The difference between aspirational goals and reality: the global energy perspective

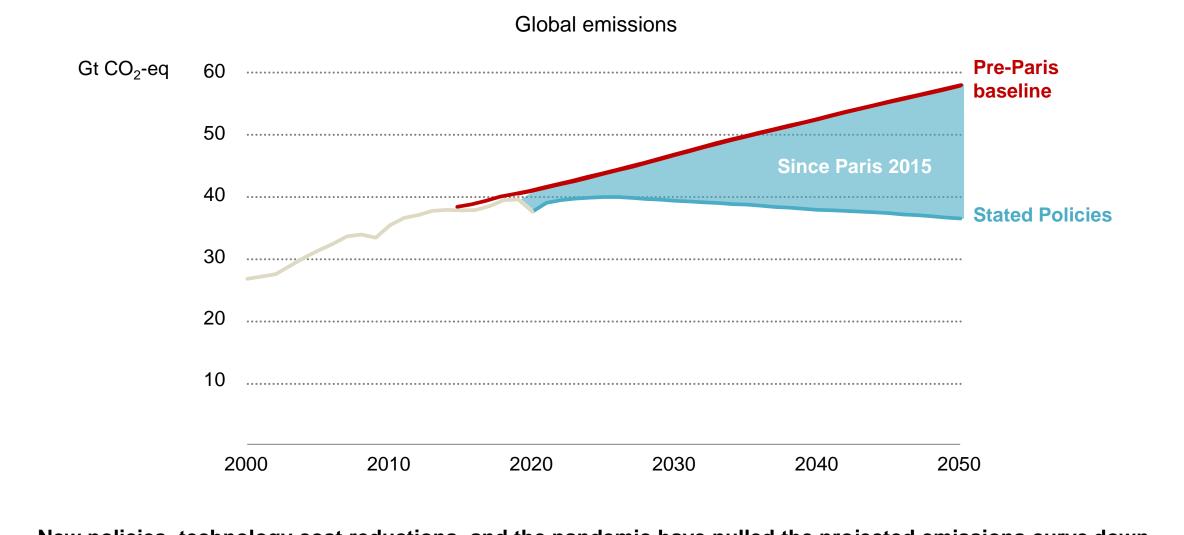
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Aspirational Goals

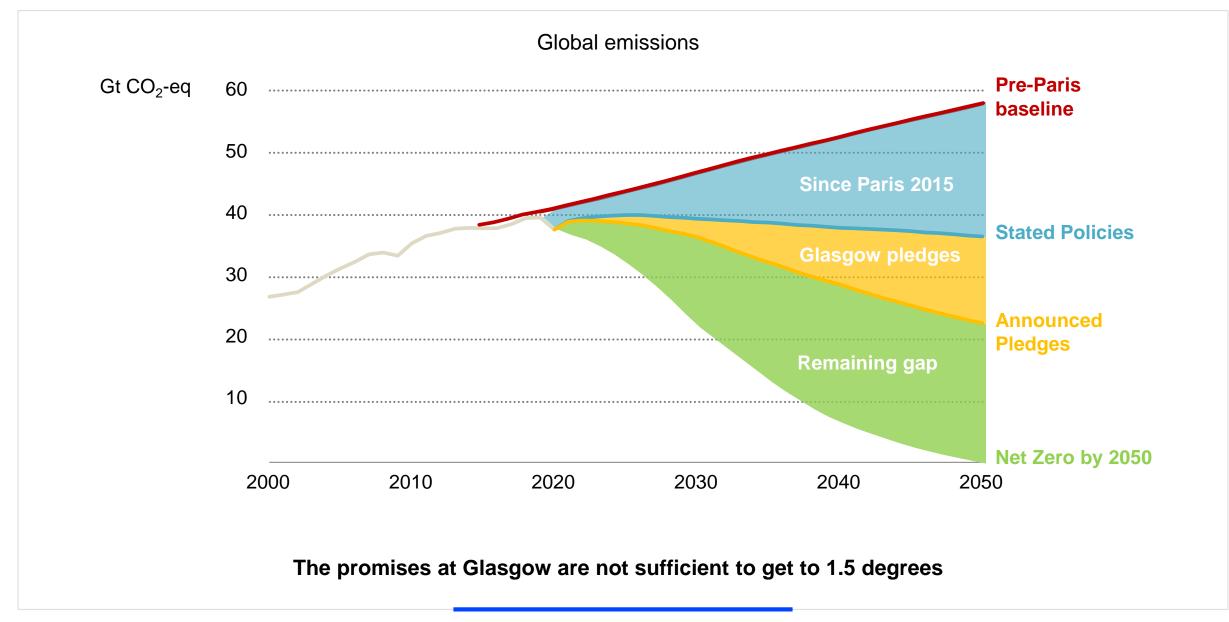
The world is starting to bend the emissions curve ...





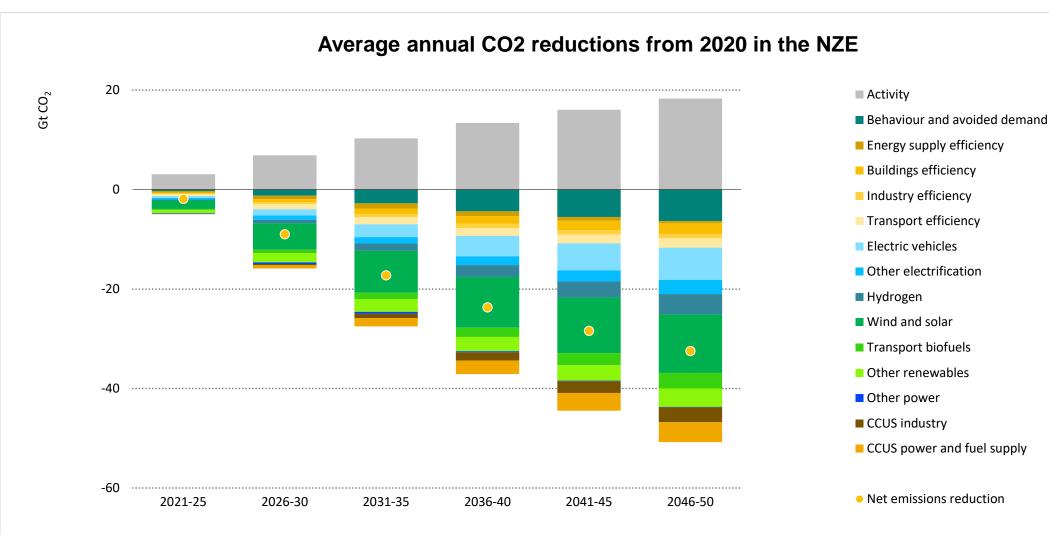
New policies, technology cost reductions, and the pandemic have pulled the projected emissions curve down.

