

# GLOBAL TRANSFORMATION PATHWAYS value of systems science

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# THE EARLY 1970s





Sources: US Department of Interior, IIASA

# IIASA 2017 – 24 COUNTRIES (NATIONAL MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS)



- International, independent, interdisciplinary
- Research on major global problems
- Solution oriented, integrated systems analysis

# IIASA and US Highlights (2008-2017)

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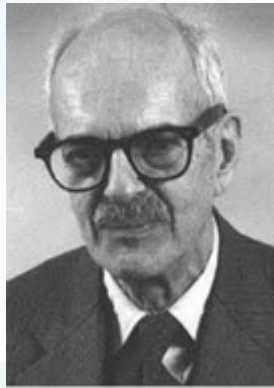
# SUMMARY (2008-2016)

<b>National Member Organization</b>	National Academy of Sciences (NAS)
<b>Membership start date</b>	1972 (founding member)
<b>Research partners</b>	73 organizations in the US
<b>Areas of research collaborations</b>	Advancing Energy and Integrated Assessment Modeling in the US Global Energy Assessment and the US Curbing the Release of Black Carbon and Methane Projecting Changing Population in the US Improving the Use of Land for Food and for Combating Climate Change Advising Countries with Economies in Transition Increasing the Resilience of Vulnerable Communities Analyzing Ecological and Evolutionary Dynamics
<b>Capacity Building</b>	Over 100 young scientists from the US have participated in IIASA's Young Scientists Summer Program 6 in IIASA's Postdoctoral Fellowship Program 5 in the Southern African Young Scientists Summer Program
<b>Publication output</b>	873 publications
<b>Staff</b>	Over 40 US nationals have been employed by IIASA every year

# SOME LEADING US PERSONALITIES FROM ACADEMIA AND ASSOCIATED WITH IIASA



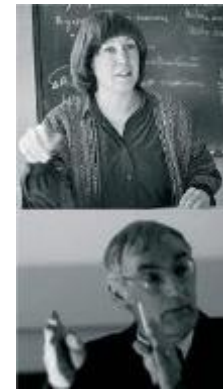
George Dantzig



Nathan Keyfitz



Tjalling Koopmans



Donella & Dennis L Meadows



William Nordhaus



Jeffrey Sachs



Thomas Schelling

# SOME LEADING US PERSONALITIES FROM GOVERNMENT AND ASSOCIATED WITH IIASA



McGeorge Bundy



Steven Chu



William Colglazier



John Holdren



Robert McNamara



Norman Neureiter



Vaughan Turekian



# COLLABORATING, RESEARCH & FUNDING PARTNERS

- 73 institutions in the US, including:
  - National Science Foundation (NSF)
  - White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP)
  - US Department of State
  - US Department of Energy (DOE)
  - US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
  - Harvard , Princeton, and Yale Universities
  - Colorado State University
  - National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
  - National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR)
  - National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)
  - Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL)
  - Stanford University's Energy Modeling Forum (EMF)

# EXAMPLES OF IIASA'S VALUE TO THE US

## 1. From Science to Evidence-based Policy



Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP): Multi-Agency Science and Technology Priorities:

- Global Climate Change
- Clean Energy

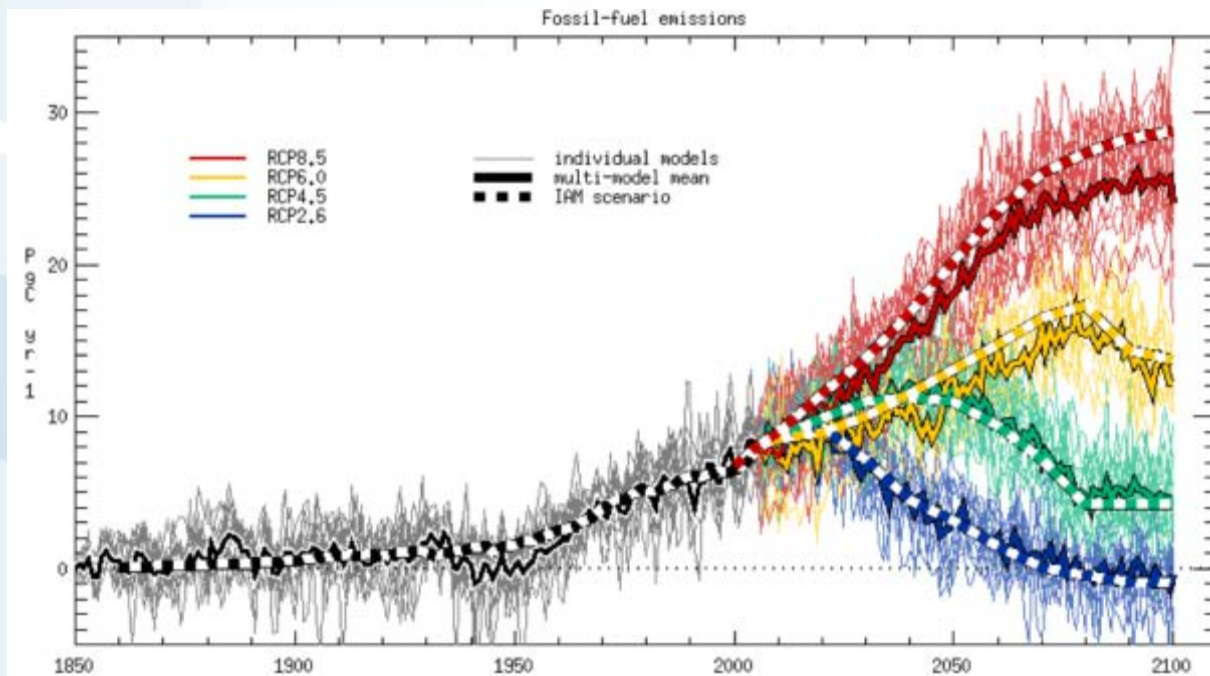
National Science Foundation Strategic Plan for 2014-18:

- Transform the Frontiers of Science and Engineering
- Stimulate Innovation and Address Societal Needs through Research and Education



# GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS 2000-2100

- Integrated Assessment Modeling Consortium includes IIASA & US partners:

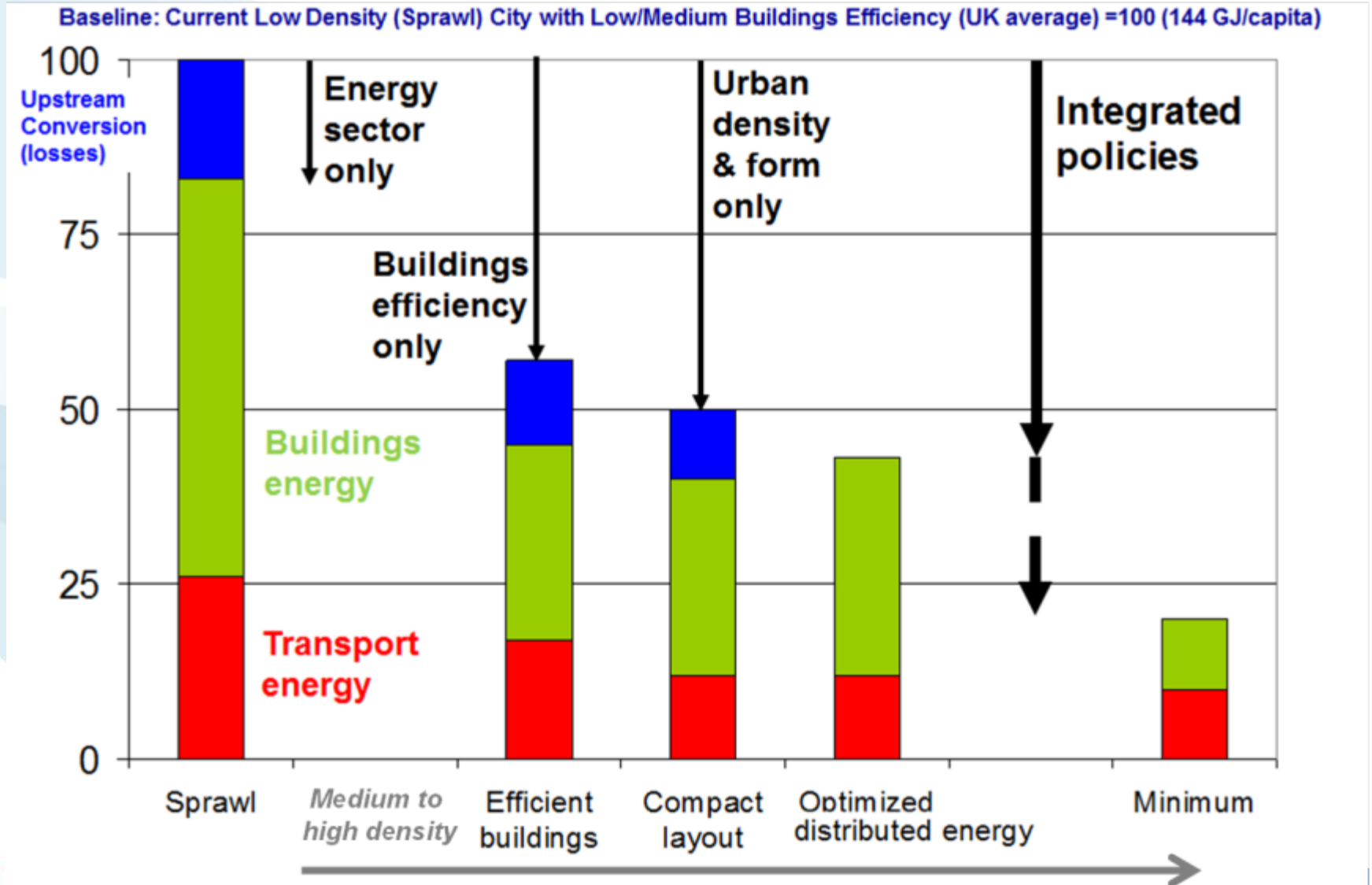


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(IIASA)

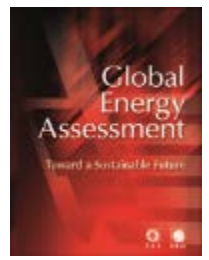
AIM  
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GCAM  
(PNNL)

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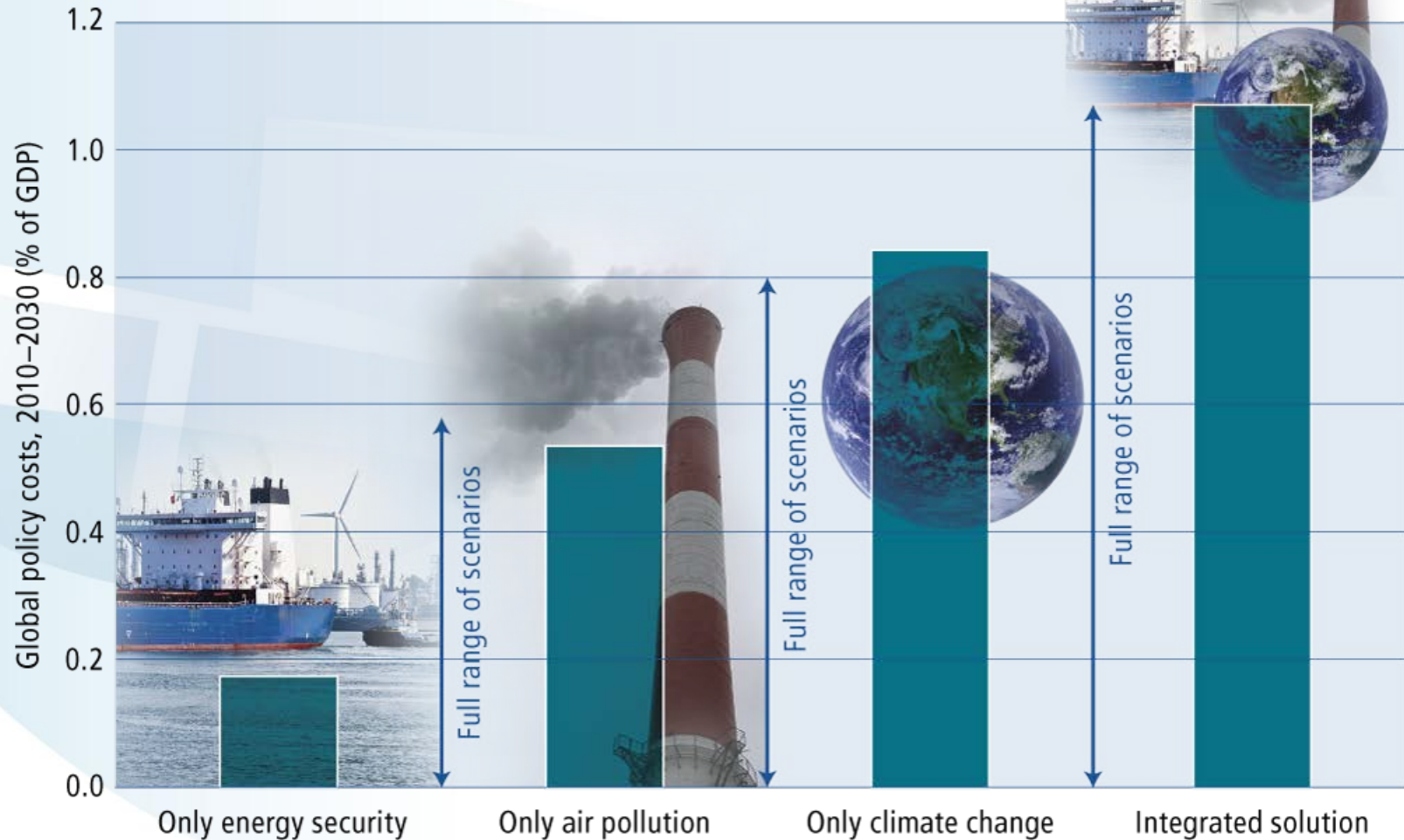


