What the Energy Crisis means for distributed energy

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Is the global energy system resilient enough to meet the today's challenges?

Record hot summers and cold winters





Post-pandemic record power demand



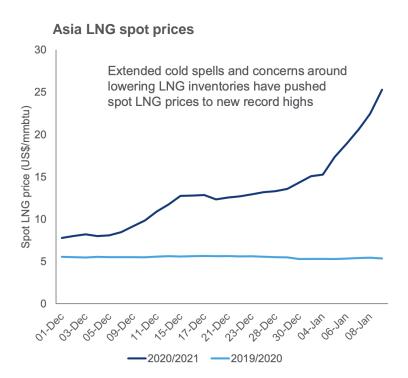




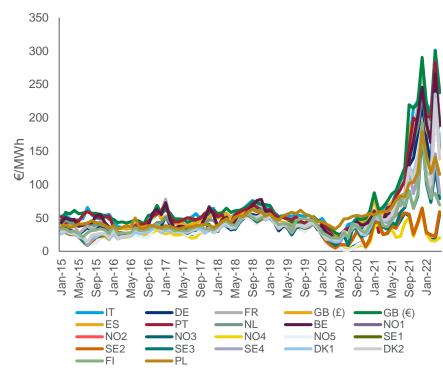
Soaring power prices



Global energy security will require reliability and deliverability of gas supplies at reasonable prices



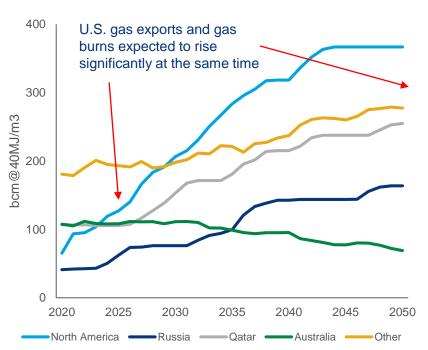
European nominal day-ahead power price by country



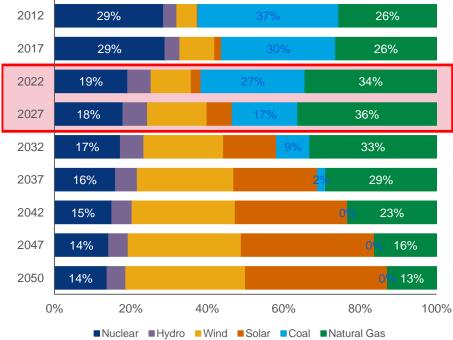


Opposing priorities to burn and export U.S. gas may create prolonged tightness in the market, raising electricity prices

Key LNG exporters (Woodmac Base Case)



U.S. annual utility-scale generation from key energy transition fuel types

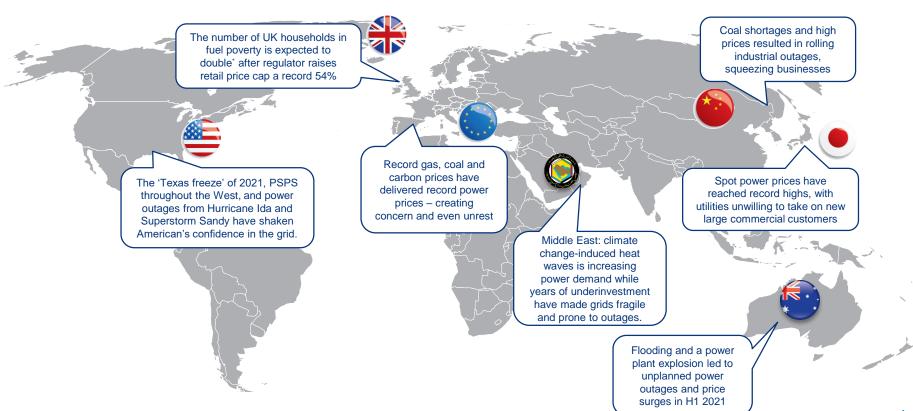


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Power interruption or unaffordability is affecting end users

Energy has emerged from the backdrop of life to the forefront, as a point of acute concern





Capacity financed by third parties has grown significantly over the last four years

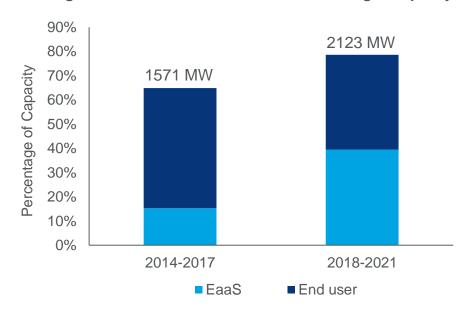
Energy-as-a-Service shifts the upfront capital cost, financial risk, and operation complexities to third-parties

Over the last four years, microgrid-as-a-service has grown by 160% while there has been a 21% drop in the capacity owned by the end user.

Resilience-as-a-solution programs filed by utilities

Utility	Program type
OXcel	Diesel or gas generators, batteries, solar+storage, and microgrids
DTE Energy	Battery storage targeting residential
Liberty ⁻	Battery storage targeting medical, critical infrastructure, and large commercial
📤 Georgia Power	Resilience asset service tariff targeting commercial and industrial

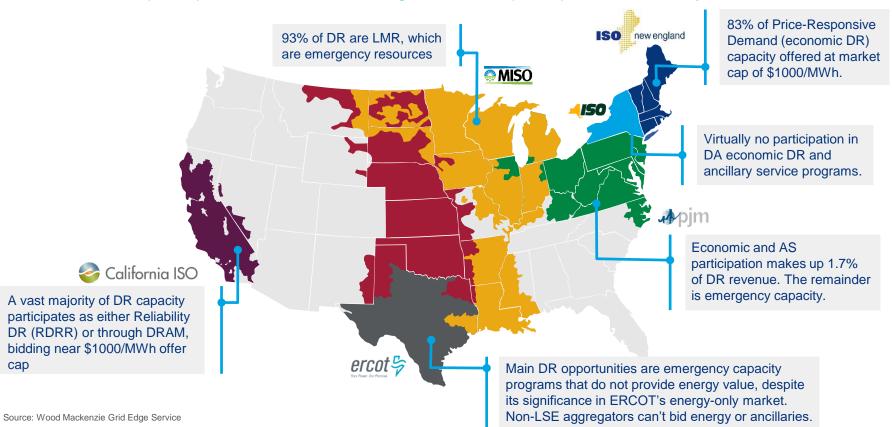
Microgrid-as-a-service vs end user-owned microgrid capacity





DERs today participate in wholesale markets as emergency demand response

Restricted to DR participation, DERs are unwilling or unable to participate economically





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