

# Supply Chain Considerations for Clean Energy Project Development

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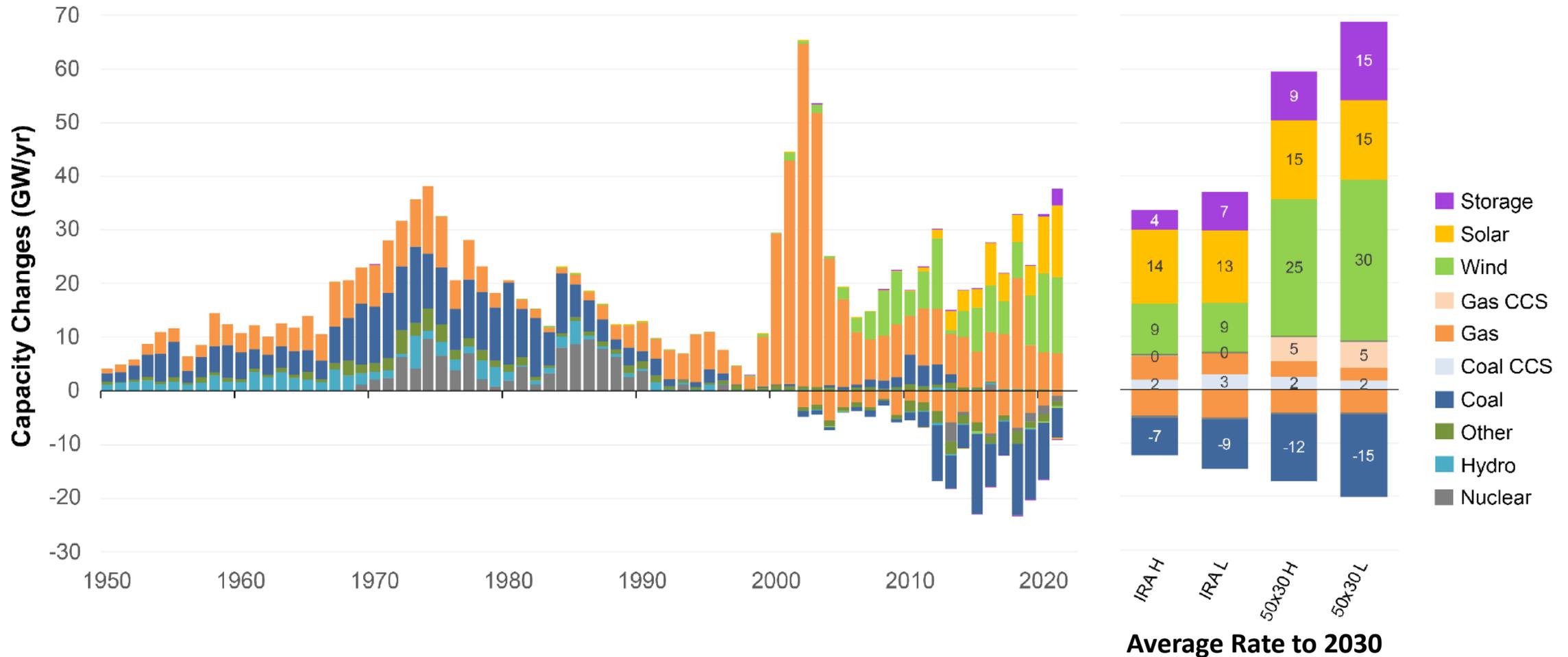
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# Motivation: Rapid Expected Deployment of Clean Energy Technologies



Projected pace of deployment of clean energy technologies that could enable 2030 U.S. decarbonization goals based on EPRI's *Impact of Inflationary Drivers and Updated Policies on U.S. Decarbonization and Technology Transitions (3002026229)*, Historical values through 2021 based on Form EIA-860 data

**What are the supply chain risks and research opportunities to achieve accelerated deployment?**

# Supply Chain Risks



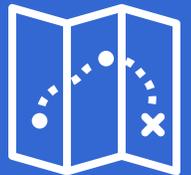
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**Manufacturing Capabilities**

