

EMF 35 JMIP study: preliminary results and implications for Japan's climate change mitigation

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Policy background and motivation

Policy background

- Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC)
 - 26% reduction by 2030
 - Assumes fast economic growth ($\sim 1.7\%/y$ in contrast to recent growth of $\sim 1.0\%/y$)
 - Featuring a significant deployment of nuclear (20-22%)
 - Increases the share of industry in emissions/final energy
- Mid-Century Strategy (MCS)
 - 80% reduction by 2050
 - Mostly qualitative, not backed by modeling analysis yet

Motivation

- No MIP with sensitivity analysis on technology, etc. (Oshiro et al. 2019 addressed sensitivity on emissions constraints with a multi-model framework)

Major model intercomparison studies (MIPs) for national / regional climate policy analysis: no academic study from Japan so far

Policy events	Study	Country/ region	Type of work	Outcome and note
COP15 (2009)	Committee on mid-term target	Japan	Part of policymaking process (with townhall meetings and surveys)	Documents for expert committee Book (Fukui 2009 (ed.)) (in Japanese) Individual papers
	EMF 22 (US)	USA	Academic	<i>Energy Economics</i> special issue (Fawcett et al. 2009)
	EMF 22 (EU)	Europe	Academic	<i>Energy Economics</i> special issue (Böhringer et al. 2009)
COP21 (2015)	N/A	Japan	(no MIP)	Analysis by individual modeling groups
	EMF 24	USA	Academic	<i>Energy Journal</i> special issue (Fawcett et al. 2014; Clarke et al. 2014)
	EMF 28	Europe	Academic	<i>Climate Change Economics</i> special issue (Weyant et al. 2013; Knopf et al. 2013)

No academic work from Japan (aside from some individual contributions)

=> Not reference to Japan's modeling effort from abroad or IPCC

Stanford Energy Modeling Forum (EMF) 35 Japan Model Intercomparison Project (JMIP)

Objective:

To analyze long-term climate policy
(NDC, MCS) of Japan

- with a multi-model framework
- In light of unique plights:
less RE resource endowments,
large share of industry final energy, &
dependence on energy imports

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Models:

AIM/CGE
AIM/Enduse
DNE21
IEEJ
TIMES-Japan

Output: IPCC AR6 (Ch4)

