

Japan's GX Strategy

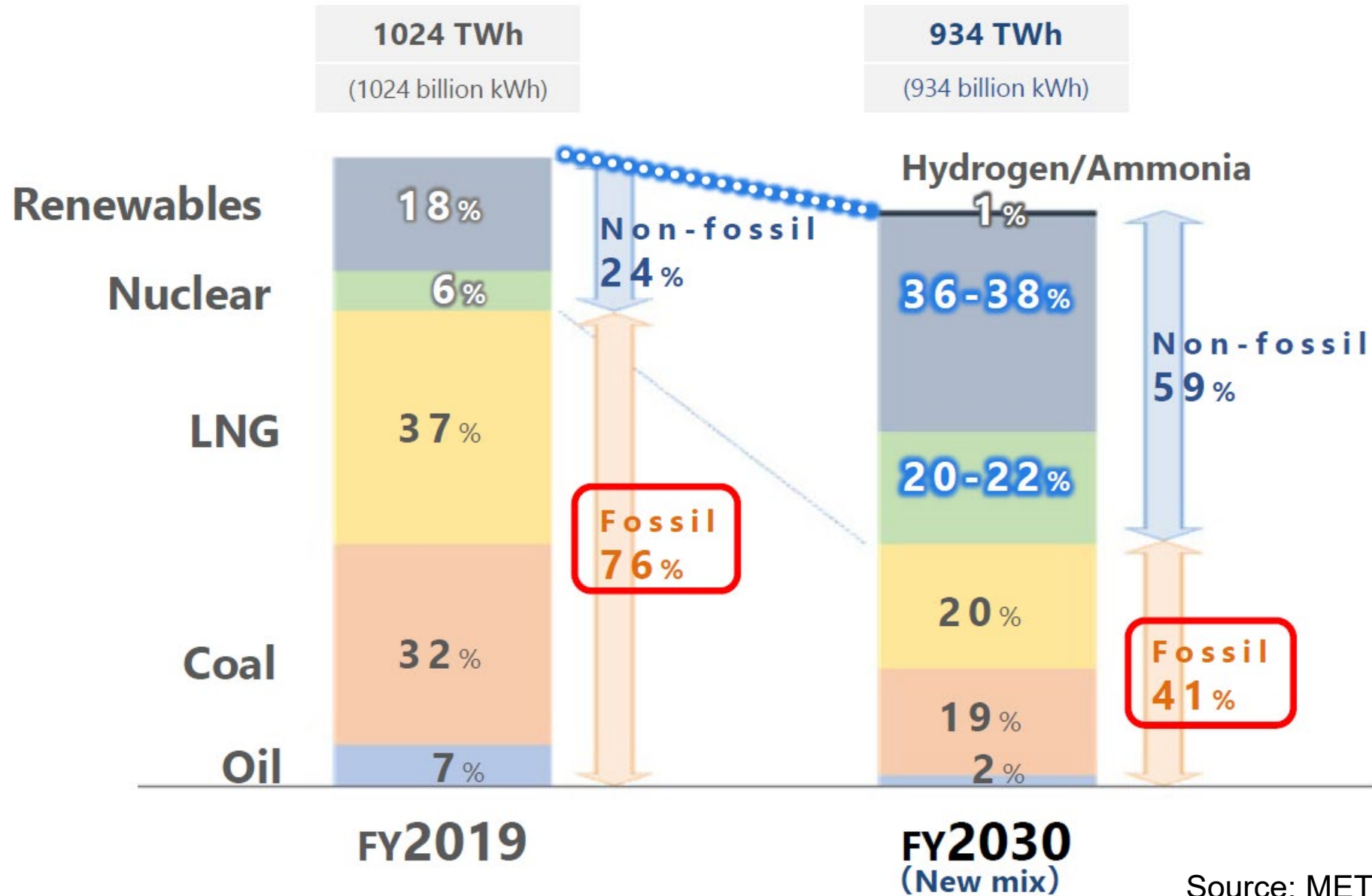
-Opportunities and Challenges-

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Power Generation Mix under the 6th Energy Plan

