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Context: what does the 2 Degree Scenario mean?



In December 2015 (@ CoP21 in Paris), 161 member states agreed upon the 2DS

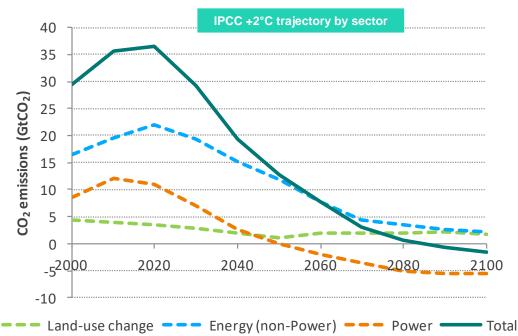
For the first time in December 2015, 161 states officially adopted in Paris at the CoP 21 the target of max temperature increase 2°C by 2100.

The CoP 21 agreement includes 3 goals :

- Containing the rise of global mean temperatures "well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels, and to pursue efforts" to limit the warming to 1.5°C.
- "Increasing the ability to adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change" by promoting resilient and low-carbon development.
- Making financial flows "consistent" with a low-carbon develo

Source: ENGIE Corporate Strategy CODIR 20/07/2015 scenario for a +2°C target - Adapted from IPCC, AR5-WG1 and AR5-WG3

Scenario from the IPCC shows that the power sector should become CO₂ negative by 2060 if we are to achieve the 2°C target





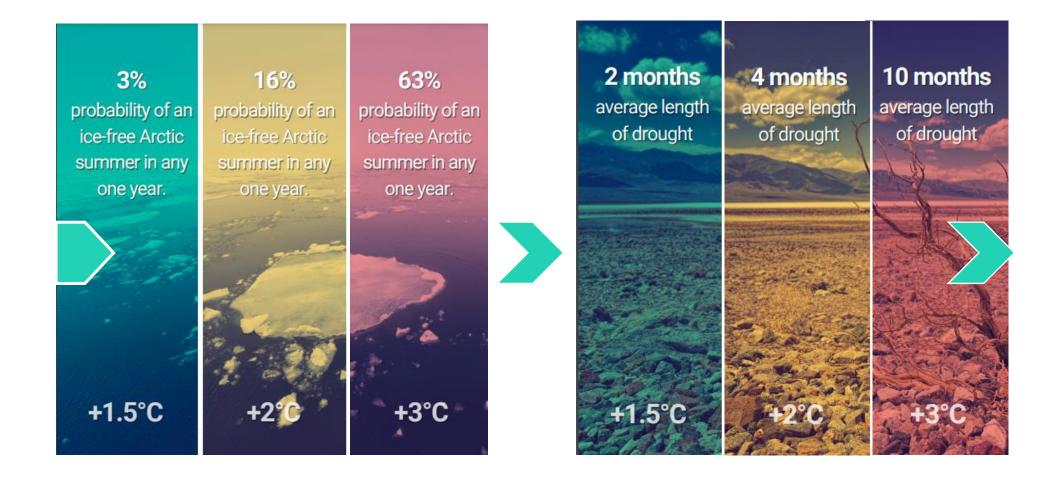
The difference between 1.5°C, 2°C or 3°C average global warming can sound marginal but...

...in fact, they represent **vastly different scenarios** for the future of humanity.





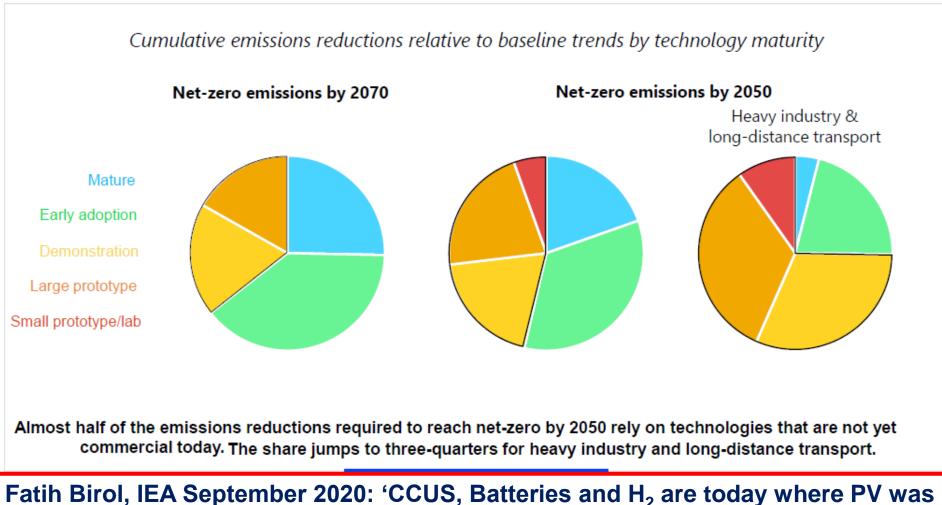
The frequency of disasters...



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More than half of the emission reduction will have to come from technologies that are today not mature: Innovation and R&D are crucial and need to speed up!

Clean energy technology progress hinges on innovation



10 years ago. GOVERNMENT need to support their development now!'



We must prove the alarming roadmaps wrong!

Good news:

(i) Some companies are taking the lead (today mostly digital companies)

(i) All current alarming roadmaps do not take breakthrough technologies into account!

Microsoft wants to capture all of the carbon dioxide it's ever emitted

The company wants to be carbon negative by 2030 By Justine Calma | @justcalma | Jan 16, 2020, 12:30pm EST

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Sustainable Business



Amazon and others commit to using zero-carbon shipping fuels by 2040

Apple commits to be 100 percent carbon neutral for its supply chain and products by 2030

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Already carbon neutral today for corporate emissions worldwide, the company plans to bring its entire carbon footprint to net zero 20 years sooner than IPCC targets

So research & innovation can help prove these alarming roadmaps wrong!



The logo of Amazon is seen at the company logistics centre in Boves, France, October 6, 2021 REUTERS/Pascal Rossignol LONDON, Oct 19 (Reuters) - Amazon.com Inc (<u>AMZN.O</u>) and IKEA are among commercial users of container shipping that will opt for zero-carbon marine fuels by 2040 in a new initiative aimed at speeding up decarbonisation in the maritime sector, executives said on Tuesday.



And what about the war?

Fatih Birol (IEA's Executive director) in Brussels on Will war fast-track the energy transition? 24 February 2022:

"Today can be the day on which the EU starts a historic redesign of its energy priorities & policy: build its own(ed) secure, affordable and clean EU energy future!"

BUT...

ANALYSE) Loskomen van Russisch gas? Er zit een reukje aan Amerikaans schaliegas: goed voor portemonnee, niet voor mens en milieu

In het huldige conflict in Oekraïne belooft de VS om de EU dit jaar 15 miljard kubieke meter méér LNG (liquid natural gas oftewel Voleibaar aardgas) te leveren zodat we voor onze energie minder afhankelijk zijn van Rusland. Maar dat zal niet voldoende zijn om echt onafhankelijk te worden van de Russen. Bovendien bestaat dat Amerikaanse LNG voor 80 procent uit schaliegas. Dat schaliegas wordt niet bepaald milieuvriendelijk ontgonnen én het is niet ongevaarlijk; bij de ontginning zijn al tientallen doden gevallen.

Bloomberg

Germany May Extend Coal Use to Replace Russian Gas

- Invasion of Ukraine sparks push toward energy independence
- 'A warmonger is not a reliable partner,' vice chancellor says

By <u>Angela Cullen</u> and <u>Birgit Jennen</u> February 28, 2022, 9:21 AM GMT+1 *Updated on February 28, 2022, 11:33 AM GMT+1*



The sudden push to reduce Europe's dependence on Russian gas and oil could trigger a paradigm shift to clean energy sources that might be quickly scaled up.



INFO EUROPE 1 - Le gouvernement envisage de repousser la fermeture de la centrale à charbon de Saint-Avold



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Maud Descamps, édité par Thibault Nadal • 06h27, le 24 mars 2022, modifié à 12h41, le 24 mars 2022

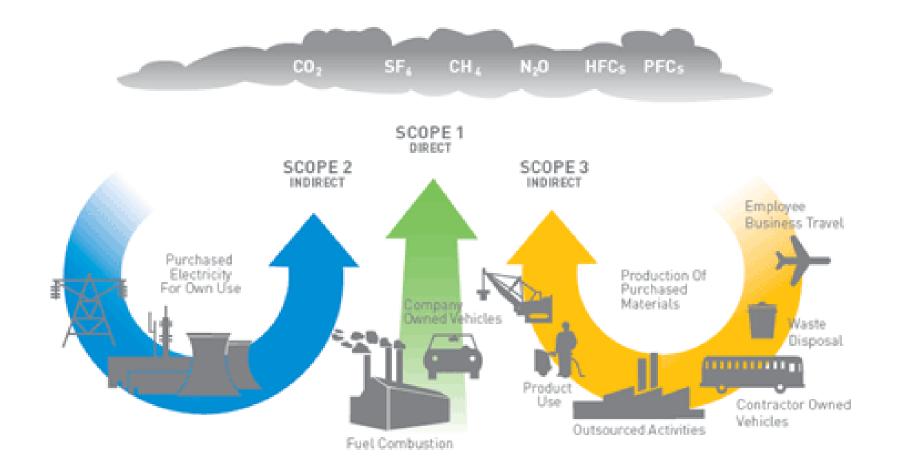
En raison de la guerre en Ukraine et de la hausse du prix de l'électricité, le gouvernement envisage de reporter la fermeture de la centrale de charbon de Saint-Avold en Moselle, comme celle de Cordemais, dont l'arrêt a été repoussé à 2024.



