

# Energy Technology Perspectives 2012

Pathways to a Clean Energy System

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# ETP 2012 – Choice of 3 Futures

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## 2DS

a vision of a **sustainable** energy system of reduced Greenhouse Gas (GHG) and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

The 2°C Scenario

## 4DS

reflecting pledges by countries to cut emissions and boost energy efficiency

The 4°C Scenario

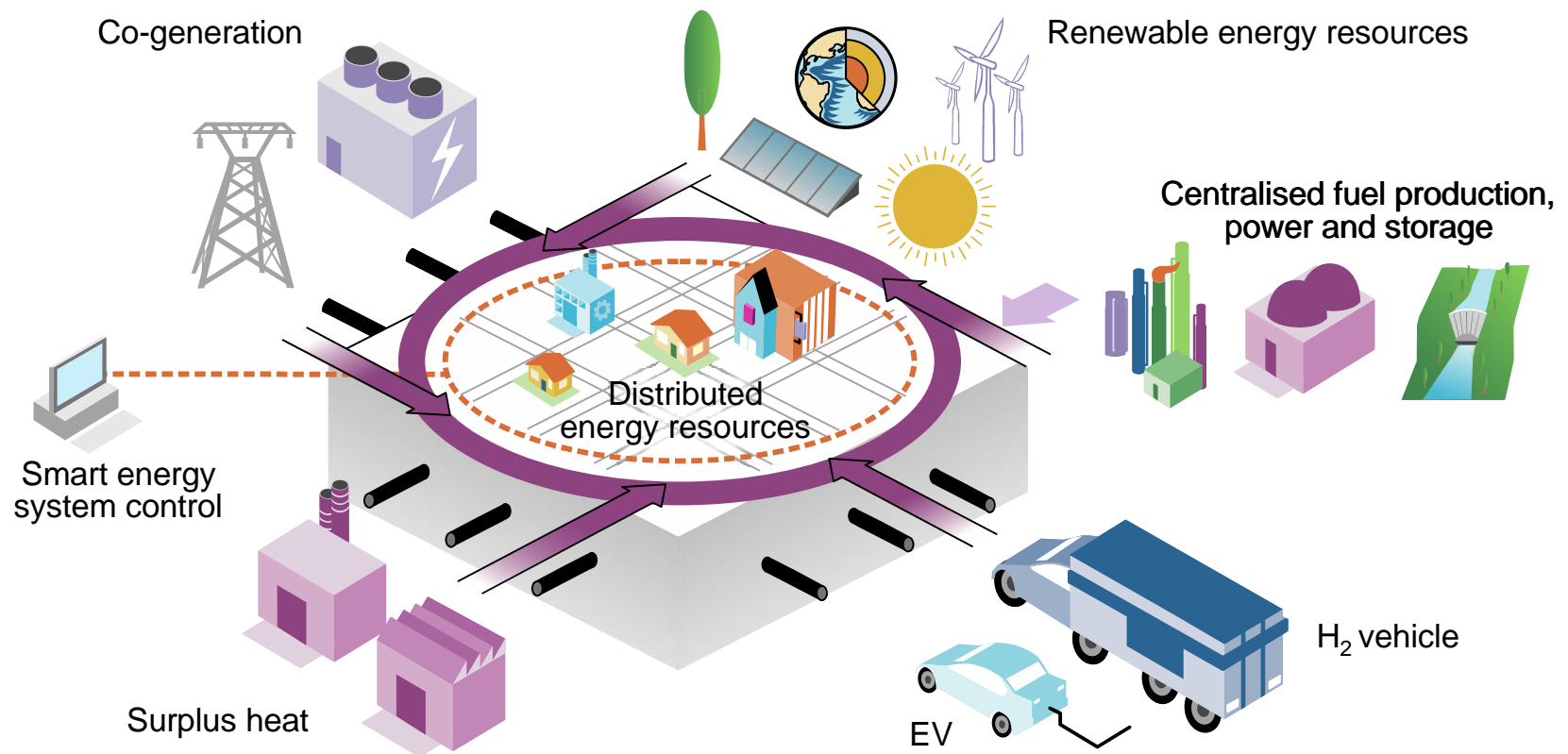
## 6DS

where the world is now heading with potentially **devastating** results

The 6°C Scenario

# A smart, sustainable energy system

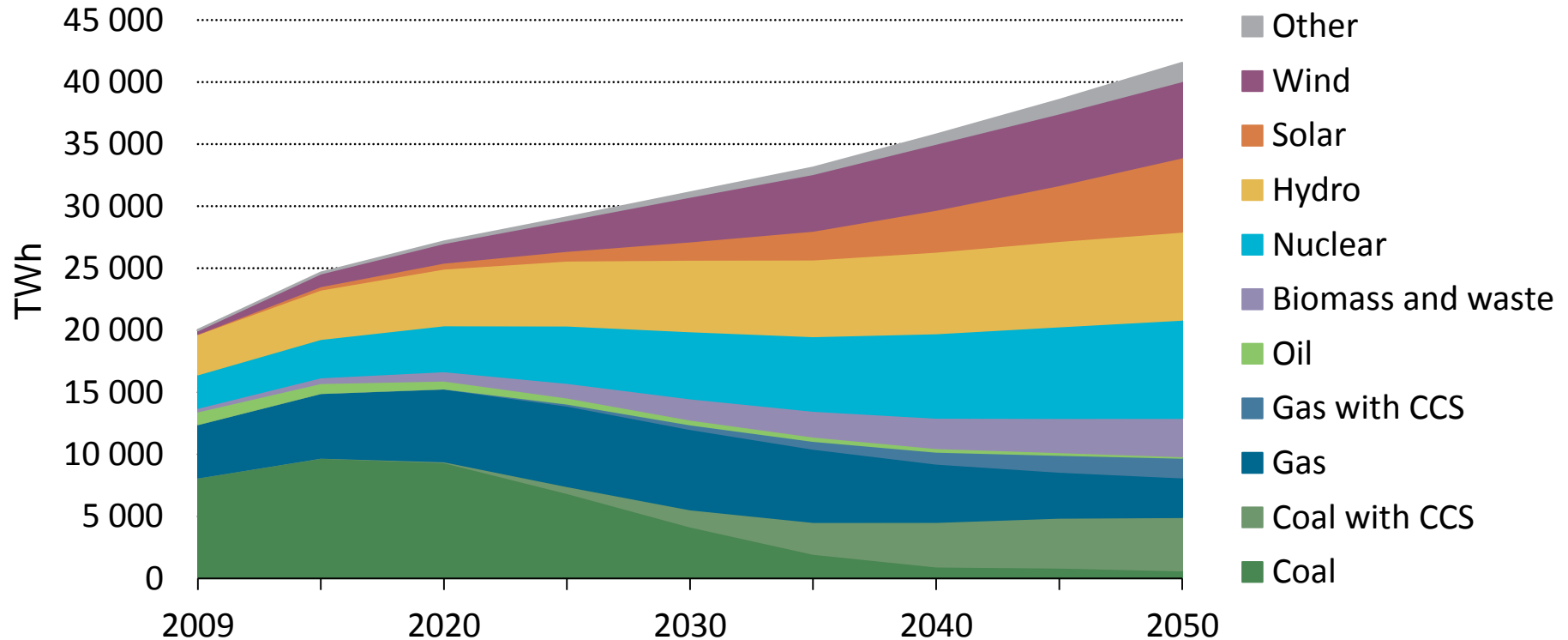
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*A sustainable energy system is a smarter,  
more unified and integrated energy system*

