

Accelerating climate action towards a rapid and just transition: Insights from the NAVIGATE project

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Where do we stand with climate action on the EU and international level?

EU Green Deal:

- Headline target for Green Deal in place, 2040 target under discussion (~90%)
 - Many instruments are put in place as part of Fit for 55 (ETS, ETS-2, ESR, CBAM, JTF, ...)
 - Additional regulations being designed (CDR, Net zero industry act, LULUCF regulation, ...)
 - **Implementation challenges:** multiple crises, finance, public opposition ...
- ➔ **Can the EU master the critical next years until 2030 to put the Green Deal firmly on course?**

Paris Agreement:

- Rule book in place, additional multilateral (G7, JETPs, PPCA, Race to NetZero, Methane pledge ...) and non-state actor initiatives (GFANZ, ...)
 - Implementation lagging behind, 2023 GST largely ineffective so far
 - **Implementation challenges:** multiple crises and geopolitical tensions, finance, equity ...
- ➔ **Can the EU provide international leadership?**



How can research in NAVIGATE and ENGAGE support EU climate policy making?

ENGAGE and NAVIGATE analyse mitigation pathways

- for EU, major emitting countries, the world, individual sectors
- providing system-level integrated assessment of mitigation strategies including milestones, benchmarks and targets for policy
- allowing to contextualize policy, socio-economic, technological developments (if-then analysis)
- allowing analysis of mitigation challenges, decarbonization bottlenecks, investments needs, interactions with broader societal objectives, ...

→ Adequate representation of sectors, actors, systems, policies including considerations of equity, institutions, governance, ...



Usability

- Transparency
- Accessibility
- Salience

Transformative systems change

- Economy, technologies, sectors
- Lifestyles, consumption and services

People

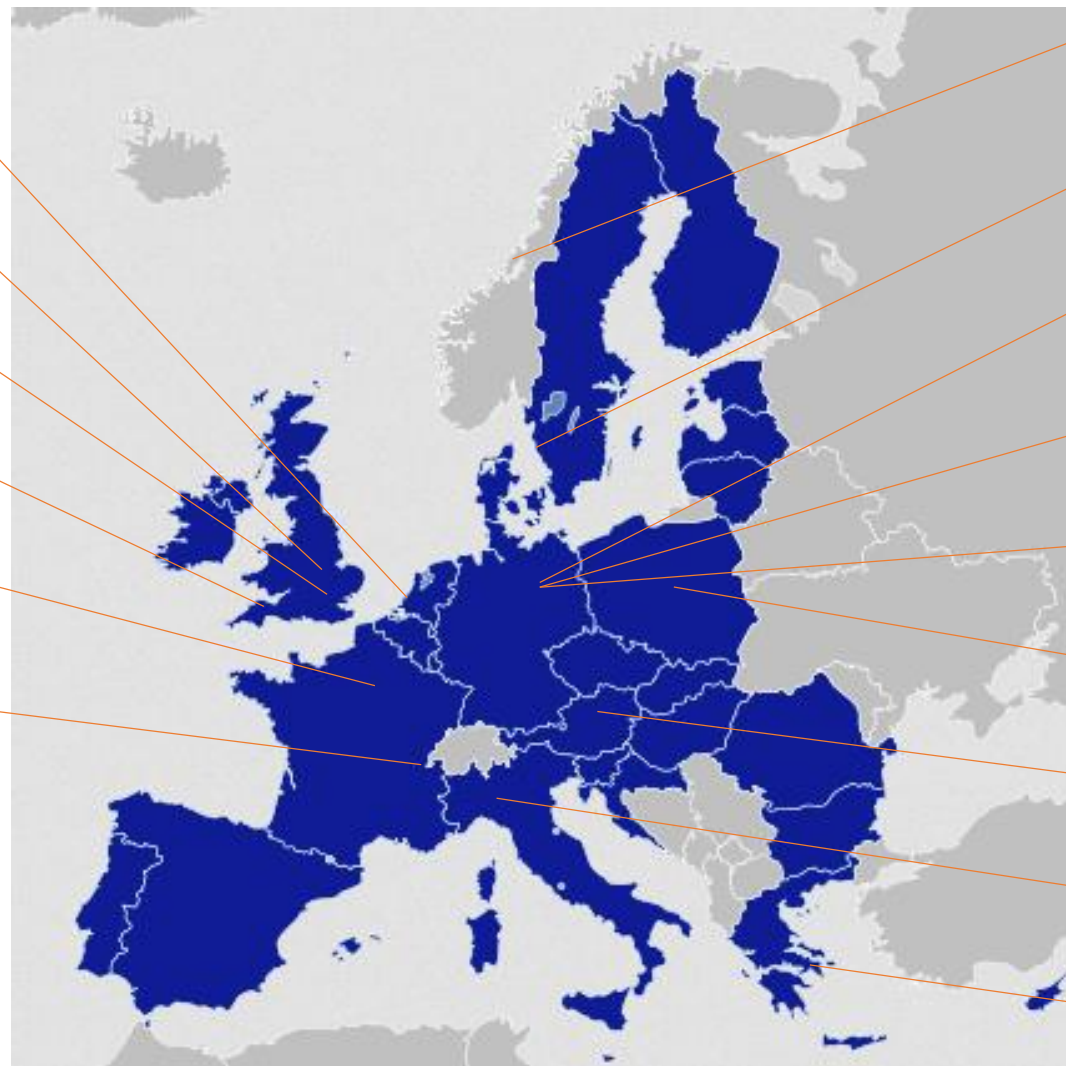
- Representing heterogeneity
- Analysing distributional impacts



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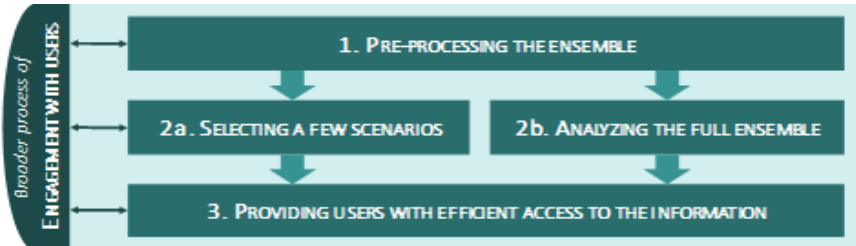
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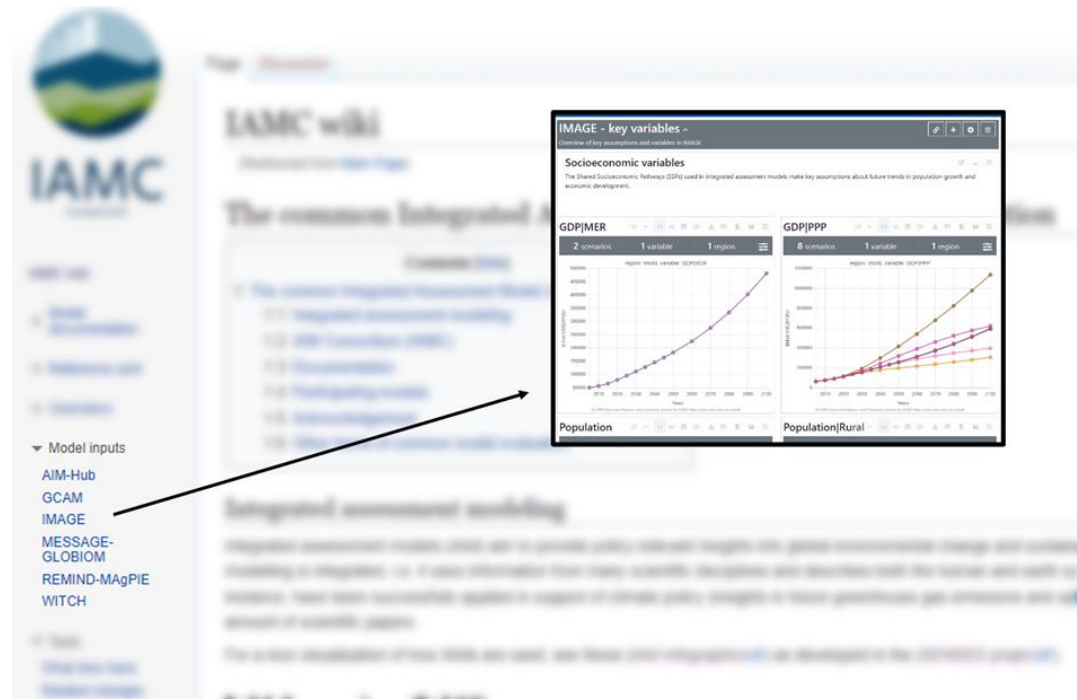
NAVIGATE facilitates user uptake of IAM results

Usability: How to generate insights from large ensembles of climate change mitigation scenarios?

