

1. Net Zero

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Agenda

- 10am Welcome: Lauren Stuchfield
- Key Messages: Sian Ramirez-Bower
- Key insights & analysis: Kris Dadhley
- Guest speaker: Abbie Badcock-Broe, ESO S&R
- Guest speaker: Kate Mulvany, Cornwall insights
- Break
- Q&A with Sli.do
- Close
- Virtual networking follows



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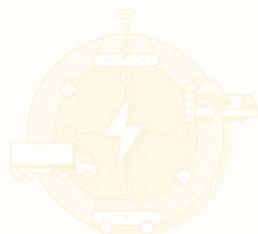
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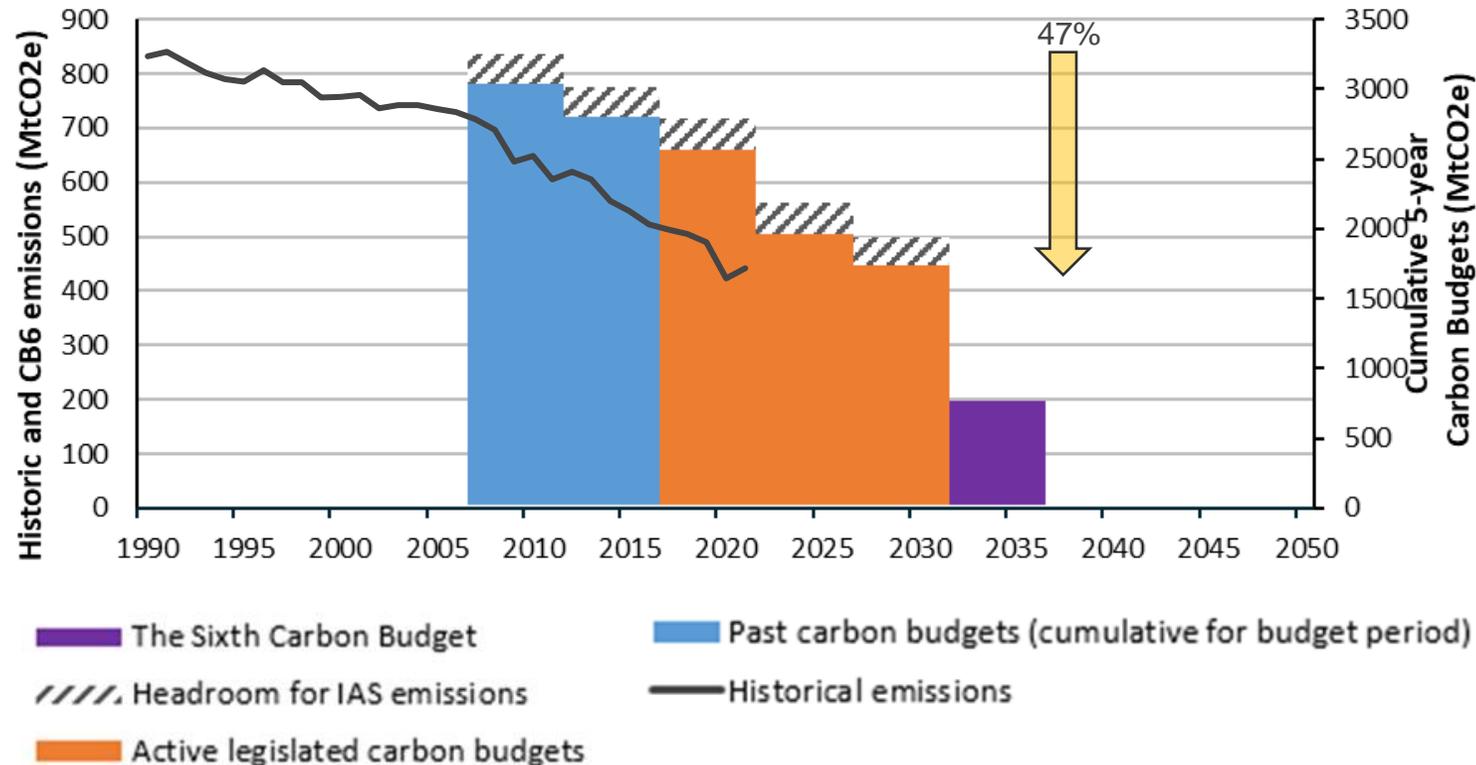


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Executive summary

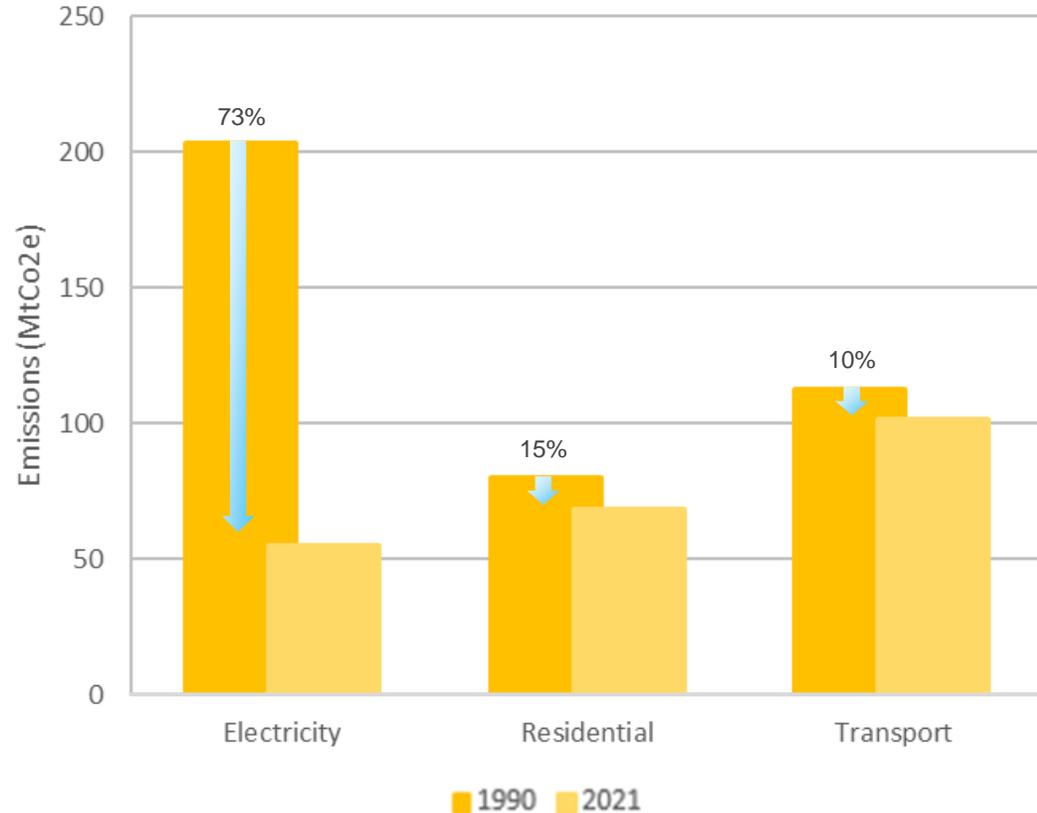
What we've found	Biggest challenges to a fair transition to net zero are reaching zero carbon electricity, CCS, negative emission technologies and regionalisation
Greatest uncertainty	To what degree will each decarbonisation effort play a role in net zero?
No regret actions	Delivery of carbon capture and storage, investment in negative emissions, further decarbonisation of the electricity system
Bottom line	Despite these challenges the range of pathways gives us confidence we can achieve net zero by 2050

