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Building the new and phasing down the old:

Reflections one year on from COP28's tripling renewable commitments and *Fossil Fuels in Transition*

ETC Commissioners Meeting

31st October 2024

Agenda

1. Recap on state of the clean and fossil debate following COP28
2. State of the clean transition
3. Comparing outlooks for fossil fuels
4. Deep dive on current trends in oil, coal and gas



Key Messages

- Despite strong pace of clean energy scale up – particularly solar and EVs – it is yet to reach some areas, with slow progress in heavy industry/mobility and low-carbon fuels like hydrogen and CCUS
- Fossil debate not won – despite agreement at COP, O&G sector not showing signs of phase-down. In short-term, increase in profitability and rush to LNG may suggest the opposite.
- Key regions such as EU and US are declining, not growing fossil use. However China, India showing ~5% growth.
- For oil, passenger transport trend is clear: oil is already and will be displaced. Policy commitments should hold firm.
- Convictions on coal point to decline – China power sector key: need to phase out capacity/run flexibly.
- For gas, uncertainty remains about long-term role in power, buildings and industry.
 - Growing LNG market risks locking in uses where lower-carbon fuels may be cost competitive in the long terms (e.g. solar+batteries in power). In buildings and industry, policy will need to play a firmer role in reducing role for gas.
 - Risk of methane leakage, including in LNG, risks locking-in high emission fuel.



Fossil Fuels in Transition: Committing to the phase down in all fossil fuels

November 2023



Fossil Fuels in Transition: Committing to the phase-down of all fossil fuels (2023)

To meet the COP21 Paris Agreement targets, the world can and must rapidly phase down production and use of coal, oil, and gas by 2050. This decline must start now.

Key points:

- It is **technically and economically feasible** and required to significantly reduce fossil fuel demand across sectors. Policies are required to deliver these reductions.
- Reducing emissions from production, transport and processing of fossil fuels (scope 1 and 2) is essential, but there is a vital but limited role for point source **CCS and carbon dioxide removals**.
- Commitments must drive down the largest proportion of emissions which comes from the use of fossil fuels.
- If the world is to limit global warming to 1.5°C, 90% of all currently estimated fossil fuel resources must be **left in the ground**. Investment in fossil fuel supply must decline significantly.
- Policies and commitments from oil and gas companies, governments, COP28 and the financial sector are crucial in the short-term and by mid-century.



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Two headline commitments from COP28: transition away from fossil, and triple renewables



COP²⁸
UAE

At COP28 in Dubai, 195 parties agreed to:

- 1) **“Transitioning away from fossil fuels in energy systems, in a just, orderly and equitable manner, *accelerating action in this critical decade*, so as to achieve net zero by 2050”**
- 2) **“Commit to work together to *triple the world's installed renewable energy generation capacity* to at least 11,000 GW by 2030, taking into consideration different starting points and national circumstances”**



But developments this year highlight positive growth for both fossil and renewables

Clean

BloombergNEF

New Solar to Meet Most of Europe's Power Demand Growth in Winter

The Guardian

China to head green energy boom with 60% of new projects in next six years

The Guardian

US power grid added battery equivalent of 20 nuclear reactors in past four years

energynews

WindEurope: Waiting for permits holds up European wind projects

Energy-Storage.News

Massive growth potential continues for battery storage in UK and Ireland, co-location emerging

Fossil

CNBC MARKETS BUSINESS INVESTING TECH POLITICS VIDEO INVESTING CLUB

ENERGY

Exxon still expects fossil fuels to make up the majority of energy market in 25 years

Forbes

Rising 18% This Year, Will Exxon Mobil's Run Continue Following Q2 Results?



OPEC forecasts 18% global oil demand growth by 2050 on energy security, accessibility concerns

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The LNG glut will chill the gas ambitions of oil majors

An influx of gas well into the next decade would be an unhelpful headwind for the energy transition



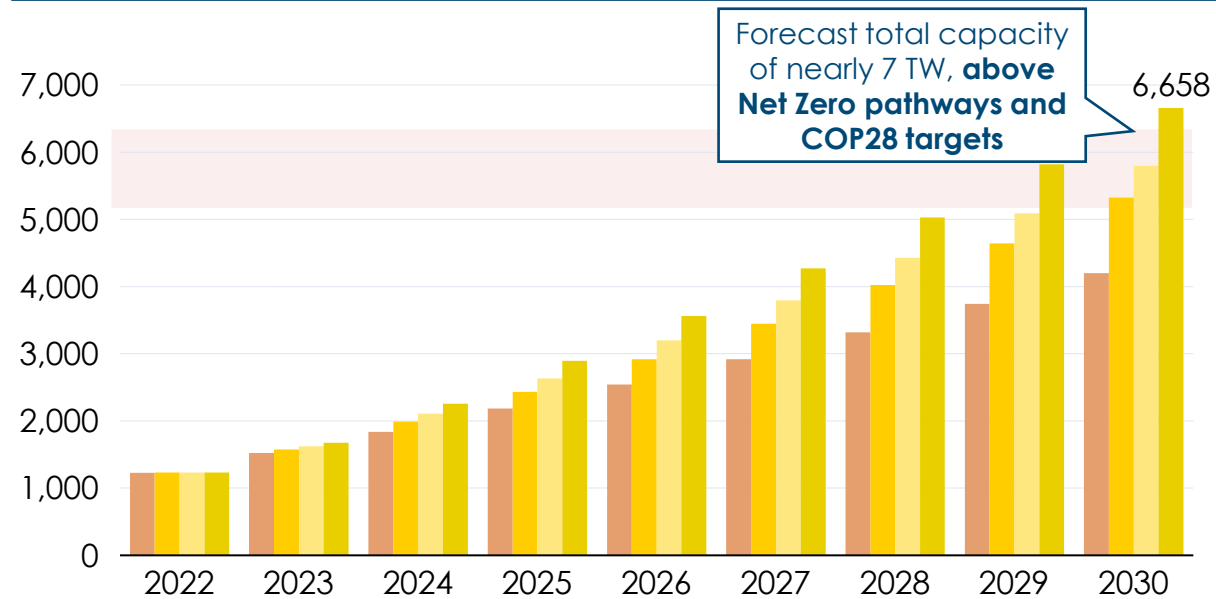
State of the clean transition



Renewables capacity is taking off – progressing towards the global ‘tripling’ by 2030

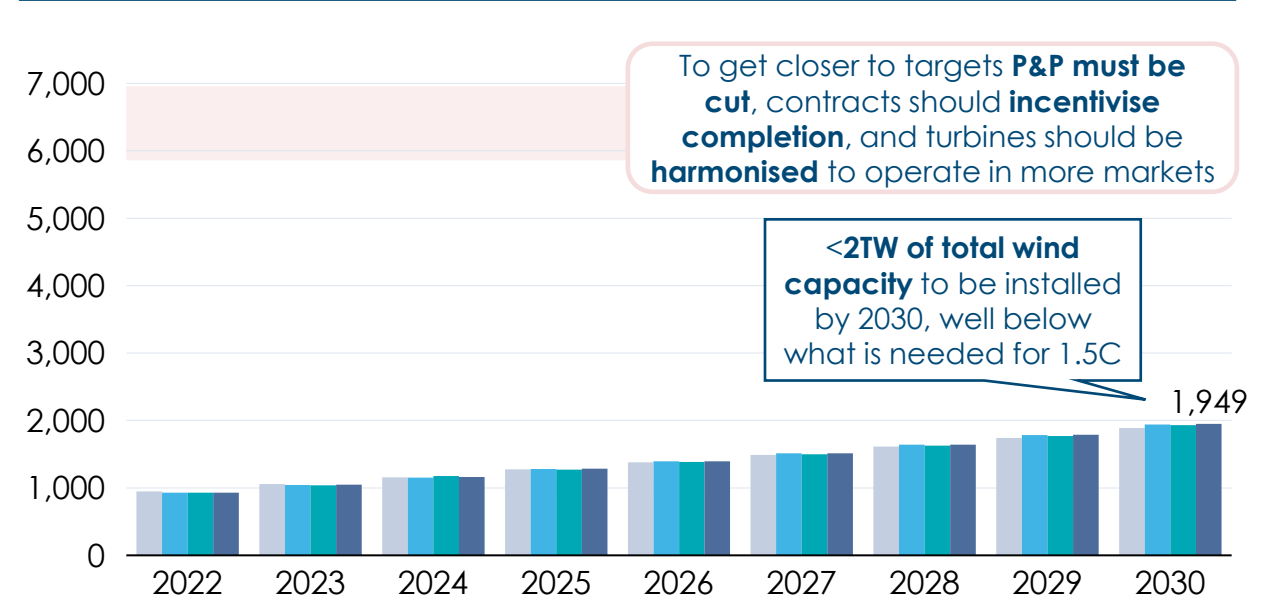
Recent solar forecasts are now aligned to ETC 2030 milestones

GW total capacity installed



Recent wind forecasts still fall behind ETC 2030 milestones

GW total capacity installed



October 2022 forecast October 2023 forecast
 June 2023 forecast June 2024 forecast

Range for 1.5C Net Zero Pathways and COP28 Targets¹

October 2022 forecast October 2023 forecast
 June 2023 forecast June 2024 forecast

Solar forecasts keep accelerating due to manufacturing capacity buildup and the modularity of panels

Continued slow growth for wind ex-China, where barriers are higher (e.g. supply chain, land allocation, permitting)

Note: ¹ The COP28 presidency has a target to treble renewables (incl. solar, wind, hydropower, bioenergy, geothermal) by 2030. This would involve a roughly 5x increase in solar PV and 3x increase in wind from 2022.

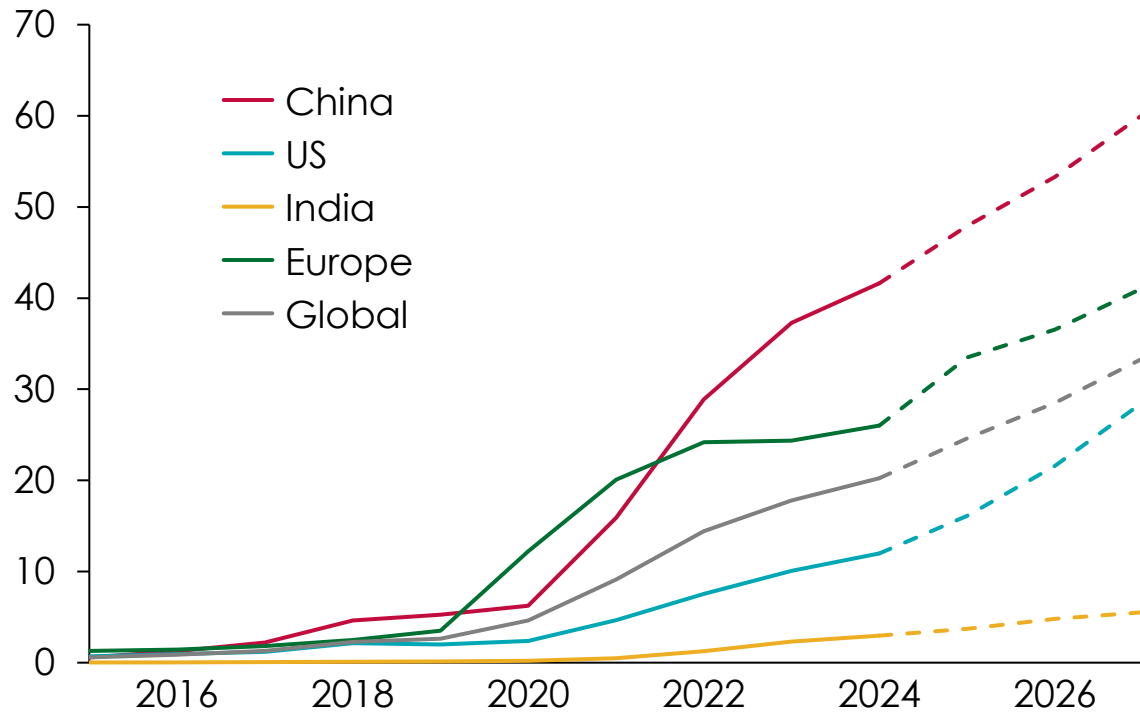
Source: Systemiq analysis for the ETC; BNEF (2022/23/24) *Global Installed Capacity*



EV sales continue to grow at pace, despite slowdowns in some markets

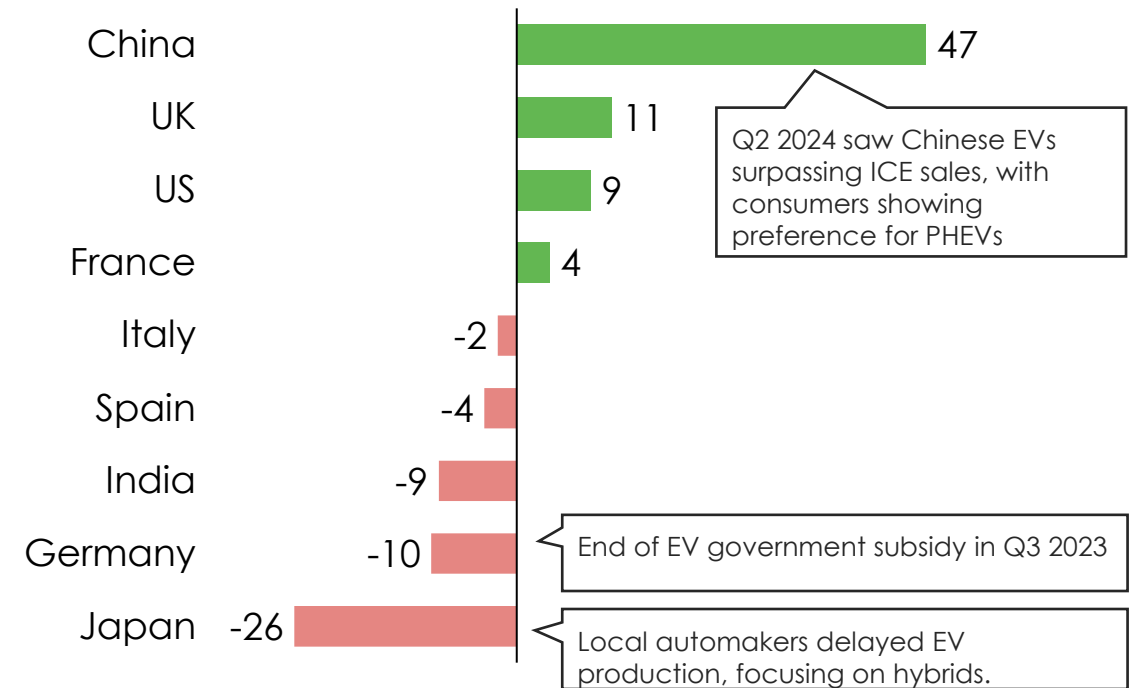
EV sales share development in key markets

%



Q2 2023 to Q2 2024 EV sales development in key markets

%



Speed of uptake is dependent on total cost of ownership – Chinese manufacturers such as BYD now selling family sized cars for low cost

BYD Seagull – small family sized car for ~\$10-12,000

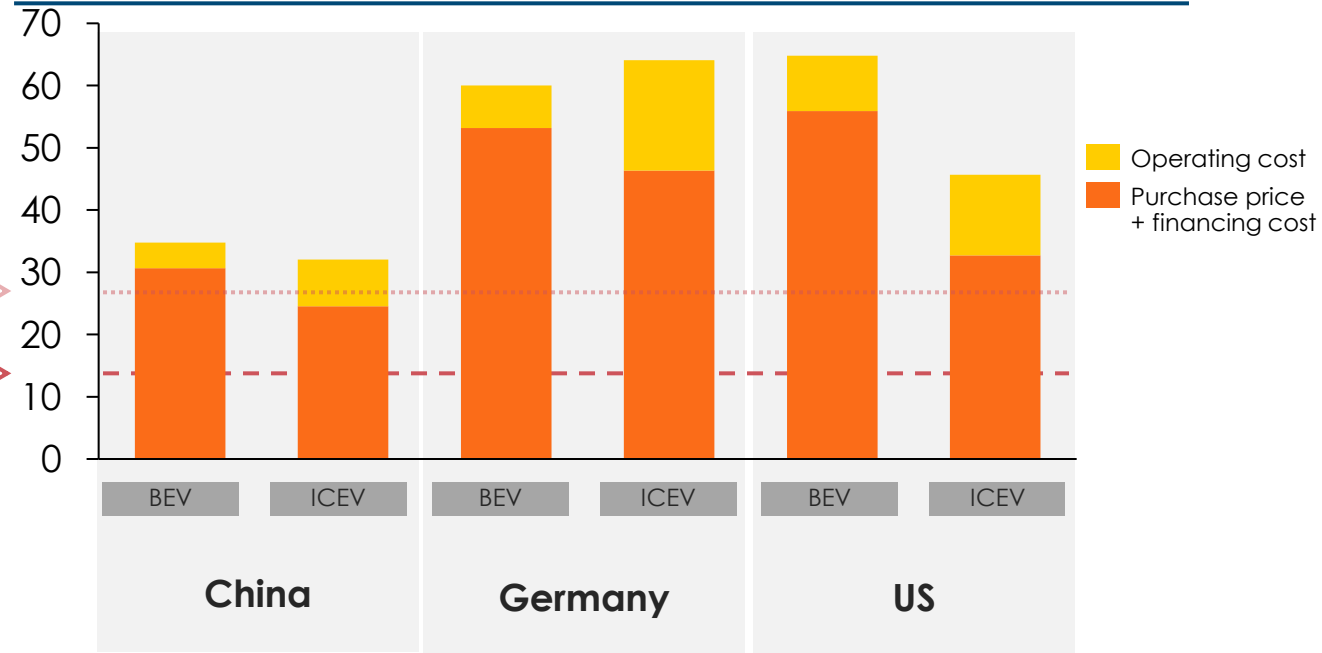


Note: medium sized EVs typically cost around \$10-15,000 more than small

The BYD Seagull sells for around \$12,000 in China, with shorter range version under \$10,000

Purchase and operating costs for medium-sized BEV and ICE

USD \$1000s (2022 purchase costs)