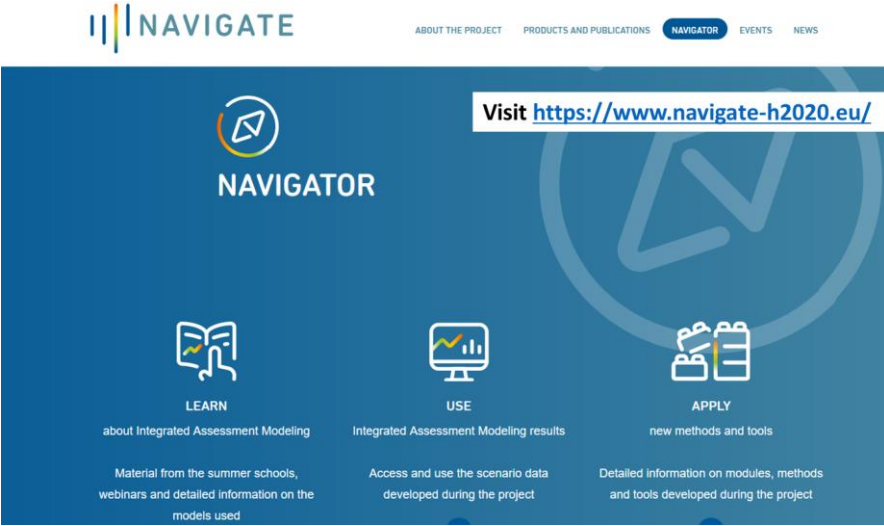
Guivarch et al., 2022, Nat. Clim. Chang. 12, 428–435.
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Transparency: IAMC model documentation wiki
www.iamcdocumentation.eu

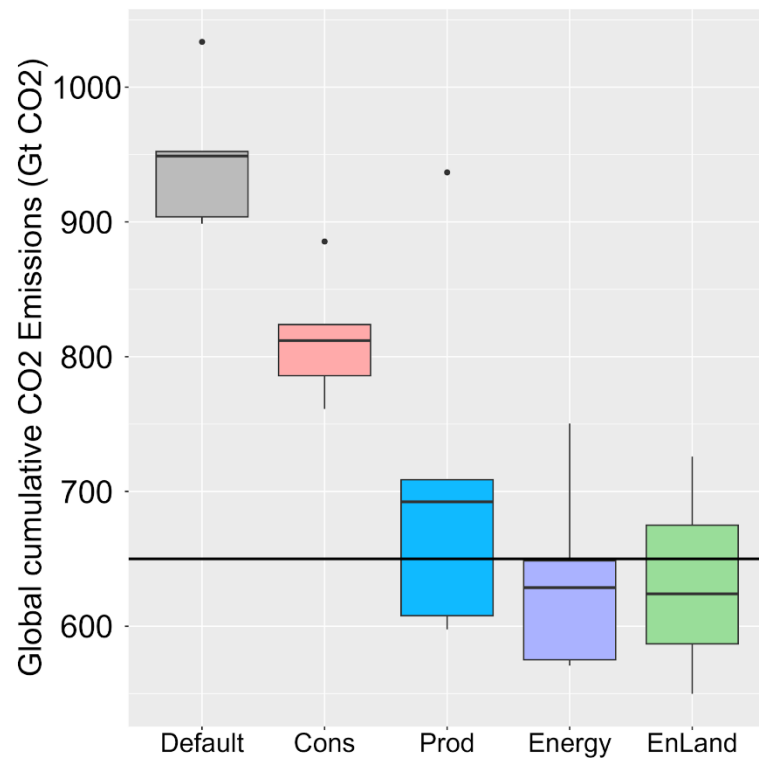


NAVIGATOR:
 Collection of tools and data developed by NAVIGATE



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Closing the gap to 1.5°C mitigation action



Strefler et al., 2023, in preparation

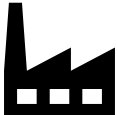
Simultaneous and immediate use of key entry points to deep emissions reductions can accelerate action and close the gap between well below 2°C and 1.5°C (by 2100)

- **Prod:** Decarbonizing electricity, direct and indirect electrification, CCS for industry and CDR, biomass as feedstock
- **Cons:** efficiency improvement, reduced floorspace and transport demand, model shift, building insulation
- **Energy:** Prod+Cons
- **EnLand:** Add advanced land use policies – deep non-CO2 reduction, forest (and peatland) protection, land-based CDR, dietary change

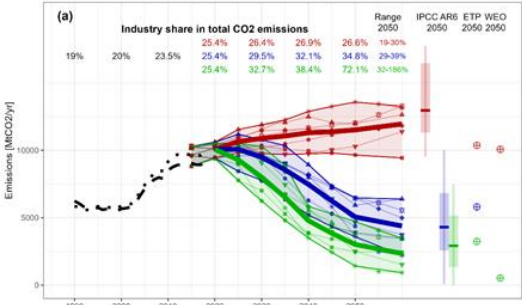
➔ BO Session 1: How to achieve rapid and effective decarbonization across different sectors



Deep transformations in individual sectors



Industry



→ Industry table in BO Session 1 (Nico Bauer)

→ Road transport table in BO Session 1 (Gunnar Luderer)



Road transport
International shipping
and aviation

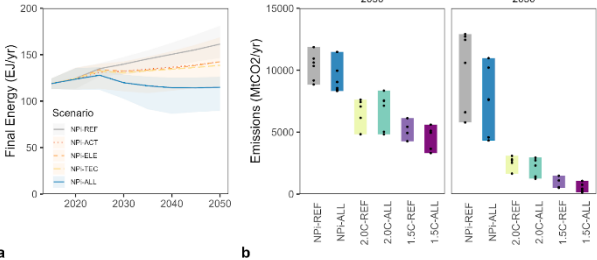


Agriculture and land use
Non-CO₂ emission
reduction potentials

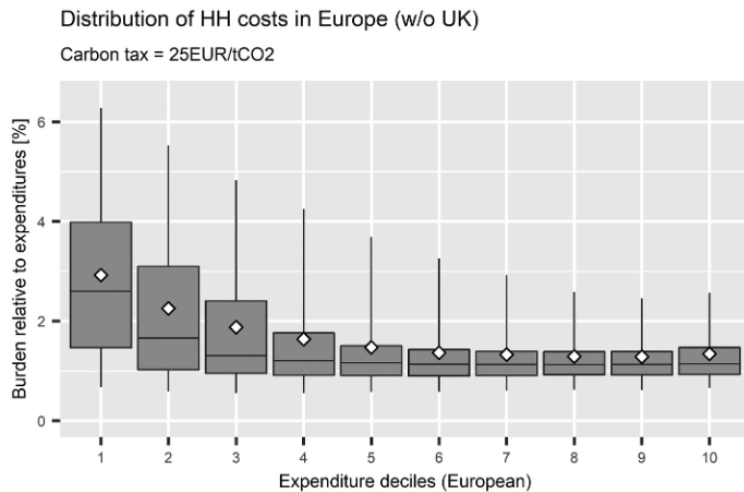


Buildings

→ Buildings table in BO session 1 (Alessio Mastrucci)



