

# Generating the Future:

last gasp or second wind for the various  
technology options

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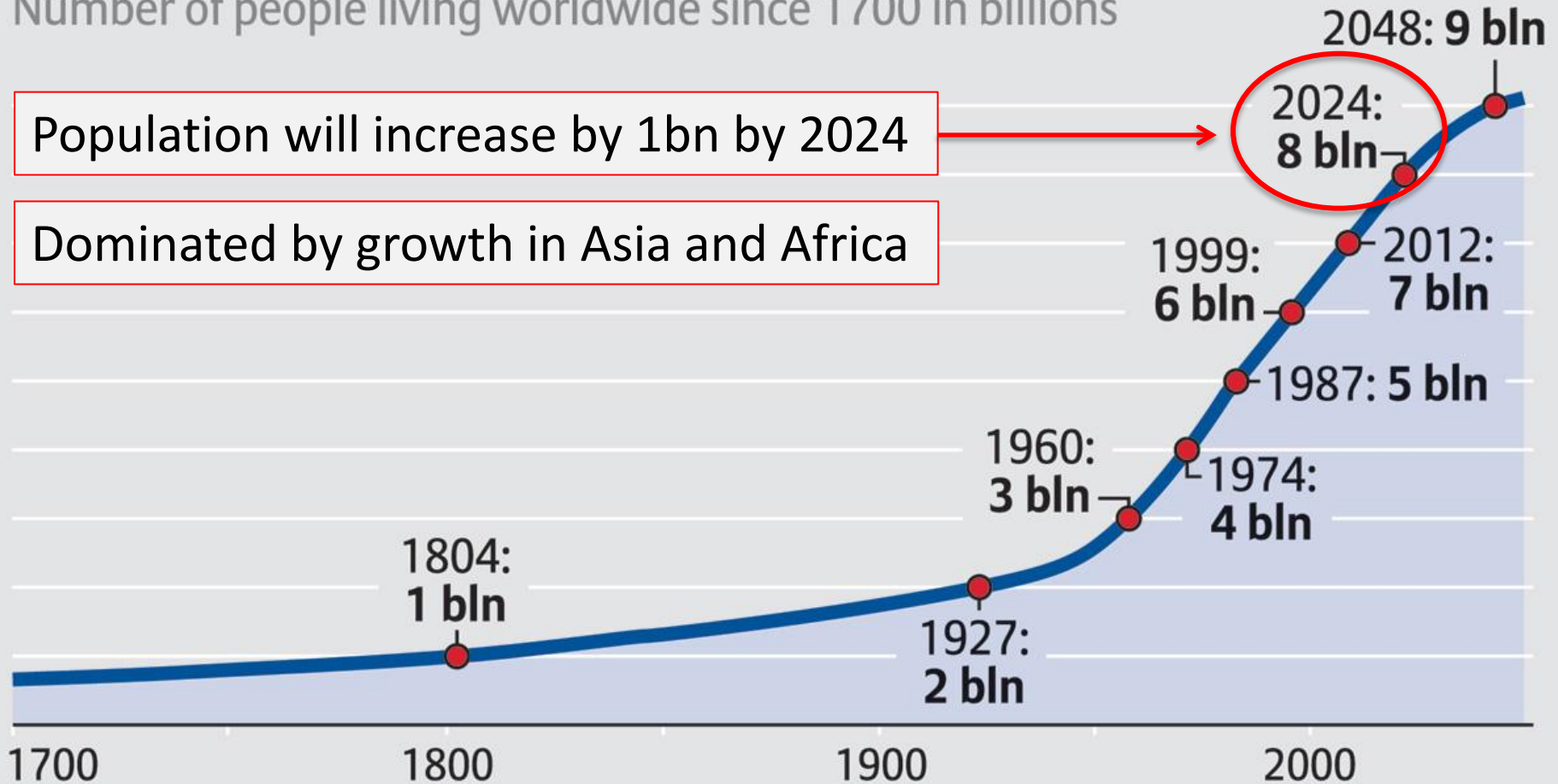
# POPULATION OF THE EARTH



Number of people living worldwide since 1700 in billions

Population will increase by 1bn by 2024

Dominated by growth in Asia and Africa

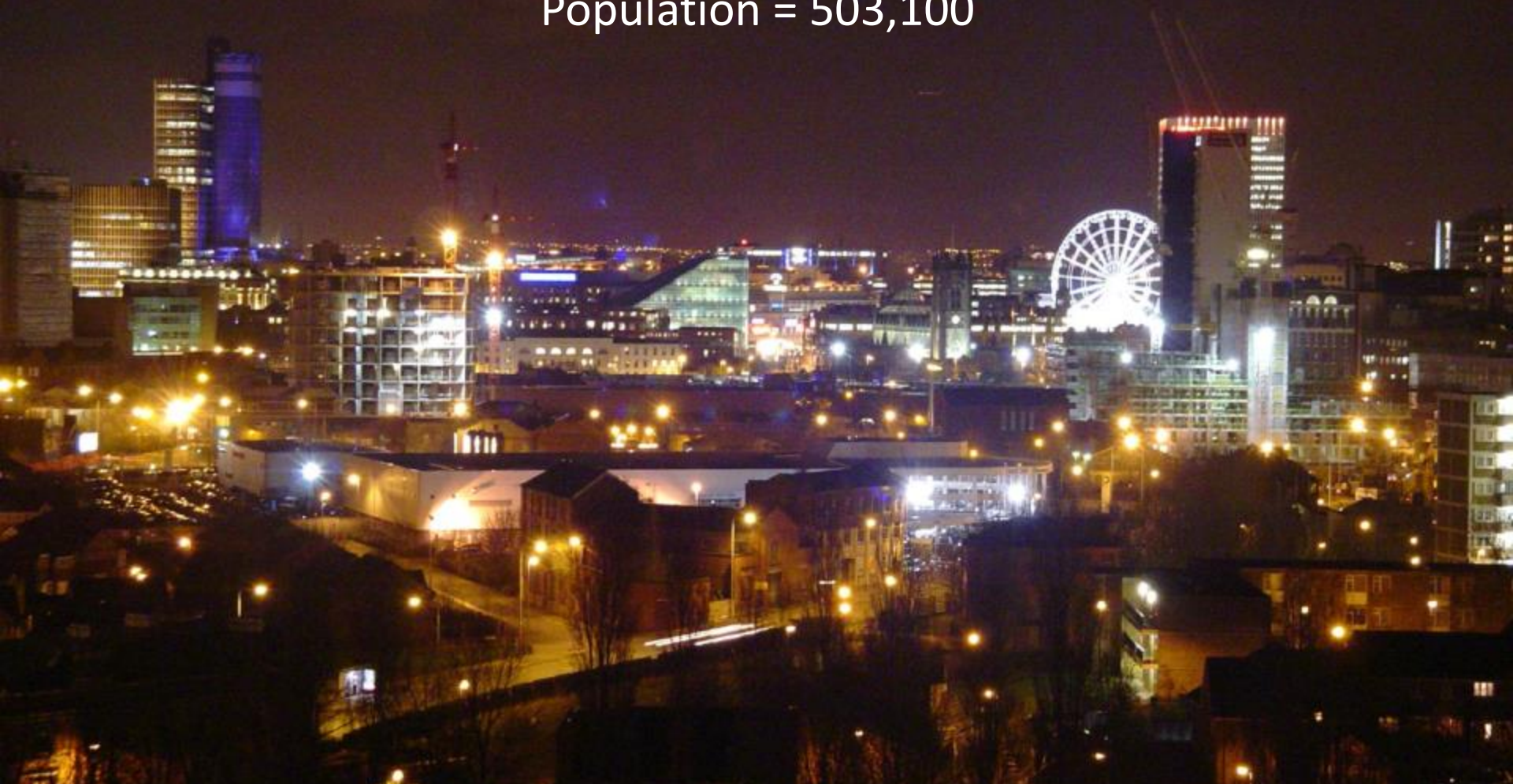


Source: United Nations World Population Prospects, Deutsche Stiftung Weltbevölkerung