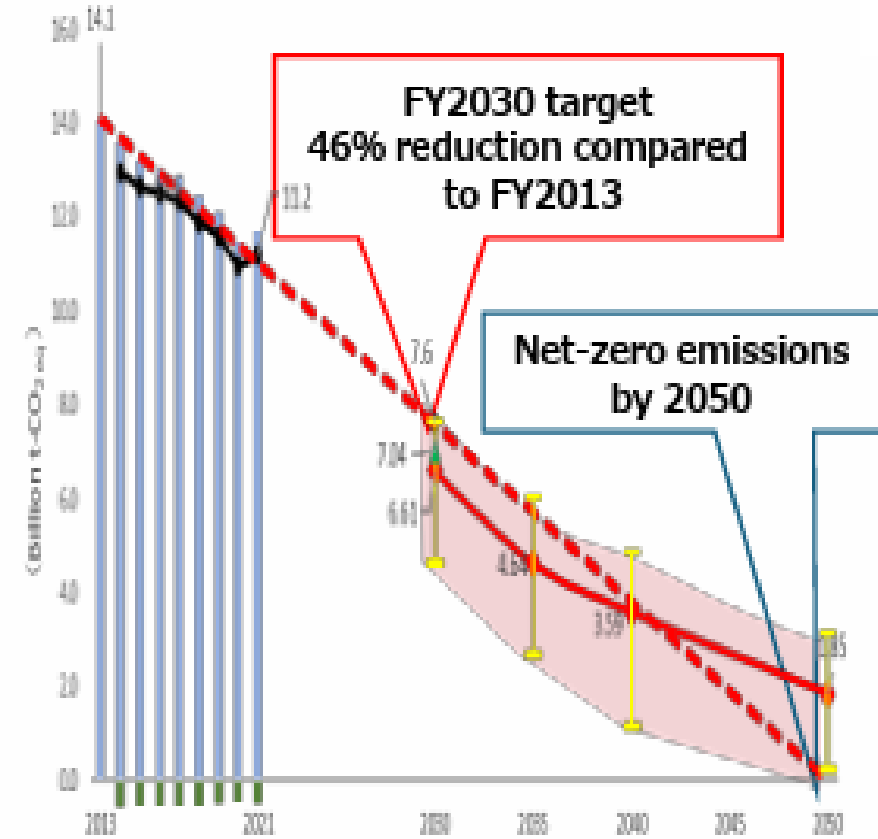


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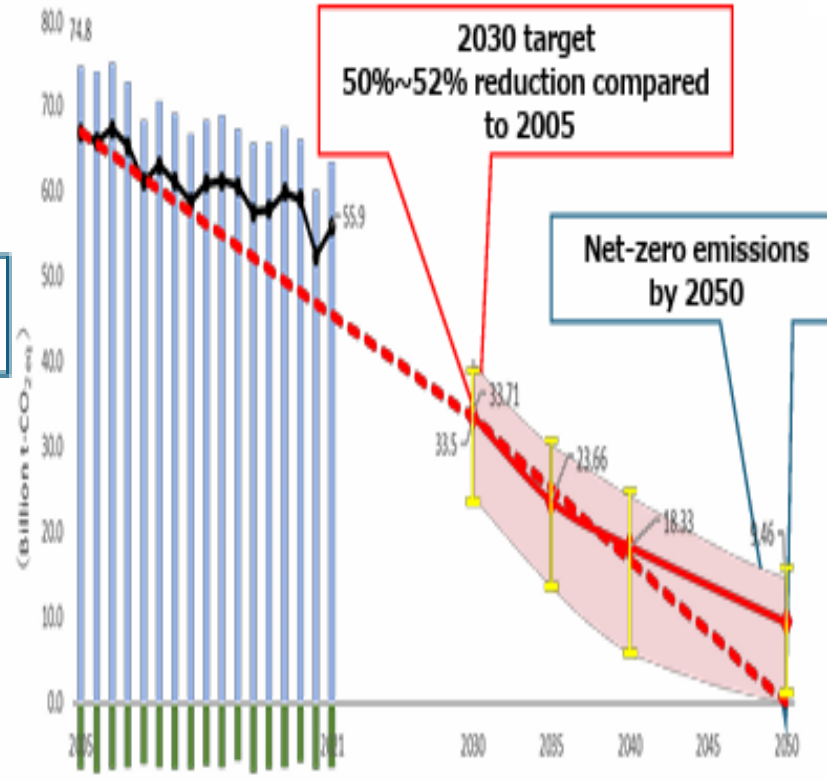
Progress to the NDCs

- While Japan is on the track to its NDC up to now, it cannot be guaranteed

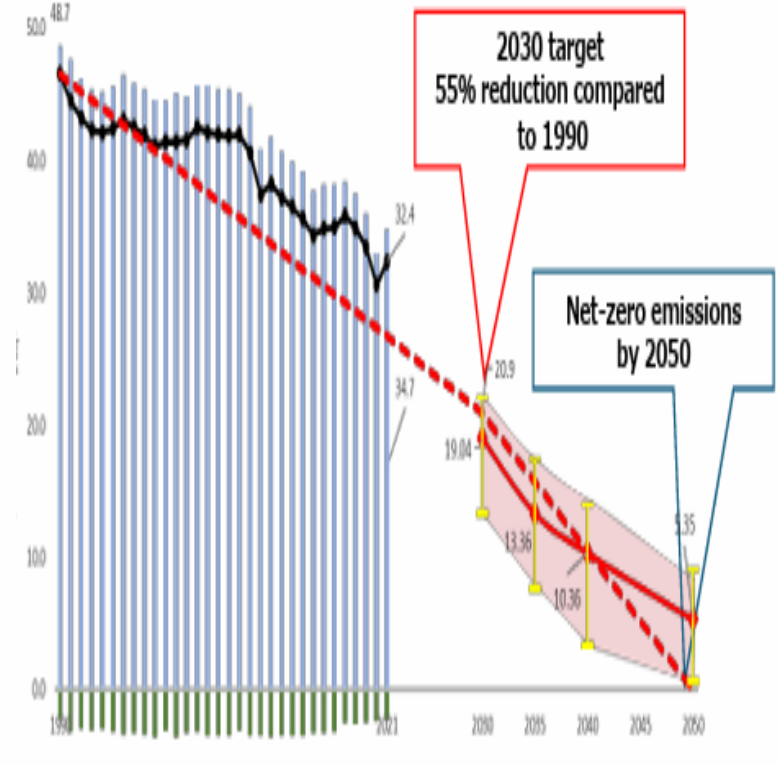
Japan



US



EU



■ Emissions
 ■ Removals
 ● Emissions&Removals
 —◆— 1.5°C pathway shown in the IPCC Report

Green Transformation Strategy (Feb 2023)

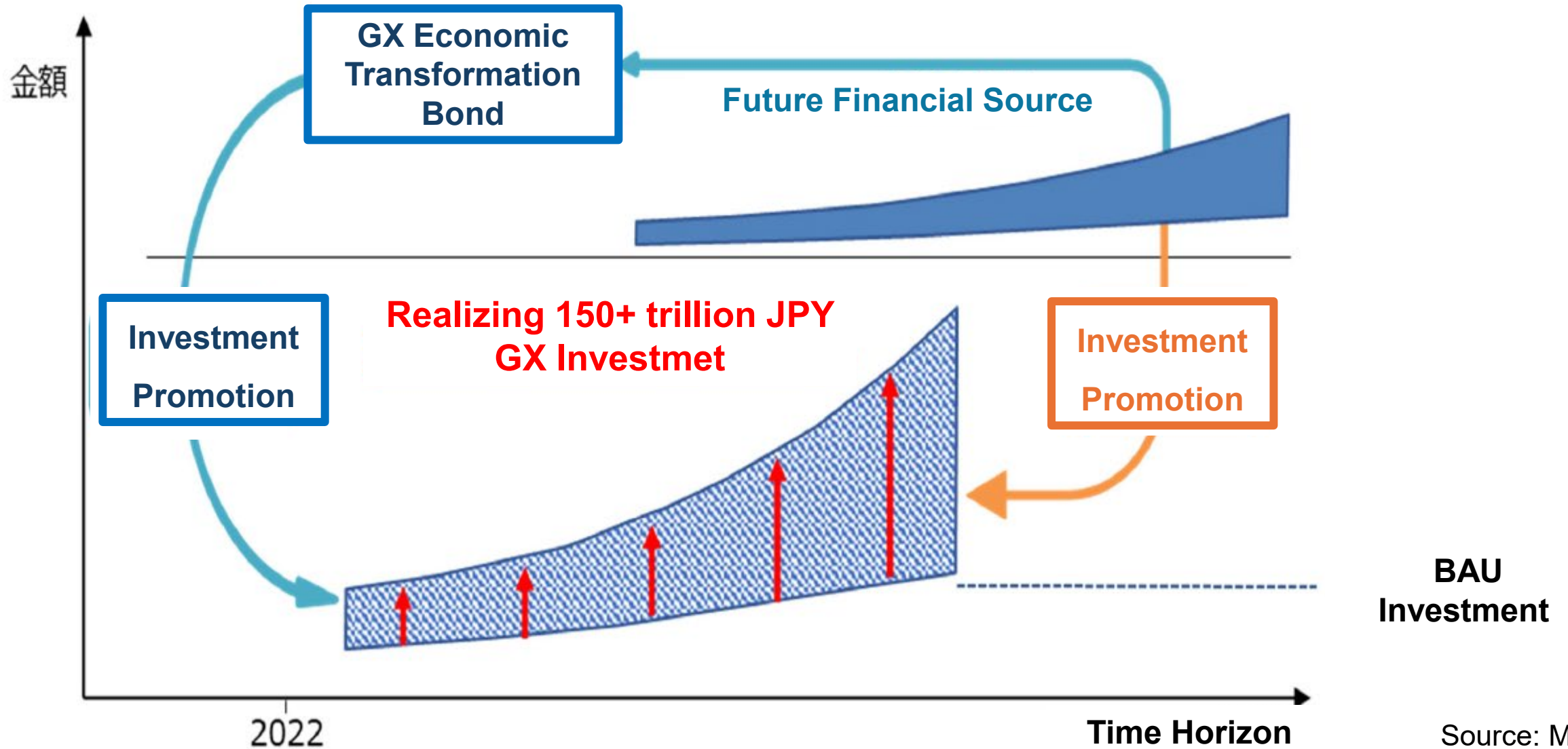
Promotion of Green Transformation (GX) with Energy Security as Prerequisite

