

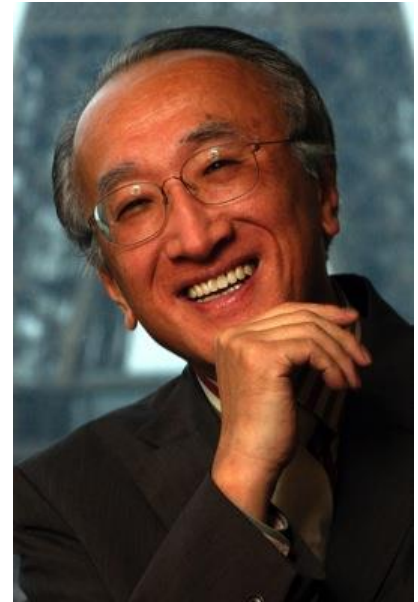
# Global Energy and Climate Crises: Winners and losers

How can Japan and Korea make a winning team with the U.S.

**2025-1-16 Alaska Arctic Symposium**

Nobuo TANAKA 田中伸男

Executive Director Emeritus, International Energy Agency (IEA)  
Chair, Steering committee of Innovation for Cool Earth Forum (ICEF)



# IEA was established for the 1973 Oil Shock

Ukraine I & II

**IEA's mission is energy security : it released the Strategic Petroleum Reserve Five times.**

\$/b (real 2010 dollars)

150

IEA  
establishment

Gulf War

Hurricane

Libyan Crisis

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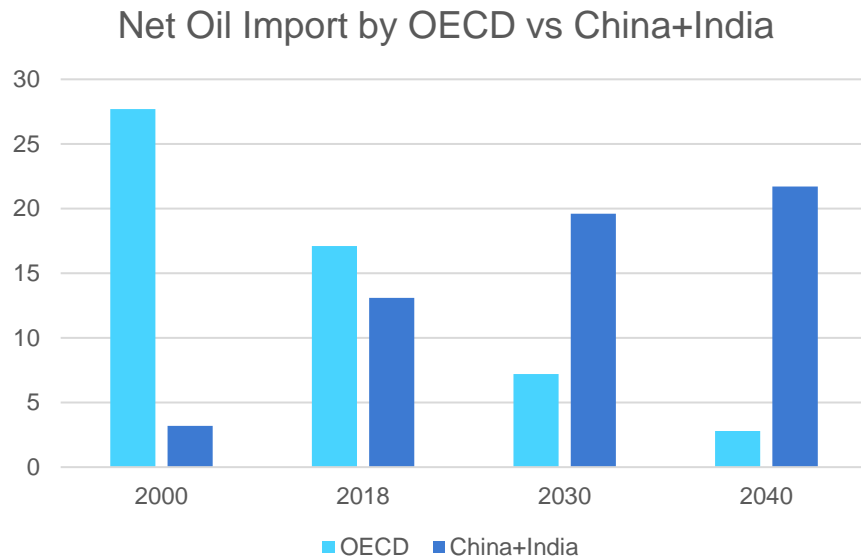
— imported refiner acquisition cost of crude oil — WTI crude oil price

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Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Refinitiv

**Dr. Fatih Birol, Executive Director of IEA says that we are in the middle of the “first truly global energy crisis”.**

## Net oil imports of selected countries in the Stated Policy Scenario (mb/d) WEO2019



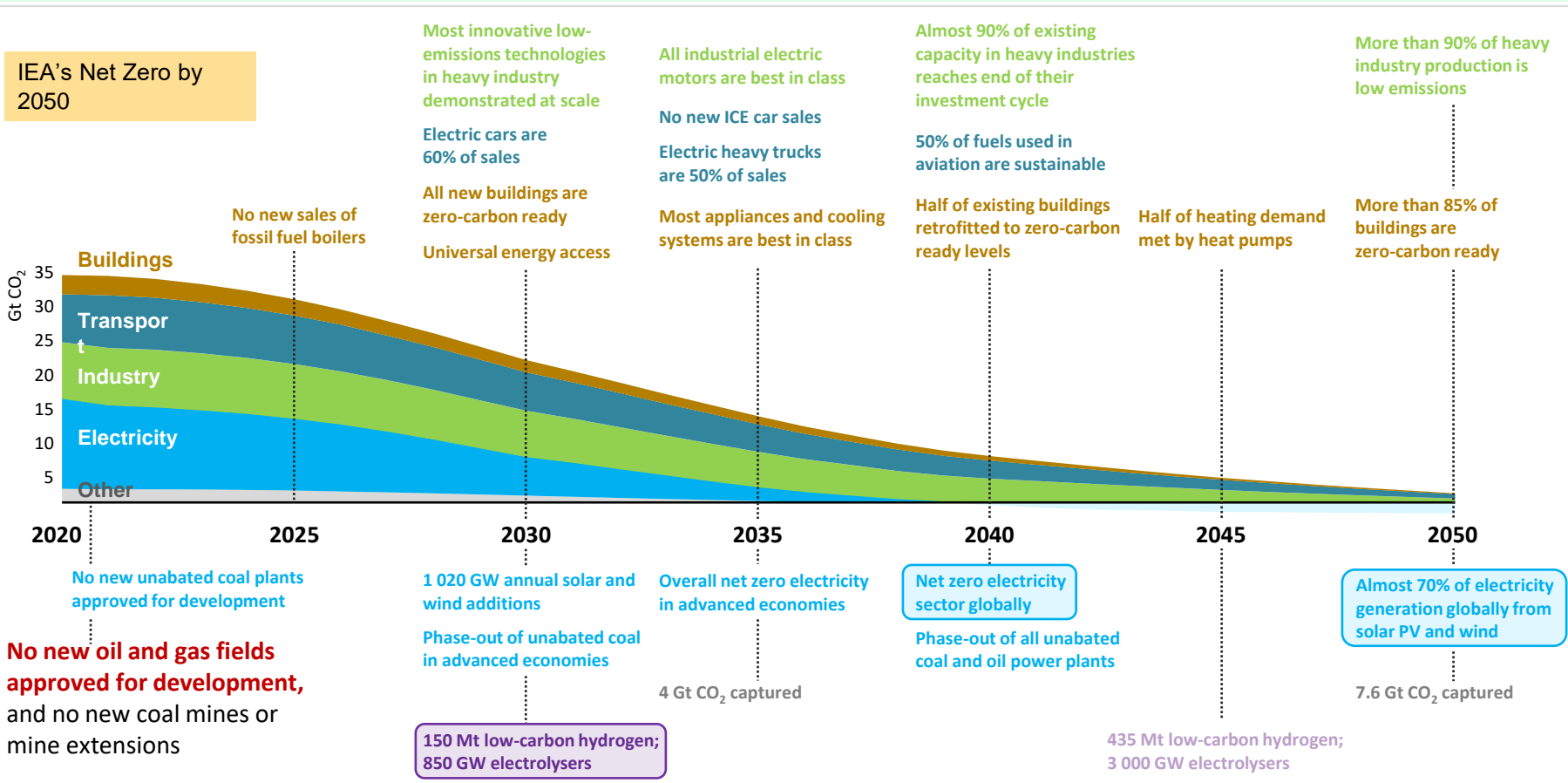
*Asia becomes the unrivalled centre of the global oil trade as the region draws in a rising share of the available crude.*

*In 2023 India has officially requested to become a full member to the IEA.*

# Henry Kissinger's Advice: Get China and India in the IEA.

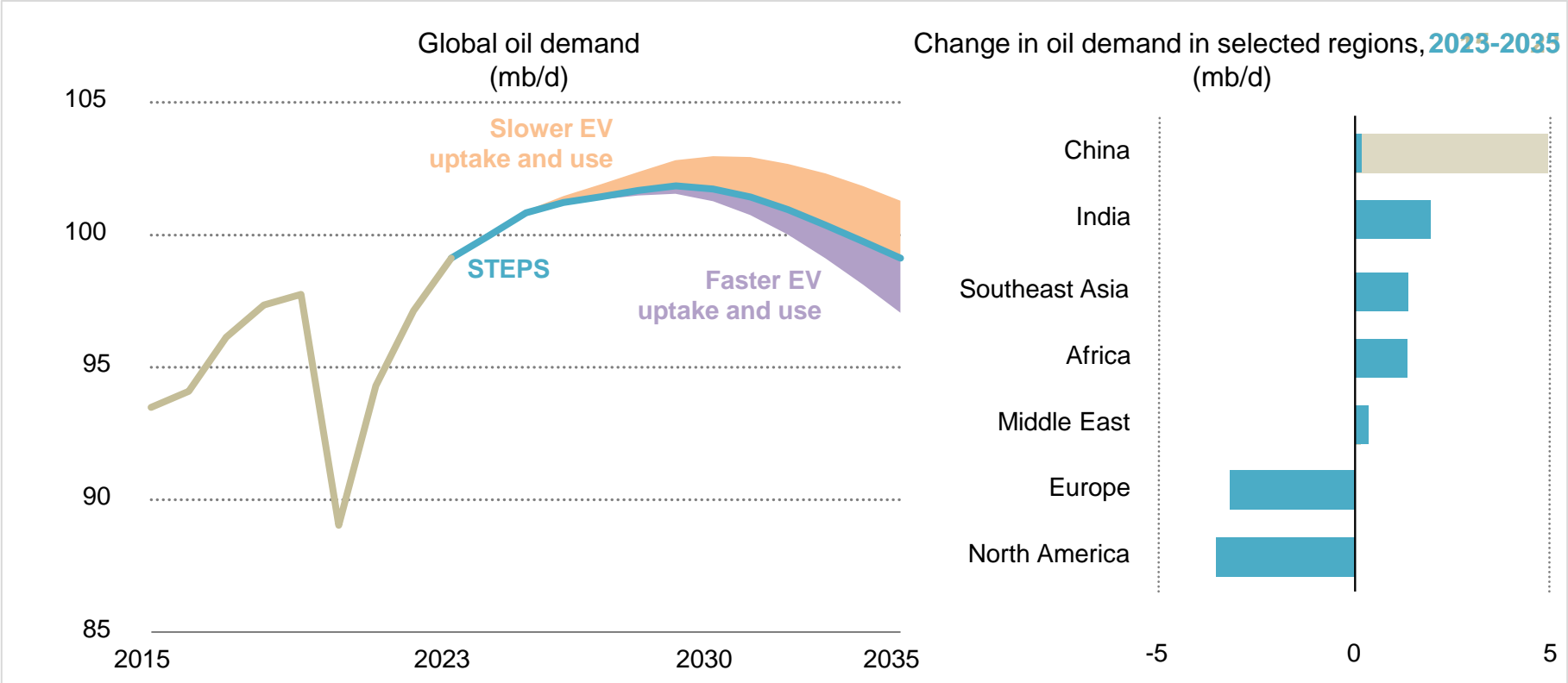


# “Net Zero by 2050” surprised OPEC and Oil Majors: The IEA Shock!



Net Zero by 2050 sets near-term milestones to get on track for long-term targets. (Back-casting)

