

How did we get there from here?

Key ingredients for an effective, efficient and just path to low emissions

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Where is 'there'?

Limit temperature rises below 2°C

The world transitions to a zero-net-emission economy by the end of this century

New Zealand (and Australia) transition even faster...

and help other countries along the way.



Net-Zero Emissions Future Vision



Change is continuous

Alternative is not status-quo.

We need to bring in the new,
and usher out the old.

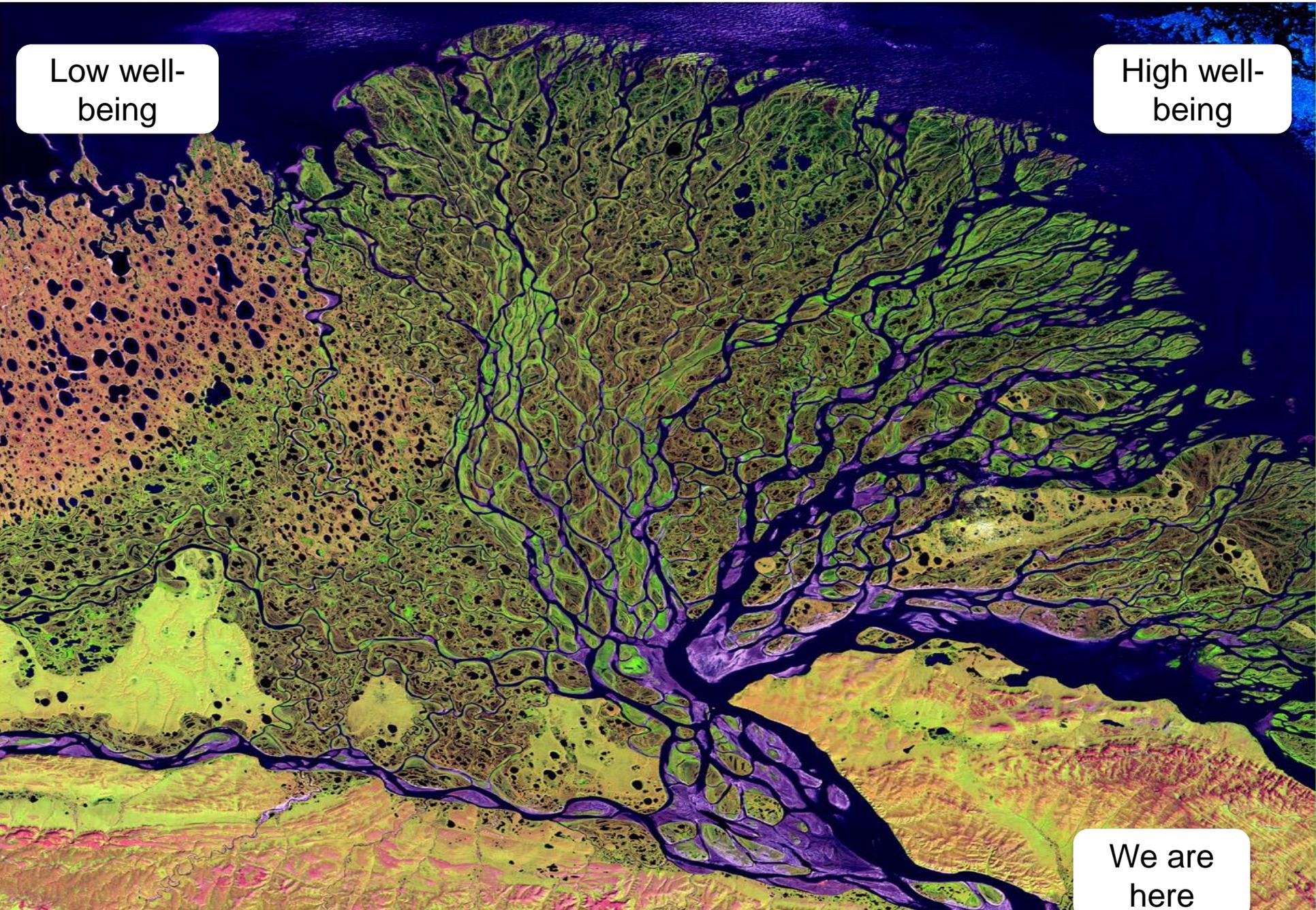


Net-Zero-Emissions Future