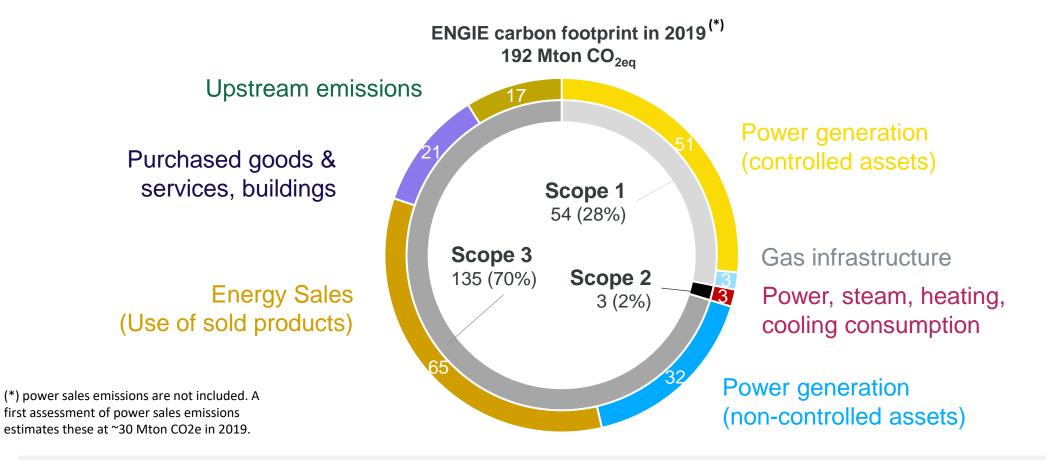


ENGIE & ENGIE Research

ENGIE announced to be carbon neutral on all 3 scopes by 2045:



ENGLE's ambition covers all 3 scopes, including direct emissions as well as all indirect emissions

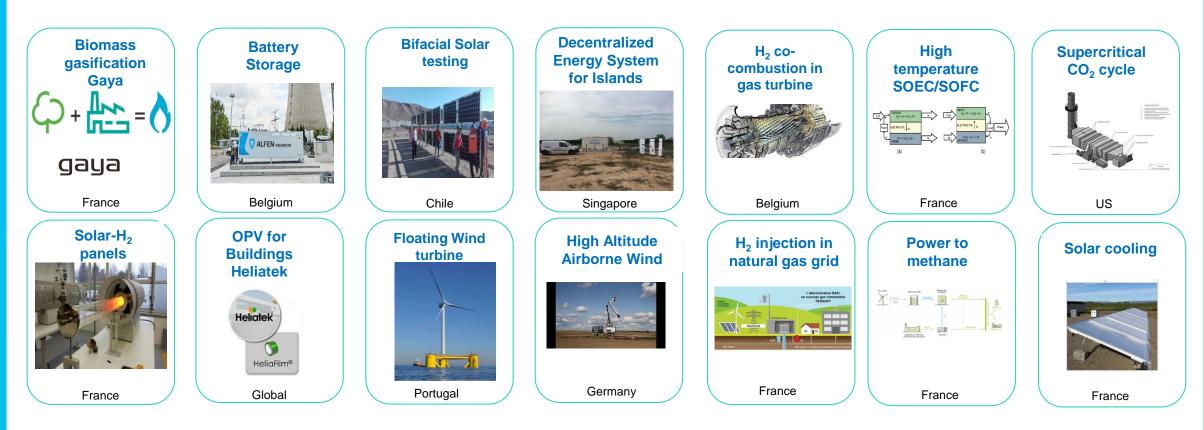


Proposed net zero ambition by 2045 covers all scopes including procurement and upstream emissions, but intermediate targets are limited to energy generation and sales, the two most important sources of emission



Pilot projects with academic, industrial and government partners are important to co-develop, test and demonstrate new solutions

Pilots are key for ENGIE and a large part of the research budget







3 pathways towards Carbon neutrality



3 pathways towards Carbon neutrality

(i) Increase energy efficiency and increase circularity where waste becomes a feedstock

From waste TO green GAS : clean, local, circular... ...but the challenge is to achieve volume production at scale



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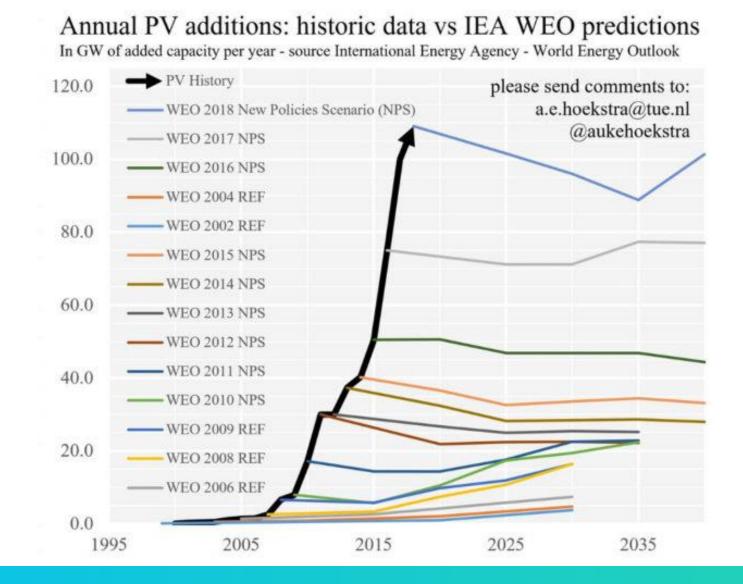
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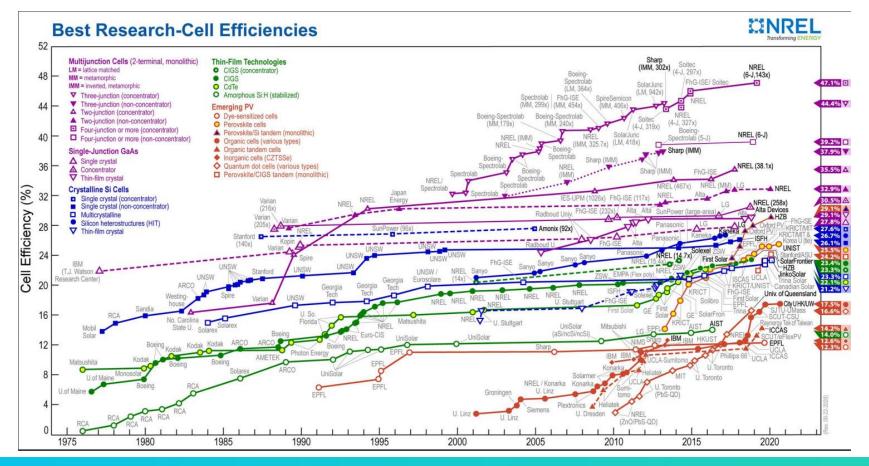
We have proven the roadmaps wrong...



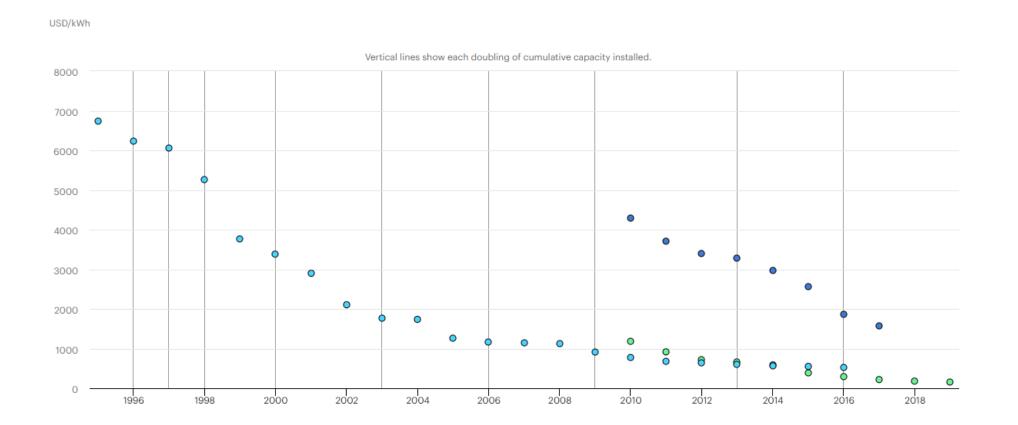


PV efficiency will continue to increase, thanks to the industry's continuing R&D efforts

 Over the last 4 decades, the PV industry has continued to find ways to increase the efficiency of the photovoltaic effect and this will not stop. But the real challenge is the cost: even for Silicon-based PV, significant R&D is necessary to reach the efficiencies between 24 and 26% in a cost-effective way.



Batteries are experiencing similar drastic cost reductions as PV and Wind in the past; but remain expensive and business model not always easy



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Flexibility and Demand side management will be crucial for a successful electrification



Provide flexibility locally and in the system EMS, aggregation – Hybridisation with storage – Vehicle to grid – ...



Operational R&D pilot with 5 different OEM battery solutions delivering **ancillary services**



Oud-Heverlee pilot, local **B2C LEC** with battery and V2G

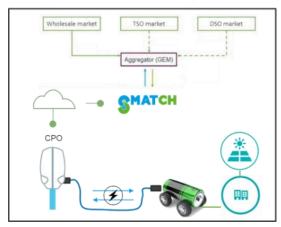


Carbon neutral industry – battery, PV, wind, cold process, EV, EMS, battery health monitoring



Power quality with EMS for cattle farm with manure-based biogas plant





Sector coupling EM and Energy markets via smart charging – Flexibility pilot for low CO2 energy supply at Rotterdam for 58 chargers

Four out of the six technologies in our 2021 document deal with electricity!

PV everywhere: the era of Integrated Photovoltaics (X-i-PV) Road to 30% efficiency PV cells

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Wind Turbine Blade Circularity

Natural hydrogen

Metal fuels

Fusion Power

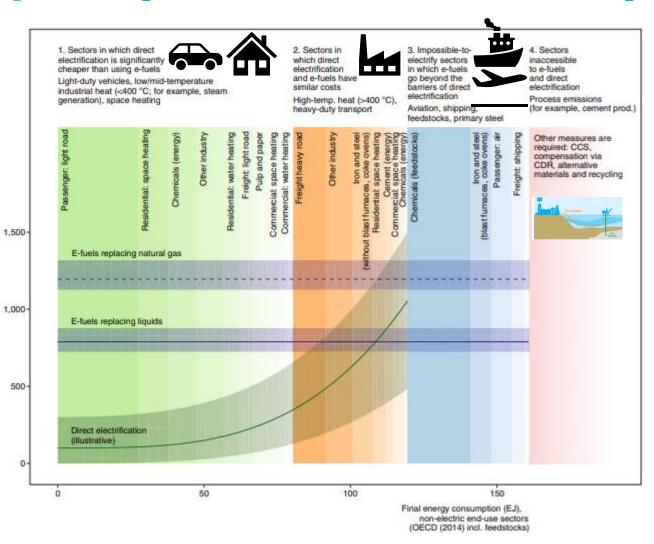


Marginal abatement costs differ as a function of the industry for the different pathways towards carbon neutrality

