

# Carbon-CAP: An overview

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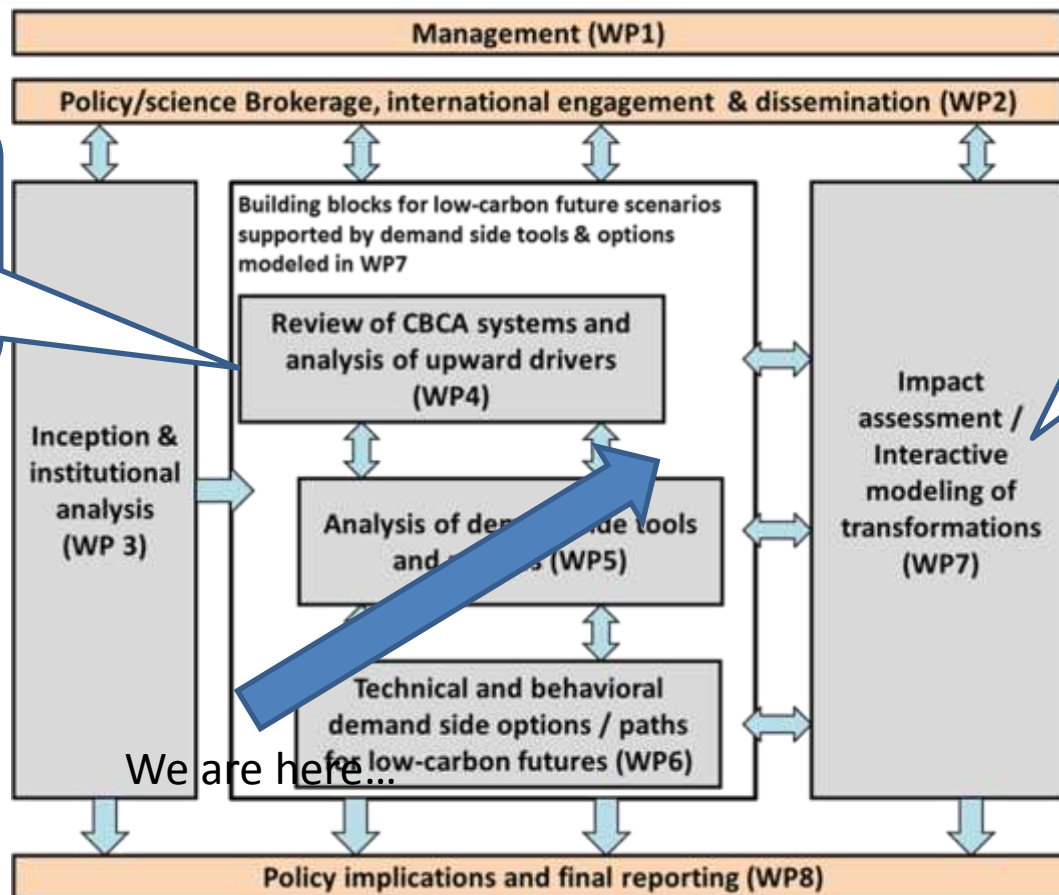
A partial view of the Carbon-CAP logo, showing the three concentric arcs (blue, green, and grey) in the bottom right corner.

- Contract
  - From 1 October 2013 to 31 December 2016
  - 3.6 Mio Euro of which 3 Mio EU FP7 funded
- Management
  - PO, Ewa Kusmierczyk, DG RTD
  - Scientific adviser to PO, Peter Horvath, DG RTD
  - Scientific Coordinator, Arnold Tukker, TNO
  - Project manager, Ming Chen, TNO



## Work flow

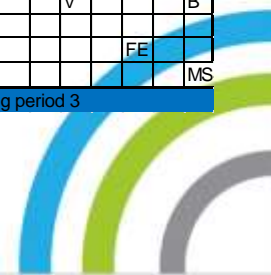
Multi-regional EE  
IO database  
(EXIOBASE) used



We are here...

Models used:  
E3ME (Cambridge)  
FIDELIO (DG JRC IPTS)  
EXIOMOD (TNO)





# Carbon-CAP: Rationale for consumption based accounting and policy

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- Introduction to the project
- What we work on
- Today's agenda
- Some basic facts
  - Supported by EU FP7, DG RES, 3 Mio Euro
  - Contact DG RES: Peter Horvath
  - From 1 October 2013 to 31 December 2016
  - Project management: TNO (Arnold Tukker, Ruud Baartmans)



## Project Partners

The Netherlands Organisation for Applied Scientific Research (TNO, co-ordinator) (NL)	Cambridge University Centre for Climate Change Mitigation Research (4CMR) (UK)
Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien (WU) (AU)	Cambridge Econometrics (CE) (UK)
EC DG JRC Institute for Prospective Technical Studies (IPTS) (BE)	Climate Strategies (CS) (UK)
Institute of Environmental Sciences, Leiden University (LU-CML) (NL)	Deutsches Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung (DIW) (DE)
Norges Teknisk-Naturvitenskapelige Universitet NTNU (NO)	International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTDS) (CH)





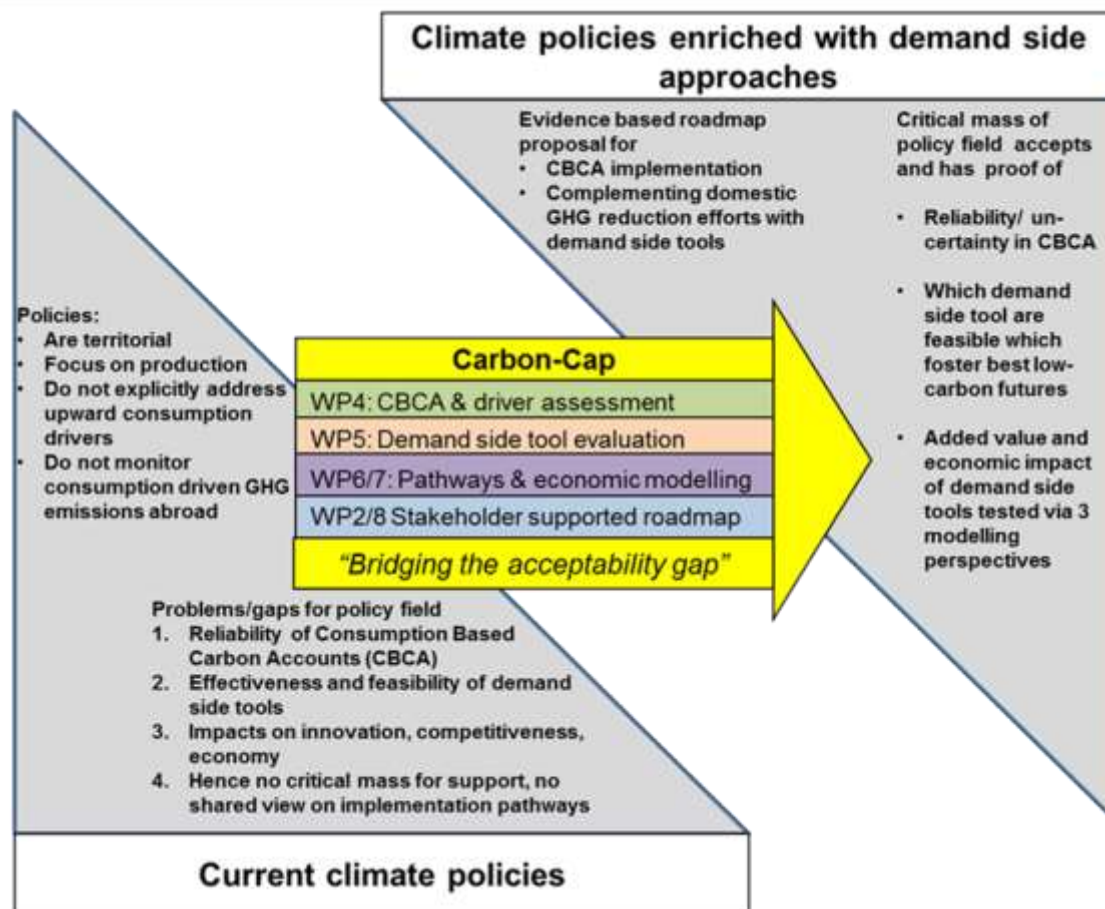
- Currently: territorial emission reduction approaches
- Global economy: growing share of GHG emissions
- Growing consumption: is a main driver GHG emissions
- Consumption oriented mitigation approaches hence can have added value
  - address consumption as a driver
  - carbon leakage.



- Gap 1: Quantification of global emissions related to consumption of goods and services and understanding drivers for upward trends
- Gap 2: Understanding of the levers, potential mechanisms, and feasibility of demand side tools and policies.
- Gap 3: Understanding of the effectiveness and impacts of demand side tools and policies.
- Gap 4: No shared view on the added value, implementation challenges and acceptability of demand side tools/policies and related accounts, and no “roadmap” of evolution from production towards consumption-based policies.

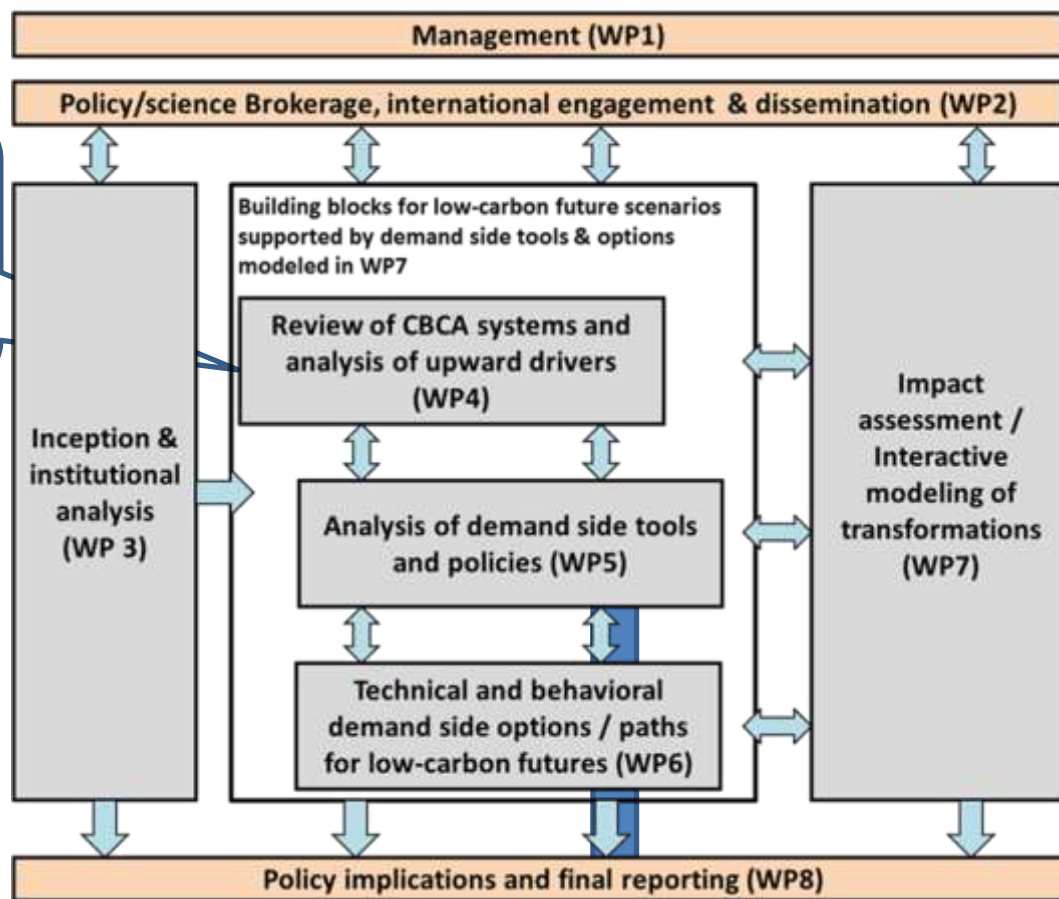


## Work Breakdown



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## What we want to achieve

- Stimulate innovative demand side oriented climate policies
- Realise a more effective policy mix
- ....by more reliable improved shared insights about consumption based GHG emissions....
- .... And quantitatively analyzing consumption-oriented climate mitigating policies



## Agenda today

1. Consumption-based accounting in international climate negotiations
2. Consumer-oriented improvement options and their implementation
3. Consumption-based policy instruments for a more effective climate policy mix



Questions so far?





- Carbon CAP needs to be careful
  - Many scenario studies have been done
  - We should not repeat, but show added value of consumption oriented policies
  - This has implication for how we set up the modelling -> we would like to discuss!





### **Box: Definition of the scope of the Carbon-Cap project**

Research in the Carbon-Cap project focuses on emissions occurring along the supply-chains, which are embodied in the **intermediate and final demand** of **non-energy** products and services **and have a potential trade impact**. **New scenarios combining options for improvement and policy instruments from this perspective**

By setting this specific focus, the Carbon-Cap project excludes **building new scenarios (improvements/policy options)** for two other important categories of emissions, which have already been widely researched in a number of other projects:

- (a) emissions stemming directly from final demand (such as household or government consumption), including e.g. emissions from heating of homes or from gasoline consumption by private or government transport.
- (b) emissions caused by the production processes of energy for final demand, such as emissions in the production of electricity, which is directly consumed by households or government.



- Which would lead to the following types of scenarios
  - Scenario ‘no intervention’: developments if no or only weak tradition-oriented climate policies are implemented
  - Scenario ‘baseline’: developments when production-oriented climate policies are implemented
    - Based on existing research on production-oriented improvement options and policies, e.g. IEA Blue Map
    - Pragmatically probably a scenario that already has been used in E3ME, Fidelio and EXIOMOD to analyse production-oriented climate policies
  - WP5 and WP6 must hence focus on
    - Improvement options inducing CO<sub>2</sub> reductions in the supply chains
    - Effectiveness of policy instruments supporting such improvements...
    - ...as a complement to production-oriented improvements



Thank you for being here today!



# Consumption-based accounting in climate negotiations 2030 and 2050 global scenarios

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Cambridge Econometrics

Carbon-CAP Stakeholder workshop  
Geneva

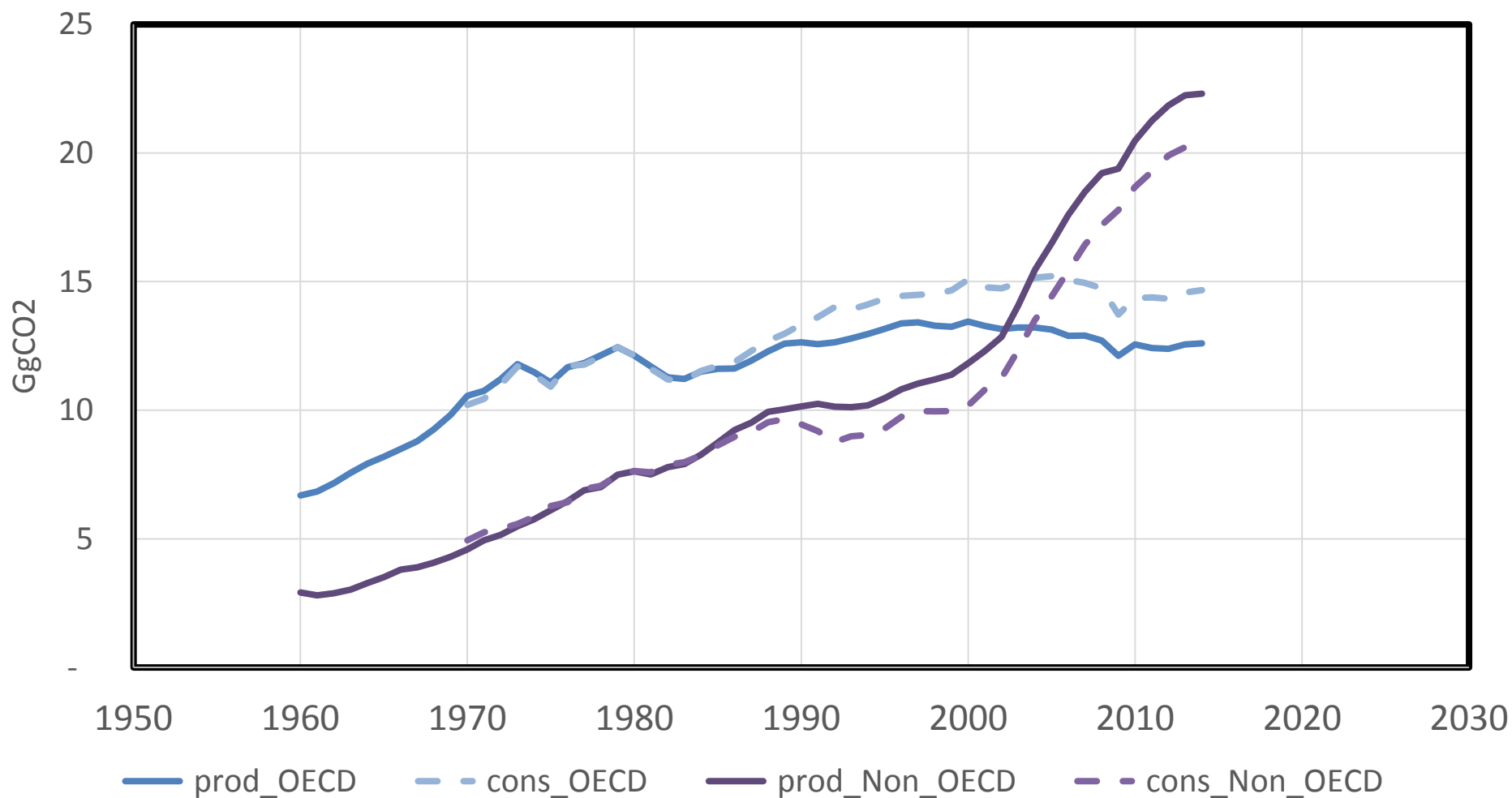
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- Doha Amendments > 2020
- Paris Agreement (INDCs) > 2020 - 2030
- Marrakesh (?).... (?) > 2030....
- CBDR-RC – historical and **traded**



## Emissions



## Expected outcome

- A policy portfolio of **consumption-based policies** that shifts the burden back to developed countries and results in reduction of production and consumption based emissions in developing countries
- Additional to production-based/more traditional policies and national commitments