- **Maximum promotion of EE**
- **RE as Staple Power Source**
 - Perovskite PV
 - Floating Offshore Wind etc
- **Utilization of Nuclear**
 - Replacing decommissioning NPP with next generation reactors
 - Operation for more than 60 years under certain conditions
- **Promotion of H2 and Ammonia Bridging Cost Difference with Conventional Fuels**
- **R&D, Investment Support and Demand Creation (Methanation, SAF, Synthetic Fuel etc)**

Introduction of “Growth Oriented Carbon Pricing”

- **GX Bond for supporting 20 trillion JPY early investment in the next 10 years**
- **Incentivizing GX investment by growth oriented carbon pricing**
- **New Finance Measures**
- **International Strategy**
 - Creating green market
 - Asia Zero Emissions Community (AZEC)
- **GX under Just Transition**
 - Smooth labor Creating green market
 - Support GX in SME
 - Support decarbonization in the region and household

“Growth Oriented” Carbon Pricing



Government Support Stimulating Public/Private Investment

Government Support in the next 10 yrs

Approx 20 trillion JPY

- Promotion of Non-Fossil Energy

6-8 trillion JPY

- Expand H2 and ammonia demand
- R&D of RE and other new technologies

- Industrial Structure Transformation integrating Supply and Demand

9-12 trillion JPY

- EE, and material/fuel switch in manufacturing industries
- Nation-wide measures on domestic demand
- R&D of new technologies

- Promotion of Energy Efficiency

- Resource Recycling

2-4 trillion JPY

- R&D, social deployment of new technologies

- Carbon Sequestration

Public/Private Investment in the next 10 yrs

Approx 150 trillion JPY

60 trillion JPY ~

- Massive introduction of RE
- Nuclear (innovative reactor)
- H2, ammonia

80 trillion JPY ~

- EE and material/fuel switch in manufacturing industries (steel, chemical, cement, paper etc)
- Digital investment for decarbonization
- Battery industries
- Next generation vehicles
- Houses and buildings