Net zero is critical in order to limit the affects of climate change



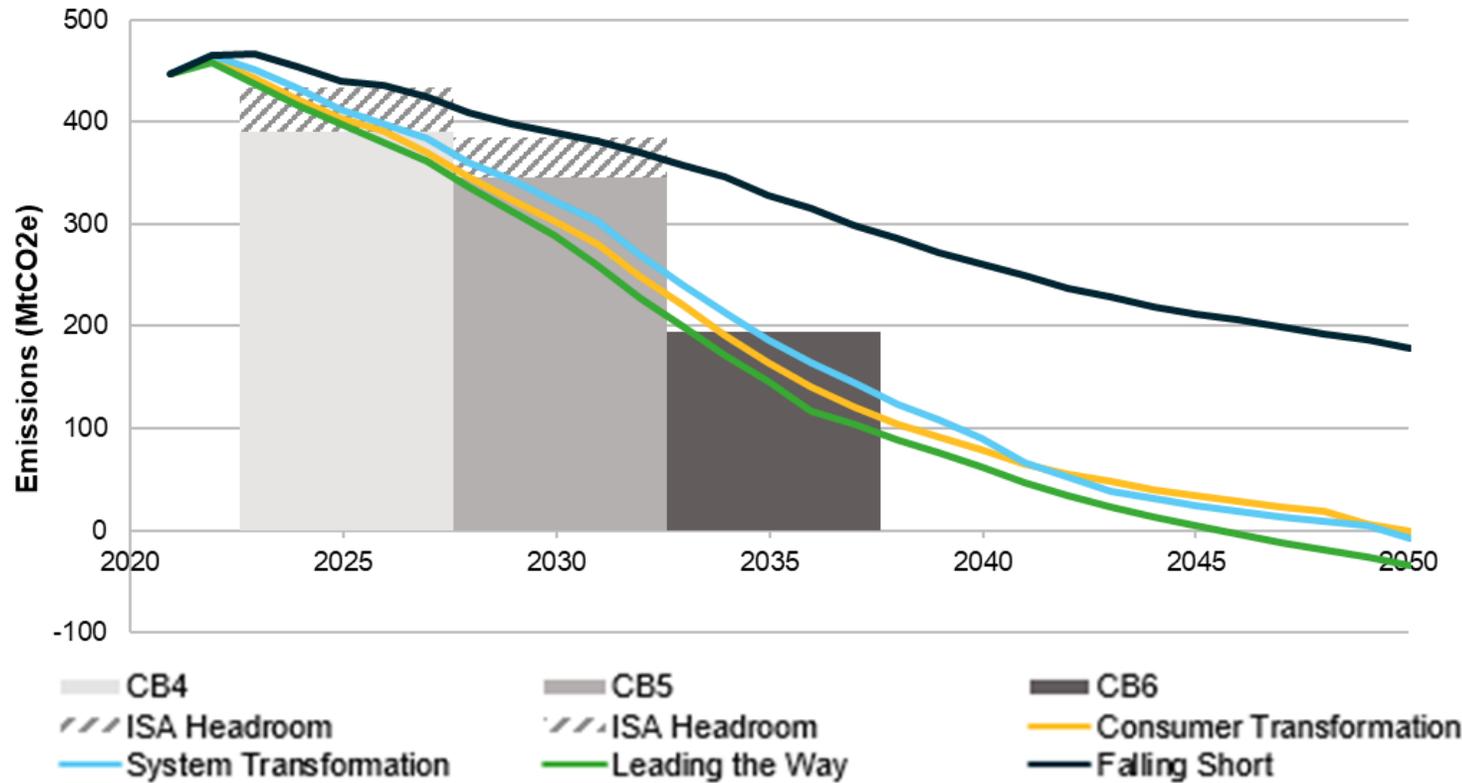
- **Emissions** in 1990 and 2021 were 837 and 446 MtCO₂e respectively
- In 1990 **electricity production** was the biggest source of emissions
- In 2021 **transport** was the biggest source of emissions
- **Carbon budgets** are set by the CCC

Decarbonisation to date has varied across the economy, a similar pattern will be seen as further decarbonisation happens



