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OpenMinds

Accelerating Energy and Climate Progress



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OpenMinds

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The "Dual Challenge" and Our
Solutions

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OpenMinds' Impact Strategy and
Key Initiatives

OUR SOLUTION:

MORE ENERGY. LESS EMISSIONS. FAST.

- Non-partisan, 501(c)(3)
- Data and Techonomics-driven
- 125+ Volunteer Leaders, Experts & Partners
- Entrepreneurial Approach



WHAT MAKES US UNIQUE



Unite & Accelerate - Energy AND Climate



Proprietary Solutions Framework

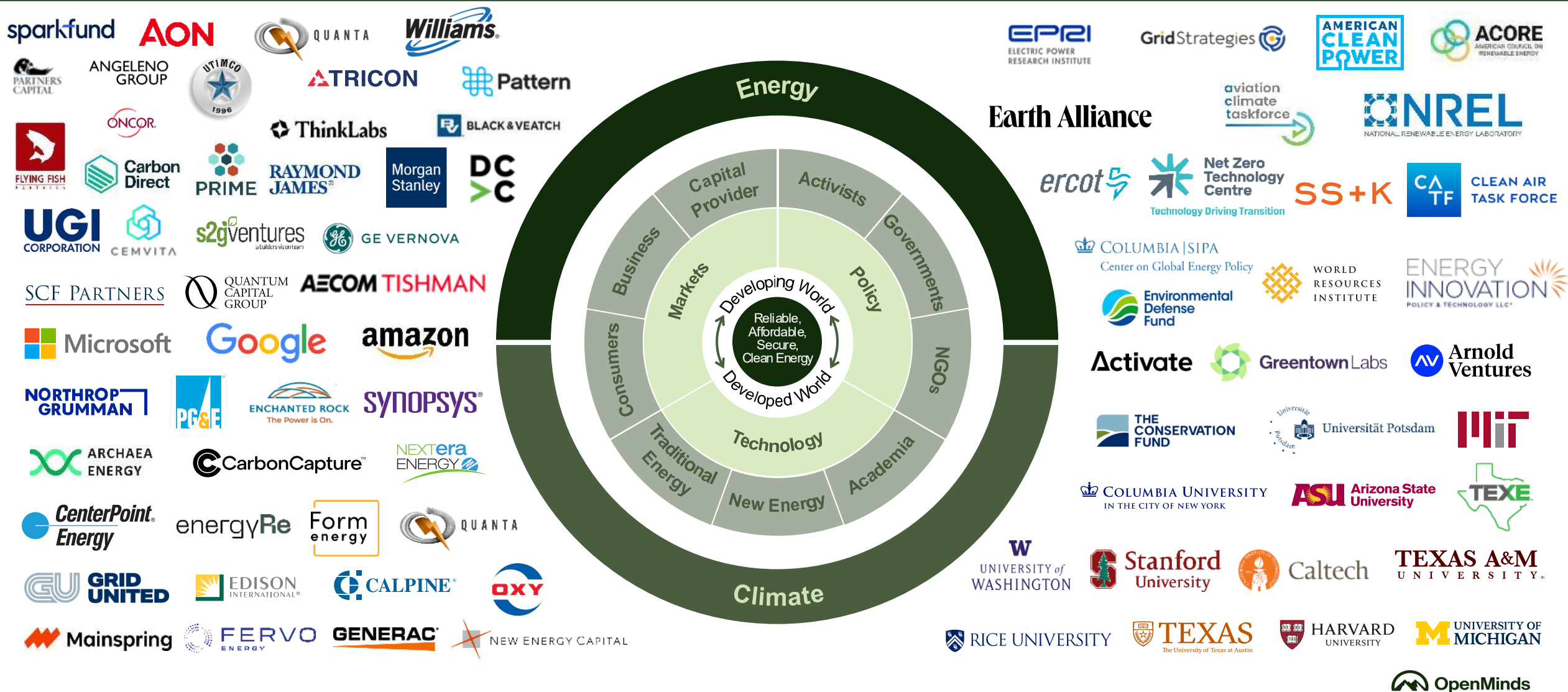


Cross-functional Expert Team

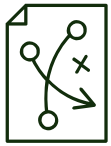


Impact Progress by 203X

The OpenMinds Network

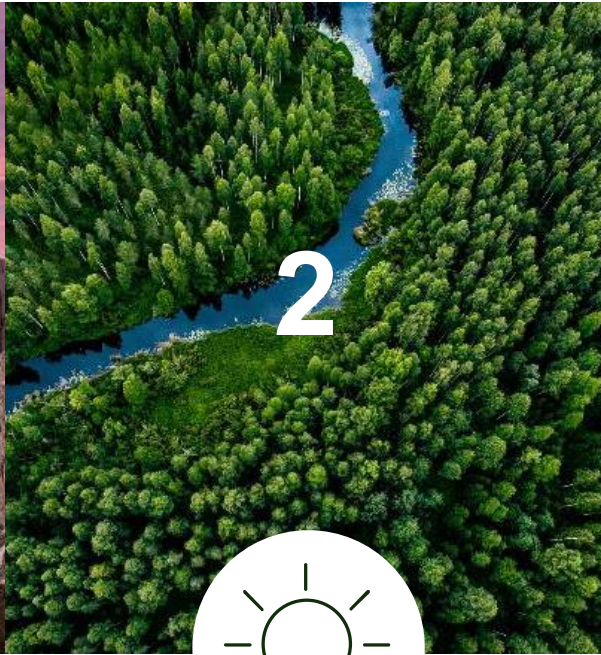


Our Unique & Strategic Approach to Impact



2022 – “Define”

More energy.
Less emissions.
By 203X.



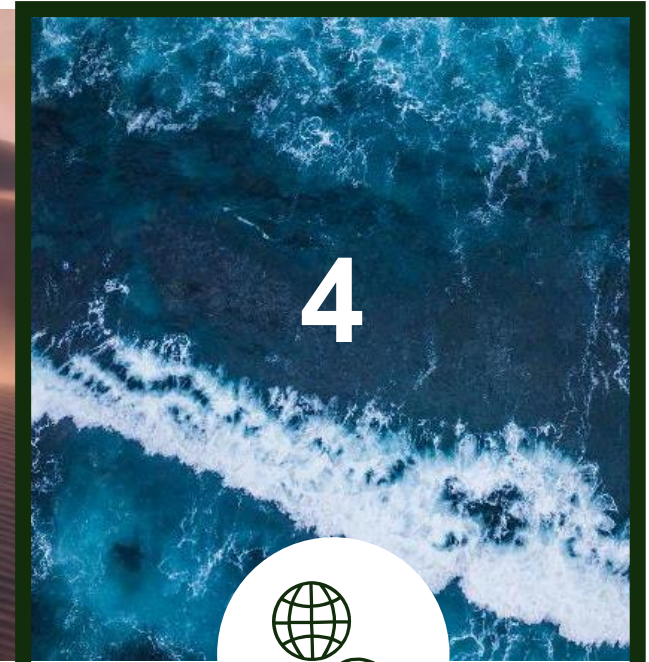
2023 – 2024 “Solve”

Data-driven
Solutions pathway.
Cost, speed, scale.



2025 – “Impact”

Initial Impact Projects to
remove bottlenecks.



2026 – “Focus”

Grid Vision.
NextGen.
Communication.

Mission

More energy, less emissions – fast.

Goals

Unite

key current & future global leaders on the need to solve for affordable energy access while quickly reducing emissions

Accelerate

progress with a practical solutions pathway and develop key initiatives to remove bottlenecks