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# Manchester census 2011

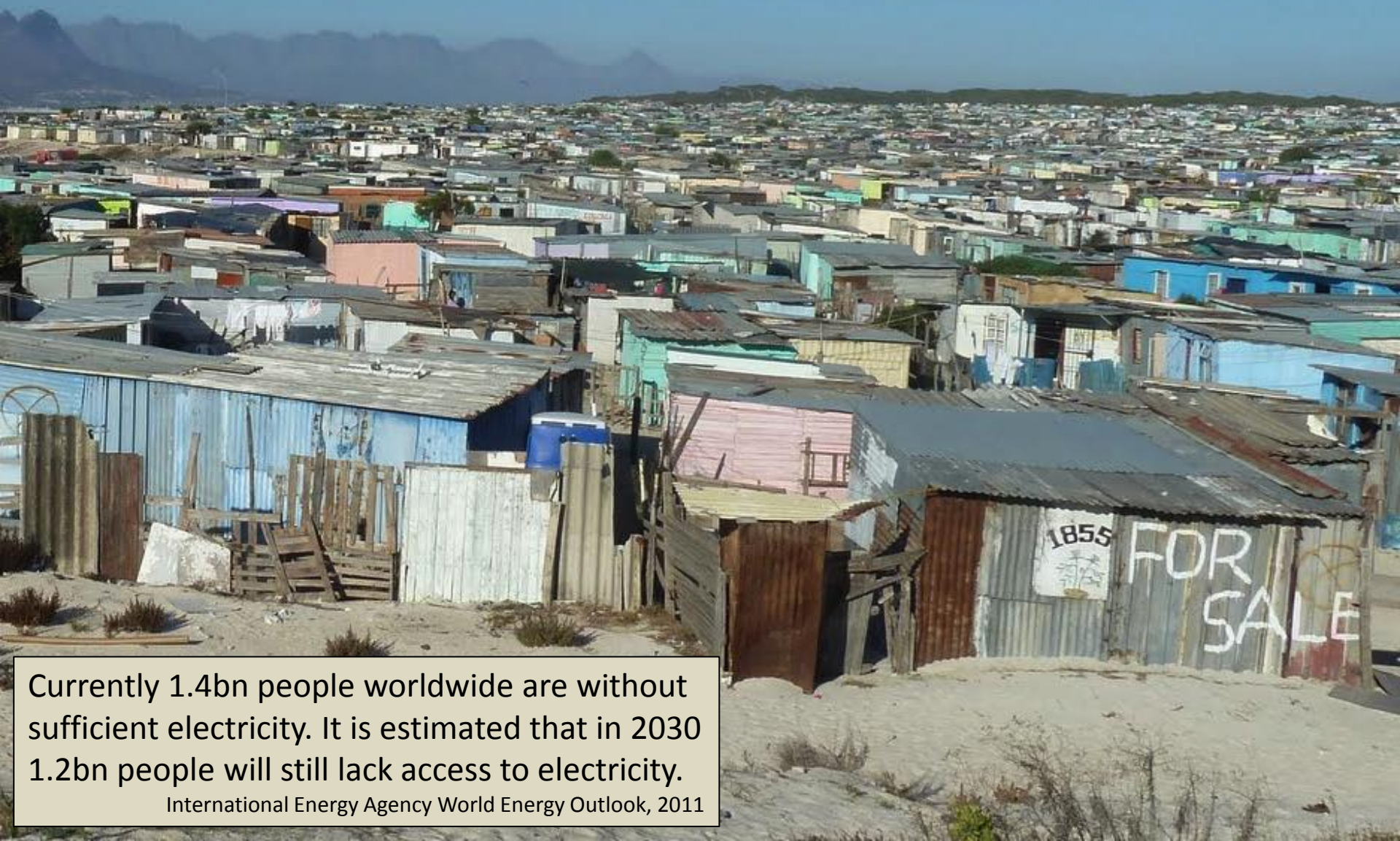
Population = 503,100



1bn  $\cong$  2,000 cities the size of Manchester

# Khayelitsha, Cape Town

Population = 5,590,000

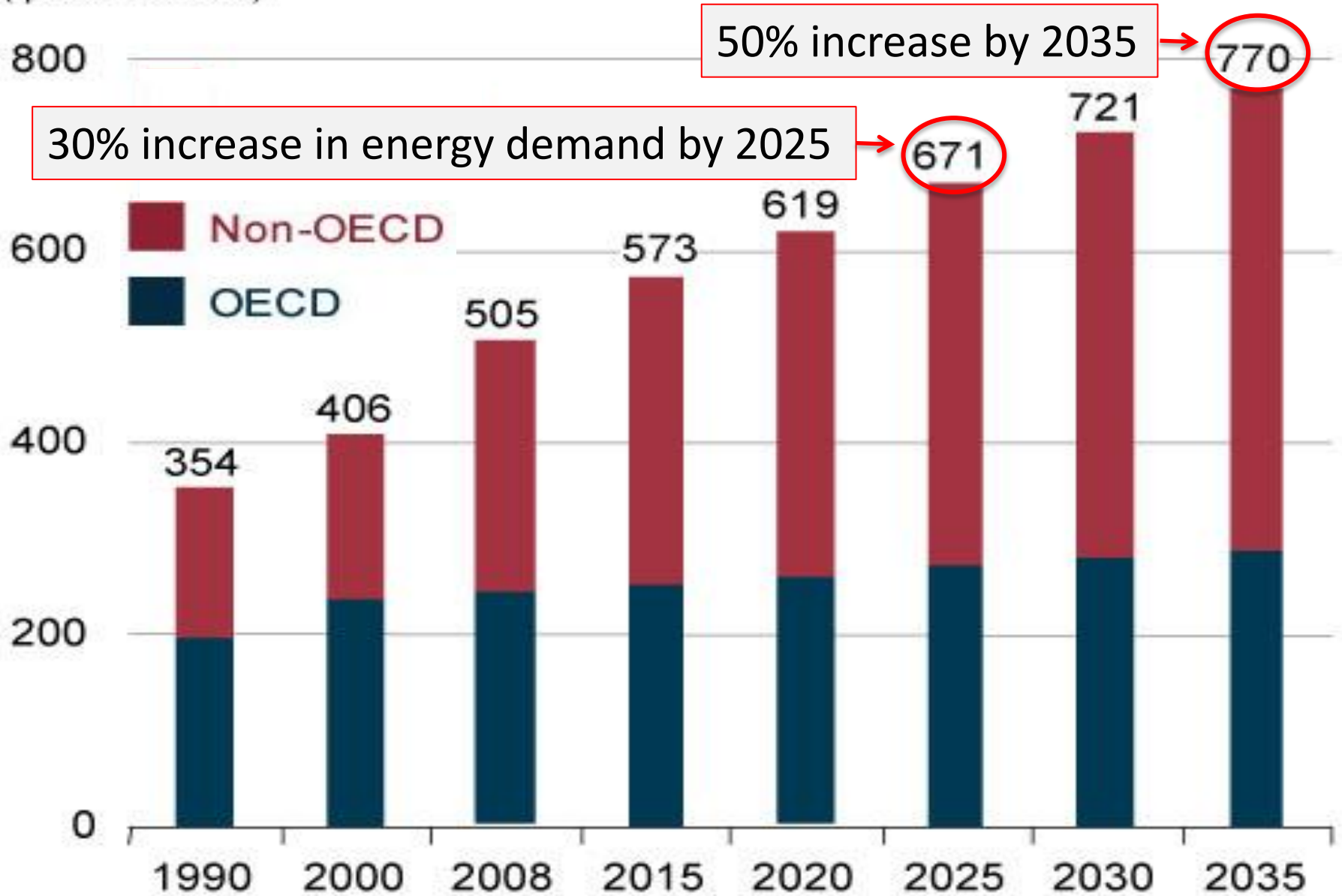


Currently 1.4bn people worldwide are without sufficient electricity. It is estimated that in 2030 1.2bn people will still lack access to electricity.

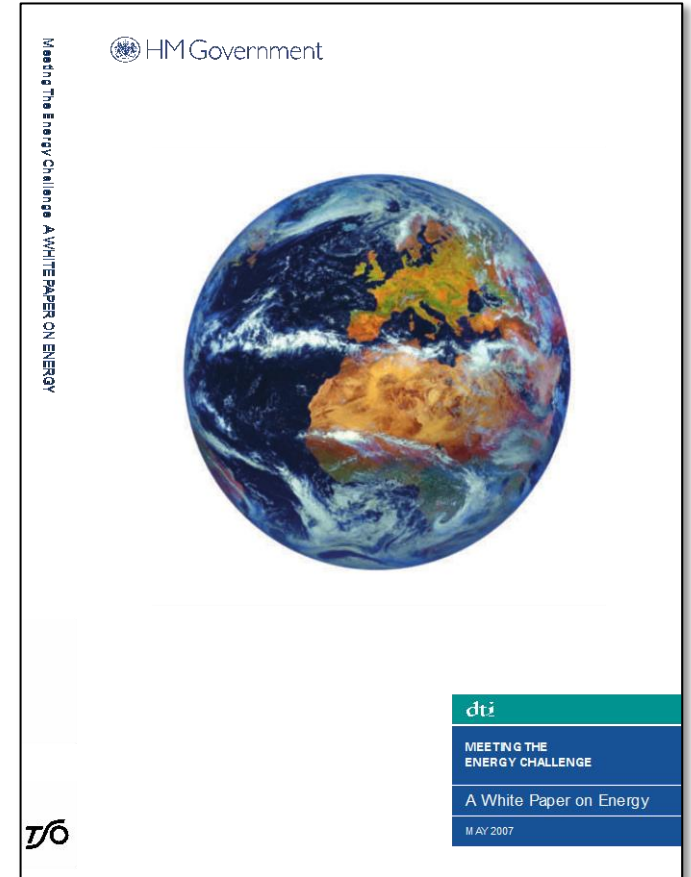
International Energy Agency World Energy Outlook, 2011

# Figure 1. World energy consumption, 1990-2035

(quadrillion Btu)







Low Carbon

Affordable

Secure

Efficient

## The Science Challenge

- Stabilise atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> at 450 - 500ppm by 2050
- UK legislation to reduce carbon by 80% by 2050
- Migrating to a Low-Carbon economy through a series of carbon budgets

## The Engineering Solution

- Did anyone in Government check out whether it was deliverable??!!



Earth  
Air  
Fire  
Water

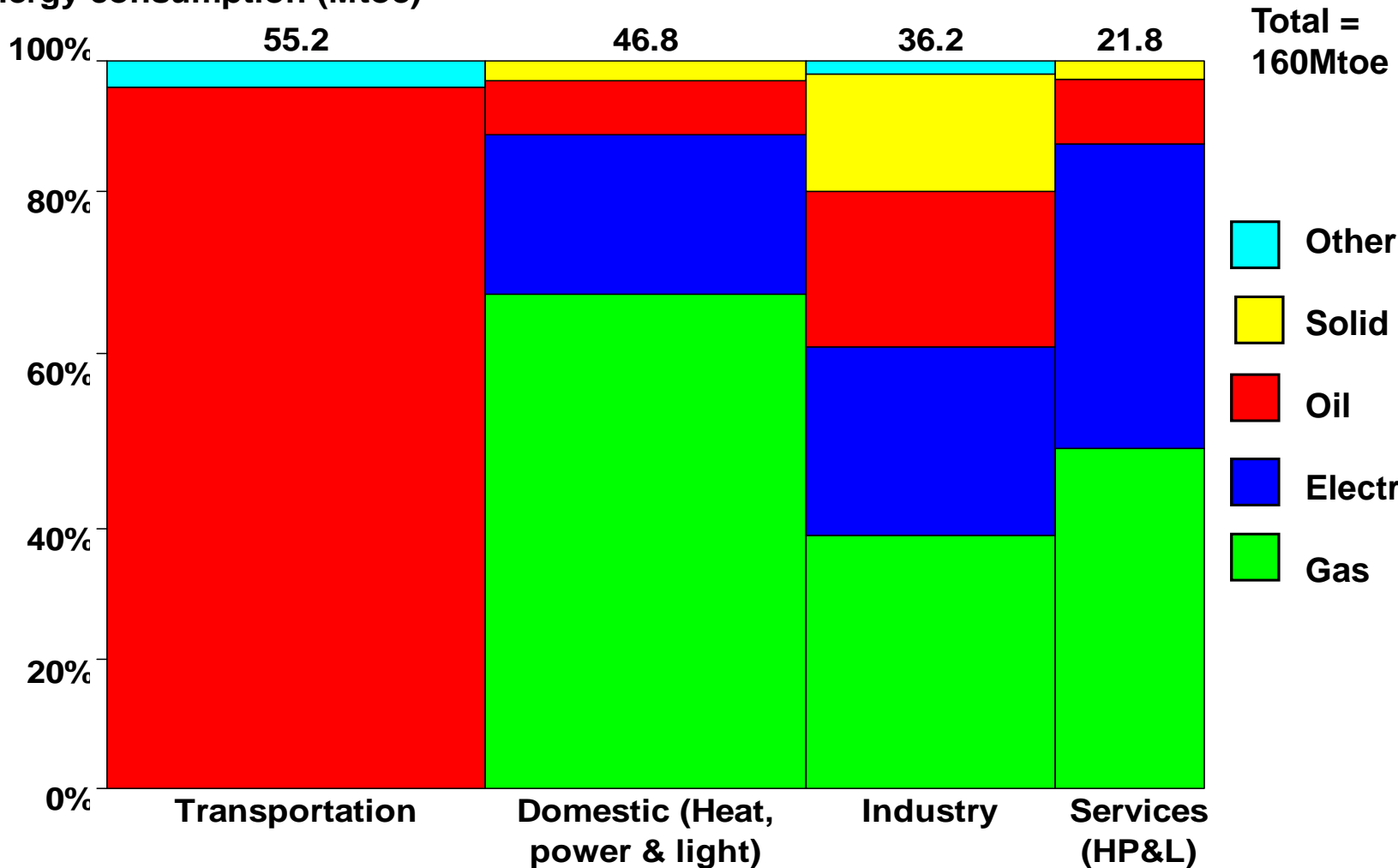


Nuclear, Wind,  
Biomass, Hydro,  
Marine, Solar

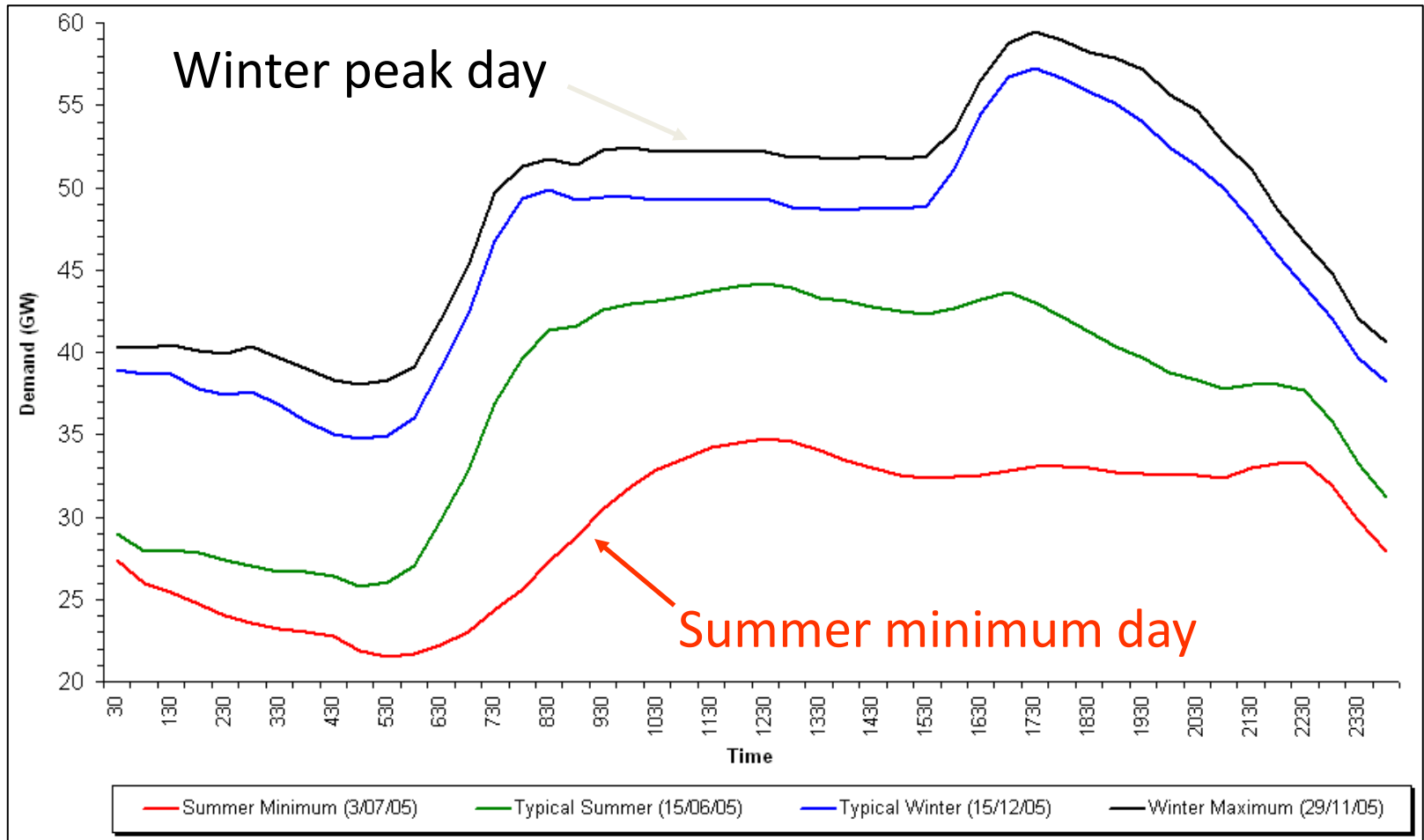


# Breakdown of UK Energy Demand

Energy consumption (Mtoe)



# Electricity Demand Varies



Source: National Grid 7-year Statement 2006 (GB demand)

## Energy Sources for UK electricity 7 Dec 2010 1800hrs ( very similar situation on our coldest day last year)

• CCGT (gas)	23559MW	39.8%
• Coal	22511MW	38.1%
• Nuclear	7804MW	13.2%
• Interconnect with France	1000MW	1.7%
• Pumped storage	1824MW	3.1%
• Oil	1695MW	2.9%
• Hydro	461MW	0.8%
• OCGT	149MW	0.3%
• Wind	152MW	0.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>59155MW</b>	

# A Single Network

Many Companies!



