

# NET ZERO: 2024 Perspective

Trends and challenges in the  
global energy transition





# Agenda

## Introduction

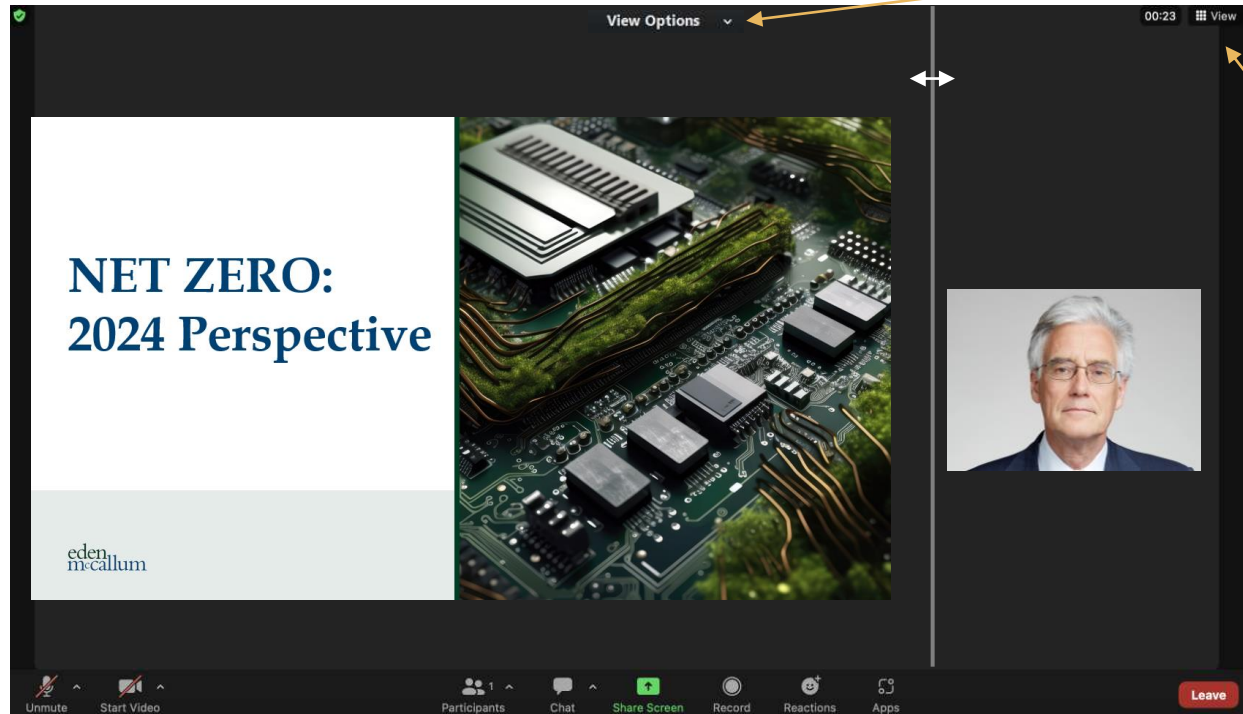
Net Zero: 2024 Perspective

Q&A



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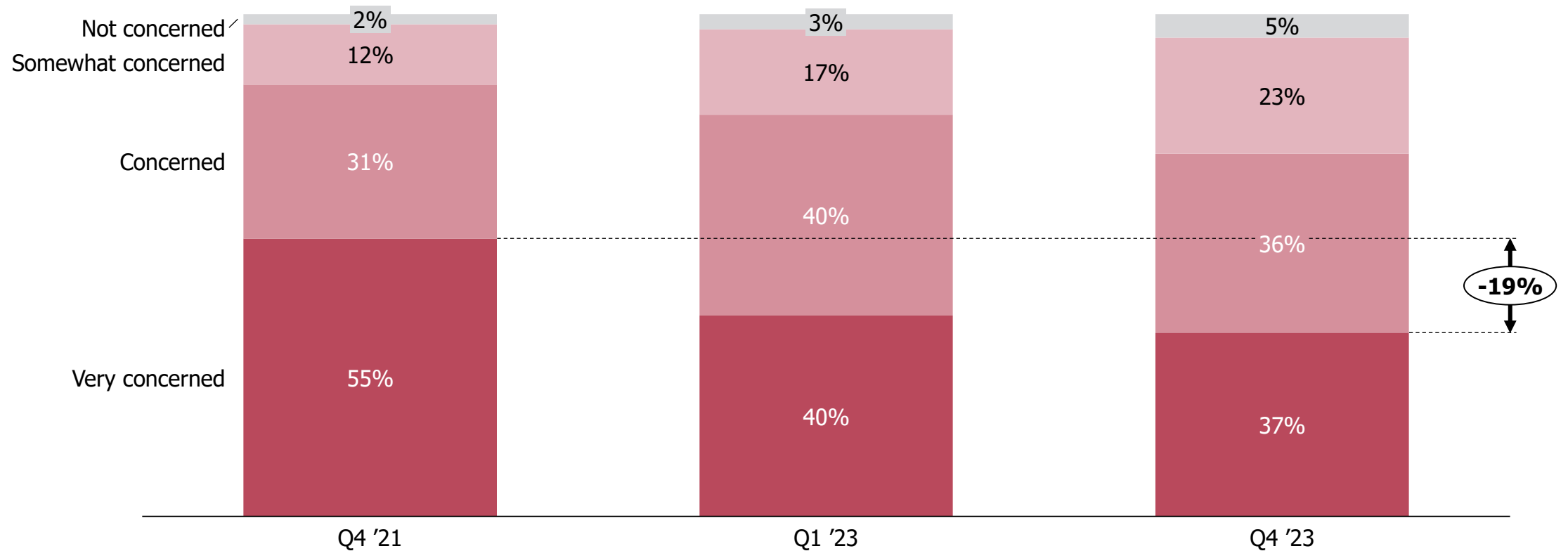
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Questions in chat

# High, but reduced intensity of concern about environmental sustainability amongst business leaders

## CONCERN ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

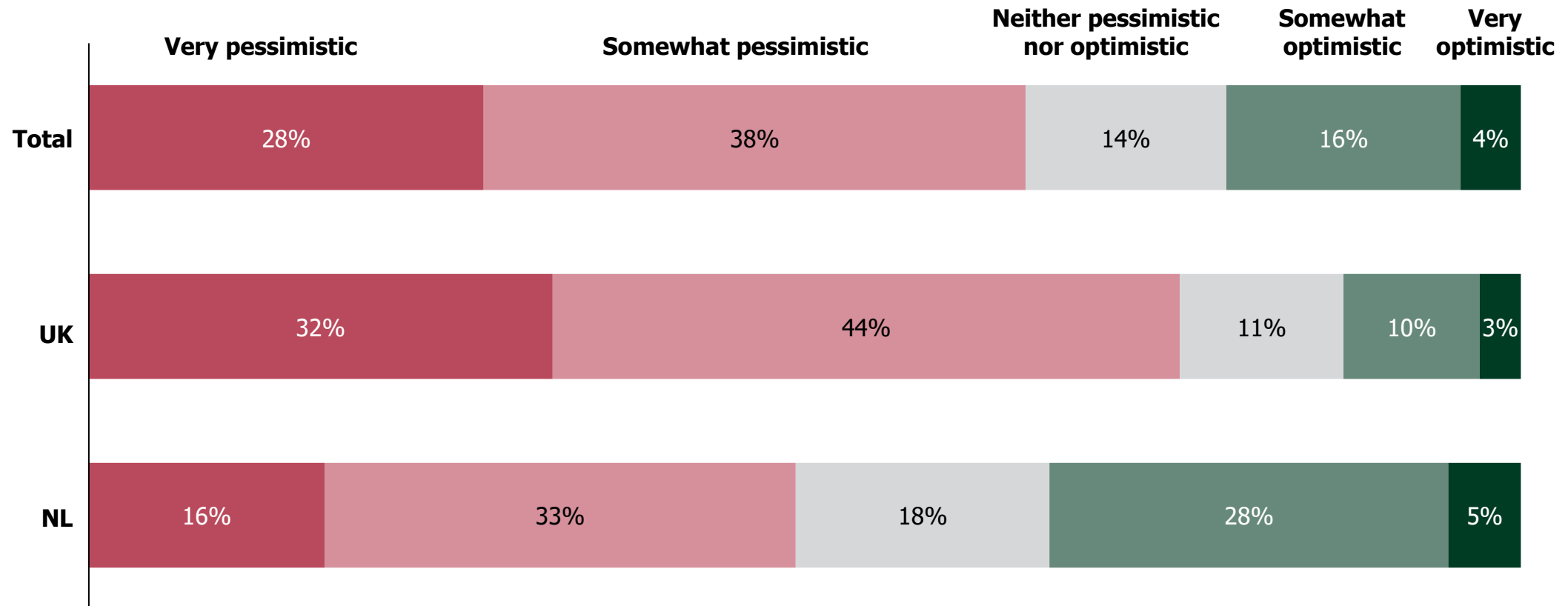


Q4 '21 n: 150 ; Q1 '23 n: 235; Q4 '23 n: 216

Source: Eden McCallum Business Outlook Survey Q4 2021, Q1 2023, Q4 2023: Q14 - How concerned are you personally about environmental sustainability?

# High levels of pessimism about countries achieving net zero targets by 2050 amongst business leaders

NET ZERO OUTLOOK<sup>1</sup> (Q4 '23)

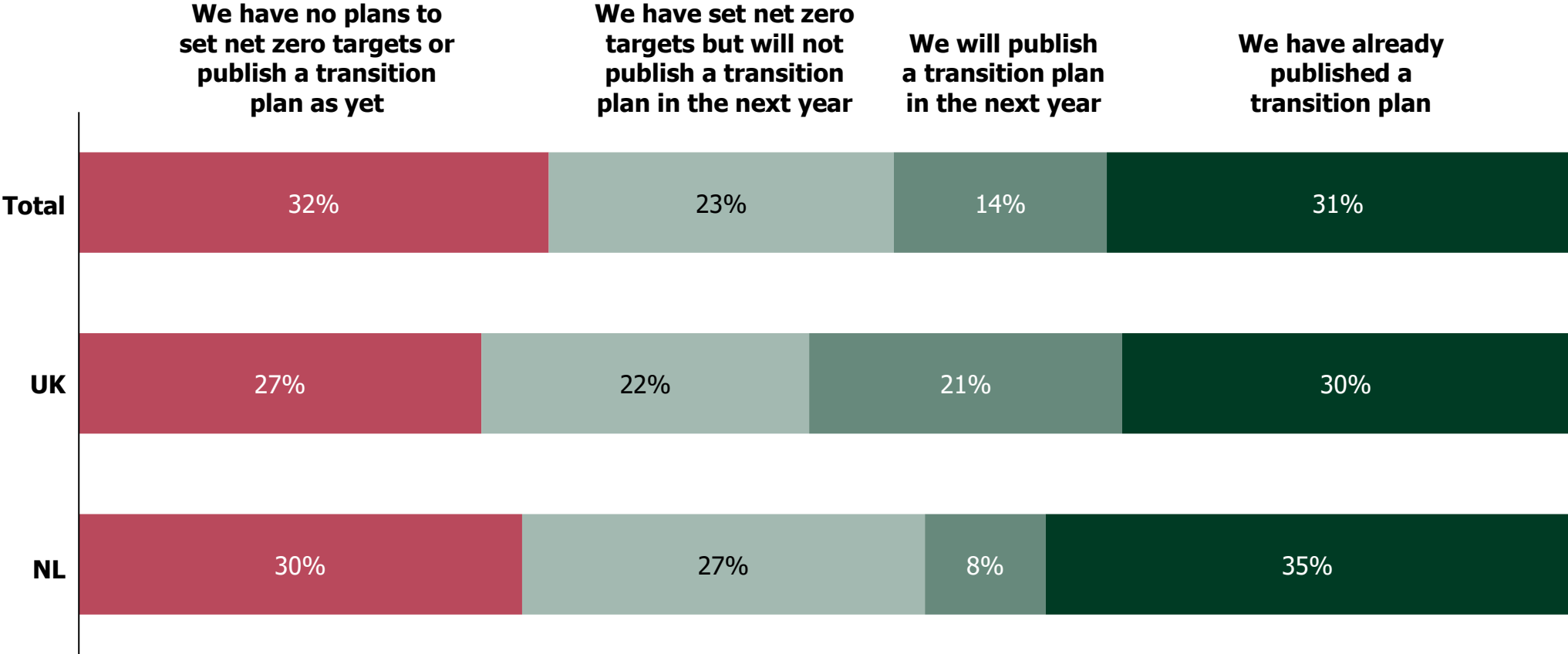


Total n: 214

Source: Eden McCallum Business Outlook Survey Q4 2023: Q15 - How pessimistic or optimistic are you about your country achieving the target of net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050?

# Most companies have set net zero targets and/or published a transition plan

## CORPORATE NET ZERO TRANSITION PLANNING<sup>1</sup> (Q4 '23)



Total n: 203  
 Source: Eden McCallum Business Outlook Survey Q4 2023: Q18 - Which of the following best describes the status of net zero transition planning in your organisation?



# Lord Adair Turner

## Currently

- **Chair, The Energy Transitions Commission**
- Chair, Chubb Europe
- Advisory Board, Envision Energy
- Member of the board, AESC
- Advisor to Watershed Technologies Inc.
- Advisor to ReNew Power India
- Chairman, Oaknorth Bank plc

## Previous public policy roles

- Chair, Financial Services Authority
- Chair, Climate Change Committee
- Chair, Pensions Commission
- Chair, UK Low Pay Commission

## Previous business roles

- Vice-Chair, Merrill Lynch Europe
- NED, Standard Chartered plc
- Director-General, CBI
- Director, McKinsey



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# Trends and challenges in the global energy transition