Impact Levers

Communicate to Drive Targeted Action and Highlight Progress

**Align
Existing Leaders**

**Develop
Future Leaders**

**Design
Solutions Pathways**

**Lead
Impact Projects**

Top 10 Solutions

Abate Methane

Renewables

Coal-to-X Switching

**CCUS in Electricity
and Industry**

**Transportation
Energy Efficiency**

**Industrial Efficiency
and Electrification**

Electric LDVs

Heat Pumps

**New and Existing
Nuclear**

Buildings Efficiency

The OpenMinds Team

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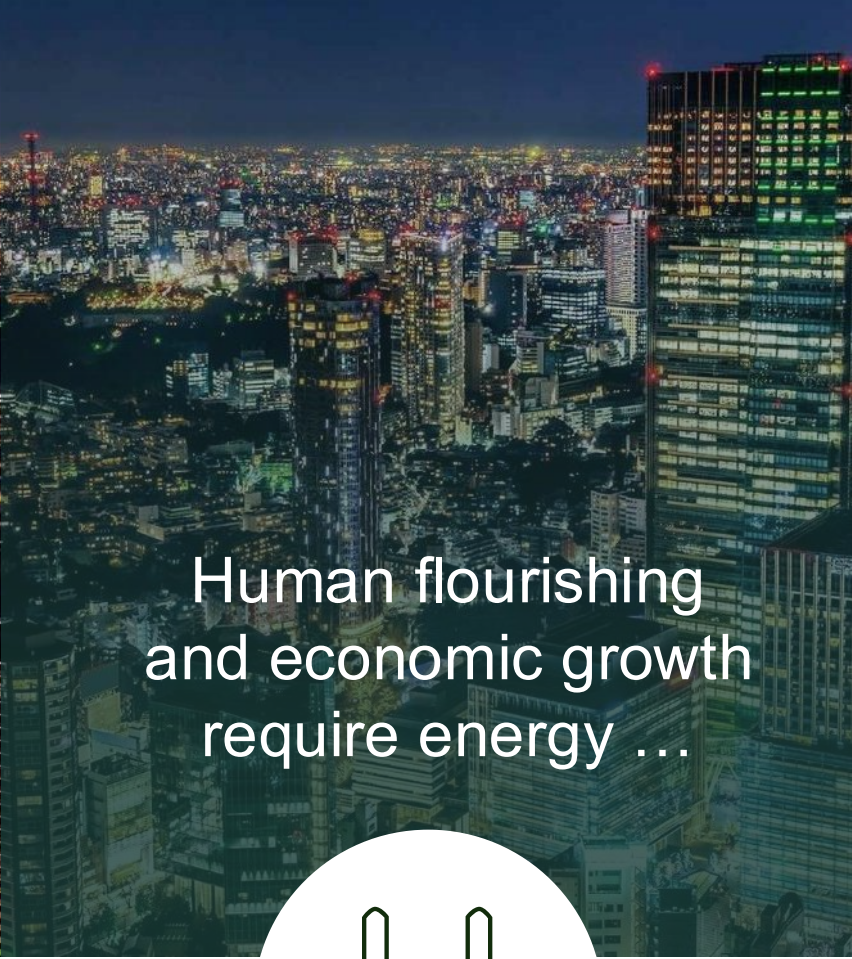
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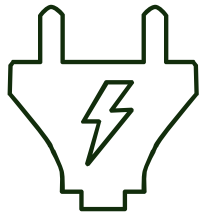
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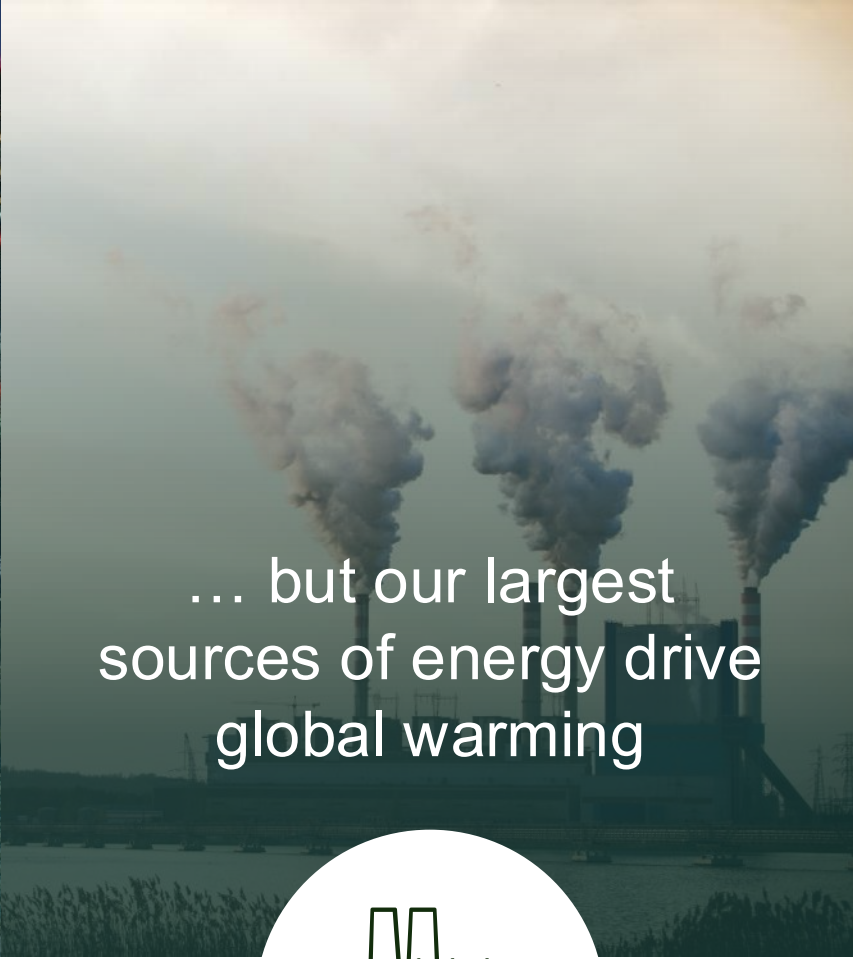
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Human flourishing
and economic growth
require energy ...