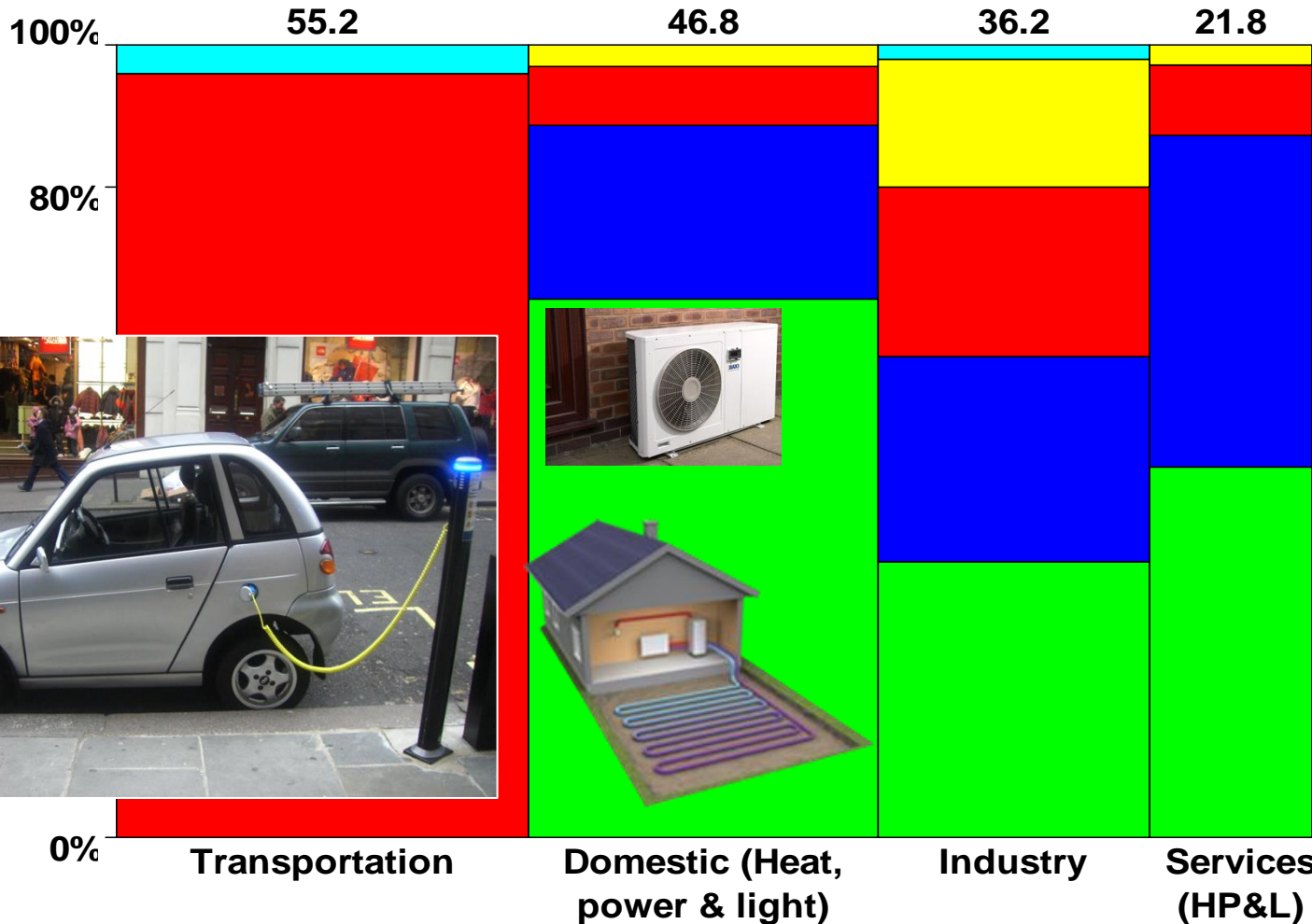
Link to Northern Ireland (500MW)

Link to France (2000MW)








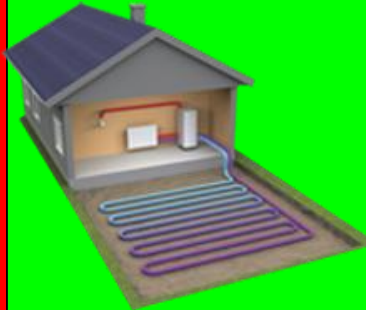
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Energy consumption (Mtoe)



Total = 160Mtoe

-  Other
-  Solid Fuel
-  Oil
-  Electricity
-  Gas



0%

Transportation

Domestic (Heat, power & light)

Industry

Services (HP&L)

# Generating the Future and Electric Vehicles



# What we need to meet 2050 targets

## Electricity Generated    What you need to build

Onshore wind	6.5 GW(av)	24GW (Installed)
Offshore Wind	11.4	38
Solar Voltaics	7.2	72
Wave	3.8	9.4
Tidal Stream	1.4	2.8
Tidal Barage	2.0	8.5
Hydro	0.9	2.3
Total	<b>33.2</b>	<b>157</b>

# What we need in physical assets

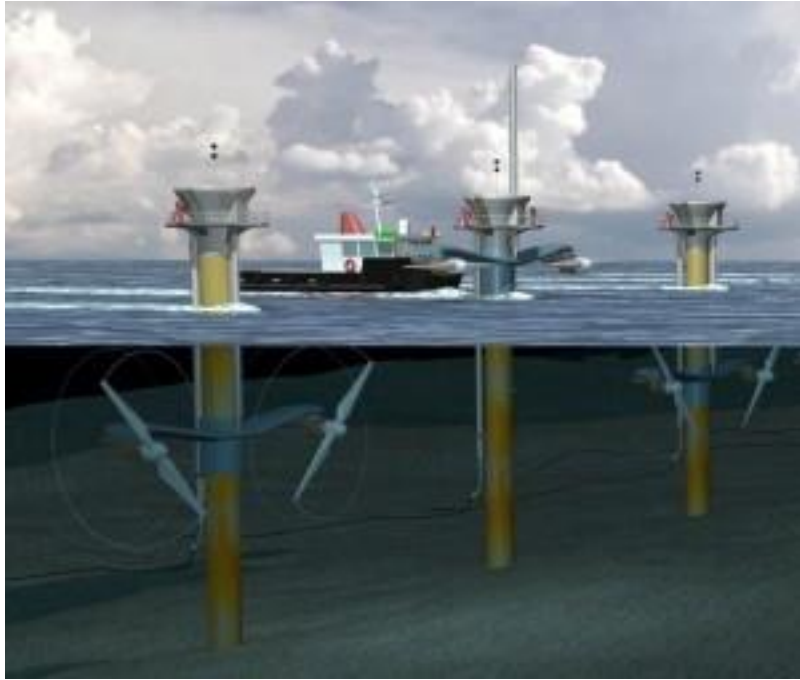
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Tidal Barage	1 Severn Barage
Hydro	1000 hydro schemes

# 1000 miles Pelamis machine

( 3 miles a month for the next 40yrs:  
a London tube train a day)



# 2500 Sea Gen Marine Turbines





Cardiff

Newport

Severn Estuary

Bristol Channel

Weston-super-mare

**SEVERN TIDAL POWER BARRAGE**

M5





25million  
Solar panels



# 9600 2.5MW turbines





Offshore  
Wind  
38  
*London  
Arrays*



## Walney Wind Farm

102 turbines

367 MW

73km<sup>2</sup>

(London array:

175 turbines, 245km<sup>2</sup>,  
630MW)

# What we need

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<b>Nuclear/CCS</b>	<b>80 new power plants</b>
<b>Demand reduction</b>	<b>At least 30%</b>

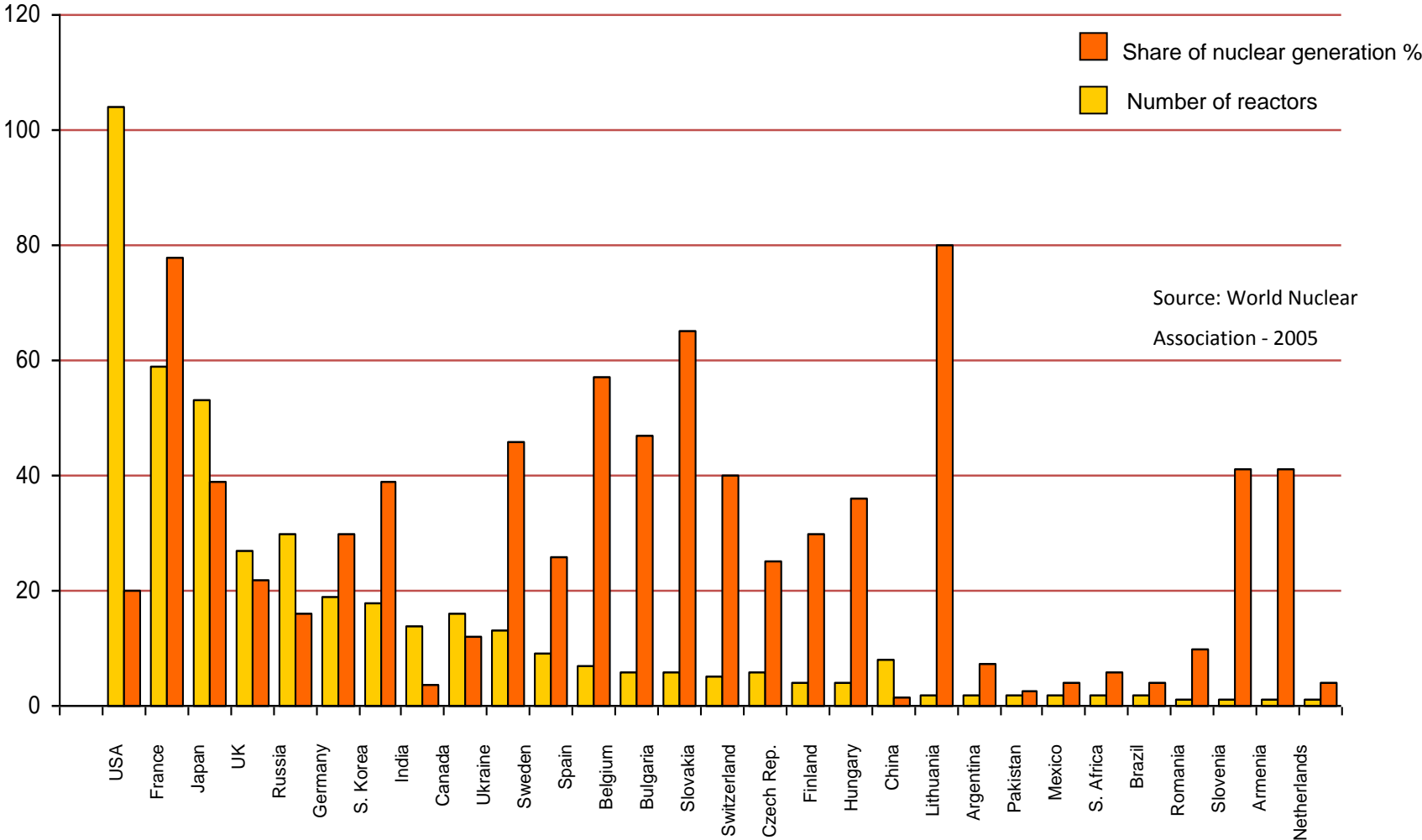
# No Silver Bullets

- Demand reductions across all sectors of the economy will be essential through a combination of increased efficiency and behavioural change
- Full suite of low carbon energy supply technologies needed including nuclear and fossil with carbon capture and sequestration