Yet a large ambition gap remains to reach the 1.5 degree goal



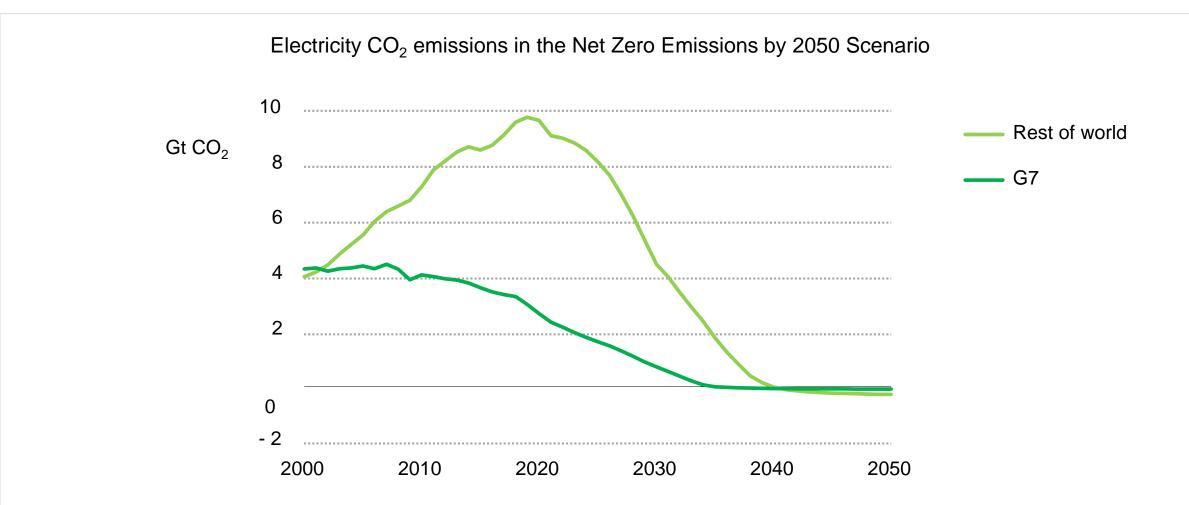
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IEA's Net Zero Emissions in 2050 scenarios relies on changing demand | 200



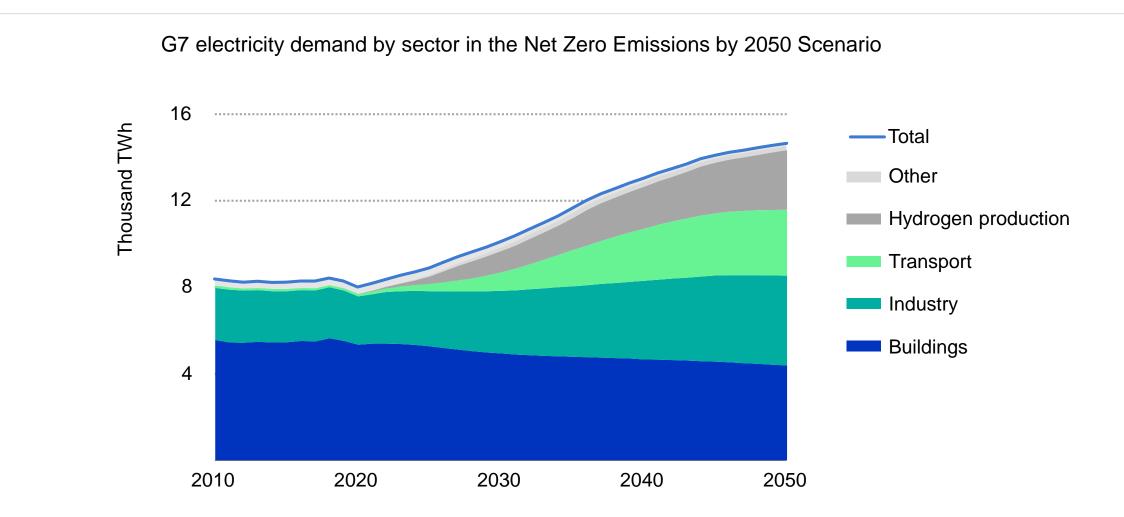
Efficiency, decarbonising generation, electrification, hydrogen, biofuels, and CCUS are all needed