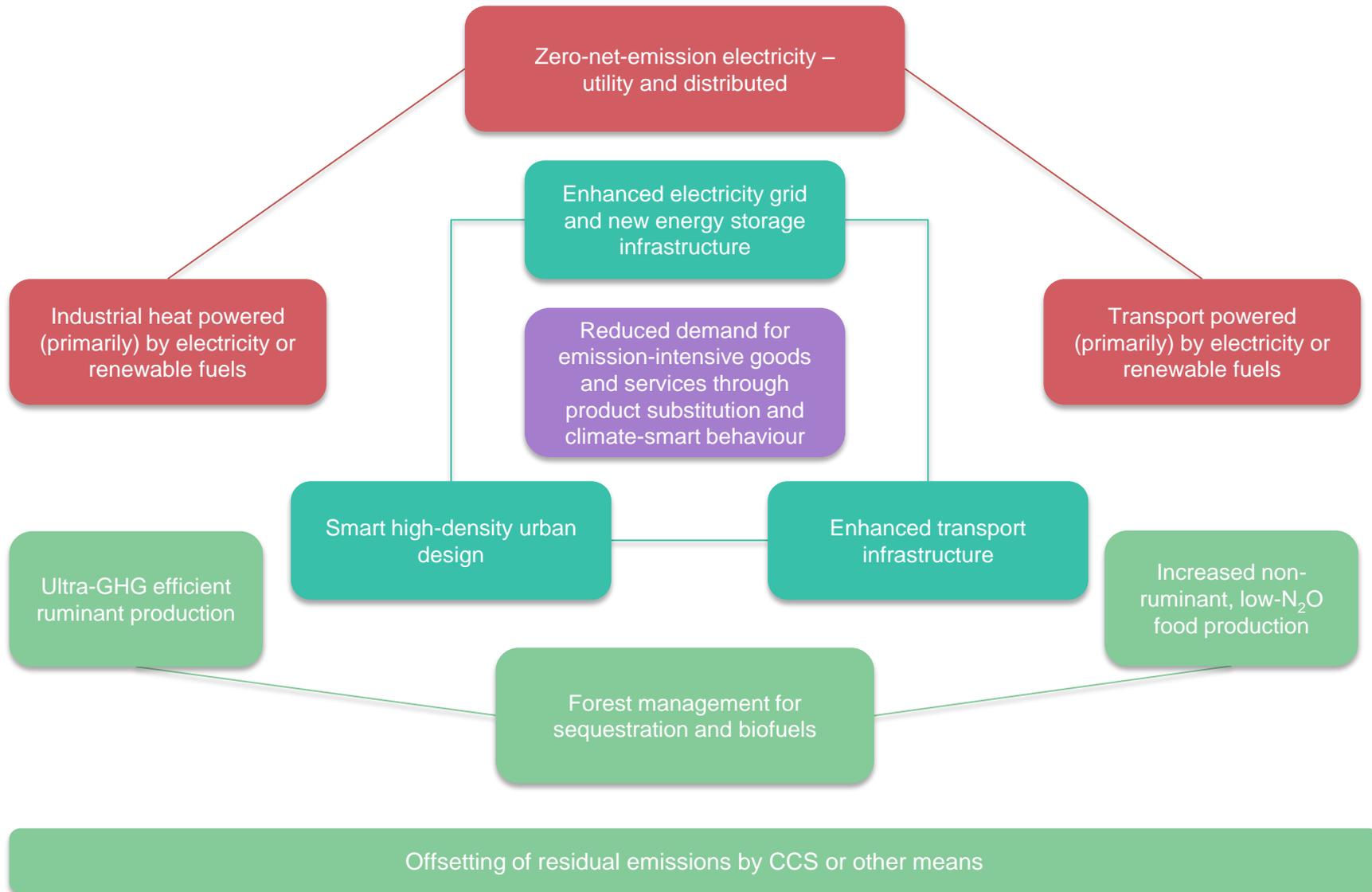
Low well-being

High well-being

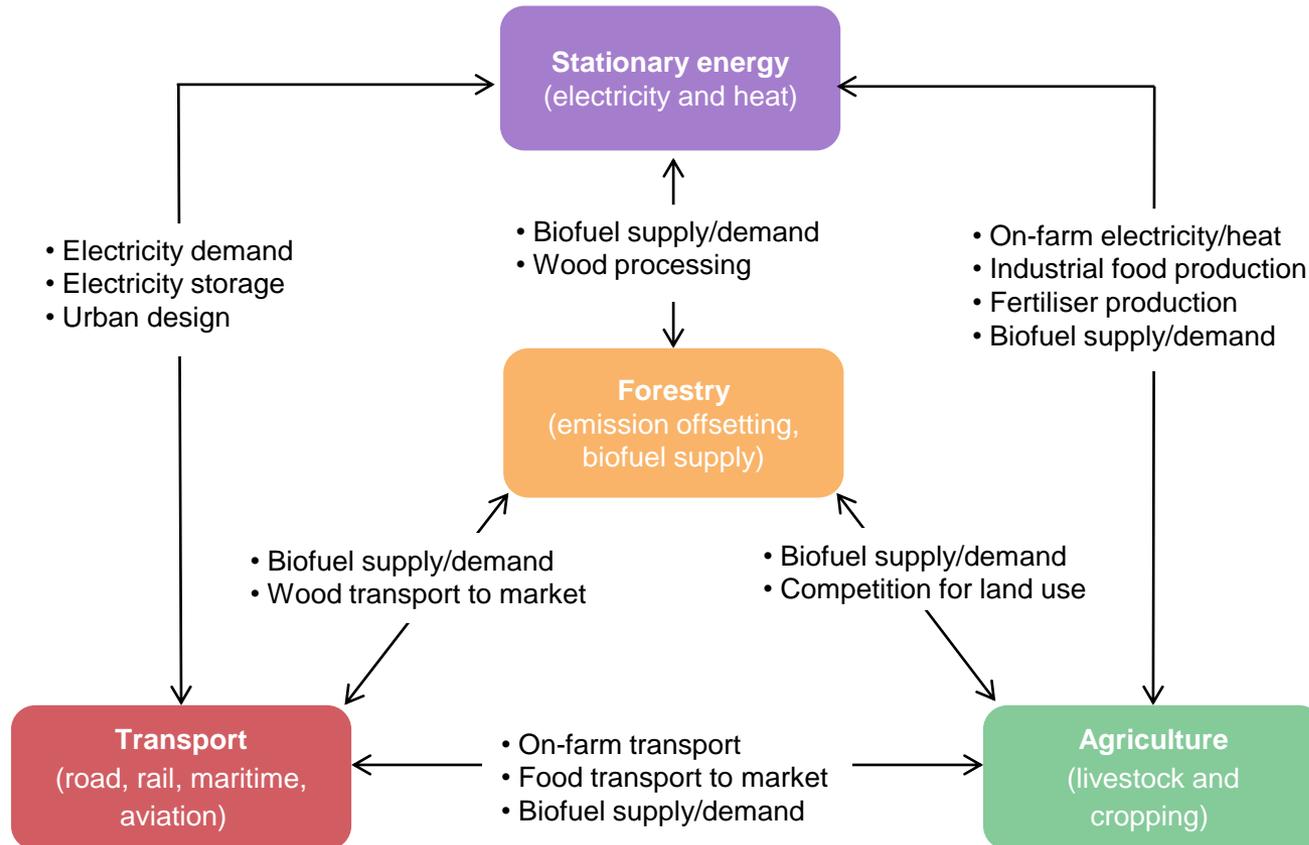
We are here



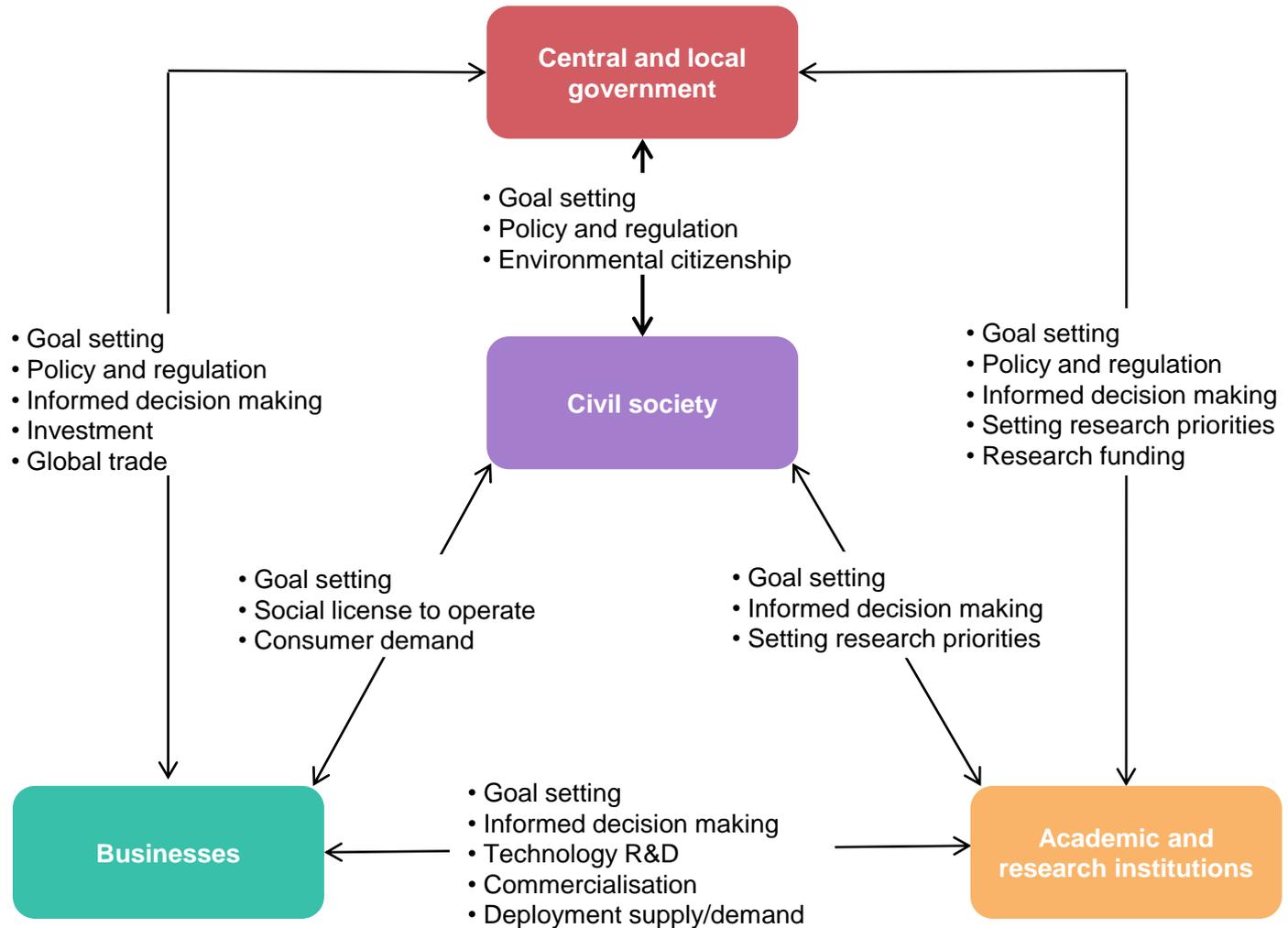
Driving a Net-Zero Emissions Future



2050 Pathway Linkages



Who Will Make Change Happen?



But we don't know where we are going!