Special issue expected in Mar
2021 in *Sustainability Science*

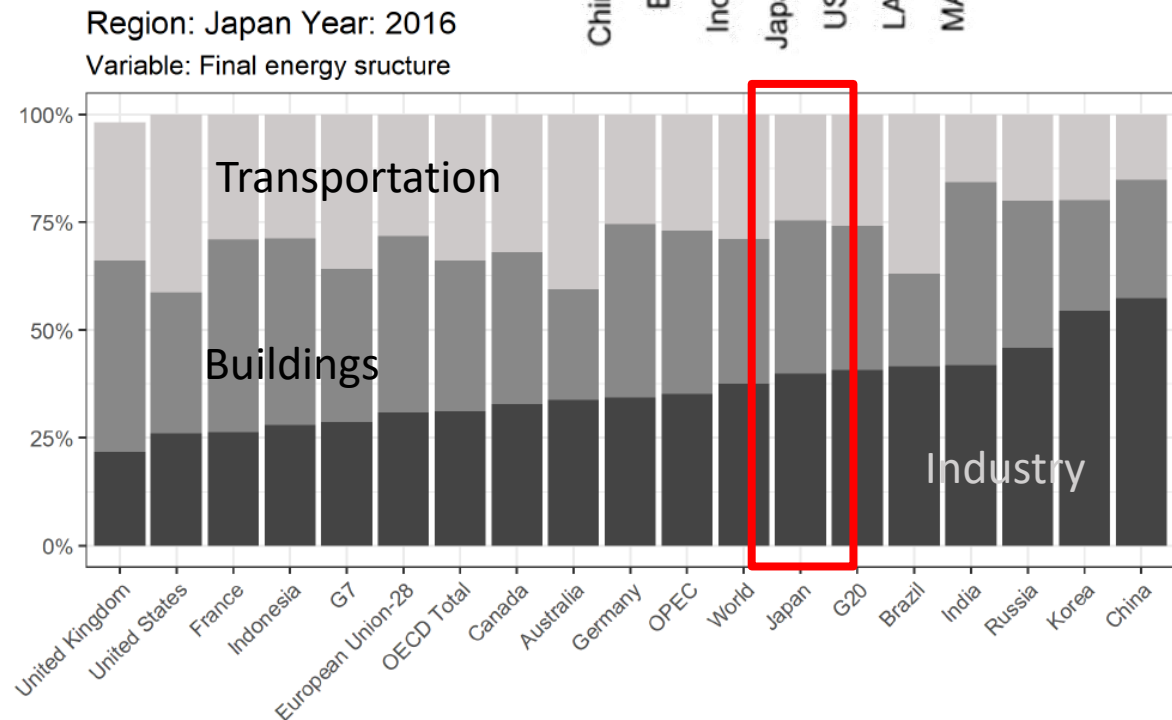
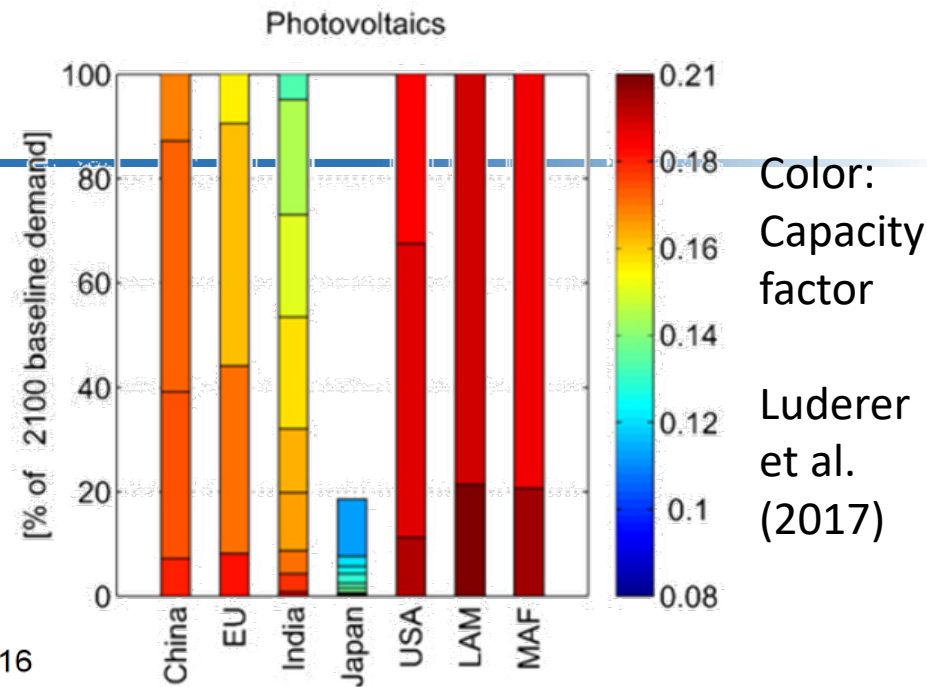
- Policy & technology
- Renewables
- Industrial decarbonization
- Electrification

Submission: April 2020

Japan's unique situation

- Renewable energy:
Less endowments,
higher costs

- High share of industry emissions (not agriculture)