Distributional implications of climate change



Mitigation policies tend to be regressive in many regions

- **Example:** 25\$/tCO₂ in Europe → 3% expenditure increase for lowest decile, 1.5% for highest

Feindt et al., 2021, Energy Economics 103: 105550

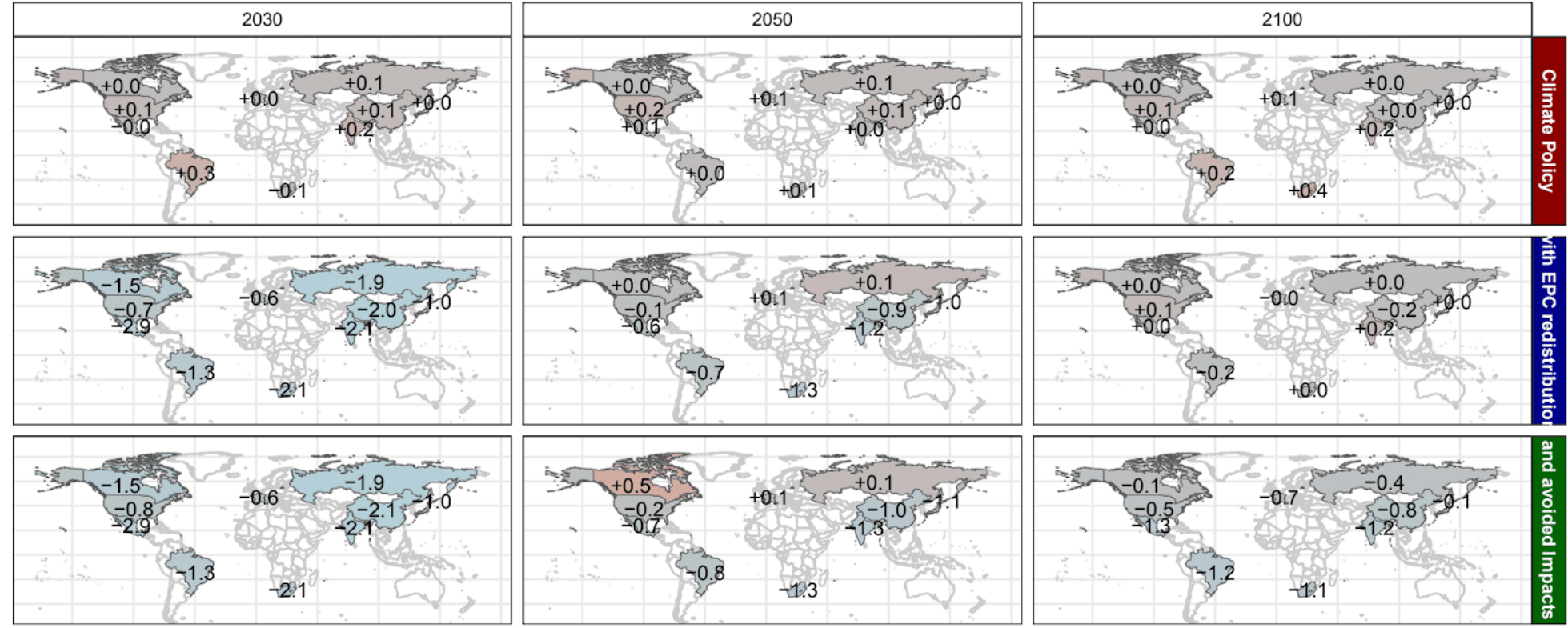
Climate change impacts affect the poor disproportionately



Mitigation pathways benefit the poor

Inequality consistently reduced in 1.5°-2°C mitigation pathways from a combination of redistributive policies using carbon pricing revenues and avoided increase in inequality from climate damages.

Impact on the Gini index [Model median]

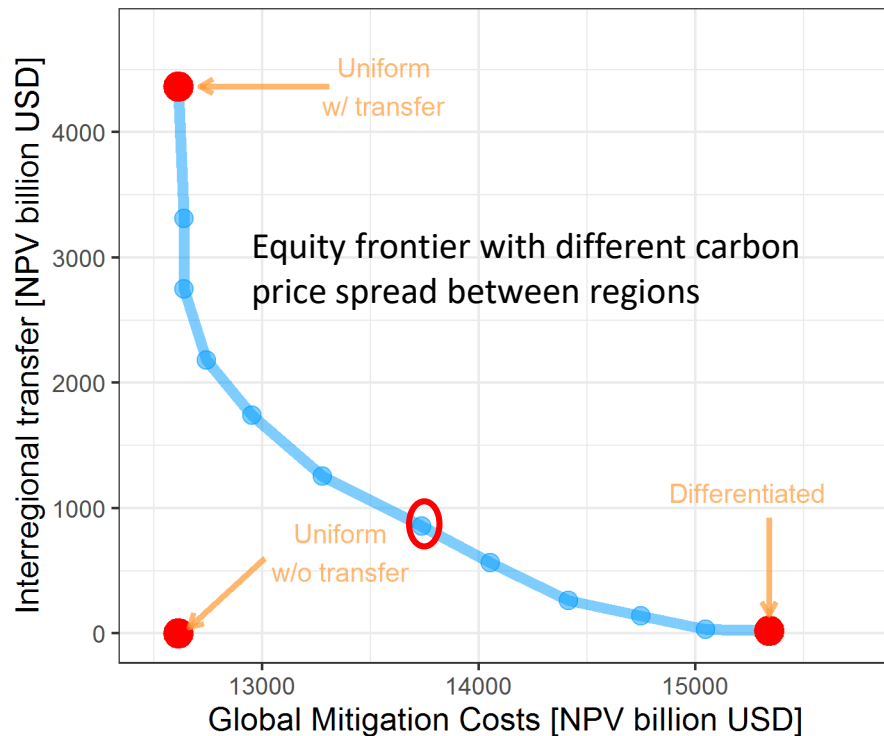


➔ BO Session 2: Just transition and economic growth: An income and employment perspective on the EU and global level



Emmerling et al., 2023, in preparation

Global collective action: Efficiency-equity-sovereignty trade-off



Equitable effort sharing can be achieved by a combination of limited international financial transfers and moderate spread of domestic mitigation action.

