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Outline

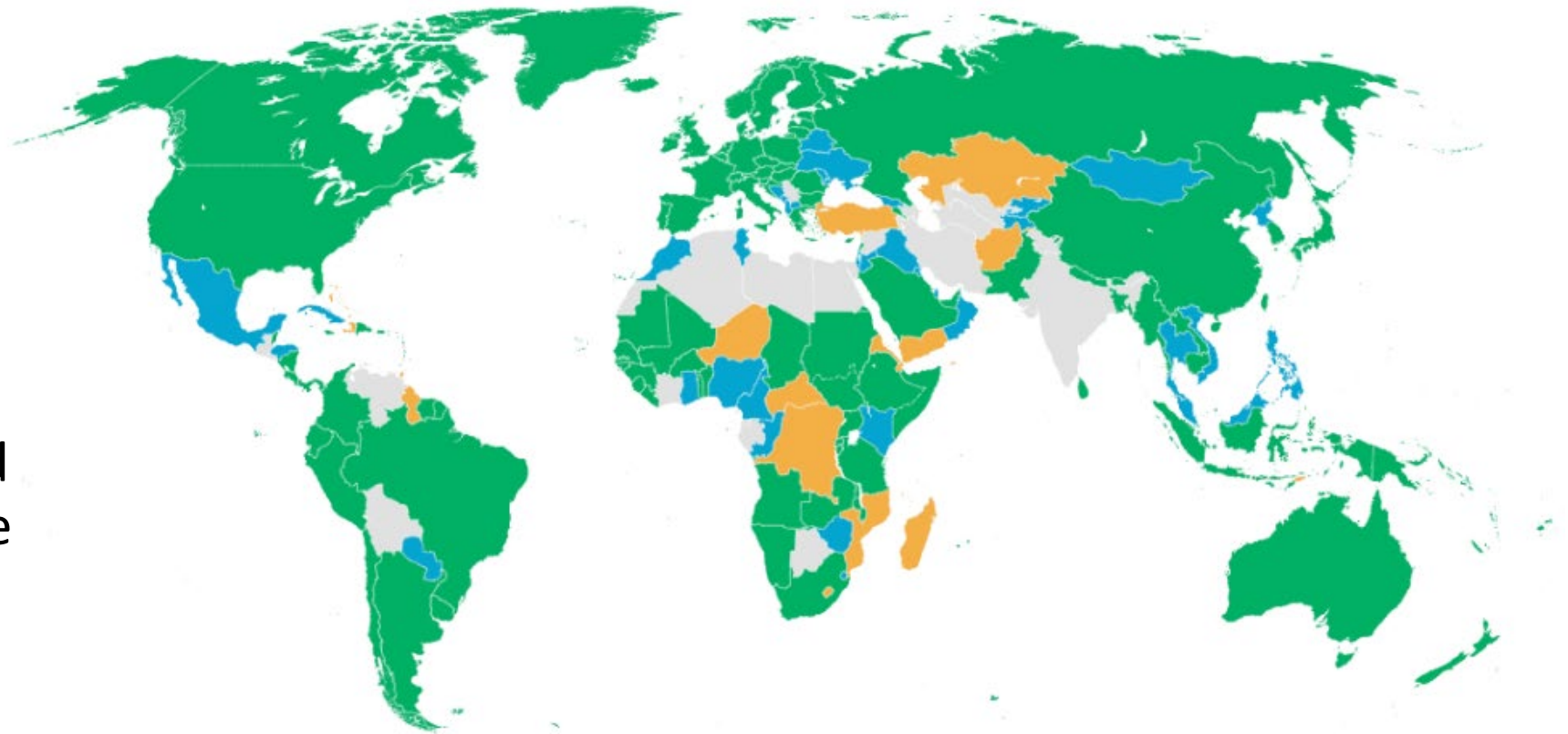
- I. What is net zero
- II. What are “carbon emissions”: greenhouse gases
- III. Greenhouse gases: origins (nations and sectors) and impacts (Global Warming Potential)
- IV. What is the atmospheric carbon situation now
- V. What do decarbonization abatement activities look like worldwide
 - National and international goals
 - Key industry examples: energy, petroleum, lime/cement
- VI. The asphalt paving industry’s decarbonization plans
- VII. Tools already available & innovations to decarbonize each phase of a pavement LCA
- VIII. Have we arrived at a tipping point
- IX. What is needed to bring all the solutions together



I. What Is Net Zero?

Net Zero is a goal of at least 138 nations, wherein by the year 2050 (or sooner) the quantity of “**carbon emissions**” emitted to the atmosphere by those nations is equal to quantity of “**carbon emissions**” removed from the atmosphere by either natural means and by man-made technologies.

Goals were once linked to a reference year, like 1990.



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Reference 4.

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I. What Is Net Zero?

Net Zero: the UN goal is more directly ambitious.



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II. What Are “Carbon Emissions?”

“Carbon emissions” linked to atmospheric temperature rise are also called **Greenhouse Gases (GHG’s)**, with significant examples being

H_2O

CO_2

CH_4

N_2O

Chlorofluorocarbons (**CFC’s**), **HCFC’s**, **CC’s**, **BC’s**, etc. (over 7 dozen in Reference 2)

SF_6 and other fully fluorinated compounds



II. Carbon Emissions & GHG Environmental Impacts

GHG's **absorb thermal energy (heat) to differing degrees**. So, GHG's act like the glass roof of a greenhouse, tapping heat in the Earth's atmosphere.

To enable calculations of total environmental impacts of a mixture of different GHG's, scientists use an index called the **Global Warming Potential or GWP**.

Also, GHG's **persist in the atmosphere** for different periods of time. So, the GWP also reflects the heat absorption capacity of the GHG for a given number of years. **100 years** is the most common period considered in the USA.

GWP indexes a gases capacity to absorb (trap) heat in the atmosphere for a given period of time



GWP Values of Select GHG's

Chemical Name	Chemical Formula	Heat Capacity, kJ/kg/°K	Lifetime in Atmosphere, years	GWP 100-year
Carbon dioxide	CO ₂	0.6 (0°C)	1000's	1
Methane	CH ₄	5.79 (-100°C)	12.4	25 - 28
Nitrous Oxide	N ₂ O		121	265 – 300
Chlorofluorocarbon				
CFC-11	CCl ₃ F	~ 1-1.5	45	4660
Hydrochlorofluorocarbons				
HCFC-21	CHCl ₂ F	1.25-1.5 (-25 to 25°C)	1.7	148
Chlorocarbons				
Methylene chloride	CH ₂ Cl ₂	-	0.4	9
Fully Fluorinated Species				
Sulfur hexafluoride	SF ₆	1.99 (at STP)	3200	22,800 – 23,500

$$\text{GWP} = \text{kg CO}_2\text{-equiv} = \text{kg CO}_2 + 26*\text{kg CH}_4 + 298*\text{kg N}_2\text{O} + 400\text{-}12,000*\text{kg HCFC} + 22,800*\text{kg SF}_6$$



Source of data is Reference 2. & (a) Ohta, T., et.al. Heat Capacity of SF₆, J. Chem. Thermo., 1994, 26, 3, 319.

III. GHG Origins

Type of gas	Share gas in GHG	Main source drivers/ Other source drivers	Share in gas total	Year of statistics
CO ₂	72%	Coal combustion	39%	2019
		Oil combustion	31%	2019
		Natural gas combustion	18%	2019
		Cement clinker production	4%	2018
		Subtotal drivers of CO₂	92%	
CH ₄	19%	Cattle (rumination and droppings)	21%	2018
		Rice cultivation (area harvested)	10%	2018/19
		Natural gas production (including distribution)	14%	2019
		Oil production (including associated gas venting)	9%	2019
		Coal mining	10%	2019
		Landfill: municipal solid waste generation ~ food consumption	10%	2018**
		Waste water	11%	2018**
Subtotal drivers of CH₄	85%			
N ₂ O	6%	Cattle (droppings on pasture, range and paddock) *	23%	2018
		Synthetic fertilisers (N content) *	13%	2017
		Animal manure applied to soils *	5%	2018
		Crops (share of N-fixing crops, crop residues and histosols)	11%	2017/18
		Fossil-fuel combustion	11%	2019
		Manure management (confined)	4%	2018
		Indirect: atmospheric deposition & leaching and run-off (NH ₃)*	9%	2017/18
		Indirect: atmospheric deposition (NO _x from fuel combustion)	7%	2017/18
Subtotal drivers of N₂O, incl. other, related drivers (*)	83%			
F-gases	3%	HFC use (emissions in CO ₂ eq)	61%	NA/2018 **
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For decades, SF₆ has been the preferred dielectric in medium (1-36 kV) to high-voltage switch-gear, transformers, and circuit-breakers, (to prevent arcing).