Consider the consequences of options

Make decisions

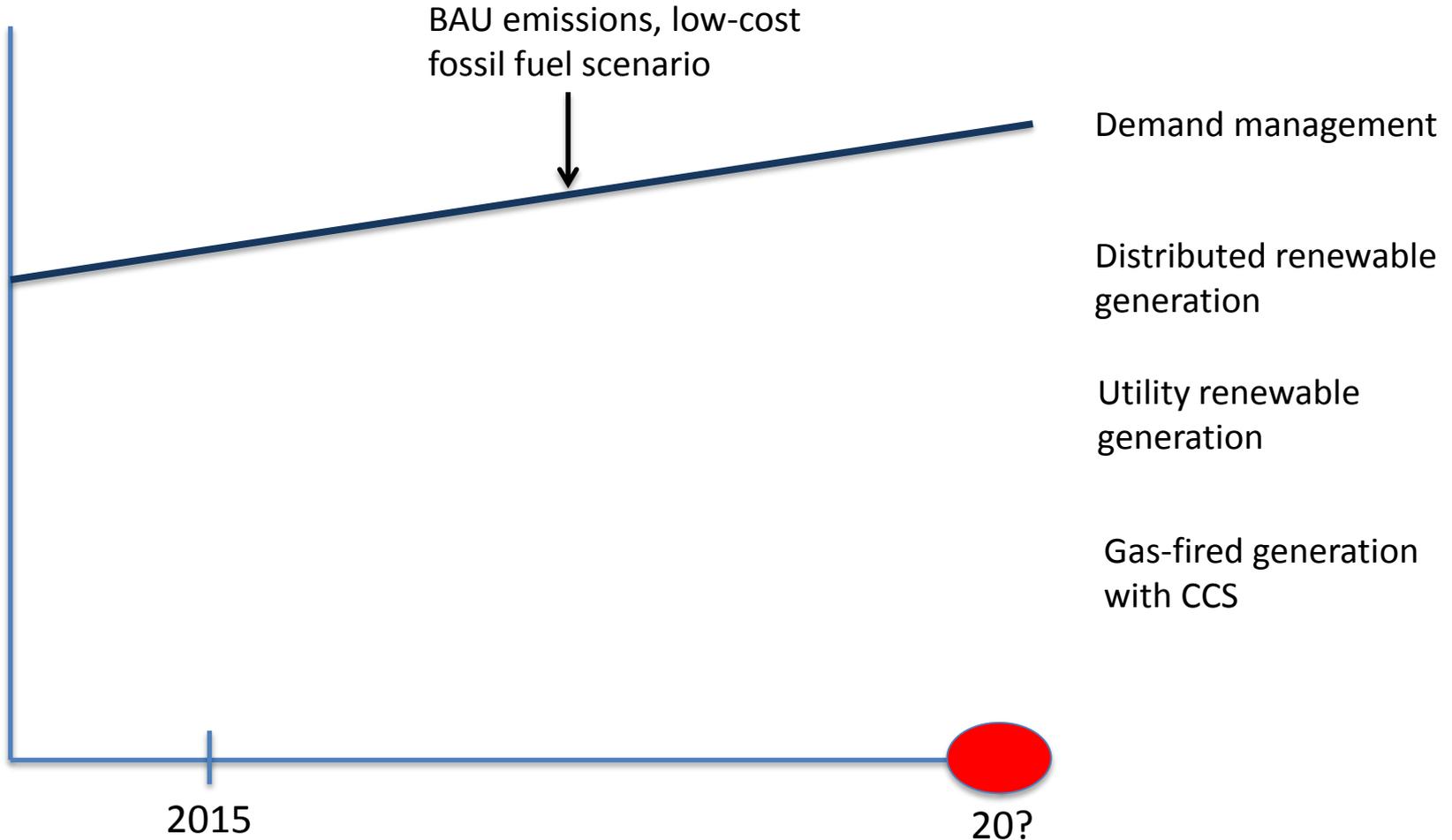
Maintain and expand options