# Nuclear Fission Around the World

- 435 plants in operation, in 31 countries
- Providing 14% of the world's power
- 60 being built in 13 countries notably China, South Korea and Russia
- 137 on order or planned
- A further 295 proposed
- Major steps being taken in the US, France, and elsewhere
- Significant further capacity being created by plant upgrading. Plant Life Extensions maintaining capacity

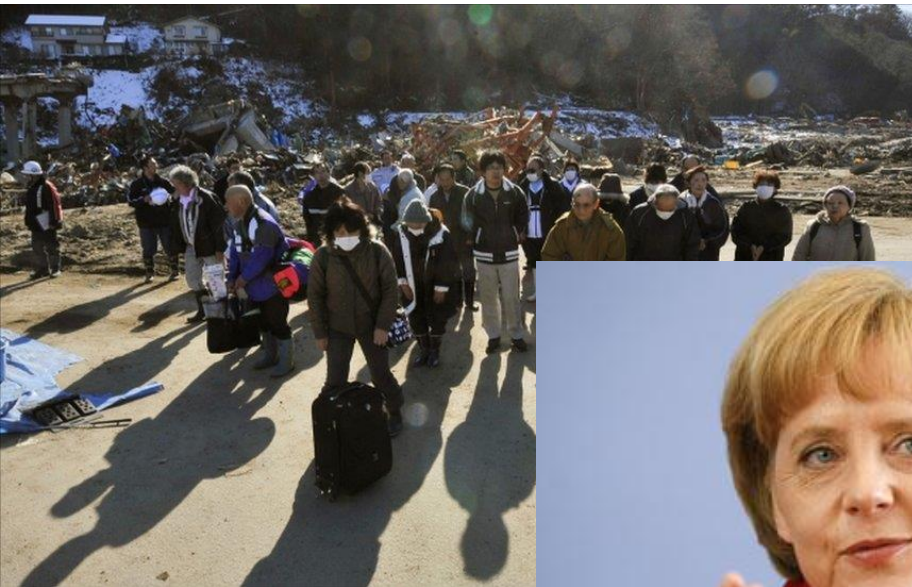
# Nuclear Share of Electricity Generation



# Electricity

- Nuclear energy is used to produce electricity
  - ~18% UK,
  - ~ 20% USA 103 reactors
  - ~ 75% France 58 reactors
  - ~ 32% Switzerland
  - ~ 30% Japan 
  - ~ 16% Russia
  - ~ 5% Mexico
  - ~ 2.5% Brazil
  
  - ~16% Worldwide





REUTERS

# China

- Huge energy growth 17 operating reactors
- 28 reactors under construction
- 5-6 fold growth planned by 2020 to at least 58GWe
  - 4% of electricity
  - Then 200GWe by 2030 and 400 by 2050?
- NPT member, potential Asian supplier



# India

- Nuclear now 2.8% of electricity
- 20 units in operation
- 8 reactors under construction
- 20 further units planned
- 100-fold growth planned 2002-2052 (26%)
  - = 9.2% per year
  - Global growth 1970-2004 = 9.2% per year
- Not party to the NPT, but recent US-India deal

# UK Nuclear Generation



**Magnox**  
*- Calder Hall*



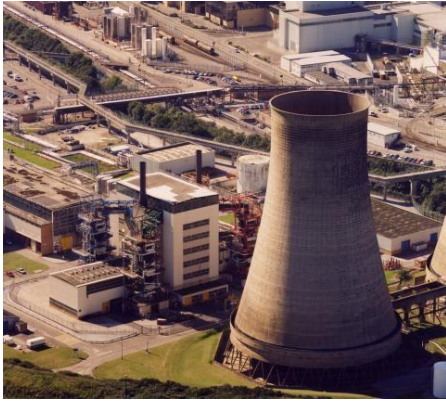
*AGR Heysham*



**PWR**  
*- Sizewell 'B'*









Oldbury



Wylfa



Latina Italy



Tokai Mura Japan







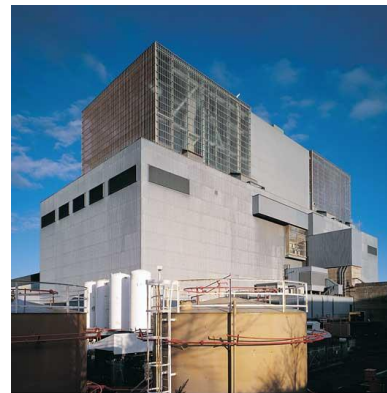
Hartlepool



Hinkley B



Heysham1



Hunterston B



Heysham 2



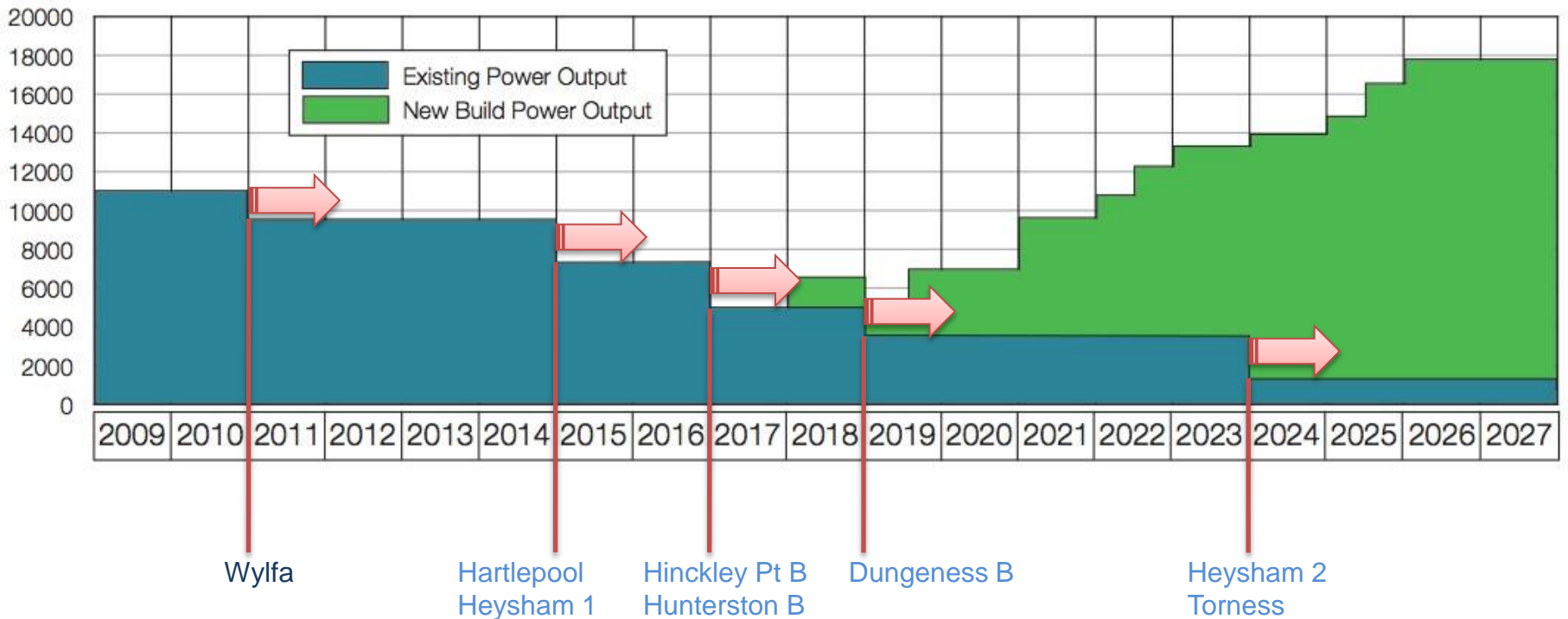
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# Nuclear Generating Capacity in the UK including new build

Power Output Forecast (12 units)



# Consequences of Historic Choices

# Range of Processes, Products and Wastes

The reactor programmes led to many supporting secondary programmes

- Extraction of military material in various forms
- Development of many types of reactor fuel for military & civil programmes
- Development of many aspects of reprocessing technology and reprocessing plants



# The Legacy of the UK's historic reactor and fuel cycle choices and privatisation of electricity supply

- A very large bill for clean up and decommissioning (much of it attributable to the early initial military mission)
- Low public and political confidence in the ability to 'sort out' and dispose of wastes safely
- Vulnerability to 'market forces' and events and decisions outside the UK's control

# Windscale ~1960

## First Generation Reprocessing and Storage Facilities



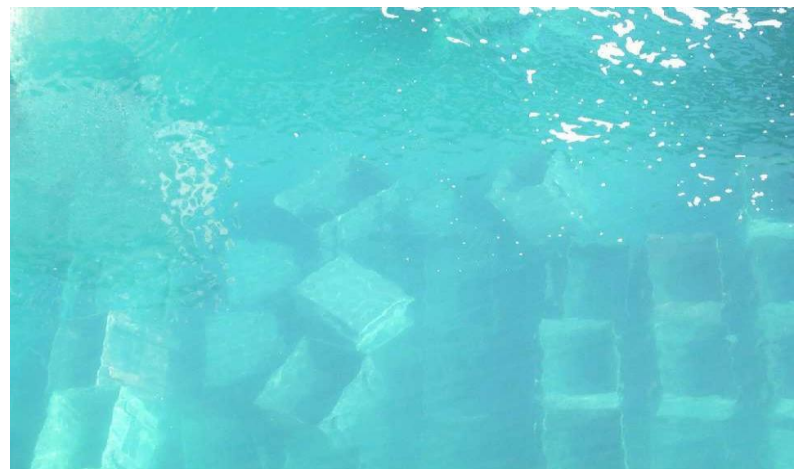
# Legacy storage in Ponds and Silos

## All processes generated wastes

- In early days storage of miscellaneous un-segregated fuels and experimental wastes in ponds and silos was considered adequate. On the basis that disposal methods would be developed in the near future.
- The ponds are now over 50yrs old. Fuel and cladding corrosion and the cumulative effects of operations are affecting retrieval and characterisation of wastes



Legacy Ponds





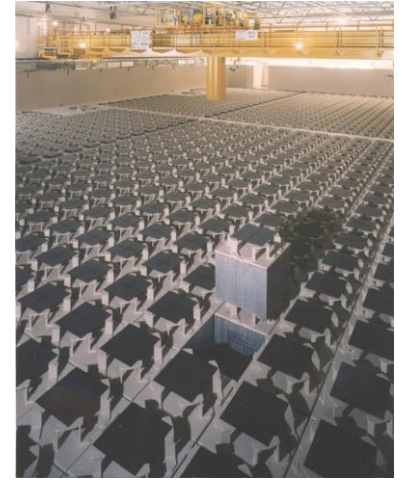
# Waste treated and packaged

- New modern plants designed and constructed
- Product waste forms compatible with disposal concepts
- Waste arisings treated in “real time”



# Modern Plants Supporting Reprocessing and Waste Treatment

- Since around 1980 new plants have been designed to include waste treatment and identified routes for disposal
- Wastes from new plants is being treated as it arises, and is in a condition for immediate final disposal



