slow economic growth dev. countries

SSP2:
Middle of the Road

SSP1:Sustainability

- Global cooperation
- Rapid technology dev.
- Strong env. policy
- Low population growth
- Low inequity
- Focus on renewables and
- efficiency
- Dietary shifts
- Forest protection

UN world

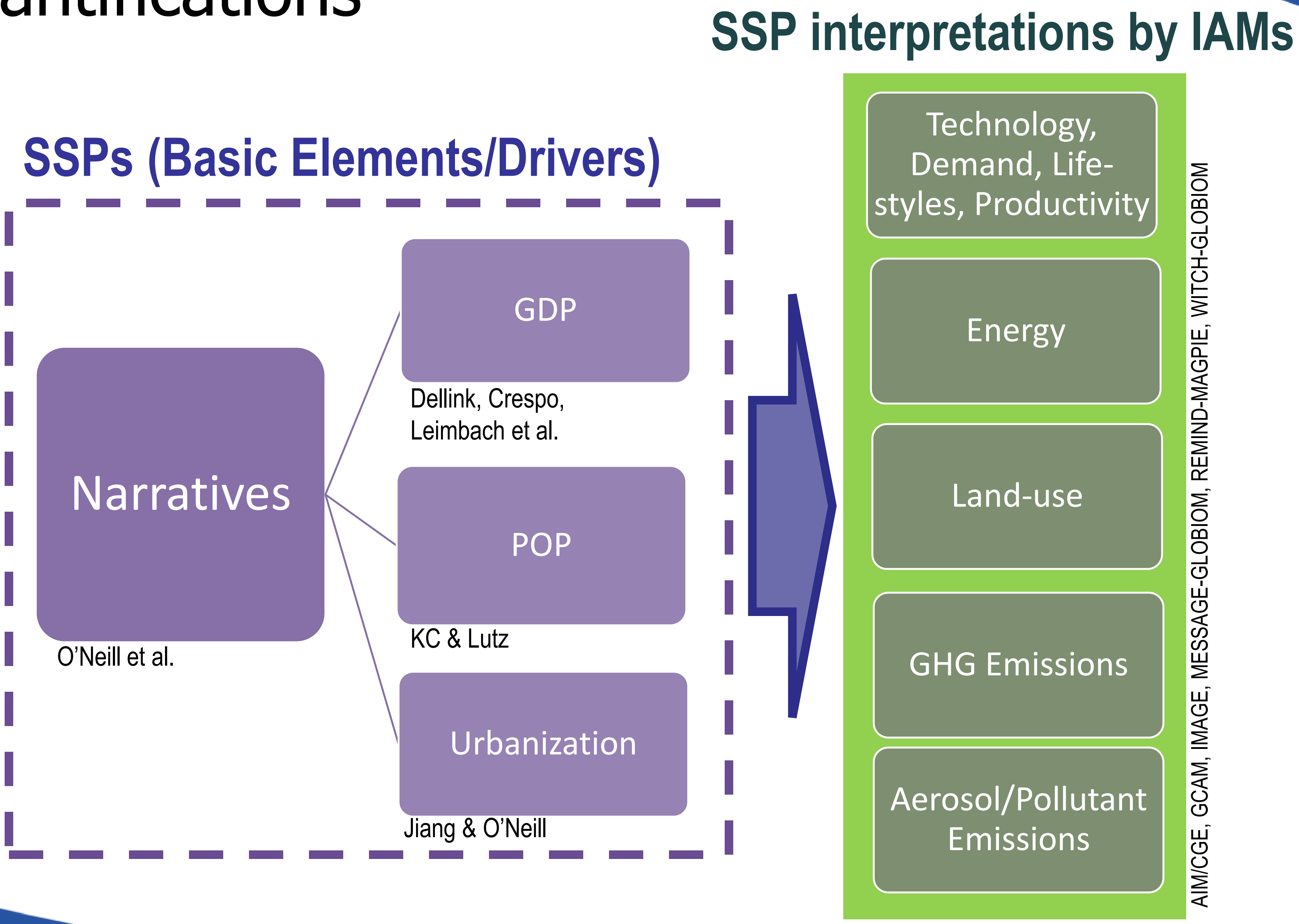
Have's and have not's

SSP4: Inequality

- Inequality across and within regions
- Low technology development
- Environment priority for those that can afford
- Limited trade

Challenge to adaptation

SSP Quantifications



Basic Elements and IAM Scenarios for the SSPs (GEC, 2017)

Community-wide effort

- Demographers
- Economists
- Impact & Vulnerability
- Integrated Assessment Modellers

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The Shared Socioeconomic Pathways and their energy, land use, and greenhouse gas emissions implications: An overview

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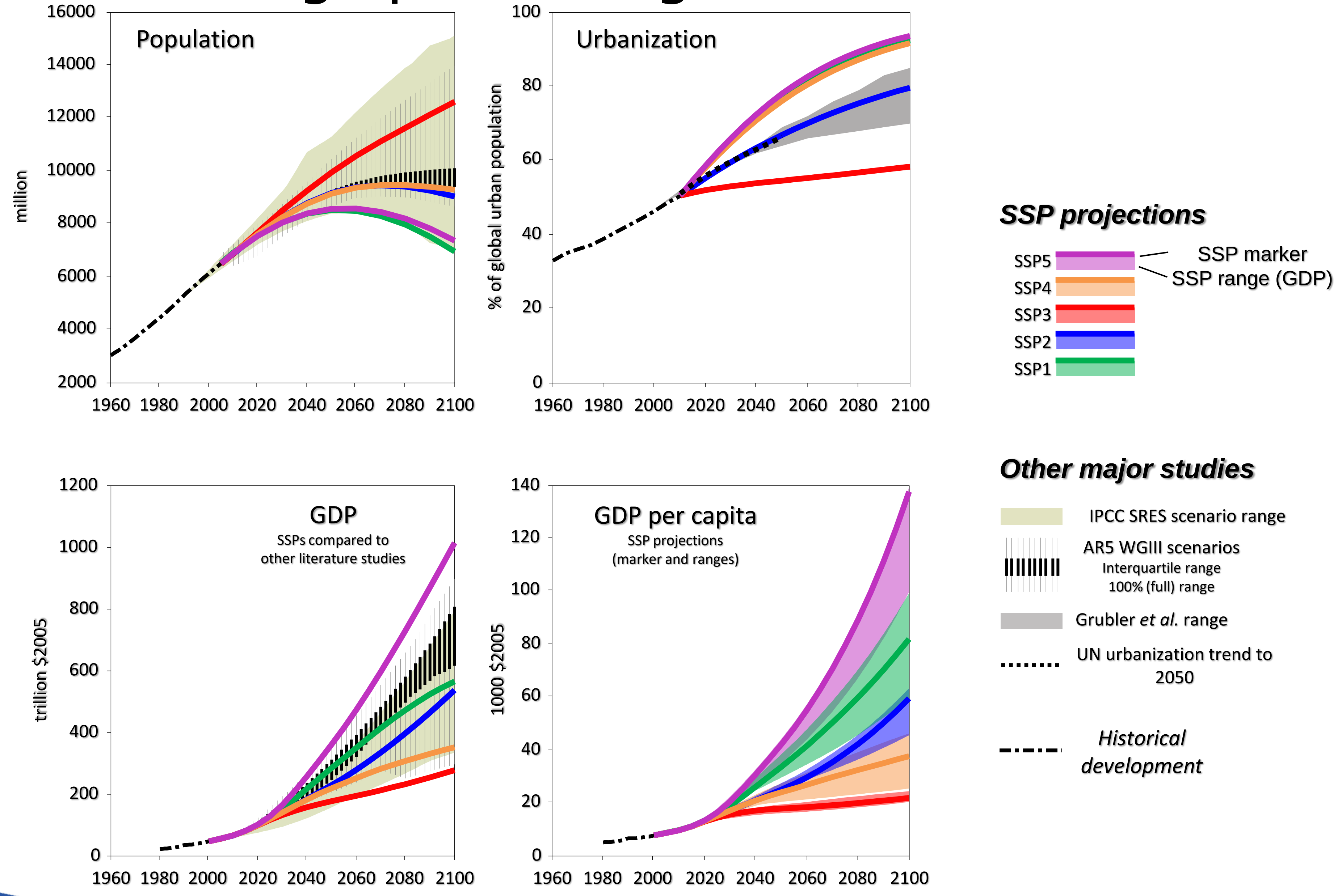
Global Environmental Change Special Issue

- Overview (Riahi et al. 2017)
- Demographic projections (KC & Lutz 2017)
- GDP projections (OECD, IIASA, PIK 2017)
- Urbanisation projections (Liang & O'Neill 2017)
- Quantifications of SSPs (6 global IAM teams)
- Cross-cutting papers on energy, land and air pollution