**More
energy**



... but our largest
sources of energy drive
global warming

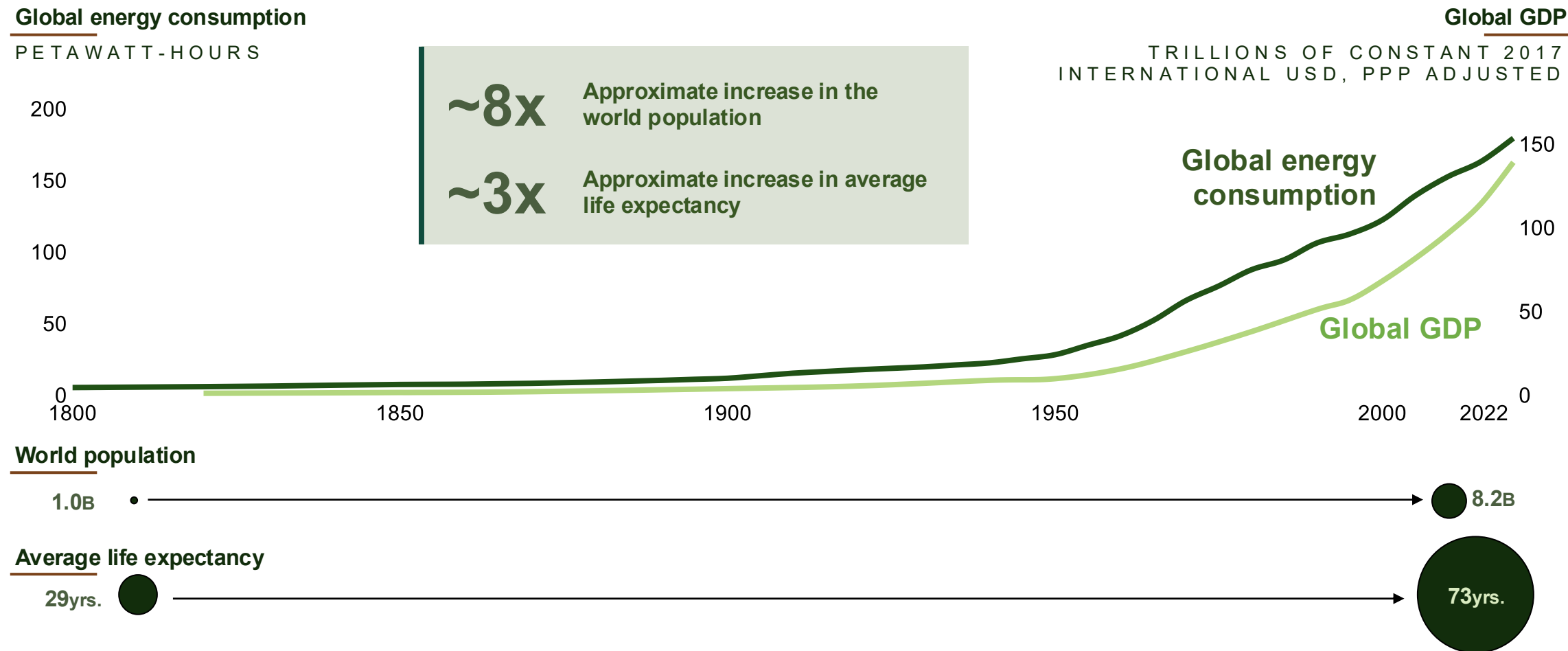


**Less
emissions**



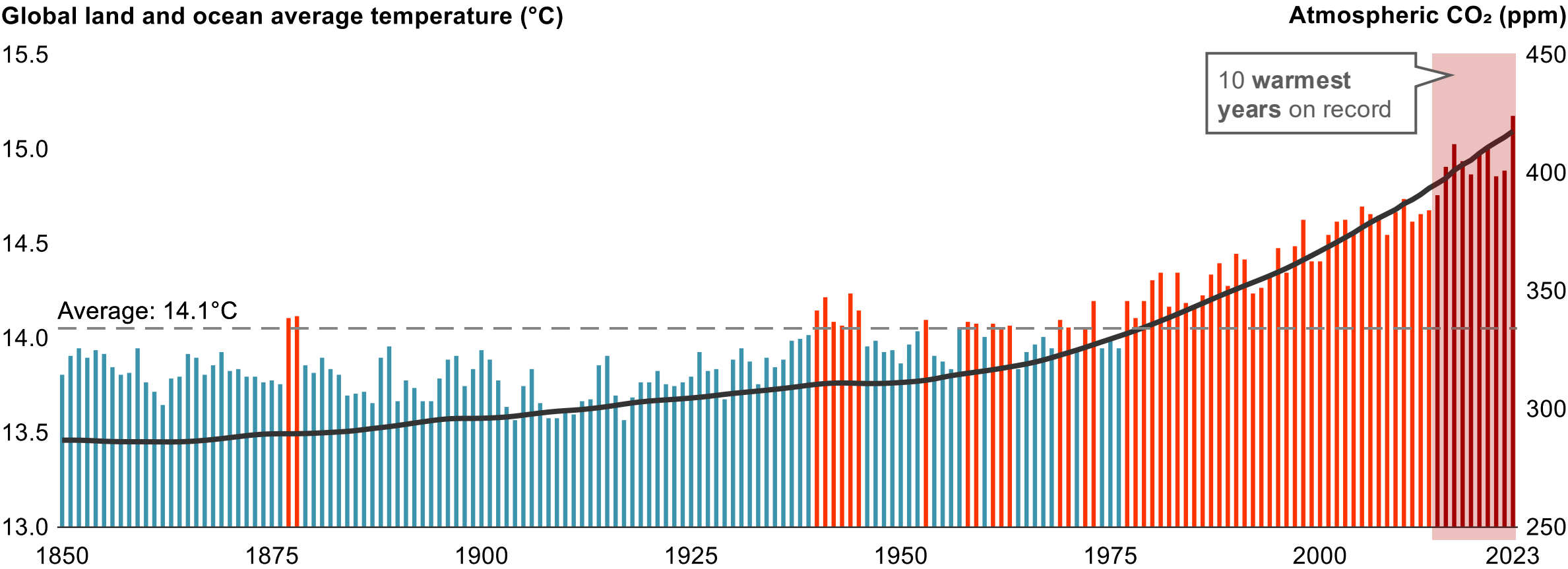
**This is the
Dual Challenge**

Energy Drives Human Well-Being and Longevity



Note: GDP is adjusted for purchasing power parity. Sources: BP Statistical Review of World Energy 2021; Vaclav Smil, *Energy Transitions: Global and National Perspectives*, 2017; Maddison Project Database, version 2020. Bolt, Jutta and Jan Luiten van Zanden (2020), "Maddison style estimates of the evolution of the world economy. A new 2020 update"; World Bank; Our World in Data

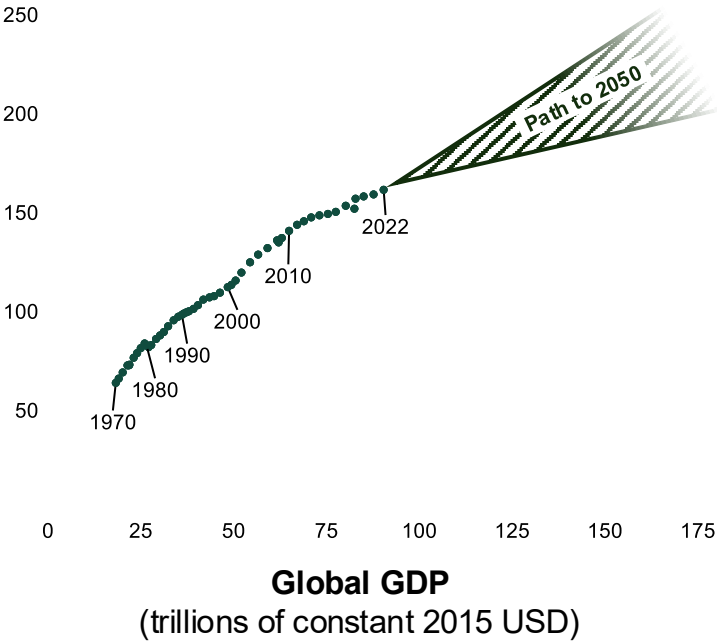
Emissions Have Led to Increased Warming



Our Dual Challenge

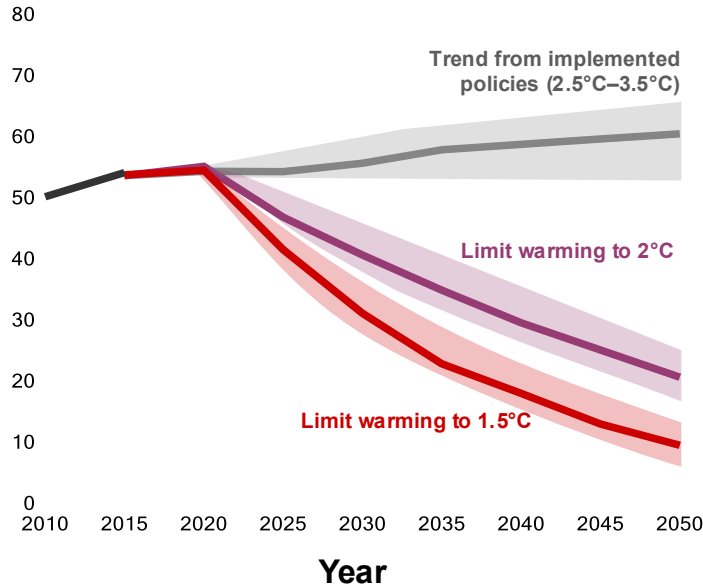
Energy Will Grow

Global primary energy demand
(petawatt-hours)



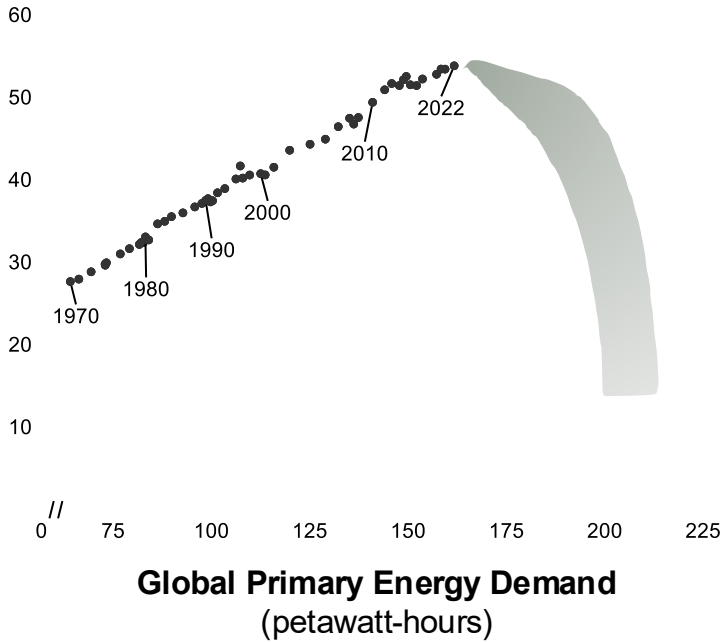
Emissions Must Decline

Global annual greenhouse gas emissions
(gigatons of CO₂-equivalent)



The Dual Challenge

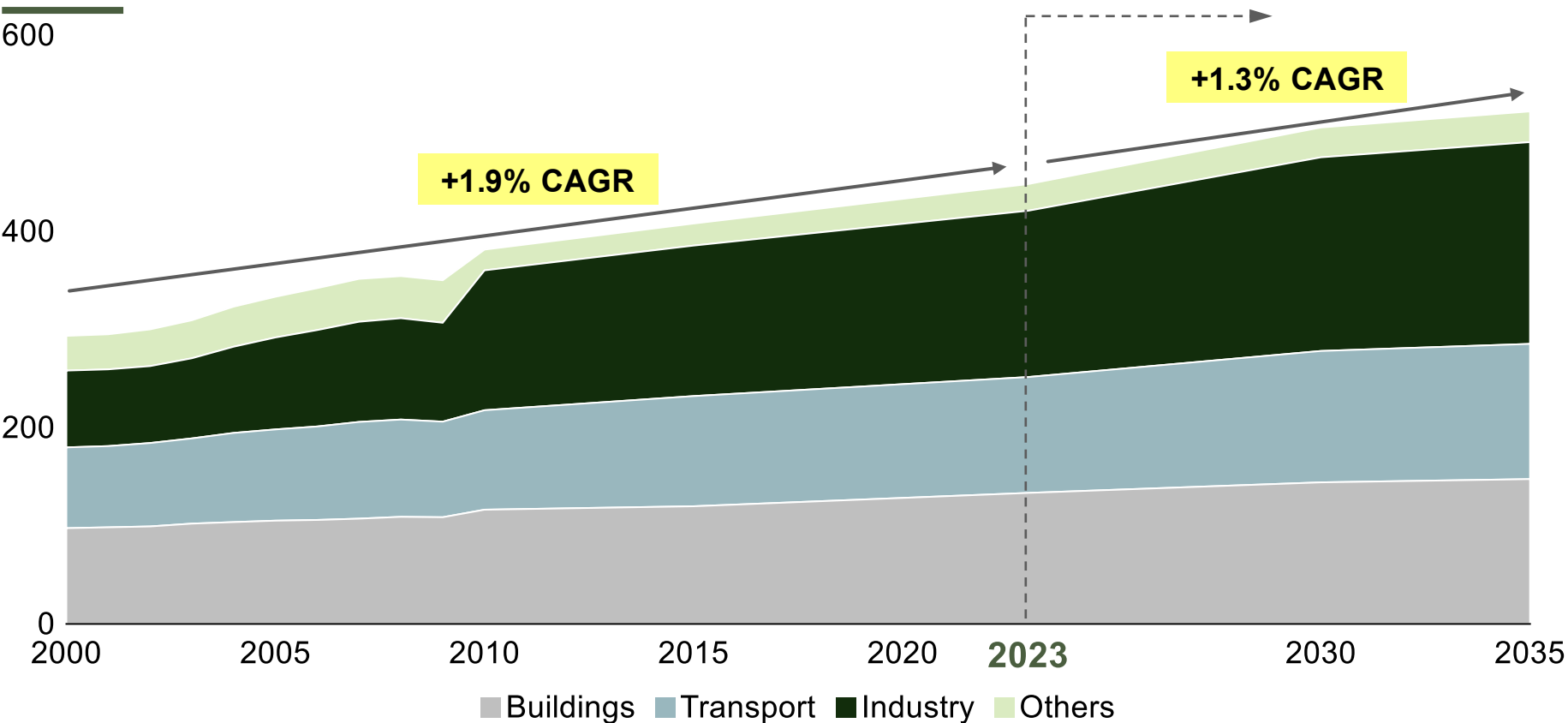
Global CO₂e emissions
(gigatons of CO₂e)



