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3. Does council have feedback on this presentation and the proposed outreach and engagement strategy?
4. Does council have comments or questions regarding the energy efficiency program updates and proposed direction on the work plan items?
5. Specifically, does council agree with staff's recommendation to focus current commercial energy efficiency strategies on further collaboration and pilot projects to refine the strategies that may be utilized in designing a commercial rating and reporting requirement?



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#1: Climate Change Is Now

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The year 2012 was the **warmest on record** for the contiguous United States, according to the National Climatic Data Center (NCDC).

The **decade** as a whole (2000–2009) was the nation's **warmest on record**.

The New York Times

In addition to being the nation's warmest year, 2012 turned out to be the second-worst on a measure called the Climate Extremes Index, surpassed only by 1998.

- 11 disasters in 2012 have exceeded a threshold of \$1 billion in damages
- Hurricane Sandy damage likely to exceed \$60 billion in nearly half the states, primarily in the mid-Atlantic region.

Four Mile Canyon Fire-2010



High Park Fire-2012



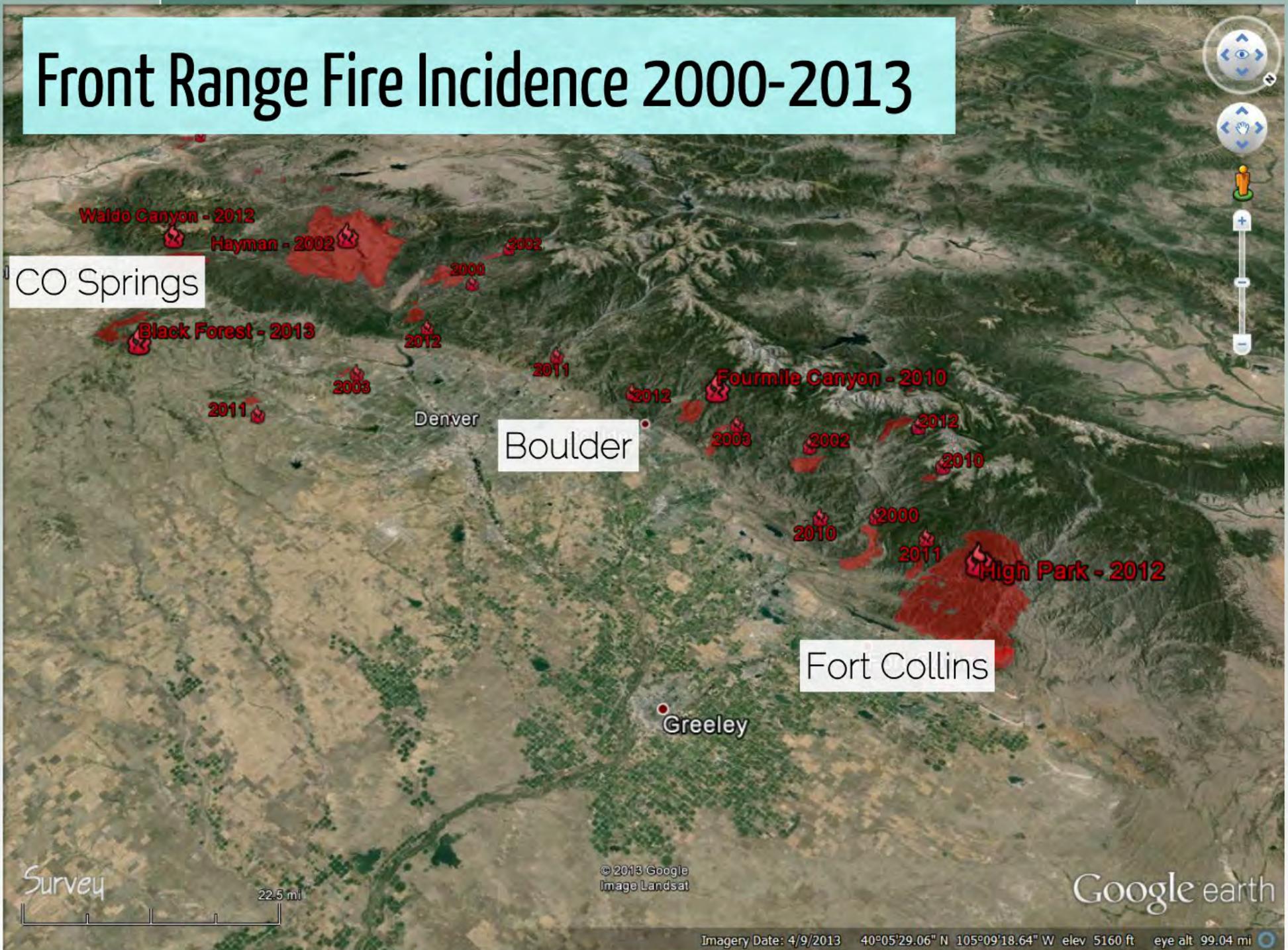
Waldo Canyon Fire-2012



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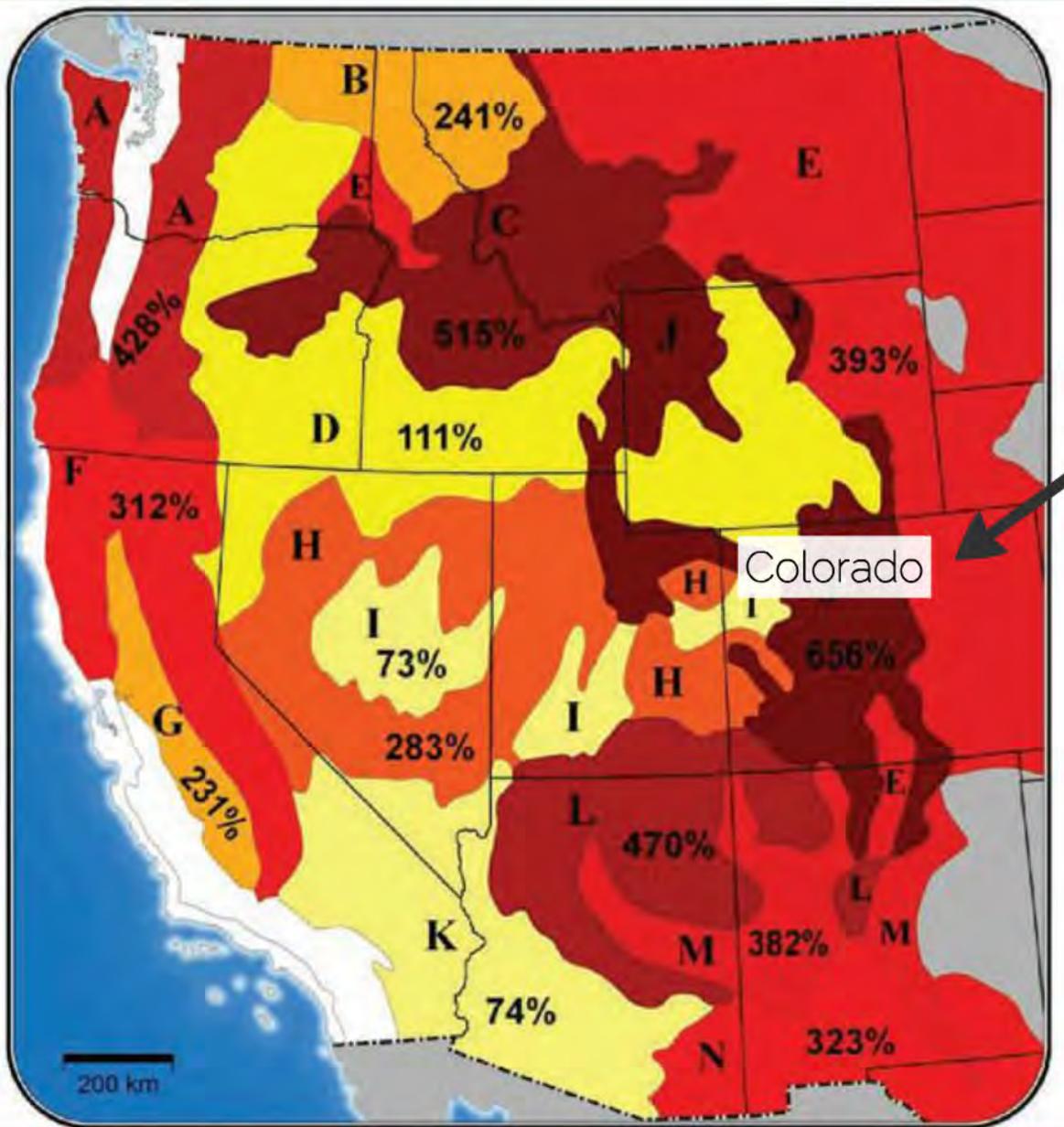
Front Range Fire Incidence 2000-2013



Post Fire: Floods And Landslides



National Academy of Sciences 2011 Assessment



1.8 deg F increase in temperature raises wildfire probability 656% (Front Range)

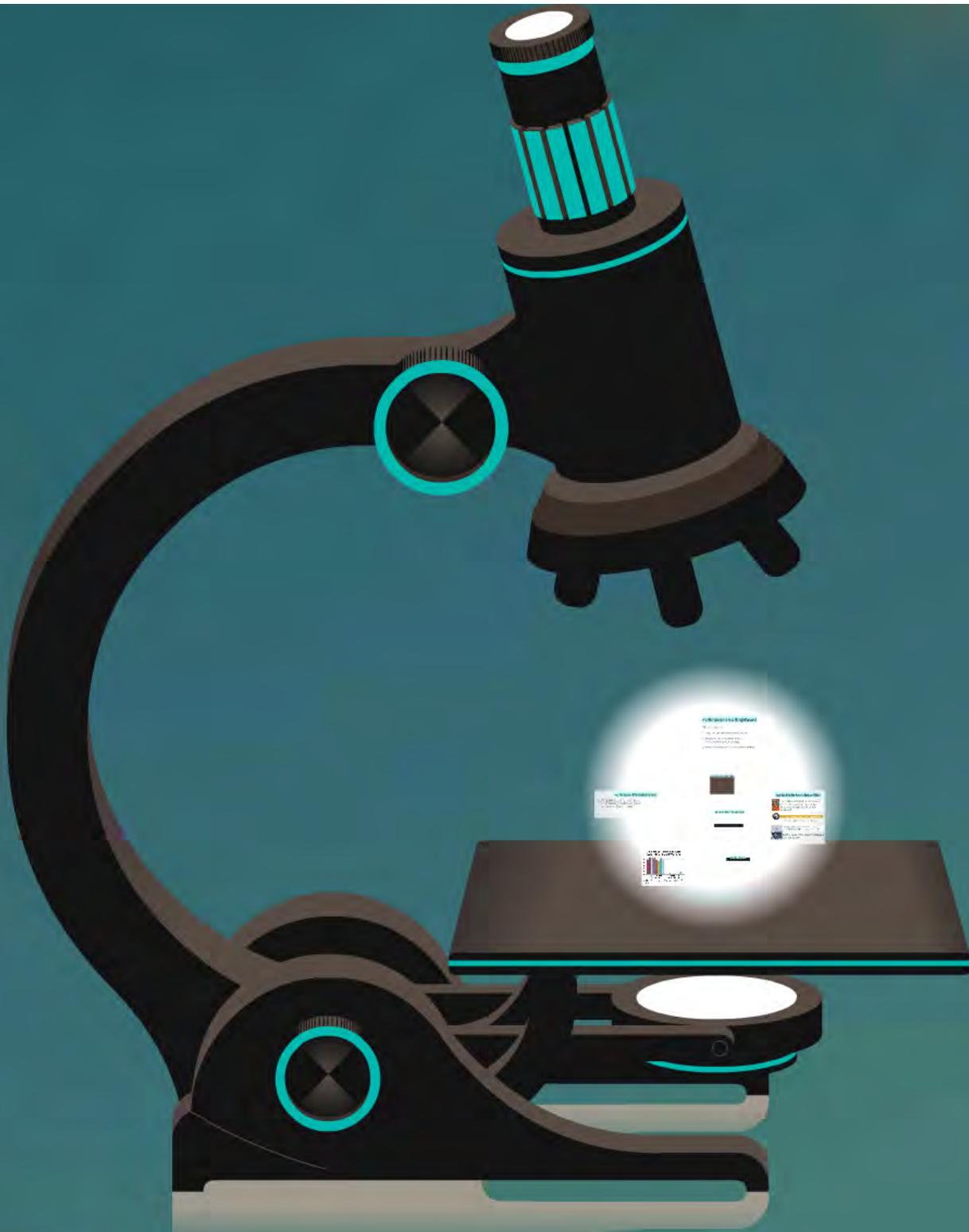
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International Trade Report
Global Trade