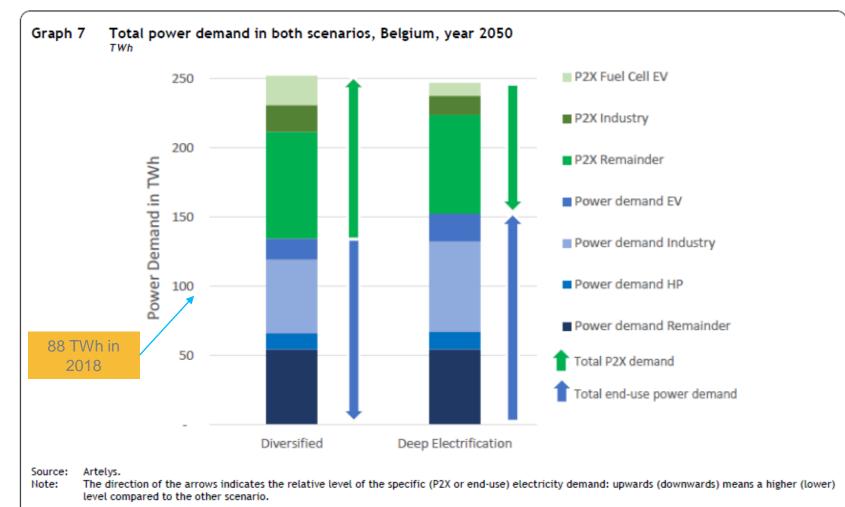
3 pathways towards carbon neutrality (order is important!):

KCO2-1) (2020-2025)

- 1. Increase efficiency
- 2. Electrify what is possible
- 3. Need for molecules



Falko Ueckerdt, Christian Bauer, Alois Dirnaichner, Jordan Everall, Romain Sacchi, Gunnar Luderer. **Potential and risks of hydrogen-based e-fuels in climate change mitigation**. *Nature Climate Change*, 2021; DOI: 10.1038/s41558-021-01032-7 Belgian's federal planning bureau estimated that even in the deep electrification scenario (electrify as much as possible also in industry), molecules and import of renewable Energy will be important and need new emerging technologies (P2X)



Both scenarios do not diverge (much) in terms of their annual net import position in 2050: 29.4 TWh in *'Diversified Energy Supply*' and 29.0 TWh in *'Deep Electrification'*

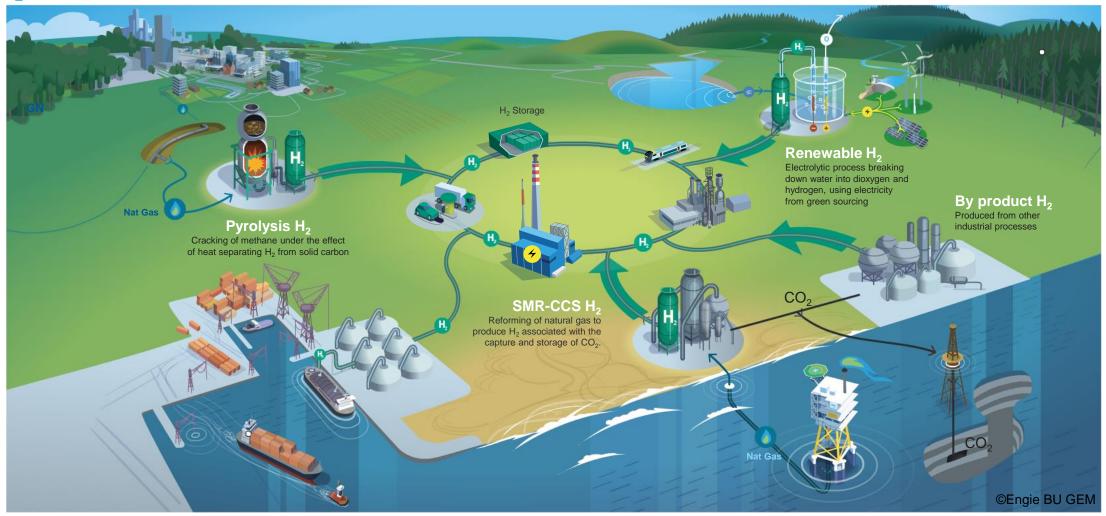


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Hydrogen is a low carbon energy solution with a lot of potential but ...



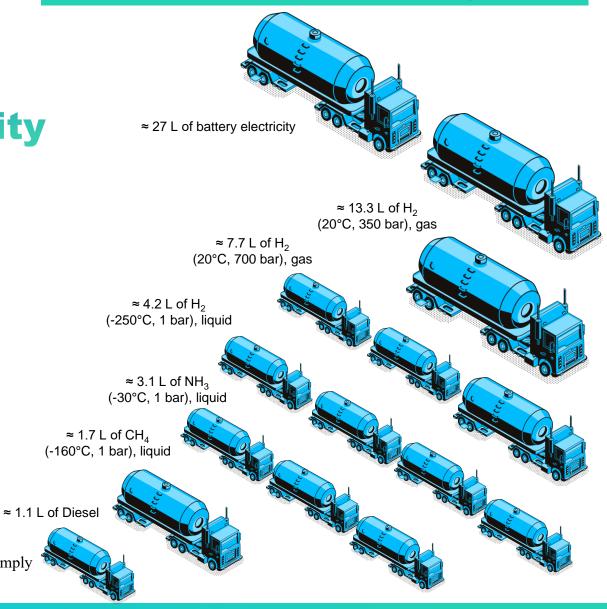


How to transport or store 10kWh of energy?

but

Has a very low energy density and is thus extremely hard and expensive to store and move around

→ Need for synthetic hydrocarbons!*

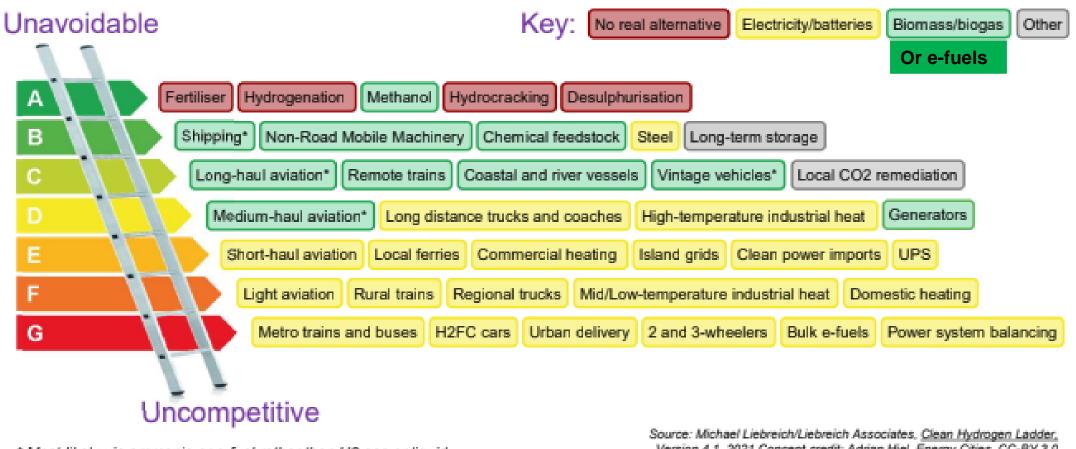


* Mertens, J., R. Belmans and M. Webber, 2020. Why the carbon neutral transition will imply the use of lots of carbon. *C-Journal of Carbon research*, 6 (39), 1-8



Clean Hydrogen Ladder: Competing technologies

Liebreich Associates



* Most likely via ammonia or e-fuel rather than H2 gas or liquid

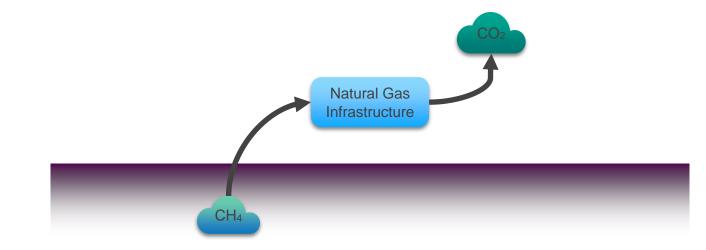
Version 4.1, 2021.Concept credit: Adrian Hiel, Energy Cities. CC-BY 3.0

8 9 September 2021 Clean Hydrogen Use Case Ladder - Version 4.1a

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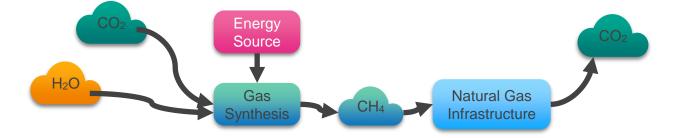


Today's Gas System Takes Carbon From The Earth's Crust and Puts It Into the Atmosphere



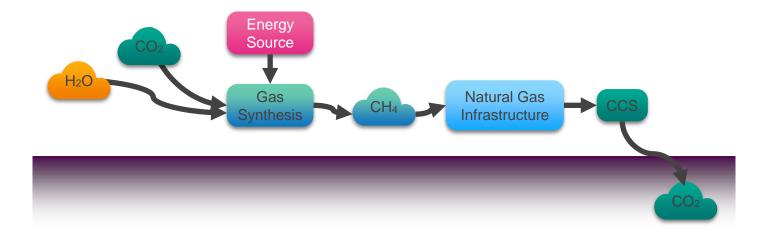


Tomorrow's Gas System Could Take Carbon From The Atmosphere To Make The Gas





The Day After Tomorrow's Gas System Could Take Carbon From The Atmosphere And Put It Into Products or The Crust