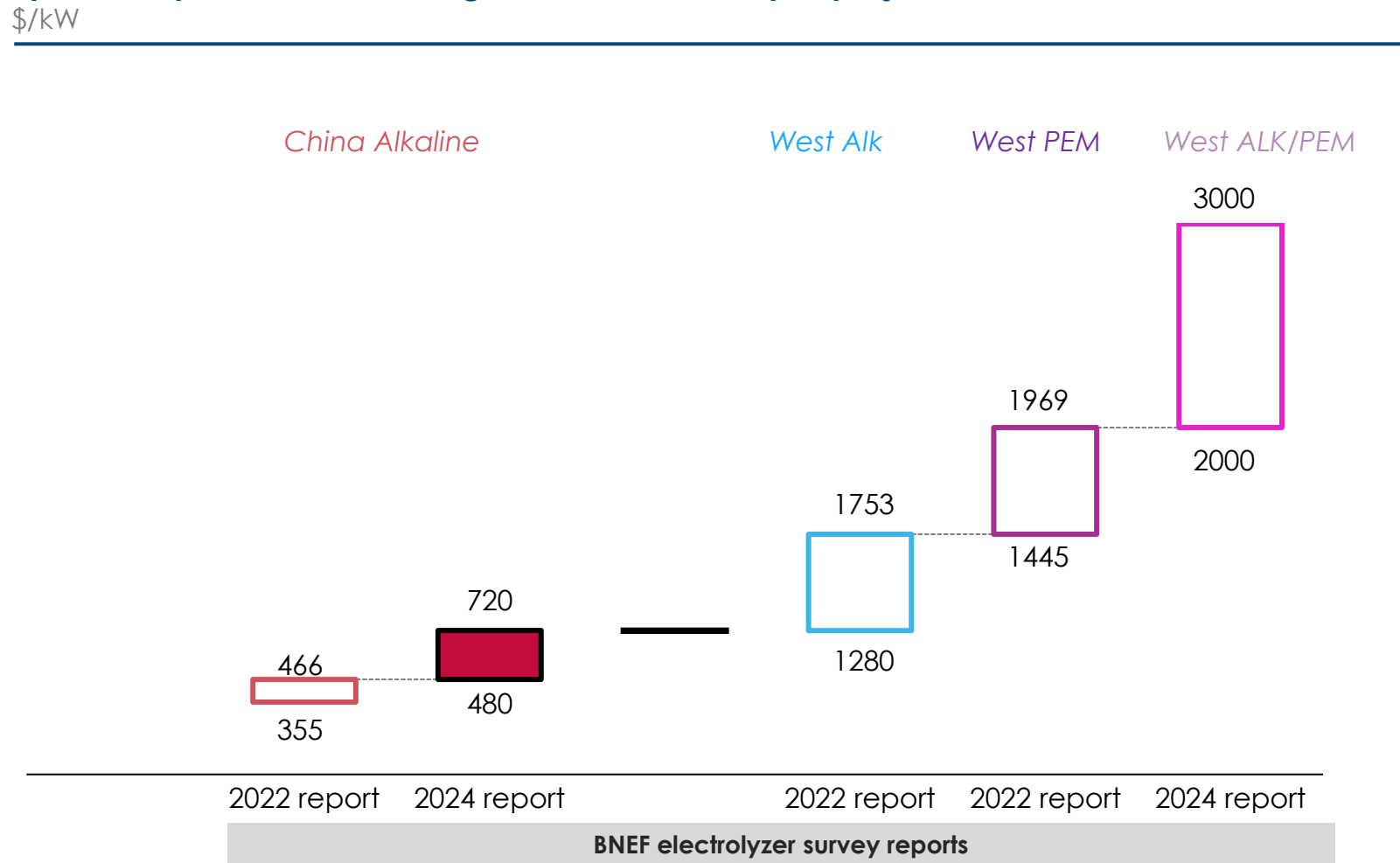


Subsidy scheme now abolished

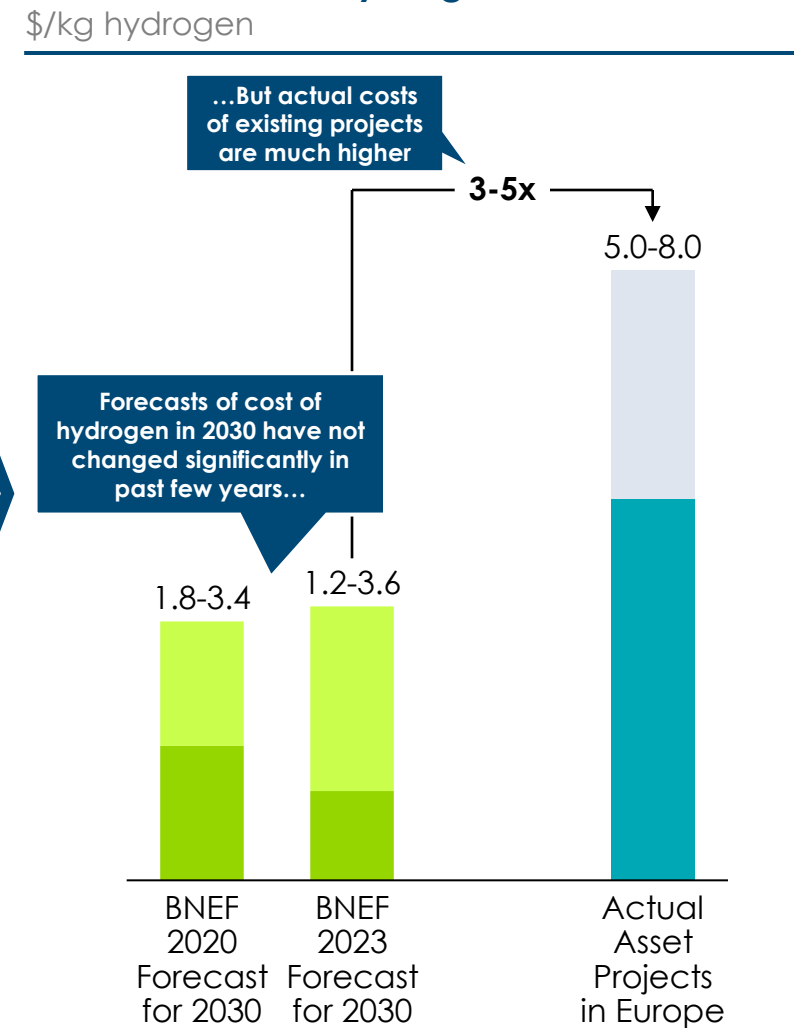
Notes: subsidies included in EV purchase price in RHS chart: China: \$4,700; Germany: \$5450; US \$8000.
Sources: IEA (2024), Global EV Outlook 2024. Electrek (2024) BYD's new EV, starting at less than \$10000, is stoking fear

Projections of electrolyser prices have increased dramatically over the past years, and significant progress required to drive down H2 costs by 2030

System capex forecast of large alkaline electrolysis projects



Levelised cost of hydrogen

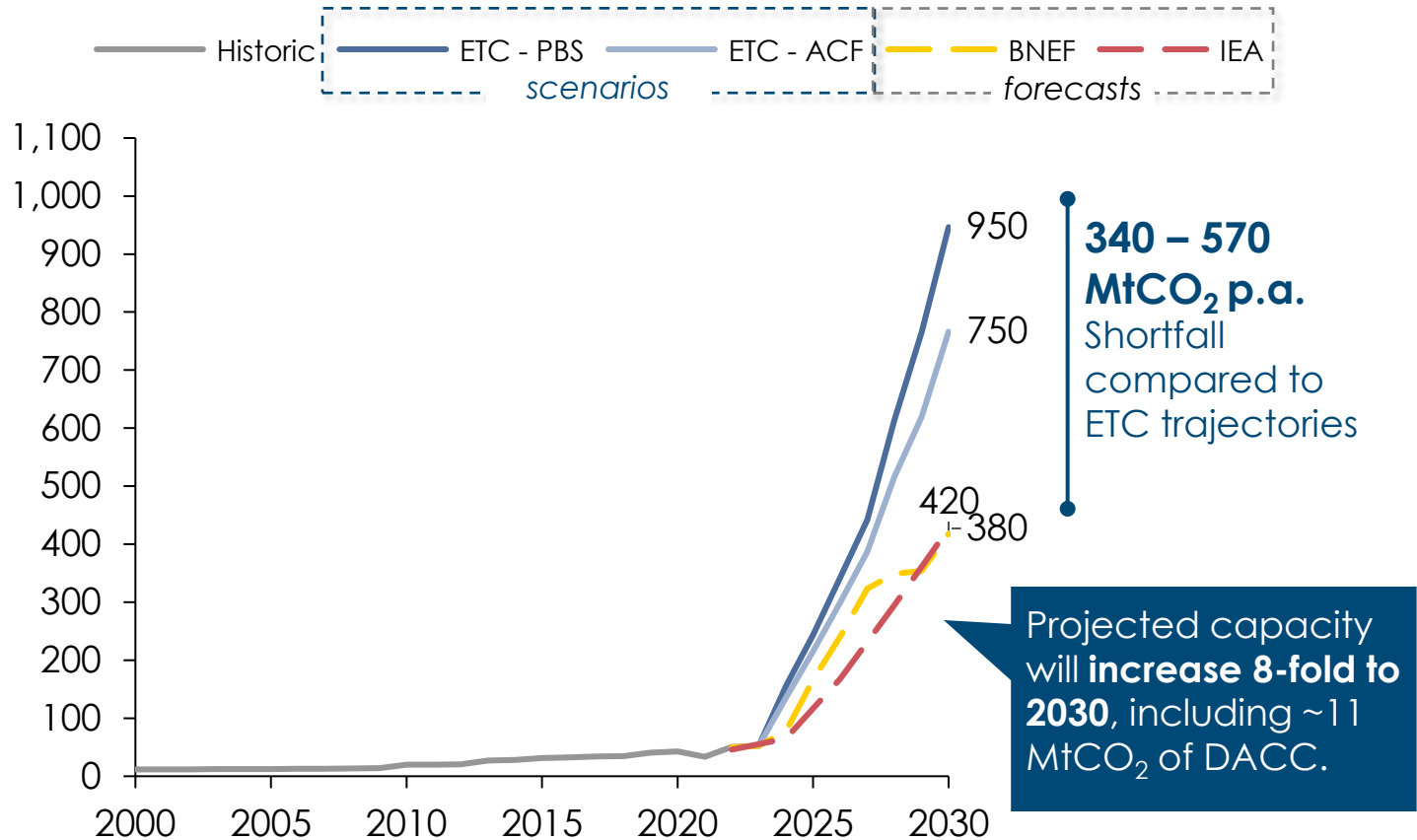


Note: ALK = Alkaline electrolyser. PEM = Proton Exchange Membrane electrolyser.
 Source: Systemiq analysis for the ETC; BNEF (2024), *Electrolyzer Price Survey 2024: Rising Costs*, Glitchy Tech

Projected CCUS capacity to 2030 includes ~8x growth from current levels, but falls well short of what is required for ETC's new pathways

Total Carbon Capture Utilisation and Storage (CCUS) capacity to 2030

MtCO₂ p.a.



Key developments:

- 45% of announced capacity is in US, driven by IRA; 30% in Europe driven by carbon price + national policy support
- Projects increasingly extending beyond fossil production/power, into bioenergy, iron and steel, Direct Air Capture
- UK committed £22bn subsidy to 2x CCUS clusters over 25 year period

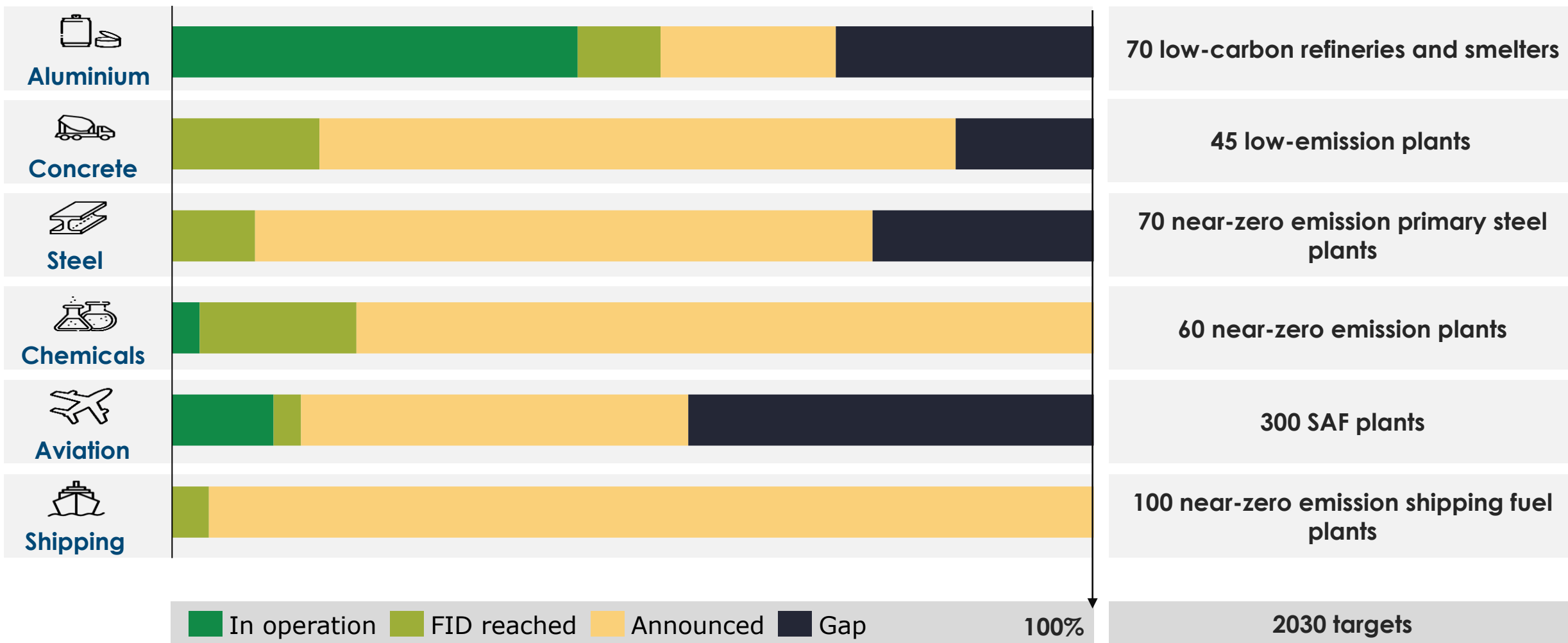
Projected capacity will **increase 8-fold to 2030**, including ~11 MtCO₂ of DACC.

Note: ¹ IRA = Inflation Reduction Act. The values presented here based on BNEF/IEA include direct air carbon capture (DACC) projects, but the volumes by 2030 are expected to be very low, 10-15 MtCO₂ p.a. of capacity. Values are rounded.

Source: Systemiq analysis for the ETC; BNEF (2024) CCUS Projects Database 1h 2024; IEA (2024), IEA, Capacity of current and planned large-scale CO₂ capture projects vs. the Net Zero Scenario, 2020-2030, BCG (2023), Impact of IRA, IJJA, CHIPS, and Energy Act of 2020 on Clean Technologies



Heavy industry and mobility: big gap between number of announced projects and those past FID; lack of firm offtake identified as key barrier



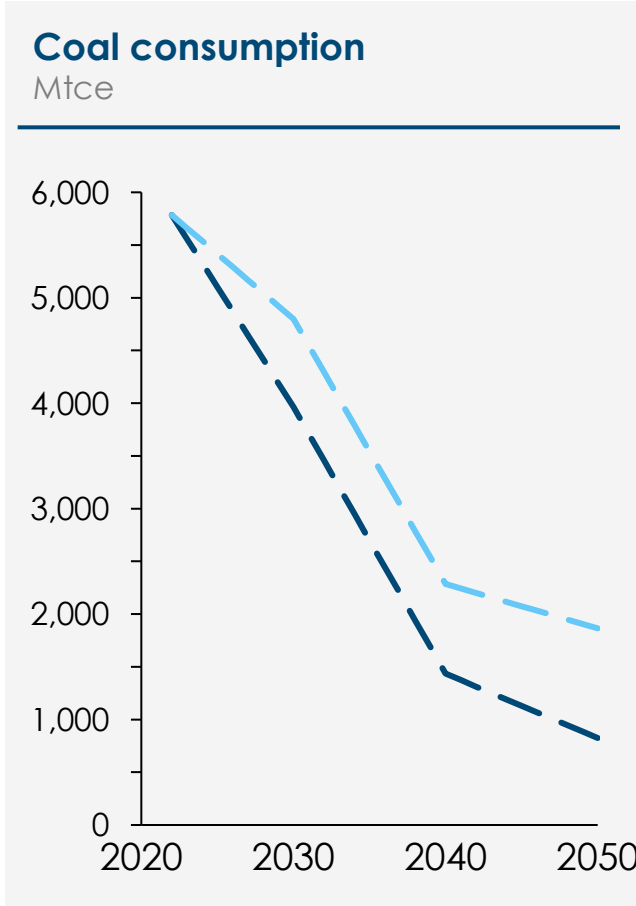
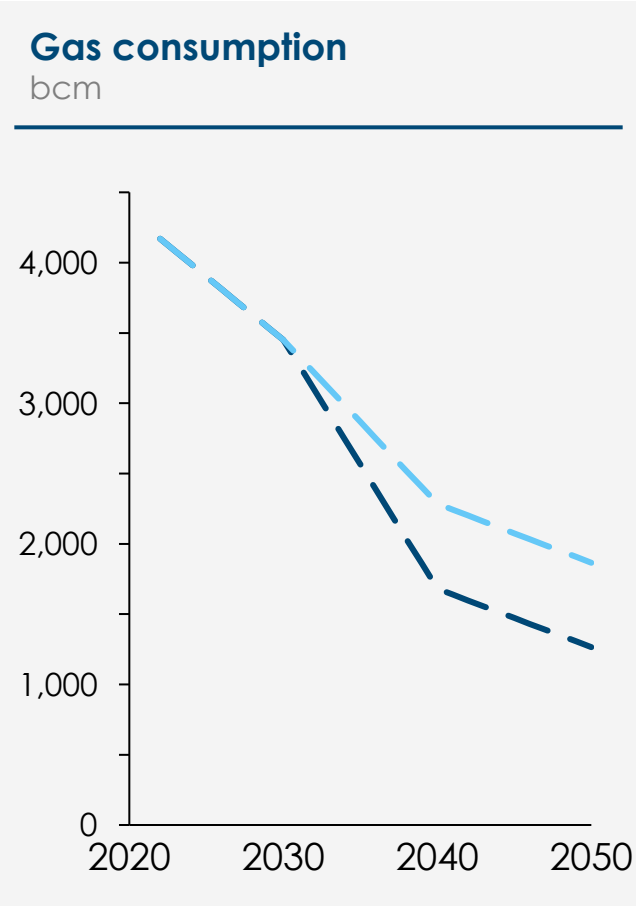
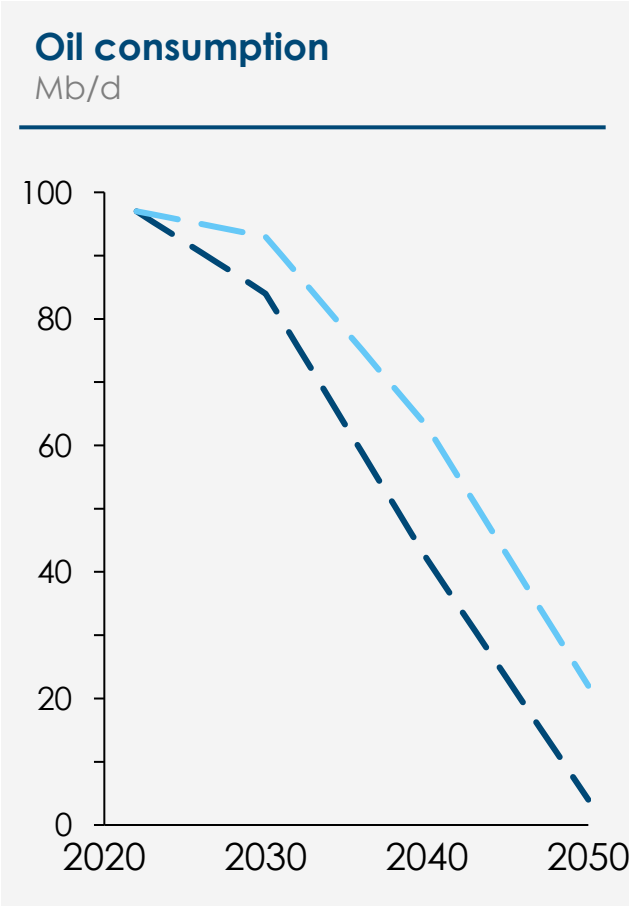
Source: Mission Possible Partnership (2024), *Global Project Tracker*.



Outlook for fossil fuels



Reminder: in 2023 ETC published two scenarios for fossil fuels: Ambitious but Clearly Feasible (ACF) and Possible but Clearly Stretching (PBS)



— ETC - Possible but Stretching Scenario
— ETC - Ambitious but Clearly Feasible Scenario



Source: ETC (2023), *Fossil Fuels in Transition*; BP (I2024), *Energy Outlook*; BNEF (2024), *New Energy Outlook*; IEA (2023), *World Energy Outlook*; Coal icon from Flaticon (2024), *coal*
 Note: only BNEF data is on year-on-year basis, e.g. IEA goes from decade to decade.

To understand trends in fossil fuels, important to look at normative vs. descriptive pathways, and current trends by fuel

Normative climate scenarios

Outlines the necessary emission reduction trajectory to meet the Paris Agreement targets.

Examples*:

- **ETC – Possible but Stretching Scenario (PBS)**
- **IEA – Net-Zero Scenario (NZS)**
- **BNEF – Net-Zero Scenario (NZS)**
- **BP – Net-Zero Scenario (NZS)**
- Shell – Sky 2050

**Bold are compared in subsequent slides*

Descriptive scenarios

Outlines the emission reduction trajectory that will/might occur based on current policy and economic considerations.

