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# The Energy Security Scenarios

Entering a world of competitive transition

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# Scenarios - What are they?

- Scenarios explore how the world could possibly evolve under different sets of assumptions.
  - Informed by data.
  - Constructed using models.
- Scenarios contain insights from leading experts in the relevant fields.
- Scenarios consider different versions of possible futures. Some may seem unlikely or even surprising.
- The value to Shell is to help senior management think about the long-term challenges Shell could face.
- Scenarios are not expressions of Shell's strategy, they are not Shell's business plan and they do not necessarily reflect the thinking or behaviour of the business.
- Shell also publishes some of its scenario thinking to help governments, academia and business to think about the long-term challenges that they, and the world at large, could face.
- Scenarios are possible worlds built from incomplete and uncertain information.
- Scenarios are intended as an aid to making better decisions. They stretch minds and broaden horizons.

# A security mindset is rapidly emerging throughout the world...

...but a deeper exploration reveals the foundation for an accelerated energy transition

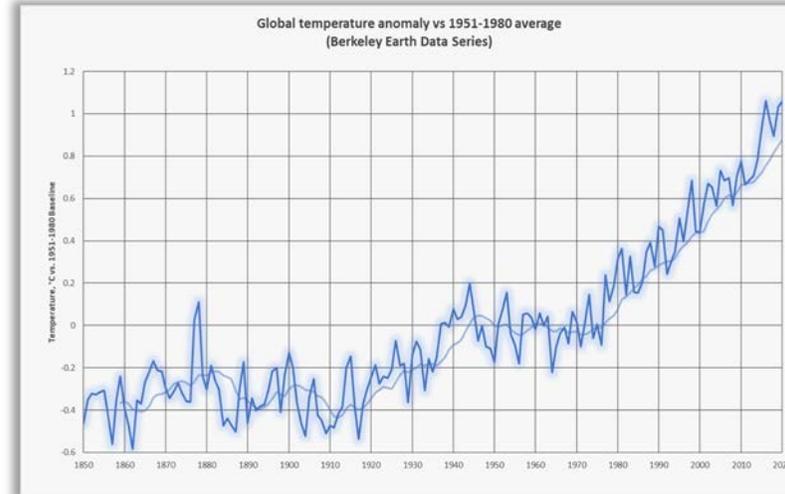


# In a troubled world, four key drivers of change

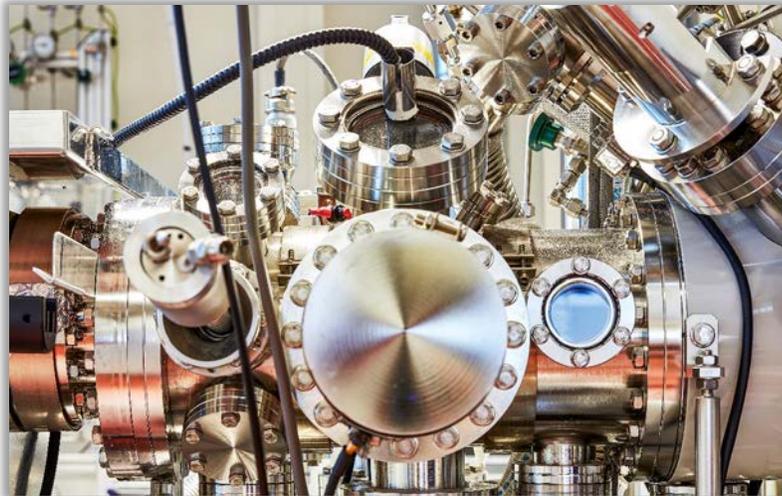
Rising energy costs, food prices, inflation