Models

Model and input assumptions

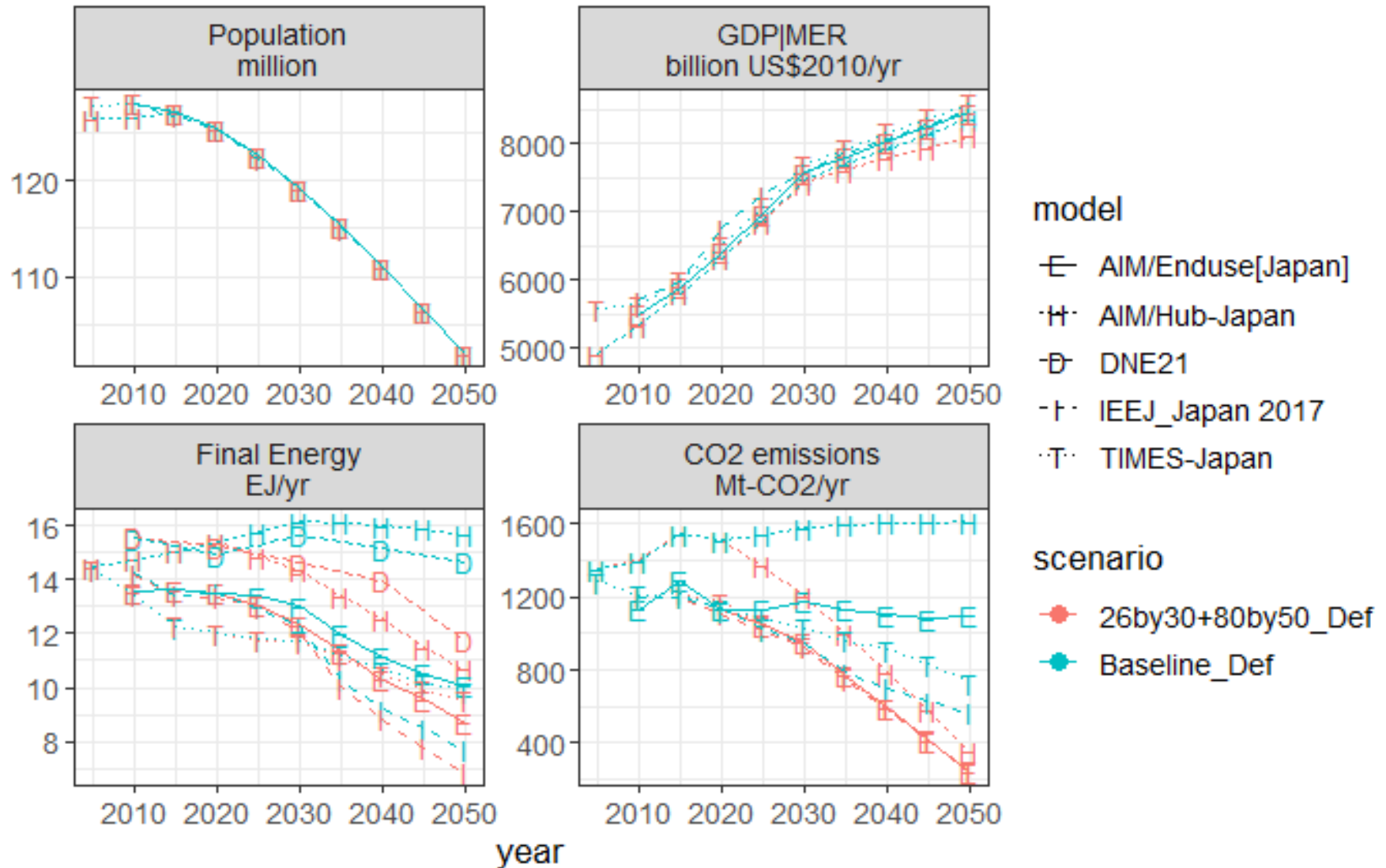
Model	Institute	Equilibrium concept	Region	Temporal treatment
AIM/Hub-Japan	Kyoto U / NIES	General	Japan	Myopic
AIM/Enduse[Japan]	Kyoto U / NIES	Partial	Japan	Myopic
DNE21	U Tokyo	Partial	World	Intertemporal
IEEJ	Institute of Energy Economics Japan	Partial	Japan	Intertemporal
TIMES-Japan	Institute of Applied Energy	Partial	Japan	Intertemporal

