

Challenges for global energy transition:

Based on the major findings from "IEEJ Outlook 2025"

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Scenarios of IEEJ Outlook 2025

■ Regular scenarios

- Reference Scenario (RS): Business-as-usual future
- Advanced Technology Scenario (ATS): Maximum introduction of energy related technologies (Bottom-up approach)

■ Highlights of this year

1. Importance of LNG in energy transition
2. Risk Scenarios for Energy Security
3. Special Box Analysis
 - a. Vehicle Life Cycle Analysis
 - b. Importance of the “Stock effects” of energy efficiency improvement
 - c. Challenges for power demand increase for data center and AI
 - d. Remaining “Carbon Budget” and the issues related to “1.5°C target”

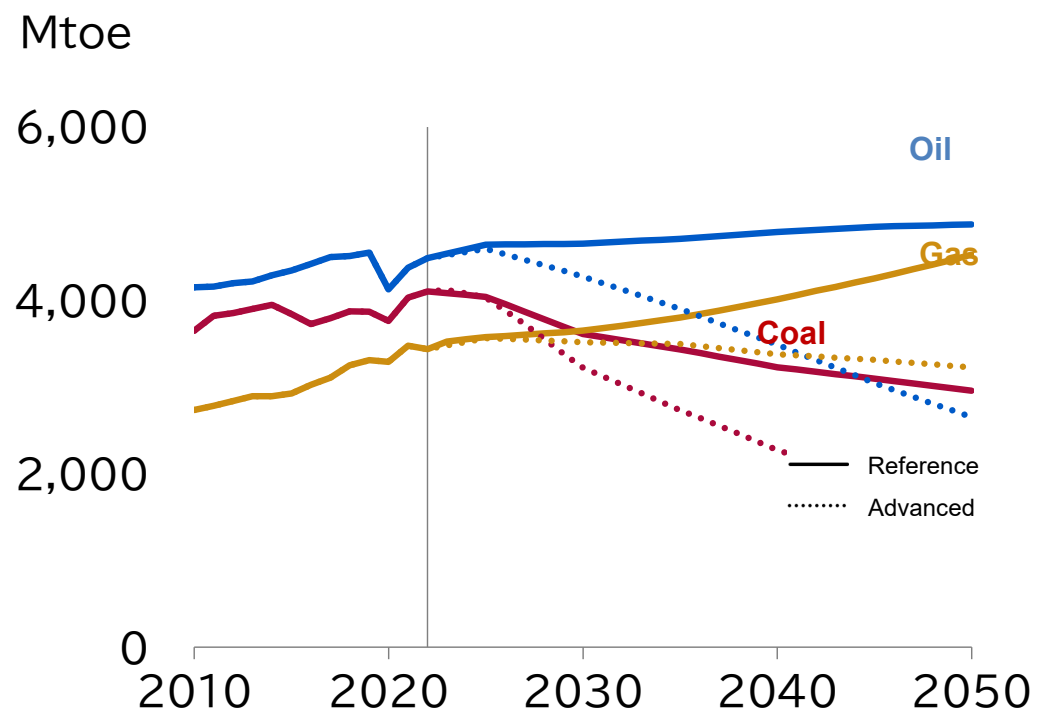
Risk Scenarios for Energy Security

- Risks of Fossil Fuel Underinvestment
- More Serious and Complex Geopolitical Risks
- IT Revolution and Electricity Supply Security
- Critical Minerals and Clean Energy Investment Risks
- Cyberattacks and Energy Security