# Low-carbon electricity: a clean core

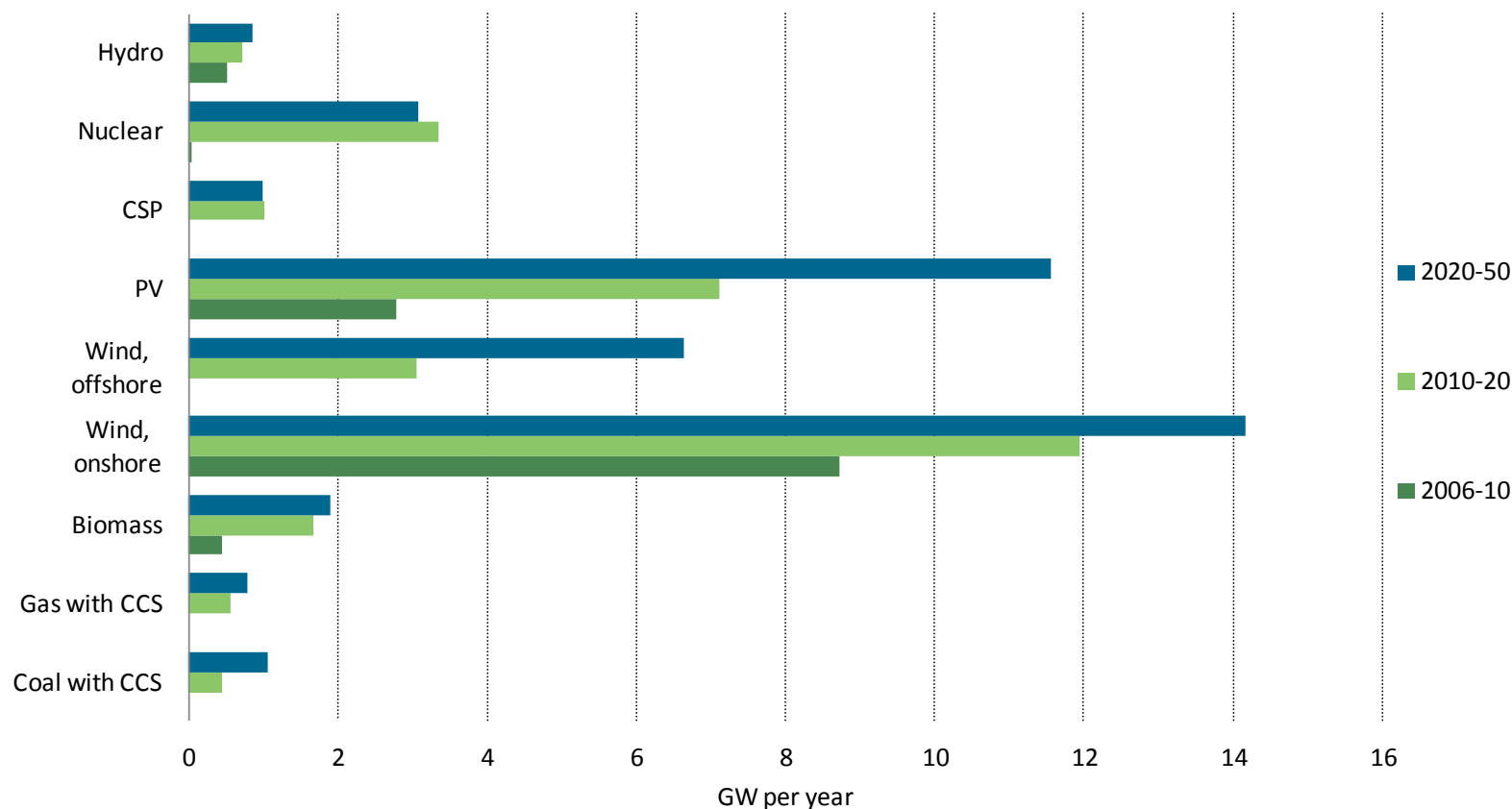
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*Renewables will generate more than half the world's electricity in the 2DS*

# EU: Wind and solar must grow quickly

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*An additional USD 1.2 trillion are needed in the EU power sector, but fuel savings amount to USD 2.7 trillion*

