

Outlook for International Climate Change Policy

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We'll Always Have Paris

Trump Administration on the Paris Agreement: *Politico* Headlines

- March 9: “Trump aides weighing staying in Paris deal, but rejecting Obama pledge”
- March 17: “Trump advisers want concessions for coal if U.S. stays in climate pact”
- March 18: “White House advisers postpone Paris climate deal meeting”
- April 14: “White House showdown on Paris deal set for next week”
- April 25: “Trump advisers’ meeting on Paris deal reset for Thursday”
- April 30: “Trump administration lawyers to discuss Paris climate deal”
- May 2: “Trump’s lawyer raises concern about staying in Paris climate accord, sources say”
- May 8: “White House advisers postpone Paris climate deal meeting”
- May 9: “Spicer: Trump will not announce Paris climate decision until after G7”

Pledge and Review in the Paris Agreement

Paris Pledges

- Nationally Determined Contributions
 - More than 185 countries
 - Voluntary emission mitigation pledges
- Mitigation pledges take many different forms
 - Reductions from historic base year emissions
 - Reductions in CO₂/GDP
 - Reductions from forecast reference case emissions
 - Non-fossil energy share goals
 - Emissions peak year

Transparency in the Paris Agreement

- Supplying information in mitigation pledges
- National reporting
- Technical review
- Global stocktaking and mitigation pledge updating

Transparency Under an Incomplete Transparency Regime

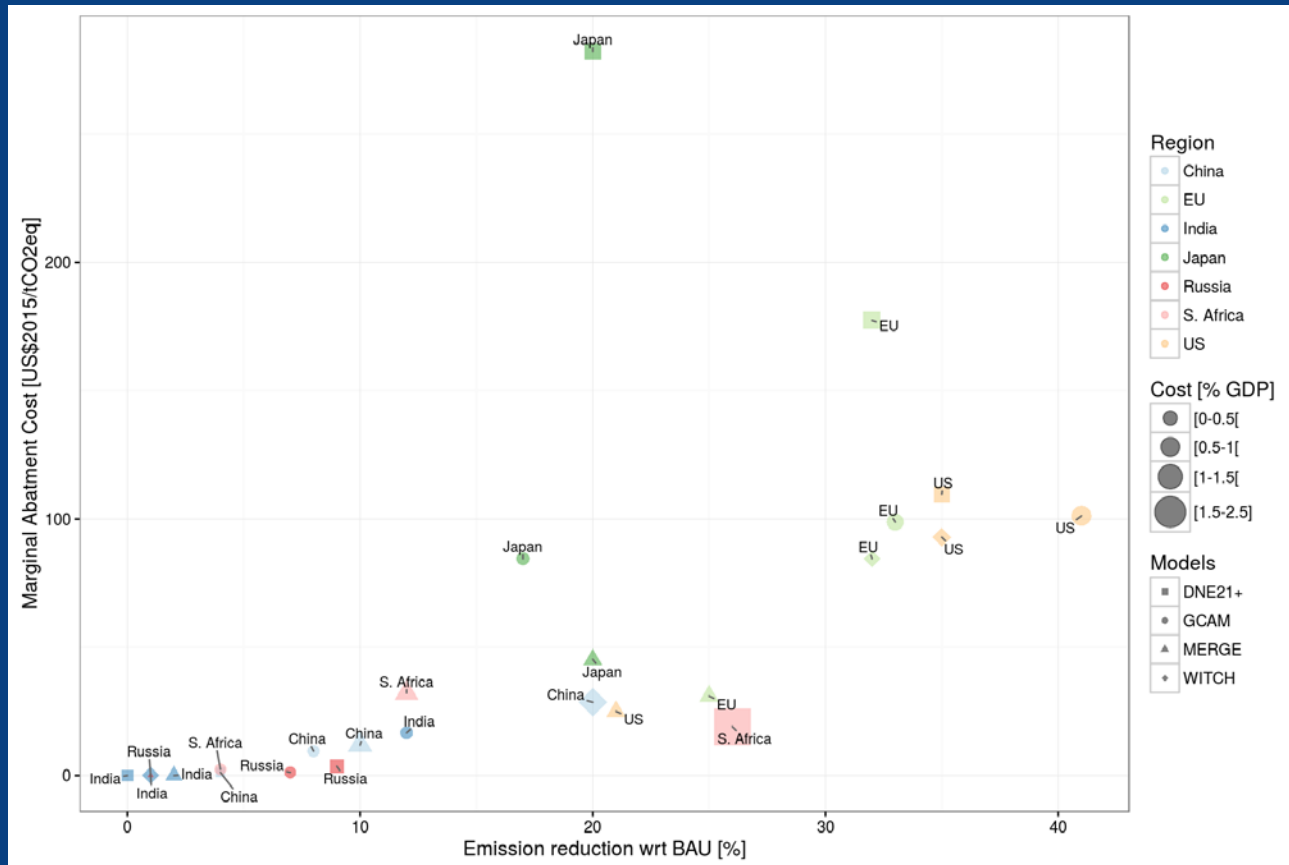
Incomplete Transparency Regime

- Historically inadequate multilateral climate transparency
- Challenges to agreeing to a rigorous transparency regime
- Potential loss of American leadership
- Opportunities for non-party stakeholders