Some input parameters harmonized

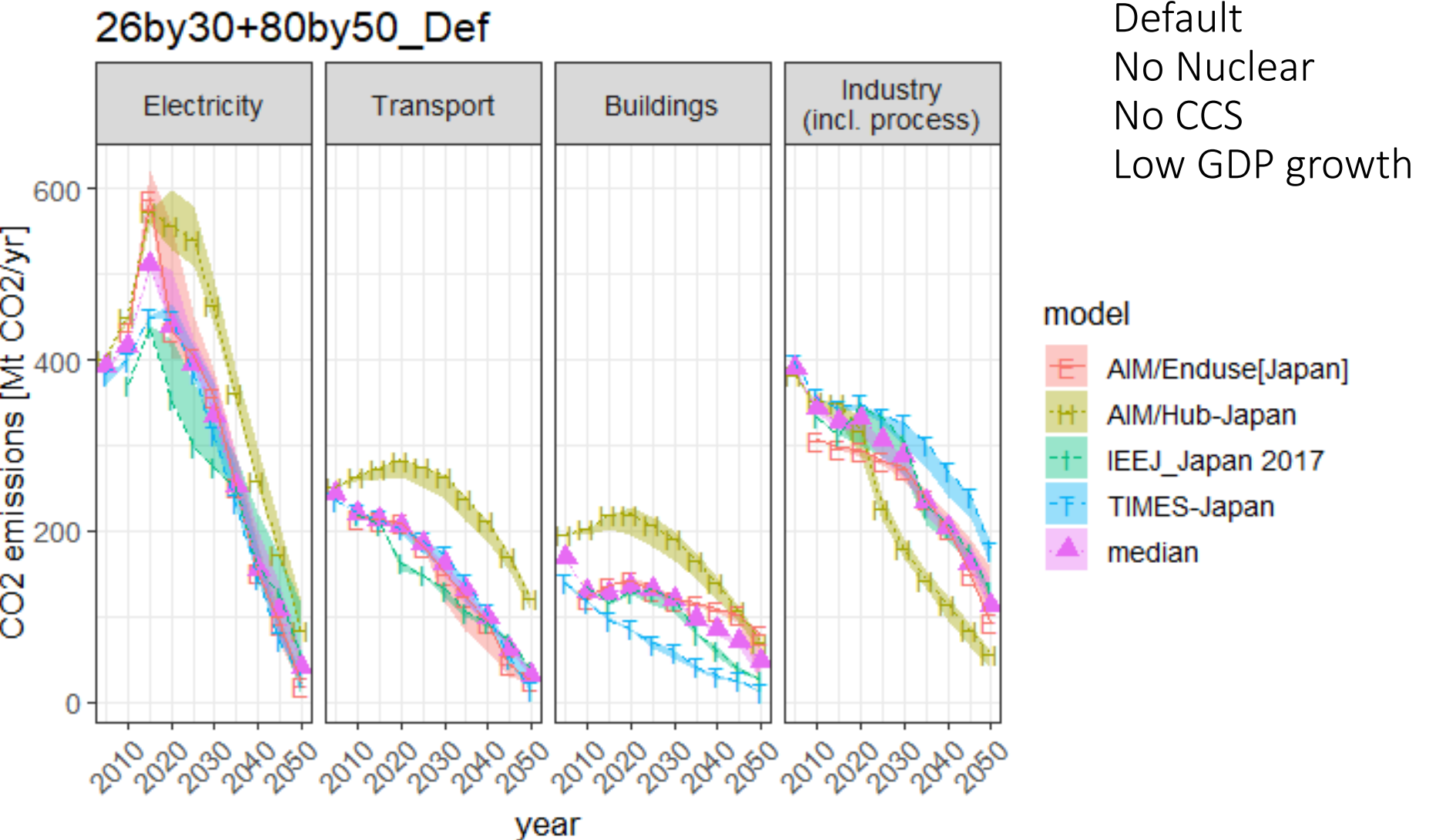
- Population
- GDP growth rates

Results

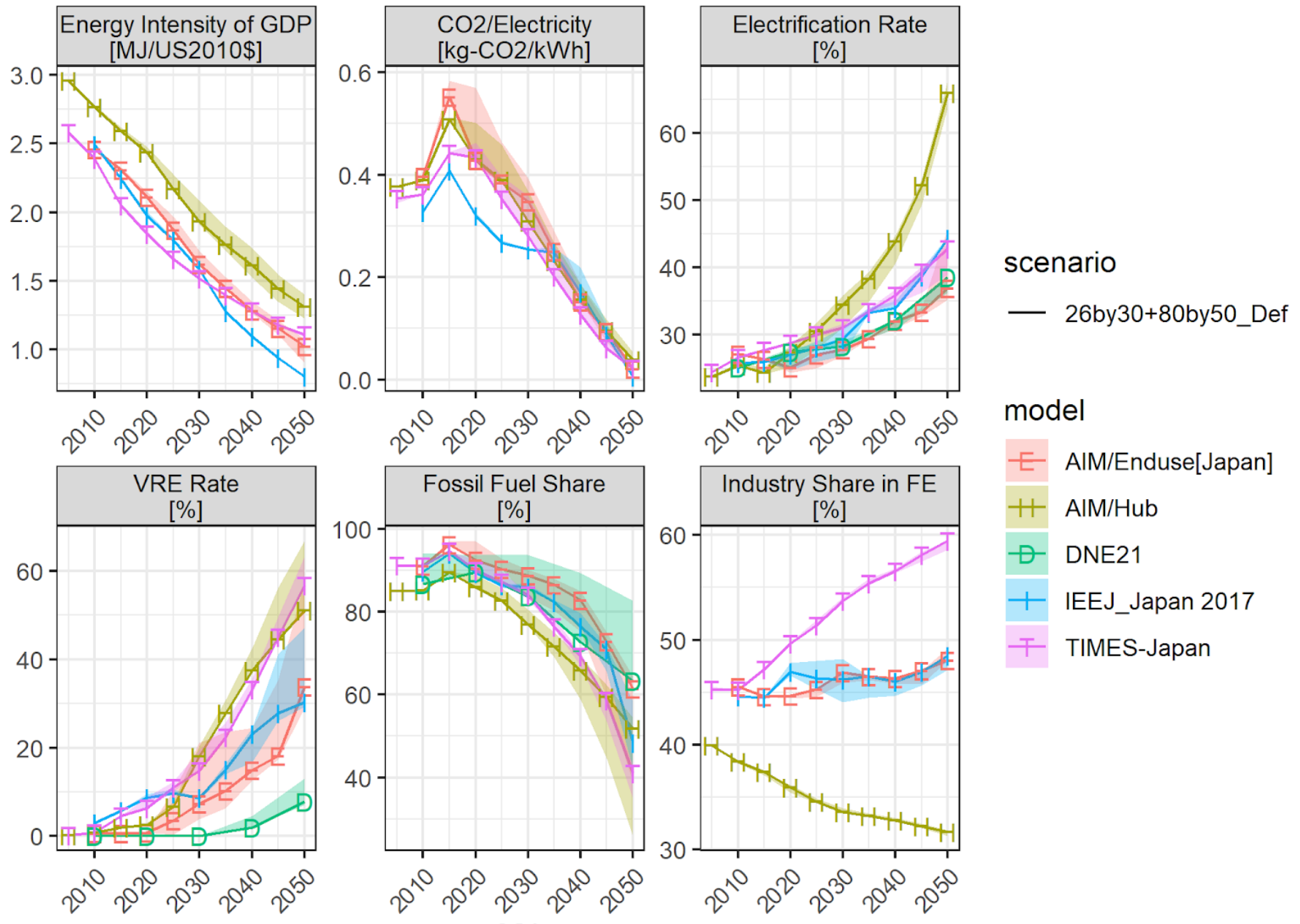
Drivers, final energy, and CO₂ emissions