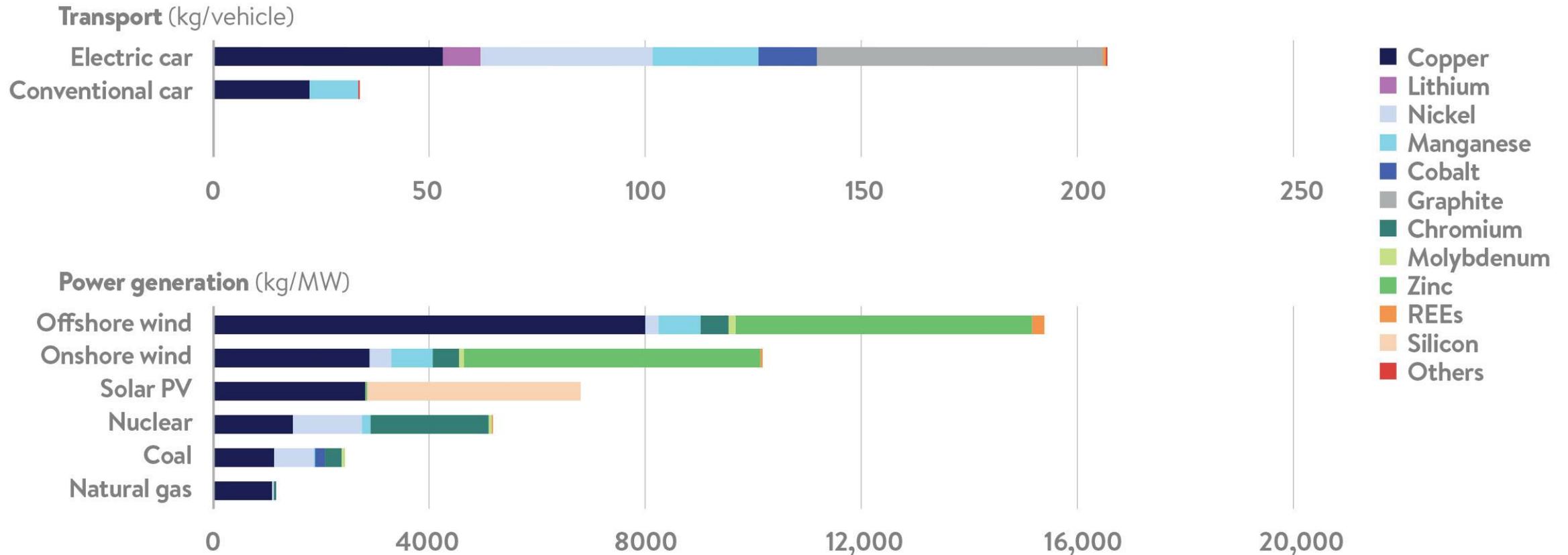


**Geopolitical, Environmental,  
and Social Risks**

**Transportation and Logistics**



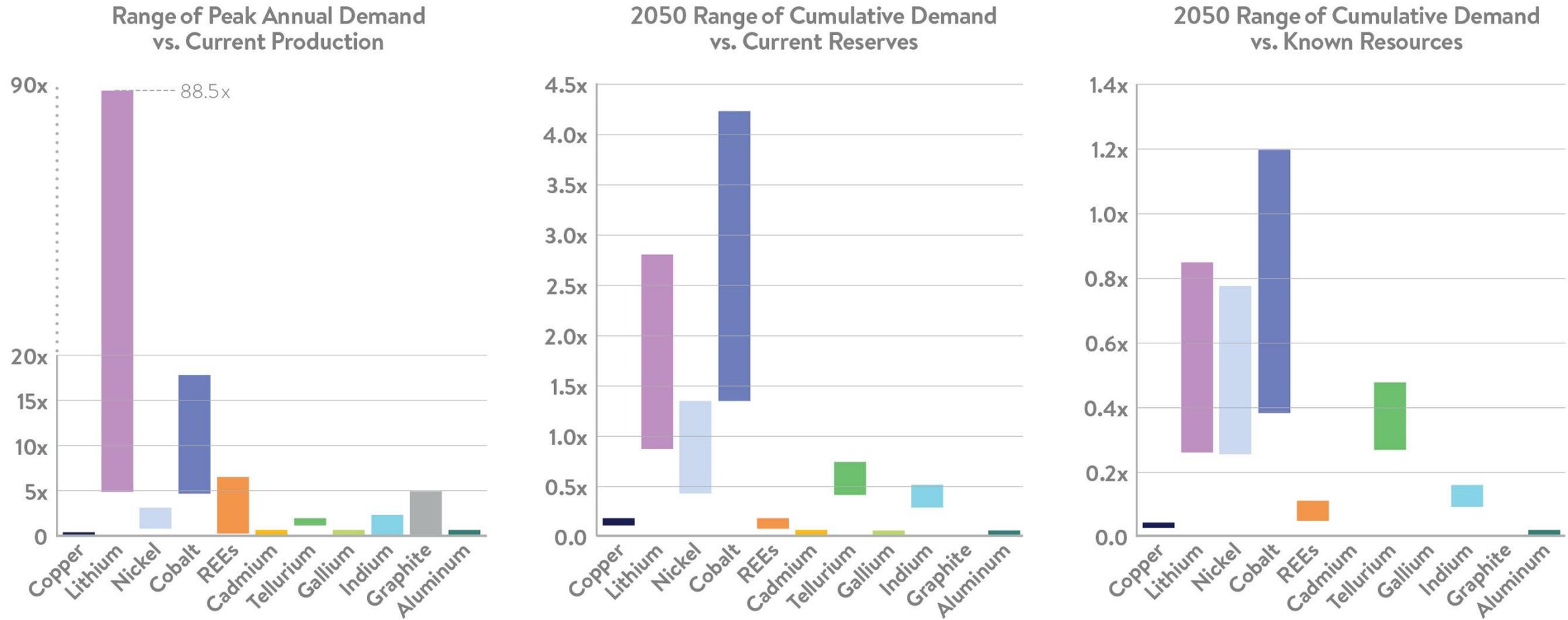
# Critical Mineral Availability: A Shift in Energy System Needs



Source: IEA (2021), *The Role of