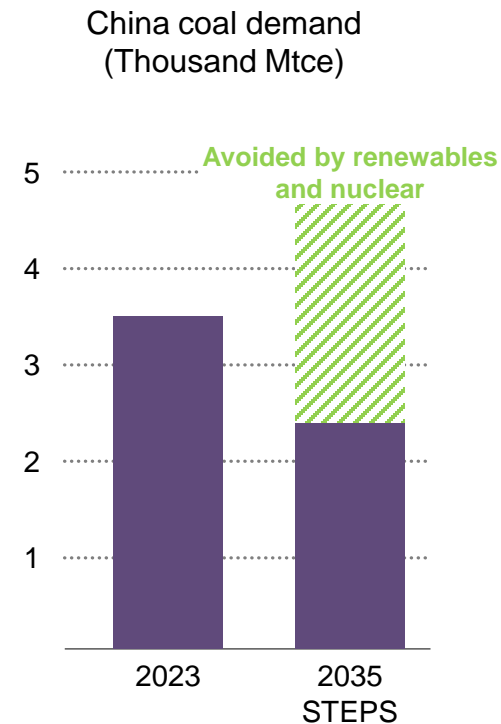
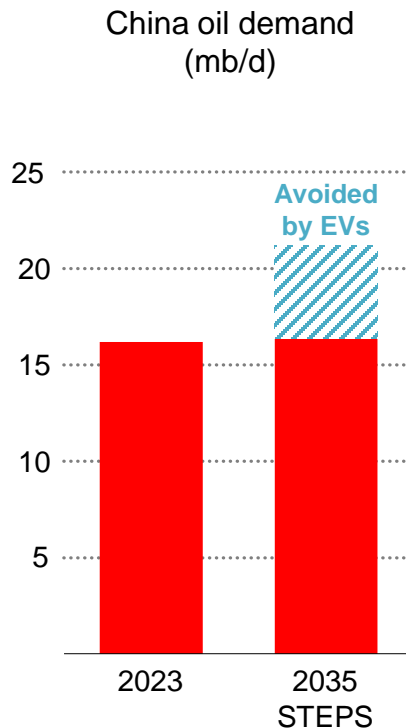
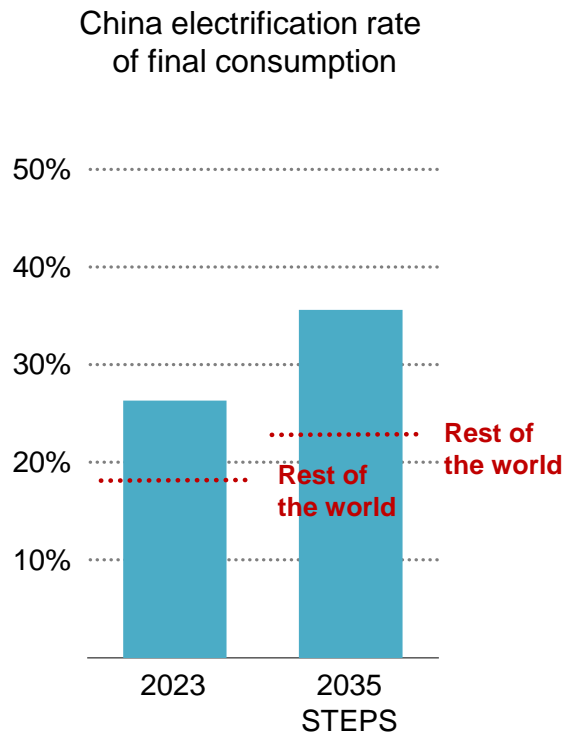
# Oil demand's engine is switching to electricity



**As China scales up electric mobility, India, Southeast Asia and Africa are the main sources of growth in oil use to 2035. Even if projected uptake of electric vehicles slows in key markets, a peak in oil demand remains on the horizon.**

# China's electrification jolts energy markets, again

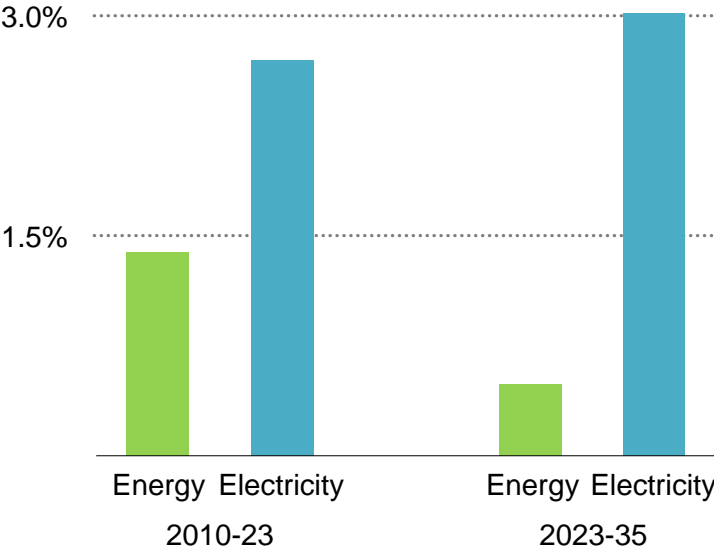
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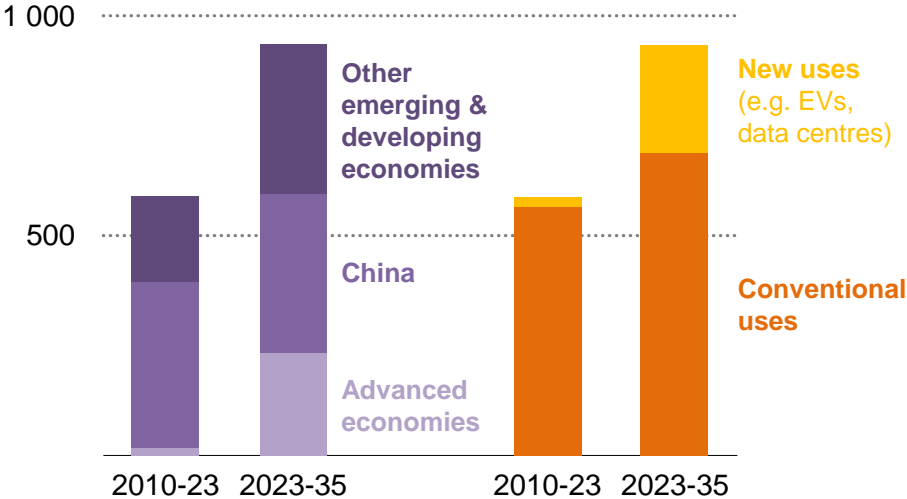
**China's extraordinary expansion of electrification, solar PV and other clean electricity sources is capping oil demand growth and cutting into coal fired power generation, with strong implications for Chinese and global trends.**

# Moving at speed into the Age of Electricity

Annual demand growth in STEPS



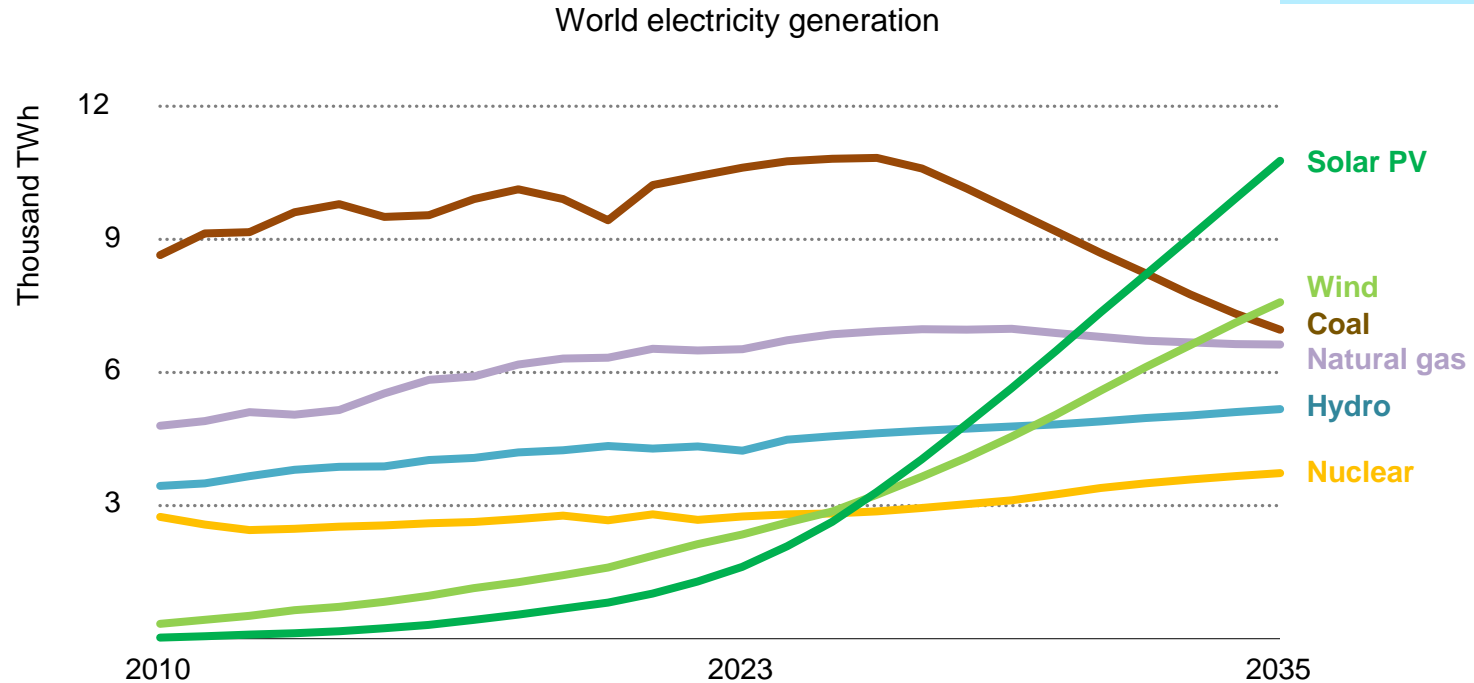
Annual electricity demand growth (TWh)



