



# THE ENERGY TRANSFORMATION SCENARIOS

2015 2025 2035 2045 2055  
2020 2030 2040 2050 2060

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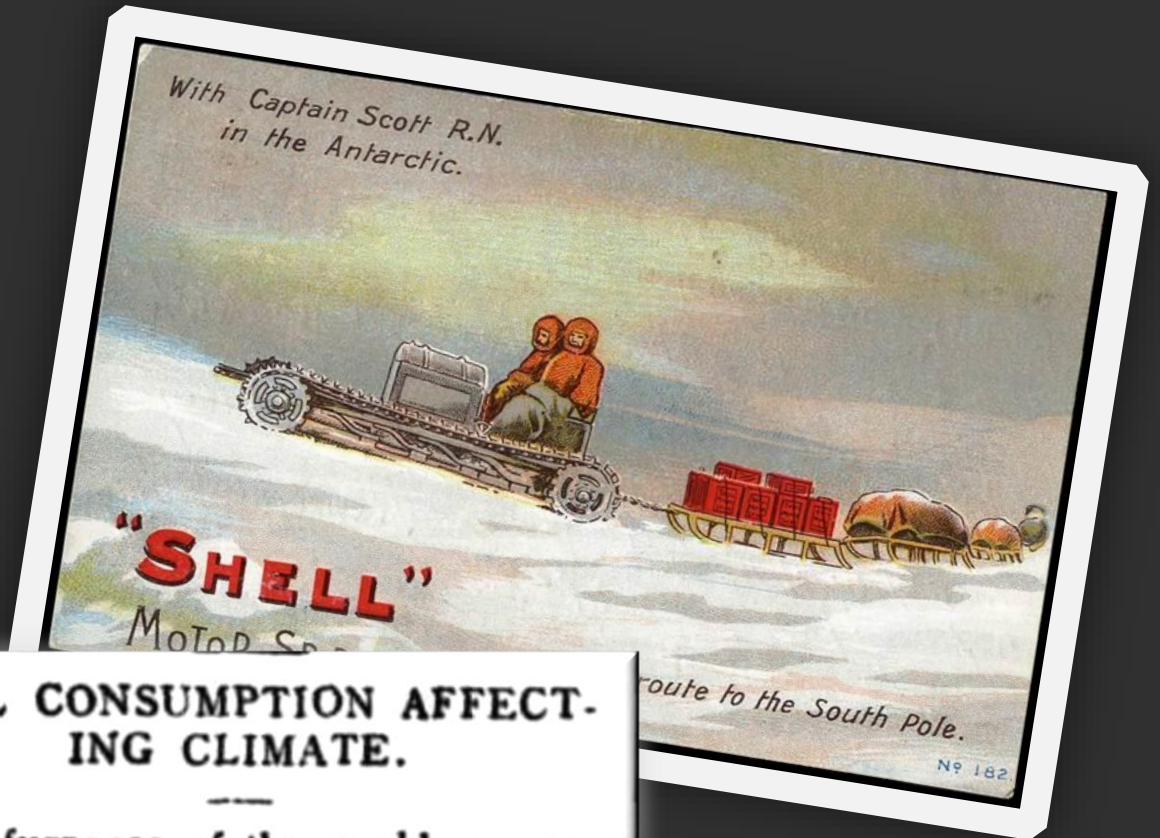
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## COAL CONSUMPTION AFFECT- ING CLIMATE.

The furnaces of the world are now burning about 2,000,000,000 tons of coal a year. When this is burned, uniting with oxygen, it adds about 7,000,000,000 tons of carbon dioxide to the atmosphere yearly. This tends to make the air a more effective blanket for the earth and to raise its temperature. The effect may be considerable in a few centuries.

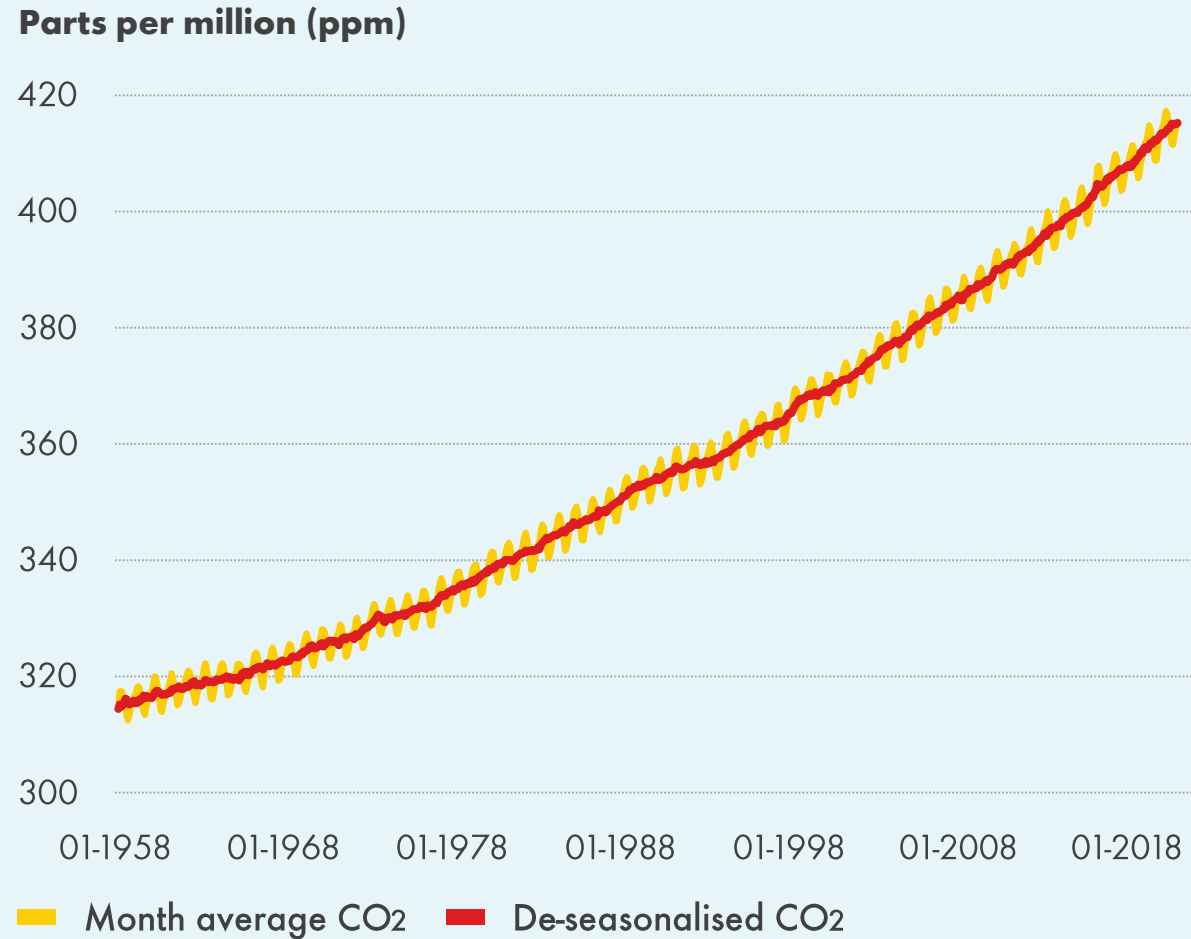


An aerial photograph showing a vast coal train yard. Hundreds of dark-colored freight cars are arranged in long, parallel rows that curve across the landscape. The ground is a mix of brown dirt and gravel, with some patches of green grass visible. The perspective is from a high angle, looking down on the tracks and cars.