## Models

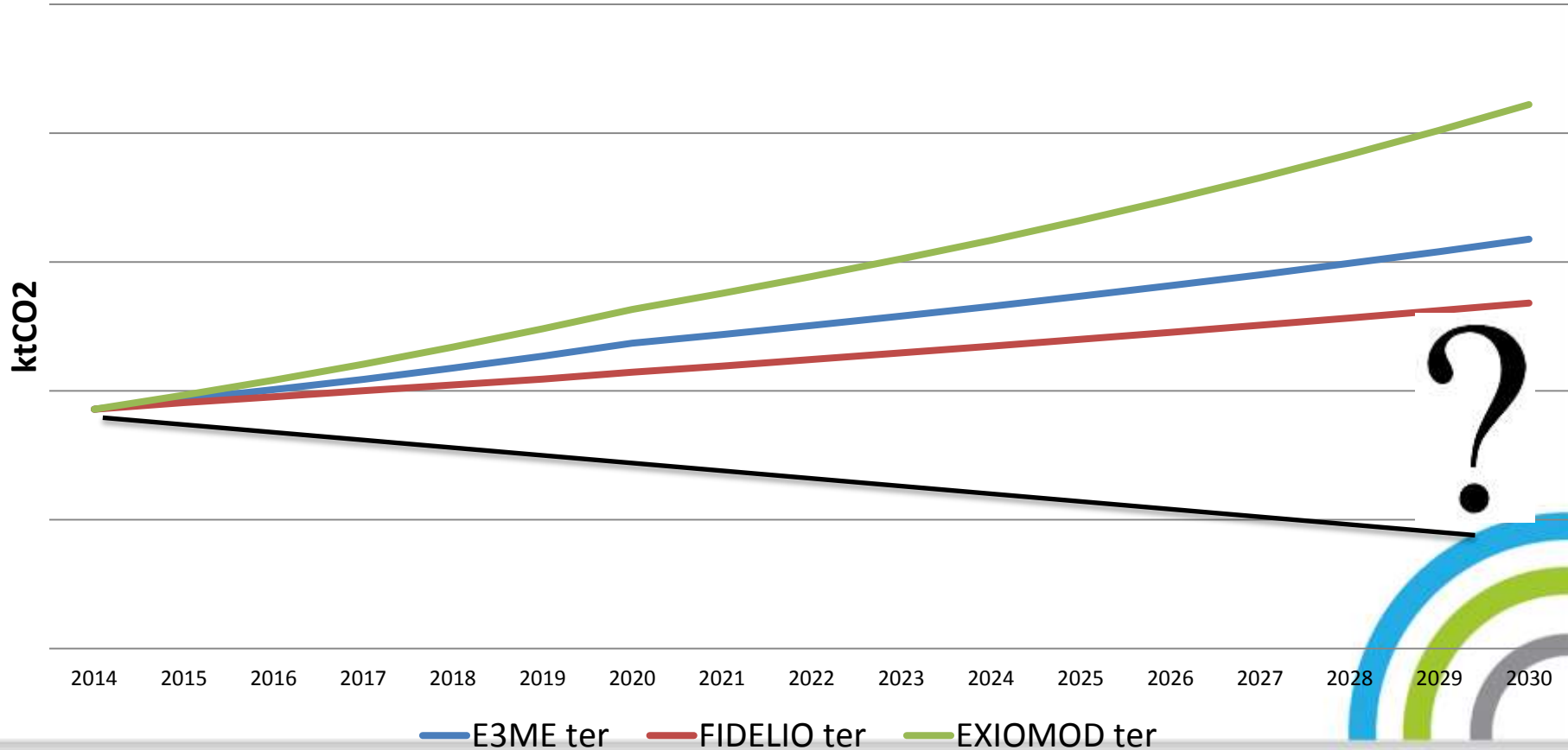
- E3ME (Cambridge Econometrics, UK) macroeconomic energy-environment-economy (E3) model
- EXIOMOD (TNO, Netherlands) a Global Computable General Equilibrium (CGE) model based on detailed EXIOBASE MREEIO
- FIDELIO (IPTTS, Spain) a dynamic econometric input-output model based on Eurostat's supply and use tables and the WIOD





## Emissions

### Country X



## Policy issues

- No accounting standards for consumption based emissions
- No monitoring, reporting and verification
- Current methods (differences <30%)



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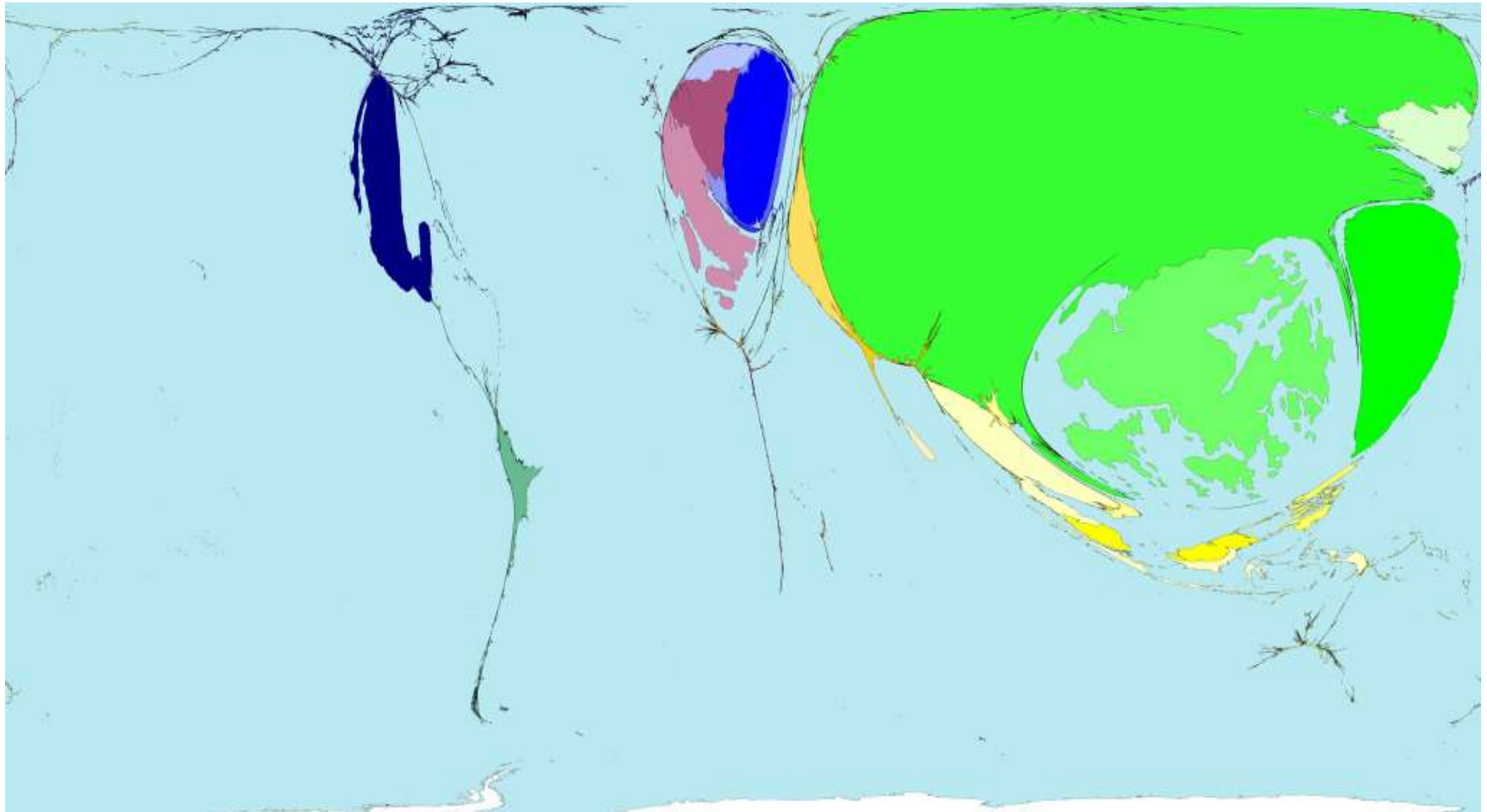
# Consumption based emissions for the UK

John Barrett

# Global trade flows



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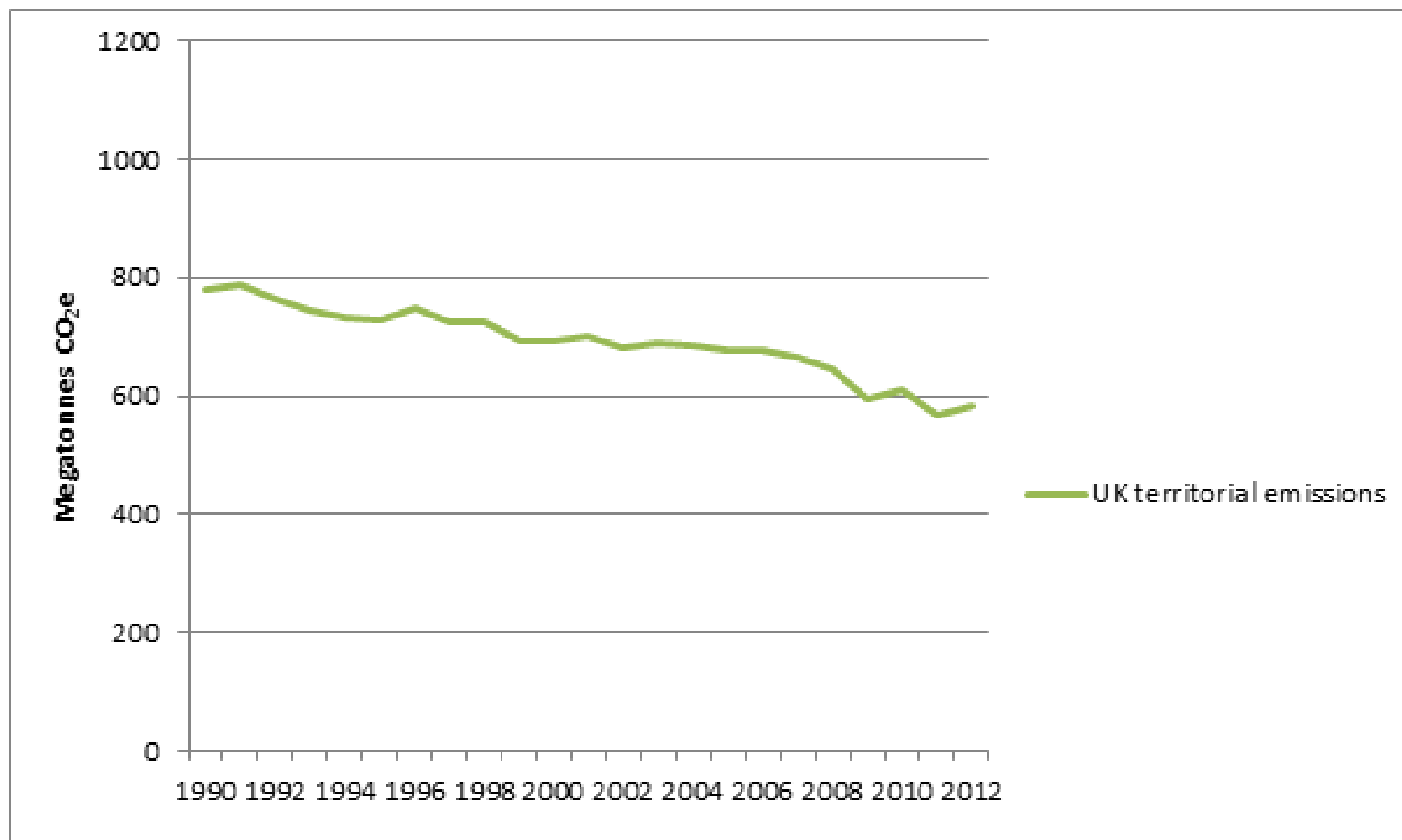


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# UK Emissions - Territorial



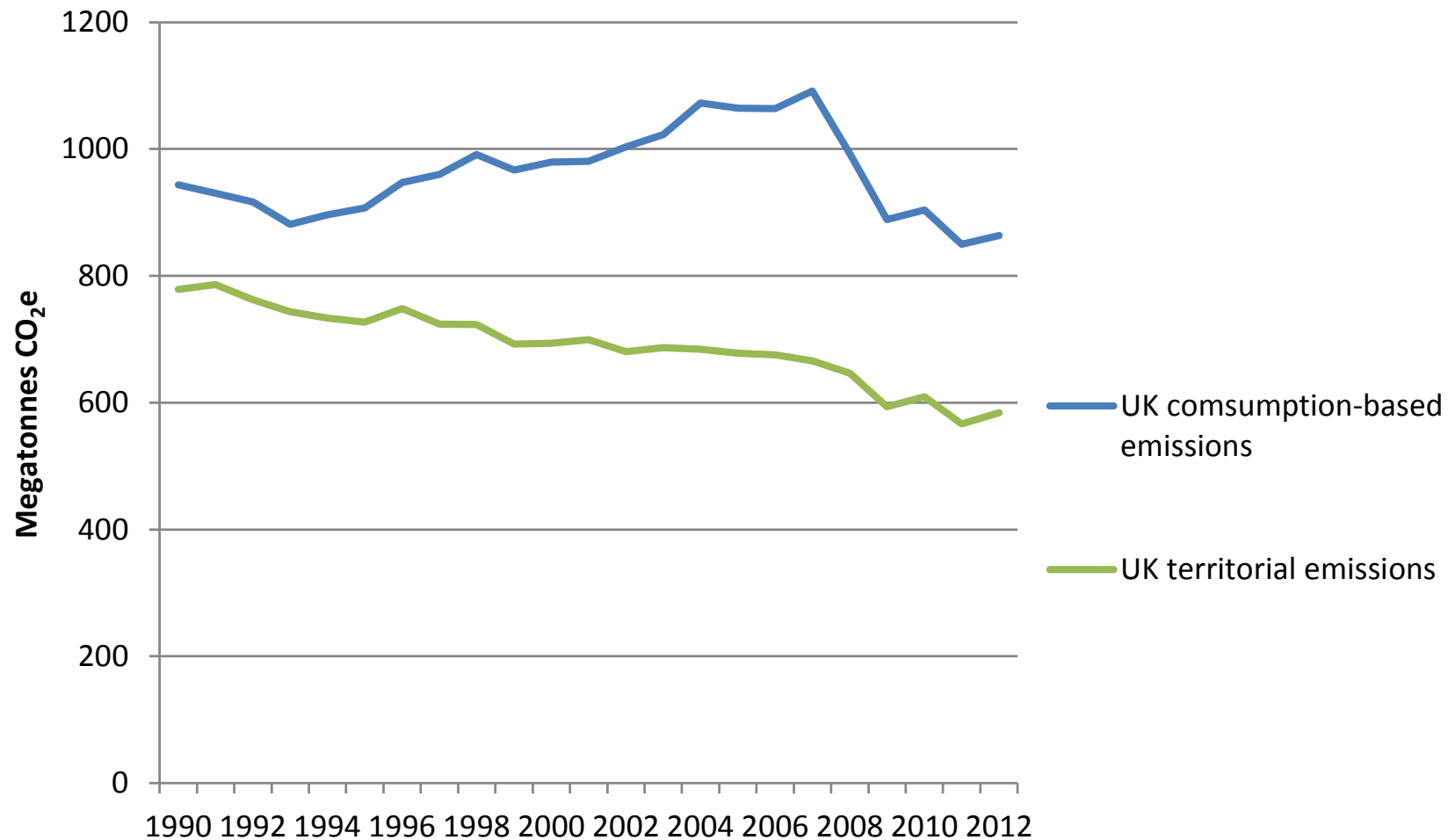
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# UK emissions – Territorial and Consumption



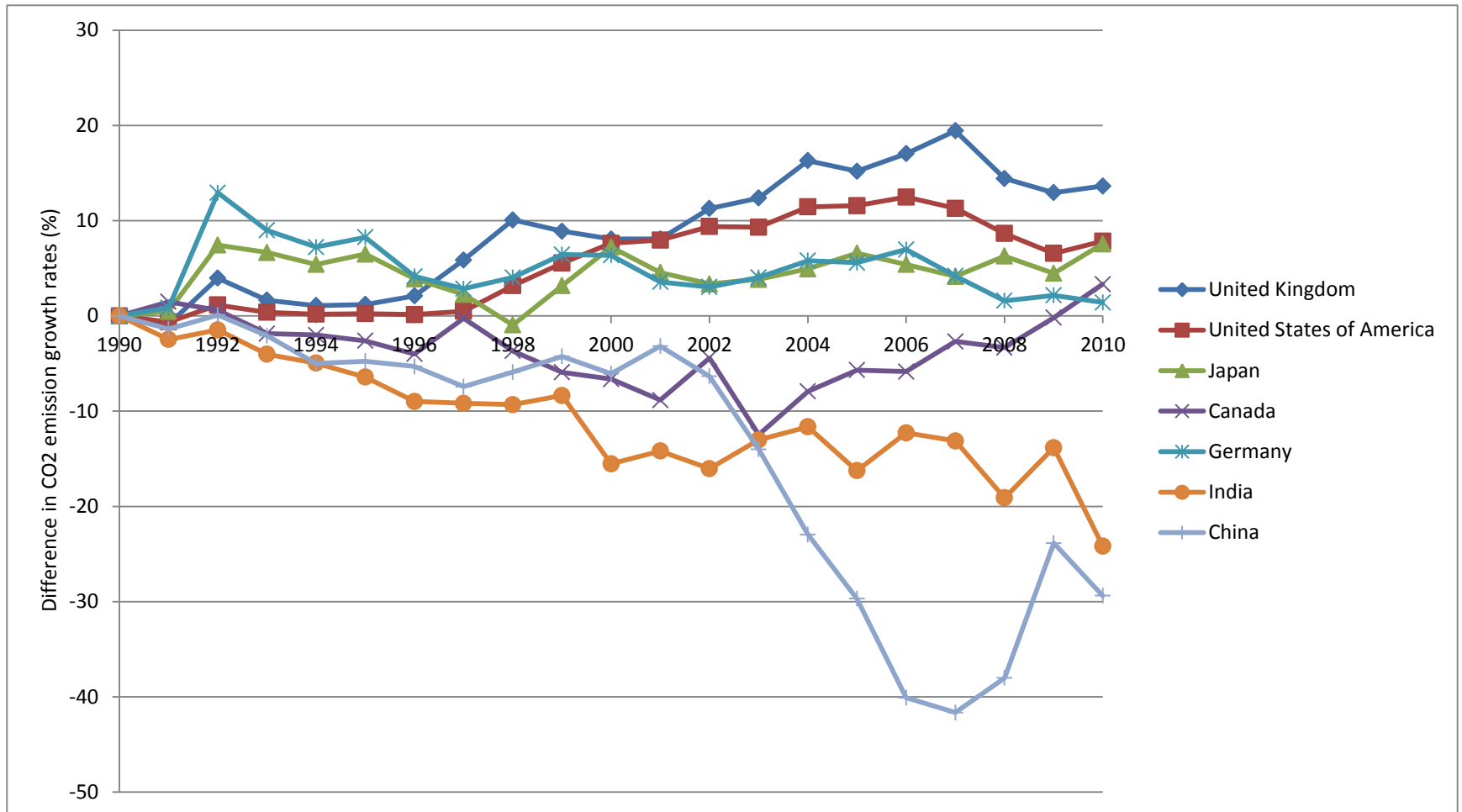
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# Growing emissions embodied in trade