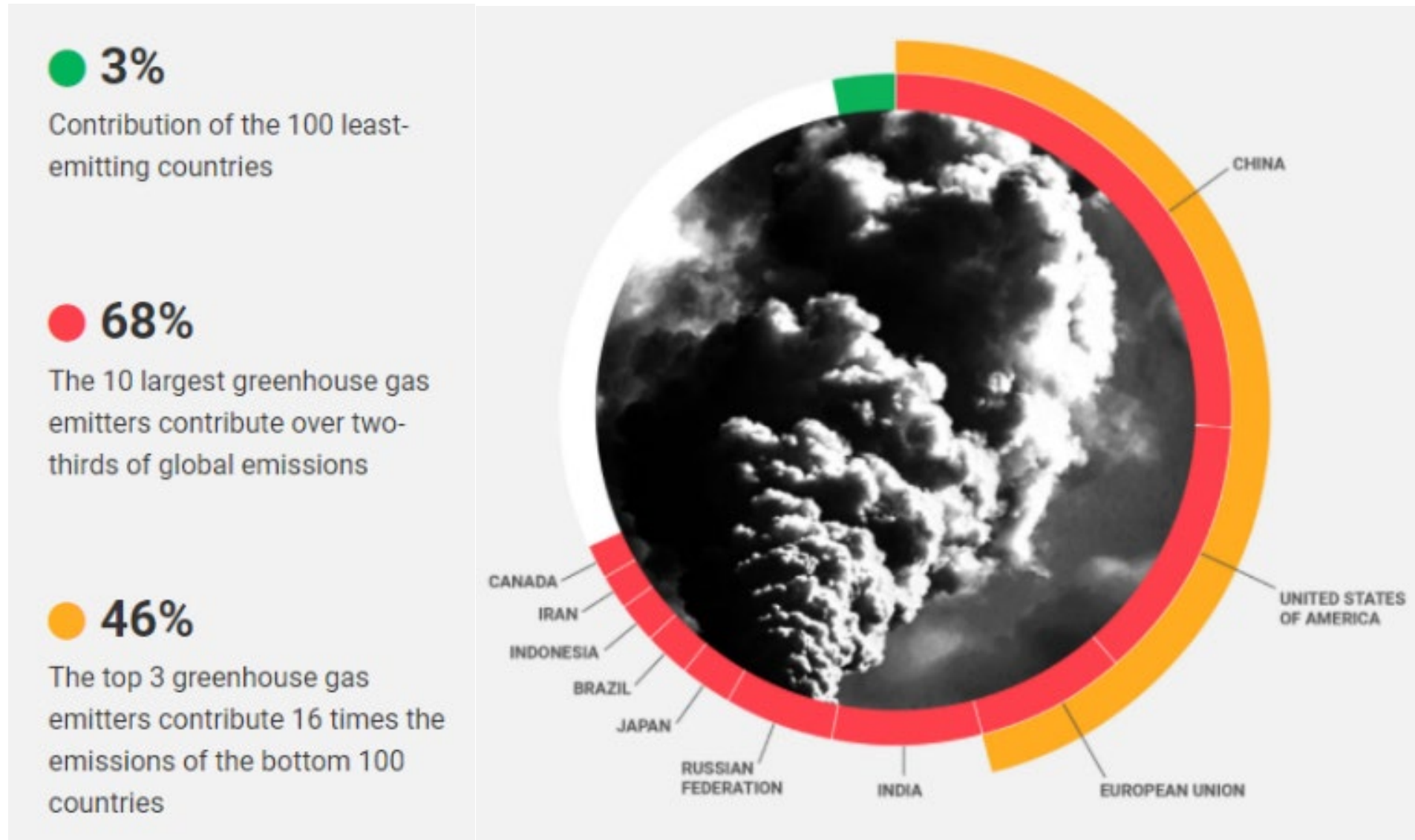


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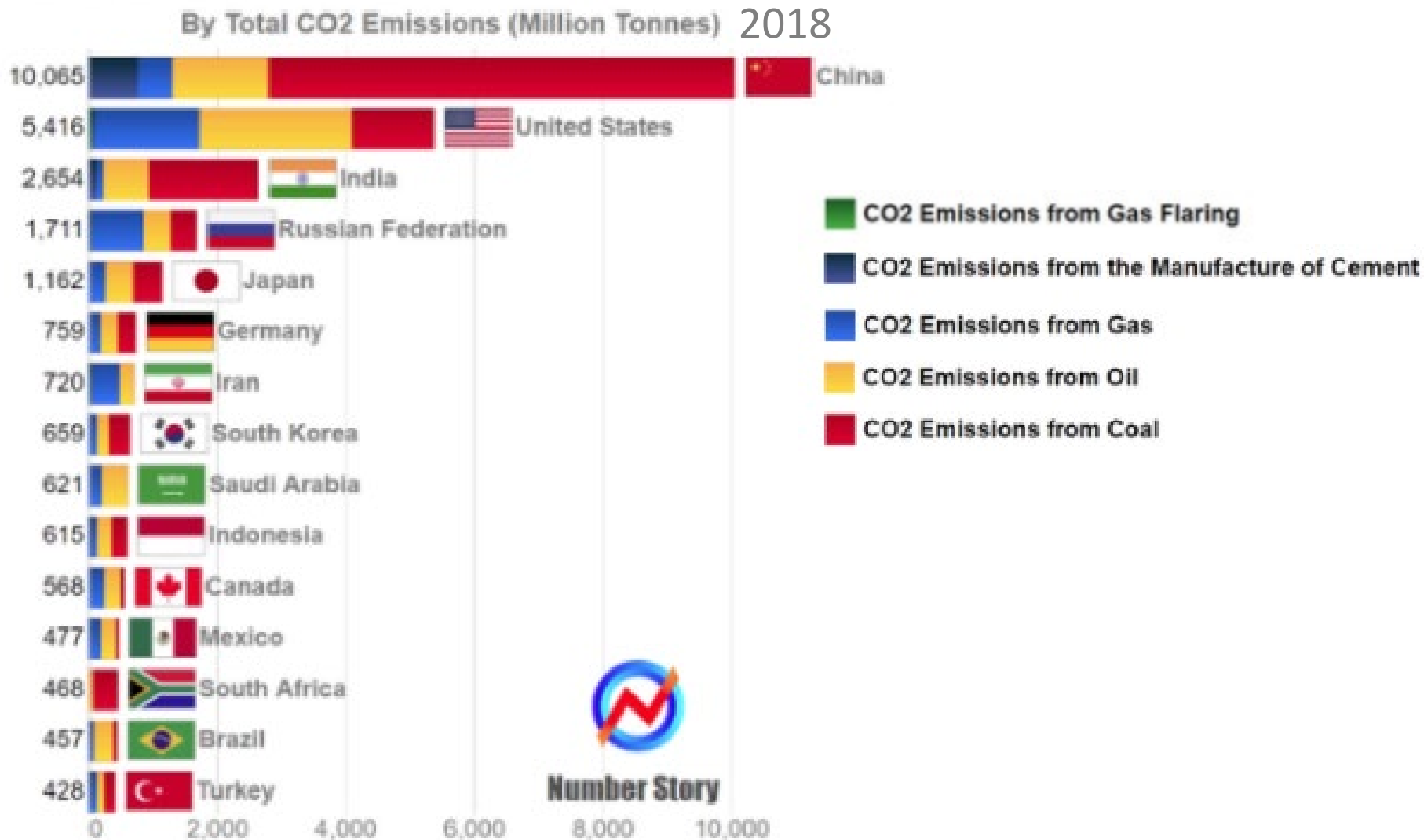
III. Who Makes All the GHG's?



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III. What Are These Nations Doing to Emit So Much CO₂?



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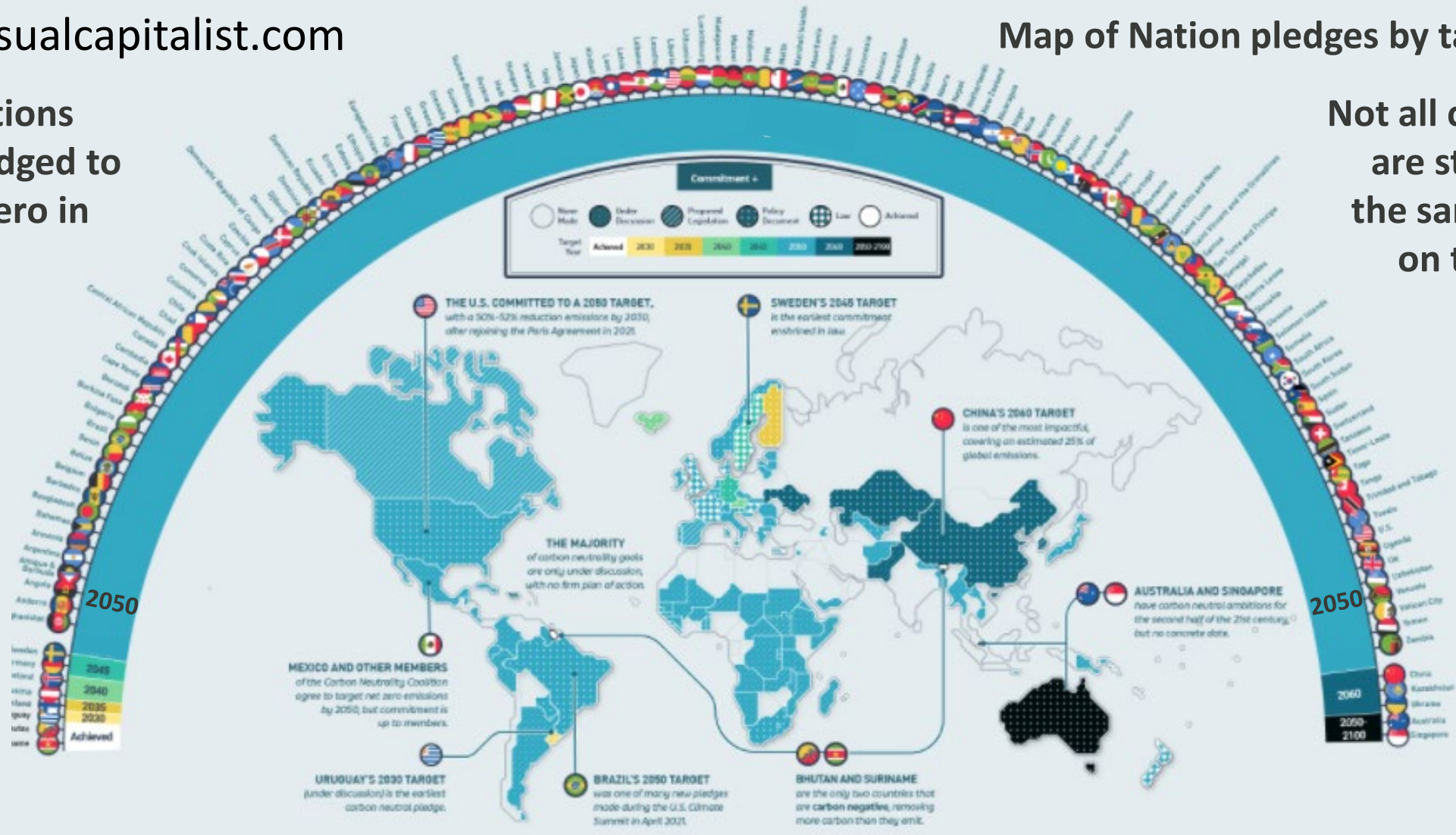
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Most nations have pledged to be Net Zero in 2050.

Map of Nation pledges by target year

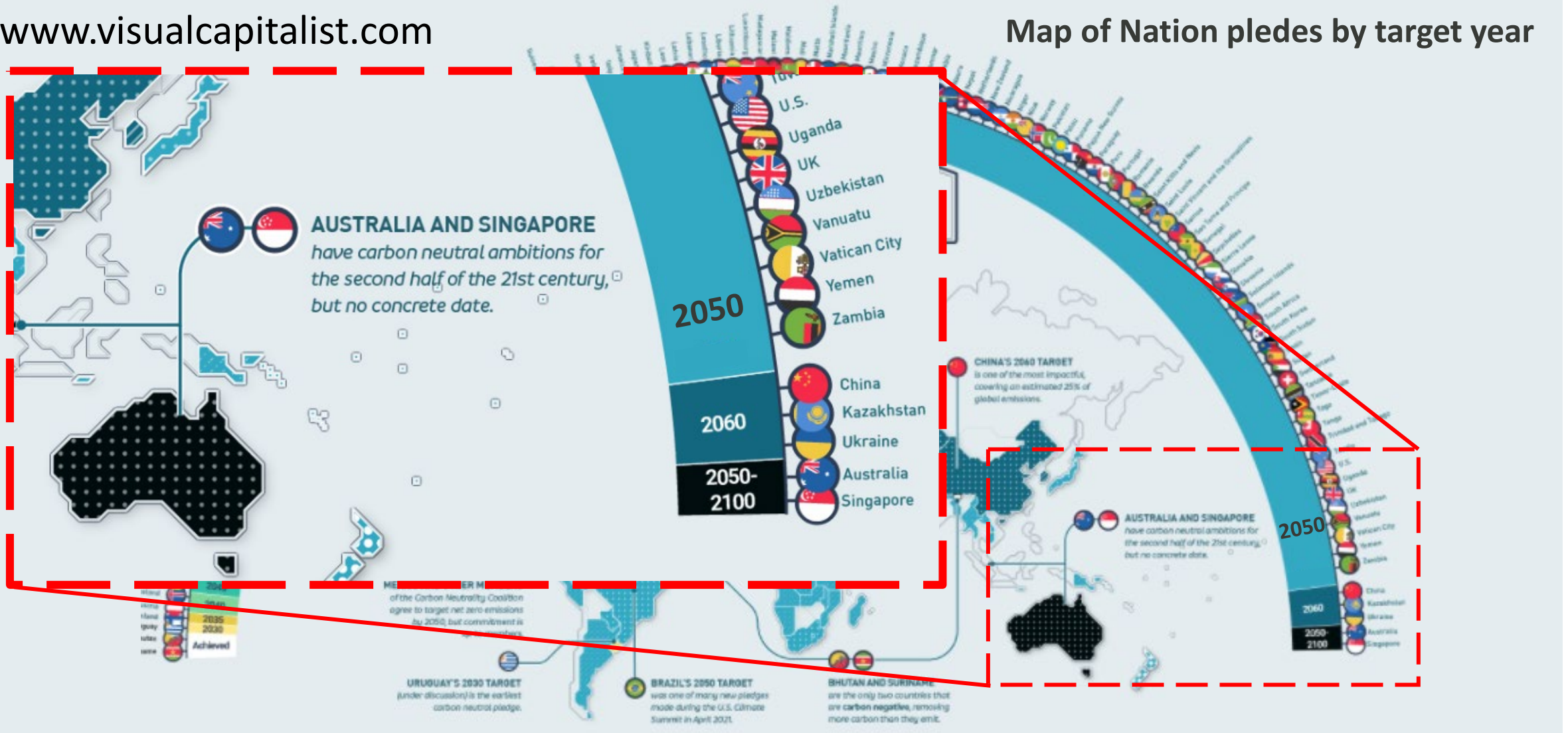
Not all countries are starting in the same place on the road.



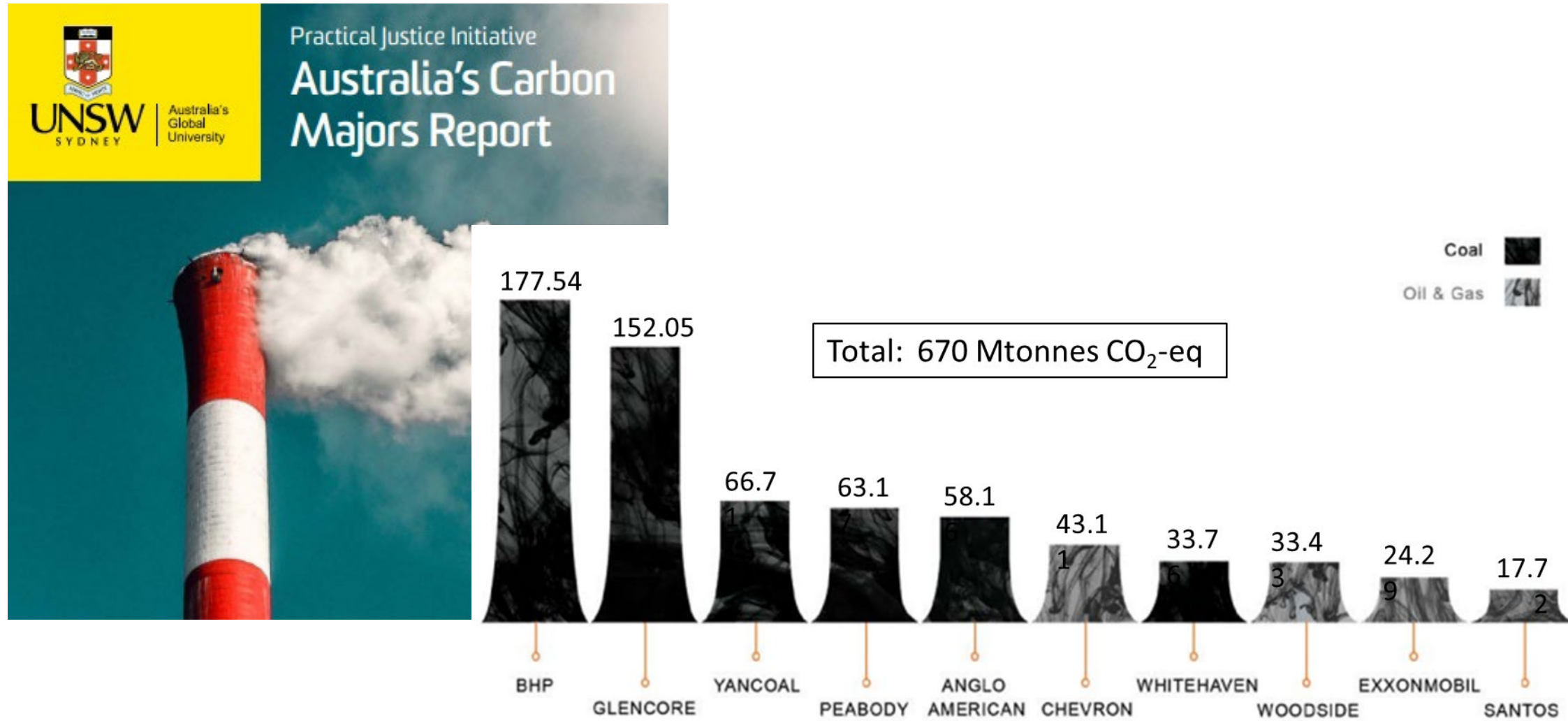
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Key recommendations for carbon majors