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Calculating Interim

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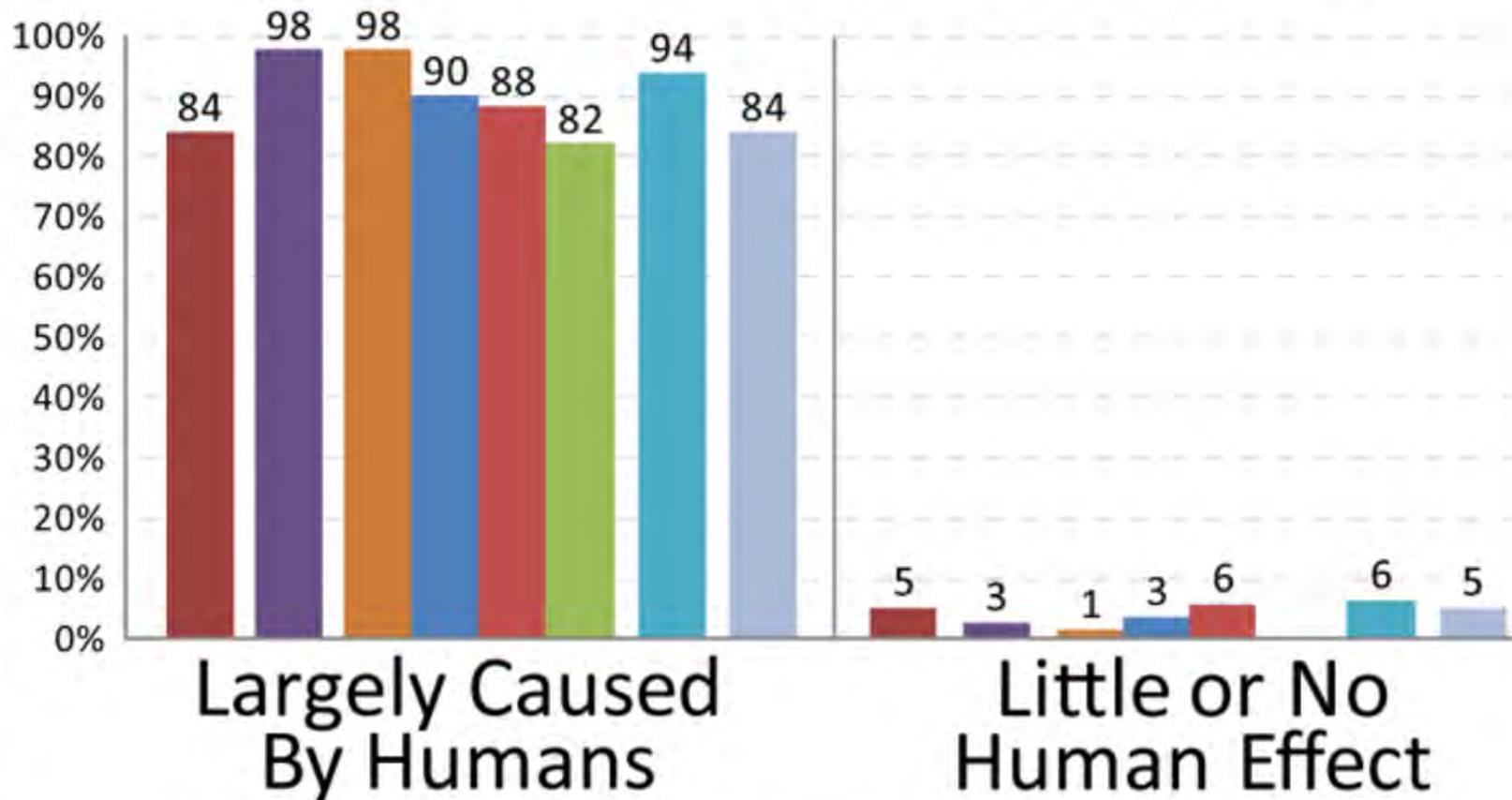
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#2: The Cause of the Problem is Clear

- Burning and releasing fossil fuels
- = increases greenhouse gases
 - = leads to climate change

Opinions of Climate and Earth Scientists on Global Warming



Farnsworth & Lichter (2011)

■ AGU / AMS Member Scientists

Anderegg et al. (2010)

■ 200 Most Published Climate Scientists

Doran & Zimmerman (2009)

■ Most Frequently Published Climatologists

■ Scientists Publishing on Climate Change

■ Climatologists

■ Earth Science Faculty / Researchers

Bray & Von Storch (2008)

■ Climate Scientists

STATS / Harris Interactive (2007)

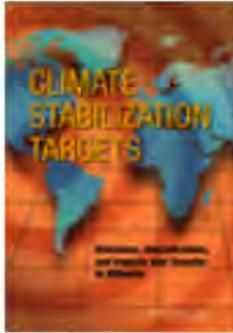
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#3: The Solution is Also Straightforward

Three Choices:

1. Reduce carbon-dense energy use
2. Replace carbon-dense energy with low/no-carbon energy
3. Reduce & replace carbon-dense energy

How Much Do We Have to Reduce GHGs?



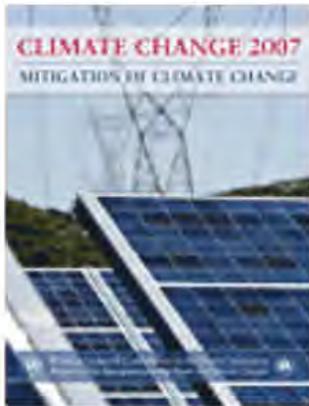
NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES (2010)

'Emissions reductions larger than about 80 percent (of peak global emissions)'



PRESIDENTIAL CLIMATE ACTION PROJECT 2012

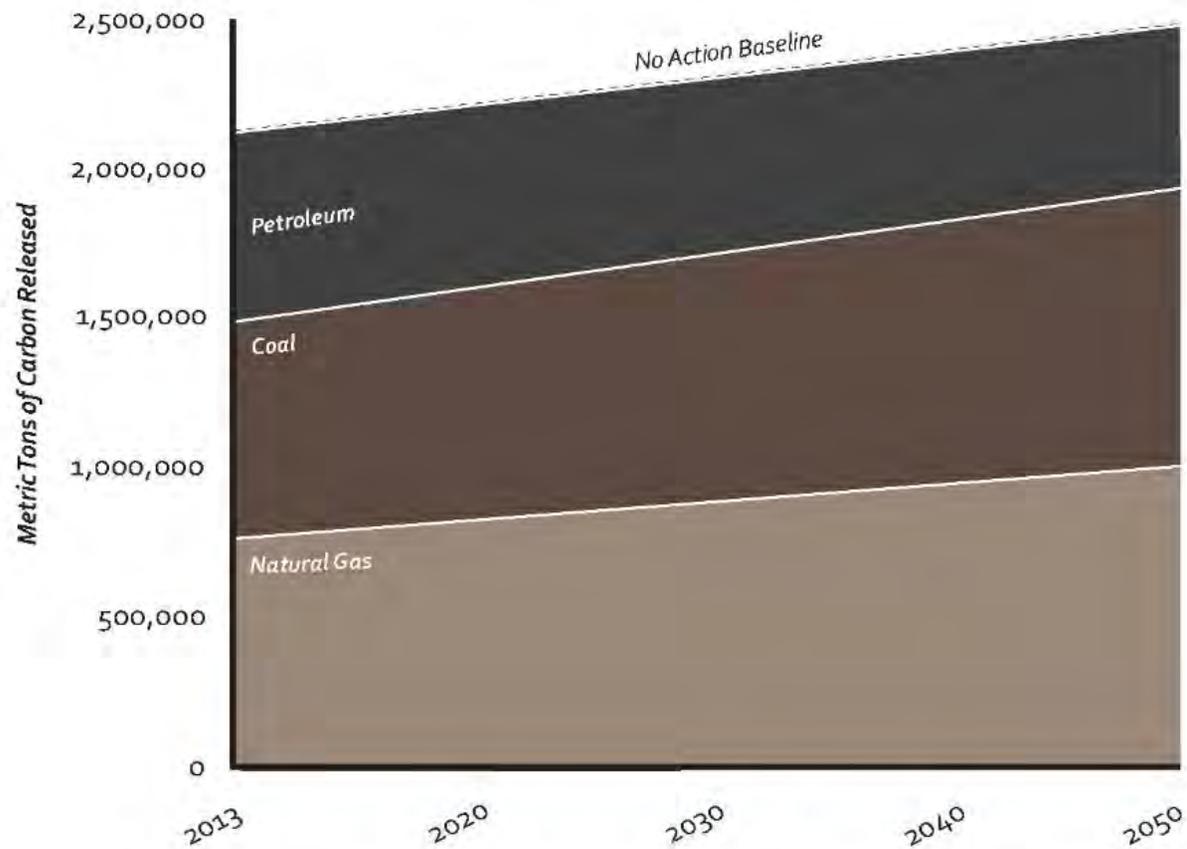
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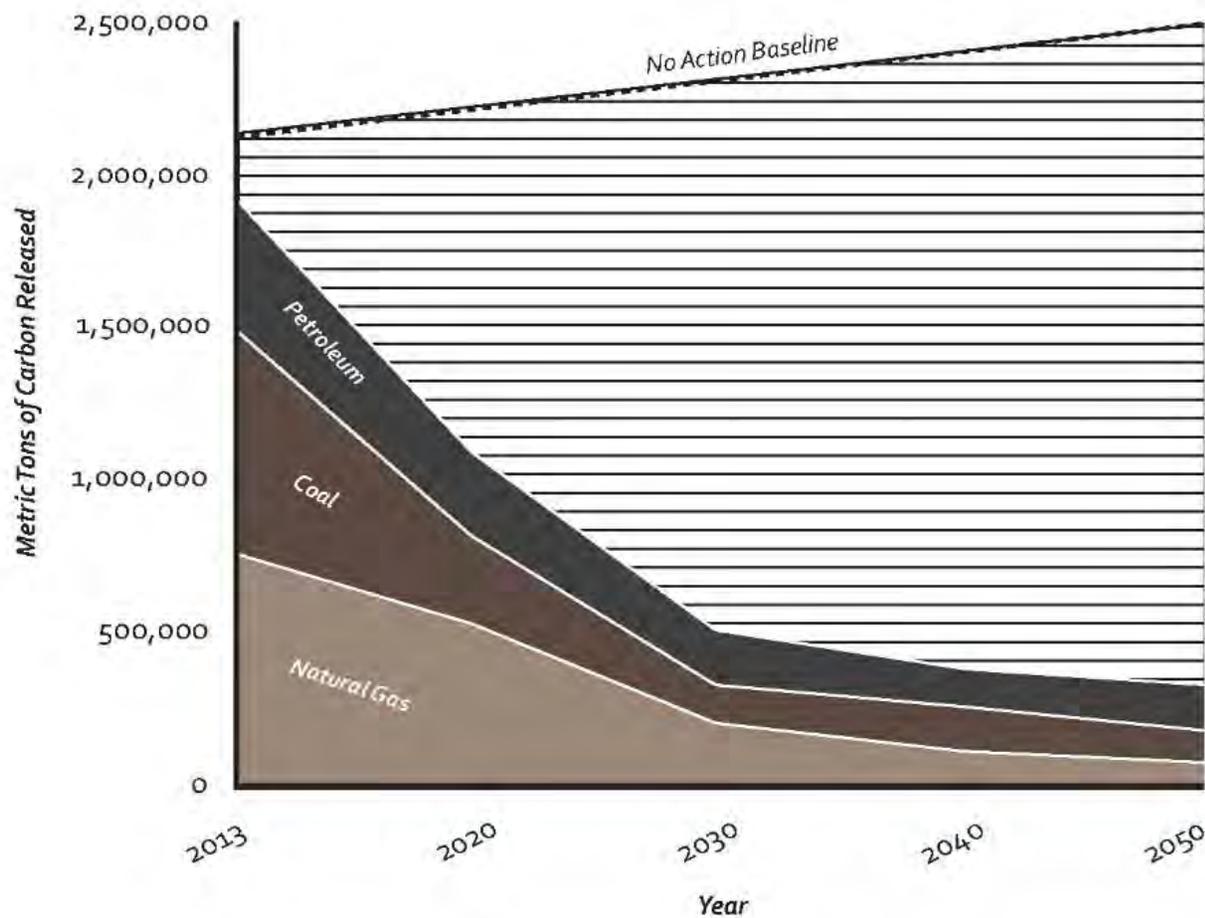
Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) 4th Assessment (2007)