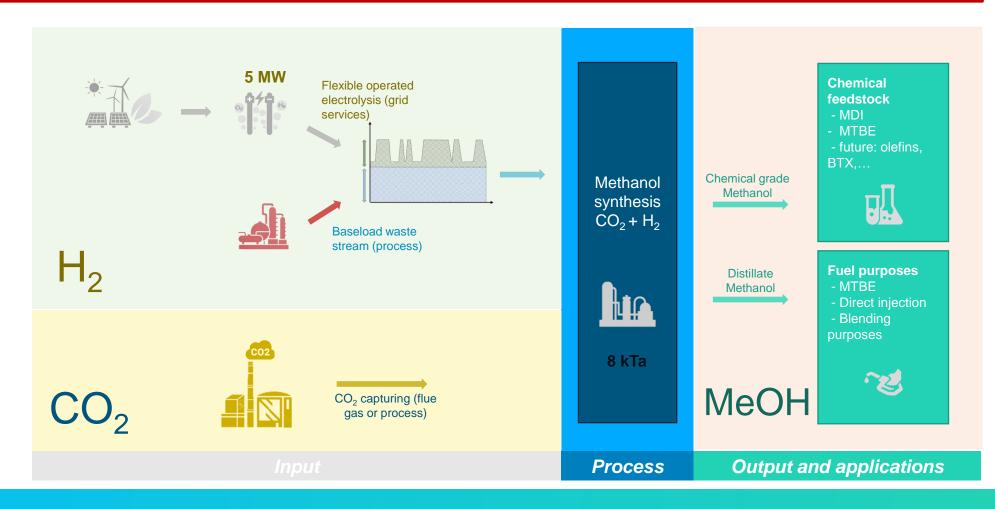


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Power to Methanol Antwerp



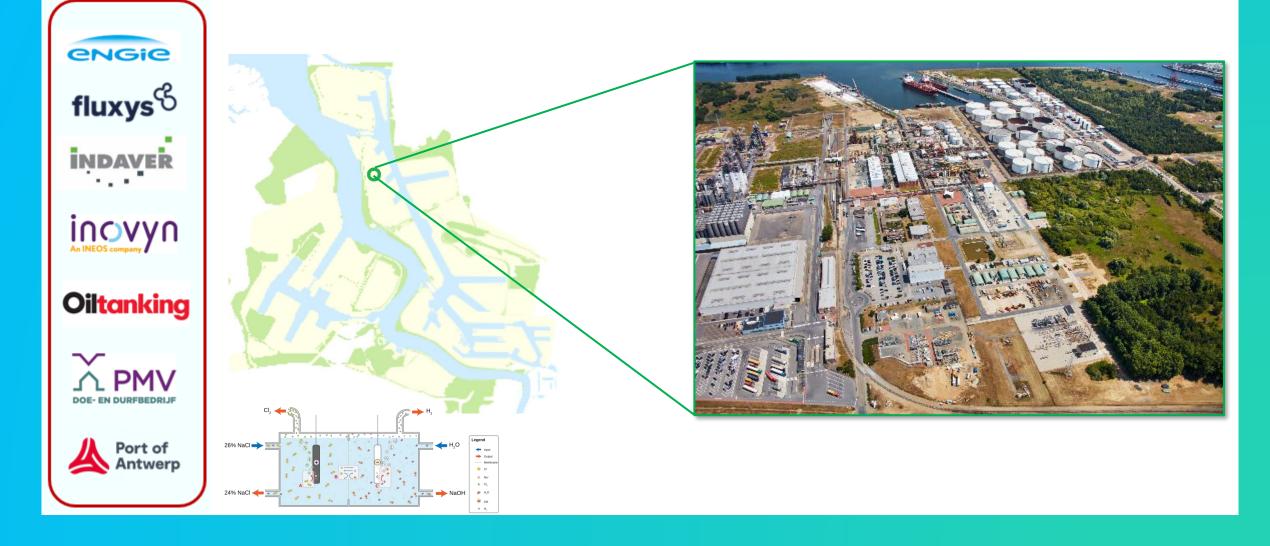
The concept is based on a high level of flexibility both regarding the feedstock input, the process capability as well as the output and applications.



Demonstrator host site: INOVYN Lillo

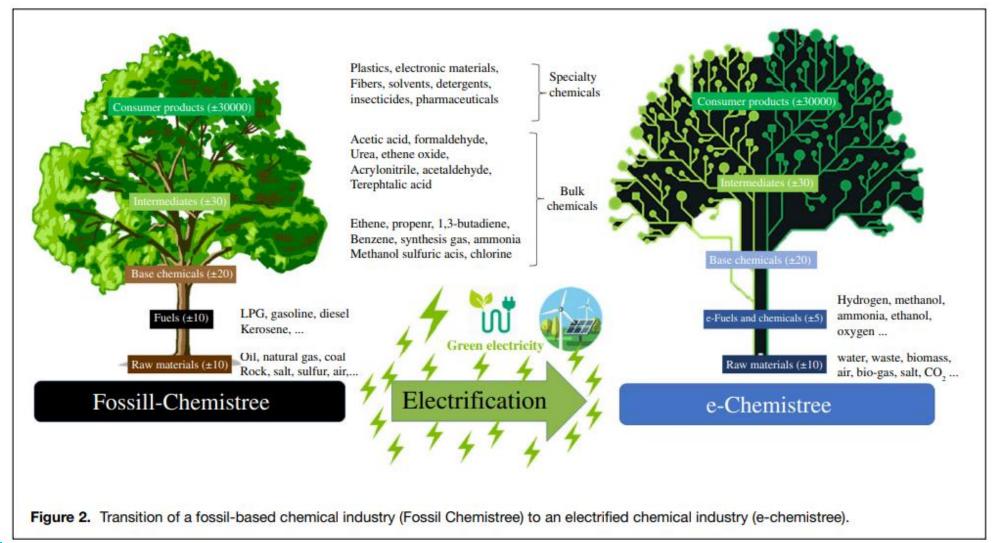
Chlor-alkali process as ideal location to have access to fatal H₂





Chemical industry in Antwerp: from fossil-Chemistree to e-Chemistree implying a huge requirement of green electricity and molecules!

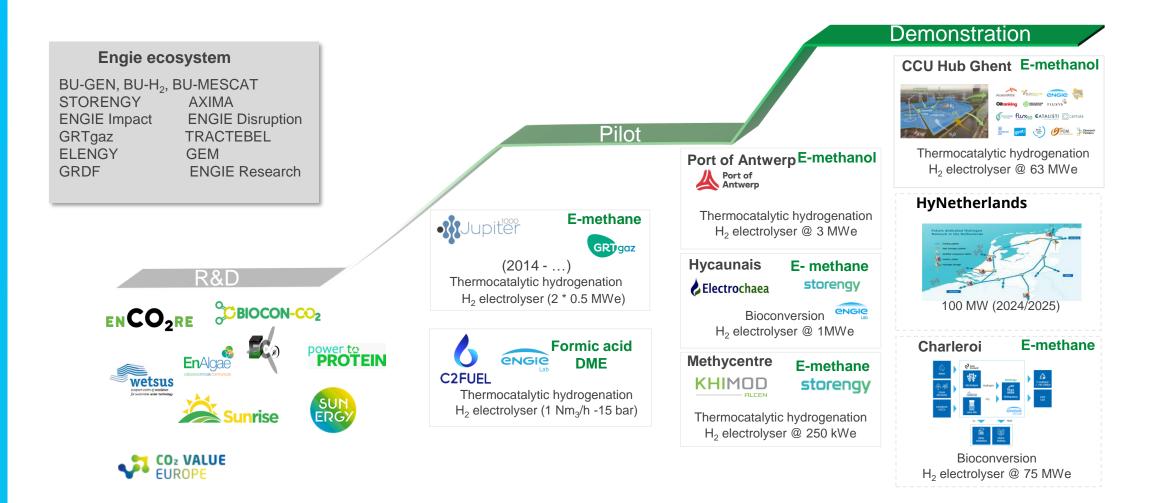
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K. M. Van Geem and B. M. Weckhuysen, 2021. Toward an e-chemistree: Materials for electrification of the chemical industry. MRS Bulletin,46, 1-10



E-fuels high on the agenda of many ENGIE's BU's: From R&D over pilot to demo





Editorial

How were the technologies selected?

Current efforts to limit global warming to 2 degrees above pre-industrial levels, as agreed in 2015 at the

COP 21 in Paris, are insufficient.

- The IPCC 2021 report like all other forecasting efforts makes no mention of possible breakthrough technologies which could emerge and speed up our pathway to carbon neutrality. One could consider this a conservative approach, justified by the huge difficulty of predicting the next technology breakthroughs and their potential.
- In this Emerging Sustainable Technologies 2021 document we present topical areas we think will offer non-trivial benefits for this transition. ENGIE does not only keep a close eye on their development but also has the ambition to help bring some of these technologies to the market at an increased pace through piloting and demonstrating.
- How did we select these technologies? We have tried several methods to pick them in an 'objective' manner using quantitative indicators such as the number of publications and of patents, mentions in other reports and in press releases. However, we have not found any one quantitative method that was satisfying on its own.
- In fact, using 'objective' quantitative measures results in mostly digital solutions dominating the selection due to the enormous work being carried out worldwide on our digital transformation. If ENGIE adopted the same approach we would, in effect, all be reporting the same and add little value.
- Instead, we decided to trust the insights of our ENGIE experts in a wide variety of domains to compile this selection. This approach implies a degree of subjectivity, reflecting our unique ENGIE expertise in game-changing scientific and technological trends in energy-related activities.



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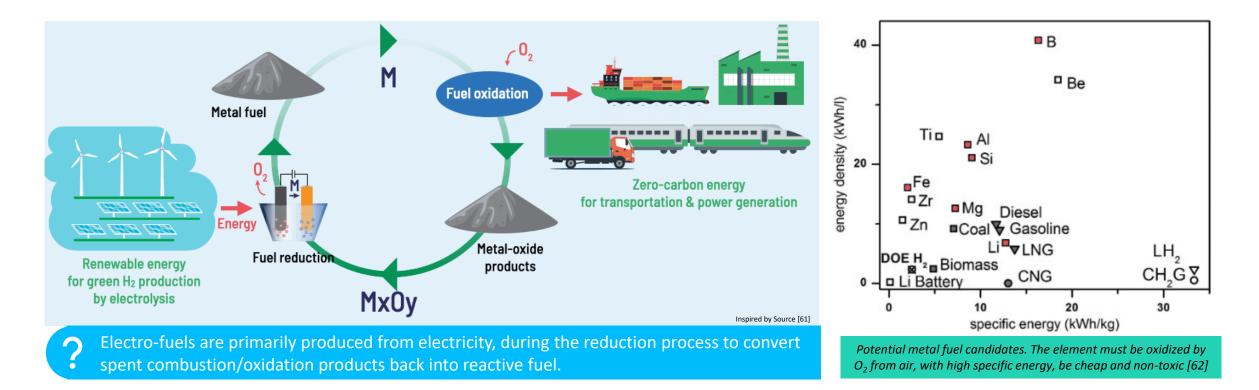