**Five minutes of global coal production**

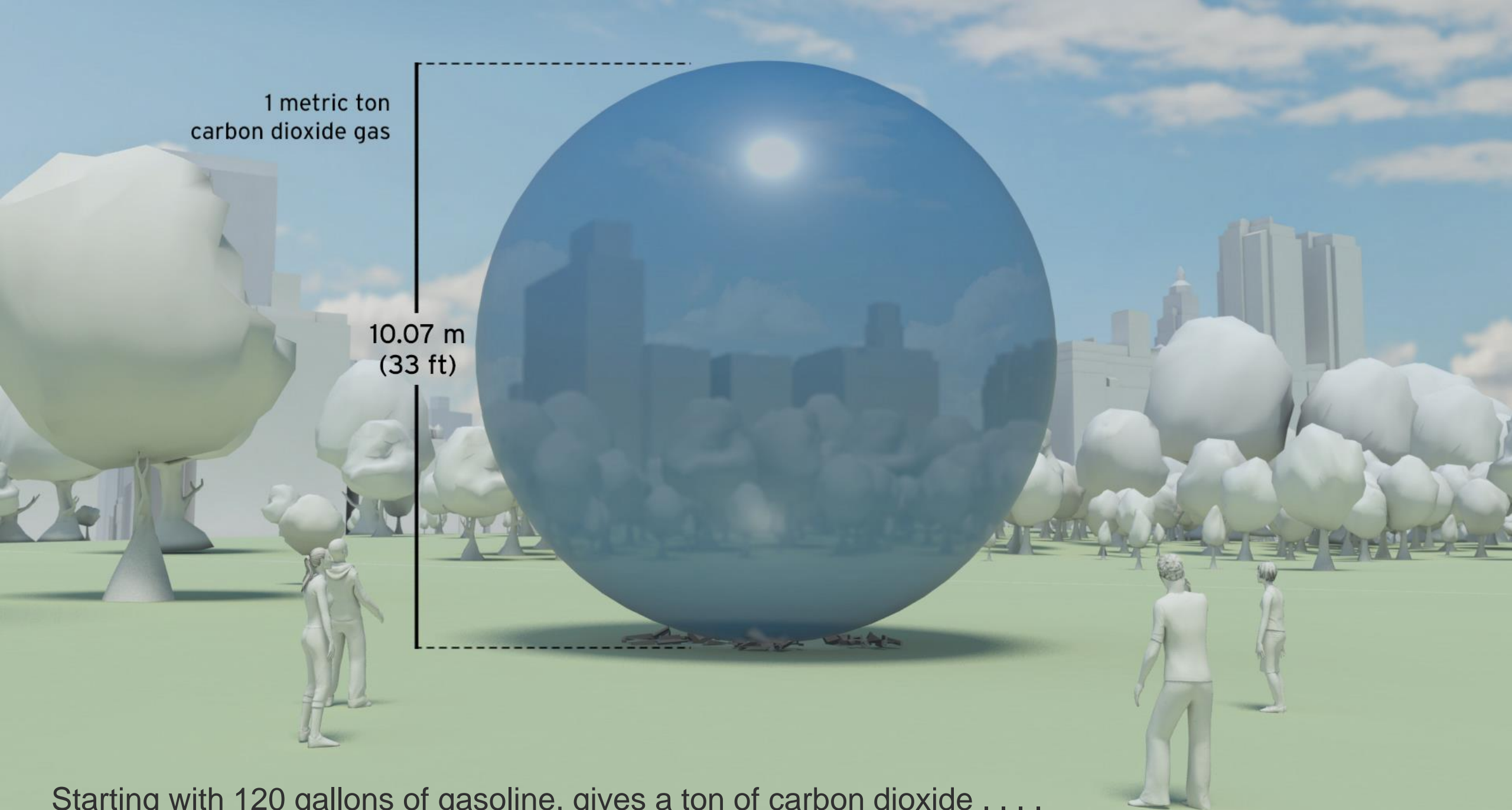


# Atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> record at Mauna Loa Observatory



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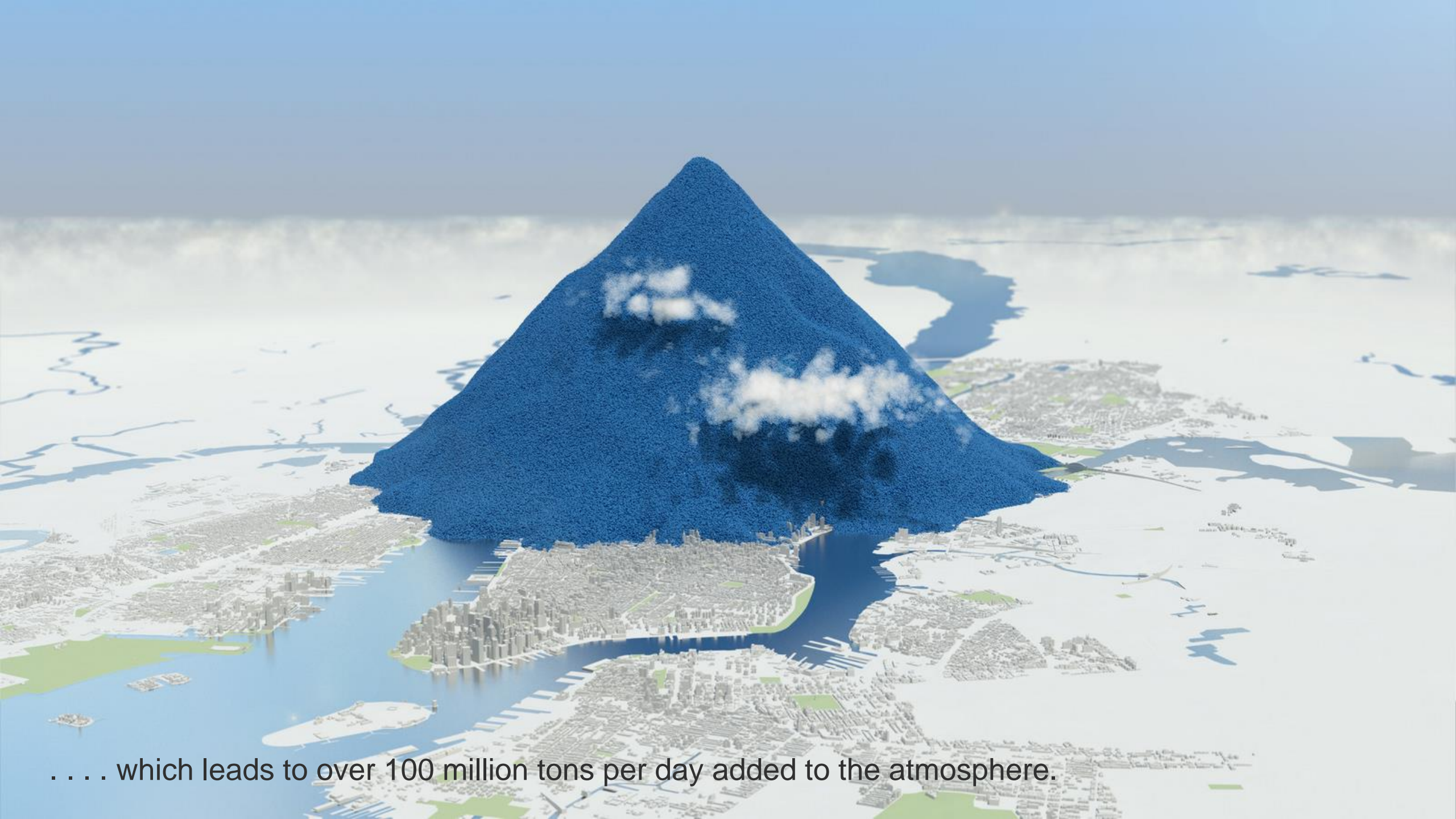
Source: Scripps Institution of Oceanography, NOAA Global Monitoring Laboratory



1 metric ton  
carbon dioxide gas

10.07 m  
(33 ft)

Starting with 120 gallons of gasoline, gives a ton of carbon dioxide . . . .



. . . . which leads to over 100 million tons per day added to the atmosphere.

# 2020

## Sources and sinks of anthropogenic carbon (as CO<sub>2</sub>)

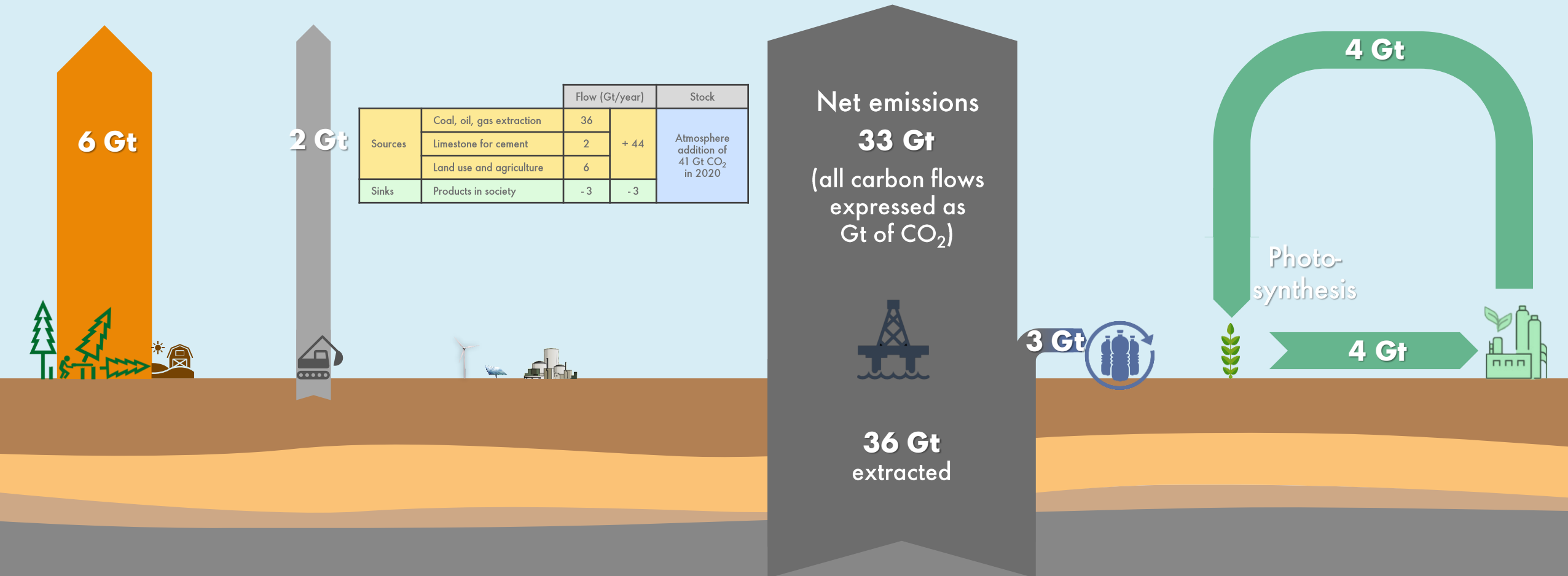
Net emissions of ~41 Gt CO<sub>2</sub> per year

Land use change  
& agriculture

Process CO<sub>2</sub>  
(e.g. cement)

Coal, oil & gas extraction and use

Bioenergy production and use

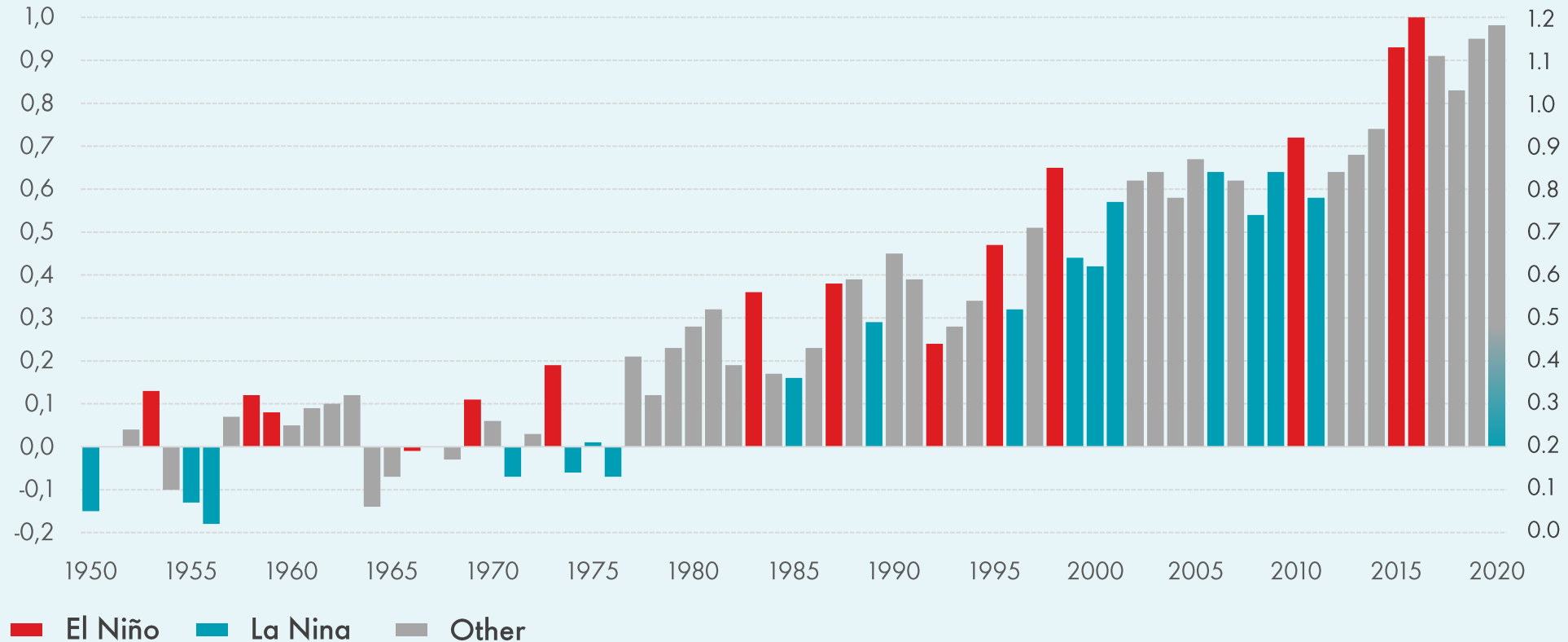




# 2020: The second warmest year despite a growing La Nina (cooler)

## Temperature anomaly

°C, vs 20th Century Average



Annual global temperature anomalies (1950-2020 NOAA NCDC vs. 20th Century Average and IPCC 1850-1900)

Source: NOAA NCDC

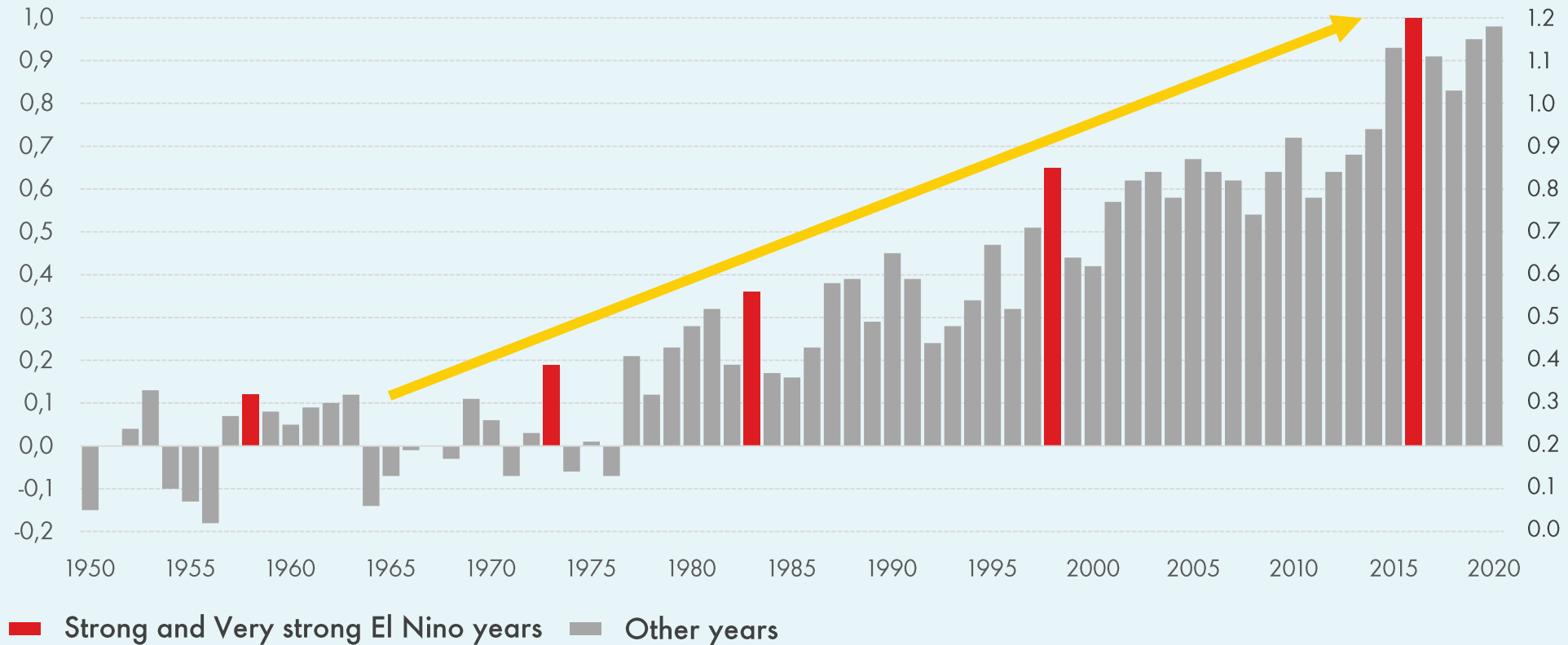
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# A worrying long-term trend of $\sim 0.2^{\circ}\text{C}$ per decade

