

# RCP 8.5 and some suggestions for follow-up IAMC activities

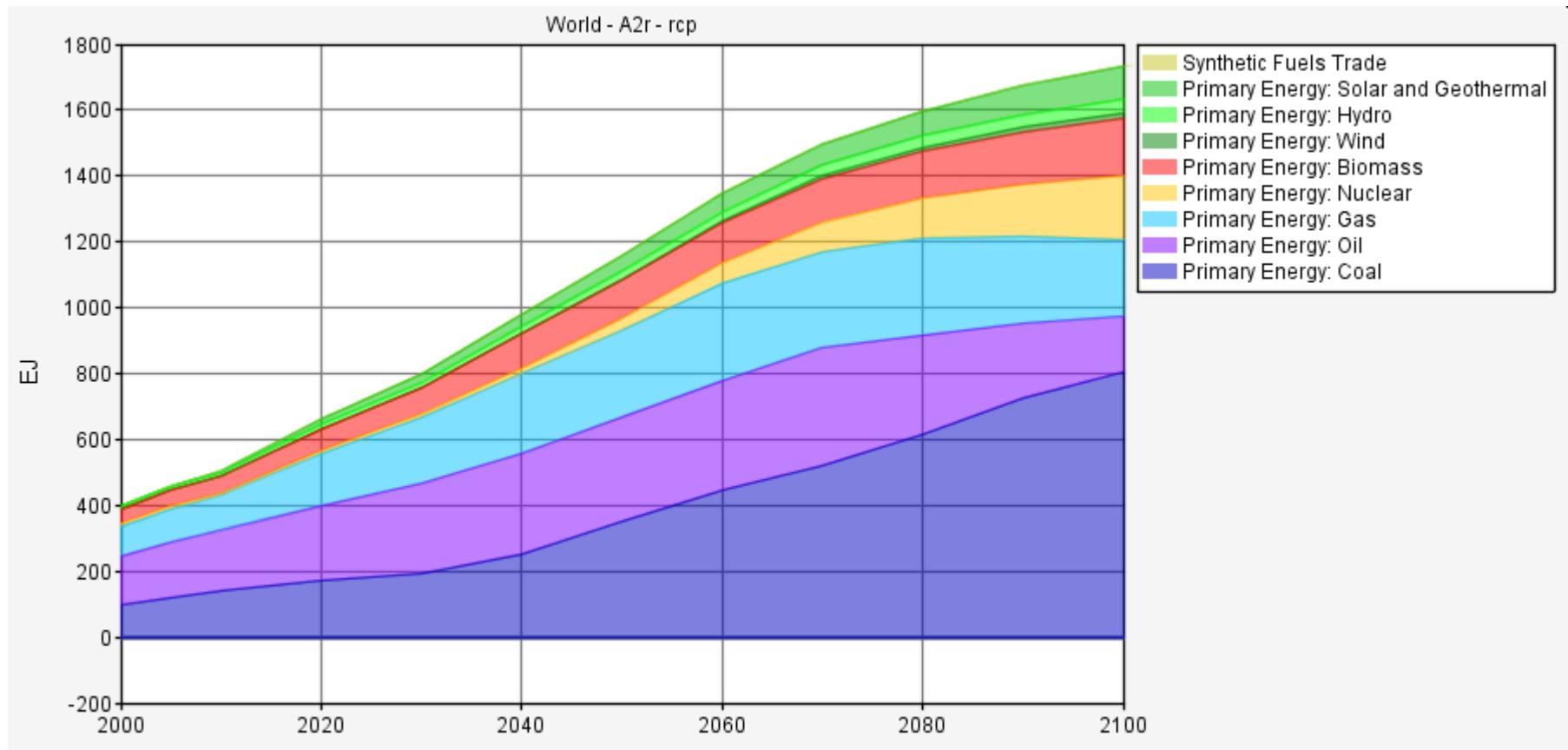