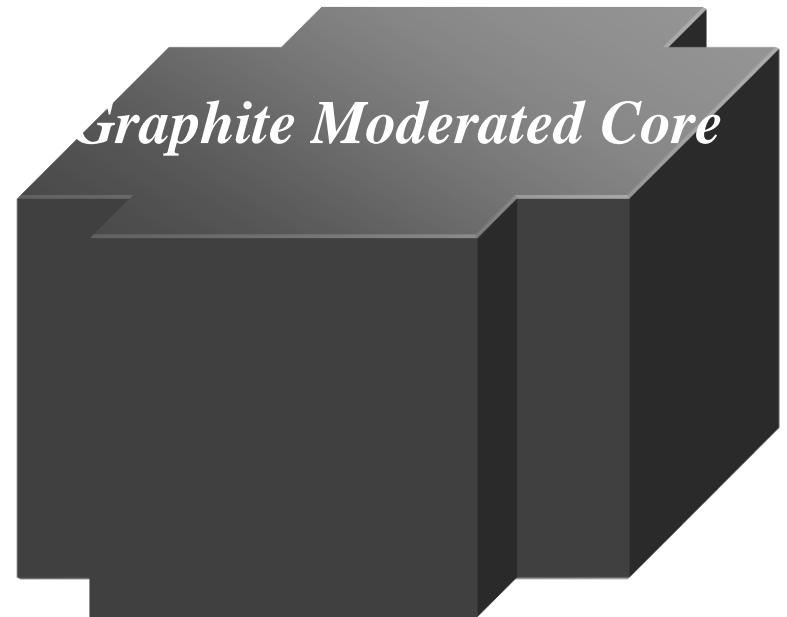
# Reactor Size

- Depends on Moderator
  - **Graphite reactors very large**
  - **Water much more compact**
- Depends on heat removal
  - **Energy density**
  - **Temperature limits on fuel**

*A smaller core means lower construction costs and lower decommissioning costs*

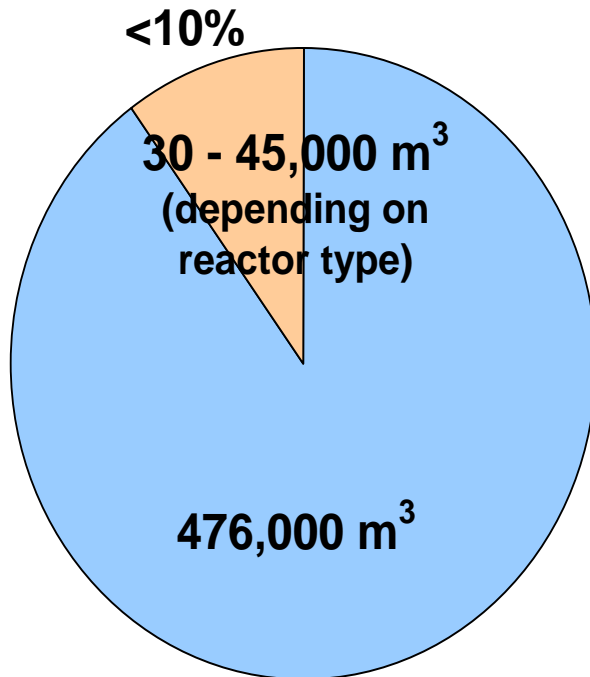


*Water moderated core*

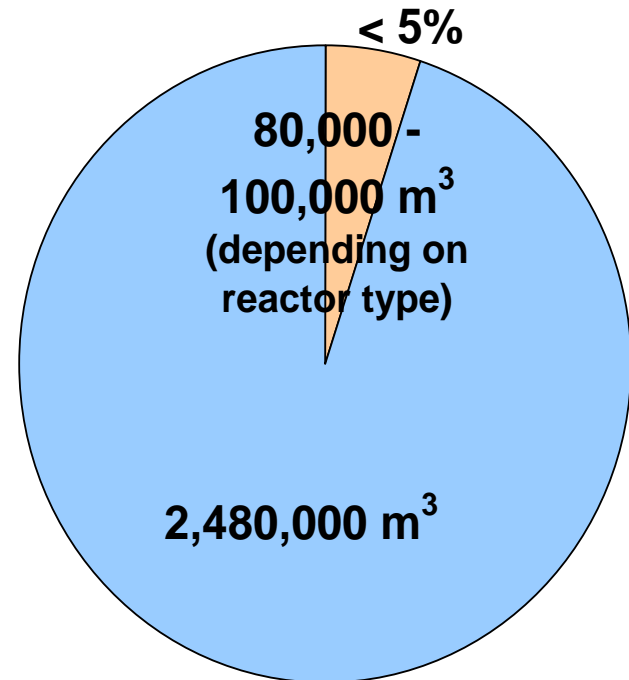


# Wastes from a new build programme would be less than 10% of the existing inventory

## Higher activity wastes



## Low level waste



■ CORWM baseline inventory    ■ From 60 years operation of 10 GW of PWR reactors

# How big is that in everyday terms?

## Volume

## Volume equivalent

Total lifetime arisings  
of higher activity  
wastes from existing  
nuclear programme

~480,000 m<sup>3</sup>

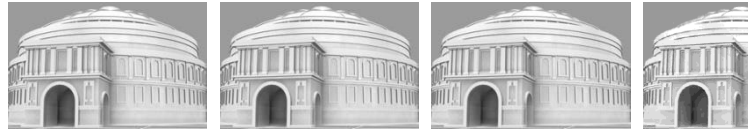


5  
Albert  
Halls

Comprising:

ILW

~350,000 m<sup>3</sup>



3.6  
Albert  
Halls

Uranium &  
Plutonium

~78,300 m<sup>3</sup>



0.8  
Albert  
Halls

LLW (non-Drigg)

~37,000 m<sup>3</sup>



0.4  
Albert  
Halls

Spent Fuel & HLW

~9,500 m<sup>3</sup>

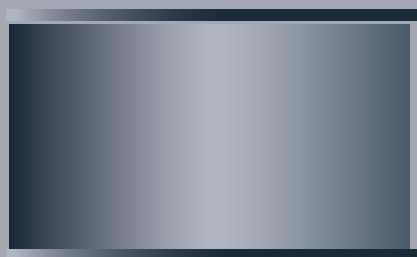


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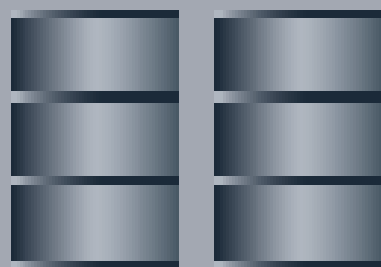
(or about 46 semi detached  
houses)



## Physical containment

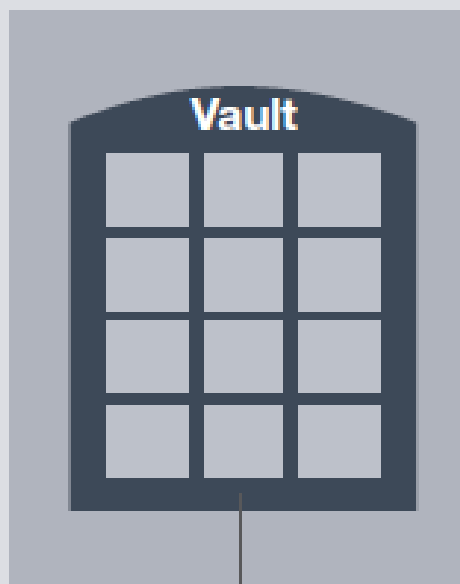


ILW + LLW in steel or concrete boxes



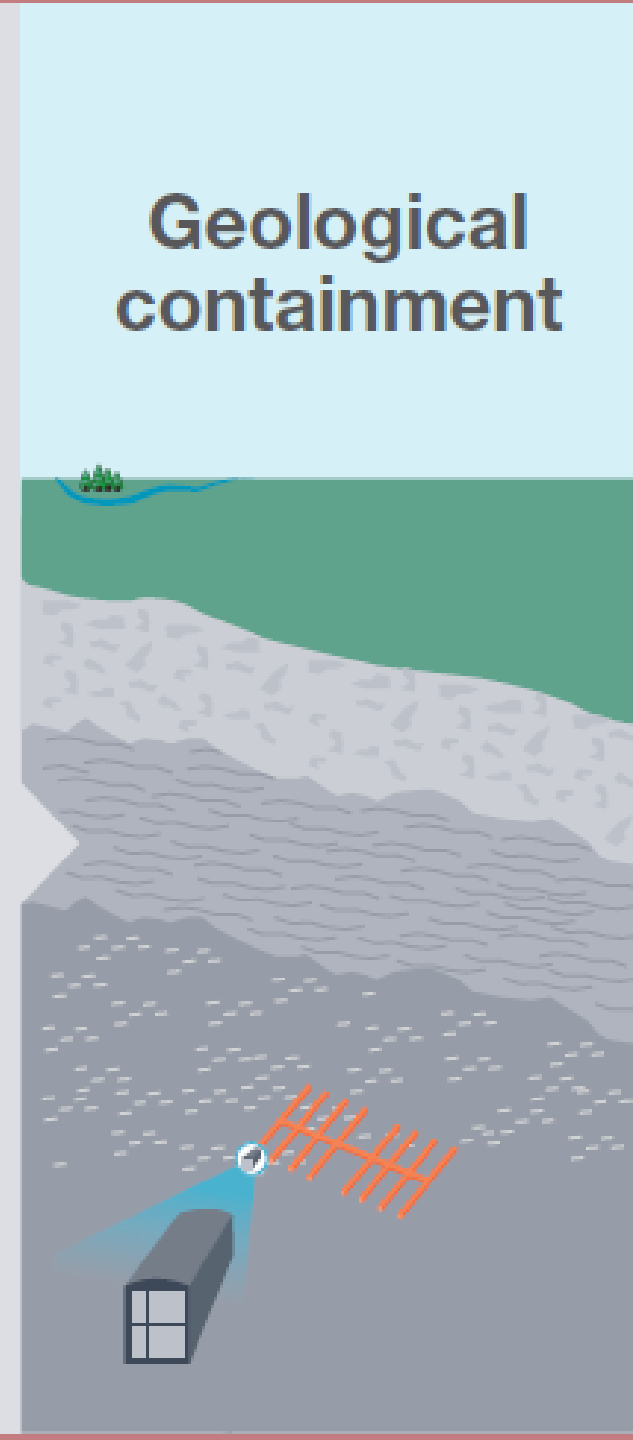
ILW immobilised in cement grout in steel drums

## Chemical conditioning



Cement-based backfill material

## Geological containment



## Consultation

# Review of the Siting Process for a Geological Disposal Facility

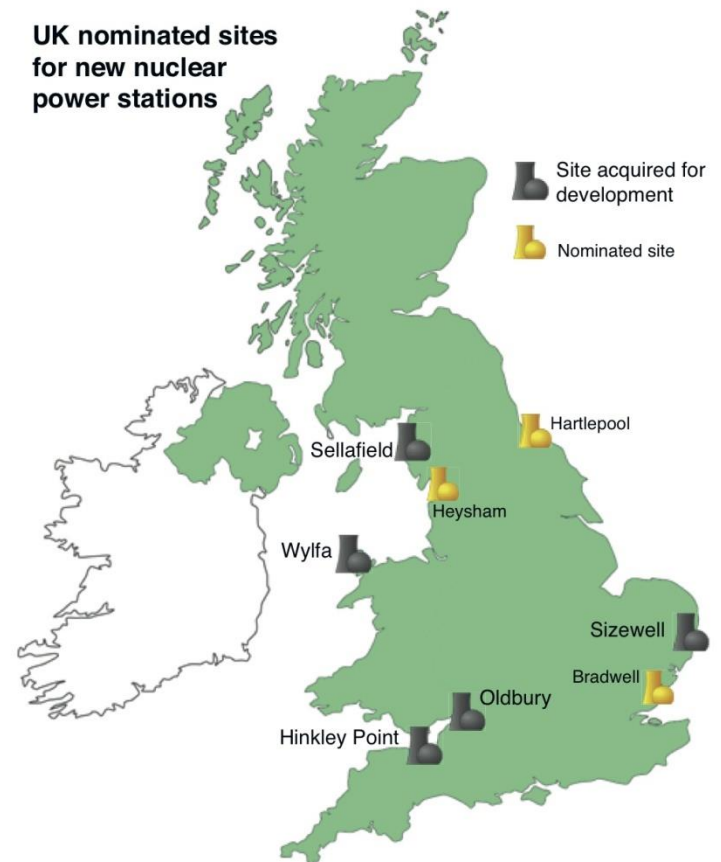
September 2013

# Consequences of Electricity Market Privatisation



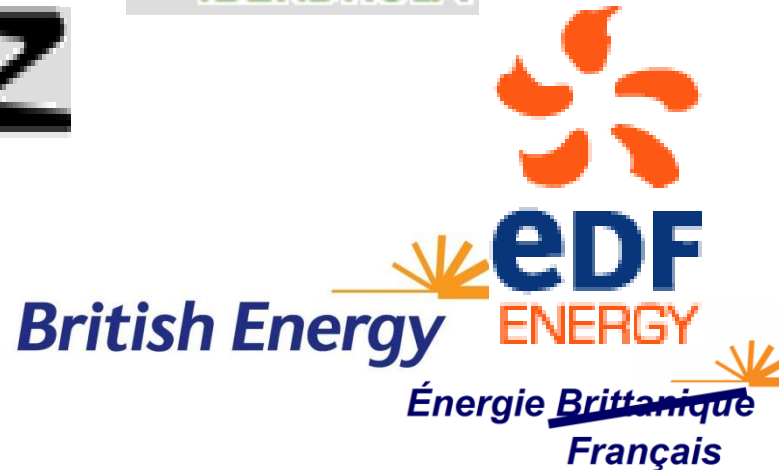
# Sites for New Nuclear Power Stations listed in National Policy Statement