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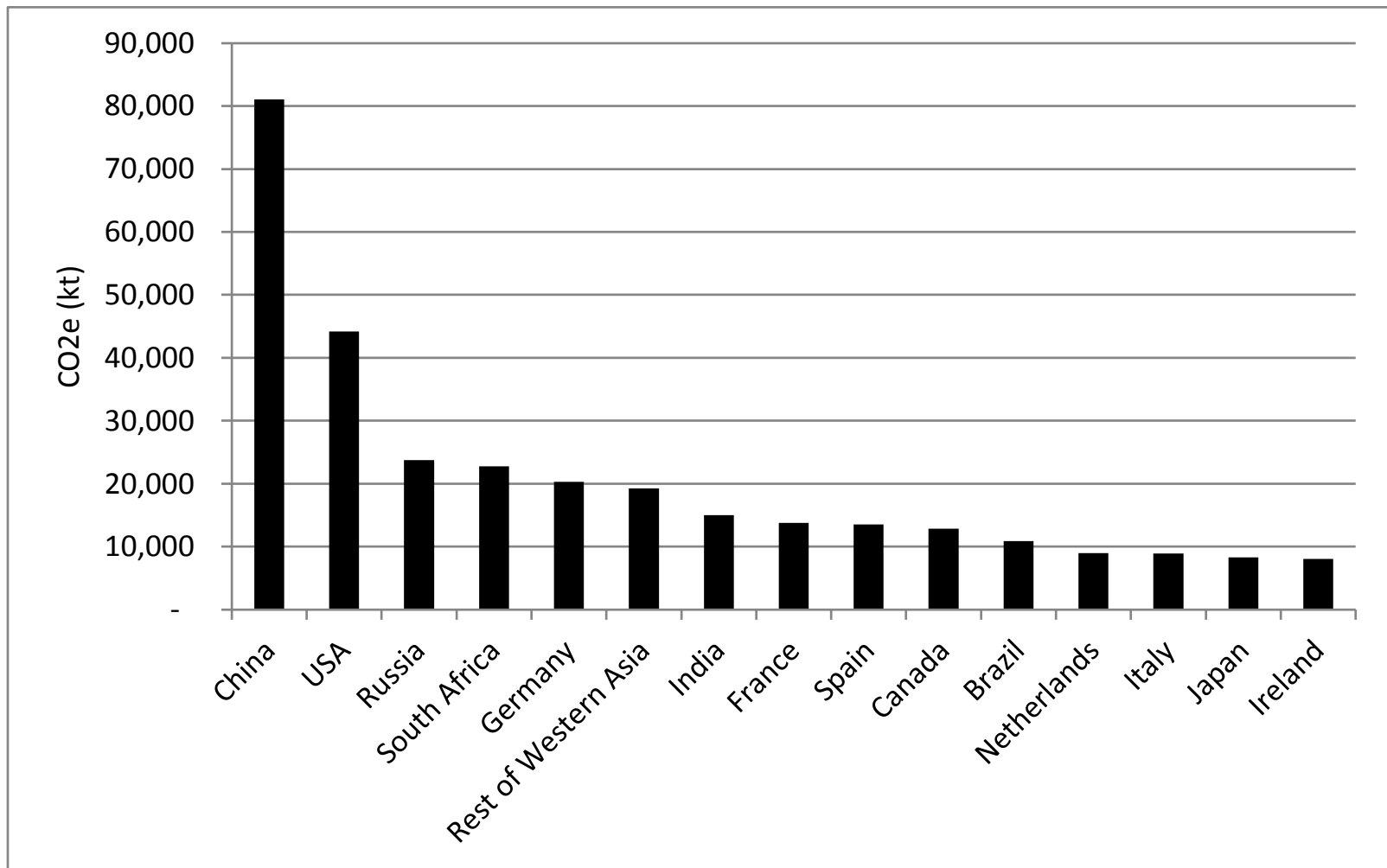




# UK's Global Emissions



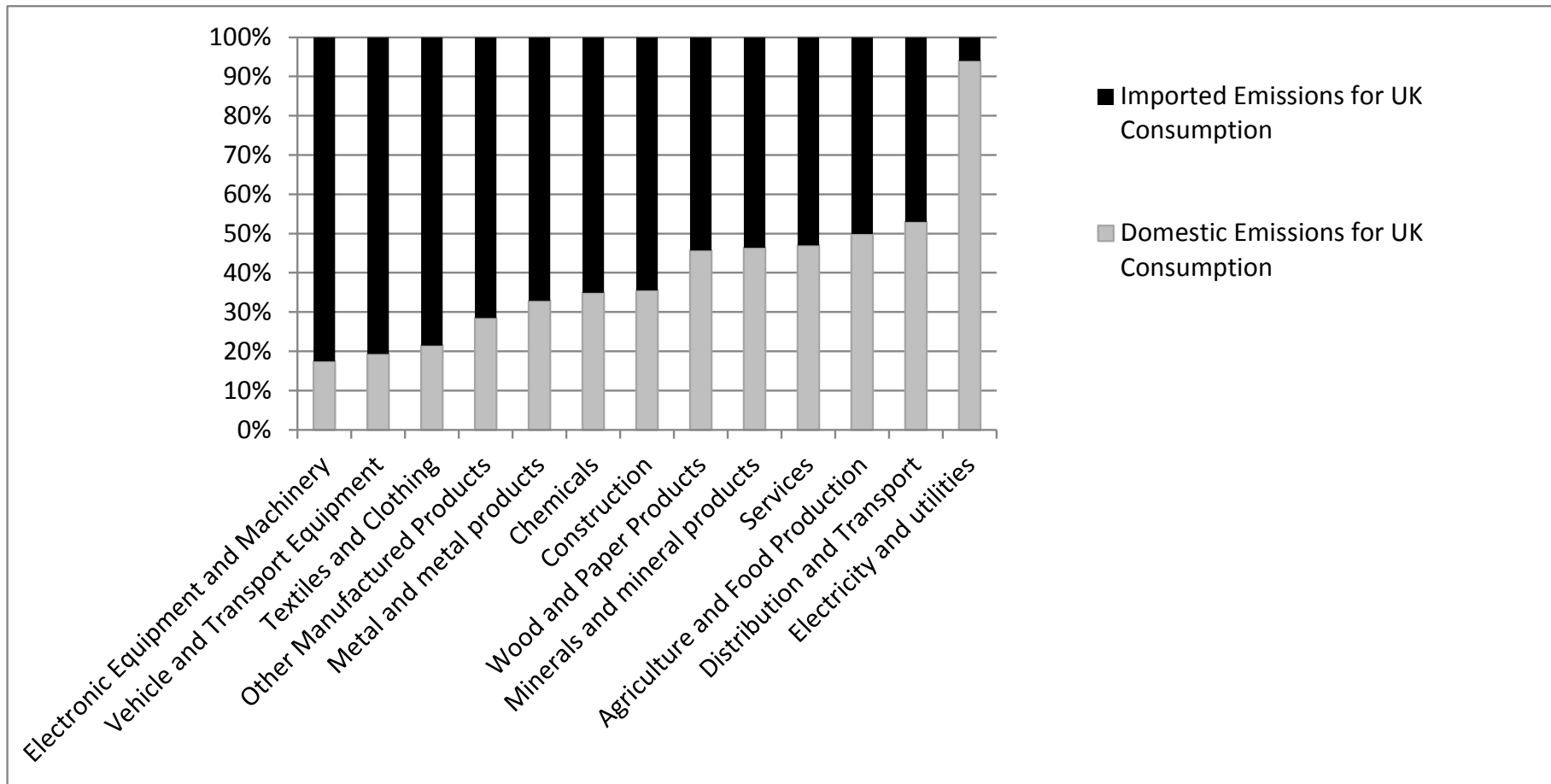
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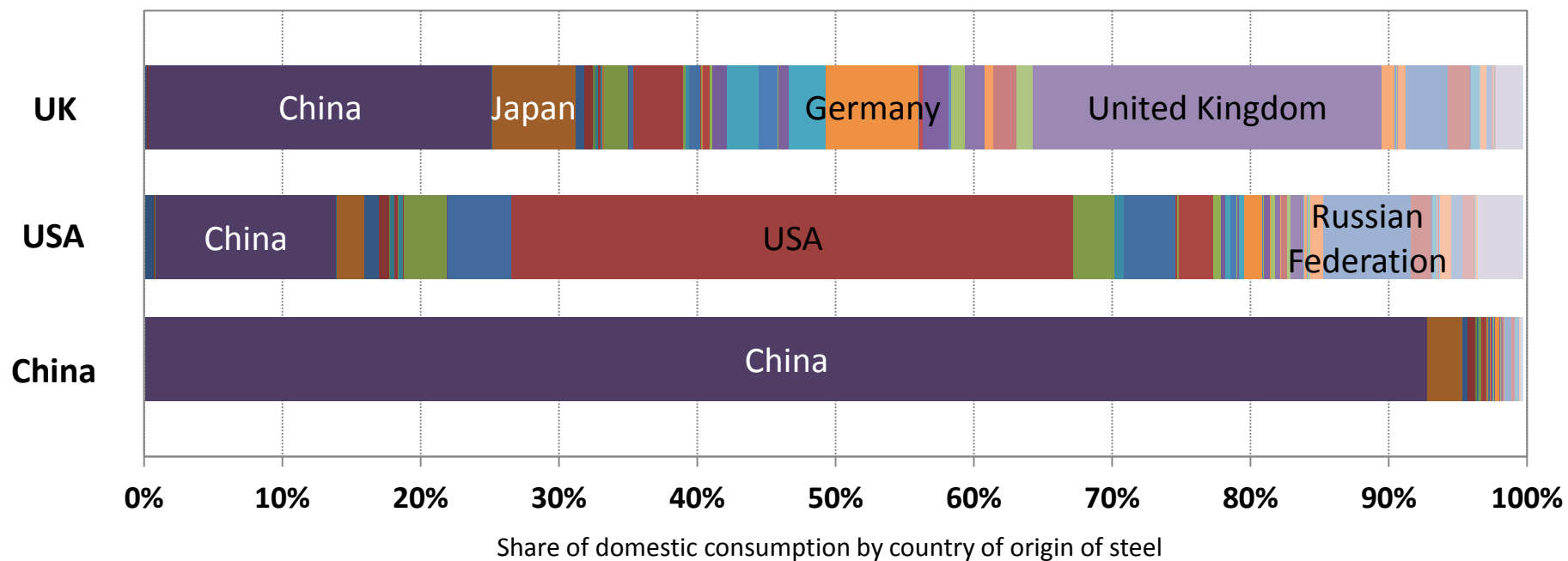
# Products analysis



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# Scale of Traded Emissions - Sector

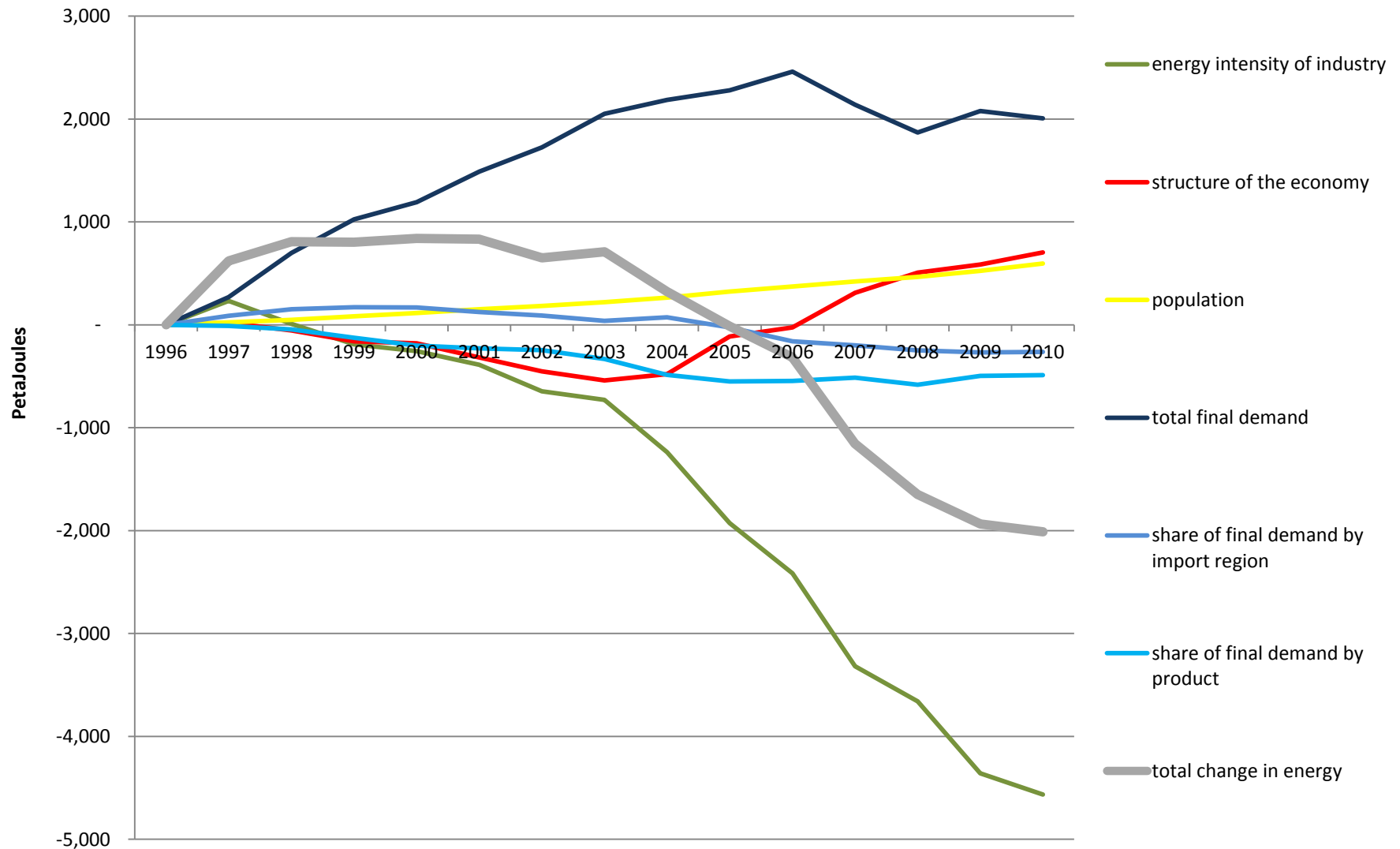


Source: Sakai et al (2012)

# Drivers of change of the indirect energy used by the UK



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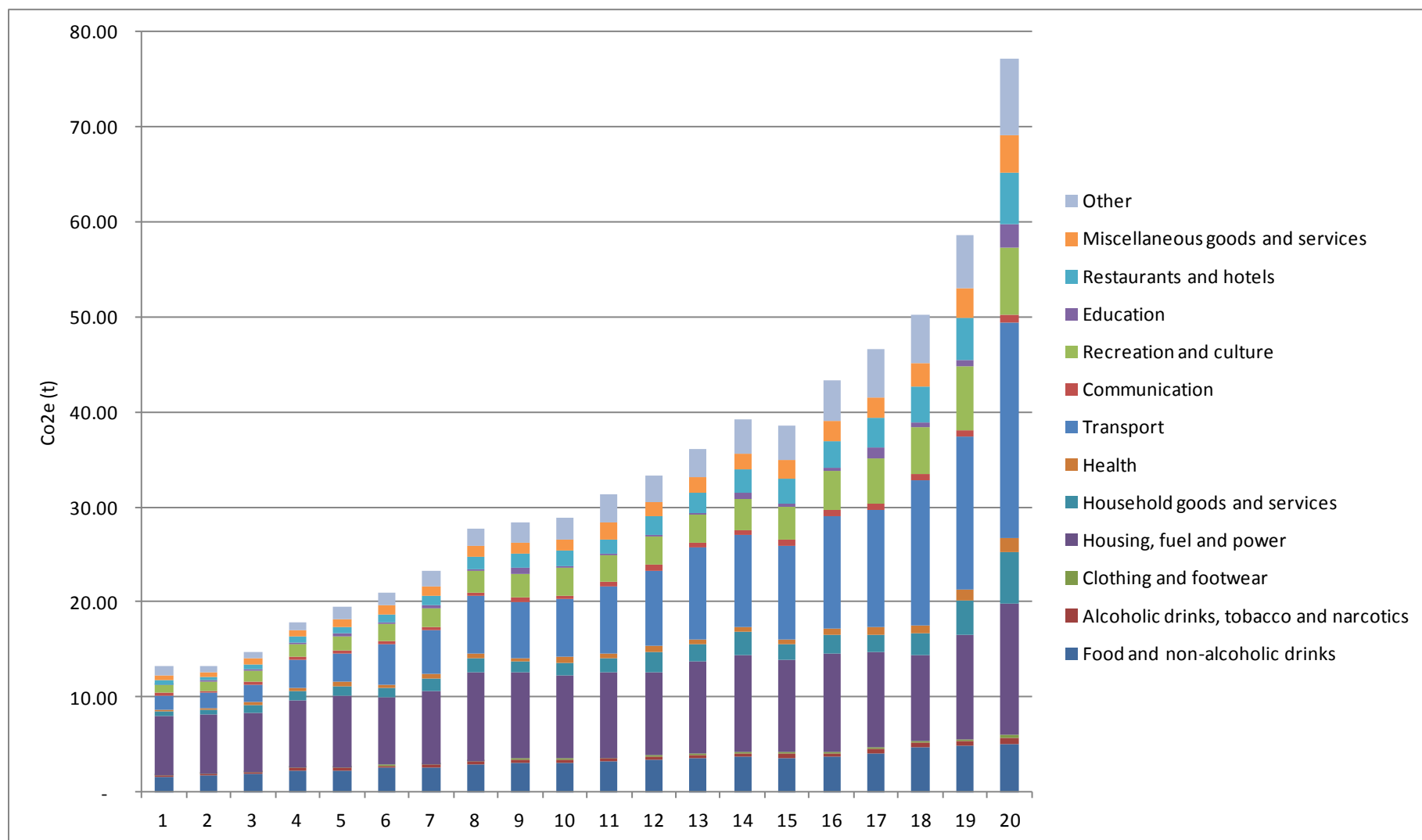