Scenario data available at SSP database: https://tntcat.iiasa.ac.at/SspDb/

Economic & Demographic Change: five SSPs



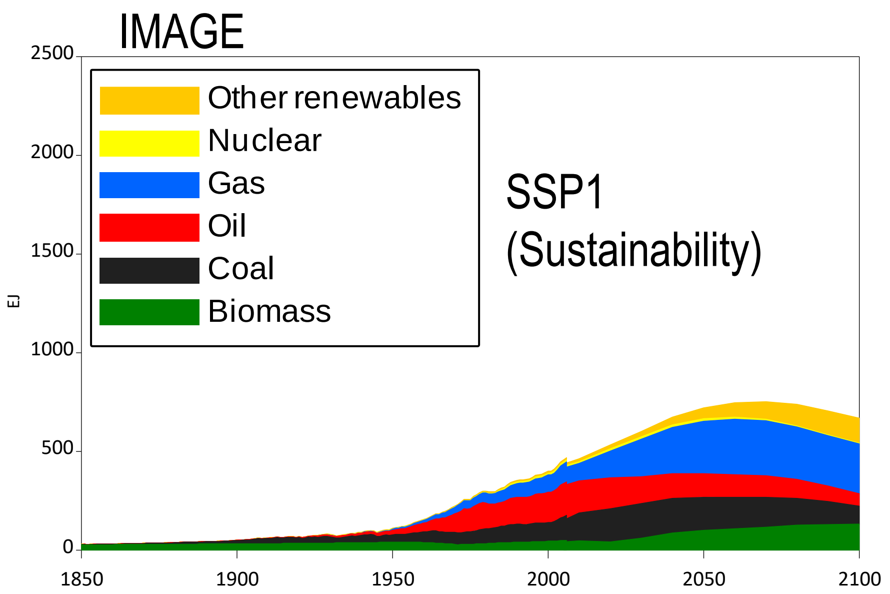
Sources: Overview: Riahi et al, 2017, GDP: Dellink et al, 2017; Urbanization: Jiang and O'Neill et al, 2017, Population: KC and Lutz, 2017

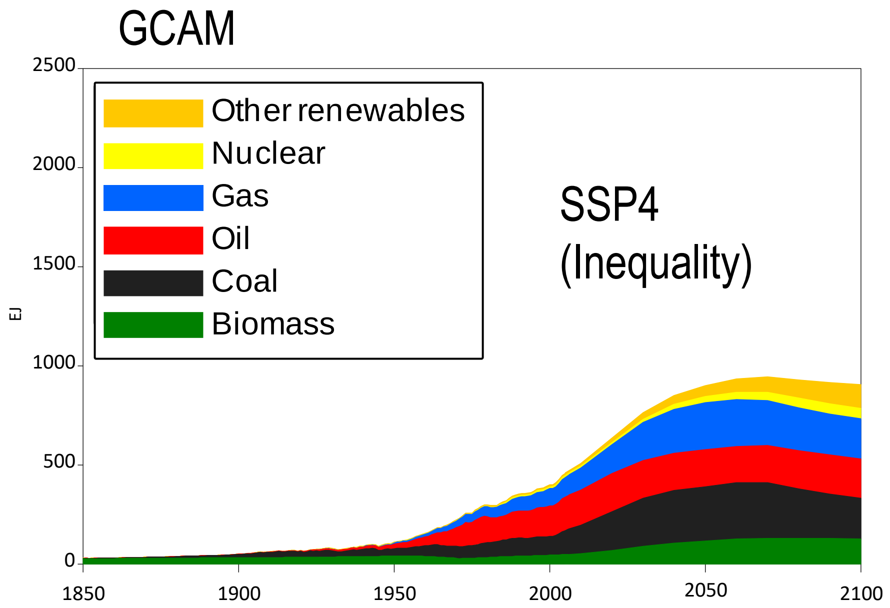
Reference SSP (IAM) Scenarios
(no climate policy beyond those in place before 2015)

- Six IAM teams
- Five SSPs
- One representative Marker Scenario for each SSP
- For each SSP there are multiple IAM runs depicting uncertainty ranges

Energy – SSP Reference Cases

Two marker scenarios where mitigation is relatively easy



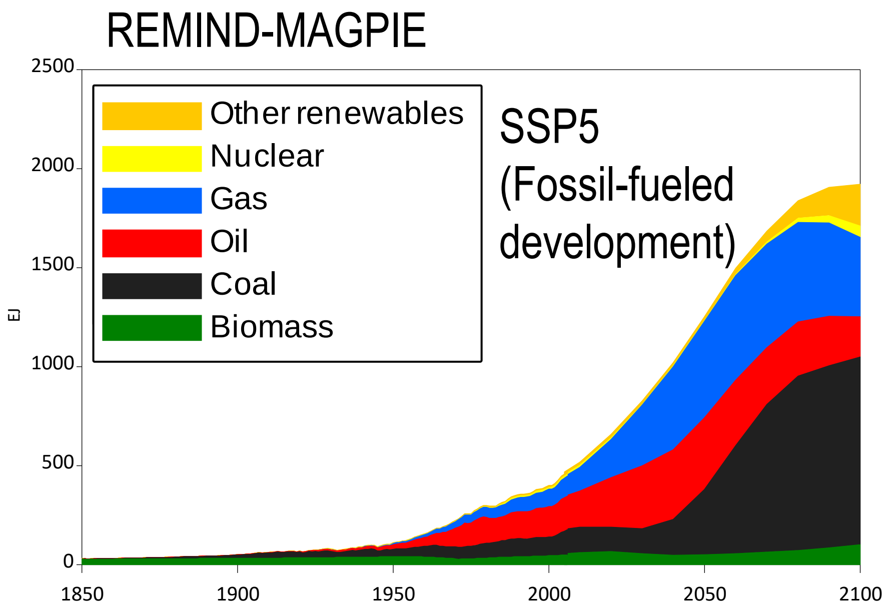


- Transition away from coal/oil
- Low demand

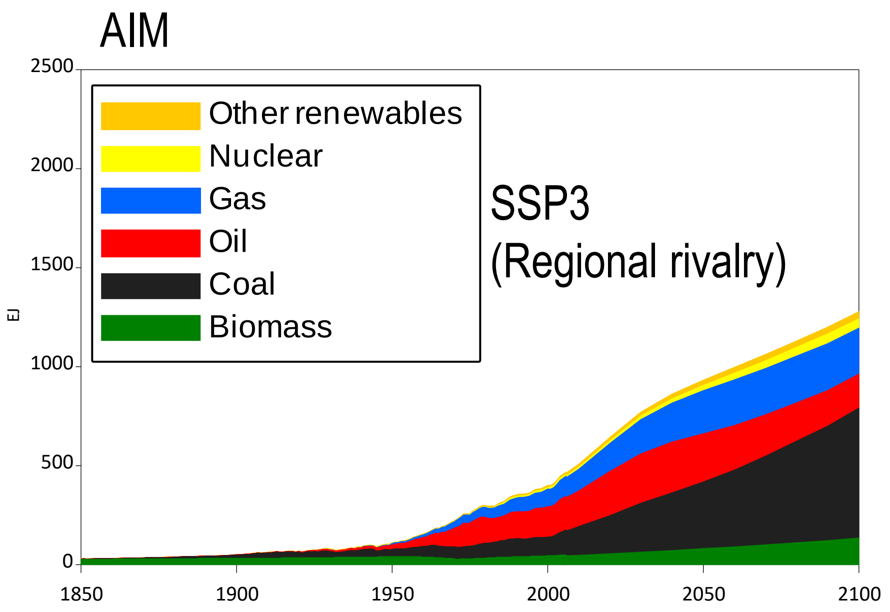
- High share of poor with low emissions
- Low/intermediate demand
- Technology available to the “elite”

Energy – SSP Reference Cases

Two marker scenarios where mitigation is relatively difficult



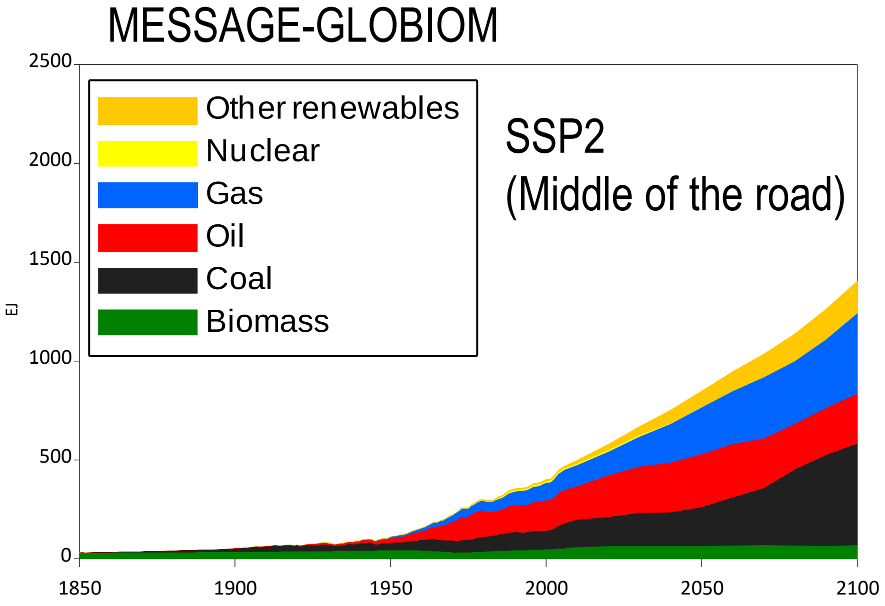
- Coal-intensive development
- Very high demand