- 11 sites were nominated in Spring 2009
- 10 approved in principle – Dungeness rejected
- A further consultation has taken place – 2 other Cumbrian sites removed from draft list, leaving a likely list of just 8

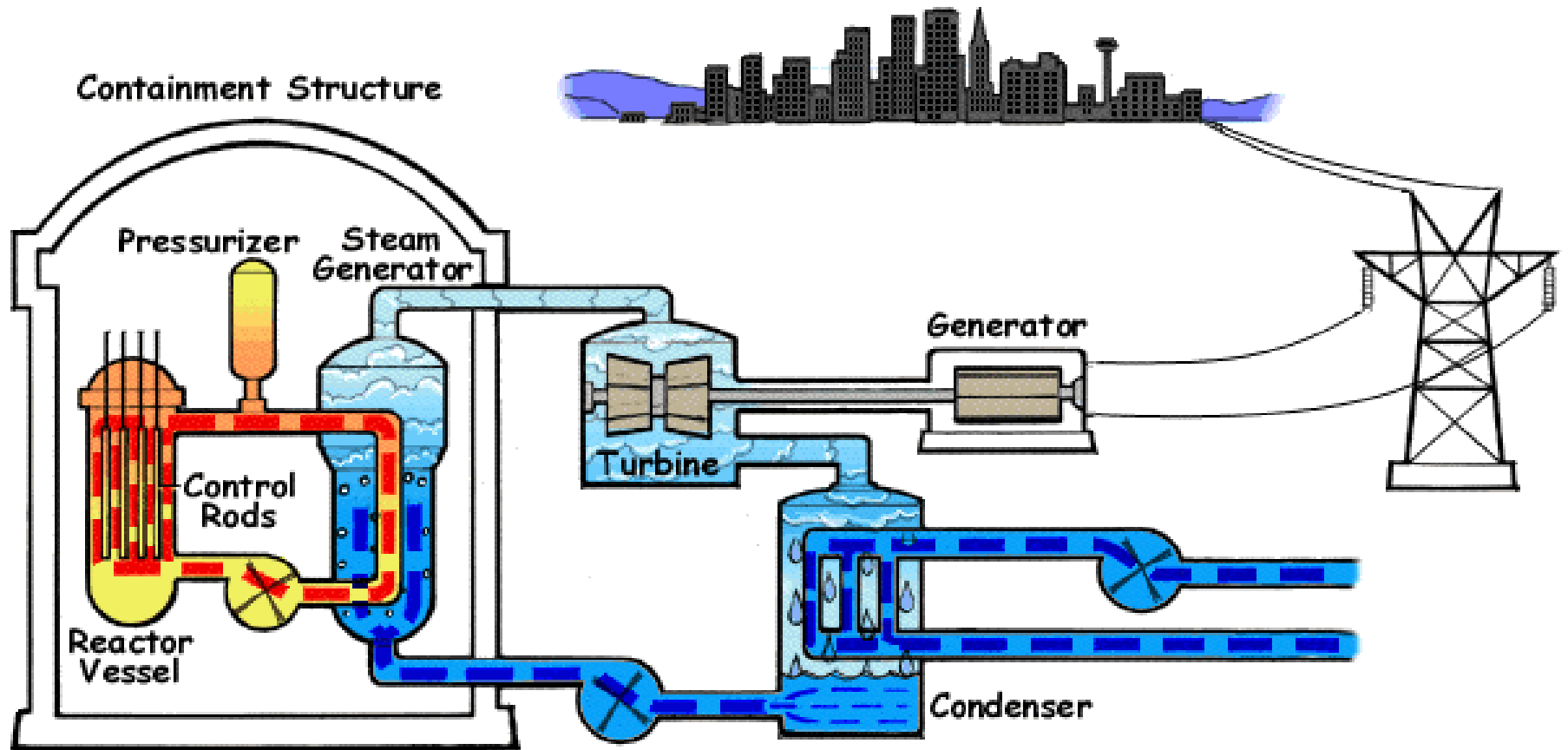


Source: NAMRC

# Supporting or Interested Utilities



# PWR (Pressurized Water Reactor)



# Olkiluoto 3 Finland & Flamanville 3 France

Flamanville 3



Olkiluoto 3 Finland

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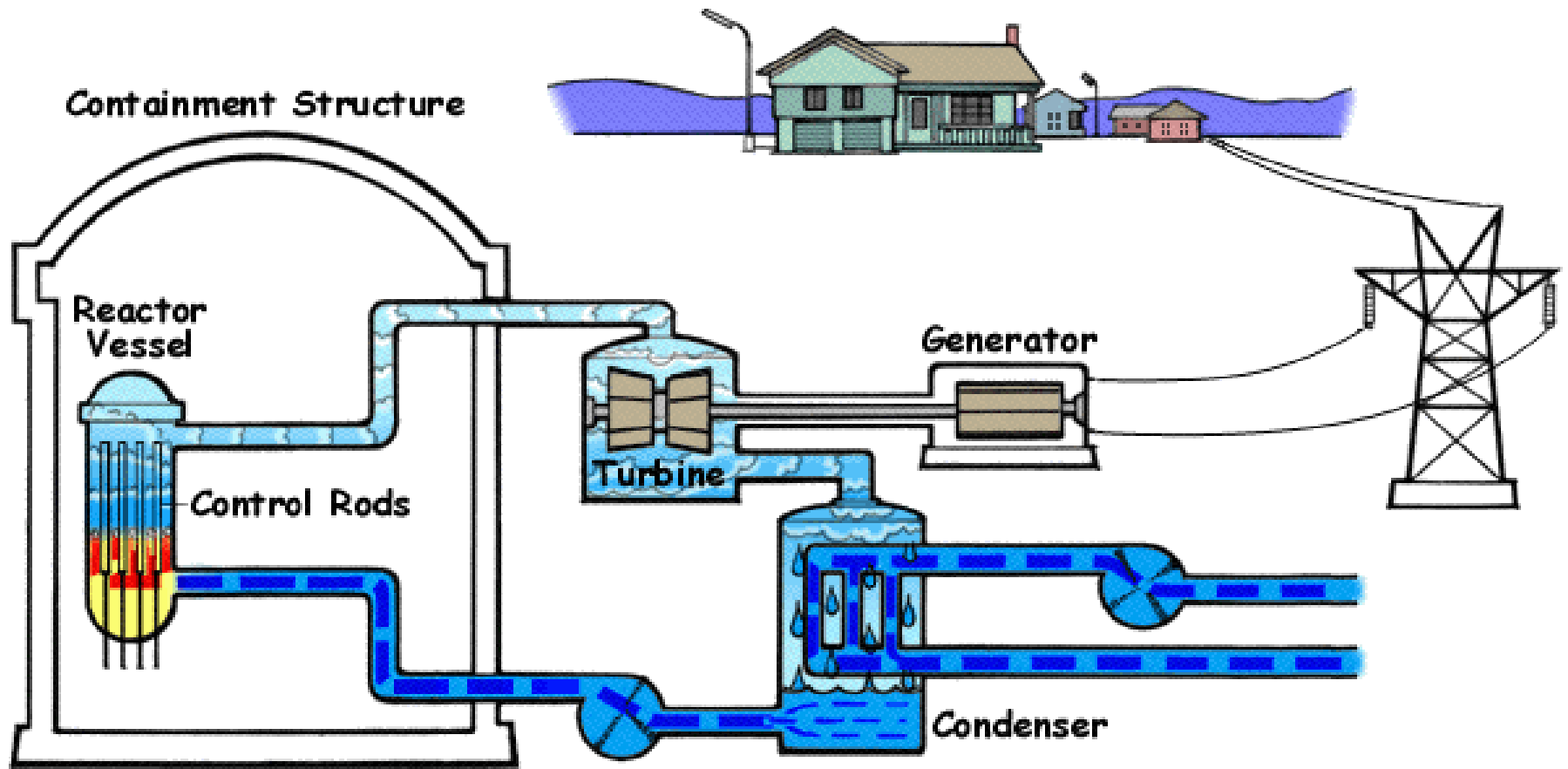
**HITACHI**



**HORIZON**

NUCLEAR POWER

# BWR (Boiling Water Reactor)



# Kashiwazaki-Kariwa Power station Japan



# Generation III ... ABWR



Kashiwazaki  
6 & 7, Japan

Online



Hamaoka 5, Japan

Online



Shika 2, Japan

Online,



Lungmen 1 & 2  
Taiwan

Online 2014



Shimani 3, Japan

Online 2014?



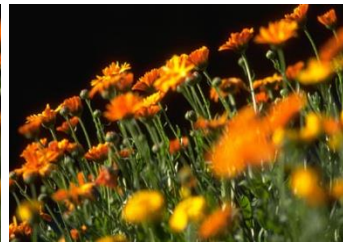
Ohma, Japan

Approved



Higashidori  
1&2, Japan

Planning



USA

Studies





IBERDROLA

NU'GEN

SVEZ

VATTENFALL



Scottish and Southern  
Energy

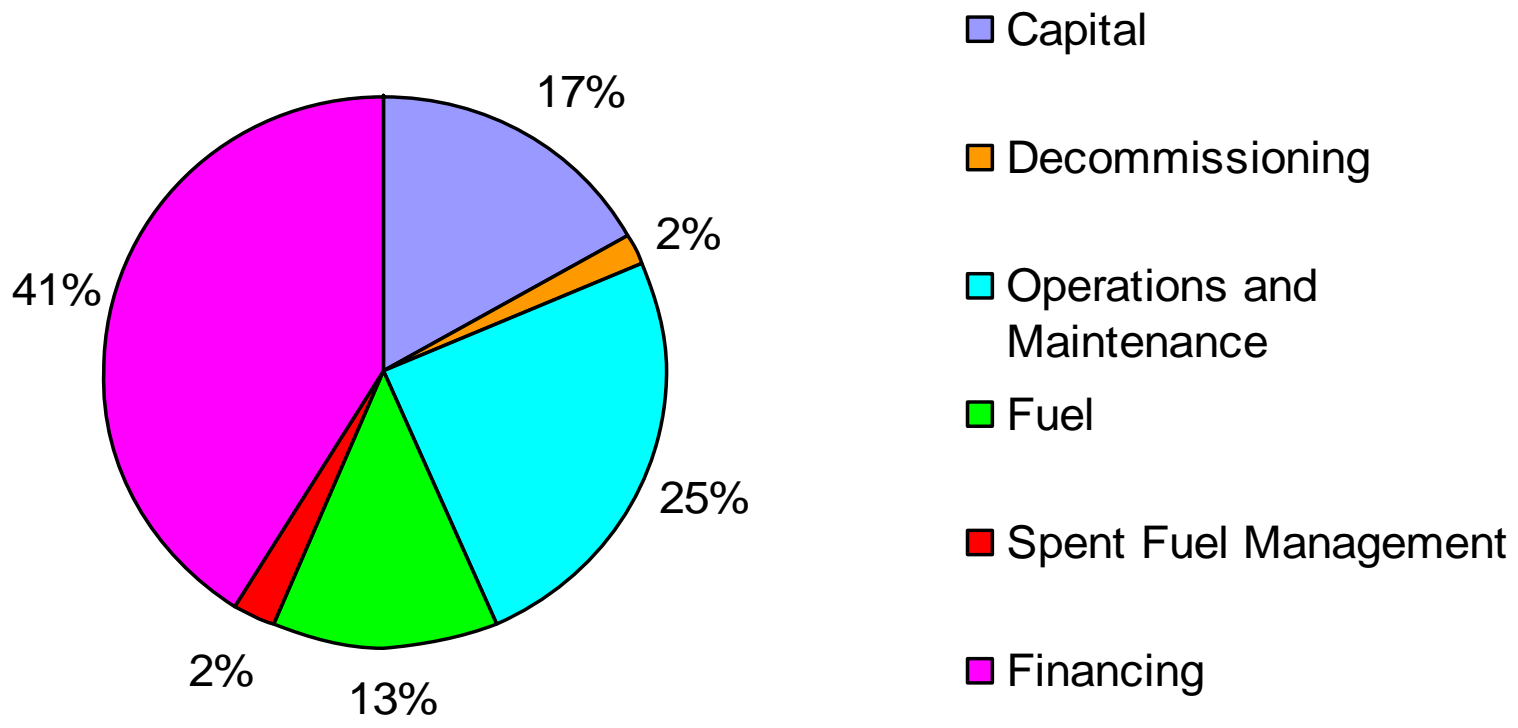
# Westinghouse AP1000



# “New Build” Plant Technology – Gen III+

- These plants are already designed and being built internationally
- Will be built to already established materials and design practices
- Use of international codes and standards proven by existing plant experience
- Similar modes of construction welding, bolting etc
- Replacement materials justified by plant experience
- Materials will be ‘new’ vintage materials produced by modern (e.g. steelmaking) methods
- Plants will come on line from 2014 to 2035 – to last for >60 years