Examples:

- **IEA – Stated Policies Scenario**
- **IEA – Announced Pledges Scenario**
- **BNEF – Economic Transition Scenario (ETS)**
- **BP – Current Scenario**
- Shell – Archipelagos

Included for comparison:

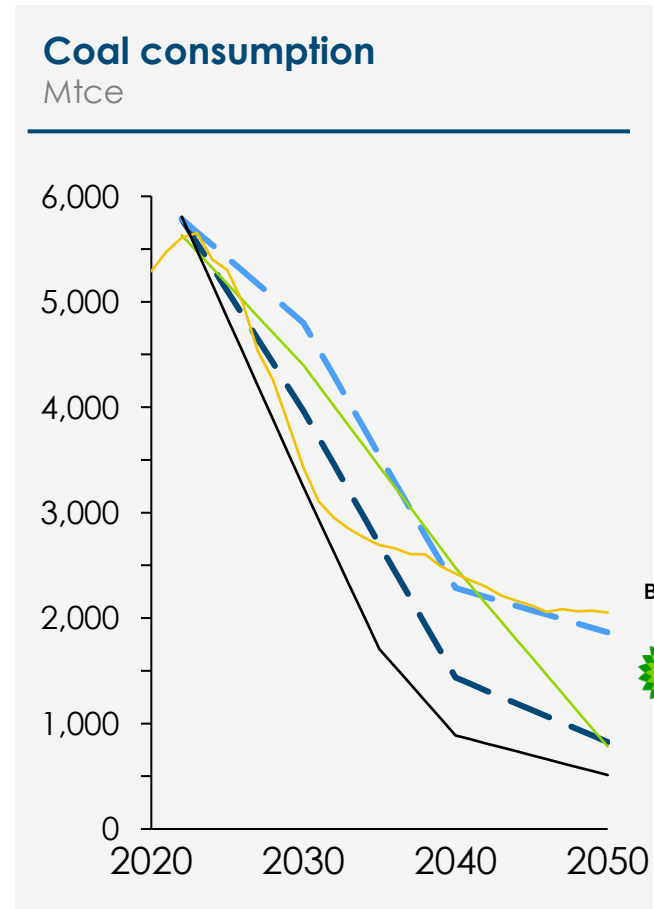
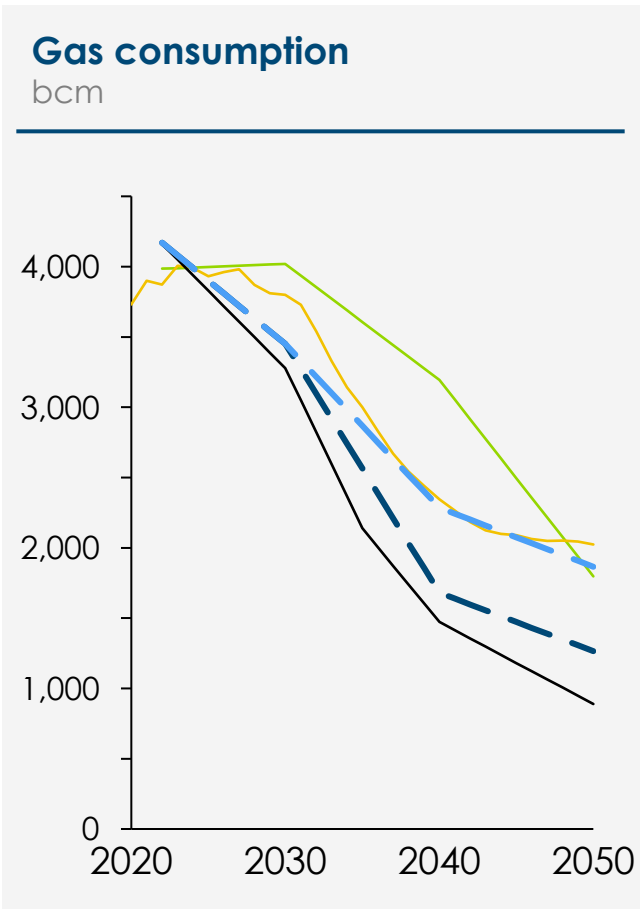
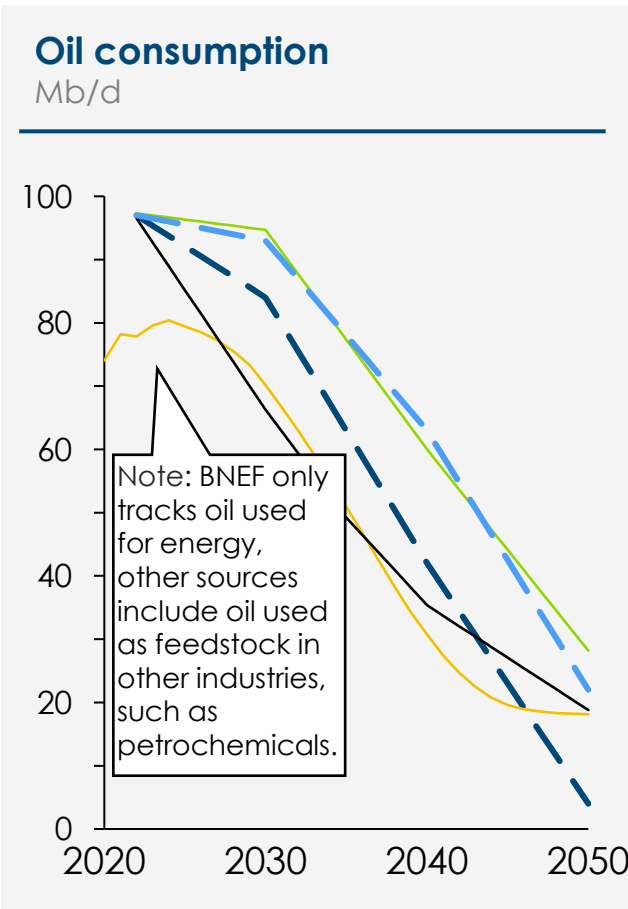
- ETC – Ambitious but Clearly Feasible Scenario (ACF)¹

Key input assumptions: current trends by fuel (including fossil and low-carbon fuels).
Deep dive on current trends for fossil fuels coming later in presentation.

Notes: 1) The ETC scenarios have been categorized as either normative or descriptive: PBS aligns more closely with net-zero scenarios. Whilst the ACF is a mixture of descriptive (in very short term) and normative (longer-term) it is shown for comparison purposes alongside descriptive scenarios. IEA stated policies considers firm policy commitments only whereas announced pledges considers potential impact if climate pledges beyond policy commitments are met.

Normative scenarios point to large declines in all fossil fuels to 2050

Global – normative net-zero scenarios



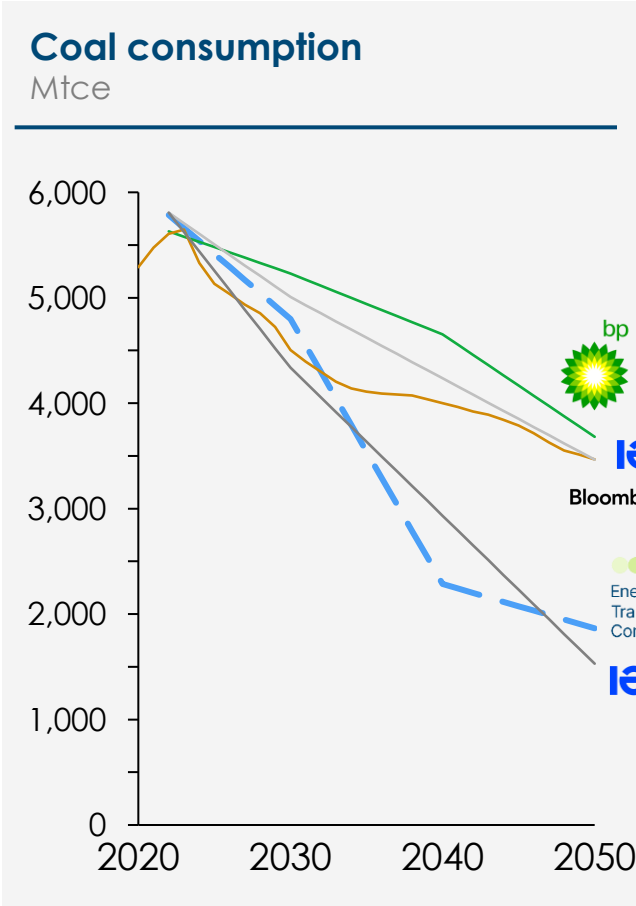
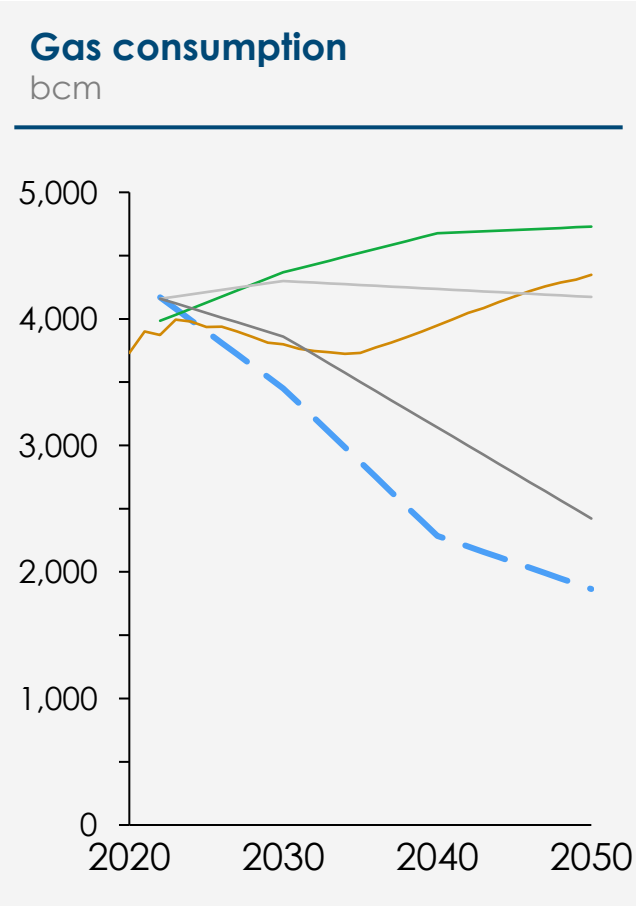
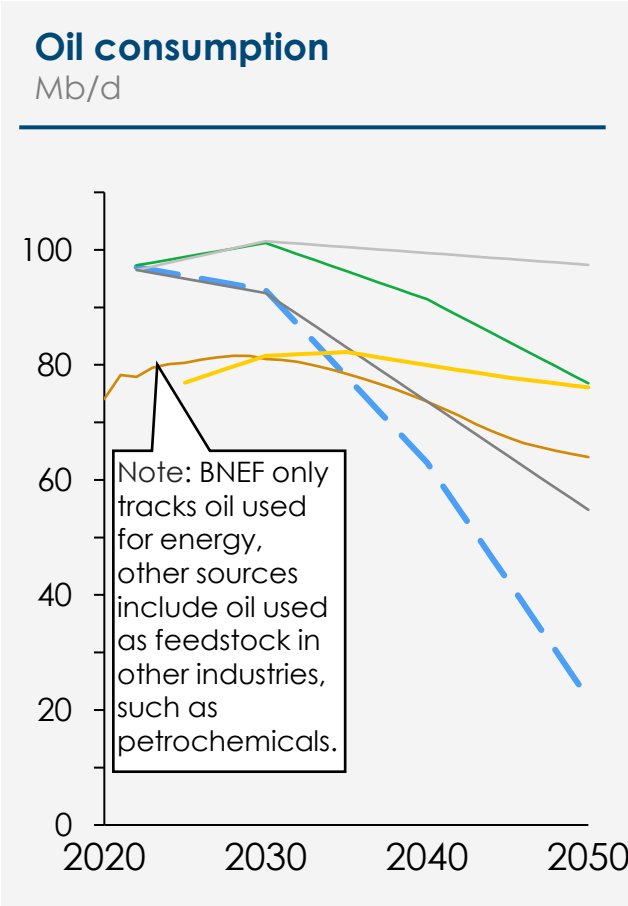
- ETC - Possible but Stretching Scenario
 - ETC - Ambitious but Clearly Feasible Scenario
 - BP - Net Zero
 - BNEF - Net Zero Scenario
 - IEA - Net Zero Emissions by 2050
- BloombergNEF
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Energy Transitions Commission
iea NZE



Source: ETC (2023), *Fossil Fuels in Transition*; BP (I2024), *Energy Outlook*; BNEF (2024), *New Energy Outlook*; IEA (2023), *World Energy Outlook*; Coal icon from Flaticon (2024), coal
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Descriptive scenarios agree coal will decline, but highlight much wider uncertainty around pace and levels of decline in all fuels

Global – Descriptive economic transition scenarios



- ETC - Ambitious but Clearly Feasible Scenario (included for comparison only)
 - BP - Current Scenario
 - BNEF - Economic Transition Scenario
 - IEA - Stated Policies
 - IEA - Announced Pledges
- bp
- iea STEPS
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- iea APS



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Descriptive fossil projections from 2020 to 2023 have seen minor revisions downwards

2020 vs 2023 Projections

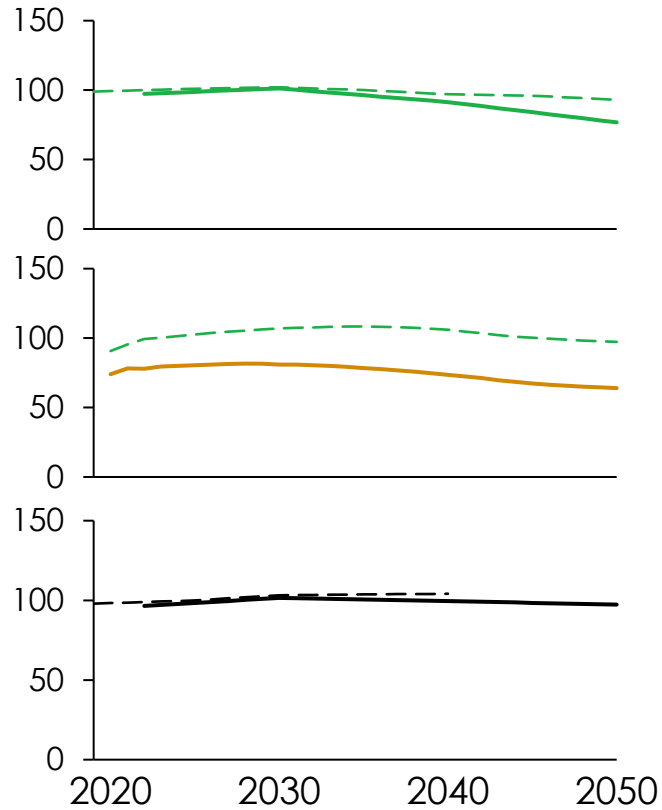
Oil 2023 vs 2020 projections
Mb/d



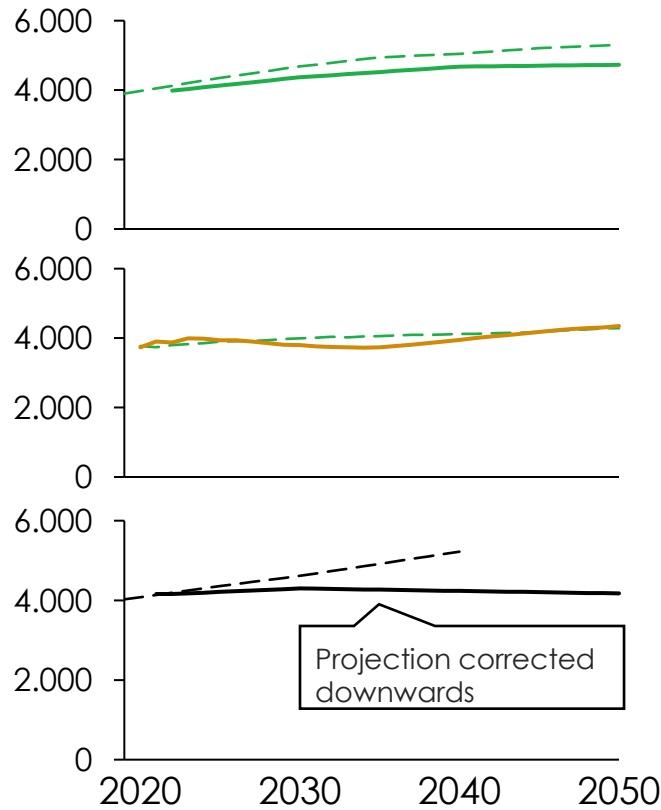
Gas 2023 vs 2020 projections
bcm



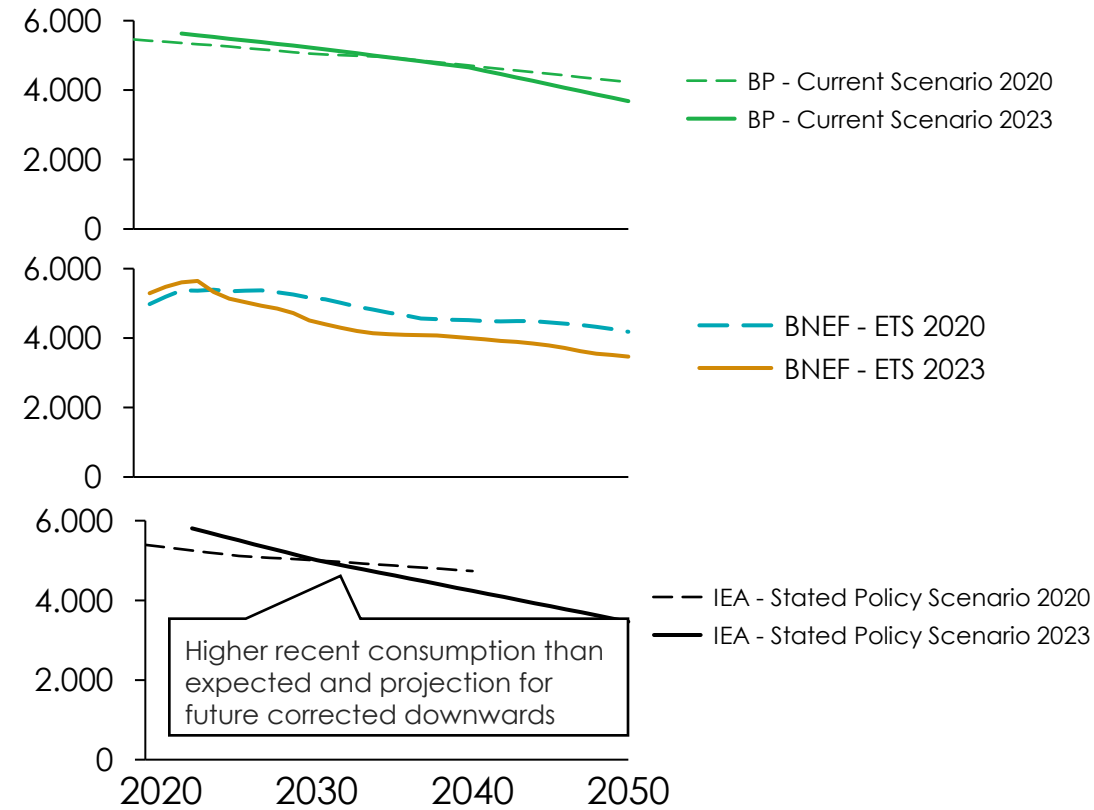
Coal 2023 vs 2020 projections
Mtce



Some downward correction



Some downward correction



Stronger downward correction

Source: BP (2020, 2023), Energy Outlook; IEA (2020, 2023), World Energy Outlook; BNEF (2020, 2023), New Energy Outlook
Note: BNEF 2023 excludes oil used in feedstock production