The G7 can lead by example to reach net zero electricity



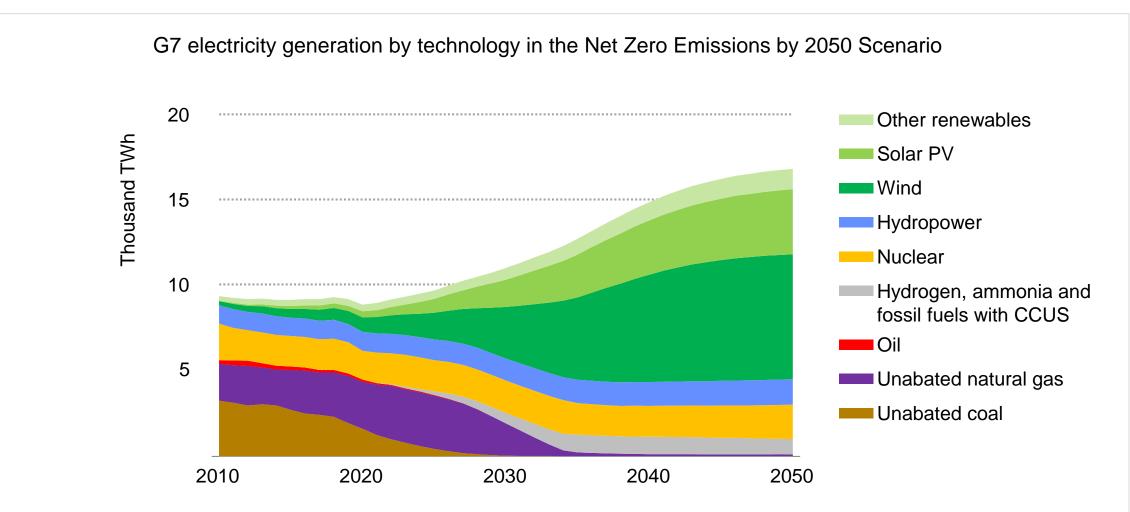
G7 electricity emissions have been falling, mainly due to the switch from coal to natural gas and rising renewables, though the pace of reductions needs to accelerate to reach net zero by 2035

Electrification drives electricity demand growth



Electricity demand returns to growth on a path to net zero, raising the share in final consumption to 56% by 2050, driven by electrification of transport & industry and hydrogen production, moderated by energy efficiency

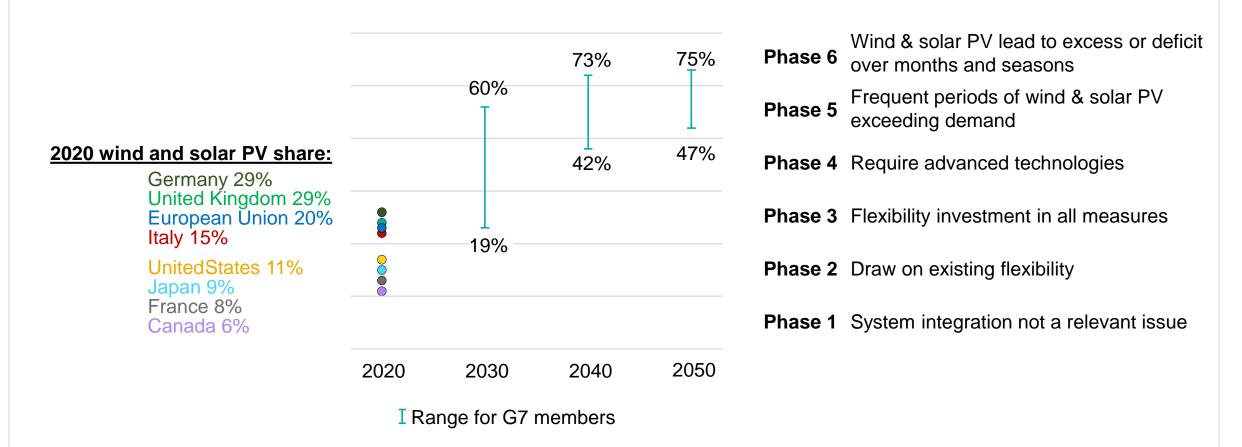
The electricity mix is re-imagined for net zero electricity



Unabated fossil fuels fall from half of electricity supply while wind and solar PV rise from 14% in 2020 to 66% in 2050, re-shaping the nature of electricity supply and system operations

New challenges emerge for electricity security

G7 phases of integration in the Net Zero Emissions by 2050 Scenario

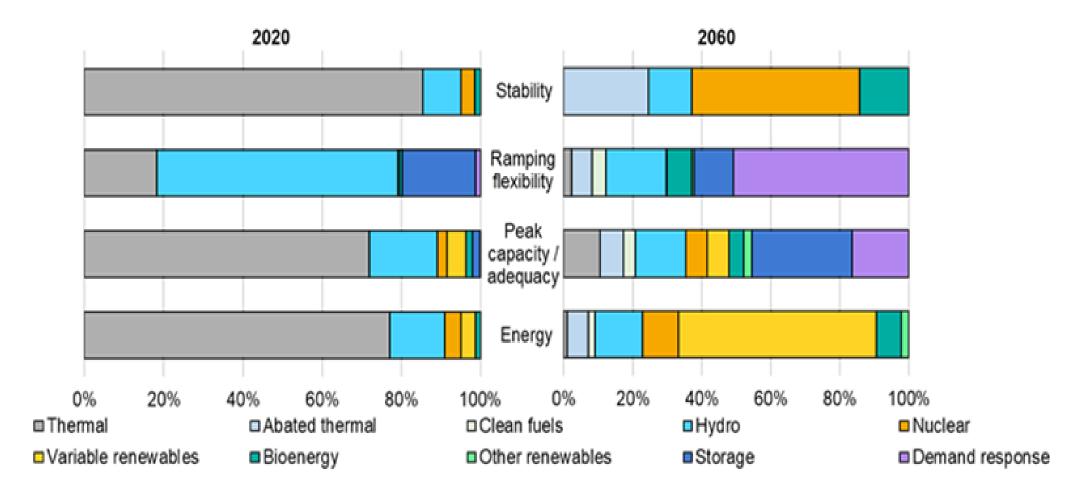


G7 members have pushed forward on wind and solar PV, moving through the early phases of renewables integration, soon they move into new territory, tripling flexibility needs by 2050 & calling for new approaches to meet challenges