**Electricity is growing faster than all other energy sources and it's growing across a wide range of economies, as conventional drivers of growth are supplemented by new ones like EVs, data centres and heat pumps.**

# Electricity use is growing fast, clean power is rising even faster

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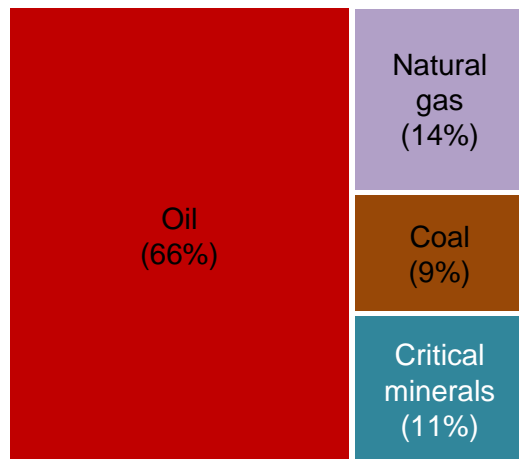
**Solar PV and wind hit their stride and become the largest sources of electricity before 2035 in STEPS, complementing other clean sources like hydro and nuclear, and pushing coal into decline.**



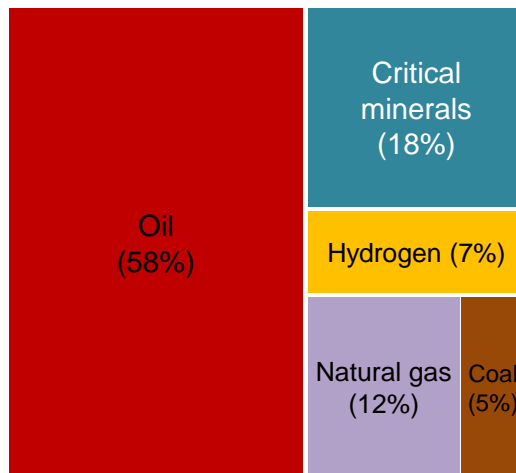
# Energy Security in the net zero pathway: Critical minerals and hydrogen-based fuels are on the rise

## Value of international energy-related resource trade

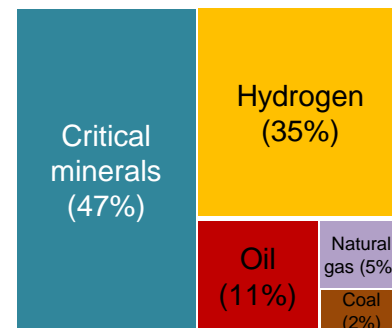
2019  
USD 1.5 Trillion



2050: Announced Pledges Scenario  
USD 1.5 Trillion



2050: Net Zero Scenario  
USD 0.9 Trillion



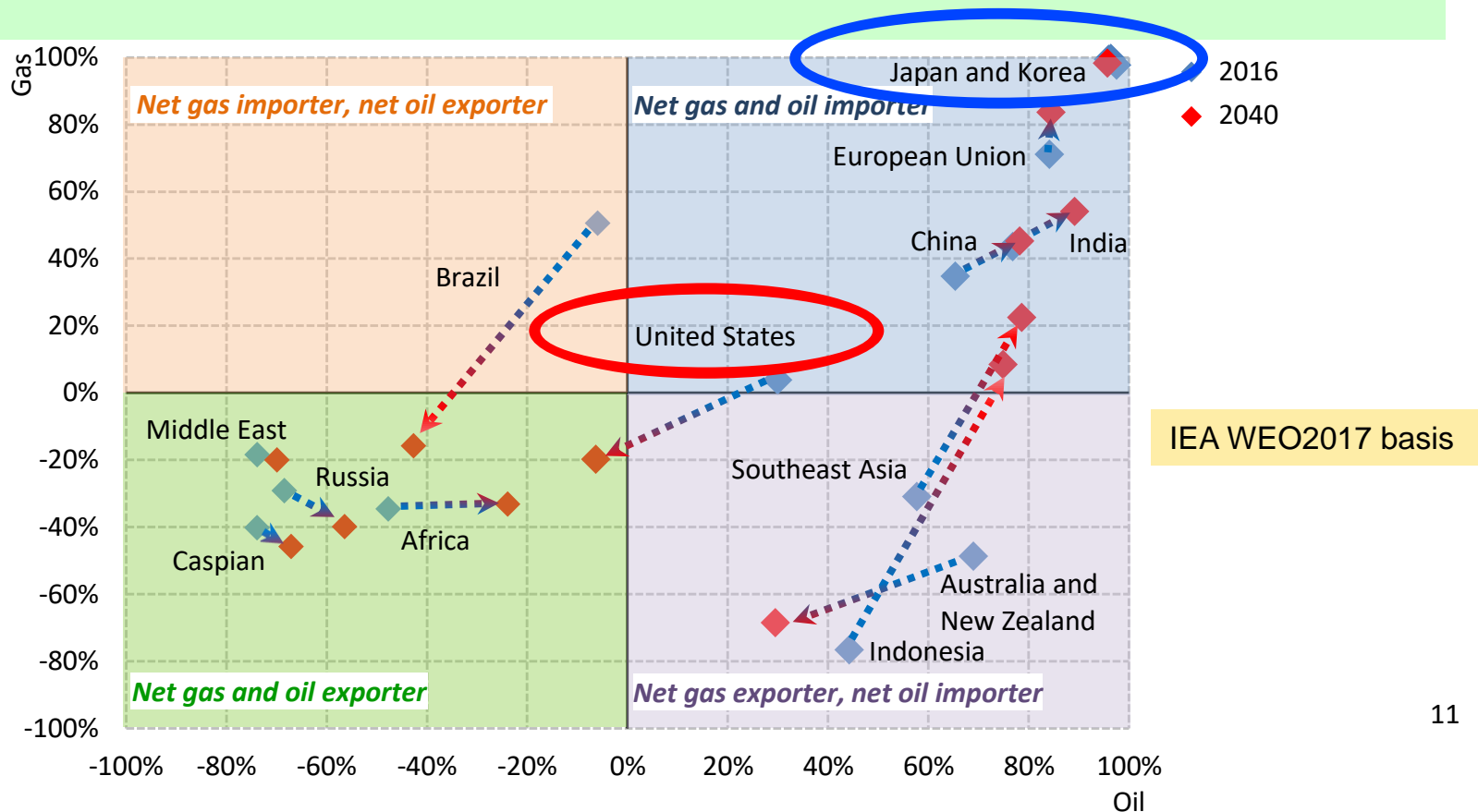
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## Hydrogen Stock Pile: MCH/LOHC may replace SPR in the Net Zero World

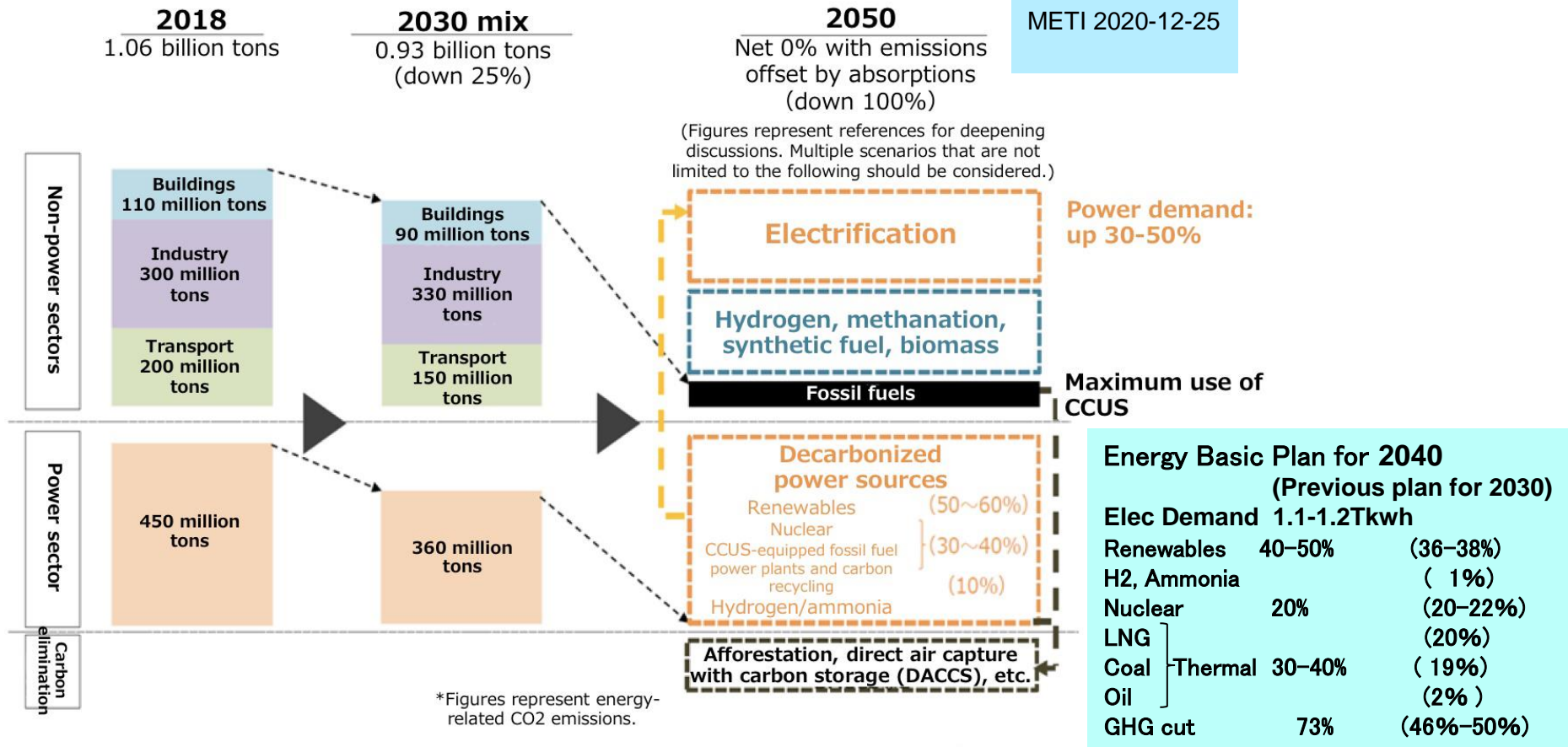
# Winners and Losers of Energy & Climate Crises