Source: University of Leeds

# Emissions and social distribution



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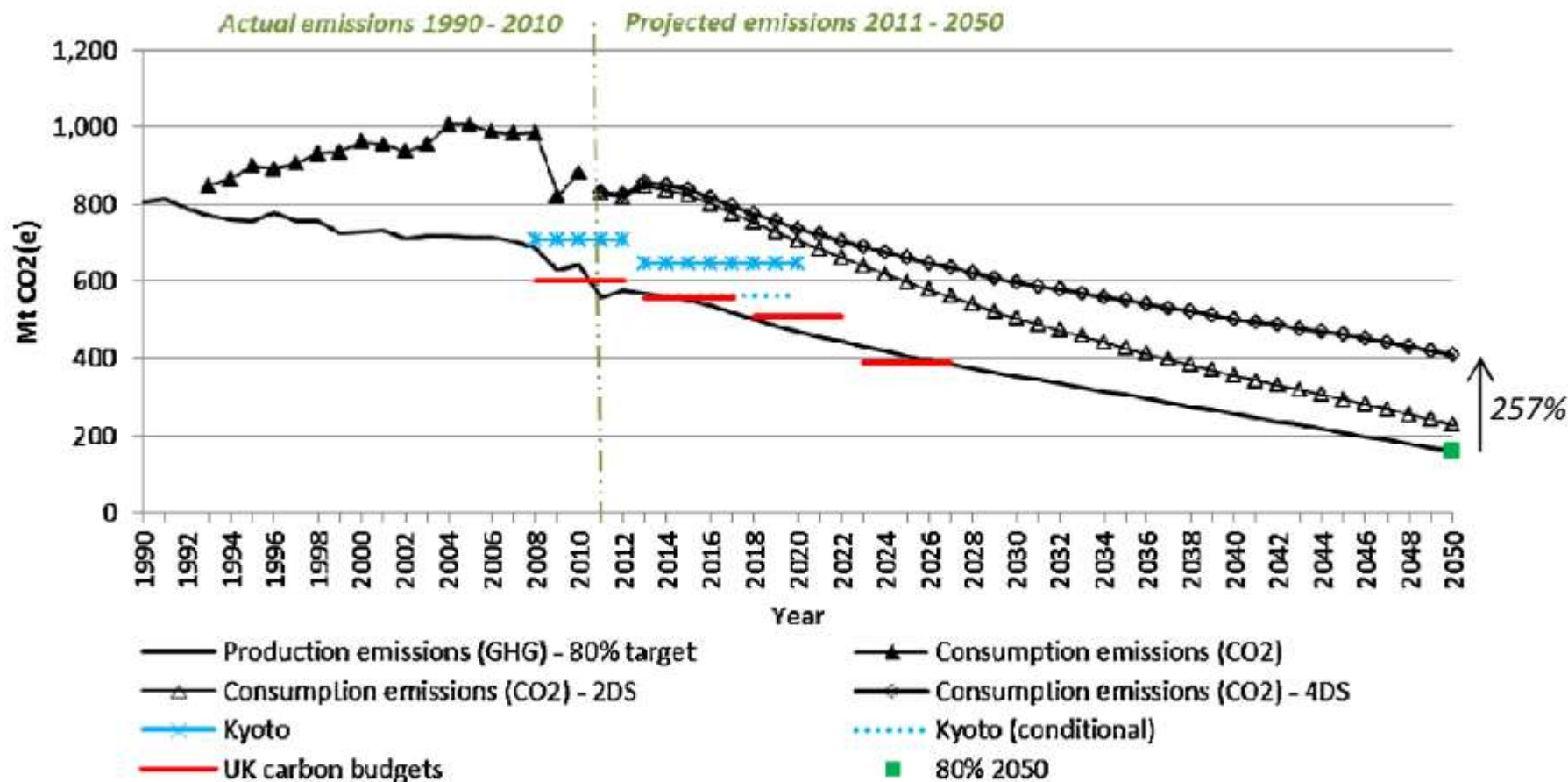
Source: Updated results documented in Feng et al, 2011



# Future Consumption Emissions



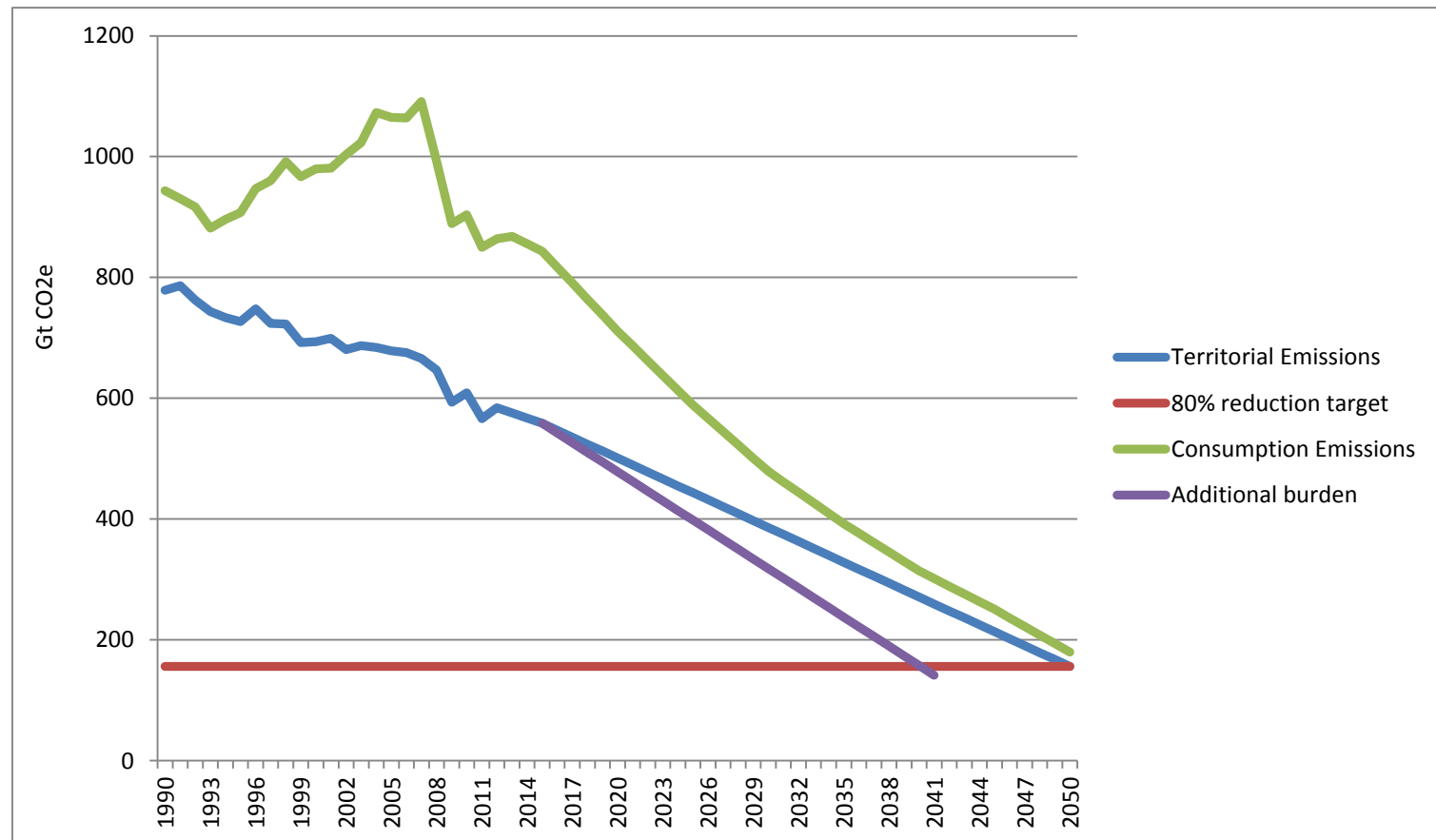
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# Integration into targets



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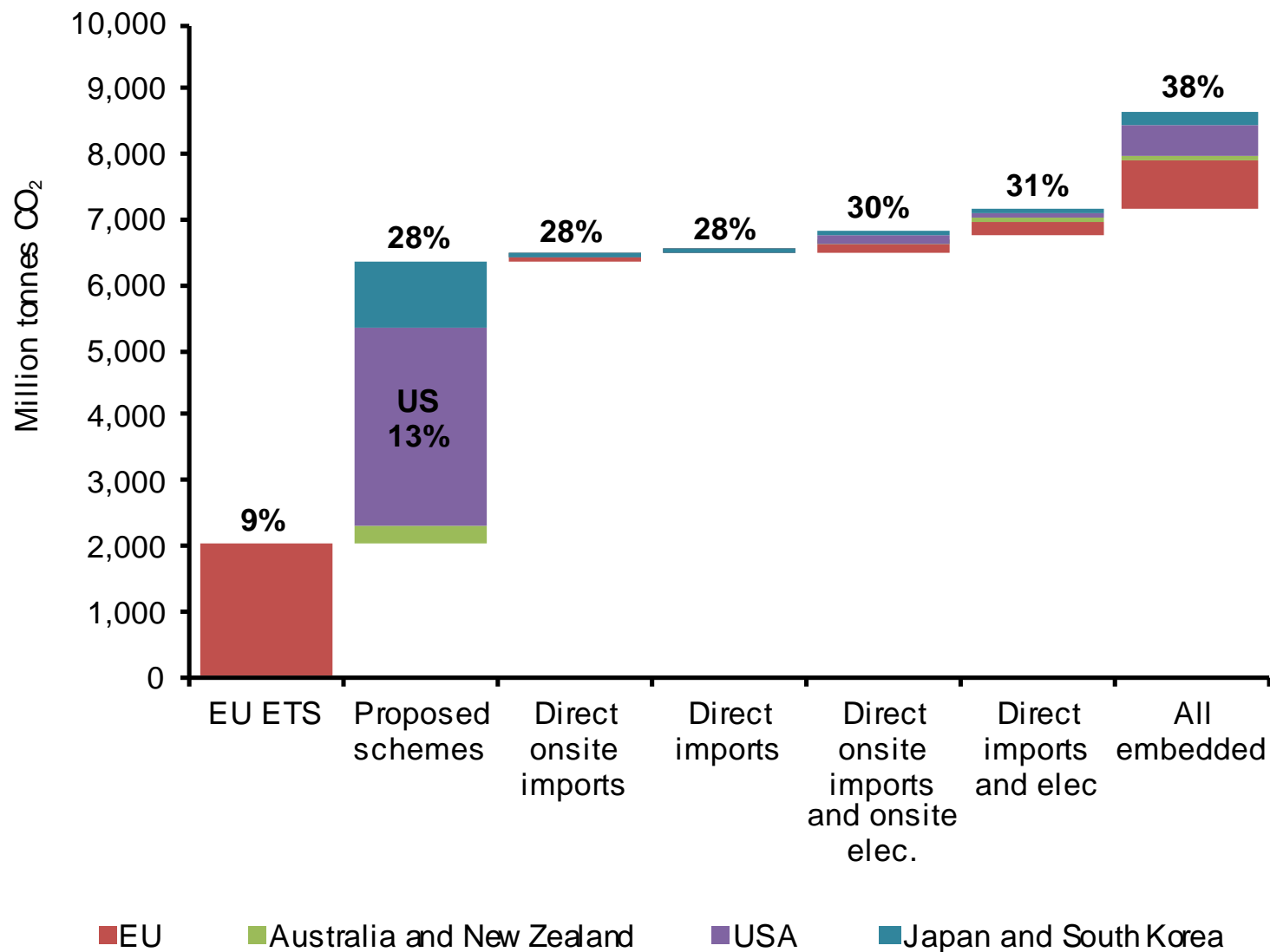




# Border Carbon Adjustments



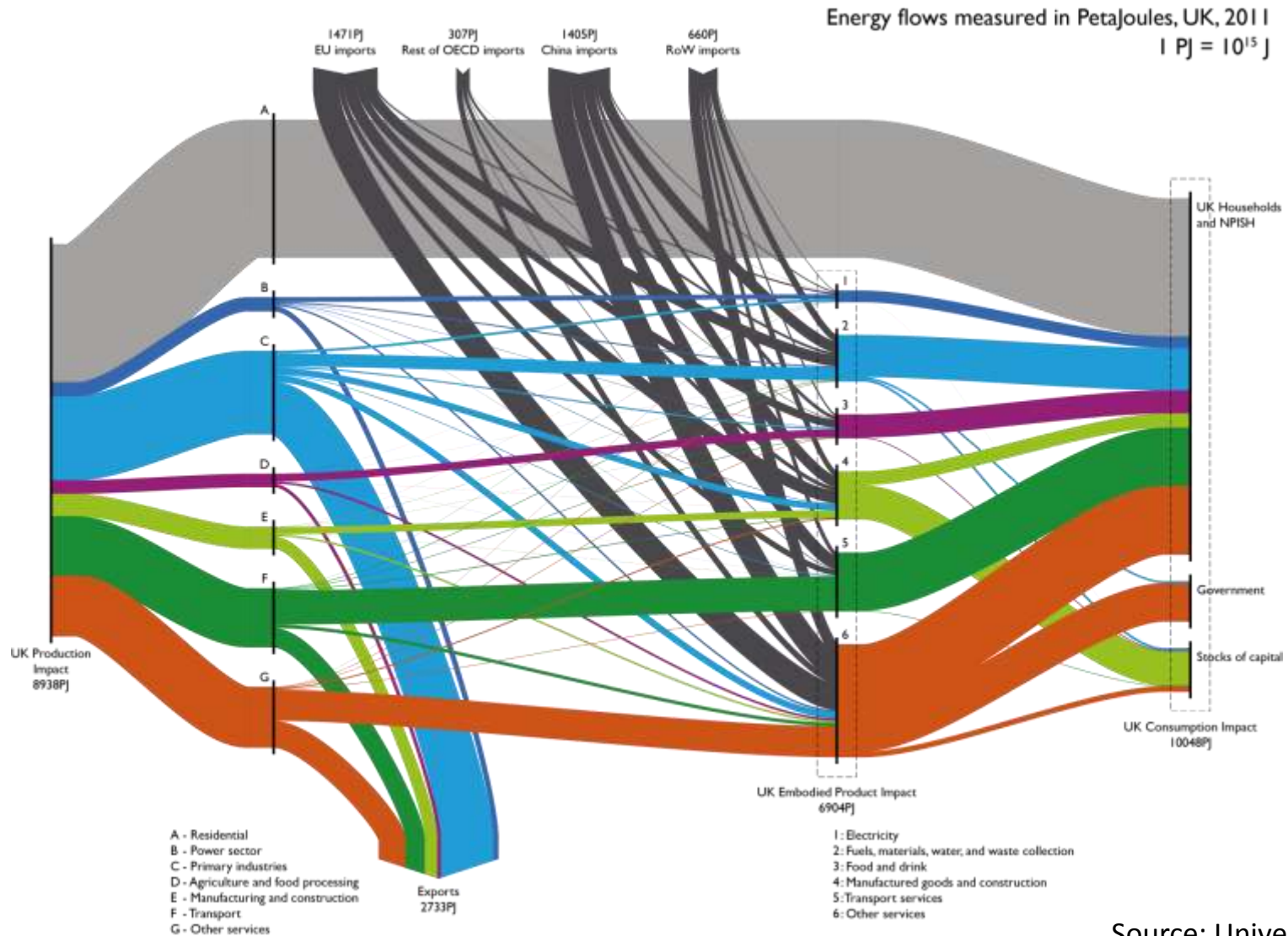
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# Energy Flow through the UK economy



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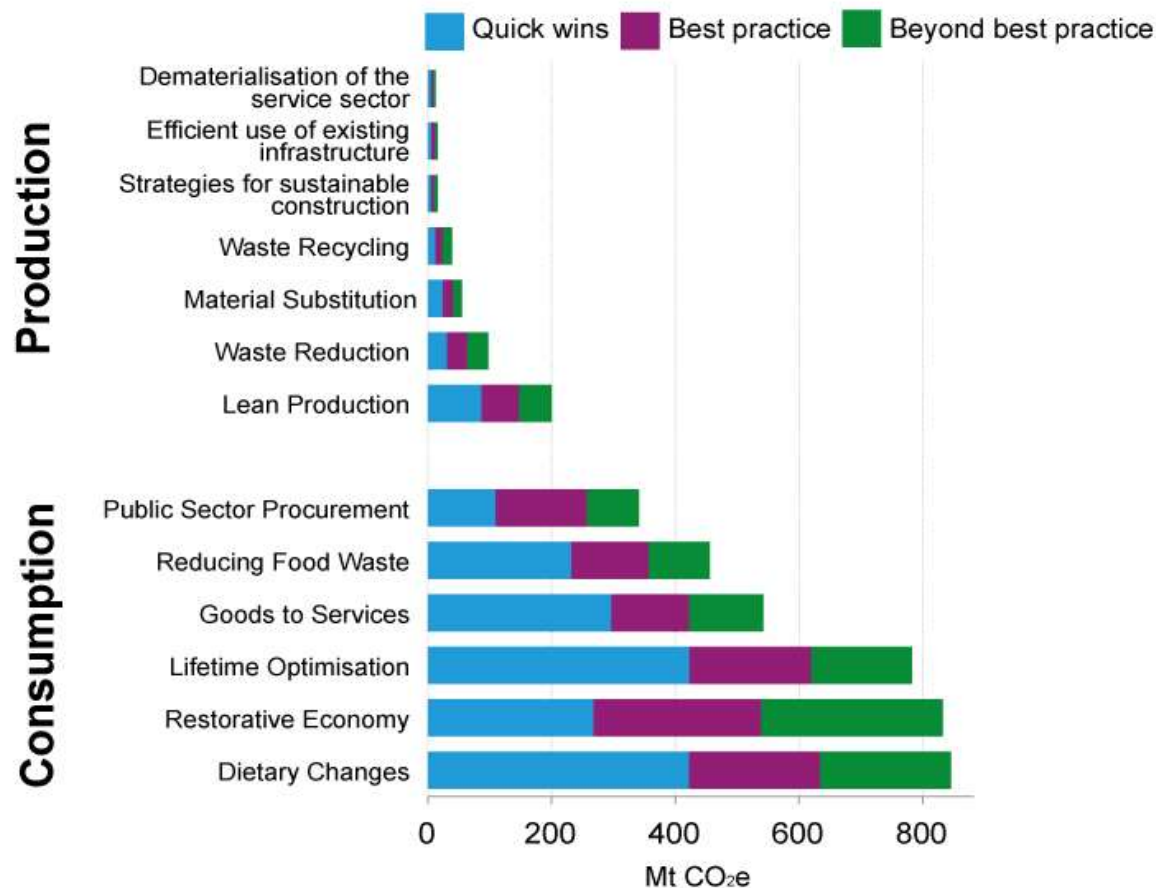
# Domestic policy options



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## Mitigation Options

Consumption-based responses offer greater reductions in GHG emissions than production-based responses



# Additional Policy Options



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## Economy wide approach

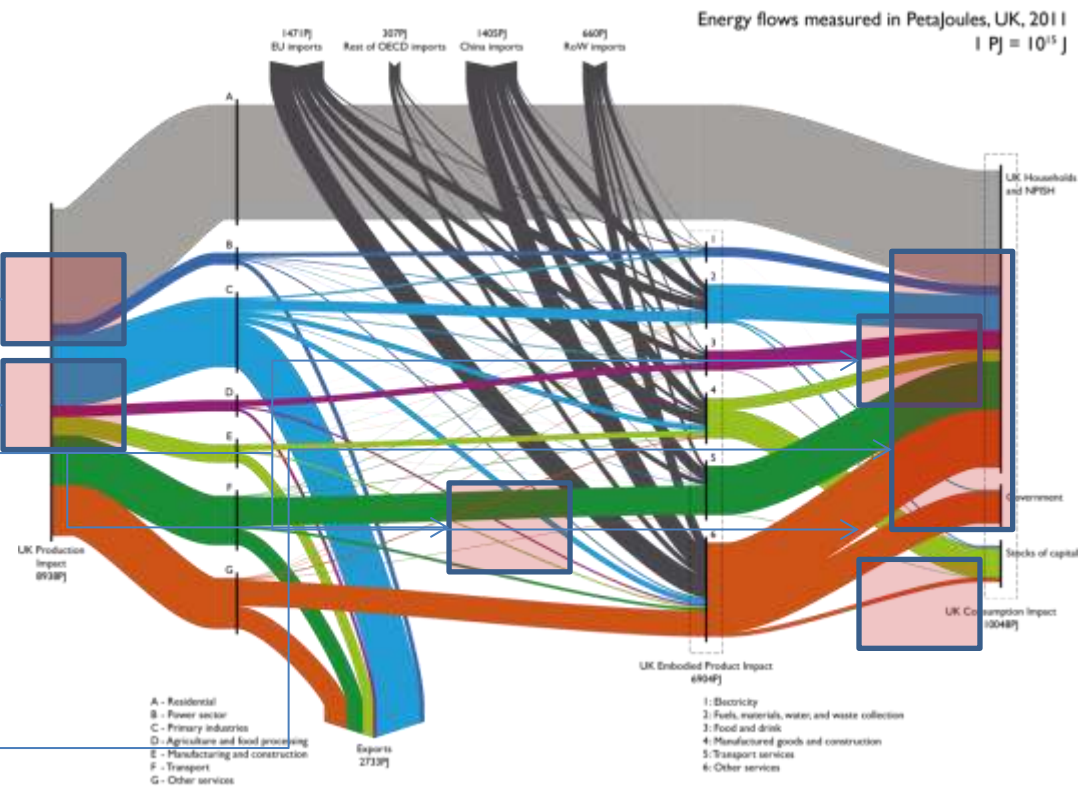
- Materials tax
- Energy demand target and tax / market