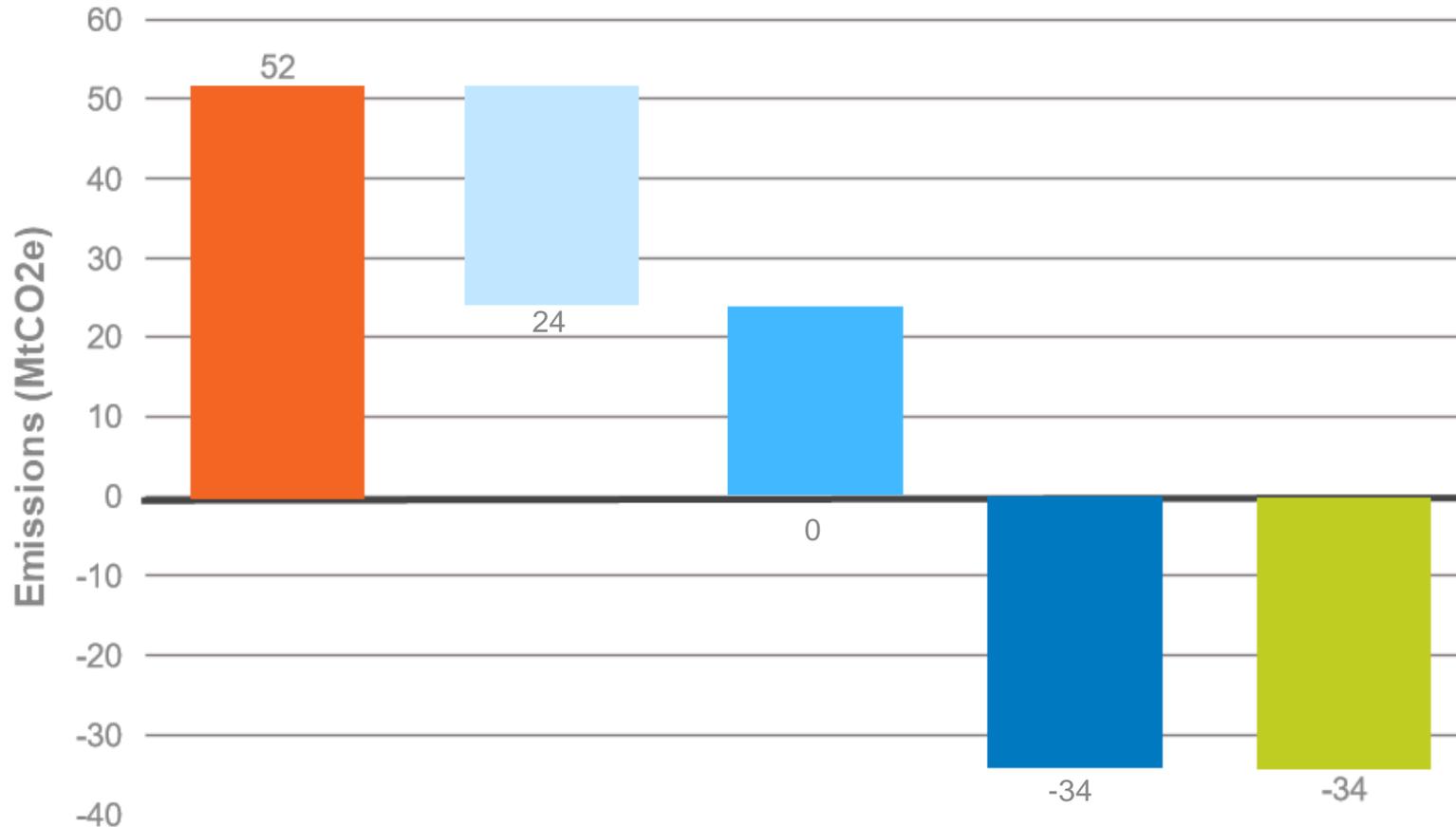
- Electricity supply will need to decarbonise further
- The majority of these emissions come from gas boilers and petrol/diesel cars
- Low carbon alternatives will need to be adopted to reduce emissions

The transition to net zero is challenging but achievable, requiring large scale deployment of technologies and whole system thinking



- Negative emissions technologies are needed
- A whole system approach is required for CB6

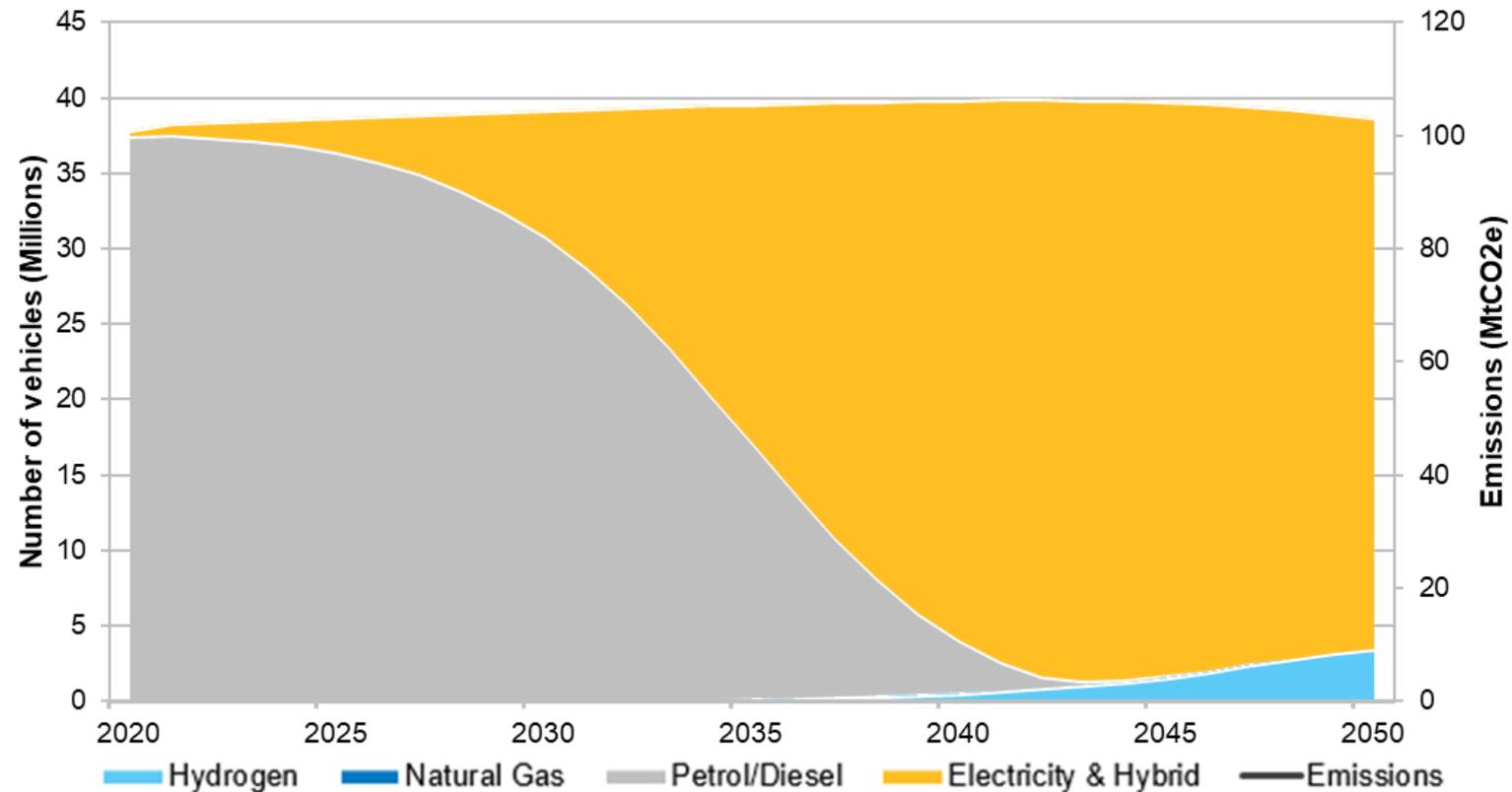
Not all sectors will be fully decarbonised by 2050 so negative emission technologies are vital