# Growth in renewable electricity in the 4DS

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2020

78%

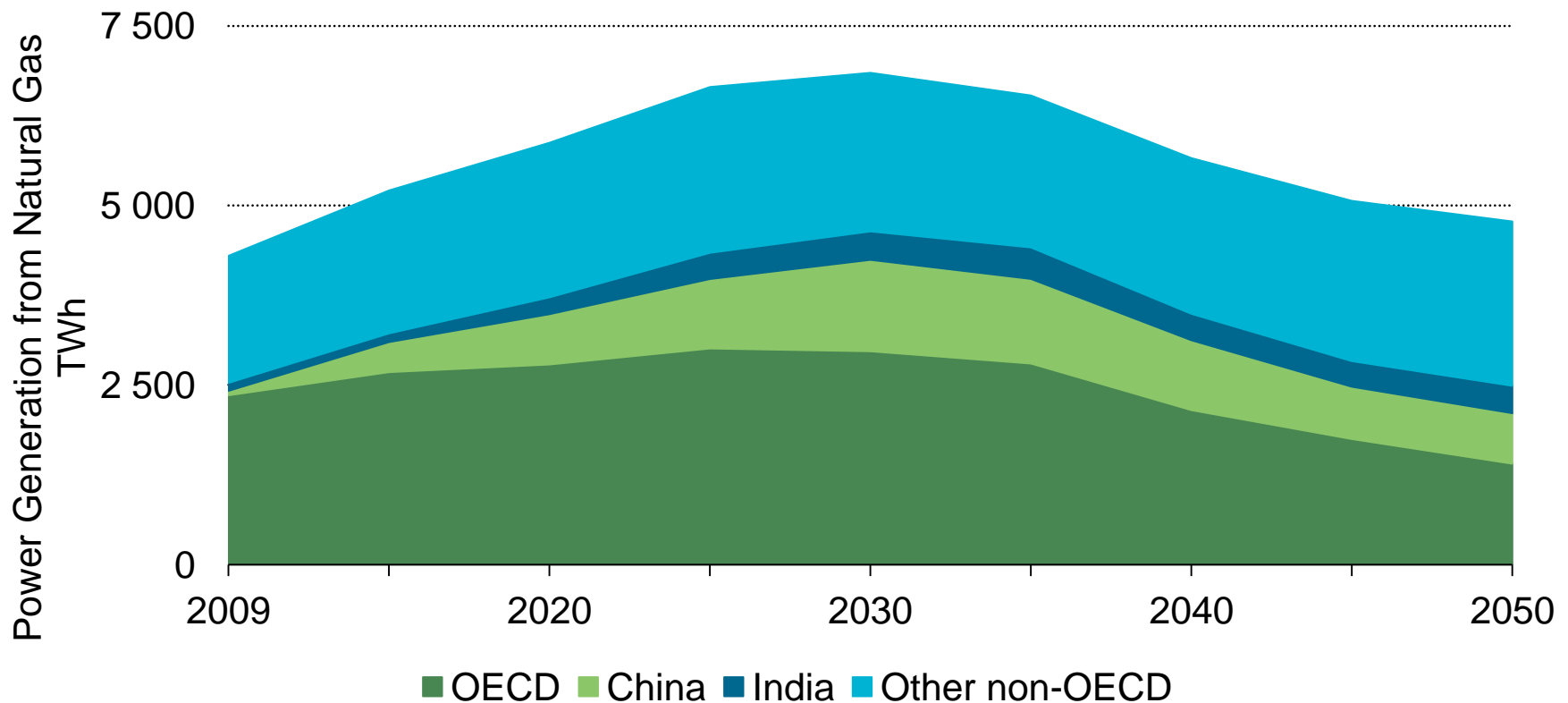
2030

152%

*Generation from renewable electricity will grow quickly even in the 4DS.*

# Natural Gas: a transitional fuel

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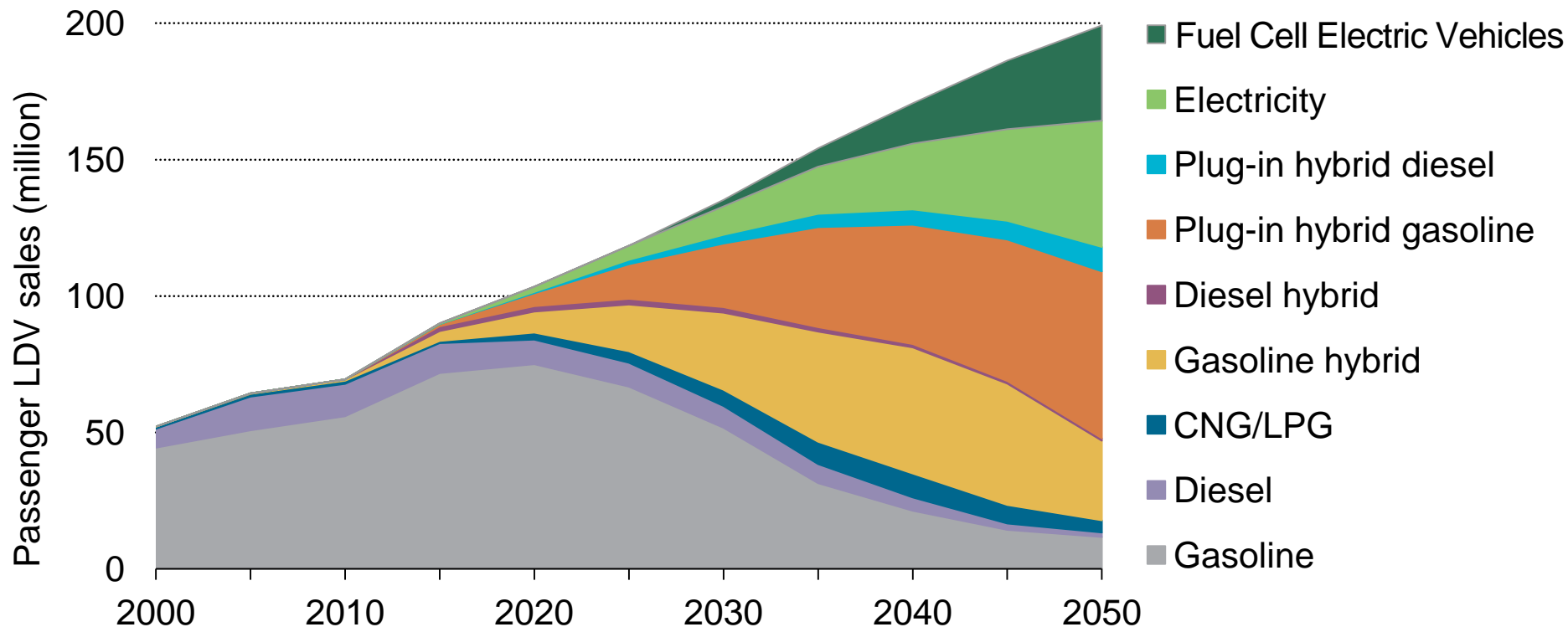