Global surface temperature continues to rise



Accelerated technological change



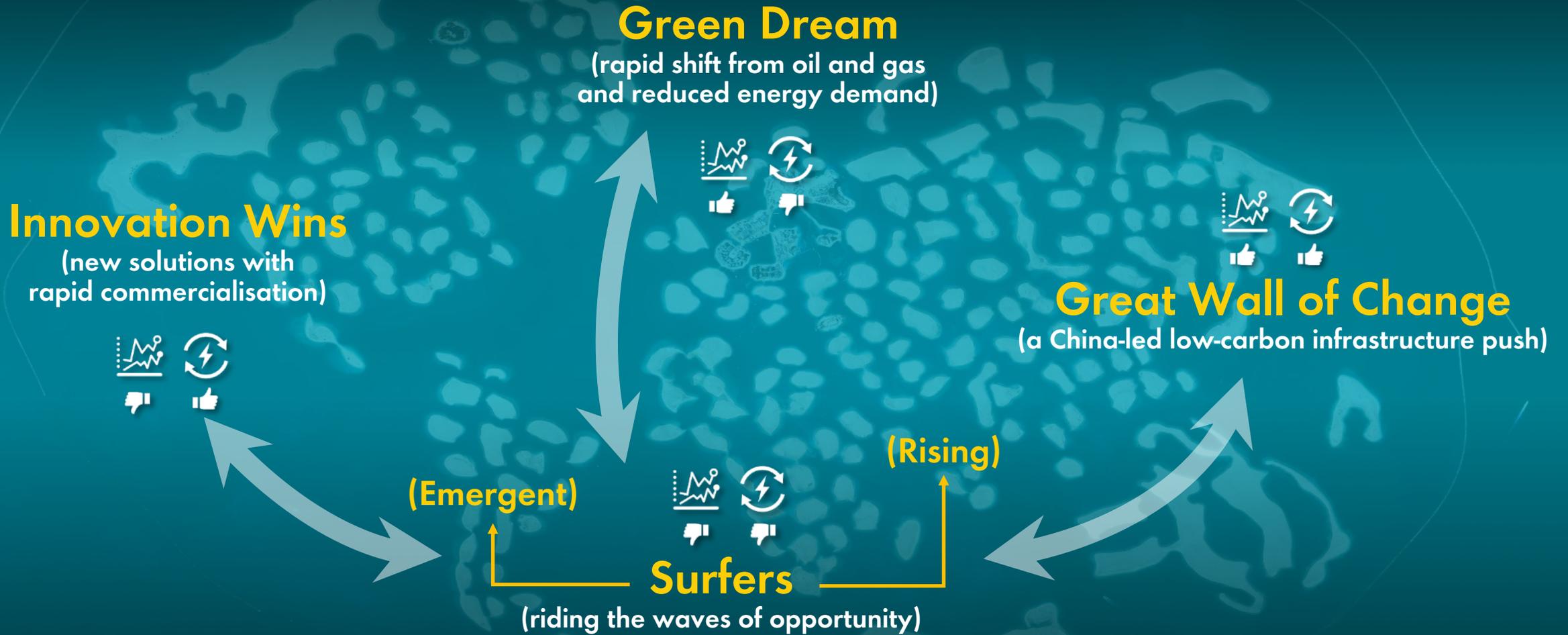
Least developed economies need energy



# Four emerging energy transition archetypes, each with a differing pace of decarbonisation

KEY

- MORE ABLE TO ENDURE
- LESS ABLE TO ENDURE
- REACTION TO PRICE VOLATILITY
- WITHSTANDING SUPPLY DISRUPTION



# Two scenarios emerge, **Sky 2050** and **Archipelagos**

As the security mindset takes hold and national interests take precedence a tension emerges between national climate pledges and what countries must do to address immediate energy concerns.

**We are collectively entering a world of competitive transition.**

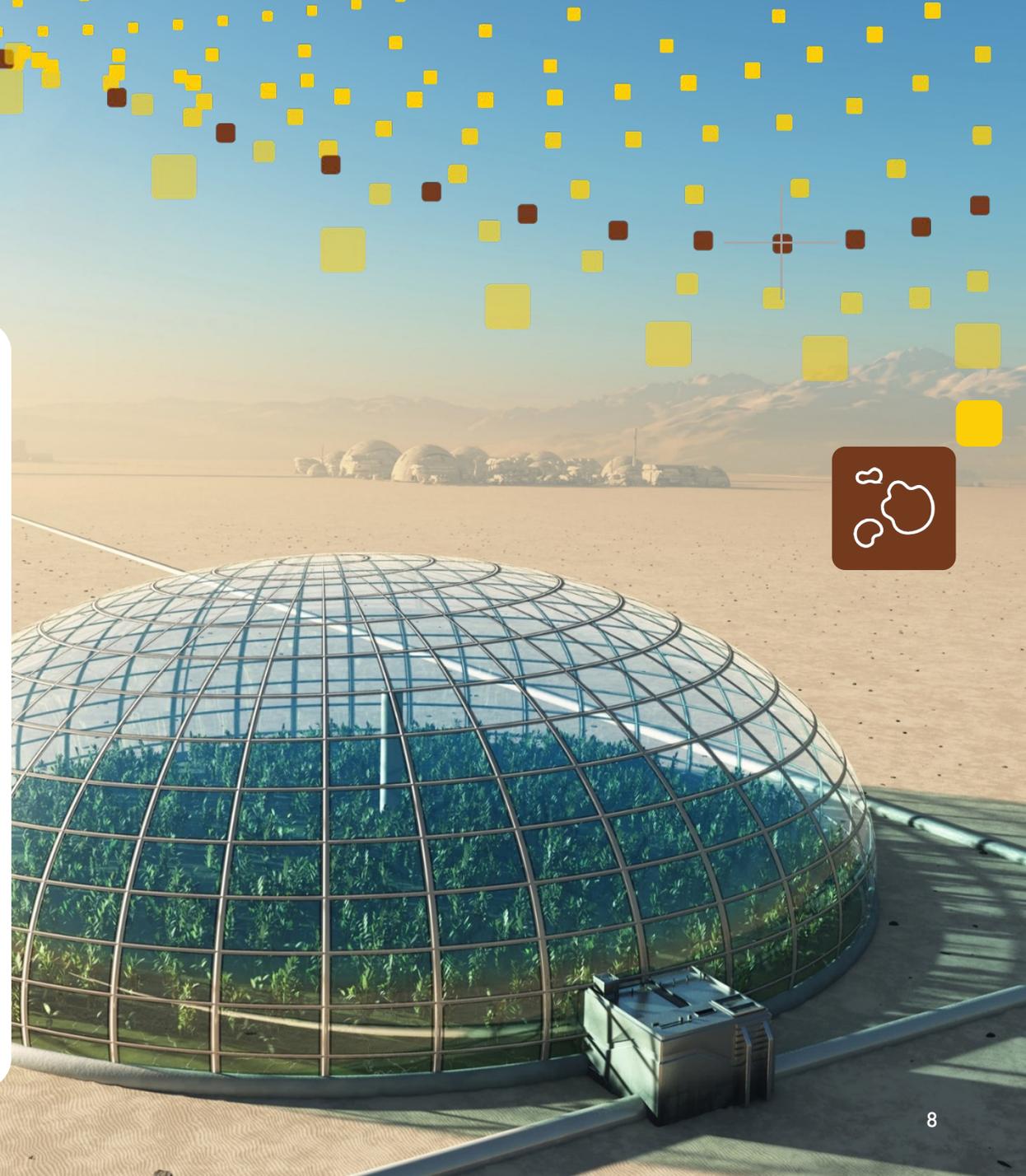


# Archipelagos

## Security through self interest

The security mindset becomes entrenched worldwide. Sentiment shifts away from managing emissions and towards energy security.

- **Green Dream** – the energy shock speeds up transition. Supply fear is heightened.
- **Innovation Wins** – disruption in the old energy system offers new opportunities.
- **Great Wall of Change** – de-globalization supports internal energy transformation and strengthening.
- **Surfers** – shifting alliances offer immediate advantages and opportunities are taken.



# Sky 2050

## Security through mutual interest



Long-term climate security is the primary anchor, with specific targets to reach net zero by 2050 and limit temperature rise to 1.5°C in 2100.

- **Green Dream** – applies global carbon pricing via border adjustment mechanisms.
- **Innovation Wins** – accelerated technology development through government funding.
- **Great Wall of Change** – enviable market position drives faster change in other regions.
- **Surfers** – intense global pressure to end deforestation, but finance becomes more available.

