

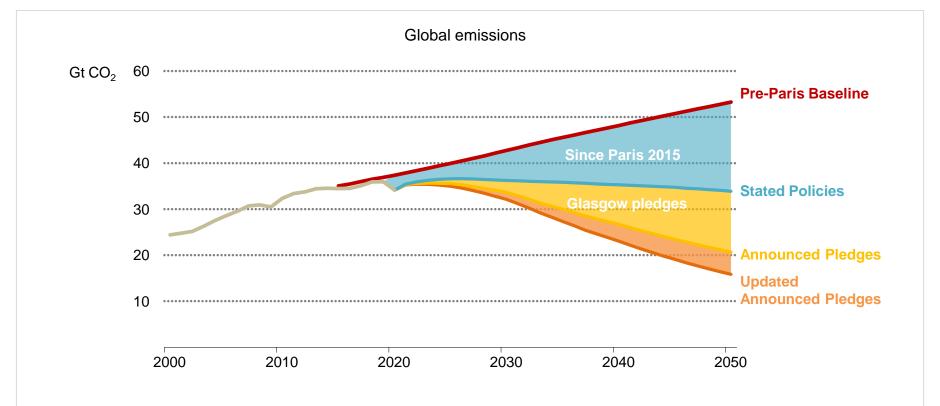
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The world is starting to bend the emissions curve



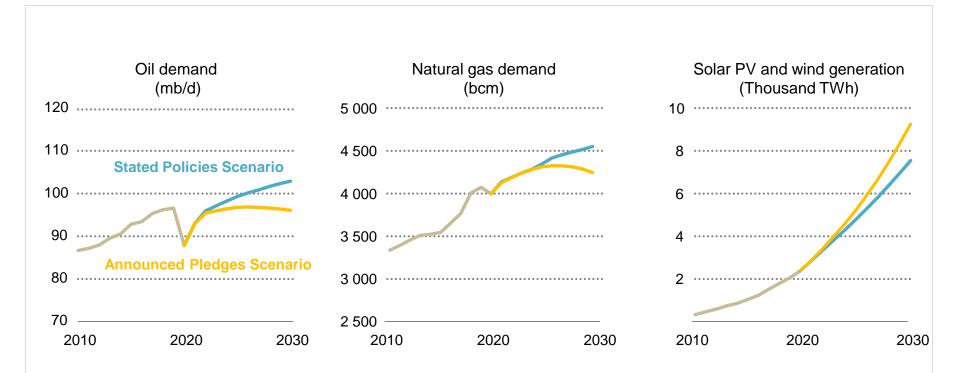


New policies, technology cost reductions, and the pandemic have pulled the projected emissions curve down.

Updated NDCs & long-term net zero pledges decouple emissions and economic growth this decade.

And announced pledges re-shape global energy markets

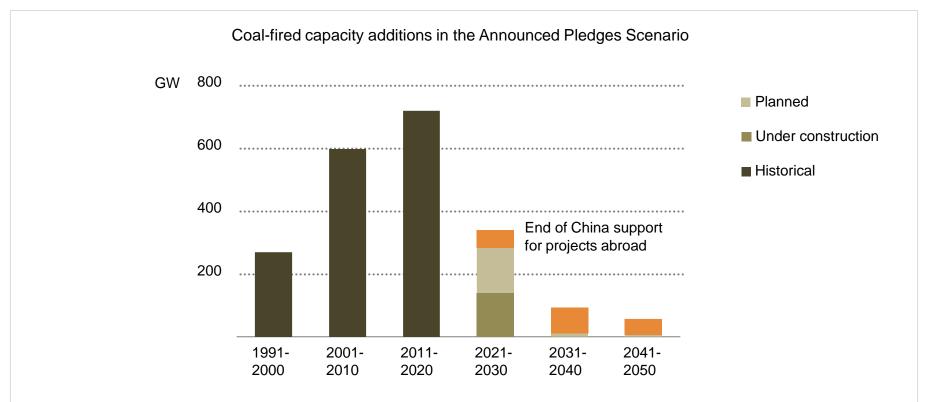




Full realisation of all announced pledges sees peak oil and natural gas demand occurring in the current decade, while annual solar PV and wind capacity additions reach 470 GW in 2030

New coal power is on its way out

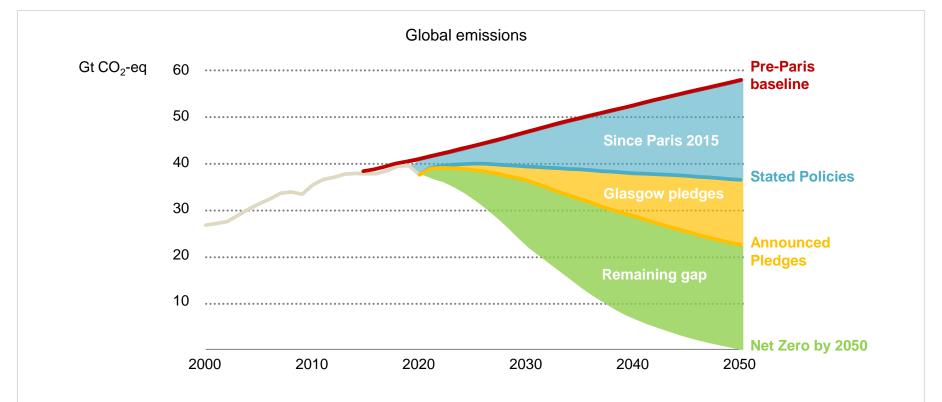




After decades of growth, construction of unabated coal power plants sharply declines under announced pledges, and cancellations could cut 20 Gt of emissions to 2050, comparable to savings from the EU reaching net zero by 2050