*Around 2030, natural gas becomes 'high carbon'*



# Electric vehicles need to come of age

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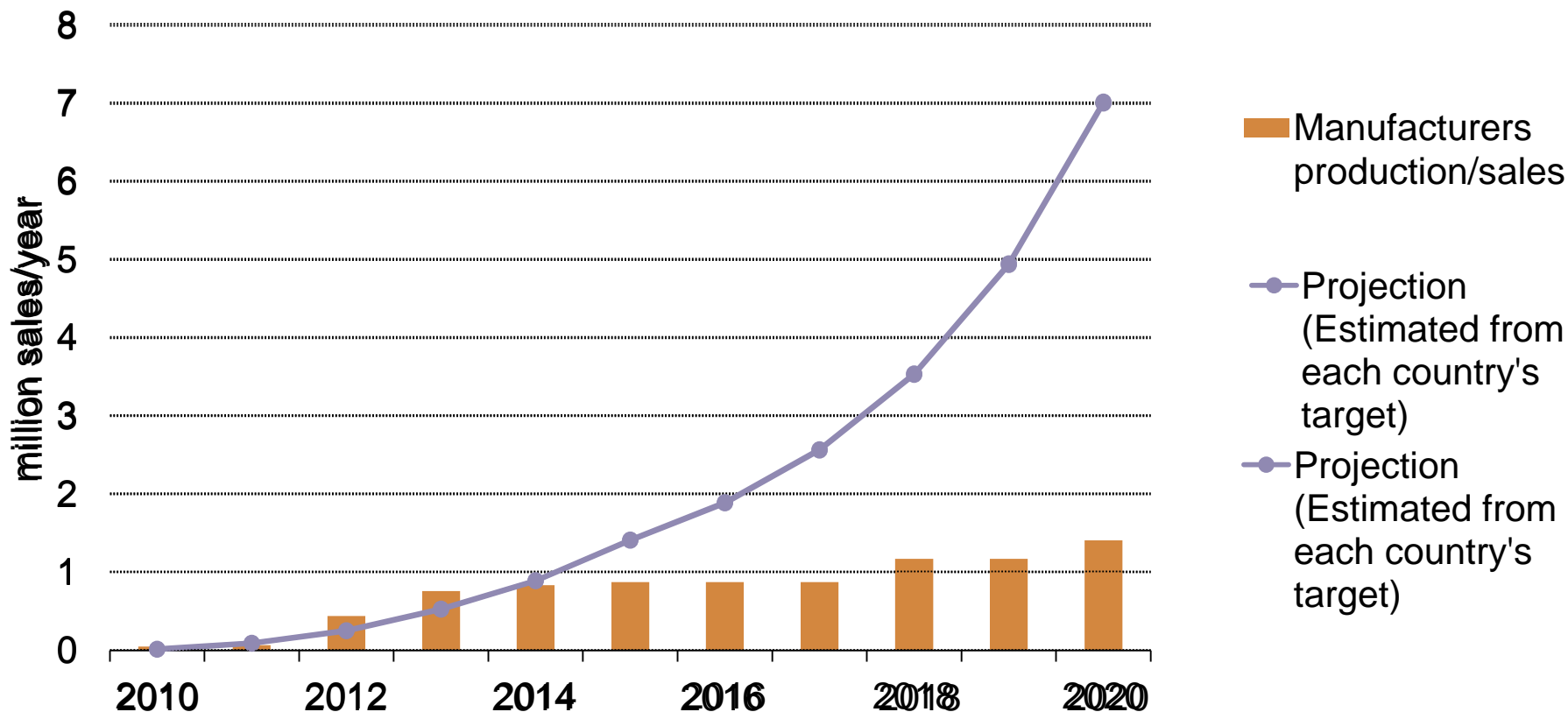


*More than 90% of new light duty vehicles need to be propelled by an electric motor in 2050*



# Translating targets into action

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*Government targets need to be backed by policy action*

What about the money?

# The sums are large

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Total

140

2DS Additional

36

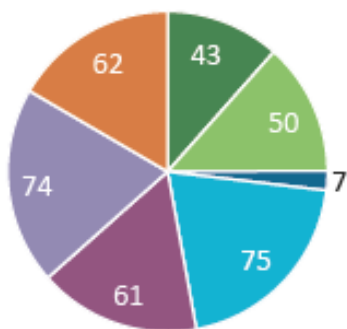
*Trillion USD in investment required under the 2DS.*

Note: Numbers for total investments are more uncertain than additional, and do not include baseline investment in buildings