- Fossil-intensive
- High poverty
- Slow technological change
- Strong fragmentation

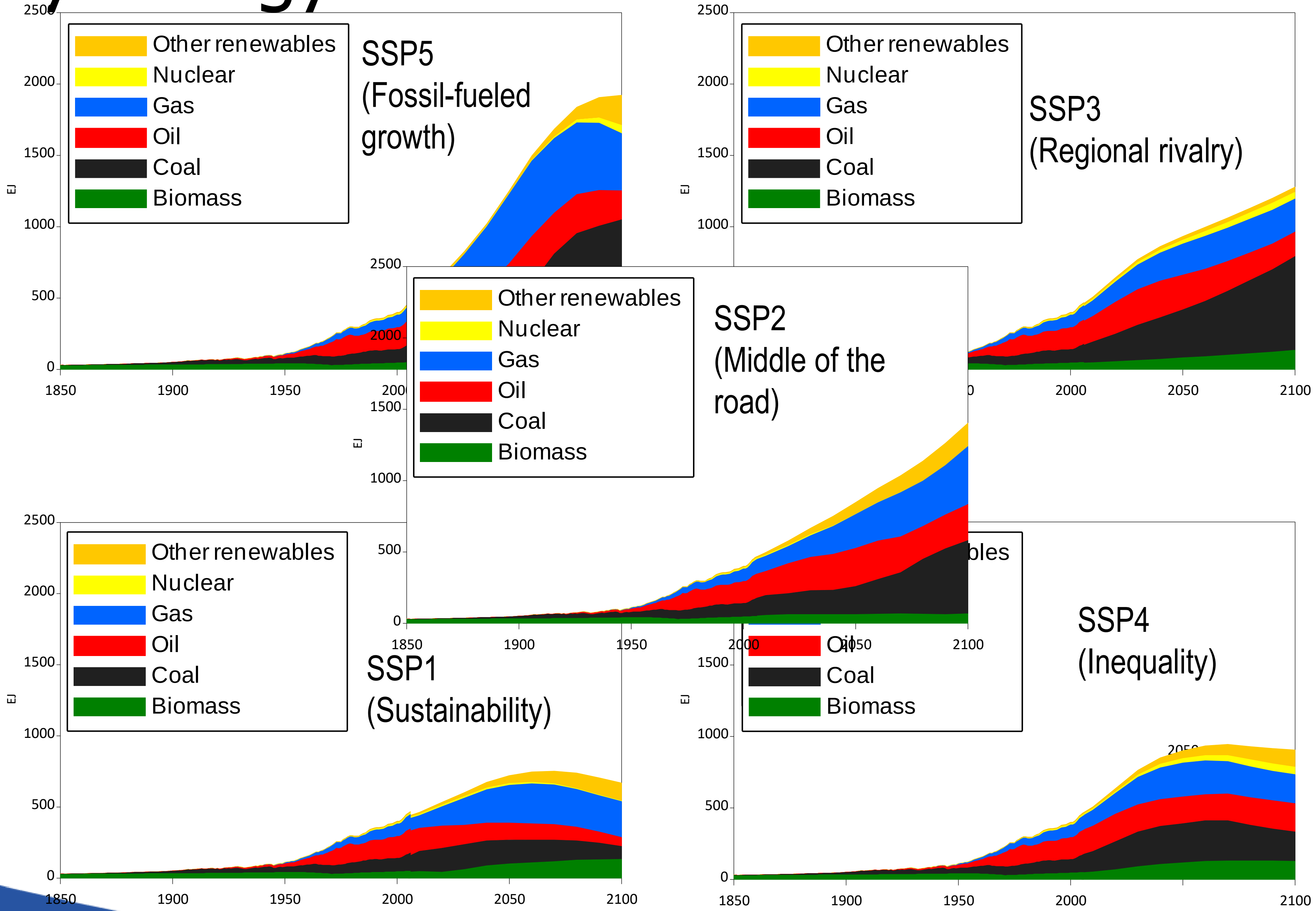
Energy – SSP Reference Cases

A central marker scenario with intermediate mitigation challenges



- Balanced technology
- Intermediate demand

Primary Energy – SSP Reference Cases



How were these pathways created?

Storylines

SSP5: Fossil fueled development

- Rapid growth, free trade
- High technology development,
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SSP1:Sustainability

- Global cooperation
- Rapid technology dev.
- Strong env. policy
- Low population growth
- Low inequity
- Focus on renewables and efficiency
- Dietary shifts
- Forest protection

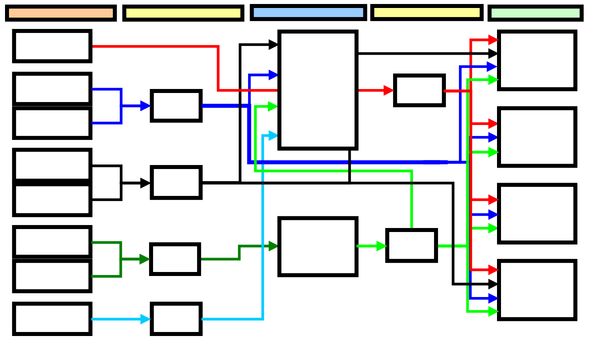
Qualitative assumptions

Table A.1: Qualitative assumptions for energy demand across SSPs

	SSP 1			SSP 2			SSP 3			SSP 4			SSP 5		
	Country Income Groupings														
SSP Element	Low	Med	High	Low	Med	High	Low	Med	High	Low	Med	High	Low	Med	High
Non-climate Policies															
Traditional Fuel Use	fast phase-out, driven by policies and economic development			intermediate phase-out, regionally diverse speed			continued realiance on traditional fuels			continued traditional fuel use	some traditional fuel use among low income housholds		fast phase-out, driven by development priority		
Energy Demand Side															
Lifestyles	modest service demands (less material intensive)			medium service demands (generally material intensive)			medium service demands (material intensive)			low service demands	modest service demands		high service demands (very material intensive)		
Environmental Awareness	high			medium			low			low	high		medium (low for global level/high for local level)		
Energy Intensity of Services															
Industry	low			medium			high			high	low		medium		
Buildings	low			medium			high			medium	low/medium		medium		
Transportation	low			medium			medium		high	low/medium	low		high		
General Comments				some regional diversity retained											