## Sector response

- Construction (NIPs, Allowable Solutions)
- Vehicles (Weight regulations, VAT exemptions)

## Consumer solutions

- Mandatory warranties
- Goods to services



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# Consumption based options to reduce GHG emissions and their potential effectiveness

Leiden University, CML: Joao Rodrigues, Valentina Prado, Sebastiaan Deetman, Ester van der Voet

NTNU: Dan Moran, Richard Wood

WU: Karin Schanes, Stefan Giljum, Friedrich Hinterberger, Hanspeter Wieland (WU)



CarbonCap: consumption based approaches to reduce GHG emissions, in addition to already existing policies targeting mainly production sectors

- Addressing different actors
- Targeting “footprint” emissions rather than territorial emissions
- Being effective outside EU as well as within





Identification and assessment of consumption oriented improvement options:

1. Hotspot analysis to identify important contributing consumption categories
2. Identification of improvement options
3. Calculation of potential effectiveness of improvement options

Avoiding duplicating already existing policies

- Discussion on scope



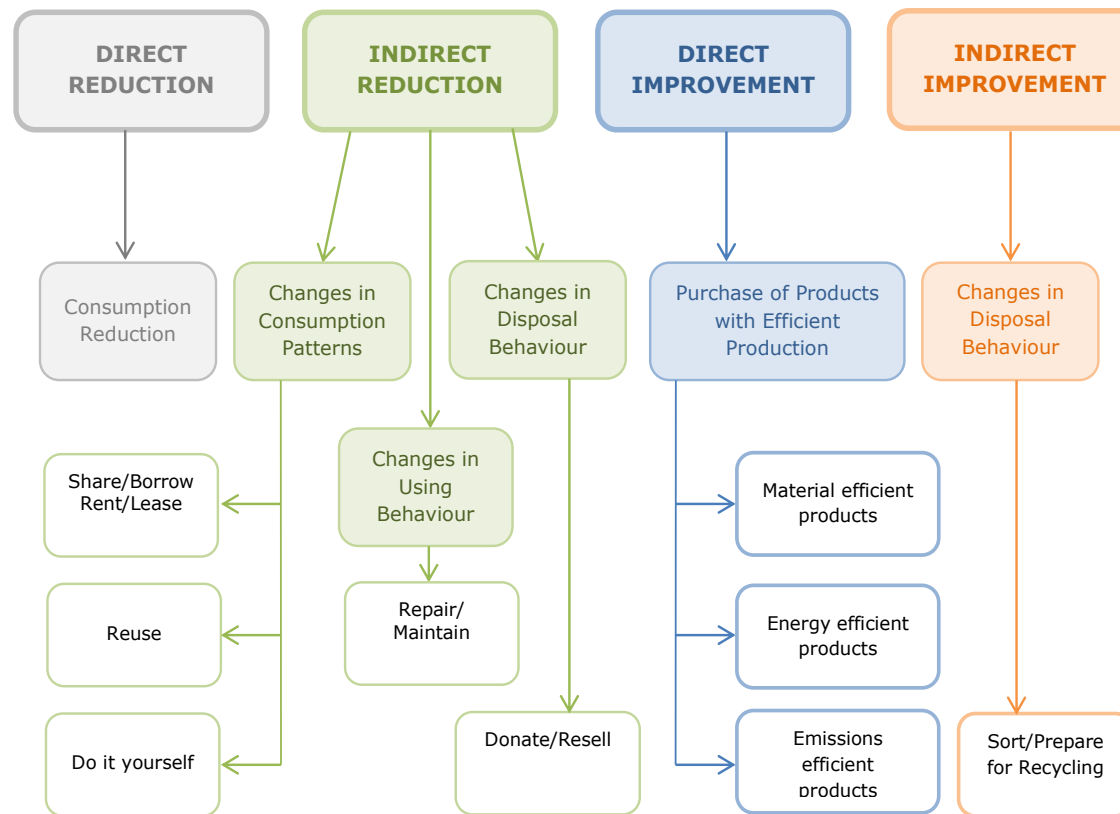


To make a long story short:

- **Footprint emissions:**
  - Person transport, especially cars
  - Space heating
  - Food
  - Consumer electricity use
- **Excluding use phase emissions:**
  - Construction work
  - Motor vehicles
  - Machinery and equipment
  - Furniture
  - Food products
  - Plastics, chemicals
  - (Other) metal products

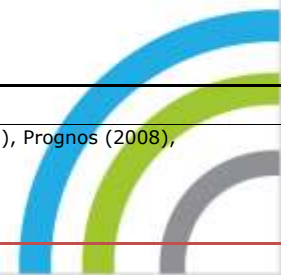


## Framework for identification of improvement options



## Identification

Mitigation Strategy	Sub-strategy	Option	References
<b>CONSUMPTION REDUCTION</b>		Reduce living space per capita.	
<b>PURCHASE OF PRODUCTS WITH EFFICIENT PRODUCTION</b>	Material efficient products	Select higher recycled content products and materials (e.g. reclaimed bricks, higher recycled content blocks, locally recycled aggregates)	Gao et al. (2001), Blengini (2009), Thormark (2002); Thormark (2006)
		Use hybrid construction (e.g. timber and steel)	Saadah and AbuHijleh (2010)
		Select materials with lower carbon intensities (e.g. cement substitutes such as PFA or sustainably-sourced timber) instead of concrete or steel	Gong et al. (2012), Guardigli et al. (2011), Salazar and Meil (2009), Monahan and Powell (2011)
		Use renewable building materials, e.g. adobe, straw bale, hemp-lime.	Shukla et al. (2009), Sodagar et al. (2011), Swan et al. (2011), Ip and Miller (2012)
		Low energy buildings instead of self-sufficient (zero operating energy) buildings	Ramesh et al. (2010)
		Select materials with lower transport-related carbon emissions (e.g. locally-sourced aggregates)	
	Energy efficient products		
	Emissions efficient products		
<b>CHANGES OF CONSUMPTION PATTERNS</b>	Sharing/borrowing/swapping/leasing/renting	Co-Housing or shared (office) spaces	
	Reuse	Reuse construction materials	BIOIS (2011), Cooper and Allwood, (2012), Kay and Essex (2009), Prognos (2008)
	Do it yourself		
<b>CHANGES OF USING BEHAVIOUR</b>	Repair/Maintain	Major refurbishment and renovation of residential and commercial buildings.	
		Household small scale refurbishment and renovation of residential buildings	
<b>CHANGES OF DISPOSAL BEHAVIOR</b>	Donate/Sell		
	Sort/Prepare for recycling (Take-back schemes, bring to waste collection service, recycling center)	Separate construction waste for recycling	BIOIS (2011), Prognos (2008),



Result: Longlist of improvement options

113 improvement options in the following categories:

- Transport
- Building
- Food
- Electronics
- Textile
- Paper
- Plastics
- Furniture
- Chemicals
- Machinery



Next step: assessment of improvement options on their potential to reduce GHG emissions

Twofold approach:

1. Quicksan: quick-and-dirty assessment of all 113 options to identify the most promising ones
2. Detailed analysis: using the results of the quickscan to select a number of options to assess in detail



Quicksan:

Translate 113 options in terms of MR-EE-IO model  
EXIOBASE

- Final demand reduction
- Efficiency improvements in the processes of the supply chain: changes in coefficients
- Changes in the supply chain: changes in structure

Calculate impacts on GHG emissions

Maximum implementation, no rebound effects, no side-effects on other environmental impact categories: “clean”  
input for next stage of analysis in CarbonCAP

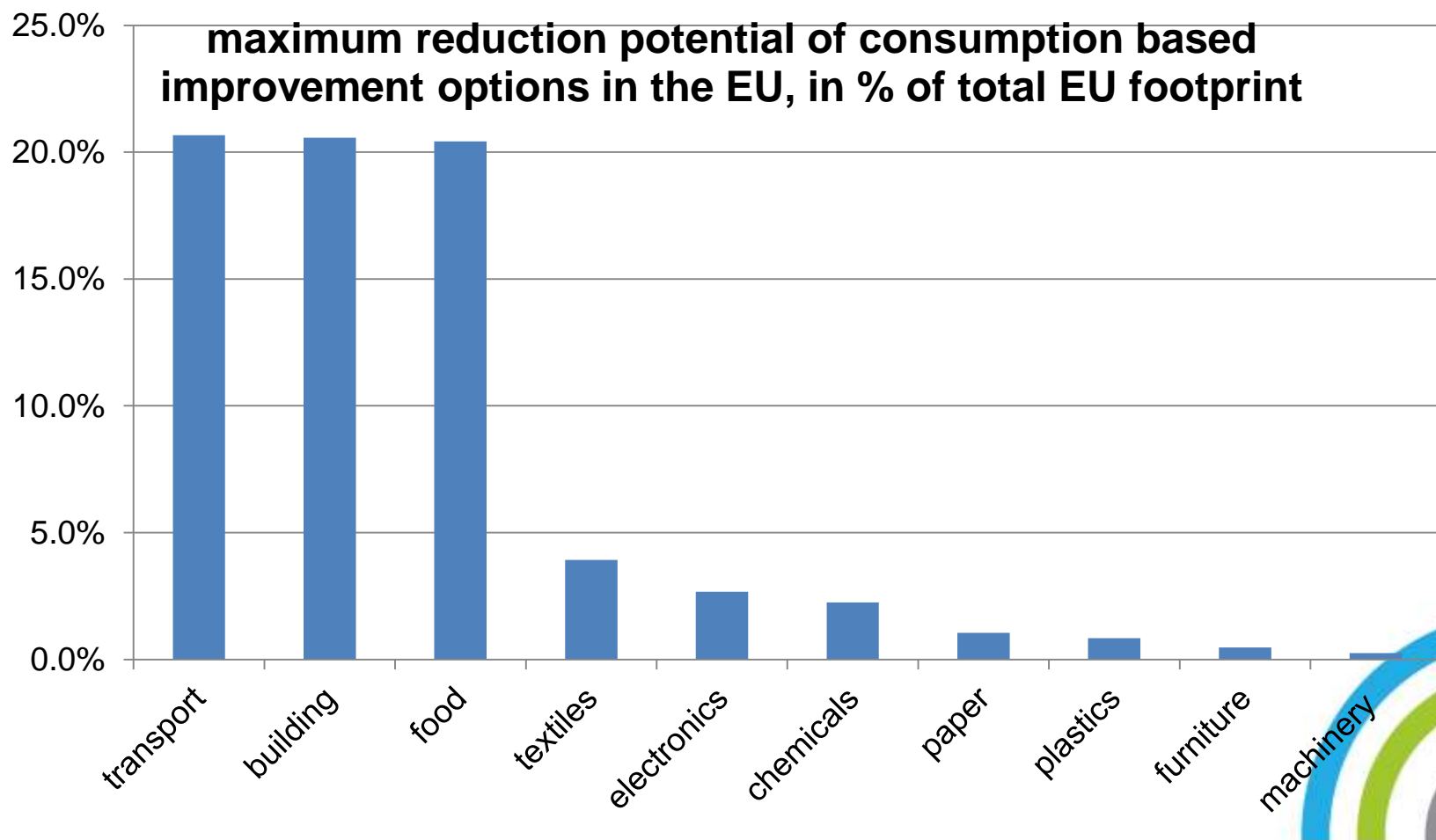


## Result Quicksan:

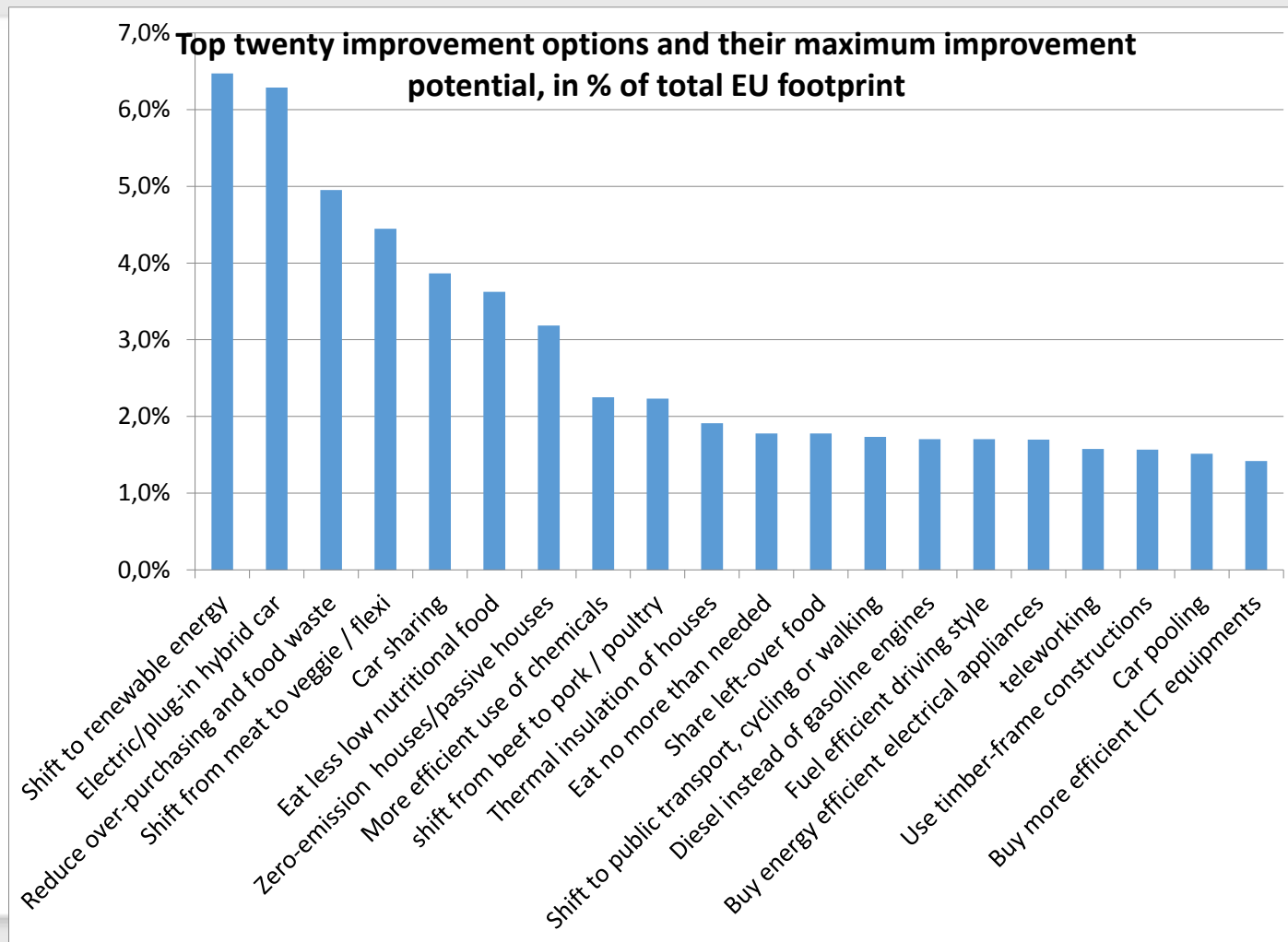
Large table with improvement options

- Not 113 but 84: excluding overlaps and options beyond EXIOBASE
- Emission reduction capacity for individual options ranges from 6.5% to 0.0%
- Total emission reduction potential: 5.3E12 kg CO<sub>2</sub>-eq, equalling 67% of EU footprint emissions ...
- ... of which about half within and half outside EU territory









## Detailed analysis

Options from transport, building, food

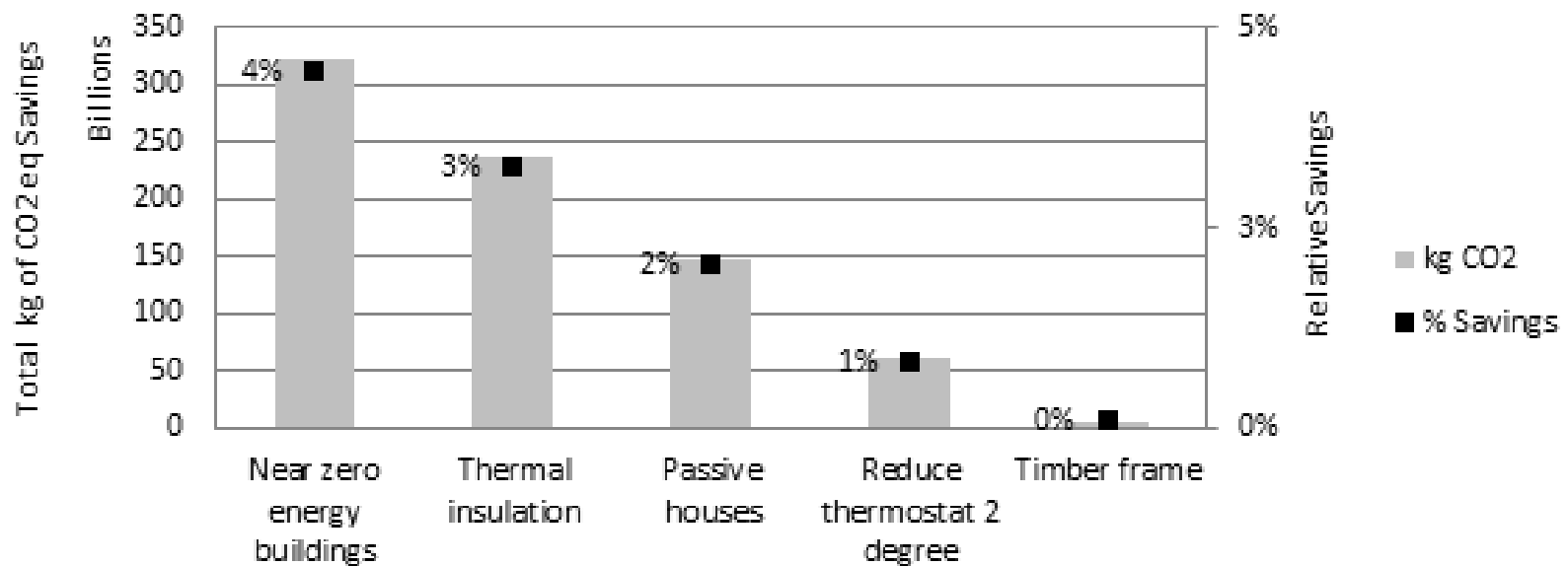
- Modifications in structure and coefficients based on literature
- Country specific inputs, country specific results
- Hybrid LCA
  - more detail in sectors
  - full hybrid analysis using EXIOBASE as background system

