The Pathway to Global 100% Renewables

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A Global Perspective on Climate and RE

- RE markets remain strong; single largest source of new power supply. However:
- COP 27 (Sharm al Sheik, Egypt), 2022:
 - Fails to adopt "phase out all fossil fuels" language
 - Focus on "loss and damages"
- G20 Summit (Goa, India), 2023:
 - No agreement on addressing climate change
- COP 28, (Dubai, UAE), 2023:
 - New "phase out all fossil fuels" language unlikely
- ...and the war in Ukraine, trade wars, supply chain issues, and economic and political disruption persist...

IPCC AR6

For the decade 2010 – 2019:

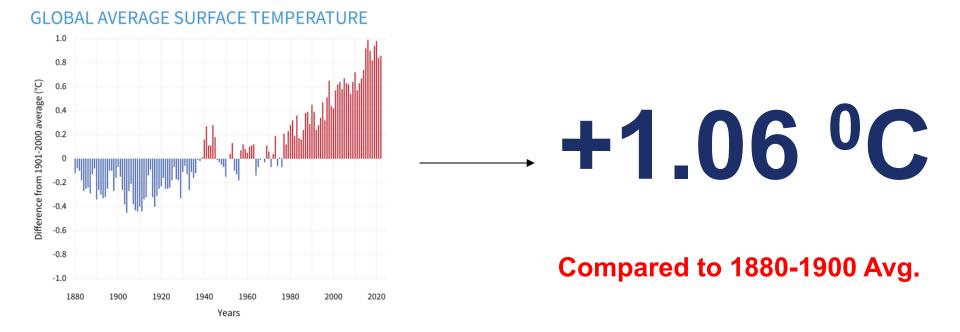
+1.07 °C ----

Remaining carbon budget → to cap at 1.5 °C : 600 – 800 GT CO₂

Compared to 1850-1900 (preindustrial average)

Source: IPCC, 6th Assessment Report, 2021

Global Temperatures 2022



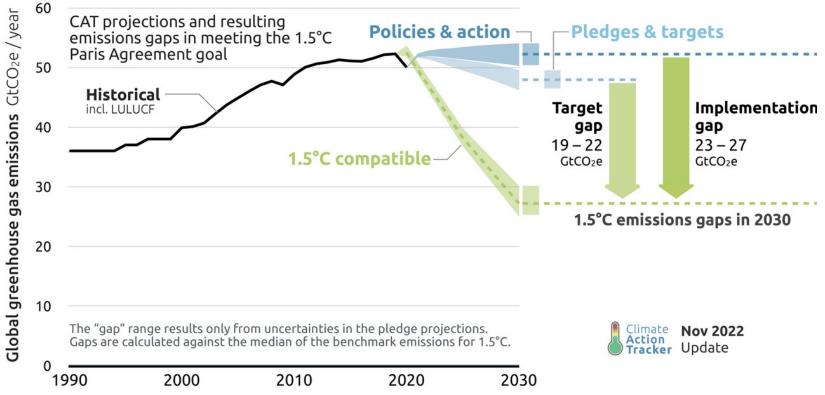
Source: NOAA Climate.Gov News, 1/28/2023

- July 3: global average = 17.01 ^oC...new all-time record
- July 6: 17.23 ^oC...possibly the hottest in 125,000 years
- 2023 may be the hottest year ever recorded
- Paris Agreement of 1.5 °C could soon be exceeded

"...nothing ever resembling a human civilization has ever known a world this hot." Bill McKibben, the New Yorker, July 24, 2023

Yet, Lack of Int'l Ambition Persists

2030 EMISSIONS GAPS



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Are We Facing a Climate Change Abyss?