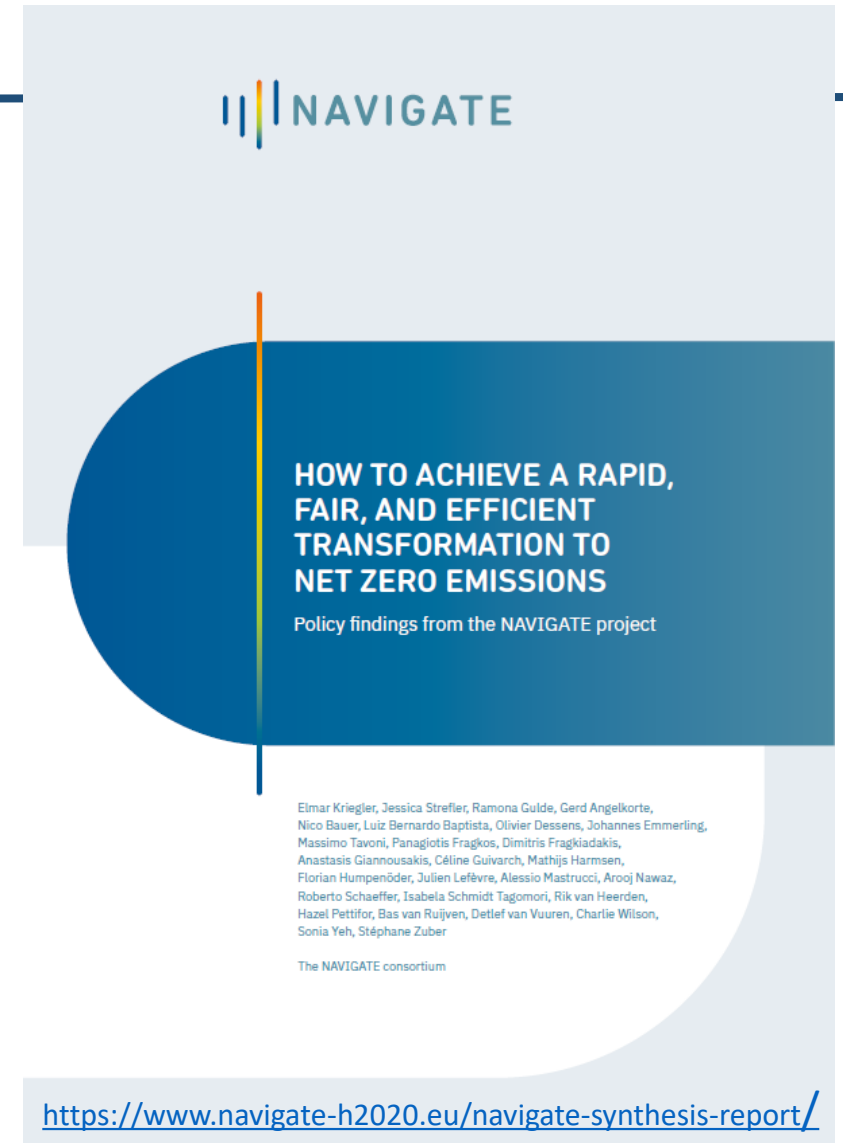
- For instance, reducing carbon price spread by 75% (from a factor 100) lessens global inefficiency by 56%, and requires only around 20% of transfers needed under a globally uniform carbon price.
- Strong deviations from uniform carbon pricing distort markets and put other sustainability goals at risk

Source: Bauer et al. 2020, Nature 588: 261-269



Presentation of insights from the NAVIGATE project at today's meeting

<p>9:50-11:00 Room 402+416</p>	<p>How to achieve rapid and effective decarbonisation across different sectors?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entry points to close the gap to 1.5°C pathways • Decarbonising the production side • Decarbonising the demand side • Round table discussions on sectoral deep dives: Industry, Transport, Buildings
<p>11:20-12:30 Room 374</p>	<p>Just transition and economic growth: An income and employment perspective on the EU and global level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distributional implications of climate policies and impacts and the effect of redistribution • Economic growth and employment effects of carbon price revenue recycling



HOW TO ACHIEVE A RAPID, FAIR, AND EFFICIENT TRANSFORMATION TO NET ZERO EMISSIONS

Policy findings from the NAVIGATE project

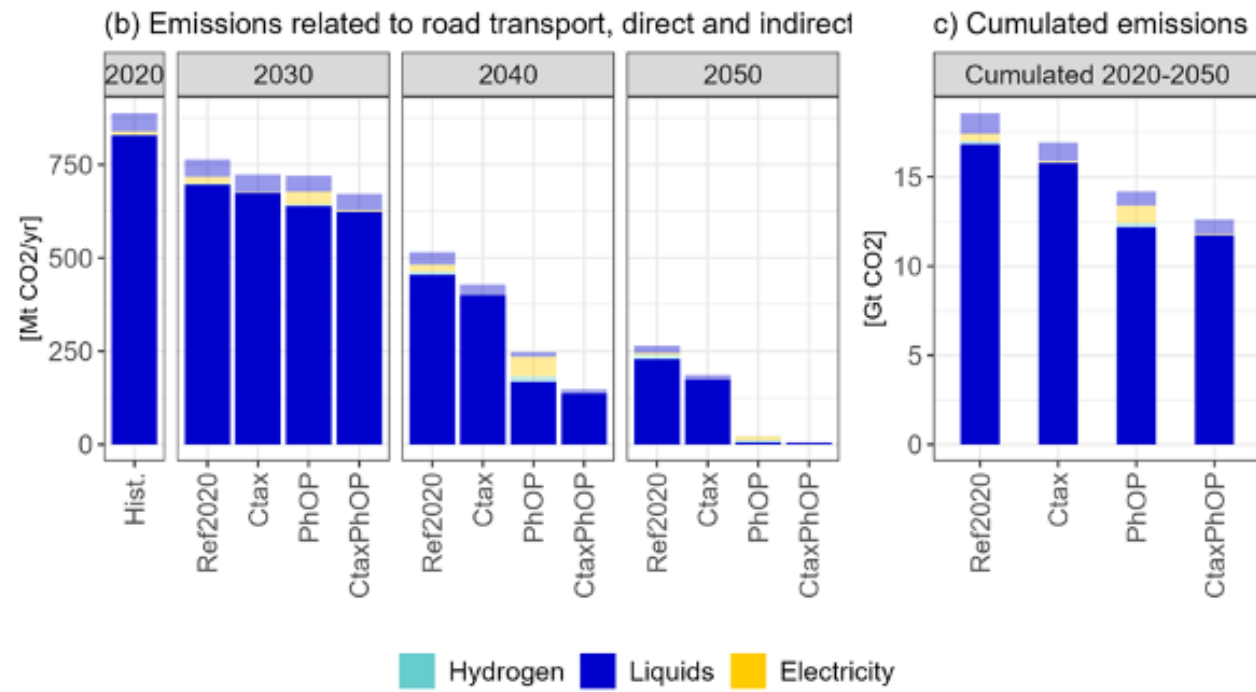
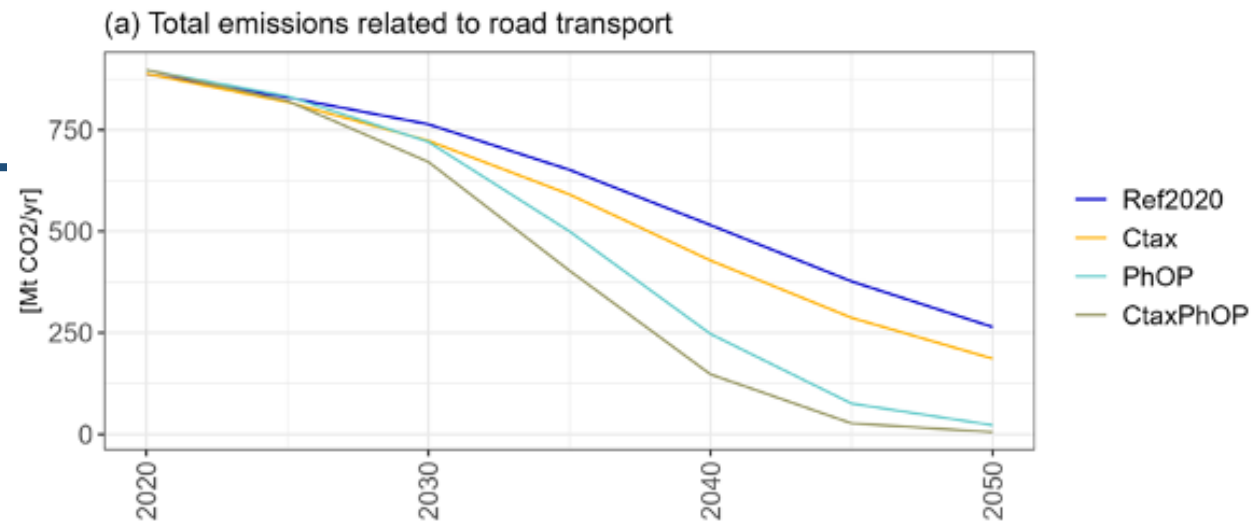
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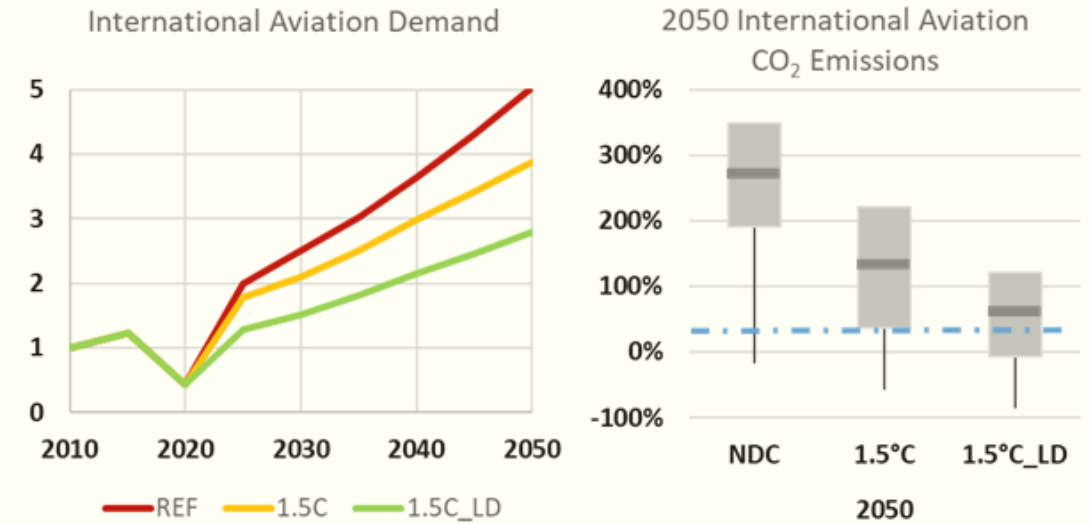
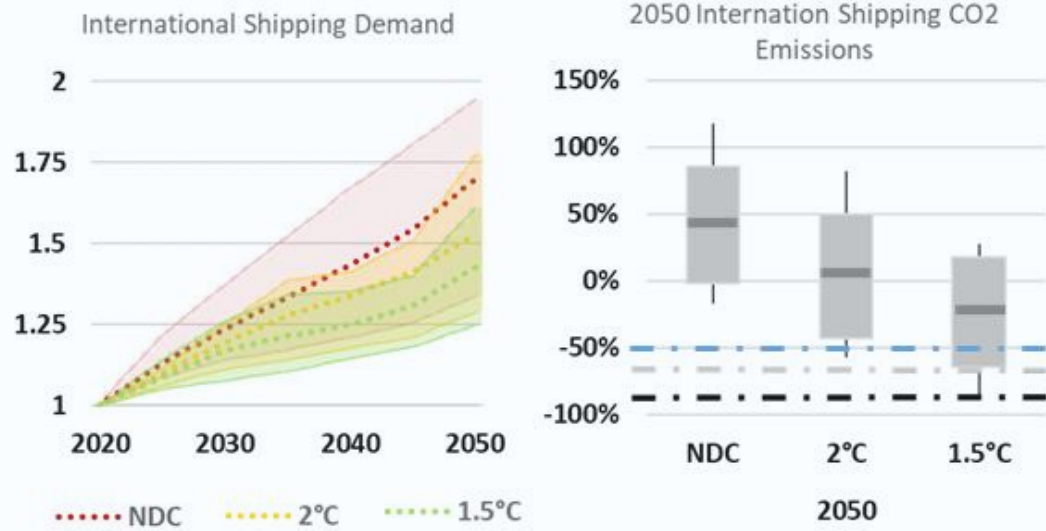
<https://www.navigate-h2020.eu/navigate-synthesis-report/>



