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Energy security in clean energy transitions: Insights from the World Energy Outlook 2022

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Russia's invasion of Ukraine has sparked a global energy crisis



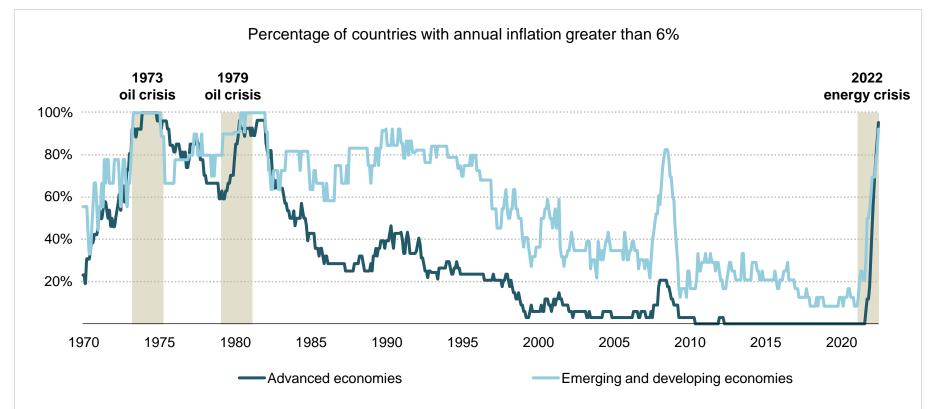
- Russia's invasion of Ukraine has plunged the energy sector into full-blown turmoil, cutting supplies from the world's largest fossil fuel exporter
- Oil & gas markets are facing major uncertainties amid today's geopolitical upheaval
- High energy prices have stoked inflation and created a looming risk of global recession

Is today's energy security crisis a lasting setback for energy transitions, or a catalyst for accelerated action?

- The new Outlook considers multiple scenarios:
 - **Stated Policies** (STEPS) reflects today's policy settings
 - Announced Pledges (APS) if country net zero and other pledges are met in full
 - Net Zero Emissions by 2050 (NZE) an updated roadmap to limit warming to 1.5°C

An energy shock of unprecedented breadth and complexity

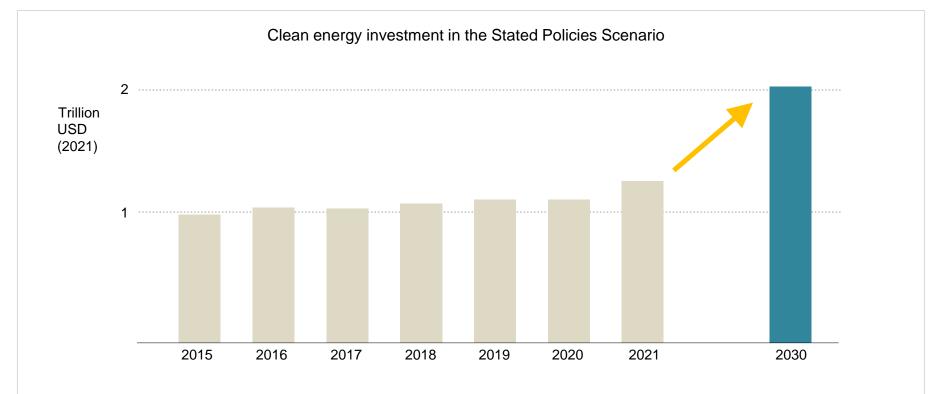




Exacerbating already tight energy markets, the Russian invasion of Ukraine has tipped the world into a global energy crisis of unprecedented breadth and complexity, affecting all countries and the vulnerable in particular

