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Enabling Pathways towards Sustainable Urban System Scenarios for Effective Climate Mitigation

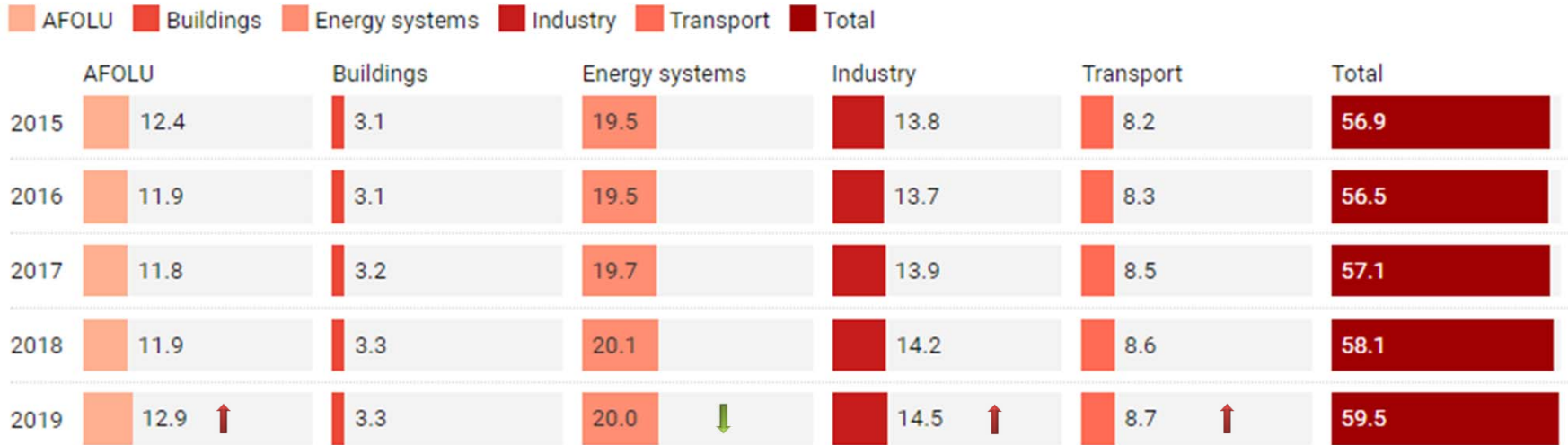
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Reducing GHG Emissions Decisively and Quickly

We still need to reverse course in reducing total greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and do so decisively and quickly



Unit: GtCO₂eq

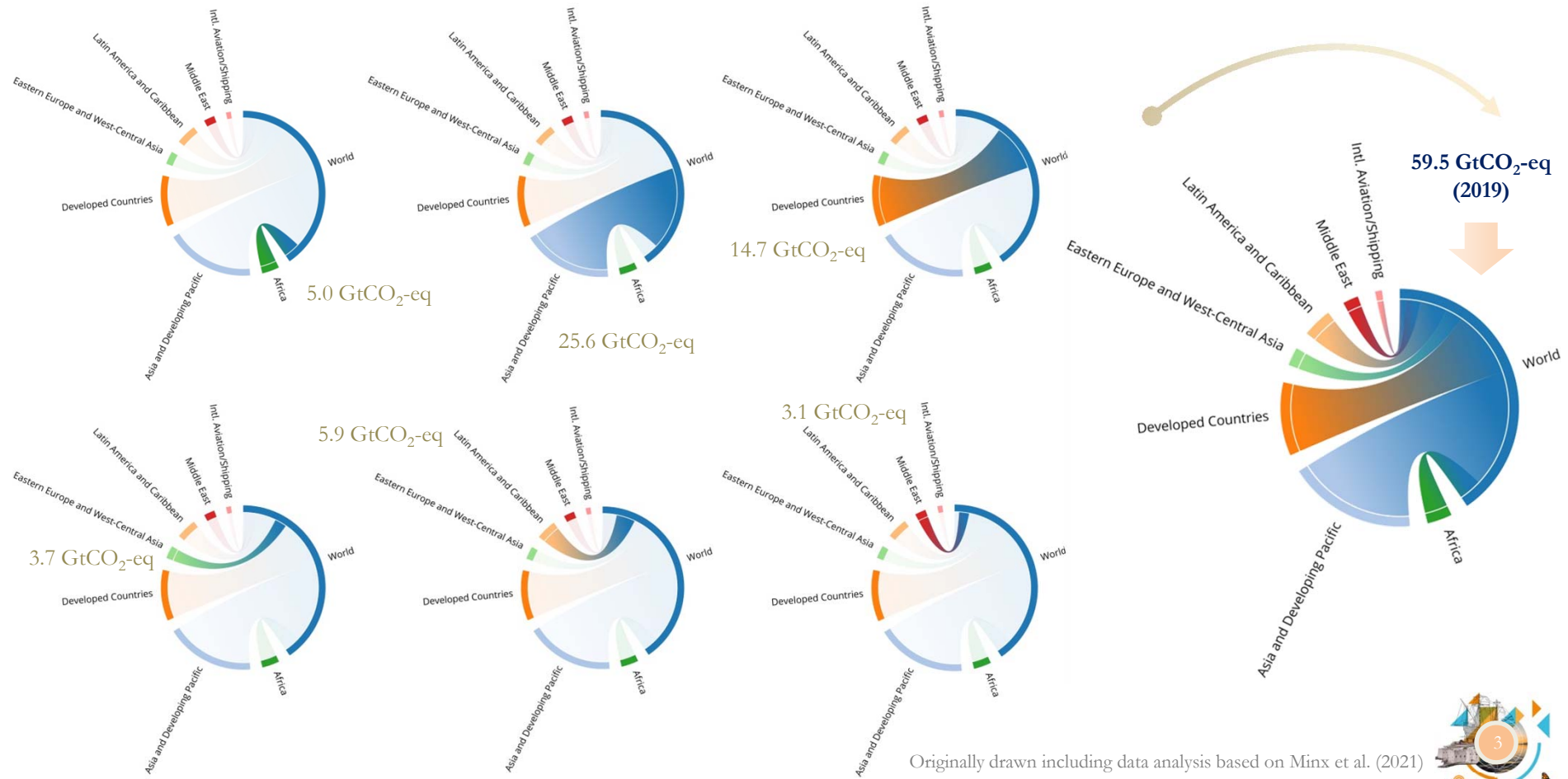
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Annual GHG emissions reductions need to be about 2.0 GtCO₂-eq per year on *average* and sustained across the world to approach net-zero emissions by mid-century



Regional Distribution of Territorial GHG Emissions

Distributions of territorial GHG emissions differs widely while decoupling opportunities exist for all regions

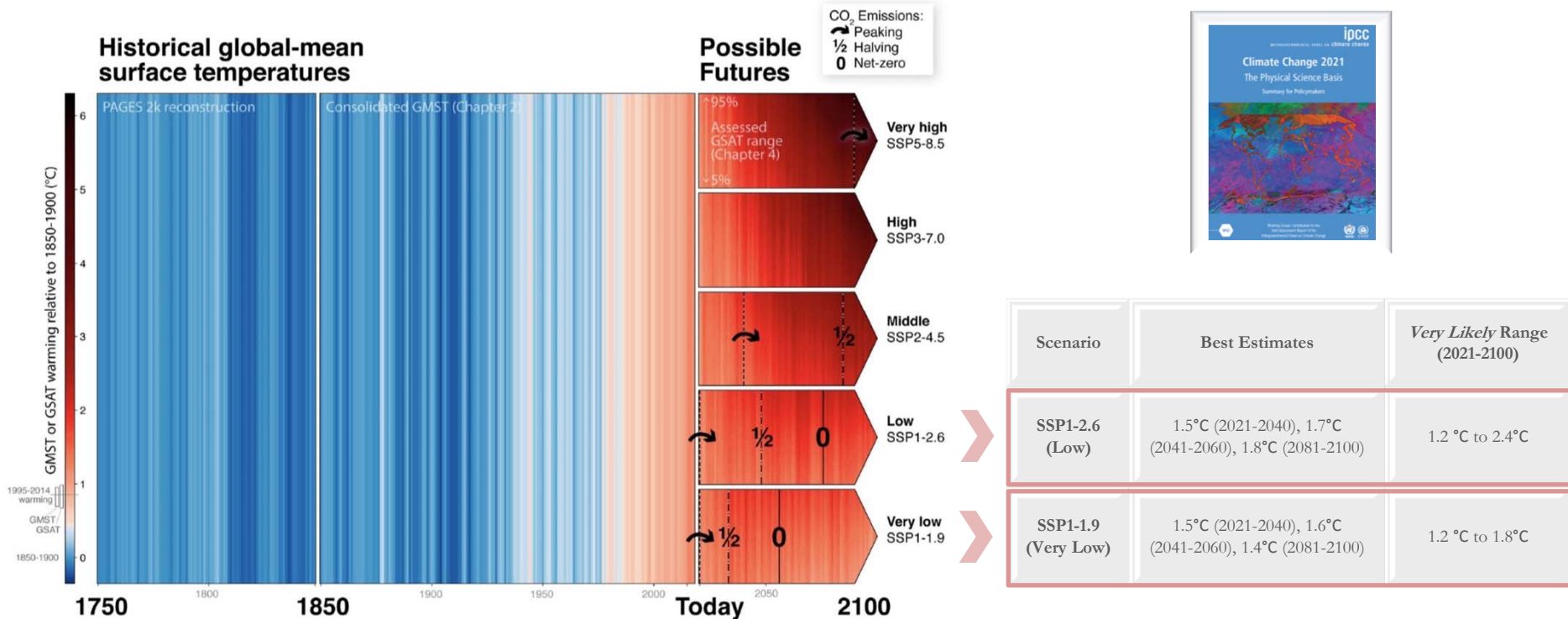


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Acting Quickly and More Integratively Is Urgent

CO₂ emissions need to be halved globally from present levels by 2030 for any chance of remaining within 1.5°C



Source: IPCC (2021), Climate Change 2021: The Physical Science Basis
<https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg1/>



Urban Emissions Scenarios in the SSP-RCP Framework

Beyond static urban footprints, there has been a need for urban emissions scenarios within the SSP-RCP framework

Data inputs – Urban emissions and trends

- Global Gridded Model of Carbon Footprints
- Recent urban emissions trends by region
- Urban share of the total population by SSP

The scenarios are prepared based on carbon footprints of 13,000 urban areas



Source: GGMCF; Moran et al. (2018), Carbon footprints of 13,000 cities, *Environmental Research Letters* 13(6): 064041

Scenario	Urbanization Qualities	Electrification	Renewable energy deployment	Energy and material efficiency	Technology development / innovation	Behavioral and lifestyle responses	Afforestation and reforestation
SSP1-1.9	Rapid / Compact	Higher	Higher	Higher	Higher	Higher	Higher
SSP1-2.6	Rapid / Compact	High	High	High	High	High	High
SSP2-4.5	Moderate	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium
SSP3-7.0	Slow / Poor Urban Planning	Medium	Low	Low	Medium	Low	Low
SSP4-3.4	Mixed / Inequalities	Mixed	Mixed	Mixed	Mixed	Mixed	Mixed
SSP4-6.0	Mixed / Inequalities	Mixed	Mixed	Mixed	Mixed	Mixed	Mixed
SSP5-8.5	Rapid	High	Low	High	Low	Low	-

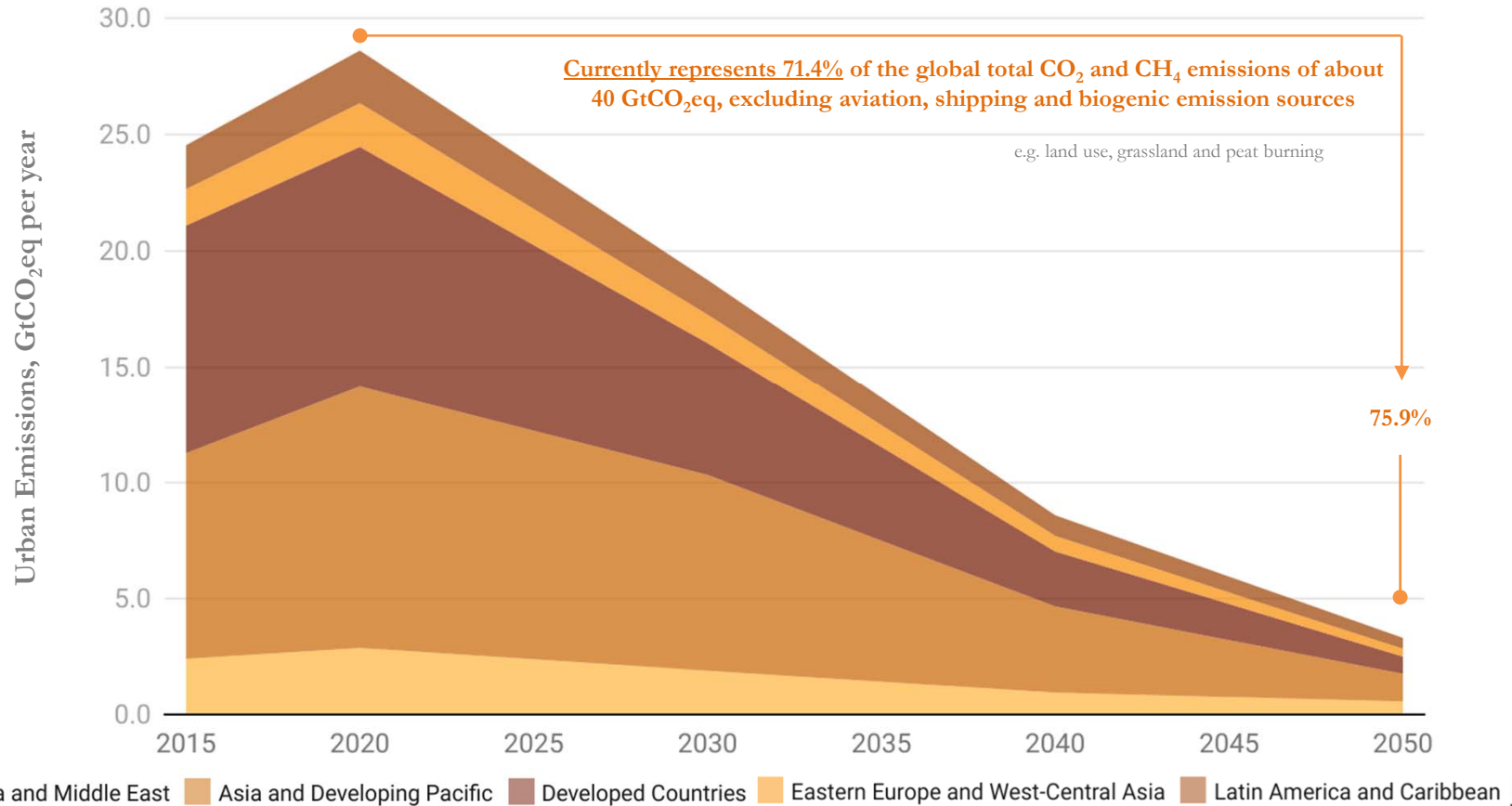
Sources: Based on Jiang and O'Neill (2017); Rogelj et al.(2018); van Vuuren et al. (2017); Calvin et al.(2017); Fricko et al. (2017); Fujimori et al. (2017); Krieglner et al. (2017); Gidden et al. (2019); Feng et al. (2020)

Climate scenario inputs

- Spatially-explicit SSP-RCP projections of the Coupled Model Intercomparison Project Phase 6 (CMIP6)

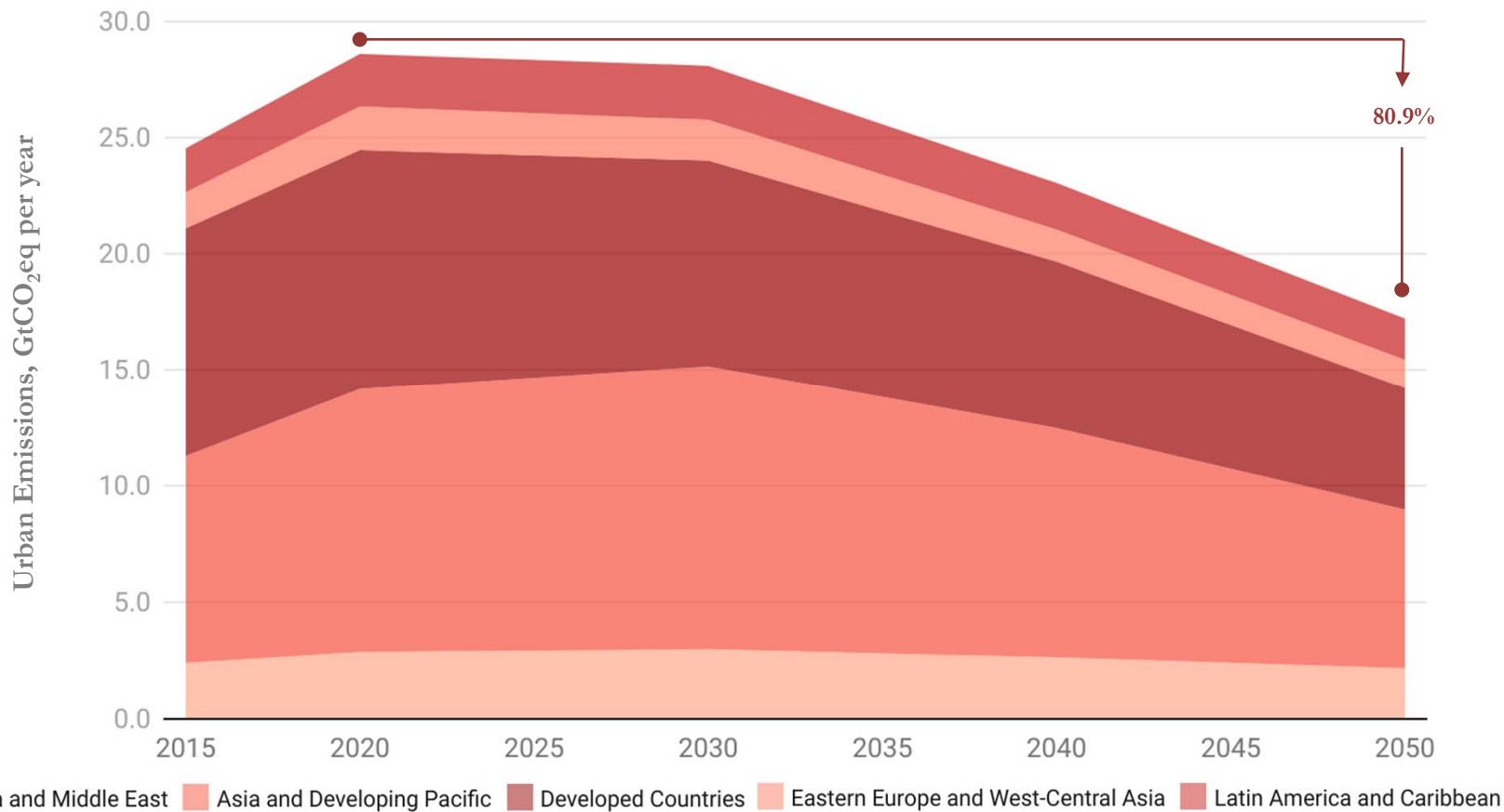
Urban Emissions Scenarios in the Context of SSP1-1.9

In the context of SSP1-1.9, urban emissions reduce from about 28.6 GtCO₂eq in 2020 to ~3.3 GtCO₂eq in 2050



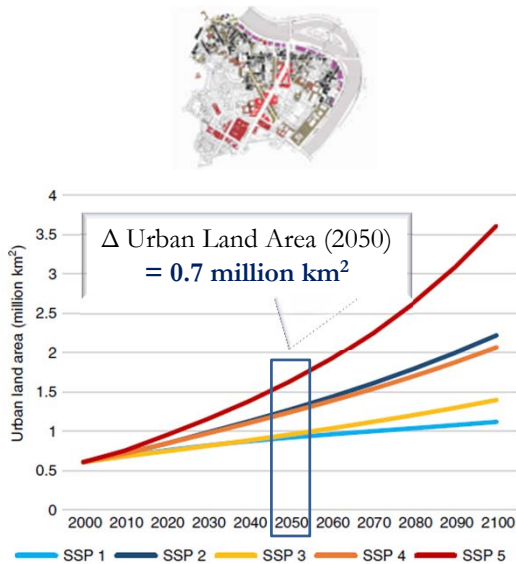
Urban Emissions Scenarios in the Context of SSP1-2.6

In the context of SSP1-2.6, urban emissions reduce more gradually, reaching about ~17.2 GtCO₂eq in 2050



What Will It Take to Transform Urban Systems?

The way cities continue to be planned, interact with the energy system and utilize resources will be essential

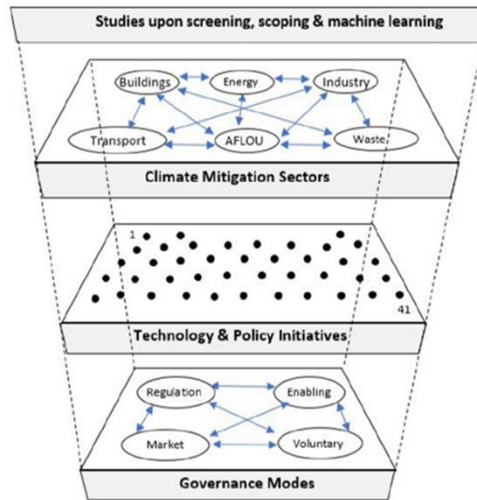


Source: Gao and O'Neill (2020), *Nature Communications* 11:2302

Modifying emerging urbanization

- 20–25% reduction of future urban energy use until 2050

Source: Creutzig et al. (2016); Creutzig et al. (2015)



Source: Sethi et al (2020), Climate change mitigation in cities: a systematic scoping of case studies, *Environ. Res. Lett.* 15 093008

Reducing urban resource use

- Continuing to build cities the same way may require nearly 90 billion tonnes of materials by 2050

Source: Swilling et al. (2018), The Weight of Cities: Resource Requirements of Future Urbanization

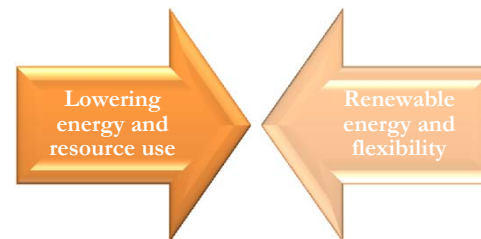
Integrating measures across urban sectors realizes synergies in GHG emission reductions

Urban land use and spatial planning, urban energy planning and resource efficiency



Source: Kalkış (2021), *Energy* 236:121394

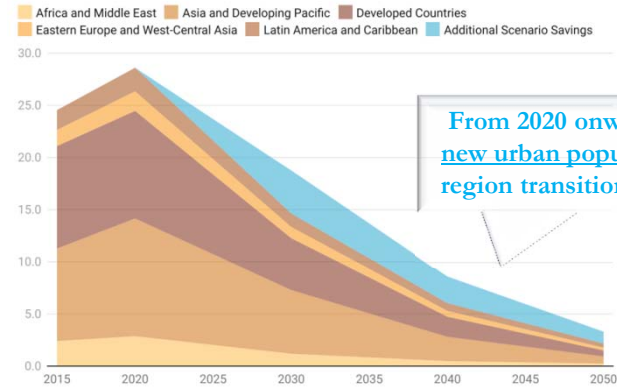
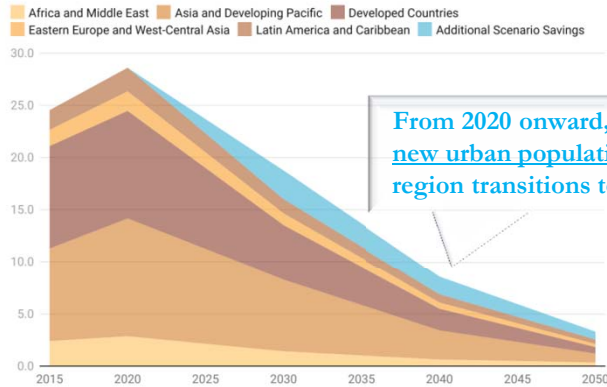
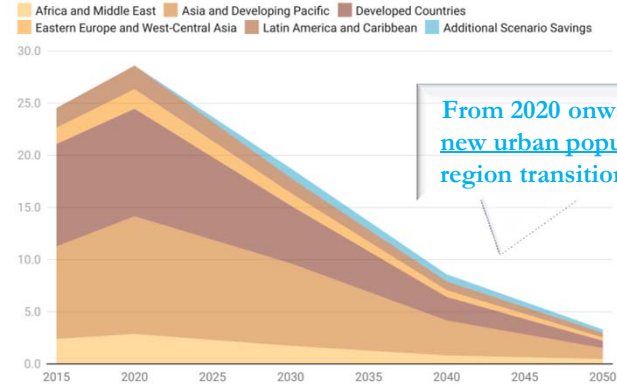
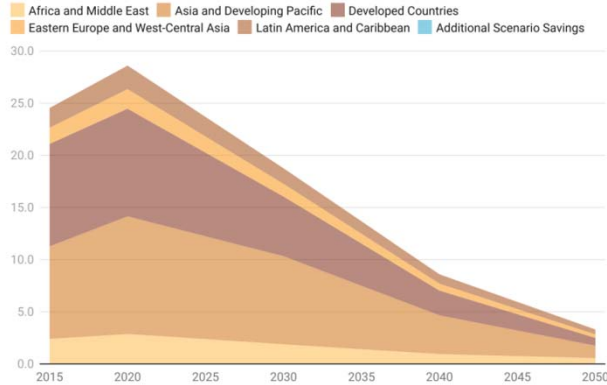
New opportunities



Urban Emissions Scenarios – Net-Zero Infrastructure

Considering 100% RE infrastructure and consumption patterns only for the new urban population is also insufficient

Urban Emissions, GtCO₂eq per year



Analyses from this slide onward extend beyond a forthcoming publication in *Global Environmental Change* based on the original research work of the presenter

Urban Emissions Scenarios in the SSP-RCP Framework

Additional datasets are integrated for SSP1 population projections per urban area and 100% renewable energy trends

Data inputs – Urban emissions and trends

- Global Gridded Model of Carbon Footprints
- Global Human Settlement Layer GHSL-UCDB
- Urban population by SSP per urban cluster (*)

(*) Source: Kii (2021), npj
Urban Sustainability 1:10

npj | urban sustainability
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Projecting future populations of urban agglomerations around the world and through the 21st century
Kii et al. | npj Urban Sustainability

The focus is on the top 500 urban areas with the highest footprint, **420 being harmonized across urban datasets**



Source: JRC (2019), Global Human Settlement Layer / Urban Center Database (UCDB)



Scenario	Urbanization Qualities	Electrification and flexibility	Renewable energy deployment	Energy and material efficiency	Technology development / innovation	Behavioral and lifestyle responses	Afforestation and re-forestation
SSP1-RE	Rapid / Compact	Highest	Highest	Highest	Highest	Highest	Higher
SSP1-1.9	Rapid / Compact	Higher	Higher	Higher	Higher	Higher	Higher
SSP1-2.6	Rapid / Compact	High	High	High	High	High	High

Climate scenario inputs

- Additional SSP1 scenario involving 100% renewable energy based on regional GHG emission trends

Additional Source: Bogdanov et al. (2021), Low-cost renewable electricity as the key driver of the global energy transition towards sustainability, *Energy* 227 <<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.energy.2021.120467>>

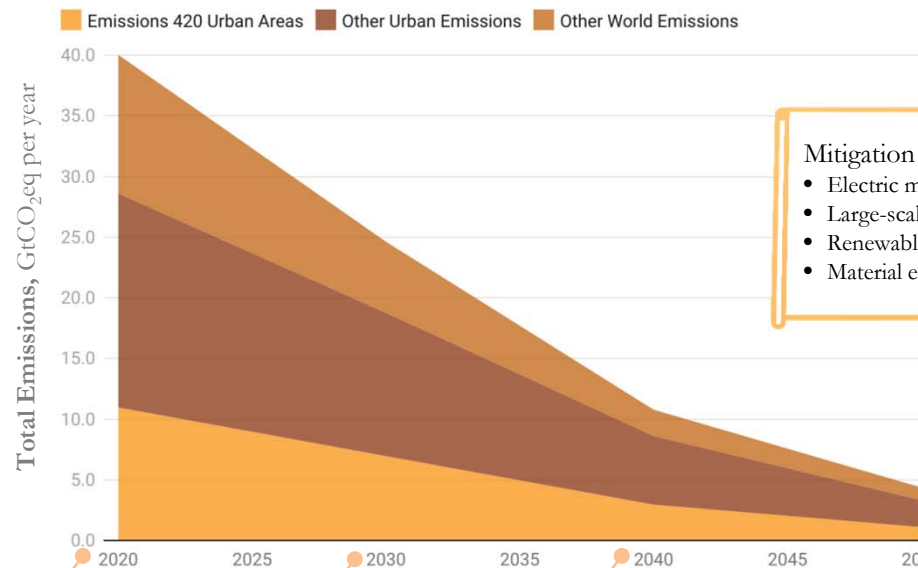
Emissions for the 420 Urban Areas Under SSP1-1.9

Among the 71.4% responsibility of urban areas in emissions, the 420 urban areas are responsible for a share of ~27%

Urban implications: Compact urban form with **wide-spread electrification and efficiency**

Descriptions Relative to Other Scenarios

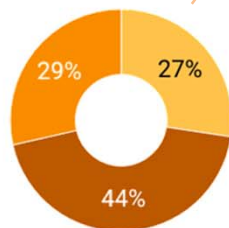
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• <u>Renewable energy deployment</u>	Higher
• Energy and material efficiency	Higher
• Technology development / innovation	Higher
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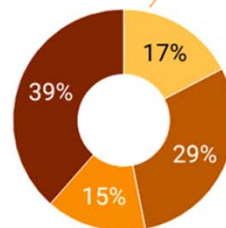
Mitigation solutions, e.g.

- Electric mobility
- Large-scale heat pumps
- Renewable energy
- Material efficiency

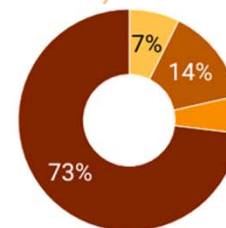
■ Emissions 420 Urban Areas
■ Other Urban Emissions
■ Other World Emissions
■ Reductions from 2020



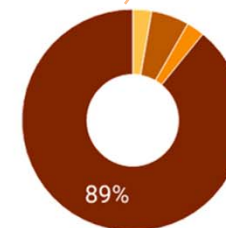
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* Excluding aviation, shipping and biogenic emission sources.

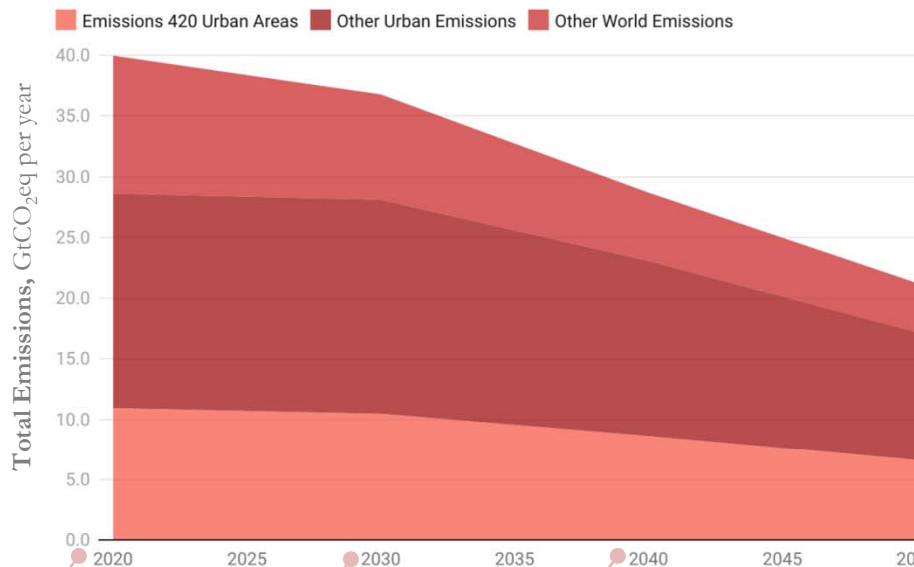
Emissions for the 420 Urban Areas Under SSP1-2.6

Including reductions from 2020, the share of the 420 urban areas changes only between 27-17% in this scenario

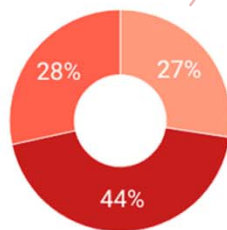
Urban implications: Same principles with relatively slower progress **in urban areas**

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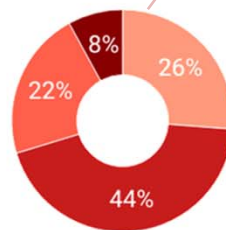
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• Afforestation and re-forestation	High



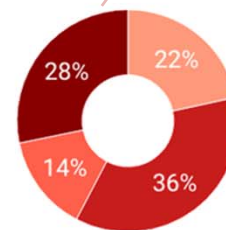
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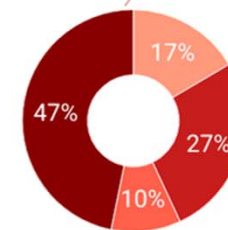
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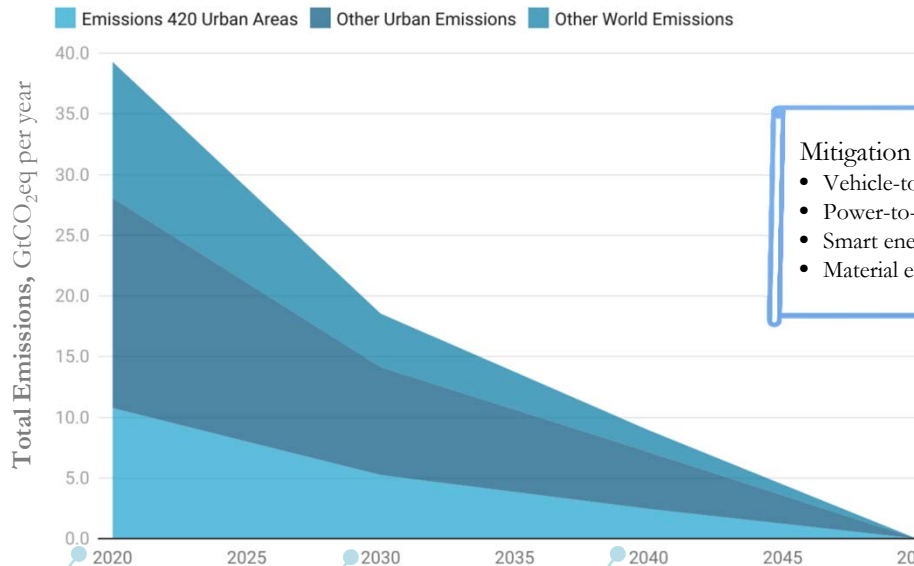
Emissions for the 420 Urban Areas Under SSP1-RE

Especially the 100% renewable energy scenario requires key support from urban areas to increase system flexibility

Urban implications: Support for system flexibility for 100% renewable energy penetration

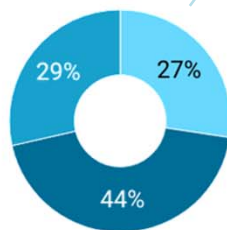
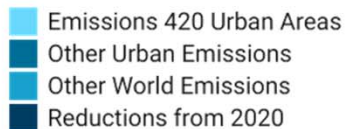
Descriptions Relative to Other Scenarios

• <u>Electrification and flexibility</u>	Highest
• <u>Renewable energy deployment (100%)</u>	Highest
• Energy and material efficiency	Highest
• Technology development / innovation	Highest
• Behavioral and lifestyle responses	Highest
• Afforestation and re-forestation	Higher

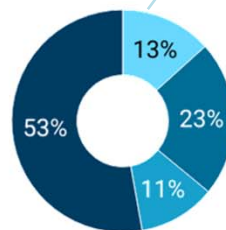


Mitigation solutions, e.g.

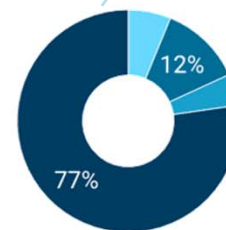
- Vehicle-to-grid (V2G)
- Power-to-heat (P2H)
- Smart energy systems
- Material efficiency



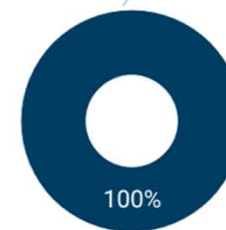
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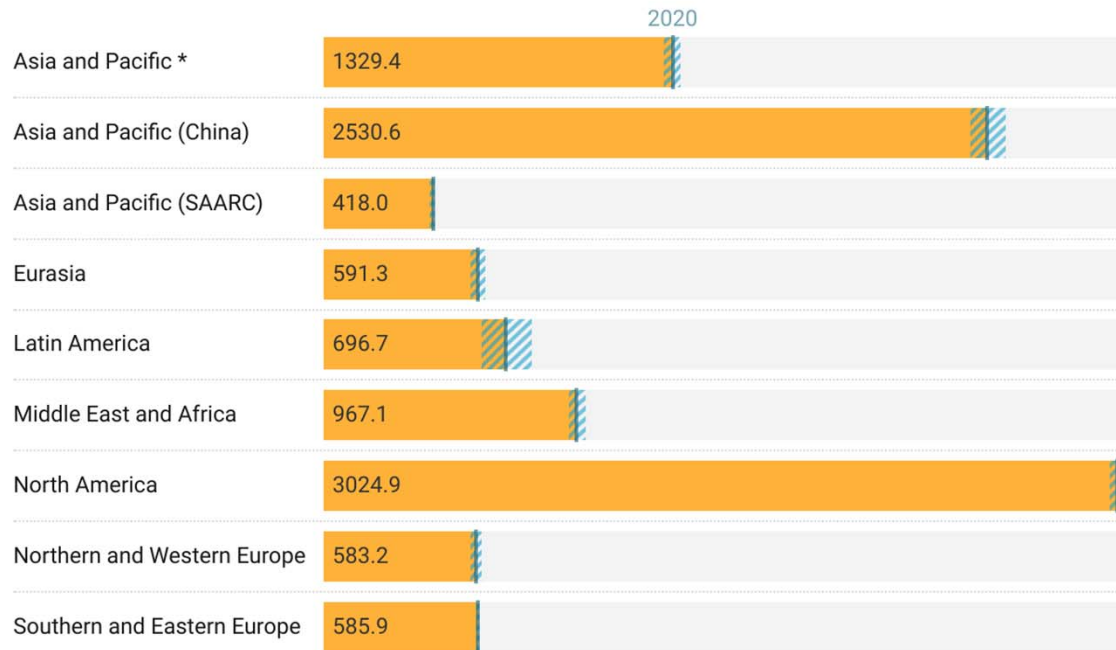
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Emissions of 420 Urban Areas Across World Regions

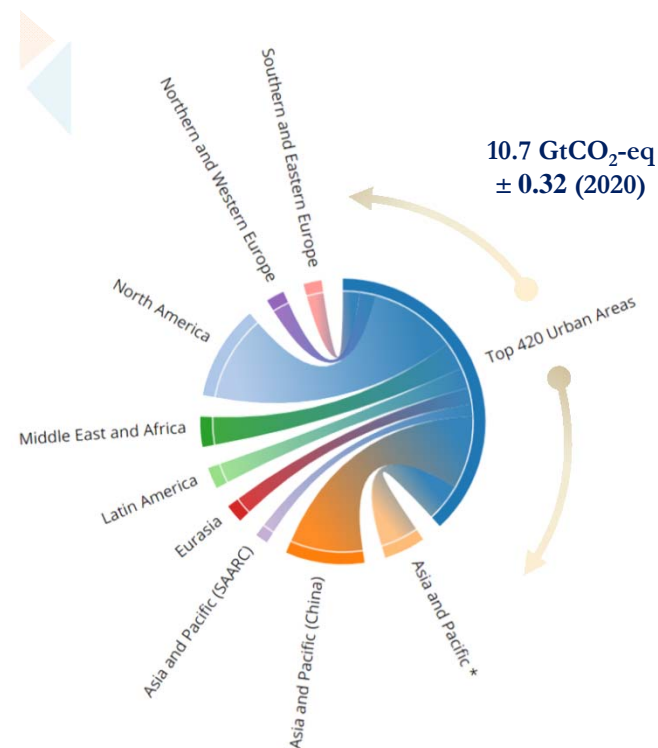
The top 420 urban areas with the highest consumption based urban emissions are located across all world regions

2020 - Max 2020 - Min

Urban Emissions, MtCO₂eq in the year 2020



- Relevant urban emissions are given separately for China and the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC).
- The shaded areas of the bars indicate the range of estimated values for 2020 with the line being the average value across scenarios.



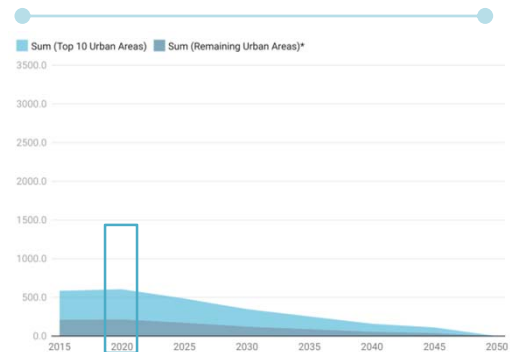
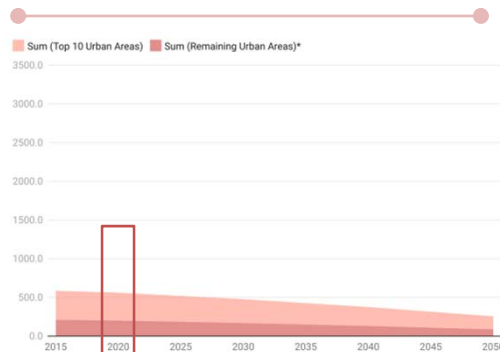
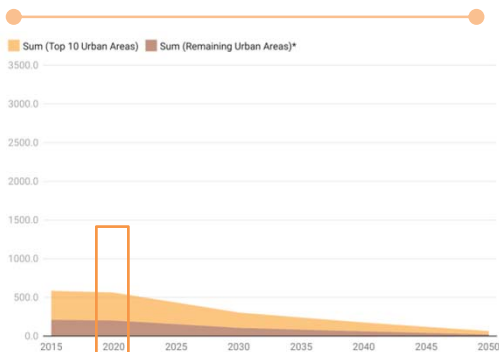
- * Excluding urban areas in China and SAARC that are given separately.