Country	Short term	Long Term
Russia	- - Lost EU market, less revenue, more war expenses, Ukraine?	- - Loss of tech, investment, brain drain
EU	- Gas Shortage & high price. Ukraine?	++ RE Power EU and CBAM H2 pipeline
US (→Trump)	+ Energy Dominance by fossil fuel =MAGA	+MAGA = Out of ParisAccord. CCS, (EV?), H2? Megatech to lead RE100
China India	+ Cheap Russian gas & oil	++ RE super power, - risk of supply chain + H2 super power
Saudi Arabia	?Oil price	? Blue H2 CCS, Green H2 solar, Mid East Geopolitics
Japan/ Korea	- Oil and gas supply disruption	? Sustainable nuclear, Clean H2 supply chain
ASEAN	- high prices of LNG	? Renewables, Regional power grid connection

# Energy Independence : Trump's US aims "Energy Dominance" by more oil and gas while China and Europe aim at Renewable Energy Independence. How can Japan and Korea survive?



# Japan's Energy Path to 2050 Carbon Neutrality



(Source) Secretariat of the Committee on the Growth Strategy, Cabinet Secretariat "Green Growth Strategy through Achieving Carbon Neutrality" (Document 1) p.6, for the sixth meeting of the Committee on the Growth Strategy, December 25, 2020

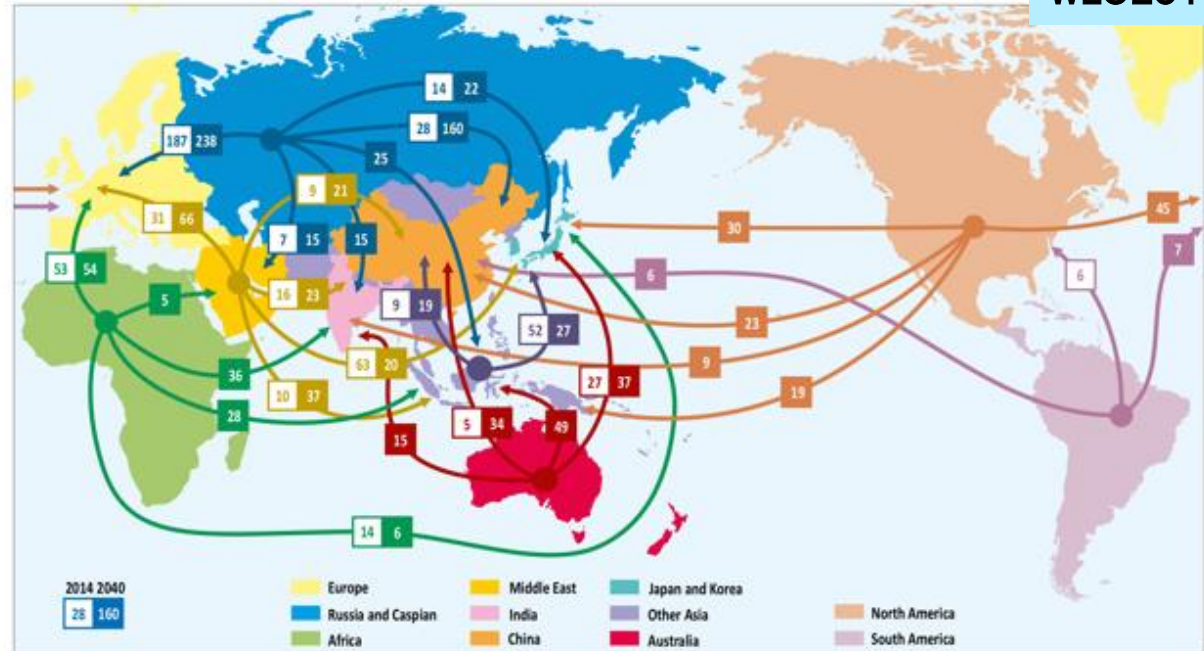
# A Golden Age of Natural Gas

North America's Shale Gas revolution + Japan & Korea contribute by LNG trade.  
Golden Age of Gas is closing, but continues for LNG.

**Japanese Government decided LNG is one of the critical material.**

Figure 4.17 > Selected global gas trade flows in the New Policies Scenario (bcm)

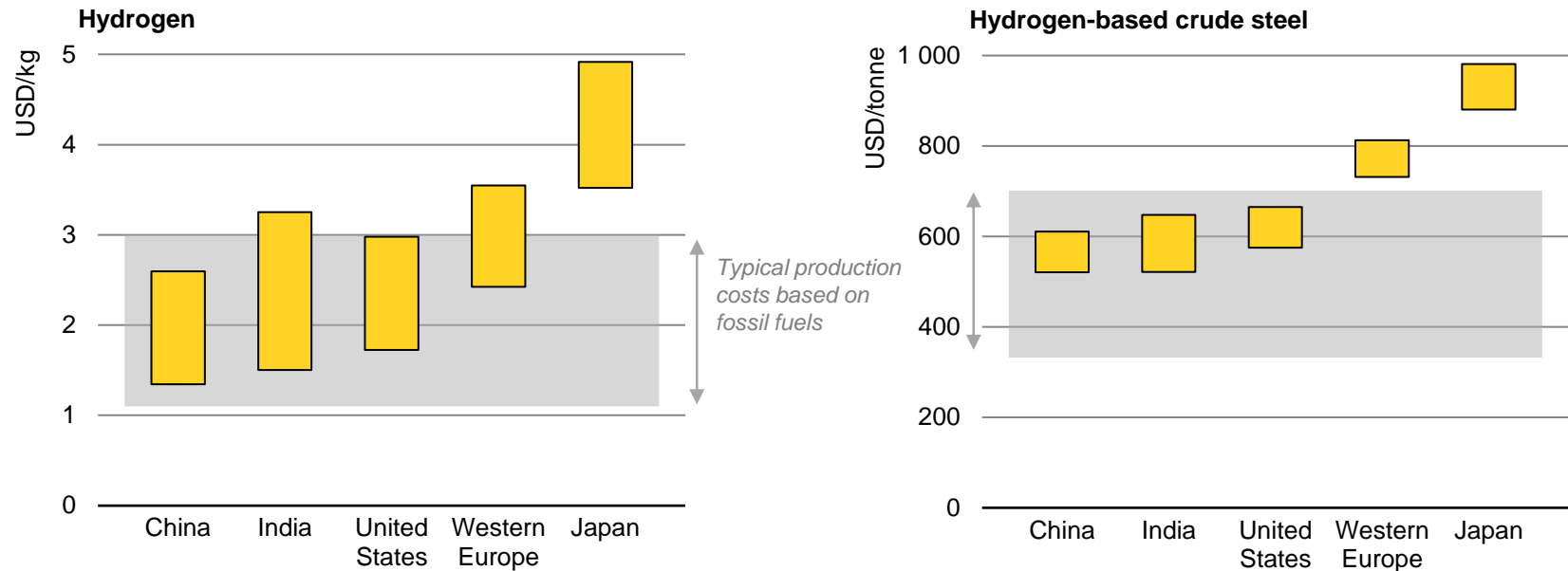
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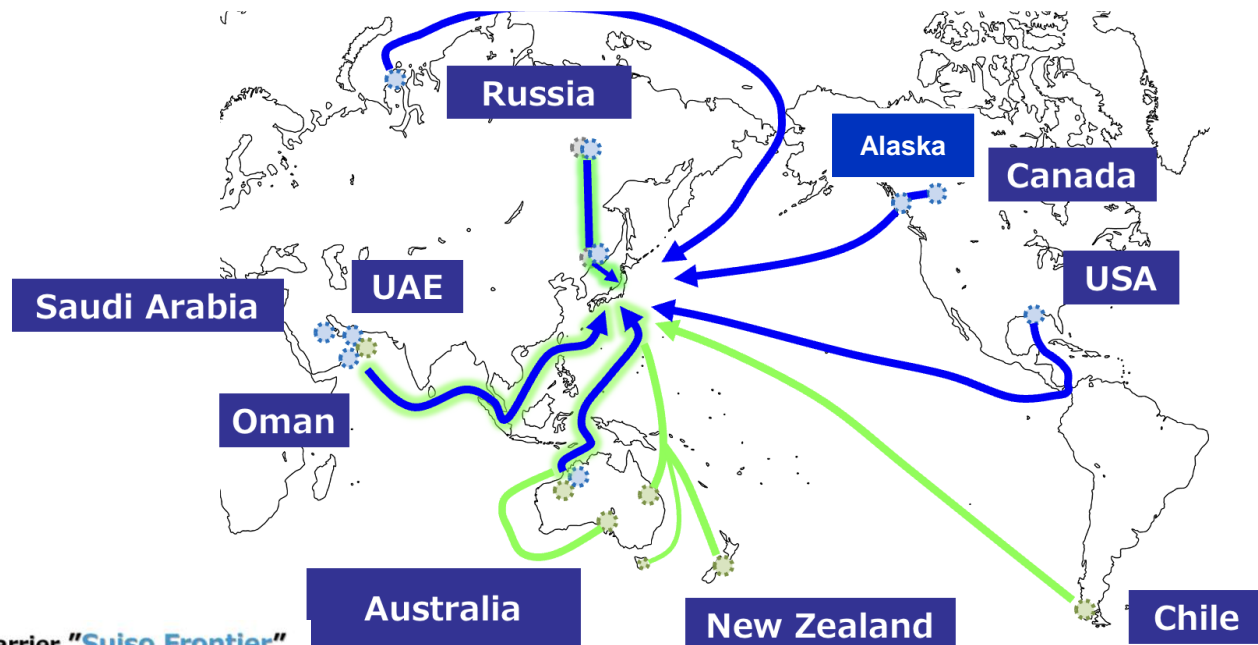
The strong import growth in Asia underpins a fundamental shift in trade flows away from the Atlantic basin to the Asia-Pacific region

Production costs using electrolysis and variable renewables under announced climate pledges, 2030



Climate goals and innovation policy are driving new project announcements for energy intensive commodities, but persistent cost competitiveness gaps indicate the need for strategic partnerships and international collaboration.