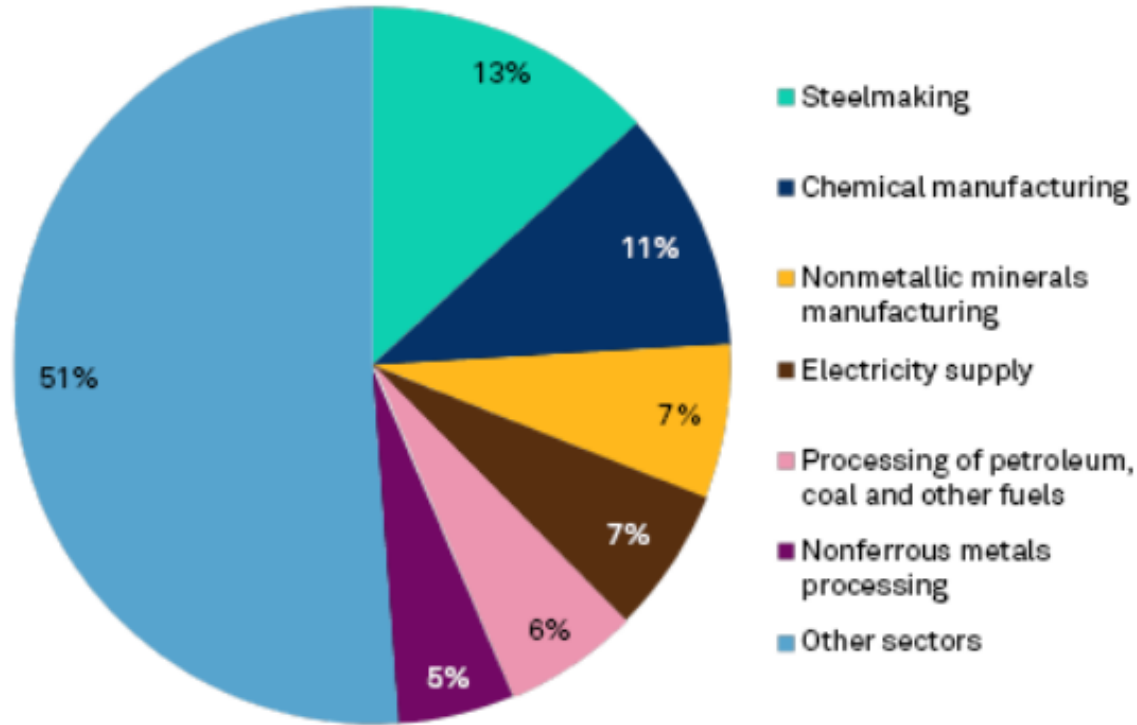
1. **No sales of mine assets as going concerns**
 - Fossil fuel mines to be retired not on sold to other companies
2. **Carbon major sites to be restored**
 - Funds to be set aside for site rehabilitation
 - Rehabilitation costs to take precedence over shareholder returns
 - Profit sharing ought to occur from 'clean' parts of the business
3. **Compensation for contribution to past harms**
 - Compensatory mechanisms must address past emissions at least since 1990
 - Affected workers and communities to be assisted
4. **Compensation should not only be domestic**
 - Compensation should address the needs of those harmed globally

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China's energy consumption by sector in 2018



Data released Sept. 23, 2020.
Source: China Statistical Yearbook 2020 compiled by National Bureau of Statistics of China

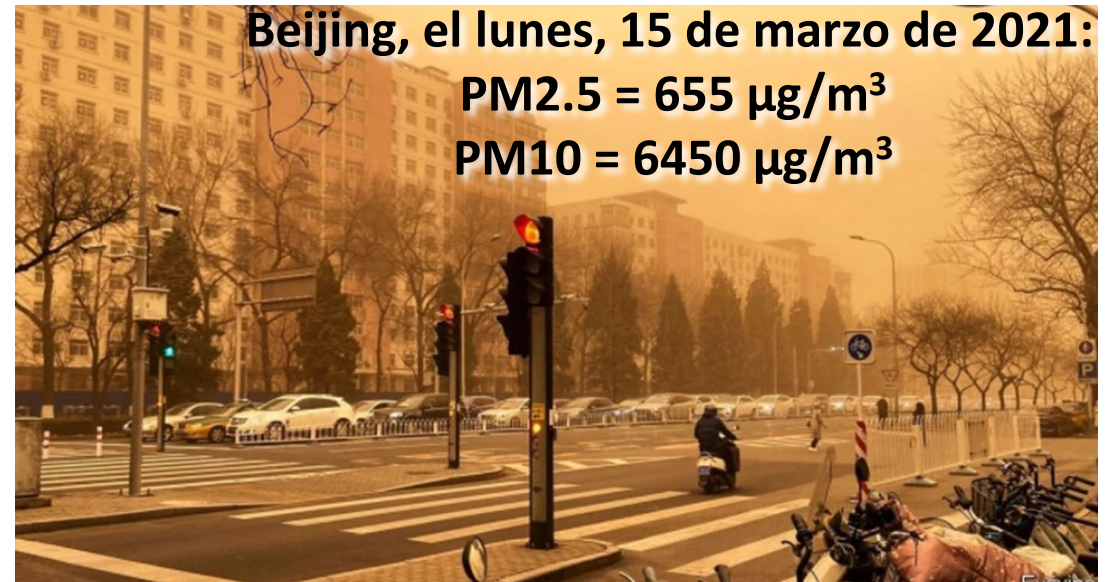
Jan. 28, 2022: Beijing has punished nearly 50 executives in Tangshan steel manufacturers for faking pollution data



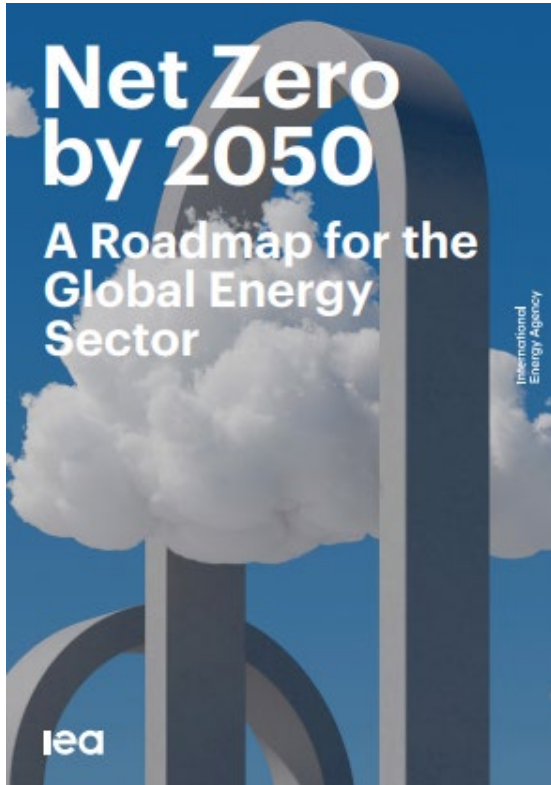
Beijing, el lunes, 15 de marzo de 2021:

PM2.5 = 655 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$

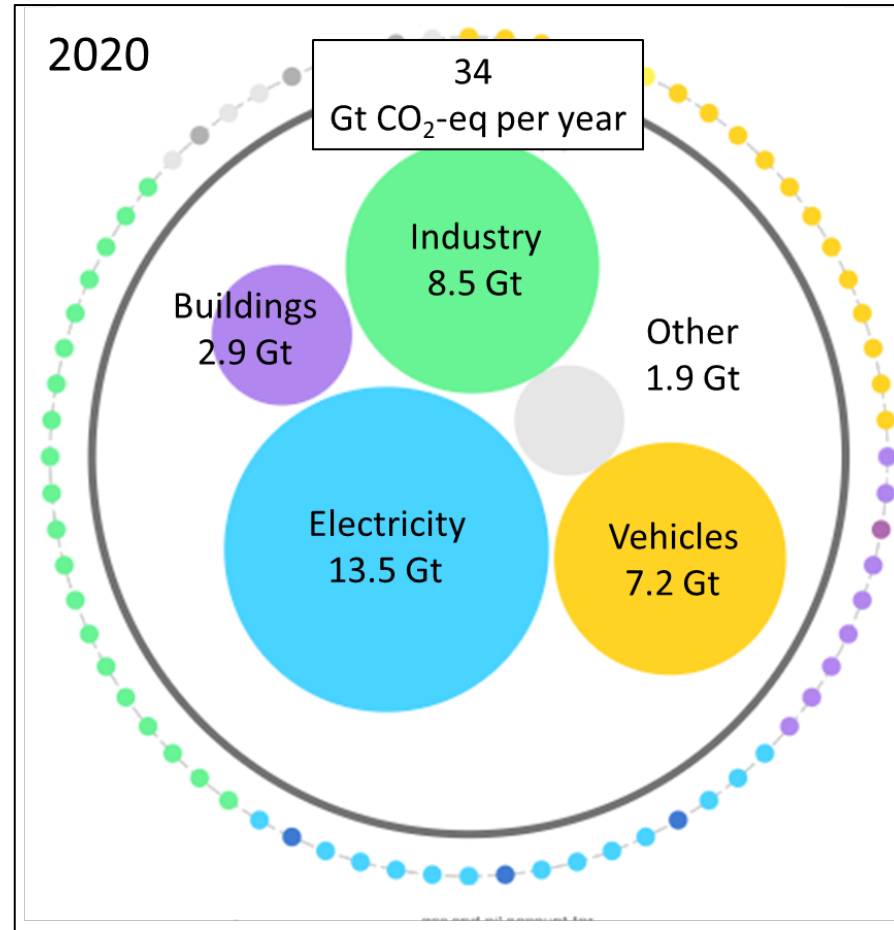
PM10 = 6450 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$



What Are Other Organizations Planning? The IEA



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Critical (prioritized) areas for sustainable technology development should be

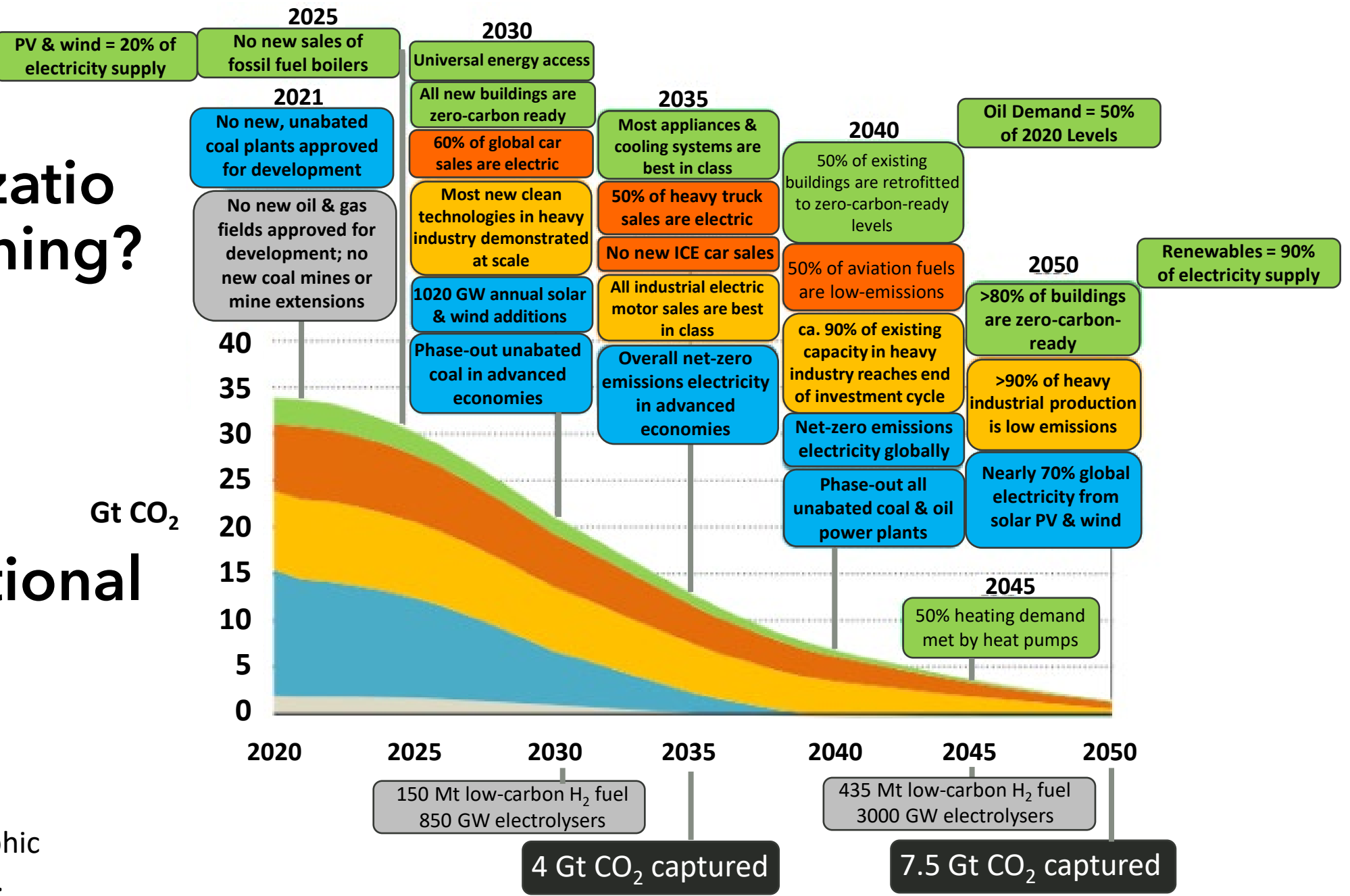
- electrification (solar PV & wind & nuclear (France, e.g.))
- hydrogen alternative to CH₄ in homes/diesel in transport (from electrolyzers),
- bioenergy, biofuels, and
- carbon capture, utilization, and storage (CCUS) and direct-air CCUS.

