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# 2012 Energy and Climate Outlook





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This Outlook report is intended to communicate research results and improve public understanding of global environment and energy challenges, thereby contributing to informed debate about climate change and the economic and social implications of policy alternatives.

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## Confronting Energy and Climate Challenges

The world faces immense environmental challenges in the 21<sup>st</sup> century – climate change, food and energy security, water scarcity, ecosystem protection, and the problems that come with urbanization – as it grapples with fulfilling the needs of a projected total population of 10 billion. Any projection of the future is full of uncertainty. But to better understand how decisions made today will affect the future, we need to thread together what we know about how the Earth responds to changes we make to it and the interconnections between human activities and environmental change.

The 2012 Energy and Climate Outlook uses a projection modeling system developed by MIT's Joint Program on the Science and Policy of Global Change: the Integrated Global System Model (IGSM). While there have been additions and improvements to the framework the basic structure is described in Sokolov *et al.* (2005), with more detail on the economic component in Paltsev *et al.* (2005). Here, we report the results of using the IGSM to look at the world's current development path and to determine the associated energy, climate, atmosphere, ocean, and land-use implications. These findings are a projection – not a prediction, as it is within our power as a society to change the current path if we do not like its implications.

This Outlook incorporates the emissions targets that G20 nations made at the 2009 *Conference of Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change* (*i.e.*, Copenhagen pledges) to reduce greenhouse gases, as well as a limited set of other policies put forth by individual countries. (The pledges are summarized by Climate Interactive [2011].) It assumes there will be no additional policy changes beyond those pledges. By some estimates, achieving these 2020 targets may be difficult. However, most countries recognize that the 2020 targets are only a first step toward stabilizing greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere and limiting global warming to levels that we hope will sufficiently avoid dangerous consequences. Our objective is to show how far the 2020 pledges take us, and what is at risk if we fail to push beyond these emissions reduction goals.

A principal product of this Outlook is a set of economic, energy, land use, and emissions projections for each of the 16 major countries or regions

of the world. The detailed projection data tables are available at: <http://globalchange.mit.edu/Outlook2012>. In this brief summary, we report results for 3 broad groups: developed countries (USA, Canada, Europe, Japan, Australia and New Zealand), an approximation of other G20 nations (China, India, Russia, Brazil, Mexico, and several fast-growing Asian economies [see note on next page]), and the rest of the world. We base our results on the UN's most recent population projection that forecasts a global population of more than 10 billion people by the end of the century. Though our detailed projections stop at the year 2050, we show global projections through 2100, which are needed to project the long-term implications of our current course.

The major findings in the 2012 Outlook are as follows:

- The Copenhagen pledges will nearly stabilize emissions in the developed countries, but global emissions will continue to grow rapidly.
- Global change will accelerate with changes in global and regional temperatures, precipitation and land use, and the world's oceans will warm and acidify.
- Population and income growth will fuel a significant rise in the motorized vehicle fleet and increase CO<sub>2</sub> and other pollutant emissions, especially in developing regions.
- While further emissions cuts in developed countries would be useful, such cuts will have less impact on global emissions over time.
- The Copenhagen pledges begin a transition to alternative energy in developed countries and China, but they do not provide enough incentive to create the full transformation needed within the energy system (*i.e.*, wide-scale adoption of renewables, carbon capture and storage, nuclear or alternative propulsion systems in vehicles) to avert dangerous levels of climate change.
- While emissions from fossil fuels are sizeable, other greenhouse gas and land use emissions are also important and cannot be ignored if more stringent stabilization and temperature goals are to be achieved. Reductions in these emissions are often the most cost-effective. If policies to reduce them fail, a major opportunity to limit climate change may be missed.

As difficult as the progress made in Copenhagen was to achieve, far more effort is needed to limit atmospheric greenhouse gas concentrations to levels that avoid dangerous climatic consequences. While the amount of temperature increase and associated greenhouse gas concentrations generally considered “dangerous” remain open to much debate and uncertainty, few would argue that the increases projected in our study – ranging from 3.5° to near 7°C or more by 2100 – constitute danger.

## The Changing World

Over the next century, a growing population will spur changes throughout the world. According to UN estimates released last year (UN, 2011), the world’s population is projected to surge past 9 billion before 2050 and reach 10.1 billion by the end of the century if current trends in fertility rates continue. The UN projections indicate that much of the growth will happen in developing regions like the Middle East, Africa and Latin America (**Figure 1**).

We project that labor productivity across the world will continue to grow and will be a source of continued growth in gross domestic product (GDP), even taking into consideration the impact of resource depletion and higher energy costs on our economy (**Figure 2**).

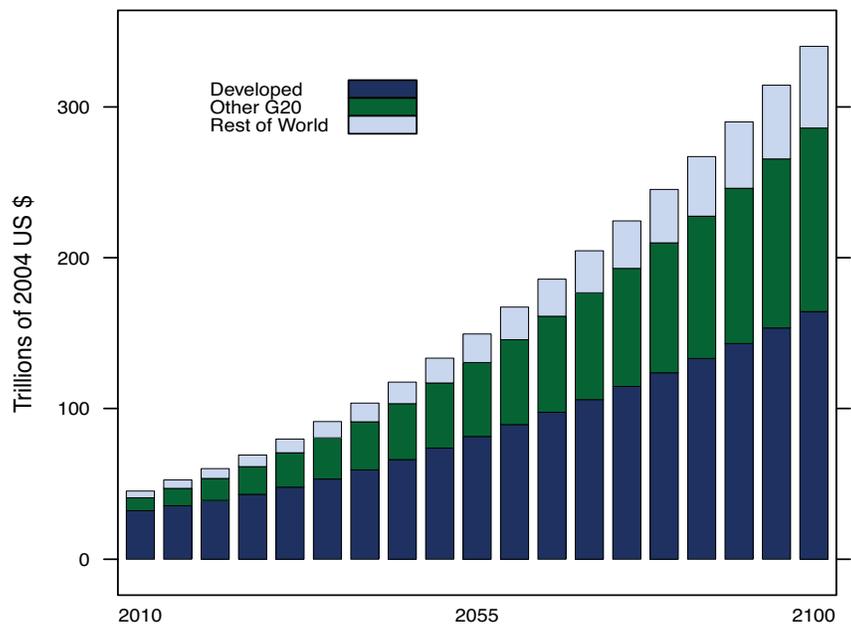


Figure 2. World GDP

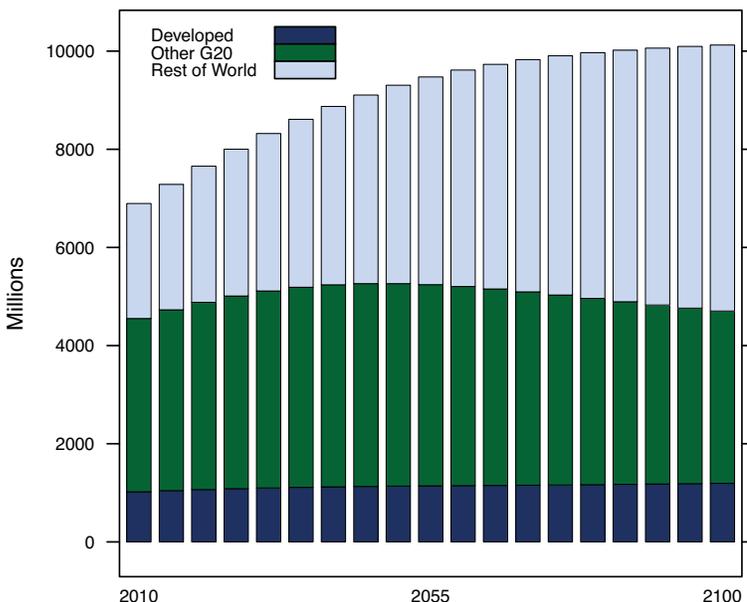


Figure 1. World Population

### A note about the regional classification used in this Outlook

The IGSM modeling system used to generate the projections in this Outlook divides the global economy into 16 regions. These regions do not align exactly with the memberships of international organizations such as the G20. In particular, the *Other G20* grouping includes a *Dynamic Asia* region, comprised of Indonesia and the Republic of Korea (both G20 members) as well as Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan, and Thailand. Conversely, South Africa, Argentina, Saudi Arabia, and Turkey are G20 countries but are part of other regions in our model, and thus are included in the *Rest of the World* grouping.

