

# Power Electronics for a Future Sustainable Society

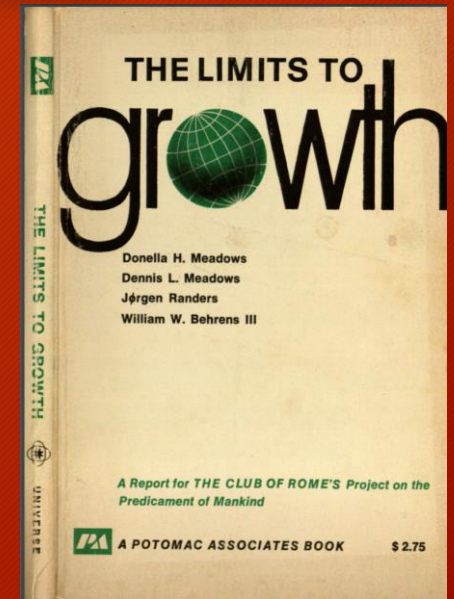
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# The Limit to Growth?

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- The Report for The Club of Rome in 1972
  - By D. H. Meadows, D. L. Meadows, J. Randers, W. W. Behrens III (MIT).
- “*And we hope that it will lead thoughtful men and women in all fields of endeavor to consider the need for concerted action now if we are to preserve the habitability of this planet for ourselves and our children.*”
- *Compatibility* to “*the dimensions of our finite planet*”



Reducing emissions [AND] Growing economy,,

1. How far is our target? 2. What will be our contribution?

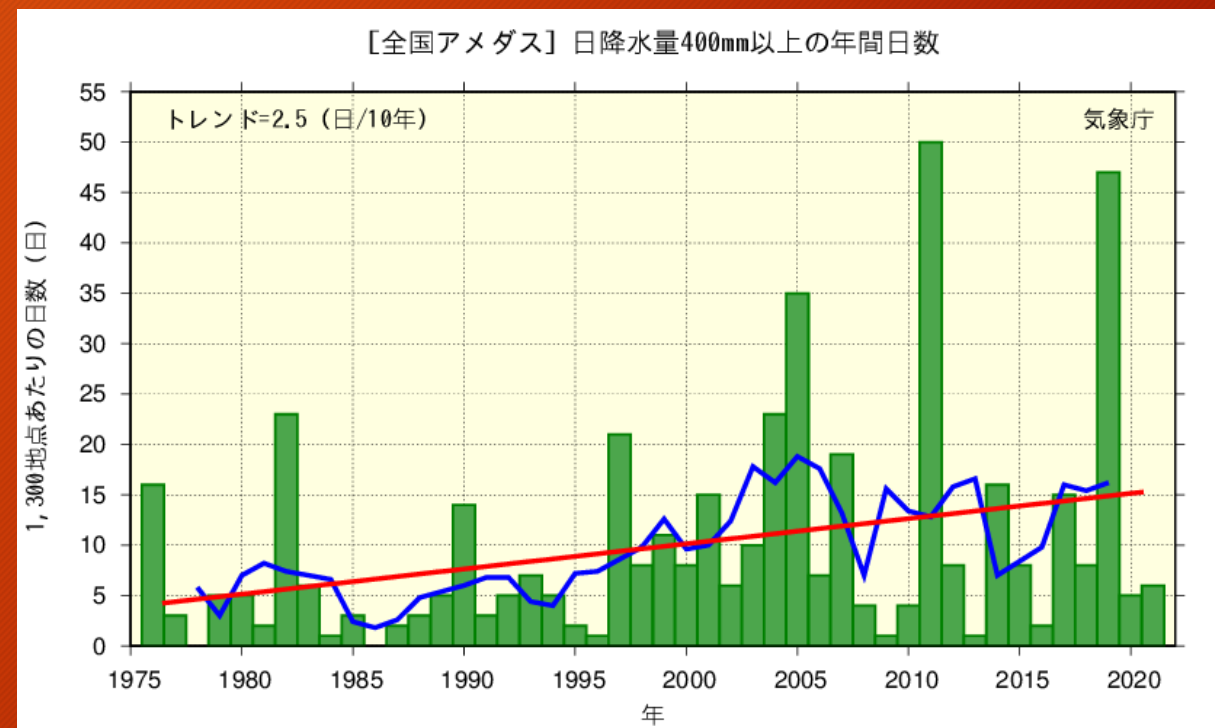
# Days of daily precipitation of over 400mm (1976-2021) by JMA data of extreme event

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- Over 400mm/day: x1.8 (1976-2021)
- Over 50mm/day: x1.4 (1976-2021)
- Hot day >35C: x3.3 (1910-2021)
- Hot night >25C: x2.7 (1910-2021)



Typhoon 19, 2019:140 breach



# Starting point

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- Starting point to be shared:
- **The impacts of global warming of 1.5° C** above pre-industrial level,, in the **IPCC Special report**, 2018 responding to the invitation by COP21, Paris, 2016.
- Objective
  - **Analyze the gap** between present and target
  - **Analyze the contribution** of power electronics to filling the gap.



## Global warming of 1.5°C

An IPCC Special Report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways, in the context of strengthening the global response to the threat of climate change, sustainable development, and efforts to eradicate poverty

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# Nationally determined contributions (NDCs), the ambitions toward 2030 (for COP26, UK)

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- In conjunction with **COP26** in Glasgow, UK in 2021, 192 parties to the Paris agreements submitted NDCs.
- NDCs are **embodiments of efforts** by each country or region to **reduce GHG emissions**

(NDCs are in UNFCCC web page, link address see Ref. [9], original NDCs are freely accessible)

2030 Targets, based on NDCs submitted to UNFCCC before COP26

	Reference year	Reduction of	Reduction by
Japan	2013	GHG emission	46%
China	2005	CO2 emission/GDP	65%
India	2005	CO2 intensity/GDP	33~35%
Russia	1990	GHG emission	70%
EU	1990	GHG emission	55%
UK	1990	GHG emission	68%
Saudi Arabia	2019 (622MtCO2Eq)	GHG emission	278MtCO2Eq (eq. 44.6%)
US	2005	GHG emission	50~52%
Brazil	2005	GHG emission	43%

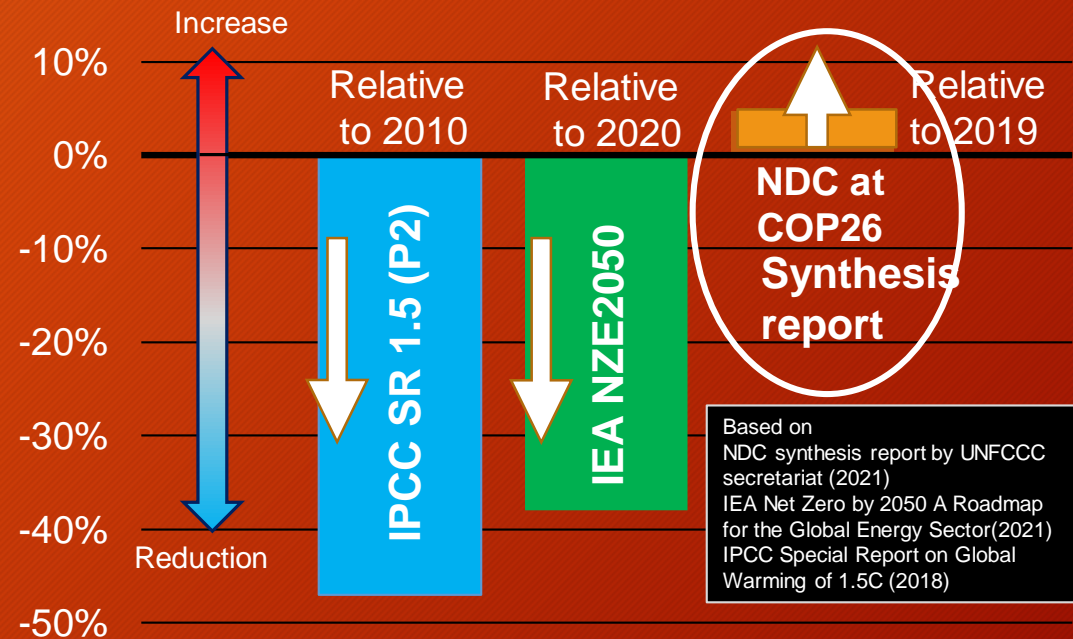
Does total of the reductions based on **NDCs** meet the **2030 target** for Net Zero 2050?

# NDC synthesis report by UNFCCC secretariat (Sep. 2021)

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- A large gap between NDCs synthesis impact net zero emission at 2050,
- Describing “*an urgent need for either a significant increase in the level of ambition of NDCs between now and 2030 or a significant overachievement of the latest NDCs, or a combination of both, in order to attain cost-optimal emission levels suggested in many of the scenarios considered by the IPCC for keeping warming well below 2° C or limiting it to 1.5° C.*”

## CO<sub>2</sub> Emission Reduction Challenge in 2030 and UNFCCC prediction with NDCs at COP26

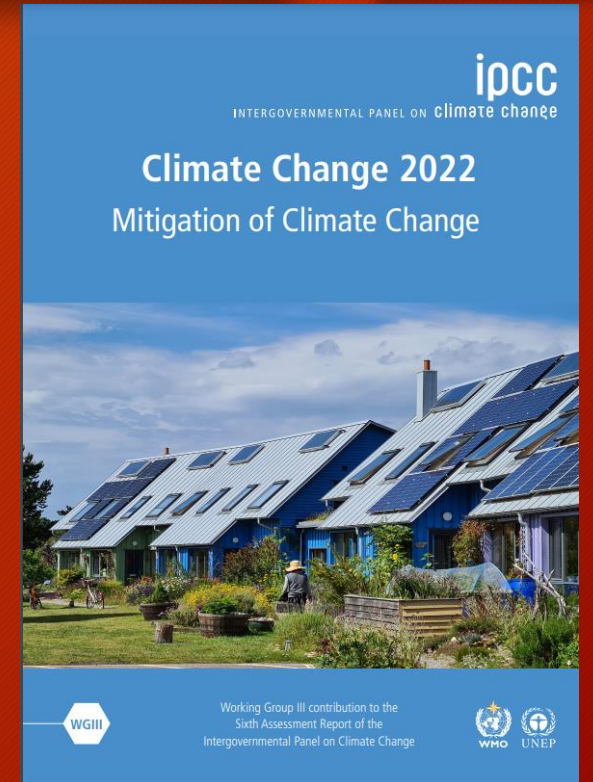


Present level of ambitions **do not meet** 2030 target for NZE2050.

# AR6 WG3: IPCC Contribution of Working Group III to the Sixth Assessment Report (April, 2022)

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- Item C.1 in “Summary for Policymakers”
  - Without a strengthening of policies beyond those that are implemented by the end of 2020, GHG emissions are projected to rise beyond 2025, leading to a median global warming of 3.2 [2.2 to 3.5] ° C by 2100 (medium confidence).



No further action → 3.2° C by 2100



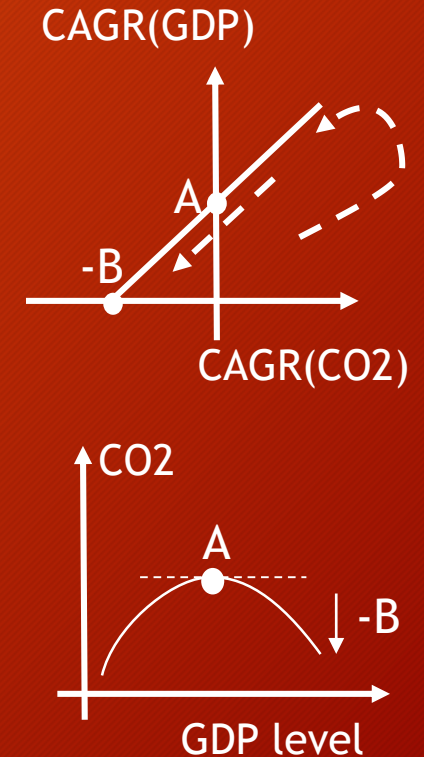
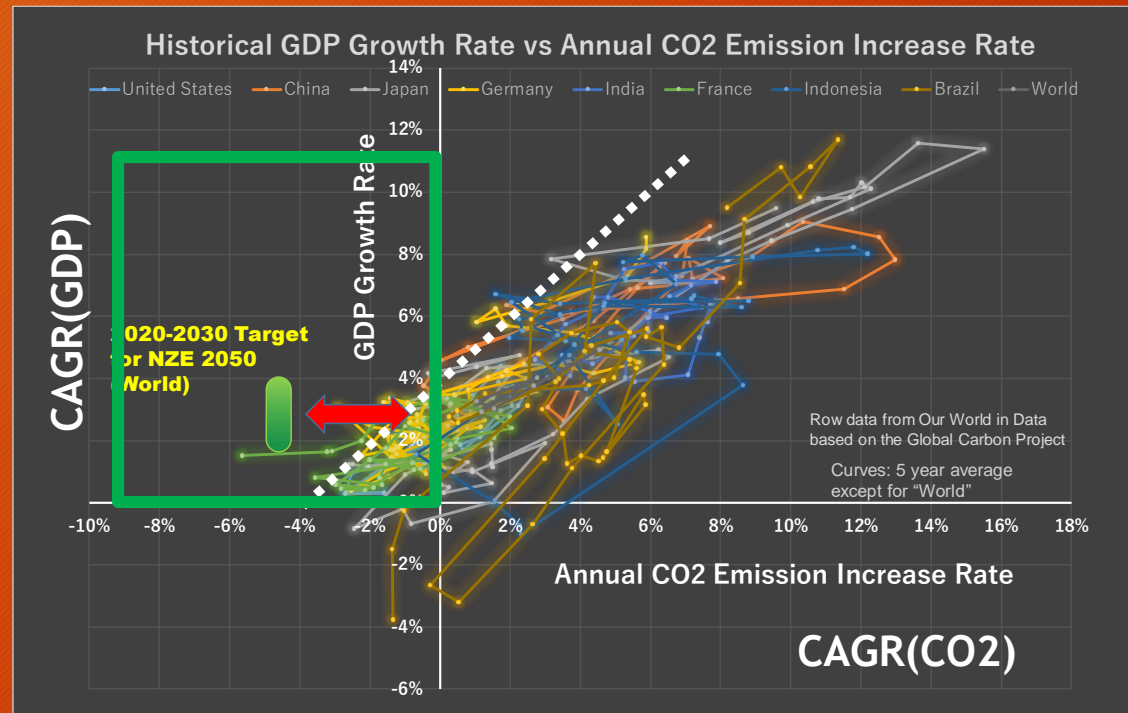
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# Scatter plot of historical CAGRs of GDP and CO2 emission for decades with NZE target