- Negative emissions technologies are essential
- BECCS and DACCS are the main engineered solutions

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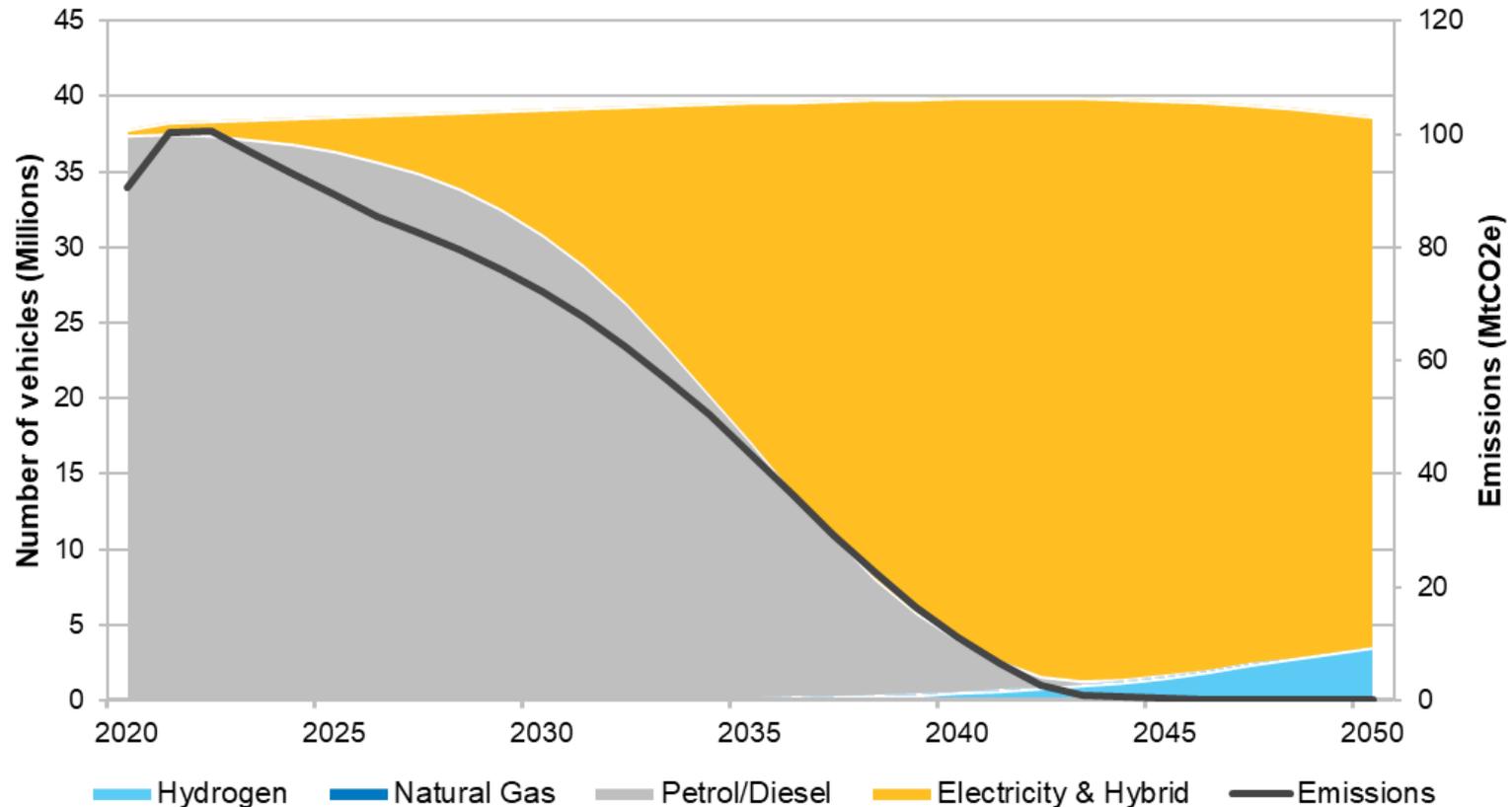
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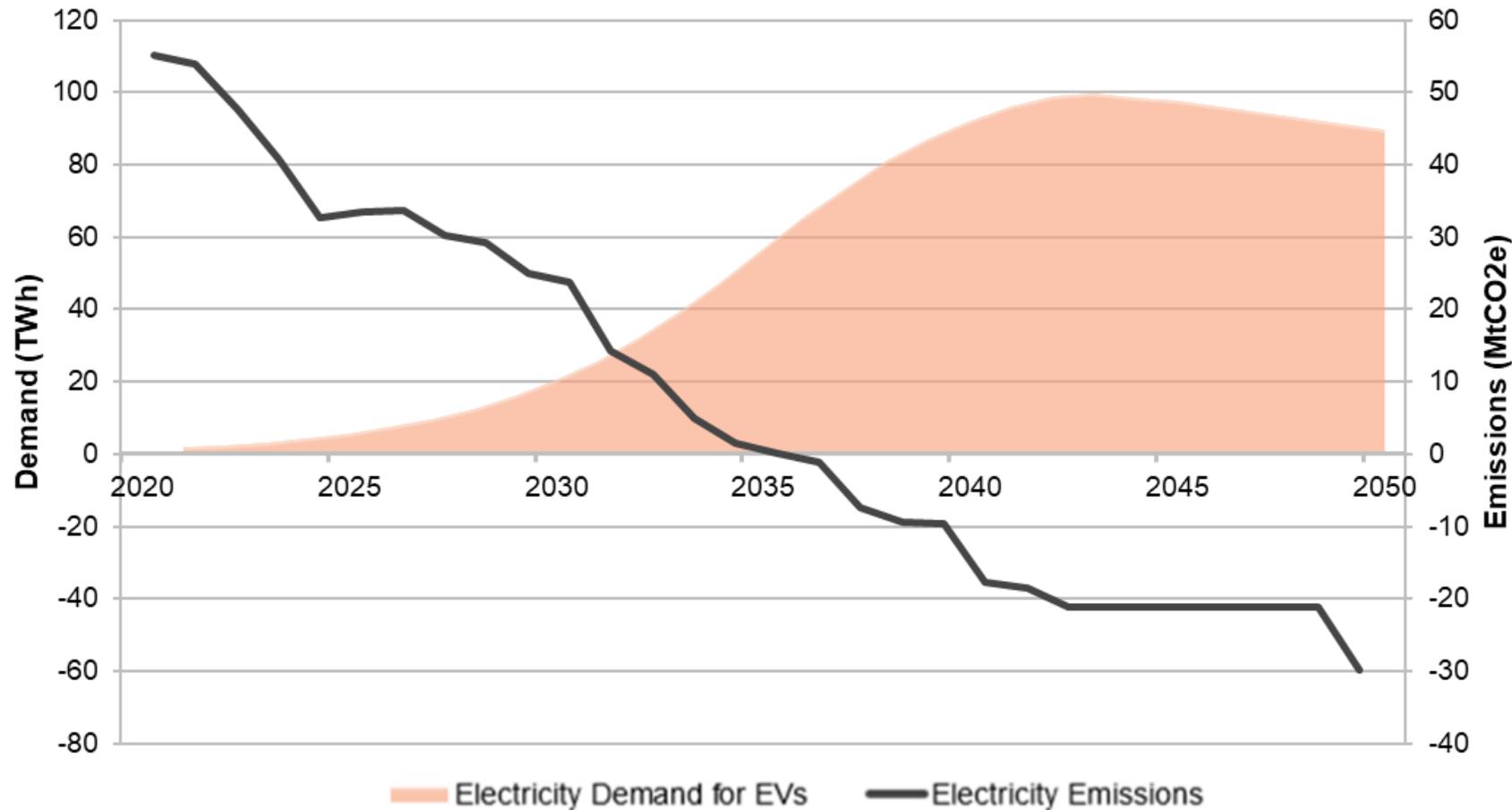
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- Road transport in System Transformation decarbonises before 2050