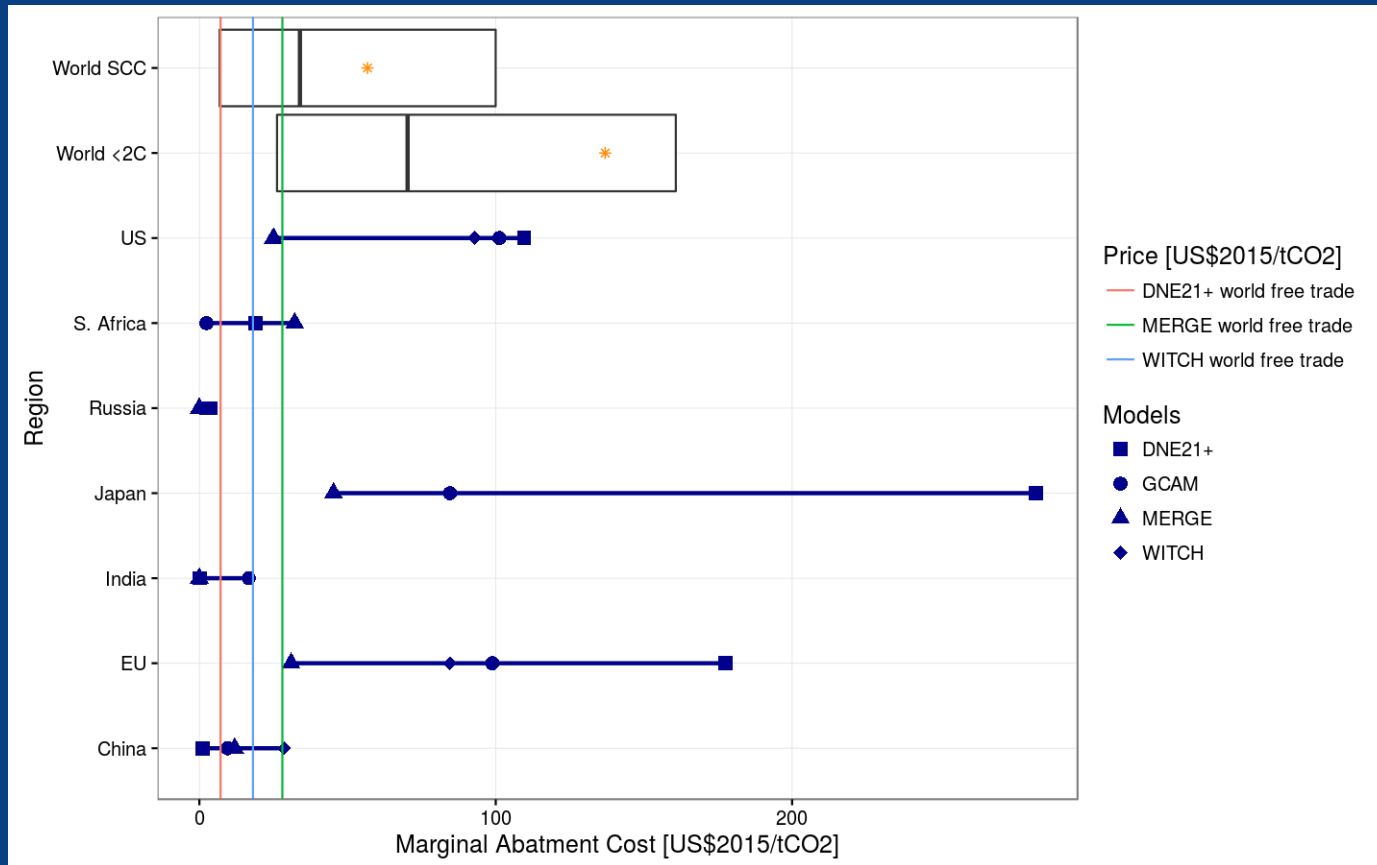
Role for Economic Analysis

- Some pledges a function of forecast emissions
- CO₂/GDP intensity goals require economic data
- Apples-to-apples comparisons available via internally consistent data and analytic framework
- Understand cross-border impacts of INDCs
- Enable policy learning
- Identify data and modeling needs for ex post review

