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BIEE seminar: Decarbonising the energy system: from a global approach to a UK perspective.

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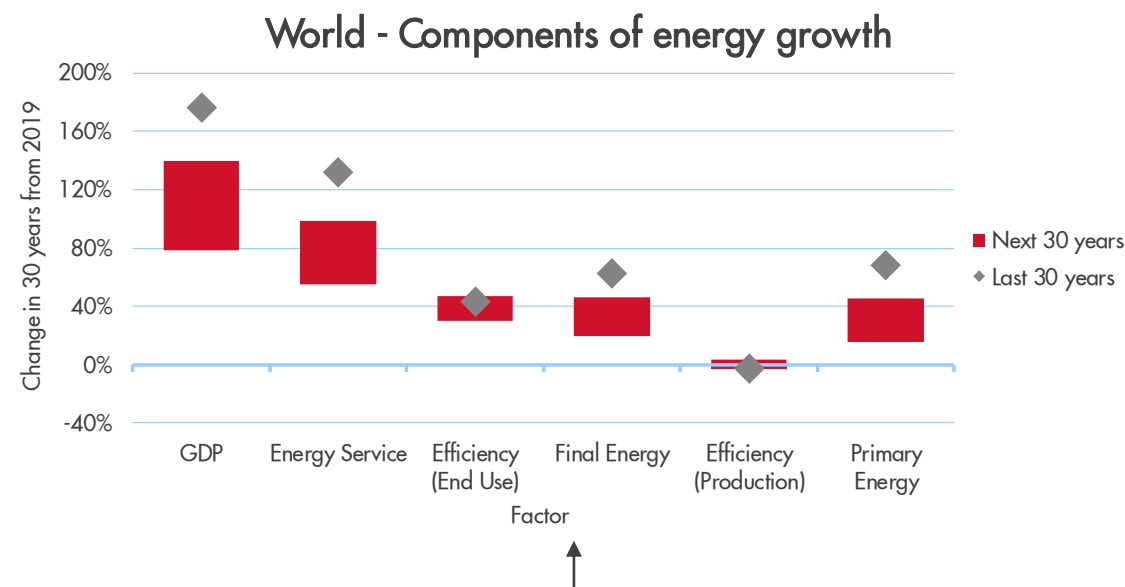
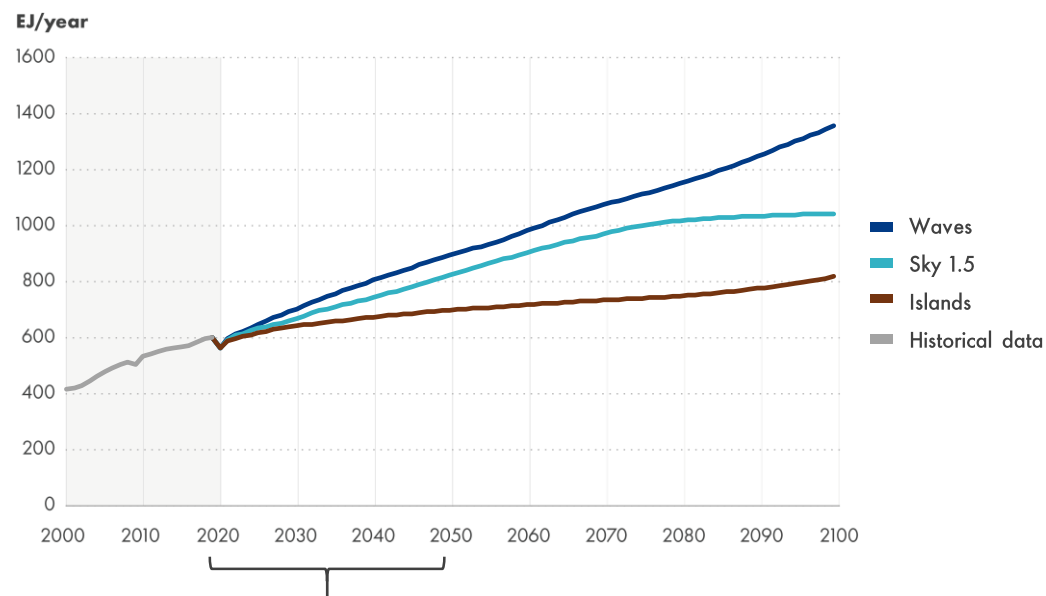
# Long-term scenarios anchored in the near-term choices of Wealth (Waves), Security (Islands) and Health (Sky 1.5)

- 10-year time horizon
- Accelerating some changes under way, delaying others
- Wider uncertainty range
- From Wealth to Waves
- From Security to Islands
- From Health to Sky 1.5



