

# **Developing high-quality climate action plans**

Session #3 of a five-step program "From awareness to action"

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### A five-step program "From awareness to action" by McKinsey

**Session 3** 

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Session 1

Solving the Net-Zero equation

Explore the requirements for achieving Net-Zero emissions and understand the implications for companies Session 2

Managing strategies in an uncertain world

Learn how to develop strategic options for a lowcarbon future, set baselines, and choose the right strategic posture for your company Discover how to create high-quality climate action roadmaps and drive change in value-focused boardrooms through levers for decarbonization Session 4

Motivating leadership teams and organizations

Uncover the capabilities and motivation organizations need to navigate technological advancements, policy shifts, and investor expectations

### **Session 5**

Mapping the road ahead

Understand the importance of essential efforts and collaboration between public and private sectors in achieving global economic transformation

# **McKinsey Sustainability**

Our aspiration – To be the largest private sector catalyst for decarbonization, helping clients in all industries and sectors make meaningful progress by 2030 and reach Net Zero by 2050 in line with the Paris Agreement.

#### McKinsey on Climate, Decarbonization and ESG



sustainability-related client engagements

### >200

Data scientists, analysts, researchers and knowledge consultants

### >100

publications in 2020 with ~1.5 mil views on McKinsey.com site

>20

leading industry associations we are partnering with

### 2030

- target year we set to reach Net Zero

# **Today's speaker: Pawel Torbus**

Associate Partner at McKinsey & Company, Warsaw



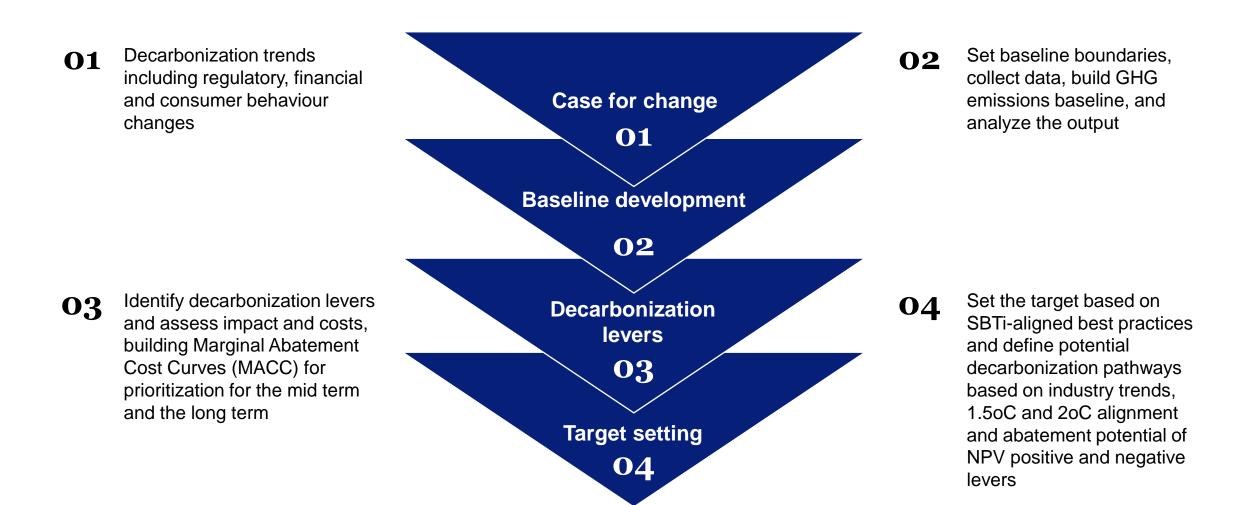
#### Experience

- Global Lead of Energy Solutions: Decarbonization Team
- Serves O&G, chemical, mining and industrial players around the globe on finding their optimal decarbonization pathways and understanding trade-offs
- Deep expertise in industrial operations, corporate and regulatory strategy, abatement cost analysis and market regulations

#### Education

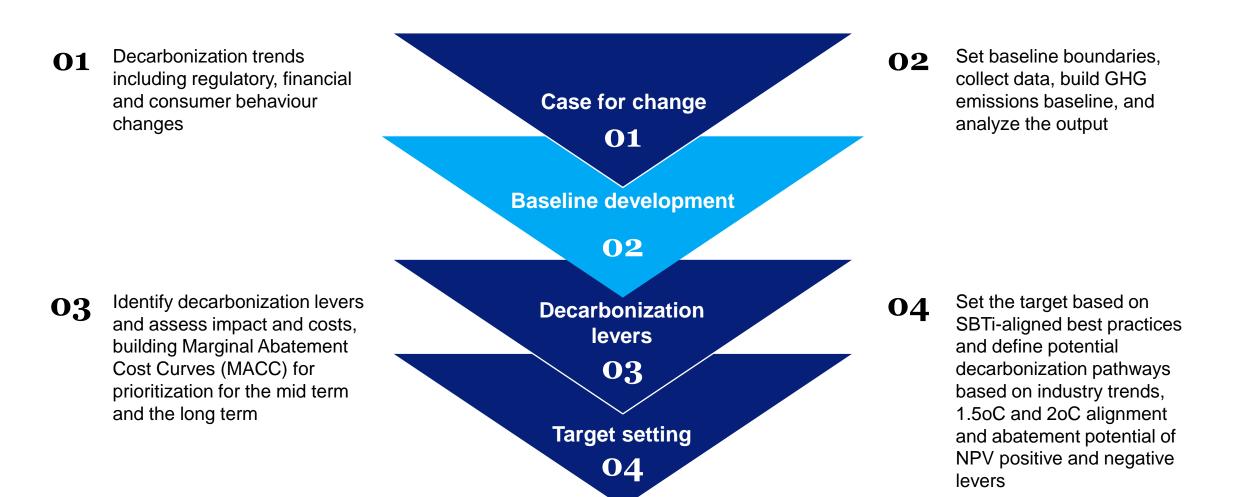
- Pawel holds two Master of Science degrees in Chemical Technology at University of Science in Krakow, Poland and in Energy Engineering and Management at Instituto Superior Tecnico Lisbon, Portugal
- Undertook a ~2 years research internship in Institute of Energy and Fuel Processing Technology in Zabrze, Poland

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# **Baseline | 6 questions to be answered after baselining exercise**



What are the most significant GHG emission sources?