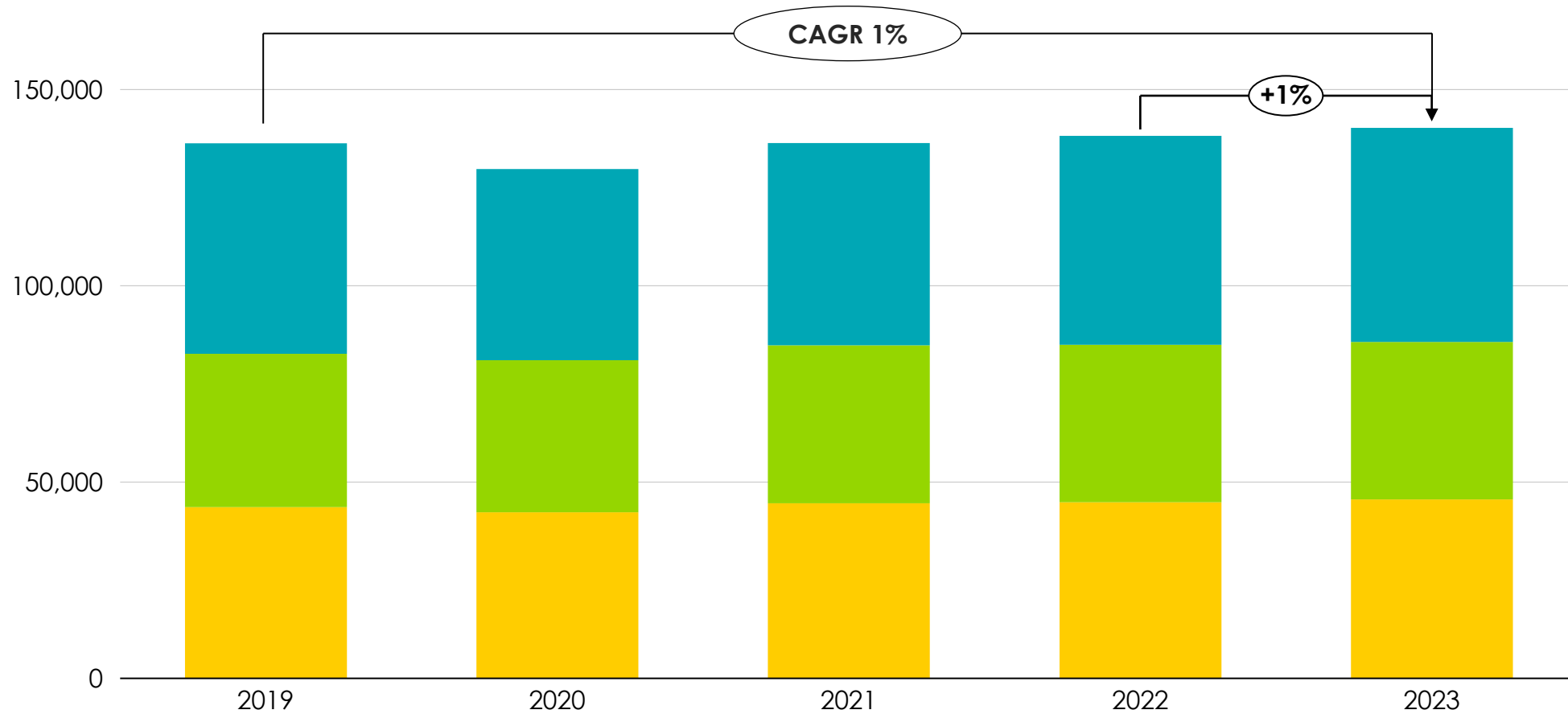
Fossil growth rate is constant across globe, as declines in the West are offset by rising demand in emerging markets

Global view
Fuel by Fuel

Annual fossil fuel consumption, world
TWh

Oil Gas Coal

CAGR of all fossil fuels



2019-2023 (CAGR)	
Oil	1%
Gas	0%
Coal	1%

2022-2023	
Oil	3%
Gas	0%
Coal	2%



Source: Our World in Data (2024), Fossil Fuels

Rising fossil fuel consumption in China and India surged driven by strong gas growth, partly offset through fossil declines in US and EU

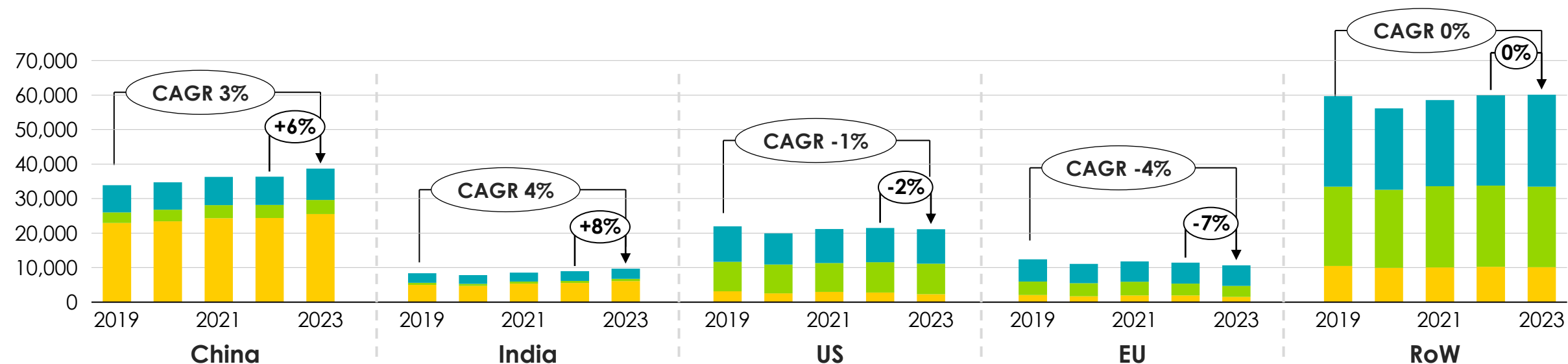
Regional view
Fuel by Fuel

Annual fossil fuel consumption by region

TWh

Oil Gas Coal

CAGR of all fossil fuels



Region	2019-2023 (CAGR)	2022-2023
China	Oil: 8%	Oil: 11%
	Gas: 7%	Gas: 7%
	Coal: 3%	Coal: 5%
India	Oil: 1%	Oil: 5%
	Gas: 1%	Gas: 7%
	Coal: 5%	Coal: 10%
US	Oil: -1%	Oil: 0%
	Gas: 1%	Gas: 1%
	Coal: -6%	Coal: -17%
EU	Oil: -2%	Oil: -2%
	Gas: -5%	Gas: -7%
	Coal: -6%	Coal: -20%
RoW	Oil: 0%	Oil: 2%
	Gas: 0%	Gas: 0%
	Coal: -1%	Coal: 0%

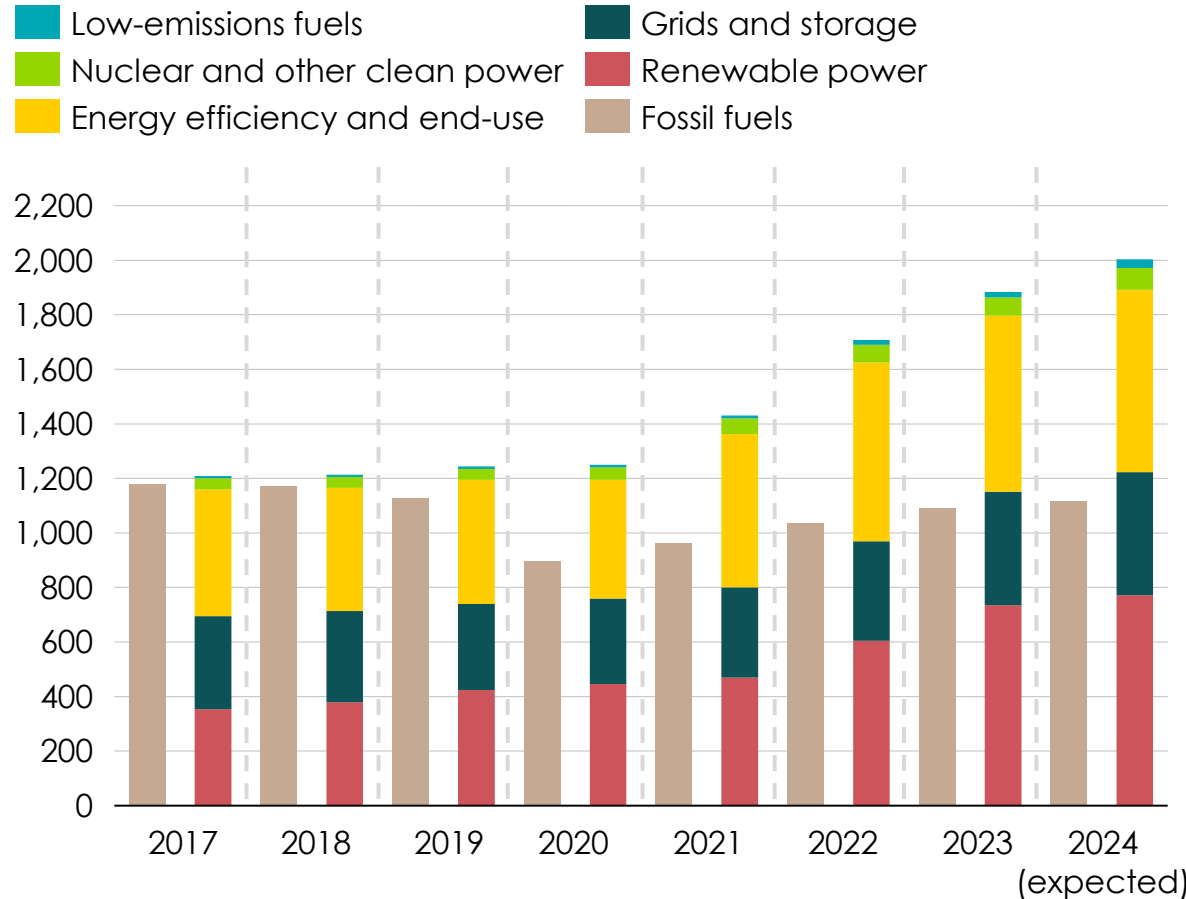


Source: Our World in Data (2024), Fossil Fuels

Led by China and the EU, the world now invests nearly twice as much in clean technologies as it does in fossil fuels

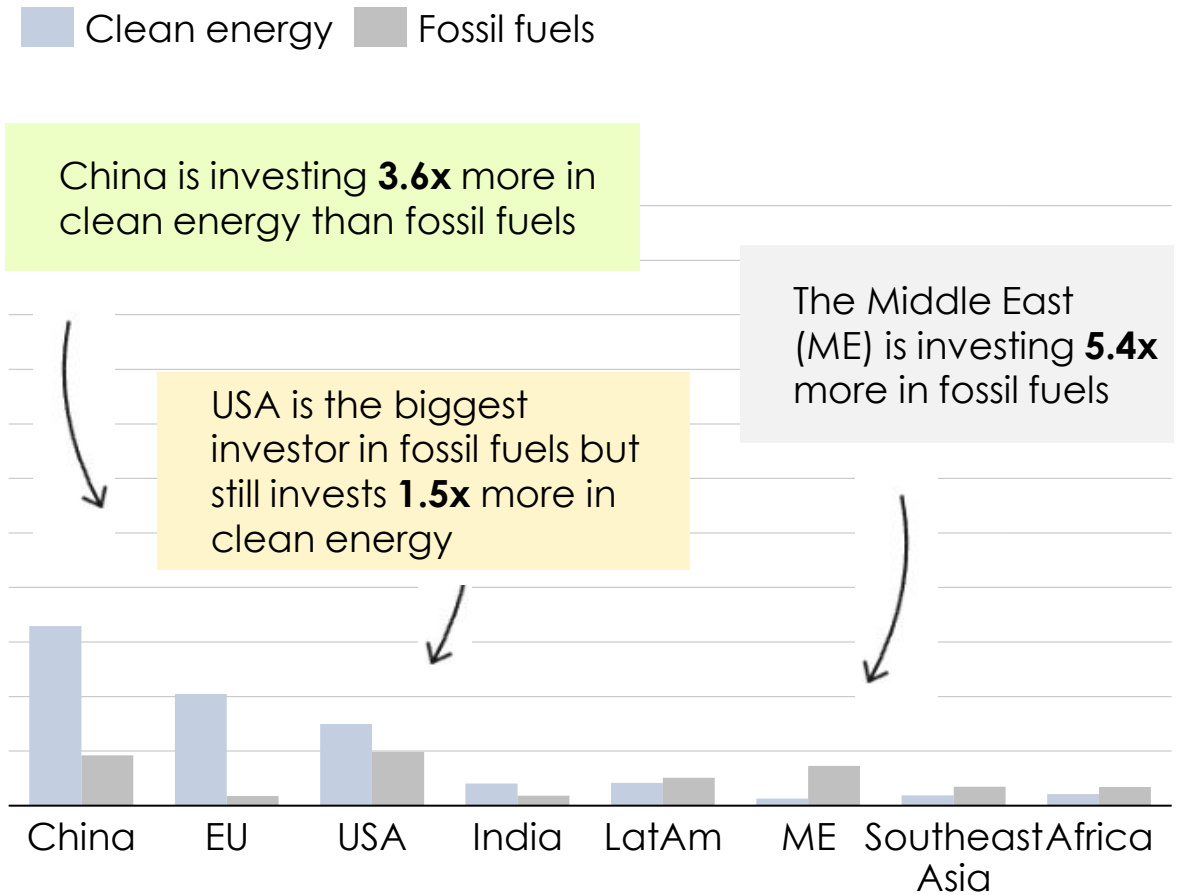
Global investment in clean energy and fossil fuels

Billion USD (2023); 2015–2024



Investment in energy by country or region in 2024

Billion USD (2023)



Source: IEA (2024), World Energy Investment 2024

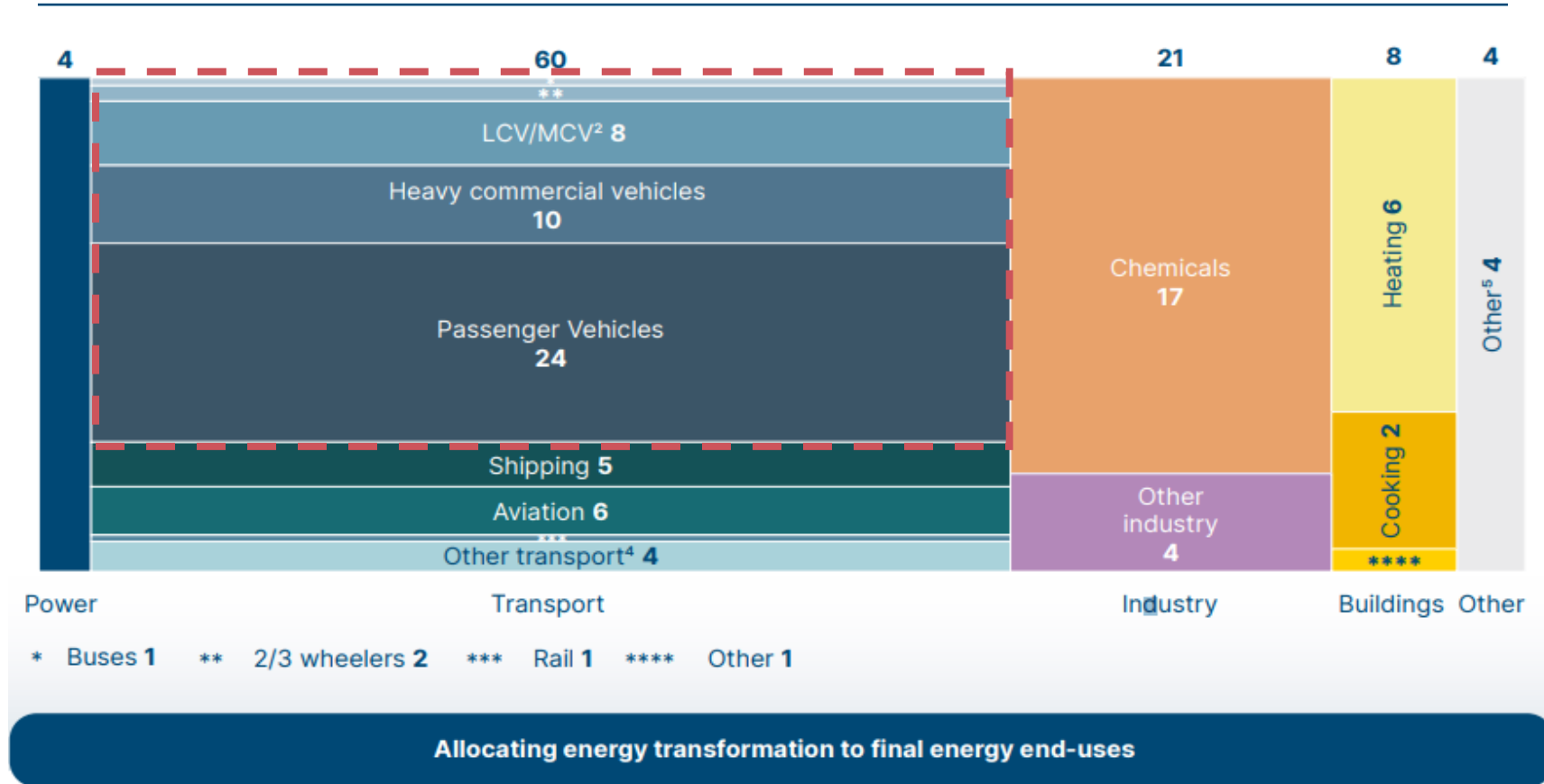
Oil



Reminder: Road transport accounts for ~50% of total oil demand

Sectoral breakdown of oil¹ consumption for 2022

Mb/d

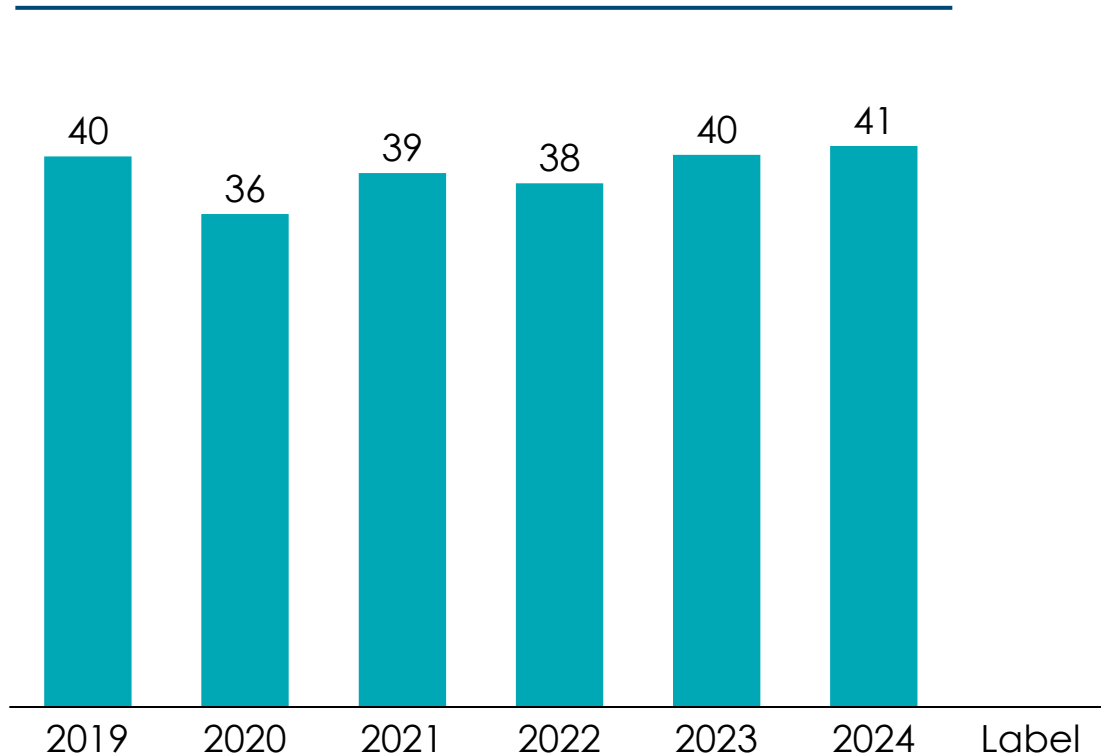


NOTE: All numbers are rounded. ¹Represents total liquids demand, including biofuels and processing gains from refineries; ²Light and Medium Commercial Vehicles. ³ refining; ⁴ incl. Agriculture, mining etc; ⁵ incl. Non energy uses; assumed 90%/10% split for oil use in feedstock and energy for the petrochemicals sector, difference from bottom-up aggregation with reported total demand with IEA (2.8%) is equally allocated across sectors. Source: Systemiq analysis for the ETC; RystadEnergy (2022), Oil Market Transition Report 2022; IEA (2023), World Energy Outlook 2023; IEA (2023), Oil Market Report; IEA (2019), The Future of Petrochemicals.