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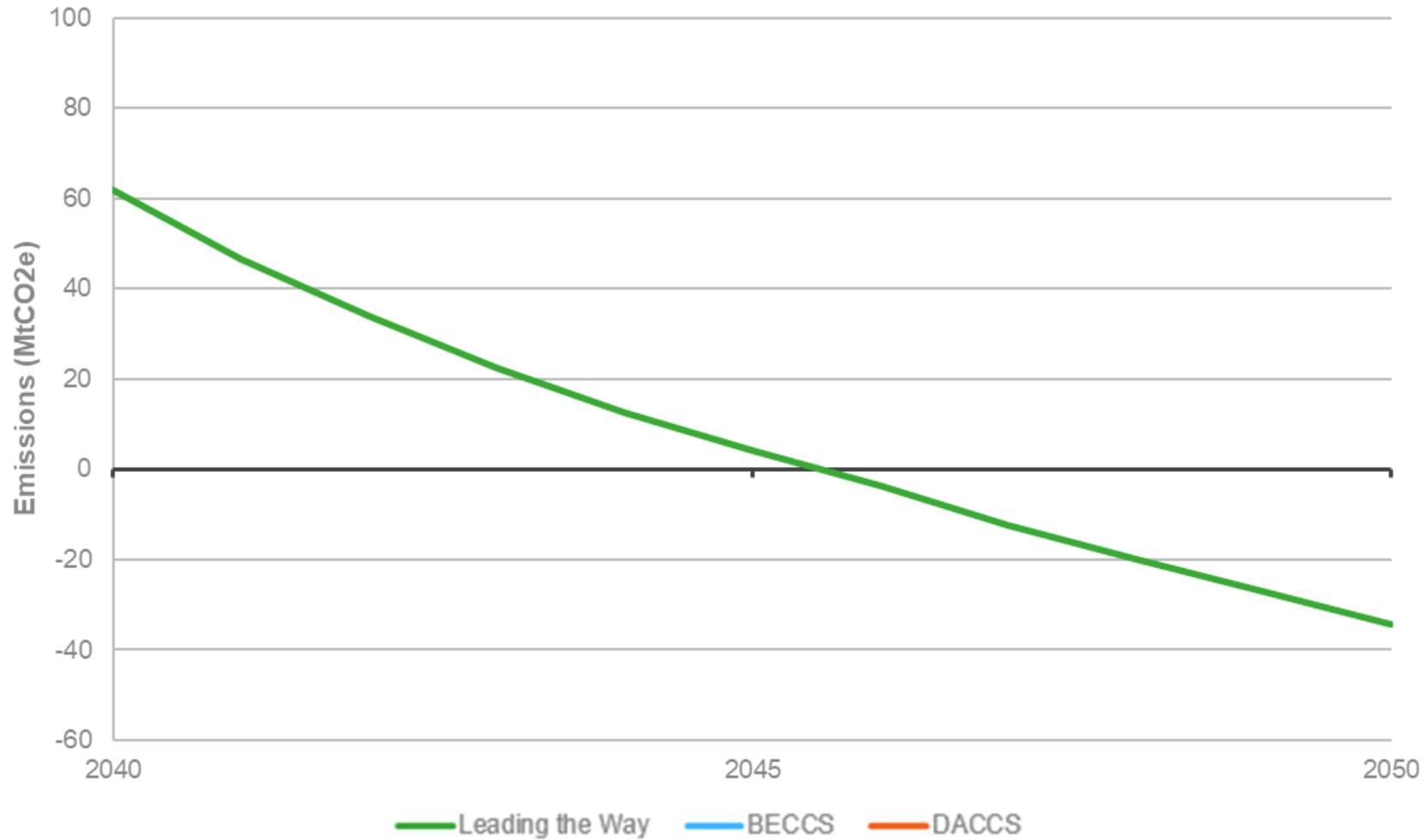


- Electricity and hydrogen demand for transport is set to grow
- This should be met from renewable sources
- Whole system thinking is needed

CCUS can be used across multiple sectors and can play a vital role in net zero

Sector	FES Scenario
Power	CT ST LW FS
Industrial Processes	CT ST LW FS
Hydrogen Production	CT ST LW FS
Biofuels	CT ST LW
DACCS	LW