**Temperature anomaly**  
 $^{\circ}\text{C}$ , vs 20th Century Average



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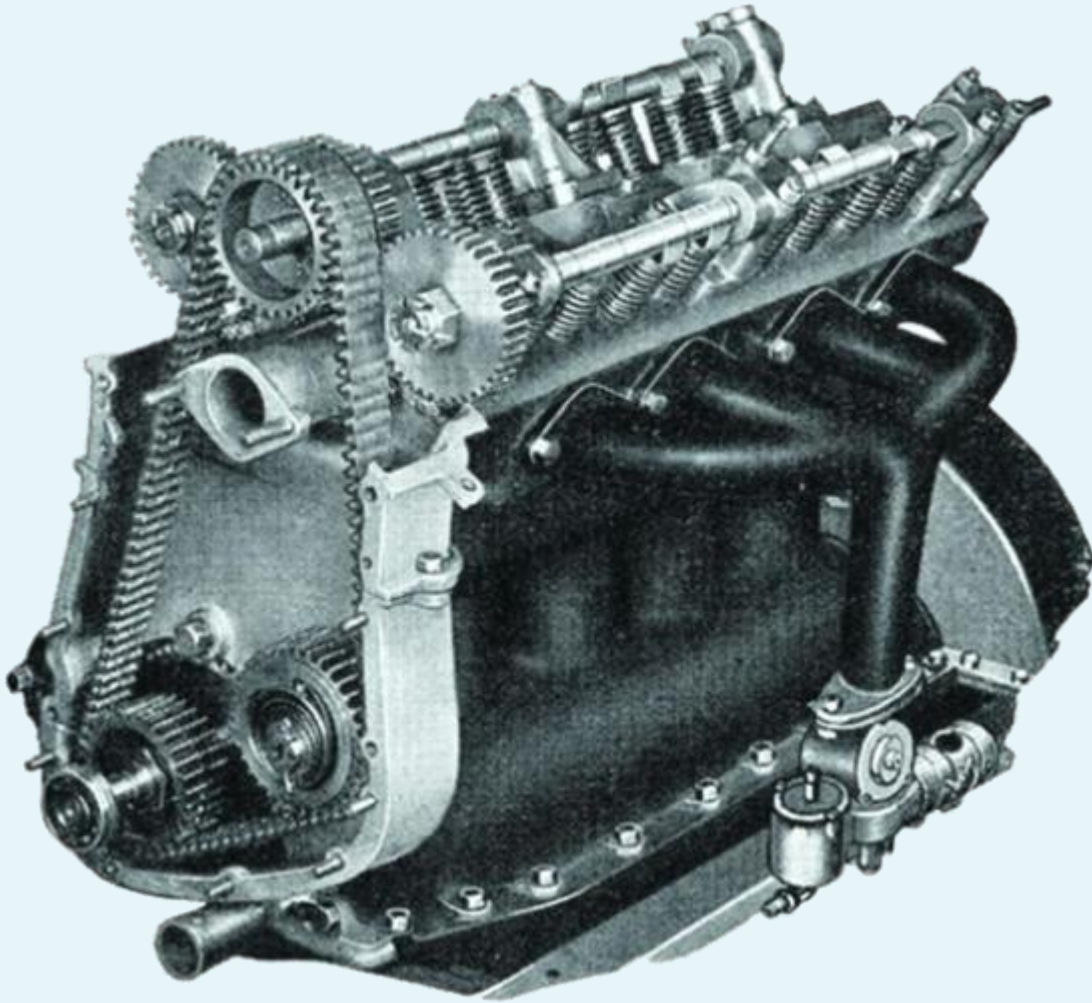


**The external landscape is changing rapidly**





# Some things never seem to change - 100 years of progress?



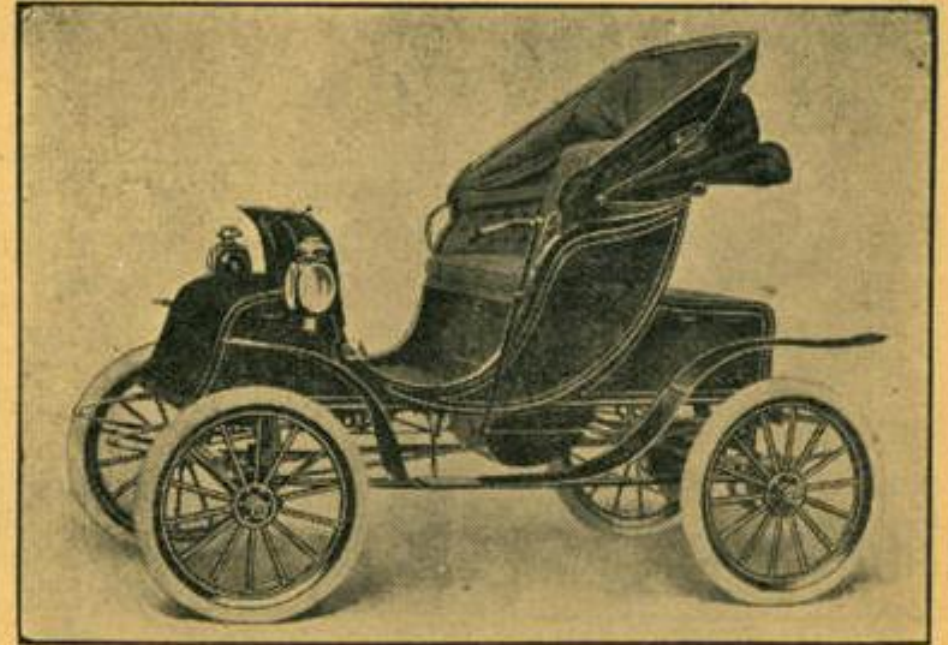


## Not all technology pathways have been a success

- By 1900, in the United States, 38% of US automobiles, 33,842 cars, were powered by electricity (40% were powered by steam, and 22% by gasoline).

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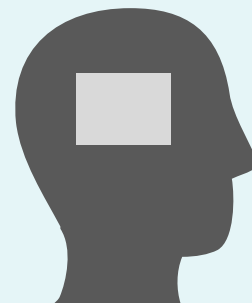


# Why scenarios?

- Forecasts and sensitivities are insufficient
- Grapple with genuine breadth of possibilities
- Stretch mindsets for better-informed decisions
- Learn and prepare

“Scenarios deepen our understanding of alternative futures in times of uncertainty.”

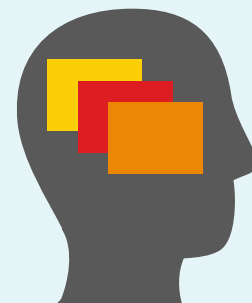
The Present



The Path



The Future

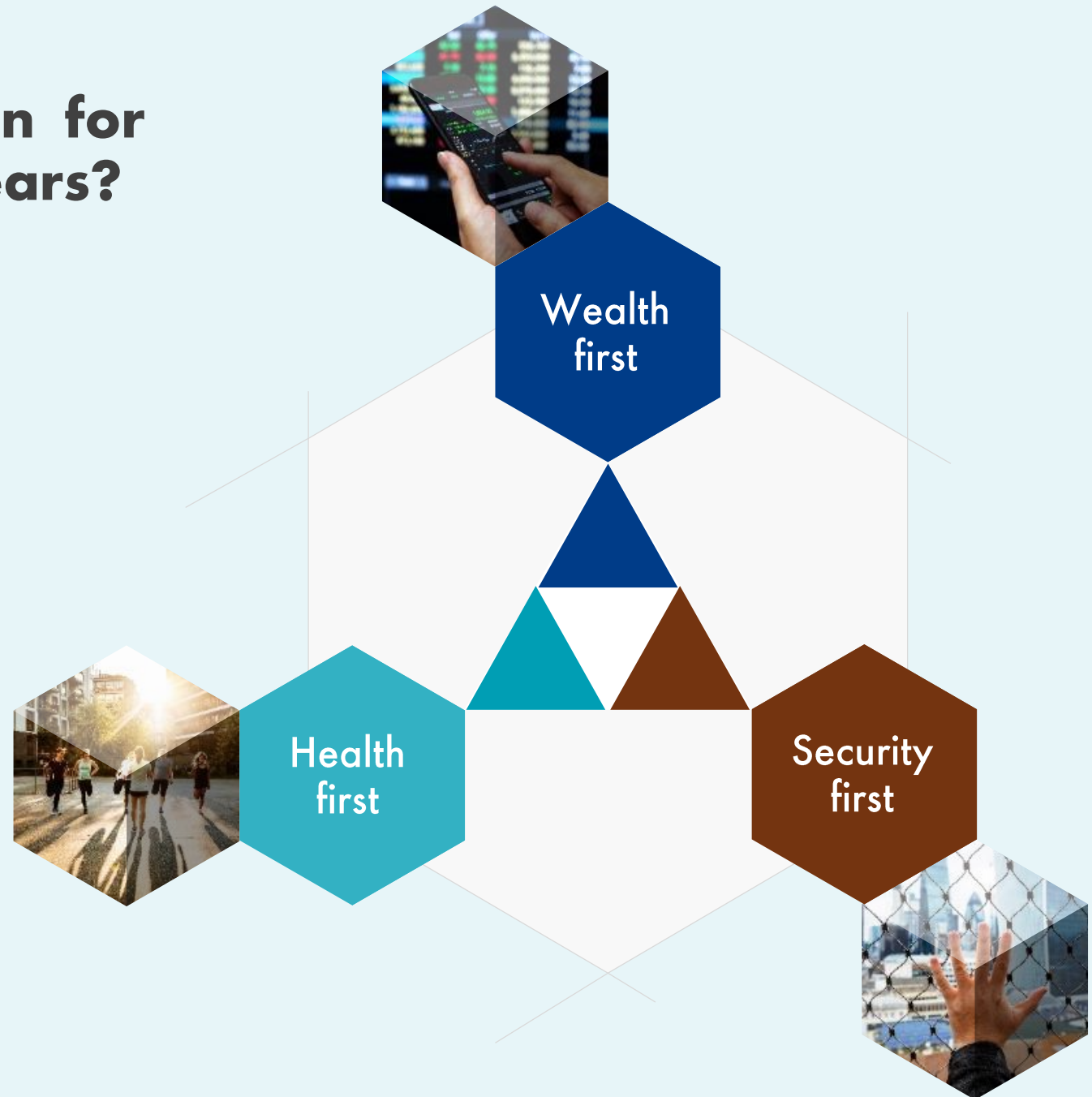


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# What might COVID-19 mean for the world in the coming years?