A large ambition gap remains in 2030

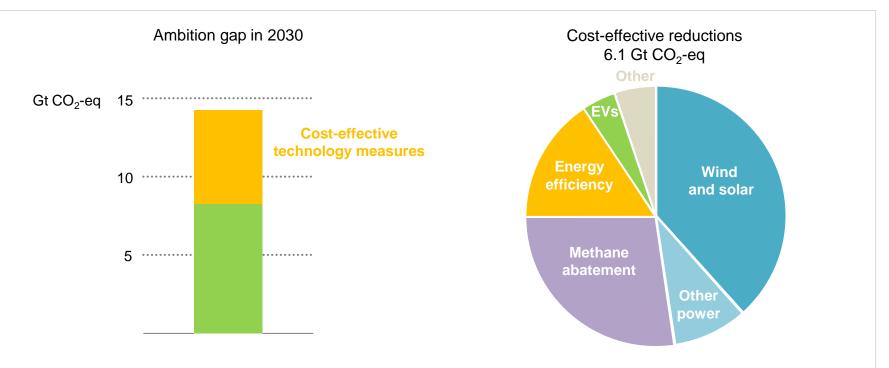




Despite some positive signs, today's pledges close less than 20% of the gap to the Net Zero by 2050 scenario: countries with net zero pledges and countries without each account for about half the remaining ambition gap

But we have cost-effective ways to close the gap



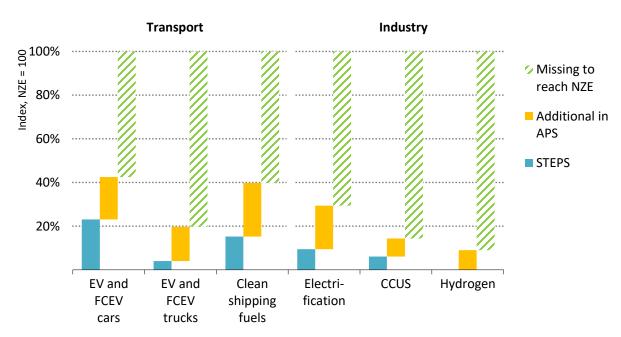


Technologies and policies are available to close the emissions gap to 2030. More than 40% of the actions required are cost-effective – bringing more low-cost renewables into power, reducing methane leaks, and improving efficiency

Key milestones lag behind the net zero pathway



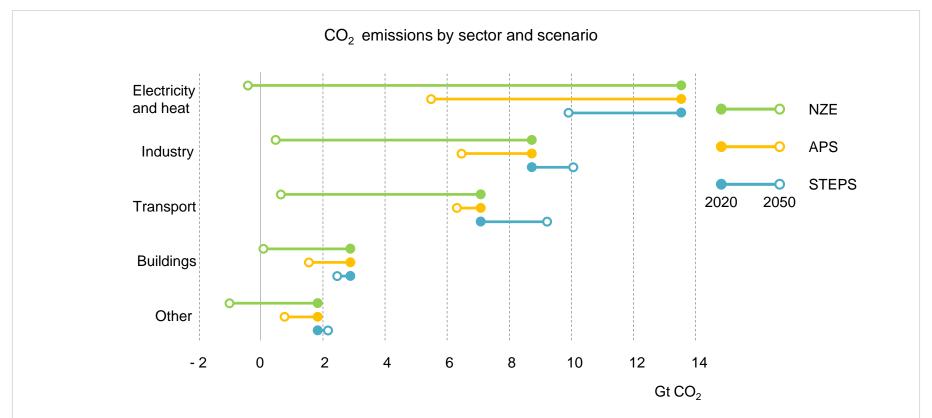
Percent achievement of key milestones in 2030 relative to the NZE



Key milestones related to CCUS, hydrogen-based fuels and electrification lag behind in the APS, and while this has relatively little impact on 2030 emissions, it risks the long-term feasibility of the NZE pathway

A momentous change ahead for all sectors





Clean electricity can do a lot of the heavy lifting, but it is harder to bend the emissions curve in industry and transport

The rise of new energy-related commodities



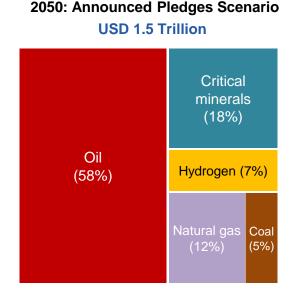


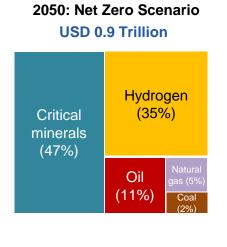
Oil (66%)

