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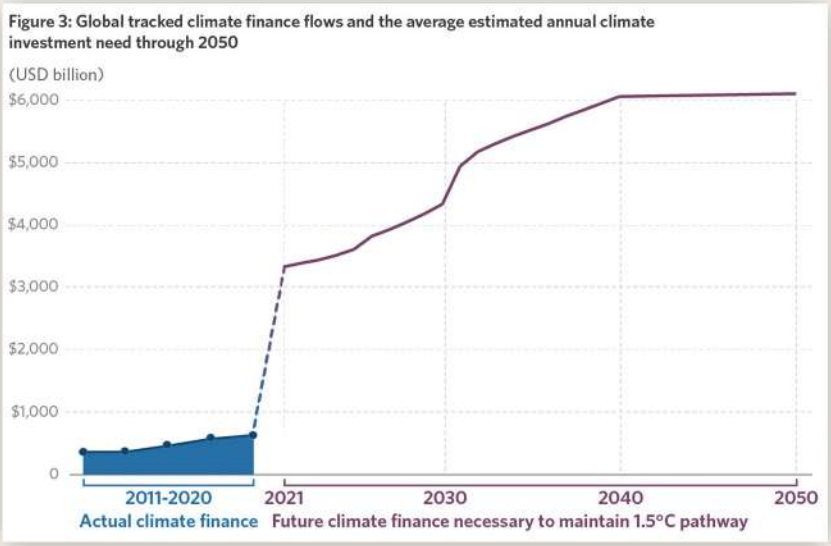
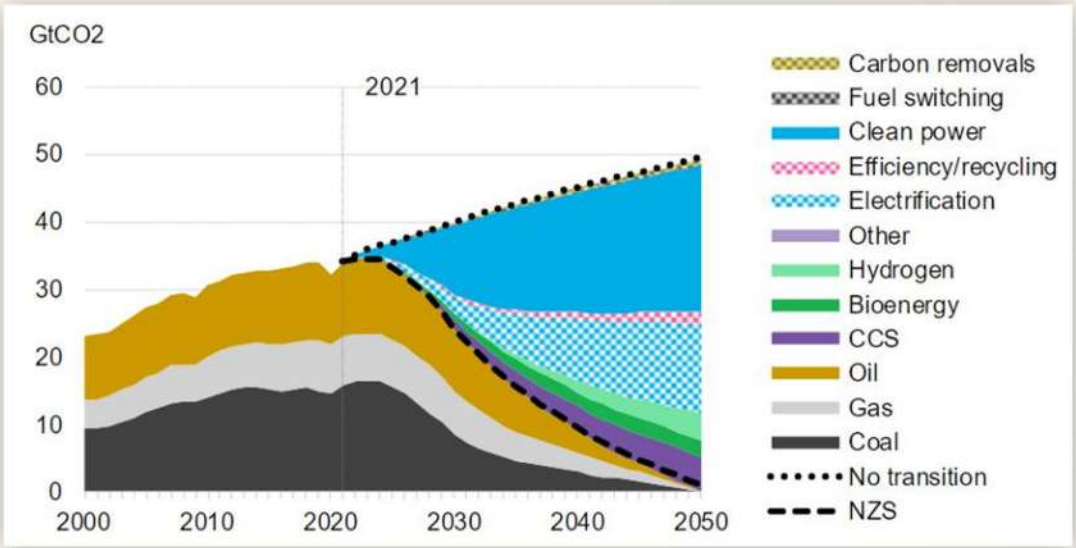
The global transition to low-carbon technologies is not just a pressing necessity but also a monumental opportunity that demands substantial investments. As the world debates the impacts of climate change, the opportunity to shift to cleaner alternatives has never been clearer. This report delves into Wood Mackenzie's perspective on this critical transition, highlighting the scale of investment required and the importance of supportive policies and international collaboration. With COP28 on the horizon, where discussions will revolve around the staggering $70 trillion needed over the next three decades to align with the Paris Agreement's targets, it is crucial to assess the current landscape and the technologies poised to lead the way.



1. THE URGENT NEED FOR TRANSITION

The energy sector has long been reliant on fossil fuels, which are the primary contributors to greenhouse gas emissions. This reliance necessitates a swift transition to cleaner energy sources to mitigate climate change. As governments and industries grapple with this challenge, COP28, scheduled for December, is expected to be a pivotal event. This conference will serve as a forum for discussions surrounding the immense financial commitment required to meet the ambitious goals set forth in the Paris Agreement. The estimated $70 trillion needed over the next three decades is not just an economic figure; it represents an investment in the future of our planet.



