

Feasibility of achieving ambitious climate goals?

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New framework for the evaluation of transition pathways



- ✓ Multidimensional framework for systematic scenario evaluation
- ✓ Brings together empirical assessment of transitions with natural science and systems engineering thinking
- ✓ Developed as part of ENGAGE
- ✓ Applied to more than 1000 IPCC scenarios

Brutschin et al, 2021



Key challenges comprise governance and institutional dimension in the developing world





ENGAGE pioneering study incorporating governance and institutional factors into IAMs (Gidden et al, 2023)



Governance projections along SSPs based on Andrijevic et al. (2020)



Model Formulation

Governance level	Upper bound on total CO2 emission reductions for a given decade
<0.65	20% (below <mark>red</mark>)
0.66-0.7	25%
0.71-0.75	40%
0.76	Unconstrained (above green)

Regional Emissions reducions (Gidden, Brutschin et al, 2023)

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FEASI-MIP – model comparison for systematic feasibility assessment of 1.5 and 2C warming goals

Feasibility concerns

- ⇒ Technology
- ⇒ Geophysical
- ⇒ Economic
- ⇒ Govenance and Institutional

Enablers conditions

- \Rightarrow Demand reduction
- \Rightarrow Electrification



Multiple models (MESSAGE, GEMe3, IMAGE, REMIND, WITCH, POLES, AIM)

Impact of feasibility concerns on limiting the carbon budget (for 1.5°C and 2°C)

- Cost-effective mitigation potential is large and would in theory permit limiting warming to below 1.5C (consistent with IPCC)
- Taking into account feasibility concerns reduces the chances to limit warming to 1.5C considerably
- Enablers (demand and electrification) increases 1.5C chances (~consistent with well below 2C)





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IAMs in the lead on transparency visit the ENGAGE, NAVIGATE and IPCC explorers



https://data.ene.iiasa.ac.at/engage/#/workspaces

- ✓ IAM community is spearheading the transparency and openness of data efforts
- ✓ MoU with the IPCC
- ✓ ENGAGE, NAVIGATE, IPCC Explorer
- ✓ Majority of IPCC scenarios are from models that are fully open access
- ✓ IAM Chapter in IPCC AR6 (Chp 3) has become the transparency champion
- ✓ IAM community supports other communities with logistics, software and coordination to establish open tools and interactive databases (national, and sectoral - buildings, transport databases of AR6)



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