Eden McCallum

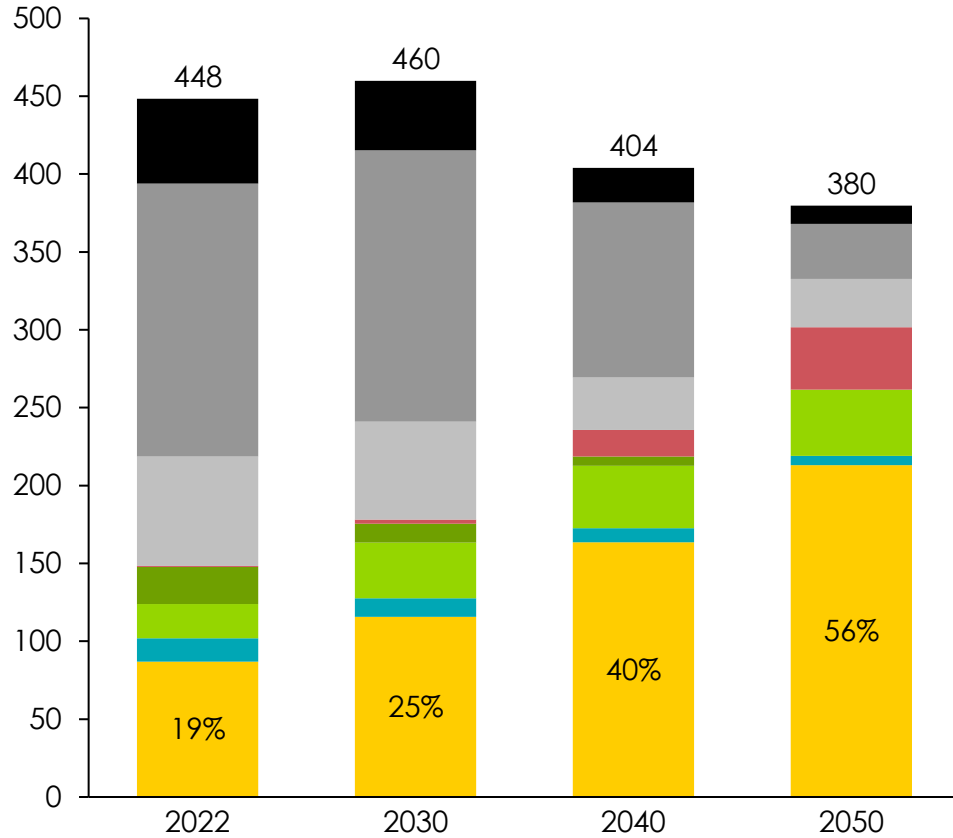
15<sup>th</sup> March 2024



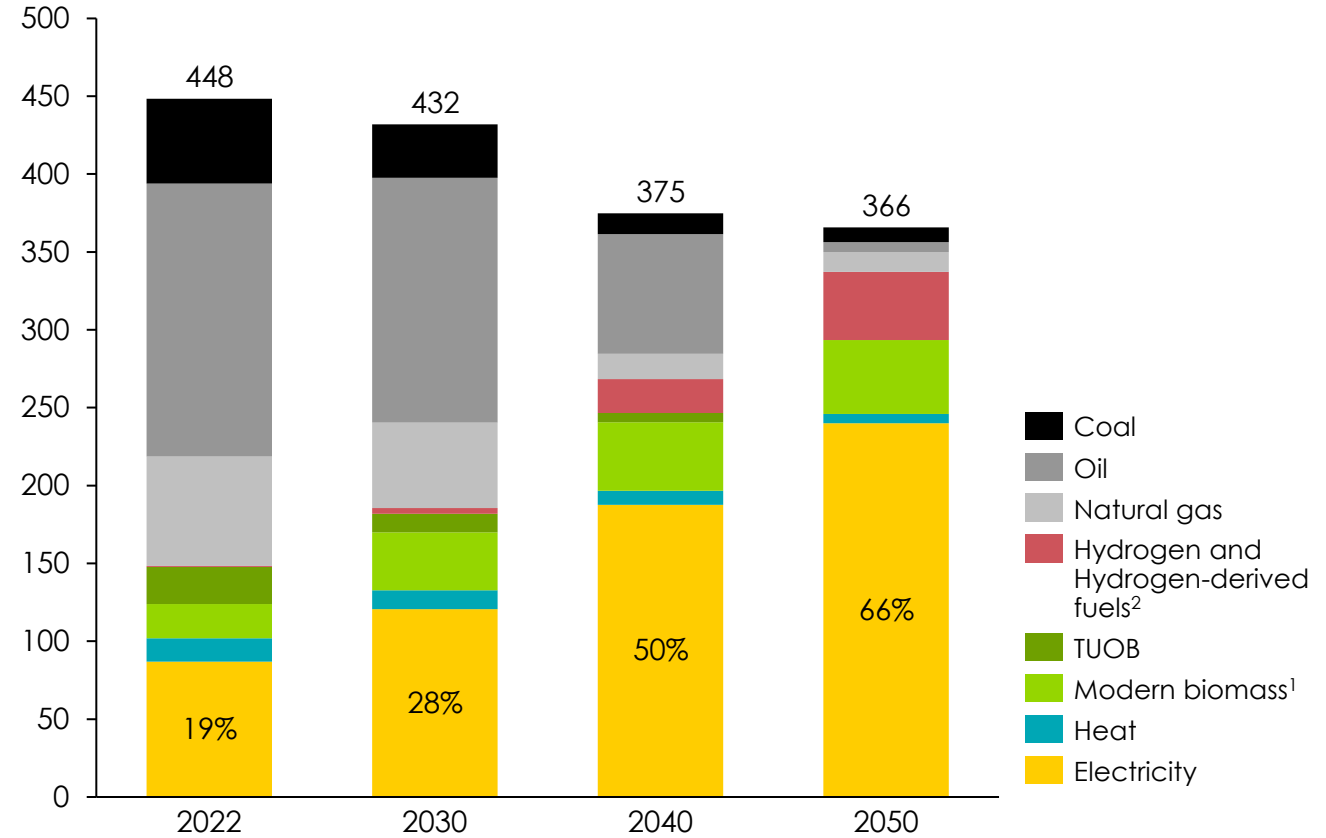
# Final Energy Consumption in ETC scenarios

EJ per annum

## ACCELERATED BUT CLEARLY FEASIBLE



## POSSIBLE BUT STRETCHING



- Coal
- Oil
- Natural gas
- Hydrogen and Hydrogen-derived fuels<sup>2</sup>
- TUOB
- Modern biomass<sup>1</sup>
- Heat
- Electricity

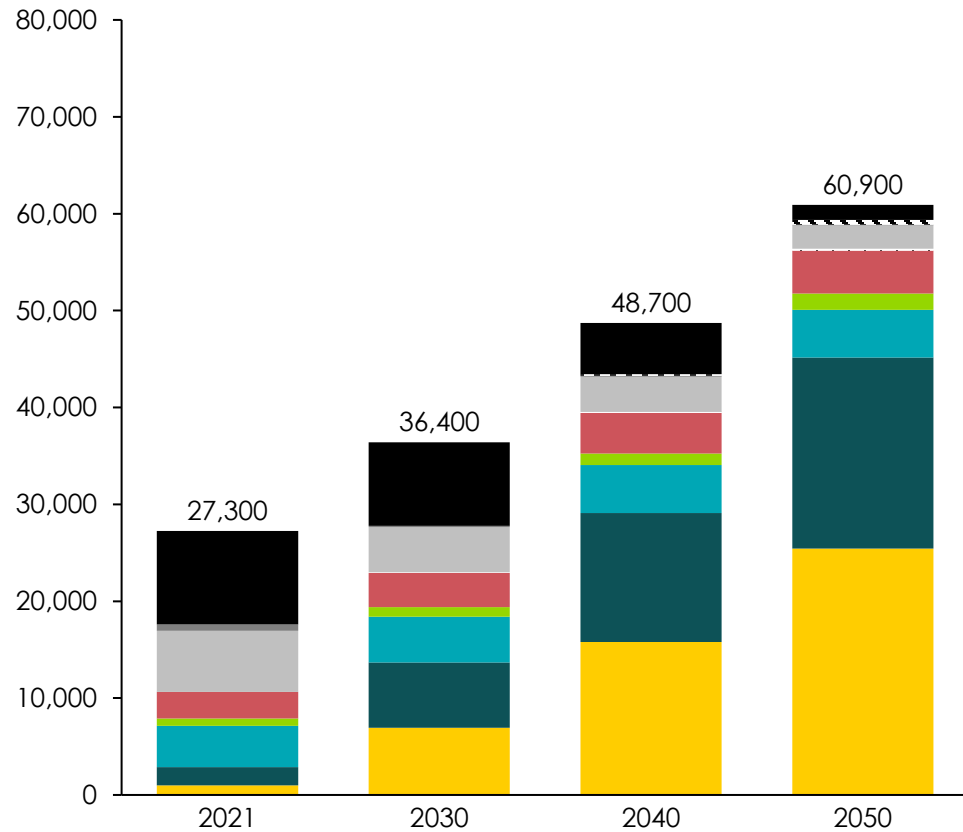
Note: <sup>1</sup>Final energy demand from Modern biomass to be finalized. <sup>2</sup>Mainly from green sources.  
 Source: Systemiq analysis for the ETC (2023).



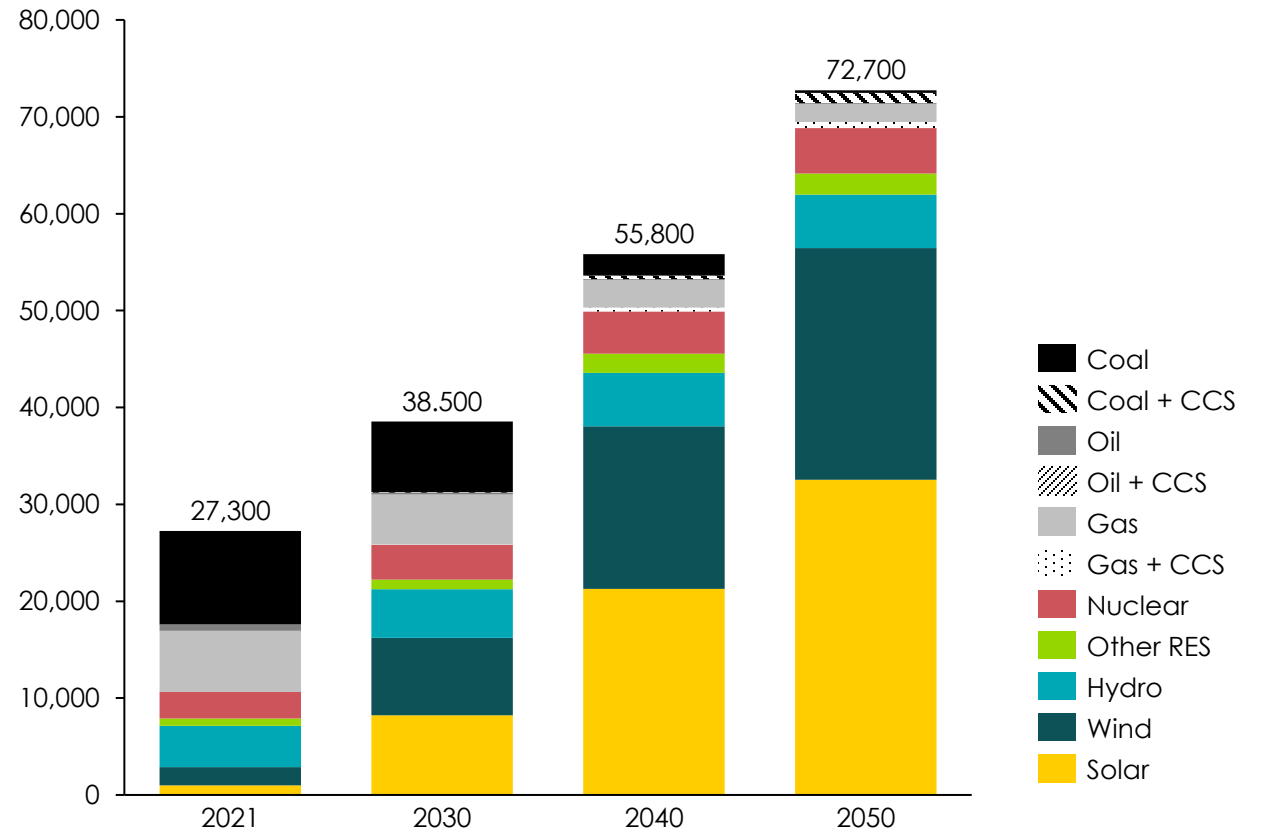
# Global power generation by source

TWh

## ACCELERATED BUT CLEARLY FEASIBLE



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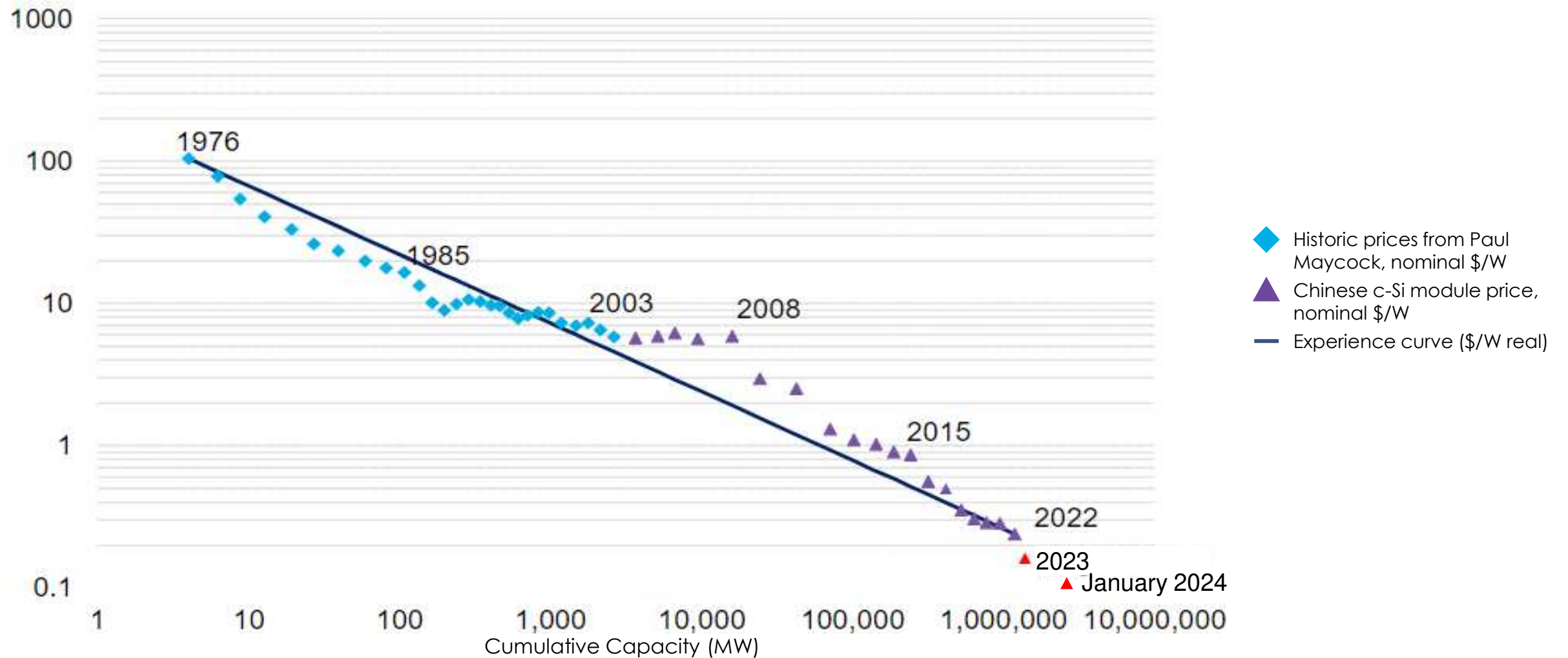
- Coal
- Coal + CCS
- Oil
- Oil + CCS
- Gas
- Gas + CCS
- Nuclear
- Other RES
- Hydro
- Wind
- Solar

Note: figures include power demand from DACCS from 2030 onwards.  
Source: Systemiq analysis for the ETC (2023).



# The crystalline silicon PV experience curve

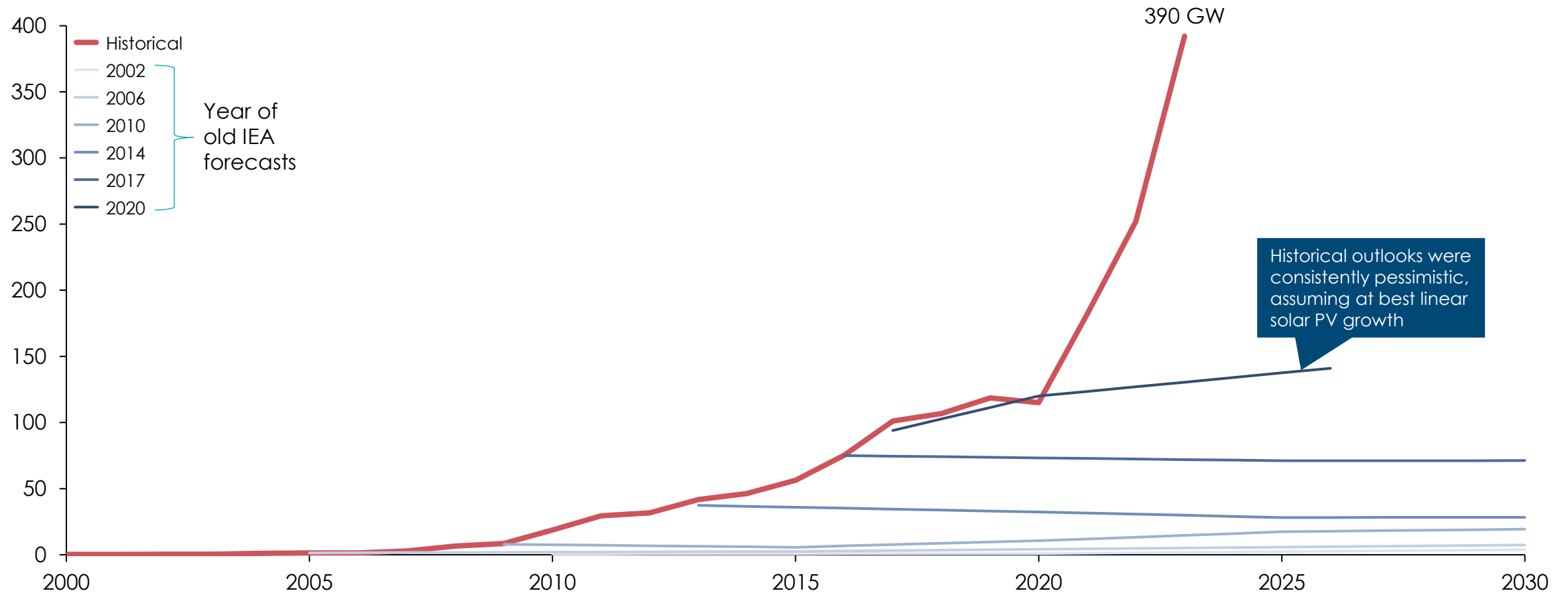
\$/W (real 2023)



