

Towards the sustainability of the energy sector: the role of technology innovation

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World Population

Projected world population until 2100

5.3 1990 billion 7.3 billion 2015 8.5 <u>2222222222</u> 2030 billion 9.7 2050 billion 11.2 2100 billion

Source: United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, Population Division, *World Population Prospects: The 2015 Revision* Produced by: United Nations Department of Public Information



Why population growth is important?...



The water-food-energy nexus





Access to energy!

People with no access to electricity



IEA, World Energy Outlook, Fatih Birol presentation, Rome, December 1, 2017; <u>http://www.climateactionprogramme.org/news/solar-power-will-bring-electricity-to-millions-of-africans-says-development</u>; <u>http://www.climateactionprogramme.org/news/growth-in-solar-power-is-bringing-power-to-millions-in-remote-communities</u>



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CO2 emissions trend after Paris agreement (CoP 21)





Scenarios of global CO2 emissions reductions





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Cumulative CO2 reductions: role of technologies (2DS/SDS)





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Reductions in CO₂ emissions by substituting coal with NG (Power Sector)



Natural Gas: Guardrails for a Potential Climate Bridge. Stockholm Environment Institute, 2015

Decarbonizing the economy: is it possible?



Figure 7.1. Decarbonization of Economic Activities in the United States. Expressed in kilograms of carbon per unit of GDP at constant 1990 prices [kgC/US(1990)\$].



The role of technology: Kondratieff Waves





Research & Innovation in Eni



Since 2010 Eni has invested over 1.5 B€ in R&D

60% of R&D investments in Upstream / Downstream, **40%** in Renewable Energy, Green Technologies and Energy Transition.

Research centers: **San Donato Milanese** (Upstream & Downstream Labs), **Novara** (Istituto Donegani - Renewable Energy Labs), **Mantova** (Versalis – Petrochemistry), **Stavanger-Norway** (Eni Norge - HSE, Environment and Subsea Techologies) and **Venice** (Robotics and Prototyping)



Eni R&D – Key facts

Applications of R&D technologies

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300 M€ CAPEX & OPEX Saving

400+ Proprietary Technologies

200+

On-going

R&D projects

130 Collaboration with Universities & R&D Centers 930+ People dedicated to R&D activities

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Patents

High Sustainability Products

New fuels and lubricants for

- energy efficiency
- emissions reduction
- durability of vehicles and industrial equipment
- renewable sources exploitation





Engine Oils

Eni i-Sint Bio Tech 0W-20 Eni i-Sigma Bio Tech 10W-30

Robotics: Clean Sea

Clean Sea system is an advanced underwater robot, Eni patented, designed for environmental monitoring and asset integrity inspection, tested in several marine environments

SAAB

Rapid CUBE

No seal containment proprietary system, developed for subsea oil spills in case of failure of traditional "capping stack" or other containment system

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This technology has two main parts:

 a subsea separator designed to collect the oil spill and to separate gas phase from the liquid phase

an electrical submersible pump to transfer up to 12 kbbl of liquids per day to a well testing equipment installed onboard a drilling rig



Environmental Technologies

Passive sampling methods Mobility and bioavailability of contaminants in soil Bio-markers for environmental remediation (fingerprinting) DNA microarray for monitoring of the natural attenuation Phytoremediation of polluted soils EKRT - Electro Kinetic Remediation Technology Technical feasibility evaluations

Solar Energy – Printable Polymer Solar Cells

Low cost organic PV on flexible substrate for portable devices

- Low weight: 100 times less than commercial modules
- Suitable for low illumination environment
- Heat-resistant

Concentrating Solar Power

A new, proprietary, cost-effective technology for solar energy conversion, also in co-production with fossil fuels CO2 emissions reduction Thermal energy storage for delayed use (night or no sun) Ongoing demonstration in an industrial site

The circular economy





- This fossil CO2 Biofixation plant is based on "Intensified Photosynthesis reaction".
- The deployment of this technology will reduce CO2 emissions derived from several upstream assets. Furthermore, the bio-products can be commercialized, in particular the algal bio-oil can replace the palm oil as a feedstock of Eni Green Refinery for 3rd gen Green Diesel production.



Fossil CO2 Biofixation

Waste to fuel

This proprietary technology converts solid organic waste (not in competition with agricultural food production) into bio-oil that can be used for producing electricity or diesel fuel by using thermochemical conversion processes. LAUDA

Advanced Biofuels

Development of a process for the conversion of biomass into biooil with chemical characteristics very similar to vegetable oils. A potentially viable alternative as feedstock for Green Diesel production.

Open Innovation



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Cooperations with UniBO



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Framework Agreement eni- Bologna University

06/2017 – 06/2020



Reusing offshore platforms in the Adriatic Sea (ArpaE, University of Bologna, Aster)



The global energy system : drivers of change

- Global population growth, urbanization
- Increasing water, food and energy demands
- Climate change issue



Towards the decarbonization

Towards a circular economy approach