Critical Minerals in Clean Energy Transitions, World Energy Outlook Special Report*. All rights reserved.

“Shift from a Fuel-intensive to a Material-intensive Energy System”

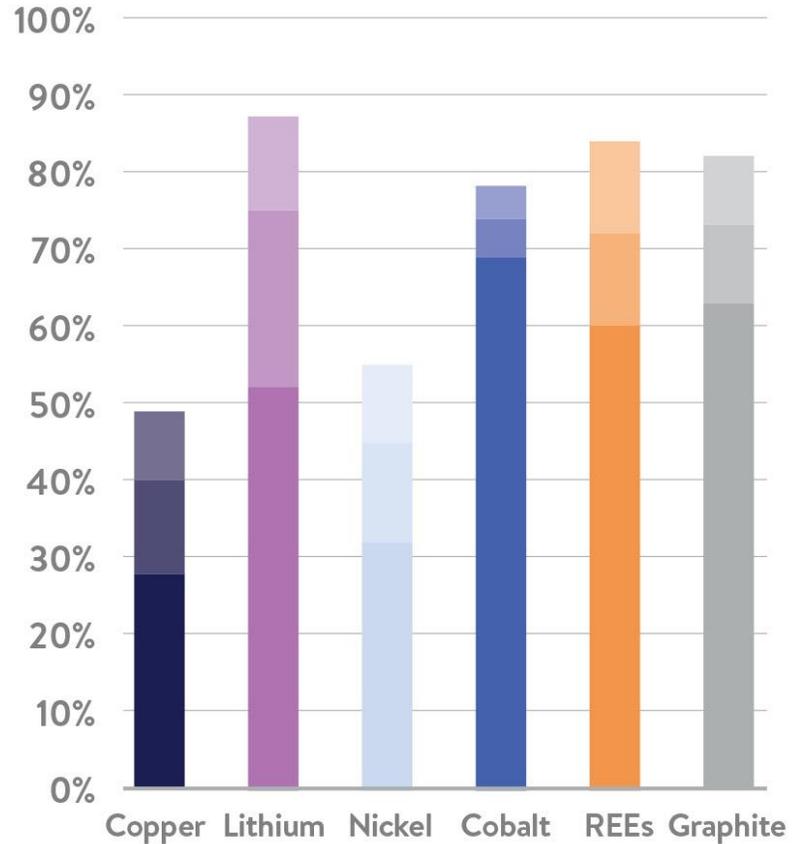
# Critical Mineral Availability: Projected Mineral Demand