Several other regions deserve further explanation as well. *EU+* is the EU-27, plus Norway, Switzerland, Iceland and Liechtenstein. The *Middle East* starts (in the west) from Israel, Lebanon and Syria and continues (to the east) as far as Iran. Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco are included in *Africa*.

Note that a full list of the countries included in each region is provided on the inside back cover, and in the projection data tables.

Global GDP is projected to grow 7.5 times between 2010 and 2100, corresponding to an average annual real GDP growth rate of 2.3 percent. While *per capita* income will grow in all regions, this income growth is projected to be more rapid in the developing regions. Meanwhile, income in these regions will still generally remain well below the level of developed countries. The continuation of disparate income levels reflects a simple mathematical calculation: unless growth rates differ dramatically, it takes decades (if not centuries) for poorer countries to catch up to high and rising income levels in richer countries.

As the world's population grows, motorized vehicle use is also projected to increase (Figure 3). Vehicle use expands, especially in other G20 nations—including China and India – where population and attendant incomes are growing rapidly. Four times more automobiles are projected to be on the roadways in other G20 nations by 2050 than at the present time.

Meanwhile, a slight growth in vehicle use in developed countries is projected, and vehicle use in the rest of the world rises moderately to more than double present-day levels by 2050 (Figure 4). Our projection of future vehicle fleets is based on model developments described in Karplus (2011).

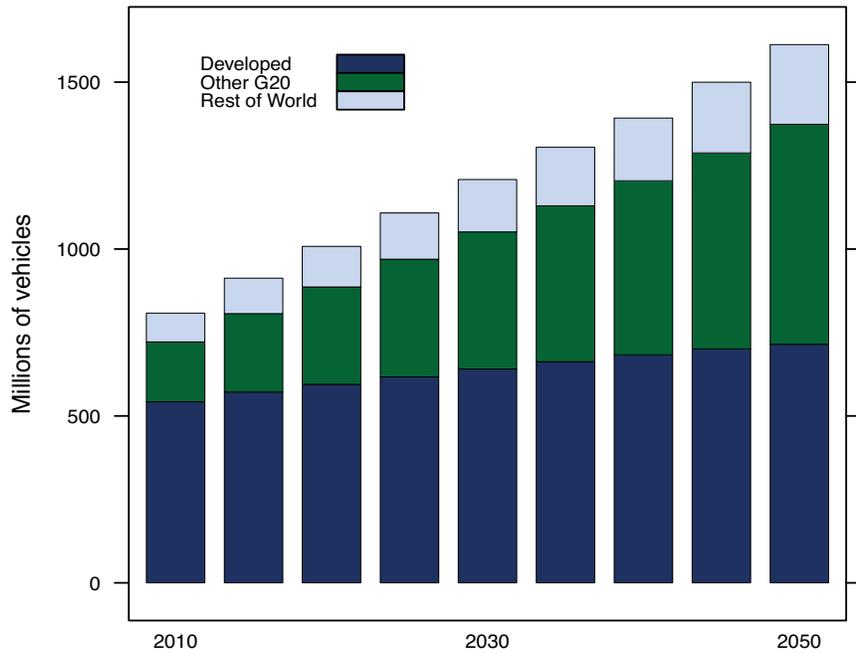


Figure 3. World Private Vehicle Stock (millions of private cars and light trucks)

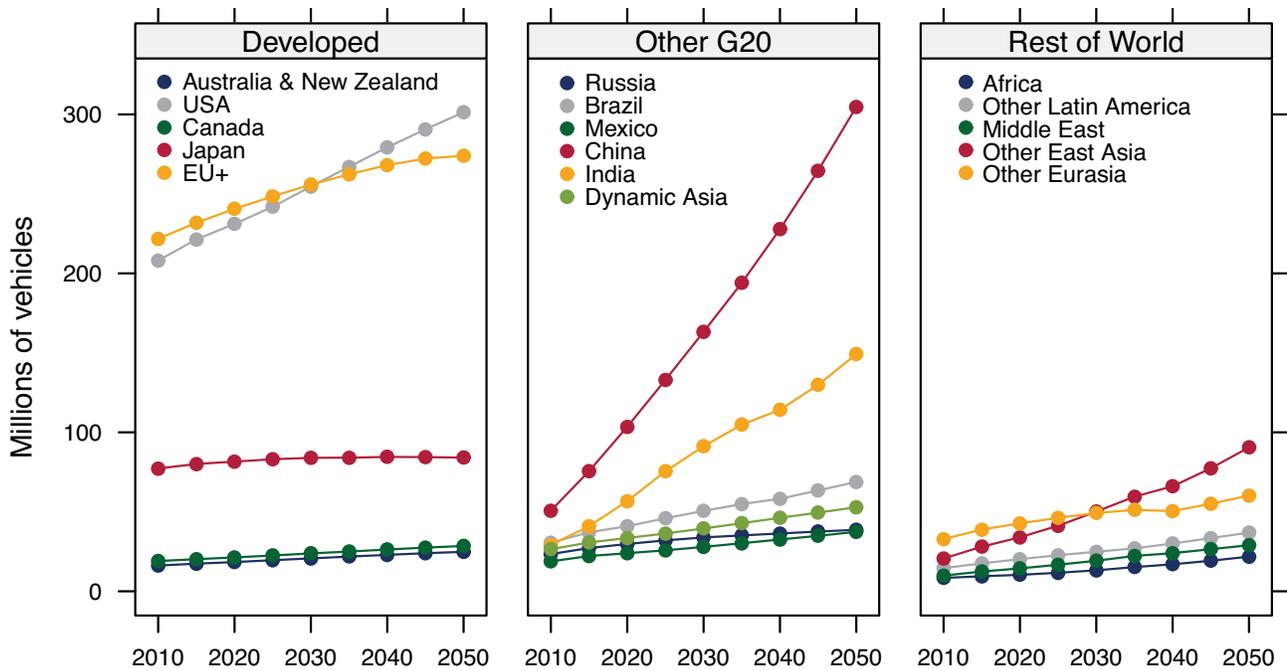
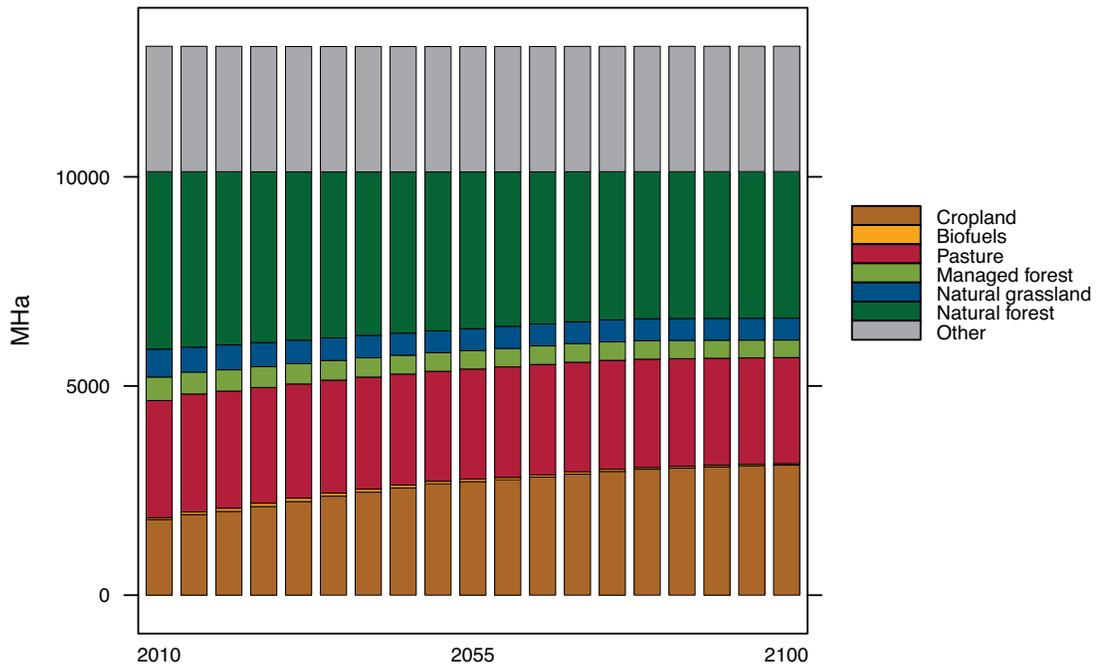