Future Outlook of Emissions for 420 Urban Areas

In Northern and Western Europe, urban emissions for 31 of the top 420 urban areas are $583.2 \pm 21.8 \text{ MtCO}_2\text{eq}$ in 2020



Urban Emissions
MtCO₂eq per year

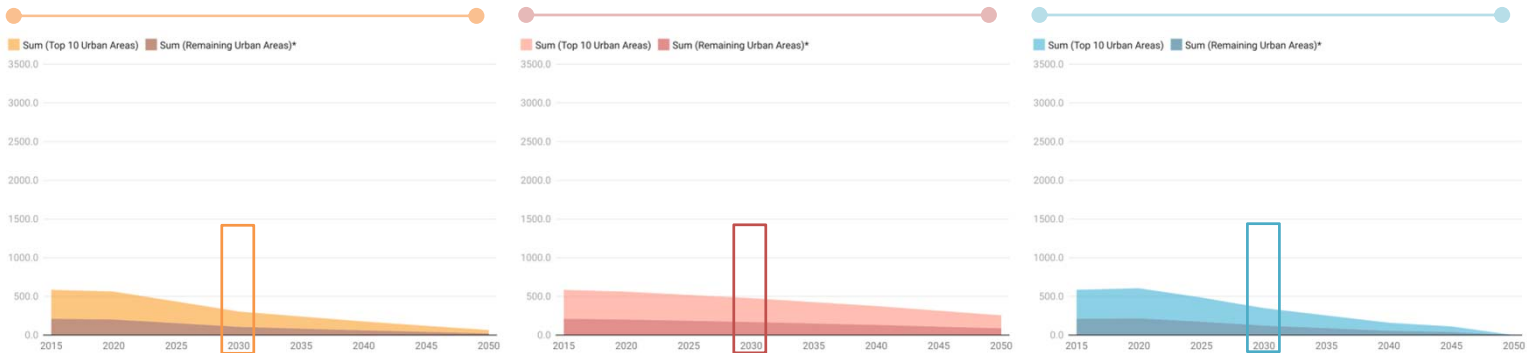


Future Outlook of Emissions for 420 Urban Areas

Across the SSP1 scenarios, urban emissions pathways can lead to **304.7**, **477.0** or **347.9** MtCO₂eq in 2030



Urban Emissions
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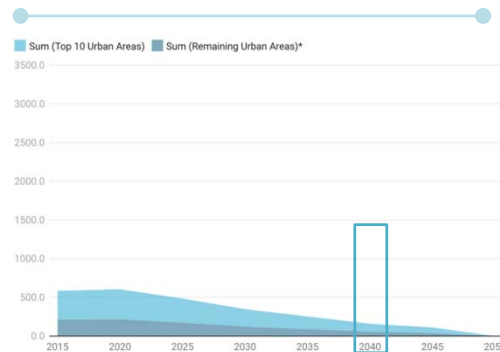
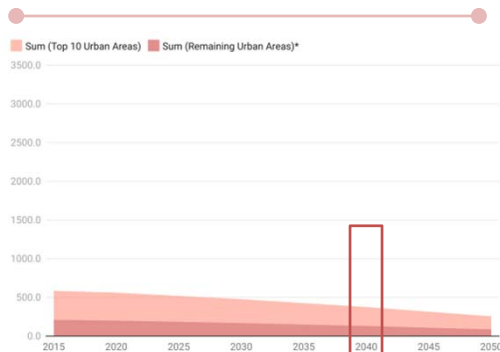
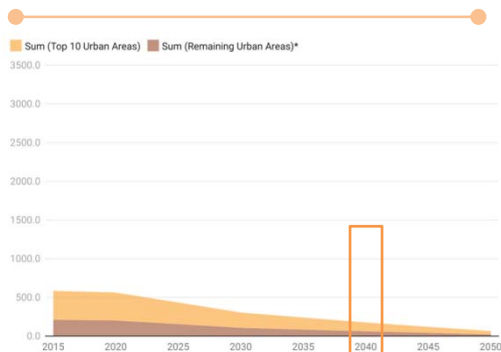


Future Outlook of Emissions for 420 Urban Areas

Across the SSP1 scenarios, urban emissions pathways can lead to **174.9**, **375.4** or **159.4** MtCO₂eq in 2040

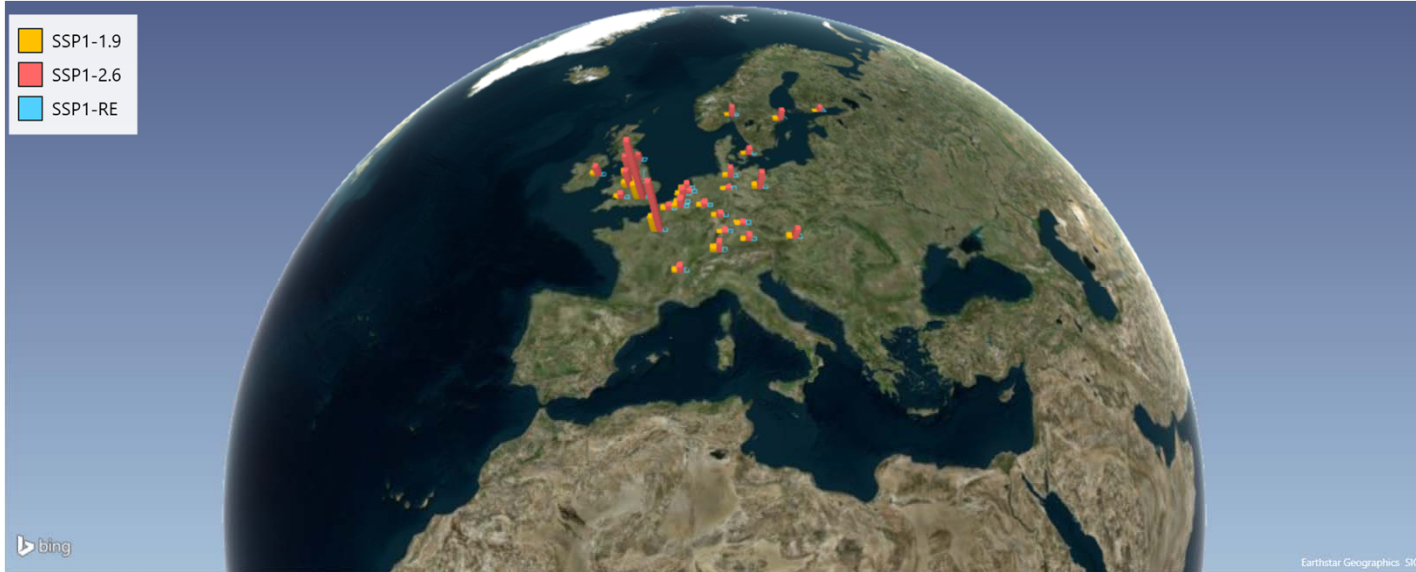


Urban Emissions
MtCO₂eq per year

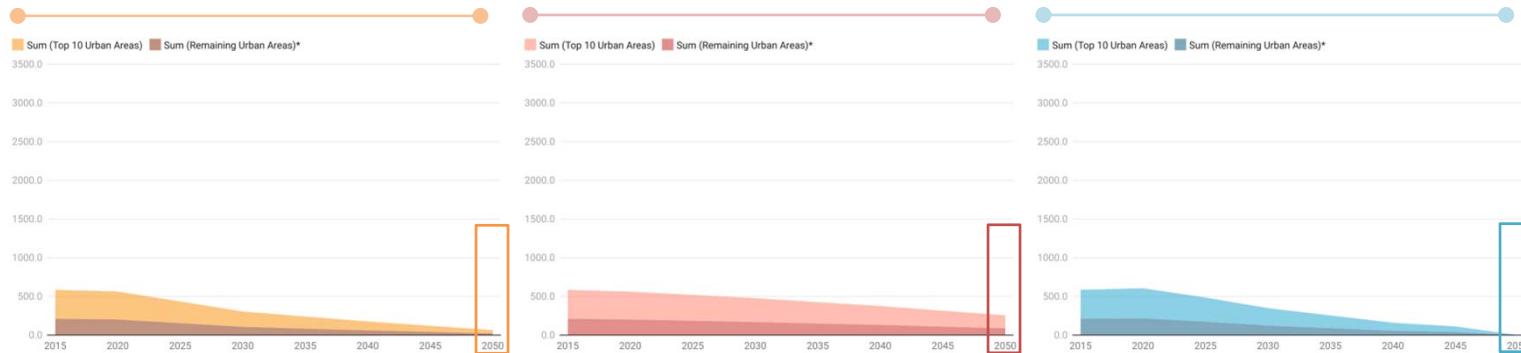


Future Outlook of Emissions for 420 Urban Areas

Across the SSP1 scenarios, urban emissions pathways can lead to **65.4**, **255.4** or **~0.0** MtCO₂eq in **2050**

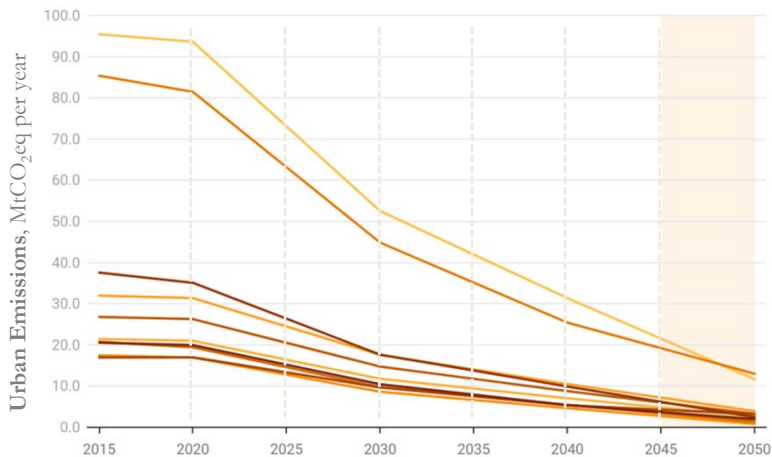


Urban Emissions
MtCO₂eq per year



Top 10 Emitting Areas – Northern and Western Europe

Under SSP1-1.9, the top 10 urban areas in this region will need to reduce their total footprint by **317.9 MtCO₂eq** by 2050

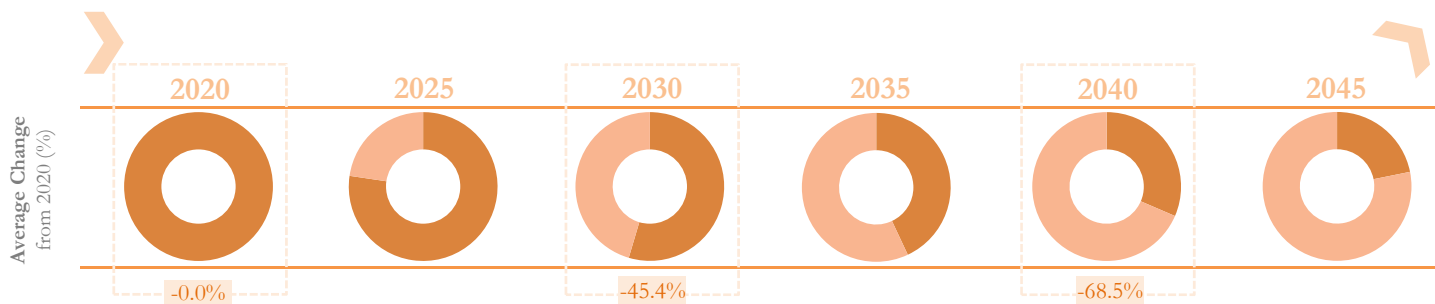
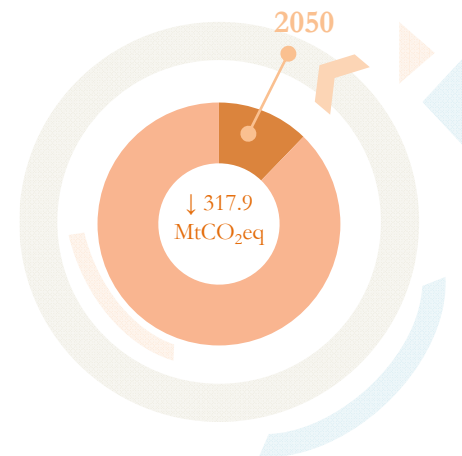


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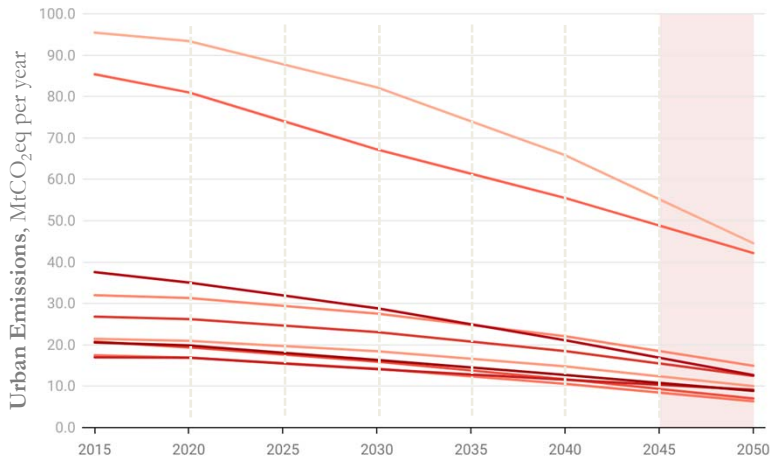
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Paris	85.4	81.5	63.2	44.9	35.2	25.4	19.2	13.0
Berlin	37.6	35.1	26.4	17.7	13.8	9.9	6.2	2.5
Manchester	32.0	31.4	24.5	17.6	14.1	10.5	7.2	3.9
Birmingham	26.8	26.3	20.5	14.7	11.8	8.8	6.0	3.3
West Yorkshire	21.4	21.0	16.4	11.8	9.4	7.1	4.8	2.6
Hamburg	20.8	19.4	14.6	9.8	7.6	5.5	3.4	1.4
Vienna	20.6	20.0	15.2	10.5	7.9	5.4	3.7	2.0
Oslo	17.5	16.9	12.8	8.6	6.6	4.7	2.8	0.9
Zurich	17.0	17.0	13.3	9.7	7.5	5.4	4.3	3.2

In units of MtCO₂eq per year including CO₂ and CH₄.



Top 10 Emitting Areas – Northern and Western Europe

Reductions in SSP1-2.6 remain just over half in 2050 at 192.8 MtCO₂eq, largely forgoing a missed 1.5°C target

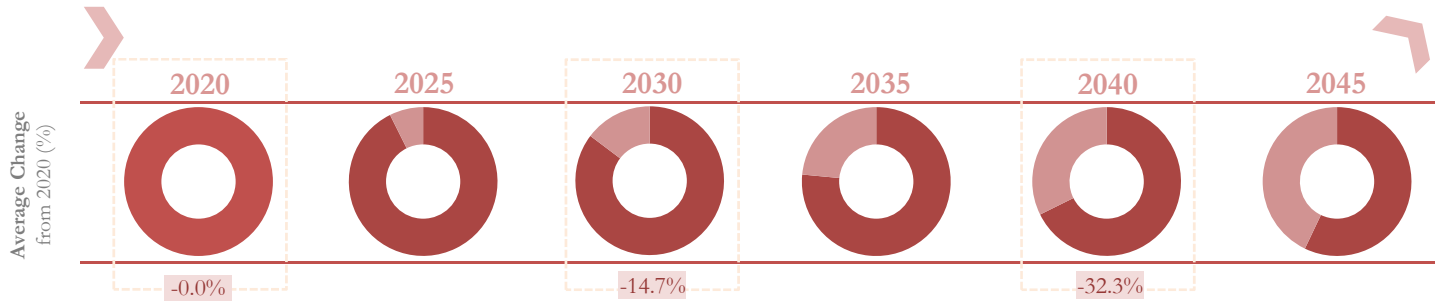
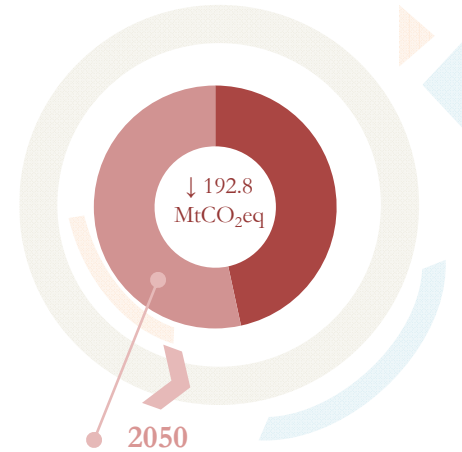


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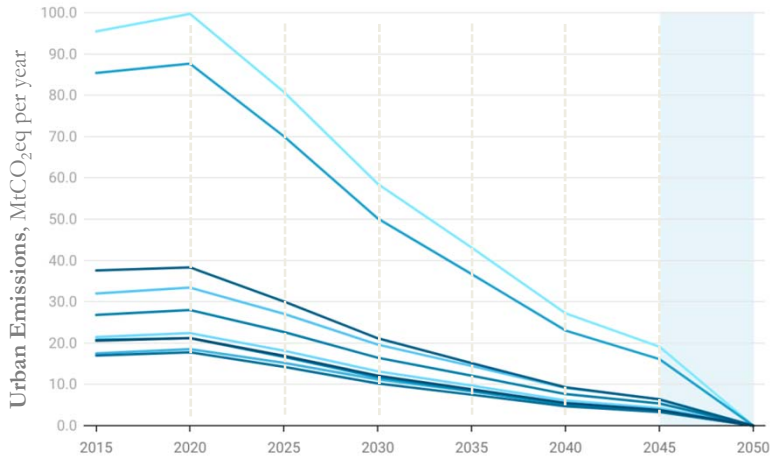
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Manchester	32.0	31.3	29.4	27.6	24.8	22.1	18.5	14.9
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Top 10 Emitting Areas – Northern and Western Europe

For these areas, 100% RE scenarios provide opportunities to eliminate **388.2 MtCO₂eq** of urban emissions in 2050

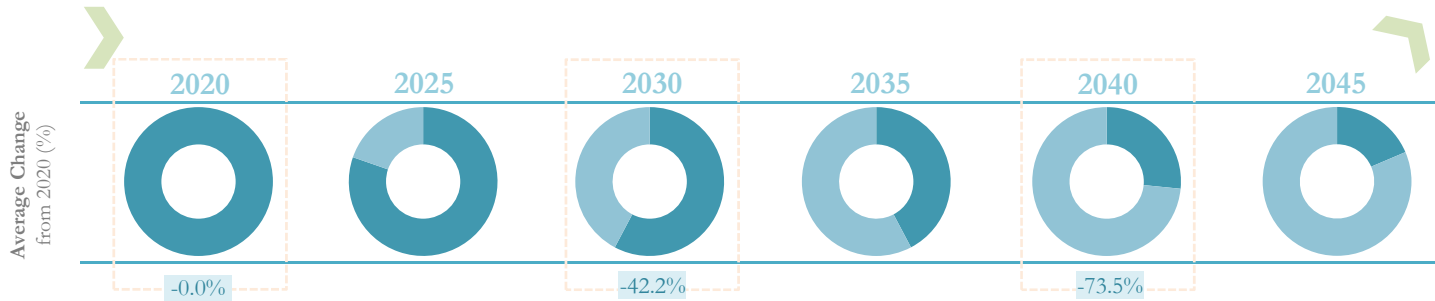
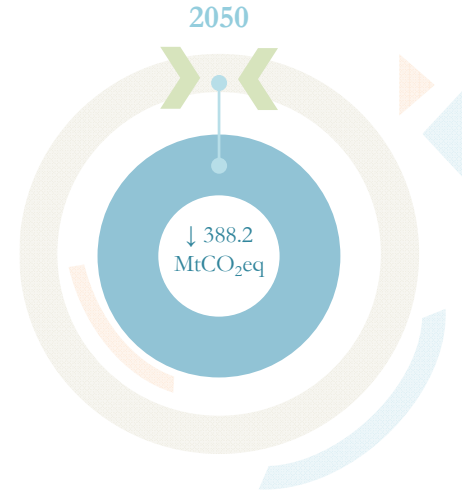


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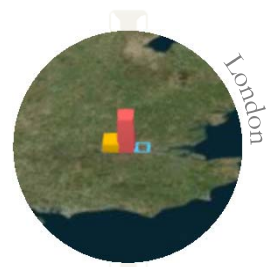
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West Yorkshire	21.4	22.4	18.1	13.1	9.7	6.1	4.3	0.0
Hamburg	20.8	21.2	16.6	11.7	8.4	5.1	3.5	0.0
Vienna	20.6	21.2	16.9	12.1	8.8	5.5	3.8	0.0
Oslo	17.5	18.5	15.2	11.2	8.3	5.3	3.8	0.0
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In units of MtCO₂eq per year including CO₂ and CH₄.

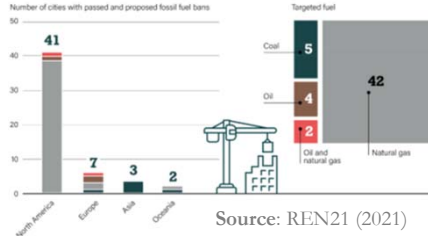


Actions Urban Areas Are Taking and Opportunities



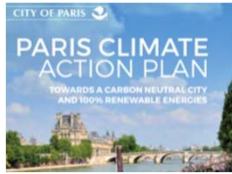
London

- One of the first 12 cities declaring **divesting from fossil fuels** for a green and just recovery
- One of the cities with a **fossil fuel ban** and restrictions for natural gas use in buildings

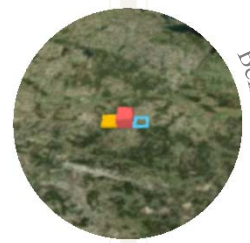


Paris

- Reducing local GHG emissions and outer Paris footprint >40% in 2030 with **100% RE in 2050**
- Phasing out petrol-powered mobility by 2030



Source: City of Paris

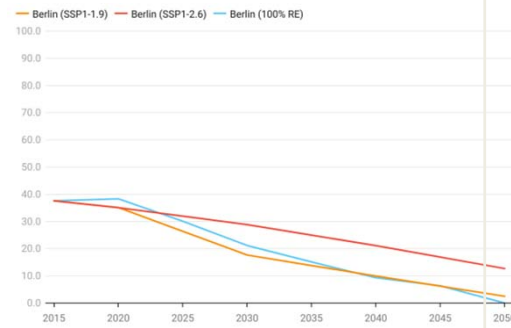
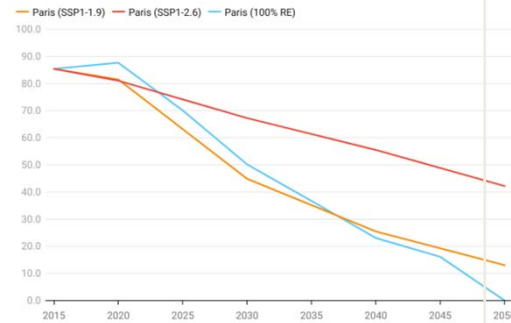
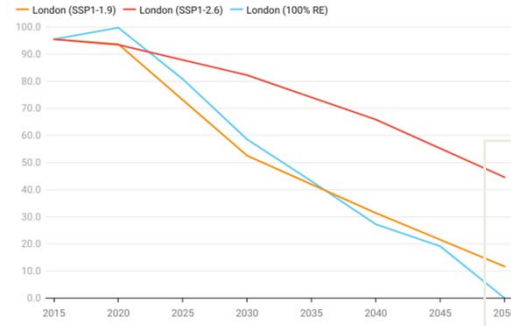


Berlin

- **Obligatory target** to reduce CO₂ emissions by 70% by 2030 with climate neutrality by 2045
- **Berlin Climate Protection and Energy Turnaround Act** (adopted August 19, 2021)

Source: Senate Department for the Environment, Transport and Climate Protection (2021)

Urban Emissions, MtrCO₂eq per year
Scale Range: 0.0 – 100.0



Making the complete shift for the urban energy system and beyond

Co-benefits of 100% RE in these 3 urban areas:
~ 236 Billion
Energy, air quality and climate cost savings in 2050
Monetary units in USD

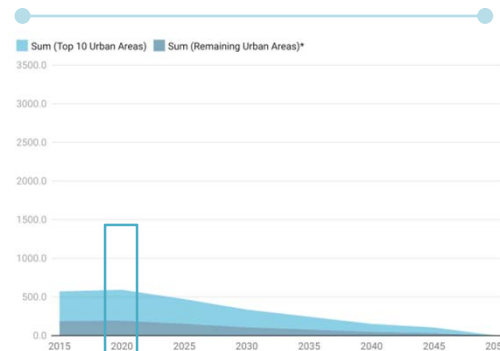
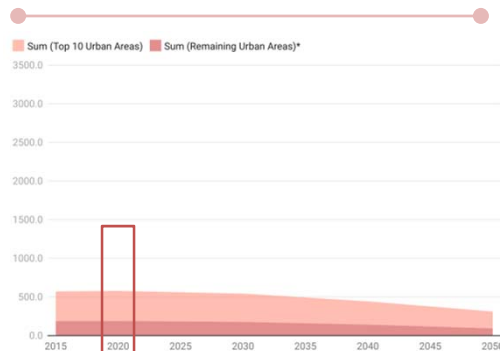
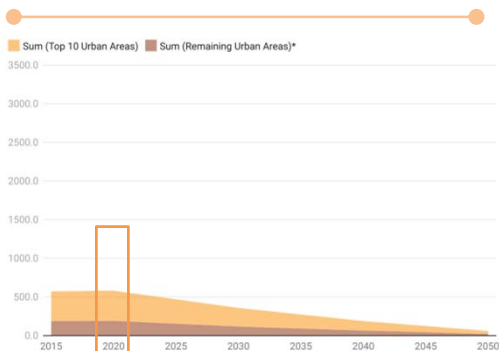
Source: Calculated based on local per capita values for 2050 in Jacobson et al.(2020) with SSP1 urban population projection

Future Outlook of Emissions for 420 Urban Areas

In Southern and Eastern Europe, urban emissions for 32 of the top 420 urban areas are $585.9 \pm 7.0 \text{ MtCO}_2\text{eq}$ in 2020



Urban Emissions
MtCO₂eq per year

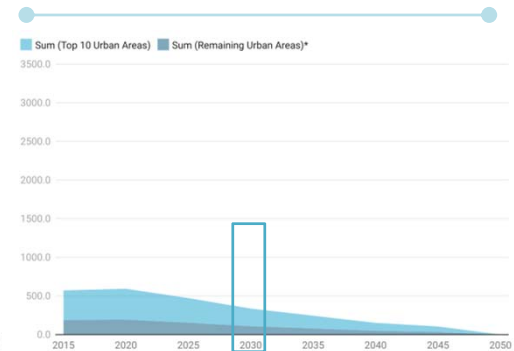
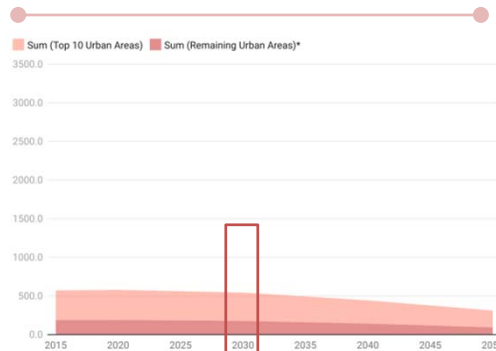
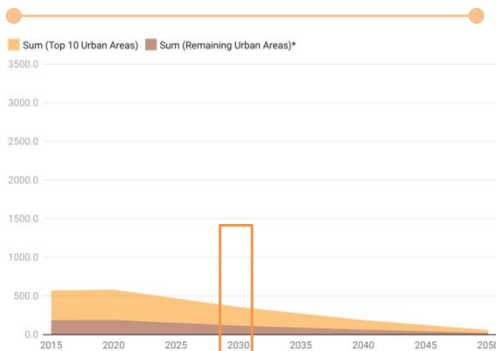


Future Outlook of Emissions for 420 Urban Areas

Across the SSP1 scenarios, urban emissions pathways can lead to **357.6**, **543.5** or **336.6** MtCO₂eq in 2030



Urban Emissions
MtCO₂eq per year

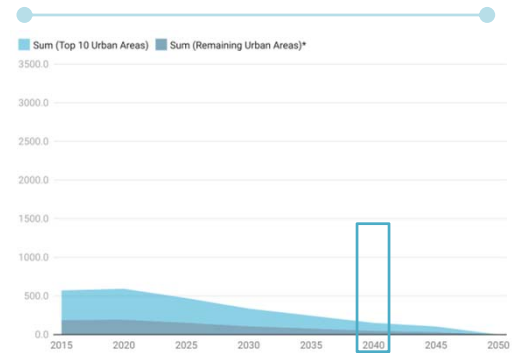
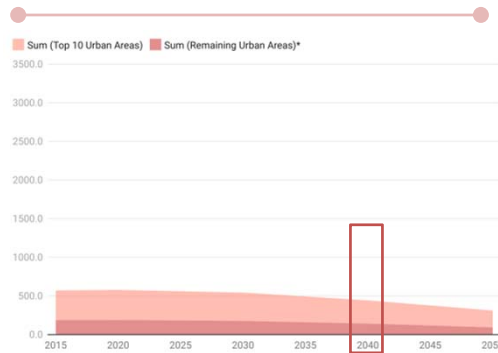
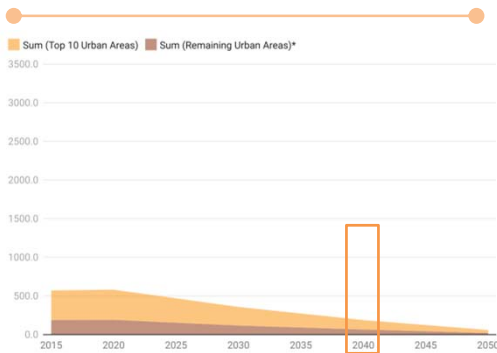


Future Outlook of Emissions for 420 Urban Areas

Across the SSP1 scenarios, urban emissions pathways can lead to **187.9**, **442.8** or **151.8** MtCO₂eq in 2040



Urban Emissions
MtCO₂eq per year

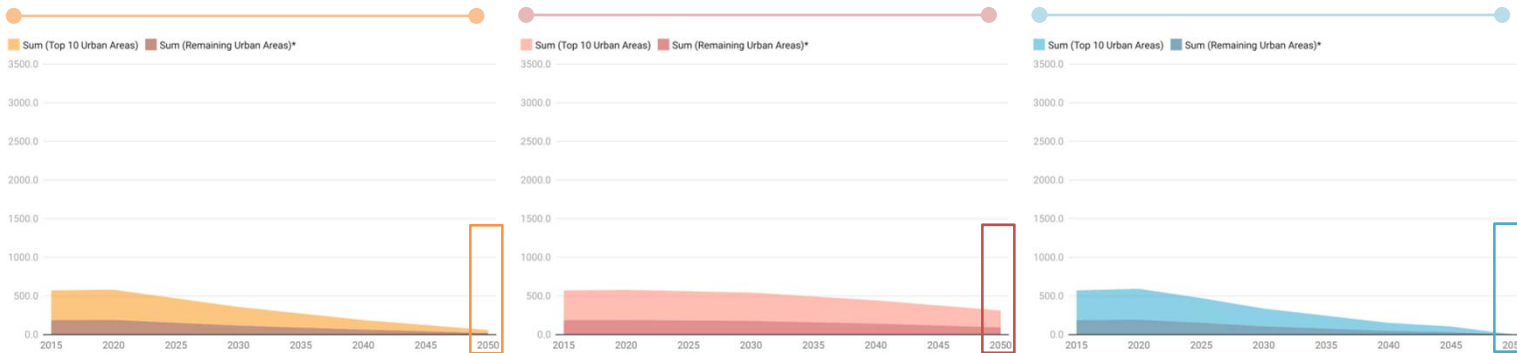


Future Outlook of Emissions for 420 Urban Areas

Across the SSP1 scenarios, urban emissions pathways can lead to **58.7**, **311.3** or **~0.0** MtCO₂eq in 2050

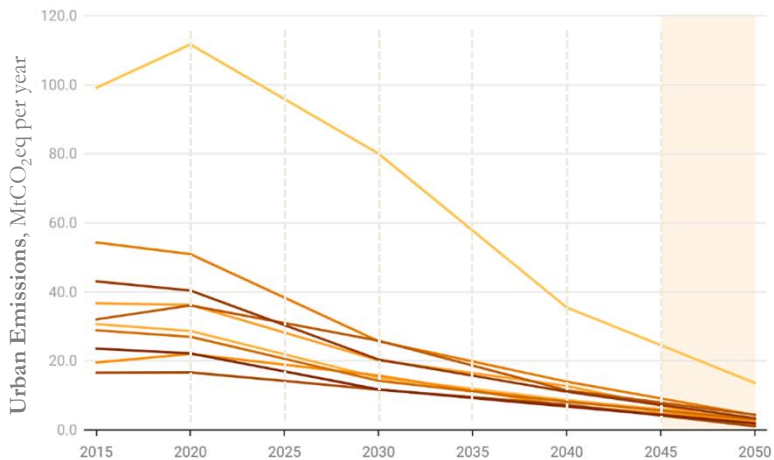


Urban Emissions
MtCO₂eq per year



Top 10 Emitting Areas – Southern and Eastern Europe

Under SSP1-1.9, the top 10 urban areas in this region will need to reduce their total footprint by **352.7 MtCO₂eq** by 2050

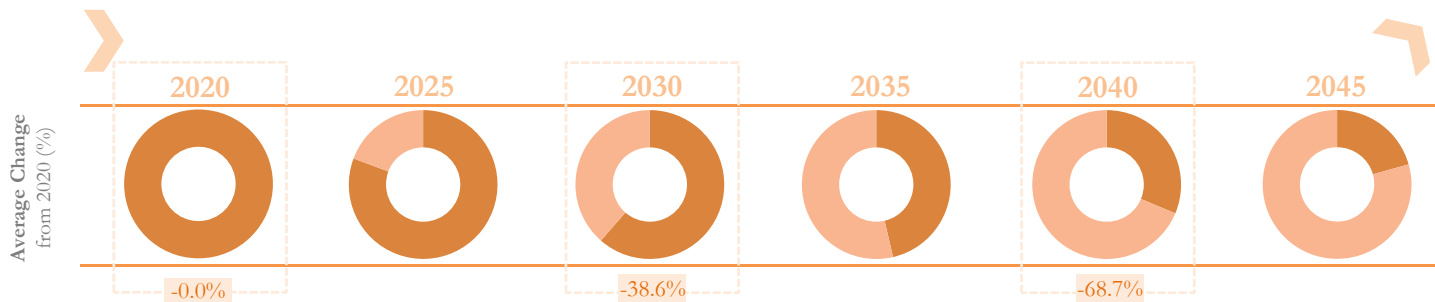
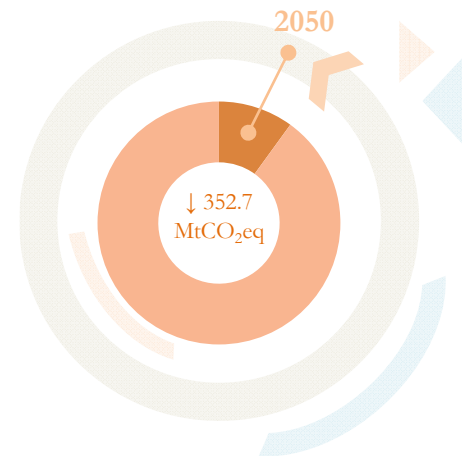


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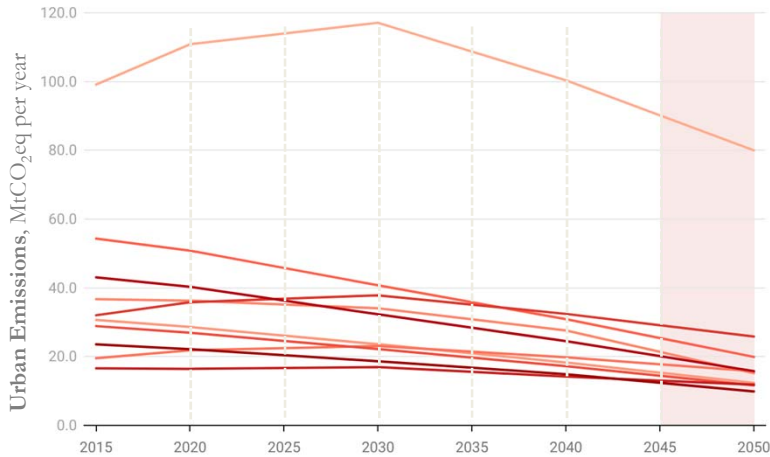
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Istanbul	99.1	111.7	95.9	80.0	57.8	35.5	24.5	13.6
Madrid	54.3	50.9	38.3	25.7	19.8	14.0	9.1	4.3
Barcelona	43.1	40.4	30.4	20.4	15.7	11.1	7.2	3.4
Athens	36.7	36.2	28.2	20.2	16.5	12.7	7.1	1.4
Ankara	32.0	36.1	31.0	25.9	18.7	11.5	7.9	4.4
Milan	30.7	28.7	21.9	15.1	11.9	8.7	6.0	3.3
Rome	28.9	27.0	20.6	14.2	11.2	8.2	5.6	3.1
Lisbon	23.6	22.2	17.0	11.7	9.3	6.8	4.4	1.9
Izmir	19.5	22.0	18.9	15.8	11.4	7.0	4.8	2.7
Kiev	16.6	16.7	14.2	11.7	9.5	7.3	4.2	1.1

In units of MtCO₂eq per year including CO₂ and CH₄.



Top 10 Emitting Areas – Southern and Eastern Europe

Reductions in SSP1-2.6 remain less than half in 2050 at 171.9 MtCO₂eq, again forgoing a missed 1.5°C target

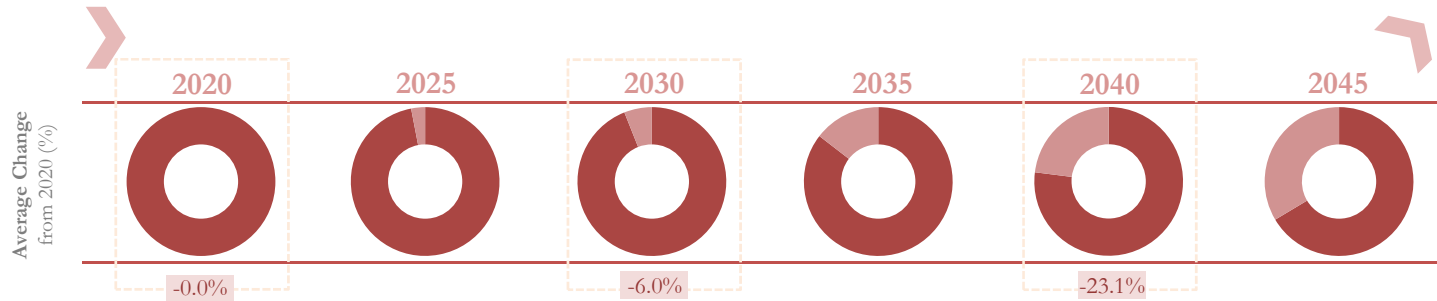
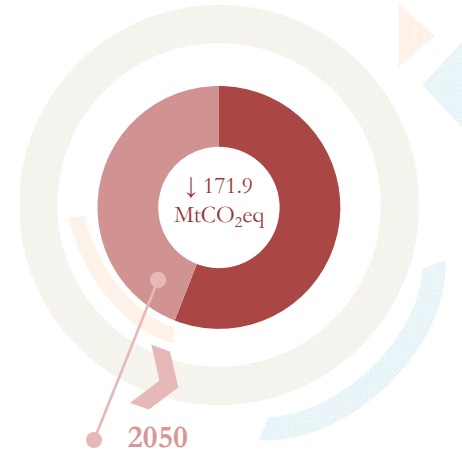


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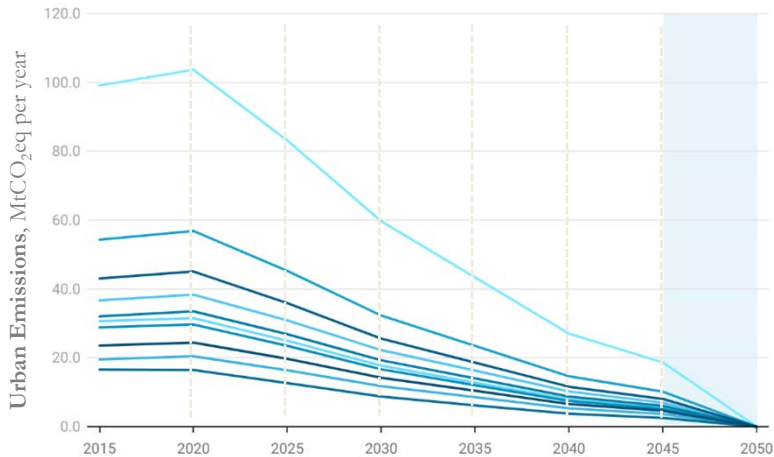
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Istanbul	99.1	110.8	114.0	117.1	108.7	100.3	90.2	80.0
Madrid	54.3	50.8	45.8	40.7	35.8	30.9	25.4	19.9
Barcelona	43.1	40.3	36.3	32.3	28.4	24.5	20.1	15.8
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Izmir	19.5	21.8	22.5	23.1	21.4	19.8	17.8	15.8
Kiev	16.6	16.4	16.7	16.9	15.6	14.2	13.0	11.9

In units of MtCO₂eq per year including CO₂ and CH₄.



Top 10 Emitting Areas – Southern and Eastern Europe

For these areas, 100% RE scenarios provide opportunities to eliminate **400.0 MtCO₂eq** of urban emissions in 2050

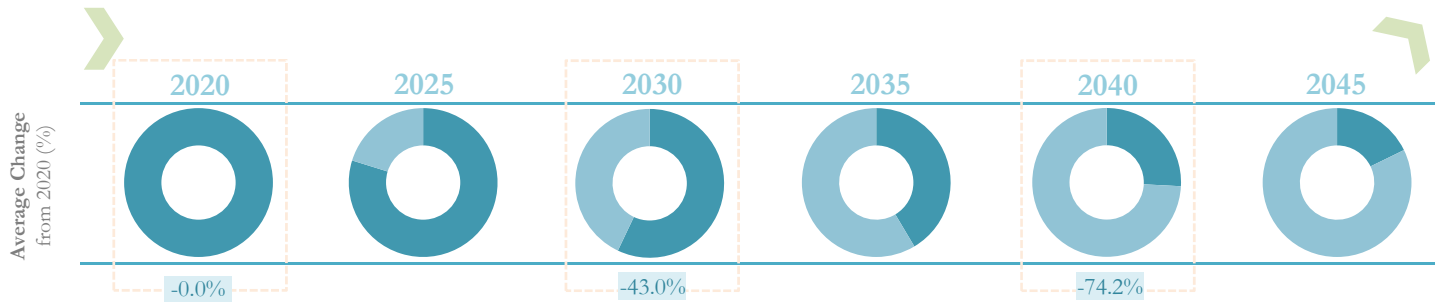
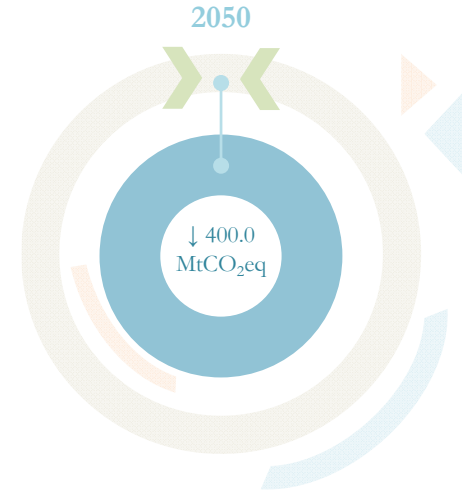


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Istanbul	99.1	103.7	83.1	59.7	43.4	27.0	18.7	0.0
Madrid	54.3	56.8	45.3	32.3	23.5	14.6	10.2	0.0
Barcelona	43.1	45.1	35.9	25.6	18.6	11.6	8.0	0.0
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Lisbon	23.6	24.4	19.7	14.2	10.4	6.6	4.6	0.0
Izmir	19.5	20.4	16.4	11.8	8.5	5.3	3.7	0.0
Kiev	16.6	16.5	12.7	8.7	6.2	3.8	2.5	0.0

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Actions Urban Areas Are Taking and Opportunities

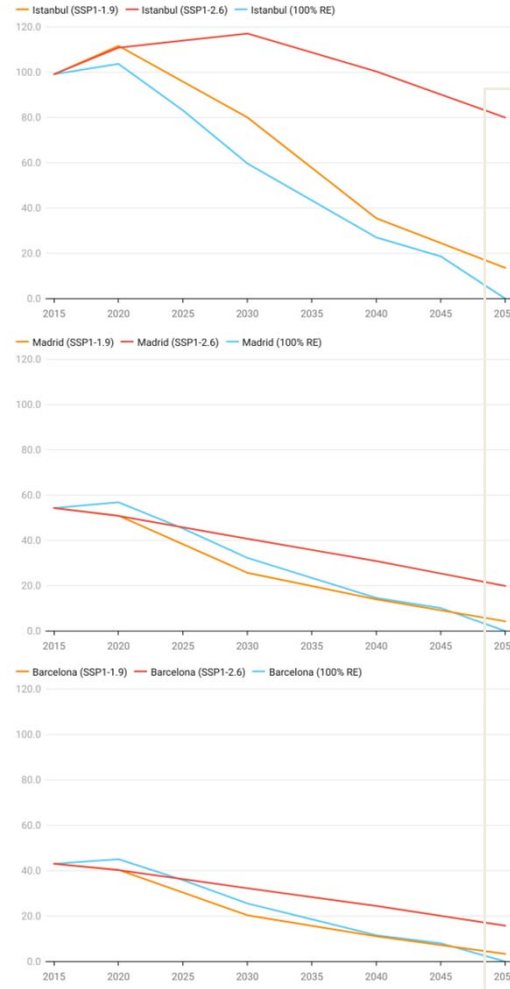
- Can learn from other urban areas and **plan for realizing higher reduction targets**
- National strategy for smart and sustainable cities that are adding value to welfare
- → SDEWES Index: Challenged City



- Both Madrid and Barcelona supports the national 100% RE target of Spain by 2050
- Overall, Europe is where cities are mostly **adopting net-zero and RE targets together**
- Barcelona Climate Plan has aimed to reduce emissions by 45% by 2030 while this target is prior to the European Climate Law (55%) and Mission on Climate-Neutral and Smart Cities

Sources: Ministry of Environment and Urbanization; Barcelona's Climate Plan 2018 – 2030

Urban Emissions, MtrCO₂eq per year
Scale Range: 0.0 – 120.0



Making the complete shift for the urban energy system and beyond

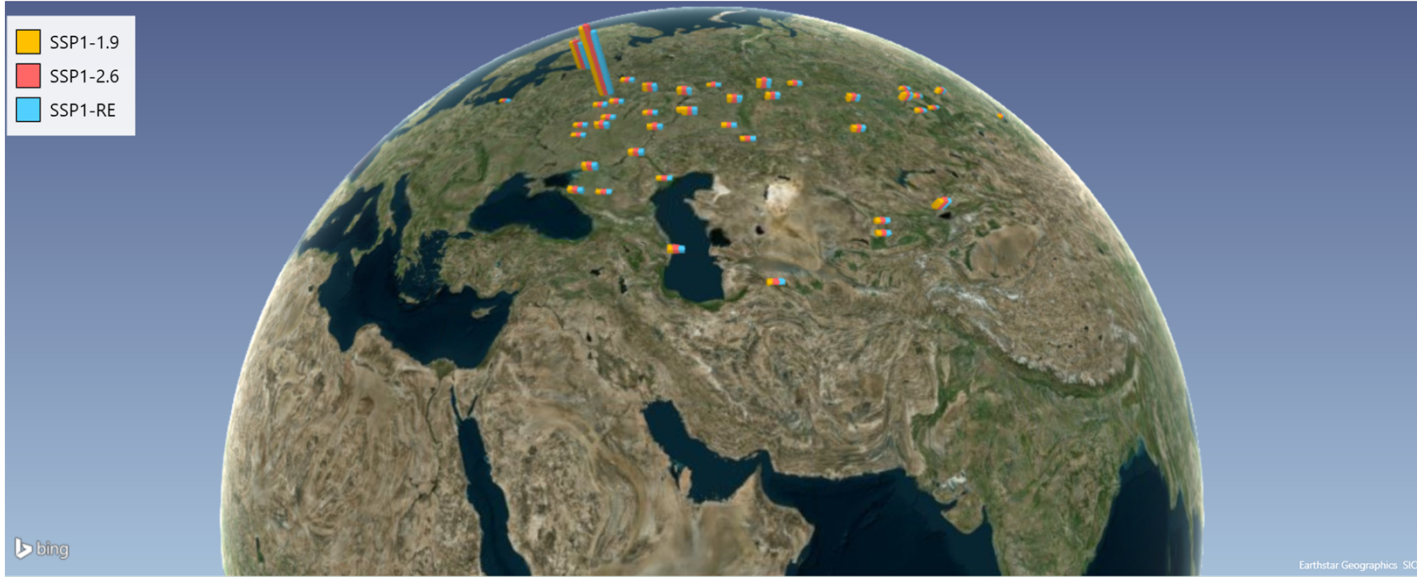
Co-benefits of 100% RE in these 3 urban areas:
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Energy, air quality and climate cost savings in 2050
Monetary units in USD