2 Which specific assets/processes generate the most emissions across operations?

3 What drives them and how much control does the company have on drivers?

4 What are alternative, less emitting ways to get to the same outcome?

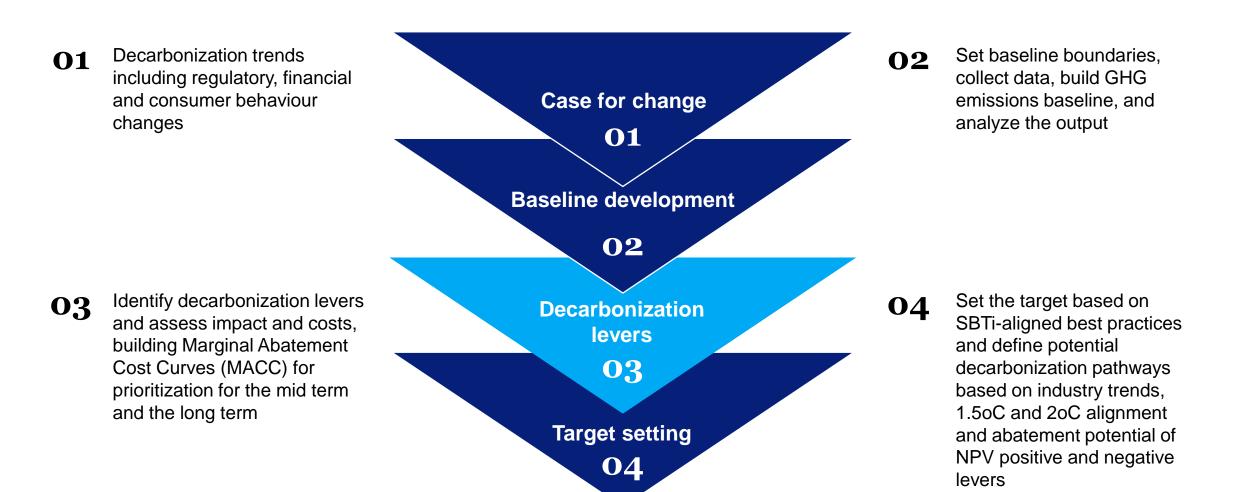
5 At a high level, what would be the trade-offs to reduce emissions from the most polluting sources?



How would decarbonization create value for the company?

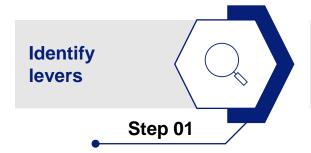
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### **Poll – Decarbonization levers**

### Key steps to identify and prioritize decarbonization levers





Using the emission baseline from previous step, **levers** could be identified first for focus areas to decarbonize

- Levers could be identified through workshops with the operations and sustainability group and expert peer discussions, when possible
- Levers should be carefully assessed based on the company's specific context

For each lever, typical information should be collected to assess the **Marginal Abatement Cost** (MAC) including

- Lever lifetime
- Total cost of the lever
- Any expected savings to be delivered by the lever
- Volume of GHG emissions saved over the lever lifetime
- Potential governmental support such as tax rebates and subsidies

The Marginal Abatement Cost of a specific lever is calculated based on the Net Present Value of the lever and the total GHG emissions abated over the life of the lever

Step 03

**Build the MACC** 

for assets/

geographies

Then, to build the MACC, the Marginal Abatement Cost and abatement per tCO<sub>2</sub> of each lever are collated on a bar chart

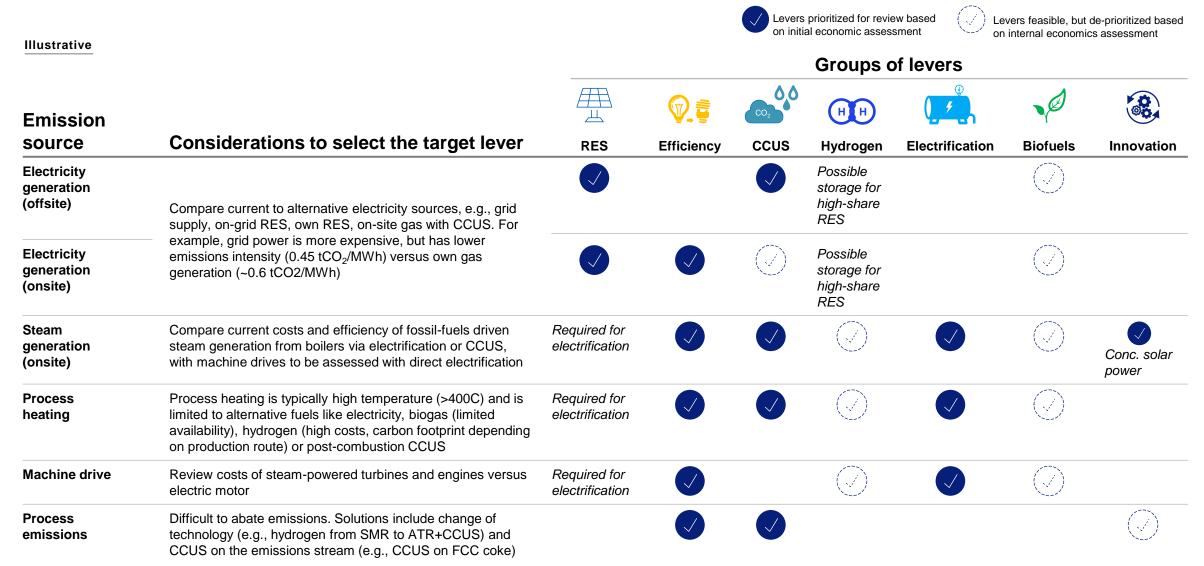


Levers should be **prioritized** over different time horizons to reach desired emissions reduction and optimal associated costs