10 trillion JPY ~

- Resource recycling industries
- Biomass manufacturing
- CCS

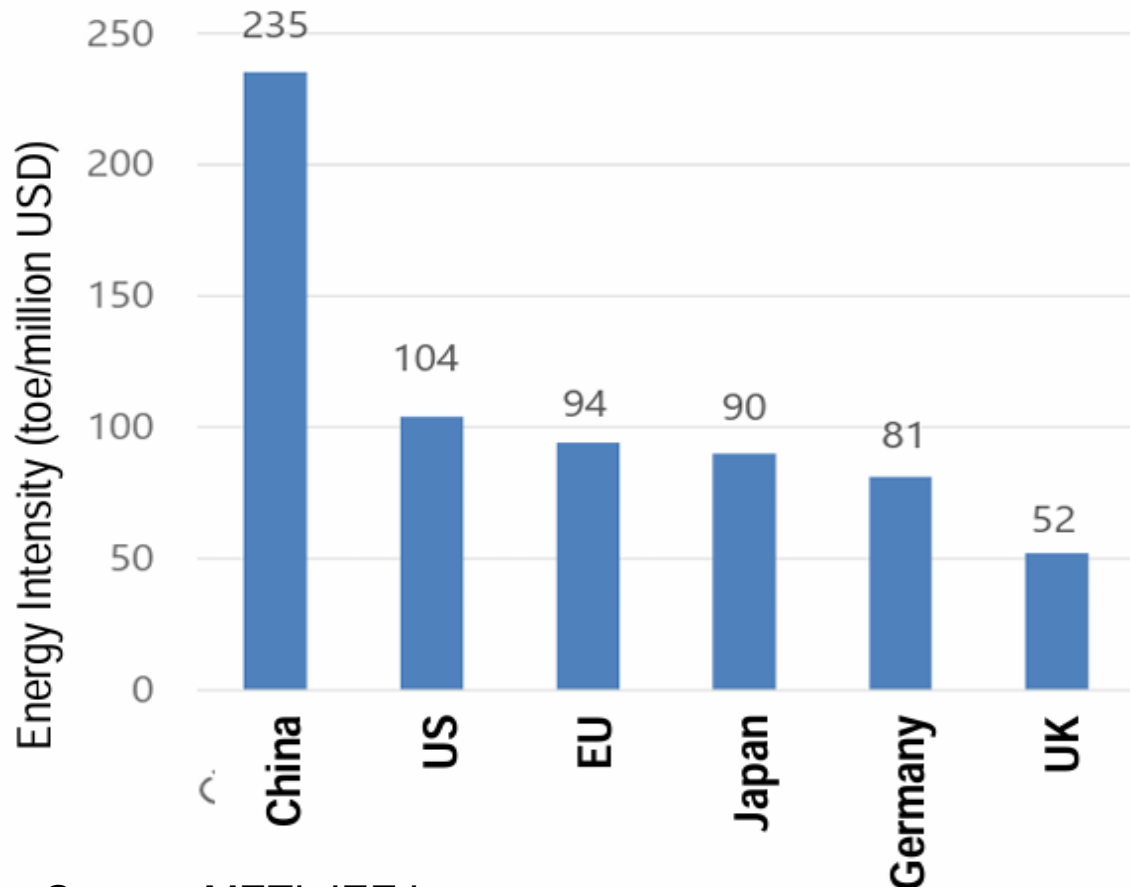


Combined with regulation

Challenges: Highly Ambitious Energy Efficiency Goal

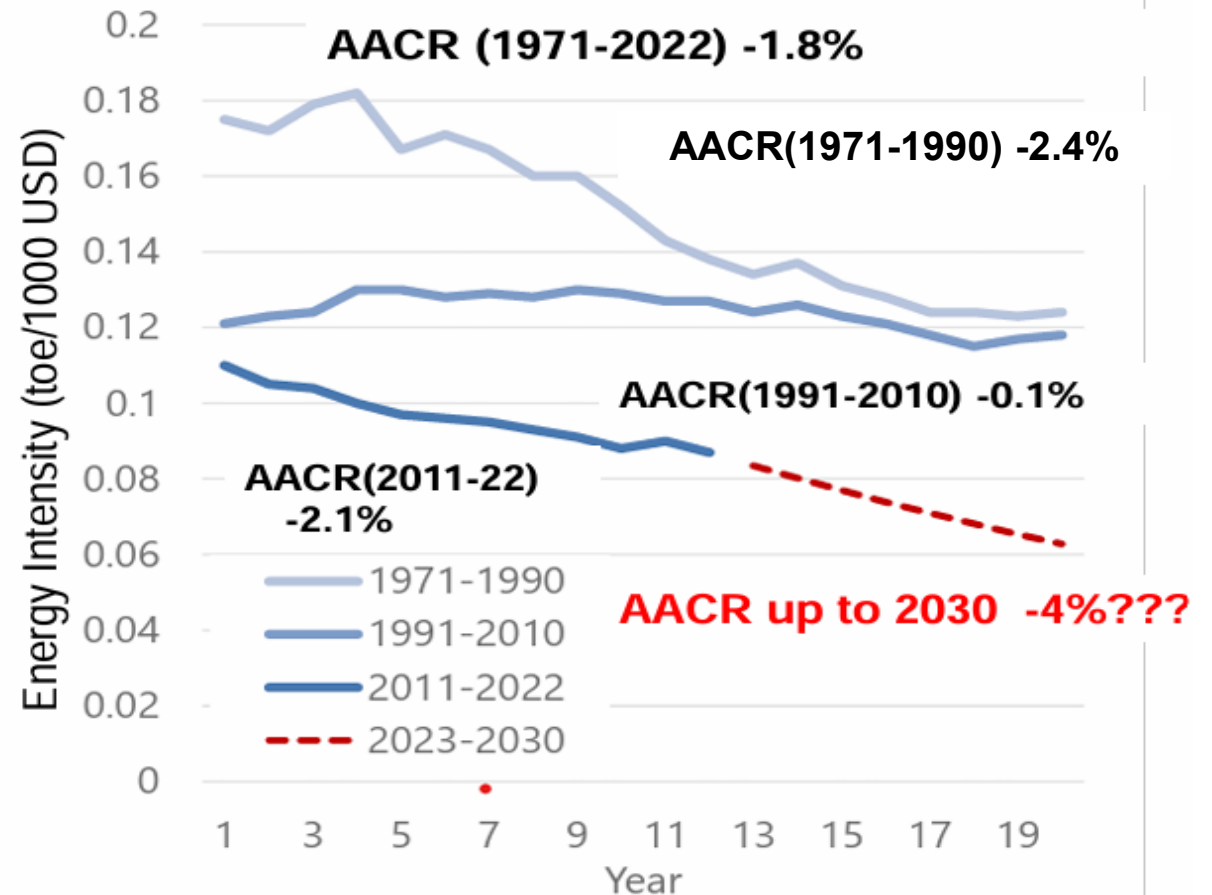
- Japan's energy efficiency level is already high
- Efficiency improvement much higher than 1971-90 period?

Energy Intensity of Major Countries



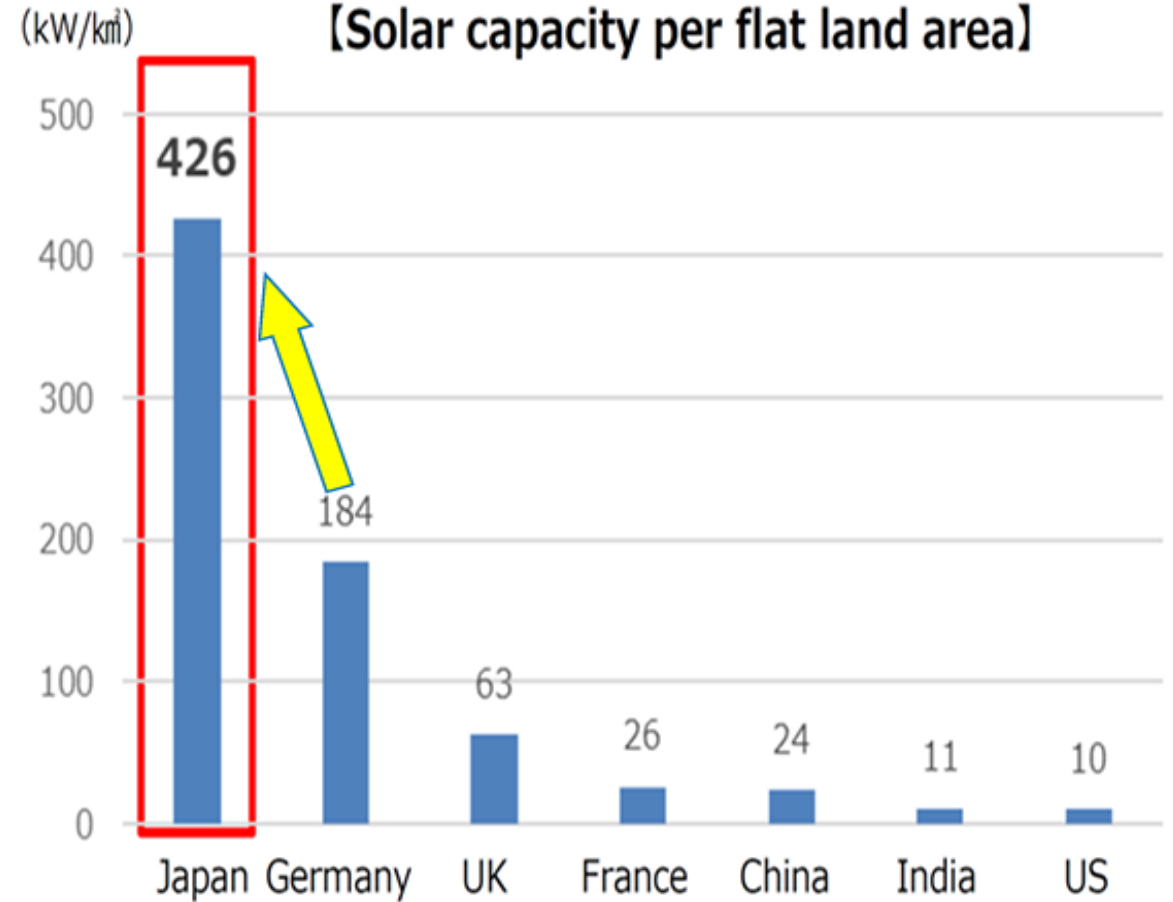
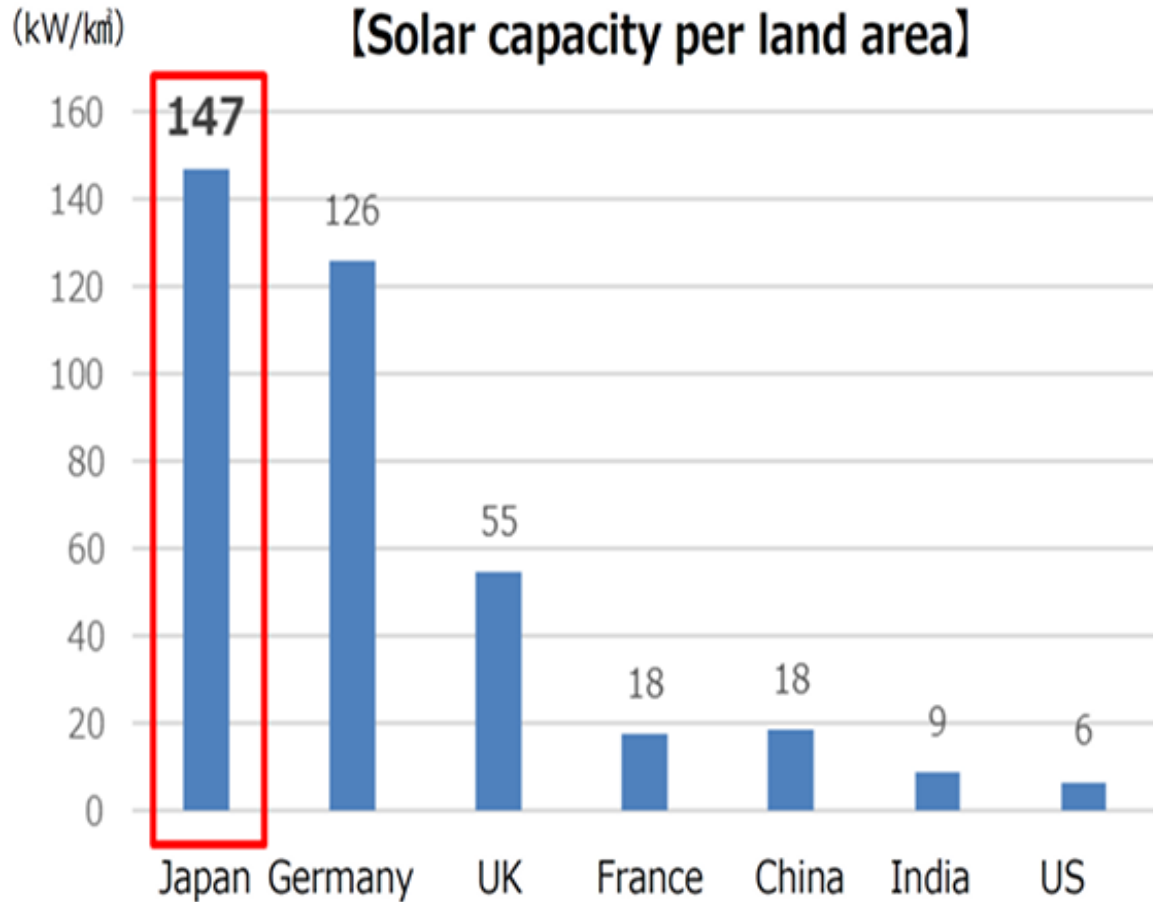
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Efficiency Improvement Trend