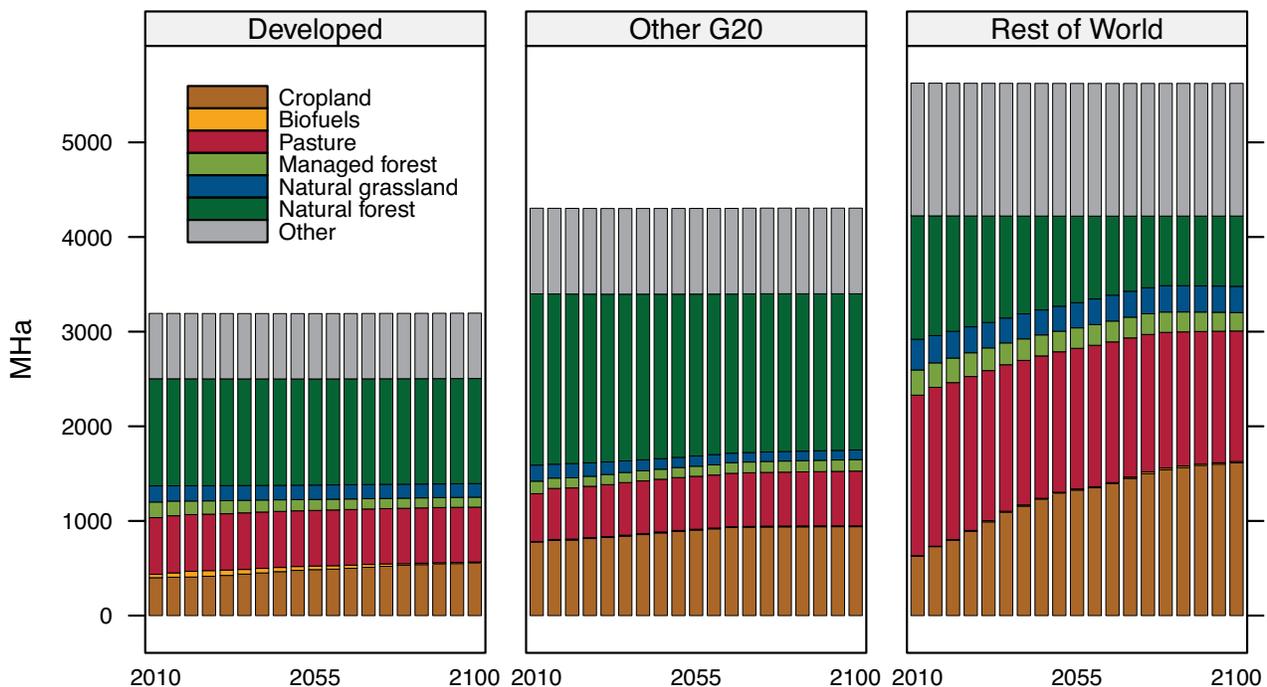
Figure 4. Vehicle Stock by Region

To support the increasing global population, there will be a concurrent increasing need for cropland (**Figure 5**). Most land conversion to agricultural usage (and other land-use changes over the next century) is projected to occur in the less-developed regions. For example, Africa and Latin America currently have significant amounts of natural forest and grassland that could be used for crops (**Figure 6**).

Although biofuel use has been associated with rising food prices, that connection seems negligible given that only about 1% of land is currently used for biofuel production. If, however, biofuels take a larger share of energy demand, the impacts could be much larger. These land use change projections make use of model developments described in Gurgel *et al.* (2007).



**Figure 5.** Global Land Use (megahectares)



**Figure 6.** Land Use by Major Group (megahectares)

As global population increases, energy needs will likewise increase. Additionally, with higher incomes, more people can afford to expand their needs and further satisfy their material desires – such as buying a car. In our projections, global energy use almost doubles by 2050 (Figure 7). This growth occurs despite assumptions of substantial improvements in energy efficiency and conservation spurred by higher

energy prices. Energy use in developed countries stabilizes, partly due to the assumption that these countries will meet their Copenhagen pledges. The most substantial growth is projected in the other G20 nations (Figure 8). These countries currently use slightly less energy than the developed world, but by 2050 their energy use exceeds the amount presently consumed by the entire world (nearly 500 exajoules). Growth in the rest of the world is also projected, with energy use in 2050 approaching the amount presently used in the developed world.