- 3 dramatic tensions at play – what governments and people prioritise will shape the future
- Implications for energy, energy transition and climate





# The Energy Transformation Scenarios





# Waves Late, but fast decarbonisation



- Wealth first – repair the economy
- Surge in energy use and emissions
- Growing inequality and more frequent and extreme weather events
- Social pressures; issues intensify
- Backlash forces rapid policy-driven reductions in fossil fuels
- 2.3°C above pre-industrial levels by the end of this century



# Islands Late and slow decarbonisation



- Security first – growing nationalism
- Frictions in collaboration and trade
- Economies stagnate; growth in energy demand stalls
- Global climate action slows
- Cleaner technology makes slow progress
- 2.5°C above pre-industrial levels by 2100, and still rising





# Sky 1.5 Accelerated decarbonisation now



- Health first – well-being is the priority
- People proceed cautiously, economies reopen slowly but steadily
- Recognition of value in alignments
- Green investment reshapes energy system
- Deep structural changes lower emissions
- 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels this century, in line with Paris goal

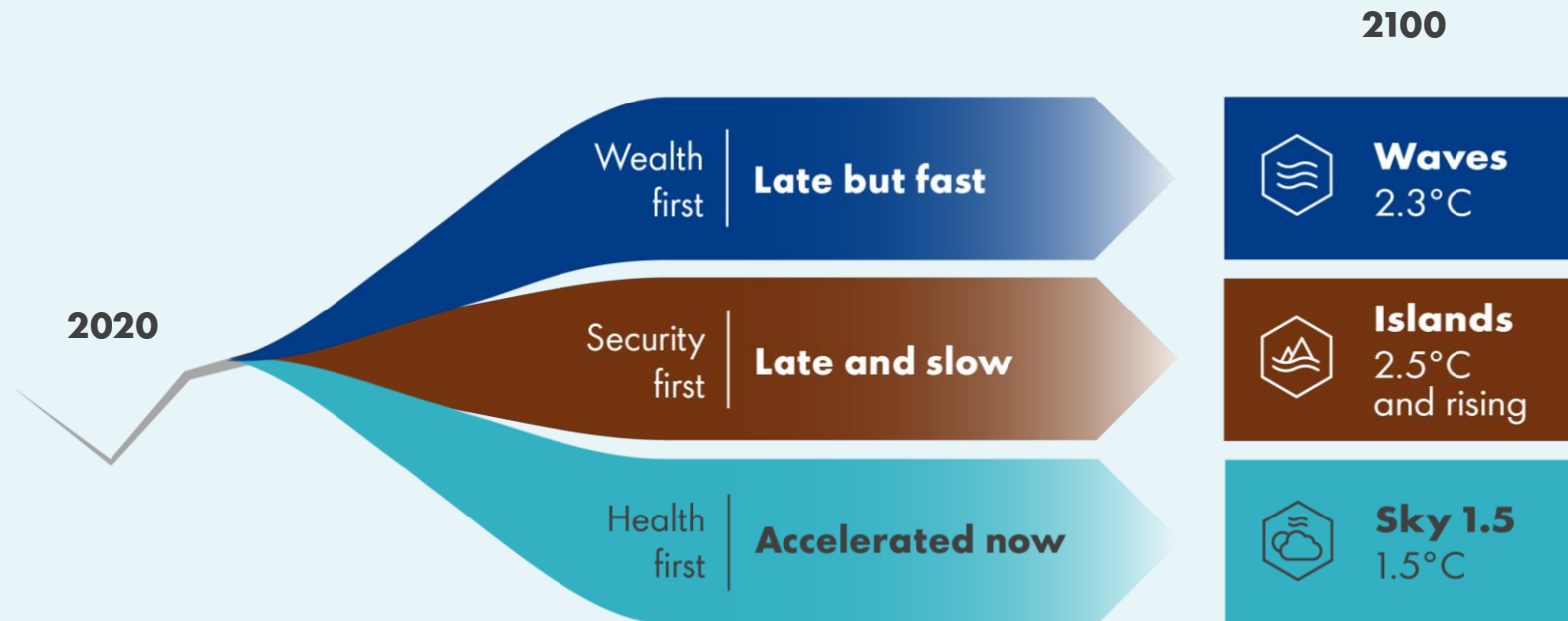




# Energy needs will grow, and the system decarbonises

The issue is speed

**Pace of decarbonisation**



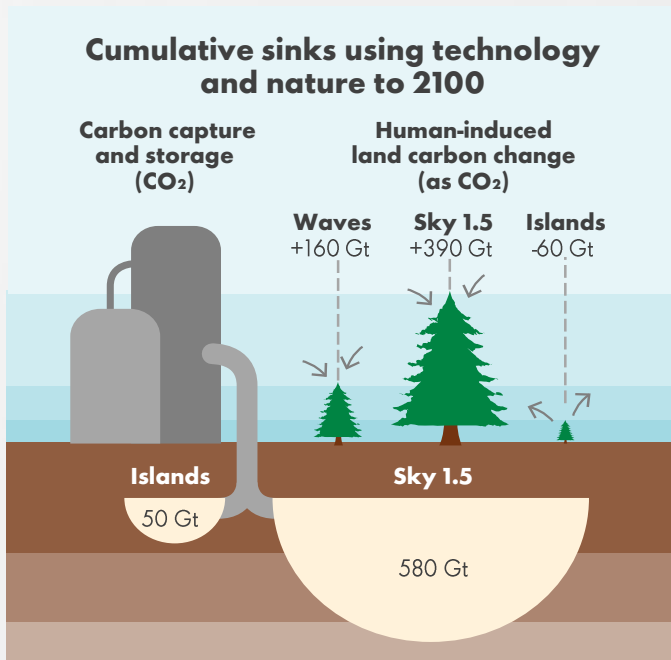
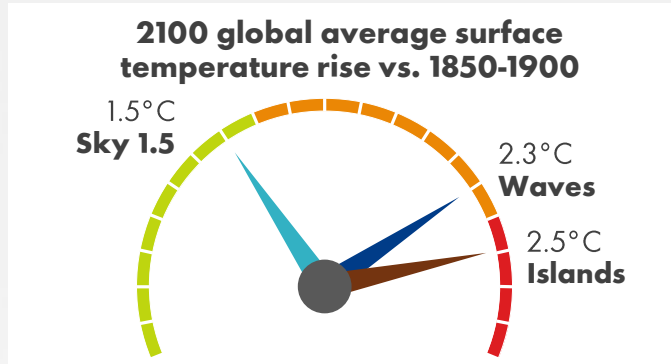
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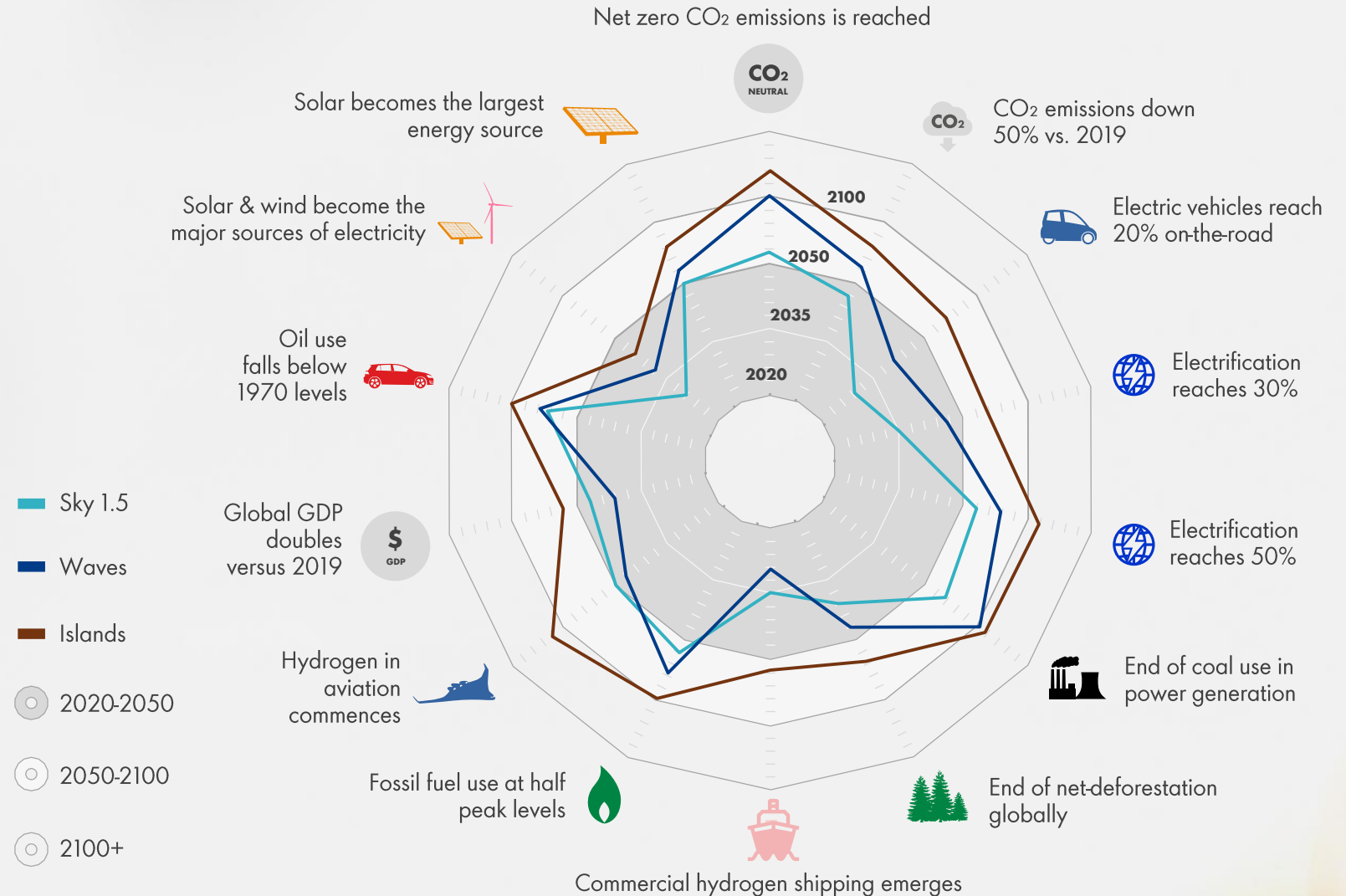
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# SHELL ENERGY TRANSFORMATION SCENARIOS

## ALL THREE PATHWAYS DECARBONISE: THE ISSUE IS SPEED



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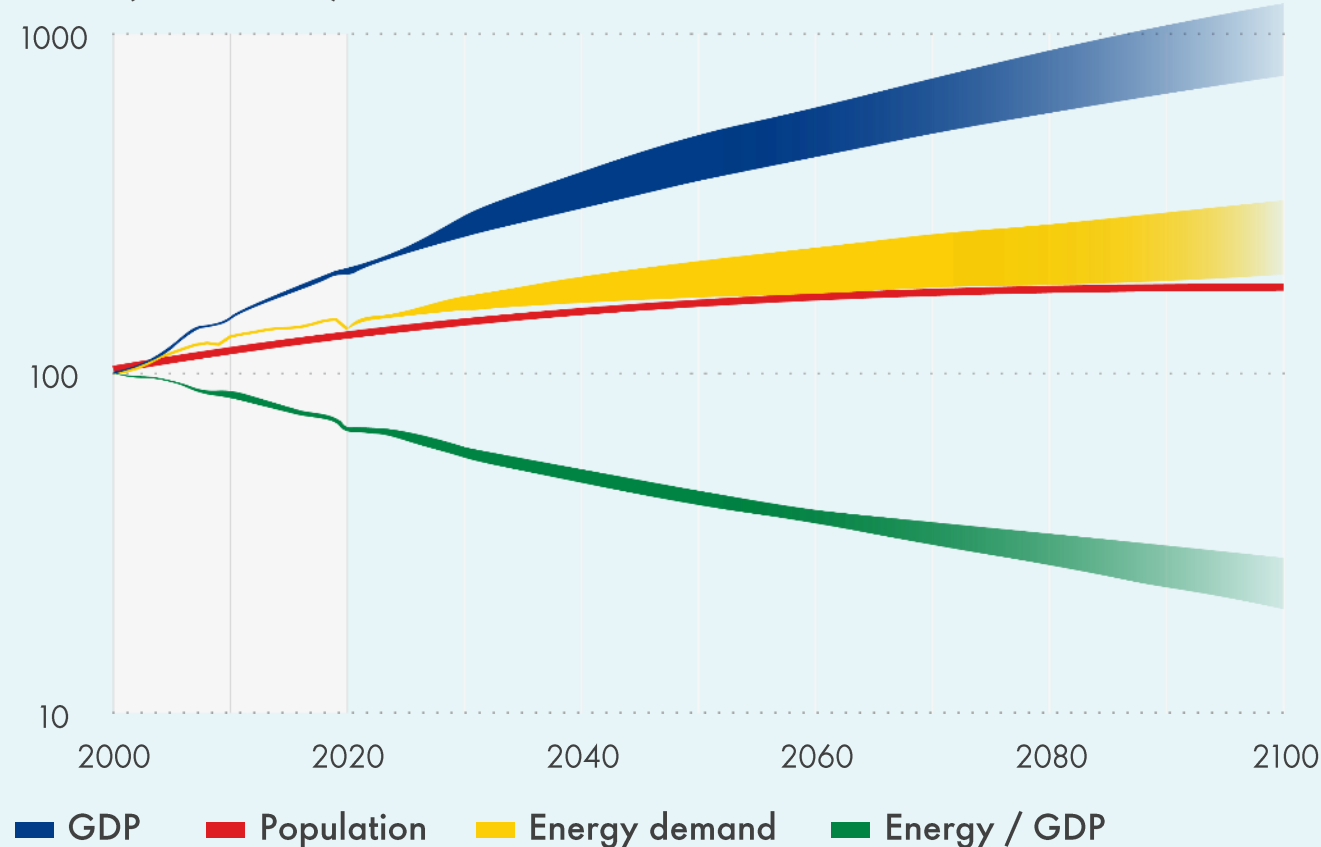