Source: Calculated based on local per capita values for 2050 in Jacobson et al.(2020) with SSP1 urban population projection

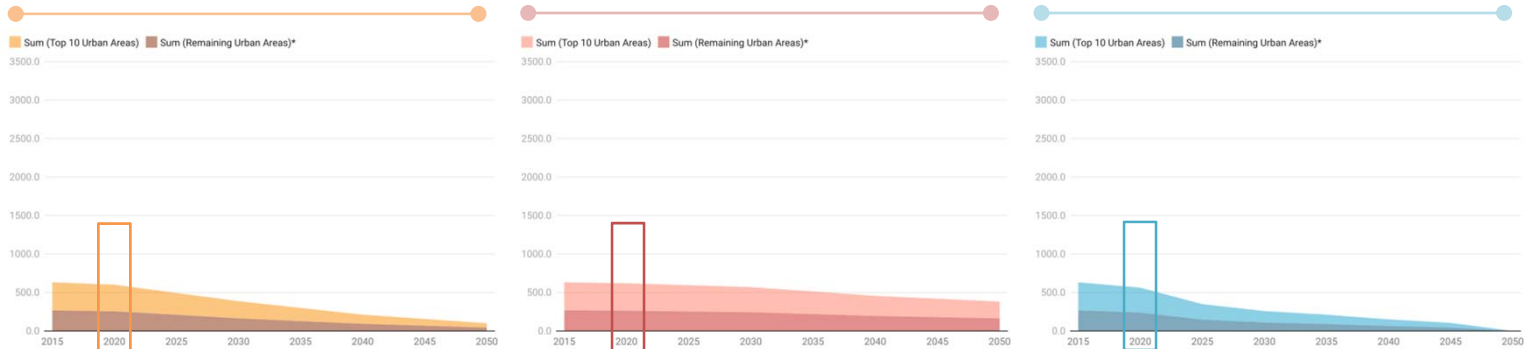


Future Outlook of Emissions for 420 Urban Areas

In Eurasia, urban emissions for 44 of the top 420 urban areas are 591.3 ± 28.4 MtCO₂eq in 2020

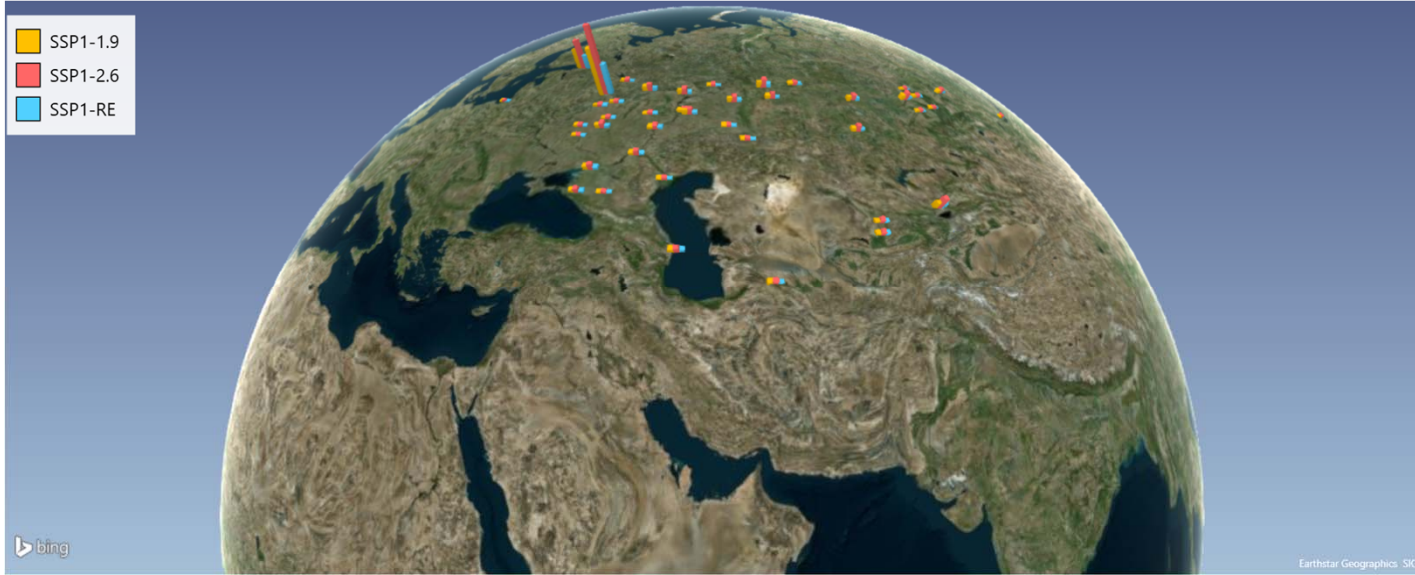


Urban Emissions
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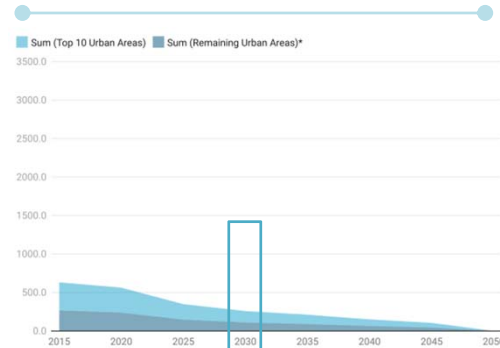
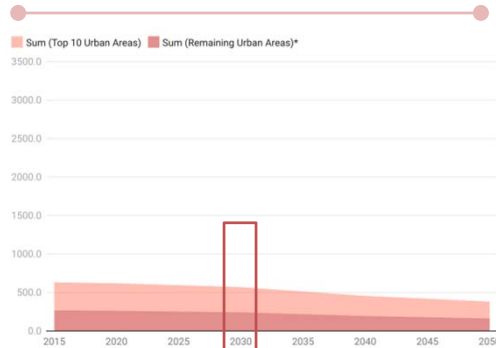
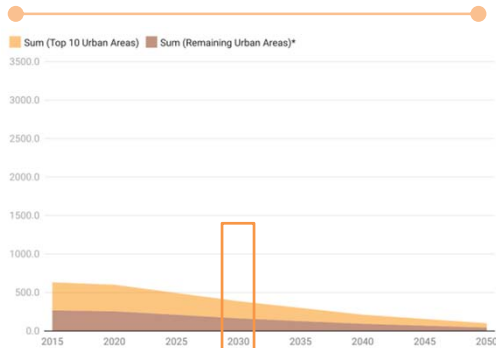


Future Outlook of Emissions for 420 Urban Areas

Across the SSP1 scenarios, urban emission pathways can lead to **386.4**, **569.6** or **258.3** MtCO₂eq in 2030



Urban Emissions
MtCO₂eq per year

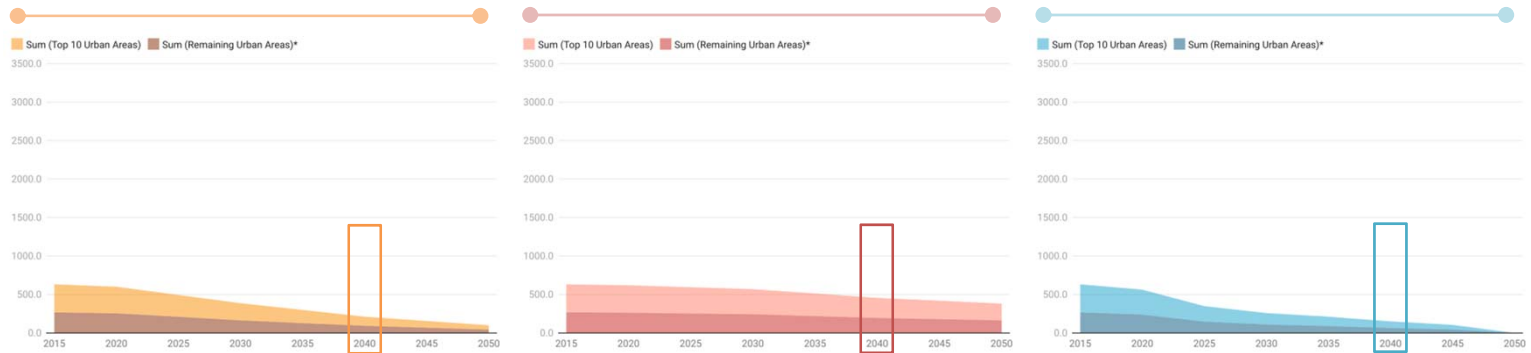


Future Outlook of Emissions for 420 Urban Areas

Across the SSP1 scenarios, urban emission pathways can lead to **211.7**, **456.5** or **150.8** MtCO₂eq in **2040**



Urban Emissions
MtCO₂eq per year

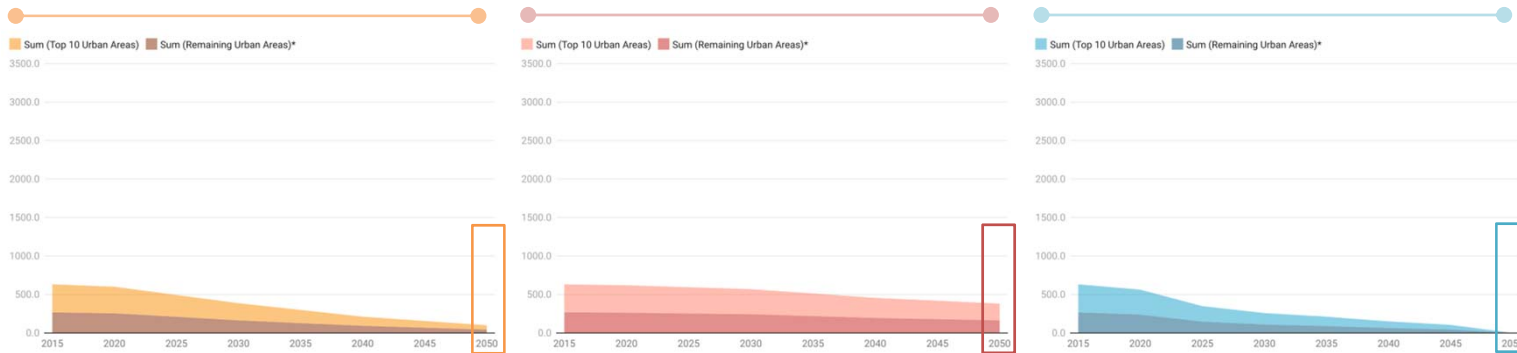


Future Outlook of Emissions for 420 Urban Areas

Across the SSP1 scenarios, urban emission pathways can lead to **99.5**, **381.3** or **~0.0** MtCO₂eq in **2050**

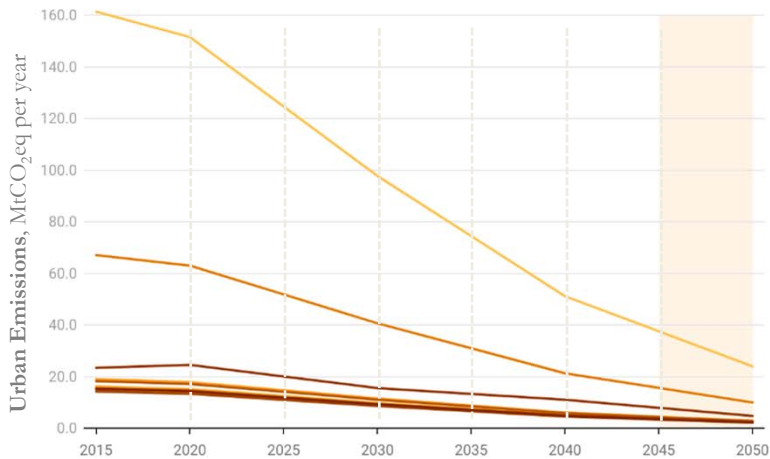


Urban Emissions
MtCO₂eq per year



Top 10 Emitting Urban Areas – Eurasia

Under SSP1-1.9, the top 10 urban areas in this region will need to reduce their total footprint by **289.7 MtCO₂eq** by 2050



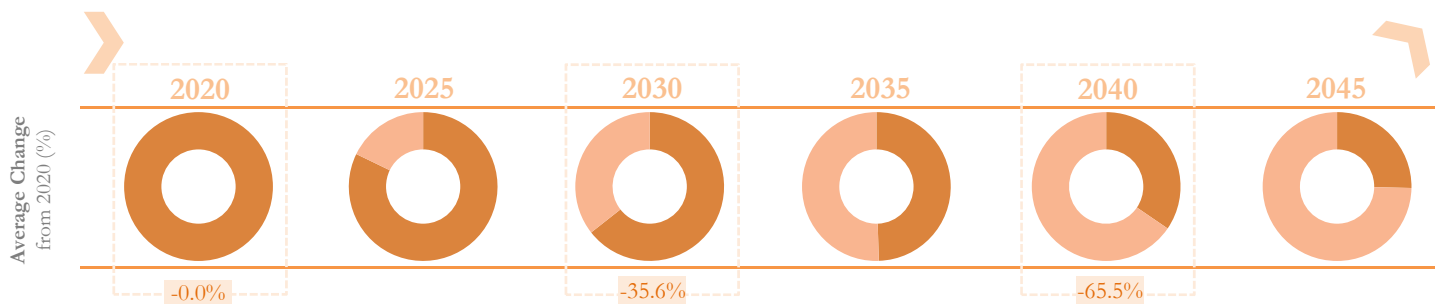
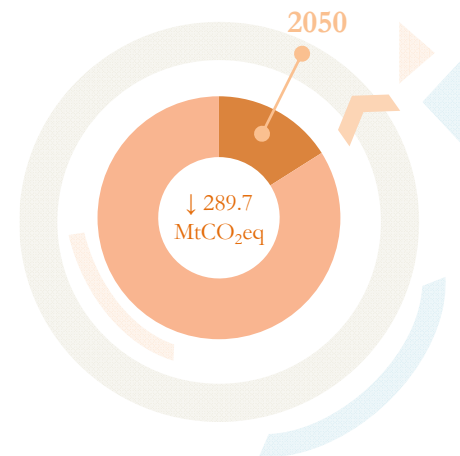
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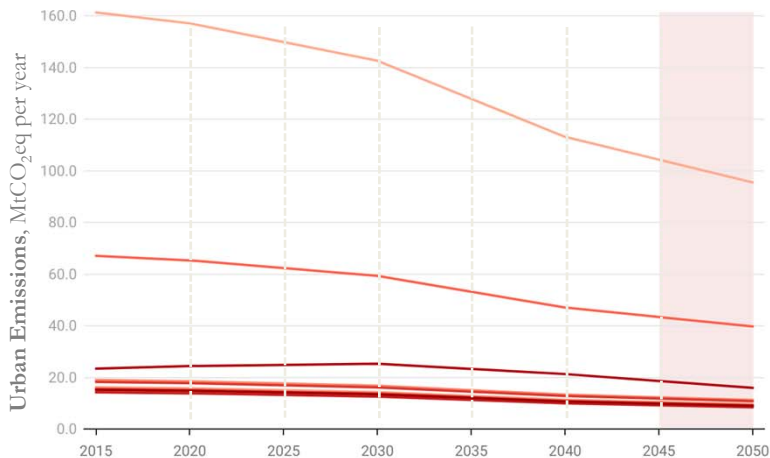
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Moscow	161.3	151.5	124.6	97.7	74.4	51.1	37.5	23.9
Saint Petersburg	67.1	63.0	51.8	40.6	30.9	21.3	15.6	9.9
Almaty	23.4	24.5	20.0	15.5	13.3	11.0	7.9	4.8
Yekaterinburg	19.0	17.8	14.7	11.5	8.8	6.0	4.4	2.8
Novosibirsk	18.2	17.1	14.1	11.0	8.4	5.8	4.2	2.7
Nizhniy Novgorod	16.2	15.2	12.5	9.8	7.5	5.1	3.8	2.4
Kazan	15.6	14.6	12.0	9.4	7.2	4.9	3.6	2.3
Samara	15.2	14.3	11.8	9.2	7.0	4.8	3.5	2.3
Ufa	14.6	13.7	11.3	8.9	6.7	4.6	3.4	2.2
Rostov-on-Don	14.2	13.3	11.0	8.6	6.5	4.5	3.3	2.1

In units of MtCO₂eq per year including CO₂ and CH₄.



Top 10 Emitting Urban Areas – Eurasia

While reductions in SSP1-2.6 remain limited at 138.8 MtCO₂eq by 2050, largely forgoing a missed 1.5°C target



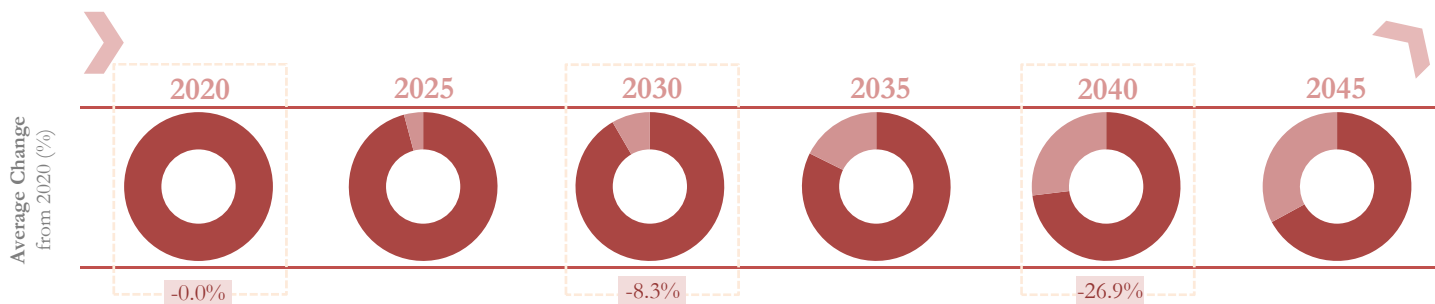
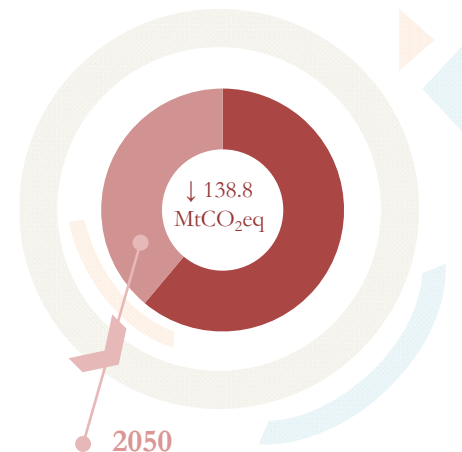
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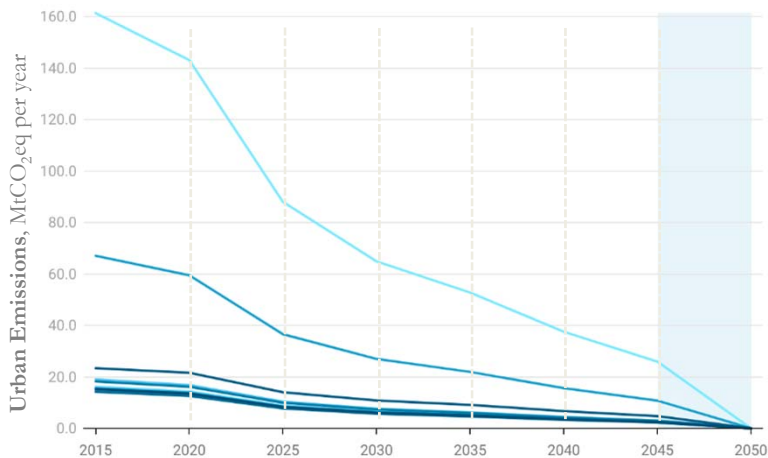
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Moscow	161.3	157.1	149.8	142.6	127.9	113.1	104.3	95.5
Saint Petersburg	67.1	65.3	62.3	59.3	53.1	47.0	43.4	39.7
Almaty	23.4	24.4	24.8	25.3	23.3	21.3	18.6	15.9
Yekaterinburg	19.0	18.5	17.6	16.8	15.0	13.3	12.3	11.2
Novosibirsk	18.2	17.7	16.9	16.1	14.4	12.8	11.8	10.8
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Rostov-on-Don	14.2	13.8	13.2	12.5	11.2	9.9	9.2	8.4

In units of MtCO₂eq per year including CO₂ and CH₄.



Top 10 Emitting Urban Areas – Eurasia

For these areas, 100% RE scenarios provide opportunities to eliminate **324.3 MtCO₂eq** of urban emissions in 2050



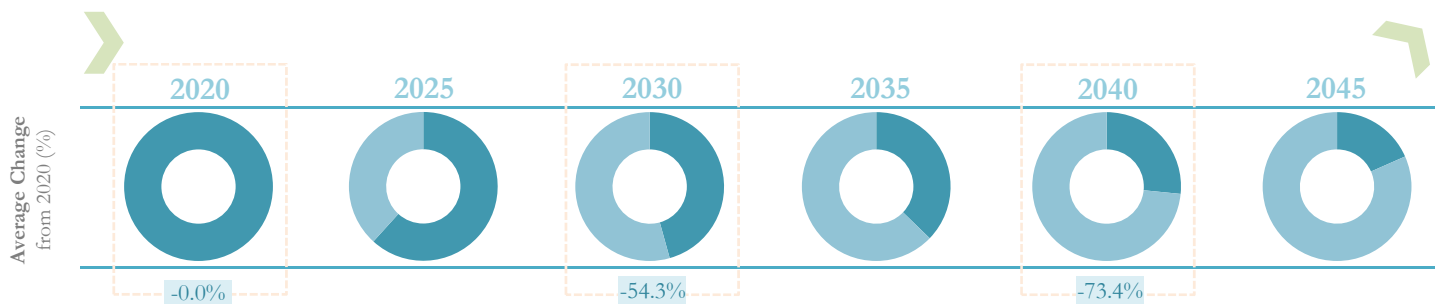
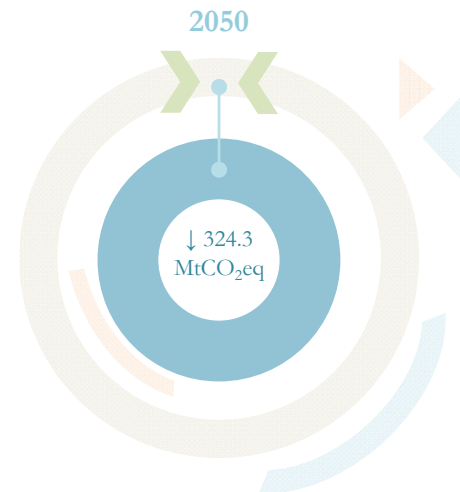
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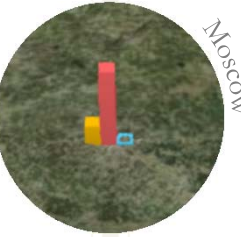
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Almaty	23.4	21.6	14.0	10.9	9.1	6.7	4.8	0.0
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Kazan	15.6	13.8	8.5	6.3	5.1	3.6	2.5	0.0
Samara	15.2	13.5	8.3	6.1	5.0	3.5	2.4	0.0
Ufa	14.6	13.0	8.0	5.9	4.8	3.4	2.3	0.0
Rostov-on-Don	14.2	12.6	7.7	5.7	4.6	3.3	2.3	0.0

In units of MtCO₂eq per year including CO₂ and CH₄.



Actions Urban Areas Are Taking and Opportunities



Moscow

- Intends a major urban area to be zero emissions by 2030 **with more opportunities**
- As other regions, impacted by wildfires, including unprecedented ones in 2021



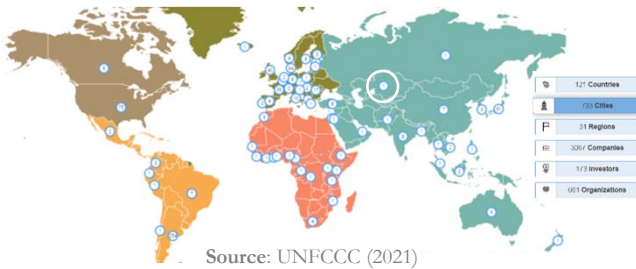
St. Petersburg

- Climate strategy of St. Petersburg to 2030
- **Focuses on climate adaptation** for urban infrastructure without mitigation targets

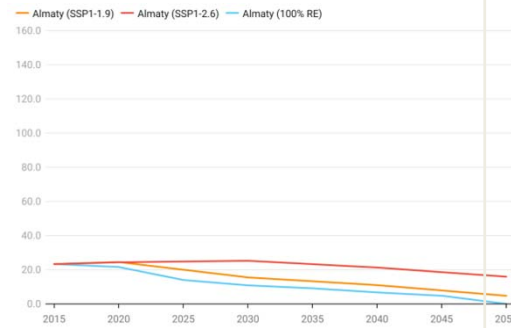
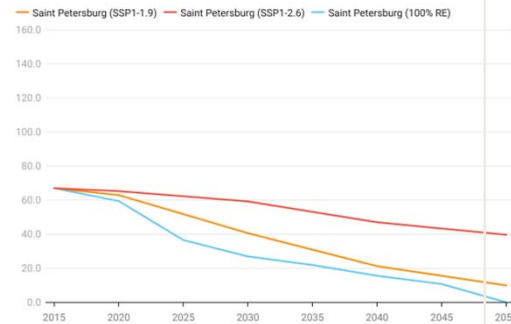
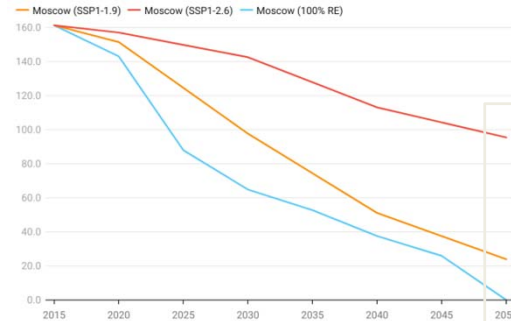


Almaty

- Currently, only Nur-Sultan from Kazakhstan is taking part as a city in Net Zero by 2050



Urban Emissions, MtrCO₂eq per year
Scale Range: 0.0 – 160.0



Making the complete shift for the urban energy system and beyond

Co-benefits of 100% RE in these 3 urban areas:
~ 389 Billion
Energy, air quality and climate cost savings in 2050
Monetary units in USD

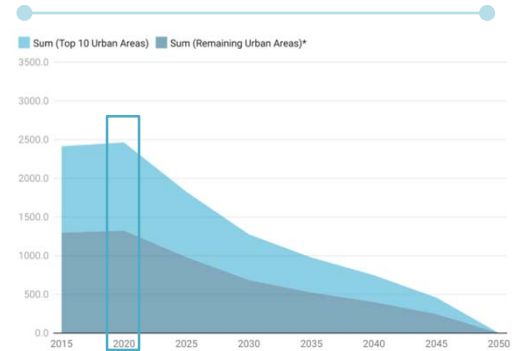
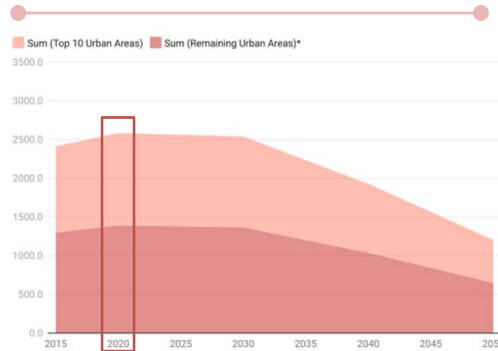
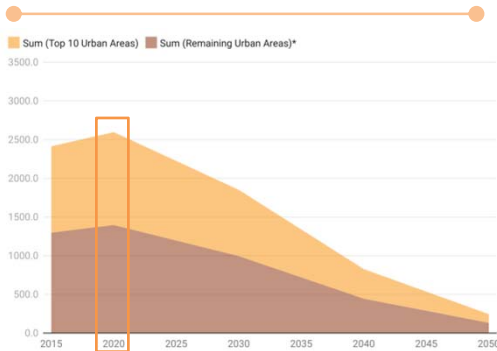
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Future Outlook of Emissions for 420 Urban Areas

In Asia and Pacific (China), urban emissions for 87 of the top 420 urban areas are $2530.6 \pm 66.8 \text{ MtCO}_2\text{eq}$ in 2020



Urban Emissions
MtCO₂eq per year

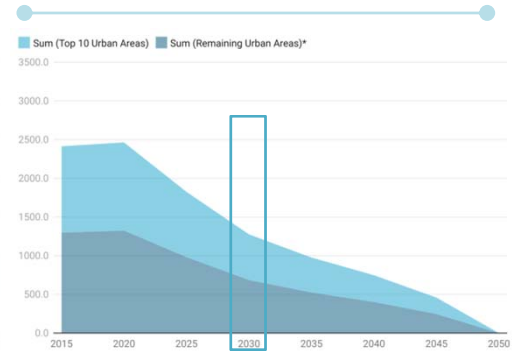
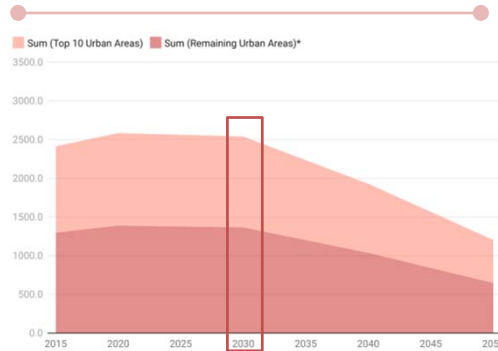
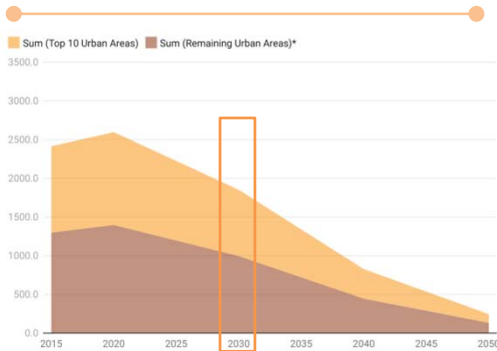


Future Outlook of Emissions for 420 Urban Areas

Across the SSP1 scenarios, urban emission pathways can lead to **1851.0**, **2540.0** or **1274.8** MtCO₂eq in **2030**



Urban Emissions
MtCO₂eq per year

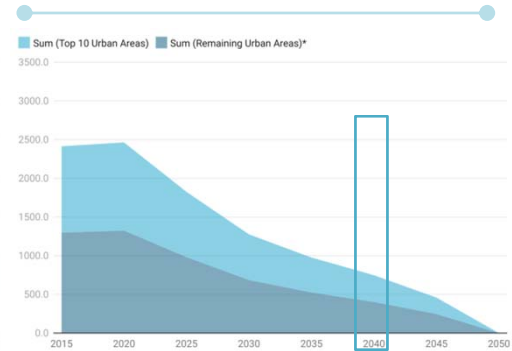
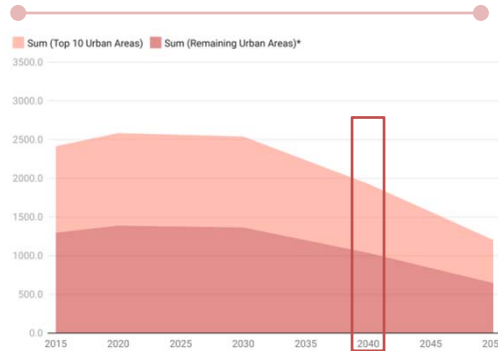
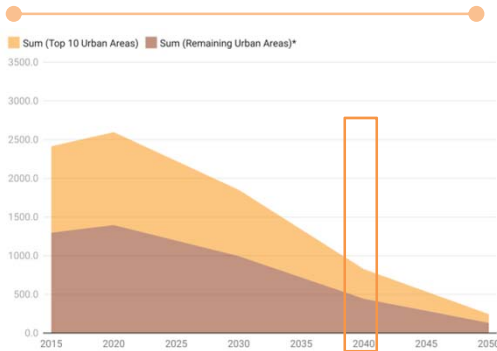


Future Outlook of Emissions for 420 Urban Areas

Across the SSP1 scenarios, urban emission pathways can lead to **827.0**, **1928.3** or **747.8** MtCO₂eq in 2040



Urban Emissions
MtCO₂eq per year



Future Outlook of Emissions for 420 Urban Areas

Across the SSP1 scenarios, urban emission pathways can lead to **244.5**, **1203.8** or **~0.0** MtCO₂eq in **2050**

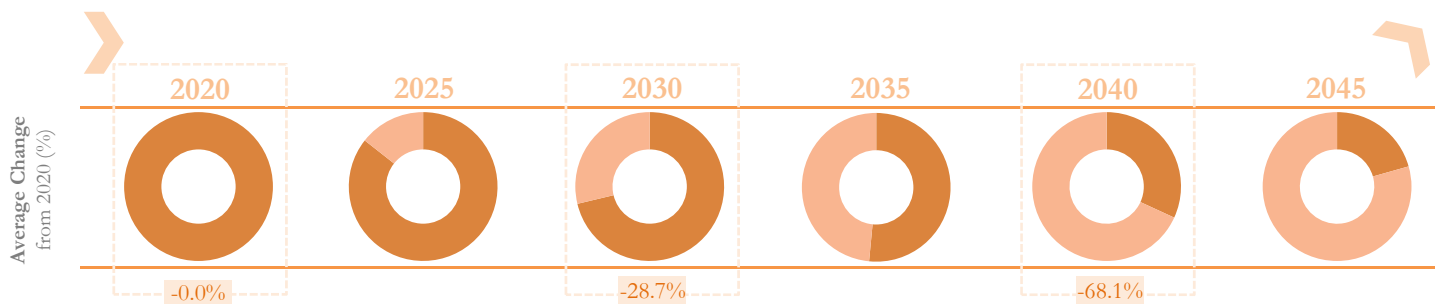
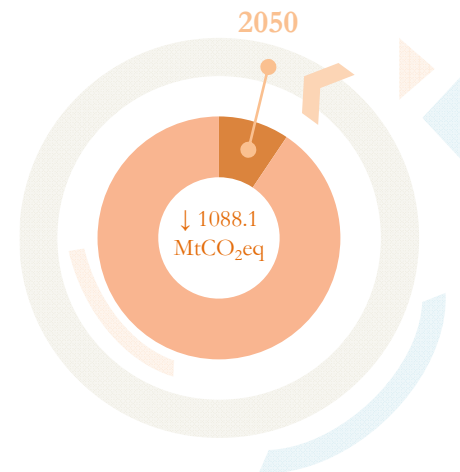
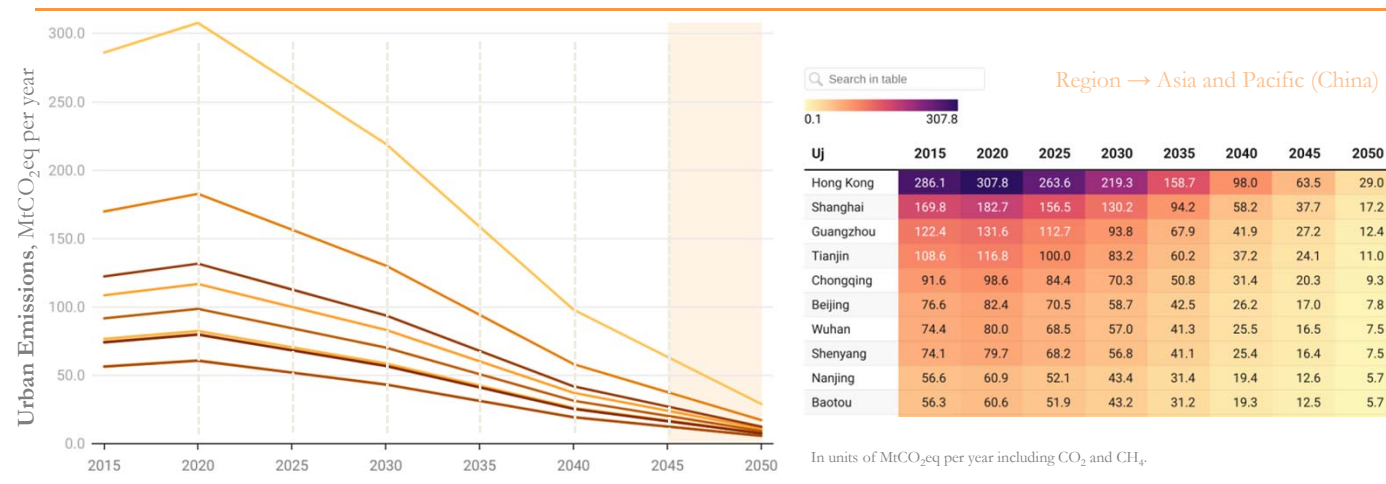


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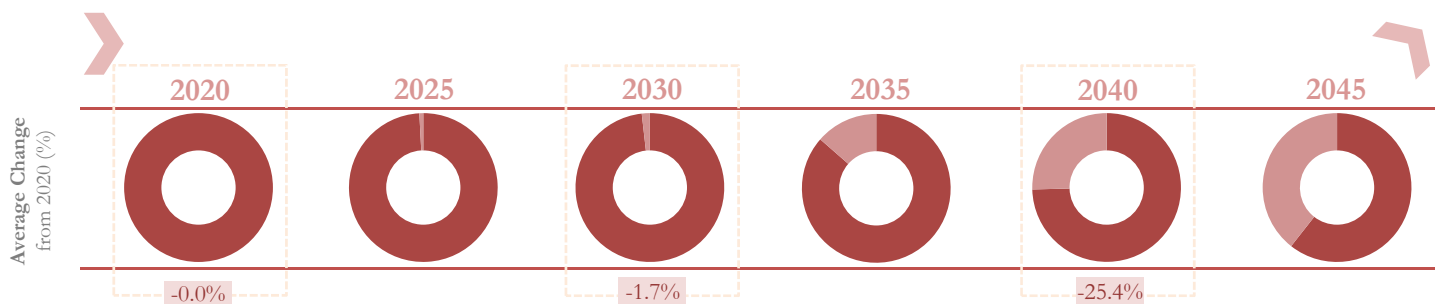
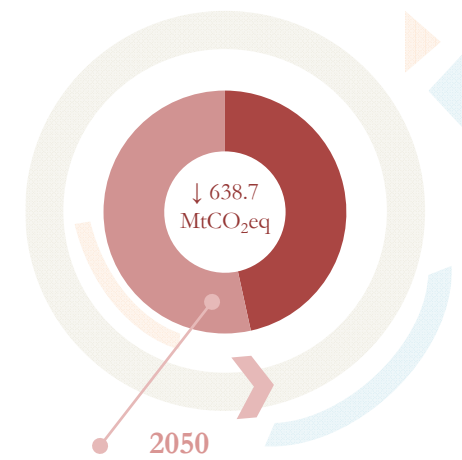
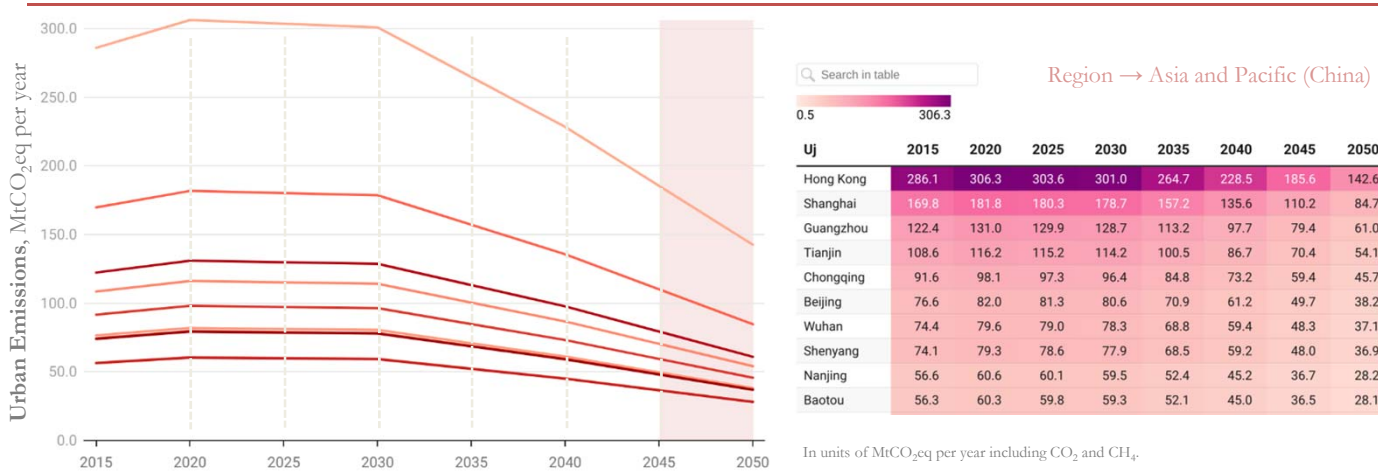
Top 10 Emitting Areas – Asia and Pacific (China)

Under SSP1-1.9, the top 10 urban areas in this region will need to reduce their total footprint by **1088.1 MtCO₂eq** by 2050



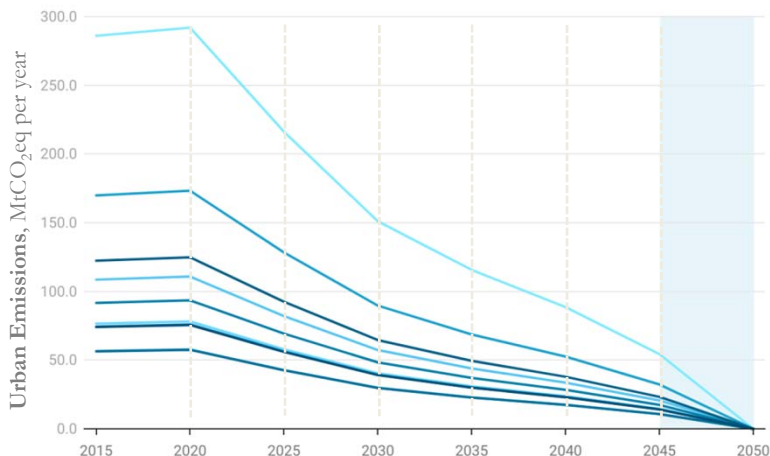
Top 10 Emitting Areas – Asia and Pacific (China)

While reductions in SSP1-2.6 remain limited at 638.7 MtCO₂eq by 2050, largely forgoing a missed 1.5°C target



Top 10 Emitting Areas – Asia and Pacific (China)

For these areas, 100% RE scenarios provide opportunities to eliminate **1139.4 MtCO₂eq** of urban emissions in 2050



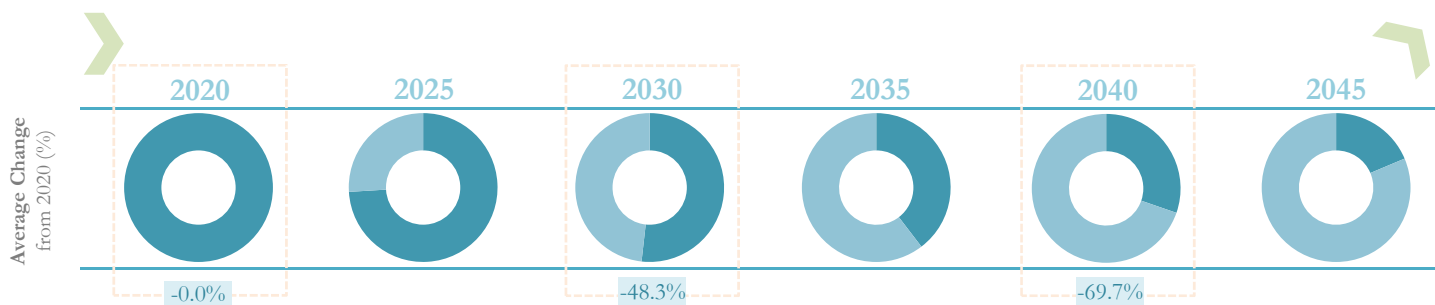
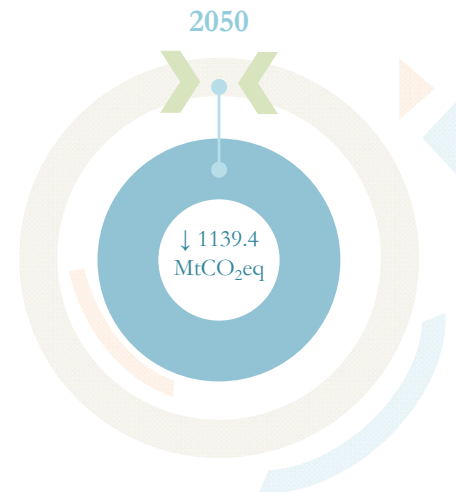
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Region → Asia and Pacific (China)

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Hong Kong	286.1	292.0	216.3	151.1	115.7	88.6	54.4	0.0
Shanghai	169.8	173.3	128.4	89.7	68.7	52.6	32.3	0.0
Guangzhou	122.4	124.9	92.5	64.6	49.5	37.9	23.3	0.0
Tianjin	108.6	110.8	82.1	57.3	43.9	33.6	20.6	0.0
Chongqing	91.6	93.5	69.3	48.4	37.1	28.4	17.4	0.0
Beijing	76.6	78.1	57.9	40.4	31.0	23.7	14.6	0.0
Wuhan	74.4	75.9	56.2	39.3	30.1	23.0	14.1	0.0
Shenyang	74.1	75.6	56.0	39.1	30.0	22.9	14.1	0.0
Nanjing	56.6	57.8	42.8	29.9	22.9	17.5	10.8	0.0
Baotou	56.3	57.5	42.6	29.8	22.8	17.5	10.7	0.0

In units of MtCO₂eq per year including CO₂ and CH₄.