Such prioritization is **based** on the company's level of ambition and capital availability for negative NPV levers

This will help build a potential **decarbonization pathway** based on prioritized levers and assess the gap to net zero pathway

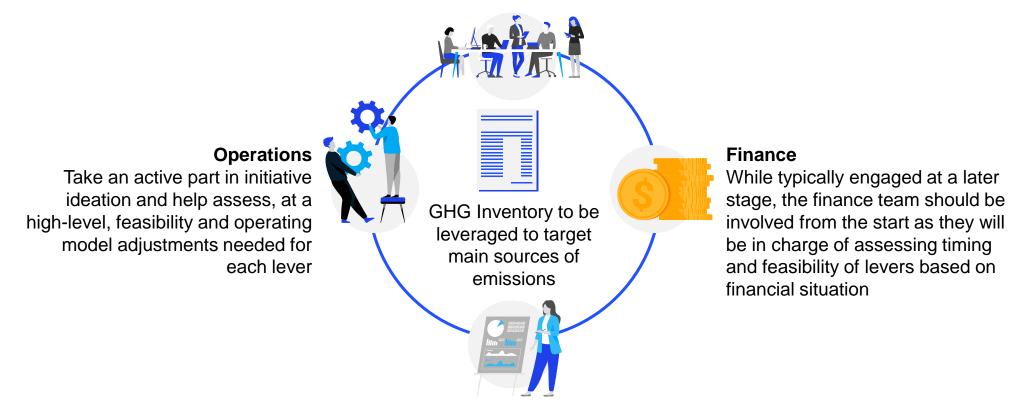
### Step 1: Identify levers – After defining emission baseline, a long-list of levers is identified across all sources of emissions



# **Step 1: Identify levers – Levers could be identified and stress-tested through workshops with operations and the sustainability team**

Sustainability team

Leads ideation workshops and could perform an assessment of initiatives led by peers for inspiration



Thought partner and catalist (optional)

# **Step 1: Identify levers – Decarbonization levers should be carefully assessed vs each specific company's internal and external context**



#### **Regulatory context**

Each national, and sometimes regional, jurisdiction has its own policies and regulations on climate change, including subsidies for specific abatement technologies, carbon taxes or penalties, which may affect a lever's profitability



#### Company's baseline

The company's starting point is important to build a relevant list of abatement levers. In-flight initiatives with an impact on the baseline, or levers that had been previously implemented, should be identified early in the process



#### **Geographic location**

Location-specific factors such as access to technology or implementation capabilities have an impact on a lever's abatement efficiency



#### **Operating costs**

The lever's costs include operating costs which vary greatly from one company to another even if they belong to the same industry or are based in the same country

# Step 2: Analyze cost and abatement potential – Generating a MACC requires calculating each lever's financial impact and abatement potential

Overview of type of information needed

# 1

#### The lever lifetime

 The number of years for which the lever is expected to deliver GHG abatement

# The total cost of the lever

The total implementation cost and any ongoing operational costs required for the life of the lever, including

- Upfront capital costs
- Cost of finance
- Ongoing operational expenses
- Discount rate (to allow for the diminishing real value of money over time)
- Potential tax rebates and subsidies

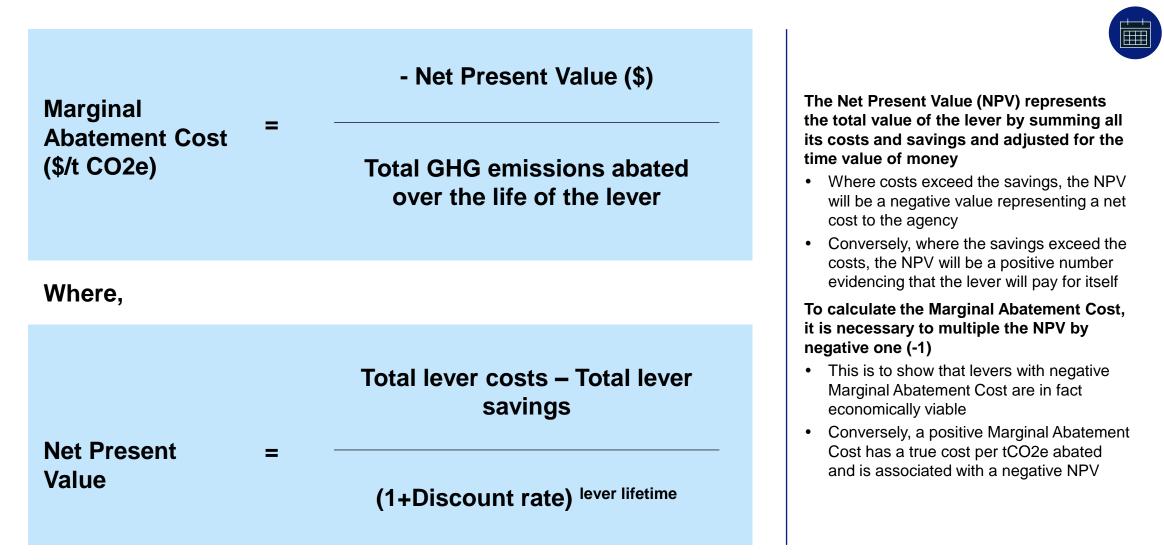
#### Any expected savings to be delivered by the lever