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2. THE ROLE OF SUPPORTIVE POLICIES AND INCENTIVES

To attract the necessary capital for the development and deployment of new low-carbon technologies, a supportive policy environment is essential. Initiatives like the European Union's REPower EU and the U.S. Inflation Reduction Act exemplify the potential of government policies to incentivize innovation and investment. These initiatives offer not only financial support but also a regulatory framework that encourages the growth of emerging technologies.

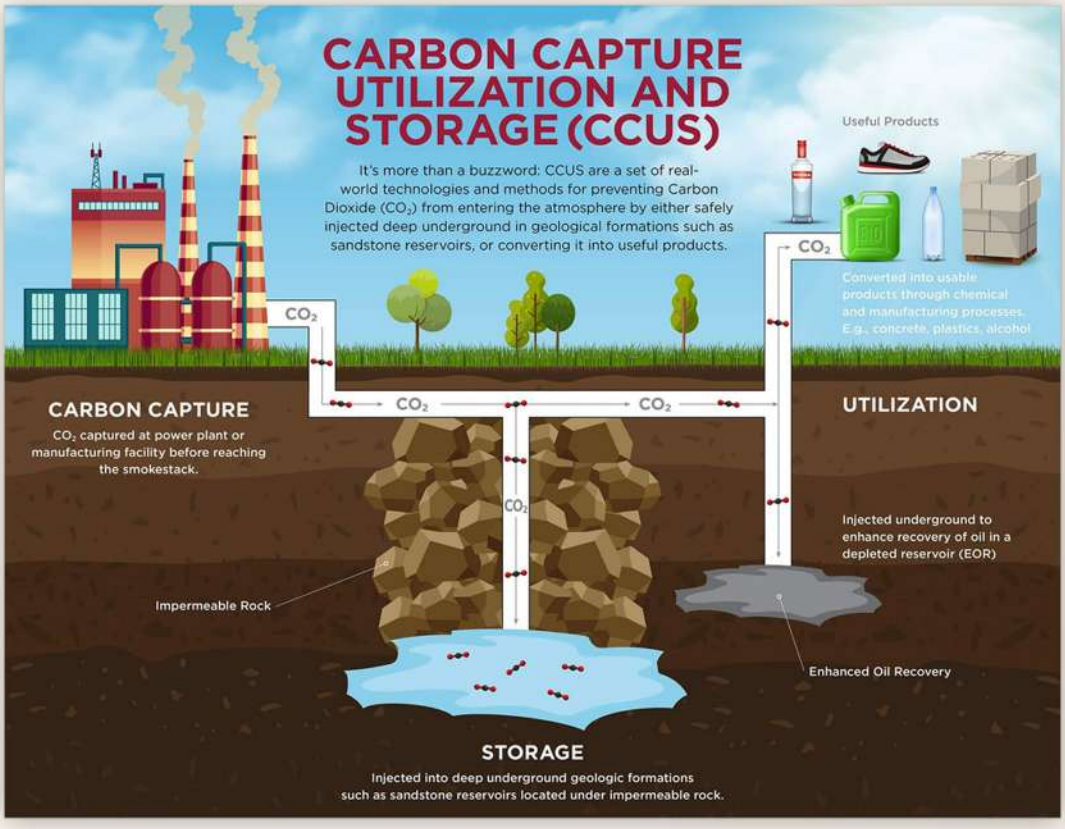
3. NAVIGATING THE RISKS OF EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES

While the promise of emerging technologies is undeniable, they also come with inherent risks. Not all innovations will succeed, and some may prove to be less viable than initially anticipated. Policymakers worldwide must remain vigilant, monitoring progress closely and adjusting incentives to ensure that successful technologies thrive while allowing less promising ones to fade away. Collaboration between nations and companies will be vital to share knowledge, mitigate early-stage risks, and expedite large-scale deployment.

4. THE LANDSCAPE OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES

Wood Mackenzie's New Technologies Series offers valuable insights by ranking 230 technologies at various development stages. Established technologies such as renewables and electric vehicles lead the way, forming the backbone of efforts to electrify the transport sector. However, identifying the next breakthrough wave of technologies is crucial for continued progress. Wood Mackenzie's research team has spotlighted five technologies poised to make a significant impact:

a. Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage (CCUS): With a rapidly growing project pipeline and significant investments, CCUS is maturing quickly. However, challenges related to commercial viability, reliability, scalability, and cost persist, necessitating ongoing policy support, especially for hard-to-electrify sectors.