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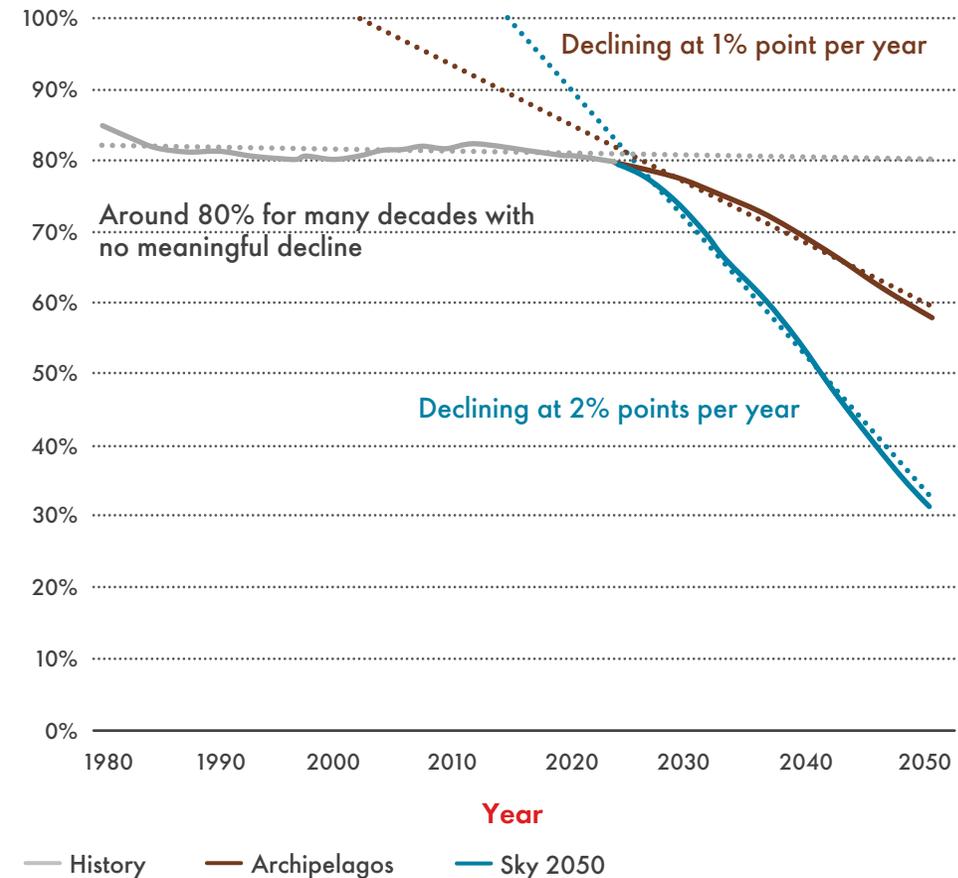
## Primary energy in **Sky 2050** and **Archipelagos**

### The energy transition accelerates

- It becomes increasingly competitive as nations seek security of supply.
- **Sky 2050** takes a wider view of security, with positive reinforcement leading to rapid change.
- Fossil fuels lose market share within the primary energy mix.
- Multiple energy transition tipping points emerge worldwide throughout the 2020s.

Oil, coal and gas as a fraction of total primary energy

Fraction of primary energy (%)



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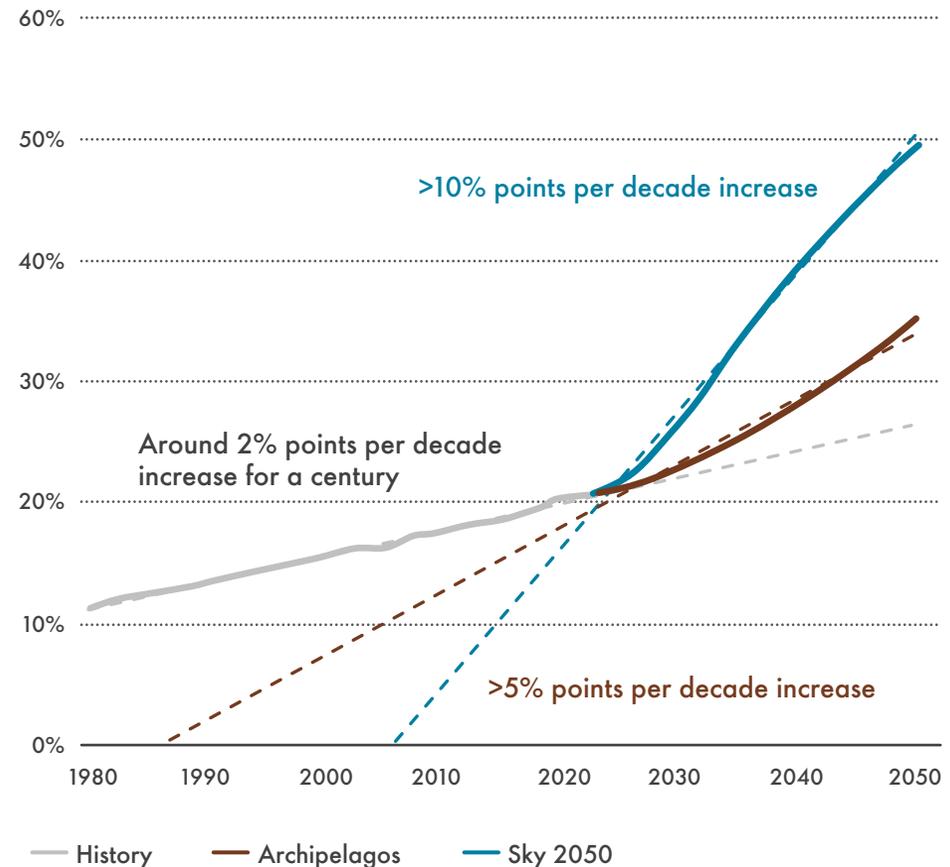
## In any scenario, the long-term electrification trend accelerates

### The final energy system trends rapidly towards electricity

- A century long trend shifts gear in the 2020s.
- Electrification of transport leads the way:
  - Passenger vehicles.
  - Light road freight.
- Residential energy use trends towards full electrification, even for heating.
- Industrial energy use shifts more slowly, but still electrifies over time.