# Past forecasts consistently underestimated solar PV deployment

## Annual solar PV installations compared to IEA forecasts

GW

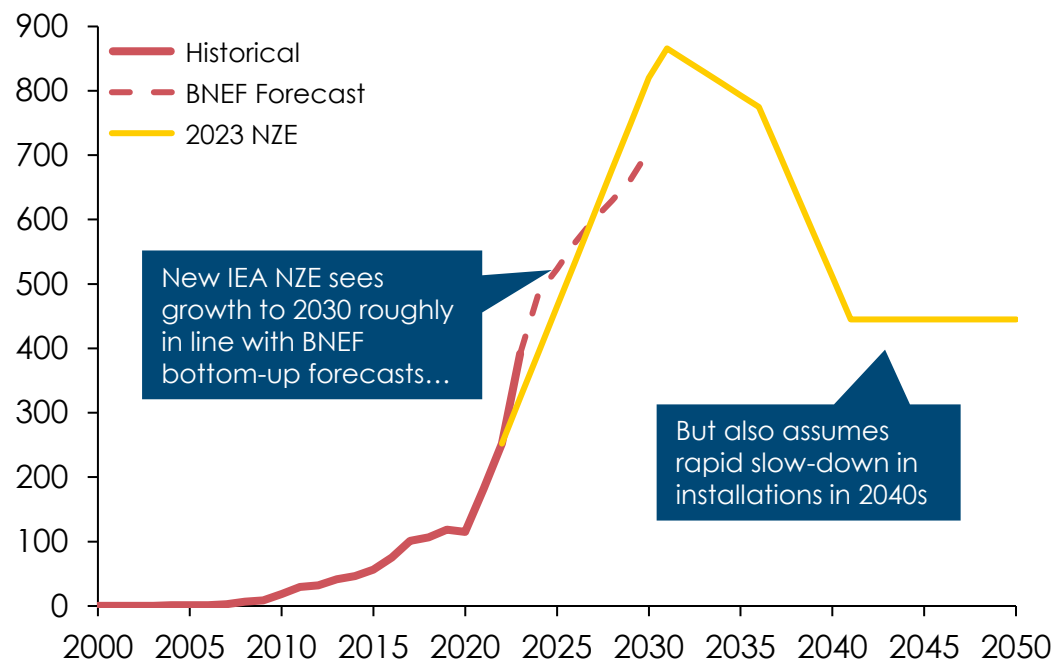


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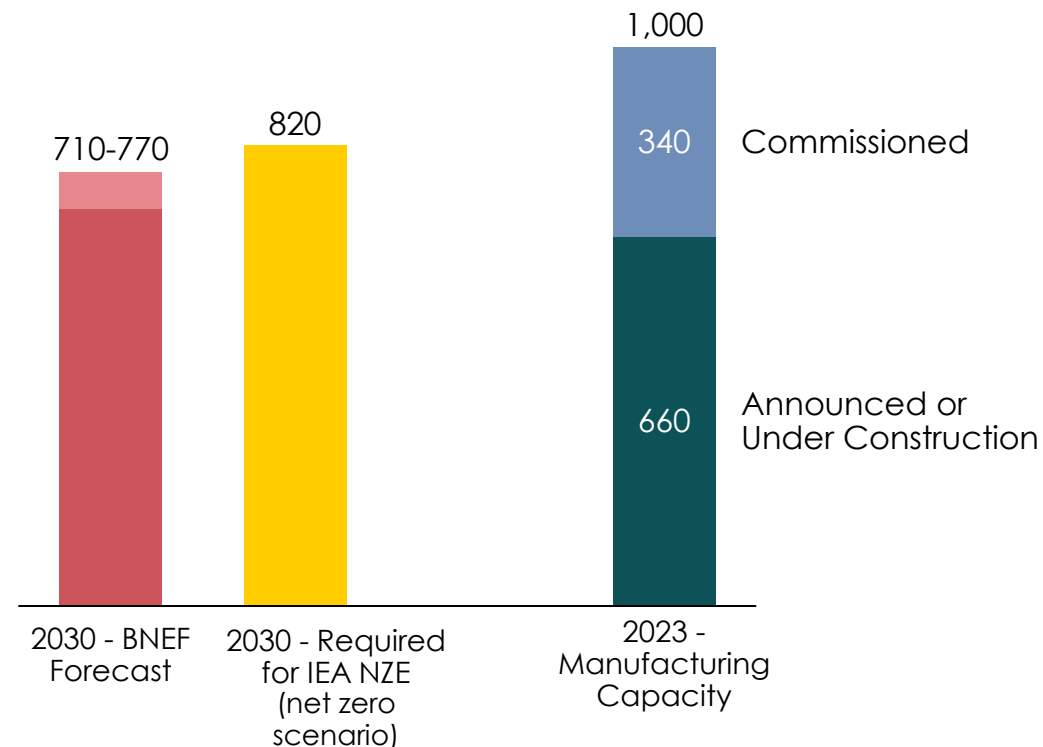
# Even the IEA's newest Net Zero scenario assumes a slowdown in solar over the long term

Annual solar PV installations projected BY IEA, GW



Whilst the newest Net Zero scenario anticipates strong acceleration of solar through to 2035, installations then slow down markedly after 2040...

2030 solar PV installations and manufacturing capacity, GW



...Even though announced solar manufacturing capacity is on track for 1 TW



Source:Auke Hoekstra/IEA World Energy Outlook; Hoekstra et al. (2017), *Creating agent-based energy transition management models...*; BNEF (2023), *Interactive data tool – Global installed capacity*; IEA (2023), *Net zero roadmap – update*.

# Solar panel 540 Watt on sale in Spain - €99

**Panel solar RISEN  
540W**

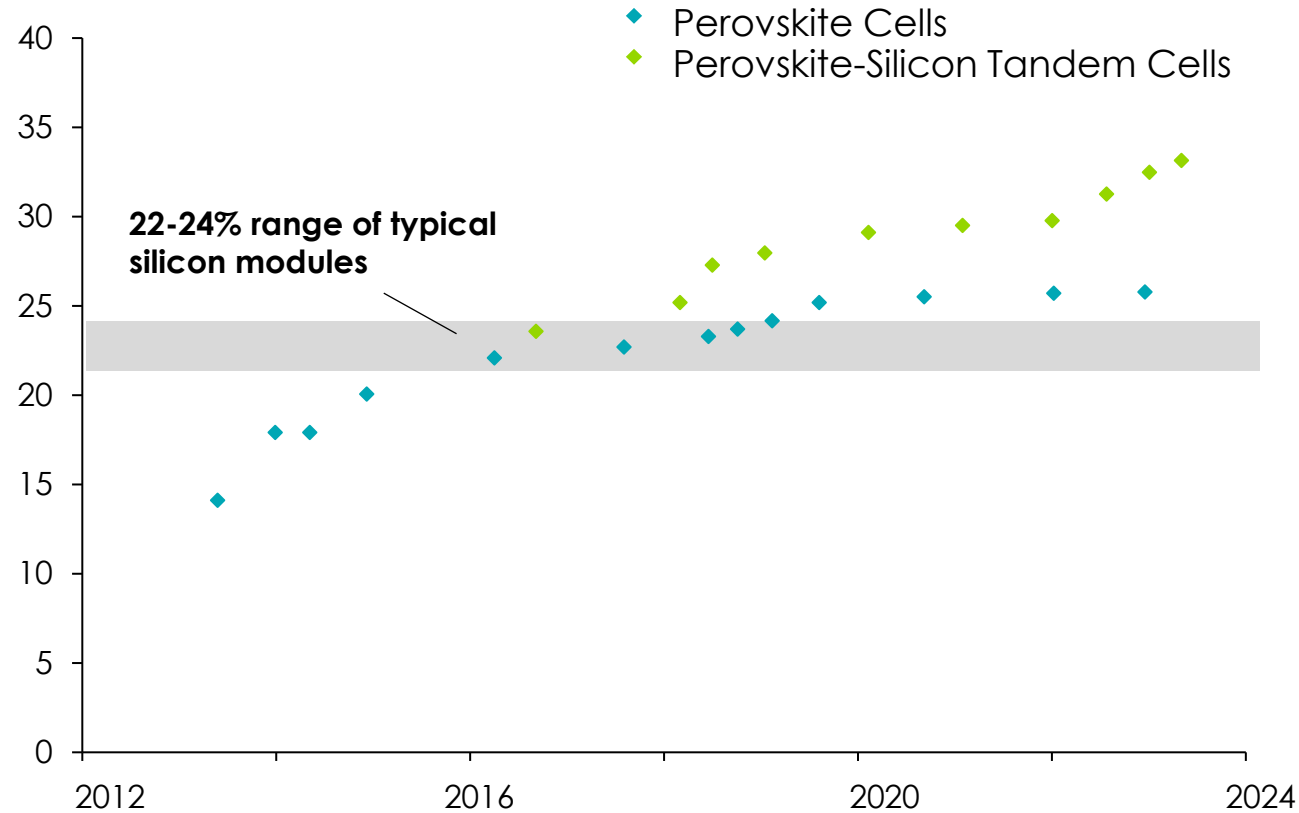
**99,00 €**

Ref: 83742164 Precio unidad: 99,00€  
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# Solar power conversion efficiency<sup>1</sup>

%



Solar efficiencies keep creeping up; perovskite tandems can help drive progress in late 2020s-30s

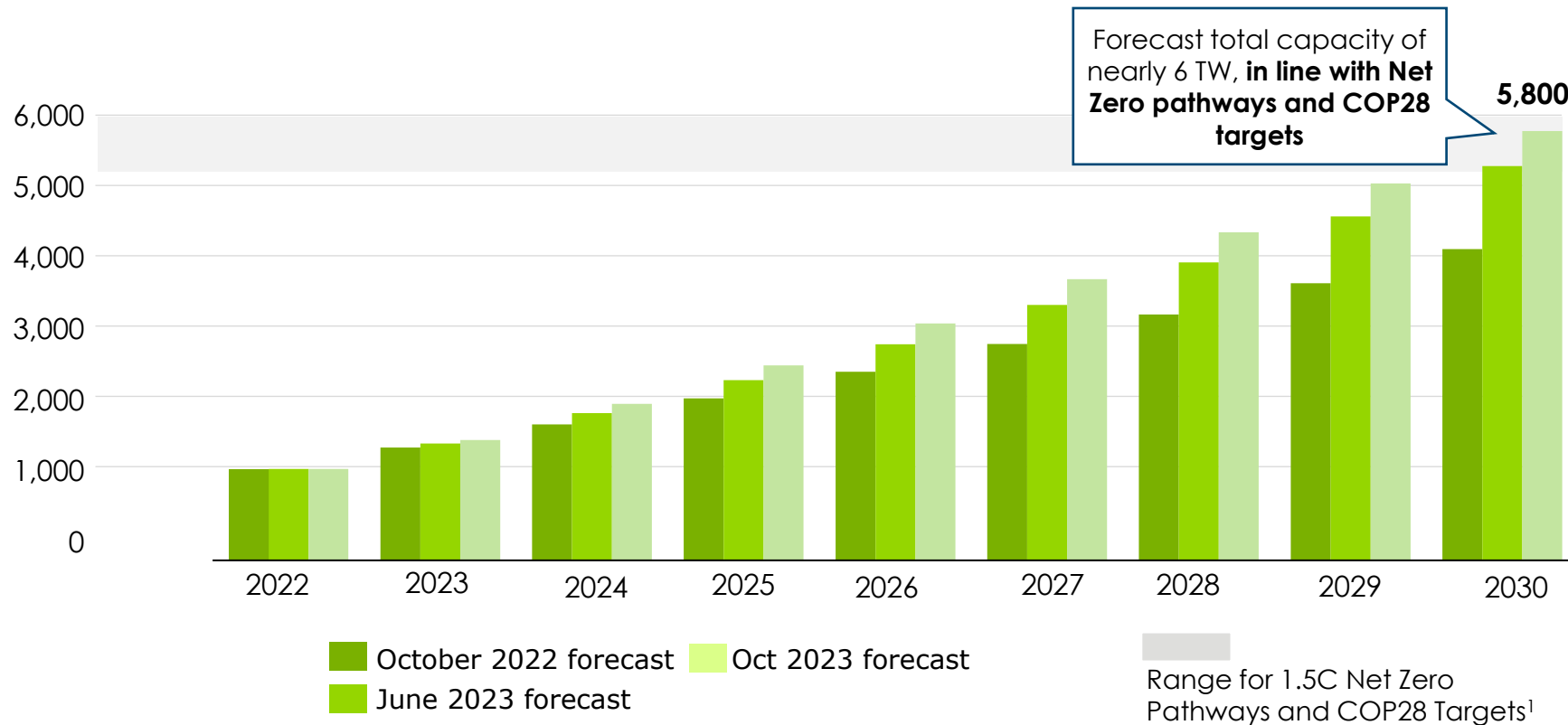


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# Solar projections are in line with ETC required pathways

## Recent solar forecasts are now aligned to ETC 2030 milestones

GW total capacity installed



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

Note: <sup>1</sup> 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) *Global Installed Capacity*

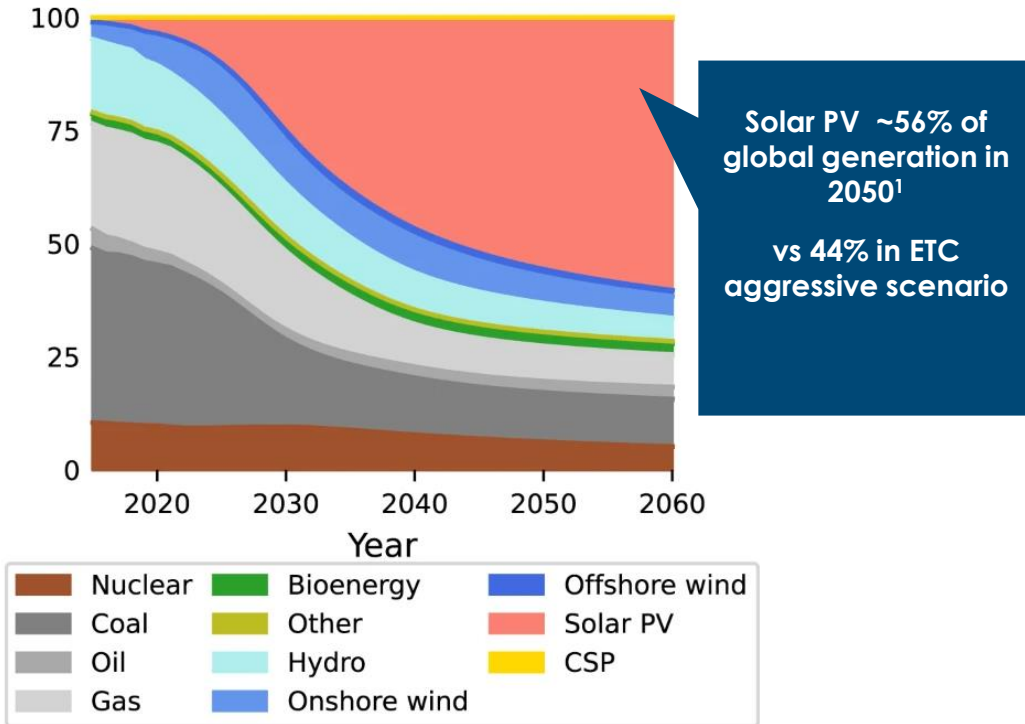




# New research<sup>1</sup> argues that solar will dominate global power generation

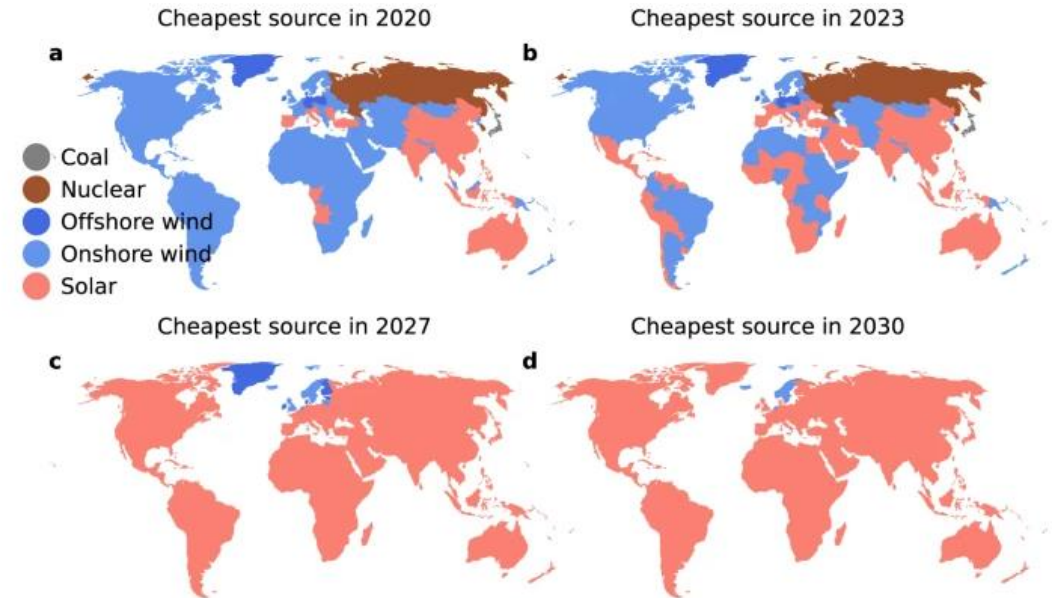
## Global share of electricity generation