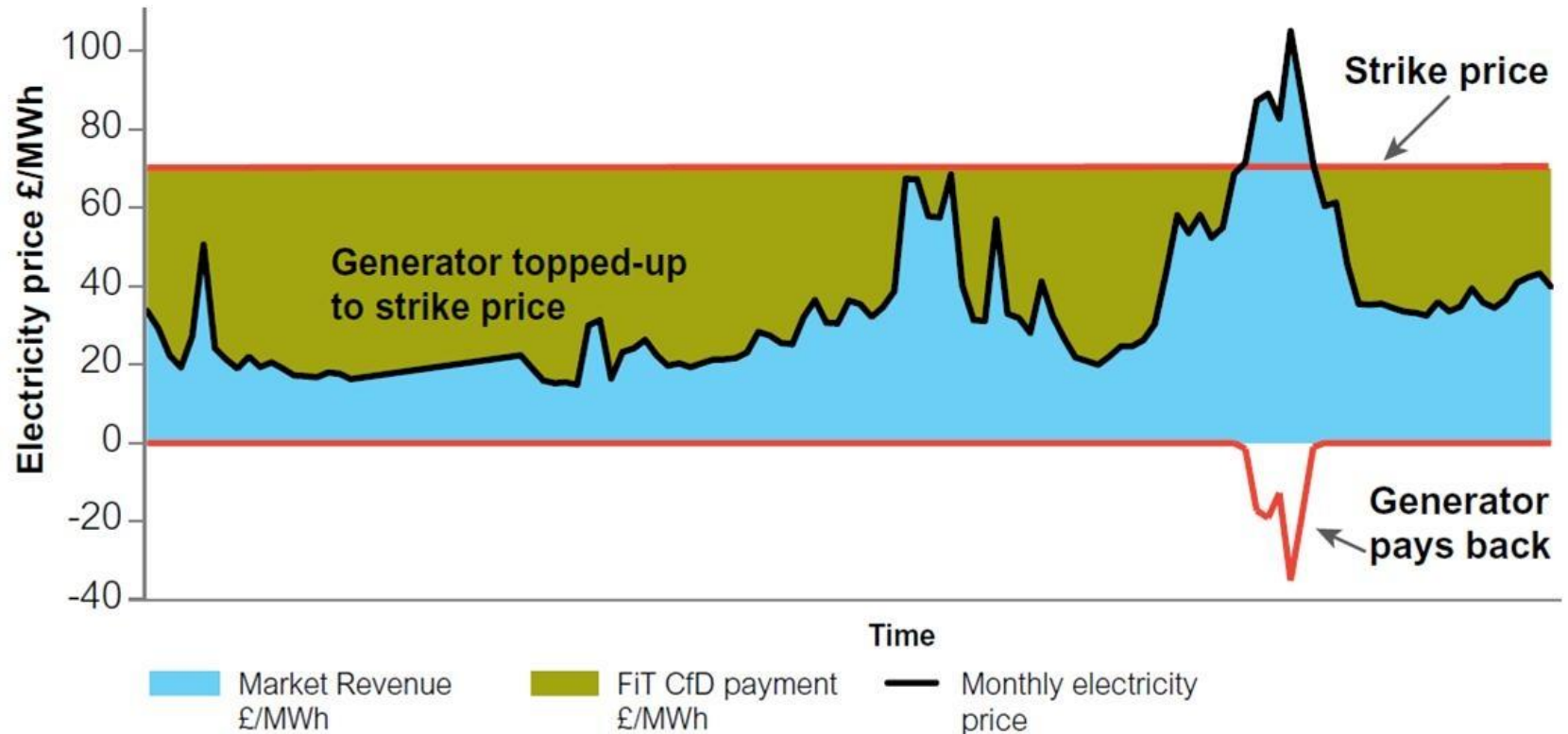
# Nuclear Reactor Capital and Finance Costs



Costs dominated by capital required to construct and timescale to finance before returns flow

# Electricity Market Reform

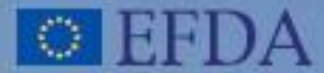
- Carbon Floor Price
- Capacity Markets
- Contracts for Difference



# Small Modular Reactors

- Now seen by some as very attractive
- Economics more favourable with 21Century manufacturing technology
- Better from a grid management perspective
- May be possible to re-examine some of the UK's smaller old Magnox sites
- Export potential to areas with no large scale grid

What about Fusion?



## Fusion Electricity

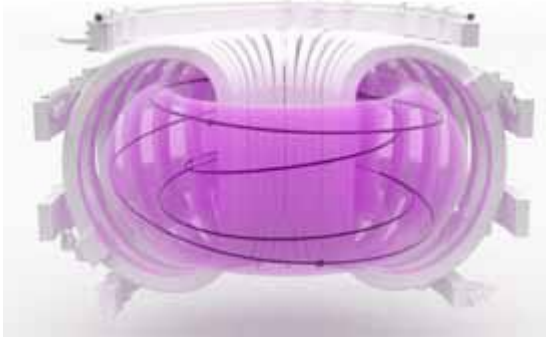
A roadmap to the realisation of fusion energy





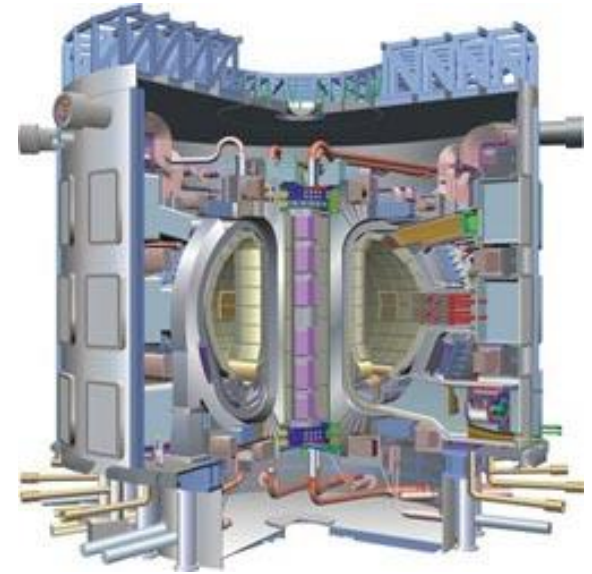
*International  
Thermonuclear  
Experimental Reactor  
(ITER), the world's largest  
nuclear fusion reactor*





Confining hot plasmas

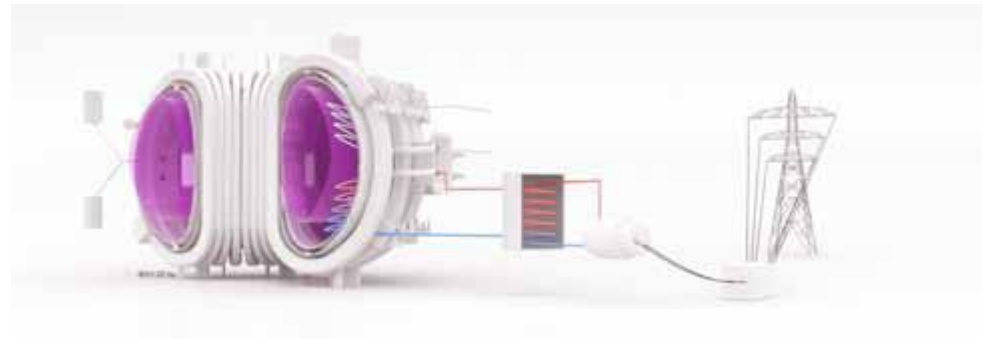
## Challenges



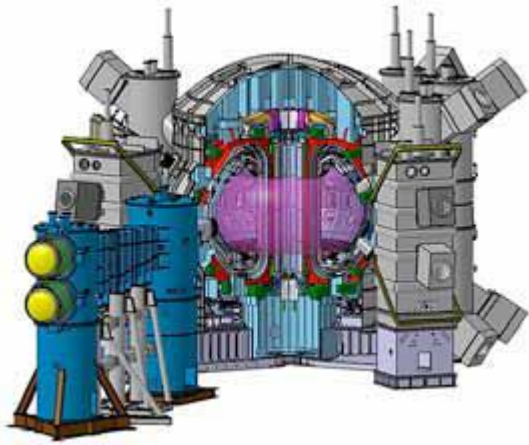
Making ITER a success



Maximising value from JET in the UK



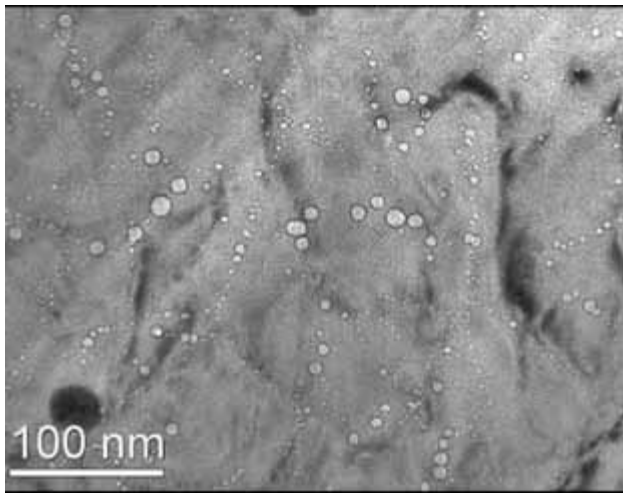
DEMO: when to start?: how to finance?



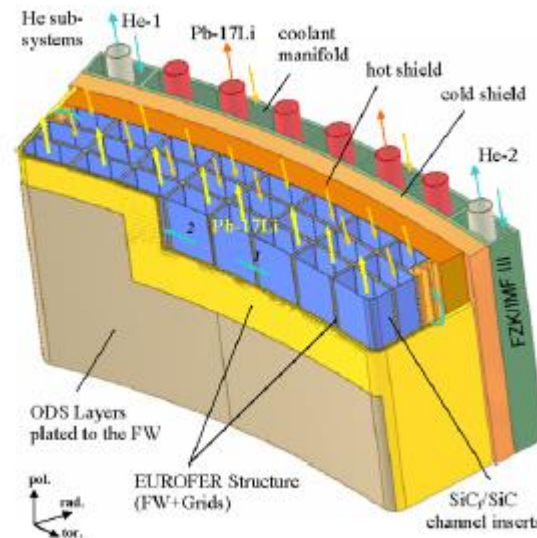
Collaborating with Japan  
 Preparing for advanced ITER regimes