Fusion Power

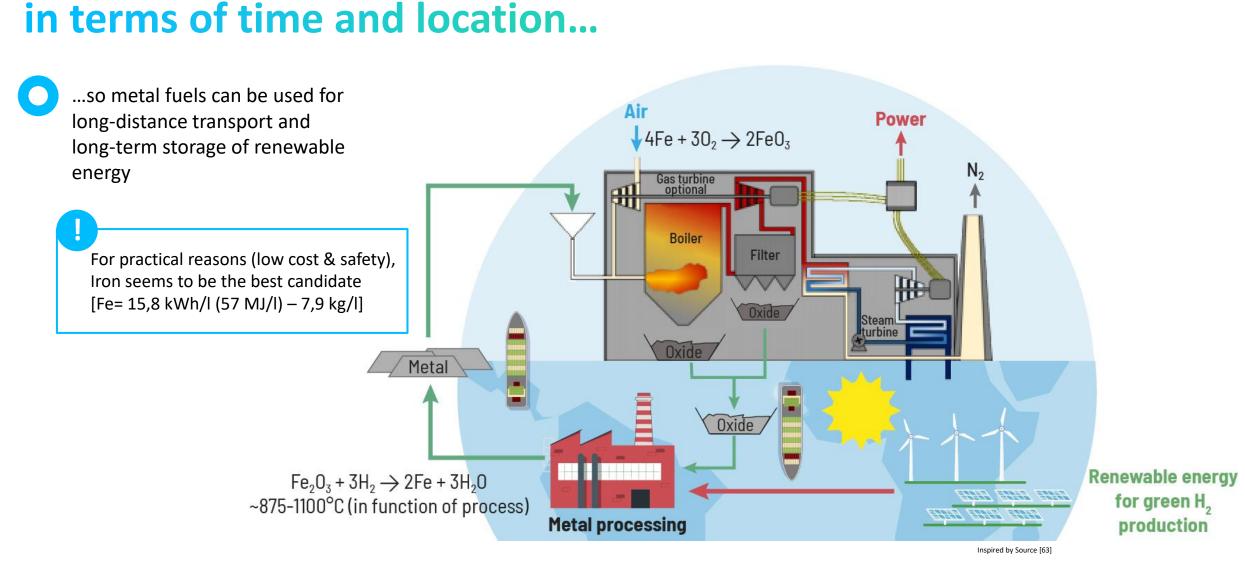
o Metal fuels

Metals as recyclable carbon neutral fuels are promising alternatives to fossil fuels

Metals have high energy densities and serve as fuels in many batteries, energy materials, and propellants. Metal fuels can be burned with air or made to react with water to release their chemical energy in a range of power-generation scales. Metal-oxide combustion products are solids that can be recycled, enabling metals to be used as recyclable carbon neutral solar fuels or electro-fuels.

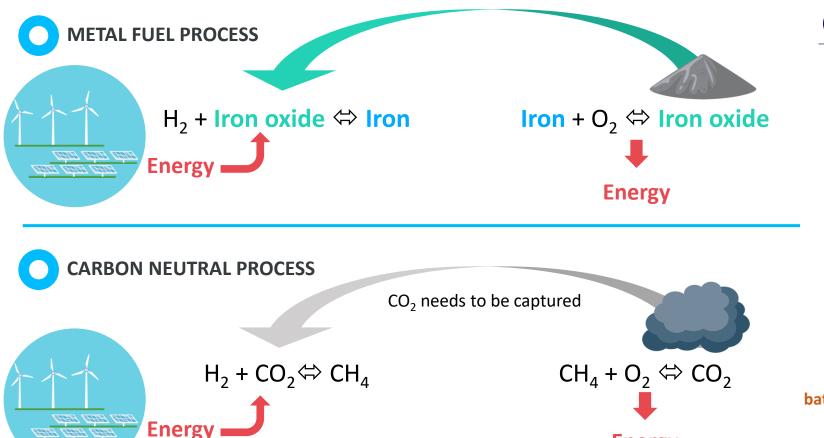


The oxidation and reduction of metal fuels can be decoupled



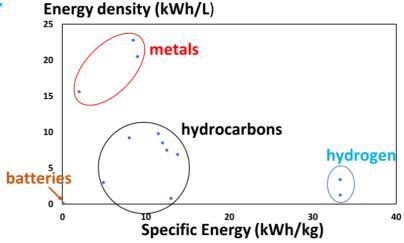
Advantages: using a solid fuel facilitates the CO₂ free closed loop owing to green H₂ reduction

Energy





- Iron easy to transport
- \circ CO₂/NOx/SOx free cycle
- Iron oxide easy to collect
- Metal fuels present higher energy density and specific energy than liquid fuels when oxidized



Adapted from source [61]

Challenges: a new energy generation system with a low maturity level (TRL 3-5) and a few technical hurdles



Particle emissions



Safety during handling

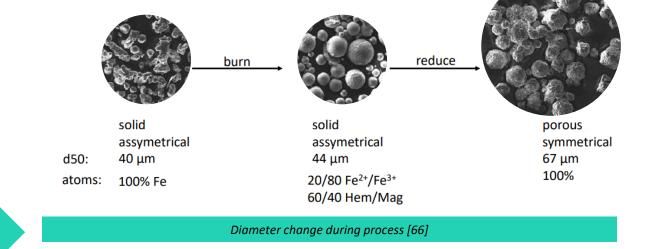


Availability of the powder:

 \rightarrow 100 kW burns 50 kg/h Fe. So 1 GW during 8000 h would require 4 millions tons Fe but iron would be recycled!(global iron powder production in 2017=1,4 Mt [64] versus global coal production =7 545 Mt [65])



Metal regeneration and overall efficiency→ What about powder cycling/lifespan?



Maturity and market players

Metal powder

- Pometon powder (IT)
- o Laiwu (CN)
- JFE Steel Corp (JP)
- Hoganas (SE)
- Wuhan iron & steel (CN)
- o Rio Tinto (US)
- MA Steel (CN)
- Kobelco (JP)
- CNPC powder (CN)
- Hangzhou Ytong New Material (CN)
- Anshan Iron & steel (CN)



o Shell

o Uniper

EMGroup

- Romico Hold
- o Airbus
- o McGill
- o Ruhr Universität Bochum
- + all other players using metal powders as propellants

Fuel oxidation



- Doosan
- Vattenfal
- Swedish steel

Power plant project examples		TU/e EINDHOVEN TU/e EINDHOVEN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY
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2019-2020	2024	2030?
Lighthouse	WSG	MPP3
burner	Rotterdam	Maasvlakte
100 kW	5 MW	30x74 MW

PART 2 What about the technologies we reported on in previous editions?

Sustainable energies

Energy uses

Enabling technologies

Energy uses

- Strong R&D activity and business increasing
- Active research and first emerging business
- Work in progress
- Decreasing R&D activity

Example: Direct Air Capture for CO₂ removal from ambient air using chemical processes

Where are we in 2021?

Trend

DESCRIPTION

- Carbon dioxide can be removed from ambient air via chemical processes using acid base reactions at high or low temperature. Direct Air Capture (DAC) is comparable to the human respiratory system or the photosynthesis where the process releases captured gases from the material.
- \circ CO₂ can be permanently stored in deep geological formations or used to produce fuels, chemicals, building materials or other products containing CO₂. When CO_2 is geologically stored, it is permanently removed from the atmosphere, resulting in negative emissions.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED?

- Significant acceleration after the last IPCC report release in August 2021. DAC will be part of Carbon Dioxide Removal technologies for carbon sequestration.
- A first commercial unit, the Orca unit belonging to Climeworks has been set up in Iceland; certificates trading is in the development stage
- The project currently requires several more large-scale demonstrations to be developed in order to fine-tune the technology and reduce capture costs.





Technologies	Description	What has happened?	Trend
Electricity storage in the sea	To store excess wind energy, this technology makes use of a pump which empties the water contained in an underwater concrete sphere; electricity is released by a turbine which refills the sphere with ocean water.	This technology, among others, will be evaluated in the European project FORWARD2030. Development of new bio concrete and 3D concrete printers in collaboration with Holcim could increase the interest in this technology. For now, there isn't enough deep offshore wind farms to create a significant breakthrough. Source [104]	0
Electricity storage inside wind turbine tower	Pumped Storage Hydro is integrated into wind turbines in order to store excess electricity in turbine towers.	The GE and Max Bögl wind-hydro hybrid project for the world's tallest wind turbine in Gaildorf (DE) hasn't been developed. However, recent publications by GE and Holcim on the development of a 178m high wind turbine support using concrete 3D printers could point to a simple delay in the project as opposed to its standby.	0
(Ambient) CO ₂ to fuels using Hydrogen	E-fuels are synthetic fuels, resulting from the combination of 'green or e-hydrogen' produced by the electrolysis of water with renewable electricity and CO ₂ captured either from a concentrated source (e.g. flue gases from an industrial site) or from the air (via direct air capture, DAC). E-fuels also called PtX, include a broad range of molecules: e-methane, e- methanol, formic acid, e-jet fuel	 In Europe, more than 220 e-fuels research and demonstrator projects have either been developed, completed, or are currently being planned with a peak reached in 2018. Installed electrolyzer capacities are getting higher and higher, indicating that consolidation is taking place, as fewer projects are closer to commercialization. Projects involve a large amount of partners in order to meet significant investment costs to develop these industries. Technical demonstrators and systems integration are of major importance for integrating PtX into energy systems and qualifying the business model: processes are highly dependant on the costs of electricity for electrolysis and of CO₂. E-methanol: the e-CO₂Met project at the Hydrogen Lab Leuna, North-C-Methanol E-methane: still at demonstrator phase with several megawatt scale pilots mainly based in Europe with Jupiter 1000, Methycentre, GRHYD, ZSW, Store & Go, Audi & Mann Formic Acid: BASF (TRL 2) E-jetfuel: Westküste 1000, Air to fuelsTM, Haru Oni (Siemens Energy) DME: C2FUEL, ALIGN-CCUS, CO2FOKUS, TNO, GTI (membrane-based reactor) 	0

Enabling technologies

- Strong R&D activity and business increasing
- Active research and first emerging business
- Work in progress

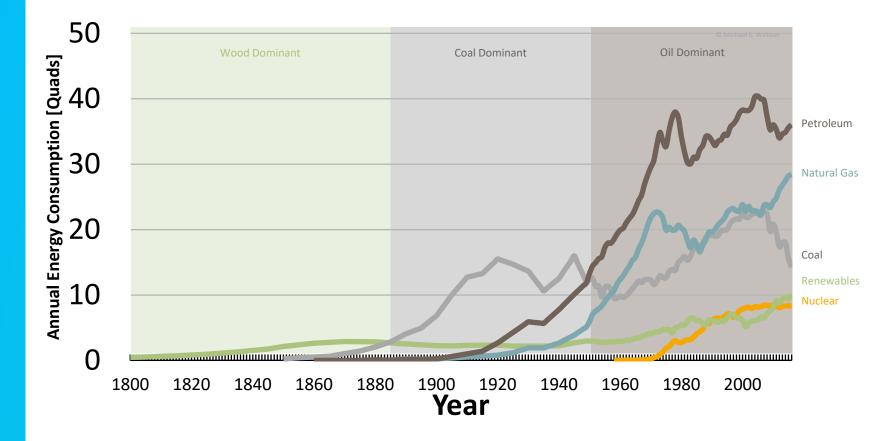
Decreasing R&D activity

Technologies	Description	What has happened?	Trend
Biomimicry for Cybersecurity	Cybersecurity refers to hardware and software components that protect computer devices from unauthorised access, but also to non-technical measures such as legislation and user training. The challenge is to keep systems cyber secure by using bio-inspired techniques.	A couple of trials are in place which make use of biomimicry in response to cybersecurity challenges. Cybersecurity includes a multitude of different aspects such as defense layers, counter attack, misleading attackers, protection strategies and also human error, which is often referred to as the weakest link. This domain is still at the research project stage. At this moment in time, no breakthroughs relating to biomimicry have been observed.	
Sustainable catalysts as energy transition enablers	Catalysts increase the reaction rate without being consumed in order to achieve the chemical equilibrium at a suitable temperature. A catalyst is specific to each final product, reaction conditions and type of process.	Platinum group metal (PGM) catalysts dominate today's applications with the vast development of electrochemical processes, that build a bridge between the molecule- based economy and green electricity production. Alternative catalysts to replace iron, nickel and copper also exist, but they are rare and costly. As such, a significant scientific effort is being devoted to the development of low-PGM and PGM-free catalysts. Research is currently focusing on these sustainable catalysts with non-transition metals.	
Water harvesting from the air based on the atmospheric water generator (AWG)	AWG is a device that extracts water from humid ambient air. Dew water collection systems are divided into three categories: i) dew water harvesting using the radiative cooling surface, ii) the solar-regenerated desiccant system and iii) active condensation technology.	Atmospheric water harvesting (AWH) is emerging as a promising means of overcoming the water scarcity in arid regions, particularly for inland areas lacking liquid water sources. These technologies haven't increased as such but now offer new possibilities thanks to their combination with Direct Air Capture research programs. Some challenges remain in order to optimize efficiency and ensure the delivery of good quality water at an affordable cost.	0