### Electricity as a fraction of total final energy

Fraction of final energy (%)



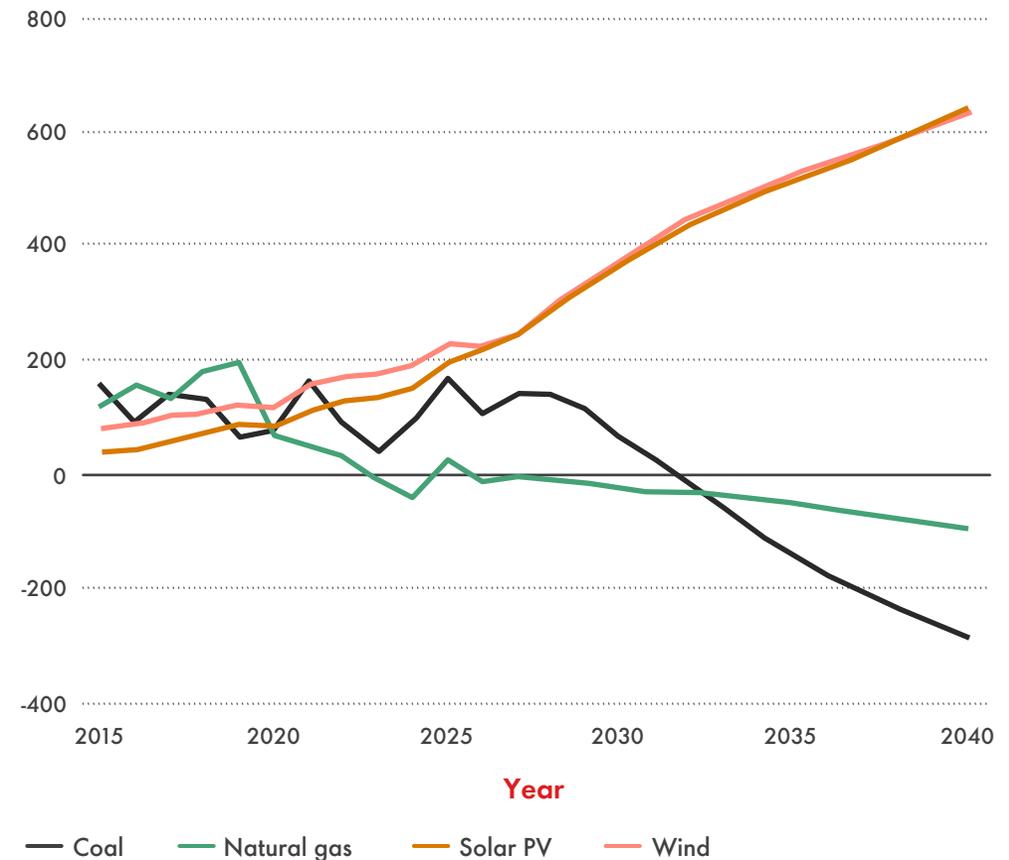
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## A renewable energy tipping point

### Electricity generation is driven by the availability of renewables

- Solar PV capacity of over 200 GW is being added on an annual basis, delivering some 250-300 Terawatt hours (TWh) of electricity.
- In **Archipelagos** this grows to around 400 TWh in the early 2030s, greater than the early 2020s additions from coal and natural gas combined.
- Both coal and natural gas stop growing as sources of electricity into the 2030s, then decline sets in.

Annual change in global electricity generation Archipelagos  
TWh per year (5-year moving average)



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## Molecular fuels remain important in some applications

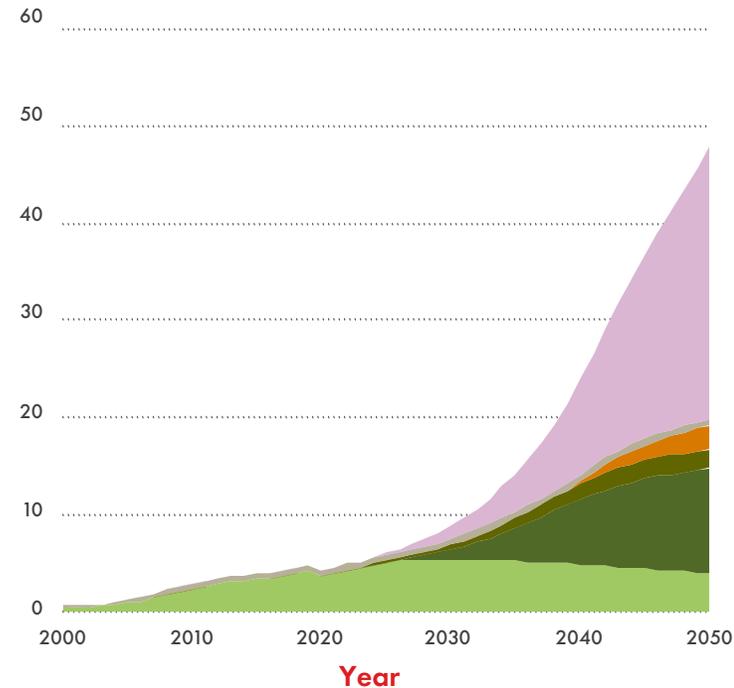
### Biofuels, synthetic fuels and hydrogen all have increasing roles

- Liquid biofuels increase, but 1st generation ethanol peaks before 2035. 2nd generation fuels grow from 2025.
- Hydrogen emerges in the 2020s and is quick to ramp up in **Sky 2050**.
- In 2050, oil and gas derived final energy fuels still total 107 EJ in **Sky 2050** (vs. 230 EJ in 2019), over four times that of low carbon fuels.

