

Can future building codes deliver on all climate targets?

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Future codes and climate targets



- First forward-looking premise codes (EE tiers)
- Plan may be to incorporate the effect of GHGs
- Update on future-projecting climatic data in 2025
- Local risk data for resilience and extreme climate events not available but critical
- "Code is not a manual"
- Current code cycle is extremely short (18 months)
- National Codes governance model is changing
- Alterations to Existing Buildings for Energy huge task

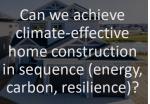
























Climate actions in sequence?

Cross-Implications

- Energy efficiency beyond the middle tiers may give us diminishing returns on GHG reductions
- Resilience should not be the last thought, but the first
- Not addressing resilience may waste a lot of 'carbon effort'
- Tornado resilience may not be compatible with substituting OSB sheathing for rigid foam

Affordability

- limited resources (\$\$\$) to compete for all societal goals incl. accessibility
- "Art of the possible" by everyone don't lose the 99%

Try to build it all in the first time – find the sweet spot





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