- Potential operational cost savings
- Lever revenue stream opportunities
- Asset salvage values

#### The volume of GHG emissions saved over the lever lifetime

 A factor of multiplying anticipated reduction in consumption values by an emission factor (emission factors used for the baseline should be leveraged)

### **Step 2: Analyze cost and abatement potential – The Marginal Abatement Cost of each lever is calculated using a specific formula**



### **Step 2:** Detailed Marginal Abatement Cost calculation formula



#### Abatement cost formula

Abatement cost is defined as potential carbon tax at which NPV of decarbonization initiative is equal 0:

Abatement cost [USD/tCO <sub>2</sub> e] =	CAPEX difference [USD] + NPV ( OPEX difference during asset lifetime) [USD]
	NPV ( abated emissions during asset lifetime) [tCO <sub>2</sub> e]

#### Methodology



CAPEX difference [USD] = Decarbonization CAPEX [USD] - Reference CAPEX [USD]

- In case of brownfield decarbonization, reference CAPEX is 0, as source of emissions (e.g. gas turbine, Steam Methane Reforming unit) already exists in asset.
- Reference CAPEX should be considered in case of greenfield decarbonization due to potential choice between clean and emissive units



#### **OPEX difference** [USD/year] = **Decarbonization OPEX** [USD/year] - **Reference OPEX** [USD/year]

- In OPEX difference calculations include potential OPEX change due to fuel switch, increased unit efficiency etc.
- · Negative OPEX difference represents potential yearly savings achieved together with emissions abatement

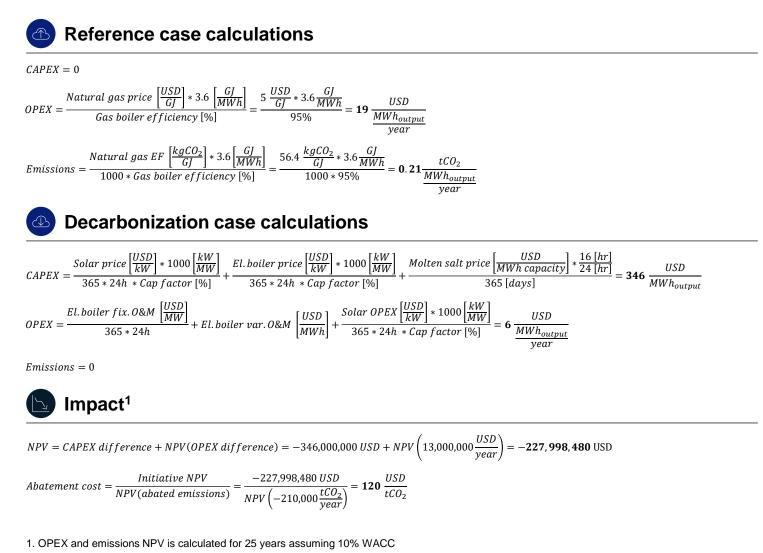


#### Abated emissions $[tCO_2e/year] =$ Decarbonization case emissions $[tCO_2e/year] -$ Reference case emissions $[tCO_2e/year]$

- · Abated emissions represent difference in emissions between decarbonization and reference case
- Net-zero levers (e.g. full switch to renewables, green hydrogen, green electrification) assume abatement of all unit emissions, however part of levers assumes partial decarbonization (efficiency improvements for gas-fired units, uncaptured emissions by CCS)
- Abated emissions are discounted in abatement cost formula as they represent future cash flow assuming that each tonne of CO<sub>2</sub>e is related to potential carbon tax [USD/tCO<sub>2</sub>e]

# **Step 2: Electric steam boilers will significantly reduce emissions from heat generation**

Marginal Abatement Cost calculation example: steam boiler electrification



#### Description

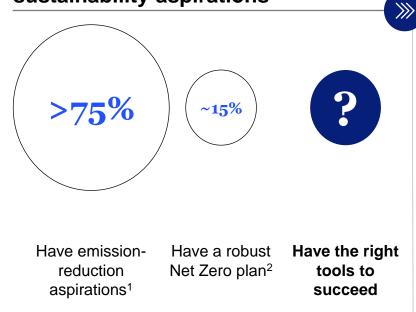
Steam boiler electrification lever assumes replacement of existing gas-fired steam boiler or auxiliary boiler with electric unit. Source of power energy potentially can be generated by own renewables sources (solar, wind) or green electricity (PPA provided by third party body). Thermal storage is possible with potential development of e.g. molten salt heat storage

#### Key inputs (Australia, 2030)

- Onshore solar CAPEX: 511 USD/kW
- Onshore solar OPEX: 12 USD/kW
- Onshore solar capacity factor: 28%
- Electric boiler cost: 300 USD/kW
- Molten salt CAPEX: 30,000 USD/MWh capacity
- · Heat storage operating time: 16 hours/day
- Electric boiler efficiency: 98%
- Natural gas price: 4.74 USD/mmBTU
- Thermal energy demand: 1,000,000 MWh/year
- Lifetime: 25 years
- WACC: 10%

# Step 2: We observe typical challenges companies face in an effort to evaluate impact of decarbonization levers

Success rate of implementing sustainability aspirations



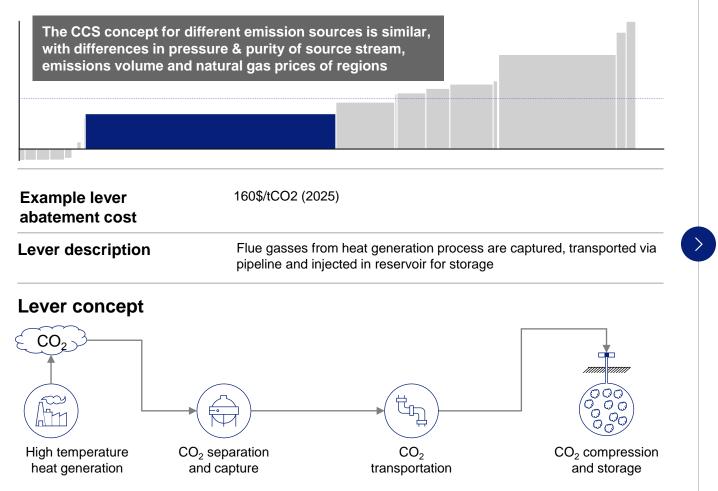
#### Common pitfalls in evaluating impact of decarbonization levers