Note: Warming figures in middle-side emissions chart are relative to the preindustrial period and reflect projected warming level by 2100 in each scenario; bold lines in emissions chart represent median estimate, and shaded regions reflect a range from the 25th to 75th percentile. Emissions in right-side chart reflect global CO₂ emissions inclusive of land use change. Sources: IPCC, Sixth Assessment Report; World Bank; Our World in Data

Our Trajectory: Global Energy Demand Will Continue to Grow

Total final energy consumption by end sector (EJ)



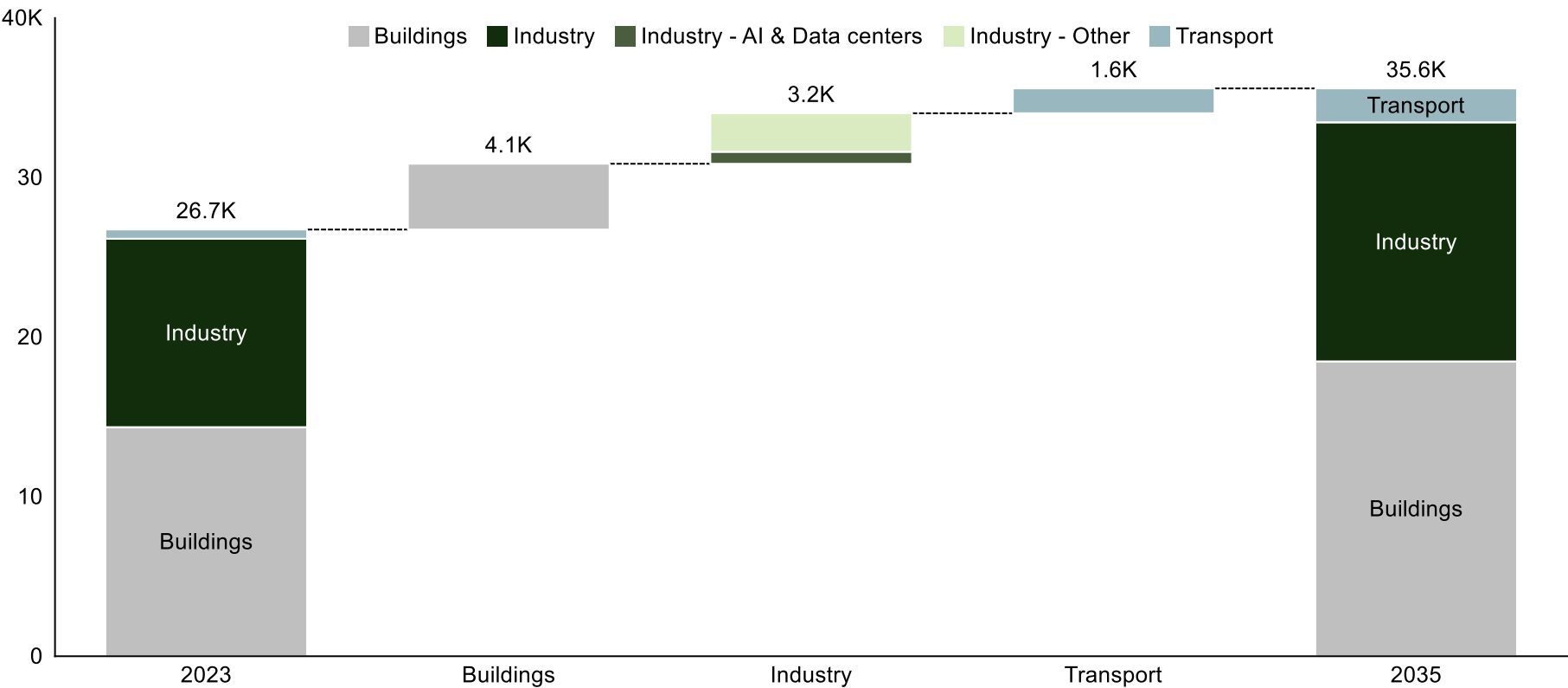
Outlook through 2035

+17% growth

- Driven by **developing economies**
- With **largest share from industry**
- Partially offset by **reduced energy intensity**

Electricity is Growing Even Faster Than Primary Energy

Global electricity demand (TWh)



Outlook through 2035

+35% growth

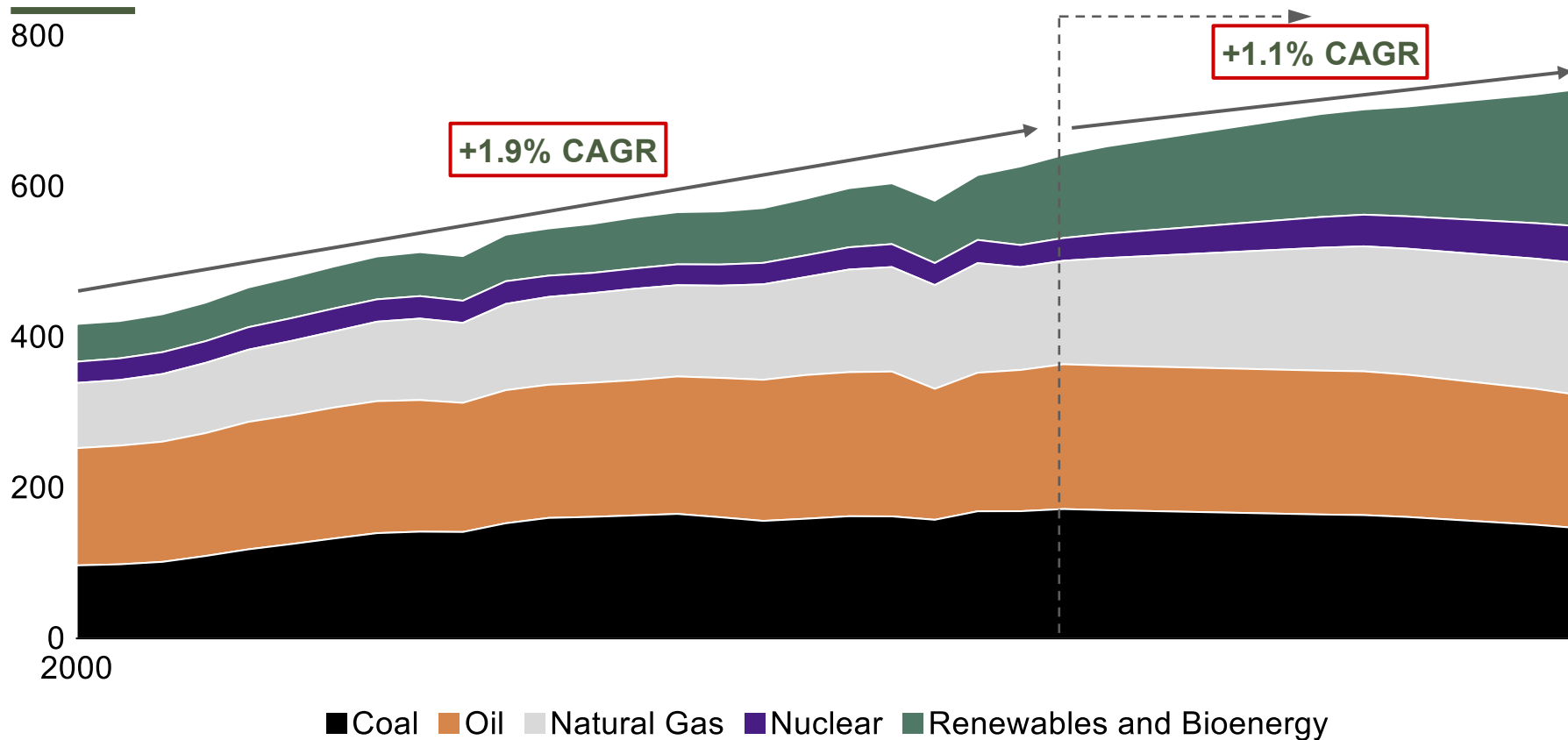
Sources of growth:

- ~45% from **HVAC**
- ~25% from **industrial processes**
- ~20% from more **EVs**
- ~10% from **data centers**

Global Energy Supply Mix is Shifting

/ PRELIMINARY

Global total primary energy supply (EJ)