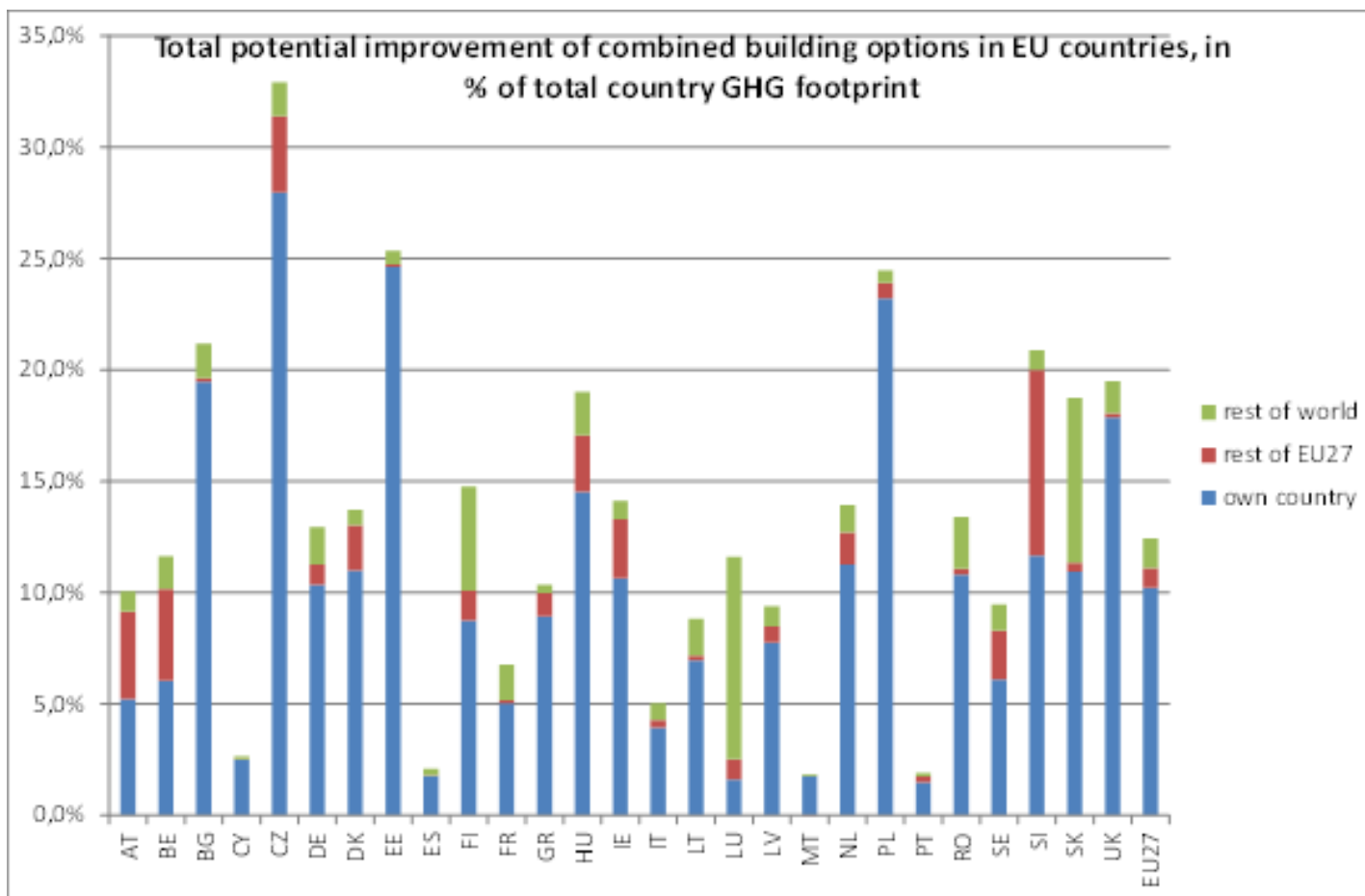


Sector	Improvement option
<b>Building</b>	Zero emission houses / Passive houses
<b>Building</b>	Thermal insulation of houses
<b>Building</b>	Reduction of room temperature by 2 degrees C
<b>Building</b>	Timber instead of steel and concrete frameworks for houses
<b>Building</b>	Teleworking
<b>Transport</b>	Car pooling
<b>Transport</b>	Reduced number of cars per household
<b>Transport</b>	Shift from cars to public transport
<b>Transport</b>	Lighter cars
<b>Transport</b>	Cars from recycled materials
<b>Transport</b>	Electric cars
<b>Transport</b>	Hydrogen fuel cell cars
<b>Transport</b>	Reduced air travel
<b>Food</b>	Consume fewer foods with low nutritional value
<b>Food</b>	Shift from meat to veggie / flexi
<b>Food</b>	Reduce consumption of dairy products
<b>Food</b>	Reduce overconsumption of food in general



Improvement options in building: country specific inputs, country specific results



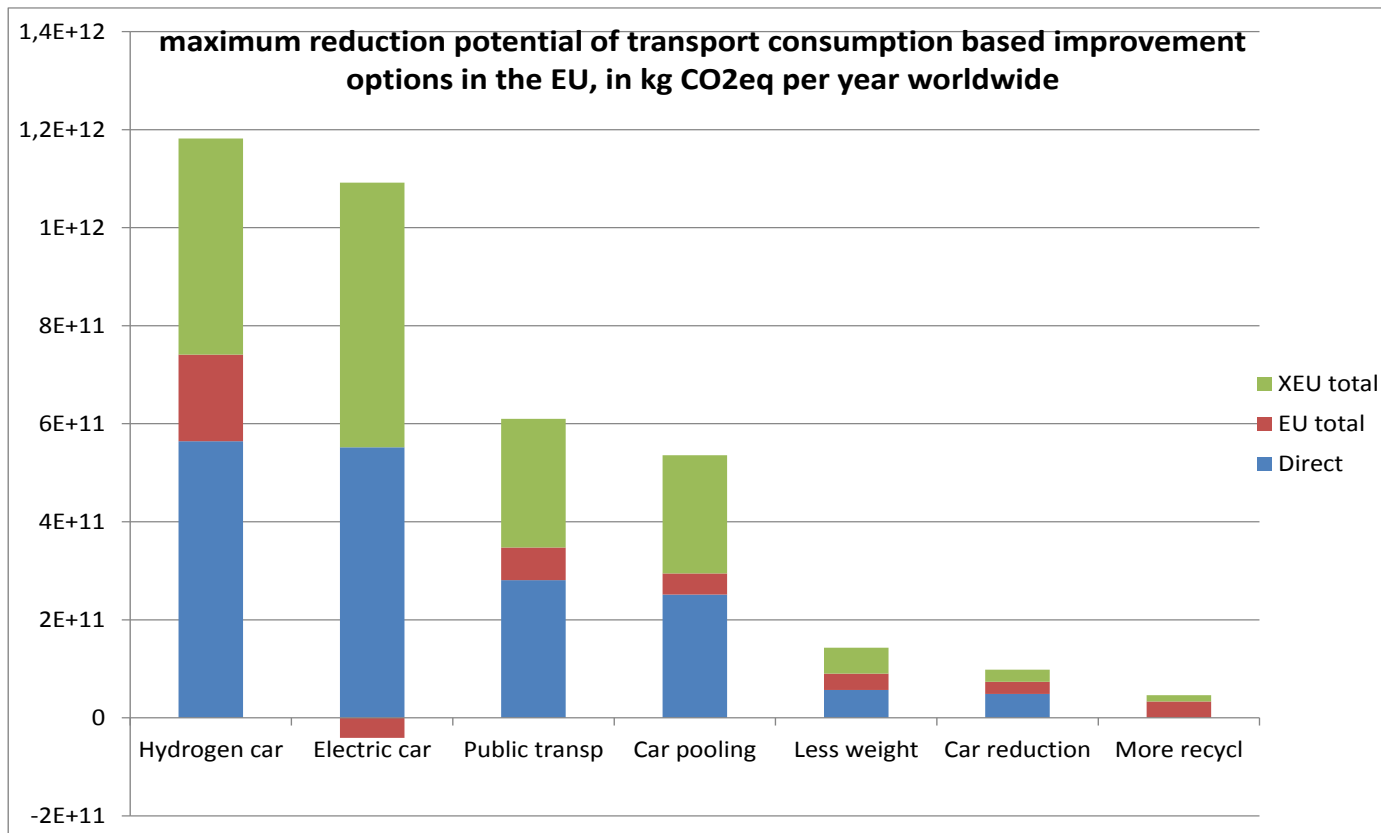


Improvement options in transport:

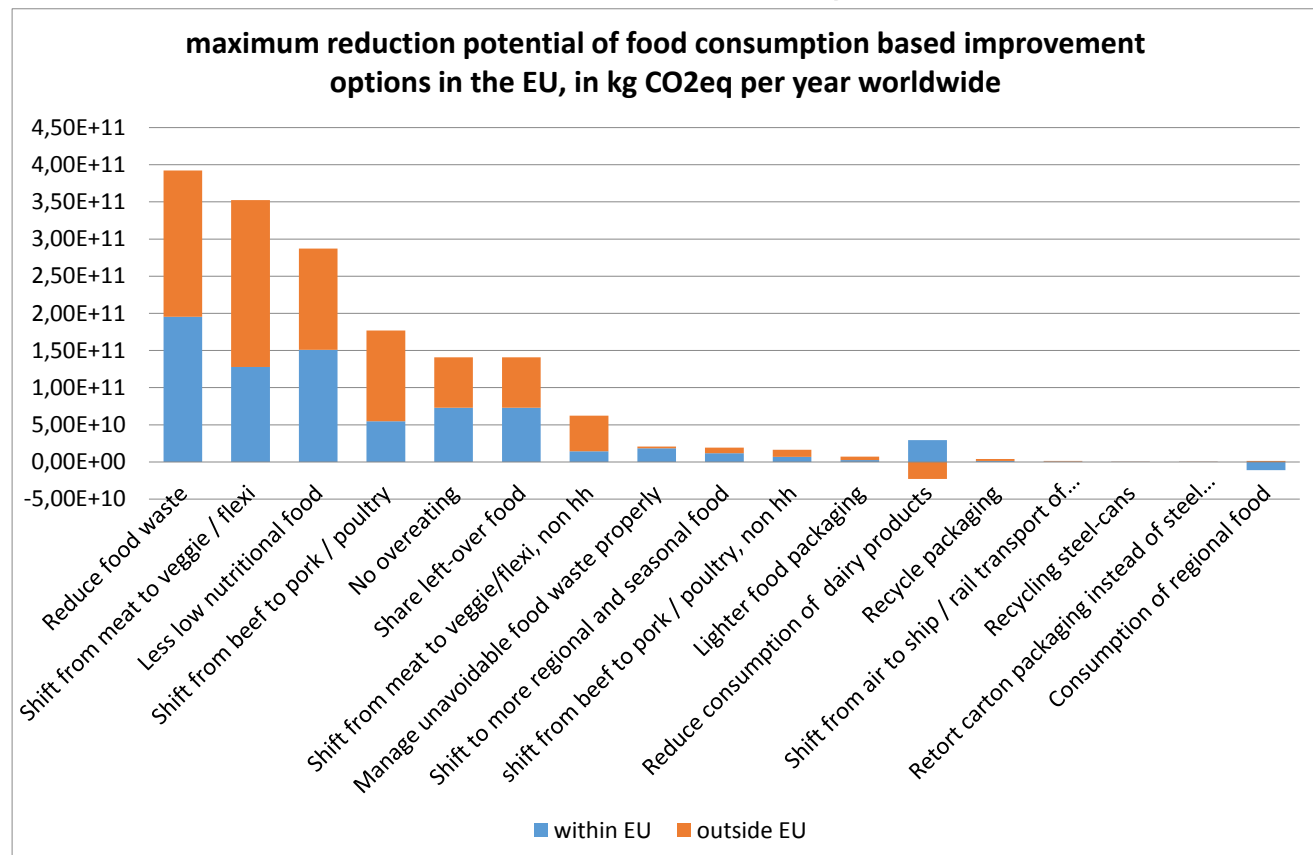
- Hybrid LCA at microlevel
- Scaling up using EXIOBASE
- Country specific outputs, sector specific outputs
- Still unfinished



## Macro-level result



### Improvement options in food: detail in agricultural products affected





## Conclusions

- Large potential for consumption based GHG reduction, especially in transport, building and food
- Includes realising almost half of improvements outside EU territory
- Needs to be corrected for uptake rates and rebound effects; environmental side-effects not included
- Detailed analysis provides additional information



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# Barriers to implementation of consumption-oriented carbon mitigation options

# Starting point

Consumer-oriented improvement options to reduce embedded emissions:

substantial (theoretical) potential

vs.

limited actual pick-up

- What are challenges and barriers hinder the pick-up of consumer-oriented carbon mitigations options?
  - behavioural
  - social
  - institutional
  - economic
  - ...
- Which policy measures are suited to adress these barriers (next session)
- What pick-up can we expect in the future, relative to today

# Barriers to pick-up – overview

Determinants of pick-up  
rate of improvement  
option by potential  
implementers  
(consumers, retailers...)

Internal factors  
and individual-  
level context

Socio-cultural  
context

Institutional,  
economic and  
technological  
context

# Barriers to pick-up

Determinants  
of pick-up rate  
of  
improvement  
option by  
potential  
implementers  
(consumers,  
retailers...)

## Internal factors and individual-level context

### Preferences, intentions and attitudes

Extent to which potential implementers of improvement option are willing to implement, also based on influence of heuristics and biases that stimulate/ prevent implementation

### Habits

Extent to which potential implementers overcome habits that prevent the adoption of an improvement option, and/or develop new habits to adopt the improvement option

### Knowledge, competence and information

Extent to which potential implementers of improvement option are aware and informed about improvement option

### Identity and social status

Extent to which social identity of the potential implementer stimulates or prevents, and social reference group rewards or sanctions implementation of improvement option (social and personal norms and values)

# Barriers to pick-up

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## Socio-cultural context

### Identity and social status

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### Socio-demographic characteristics

Extent to which external socio-demographic characteristics of potential implementer necessitate implementation of improvement option

# Barriers to pick-up

Determinants  
of pick-up rate  
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improvement  
option by  
potential  
implementers  
(consumers,  
retailers...)

## Institutional, economic and technological context

### Policy and institutions

Extent to which the regulatory and institutional framework prevents/stimulates implementation of improvement option

### Infrastructure and Technology

Extent to which the necessary infrastructure and technology for implementation of the improvement option is available

### Substitutability

Degree to which improvement options meets the functional level of conventional options and users' expectation

### Accessibility and Affordability

Extent to which potential implementers are able to readily acquire and use the product (price, availability and convenience)

Policy measures w/ influence on pick-up rate of improvement option

Policy measure 1

Policy measure 2

Policy measure 3

...

Internal factors and individual-level context

Socio-cultural context

Institutional, economic and technological context

Determinants of pick-up rate of improvement option by potential implementers (consumers, retailers...)

Preferences, intentions and attitudes

Habits

Knowledge, competence and information

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# *Alternative building materials* – individual level context

## Preferences, intentions and attitudes

- Negative perception of and prejudices towards alternative materials (e.g. fire-resistance of timber)
- Focus on operational emissions
- Lack of awareness, environmental aspects found to play a minor role in most consumer decisions

## Habits

- Slow adaptation by risk-averse communities that are used to conventional methods
- Established practices
- Time constraints incentivise familiar copy-paste designs

## Knowledge, competence and information

- Lack of reliable and comparable information on new materials
- Unfamiliarity with alternative materials
- Inability to use the technology (e.g. moderate use of wood in Southern Europe)

# *Alternative building materials – socio-cultural context*

Identity and social status (social and personal norms)

Socio-demographic characteristics

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# *Alternative building materials* – institutional, economic and technological context

## Policy and institutions

- Existing building codes
- Lack of established standards, design guides, tools, standardised details
- Small industries cannot compete against established industries' economics of scale

## Infrastructure and Technology

- Supply chain limitations

## Substitutability

- Functionality of alternative materials (e.g. fire-resistance of timber)

## Accessibility and Affordability

- Higher costs of new materials
- Increased insurance costs
- Uncertainty premium on new options by intermediaries
- Local availability of materials and technology
- Cost of additional training and research
- Shortage of specialist skills

# *Reduction of food waste – individual level context*

## Preferences, intentions and attitudes

## Habits

- Culinary repertoire is relatively fixed
- Strong resistance against new recipes (waste cooking)
- Provisioning is highly routinized

## Knowledge, competence and information

- Lack of environmental awareness:
  - the quantity of food waste generated individually,
  - the environmental problem that food waste presents, and
- Lack of awareness of financial benefits efficient food use
- Lack of food storage skills – food spoilt in preparation
- Lack of supply knowledge – consumers do not know what food they have available
- Lack of location knowledge – consumers do not know where to locate food items
- Lack of knowledge about food safety hygiene and durability of food products

# *Reduction of food waste – socio-cultural context*

## Identity and social status (social and personal norms)

- Perception that wasting food is the norm
- Concerns about healthy and 'proper' eating drives the purchase of too much (perishable) fruits and vegetables which are later disposed.
- 'Good' provider identity: Desire to be a 'good' parent, 'good' partner or 'good' host leads to overpurchasing

## Socio-demographic characteristics

- Household size: single households tend to waste more, larger households wasting less per person than smaller households
- Household composition: households with children tend to waste more than households without children
- Age: young people tend to waste more than older people
- Gender: when women are responsible for grocery shopping they tend to waste more than when men or both are responsible.
- Family income: lower food loss in low-income than in high-income households (perception of price signal)

# *Reduction of food waste* – institutional, economic and technological context

## Policy and institutions

- Special offers and multi-buy offers lead to over-purchasing (e.g. BOGOF)
- Emotional neutralization: Food lost its identity, seems to be just another product among others, no seasonality, no context to the producer

## Infrastructure and Technology

- Large supermarkets- Food thrown away is highest when people exclusively shop in large supermarkets
- Packaging (oversized, non-resealable)
- Insufficient date marks, storage or freezing guidance on-pack

## Substitutability

## Accessibility and Affordability

- ‘Cheap’ food may erode its perceived value.
- Prioritization of volume sales over value by food industry.