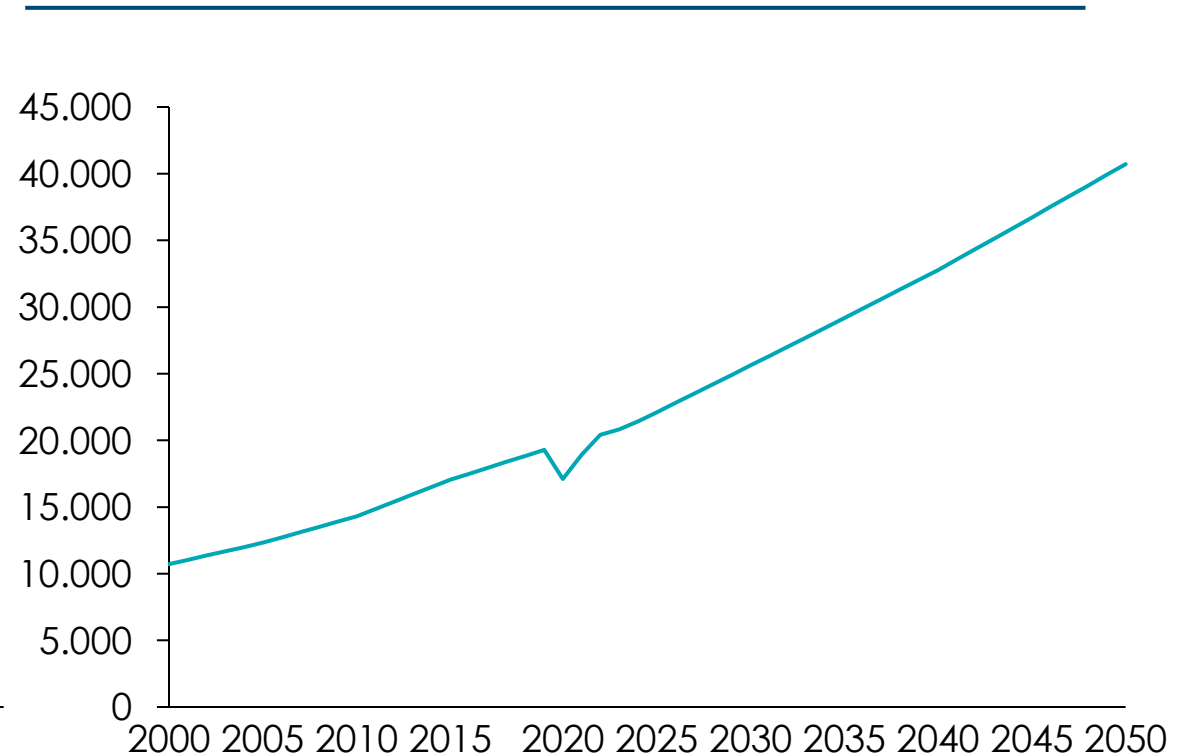


Global oil consumption for road transport has been increasing, driven by overall increase in passenger kilometres travelled

Global oil consumption for road transport
Mb/d



Passenger vehicle km travelled per year - Shell
Billion passenger km



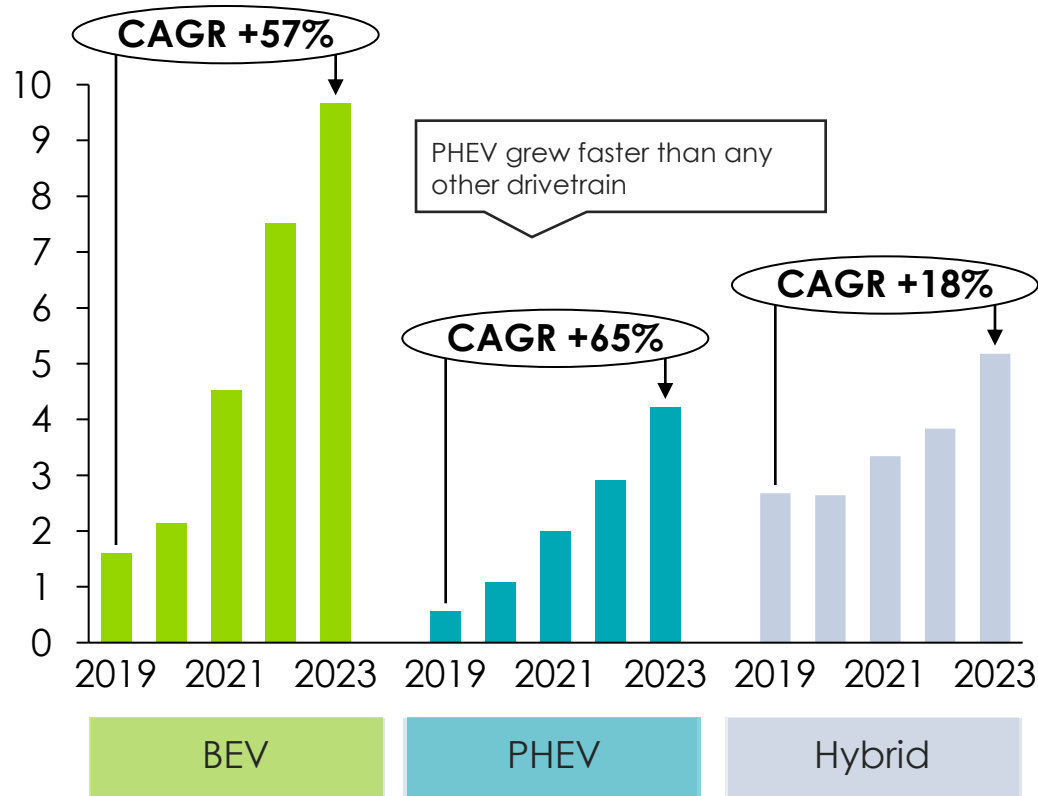
Source: BNEF (2024), NEO; Shell (2024), Energy Security Scenarios

Plug-in hybrid EVs (PHEV) have been the fastest-growing segment, surpassing battery-electric EVs (BEV), driven by rising PHEV market shares in China

Global view
BEV vs PHEV growth

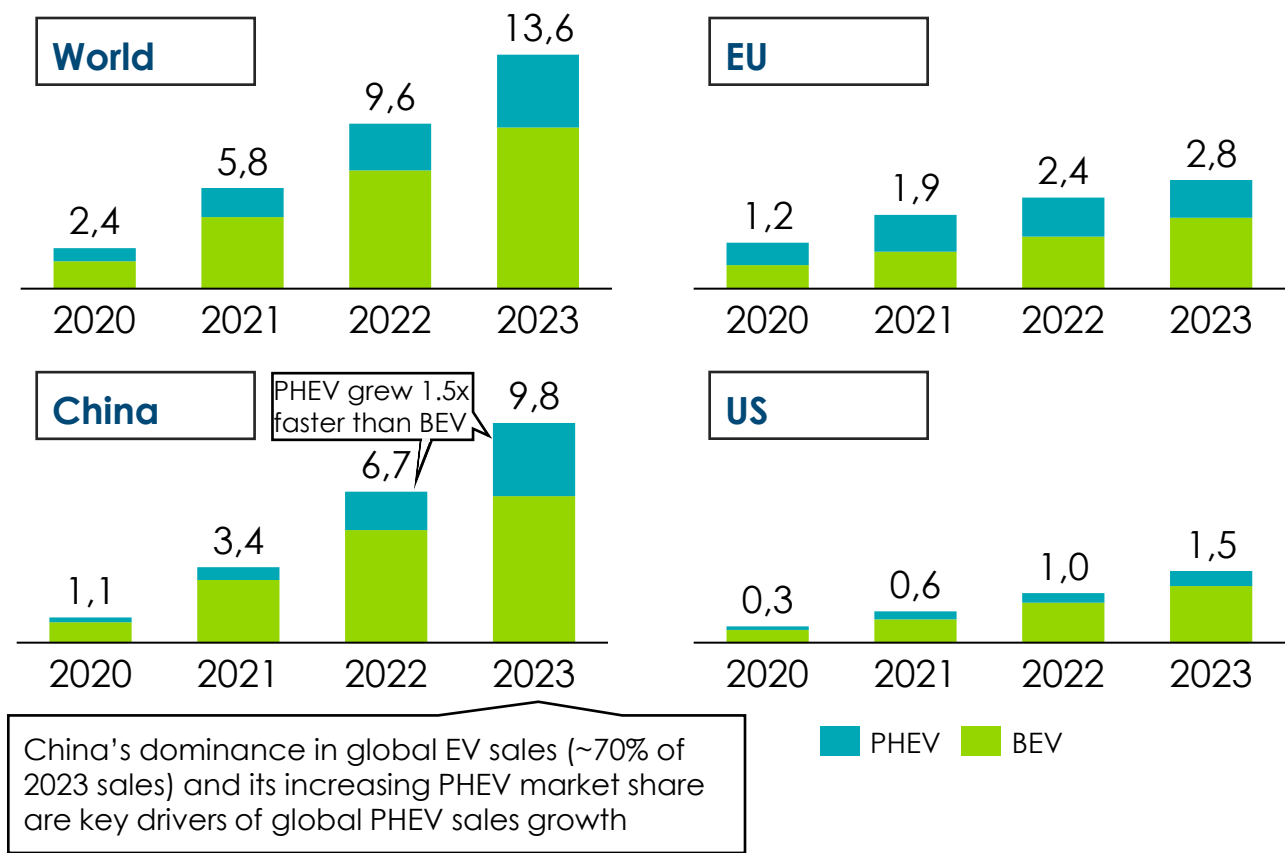
Global BEV, PHEV, and hybrid vehicle sales

Million vehicles sold



Share of new cars sold that are battery-electric and plug-in hybrid, 2020 to 2023

%



Source: BNEF (2024), The Return of Plug-In Hybrids: Electric Mileage Is Key; EV Volumes (2023), Global BEV & PHEV Sales; IEA (2024), Global EV Outlook 2024

PHEVs offer more versatile range utilization compared to BEV, but EV range increasingly close

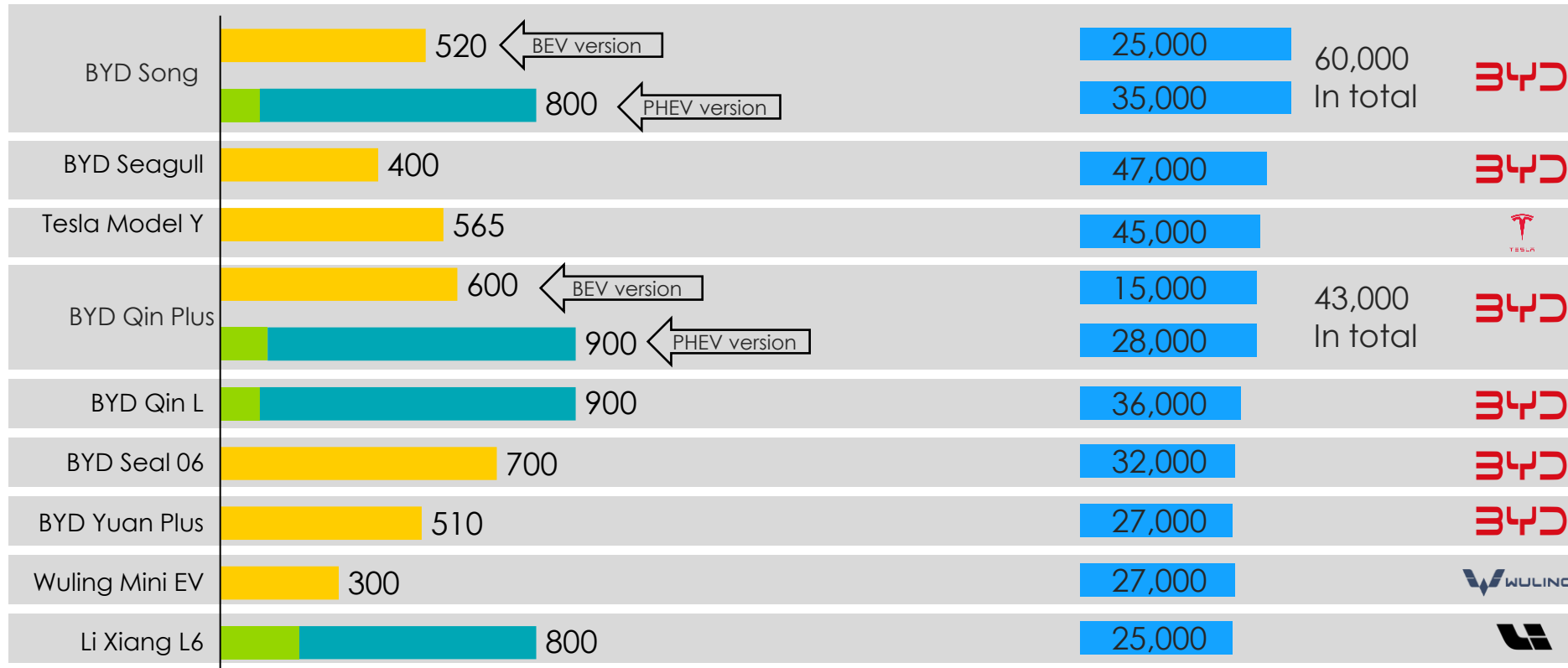


Ranges of the most popular BEV and PHEV models

km

Sold models in August 2024

Number of sold vehicles x1000



■ BEV
 ■ PHEV - range share of electric driving
 ■ PHEV - range share of gas engine

Even with small batteries – electric range of PHEVs, at ~100km, likely to satisfy most journey demand and lower emissions

1/3 of all EVs sold in August 2024 in China

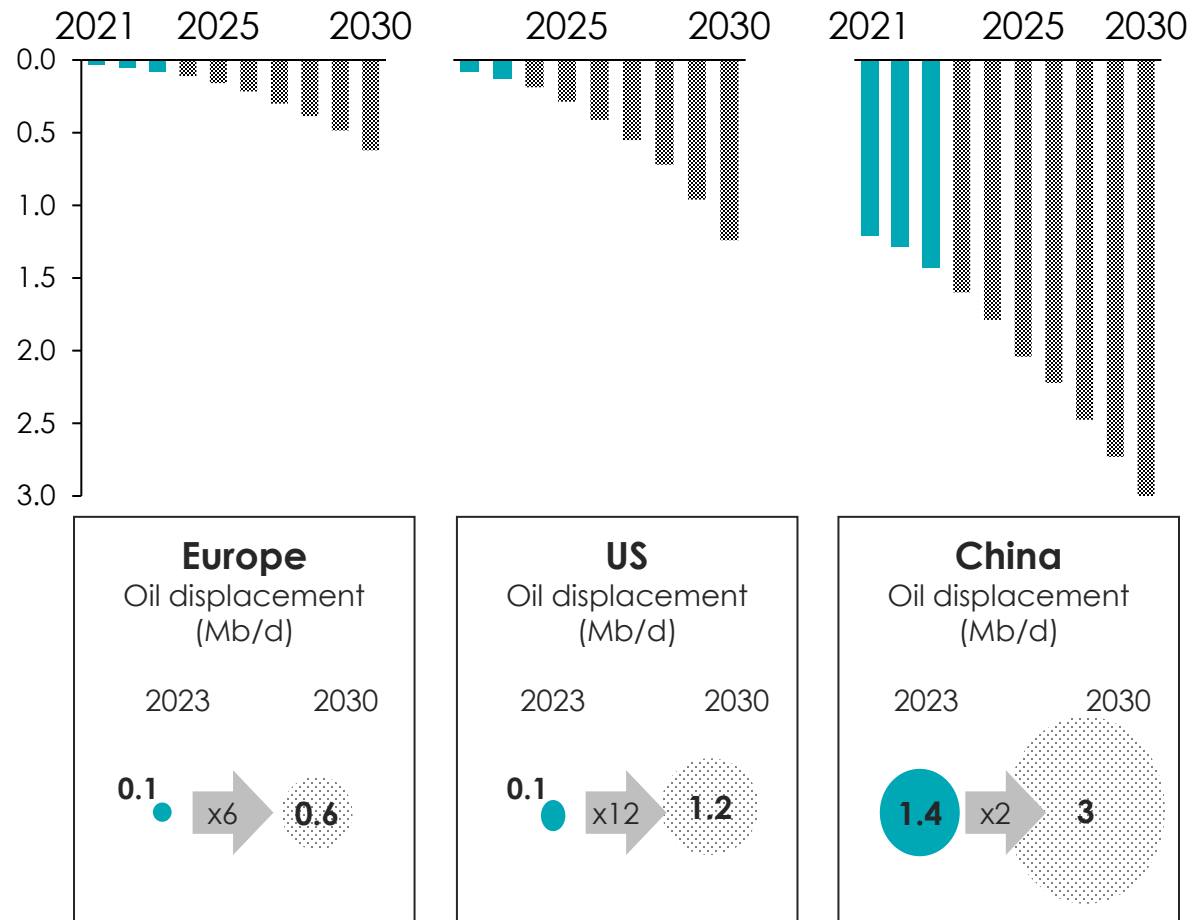
Source: BYD (2024); Tesla (2024); Wuling (2024), Li Xiang (2024); Photos from ML Truck (2023); Logos from company websites (2024)



Adoption of EVs already drive significant oil reduction, with China responsible for 75% of this shift

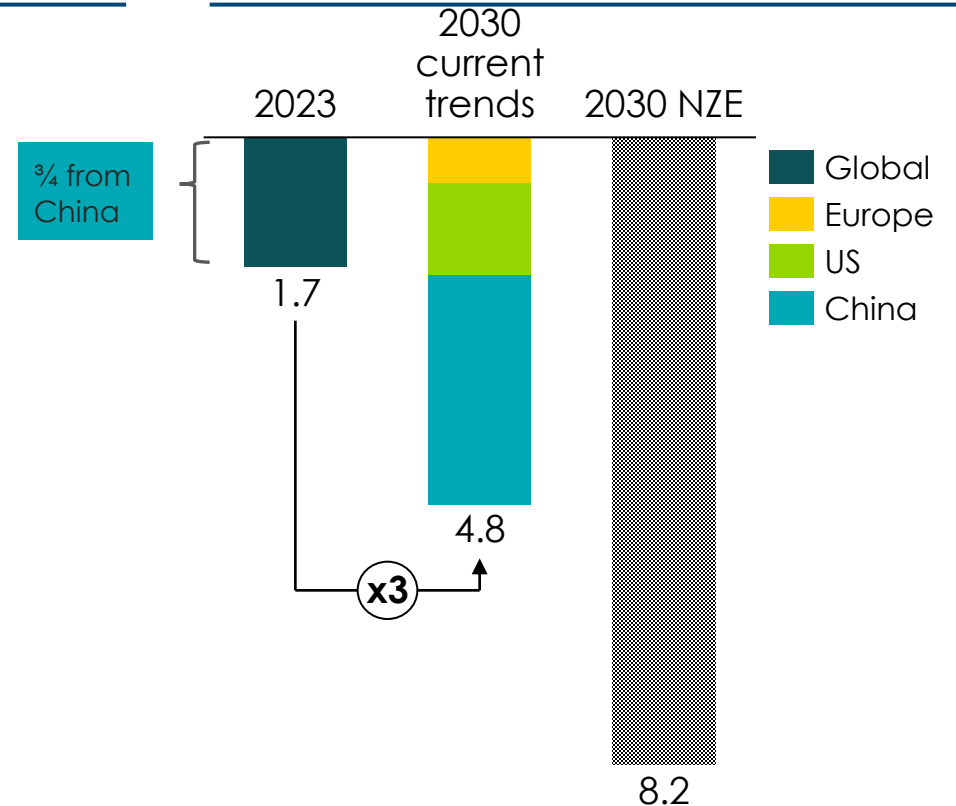
Regional: road fuel avoided by EV drivetrains per key regions, historic and expected

Mb/d



Global: road fuel avoided vs 2030 target

Mb/d



Source: BNEF (2024), Long-Term Electric Vehicle Outlook 2024; IEA (2024), Electric Vehicles