- 2009 to date: GEA provides critical input to UN Secretary-General's Sustainable Energy For All Initiative including defining the aspirational yet feasible objectives:
  1. Ensure universal access to modern energy services
  2. Double the global rate of improvements in energy efficiency
  3. Double the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix





# GEA: MULTIPLE BENEFITS OF INTEGRATED POLICIES

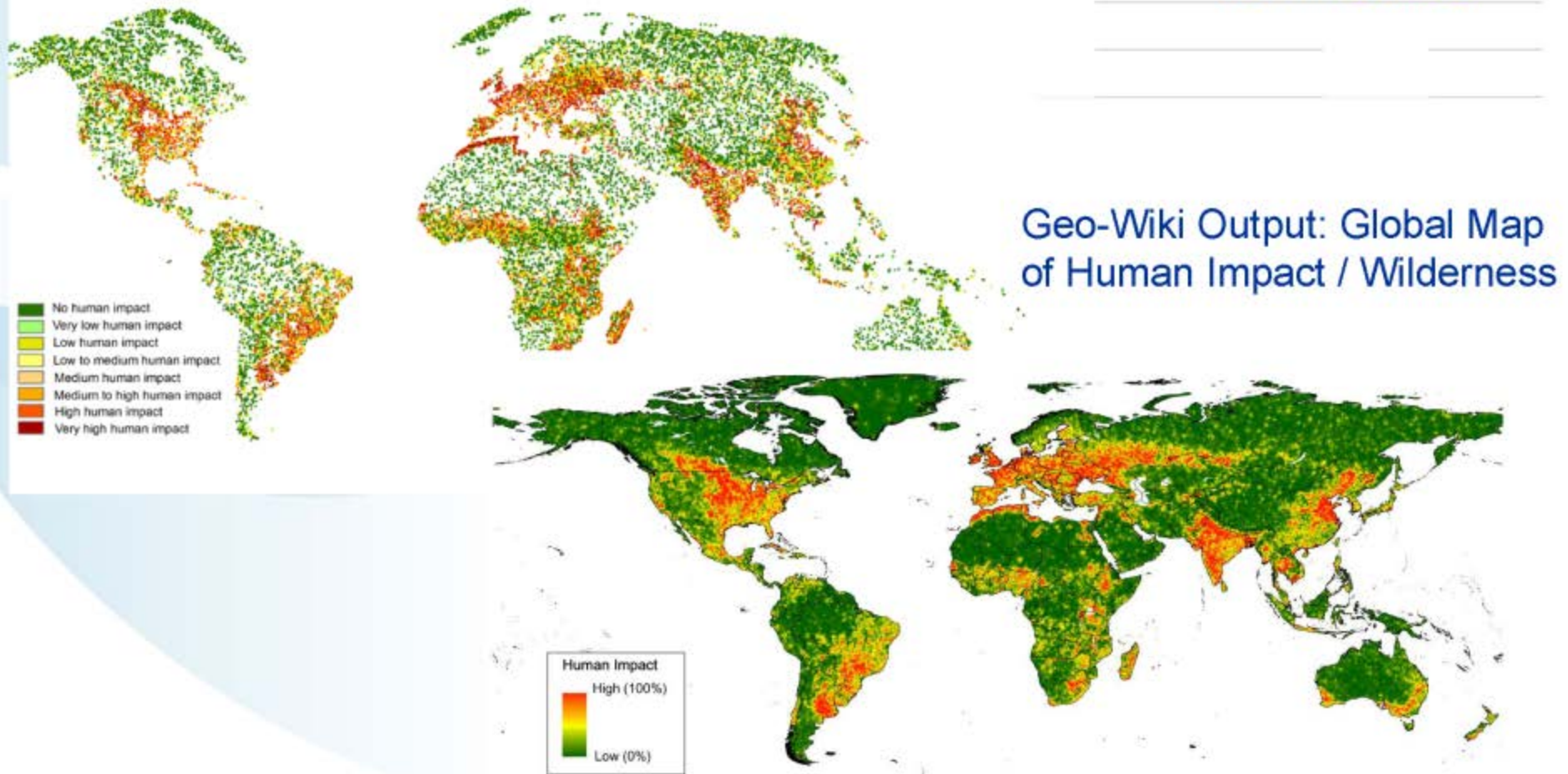


Source: McCollum, Krey, Riahi, 2012

# Geo-Wiki Output: Downgrading recent estimates of land availability for biofuel production

Cai et al., 2011  
1107 mil. hectares

Fritz et al., 2013  
375 mil. hectares



Geo-Wiki Output: Global Map of Human Impact / Wilderness

# THE NEXT GENERATION OF SYSTEMS ANALYSTS

Over 100 young researchers from the US or undertaking a PhD in the US have taken part in IIASA's Young Scientists Summer Program from 2008 -2016





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## 3. Contributing US Foreign Policy