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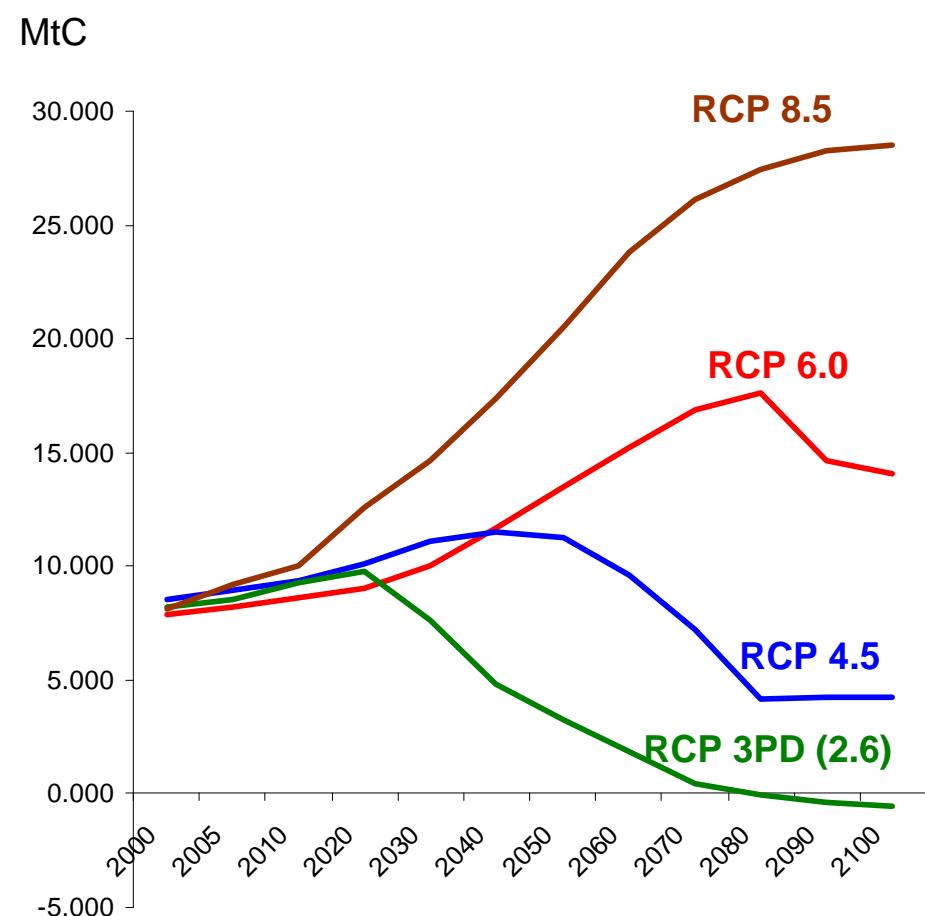
# RCP 8.5

