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1 Executive Summary

2 Chapter 5 analyzes the anthropogenic greenhouse gas (GHG) emission trends until the present and
3 the main drivers that explain those trends. The chapter uses different perspectives to analyze past
4 GHG emissions trends, including aggregate emissions flows and per capita emissions, cumulative
5 emissions, sectoral emissions, and production vs. consumption-based emissions. In all cases, global
6 and regional trends are analysed. Where appropriate, the emission trends are contextualized with
7 long-term historic developments in GHG emissions extending back to 1750.

8 *GHG emissions trends*

9 **Anthropogenic GHG emissions have increased from 28 to 49 GtCO₂eq/yr (+80%) between 1970
10 and 2010, reaching the highest value in human history (*high confidence*).** GHG emissions grew on
11 average 2.3% per year between 1970 and 2000, compared to 1.4% per year between 1970 and 2000.
12 [5.2.1]

13 **With 76% in 2010, CO₂ remains the major anthropogenic GHG (*high confidence*).** The share of fossil
14 fuel-related CO₂ emissions for energy purposes increased consistently over the last 40 years
15 reaching 34 GtCO₂/yr, or 69% of global GHG emissions in 2010.¹ Agriculture, deforestation and other
16 land use changes have been the second contributors whose emissions, including other GHGs, have
17 reached 12 GtCO₂eq/yr (*low confidence*), 24% of global GHG emissions in 2010. Since 1970, CO₂
18 emissions increased by about 90%, and CH₄ and N₂O increased by about 47% and 43%, respectively.
19 Fluorinated gases emitted in industrial processes continue to represent less than 2% of
20 anthropogenic GHG emissions. [5.2.1]

21 Over the last four decades GHG emissions have risen in every region, though trends in the different
22 regions have been dissimilar. In Asia GHG emissions grew by 330% reaching 19 GtCO₂eq/yr in 2010,
23 in MAF by 70%, in LAM by 57%, in OECD by 22%, and in EIT by 4%. Although small in absolute terms,
24 GHG emissions from international transportation are growing rapidly. [5.2.1]

25 **Cumulative fossil CO₂ emissions (since 1750) more than tripled from 420 GtCO₂ by 1970 to 1300
26 GtCO₂ (±8%) by 2010 (*high confidence*).** Cumulative CO₂ emissions associated with agriculture,
27 deforestation and other land use change (AFOLU) have increased from about 490 GtCO₂ in 1970 to
28 approximately 680 GtCO₂ (±45%) in 2010.² Considering cumulative CO₂ emissions from 1750 to
29 2010, the OECD-1990 region continues to be the major contributor with 42%; Asia with 22% is
30 increasing its share. [5.2.1]

31 **In 2010, median per capita emissions for the group of high-income countries (13 tCO₂eq/cap) is
32 almost ten times that of low-income countries (1.4 tCO₂eq/cap) (*robust evidence, high agreement*).**
33 Global average per-capita GHG emissions have shown a stable trend over the last 40 years. This
34 global average, however, masks the divergence that exists at the regional level; in 2010 per capita
35 GHG emissions in OECD and EIT are between 1.9 and 2.7 times higher than per capita GHG emissions
36 in LAM, MAF and Asia.³ While per capita GHG emissions in LAM and MAF have been stable over the
37 last four decades, in Asia they have increased by more than 120%. [5.2.1]

38 **The energy and industry sectors in upper-middle income countries accounted for 60% of the rise in
39 global GHG emissions between 2000 and 2010 (*high confidence*).** From 2000 to 2010, GHG

¹ Unless stated otherwise, all emission shares are calculated based on global warming potential with a 100 year time horizon. See also Section 3.9.6 for more information on emission metrics.

² Values in brackets (±XX) provide uncertainty ranges for a 90% confidence interval.

³ The country compositions of OECD-1990, EIT (Reforming Economies), LAM (Latin America and Caribbean), MAF (Middle East and Africa), and Asia are defined in Annex II of the report.

1 emissions grew in all sectors: energy supply (+36%, to 17 GtCO₂eq/yr), industry (+39%, to 10
2 GtCO₂eq/yr), transport (+18%, to 7.0 GtCO₂eq/yr), buildings (+9%, to 3.2 GtCO₂eq/yr), AFOLU (+8%
3 to 12 GtCO₂eq/yr). Waste GHG emissions increased substantially but remained close to 3% of global
4 GHG emissions. [5.3.4, 5.3.5]

5 **In the OECD-1990 region, territorial CO₂ emissions slightly decreased between 2000 and 2010, but**
6 **consumption-based CO₂ emissions increased by 5% (*robust evidence, high agreement*).** In most
7 developed countries, both consumption-related emissions and GDP are growing. There is an
8 emerging gap between territorial, production-related emissions and consumption-related emissions
9 that include CO₂ embedded in trade flows. The gap shows that a considerable share of CO₂ emissions
10 from fossil fuels combustion in developing countries is released in the production of goods exported
11 to developed countries. By 2010, however, the developing country group has overtaken the
12 developed country group in terms of annual CO₂ emissions from fossil fuel combustion and
13 industrial processes from both production and consumption perspectives. [5.3.3]

14 **The trend of increasing fossil CO₂ emissions is robust (*very high confidence*).** Five different fossil
15 fuel CO₂ emissions datasets, harmonized to cover fossil fuel, cement, bunker fuels, and gas flaring
16 show ±4% differences over the last three decades. Uncertainties associated with estimates of
17 historic anthropogenic GHG emissions vary by type of gas and decrease with the level of aggregation.
18 Global CO₂ emissions from fossil fuels have relatively low uncertainty, assessed to be ±8%.
19 Uncertainty in fossil CO₂ emissions at the country level reaches up to 50%. [5.2.1, 5.2.3]

20 **GHG emissions drivers**

21 **Per capita production and consumption growth is a major driver for worldwide increasing GHG**
22 **emissions (*robust evidence, high agreement*).** Global average economic growth, as measured
23 through GDP per capita, grew by 100%, from 4,800 to 9,800 Int\$2005/cap yr between 1970 and
24 2010, outpacing GHG intensity improvements. At regional level, however, there are large variations.
25 Although different in absolute values, OECD-1990 and LAM showed a stable growth in per capita
26 income of the same order of magnitude as the GHG intensity improvements. This led to almost
27 constant per capita emissions and an increase in total emissions at the rate of population growth.
28 The EIT showed a decrease in income around 1990 that together with decreasing emissions per
29 output and a very low population growth led to a decrease in overall emissions until 2000. MAF
30 showed a decrease in GDP per capita, but a high population growth led to an increase in overall
31 emissions. Emerging economies in Asia showed very high economic growth rates at aggregate and
32 per capita levels leading to the largest growth in per capita emissions despite also having the highest
33 emissions per output efficiency improvements. [5.3.3]

34 **Reductions in the energy intensity of economic output during the past 4 decades have not been**
35 **sufficient to offset the effect of GDP growth (*high confidence*).** Energy intensity has declined in all
36 developed and large developing countries due mainly to technology, changes in economic structure,
37 the mix of energy sources, and changes in the participation of inputs such as capital and labour used.
38 At the global level, per capita primary energy consumption rose by 30% from 1970 to 2010; due to
39 population growth total energy use has increased by 130% over the same period. Countries and
40 regions with higher income per capita tend to have higher energy use per capita; per capita energy
41 use in the developing regions is only about 25% of that in the developed economies on average.
42 Growth rates in energy use per capita in developing countries, however, are much higher than those
43 in developed countries. [5.3.4]

44 **The decreasing carbon intensity of energy supply has been insufficient to offset the increase in**
45 **global energy use (*high confidence*).** Increased use of coal since 2000 has reversed the slight
46 decarbonization trends exacerbating the burden of energy-related GHG emissions. Estimates
47 indicate that coal, and unconventional gas and oil resources are large suggesting that
48 decarbonization would not be primarily driven by the exhaustion of fossil fuels, but by economics,
49 technological, and socio-political decisions. [5.3.4, 5.8]

1 **Population growth aggravates worldwide growth of GHG emissions** (*high confidence*). Global
2 population has increased by 87% from 1970 reaching 6.9 billion in 2010. The population has
3 increased mainly in Asia, Latin America and Africa, but the emissions increase for an additional
4 person varies widely, depending on geographical location, income, lifestyle, and the available energy
5 resources and technologies. The gap in per capita emissions between the top and bottom countries
6 exceeds a factor of 50. The effects of demographic changes such as urbanization, ageing and
7 household size have indirect effects on emissions and smaller than the direct effects of changes in
8 population size. [5.3.2]

9 **Technological innovation and diffusion support overall economic growth, and also determine the**
10 **energy intensity of economic output and the carbon intensity of energy** (*medium confidence*). At
11 the aggregate level, between 1970 and 2010, technological change increased income and resources
12 use, as past technological change has favoured labour productivity increase over resource efficiency
13 [5.6.1]. Innovations that potentially decrease emissions can lead to more intensive use of resources,
14 diminishing the potential gains from increased efficiency, a phenomenon called the “rebound effect”
15 [5.6.2]. Trade facilitates the diffusion of productivity enhancing and emissions-reducing technologies
16 [5.4].

17 **Infrastructural choices have long-lasting effects on emissions and may lock a country in a**
18 **development path for decades** (*medium evidence, medium agreement*). As an example,
19 infrastructure and technology choices made by industrialized countries in the post-World War II
20 period, at low energy prices, still have an effect on current worldwide GHG emissions. [5.6.3]

21 **Behaviour affects emissions through energy use, technological choices, lifestyles and consumption**
22 **preferences** (*robust evidence, high agreement*). Behaviour is rooted in individuals' psychological,
23 cultural and social orientations that lead to different lifestyles and consumption patterns. Across
24 countries strategies and policies have been used to change individual choices, sometimes through
25 changing the context in which decisions are made; a question remains whether such policies can be
26 scaled up to macro level. [5.5]

27 **Co-benefits are particularly important for policymakers because of their shorter-term realization**
28 (*limited evidence, low agreement*). Policies addressing fossil fuels may reduce not only CO₂
29 emissions but also SO₂ emissions and other pollutants that directly affect human health. Mitigation
30 measures may also produce adverse side-effects, such as those generated by large-scale hydropower
31 plants or by the production of certain biofuels. A comprehensive analysis of co-benefits and adverse
32 side-effects is essential to estimate the actual costs of mitigation policies. [5.7]

33 **Policies can be designed to act upon underlying drivers so as to decrease GHG emissions** (*limited*
34 *evidence, medium agreement*). Policies can be designed and implemented to affect underlying
35 drivers. From 1970 to 2010, in most regions and countries policies have proved insufficient in
36 influencing infrastructure, technological, or behavioural choices at a scale that curb the upward GHG
37 emissions trends. [5.6, 5.8]

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1 5.1 Introduction and overview

2 The concentration of greenhouse gases, including CO₂ and CH₄, in the atmosphere has been steadily
3 rising since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution (Etheridge et al., 1996, 2002; NRC, 2010).

4 Anthropogenic CO₂ emissions from the combustion of fossil fuels have been the main contributors
5 to the rising of GHG concentration levels in the atmosphere, followed by CO₂ emissions from land
6 use, land use change and forestry (LULUCF).

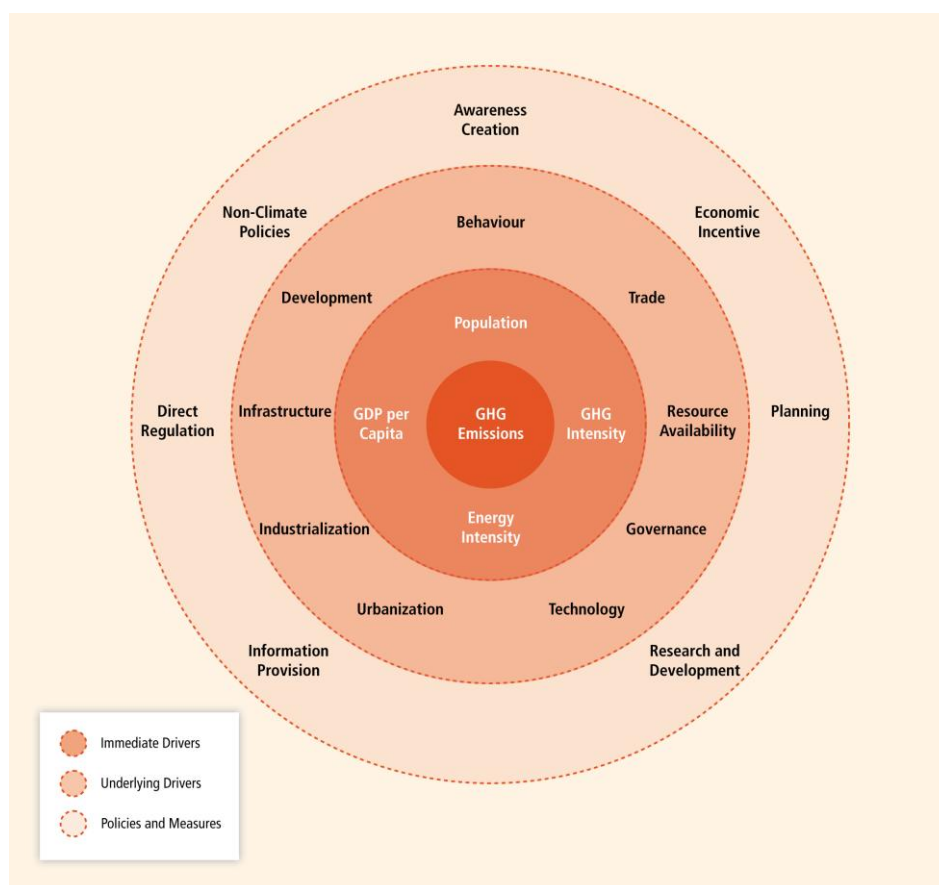
7 Chapter 5 analyzes the anthropogenic GHG emission trends until the present and the main drivers
8 that explain those trends. This chapter serves as a reference for assessing, in following chapters, the
9 potential future emissions paths and mitigation measures.

10 For a systematic assessment of the main drivers of GHG emission trends, this and subsequent
11 chapters employ a decomposition analysis based on the IPAT and Kaya identities.

12 Chapter 5 first considers the immediate drivers, or factors in the decomposition, of total GHG
13 emissions. For energy, the factors are population, GDP (production) and GNE (expenditures) per
14 capita, energy intensity of production and expenditures, and GHG emissions intensity of energy. For
15 other sectors, the last two factors are combined into GHG emissions intensity of production or
16 expenditures. Secondly, it considers the underlying drivers defined as the processes, mechanisms
17 and characteristics of society that influence emissions through the factors, such as fossil fuels
18 endowment and availability, consumption patterns, structural and technological changes, and
19 behavioural choices.

20 Underlying drivers are subject to policies and measures that can be applied to, and act upon them.
21 Changes in these underlying drivers, in turn, induce changes in the immediate drivers and,
22 eventually, in the GHG emissions trends.

23 The effect of immediate drivers on GHG emissions can be quantified through a straight
24 decomposition analysis; the effect of underlying drivers on immediate drivers, however, is not
25 straightforward and, for that reason, difficult to quantify in terms of their ultimate effects on GHG
26 emissions. In addition, sometimes immediate drivers may affect underlying drivers in a reverse
27 direction. Policies and measures in turn affect these interactions. Figure 5.1 reflects the
28 interconnections among GHG emissions, immediate drivers, underlying drivers and policies and
29 measures as well as the interactions across these 3 groups through the dotted lines.



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2 **Figure 5.1.** Interconnections among GHG emissions, immediate drivers, underlying drivers, and
3 policies and measures. Immediate drivers comprise the factors in the decomposition of emissions.
4 Underlying drivers refer to the processes, mechanisms and characteristics that influence emissions
5 through the factors. Policies and measures affect the underlying drivers that, in turn, may change the
6 factors. Immediate and underlying drivers may, in return, influence policies and measures.

7 Past trends in global and regional GHG emissions from the beginning of the Industrial Revolution are
8 presented in Section 5.2 *Global trends in greenhouse gases and short-lived species*; sectoral
9 breakdowns of emissions trends are introduced later in subsections 5.3.4 *Energy demand and supply*
10 and 5.3.5 *Other key sectors* that includes transport, buildings, industry, forestry, agriculture, and
11 waste sectors.

12 The decomposition framework and its main results at both global and regional levels are presented
13 in Section 5.3.1 *Drivers of global emissions*. Immediate drivers or factors in the decomposition
14 identity are discussed in subsections 5.3.2 *Population and demographic structure*, 5.3.3 *Economic*
15 *growth and development*, and 5.3.4 *Energy demand and supply*. Past trends of the immediate drivers
16 are identified and analyzed in these subsections.

17 At a more profound level, the underlying drivers that influence immediate drivers that, in turn affect
18 GHG emissions trends, are identified and discussed in sections 5.4 *Production and trade patterns*, 5.5
19 *Consumption and behavioural change*, and 5.6 *Technological change*. Underlying drivers include
20 individual and societal choices as well as infrastructure and technological changes.

21 Section 5.7 *Co-benefits and trade-offs of mitigation actions* identifies the effects of GHG mitigation
22 policies, measures or actions on other development aspects such as energy security and public
23 health.

1 Section 5.8 *The System Perspective: Linking Sectors, Technologies and Consumption Patterns*
2 synthesises the main findings of the chapter and highlights the relevant interactions among and across
3 immediate and underlying drivers that may be key for the design of mitigation policies and measures.
4 Finally, section 5.9 *Gaps in knowledge and data* addresses shortages in the dataset that prevent a
5 more thorough analysis or limit the time span of certain variables. The section also discussed the
6 gaps in the knowledge on the linkages among drivers and their effect on GHG emissions.

7 **5.2 Global trends in stocks and flows of greenhouse gases and short-lived** 8 **species**

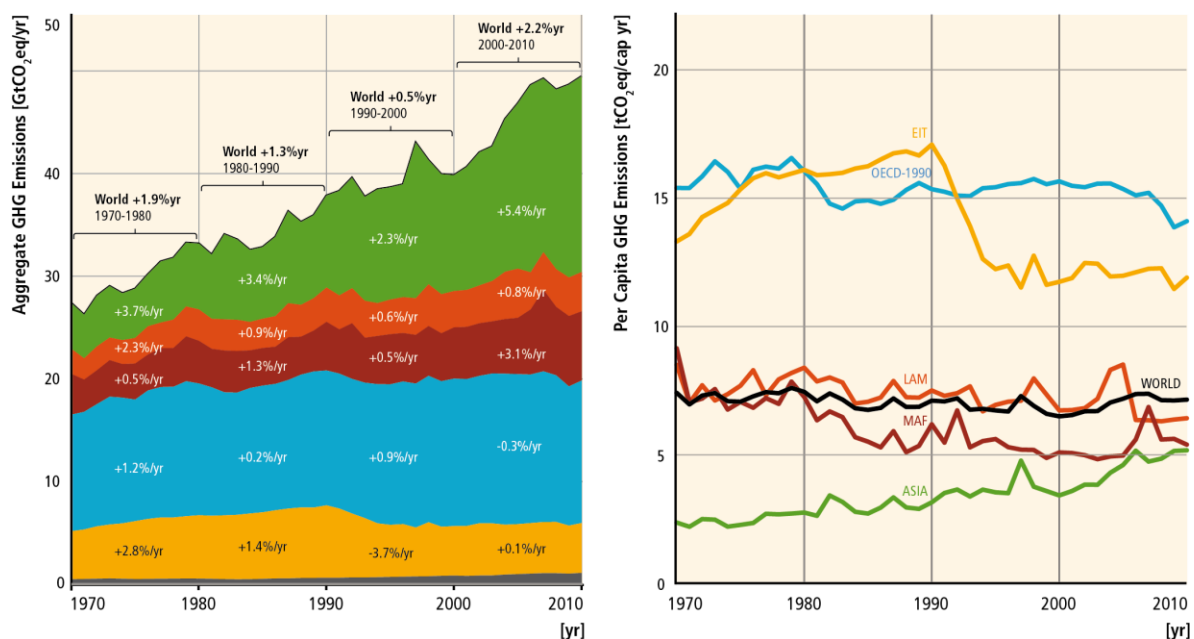
9 **5.2.1 Sectoral and regional trends in GHG emissions**

10 Between 1970 and 2010, GWP-weighted territorial global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions increased
11 from 28 to 49 GtCO₂eq, an 80% increase (Figure 5.2). Total GHG emissions increased by 8 GtCO₂eq
12 over the 1970s, 6 GtCO₂eq over the 1980s, and by 2 GtCO₂ over the 1990s, estimated as linear
13 trends. Emissions growth accelerated in the 2000s for an increase of 10 GtCO₂eq. The annualized
14 GHG growth rate over these decadal periods was 2.5%, 1.5%, 0.7%, and 2.3%. The main regional
15 changes underlying these global trends were the reduction in GHG emissions in the EIT region
16 starting in the 1990s and the rapid increase in GHG emissions in developing Asia in the 2000s.
17 Emissions values in section 5.2 are from EDGAR (JRC/PBL, 2013) unless otherwise noted. As in
18 previous assessments, the EDGAR inventory is used because it provides the only consistent and
19 comprehensive estimate of global emissions over the last 40 years. EDGAR emissions estimates for
20 specific compounds are compared to other results in the literature below.

21 Similar trends were seen for fossil CO₂ emissions, where a longer record exists. The absolute growth
22 rate over the last decade was 8 GtCO₂/decade, which was higher than at any point in history (Boden
23 et al., 2012). The relative growth rate for per-capita CO₂ emissions over the last decade, is still
24 smaller than the per-capita growth rates at previous points in history, such as during the post-World
25 War II economic expansion. Absolute rates of CO₂ emissions growth, however, are higher than in the
26 past due to an overall expansion of the global economy due to population growth.

27 Carbon dioxide (CO₂) is the largest component of anthropogenic GHG emissions (Figure 1.3). CO₂ is
28 released during the combustion of fossil fuels such as coal, oil and gas as well as the production of
29 cement (Houghton, 2007). In 2010, CO₂, including net land-use change emissions, comprised over
30 75% of 100-year GWP weighted anthropogenic GHG emissions (Figure 1.3). Between 1970-2010,
31 global anthropogenic fossil CO₂ emissions more than doubled, while CH₄ and N₂O each increased by
32 about 45%, although there is evidence that CH₄ emissions may not have increased over recent
33 decades (see Section 5.2.3). Fluorinated gases, which represented about 0.4% in 1970, increased to
34 comprise 2% of GHG emissions in 2010. Some anthropogenic influences on climate, such as
35 chlorofluorocarbons and aviation contrails, are not discussed in this section, but are assessed in the
36 IPCC WG I report (Boucher and Randall, 2013; Hartmann et al., 2013). Forcing from aerosols and
37 ozone precursor compounds are considered in the next section.

38 Following general practice (e.g. UNFCCC), 100-year GWPs from the IPCC second assessment report
39 (Schimel et al. 1996) are used as the index for converting GHG emissions to common units of CO₂
40 equivalent emissions in this section. There is no unique method of comparing trends for different
41 climate forcing agents. A change to 20 or 500 year GWP values would change the trends by ±6% (see
42 discussion of metrics in Chapter 3). Similarly, use of updated AR4 or AR5 GWPs, which change values
43 by a smaller amount, would not change the overall conclusions in this section. The largest absolute
44 impact of a change in index values is on the weight given to methane, whose emission trends are
45 particularly uncertain (Section 5.2.3; (Kirschke et al., 2013)).



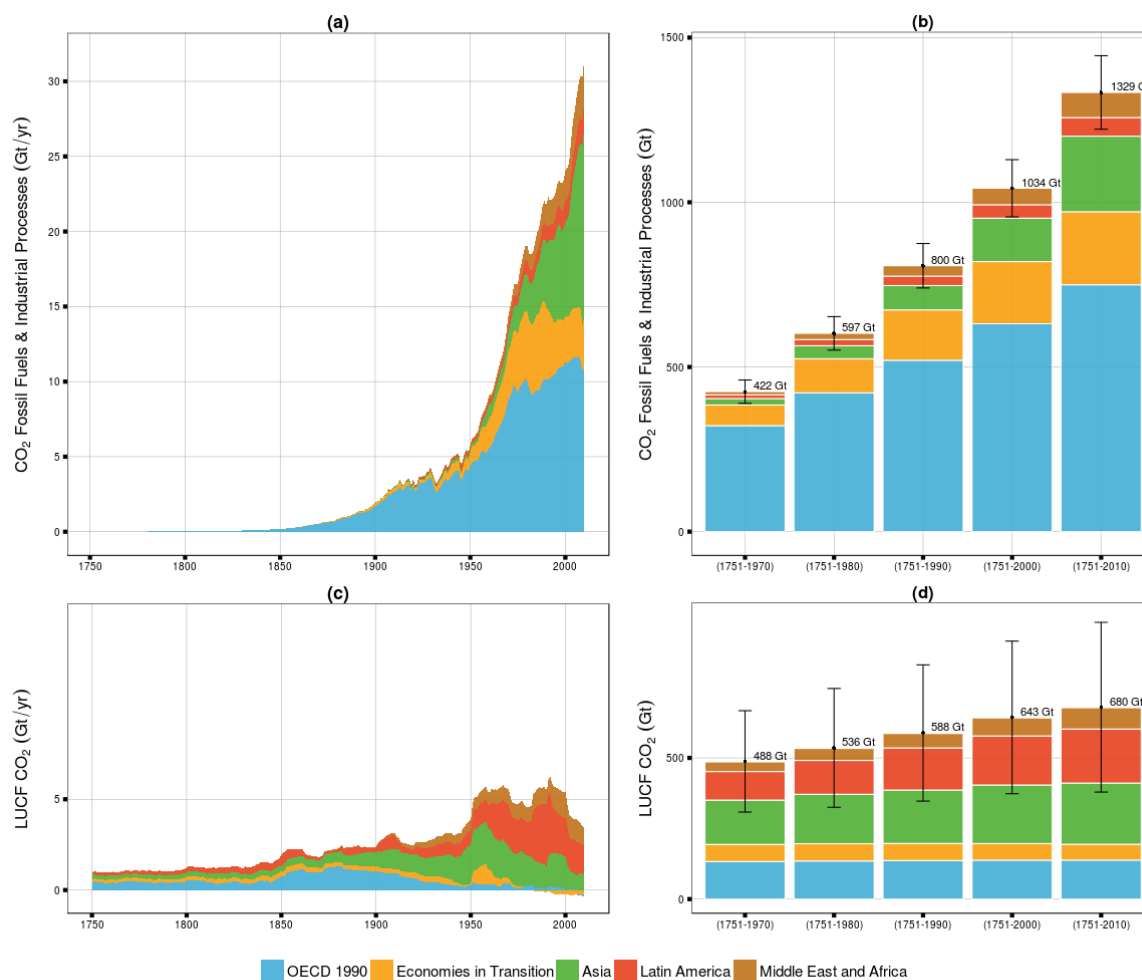
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2 **Figure 5.2.** Left panel: GHG emissions per region (territorial, see Section 5.5.1) over 1970-2010,
3 including fossil, agriculture and land-use/land-use change sectors, aggregated using 100-year GWP
4 values. Right panel: The same data presented as per-capita GHG emissions. (JRC/PBL, 2012).

5 Global per-capita GHG emissions (Figure 5.2b) have shown little trend over the last 40 years. The
6 most noticeable regional trend over the last two decades in terms of per-capita GHG emissions is the
7 increase in the developing ASIA region. Per-capita emissions in regions other than EIT were fairly flat
8 until the last several years when per-capita emissions have decreased slightly in OECD-1990 and
9 LAM.

10 Fossil CO₂ emissions have grown substantially over the past two centuries (Figure 5.3-left). Fossil
11 carbon dioxide emissions over 2002-2011 were estimated at $30 \pm 8\%$ GtCO₂/yr (Andres et al., 2012),
12 (90% confidence interval). Emissions in the 2000s as compared to 1990s were higher in all regions,
13 except for EIT, and the rate of increase was largest in ASIA. The increase in developing countries is
14 due to an industrialization process that historically has been energy intensive; a pattern similar to
15 what the current OECD countries experienced before 1970. The figure also shows a shift in relative
16 contribution. The 1990 OECD countries contributed most to the pre-1970 emissions, but in 2010 the
17 developing countries and Asia in particular, make up the major share of emissions.

18 Fossil CO₂ emissions made up the largest share (80%) of the emissions increase between 2000 and
19 2010. In 2011 fossil CO₂ emissions were 3% higher than in 2010, taking the average of estimates
20 from JRC/PBL (Olivier et al., 2013), EIA, and CDIAC (Macknick, 2011). Preliminary estimates for 2012
21 indicate that emissions growth has slowed, to 1.4% (Olivier et al., 2013) or 2% (BP, 2013) as
22 compared to 2012.

23 Land-use change (LUC) emissions are highly uncertain, with emissions over 2002-2011 estimated to
24 be $3.3 \pm 50\text{-}75\%$ GtCO₂/yr (Ciais et al., 2013). One estimate of land-use change emissions by region is
25 shown in Figure 5.3b, (Houghton et al., 2012), disaggregated into sub-regions using (Houghton,
26 2008) and extended to 1750 using regional trends from (Pongratz et al., 2009). LUC emissions were
27 comparable to or greater than fossil emissions for much of the last two centuries, but are of order
28 10% of fossil emissions by 2010. LUC emissions appear to be declining over the last decade, with
29 some regions showing net carbon uptake, although estimates do not agree on the rate or magnitude
30 of these changes (Figure 11.6). Uncertainty estimates in Figure 5.3 follow Le Quere et. al ((Le Quéré
31 et al., 2012)) and WG I (Ciais et al., 2013).