# A Golden Age of Hydrogen is coming?



## Liquefied Hydrogen Carrier "Suiso Frontier"

Launch ceremony (11 December 2019)  
at KHI Kobe Shipyard



Cargo Tank Installation (7 March 2020)  
at KHI Harima Works



➡ Natural Gas (Blue)

➡ Renewables (Green)

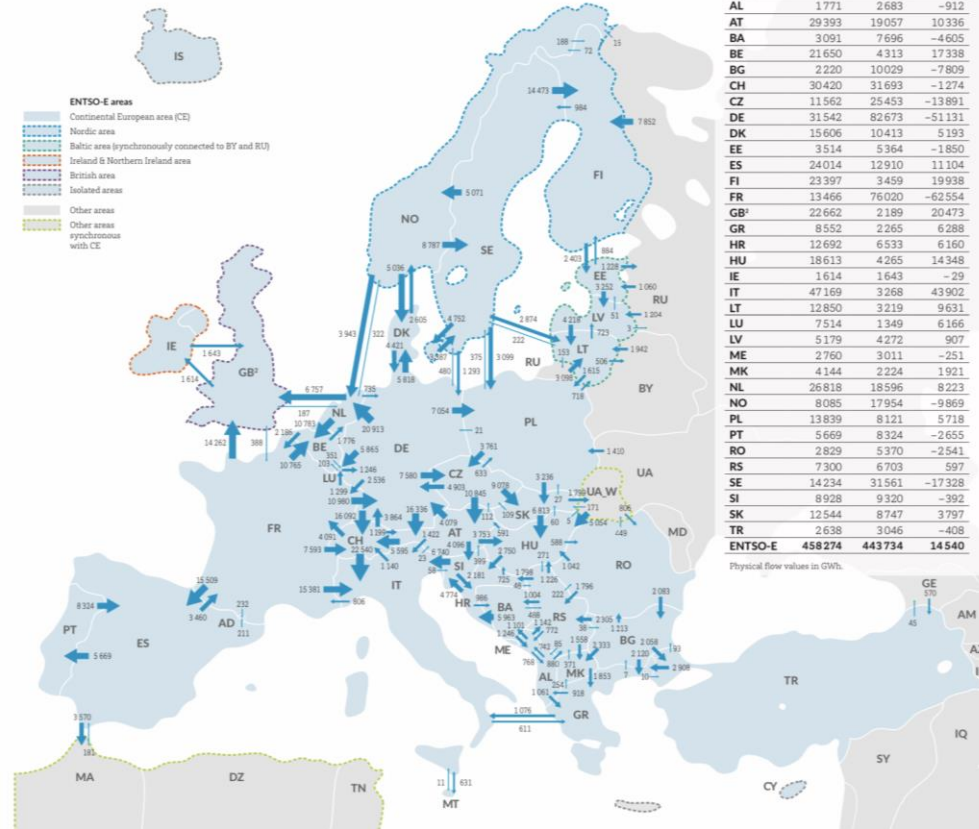
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# Grid Connectivity: European Energy Security & Sustainability

## Physical energy flows

between European countries, 2018 (GWh)



<sup>1</sup> Consolidated yearly values might differ from detailed flow data from the ENTSO-E database due to export consolidation taking into account national statistical resources.

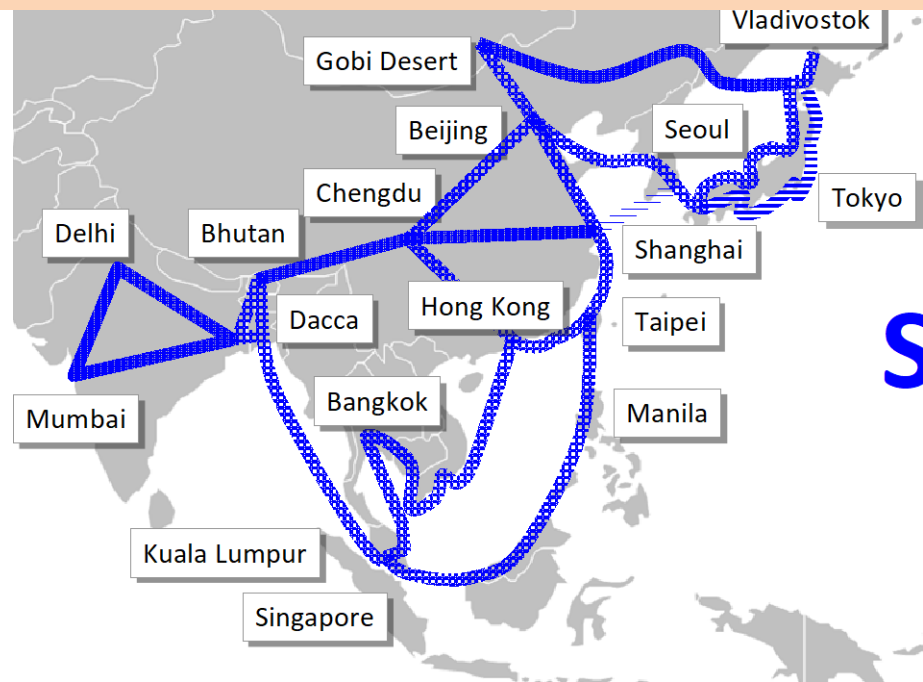
<sup>2</sup> All data with the country code GB represents monthly statistical data as sum of England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