80-95% below 1990 levels for developed countries by 2050

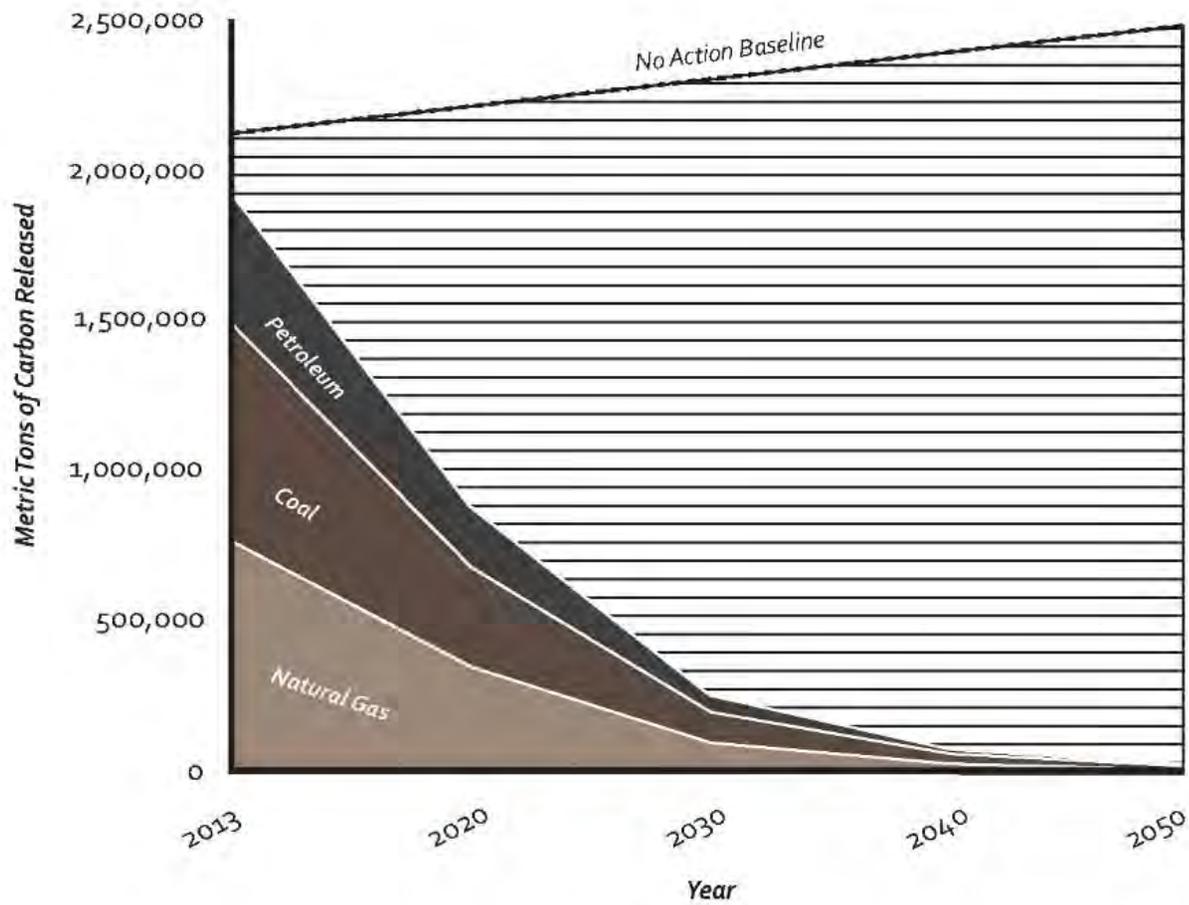
Baseline Emissions Growth with No Action



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Carbon Neutrality by 2050



Calculating Interim Emissions Reduction Targets

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2014	2014	2,125,000				1	2,125,000				1	2,125,000			
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2040	2040	624,621	43,118	507,685	71%	27	76,544	23,438	330,298	96%					
2041	2041	595,889	40,733		72%	28	67,358	21,185		97%					
2042	2042	568,478	40,411		73%	29	59,275	21,083		97%					
2043	2043	542,328	39,150		74%	30	52,162	20,113		98%					
2044	2044	517,381	36,947		76%	31	45,903	18,259		98%					
2045	2045	493,581	36,800		77%	32	40,394	18,508		98%					
2046	2046	470,876	34,705		78%	33	35,547	16,847		98%					
2047	2047	449,216	34,660		79%	34	31,281	17,266		99%					
2048	2048	428,552	32,664		80%	35	27,528	15,754		99%					
2049	2049	408,839	32,713		81%	36	24,224	16,303		99%					
2050	2050	390,032	31,807	360,589	82%	37	21,317	15,907	181,226	99%					

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What Are the Shorter Term Targets To Achieve These Goals?

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2050	2,186,968	82%		2,555,683	99%

#4: It's Technical And Technologically Possible

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TOWARD A HYDROGEN ECONOMY
REVIEW

Stabilization Wedges: Solving the Climate Problem for the Next 50 Years with Current Technologies

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Humanity already possesses the fundamental scientific, technical, and industrial know-how to solve the carbon and climate problem for the next half-century. A portfolio of technologies now exists to meet the world's energy needs over the next 50 years and limit atmospheric CO₂ to a trajectory that avoids a doubling of the preindustrial concentration. Every element in this portfolio has passed beyond the laboratory bench and demonstration project; many are already implemented somewhere at full industrial scale. Although no element is a credible candidate for doing that job set for even half the job by itself, the portfolio as a whole is large enough that no one energy element has to be used.

The debate in the current literature about stabilizing atmospheric CO₂ at less than a doubling of the preindustrial concentration has led to needless confusion about current options for stabilizing CO₂. On one side, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has claimed that "technologies that exist in operation or pilot stage today" are sufficient to follow a less than doubling trajectory "over the next hundred years or more" (1), p. 8. On the other side, a recent review in *Science* asserts that the IPCC claim demonstrates "misquoting of technical evidence" and calls for "revolutionary changes" in mitigation technology, such as fusion, space-based solar electricity, and artificial photosynthesis (2). We agree that fundamental research is vital to develop the revolutionary mitigation strategies needed in the second half of this century and beyond, but it is important not to be lulled by the possibility of revolutionary technology. Humanity can solve the carbon and climate problem in the first half of this century simply by using up what we already know how to do.

What Do We Mean by "Solving the Carbon and Climate Problem for the Next Half-Century"?

To begin to limit atmospheric CO₂ to a concentration that would prevent most damaging climate change later on a goal of 500–550 ppm (parts per million) (ppm), or less than double the preindustrial concentration of 280 ppm (3–7). The current concentration is ~375 ppm. The CO₂ concentration reduction necessary to achieve any such target depends on the emission pathway likely to occur in the absence of a focus on carbon (called a business-as-usual

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and climate problem over the next half-century" means to deploy the technologies and/or lifestyle changes necessary to fill all areas wedges of the stabilization triangle.

Stabilization at any level requires that net emissions do not simply remain constant, but eventually drop to zero. For example, in one simple model (9) that begins with the stabilization triangle but looks beyond 2054, 500-ppm stabilization is achieved by 50 years of flat emissions, followed by a linear decline of about two-thirds in the following 50 years; and a very slow decline thereafter that matches the declining fossil fuel reserves. To divert the revolutionary technology required for such large emission reductions in the second half of the century, enhanced research and development would have to begin immediately.

Polices designed to stabilize at 500 ppm would inevitably be implemented periodically to take into account the results of research and development, experience with specific wedges, and revised estimates of the size of the stabilization triangle. But not filling the stabilization triangle will put 500-ppm stabilization out of reach. In that same simple model (9), 50 years of BAU emissions followed by 50 years of a flat trajectory at 14 GtC/year leads to more than a tripling of the preindustrial concentration.

It is important to understand that each of the seven wedges represents an effort beyond what would occur under BAU. Our BAU simply continues the 1.9% annual carbon emissions growth of the past 50 years. This historic trend in emissions has been accompanied by 2% growth in primary energy consumption and 2% growth in gross world product (GWP) (Section 1 of SOM text). If carbon emissions were to grow 2% per year, then ~10 wedges would be needed instead of 7, and if carbon emissions were to grow at 3% per year, then ~18 wedges would be required (Section 1 of SOM text). Thus, a continuation of the historical rate of development of the fuel mix prevents the need for three additional wedges, and ongoing improvements in energy efficiency prevent the need for eight additional wedges. More realistic will reject at least one of the wedges listed here, believing that the corresponding improvements in energy efficiency prevent the need for eight additional wedges. More realistic will disagree about which to reject on such grounds. On the other hand, our set of mitigation options is not exhaustive.

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The Technology Path to Deep Greenhouse Gas Emissions Cuts by 2050: The Pivotal Role of Electricity

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Several states and countries have adopted targets for deep reductions in greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, but there has been little physical realism modeling of the energy and economic transformations required. We analyzed the infrastructure and technology path required to meet California's goal of an 80% reduction below 1990 levels, using detailed modeling of infrastructure needs, resource constraints, and electricity system operability. We found that technically feasible levels of energy efficiency and decentralized energy supply alone are not sufficient; widespread electrification of transportation and other sectors is required. Decentralized electricity would increase demand for energy supply, posing challenges and opportunities for economic growth and climate policy. This transformation research technology that are not yet commercialized, as well as coordination of investment, technology development, and infrastructure deployment.

In 2004, Pacala and Socolow (1) proposed a way to stabilize climate using existing greenhouse gas (GHG) mitigation technologies, visualized as interchangeable, global-scale "wedges" of equivalent emissions reduction. Subsequent work has produced more detailed analyses, but none combines the natural granularity, physical and resource constraints, and geographic scale needed for developing realistic technology and policy roadmaps (2–9). We addressed this gap by analyzing the specific changes in infrastructure, technology, cost, and governance required to decarbonize a major economy, at the state level, that has primary jurisdiction over electricity supply, transportation planning, building standards, and other key components of an energy transition.

California is the world's sixth largest economy and 12th largest emitter of GHGs. Its per capita GDP and GHG emissions are similar to those of Japan and western Europe, and its policy and technology choices have broad relevance nationally and globally (5, 6). California's Assembly Bill 32 (AB32) requires the state to reduce GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2020, a reduction of 20% relative to business-as-usual emissions (4). Previous modeling work performed for California's state government found the analytical foundation for the state's AB32 implementation plan in the electricity and natural gas sectors (5, 6).