%



## Lowest-cost LCOE by region

LCOE includes system and storage costs



Note: <sup>1</sup> Modelling is for a BAU/Baseline-type scenario where technology adoption is driven purely by costs – i.e. this is not for a net-zero or climate-aligned scenario.  
 Source: Nijse et al. (2023), *The momentum of the solar energy transition*

# Wind power 'in crisis'?

The offshore wind fiasco takes government self-harm to new heights **The Telegraph**

**Why EU offshore wind is in trouble** **euobserver**

UK offshore wind at 'tipping point' as funding crisis threatens industry

**The Guardian**

**World's Biggest Wind Power Projects Are in Crisis Just When World Needs Them Most** **Bloomberg**

*Offshore Wind Runs Into Rising Costs and Delays*

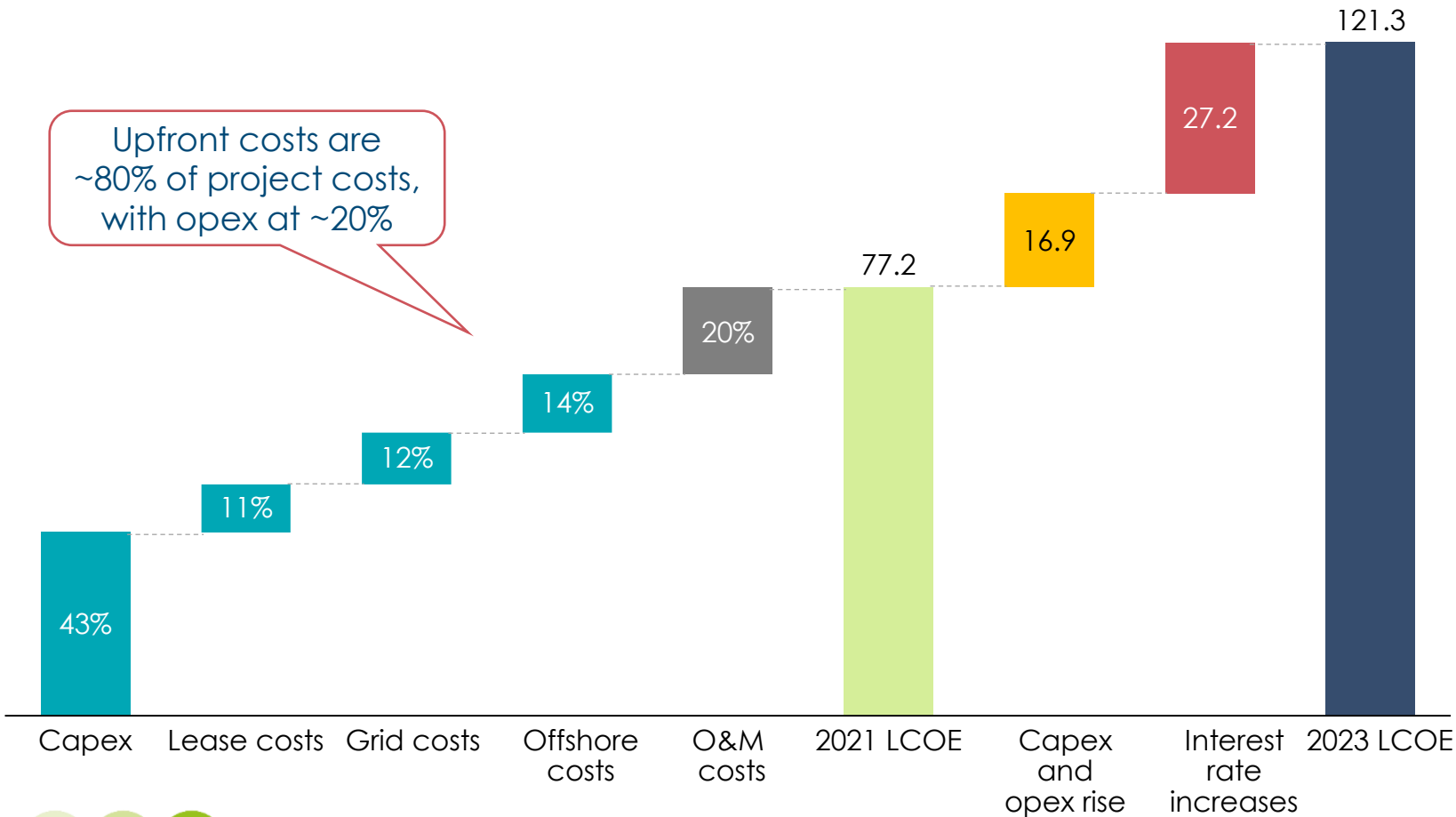
**The New York Times**



# Significant increases in offshore wind costs in US and Europe

## US offshore wind LCOE progression from 2021-2023

\$/MWh, 2021 nominal prices



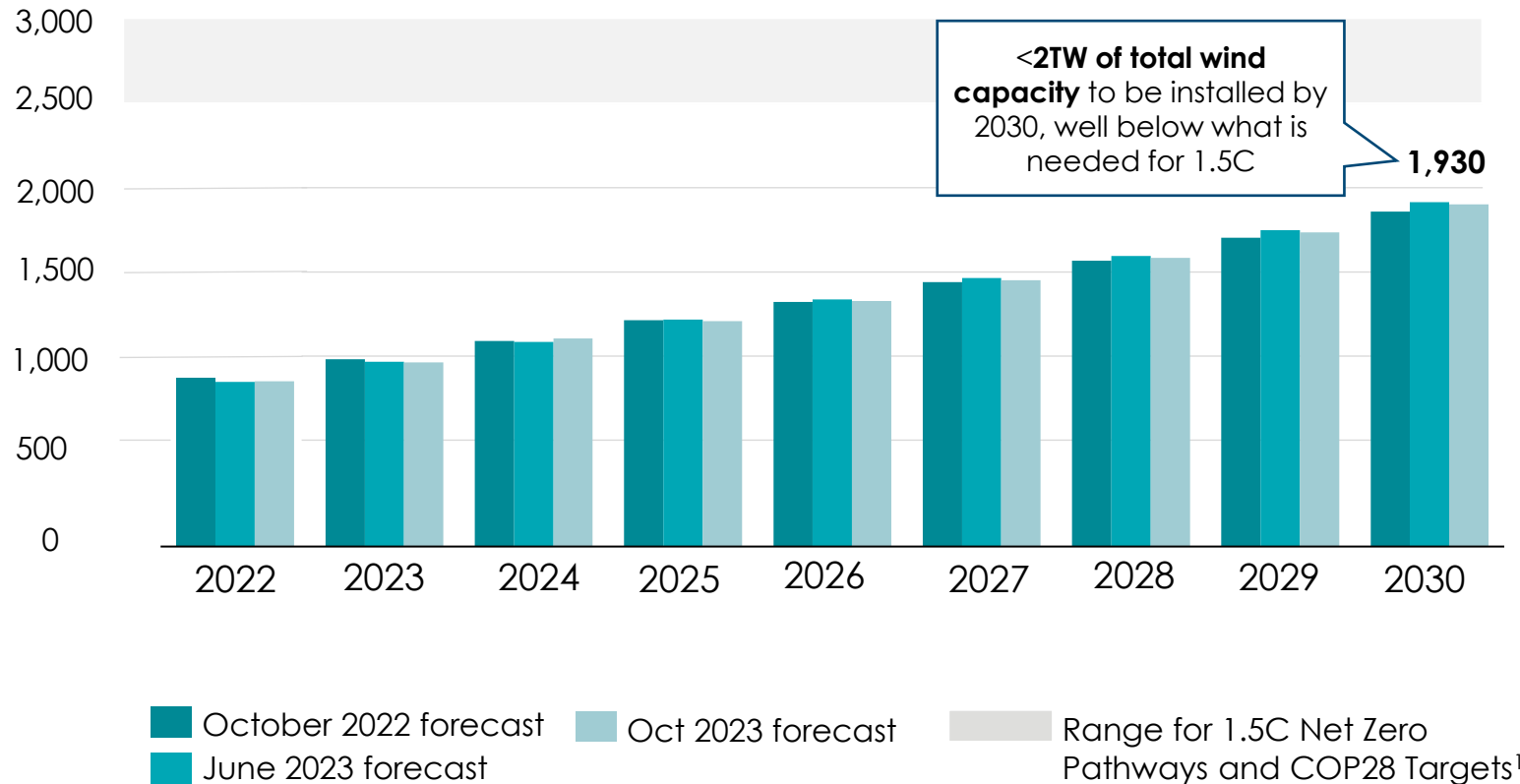
- Rising capex and opex, and interest rate hikes have added **\$44/MWh** to US offshore wind LCOE – a **57% increase between 2021 and 2023**.

- **In the UK** ECIU find some developers **costs have increased 40%** since 2022.



# Recent wind forecasts fall behind ETC 2030 milestones

GW total capacity installed



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

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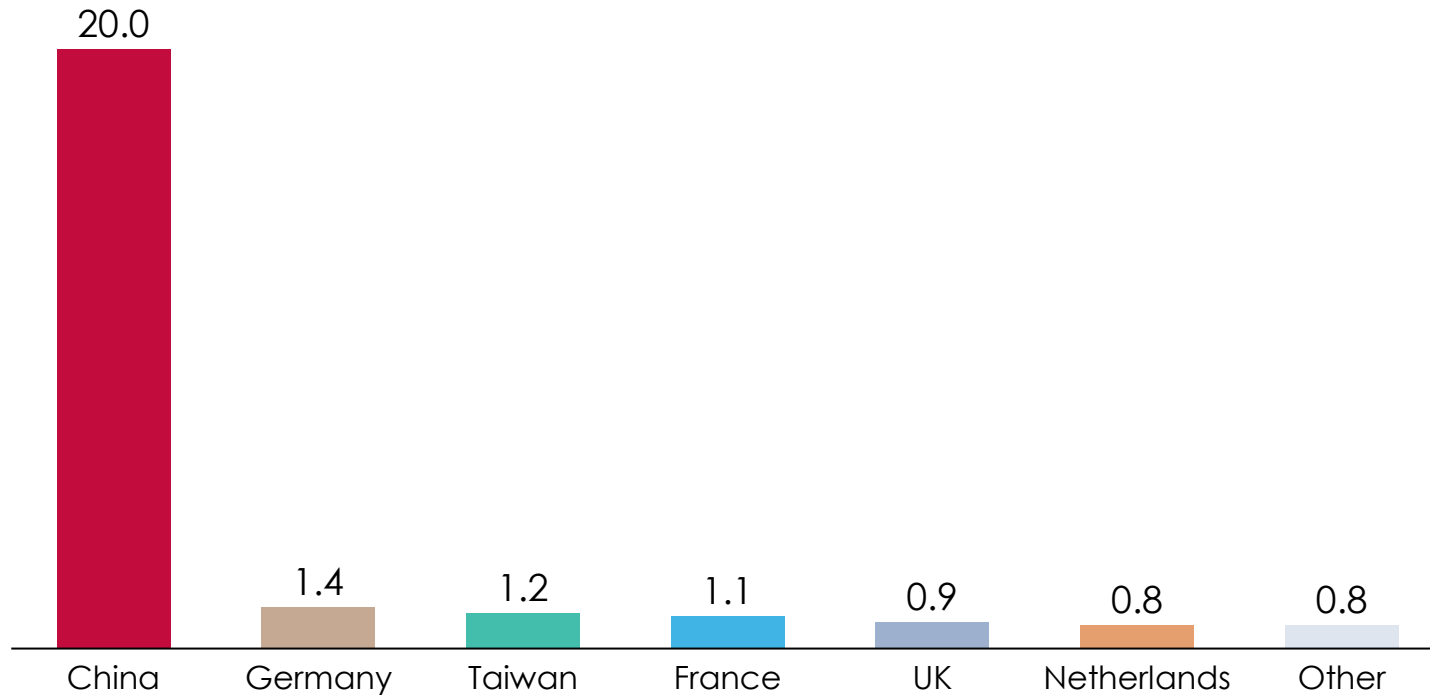




# China has pulled ahead of other countries on offshore wind

## Offshore wind capacity secured financing 2022-23

GW



From 2020 to 2023, prices for offshore wind turbines sold in mainland China **dropped more than 40%**, driven by fierce supplier competition

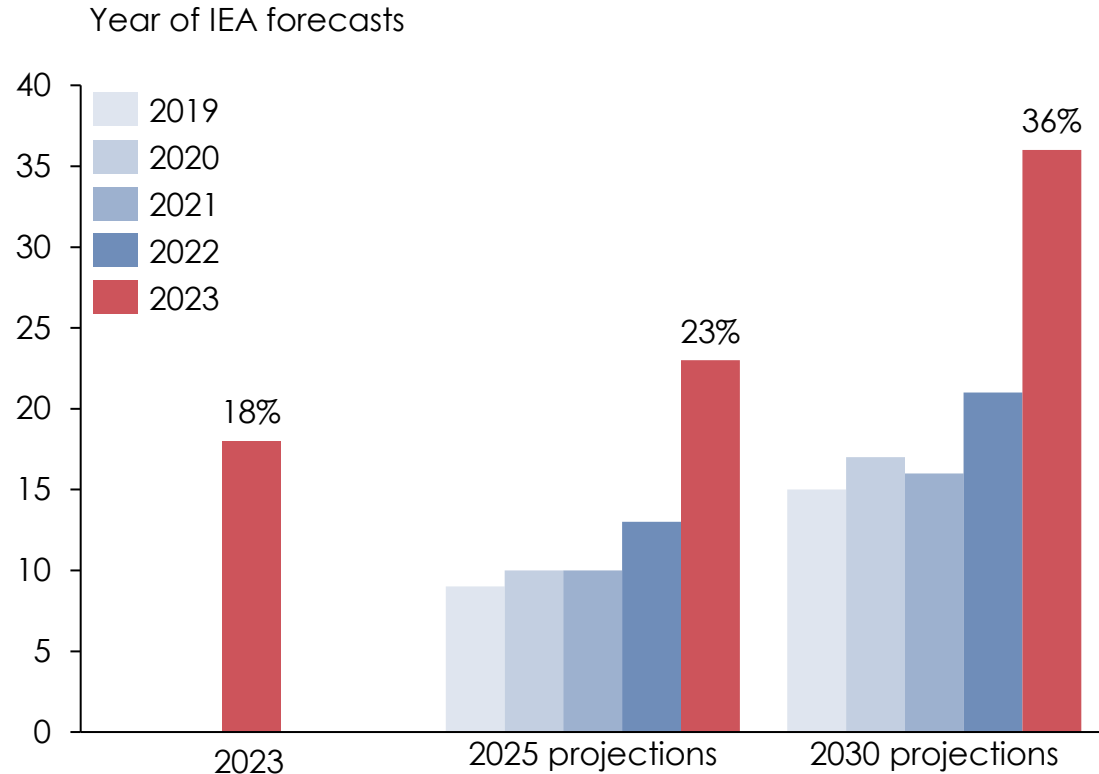


Notes: Other includes Japan, South Korea, US and Vietnam. Charts refers to projects reaching FID  
Source: BNEF (2023) Localizing Offshore Wind Supply Chains Threatens Growth

