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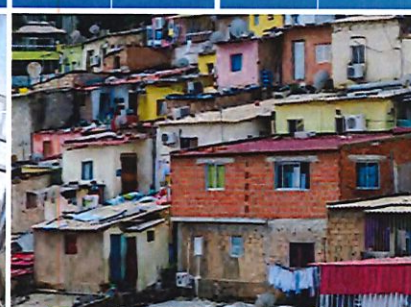
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A low-angle, upward-looking photograph of several modern skyscrapers against a clear blue sky with light, wispy clouds. The buildings are seen from below, creating a sense of height and scale. The sky is a vibrant blue, and the clouds are soft and white. The buildings have various architectural styles, with some featuring glass facades and others more solid structures.

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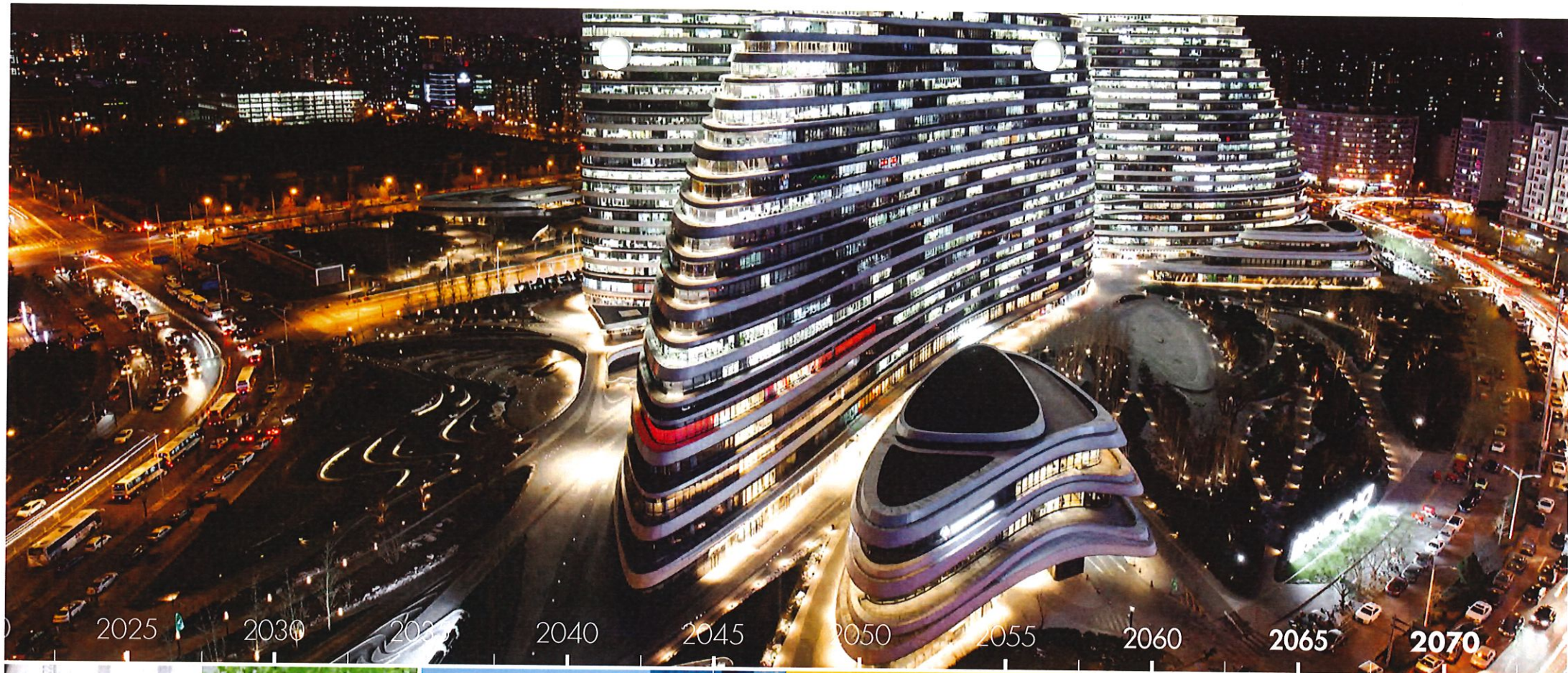
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CHAPTER 1 **WELL BELOW 2°C: THE PARIS AMBITION**

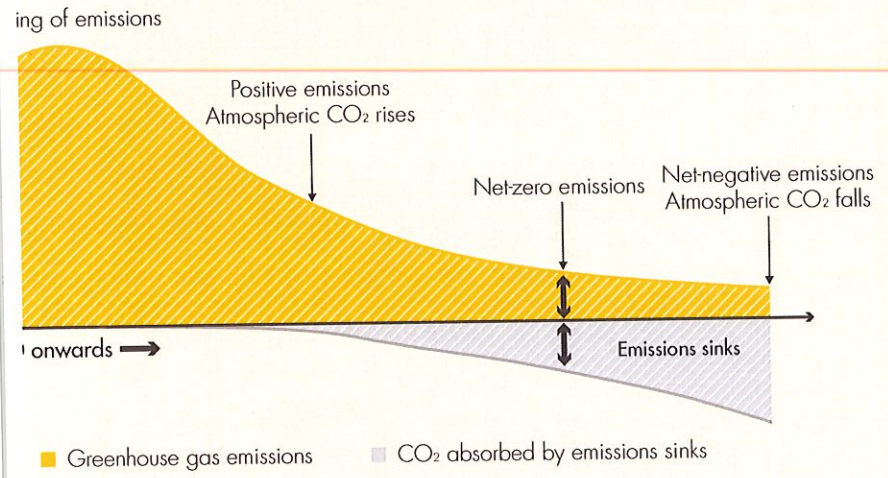
WELL BELOW 2°C: PARIS AMBITION

The 2015 Paris Agreement on climate change is a remarkable document. In 28 pages it offers a pragmatic blueprint for resolving one of the toughest society faces. The aim of the Agreement is to hold the increase in the global temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and to pursue limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels.

Of this goal, the Agreement calls for a balance between anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of greenhouse gases in the second half of the century. This emphasis on "a balance" is also referred to as "net-zero" – is a critical development that recognises that surface temperature is directly related to the cumulative

total of carbon dioxide (CO₂) emitted to the atmosphere. If total cumulative emissions overshoot a threshold, it may be necessary to go beyond net-zero emissions to achieve "net-negative" emissions, where more CO₂ is extracted from the atmosphere than continues to be released. In such a case, the global average surface temperature can fall.

THE AGREEMENT CALLS FOR AN EARLY PEAK IN EMISSIONS, THEN A DECLINE TO NET-ZERO EMISSIONS DURING THE SECOND HALF OF THE CENTURY



Shell schematic

Implementation of the Agreement is now under way, with most national governments responding quickly to the call for ratification and the delivery of their first national contributions. New coalitions have also formed around government-led carbon pricing and coal phase-out, but the task is only just beginning. Success is hoped for but is not a given.

The context for a pathway forward

Our 2016 publication, *A Better Life with a Healthy Planet*, recognised the desire of a large part of the world's population to have a better life – which means that energy demand will rise in relatively poor countries even as it may fall in relatively rich ones. Within this context of a better life for all, we highlighted the key changes in each main sector of the economy – industry, transport, buildings, and power generation – that were required to deliver a world of net-zero CO₂ emissions from energy.

While we know, in general, what key conditions and energy system changes are required for net-zero emissions, it would be helpful to have a pathway to achieving that goal by 2070 – a timeframe compatible with holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C. Because the future is unpredictable, especially when it comes to complex global societal systems over an extended period involving technology, government policy, and consumer behaviour, the best approach to exploring this pathway is to use scenarios.

Energy scenarios for the pathways forward

Scenarios are alternative stories of the future that help us learn useful lessons from the present. They are not policy prescriptions – they do not argue for what should be done. Nor are they forecasts – what is done, by society, industry, or anyone else. They offer descriptions of what could be – plausible pathways for the future with insights along the way.

For over two decades Shell scenario has incorporated the issue of climate change with different scenarios showing varying levels of success in addressing this global issue. But with typical forward timeframes of 25 years in the 1990s, reaching to 50 years in the early 2000s, the full resolution of the climate issue – complete transformation of the global energy system was never clearly visible.



In *Sky*, the rate of decline in global emissions after 2035 exceeds the rate of growth we've seen for this century – an eye-watering achievement

transformation has always been, and is a journey measured in generations, leading out to the end of this century.

Shell published its **New Lens** report, comprising two outlooks named **Land** and **Oceans**. For the first time, the report featured energy-system modelling from 2020 to 2100, which allowed long-term scenarios to be seen in their entirety. Exploring very different socio-political scenarios, the scenarios show that persistent widespread application of CO₂-targeted frameworks, including large-scale transition to renewable energy and extensive CCS (carbon capture and storage), could lead to net-zero emissions in the energy sector. However, in the two scenarios, that net-zero is achieved around the end of the

21st century, which means that they fall short of the temperature goal of the Paris Agreement.

Looking beyond Mountains and Oceans

Drawing lessons from that previous work and additional analyses, we now present a possible pathway for decarbonising the global economy with the societal aim of achieving net-zero emissions from energy use by 2070 – a scenario called “**Sky**.”

Sky recognises that a simple extension of current efforts, whether efficiency mandates, modest carbon taxes, or renewable energy supports, is insufficient for the scale of change required. The relevant transformations in the energy and natural systems require concurrent climate policy action and the deployment of

Reaching Sky – an ambitious scenario to hold the increase in global average temperature to well below 2°C.

Reaching Sky requires a complex combination of mutually reinforcing drivers rapidly accelerated by society, markets, and governments.

From now to 2070 –

A change in consumer mindset means that people preferentially choose low-carbon, high-efficiency options to meet their energy service needs.

Improvement in the efficiency of energy use leads to gains above historical trends.

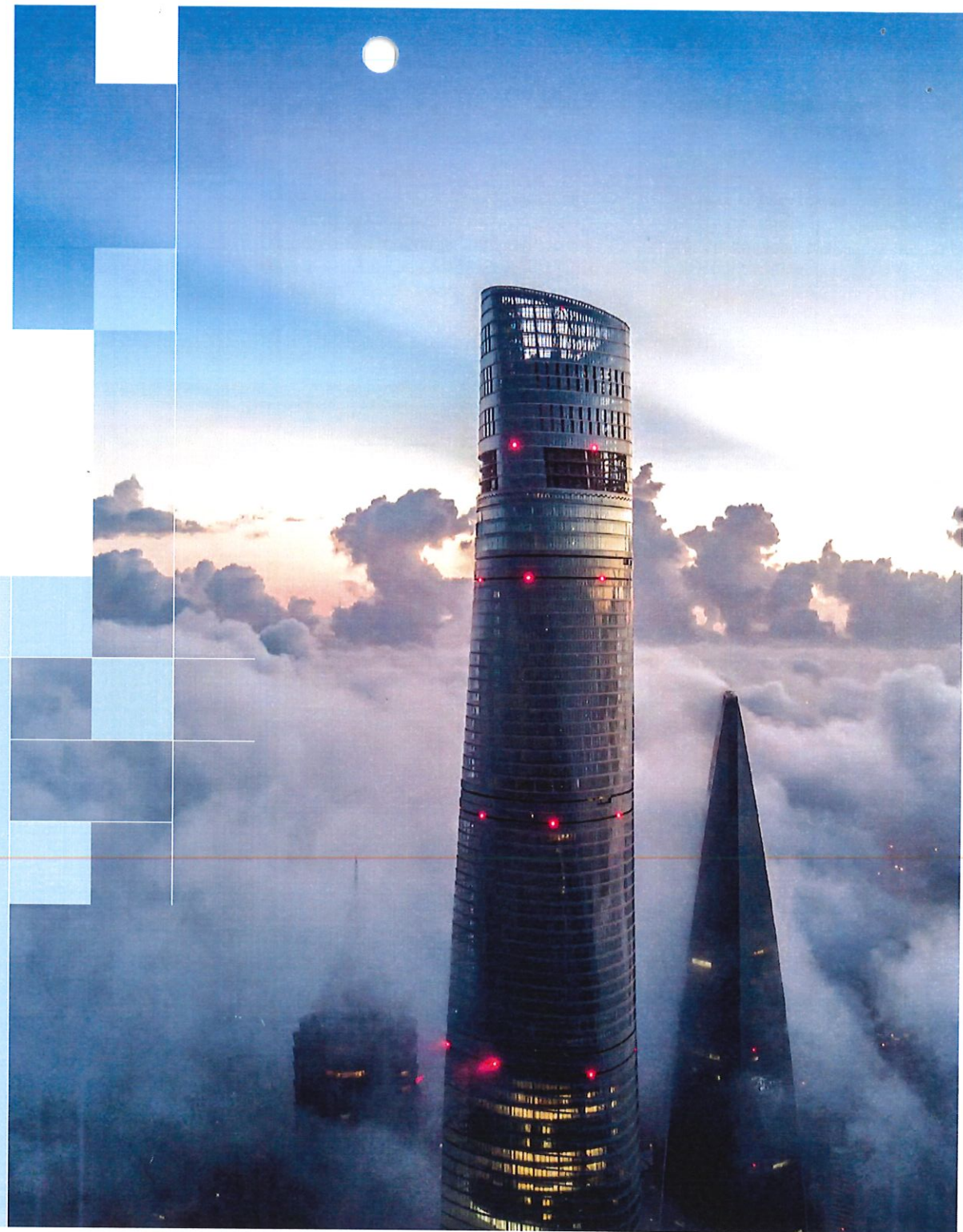
Carbon-pricing mechanisms are adopted by governments globally over the 2020s, leading to a meaningful cost of CO₂ embedded within consumer goods and services.

Rate of electrification of final energy more than triples, with global electricity generation reaching a level nearly five times today's level.

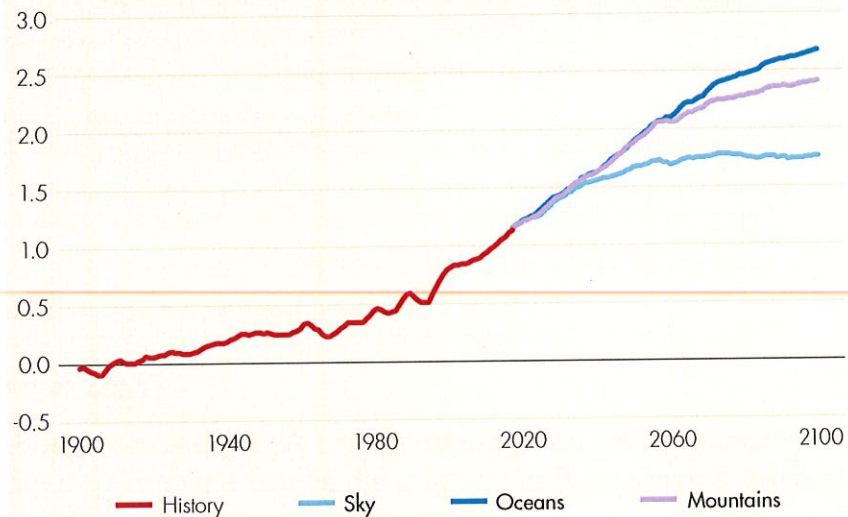
Renewable energy sources grow up to fifty-fold, with primary energy from renewables eclipsing fossil fuels in the 2050s.

Over 10,000 large carbon capture and storage facilities are built, compared to fewer than 10 in operation in 2020.

Net-zero deforestation is achieved. In addition, an area the size of Brazil being reforested offsets the possibility of limiting warming to 1.5°C, the ultimate ambition of the Paris Agreement.



SCENARIOS COMPARED – GLOBAL AVERAGE SURFACE TEMPERATURE RISE



The MIT Joint Program on the Science and Policy of Global Change modelled the climate impacts in comparison with those of **Mountains** and **Oceans**. All series are five-year moving averages.

MIT

new technologies at mass scale government policy environments that incentivise investment and innovation. The factor will suffice to achieve the goal. Instead, **Sky** relies on a complex combination of mutually reinforcing drivers steadily accelerated by society, markets, and governments.

climate challenges arise from the accumulation of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, there are an infinite number of pathways for the annual reduction of emissions over the coming decades that can result in an outcome consistent with the Paris Agreement. Of course, some of these pathways are more plausible than others – you would expect that the global economy would not be completely re-wired overnight.