## Primary Energy (World)

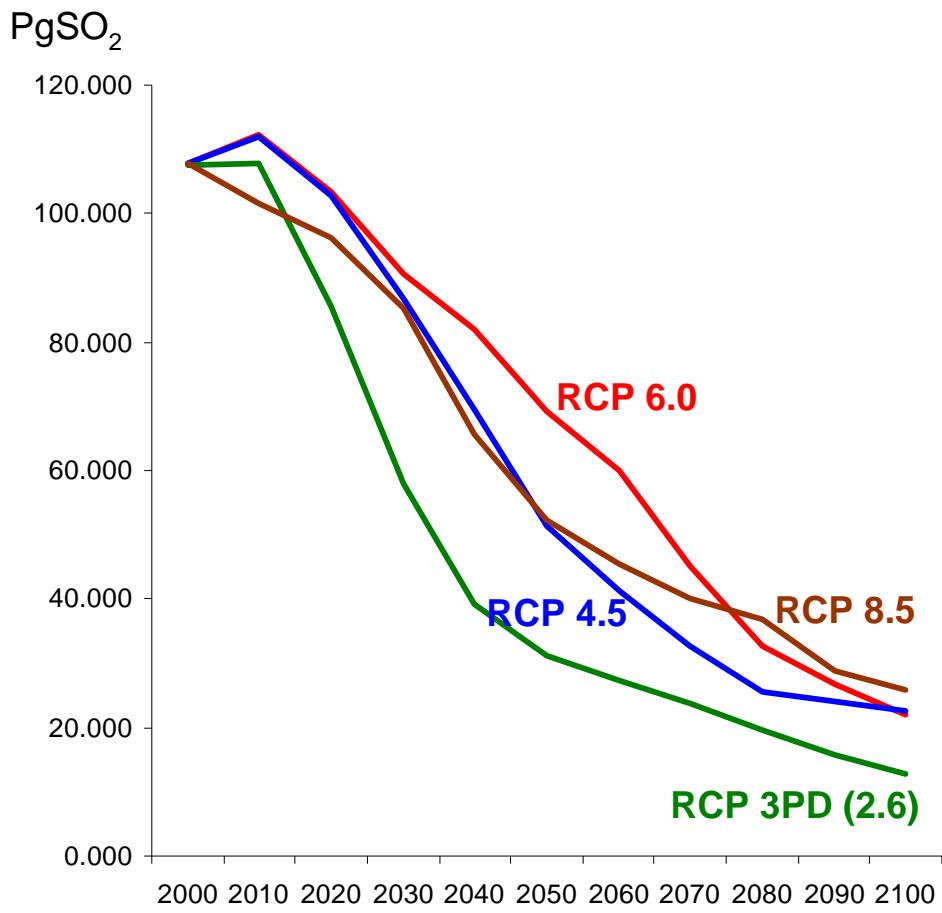


# GHG Emissions & Pollutants

## CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions



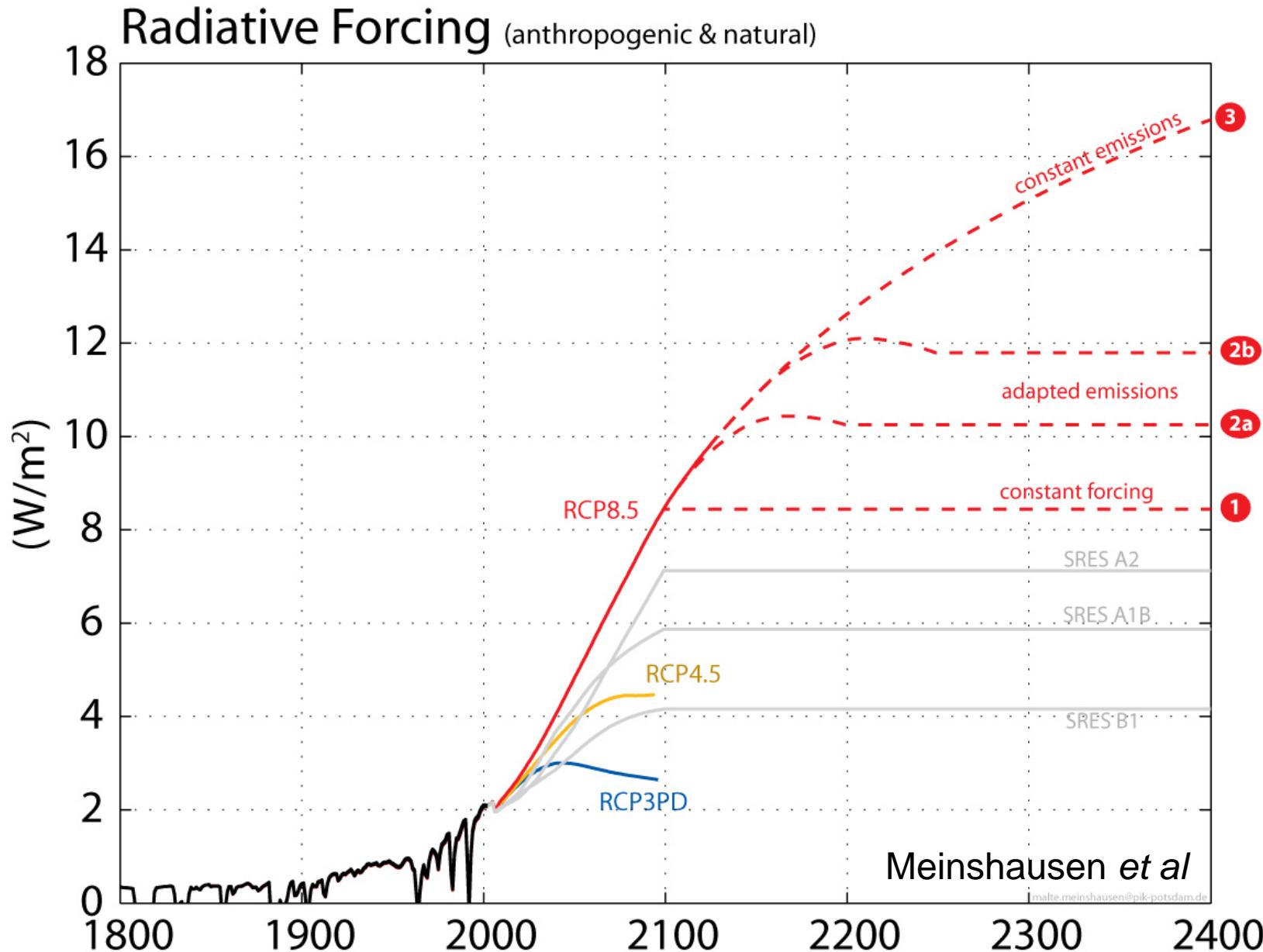
## SO<sub>x</sub> Emissions



# Progress on RCP 8.5

- ✓ Regional, sectoral, and spatial emissions
- ✓ Regional and spatial land-cover
- ✓ Smooth transition from the past (1850-2100) for pollutant emissions and reactive gases  
(Lamarque et al)
- ✓ Harmonization of land-cover across RCPs and transition from 1750 to 2100 (Hurtt et al)
- Under preparation:
  - Harmonization of other GHG emissions and concentrations
  - Extension to 2300