# Total primary energy demand rises in all of Shell's scenarios, with Sky 1.5 levelling off late-century

## Total primary energy



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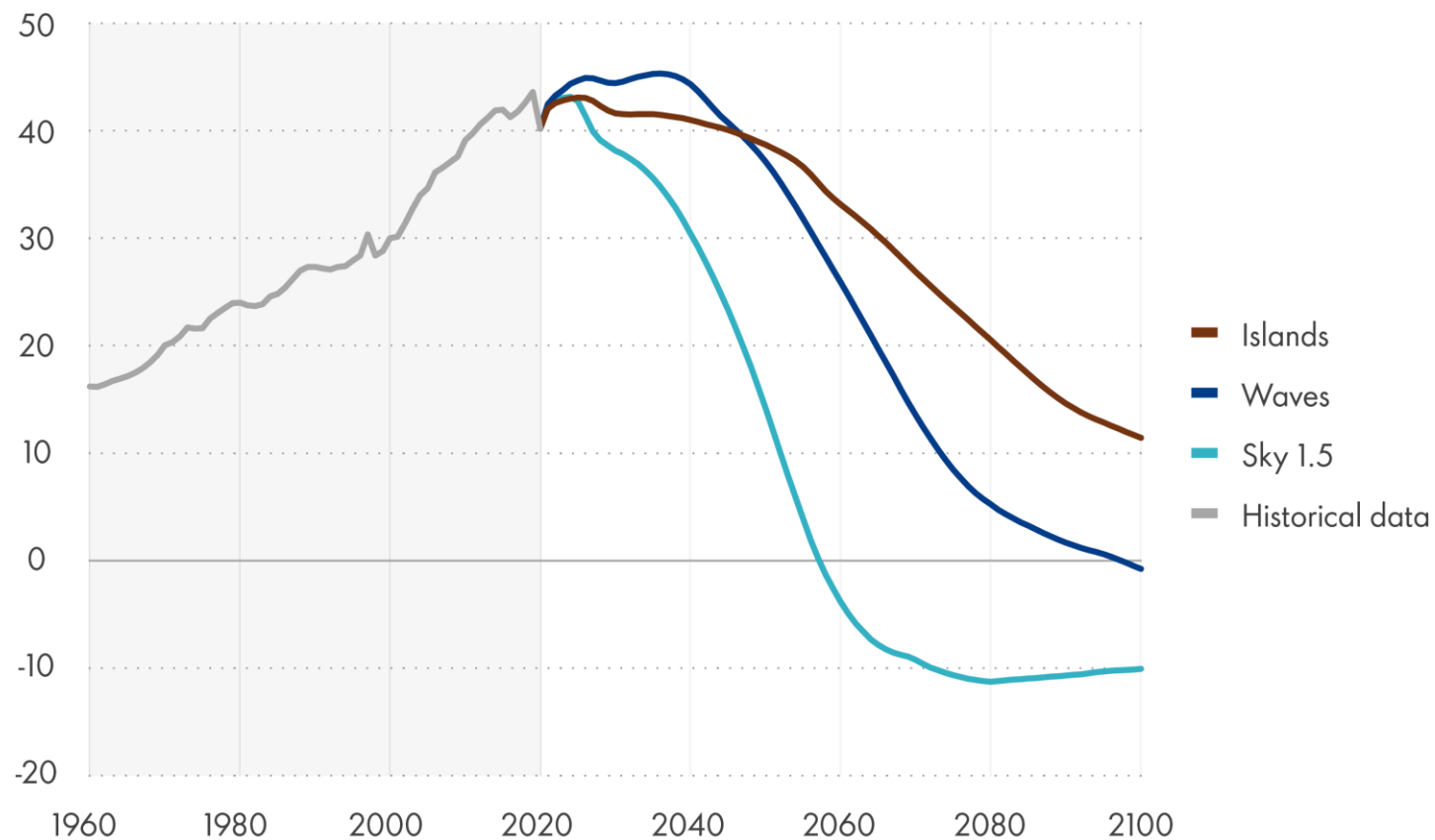
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# All pathways lead to net-zero CO<sub>2</sub>: from the late 2050s (Sky 1.5), or end of century (Waves) or in the first half of the next century (Islands)

CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

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

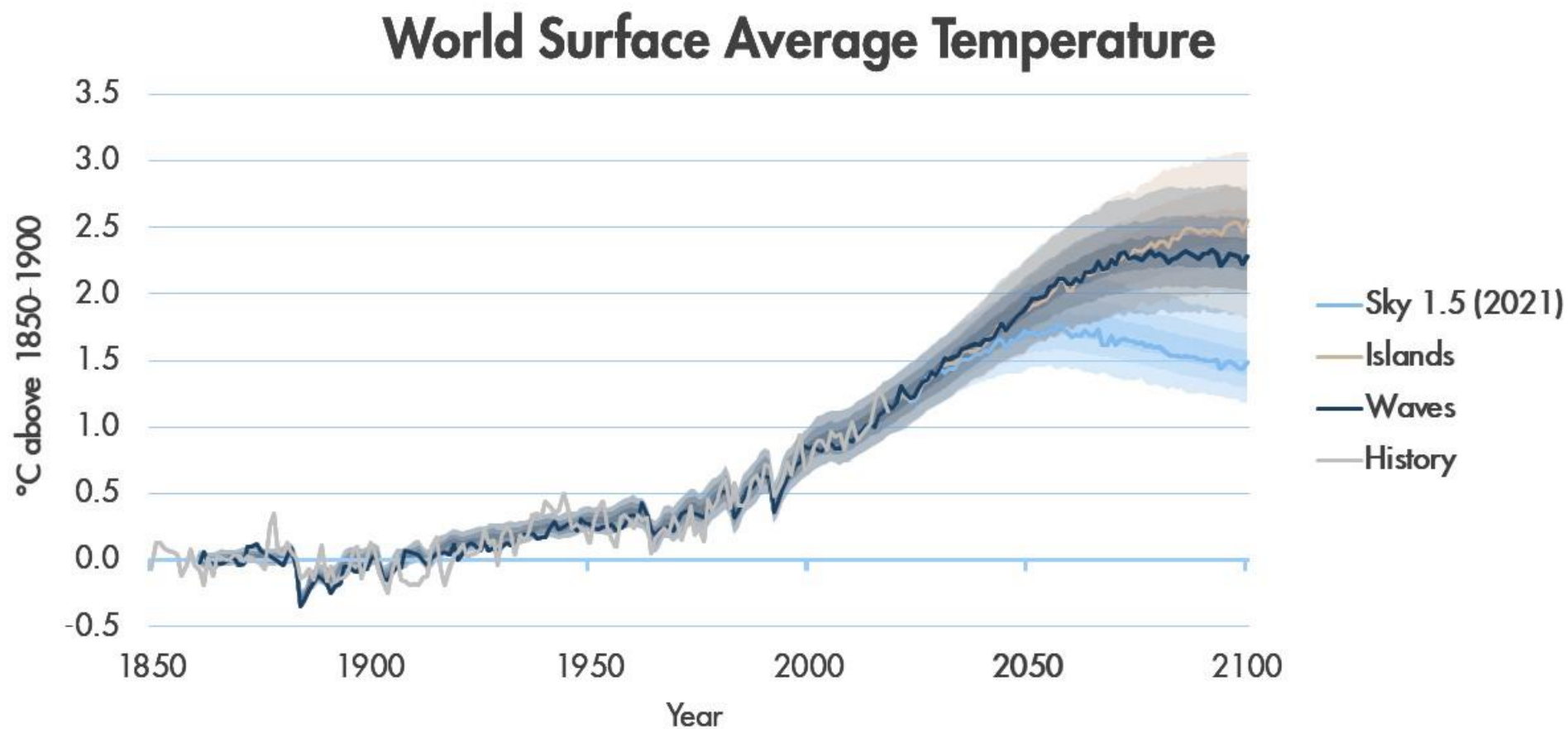


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**Temperature rise by 2100 in Sky 1.5 (computed by MIT) averages 1.5 °C, but in Waves and Islands it's 2.3 - 2.5 °C (all  $\pm 0.5$  °C)**



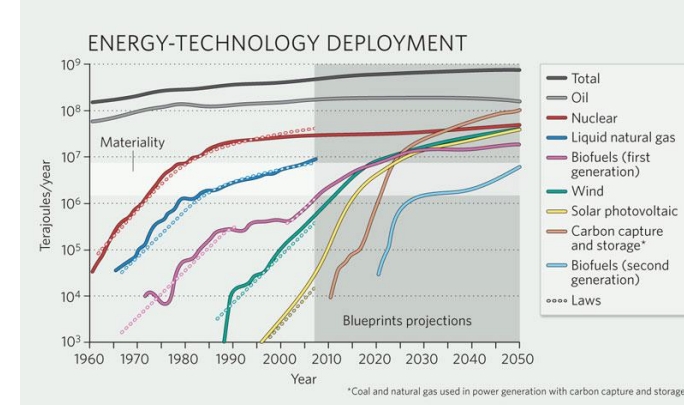
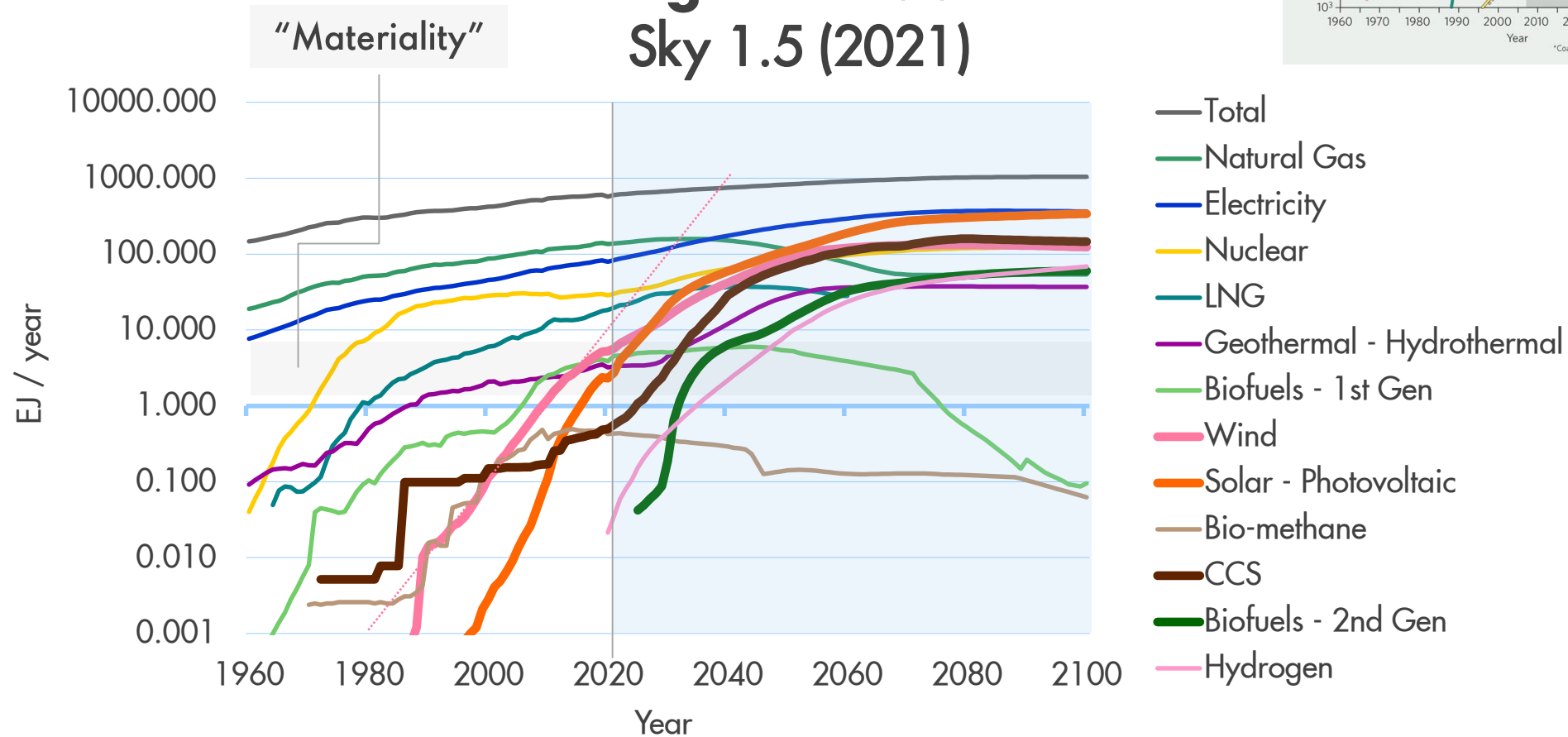
**Source:** Met Office Hadley Centre [HadCRUT5, December 2020, history], MIT Joint Program on Global Change [scenarios]