Long term trends continues to point light duty fully electric vehicles

- Even with small batteries – electric range of PHEVs, at ~100km, likely to satisfy most journey demand and lower emissions
- As battery costs continue to fall range and adoption of fuller/full EVs likely to increase, removing any remaining relative cost advantage of PHEV
- Innovation continues to focus on higher ranges and faster charging ranges, reducing consumer adoption barriers



Coal

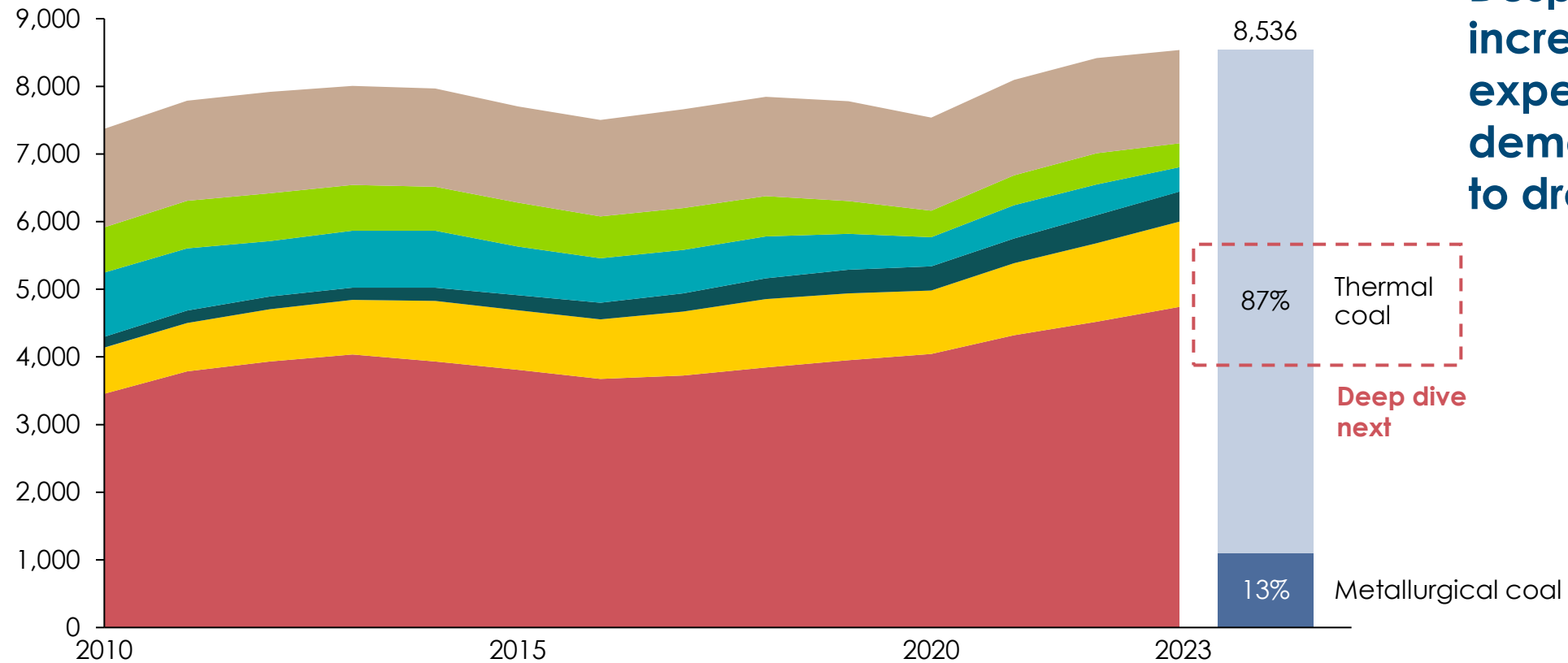


Global coal demand is expected to peak in 2023 and decrease thereafter

Global coal consumption, 2010-2023

Mt

RoW EU US ASEAN India China



Despite recent increases, IEA expects coal demand expected to drop 2% to 2026

87% Thermal coal

Deep dive next

13% Metallurgical coal

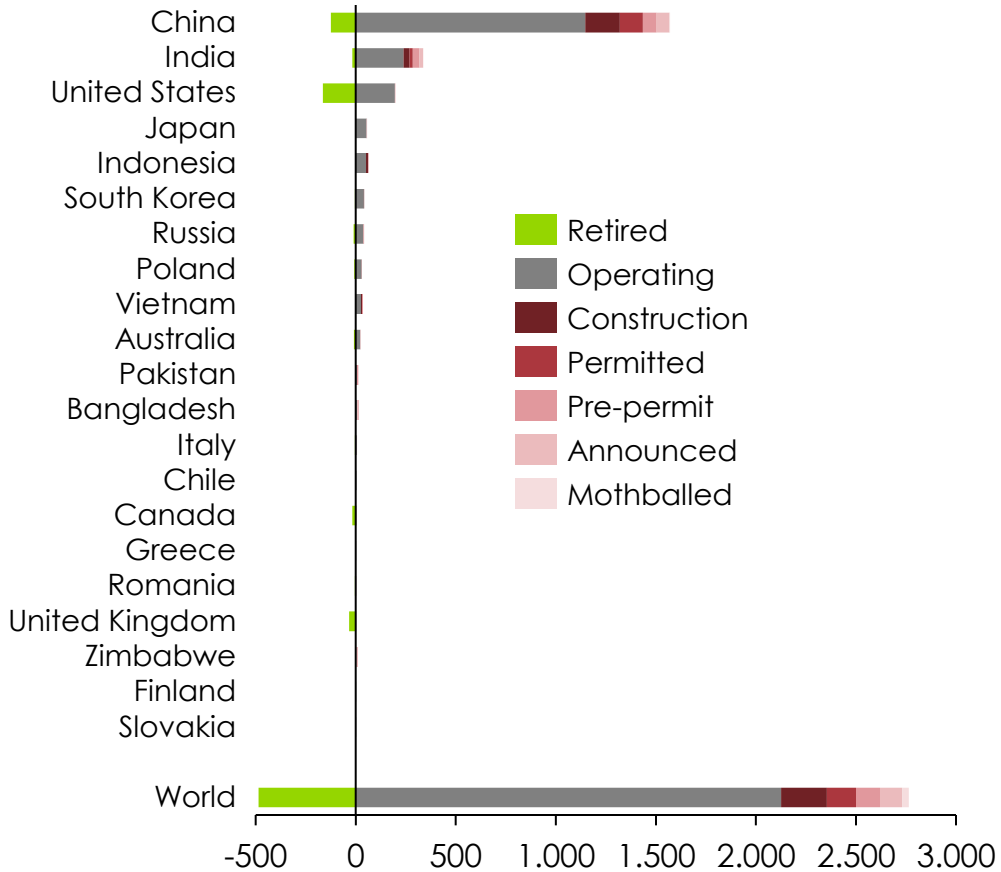


Source: IEA (2023), Coal 2023: Analysis and forecast to 2026

China continues to dominate new coal power additions, despite some retirements

Coal power plant fleet stocktake

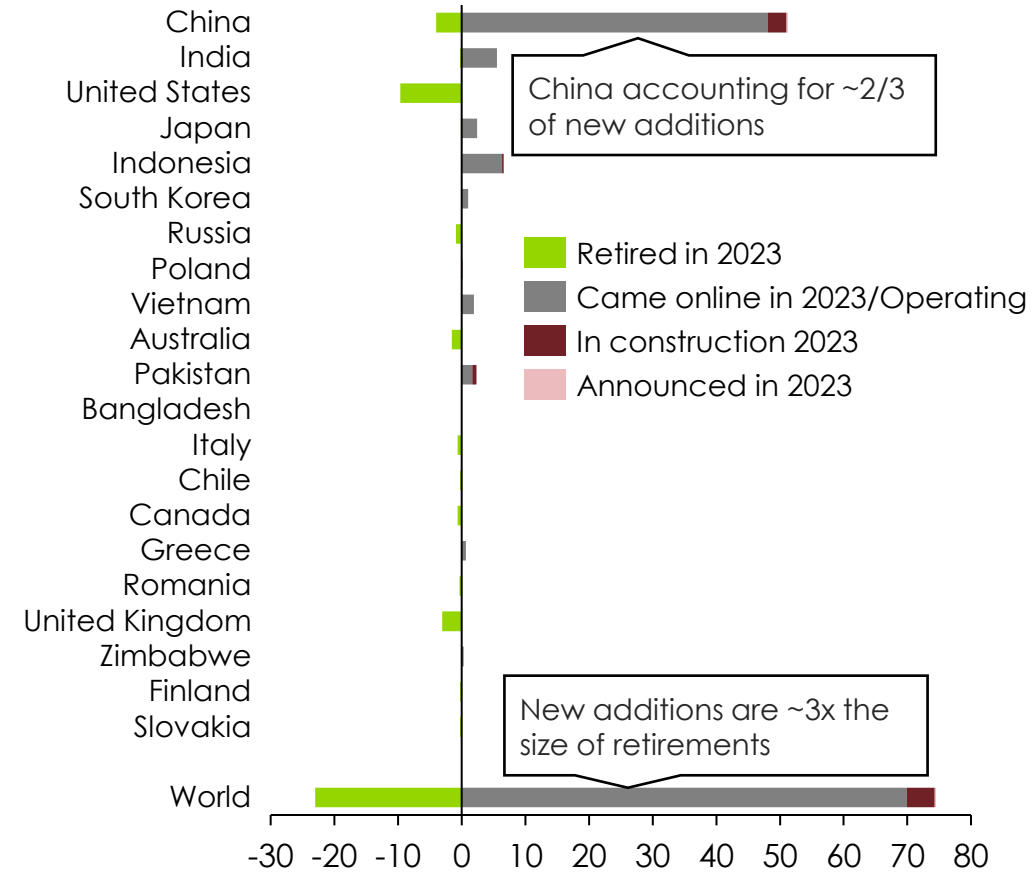
Total global capacity, GW



Closer look at 2023

Coal power plant fleet, 2023 retirements and additions

2023, GW



China accounting for ~2/3 of new additions

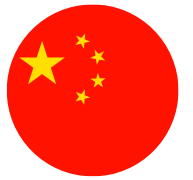
New additions are ~3x the size of retirements

In 2023, only the United States, the United Kingdom, and Australia retired more than 1 GW of coal capacity without adding any new plants.



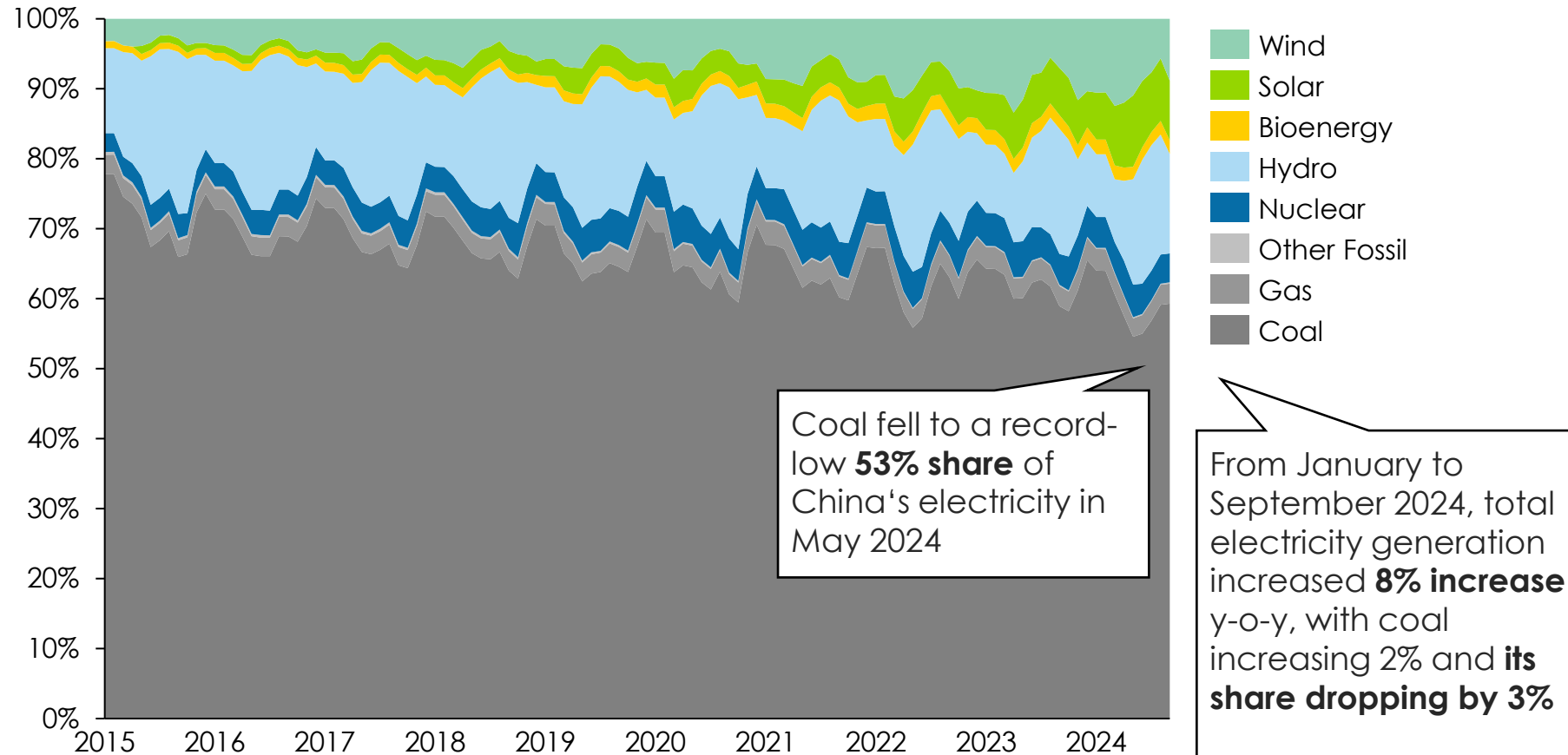
Source: Data for analysis from Global Energy Monitor (2024), Global Coal Plant Tracker

Coal share in Chinese power generation falling, though total use still increasing



Share of electricity generation by source, January 2015 – September 2024

% share of total TWh generated



Despite growth in capacity, share of generation from coal in China is set to fall, with implications for global coal decline

Source: Ember (2024), *Ember Electricity Data Explorer*

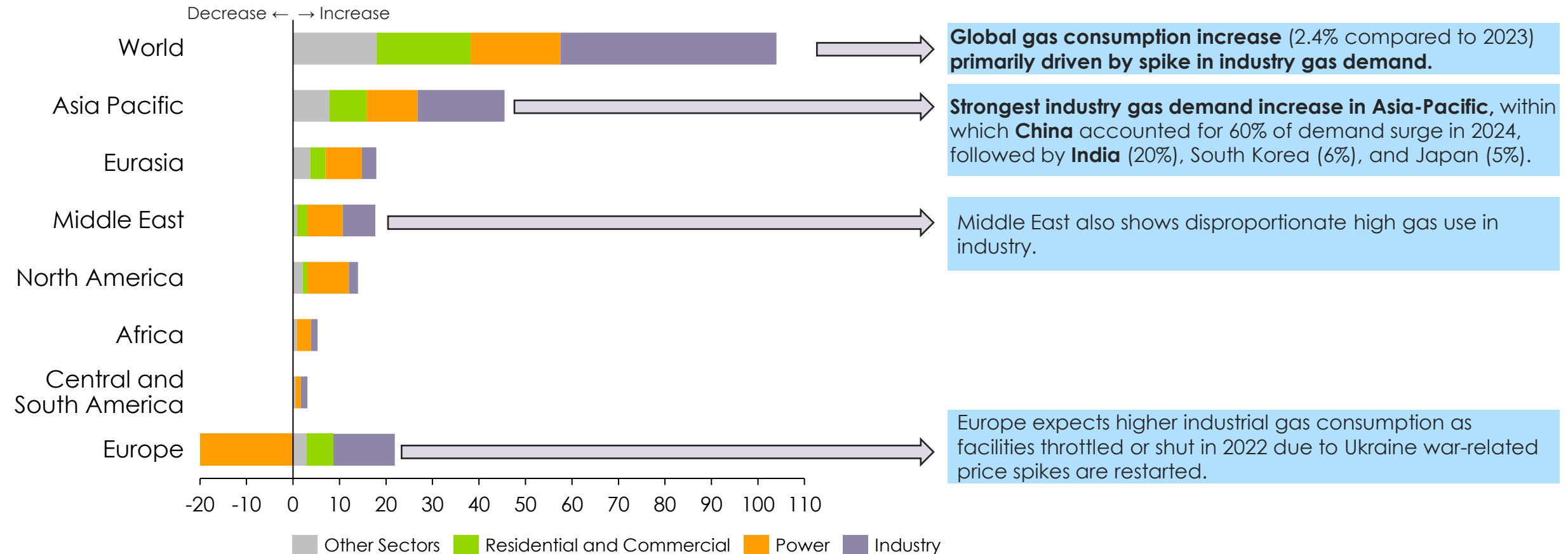
Gas & LNG



The IEA forecasts a global 2.4% growth in gas demand from 2023 to 2024, with most of it driven by industry in China and India

Forecast for natural gas consumption by region and sector, 2023 vs. 2024

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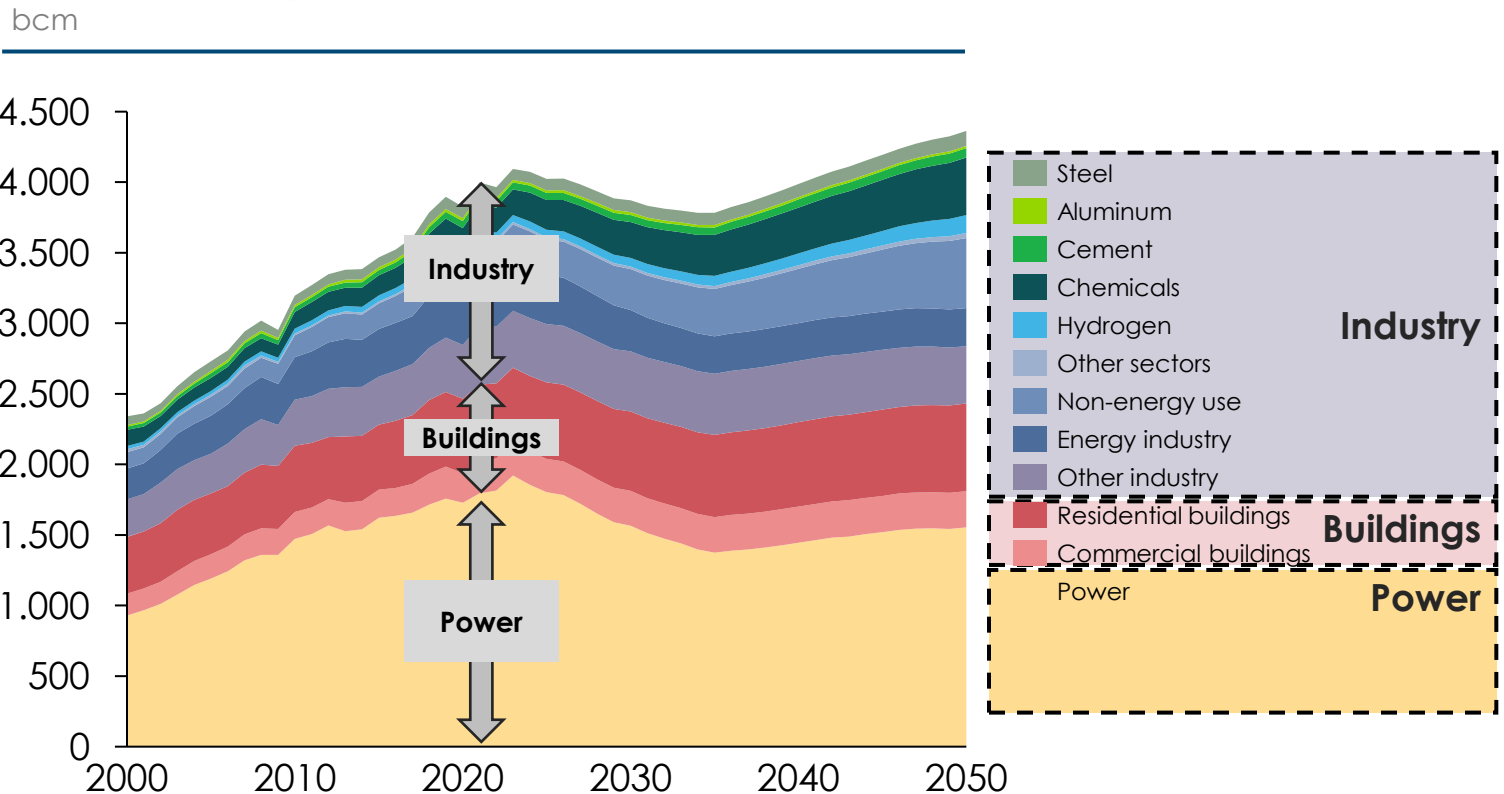