Dispatchable capacity helps balance a high VRE power system

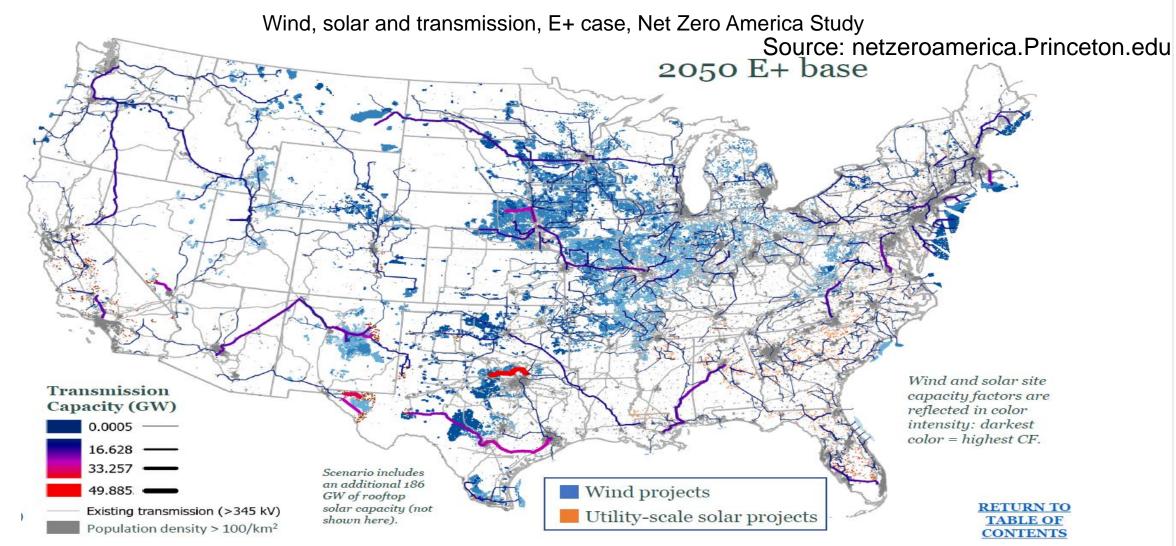


Share of system services by type for China, 2020 (actual) and 2060 (carbon neutral scenario)



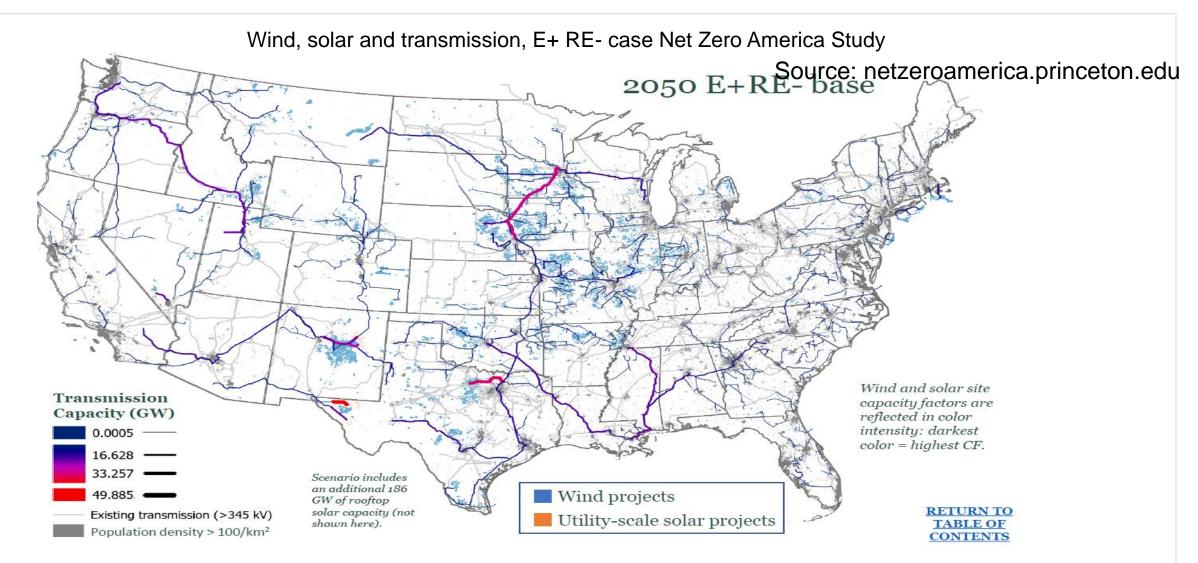
In a future high wind/solar power system in China, nuclear provides 10% of energy but nearly 50% of stability

High wind and solar cases require substantial land



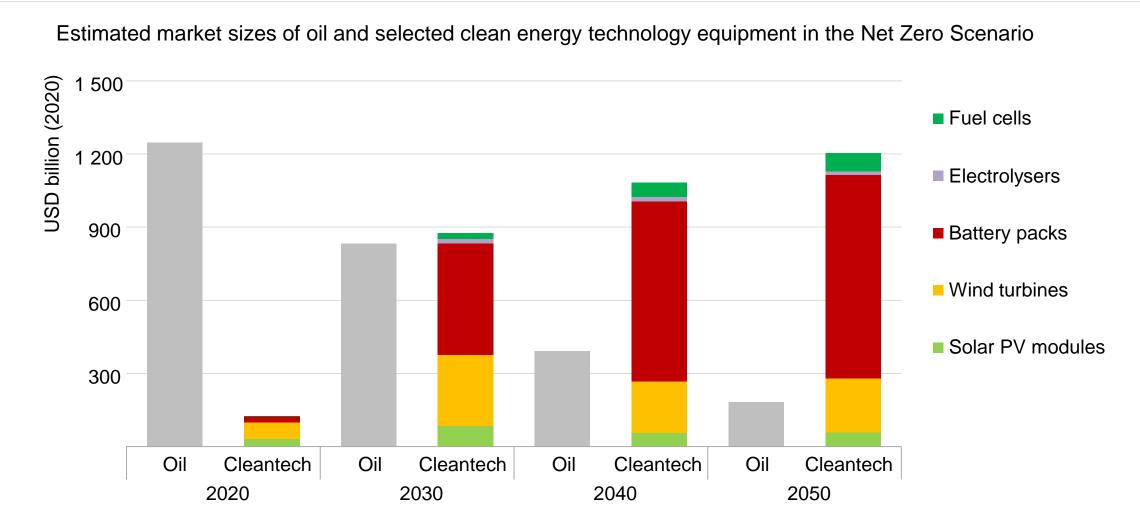
High wind and solar means significant land use and tripling transmission investment