Low carbon fuels in final energy

**Sky 2050**

EJ per year

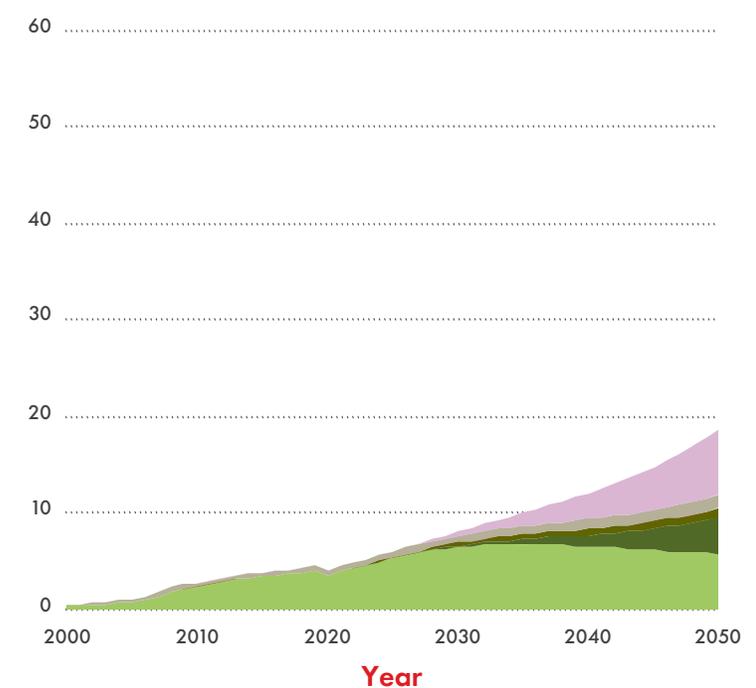


1st generation biofuels 2nd generation biofuels Biogas  
Power-to-liquids synthetic fuels Hydrogen Waste fuels

Low carbon fuels in final energy

**Archipelagos**

EJ per year



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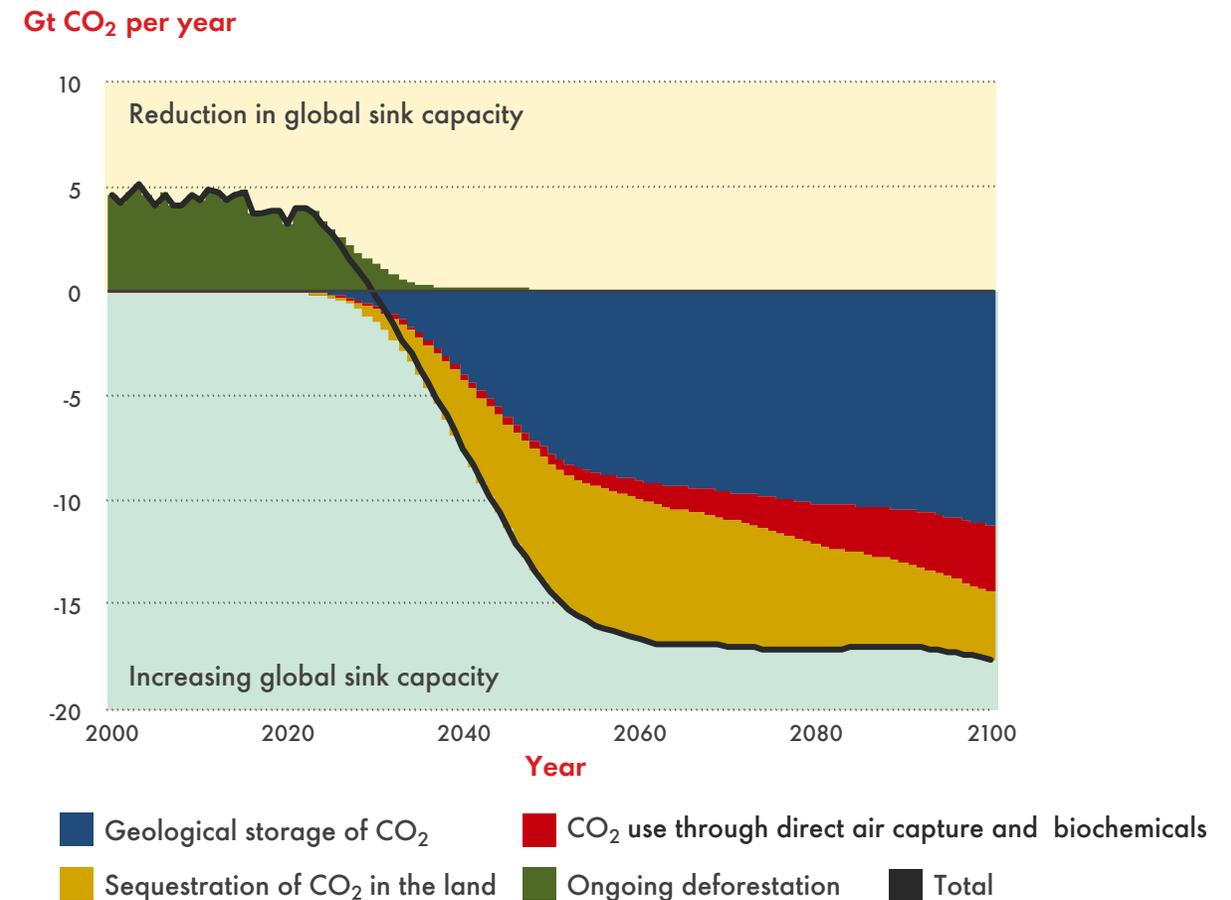
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## Sinks play a critical role in Sky 2050

**In Sky 2050 570 Gt of CO<sub>2</sub> is stored geologically and land carbon is bolstered by 340 Gt (in CO<sub>2</sub> terms)**

- Geological storage is the long-term mechanism for balancing remaining fossil-fuel use.
- Land carbon management is essential for a stable climate:
  - Stopping deforestation then restoration. An area the size of Mexico requires reforestation.
  - Managing soil carbon – most arable land comes under some form of carbon management through farming.
  - Sustainable business models need to emerge to support carbon farming.

