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Summary: We estimate that about 40-50% of global emissions reductions required to achieve net zero goals can come from scaling technologies that are already mature. There are large financing gaps. Roughly \$3-5 trillion a year (around 4% of global GDP) is needed to scale these technologies against the roughly \$1.5 trillion a year that is currently being deployed. The financing shortfall is largest in emerging markets. The technology is not yet there to address the remaining 50-60% of emissions, though innovation is happening rapidly. Here it is harder to estimate how much capital will be necessary to successfully operationalize these technologies, but it is unlikely that the roughly \$500 billion a year currently being invested to develop these earlier-stage technologies is sufficient to make the necessary progress. Unproven technologies are risky and thus require more risk-tolerant capital and project de-risking alongside in-house capex efforts of large corporate players.

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