The likely (33%-66%) range in 2100 is 2.40-2.64°C for the Islands scenario, 2.19-2.43°C for the Waves scenario, and 1.40-1.59°C for the Sky 1.5 scenario.

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# Sky 1.5 – Wind, Solar, CCS & 2<sup>nd</sup> Gen Bio rapidly and simultaneously scaling by 10x – 100x... an unprecedented buildout through to 2100

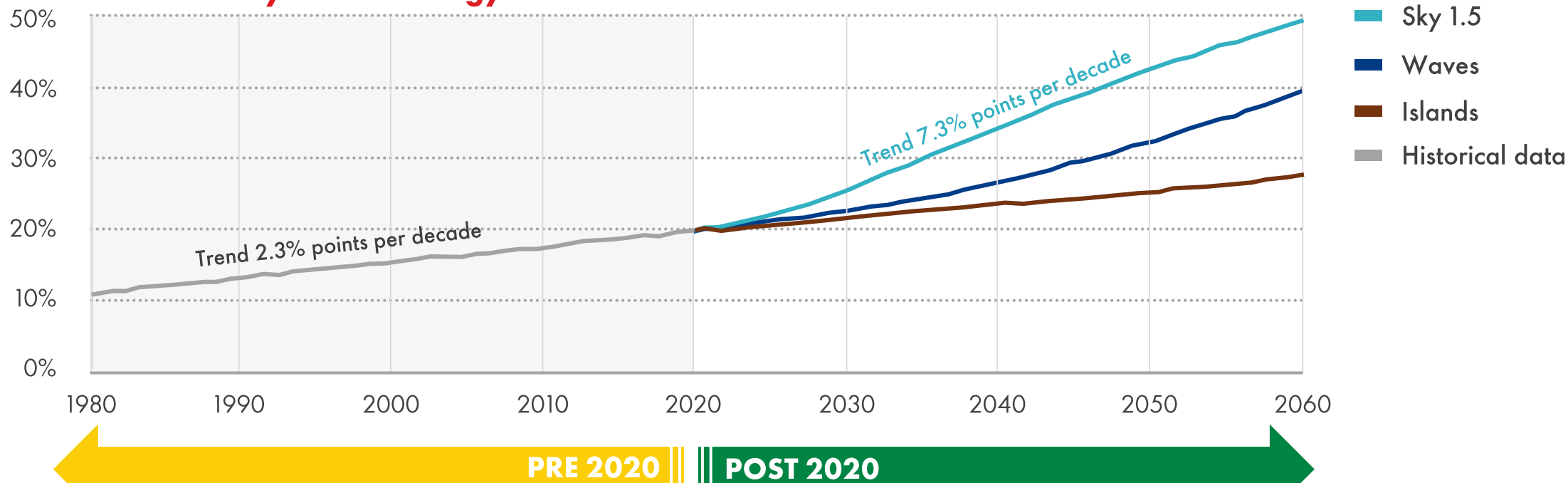


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Original chart from: No Quick Switch to Low-Carbon Energy, Kramer & Haigh, Nature (462), 3 Dec 2009



# All scenarios see rising electrification of the energy system. Sky 1.5 sees the pace of electrification rise to three times its historical rate

## Share of electricity in final energy



600 GW of solar installed in 2010s



3000 GW of solar installed in 2020s

~150,000 3 MW turbines built during the 2010s, mainly onshore



70,000 10 MW turbines during the 2020s, off-shore focus

No real growth since the turn of the century



Increase by a third in the coming decade and double by 2040.