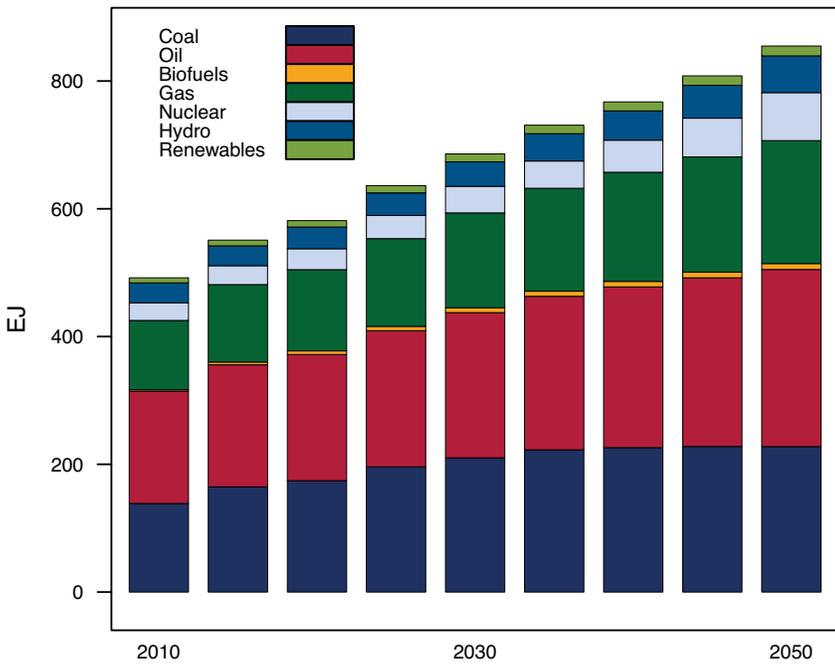


Figure 7. Global Energy Use

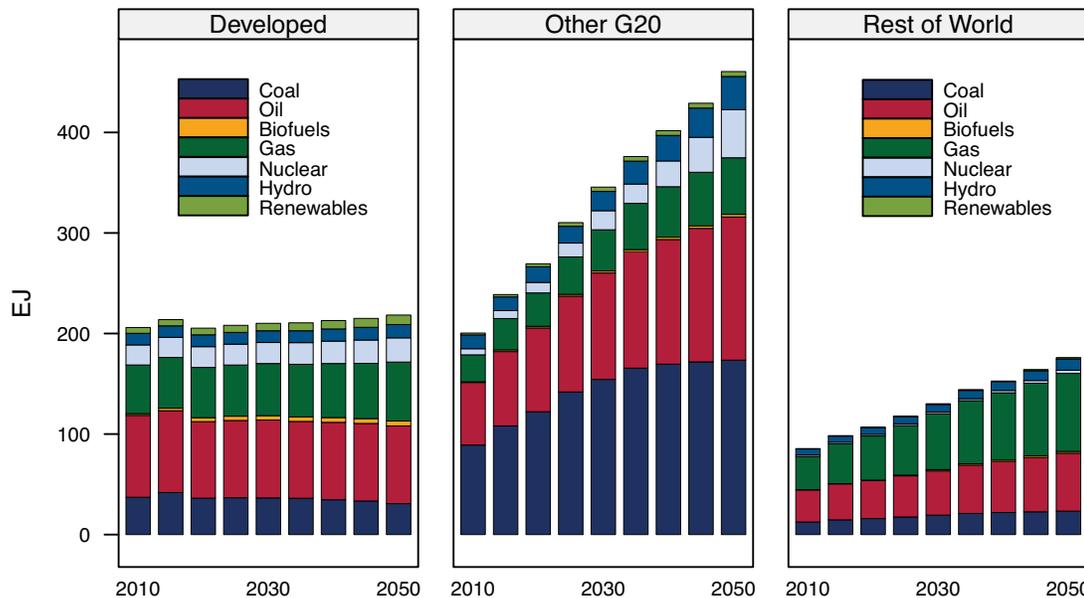


Figure 8. Energy Use by Major Group

While energy consumption is projected to increase over time, energy use per unit of GDP generally decreases about 40 percent across the globe from 2010 to 2050 (Figure 9). This trend reflects the continuing improvement in energy use per unit of output that we have observed for decades for much of the world, as well as reductions from rising energy prices caused by resource depletion and carbon policies.

Over the next 50 years, even with the Copenhagen pledges, the majority of the world's energy is projected to continue to come from the same sources currently utilized: coal, oil and natural gas. Coal use levels off with time, and oil and natural gas use increases (see Figure 7). Meanwhile, nuclear and hydro-power use increases mostly in developing nations; however, without substantial mandates (or more widespread and tighter climate policies), those potential sources are not projected to significantly increase.