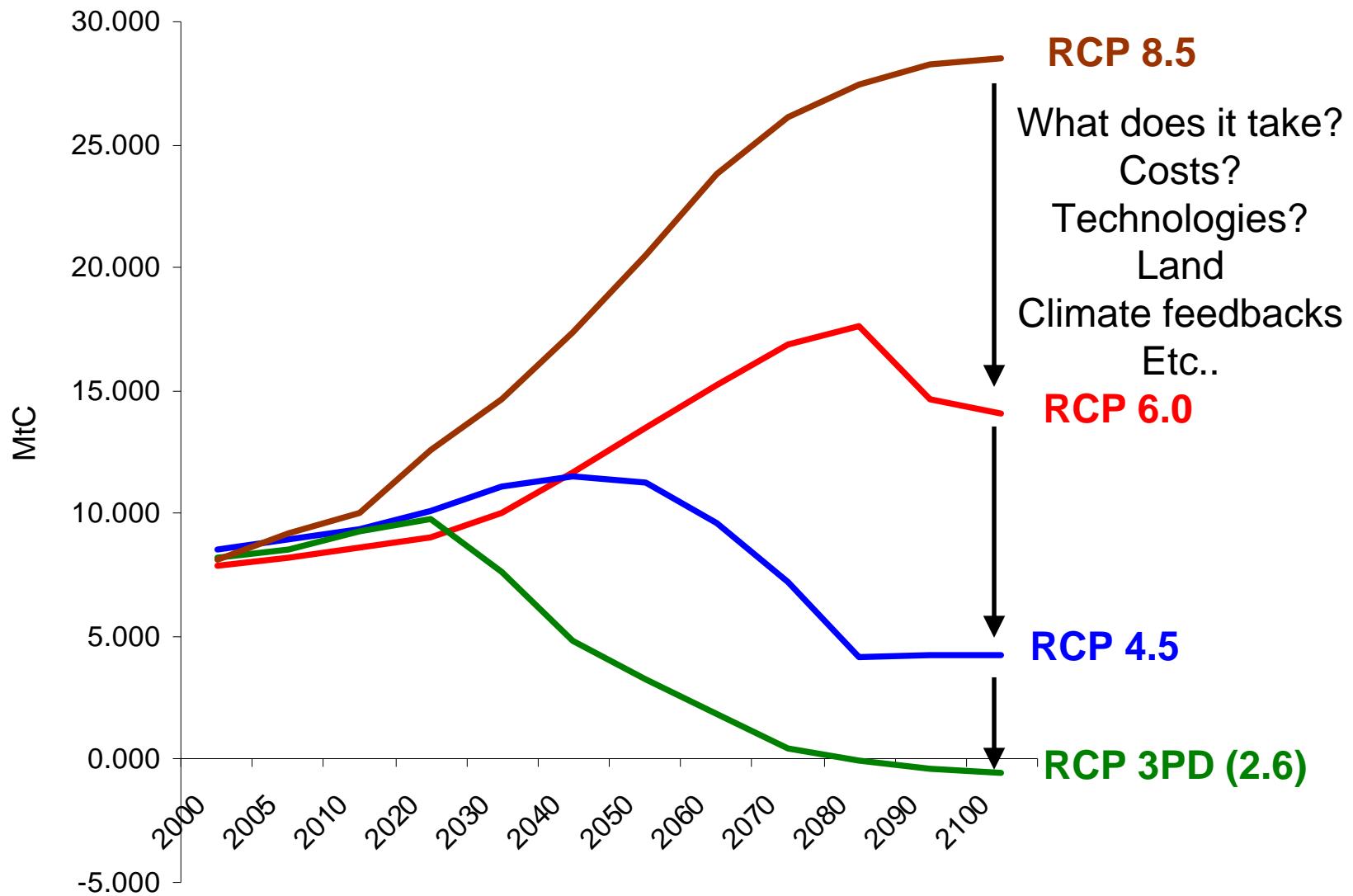
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