Community

IAM



Modeling Team

Quantitative assumptions

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
1	MODEL	SCENARIO	REGION	VARIABLE	UNIT	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050
2	AIM/E-India [IIMA]	Reference	India	Capital Cost|Electricity|Biomass	US$2010/kWe	2284.664	2284.664	2284.664	2284.664	2284.664	2284.664	2284.664	2284.664	2284.66
3	AIM/E-India [IIMA]	Reference	India	Capital Cost|Electricity|Coal|IGCC	US$2010/kWe	2263.432	2263.432	2263.432	2263.432	2263.432	2263.432	2263.432	2263.432	2263.43
4	AIM/E-India [IIMA]	Reference	India	Capital Cost|Electricity|CSP	US$2010/kWe	7189.384	7189.384	7189.384	7189.384	7189.384	7189.384	7189.384	7189.384	7189.38
5	AIM/E-India [IIMA]	Reference	India	Capital Cost|Electricity|Gas|CC	US$2010/kWe	1276.799	1276.799	1276.799	1276.799	1276.799	1276.799	1276.799	1276.799	1276.79
6	AIM/E-India [IIMA]	Reference	India	Capital Cost|Electricity|Gas|CT	US$2010/kWe	526.7987	526.7987	526.7987	526.7987	526.7987	526.7987	526.7987	526.7987	526.798
7	AIM/E-India [IIMA]	Reference	India	Capital Cost|Electricity|Hydro	US$2010/kWe	3074.07	3074.07	3074.07	3074.07	3074.07	3074.07	3074.07	3074.07	3074.0
8	AIM/E-India [IIMA]	Reference	India	Capital Cost|Electricity|Nuclear	US$2010/kWe	4086.623	4086.623	4086.623	4086.623	4086.623	4086.623	4086.623	4086.623	4086.62
9	AIM/E-India [IIMA]	Reference	India	Capital Cost|Electricity|PV	US$2010/kWe	4648.405	4648.405	4648.405	4648.405	4648.405	4648.405	4648.405	4648.405	4648.40
10	AIM/E-India [IIMA]	Reference	India	Capital Cost|Electricity|Wind|Offshore	US$2010/kWe	3103.509	3103.509	3103.509	3103.509	3103.509	3103.509	3103.509	3103.509	3103.50
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21	AIM/E-India [IIMA]	Reference	India	OM Cost|Fixed|Electricity|Wind|Onshore	US$2010/kWe/yr	50.47305	50.47305	50.47305	50.47305	50.47305	50.47305	50.47305	50.47305	50.4730
22	AIM/Enduse[Japan]	JPN_MILES2_INDC80	Japan	OM Cost|Fixed|Electricity|Wind|Onshore	US$2010/kWe/yr	59.50295	59.50295	59.50295	59.50295	59.50295	59.50295	59.50295	59.50295	59.5029
23	AIM/Enduse[Japan]	JPN_MILES2_INDC80	Japan	Capital Cost|Electricity|Biomass	US$2010/kWe	3524.209	4007.529	4007.529	4007.529	4007.529	4007.529	4007.529	4007.529	4007.52
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28	AIM/Enduse[Japan]	JPN_MILES2_INDC80	Japan	Capital Cost|Electricity|Gas|CC|ACC-High	US$2010/kWe	1547.214	1547.214	1547.214	1547.214	1547.214	1547.214	1547.214	1547.214	1547.21
29	AIM/Enduse[Japan]	JPN_MILES2_INDC80	Japan	Capital Cost|Electricity|Gas|CC|CC	US$2010/kWe	1152.593	1152.593	1152.593	1152.593	1152.593	1152.593	1152.593	1152.593	1152.59

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Source: Riahi et al. 2017, Krey et al. 2019

Qualitative Assumptions: Demand

Table A.1: Qualitative assumptions for energy demand across SSPs

SSP Element	SSP 1			SSP 2			SSP 3			SSP 4			SSP 5		
	Country Income Groupings														
	Low	Med	High	Low	Med	High	Low	Med	High	Low	Med	High	Low	Med	High
Non-climate Policies															
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Energy Demand Side															
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Energy Intensity of Services															
Industry	low			medium			high			high	low		medium		
Buildings	low			medium			high			medium	low/medium		medium		
Transportation	low			medium			medium	high		low/medium	low		high		
General Comments				some regional diversity retained											

Source: Riahi et al. 2017

Qualitative Assumptions: Fossil Fuels

Table A.2: Qualitative assumptions for fossil energy supply across SSPs

	SSP1 Sustainability	SSP2 Middle of the Road	SSP3 Regional Rivalry Country grouping		SSP4 Inequality Country grouping by income			SSP5 Fossil fueled development
			Exporter	Importer	Low	Medium	High	
Coal								
Macro-economy	cost driver	neutral	cost reducing		cost driver	cost driver	neutral	cost reducing
Technological progress	slow	medium	slow	fast		medium		very fast
National & environmental policy	very restrictive	supportive	very suportive		supportive	supportive	restrictive	very supportive
Conv. hydrocarbons								
Macro-economy	neutral	neutral	neutral		cost driver	neutral	cost reducing	cost reducing
Technological progress	medium	medium	medium			fast		very fast
National & environmental policy	restrictive	supportive	not supportive	supportive	supportive	supportive	restrictive	very supportive
Unconv. hydrocarbons								
Macro-economy	neutral	neutral	neutral		cost driver	neutral	cost reducing	cost reducing
Technological progress	slow	medium	slow	medium		medium		very fast
National & environmental policy	very restrictive	supportive	not supportive	very supportive	supportive	supportive	restrictive	very supportive
General								
Trade barriers	free trade	some barriers	high barriers			barriers		free