## Hydrogen pipeline :European Backbone for 2050



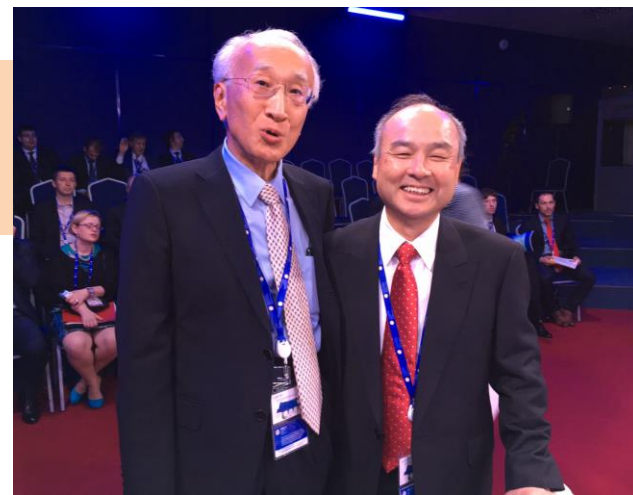


# “Energy for Peace in Asia” New Vision by Masayoshi SON of SoftBank



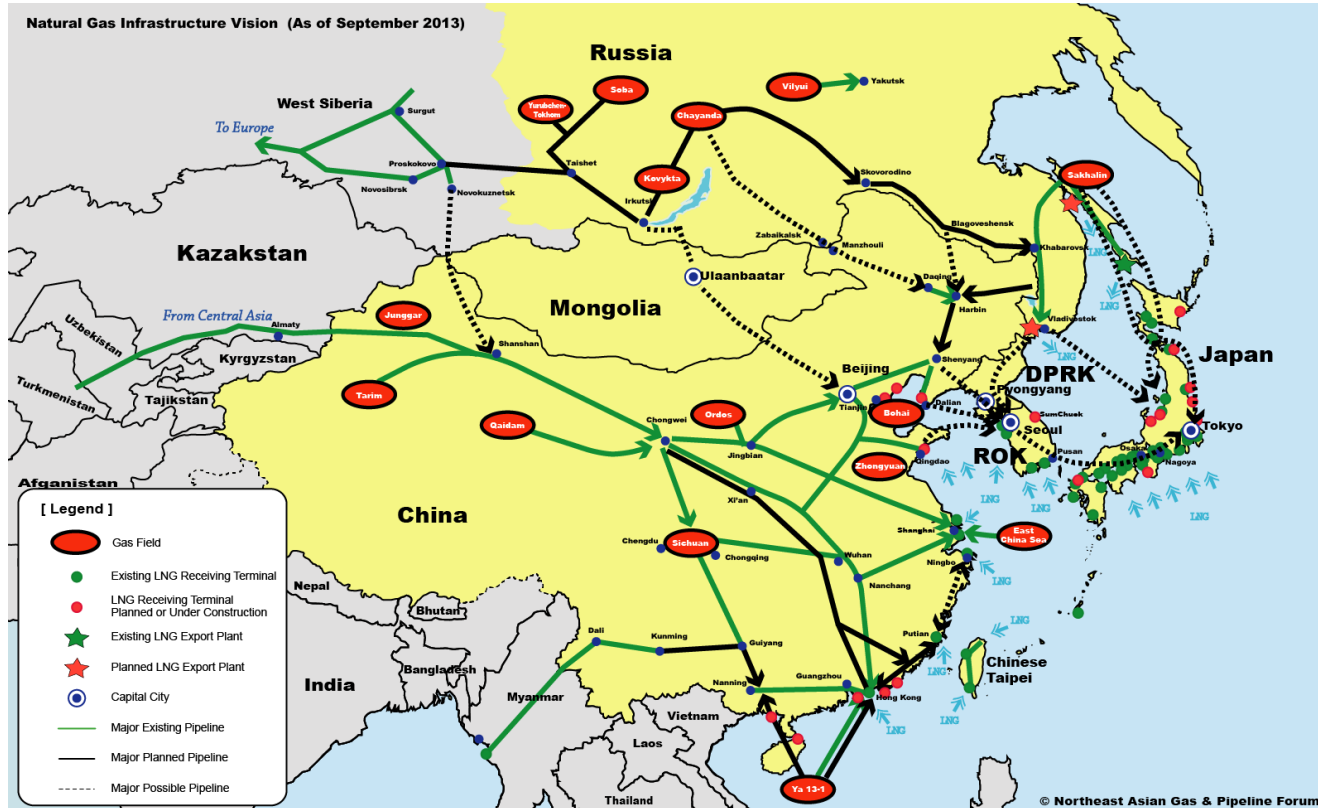
## Phase 3 **Asia Super Grid**

**Total 36,000km**

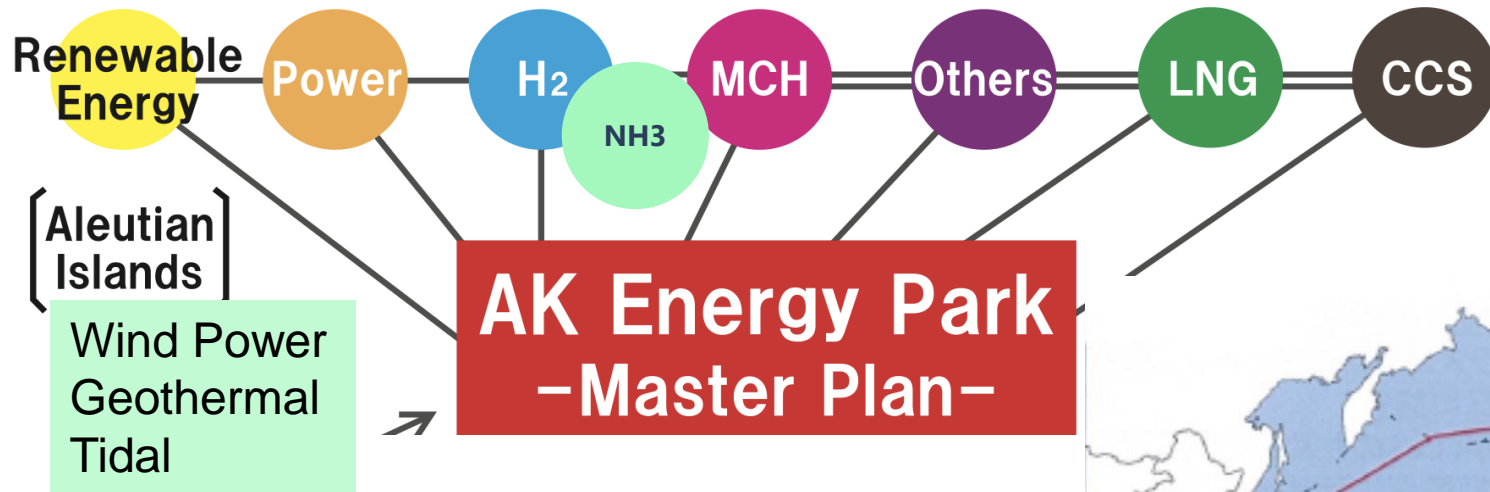


Presentation by Mr. Masayoshi SON

# Dr. Masaru HIRATA's North East Asia Gas Pipeline Infrastructure Forum (NAGPF)



NAGPF should aim at Northeast Asia Clean Energy Platform (NACEP) including Grid Connection and Hydrogen Pipeline

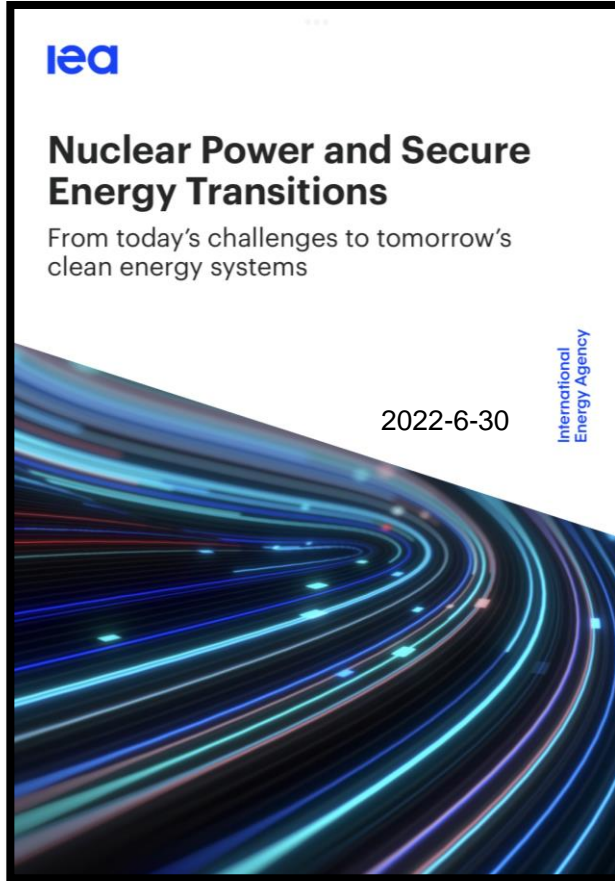


# Alaska Energy Park

Alaska-Tokyo 6200km=10 days by ship  
 Attu Island to Hokkaido=2200km

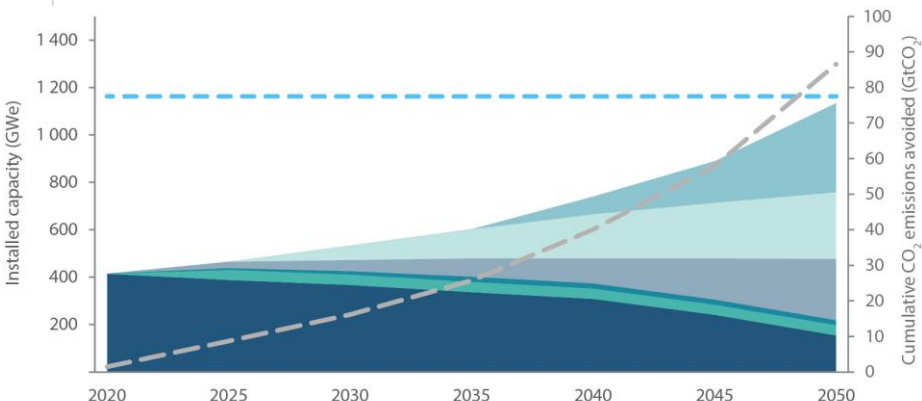


# Nuclear energy could play an important role in ensuring rapid and secure energy transitions.



- Russia's invasion of Ukraine and disruptions in global energy supply have made governments rethink their energy security strategies, targeting diverse and domestic supplies
- Governments in over 70 countries have committed to achieving net zero emissions, covering three-quarters of global emissions and economic activity
- Peaking CO<sub>2</sub> emissions this decade and starting a long-term decline is essential to keep the door open to limiting climate change to 1.5 °C
- The policy landscape is changing, opening up opportunities for nuclear to make a comeback

# At COP28, Countries Launch Declaration to **Triple** Nuclear Energy Capacity by 2050, Recognizing the Key Role of Nuclear Energy in Reaching Net Zero



— Cumulative emissions avoided  
 - - - IPCC 1.5°C scenarios (2050 average) = 1 160 GW nuclear capacity (based on the average of IPCC 1.5°C scenarios)

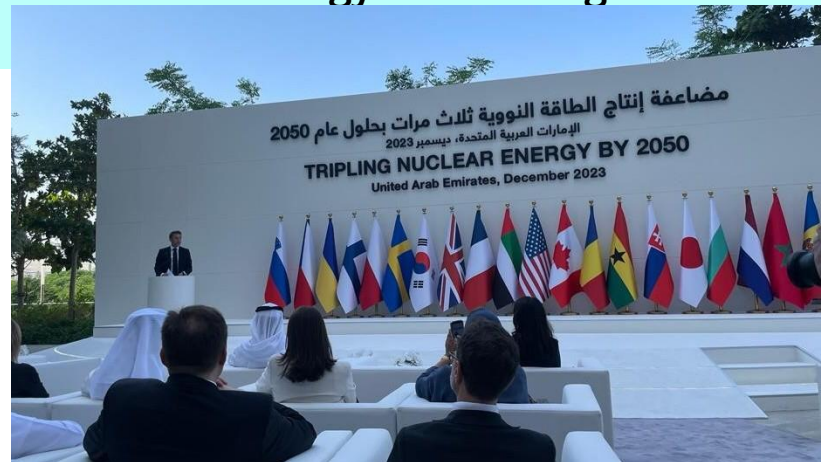
## Conservative projections

- Small modular reactors (2035 market outlook)
- Large-scale new builds (under construction)
- Long-term operation (planned)

## Ambitious projections

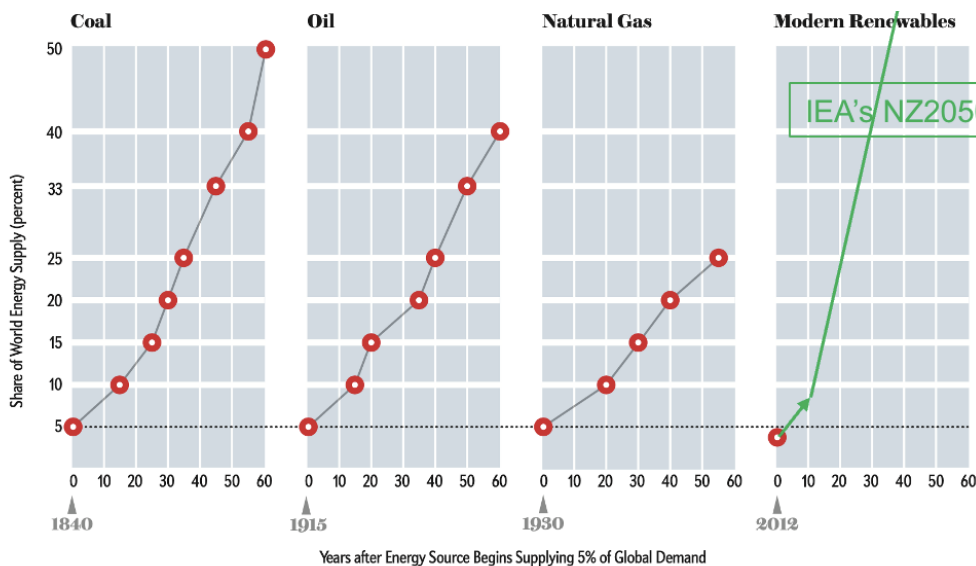
- Small modular reactors (post-2035 market extrapolation)
- Large-scale new builds (planned)
- Long-term operation (to 80 years)

Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA)



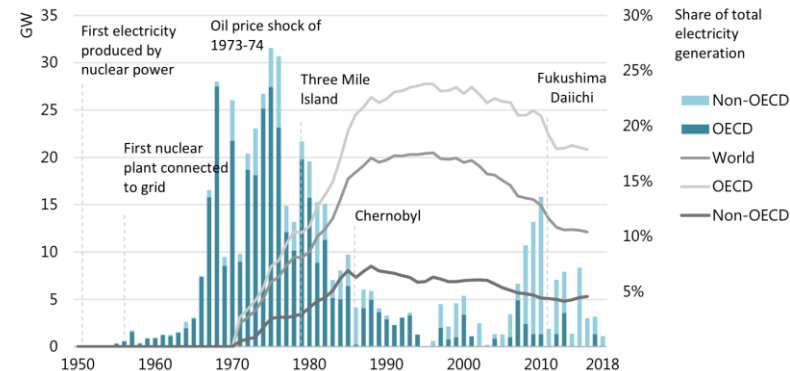
- President of the French Republic Emmanuel Macron and United States Special Presidential Envoy for Climate John Kerry announced that 20 countries have launched the 'Declaration to Triple Nuclear Energy by 2050' at the 28th United Nations Climate Change Conference or Conference of the Parties of the UNFCCC (COP28).
- Endorsing countries include the United States, Bulgaria, Canada, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Ghana, Hungary, Japan, Republic of Korea, Moldova, Mongolia, Morocco, Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, and United Kingdom.
- Those countries that choose this option will need to work in concert to address issues such as affordable financing, enhanced supply chains and the need for a skilled workforce if success is to be in reach.

# Nuclear is a “Successful Failure” (Vaclav Smil)



Vaclav Smil vs IEA's Net Zero by 2050

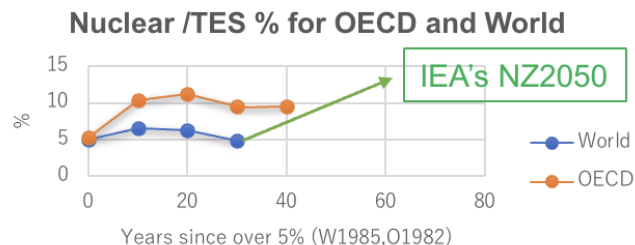
Figure 5. Reactor construction starts and share of nuclear power in total electricity generation



Note: OECD = Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

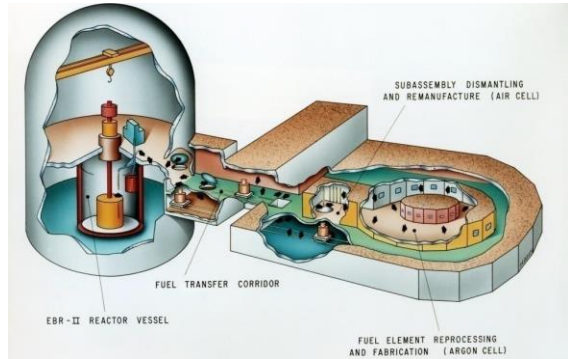
Sources: IAEA (2019), Power Reactor Information System (PRIS) (database); IEA (2018a), Electricity Information 2018 (database).

Most of the nuclear reactors in operation today in advanced economies were built before 1990.

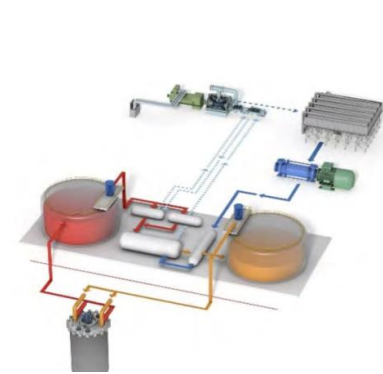




# Sustainable Nuclear Models?



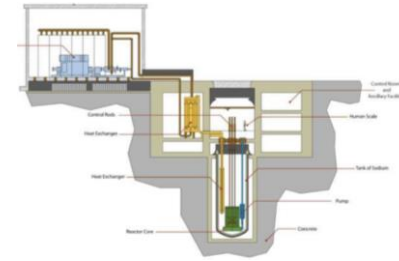
Integral Fast Reactor



Terra Power's Sodium



GE-Hitachi's  
PRISM



ARC 100

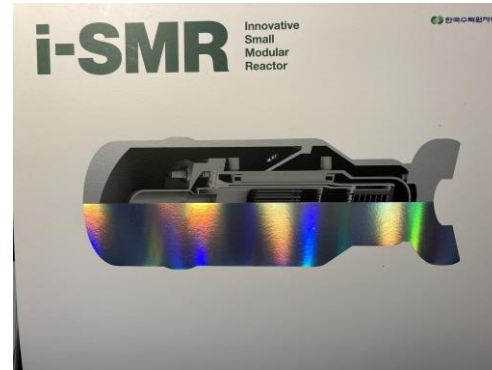


rendering of Oklo's Aurora powerhouse  
iGrouper

OKLO's Aurora reactor



Dow Chemical  
and X-energy



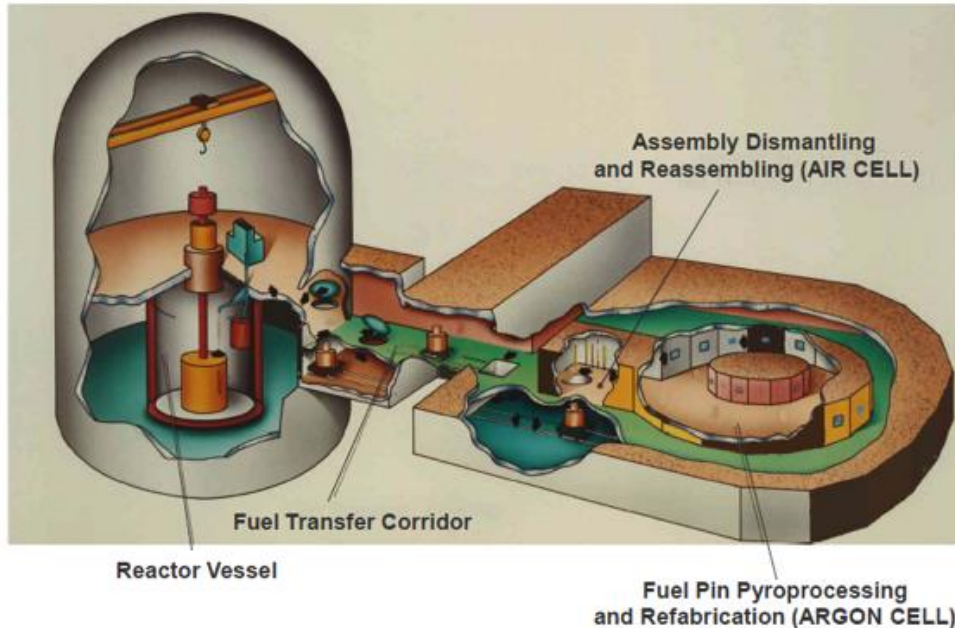
Korean i-SMR



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# Time for Safer, Proliferation resistant and Easier Waste Management Paradigm: **Integral Fast Reactor ( Metallic fuel, Close cycle Fast Reactor) and Pyroprocessing**

Pyroprocessing was used to demonstrate the EBR-II fuel cycle closure during 1964-69



IFR has features as Inexhaustible Energy Supply ,Inherent Passive Safety ,Long-term Waste Management Solution , Proliferation-Resistance , Economic Fuel Cycle Closure. High level waste reduces radioactivity in 300 years while LWR spent fuel takes 100,000 years.

Dr. YOON IL CHANG  
Argonne National Laboratory



# US envoy Kerry launches international **Nuclear Fusion** plan at COP28

- DUBAI, Dec 5 (Reuters) - U.S. special climate envoy John Kerry on Tuesday launched an international engagement plan to boost nuclear fusion, saying the emissions-free technology could become a vital tool in the fight against climate change.
- Kerry said the plan involved 35 nations and would focus on research and development, supply chain issues, and regulation, and safety.
- "There is potential in fusion to revolutionize our world," Kerry told the [COP28 climate summit](#) in Dubai.



Global Energy Forum at COP 28 - Day 1

# Trilateral Alliance for Survival

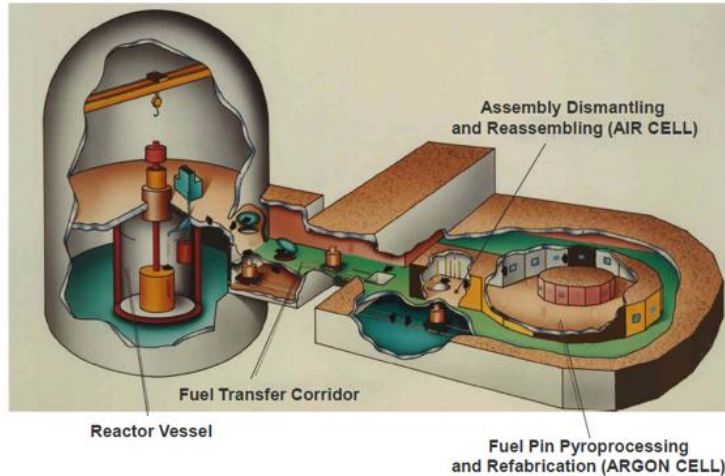
## Japan-Korea-US Trilateral Collaboration on Nuclear (JAKUS)

- Integral Fast Reactor, Submarine and North Korean Denuclearization.
- Korea gets OK for Pyro-Processing (Plutonium use).
- Japan gets support for Fukushima debris solution. Rokkasho Reprocessing Plant be put under Multilateral Framework. Excess Plutonium is put under IAEA custody.
- Japan and Korea join the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, while US continues to offer extended Nuclear Deterrence.
- Japan seeks Permanent seat for UN Security Council as G4. Ask India to give up nuclear weapon.
- Korea joins G7.