Energy Transitions implying fuel switches have happened in the past

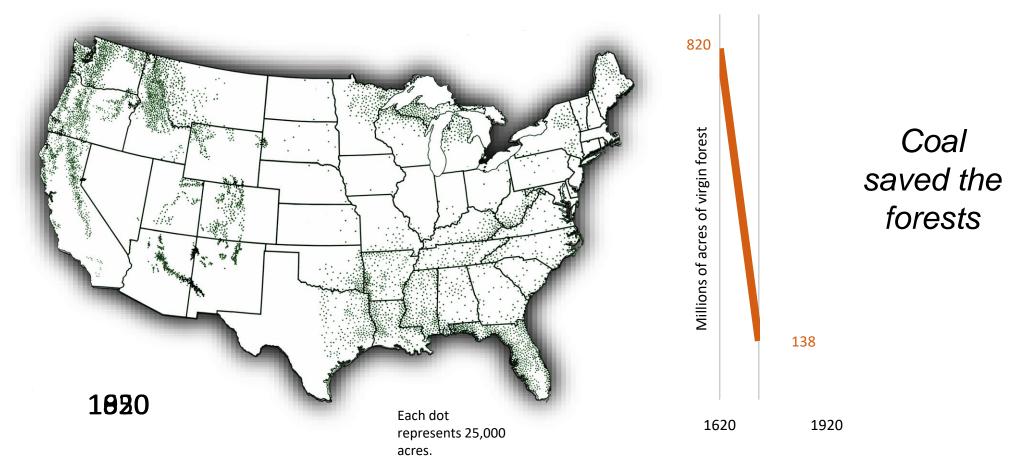
1800–2016 U.S. Energy Consumption by Source

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration / December 2017 Monthly Energy Review (1.3) Graphic: Michael E. Webber, The University of Texas at Austin



Natural gas might be the next dominant fuel within 1-2 decades (in US, what about EU given the current crisis?)

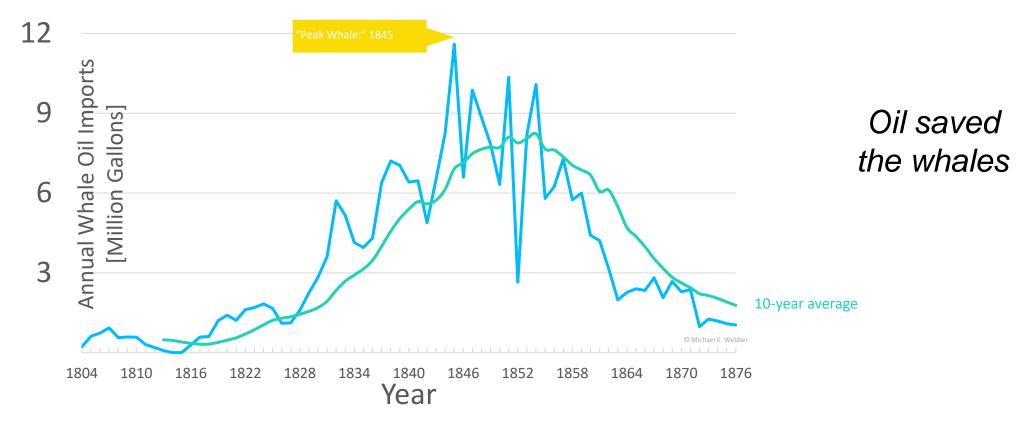
The Use of Wood as a Fuel and Feedstock Caused Widespread Deforestation Between 1620–1920



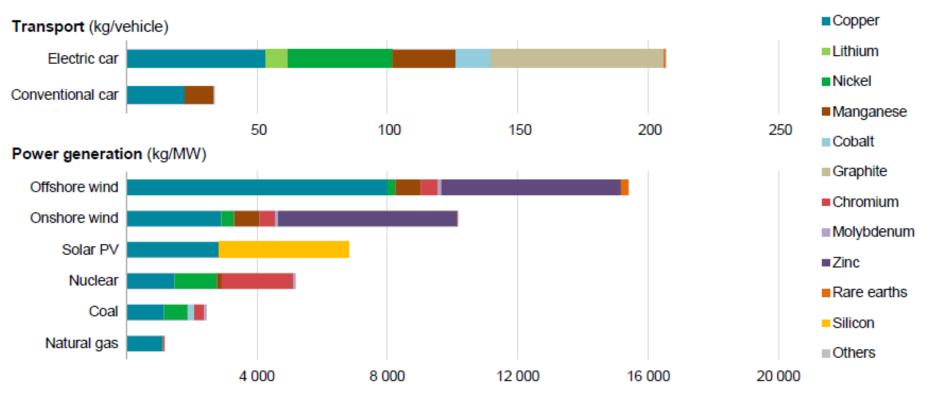
Source: The Relation of Geography to Timber Supply, William B. Greeley, 1925 • Graphic: Michael E. Webber, The University of Texas at Austin

Whale Oil Supplies Peaked in the Mid-1800s

1804–1876 U.S. Whale Oil Imports from Whaling Ships Source: Alexander Starbuck, History of the American Whale Fishery, 1878, pp. 660–661 Graphic: Michael E. Webber, The University of Texas at Austin



So let's not forget about critical minerals in the current energy transition:



Minerals used in selected clean energy technologies

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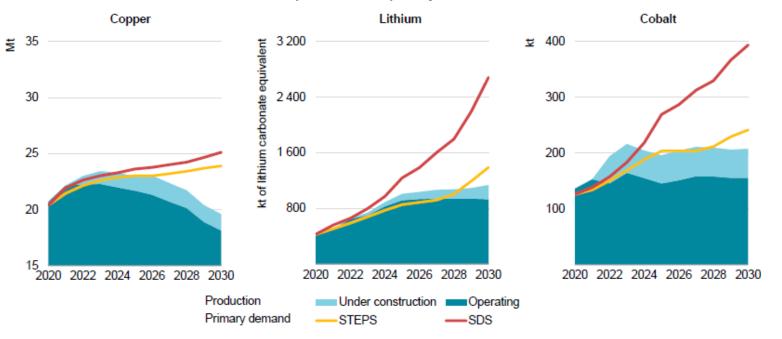
Notes: kg = kilogramme; MW = megawatt. Steel and aluminium not included. See Chapter 1 and Annex for details on the assumptions and methodologies.

IEA, WEO special report, 2021. The Role of Critical Minerals in Clean Energy Transitions.

IEA, 2021 alerts on a mismatch between the need of critical minerals to meet our

climate ambitions and the predicted supply of some important critical metals

Meeting primary demand in the SDS requires strong growth in investment to bring forward new supply sources over the next decade



Committed mine production and primary demand for selected minerals

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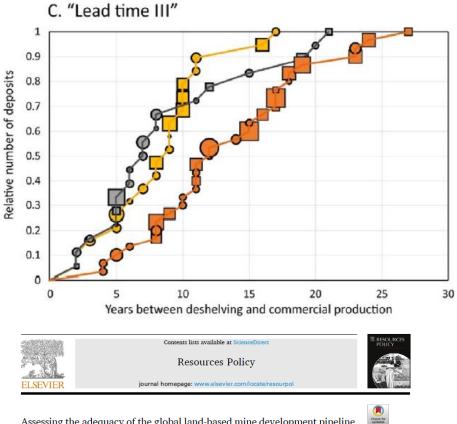
Notes: Primary demand is total demand net of recycled volume (also called primary supply requirements). Projected production profiles are sourced from the S&P Global Market Intelligence database with adjustments to unspecified volumes. Operating projects include the expansion of existing mines. Under-construction projects include those for which the development stage is indicated as commissioning, construction planned, construction started or preproduction. Mt = million tonnes.

Source: IEA analysis based on S&P Global (2021).

IEA, WEO special report, 2021. The Role of Critical Minerals in Clean Energy Transitions.

Lead time of 'new' mines increased over the last decades; supply gaps will exist for

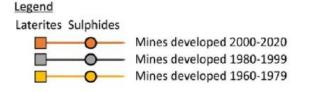
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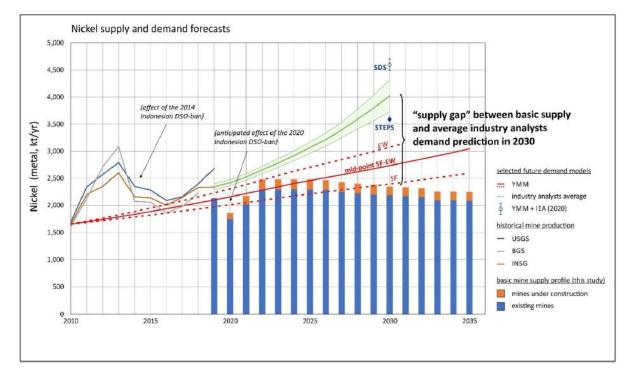


Assessing the adequacy of the global land-based mine development pipeline in the light of future high-demand scenarios: The case of the battery-metals nickel (Ni) and cobalt (Co).