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 2 **Figure 5.3.** (a) Historic fossil CO₂ emissions per region (territorial, (Boden et al., 2012)). (c) An
 3 illustrative estimate of historical land-use change emissions (Houghton et al., 2012). (b) and (d) show
 4 cumulative emissions over selected time periods by region. Whisker lines give an indication of the
 5 range of emission results.

6 Cumulative CO₂ emissions, which are a rough measure of the impact of past emissions on
 7 atmospheric concentrations, are also shown in Figure 5.3. About half of cumulative fossil CO₂
 8 emissions to 2010 were from the OECD-1990 region, 20% from the EIT region, 15% from the Asia
 9 region, and the remainder from LAM, Middle East, Africa, and international shipping (not
 10 shown). The cumulative contribution of LUC emissions was similar to that of fossil fuels until the late
 11 20th century. By the 2010, however, cumulative fossil emissions are nearly twice that of cumulative
 12 LUC emissions. Note that the figures for LUC are illustrative, and are much more uncertain than the
 13 estimates of fossil CO₂ emissions. Cumulative fossil CO₂ emissions to 2011 are estimated to be 1340
 14 ± 110 GtCO₂/year, while cumulative land-use change emissions are 660 ± 290 GtCO₂/year (WG I
 15 Table 6.1). Cumulative uncertainties are, conservatively, estimated across time periods with 100%
 16 correlation across years. Cumulative per capita emissions are another method of presenting
 17 emissions in the context of examining historical responsibility (see Chapters 3 and 13; (Teng et al.,
 18 2011)).

19 Methane (CH₄) is the 2nd most important greenhouse gas, although its apparent impact in these
 20 figures is sensitive to the index used to convert to CO₂ equivalents (see Chapter 3). Methane
 21 emissions are due to a wide range of anthropogenic activities including the production and transport

1 of fossil fuels, livestock and rice cultivation, and the decay of organic waste in solid waste landfills.
2 The 2005 estimate of methane emissions from JRC/PBL (2013) of 7.3 GtCO₂eq is 7% higher than the
3 6.8 GtCO₂eq estimates of (US EPA, 2012) and (Höglund-Isaksson et al., 2012), which is well within an
4 estimated 20% uncertainty (Section 5.2.3).

5 The third most important anthropogenic greenhouse gas is nitrous oxide (N₂O) that is emitted
6 during agricultural and industrial activities as well as during combustion and human waste disposal.
7 Current estimates are that about 40% of total N₂O emissions are anthropogenic. The 2005 estimate
8 of N₂O emissions from JRC/PBL ((JRC/PBL, 2013)) of 3.0 GtCO₂eq is 12% lower than the 3.4 GtCO₂
9 estimate of US EPA ((US EPA, 2012)), which is well within an estimated 30% to 90% uncertainty
10 (Section 5.2.3).

11 In addition to CO₂, CH₄ and N₂O, the fluorinated gases (“F-gases”) are also greenhouse gases and
12 include hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons, and sulphur hexafluoride. These gases, sometimes
13 referred to as High Global Warming Potential gases (“High GWP gases”), are typically emitted in
14 smaller quantities from a variety of industrial processes. Hydrofluorocarbons are mostly used as
15 substitutes for ozone-depleting substances (i.e., CFCs, HCFCs, and halons). Emissions uncertainty for
16 these gases varies, although for those gases with known atmospheric lifetimes, atmospheric
17 measurements can be inverted to obtain an estimate of total global emissions. Overall, the
18 uncertainty in global F-gas emissions have been estimated to be 20% ((UNEP, 2012), appendix),
19 although atmospheric inversions constrain emissions to lower uncertainty levels in some cases
20 (Section 5.2.3).

21 GHGs are emitted from many societal activities, with global emissions from the energy sector
22 consistently increasing the most each decade over the last 40 years (Figure 5.18). A notable change
23 over the last decade is large growth in emissions from the industrial sector, the second highest
24 growth by sector over this period. Subsequent sections of this chapter describe the main trends and
25 drivers associated with these activities and prospects for future mitigation options.

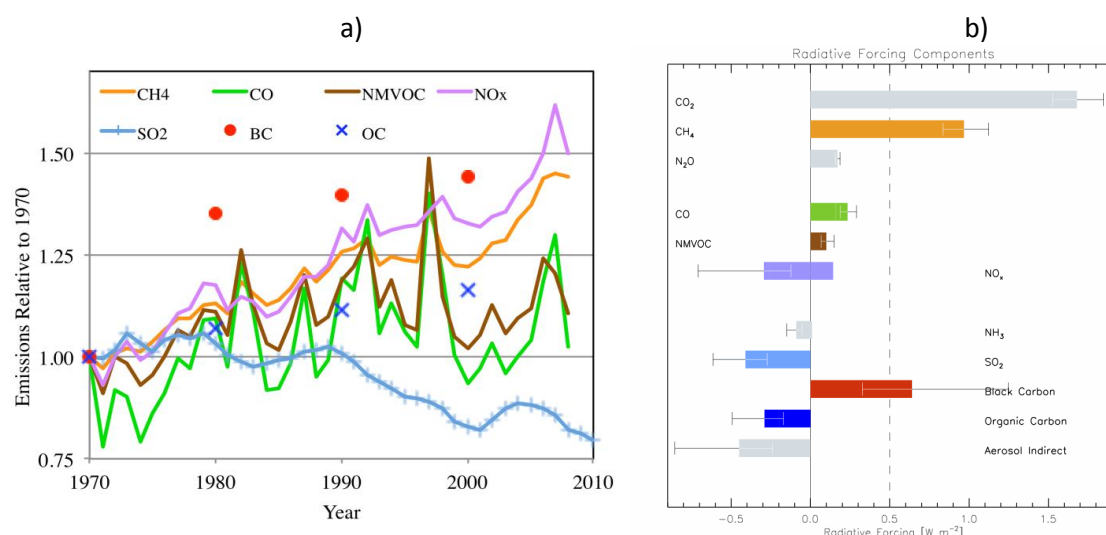
26 **5.2.2 Trends in Aerosols and Aerosol/Tropospheric Ozone Precursors**

27 In addition greenhouse gases, aerosols and tropospheric ozone also contribute to trends in climate
28 forcing. Because these forcing agents are shorter lived and heterogeneous, their impact on climate is
29 not discussed in terms of concentrations, but instead in terms of radiative forcing, which is the
30 change in the radiative energy budget of the Earth (Myhre et al., 2014)(Myhre et al., 2014)(Myhre et
31 al., 2014). A positive forcing, such as that due to increases in GHGs, tends to warm the system while
32 a negative forcing represents a cooling effect. Trends for the relevant emissions are shown in the
33 Figure 5.4.

34 Aerosols contribute a net negative, but uncertain, radiative forcing (IPCC, 2007; Myhre et al., 2014)
35 estimated to total -0.90 W/m² (5-95% range: -1.9 to -0.1 W/m²). Trends in atmospheric aerosol
36 loading, and the associated radiative forcing, are influenced primarily by trends in primary aerosol,
37 black carbon (BC) and organic carbon (OC), and precursor emissions (primarily SO₂), although trends
38 in climate and land-use also impact these forcing agents.

39 Sulphur dioxide (SO₂) is the largest anthropogenic source of aerosols, and is emitted by fossil fuel
40 combustion, metal smelting and other industrial processes. Global sulphur emissions peaked in the
41 1970s, and have generally decreased since then. Uncertainty in global SO₂ emissions over this period
42 is estimated to be relatively low (±10%), although regional uncertainty can be higher (Smith et al.,
43 2011).

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3 **Figure 5.4. a)** Global trends for air pollutant and methane emissions from anthropogenic and open
 4 burning, normalized to 1970 values. Short-timescale variability, in CO and NMVOC in particular, is
 5 due to grassland and forest burning. Data sources: EDGAR (JRC/PBL, 2012), except for SO₂ (Smith
 6 et al., 2011);(Klimont et al., 2013a), and BC/OC (Lamarque et al., 2010). **b)** Contribution of each
 7 emission species in terms of top of the atmosphere radiative forcing (adapted from (Myhre et al.,
 8 2014), Figure 8.17). The aerosol indirect effect is shown separately as there is uncertainty as to the
 9 contribution of each species. Species not included in the left panel are shown in grey (included for
 10 reference).

11 A recent update of carbonaceous (BC & OC) aerosol emissions trends (black and organic carbon)
 12 found an increase from 1970 through 2000, with a particularly notable increase in black carbon
 13 emissions from 1970 to 1980 (Lamarque et al., 2010). A recent assessment indicates that BC and OC
 14 emissions may be underestimated (Bond et al., 2013). These emissions are highly sensitive to
 15 combustion conditions, which results in a large uncertainty (+100%/-50% - (Bond et al., 2007)).
 16 Global emissions from 2000 to 2010 have not yet been estimated, but will depend on the trends in
 17 driving forces such as residential coal and biofuel use, which are poorly quantified, and petroleum
 18 consumption for transport, but also changes in technology characteristics and the implementation of
 19 emission reduction technologies.

20 Because of the large uncertainty in aerosol forcing effects, the trend in aerosol forcing over the last
 21 two decades is not clear (Shindell et al., 2013).

22 Tropospheric ozone contributes a positive forcing and is formed by chemical reactions in the
 23 atmosphere. Ozone concentrations are impacted by a variety of emissions, including methane,
 24 nitrogen oxides (NO_x), carbon monoxide (CO), and volatile organic hydrocarbons (VOC) (Myhre et al.,
 25 2014). Global emissions of ozone precursor compounds are also thought to have increased over the
 26 last four decades. Global uncertainty has not been quantified for these emissions. An uncertainty of
 27 10-20% for 1990 NO_x emissions has been estimated in various European countries (Schöpp et al.,
 28 2005).

29 5.2.3 Emissions Uncertainty

30 5.2.3.1 Methods for emissions uncertainty estimation

31 There are multiple methods of estimating emissions uncertainty (Marland et al., 2009), although
 32 almost all methods include an element of expert judgement. The traditional uncertainty estimation
 33 method, which compares emissions estimates to independent measurements, fails because of a
 34 mismatch in spatial and temporal scales. The data required for emission estimates, ranging from
 35 emission factors to fuel consumption data, originate from multiple sources that rarely have well
 36 characterized uncertainties. A potentially useful input to uncertainty estimates is a comparison of

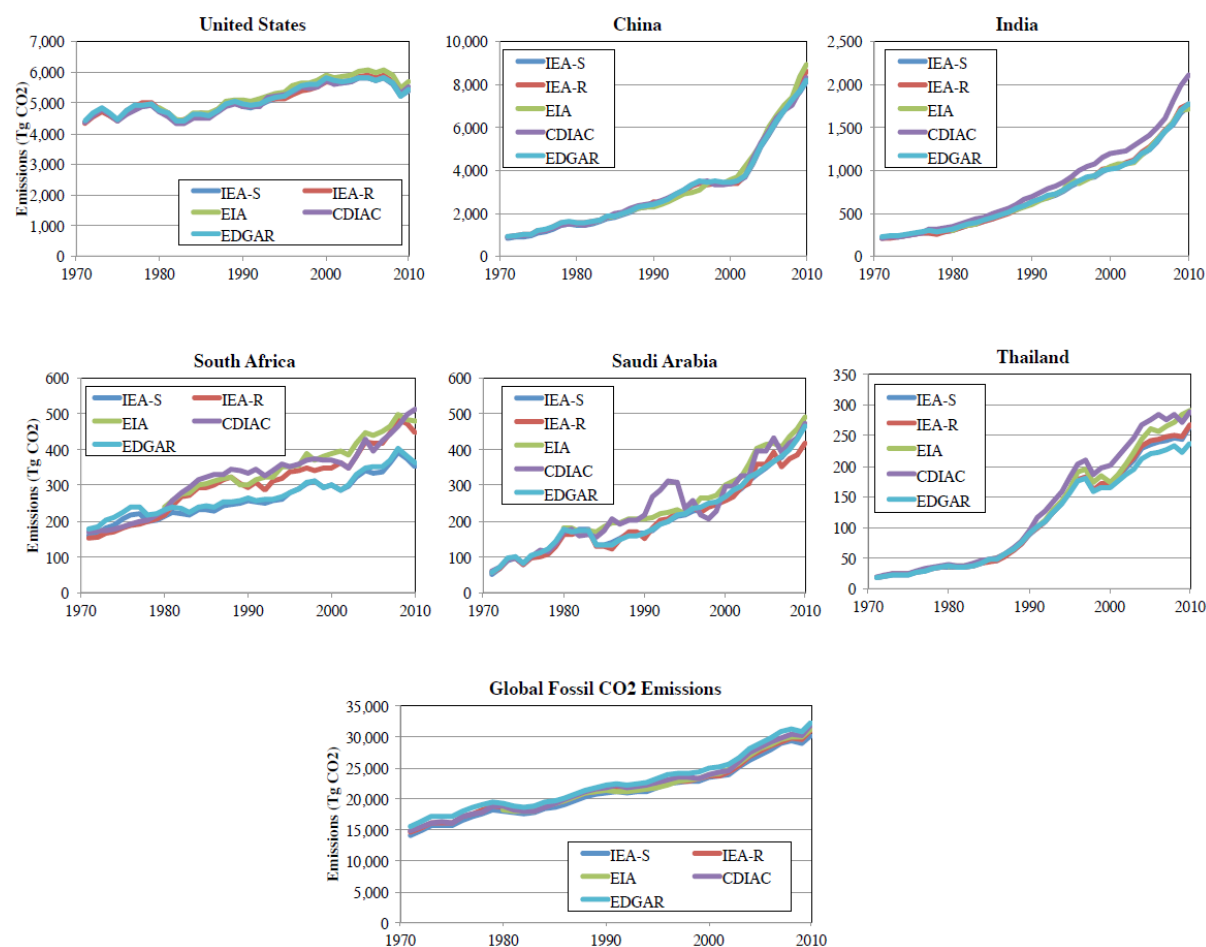
1 somewhat independent estimates of emissions, ideally over time, although care must be taken to
2 assure that data cover the same source categories (Macknick, 2011; Andres et al., 2012). Formal
3 uncertainty propagation can be useful as well (UNEP, 2012)(Elzen et al., 2013) although one poorly
4 constrained element of such analysis is the methodology for aggregating uncertainty between
5 regions. Uncertainties in this section are presented as 5-95% confidence intervals, with values from
6 the literature converted to this range where necessary assuming a Gaussian uncertainty distribution.

7 Total GHG emissions from EDGAR as presented here are up to 5-10% lower over 1970-2004 than the
8 earlier estimates presented in AR4 (IPCC, 2007). The lower values here are largely due to lower
9 estimates of land-use change CO₂ emissions (by 0-50%) and N₂O emissions (by 20-40%) and fossil
10 CO₂ emissions (by 0-5%). These differences in these emissions are expected within the uncertainty
11 ranges estimated for these emission categories.

12 **5.2.3.2 Fossil carbon dioxide emissions uncertainty**

13 Carbon dioxide emissions from fossil fuels and cement production are considered to have relatively
14 low uncertainty, with global uncertainty recently assessed to be 10% (Andres et al., 2012).
15 Uncertainties in fossil-fuel CO₂ emissions arise from uncertainty in fuel combustion or other activity
16 data and uncertainties in emission factors, as well as assumptions for combustion completeness and
17 non-combustion uses. Default uncertainty estimates (2 standard deviations) suggested by the IPCC
18 (2006) for fossil fuel combustion emission factors are lower for fuels that have relatively uniform
19 properties (-3%/+5% for motor gasoline, -2%/+1% for gas/diesel oil) and higher for fuels with more
20 diverse properties (-15%/+18% petroleum coke, -10%/+14% for Lignite). Some emissions factors
21 used by country inventories, however, differ from the suggested defaults by amounts that are
22 outside the stated uncertainty range because of local fuel practices (Olivier et al., 2011). In a study
23 examining power plant emissions in the United States, measured CO₂ emissions were an average of
24 5% higher than calculated emissions, with larger deviations for individual plants (Ackerman and
25 Sundquist, 2008). A comparison of five different fossil fuel CO₂ emissions datasets, harmonized to
26 cover most of the same sources (fossil fuel, cement, bunker fuels, gas flaring) shows $\pm 4\%$ differences
27 over the last three decades (Macknick, 2011). Uncertainty in underlying energy production and
28 consumption statistics, which are drawn from similar sources for existing emission estimates, will
29 contribute further to uncertainty (Gregg et al., 2008; Guan et al., 2012).

30 Uncertainty in fossil CO₂ emissions increases at the country level (Marland et al., 1999; Macknick,
31 2011; Andres et al., 2012), with differences between estimates of up to 50%. Figure 5.4 compares
32 five estimates of fossil CO₂ emissions for several countries. For some countries the estimates agree
33 well while for others more substantial differences exist. A high level of agreement between
34 estimates, however, can arise due to similar assumptions and data sources and does not necessarily
35 imply an equally low level of uncertainty. Note that differences in treatment of biofuels and
36 international bunker fuels at the country level can contribute to differences seen in this comparison.



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 2 **Figure 5.5.** Upper panel: five estimates of fossil CO₂ emissions for the three countries with the largest
 3 emissions (and complete time series). Middle panel: the three countries with the largest percentage
 4 variation between estimates. Lower panel: global emissions (TgCO₂). Emissions data are harmonized
 5 data from Macknick (Macknick, 2011)(downloaded Sept 2013) and JRC/PBL (JRC/PBL, 2013), and
 6 include fossil fuel combustion, cement production, and gas flaring. Note that the vertical scales differ
 7 significantly between plots.

8 5.2.3.3 Other GHGs and non-fossil fuel CO₂

9 Uncertainty is particularly large for sources without a simple relationship to activity factors, such as
 10 emissions from land-use change (Houghton et al., 2012); see also CH11 for a comprehensive
 11 discussion), fugitive emissions of CH₄ and fluorinated gases (Hayhoe et al., 2002), biogenic emissions
 12 of CH₄ and N₂O, and gas flaring (Macknick, 2011). Formally estimating uncertainty for land-use
 13 change emissions is difficult because a number of relevant processes are not characterized well
 14 enough to be included in estimates (Houghton et al., 2012).

15 Methane emissions are more uncertain than carbon dioxide, with fewer global estimates (EDGAR,
 16 2012; US EPA, 2012; Höglund-Isaksson et al., 2012). The relationship between emissions and activity
 17 levels for methane are highly variable, leading to greater uncertainty in emission estimates. Leakage
 18 rates, for example, depend on equipment design, environmental conditions, and maintenance
 19 procedures. Emissions from anaerobic decomposition (ruminants, rice, landfill) also are dependent
 20 on environmental conditions.

21 Nitrogen oxide emission factors are also heterogeneous, leading to large uncertainty. Bottom-up
 22 (inventory) estimates of uncertainty of 25% (UNEP, 2012) are smaller than the uncertainty of 60%
 23 estimated by constraining emissions with atmospheric concentration observation and estimates of
 24 removal rates (Ciais et al., 2013).

1 Unlike CO₂, CH₄, and N₂O, most fluorinated gases are purely anthropogenic in origin, simplifying
2 estimates. Bottom up emissions, however, depend on assumed rates of leakage, for example from
3 refrigeration units. Emissions can be estimated using concentration data together with inverse
4 modelling techniques, resulting in global uncertainties of ±6-11% for HCFC-22 (Saikawa et al., 2012),
5 20-80% for various perfluorocarbons (Ivy et al., 2012), and 8-11% for SF₆ (Rigby et al., 2010).

6 **5.2.3.4 Total GHG uncertainty**

7 Estimated uncertainty ranges for greenhouse gases range from relatively low for fossil fuel CO₂
8 (±8%), to intermediate values for CH₄ and the F-gases (±20%), to higher values for N₂O (±60%) and
9 net land-use change CO₂ (50-75%). Few estimates of total GHG uncertainty exist, and it should be
10 noted that any such estimates are contingent on the index used to convert emissions to CO₂
11 equivalent values. The uncertainty estimates quoted here are also not time dependent. In reality,
12 the most recent data is generally more uncertain due to the preliminary nature of much of the
13 information used to calculate estimates. Data for historical periods can also be more uncertain due
14 to less extensive data collection infrastructure and the lack of emission factor measurements for
15 technologies no longer in use. Uncertainty can also change over time due to changes in regional and
16 sector contributions.

17 An illustrative uncertainty estimate of around 10% for total GHG emissions can be obtained by
18 combining the uncertainties for each gas assuming complete independence (which may
19 underestimate actual uncertainty). An estimate of 7.5% (90% percentile range) was provided by the
20 UNEP Gap Report ((UNEP, 2012), appendix), which is lower largely due to a lower uncertainty for
21 fossil CO₂.

22 **5.2.3.5 SO₂ and aerosols**

23 Uncertainties in SO₂ and carbonaceous aerosol (BC and OC) emissions have been estimated by Smith
24 et al. ((Smith et al., 2011)) and Bond et al. ((Bond et al., 2004, 2007)). SO₂ emissions uncertainty at
25 the global level is relatively low because uncertainties in fuel sulphur content are not well correlated
26 between regions. Uncertainty at the regional level ranges up to 35%. Uncertainties in carbonaceous
27 aerosol emissions, in contrast, are high at both regional and global scales due to fundamental
28 uncertainty in emission factors. Carbonaceous aerosol emissions are highly state-dependent, with
29 emissions factors that can vary by over an order of magnitude depending on combustion conditions
30 and emission controls. A recent assessment indicated that black carbon emissions may be
31 substantially underestimated (Bond et al., 2013), supporting the literature estimates of high
32 uncertainty for these emissions.

33 **5.2.3.6 Uncertainties in emission trends**

34 For global fossil CO₂, the increase over the last and previous decades was larger than estimated
35 uncertainties in annual emissions, meaning that the trend of increasing emissions is robust.
36 Uncertainties can, however, impact the trends of fossil emissions of specific countries if increases
37 are less rapid and uncertainties are sufficiently high.

38 Quantification of uncertainties is complicated by uncertainties not only in annual uncertainty
39 determinations but also by potential year-to-year uncertainty correlations (Ballantyne et al., 2010,
40 2012). For fossil CO₂, these correlations are most closely tied to fuel use estimates, an integral part
41 of the fossil CO₂ emission calculation. For other emissions, errors in other drivers or emission factors
42 may have their own temporal trends as well. Without explicit temporal uncertainty considerations,
43 the true emission trends may deviate slightly from the estimated ones.

44 In contrast to fossil-fuel emissions, uncertainties in global land-use change emissions are sufficiently
45 high to make trends over recent decades uncertain in direction and magnitude (see also CH11).

46 While two global inventories both indicate that anthropogenic methane emissions have increased
47 over the last three decades, a recent assessment combining atmospheric measurements, inventories,

1 and modelling concluded that anthropogenic methane emissions are likely to have been flat or have
2 declined over this period (Kirschke et al., 2013). The EDGAR inventory estimates a 86 Mt-CH₄ (or
3 30%) increase over 1980-2010 and the EPA (2012) historical estimate has a 26 Mt-CH₄ increase from
4 1990-2005 (with a further 18 Mt-CH₄ projected increase to 2010). Kirschke et al ((Kirschke et al.,
5 2013)) derive either a 5 Mt increase or a net 15 Mt decrease over this period, which indicates the
6 inventories may be overestimating the increase in anthropogenic methane emissions. These results
7 suggest that estimates of methane emission uncertainties of 20% (UNEP, 2012; Kirschke et al., 2013)
8 for anthropogenic emissions may be too low, since the differences in trend between inventories and
9 the inversion synthesis are of this magnitude.

10 Overall, global sulphur dioxide emissions have decreased over the last two decades, decreasing
11 again in recent years following an increase from about 2000 to 2005 (Klimont et al., 2013a). Global
12 trends in carbonaceous aerosols over the past decade have not been estimated, however BC and OC
13 emissions from fuel combustion in China and India were estimated to have increased over 2000 to
14 2010 (Lu et al., 2011).

15 **5.2.3.7 Uncertainties in consumption-based CO₂ emission accounts**

16 Consumption-based CO₂ emission accounts reallocate part of the territorial CO₂ emissions associated
17 with the production of exports to the countries where they are eventually consumed (Peters, 2008;
18 Minx et al., 2009). Different techniques and assumptions have been applied in modelling
19 consumption-based CO₂ emissions including: aggregation or disaggregation of production sectors
20 (Lenzen, 2011; Lindner et al., 2012, 2013); consideration of price and deflation effects
21 (Dietzenbacher and Hoen, 1998; Dietzenbacher and Wagener, 1999); use of balancing techniques for
22 data discrepancies (Rey et al., 2004; Lenzen et al., 2009, 2010); simplifying multi-regional input-
23 output models (Nansai et al., 2009a); and use of domestic production structure as a proxy for
24 imports (Suh, 2005). Application of different models and assumptions results in different estimates
25 between consumption-based CO₂ emissions, direct comparisons of which remains as a large gap in
26 the literature.

27 Uncertainties in consumption-based emission accounts arise from various sources (Lenzen et al.,
28 2010) including : (1) uncertainty in the territorial-emission estimates (see previous sections), (2)
29 uncertainties in input-output and international trade statistics (Lenzen et al., 2010), and (3)
30 uncertainties in the definitions, level of aggregation, and assumptions underlying the model (Peters
31 and Solli, 2010; Kanemoto et al., 2012; Andres et al., 2012).

32 There has been little quantitative analysis of this at the global level, with only a few comparisons
33 across different versions of the same dataset (Andrew and Peters, 2013) and direct comparisons
34 between studies (Andres et al., 2012). However, there have been detailed studies at the country
35 level (Lenzen et al., 2010) and many of the mechanisms of uncertainty are understood.

36 The few quantitative studies on the uncertainty and model spread in global analyses confirm that
37 the uncertainty in consumption-based emissions are larger than territorial emissions, though trends
38 over time are likely to be robust (Andres et al., 2012). The uncertainty in territorial emission
39 estimates is a key driver for the uncertainty in consumption-based emissions, and differences in
40 definition and system boundaries can lead to important differences (Peters and Solli, 2010). A
41 detailed assessment of the uncertainty due to different supply chain models is lacking, and this
42 remains a large gap in the literature. Based on model comparisons, particularly for large countries or
43 regions, the uncertainties may be less important than the uncertainties in territorial emission
44 estimates used as input.

1 5.3 Key drivers of global change

2 5.3.1 Drivers of global emissions

3 This Section analyzes drivers of the global trends in GHG emissions that were discussed in Section
4 5.2. In general, drivers are the elements that directly or indirectly contribute to GHG emissions.
5 While there is no general consensus in the literature, some literature distinguish proximate versus
6 underlying or ultimate drivers (see e.g., (Angel et al., 1998; Geist and Lambin, 2002), where
7 proximate drivers are generally the activities that are directly or closely related to the generation of
8 GHGs and underlying or ultimate drivers are the ones that motivate the proximate drivers.

9 Neither is there a unique method to identify the drivers of climate change, nor can they always be
10 objectively defined: human activities manifest themselves through a complex network of
11 interactions, and isolating a clear cause-and-effect of a certain phenomenon purely through the lens
12 of scientific observation is often difficult. Therefore, the term, “driver” may not represent exact
13 “causality” but is used to indicate “association” to provide insights on what constitutes overall
14 changes in global GHG emissions.

15 In the literature, studies recognize various factors as main drivers to GHG emissions including
16 consumption (Morioka and Yoshida, 1995; Munksgaard et al., 2001; Wier et al., 2001; Hertwich and
17 Peters, 2009), international trade (Weber and Matthews, 2007; Peters and Hertwich, 2008; Li and
18 Hewitt, 2008; Yunfeng and Laike, 2010; Peters et al., 2011a; Jakob and Marschinski, 2013),
19 population growth (Ehrlich and Holdren, 1971; O’Neill et al., 2010), economic growth (Grossman and
20 Krueger, 1994; Arrow et al, 1996; Stern et al., 1996; Lim et al., 2009; Blodgett and Parker, 2010;
21 Carson, 2010), structural change to a service economy (Suh, 2006; Nansai et al., 2009b), and energy
22 consumption (Wier, 1998; Malla, 2009; Bolla and Pendolovska, 2011). Each of these topics will be
23 elaborated on beginning in section 5.3.2.

24 Obviously many drivers of GHG emissions are interlinked to each other, and furthermore, many of
25 these drivers can be further decomposed into various subcomponents. For example, transportation
26 emissions is an important driver of increasing GHG emissions globally. But there is a wide regional
27 variation in its significance. Furthermore, the increase in vehicle miles driven per capita or changes in
28 fuel economy of average vehicle fleet can also be referred to as a driver, while these drivers are
29 underlying to the higher-level driver, namely changes to transportation emissions. Therefore drivers
30 to GHG emissions can only be understood in the context of scale, level of detail, and the framework
31 under which the factors contributing to GHG emissions are analyzed.

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2**Box 5.1. IPAT and Kaya decomposition methods**

3 The IPAT (Ehrlich and Holdren, 1971) and Kaya (Kaya, 1990) identities provide to common
 4 frameworks in the literature for analysing emission drivers by decomposing overall changes in GHG
 5 emissions into underlying factors. The Kaya identity is a special case of the more general, IPAT
 6 identity (Ehrlich and Holdren, 1971). The IPAT identity decomposes an impact (I, e.g. total GHG
 7 emission) into population (P), affluence (A, e.g. income per capita) and technology (T, e.g., GHG
 8 emission intensity of production or consumption). The Kaya identity deals with a subset of GHG
 9 emissions, namely CO₂ emissions from fossil fuel combustion, which is the dominant part of the
 10 anthropogenic GHG emissions and their changes at a global level (Figure 5.6). While global GHG
 11 emissions measured in GWP100 have increased in all three categories, namely fossil energy CO₂,
 12 Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use (AFOLU), and the rest over the last four decades, fossil
 13 energy CO₂ dominates the absolute growth of GHG emissions in all regions and the world during the
 14 period.