Lower wind and solar case doubles transmission but much less land



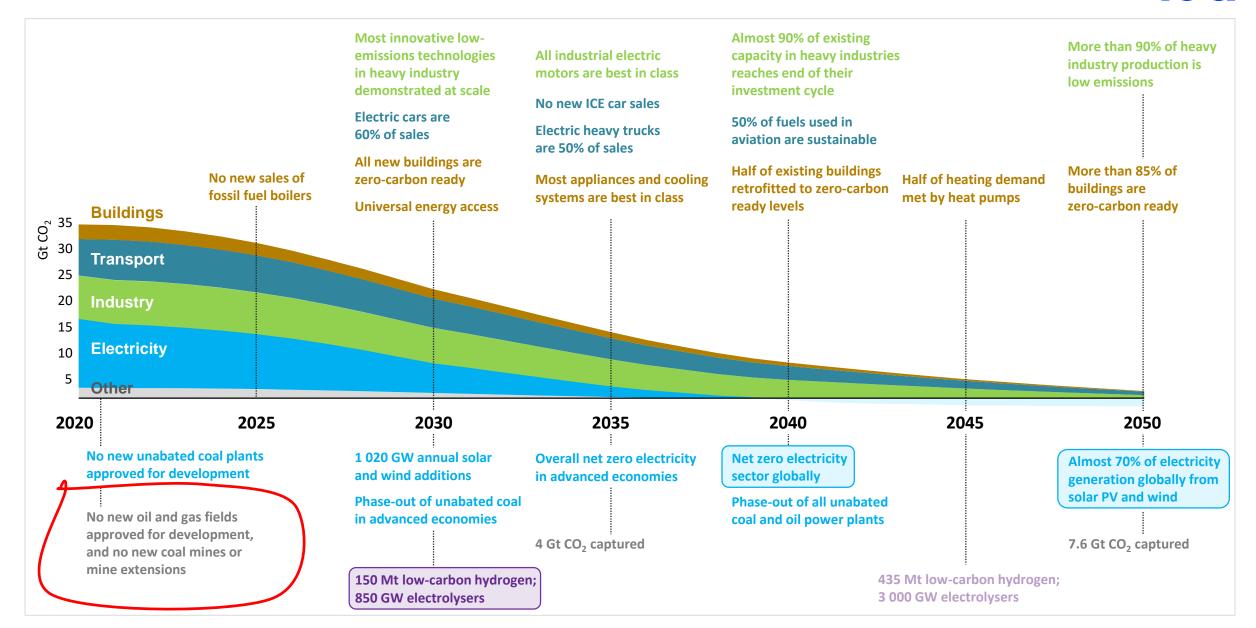
More nuclear, CCUS would reduce land use implications but cost more

A new global energy economy would need to emerge



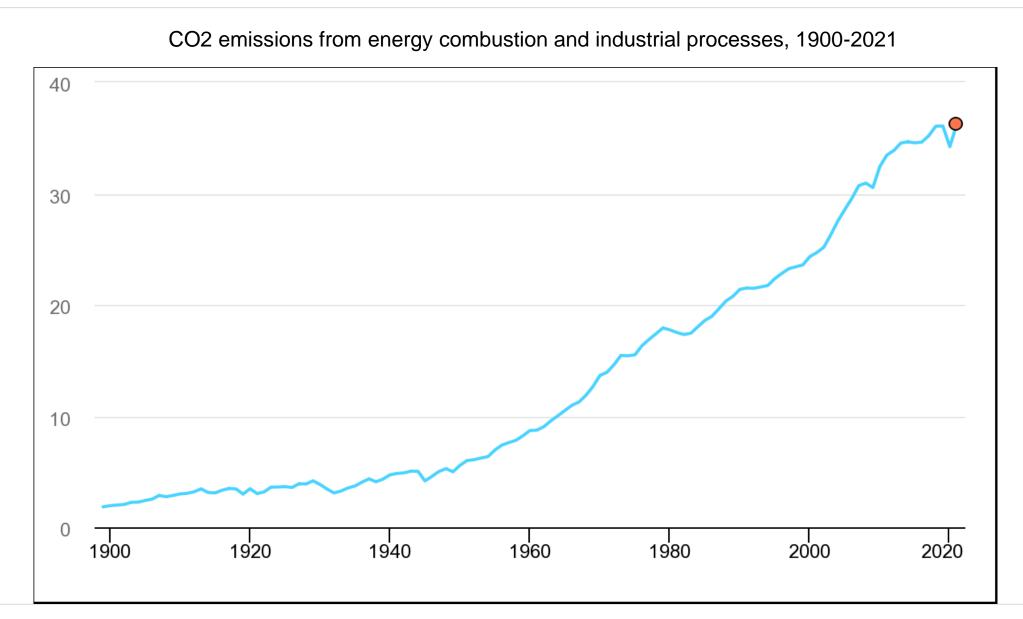
Explosive growth in clean energy deployment over the next decades could create a market opportunity for manufacturers of key equipment worth a cumulative USD 27 trillion through to 2050

NZE says "cut demand" ... but what was heard was "stop FF investment"