Source: IEA (2024) Gas Market Report, Q3-2024



Longer-term descriptive global gas demand forecasts show increase in industry, buildings, but declines in power gas demand

Gas demand by sector – BNEF ETS



2022-2035 change		
BNEF view	ETC view	
ETS	PBS	ACF
+13%	-27%	0%
+10%	-35-40%*	
-26%	-35%	-32%



Comparing descriptive vs. normative scenarios highlights key policy gaps, particularly in industry and buildings

Source: BNEF (2024), NEO – Economic Transition Scenario (ETS)

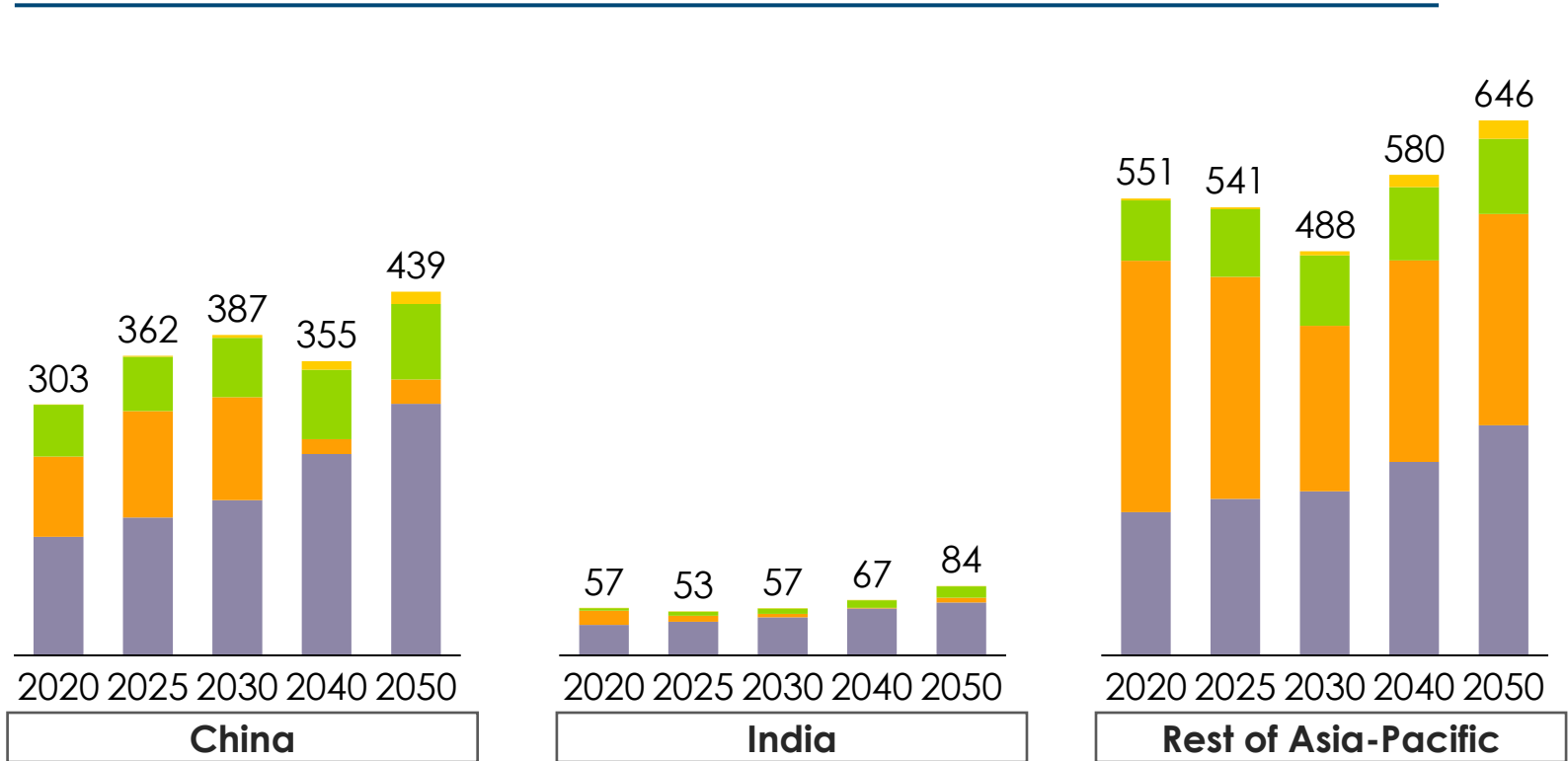
*The new ETC Building Report updates the scenarios presented in the Fossil Fuels in Transition report

Note: Other sectors represent: agriculture, services, waste management; Other industry includes light manufacturing like: food and beverages, pulp and paper, textiles, electronics; Non-energy use: gas used as raw materials, e.g. In plastics; PBS and ACF 2035-2022 % change interpolated from trajectory towards 2030 and 2040 forecast



Gas demand is set to rise sharply in India, China, and the rest of Asia, led by industrial use in China and India, with declines in power smaller than global average

Gas demand by sector
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Industrial gas demand dominates gas demand in both China and India.

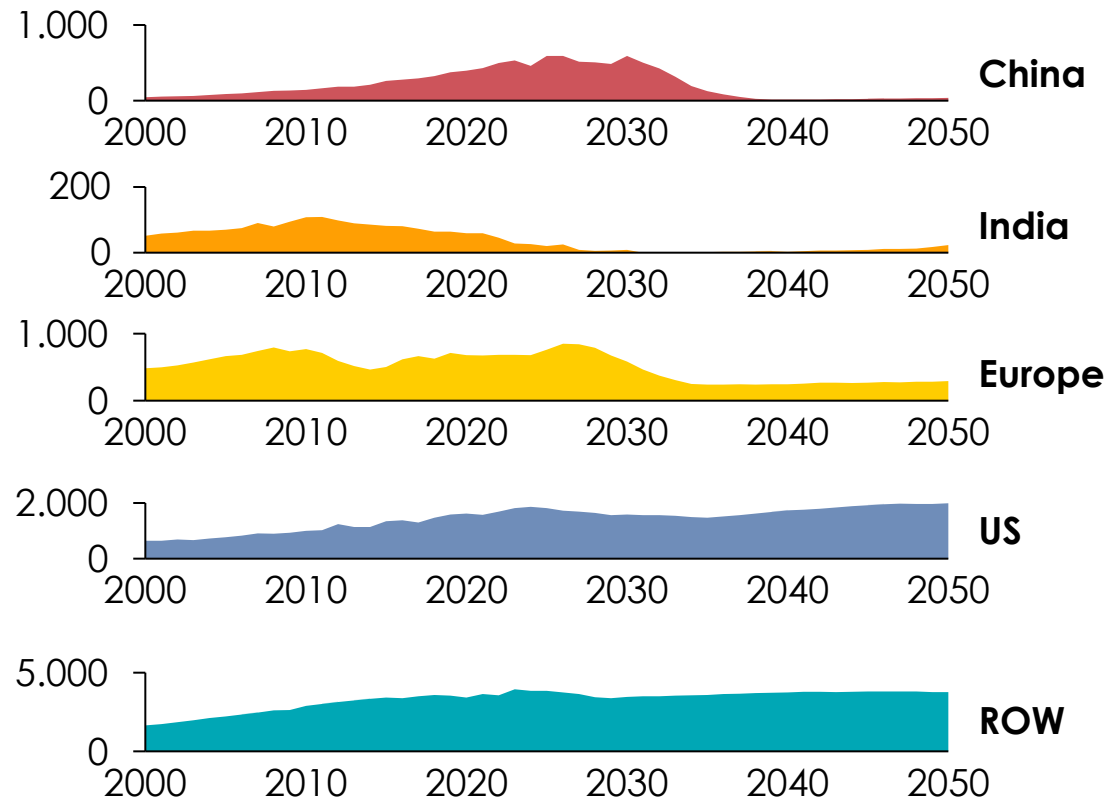
Industrial gas demand is expected to grow significantly in APAC.



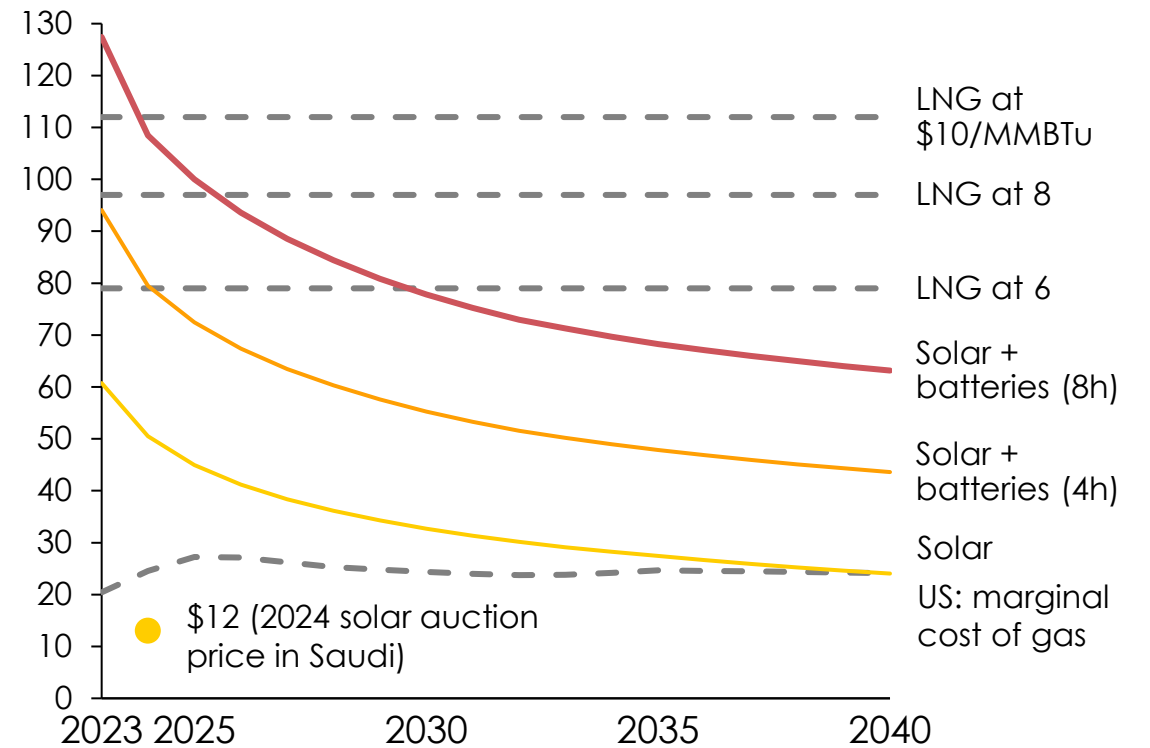
Source: BNEF (2024), NEO - ETS

Power: Gas consumption projected to increase in some regions; is viability of projections challenged by falling solar + battery costs?

Gas demand for power generation per region
TWh



LNG is far more expensive than renewables – LNG data from RMI
USD/MWh

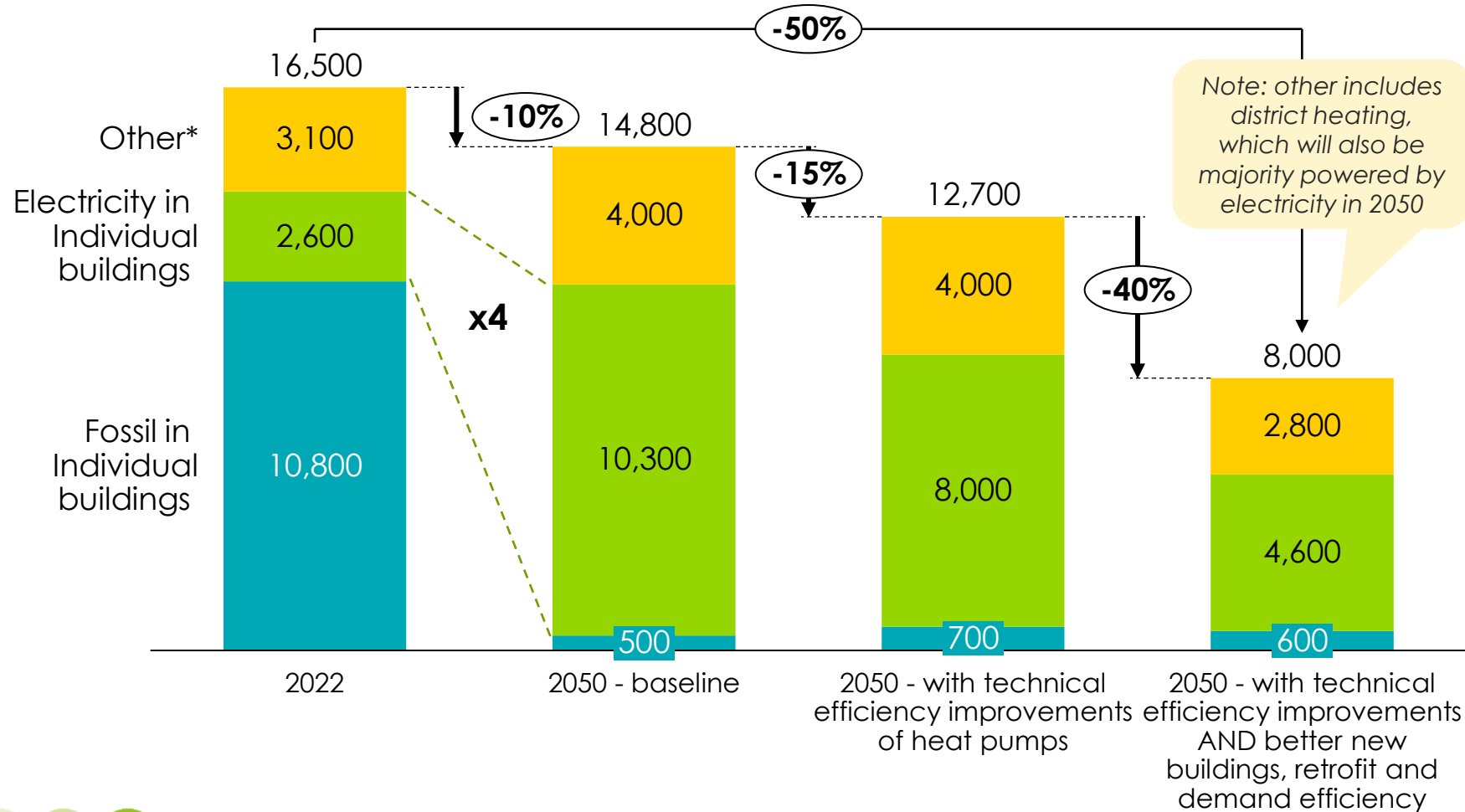


Source: BNEF (2024), NEO; LNG prices from RMI (2024); Solar, solar + battery, CCGT from BNEF (2023), LCOE 2H 2023; RMI (2024) Powering up the global south; PV Magazine (2024), Saudi Arabia's 3.7 GW solar tender attracts lowest bid of \$0.0129/kWh
Notes: RMI estimates at different gas prices per MMBTU. Estimates for solar based on Vietnam. Battery cost estimates for China.

Buildings: ETC work highlights that falls in fossil possible, but requires strong policy

Global final energy demand for heating by fuel in 2050

TWh



- Buildings to become **increasingly electric**, and therefore low-carbon
- ETC global scenario sees:
 - Gas use fall 75-90% by 2050,
 - Oil demand fall 90-95% by 2050
 - Coal use entirely eliminated by 2040
- But cost and consumer adoption barriers mean **adoption of clean solutions at this level unlikely without strong policy**

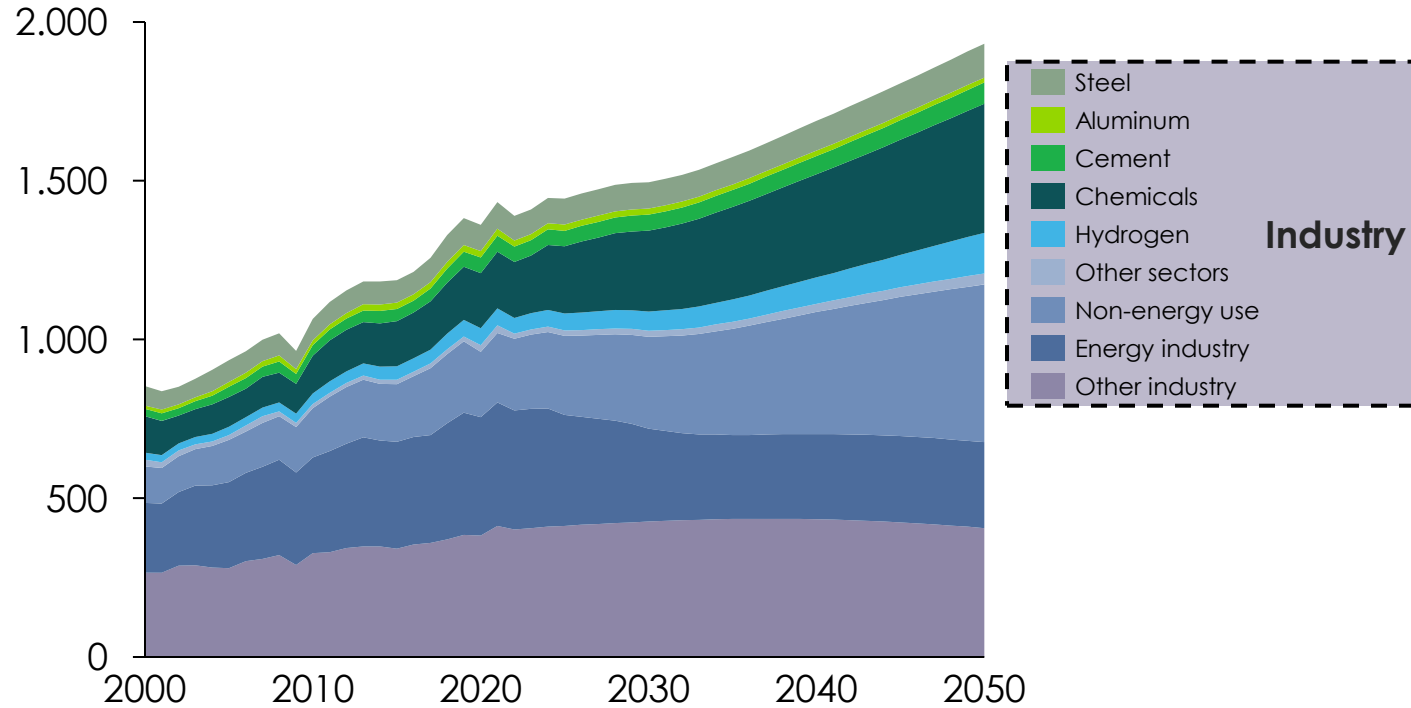
*Other includes district heating and renewables.

Sources: Systemiq analysis for the ETC (2024); IEA (2023), World Energy Outlook 2023; IEA (2021), Net Zero by 2050.