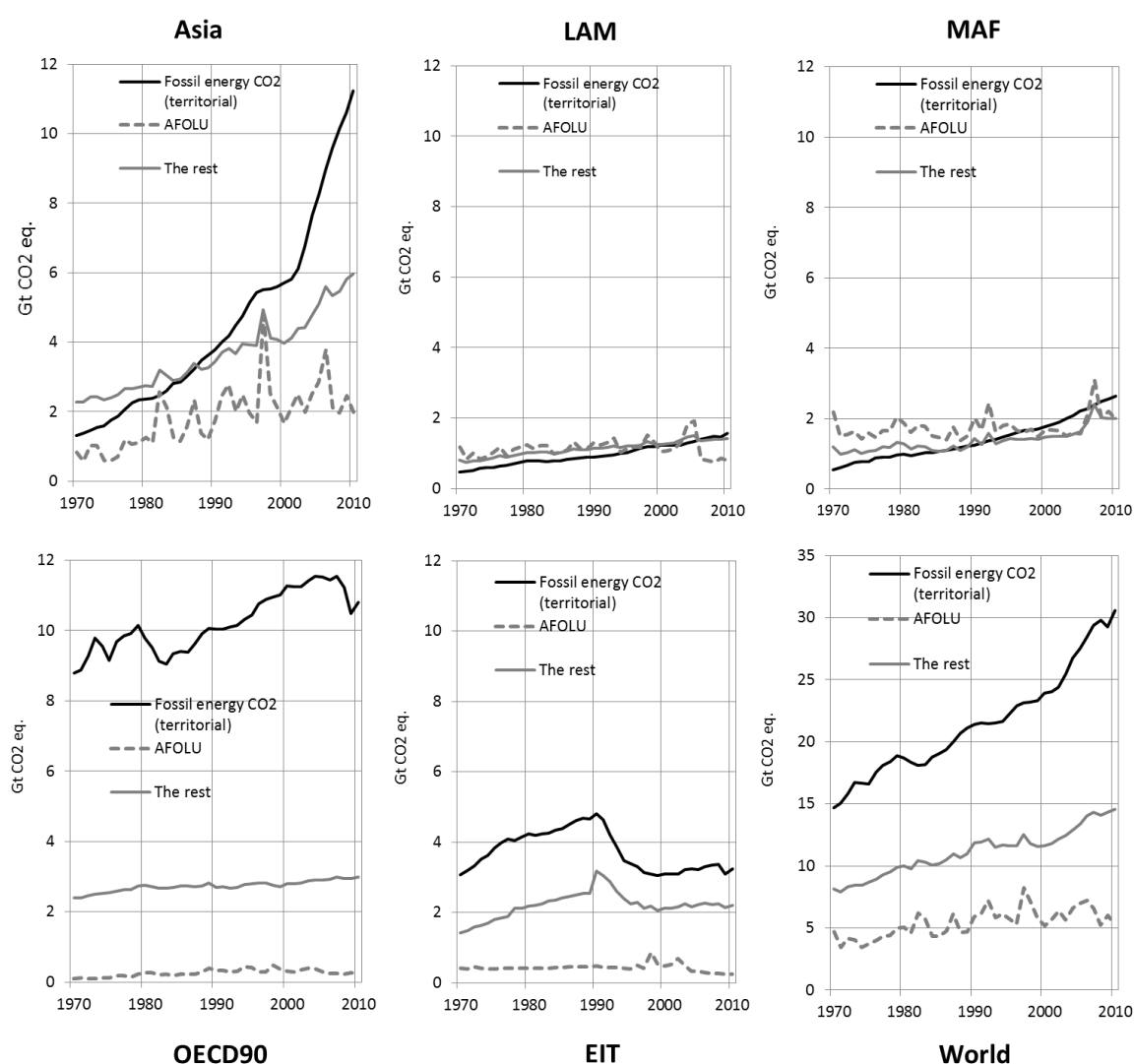
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Figure 5.6. GHG emissions in GWP100 at regional level divided into fossil energy CO₂, AFOLU and the rest (1970 – 2010); note that only the bottom-right panel for the World has a different scale for its vertical axis (created using JRC/PBL (2012)). The direct emission data from JRC/PBL (2012) (see Annex II.8) represents land-based CO₂ emissions from forest and peat fires and decay that approximate to net CO₂ flux from the FOLU (Forestry and Other Land Use) sub-sector. For a more

1 detailed representation of AFOLU GHG flux (Agriculture and FOLU) see Section 11.2 and Figure 11.2
2 and 11.6.

3 Two GHG accounts are distinguished in the literature, namely territorial and consumption accounts
4 (see Box 5.2 for the definition). The Kaya identity for territorial CO₂ emissions can be written as

$$5 \quad (1) \quad \text{Territorial CO}_2 \text{ emission} = \text{populaton} \times \frac{\text{GDP}}{\text{people}} \times \frac{\text{Energy}}{\text{SGDP}} \times \frac{\text{CO}_2 \text{ emission}}{\text{Energy}}$$

6 In other words, CO₂ emission is expressed as a product of four underlying factors: (1) population, (2)
7 per capita GDP (GDP/population), (3) energy intensity of GDP (Energy/GDP) and (4) CO₂ intensity of
8 energy (CO₂ emission/energy) (Raupach et al., 2007; Steckel et al., 2011). Also even simpler
9 decomposition forms can be found in the literature (Raupach et al., 2007). They are obtained when
10 any two or three adjoining factors in the four-factor Kaya identity in equation (1) are merged.. For
11 example, merging energy intensity of GDP and CO₂ intensity of energy into CO₂ intensity of GDP, a
12 three-factor decomposition can be written as:

$$13 \quad (2) \quad \text{Territorial CO}_2 \text{ emission} = \text{population} \times \frac{\text{GDP}}{\text{people}} \times \frac{\text{CO}_2 \text{ emission}}{\text{GDP}}$$

14 Similarly, consumption-based CO₂ emission can be decomposed such that

$$15 \quad (3) \quad \text{Consumption-based CO}_2 \text{ emission} = \text{number of people} \times \frac{\text{SGNE}}{\text{people}} \times \frac{\text{t consumption-based CO}_2 \text{ emission}}{\text{SGNE}}$$

$$16 \quad \text{Consumption-based CO}_2 \text{ emission} = \text{population} \times \frac{\text{GNE}}{\text{people}} \times \frac{\text{consumption-based CO}_2 \text{ emission}}{\text{GNE}}$$

18 In this case, consumption-based CO₂ emissions are decomposed into (1) population, (2) per capita
19 consumption (GNE/people; GNE=Gross National Expenditure) and (3) embodied CO₂ intensity of
20 consumption (consumption-based CO₂ emission/GNE).The Kaya identity can also be expressed as a
21 ratio between two time periods to show relative change in CO₂ emission and its contributing factors
22 (Raupach et al., 2007).

23 5.3.1.1 Key drivers

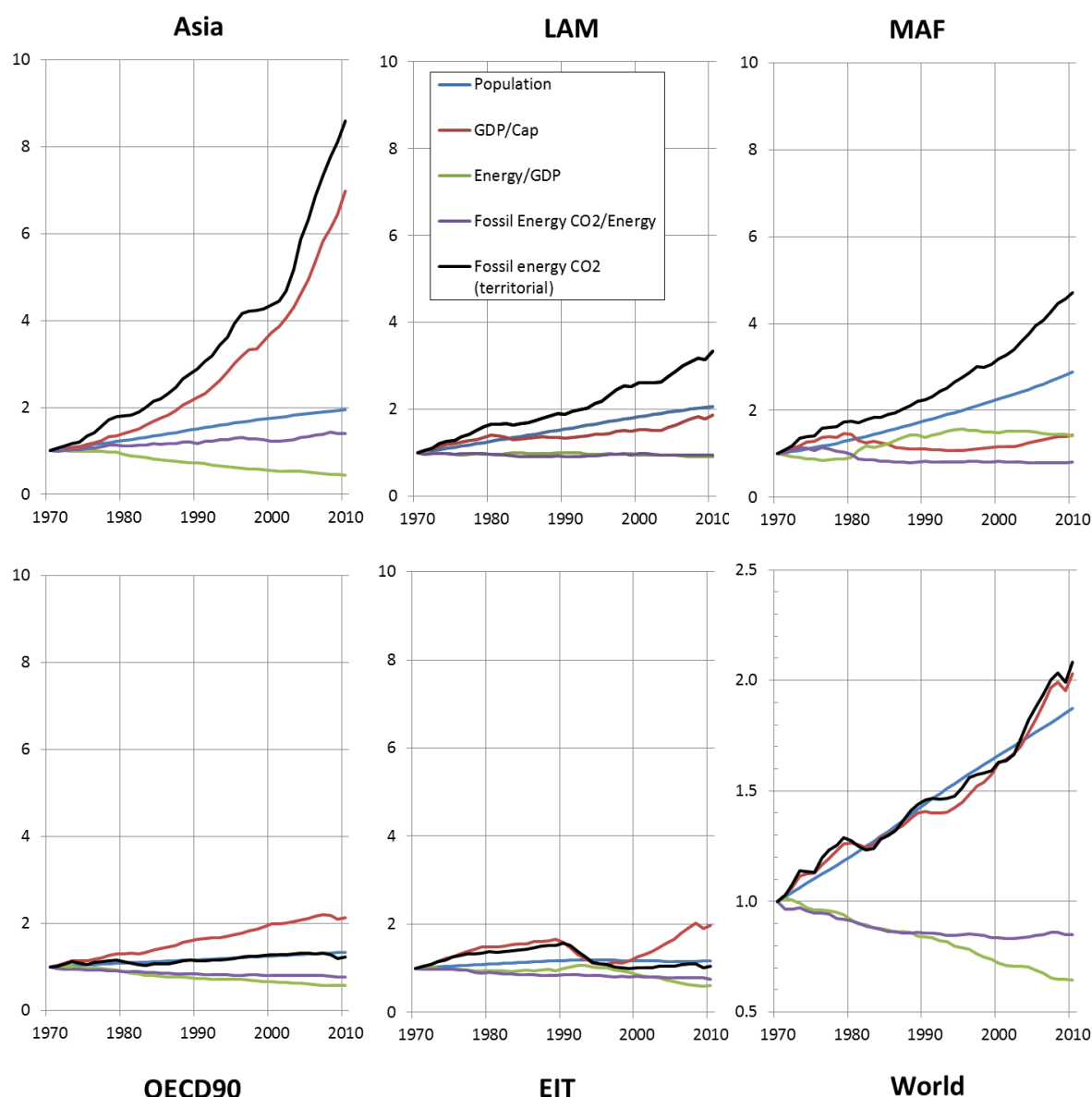
24 Figure 5.6 shows that, globally AFOLU emissions have increased by 12% between 1970 and 2010.
25 AFOLU emissions have been more pronounced in non-OECD-1990 regions and dominate total GHG
26 emissions from Middle East and Africa (MAF) and Latin America (LAM) regions. Major increases in
27 global GHG emission have been, however, associated with CO₂ emissions from fossil energy (+108%
28 between 1970 and 2010), which has been growing more rapidly since the last IPCC Assessment
29 Report (Metz, 2007)

30 Figure 5.3.2 shows this increase in fossil energy CO₂ decomposed into changes in population (+87%),
31 per capita GDP adjusted with Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) (+103%), energy intensity in GDP (-35%)
32 and CO₂ intensity of energy (-15%) between 1970 and 2010. Over the last decade, however, the long
33 trend of decreasing carbon intensity in energy has been broken, and it increased by 1.7%. In short,
34 the improvements in energy intensity of GDP that the world has achieved over the last four decades
35 could not keep up with the continuous growth of global population resulting in a closely
36 synchronous behaviour between GDP per capita and CO₂ emission during the period.

37 At a regional scale, all regions but Asia show 5% to 25% reduction in CO₂ intensity of energy
38 consumption, while Asia increased CO₂ intensity of energy consumption by 44% between 1970 and
39 2010. Energy intensity of GDP declined significantly in the Economies in Transition (EIT), ASIA and
40 OECD-1990 (39% to 55%) and moderately in LAM (9%), while in MAF it increased by 41%. Energy
41 intensity of GDP may increase as an economy enters into an industrialization process, while it
42 generally decreases as the industrialization process matures and as the share of service sector in the

1 economy grows (Nansai et al., 2007; Henriques and Kander, 2010). In all regions, population growth
 2 has been a persistent trend. EIT showed the lowest population growth rate over the last four
 3 decades (16%), whereas MAF marked 188% increase in population during the same period. Asia
 4 gained the most to its population from 1.9 billion to 3.7 billion during the period. Purchasing Power
 5 Parity (PPP) adjusted GDP also grew in all regions ranging from 43% (MAF), about 2 folds (OECD-
 6 1990, EIT and LAM) to a remarkable 6 folds increase (Asia) over the last four decades. In general the
 7 use of PPP-adjusted GDP instead of Market Exchange Rate (MER)-based GDP gives more weight to
 8 developing economies and their GDP growth (Raupach et al., 2007).

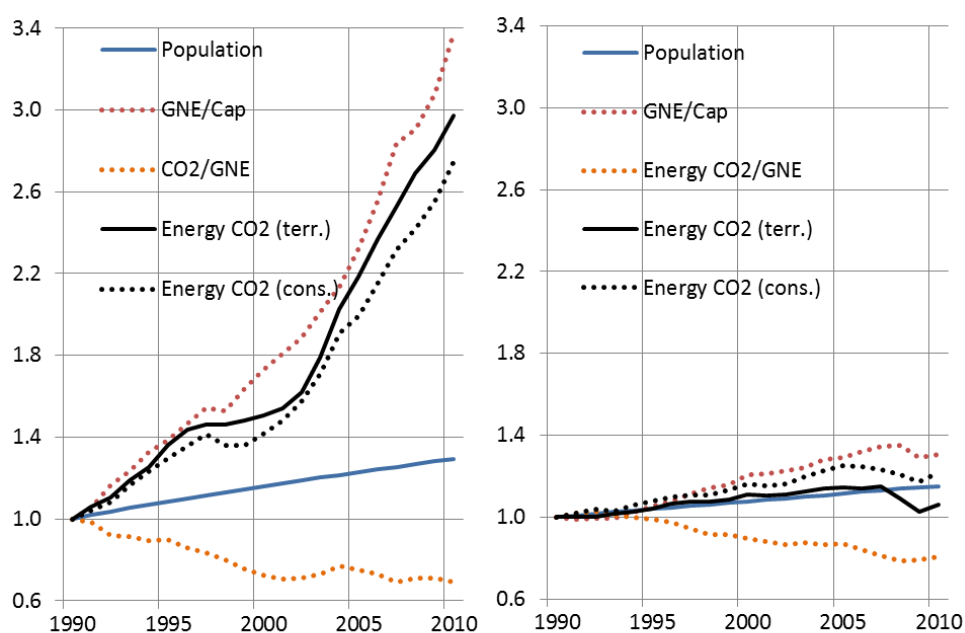
9 In summary, the improvements in energy intensity in GDP over the last four decades could not keep
 10 up with the stable and persistent upward trends in GDP per capita and population. In particular, the
 11 strong growth in GDP per capita in Asia combined with its population growth has been the most
 12 significant factors to the increase in GHG emissions during the period.



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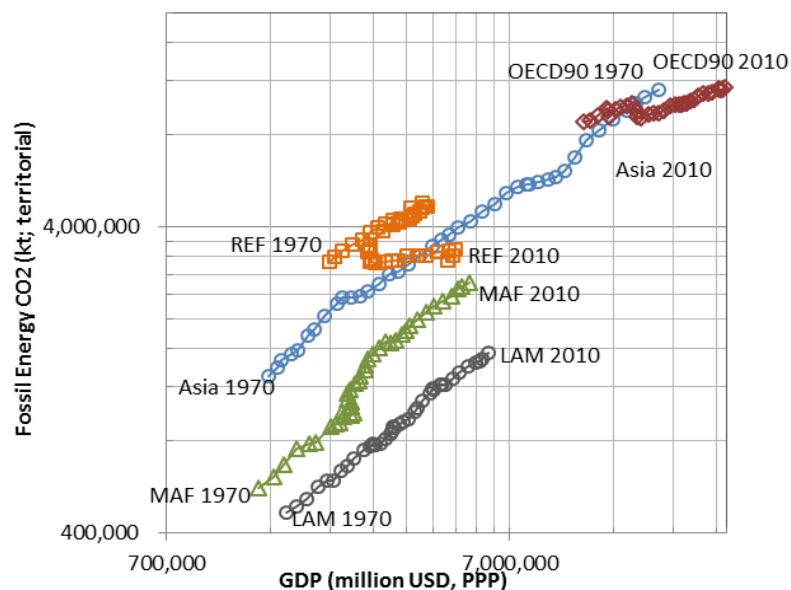
14 **Figure 5.7.** Four factor decomposition of territorial fossil energy CO₂ emission at regional level (1970
 15 – 2010); note that only the bottom-right panel for the World has a different scale for its vertical axis
 16 (created using IEA and JRC/PBL (2012); based on PPP adjusted GDP).

1 Global CO₂ emissions from fossil energy are decomposed into three factors using territorial and
 2 consumption accounts. Figure 5.8 highlights the case of Asia and OECD-1990, where the gap
 3 between the two approaches is largest, over the 1990-2010 period. Based on a territorial accounting,
 4 OECD-1990 increased its CO₂ emissions from fossil energy only by 6% from 1990 to 2010. The
 5 increase in CO₂ emission from fossil energy embodied in consumption by OECD-1990, however, is
 6 more significant (22%) during the period. On the other hand, CO₂ emission embodied in
 7 consumption by Asia increased by 175% during the period, while its territorial emissions increased
 8 by 197% during the period. Increasing international trade played an important role in this result,
 9 which will be elaborated in Section 5.4.



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 11 **Figure 5.8.** Three factor decomposition of consumption-based and territorial fossil energy CO₂
 12 emission for Asia (left) and OECD (right) (1990 – 2010) (JRC/PBL, 2012).

13 The strong correlation between GDP and CO₂ emissions can be identified from the historical
 14 trajectories of CO₂ emissions and GDP (Figure 5.9). Although there are notable exceptions (EIT),
 15 regional CO₂ emission trajectories are closely aligned with the growth in GDP. On average, 1% of
 16 world GDP increase has been associated with 0.39% increase in fossil energy CO₂ emission during the
 17 1970-2010 period. Over the last two decades, however, 1% of world GDP increase has been
 18 accompanied with 0.49% increase in fossil energy CO₂ emission (1990-2010) due largely to the rapid
 19 growth of energy-intensive, Asian economy.



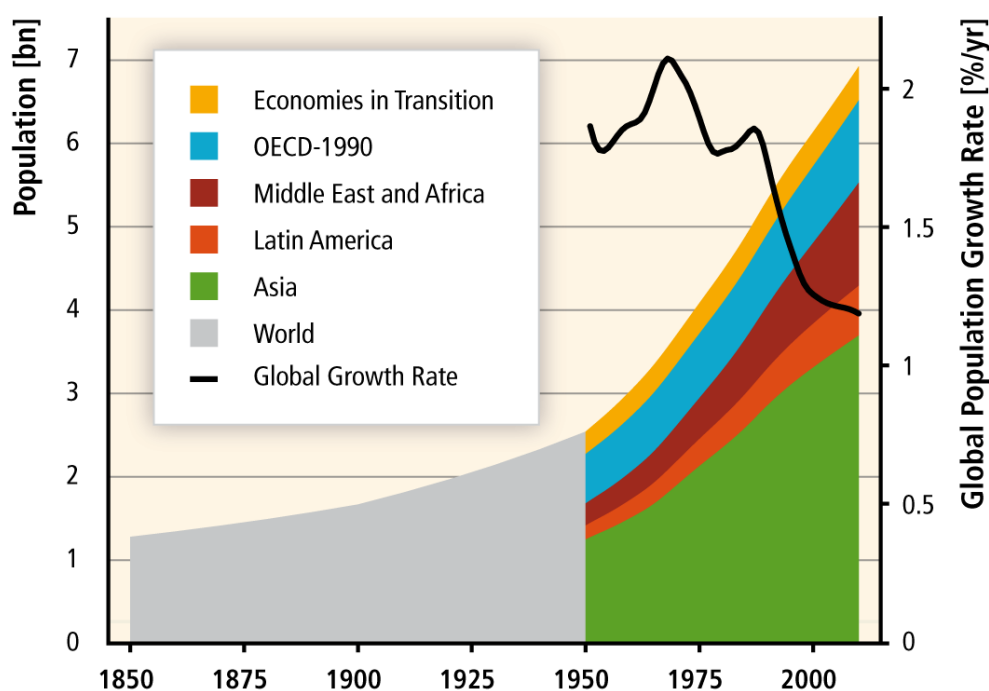
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2 **Figure 5.9.** Historical regional trajectories of territorial fossil energy CO₂ emission vs. GDP (1970 –
3 2010 (Drawn using data from JRC/PBL (2012)).

4 Overall, the growth in production and consumption outpaced the reduction in CO₂ emission intensity
5 of production and that embodied in consumption. Together with the growth in population, global
6 CO₂ emission from fossil energy maintained a stable upward trend, which characterizes the overall
7 increase in global GHG emission over the last two decades.

8 **5.3.2 Population and demographic structure**

9 **5.3.2.1 Population trends**

10 In the second half of the 19th century, global population increased at an average annual rate of
11 0.55%, but it accelerated after 1900. Population size and age composition are driven by fertility and
12 mortality rates, which in turn depend on a range of factors, including income, education, social
13 norms and health provisions that keep changing over time, partly in response to government policies.
14 Section 4.3.1 discusses these processes in depth. Figure 5.10 presents the main outcomes. Between
15 1970 and 2010 global population has increased by 87%, from 3.7 billion to 6.9 billion (Wang et al.,
16 2012a). The underlying process is the demographic transition in which societies move from a
17 relatively stable population level at high fertility and mortality rates, through a period of declined
18 mortality rates and fast population growth, and only at a later stage followed by a decline in fertility
19 rates with a more stable population size.



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2 **Figure 5.10.** Trends in regional and global population growth 1850-2010. Global data up to 1950
3 (grey from (UN, 1999). Regional data from 1950 onwards from UN WPP (2012).

4 Each person added to the global population increases GHG emissions, but the additional
5 contribution varies widely depending on the socio-economic and geographic conditions of the
6 additional person. There is a 91-fold difference in per capita CO₂ emissions from fossil fuels between
7 the highest and lowest emitters across the nine global regions analysed by Raupach et al. (2007).
8 Global CO₂ emissions from fossil fuel combustion have been growing slightly below the growth rate
9 of global population in most of the 1980-2005 interval but they have accelerated towards the end of
10 the period.

11 Aggregating population and GHG emissions data according to the five IPCC Representative
12 Concentration Pathways (RCP) regions (see Annex II.7), Figure 5.10 shows that between 1971 and
13 2010 population growth was fastest in Middle East and Africa (MAF); GHG emissions have increased
14 most in ASIA while changes in population and emissions were modest in OECD-1990 and Economies
15 in Transition (REF). The evolution of total population and per capita GHG emissions in the same
16 period is shown in Figure 5.10. With some fluctuations, per capita emissions have declined slightly
17 from rather high levels in the OECD1990 countries and the Economies in Transition, decreased
18 somewhat from relatively lower levels in Latin America and especially in Middle East and Africa,
19 while more than doubled in Asia. These trends raise concerns about the future: per capita emissions
20 decline slowly in high-emission regions (OECD1990 and REF) while fast increasing per capita
21 emissions are combined with relatively fast population and per-capita income growth in ASIA
22 (JRC/PBL, 2012).

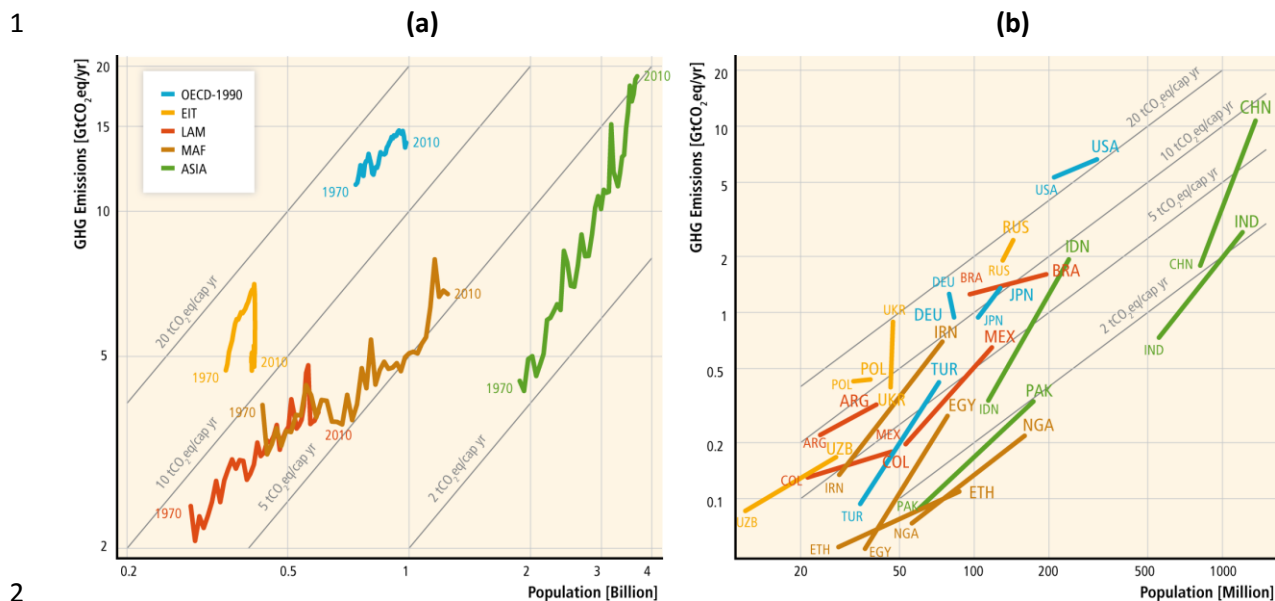


Figure 5.11. Trends in population and GHG emissions in the five IPCC RCP regions (panel a) and for each region the four most populous countries in 2010 (panel b). Grey diagonals connect points with constant emission intensity. Major GHG emitting regions or countries are in the upper half. A shift to the right presents population growth. A steep line presents a growth in per capita emissions, while a flat line presents decreasing per capita emissions between 1971 and 2010. Panel (b): The small labels refer to 1970, the large labels to 2010; drawn using data from JRC/PBL (2012). (Note the log-log plot.)

There is a substantial number of empirical econometric studies that assess the role of various demographic attributes; an early example is (Dietz and Rosa, 1997). Those reviewed by O'Neill et al. (2012) confirm earlier observations that GHG emissions increase with the population size, although the elasticity values (percent increase in emissions per 1 percent increase in population size) vary widely: from 0.32 (Martínez-Zarzoso and Maruotti, 2011) to 2.78 (Martínez-Zarzoso et al., 2007) (for the 8 new European Union countries of Central Europe). Differences in statistical estimation techniques and data sets (countries included, time horizon covered, the number and kind of variables included in the regression model and their possible linkages to excluded variables) explain this wide range. Most recent studies find more than proportional increase of emissions triggered by the increase in population. Yet the literature presents contradicting results concerning whether population growth in rich or poor countries contributes more to increasing GHG emissions: Poumanyong and Kaneko (2010) estimate elasticities ranging from 1.12 (high-income countries) to 1.23 (middle income) to 1.75 (low-income) while Jorgenson and Clark (2010) find a value of 1.65 for developed and 1.27 for developing groups of countries.

5.3.2.2 Trends in demographic structure

Urbanization

Income, lifestyles, energy use (amount and mix) and the resulting GHG emissions differ considerably between rural and urban populations. The global rate of urbanization has increased from 13% (1900) to 36% (1970) to 52% (2011) but the linkages between urbanization and GHG emissions trends are complex and involve many factors including the level of development, rate of economic growth, availability of energy resources and technologies, and urban form and infrastructure.

Comparable direct measures of the effect of urbanization on emissions remain difficult due to challenges of defining consistent system boundaries, including administrative or territorial, functional or economic, and morphological or land use boundaries. Moreover, because urban areas are typically much smaller than the infrastructure (e.g., transport, energy) in which they are

1 embedded, strict territorial emissions accounting such as that which is used for nations, omits
2 important emissions sources such as from energy production (Chavez and Ramaswami, 2013). An
3 alternative is to measure the effect of urbanization indirectly, through statistical analysis of national
4 emission data and its relation to national urbanization trends. An analysis of the effects of
5 urbanization on energy use and CO₂ emissions over the period 1975-2005 for 99 countries, divided
6 into three groups based on GDP per capita and explicitly considering the shares of industry and
7 services and the energy intensity in the CO₂ emissions concludes that the effects depend on the
8 stage of development: the impact of urbanization on energy use is negative (elasticity of -0.132) in
9 the low-income group, while positive (0.507) in the medium-income and strongly positive (0.907) in
10 the high-income group. Emissions (for given energy use) are positively affected in all three income
11 groups (between 0.358 and 0.512) (Poumanyong and Kaneko, 2010). Consistent with this, a set of
12 multivariate decomposition studies reviewed by O'Neill et al. (forthcoming) estimate elasticity values
13 between 0.02 and 0.76, indicating almost negligible to significant but still less than proportional
14 increases in GHG emissions as a result of urbanization. In China between 1992 and 2007
15 urbanization and the related lifestyle changes contributed to increasing energy-related CO₂
16 emissions Minx et al. (Minx et al., 2011).