Actions Urban Areas Are Taking and Opportunities



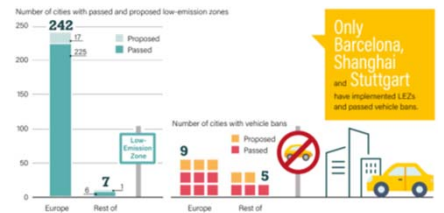
Hong Kong

- Has declared a commitment to a net-zero target while focusing on zero emission buses, requiring **integrated mitigation solutions**



Shanghai

- Has a mechanism to **coordinate fragmented policy making** with RE policies increasing
- Implements **both a low-emission zone and vehicle ban** as part of mitigation efforts



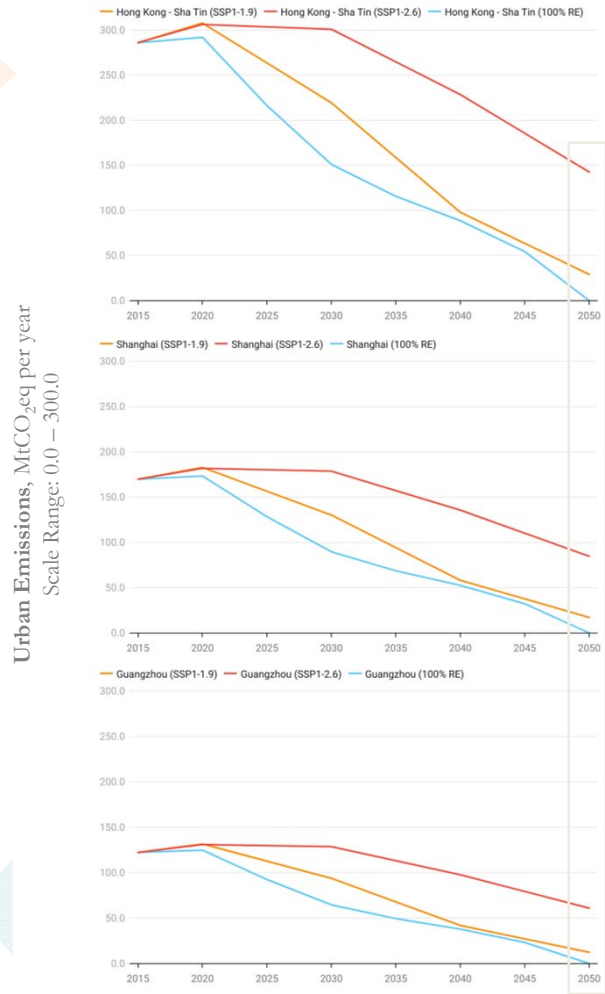
Source: REN21 (2021)



Guangzhou

- Can learn from other urban areas, including **2035 goals in Tianjin** to integrate RE in district networks, e.g. cooling for Guangzhou

Sources: REN21 (2021); Peng and Bai (2020); Tianjin Municipal People's Government (2021)



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Co-benefits of 100% RE in these 3 urban areas:
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Monetary units in USD

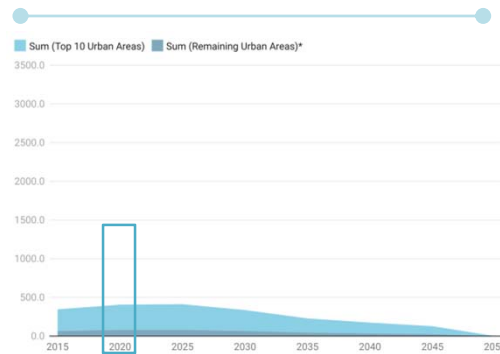
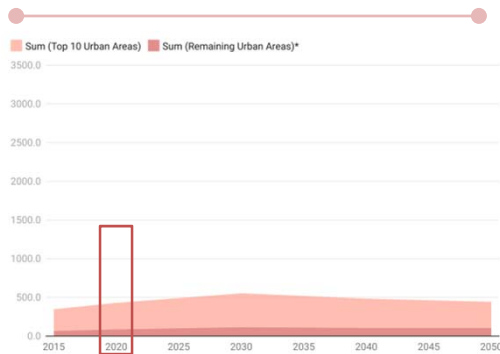
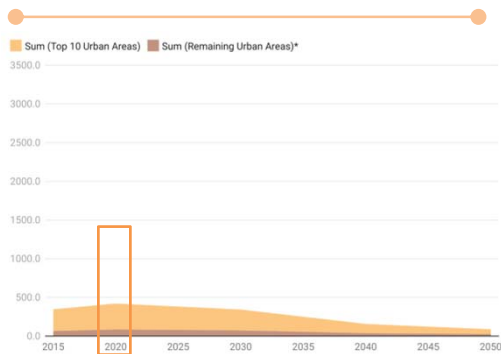
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Future Outlook of Emissions for 420 Urban Areas

In Asia and Pacific (SAARC), urban emissions for 29 of the top 420 urban areas are $418.0 \pm 11.5 \text{ MtCO}_2\text{eq}$ in 2020



Urban Emissions
MtCO₂eq per year

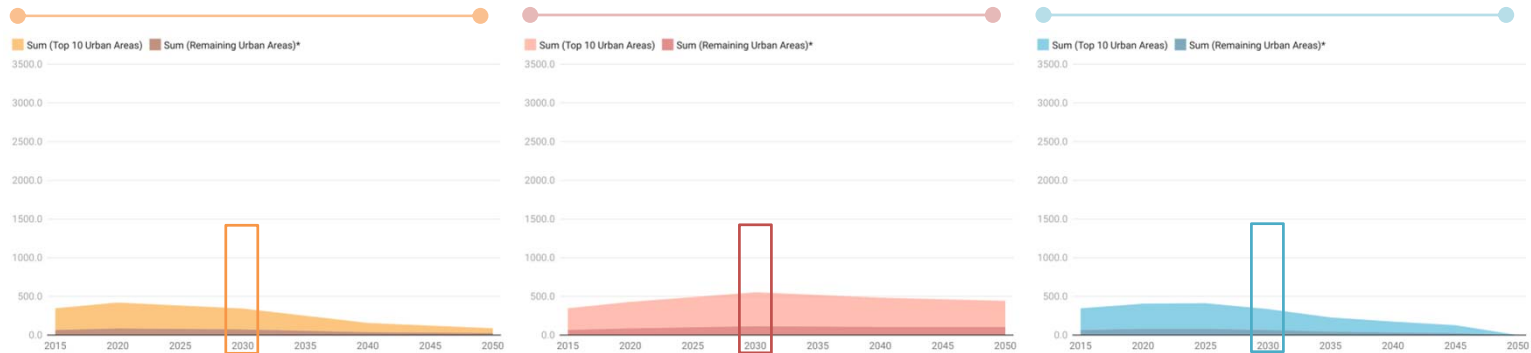


Future Outlook of Emissions for 420 Urban Areas

Across the SSP1 scenarios, urban emission pathways can lead to **343.5**, **552.5** or **336.5** MtCO₂eq in 2030



Urban Emissions
MtCO₂eq per year

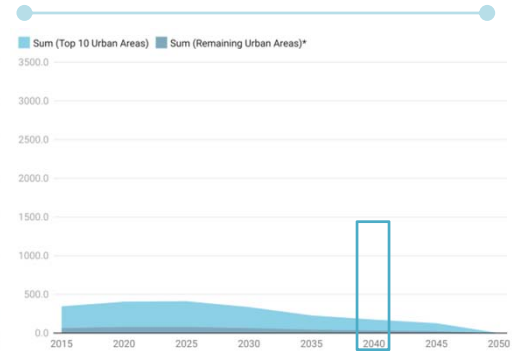
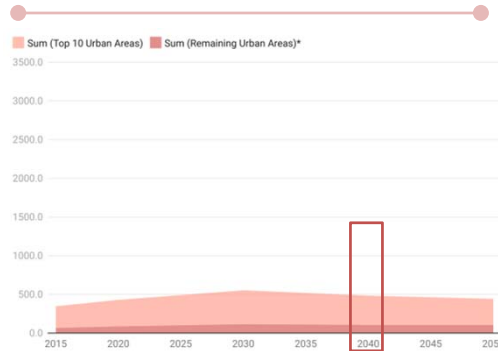
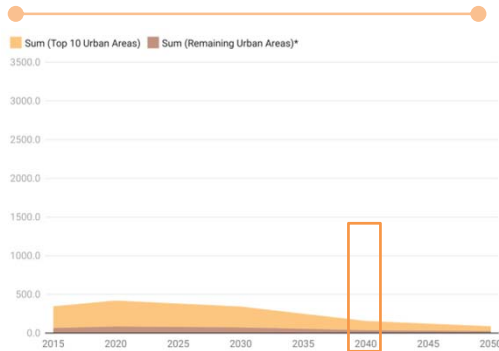


Future Outlook of Emissions for 420 Urban Areas

Across the SSP1 scenarios, urban emission pathways can lead to **156.9**, **483.8** or **174.9** MtCO₂eq in **2040**



Urban Emissions
MtCO₂eq per year

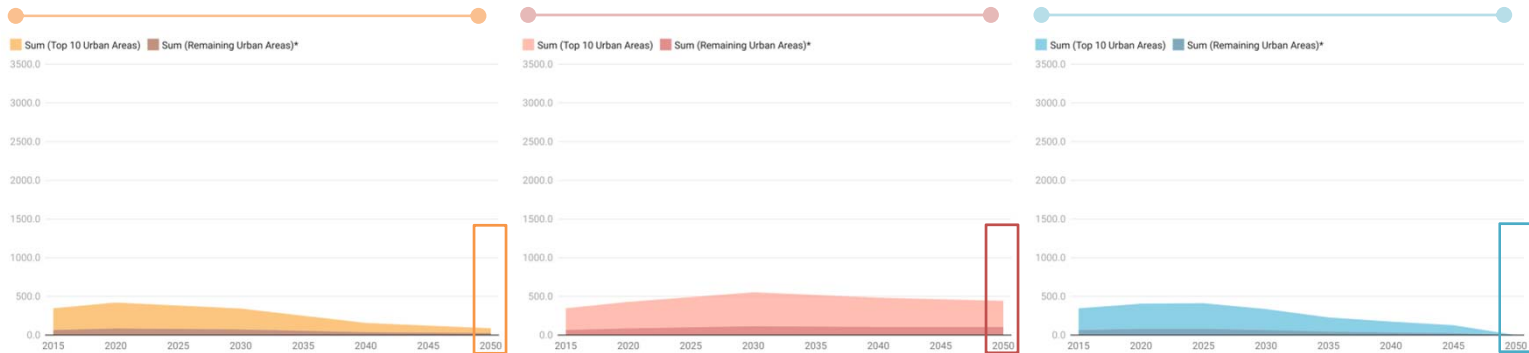


Future Outlook of Emissions for 420 Urban Areas

Across the SSP1 scenarios, urban emission pathways can lead to **87.7**, **443.1** or **~0.0** MtCO₂eq in **2050**

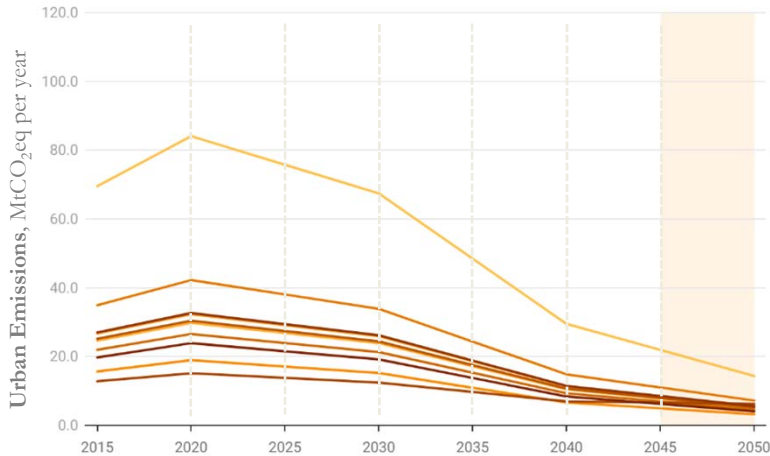


Urban Emissions
MtCO₂eq per year



Top 10 Emitting Areas – Asia and Pacific (SAARC)

Under SSP1-1.9, the top 10 urban areas in this region will need to reduce their total footprint by 275.0 MtCO₂eq by 2050

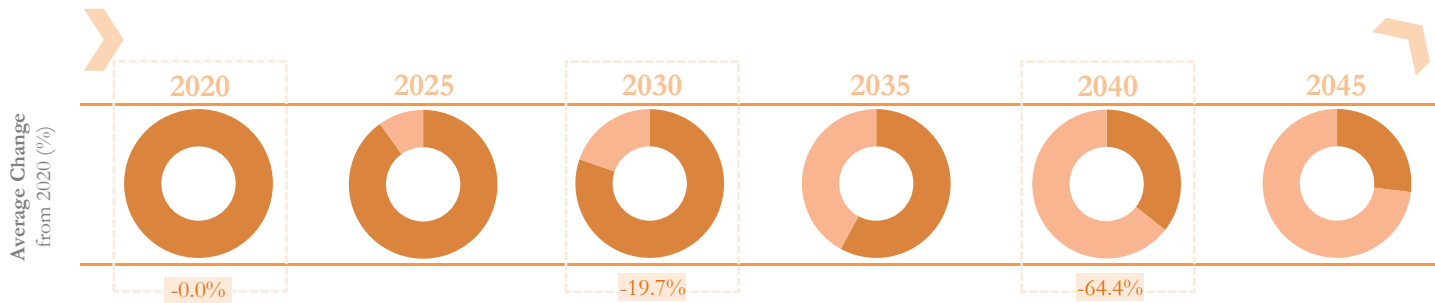
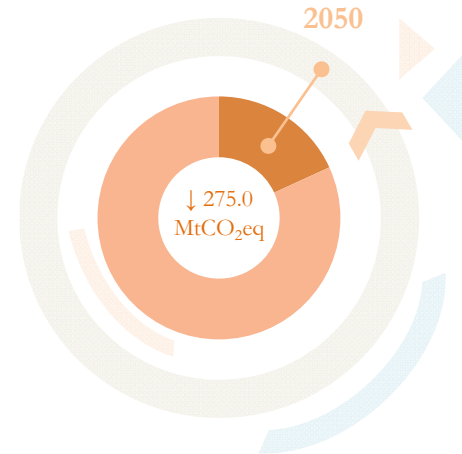


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Region → Asia and Pacific (SAARC)

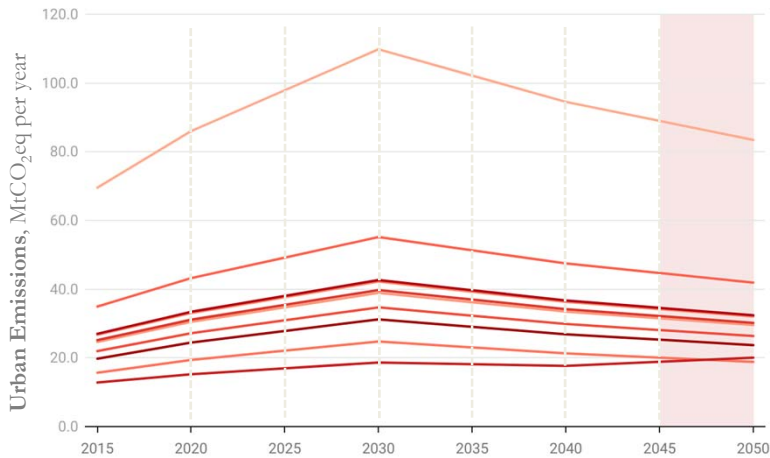
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Mumbai	34.9	42.2	38.1	33.9	24.3	14.8	11.0	7.2
Bangalore	27.0	32.7	29.4	26.2	18.8	11.5	8.5	5.6
Kolkata	26.7	32.3	29.1	25.9	18.6	11.3	8.4	5.5
Ludhiana	25.2	30.4	27.4	24.4	17.5	10.7	7.9	5.2
Chennai	24.6	29.8	26.8	23.9	17.2	10.5	7.8	5.1
Hyderabad	22.0	26.6	23.9	21.3	15.3	9.3	6.9	4.5
Ahmadabad	19.8	23.9	21.5	19.2	13.8	8.4	6.2	4.1
Pune	15.7	19.0	17.1	15.2	10.9	6.7	4.9	3.2
Karachi	12.8	15.1	13.8	12.4	9.7	7.0	6.6	6.3

In units of MtCO₂eq per year including CO₂ and CH₄.



Top 10 Emitting Areas – Asia and Pacific (SAARC)

In SSP1-2.6, total emissions do not even start reducing until 2050 when there is only a 4.9 MtCO₂eq reduction



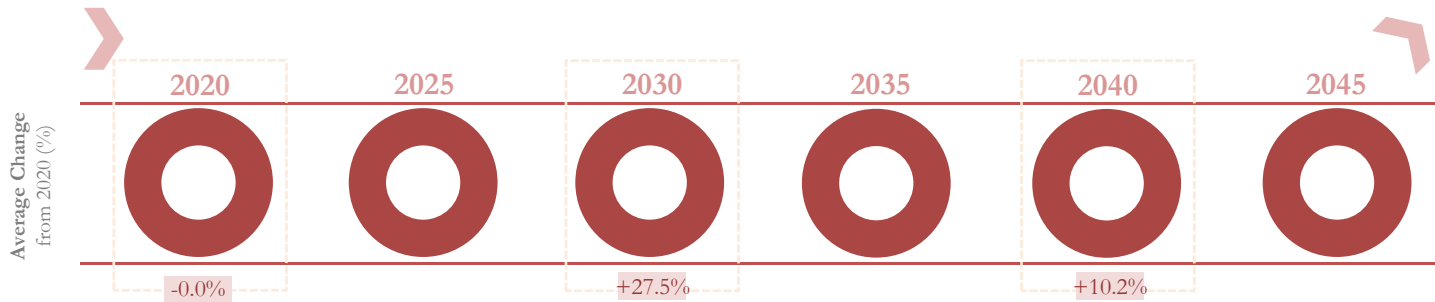
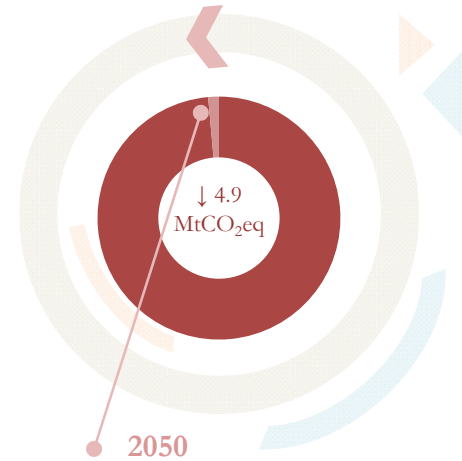
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Region → Asia and Pacific (SAARC)

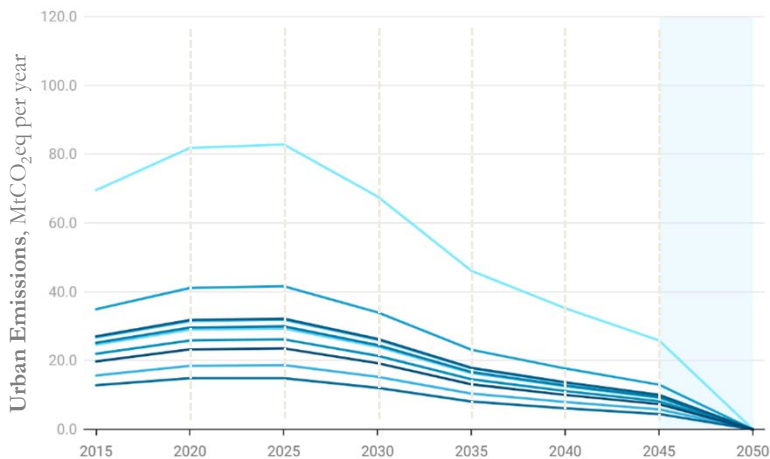
Uj	2015	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050
Delhi	69.5	86.0	97.9	109.8	102.2	94.5	89.0	83.4
Mumbai	34.9	43.2	49.2	55.2	51.3	47.5	44.7	41.9
Bangalore	27.0	33.4	38.0	42.7	39.7	36.7	34.6	32.4
Kolkata	26.7	33.0	37.6	42.2	39.2	36.3	34.2	32.1
Ludhiana	25.2	31.1	35.4	39.7	37.0	34.2	32.2	30.2
Chennai	24.6	30.5	34.7	38.9	36.2	33.5	31.5	29.6
Hyderabad	22.0	27.2	30.9	34.7	32.3	29.8	28.1	26.4
Ahmadabad	19.8	24.4	27.8	31.2	29.0	26.9	25.3	23.7
Pune	15.7	19.4	22.1	24.8	23.0	21.3	20.1	18.8
Karachi	12.8	15.2	16.9	18.7	18.2	17.7	18.9	20.1

In units of MtCO₂eq per year including CO₂ and CH₄.



Top 10 Emitting Areas – Asia and Pacific (SAARC)

For these areas, 100% RE scenarios provide opportunities to eliminate **327.1 MtCO₂eq** of urban emissions in 2050



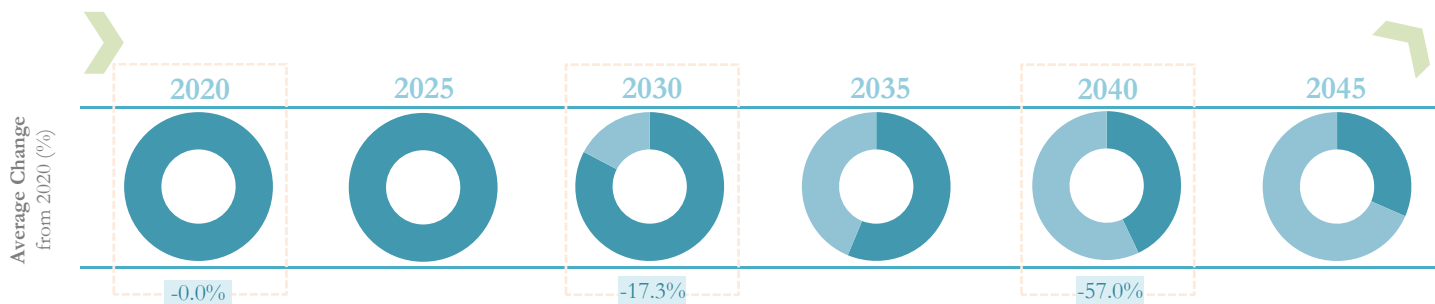
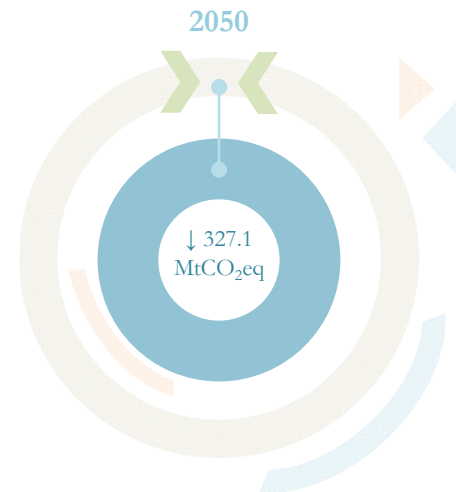
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Actions Urban Areas Are Taking and Opportunities

Delhi

- Aims to transition to clean and efficient cooling within a city network alliance
- Delhi currently aims to increase city-wide installed capacity of RE by 2 GW by 2025

- Aims for net zero CO₂ emissions by 2050
- Also working to address water challenges due to climate change as a related initiative

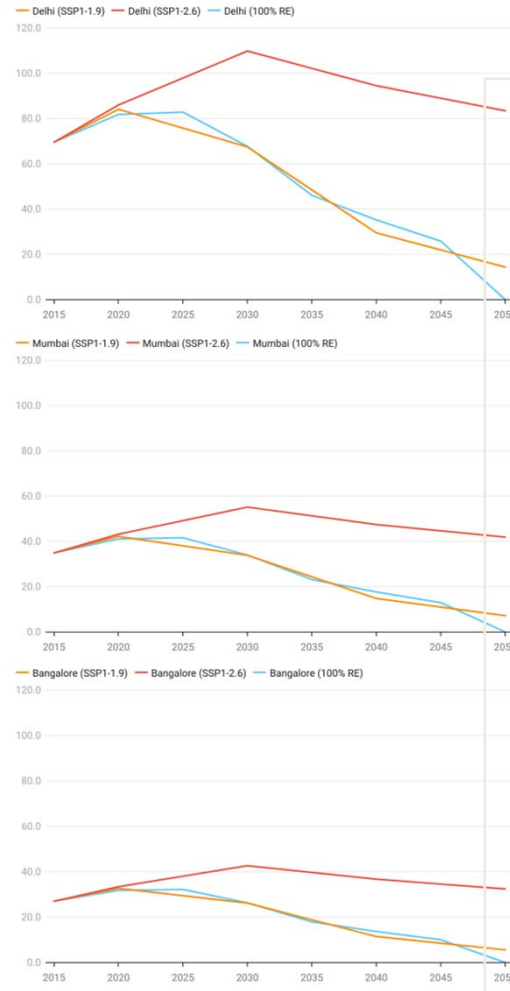


Bangalore

- Bangalore and the region has a 6 GW wind/solar energy target for 2021
- → SDEWES Index: Challenged City

Sources: Global Climate Action UNFCCC (2021); SDEWES Centre (2018)

Urban Emissions, MrCO₂eq per year
Scale Range: 0.0 – 120.0



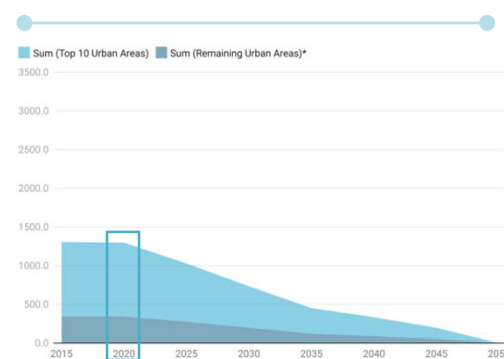
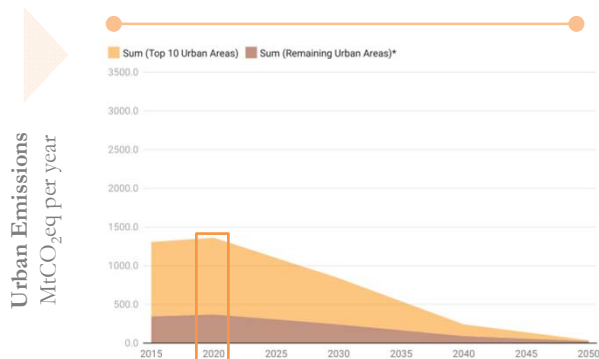
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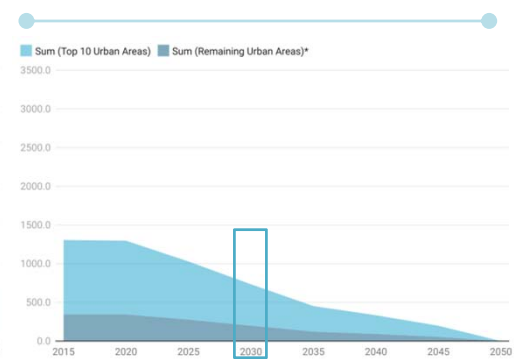
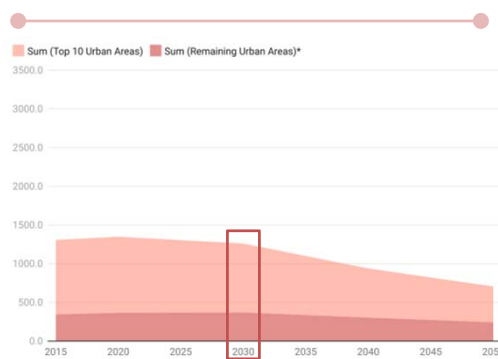
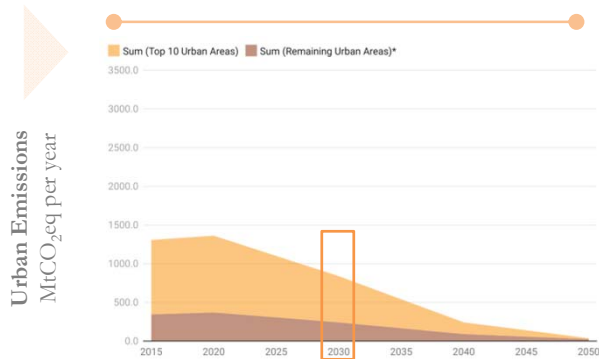
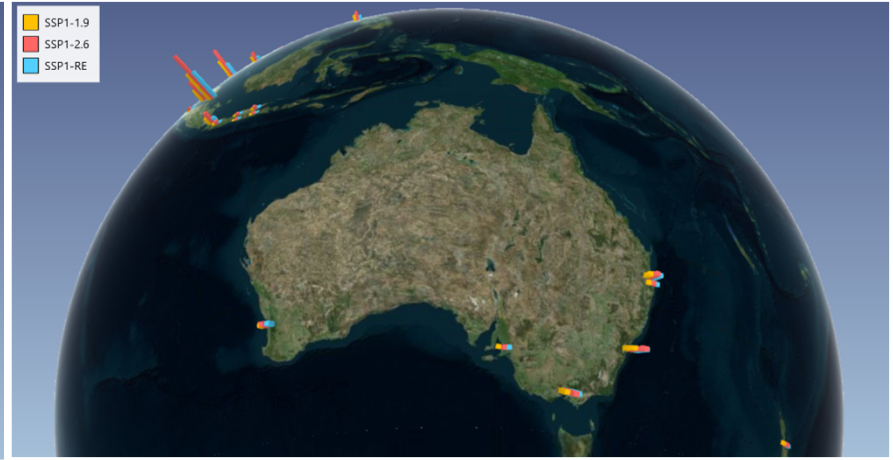
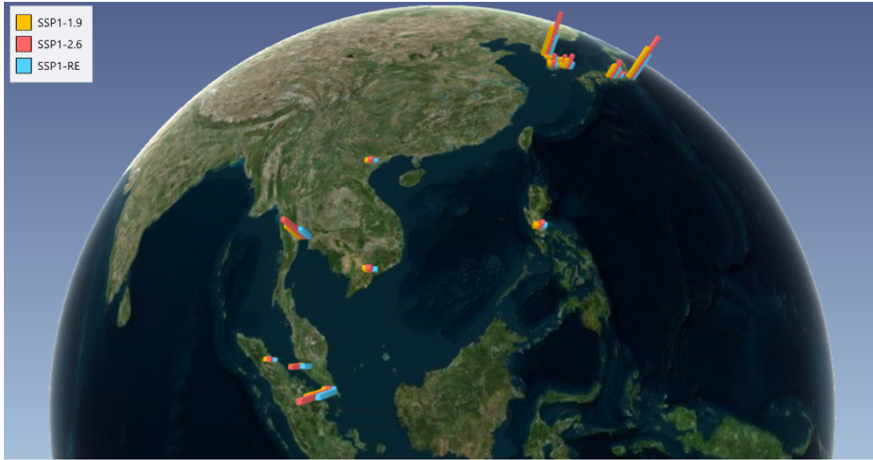
Future Outlook of Emissions for 420 Urban Areas

In other Asia and Pacific areas, urban emissions for 36 of the top 420 urban areas are 1329.4 ± 32.1 MtCO₂eq in 2020



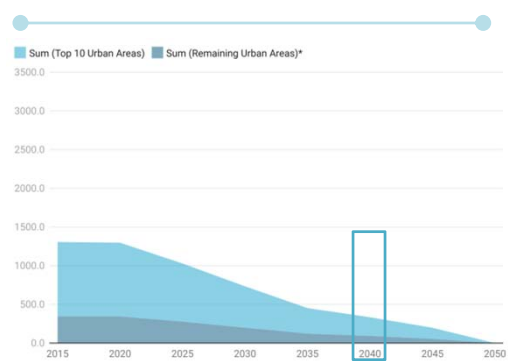
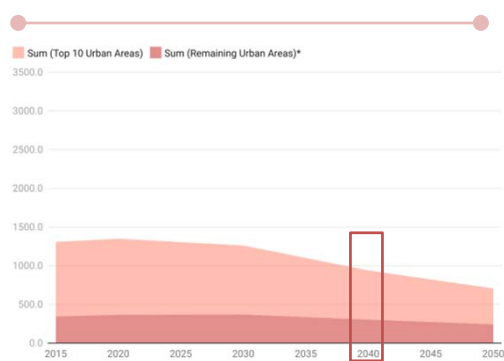
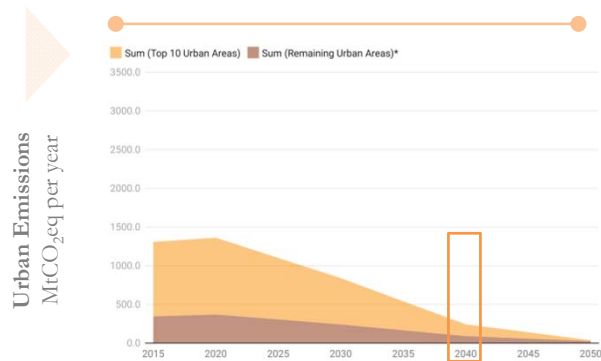
Future Outlook of Emissions for 420 Urban Areas

Across the SSP1 scenarios, urban emission pathways can lead to **839.1**, **1260.7** or **733.7** MtCO₂eq in 2030



Future Outlook of Emissions for 420 Urban Areas

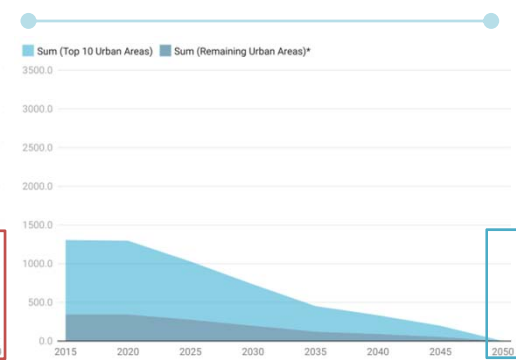
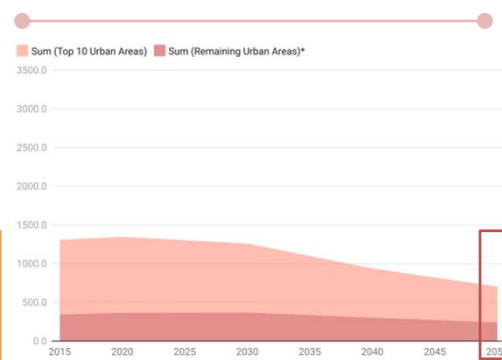
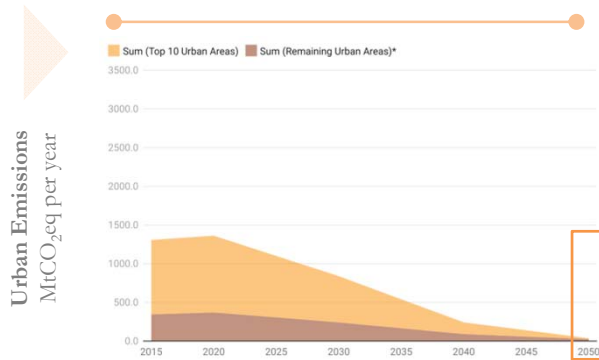
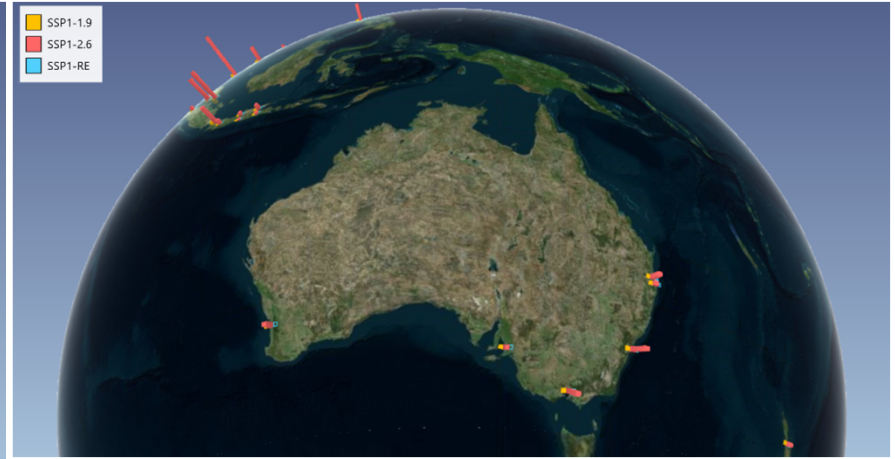
Across the SSP1 scenarios, urban emission pathways can lead to **241.5**, **938.6** or **333.6** MtCO₂eq in 2040



Urban Emissions
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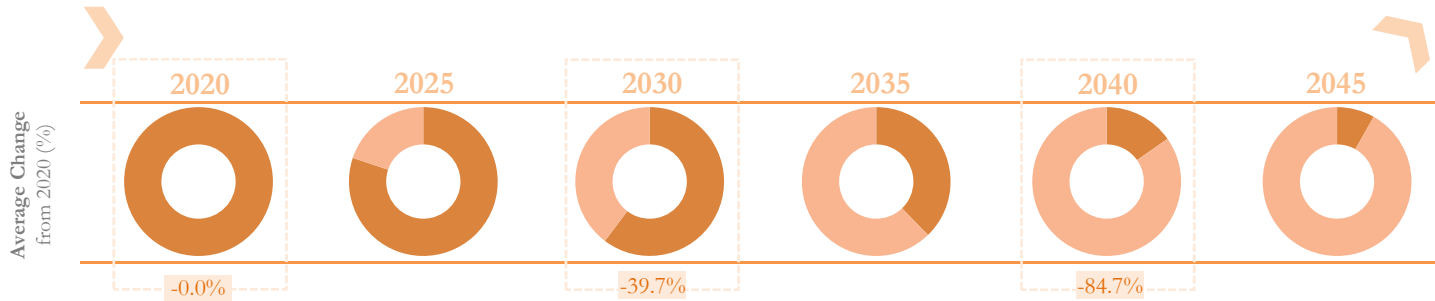
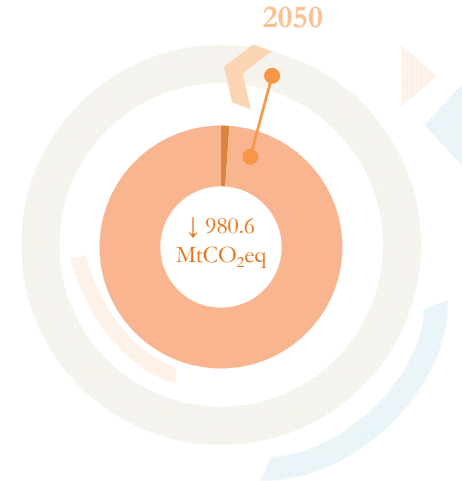
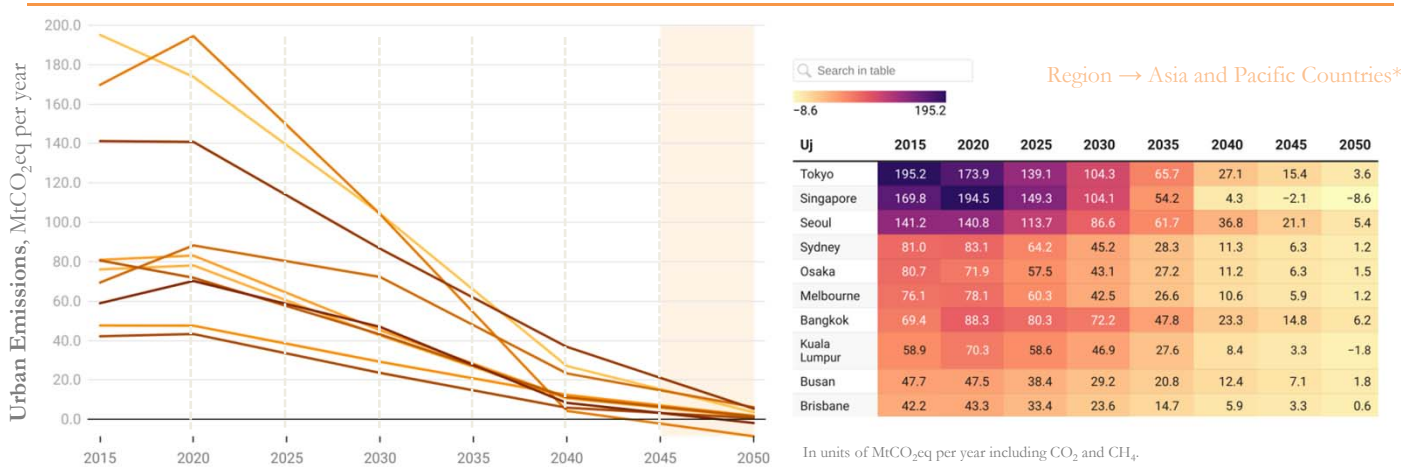
Future Outlook of Emissions for 420 Urban Areas

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Top 10 Emitting Areas – Asia and Pacific Countries*

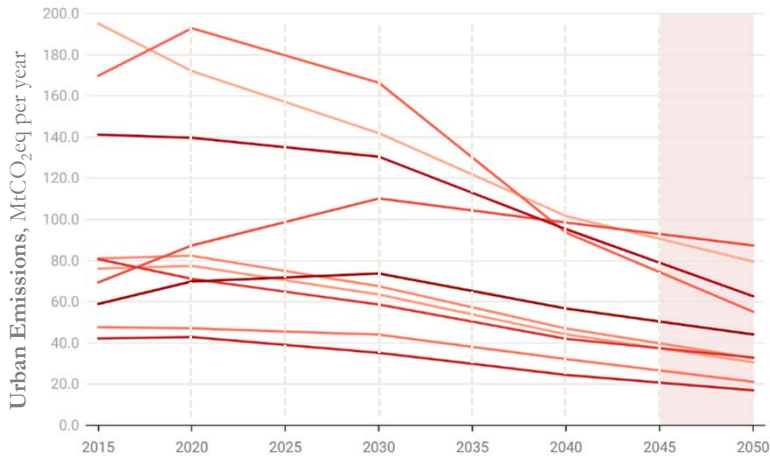
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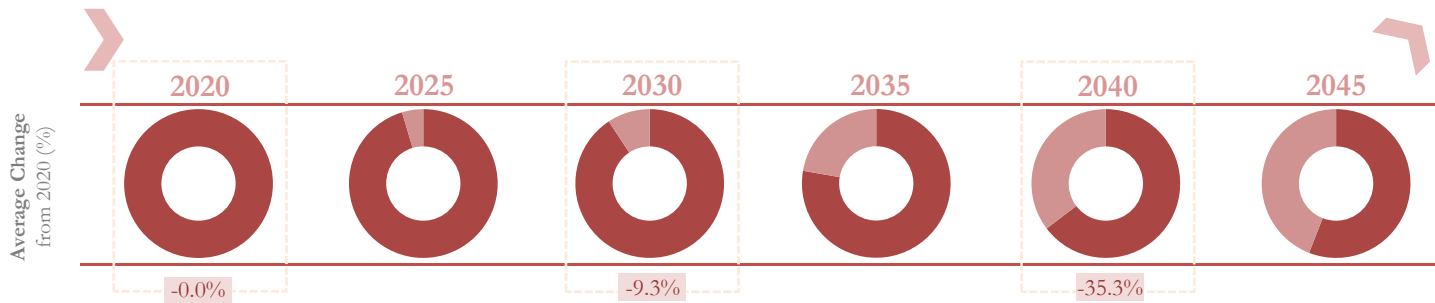
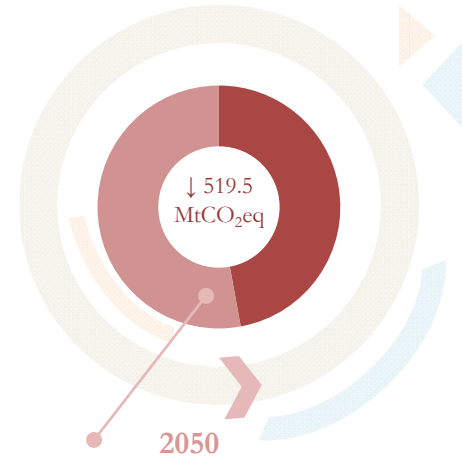


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Tokyo	195.2	172.0	157.0	141.9	121.8	101.6	90.6	79.6
Singapore	169.8	192.8	179.6	166.4	130.0	93.6	74.4	55.2
Seoul	141.2	139.7	135.1	130.5	112.9	95.3	79.0	62.7
Sydney	81.0	82.4	75.0	67.6	57.3	47.0	39.8	32.6
Osaka	80.7	71.1	64.9	58.7	50.3	42.0	37.5	32.9
Melbourne	76.1	77.4	70.5	63.5	53.9	44.2	37.4	30.7
Bangkok	69.4	87.3	98.8	110.2	104.3	98.5	92.9	87.3
Kuala Lumpur	58.9	69.9	71.8	73.8	65.2	56.7	50.4	44.1
Busan	47.7	47.1	45.6	44.0	38.1	32.2	26.7	21.2
Brisbane	42.2	42.9	39.1	35.2	29.9	24.5	20.7	17.0