Incidentally, < 0.2% of the 5 G-tons of CO₂ /year in the USA results from asphalt mix production (in Stage A3 of LCA).



What A Other Organizations Planning?

The International Energy Agency



Source of graphic is Reference 5.



New technologies for Carbon Capture Use & Sequestration



ExxonMobil “plant to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions (Scope 1 and 2) from our unconventional oil and natural gas operated production in the **Permian Basin** in the United States.” (Ref. 6) Implementation elements of their plan include wind, solar PV, CH₄ with CCUS; minimize flaring; equipment upgrades.

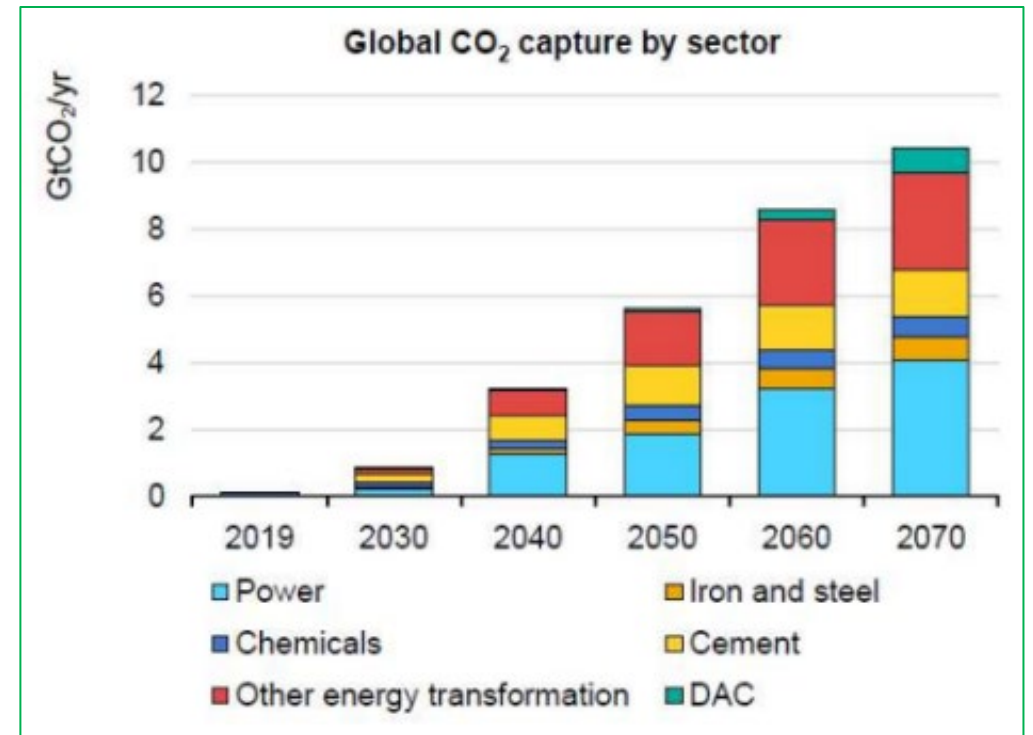


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11 companies announced in September 2021 their support for advancing CCS in Houston. That effort is estimated to require more than \$100 billion in private and public investments and generate thousands of new jobs.

Exxon Mobil Corp. announced yesterday it will relocate its corporate headquarters to the Houston area from suburban Dallas and combine its chemical and refining divisions in a major shake-up aimed at reducing costs.

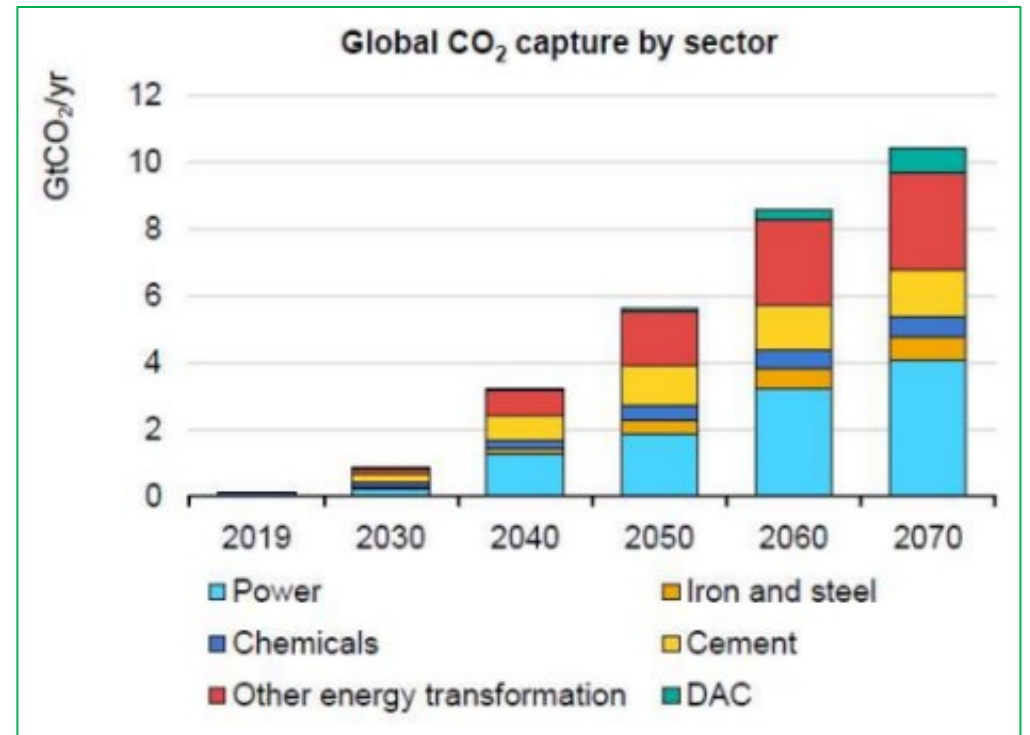
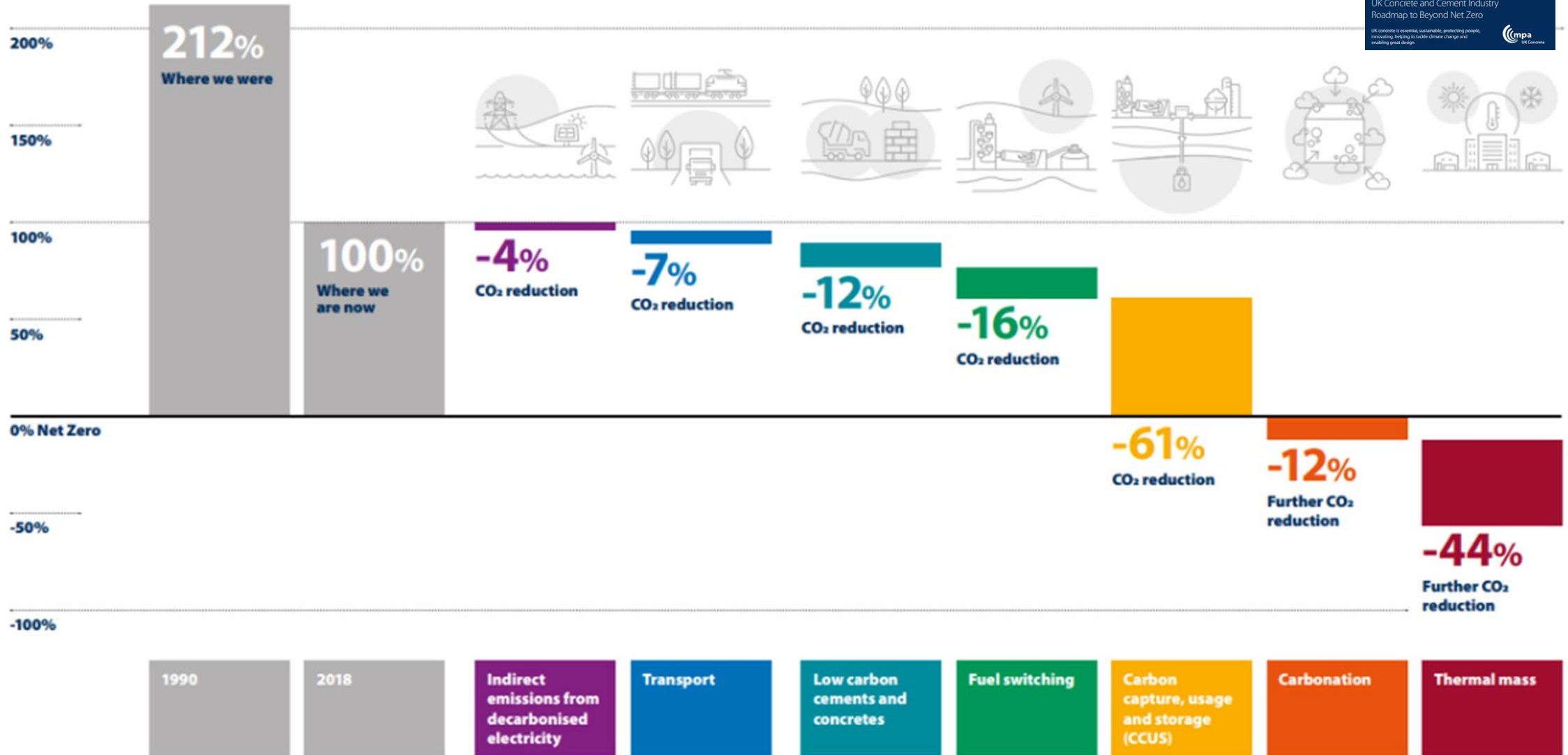


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What Are Other Organizations Planning? The UK Concrete and Cement Industry



The Asphalt Industry Is Already Positioned Well

NAPA's Climate Stewardship Initiatives



Richard Willis, NAPA Conference, Phoenix, AZ, January 2022.



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In 2016, NAPA published its first Life Cycle Assessment and accompanying Environmental Product Declaration tool (Emerald EcoLabel) for asphalt mixtures in the USA covering raw material harvesting (A1) to the mix plant gate (A3).



PARAMETER	UNIT	A1	A2	A3
Global Warming Air, incl. Biogenic Carbon	[kg CO2-Equiv.]	17.4	74.8	15.8
Ozone Depletion Air	[kg CFC 11-Equiv.]	3.62e-09	3.18e-09	7.07e-12
Acidification	[kg SO2-Equiv.]	0.103	0.58	0.013
Eutrophication	[kg N-Equiv.]	0.00626	0.0372	0.000663
Smog Air	[kg O3-Equiv.]	1.9	19.1	0.375
Abiotic Depletion for Fossil Resources	[MJ surplus energy]	MND*	MND*	MND*

Environmental product declarations provide information on the environmental impacts of products through their entire life cycle or some portion thereof.



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NAPA's Climate Stewardship Initiatives



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The Asphalt Industry Is Already Positioned Well

A Strategic Plan Has Been Developed

Climate Stewardship Task Force

Goal 1: Achieve net zero carbon emissions during asphalt production and construction by 2050.

Goal 2: Partner with customers to reduce emissions through pavement quality, durability, longevity, and efficiency standards by 2050.

Goal 3: Develop a net zero material supply chain by 2050.

Goal 4: Transition to electricity from renewable energy providers in support of net zero carbon electricity generation by 2050 and reduce electrical intensities.



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Carbon offsets

- Explore the use of carbon offsets to reach net zero
- Explore the potential use of carbon offsets to monetize and incentivize industry practices that reduce carbon emissions.



An Example of Carbon Offsets: Trees

Carbon capture by trees depends on many factors including the species of tree (broader crown and wider leaves, e.g.) and its size (larger trees have more leaves for CO₂ capture).

An average **mature** tree captures (converts CO₂ to sugars in photosynthesis) about 48 lb of CO₂ per year.

Angel Oak, a live oak in Charleston, is 400-500 years old.



European Environment Agency. (2012). Trees help tackle climate change. [online] Available at: <https://www.eea.europa.eu/articles/forests-health-and-climate-change/key-facts/trees-help-tackle-climate-change>.



CCPR: A Tool for Low-Carbon Capacity Expansion?