Sky begins with the current structure of economic sectors and government policies and the capacity for change that exists today. It then assumes very aggressive, but plausible, capacity-building and ratcheting of policy commitments through the first two five-year review cycles embodied in the Paris agreement. Beyond that time-frame, there are naturally rather greater uncertainties about how policies and technology may be developed and implemented globally. So, the scenario progressively becomes driven simply by the ambitious goal to achieve net-zero emissions by 2070, taking full account of the characteristics of scale, technological substitution, and investment in the various sectors of different national economies. Such a goal-driven scenario is sometimes referred to as “normative.”



By adopting an approach grounded in the current reality of the energy system but then combined with a specific long-term goal, we intend **Sky** to be both an ambitious scenario and a realistic tool for practical considerations today.

Additionally, we are publishing extensive quantitative data sets for the **Sky** scenario, so that others can inspect and make more use of this information themselves.

The Paris Agreement has sent a signal to the world; climate change is a serious threat that governments are determined to address. By 2070, there is the potential for a very different energy system to emerge. It is a system that brings modern energy to a world without delivering a climate legacy that society cannot readily adapt to. That is the essence of the **Sky** scenario.

[Link to quantitative data sets](#)



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CHAPTER 2 **CHALLENGES FOR A 21ST CENTURY SCENARIO**

CHALLENGES FOR A CENTURY SCENARIO

Challenge: Energy demand is rising

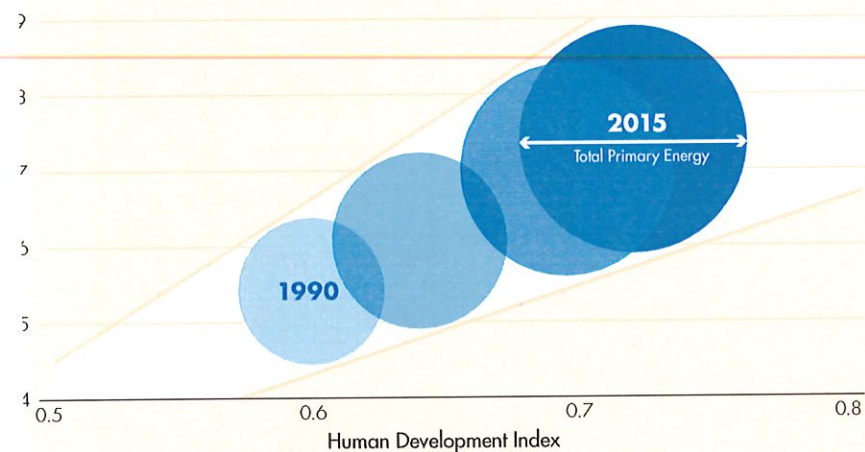
Energy enables the whole economy to function. It is needed and used everywhere – in homes, factories, shops, schools, personal transport, freight, power, water systems, agriculture, and construction. It is a vital hidden element in manufacturing and delivering almost all the products and services that society takes for granted.

Over the course of the 20th century, energy demand increased ten-fold, and population more than tripled, economic growth and development surged, extended healthcare became commonplace, and a wide range of new energy services appeared, from electricity at the beginning of the century to mobile services at its end. But in the 21st century, the UN Sustainable Development Goals show that several billion people are still pursuing the goal of life through much-needed access to

clean water, sanitation, nutrition, health care, and education. Energy is a key enabler for these basic needs.

On a per capita annual basis, the range of primary energy use today is from 20 gigajoules (GJ) in a country such as Kenya, to about 300 GJ in the US. The global average currently stands at nearly 80 GJ but is expected to rise as near universal access to modern energy services is achieved during this century.

ENERGY DEMAND RISES WITH POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT



Source: Shell analysis, IEA, UN

New energy services will feature in the 21st century as well, from extensive use of artificial environments in which people live and work in comfort to trillions of connected devices within the "internet of things." As an early example, the connections people make through international travel have already doubled in the first two decades of this century (measured in terms of international air travel arrivals). Population growth, much-needed development, new energy services, and the extended use of existing services will all contribute to energy demand growth.

Challenge: Efficiency can have unexpected consequences

Without limiting the availability of energy services, energy demand growth can potentially be slowed through rapid improvement in the efficiency of such services. While this will inevitably happen it can be a double-edged sword. On the one hand, increased efficiency has been one of the economic growth engines of the 20th century, with the manufacturing cost of energy consumption of appliances such as air conditioners falling consistently over decades. But on the other hand, these costs have also led to increasing uptake by consumers.



In 2016, vehicle ownership in North America and Europe varied from 500 to 800 per 1000 people. China was at 42 per 1000 people, with India at 12 per 1000, and inevitably set to grow.

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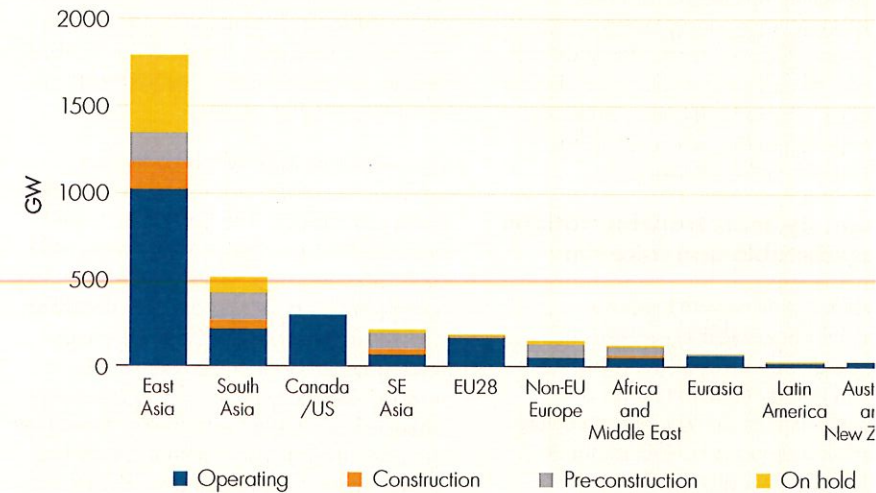
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Although the world is beginning to act,
substantive progress towards the Paris goal
will be challenging, partly because of coal.
As renewables and natural gas increasingly
dominate the energy sector in developed
countries, bringing down emissions, coal
use is increasing in some economies as
new generation capacity is required for
development. Vietnam is one such economy,
with several large coal-fired power stations
under construction in 2018.

A stark reality of the early 21st century is the
lack of a clear development pathway for
an emerging economy that doesn't include
coal. Coal is a relatively easy resource to
tap into and make use of. It requires little
technology to get going but offers a great
deal, including electricity, heating, industry,



COAL ELECTRICITY GENERATION CAPACITY



Note: Coal remains popular. New projects outside China could potentially exceed those under construction in the country.

Source: Global Coal Plant Tracker, January 2017, endcoal.org

and, very importantly, smelting to make iron. Although solar PV and wind offer clean, distributed electricity, benefiting households, electricity alone is currently insufficient for rapid urbanisation and industrialisation, including the construction of cities and the manufacture of products such as automobiles and appliances.

Challenge: Some parts of the energy system are "stubborn"

Not all economies will reach net-zero emissions at the same time. The EU or North America may need to consider this as an objective for the 2050s, in part to balance countries that arrive at this point much later in the century. As a progressive country within a progressive region, Sweden has already set its eyes on 2045. But net-zero emissions in almost any industrial economy in the 2040s is a tough ask. The apparent lack of low-carbon solutions for aviation, shipping, cement manufacture, some chemicals

processes, smelting, glass manufacture others means that significant sectors of industrial economy won't trend rapidly towards zero emissions. Even the power sector still need support from conventional the generation in 2050.

Challenge: Some technologies are "stalled"

Some promising technologies are currently stalled, with hydrogen, perhaps, being a notable example. Coming into this century was seen as the future fuel in road transport, but hydrogen has now been eclipsed by battery electric vehicle developments. More recently, hydrogen has been proposed as a potential solution for industrial processes requiring intense heat, the metallurgical sector (where coal is the staple), home heating, and transport, where battery storage is severely limited owing to weight.

sector where progress has been an originally anticipated is biofuels, which has the potential to essential, high-energy density, low-carbon footprint fuels for certain transport modes. Biofuel production could also be used as a route to negative emissions, in the US today, where CCS has been attached to a bio-ethanol plant.

Challenge: Systems transformations predictable and take time

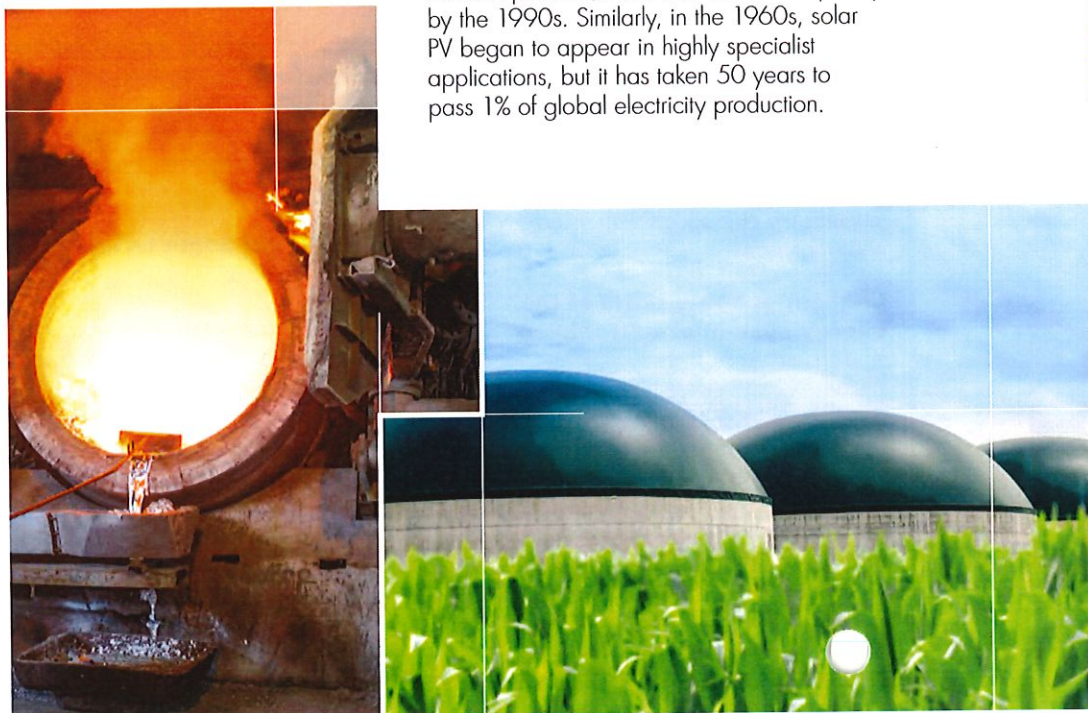
Aligning in line with the Paris Agreement means achieving net-zero emissions by 2070, just over 50 years away. In energy transition terms, a century is the blink of an eye, and a century will likely see just a handful of major transitions, although not all follow the same pathways.

As the 20th century arrived, an electric car was the preferred choice on American roads, but by 1920 the world was in the middle of the Ford Model T combustion engine era. Four billion cars later, the essential technology remains largely the same, yet with electric mobility emerging again.

Even electricity itself, which continues to transform our world, has not been a fast-paced energy technology. The first electricity grid appeared in New York in September 1882, over 135 years ago. Although the technology has spread globally and appears ubiquitous, it makes up less than 20% of final energy use today; so, 80% of the energy we use now isn't electricity but fossil and bioenergy hydrocarbons. Over the course of the last few decades, electrification of final energy has moved relatively slowly, at around 2%-points per decade – for example, it was about 17% in 2005 and 19% in 2015.

By the 1960s a nuclear power revolution seemed possible, but it had stalled completely by the 1990s. Similarly, in the 1960s, solar PV began to appear in highly specialist applications, but it has taken 50 years to pass 1% of global electricity production.

The photovoltaic (PV) effect was discovered in 1839, then eventually deployed on satellites as solar PV from 1962. Four decades later, only two GW of capacity existed globally, but in the following fifteen years capacity increased two-hundred fold.



One reason systems transformations take time is that the success of one transformation – from horses to the internal combustion engine, for example – can impede the progress of the next. A legacy of successful development is the potential for lock-in of the resource on which the current system was built. This potential for lock-in stems from the resistance to stranding the original capital investments and losing the jobs that have been created.

Challenge: Given the time frame to 2070, there can be no slippage

Achieving net-zero emissions in just 50 years leaves no margin for interruption, stalled technologies, delayed deployment, policy indecision, or national backtracking. It requires a rapid acceleration in all areas of an energy transition and particularly policy frameworks that target emission reductions. Success can be accomplished only through a broad process that is embraced by so many led by governments, and lightly coordinated by organisations including the UNFCCC, EU, ASEAN, and others.





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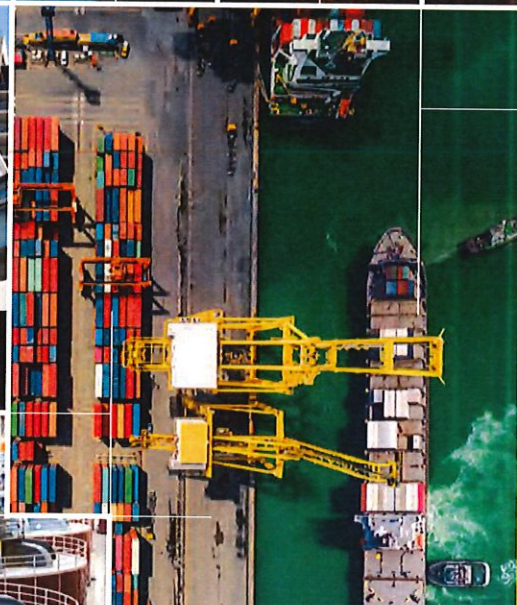
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CHAPTER 3
**FROM MOUNTAINS
AND OCEANS TO SKY**

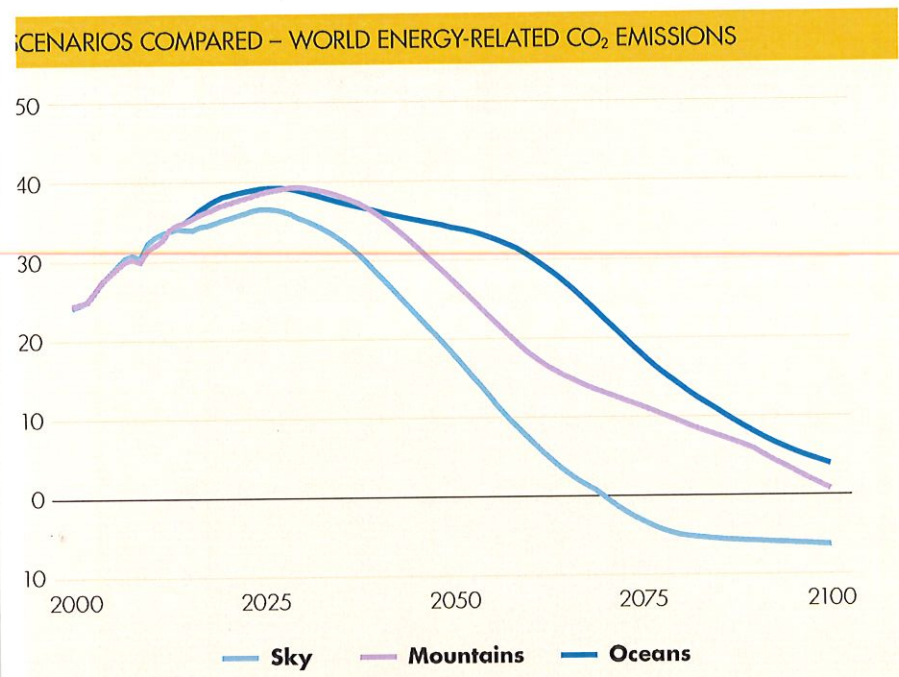
FROM MOUNTAINS TO OCEANS TO SKY

In the original New Lens Scenarios, we explored two possible ways the 21st century could unfold, taking several pressing global trends and issues and using different “lenses” through which to view the world.

Mountains and **Oceans** provided a detailed view of current socio-political trends and possible trajectories into the future, with **Mountains** more government-led with a top-down approach and **Oceans** more bottom-up market-driven outcome.