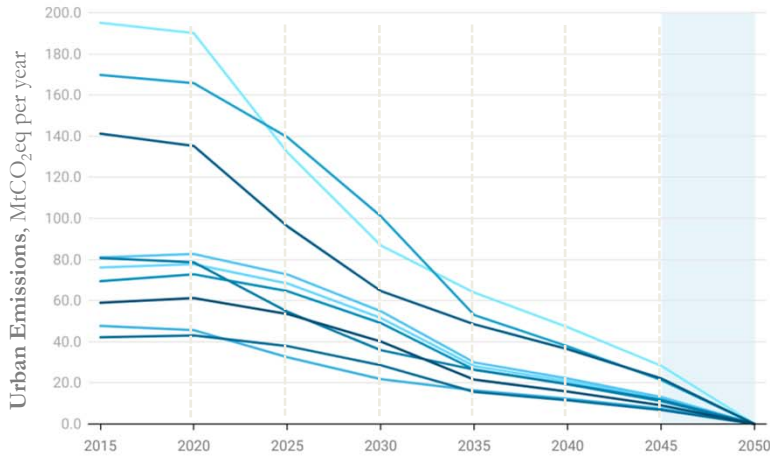
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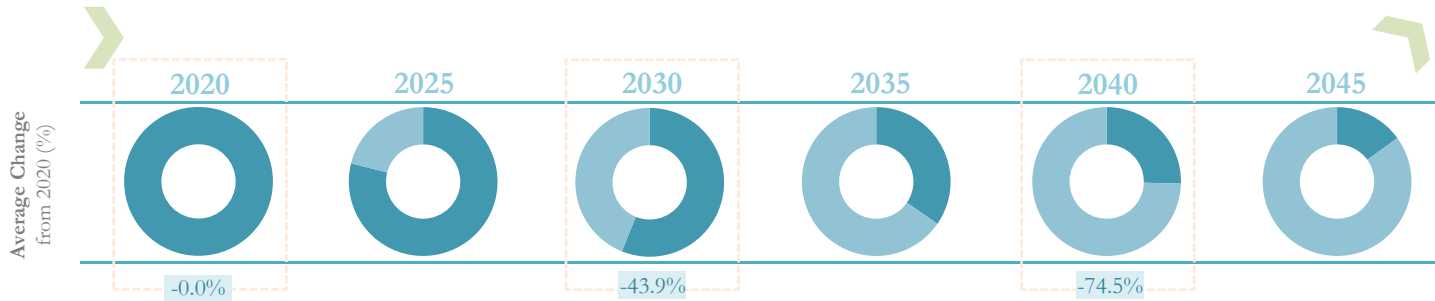
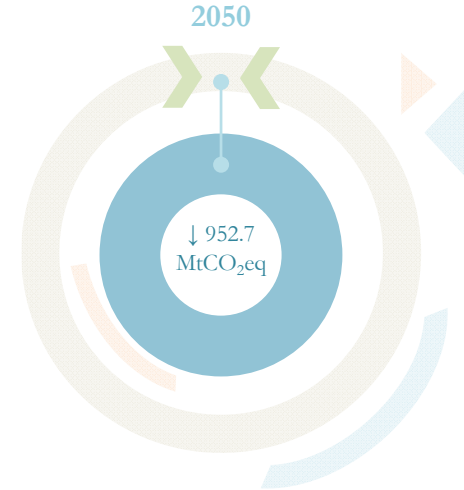


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Singapore	169.8	165.7	139.5	101.1	53.0	37.8	21.4	0.0
Seoul	141.2	135.2	96.2	64.7	48.5	36.4	22.2	0.0
Sydney	81.0	82.7	72.7	54.8	29.9	22.1	13.1	0.0
Osaka	80.7	78.6	54.6	35.9	26.4	19.5	11.7	0.0
Melbourne	76.1	77.7	68.4	51.6	28.1	20.8	12.3	0.0
Bangkok	69.4	72.8	64.6	49.1	26.4	19.3	11.1	0.0
Kuala Lumpur	58.9	61.2	53.5	40.1	21.6	15.7	9.1	0.0
Busan	47.7	45.6	32.5	21.8	16.4	12.3	7.5	0.0
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Actions Urban Areas Are Taking and Opportunities

Tokyo

- **Urban rail line Setagaya** runs on 100% from hydropower and geothermal energy
- Zero Emission Tokyo Strategy for 2050



Source: Tokyo ZE Strategy

- Singapore Green Plan aims to **quadruple solar energy deployment by year 2025**
- Phasing out natural gas needs extra policies

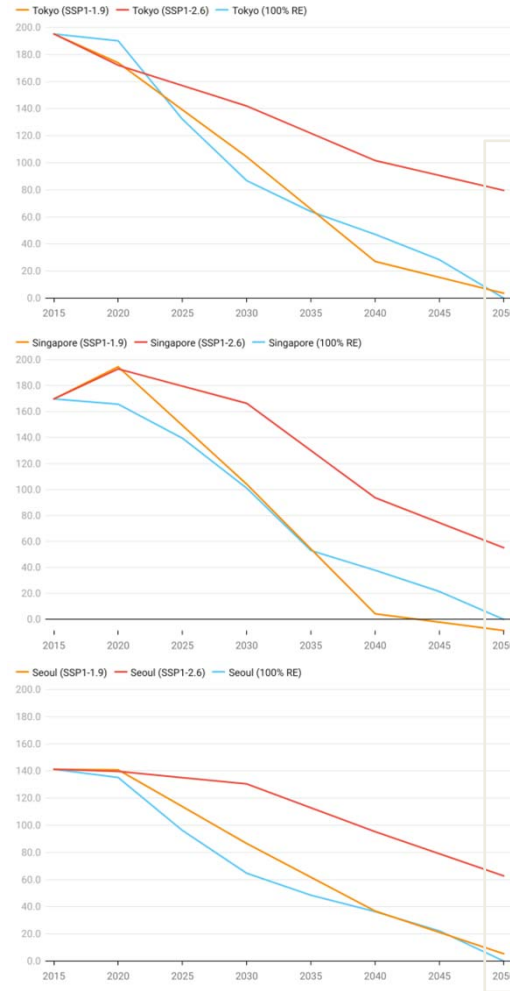


Source: Singapore Green Plan

- Aims to reduce total city-wide emissions by 40% in 2030 compared to 2005 levels towards net-zero
- Designated city center as Green Transport Zone

Sources: Tokyo ZE Strategy; Singapore Green Plan; UNFCCC (2021)

Urban Emissions, MtrCO₂eq per year
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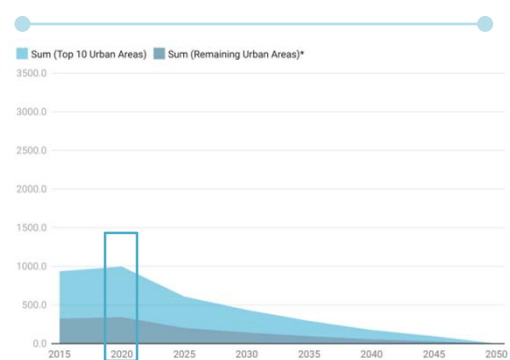
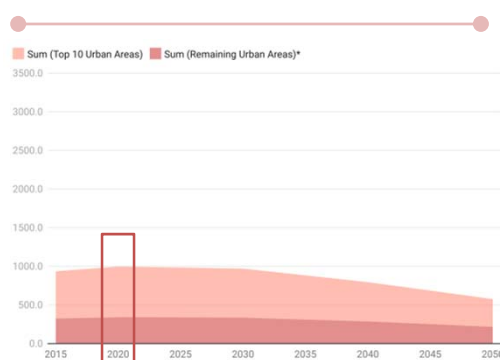
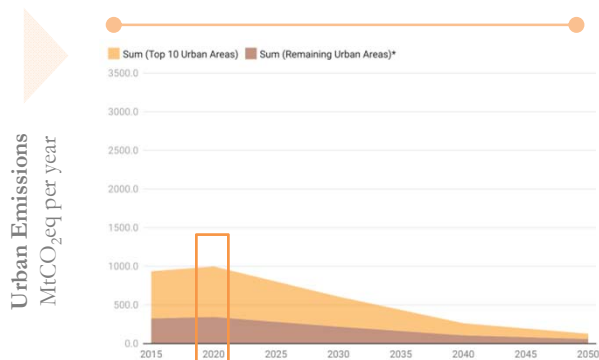
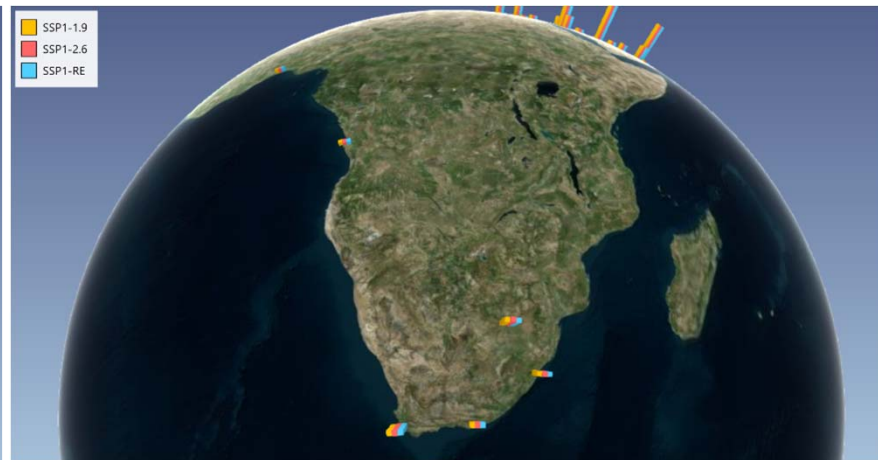
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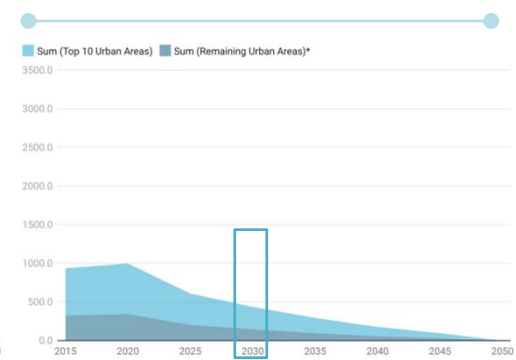
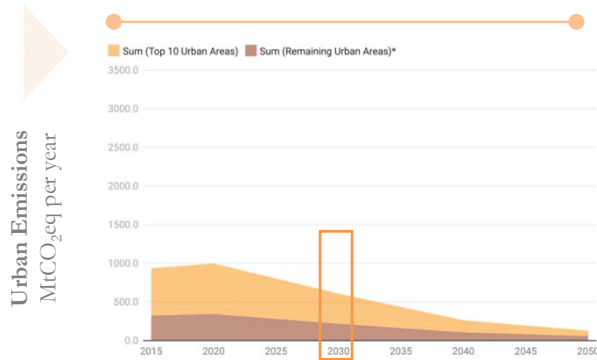
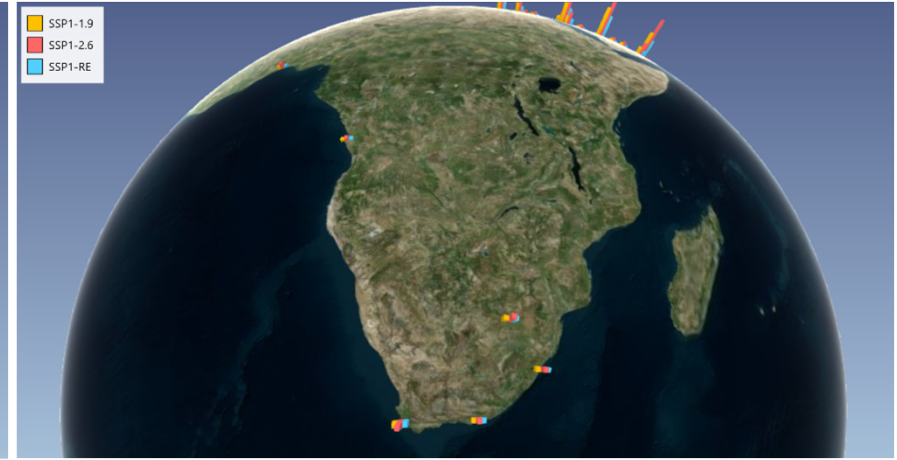
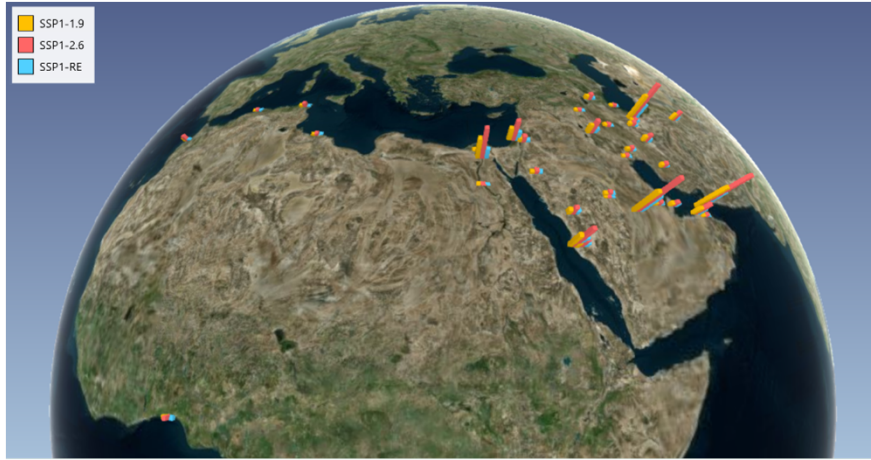
Future Outlook of Emissions for 420 Urban Areas

In Middle East and Africa, urban emissions for 42 of the top 420 urban areas are 967.1 ± 31.2 MtCO₂eq in 2020



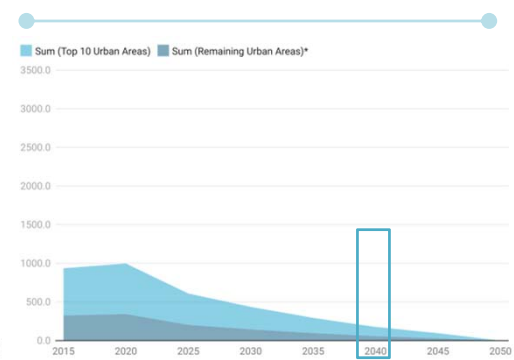
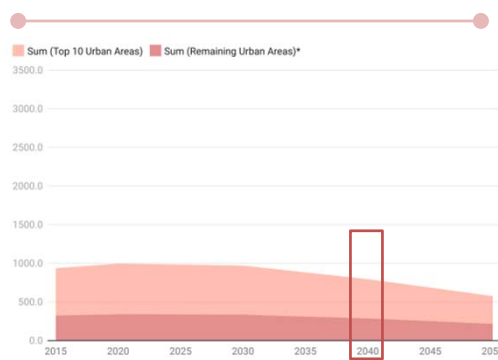
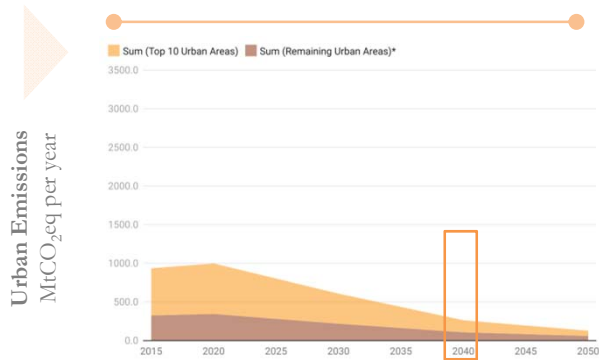
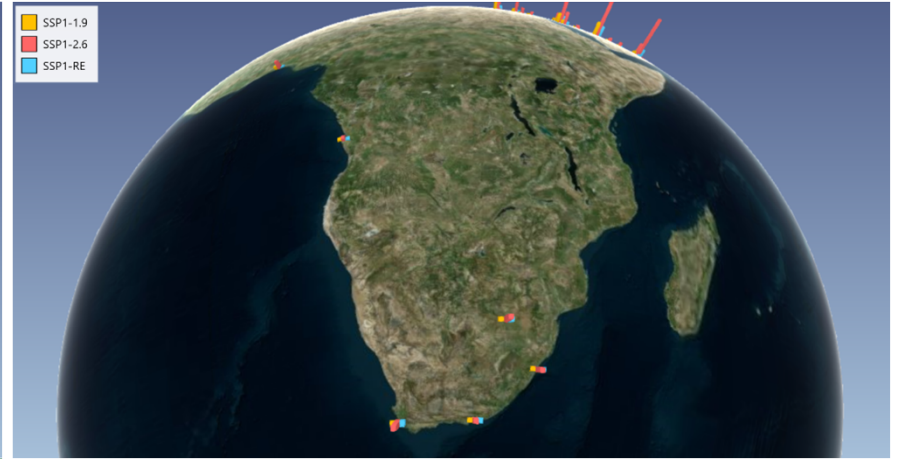
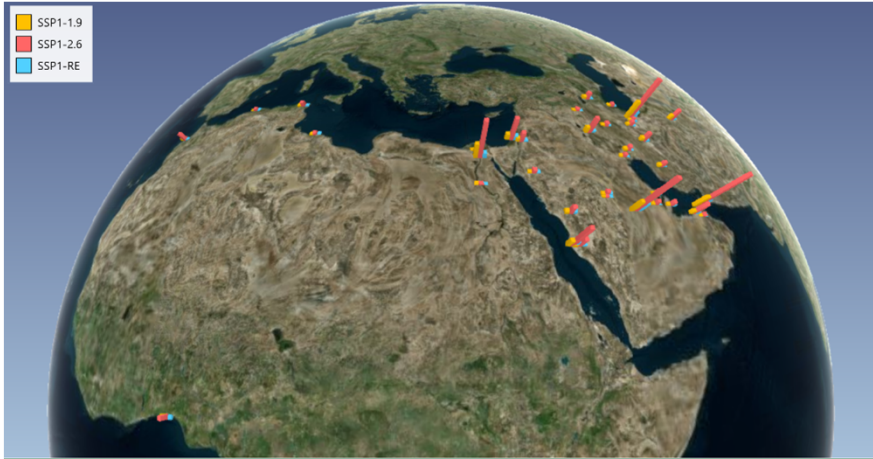
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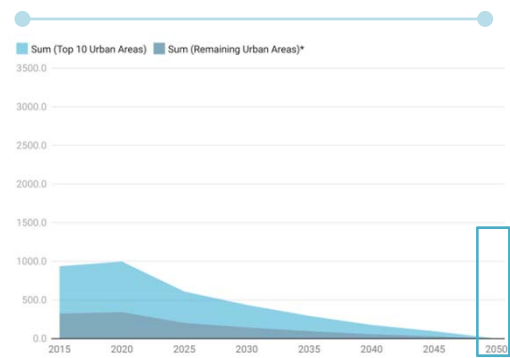
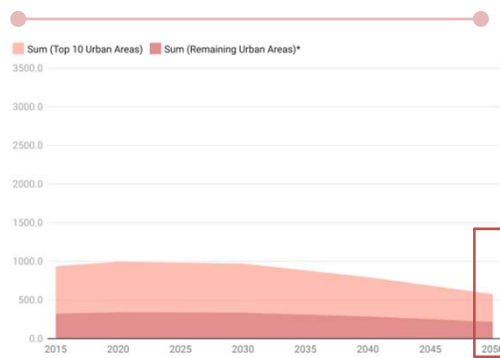
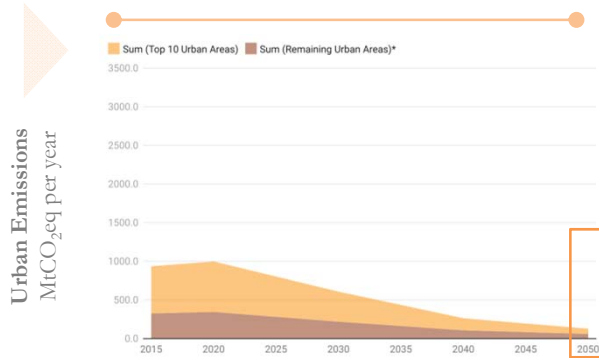
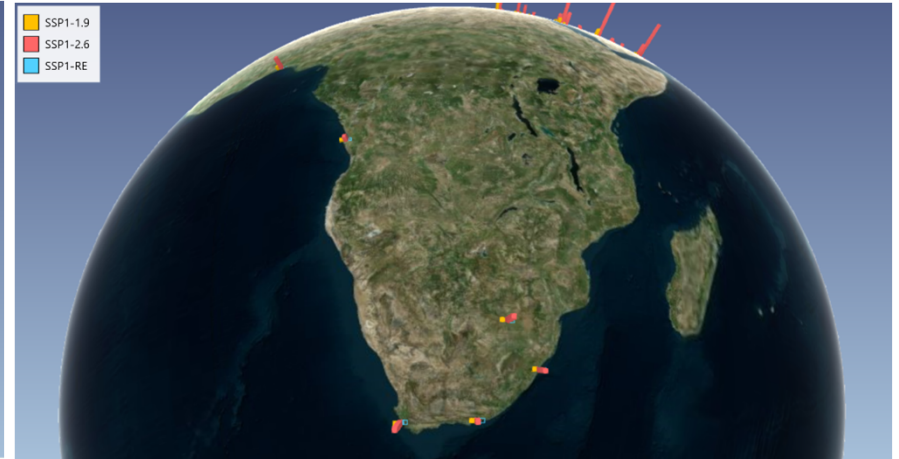
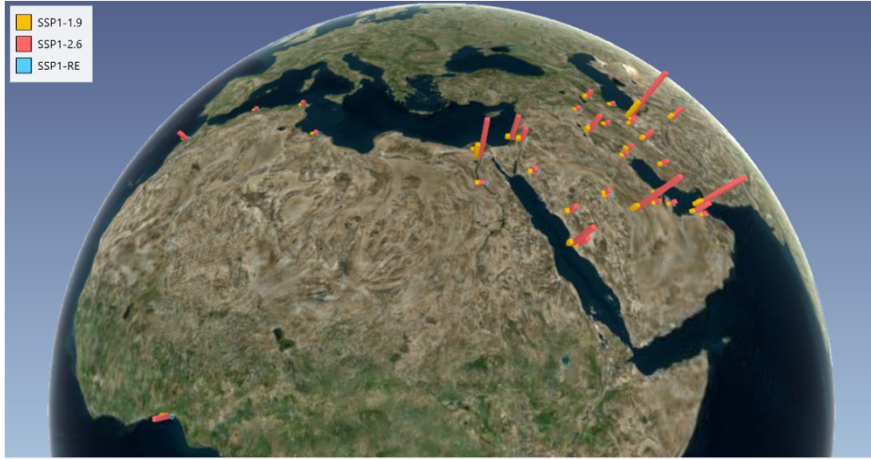
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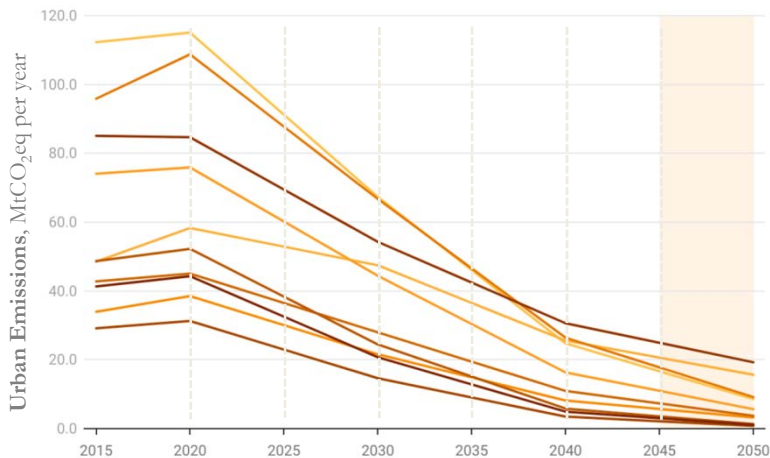
Future Outlook of Emissions for 420 Urban Areas

Across the SSP1 scenarios, urban emission pathways can lead to **127.6**, **575.9** or **~0.0** MtCO₂eq in 2050



Top 10 Emitting Areas – Middle East and Africa

Under SSP1-1.9, the top 10 urban areas in this region will need to reduce their total footprint by **585.5 MtCO₂eq** by 2050



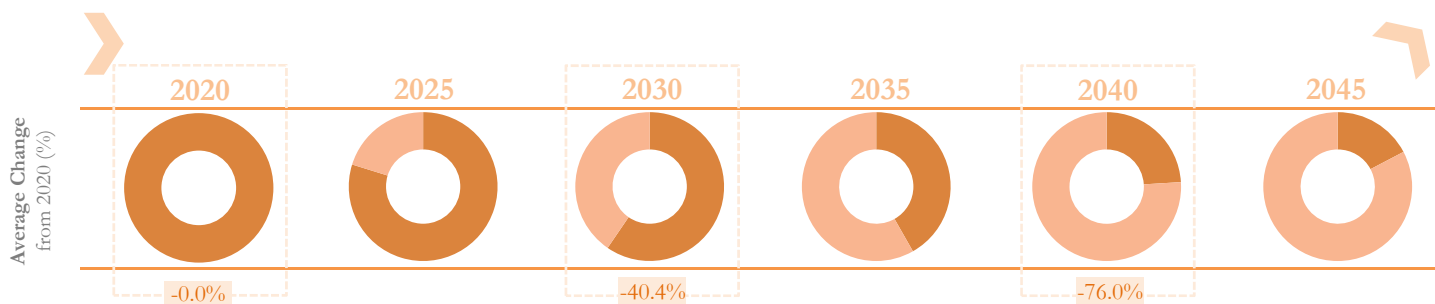
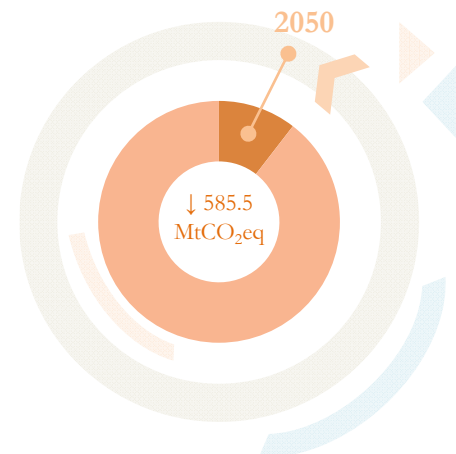
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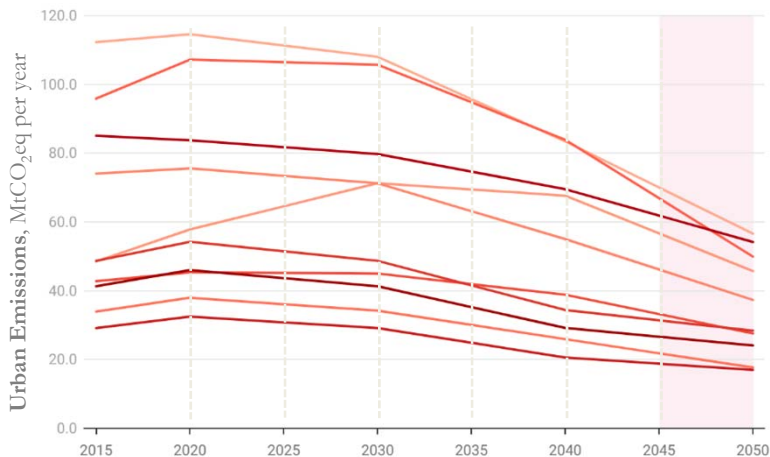
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Tehran	85.1	84.7	69.5	54.3	42.4	30.6	24.9	19.3
Jiddah	74.1	75.9	60.2	44.4	30.4	16.3	11.0	5.7
Johannesburg	48.7	52.2	38.3	24.5	15.1	5.8	3.6	1.3
Cairo	48.5	58.3	52.9	47.5	36.5	25.6	20.6	15.7
Tel Aviv-Jaffa	42.8	45.0	36.5	28.0	19.5	10.9	7.3	3.7
Cape Town	41.3	44.3	32.5	20.7	12.8	4.9	3.0	1.1
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Durban (eThekwin)	29.2	31.3	23.0	14.6	9.1	3.5	2.1	0.8

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Top 10 Emitting Areas – Middle East and Africa

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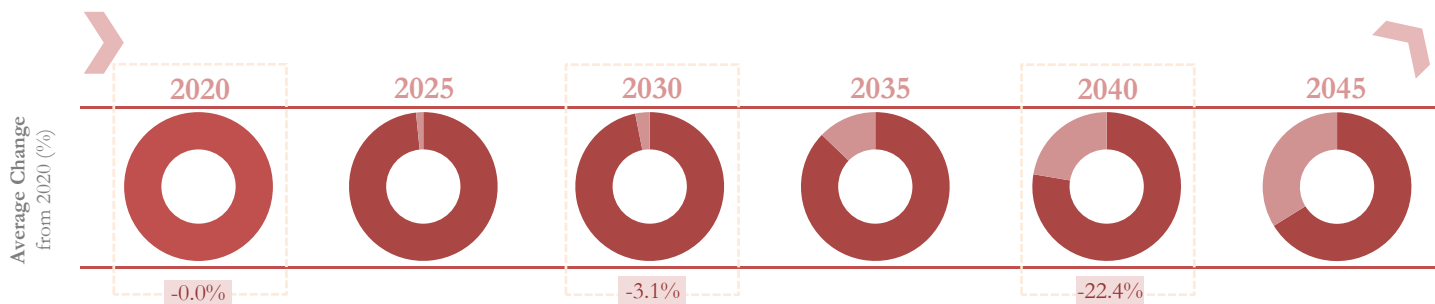
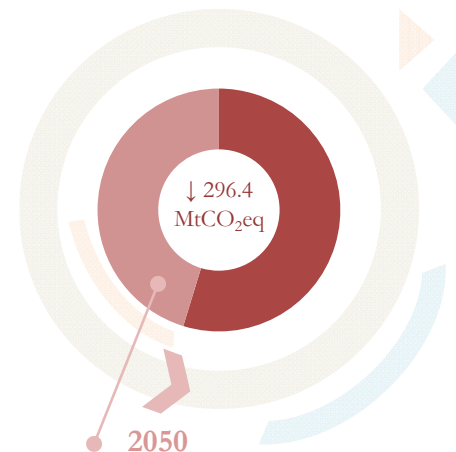
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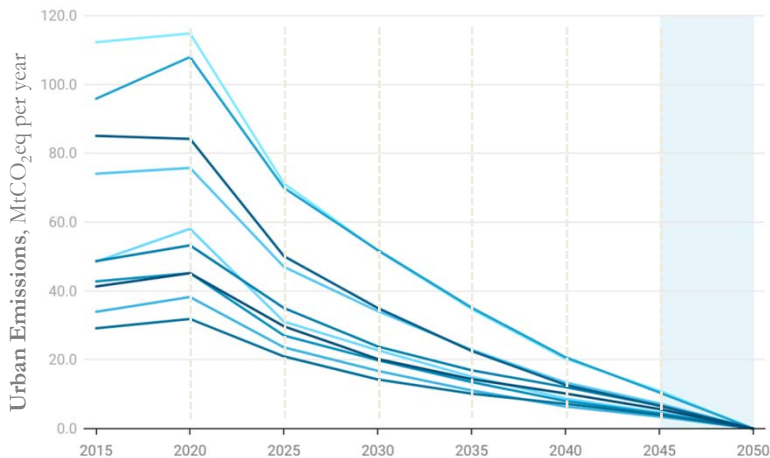
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Top 10 Emitting Areas – Middle East and Africa

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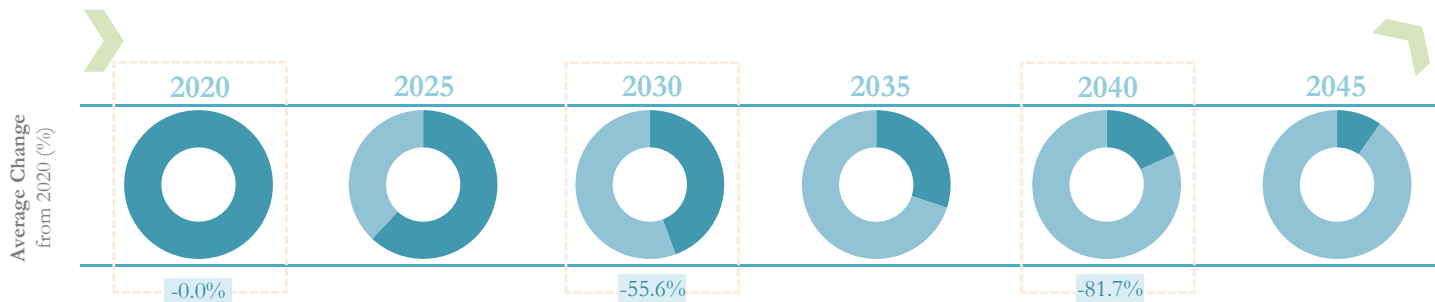
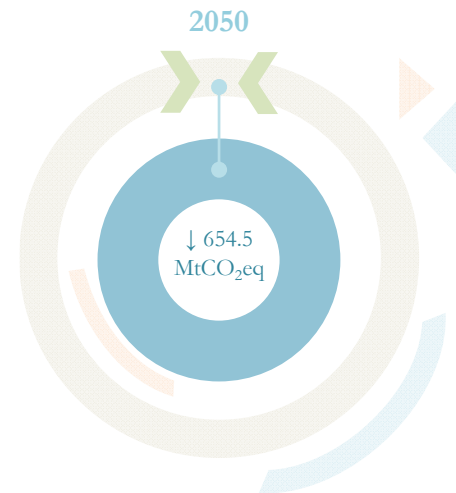
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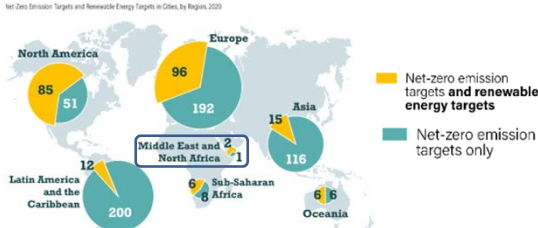
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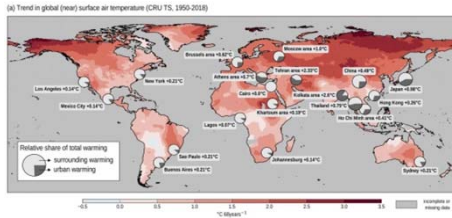
Actions Urban Areas Are Taking and Opportunities

- Overall, cities in the Middle East region **lag behind** adopting net-zero and RE targets



Source: REN21 (2021)

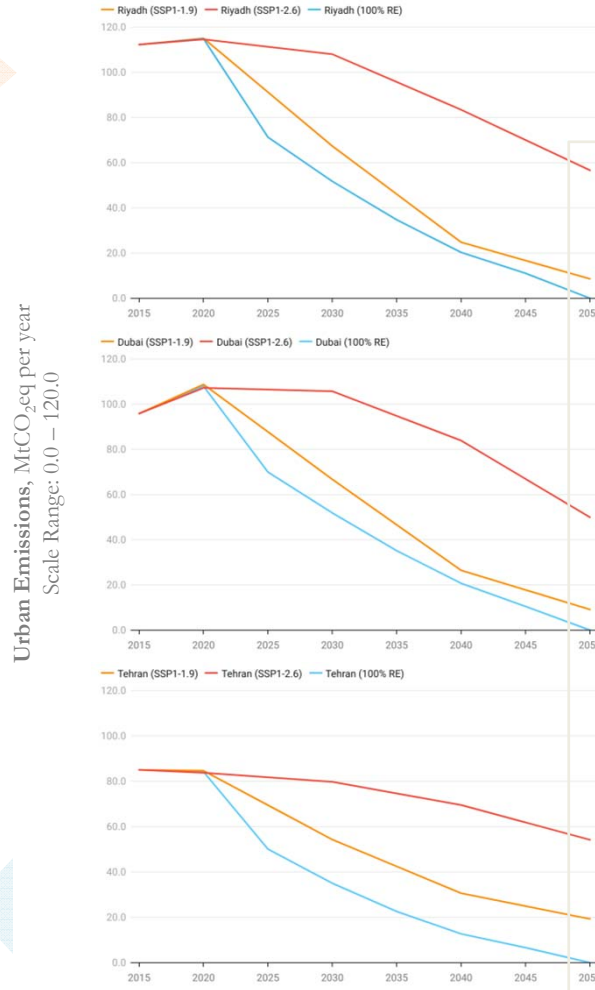
- Dubai is **involved in a city-wide net-zero CO₂ emissions** by 2050 with 75% RE target



Source: IPCC WGI (2021)

- Total warming is +2.33 °C** due to urban and surrounding warming (IPCC WPI)

Sources: REN21 (2021); IPCC WGI (2021) Regional Fact Sheet Urban Areas



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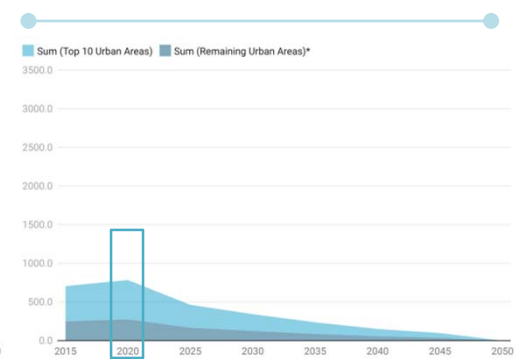
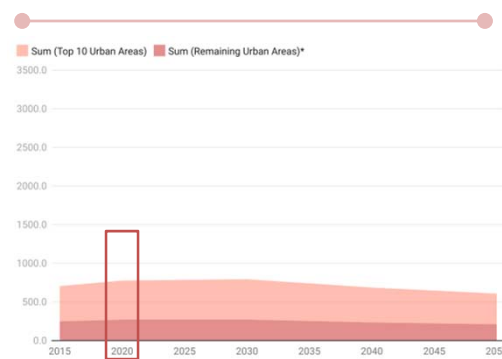
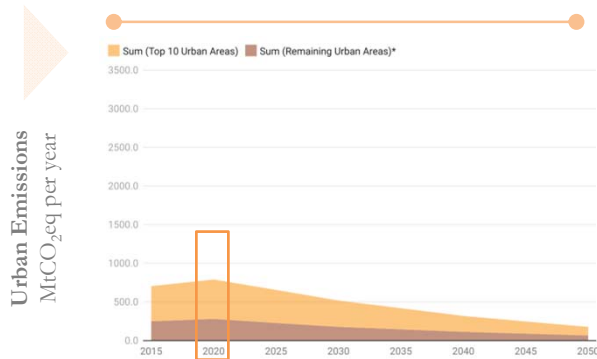
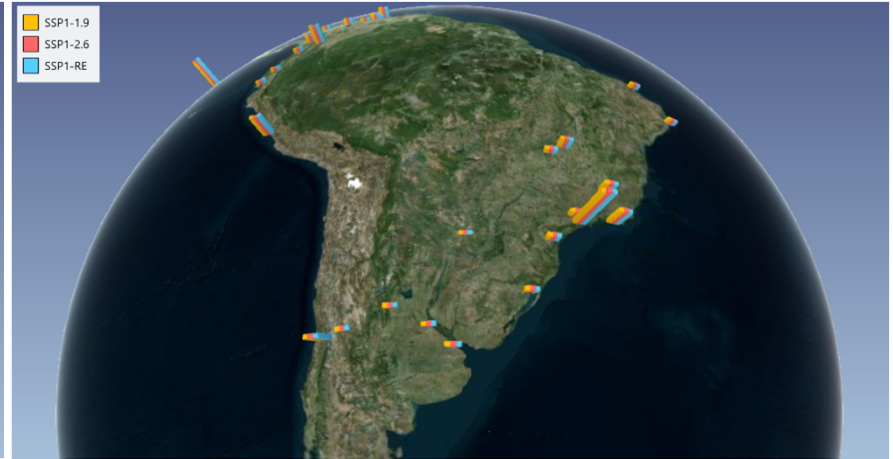
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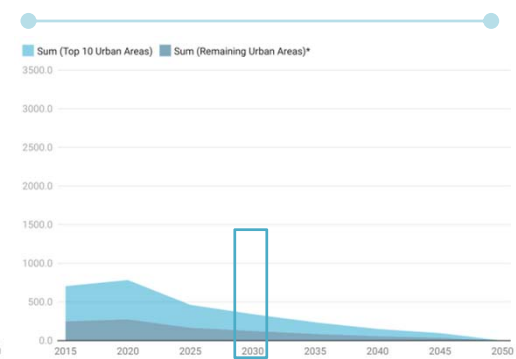
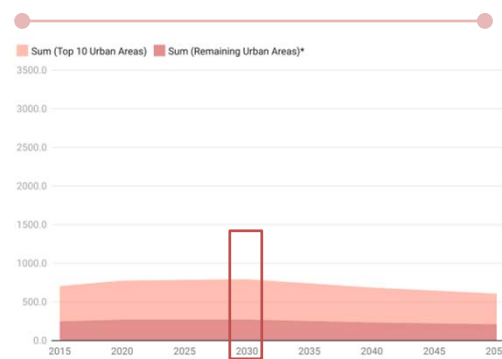
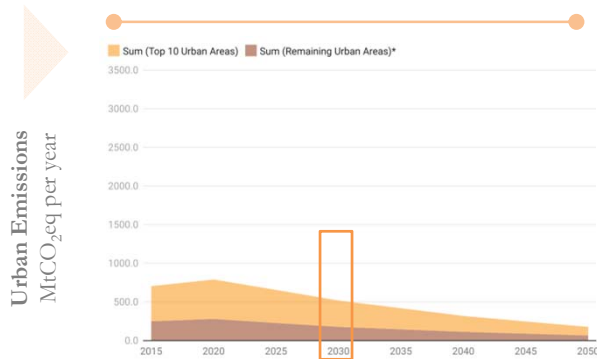
Future Outlook of Emissions for 420 Urban Areas

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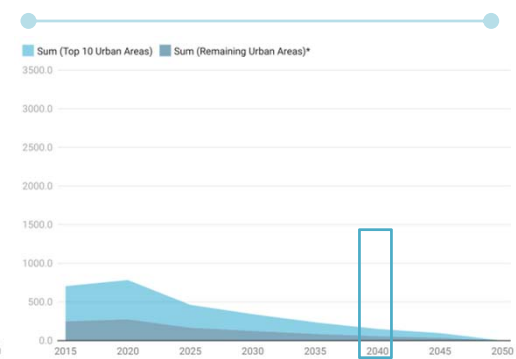
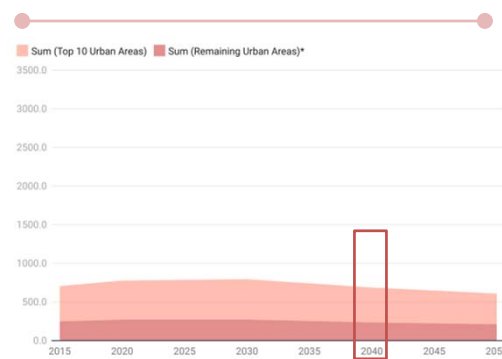
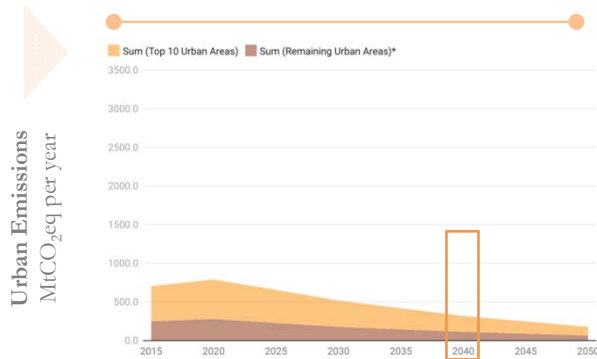
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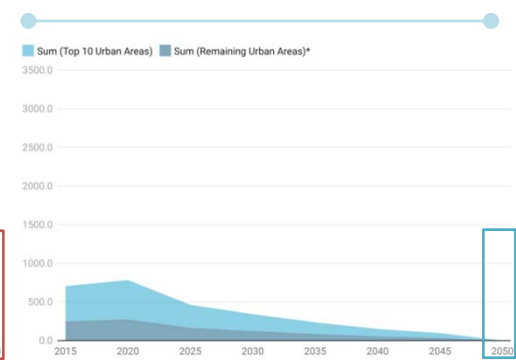
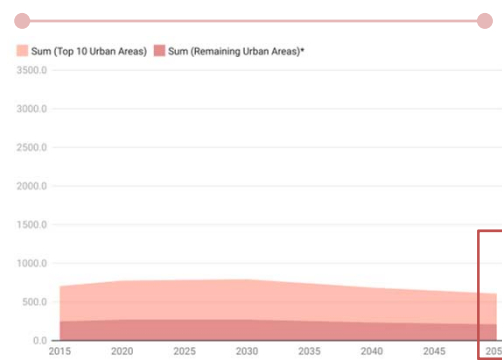
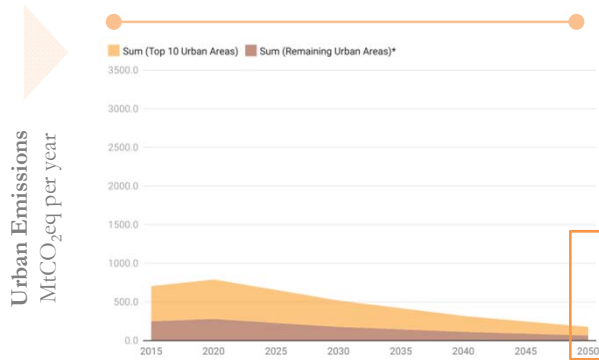
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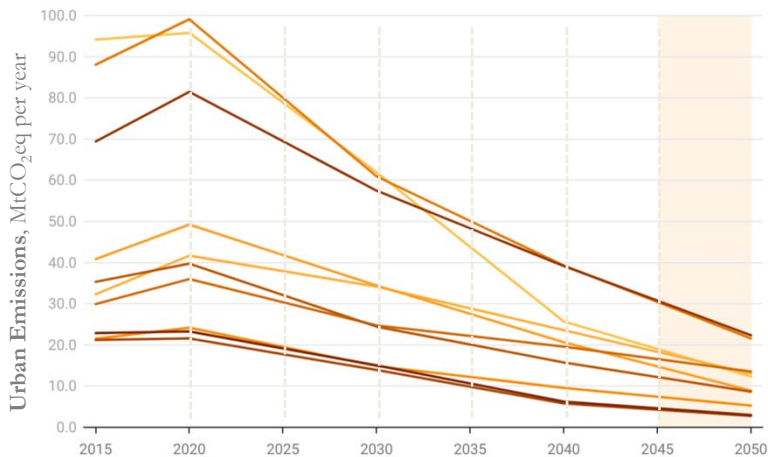
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Across the SSP1 scenarios, urban emission pathways can lead to **176.9**, **608.0** or **~0.0** MtCO₂eq in 2050