# The world will become much more energy-efficient, but energy consumption will still grow

## World trends

Index (2000 = 100)



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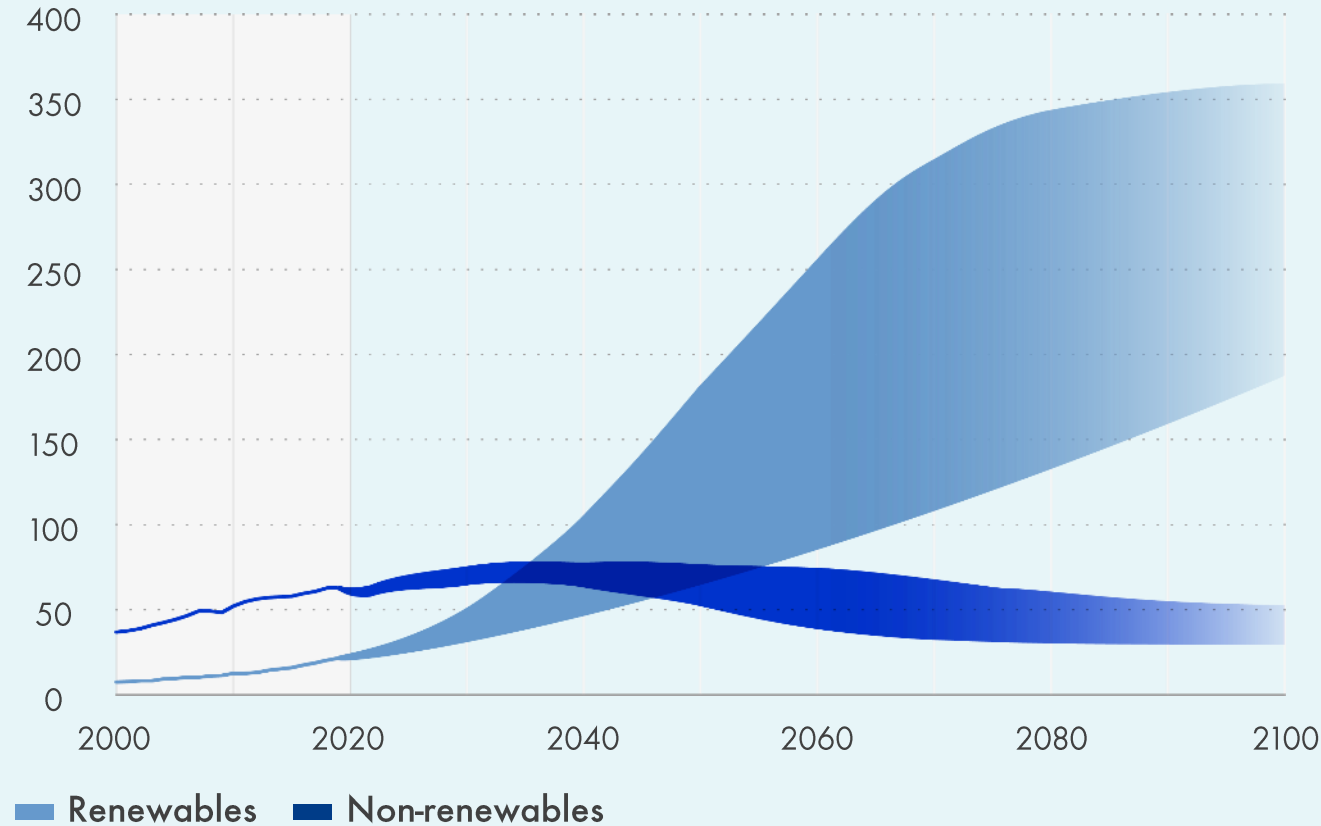
## In all scenarios energy demand increases:

- Structural changes and efficiency improvements allow the global economy to grow 2-3 times more than energy demand
- People seek a decent quality of life, energy enables this
- The OECD stabilize energy consumption
- Non-OECD still need to grow substantially to provide a decent quality of life for their citizens
- Improved efficiency and the shifting balance of economies towards service sectors reduces the average energy intensity of economic activity.

# Renewable electricity demand grows rapidly in all scenarios, increasing power generation by up to four times by 2100

## Electricity from renewables and non-renewables

EJ/year



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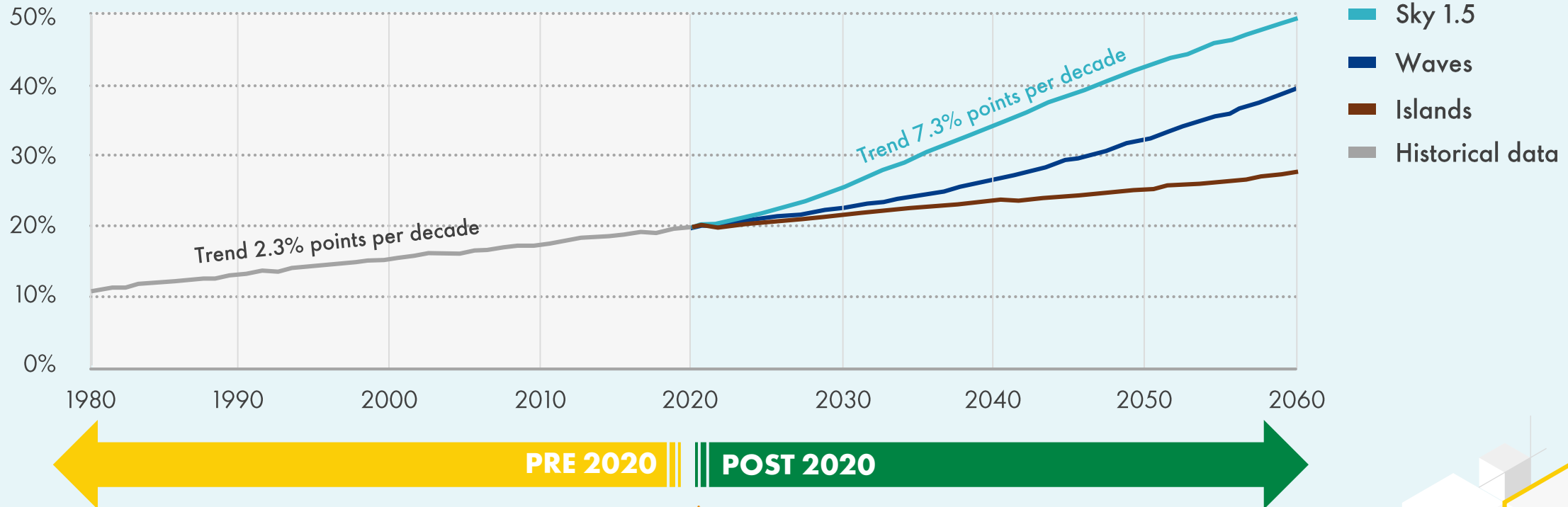
Solar PV combined with energy storage becomes the key 21<sup>st</sup> century energy technology








# All scenarios see expansion of the electricity system and electrification of energy services, but it is very rapid in Sky 1.5

## Share of electricity in final energy



600 GW of solar installed in 2010s  3000 GW of solar installed in 2020s

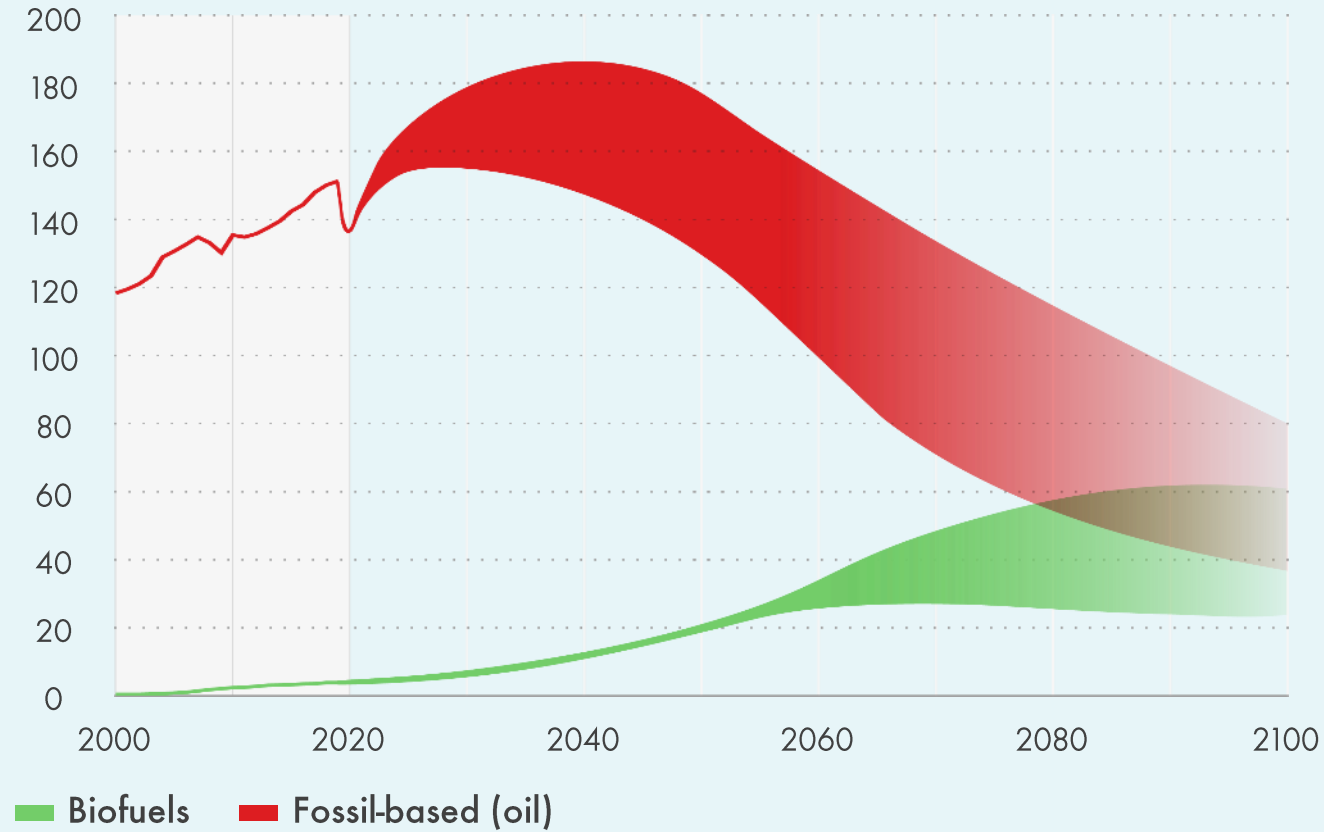
~150,000 3 MW turbines built during the 2010s, mainly onshore  70,000 10 MW turbines during the 2020s, off-shore focus

No real growth since the turn of the century  Increase by a third in the coming decade and double by 2040.