Land use changes and the development of sinks Sky 2050



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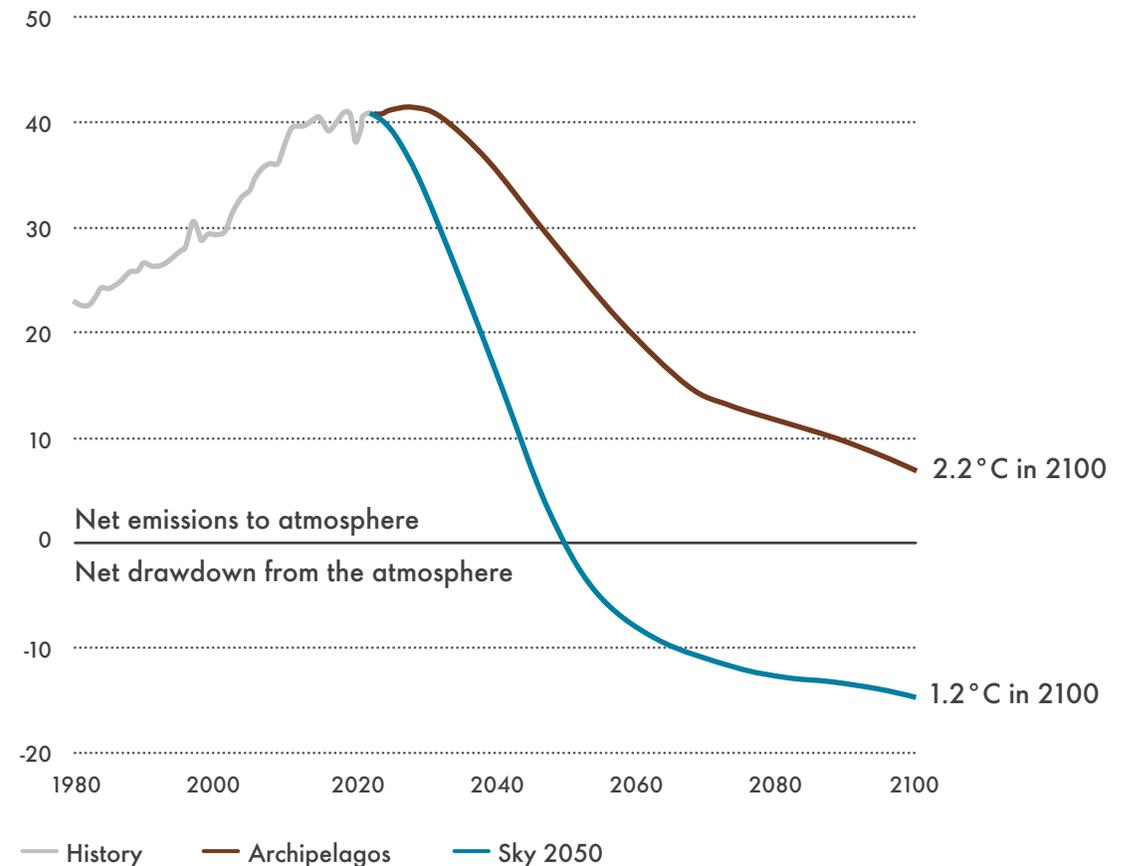
## Features of **Sky 2050** and **Archipelagos**

### Net zero emissions (NZE) is an almost inevitable outcome

- **Sky 2050** reaches NZE in 2050 (by design), combining energy and land use changes.
- By 2100, warming is less than 1.5°C in **Sky 2050**.
- **Archipelagos** reaches NZE early in the 22nd century but warming exceeds 2°C.
- Scenarios above 2.5°C no longer appear plausible given the anticipated pace of the energy transition.

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

Energy, Industrial processes and land use, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (Gt per year)



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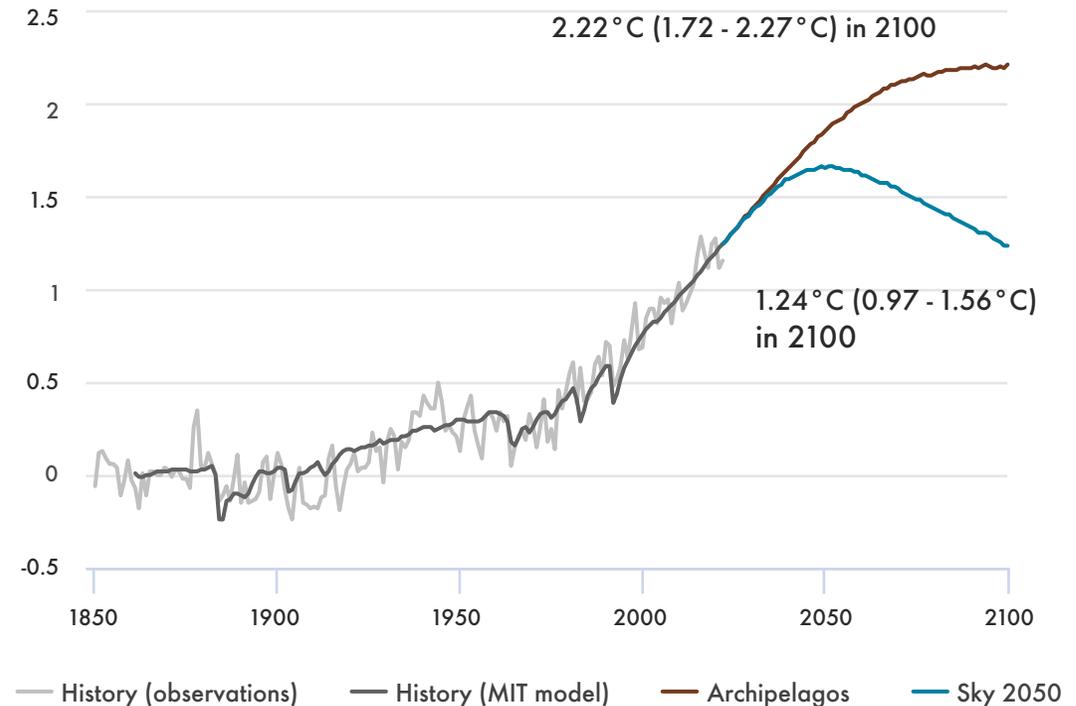
## Temperature outcomes in **Sky 2050** and **Archipelagos**

### **Sky 2050** is consistent with the Paris Agreement

- **Sky 2050** is an overshoot 1.5°C scenario, peaking at 1.67°C in 2049, falling to 1.24°C by 2100.
- It meets the IPCC AR6 definition for a 1.5°C scenario with high overshoot.
- According to MIT's model, in 2023, the global mean surface temperature is 1.27°C above 1850-1900.
- Both scenarios pass 1.5°C by 2034.
- In **Sky 2050**, the temperature in 2100 is almost the same as the world experiences in 2023.