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Chile, Atacama desert, Escondida Mine, 24°16'10.7"S 69°04'18.9"W

Resource extraction responsible for half world's carbon emissions

Extraction also causes 80% of biodiversity loss, according to comprehensive UN study



A Massive dump trucks by the Syncrude upgrader plant, Canada. The tar sands are the largest industrial project on the planet, and the world's most environmentally destructive. Photograph: Rex/Shutterstock

Extractive industries are responsible for half of the world's carbon emissions and more than 80% of biodiversity loss, according to the most comprehensive environmental tally undertaken of mining and farming.

While this is crucial for food, fuel and minerals, the study by UN Environment warns the increasing material weight of the world's economies is putting a more dangerous level of stress on the climate and natural life-

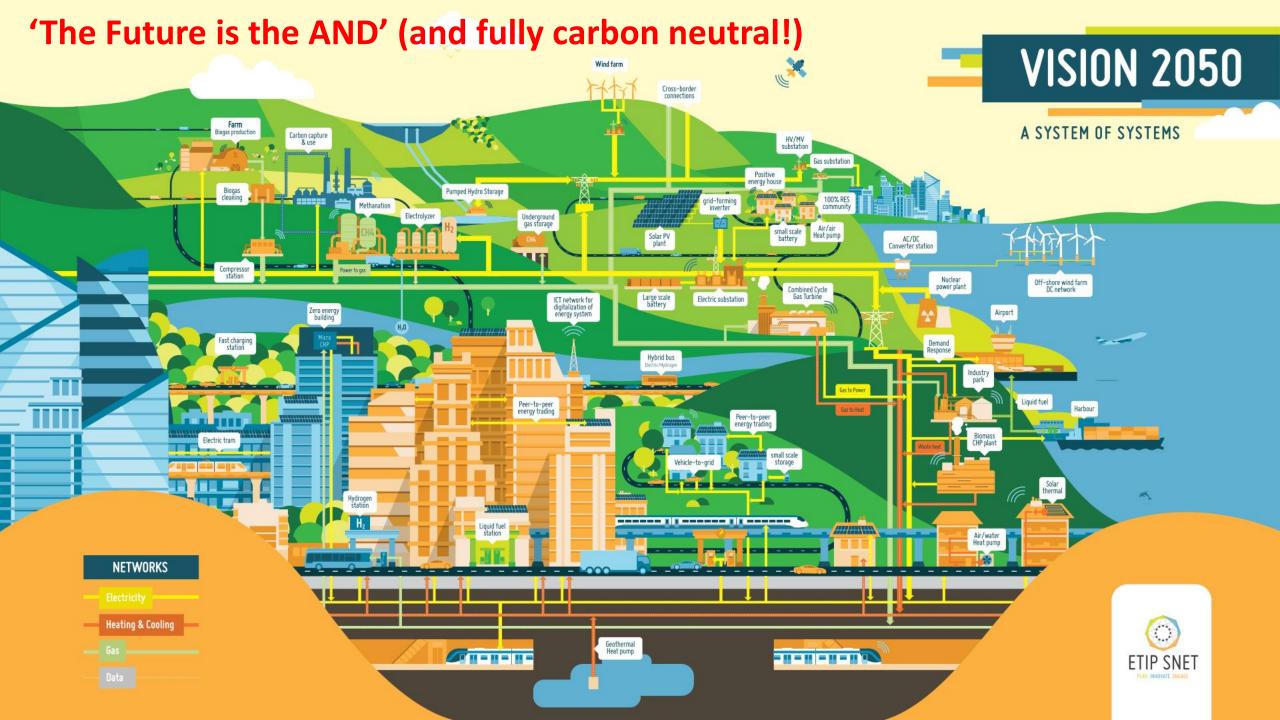
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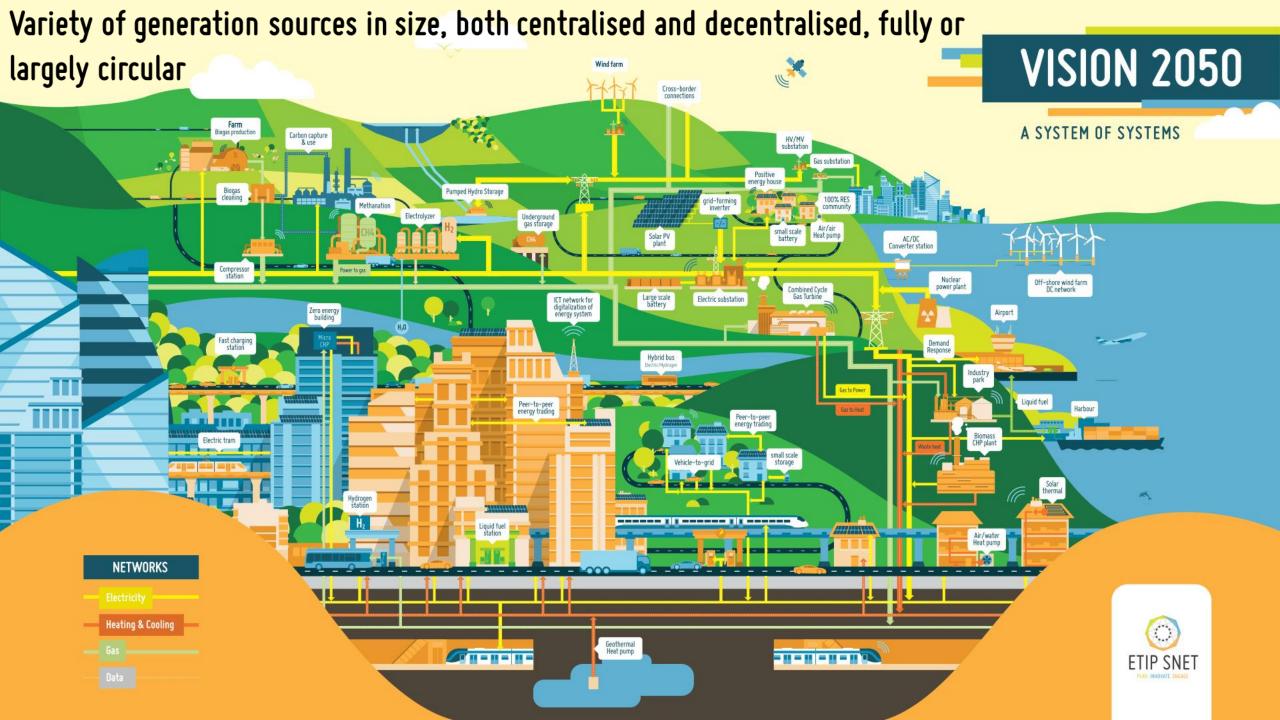
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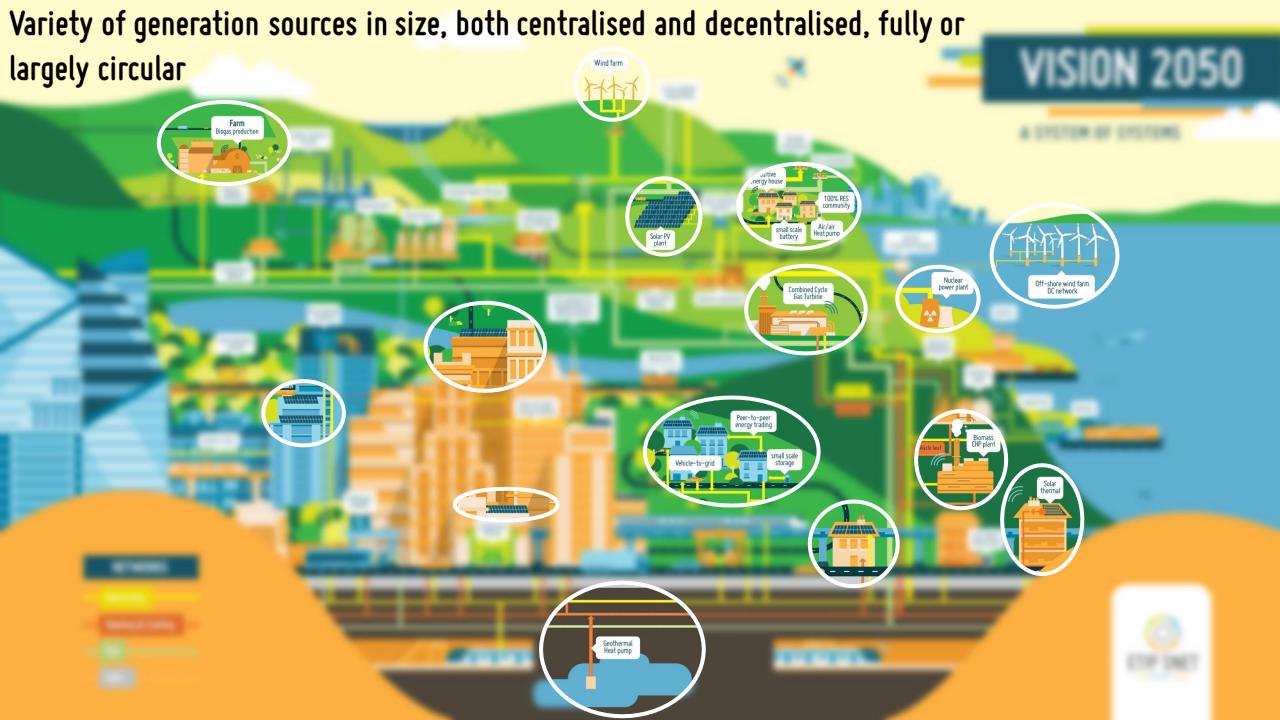
- Artisanal and small-scale mining:
 - > Sapphires
 - ➢ Gold
 - Diamonds
 - Tantalum
 - Cobalt
- Small production volumes But extreme environmental (and social) impacts
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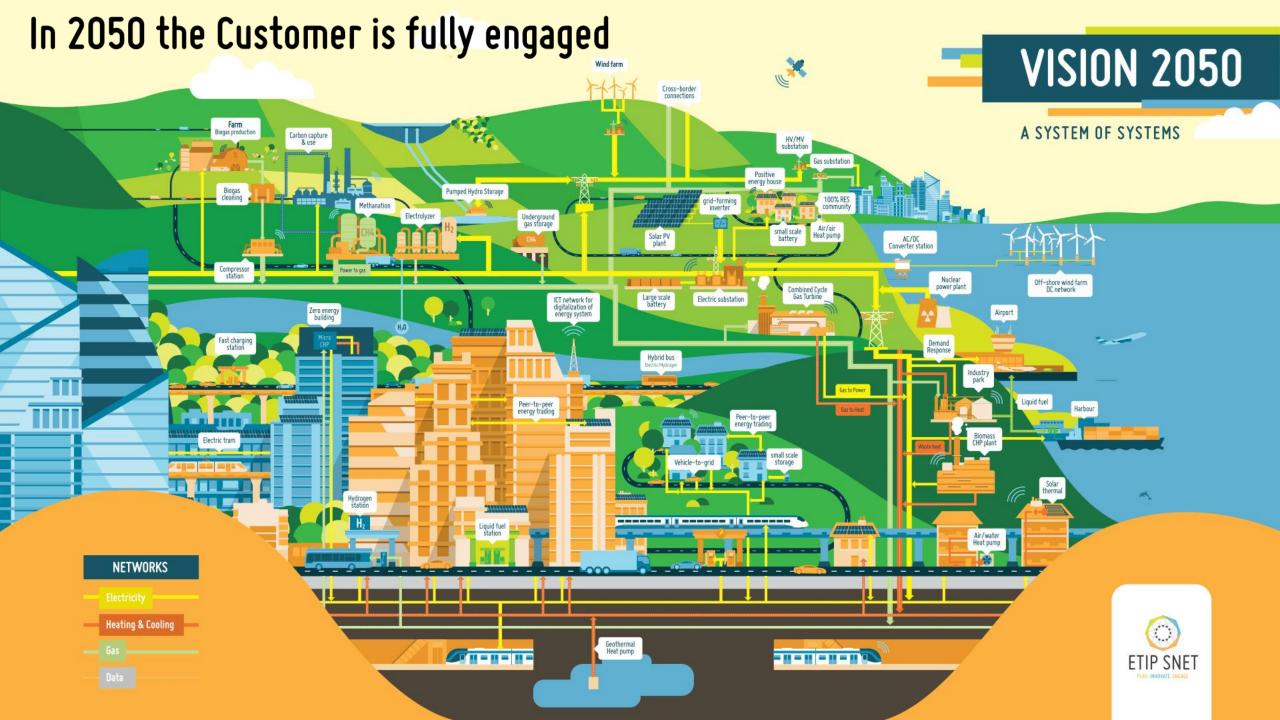


