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The global energy consumption from 1900s faces a constant growth at a fast pace, particularly in the transportation and industrial sector. Energy utilization per capita also constitutes a significant factor to evaluate the energy demand of the population in a region. Hence, governmental strategies should focus on the sustainable exploiting of various energy resources, as well on the needs of a continually rising population, and the establishment of health and safety measures for present and future efficiency. The most common energy sources used to be non-renewable, with a high effect on the environment due to the carbon emissions.

Energy is essential, in all aspects of life and in several industries. The demand for energy from fossil fuels (oil, gas, coal) depends on geography, availability, extracting costs and environmental sustainability. There are also the alternative energy resources such as wind, solar, hot springs, biomass, tides, etc., which have gained popularity in recent years for their ability to generate electricity and heat. The fossil fuel sources are non-renewable, with limited availability, and create significant pollution to the atmosphere with carbon emissions. The alternative energy sources are renewable, with continuous availability, and generate much lower levels of carbon emissions. However, their utilization is still limited due to the necessity of adequate technology in order to transform them into usable forms.



Source 1: <https://kdmarketinsightsblog.com/2019/09/energy-management-systems-market-expected-to-reach-cagr-of-13-5-forecast-to-2023/>

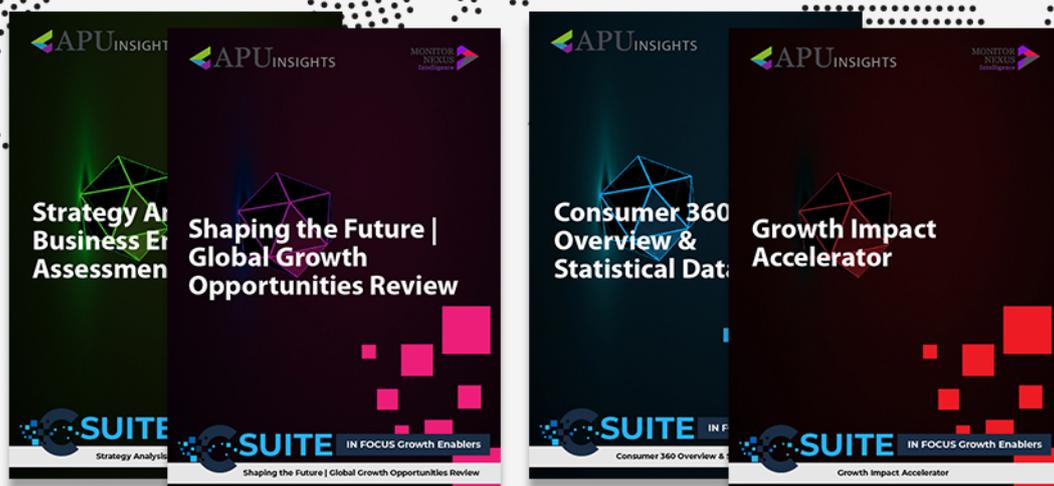
Actions in order to limit the CO₂ emissions have already been taken. The principal one is the shift from conventional energy sources to renewable ones in order to cover energy demand while managing emissions' levels, thus, preventing air pollution.