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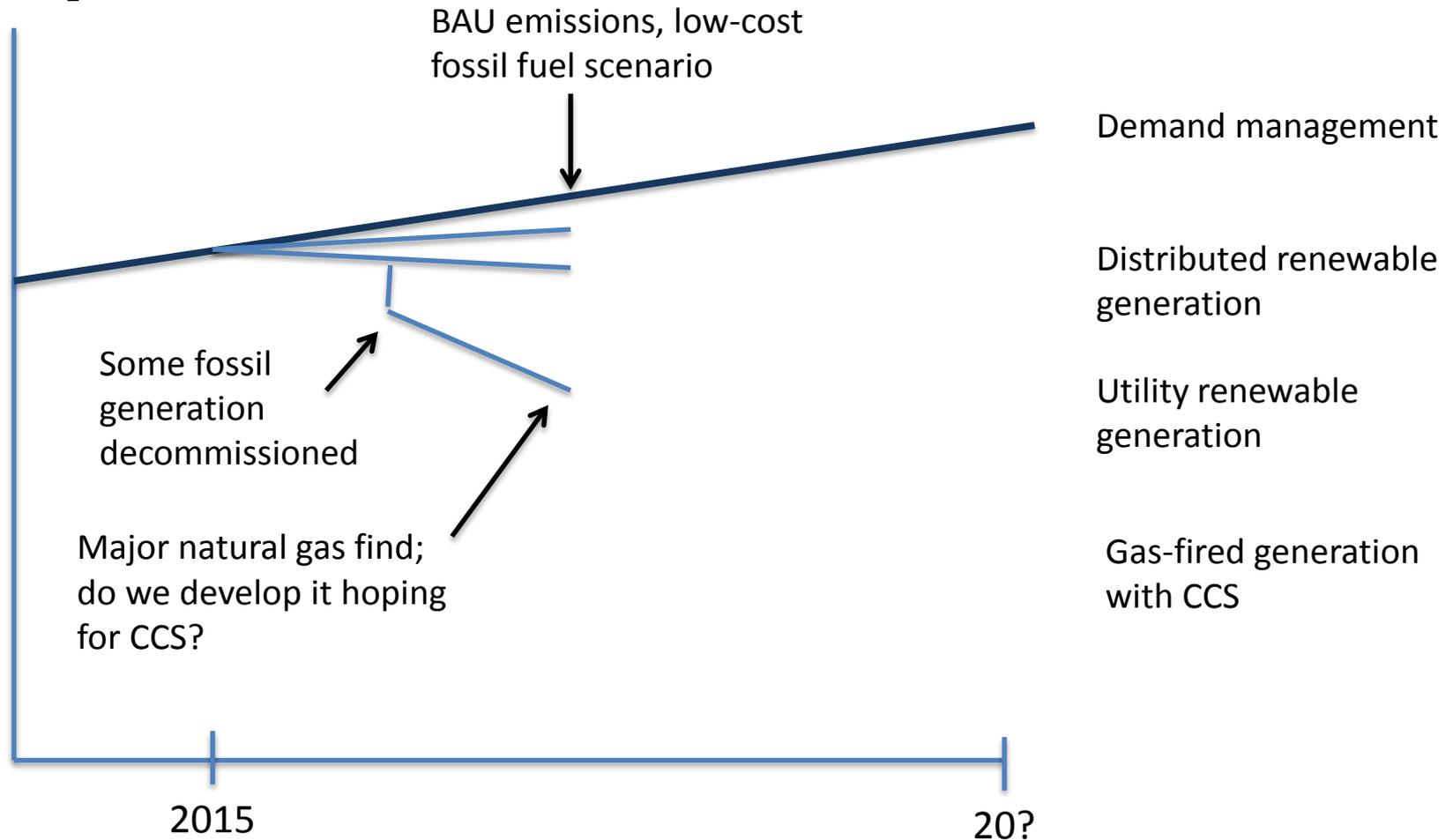
Zero carbon electricity production