Government responses are fast-tracking the clean energy economy

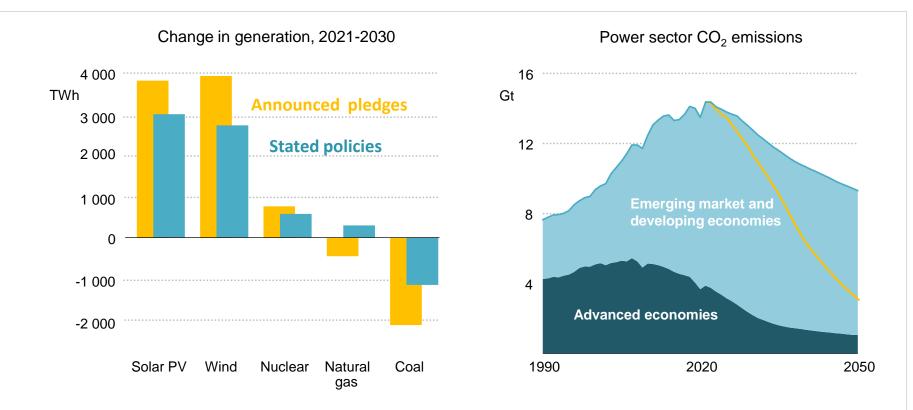




The US Inflation Reduction Act, the EU's Fit for 55 package, Japan's GX, China's new clean energy targets and India's solar revolution propel clean energy investment to new highs, but \$4 trillion is needed by 2030 to be on track for 1.5 °C

Electricity is turning the corner

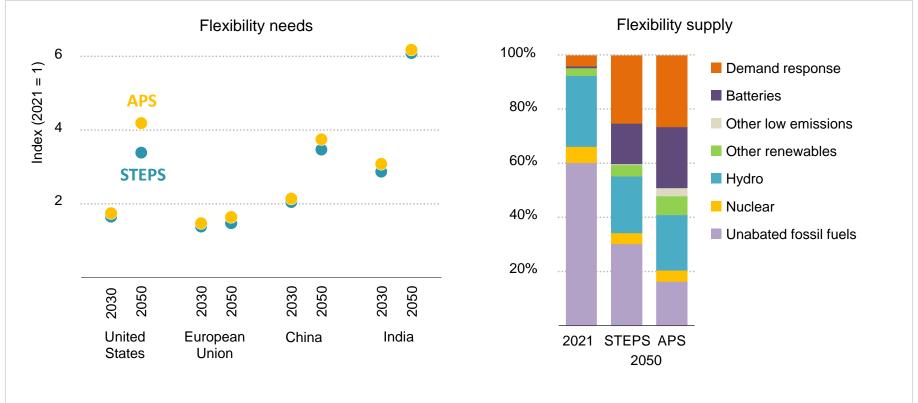




As markets rebalance, the upside for coal is temporary as renewable generation rises by 90% to 2030; the peak in power sector emissions needs to be followed by a much steeper decline to be consistent with global climate goals

New challenges emerge to maintain electricity security

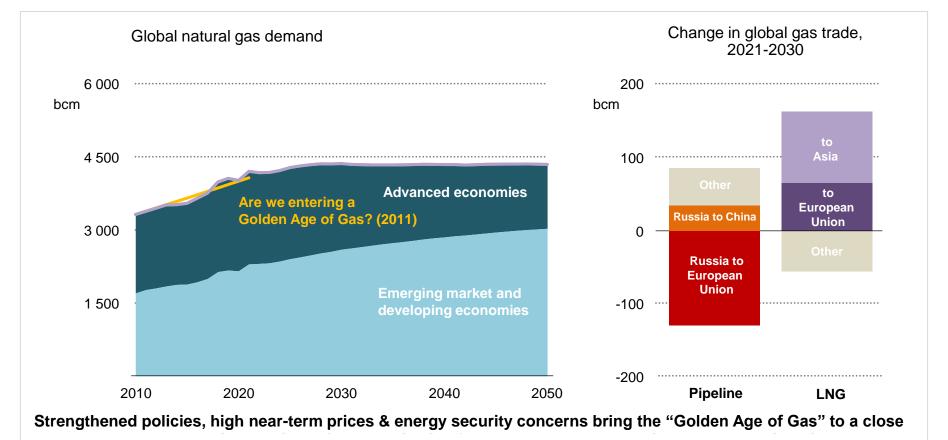




Flexibility needs rise in all scenarios and vary substantially by country; a broad range of technologies and approaches is required to ensure electricity security