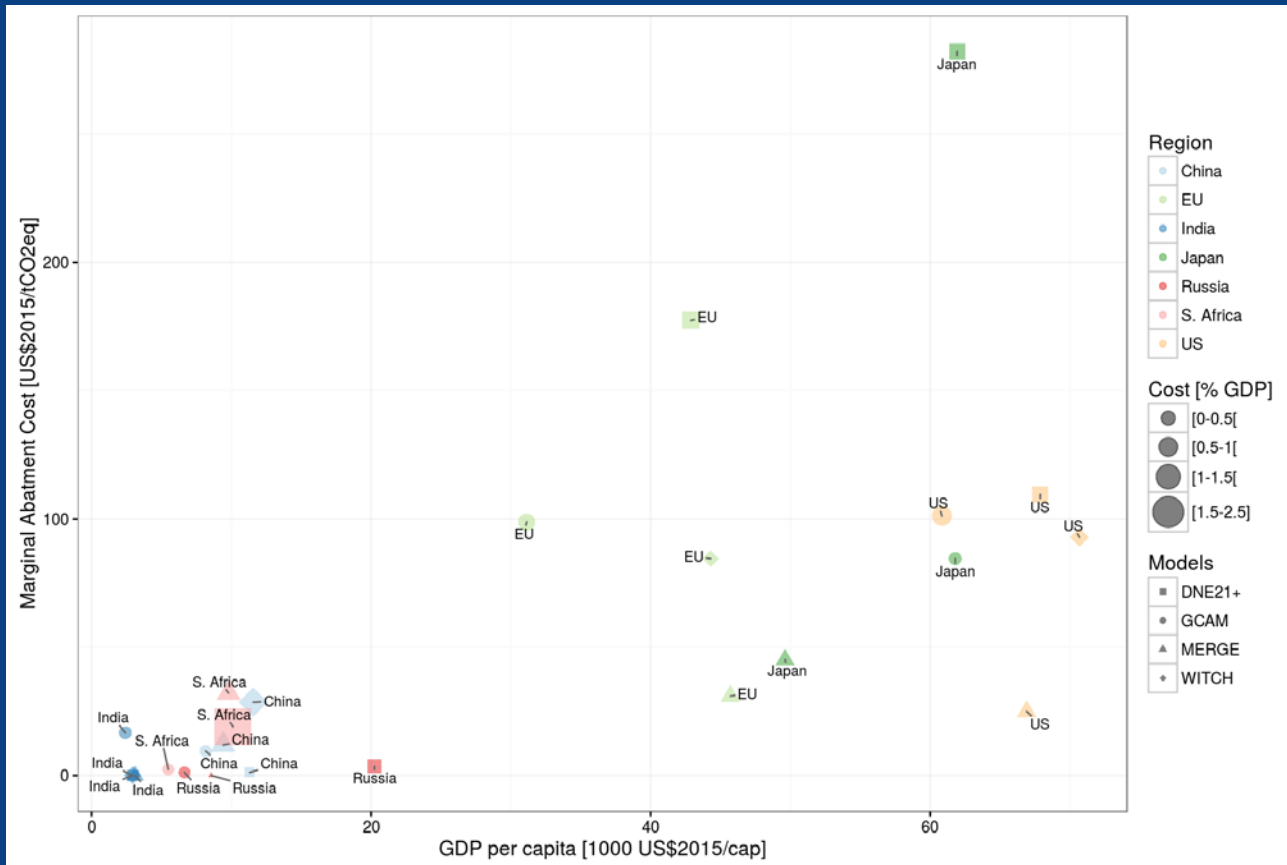
Paris Pledges: Marginal Abatement Costs vs. Emission Reduction from BAU



Paris Pledges: Marginal Abatement Costs vs. SCC and 2°C Pathway



Paris Pledges: Marginal Abatement Costs vs. GDP per capita



Living Mitigation Plans

- Integrating emission pledge and review
- Components of a Living Mitigation Plan
 - Emission mitigation goals
 - Describe policies and actions to implement goals
 - Plans for domestic policy surveillance and review
 - Process for updating policies given new information
- Facilitate transparency and review
 - Continually update over time, draw from many sources

Co-Evolution of Pledge and Review

- Implementing Living Mitigation Plans in practice
- Planning for reviews
- Interim review of mitigation pledges
- Reviewing the reviews
- Integrating ex ante and ex post review
- Using review to inform design of future pledges

Policy Implications and Next Steps

- Inform ongoing transparency negotiations
- Leverage expertise of non-party stakeholders
- Promote policy learning
- Facilitating comparable mitigation efforts and enabling greater ambition over time

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