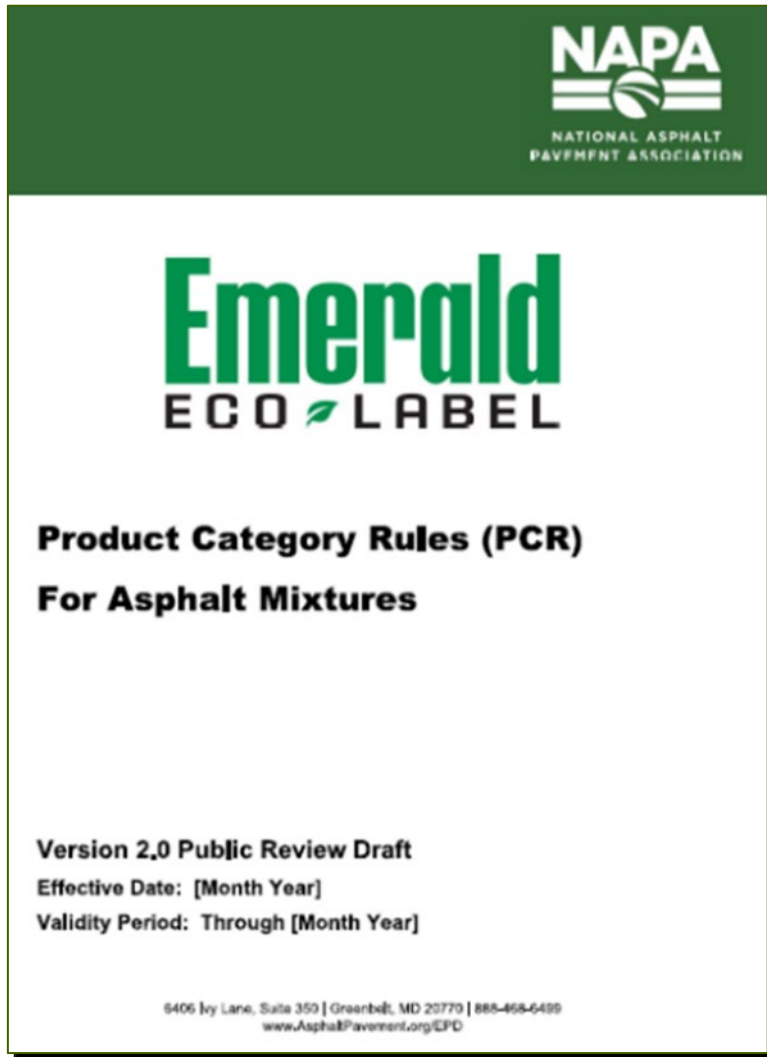


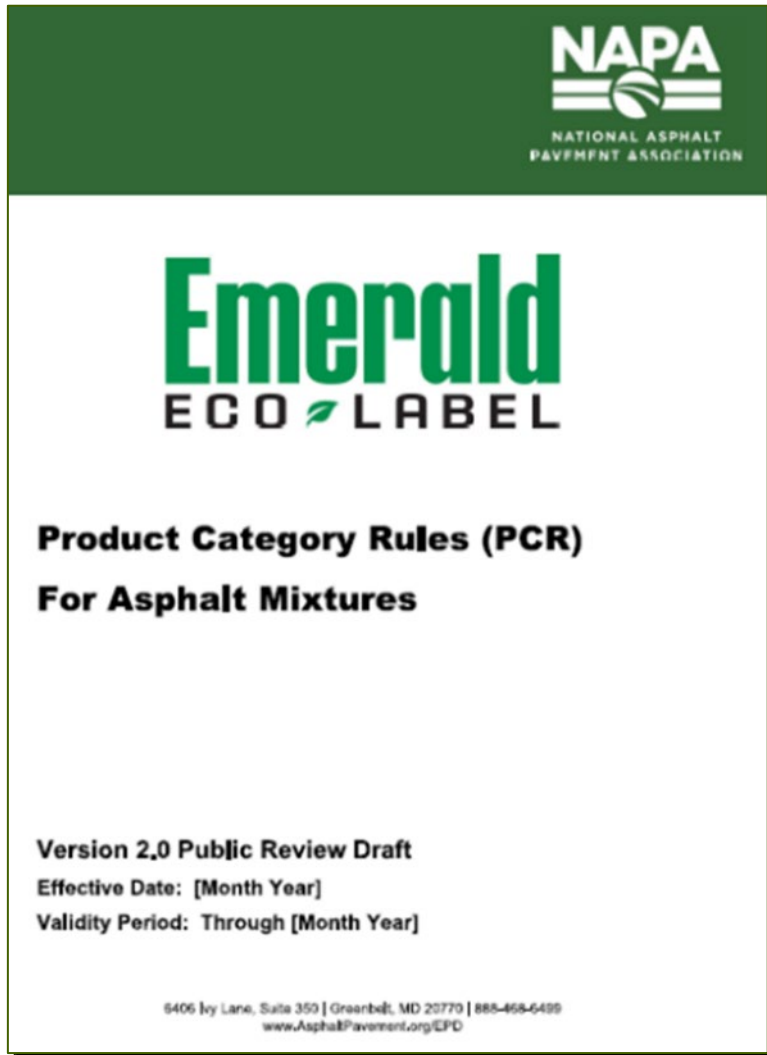
Table 1. MasterFormat Numbers and Titles that Asphalt Mixtures Are Typically Used For.

Number	Title
32 11 26	Asphaltic Base Courses
32 11 26.13	Plant Mix Asphaltic Base Courses
32 12 16	Asphalt Paving
32 12 16.13	Plant-Mix Asphalt Paving
32 12 16.19	Cold-Mix Asphalt Paving
32 12 16.23	Reinforced Asphalt Paving
32 12 16.26	Fiber-Modified Asphalt Paving
32 12 16.27	Fiber-Reinforced Asphalt Paving
32 12 16.29	Polymer-Modified Asphalt Paving
32 12 16.33	Granulated Rubber-Modified Asphalt Paving
32 12 16.36	Athletic Asphalt Paving
32 12 19	Asphalt Paving Wearing Courses
32 12 19.19	Porous Friction Asphalt Paving Wearing Courses
32 12 43	Porous Flexible Paving
32 16 13.33	Asphalt Curbs

Source Reference 11.



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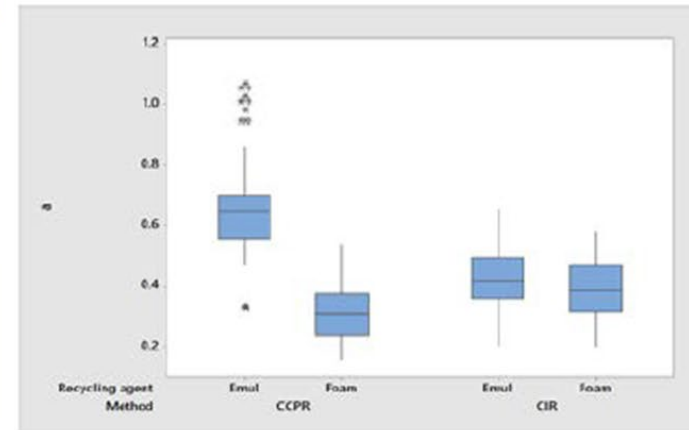


Cold Central Plant Recycling (CCPR). CCPR is a process that produces asphalt mixtures with high quantities of RAP (typically at least 85% by weight of total mix) at ambient temperatures, significantly reducing the environmental impacts associated with asphalt mix production by eliminating the need to dry and heat aggregates and leveraging the use of recycled materials to reduce the upstream impacts associated with raw materials. CCPR mixtures can be produced in a purpose-built plant that only produces CCPR mixtures, or in a conventional asphalt plant that also produces HMA and WMA. When a conventional asphalt plant (one that produces HMA and/or WMA) uses CCPR technology to produce asphalt mixtures at ambient temperature, **CCPR mixtures can be subdivided from HMA and WMA mixtures by segregating burner fuel consumption from CCPR mixtures.** This approach is feasible since CCPR technology allows asphalt mixtures to be produced without application of heat (FHWA, 1997). For example, if a conventional asphalt plant produces and sells 100,000 tons of HMA and/or WMA mixtures and 50,000 tons of CCPR mixtures during the 12-month data collection period and consumes 200,000 gallons of diesel fuel for burner operations, burner fuel consumption for the HMA and WMA asphalt mixtures would be 2 gallons of diesel per ton of HMA and WMA mixtures and **0 gallons of diesel fuel per ton of CCPR mixtures.** This approach requires burner fuel consumption to be separately measured

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Structural Coefficients - US 280

Section	Method	Recycling agent	N	Average	Std. Dev.
U40	CCPR	Foam	84	0.31	0.092
U41	CCPR	Emulsion	125	0.66	0.154
U43	CIR	Emulsion	126	0.43	0.092
U44	CIR	Foam	126	0.38	0.103



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Adriana Vargas, PhD, "Structural Contribution Of Recycled Sections On Lee Road 159 And US 280," NCAT Test Track Conference, Seventh Research Cycle, 22-24 June 2021.



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Field Performance – US 280

After 6 years of service

IRI less than 95 in/mi are considered to be “good” road segments.

Section	Description	Rutting (mm)	IRI (in/mi)	Cracking (%)
U40	Foamed CCPR	4.3	86.1	8.2
U41	Emulsion CCPR	3.6	92.9	2.2
U43	Emulsion CIR	4.5	98.7	2.0
U44	Foamed CIR	4.4	66.3	1.0

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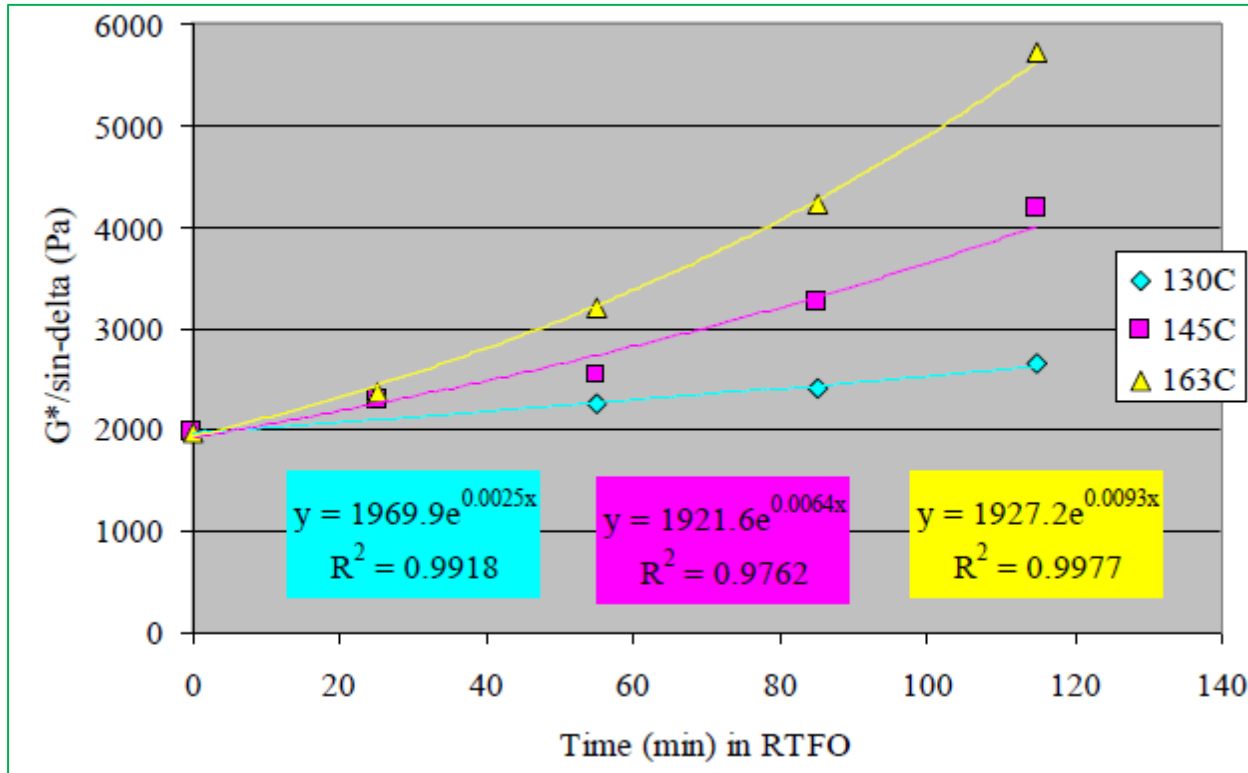
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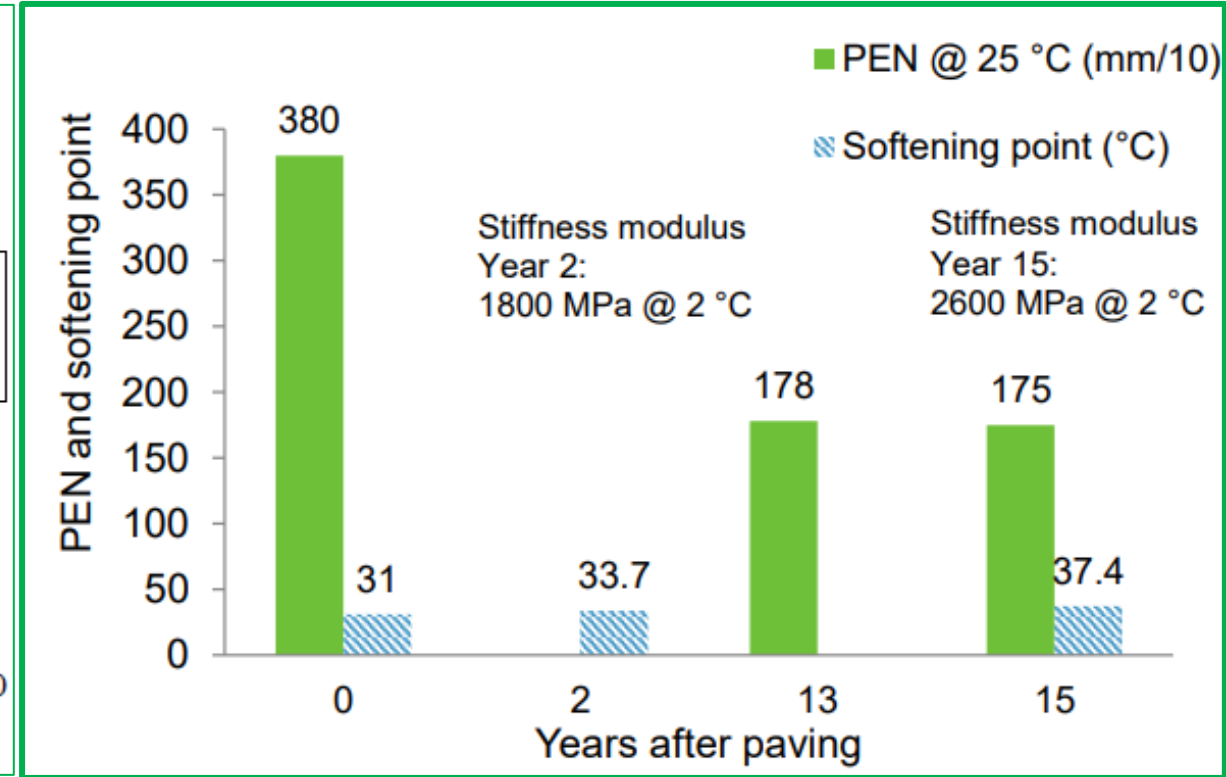
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CCPR: Binder Is Not Age-Hardened During Mix Production