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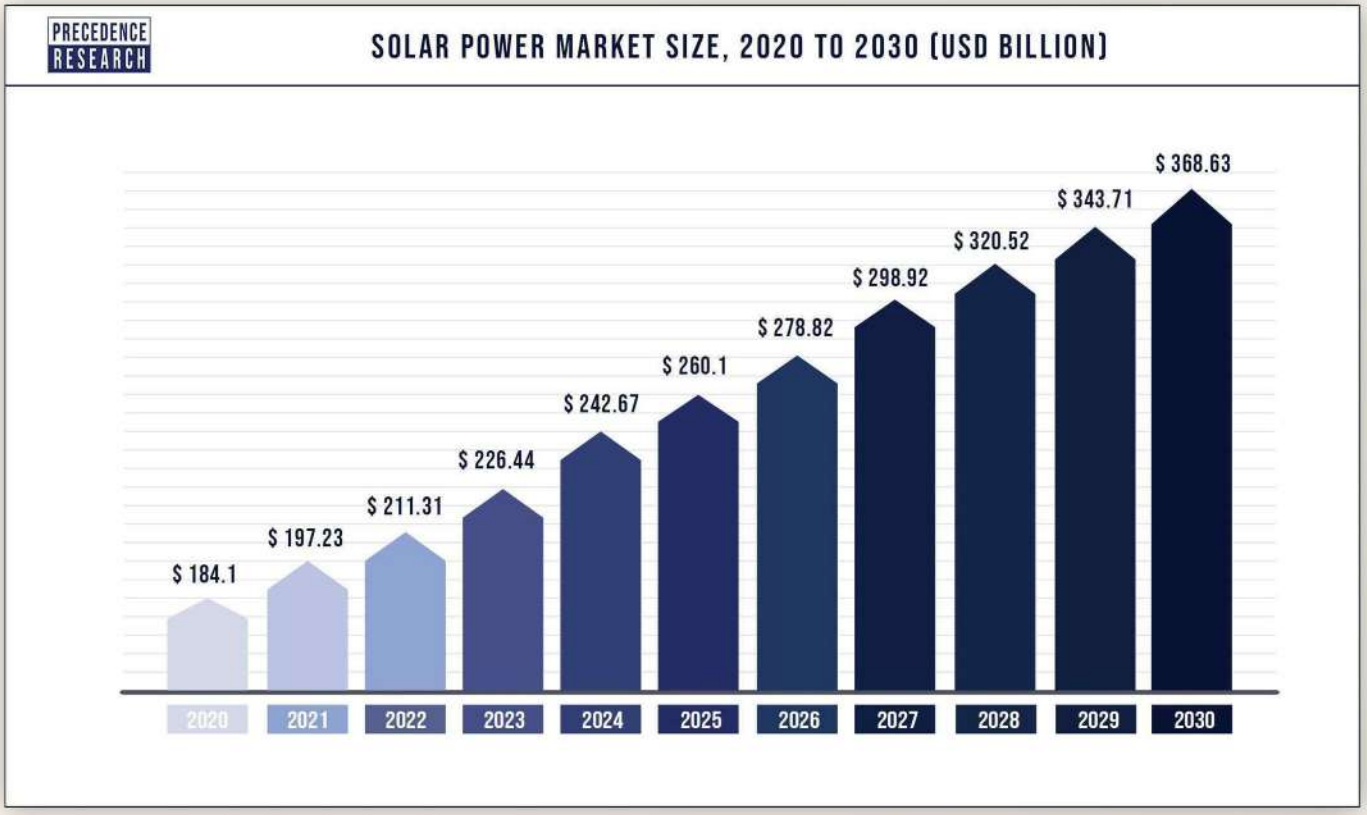
b. Hydrogen: Hydrogen has emerged as a promising low-carbon fuel with vast potential to contribute to emissions reduction. While its project pipeline is expanding, it will take approximately a decade to reach significant capacity. Government support and the integration of larger proposals into the energy system will be crucial for its success.

c. Grid Technology: Modernizing grids is essential due to the increasing penetration of renewables. Innovations like dynamic line rating and building automation systems promise to reduce renewables curtailment and enhance grid efficiency.

d. Solar's New Growth Phase: Solar power aims to maximize land use through innovations like floating solar and agri voltaics as prime land locations become scarcer.



e. Nuclear: Small nuclear reactors (SMRs) are positioned to play a role in providing reliable, low-emission baseload power. They offer advantages in terms of footprint, flexibility, and safety, with various designs competing in the market.

Wood Mackenzie's perspective underscores both the immense challenge and the extraordinary opportunity inherent in transitioning to low-carbon technologies. The support of policymakers, ongoing innovation, and international collaboration will be pivotal in harnessing the full potential of these technologies and ultimately achieving various global climate and economic goals....