- The world economy in 2030 is expected to grow and become 24% to 45% larger than that in 2020, which are equivalent to 2.1 % to 3.7% of GDP average growth rate. IEA NZE2050[8]
- The world CO2 emission in 2030 need to be 37 % lower than 2020 according to IEA NZE2050, which is equivalent to -4.5 % of emission growth rate annually. IEA NZE 2050[8]

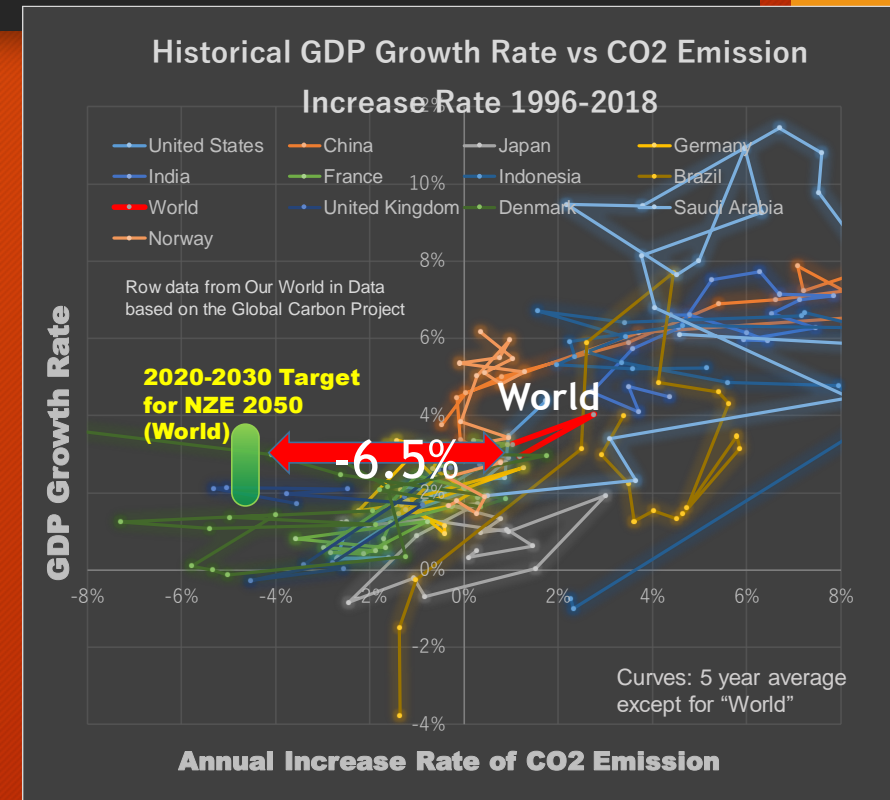


2030 target for NZE2050 is completely outside of scatter plot trend.

# Gap between NZE2050 target for 2020-2030 and our present position

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- 2030 target is the world target as a whole, not a target for individual country or region.
- The gap is -6.5% in CAGR of CO2 emission.



Countries and regions of the “advanced economies” have to set even higher target for 2030.

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# GDP-CO2 CAGR offset model introduction

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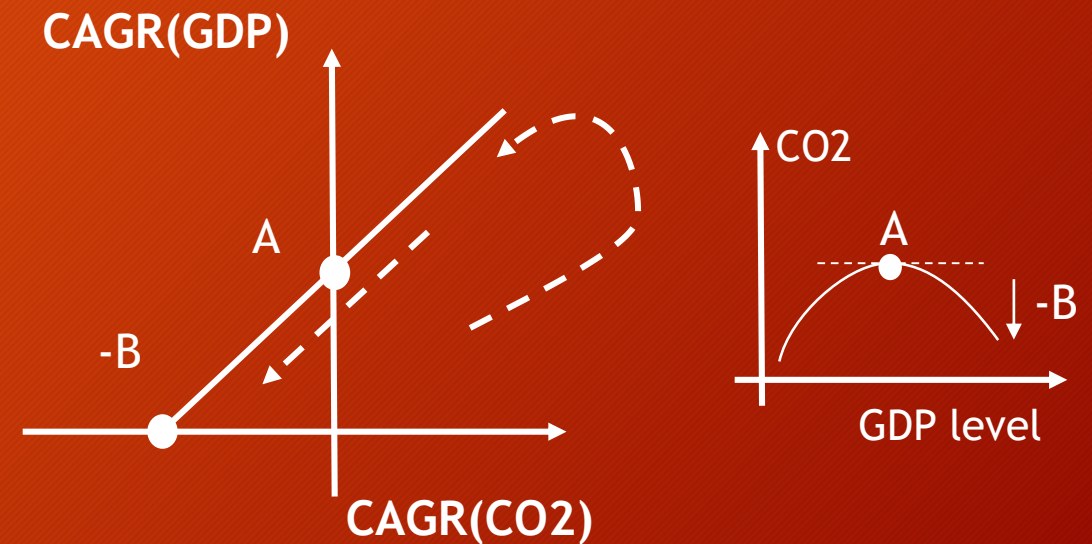
- “A” indicates achievable GDP growth rate without increase of CO2 emission
- “B” indicates CO2 emission reduction rate under zero growth of GDP.

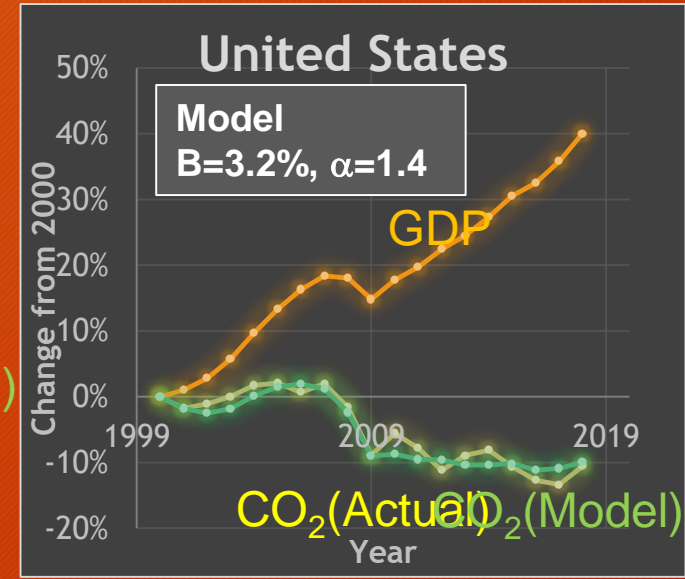
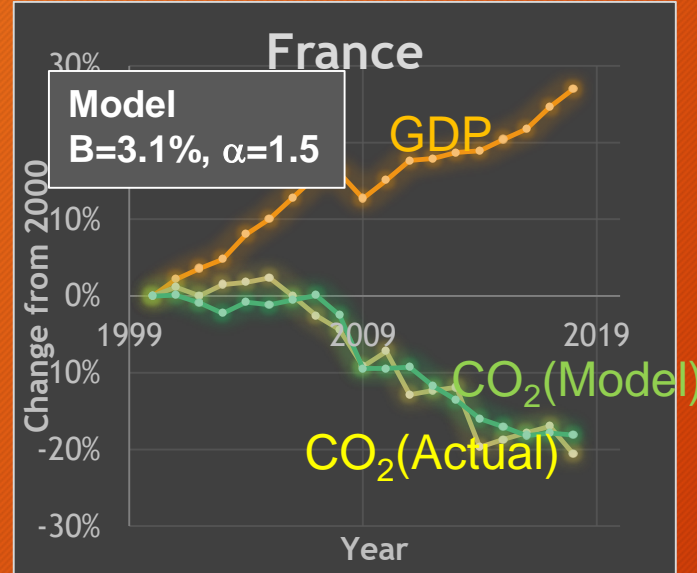
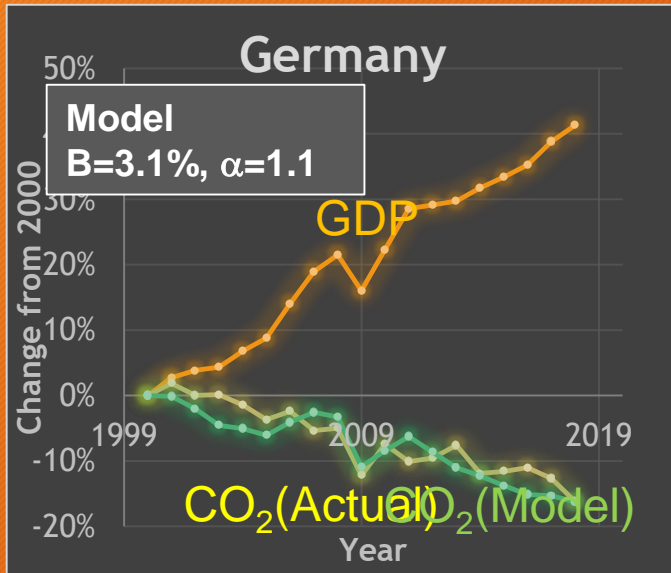
$$CAGR(CO_2) = \frac{B}{A} \cdot CAGR(GDP) - B$$

Solving the equation, we obtain,

$$CO_2 = K \cdot GDP^{\left(\frac{B}{A}\right)} \cdot e^{-Bt}$$

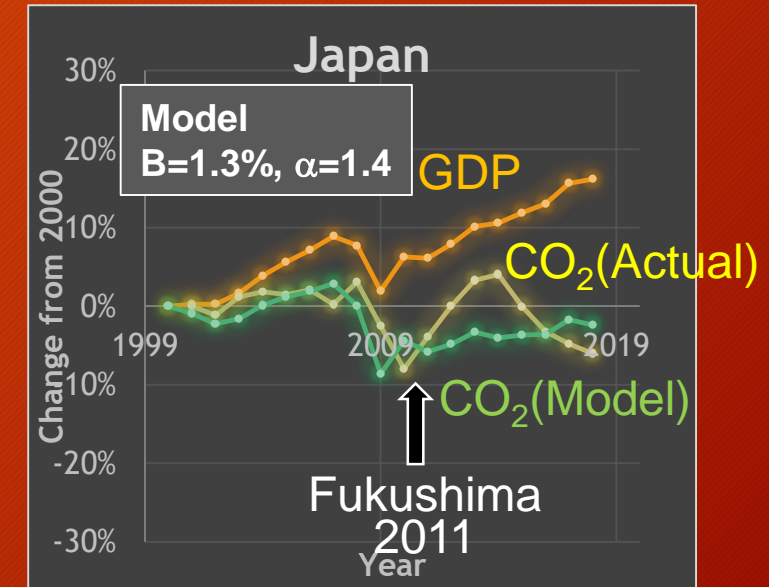
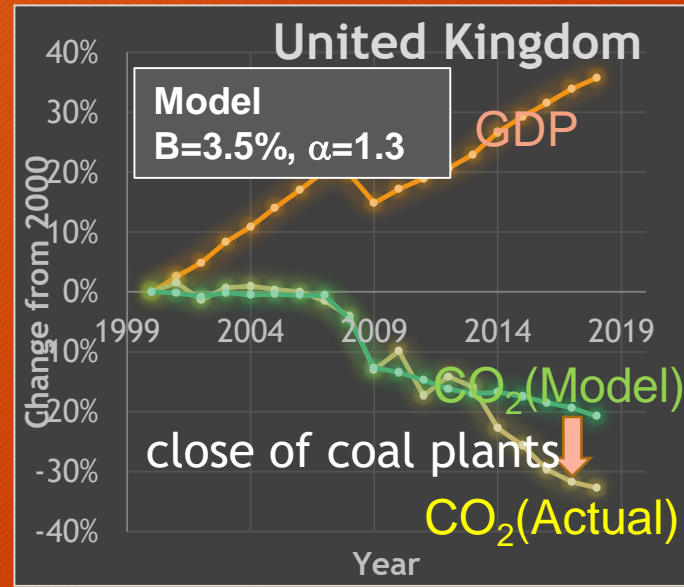
“A” relates emission peak point, “B” determines speed of emission reduction





## Obtaining of B and $\alpha$

- Input = GDP data
- “B” and “ $\alpha=B/A$ ” are fitted with actual CO<sub>2</sub> emission data