EU road transport scenarios for different policy mixes



International shipping and aviation in 1.5°C pathways



Declining (1.5°C) to stabilizing (2°C) CO₂ emissions by 2050

- Reductions by fuel switching and (less) efficiency improvements
- Biofuels and alcohols most promising in short-term, ammonia and synthetic fuels essential towards 2050
- IMO 2018 emission reduction target for sector (-50% by 2050) remains on the ambitious side of 1.5°C scenarios

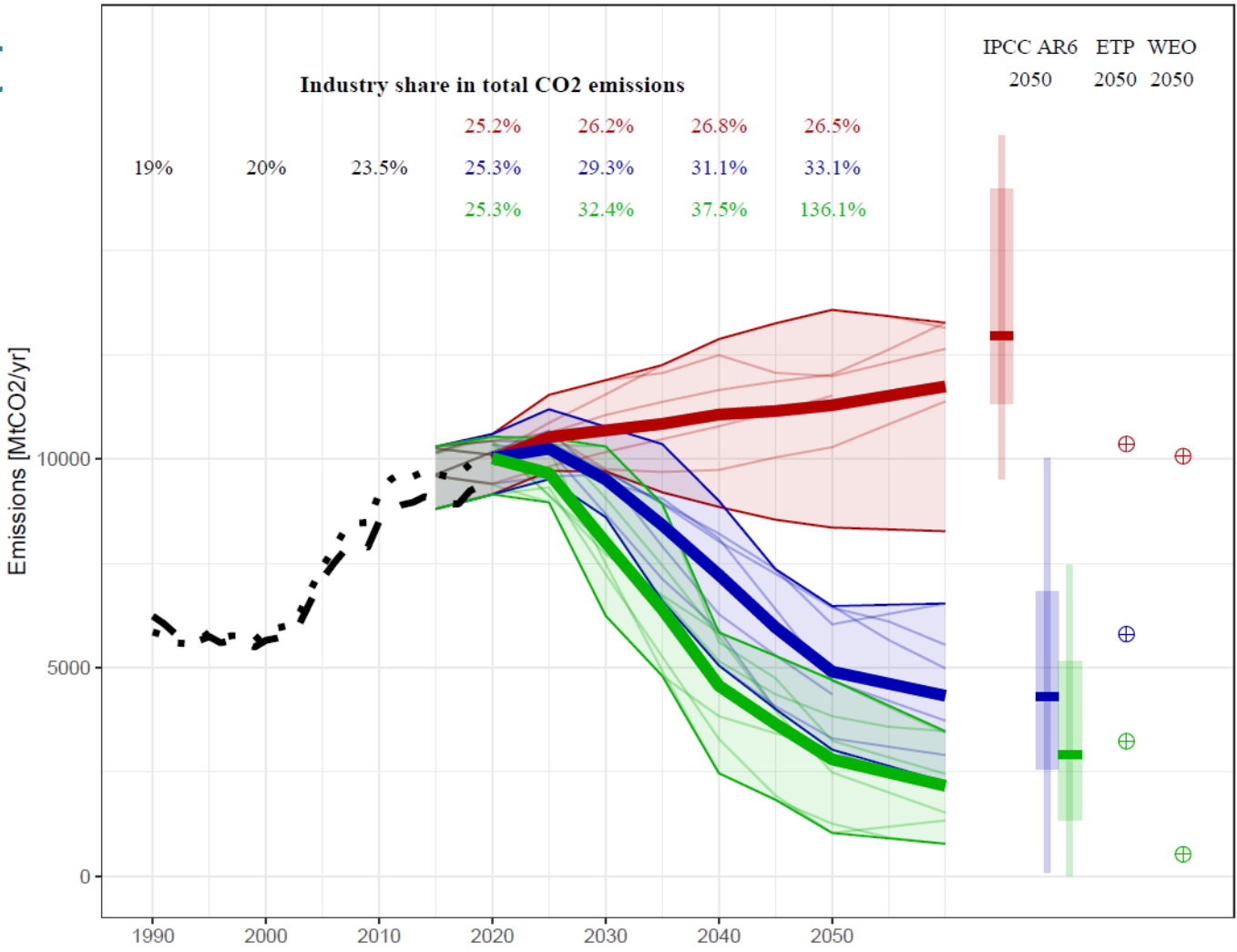
International aviation harder to decarbonize than shipping