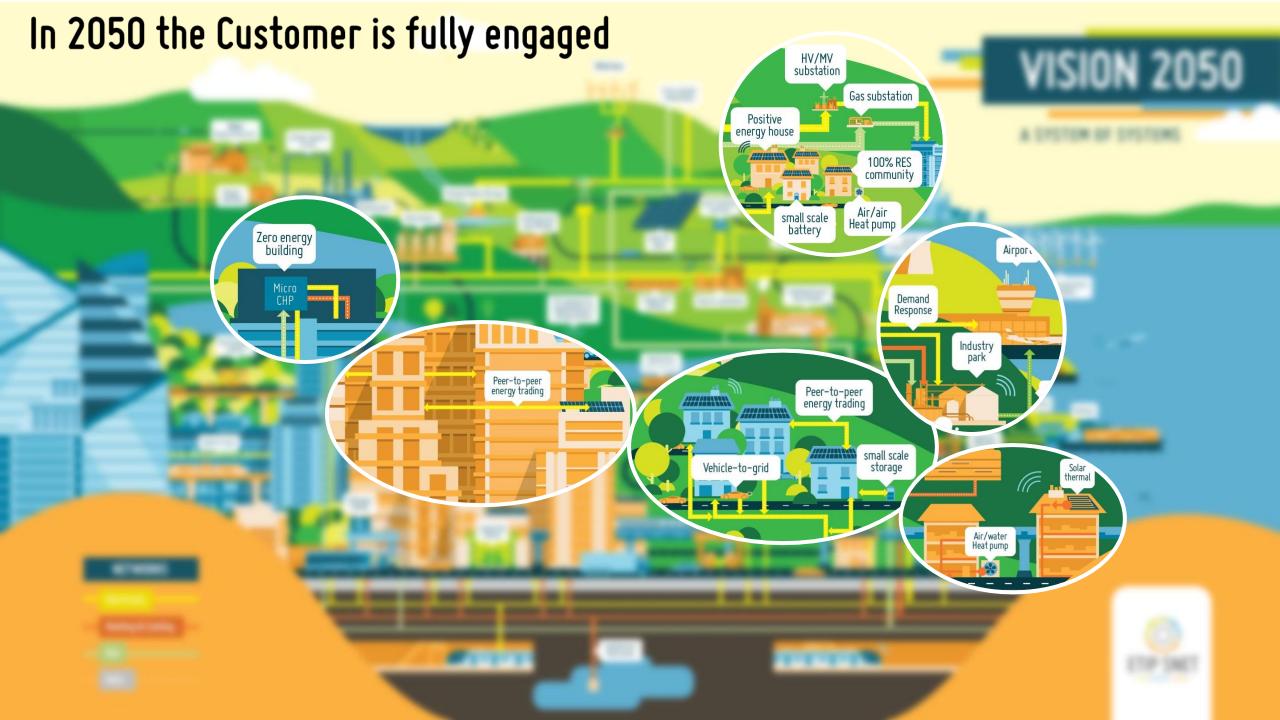


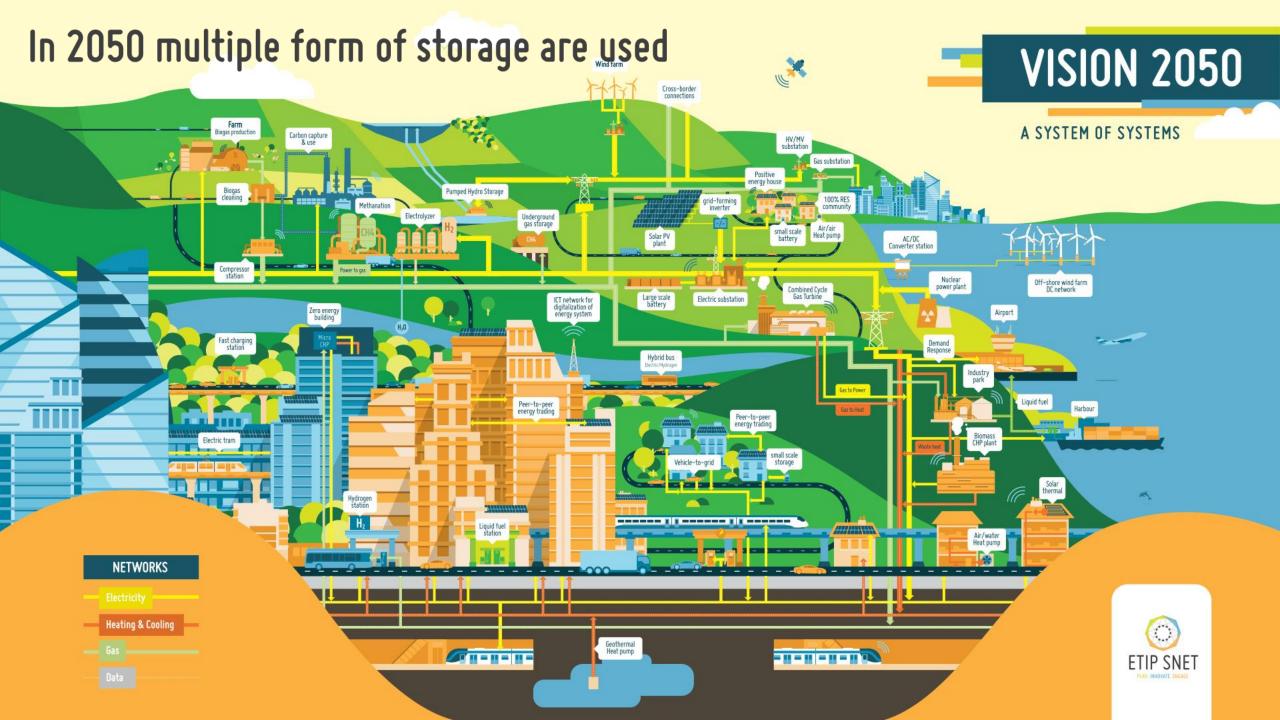


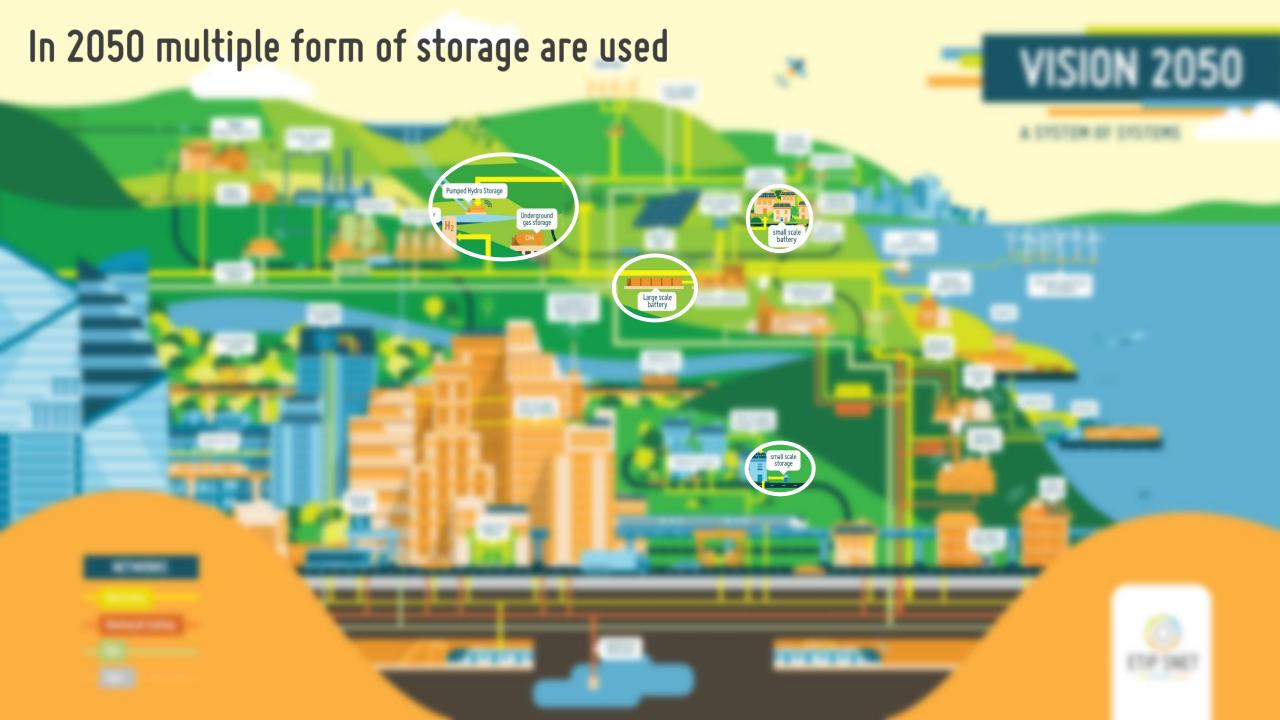












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