Challenges: Already Very High Penetration of PV

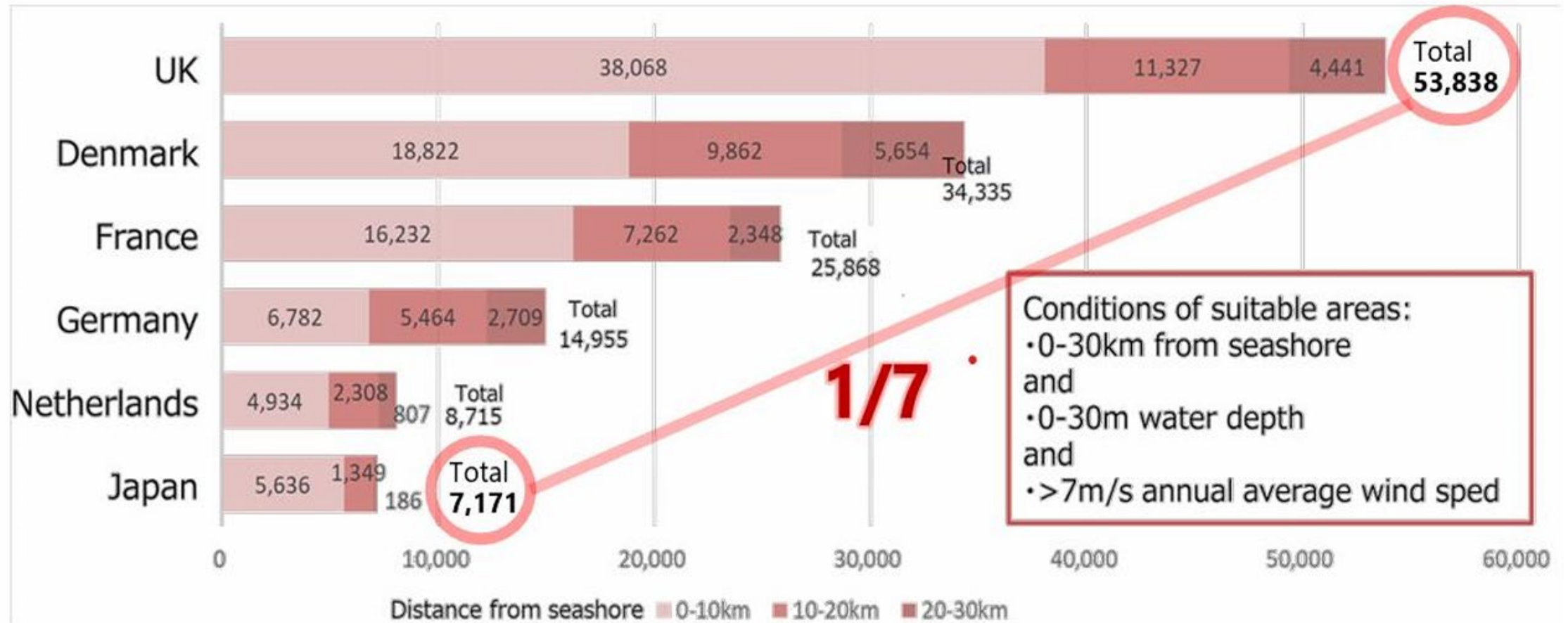
- Japan's installed capacity of solar PV per flat land area is the largest in the world and more than 2 times larger than that of Germany



Source: METI, IEEJ

Challenges: Limited Potential of Fixated Offshore Wind

- Areas suitable for fixated offshore wind in Japan far less than northern European countries (1/7 of UK, 1/5 of Denmark)
- Floating offshore wind is much more expensive than fixated offshore wind