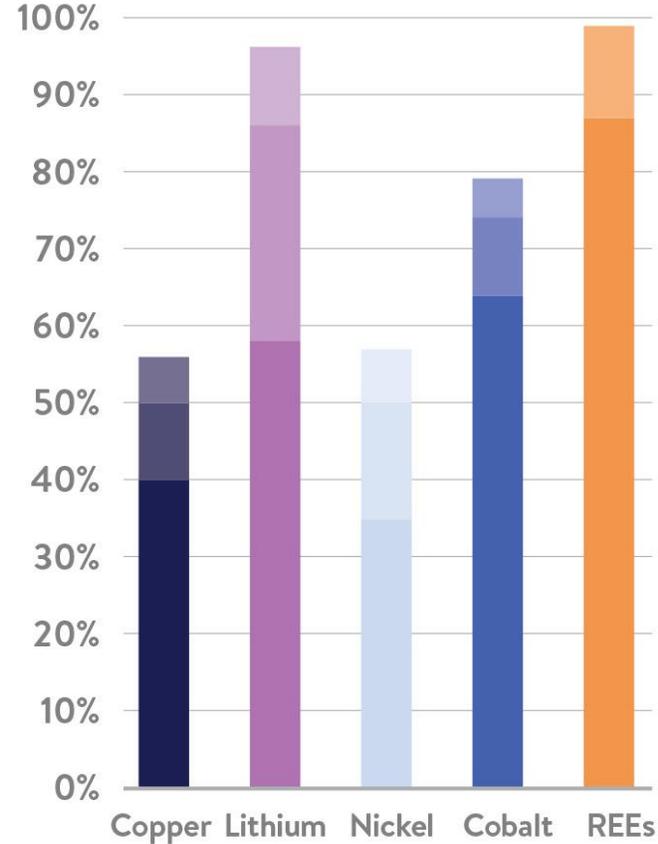
**Demand for key minerals, especially those currently used for lithium ion batteries, is expected to increase significantly between now and 2050**