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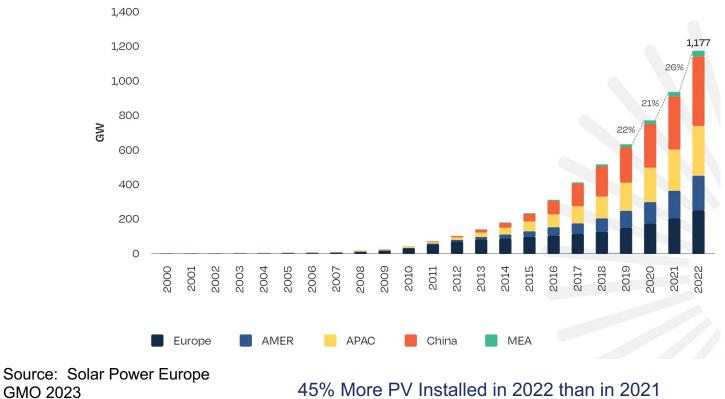
Installed RE Capacity - Especially Solar - Is Growing

2022 2021 Other RE: 8 GW; 2% ------Other RE: 6 GW; 2% ------Biomass: 8 GW ; 2% -----Biomass: 10 GW ; 3% -----Hydro: 30 GW; 8% ------Hydro: 25 GW; 8% ------Wind: 78 GW; 22% -----362 GW Wind: 93 GW; 31% -----302 GW Solar: 239 GW; 66% ------Solar 168 GW; 56% -----

Source: SPE GMO 2022

Source: SPE GMO 2023

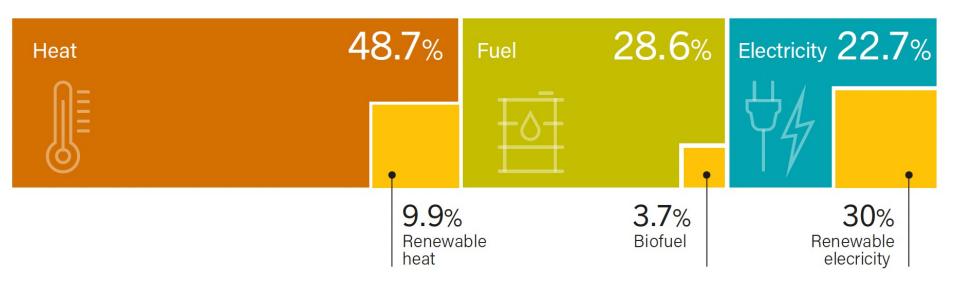
Globally, Installed PV Capacity Exceeded 1 TW in 1H 2022



45% More PV Installed in 2022 than in 2021

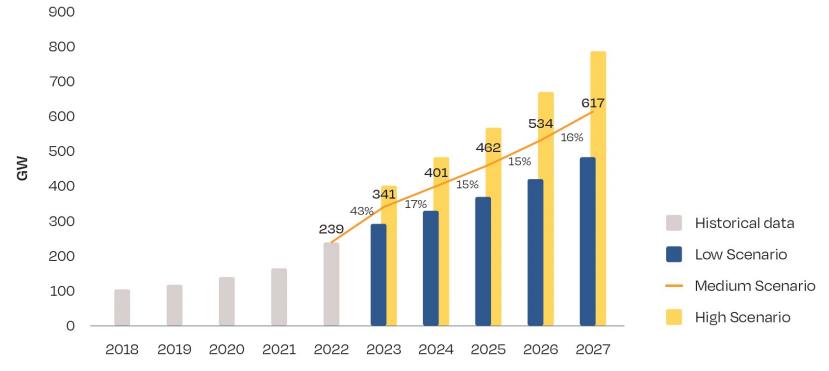
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Total Final Energy Supply and RE Share