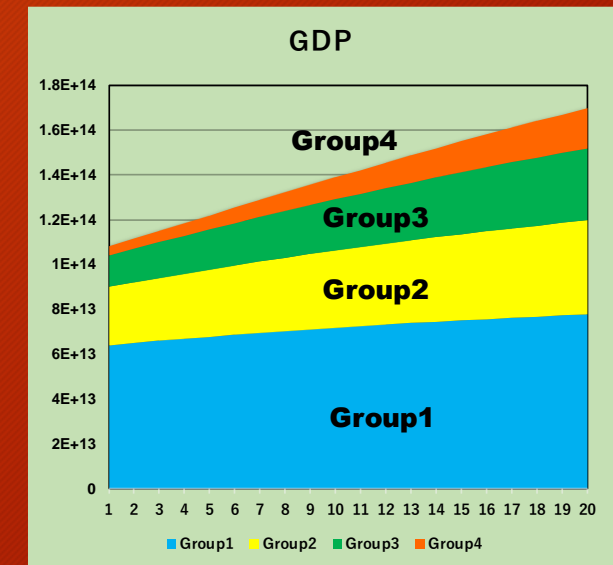
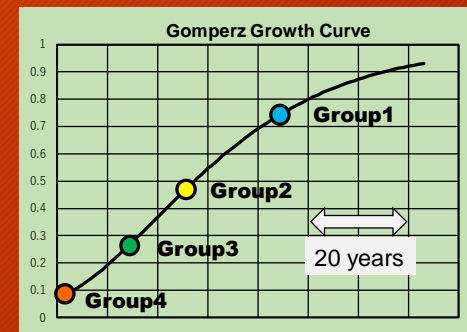
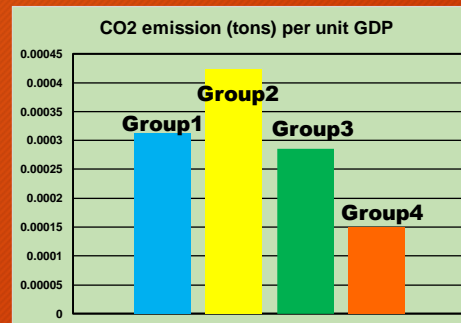
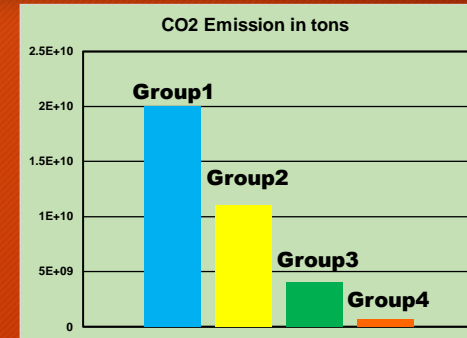
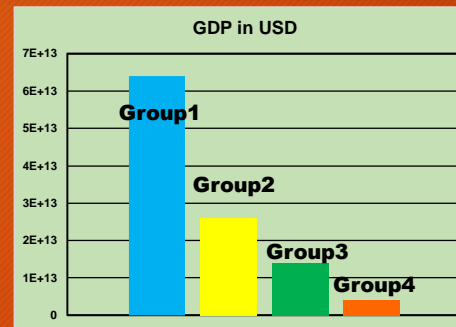


The model reproduced historical result of CO<sub>2</sub> emission with simple fitting of constants A and B (or B and  $\alpha$ ).

# Global model of CO2-GDP CAGRs

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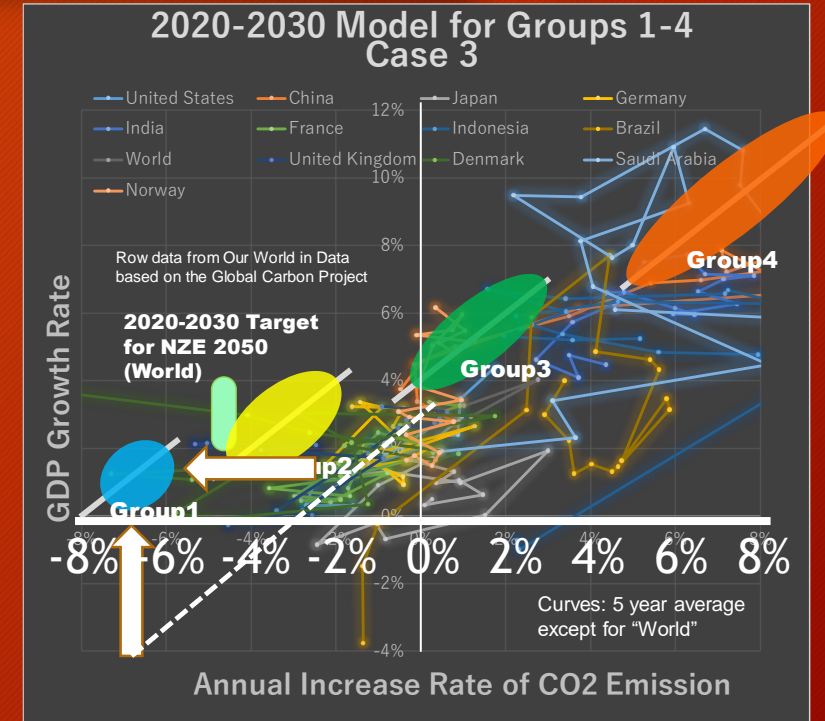
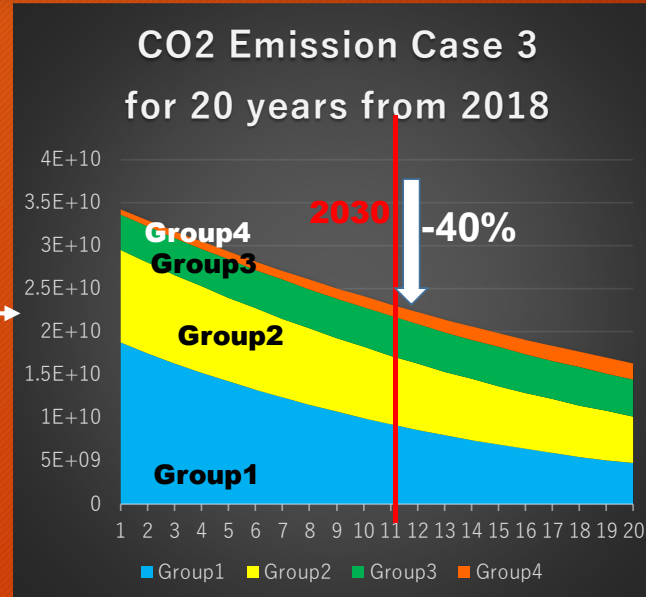
- Four groups represent hypothetical Global model
- Set initial GDP and CO2 emission condition for each group
- Assume Gompertz curve for GDP growth and set the initial position on the curve
- Apply the GDP to the offset model



GDP values of the groups will be used for CO2 emission calculation

# Calculated CO2 emission level at 2030

	Condition	@2030(ref. 2018)
Case 1	A=B=2% for all groups	+6.4%
Case 2	A=B=4%, 3%, 2% and 1% for group 1, 2, 3 and 4 respectively	-9.1%
Case 3	A=B=8%, 6%, 4% and 2% for group 1, 2, 3 and 4 respectively	-40.0%



CO2 emission under the condition of Case 3 achieves -40% reduction in 2030. Parameter B=8% for Group1.



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Efficiency of a converter



*Efficiency*  
of economic output

Electrification in final energy use



*Electrification*  
of economic activity

Flexibility of a power system

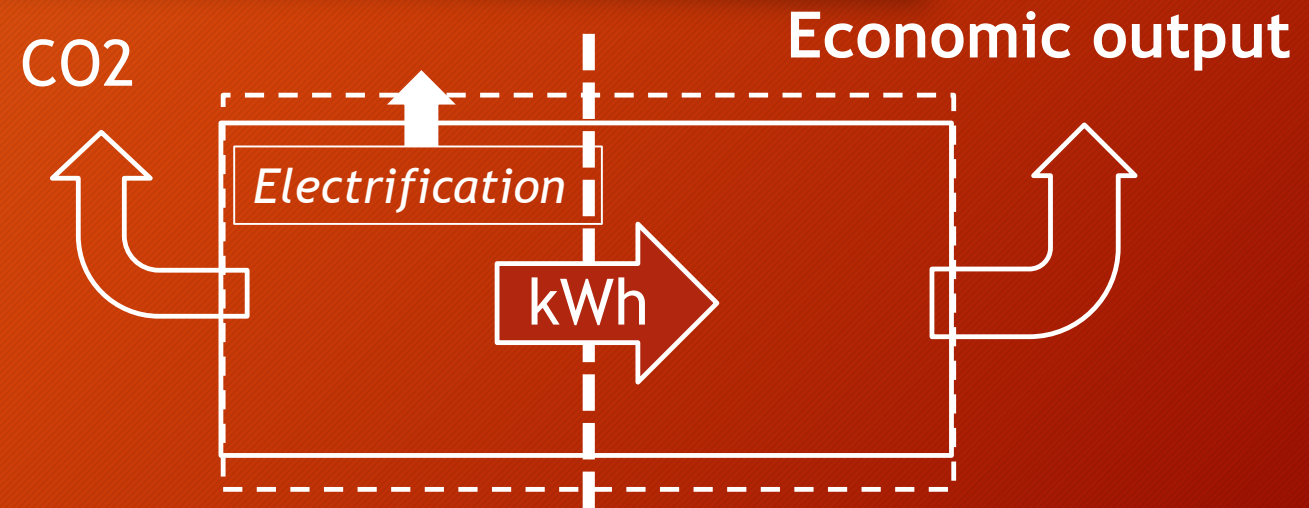


*Flexibility*  
to secure electrified  
economic activity under high  
VRE ratio

# Contribution of power electronics

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1. Increasing **Efficiency** of power converters → **economic output** to unit electricity
2. Reducing CO2 emission intensity to unit electricity → **Flexibility** to increase variable renewables ratio
3. Increasing **Electrification** in final energy use → of **economic activity**



Ref. [17]  
NREL  
Report,  
modified



*Economic output “efficiency” of unit electricity* [X/kWh]

*CO<sub>2</sub> emission of unit electricity* [gCO<sub>2</sub>/kWh]

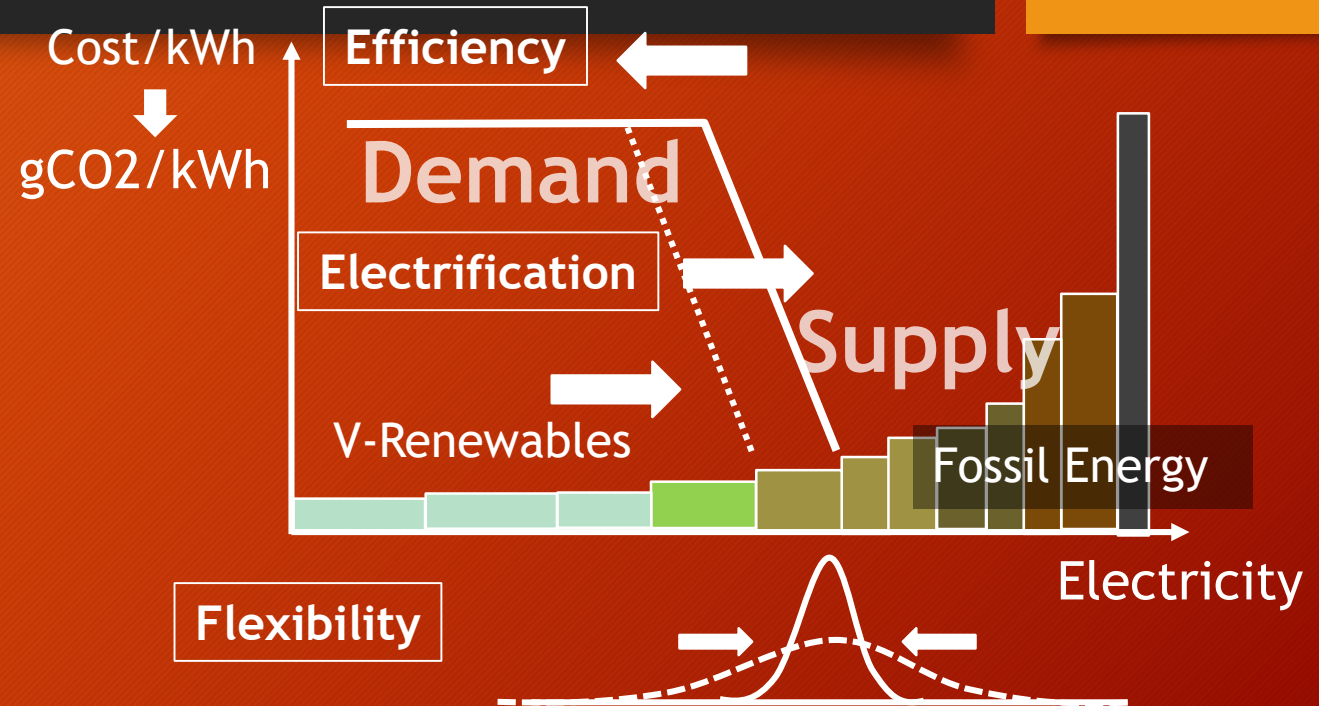
Efficiency

Flexibility

# Contribution of power electronics

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1.  $\text{gCO}_2/\text{kWh}$  will increasingly be considered in energy pricing  $\rightarrow$  VREs are advantageous in energy market
2. Efficiency  $\rightarrow$  decrease in fossil electricity demand
3. Electrification  $\rightarrow$  more VREs installation
4. Flexibility  $\rightarrow$  Balancing demand and supply under high VRE ratio



**Efficiency**  
of economic output

**Electrification**  
of economic activity

**Flexibility**  
to variable renewables

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# High Efficiency heating: air-conditioners (residential use of heat pumps)