# Power generation: annual investments 2DS

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2010 -20  
USD 370 billion



■ Coal

■ Gas

■ CCS

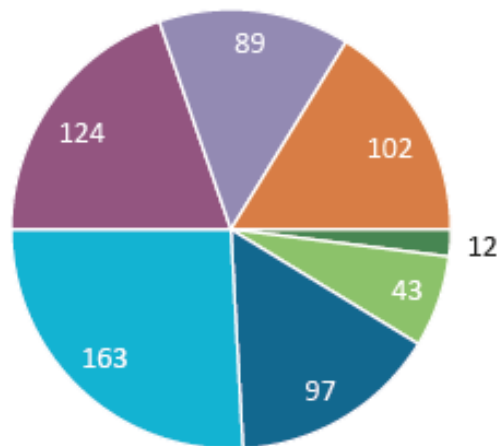
■ Wind

■ Solar

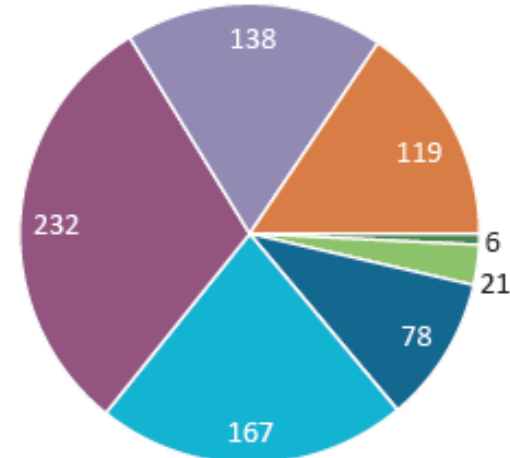
■ Other renewables

■ Nuclear

2020-30  
USD 630 billion



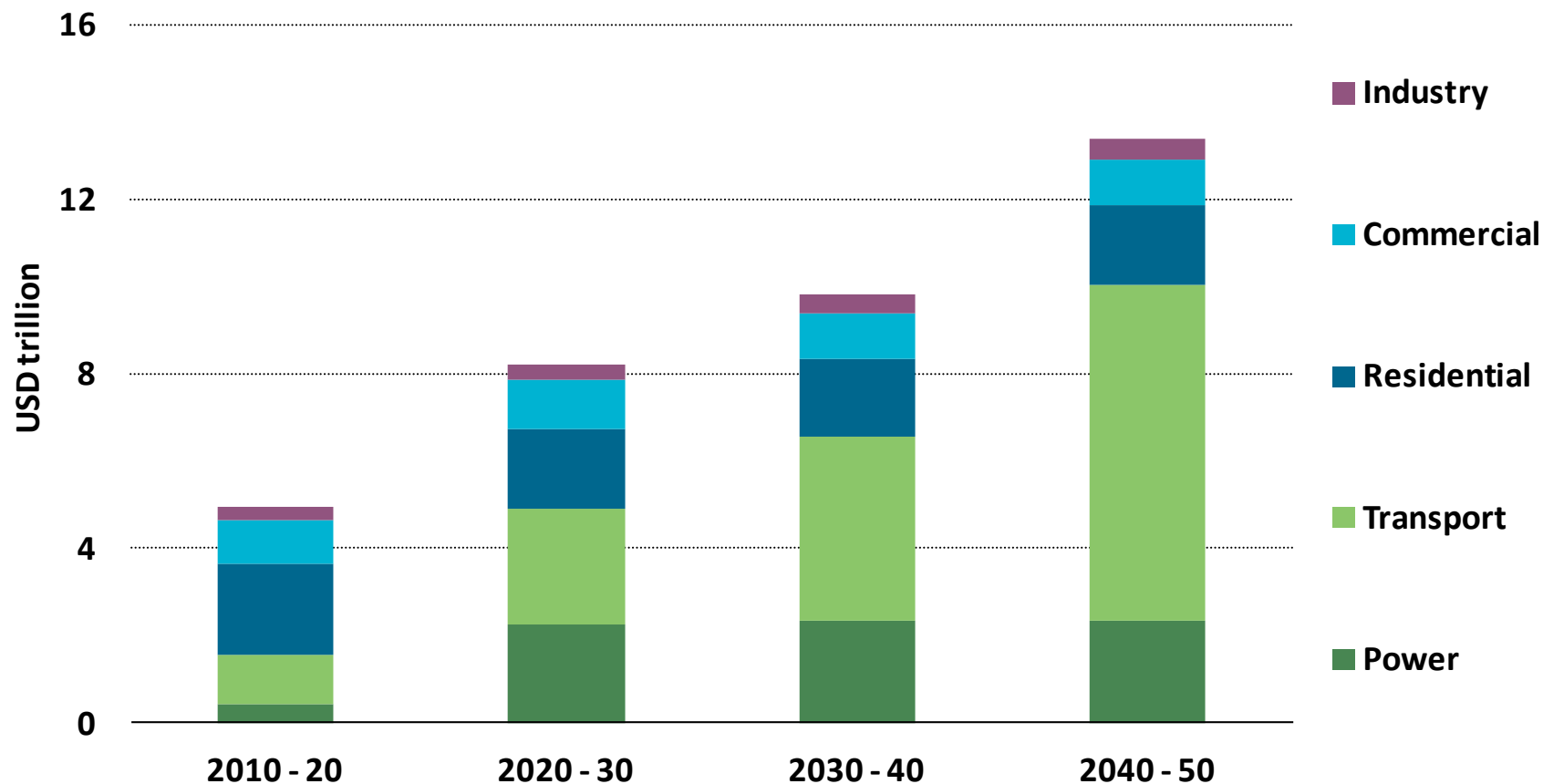
2030-50  
USD 760 billion



*Investment needs grow; wind, solar, CCS  
and nuclear dominate in power sector*

# Investment needs shift over time

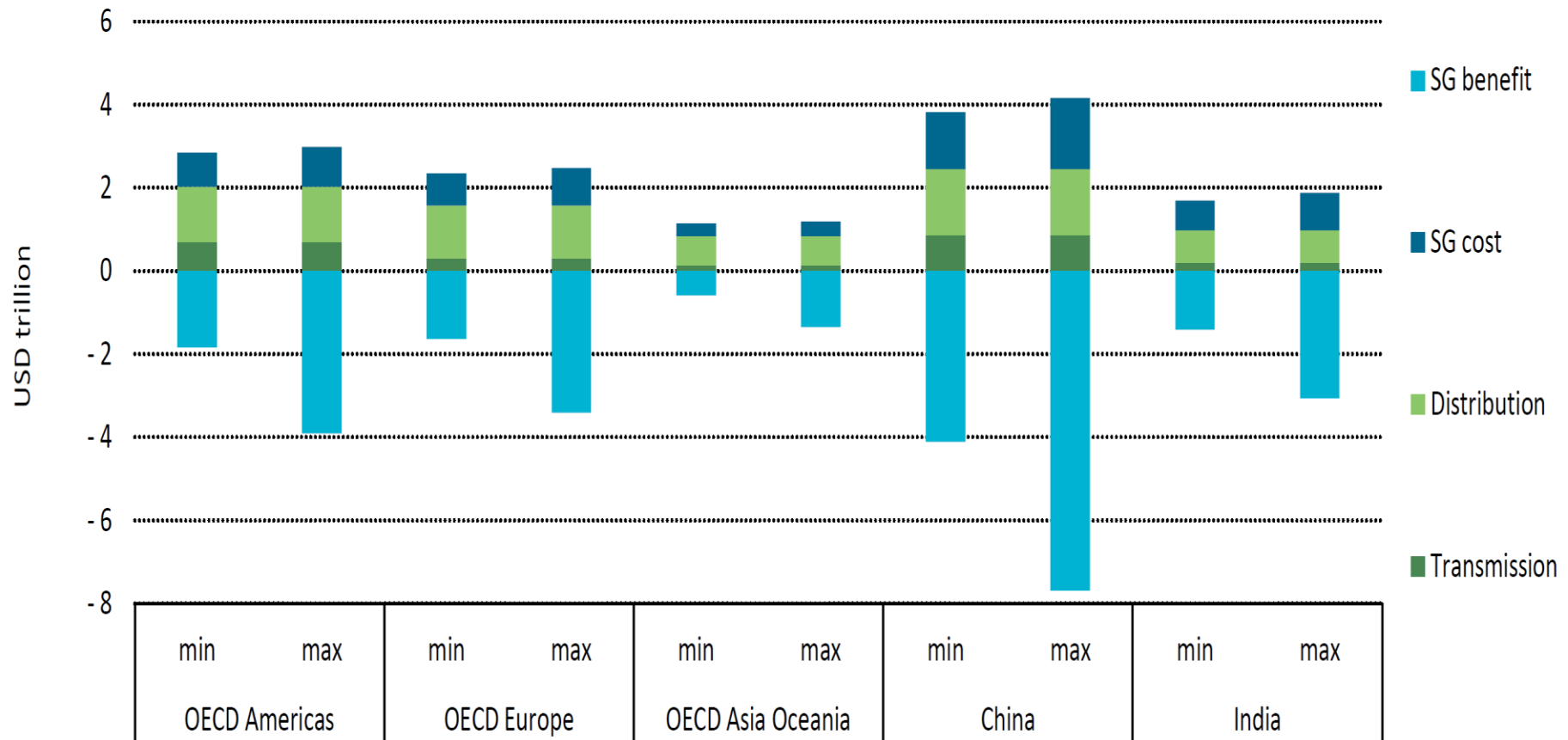
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*To 2020, investments in buildings sector dominates in all regions, highlighting importance of energy efficiency*