# Projected and actual EV sales

## EV share of passenger vehicle sales

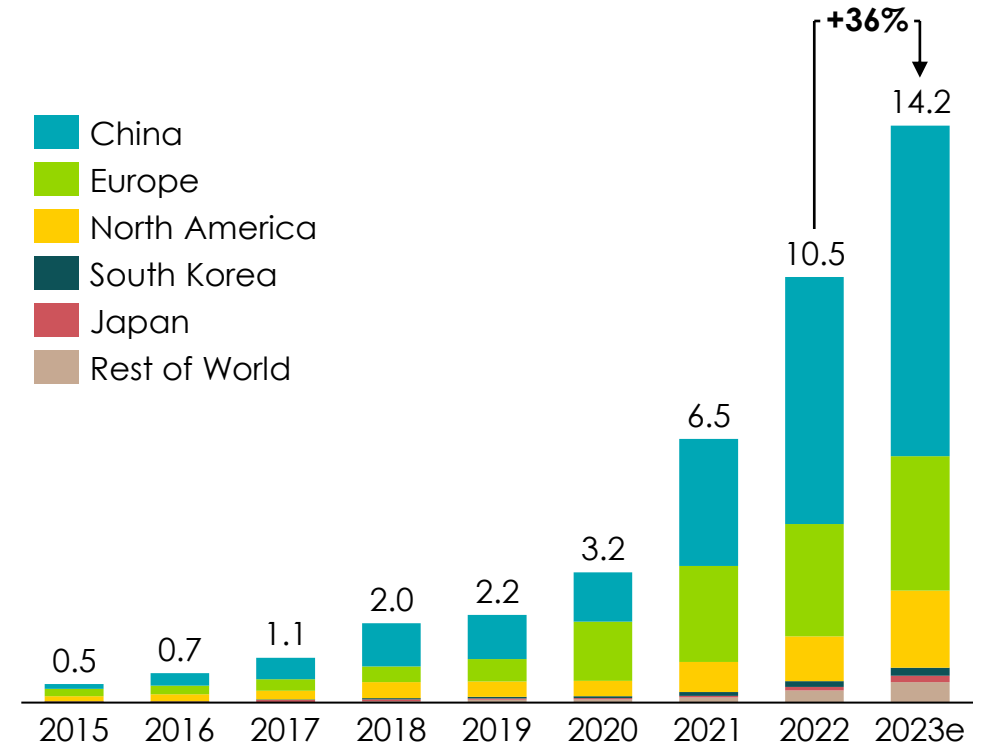
% of total sales



Expectations of EV sales this year are higher than BNEF's projections for 2030 made only two years ago.

## Total passenger EV sales

Millions



EV sales in China rose 42% YoY in 2Q 2023, driven by strong uptake in cities.

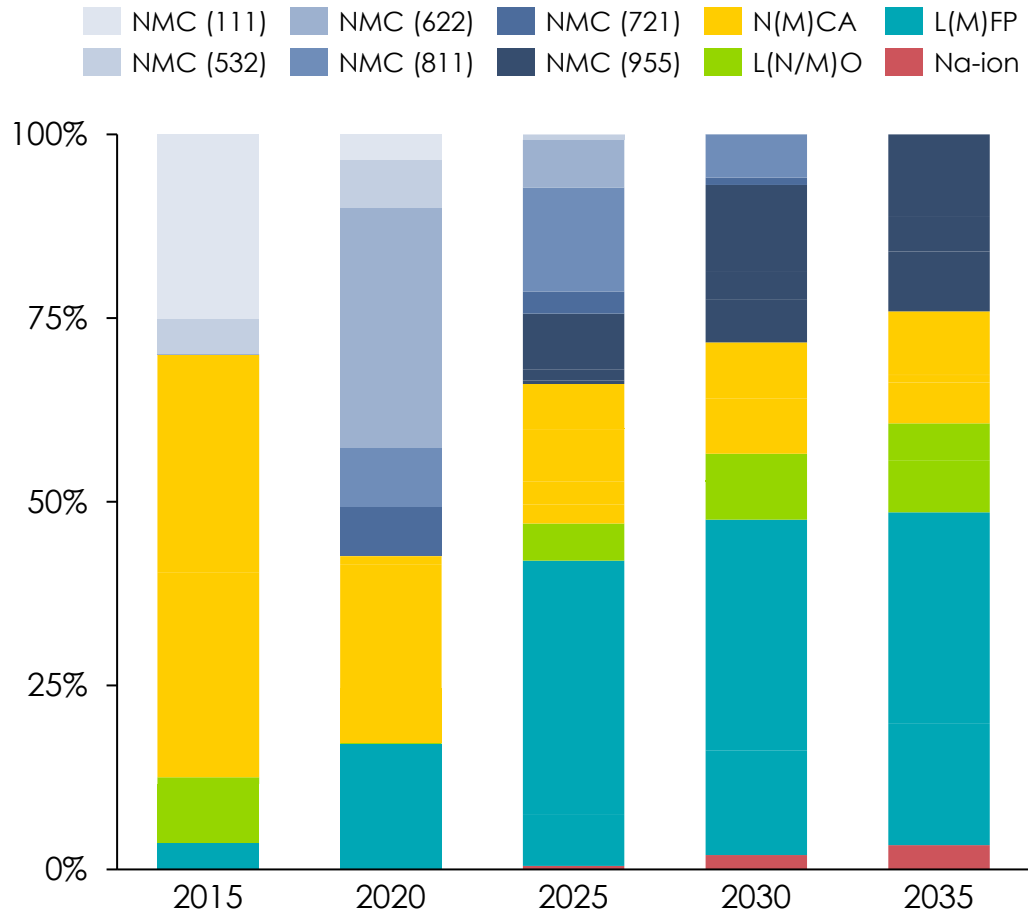


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# Battery chemistries have evolved rapidly and will continue to do so

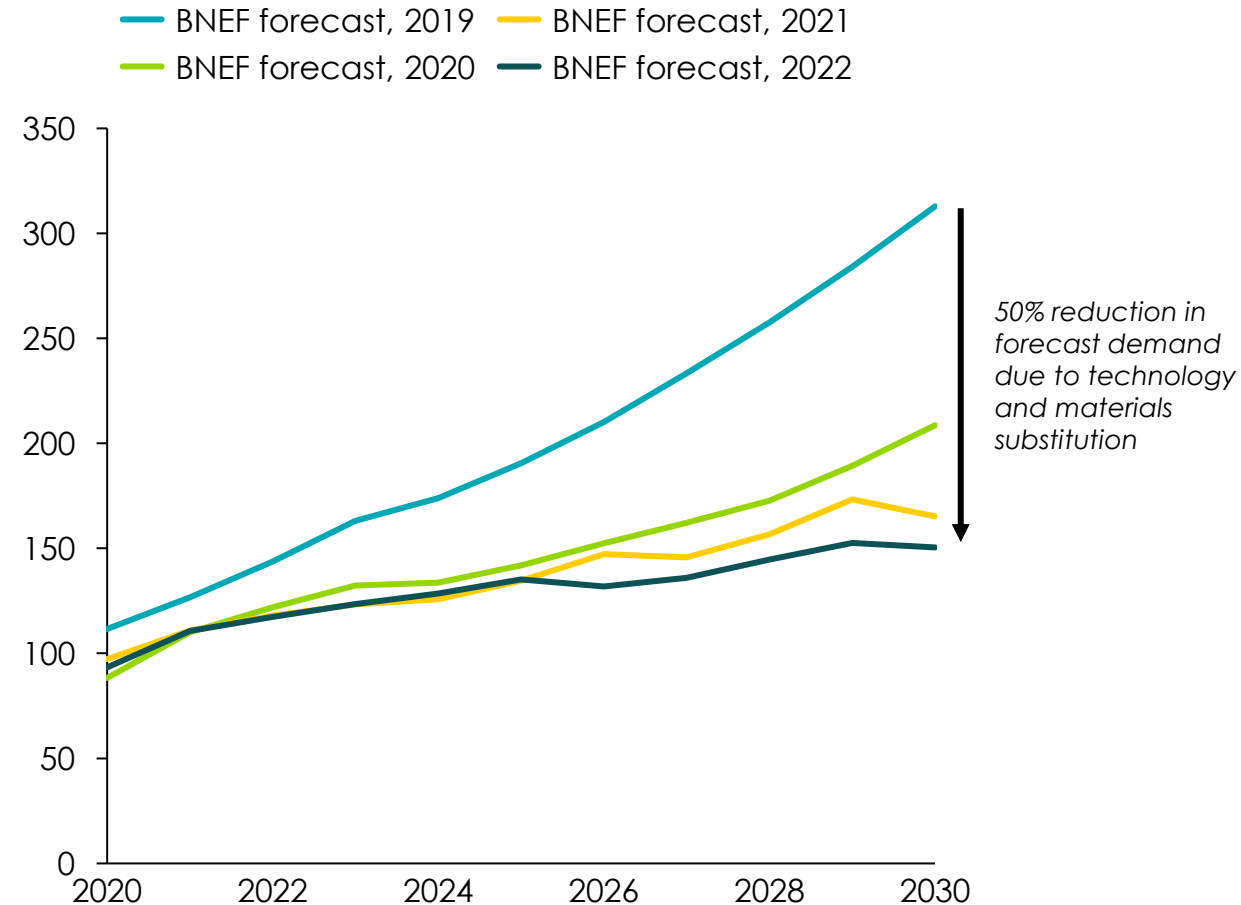
## Passenger vehicle battery market share

%



## Projected future cobalt demand

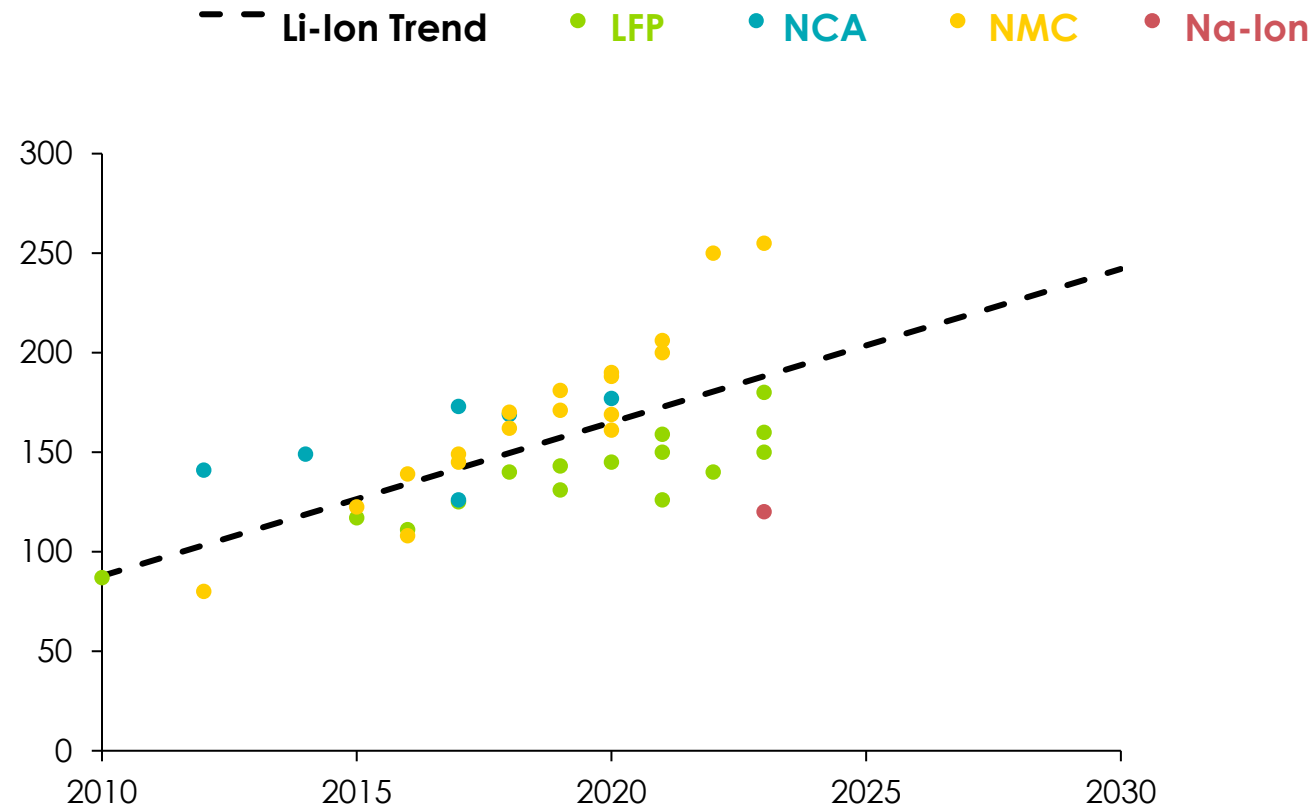
Thousand metric tonnes



Source: BNEF (2023), Long-term electric vehicle outlook; BNEF (2022), Long-term electric vehicle outlook

# Battery energy density

Wh/kg



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*this cutting-edge technology breaks the limits that have long restricted the development of the battery sector and will open up a new scenario of electrification*

*... CATL is cooperating with partners in the development of electric passenger aircrafts*

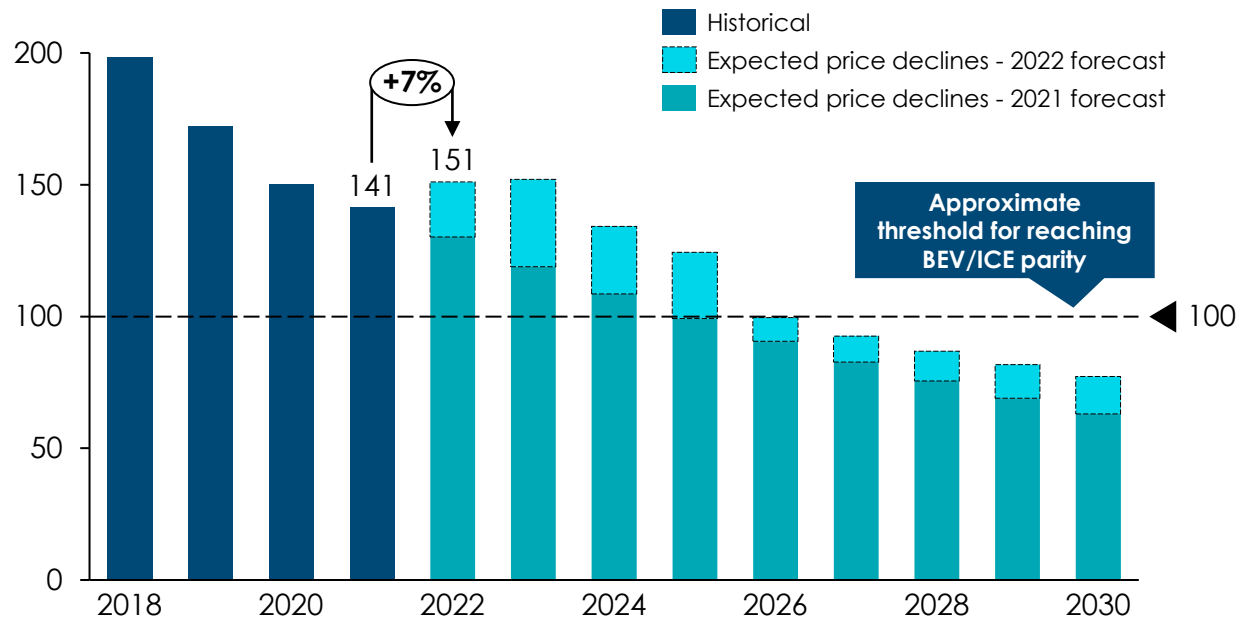
*... we will also launch the automotive-grade version of condensed batteries, into mass production within this year.*