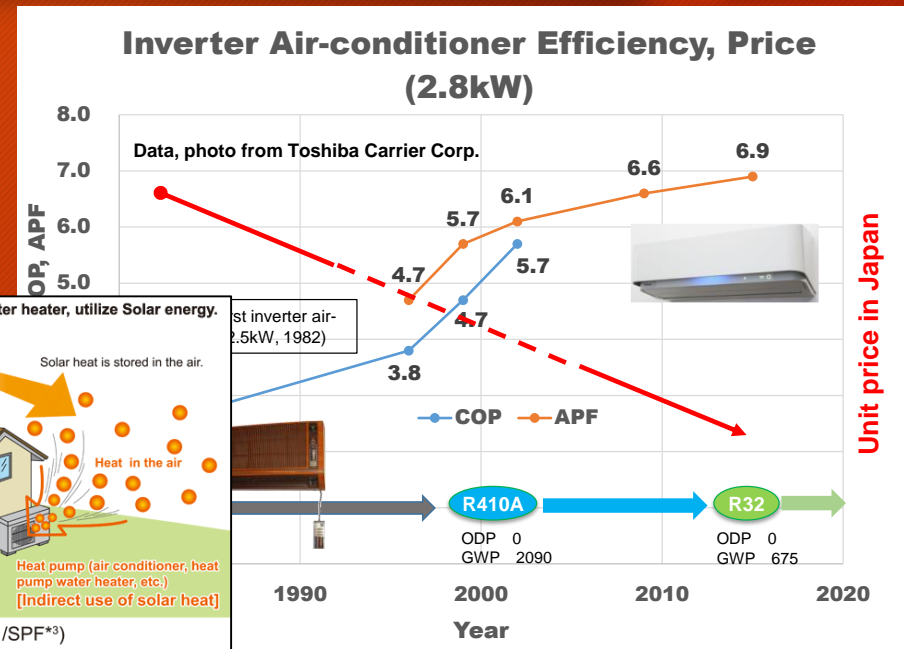
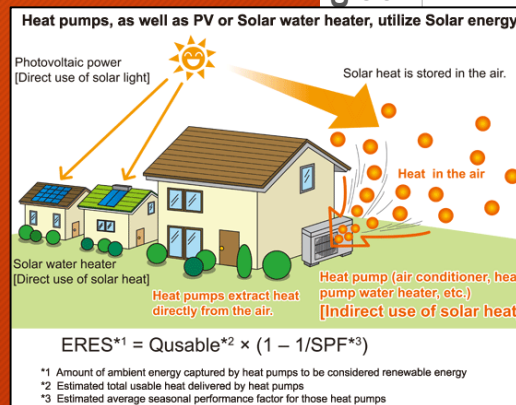
- Average efficiency improvement of **2.2% per year** for 40 years (Toshiba Carrier)
- Average price reduction ratio of **-2.7% per year** for 40 years (Toshiba Carrier)
- Countable as renewable energy

$$E_{RES} = Q_{usable} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{SPF}\right)$$

ERES: Heat from ambient

Qusable: Heat to the room, SPF: "Efficiency"

EU directive [19]



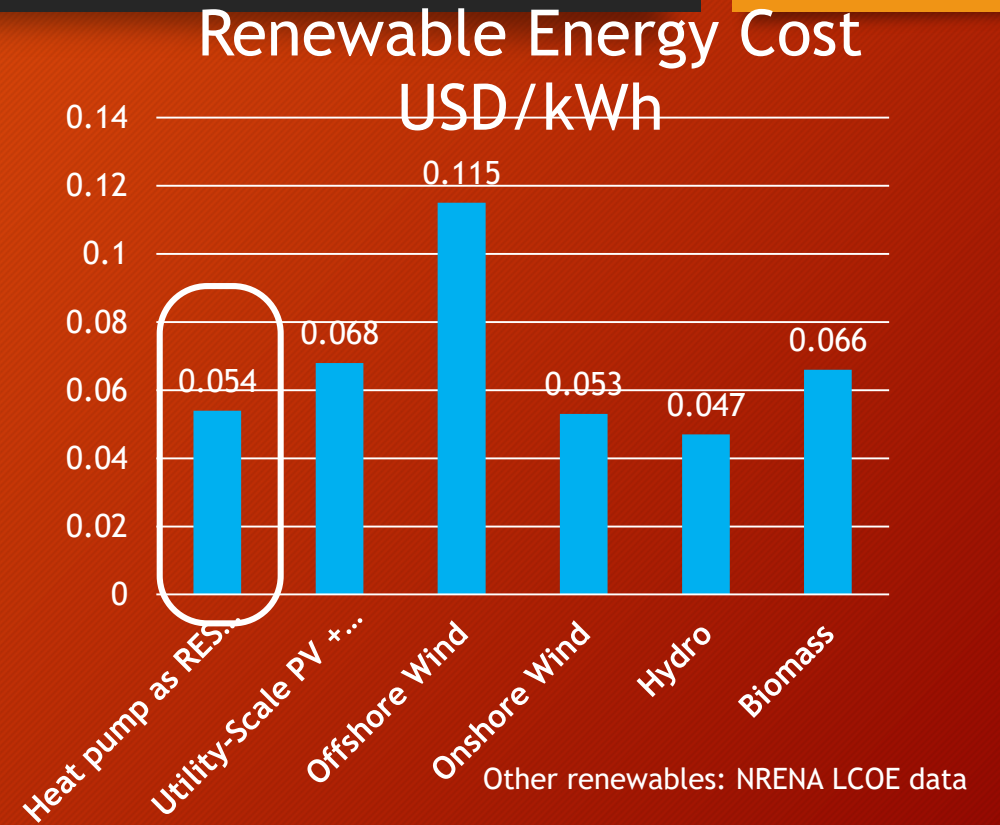
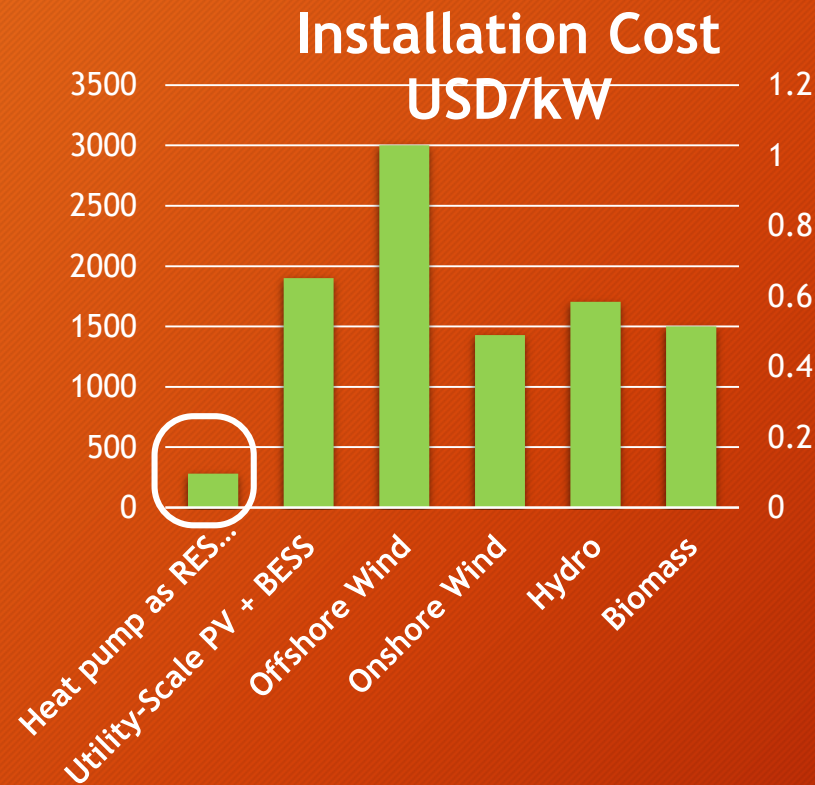
High performance **heat pumps** → High efficiency to generate heat by replacing conventional heaters. Counted as Renewable Energy.

# Cost comparison of renewable energies

$$E_{RES} = Q_{usable} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{SPF}\right)$$

EU directive [19]

$E_{RES}$ : amount of ambient energy captured by heat pumps to be considered as renewable energy  
 $Q_{usable}$ : estimated total usable heat by heat pumps  
 SPF: estimated average seasonal performance factor



Renewable energy by high efficiency heat pump is the lowest cost level

# Generalization

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EU directive [19], modified

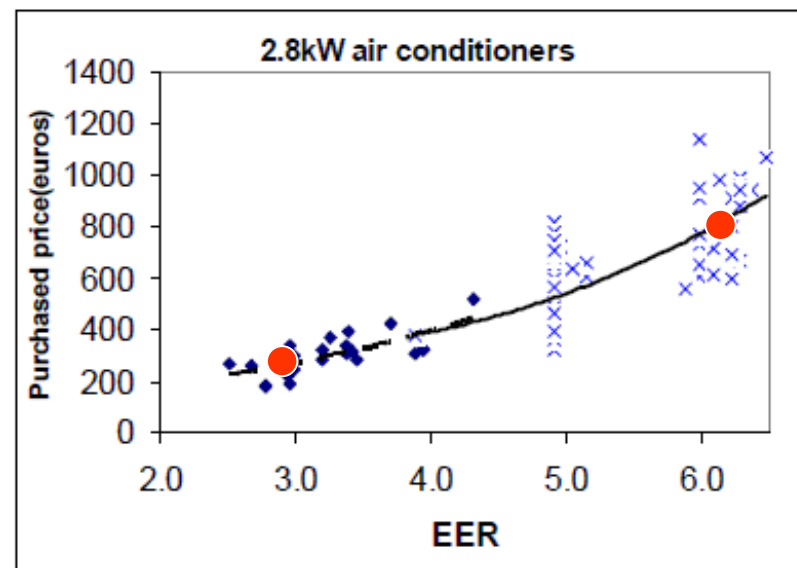
$$\Delta E_{RES} = X \cdot \left( \frac{1}{\eta_{old}} - \frac{1}{\eta_{new}} \right)$$

X: total output

$$\Delta Cost = Cost_{new} - Cost_{old}$$

Cost includes installation cost, running cost

Fig.16 Purchase prices of Japanese air conditioner



Efficiency: Direct / Indirect advantage to install

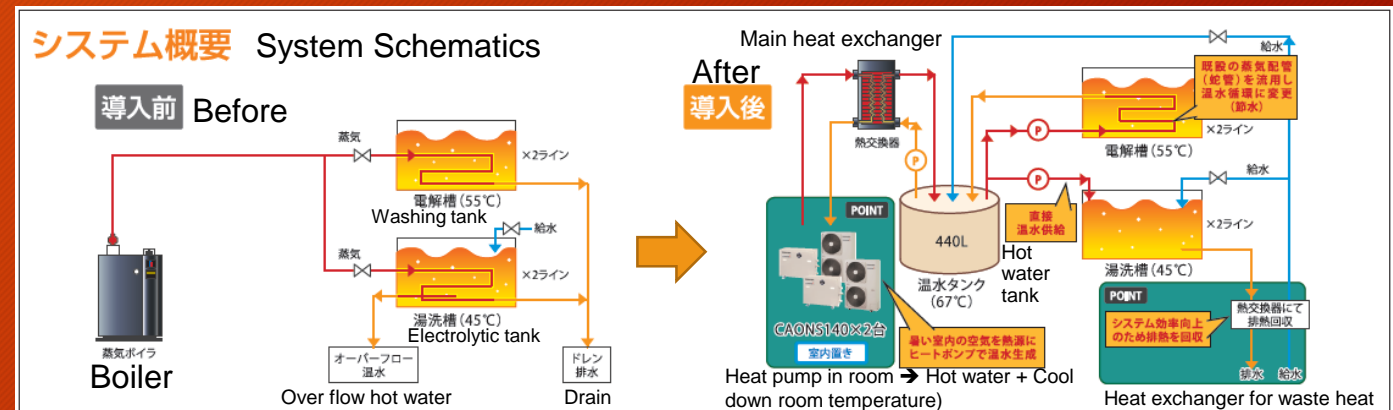


# Heat pumps installation in industry replacing boilers or heaters

Data and figure: Toshiba Carrier Corp.

- Heat pump installation in industry
- Case 1: Replacement of electric heaters by heat pumps (Efficiency)
- Case 2: Replacement of a boiler by heat pumps (Efficiency and Electrification)
- Electric energy reduction by >50%, and which is equivalent to **efficiency improve rate of >3.5% per year** if the system is operated for 20 years.

Target	Replacement	Spec. of heat pump	System impact
Case 1: Cleaning process with hot liquid	Heater → Heat pump	Output 14kW COP 3.5 (Catalog) Liquid Temp 50-90°C	Electric energy -54% CO2 -28ton/year
Case 2: Preprocess to painting (shown in figure below)	Boiler → Heat pump	Output 14kW X2 COP 3.5 (Catalog) Liquid Temp 45°C, 55°C	Reduction of heat loss in plumbing Running cost reduction -62%



Industrial application of heat pumps impact to both **efficiency** and **electrification**

# Examples of efficiency challenge

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- **Compressed air systems**

- 8.8 TWh or 3100 KtonCO<sub>2</sub> per year in UK
- Consuming substantially large electricity in manufacturing plants in Japan
- Very low efficiency of 10% due to compressor, air leakage, pressure losses
- Can be replaced by electric actuators in some application



- **Hydraulic systems**

- Efficiency 35% to 50%
- Large losses in fluid lines, pump, actuator and control valves
- High maintenance cost, oil leakage, fire risk
- Limit of downsizing

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# Electrification projection by IRENA “REmap” (end use energy)

Data source: IRENA (2018), Global Energy Transformation: A roadmap to 2050, download from [www.irena.org/publications](http://www.irena.org/publications)