- **Underestimating total cost of decarbonization** incl. required infrastructure, not performing holistic energy and emissions balances
- Using typical emission factors instead of actual ones difference for fuel gas or imported electricity can be massive
- Wrong units people are not used to express analysis in tCO2e (have seen mistakes of t with kt and kt with Mt)
- Not applying **discount factor on emissions**
- Using **wrong WACC** (it should be segment specific WACC)

1. Cross industry trend - defined as setting at least one climate or energy commitment

# **Step 2: Analyze cost and abatement potential – Each lever represents a business case compared to a reference scenario**

Example: Apply CCS on furnaces



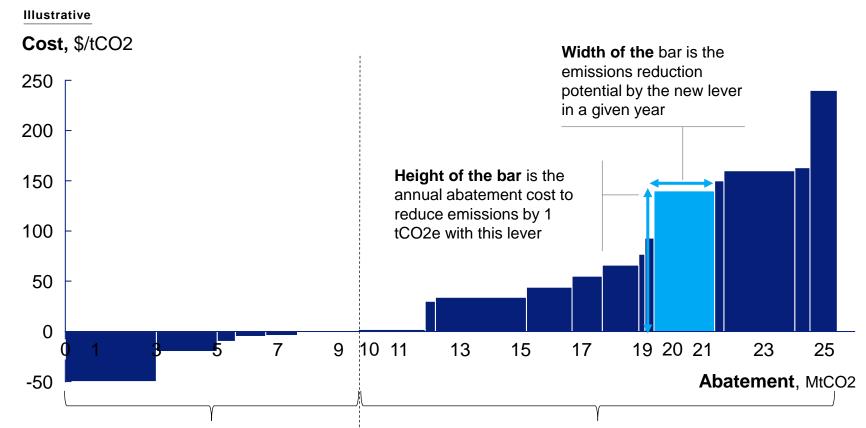


1.Capture cost was further adjusted for emissions size and type from different emission units; 2. These represent levelized cost over carbon abated; 3. Compressor CAPEX was further sized based on required power for different analogs and options

Source: Asset Decarbonization Assessment Suite

# **Step 3: Marginal Abatement Cost Curves help visualize decarbonization levers' impact and costs**

Example of MACC

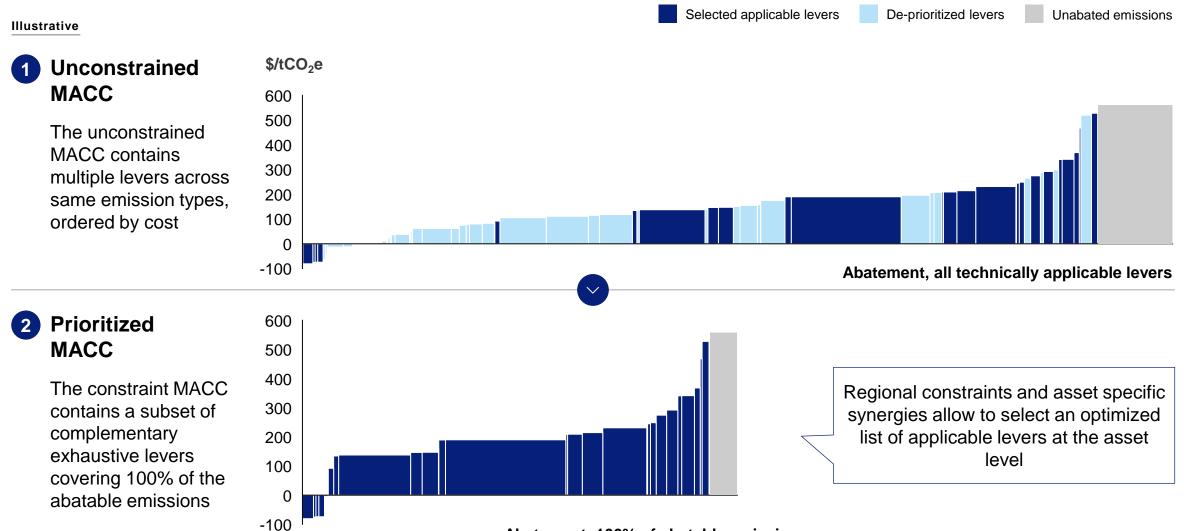


Negative Y-axis indicates levers that are NPV positive and create value: they provide cost savings for the party implementing the measures (e.g., \$100 cost savings per every tonne of C02e abated through this lever) **Positive Y-axis indicates levers that are NPV negative:** these levers have additional costs for the party implementing the measures (e.g., \$80 additional cost incurred per every tonne of C02e abated through this lever)



- Each bar on the cost curve represents a decarbonization lever
- Levers are sorted by increasing abatement costs for the reduction of emissions by tC02e
- Abatement cost is calculated as the difference of average costs between new and replaced lever divided by the displaced emissions. It should include potential subsidies that would lower the cost of low carbon technologies