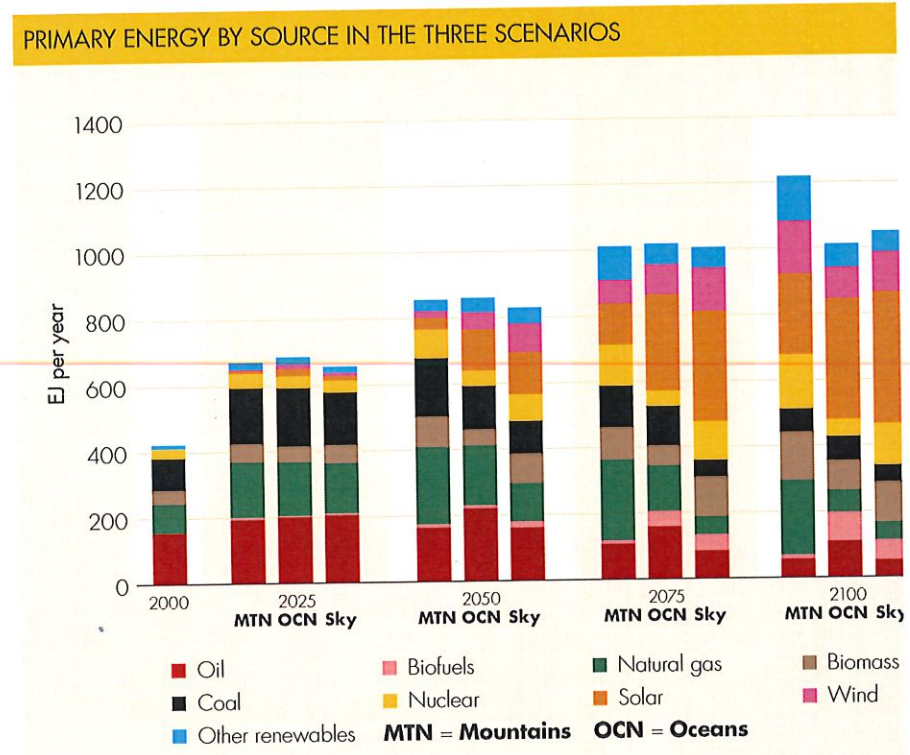
The **Sky** scenario brings further to the surface the growing possibility of better multi-lateral cooperation to tackle climate and air-quality issues. In this regard, it combines the most

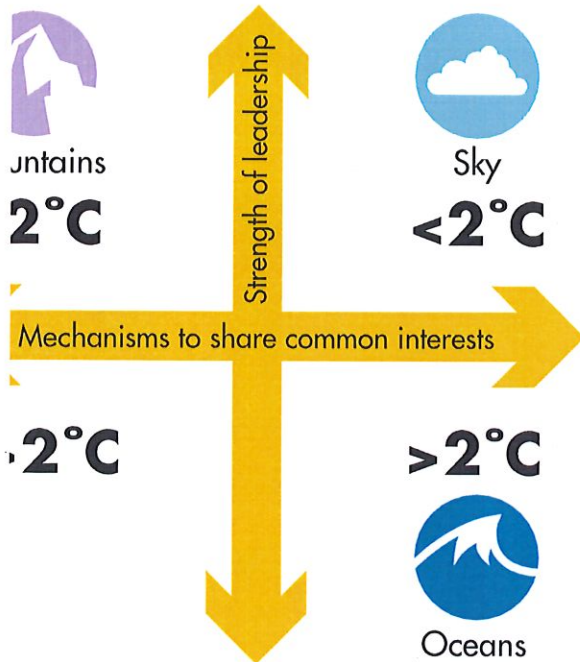
progressive elements of both **Mountains** and **Oceans**. This collaborative approach has been seen in previous real-life incarnations, such as in the Montreal Protocol on ozone-depleting substances, but true long-term international co-operation and a willingness to combine national self-interest with the differing interests of other nations has generally eluded society as a lasting trend. Nevertheless, the Paris Agreement is built on such a model, albeit with a strong element of peer review and challenge.



Leadership to create a shared vision was an essential element of the Paris Agreement, as demonstrated through bilateral agreements between several heads of government in the two years before the final negotiation. But so, too, was listening and responding to those most at risk from climate change, such as the Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) with its deep concerns in relation to sea level rise. Responding to these concerns, a “high ambition coalition” emerged in Paris and was responsible for the incorporation of a stretch goal within the Paris Agreement to limit warming to 1.5°C.

These developments introduce the notion of a framework for resolution of global issues, within which various scenarios could be positioned. That framework is not solely dependent on current trends such as technological change, but also features at an accelerated or even breakneck pace in almost any 21st century story, and is born out of long-term self-interest and the way society listens and reacts to the challenges of the day.





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MOUNTAINS, OCEANS AND SKY: HOW DO THEY DIFFER IN APPROACH?

The modelling-and-development of the **Sky** scenario differs from the method applied in earlier Shell scenario work, such as for **Mountains** and **Oceans**. It also differs from the approach taken by most energy organisations that have developed 2°C scenarios.

Mountains and **Oceans** both started life through a series of workshops that sought to identify key societal trends that had the potential to shape the landscape of the 21st century. From that work, narrative storylines emerged that formed the basis of the two scenarios. These storylines were then tested by energy modelling to fully explore the impact of the trends in each scenario on the energy system. That modelling included feedback and checks, such that a plausible and consistent scenario emerged where the narrative and the energy numbers stood solidly together. The scenarios were open-ended and not goal-seeking, so outcomes such as warming of the climate system emerged from the realpolitik of the scenarios and the energy choices made as a result.

In contrast, a narrow 2°C scenario establishes that level of warming as a given target from the outset, irrespective of the prevailing political and social conditions at any point in time. An energy pathway and storyline then

develop as the outcome, both of which need to challenge plausibility to meet the target set on warming. This approach to scenario building is known as “normative.”

As noted in the introduction, **Sky** takes a hybrid approach aimed at helping those in society making decisions today. From 2018 to around 2030, there is a recognition that the potential for dramatic short-term change in the energy system is limited, given the installed base of capital across the economy and available technologies, even as aggressive new technologies are introduced. But the period is also a time to include significant capacity-building technology cost reductions, following the five-year nationally determined contribution (NDC) cycles of the Paris Agreement, so that after 2030, deployment can proceed at an accelerated pace to ensure a result below 2°C.





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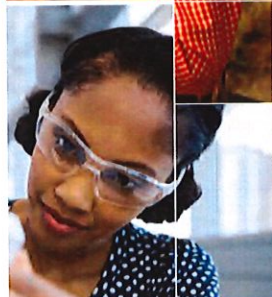
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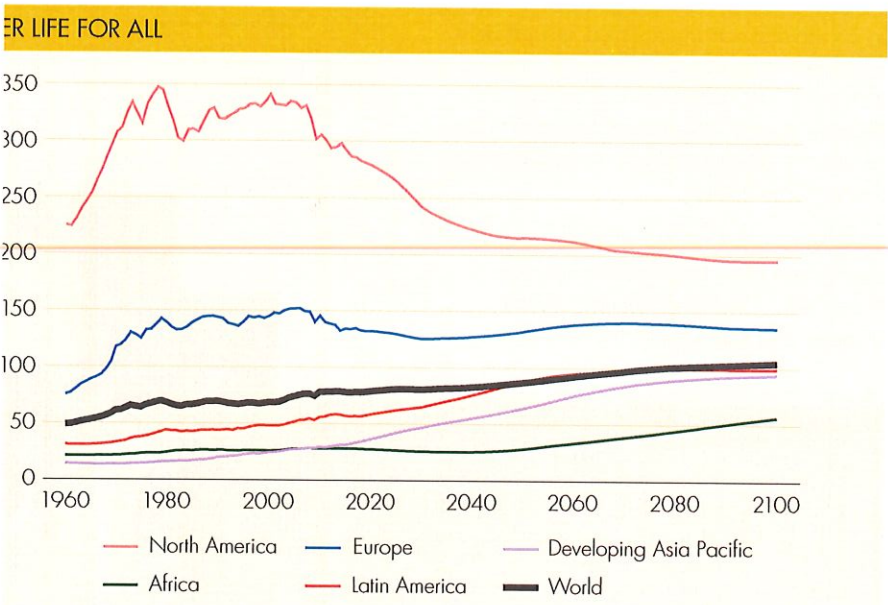
CHAPTER 4 A SCENARIO FOR SUCCESS – SKY

SCENARIO FOR SUCCESS – SKY

gins with the actions taken in the first decade of the Paris Agreement. iments respond positively to the rapid cycle of assessment, review, and ment of national contributions, as set up under the Paris Agreement. the 2023 stocktake, there is wide resubmission of national contributions, a notable change by China to a falling emissions pledge. In *Sky*, by the stocktake, all contributions have been radically improved, with India now ng an emissions plateau in the 2030s.

e 2020s in *Sky*, emissions reduction is relatively slow while capacity ut beginning in 2030, the speed rmination accelerates rapidly as key ility challenges of the 21st century be met.

Success: Energy for all
In *Sky*, the global population grows from 7.5 billion in 2017 to 10 billion by 2070, after which it stabilises. Energy demand also rises throughout the century, with a near plateau from 2080. Importantly, per capita



oday, a better life for all can be achieved for an average of 100 GJ per capita. the century, efficiency gains mean that a better life can be achieved at still lower figures. Shell analysis, IEA (historical data)

usage remains relatively low in *Sky* because of unprecedented efficiency gains for energy services – an approximate tripling in efficiency is seen over the course of the century. As a result, per capita primary energy demand converges near 100 GJ per year – far below the numbers seen today in industrialised economies but nevertheless a level that provides the broad range of energy services required for a better life. As a reference, a modern energy-efficient refrigerator will consume just over one GJ per year.

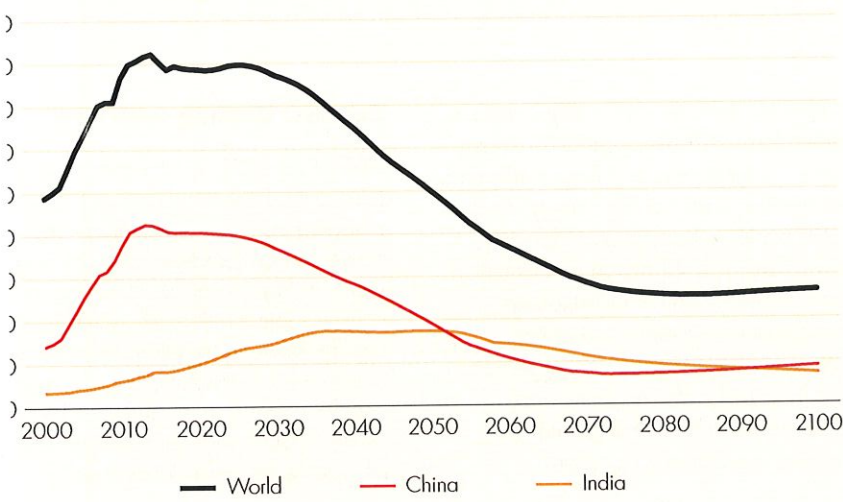
With the global population at 10 billion late in the century and per capita energy use rising, the energy system in *Sky* is approximately double its 2010 size.

Success: Dealing with coal
At COP23 in 2017, 25 countries and formed the Powering Past Coal Allianc pledging to phase out existing traditio power in their jurisdictions. In the next years, in *Sky*, a significant number of countries join the Alliance with the rest coal for power generation diminishes in of the world. In Vietnam and even in In coal for power construction ends before By the 2030s, additional solar and wir all incremental electricity demand.
China's push to accelerate the phase-o coal in *Sky* means global peak coal d is now behind us, with rapid decline al although coal remains important in sorr



In *Sky*, absolute CO₂ emissions peak before 2040 in India, by then the most populated country on earth.

COAL USE IS BEHIND US IN **SKY**, WITH TOTAL CONSUMPTION FALLING RAPIDLY IN THE EARLY 2030s ONWARDS



Shell analysis, IEA (historical data)

and metallurgical coal continues as a put for smelting. By 2070, coal's share primary energy falls to around 6%, m 25% in 2020.

Transformation of stubborn ill technologies

t decade following the Paris ent, energy system CO₂ emissions are icked in by existing technologies, ock, and societal resistance to But by 2030 in **Sky**, the system is triggered in the 2020s by significant s in energy technologies and scale acture leading to price falls for rs and businesses. This is facilitated ed government intervention in and development and the important mmercialisation phase, with major battery storage technology, CCS, anced biofuels.

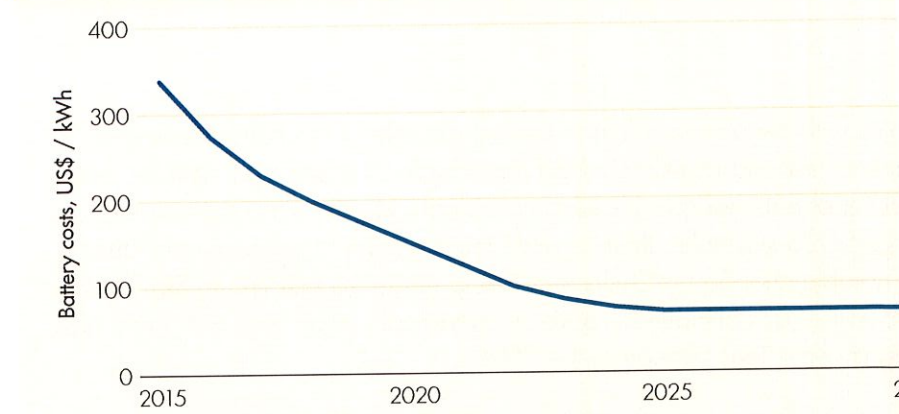
Success: Governments step up the pace

In **Sky**, governments around the world implement legislative frameworks to drive efficiency and rapidly reduce CO₂ emissions, both through forcing out older energy technologies and through promoting competition to deploy new technologies as they reach cost effectiveness.

For example, at the national and sub-national level, governments speed up the energy transition by adapting power markets to new renewable technologies and putting a meaningful price or constraint on carbon emissions from conventional thermal generation. Legislation in many jurisdictions forces grids towards 100% renewable energy by the 2040s.

Appliances, commercial and residential buildings, and personal transport are all targeted with aggressive efficiency or emission standards. The creation of low-emission zones

BATTERY COSTS FALL RAPIDLY IN **SKY**, IN PART DUE TO GOVERNMENT FUNDING OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES



Source: Shell analysis, Bloomberg New Energy Finance (historical data)

by city authorities forces older vehicles off the road, and in many cities electric vehicles become the natural replacement due to their convenience and the wide availability of recharging points. Scrappage incentives speed up the replacement of out-dated, less efficient equipment in homes and offices. But the most significant emissions-targeted action taken by governments around the world is the adoption of effective implicit or explicit carbon-pricing mechanisms.

Since Paris, government-led carbon-pricing approaches have been gaining traction. At the 2017 OnePlanet Summit, several countries and states within the Americas

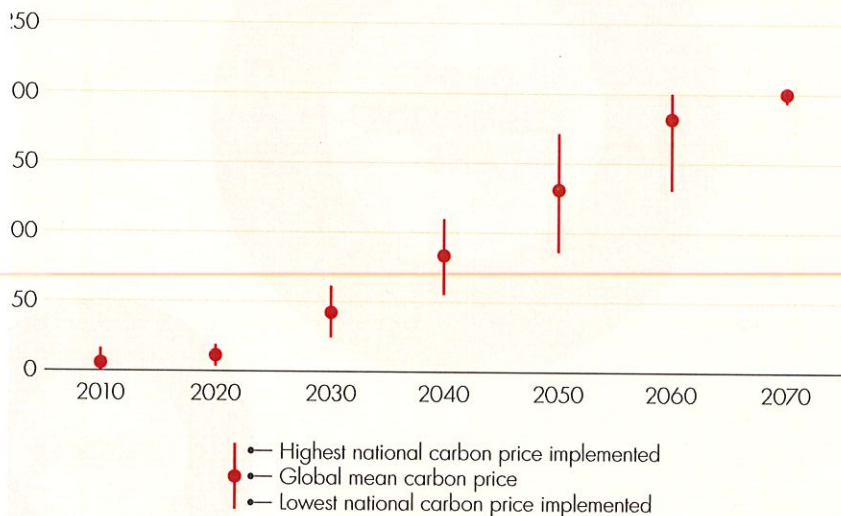
committed to expand their use of these mechanisms. During the same year, C announced the launch of its nationwide emissions trading system, starting with power sector. And by the beginning c 2018, California, Quebec, and Ontar were operating under linked emissions trading systems.



In **Sky**, solar PV maintains strong average growth rates of 20% per year, exceeding 6500 GW installed capacity by 2035. This will cover an area of 100,000 km², equivalent to an area the size of South Korea. From then on to 2070, nearly 1000 GW will have to be added every year, when solar PV's global footprint approaches the area of Spain.