Plot slopes versus temperature (0.0093, 163), (0.0064, 145), (0.0025, 130) and you find at 117°C, this binder doesn't harden in the RTFO (i.e., the slope = 0).



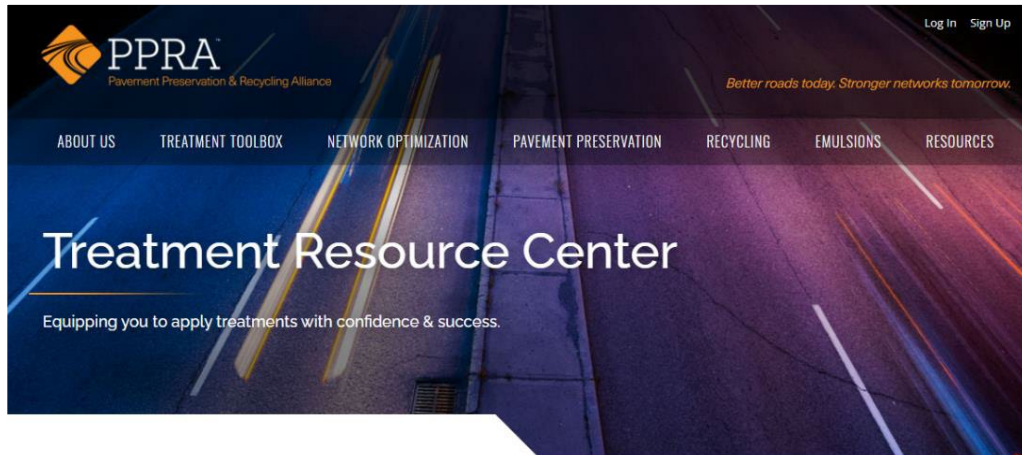
Nynas scientists cored wearing courses constructed with emulsion-based virgin cold mixtures after 15 years. The binder stiffness had changed only slightly. “Cold mix” means ZERO oxidative aging during mix production.

Source Reference 10.



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To learn more about CCPR, you can visit roadresource.org



Cold Central Plant Recycling

MORE TREATMENTS...

OVERVIEW

ABOUT

PROCESS & VARIATIONS

EXPECTATIONS

COST

HISTORY

BEST PRACTICES

PRE-CONSTRUCTION

SITE SELECTION

MATERIAL SELECTION

MIX DESIGN

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SUCCESS STORIES

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FOR PAVEMENT CONDITION **C** **D** **F** (PCI of 0)

In many locations, stockpiles of high quality RAP are available and Cold Central Plant Recycling (CCPR) can produce a high quality economical paving material preventing a valuable resource from being landfilled. CCPR is the process in which the asphalt recycling takes place at a central location using a stationary cold mix plant and an existing stockpile of RAP. The stationary plant could be a specifically designed plant or a CIR train minus the cold planing machine set up in a stationary configuration. CCPR methods are also appropriate when an existing pavement cannot be in-place recycled due to logistical reasons or must be removed to allow treatment of underlying materials. CCPR mixtures can be designed for immediate use as a recycled pavement or designed for stockpiling and later use.

- 💰 20-50% less expensive than conventional maintenance, reconstruction and new construction methods
- 🌱 Reduces greenhouse emissions by up to 50%
- ♻️ Resues 100% of existing materials
- 🕒 Same day return to traffic. 20-40% faster construction times
- ⊕ adds 15-20 years (combined with appropriate wearing course)
- 📊 Most agencies use Structural Layer (a) Coefficients between 0.30 - 0.38 (Recent research indicates values from 0.36-0.44 may be more appropriate)

Issues Addressed

- When used in place of an asphalt overlay, CCPR addresses the same distresses as the overlay
- When used in conjunction with CIR, CCPR treats the same distresses to a deeper depth in the pavement structure
- When used on a road that cannot be in-place recycled, CCPR treats the same distresses as CIR

Attributes

- CCPR can be used in new construction as a base or binder mix.
- CCPR can be used to widen or pave shoulders
- CCPR uses existing stockpiles of RAP
- CCPR can be used when it is not possible to CIR a road

Common Combinations



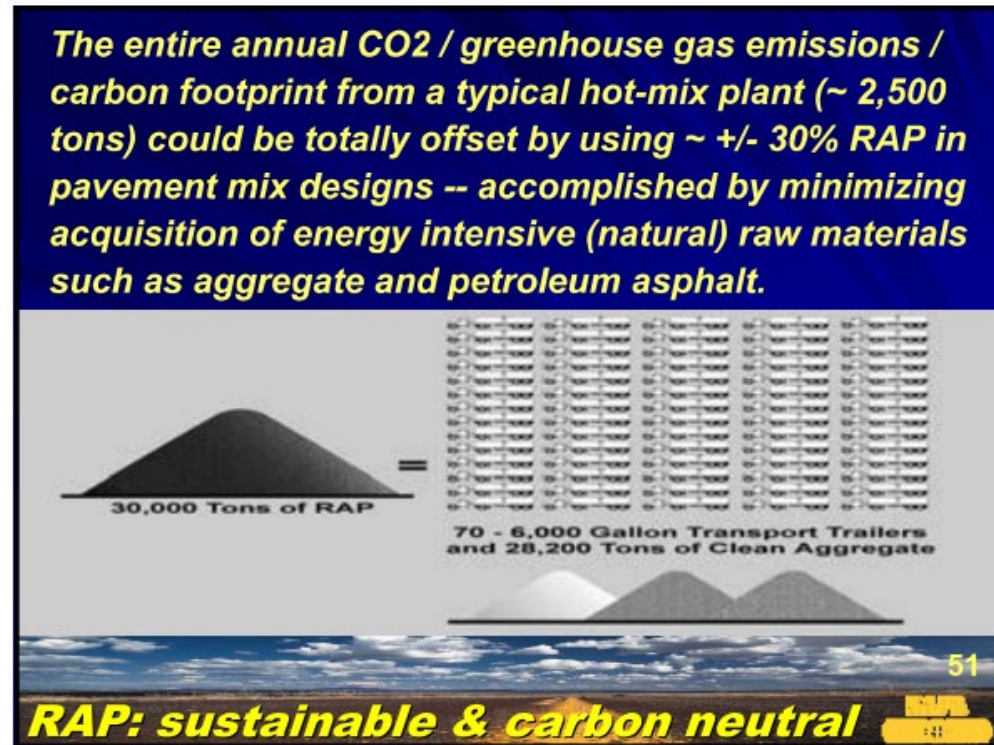
Tools At-Hand and Innovations in the Offing

Five Phases of Pavement LCA

PRODUCT	A1	Extraction, Production
	A2	Transport
	A3	Manufacturing
CONSTRUCTION	A4	Transport
	A5	Construction, Installation
USE	B1	Use
	B2	Maintenance
	B3	Repair
	B4	Replacement
	B5	Refurbishment
	B6	Energy Use
	B7	Water Use
END OF LIFE	C1	Demolition
	C2	Transport
	C3	Processing
	C4	Disposal
BEYOND	D	Reuse, Recycling, Recovery

GREEN TOOLS ALREADY IN USE OR UNDER DEVELOPMENT

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30K tons RAP = 70, 6K AC transports + 28.2K tons Virgin Agg

Marks, H. NAPA, SEAPUG Hilton Head, 2009

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	Bitumen Emulsion ^(a)	Unmodified Bitumen	Polymer-Modified Bitumen
Bituminous Liquid			
Functional Unit (F.U.), tonnes	1	1	1
Converted F.U., tonnes practical liquid ^(b)	1.667	1	1
Converted F.U., lb	3675	2205	2205
Reported Emissions to Air, CO ₂ / F.U., grams	255669	226167	346016
Reported Emissions to Air, CO ₂ / F.U., lb	563.1	498.2	762.1
CO ₂ emissions, lb / lb bituminous liquid	0.15	0.23	0.35
% Difference Compared to Unmodified Bitumen	-32	0.0	53

(a) Eurobitume reported emulsion functional unit as 1 tonne of bitumen residue.

(b) 1 tonne of bitumen residue in a 60% residue emulsion, would convert to 1.667 tonnes emulsion.

Euobitume Life Cycle Inventory of Bitumen, 2012.



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Holly-Frontier

125 MMgy Artesia - PTU

90 MMgy Cheyenne – RDU on line 2022



The U.S. National Biodiesel Board is forecasting 22.6 billion litres (**6 B gallons**) of new annual renewable diesel production capacity by 2024, in addition to today's 3.7 billion litres (**0.8 B gallons**).



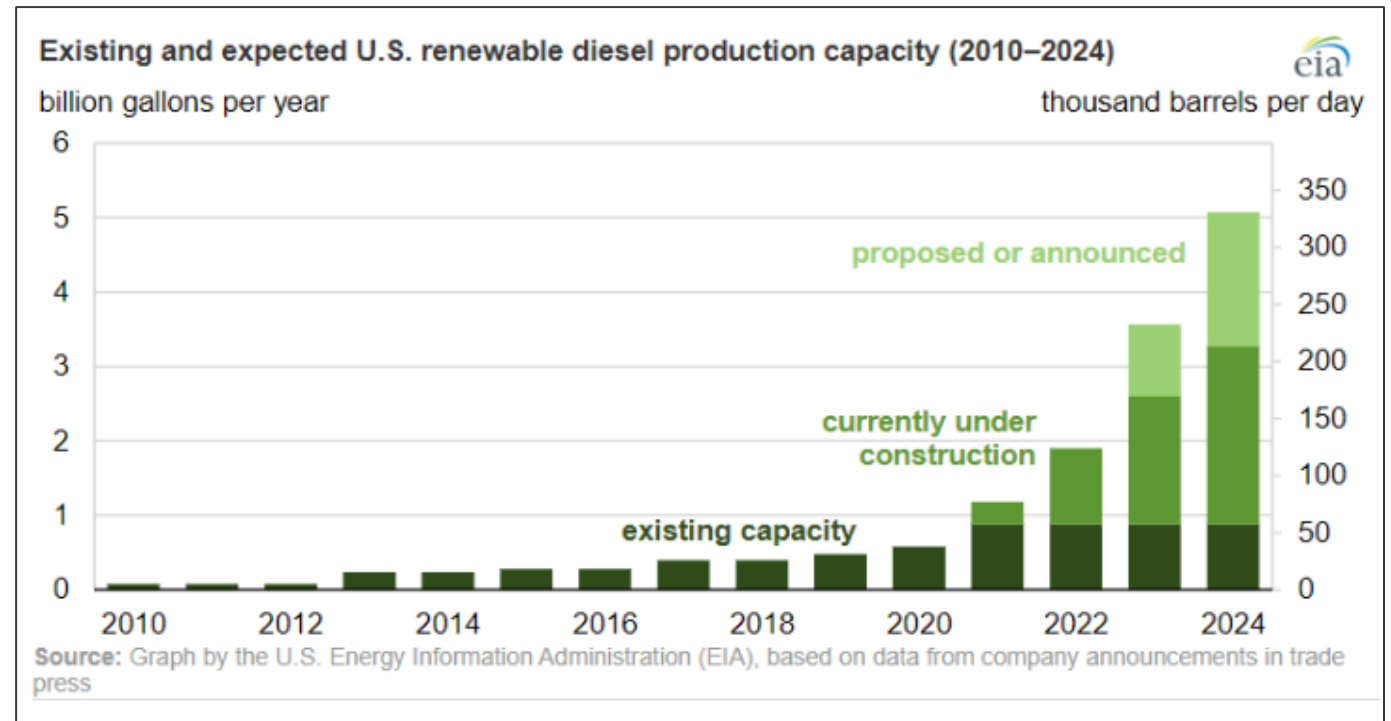
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Source of Data is Ref. 12



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Press release

Highways England accelerates switch to lower carbon asphalts

Highways England is accelerating the use of warm mix asphalts as standard across its supply chain as part of a drive toward net zero carbon emissions.