# Critical Mineral Availability: Concentration of Supply Production and Refining

% of Production Located in Top 3 Producing Countries

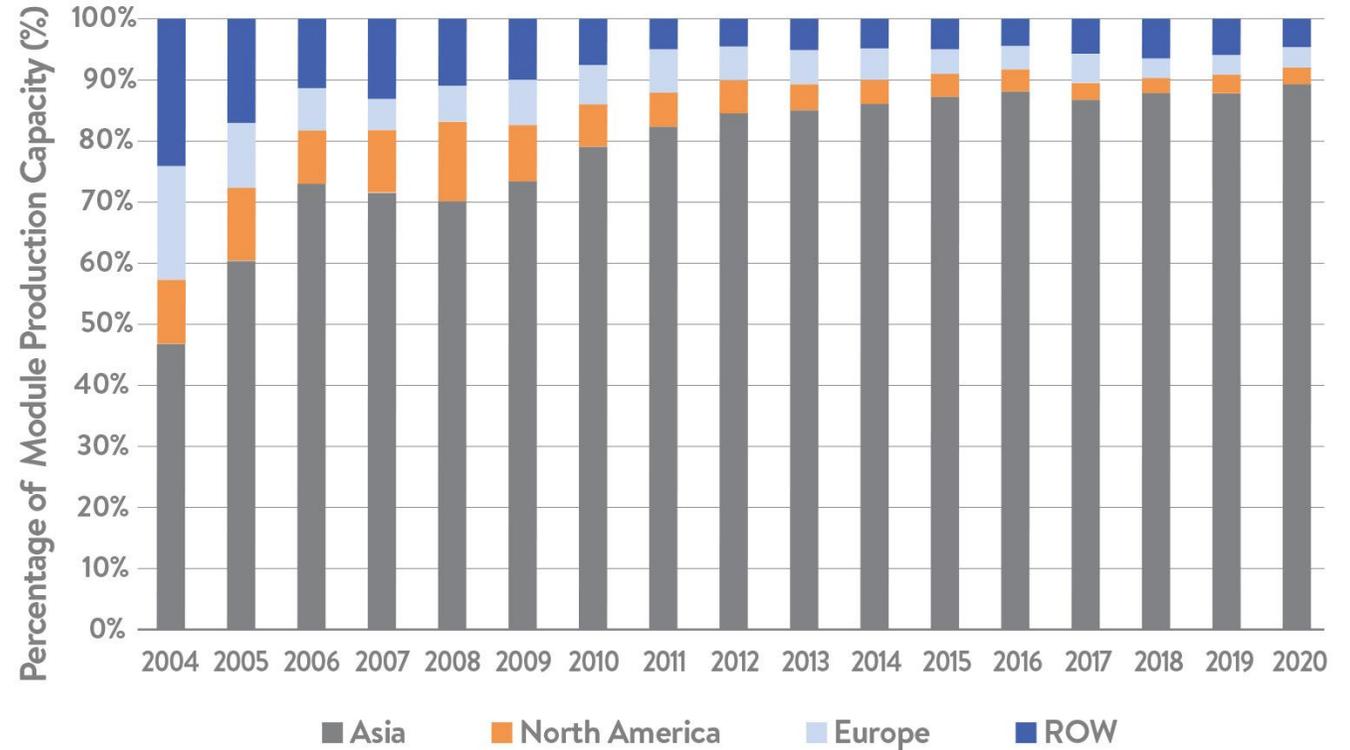
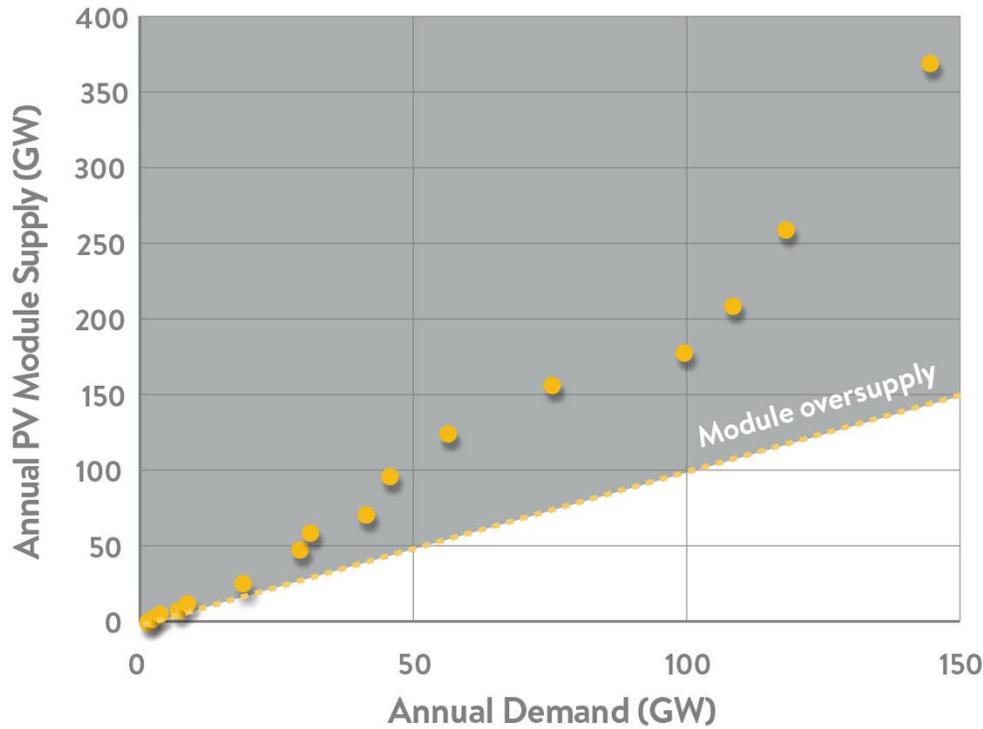


% of Refining Capacity Located in Top 3 Refining Countries



**Nearly 70% of cobalt production is in DRC and 60% of REE production is in China; China accounts for over 60% of cobalt refining and 85% of REE refining capacity**