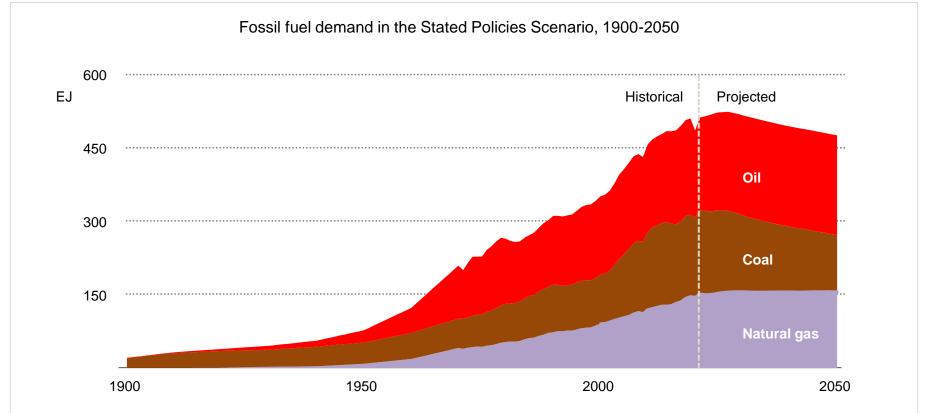
The era of natural gas demand growth is coming to an end





Peak fossil fuel demand is coming this decade

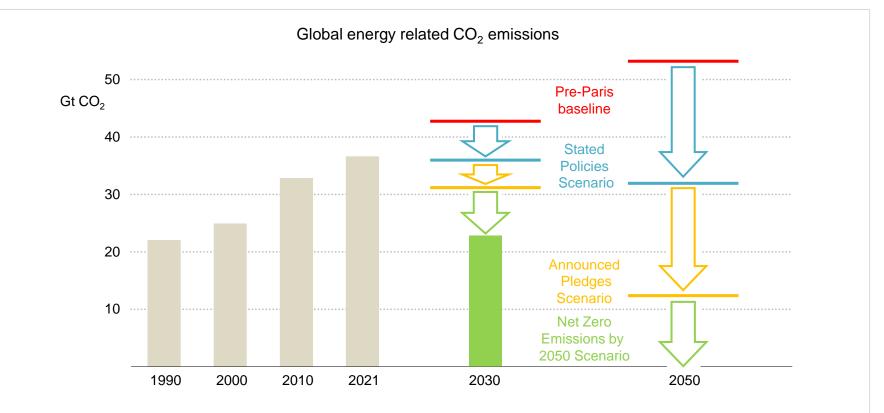




Today's policy settings are now sufficiently strong that they produce a distinct peak in fossil fuel use before 2030

Keeping the door to 1.5 °C open





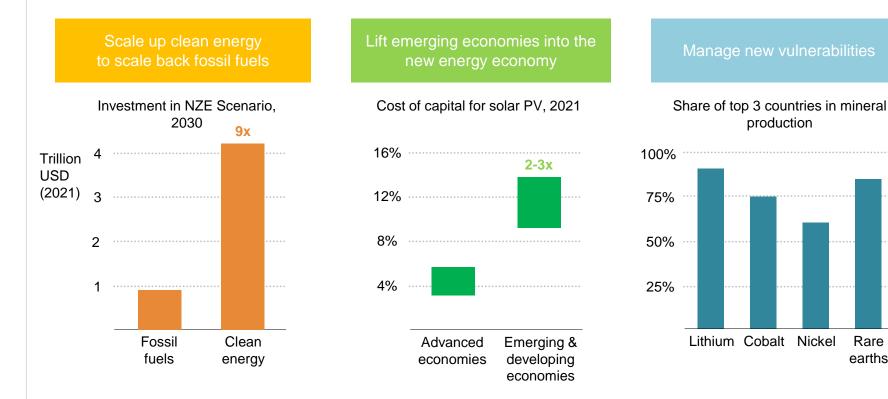
Policy and technology progress since 2015 has shaved 1 °C off projected warming, a step in the right direction; but much more needs to be done in order to avoid severe climate disruptions