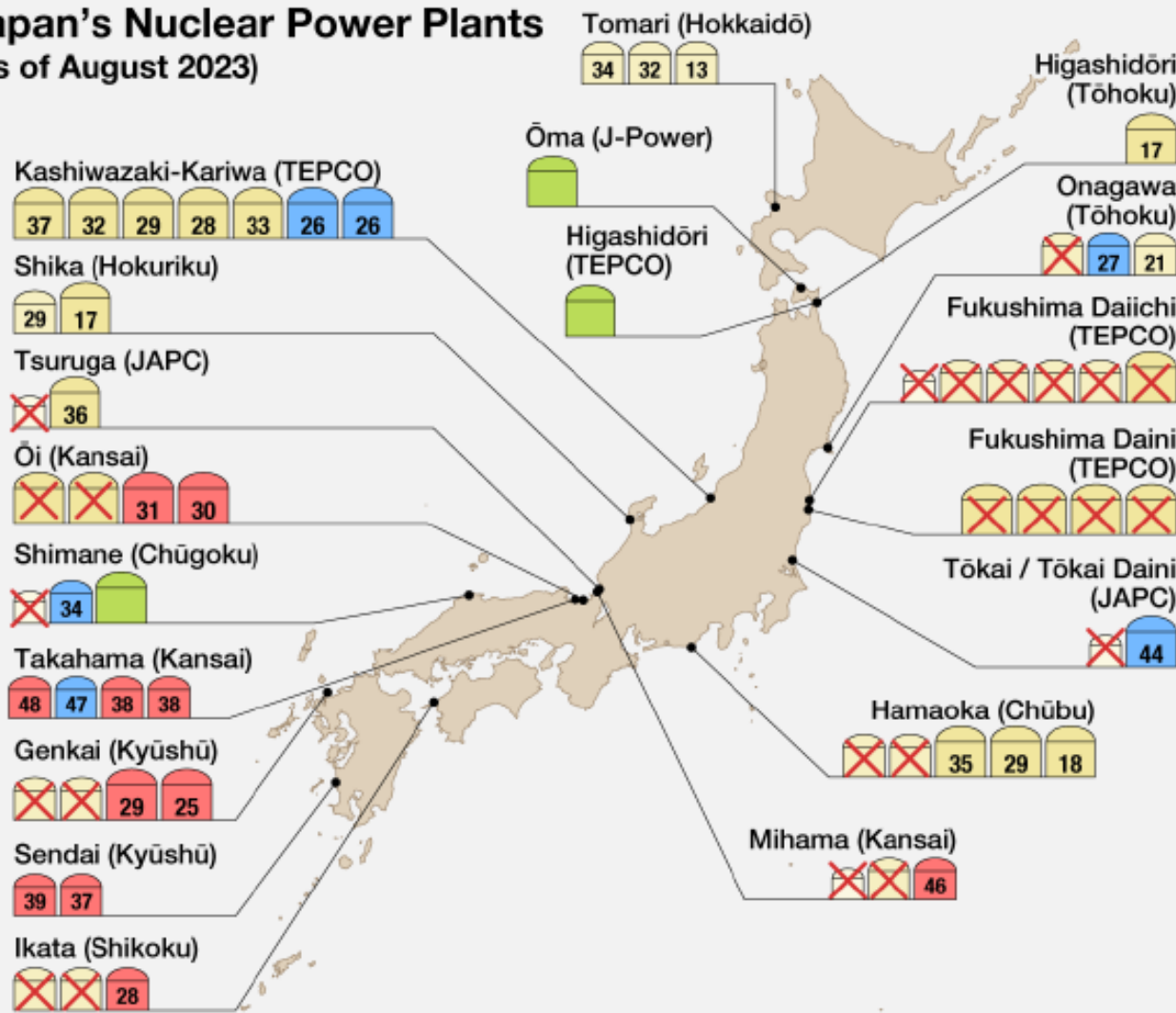


Source) "Fixed offshore wind introduction guidebook, NEDO, 2018"

Challenges: Slow Pace of Nuclear Restarting

- 46% goal calls for restarting of 27 NPPs (12 restarted, 5 passed, 10 under review)

Japan's Nuclear Power Plants
(As of August 2023)



Output

- Under 500,000 kW
- Under 1 million kW
- Over 1 million kW

Status Legend:

- Resumed operation (incl. reactors offline for routine inspections)
- Meets new standards
- Under construction
- To be decommissioned

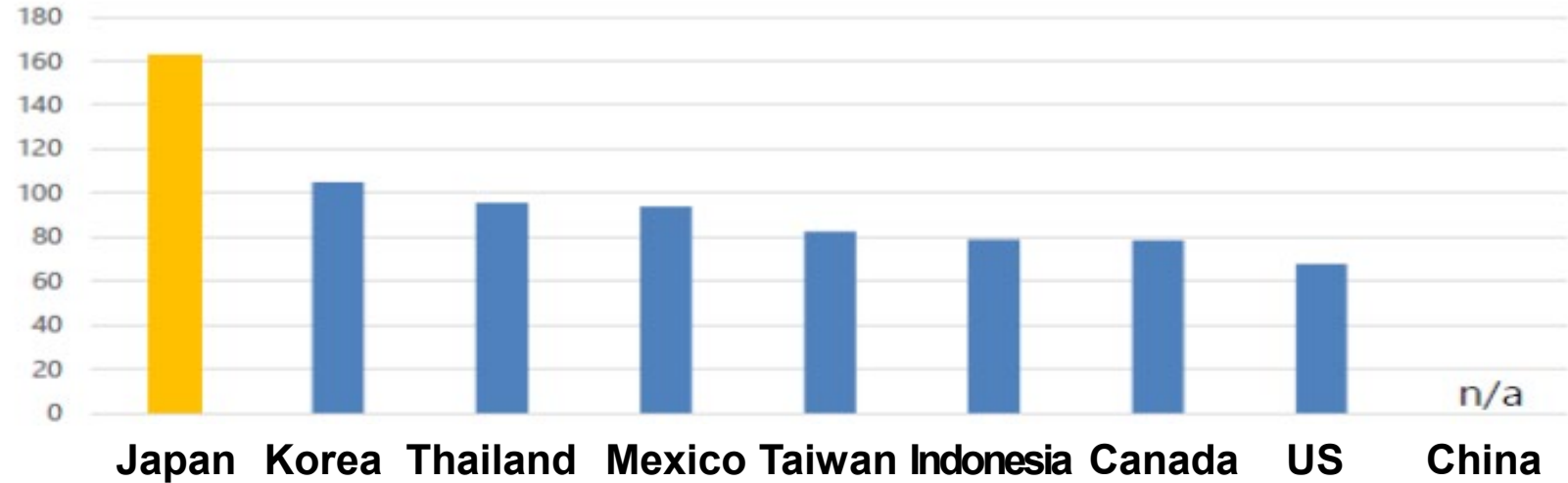
The numbers below the plant's name indicate the years since it started operations.