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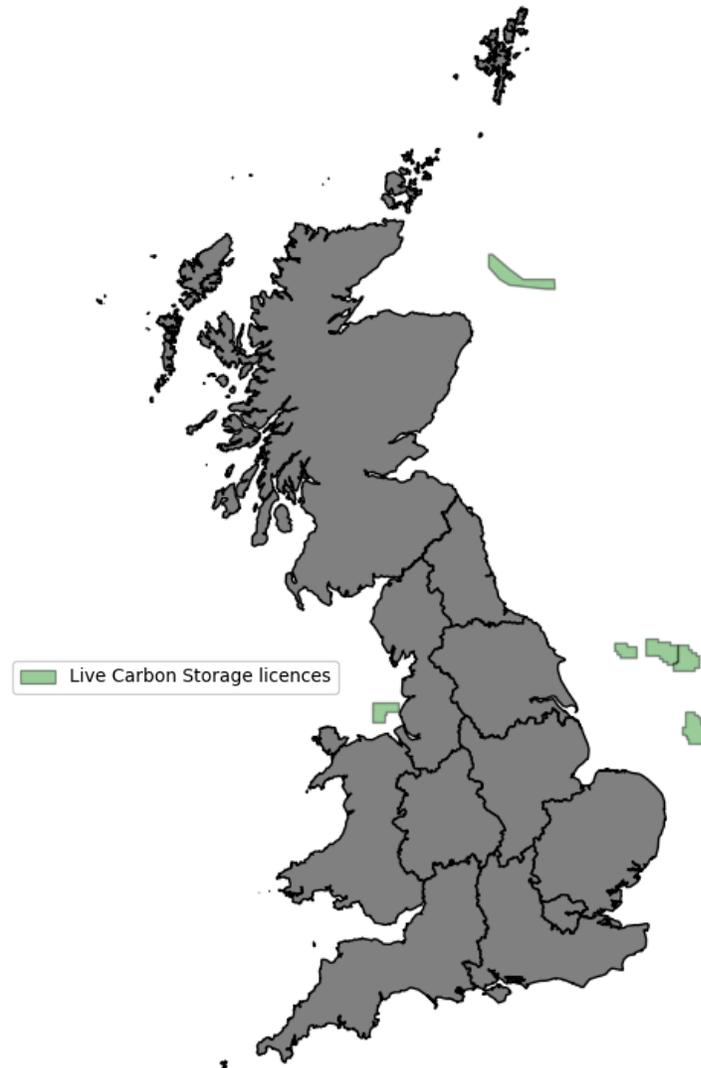
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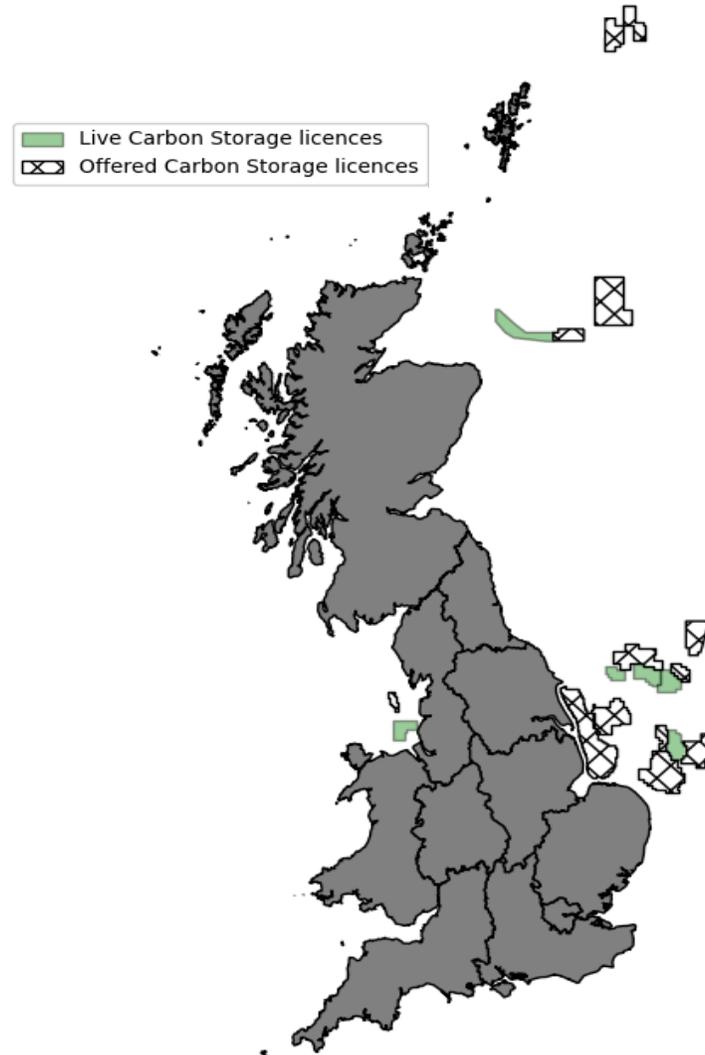
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- The British Geological Survey estimates over 70 billion tonnes of carbon storage capacity around GB
- Currently 6 live carbon storage licenses
- Storage injection starts towards the end of this decade

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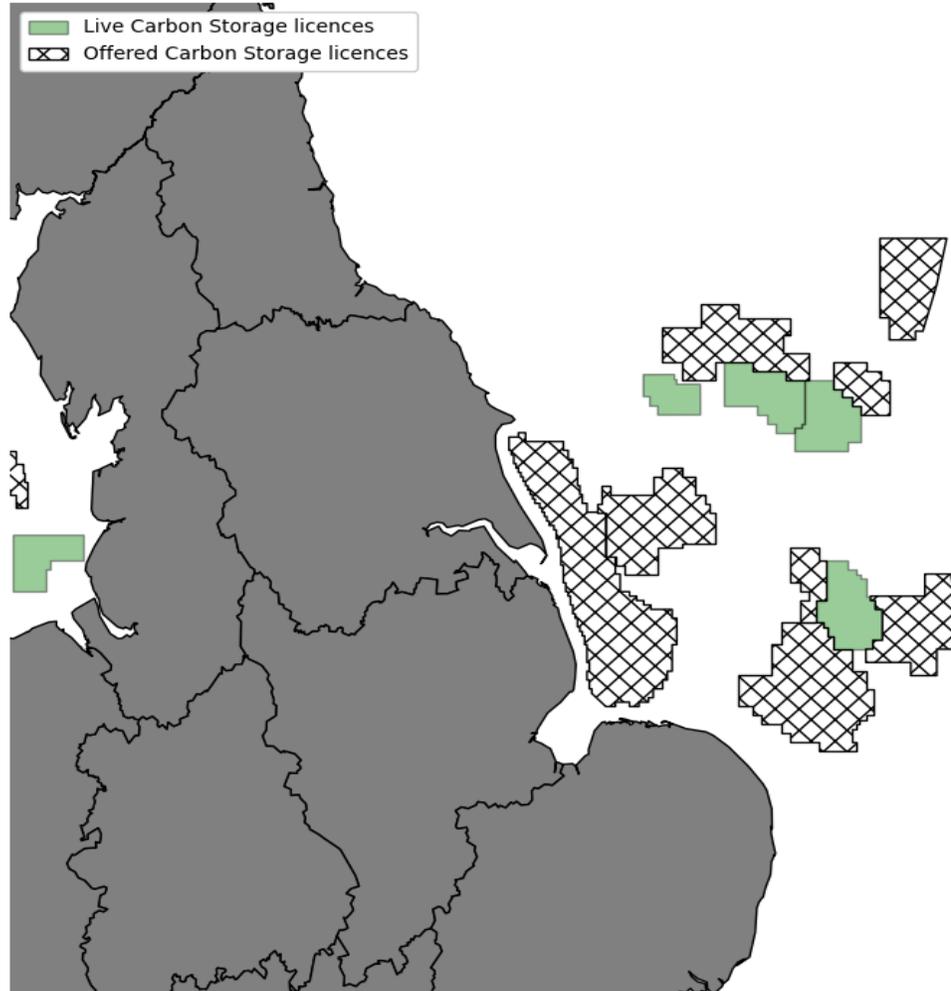
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- 20 additional licenses have been offered
- Once operational injection could start within 6 years
- Further carbon storage licensing rounds will happen