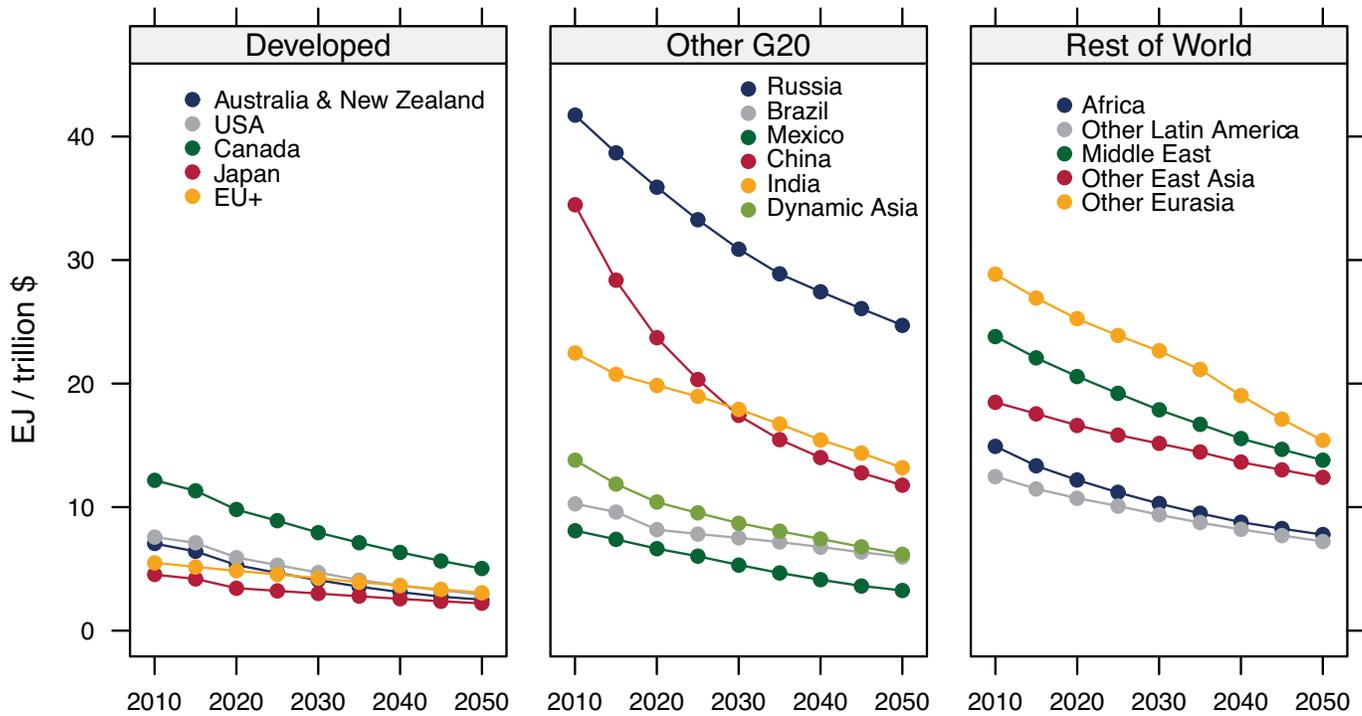


Figure 9. Energy Intensity by Region

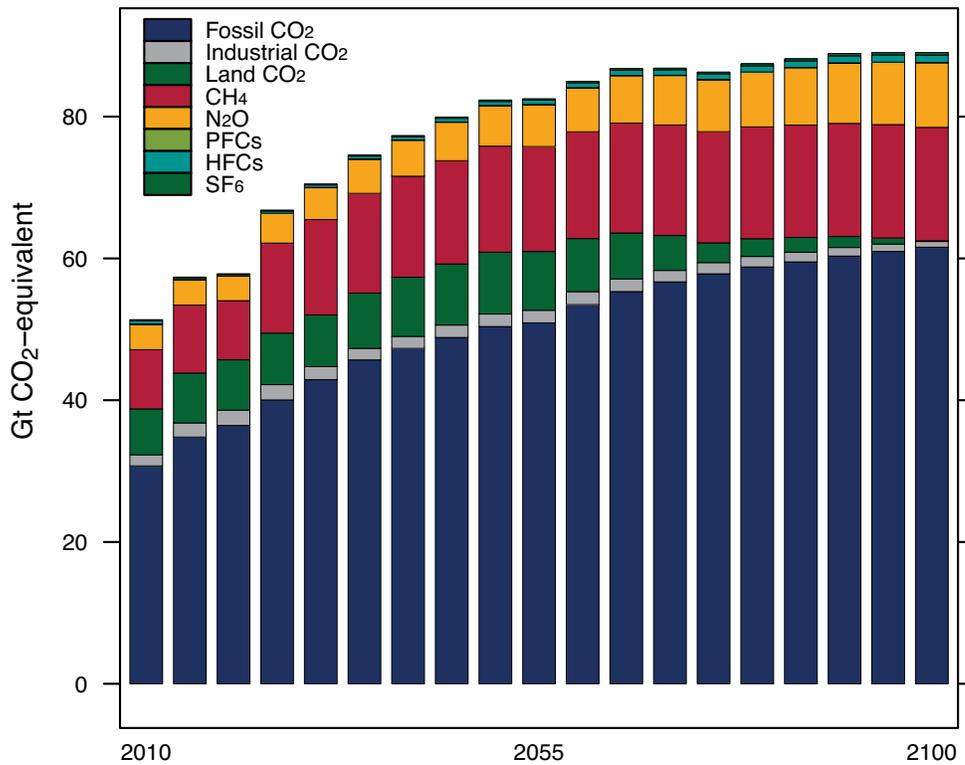
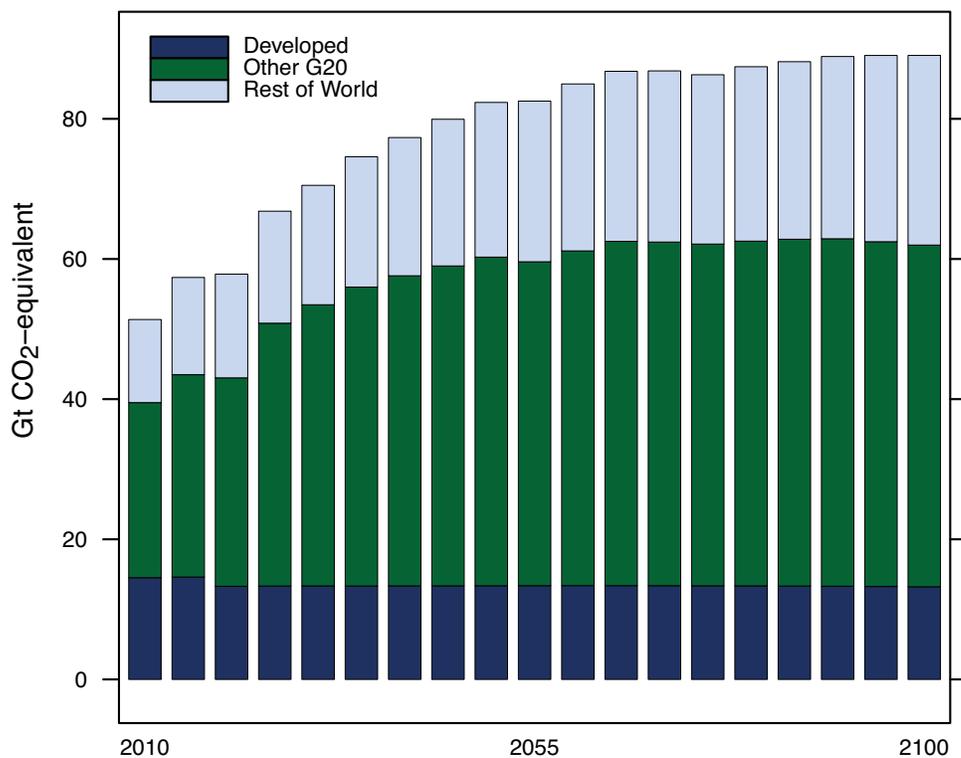


Figure 10. Global Greenhouse Gas Emissions

## GHG Emissions and the Warming Planet

With more power plants and industrial activity, more cars and trucks on the road, and more cropland and livestock, growth is projected in most sources of long-lived greenhouse gases (**Figure 10**). Fossil-fuel CO<sub>2</sub> emissions at the end of this century still constitute – as they do today – about two-thirds of total emissions on a CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalent basis. The projected increases are primarily attributed to uncontrolled emissions from agricultural activities (more nitrogen fertilizer use and nitrous oxide emissions, increased livestock production and associated methane emissions), energy production and methane emissions (*e.g.*, from natural gas extraction), and other industrial activities especially in areas without greenhouse gas emission limits.

Differentiating emissions by region (**Figure 11**), the projected emissions in developed countries dip slightly (about 1 percent) in the near term because of their Copenhagen pledges, then remain constant after 2020 (reflecting our policy assumptions).



**Figure 11.** Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Major Group

In the other G20 nations, slow growth in emissions under the Copenhagen commitments is projected. However, unless targets are extended and increased, emissions increase 25 percent over the century. As the world's largest energy users by the end of the century, these nations also become the world's largest source of emissions – contributing about 50 percent of global emissions by 2100 (up from 40 percent of the total in 2010). At the same time, due to factors like population growth in places such as the Middle East and Africa, and the absence of any climate policy, the rest of the world's emissions are projected to increase by about 18 percent.

Our projections for the other G20 regions are partially a result of how the Copenhagen pledges are extended in our analysis. Since the pledges are emissions-intensity targets, the commitments become non-binding as improvements in energy efficiency occur. Over time, countries may subsequently decide to lower their intensity targets. Our results demonstrate the importance of lowering these intensity targets, along with

eventually making the targets more stringent, so that – rather than simply slowing emissions growth – their emissions will begin to decline absolutely.

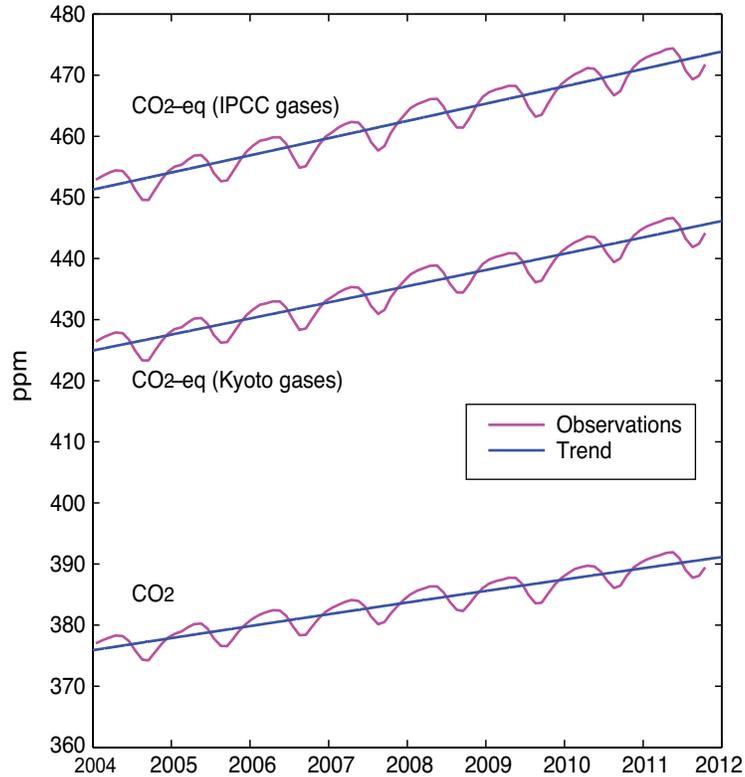
Even if developed nations reduce their emissions to zero, global emissions are still projected to increase (Figure 11). The global share of both fossil fuel and greenhouse gas emissions released by developed nations are cut in half – from 40 to 20 percent for carbon dioxide, and from 30 to 15 percent for other greenhouse gases. Nonetheless, further emissions reduction efforts in developed countries still have less of an impact on lowering global emissions over time.

To meet the temperature and concentration goals discussed broadly amongst nations, global emissions need to peak very soon – if not immediately. Our research suggests this will not be the case.

