



# Nuclear Power Industry

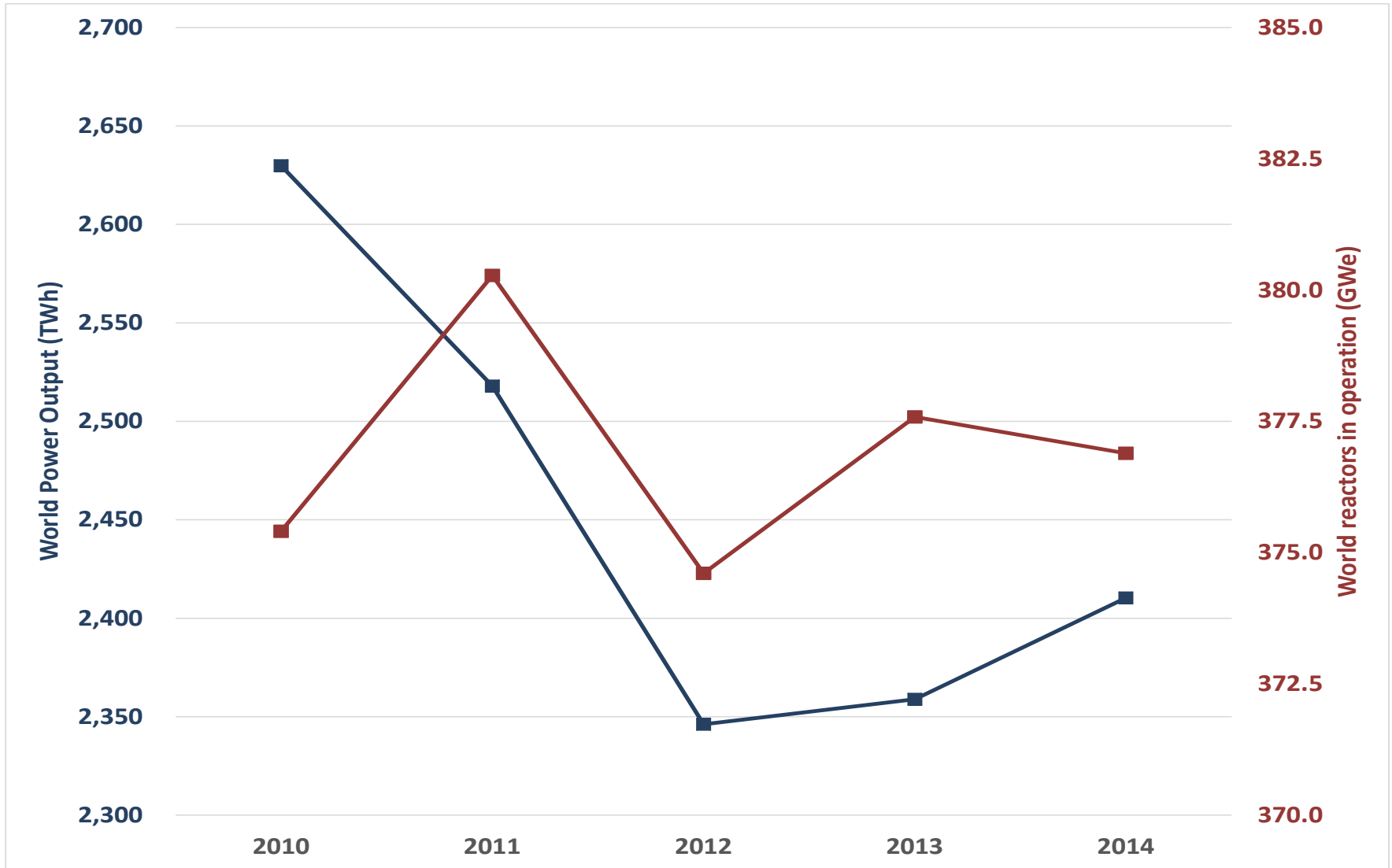
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# Last five years



# What happened?



- Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami
  - Fukushima Dai-ichi accident
  - Japanese shutdown of all nuclear units
  - German decision to phase out nuclear
  