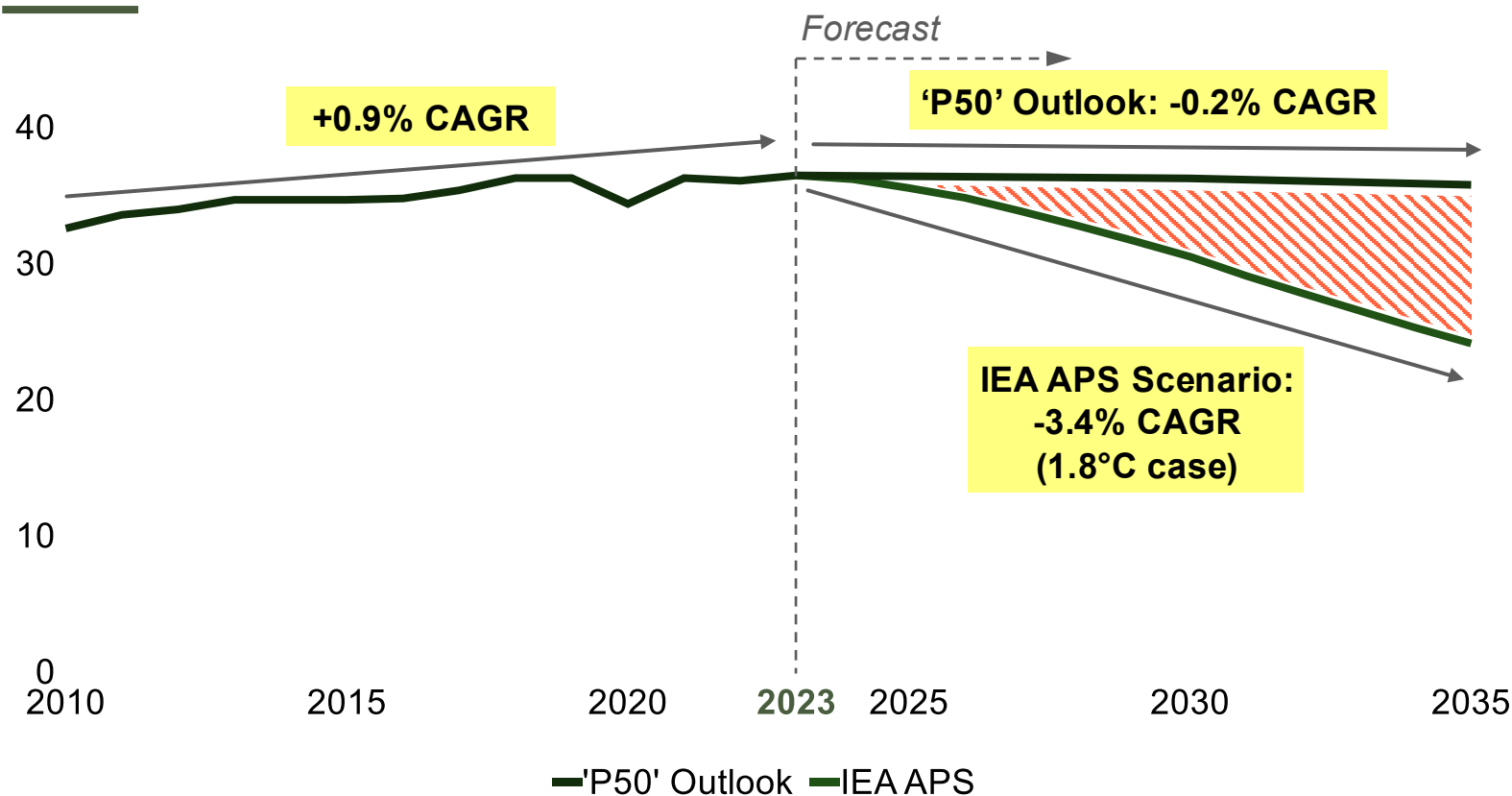
Outlook through 2035

~14% growth

- ...as **renewables surge to ~25% of energy mix**
- ...while **oil peaks in 2030** and **natural gas share makes modest gains**
- ...partially offset by high conversion **efficiency of renewable sources**

We're Bending the Emissions Curve, Yet Face a Big Gap

Global CO₂ emissions (Gt CO₂)



Through 2035

~66Gt

Emissions gap between 'P50' Outlook & 1.8°C scenario

-14%

Total reductions to stay on track

2.5-3.0°C

Implied temperature increase

Our Solutions Approach

1 Where are emissions coming from?

Understand energy sources, consumption patterns, and emissions to spot crucial action areas

2 What are the tradeoffs of each solution?

Identify and systematically evaluate a long list of potential technical solutions

3 What is the most efficient pathway?

Identify the solutions with the highest potential for impact through 203X

4 How do we drive impact globally?

Assess solution feasibility at a country-level, based on varying resources and priorities, to calibrate deployment rates

Accelerate progress against the Dual Challenge by 203X

Analysis of Emissions and Energy Consumption

Energy and Emissions

By source	By end use	Industry			Transport			Buildings			Agriculture			Other			Total	
		Iron/steel, (petro)chemical, machinery, construction, etc.			Road, aviation rail and pipeline			Residential and commercial buildings			Agriculture and fishing			Non-specified and non-energy sources			Energy	Emission
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ENERGY																		
Electricity/heat		18%	12%	-	<1%	0%	-	20%	12%	-	1%	1%	-	2% ¹	7% ²	-	42%	32%
Coal		8%	8%	●	<1%	0%	●	9%	8%	●	<1%	<1%	●	<1%	5%	●	18%	21%
Oil products and oil		<1%	<1%	●	-	-	-	<1%	<1%	●	-	-	-	-	-	-	<1%	1%
Natural gas		4%	3%	●	-	-	-	5%	3%	●	-	-	-	<1%	1%	●	10%	7%
Bio/waste ⁶		<1%	<1%	●	-	-	-	1%	<1%	●	-	-	-	-	-	-	2%	2%
Nuclear		3%	<1%	●	-	-	-	3%	<1%	●	-	-	-	-	-	-	6%	<1%
Renewables ⁷		2%	<1%	●	-	-	-	2%	<1%	●	-	-	-	<1%	<1%	●	5%	<1%
Direct combustion		14%	13%	-	22%	17%	-	14%	6%	-	<1%	<1%	-	8% ³	7% ⁴	-	58%	44%
Coal		6%	6%	●	-	-	-	1%	<1%	●	-	-	-	<1%	1%	●	7%	7%
Oil products and oil		2%	2%	●	20%	16%	●	2%	1%	●	<1%	<1%	●	6%	5%	●	31%	24%
Natural gas		5%	3%	●	<1%	<1%	●	5%	2%	●	-	-	-	1%	1%	●	12%	6%
Bio/waste		1%	2%	●	<1%	1%	●	6%	3%	●	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%	6%
NON-ENERGY																		
Industrial processes		-	6%	N/A	-	-	N/A	-	-	N/A	-	-	N/A	-	-	N/A	N/A	6%
Agriculture		-	-	N/A	-	-	N/A	-	-	N/A	-	12%	N/A	-	-	N/A	N/A	12%
Other		-	-	N/A	-	-	N/A	-	-	N/A	-	-	N/A	-	7% ⁵	N/A	N/A	7%
Total		32%	31%		22%	17%		34%	18%		2%	13%		10%	21%		100%	100%

/ DIRECTIONAL Key impact areas

- A** Electricity generation from fossil fuels
- B** Oil and oil products for transportation
- C** Energy usage in buildings
- D** Fugitive emissions
- E** Industrial processes
- F** Energy supply needs to expand in a lower carbon manner to support economic growth in the developing world