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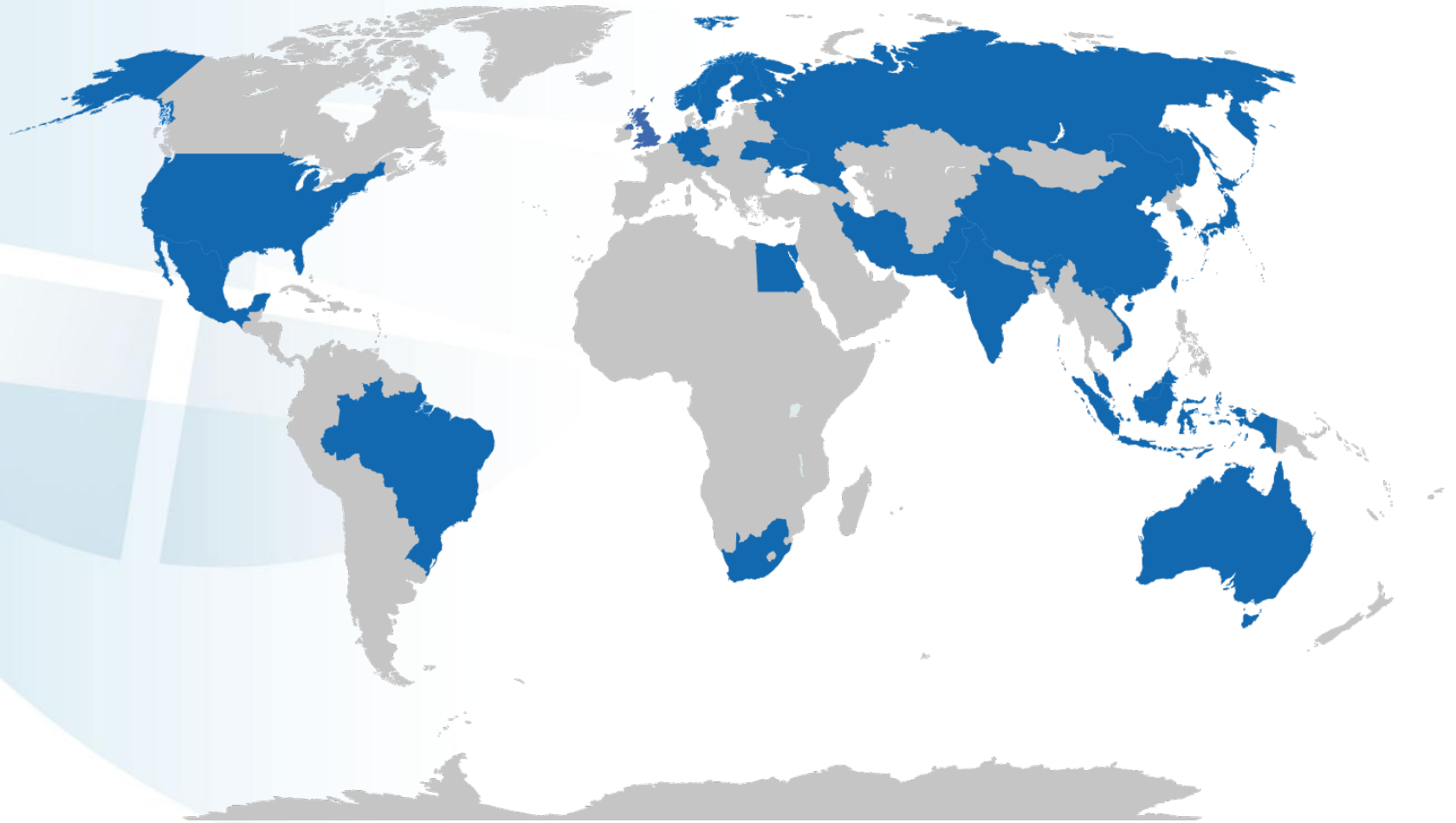
- Global Climate Change
- Arctic

Department of State Quadrennial Diplomacy and Development Review

- Increasing our partnerships and engaging beyond the nation state
- Strengthen climate diplomacy and development
- Engaging Americans as partners in foreign affairs



# GLOBAL PROBLEMS REQUIRE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS TO FIND GLOBAL SOLUTIONS



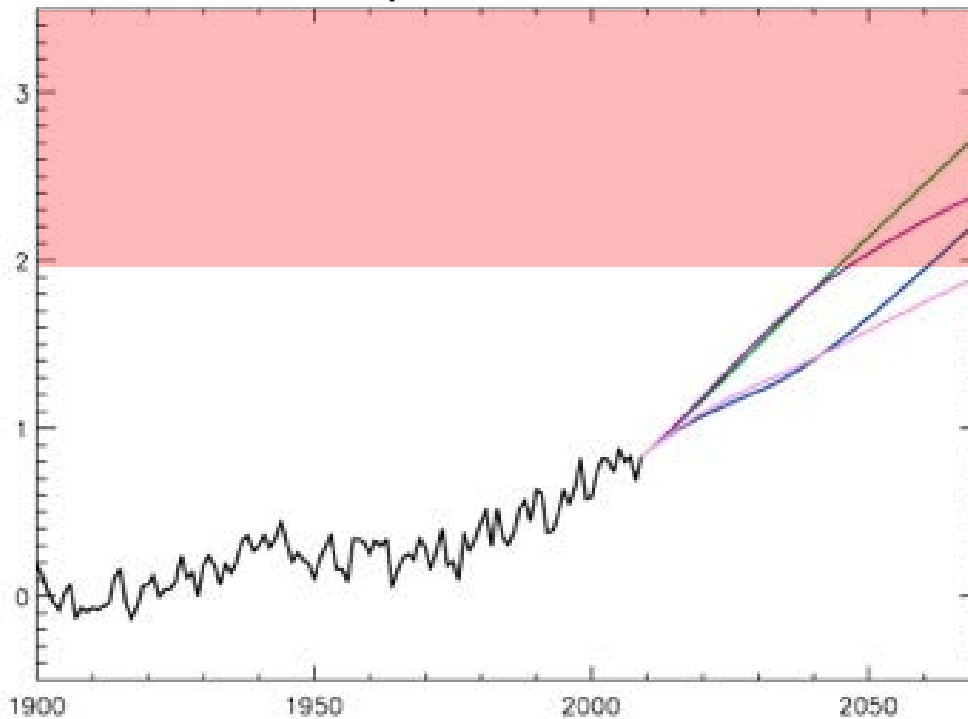


# TACKLING BLACK CARBON AND METHANE

GAINS identified 14 key air quality measures that if implemented could slow the pace of global warming, save millions of lives, and boost agricultural production.



Global temperature 1900-2070



**Reference scenario**  
IEA World Energy Outlook 2009

**CO<sub>2</sub> measures**  
IEA 450 ppm scenario 2009

**Near-term measures**  
IIASA set of 16 measures  
for CH<sub>4</sub> and black carbon

**CO<sub>2</sub> + Near-term measures**

These 14 measures are

- win (for air quality),
- win (for near-term climate change)
- win (for economic development).

# TACKLING BLACK CARBON AND METHANE (2)

- Feb 2012: US State Secretary Hillary Clinton launched the Climate and Clean Air Coalition to Reduce Short Lived Climate Pollutants
- Today, CCAC has 33 member countries, 39 International Organizations and IIASA's Markus Amann on scientific committee





# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

**1** NO POVERTY

**2** ZERO HUNGER

**3** GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

**4** QUALITY EDUCATION

**5** GENDER EQUALITY

**6** CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

**7** AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

**8** DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

**9** INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

**10** REDUCED INEQUALITIES

**11** SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

**12** RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

**13** CLIMATE ACTION

**14** LIFE BELOW WATER

**15** LIFE ON LAND

**16** PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

**17** PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



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# Integrated Systems approach to SDG-Pathways

We lack a truly integrated, comprehensive quantitative understanding of sustainable development pathways, accounting for the inter-linkages between the economy, technology, environment, climate, human development and planetary boundaries.