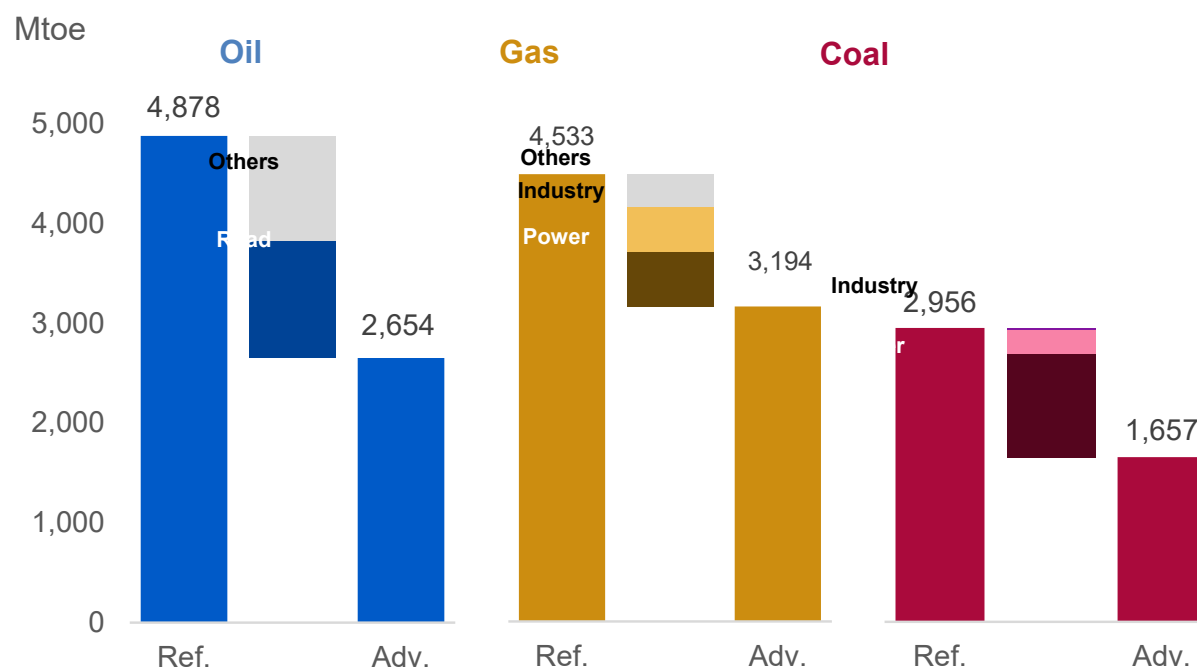
Fossil fuel demand varies substantially between Scenarios, but...

- Large divergence in fossil fuel demand between **RS** and **ATS**. But the fact is that security of fossil fuel supply remains necessary during the energy transition.

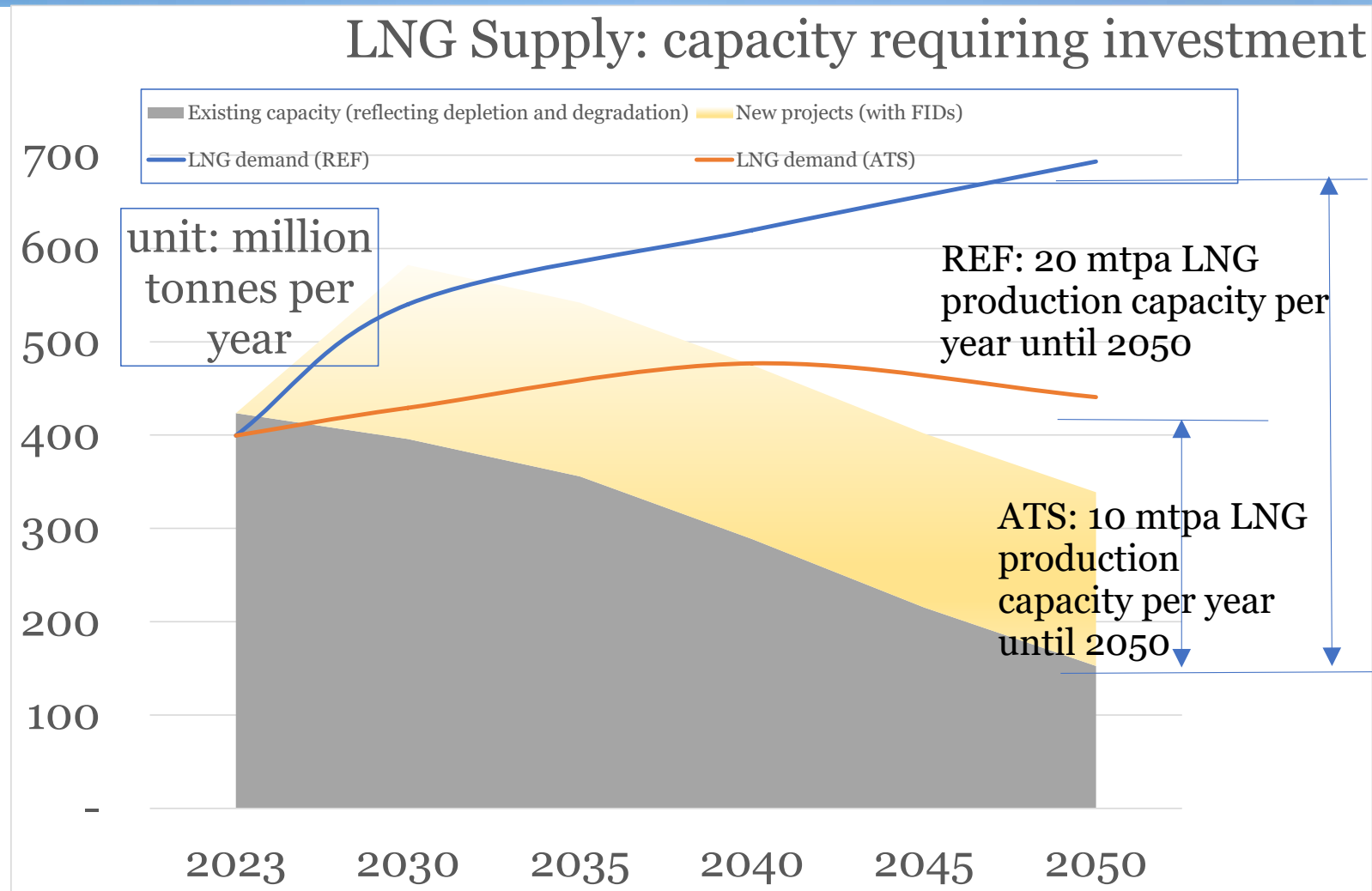
Global Fossil Fuel Demand Trajectory)



