

# Getting there from here: Governing climate change through experimentation?

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# The Multilateral (non)Response



# Multilateral Challenges

- Uncertainty
- Divergent, Entrenched, Powerful Interests
- Short Term, Concentrated Costs vs Long Term, Diffuse Benefits



# The Multilateral (non)Response



You're telling me what you need. I'm telling you what we have to work with at this point.

- Scene from *Apollo 13* (1995)—engineer speaking to an astronaut in the simulator



Western Climate Initiative



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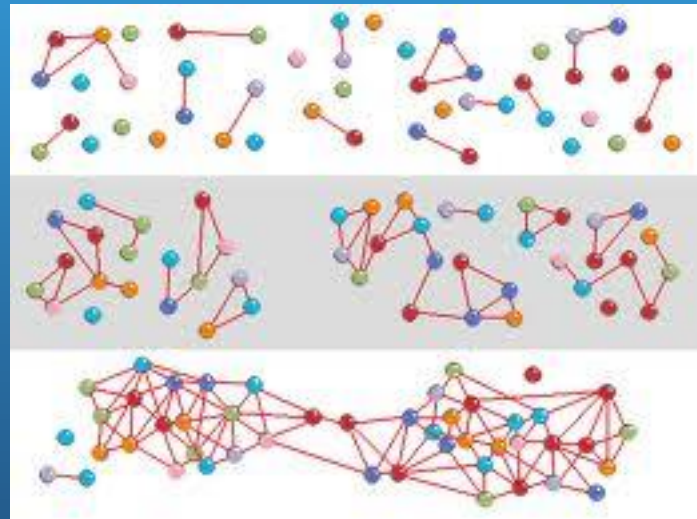


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# Self-Organized ...



# Not Anarchy





# Governance Models

- Multilateral

- Focus: Emissions Reductions

1. Negotiate a Global Treaty
2. Implement nationally and locally (do things)
3. Political/Economic/Social Change follows

- Experimental

- Focus: Decarbonization?

1. Experiment (do things)
2. Political/Economic/Social Change follows
3. Negotiate a Global Treaty (or Treaties?)



# Possibilities ...

- Providing the conditions for a tipping point
- Reimagining the Global Response and role of Multilateral Treaties



# Towards Tipping

- Catalyzing Decarbonization
  - Normalization
  - Capacity Building
  - Coalition Building
- Breaking the Deadlock?



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# And Challenges

- Illusion of Movement
- Scaling
- Impact



# Scaling

- Simple
- Mimetic
- Self-Organizing



# Getting Bigger

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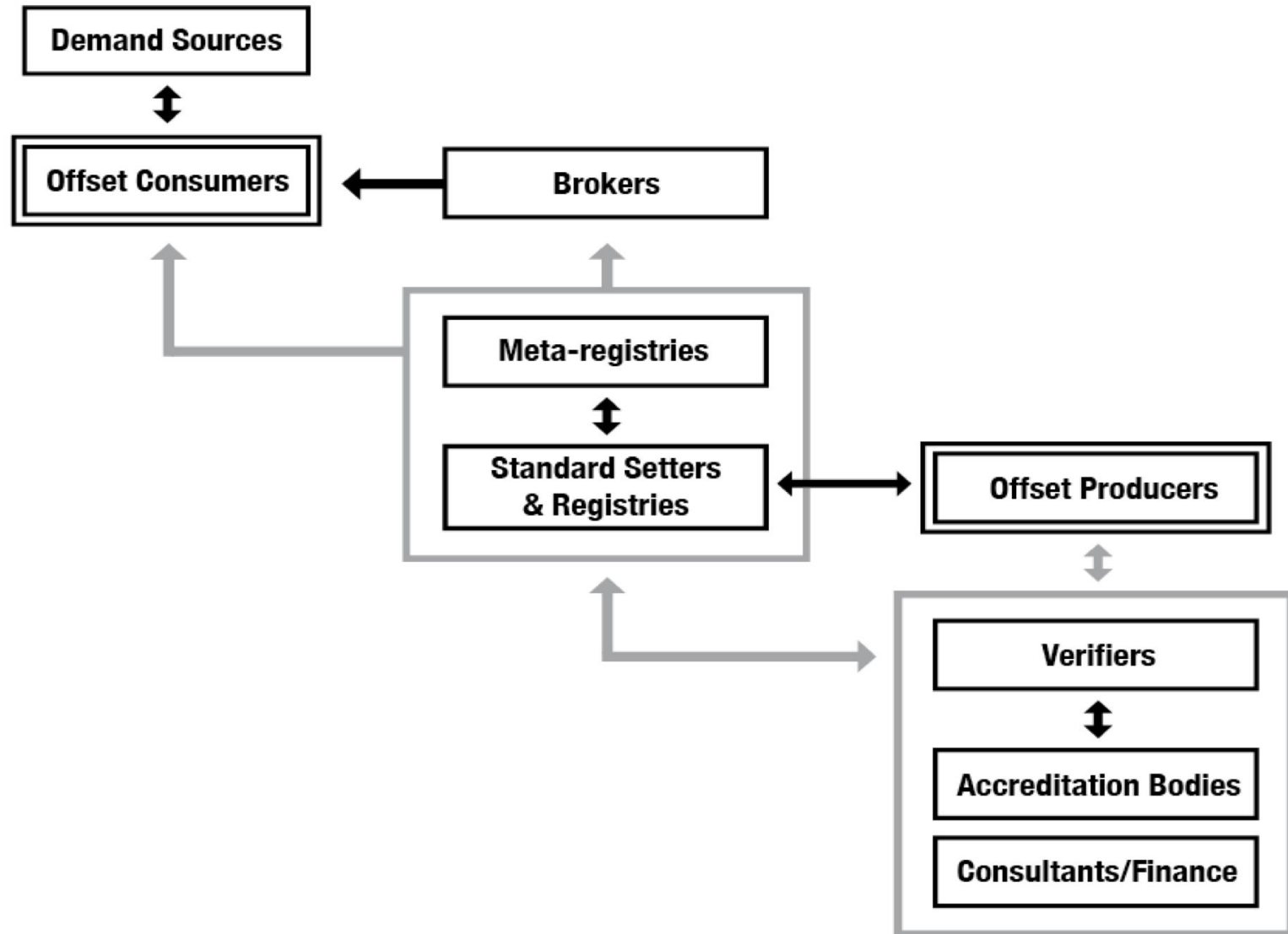
# Spreading

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# Building Niches





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# Thanks!

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