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# Consumption- based Carbon Accounting

## Business Perspective

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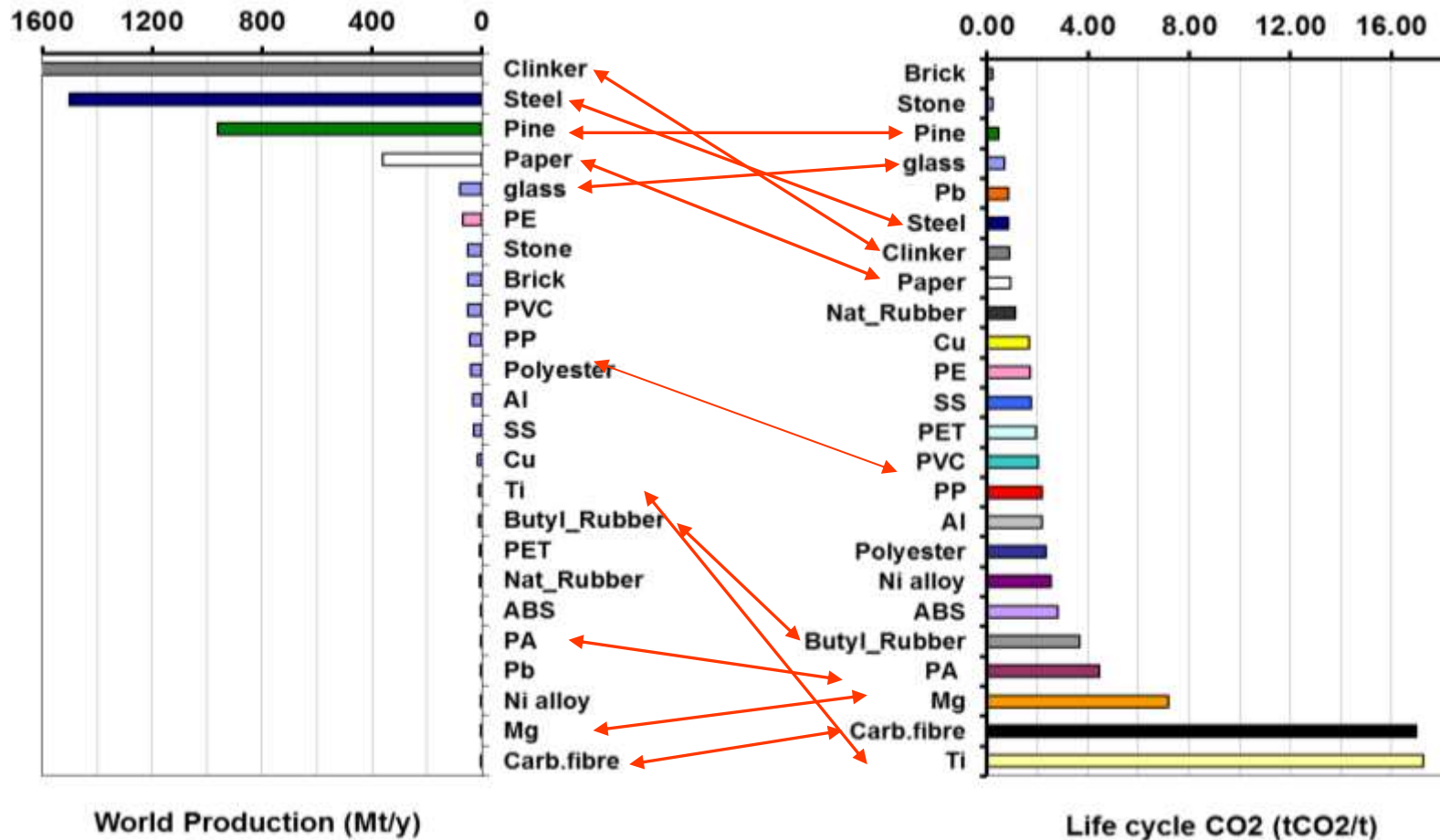


# Consumer-Oriented Improvement options

- Opportunities
  - Create awareness for material choice at the moment of purchase of a product (cfr. Food awareness of the ingredients)
    - Enduser is responsible for the material consumption. However product designers are selecting in most cases the materials.
  - Introduce “Life Cycle” Principles in the material choices as part of “Circular Economy”
  - Create an appropriate instrument for manufacturing industry to reduce its GHG Footprint
    - EU : Cap & Trade instrument can function for the energy sector, but ETS is not the appropriate instrument for Materials and Manufacturing Industry.
  - Opportunity to launch the development of “Green Bio-based Products”
    - Ex. Low Carbon Plastics do not get an “incentive” where today there is a strong incentive for Low Carbon Fuels
- Conclusion : since the start of the project, we could promote this idea and get a lot of support for this idea.

Important to consider Life Cycle CO2 at the moment of design of a product

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Source : Elaboration on M. Ashby materials and the Environment

# Consumer-Oriented Improvement options

- European Case : Existing Instruments for transition to low carbon economy

	Energy Sector	Manufacturing
EU ETS cap & trade	Cost pass through	-No level playing field - Sectorial differences
Renewable Energy Directive	Mandatory use of Bio-Fuels Incentive schemes for Renewable power (with cost pass through to all consumers) Car : g CO2/km target	-No incentive for Bio-based products vs Fossil Carbon based - Designers are pushed to wrong material use
Circular Economy		- No concept available yet but opportunity to fix the unwanted effects from ETS and RED

# Consumer-Oriented Improvement options



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- Challenges
  - Need to implement for majority of the materials
    - Reason : designers have always options to select materials
  - Need to be based on “Life Cycle” Principles to promote future re-use and also to include future disposal penalty
    - Need to look from end product backwards into the value chain where ETS benchmarks are looking from the upstream into the value chain
    - Carbon consumer tax is thus fundamentally different to what is known. Will need a lot of effort to explain the difference with the existing benchmarks
  - Carbon based tax need to be **simple, but transparent**.
    - **One figure** on the material independent on how or where the material is produced. Figure should reflect the “average” carbon effect of the material in use. Is this realistic in case of large carbon efficiency differences between regions?
  - Challenge is mainly on the carbon related tax in the imported products
    - How to make a simple system based on types of materials used in the products? Can the border declaration statistics which are available already today be sufficient?
- Conclusion : Major challenges
  - will be the acceptancy due to confusion with the already existing ETS benchmarks
  - Transparent and simple system for the imports/exports that is not disturbing the level playing field.

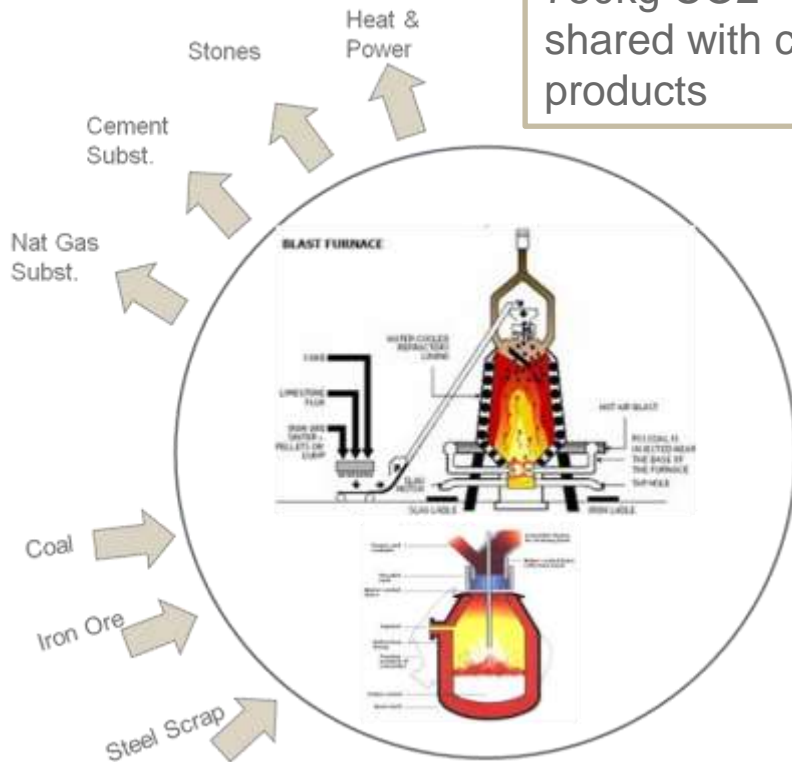
# Carbon based tax – Key principles

- Look from end products upwards into the value chain
- Promote the “Circular Economy” :
  - share the carbon for “co-produced” products
  - Include the carbon content of the product in case of end of life disposal by combustion possible (difference between plastics and carbonates)
- Use the average carbon effect of the material in use at that moment

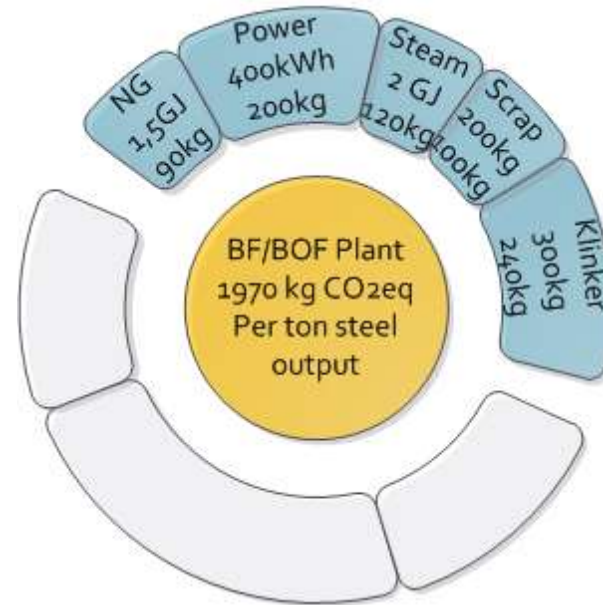
# Carbon based consumer tax – Promote carbon sharing by co-production of materials

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750kg CO<sub>2</sub>  
shared with co-  
products



2t CO<sub>2</sub>/t steel  
carbon use



1,2t CO<sub>2</sub>/t Steel  
(incl. by-product)

BOF/BF	
D	C
-1970	+750

ISO Standard exists to share the carbon (LCA)





# Value Chain Yield Losses can be eliminated

Take only the carbon related to the effective used material in the end product is possible as

- in case of scrapping material that is recycled => effect is included in the “average bathtub”
- In case of combustion at the end of life => effect is added to the product based on the LCA

Conclusion : a system with liabilities which comes due in case of disposal or sales to end-consumer, but which are cancelled in case of recycling the materials as stockfeed is feasible and will simplify the system



# View from a business perspective

- “Consumption based carbon tax” **won a lot of momentum** during the last 6 months (business level, political level)
  - Link with the threat for industry by the EU ETS reform as proposed
  - Link with the EU Circular Economy (opportunity to propose a new concept)
- System can work when it is **simple** and **transparent**
  - Only 1 figure for each material
    - including recycling/end of life disposal/combustion avoids complex system to compensate for yield
    - Independent on where/how each material is produced, but need to reflect the average material in use to make it transparent
  - Sharing carbon in co-production based on the LCA standards creates more cross-sectorial/circular material use
  - Only remaining question : can we be sure that at customs the import liability can be easily implemented for end-products without distortion of level playing field between regions or between materials

# Consumption-oriented policy instruments

Carbon-CAP Stakeholder meeting

Geneva

8 Oct 2015



... may require new / additional policies to tackle 'new horizons', eg beyond simple energy efficiency & supply-side (eg. Power sector) choices

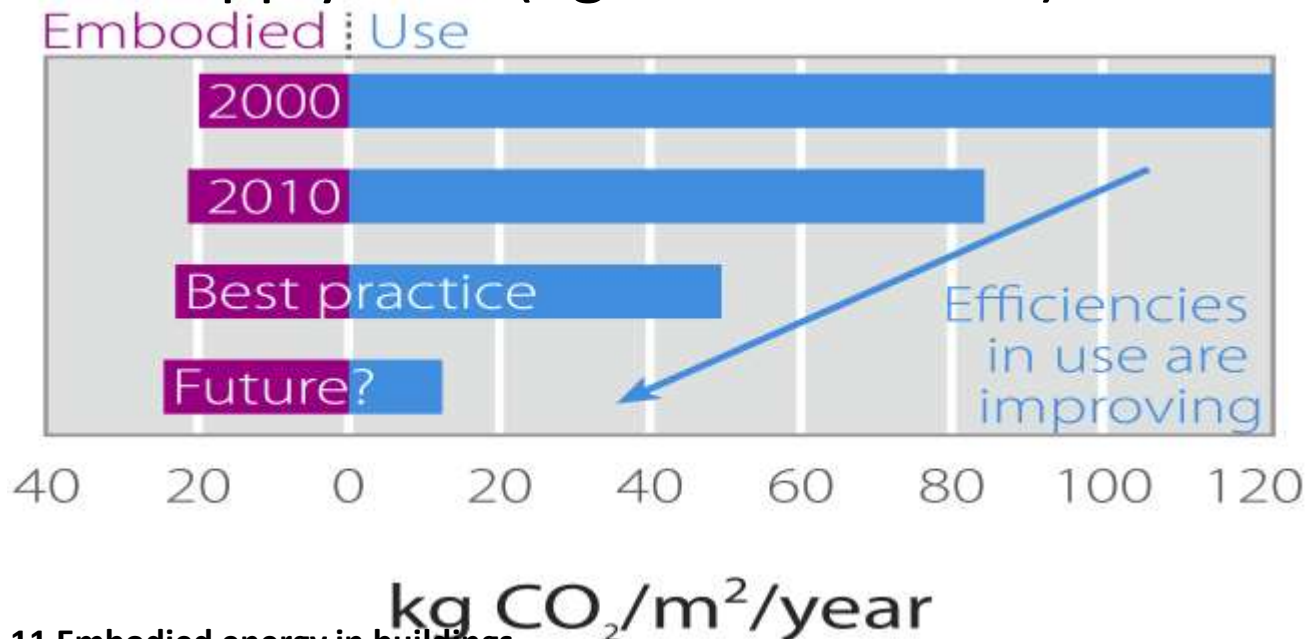


Figure 5-11 Embodied energy in buildings

Source: Allwood and Cullen (2012)

Emissions Scope /  Options Interactions Matrix	S1: Direct emissions	Scope 2: Energy conversion (eg refineries, power generation)		Scope 3: Energy / GHG input to non-energy goods (eg. Steel, cement, beef)			
	Volume	Volume	GHG Intensity		Volume	GHG Intensity	
			EU elec & refineries	Electricity & fuel imports		EU production	Imported goods
Buildings & product efficiency (“more energy-efficient cars / appliances .”)	*	*			?		
Modal / in-use choices (“less driving” / floor area / better maintenance etc)	*	*					
Alternate fuels (eg. Electric /hybrid vehicles, biofuels / bioenergy)	*	(-)			?		
“Less cars in the fleet” / goods in the house etc (WP6 ‘Direct reduction’)					*		
“Cars / goods with longer life” (WP6 ‘indirect reduc’n’)	?				*		
Low carbon elec/fuels footprint			*	(*)		*	(*)
Low carbon goods – composition					*		
Low carbon goods – component intensity					*	*	(*)
<div>• Direct intended impact</div> <div>? Indirect impact of uncertain sign</div> <div>- Likely negative indirect impact</div> <div>(*) Intended impact if emissions / footprinting data extend beyond EU borders</div>							

Generated 'long list' of 33 policy instruments for consideration  
*classification matrix*

Class	'Mandatory'	'Voluntary'
Informational	Product labels Approved technology lists Graduated tax on adverts	Information campaign Product location at sale Ranking and awards campaigns
Regulatory / administrative	8 instruments	6 instruments
Economic / financial	'Externality / Cost-raising' [5 instruments]	'Subsidy / cost –reducing' [5 instruments]
Enabling infrastructure & institutional	Mandatory metering Infrastruct. Improvements	Enabling recycling Enabling product sharing

*In principle: Matrix of 33 instruments x 9 end-use sector – applications*



## Assessment applied six criteria:

### ***Potential impacts criteria:***

- Scope (theoretical footprint coverage)
- Effectiveness (rough degree of consumer response)

### ***Feasibility criteria:***

- Distributional impacts & flexibility to accommodate
- Legal (national and international) compatability
- International political
- EU feasibility inc administrative & implementation

*Scores in range 1-3*

*Combined as product to yield compound score (multiplicative not addition)*

*Does not take account of the “process” elements that may also affect legitimacy*



# Scoring translation table

N. of Scores 3	N. of Scores 2	N. of Scores 1	<b>Ccap Compound Result</b>	Geometric mean
6	0		<b>45.6</b>	3
5	1		<b>30.4</b>	2.8
4	2		<b>20.3</b>	2.62
5	0	1	<b>15.2</b>	2.5
3	3		<b>13.5</b>	2.45
4	1	1	<b>10.1</b>	2.34
2	4		<b>9.0</b>	2.29
3	2	1	<b>6.8</b>	2.19
1	5		<b>6.0</b>	2.14
4	0	2	<b>5.1</b>	2.08
0	6		<b>4.0</b>	2



## Results: Administrative & Regulatory instruments

### 2. Regulatory and Administrative instruments

Mandatory									
Transport		Food	Buildings			Paper & plastics	Textiles	Consumer goods & machinery	
Vehicles	Fuels		Fabric	Heat	Elec				
Regulatory standards									
9	9	3	14	5	3	6	6	14	
Licenses									
4	4	2	6	2	2	6	4	6	
Government procurement									
9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	
Recycling requirements									
9	0	5	14	0	0	14	9	14	
Product ban									
1	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	2	
Waste targets, requirements and/or prices									
9	0	5	14	0	0	14	9	14	
Deposits / refunds on purchased goods									
7	0	2	0	0	0	10	10	10	
Limits on percentage ownership or use									
1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	

Voluntary								
Transport		Food	Buildings			Paper & plastics	Textiles	Consumer goods & machinery
Vehicles	Fuels		Fabric	Heat	Elec			
Sector trade body standards								
9	9	3	9	5	5	9	6	14
Business emission agreements								
9	9	9	14	9	9	14	5	14
Supply chain procurement requirements								
20	20	14	20	14	14	20	20	20
Voluntary agreements by trade organisations								
15	15	7	10	10	10	10	10	15
Extension of product lifetime								
4	0	3	9	0	0	6	0	6





## Results: Economic and Financial instruments

### 3. Economic and financial instruments

#### "Externality" pricing

(Consumer cost-raising)

Transport		Food	Buildings			Paper & plastics	Textiles	Consumer goods & machinery
Vehicles	Fuels		Fabric	Heat	Elec			

#### C-intensive materials charge

14	0	7	20	0	0	20	14	20
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#### Carbon embodied charge

5	3	1	7	2	2	3	2	5
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#### Product user fees

6	6	0	9	3	3	0	0	9
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#### Waste targets, requirements and/or prices

9	0	5	14	0	0	14	9	14
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#### Minimum price limits

6	6	3	9	3	3	9	6	9
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#### Subsidy / incentives

(Consumer cost-reducing)

Transport		Food	Buildings			Paper & plastics	Textiles	Consumer goods & machinery
Vehicles	Fuels		Fabric	Heat	Elec			

#### Subsidy

9	14	7	9	9	6	0	5	9
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#### Deposits / refunds on purchased goods

7	0	2	0	0	0	10	10	10
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#### Product tax incentives

6	6	6	6	6	6	0	3	6
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#### Trade Env Goods and Services agreements - eg tariffs

14	14	9	14	0	0	14	14	14
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#### Preferential finance terms

9	9	0	9	5	5	0	0	9
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# Top scoring (20) in at least 2 sectors

Instrument	Key sectors	Lower criteria scores in
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## Rank robust in sensitivity

Approved technology lists	All 20 except food, heat & electricity sourcing (14)	Scope; International political
Supply chain procurement	All 20 except food, heat & electricity sourcing (14)	Scope; International political
Carbon intensive materials charge	Building fabric; consumer goods / manuf / paper & plastics / (vehicles)	Effectiveness; EU Admin & Implementation
Infrastructure improvement	Transport vehicles & fuels; building fabrics	Scope; distributional

## Lower rank in sensitivity

Product location at sale	Food; buildings fabric; consumer goods [& manuf]; textiles	Scope & effectiveness
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# Second rank (14/15) in at least 2 sectors

Instrument	Key sectors	Lower criteria scores in
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## Rank robust in sensitivity