### Global mean surface temperature above 1850-1900 baseline: **Sky 2050** and **Archipelagos**

°C vs. 1850-1900



Historical temperature data are taken from HadCRUT5 (November 2022). In these scenarios, we use global mean surface temperatures (ensemble medians) as modelled by the MIT Joint Program (December 2022). The figures in brackets refer to the 'very likely' range, defined as the 90% interval.

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## The world in 2050 and 2100

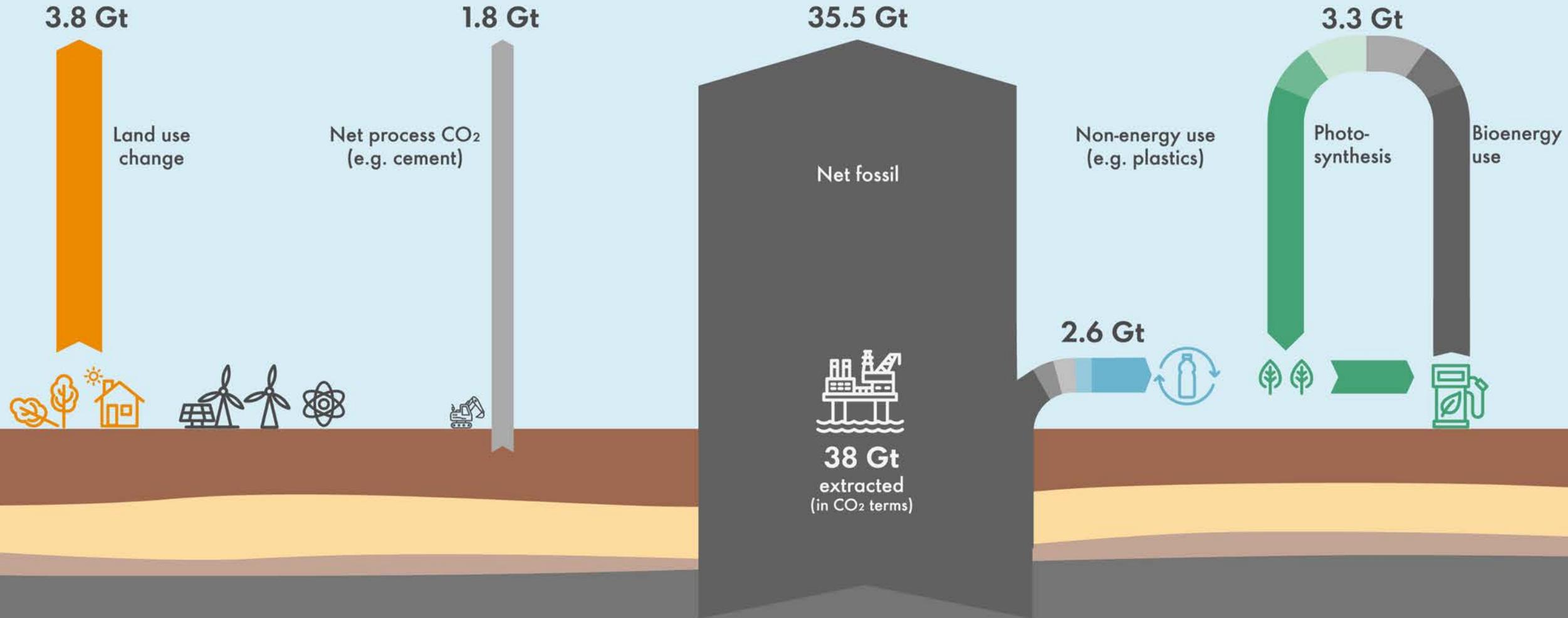


# Sources and sinks of anthropogenic carbon (as CO<sub>2</sub>) in 2019

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

# 2019

Sources		Flow (Gt/year)		Stock
Sources	Coal, oil, gas extraction	38	+39.8	Atmosphere build of 41 Gt CO <sub>2</sub> in 2019
	Limestone for cement	1.8		
Sinks	Land use and agriculture	3.8	+1.2	
	CCS + DACCS	~0		
	Bioenergy + CCS (BECCS)	~0		
	Products in society	- 2.6		