Factors behind the Difference

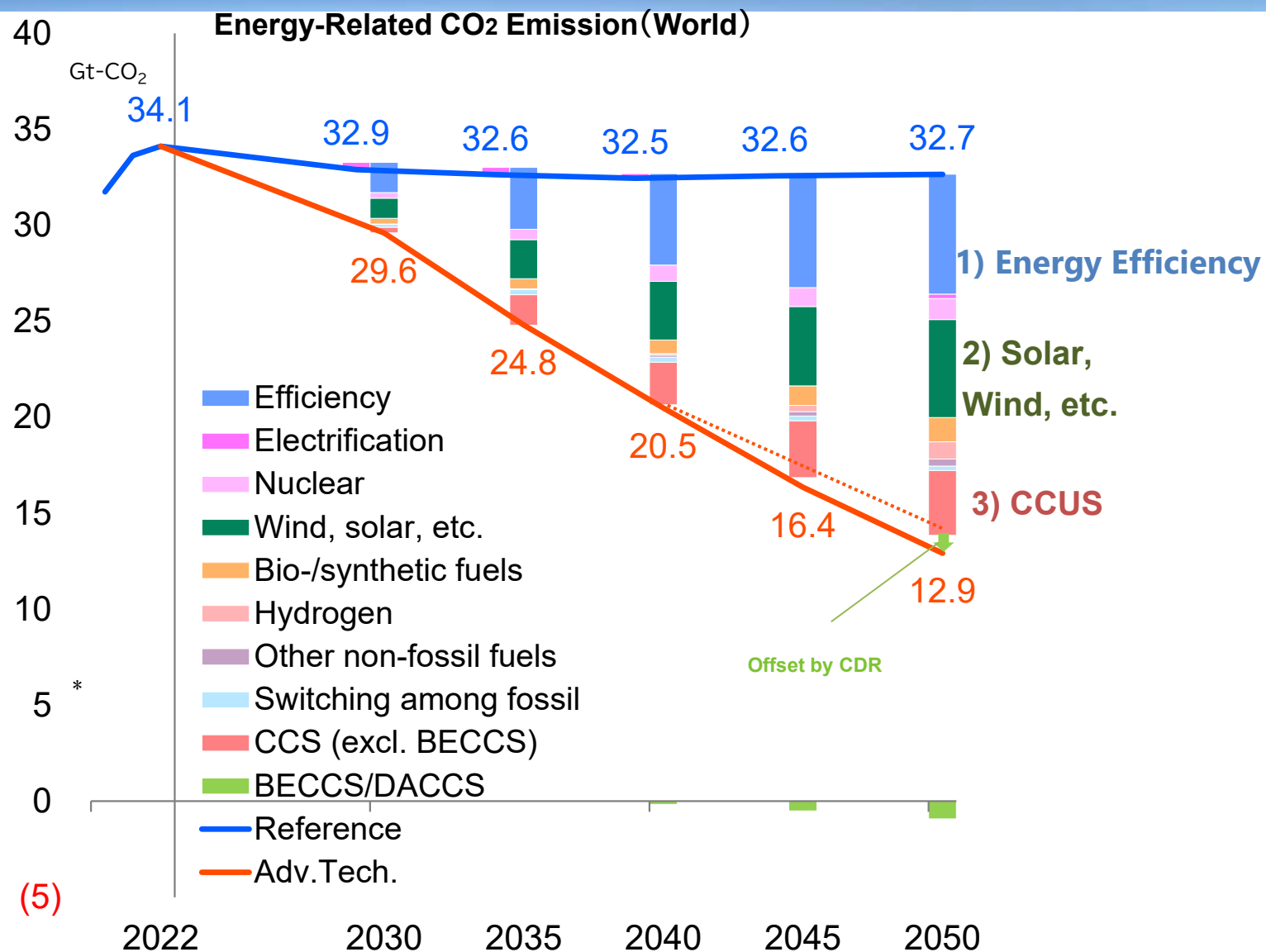


Long-term LNG Investment needed



- Investment is needed in 10-20 mtpa LNG production capacity per year until 2050

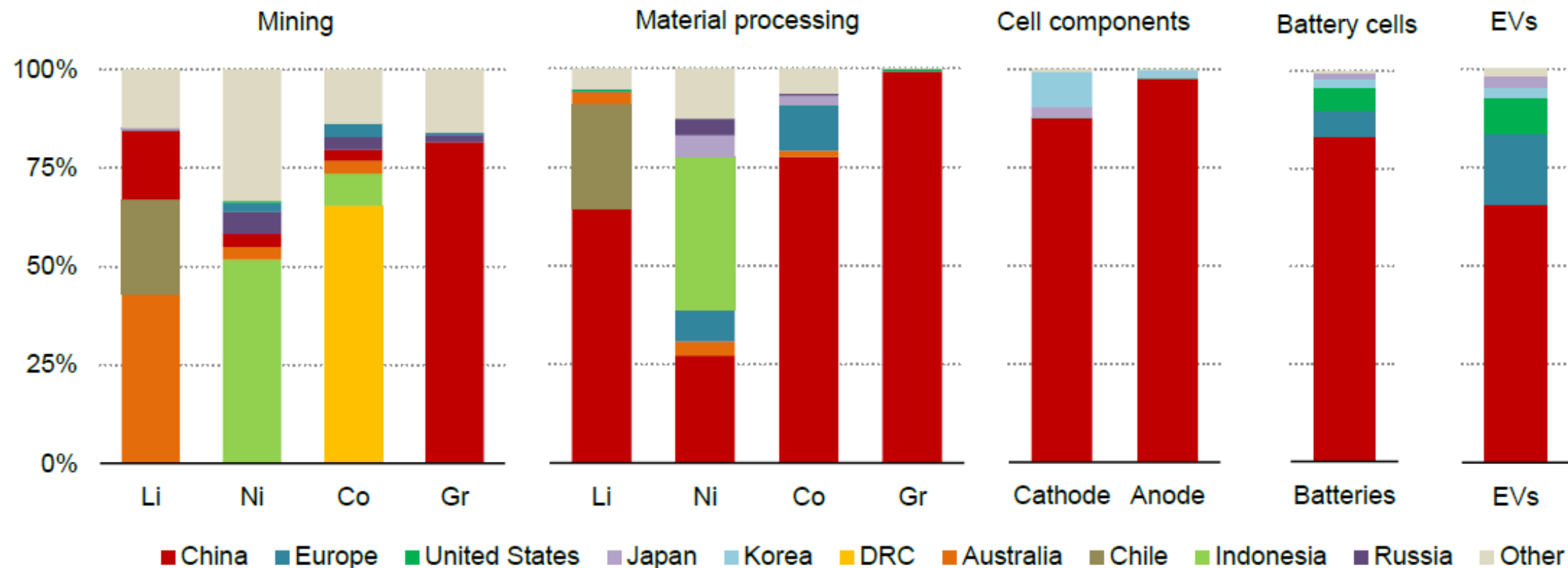
CO2 Reduction lead by EE, RE and CCUS



*Although not originally applicable to energy-related CO₂, the offsetting effect is included for reference.

Risks of concentration in clean energy supply chain

Concentrated Shares in on-board battery supply chain



Li = lithium, Ni = nickel, Co = cobalt, Gr = graphite
 Source: IEA (2024) "Global Critical Minerals Outlook 2024"

- High market concentration observed in some clean technology production and in the supply of critical minerals.
- Demand for critical minerals is expected to increase substantially in the future.

Conclusion

- **Our energy future is full of uncertainty and unpredictability**
- **Energy security emerged as a top priority**
- **Decarbonization needs to be pursued as a global common interest**
- **Simultaneous pursuit of energy security and decarbonization is essential with emphasis put on minimizing cost**
- **Geopolitical tensions and divide of the world**
- **Gap is widening between “Ideal” and “Reality”**
- **International cooperation and inclusive/pragmatic approach needed**