# The World in 2050 (TWI2050.com)

- ➔ How to achieve global development within a safe and just operating space
- ➔ “Safe space” of interaction among SDGs: sustainability narratives and integrated models e.g. SSP1, GEA, DDPP
- ➔ Multiple-benefits and tradeoffs of transformation toward sustainable futures

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# The World in 2050 “Consortium”

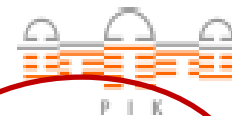
- AIMES
- Brazilian Federal Agency for the Support and Evaluation of Graduate Education (CAPES)
- Centre for Integrated Studies on Climate Change and the Environment (CIRED)
- Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO)
- Earth League, whole Earth system modelling initiative
- **Earth Institute, Columbia University**
- Energy Planning Program, COPPE, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro
- Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei (FEEM)
- Future Earth
- German Development Institute (DIE)
- Global Ocean Ecosystem Dynamics (GLOBEC)
- Indian Institute International Futures
- Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)
- International Energy Agency (IEA)
- International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
- International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- **International Institute for Applied System Analysis (IIASA), EUROPEAN COMMISSION**
- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)
- Joint Research Centre, European Commission
- Joint Global Change Research Institute at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (JGCRI/PNNL)
- Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change
- National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR)
- National Institute for Environmental Studies (NIES)
- National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Change (PIK)
- PBL - Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency
- Research Institute of Innovative Technology for the Earth (RITE)
- Stanford University
- **Stockholm Resilience Centre**
- **Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)**
- The City University of New York (CUNY)
- Tsinghua University
- UN Population Division
- UN DESA
- UNEP- World Conservation Monitoring Centre (UNEP-WCMC)
- University of Hamburg
- World Bank