IN **SKY**, GOVERNMENT-LED CARBON PRICING MECHANISMS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD IN THE 2020s; COMPLETE HARMONISATION IS ACHIEVED BY 2070



Source: Shell analysis

Government-led carbon pricing as a suite of taxes, levies, and mechanisms. Surprisingly quickly, a common understanding is reached between governments as to the appropriate level of carbon price to deter emissions.

In **SKY**, government-led carbon pricing is firmly established throughout the world by the mid-2020s, with Russia and India joining the second wave of entrants to carbon pricing. Global implementation of carbon pricing by governments is complete by the 2030s, with all systems then achieving full harmonisation to deter emissions.

Carbon pricing has two other major consequences. First it speeds up the deployment of CCS for large emitters, and second it encourages the deployment of net-negative technologies like bioenergy with CCS.

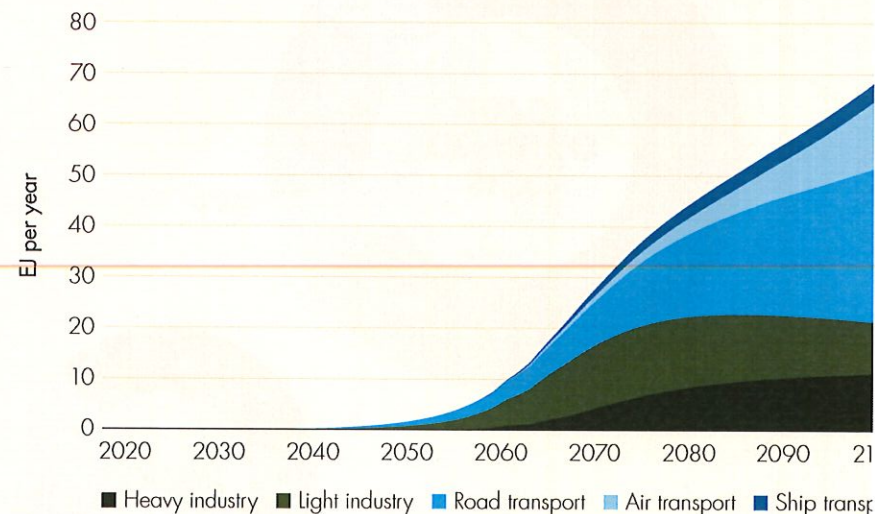
Second, carbon pricing encourages emissions reduction across the whole economy, especially through improving energy efficiency, thus generating significant shifts in consumer and producer behaviour.

Success: New energy systems emerge

Onshore and offshore hydrogen electrolysis systems also begin to emerge around the world in **SKY**. Initially, they make use of the growing off-peak surplus of electricity from renewable sources, but later become fully integrated base-load systems. As a result, after 2040, hydrogen emerges as a material energy carrier, steadily growing to account for 10% of global final energy consumption by the end of century.

As oil and gas use falls over time in **SKY**, redundant facilities are repurposed for hydrogen gas storage and transport. Indeed, the growing LNG supply in the early decades

IN **SKY**, HYDROGEN EMERGES AS A MATERIAL ENERGY CARRIER AFTER 2040, PRIMARILY FOR INDUSTRY AND TRANSPORT



Note: By 2100, hydrogen supplies a quarter of all transport energy demand and over 10% of industrial energy

Source: Shell analysis

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Hydrogen grows as an energy carrier from 2040 in **SKY**, with 800 million tonnes per year global capacity by 2070 – more than double the current global LPG market.



ntry has enabled hydrogen to gain
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of electricity networks and hydrogen
ensures secure and affordable
and hydrogen supply, which
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ugh aviation and shipping continue
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form of compressed or liquefied bio-gas for
ship, rail, and road uses. In the latter stages
of the transition, hydrogen emerges as a new
energy carrier, particularly for aviation.

Success: Paris works

In *Sky*, the Paris Agreement succeeds, driven
by government implementation of targeted
energy policy at every level in parallel with
aggressive action across the global economy,
including the energy sector.

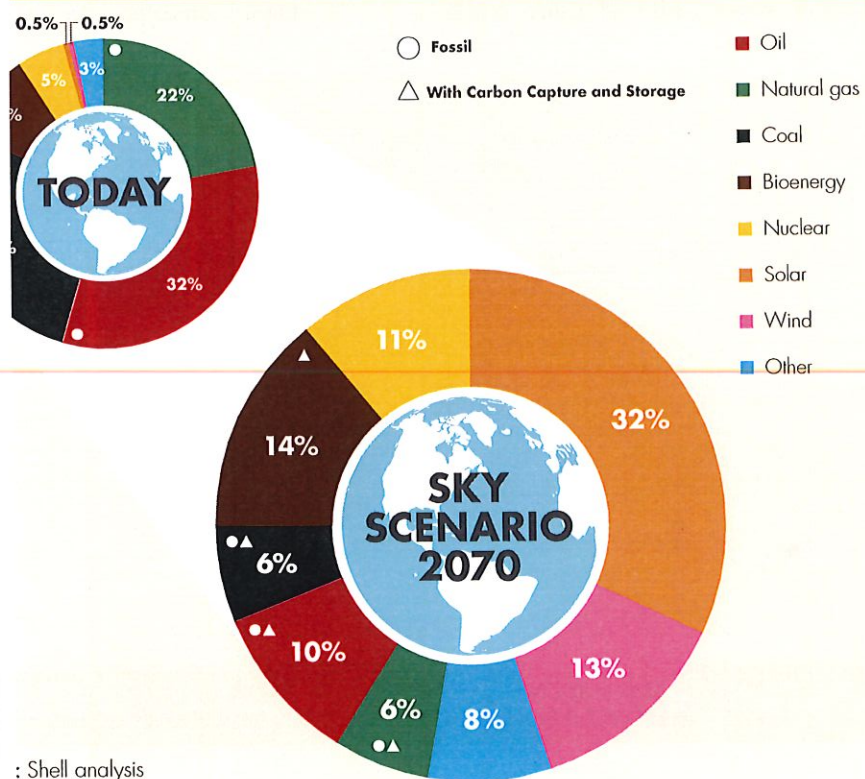
These and similar actions multiply rapidly.
At first, government leadership is responsible
for the speed of change, but increasingly,

peer pressure provides the push in response to
the transparency framework embedded in the
Paris Agreement. New technologies become
increasingly cost-competitive by themselves
as mass deployment increases. The five-year
ratchet mechanism works in the *Sky* scenario.

Not all countries have reached net-zero
emissions by 2070. But beginning in 2020,
progressive countries follow Sweden's earlier
legal commitment to reach net-zero emissions
by 2045. Along with Brazil and other
big economies, most European countries
reach net-zero by 2060, with some seeing
continued falls such that their economy-wide

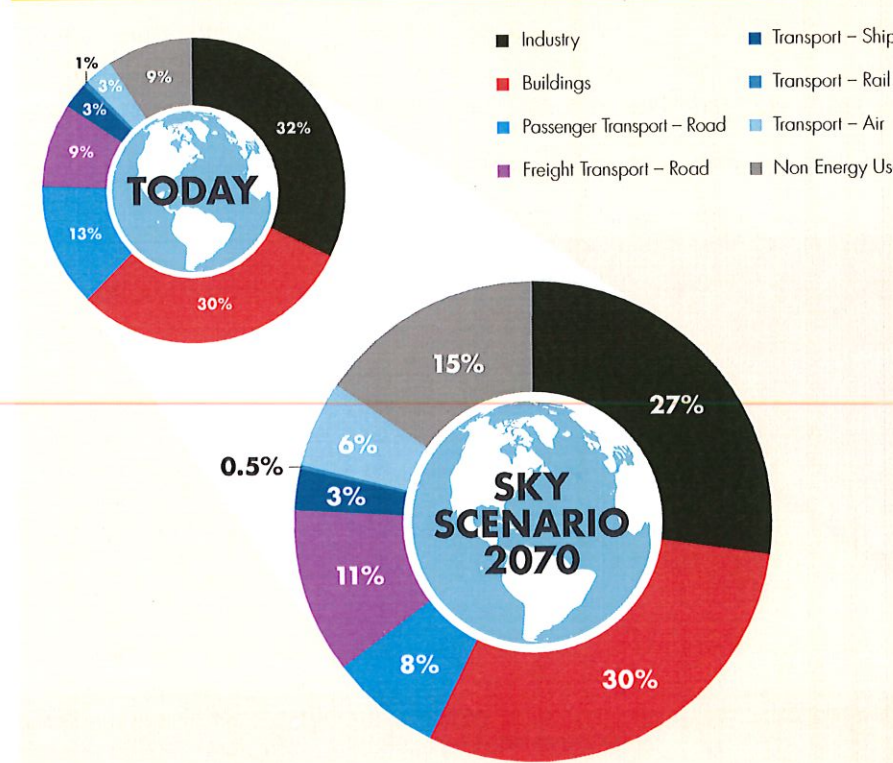
emissions become negative – in other
drawing down CO₂ from the atmosph
This is achieved by combining the use
biomass for energy with CCS. These c
are then able to offer negative emissio
transfers to those countries still in posi
territory, thereby achieving the global
called for under the Paris Agreement.

**NET-ZERO EMISSIONS WORLD IN 2070, SOLAR, BIOENERGY, AND WIND DOMINATE
FABLES SUPPLY WHILST OIL REMAINS THE LARGEST FOSSIL ENERGY SOURCE**

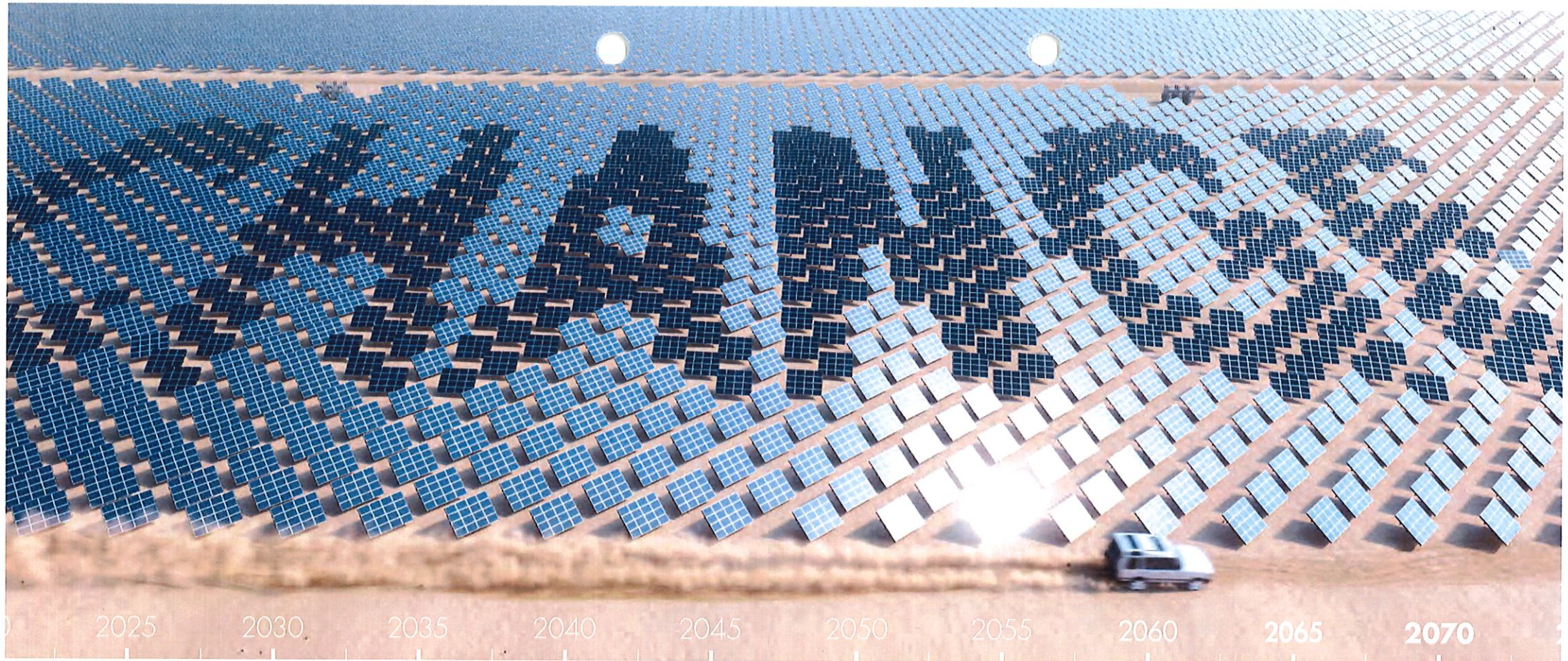


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WORLD TOTAL FINAL ENERGY CONSUMPTION BY SECTOR IN SKY



Source: Shell analysis



CHAPTER 5 SECTOR TRANSFORMATIONS

ECTOR TRANSFORMATIONS

the route to net-zero emissions in 2070 involves change at every level of nomy and energy system, from urban configuration to consumer demand gy to the breakthroughs in technology required to deliver viable and cost- alternatives to fossil fuels. And in the world of **Sky**, transformation of the system to produce fewer greenhouse gases is matched by transformations sectors that produce the remaining one-third of greenhouse gas emissions.

ne most important energy system **Sky** is electrification – the increasing rent of fossil fuels (such as natural ooking and gasoline for mobility) icity.

ssful transport revolution

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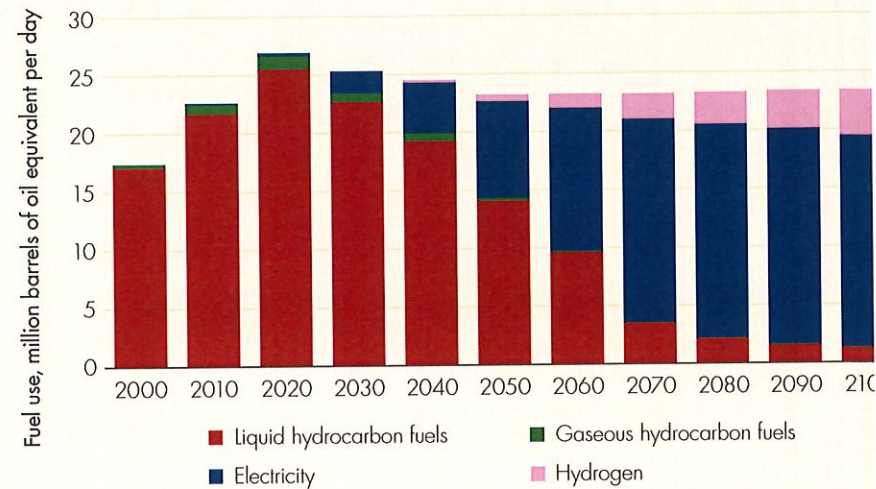
energy economy, had already adopted an Electric Vehicle Initiative as one of its early actions, with the target of 20 million electric vehicles deployed globally by 2020 and 30% new vehicle sales by 2030. And the UK had pledged to phase out the sale of internal combustion engine passenger cars by 2040.

In **Sky**, this transformation occurs more rapidly than many expect; as early as 2030, more than half of global car sales are electric, extending to all passenger cars by 2050. One reason is that in some prosperous large cities, workers enjoy the freedom and



In **Sky, passenger electric vehicles reach cost parity with combustion engine cars by 2025. By 2035, 100% of new car sales are electric in the EU, US, and China, with other countries and regions close behind.**

THE FUEL MIX FOR PASSENGER VEHICLES SHIFTS RAPIDLY IN **SKY**, WITH ELECTRICIT DOMINATING BY 2070 AND LIQUID FUELS NEARLY HALVING FROM 2020 TO 2050



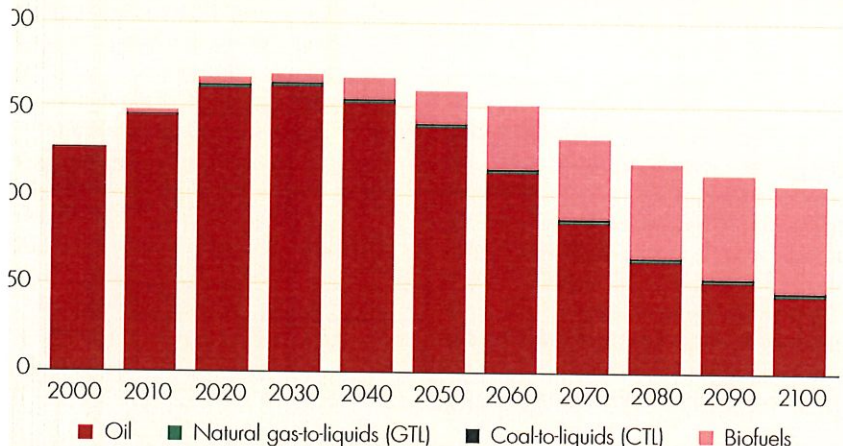
Source: Shell analysis

convenience that the fleets of autonomous electric vehicles provide. Another reason for the rapid increase of electric vehicles has to do with the exciting new options being offered. For example, in **Sky**, a standardised chassis design emerges in combination with battery or fuel-cell (FCEV) architecture, being shipped in almost flatpack form to local design companies for bespoke body fabrication using 3D printing techniques. And a specialised CarOS (Operating System) evolves, including battery management and autonomous operation, supplied as a single universal interface box.