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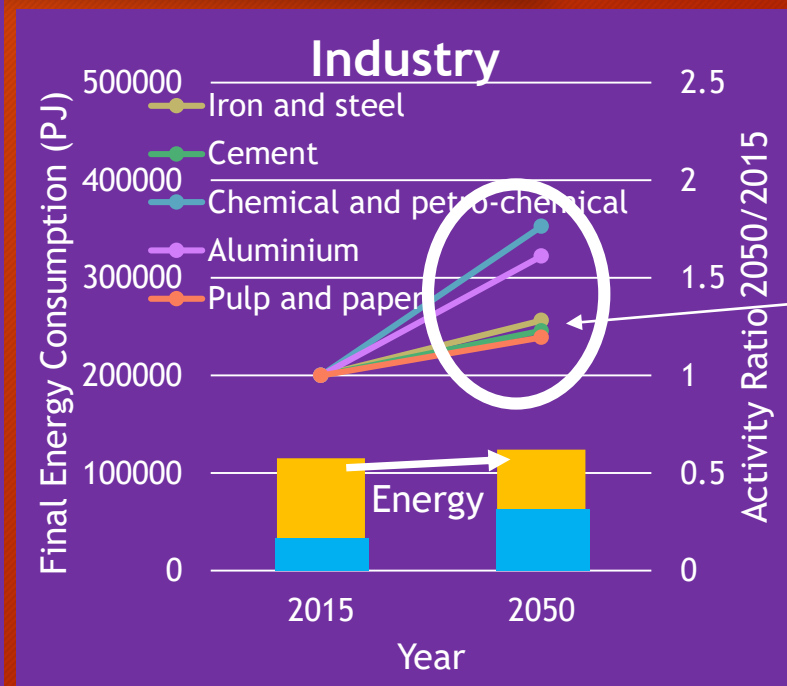
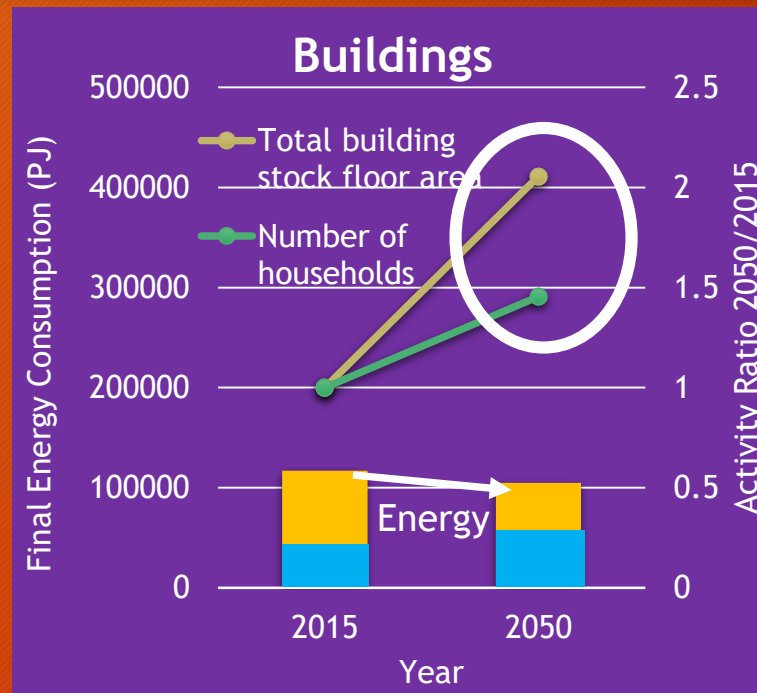
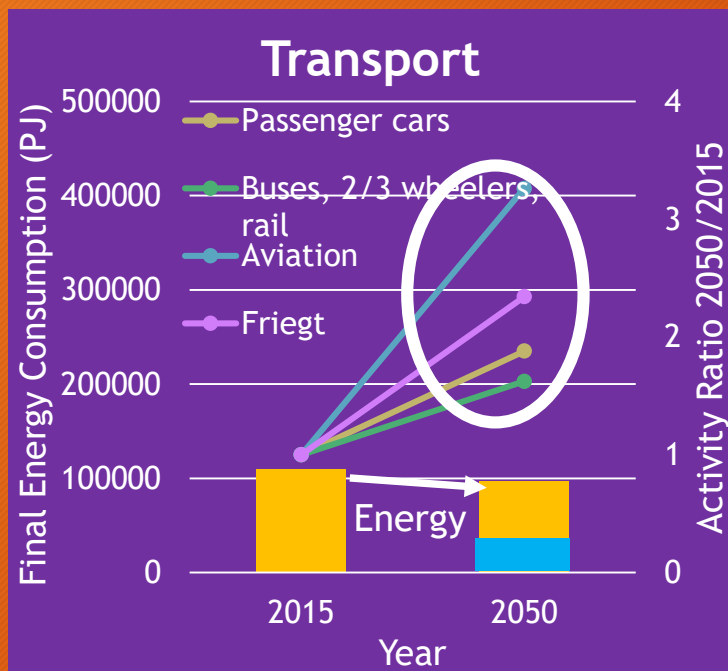
Sector	Electricity share in final energy 2015 → 2050	Renewable share in Electricity 2015 → 2050
Transport	1% → 33%	? % → 85%
Buildings	31% → 56%	23% → 85%
Industry	27% → 42%	26% → 85%

Electrification → High **Flexibility**

# Activity Increase and Energy Consumption shown in IRENA “REmap”

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Iron and steel, Cement

Electrification → High Efficiency

# Iron and Steel industry

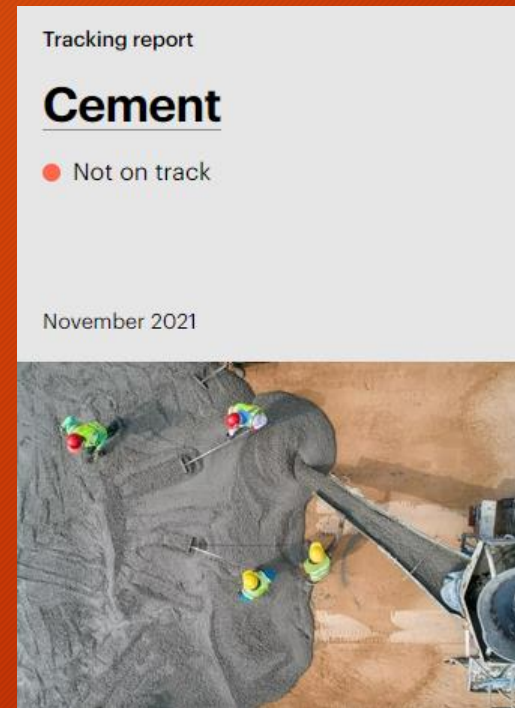
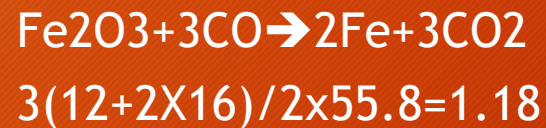
# Cement industry

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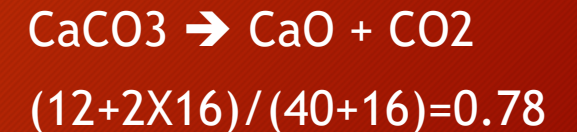
2.6 GtCO<sub>2</sub>  
=7% of the  
global total

1.4 tCO<sub>2</sub>/tIron



2.8 GtonCO<sub>2</sub>  
=8% of the  
global total

0.6tCO<sub>2</sub>/tCement



Tons of production  $\doteq$  Tons of emission

# Iron and Steel industry

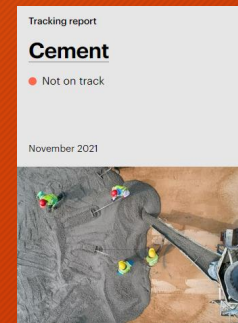
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- Carbon capture and storage (CCS)
- Electrolysis in ironmaking
- Hydrogen (H<sub>2</sub>)-based ironmaking
  - $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3 + 3\text{H}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{Fe} + 3\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,
  - Huge electricity
- Maximizing scrap use, the electric arc furnace



- Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS)
- Alternative “Novel” Cements
- Clinker substitution
- Reduce use of cement in built environment
  - In Sweden, CemZero project to **electrify cement production.**



Iron and Cement industries can be big consumers of renewable energy toward 2050

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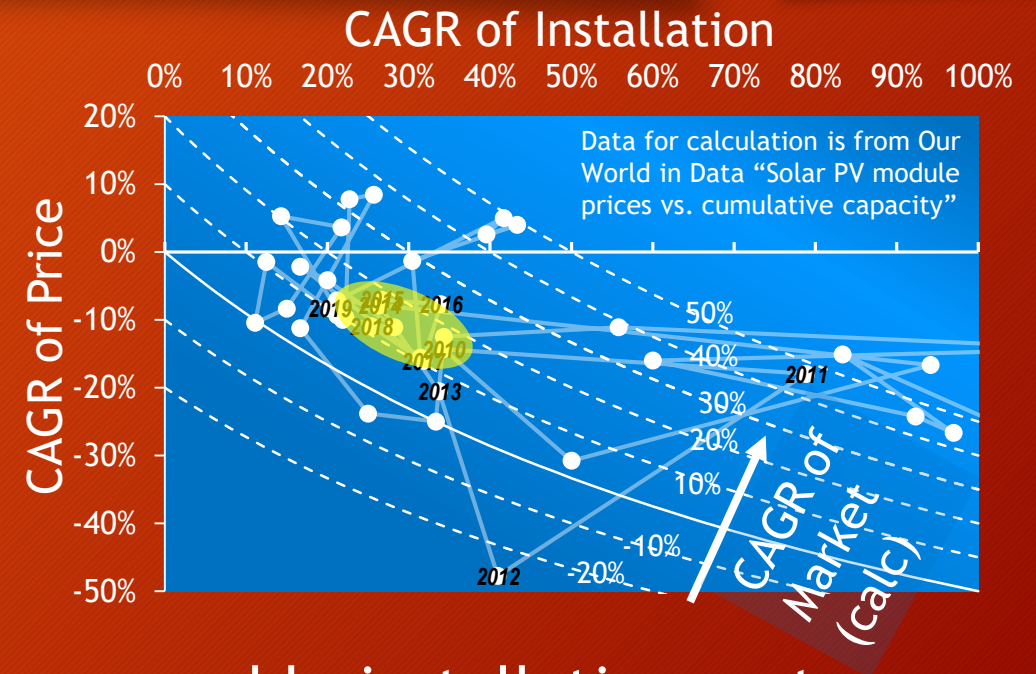
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# Learning rates of renewables, expansion of installation

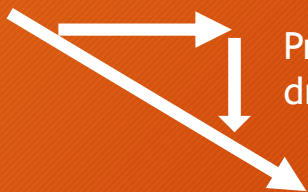
Item	Learning Rate	Source
<u>PV module</u>	20%	Bloomberg New Energy Finance
Onshore wind	19%	
Li-ion Battery	19%	Hannah Ritchie, Our world in data, 2021
<u>PV inverter</u>	7% → 19%	Agora report, Fraunhofer ISE, Current and Future Cost of Photovoltaics, 2015,
DRAM/Flash	35%	Walden Rhines, Predicting Semiconductor Business Trends After Moore's Law, 2019
Remaining Semis	23%	



## Learning rates

Doubling installation

Price drop in %



High learning rate of 19-20% for renewable installation cost

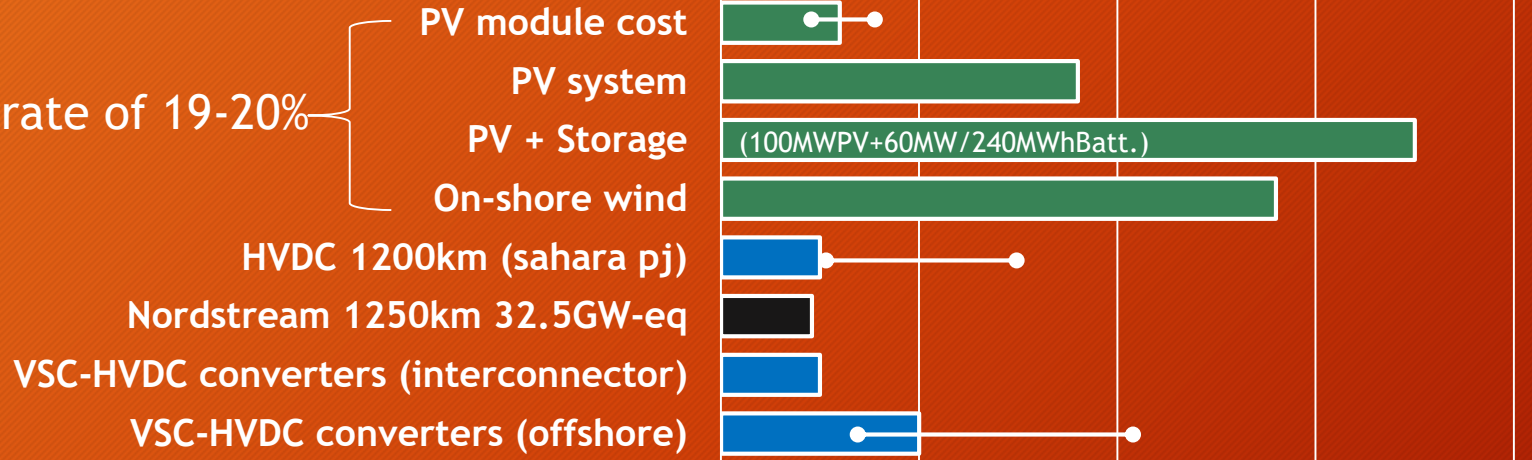
PV case:

Installation growth >20% → Price down 10% + Market CAGR >10%

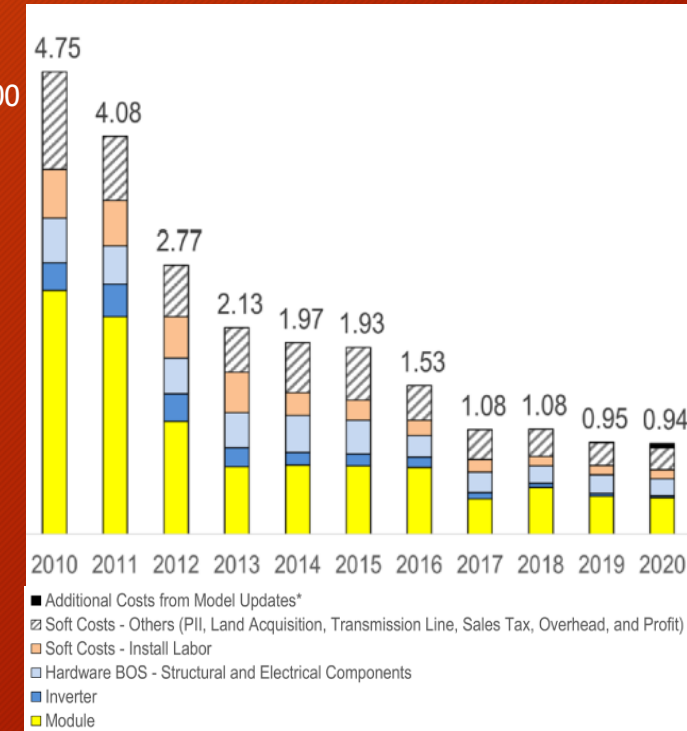
# Cost of flexibility?