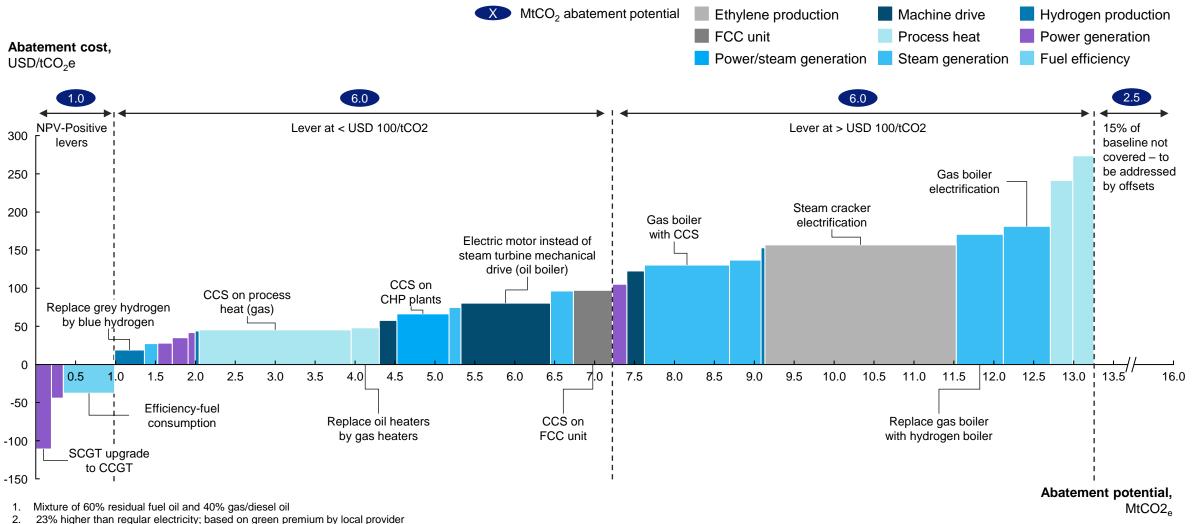
### **Step 3: Analyze cost and abatement potential – The unconstrained MACC can guide lever prioritization process**



Abatement, 100% of abatable emissions

### Step 3: Prioritize levers – Levers could be prioritized and planned based on NPV and impact

MACC for a refinery

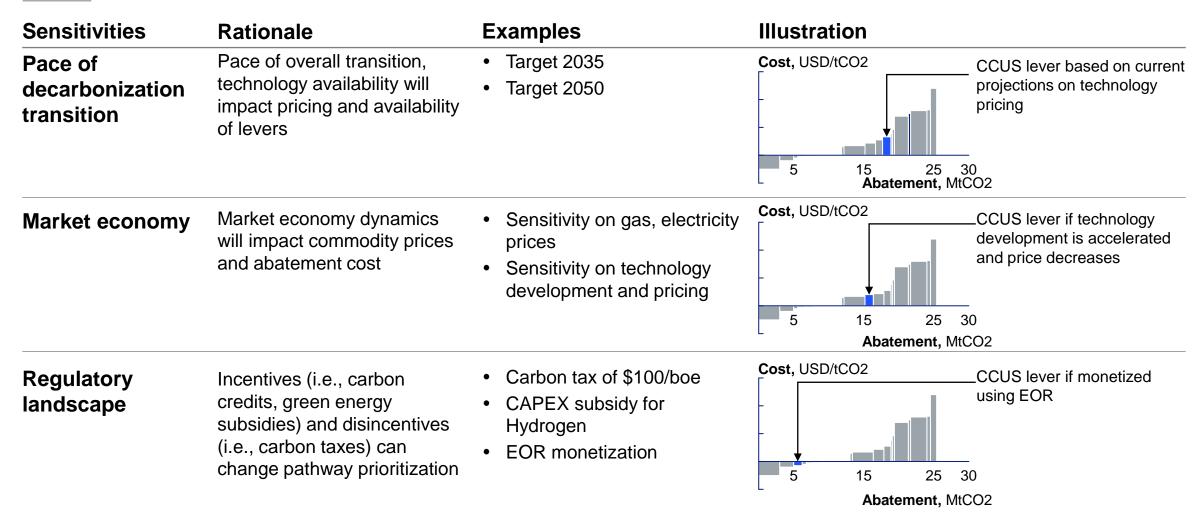


Varying from 500 USD/tCO2 for clean sources, such as grey hydrogen production, to 1400 USD/tCO2 in dirty sources such as FCC

Source: McKinsey Energy Insights - Asset Decarbonization Assessment

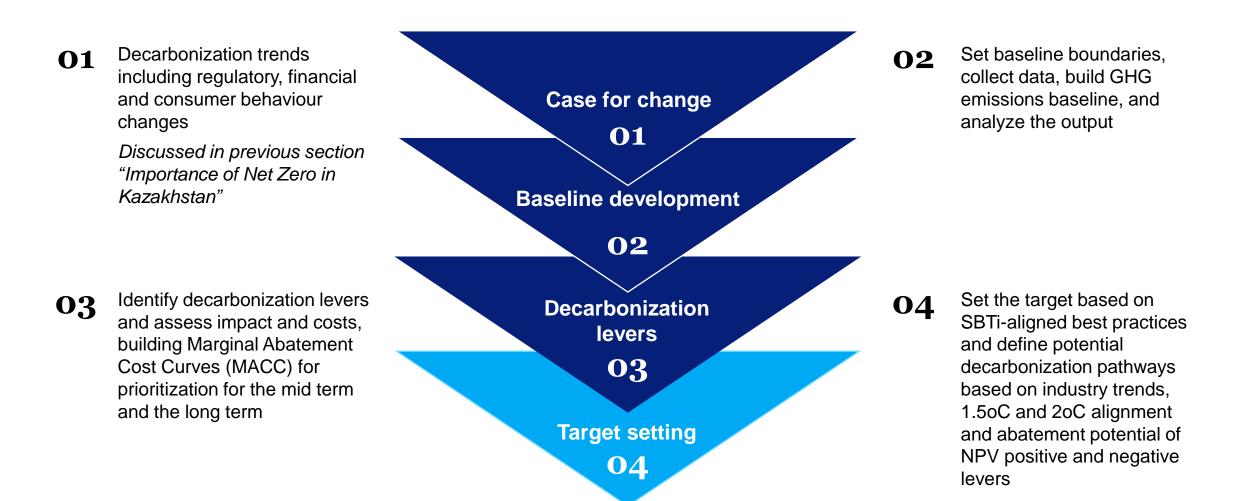
# **Step 3: Sensitivity analyses are usually conducted to examine resilience of chosen MACC compared to alternative scenarios**