17 Many studies observe that GHG emissions from urban regions vary significantly between cities, but
18 that measurements are also widely dispersed due to differences in accounting methods, the
19 coverage of GHGs and their sources, and the definition of urban areas (Dhakal, 2009). A comparison
20 of GHG emissions in ten global cities by considering geophysical characteristics (climate, resources,
21 gateway status (port of entry and distribution centre for larger regions due to its geographic
22 location)) and technical features (urban design, electricity generation, waste processing) finds
23 various outstanding determinants, e.g. the level of household income is important because it affects
24 the threshold temperature for heating and cooling of the residential area. The use of high versus
25 low-carbon sources for electricity production, such as nuclear power, is an obvious important
26 determinant of urban GHG emissions in several global cities in the examined sample. Transport
27 related aspects connectivity and accessibility of destination and origin, ability to use alternative
28 transport modes including mass transit, bicycling, or walking. GHG emissions associated with
29 aviation and marine fuels reflect the gateway status of cities that, in turn, is linked to the overall
30 urban economic activity (Kennedy et al., 2009).

31 An extended analysis of the urbanisation-emissions linkage in 88 countries between 1975 and 2003
32 finds a diverse picture. In 44 countries urbanization is found to be not a statistically significant
33 contributor to emissions. In the other 44 countries, all other things equal, in the early phase of
34 urbanization (at low urbanization levels) emissions increased while further urbanization at high
35 urbanization levels was associated with decreasing emissions (Martínez-Zarzoso and Maruotti, 2011).
36 This also confirms that in fast growing and urbanizing developing countries urban households tend
37 to be far ahead of rural households in the use of modern energy forms and utilize much larger shares
38 of commercial energy. Urbanization thereby involves radical increases in household electricity
39 demand and in CO₂ emissions as long as electricity supply comes from fossil, especially coal based
40 power plants. Transition from coal to low-carbon electricity could mitigate the fast increasing CO₂
41 emissions associated with the combination of fast urbanization and the related energy transition in
42 these countries.

43 The literature is divided about the contribution of urbanization to GHG emissions. Most top-down
44 studies find increasing emissions as urbanization advances while some studies identify an inverted-U
45 shaped relationship between the two. Bottom-up studies often identify economic structure, trade
46 typology and urban form as central determinants that are more important than the fraction of
47 people in urban areas (see Chapter 12). These findings are important to consider when extrapolating
48 past emission trends, based on past urbanisation, to the future, together with other related aspects.

1 **Age Structure and Household Size**

2 Studies of the effect of age structure (especially ageing) on GHG emissions fall in two main
3 categories with seemingly contradicting results: overall macroeconomic studies, and household-level
4 consumption and energy use patterns of different age groups. A national scale energy-economic
5 growth model calculates for the USA that aging tends to reduce long-term CO₂ emissions
6 significantly relative to a baseline path with equal population levels (Dalton et al., 2008). Lower
7 labour force participation and labour productivity would slow economic growth in an ageing society,
8 leading to lower energy consumption and GHG emissions (O'Neill et al., 2010). In contrast, studies
9 taking a closer look at the lifestyles and energy consumption of different age groups find that older
10 generations tend to use more energy and emit above average GHGs per person. A study of the
11 impacts of population, incomes and technology on CO₂ emissions in the period 1975-2000 in over
12 200 countries and territories finds that the share of the population in the 15-64 age group has
13 different impact on emissions between different income groups: the impact is negative for high-
14 income countries and positive for lower income levels (Fan et al., 2006). This is consistent with the
15 finding that (in the US) energy intensity associated with the lifestyles of the 20-34 and the above 65
16 retirement-age cohorts tends to be higher than that of the 35-64 age group, largely explained by the
17 fact that this middle-age cohort tends to live in larger households characterized by lower energy
18 intensity on a per person basis and that residential energy consumption and electricity consumption
19 of the 65+ age group tends to be higher (Liddle and Lung, 2010). Similar results emerge for 14
20 “foundational” EU countries between 1960 and 2000: an increasing share of the 65+ age group in
21 the total population leads to increasing energy consumption although the aggregated data disguise
22 micro-level processes: ageing may well influence the structure of production, consumption,
23 transport, social services and their location (York, 2007). Several studies assessed above indicate that
24 part of the increasing emissions with age is due to the differences in household size. A five-country
25 multivariate analysis of household energy requirement confirms this (Lenzen et al., 2006).
26 Immigration is not explicitly considered in these studies, probably because it does not make much
27 difference.

28 It remains an open question by how much the household-level effects of increasing CO₂ emissions as
29 a result of ageing population will counterbalance the declining emissions as a result of slower
30 economic growth caused by lower labour force participation and productivity. The balance is varied
31 and depends on many circumstances. The most important is changes in labour participation:
32 increasing retirement age in response to higher life expectancy will keep former retirement-age
33 cohorts (60+) economically active which means that the implications of ageing for incomes, lifestyles,
34 energy use and emissions are ‘postponed’ and the ratio of active/retired population changes less.
35 Other important aspects include the macroeconomic structure, key export and import commodity
36 groups, the direction and magnitude of financial transfers on the macro side, and on the health
37 status, financial profile and lifestyle choices and possibilities of the elderly at the household level.
38 This makes it difficult to draw firm conclusions about the aging-emissions linkages.

39 Despite the widely varying magnitudes and patterns of household energy use due to differences in
40 geographical and technological characteristics, lifestyles and population density, most studies tend
41 to indicate that past trends of increasing age, smaller household size, and increasing urbanization
42 were positive drivers for increasing energy use, and associated GHG emissions.

43 **5.3.3 Economic growth & development**

44 **5.3.3.1 Production trends**

45 This section reviews the role of income per capita as a driver of emissions while reserving judgement
46 on the appropriateness of GDP per capita as an indicator of development or welfare
47 (see(Kubiszewski et al., 2013). Global trends in per capita GDP and GHG emissions vary dramatically
48 by region as shown in Figure 5.12. Economic growth was strongest in Asia averaging 5.0% per annum
49 over the 1970-2010 period. Economic growth averaged 1.9% p.a. in the OECD-1990 but was below

1 the global average of 1.8% in the remaining regions. The Middle East and Africa and the reforming
 2 economies saw setbacks in growth related to the changing price of oil and the collapse of the
 3 centrally planned economies respectively. However, all regions showed a decline in emissions
 4 intensity over time. Emissions per capita grew in Asia and were fairly constant in LAM, OECD-1990
 5 and REF as well as globally and declined in MAF. The levels of the GDP and emissions per capita also
 6 vary tremendously globally as shown in Figure 5.12:

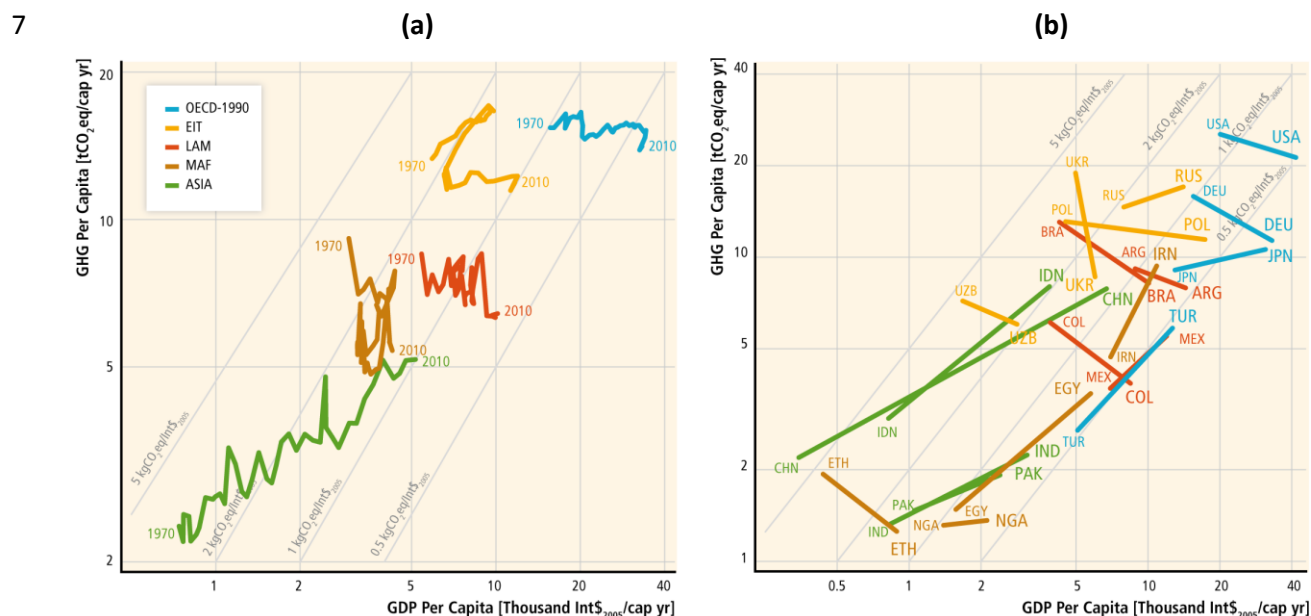


Figure 5.12. Trends in per capita production and GHG emissions in the five IPCC RCP regions (panel a) and for each region the four most populous countries in 2010 (panel b) (JRC/PBL, 2012). Grey diagonals connect points with constant emission intensity (emissions/GDP). A shift to the right presents income growth. A flat or downwards line presents a decrease in energy intensity, 1971 and 2010. Panel (b): The small labels refer to 1970, the large labels to 2010. The figure shows a clear shift to the right for some countries: increasing income at similar per capita emission levels. The figures also show the high income growth for Asia complemented with substantial emissions increase.

8 Per capita emissions are positively correlated with per capita income. But per capita emissions have
 9 declined in all regions but Asia over time so that there has been convergence in the level of per
 10 capita emissions over time. Despite this convergence, there is still a wide variation in per capita
 11 emissions levels among countries at a common level of income per capita due to structural and
 12 institutional differences (Pellegrini and Gerlagh, 2006) (Matisoff, 2008) (Stern, 2012).

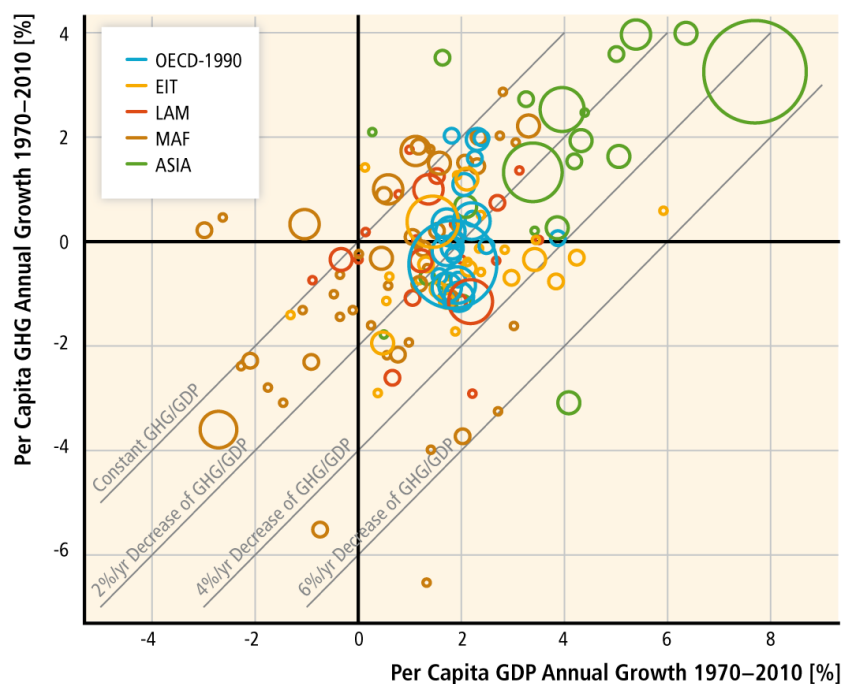
13 The nature of the relationship between growth and the environment and identification of the causes
 14 of economic growth are both uncertain and controversial (Stern, 2011). The sources of growth are
 15 important because the degree to which economic growth is driven by technological change versus
 16 accumulation of capital and increased use of resources will strongly affect its impact on emissions. In
 17 particular, growth in developing countries might be expected to be more emissions intensive than
 18 growth through innovation in technologically leading developed economies (Jakob et al., 2012).
 19 However, despite this, energy use per capita is strongly linearly correlated with income per capita
 20 across countries (Krausmann et al., 2008, Figure 5.12). The short run effects of growth are slightly
 21 different; it seems that energy intensity rises or declines more slowly in the early stages of business
 22 cycles such as in the recovery from the global financial crisis in 2009-10 and then declines more
 23 rapidly in the later stages of business cycles (Jotzo et al., 2012).

24 Mainstream economic theory (Aghion and Howitt, 2009), and empirical evidence (e.g. (Caselli,
 25 2005)) point to technological change and increases in human capital per worker as the key
 26 underlying drivers of per capita economic output growth in the long-run. Technological change
 27 encompasses both quality improvements in products and efficiency improvements in production.

1 Human capital is increased through improving workers' skills through education and training. While
2 mainstream growth and development economics does not allocate much role for increasing energy
3 and resource use as drivers of economic growth (Toman and Jemelkova, 2003) many researchers in
4 energy and ecological economics do (Stern, 2011).

5 Productivity is lower in developing countries than developed countries (Caselli, 2005) (Parente and
6 Prescott, 2000). Developing countries can potentially grow faster than developed countries by
7 adopting technologies developed elsewhere and "catch up" to the productivity leaders (Parente and
8 Prescott, 2000). Income per capita has risen in most countries of the world in the last several
9 decades but there is much variation over time and regions, especially among low- and middle-
10 income countries (Durlauf et al., 2005). The highest growth rates are found for countries that are
11 today at middle-income levels such as China and India (and before them Singapore, South Korea
12 etc.) that are in the process of converging to high-income levels. But many developing countries
13 have not participated in convergence to the developed world and some have experienced negative
14 growth in income per capita. Therefore, there is both convergence among some countries and
15 divergence among others and a bimodal distribution of income globally (Durlauf et al., 2005). A large
16 literature attempts to identify why some countries succeed in achieving economic growth and
17 development and others not (Durlauf et al., 2005)(Caselli, 2005)(Eberhardt and Teal, 2011). But
18 there seems to be little consensus as yet (Eberhardt and Teal, 2011). A very large number of
19 variables could have an effect on growth performance and disentangling their effects is statistically
20 challenging because many of these variables are at least partially endogenous (Eberhardt and Teal,
21 2011). This incomplete understanding of the drivers of economic growth makes the development of
22 future scenarios on income levels a difficult task.

23 Ecological economists such as Ayres and Warr (2009) often ascribe to energy the central role in
24 economic growth (Stern, 2011). Some economic historians such as Wrigley (2010), Allen (2009), and
25 to some degree Pomeranz (2000), argue that limited availability of energy resources can constrain
26 economic growth and that the relaxation of the constraints imposed by dependence of pre-industrial
27 economies on biomass energy and muscle power sources alone, with the adoption of fossil energy
28 was critical for the emergence of the Industrial Revolution in the 18th and 19th centuries. Stern and
29 Kander (2012) develop a simple growth model including an energy input and econometrically
30 estimate it using 150 years of Swedish data. They find that since the beginning of the 19th century
31 constraints imposed on economic growth by energy availability have declined as energy became
32 more abundant, technological change improved energy efficiency, and the quality of fuels improved.
33 A large literature has attempted using time series analysis to test whether energy use causes
34 economic growth or vice versa, but results are very varied and no firm conclusions can be drawn yet
35 (Stern, 2011).



1 **Figure 5.13.** Growth rates of per capita income and emissions (JRC/PBL, 2012). The figure shows
 2 the correlation between the average annual growth rate of per capita income and per capita
 3 emissions from 1970 to 2010, for all countries with more than 1 million people by 2010. Points along
 4 the grey lines have either constant emissions intensity or emissions intensity declining at 2% or 5%
 5 per annum. The size of the circles is proportional to countries' emissions. The figure shows that fast
 6 growing economies also tend to have increasing emissions while slower growing economies tend to
 7 have declining per capita emissions. This is despite quite rapidly declining emissions intensity in some
 8 fast growing economies (upper right corner).

9 The effect of economic growth on emissions is another area of uncertainty and controversy. The
 10 environmental Kuznets curve hypothesis proposes that environmental impacts tend to first increase
 11 and then eventually decrease in the course of economic development (Grossman and Krueger, 1994).
 12 This theory has been very popular among economists but the econometric evidence has been found
 13 to be not very robust (Wagner, 2008; Gallagher, 2009; Vollebergh et al., 2009; Stern, 2010) and in
 14 any case, even early studies found that carbon emissions continue to rise with increasing income
 15 (e.g. (Shafik, 1994)). More recent research (Brock and Taylor, 2010) has attempted to disentangle
 16 the effects of economic growth and technological change. Rapid catch-up growth in middle-income
 17 countries tends to overwhelm the effects of emissions reducing technological change resulting in
 18 strongly rising emissions. But in developed countries economic growth is slower and hence the
 19 effects of technological change are more apparent and emissions grow slower or decline. This
 20 narrative is illustrated by Figure 5.13. Almost all countries had declining emissions intensity over
 21 time but in more rapidly growing economies this was insufficient to overcome the effect of the
 22 expansion of the economy. As a result, though there is much variation in the rate of decline of
 23 emissions intensity across countries, there is in general there is strong positive correlation between
 24 the growth of the two variables. The rapidly growing countries tend to be middle and lower income
 25 countries and hence there is a tendency for per capita emissions to grow in poorer countries and
 26 decline in wealthier ones (Brock and Taylor, 2010).

27 In conclusion, while economic growth increases the scale of the economy in the Kaya decomposition
 28 and, therefore, should increase emissions, the technological change that is the main underlying
 29 driver of growth tends to reduce emissions. This has resulted in a tendency for slower growing or
 30 declining emissions per capita in wealthier, slower growing, economies and global convergence in
 31 emissions per capita.

5.3.3.2 Consumption trends

Production and consumption are closely connected, but when we study their effect on greenhouse gas emissions, we find subtle but important differences. Box 5.2 presents two methods; one for allocating GHG emissions to production (territories), the other to consumption. Between 1990 and 2010, emissions from Annex B countries decreased by 8% when taking a territorial perspective (production) to carbon accounting, while over the same period, emissions related with consumption in Annex B increased by 5% (Wiedmann et al., 2010; Peters et al., 2011, 2012; Caldeira and Davis, 2011, Andrew et al, 2013). In a similar vein, as Figure 5.14 shows, while territorial emissions from Asian countries together surpassed those of the OECD countries in 2009, for consumption-based emissions, the OECD countries as a group contributed more than all Asian countries together for every year between 1990 and 2010. The difference between the two methods also shows up in the trends for the per capita emissions. The OECD territorial per capita emissions declined over 1990-2010, while consumption-based emissions increased. By 2010, per capita territorial emissions for OECD countries are 3 times those for Asian countries, but per capita consumption-related emissions differ by a factor of 5. The overall picture shows a substantial gap between territorial and consumption-based emissions, due to emissions embedded in trade. For the OECD countries, the gap amounts to 2.6 Gt CO₂ in 2010. The data shows that the reduction in territorial emissions that has been achieved in the OECD countries has been more than negated by an increase in emissions in other countries, but related with consumption in OECD countries. Furthermore, while countries with a Kyoto Protocol commitment did reduce emissions over the accounting period by 7%, their share of imported over domestic emissions increased by 14% (Peters et al., 2011a; Aichele and Felbermayr, 2012).

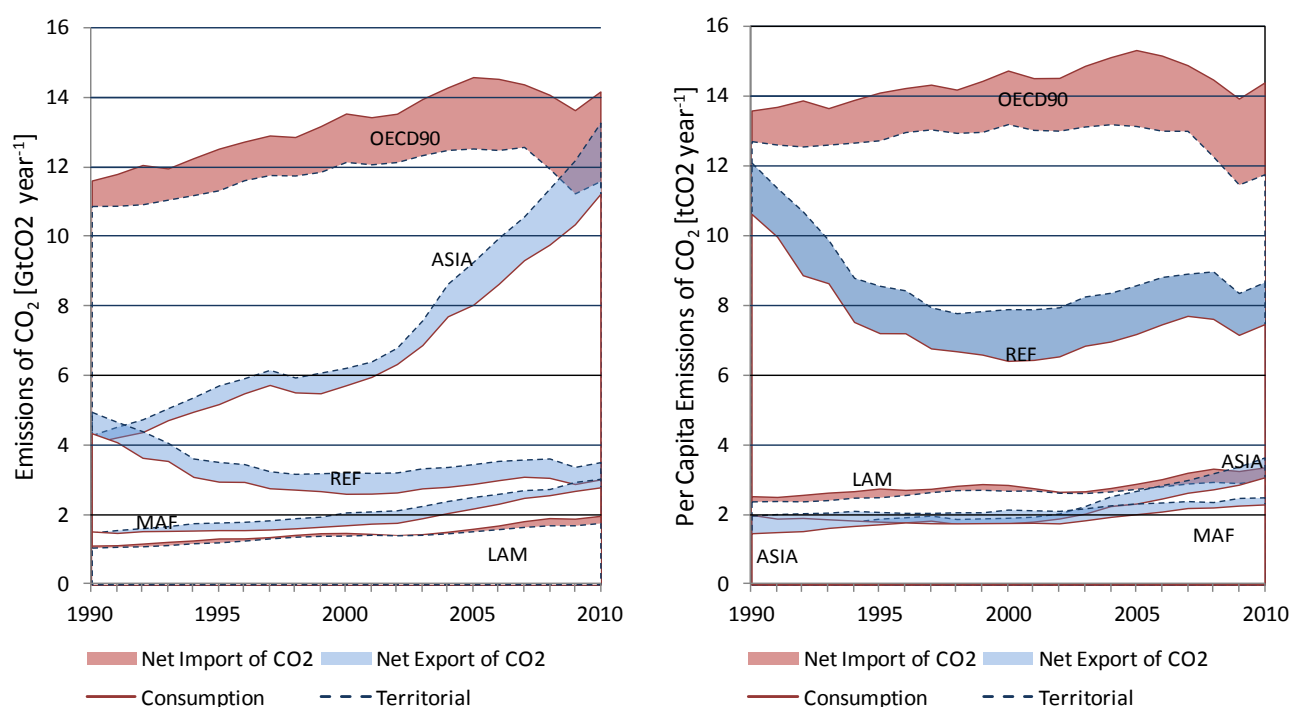


Figure 5.14. Territorial (blue dotted lines) versus consumption-based (red lines) emissions in five world regions, from 1990 to 2010. The left panel presents total emissions, while the right panel presents per capita emissions. The red areas indicate that a region is a net importer of embedded CO₂ emissions. The blue area indicates a region is a net exporter of embedded CO₂. Data from Lenzen et al. (2010).

Numerous studies have used a structural decomposition analysis to quantify the factors for changes in greenhouse gas emissions over time in both developed and developing countries (De Haan, 2001), (Peters et al., 2007), (Baiocchi and Minx, 2010), (Wood, 2009), (Weber, 2009). The analysis has been used to separate factors such as the intensity per output, shifts in production structure, as well as

1 changes in the composition and the level of consumption. In all of these studies, increasing levels of
2 consumption is the main contributor to increasing emissions. Specifically, all the studies show that
3 reductions in emissions resulting from improvements in emissions intensity and changes in the
4 structure of production and consumption have been offset by significant increases in emissions
5 resulting from the volume of consumption resulting in an overall increase in emissions (De Haan,
6 2001; Peters et al., 2007; Baiocchi and Minx, 2010). For example, De Haan (2001) demonstrates for
7 the Netherlands that final demand increased by 31% over 11 years (1987 to 1998), Peters et al.
8 (2007) demonstrate an increase of consumption by 129% over 10 years for China, and Baiocchi and
9 Minx (2010) show for the UK that final demand increased by 49% between 1992 and 2004; in all
10 these cases the increase in final demand was greater than the emission reduction caused by
11 structural change and efficiency improvements, leading to an overall increase in consumption-related
12 emissions.

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14 **Box 5.2.** Definitions of Territorial and Consumption-based Emissions

15 The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) requires countries to
16 submit, following the IPCC guidelines, annual National GHG Emissions Inventories to assess the
17 progress made by individual countries on GHG emissions and removals taking place within national
18 (including administered) territories and offshore areas over which the country has jurisdiction” (IPCC,
19 1997; House of Commons, 2012). These inventories are called “**territorial-based emission**
20 **inventories**”.

21 **Consumption-based emissions** allocate emissions to the consumers in each country, usually based
22 on final consumption as in the System of National Accounting but also as trade-adjusted emissions
23 (Peters and Hertwich, 2008; DEFRA, 2012). Conceptually, consumption-based inventories can be
24 thought of as consumption equals production minus emissions from the production of exports. (see
25 reviews by (Wiedmann et al., 2007; Wiedmann, 2009; Barrett et al., 2013). The methodology
26 employed is predominately “Multi-Regional Input-Output Analysis” (MRIO).

27 **Note on Uncertainty** – There is increased uncertainty in consumption-based emission estimates.
28 MRIO datasets combine data from different data sets, often large and incoherent; as a result,
29 uncertainties arise in relation to calibration, balancing and harmonisation, use of different time
30 periods, different currencies, different country classifications, levels of disaggregation, inflation, and
31 raw data errors (Lenzen et al., 2004, 2010; Peters, 2007; Weber and Matthews, 2008; Peters et al.,
32 2012). Production-based emissions data are a key input to the MRIO models that can vary for some
33 countries significantly between databases (Peters et al., 2012). A process of harmonisation can
34 greatly reduce the necessary manipulations, and hence, uncertainties reflected in inconsistent
35 reporting practices in different countries and regions (Peters and Solli, 2010; House of Commons,
36 2012; Barrett et al., 2013). For a detailed description in the variation of MRIO models please read
37 Peters et al., 2012. Peters et al (2012) concludes that estimates from different studies are robust and
38 that the variation between estimates relates to different input data and approaches to assign
39 emissions to trade and not uncertainty.

40 Calculating emissions based on a consumption-based approach sketches a more negative view on
41 the decoupling of economic growth from greenhouse gas emissions. According to York (2007),
42 territorial emissions showed a relative decoupling; emissions grew by 0.73% for every 1% increase in
43 GDP per capita from 1960 to 2008. However, the elasticity of consumption-based emissions with
44 respect to economic growth will have to be revised upwards for OECD countries, given that their
45 consumption emissions grew at a faster rate than territorial ones (Peters et al., 2011a). In this sense,
46 there is less decoupling in industrialised nations.

5.3.3.3 Structural change

Changes in the structure of the economy - shares of each economic or industry sector in the output of the economy - might also affect emissions. Over the course of economic development, as income grows, the share of agriculture in the value of production and employment tends to decline and the share of services increases (Syrquin and Chenery, 1989). The share of manufacturing tends to follow an inverted-U path (Hettige et al., 2000). The income levels at which these transitions occur differ across countries. For example, China's share of services in GDP and employment is small and its agriculture share large given its income level (World Bank, 2011), while India has a relatively large service sector (Deb Pal et al., 2012). Between 1970 and 2010 the global share of agriculture in GDP has declined from 9% to 3% while the share of services increased from 53% to 71%. Industry declined from 38% to 26% of GDP (World Bank, 2011). (Schäfer, 2005) shows that there are similar changes in the sectoral composition of energy use. The share of total energy use used in services increases in the course of economic development while that of industry follows an inverted U shape curve. The share of residential energy use declines with rising per capita income.

The shift from the industrial sector to services reduces energy use and emissions less than commonly thought. Partly, this is due to strong gains in productivity in manufacturing. The productivity gain can be observed through the price of manufacturing goods, which has historically fallen relative to the price of services. Because of the price decline, it appears that the share of manufacturing industry in the economy is falling when in real output terms it is constant or increasing (Kander, 2005). Part of the productivity gain in manufacturing is due to improvements in energy efficiency, which reduce energy intensity in the sector (Kander, 2005). Also, not all service sectors are low in energy intensity. Transport is clearly energy intensive and retail and other service sectors depend on energy-intensive infrastructure.

In Austria and the UK the transition of the industrial society into a service economy or post-industrial society did not lead to dematerialization (Krausmann et al., 2008) but instead it was systematically linked to an increase in per capita energy and material consumption as all parts of the economy shifted from traditional to modern methods of production. Further evidence (Henriques and Kander, 2010) for ten developed (USA, Japan, and eight European countries) and three emerging economies (India, Brazil, and Mexico) indicates a minor role for structural change in reducing energy intensity, while the decline in energy intensity within industries is found to be the main driver of aggregate energy intensity. Yet the decomposition is sensitive to the level of disaggregation. A classic result in the growth accounting literature (Jorgenson and Griliches, 1967) is that a finer disaggregation of inputs and outputs leads to lower estimates for technological change and a larger role for substitution between inputs and structural change. This is confirmed by Sue Wing (2008), who found that structural change between industries explained most of the decline in energy intensity in the United States (1958-2000), especially before 1980 (Stern, 2010). An alternative perspective is provided by the literature on consumption-based emissions (see 5.3.3.2). (Baiocchi and Minx, 2010) show that the shift to a service economy in the United Kingdom was partly achieved by off-shoring emissions intensive industrial activities and thus reducing industrial activity and that the service sector uses imported emissions intensive goods. Both of these reduce the global reduction in emissions from shifting towards the service sector in the UK. Likewise, (Suh, 2006) and (Nansai et al., 2009b) show that if the entire supply chain is considered the emissions intensity of services is much higher than if only the final production of services is considered.