Top 10 Emitting Urban Areas – Latin America

Under SSP1-1.9, the top 10 urban areas in this region will need to reduce their total footprint by **400.6 MtCO₂eq** by 2050



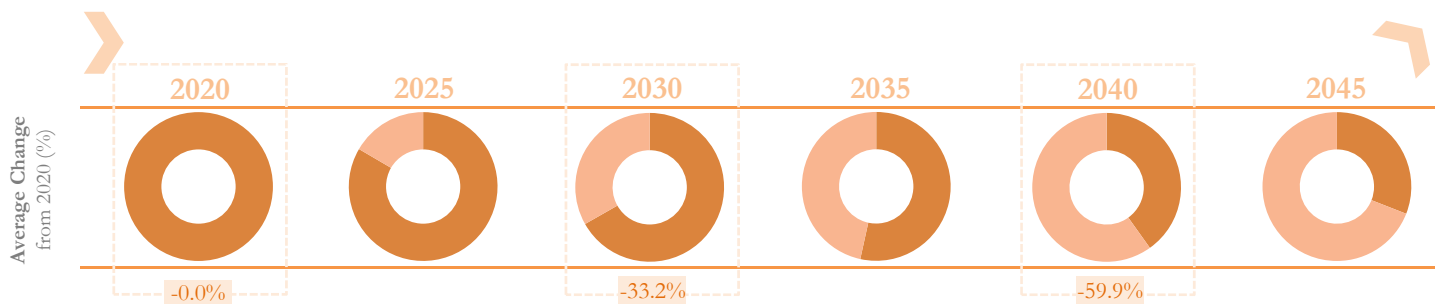
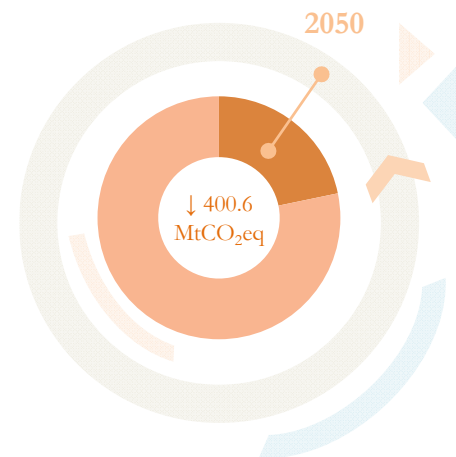
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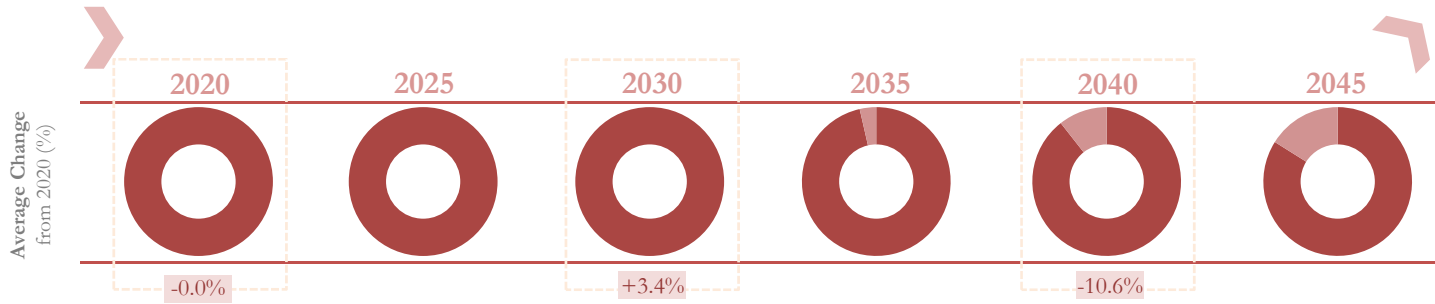
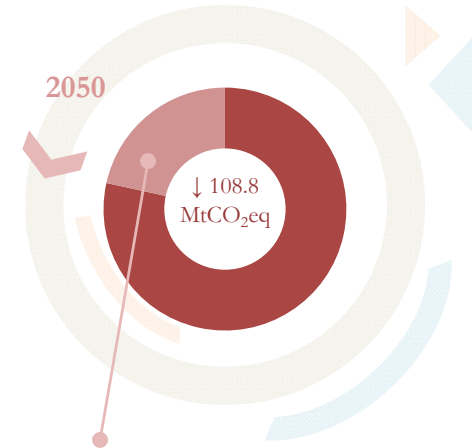
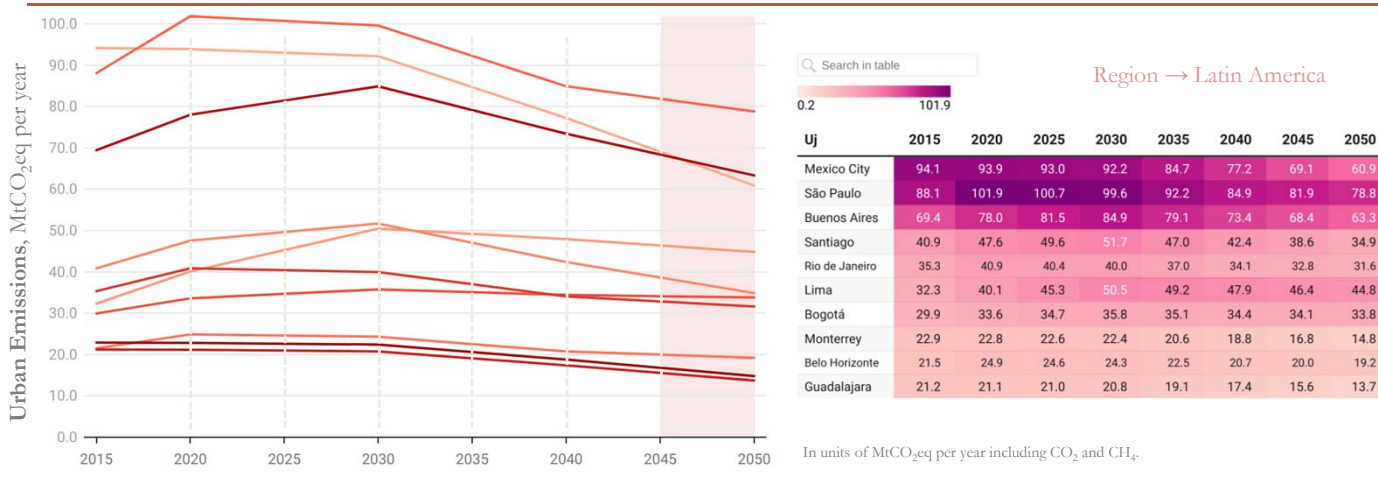
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Buenos Aires	69.4	81.5	69.5	57.5	48.3	39.2	30.8	22.4
Santiago	40.9	49.2	41.8	34.5	27.6	20.7	14.8	8.9
Rio de Janeiro	35.3	39.8	32.1	24.5	20.1	15.8	12.2	8.7
Lima	32.3	41.7	37.9	34.2	28.9	23.6	18.3	13.1
Bogotá	29.9	36.0	30.4	24.8	22.2	19.6	16.6	13.6
Monterrey	22.9	23.3	19.2	15.1	10.7	6.3	4.6	3.0
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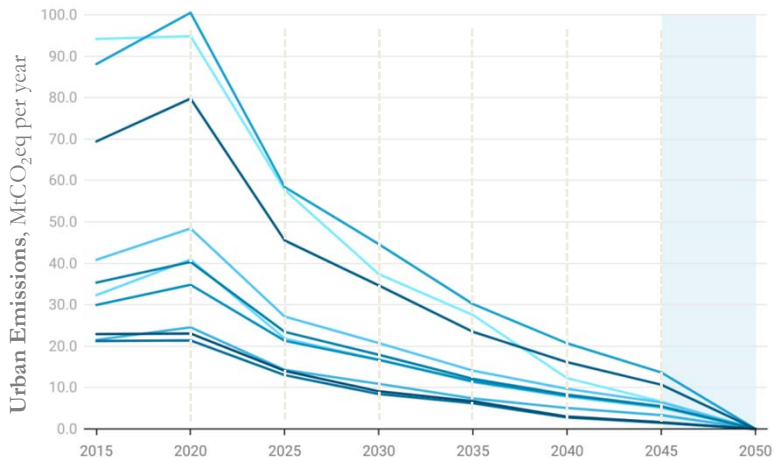
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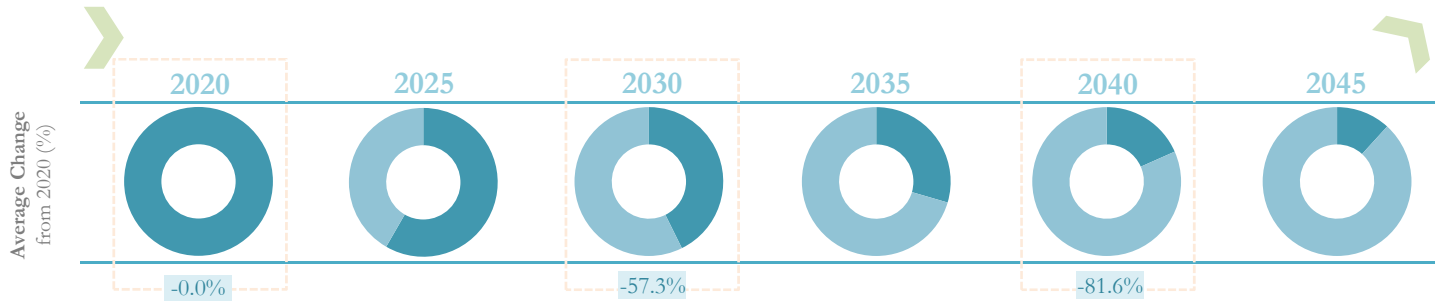
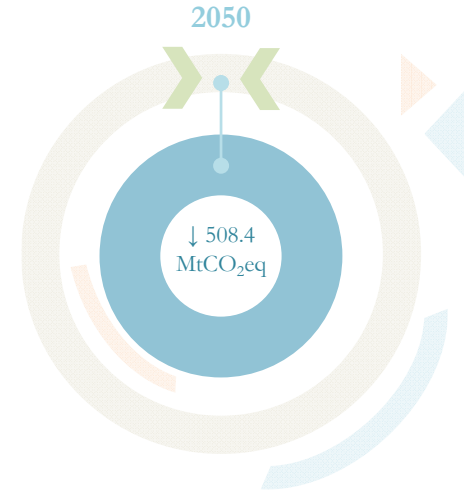


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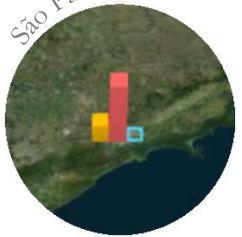


Mexico City

- One of the 733 cities aiming for net-zero
- Climate Action Program of Mexico City (2021-2030) to coordinate carbon-neutrality goals



Source: PACCM (2021)



São Paulo

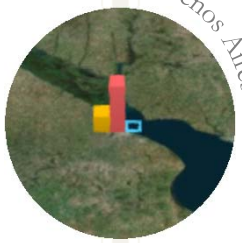
- New PlanClima SP in 2021 with 43 priority areas guided towards zero carbon by 2050
- → SDEWES Index: Challenged City



Source: PlanClima SP (2021)



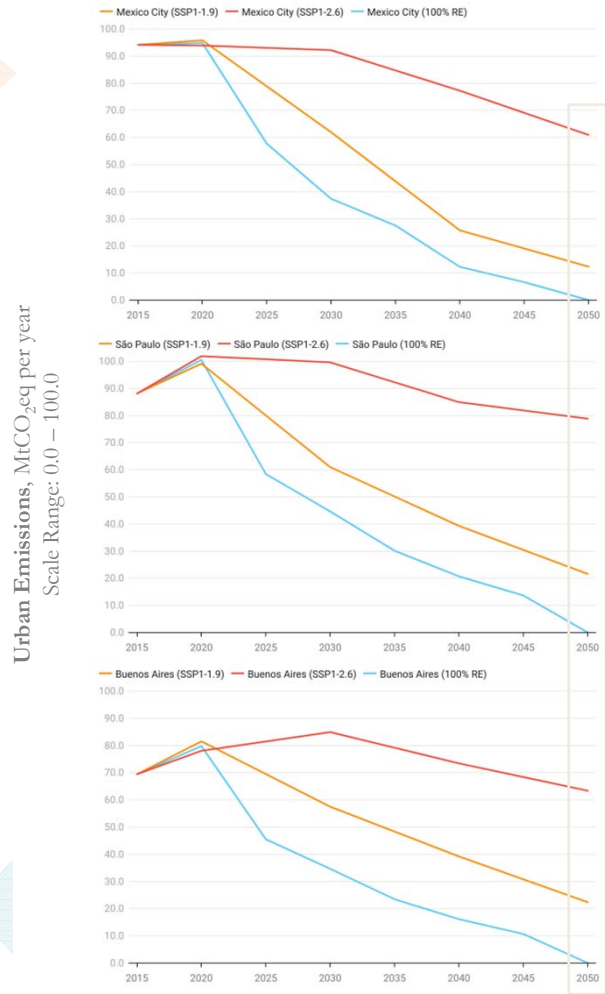
Source: PAC (2021)



Buenos Aires

- New Climate Action Plan 2050 for reducing emissions **53% by 2030** and 84% by 2050
- Previous mitigation actions had focused on buildings, mass transit, private transport and waste from more sectoral perspectives

Sources: UNFCCC (2021); PACCM (2021); PlanClima SP (2021); C40 (2021); PAC (2021)



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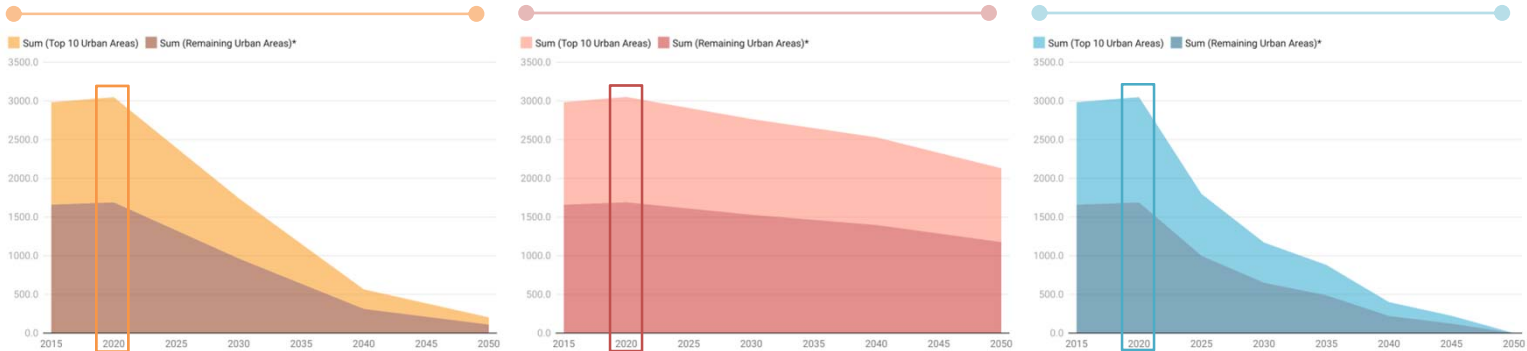
Source: Calculated based on local per capita values for 2050 in Jacobson et al.(2020) with SSP1 urban population projection

Future Outlook of Emissions for 420 Urban Areas

In North America, urban emissions for 79 of the top 420 urban areas are 3024.9 ± 26.8 MtCO₂eq in 2020



Urban Emissions
MtCO₂eq per year

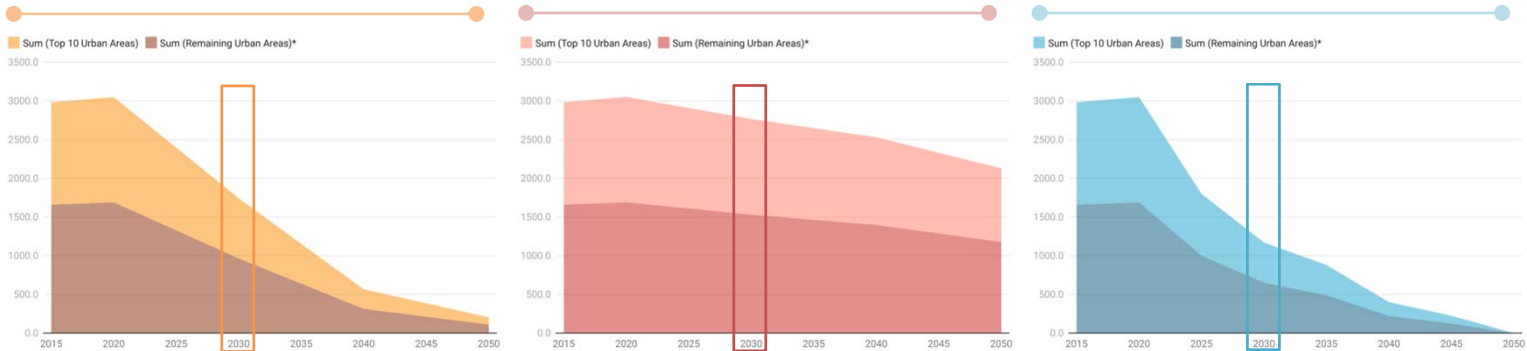


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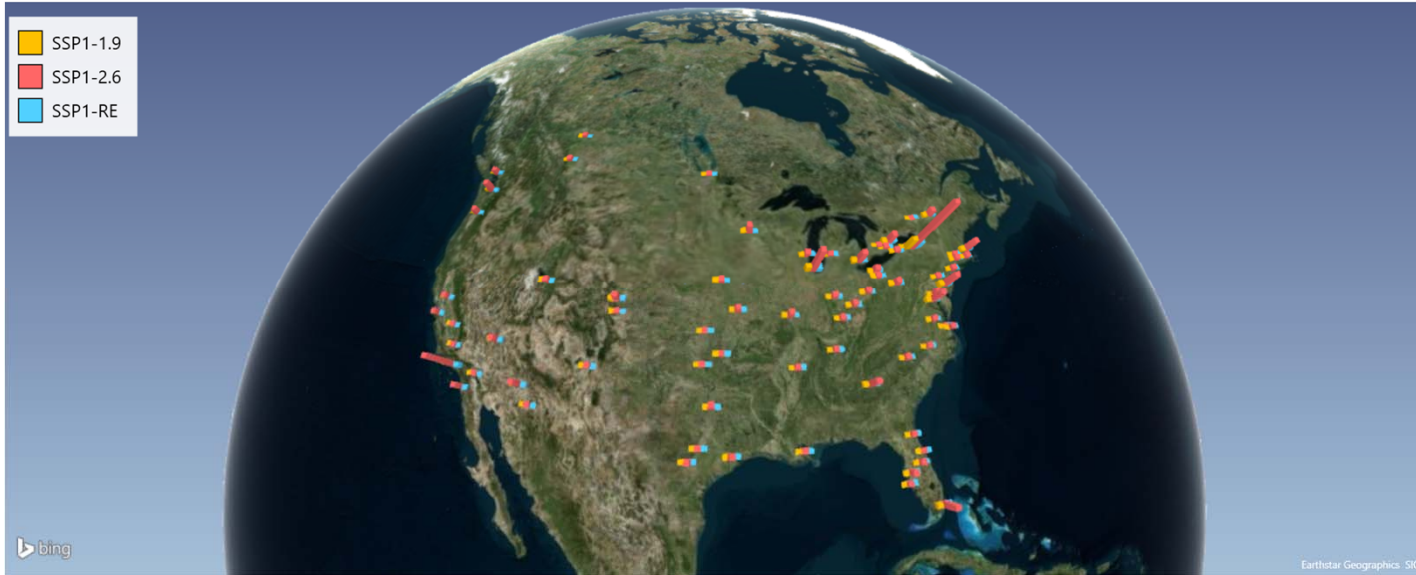


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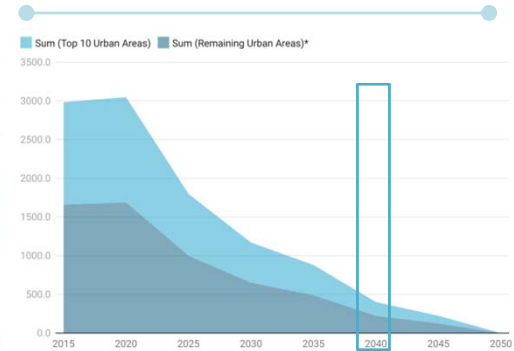
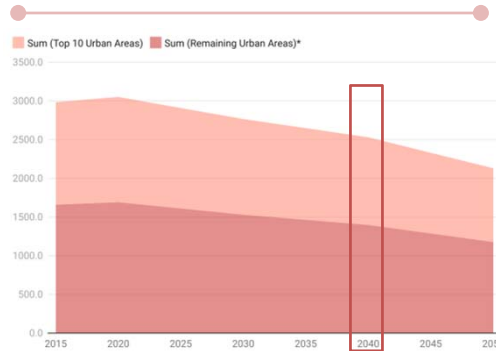
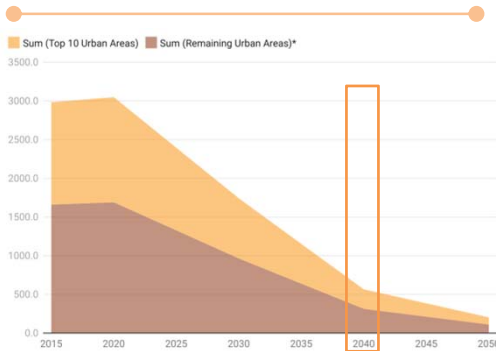


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Across SSP1 scenarios, urban emission pathways can lead to **564.5**, **2530.5** or **399.9** MtCO₂eq in 2040



Urban Emissions
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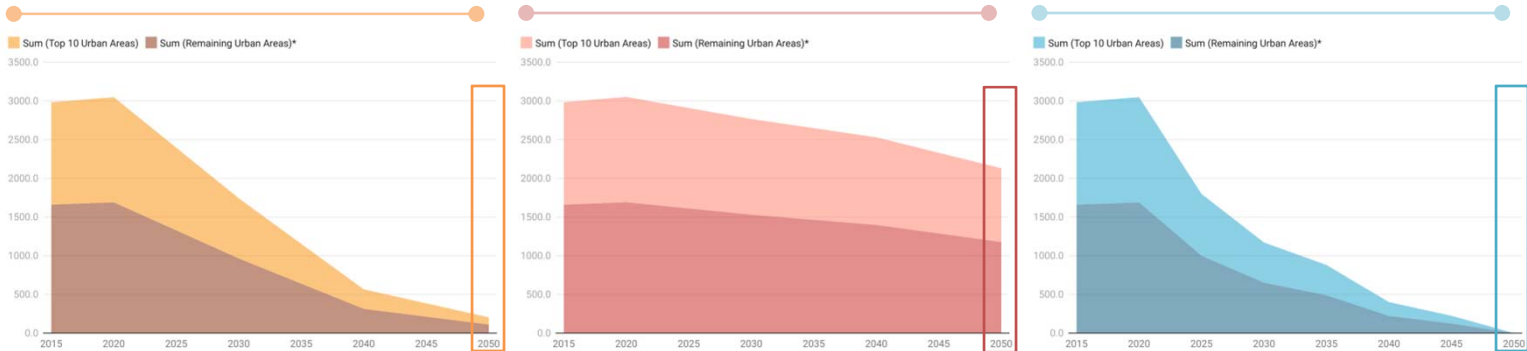


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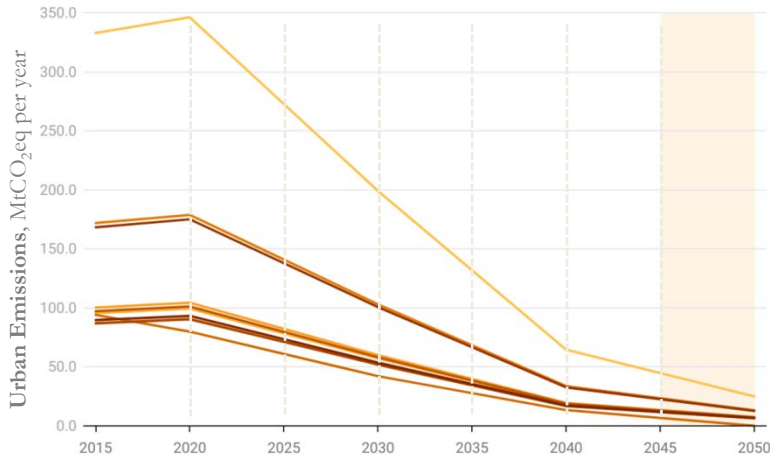


Urban Emissions
MtCO₂eq per year



Top 10 Emitting Urban Areas – North America

Under SSP1-1.9, the top 10 urban areas in this region will need to reduce their footprints by **1266.2 MtCO₂eq** by 2050



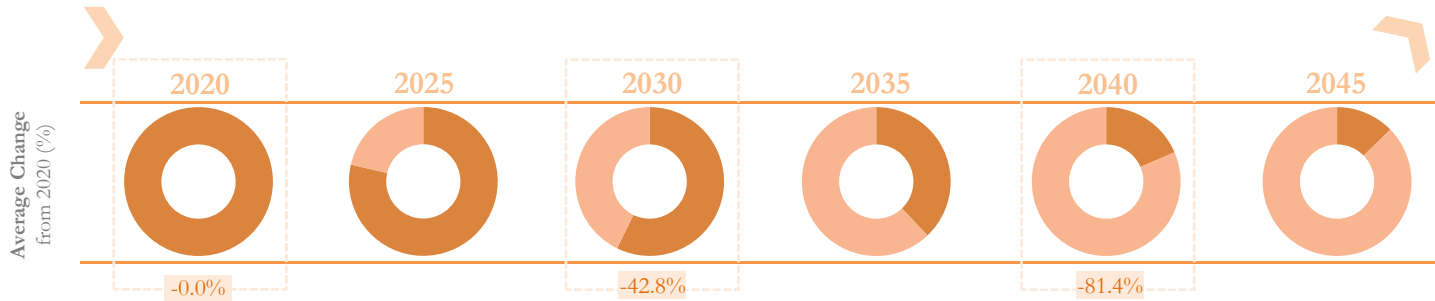
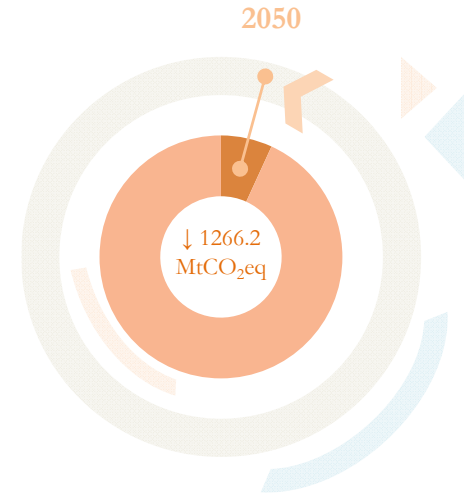
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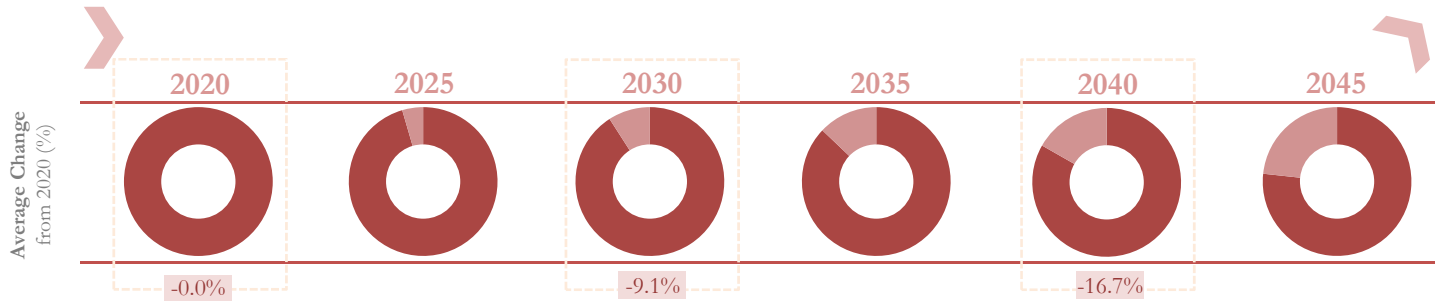
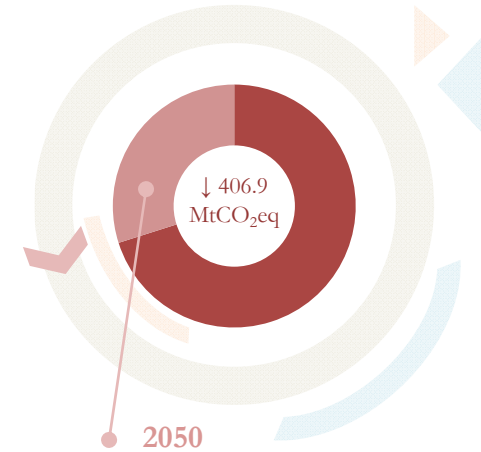
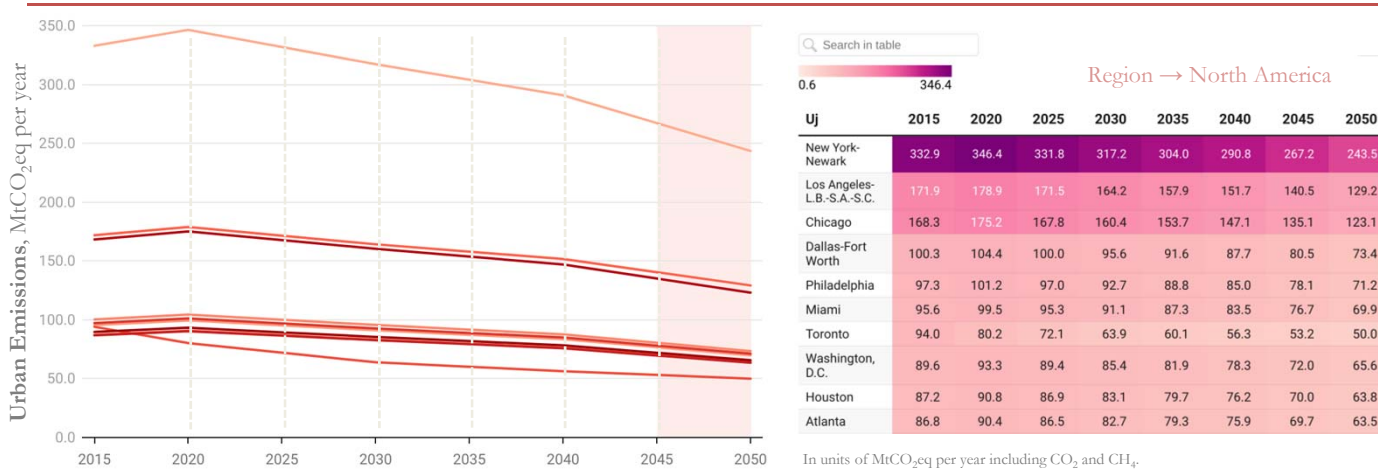
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Los Angeles-L.B.-S.A.-S.C.	171.9	178.7	140.9	103.0	68.4	33.7	23.5	13.3
Chicago	168.3	175.1	137.9	100.7	66.7	32.7	22.6	12.6
Dallas-Fort Worth	100.3	104.3	82.2	60.0	39.7	19.5	13.5	7.5
Philadelphia	97.3	101.2	79.7	58.2	38.5	18.9	13.1	7.3
Miami	95.6	99.4	78.3	57.2	37.8	18.5	12.9	7.2
Toronto	94.0	79.8	61.0	42.1	27.8	13.4	6.8	0.1
Washington, D.C.	89.6	93.2	73.4	53.6	35.5	17.4	12.1	6.7
Houston	87.2	90.7	71.4	52.2	34.5	16.9	11.7	6.5
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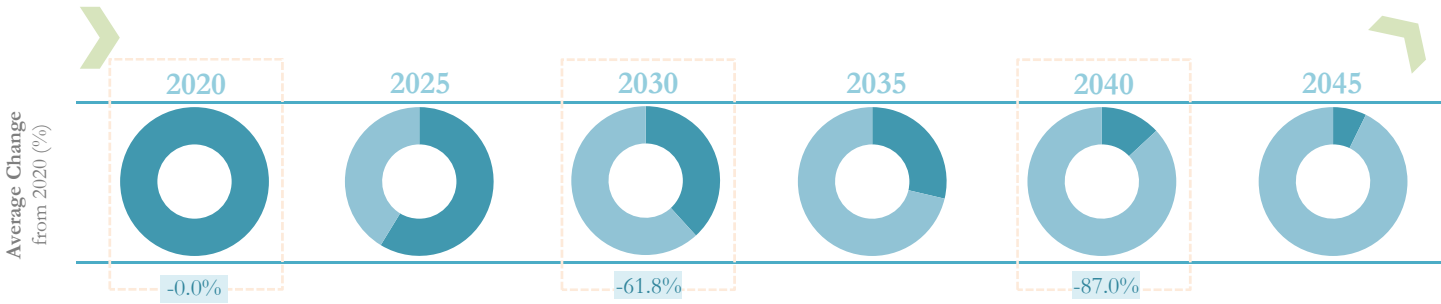
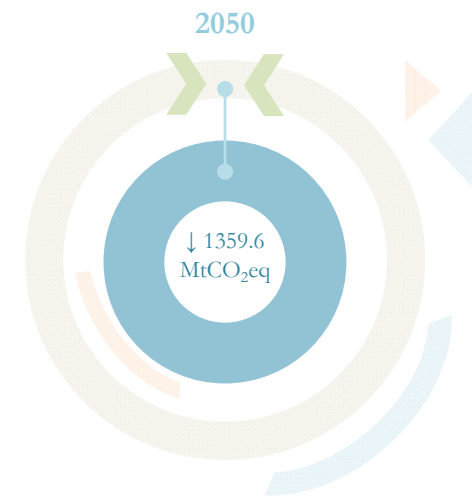
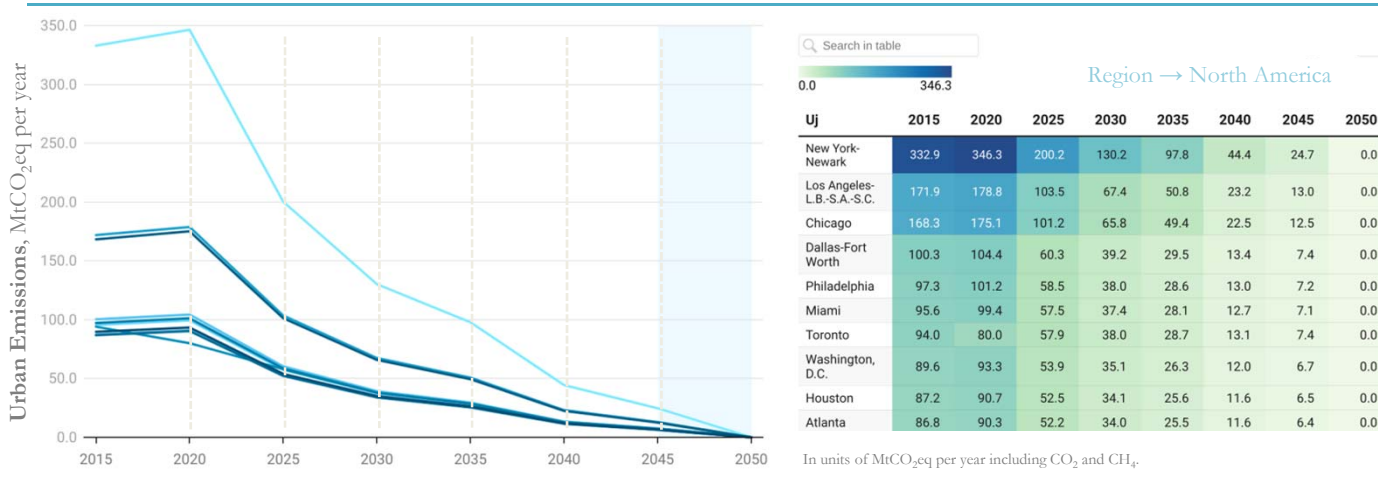
Top 10 Emitting Urban Areas – North America

While reductions in SSP1-2.6 remain limited at 406.9 MtCO₂eq by 2050, again forgoing a missed 1.5°C target



Top 10 Emitting Urban Areas – North America

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Actions Urban Areas Are Taking and Opportunities



New York-Newark

- **100% RE for city operations** while having only a 8% share in total electricity emissions

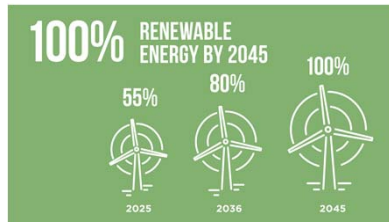


Source: New York 1.5° Plan



Los Angeles - L.B.-S.A.-S.C.

- **100% RE for energy supply by 2045** based on the Green New Deal Sustainability Plan



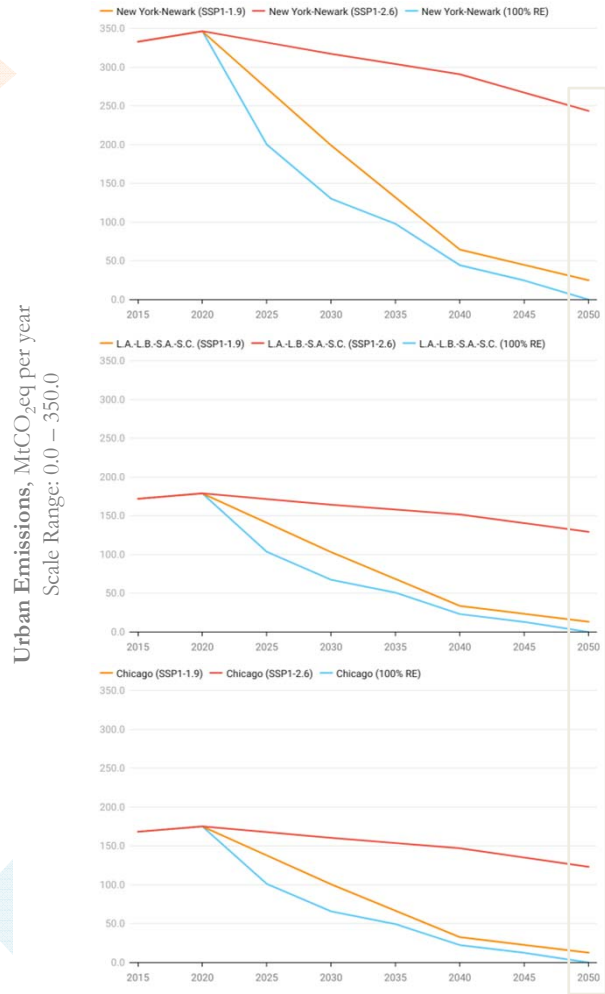
Source: Green New Deal Plan (2019)



Chicago

- Target to reduce GHG emissions by 50% from 2005 levels by 2030 based on the **renewed regional climate action plan**
- Current regional level is $\sim 120 \text{ MtCO}_2\text{eq}^*$

Sources: New York 1.5° Plan; Motyka et al. (2019) Renewables (Em)power Smart Cities; Green New Deal Plan (2019); Climate Action Plan for the Chicago Region (2021)