## per GW installation cost comparison (M euro/GW)

Learning rate of 19-20%



## Utility scale PV USD/W NREL(2020)

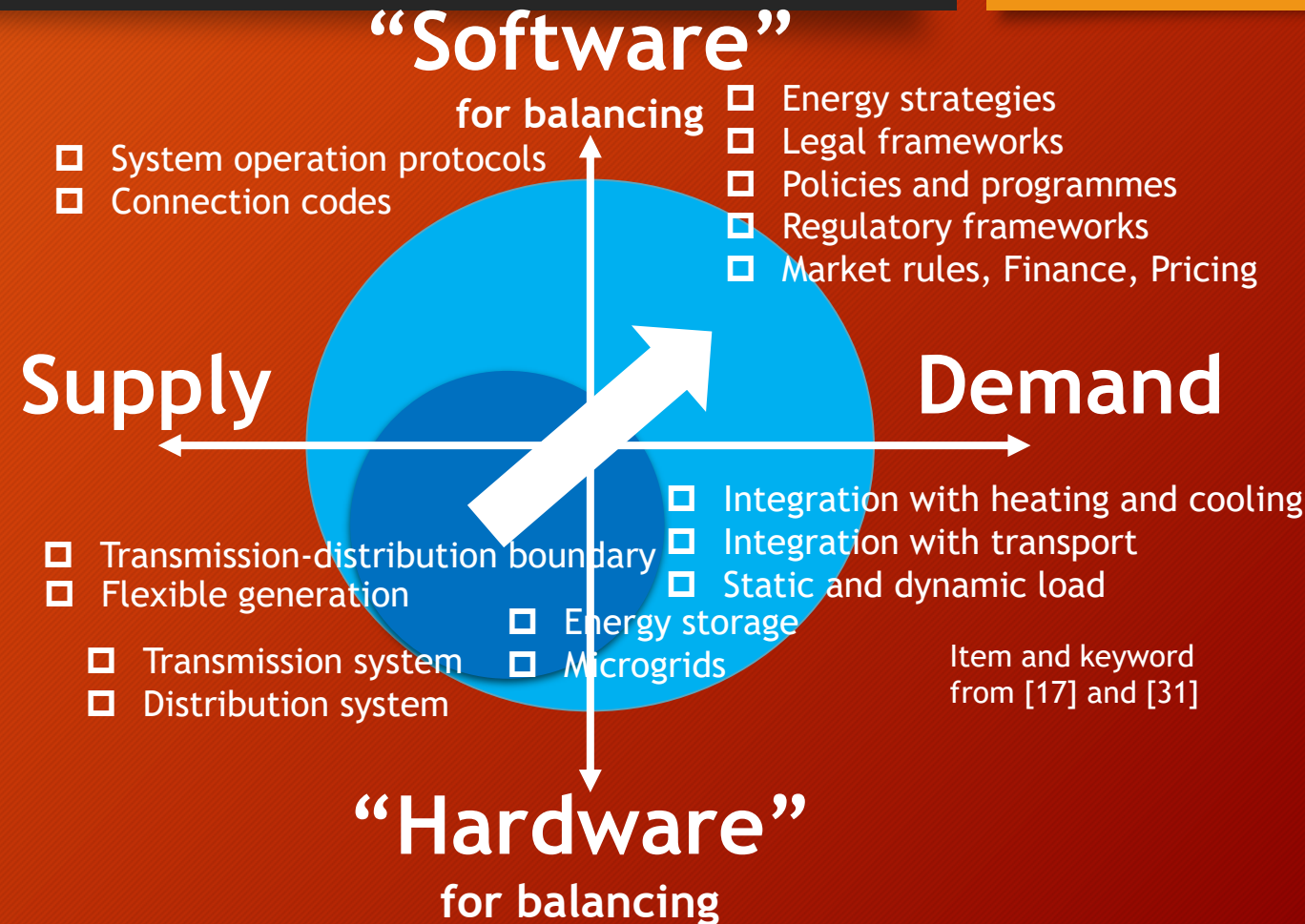


Cost of flexibility: Learning rate of 20%?

# Flexibility for responding to increased variable renewables

- Demand and Supply: **symmetric** in flexibility
- "Software" to maximize the flexibility

"the contribution to costeffectively secure the electrified economic activity under high renewable share"



Efficiency of a converter



*Efficiency*  
of economic output

Electrification in final energy use



*Electrification*  
of economic activity

Flexibility of a power system



*Flexibility*  
to secure electrified  
economic activity under high  
VRE ratio

# Conclusions

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- Starting point: the impacts of global warming of 1.5° C above pre-industrial level.
- “Advanced economy” need to contribute to realize higher reduction rate of CO2 emission
- Efficiency of economic output
- Electrification of economic activity
- Flexibility to secure electrified economic activity under high VRE ratio

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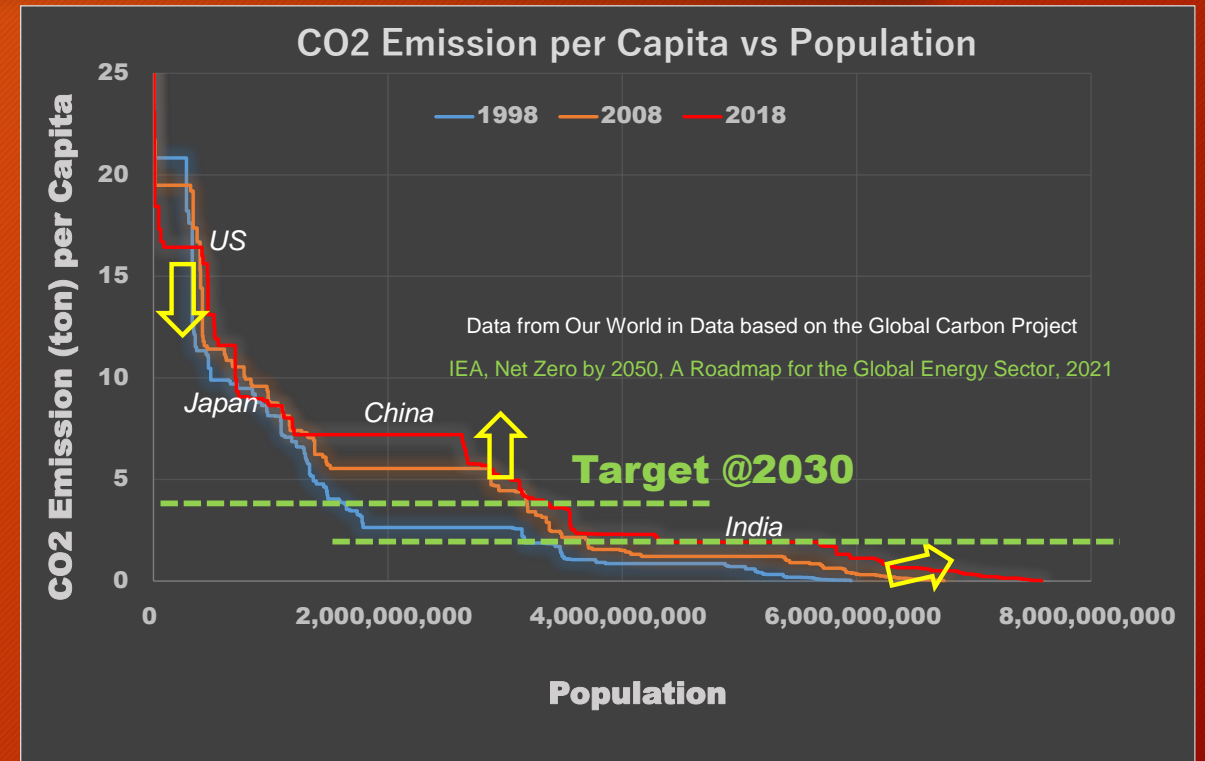
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# Emission in years of 1998, 2008, 2018 and the 2030 target for NZE2050

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- High CO2 intensity countries reduced the emission in 20 years from 1998 to 2018, but,
- The emission levels **far exceed** the **3.5 ton per capita target** to be reached in 2030 for NZE2050 scenarios.

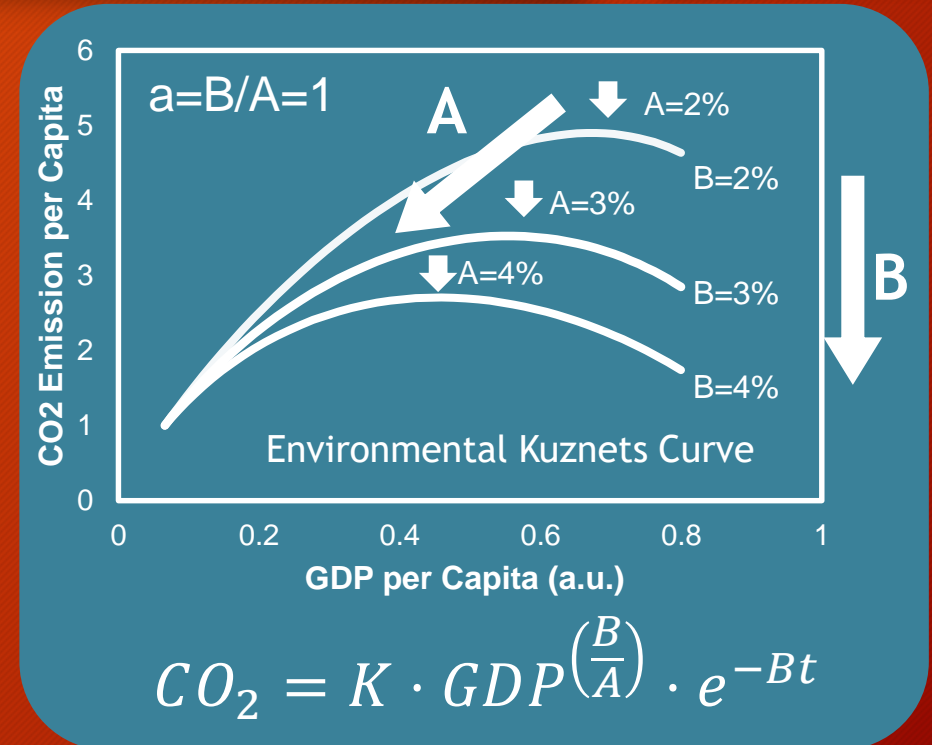
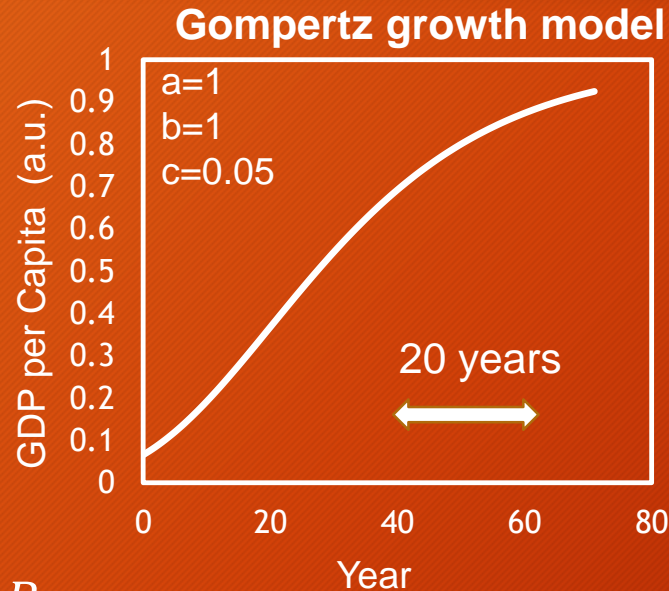
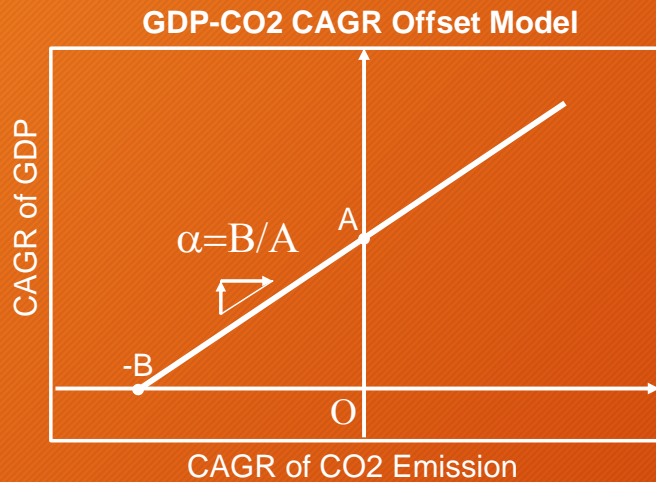


How wide **the gap** between **the reducing** and **the growing**?