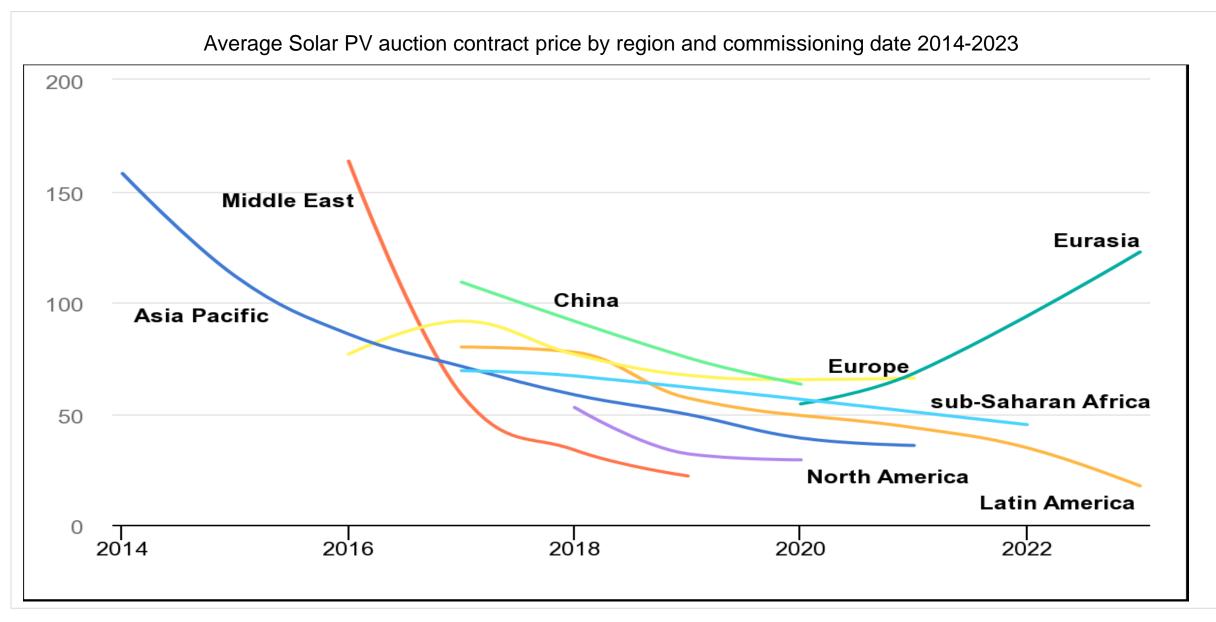


Ten energy realities

Reality # 1: Global emissions are increasing as fossil fuel use rises

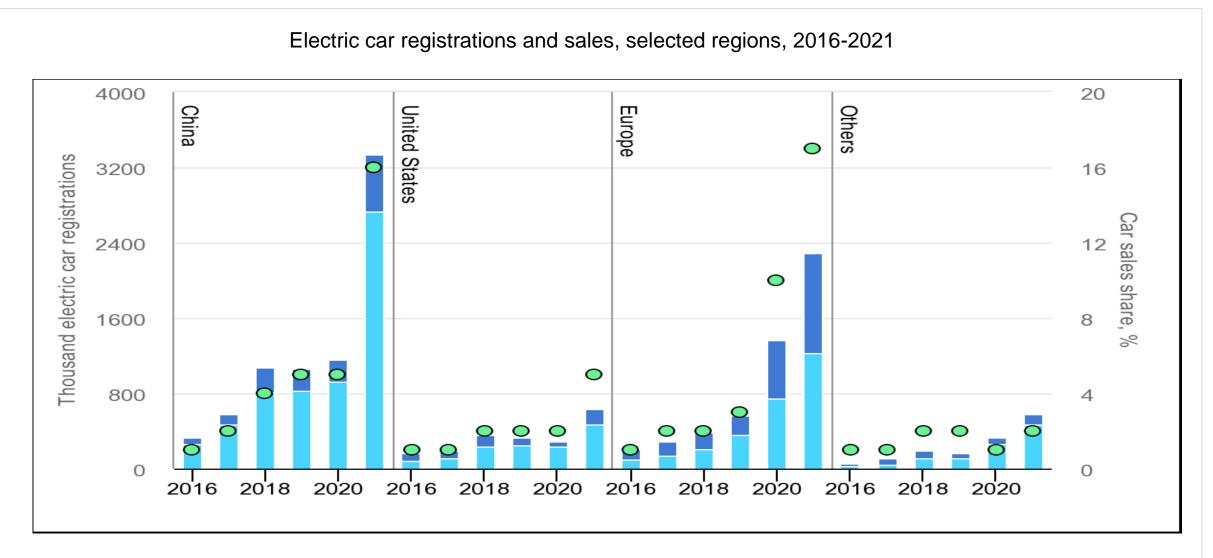


Reality # 2: Solar PV and Wind are making really cheap electricity



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Reality #3: EVs are having a real impact on global vehicle markets



EVs accounted for 8.9% of global sales in 2021, and much higher in China and Europe

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Reality #4: Hydrogen – more than hype, but not cheap