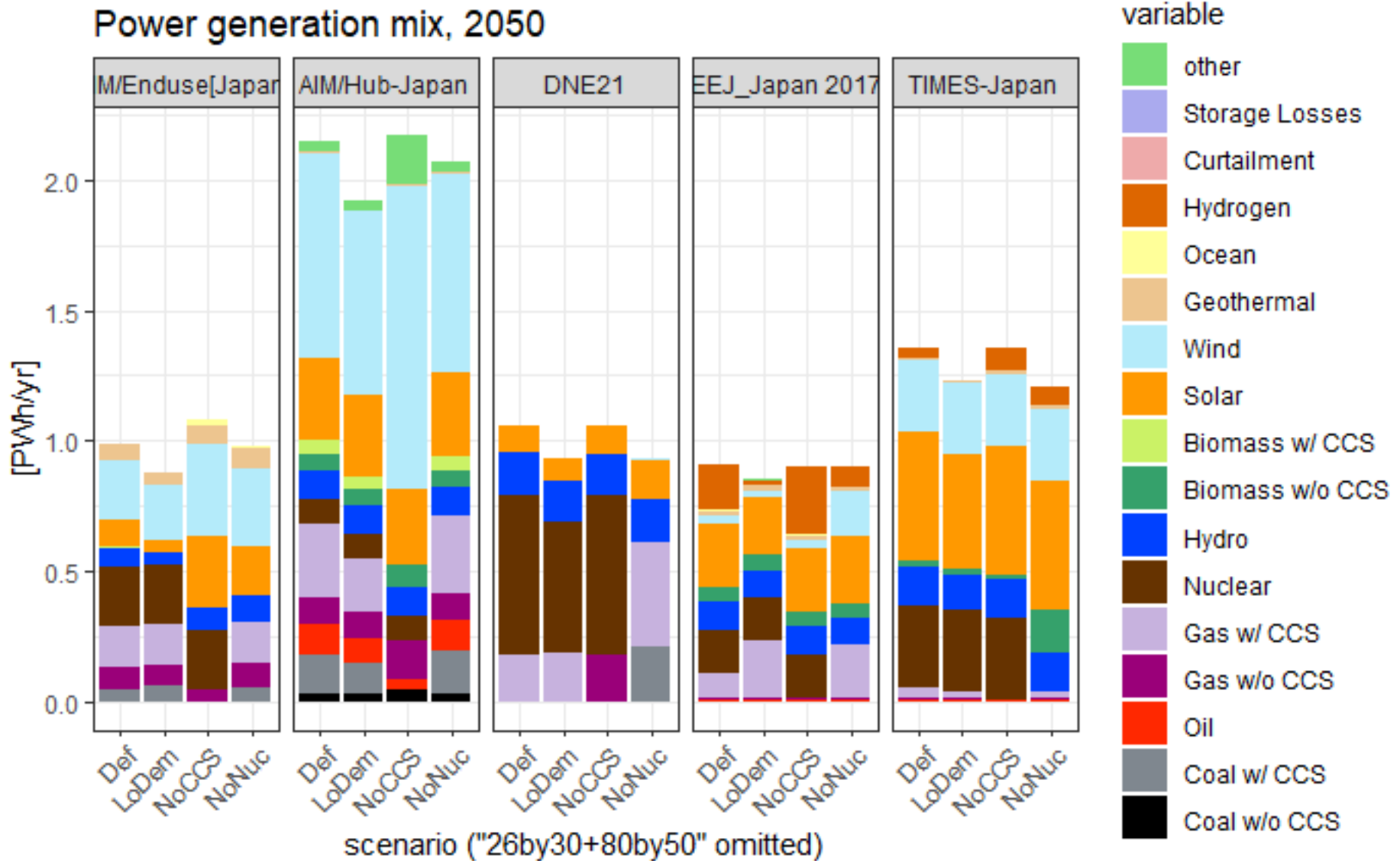
CO₂ emissions by sector: all sectors contribute to deep mitigation