# Constants A and B in the GDP-CO2 CAGR offset model

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$$CO_2 = K \cdot GDP \left( \frac{B}{A} \right) \cdot e^{-Bt}$$

$$CAGR(CO_2) = \frac{B}{A} \cdot CAGR(GDP) - B$$

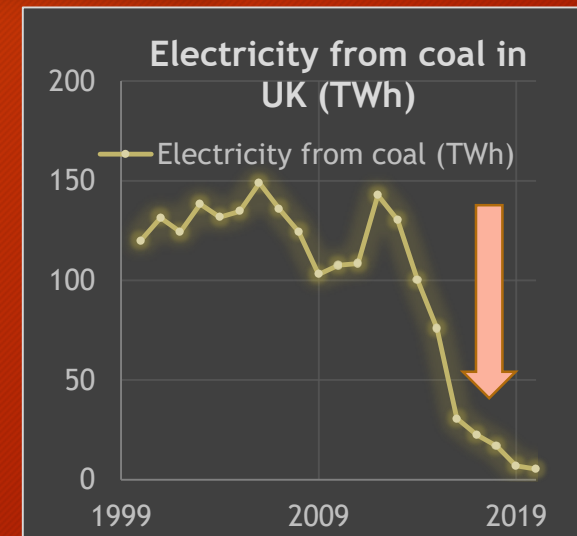
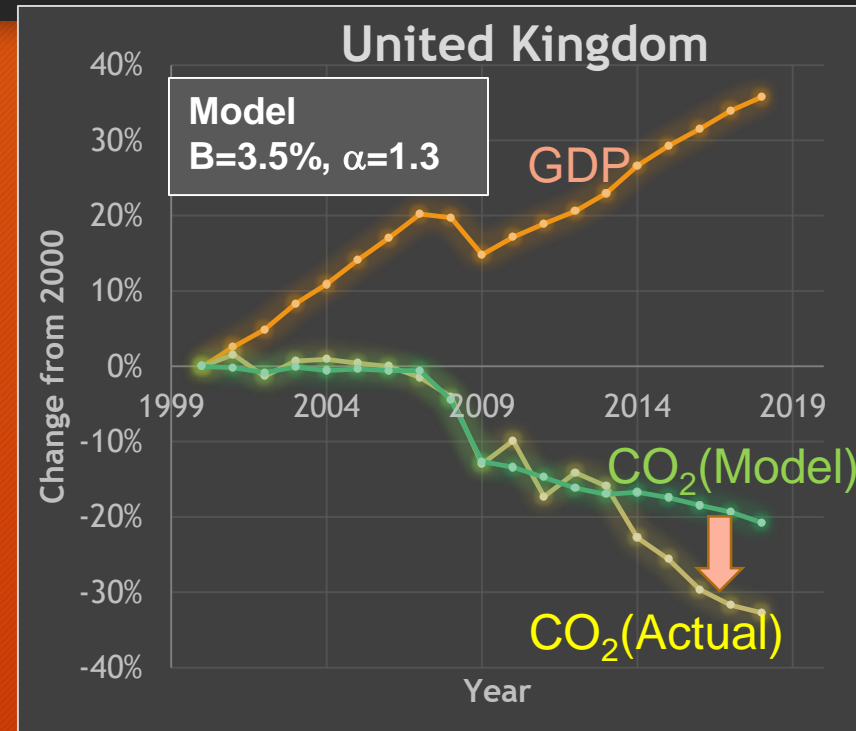
$$GDP(t) = a \cdot e^{-e^{b-c \cdot t}}$$

“A” relates emission peak point, “B” determines speed of emission reduction

# GDP-CO2 CAGR offset model with UK data

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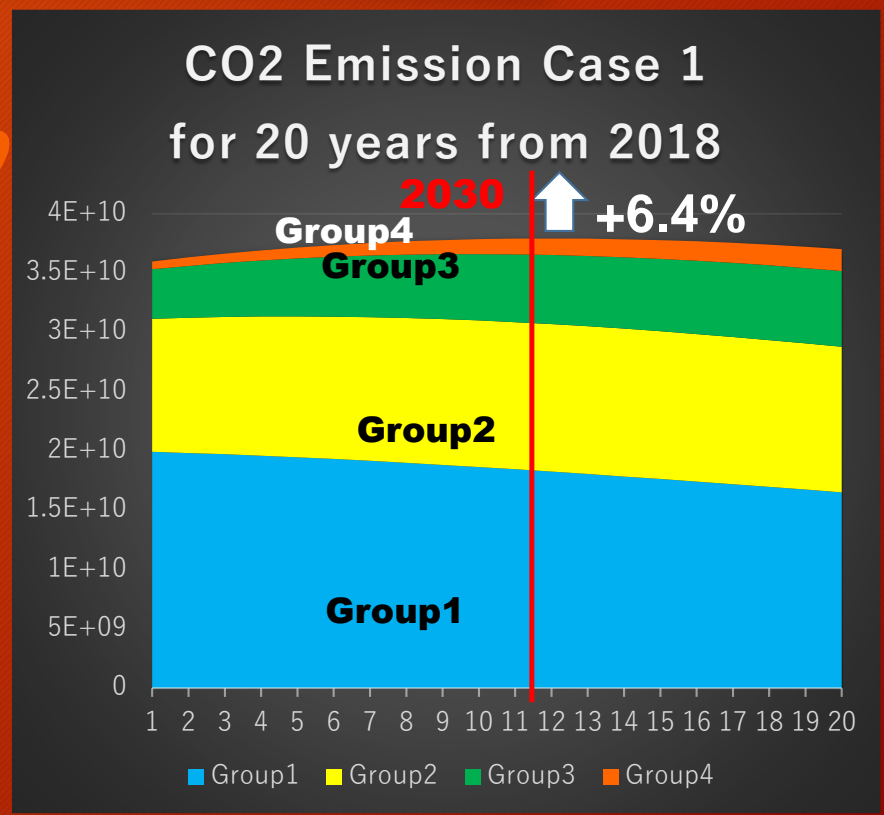
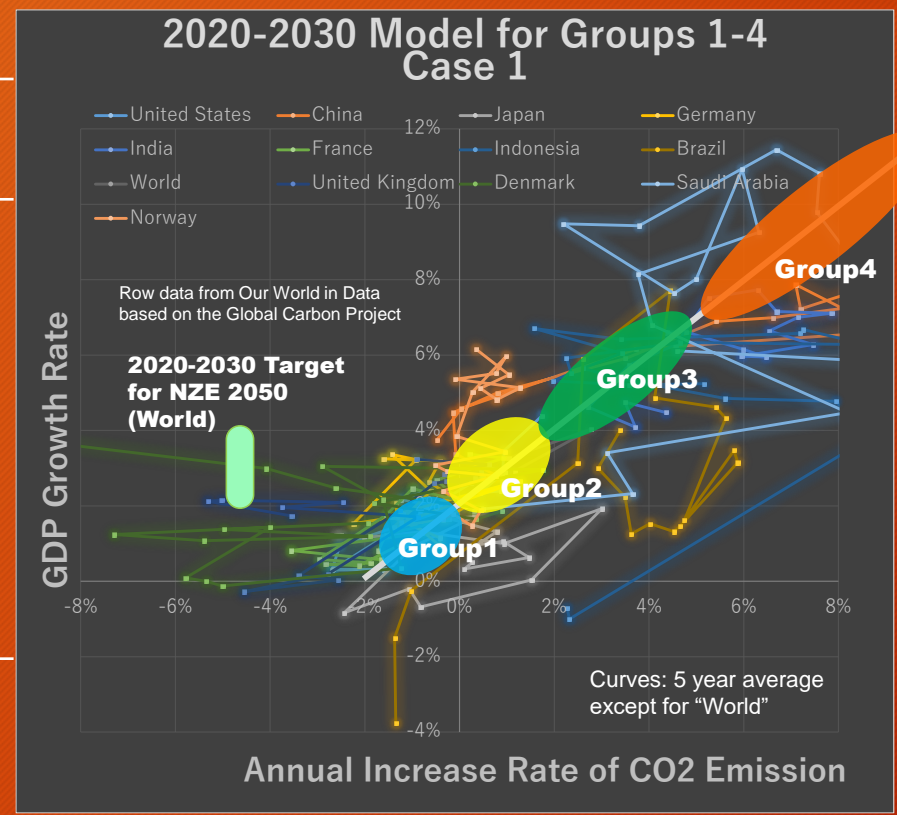
- Input = GDP data
- “B” and “ $\alpha=B/A$ ” are fitted with actual CO2 emission data
- Model agree with actual CO2 emission up to 2013
- Result of strong measure of close of coal plants appeared as the difference of the model from actual data.



The model reproduced historical result of CO2 emission with simple fitting of constants A and B (or B and  $\alpha$ ).

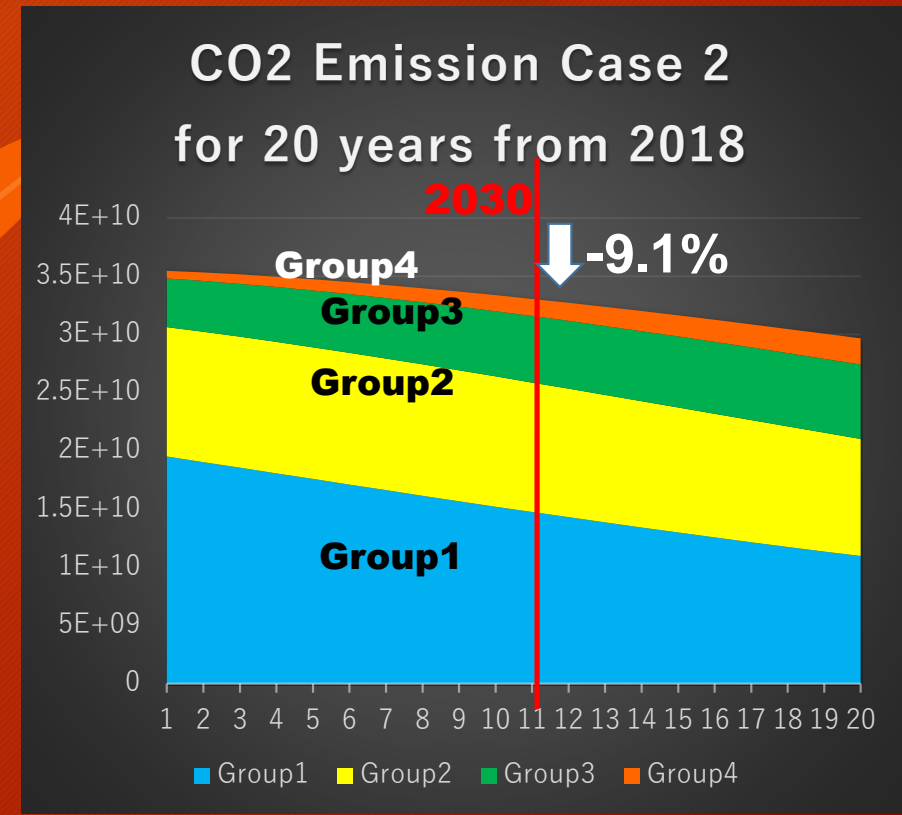
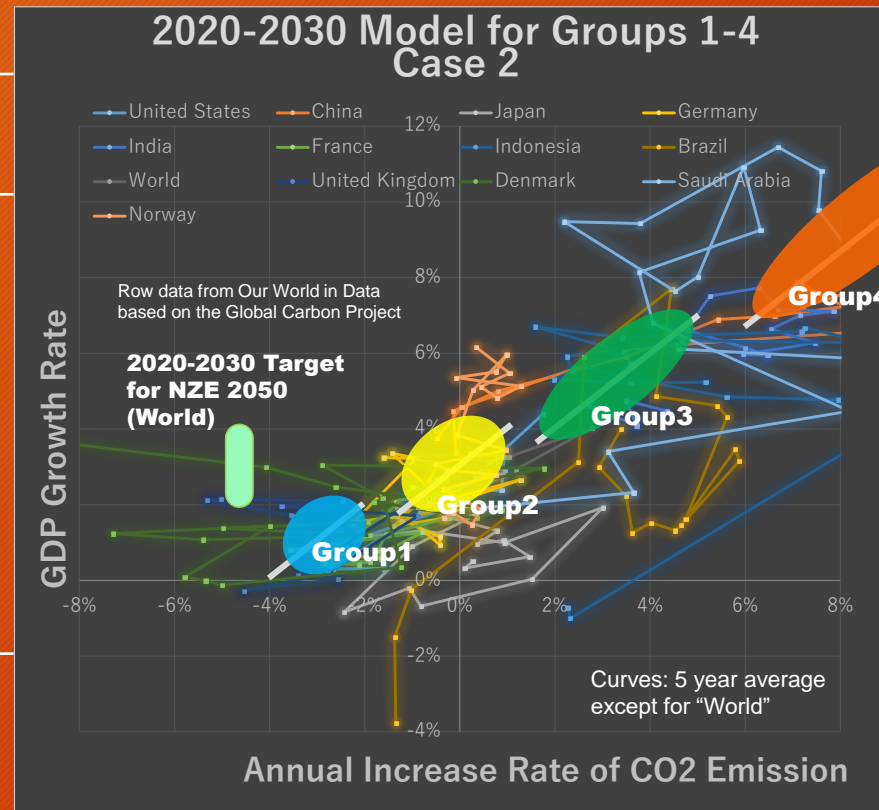
# Case 1

	Condition	@2030(ref . 2018)
Case 1	A=B=2% for all groups	+6.4%
Case 2	A=B=4%, 3%, 2% and 1% for group 1, 2, 3 and 4 respectively	-9.1%
Case 3	A=B=8%, 6%, 4% and 2% for group 1, 2, 3 and 4 respectively	-40.0%



