Each of the three major fossil fuels are set to peak by 2030 in the STEPS. The decline for coal is much sharper than for oil and gas. Each of these fuels would plateau in the coming decades.
Slowing growth means that oil demand is approaching a plateau

Growth in oil demand will slow from over 2 mb/d in 2023 to only 400 kb/d in 2028. Fossil fuel combustion peaks in 2028 on rising efficiencies and EV sales. Petchem feedstocks continue to increase.
Global oil demand growth to revert to pre-pandemic range

After three exceptional post-pandemic years, the demand growth is returning to more typical rates. A sharp rebound in China dominated 2023 but the return to normal rates is already evident elsewhere.
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World GDP vs oil demand % p.a., 2011-24

Pre-pandemic trend
Pre-pandemic
Post-pandemic

2020

2021
Oil demand growth slowed to 1.8 mb/d in 4Q23, 80% in China. Many indicators, for example US mobility and global flights appear to have settled into incremental growth with pent-up demand largely released.
Efficiencies and EVs will transform this slowdown into a plateau

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New EVs and improved efficiency will avoid 7.8 mb/d of extra oil demand, 2022-2028

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US-led capacity building slows but keeps up with demand

US, non-OPEC+ Americas dominate expansion of 5.9 mb/d vs similar demand growth. Saudi, UAE fuel OPEC+ increase. Capacity growth slows from 1.9 mb/d in 2022 to 0.3 mb/d in 2028.
World oil market balances look comfortable in 2024

With global demand growth in 2024 slowing to +1.2 mb/d and non-OPEC+ producers (+1.6 mb/d) driving supply gains, a small surplus is expected (assuming OPEC+ nations’ voluntary cuts unwind starting in 2Q24).

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