

Climate change and energy policies in the northern hemisphere

Implications to air pollution?



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1. The science of climate change

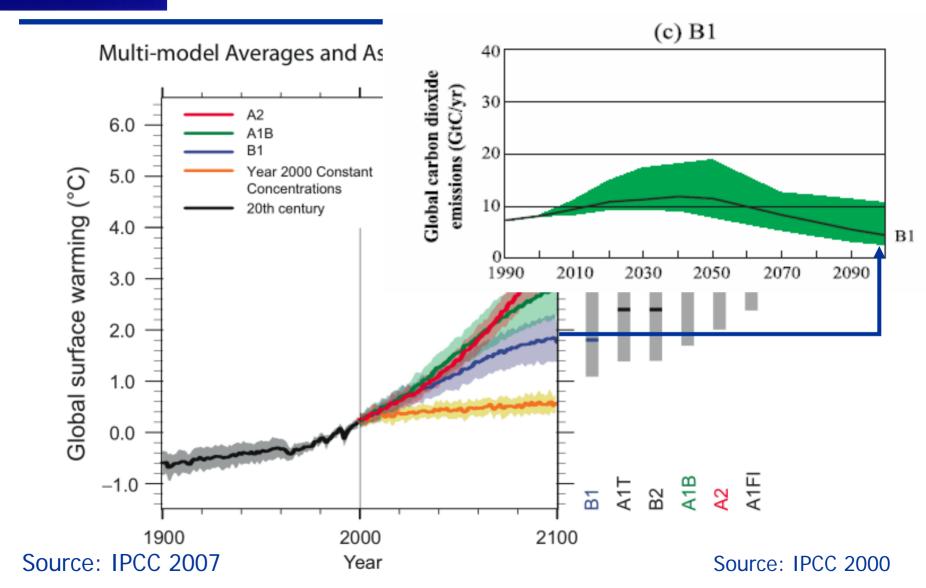


Findings IPCC AR4:

- During the last 100 years the Earth has warmed by 0.74°C on average
- It is "extremely unlikely" that this warming was due to natural climate variability alone.
- best estimates of the projected further rise by 2100 range from 1.8 to 4.0°C if no further action is taken
- Extreme weather events have increased and regional climate patterns are changing

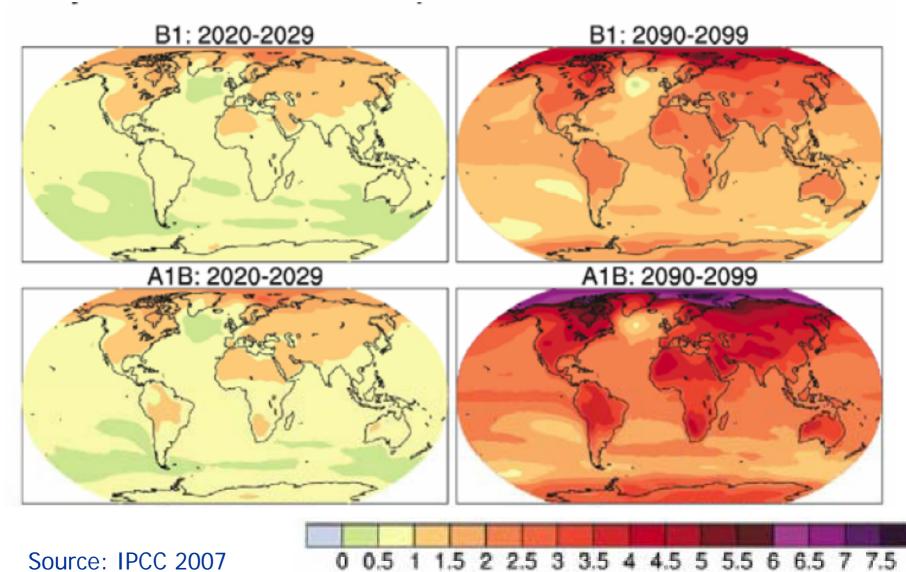


Temperature go well above the EU's 2°C objective without action on climate change