California had also set a target of reducing 2050 emissions 80% below the 1990 level, consistent with international climate goals (10). The state's energy and natural gas sectors (5, 6) are the most energy-intensive and carbon-intensive sectors in the state, and their decarbonization is essential to meeting the state's 2050 target. We modeled the technology and infrastructure changes needed to meet California's 2050 target, using detailed modeling of infrastructure needs, resource constraints, and electricity system operability. We found that technically feasible levels of energy efficiency and decentralized energy supply alone are not sufficient; widespread electrification of transportation and other sectors is required. Decentralized electricity would increase demand for energy supply, posing challenges and opportunities for economic growth and climate policy. This transformation research technology that are not yet commercialized, as well as coordination of investment, technology development, and infrastructure deployment.

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about with an intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) emissions trajectory that would stabilize atmospheric CO₂ concentrations at 450 ppm per million carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e) and reduce the likelihood of dangerous anthropogenic interference with climate (10). Working at both state scales, we found a pressing need for technologies that bridge the analytical gap between planning for California, non-state GHG reductions based entirely on existing conventional technology, and decoupling from GHG reductions, which will depend substantially on sector-specific technologies that are not yet commercialized.

We used a stock-and-flow methodology that simulated physical infrastructure at an aggregate level, and built scenarios to explore realistic options (11, 12). Our model divided California's economy into energy demand sectors and two energy supply sectors, plus cross-sector economic activities that produce non-energy and non-CO₂ GHG emissions. The model adjusted the infrastructure stock (e.g., vehicle fleets, buildings, power plants, and industrial equipment) in each sector as new infrastructure was added and old infrastructure was retired, each year from 2009 to 2050. We constructed a baseline scenario from government forecasts of population and gross state product, combined with regression-based infrastructure characteristics and emissions estimates, producing a 2050 emissions baseline of 875 Mt CO₂e (Fig. 1).

In the mitigation scenario, we used technology, energy 2050 emissions at the state target of 85 Mt CO₂e as a constrained system, and altered the emissions intensity of new investments over time as needed to meet the target, modeling 22 types of physical mitigation measures (13). In the short term, emissions reductions were driven by implementation plan for AB32 and other state policies (table S1). In the long term, technological progress and rates of decarbonization were constrained by physical feasibility, resource availability, and historical options to reduce emissions relative to business-as-usual (BAU) emissions (14). Technology penetration levels in our model are within the range of technological feasibility for the United States suggested by recent assessments (table S20) (15, 16). We did not include technologies expected to be far from commercialization in the next few decades, such as fusion-based electricity. Mitigation cost was calculated as the difference between total fuel and resource costs in the mitigation and business-as-usual (BAU) and technology cost requirements, including learning curves (table S4, S5, S11, and S12, and Fig. S20), are comparable to those in other recent studies (17). Clearly, future costs are very uncertain, even such a long time horizon, especially for technologies that are not yet commercialized. We did not assume cyclical technology changes (e.g., vegetation, bicycle transportation), which could have a substantial effect on mitigation requirements and costs (18). Behavior change in our model is addressed within resource availability measures and energy efficiency (19).

Infrastructure that electricity supply scenarios met the technical requirements for maintaining reliable service; we included an electricity system dispatch algorithm that tested grid operability. Without a dispatch model, it is difficult to determine whether a generation mix has sufficiently high levels of baseload generation. We developed an electricity demand curve bottom-up from sectoral demand, by season and time of day. On the basis of the demand curve, the model constructed generation scenarios to satisfy in sequence the energy, capacity, and system-balancing requirements for reliable operation. The operability constraint or physical limits on the percentage of different types of generation and specified the requirements for peaking generation, on-grid energy storage, transmission capacity, and out-of-state imports and exports for a given generation mix (table S13 and figs. S20 to S31). It was assumed that over the long run, California would not "go it alone" in pursuing deep GHG reductions, and that neighboring states would decarbonize their generation such that the carbon intensity of imports would be comparable to that of California in-state generation (19).

Decarbonization required to meet 80% reduction target. Three major energy system transformations were necessary to meet the target (Fig. 2). First, EE had to improve by at least 1.5% year over 40 years. Second, electricity supply had to be mostly decarbonized, with 2050 emissions intensity less than 80% of CO₂e/kWh. Third, most existing direct fuel use had to be decarbonized, with electricity constituting 55% of end-use energy in 2050 versus 15% today. Results for a mitigation scenario, including direct fuel and other measures, are shown in Fig. 1. Of the emissions reductions relative to 2050 business emissions, 25% came from EE, 27% from decarbonization of electricity generation, 14% from a combination of energy

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The debate in the current literature about stabilizing atmospheric CO₂ at less than a doubling of the preindustrial concentration has led to needless confusion about current options for mitigation. On one side, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has claimed that "technologies that exist in operation or pilot stage today" are sufficient to follow a less-than-doubling trajectory "over the next hundred years or more" [(1), p. 8]. On the other side, a recent review in *Science* asserts that the IPCC claim demonstrates "misperceptions of technological readiness" and calls for "revolutionary changes" in mitigation technology, such as fusion, space-based solar electricity, and artificial

(BAU) trajectory], the quantitative details of the stabilization target, and the future behavior of natural sinks for atmospheric CO₂ (i.e., the oceans and terrestrial biosphere). We focus exclusively on CO₂, because it is the dominant anthropogenic greenhouse gas; industrial-scale mitigation options also exist for subordinate gases, such as methane and N₂O.

Very roughly, stabilization at 500 ppm requires that emissions be held near the present level of 7 billion tons of carbon per year (GtC/year) for the next 50 years, even though they are currently on course to more than double (Fig. 1A). The next 50 years is

and climate problem over the next half-century" means to deploy the technologies and/or lifestyle changes necessary to fill all seven wedges of the stabilization triangle.

Stabilization at any level requires that net emissions do not simply remain constant, but eventually drop to zero. For example, in one simple model (9) that begins with the stabilization triangle but looks beyond 2054, 500-ppm stabilization is achieved by 50 years of flat emissions, followed by a linear decline of about two-thirds in the following 50 years, and a very slow decline thereafter that matches the declining ocean sink. To develop the revolutionary technologies required for such large emissions reductions in the second half of the century, enhanced research and development would have to begin immediately.

Policies designed to stabilize at 500 ppm would inevitably be renegotiated periodically to take into account the results of research and development, experience with specific wedges, and revised estimates of the size of the stabilization triangle. But not filling the

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The Technology Path to Deep Greenhouse Gas Emissions Cuts by 2050: The Pivotal Role of Electricity

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Several states and countries have adopted targets for deep reductions in greenhouse gas emissions by 2050, but there has been little physically realistic modeling of the energy and economic transformations required. We analyzed the infrastructure and technology path required to meet California's goal of an 80% reduction below 1990 levels, using detailed modeling of infrastructure stocks, resource constraints, and electricity system operability. We found that technically feasible levels of energy efficiency and decarbonized energy supply alone are not sufficient; widespread electrification of transportation and other sectors is required. Decarbonized electricity would become the dominant form of energy supply, posing challenges and opportunities for economic growth and climate policy. This transformation demands technologies that are not yet commercialized, as well as coordination of investment, technology development, and infrastructure deployment.

In 2004, Pacala and Socolow (*1*) proposed a way to stabilize climate using existing greenhouse gas (GHG) mitigation technologies, visualized as interchangeable, global-scale “wedges” of equivalent emissions reductions. Subsequent work has produced more detailed analyses, but none combines the sectoral granularity, physical and resource constraints, and geographic scale needed for developing realistic technology and policy roadmaps (*2–4*). We addressed this gap by

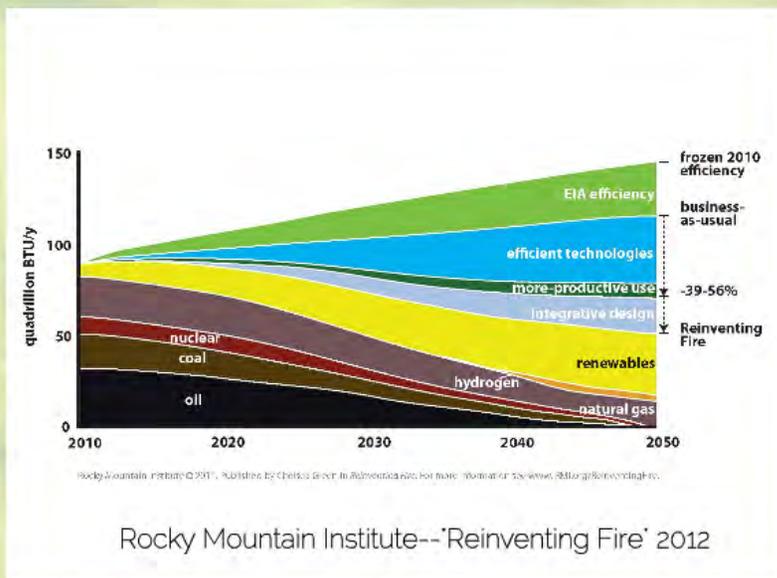
sistent with an Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) emissions trajectory that would stabilize atmospheric GHG concentrations at 450 parts per million carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e) and reduce the likelihood of dangerous anthropogenic interference with climate (*10*). Working at both time scales, we found a pressing need for methodologies that bridge the analytical gap between planning for shallower, near-term GHG reductions based entirely on existing commercialized

ability, resource availability, and historical uptake rates rather than relative prices of technology, energy, or carbon as in general equilibrium models (*14*). Technology penetration levels in our model are within the range of technological feasibility for the United States suggested by recent assessments (table S20) (*15, 16*). We did not include technologies expected to be far from commercialization in the next few decades, such as fusion-based electricity. Mitigation cost was calculated as the difference between total fuel and measure costs in the mitigation and baseline scenarios. Our fuel and technology cost assumptions, including learning curves (tables S4, S5, S11, and S12, and fig. S29), are comparable to those in other recent studies (*17*). Clearly, future costs are very uncertain over such a long time horizon, especially for technologies that are not yet commercialized. We did not assume explicit life-style changes (e.g., vegetarianism, bicycle transportation), which could have a substantial effect on mitigation requirements and costs (*18*); behavior change in our model is subsumed within conservation measures and energy efficiency (EE).