# Temporary rise in battery costs, but long-term trend still down

## Global weighted-average Li-ion battery pack price

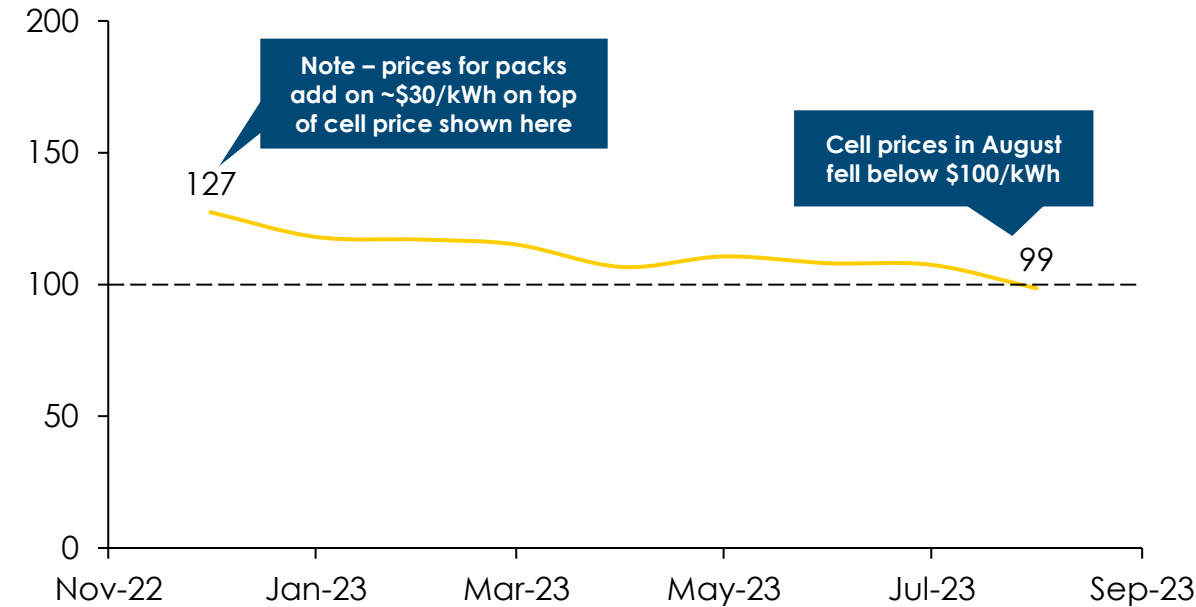
USD/kWh; 2022 nominal



Battery prices rose in 2021-22, raising concerns around long-term cost declines for batteries and Evs...

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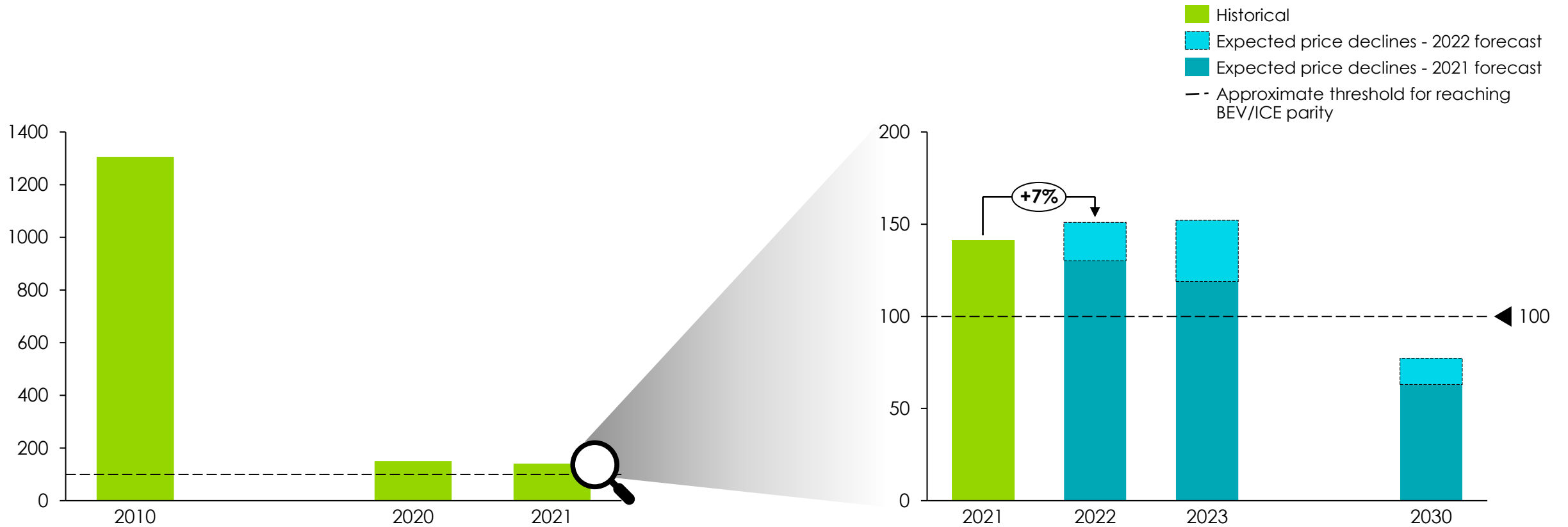
But short-term analysts reckon prices have fallen consistently through 2023, highlighting short-term nature of disruptions





# Battery costs – past and projected

USD/kWh; 2022 nominal



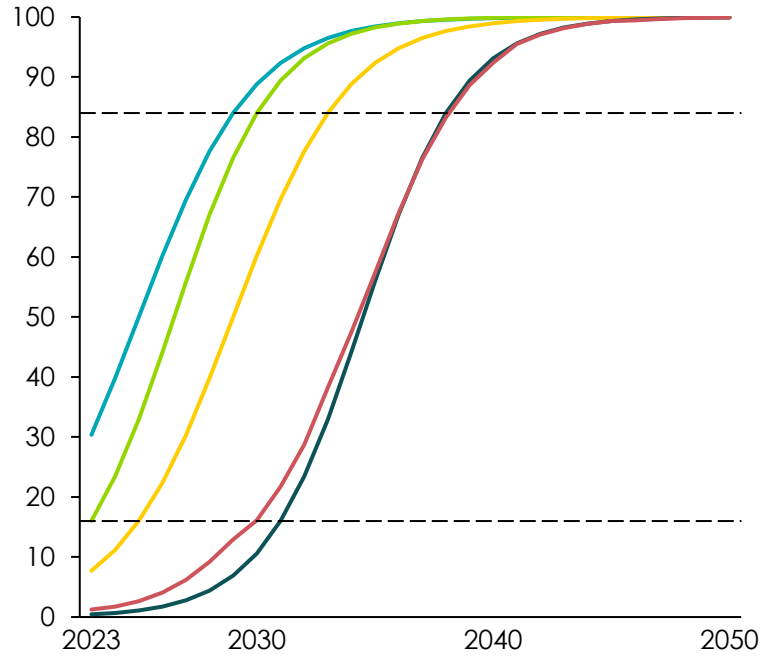
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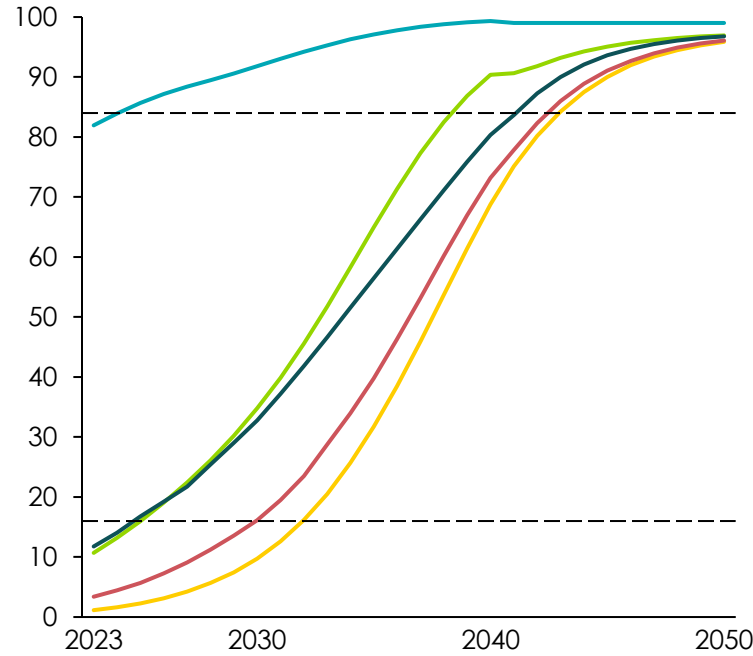
# Share of electric vehicles as a function of total sales in ETC's accelerated scenario

% of total vehicle sales

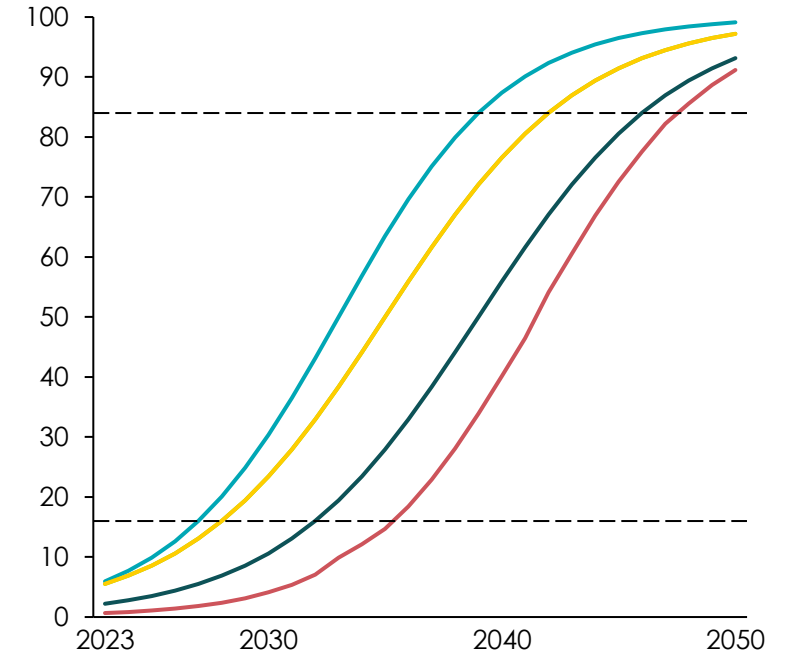
China Europe US India Other regions



Passenger vehicles



2 & 3-wheelers



Heavy commercial vehicles

Note: Electric vehicle include both battery electric and fuel-cell vehicles for heavy commercial vehicles. S-curve methodology is based on Rogers' innovation diffusion theory (1962). Dotted lines represent the maximum growth and inflection points, respectively equivalent to 16 and 84% of sales. These points are defined as points on the curve in which the concavity changes. Growth and inflection point are calculated based on BNEF 2023 Electric Vehicle Outlook.

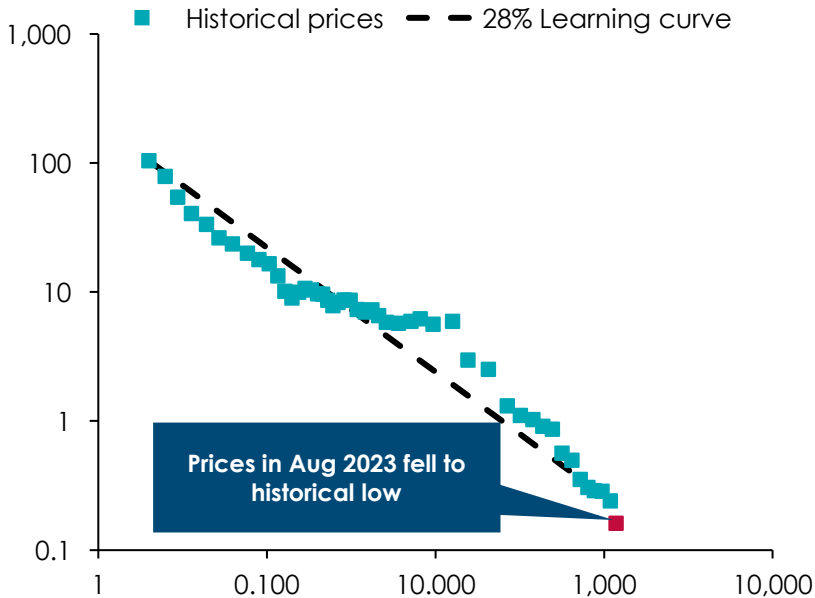
Source: Systemiq analysis for the ETC (2023); BNEF (2023), *Electric Vehicle Outlook*, MPP (2022), *Making Zero-Emissions Trucking Possible*.



# Are we still underestimating technology growth for solar and batteries, and therefore role of solar + batteries?

## Solar PV cost curve

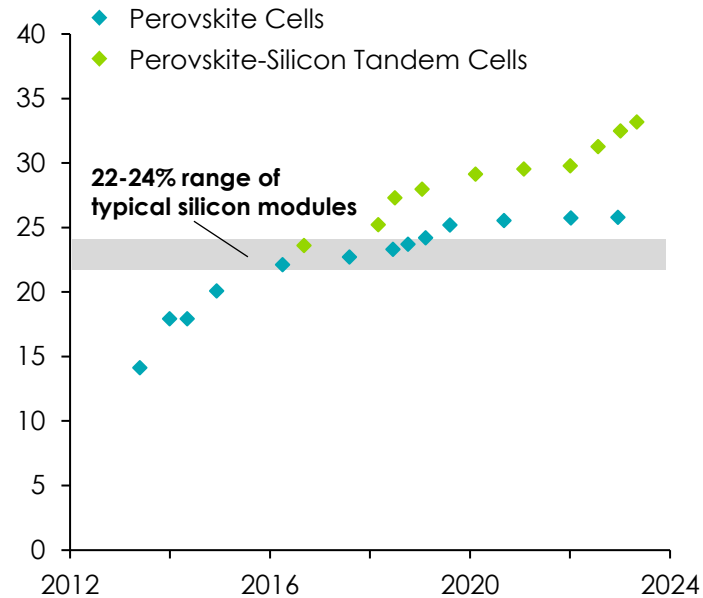
US\$/W, 2023 real (Y-axis); GW (X-axis)



Solar module prices are back on long-term trend and keep falling

## Solar power conversion efficiency<sup>1</sup>

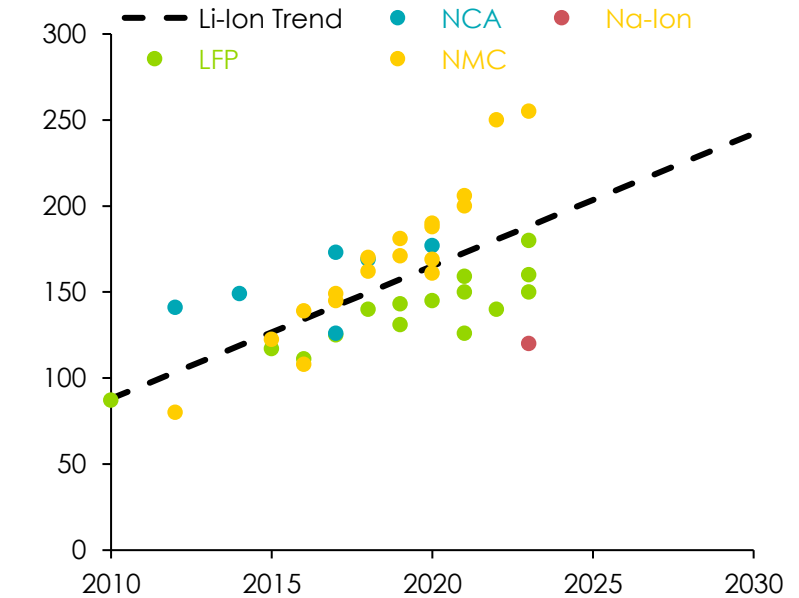
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# The vehicle battery capacity and vehicle to grid opportunity

## Global 2050 EV fleet battery capacity

1.5bn vehicles x 60kwh = 90 twh capacity

## Global 2050 electricity consumption

~70000twh per annum  
~ 190 twh per day



11 hours of storage capacity available per day as free by product

Huge long-term opportunity for digitally enabled demand management and VtoG

Key questions:

- How soon and where?
- With what business model?
- Who has competitive advantage?