Controlling the plasma  
 Solving heat exhaust issues



Coping with neutron damage  
 Replacing key components



Blanket materials and tritium handling



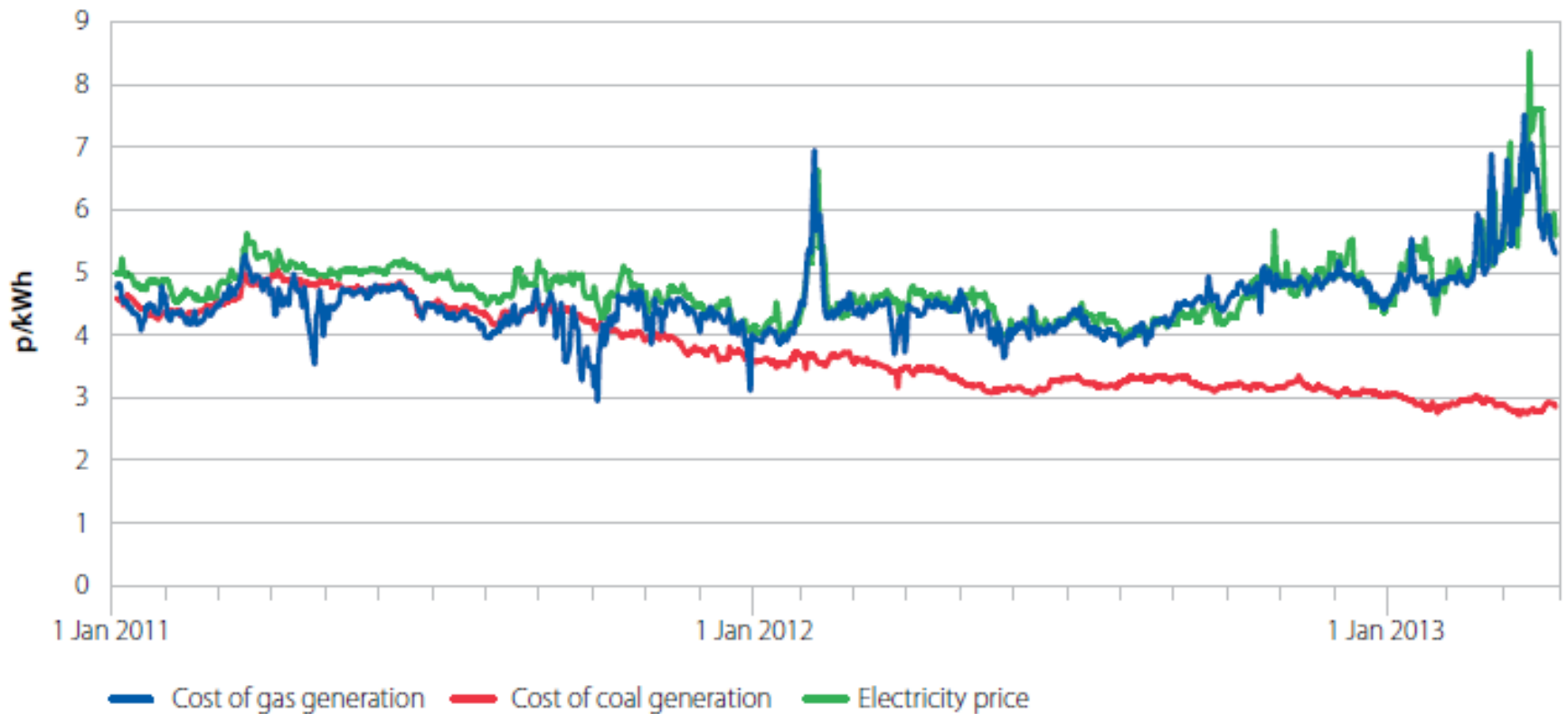
Concept design way too expensive:  
need to get the capital costs down



Or will Gas obtained by the process of fracking become the preferred fuel of the 21<sup>st</sup> century...?

# Energy Costs

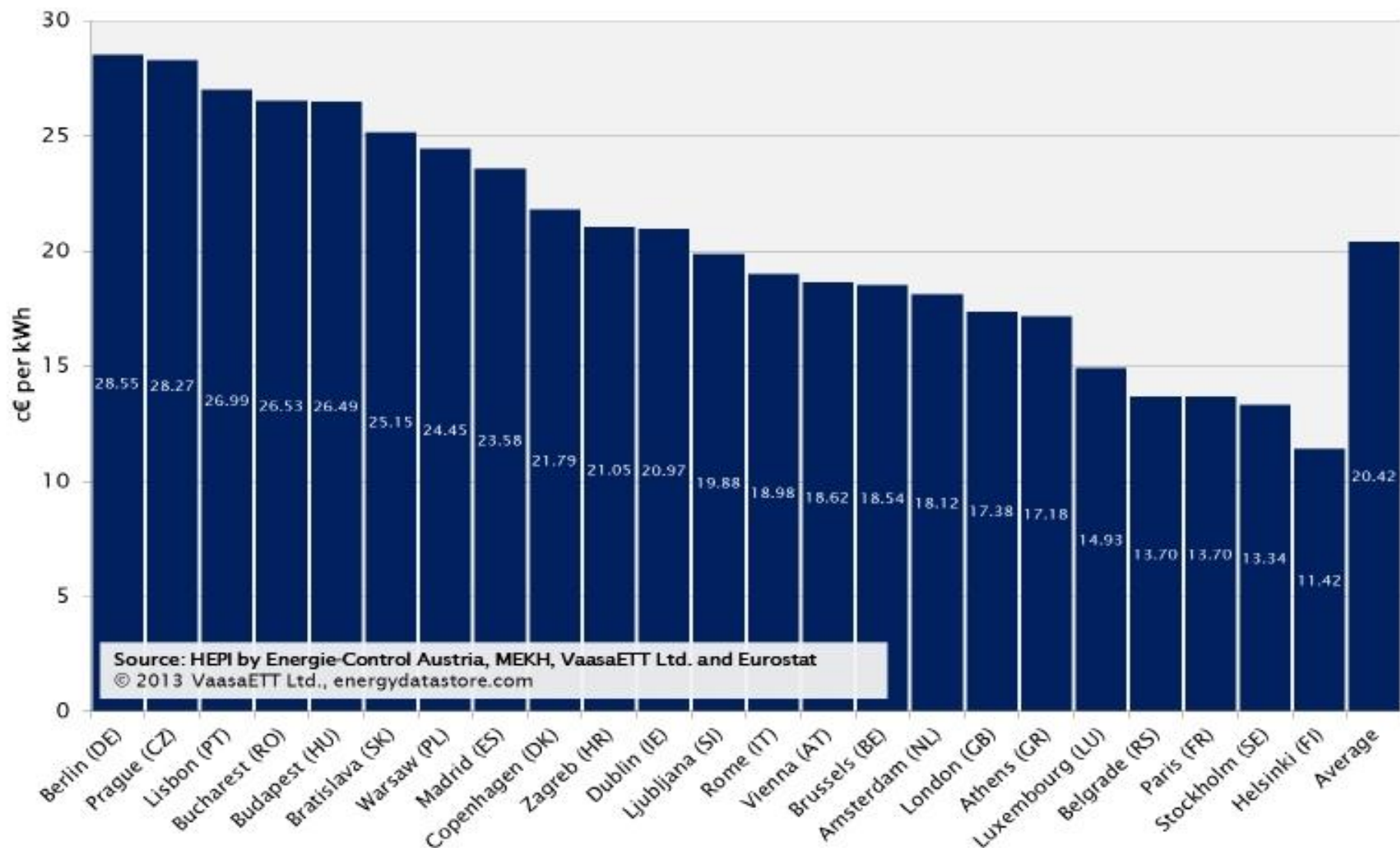
Figure B2.1: Short-run cost of gas and coal generation and electricity price (January 2011 to March 2013)



**Source:** UK Power day-ahead data, WMBA (accessed 9 May 2013); System Average Price data, National Grid (accessed 9 May 2013); Coal ARA data, ICIS, (accessed 12 May 2013); CCC calculations.

**Notes:** Assumes plant efficiency 49% for gas and 35% for coal (based on average for existing fleet). Carbon intensity 378 g/ CO<sub>2</sub>kWh for gas and 1,000 g/ CO<sub>2</sub>kWh for gas. Based on day-ahead electricity and gas prices, and coal monthly forward price.

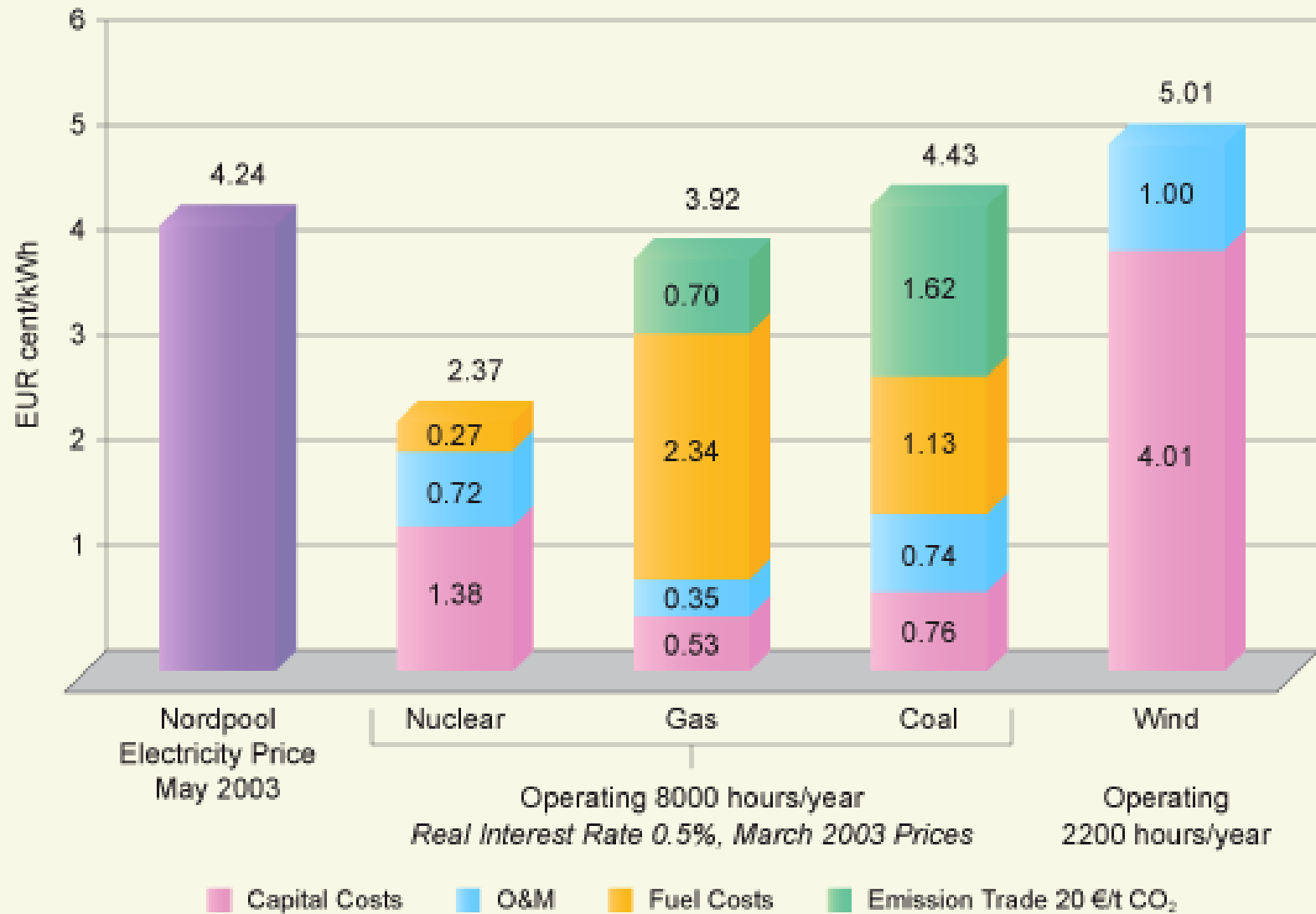
Figure 4. Residential electricity prices including taxes at PPS (September 2013)





Technology	region or country	At 10% discount rate	At 5% discount rate
Nuclear	OECD Europe	8.3-13.7	5.0-8.2
	China	4.4-5.5	3.0-3.6
Black coal with CCS	OECD Europe	11.0	8.5
Brown coal with CCS	OECD Europe	9.5-14.3	6.8-9.3
CCGT with CCS	OECD Europe	11.8	9.8
Large hydro-electric	OECD Europe	14.0-45.9	7.4-23.1
	China: 3 Gorges	5.2	2.9
	China: other	2.3-3.3	1.2-1.7
Onshore wind	OECD Europe	12.2-23.0	9.0-14.6
	China	7.2-12.6	5.1-8.9
Offshore wind	OECD Europe	18.7-26.1	13.8-18.8
Solar photovoltaic	OECD Europe	38.8-61.6	28.7-41.0
	China	18.7-28.3	12.3-18.6

# Projected Electricity Costs for Finland 2003 - cent/kWh



Source: R. Tarjanne & K. Luostarinen, Lappeenranta University of Technology 03.07.2003

Energy is too important to omit ANY single technology. We need them all but we need them to be clean and environmentally sustainable

Gas T/G    Aero    Coal/Steam    T&D    Wind    Solar    Hydro    Nuclear



...technology for energy ... & a balanced portfolio

# No Silver Bullets

- Demand reductions across all sectors of the economy will be essential through a combination of increased efficiency and behavioural change
- Full suite of low carbon energy supply technologies needed including nuclear and CCS



All technologies and attention to demand reduction essential