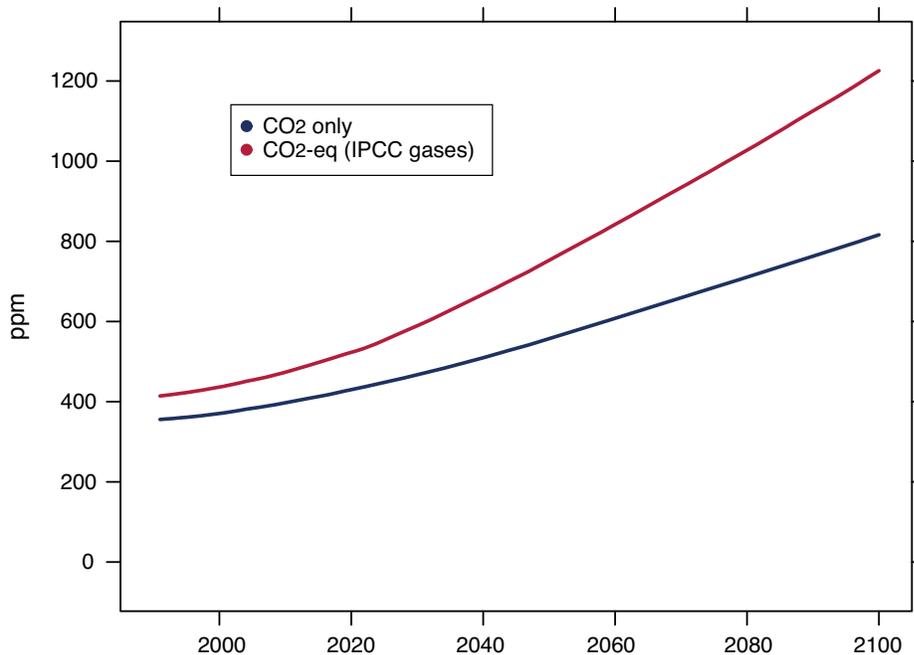
**Figure 12(a)** shows the greenhouse gas concentrations in our atmosphere.

The well known seasonal cycle, due largely to strong effects of northern hemisphere vegetation on CO<sub>2</sub>, is smoothed to show the underlying trend. (For details, see Huang *et al.* [2009], from which Figure 12a is updated.) **Figure 12(b)** shows our projections of future concentrations of greenhouse gases. Based on our current global emissions pathway, the concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> and other greenhouse gases in the atmosphere will rise substantially as emissions rise – from a CO<sub>2</sub> concentration of 390 ppm at present to 816 ppm in 2100, and from 474 ppm CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalent at present to 1226 ppm CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalent in 2100.

What does this mean for the world’s climate? To answer this critical question, we developed three climate scenarios that capture the uncertainty in the Earth’s response to the cooling from aerosols (airborne particles) and warming from greenhouse



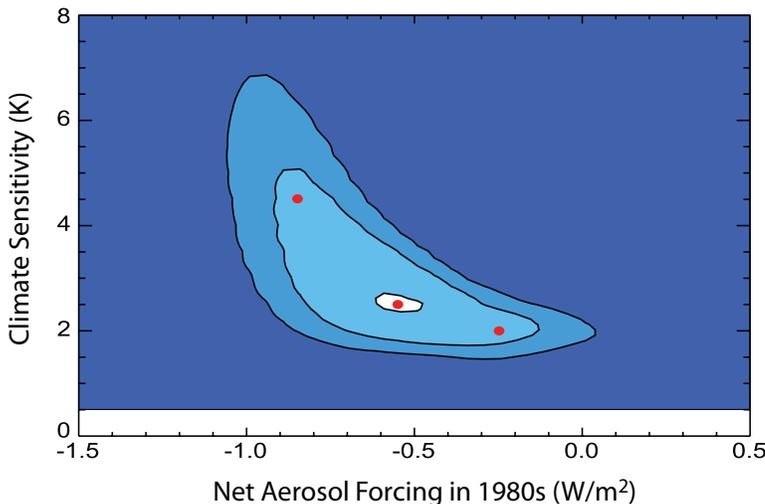
**Figure 12a.** Current Greenhouse Gas Concentrations



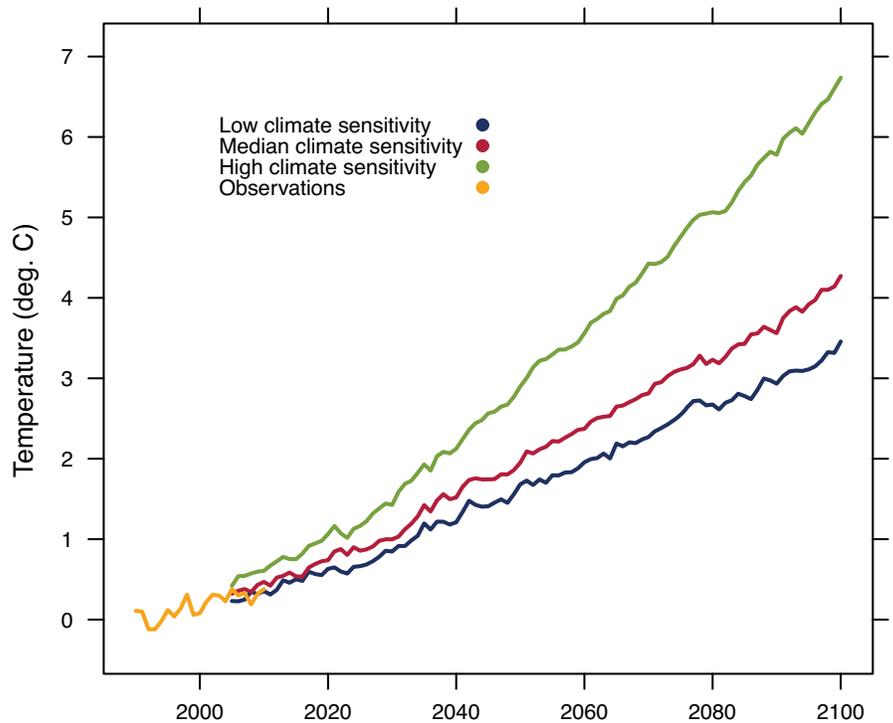
**Figure 12b.** Projected CO<sub>2</sub> and GHG Concentrations

gases. These counterbalancing effects need to be considered jointly. If the aerosols have a strong cooling effect, then the Earth's sensitivity to greenhouse gases must be greater in order to explain the climate of the past century. The climate scenarios we developed reflect three sets of aerosol and greenhouse gas climate sensitivities. **Figure 13** shows our estimates of the joint probability distribution of climate sensitivity and the strength of aerosol forcing based on observed 20<sup>th</sup> century climate. The probability of these values falling in the white region is 50 percent. The probability is 90 percent for the light blue plus the white region, and 99 percent for the medium blue plus light blue plus white region.

The red dots in Figure 13 denote the combinations of aerosol and climate



**Figure 13.** Probability Distribution of Climate Model Parameters. This probability diagram was developed using a similar method as described in Forest *et al.* (2008) but with an updated climate model (Monier *et al.*, 2011) and a fixed value of ocean heat uptake. The areas circumscribed by the black lines are the 50, 90, and 99 percent likelihood regions and the red dots are the values used for climate scenarios.