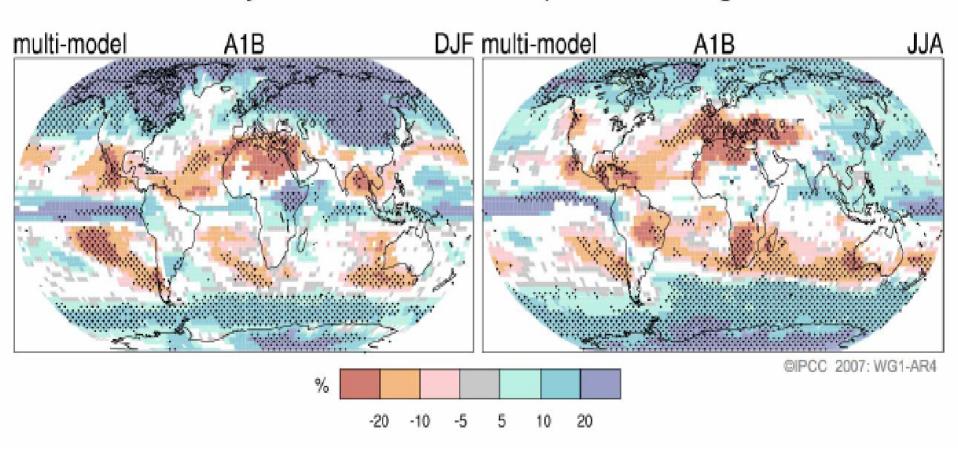




Will temperature change effect the impacts of local air pollution?