From: [Highways England](#)

Published 18 August 2021

www.gov.uk/government/news/highways-england-accelerates-switch-to-lower-carbon-asphalts



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Environmental Product Declaration
BREG EN EPD No.: 000103 Issue: 01

This is to certify that this verified Environmental Product Declaration provided by:
Tarmac

Is in accordance with the requirements of:
EN 15804:2012+A1:2013

This declaration is for:
Asphalt

Company Address
Portland House
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B37 7BQ

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HMA		A1-A3
Indicator	Unit	Merged A1/A2/A3
Environmental impacts p		
GWP	kg CO ₂ eq.	70.00
ODP	kg CFC 11 eq.	3.23E-05
AP	kg SO ₂ eq.	0.409
EP	kg (PO ₄) ³⁻ eq.	0.102
POCP	kg C ₂ H ₄ eq.	0.0735
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ADPF	MJ eq.	2740

WMA		A1-A3
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Environmental impacts p		
GWP	kg CO ₂ eq.	64.4
ODP	kg CFC 11 eq.	3.14E-05
AP	kg SO ₂ eq.	0.386
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Effect of Compaction on Asphalt Concrete Performance 1989

ROBERT N. LINDEN, JOE P. MAHONEY, AND NEWTON C. JACKSON

This paper presents information on how compaction (specifically, air voids) influences the performance of dense asphalt concrete pavement surfaces. The information is based on three separate sources: the existing literature on the subject, a questionnaire survey of 48 state highway agencies on compaction practice, and performance data from the Washington State Pavement Management System. All three information sources show some correlation between the degree of compaction and the performance of asphalt concrete pavement. Overall, a 1 percent increase in air voids (over the base air-void level of 7 percent) tends to produce about a 10 percent loss in pavement life.

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PREVIOUS RESEARCH

Other researchers have found that asphalt concrete performance is in part a function of compaction, and hence air voids, in dense mixtures. Two frequently used terms indicative of performance are fatigue cracking and aging.

Fatigue Cracking

Fatigue cracking (or "alligator cracking") usually describes cracked pavement that has been repeatedly bent by heavy

Another way to approach air voids is to ask how they affect the thickness of asphalt concrete. As demonstrated by Finn and Epps (1), the effective thickness of asphalt concrete layers decreases as air voids increase. Finn and Epps evaluated two thicknesses of asphalt concrete, 4 and 6 in., at a starting point of 7 percent air voids (7 percent is generally considered achievable in normal paving construction). The following tabulation summarizes their findings.

Percent Air Voids in Asphalt Concrete	Effective Thickness of Asphalt Concrete (in.)	
	Example 1	Example 2
7	4.0	6.0
8	3.5	5.0
9	3.0	4.5
10	2.5	4.0
12	2.0	4.0

Thus, if the air voids are increased from a desirable level of 7 percent to a very poor compaction level of 12 percent, a 4-in.-thick asphalt concrete layer effectively lasts only as long as a 2-in. layer; a 6-in. layer is reduced to the effectiveness of a 4-in.-thick layer.

Aging

Aging of asphalt concrete can be evaluated in many ways. One way pertinent to this research is to judge aging by considering asphalt penetration and determining how air voids affect that property.

Goode and Owings (4) showed that, for asphalt concrete

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"... each 1% increase in air voids (over a base air void level of 7 percent) results in about a 10% loss in pavement life (or about 1 year less)."

Reference 13.

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FHWA Demonstration Project for Enhanced Durability of Asphalt Pavements through Increased In-place Pavement Density, Phase 2

FHWA-HIF-19-052



Image: FHWA

May 2019

U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration

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During USE PHASE, **pavement maintenance and preservation tools** provide our industry with numerous proven technologies for extending the service life of pavements both cost-effectively and with very low carbon intensity.



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And, we have had Perpetual Pavements (50-yr service lives) technology since the 1970's.

Shown I-90 in Washington State (from WA DOT)



CCPR and Increased Capacity without Increased GWP

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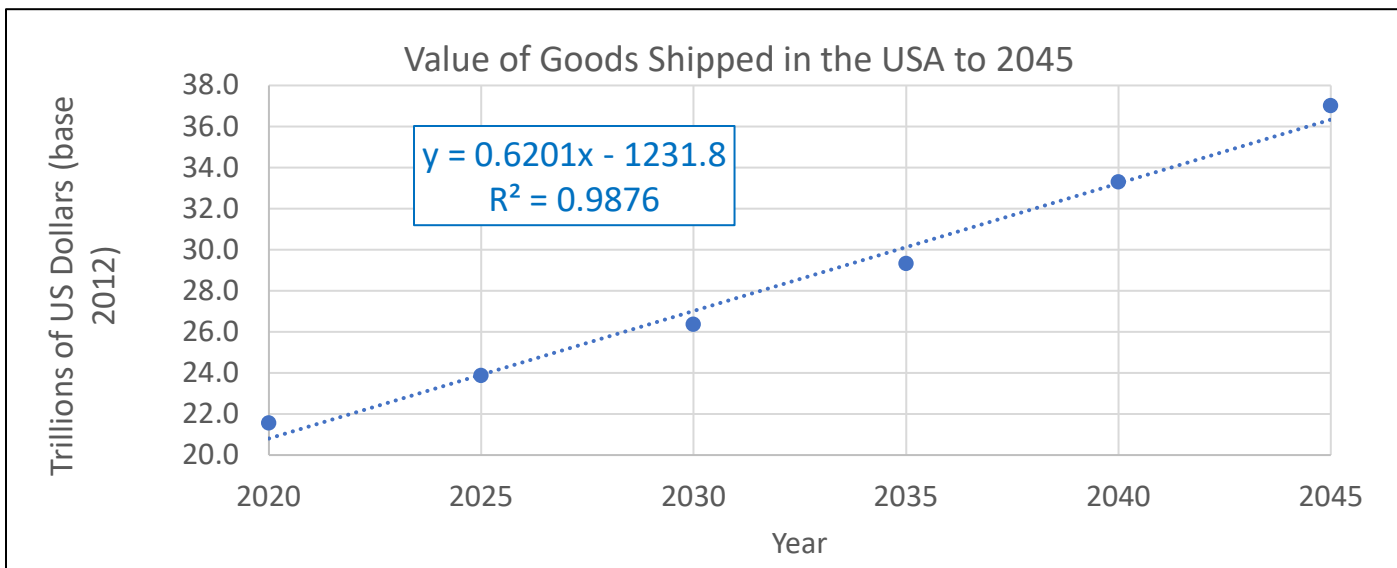
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Value of Goods Shipped in the USA is projected to increase by \$620 billion per year until 2045. 87% of that value is carried by trucks on our highways.

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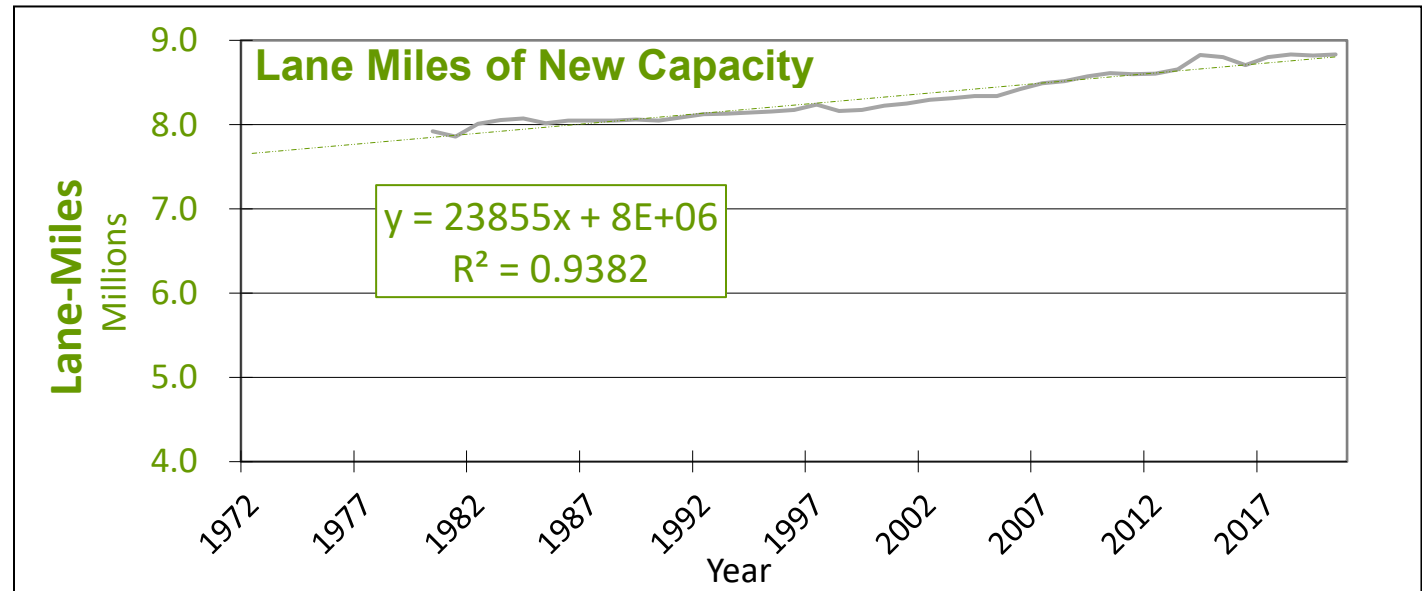
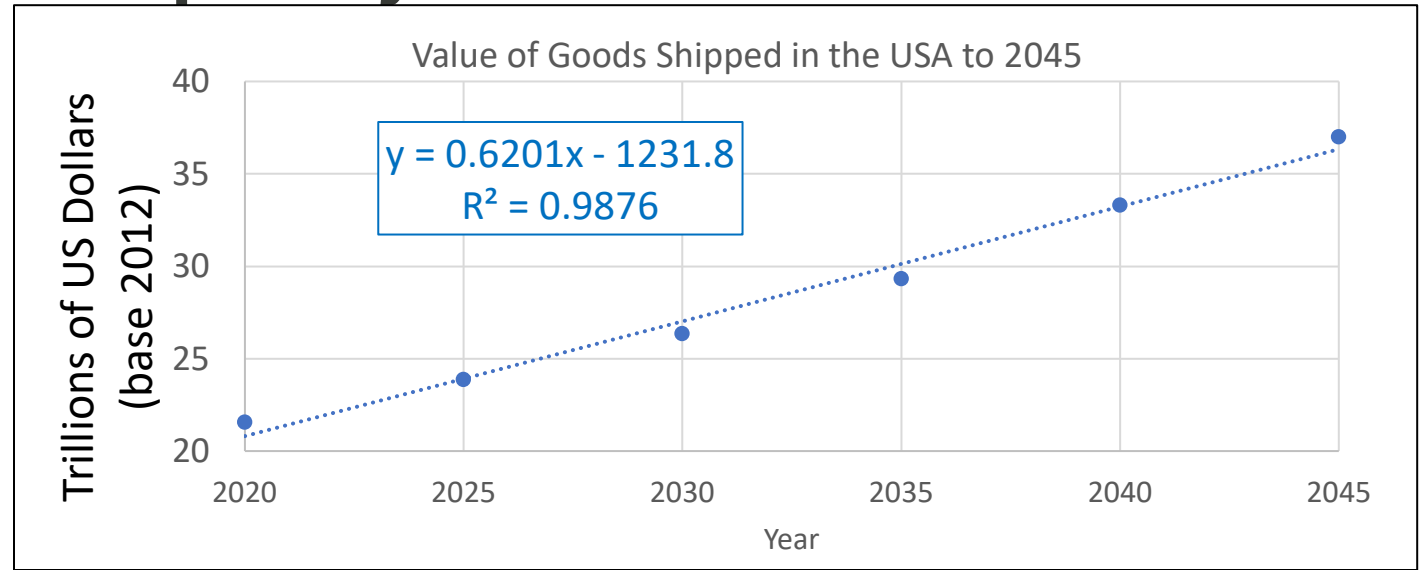
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We Can Increase Capacity with Reduced GWP

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Value of Goods Shipped in the USA to 2045

60-87% of our GDP depends on truck-shipped goods.

Value of Goods Shipped is projected to increase by 620 Billion US\$ / year to 2045.

Vehicle-Miles Traveled increases by 45.25 billion vehicle-miles traveled/year.

But highway capacity has increased at only 23,855 lane-miles per year.

Can highway capacity growth (23,855 lane-miles/year = 8 lane-miles / county) support GDP growth projections?