- Emissions increase until 2050 even in 1.5°C scenarios
- Large increase in aviation demand
- Limited efficiency improvements and fuel substitution
- Biokerosene limit by biomass availability, e-fuels slow



Deep decarbonization c industry

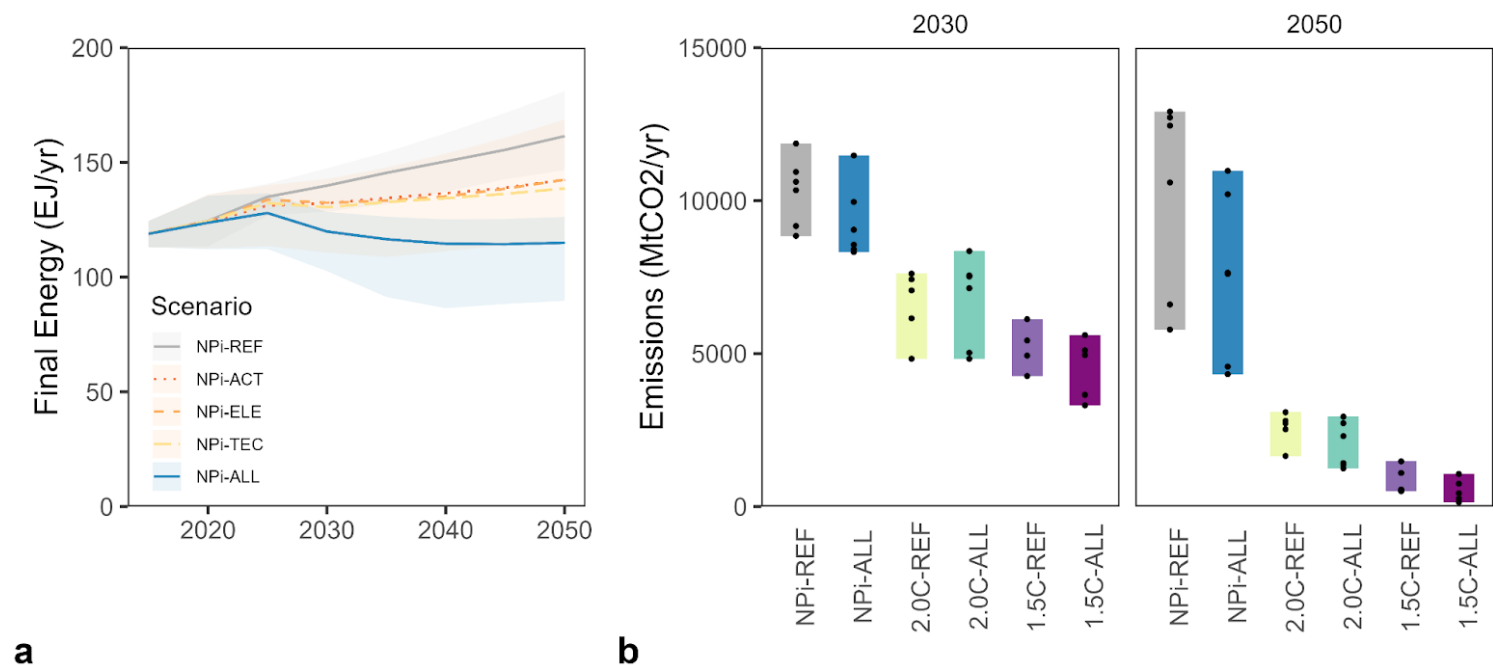
- To limit warming to 1.5°C by 2100, rapid and deep industry sector decarbonization is required, particularly in developed countries, leading to a reduction of global industry sector CO2 emissions to around 3 GtCO2 by 2050 (about 2 GtCO2 lower than in the well below 2°C scenario).
- For the EU, models with the largest industry decarbonization potential project CO2 emissions reductions of 73 to 82% by 2040 and 83 to 95% by 2050 relative to 2020.



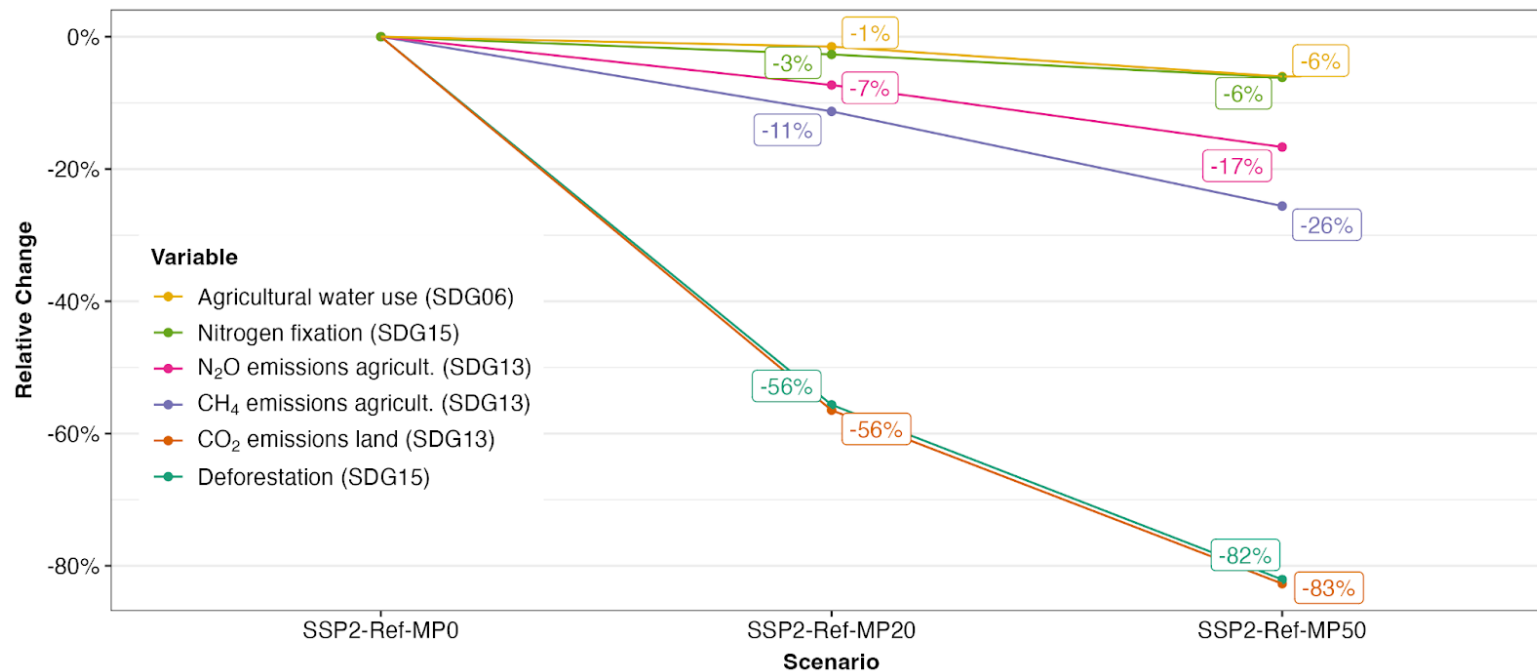
Bauer et al., 2023, in preparation

Deep demand-side reductions in buildings

Combining stringent decarbonisation of energy supply with building sector policies including activity reduction, electrification and fuel shifts, and energy efficiency improvements can reduce total CO2 emissions in the global and European building sectors by up to 95% in 2050 compared to a reference scenario without stringent decarbonisation and building sector policies. The building sector policies are critical to fully capitalize on the decarbonisation of energy supply in the sector.