Mt CO₂e/yr

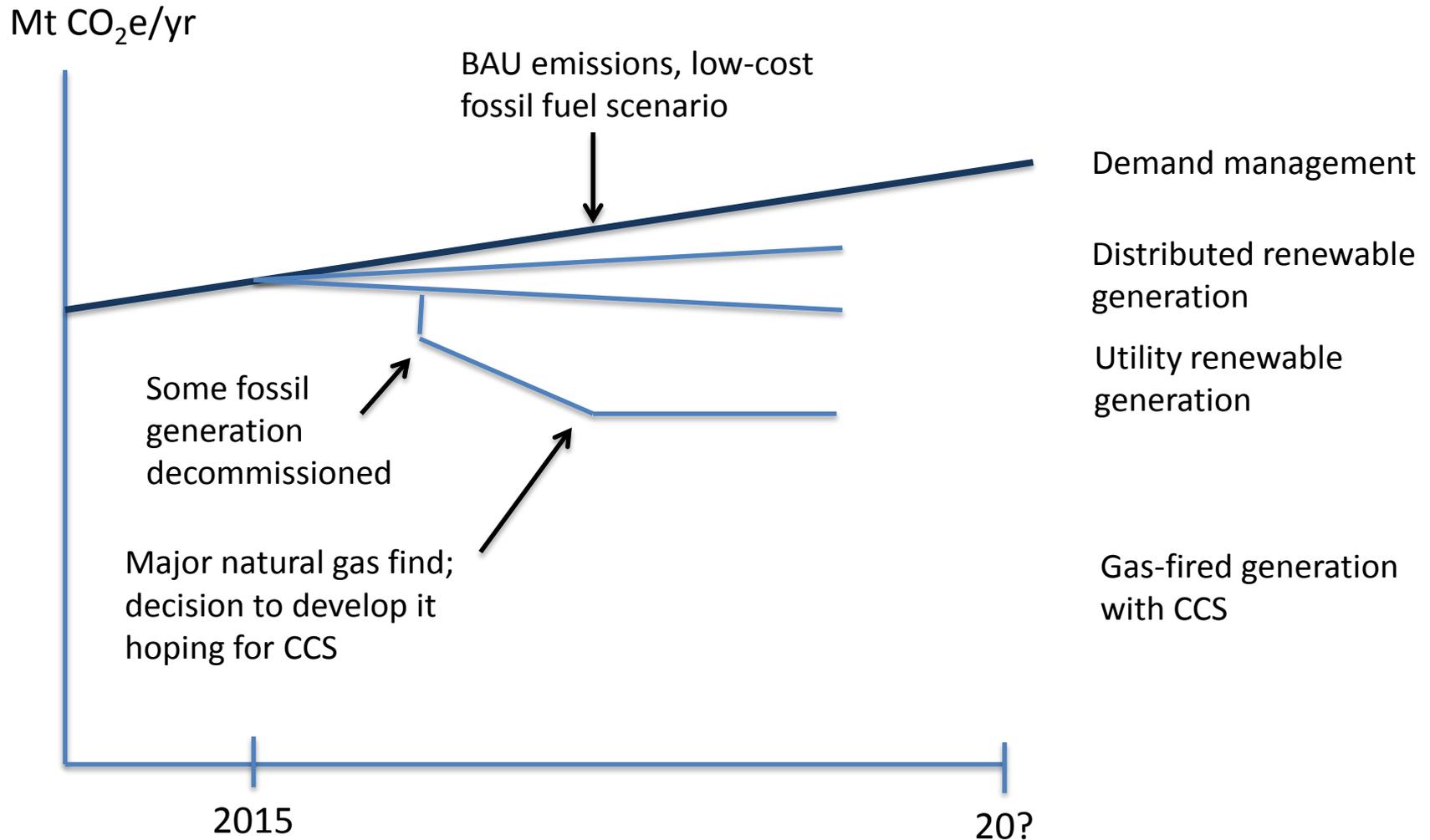


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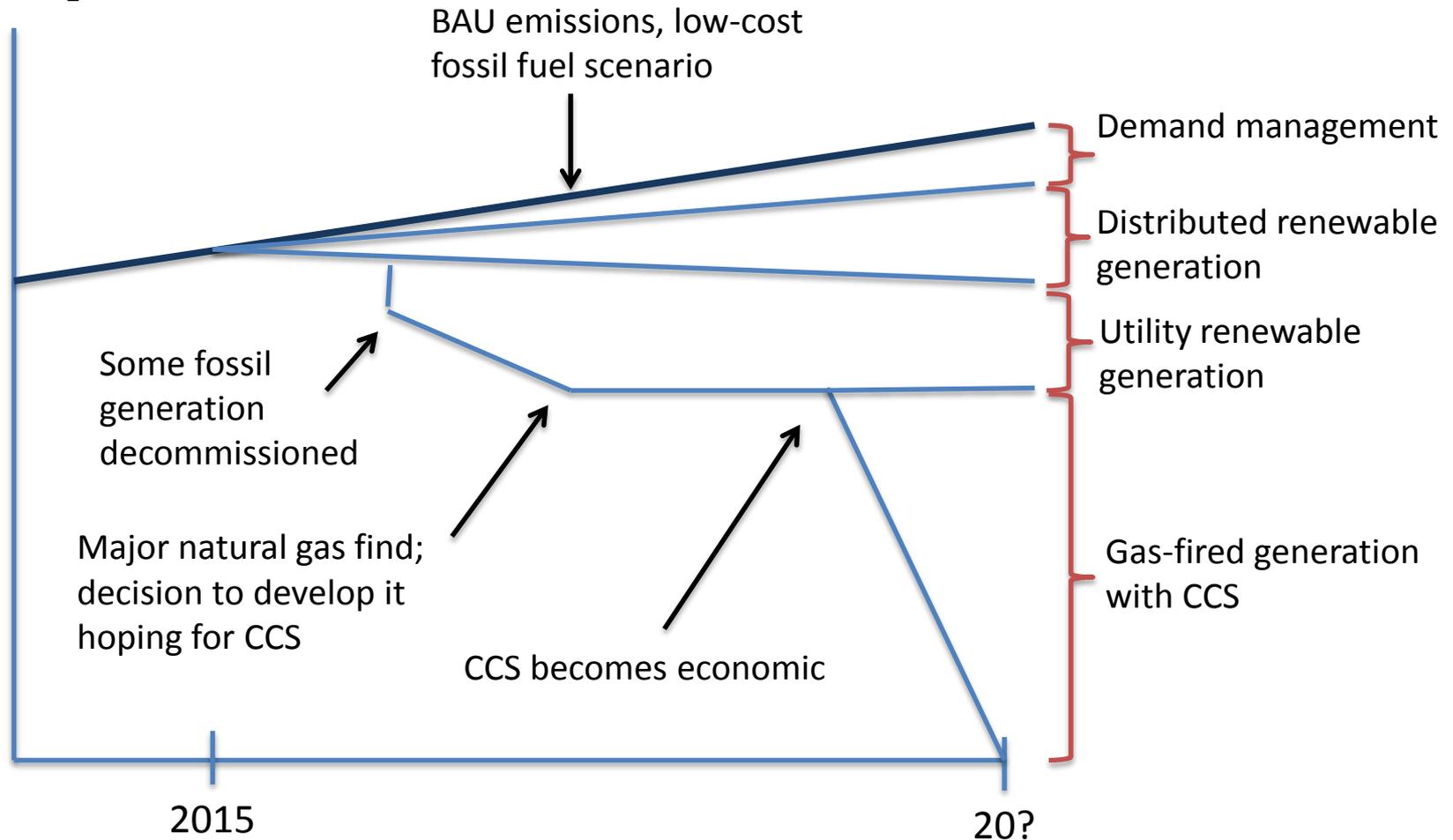