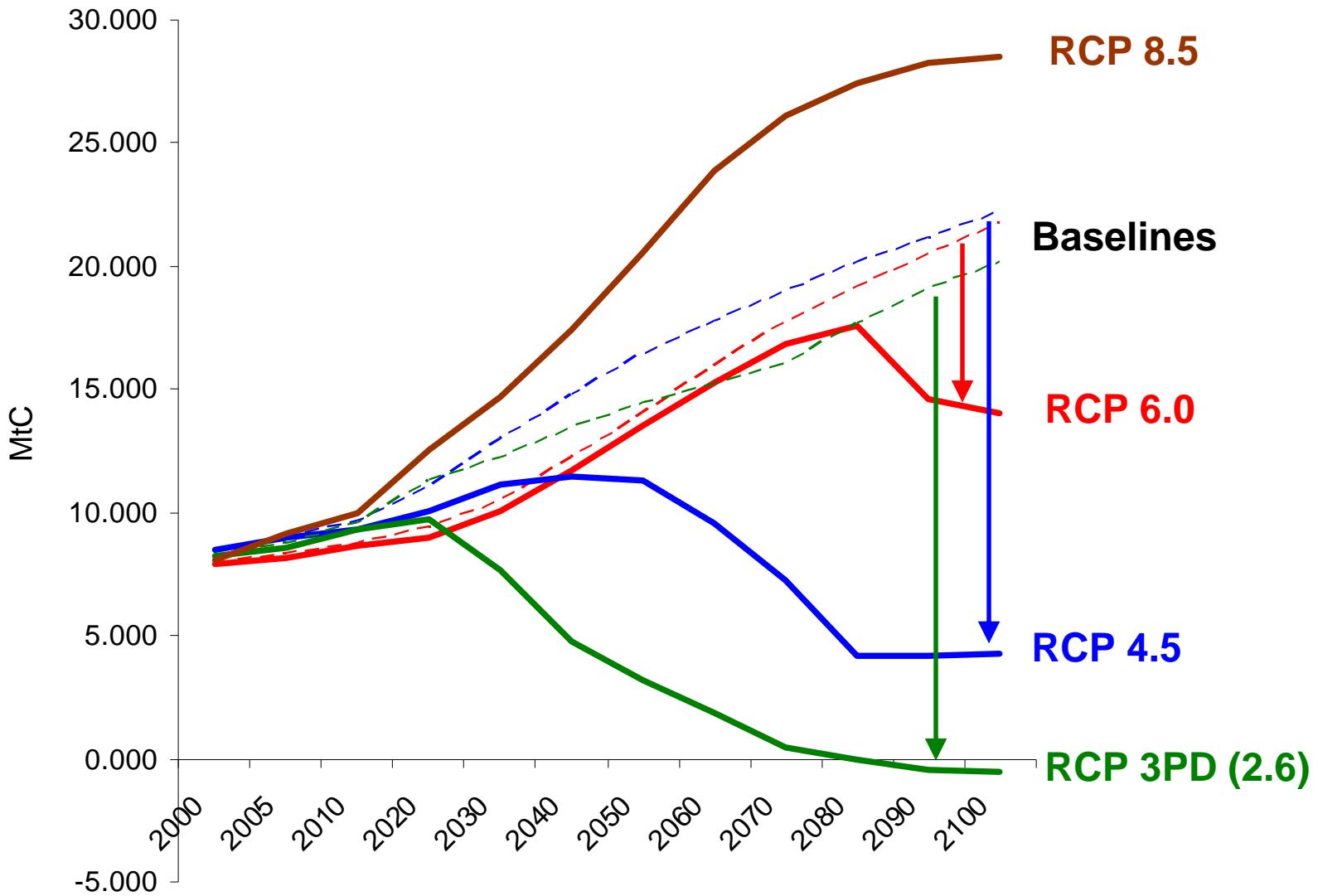
# RCP Selection