# Infrastructure needs upgrading

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*Total benefits of smart-grid investments outweigh costs – but direct benefits of investment may be found in other sectors.*

# Size and time matter

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- Low carbon technologies often capital intensive
- Low carbon technologies come at very different sizes

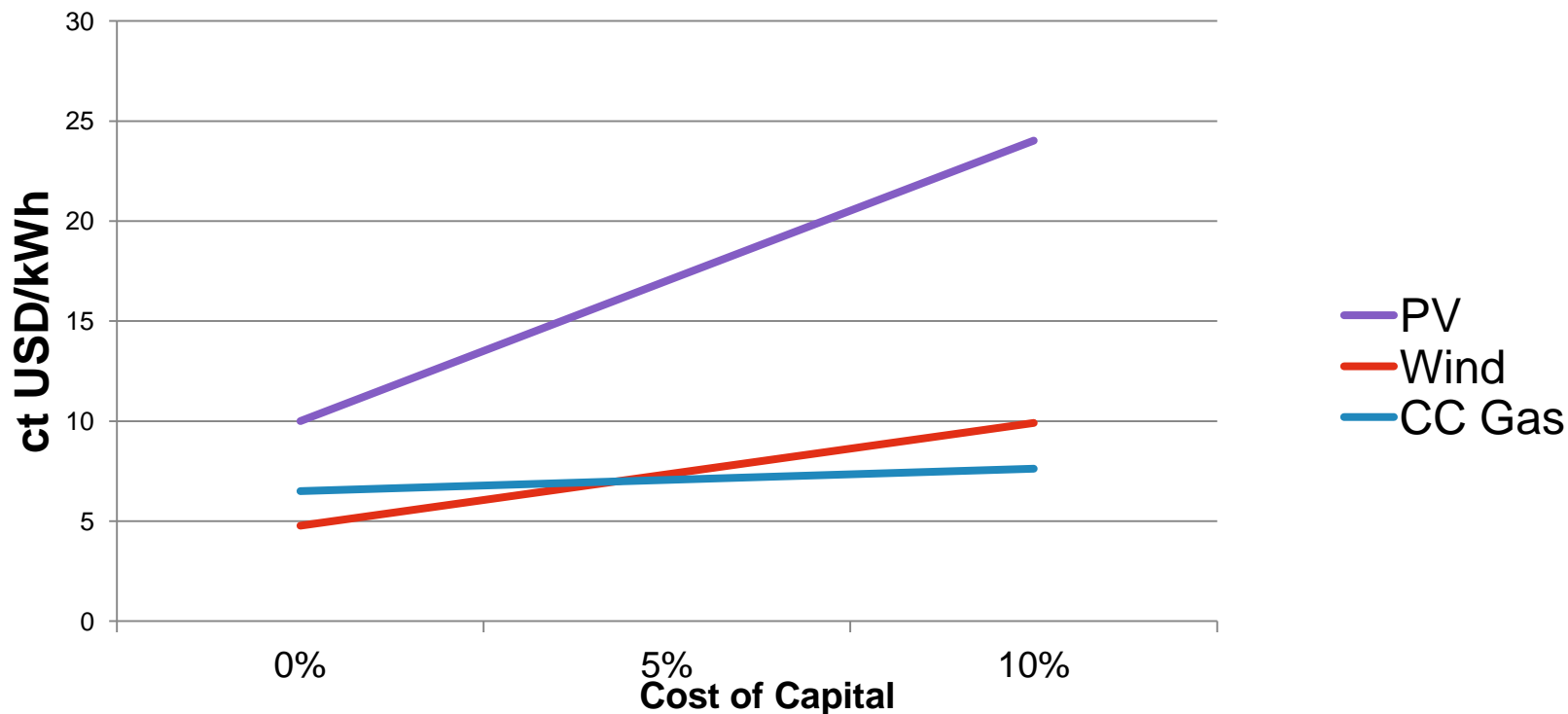
5 kW solar PV rooftop	500 MW wind off-shore	10 GW large hydro
€10 k	€1.75 bl	€15-20 bl

- Lead times for project construction also differ widely
- Investors range from home owners to very large consortia.