# Oil demand will peak in the next two decades, then decline as it is replaced by electricity and biofuels

## Liquid fuels demand

EJ/year



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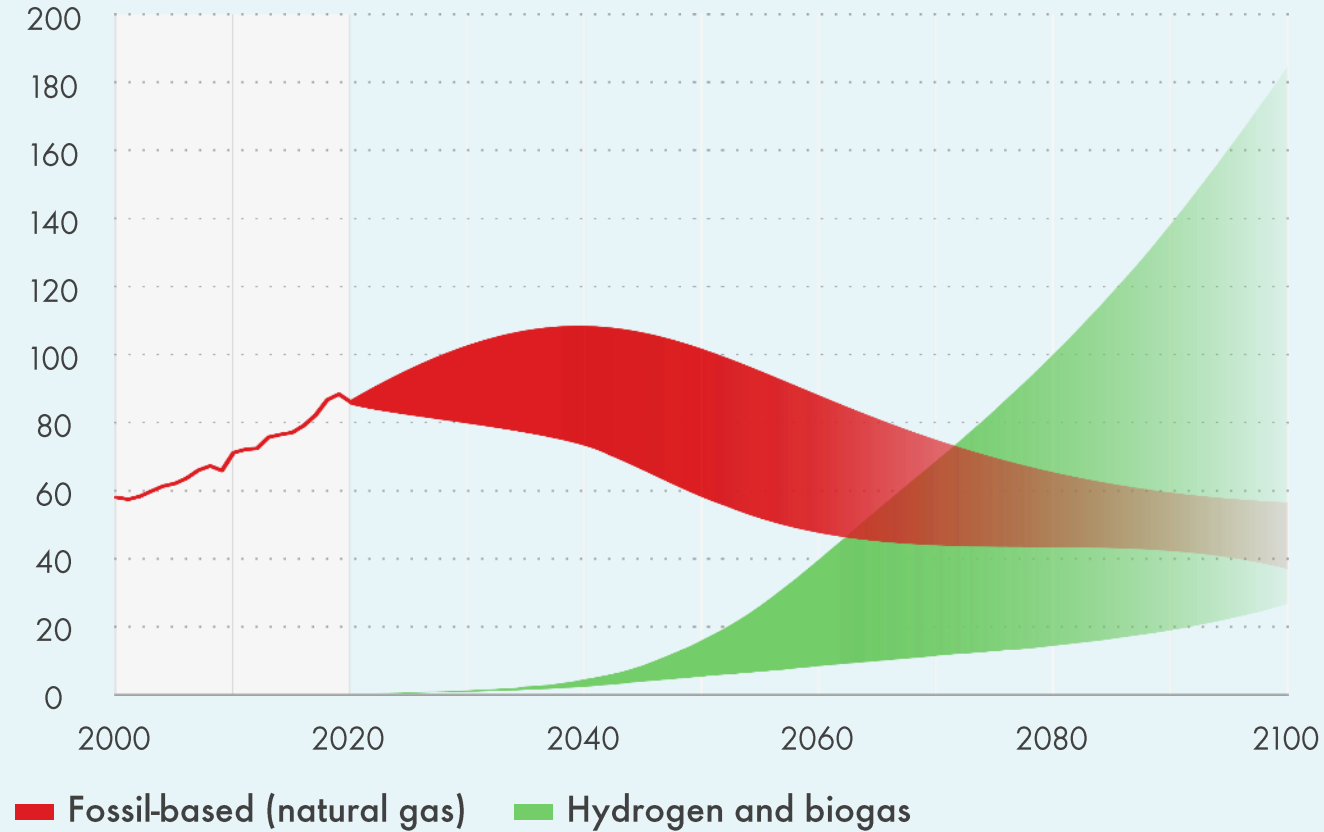




# Gaseous fuels will remain important for longer as they are decarbonised with hydrogen and biomethane

## Gaseous fuels demand

EJ/year



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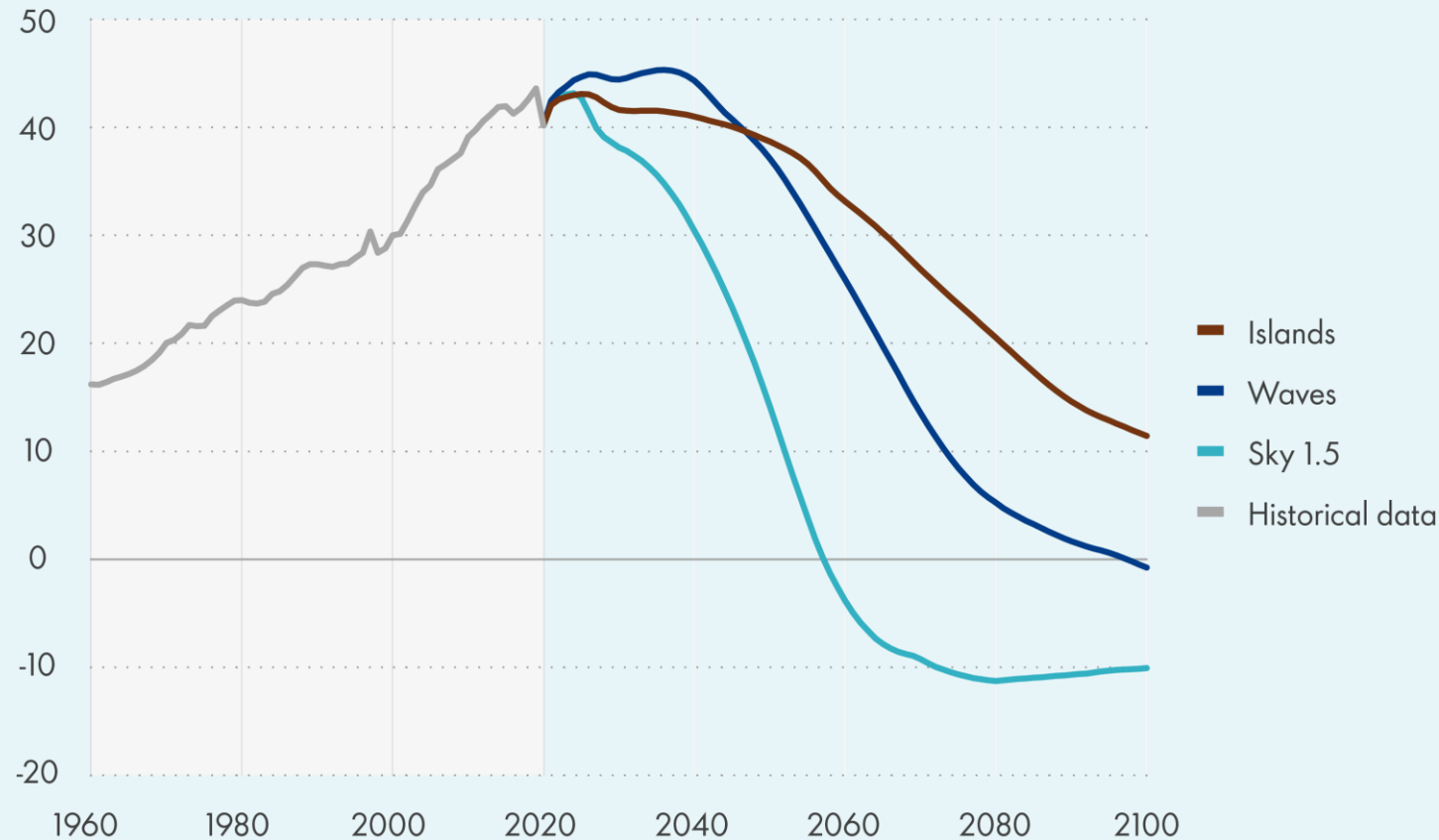
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# Achieving net-zero CO<sub>2</sub> emissions between the 2050s and into the next century

## CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

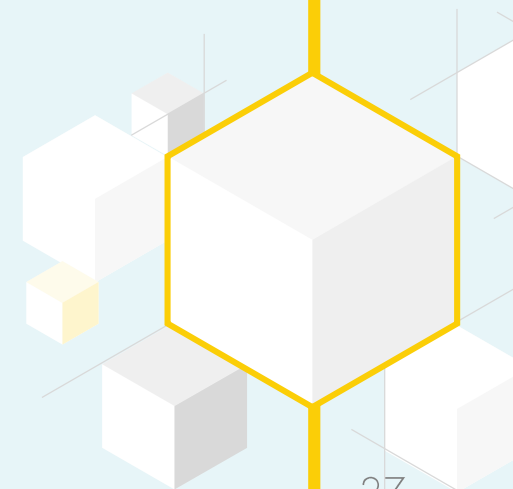
Gt CO<sub>2</sub>/year



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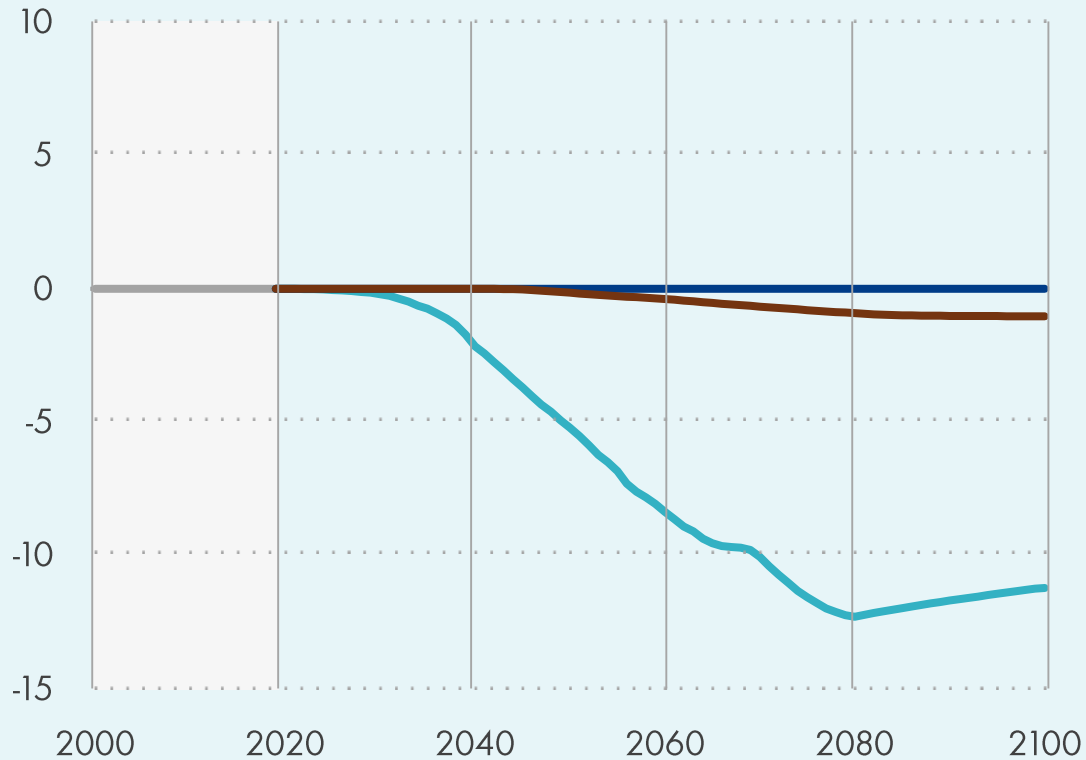