New option for reducing livestock emissions



Substituting ruminant meat with microbial protein

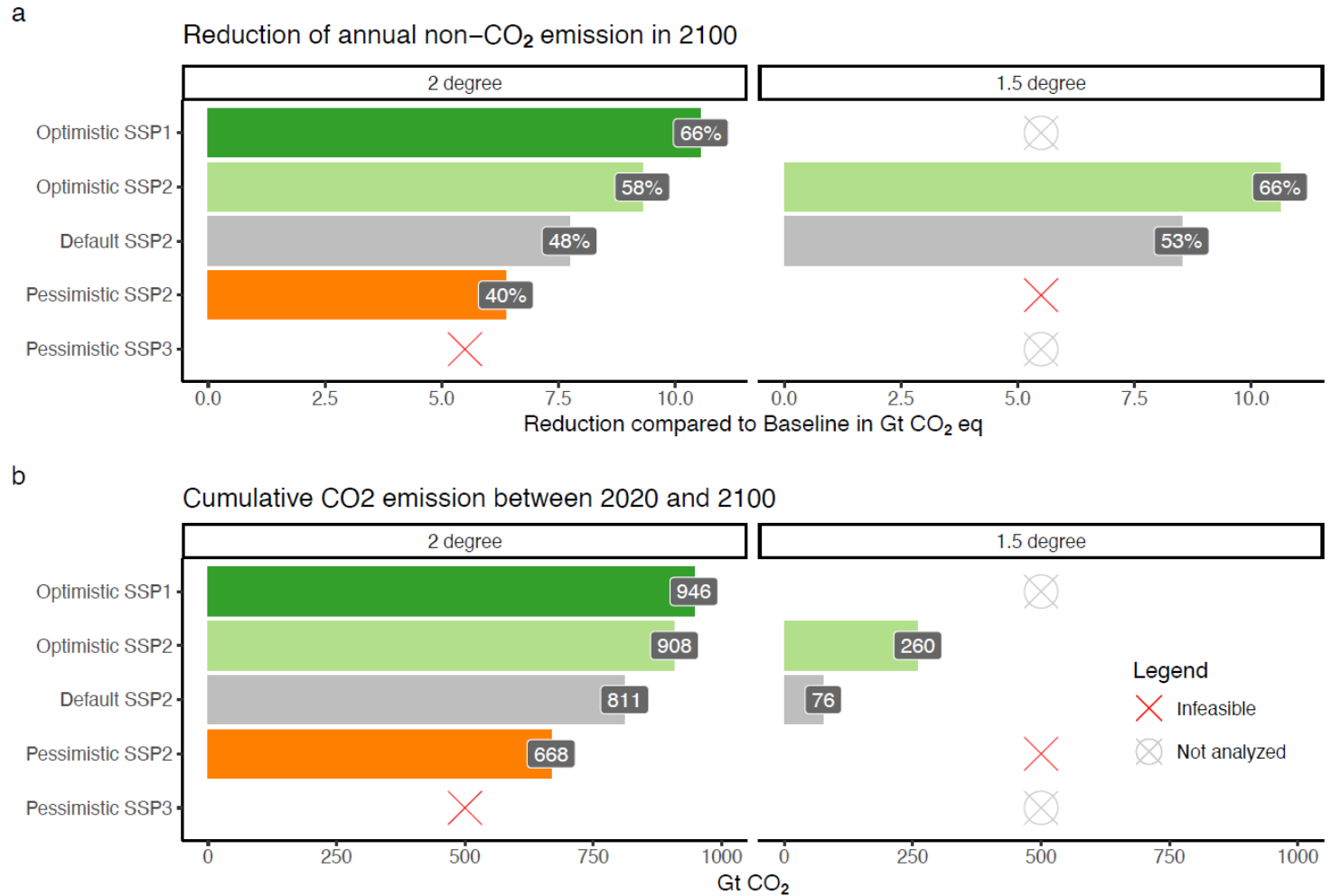
- Substituting 20% of per capita consumption by 2050 halves global deforestation and land use CO₂ emissions.
- Also lowers CH₄ emissions from ruminants and reduces N₂O emissions from fertilizers.

Humpenöder et al. (2022) Nature 605, 90–96.
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The key role of Non-CO₂ mitigation potentials for 1.5-2°C mitigation pathways

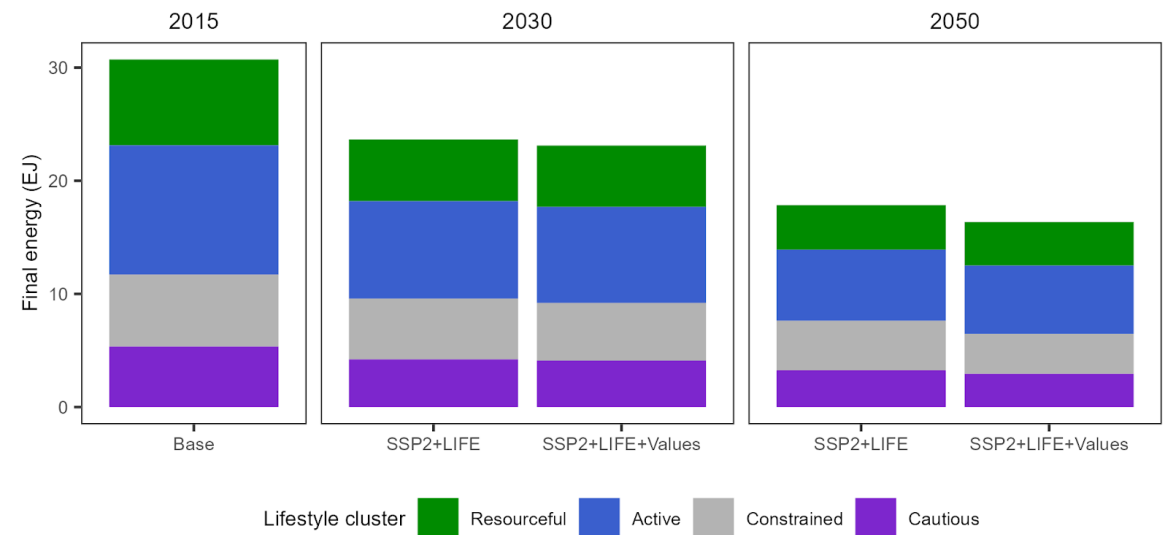
Harmsen et al., 2023, Nat Commun 14, 2949.
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System-wide change: Example lifestyle change