THE EARTH INSTITUTE  
COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY



Pacific Northwest  
NATIONAL LABORATORY

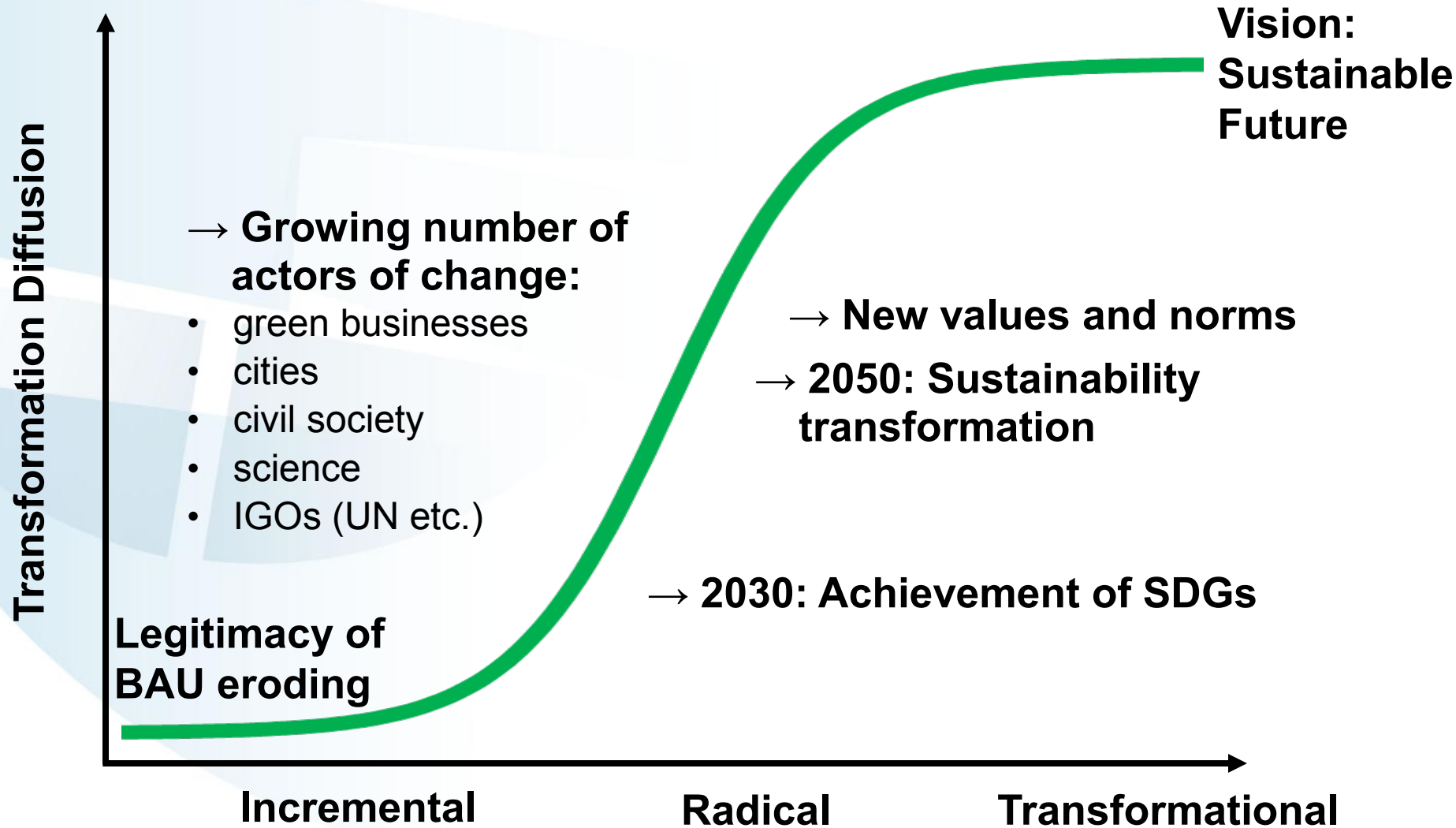


Stockholm Resilience Centre  
Sustainability Science for Biosphere Stewardship



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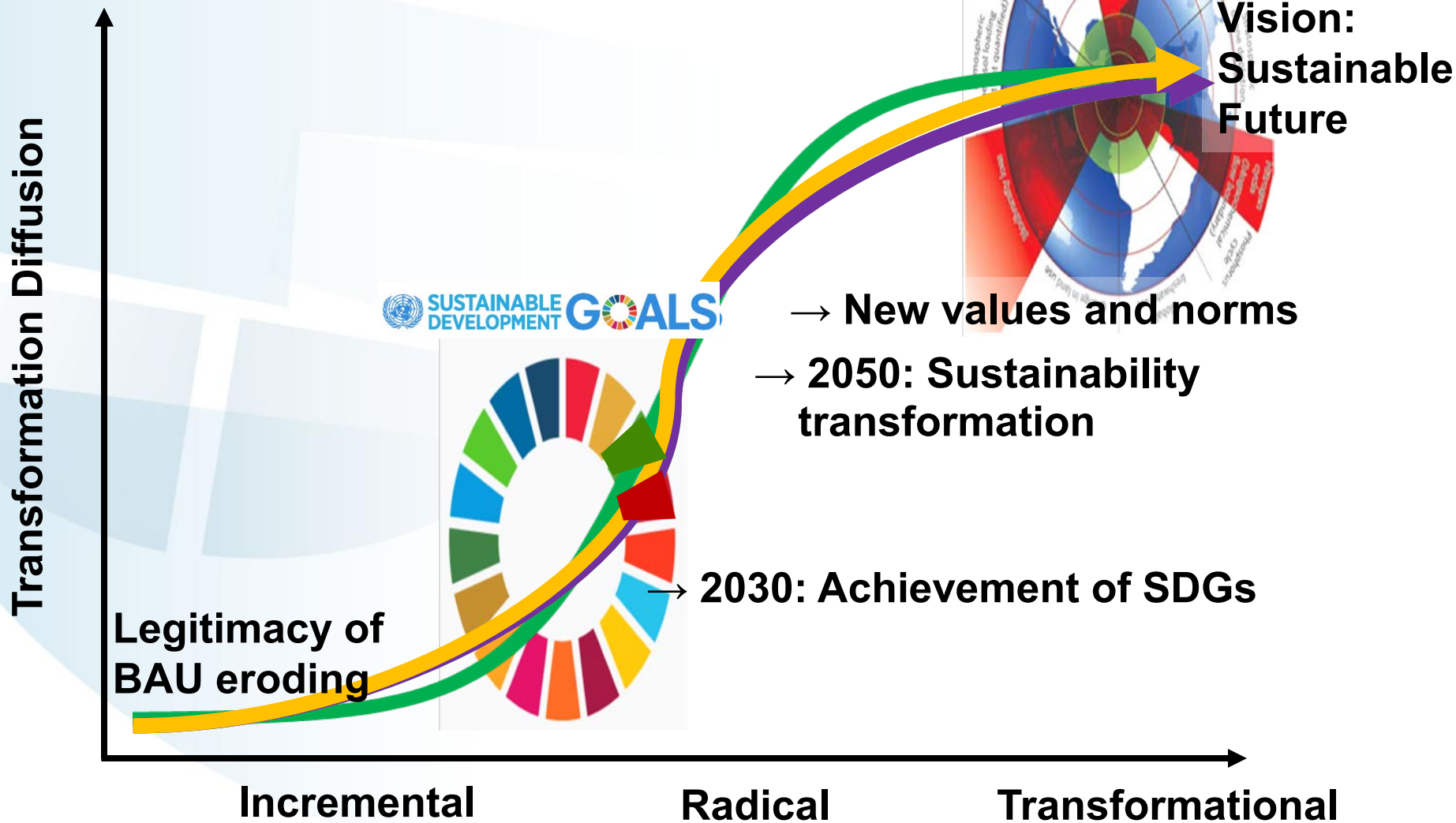
“Doing More with Less” within Planetary Boundaries



Source: After WBGU, 2011

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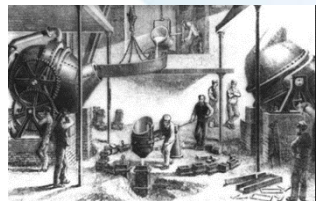
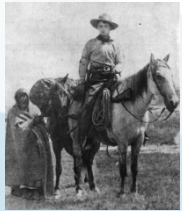


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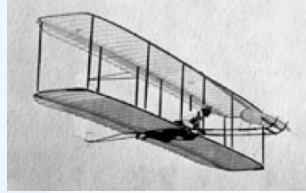
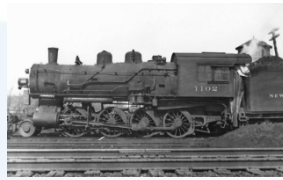


# Transformational Change

1850



1900



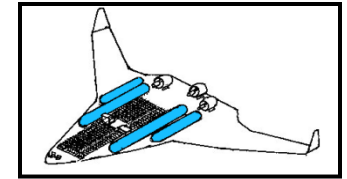
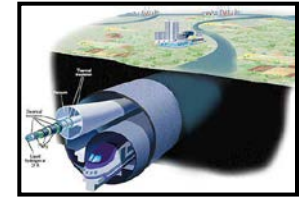
1950



2000



2050



Source: After Granger Morgan, 2013

# Disruptive Change

## Easter Parade on Fifth Avenue, New York, 13 years apart

1900: where's the car?

1913: where's the horse?



Images: L, National Archive, [www.archives.gov/research/american-cities/images/american-cities-101.jpg](http://www.archives.gov/research/american-cities/images/american-cities-101.jpg)

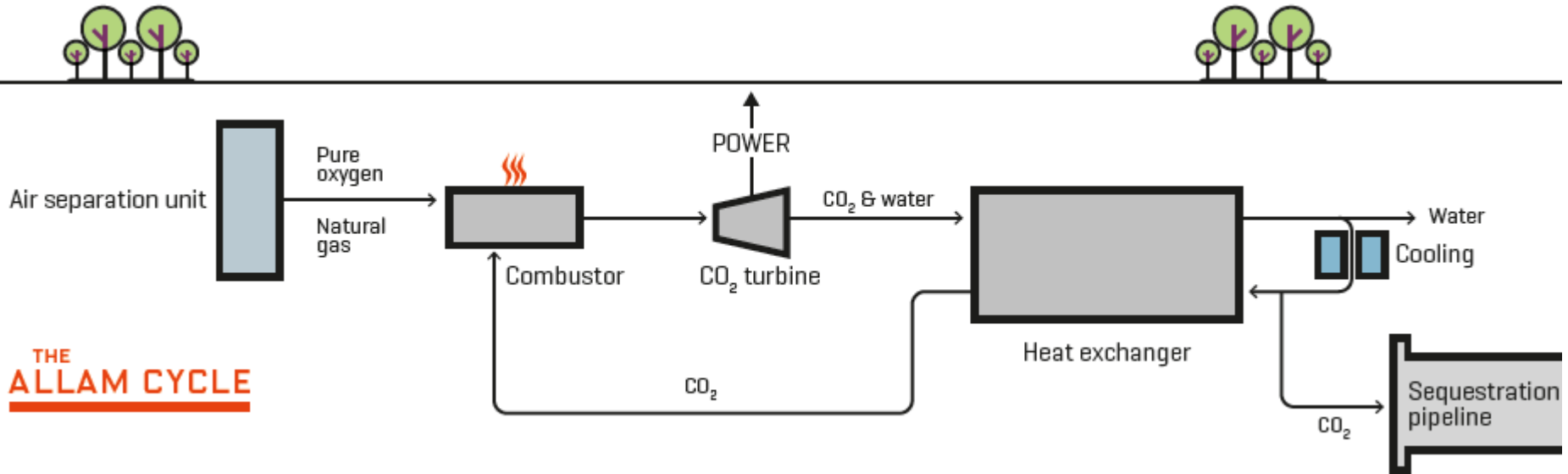
R, [shorpy.com/node/204](http://shorpy.com/node/204).