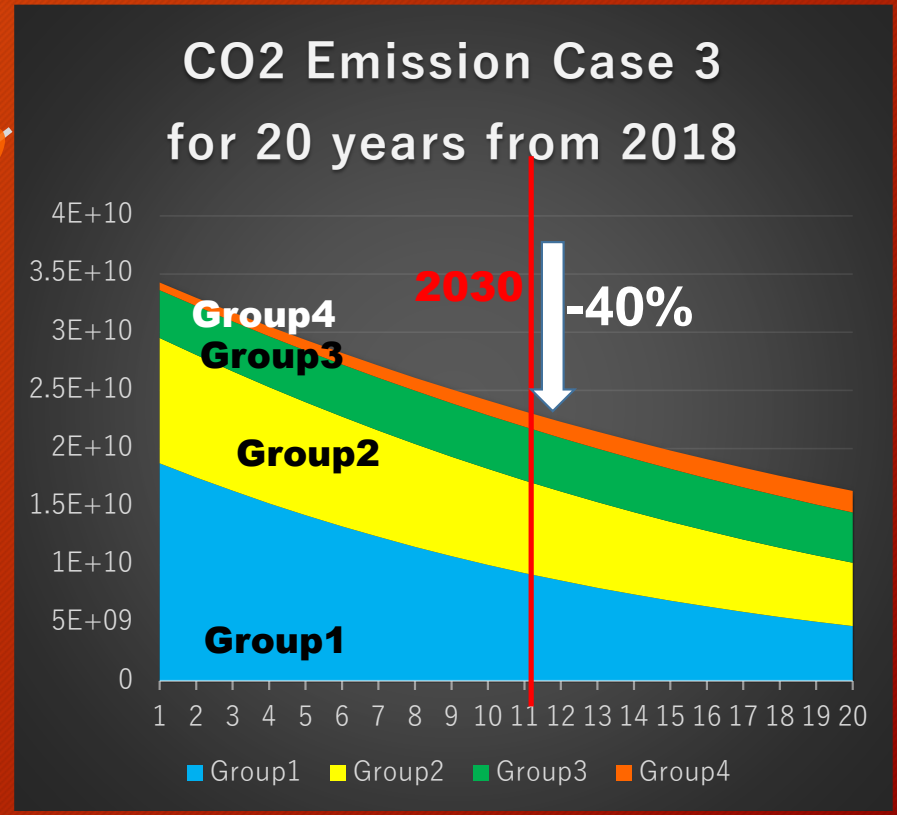
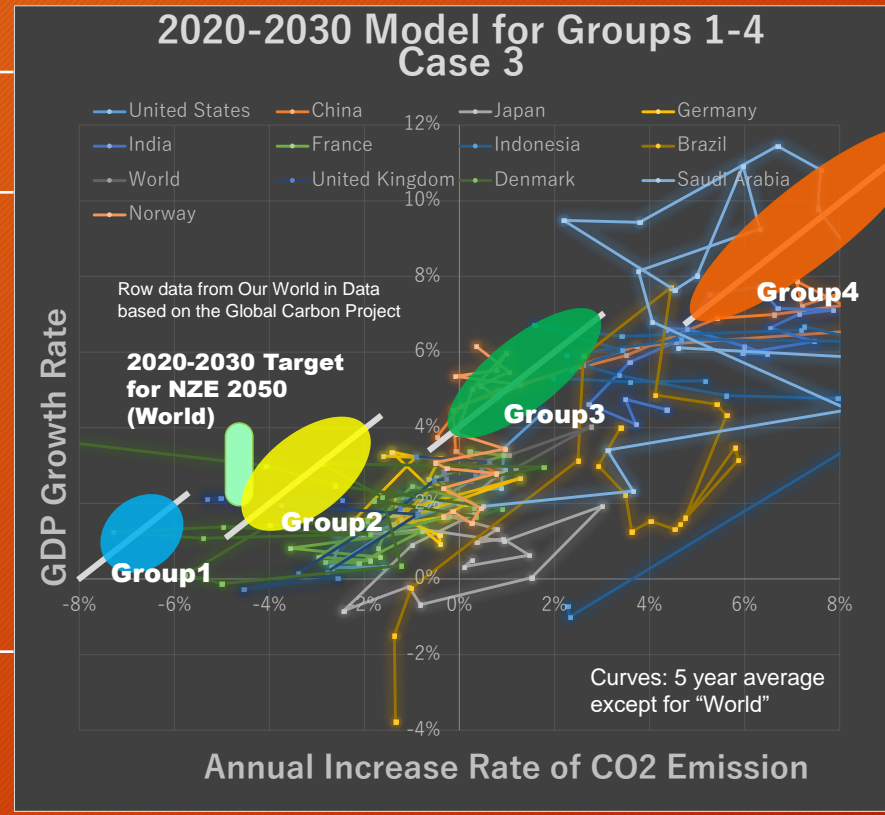
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# Air Conditioner shipment, inverter ratio

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Region	Million units in 2005	Million units in 2015	Inverter Ratio
Europe	6.2	5.4	81.60%
Middle East	2.9	5.4	13.10%
Japan	8.3	8.9	99.90%
China	19.8	39.2	74.00%
Asia (other)	7.6	15.1	36.10%
Oceania	0.8	1.1	95.80%
North America	14.9	14.3	6.90%
Latin America	2.8	7.3	No data
World(expected)		110 (2018)	57.80%

# CAGR of Efficiency of economic output, the Impacts

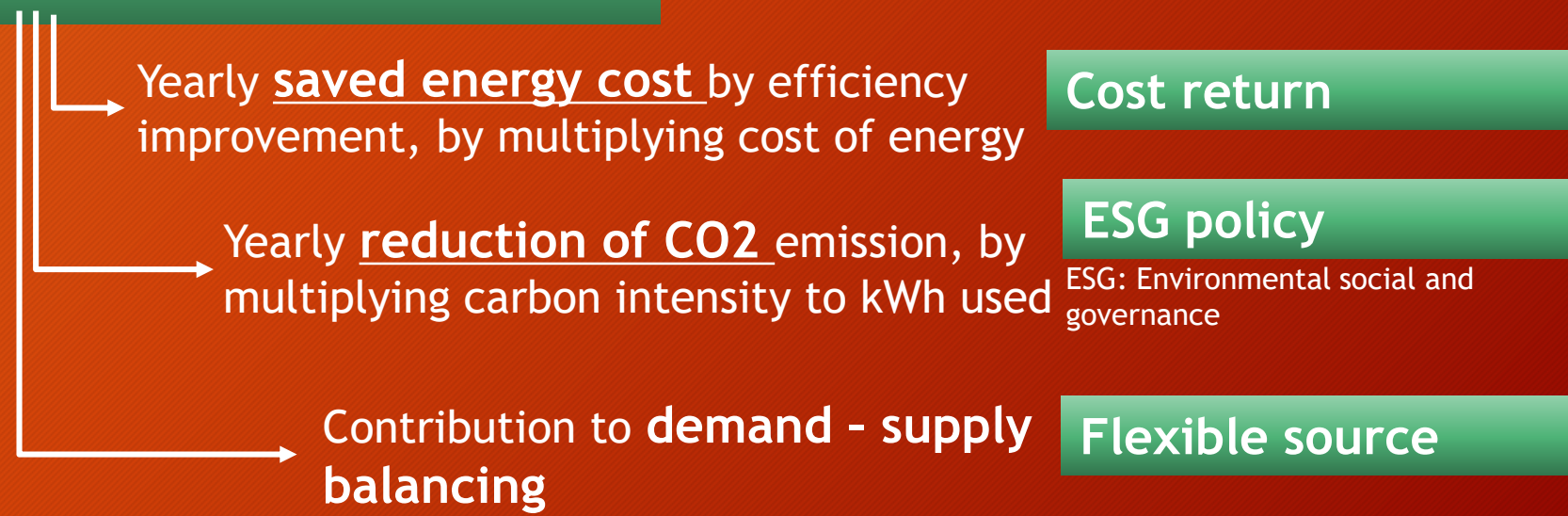
$\eta$ : Efficiency of Economic output to unit electricity

EU directive [19], modified

$$E_{RES} = X \cdot \left( \frac{1}{\eta_{old}} - \frac{1}{\eta_{new}} \right)$$

X: Economic output

$$\Delta E_{RES} = -X \cdot \Delta \left( \frac{1}{\eta} \right) = \frac{X}{\eta} \cdot \frac{\Delta \eta}{\eta}$$

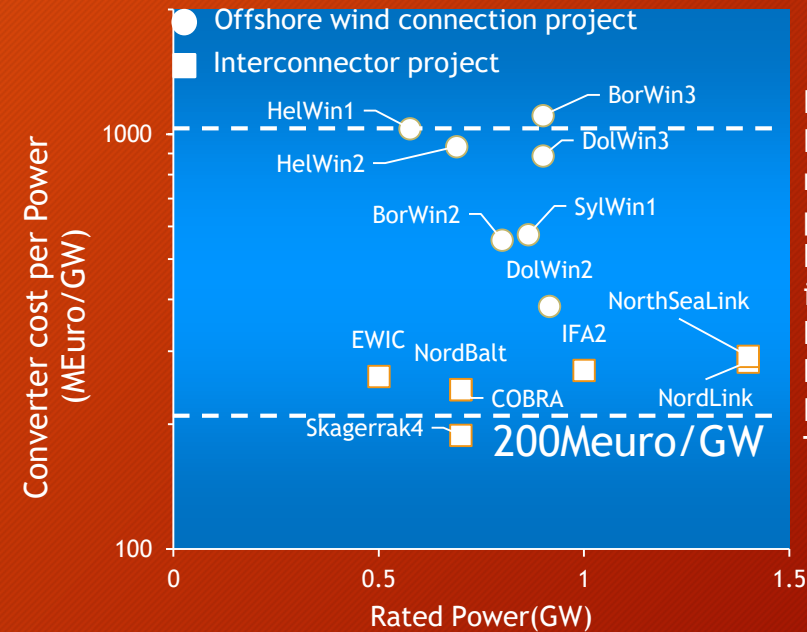


Efficiency: Direct / Indirect advantage to install

# Cost of flexibility?

	N-Gas	Electricity	Remark
<b>World wide capacity</b>	N-Gas, 4400 bcm (eq.2600GW)	Electricity 7200GW	HVDC Cost, 750 mile, 1000USD/mile/MW (EIA) 1400Meuro for 1300km 5GW (SaharaWind) 2000Meuro for 2000km 6GW Natural Gas pipeline, 1250km, 55bcm/y = 32.5GW, <u>Generation efficiency=0.45</u> , 7.40G Euro, (Fact Sheet, Nord Stream by numbers, 2013)
<b>Pipe line, HVDC Cost Example</b>	Pipe line 230M Euro/GW (1250km, 55bcm)	HVDC >250M Euro/GW (1200km, 6GW)	

## VSC-HVDC Converter Cost in MEuro/GW



Raw data from, Review of investment model cost parameters for VSC HVDC transmission infrastructure, Philipp Härtel et al., Electric Power Systems Research 151 (2017), Table 3 and 4.

- Learning rate of 19-20% and,
  - PV module cost 200-400Meuro/GW
  - PV system installation cost 900Meuro/GW
  - PV + Storage installation cost 1750Meuro/GW (100MWPV+60MW/240MWhBatt.)
  - On-shore wind installation cost 1400Meuro/GW



- “the ability of a power system to reliably and costeffectively manage the variability and uncertainty of demand and supply across all relevant timescales, from ensuring instantaneous stability of the power system to supporting long-term security of supply”[31]



PE-segment

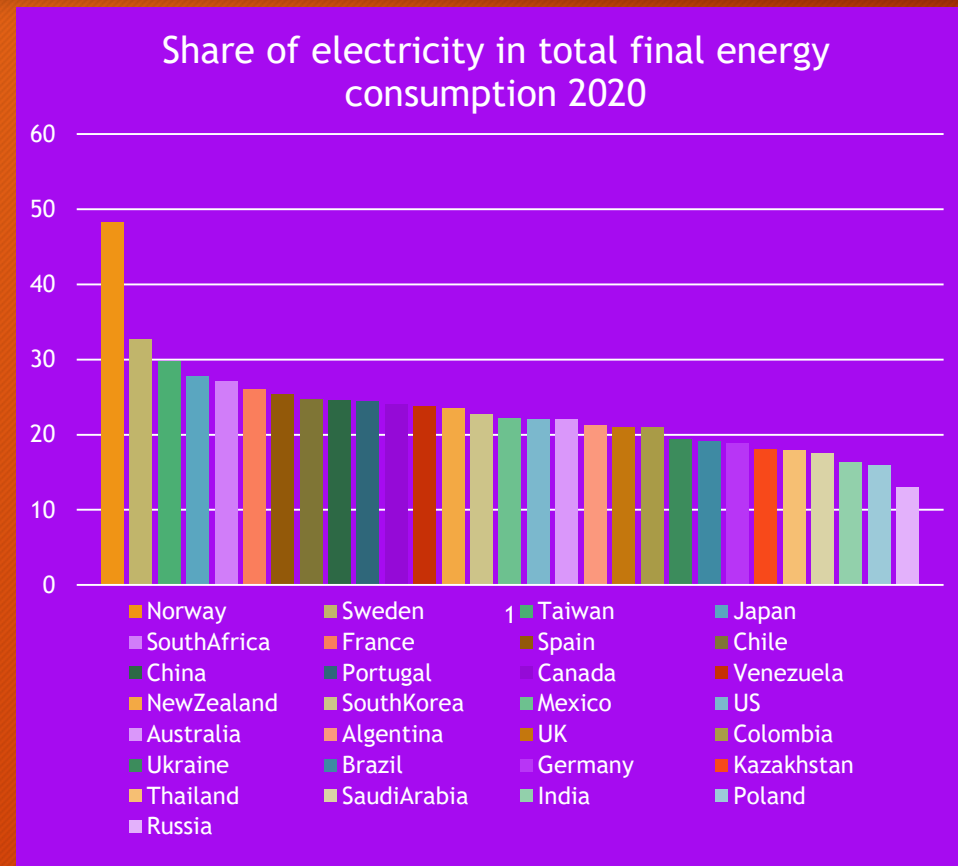
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# Share of electricity in total final energy

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Data from  
<https://yearbook.enerdata.net/electricity/share-electricity-final-consumption.html>