Industrial gas growth is a key driver of gas forecasts

Gas demand by sector – BNEF ETS

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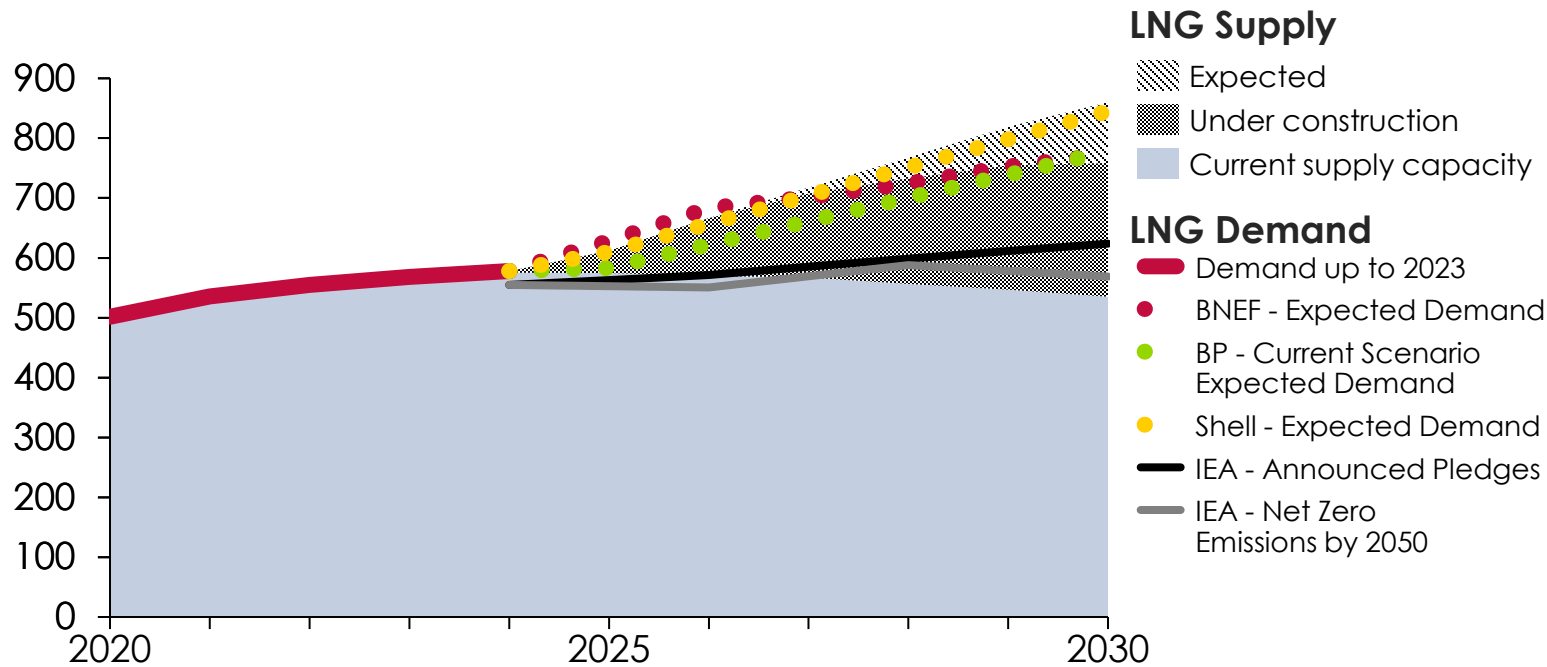
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Growing gas demand is being met through growth in LNG supply, but divergence across normative and descriptive scenarios may mean long-term oversupply

Global LNG supply and supply additions against expected global demand
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Increase in **LNG demand** drives global supply capacity

Shell's expected 2030 LNG demand is **9% higher** than BP's current scenario projection

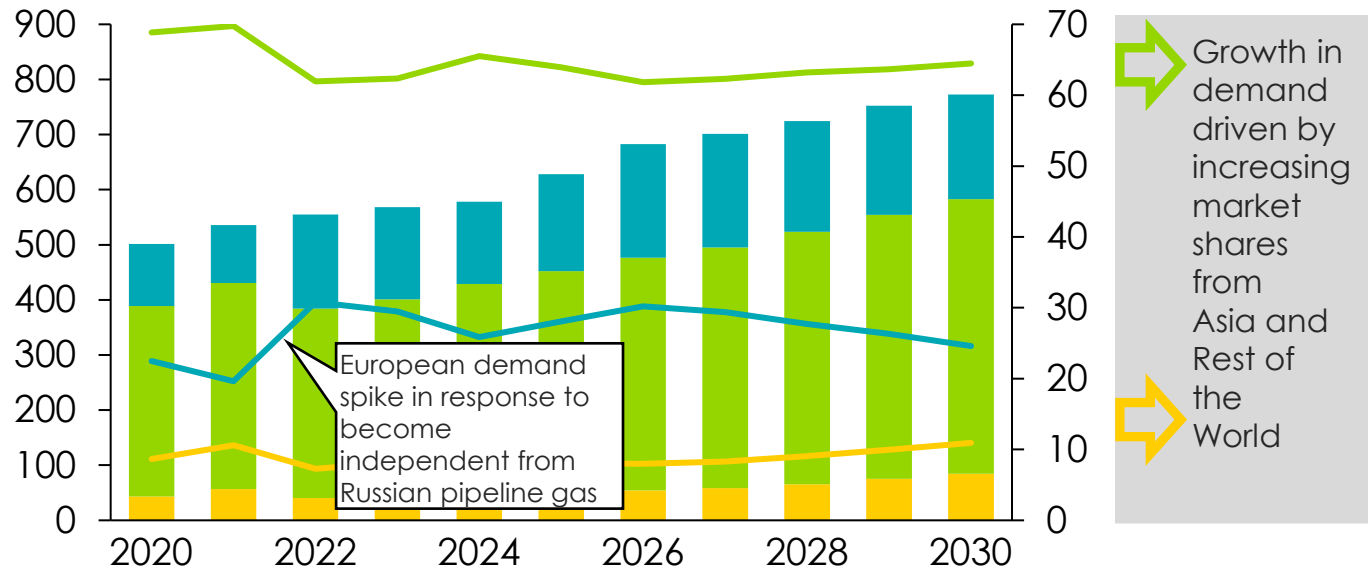
Key question is relative competitiveness against domestic gas and low-carbon alternatives

Source: BNEF (2022), *Global LNG Market Outlook 2030*; BP (2024), *Energy Outlook*; Shell (2024), *LNG Outlook 2024*

Largest recent growth from Europe to offset reduced Russian pipeline gas. However, Asian dominance of global LNG market is expected to be supplement by growth in RoW

Demand - LNG consumption per region

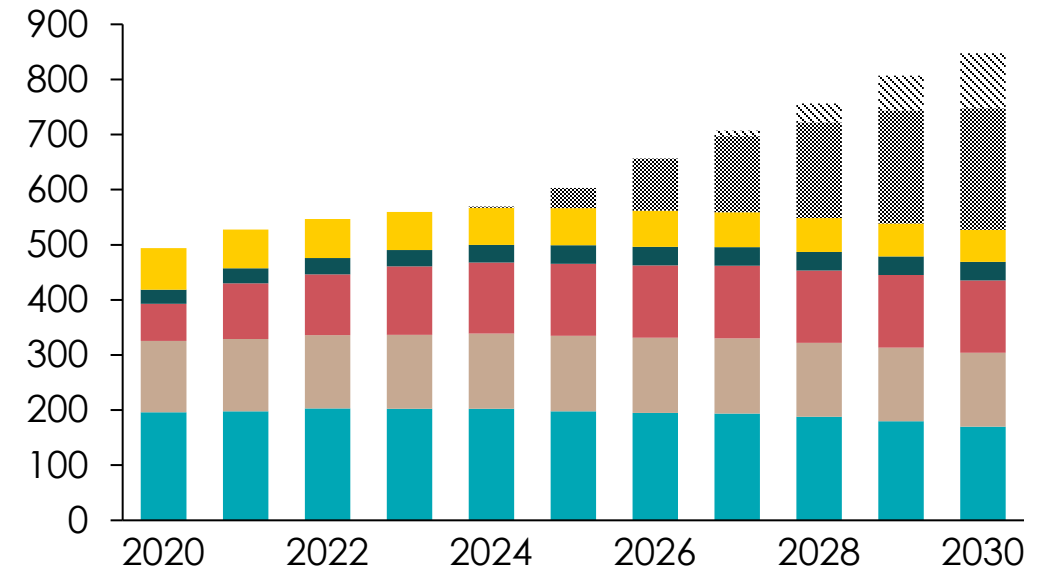
bcm on the left; market share in % on the right



- Europe share
- Asia share
- RoW share
- Europe
- Asia
- RoW

Supply - LNG provision per region

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- ▨ Expected
- ▨ Under construction
- Atlantic Basin
- Russia (Atlantic)
- US
- Middle East and East Africa
- Pacific Basin

Source: BNEF (2022), Global LNG Market Outlook 2030

Assessing global warming impacts over a 20-year lifetime suggests LNG can be worse for the climate than coal

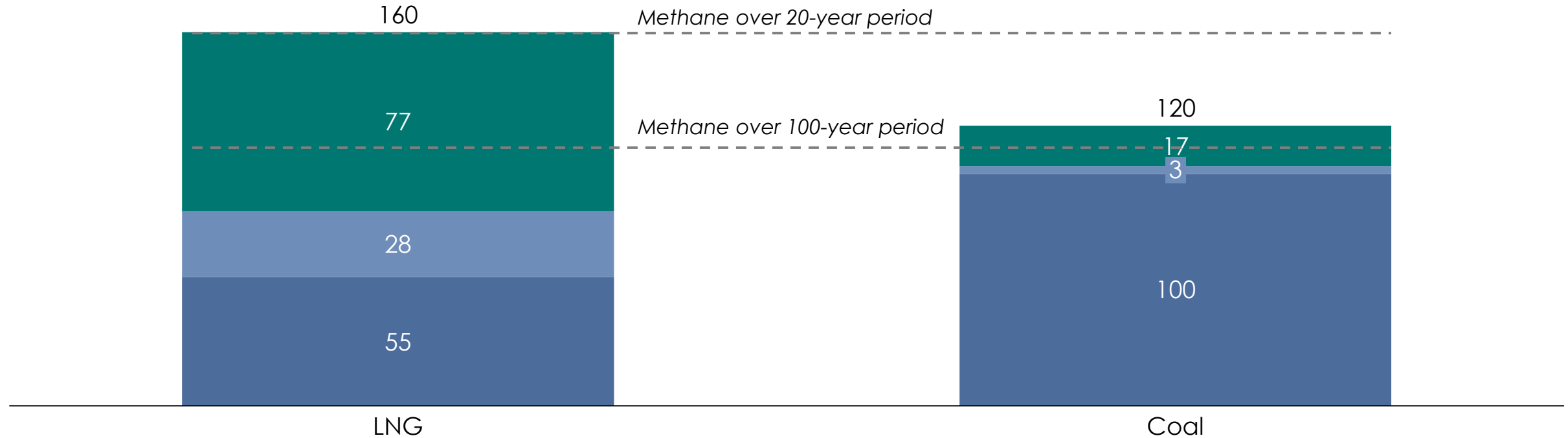
GHG emissions for LNG exported from the US vs. coal produced domestically

g CO₂e/MJ

Methane

CO₂ (transportation and others)

CO₂ (combustion)



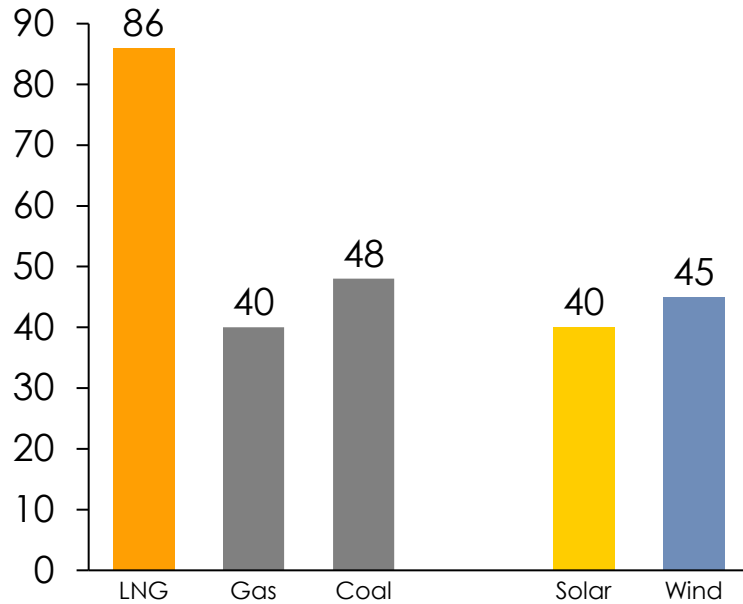
Source: Howarth (2024), The greenhouse gas footprint of liquefied natural gas (LNG) exported from the United States

Notes: Coal in power generation at 45% efficiency.

Renewables competitive or almost competitive with fossil in power generation, meaning likely limited role for LNG



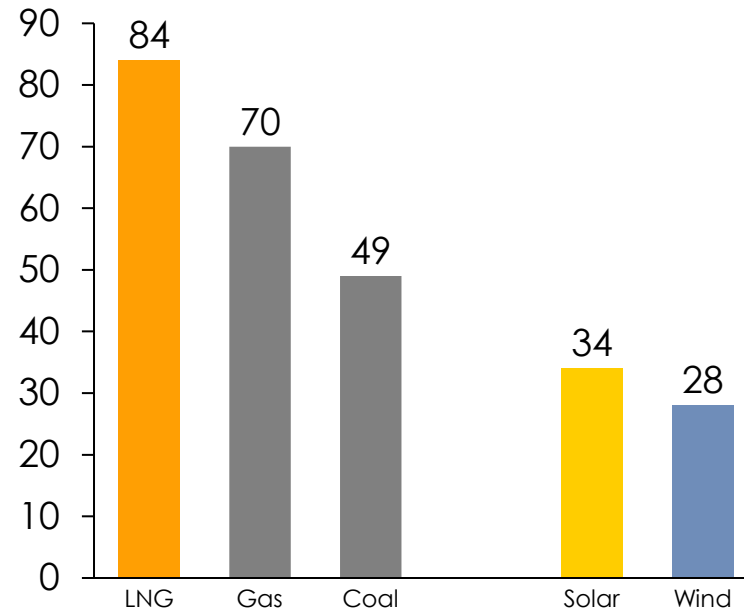
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(USD/MWh for power)



Solar and gas are close to price parity



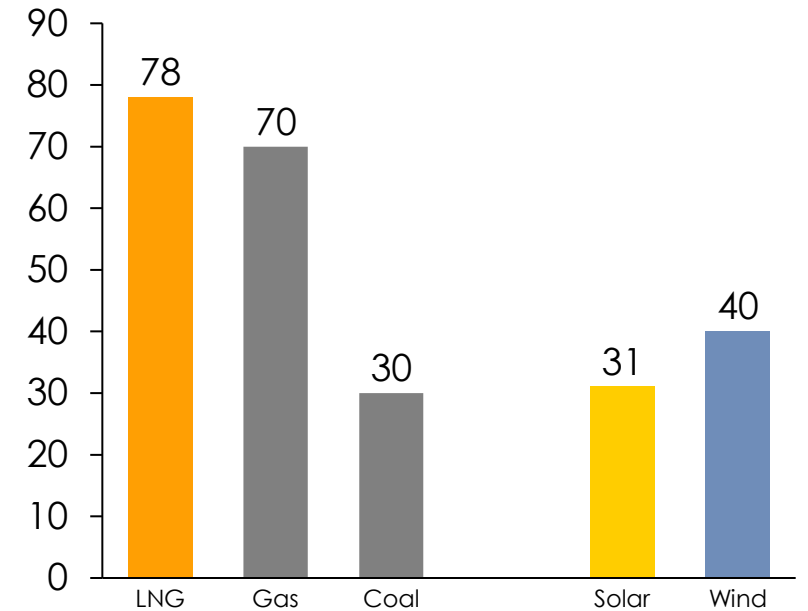
China
(USD/MWh for power)



Solar and wind vastly competitive with fossil



India
(USD/MWh for power)

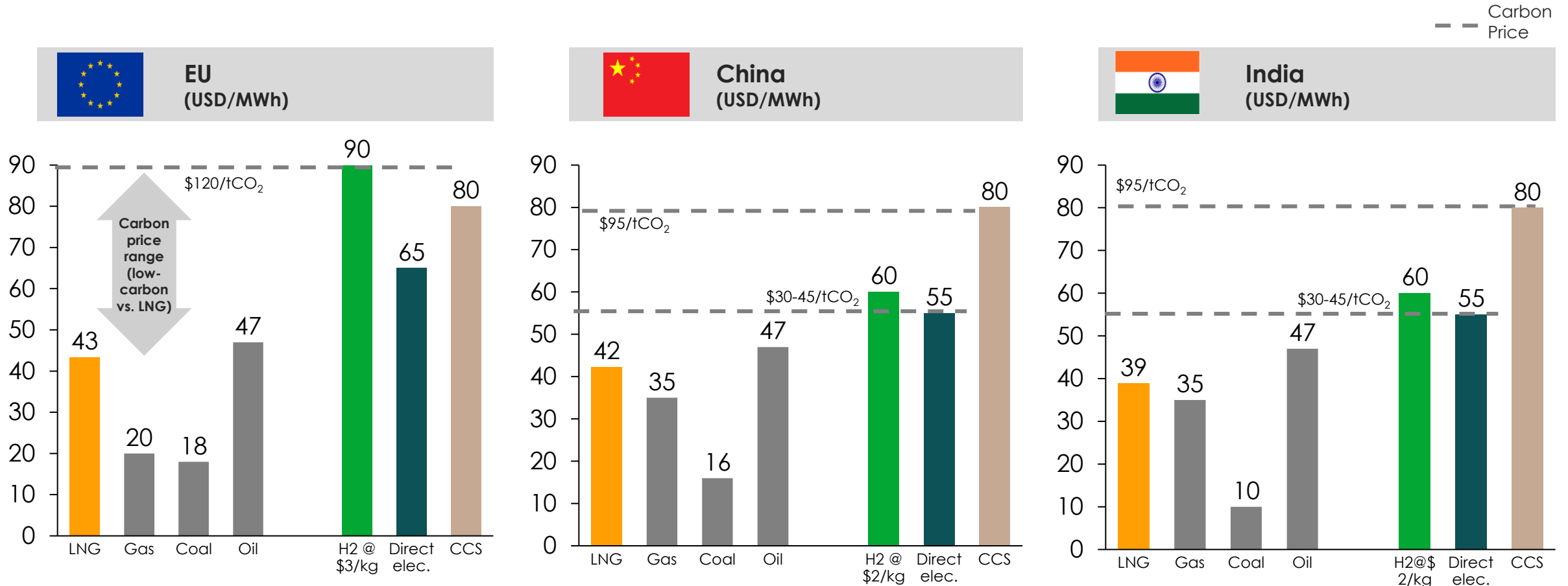


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Carbon prices or policy support required to make low-carbon industrial fuels like hydrogen competitive with LNG



Low-carbon alternatives cost-competitive at reasonable expectation of carbon price.

Some gap between LNG & lowest cost clean, but could converge

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Without further policy push, risks of 'sticky' gas demand over long-term

- Relative competitiveness of LNG is not a given, particularly in power but also in industry – raising questions around viability of demand growth
- Gas demand in industry may be 'sticky' in some regions, but low carbon options exist at realistic (\$30-100/tCO₂) levels of carbon price versus LNG.
- Emissions from methane/LNG important to remember: may be worse than coal over 20 year warming timeframe
- BUT short-term growth in gas demand, including through long-term LNG contracts, and potential low prices through oversupply, may lead to long-term demand lock-in



Summary conclusions



Key Messages

- Despite strong pace of clean energy scale up – particularly solar and EVs – it is yet to reach some areas, with slow progress in heavy industry/mobility and low-carbon fuels like hydrogen and CCUS
- Fossil debate not won – despite agreement at COP, O&G sector not showing signs of phase-down. In short-term, increase in profitability and rush to LNG may suggest the opposite.
- Key regions such as EU and US are declining, not growing fossil use. However China, India showing ~5% growth.
- For oil, passenger transport trend is clear: oil is already and will be displaced. Policy commitments should hold firm.
- Convictions on coal point to decline – China power sector key: need to phase out capacity/run flexibly.
- For gas, uncertainty remains about long-term role in power, buildings and industry.
 - Growing LNG market risks locking in uses where lower-carbon fuels may be cost competitive in the long terms (e.g. solar+batteries in power). In buildings and industry, policy will need to play a firmer role in reducing role for gas.
 - Risk of methane leakage, including in LNG, risks locking-in high emission fuel.