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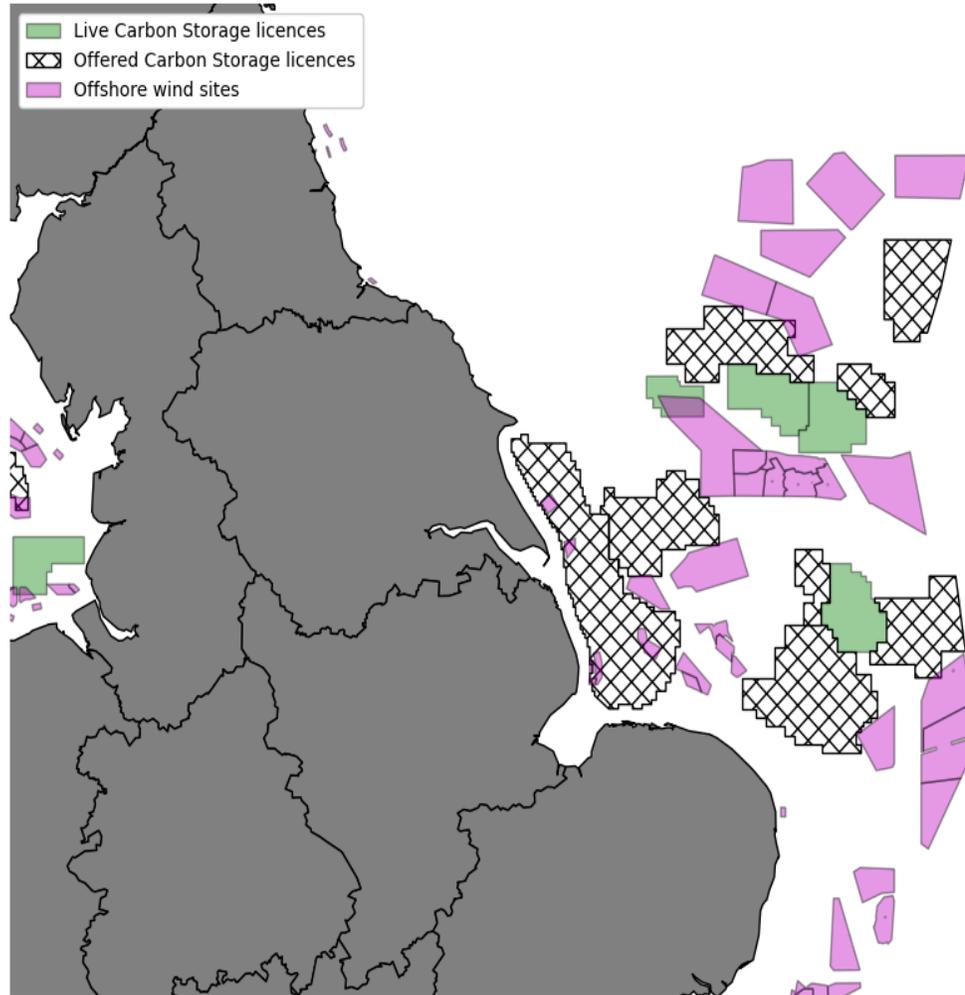
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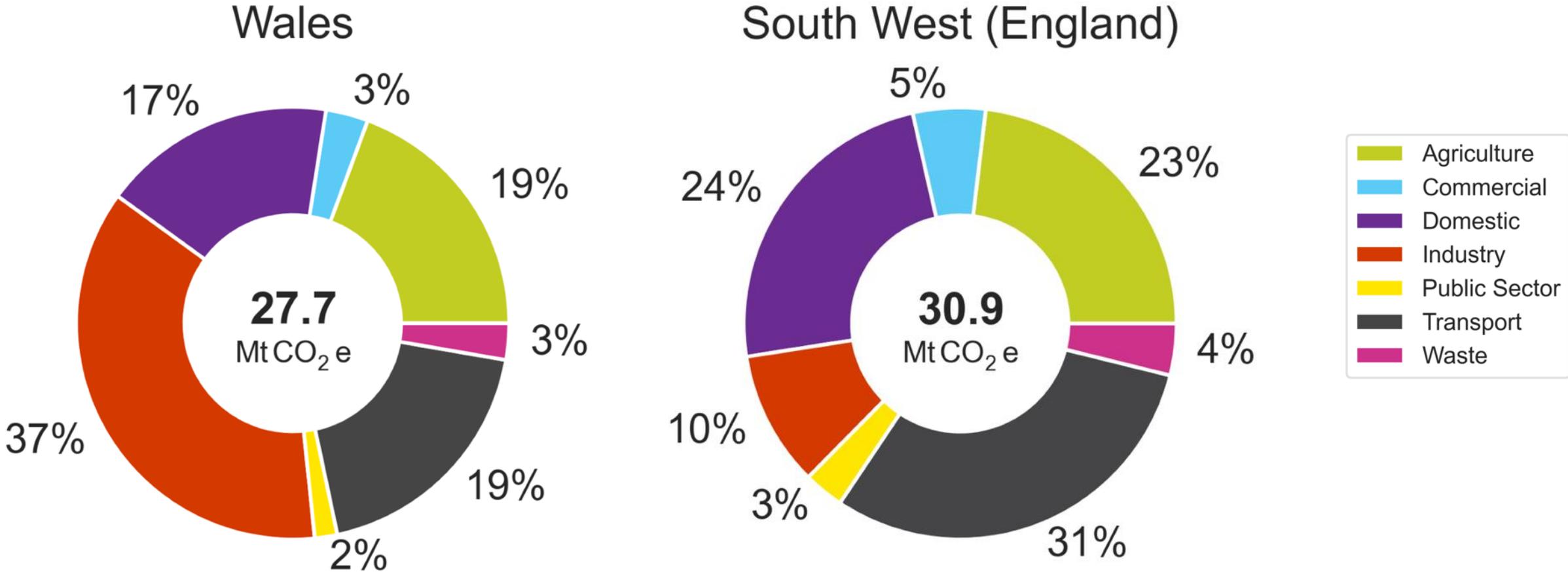
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- 50GW offshore wind by 2030
- Whole system approach needed