A new energy security paradigm is needed for secure transitions



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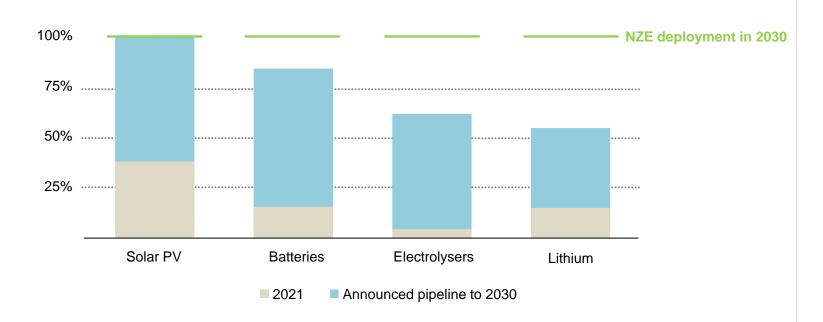


For the duration of energy transitions, the clean energy and fossil fuel systems are both required to deliver energy services; assessing & managing the evolving co-existence of both systems is crucial

Clean energy manufacturers prepare the ground for faster transitions



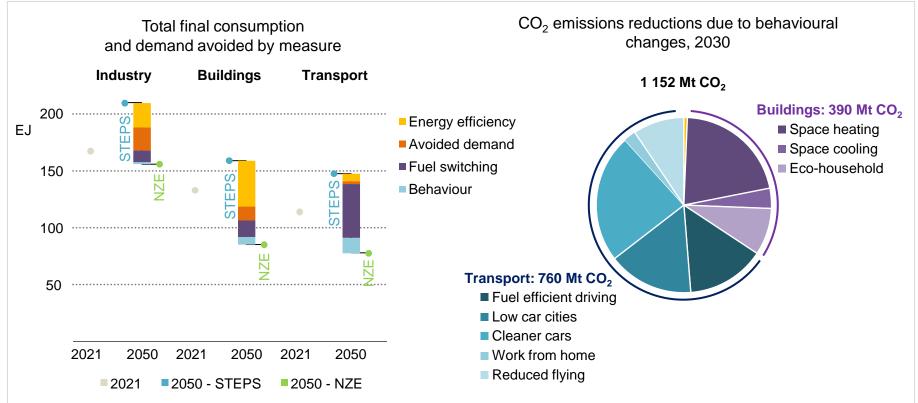




Announced plans to scale up clean energy manufacturing capacity help to accelerate cost reductions and would, in some cases, approach the levels needed to put the world on track with a 1.5 °C pathway

Avoiding growth in energy demand is critical to net-zero transitions

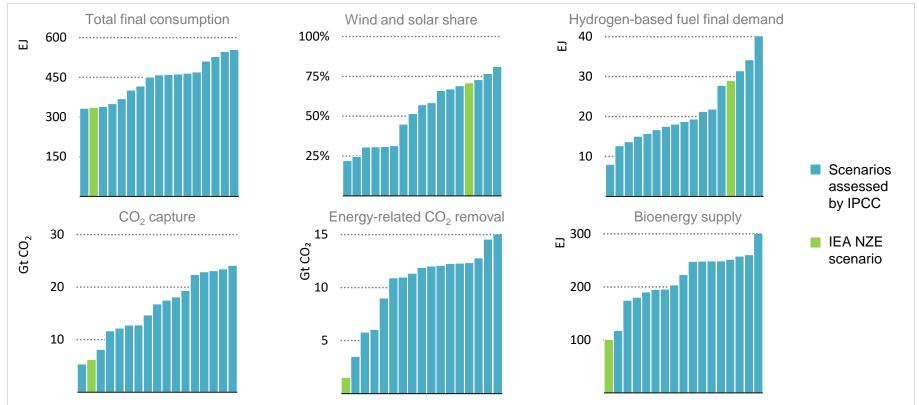




Energy efficiency and other mitigation measures cut total final demand by 40% compared to the STEPS in 2050. Behavioural changes can tackle emissions from the existing assets without the need to wait for stock turnover

The IEA's NZE in 2050 compared with IPCC net-zero scenarios





The IEA NZE uses more energy efficiency, renewables, and hydrogen than IPCC scenarios of a comparable ambition; and relies less on CO₂ capture, negative emissions and bioenergy