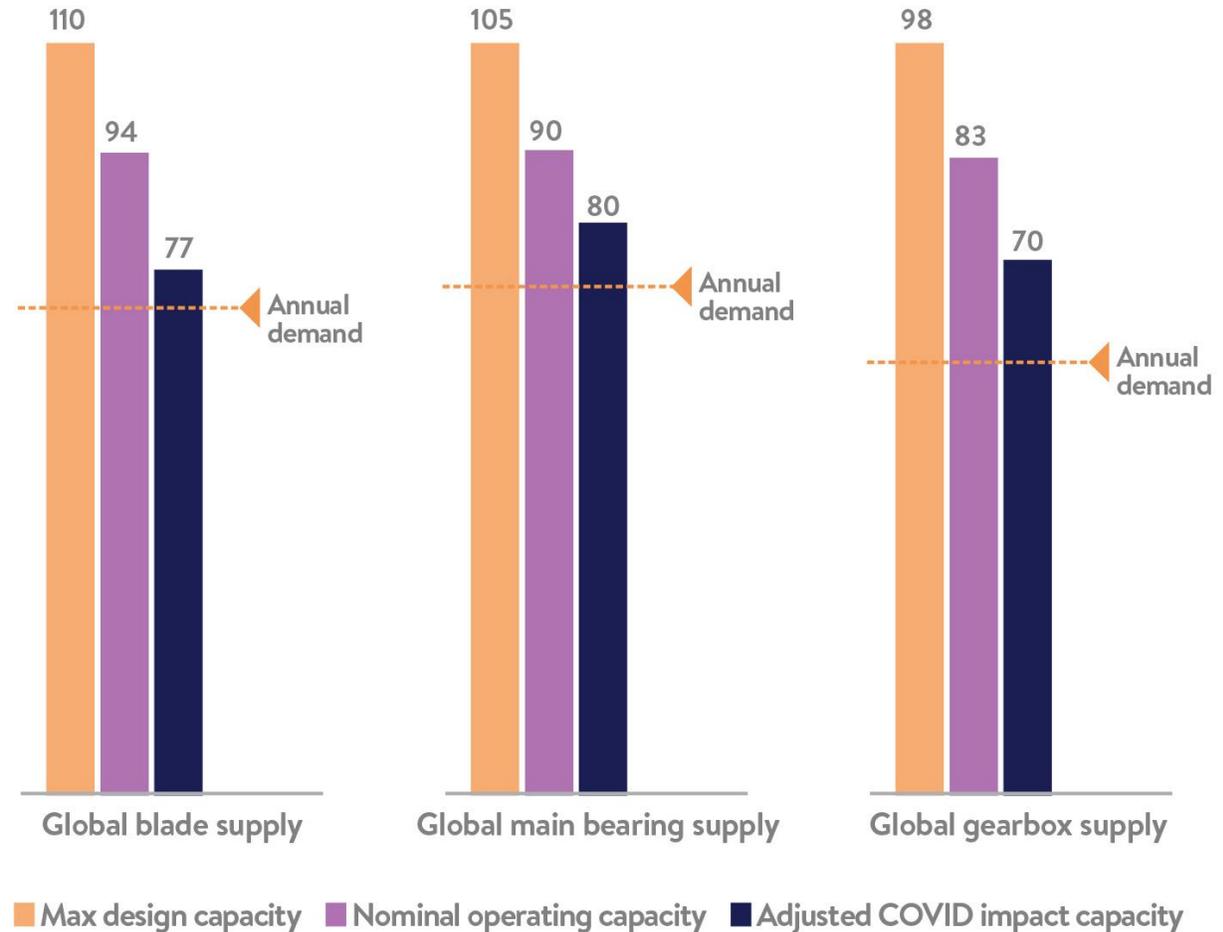
# Manufacturing Capabilities: Solar PV



**Historic oversupply of global annual PV module manufacturing capacity, production capacity concentrated in China**

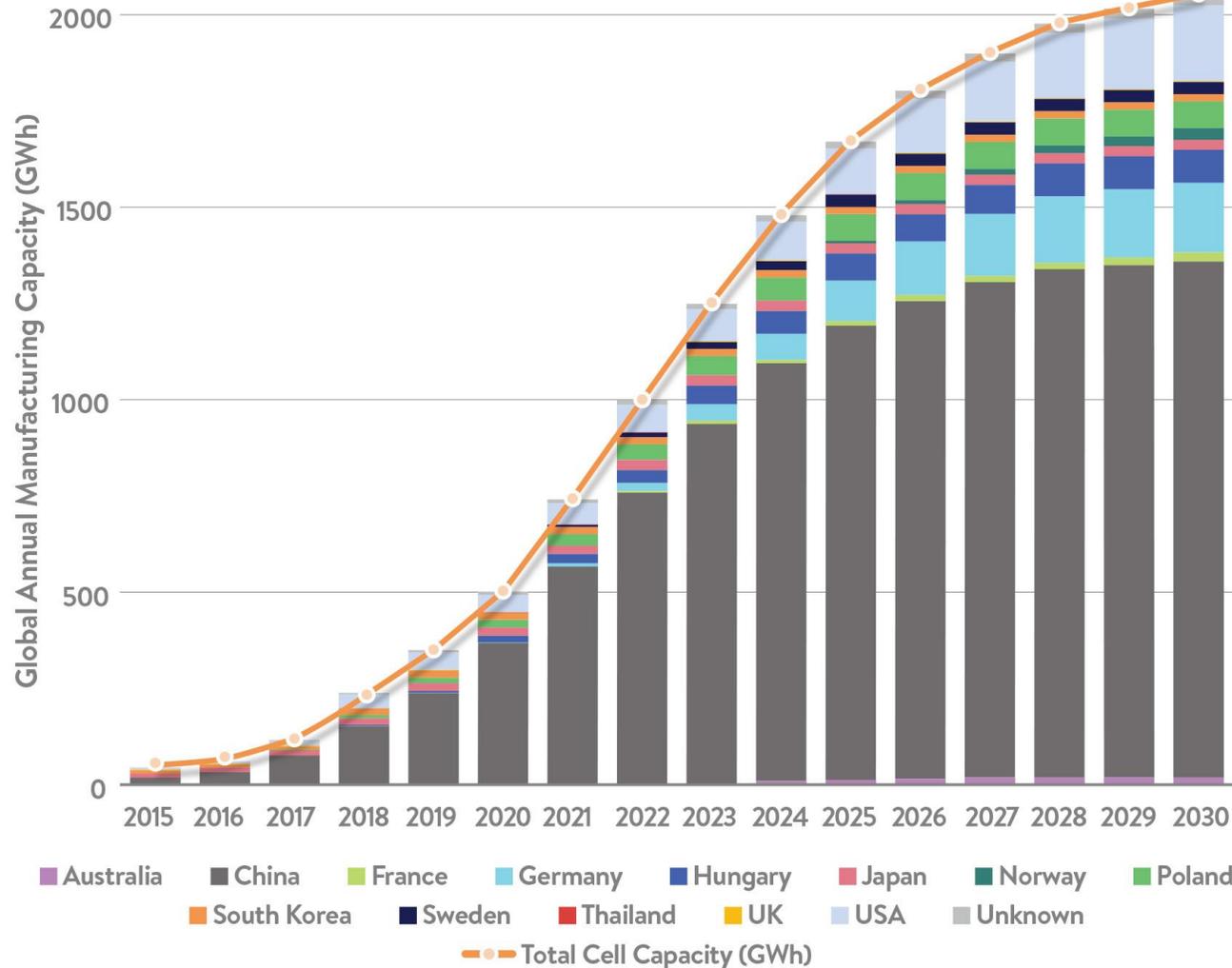
# Manufacturing Capabilities: Wind

Global wind equipment production capacity exceeds demand, but supply-demand margins could continue to narrow, especially as seen with disruptions to manufacturing and shipping during the pandemic



Source: Wood Mackenzie (April 2020), *Coronavirus Impact to Wind Energy Supply Chain*

# Manufacturing Capabilities: Lithium Ion Batteries



Global battery manufacturing capacity expected to double between 2020 and 2022 and increase fourfold by 2030

Availability of batteries from “Tier 1” manufacturers viewed as a challenge

Competition between EVs and stationary storage

Source: Wood Mackenzie (2021), *Global Energy Storage Outlook H2 2021*

# Geopolitical, Environmental, and Social Considerations



**Trade Tariffs and  
Import Restrictions**



**Human Rights,  
Labor Issues, and  
Health and Safety**



**Environmental  
Impacts of Materials  
Extraction and  
Manufacturing**

# Transportation and Logistics

Challenges transporting materials and equipment from source to interim and final destinations

Increased shipping costs

Increased time from procurement to commercial operations and project delays



# Opportunities to Improve and Strengthen Supply Chain Resiliency



**Decreasing Material Usage  
Intensity**

**Increasing Recycling**



**Diversifying and Expanding  
Supply Chains**

**Establishing Global Environmental  
and Social Standards**



# Insights from EPRI's Recent White Paper



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Understanding Generation and Storage Technology  
Supply Chain Risks and Needs  
*to Support Electric Utility Sector Decarbonization*



White Paper, May 2022

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