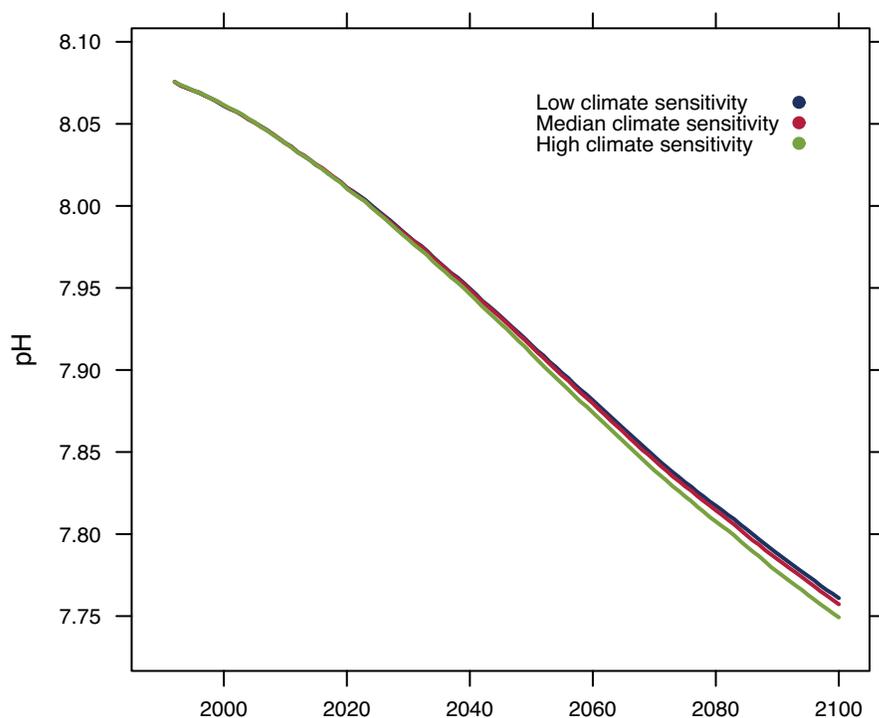


**Figure 14.** Projected mean surface temperature increase relative to 2000

sensitivities we used for the 3 climate scenarios shown in **Figure 14**. The median case has a climate sensitivity of about 2.5K and net aerosol forcing of about  $-0.5\text{Wm}^{-2}$ . The ranges used for climate sensitivity are very similar to those used by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) when describing upper and lower bounds.

The climate results indicate an additional global mean surface warming above present of about 1.7° to 2.9°C by 2050 with a median value of about 2°C. By 2100 the range is about 3.5° to 6.7°C with a median of about 4.3°C.

Along with rising temperatures, as atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations increase, oceans become more acidic. This acidity is measured by seawater pH, with lower pH indicating higher acidity. Currently, the pH of the ocean's surface ranges from about 8 to 8.2. The oceans are absorbing about a third of the CO<sub>2</sub> emitted into the atmosphere (Sabine and Feely, 2007) – leading to a 0.1 pH drop since pre-industrial times (Royal Society, 2005). A further decrease of 0.3 pH over the course of this century is projected (**Figure 15**). The reduced pH would strongly affect marine organisms (Doney *et al.*, 2009) and have economic implications for fisheries (Cooley and Doney, 2009). Calcifying organism like corals and mollusks are particularly vulnerable to these changes. Corals are likely to cease to exist with pH around 7.7, which is reached in many areas of the ocean in our projections, but they will change in type and diversity with even small pH changes (Fabricius *et al.*, 2011).



**Figure 15.** Projected Mean Ocean Surface Level pH

## Preparing for Tomorrow Today

This Outlook provides a window into the future as we view it in 2012. While the world has made progress, much more effort is needed to avoid dangerous climate change. From this research effort, it is clear that the Copenhagen pledges do not take us very far in the energy transformation ultimately needed to avoid the risk of dangerous warming. Even if policy efforts in developed countries are successful in holding emissions constant, the emission increases of other nations – growing and industrializing – will contribute to further increases in greenhouse gas concentrations and climate change.

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## Appendix

This appendix contains projections for global economic growth, energy use, emissions, and other variables to 2050. Similar tables for 16 regions of the world are available online at: <http://globalchange.mit.edu/Outlook2012>

MIT Joint Program Energy and Climate Outlook 2012		Projection Data Tables								
Region:		World								
	Units	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050
<b>Economic Indicators</b>										
GDP	(bil 2004 \$)	45,233	52,575	60,050	69,054	79,627	91,211	103,434	117,338	133,242
Consumption	(bil 2004 \$)	27,706	32,473	36,942	42,256	48,494	55,505	62,846	71,325	81,028
GDP growth	(% / yr)	1.9	3.1	2.7	2.8	2.9	2.8	2.5	2.6	2.6
Population	(millions)	6,895.3	7,283.8	7,655.8	8,002.3	8,320.6	8,611.0	8,873.1	9,105.2	9,305.0
GDP per capita	(2004 \$)	6,560	7,218	7,844	8,629	9,570	10,592	11,657	12,887	14,319
<b>GHG Emissions</b>										
CO2 -- fossil	(Mt CO2)	30,740	34,803	36,442	40,043	42,896	45,686	47,305	48,845	50,388
CO2 -- industrial	(Mt CO2)	1562	1993	2166	2154	1843	1619	1700	1752	1768
CO2 -- land use change	(Mt CO2)	6478	7036	7093	7267	7287	7805	8346	8616	8716
CH4	(Mt)	397.5	456.5	396.9	604.3	640.8	669.8	678.3	693.9	713.0
N2O	(Mt)	11.41	11.54	11.21	13.52	14.48	15.52	16.35	17.48	18.36
PFCs	(kt CF4)	14.61	4.43	3.66	5.44	6.03	6.42	6.53	6.53	6.59
SF6	(kt)	6.34	3.85	3.95	5.16	5.77	6.29	6.79	7.14	8.20
HFCs	(kt HFC-134a)	349	192	162	242	281	317	359	404	439
<b>Primary Energy Use</b> (EJ)										
Coal		138.7	164.6	174.4	196.0	210.2	222.7	226.1	227.9	227.7
Oil		175.8	191.2	197.5	213.1	227.3	240.3	251.6	264.1	277.3
Biofuels		2.3	4.3	5.7	6.8	7.6	8.1	8.6	8.9	9.3
Gas		108.4	121.3	127.1	137.3	148.5	161.1	170.9	180.4	192.5
Nuclear		27.6	29.6	32.7	36.3	41.7	42.7	50.2	60.6	75.1
Hydro		31.3	31.1	34.0	35.4	38.2	42.8	45.9	51.5	57.5
Renewables		8.0	8.9	10.1	11.3	12.5	13.3	14.0	14.8	15.5
<b>Electricity Production</b> (TWh)										
Coal		8,141	9,927	10,817	12,204	13,161	14,138	14,448	14,568	14,263
Oil		1,426	1,644	1,733	1,890	2,012	2,103	2,162	2,228	2,260
Gas		4,972	5,456	5,910	6,430	7,105	7,989	8,846	9,533	10,548
Nuclear		3,198	3,383	3,665	3,950	4,371	4,509	5,135	5,989	7,147
Hydro		3,301	3,308	3,559	3,679	3,902	4,270	4,530	5,007	5,520
Renewables		866	959	1,063	1,186	1,294	1,383	1,461	1,547	1,630
<b>Household Transportation</b>										
Number of vehicles	(millions)	808	911	1003	1103	1202	1297	1384	1490	1603
Vehicle miles traveled	(trillions)	6.67	7.73	8.76	9.90	11.01	12.11	13.13	14.34	15.67
Miles per gallon	(mpg)	22.7	22.9	23.2	23.6	23.8	24.1	24.2	24.4	24.5
<b>Land Use</b> (Mha)										
Cropland		1808.4	1927.9	2003.9	2121.2	2239.5	2367.9	2463.6	2565.0	2659.9
Biofuels		43.2	60.2	75.1	77.5	78.8	70.7	69.7	65.4	61.5
Pasture		2800.3	2821.7	2798.8	2765.2	2730.3	2702.3	2680.1	2654.9	2631.0
Managed forest		563.1	522.3	509.5	496.8	484.4	469.8	460.7	449.8	441.8
Natural grassland		665.9	596.6	594.7	577.1	560.7	541.3	534.9	529.1	524.2
Natural forest		4243.6	4194.4	4139.8	4082.0	4024.9	3966.0	3908.8	3853.3	3799.0
Other		2997.0	2997.0	2997.0	2997.0	2997.0	2997.0	2997.0	2997.0	2997.0
<b>Air Pollutant Emissions</b> (Tg)										
SO2		102.29	109.26	110.04	113.66	114.56	114.53	111.09	106.90	103.81
NOx		101.21	117.20	129.95	147.48	163.53	180.08	193.24	205.82	220.80
Ammonia		59.83	70.41	77.17	83.84	89.95	98.52	104.79	111.49	118.34
Volatile organic compounds		132.32	148.97	161.77	181.62	200.52	219.46	235.45	253.04	271.19
Black carbon		7.16	7.50	7.47	7.72	7.96	8.27	8.22	8.22	8.21
Organic particulates		34.01	36.12	36.17	37.92	39.85	42.40	42.56	43.12	43.61
Carbon monoxide		695.25	782.36	889.46	1021.49	1161.34	1311.26	1454.98	1606.35	1766.16