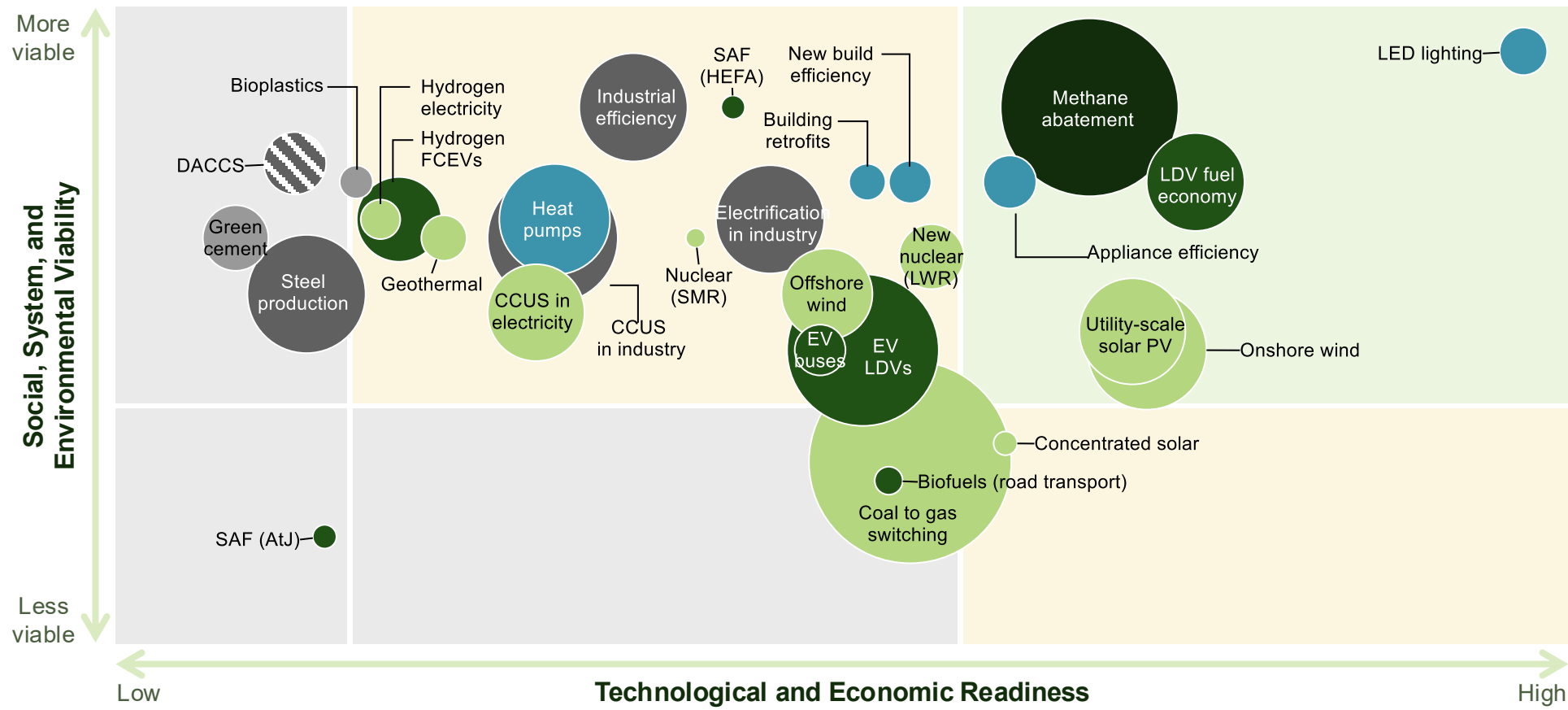
Legend:

- Key impact areas
- High Energy/Emissions ratio
- Moderate Energy/Emissions ratio
- Low Energy/Emissions ratio

Note: Data reflected above is for 2019. Energy data reflects primary energy and emissions data reflects greenhouse gas emissions in terms of CO₂ equivalent. 1: Electricity/heat going to non-specified and non-energy uses, 2: Unallocated fuel combustion for electricity, 3: Energy going to non-specified and non-energy uses, 4: Emissions from energy production and fugitive emissions, 5: Emissions from LUCF and food waste (6%), 6: Includes traditional biomass and animal materials/waste 7: Includes geothermal, solar/tide/wind, and hydro, CO₂ equivalent includes methane and nitrous oxide emissions. **Figures are directional.**

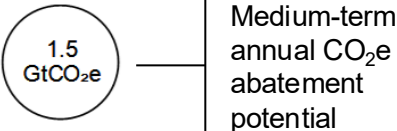
Sources: IEA, WRI, Climate Watch, German Environment Agency; EIA

Prioritization of Potential Solutions



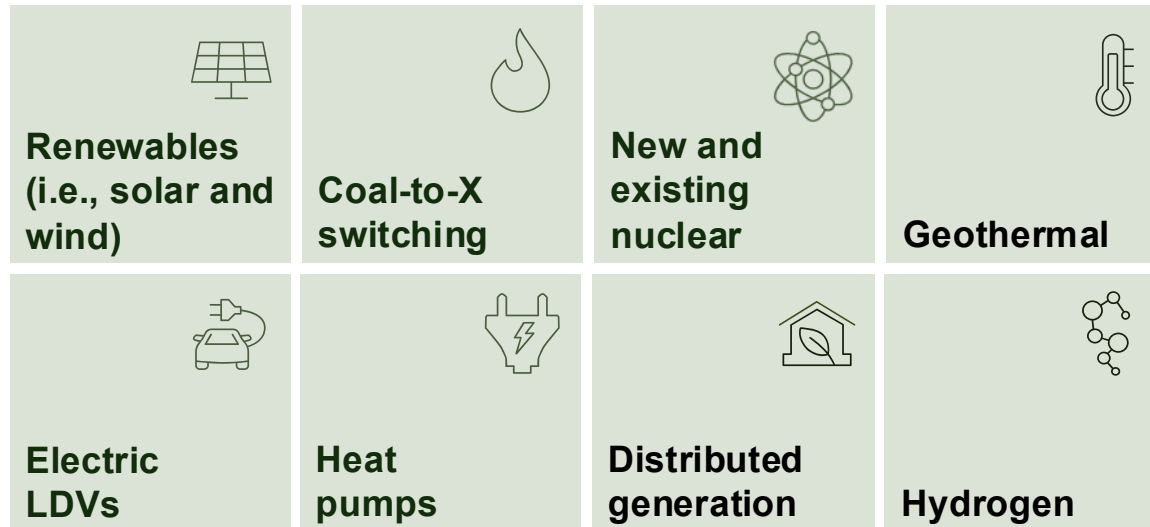
Prioritized by:

- Low cost
- Deployment speed
- Abatement potential

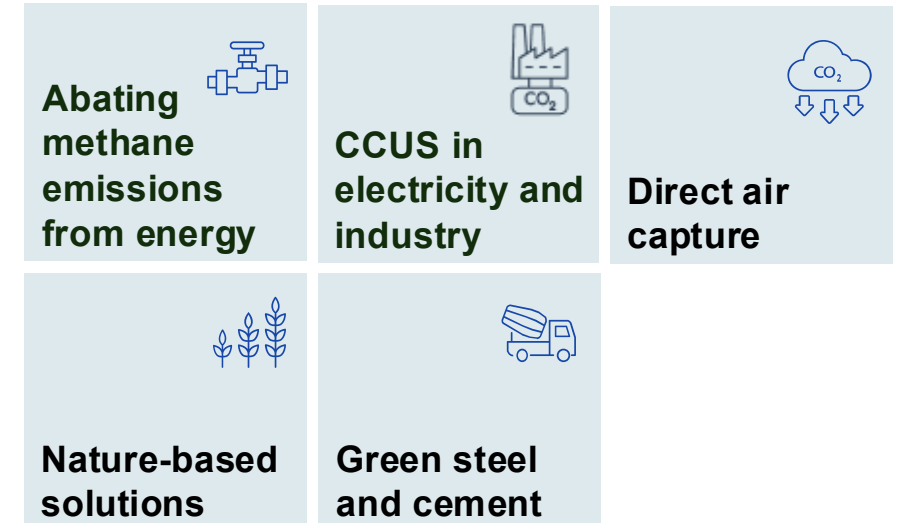


OpenMinds Solutions Pathway

1. Electrify



2. Remove



3. Optimize



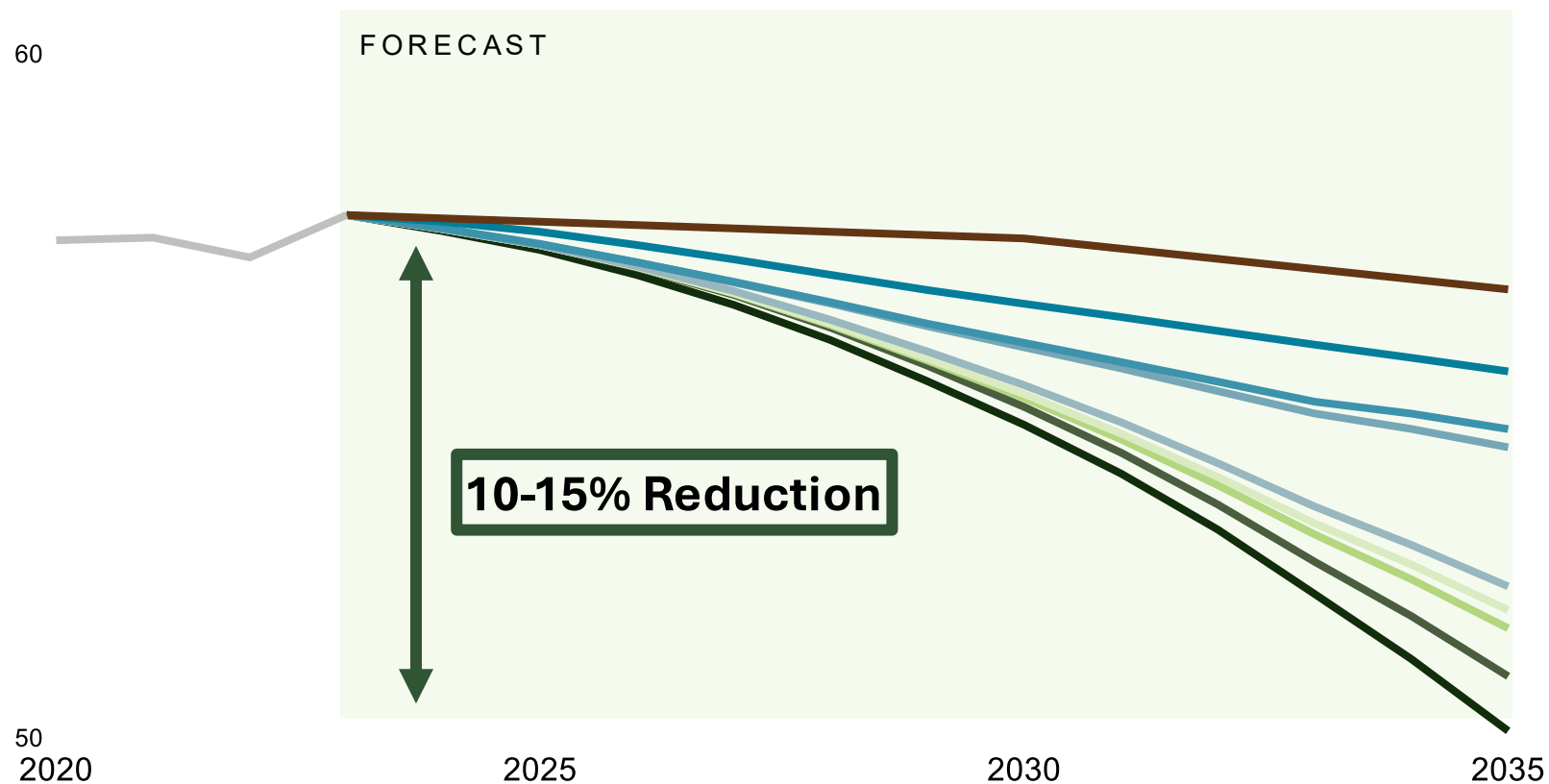
4. Adapt



Impact of Our Solutions Implementation

Projected Emissions Impact

GIGATONS OF CO₂E PER YEAR



Baseline

+

Methane abatement

+

Coal-to-X

+

CCUS in electricity & industry

+

Renewables

+

Nuclear

+

Transportation efficiency

+

Transport electrification

+

Buildings and industry efficiency
and electrification



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Three Pillars to Drive Impact

Catalyst Projects



**Delivering Our Top 10
Energy & Climate Solutions**

NextGen Leaders



**Developing 300 Future
Energy & Climate Leaders**

Communications



**Communicating to Create
Energy & Climate Alignment**

Grid Vision

Optimizing the grid we have **today**, while...

Building the grid we need for **tomorrow**



Delivering affordable, abundant, and reliable power

Driving American prosperity and AI leadership



Delivering Our 800GW Grid Vision with 5 Solutions

Added
capacity by
2035 (GW)

Optimize



① **Deploy** – ATTs to increase transfer capacity on the existing grid

~120-170



② **Develop** – on-site and local power generation to support load growth

~100-200



③ **Install** – storage and controllable load to shift demand and reduce peak strain

~120-250+

Build



④ **Expand** – local transmission to relieve bottlenecks and connect new supply

~200-300



⑤ **Connect** – links between regional seams to improve reliability and reduce costs

~50-150

Enablers: Policy reform, technology acceleration, and market alignment are critical to building the future grid

OpenMinds and Partners Are Focusing on Six Key Initiatives

1 The U.S. Grid Vision Plan

Communicate compelling, impactful grid vision plan

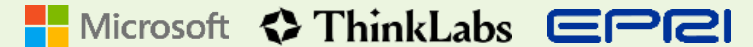


2 Federal and State Policy

Inform policy to expedite transmission optimization and build

3 AI Planning

Encourage AI planning adoption



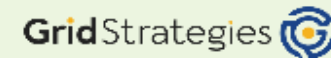
4 ATTs

Deploy ATTs at a higher frequency



5 Shovel Ready Interconnects

Accelerate specific and high value high-value transmission projects



6 Speed to Power Loop

Initiate the development of multi-region transmission project



Utilities



IPPs

Project Selection: Existing 6 projects selected for highest near-term OM impact
Projects for future consideration include nuclear, geothermal, storage, etc.

Our Grid Vision Plan Summary



The Challenge

- Electricity demand will rise ~40% by 2035, but **today's grid is too outdated and fragmented to deliver optimal results**



The Vision

- **Interconnected grid** that efficiently meets rapid and changing load growth
- **Reliable power** that withstands extreme weather and tolerates peak stress events
- **Affordable power** that protects ratepayers while investing for the future
- Electron-neutral system that **delivers America's lowest-cost power regardless of energy source**

How We Deliver

- Optimize existing infrastructure with ATTs*
- Demand-side efforts such as distributed generation and storage
- Build more transmission lines both in-region and across regional seams
- Enabled by policy, technology, and market actions

Who Must Act

- Policymakers: Reform planning, permitting, and cost allocation
- Utilities & RTOs: Deploy ATTs, expand transmission, and integrate distributed assets
- Markets & Regulators: Align incentives to drive outcomes
- Tech Providers: Innovate to improve tech and showcase value

Note: *ATT: Advanced transmission technology are technologies that increase the capacity, efficiency, or flexibility of existing transmission infrastructure, including technologies such as advanced reconductoring, dynamic line rating, advanced power flow control, etc.

NextGen Leaders Program: Mission & Vision

MISSION:

Identify, empower, and connect the next generation of purpose-driven global energy and climate leaders to act on the Dual Challenge of **more energy, less emissions - fast.**

*We are not just preparing leaders for the future.
We are mobilizing changemakers who will
redefine it.*

- Best-in-class talent from **leading universities**
- **Diverse** backgrounds and capabilities
- **Impactful** real-world experience
- Rigorous **ongoing training**, networking, and mentorship
- Interconnected **community and voice**
- **Lifelong commitment**



VISION:

*Over the next decade, NextGen will be a community of **300+ exceptional leaders** catalyzing the next generation for significant global energy and climate impact by shaping policy, transforming markets, founding companies, and scaling ideas into action.*

2026 NextGen Steering Committee

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Our Steering Committee comprises leaders in industry, academia, and NextGen Leader representatives.

They serve as corporate and university liaisons as well as NextGen mentors and coaches.

This sounding board provides insights for our long-term vision and driving the impact our leaders can make to support the Dual Challenge.

Our NextGeners are Highly Accomplished

100+ Leadership roles



50+ Publications from cohort members



25+ Work with non-profits



6+ Companies founded



3 Veterans of the US Armed Forces



NextGeners Represent 19 Schools in Our Community



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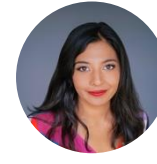
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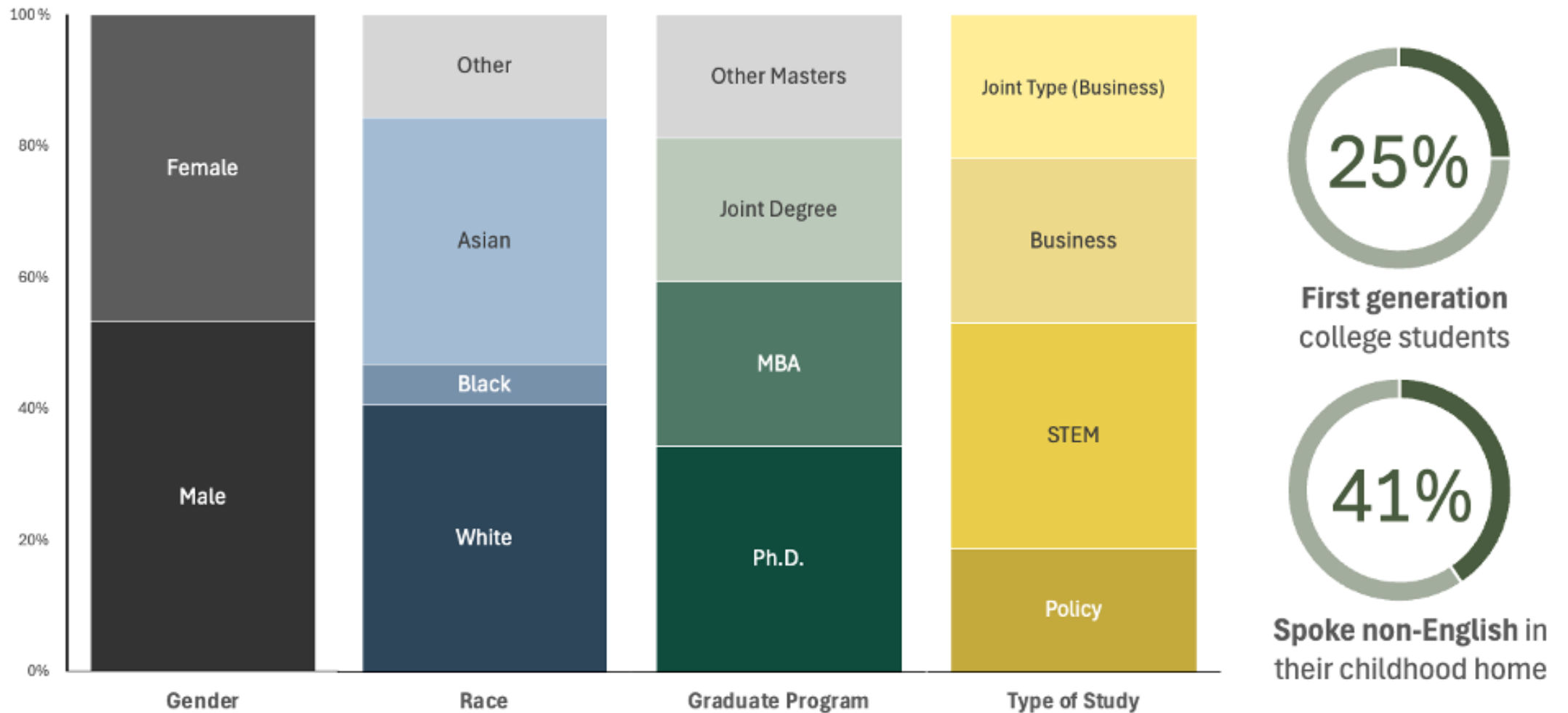
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The 2026 cohort balances Policy, Business, and STEM degrees with study diversity and international backgrounds