**Funding issues, notwithstanding, can we increase capacity while also reducing our industries carbon emissions using at-hand tools:
more recycle-ables, more reduced temperature mixtures, more CCPR, more perpetual pavements, to name a few**

We Have the Tools to Increase Capacity with Reduced GWP

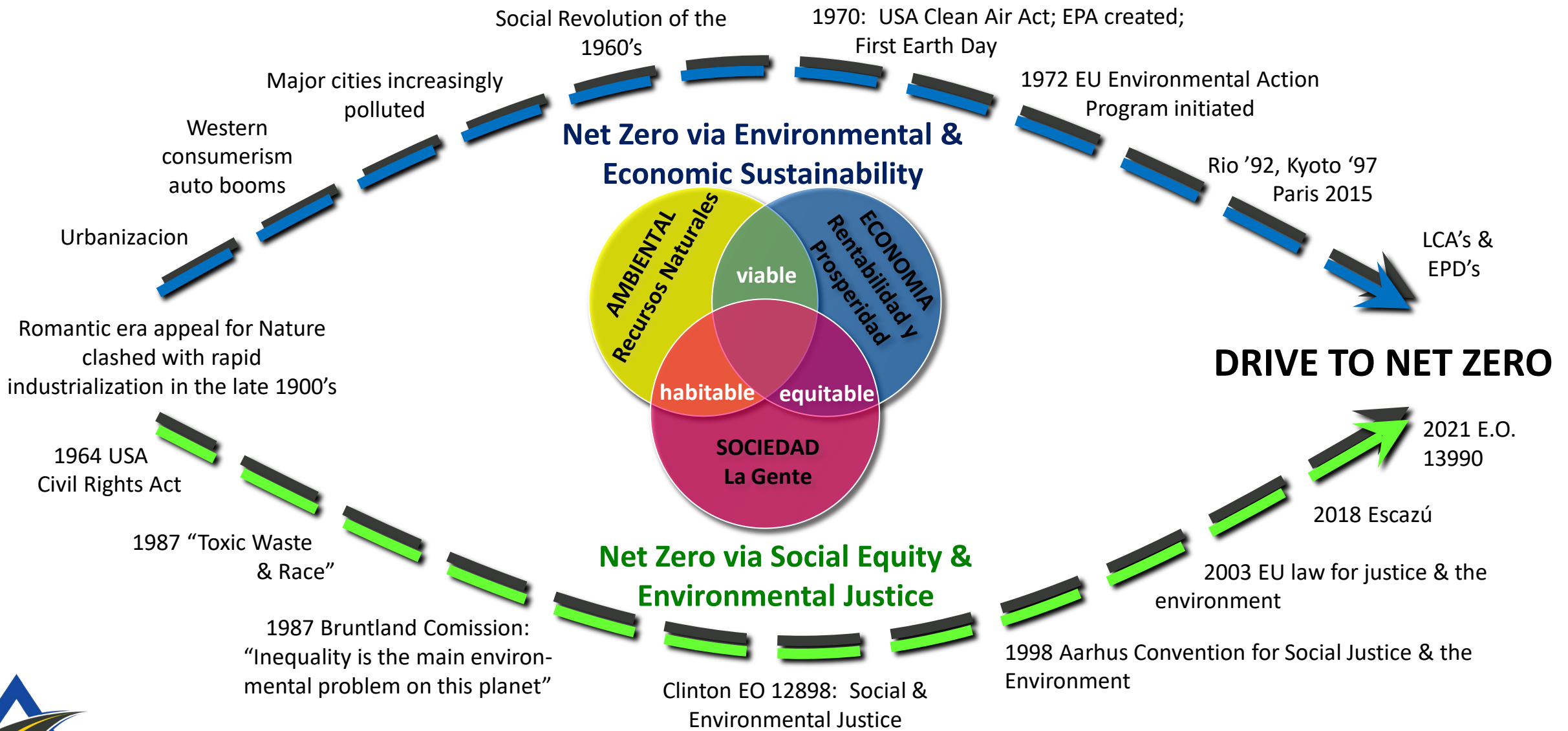
Renewable fuels, equipment improvements, electrification (Scope 3 wind & solar), WMA, CCPR, rejuvenators, are elements of a viable strategy to meet our 2050 socio-economic (equity) and environmental (net-zero) goals.

Industry growth and highway capacity increases can be met, all while...

- Lowering fossil fuel consumption,
- Reducing the industry's carbon footprint,
- Reducing emissions of air pollutants, odors, and GHG's,
- Allowing higher recyclables consumption and reducing waste, and
- Imparting superior performance and longer service life.



The Long Arcs of Economic, Social, and Environmental Progress



A Tipping Point



“Earthrise”
taken by Bill
Anders,
Christmas Eve,
1968, as he and
two other
Apollo 8
astronauts
began mankind’s
first orbit
around the far
side of the
moon.



Have We Reached Our Tipping Point?



What's our modern
"Earthrise?"



Changes in Human Behavior - the Lurking Variable

Entity in 2018	land use	animal						SUM
		farm	feed	processing	transport	retail	packaging	
Beef (beef herd)	16.3	39.4	1.9	1.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	59.6
Lamb & Mutton	0.5	19.5	2.4	1.1	0.5	0.2	0.3	24.5
Cheese	4.5	13.1	2.3	0.7	0.1	0.3	0.2	21.2
Beef (dairy herd)	0.9	15.7	2.5	1.1	0.4	0.2	0.3	21.1
Dark Chocolate	14.3	3.7	0	0.2	0.1	0	0.4	18.7
Coffee	3.7	10.4	0	0.6	0.1	0.1	1.6	16.5
Pig Meat	1.5	1.7	2.9	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	7.2
Poultry Meat	2.5	0.7	1.8	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2	6.1
Fish (farmed)	0.5	3.6	0.8	0	0.1	0	0.1	5.1
Eggs	0.7	1.3	2.2	0	0.1	0	0.2	4.5
Rice	0	3.6	0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	4
Tofu	1	0.5	0	0.8	0.2	0.3	0.2	3
Milk	0.5	1.5	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	2.8
Wine	-0.1	0.6	0	0.1	0.1	0	0.7	1.4
Soymilk	0.2	0.1	0	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.1	1
Peas	0	0.7	0	0	0.1	0	0	0.8
Other Fruit	0.1	0.4	0	0	0.2	0	0	0.7
Potatoes	0	0.2	0	0	0.1	0	0	0.3
Root Vegetables	0	0.2	0	0	0.1	0	0	0.3
Citrus Fruit	-0.1	0.3	0	0	0.1	0	0	0.3
Nuts	-2.1	2.1	0	0	0.1	0	0.1	0.2

What can we sacrifice for progress?



8.8 lb GWP



13.2 lb GWP

The pup will
emit 2 X's
my SUV
when fully
grown



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Thank You.

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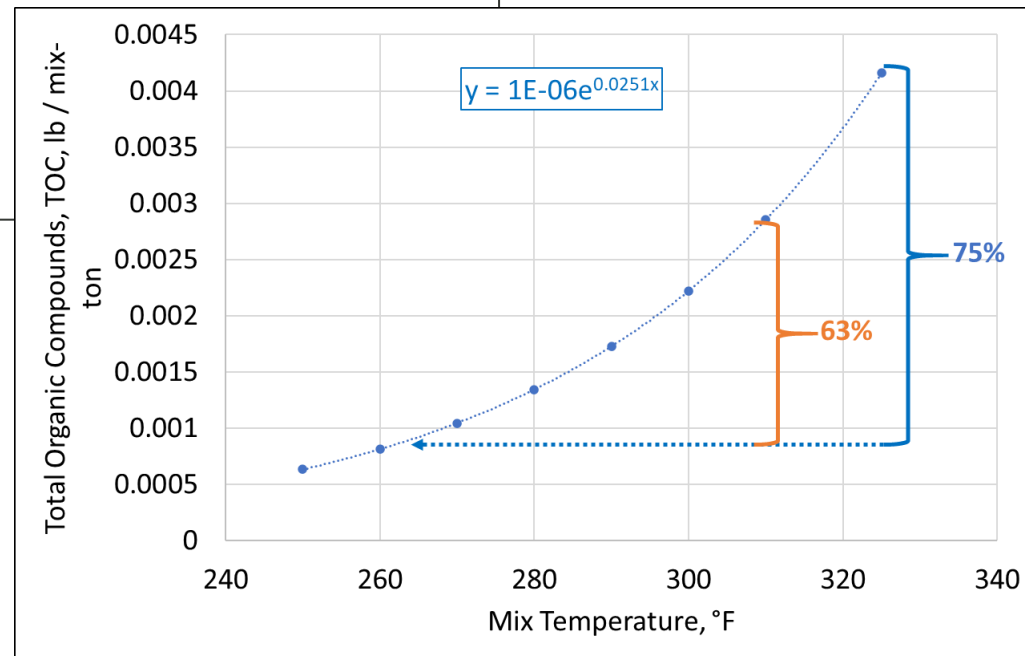


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For example, to estimate TOC emissions from drum mix plant load-out operations using an asphalt loss-on-heating of 0.41 percent and temperature of 290°F, the following calculation is made:

$$\begin{aligned} EF &= 0.0172(-V)e^{((0.0251)(290 + 460) - 20.43)} \\ &= 0.0172(-(-0.41))e^{((0.0251)(290 + 460) - 20.43)} \\ &= 0.0172(0.41)e^{(-1.605)} \\ &= 0.0172(0.41)(0.2009) \\ &= 0.0014 \text{ lb TOC/ton of asphalt loaded} \end{aligned}$$



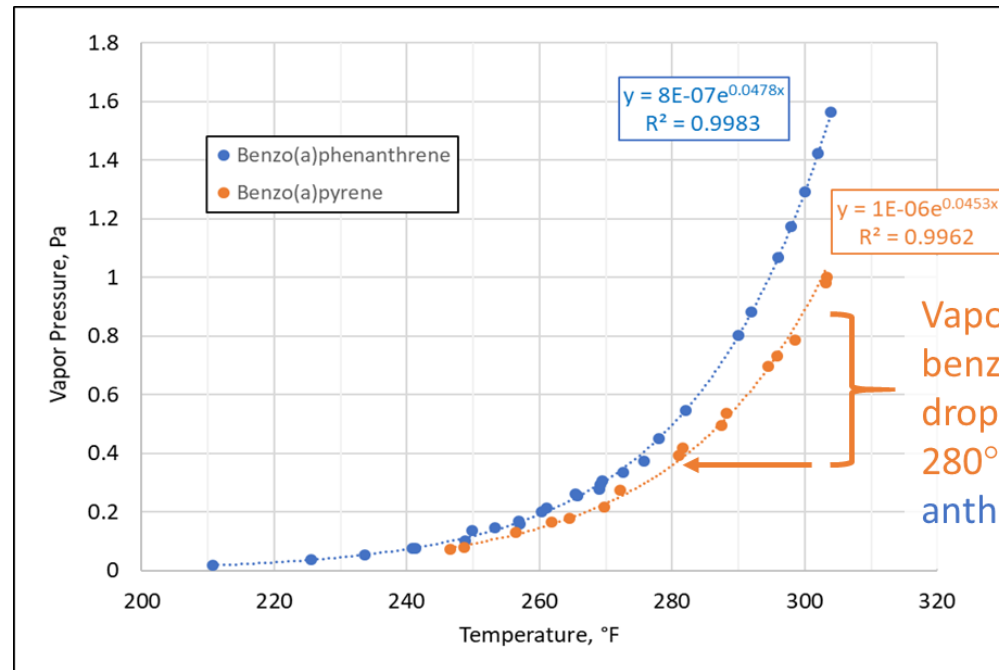
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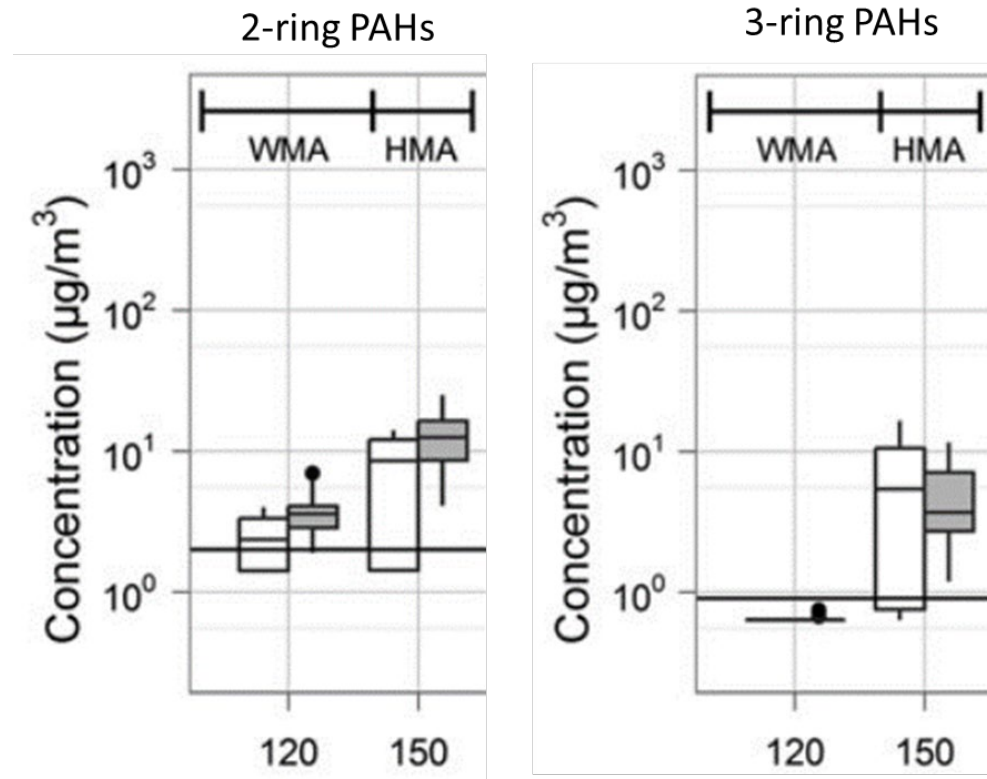
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