# The balance / storage challenge and opportunity

## Key challenge- balancing variable demand and intermittent supply

### Undoubted trend

Solar (in particular) and wind becomes lowest LCOE in almost all locations



Lithium/sodium-ion batteries - diurnal balance

Flow batteries  
Compressed air  
Liquid air  
Pumped storage  
Other gravity based  
Heat storage at end use

Multi hour to several day balance

H2 or gas+CCS in CCGTs - seasonal balance

Digitally enabled integration and demand management

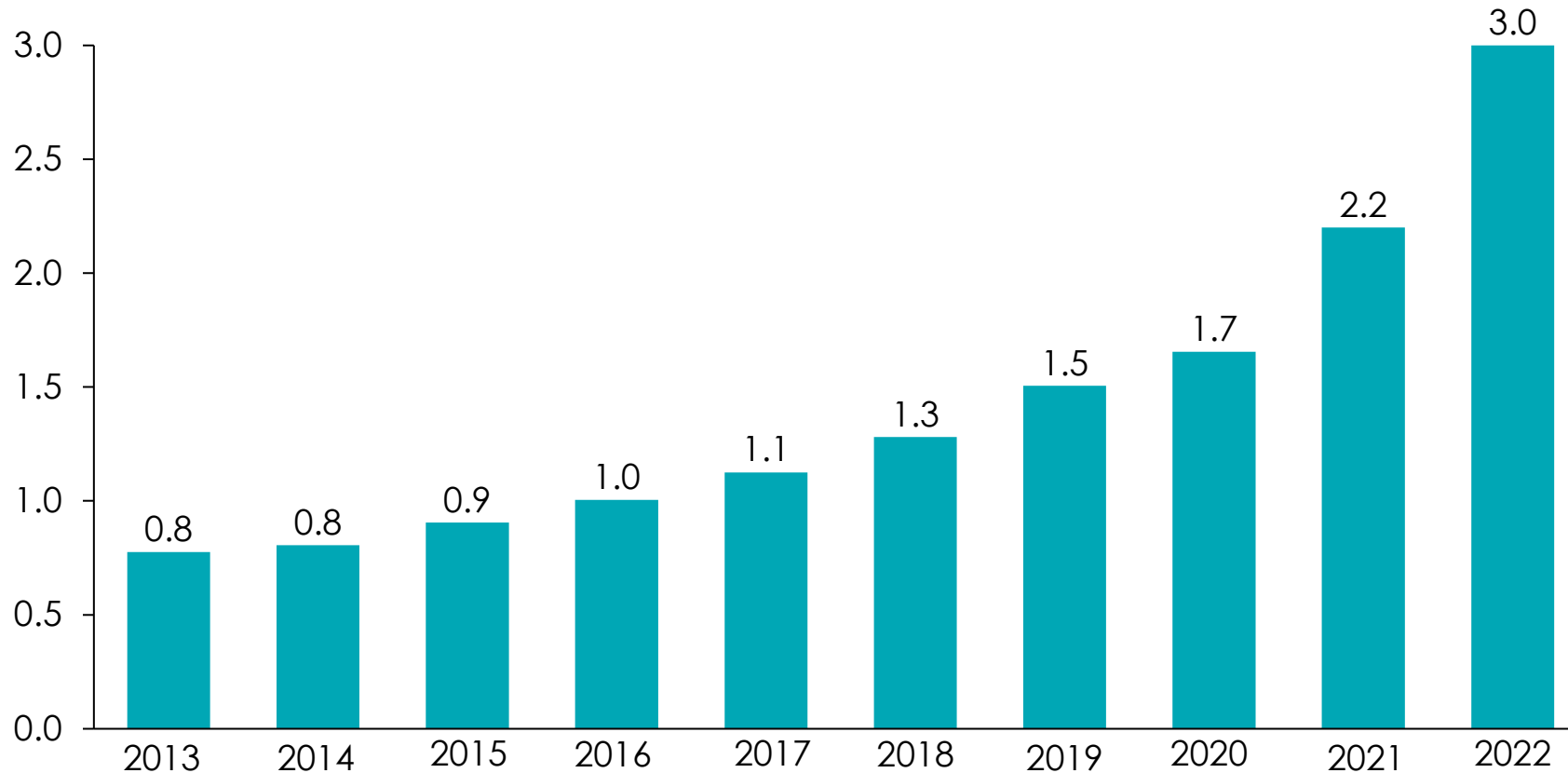




# Heat pump sales are soaring and will continue

## Annual heat pump sales in Europe

Million units



Total number of gas and oil boilers in EU + UK  
↓ ~ 120m

Bidirectional aircon/heat-pumps to become dominant heating source in locations that have large cooling needs

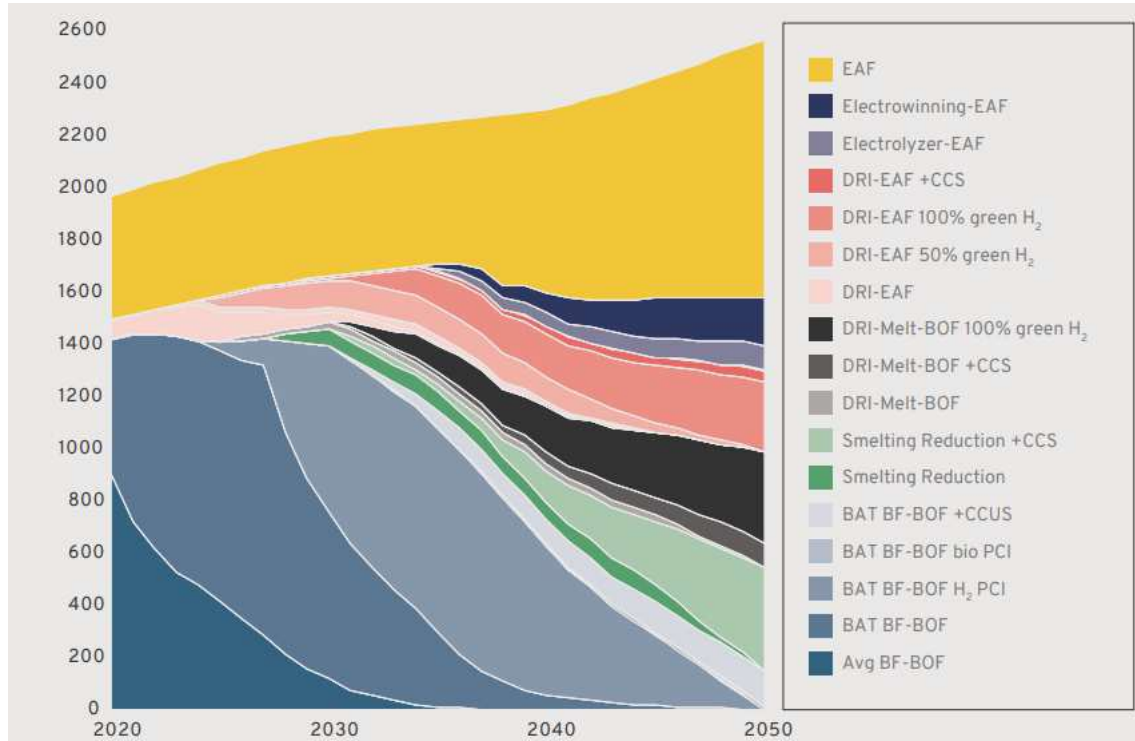


Source: Carbon Brief (2023), Guest post: How the energy crisis is boosting heat pumps in Europe

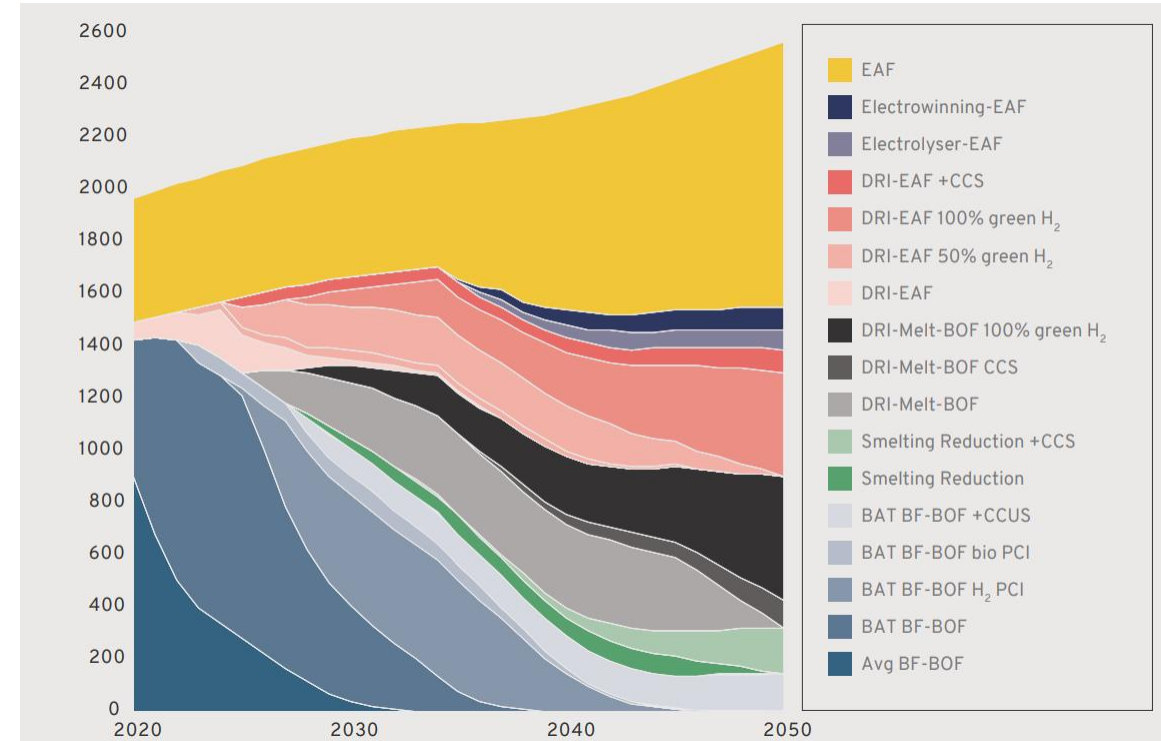
# Steel production by technology: decarbonization scenarios

million metric tonnes

## Technology Moratorium Scenario



## Carbon Cost Scenario

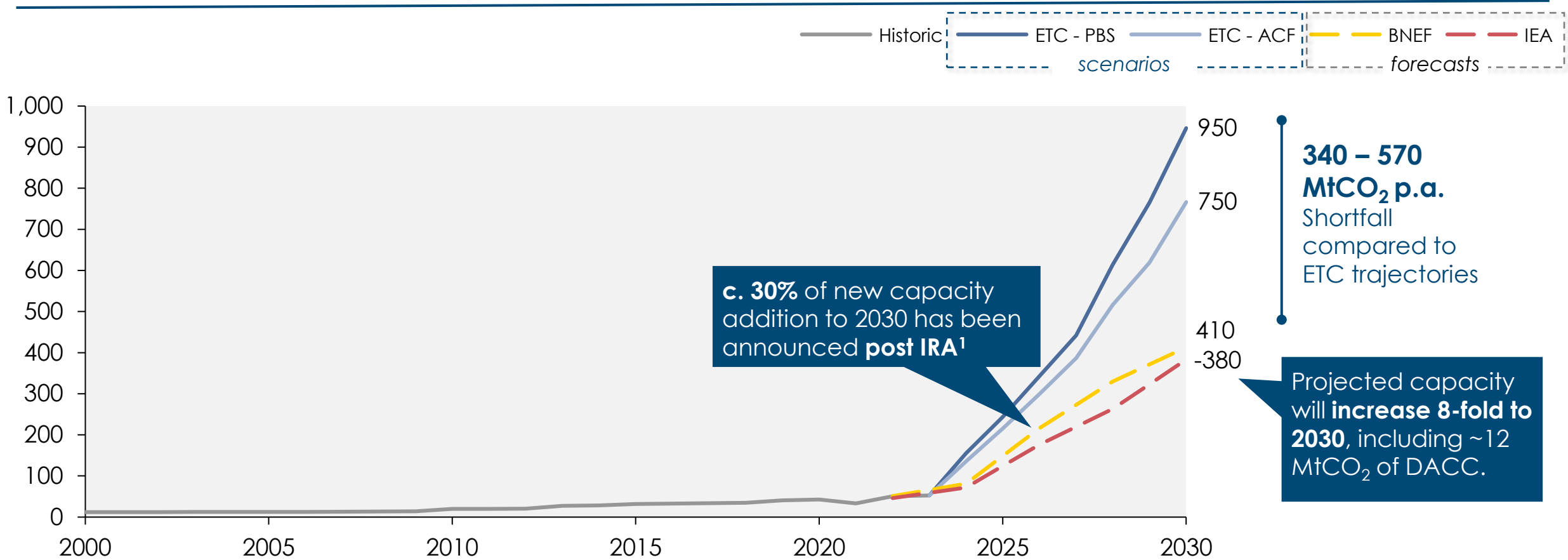


Sources – Mission Possible Partnership (2022), *Making net-zero steel possible*.

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

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

MtCO<sub>2</sub> p.a.



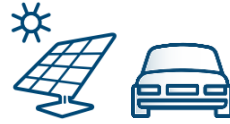
Note: <sup>1</sup> IRA = Inflation Reduction Act. The values presented here based on BNEF/IEA include direct air carbon capture (DAC) projects, but the volumes by 2030 are expected to be very low, 10-15 MtCO<sub>2</sub> p.a. of capacity. Values are rounded.  
 Source: Systemiq analysis for the ETC; BNEF (2023) CCUS Projects Database; IEA (2023), IEA, Capacity of current and planned large-scale CO<sub>2</sub> capture projects vs. the Net Zero Scenario, 2020-2030, BCG (2023), Impact of IRA, IJJA, CHIPS, and Energy Act of 2020 on Clean Technologies



# The technologies which are deploying fastest are those most susceptible to mass production and easy deployment

Fastest progress

Solar PV, EVs and batteries



- Mass produced in large-scale, replicable factories
- Easily transported
- Easily deployed / installed

Heat pumps



- Mass produced in large factories
- Easily transported
- Complex installation

Wind



- Turbines supply chains very complex; scale of production is orders of magnitude smaller than PV/batteries
- Higher degree of customisation for projects
- Transport and installation more complex

Electrolyser and green H<sub>2</sub>



- Can be mass produced, but balance of system costs and specific project complexities important