# Cost of capital is critical

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Note: Simplified calculation for illustration. Assumptions:

Gas: 800 USD/kW; annual O&M: 2.5% of capex; FLH: 5000 h/y; 8 USD/Mbtu; 50% thermal efficiency

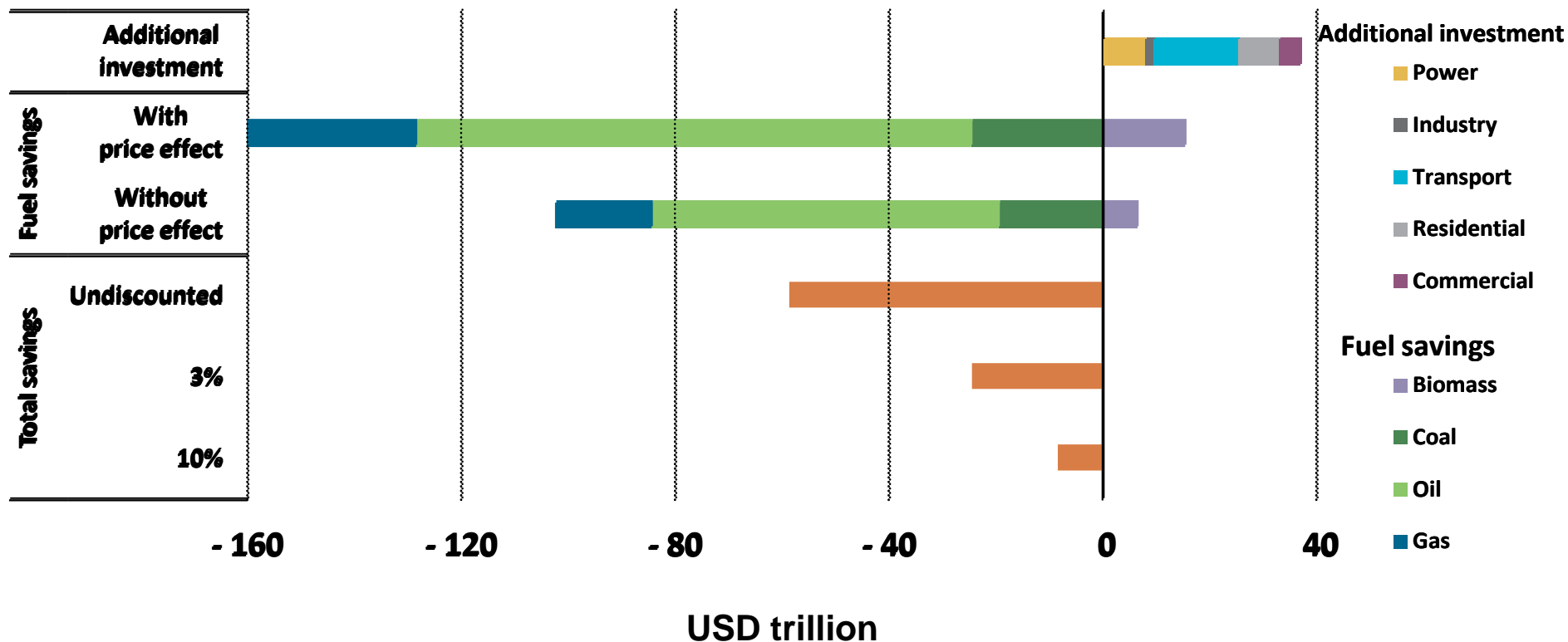
Wind: 2200 USD/kW; 2.5% O&M; 3000 h/y

PV: 3000 USD/kW; 1% O&M, 1500 h/y

*The financing regime is key for RE economics*

# Clean energy investment pays off

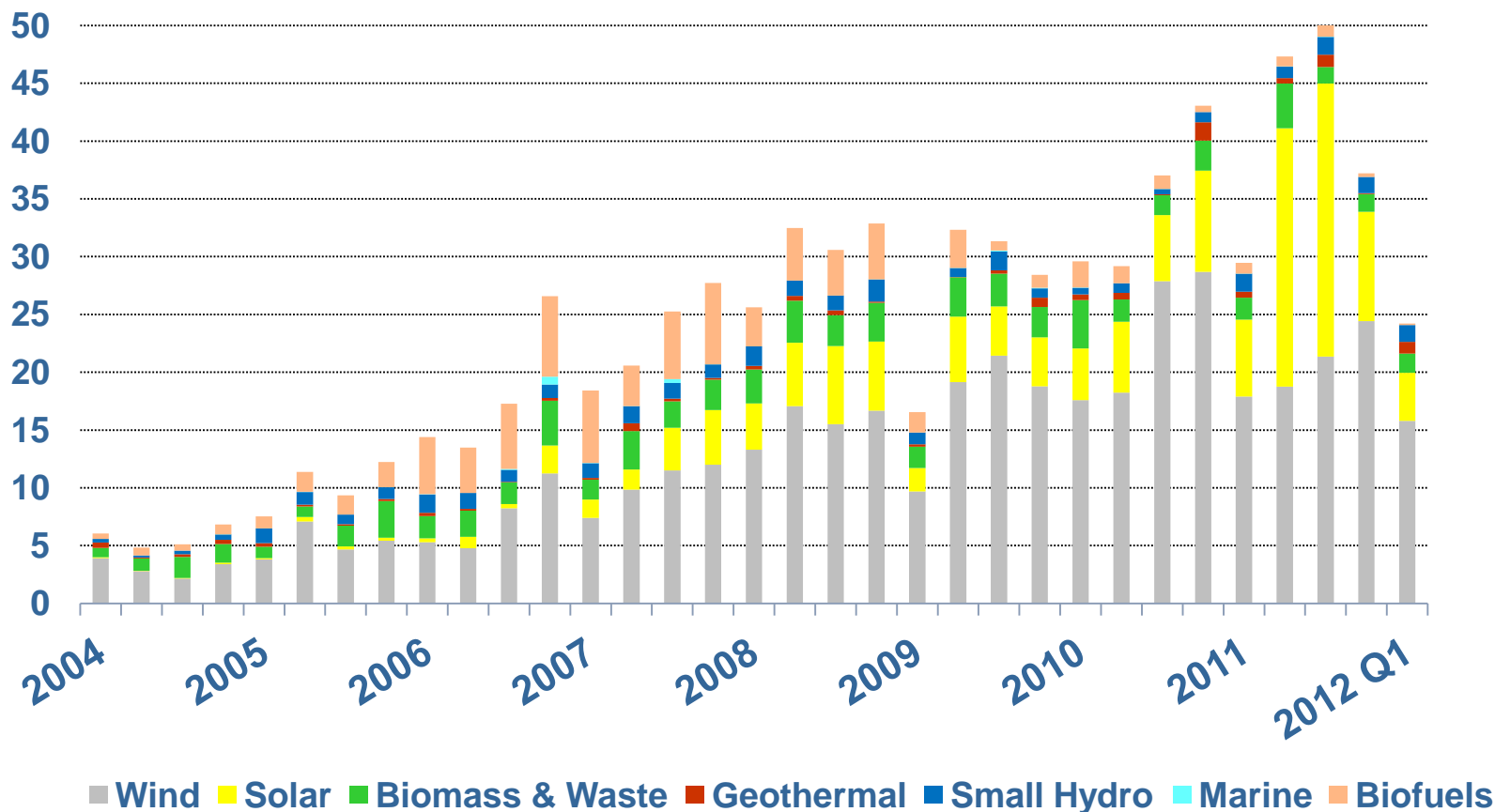
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*Every additional dollar invested in clean energy can generate 3 dollars in return.*