In this way, electric vehicle penetration accelerates on the back of a new manufacturing approach and customer proposition that offers complete custom a welcome reward for the loss of different engine performance. The change is as profound as the arrival of the assembly

Across all forms of transport, biofuels p a critical role in the energy transition in **Sky**. With continued reliance on liquid as the high energy density fuel of choice but set against the need to reduce CO emissions, biofuel use expands rapidly. While first generation fuels such as sug cane ethanol continue to mid-century t

ICE BIOFUELS GROW RAPIDLY IN SKY, MEETING AN ONGOING NEED FOR HYDROCARBON FUEL.



By 2100, biofuels production has reached some 30 million barrels of oil equivalent per day. Shell analysis

ing, the impetus comes from new pathways that produce drop-in fuels for aviation, road freight, and These fuels can be derived from a range of bio-feedstocks, reducing the ncy on food crops.

ie passenger vehicle transformation is complete by 2070. Liquid hydrocarbon umption almost halves between id 2050 and falls by 90% by 2070

estic refrigerator efficiency led since 1970. To offer a fe for all but also manage demand, Sky matches these s across the economy.

in the sector. And even though road freight holds on to diesel into the 2050s, because of the need for a high-energy-density fuel, this sector also experiences its own transformation, split along biodiesel, hydrogen, and electrification lines.

The built environment

Changes in the built environment, covering both homes and commercial properties, evolve over decades, but the foundations are established in the 2020s. During this period, governments implement radical changes in building codes, set high efficiency standards for appliances, establish new infrastructure for district and regional heating needs, and establish practices that encourage attractive compact urban development.

The efficiency drive is so effective that final energy demand for residential services, which include heating, cooking, lighting, and appliance use, remains steady at around 90 EJ for all the century, even as most of the growing global population gain access to these amenities.

Electrification of the building stock proceeds rapidly, with local use of natural gas declining progressively from 2030. By 2070 in North America and much of Europe, natural gas is no longer used for residential heating and cooking.

Industrial transformation

The shift in industry required for net-zero emissions follows a more incremental path, largely driven by the progressive implementation of government carbon-pricing systems and the ratcheting up of the resultant price that occurs as governments respond to the Paris Agreement. The transformation is profound and follows three distinct routes:

- Efficiency improves continuously, with most industrial processes approaching thermodynamic and mechanical efficiency limits by the 2050s.
- Some processes shift towards electricity, particularly for light industry, where electricity use doubles from 2020 to 2040. Hydrogen also emerges as an important fuel for light industry by 2050 as natural gas use declines. But a similar change for heavy industry doesn't emerge until after 2050, with hydrogen, biomass, and electricity substituting for natural gas and some coal use.

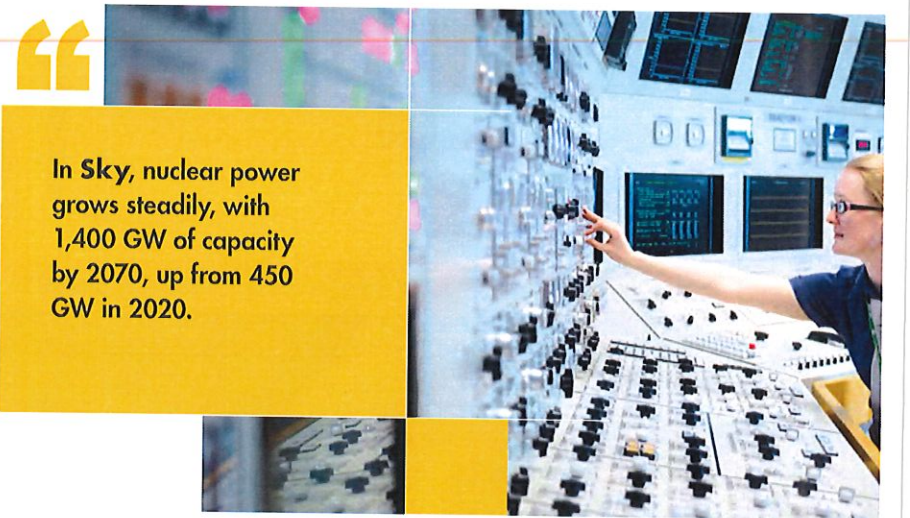
- Coal remains important in the metal sector and some other processes right through the century, but with government implemented carbon prices rising, C emerges as the solution.

Industry also benefits from an increase on the circular economy, which sees large scale recycling expand throughout the to the extent that some resource extraction declines as a result.

An electric world

As electricity makes its way rapidly into transportation, home heating and cooling and industrial processes, its role in the system grows. By the 2070s, electricity exceeds 50% of end-use energy consumption compared with less than 20% in the 20

With renewables penetration increasing, issues associated with renewable intermittency and grid infrastructure receive policy attention. Utility-scale and distributed electricity increasingly compete head-to-head with conventional thermal generation, leading to electricity prices in some markets to fall to the variable cost of less efficient coal plants, thus hastening their decommissioning.



In Sky, nuclear power grows steadily, with 1,400 GW of capacity by 2070, up from 450 GW in 2020.

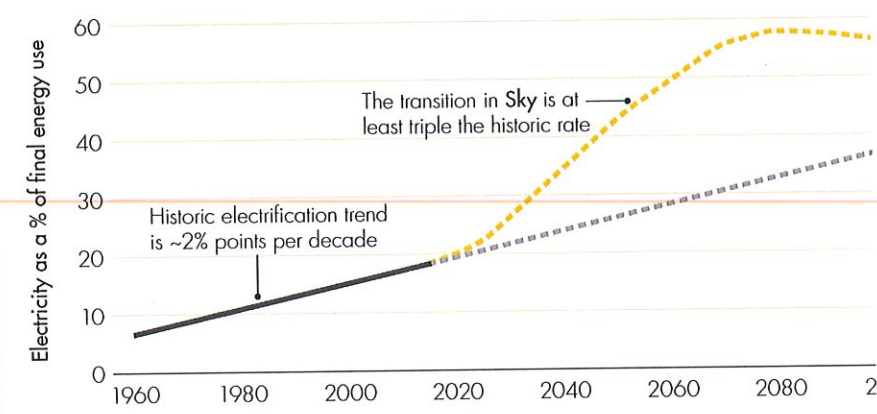


ELECTRICITY IN THE 21st CENTURY

Global electricity demand stands at 22,000 terrawatt hours (TWh) per year during the second half of the 20th century, or the addition of about 1,400 TWh of generation per year from now on. By 2050, when complete, the 3.3 GW Hinkley Point nuclear power station under construction in the UK will add about 5,000 TWh, so this pace of development is equivalent to some 50 giant power stations being added each year, or one additional such station being added each week. Global generation from wind and solar was around 1,300 TWh in 2015, with about 200 TWh added from

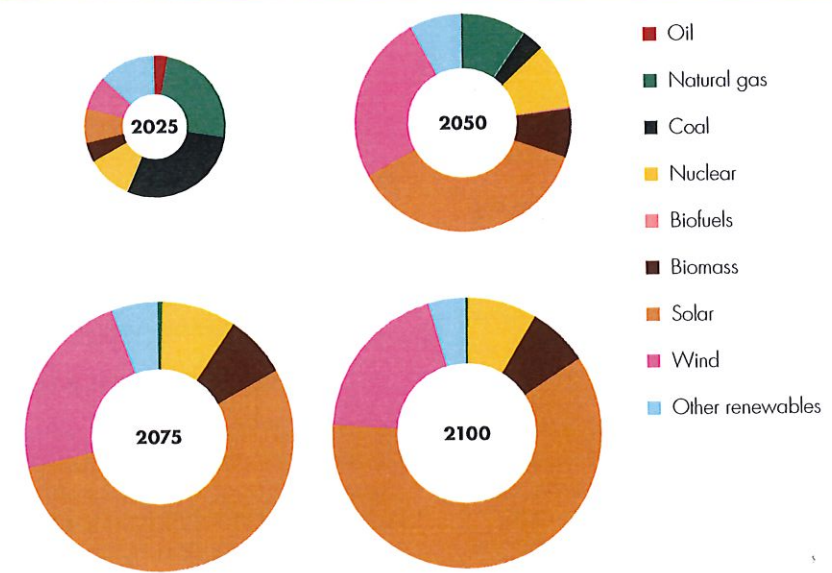
2015 to 2016 against total added electricity generation of some 600 TWh. So, new solar and wind are not yet close to meeting additional generation demand. Although both are rising quickly, thermal power stations will continue to be needed to at least mid-century. This also means that emissions from electricity generation globally will only fall in the medium term to the extent that natural gas and nuclear can displace coal.

CURRENT ELECTRIFICATION TRENDS ARE NOT SUFFICIENT FOR SKY



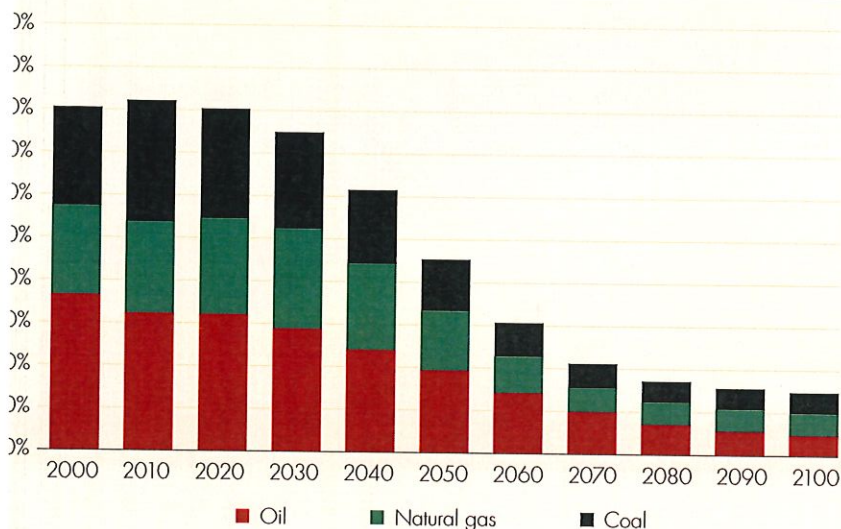
Source: Shell analysis, IEA (historical data)

THE ELECTRICITY MIX SHIFTS HEAVILY TO SOLAR THROUGH THE CENTURY



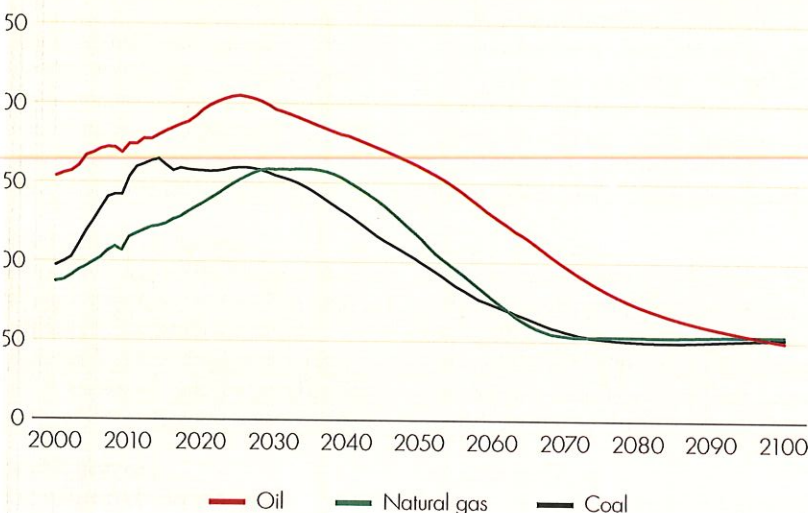
Note: The diameter of the pie chart represents the total electricity demand.
Source: Shell analysis

BY MID-CENTURY FOSSIL ENERGY FINALLY RELINQUISHES ITS MAJORITY SHARE GLOBAL ENERGY SYSTEM



: Shell analysis

PEAK COAL DEMAND IS ALREADY BEHIND US, PEAK OIL DEMAND FOLLOWS IN 20s, AND AFTER A PLATEAU, GAS DEMAND FALLS RAPIDLY FROM 2040



: Shell analysis

In **Sky**, electricity reliability issues are largely managed through a combination of improved market design (for example, capacity markets), grid integration (for example, cross-border integration in Europe), demand-side management (for example, smart grids), and deployment of cost-effective heat, battery, and hydrogen storage. Falling capital costs ensure that the renewables build-out is affordable, being well within historical spending on the new energy system as a share of global GDP.

By the 2070s, the power generation sector has progressed through two radical transformations. The first is one of scale, with electricity approaching a five-fold increase over 2017 levels. The composition of sources has also changed, with fossil fuels effectively absent from the sector and solar meeting over half of global electricity needs in 2070 and still increasing. A new addition to the sector is generation from biomass combustion, which is linked with CCS to offer an important carbon sink.

A new energy system

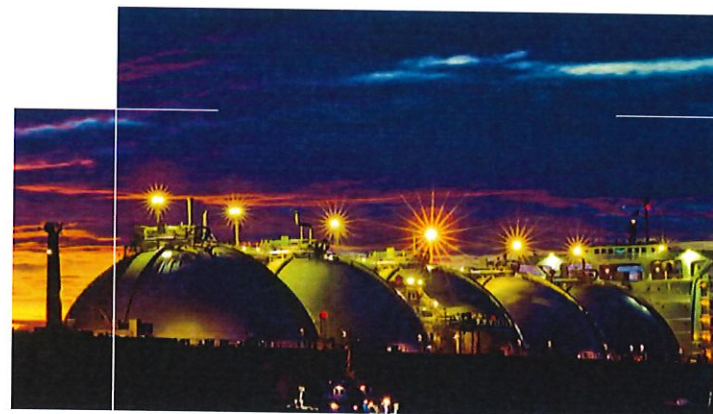
In **Sky**, the first clear signs of the transition emerge in the 2020s, with oil demand stagnating, coal declining, natural gas growing as it replaces coal, and solar closing in on nuclear as the largest non-fossil part of the energy system.

By 2070, oil production remains at so 50-60 million barrels per day due to the broad swathe of services that it still supplies. Non-road transport continues to make significant use of liquid hydrocarbon fuels, with overall growth through to 2100. Biofuels supplement the liquid fuel mix, with hydrogen playing an increasing role after 2050.

Natural gas, both as pipeline gas and as LNG, plays an important early role in supplanting coal in power generation and backing up intermittent renewable energy. But as solar grows in the power sector. But as PV expands rapidly, as battery costs fall, even natural gas succumbs to the transition. It is the last fossil fuel to peak, with demand falling rapidly after 2040. By 2055, natural gas use for power generation is back to 2017 levels globally.

By the middle of the century the energy system is starting to look very different, with solar emerging as the dominant primary energy supply source by around 2055.

Energy system CO₂ emissions peak in mid-2020s at around 35 gigatonnes (Gt) after which a continuous decline sets in.



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Global natural gas demand reaches a plateau by 2040 in **Sky** at 4,600 billion cubic metres per year (bcm) – up from 3,700 bcm in 2017.

greenhouse gases and energy sectors

es at net-zero CO₂ emissions for the energy system by 2070, although with distribution among different sectors tries. That covers all the carbon d within the coal, oil, and gas used y, but excludes feedstock for non-roduts, such as plastics.