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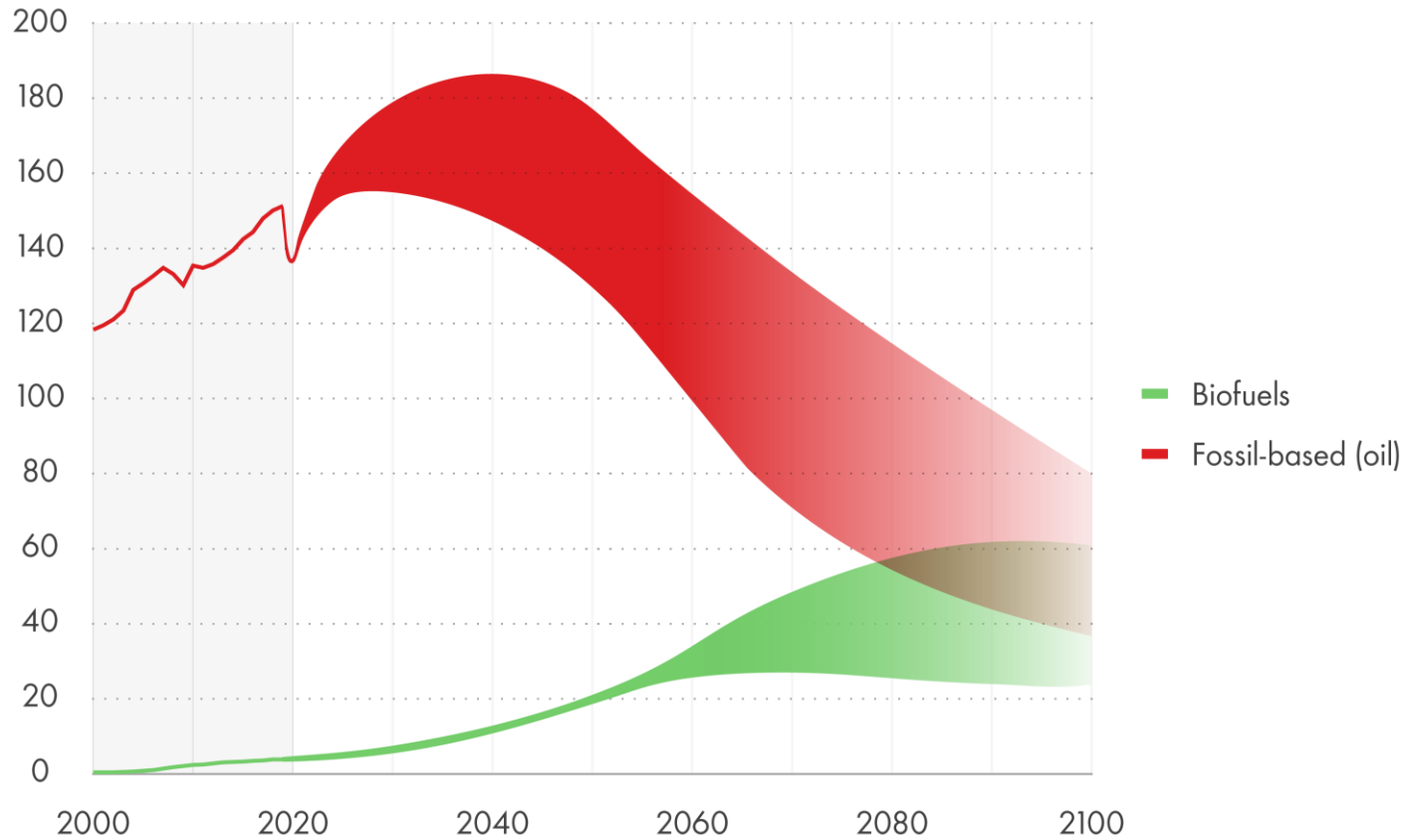
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# Oil demand will peak in the next two decades, then goes into decline as substitutes scale up and it concentrates in critical sectors

## Liquid fuels demand

EJ/year



\*Oil includes condensate and natural gas liquids

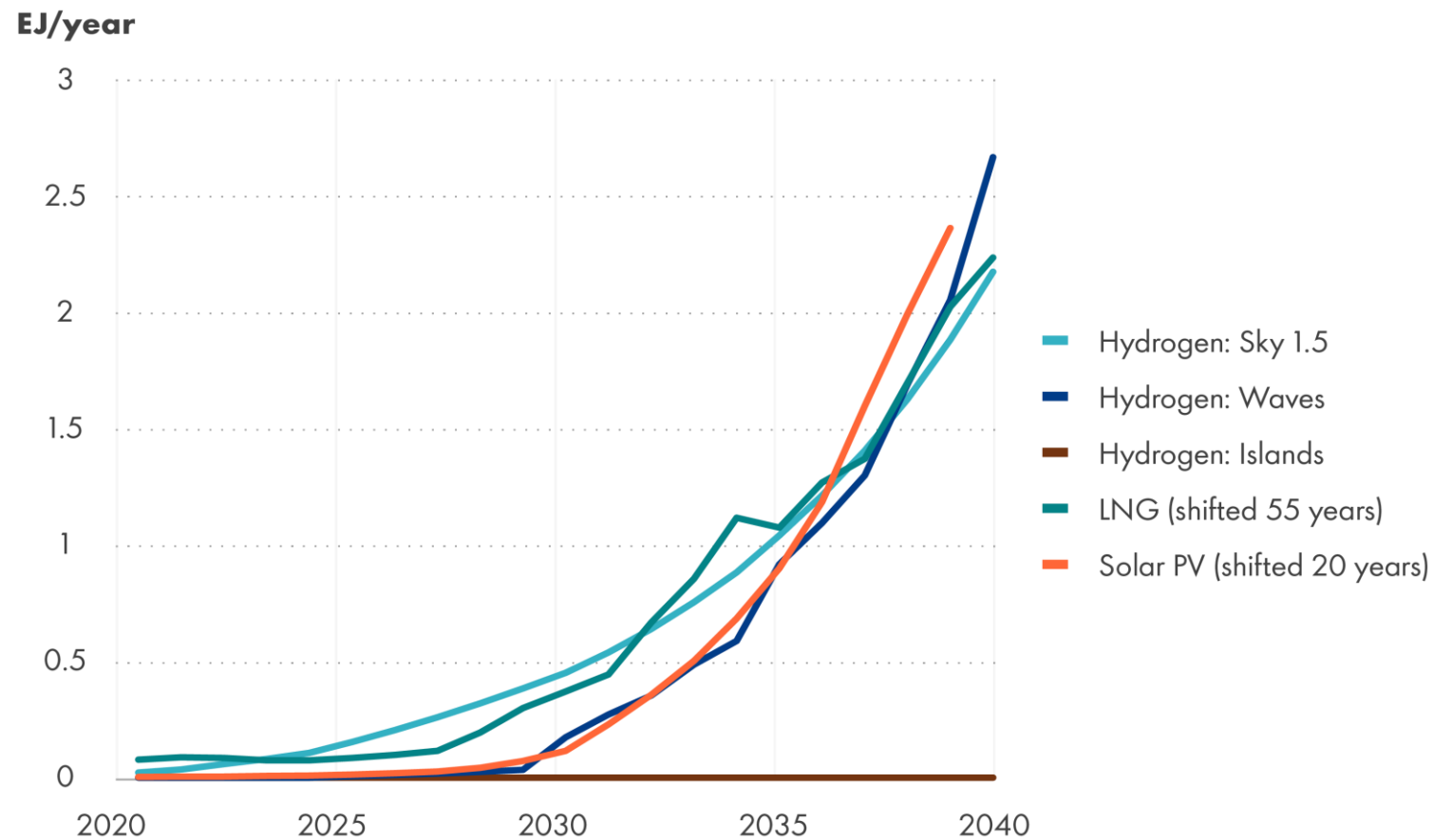
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**In Sky 1.5 and Waves the emergence of hydrogen (in non-chemical usage) this decade compares against two successful energy technologies, LNG and Solar PV. In two decades, it achieve 2 EJ / year, or 0.3% of TFC**