Source: Riahi et al. 2017

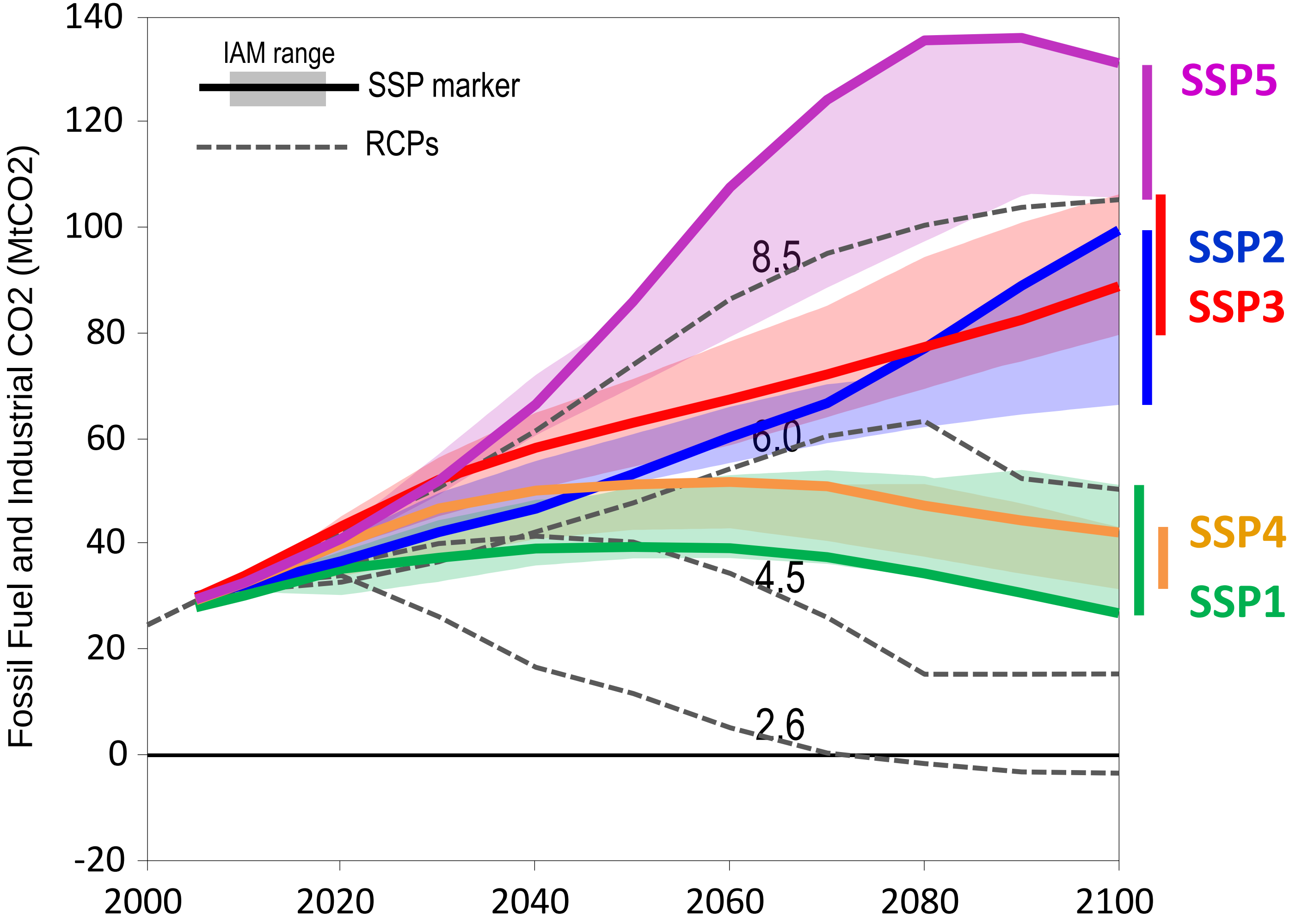
Qualitative Assumptions: Conversion

Table A.3: Qualitative assumptions for energy conversion technologies SSPs

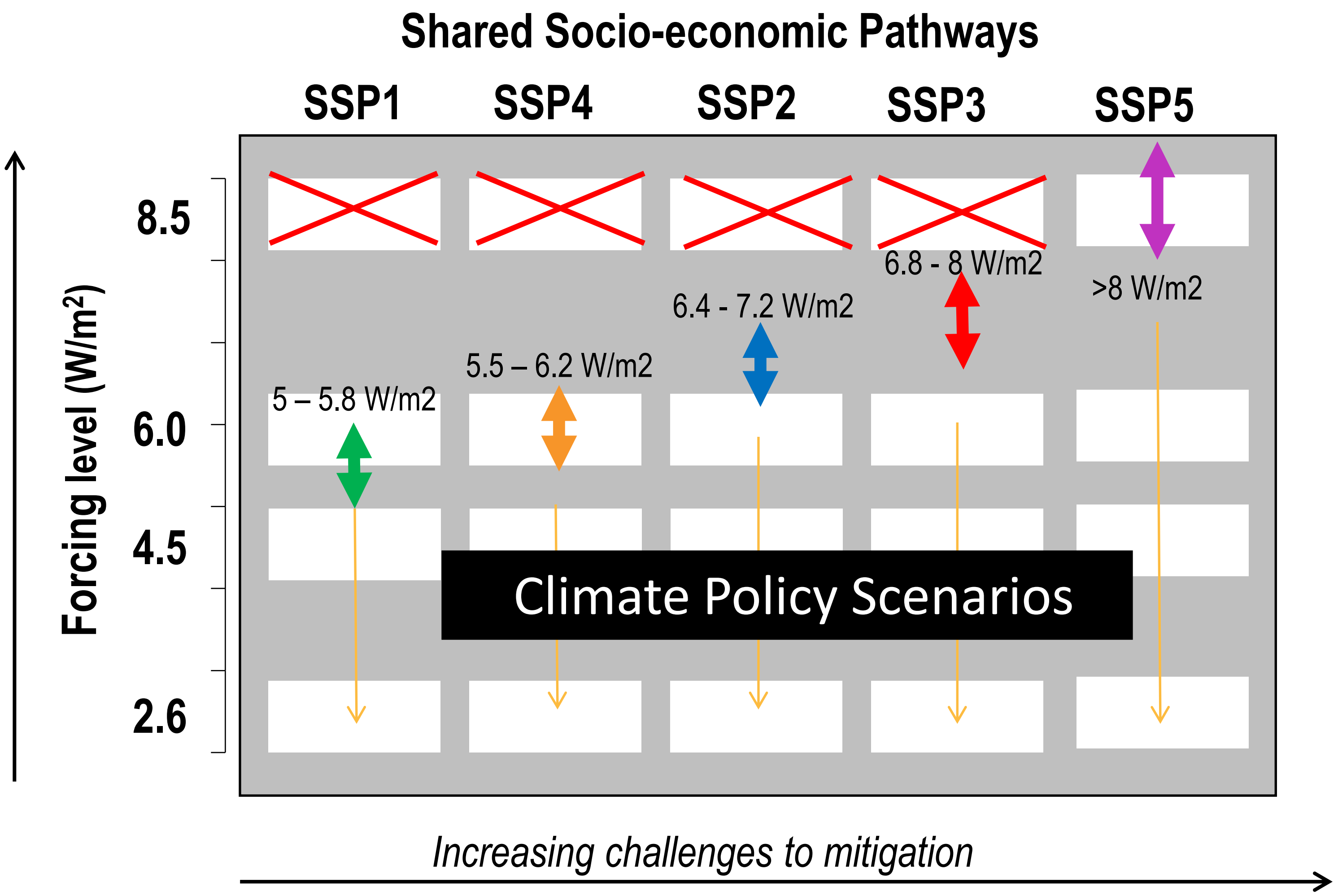
SSP Element	SSP 1			SSP 2			SSP 3			SSP 4			SSP 5		
	Country Income Groupings														
	Low	Med	High	Low	Med	High	Low	Med	High	Low	Med	High	Low	Med	High
Conventional and Unconventional Fossil Fuel Conversion (synfuel and syngas in parenthesis if different)															
Technology Development	Med			Med			Low			Low	Med	Med	Med (High)		
Social Acceptance	Low			Med			High			High	Low	Low	High		
Commercial Biomass Conversion															
Technology Development	High			Med			Low			High	High	High	Med		
Social Acceptance	Low			Med			High			High	High	High	Med		
Non-bio Renewables Conversion															
Technology Development	High			Med			Low			High	High	High	Med		
Social Acceptance	High			Med			Med			High	High	High	Low		
Nuclear Power															
Technology Development	Med			Med			Low	Low	Med	High	High	High	Med		
Social Acceptance	Low			Med			High	High	High	High	Med	Med	Med		
CCS (under climate policy only)															
Technology Development	Med			Med			Med			High	High	High	High		
Social Acceptance	Low			Med			Med			High	Med	Med	Med		

Source: Riahi et al. 2017

Global CO_2 Emissions
SSP Reference scenarios and RCPs



SSP/RCP combinations based on reference IAM scenarios



Shared Policy Assumptions (SPAs)

SPAs describe policy assumptions consistent with the widely different challenges to mitigation across the SSP due to, e.g., fragmentation, lack of in[illegible]tutions, inequity, lack of technology, governance, etc..

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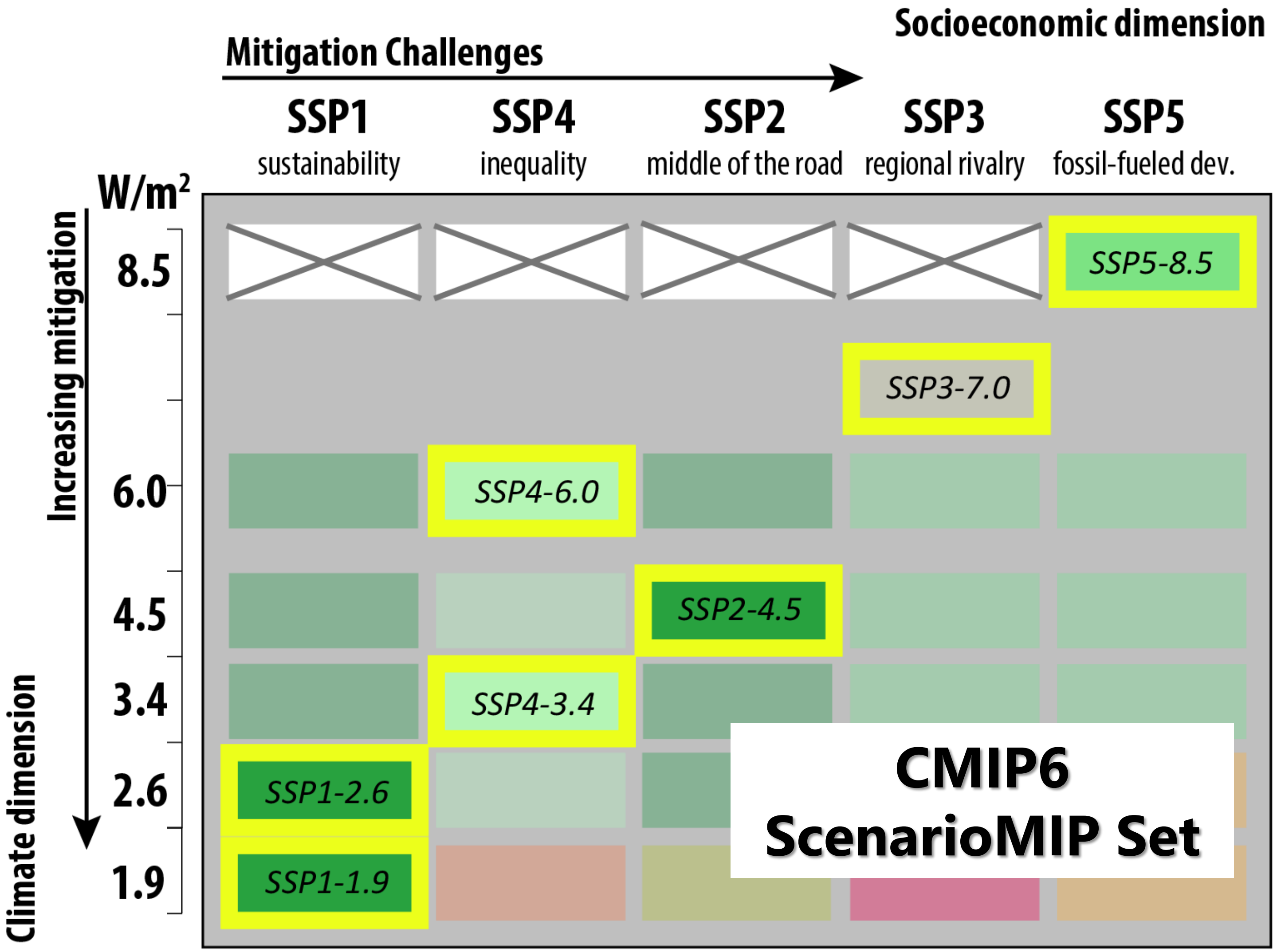
Two main SPA dimensions

Accession rule and timing of regional participation	**Eff[illegible]ness [illegible]nd policies**
SSP1, SSP4 Early accession will global col[illegible]atio[illegible] as of 2020	***SSP1, SSP5*** Highly effective
S[illegible]P[illegible], S[illegible] Some [illegible]elays [illegible]ith low-[illegible]e regi[illegible]s join[illegible]g in 20[illegible]	***SSP2, SSP4*** Intermediately effective (limited REDD)
S[illegible]P3 [illegible]te a[illegible]sio[illegible] regions join as of 2020 and p[illegible] regions join at a certain income level	***SSP3*** Low effectiveness (implementation failures and high transaction costs)