The reform of centrally planned economies has been an important factor driving changes in greenhouse gas emissions. Emissions and energy intensity were high in China, the former Soviet Union and many Eastern European countries prior to reform, and declined as their economies were reformed. China serves as a case in point. Its energy intensity was very high compared to similar but market oriented countries before 1980, but China's energy intensity decreased sharply between 1980 and 2000, as it opened its economy through market-based reforms (Ma and Stern, 2008). Energy and emissions intensity rose and then fell again from 2000 to the present as at first easy

1 options for energy efficiency improvements were exhausted and later new policies to improve
 2 energy and carbon intensity were put in place. On the other hand, China's carbon intensity of energy
 3 supply has increased steadily since at least 1970 (Stern and Jotzo, 2010). Sectoral shifts played only a
 4 small role in these large movements of the past three decades (Ma and Stern, 2008)(Steckel et al.,
 5 2011), though they were important in the rise in emissions intensity from 2000 to 2005 (Minx et al.,
 6 2011).

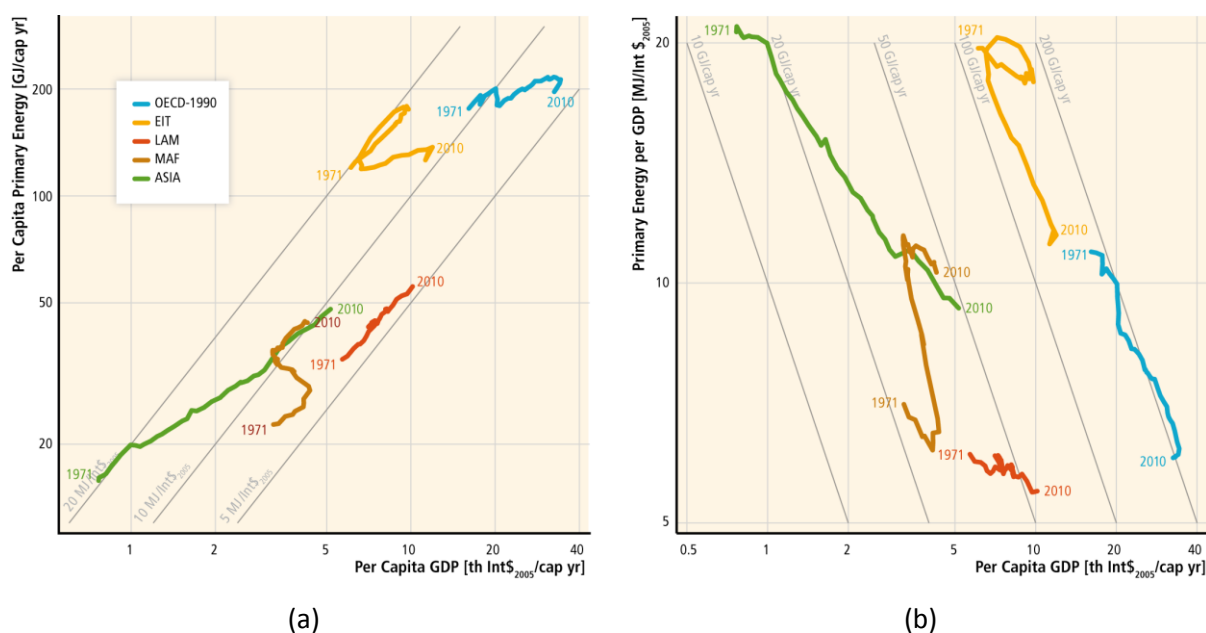
7 In conclusion, the role of an increase in share of the service sector in output in reducing emissions is
 8 probably quite small, but finer grained structural change could be important and economy wide
 9 reforms contribute much to the adoption of more energy and emissions efficient production
 10 processes.

11 5.3.4 Energy demand and supply

12 5.3.4.1 Energy demand

13 Globally, per capita primary energy use, as estimated by the IEA method (see Annex II.8), rose by
 14 31% from 1971 to 2010; however the five world regions exhibited two different pathways during this
 15 period, as seen in Figure 5.15.a. In the OECD and transition economies (EIT), energy use per capita
 16 rose by 13-14%, while the other regions increased their per capita energy use at a much higher rate:
 17 Latin America (LAM) by 60%, Middle East and Africa (MAF) by 90%, and Asia by 200%. Nevertheless,
 18 the 2010 per capita energy use in these three regions still remains at less than half of the OECD and
 19 EIT countries 40 years ago.

20 The two pathways in per capita energy use are also reflected when looking at energy intensity over
 21 time (Figure 5.15.b). The measurement of energy intensity, i.e., ratio of energy use per unit of GDP,
 22 and its limitations are discussed in the following section. The differences in pathways between the
 23 OECD and EIT versus ASIA, LAM and MAF illustrate the energy intensity gap between the
 24 industrialized and developing countries. In Figure 5.16 we show a similar chart for individual
 25 countries. Combining the left and right panels, we see that improvements in energy intensity have
 26 slowed the growth in energy use substantially, but have been insufficient to offset the growth in the
 27 scale of the economy (Stern, 2012).



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 29 **Figure 5.15.** Historical trend (1971-2010) by Region in per capita primary energy (a) and primary
 30 energy intensity of GDP (b) against GDP per Capita on the horizontal axis. Note that both axes are
 31 logarithmic. Source: (IEA, 2012; UN WPP, 2012; World Bank, 2012).

1 The effects of the oil price shocks in 1973 and 1979 and perhaps 2008 (Hamilton, 2009) are
2 particularly visible as dips in the OECD trend. These price shocks do not appear, however, to have
3 reversed the upward trend in per capita primary energy use in the regions. In the long run, per
4 capita energy consumption has increased with income and over time since the onset of the
5 Industrial Revolution in Northern Europe (Gales et al., 2007) and the United States (Grubler, 2008;
6 Tol et al., 2009) and since the Second World War in southern Europe (Gales et al., 2007).

7 Changes in total energy use can be decomposed to reflect the effects of growth in population and
8 income per capita and changes in energy intensity all of which are discussed in detail in other
9 sections of this chapter as well as in Chapter 7.

10 The relationship between economic growth and energy use is complicated and variable over time.
11 The provision of energy services is one of the necessary conditions for economic growth, yet in turn,
12 economic growth increases the demand for energy services (Grübler et al., 2012). As income, using
13 by proxy GDP per capita, increases, so does energy use. This phenomenon, coupled with population
14 growth, has resulted in global total primary energy use increasing by 130% between 1971 and 2010
15 and almost 50 times since 1800 (Nakicenovic et al., 1998; Grubler, 2008).

16 **5.3.4.2 Energy efficiency and Intensity**

17 Energy efficiency can be defined as the ratio of the desired (usable) energy output for a specific task
18 or service to the energy input for the given energy conversion process (Nakicenovic et al., 1996). For
19 example, for an automobile engine, this is the mechanical energy at the crankshaft or the wheels
20 divided by the energy input of gasoline. This definition of energy efficiency is called the first-law
21 efficiency. Other approaches often define energy efficiency in relative terms, such as the ratio of
22 minimum energy required by the current best practice technology to actual energy use, everything
23 else being constant (Stern, 2012)(Filippini and Hunt, 2011)(Nakicenovic et al., 1996).

24 In 2005, the global first-law efficiency of converting primary energy sources (such as coal or natural
25 gas) to final energy forms (such as electricity or heat) was about 67% (i.e. 330 EJ over 496 EJ). The
26 efficiency of further converting final energy forms into useful energy is lower, with an estimated
27 global average of 51% (i.e. 169 EJ over 330 EJ). Thus, approximately one-third of global primary
28 energy use is dissipated to the environment in the form of waste heat or what is colloquially termed
29 energy “losses” (Grübler et al., 2012).

30 The theoretical potential for efficiency improvements is thus very large (Grübler et al., 2012).
31 However, efficiency improvements can lead to additional demand, a side effect called the rebound
32 effect and discussed later in Section 5.6.2, which needs to be taken into account (Pao and Tsai, 2010).

33 Economic studies, including those based on the Kaya identity (Nakicenovic and Swart, 2000), often
34 use energy intensity – the ratio of energy use per dollar of GDP – as an indicator of how effectively
35 energy is used to produce goods and services, also known as its inverse: the energy productivity.
36 However, energy intensity depends on many factors other than technical efficiencies, as discussed
37 below, and is not an appropriate proxy of actual energy (conversion) efficiency (Ang, 2006), (Filippini
38 and Hunt, 2011), (Stern, 2012) (Grübler et al., 2012)

39 Energy intensity metrics yield valuable insights into potentials for efficiency improvements related to
40 various activities (Fisher et al., 2007)(Grübler et al., 2012). Energy intensity measured at the
41 economy-wide level is an attractive indicator because of its simplicity and ease of comparability
42 across systems and time (e.g. national economies, regions, cities, etc.). However, the indicator is
43 affected by a number of issues, including in relation to the way definitions are made and
44 measurements are performed (Ang, 2006), (Filippini and Hunt, 2011). Many factors besides technical
45 efficiency drive energy intensity differences.

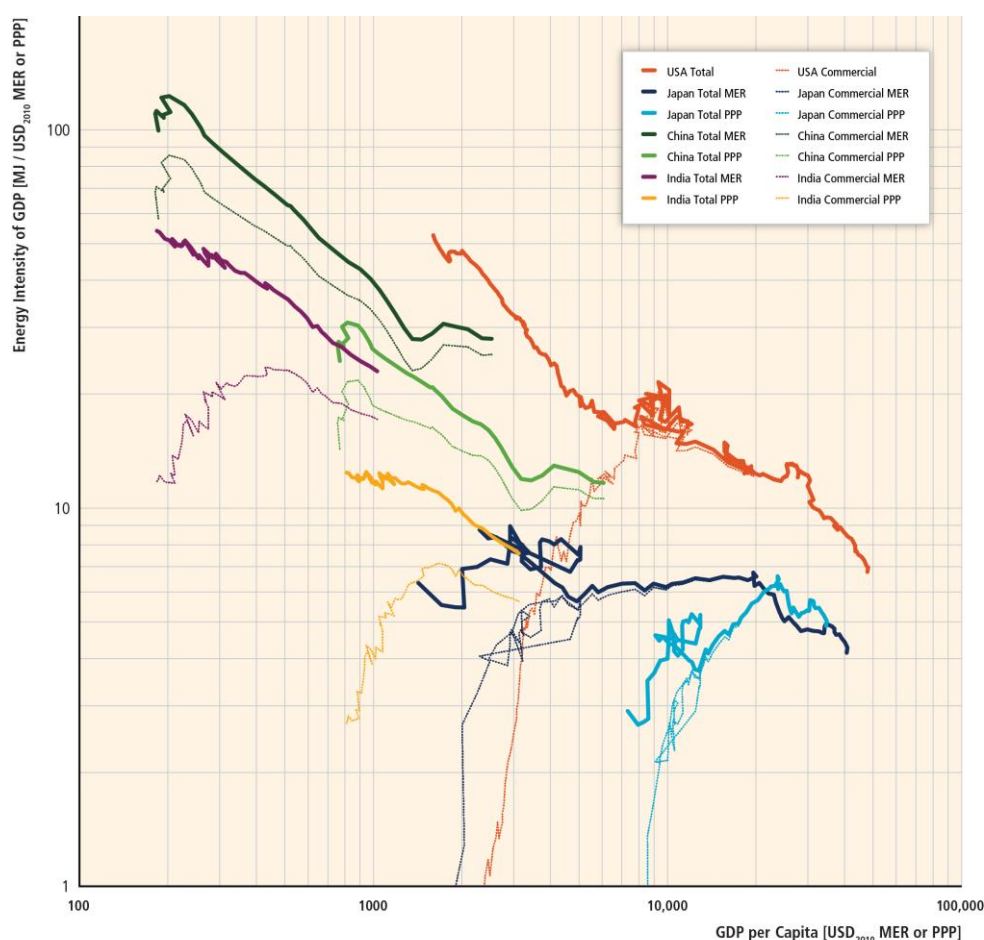
46 Energy intensities are strongly affected by energy and economic accounting conventions, which are
47 not always disclosed prominently in the reporting reference. For energy, the largest influences on

1 the metrics are whether primary or final energy are used in the calculations, and whether or not
2 non-commercial energy⁴ is included (Grübler et al., 2012) (see Figure 5.16).

3 Figure 5.16 illustrates these differences in the evolution of historical primary energy intensity for
4 four major world economies: China, India, Japan and the United States. It shows the different ways
5 energy intensity of GDP can be measured.

6 To see how the inclusion of non-commercial energy affects energy intensity, we take the US as an
7 example, as PPP and MER GDP are the same by definition. The thin green curve shows U.S.
8 commercial energy intensity. According to (Grübler et al., 2012), commercial energy intensities
9 increase during the early phases of industrialization, as traditional, less efficient energy forms are
10 replaced by commercial energy. Once this substitution is completed, commercial energy intensity
11 peaks and starts to decline. This phenomenon is sometimes called the “hill of energy intensity”
12 (Grübler et al., 2012). These peaks are observed to be lower for countries reaching this transition
13 stage now, promising lower energy intensity in developing countries that still have to reach the peak
14 (Gales et al., 2007), (Lescaroux, 2011), (Reddy and Goldemberg, 1990)(Nakicenovic et al., 1998) .
15 More important than this “hill” in commercial energy intensities is, however, a pervasive trend
16 toward overall lower total energy (including also non-commercial energy) intensities over time and
17 across all countries (Grübler et al., 2012). It is interesting to note that despite the relatively wide
18 upper and lower bounds of starting energy intensity between the investigated countries, they all
19 exhibit very similar rates of energy improvements independent of whether they are on a more or
20 less energy-intensive development trajectory.

⁴ Non-commercial energy is energy that is not commercially traded such as the traditional biomass or agricultural residues, which are of particular importance in developing countries.



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2 **Figure 5.16.** Energy intensity improvements and per capita GDP - US (1800–2008), Japan (1885–
3 2008), India (1950–2008), and China (1970–2008). Source: (Grübler et al., 2012). Note: Energy
4 intensities (in MJ per US\$) are always shown for total primary energy (bold lines) and commercial
5 primary energy only (thin lines) and per unit of GDP expressed at market exchange rates (MER in
6 2010US\$) and for China, India, and Japan also at purchasing power parities (PPP in 2010
7 International\$). For the United States, MER and PPP are identical.

8 For GDP, the most important accounting factor are the exchange rates used for converting income
9 measured in local national currencies to internationally comparable currency units based on either
10 market exchange rates (MER) or purchasing power parity (PPP) exchange rates (both illustrated in
11 Figure 5.16) (Grübler et al., 2012). In the cases of India and China, MER energy intensities are very
12 high, similar to the energy intensities of the industrialized countries more than 100 years ago. This
13 gives the appearance of very high energy intensity of GDP in developing countries. However, China
14 and India's PPP-measured GDPs are much higher, meaning that with the same dollar amount, a
15 Chinese or Indian consumer can purchase more goods and services in developing countries than in
16 industrialized countries. PPP-measured energy intensities are thus much lower for developing
17 countries, indicating substantially higher energy effectiveness in these countries than would be
18 calculated using MER (Grübler et al., 2012). A further limitation of GDP accounting, especially for
19 developing countries, is the exclusion of "grey economies" in official statistics, which would increase
20 GDP.

21 Countries with long-term statistical records show improvements in total energy intensities by a
22 factor of five or more since 1800, corresponding to an global annual average decline of total energy
23 intensities of about 0.75-1% (Gilli et al., 1990); (Fouquet, 2008). Improvement rates can be much
24 faster over periods of a few decades, as illustrated in the case of China, which exhibited a steep
25 decline (2–3%/year for PPP- and MER-based energy intensities, respectively) between 1979 and

1 2000 before the trend flattened (Stern and Jotzo, 2010). Faster economic growth leads to a faster
2 turnover of the capital stock of an economy, thus offering more opportunities to switch to more
3 energy-efficient technologies. The reverse also applies for the economies in transition (Eastern
4 Europe and the former Soviet Union in the 1990s) or recession, i.e., with declining GDP, energy
5 intensities increase.

6 Energy intensity has declined globally in all developed and major developing countries including
7 India and China (Steckel et al., 2011). When traditional (non-commercial) biomass fuels are included
8 in the measure of energy input, energy intensity has declined over time in most investigated
9 countries (Gales et al., 2007). However, historical improvements in energy intensities have not been
10 sufficient to fully offset GDP growth, resulting in increased energy consumption over time (Bruckner
11 et al., 2010). The literature indicates some but inconsistent convergence in energy intensities among
12 developed economies but not for both developed and developing countries (Le Pen and Sévi, 2010;
13 Mulder and de Groot, 2012).

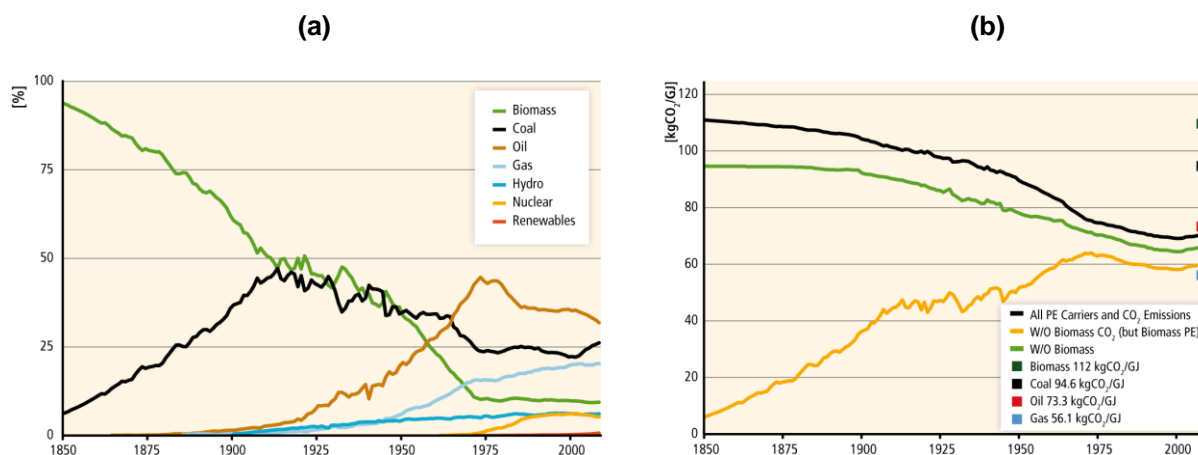
14 Changes in energy intensity over time can be decomposed into the effects of structural change (the
15 shift to more or less energy intensive industries), changes in the mix of energy sources, technological
16 change, and the quantities of other inputs such as capital and labour used (Stern, 2012) (Wang,
17 2011). Globally, structural changes play a smaller role in determining trends in energy use and CO₂
18 emissions, though they can be important in individual countries (Cian et al., 2013). More generally
19 for countries and regions, energy intensity is also affected by the substitution of capital and other
20 inputs for energy (Stern, 2012). The causes for energy intensity trends are difficult to isolate. For
21 example, in the United States, most researchers find that technological change has been the
22 dominant factor in reducing energy intensity (Metcalf, 2008). Similar results have been found for
23 Sweden (Kander, 2005) and China (Ma and Stern, 2008), (Steckel et al., 2011). However, Wing (2008)
24 finds that structural change explained most of the decline in energy intensity in the United States
25 (1958-2000), especially before 1980 and Kaufmann (2004) attributes the greatest part of the decline
26 to substitution towards higher quality energy sources, in particular electricity that produces more
27 output per Joule. Similarly, Liao et al., (2007) conclude that structural change, instead of
28 technological change, is the most dominant factor in reducing energy intensity in China.

29 Some differences in energy intensity among countries are easily explained. Countries with cold
30 winters and formerly centrally planned economies tend to be more energy intensive economies,
31 though the latter have improved energy intensities significantly in recent decades through reform of
32 energy markets (Stern, 2012). The role of economic structure, resource endowments, and policies
33 explain much of the differences in energy intensities (Ramachandra et al., 2006) (Matisoff,
34 2008)(Wei et al., 2009),(Stern, 2012), (Davidsdottir and Fisher, 2011) There is no clear one-to-one
35 link between overall energy intensity and energy efficiency in production (Filippini and Hunt, 2011),
36 though there is evidence for the role of energy prices. Higher energy prices are associated with
37 lower levels of energy consumption and are significantly determined by policy. Countries that have
38 high electricity prices tend to have lower demand for electricity, and vice-versa (Platchkov and Pollitt,
39 2011), with a price elasticity of demand for total energy use between -0.2 and -0.45 for the OECD
40 countries between 1978 and 2006 (Filippini and Hunt, 2011).

41 **5.3.4.3 Carbon-intensity, the energy mix and resource availability**

42 Carbon intensity is calculated as the ratio of emissions of CO₂ per unit of primary or final energy,
43 whereas decarbonization refers to the rate at which the carbon intensity of energy decreases.
44 Throughout the 20th century, the choice of fossil-fuels for energy has progressed towards less carbon
45 intensive fuels and to conversion of energy to more usable forms (e.g. electricity) (Grübler et al.,
46 2012). Hydrogen-rich fuels release, during combustion, more energy for every carbon atom that is
47 oxidized to CO₂ (Grübler et al., 1999). The result is a shift from fuels such as coal with a high carbon

1 content to energy carriers with a lower carbon content such as natural gas⁵, as well as the
 2 introduction of near-zero carbon energy sources, such as renewables, including sustainably managed
 3 biomass (biogenic carbon is reabsorbed through new growth), and nuclear, and consequently
 4 further decarbonization of energy systems (Grübler and Nakićenović, 1996), (Grubler, 2008).
 5 Decarbonization can also affect the emissions of other GHGs and radiatively active substances such
 6 as aerosols. Figure 5.17.a shows the historical dynamics of primary energy. It indicates that the
 7 changes in primary energy are very slow, because it took more than half a century to replace coal as
 8 the dominant source of energy.



10 **Figure 5.17. (a)** Structural change in world primary energy (in percent) illustrating the substitution of
 11 traditional biomass (mostly non-commercial) by coal and later by oil and gas. The emergence of hydro,
 12 nuclear and new renewables is also shown. Source: Nakićenović et al. (1998) and Grubler (2008). **(b)**
 13 Decarbonization of primary energy (PE) use worldwide since 1850 (kg of CO₂ emitted per GJ). The
 14 solid line shows carbon intensities of all primary energy sources, dashed line of commercial energy
 15 sources without biomass CO₂ emissions, assuming they have all been taken up by the biosphere
 16 under a sustainable harvesting regime (biomass re-growth absorbing the CO₂ released from biomass
 17 burning) and the dotted line shows global decarbonization without biomass and its CO₂ emissions.
 18 Note: For comparison, the specific emission factors (OECD/IPCC default emission factors, LHV basis)
 19 for biomass (wood fuel), coal, crude oil, and natural gas are also shown (coloured squares). Source:
 20 updated from Grübler et al. (2012).
 21

22 Figure 5.17.b illustrates the historical trend of global decarbonization of primary energy since 1850
 23 in terms of the average carbon emissions per unit of primary energy (considering all primary energy
 24 sources, commercial energy sources with and without biomass). Historically, traditional biomass
 25 emissions related to land-use changes, i.e., from deforestation to land for food and energy crops,
 26 have far exceeded carbon releases from energy-related biomass burning, which indicates that in the
 27 past, biomass, like fossil fuels, has also contributed significantly to increases in atmospheric
 28 concentrations of CO₂ (Grübler et al., 2012).

29 The global rate of decarbonization has been on average about 0.3% annually, about six times too low
 30 to offset the increase in global energy use of approximately 2% annually (Grübler et al., 2012). A
 31 significant slowing of decarbonization trends since the energy crises of the 1970s is noteworthy,
 32 particularly the rising carbon intensities as a result of increased use of coal starting in 2000 (IEA,
 33 2009; Stern and Jotzo, 2010; Steckel et al., 2011). Recent increases in natural gas, in particular shale
 34 gas use, will tend to partially offset the carbonization trends.

35 Some future scenarios foresee continuing decarbonization over the next several decades as natural
 36 gas and non-fossil energy sources increase their share in total primary energy use. Other scenarios
 37 anticipate a reversal of decarbonization in the long-term as more easily accessible sources of

⁵ For further detailed information on carbon emissions for various combustible fuels, see IPCC, 1995 and IPCC, 2006.

1 conventional oil and gas are replaced by more carbon-intensive alternatives such as coal and
2 unconventional oil and gas (Fisher et al., 2007). Nonetheless, almost all scenarios anticipate an
3 increase in future demand for energy services. The increase in energy demand means higher primary
4 energy requirements and, depending on the rates of future energy efficiency improvements, higher
5 emissions. Therefore, energy efficiency improvements alone will not be sufficient to significantly
6 reduce GHG emissions, and it is thus essential to accelerate the worldwide rate of decarbonization.
7 Current evidence indicates that further decarbonization will not be primarily driven by the
8 exhaustion of fossil fuels, but rather by economics, technological and scientific advances, socio-
9 political decisions and other salient driving forces. Furthermore, new ICT technologies can help
10 reduce the energy needs and associated emissions to improve the efficiency measures as a result of
11 better management of energy generation and end-use, e.g., emergence of smart grids and better
12 control of end-use devices.

13 Fossil fuel reserves and resources make up the hydrocarbon endowments, which as a whole are not
14 known with a high degree of certainty. Reserves are the part of global fossil occurrences that are
15 known with high certainty and can be extracted using current technologies at prevailing prices. Thus,
16 the quantification and classification of reserves relies on the dynamic balance between geological
17 assurance, technological possibilities and economic feasibility. There is little controversy that oil and
18 gas occurrences are abundant, whereas the reserves are more limited, with some 50 years of
19 production for oil and about 70 years for natural gas at the current rates of extraction (Rogner et al.,
20 2012). Reserve additions have shifted to inherently more challenging and potentially costlier
21 locations, with technological progress outbalancing potentially diminishing returns (Nakicenovic et
22 al., 1998; Rogner et al., 2012).

23 In general, estimates of the resources of unconventional gas, oil and coal are huge (GEA, 2012;
24 Rogner et al., 2012) ranging for oil resources to be up to 20 000 EJ or almost 120 times larger than
25 the current global production; natural gas up to 120 000 EJ or 1300 times current production,
26 whereas coal resources might be as large as 400 000 EJ or 3500 times larger than the current
27 production. However, the global resources are unevenly distributed and are often concentrated in
28 some regions and not others (U.S. Energy Information Administration, 2010). These upper estimates
29 of global hydrocarbon endowments indicate that their ultimate depletion cannot be the assurance
30 for limiting the global CO₂ emissions. For example, the carbon embedded in oil and gas reserves
31 exceeds the carbon of the atmosphere. The emissions budget for stabilizing climate change at 2
32 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels is about the same as the current content of the
33 atmosphere, meaning that under this constraint only a small fraction of reserves can be exploited
34 (Meinshausen et al., 2009). Chapter 7 of this report discusses in detail the current and future
35 availability of global energy resources (see also Table 7.2).

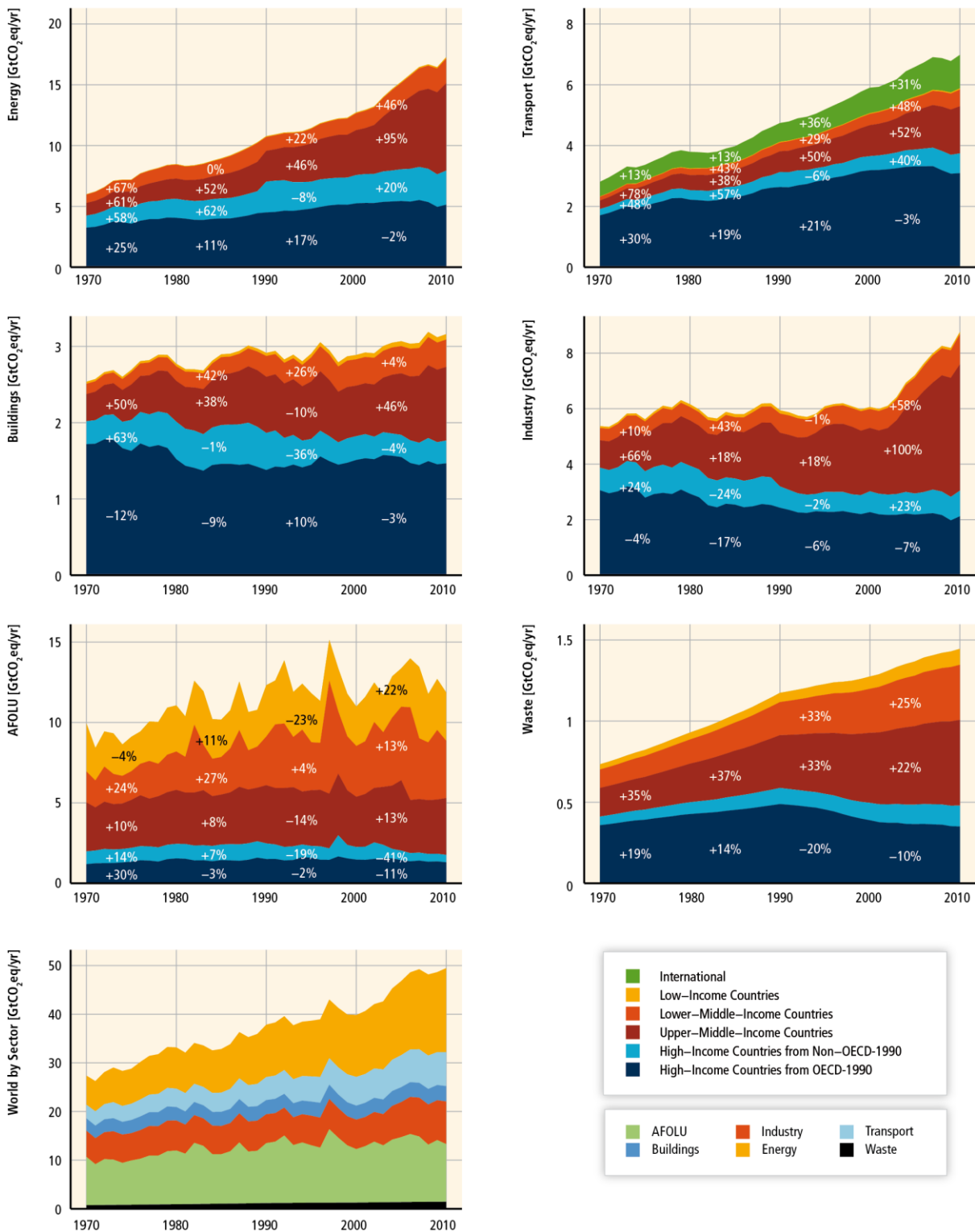
36 5.3.5 Other key sectors

37 Here we describe shortly the GHG emission trends for the main economic sectors (energy, transport,
38 buildings, industry, AFOLU, and waste) and the correlation between emissions and income, showing
39 marked differences between sectors and countries. The following subsections provide short
40 discussions of trends and drivers per sector, while the following chapters (7-11) provide the detailed
41 analyses. Note that in Chapter 5, we consider direct emissions for the buildings sector, whereas
42 chapter 9 provides the more elaborate view including indirect emissions.