### Hydrogen growth vs historical trends

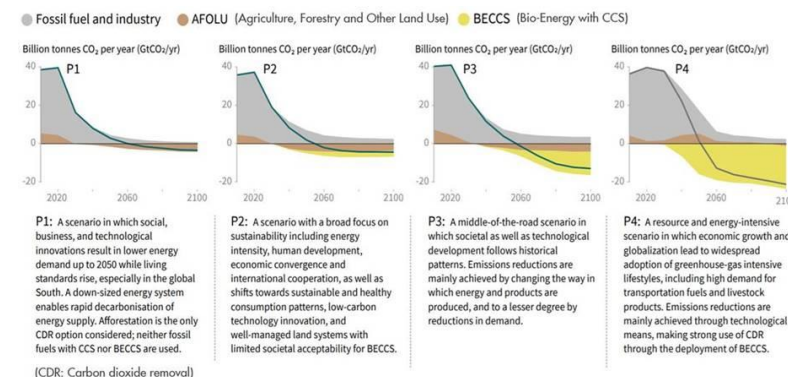
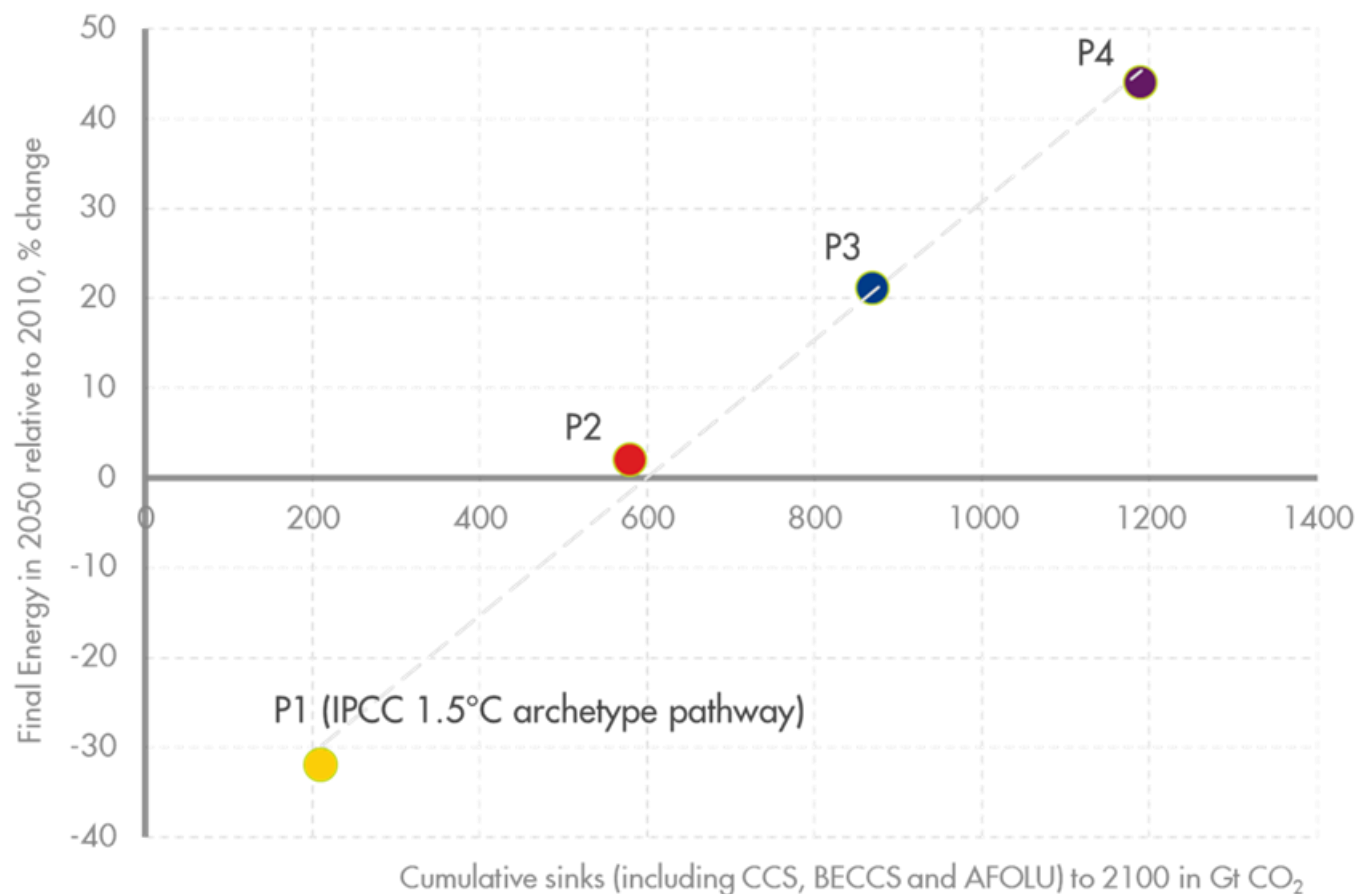