Mitigation strategies effective in the global context also work in Japan

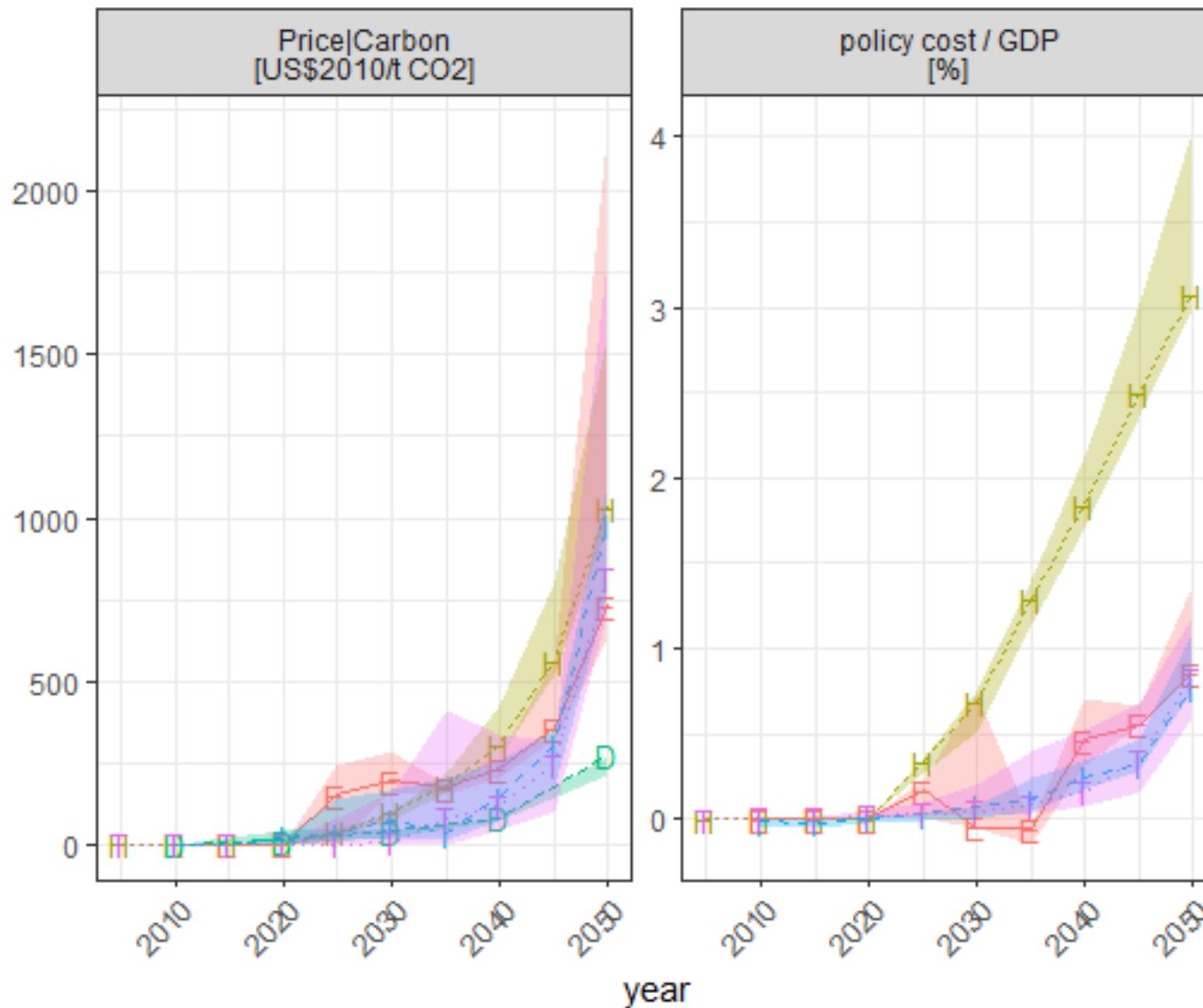


Uncertainty: energy and power mix



Cost metrics