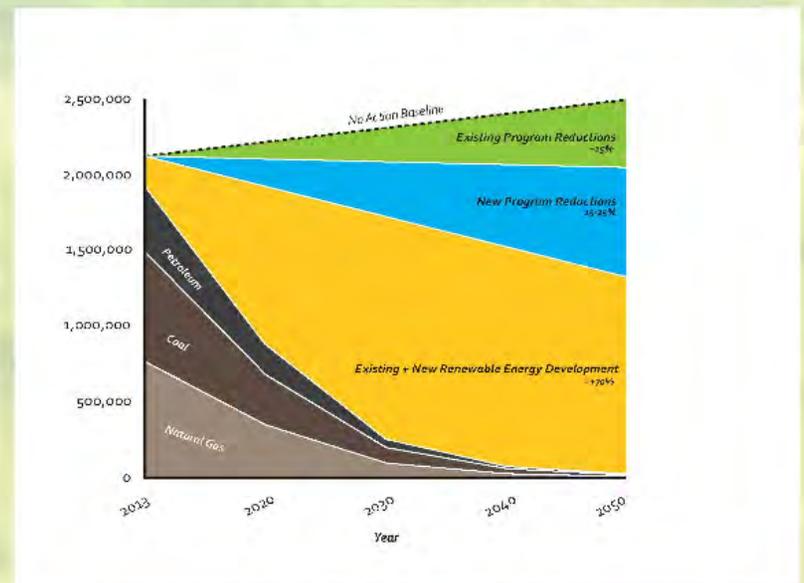
To ensure that electricity supply scenarios met the technical requirements for maintaining reliable service, we included an electricity system dispatch algorithm that tested grid operability. Without a dispatch model, it is difficult to determine whether a generation mix has infeasibly high levels of intermittent generation. We developed an electricity demand curve bottom-up from sectoral demand, by region and time of day. On

Two Scenarios for Deep Reductions

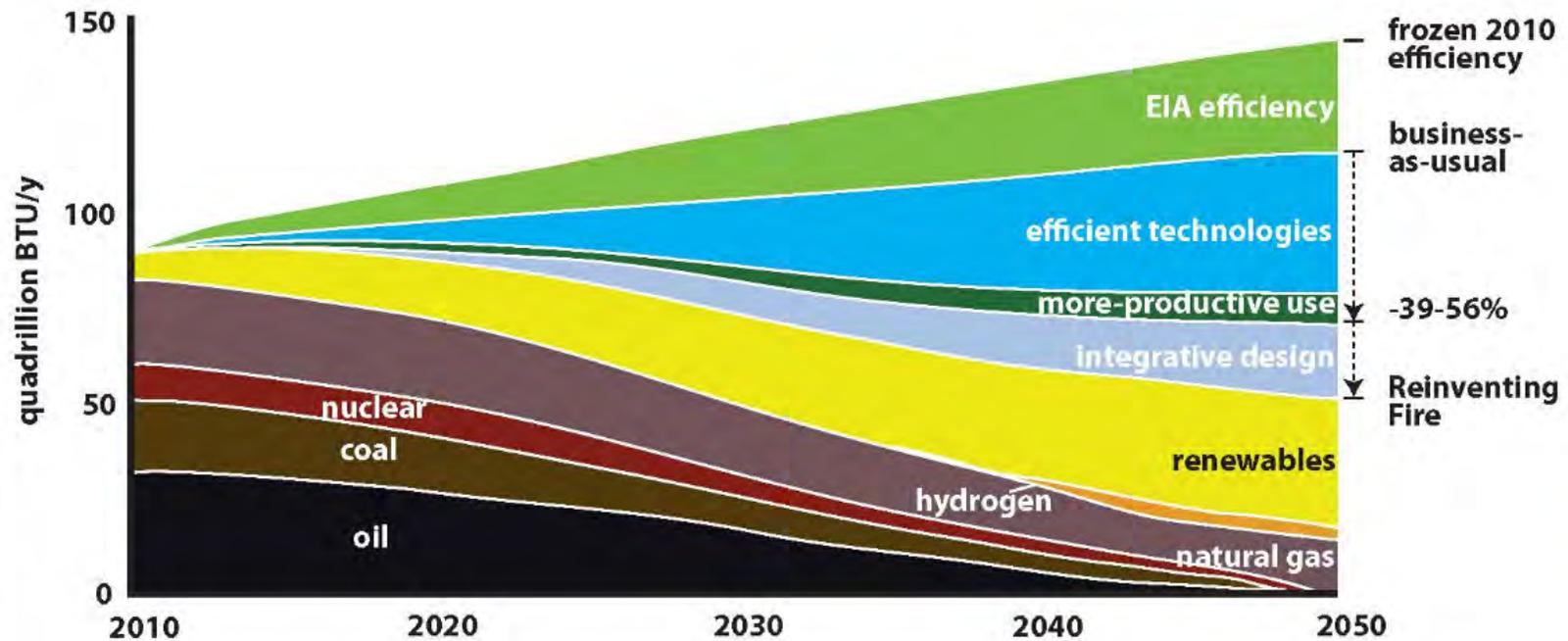
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Carbon Neutrality by 2050



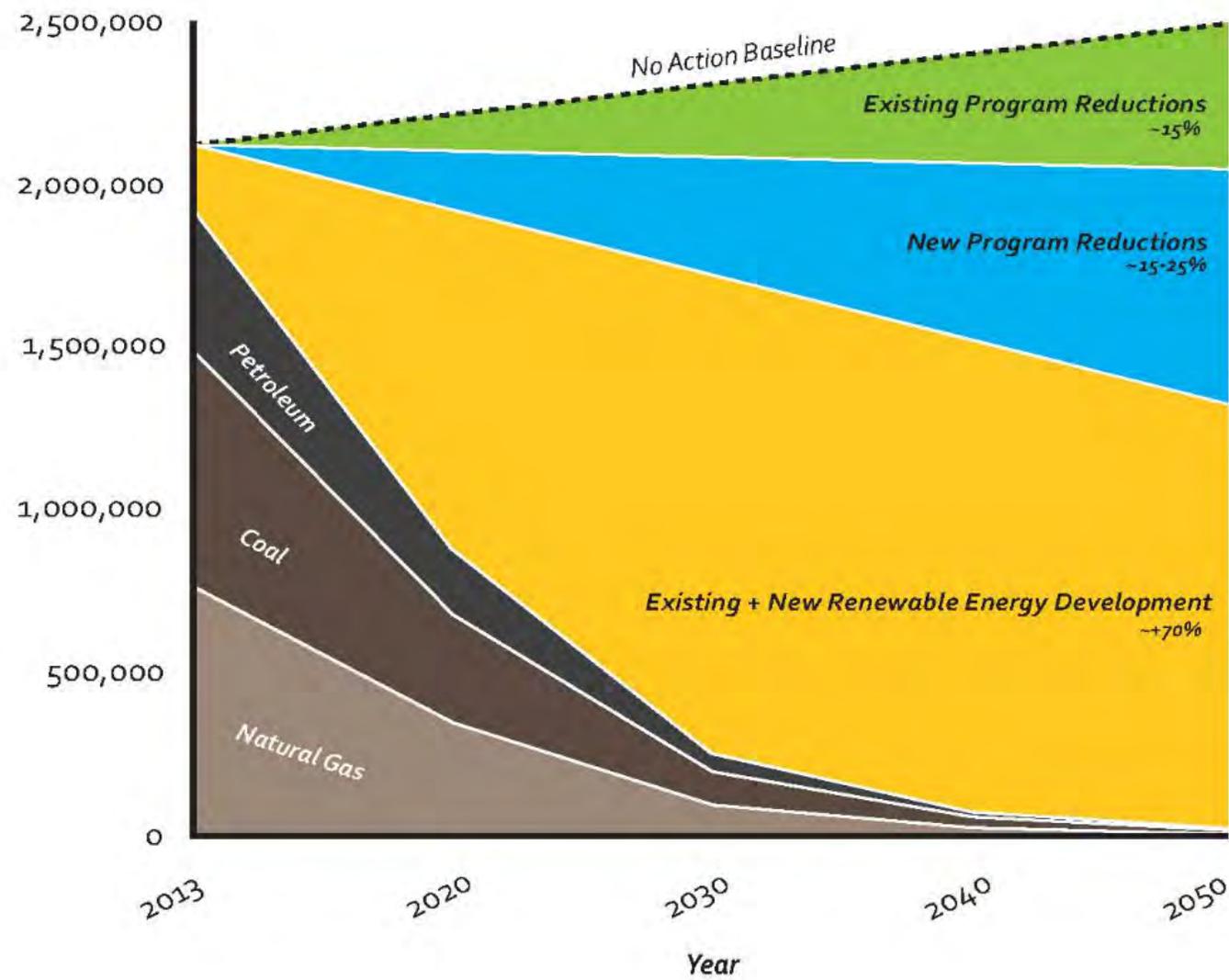
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Germany - Case Study in Transition to Renewables

4% of land area
50% less sun
500% more
solar - 30 GW
vs US ~ 6.4 GW



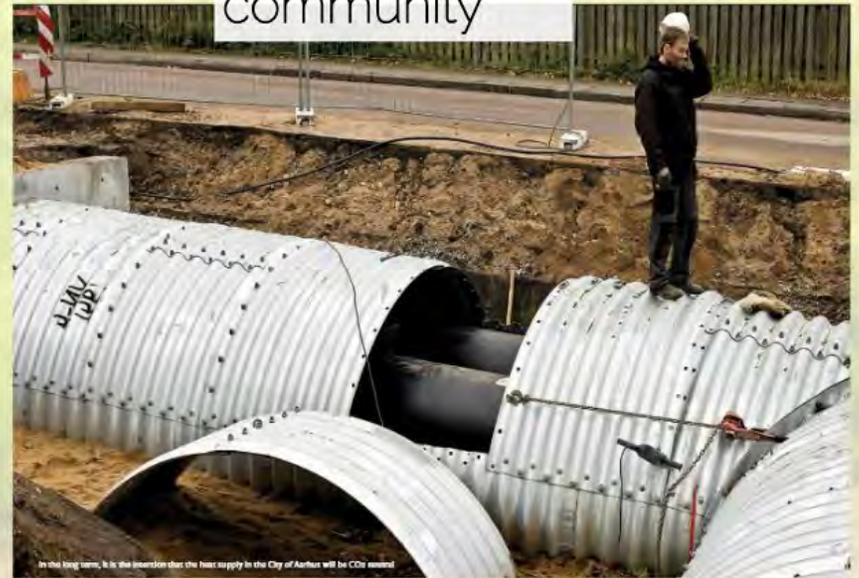
- Increased renewables from 6% to 25% in 12 years. Projects doubling again by 2025. Some states over 50% already
- 65% of renewables community or co-op owned (US - 2%)
- Closed 8 nuclear plants, last 9 by 2022
- Over 390,000 employed in renewables--doubled since 2004.
- July 21, 2013: 50% of energy from solar

Aarhus, Denmark-Carbon Neutral by 2030

Strategies

1. Aggressive Public-Private Partnerships
2. Creation of an Energy Technology Innovation Center.
3. Light Rail
4. Municipal employee 'climate ambassadors'
5. Extensive energy efficiency programs

District heating system serving 95% of community



In the long term, it is the intention that the heat supply in the City of Aarhus will be CO2 neutral

Boulder's Extra Challenge--The Carbon Intensity of Our Energy Source

CITY	Per capita CO2e
Aarhus, Denmark	7.1
Portland, OR	11.9
Austin, TX	14.6
Fort Collins, CO	15.8
Burlington, VT	9.5
Munich, Germany	7
York, England	6
Zurich, Switzerland	5.5

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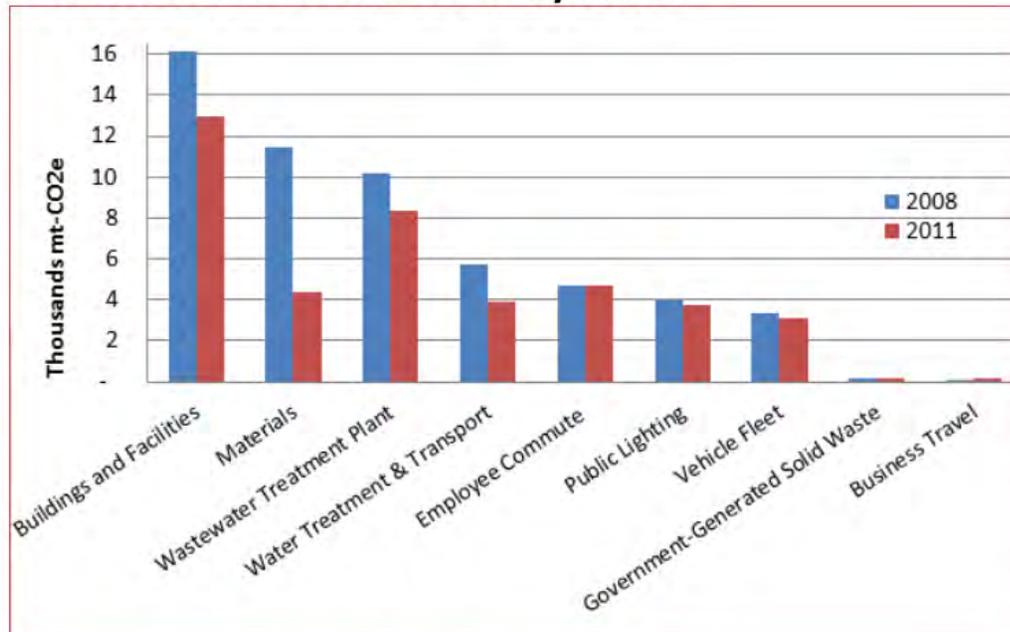


Significant Accomplishments in the City Organization

City Facilities – Other Emission Sources



2008 & 2011 GHG Emissions by Sector



Reductions

- Buildings – 20%
- Materials – 62%
- Wastewater – 19%
- Water – 32%
- Public Lights – 6%
- Fleet – 5%



OSMP Facilities
are NET
PRODUCERS of
energy!