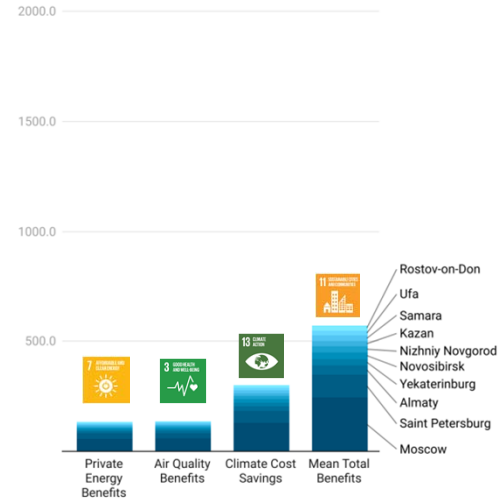
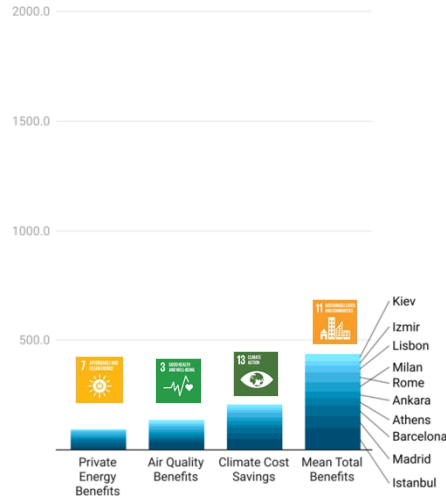
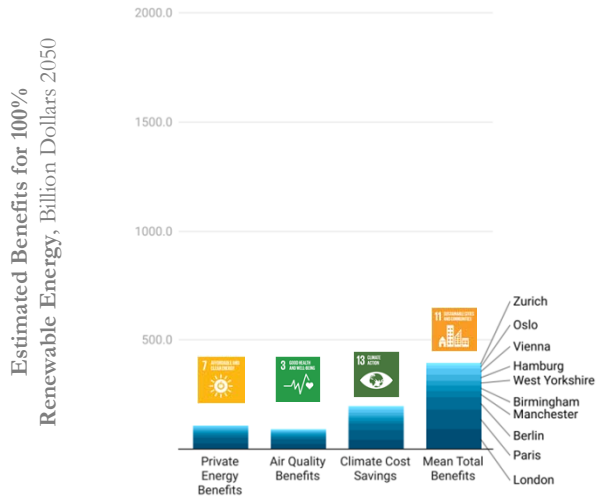
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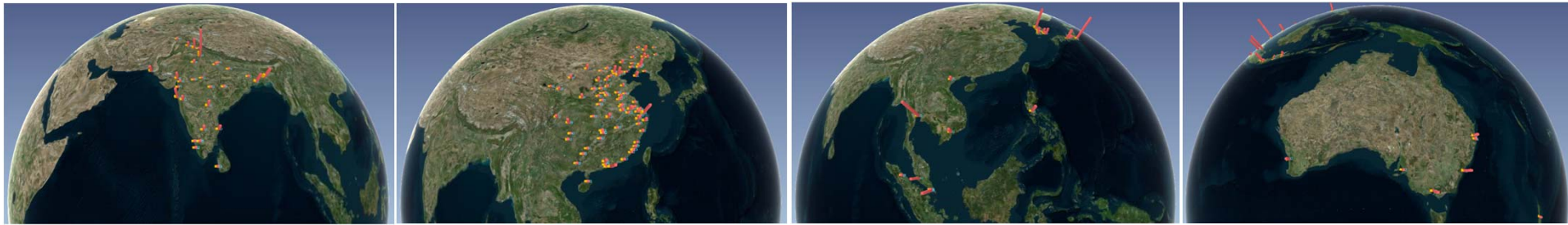
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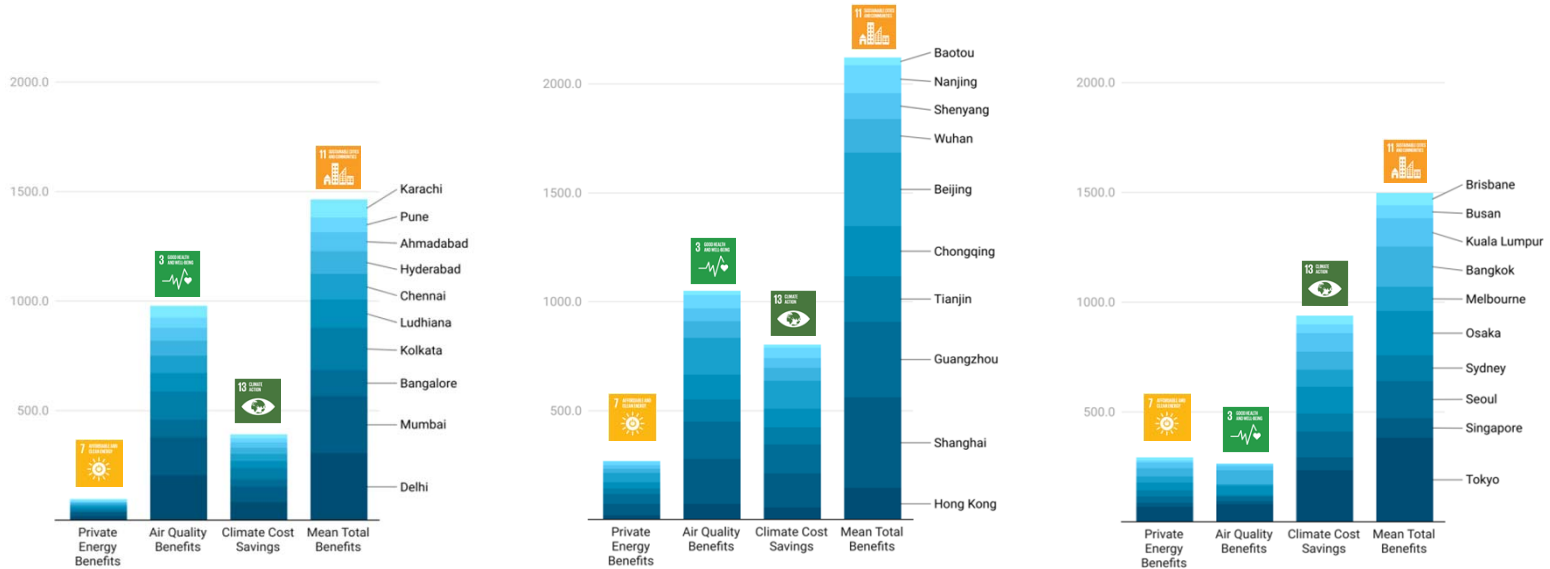
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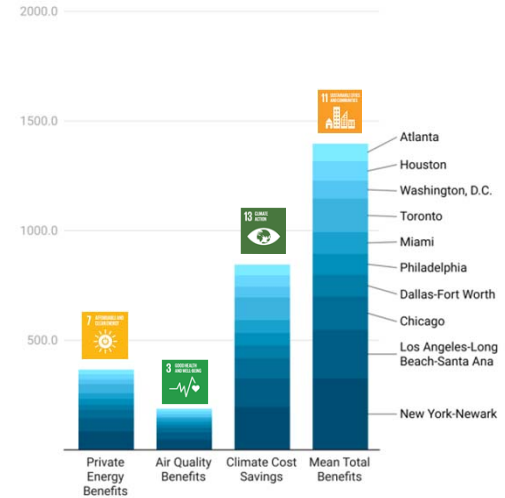
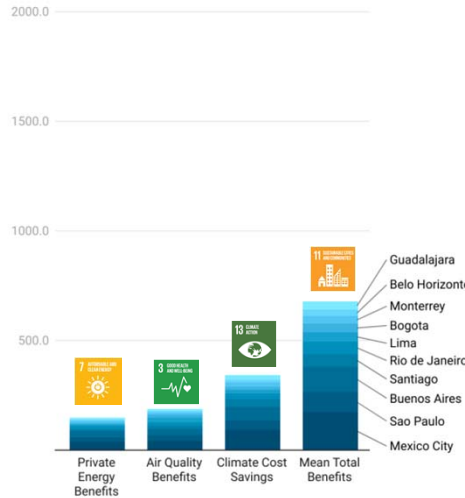
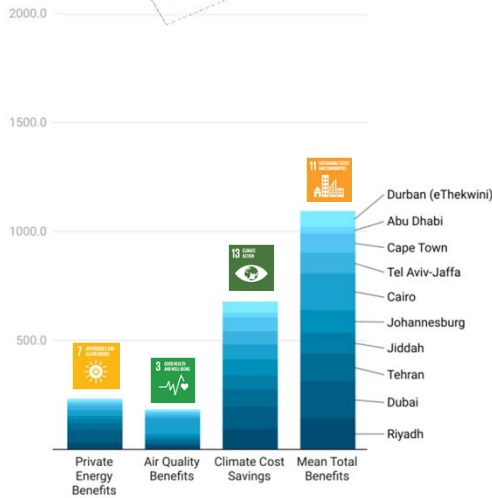
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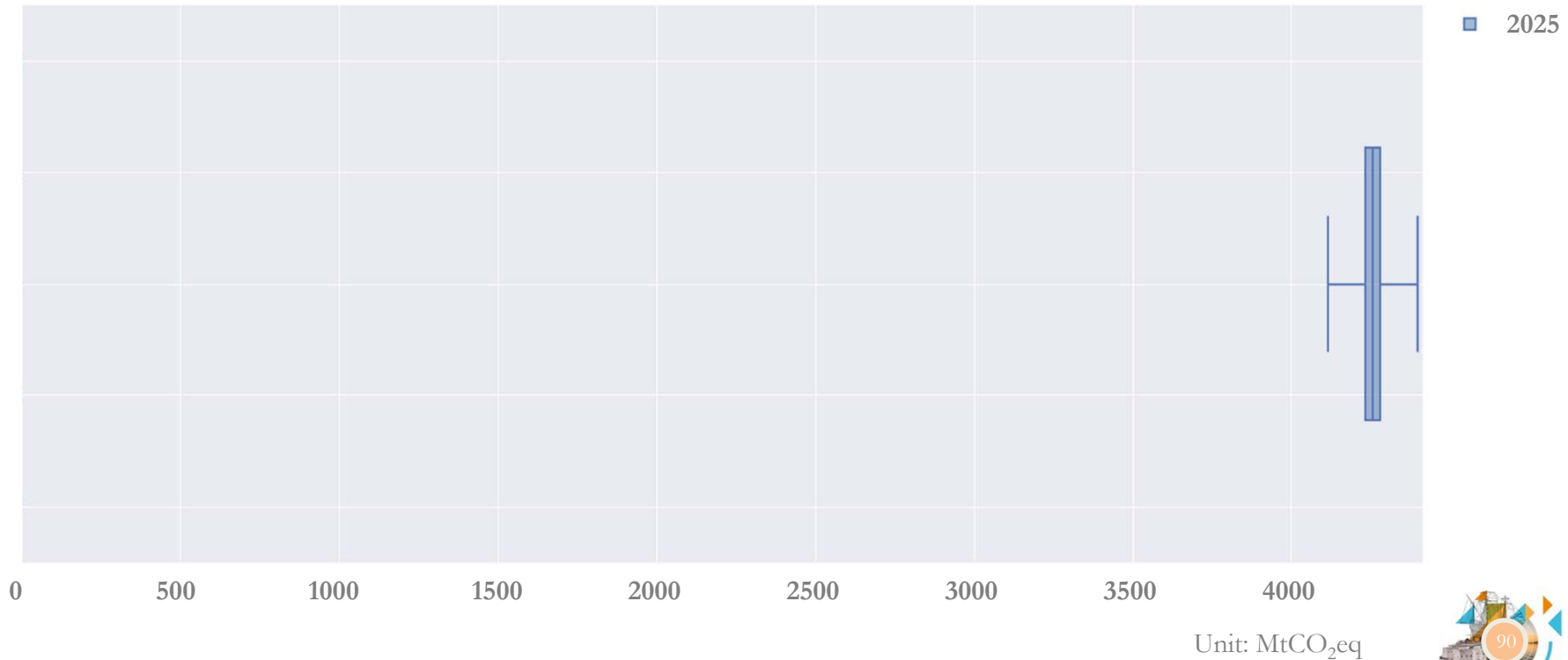


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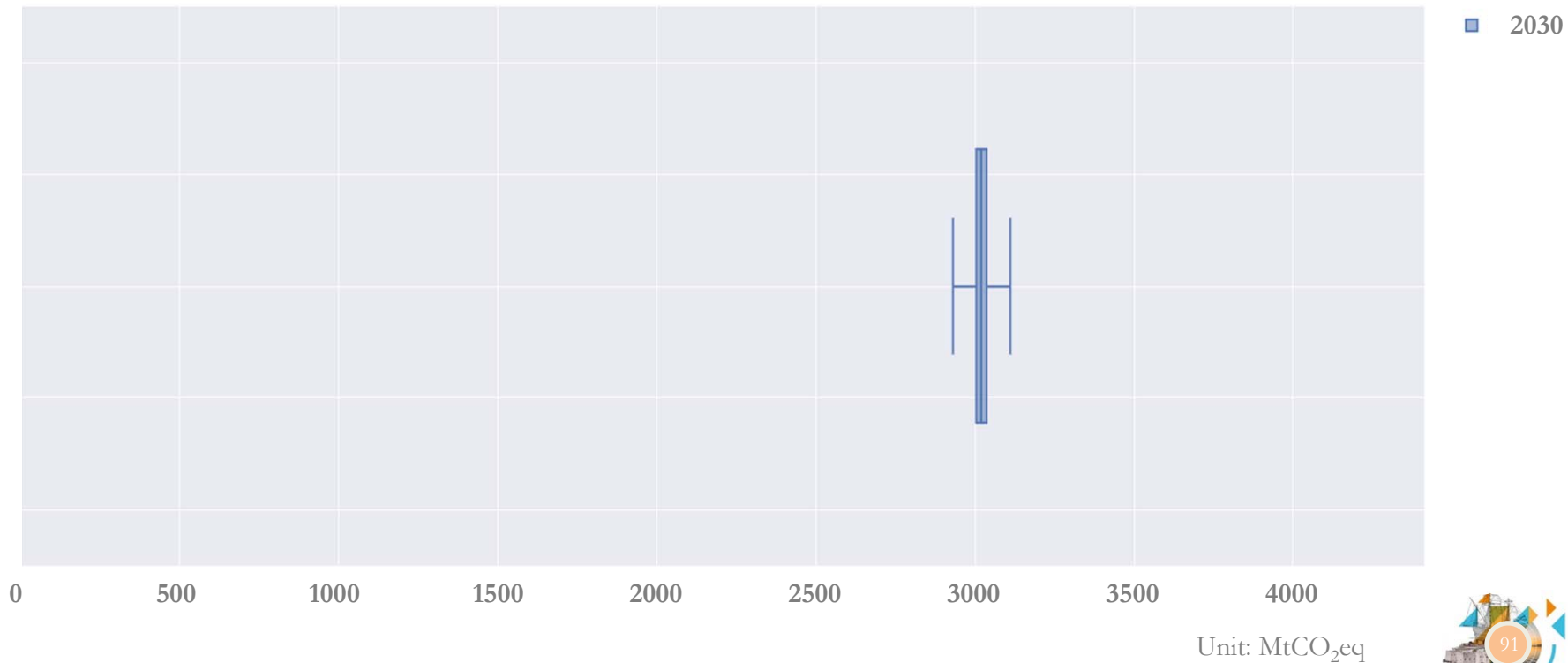
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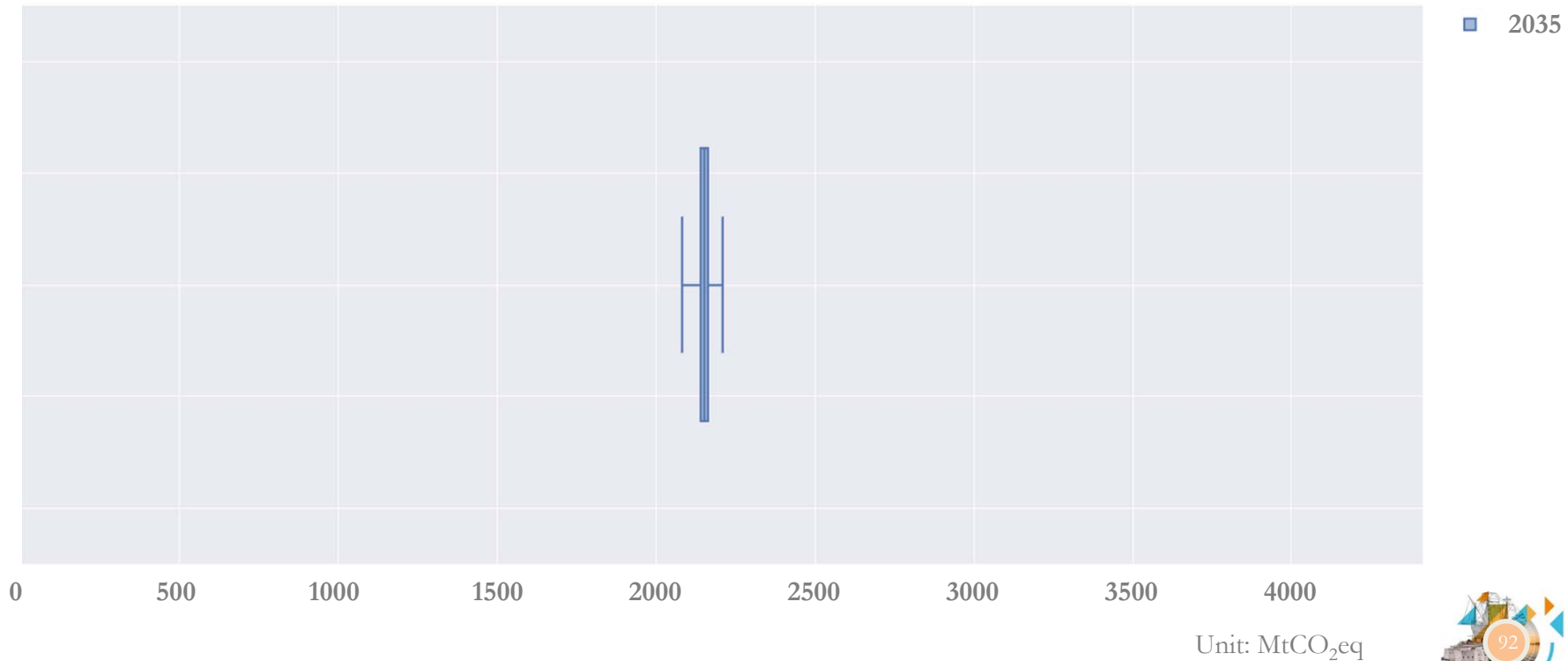
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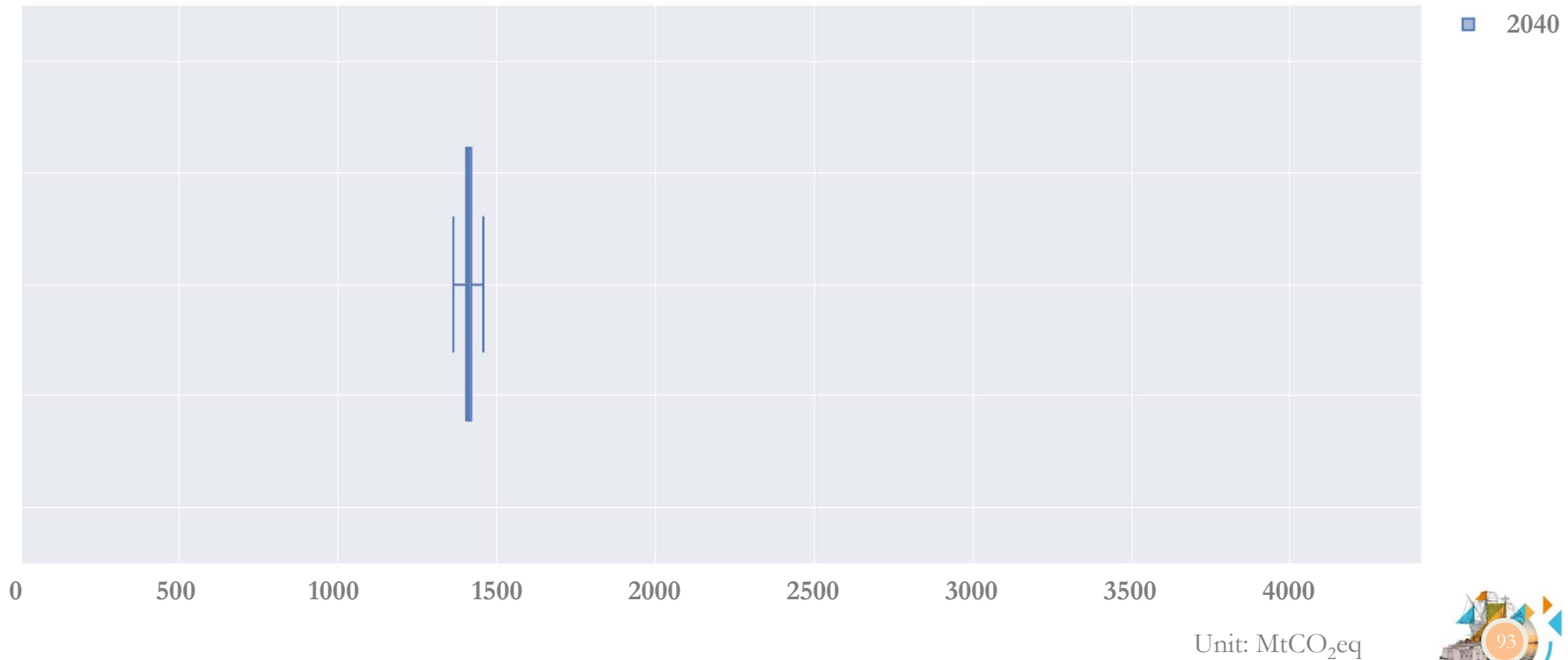
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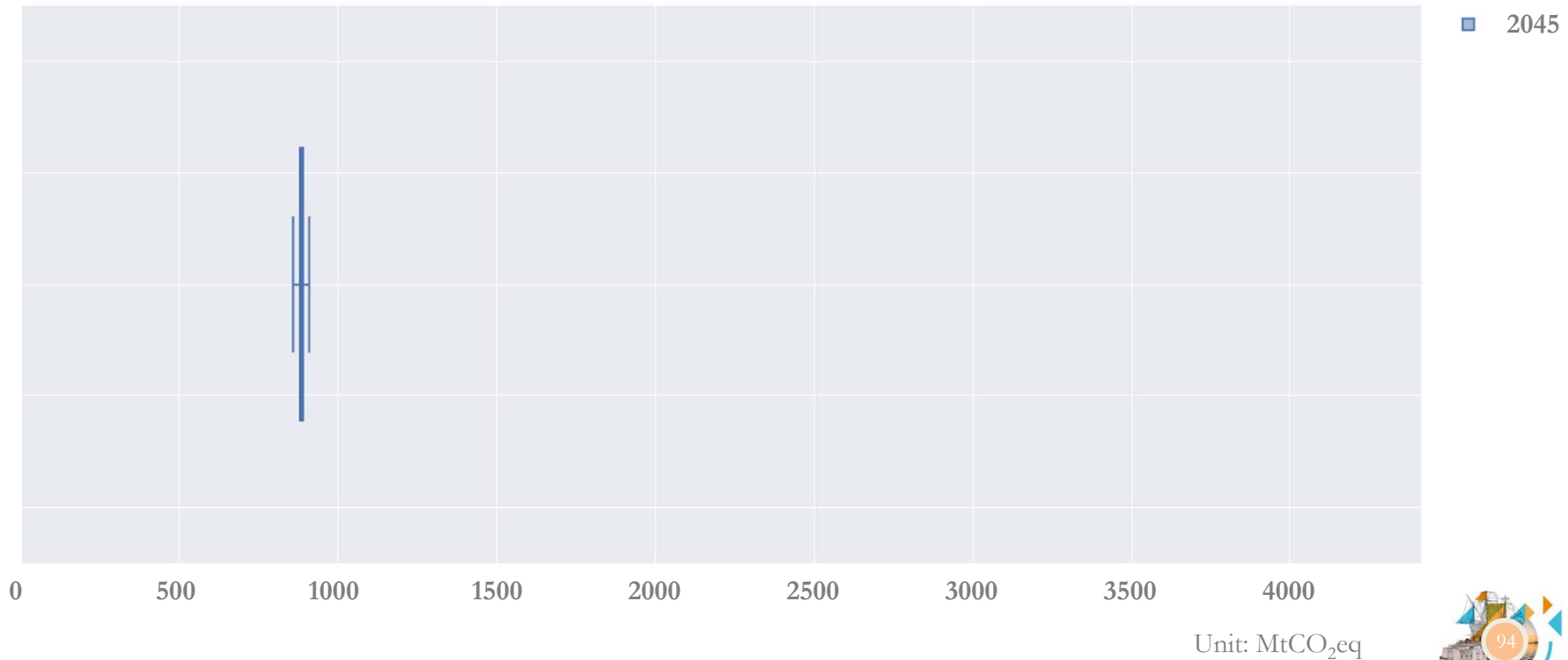
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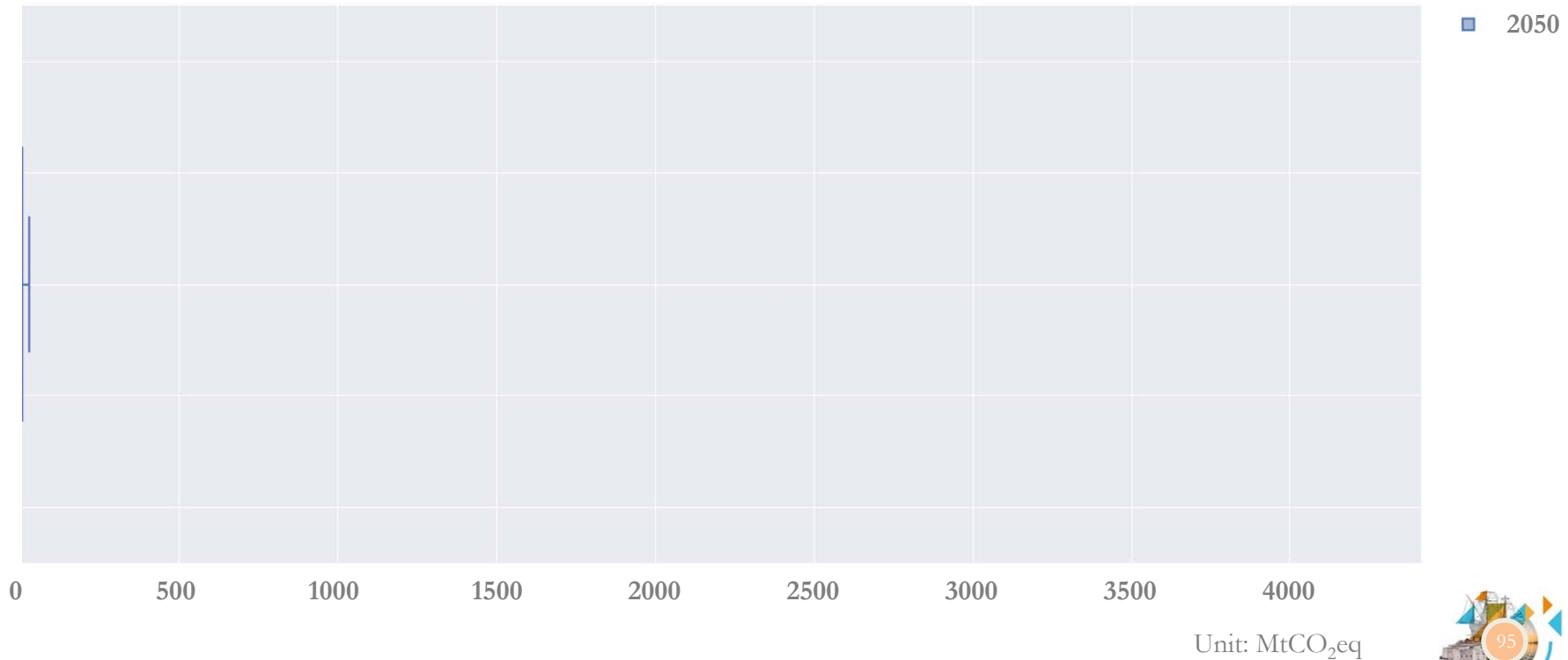
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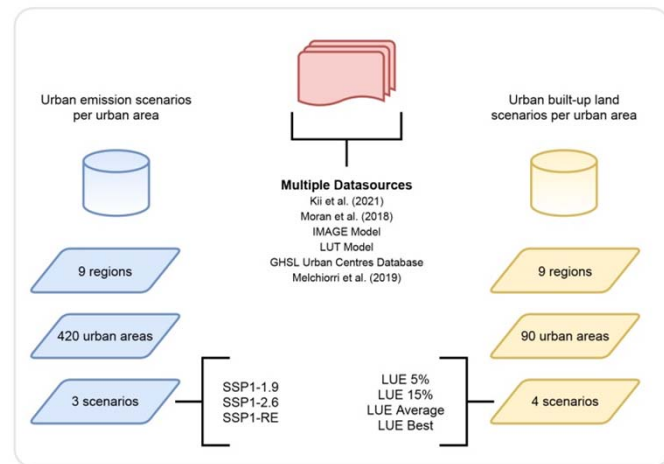
Integrated Scenarios Utilizing Land Use Efficiency

The three SSP1 scenarios for urban emissions are further coupled with scenarios considering land use efficiency

Data inputs – Urban emissions and trends

- Global Gridded Model of Carbon Footprints
- Global Human Settlement Layer GHSL-UCDB
→ Land use efficiency (LUE) per urban cluster
- Urban population by SSP per urban cluster

Land use efficiency is tracked per urban area for SDG11.3 (*) and is here used for extended scenarios



Overall method based on the original research work of the presenter

Scenario	Urbanization Qualities	Scenario	Land Use Efficiency
SSP1-RE	Rapid / <u>Relatively</u> Compact	LUE 5%	5% improvement every 5 years
SSP1-1.9	Rapid / <u>Relatively</u> Compact	LUE 15%	15% improvement every 10 years
SSP1-2.6	Rapid / <u>Relatively</u> Compact	LUE Av	Convergence to regional average LUE
		LUE Best	Transition to the best regional LUE



(*) SDG11.3: "By 2030, enhance inclusive and sustainable urbanization and capacity for participatory, integrated and sustainable human settlement planning and management in all countries"

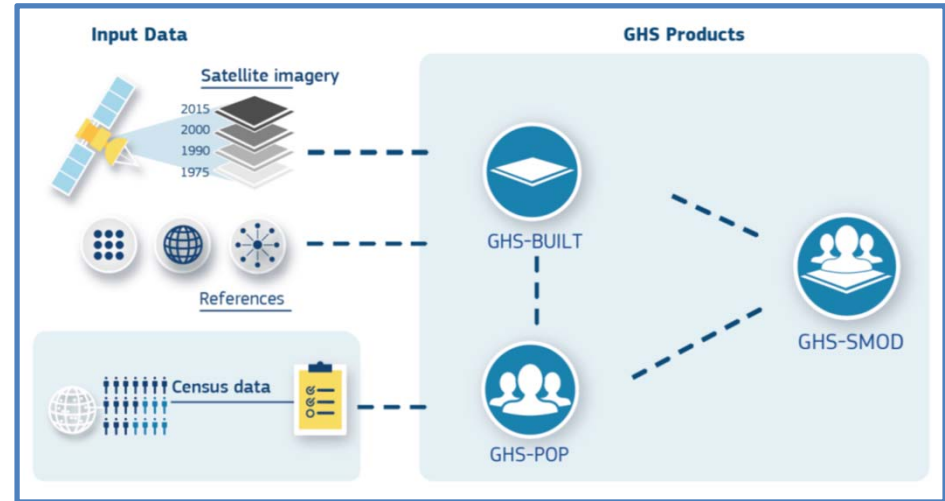
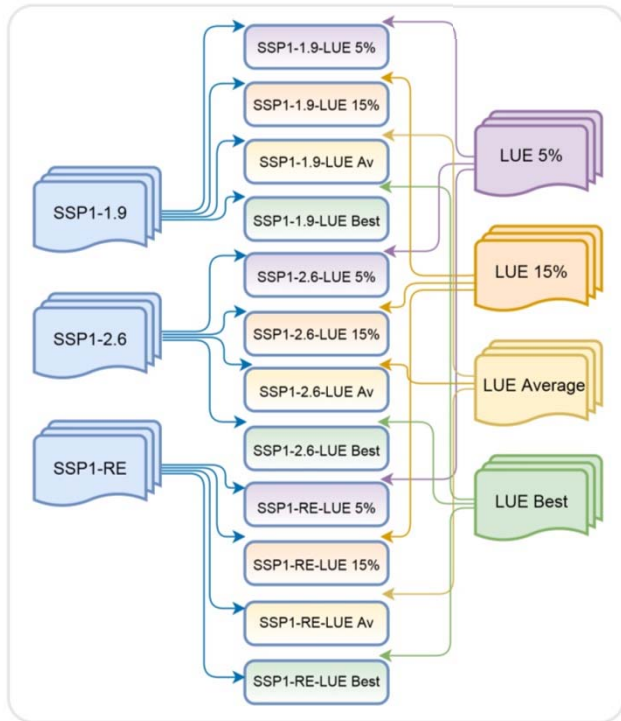


Integrated Scenarios Utilizing Land Use Efficiency

Together with the urban level SSP1 scenarios, land use efficiency scenarios for specific urban areas are obtained

Scenario values are solved based on the LUE equation per urban area U_j

$$LUE(U_j) = \frac{LCR(U_j)}{PGR(U_j)} = \frac{LN(L_{t+n})_{U_j} / LtU_j * y^{-1}}{LN(P_{t+n})_{U_j} / LtU_j * y^{-1}}$$



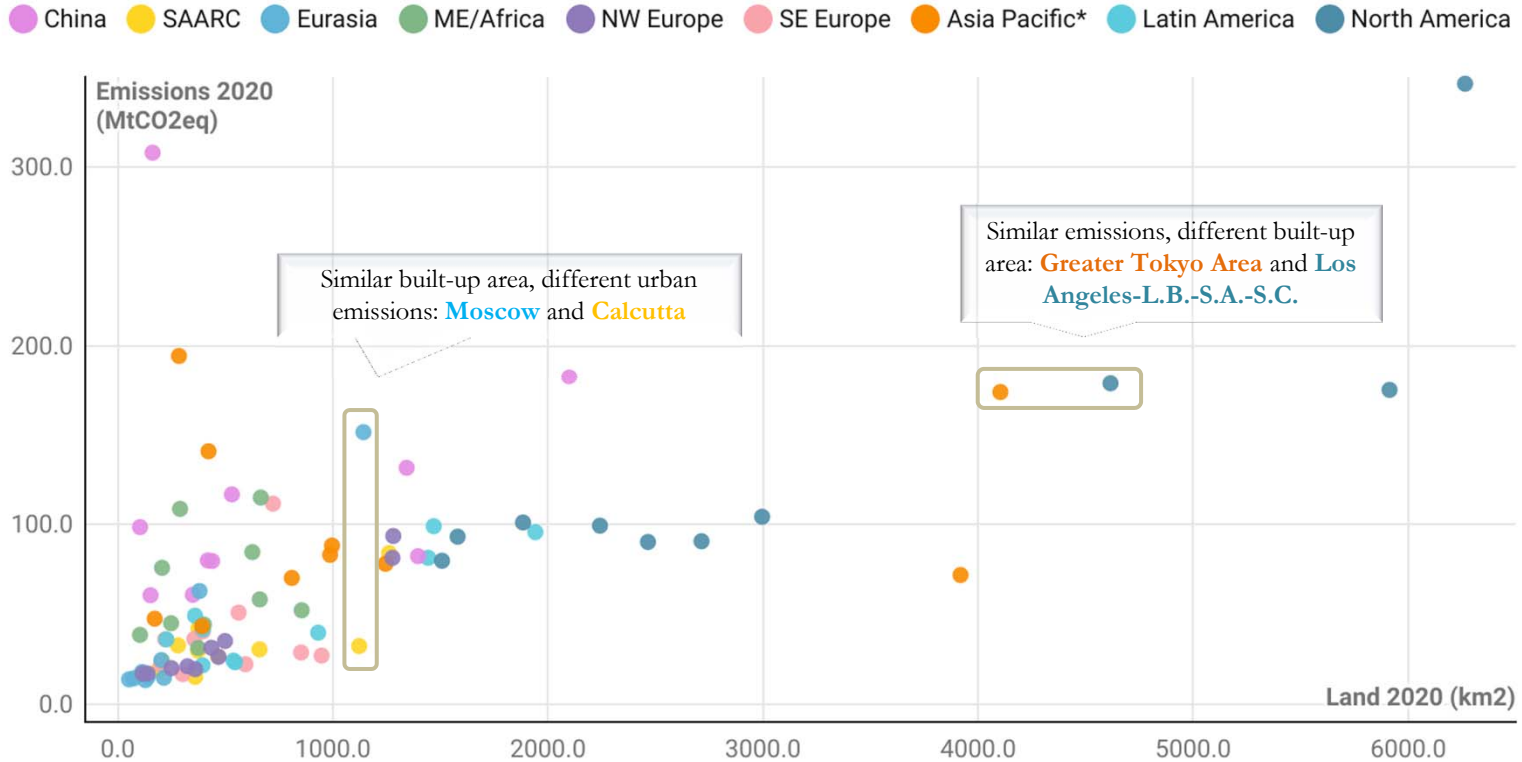
Source: JRC (2020), Atlas of the Human Planet; LUE equation adapted for scenarios for a specific urban area U_j , from Melchiorri et al. (2019), Principles and Applications of the GHSL as Baseline for the LUE Indicator SDG11.3.1

- **LCR**: Rate of land consumption where L is built-up land
- **PGR**: Population growth rate where P is population

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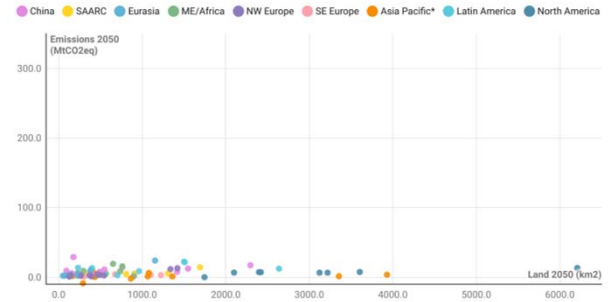
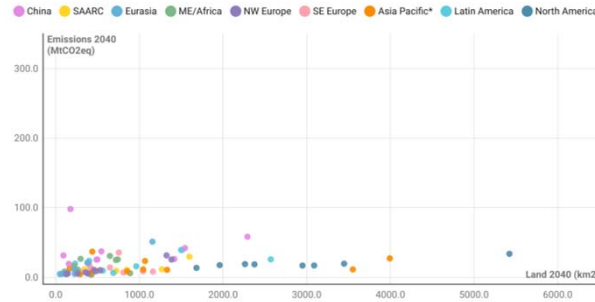
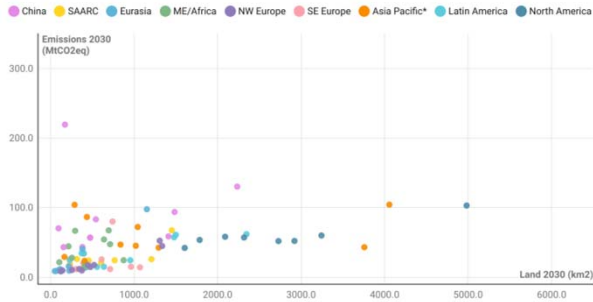
2-Dimensional Scenario Space – Emissions and Land

In 2020, 90 urban areas were responsible for $5.9 \pm 0.3 \text{ GtCO}_2\text{eq}$ of emissions, covering $83.3 \times 10^3 \text{ km}^2$ of built-up area



2-Dimensional Scenario Space – Emissions and Land

The SSP1-1.9 scenario with 5% improvement in LUE is insufficient to contain the growth of fast growing urban areas

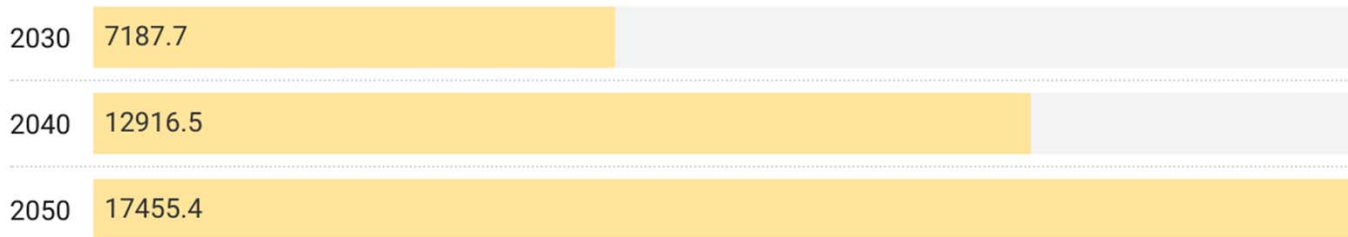


Δ Urban Emissions (2030) ↓ 2259 MtCO₂eq

Δ Urban Emissions (2040) ↓ 4529 MtCO₂eq

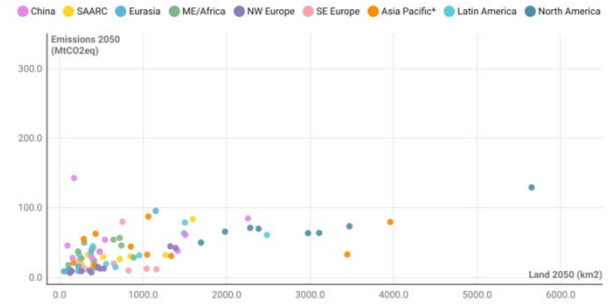
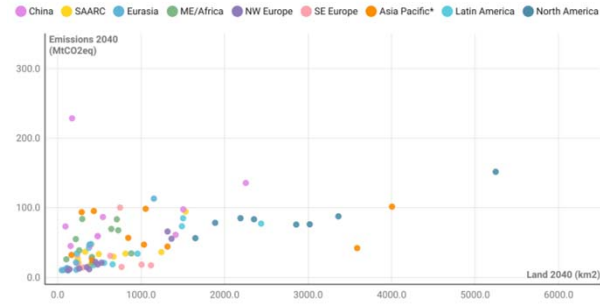
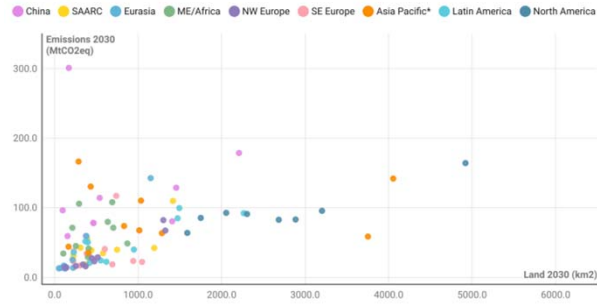
Δ Urban Emissions (2050) ↓ 5556 MtCO₂eq

Total Increase in Urban Built-Up Area Compared to 2020, Δkm²



2-Dimensional Scenario Space – Emissions and Land

SSP1-2.6 with 15% improvement in LUE is only better in limiting built-up area while insufficient for urban emissions



Δ Urban Emissions (2030)

↓ 251 MtCO₂eq

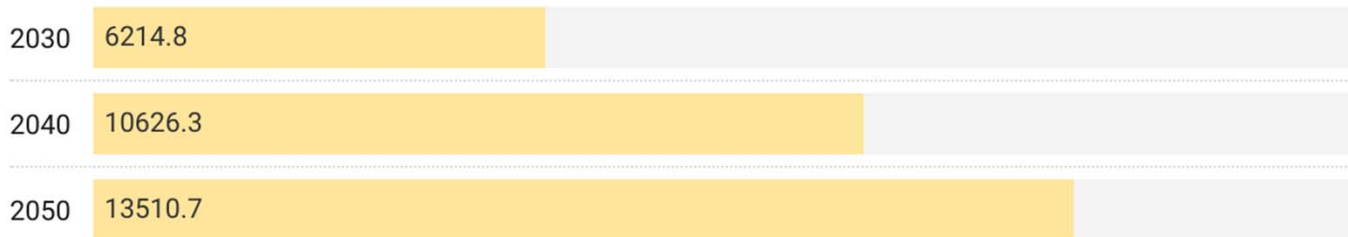
Δ Urban Emissions (2040)

↓ 1346 MtCO₂eq

Δ Urban Emissions (2050)

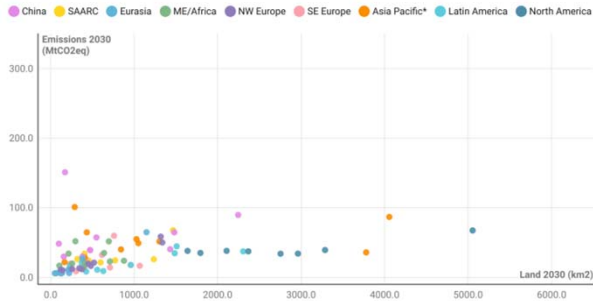
↓ 2479 MtCO₂eq

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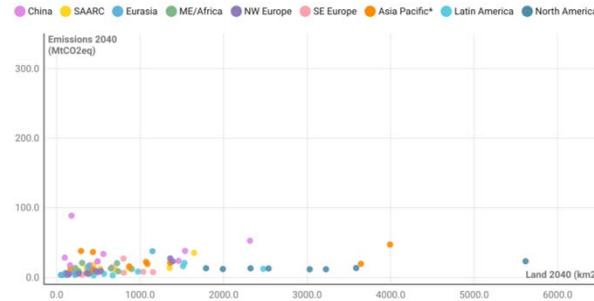
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In comparison, SSP1-RE with LUE values converging to regional averages is better only for limiting urban emissions



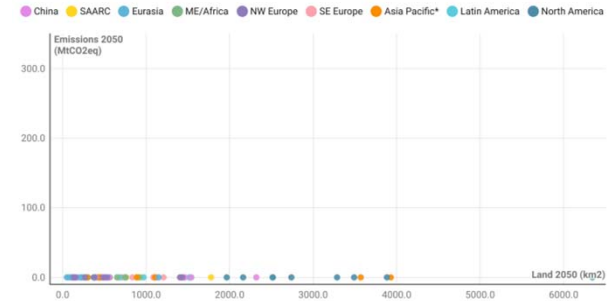
Δ Urban Emissions (2030)

↓ 2567 MtCO₂eq



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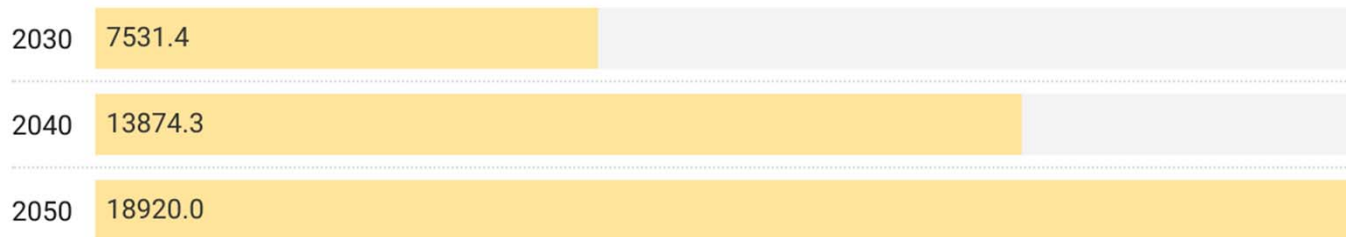
↓ 4176 MtCO₂eq



Δ Urban Emissions (2050)

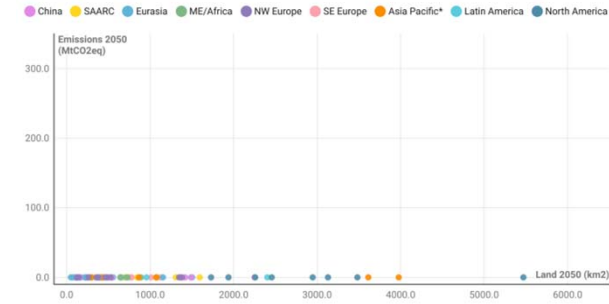
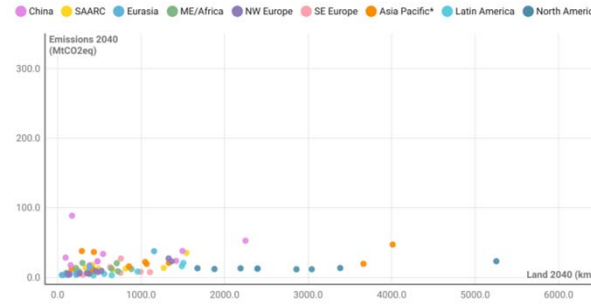
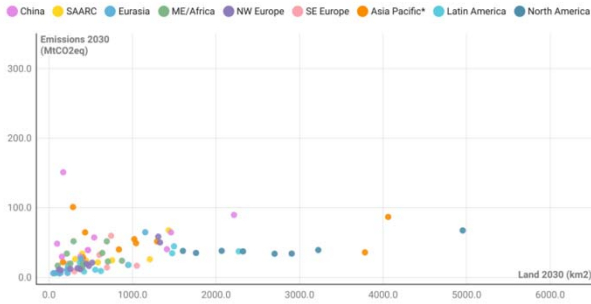
↓ 5588 MtCO₂eq

Total Increase in Urban Built-Up Area Compared to 2020, Δkm²



2-Dimensional Scenario Space – Emissions and Land

The SSP1-RE scenario with convergence to the regional best LUE values is better in both dimensions simultaneously