CMIP6/ScenarioMIP

RCP-SSP Matrix including mitigation pathways down to 1.9 W/m^2



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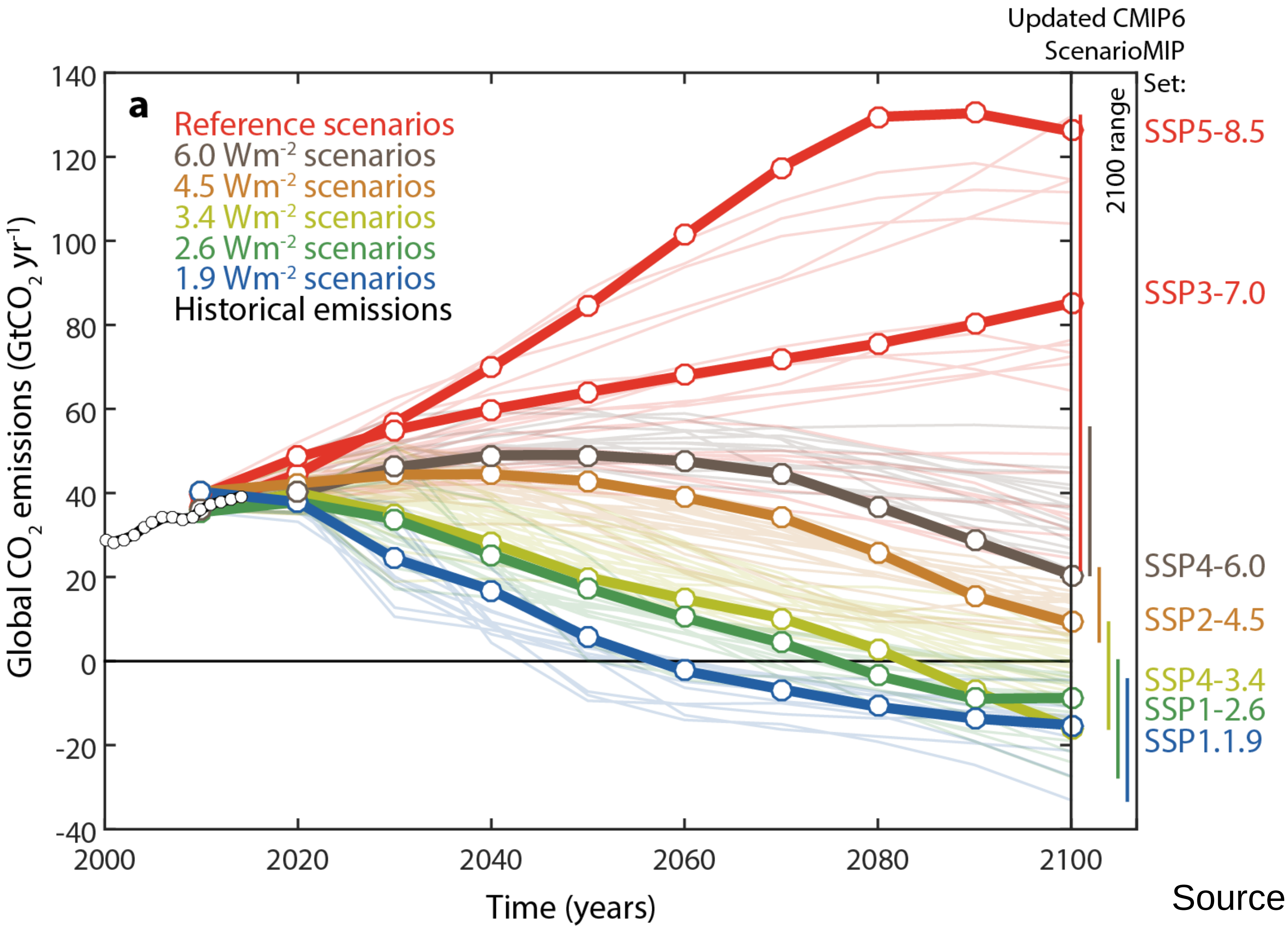

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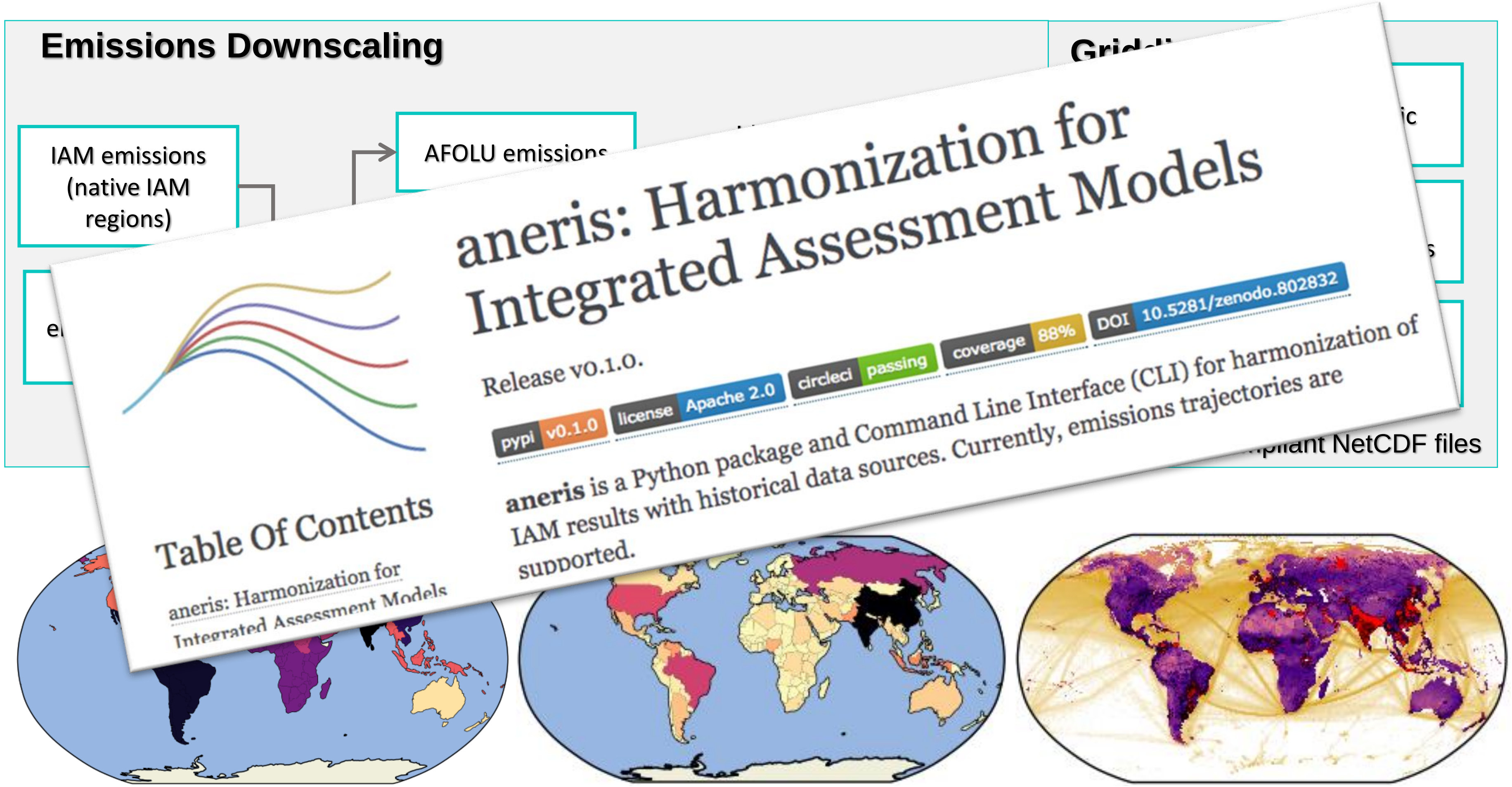
Harmonization and Downscaling of Emissions and Land-use for ESMs