- RCPs primarily selected to span a wide range of GHG emissions, concentrations, and forcings for climate modeling experiments
- Focus of each RCP team was to develop an internally consistent pathway, based on own socio-economic, demographic, technology, and other model assumptions

# CO2 Emissions (World)

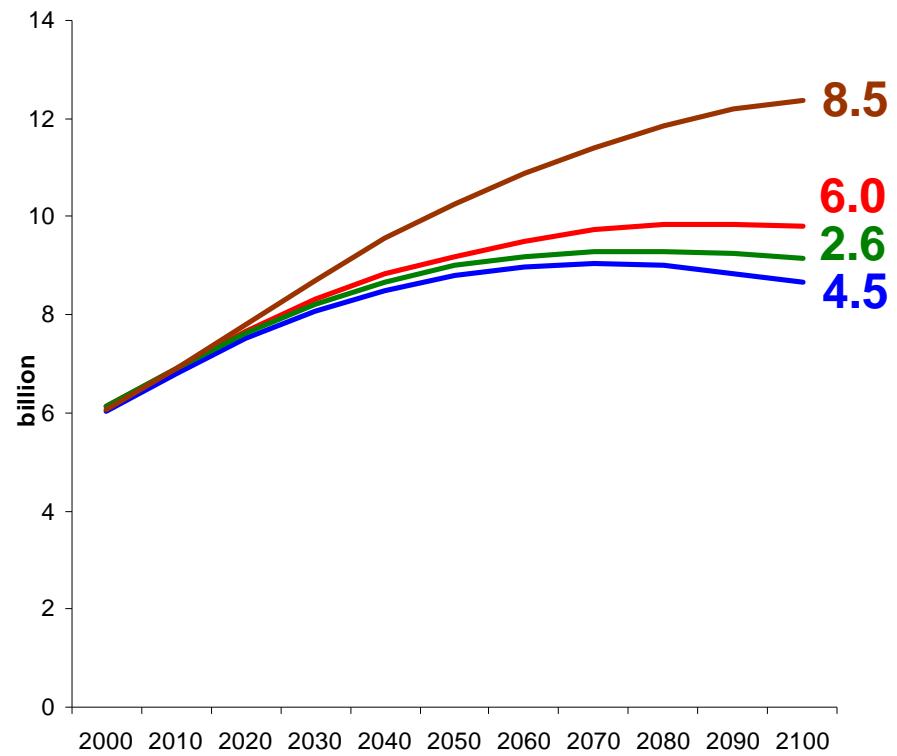


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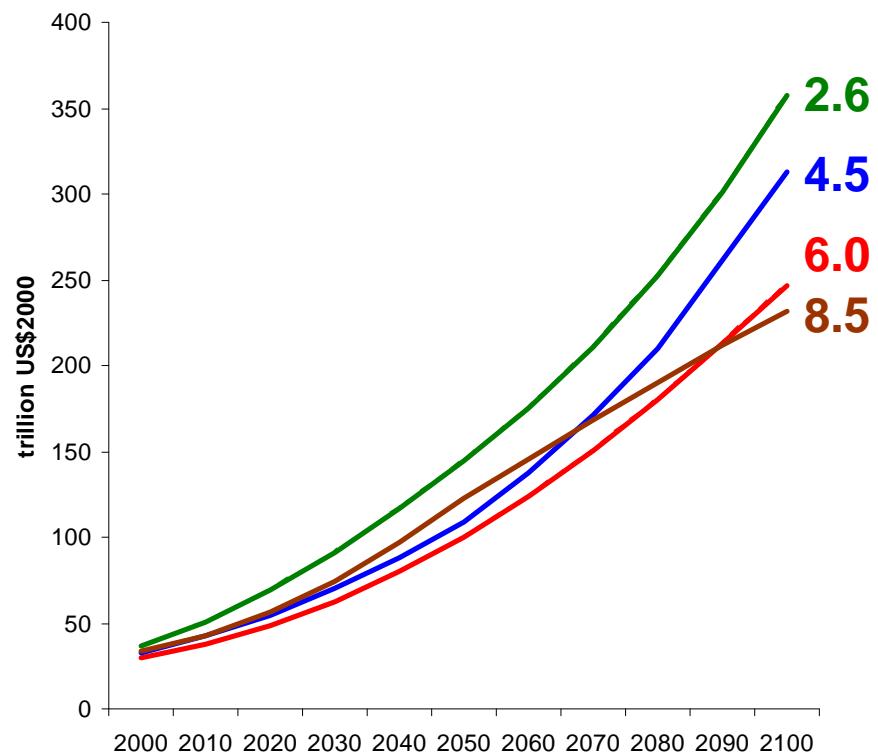