Challenges: Already High Energy Cost

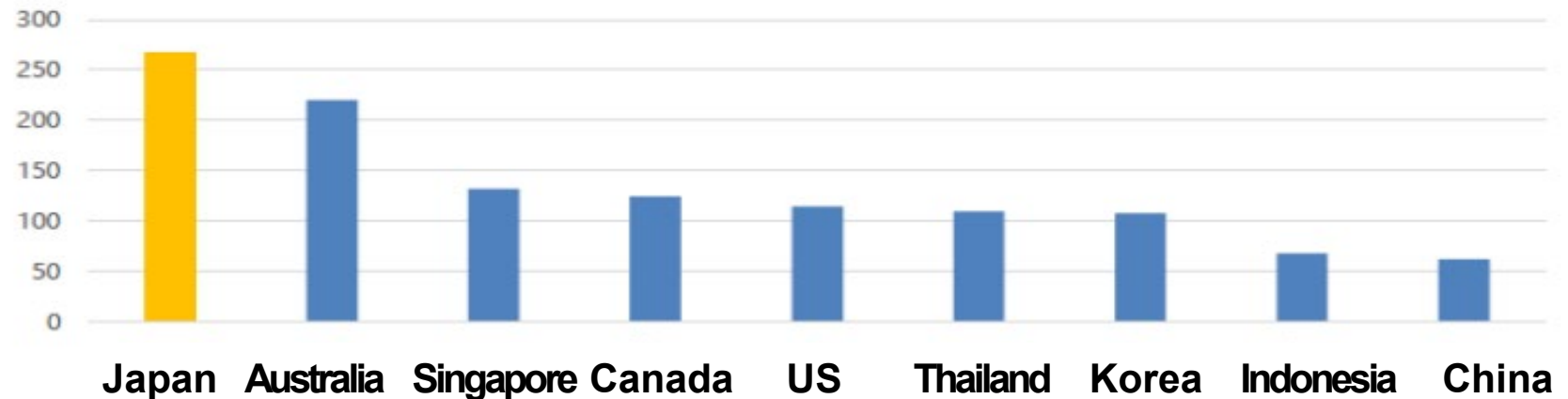
- Japan's electricity tariff is the highest in Asia Pacific Region comprising 80% of Japan's trade