Overall: 26% decrease from 2008 to 2011

Boulder's Climate Action History - 2006-2013



Reduce



Residential Energy Smart - 6,000 of ~45,000 households served

- Owner-Occupied Energy Smart Services (30%)
- Smart-Regs Rental Property Program (70%)

Commercial Energy Smart - 1,753 of 3,280 business served

- Energy Smart for Businesses
- Rating and Reporting/Efficiency Ordinance Exploration

Transportation

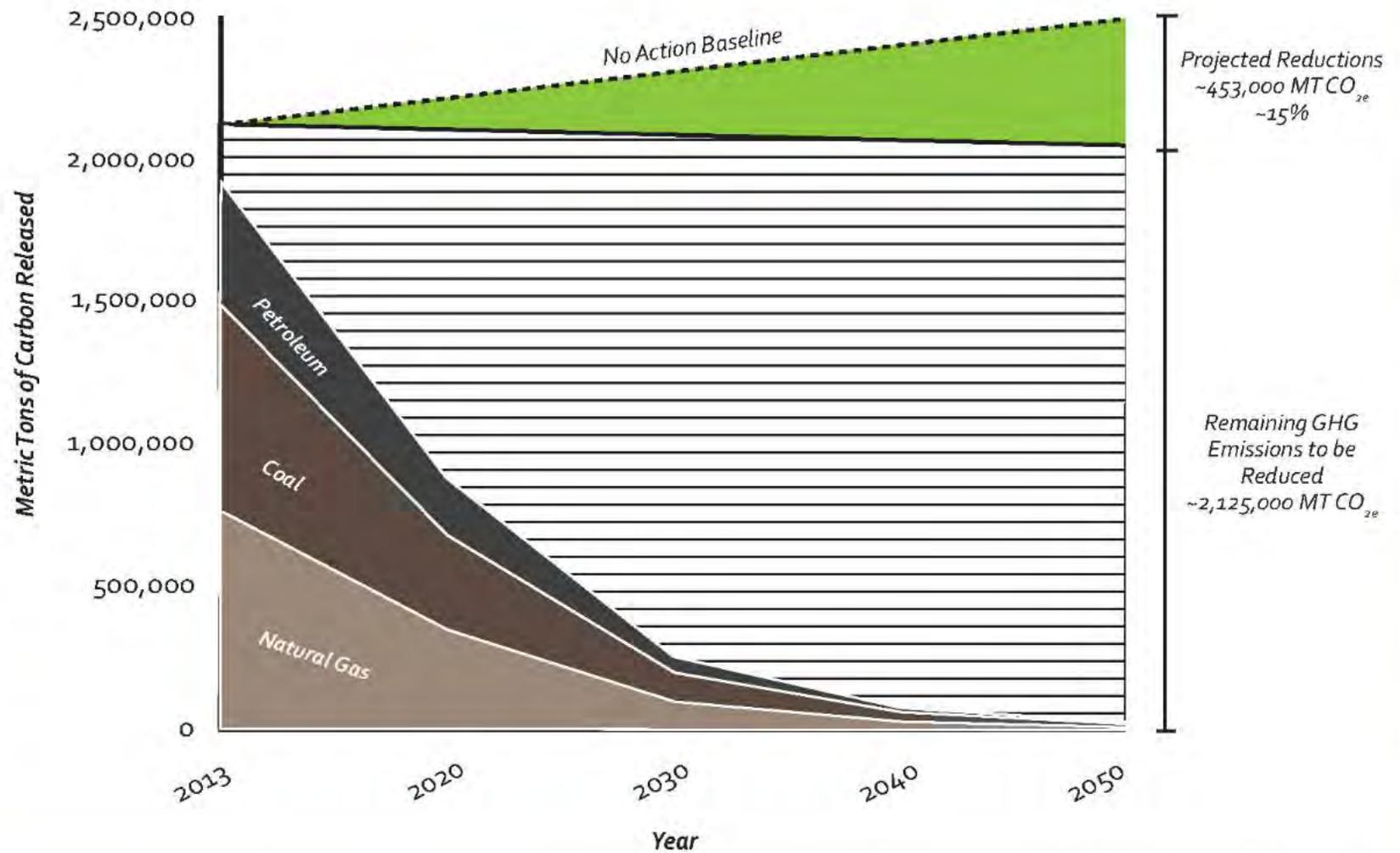
- Ecopass Program
- Transportation mode change programs
- Transportation & parking management

Replace



- Solar Grants Program
- Solar Rebates Program
- Municipalization analysis

Carbon Neutrality and Existing Program Reductions



New Programs and Strategies to Further Reduce GHG Emissions

Transportation



Community Design



Energy Demand Management



Market Innovations



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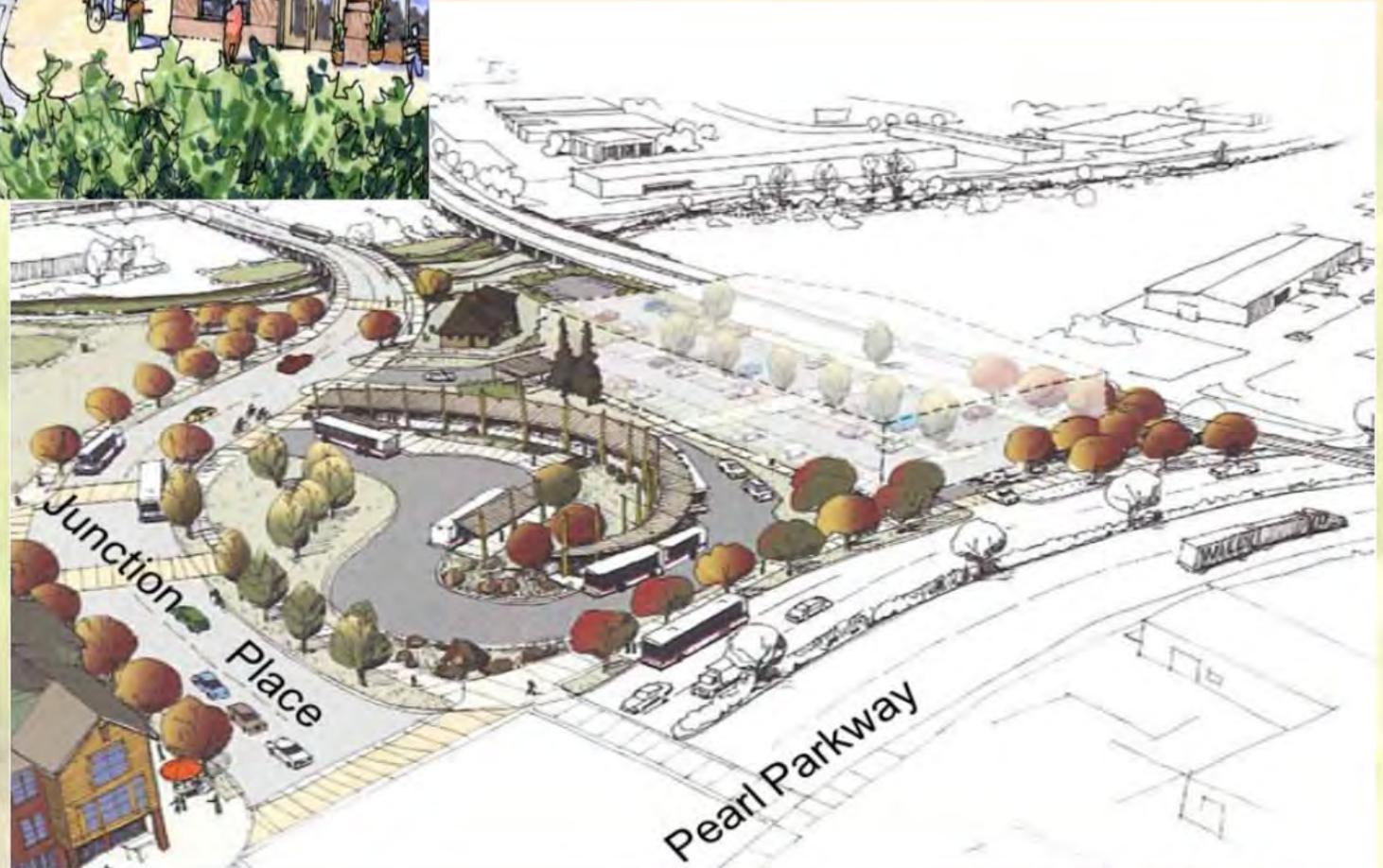
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Community Design



Community Design

Energy Demand Management

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Wembley's House

Tuesday, July 30, 2013
11:08 AM **OFF PEAK**

Overview Trends Budgets Settings

My Usage

\$1.81



Real-time

0.87 kW

HIGH	LOW	AVERAGE
4.45 kW	-0.00 kW	1.40 kW

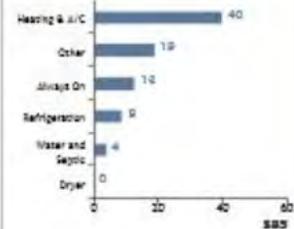
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LAST 30 DAYS

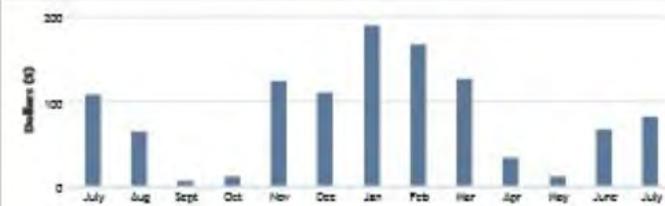


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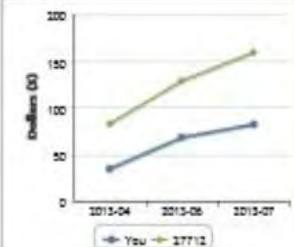


Trends



Total for Period: **\$1106.53**
 Biggest Day of Week: **Wednesdays**
 Average Per Month: **\$85**