Illustrative



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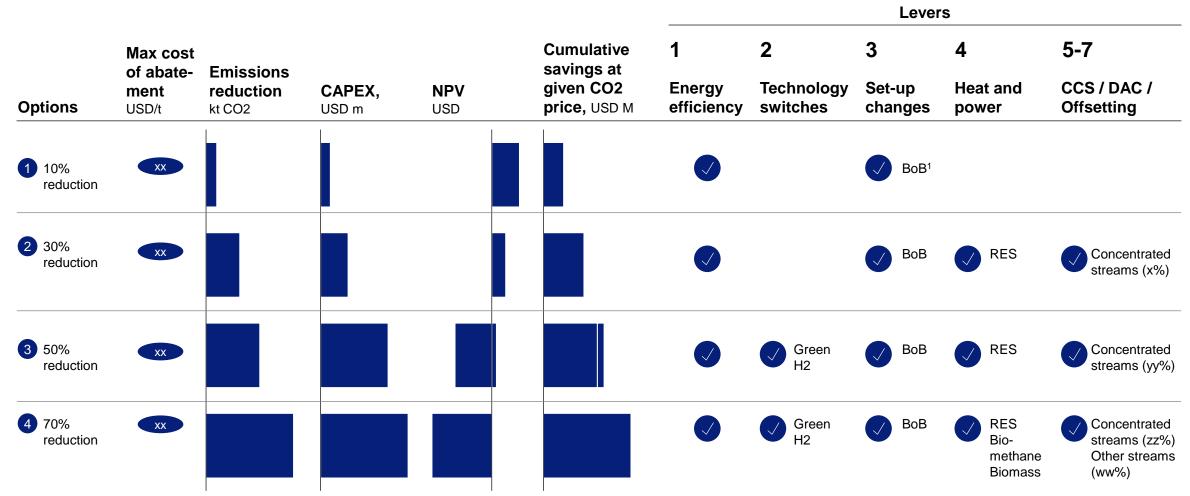
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# **Step 4: Cost curves allow to outline possible options of emission reduction targets and associated costs**

Example of 2030/2040/2050 view of progressive decarbonization options

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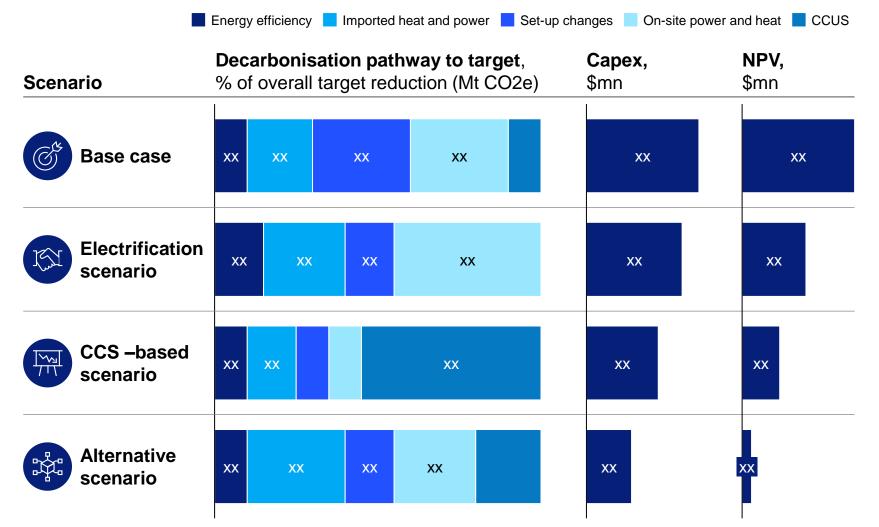


1. BoB - bottom of the barrel

### **Step 4: Trade-offs between different pathways are assessed to help making executive decisions**

Example of decarbonization scenario comparison

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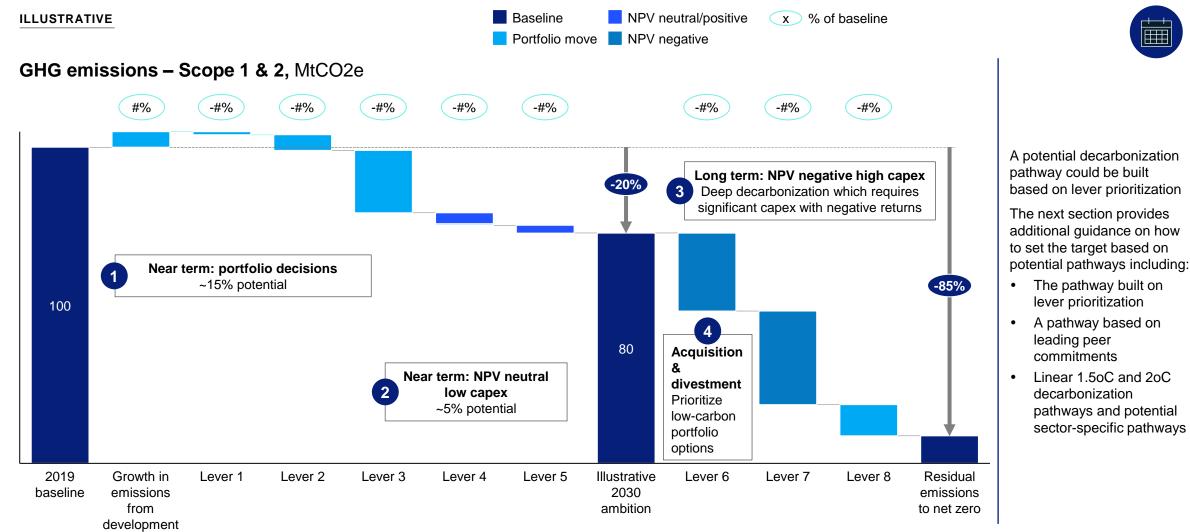