- New units
  - COD - China, Korea, India, Russia, Argentina, Iran
  - Construction starts – 40 units (25 after FD)
  
- Retirements - US, UK, Spain, and Quebec

# Nuclear units



	2011	2012	2013	2014
Entered Service	Ling Ao 4 Qinshan 2-4 Kaiga 4 Bushehr 1 Chasnupp 2 Kalinin 4	Bruce 1 & 2 Pt Lepreau Ningde 1 Shin Kori 2 Shin Wolsong 1	Hongyanhe 1 & 2 Yangjiang 1 Kudankulam 1	Atucha 2 Fangjiashan-1 Fuqing 1 Ningde 2 Rostov 3
Retired or closed	<i>Japan</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fleet shutdown</li> <li>• Fukushima I-1-4</li> </ul> <i>Germany</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biblis A &amp; B</li> <li>• Brunsbuettel</li> <li>• Isar 1</li> <li>• Kruemmel</li> <li>• Neckarwestheim 1</li> <li>• Philippsburg 1</li> <li>• Unterweser</li> </ul> Oldbury A-2	Gentilly 2 Oldbury A-1 Wylfa 2	Garoña Crystal River 3 Kewaunee SONGS 2 & 3	Fukushima I-5&6 Vermont Yankee

# Nuclear power $\equiv$ electricity production



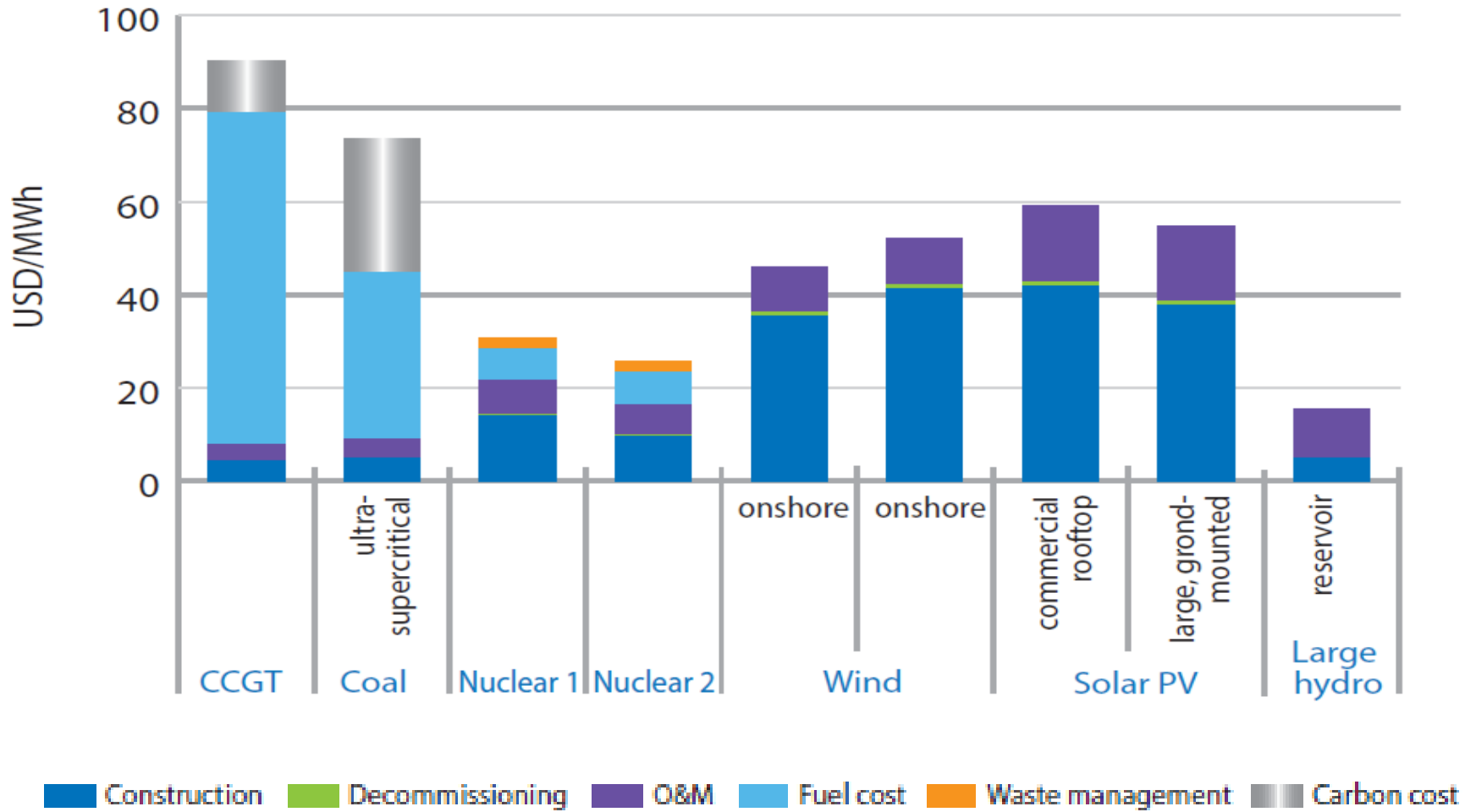
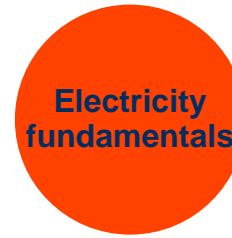
- Nuclear power closely linked to
  - Availability & cost of other power generation options
  - Electricity industry structure (traditional vs markets)
  - Nuclear business model and role of government
- New nuclear build in traditional electricity approach where nuclear has relative value
- Little new nuclear (and closures) in electricity markets and where nuclear has low relative value