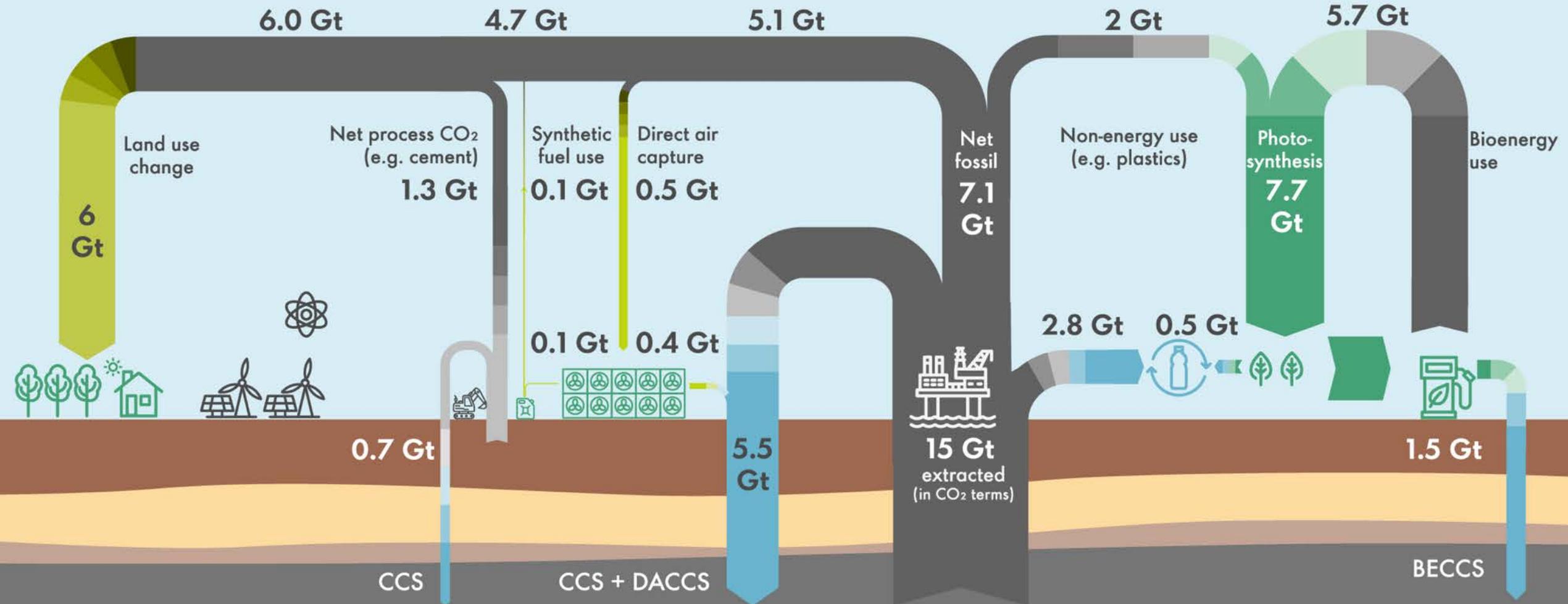


# Sources and sinks of anthropogenic carbon (as CO<sub>2</sub>) in Sky 2050

Net zero emissions in 2050

# 2050

Sources	Flow (Gt/year)		Stock
	Value	Change	
Coal, oil, gas extraction	15	+17	Net zero emissions in 2050
Limestone for cement	2		
Land use and agriculture	- 6	-17	
CCS + DACCS	- 6.2		
Bioenergy + CCS (BECCS)	- 1.5		
Products in society	- 3.3		

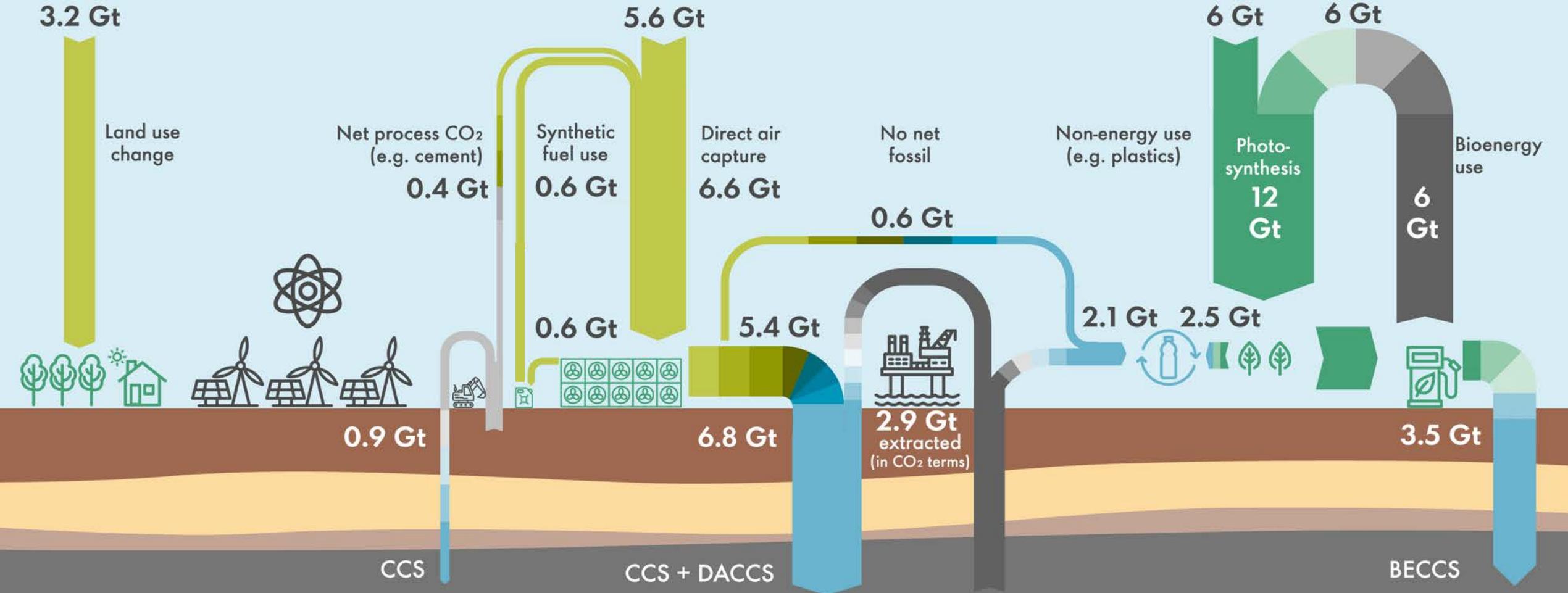


# Sources and sinks of anthropogenic carbon (as CO<sub>2</sub>) in Sky 2050

Net negative emissions of 14.8 Gt CO<sub>2</sub> per year in 2100

# 2100

		Flow (Gt/year)		Stock
Sources	Coal, oil, gas extraction	2.9	+4.2	Atmosphere drawdown of 14.8 Gt CO <sub>2</sub> In 2100
	Limestone for cement	1.3		
Sinks	Land use and agriculture	-3.2	-19	
	CCS + DACCS	-7.7		
	Bioenergy + CCS (BECCS)	-3.5		
	Products in society	-4.6		



# Concluding remarks

1. Countries with similar energy vulnerabilities behave in similar ways.
2. **Rising Surfers** and the energy pathway they take are key to limiting warming.
3. The world switches to electricity at an accelerated pace, but hydrogen and bioenergy have important roles to play.
4. Fossil fuels inevitably lose market share.
5. Emissions do not initially fall quickly, with a 12% reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 2030 achieved in **Sky 2050** (vs. 2010).
6. Overshoot of 1.5° C appears almost inevitable, but recovery is possible in the second half of the century. The world must remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere at large scale.
7. There is a significant emissions gap between the scenarios, but society is nevertheless heading towards net-zero emissions.
8. The timing of net-zero emissions is dictated by policy efforts and the business, consumer relationship.