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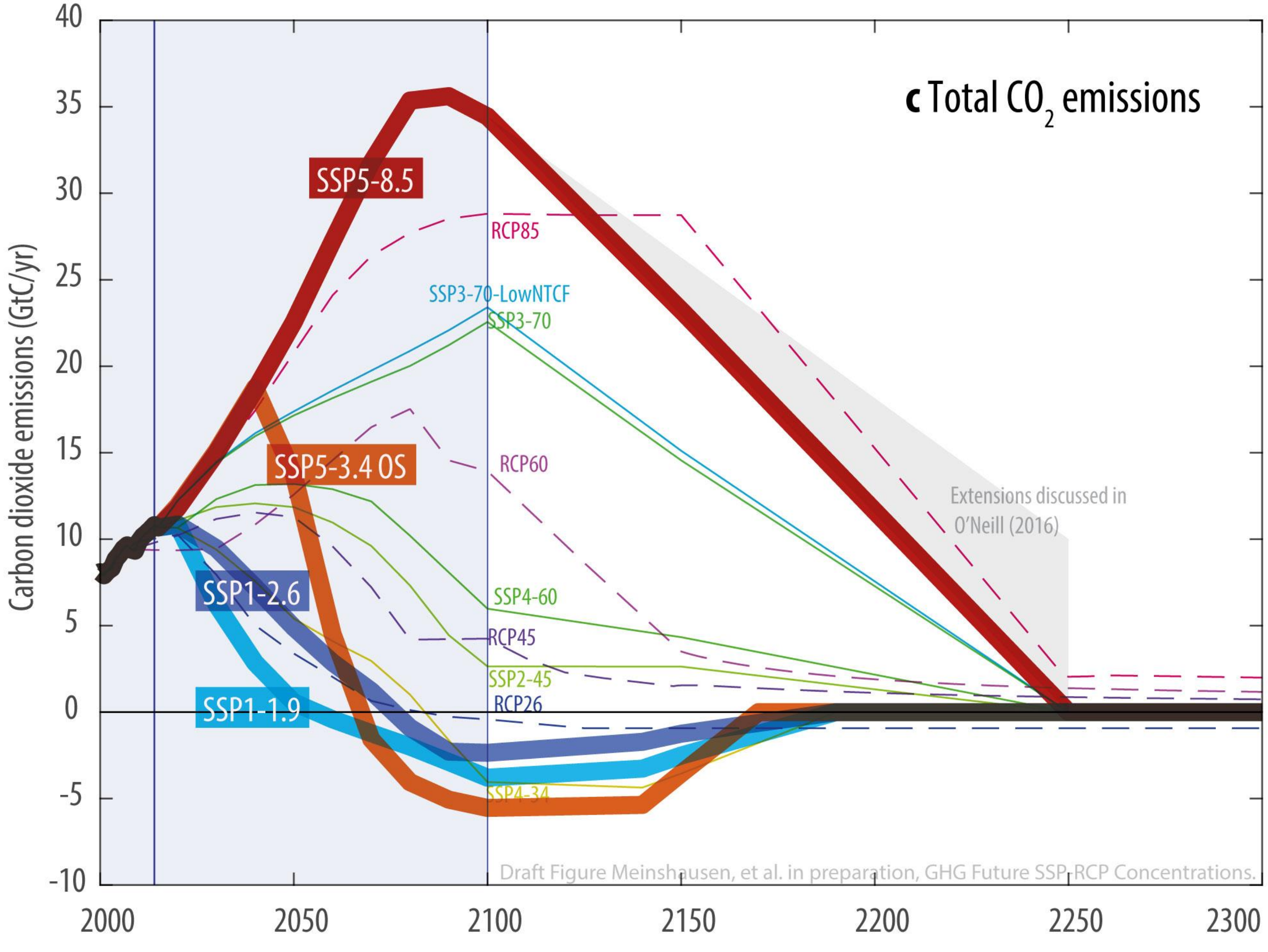
Extension of the CMIP6 Emissions beyond 2100



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SSP extensions

SSP Extensions Explorer

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A collection hub for extensions of the Shared Socioeconomic Pathways

The world at a glance: compare indicators between countries

GLOBAL OVERVIEW

Deep dive into country-specific pathways

COUNTRY PROFILES

Discover the rationale behind the extensions

BEHIND THE NUMBERS

Explore all the extensions in detail and create your own visualizations

DATA EXPLORER

SSP Extensions: Indicators

- Human Development Index: Crespo Cuaresma & Lutz (2015)
- Governance, Government Effectiveness and Control of Corruption: Andrijevic et al. (2020)
- Extreme Poverty: Crespo Cuaresma et al. (2018)
- Gender Inequality Index: Andrijevic et al. (2020)
- Income Inequality (Gini coefficient): Rao et al. (2019)
- Income Distribution: Narayan et al. (2023)
- Net Migration & Remittances: Benveniste et al. (2021)
- Rule of Law: Soergel et al. (2021)
- Structural Change: Employment and Value Added: Leimbach et al. (2023)
- Urbanization: Chen et al. (2022)
- Risk of Hunger: Hasegawa et al. (2015)
- Conflict Trap: Petrova et al. (2023)

SSP Updates (2023/2024)

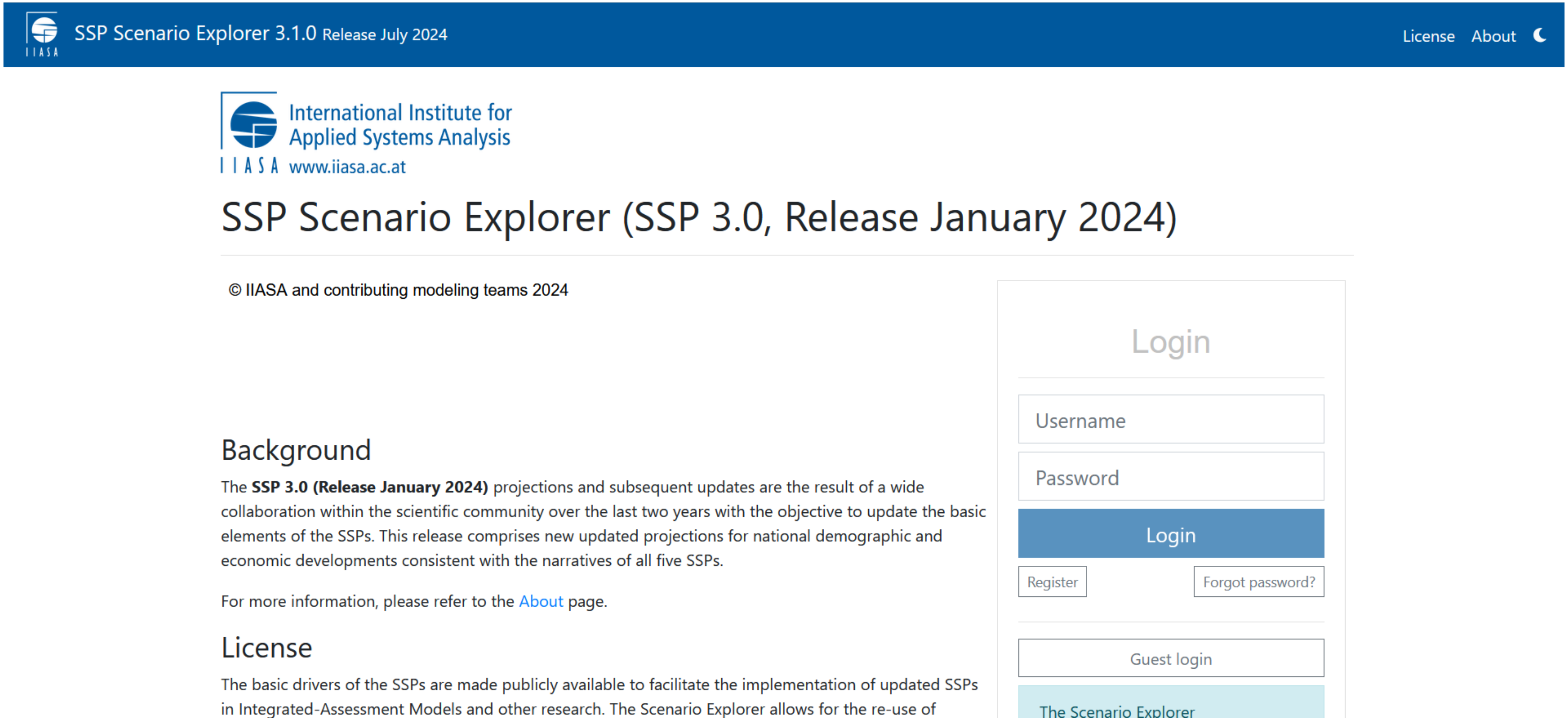
ICONICS
The International Committee on New Integrated Climate Change Assessment Scenarios

IAMC
Integrated Assessment Modeling Consortium
Founded 2007

Towards updated and revised SSPs...