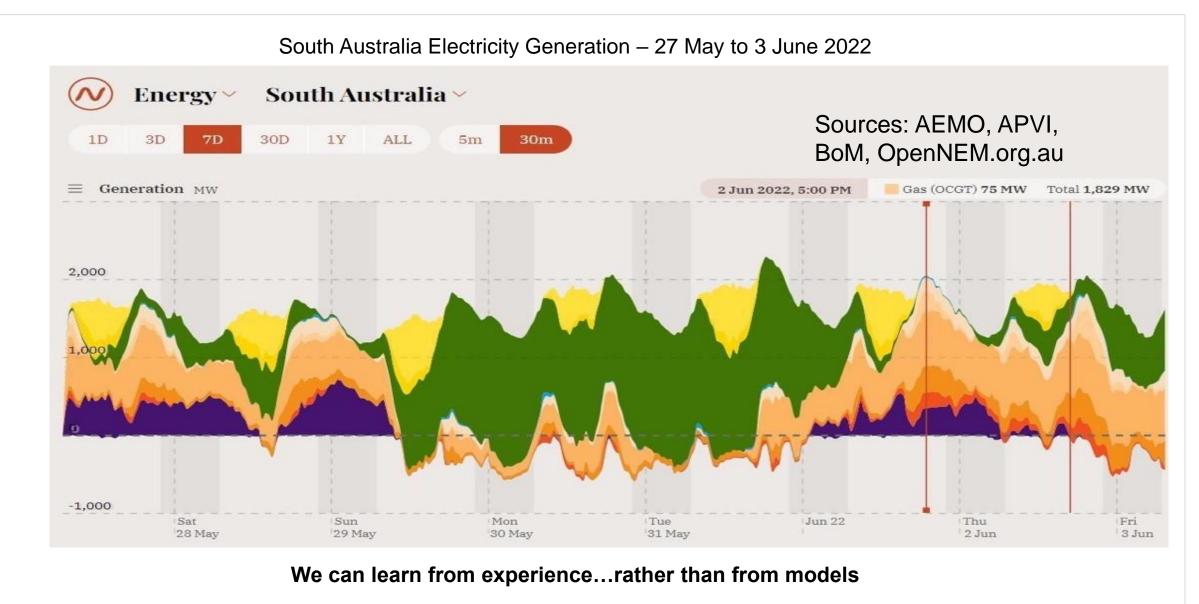
Hydrogen-powered Fuel Cell Taxi



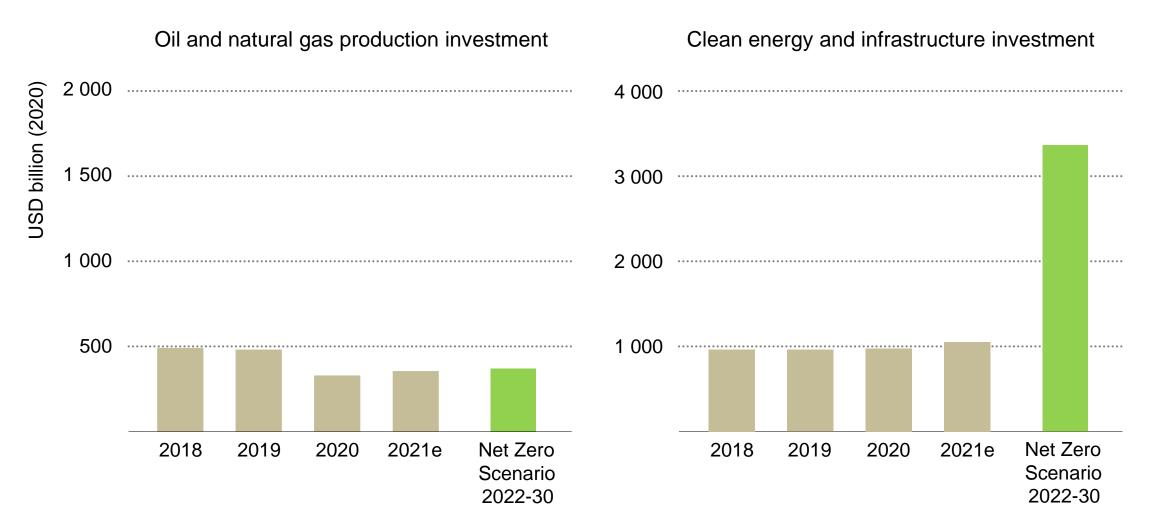
Source: hype.taxi

Hydrogen energy is not inexpensive: very cheap electricity is required to make electrolytic hydrogen feasible

Reality #5: Transition to high wind and solar is already happening



Reality #6: There is not enough energy investment

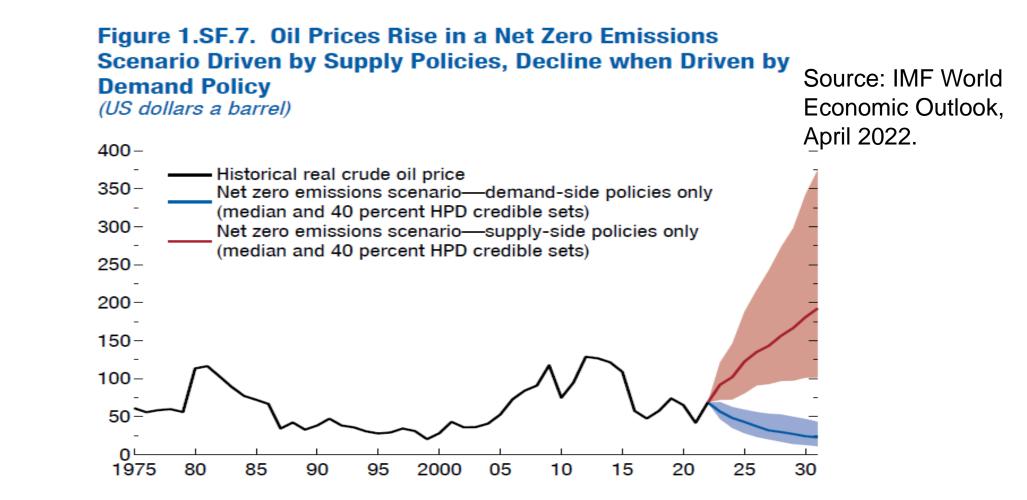


The world is not investing enough to meet its future energy needs; oil and gas investment is geared to a world of stagnant or falling demand, while transition-related spending is not rising nearly fast enough