# US-Japan-Korea Cooperation on Integral Fast Reactor and Pyroprocessing

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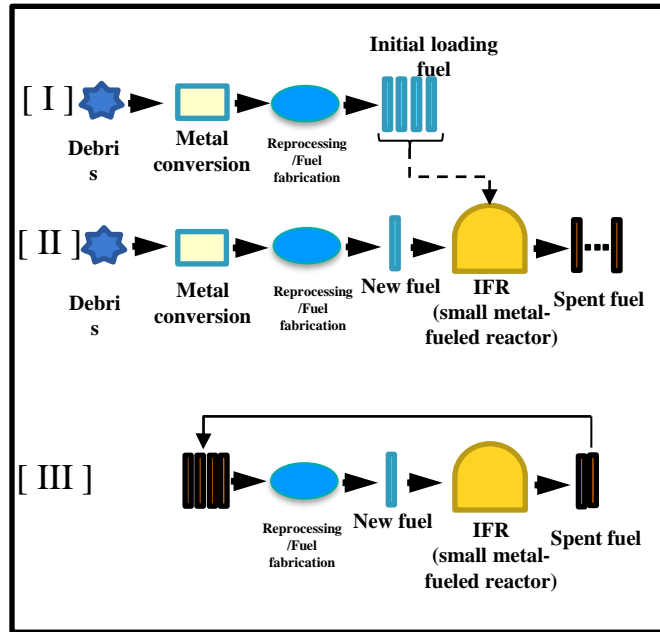


Japan's JAEA has a new MOU with Idaho National Laboratory.  
Korea's KAERI worked with INL.  
Further collaboration with US-Japan-Korea be applied for Fukushima Debris separation using IFR.  
As a first step, application of Pyroprocessing to the Debris of TMI be examined at INR.

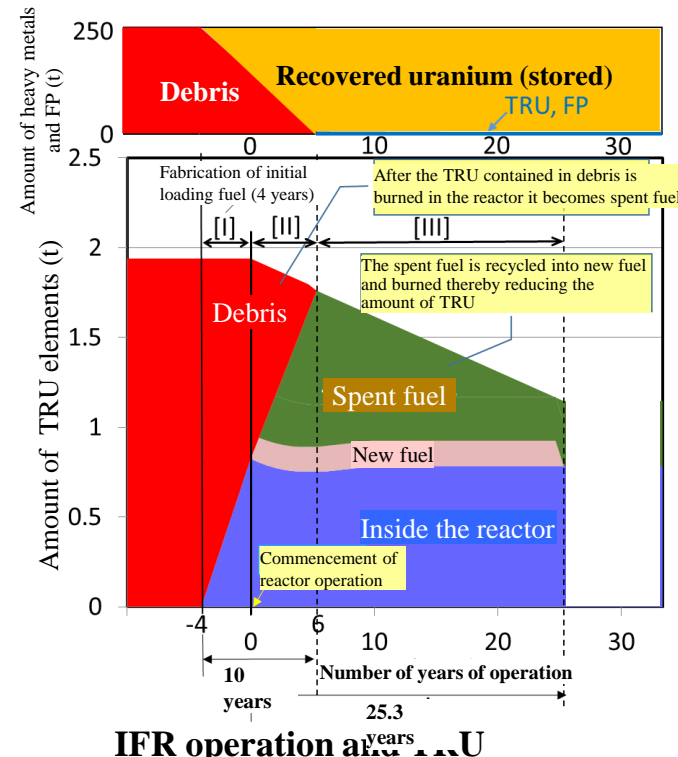
**IFR can be a global model of “Sustainable Nuclear Power”**

# Debris Processing Scheme and TRU Reductions

- An assessment of TRU burn-up performances showed the originally estimated debris processing period of 15 years could be shortened to 10 years.
- The **1.9 tons** of TRU present in the debris will be reduced to a total of **1.2 tons in 25 years after the launching the IFR** including that remaining in the reactor and that existing in the spent fuel. Since the amount of TRU required to constantly fabricate fuel after this point will be insufficient, it will be necessary to procure TRU from external sources in order to continue continuous operation of the reactor.



Concept diagram of debris processing scheme





# Japan, Korea and the US should develop JAKUS; N.East Asian AUKUS

Japan, the US and Korea should consider introducing nuclear propulsion submarine facing the geopolitical change in the Indo- Pacific.

## U.S. to Share Nuclear Submarine Technology With Australia in New Pact

A new defense partnership between the U.S., the U.K. and Australia forms to focus on security



Visit to USS Illinois SSN786 at Yokosuka.

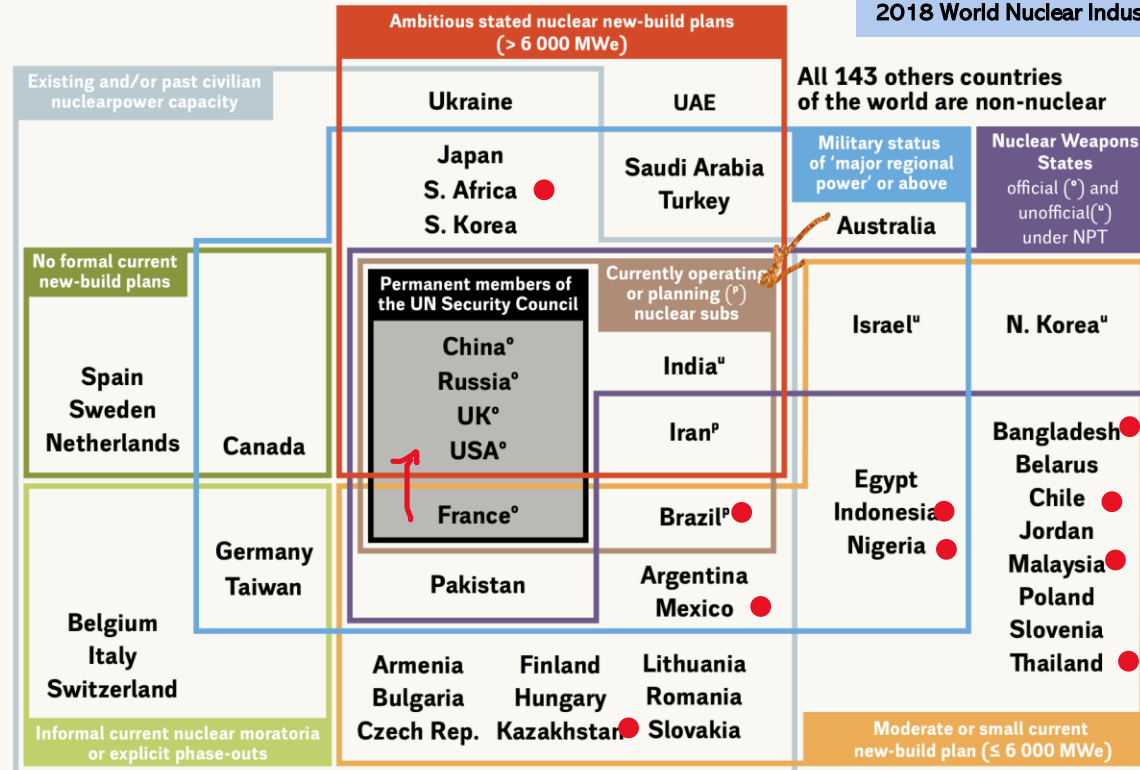


**S. Korea can dilute HEU for LWRs.  
Japan and Korea should join the  
Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear  
Weapons**

There are 50 potential nuclear weapon states in the world today.  
Nine have weapons, while Ten sign in the Nuclear Weapon Ban Treaty.

## Circumstantial Relationships Between WNA-Reported Civil Nuclear Ambitions and Different Categories of International Military and Geopolitical Status

## 2018 World Nuclear Industry Status Report



- Member or Signatory to the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (93 Signatories, 70 states parties)

Other ●  
AsianSignatories  
Vietnam  
Philippines  
Cambodia  
Laos  
Mongolia  
Sri Lanka





Charles, a grand-son of Robert Oppenheimer





## Putin's Mistake

Since his invasion of Ukraine, President Putin has continuously threatened Ukraine & NATO with possible nuclear attack.

## Putin says Russia has tested next-generation nuclear weapon

Reuters

October 6, 2023 1:13 AM GMT+9 · Updated 3 days ago



Russian President Vladimir Putin delivers a speech at the 20th Annual Meeting of the Valdai Discussion Club in Sochi, Russia, October 5, 2023. Sputnik/Grigory Sysoyev/Pool via REUTERS [Acquire Licensing Rights](#)

# President Obama's Mistake: he destabilized MENA by his Arab Spring initiatives and intervention to Libya



Obama at the L'Aquila G8 Summit, 2009



# President Trump's Mistake: he penalized Iran while embracing N.Korea.



Trump delivers a statement saying the US is withdrawing from the Iran nuclear deal, May 8, 2018, in Washington, DC [File: Evan Vucci/AP Photo]

The Iran Deal was one of the worst and most one-sided transactions the United States has ever entered into. (Donald Trump)



The two leaders shake hands again before their one-on-one meeting. In brief remarks to reporters, Trump expressed hope that the meeting would be "tremendously successful" and said, "We will have a terrific relationship ahead." Kim told reporters that there were many "obstacles" to the meeting, but "we overcame all of them and we are here today." *Evan Vucci/AP*

The 2018 North Korea–United States Singapore Summit, commonly known as the Singapore Summit, was a summit meeting between North Korean Chairman Kim Jong Un and U.S. President Donald Trump, held at the Capella Hotel, Sentosa, Singapore, on June 12, 2018



# Geopolitical Mistake of not using Nuclear

## Chancellor Merkel's Mistake

She said, “ I am a scientist and know what is nuclear. But to do nuclear here give me votes.” After the Fukushima accident, she decided to phase out nuclear power by 2022. To reduce coal, she needed to rely too much on Russian gas, which invited the worst geopolitical crisis after the WW2.



Abendessen mit der Bundeskanzlerin am 29. September 2008 im Bundeskanzleramt

*Angela Merkel*