NextGen Cohort 2026: Dual Challenge Project Portfolio

Topic	Advisors	Overarching question
Battery Storage		How far can the U.S. battery storage market go by 2035, and what would realizing its full potential mean for grid reliability, renewable penetration, and the role of storage as a near-firm capacity resource, and what policy and market changes will it take to get there?
Bring Your Own Power (BYOP)		How much BYOP capacity will be built by 2035 to meet surging data center power demand — and what will it take to move these assets from islanded solutions to integrated, grid-strengthening resources?
Clean Firm Geothermal & Nuclear		How much clean firm power will geothermal and nuclear deliver in the U.S. by 2035, what are the constraints standing in the way, and what will it take for these technologies to become a meaningful part of the grid?
Economics of Methane Abatement	  	What does the full economic picture of the natural gas supply chain look like when methane leakage, detection, and remediation are properly accounted for, and what does that mean for natural gas markets, the emerging market opportunity for certified gas producers, and state and international policy?
Economic Impact of Climate Change		How much is climate change costing and what does objectively quantifying that across economic outcomes through 2030, 2040, and 2050 mean for how we communicate, plan for, and build a call to action around the challenge ahead?

2025 NextGen Cohort



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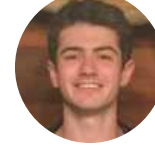
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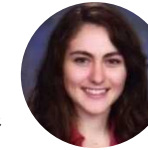
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Communicating For Progress

OpenMinds Communications...

- **Inform** people of the Dual Challenge
- **Connect** relevant individuals and groups
- **Catalyze** action inside & outside of OpenMinds
- **Support** OpenMinds Impact Projects directly



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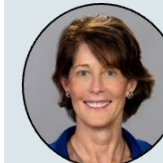
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Foundational Progress To-Date

NETWORK

**Built a Network of 125
Diverse and
Collaborative Energy &
Climate Organizations**

**Established a Global
Partnership with Bain
& Company for
Analytical Rigor**

SOLUTIONS

**Developed “P50
Baseline Model for the
Future of Energy and
Emissions”**

**Created a Detailed
Global Emissions and
Solutions Profile
Across 8 Regions**

LEADERS

**Partnered with MIT,
Columbia & Stanford
to Establish NextGen
Vision/Program**

**93 Current Young
Leaders Developing a
Shared Impact Plan**

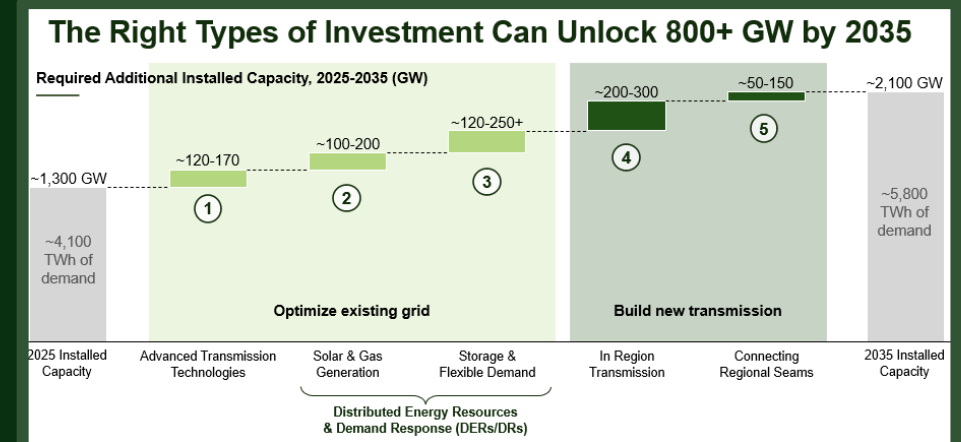
IMPLEMENTATION

**Developed a
Coalition, Plan and
Execution Model to
Deliver U.S. Grid of the
Future**

**Finished 17
Supporting Impact
Projects**

Impact Example #1: Grid Vision

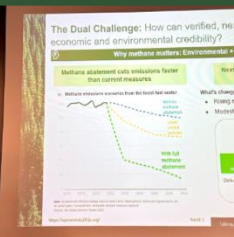
- **Delivered a practical roadmap** to “Electrify America” and meet rapid near-term load growth while maintaining affordability and reliability
- **Implementation with broad consensus** through a coalition of 100+ grid experts
- **Created a list of 18 actionable**, catalytic, shovel-ready interconnects that will unlock 65 GW of power
- **Launched collaborative implementation projects** to accelerate AI planning and advanced transmission technologies



Impact Example #2: NextGen Leaders

- **93 Emerging Leaders** Across 3 cohorts
(on the path to our goal of 300 leaders over 10 years)
- **Founded with Leading Universities:**
MIT, Stanford, and Columbia
- **19 Universities** Represented
- **17 Impact Projects** Delivered with Key Sponsor Support

VISION: 300 leaders, across all disciplines and geographies, to transform the future trajectory of energy and climate progress



METHANE:



RENEWABLE
POWER:



ECONOMIC IMPACT
OF CLIMATE CHANGE:



CARBON CAPTURE
UTILIZATION & SEQUESTRATION:



NUCLEAR:



BRING YOUR
OWN POWER:



Impact Example #3: Communications

- Advancing the “Energy AND Climate” narrative to create alignment amongst key leaders and policy makers
- **Delivered through** social media, hosted webinars, large-platform speaking engagements, in-person events, and 30-40 influential spokespersons
- **Developed a resource-rich website** and a global energy and climate dashboard to track key metrics

VISION: Create a new movement amongst key energy and climate leaders to accelerate alignment and progress on shared solutions.



We look forward to staying in touch!

Learn more about OpenMinds, the Dual Challenge, and our Top 10 solutions



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Our History:



UNITE

Late in 2021, a group of scientists, CEOs, entrepreneurs, and policy experts across energy and climate met. After reviewing the data, they agreed: solving for more energy and less emissions **at the same time** would spawn unprecedented collaboration and better address two of the **world's most urgent challenges**.



DEFINE

Early in 2022, OpenMinds enlisted the support of consultancy Bain & Company, initiating an extensive review of energy and climate data. An expanded team of OpenMinds experts met to review & align on a **shared problem statement**:



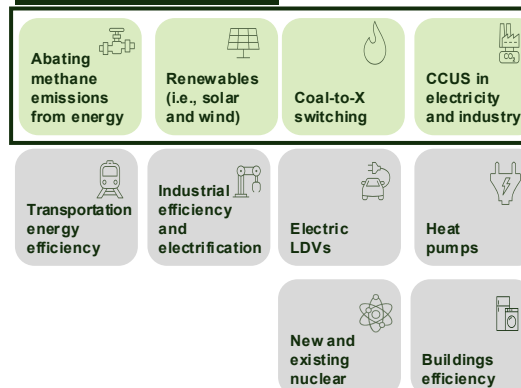
The world needs **more energy** to enhance health & prosperity. However, unchecked, **rising greenhouse gas emissions** will diminish quality of life, globally.

SOLVE

OpenMinds developed an **analytical framework** to identify **ten top Dual Challenge solutions** — using a shorter, ten-year time horizon, rather than typical 2050 goals. The expert team prioritized the solutions based on **costs, speed of deployment, and scale of emissions abatement**, and then mapped the solutions against a proprietary baseline forecast, built by Bain's Intersect team, of global energy demand, supply mix, emissions and warming. This baseline allows OpenMinds **to assess each solution without bias and focus on removing bottlenecks to accelerate each solution**.

**More energy,
less emissions, fast.
This is the Dual Challenge.**

Big 4 opportunities



IMPACT

In 2025, we transitioned to a focus on driving impact. OpenMinds is now organized around **three impact projects** — (i) one focused on catalyzing our Top 10 Solutions, including our flagship project, *Grid Vision*, driving a **more secure and reliable** US grid, (ii) one on creating **next-generation energy and climate leaders**, and (iii) one to develop **communication tools** to foster broader alignment amongst energy and climate leaders, and to **accelerate Dual Challenge** progress.



OpenMinds is built for this moment. Global consensus is building around the need for **more energy with less emissions, costs of solutions are coming down**, and **collaboration is becoming more widespread**.

OUR VISION

OpenMinds' vision for success by 203X is a world united by the need to solve for **affordable energy** and a **stable climate** simultaneously. Energy will come from diverse sources and will be affordable and reliable across the globe. **Emissions will be declining**, and climate impacts stabilizing. New technologies and supportive policies will provide additional tools and resources to accelerate progress. Leaders driving this progress will be recognized for both **business successes** and **societal impacts**, making it easier for new people and organizations to become involved. And the model for collaboration between historically opposed forces will create a framework for future success across new challenges.

1 Flagship Catalyst Project:
Grid Vision



2 Developing NextGen Leaders



3 Communicating to Drive Progress





Solving for the
Dual Challenge.