Zip Code



Home Size



Market Innovations

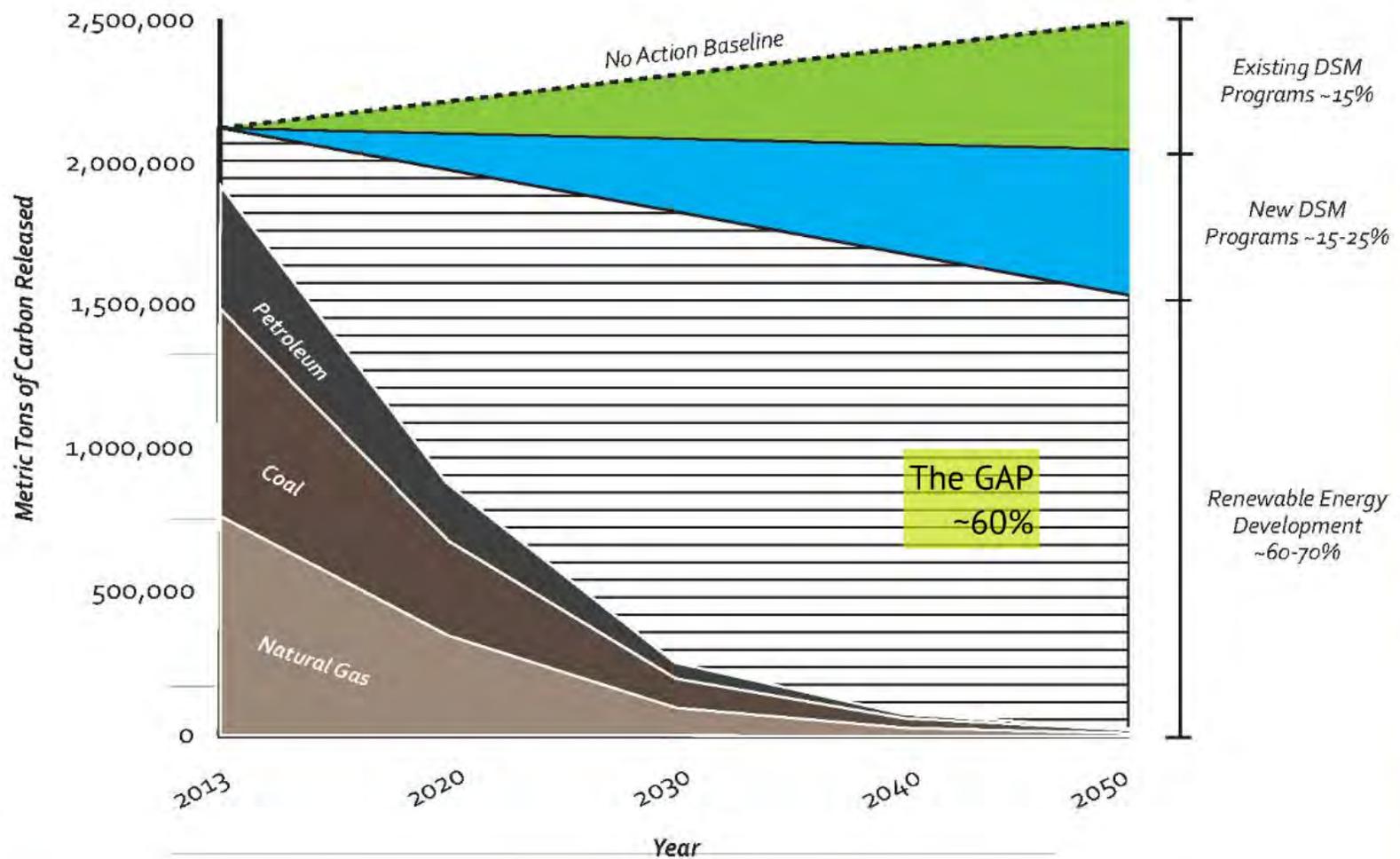
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Existing and Projected Demand Side (Reduction) Potential

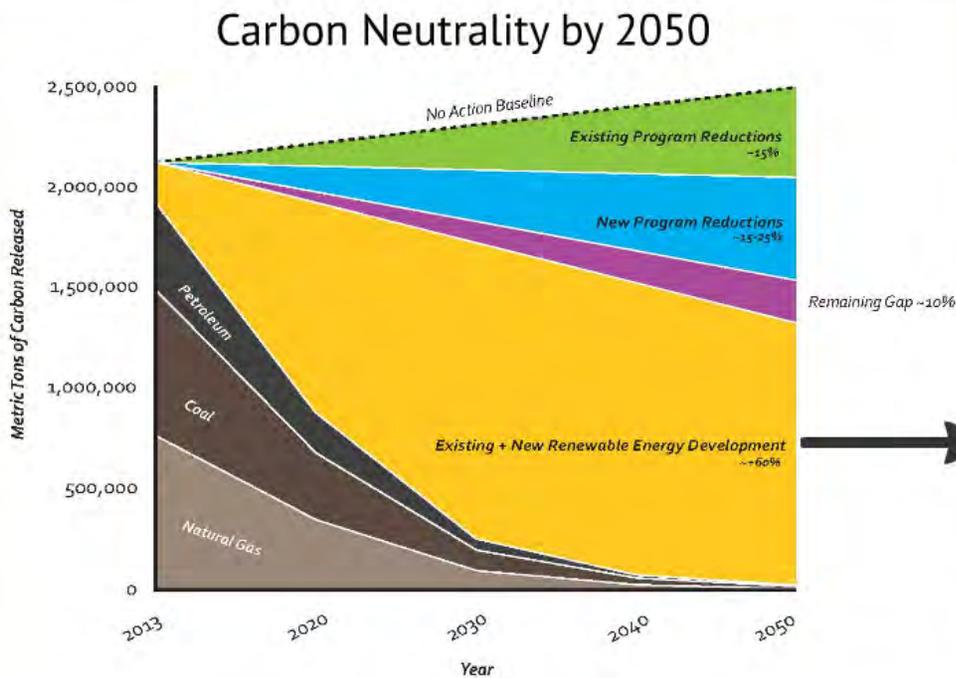


The GAP

~60%

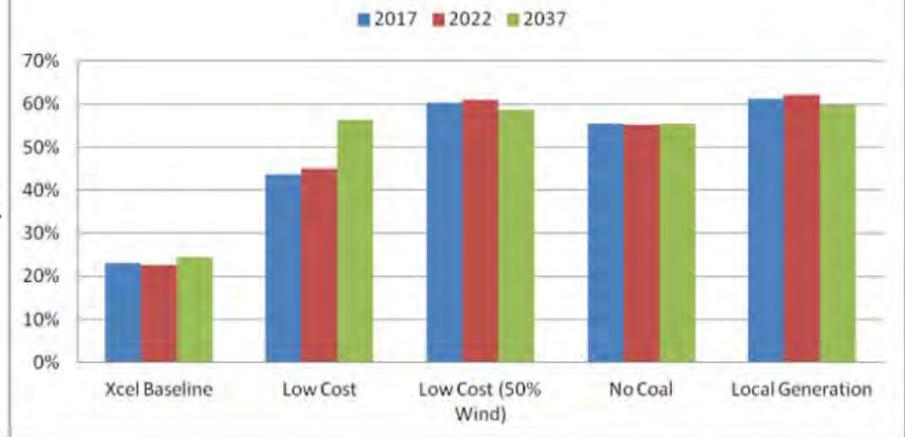
Filling The Gap

Carbon Neutrality by 2050 Pathway



Municipalization Analysis of Renewable Energy Options

Renewable Resource Mix by Option

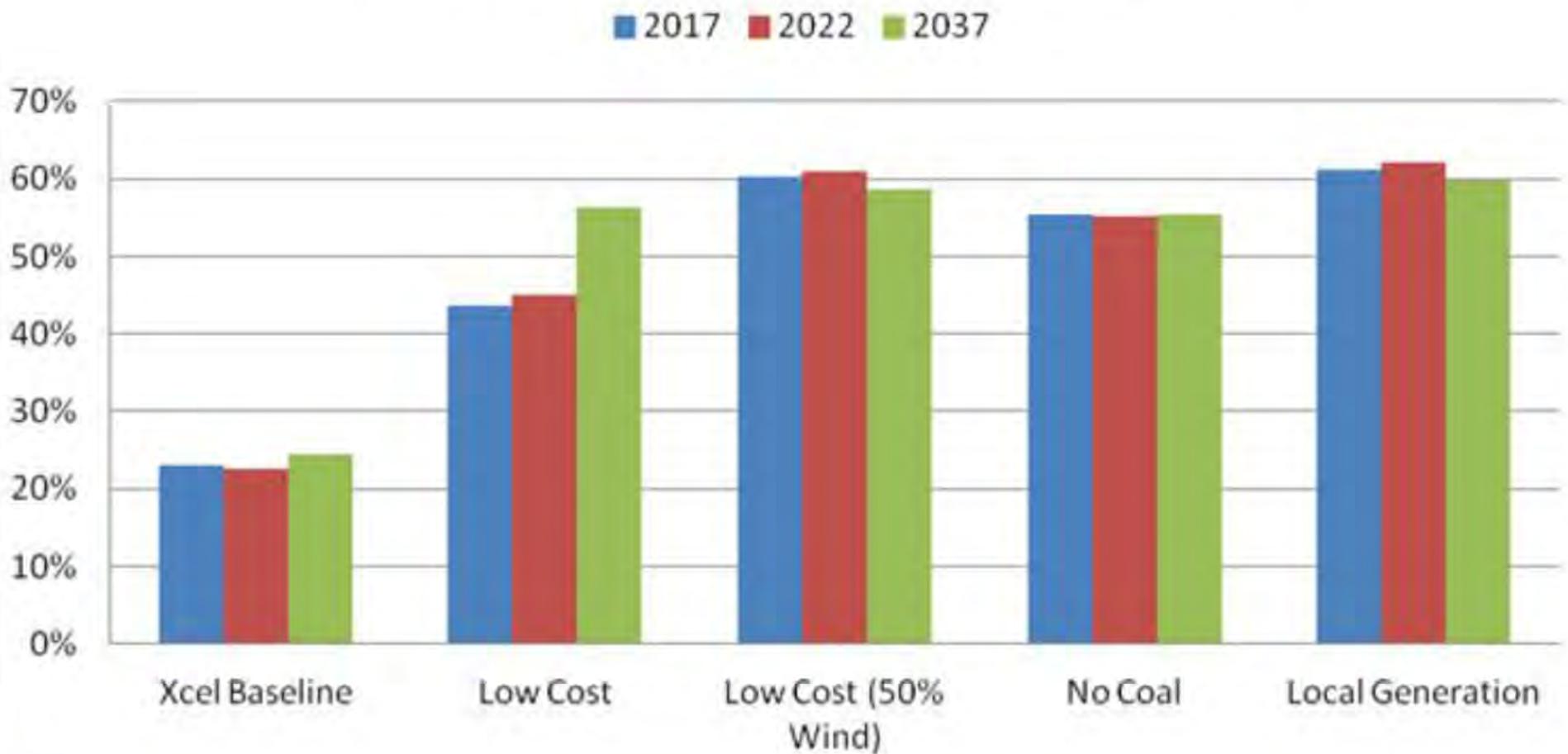


What's the Gap Worth?