Source: REN 21 2023 GSR, Supply Module

Projected Annual Capacity Additions



Source: Solar Power Europe GMO 2023

The Fossil Industry is Strengthening its Role in the Climate Negotiations

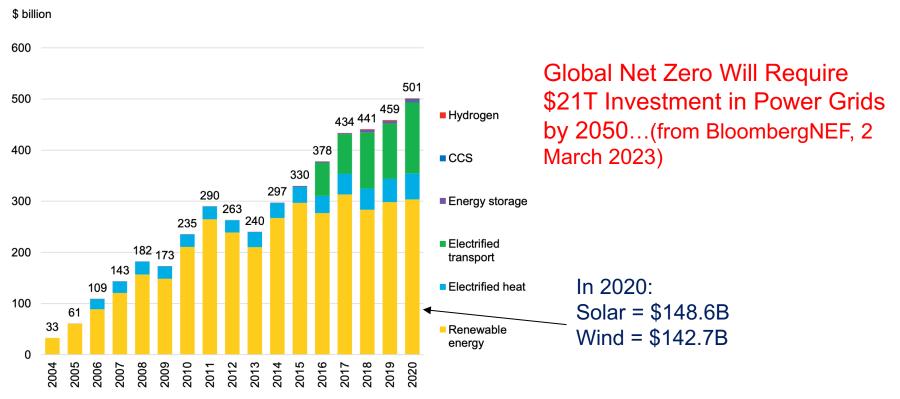
- Global Renewables Alliance (new) working with partners to establish Renewables Pavilion at COP 28
- GSC, GWEC promoting establishment of Global RE targets by 2030
- IEA, IRENA, BNEF others continue to refine net-zero pathway studies
- Several organizations (e.g. Stanford, LUT, UTS) continue work on 100% RE Scenarios
- REN21 Released a series of 2023 Status Reports

Net-Zero or Absolute Zero?

Net-Zero pathways

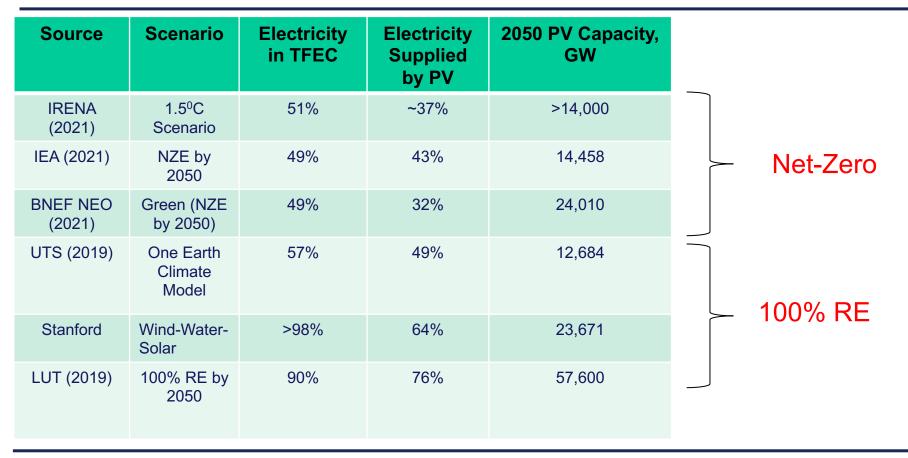
- Allow for continued (in some cases, substantial) fossil energy use in 2050
- Place significant reliance on CCUS
- Generally require less electrification than 100% RE
- 100% RE pathways
 - Eliminate all fossil fuel use by 2050, or earlier
 - Provide for significant electrification in all TFEC
 - Make significant use of storage, green H₂ technologies
- Both pathways support
 - Major growth in use of hydrogen
 - Energy intensity reductions and efficiency improvements
 - Substantial investments in flexible, resilient and smart grids

Estimated Global Investments for Net-Zero by 2050



So Source: BloombergNEF

Scenarios Show Major Market Potential for Solar PV



We are at the Precipice...but Solutions are at Hand



Implement low-cost clean tech now!
...in a circular economy

- Cease all investments in fossil fuels!
- Continue R&D to improve reliability and to lower costs!
- Make our energy supply flexible and accessible to all!
 - Decentralize
 - Democratize
 - Decarbonize
- Participate!

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