# Both technological and natural sinks will be critical to achieving 1.5 °C

## Energy-related emissions captured by CCS

Gt CO<sub>2</sub>/year



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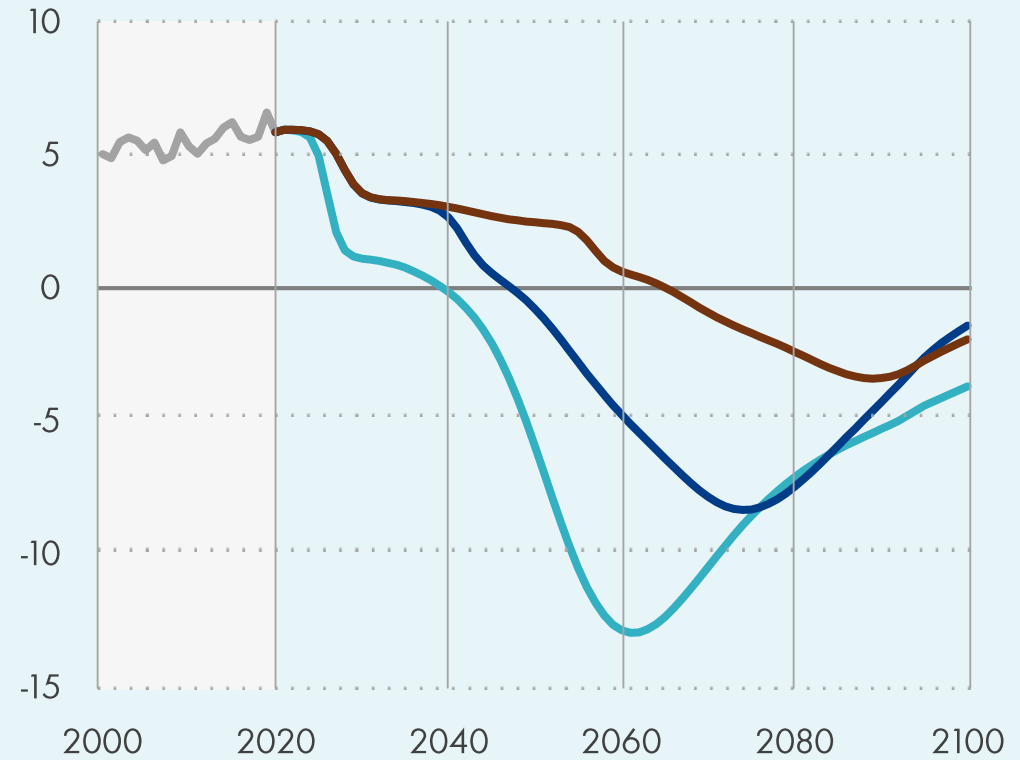
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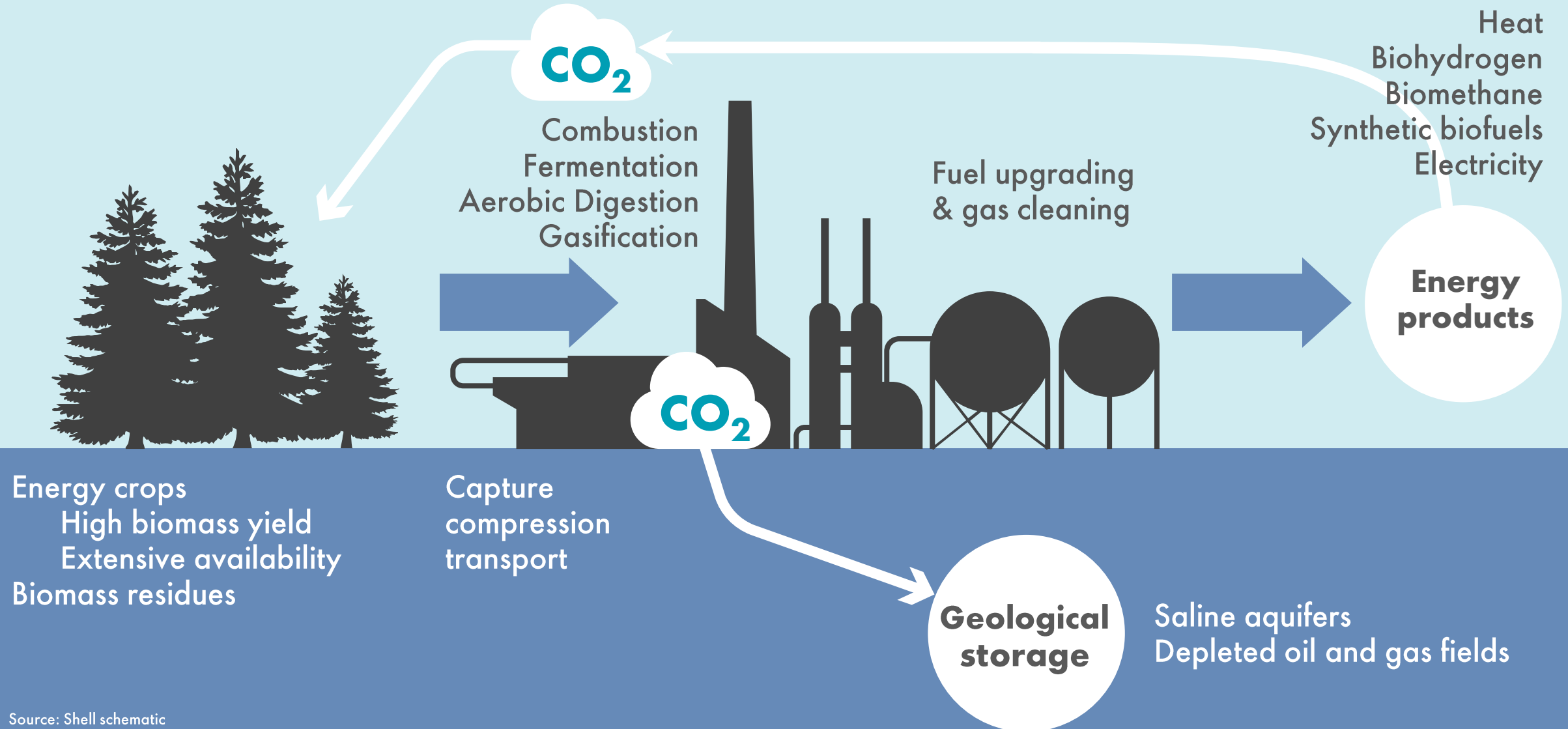
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## CO<sub>2</sub> removal using nature

Gt CO<sub>2</sub>/year



# Bioenergy with CCS has an important role to play





# 2020

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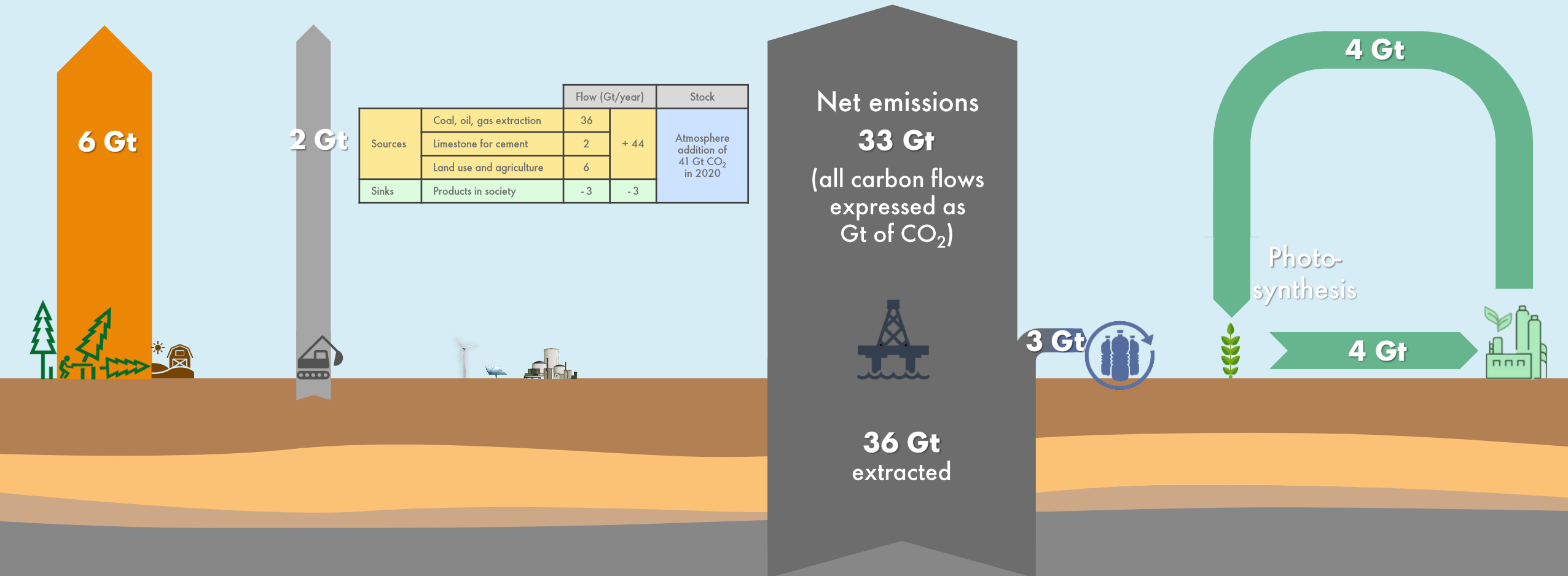
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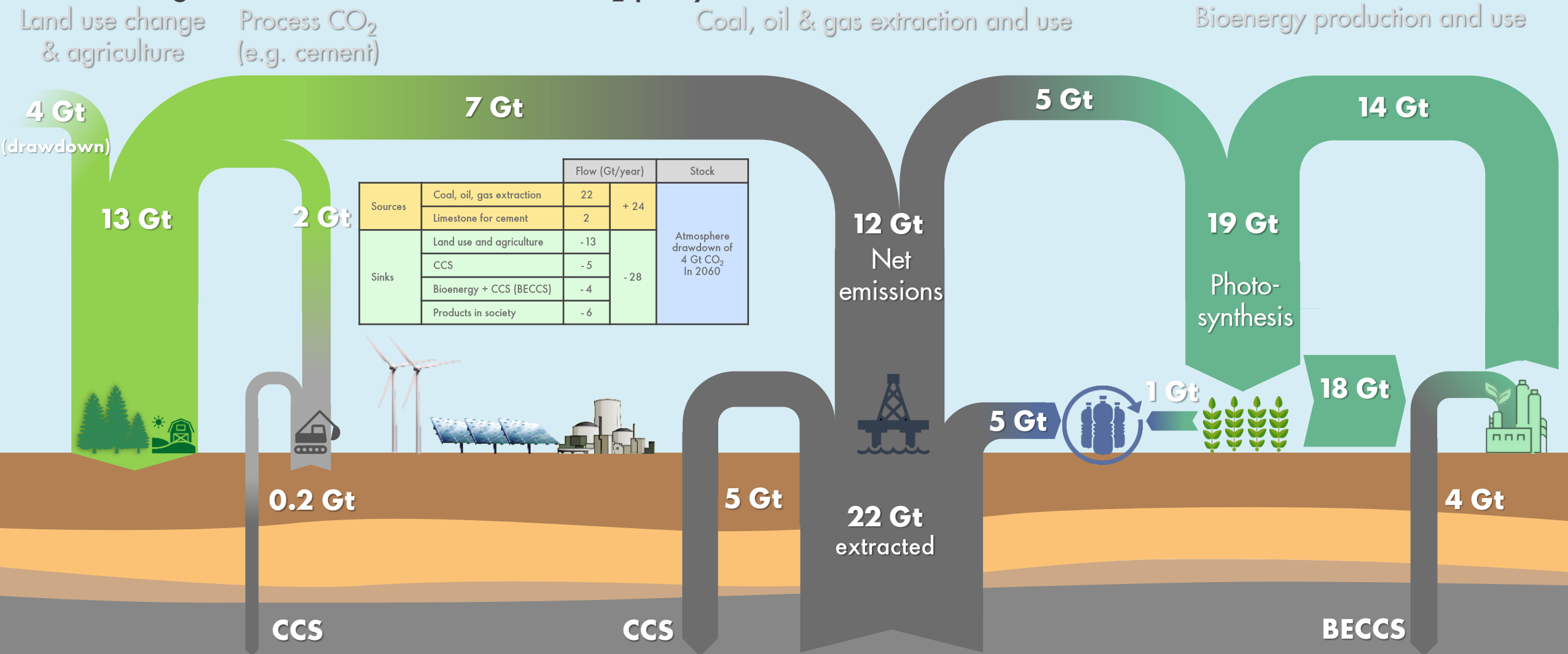
Bioenergy production and use