43 As is clear from Figure 5.18, high-income countries contribute mostly to emissions associated with
44 transport (Chapter 8) and buildings (Chapter 9). Low- and lower-middle income countries contribute
45 the largest share of emissions associated with AFOLU (ch11). Over 2000-2010, emissions by upper-
46 middle income countries for energy (+3.5 GtCO₂e/yr) and industry (+2.4 GtCO₂e/yr) more than
47 doubled, and by 2010 emissions from industries in upper-middle income countries have passed
48 those from high-income countries. For transport, emissions start to increase at higher income levels.

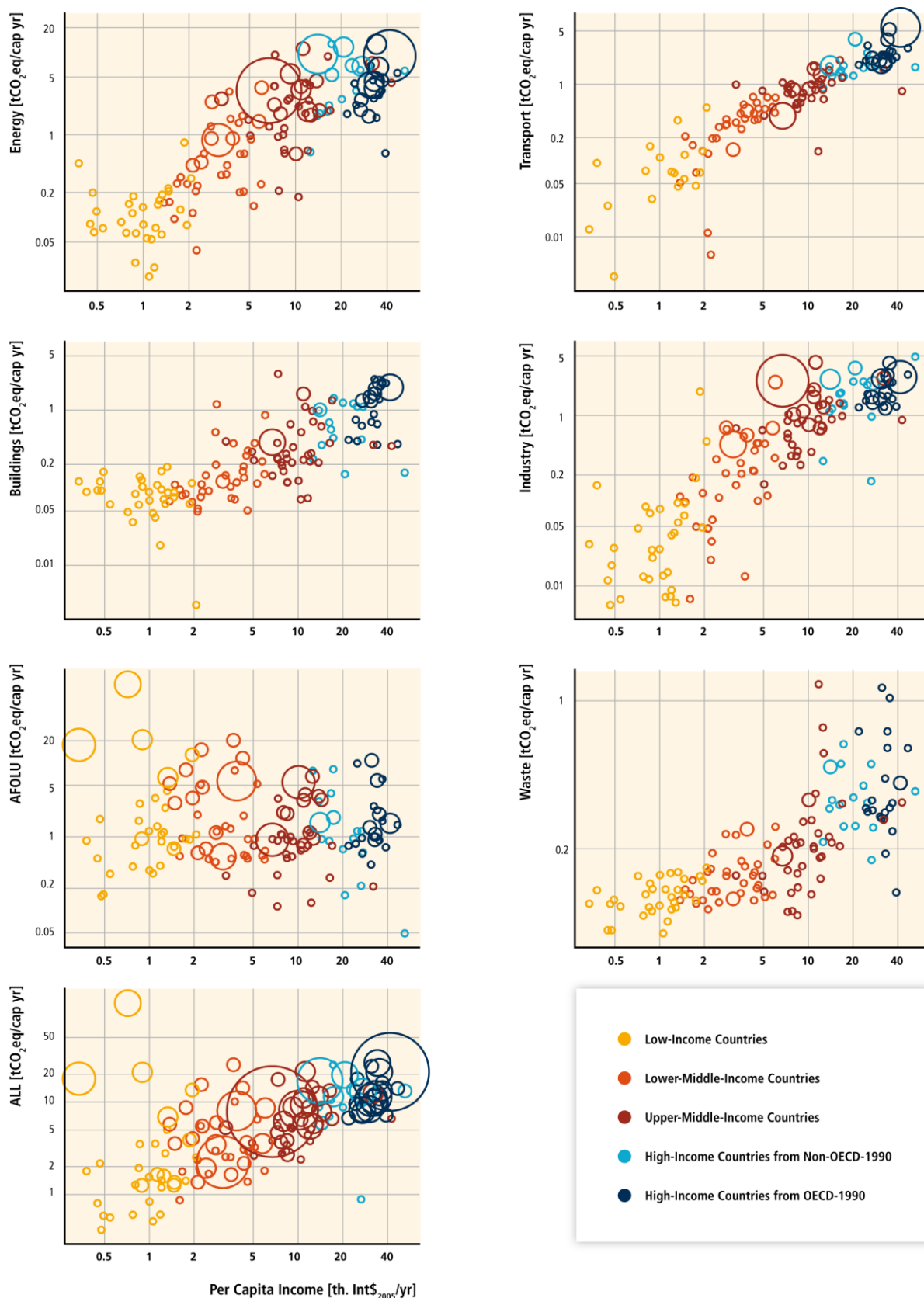
1 The large increase in energy and industry emissions in upper-middle income countries is consistent
2 with the observed income growth and correlation between emissions and income for these sectors
3 (Figure 5.19). There is a robust positive relation between income and emissions, particularly for
4 annual income levels between 1000 and 10,000 Int\$2005/cap, while for transport, the correlation
5 between income and emissions continues up to higher income levels. We find no positive correlation
6 between income and emissions for AFOLU.

7 In 2010, the typical high income country (median of the high income group, population weighted)
8 had per capita emissions of 13 tCO₂e/cap yr, while per capita emissions in the typical low income
9 country reached to about one tenths of that value, at 1.4 tCO₂e/cap yr. But, there is a large variety
10 between countries that have similar income levels. The per capita emissions in high-income
11 countries range from 8.2 to 21 tCO₂e/cap yr, for the (population weighted) 10 and 90 percentile,
12 respectively. Many low income countries (median income of 1.2 th Int\$2005/cap) have low per
13 capita emissions (median of 1.4 tCO₂e/yr), but for the low-income country group, average per capita
14 emissions (4.3 tCO₂e/yr) are pulled up by a few countries with very high emissions associated with
15 land-use.



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2 **Figure 5.18.** Regional and sector distribution of emission trends. The figure shows annual GHG
 3 emissions for the 6 key sectors discussed in Section 5.3.4 and 5.3.5. The left-lower panel presents
 4 global sector-emissions to assess the relative contribution. Decadal growth rates are projected on the
 5 charts for emissions exceeding 0.2 GtCO₂eq/yr. The direct emission data from JRC/PBL (JRC/PBL,
 6 2012) (see Annex II.8) represents land-based CO₂ emissions from forest and peat fires and decay
 7 that approximate to net CO₂ flux from the FOLU (Forestry and Other Land Use) sub-sector. For a
 8 more detailed representation of AFOLU GHG flux (Agriculture and FOLU) see Section 11.2 and
 9 Figure 11.2 and 11.6.



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2 **Figure 5.19.** The relation between income and emissions for the 6 key sectors discussed in Section
 3 5.3.4 and 5.3.5. The left-lower panel presents the relation for emissions aggregated over all sectors.
 4 Each circle is one country, for the year 2010. The area of a circle is proportional to the aggregate
 5 emissions for that country and sector, using the same scale consistently over all panels. The bubble
 6 size is bounded from below for visual ease. Note the logarithmic scales on both x and y axes. For

1 most sectors apart from AFOLU, there is a clear positive relation between income and emissions.
2 Based on data from JRC/PBL (2012). The direct emission data from JRC/PBL (2012) (see Annex II.8)
3 represents land-based CO₂ emissions from forest and peat fires and decay that approximate to net
4 CO₂ flux from the FOLU (Forestry and Other Land Use) sub-sector. For a more detailed
5 representation of AFOLU GHG flux (Agriculture and FOLU) see Section 11.2 and Figure 11.2 and
6 11.6.

7 **5.3.5.1 Transport**

8 The global transport GHG emissions⁶ grew from 2.8 GtCO₂eq in 1970 to 7 Gt CO₂eq in 2010⁷. The
9 OECD countries contributed the largest share of the emissions (i.e. 60% in 1970, 56% in 1990 and
10 46% in 2010) but the highest growth rate in transport emissions was in the Upper Middle Income
11 and international bunkers. The overall picture shows that transport emissions have steadily
12 increased but show a marked decrease around 2008/2009.

13 Increasing demand for passenger and freight transport; urban development and sprawl; lack of rail
14 and bus transit and cycle infrastructure in many regions; transport behaviour constrained by lack of
15 modal choice in some regions; high fuel consuming stock fleet of vehicles; relatively low oil prices;
16 and the limited availability of low-carbon fuels have been the principle drivers of transport sector
17 CO₂ emission growth over the past few decades (Jolley, 2004; Davies et al., 2007; IPCC, 2007;
18 Timilsina and Shrestha, 2009; Ubaidillah, 2011; Wang et al., 2011 Chapter 8).

19 The marked growth rate of international transport emissions after 2002 coincides with growth in
20 Chinese exporting industries suggesting an influence of trade policies and world trade agreements
21 on the transport emissions (Olivier et al., 2011).

22 The high oil prices of 2008 and the global recession in 2009 both resulted in a decrease in fossil fuel
23 consumption for the OECD regions, with carbon dioxide emissions declining by 2.0% in 2008 and an
24 estimated 6.3% in 2009. The greenhouse gas emissions in non- OECD emissions were not affected
25 and even caused a 2.2% increase in total global transport emissions and an estimated 0.3% in 2009
26 (US EIA, 2011).

27 There is a strong correlation of per capita transport emissions and the per capita incomes and
28 alignment of the two variables is sharper in the high income countries (Fig 5.3.15) as the demand for
29 personal transportation increases as standards of living rise and increased economic activity as a
30 result of high per capita income (US EIA, 2011).

31 **5.3.5.2 Buildings**

32 The building sector emissions grew from 2.5 Gt CO₂eq in 1970 to 3.2 Gt CO₂eq in 2010 with
33 emissions growth rates in OECD countries being largely negative. Positive emission growth rates
34 were registered in the Upper and Lower Middle Income countries, although the largest contribution
35 to the buildings emissions were still from OECD countries (Figure 5.18).

36 There is correlation of per capita buildings emissions with per capita income attributed to high
37 energy consumption. Considering life cycle analysis starting with manufacturing of building materials
38 to demolition over 80% of greenhouse gas emissions take place during building operation phase
39 (UNEP, 2009) largely from consumption of electricity for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning
40 (HVAC), water heating, lighting and entertainment (US DOE, 2008). On average, most residential
41 energy in developed countries is consumed for space heating, particularly in cold climates. The
42 demand for energy in buildings for space heating was 58% in 1990 and 53% in 2005 while water
43 heating was 17% to 16%, cooking and lighting about 5% and appliances 16-21% (International Energy
44 Agency, 2008; UNEP 2009). In the low income countries, per capita emissions also tend to be high as
45 a large proportion of operational energy is derived from polluting fuels mainly wood and other

⁶ Consisting of direct CO₂, CH₄, N₂O and F-gases (Freight Vision, 2009).

⁷ (JRC/PBL, 2012)

1 biomass, such as dung and crop residues and that there is still a high number of people (2.4 billion)
2 using biomass for cooking and heating (International Energy Agency, 2002, 2006)

3 **5.3.5.3 Industry**

4 The direct industry emissions (excluding waste water and AFOLU contributions⁸) grew from 6.1 in
5 1970 to 10.2 GtCO₂eq/yr in 2010 and the contribution of OECD countries to the emissions
6 dominated at the start of the period with over 61% of the emissions declining to 26% in 2010. The
7 Middle income countries have become the major emitters particularly from after 2000 (Fig 5.3.14)
8 when the annual growth rate in emissions increased by 165% in the Middle (Upper and Lower)
9 income countries. There is positive correlation of industry per capita emissions and per capita
10 income to about 10,000 Int\$2005/cap. Beyond that income level, the correlation gradient flattens
11 due to improvements in energy efficiency in the industrialized OECD countries (European
12 Environment Agency, 2009).

13 Energy use in industry, which is the major source of the sector emissions has grown in both absolute
14 and relative terms in all OECD regions and in relative terms in Economies in Transition (REF Region)
15 countries driven by changes in income, demand of goods and services hence the level of industrial
16 output, fuel switching and structural changes (International Energy Agency, 2003). There has also
17 been a complex restructuring and relocation of production and consumption of goods and supply of
18 services that have shaped the location of industrial emissions, hence the shift of major emissions to
19 some Asian economies (De Backer and Yamano, 2012)(De Backer and Yamano, 2012) (Backer and
20 Yamano, 2007).

21 The production of energy-intensive industrial goods that include cement, steel, aluminium has
22 grown dramatically. From 1970 to 2012, global annual production of cement increased 500%;
23 aluminium 400%; steel 150% ammonia 250% and paper 200% (USGS, 2013); with energy-intensive
24 industries being located in developing nations (IPCC, 2007). Rapid growth in export industries has
25 also driven emissions growth and since 2001 China dominates in production of goods for own
26 consumption and export ((Weber et al., 2008); see Chapter 10).

27 Non energy industry emissions such as PFC emissions have declined in many OECD countries, while
28 SF6 emissions vary and HFC emissions have increased very rapidly driven more by use in
29 refrigeration equipment rather than in manufacturing industries (International Energy Agency, 2003).

30 **5.3.5.4 Agriculture, Forestry, Other Land Use (AFOLU)**

31 Emission of GHGs in the AFOLU sector increased by 20% from 9.9 GtCO₂eq in 1970 to 12 GtCO₂eq in
32 2010 (Figure 5.18) contributing about 20-25% of the global emission in 2010 (JRC/PBL, 2013). Both
33 the agriculture sub-sector and the forest and other land use (FOLU) sub-sector showed an increase
34 in emissions during the period 1970-2010, but there is substantial uncertainty and variation between
35 databases (see 5.2.3); Chapter 11 provides an overview of other estimates. In the agriculture sub-
36 sector, methane from enteric fermentation and rice cultivation, and nitrous oxide mainly from soil
37 and application of synthetic and manure fertilizer manure management had the largest contribution
38 (≥80%) to total emission in 2010. Between 1970 and 2010, emission of methane increased by 20%
39 whereas emission of nitrous oxide increased by 45-75%. Though total global emission increased but
40 per capita emission went down from 2.5 ton in 1970 to 1.6 ton in 2010 because of growth in
41 population. Per capita emission decreased in Latin America (LAM), Middle East and Africa (MAF) and
42 Economies and Transition (REF) countries whereas in Asia and Organization for Economic Co-
43 operation and Development (OECD-1990) countries it remained almost unchanged. There was no
44 clear relation between emission in the AFOLU sector and per capita income (Figure 5.19).

⁸ These emissions have been presented in other subsections

1 During 2000 and 2010, emission in the AFOLU sector marginally increased from 11 GtCO₂eq to 11.9
2 GtCO₂eq (Figure 5.18) but per capita emission marginally decreased from 1.8 ton to 1.7 tCO₂eq/cap
3 yr (JRC/PBL, 2013).

4 Drivers of emissions included increased livestock numbers linked to increased demand for animal
5 products, area under agriculture, deforestation, use of fertilizer, area under irrigation, per capita
6 food availability, consumption of animal products and increased population of human and animal.
7 Global agricultural land increased by 7%, from 4560 Mha to 4900 Mha between 1970 and 2010
8 (FAOSTAT, 2013). Global population increased by about 90% from 3.6 to 6.9 billion during the
9 period. As a result per capita crop land availability declined by about 50%, from 0.4 ha to 0.2 ha. On
10 the other hand, crop productivity increased considerably during the period. For example, cereal
11 production has doubled from 1.2 billion ton to 2.5 billion ton and average yield of cereals increased
12 from 1600 kg ha⁻¹ to 3000 kg ha⁻¹. To enable this increase, use of nitrogenous fertilizer increased by
13 230% from 32 M ton in 1970 to 106 M ton in 2010 (FAOSTAT, 2013), which was a major driver for
14 increased N₂O emission (Spark et al., 2012). During the past 40 years, there has been increase in
15 irrigated cropped area (Foley et al., 2005). Population of cattle, sheep and goats increased 1.4-fold
16 and that of pigs and poultry by 1.6 and 3.7-fold, respectively (FAOSTAT). This has increased GHGs
17 emission directly and also through manure production (Davidson, 2009). Global daily per-capita food
18 availability and consumption of animal products increased, particularly in Asia (FAOSTAT, 2013).

19 The emission in the AFOLU sector increased during the last four decades with marginal increase in
20 the last decade (2000-2010). The continued growth in world population causing greater demand for
21 food with reduced per capita land availability will have significant impact on emission. The details of
22 emission, more on forestry and land use, and opportunities for mitigation in the AFOLU sector are
23 discussed in Chapter 11.

Box 5.3. Trends and drivers of GHG emissions in Least Developing Countries

Almost 90% of 1970-2010 GHG emissions in the LDC countries are generated by agriculture, forestry and other land use activities- AFOLU (Fig 5.3.16), and emissions have increased by 0.6% per year in these countries during the last 4 decades. For the LDC, the primary activities within AFOLU include subsistence farming and herding, use of wood as fuel for cooking and heating (Golub et al., 2008; Dauvergne and Neville, 2010; Erb et al., 2012).

The effects of population growth on energy use and emissions are, in relative terms, greater in the LDCs and developing countries than in the developed countries (Poumanyong and Kaneko, 2010). The dominance of AFOLU over Buildings, Industry, and Transport as sources of emissions for LDC (Figure 5.29) suggests population growth as a major contributor to the growth in LDC emissions. Yet the low historic emissions growth of 0.6% annually is substantially below population growth of 2.5% annually. Changes in land use with regard to biofuels (Ewing and Msangi, 2009) and agricultural practices (Mann et al., 2009; Bryan et al., 2013) may also have affected the increase in emissions.

Changes in future trends of GHG emissions in LDCs will depend on the pace of urbanisation and industrialisation in the LDCs. Although currently most LDCs continue to have a large share of rural population, the rate of urbanization is progressing rapidly. This pattern is expected to lead to increasing access to and use of energy and emissions (Parikh and Shukla, 1995; Holtedahl and Joutz, 2004; Alam et al., 2008; Liu, 2009) particularly since early stages of urbanisation and industrialization are associated with higher emissions than later stages (Martínez-Zarzoso and Maruotti, 2011).

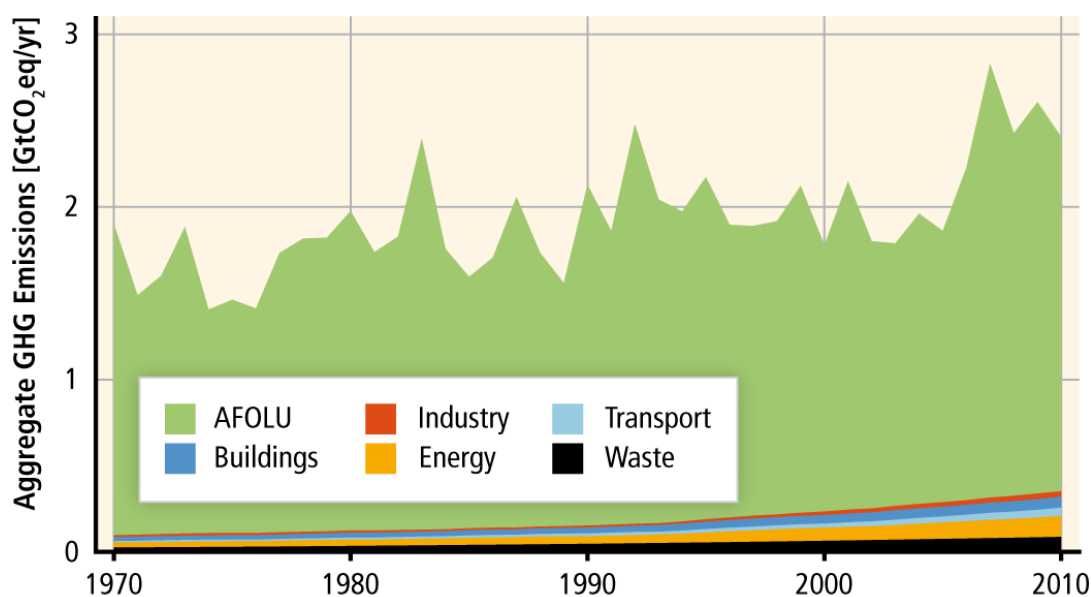


Figure 5.20. Historic fossil-fuel GHG emissions per sector in Least Developed Countries. The figure shows that for all sectors apart from AFOLU, emissions have increased sharply in relative terms. Yet AFOLU presents the largest share of emissions (JRC/PBL, 2012). The direct emission data from JRC/PBL (2012) (see Annex II.8) represents land-based CO₂ emissions from forest and peat fires and decay that approximate to net CO₂ flux from the FOLU (Forestry and Other Land Use) sub-sector. For a more detailed representation of AFOLU GHG flux (Agriculture and FOLU) see Section 11.2 and Figure 11.2 and 11.6.

5.3.5.5 Waste

Total global waste emissions for all gases (CH₄, N₂O, CO₂) almost doubled from 1970 to 2010 (Figure 5.18) (JRC/PBL, 2012), while in the period 2000-2010 year the increment was 13% (1278MtCO₂eq vs 1446 MtCO₂eq) (JRC/PBL, 2012). Waste GHG emissions represented in 2010 the 3,0% of total GHG emissions from all sources (1446 MtCO₂eq), compared to 2,6% in 1970 (734 MtCO₂eq)(JRC/PBL, 2012). Main sources of waste GHG emissions were solid wastes disposal on land (46% of total waste

1 GHG emissions in 1970 year and 43% in 2010 year) and wastewater handling (51% of total waste
2 GHG emissions in 1970 year and 54% in 2010 year), and in minor importance according to their GHG
3 emission quantities waste incineration (mainly CO₂), and other sources (JRC/PBL, 2012).

4 From 1998 year and forward waste GHG emissions in Asia are larger than in OECD countries (mainly
5 in GHG wastewater emissions); while in 1970 year OECD's emissions represented 50% of emissions
6 (364 MtCO₂eq) and Asia 27% (199 MtCO₂eq), in 2010 year Asia represented 41% of waste GHG
7 emissions (596 MtCO₂eq) and OECD 27% (391 MtCO₂eq) (Figure 5.18) (JRC/PBL, 2012). The main
8 GHG from waste is CH₄ (methane) – mainly emitted from municipal solid wastes disposal on land
9 and wastewaters - representing 91% in 1970 year, followed by N₂O(7%); and 90% in 2010 year
10 followed by N₂O (8%) (Monni et al., 2006; JRC/PBL, 2012).

11 The waste generation is closely interrelated with population, urbanization and affluence. Waste-
12 generation rates can be correlated with different indicators of affluence, as gross domestic product
13 (GDP)/cap, energy consumption/cap, and private final consumption/cap (Monni et al., 2006; Bogner
14 et al., 2008). In the same way Magnus Sjöström and Göran Östblom remarks in their article that
15 waste quantities have grown steadily along with Gross Domestic Products (GDPs) over the last
16 decades (Sjöström and Östblom, 2009), moreover they wrote that total quantity of municipal waste
17 per capita increased by 29 per cent in North America, 35 per cent in OECD, and 54 per cent in the
18 EU15 from 1980 to 2005 (Sjöström and Östblom, 2009)

19 The estimation of the past, current and future emissions as well as the mitigation potential in the
20 waste sector has many uncertainties, the most important relating to the poor quality of activity data
21 needed for estimation of emissions (Monni et al., 2006; Bogner et al., 2008)

22 **5.4 Production and Trade patterns**

23 **5.4.1 Embedded carbon in Trade**

24 Between 1971 and 2010, world trade has grown by 6% a year on average, meaning it doubled nearly
25 every 12 years (World Trade Organisation, 2011), outpacing the growth of world gross domestic
26 product (GDP), which was 3.1% per year on average. The ratio of world exports of goods and
27 commercial services to GDP in real terms has increased substantially; steadily since 1985, and by
28 nearly one-third between 2000 and 2008, before dropping in 2009 as world trade fell as a result of
29 the Global Financial Crisis (World Trade Organisation, 2011). While information on the size of
30 physical trade is more limited, Dittrich and Bringezu (2010) estimate that between 1970 and 2005
31 the physical tonnage of international trade grew from 5.4 to 10 billion tonnes. Statistics on CO₂
32 emissions associated with international shipping support these findings (Heitmann and Khalilian,
33 2011); international shipping has grown at a rate of 3.1% per annum for the past three decades.
34 (Eyring et al., 2010), and there is evidence of a recent acceleration in seaborne trade suggesting that
35 trade, measured in ton-miles has increased by 5.2% per annum (on average) between 2002 and
36 2007. This is further supported by van Renssen (2012) who observes a doubling of shipping and
37 aviation emissions between 1990 and 2010.

38 Trade has increased the developing countries' participation in the global economy. According to the
39 World Trade Organization "From 1990 to 2008, the volume of exports from developing countries
40 grew consistently faster than exports from developed countries, as did the share of developing
41 countries' exports in the value of total world exports". Between 2000 and 2008 the volume of
42 developing countries' exports almost doubled, while world exports increased by 50%. Asia is by far
43 the most important exporting region in the developing country group, with a 10% share of world
44 exports in 1990 (US\$ 335 million) which increased to 21% (US\$ 2,603 million) in 2009 (World Trade
45 Organisation, 2011).

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2**Box 5.4. Definition of Carbon Leakage**

3 Phenomena whereby the reduction in emissions (relative to a benchmark) are offset by an increase
4 outside the jurisdiction (Peters and Hertwich, 2008; Barrett et al., 2013). Leakage can occur at a
5 number of levels albeit a project, state, province, nation or world region. This can occur through:

6 **Changes in the relative prices** whereby national climate regulation reduces demand for fossil fuels,
7 thereby causing a fall in world prices resulting in an increase in demand outside the jurisdiction.

8 **Relocation of industry** where a firm relocates their operation to another nation due to less
9 favourable financial benefits in the original jurisdiction brought about by the reduction measures

10 **Nested regulation** where, for example, the EU imposes an aggregate cap on emissions meaning that
11 the efforts of individual countries exceed the cap freeing up allowances in other country under the
12 scheme.

13 **Weak consumption leakage** describes the increase of emissions in one country as a consequence of
14 actions or policies that are unrelated to climate policy (such as a changed quantity or composition of
15 imports) in another country.

16 The consumption accounts presented in section 5.3.3.2 showed that between 1990 and 2000, global
17 carbon dioxide emissions increased by about 10%, and by a further 29% between 2000 and 2008 (Le
18 Quere et al., 2009), (Peters et al., 2011a). Over the full period, all of the growth in carbon dioxide
19 emissions occurred in non-Annex B countries while CO₂ emissions in Annex B countries stabilised.
20 Partly, this was due to the collapse of the former Soviet Union in the early 1990s, which reduced
21 emissions in these countries between 1990 and 2000. But the pattern also relates to the rapid
22 increase in international trade between Annex B and non-Annex B countries. 20% of the growth in
23 CO₂ emissions in non-Annex B countries can, through trade, be attributed to the increased demand
24 for products by Annex B countries (Peters et al., 2011a).

25 In 1990, the global carbon dioxide emissions associated with exported products was 4.3 Gt CO₂
26 (Peters et al., 2011a) This figure includes the carbon dioxide emissions through the whole supply
27 chain associated with the production of the final product, using the “Environmentally Extended
28 Multi-Region Input-Output Analysis” (Davis and Caldeira, 2010)(Minx et al., 2009). In 2008, this
29 figure had increased to 7.8 Gt CO₂, (average annual increase of 4.3%) (Peters et al., 2011a). Between
30 1990 and 2000 the growth in the embedded carbon dioxide emissions of products being traded grew
31 by 10%. Between 2000 and 2008, carbon dioxide emissions embedded in trade grew by a further
32 26%, demonstrating a more recent and rapid increase (Peters et al., 2011a). In 2005, China
33 accounted for 25% of the total global CO₂ emissions embedded in exports, with China’s exported
34 emissions at 1.7 Gt (Weber et al., 2008) compared to the global total of 6.8 Gt (Peters et al., 2011b).
35 In terms of total CO₂ emissions due to the production of goods and services that were finally
36 consumed in another country, a number of papers suggest that this represents between 20 and 26%
37 of total global emissions in 2004 (Davis and Caldeira, 2010; Peters et al., 2011b).