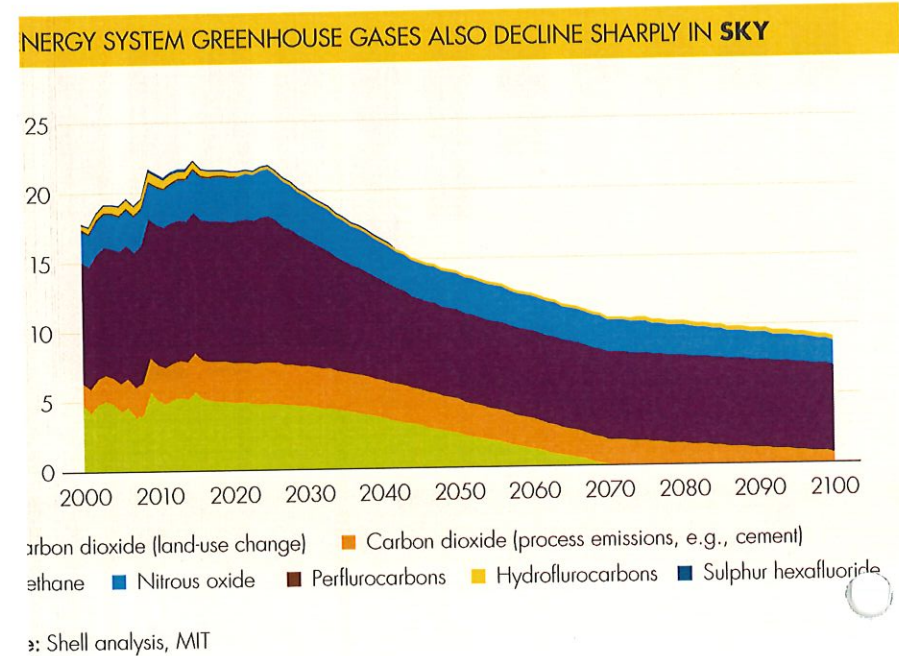
rious other human activities have the trace gas composition nosphere, which have also ed to warming the climate system. manufacture is one example, where ration of limestone releases CO₂.

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biosphere, which, in turn, has added to atmospheric CO₂.

In the modern era, all these activities have accelerated, and new long-lived trace gases have appeared, some with extraordinary warming potentials. Sulphur hexafluoride, common in gas-insulated transformers, is one example, with a warming potential 24,000 times that of CO₂.

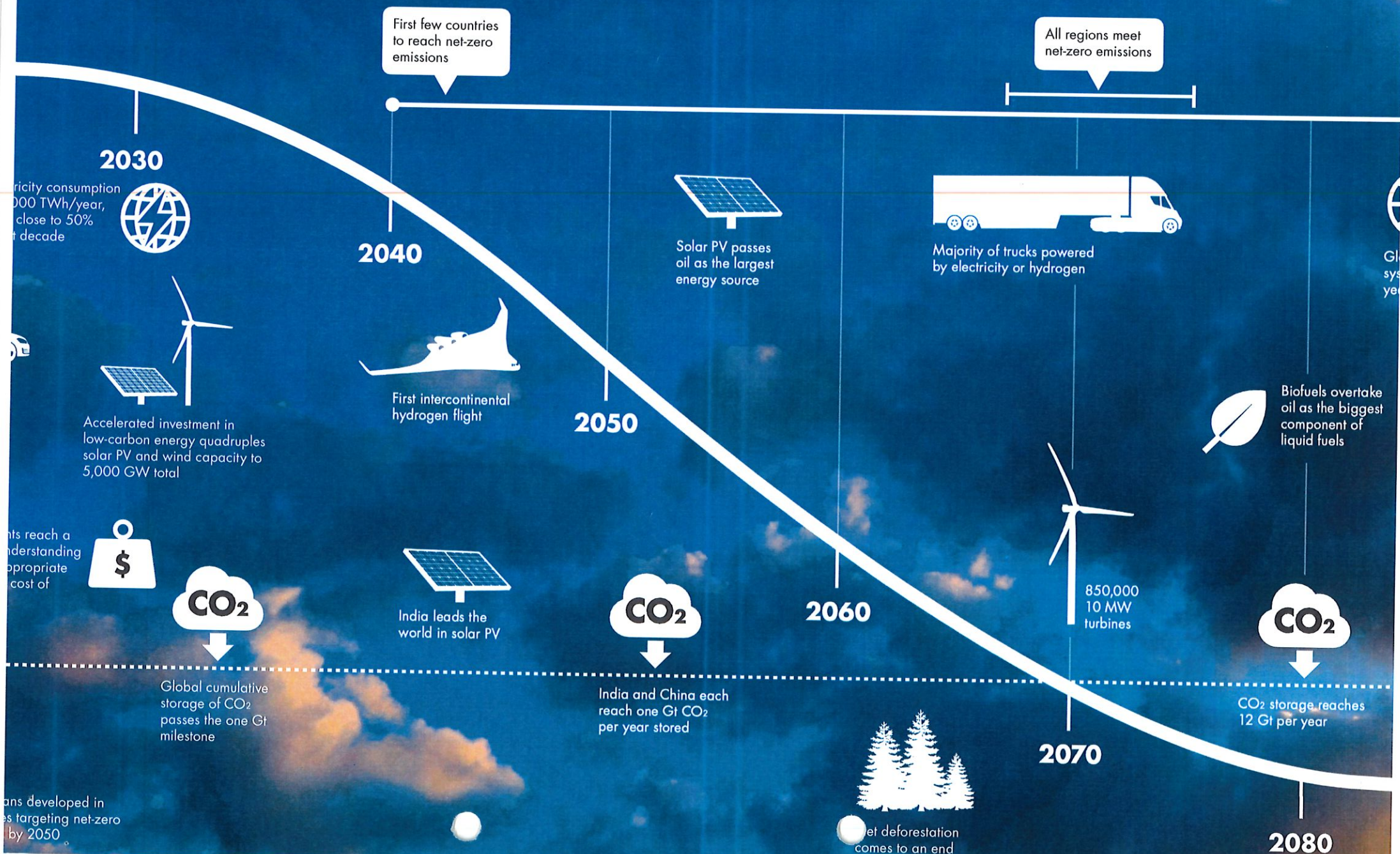
In the Sky scenario, significant changes are made in all the greenhouse-gas producing sectors. While all the items in the accompanying table represent best practice currently in some locations, the Sky pathway dictates universal uptake by about 2030, but with some recognised slippage in the least developed economies. For short-lived gases such as methane, the requirement is significantly reduced emissions, rather than net-zero, as these gases break down in the atmosphere over a few years.



Although the emphasis in Sky has been on energy system CO₂ emissions, a view on all at greenhouse gas emissions is needed to complete the scenario and understand the potential surface temperature. That view has been developed based on full implementation of all th in the table.

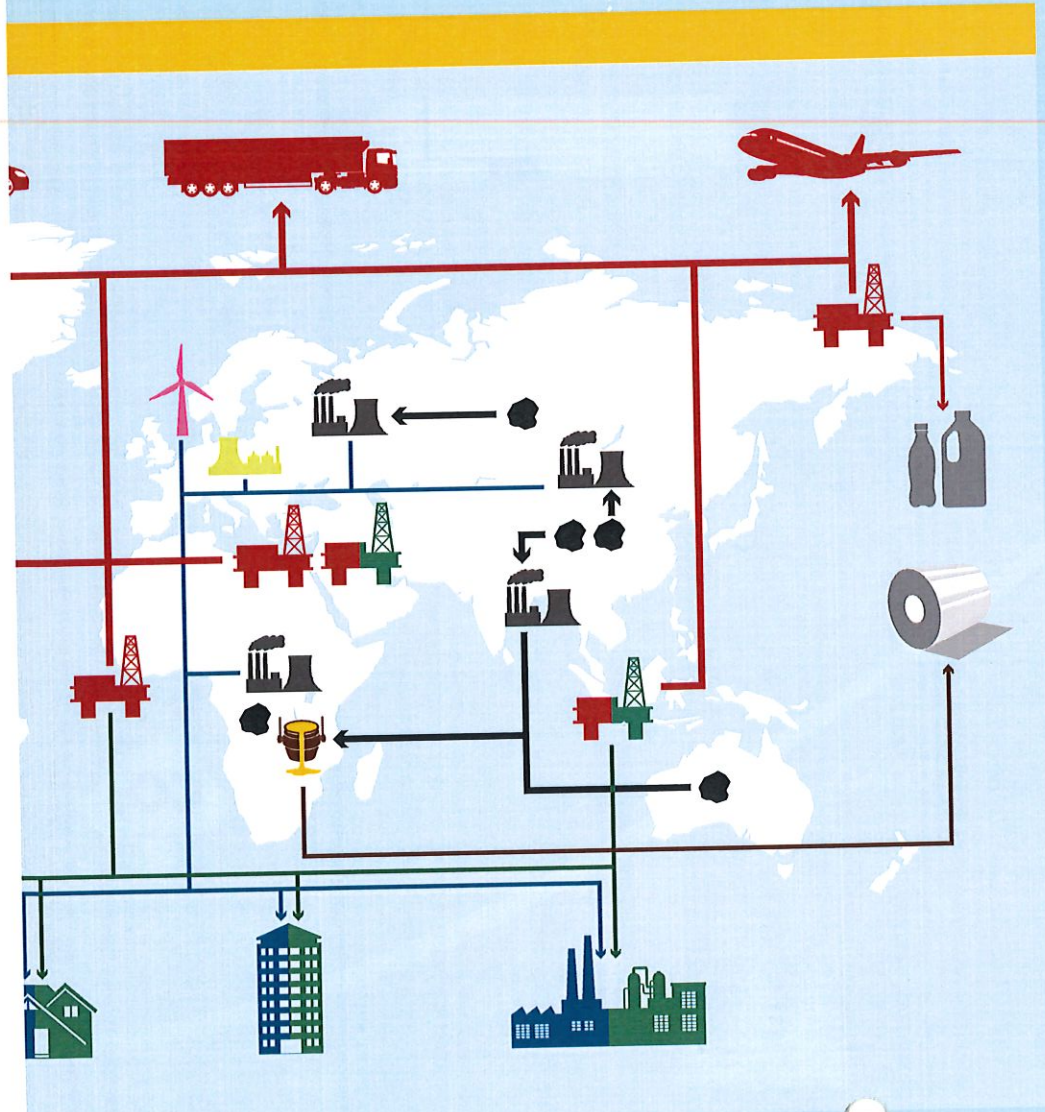
| GAS | SECTOR | ACTION REQUIRED BY SKY |
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| Carbon dioxide | Cement | <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Progressive substitution away from cement in building■ Some substitution away from limestone as a feedstock e.g., using fly-ash■ Using carbon capture and storage (CCS) |
| | Industrial (process emissions) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Using CCS |
| Methane | Agriculture | <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Eliminating deforestation for land gain■ Implementing soil carbon programmes, e.g., no-till farming, land-use rotation |
| | Urbanisation and development | <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Creating green cities through extensive tree planting■ Maintaining green belts within and around cities■ Avoiding city spread through higher density living■ Addressing traditional biomass usage through modern access to energy programmes |
| | Coal mining | <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Reducing coal consumption■ Implementing best practice for methane drainage and use in coal mines (e.g., UNECE Guidance)■ Managing abandoned mines |
| | Oil and gas industry | <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Reducing oil and gas consumption■ Oil and gas industry leaders implementing best practice from the 2020s, and all world production meeting best-practice by 2050 |
| | Cattle farming | <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Offering alternative products to consumers■ Changing cattle diets to minimise methane |
| Nitrous oxide | Rice growing | <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Reducing forced flooding in rice paddies |
| | Urbanisation and development | <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Capturing methane from landfill |
| Fluorinated gases | Agriculture | <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Implementing nitrogen fertiliser management, i.e., application rate, formulation (fertiliser type), timing of application, placement |
| | Industrial processes | <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Implementing catalytic decomposition and thermal destruction techniques |
| Fluorinated gases | Various (e.g., IT industry, refrigeration, transformers) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Progressive substitution away from PFC, HFC, and■ Using best practice management■ Introducing recovery programmes for retired equipment (e.g., refrigerators, transformers) |

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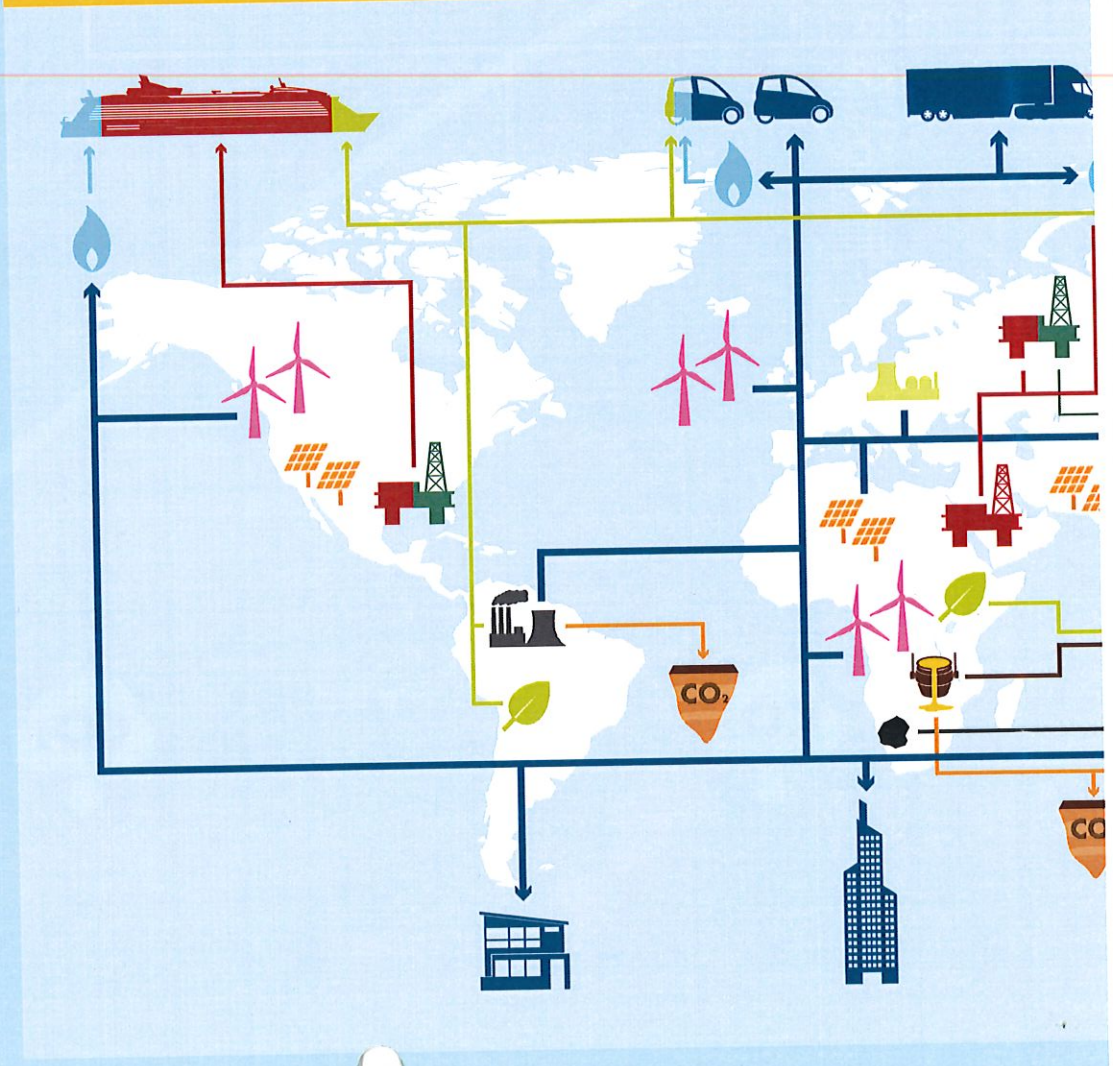


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While there remain a disturbing number of people with little to no energy access today, much
of the global population make regular use of petroleum products, natural gas, and electricity.
But what could that look like in the latter part of this century as we reach for net-zero emissions?
In Sky, an electricity-based energy system supplants the largely fossil fuel-based system of today.