Projected Patterns of Precipitation Changes



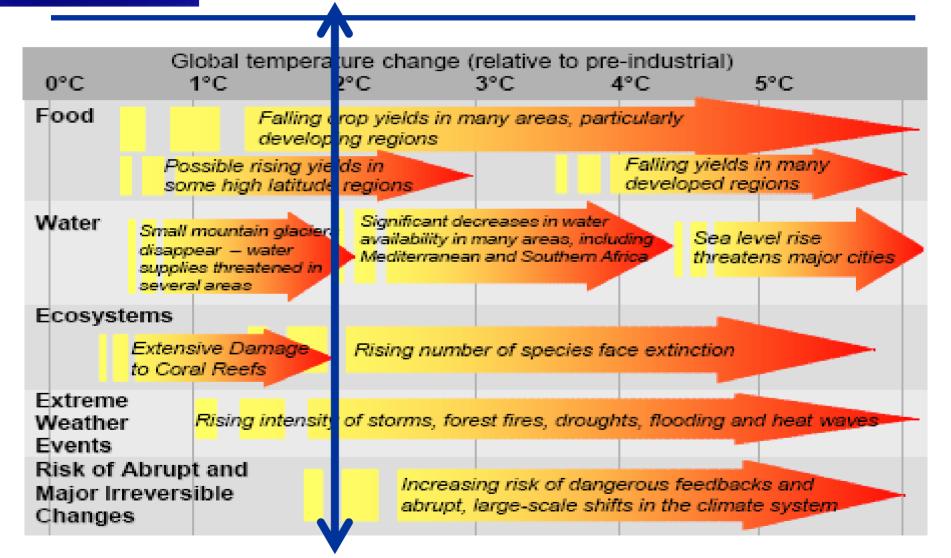
Source: IPCC 2007



2. The scientific case for action



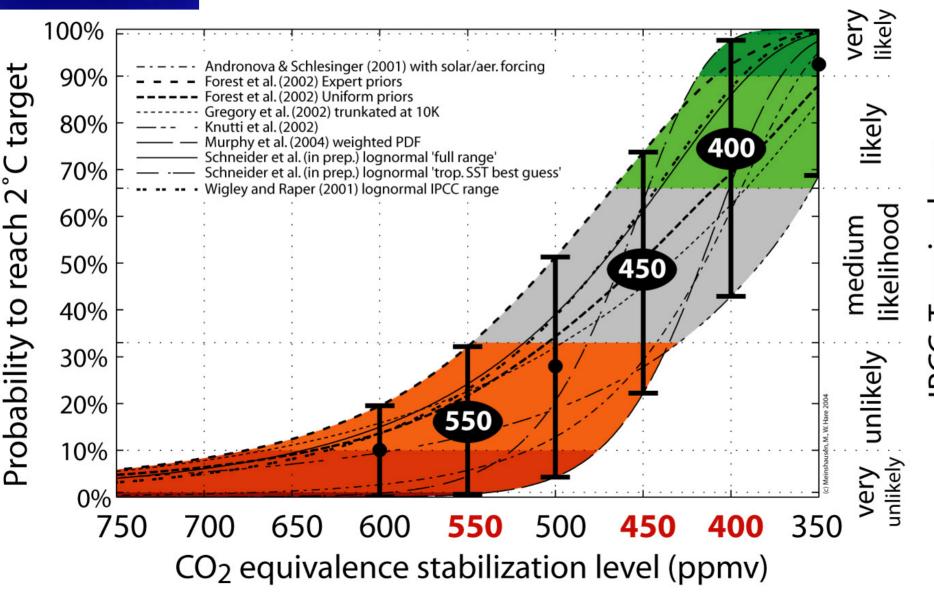
The EU's objective to limit temperature increase to 2°C