Industry
Electricity Tariff

2020\$/MWh



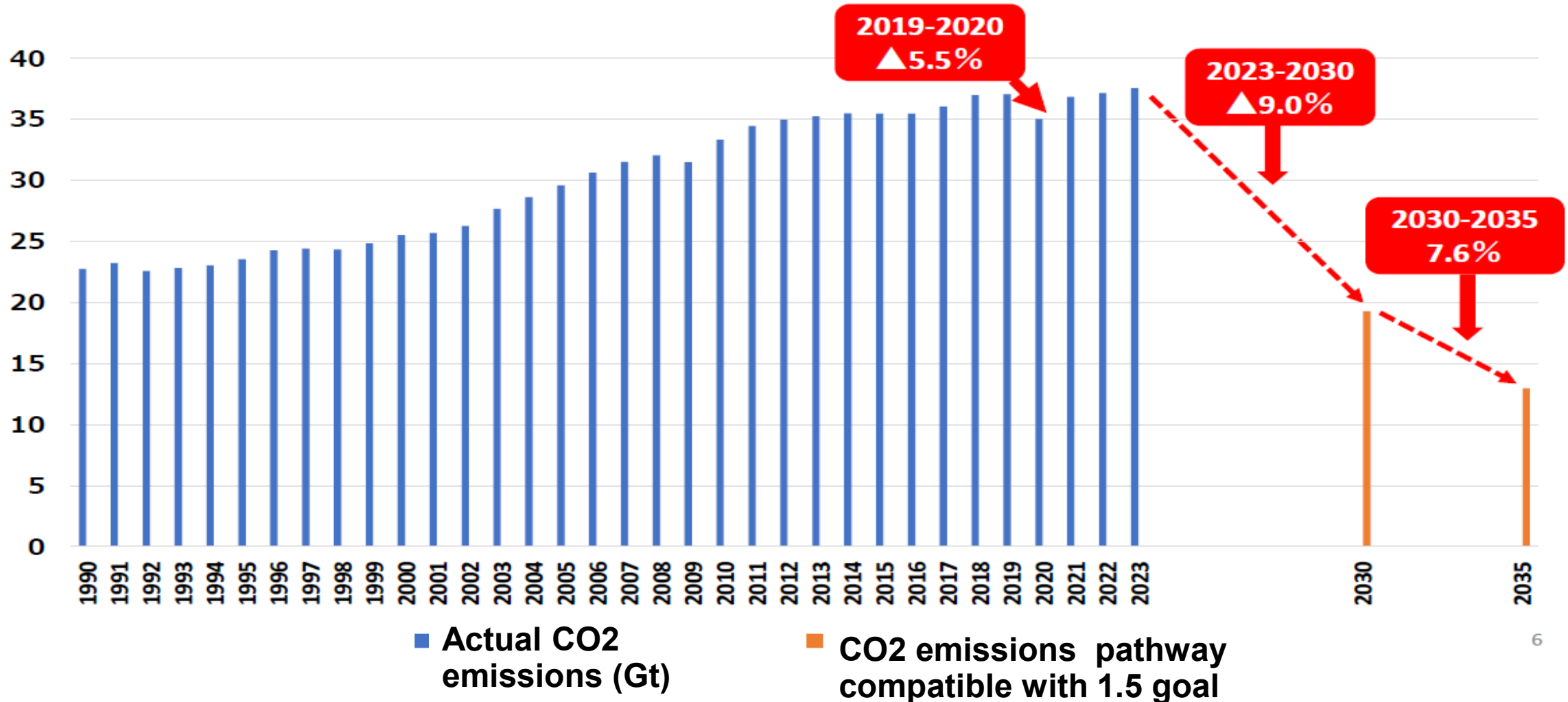
Household
Electricity Tariff



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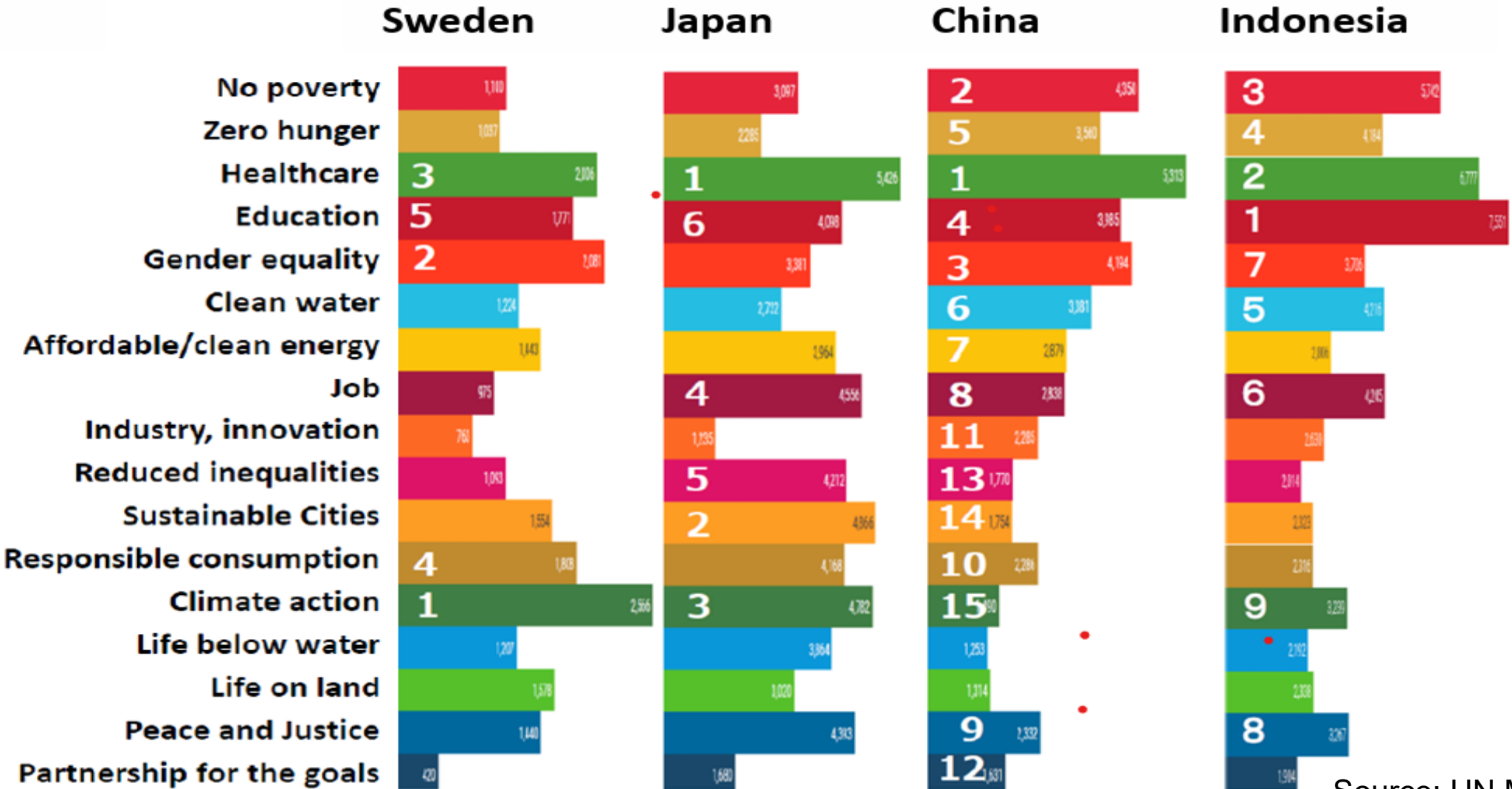
Global Challenges: Unrealistic Pathway for 1.5 Compatibility

- Japan's NDC and LTS assumes global endeavor towards 1.5 degree and 2050 CN.
- Global emissions is not at all on the track to 1.5 degree pathway



Global Challenges: Different Priority between North and South

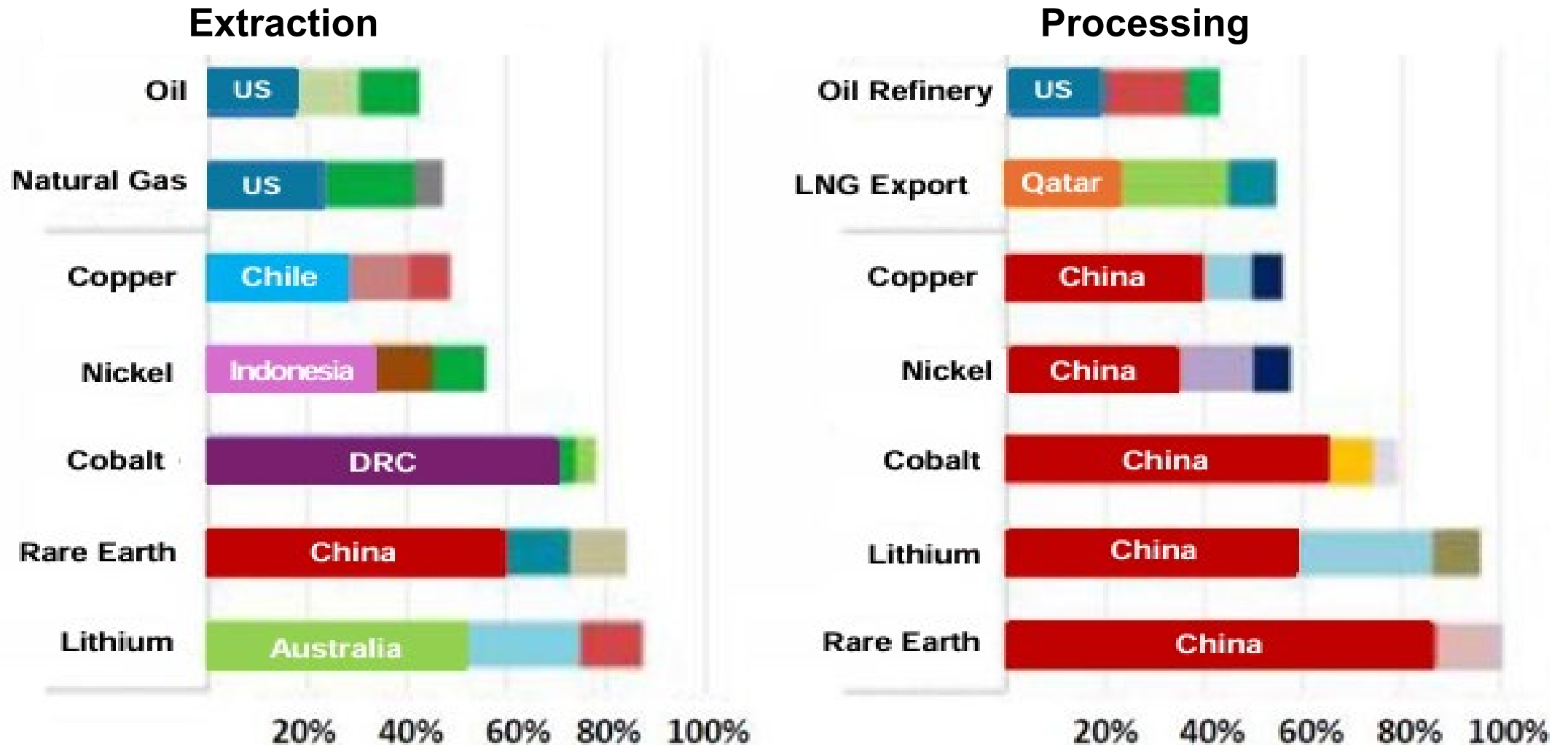
- Global North and Global South are not on the same page in their priority on SDG13



Source: UN My World 2030

Global Challenges: Supply Security of Critical Minerals

Share of Top 3 Countries in Resource Extraction and Processing



Daniel Yeargin's Views on Energy Transformation

- **Technology and economic advantage drove earlier energy transition**

← → **Public policy is now the driver.**

- **Previous energy transitions unfolded over the course of a century or more, and they did not wholly displace the incumbent technologies ← → Today's transition is intended to unfold in little more than a quarter-century and not be additive**

- **Four major hurdles for energy transition**

- **Owing largely to the disruptions caused by Russia's war in Ukraine, energy security has become a top priority again**
- **Today's world economy depends on hydrocarbons for over 80% of its energy. Four essential "pillars of modern civilization"- are cement, steel, plastics, and ammonia (for fertilizer), each of which is heavily dependent on the existing energy system.**
- **Priority on climate action and definition of "energy transition" is different between Global North and Global South**
- **Supply-demand crunch of critical minerals**