Inspiration: Tona Seba's keynote lecture at AltCar, Santa Monica CA, 28 Oct 2014,

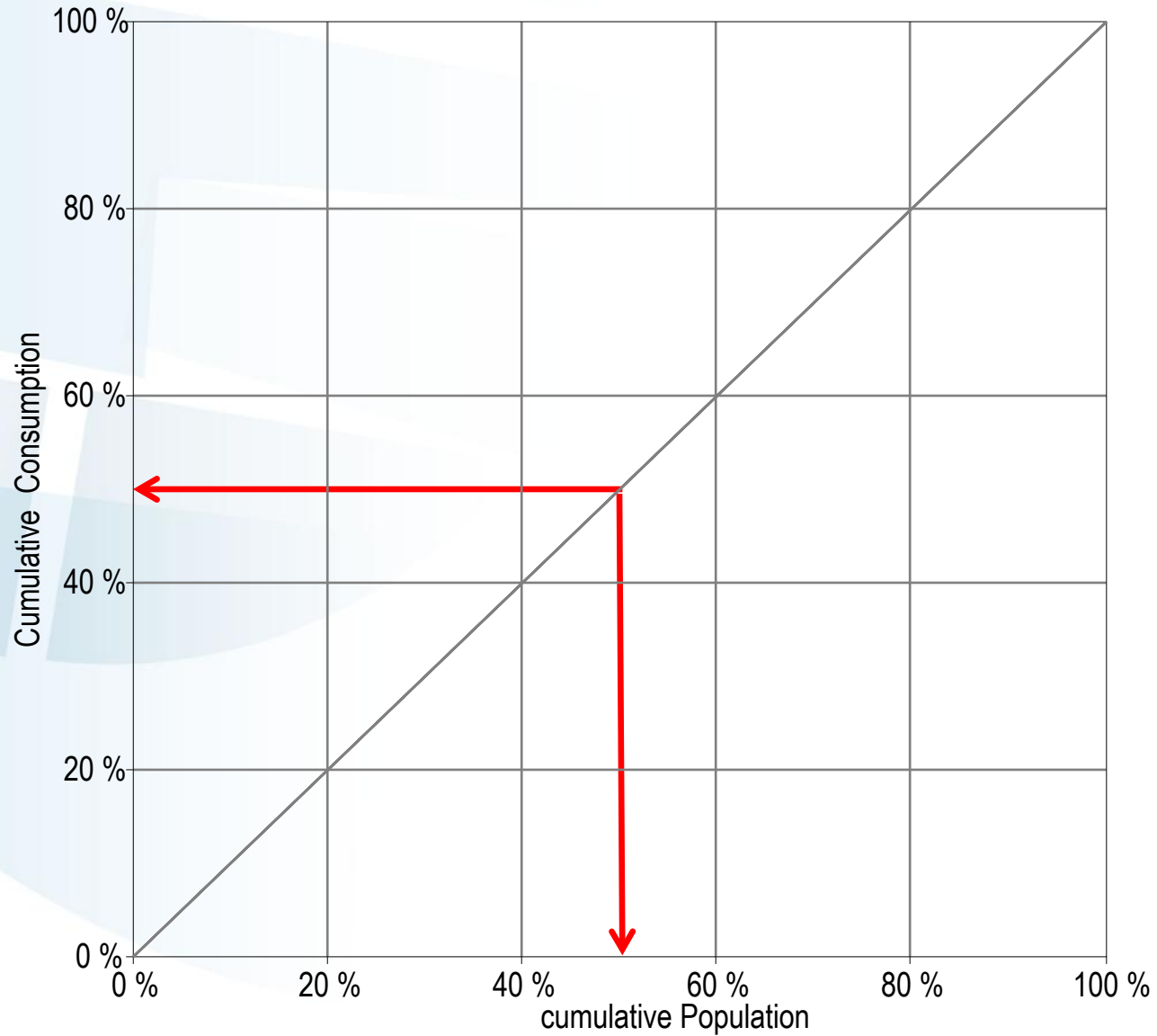
<http://tonyseba.com/keynote-at-altcar-expo-100-electric-transportation-100-solar-by-2030/>



