What can we learn from the IPCC?

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1 Summary for Policymakers

1 Technical Summary

235 Authors

900 Reviewers

More than 2000 pages

Close to 10,000 references

More than 38,000 comments
GHG emissions growth has accelerated despite reduction efforts.
GHG emissions growth between 2000 and 2010 has been larger than in the previous three decades.

Based on IPCC Figure 1.3
Regional patterns of GHG emissions are shifting along with changes in the world economy.

GHG Emissions by Country Group and Economic Sector

![Bar chart showing GHG emissions by country group and economic sector.](chart)

- **Low Income**
  - 1970: 3.2Gt
  - 2010: 3.4Gt

- **Lower Mid Income**
  - 1970: 3.4Gt
  - 2010: 7.9Gt

- **Upper Mid Income**
  - 1970: 5.9Gt
  - 2010: 18.3Gt

- **High Income**
  - 1970: 14.4Gt
  - 2010: 18.7Gt

Based on Figure 1.6
GHG emissions rise with growth in GDP and population; long-standing trend of decarbonisation of energy reversed.

Decomposition of the Change in Total Global CO₂ Emissions from Fossil Fuel Combustion

- Carbon Intensity of Energy
- Energy Intensity of GDP
- Population
- GDP per Capita
- Total Change

1971-1980: 4.0
1981-1990: 2.9
1991-2000: 2.5
2001-2010: 6.8

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No Leapfrogging of energy carriers: Evidence for a renaissance of coal

Renaissance of coal drives carbonization
Fueled by poor, fast growing countries

Steckel, Edehofer, Jakob, submitted to PNAS
No leapfrogging of economic structures: The product space

Manufacturing sectors seem to be inevitable for economic development

Resource Cluster

Industry/Service Cluster (developed countries)

Agriculture Cluster (poor countries)

Bridges (countries in transition)
Poor countries follow emission pathways of rich countries

Historic patterns of CO₂ per capita emissions and GDP per capita seem to be replicated by today’s developing countries.
Limiting warming to 2°C involves substantial technological, economic and institutional challenges.
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
Observed impacts of climate change are widespread and consequential.
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Global costs to stabilize the climate are comparably moderate
Global costs rise with the ambition of the mitigation goal.

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Max, Median, Min
Availability of technology can greatly influence mitigation costs.

Based on Figure 6.24
Low stabilization scenarios are dependent upon a full decarbonization of energy supply in the long term.
In low CO$_2$ concentration stabilization scenarios, fossil fuel use without CCS is phased out in the long-term.

Based on Figure 7.15b
Decarbonization of energy supply is a key requirement for limiting warming to 2°C.
Energy demand reductions can provide flexibility, hedge against risks, avoid lock-in and provide co-benefits.

Based on Figure 7.11
Baseline scenarios suggest rising GHG emissions in all sectors, except for CO\textsubscript{2} emissions in the land use sector.

Based on Figure TS.17
Mitigation requires changes throughout the economy. Systemic approaches are expected to be most effective.

450 ppm CO₂ eq with Carbon Dioxide Capture & Storage

Based on Figure TS.17
Mitigation efforts in one sector determine efforts in others.
Effective mitigation will not be achieved if individual agents advance their own interests independently.
Substantial reductions in emissions would require large changes in investment patterns and appropriate policies.

Based on IPCC Figure 16.3
There is far more carbon in the ground than emitted in any baseline scenario.

Based on SRREN Figure 1.7
The emerging schemes of global carbon pricing

- Globally uniform emission price optimal to address global externality
- This would require global cooperation; hampered by free-riding
- Nevertheless, some recent regional advances to carbon pricing

IPCC, Figure 13.4
Dynamic cost-effectiveness of ETS is lacking

- Declining CO$_2$ price
- Currently, no substantial price increase expected for 2020 (only little spread between nearest contract and future contract for 2020)
Empirical evaluation of price drivers of EU emission allowances

- Only 10% of price formation can be explained by market fundamentals (renewable deployment, economic crisis, CDM, ...)
- But when taking into consideration policy events dummies (e.g. backloading vote) explanatory power jumps from 10% to 44%.
- In the situation with the non-binding cap, the standard price formation does not work
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- Consider the price in 2020 as a benchmark for evaluating dynamic cost-effectiveness of the ETS
- There is a gap between expectations and models that suggest a cost-effective price higher than 20€ / tCO₂ in 2020

EUA nearest contract and Futures 2020

Cost-effective CO₂ price from modeling

Knopf et al. (2013)
Using climate policy to realize co-benefits for broader sustainability goals
Massive infrastructure investments are needed globally.

- Telecommunication
- Access to electricity
- Water availability
Mitigation can result in large co-benefits for human health and other societal goals.

Based on IPCC Figures 6.33 and 12.23
Infrastructure investment

• Achieve universal energy access by 2030: US$ 36-41 bln per year (Riahi et al. 2012)
• “Great convergence” of global health standards by 2035: about US$ 40 bln per year (Jameson et al. 2013)

Data from 2009, Source: WDI online
The carbon rent: Emission pricing revenues could overcompensate profit losses of fossil fuel owners.

- Fossil resource rents decrease with climate policy ambition
- For a globally optimal carbon price, over-compensation by carbon rent (=permit price or tax * emissions)
- Carbon rent appropriated domestically via auctioned permits or tax
- Receipts from a CO₂-tax or auctioning could be used to lower taxes, for investments in infrastructure or to reduce debts

Bauer et al. (2013)
Thank you

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Additional slides
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Based on Figures 6.32 and 7.16