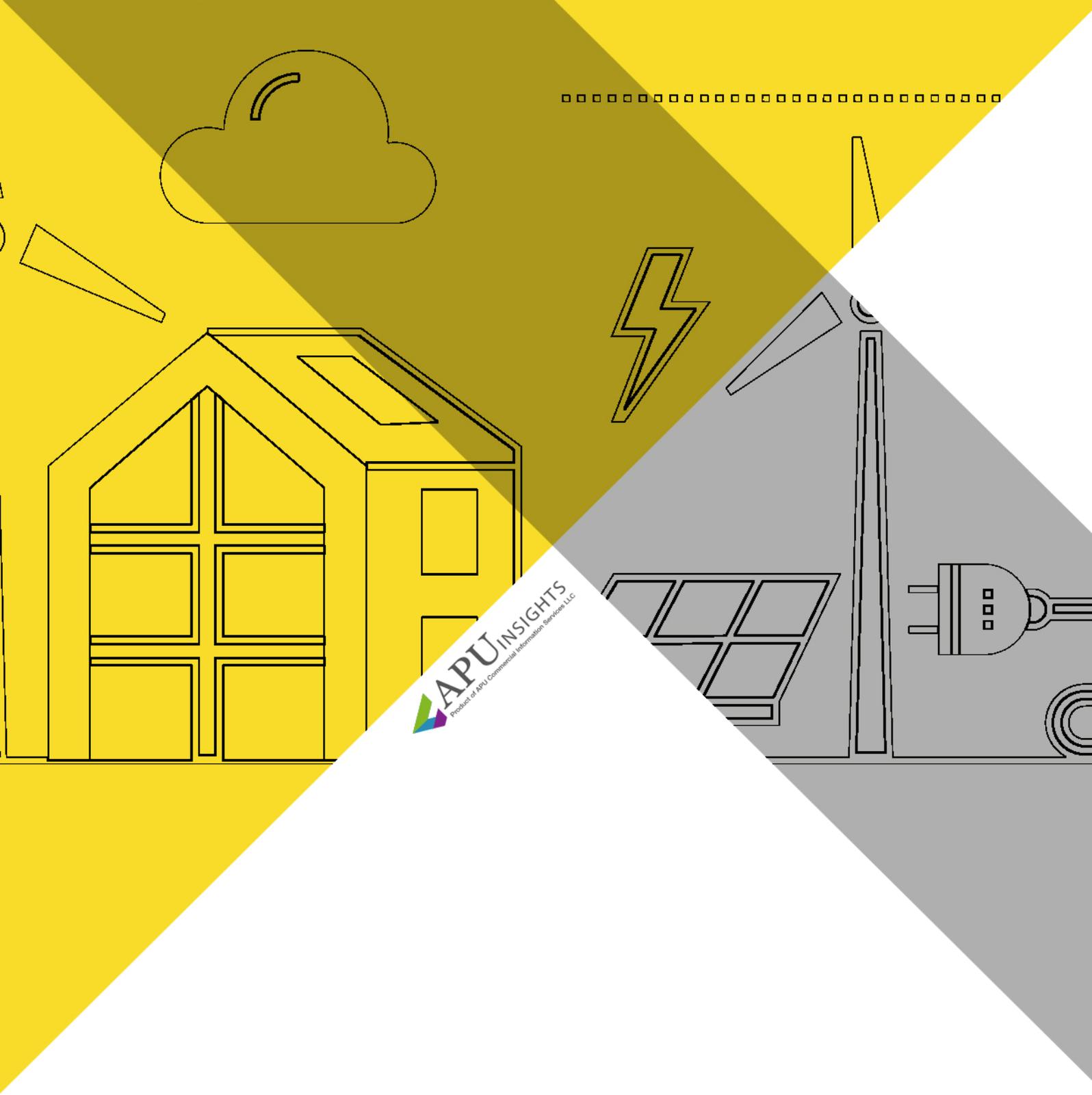
In order to achieve global transformation to a more sustainable future, energy management actions and techniques have been developed along with innovative technologies and appropriate frameworks. The current energy mix is reviewed with regards to energy management and consumption, presenting all the issues, challenges and trends for management solutions, CO₂ emissions, and economic feasibility. Future scenarios for achieving process improvements are also evaluated and advanced energy technologies are underlined.



The main issues of the energy sector are emphasized together with assessments for investments for more effective energy utilization and carbon emission management. Numerous start-up and scale-up businesses have introduced management and energy solutions to enhance energy transformation, while, oil and gas and relevant industries- which are amid the largest energy consumers- have demonstrated that solutions for declining CO₂ emissions and elevating energy grid ought to be explored. Also, six specific future scenarios are introduced, involving energy demand and supply operations as well as developed technologies which may succeed noteworthy alterations in CO₂ emissions and costs. Through these examples, issues of energy demand versus CO₂ neutral policy, sustainable switch, retrofit strategy, and process escalation are highlighted.

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