# Baseline Assumptions

Population



GDP

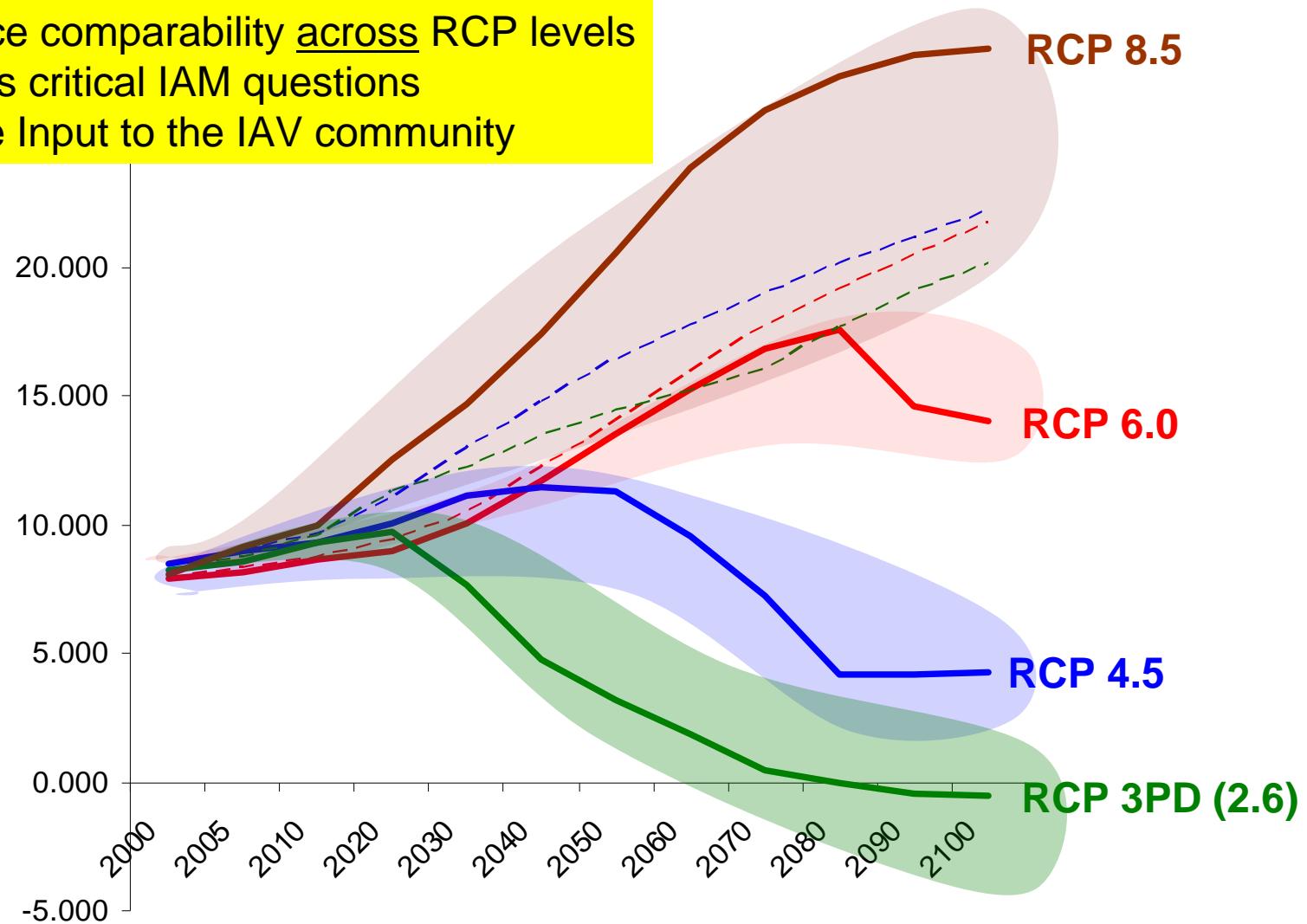


Climate characteristics were the only criteria for the selection of individual RCPs

# CO2 Emissions (World)

## Additional scenarios needed:

- 1) To bracket uncertainties
- 2) Enhance comparability across RCP levels
- 3) Address critical IAM questions
- 4) Provide Input to the IAV community



# An Initial Activity

- Collect recently developed scenarios, eg:
  - 2.6 feasibility studies: ADAM, IMAGE/MESSAGE
  - EMF-22
  - IPCC Renewables Report
  - Etc..
- Establish reporting standards (protocols, definitions) that can be shared for alternative studies
- Development of a “Post-RCP” scenario database (eg for IAM-IAM and IAM-IAV exchange)
  - Including socioeconomic and technology specific information
  - Fully interactive and automated
    - for IAMC modeling teams to upload/download scenario data
    - evolutionary growing and thus maintained by the community
  - Quality check routines (eg, central climate model)

# Modeling Comparison Projects

- “Second-best” scenarios
  - Non-participation (EMF22)
  - Technology (uncertainty and possible failure)
    - Explore feasibility of targets and costs without eg CCS/nuclear
    - Negative emissions technologies
  - Explore synergies and trade-offs with other policy priorities:
    - Energy Security
    - Energy Access
    - Hunger
    - Etc...

# Attainability and costs of stabilization depends on the available technology options