38 Trade explains the divergence between territorial and consumption-based emissions in OECD
39 countries to the extent that it has resulted in an increase of emissions in the exporting countries. The
40 associated increase in emissions in exporting countries (mostly non Annex B) is often defined in the
41 literature as “weak leakage” (Davis and Caldeira, 2010), (Rothman, 1998, 2000; Peters and Hertwich,
42 2008; Weber and Peters, 2009; Strømman et al., 2009; Peters, 2010; Yunfeng and Laike, 2010).
43 (Lenzen et al., 2010) confirm these findings along with numerous national-level studies (Wiedmann
44 et al., 2010); (Hong et al., 2007); (Liu et al., 2011); (Ackerman et al., 2007); (Weber and Matthews,
45 2007; Mäenpää and Siikavirta, 2007; Muñoz and Steininger, 2010; Minx et al., 2011).

46 Trade has allowed countries with a higher than global average emission intensity to import lower
47 emission intensity goods and vice versa. For example, exports from China have a carbon intensity

1 four times higher than exports from the US (Davis and Caldeira, 2010). Net exports of carbon could
2 occur due to (i) a current account surplus, (ii) a relatively high energy intensity of production, (iii) a
3 relatively high carbon intensity of energy production, and (iv) specialization in the export of carbon-
4 intensive products (Jakob et al., 2012). Jakob and Marchinski (2013) argue that further analysis is
5 required to better understand the gap in consumption and territorial emissions, and to assess the
6 validity of possible but different causes.

7 Calculating emissions embodied in trade tells us the amount of emissions generated to produce
8 goods and services that are consumed elsewhere, but it doesn't allow us to establish a causal
9 interpretation. In particular, it doesn't allow identifying which fraction of observed changes in
10 regional emissions can be attributed to regulatory changes undertaken elsewhere, such as adoption
11 of climate measures in one region (often called 'strong carbon leakage' in the literature). Due to the
12 sparse data available, only a few empirical studies exist. (Aichele and Felbermayr, 2012, 2013)
13 provide evidence for a strong carbon leakage effect resulting from the Kyoto protocol. Most
14 estimates of how greenhouse gas emissions could react to regional regulatory changes have so far
15 relied on numerical modelling. These studies find a wide variety of rates of leakage (i.e. (i.e. the
16 fraction of unilateral emission reductions that are offset by increases in other regions), with one
17 study demonstrating that under some specific assumptions, leakages rates could even exceed 100%
18 (Babiker, 2005). However, it has also been pointed out that energy represents a small fraction of the
19 total cost for most industries and therefore leakage should not be expected to render unilateral
20 climate policies grossly ineffective (Hourcade et al., 2008; Jakob, 2011). This is confirmed by recent
21 model comparison of 12 computable general equilibrium models (Boehringer et al., 2012) finds
22 leakage rates between 5% and 19%, with a mean value of 12%. However, taking into account (non-
23 energy related) industrial process emissions, which are not included in the latter model comparison,
24 may result in higher leakage rates, as some of the most energy- as well as trade-intensive sectors are
25 also important sources of industrial process emissions ((Bednar-Friedl et al., 2012) find that
26 accounting for industrial process emissions raises the leakage rate by one third).

27 **5.4.2 Trade and productivity**

28 Trade does not only affect emissions through its effect on consumption patterns, the relocation of
29 production, and emissions for international transport, it also affects emissions through its effect on
30 innovation and the exchange of technologies between trading partners. Section 5.6 assesses the
31 literature on innovation while this section assesses the theoretical and empirical literature on
32 channels through which trade (broadly defined as trade in goods and foreign direct investment)
33 affects productivity (Havrylyshyn, 1990).

34 At the aggregate level, trade can improve productivity through increased allocative efficiency.
35 Furthermore, trade increases the international flow of intermediate goods (Hummels et al., 2001;
36 Koopman et al., 2008), allowing for the production of higher-quality final products with the same
37 amount of emissions and other inputs (Rutherford and Tarr, 2002). Though, trade may impede
38 productivity growth in developing countries if it causes them to specialize in low-tech labour and
39 energy intensive sectors with little scope for productivity improvements. Trade can also increase
40 income inequality in developing countries – for example because the least skill-intensive industries
41 in developed countries become the most skill-intensive sectors in developing countries (Zhu and
42 Trefler, 2005; Meschi and Vivarelli, 2009) – which in turn can have a negative impact on productivity
43 growth (Persson and Tabellini, 1994).

44 At the sector level, trade liberalization increases competition in import-competing sectors, and
45 causes the least-productive firms in these sectors to collapse or exit (Pavcnik, 2002). Therefore,
46 through this mechanism, trade liberalization can cause job losses, especially for those working in the
47 previously protected sectors. At the same time, trade can also increase productivity, energy-
48 efficiency, and R&D incentives in import-competing sectors: trade intensifies import-competition
49 and increases the remaining firms' domestic market shares, both of which are associated with higher

1 R&D efforts – possibly because firms with large market shares use innovation to deter entry
2 (Blundell et al., 1999).

3 Aside allocation and competition effects, trade can increase productivity growth through knowledge
4 spillovers. Multinationals do more R&D than purely domestic firms, thus FDI (Foreign Direct
5 Investment) can increase the knowledge stock of the recipient country. Moreover, the entry of
6 foreign multinationals facilitates the diffusion of energy-saving technologies if domestic firms
7 reverse-engineer their products or hire away their employees (Keller and Yeaple, 2009). In addition
8 to these horizontal spillovers, foreign entrants have an incentive to share their knowledge with
9 domestic suppliers and customers, in order to improve the quality of domestically-sourced inputs
10 and to enable domestic customers to make better use of their products (Javorcik, 2004).

11 Turning to empirical analyses, there are many studies that estimate the effect of trade on sector
12 overall productivity or the international diffusion of specific technologies, but little that quantify the
13 effect of trade, through productivity, on emissions. Empirical work, mostly focusing on labour and
14 total factor productivity, suggests that trade openness indeed enhances productivity. (Coe and
15 Helpman, 1995) and (Edwards, 2001) find that foreign R&D has a larger positive effect for countries
16 with a higher import volume, and that for small countries, foreign R&D matters more for domestic
17 productivity than domestic R&D. Keller (2000) finds that imports from high-productivity countries
18 lead to more productivity growth than imports from low-productivity countries. According to Kim
19 (2000), trade liberalization increased total factor productivity growth by 2 percentage points in
20 Korea between 1985-1988. For US firms, FDI spillovers accounted for 14% of productivity growth
21 between 1987-1996 (Keller and Yeaple, 2009).

22 With regards to specifically environmental applications, Verdolini and Galeotti (2011a) and Bosetti
23 and Verdolini (2012) constructed and tested a model to show that the factors that impede
24 international trade in physical goods, such as geographic distance, also hinder the diffusion of
25 environmentally benign technologies. Reppelin-Hill (1998) finds that the Electric Arc Furnace, a
26 technology for cleaner steel production, diffused faster in countries that are more open to trade.
27 Trade reduces global energy-efficiency if it relocates production to countries that have a
28 comparative advantage in unskilled labour but low energy efficiency (Li and Hewitt, 2008). Lastly,
29 Mulder and De Groot (2007) document a convergence of energy-productivity across OECD countries
30 over time. The results may be attributable to knowledge diffusion through trade, but the authors do
31 not estimate a link between convergence and trade.

32 **5.5 Consumption and behavioural change**

33 Behaviour is an underlying driver affecting the factors in the decomposition of anthropogenic GHG
34 emissions. Although it is difficult to delineate and attribute the effects of behaviour unambiguously,
35 there is empirical evidence of variation in behaviour and consumption patterns across regions, social
36 groups, and over time, and its connection to e.g. energy and emission intensity of consumption.

37 This section reviews the evidence of how behaviour affects energy use and emissions through
38 technological choices, lifestyles and consumption preferences. It focuses on behaviour of consumers
39 and producers, delineates the factors influencing behaviour change, and reviews policies and
40 measures that have historically been effective in changing behaviour for the benefit of climate
41 change mitigation.

42 **5.5.1 Impact of behaviour on consumption and emissions**

43 Consumer choices with regard to food, mobility and housing, and more generally consumption
44 patterns affect the environmental impact and GHG emissions associated with the services (Faber et
45 al., 2012). Consumption patterns are shaped not only by economic forces, but also by technological,
46 political, cultural, psychological and environmental factors. For example, domestic energy use and
47 travel choices are intrinsically related to social identity, status and norms (Layton et al., 1993; Black

1 et al., 2001; Steg et al., 2001; Exley and Christie, 2002). Senses of security, clean environment, family
2 ties and friendships are also viewed as important factors in determining consumption patterns
3 (Chitnis and Hunt, 2012). The cultural context in which an individual lives and the inherent values of
4 a society also shape the intrinsic motivation underlying consumer choices (Fuhrer et al., 1995;
5 Chawla, 1998, 1999). As an example, the high proportion of people following a vegetarian diet Indian
6 can be attributed to its cultures and religions, resulting in lower GHG emissions per caloric intake
7 (Ghosh, 2006). Similar explanations are given for India's relatively low levels of waste generation
8 coupled with higher levels of waste recycling and re-use (Ghosh, 2006). Cross-cultural differences
9 are also revealed at higher income levels. In some high-income countries people appreciate high-
10 density neighbourhoods and public transport more as compared to other countries (Roy and Pal,
11 2009).

12 Studies indicate that approximately one-third of food produced for human consumption (about 1.3
13 billion tons per year) is wasted globally, adding to GHG emissions for food production (Gustavsson et
14 al., 2011). It is estimated that substantially more food is wasted in the developed countries than in
15 developing countries. In Europe and North-America per capita food waste by consumers is estimated
16 at 95-115 kg/year, while in Sub-Saharan Africa and South/Southeast Asia is about 6-11 kg/year
17 (Gustavsson et al., 2011). There is significant inter-regional variation with regard to the stage of the
18 food chain at which wastage occurs. About 40% of food wastage in medium- and high-income
19 countries is generated at the consumer and retail stages, while in low-income countries food waste
20 at the consumer level is much smaller and food waste in the early and middle stages of the food
21 supply chain reaches about 40%. Food losses and waste in low-income countries are attributed to
22 financial, managerial and technical limitations, while consumer behaviour and lack of co-ordination
23 between different actors in the supply chain influence food wastage in the high income countries
24 (Gustavsson et al., 2011).

25 Empirical evidence indicates that per capita energy consumption varies widely across regions (see
26 Sections 5.3 and 5.4), resulting in significantly different CO₂ emissions in per capita terms and per
27 unit economic activity, but that GDP per capita does not explain all variation (see Figures 5.16 and
28 5.19). While part of this variability can be attributed, inter alia, to population density, infrastructure
29 and resource endowments, social and cultural predispositions, such as lifestyle, also influence the
30 choice and consumption levels of energy and materials (Marechal, 2009; Tukker et al., 2010;
31 Sovacool and Brown, 2010). Historic data show a clear increase at the global level of key
32 consumption activities of households that contribute to emissions, such as personal travel by car,
33 intake of meat and fossil fuel consumption (Mont and Plepys, 2008). Energy intensity, which
34 depends on behaviour, at the individual and economy-wide level, is therefore one of the key
35 determinants of emissions in the decomposition analysis. Behaviour is not only an implicit and
36 relevant driver of emissions, but also equally important a potential agent for change in emissions.

37 Apart from individuals and households, companies and organizations also contribute to emissions,
38 through both direct and indirect use of energy. Businesses, policy makers, as well as non-
39 governmental consumer organizations also play a role in inducing behaviour change and therefore
40 indirectly changing emissions. Studies show that environmental values are important determinants
41 of willingness to accept climate change policy measures, and that values and norms are required for
42 climate policy support within public and private organizations (Biel and Lundqvist, 2012).

43 Technological solutions directed at improving resource productivity may not be sufficient for curbing
44 the environmental impact of consumption (Hunt and Sendhil, 2010). Complementary to eco-
45 efficiency in production, sustainable development strategies may need to support sufficiency in
46 consumption, shifting from a culture of consumerism without limits to a society with less
47 materialistic aspirations (Mont and Plepys, 2008). This implies an addition to the focus on more
48 environmentally sound products and services; finding happiness with lower levels of material
49 consumption, especially in higher income countries (Hunt and Sendhil, 2010).

1 5.5.2 Factors driving change in behaviour

2 The literature differentiates between efficiency behaviours, the purchase of more or less energy
3 efficient equipment (e.g. insulation), and (2) curtailment behaviours that involve repetitive efforts to
4 reduce energy use, such as lowering thermostat settings (Gardner and Stern, 1996). It is suggested
5 that the energy saving potential through efficiency behaviour is greater than that through
6 curtailment behaviour. However, energy-efficient appliances can lead to an increase in demand for
7 the service due to the lower cost of these services, discussed in Section 5.6.2.

8 Behavioural economics studies anomalies in consumer's energy choices but it is also used to design
9 approaches aimed at influencing and modifying those behaviours (see Section 2.4 and 3.10.1). There
10 is evidence that consumers consistently fail to choose appliances that offer energy savings which,
11 according to engineering estimates, more than compensate for their higher capital cost. In analyses
12 of appliance choices, Hausman (1979) and subsequent studies found implicit consumer discount
13 rates ranging from 25% to over 100% (Train, 1985; Sanstad et al., 2006). A variety of explanations
14 have been offered, including consumer uncertainty regarding savings, lack of liquidity and financing
15 constraints, other hidden costs, and the possibility that the engineering estimates may overstate
16 energy savings in practice. Recent ideas draw on bounded rationality, the notion that consumers
17 "satisfice" rather than "optimize" (Simon, 1957), the importance of non-price product attributes and
18 consumers' perceptions thereof (Lancaster, 1965; Van den bergh, 2008), and asymmetric
19 information and the principal-agent problem (Akerlof, 1970; Stiglitz, 1988). From psychology and
20 behavioural economics come notions such as loss aversion (consumers place more weight on
21 avoiding a loss than on securing a gain of the same magnitude ((Kahneman et al., 1982); see Greene
22 (2011) for an application to energy efficiency), attention⁹ and the role of salience¹⁰ (Fiske and
23 Morling, 1996), priming (Richardson-Klavehn and Bjork, 1988), affect (Slovic et al., 2002), norms¹¹
24 (Axelrod, 2006), a present-bias in inter-temporal decision making (O'Donoghue and Rabin, 2008;
25 DellaVigna, 2009), and mental accounts (separate decision making for subsets of commodities,
26 (Thaler, 1999)). The literature is not unanimous, though, regarding the magnitude of the "energy
27 efficiency gap" (Allcott and Greenstone, 2012).

28 Ayres et al. (2009) estimate that non-price, peer comparison interventions can induce a
29 consumption response equivalent to a 17-29% price increase.¹² Newell et al. (1999) provides
30 evidence that the US room air conditioners energy efficiency gain since 1973, is for only about one
31 quarter induced by higher energy prices, while another quarter is due to raised government
32 standards and labelling.

33 Behavioural interventions can be aimed at voluntary behavioural change by targeting an individual's
34 perceptions, preferences and abilities, or at changing the context in which decisions are made. Such
35 non-price context interventions have been used across countries with varying degrees of success to
36 bring about behaviour change in consumption choices and patterns of energy use. These include
37 antecedent strategies (involving commitment, goal setting, information or modelling) and
38 consequence strategies (feedback or rewards) (Abrahamse et al., 2005; Fischer, 2008). As an
39 example, the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program tackles the high discount rate that
40 residential energy users ascribe to investments associated with energy efficiency retrofits of
41 buildings through providing local governments financing for retrofits of buildings repayable through

⁹ For example, Allcott (2011) indicates that 40% of US consumers do not consider a vehicle's gasoline consumption when purchasing a car.

¹⁰ Chetty et al. (2009) show that consumers' reaction to taxes depends on the visibility and salience of the tax.

¹¹ Responsiveness to norm-based messages has been demonstrated in a number of domains (e.g. (Frey and Meier, 2004; Cialdini et al., 2006; Salganik et al., 2006; Goldstein et al., 2008; Cai et al., 2009)

¹² Similarly, with household water use, Ferraro and Price (2011) find that the social-comparison effect is equivalent to what would be expected if average prices were to increase by 12 to 15 percent.

1 a supplement to property taxes (Ameli and Kammen, 2012). Various US and UK government agencies
2 and the private sector, including some electric and water utilities, have developed strategies
3 collected under the rubrics Nudge (Thaler and Sunstein, 2009) and Mindspace (Dolan et al., 2012),
4 These programs involve elements such as increasing the salience of financial incentives, invoking
5 norms, providing information on social comparisons, and modifying the choice architecture (the
6 structure of the choice) including the default alternative.¹³ Laboratory studies and small-scale pilots
7 have demonstrated a potential role for behavioural interventions, but there is uncertainty on the
8 scalability of these interventions and the level of impacts they can achieve (Hunt and Sendhil, 2010).

9 The state of awareness and concern about climate change, the willingness to act is an important
10 underlying driver for voluntary reduction in energy consumption by individuals. Some studies
11 indicate that the provision of information, or awareness creation by itself, is unlikely to bring about
12 significant change in consumption behaviour and reduction in emissions (Van Houwelingen and Van
13 Raaij, 1989; Kollmuss and Agyeman, 2002; Jackson, 2005). Other studies indicate that awareness
14 creation and provision of information facilitates the deployment of energy efficient technologies.
15 The establishing of benchmarks for the energy consumption of homes and commercial buildings may
16 contribute to reduce information asymmetries in the marketplace and to lower the discount rates
17 used by consumers to evaluate future efficiency gains (Cox et al., 2013). (Coller and Williams, 1999)
18 suggest that information about energy consumption will result in a 5% decline in discount rates for
19 energy decisions made by the median population, an estimate that is adopted by (Cox et al., 2013).

20 Rewards are seen to have effectively encouraged energy conservation, though with possibly short-
21 lived effects (Dwyer and Leeming, 1993)(Geller, 2002). Feedback has also proven to be useful,
22 particularly when given frequently (Becker et al., 1981). While a combination of strategies is
23 generally found to be more effective than applying any one strategy (Abrahamse et al., 2005).

24 Ability to change, or opportunities, is also essential, and can be constrained by institutional and
25 physical structures. Old habits are also seen as a strong barrier to changing energy behaviours (Pligt,
26 1985; Kollmuss and Agyeman, 2002; Mont and Plepys, 2008; Whitmarsh, 2009).

27 **5.6 Technological change**

28 **5.6.1 Contribution of technological change to mitigation**

29 The IPCC Fourth Assessment Report (AR4) acknowledged the importance of technological change as
30 a driver for climate change mitigation (IPCC, 2007): p149-153; 218-219). It also gave an extensive
31 review of technological change and concluded, among other things, that there is a relationship
32 between environmental regulation and innovative activity on environmental technologies, but that
33 policy is not the only determinant for technological change. It also discussed the debate around
34 technology push and market pull for technological change, the role of different actors and market
35 failures around technological innovation. Since 2007, more studies have documented improvements
36 of energy efficiency and the impact of different drivers, including technological change, on the
37 energy intensity, e.g., (Fan and Xia; Sheinbaum et al., 2011; Wu et al., 2012).

38 **5.6.1.1 Technological change: a drive towards higher or lower emissions?**

39 Previous assessment reports have focused on the contribution of technological change in reducing
40 GHG emissions. The rising emissions in emerging economies and accompanied rapid technological
41 change, however, point at a question of whether technological change might also lead to rising
42 emissions – in developed and developing countries. Due to a combination of rebound effects (see
43 section 5.6.2) and an observed tendency towards cost-saving innovations, the rebound effect could
44 be enhanced so much that energy-saving technological change could indirectly lead to an increase in
45 emissions (Fisher-Vanden and Ho, 2010). Probably more importantly, technological change may

¹³ UK Cabinet Office (2012).

1 favour non-mitigation issues over reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. For example, compact cars
2 in the 1930s have a similar fuel consumption rate to compact cars in the 1990s, but have far
3 advanced in terms of speed, comfort, safety and air pollution (Azar and Dowlatabadi, 1999).

4 The energy sector is of great importance to technological change and climate mitigation. Changes in
5 the energy intensity that are not related to changes in the relative price of energy are often called
6 changes in the autonomous energy efficiency index (Kaufmann, 2004; Stern, 2010). How do macro-
7 economic factors affect differences in energy efficiency between countries and changes over time?
8 Using country-based case study approach, the general trend at the macro-level over the 20th century
9 in the United States, the United Kingdom, Japan, and Austria has been to greater energy efficiency
10 (Warr et al., 2010).

11 Recent research investigates the factors that affect the adoption of energy efficiency policies or
12 energy efficiency technology (Matisoff, 2008); (Fredriksson et al., 2004); (Gillingham et al., 2009);
13 (Linares and Labandeira, 2010); (Wei et al., 2009); (Popp, 2011);(Stern, 2010). Differences in
14 endowments, preferences, or the state of technology create differences in the adoption of energy
15 efficiency technologies across countries and among individuals over time. The rate of adoption may
16 also be influenced by market failures such as environmental externalities, information access, and
17 liquidity constraints in capital markets, and behavioural factors. Behavioural factors are discussed in
18 section 5.5.2. The variation of implementation of energy efficiency measures varies greatly, both
19 between countries and between sectors and industries, especially if developing countries are taken
20 into account (Sanstad et al., 2006).

21 **5.6.1.2 Historical patterns of technological change**

22 There is ample evidence from historical studies, for instance in the United States, Germany and
23 Japan, that technological change can affect energy use (Carley, 2011b); (Welsch and Ochsen, 2005);
24 (Unruh, 2000). In Japan, it has also shown to be a driver for reduction of CO₂ emissions (Okushima
25 and Tamura, 2010). Technological change is also a dominant factor in China's fast declining energy
26 intensity until 2003 (Ma and Stern, 2008); but between 2003 and 2010, energy intensity declined
27 only slightly (IEA, 2012).

28 Technological change in the energy sector is best studied. Several studies find that technological
29 change in energy was particularly pronounced in periods with a great political sense of urgency
30 and/or energy price hikes, such as during oil crises (Okushima and Tamura, 2010); (Karanfil and
31 Yeddir-Tamsamani, 2010). Wilbanks (2011) analyzes the discovery of innovations and argues that
32 only with a national sense of threat and the entailing political will it is worthwhile and possible to set
33 up an "exceptional R&D" effort in the field of climate change mitigation. (Aghion et al., 2012)
34 conclude an increase in clean technology patenting in the auto industry as a consequence of policy-
35 induced increases in energy prices. In a study on 38 countries, Verdolini and Galeotti (2011b) find
36 that technological opportunity and policy, proxied by energy prices, affect the flow of knowledge
37 and technological spillovers.

38 There is more evidence supporting the conclusion that policy matters as a part of systemic
39 developments. Dechezleprêtre (2008) find that the Kyoto Protocol has a positive impact on
40 patenting and cross-border technology transfer, although they did not evaluate the impact of those
41 on emissions. In a study on PV technology in China, a policy-driven effort to catch up in critical
42 technological areas related to manufacturing proved successful, although it also mattered that
43 capabilities could be built through the returning of a Chinese diaspora (de la Tour et al., 2011). (Calel
44 and Dechezleprêtre, 2012)) show that the EU ETS led to an increase in climate technology-related
45 patents in the European Union.

46 **5.6.2 The Rebound Effect**

47 Section 3.9.5 distinguishes between "direct" and "indirect" rebound effect. Direct rebounds appear
48 when, for example, an energy efficient car has lower operating costs encouraging the owner to drive

1 further (Sorrell, 2007). In addition, this could apply to a company where new more energy efficient
2 technology reduces costs and leads to an increase in production. Indirect rebounds (Lovins, 1988;
3 Sorrell, 2007) appear when increased real income is made available by saving energy costs that are
4 then used to invest or purchase other goods and services that emit GHG emissions (Berkhout et al.,
5 2000; Thomas and Azevedo, 2013). For example, savings in fuel due to a more efficient car provides
6 more disposal income that could be spent on an additional holiday. These could include substitution
7 or income effect or changes in consumption patterns (Thomas and Azevedo, 2013). Economy-wide
8 changes include market price effects, economic growth effects and adjustments in capital stocks that
9 result in further increases in long-run demand response for energy (Howarth, 1997).

10 Rebound effects are context specific making it difficult to generalise on their relative size and
11 importance. Being context specific means that there is evidence of both negative rebound effects
12 where further energy saving are induced beyond the initial savings and “backfire” where the
13 rebound effects exceed the initial saving (Gillingham et al., 2013; Chakravarty et al., 2013; Saunders,
14 2013). There is much debate on the size of the rebound effect with considerably more evidence on
15 direct rebounds than on indirect rebounds. There are numerous studies relying predominately on
16 econometric techniques to evaluate rebounds. A comprehensive review of 500 studies suggests that
17 direct rebounds are likely to be over 10% and could be considerably higher (i.e. 10% less savings
18 that the projected saving from engineering principles). Other reviews have shown larger ranges with
19 (Thomas and Azevedo, 2013) suggesting between 0 and 60%. For household efficiency measures the
20 majority of studies show rebounds in developed countries in the region of 20-45% (the sum of direct
21 and indirect rebound effects), meaning that efficiency measures achieve 65-80% of their original
22 purposes (Greening et al., 2000; Bentzen, 2004; Sorrell, 2007; Sorrell et al., 2009); (Haas and
23 Biermayr, 2000); (Berkhout et al., 2000); (Schipper and Grubb, 2000); (Freire González, 2010). For
24 private transport, there are some studies that support higher rebounds, with (Frondel et al., 2012)
25 findings rebounds of between 57 and 62%.

26 There is evidence to support the claim that rebound effects can be higher in developing countries
27 (Wang et al., 2012b; Fouquet, 2012; Chakravarty et al., 2013). Roy (2000) argues that rebound
28 effects in the residential sector in India and other developing countries can be expected to be larger
29 than in developed economies because high quality energy use is still small in households in India and
30 demand is very elastic (van den Bergh, 2010; Stern, 2010; Thomas and Azevedo, 2013). However,
31 there is considerable uncertainty of the precise scale of rebound effects in developing countries with
32 more research required (Thomas and Azevedo, 2013; Chakravarty et al., 2013). In terms of
33 developed countries, (Fouquet, 2012) provides evidence on diminishing rebound effects in
34 developed countries due to less inelastic demand for energy.

35 While generalisation is difficult, circumstances where rebounds are high is when energy costs forms
36 a large proportion of total costs (Sorrell, 2007). Rebounds effects are often diminished where energy
37 efficiency improvements are coupled with an increase in energy prices. For industry, targeted carbon
38 intensity improvements can reduce costs and therefore prices and subsequently increase output
39 (Barker et al., 2007). Therefore the relative scale of the saving is a good indicator of the potential
40 size of the rebound effect. In conclusion, rebound effects cannot be ignored, but at the same time
41 do not make energy efficiency measures completely redundant. By considering the size of the
42 rebound effect a more realistic calculation of energy efficiency measures can be achieved providing
43 a clearer understanding of their contribution to climate policy. Particular attention is required where
44 efficiency saving are made with no change in the unit cost of energy.

45 **5.6.3 Infrastructure choices & lock in**

46 Infrastructure in a broad sense covers physical, technological and institutional categories but is often
47 narrowed down to long lasting and capital intensive physical assets to which public access is allowed,
48 such as transport infrastructure (Ballesteros et al., 2010; Cloete and Venter, 2012). The assessment
49 in this part focuses on the narrower physical part. Among physical infrastructure are buildings, roads

1 and bridges, ports, airports, railways, power, telecom, water supply and waste water treatment,
2 irrigation systems, and the like. Energy consumption and CO₂ emissions vary greatly between
3 different types of infrastructure. Infrastructure choices reflect the practice at the time of investment
4 but they have long-lasting consequences. The infrastructure and technology choices made by
5 industrialized countries in the post-World War II period, at low energy prices, still have an effect on
6 current worldwide GHG emissions. Davis et al. (2010) estimate the commitment to future emissions
7 and warming by existing carbon dioxide-emitting devices, totalling to 500 (280 to 700)
8 GtCO₂ between 2010 and 2060, and an associated warming of 1.3°C (1.1° to 1.4°C).

9 Transport is a case in point. Air, rail and road transport systems all rely on a supporting
10 infrastructure, and compete for distances in the range of 1500km. Of these options, railways
11 typically have the lowest emissions, but they require substantial infrastructure investments. Similarly,
12 for urban transport, public transport requires substantial infrastructure investments in order to
13 provide mobility with relatively low emission intensities. At the same time, existing roads are
14 designed for use for decades and consequently automobiles remain a major means for mobility. In
15 US cities, 20%-30% of the land-area is used for roads, the corresponding share for major cities in Asia
16 is 10% to 12% (Banister and Thurstain-Goodwin, 2011; Banister, 2011a; b). But the emerging
17 megacities around the world are associated with population expansion and large scale increase in
18 infrastructure supply. Investment in urban physical investment in these emerging megacities will
19 have a significant long-lasting impact on GHG emissions. Investment in waste disposal facilities
20 (incinerators) is an example of a path dependency and lock-in of an industry barrier that will prevent
21 material efficiency strategies for a long period of time. A recent study proves how this lock-in effect
22 in place such as Denmark, Sweden, Germany or the Netherlands is threatening recycling and
23 encouraging the shipment of waste that otherwise could be treated locally with less environmental
24 cost (Sora and Ventosa, 2013).

25 Carley (2011a) provides historical evidence from the US electricity sector indicating that crucial
26 drivers – market, firm, government and consumer – can work together to improve efficiency, but
27 that they can also lead to “persistent market and policy failures that can inhibit the diffusion of
28 carbon-saving technologies despite their apparent environmental and economic advantages” (Unruh,
29 2000, 2002).