# 2060

## Sources and sinks of anthropogenic carbon (as CO<sub>2</sub>)

Net negative emissions of ~4 Gt CO<sub>2</sub> per year

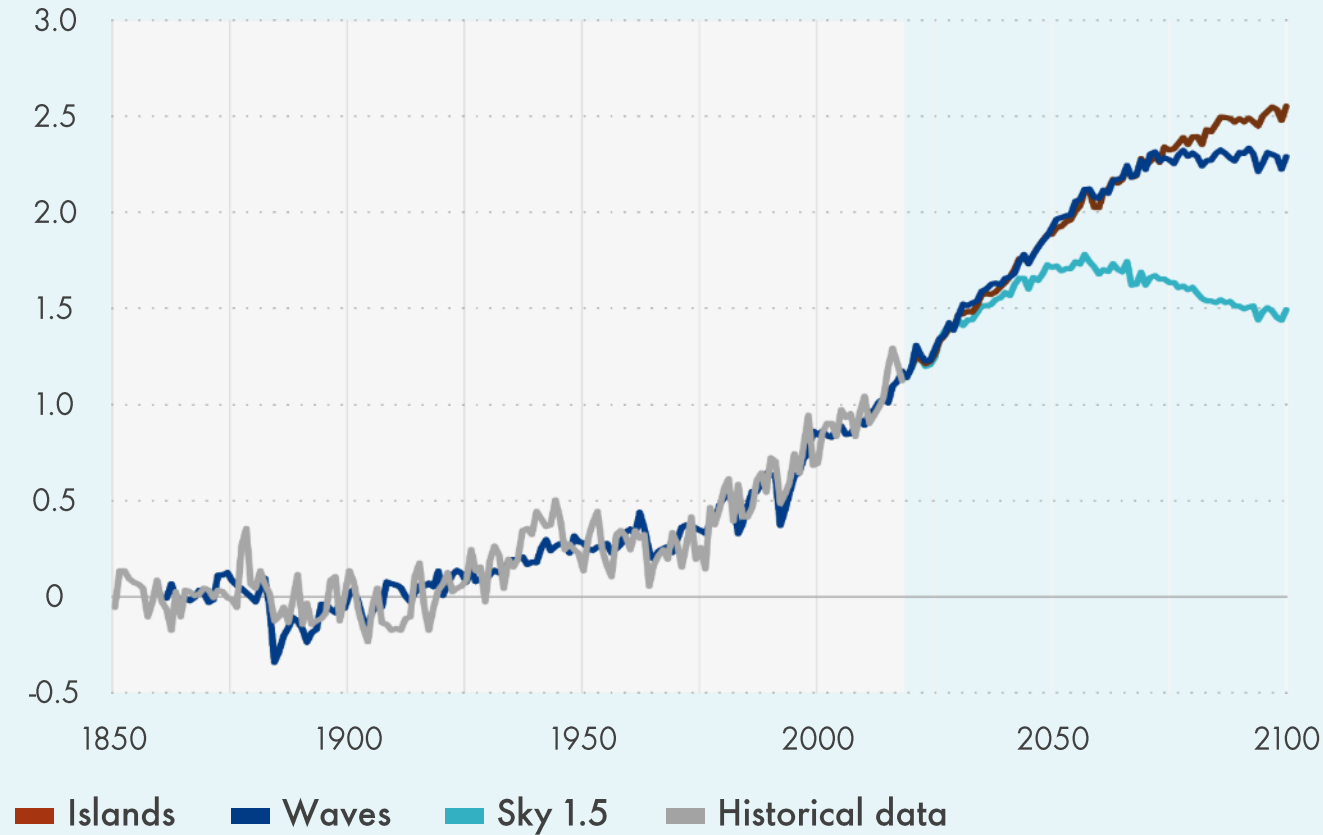




# Temperature increases can be halted in the 2060s, but could equally continue to rise until the end of the century and beyond

## World average surface temperature

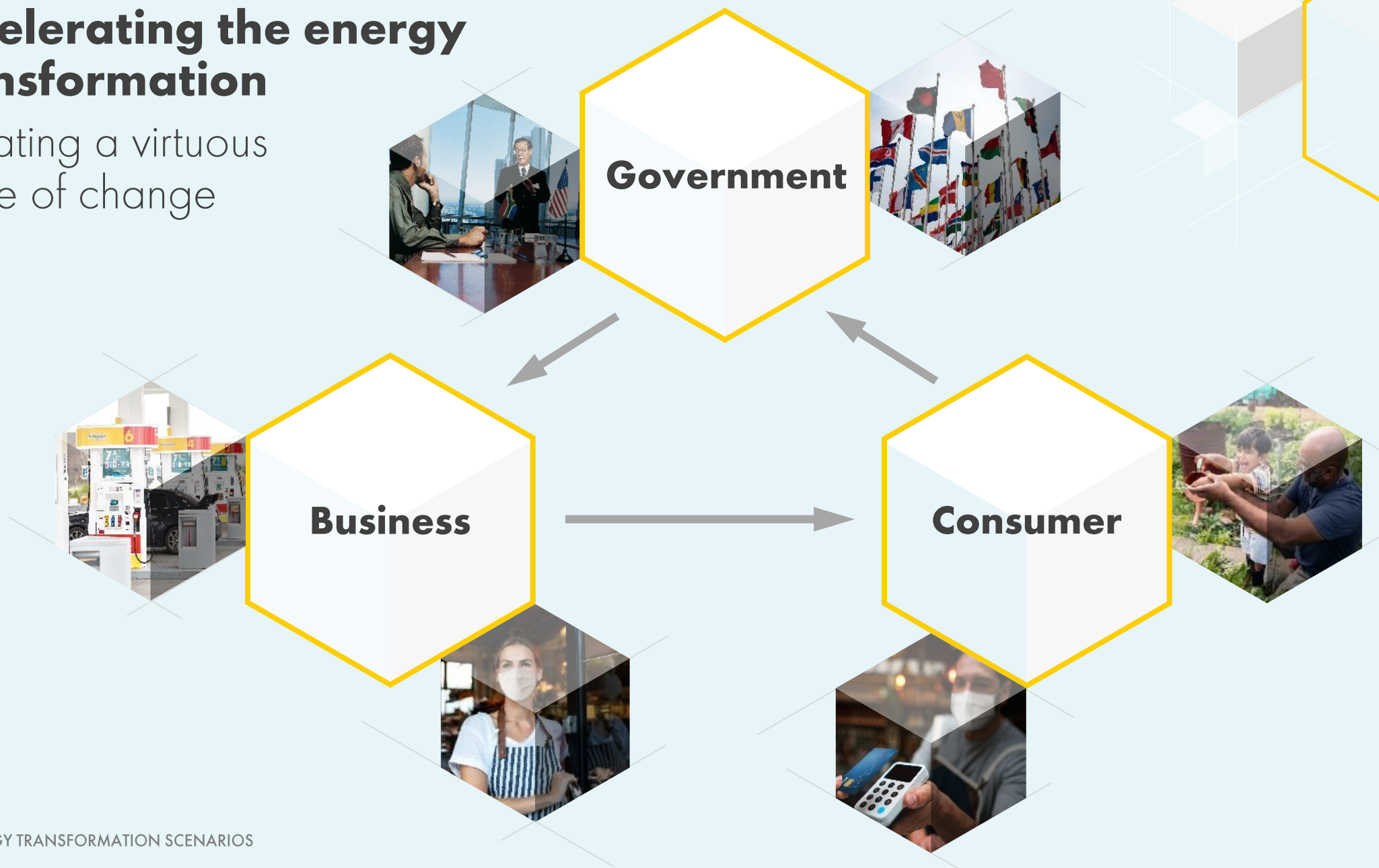
°C above 1850-1900



Source: Shell analysis, Met Office Hadley Centre (2020) (temperature history, HadCRUT5), MIT joint program on Global Change (scenarios)

# Accelerating the energy transformation

Creating a virtuous cycle of change





# Elements of an effective policy framework

## DRIVE ECONOMY-WIDE CHANGE

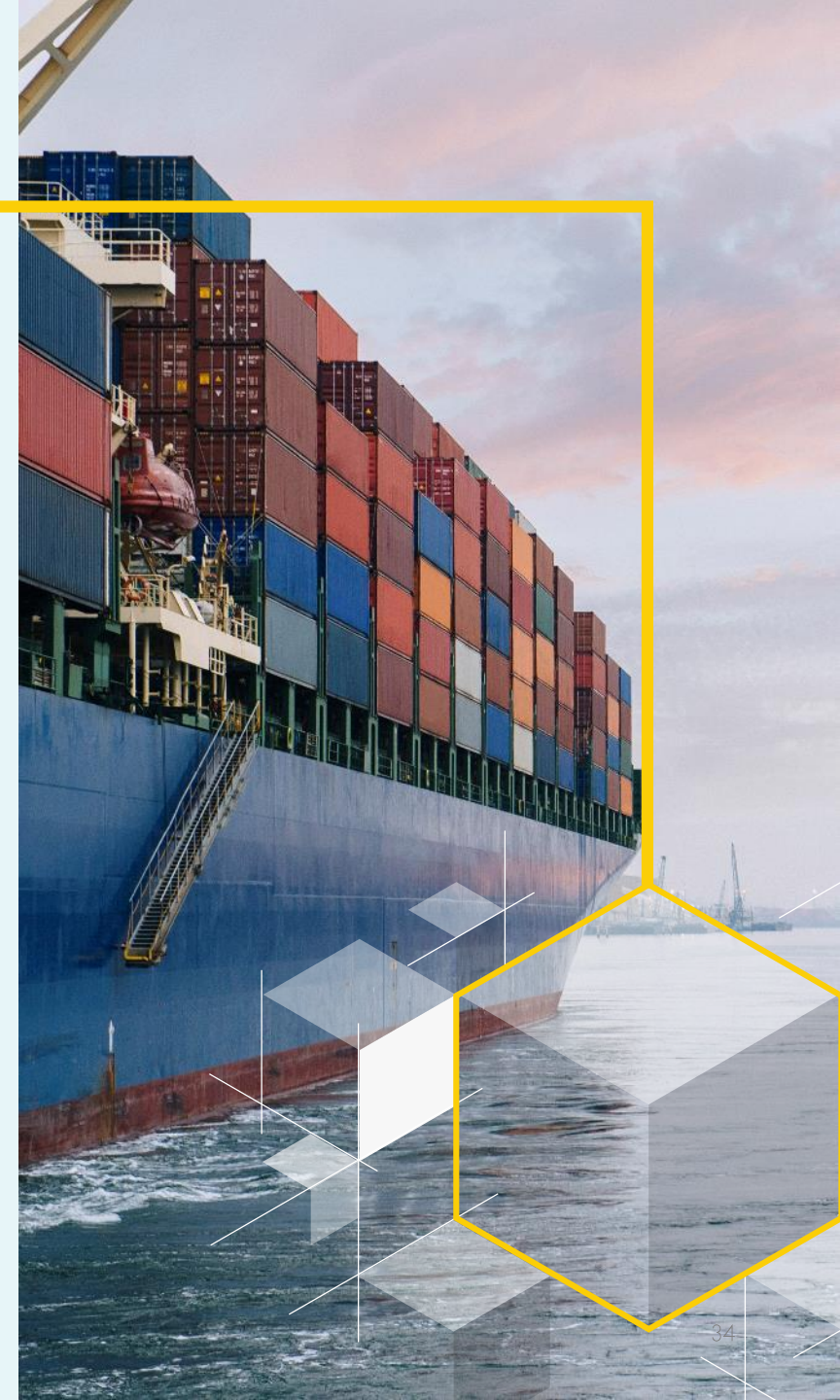
- Set binding decarbonisation targets and a clear trajectory for achieving them
- Ramp up carbon pricing over time
- Rewire the economy with low-carbon electricity

## ACCELERATE SECTORAL TRANSFORMATIONS

- Encourage better coordination within sectoral value chains
- Provide time-limited fiscal and financial incentives
- Create markets/demand for these low-carbon fuels
- Support infrastructure planning and investment
- Establish governance for carbon removals

## CREATE SOCIETAL SUPPORT

- Keep costs down with clear and predictable policies
- Manage transition frictions and dislocations through fair and equitable policies
- Engage society proactively in driving change with transparent and inclusive policies



# The Energy Transformation Scenarios

## FOUR CONCLUSIONS



The energy system  
will be transformed –  
the issue is speed



Action accelerators  
are necessary  
to meet climate  
aspirations

Energy needs  
will grow



Transformation  
will have costs  
and benefits





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