Source: Stern Review



The probability to reach the 2°C target

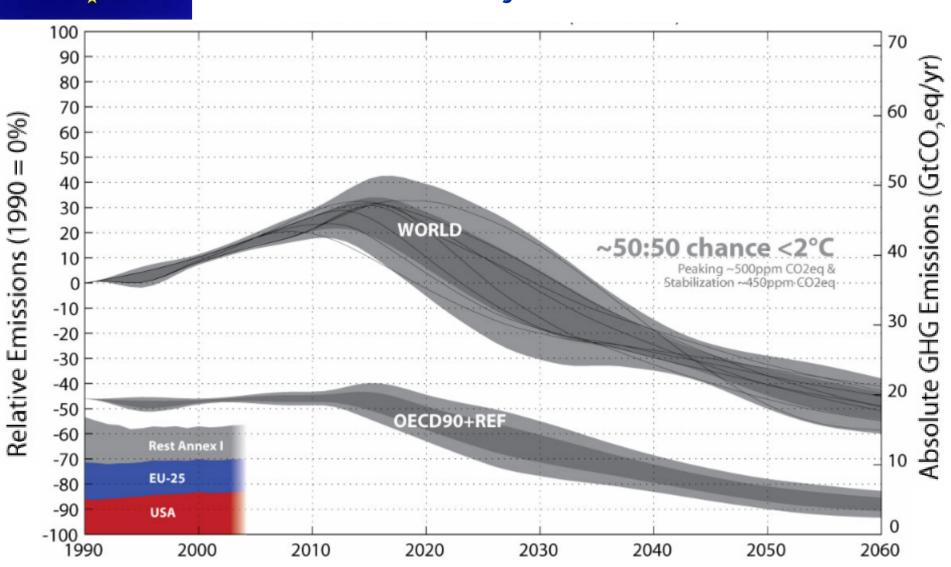




3. Emission scenarios to attain2 degrees Celsius



Global Greenhouse gas emissions to reach the 2°C objective



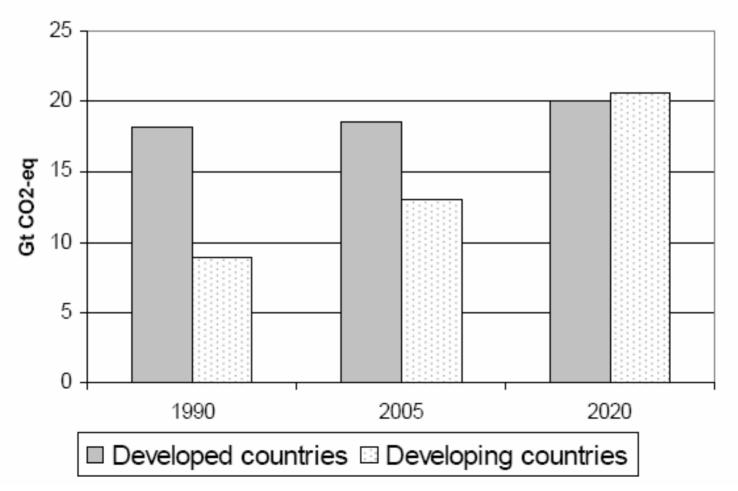
Source: Malte Meinshausen 2006



The need for global participation

Projected greenhouse gas emissions

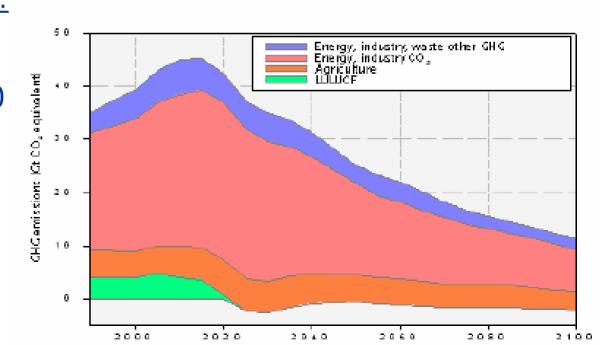
(industry and energy, business as usual scenario)





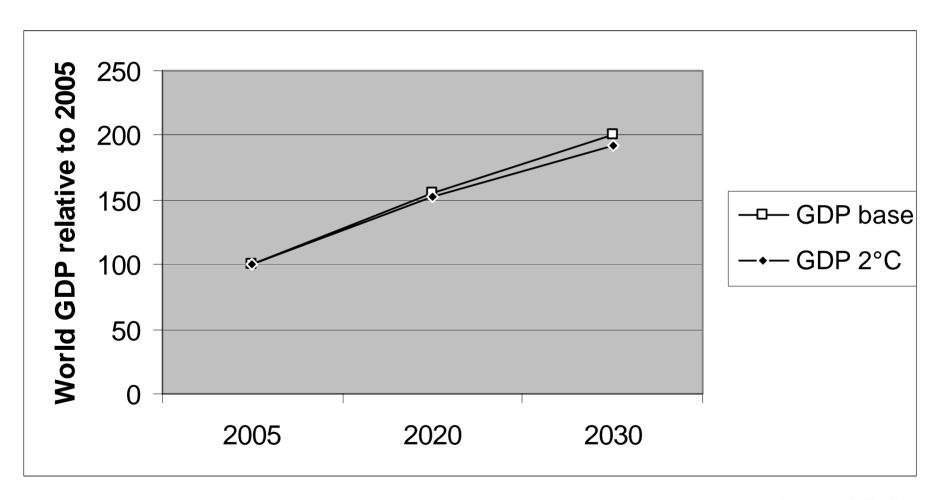
The need for global participation

- The 2°C objective:
 Global GHG emissions need to peak around 2020
- <u>EU & Developed countries need to take the lead!</u>:
 30% GHG emission reduction target by 2020, compared to 1990 levels
- Developing countries:
 Reduced growth
 asap, absolute
 reductions after 2020
- <u>Deforestation</u>: halt within two decades and then reverse





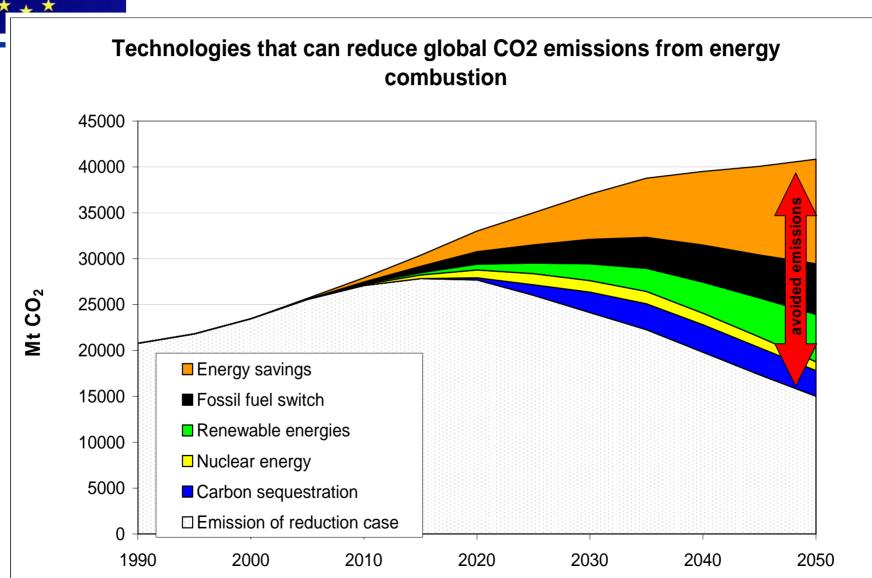
Cost of action is consistent with global economic development