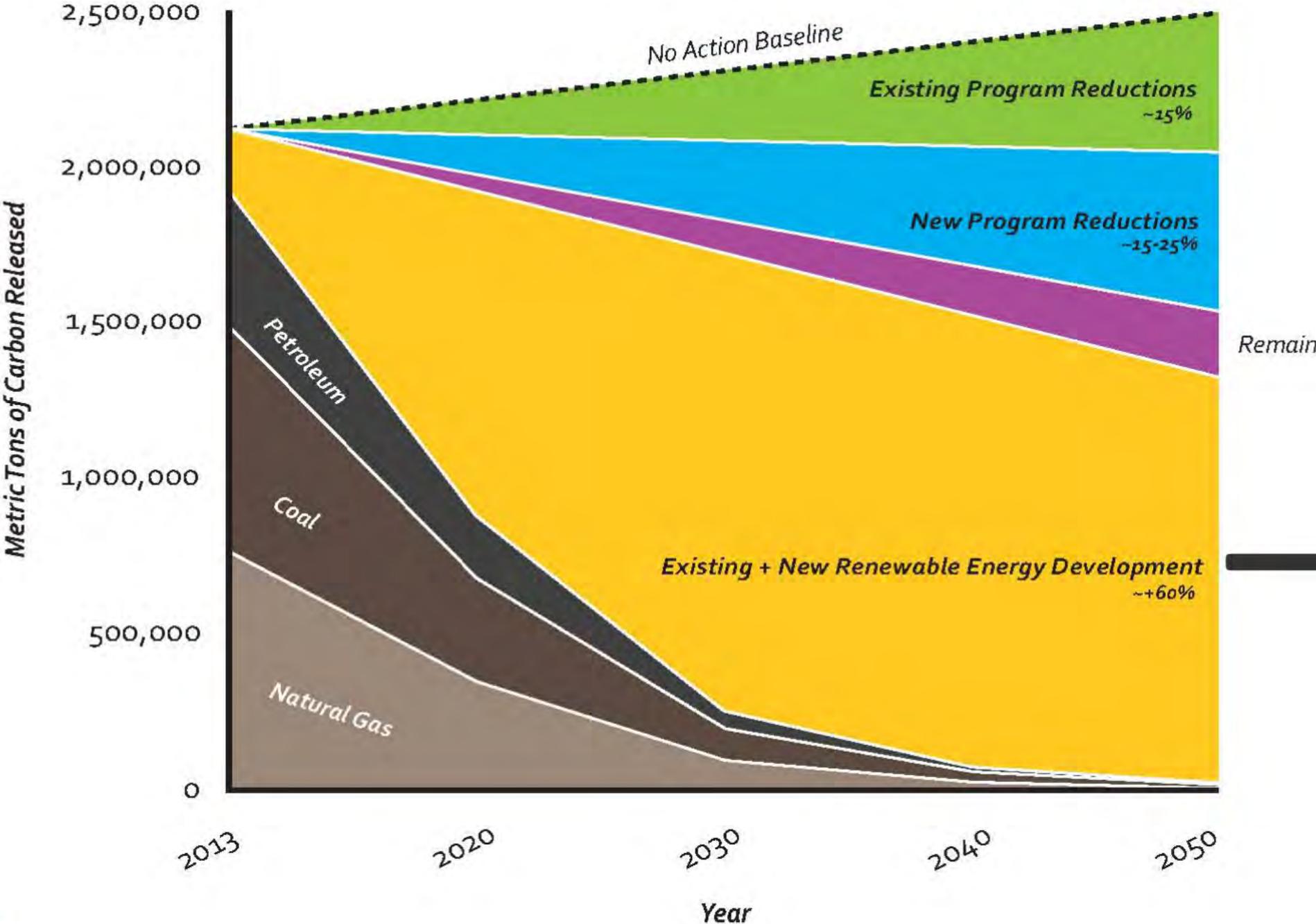
Municipal Annual Energy Expenditures		Total Annual
Energy Use	Expenditures	Energy Value
2017	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
2022	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
2037	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000

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Carbon Neutrality by 2050



What's the Gap Worth?

Boulder's Annual Energy Expenditures			Total Annual Energy Value
Natural Gas	Electricity	Transportation Fuel	
\$7,527,927	\$1,350,994,542	\$50,889,621	\$346,858,451
		30%	\$104,057,535.24
		50%	\$173,429,225.40

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Community Engagement Next Steps

1. Restarting the discussion in the community
2. Securing professional support to effectively summarize key issues
3. Translate abstract scientific terms into meaningful, actionable community measures.
4. Create a technical working group of community climate specialists
5. Engage our partners--institutions, businesses, other gov't entities

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Climate Commitment: Next Steps

1. Finish the GHG/Data management tool
Aug--Sept. 2013
2. Strategy refinement and analysis - August-Oct
2013
3. Technical Working Group formation and review:
Aug-Dec 2013
4. Community outreach and engagement: August -
Nov 2013
5. Draft plan development: Nov '13-Jan '14
6. Council review: Q1 2014

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Community and Municipal Greenhouse Gas Management System

Community	<i>Community data entry and reporting following ICLEI 2012 US Community Protocol (v 1.0)</i>
Municipal	<i>Municipal data entry and reporting following ICLEI 2010 Local Government Operations Protocol (v 1.1)</i>
Emission Factors	<i>GHG Emission factors used for community and municipal inventories.</i>

Form View

Scope 1

Built Environment

Facilities Natural Gas Use	643,354.7 therms	3,419.82 mtCO ₂ e
Water-related Natural Gas Use	186,522.0 therms	991.48 mtCO ₂ e

Fleet - Conventional Fuels*

Gasoline Consumption	148,473 gallons	1,333.65 mtCO ₂ e
Diesel Consumption	118,501 gallons	1,210.95 mtCO ₂ e
Propane Consumption	1,006 gallons	5.62 mtCO ₂ e

Fleet - Biogenic Fuels (CH₄ and N₂O only)**

Biodiesel (B100) Consumption	6,862 gallons	0.06 mtCO ₂ e
Ethanol (E100) Consumption	38,748 gallons	8.88 mtCO ₂ e

Wastewater Treatment Process Emissions

Process emissions from combustion of digester gasses	ft ³	0.00 mtCO ₂ e
Process emissions from nitrification and denitrification	persons	0.00 mtCO ₂ e
Effluent discharge fugitive nitrous oxide emissions	kg N/year	0.00 mtCO ₂ e

Scope 1 Subtotal **6,970.45 mtCO₂e**

Scope 2

Built Environment

Facilities Electrical Consumption	1,187,229 kWh	9,553.84 mtCO ₂ e
Water-related Electrical Consumption	1,086,479 kWh	9,243.23 mtCO ₂ e
Streetlight Electrical Consumption	1,084,685 kWh	2,711.27 mtCO ₂ e
Traffic Signal Electrical Consumption	74,498 kWh	798.88 mtCO ₂ e
Other Outdoor Lighting Electrical Consumption	32,084 kWh	221.54 mtCO ₂ e

Scope 2 Subtotal **27,089,769 kWh** **22,528.75 mtCO₂e**

Scope 3

Transportation-Related Sources

Business Air Travel	284,500.0 miles	72.01 mtCO ₂ e
Business Vehicle Travel (fuel use + well-to-wheels)	5,235.3 gallons	59.7 mtCO ₂ e
Employee Commute (fuel use + well-to-wheels)	237,586.3 gallons	2,676.92 mtCO ₂ e
Fleet - Well-to-wheels life-cycle emissions	266,974.4 kWh	614.04 mtCO ₂ e

Solid Waste

Solid Waste	952.6 short tons	163.37 mtCO ₂ e
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Materials

Asphalt	30,346.60 short tons	1,128.14 mtCO ₂ e
Computers-Hardware	732,570.72 dollars	241.75 mtCO ₂ e
Concrete	7,985.35 cubic yards	2,202.58 mtCO ₂ e
Copy Paper	51,399.41 dollars	25.70 mtCO ₂ e
Fertilizer	56,786.02 pounds	50.50 mtCO ₂ e
Food	225,855.04 dollars	338.78 mtCO ₂ e

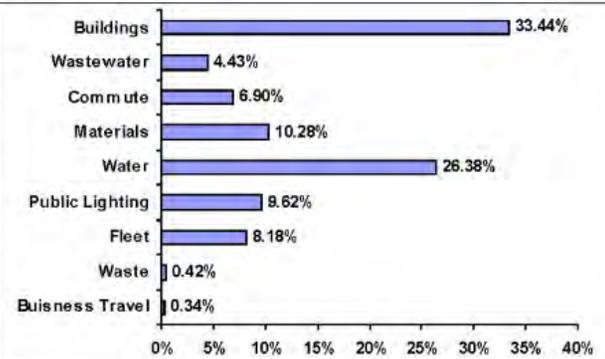
Scope 3 Subtotal **7,573.48 mtCO₂e**

Total **37,072.68 mtCO₂e**

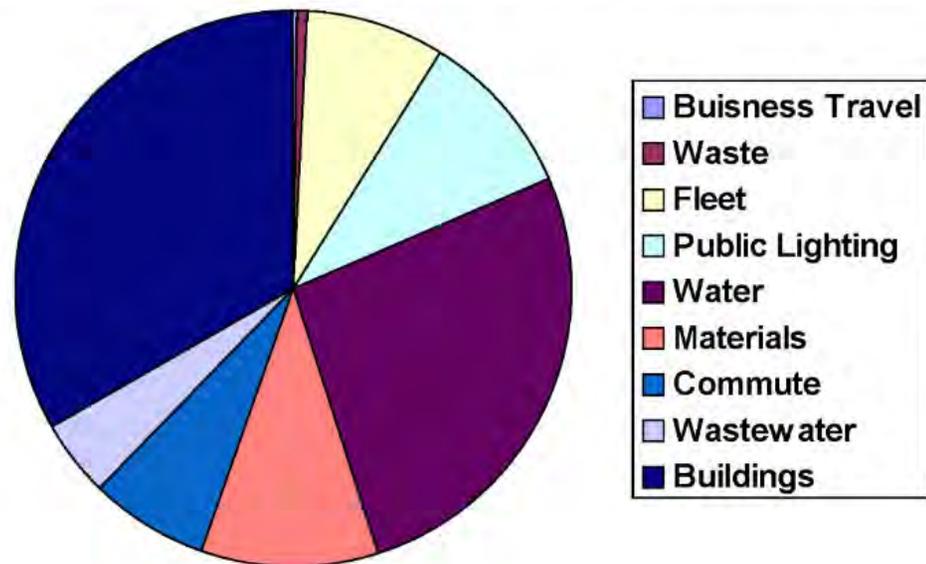
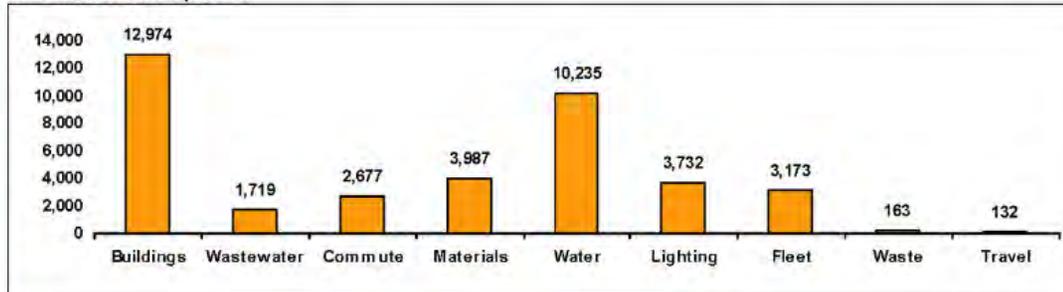
Emission Breakdown-Sector

Emissions by Sector

Sector	metric tons CO ₂ e
Buildings and Facilities	12,973.65
Wastewater Treatment Plant	1,718.96
Employee Commute	2,676.92
Materials	3,987.46
Water Treatment / Transpor	10,234.70
Public Lighting	3,731.69
Vehicle Fleet	3,173.20
Solid Waste	163.37
Business Travel	131.71
TOTAL:	38,791.66



Emission mtCO₂e by Sector



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 **Scenario #01** [User Guide](#)

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Community GHG Forecasting

Select Year: [Enter Data](#) [Edit Emission Factors](#) [Preview Report](#)

Compare Future Years

[ICLEI Inventory](#)

Delete Forecast Year

Select Year: [Delete Year](#)

To create a forecasting scenario/series:
Step 1- Enter a New Forecasting Year
Copy an existing year or start from scratch
Step 2- Edit the Forecasting Year's data
Step 3- Add the second forecasting year in your scenario/series
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Step 6- View the "Compare future years" report

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5. Establishing a partnership

Climate Commitment Next Steps

1. Develop a climate action plan
2. Set a goal
3. Establish a partnership
4. Implement the plan
5. Monitor progress
6. Report on progress
7. Update the plan

Seven Guiding Principles to Climate Commitment Implementation

1. Be strategic, but opportunistic
2. Take calculated risks
3. Avoid analysis-paralysis
4. Partner
5. Demonstrate ethical leadership
6. Focus on system change
7. Harness the economic benefits of climate leadership

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Boulder's Climate Commitment

Path to a Healthy and Sustainable Future

Key Messages

1. Climate change is impacting us now and it could intensify.
2. The causes and necessary responses are clear.
3. There are viable technical and technological options now.
4. Boulder has learned an enormous amount that it can use to leverage a rapid shift to a low-carbon future.
5. Developing early leadership in the transition to a low-carbon economy is the safest and most dynamic investment Boulder can make in its long-term health and prosperity.

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