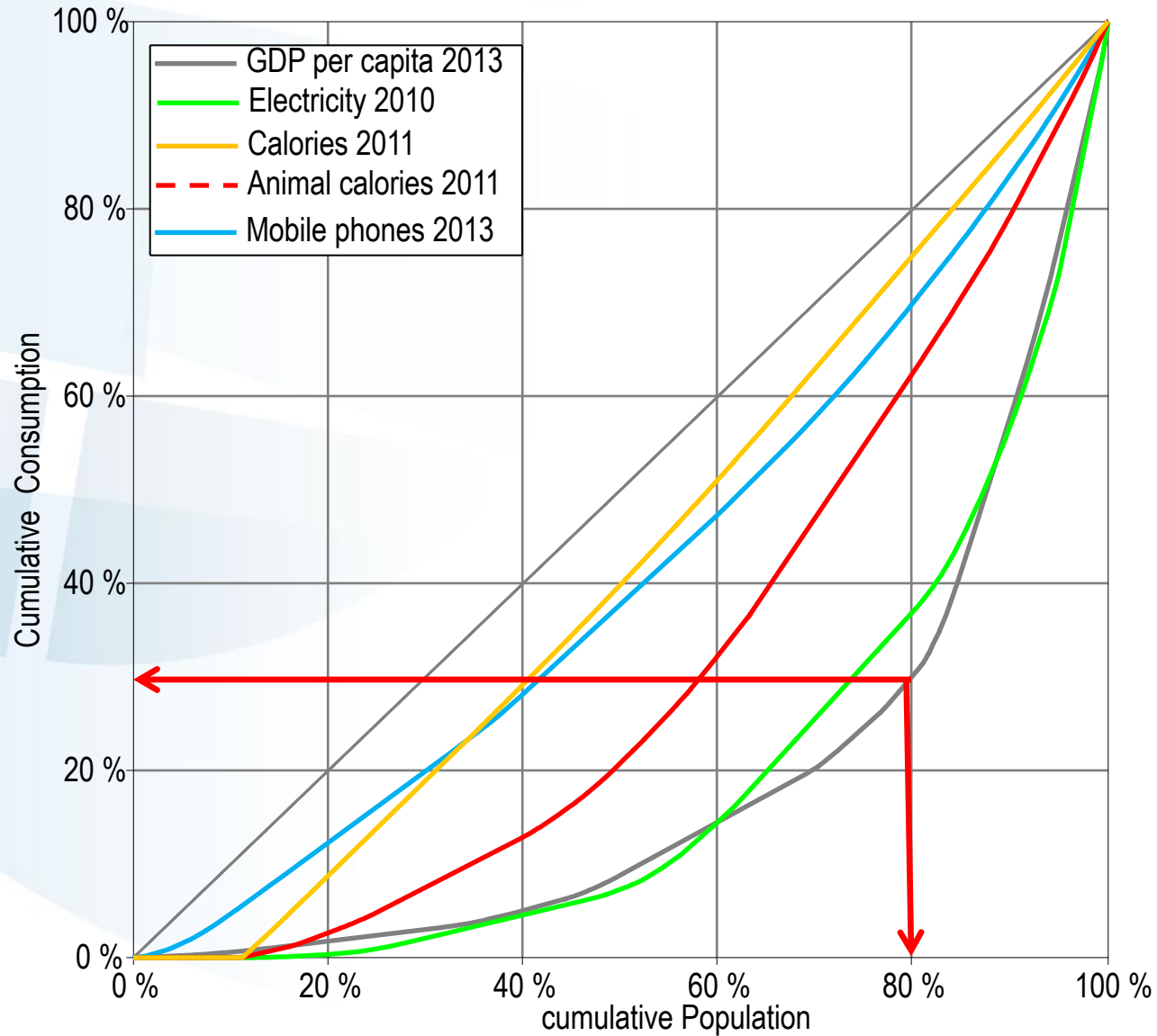
# Breaks Ground on Demonstration Plant for Oxyfuel, Natural Gas ZEP, La Porte, Texas



# Global Lorenz Distributions



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# Possible transformational technologies

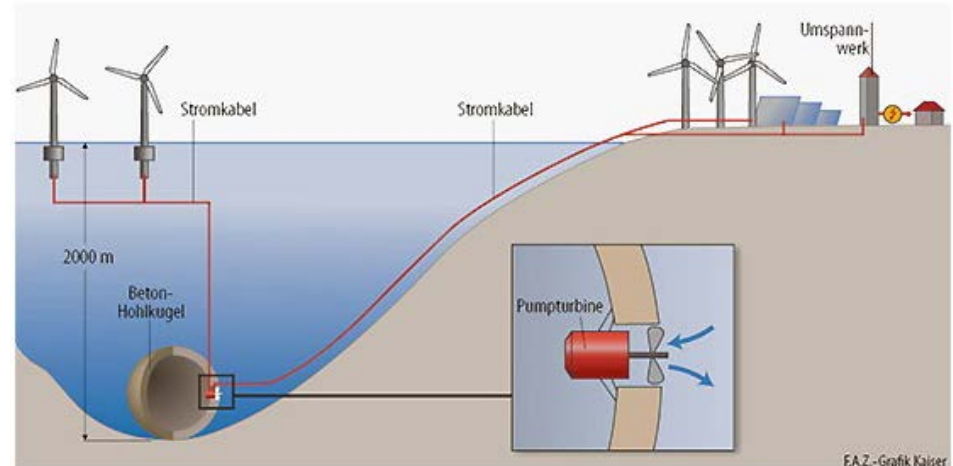


## Conventional Turbine Offshore Wind Farm;

- No risk of it being hugely profitable.
- Typical IRR 5-7%

## Accelerator Turbine Offshore Wind Farm;

- Excellent chance of being hugely profitable.
- Typical IRR 20-30%

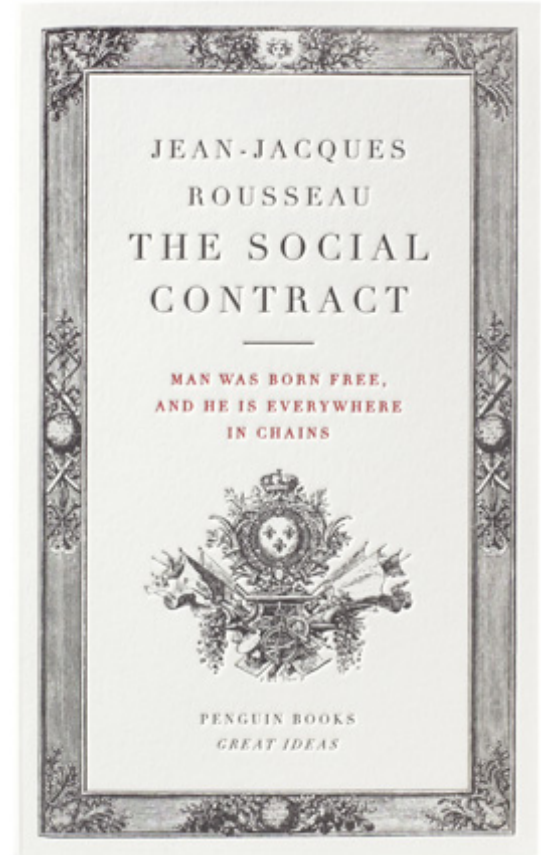
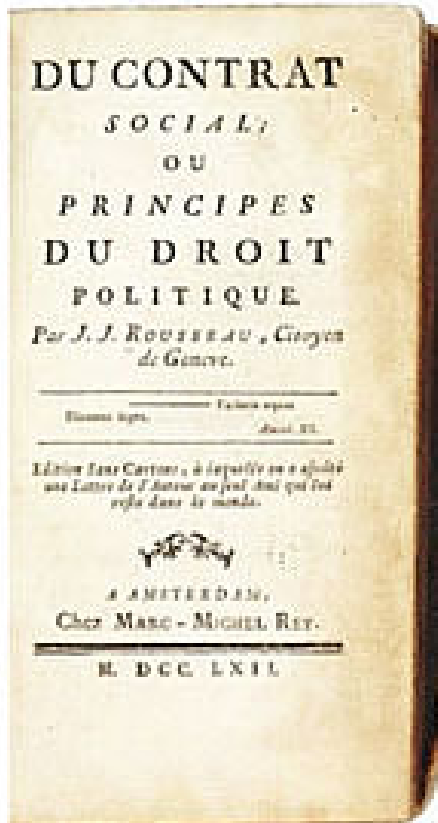


# SuperGrid and MagLev Trains



# Social Contract

## Vision of Sustainable Future





# Thank you and welcome at IIASA soon (again)!