Many entry points for enabling low-carbon lifestyle change

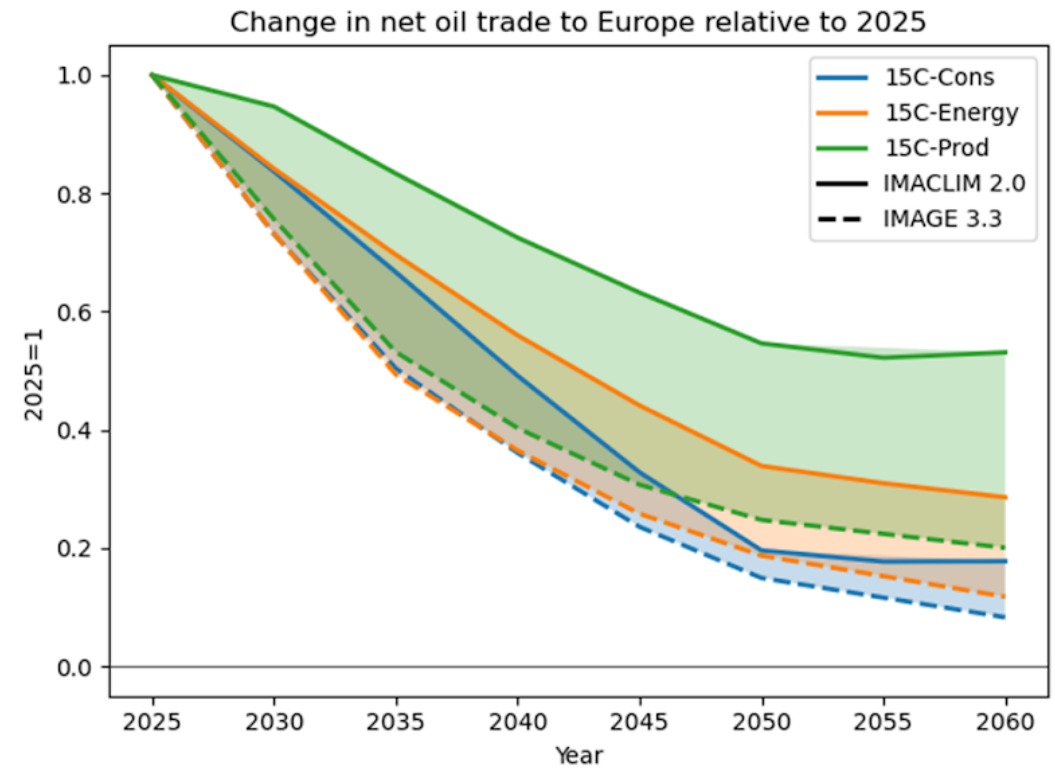
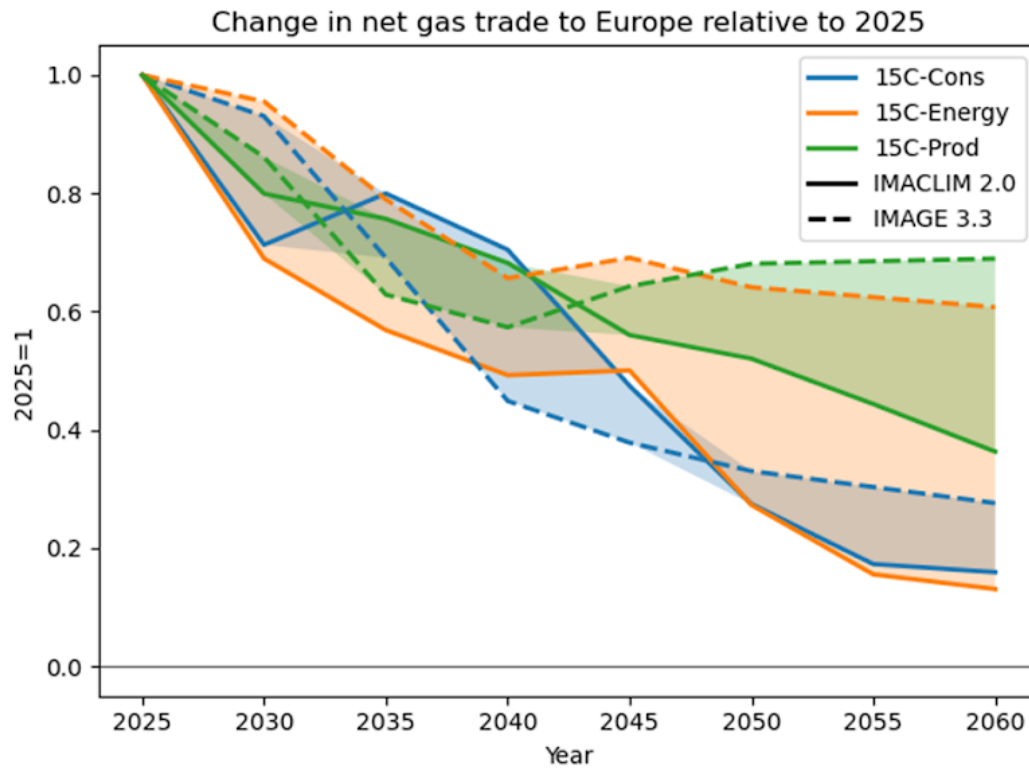
- Lifestyle change can act as an amplifier for technology- and policy-driven transformations.
- Lifestyle change needs to be enabled by targeted policy and infrastructure measures that widen access, skills, capabilities and opportunities for engaging with climate action.
- Lifestyle groups with lower inherent propensities towards low-carbon lifestyles should not be ‘left behind’ by mitigation policies.



- Pettifor et al. (2023) Global Environmental Change 82: 102739. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.gloenvcha.2023.102739>
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Synergy between EU mitigation and energy security

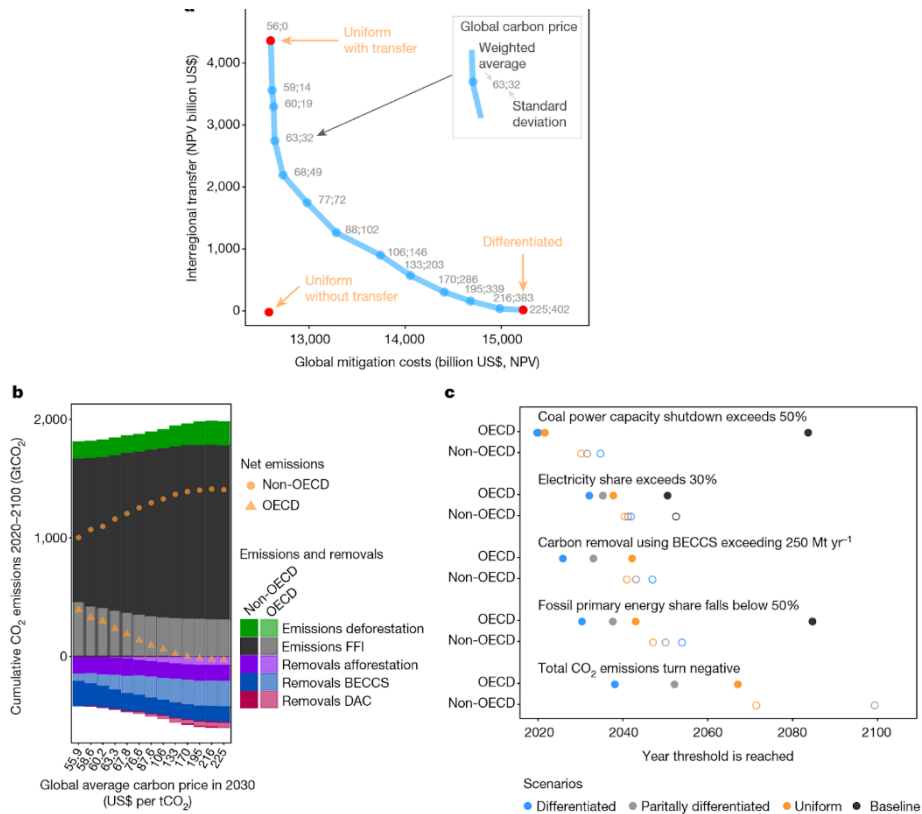


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