marginal costs are comparable or higher than Europe / US



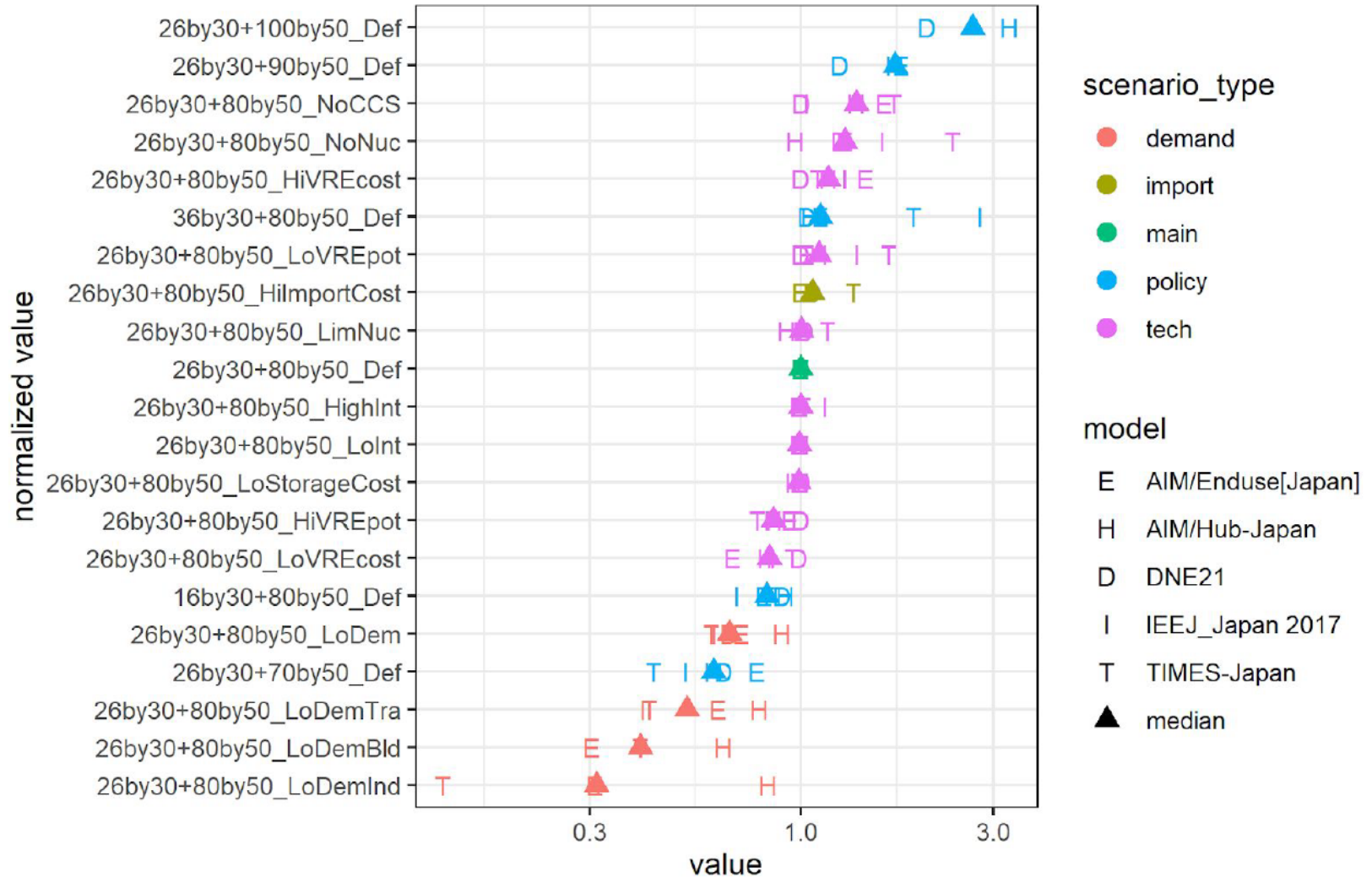
Ribbon: range of
Default
No Nuclear
No CCS
Low GDP growth