Source: GEM E3



Technologies to deliver GHG emission reductions





3. Scenarios for the EU



EU Spring Council Conclusions: Objectives Climate Change and Energy

- Meeting the 2°C objective (Top down):
 - *EU:* In the international negotiations set forward the collective GHG reduction target of 30 % by 2020 for developed countries (compared to 1990 levels).
 - EU ready to take on itself a 30% target if successful outcome.
 - EU: A firm independent commitment to achieve at least 20% GHG emission reductions by 2020 (compared to 1990)
- Tools (Bottom up):
 - "An Energy Policy for Europe"
 - GHG policies including Emissions trading
 - Global carbon market

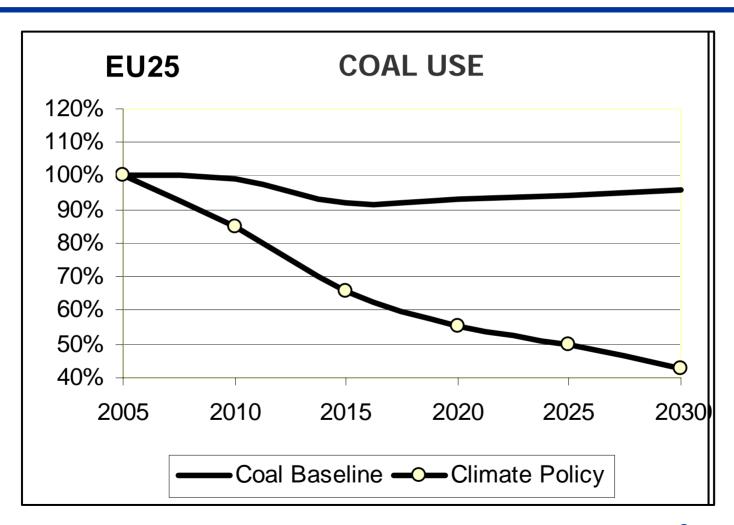


Energy Policy for Europe will have specific impacts on all air pollutants

- Renewable energy: 20% objective by 2020
 - o includes minimum biofuels target of 10% by 2020
- Energy efficiency (eg. Cars: Co2 & cars, fuel quality directive):
 - o to be improved by 20% by 2020
- Sustainable power generation from fossil fuels: aiming at near-zero emissions of new plants by 2020
- New steps to reach internal market better interconnections and options for unbundling and regulatory powers:
 - o important for functioning EU ETS
 - o decrease hurdles for renewables
- Nuclear: Member States' choice
- Towards a European strategic energy technology plan



Impacts Climate Policies



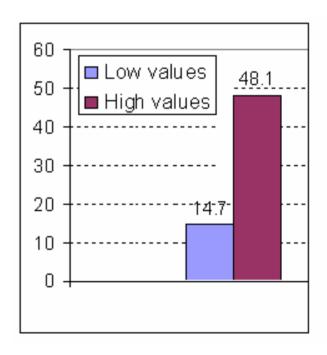
Source: Poles Model



Co-benefit EU Climate Change Policies on Air Pollution (Gains)

 Health benefits in the EU from reduced air pollution are substantial, up to € 48 billion per year by 2020

Co-benefits from Climate Change Policies		
	Reduction compared	
	to 2020 baseline	
	emissions	
CO2	-9.31%	-22.75%
SO2	-5.90%	-12.11%
NOx	-2.30%	-6.08%
PM2.5	-3.15%	-5.94%