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# IPCC data shows carbon sinks (CCS, BECCS and AFOLU) are vital. Unless energy demand falls dramatically, > 600 Gt CO<sub>2</sub> needs sequestering...

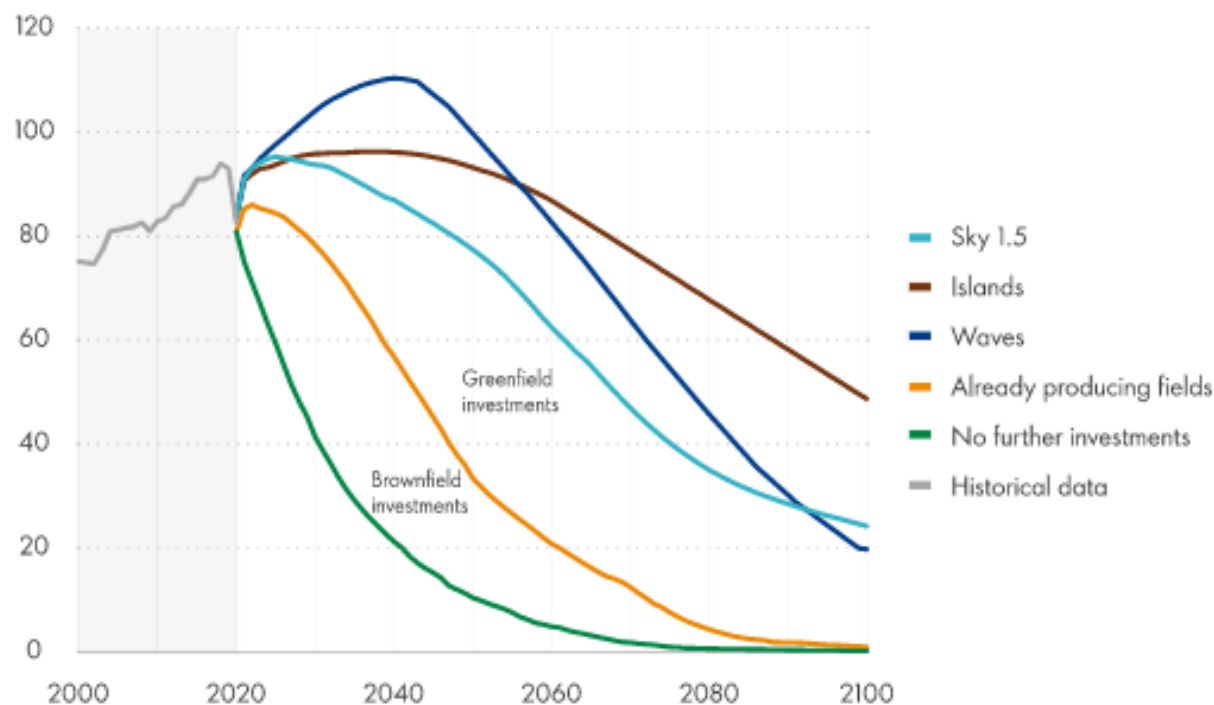


Source: Shell analysis based on IPCC SR15, 2018  
<https://blogs.shell.com/2021/03/02/the-importance-of-sinks/>

# Oil demand will peak and then go into decline, but future investments will be needed. Some emissions are unavoidable requiring CO<sub>2</sub> sinks

## Total oil\* production

Million barrels/day



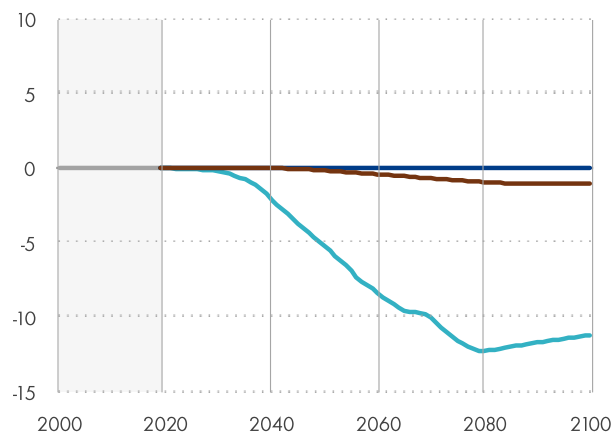
\*Oil includes condensate and natural gas liquids

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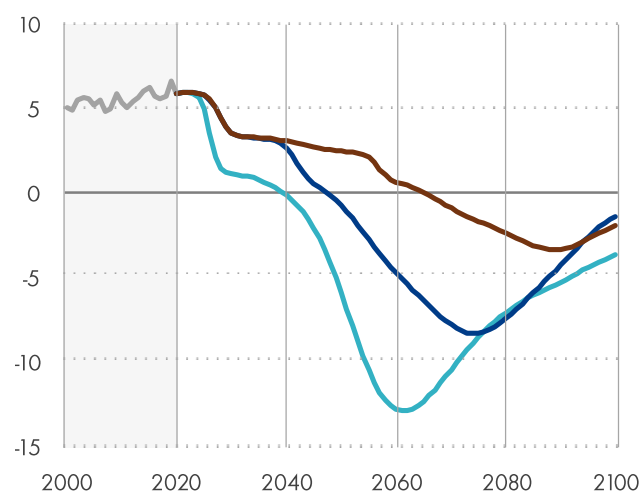
## Energy-related emissions captured by CCS