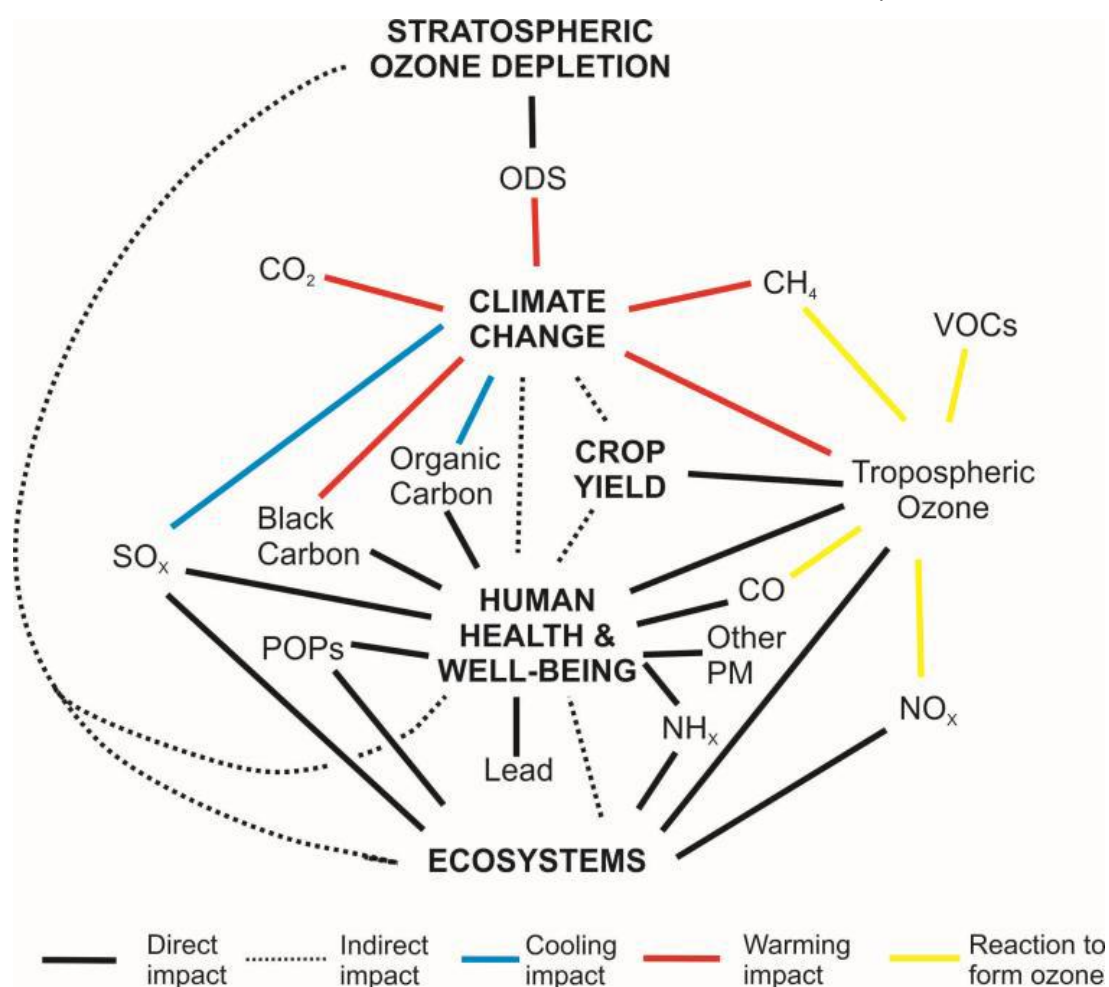
30 Avoiding the lock-in in emission-intensive physical infrastructure is highly important to reduce
31 emissions not only in the short run but also far into the future. At the planning stage, when choice of
32 materials and construction are made, a forward looking life cycle analysis can help to reduce
33 undesired lock in effects with respect to the construction and operation of large physical
34 infrastructure.

35 **5.7 Co-benefits and adverse side-effects of mitigation actions**

36 The implementation of mitigation policies and measures can have positive or negative effects on
37 broader economic, social and/or environmental objectives – and vice versa. As both co-benefits and
38 adverse side-effects occur, the net effect is sometimes difficult to establish (Holland, 2010).¹⁴ The
39 extent to which co-benefits and adverse side-effects will materialize in practice as well as their net
40 effect on social welfare differ greatly across regions, and is strongly dependent on local
41 circumstances, implementation practices as well as the scale and pace of the deployment of the
42 different mitigation measures (see Section 6.6). Section 4.8 relates co-benefits to Sustainable
43 Development, Section 5.2 covers the historic emission trends of many substances related to air
44 quality co-benefits and adverse side-effects, Section 6.6 covers the forward-looking perspective, and

¹⁴ Co-benefits and adverse side-effects describe co-effects without yet evaluating the net effect on overall social welfare. Please refer to the respective sections in the framing chapters as well as to the glossary in Annex I for concepts and definitions – particularly 2.4, 3.6.3, and 4.8.2.

1 the sectoral dimensions are discussed in Sections 7.9, 8.7, 9.7, 10.8 and 11.7. While Section 12.8
 2 focuses on co-effects in cities, Chapter 15 considers the policy implications. This section looks at co-
 3 benefits and adverse effects from a macro-perspective to understand their role in decision making
 4 for climate change mitigation and sustainable development. We focus on cross-sectoral air pollution
 5 literature and the role of pollutant emission trends and briefly discuss the difficulty for assessing the
 6 role of co-benefits and adverse effects as an underlying driver when it plays a role for GHG
 7 mitigation decisions. Figure 5.21 offers a picture of the connection between climate change and
 8 other social and environmental objectives through policies affecting the emissions of various
 9 substances. The following chapters will assess many of these interactions between air pollutants
 10 associated with the combustion of fossil fuels and their direct and indirect impacts.



14 **Figure 5.21.** Impacts of and links between selected substances emitted to the atmosphere. Source:
 15 (UNEP, 2012)

16 The quantitative key findings of the AR4 were three-fold: First, the reduction of fossil fuel
 17 combustion will lead to the reduction of a number of air pollutants that interact with a number of
 18 policy objectives (cf. Figure 7.8). Second, the policy costs of achieving air pollution objectives
 19 through direct control measures decrease as a result of climate mitigation policies. Third, monetized
 20 health benefits counterbalance a substantial fraction of mitigation costs, even exceeding them in
 21 certain cases, particularly in developing countries (Barker et al., 2008). The next section will assess
 new literature that relates to the third finding while the post-AR4 literature on the first two findings
 is presented in the sector chapters and summarized in Section 6.6.

1 5.7.1 Co-benefits

2 A substantial share of estimated co-benefits is related to improving health through limiting air
3 pollution while reducing GHG emissions. Estimates in the literature for the monetized air quality co-
4 benefits from climate change mitigation range from 2 to 380 USD/tCO₂, and co-benefits in
5 developing countries around twice those in industrialized countries (see Nemet et al., 2010a) for a
6 review and (West et al., 2013) for the high estimate). The gap between developing and industrialized
7 countries results from lower levels of air pollution control and higher pollution levels in the former
8 countries, and thus the greater potential for improving health, particularly in the transport and
9 household energy demand sectors (Markandya et al., 2009);(Nemet et al., 2010b);(West et al.,
10 2013); Shukla and Dhar (2011). In industrialized countries, substantial reductions in air pollutant
11 emissions have already occurred in the absence of climate policy and further tightening of air
12 regulations is underway (Rao et al., 2013). If climate policy provides only small incremental
13 reductions, then the co-benefit is small (see Section 3.6.3), while large emission reductions are
14 expected to yield substantial air quality co-benefits and associated cost savings (see Section 6.6.2).

15 Much of the literature assessed in AR4 did not explicitly analyse policies targeted at reducing air
16 pollution – thereby neglecting the associated opportunity costs of mitigation policies (Bollen et al.,
17 2009);(Edenhofer et al., 2013). But for countries and regions that do not have or do not enforce
18 current air quality regulations, it is important to consider expected future air pollution policies.
19 Rapidly industrialising developing countries may follow the pattern of developed countries and
20 adopt regulations to improve local air quality (and provide immediate local health and
21 environmental benefits) before focusing upon climate policy (Nemet et al., 2010b; Klimont et al.,
22 2013a) . If this is indeed the case, the co-benefits of climate policy will be much smaller. Figure 5.22
23 shows the declining trend in SO₂ emission intensity per CO₂ emissions (see Section 5.2 for trends in
24 global SO₂ emissions). It shows that assumptions about the extrapolation of the historic trends into
25 the future will be a major determinant of future co-benefits estimates (Burtraw and Evans, 2003;
26 Bell et al., 2008), see Section 6.6.2.7 for an example from the scenario literature).

27 Due to a lack of a counterfactual historic baseline for other policies, one cannot determine a clean
28 ex-post measure for the co-benefits of climate policies such as the Kyoto Protocol. But it is clear that
29 drivers for fossil fuel combustion affect both CO₂ emissions and SO₂ emissions (cf.(van Vuuren et al.,
30 2006)).

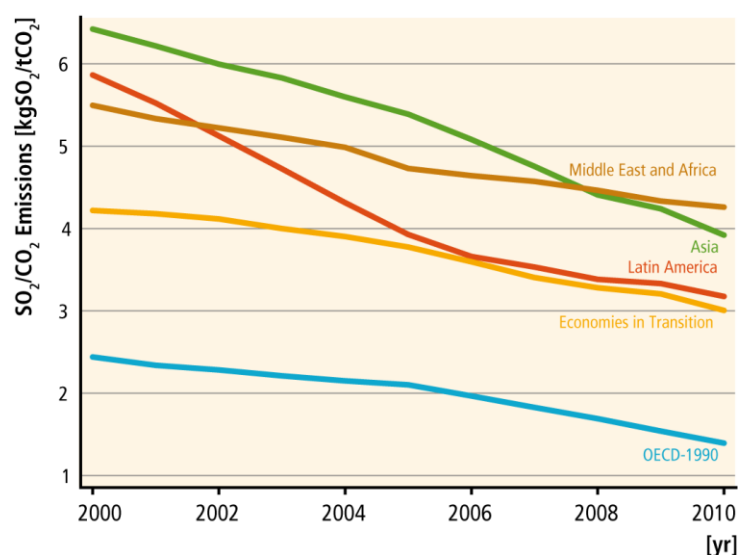


Figure 5.22. Trends for SO₂ per CO₂ emissions per region over 2000-2010. For CO₂: territorial, excluding AFOLU and Waste: (Data Source: (JRC/PBL, 2012)). For SO₂, data source: (Klimont et al., 2013b).

Box 5.5. The Chinese experience with co-benefits from a cross-sectoral perspective (see Sections 7.9, 8.7, 9.7, 10.9 and 11.8 for sectoral effects)

(Pan et al., 2011) estimate the amount of green jobs in three sectors (energy, transportation, and forestry) and the result suggest a number at least 4.5 million in 2020 in China. The wind power industry in China, including power generation and turbine manufacturing, has created 40,000 direct jobs annually between 2006 and 2010 (Pan et al., 2011). Beijing ambitious metro-system plan that includes 660 kilometers by 2015 and another 340 kilometers during 2016–20, could bring more than 437,000 jobs each year (Pan et al., 2011). China's forestation activities could create as many as 1.1 million direct and indirect jobs annually during 2011–20 to achieve its 2020 goals (Pan et al., 2011).

In 2007, China called for a more environmentally friendly and resource saving models of production and consumption (Pan, 2012). 12 out of 17 mandatory targets in the 12th 5-year (2011–2015) plan are related to the protection of natural resources and the environment; the rest are related to the improvement of social welfare (Pan, 2012). The actions taken under the 5-year plan include progressive pricing for electricity consumption; implementation of energy consumption quota, disaggregated emission targets; emissions trading schemes; initiatives for eco-cities and low carbon cities; and upgraded building codes with improved enforcement (Pan, 2012)

5.7.2 Adverse side-effects

There are also adverse side-effects associated with mitigation. A comprehensive discussion is given in following chapters 6-12, while this section presents some examples in the context of air pollution. While many low-carbon energy supply technologies perform better than pulverized coal technologies for most air pollutants, some solar energy technologies, for example, have comparable or even higher life-cycle emissions of sulphur dioxide (see Figure 7.8 in Section 7.9.2). Desulphurization of existing coal power plants, however, requires additional consumption of coal in the thermal power sector implying higher CO₂ emissions for a given electricity output (Pan, 2013). While carbon dioxide capture processes reduce SO₂ emissions at the same time, some CCS technologies would imply an increase in NO_x and/or NH₃ emissions (Koornneef et al., 2012).

For the displacement of fossil-based transport fuels with biofuels, many studies indicate lower carbon monoxide and hydrocarbon emissions, but NO_x emissions are often higher. Next-generation biofuels are expected to improve performance, such as the low particulate matter emissions from

1 lignocellulosic ethanol (see(Hill et al., 2009; Sathaye et al., 2011) and sections 8.7 and 11. A.6). In the
2 buildings sector, the most important health risks derive from insufficient ventilation practices in air-
3 tight buildings (section 9.7).

4 **5.7.3 Complex issues in using co-benefits and adverse side-effects to inform policy**

5 Mitigation options that improve productivity of energy, water or land use yield, in general, positive
6 benefits. The impact of other mitigation actions depend on a wider socio-economic context within
7 which the action is implemented (Sathaye et al., 2007). A complete incorporation of co-benefits and
8 adverse side-effects into climate policy is complicated, but it is part of a shift of the development
9 paradigm towards sustainability (Pan, 2012)

10 Co-benefits are pervasive and inseparable (Grubb et al., 2013). It is not possible to ‘separate’ each
11 benefit with different decisions: both technically and politically, most decisions involve multiple
12 dimensions. In addition, most suggested policy changes involve large changes in the policy
13 environment as opposed to the concept of marginal changes (see also Section 3.6.3). Finally, many
14 effects are measured in very different metrics or are not quantified at all. As an example, whereas
15 local air quality co-benefits are measured in health terms, energy security is typically measured with
16 indicators of the sufficiency of domestic resources (e.g. dependence on fossil fuel imports) and
17 resilience of energy supply (see sections 6.6 and 7.9 for details). All these characteristics make a
18 comprehensive analysis of co-benefits and adverse side-effects of a particular policy or measure
19 challenging. This is why a synthesis of results from different research communities is crucial for
20 robust decision making (see section 6.6).

21 Despite the difficulties, side-effects from climate policy are important for policy design (see section
22 15.2.4). Costs of mitigation policies are over- or underestimated when co-benefits and adverse side-
23 effects are not included (see sections 3.6.3 and 6.3.6). Co-benefits estimates are particularly
24 important for policymakers because most of the climate benefits are realized decades into the
25 future while most co-benefits, such as improvement in air quality, are realized immediately. (Barker
26 et al., 2008); (Nemet et al., 2010b)(Shindell et al., 2012)(Jack and Kinney, 2010),(Henriksen et al.,
27 2011).

28 **5.8 The system perspective: linking sectors, technologies and consumption** 29 **patterns**

30 Between 1970 and 2010 global greenhouse gas emissions have increased by approximately 80%. The
31 use of fossil fuels for energy purposes has been the major contributor to GHG emissions. Emissions
32 growth can be decomposed in population growth and per capita emissions growth. Population
33 growth is a major immediate driver for global GHG emissions trends. Global population grew from
34 3.7 to 6.9 billion. The largest growth rates are found in [...fill in regional variation]

35 GHG emissions can be attributed to regions according to the territorial location of emissions, or
36 alternatively emissions can be attributed to the consumption of goods and services, and located to
37 regions where consumption takes place. There is an emerging gap between territorial and
38 consumption-based emissions, signalling a trend where a considerable share of CO₂ emissions from
39 fossil fuel combustion in developing countries is released in the production of goods and services
40 exported to developed countries. At a regional level, OECD-1990 is the largest net importer of CO₂
41 embedded in trade, while Asia is the largest net exporter. This emerging gap opens questions about
42 the apparent decoupling between economic growth and GHG emissions in several Annex I countries;
43 when consumption-related emissions are taken into account both GDP and GHG emissions have
44 grown. Yet, a robust result is that, between 2000 and 2010, the developing country group has
45 overtaken the developed country group in terms of annual CO₂ emissions from fossil fuel
46 combustion and industrial processes, from both territorial and consumption perspectives.

1 When considering per capita emissions, rather than aggregate GHG emissions, other trends become
2 visible. Global average per-capita GHG emissions have shown a rather stable trend over the last 40
3 years. This global average, however, masks differences between regions and sectors. A strong
4 correlation appears between per capita income and per capita GHG emissions both from a cross-
5 country comparison on income and emission levels, and when considering income and emissions
6 growth. The relation is most clearly for the sectors energy, industry and transport [Section 5.3.5],
7 and holds despite the reduction in the average emission-intensity of production, from 1.5 to 0.73
8 kgCO₂eq/Int\$2005 over the same 40-year period.

9 Asia had low per capita emission levels in 1970, but these increased steadily, by more than 150%.
10 The EIT region showed a rapid increase in per capita emissions between 1970 and 1990, and a sharp
11 drop immediately after 1990. In 2010, per capita emissions are comparable in ASIA, LAM and MAF
12 [add numbers] but per capita GHG emissions in OECD-1990 and EIT are still higher by a factor of 2 to
13 3 [add numbers]. Also, between 1970 and 2010 per capita land-use related emissions decreased, but
14 fossil fuel related emissions increased. Regions vary greatly with respect to the income trends. The
15 OECD-1990 and Latin American countries showed a stable growth in per capita income, which was in
16 the same order of magnitude as the GHG intensity improvements, so that per capita emissions
17 remained almost constant and total emissions increased by the rate of population growth. The
18 Economies in Transition showed a decrease in income around 1990, which together with decreasing
19 emissions per output and a very low population growth led to a robust decrease in overall emissions.
20 Middle East and Africa also show a decrease in GDP per capita but a high population growth led to a
21 robust increase in overall emissions. Emerging economies in Asia showed very high economic growth
22 rates; rapidly expanding industries resulted in sharply increasing emissions. In 2010, Asia emitted
23 more than half of worldwide industry-related emissions. Asia showed both the highest economy-
24 wide efficiency improvements measured as output per emissions, and the largest growth in per
25 capita emissions.

26 The underlying drivers for economic growth are diverse and vary among regions and countries.
27 Technological change and human capital are key underlying drivers, but some authors also
28 underscore the availability of energy resources to play a central role in economic growth. Economic
29 growth is strongly correlated to growth in energy use, and the direction of causality is not clearly
30 established. At the global level, per capita primary energy consumption rose by 29% from 1970 to
31 2010 but due to population growth total energy use has increased much more, 140% over the same
32 period.

33 Energy-related GHG emissions can be further decomposed in 2 additional immediate drivers: energy
34 intensity and carbon intensity. Energy intensity has declined globally in all developed and major
35 developing countries including India and China. This decline can be explained through technological
36 changes, the effects of structural changes, and the substitution of other inputs such as capital and
37 labour used. These historical improvements in energy intensities, however, have not been enough
38 to compensate the effect of GDP growth, thus, increasing energy consumption over time as a result.

39 In addition, energy resources have historically become less carbon-intensive, though increased use
40 of coal, relative to other resources, since 2000 has changed the trends exacerbating the burden of
41 energy-related GHG emissions. Estimates of the resources of coal and conventional plus
42 unconventional gas and oil are very large; indicating that resource scarcity has not been and will not
43 be an underlying driver for decarbonization.

44 The immediate drivers that directly affect GHG emissions, namely population, GDP per capita,
45 energy intensity and carbon intensity, are affected, in turn, by underlying drivers as described in
46 Figure 5.1. These underlying drivers include resource availability, development status and goals,
47 level of industrialization and infrastructure, international trade, urbanization, technological changes,
48 and behavioural choices. Among these, infrastructure, technological changes and behavioural

1 choices appear to be critical but, even though their influences on other drivers is well established,
2 the magnitude of this impact remains difficult to quantify.

3 Co-benefits have large potential to contribute to emission reductions, but its historic contribution is
4 not established. Infrastructural choices have long-lasting effects directing the development path to
5 higher or lower energy and carbon intensities. Infrastructure also guides the choices in technological
6 innovation. Technological change affects both income and emission intensity of income; it can lead
7 to both increasing and decreasing GHG emissions. Historically, innovation increased income but also
8 resource use, as past technological change has favoured labour productivity increase over resource
9 efficiency. There is clear empirical evidence that prices and regulation affect the direction of
10 innovations. Innovations that increase energy efficiency of appliances often also lead to increased
11 use of these appliances, diminishing the potential gains from increased efficiency, a process called
12 “rebound effect”.

13 Behaviour and life-styles are important underlying drivers affecting the emission intensity of
14 expenditures through consumption choices and patterns for transportation modes, housing, and
15 food. Behaviour and lifestyles are very diverse, rooted in individuals' psychological traits, cultural
16 and social context, and values that influence priorities and actions concerning climate mitigation.
17 Environmental values are found to be important for the support of climate change policies and
18 measures. Chapter 4 discusses formal and civil institutions and governance in the context of
19 incentivizing behavioural change. There are many empirical studies based on experiments showing
20 behavioural interventions to be effective as an instrument in emission reductions, but not much is
21 known about the feasibility of scaling up experiments to the macro economy level.

22 As described across the different sections of the Chapter, factors and drivers are interconnected and
23 influence each other and, many times, the effects of an individual driver on past GHG emissions are
24 difficult to quantify. Yet historic trends reveal some clear correlations. Historically, population
25 growth and per capita income growth have been associated with increasing energy use and
26 emissions. Technological change is capable to substantially reduce emissions, but historically, labour
27 productivity has increased more compared to resource productivity leading to increased emissions.
28 Regulations and prices are established as directing technological change towards lower emission
29 intensities. Behavioural change is also established as a potentially powerful underlying driver, but
30 not tested at the macro level. Policies and measures can be designed and implemented to affect
31 drivers but at the same time these drivers influence the type of policies and measures finally
32 adopted. Historic policies and measures have proved insufficient to curb the upward GHG emissions
33 trends in most countries. Future policies need to provide more support for emission reductions
34 compared to policies over the period 1970-2010, if the aim is to change the future GHG emissions
35 trends.

36 5.9 Gaps in knowledge and data

- 37 • **There is a need for a more timely and transparent update of emission estimates.** The collection
38 and processing of statistics of territorial emissions for almost all countries since 1970, as used in
39 Section 5.2, is far from straightforward. There are multiple data sources, which rarely have well-
40 characterized uncertainties. Uncertainty is particularly large for sources without a simple
41 relationship to activity factors, such as emissions from land-use change, fugitive emissions, and
42 gas flaring. Formally estimating uncertainty for land-use change emissions is difficult because a
43 number of relevant processes are not well enough characterized to be included in estimates.
44 Additionally, the dependence of the attribution of emissions to sectors and regions on the
45 relative weight given to various greenhouse gases is often not specified.
- 46 • **The calculation of consumption-based emissions (in addition to territorial emissions) is**
47 **dependent on strong assumptions.** The calculations require an additional layer of processing on
48 top of the territorial emissions, increasing uncertainties without a clear characterization of the

1 uncertainties. The outcomes presented in Section 5.3.1 and 5.3.3.2 are only available for years
2 since 1990.

- 3 • **Empirical studies that connect GHG emissions to specific policies and measures or underlying**
4 **drivers often cannot be interpreted in terms of causality, have attribution problems, and**
5 **provide competing assessments.** Statistical association is not the same as a chain of causality,
6 and there are competing explanations for correlations. Studies can attribute changes in emissions
7 to changes of activities when all other things are kept equal, but historically, all other things
8 rarely are equal. Section 5.3 identifies population, income, the economic structure, the choice of
9 energy sources related to energy resource availability and energy price policies as proximate and
10 underlying drivers for greenhouse gas emissions. But for most demography variables other than
11 the population level, the literature provides competing assessments; different studies find
12 different significant associations, and at different levels. Underlying drivers work in concert and
13 cannot be assessed independently. From a cause-effect perspective, there is for instance no
14 conclusive answer whether ageing, urbanization, and increasing population density as such lead
15 to increasing or decreasing emissions; this depends on other underlying drivers as well. The
16 results from the literature are often limited to a specific context and method. Our understanding
17 could benefit from a rigorous methodological comparison of different findings. (5.3.2; 5.6; 5.7)
- 18 • **It is debated whether greenhouse gas emissions have an ‘autonomous’ tendency to stabilize at**
19 **higher income levels (5.3.3.1).** It is agreed that economic growth increases emissions at low and
20 middle income levels. With respect to energy, there are competing views whether energy
21 availability is a driver for economic growth, or inversely that economic growth jointly with energy
22 prices drives energy use, or that the causality depends on the stage of development (5.3.3.1 and
23 5.3.4).
- 24 • **The net effect of trade, behaviour and technological change as a determinant of a global**
25 **increase or decrease of emissions is not established (5.4.2; 5.6.1; 5.7).** There is evidence that the
26 social, cultural and behavioural context is an important underlying driver, and there are case
27 studies that identify emission reductions for specific policies and technologies. For technology,
28 empirical studies that ask whether innovations have been emission-saving or emission-increasing
29 are limited in scope (5.6.1). There is a rich theory literature on the potential of innovations to
30 make production energy- or emission efficient, but evidence on the macro-effects and the
31 rebound effect is still context-dependent (5.6.2). How much carbon is exactly locked in existing
32 physical infrastructure is uncertain and gaps of knowledge exist in how long physical
33 infrastructure like housing, plants and transport infrastructure typically remains in place in which
34 geographical context (5.6.3). Finally, most if not all of the literature on co-benefits and risk trade-
35 offs focuses on future potential gains. There is a total absence of empirical assessment about the
36 role that co-benefits and adverse side-trade-offs have played, historically, in policy formation and
37 GHG emissions (5.7).

38 5.10 Frequently Asked Questions

39 *FAQ 5.1. Based on trends in the recent past, are GHG emissions expected to continue to* 40 *increase in the future, and if so at what rate and why?*

41 Past trends suggest that GHG emissions are likely to continue to increase. The exact rate of increase
42 cannot be known but between 1970 and 2010 emissions increased 79%, from 27 gigatonnes of GHG
43 to over 50 gigatonnes (Figure 5.2). Business-as-usual would result in that rate continuing. The UN
44 DESA World Population Division expects human population to increase at approximately the rate of
45 recent decades (Section 5.3.2.1) of this report). The global economy is expected to continue to grow
46 (Sections 5.3.3 and 5.4.1), as well as energy consumption per person (Sections 5.3.4.1 and 5.5.1).
47 The latter two factors already vary greatly among countries (Figure 5.16), and national policies can
48 affect future trajectories of GHG emissions directly as well as indirectly through policies affecting

1 economic growth and (energy) consumption (Section 5.5). The existing variation and sensitivity to
2 future policy choices make it impossible to predict the rate of increase in GHG emissions accurately,
3 but past societal choices indicate that with projected economic and population growth emissions
4 will continue to grow (Section 5.8).

5 ***FAQ 5.2. Why is it so hard to attribute causation to the factors and underlying drivers***
6 ***influencing GHG emissions?***

7 Factors influencing GHG emissions interact with each other directly and indirectly, and each factor
8 has several aspects. Most things people produce, consume or do for recreation result in GHG
9 emissions (Sections 5.3 and 5.5). For example, the food chain involves land use, infrastructure,
10 transportation and energy production systems (Section 5.3). At each stage, emissions can be
11 influenced by available agricultural and fishing technologies (Section 5.6), by intermediaries along
12 the supply chain (Section 5.4), by consumers and by technology choices (Section 5.5). Technology
13 and choice are not independent: available technologies affect prices, prices affect consumer
14 preferences, and consumer preferences can influence the development and distribution of
15 technologies (Sections 5.5). Policies, culture, traditions and economic factors intervene at every
16 stage. The interaction of these factors make it difficult to isolate their individual contributions to
17 carbon emissions growth or mitigation (Section 5.8). This interaction is both a cause for optimism,
18 because it means there are many pathways to lower emissions, and a challenge because there will
19 be many potential points of failure in even well-designed plans for mitigation.

20 ***FAQ 5.3. What options, policies and measures change the trajectory of GHG emissions?***

21 The basic options are to have individuals consume less, consume things that require less energy, use
22 energy sources that have lower carbon content or have fewer people. Although inhabitants of the
23 most developed countries have the option to consume less, most of the human population is located
24 in less developed countries and economies in transition where population growth is also higher
25 (Section 5.3.2.). In these countries, achieving a “middle-class lifestyle” will involve consuming more
26 rather than less (Section 5.3.3.2). Accepting that population will continue to grow, choices will
27 involve changes in technology and human behaviour, so that the production and use of products and
28 services is associated with lower rates of GHG emissions (technology Section 5.6), and consumers
29 choose products, services and activities with lower unit GHG emissions (behaviour Section 5.5).

30 ***FAQ 5.4. What considerations constrain the range of choices available to society, and their***
31 ***willingness or ability to make choices that would contribute to lower GHG***
32 ***emissions?***

33 Choices are constrained by what is available, what is affordable and what is preferred (Section 5.3.3).
34 For a given product or service, less carbon-intensive means of provision need to be available, priced
35 accessibly and appeal to consumers (Section 5.3.4.2). Availability is constrained by infrastructure and
36 technology, with a need for options that are energy efficient and less dependent on fossil fuels
37 (Section 5.3.5). The choice of what to consume given the availability of accessible and affordable
38 options is constrained by preferences due to culture, awareness and understanding of the
39 consequences in terms of emissions reduction (Sections 5.5.1, 5.5.2). All of these constraints can be
40 eased by the development of alternative energy generation technologies and distribution systems
41 (Section 5.6), and societies that are well informed about the consequences of their choices and
42 motivated to choose products, services and activities that will reduce GHG emissions (Sections 5.5.3,
43 5.7).

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