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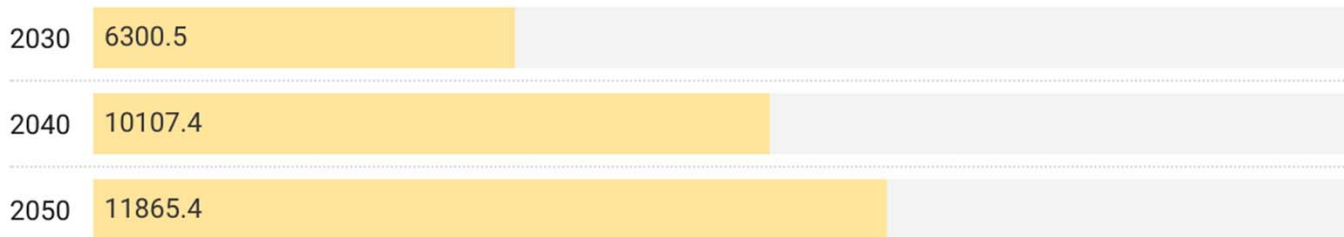
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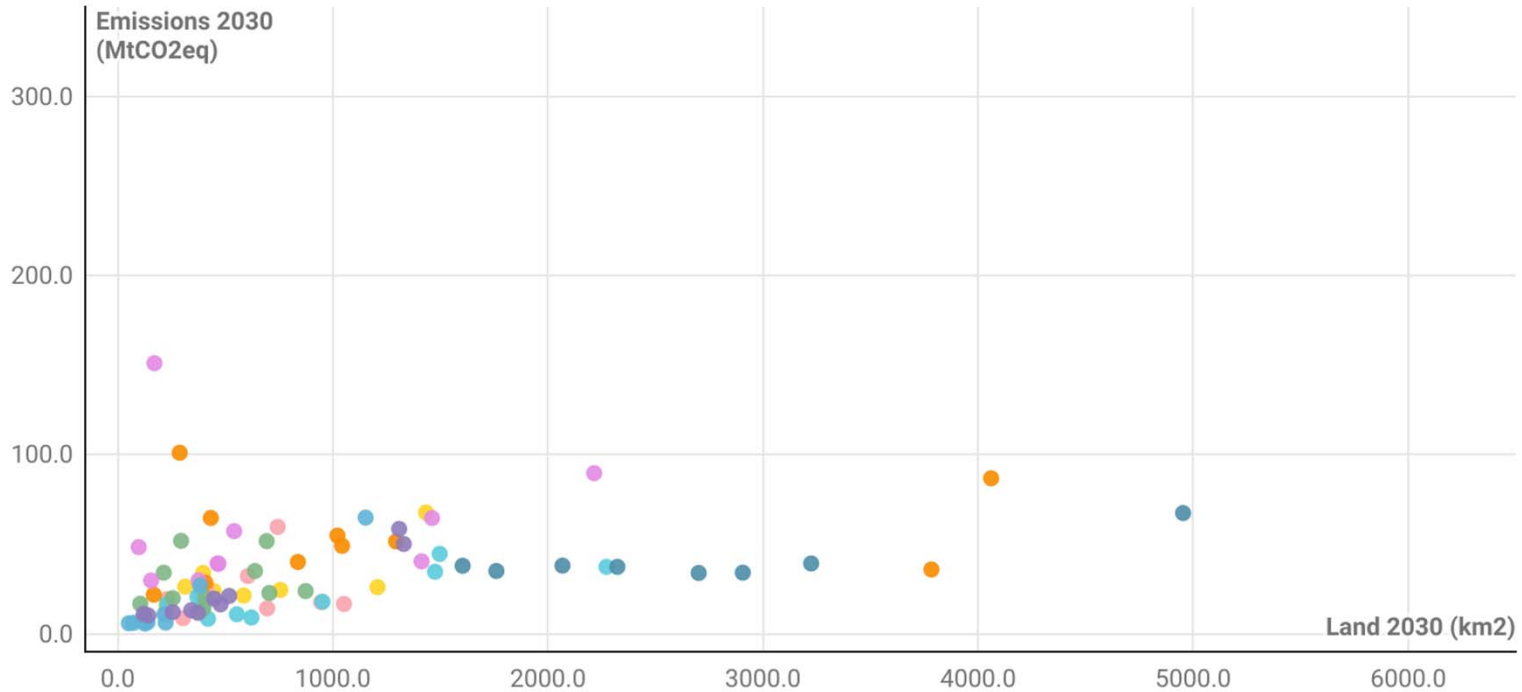
Total Increase in Urban Built-Up Area Compared to 2020, Δkm²



2-Dimensional Scenario Space – Emissions and Land

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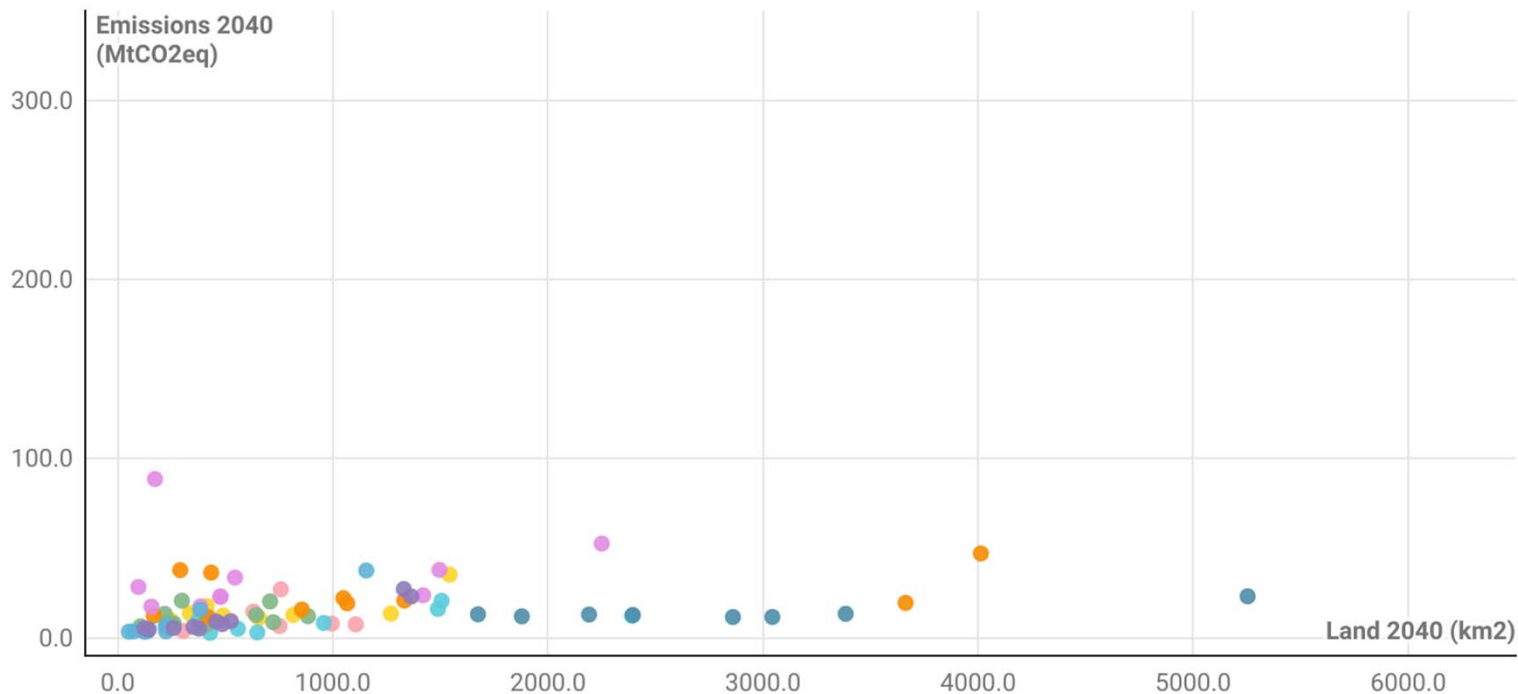
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2-Dimensional Scenario Space – Emissions and Land

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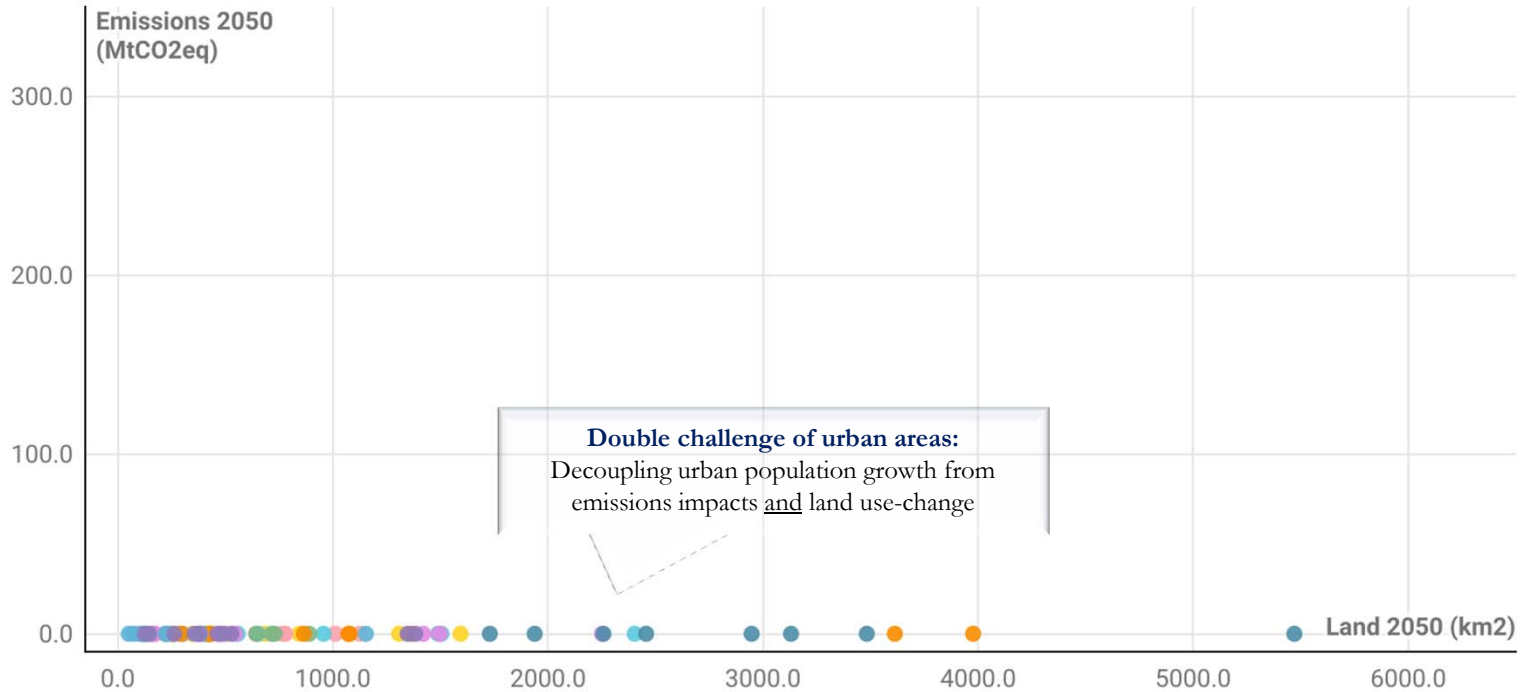
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2-Dimensional Scenario Space – Emissions and Land

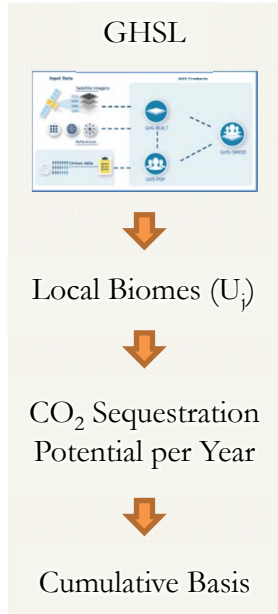
In 2050, the 90 urban areas reach the 100% RE target while limiting growth in built-up area to about $11.9 \times 10^3 \text{ km}^2$

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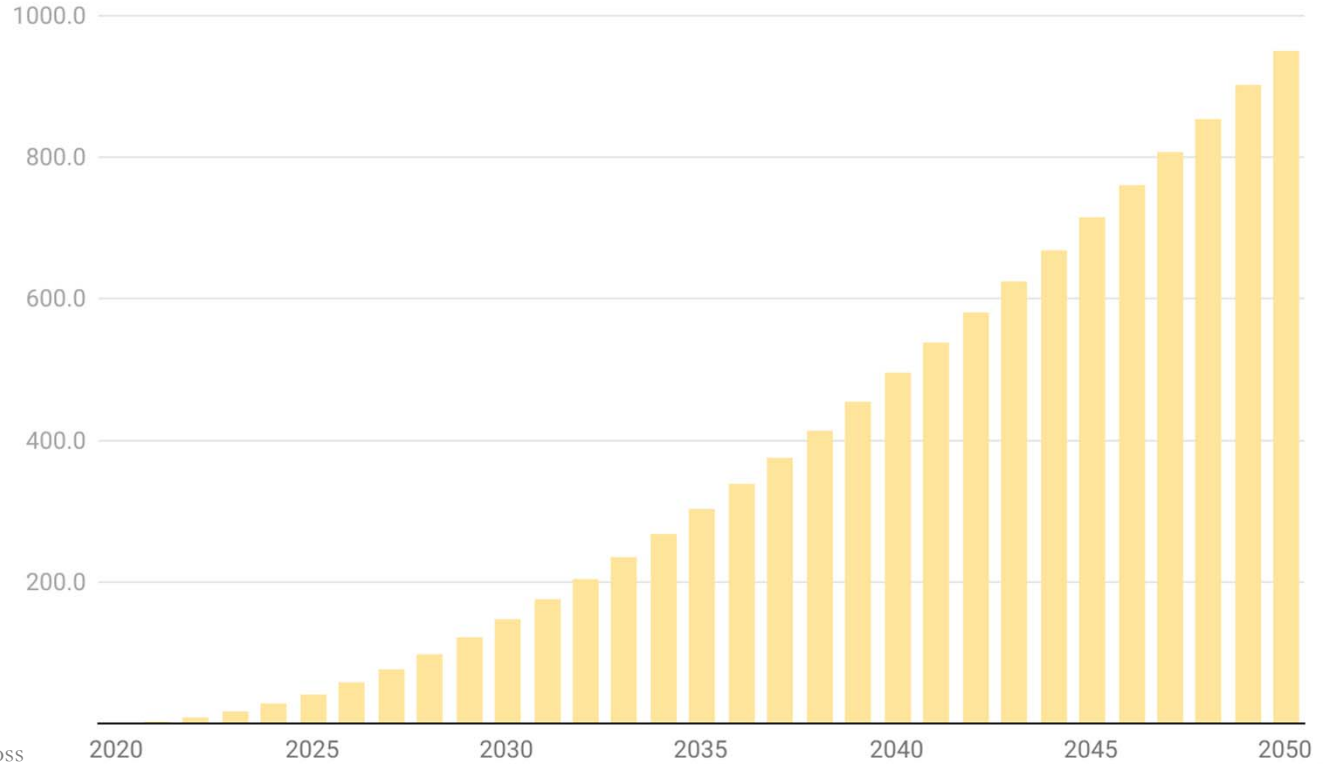


Cumulative Emissions from Urban Land Use Change

Even in the scenario with the best LUE, land use change in local biomes will have cumulative emissions penalties



CO₂ Emissions Impacts Based on Changes in Urban Built-Up Area Compared to 2020, MtCO₂

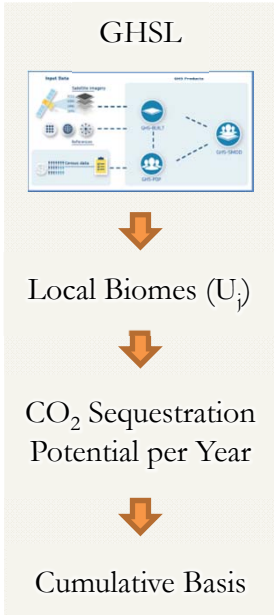
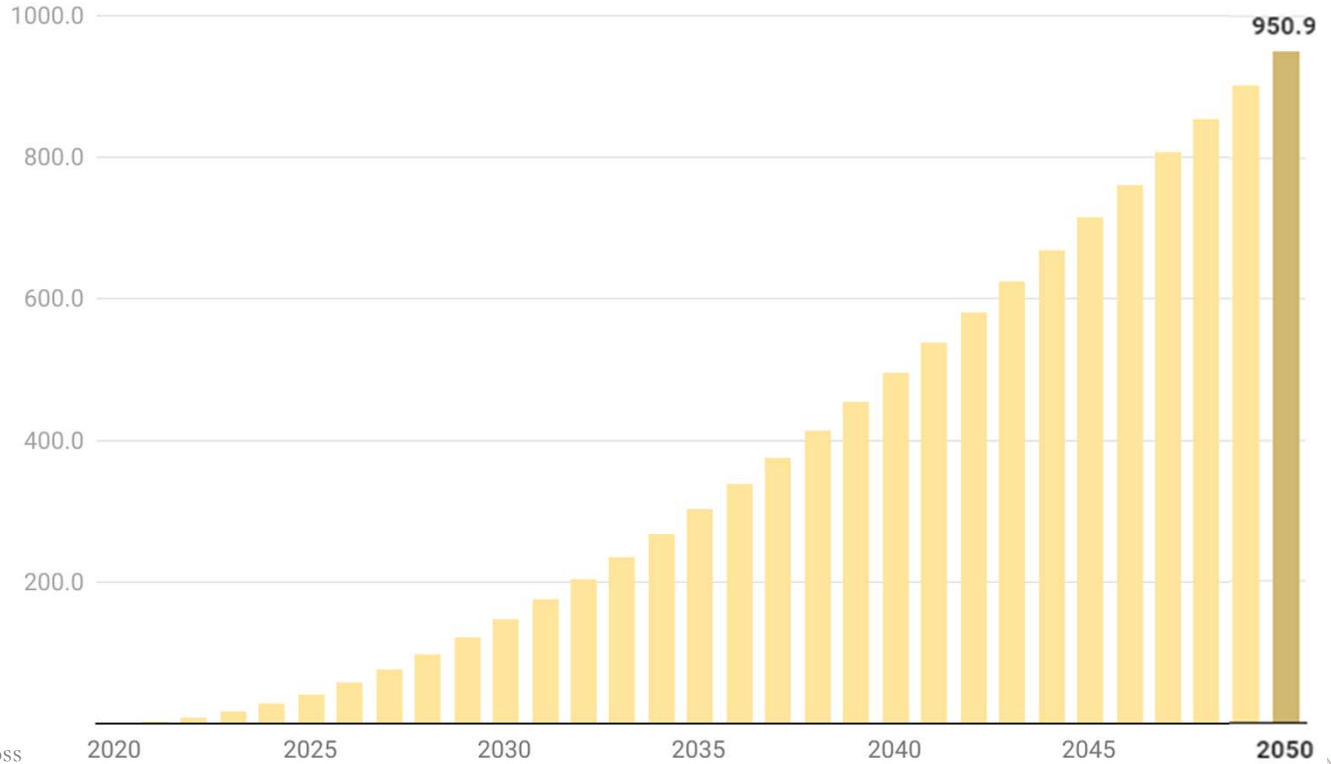


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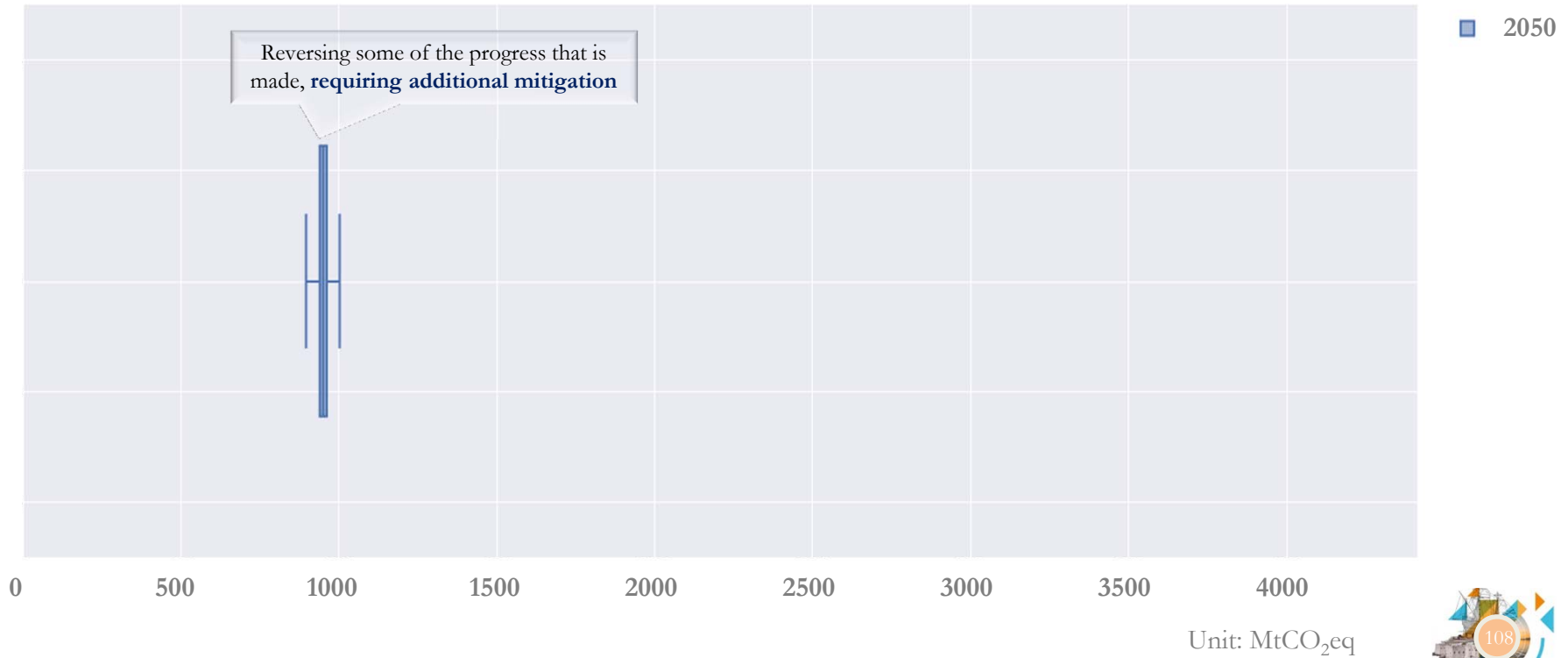


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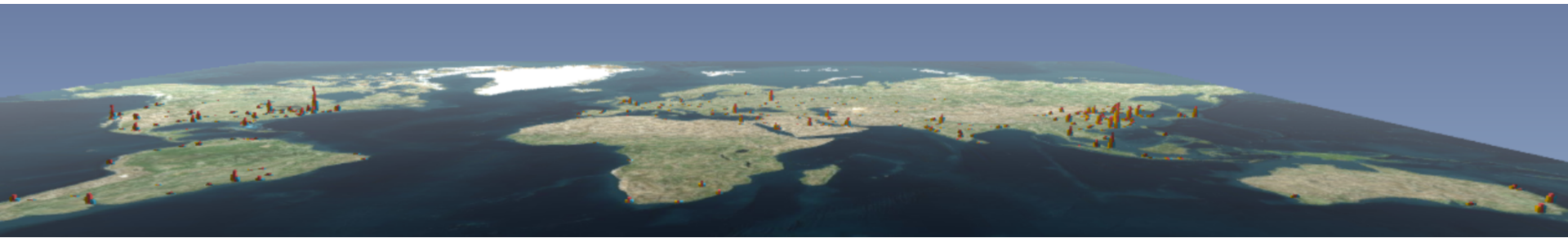
Cumulative emissions from land use change can alter a net-zero status in 2050 by $\sim 1 \text{ GtCO}_2\text{eq}$ for the 90 urban areas

Sum of the Emissions of 90 Urban Areas with 10,000 Monte Carlo Simulations for Each Urban Area, MtCO_2eq

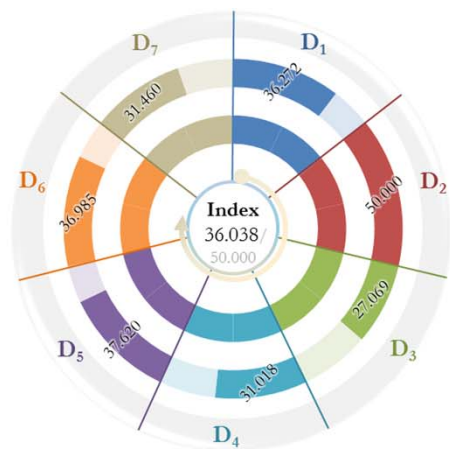


Urban Enablers of Action for Smart Energy Systems

Beyond the top emitting 420 urban areas, other urban areas can be pioneers for net-zero emissions much earlier



SDEWES Index for Copenhagen
(Rank 1 / 120)



Sources: SDEWES Centre (2018); Kalkış (2019)
<https://www.sdwes.org/sdwes_index.php>



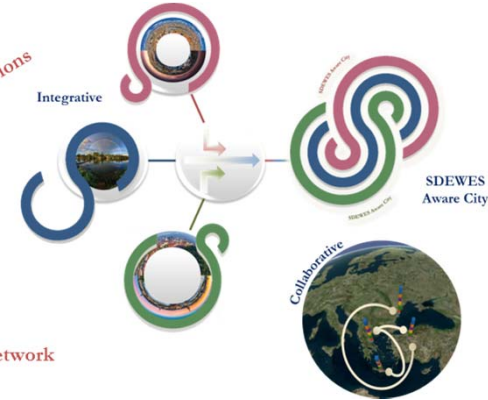
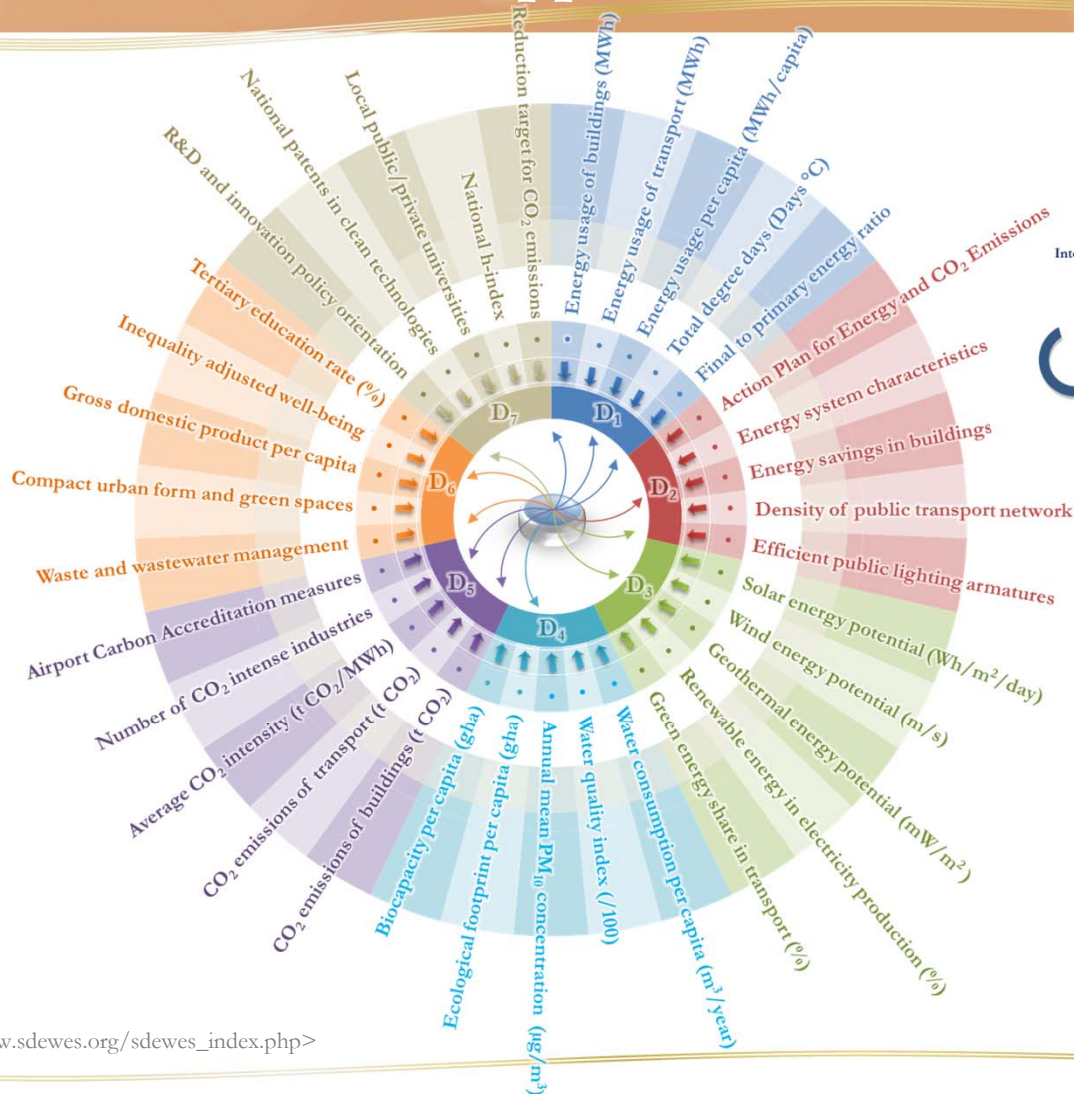
Source: Copenhagen 2025 Climate Plan Roadmap 2021-2025

Urban Enablers of Smart Energy Systems

- Emphasis on carbon-neutral district heating by 2025 and **energy system flexibility** based on integration for future energy systems with heat pumps and power-to-X
- **Partnerships** for flexible electricity use at large scale

Multi-Dimensional Approach of the SDEWES Index

SDEWES Index



- Supporting **renewable energy penetration**
- Integration of **urban and energy planning**
- **Decoupling** of emissions from greater wellbeing

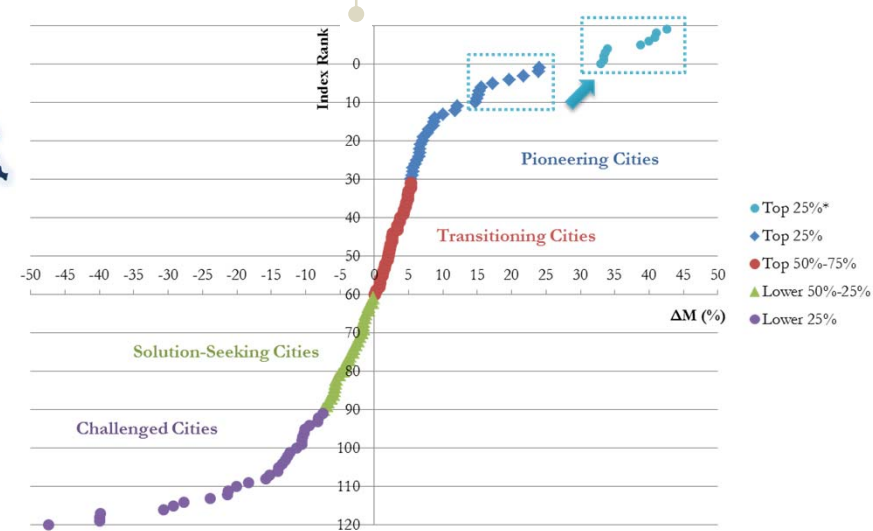
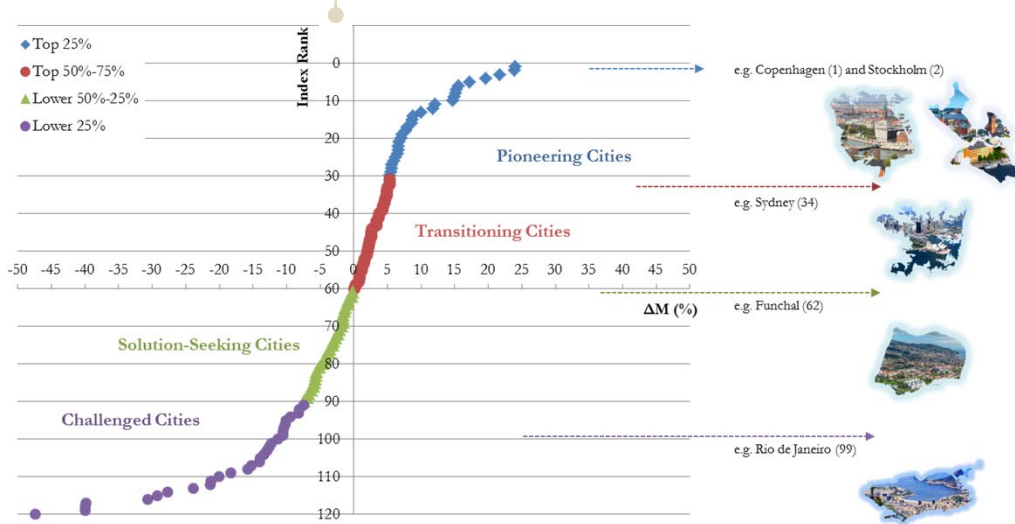
Source: SDEWES Index <https://www.sdewes.org/sdewes_index.php>

Even Pioneers Can Improve – Advancing Together

All urban areas can improve their performances and even the pioneers can improve by advancing urban integration

Achieving collectively, even the pioneers

- Zeroing energy emissions
- 100% renewable electricity
- All cities with lowest PM₁₀
- Low ecological footprint
- Additional urban planning



Source: Kılıç (2019), Benchmarking the sustainability of urban energy, water and environment systems and envisioning a cross-sectoral scenario for the future, *Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews* 103: 529-545

Source: Kılıç (2020), Integrated approach for climate neutrality in urban areas with correct timing and response, *Climate Neutrality in Cities Panel*

Integrated Approach for Net-Zero GHG Emissions

The mission on 100 climate-neutral cities will involve an integrated approach to support net-zero GHG emissions



- **Reducing the amount of total waste generated** and halving the amount of residual (non-recycled) municipal waste by 2030

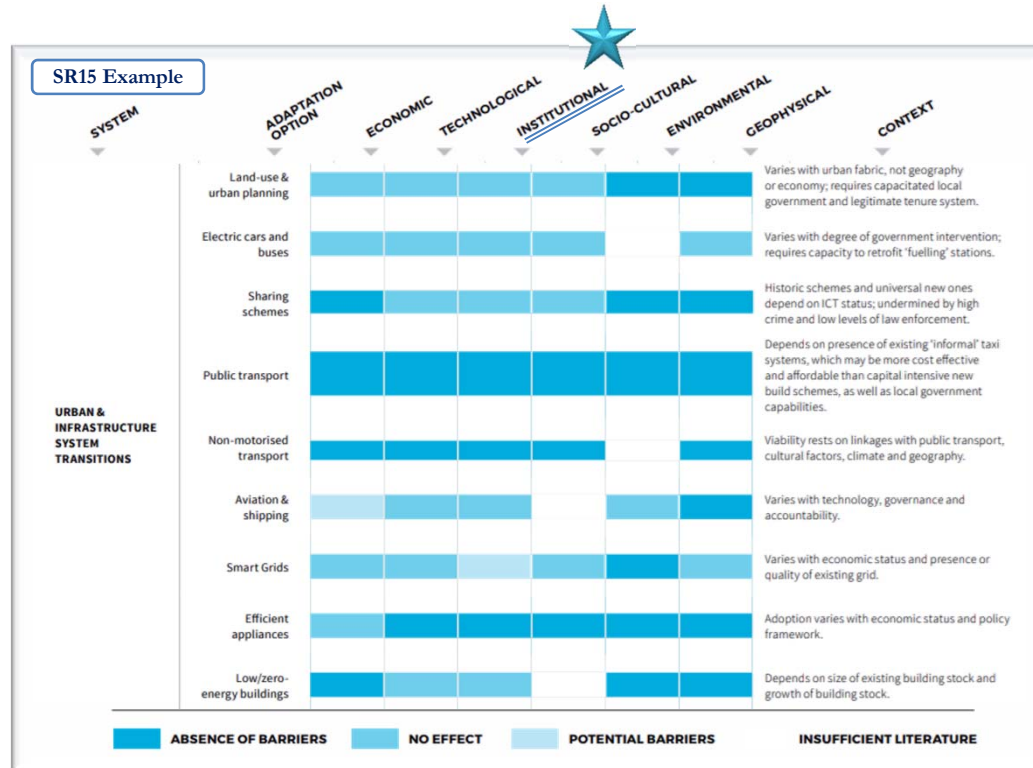
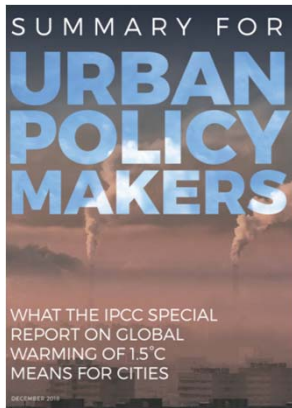
- **Coordinated planning and operation of the energy system as a whole**, across multiple energy carriers, infrastructures, and consumption sectors

- Modern, renewable based **smart district heating and cooling systems**
 - **Twin green and digital transitions**, new forms of cooperation
 - Systemic adaptation beyond sectors and **nature-based solutions**

Sources: EC (2019); EC (2020); EC (2021)

Multi-Dimensional Feasibility Aspects and Enablers

Feasibilities of urban options are multi-dimensional and malleable, including cross-sector coordination as enablers



- **First chapter dedicated to Urban Systems** during an assessment cycle in AR6
- Provides a basis for a **Special Report on Cities and Climate Change** in AR7



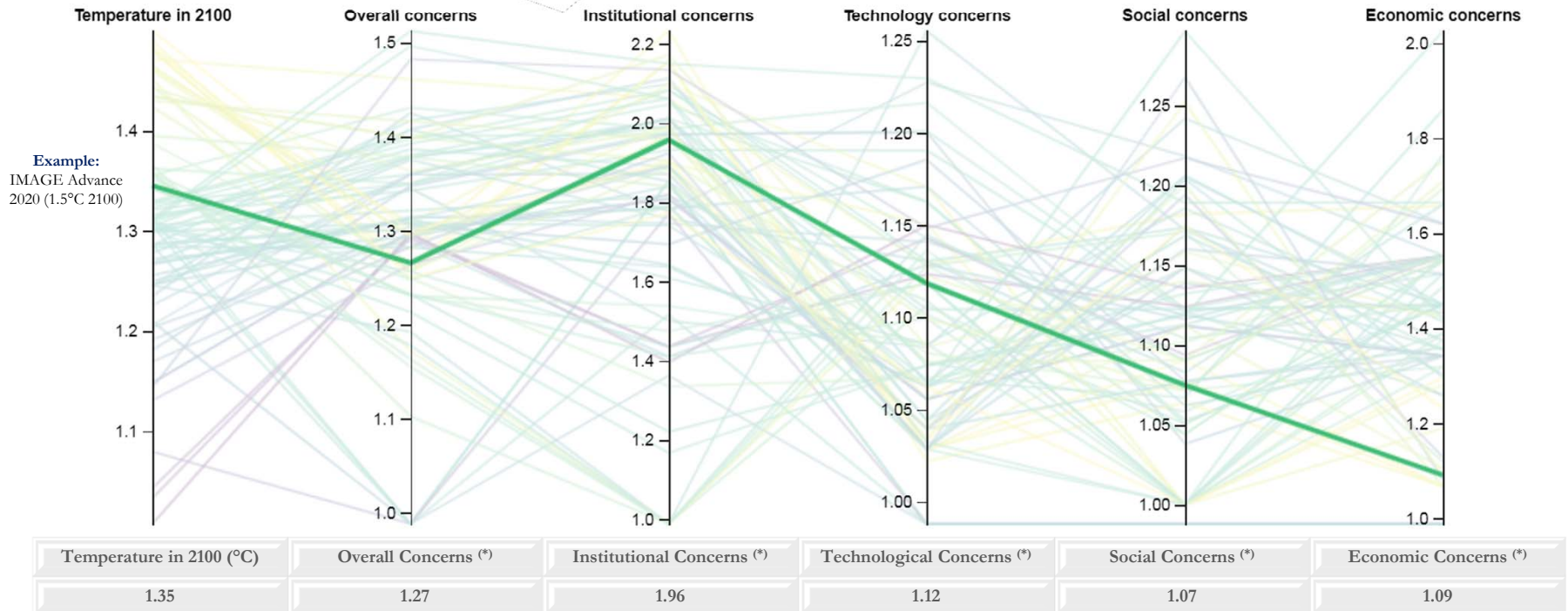
Sources: IPCC (2018), Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5 °C (SR15); Innovate4Cities (2018); Innovate4Cities (2019)

System Level Feasibility Assessments of Scenarios

Strengthening cross-sector coordination can avoid feasibility concerns later on, also applying to the local level

Temporal trade-off between early institutional transformation, including cross-sector collaboration, with fewer challenges and risks later on

(*) Represents normalized values



Sources: Brutschin et al. (2021), A multidimensional feasibility evaluation of low-carbon scenarios, *Environ. Res. Lett.* 16: 064069; IIASA Multidimensional Feasibility Dashboard <<https://data.ece.iiasa.ac.at/climate-action-feasibility-dashboard/>>

Beyond Scenarios – Time to Realize the Pathways

Enhancing system flexibility for the highest penetration of renewable energy requires urban level contributions

Demand flexibilization as an enabler, e.g. vehicle to grid and power to heat

The 420 urban areas **can mobilize** to realize the pathways with wider views of integrated action!

Advancing from sector orientation to emerging sector coupling and **urban system integration**

Urban Level Emission Scenarios Wiki - SSP1-RE

- Northern and Western Europe
- Southern and Eastern Europe
- Eurasia
- Asia and Pacific (China)
- Asia and Pacific (SAARC)
- Asia and Pacific Countries
- Middle East and Africa
- Latin America
- North America



Based on SSP1-RE, 420 urban areas across world regions are represented in the urban level emission scenarios in total. The table for Asia and Pacific Countries excludes urban areas in China and SAARC that are provided separately.

Urban areas can search for their emission scenarios based on SSP1-RE for action!

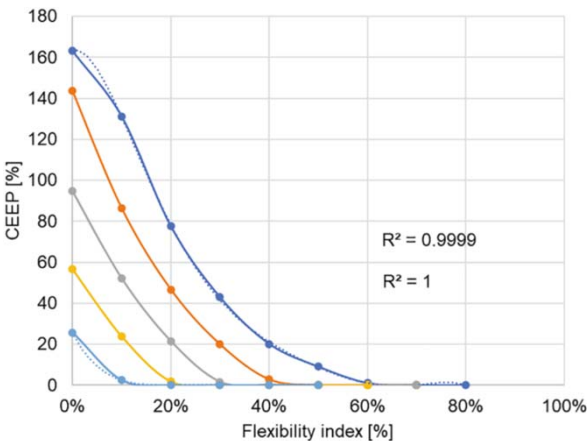
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Urban Level Emission Scenarios

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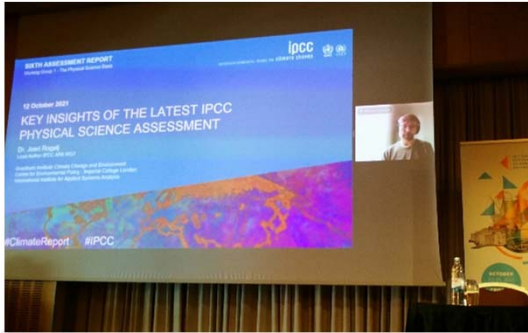
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Source: Pfeifer et al. (2021), Flexibility index and decreasing the costs in energy systems with high share of renewable energy, *Energy Conversion and Management* 240: 114258

* Due to the time dimension of balancing supply and demand, can also save exergy from being destroyed in the overall system

SDEWES Research Community and Sustainability



Based on: SDEWES (2021)

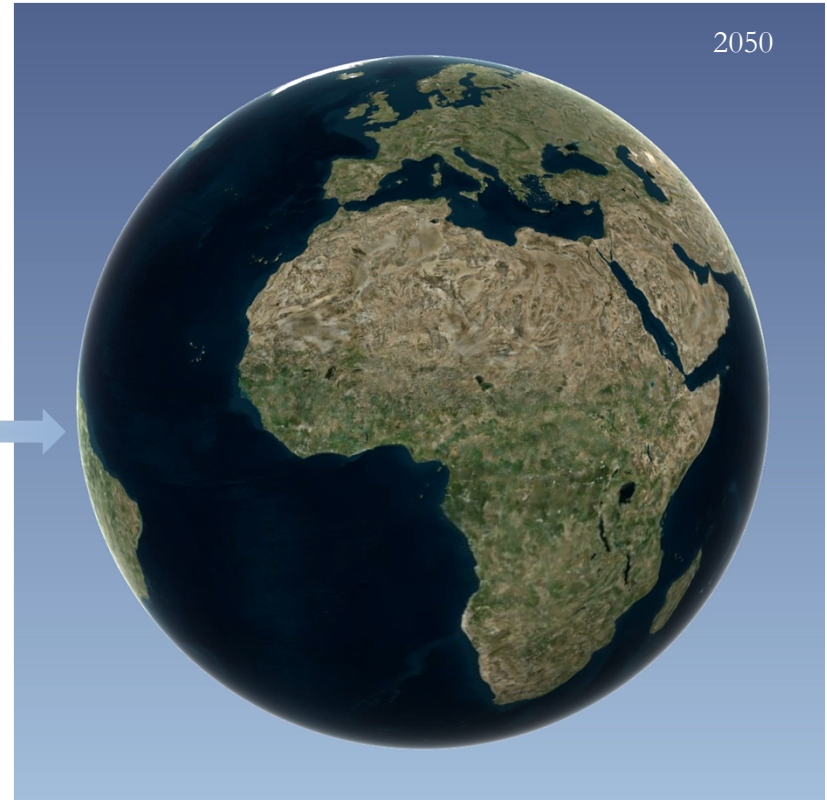
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No Other Time to Act and Scale Up Than Now



Outcomes will depend on enabling a shift to sustainability



Represents the **original data analysis** that is included in this presentation

Targeting Sustainable Urban Systems Across the World

Collective action across all regions for more sustainable urban systems can support making a world of a difference!

**INTENSIFIED
CLIMATE CHANGE**



**INTENSIFIED
ACTION FOR
NET-ZERO**

2050 Scenario Comparisons
for the Top 3 in Each Region