CCUS



- Customised engineering design and deployment

**Key issue:** opportunity for standardised and/or smaller scale units?

• *Standardised CCUS units?*

• *Small modular nuclear?*

Slower progress

Large scale nuclear

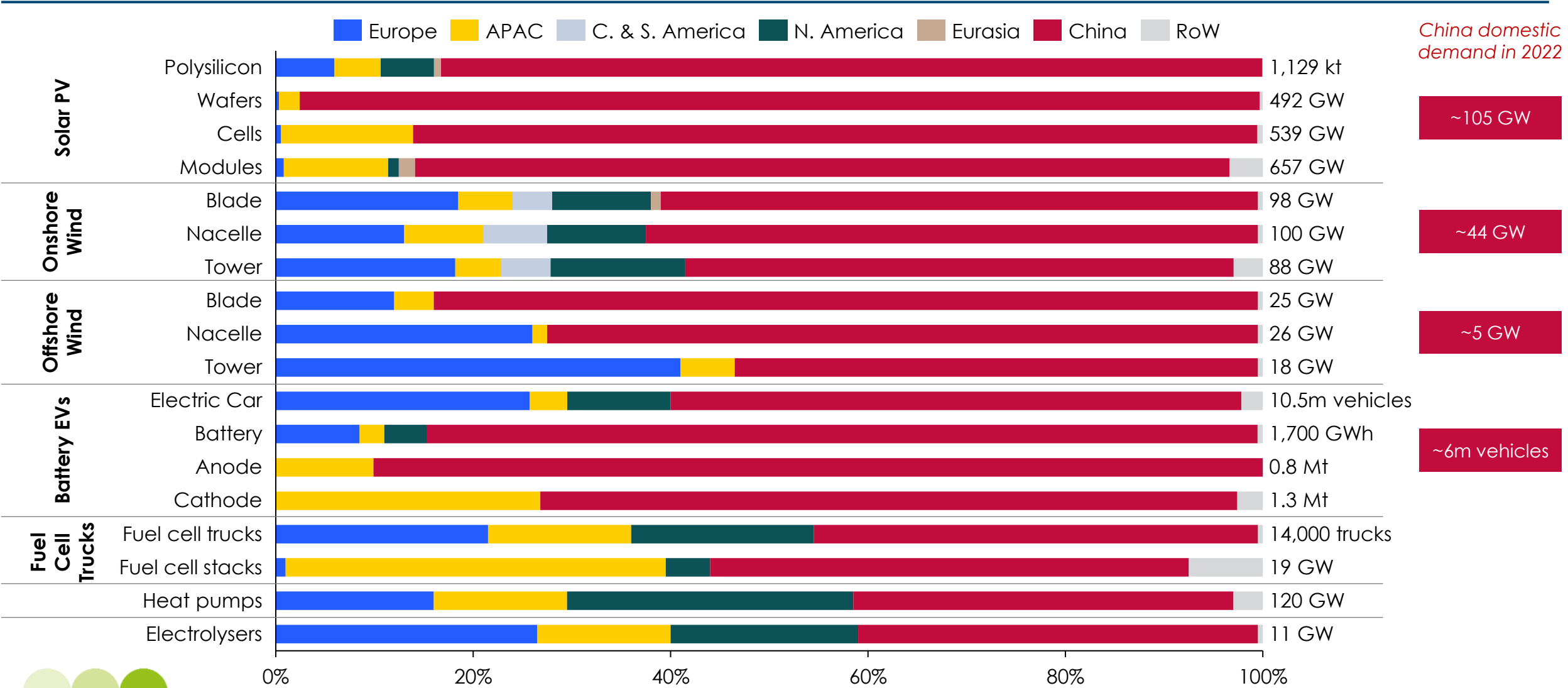


- Hugely complex large-scale systems



# Share of global manufacturing capacity for clean energy technologies, 2021/22

%



China domestic demand in 2022



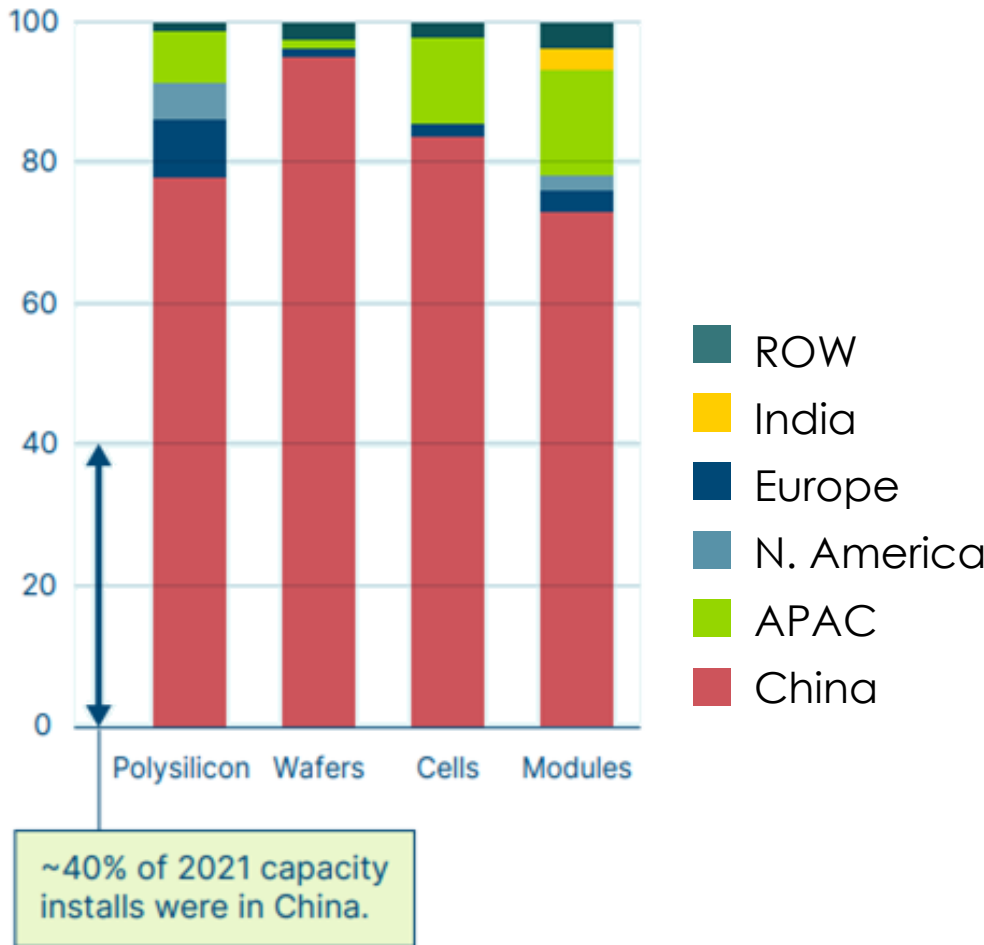
Source: IEA (2023), Energy technology perspectives; BNEF (2023), Interactive data tool; BNEF (2022), Localizing clean energy supply chains comes at a cost

# Solar PV costs and resulting concentration

Polysilicon cost curve

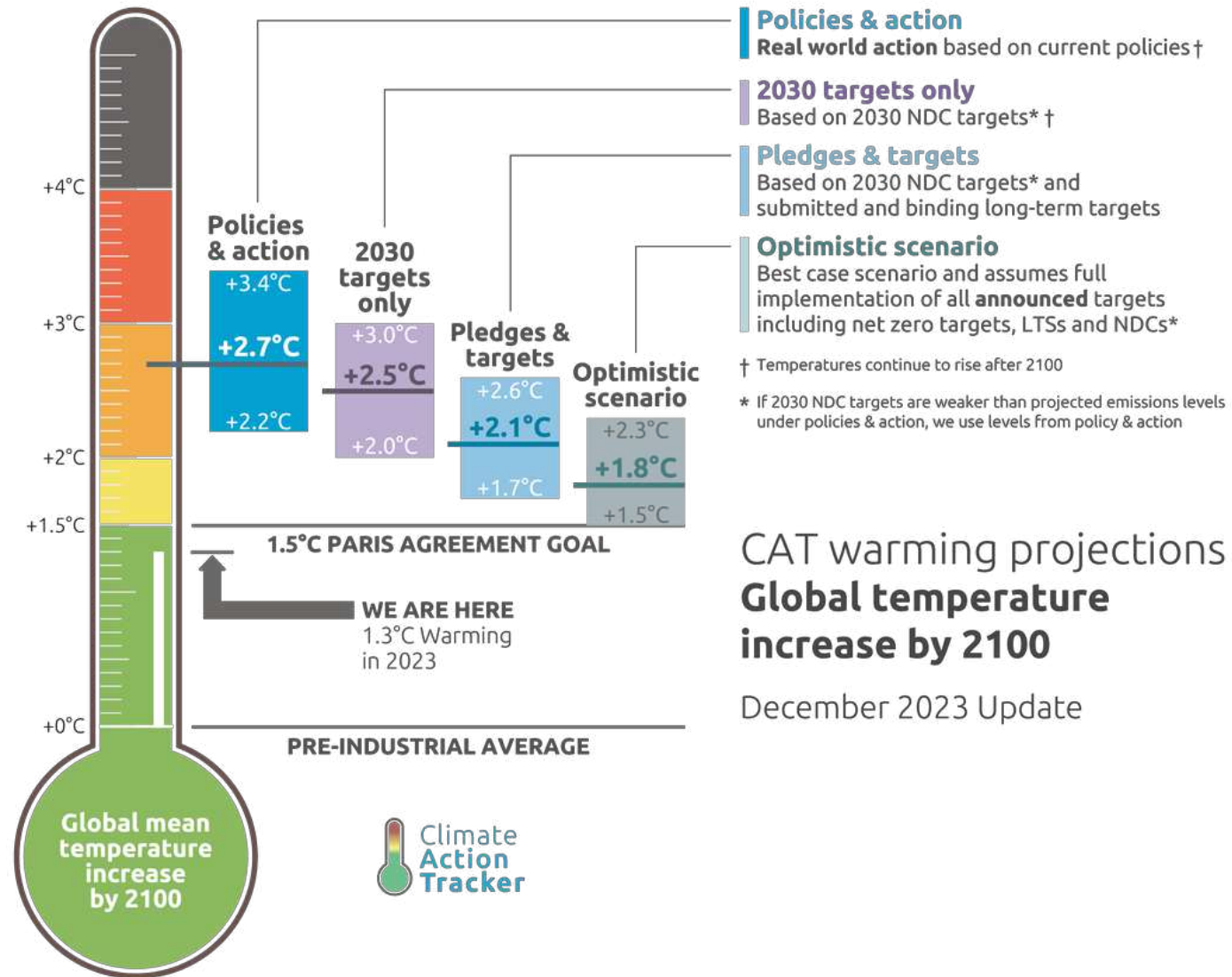


PV supply chain concentration, 2021 %





# Current policies would put us on track for 2.7°C, and NDCs would only bring this down to 2.5°C



CAT warming projections  
**Global temperature increase by 2100**

December 2023 Update



Source: Climate Action Tracker (2023), Climate Target Update Tracker.

# The COP 28 text: “transitioning away from fossil fuels to achieve net zero by 2050”

## 5th December, 05:00

*Calls upon Parties to take further action in this critical decade towards:*

...

(c)

**Option 1:** An orderly and just phase out of fossil fuels;

**Option 2:** Accelerating efforts towards phasing out unabated fossil fuels and to rapidly reducing their use so as to achieve net-zero CO<sub>2</sub> in energy systems by or around mid-century;

**Option 3:** no text

## 8th December, 15:30

*Calls upon Parties to take further action in this critical decade towards:*

...

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**Option 1:** A phase out of fossil fuels in line with best available science;

**Option 2:** Phasing out of fossil fuels in line with best available science, the IPCC’s 1.5 pathways and the principles and provisions of the Paris Agreement;

**Option 3:** A phase-out of unabated fossil fuels recognizing the need for a peak in their consumption in this decade and underlining the importance for the energy sector to be predominantly free of fossil fuels well ahead of 2050;

**Option 4:** Phasing out unabated fossil fuels and to rapidly reducing their use so as to achieve net-zero CO<sub>2</sub> in energy systems by or around mid-century;

**Option 4:** no text

## 11th December, 16:30

*Also recognizes the need for deep, rapid and sustained reductions in GHG emissions and calls upon Parties to take actions that could include, inter alia:*

...

**(d)** Accelerating zero and low emissions technologies, including, *inter alia*, renewables, nuclear, abatement and removal technologies, including such as carbon capture and utilization and storage, and low carbon hydrogen production, so as to enhance efforts towards substitution of unabated fossil fuels in energy systems.

**(e)** Reducing both consumption and production of fossil fuels, in a just, orderly and equitable manner so as to achieve net zero by, before, or around 2050 in keeping with the science;

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*Further recognizes the need for deep, rapid and sustained reductions in greenhouse gas emissions in line with 1.5 °C pathways and calls on Parties to contribute to the following global efforts, in a nationally determined manner, taking into account the Paris Agreement and their different national circumstances, pathways and approaches:*

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**(d)** 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 in keeping with the science;

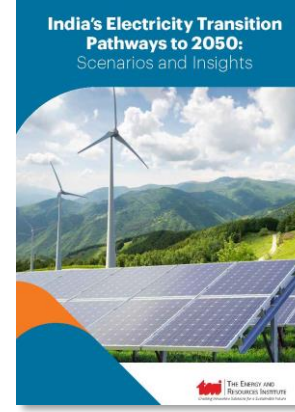
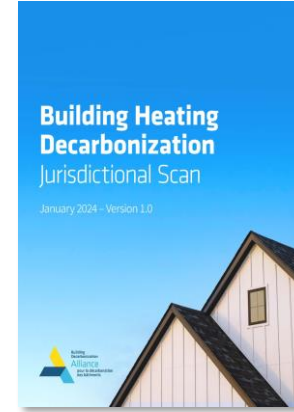
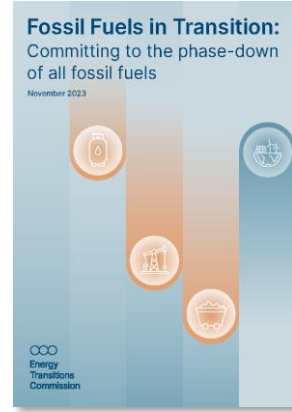
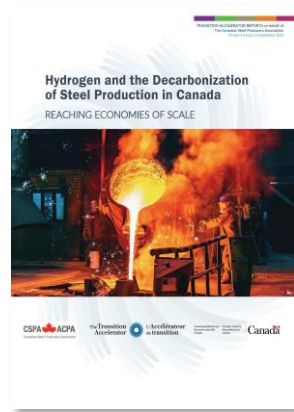
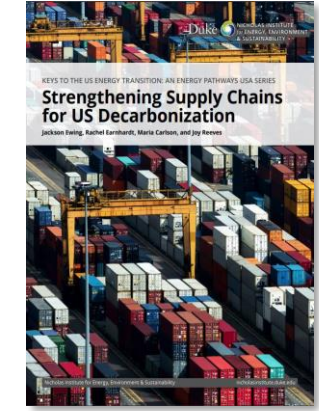
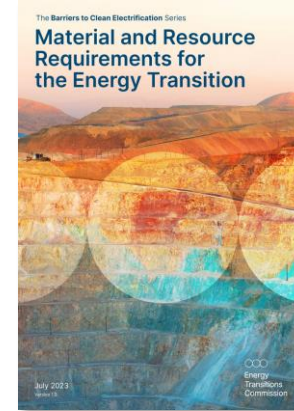
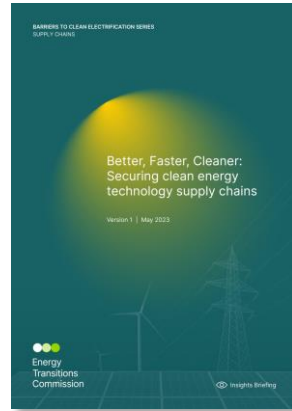
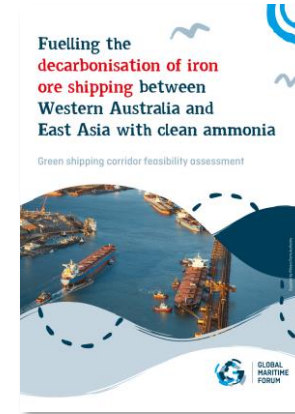
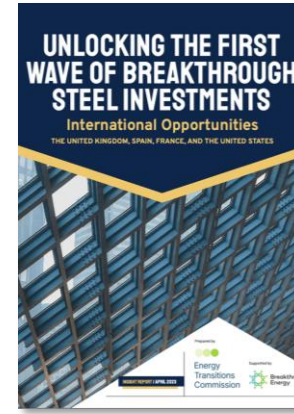
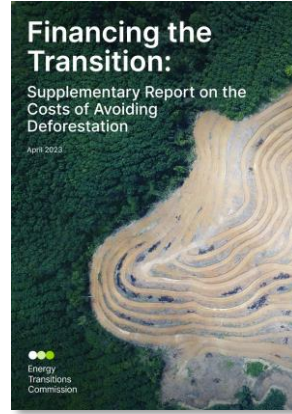
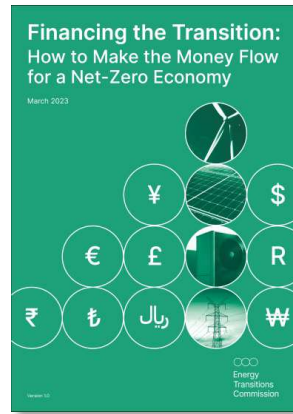
**(e)** Accelerating zero- and low-emission technologies, including, *inter alia*, renewables, nuclear, abatement and removal technologies such as carbon capture and utilization and storage, particularly in hard-to-abate sectors, and low-carbon hydrogen production;





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