- Basic elements of SSPs were developed about 10 years ago
- New process has started to provide updates along different phases:
  1. Numerical updates of existing SSPs
  2. Update/extend existing narratives
  3. Add and/or replace SSPs
  4. Revisit and modify framework where necessary

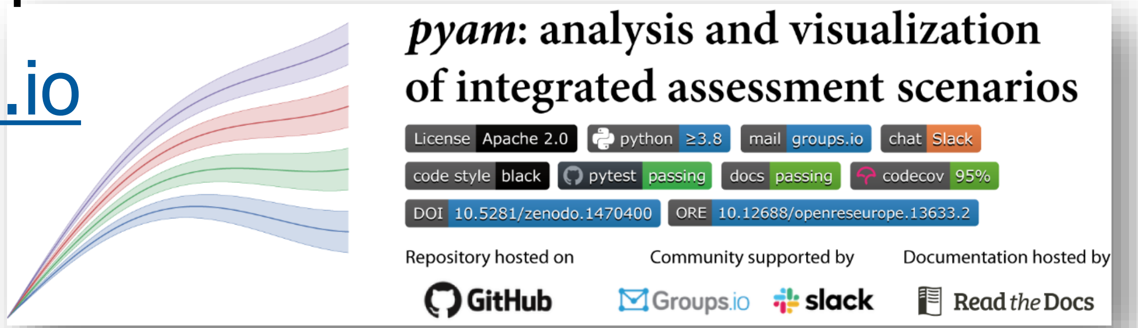
Updates SSP quantifications of basic elements



https://data.ece.iiasa.ac.at/ssp/

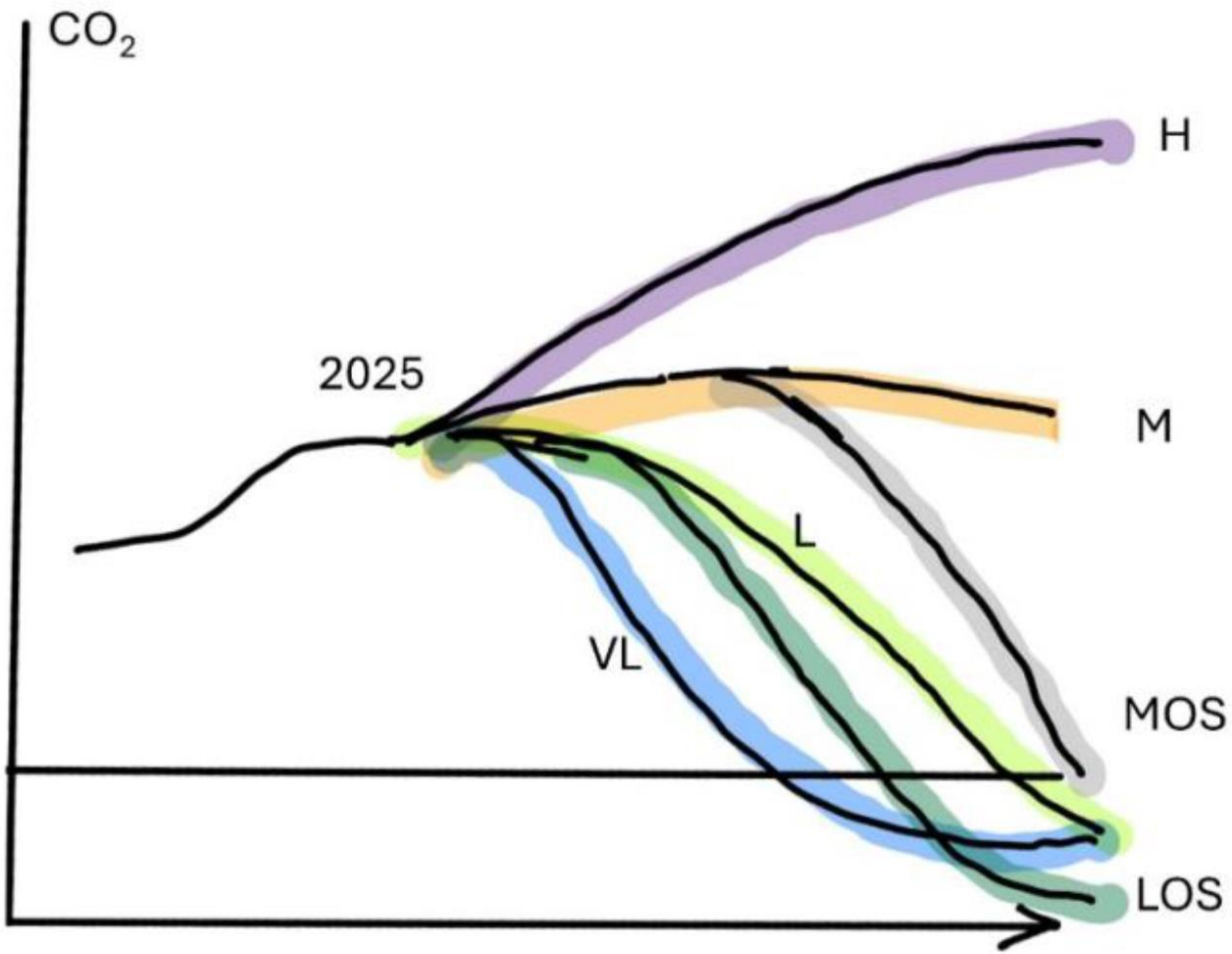
Three approaches for working with the updated SSP projections

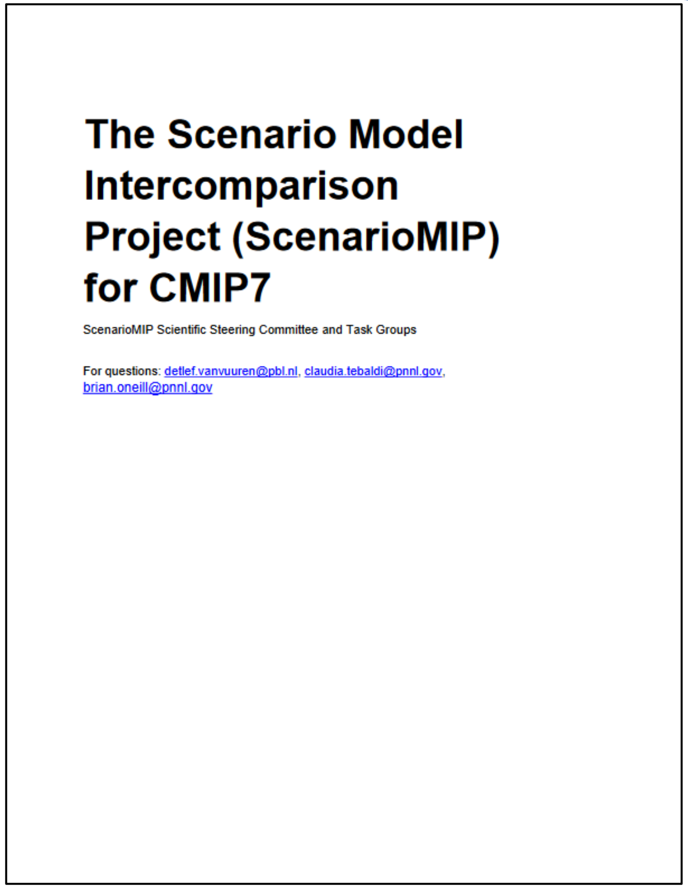
- The interactive Scenario Explorer
  ⇒ Create a workspace, select scenario and data in a panel
  ⇒ See the tutorials at https://software.ece.iiasa.ac.at/ixmp-server
- Download the projections data as xlsx files
  ⇒ Go to the "Downloads" tab
- The open-source Python package pyam
  ⇒ Visit https://pyam-iamc.readthedocs.io



Outlook: CMIP7/ScenarioMIP

ScenarioMIP overview




The Scenario Model Intercomparison Project (ScenarioMIP) for CMIP7

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Source: van Vuuren et al. 2024 The Scenario Model Intercomparison Project (ScenarioMIP) for CMIP7

ScenarioMIP: Main scenario characteristics

Short	Description
H	Scenario that explores roll-back of existing climate policy; low technology development on renewables and thus high emissions (SSP3/SSP5 based)
M	Scenario that explores emission trajectory consistent with current policies (SSP2 based)
MOS	Scenario that deviates from the medium (M) scenario mid-century – followed by rapid and deep climate action.
L	Scenario that has the characteristics of the C3 scenario in IPCC WGIII; reaching net-zero CO2 around 2070. Emissions in 2030 at the level of current pledges.
VL	Very low scenario, relevant for the low end of the Paris temperature range staying as close as possible to 1.5 deg C. The scenario will explore near-term methane reduction. The scenario most likely reaches net-zero emissions around the middle of the century.
LOS	Emission reduction is constrained to current policies in 2030 and remains relatively high for some period of time (leading to overshoot). After that mitigation policies kick-in rapidly. CDR use in the second half of the century draws down temperature.

Further considerations

- Time horizon: IAM-internal extension to 2125, stylized extension to 2200/2300
- Short-term dynamics: 2025 extrapolation of 2023, CPol, NDC, net-zero?
- Air pollution: variation desirable – H variants with continued efforts vs. high aerosols
- IAM runs: multiple interpretations per scenario, possibly selection of marker
- Impacts and adaptation: by default w/o impacts, but explore w/ impacts

Thank you very much for your attention!

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