SKY IN 2070 – AN ELECTRICITY-BASED ENERGY SYSTEM





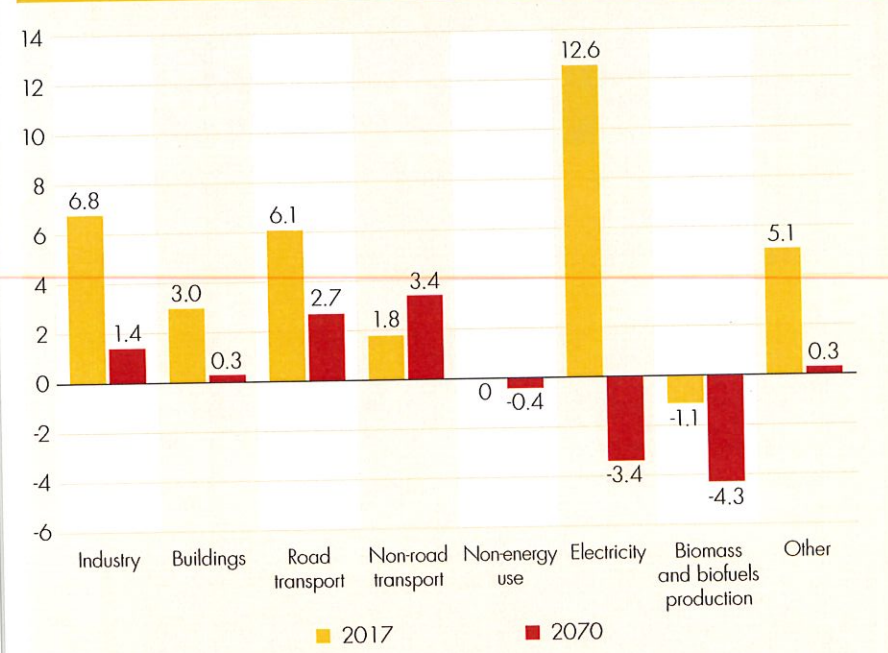
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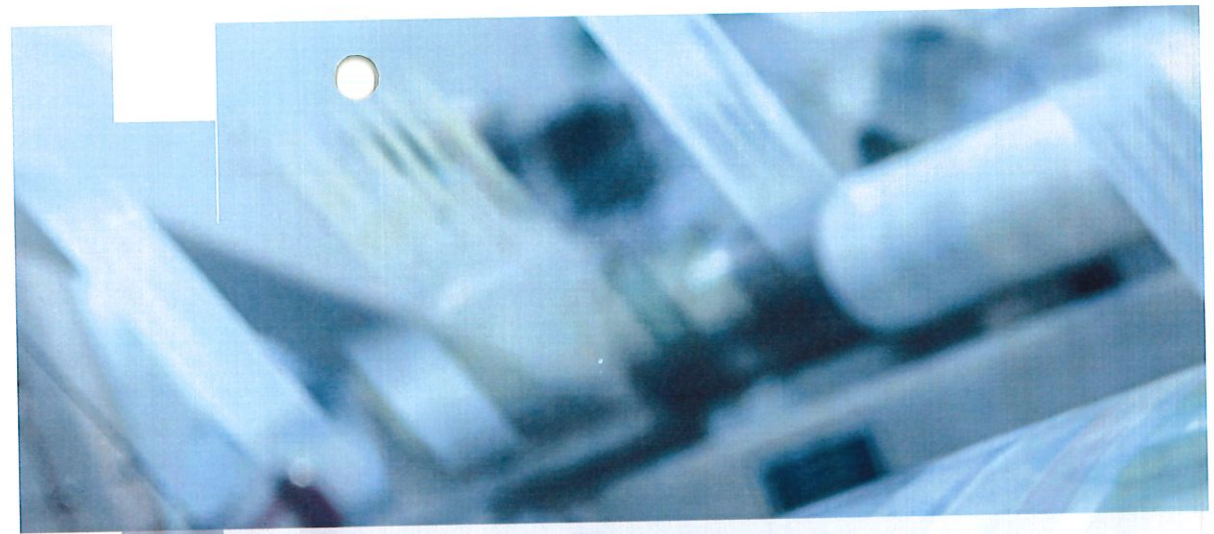
Limiting emissions

fossil fuel use declines sharply after 2030 – but it cannot be eliminated to the extent that warming is limited to well below 2°C. Even with a suite of technologies available and a 50-year timeframe for deployment, technologies and energy services can be swapped out for non-emitting alternatives at the necessary pace. Indeed, in so-called “hard-to-abate” sectors, alternatives have yet to be developed, and innovation rather than abatement is still the current order of the day.

THE ENERGY SYSTEM CO₂ EMISSIONS IN **SKY** TRANSFORM TO NET-ZERO BY 2070



“Other” represents other energy-sector activities, such as the transport and refining of fossil energy, fossil heat generation, and in the future, hydrogen production.
Source: Shell analysis



REMOVING CARBON THROUGH USE

Carbon capture and use (CCU) operates very differently from CCS (permanent geological storage). There are examples of capture and use in practice today, such as the conversion of CO₂ to certain chemicals (for example, urea, the basis for fertilisers) and the production of plastics such as polycarbonates. These processes all require CO₂ as a feedstock, but are not necessarily designed to store it permanently. If the carbon is returned to the atmosphere, such as through the degradation or incineration of the product that is made, then the net impact of the process may be zero in terms of atmospheric CO₂ levels.

In a future energy system, there are two ways in which CCU could become effective:

- CCU might be focused on manufacturing synthetic hydrocarbon fuels, which could displace the need for fossil hydrocarbons. However, the synthetic fuels industry would need substantial technological innovation and then would need to scale very significantly before it could have a material impact, so this route is unlikely to be a significant contributor over the timescale

addressed in **Sky**. Synthetic fuels are a sink in themselves, since once they are made and used, the CO₂ is returned to the atmosphere.

- CCU could be applied to the manufacture of certain goods – for example, building materials or plastics. But to act as a mitigation mechanism akin to CCS, they must lead to more-or-less permanent storage. The total stock of the products must be maintained for a very long time (a century or more) for CCU to approach CCS equivalence. In **Sky**, fossil fuel bio-feedstocks are used to make such products, acting as an effective carbon

This situation means that assigning a net value to CCU plays a critical role. Doing so for CCS is a relatively simple task – each tonne stored can be counted as permanent mitigation and will contribute to the overall task of reaching net-zero emissions. This cannot be said for CCU. While carbon can be embedded in urea or polycarbonates, there is no established protocol to define this as permanent mitigation. Work remains to be done in this field.

every facet of the current energy system as either changed or is in transition. Remaining fossil fuel use leads to a loss of some 15 Gt CO₂ per year, rising to 11 Gt by 2100. This is about one day. For this reason, emission sinks (storing CO₂ from the atmosphere) are the most long-term, low-emission energy option, including Sky.

The Agreement recognises this reality and calls for a balance between emissions by sources and removals by sinks of greenhouse gases. Importantly, the Agreement states that even after significant mitigation through substitution, greenhouse gas emissions will continue, meaning that sinks will be vital at some level.

Key mechanisms in the energy system

In the energy sector, Sky utilises three mechanisms that either prevent the release of greenhouse CO₂ from the atmosphere. The mechanisms handle one trillion tonnes of CO₂ over the course of the century.

1. Conventional CCS applied in large point-source emitting facilities such as cement plants or iron ore smelters. The CO₂ is geologically stored, typically two to three kilometres below the surface. CCS technology is applied at scale in several facilities around the world today.
2. Conventional CCS applied in power plants operating with a sustainably produced biomass feedstock. In totality, this mechanism results in net removal of CO₂ from the atmosphere.
3. The production of various products, such as plastics, from fossil fuels or a biomass feedstock. These materials are then used by society and can deliver effective storage of carbon rather than releasing it to the atmosphere as CO₂. When the carbon is derived from biomass, this mechanism also results in net removal of CO₂ from the atmosphere.

The issue of greenhouse gas emissions extends beyond energy use, and there is also interplay between the energy system and natural systems, for example, when using bioenergy. Sky recognises this and the scope that exists for actions in one system to help the other and vice versa.

Nature-based solutions: Reforestation, restoration, and avoided deforestation

Land-use change throughout the world over the last century (but extending back hundreds of years) has contributed to the rise in atmospheric CO₂ and continues to do so. The Global Carbon Project has estimated that land-use changes have resulted in five Gt CO₂ per year being emitted for each of the last 20 years. If these changes can be stopped, many degraded ecosystems can be restored. The Nature Conservancy has estimated that around 500 Gt CO₂ in total can be drawn down from the atmosphere at costs today below US\$100/tonne CO₂ and sustainably stored by improved soils and extended forest cover.

The fourth mechanism introduced into the scenario is one that is widely understood and much used today – reforestation, restoration of degraded land, and avoided deforestation. Without tackling these areas alongside the energy system, overall net-zero emissions cannot be achieved. Sky assumes significant land-related actions to bring the land-use and agricultural systems back into balance and ensure that by 2070 net deforestation has reached zero.

Further, very large-scale reforestation could accompany this, offering the opportunity to remove additional carbon from the atmosphere and thereby approaching the stretch goal of the Paris Agreement – to limit the rise of the global average surface temperature to just 1.5°C.

The scale of change required in the land-use sector will require action by governments, both domestically and through international cooperative mechanisms, such as those included within the Paris Agreement.

The design, implementation, and use of these mechanisms can trigger private sector involvement, which in turn could accelerate the necessary activities.

Early action is important in this area given the decadal process of restoration and reforestation. Therefore, in Sky, these reforestation practices play an important role alongside the transformation of energy across the economy. Indeed, in the coming decades, some of the initial impetus for developments can come through industry support and utilisation of certified activity and traded certificates to compensate hard-to-mitigate energy-related emissions. CORSIA (Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation), the scheme agreed by the aviation industry in 2016 to counter the rising emissions in that sector, is a good example – nature-based solutions feature within their proposed offset calculations. Over time, however, in Sky, systems supporting CORSIA shift towards one of the three capture categories above for offset purposes.

By 2070 the goal of net-zero emissions is achieved within the energy system, an interplay between energy and natural systems continues. As illustrated, the energy system balance is reached through combining use and geological CO₂ storage with feedstocks to balance remaining fossil emissions still going to the atmosphere.

Through a broader swathe of actions across all sectors, including steps taken to bring deforestation to zero and to begin the process of land restoration, the overall Paris Agreement goal of balancing remaining anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions with sinks in the second half of the century is achieved.

In Sky, changes in land-use and an end to deforestation are critical to the overall outcome. But large-scale reforestation can be a game changer, with the potential to push even further to the ambitious 1.5°C goal of the Paris Agreement.



NATURE-BASED SOLUTIONS: EXTENDING AMBITION THROUGH RESTORATION OF NATURE

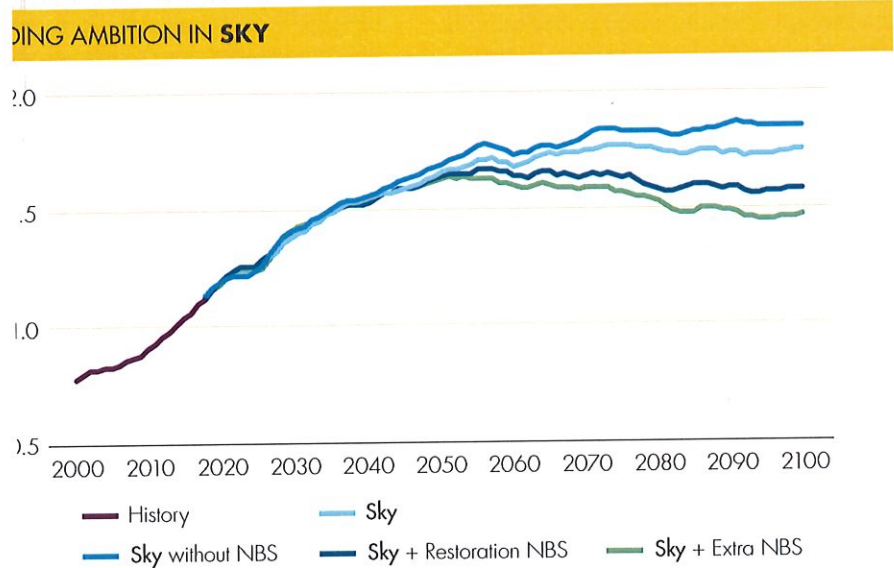
The case for **Sky** assumes that CO₂ emissions from land-use change fall to zero by 2050, in line with the energy system reaching net-zero emissions at the same time. But the restoration of ecosystems, including large-scale afforestation, can play a critical additional role in reducing a net draw-down of CO₂ from the atmosphere and therefore offering a pathway to the ambitious 1.5°C outcome.

Barriers can be overcome, such as support for agricultural communities, these nature-based solutions (NBS) can help to limit warming because scale-up can be achieved much faster than transformation of technologies.

From institutions such as MIT, the Woods Hole Center for Conservation, and The Nature Conservancy has indicated an additional drawdown beyond

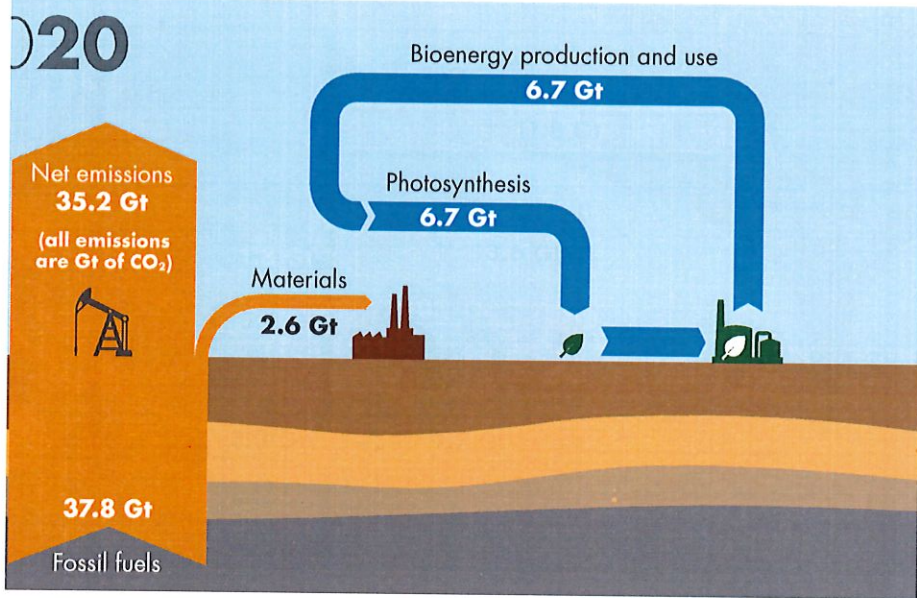
Sky of 10 Gt CO₂ per year is feasible through reforestation, although the scale of the task is very large. Some 700 million hectares of land would be required over the century, an area approaching that of Brazil.

We have run two sensitivities on the **Sky** scenario, in consultation with The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and MIT. The first sensitivity involves accelerated avoidance of deforestation and the introduction of a similar scale of restoration. We have called this "**Sky + Restoration NBS**". This adds five Gt CO₂ per year drawdown to **Sky**. The second sensitivity, "**Sky + Extra NBS**", is required to limit warming to 1.5°C and assumes many cost and social barriers can be overcome more successfully so that an additional drawdown rate of 10 Gt CO₂ per year (i.e., 15 Gt per year in total) can be reached.