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

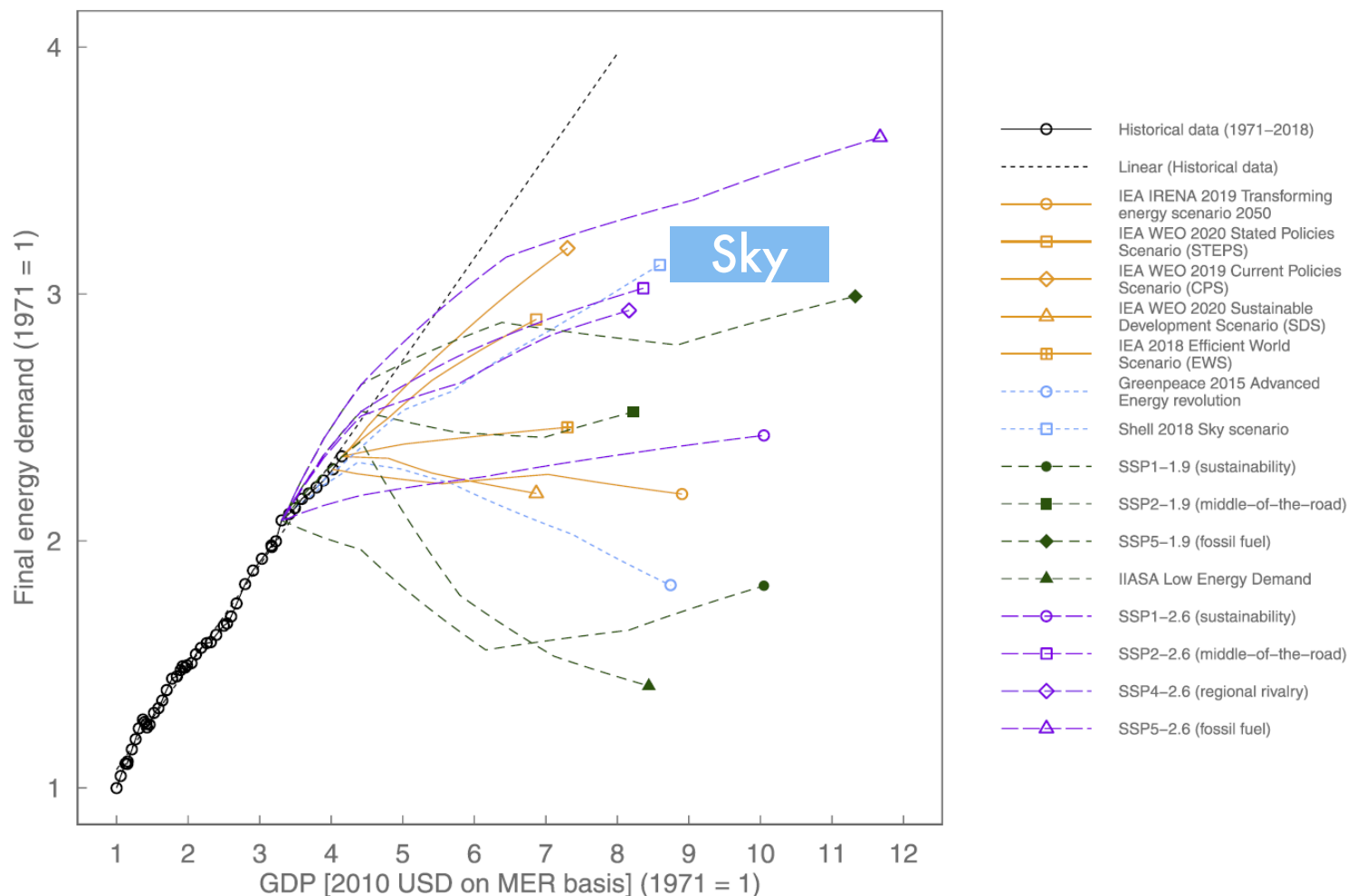


## CO<sub>2</sub> removal using nature

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



# Energy demand has tracked GDP ... what next?



Source: Paper: Energy efficiency and economy-wide rebound effects: A review of the evidence and its implications, Brockway et al, Renewable and Sustainable Energy Review, March 2021

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## Conclusions from the paper:

- Many climate and energy scenarios project a significant departure from the historical close relationship between global energy consumption and GDP and a move towards absolute decoupling.
- These scenarios assume rapid improvements in energy efficiency through all sectors of the global economy and a shift towards less energy-intensive consumption patterns.
- However, the evidence reviewed in this paper suggests that economy-wide rebound effects could erode more than half of the anticipated energy savings.
- Since the mechanisms contributing to these effects are only poorly captured by the relevant models, global energy scenarios may overestimate the potential for decoupling energy consumption from GDP.
- Large rebound effects may therefore provide one explanation for the historical close relationship between energy consumption and GDP and at the same time may make it more difficult to decouple energy consumption from GDP the future



# Questions

2005 2015 2025 2035 2045 2055 2065 2075 2085 2095  
2010 2020 2030 2040 2050 2060 2070 2080 2090 2100