Reality #7: Limiting supply, rather than demand, means high prices

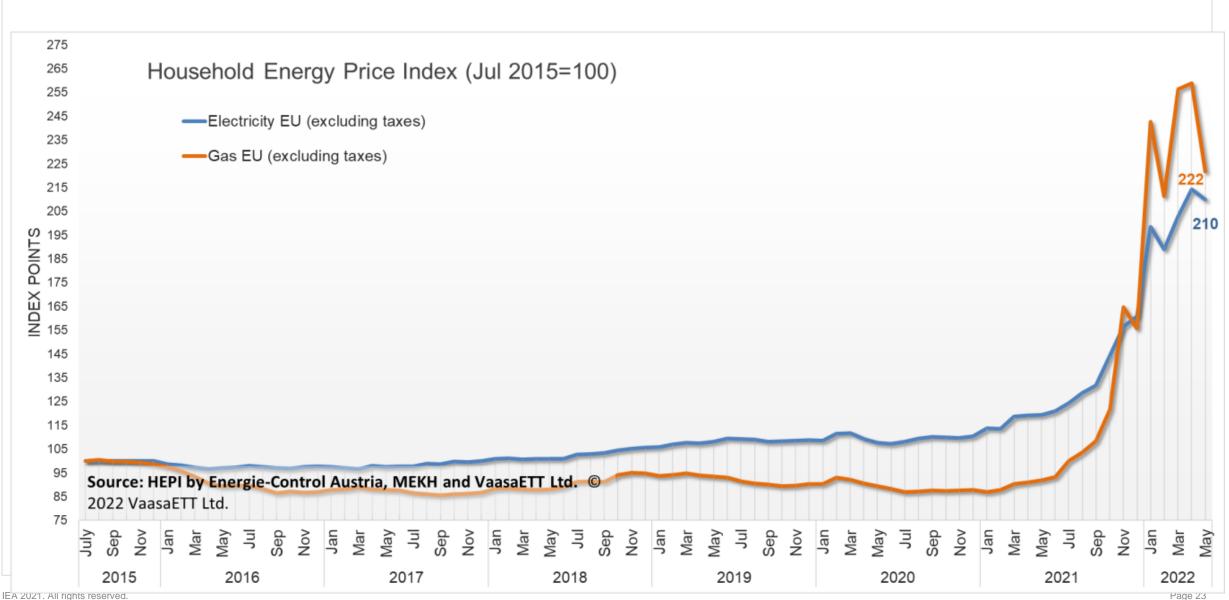


IMF Comparison of Oil Prices for NZE demand-only vs supply-only policies



High prices through investment restrictions can accelerate transitions to the benefit of producers

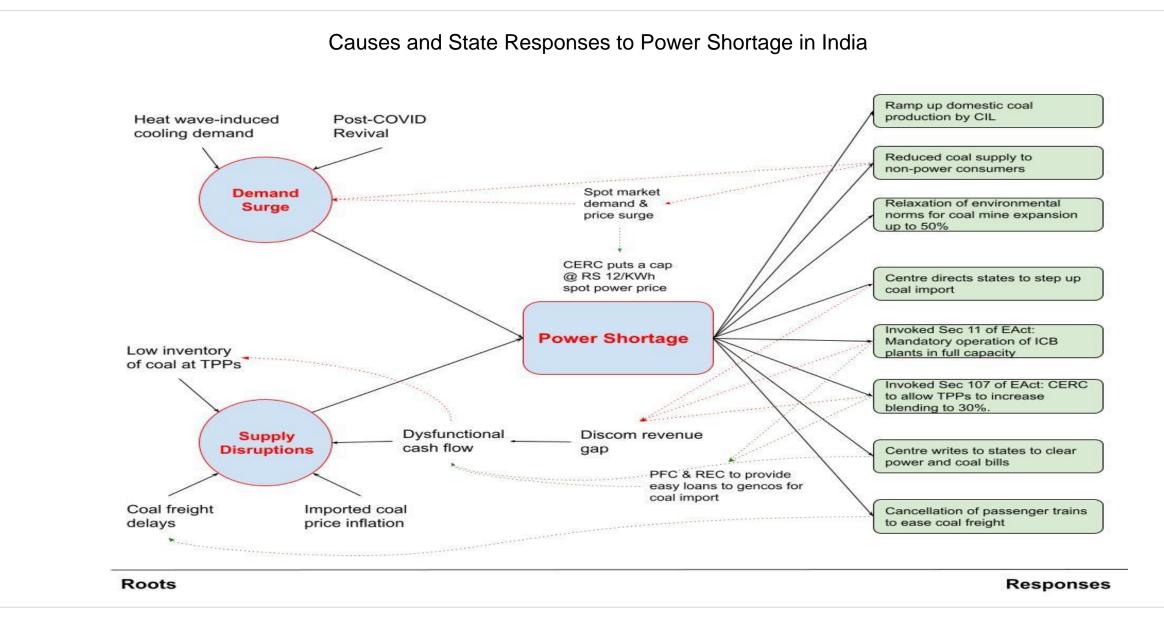
Reality #8: Affordability and security will drive change in Europe



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Reality #9: High prices can have more profound impacts in developing markets





Reality #10: Developing economies matter but China matters most



- Nearly all the growth in the demand for energy services comes from developing economies.
- China produces more _____ than the rest of the world combined

(correct answers include coal 54%, steel 57%, cement 55%, aluminum 60%, solar panels 70%, rare earths 60%, and wind turbines 50%, among others). Almost half of the world's (four wheeled) EVs are Chinese.

• China has a proven ability to execute policy...should it decide to fully commit to low emissions it would change China... and the world.

Key Messages

- We could get to NZE by 2050 by focussing on changing the demand for fossil energy. It means much more efficiency, decarbonisation of power supply, electrification, biofuels and hydrogen, and we'd still need carbon capture and storage.
- Today's realities are much different. Despite huge progress on solar PV, wind and EVs, demand and emissions are up, investment is too low, leading to high prices and energy insecurity.
- Yet clean energy transitions are still moving ahead. High wind and solar PV futures appear inevitable, how to make them reliable futures is still to be proven.
- Energy geopolitics is back, with some new players. China, India and other large developing countries are feeling the effects of current crisis. Their response will shape the global energy future.