What if we choose the gas route?

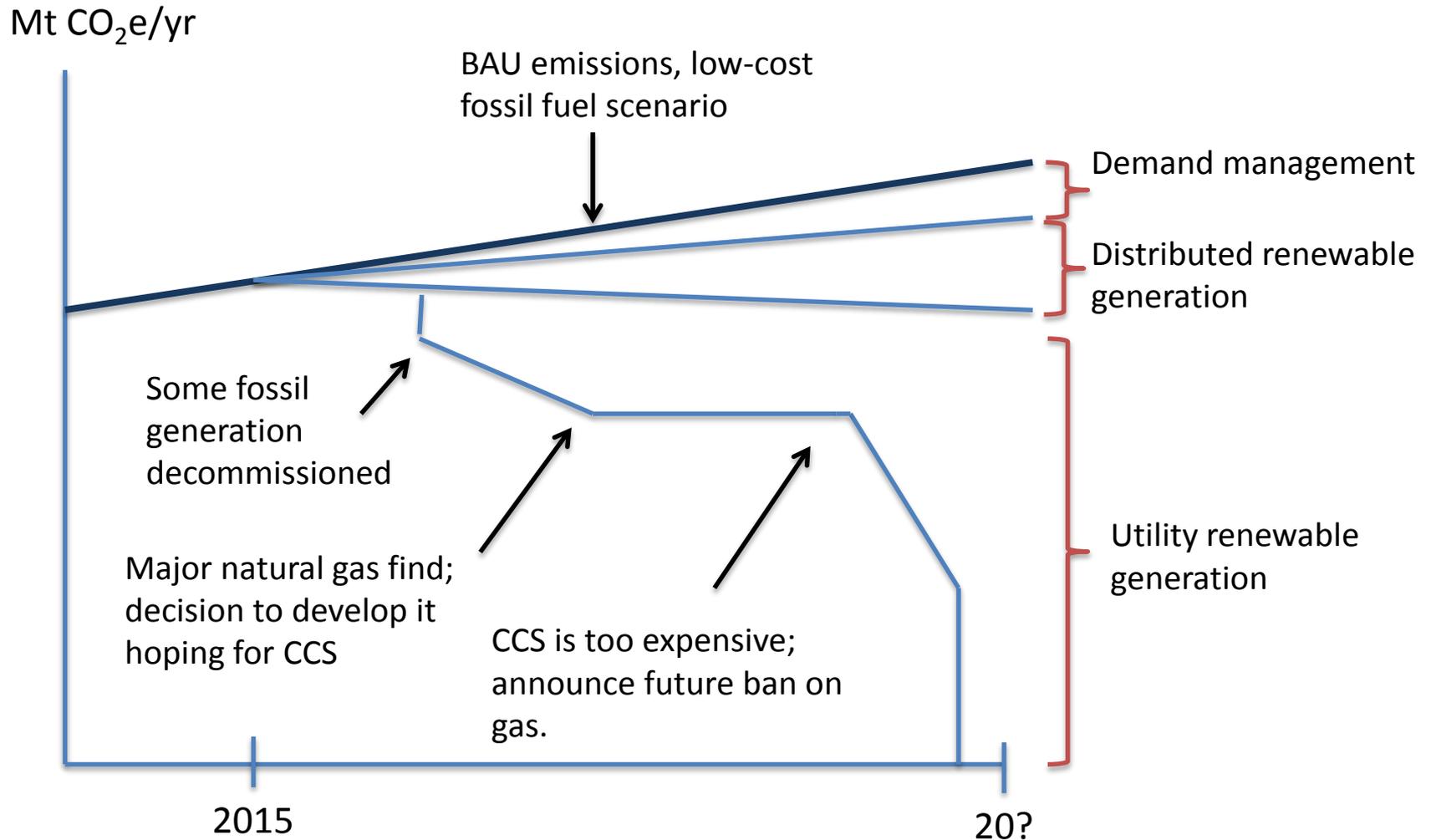


Technology might come through

Mt CO₂e/yr

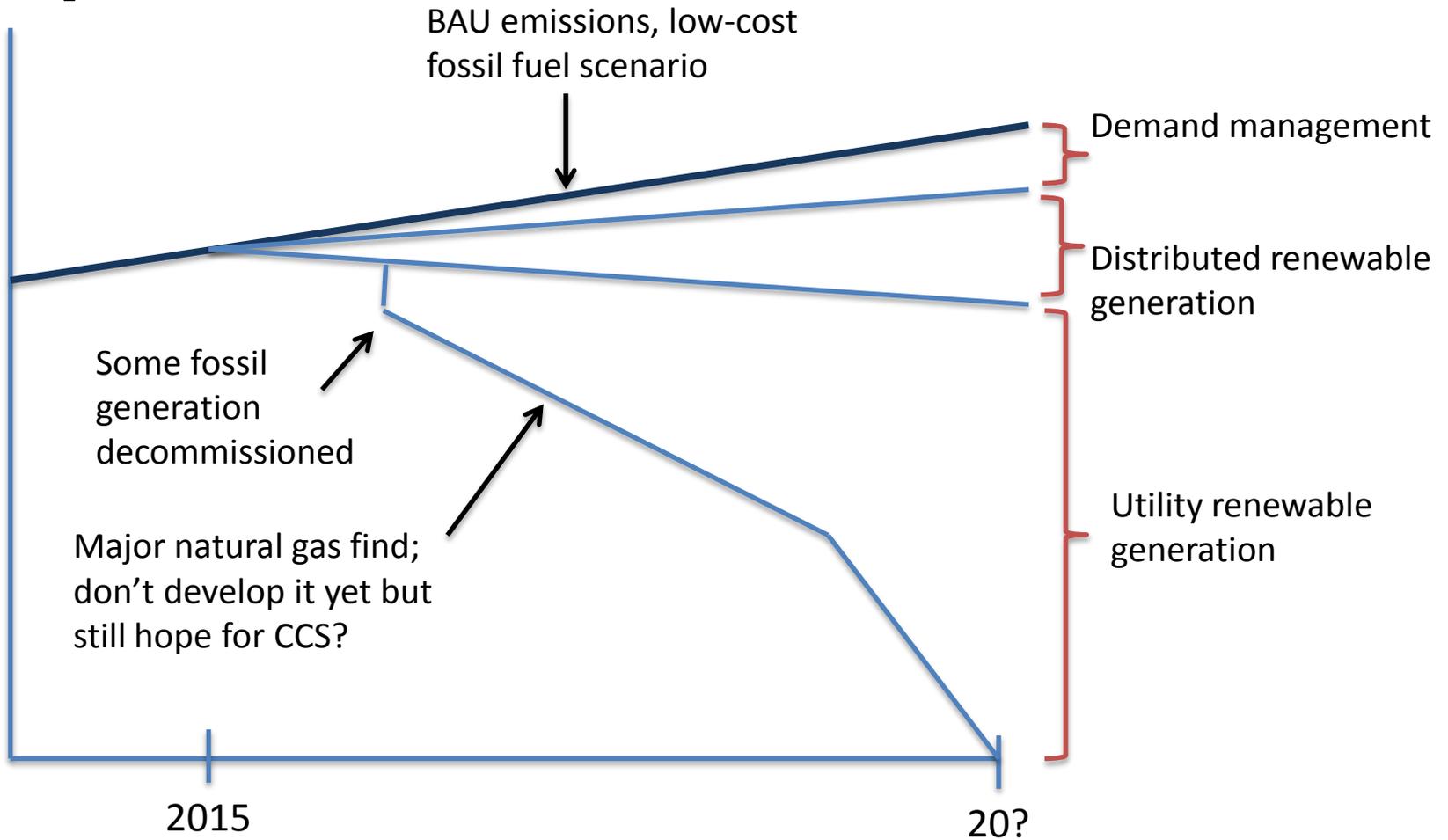


But it might not – how do we make sure we are prepared?



Is this a more cautious alternative?

Mt CO₂e/yr



NZ and a zero net emission world

Help others to help us

We are like a developing country

Our innovations – especially in actions – might work for them

We are liked and trusted

We can tell our stories and share our skills better – and may be able to export.

But it is hard – we need to do it systematically
Can this be done with business?



How do we get there from here?

Look back from success

- generates more ideas, and avoids despair

We can't predict the path

- Use imagination and careful thought
- Maintain and enhance options

A multitude of actions and actors

Most mitigation will happen in developing countries

- let's be an active part of that

Need for broad social process

- Transparent
- Well-informed
- Trusted
- Wide range of perspectives

A leaders' group to frame a net zero emission vision that everyone can support?

An ETS review outside government?