Coal (9%)

Critical minerals (11%)

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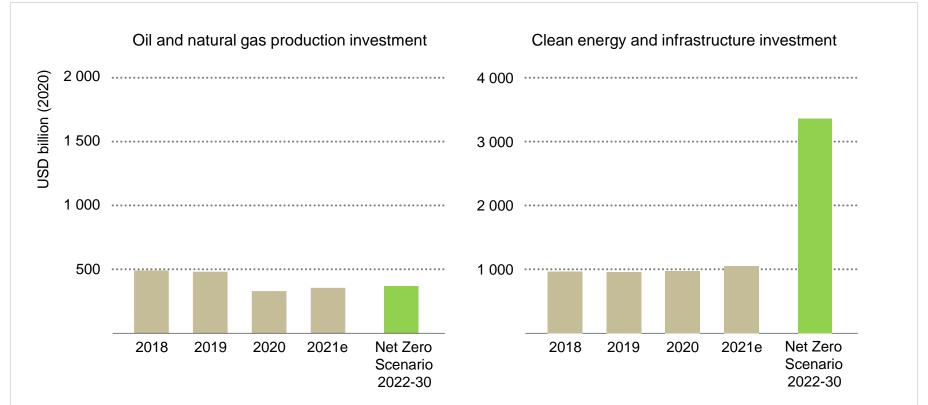




Under announced pledges, a growing share of oil and gas trade flows towards developing economies in Asia. In all scenarios, but especially in the net zero pathway, critical minerals and hydrogen-based fuels are on the rise

Looming risk of more turbulence ahead for energy markets

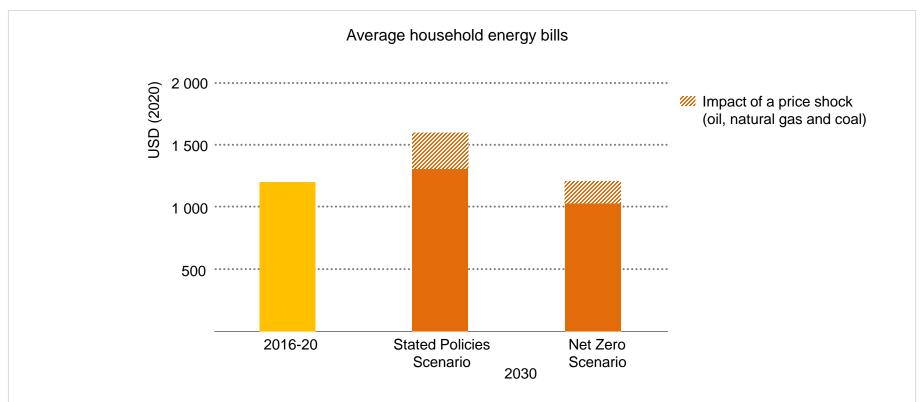




The world is not investing enough to meet its future energy needs; oil and gas investment is geared to a world of stagnant or falling demand, while transition-related spending is not rising nearly fast enough

Well-managed transitions offer shelter from price volatility



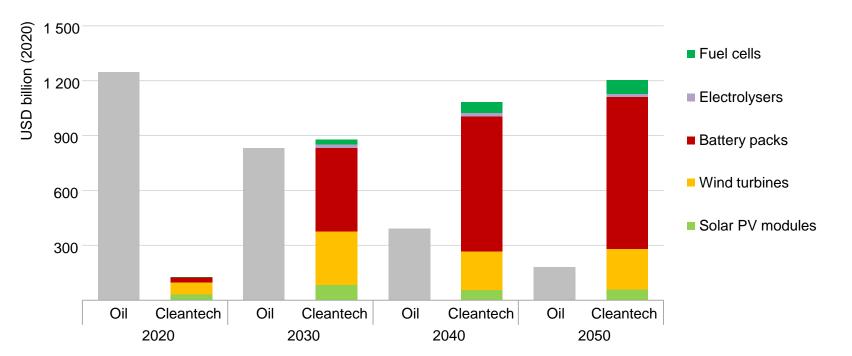


Clean energy transitions can cushion consumers from the shock of price spikes for oil and gas, if households can get help to manage the upfront costs of energy efficiency improvements & electrification

A new global energy economy is emerging







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

Conclusions



- The transition to a sustainable energy system is the solution to the turbulence that we are seeing in gas, coal and electricity markets today not the cause
- A laser-like focus on clean electrification, energy efficiency, methane abatement & innovation can close the near-term gap with a 1.5°C future; cost-effective solutions are available & every country needs to step up
- The longer today's mismatch in energy investment persists, the greater the risks to energy security & price volatility. A massive policy-driven surge in clean energy transitions is the way forward
- A new global energy economy is emerging, one that will be more electrified, efficient, digitalised & clean –
 offering enormous potential for growth and employment
- Governments have unrivalled capacity to transform the energy sector: a wave of investment in a net zero future must be driven by an unmistakeable signal from Glasgow