model

- AIM/Enduse[Japan]
- AIM/Hub-Japan
- DNE21
- IEEJ_Japan 2017
- TIMES-Japan

Costs are sensitive to various assumptions

Carbon Price averaged over 2020-2050
at a discount rate of 5%

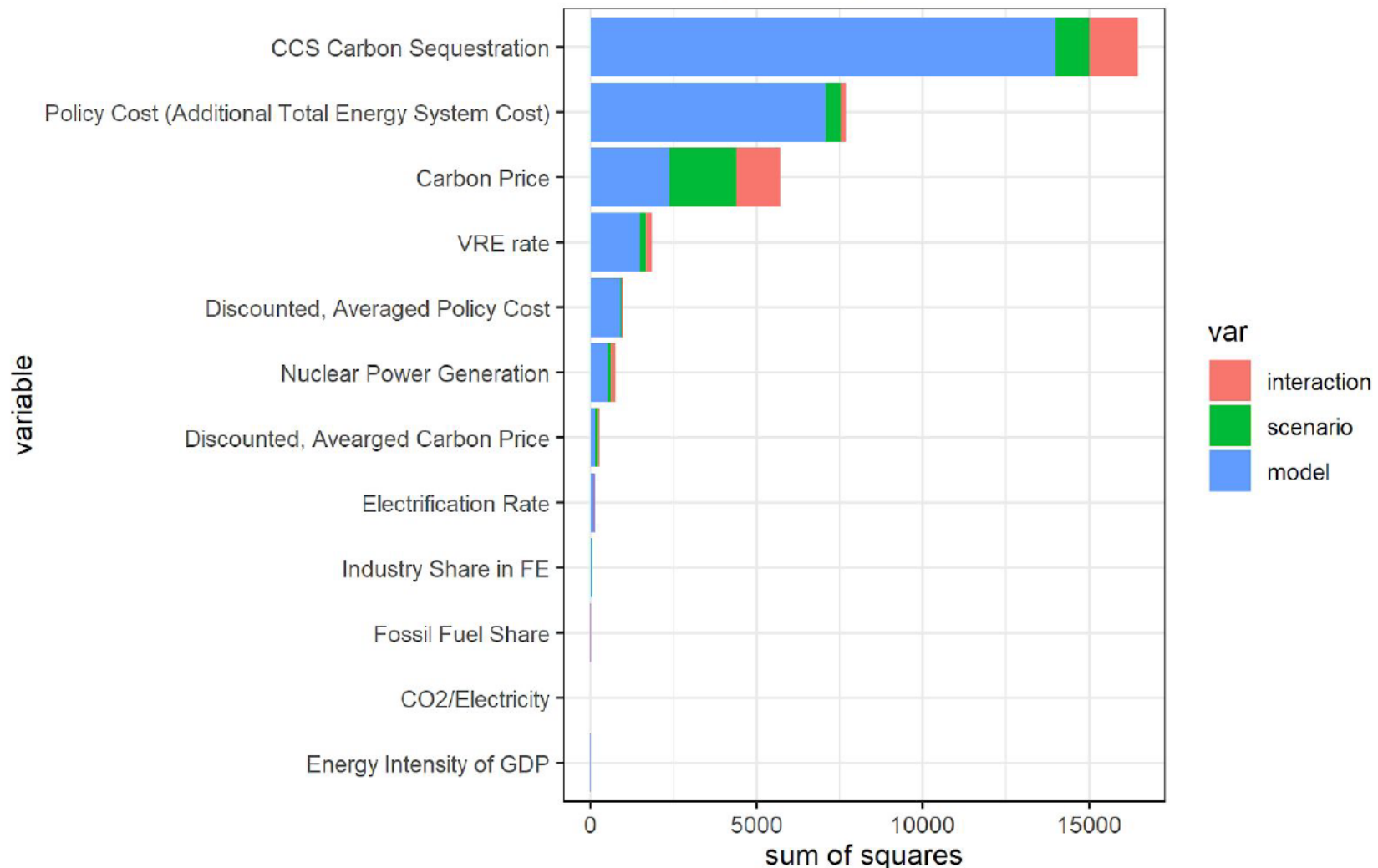


Which parameter is most uncertain?

ANOVA decomposition of sum of squares

- Each value normalized by its value in its own average value

2050, 26by30+80by50 scenario series



Conclusions

- Robust mitigation strategies have been identified despite different models and scenario assumptions
 - Economy-wide efficiency, power-sector decarbonization, electrification
- Uncertainties have been identified
 - Energy and power generation mixes
 - Costs
 - Adaptative management policy framework is necessary
- Large innovation challenges