Each pathway has different Capex and NPV profile over time as well as underpinning mix of levers

Deterministic profile prioritizes NPV assuming unconstrained Capex

Depending on priorities decisions can be made to align on sub-optimal pathway in terms of NPV which allows meeting Capex constraints or portfolio priorities (e.g., not decarbonizing declining plants)

### Step 4: Prioritize levers and build decarbonization pathway – Planning levers until 2050 will inform a potential decarbonization pathway and indicate the gap to net zero



# Step 4: High-level roadmap with interim targets will increase target credibility and allow for appropriate tracking



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and technically feasible

		0000 (arms)	2050 goal	
	2025 target	2030 target	Net zero on all absolute	Development of a tactical plan aims to clarify <b>interim targets</b> <b>up to 2050</b> , including setting up 2035 and 2040 targets in the future
Illustrative commitments	• 20% absolute Scope 1 +	<ul> <li>40% absolute Scope 1 + 2 emissions reduction</li> </ul>	emissions	
	2 emissions reduction	<ul> <li>25% absolute emissions reduction for material Scope 3 categories</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Clear roadmap in place for suppliers engagement</li> </ul>			
Benefits	<ul> <li>Set early target which can be met through NPV neutral and regulatory required levers</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Aligned with expectations on near- term targets on absolute emissions</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Aligns with Paris</li> <li>Agreement 2050 goals</li> </ul>	
			<ul> <li>In line with targets set by leading peers</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>Responsive to external stakeholder pressure</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Contingent on selecting and developing core technologies that are economically viable</li> </ul>	

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# **Step 4: High-level roadmap should include technology choices and cash flow needed for emissions reduction projects**

Example of Net-Zero Pathway for Scope 1 & 2 emissions

#### Illustrative output

### Typically, **3-5 scenarios** are created based on

- Investment size
- Key strategic decision
- Key assumptions

#### Roadmap will incorporate strategic choices in technology, implementation timing along with key decisions such as abatement cost cut-off

Each scenario will result in a detailed cash flow and emission model that will enable stress testing the scenarios against business and financial metrics

#### Reduce emissions intensity Today to 2030 Pursue NPV-positive abatement, e.g., improve ops efficiencies, high-quality flared gas repurposing R&D of future abatement tech and seed

offsets

#### CAPEX OPEX Offsets

### Reduce absolute and intensity 2030 to 2040

As operated production declines, **pursue** abatements of <\$50/ton

**CCUS offsets** potential as CCS business launches

#### Drive to Net Zero 2040 to 2050

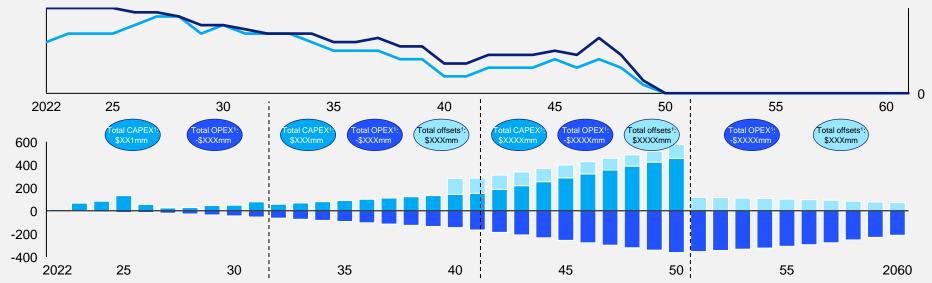
- Emissions intensity - Absolute emissions

**Decarbonize** through CCS and electrification from renewable sources

**Carbon offsetting** for hard-to-abate emissions (e.g., >\$100/ton)







### Over time, the initial decarbonization strategy will need to be translated into specific projects with Capex requirements

	Depth of assessment and examples					
Granularity of assessment	0 Emission baseline	<b>1</b> <b>Lever</b> Heat system optimization Increase flaring efficiency	2 Initiative Heat integration Increase flow of air into flairs	3 Specific project Improve heat recovery for furnaces Install flair control systems	Detailed design Recover heat from exhaust of Furnace A, to preheat product flow B and reduce exhaust temperature to 120 C	
Enterprise-level		g and update of the plan				
<b>Business units</b> e.g., Upstream, Refining	<ul> <li>Prioritization of assets progression through in</li> </ul>		Decarbonization roa Typically leading to: • Update to asset-lev	Admap detailing-out		
Assets Asset 1, asset 2				unch of dedicated site-led project ce reviews)	campaigns	
<b>Units</b> Distill. Column, FCC				Implementation Typically leading to: Starting feasibility studi projects	es for large-scale CAPEX	
<b>Equipments / Systems</b> Pumps, compressors				Starting detailed design projects	and FEED for small CAPEX	

Next Webinar -Operationalize Net Zero strategy



Implementation infrastructure to ensure rigorous execution (regular cadence to track initiatives, KPIs, etc



Required new
 competencies to
 drive existing
 initiatives and/or
 generate new
 ideas



• Communication efforts, e.g. ESG townhall for employees, live dashboards, etc.