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Emissions sources vary across GB, policy and planning will need to work at a local and national level



Main Takeaways



**NETs are needed
to meet net zero**



**Whole system
thinking**

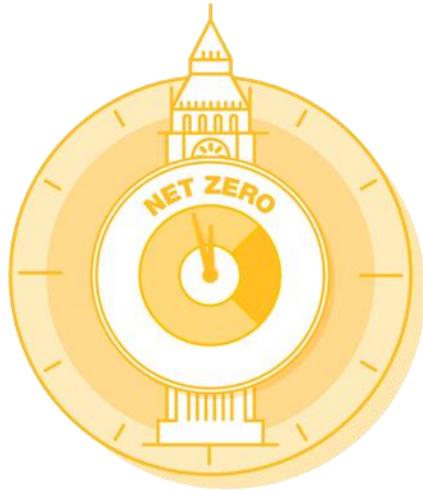


**CCS plays
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What is needed over the next year?



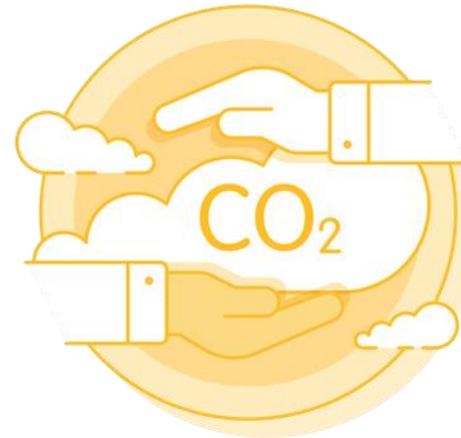
Net zero policy

Continuing delivery on the role out of CCS



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Addressing cost of living in the transition to net zero



Negative emissions

Continual support for the development of NETs



Strategic network investment

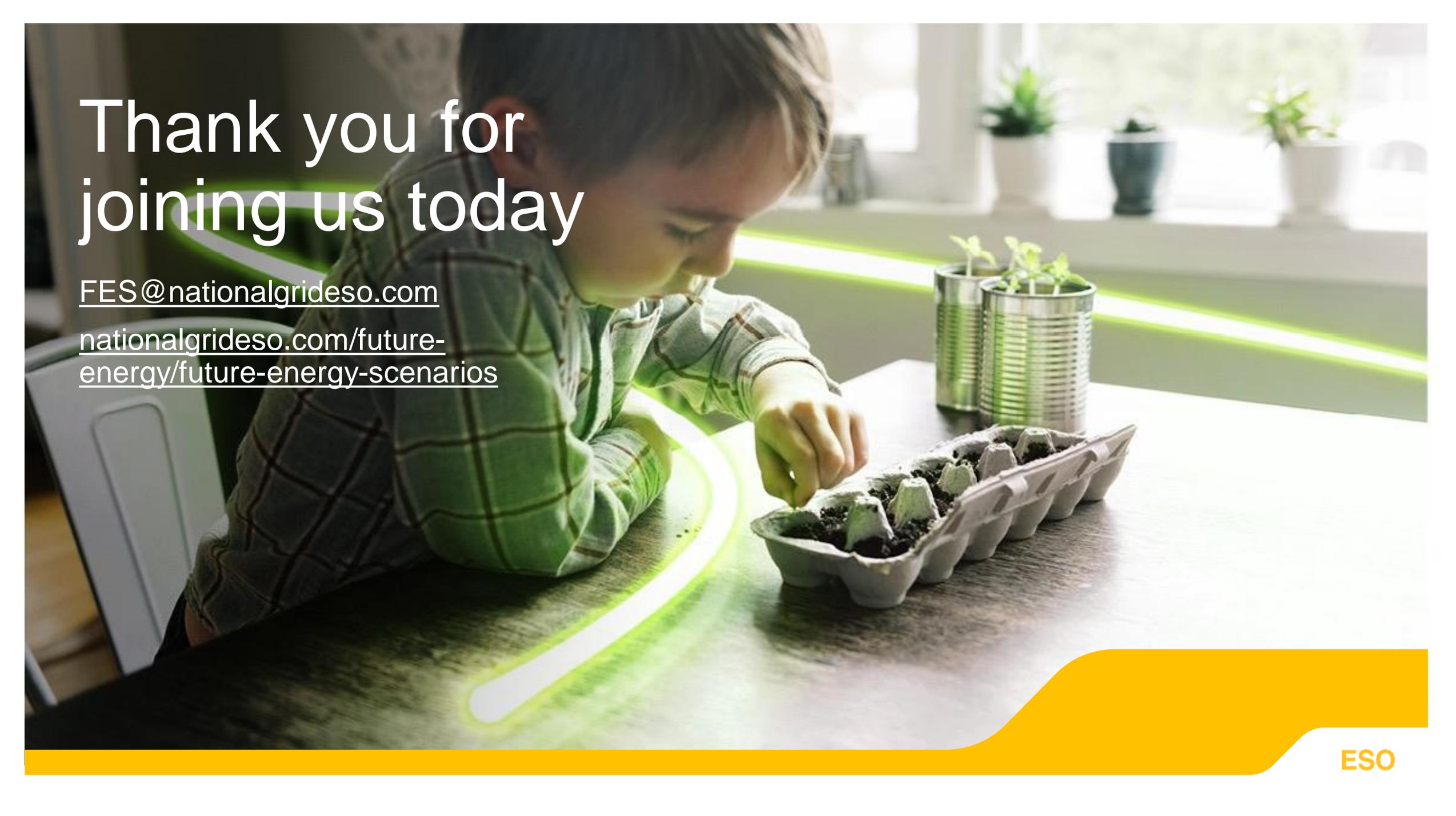
Making sure the electricity system is resilient through change while ensuring zero carbon generation



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