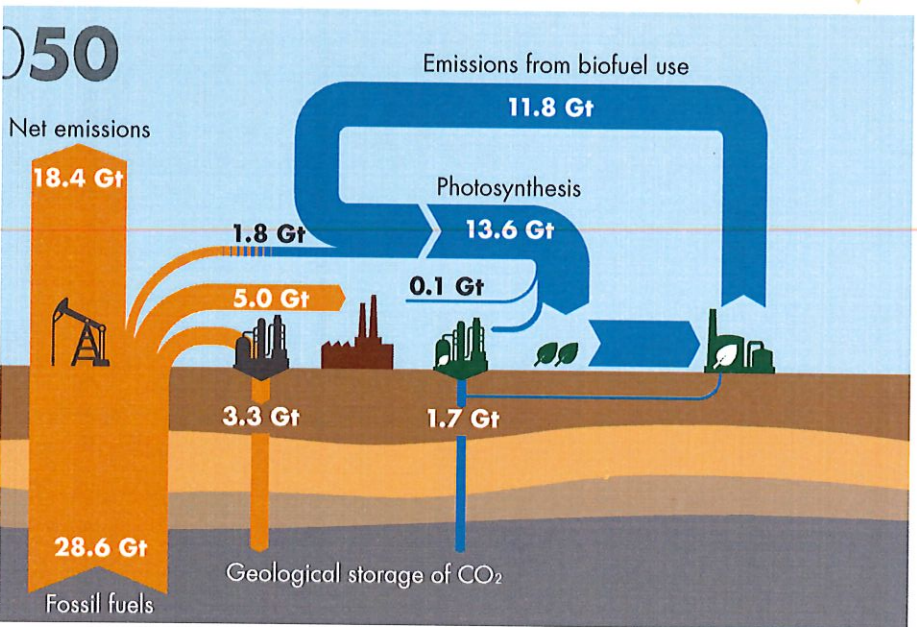


EVOLVING ENERGY SYSTEM CO₂ BALANCE SHEET IN SKY

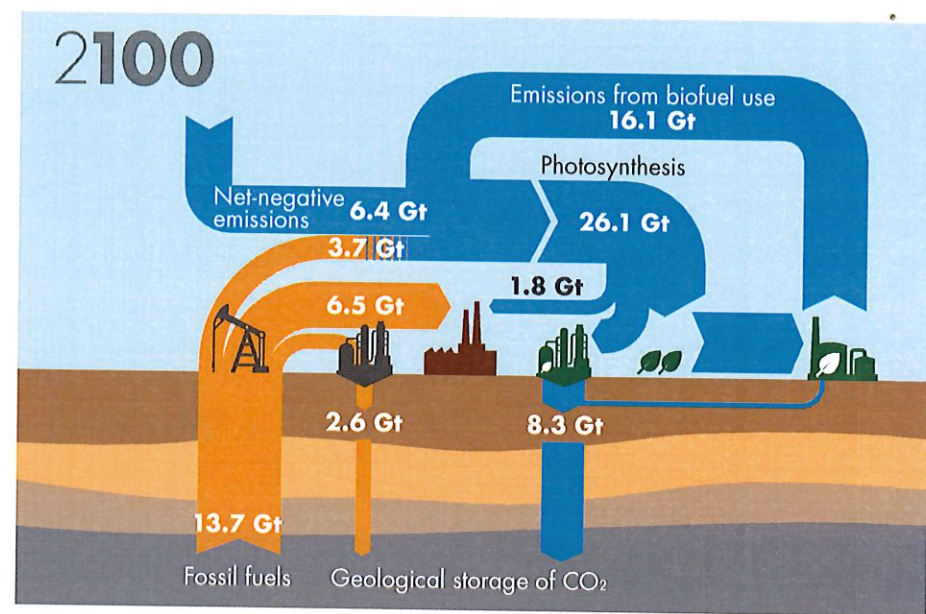
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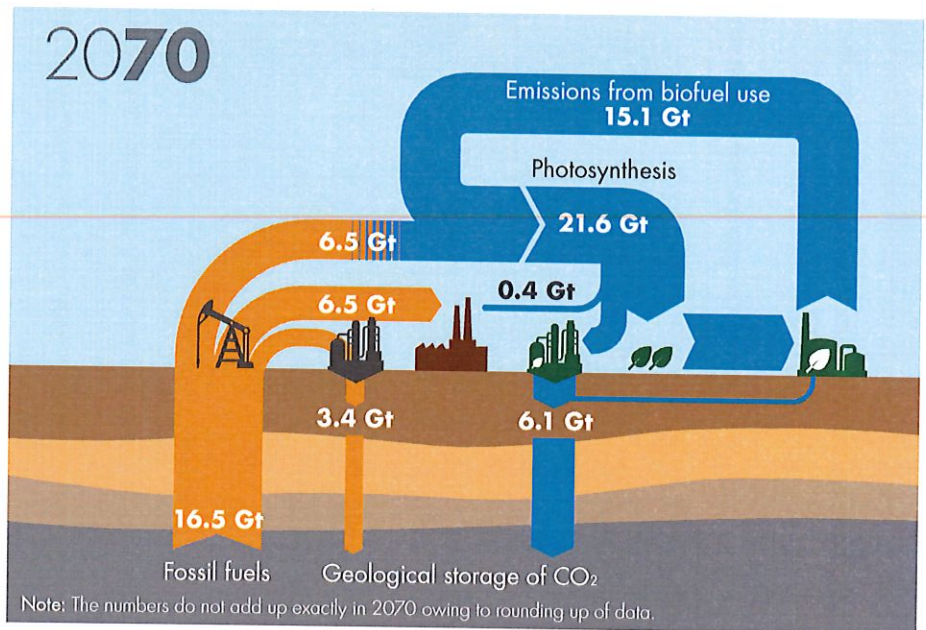
Most carbon in fossil energy production is burned and emitted to the atmosphere, but CO₂ absorbed by wood and other plants used for energy is also returned to the sphere.



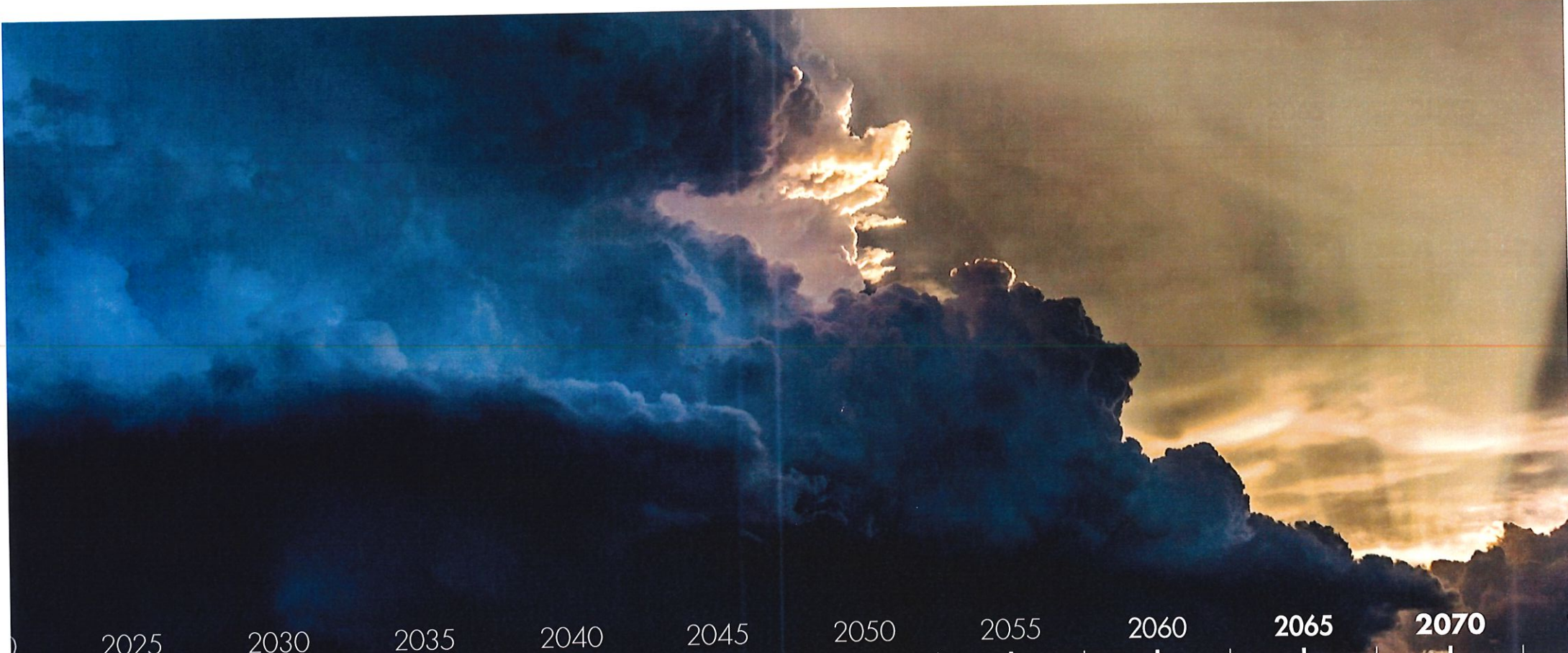
In 2050, the storage of CO₂ is rapidly scaling up. There are equal contributions from added carbon in materials production and CCS. Fossil energy CCS leads the way.



In Sky, at 2100, the bioenergy system has reached its resource base limit and is twice the size of the fossil energy system in CO₂ terms. The active management of CO₂ means that the total energy system is providing a drawdown of CO₂ from the atmosphere.



In Sky, in 2070, the energy system has achieved net-zero emissions. Fossil energy production is less than half today's level. Alongside direct CCS and the use of carbon for materials, the re-



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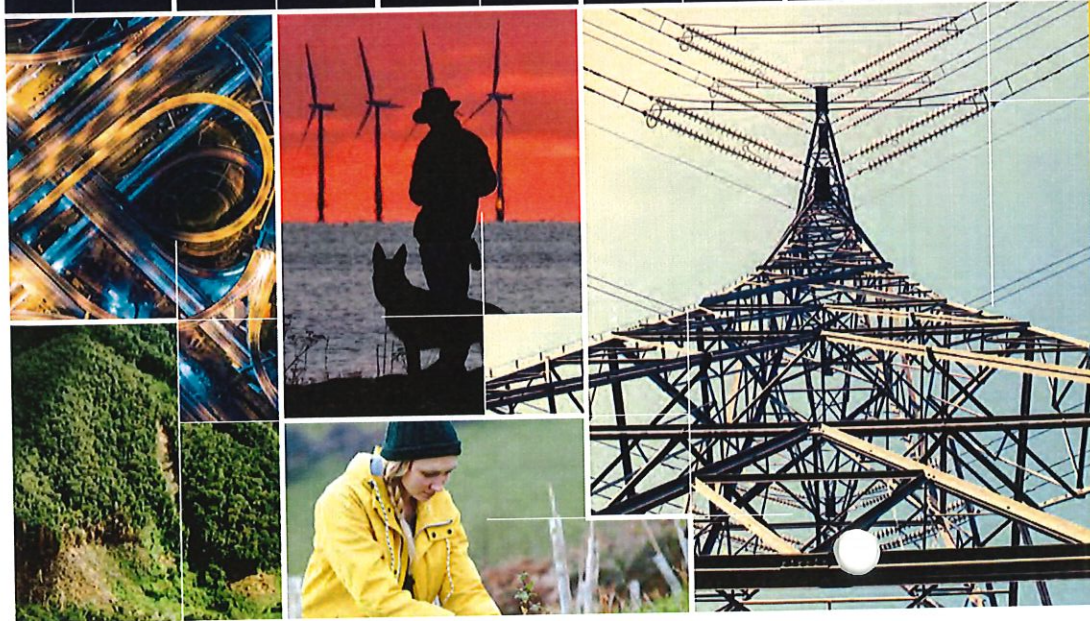
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beyond 2070, carbon capture levels off at around 12 Gt per year, oil fuel use continues to decline. This takes the overall energy system into the net emission territory, which draws down on accumulated carbon within the century. As a result, warming peaks during the 2070s and levels out through the second half of the century.

... warming of the climate system ... around 1.75°C according to the latest expert analysis of the energy emissions trajectory described by the Paris Agreement. In addition, a meaningful legacy of the energy transition industry offers the 22nd century the opportunity for further restoration.

... on to the actions covering the energy transition outlined in *Sky*, significant reforestation and restoration of natural ecosystems, wetlands, offer the possibility of limiting warming to 1.5°C, the ultimate goal of the Paris Agreement.

Of course, the big challenge is whether there is the political will and, underlying this, the societal will to put in place and maintain the frameworks that are necessary to address this awe-inspiring task – re-wiring the whole global economy in just the next 50 years.

The *Sky* scenario outlines what we believe to be a technologically, industrially, and economically possible route forward. This should give us all some hope – and perhaps some inspiration. In more practical terms, perhaps this analysis can provide useful pointers to areas where focused attention could produce the best results.



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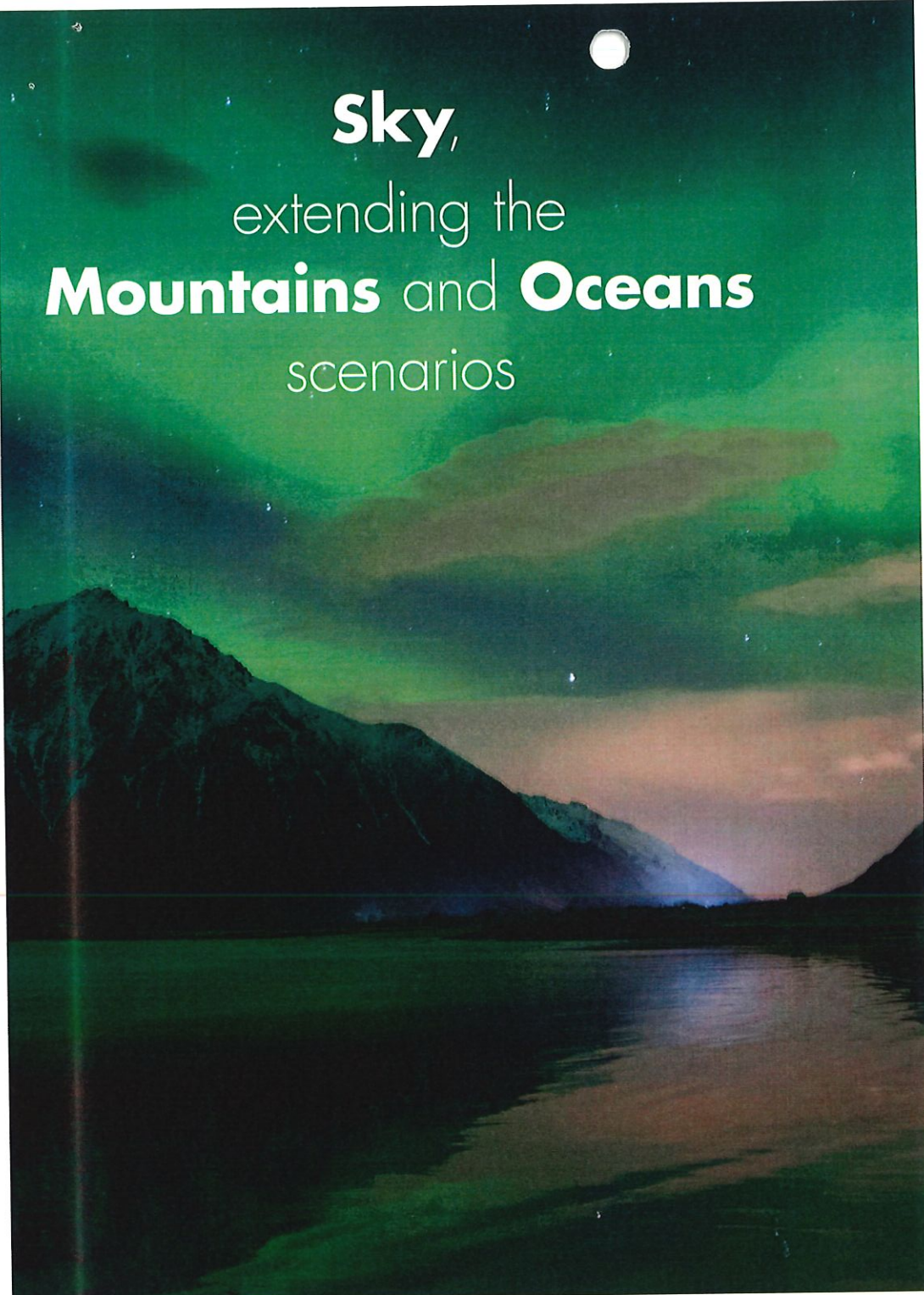
For the *Sky* scenario, MIT modelled the impact using their Integrated Global System Modelling (IGSM) framework. Shell has donated US\$100,000 to the Joint Program in recognition of the effort. MIT will publish a Joint Programme Report on the work it has done.

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The future depends on what we do in the present.

Mahatma Gandhi



Sky, extending the Mountains and Oceans scenarios

GLOSSARY

Energy Units

| | |
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| bcma | billion cubic metre per year |
| GJ | gigajoule (10^9 joule). The joule, J, is a unit of energy; 4.2 J are needed to heat one gram of water by 1°C . |
| EJ | exajoule (10^{18} joule) |
| kWh | kilowatt-hour (There are 3600 J per Wh). The unit Wh is commonly used for electricity generation, and J for energy more broadly. |
| TWh | terawatt-hour (10^{12} watt-hour, or one trillion watt-hours). A one GW power station operating for 300 days per year will produce about seven TWh. |
| GW | gigawatt (10^9 watt, one billion watts). A one GW power station is the typical size for a modern coal, gas, or nuclear installation. |
| Gt | gigatonne (10^9 tonne) |

Other Terms

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| BECCS | bioenergy with carbon capture and storage |
| CCS | carbon capture and storage |
| CCU | carbon capture and use |
| EV | electric vehicle, defined as either a battery electric vehicle or a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle |
| FCEV | fuel-cell electric vehicle |
| LPG | liquefied petroleum gas |
| NBS | nature-based solutions; the use of avoided deforestation, reforestation, and other restoration of natural ecosystems |
| NDC | nationally determined contribution; the actions countries take to reduce greenhouse gas emissions under the Paris Agreement |
| NZE | net-zero emissions, i.e., a balance between anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of greenhouse gases |
| primary energy | the supply of energy sources including oil, natural gas, coal, bioenergy, nuclear energy, and renewables. Primary energy is energy drawn from nature, in its first usable form. |
| final energy | the demand for energy carriers, such as electricity or liquid fuels, by final consumers, such as industry, households and transport, for all their energy needs. When natural gas is used for home heating, it is counted as final energy; when it is used to generate electricity in a power station it is counted as primary energy. |
| solar PV | solar photovoltaic panels used for electricity generation |

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