Regulatory Standards	Buildings fabric; consumer goods & manuf. (Transport sectors score 9)	Legal; International political
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## Lower rank in sensitivity (lower scope / effectiveness)

EGS trade Agreement	Building fabric; consumer goods & machin / paper & plastics / (vehicles)	Scope & Effectiveness; EU Admin & Implementation
Recycling requirements & waste targets / prices	Buildings fabric; paper & plastics; consumer goods & machinery	Scope & Effectiveness; EU Admin & Implementation
Voluntary agreements by trade associations	Vehicles; fuels; consumer goods & machinery	Effectiveness (1);
Business emission agreements	Buildings fabric; paper & plastics; consumer goods & machinery;	Scope & Effectiveness; EU Admin & Implementation

Does ranking aggregates  
scores risk being  
*too prescriptive?*

- Eg. Carbon embodied charge scores 7 for buildings materials

		Transport	Consumer goods & machinery	Food	Buildings			Paper and plastics	Textiles
	Transport	Fuel choice			Building materials	Heat demand	Power demand		
Scope	3	3	3	2	3	2	2	2	2
Effectiveness	3	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	2
Distribution & Flex	2	2	3	1	3	2	2	3	2
Legal	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
International Polit	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
EU Admin	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1



# Aggregate sector views: of the big sectors, food footprint hardest to tackle

		Transport		Food	Buildings			Paper & plastics	Textiles	Consumer goods & machinery
		Vehicles	Fuels		Fabric	Heat	Elec			
Viability weightings = 0.5		6.9	4.8	4.5	7.9	3.6	3.5	5.3	5.4	7.6
Viability weightings = 1		9.2	6.4	5.5	11.1	4.3	4.1	7.5	7.4	10.7

.. Suggest Vehicles, Buildings fabric and Consumer goods / machinery to have most promise for new policy action



# Scenario development to be anchored around sector packages – eg. transport

	Volume & composition impacts		Component carbon-intensity impacts	
	Requires modelling of EU consumption volumes and impact on traded volumes of products and materials  (no direct impact on energy production methods outside EU)		Involves modelling impacts on energy production methods outside EU (e.g. changing incentives on tar sands, biofuels and electricity generation mix used for industrial electricity)	
<b>EU Actors:</b>	Consumer & Govt	Business (manufacturing and retail)	Consumer & Govt	Business (manufacturing and retail)
<b>Transport – Road Vehicles full scope carbon</b>	Technology list / (labels)  Recycling requirements  Govt procurement  User fees (e.g. on weighted power/weight ratio)  Subsidy (e.g. on EVs)  Infrastructure	Reg standards (e.g. weighted power/weight ratio)  Waste targets  Sector trade body standards  C-intensive materials charge  EGS on 'environmental vehicles'	Information campaign, awards  Vehicle embodied carbon labelling  Govt procurement	Vehicles sector supply chain procurement agreement (materials sourcing)  [Carbon embodied charge ]

# Consumption-based Climate Policy Instruments: Interactions with Trade

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# Trade analysis

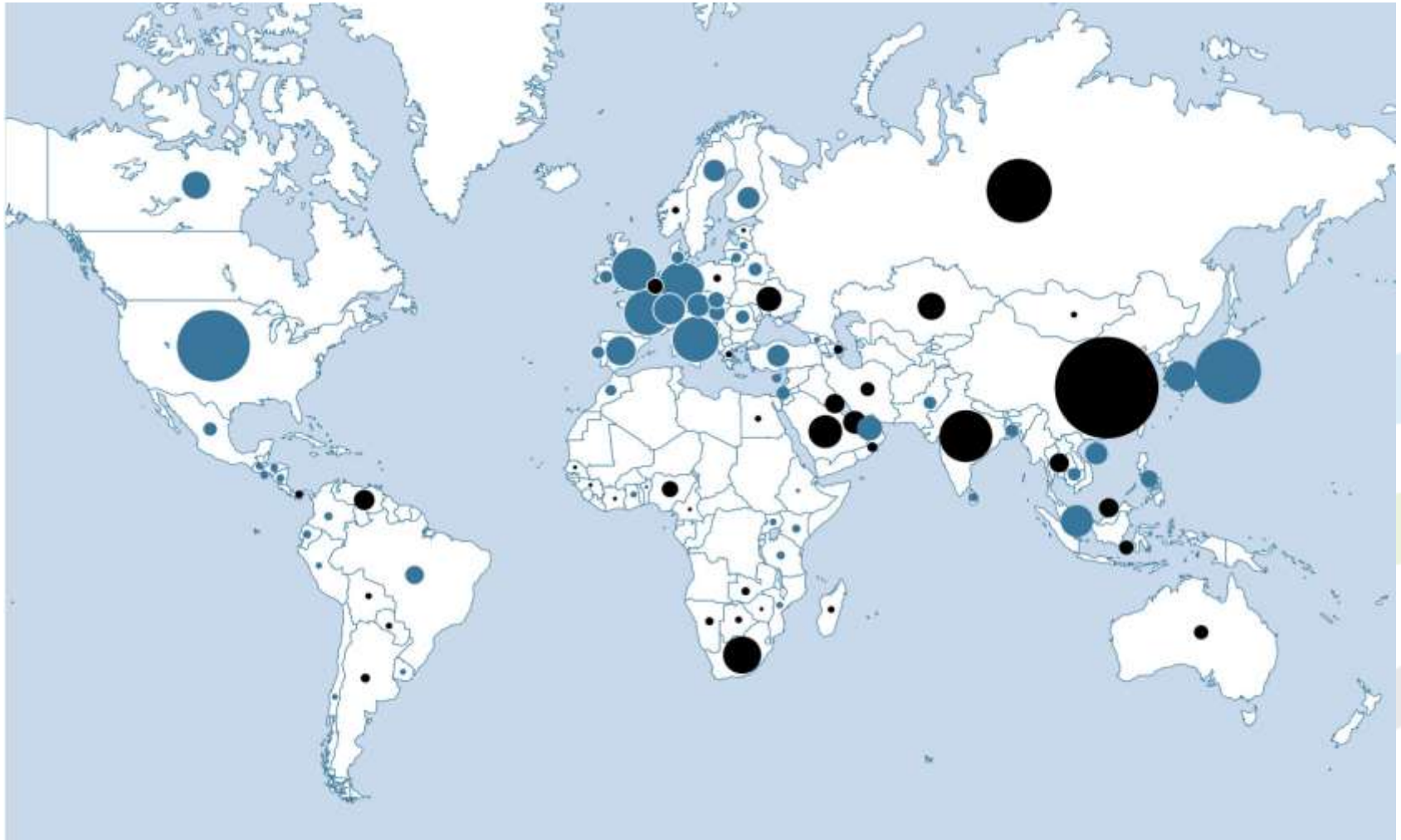
1. WTO provisions and case law
2. Spillover effects on trade



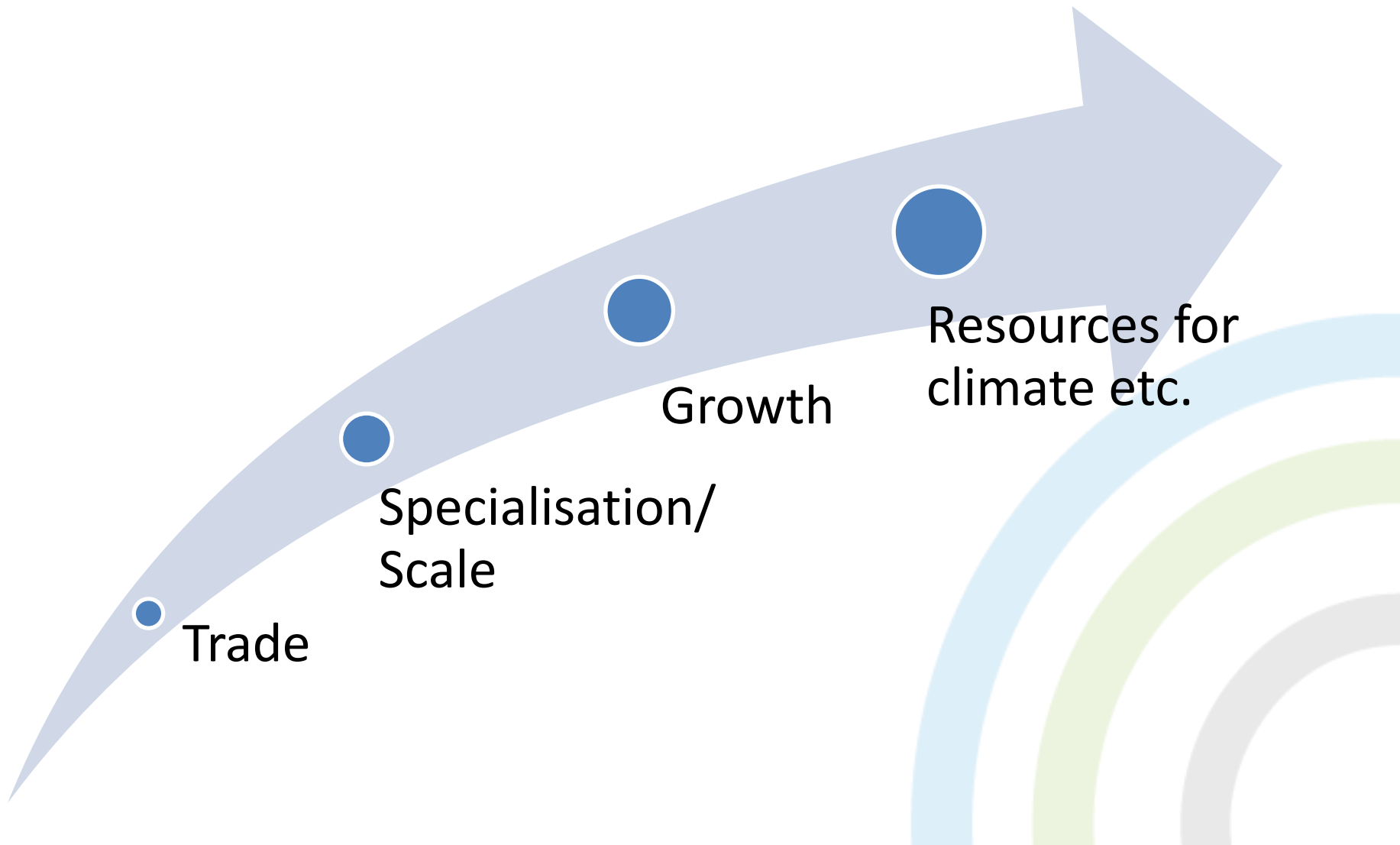
# Why trade?



# Addressing consumption emissions is crucial...



...But so is considering  
the trade impacts



# Direct and indirect trade impacts

## Indirect trade impacts



## Direct trade impacts



# Indirect trade impacts

## Waste/Recycling instruments

- Reduction in waste-related emissions & material demand input

## Infrastructure improvements

- Demand reductions

## Product location

- Product substitution

## Information campaigns

- Demand reductions/product substitution

## Benchmarked carbon-intensive charge

- Demand reductions/product substitution
- Domestic and imported products/benchmarked!

# Direct trade impacts (1)

## Product bans/Ownership limits

- Prevent/limit market access

## Regulatory standards

- Potential market access barriers

## Carbon labels

- Potential market access barriers
- Methodological bias/misleading labels → risk of trade distortions

## Trade body standards

- Possibly de facto mandatory → market access barriers
- Methodological bias/misleading certifications → risk of trade distortions

# Direct trade impacts (2)

## Supply chain requirements

- If large outlets: possibly de facto mandatory and restrict market access
- Methodological bias → risk of trade distortions

## Carbon embodied charge

- Based on trail of embodied emissions
- Methodological challenges → risk of trade distortions

## Subsidies

- Change relative prices of low- and high-carbon products
- Risk of discrimination → risk of trade distortions

## Government procurement/Approved technology lists

- Selection criteria may be discriminatory → risk of trade distortions

# Consider potential trade impacts...but do not rule out instruments:

- Just a risk indication
- Careful design and implementation can limit adverse trade impacts
- Affect domestic and imported products
- Can create trade opportunities



# Thank you for your attention!

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# **Session 3: Consumption-based policy instruments for a more effective climate policy mix Comments from an international trade perspective**



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# WTO: A framework for advancing sustainable development

## Objectives

Living standards, full employment, using the world's resources sustainably & protecting the environment

## System of rules

Policy space for necessary trade-related measures for legitimate objectives such as the environment, subject to conditions aimed at avoiding hidden protectionism

## Institutions & Monitoring Mechanisms

Ensure predictability, monitor implementation & enable action if measures impact on trade

## Enforcement Mechanism & WTO Case Law

Confirms a balance between Members' right to take trade related environmental measures & the rights of other Members under WTO rules

## Core Mission of Trade Opening

Leads to more efficient allocation of natural resources, stimulates growth and raises income levels, improves access to green technologies

# CLASSIFICATION OF POTENTIAL CONSUMPTION-BASED POLICY INSTRUMENTS WITH EXAMPLES (HAWKINS, CRAWFORD-BROWN AND GRUBB)

Class	Mandatory	Voluntary
Informational	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Product labels</li> <li>- Approved technology lists</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Information campaign</li> <li>- Preferential location of low-carbon products at point of sale</li> </ul>
Regulatory/ administrative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regulatory standards</li> <li>- Product ban</li> <li>- Extension of product lifetime</li> <li>- Licences</li> <li>- Government procurement</li> <li>- Recycling requirements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sector trade body standards</li> <li>- Supply chain procurement requirements</li> <li>- Shop product choice</li> </ul>
Economic/financial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Carbon-intensive products charge</li> <li>- Minimum price limits</li> <li>- Deposits/refund mechanisms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Subsidy for purchase of low-carbon products</li> </ul>
Enabling infrastructure / institutional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mandatory metering of consumed goods</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Enabling product sharing</li> <li>- Enabling recycling</li> <li>- Infrastructure improvements</li> </ul>

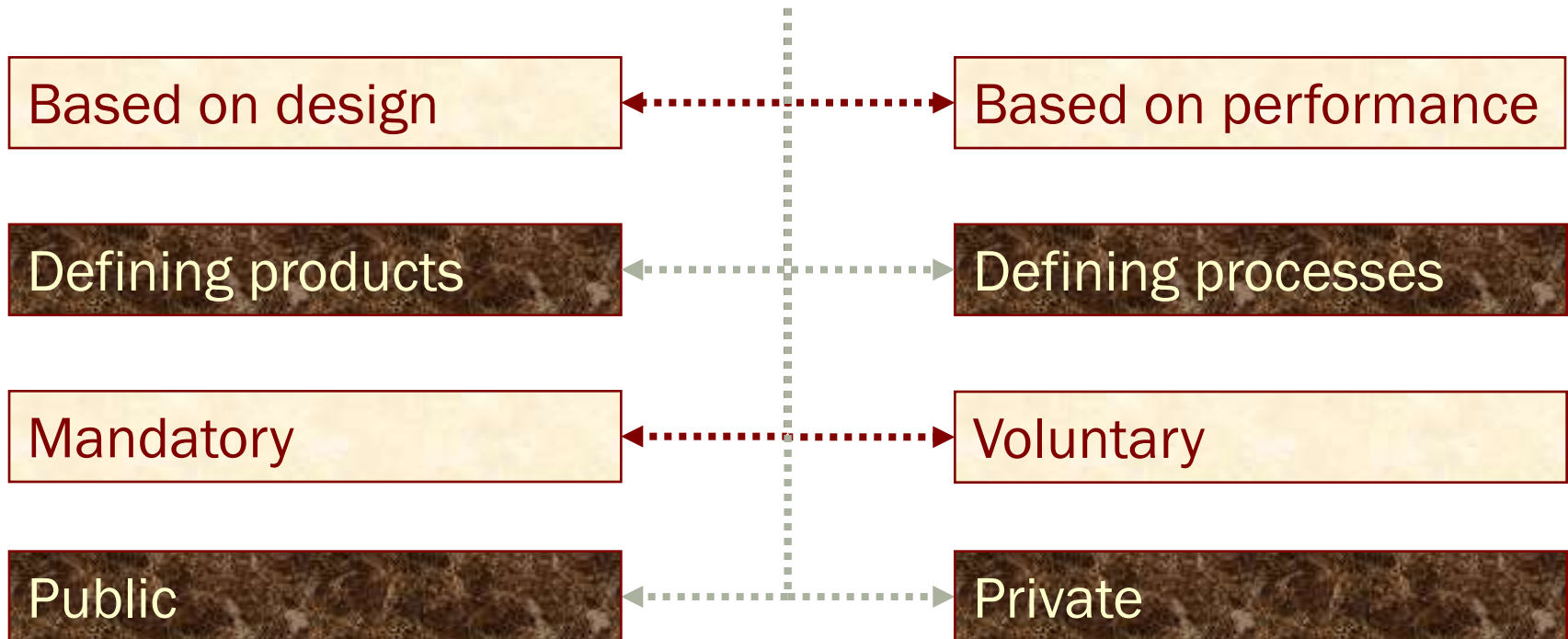
# Carbon Measures and Relevant WTO Rules

Key policy instrument	Key objective	Key WTO Agreement
<b><i>Technical requirements</i></b> , e.g. Product/production specifications, voluntary/mandatory, characteristics/ performance, labelling	Improve resource use & reduce pollutants, e.g. for energy efficiency	TBT Agreement
<b><i>Price &amp; market mechanisms</i></b> , e.g. carbon taxes, ETS	Internalize env'tal costs, e.g. for GHG emissions	GATT
<b><i>Support programs</i></b> , e.g. R&D, fiscal, price and investment measures	Promote development & deployment of green technologies	SCM Agreement

# Key Characteristics of Technical Requirements



*Emissions/ energy efficiency standards and regulations can be...*



# Environmental effectiveness



**Measurement  
tools**

Increase in energy efficiency of  
products, e.g. electrical equipment

Behavioural changes of consumers  
and manufacturers



# Relevant WTO rules



## Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade / GATT

**Key principles include**

Non discrimination

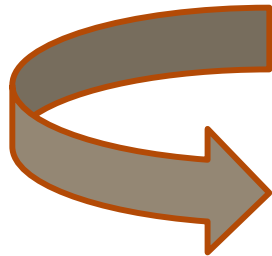
Avoidance of unnecessary trade barrier

Harmonization



# Policy Space for Carbon Measures related to Trade

*WTO jurisprudence has confirmed that WTO rules do not trump environment, as long as...*



*several carefully crafted conditions are respected...*

*which seek, among other things, to ensure that green measures are not applied arbitrarily and not used as disguised protectionism.*



# Transparency, Monitoring & Enforcement Mechanisms of the WTO



The WTO is a *repository* for trade-related policy information  
and a forum for deliberations

Members *inform* each other  
about new or forthcoming  
trade-related measures



Technical requirements

Sanitary and phytosanitary measures

Subsidies

Agriculture measures

# Transparency, Monitoring & Enforcement Mechanisms of the WTO

Example...

## *Technical Barriers to Trade Agreement*

1 in 4 notifications related to the environment

1/3 of specific trade concerns related to the  
environment

# International Co-operation on Green Economy Measures



**The WTO Committee on Trade and Environment is  
the right forum to foster international co-operation  
on trade-related environmental measures**

*Discussion includes climate  
related topics: carbon  
labelling, footprinting, fossil  
fuels, energy efficiency...*



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