# Clouds on the horizon?

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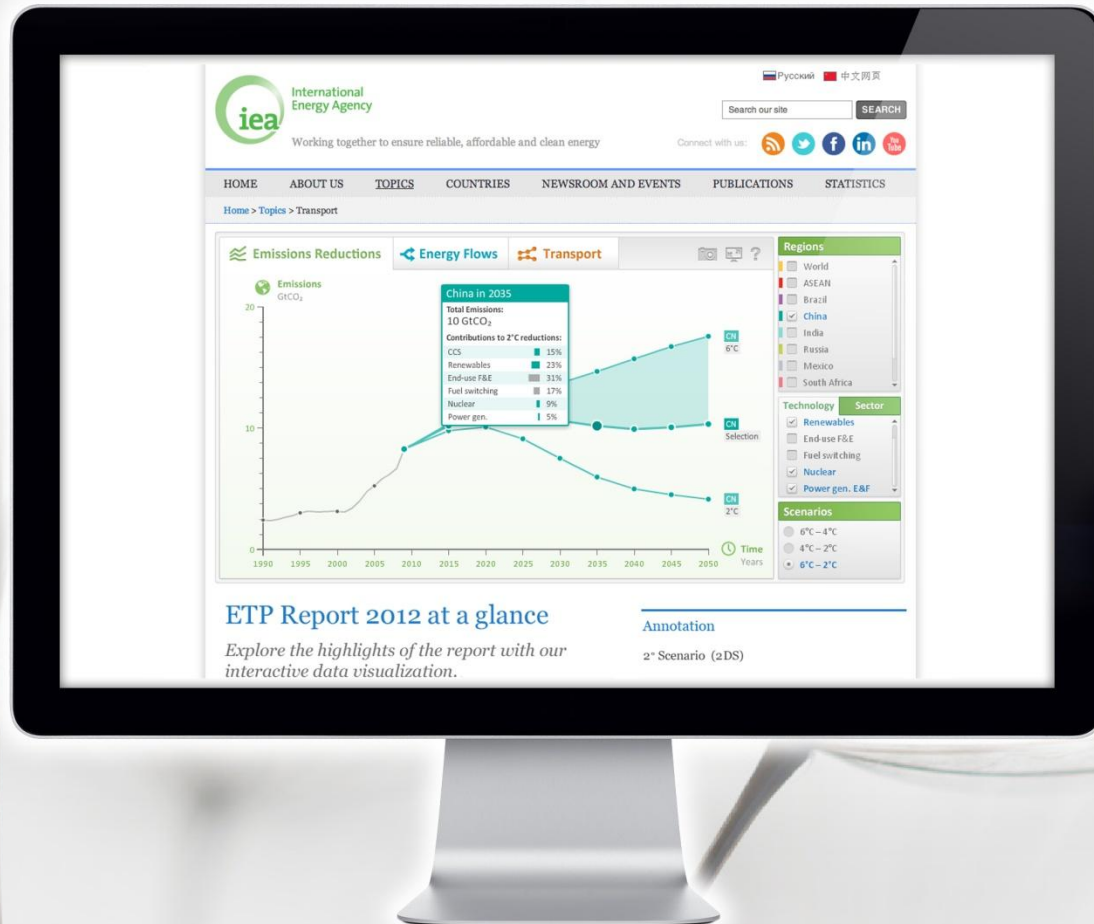
*Signs of slowing investment, but numbers should be interpreted with caution*

# To take home...

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- Investment in low carbon technologies need to double current levels by 2020, reaching USD 500 bn annually
- Balance between ensuring investors confidence and controlling total policy costs
- Low carbon technologies often capital intensive
- Risk profile different compared to conventional technologies

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