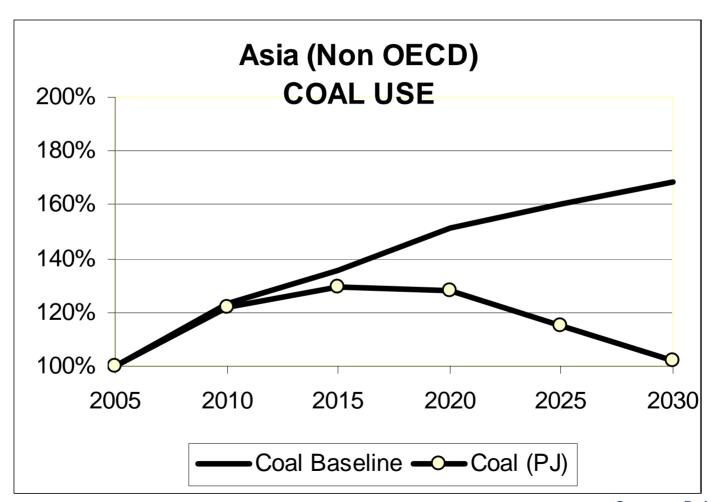
Source: RAINS CAFE models



4. Scenarios for Other Regions



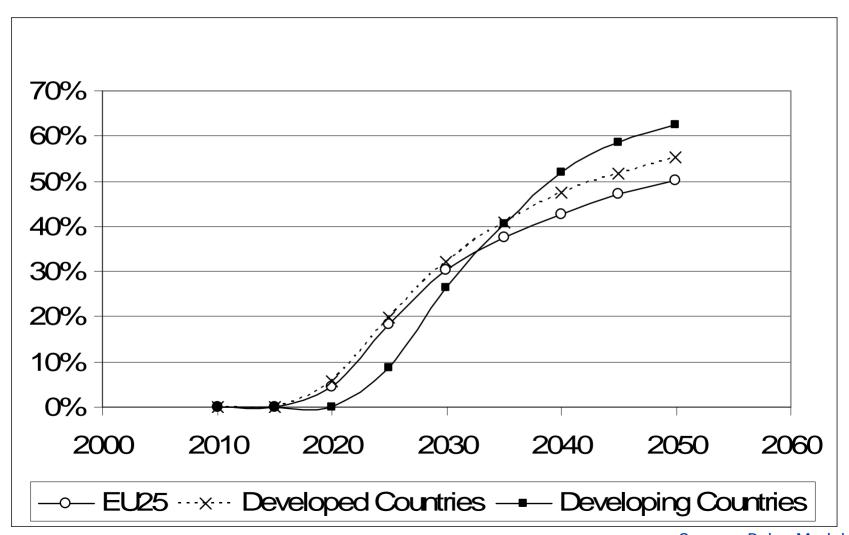
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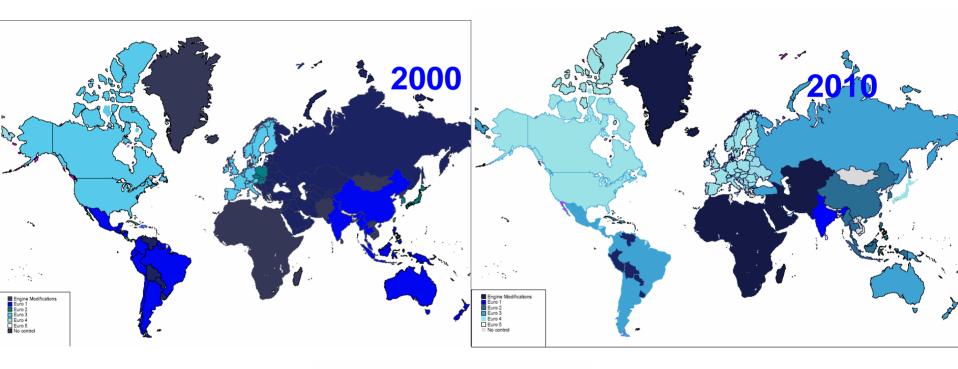
Penetration of carbon capture and geological sequestration in the energy sector until 2050



Source: Poles Model



Emission standards for gasoline vehicles Current legislation (as of early 2005)





Source: IIASA, Cofala et al., 2005



More information on how to...

get to grips with climate change



http://ec.europa.eu/environment/climat/future_action.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/energy/energy_policy/index_en.htm