16 regions:

AFR	Africa
ANZ	Australia and New Zealand
ASI	Dynamic Asia
BRA	Brazil
CAN	Canada
CHN	China
EUR	Europe (EU+)
IND	India
JPN	Japan
LAM	Other Latin America
MES	Middle East
MEX	Mexico
REA	Other East Asia
ROE	Other Eurasia
RUS	Russia
USA	USA

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Country	Region	Country	Region	Country	Region	Country	Region
Afghanistan	REA	Cape Verde	AFR	Jordan	MES	Qatar	MES
Albania	ROE	Cayman Islands	LAM	Kazakhstan	ROE	Reunion	AFR
Algeria	AFR	Central African Republic	AFR	Kenya	AFR	Romania	EUR
American Samoa	ANZ	Chad	AFR	Kiribati	ANZ	Russian Federation	RUS
Andorra	ROE	Chile	LAM	Korea	ASI	Rwanda	AFR
Angola	AFR	China	CHN	Korea, Dem. Ppl. Rep.	REA	Saint Helena	AFR
Anguilla	LAM	Coe d'Ivoire	AFR	Kuwait	MES	Saint Kitts and Nevis	LAM
Antigua & Barbuda	LAM	Colombia	LAM	Kyrgyzstan	ROE	Saint Lucia	LAM
Argentina	LAM	Comoros	AFR	Laos	REA	Saint Pierre and Miquelon	LAM
Armenia	ROE	Congo'	AFR	Latvia	EUR	Saint Vincent & the Grenadines	LAM
Aruba	LAM	Congo, Dem. Rep. (Zaire)	AFR	Lebanon	MES	Samoa	ANZ
Australia	ANZ	Cook Islands	ANZ	Lesotho	AFR	San Marino	ROE
Austria	EUR	Costa Rica	LAM	Liberia	AFR	Sao Tome and Principe	AFR
Azerbaijan	ROE	Croatia	ROE	Liechtenstein	EUR	Saudi Arabia	MES
Bahamas	LAM	Cuba	LAM	Lithuania	EUR	Senegal	AFR
Bahrain	MES	Cyprus	EUR	Luxembourg	EUR	Serbia and Montenegro	ROE
Bangladesh	REA	Czech Republic	EUR	Lybia	AFR	Seychells	AFR
Barbados	LAM	Denmark	EUR	Macau	REA	Sierra Leone	AFR
Belarus	ROE	Djibouti	AFR	Macedonia	ROE	Singapore	ASI
Belgium	EUR	Dominica	LAM	Madagascar	AFR	Slovakia	EUR
Belize	LAM	Dominican Republic	LAM	Malawi	AFR	Slovenia	EUR
Benin	AFR	Egypt	AFR	Malaysia	ASI	Solomon Islands	ANZ
Bermuda	LAM	El Salvador	LAM	Maldives	REA	Somalia	AFR
Bhutan	REA	Equador	LAM	Mali	AFR	South African Republic	AFR
Bolivia	LAM	Equatorial Guinea	AFR	Malta	EUR	Spain	EUR
Bosnia and Herzegovina	ROE	Eritrea	AFR	Marshall Islands	ANZ	Sri Lanka	REA
Botswana	AFR	Estonia	EUR	Martinique	LAM	Sudan	AFR
Brazil	BRA	Ethiopia	AFR	Mauritania	AFR	Suriname	LAM
Brunei	REA	Falkland Islands	LAM	Mauritius	AFR	Swaziland	AFR
Bulgaria	EUR	Faroe Islands	ROE	Mayotte	AFR	Sweden	EUR
Burkina Faso	AFR	Fiji	ANZ	Mexico	MEX	Switzerland	EUR
Burundi	AFR	Finland	EUR	Micronesia	ANZ	Syria	MES
Cambodia	REA	France	EUR	Moldova	ROE	Taiwan	ASI
Cameroon	AFR	French Guiana	LAM	Monaco	ROE	Tajikistan	ROE
Canada	CAN	French Polynesia	ANZ	Mongolia	REA	Tanzania	AFR
		Gabon	AFR	Monserrat	LAM	Thailand	ASI
		Gambia	AFR	Morocco	AFR	Timor Leste	REA
		Georgia	ROE	Mozambique	AFR	Togo	AFR
		Germany	EUR	Myanmar	REA	Tokelau	ANZ
		Ghana	AFR	Namibia	AFR	Tonga	ANZ
		Gibraltar	ROE	Nauru	ANZ	Trinidad and Tobago	LAM
		Greece	EUR	Nepal	REA	Tunisia	AFR
		Greenland	LAM	Netherlands	EUR	Turkey	ROE
		Grenada	LAM	Netherlands Antilles	LAM	Turkmenistan	ROE
		Guadeloupe	LAM	New Caledonia	ANZ	Turks and Caicos	LAM
		Guam	ANZ	New Zealand	ANZ	Tuvalu	ANZ
		Guatemala	LAM	Nicaragua	LAM	Uganda	AFR
		Guinea	AFR	Niger	AFR	Ukraine	ROE
		Guinea-Bissau	AFR	Nigeria	AFR	United Arab Emirates	MES
		Guyana	LAM	Niue	ANZ	United Kingdom	EUR
		Haiti	LAM	Norfolk Islands	ANZ	United States	USA
		Honduras	LAM	Northern Mariana Islands	ANZ	Uruguay	LAM
		Hong Kong	CHN	Norway	EUR	Uzbekistan	ROE
		Hungary	EUR	Oman	MES	Vanuatu	ANZ
		Iceland	EUR	Pakistan	REA	Venezuela	LAM
		India	IND	Palestine	MES	Vietnam	REA
		Indonesia	ASI	Panama	LAM	Virgin Islands, British	LAM
		Iran	MES	Papua New Guinea	ANZ	Virgin Islands, U.S	LAM
		Iraq	MES	Paraguay	LAM	Wallis and Futuna	ANZ
		Ireland	EUR	Peru	LAM	Yemen	MES
		Israel	MES	Philippines	ASI	Zambia	AFR
		Italy	EUR	Poland	EUR	Zimbabwe	AFR
		Jamaica	LAM	Portugal	EUR		
		Japan	JPN	Puerto Rico	LAM		

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