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## Electricity fundamentals

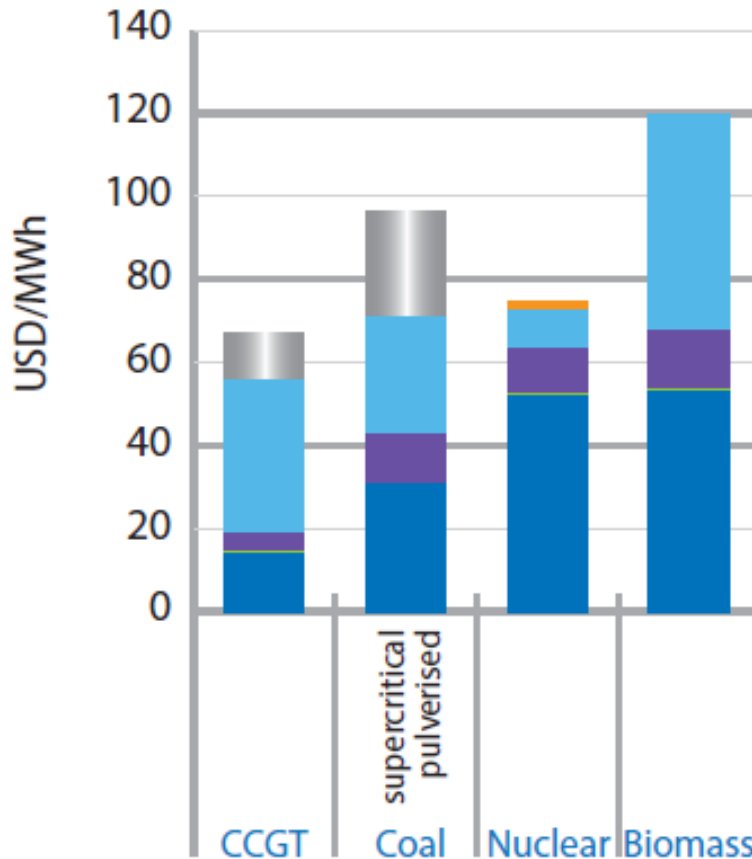
- Electricity system
  - Long-term investments
  - Real-time dispatch
  
- Value of nuclear electricity
  - Linked to other generation options
  - Availability of alternate fuels is key

# China



Source: Figure 4.21; OECD Generating Costs 2015, LCOE - China; 3% discount rate





**EIA / AEO 2015**

- CCGT \$64.4 - \$66.3
- Coal \$95.6
- Adv. nuclear \$96.1
- Biomass \$102.6

Construction Decommissioning O&M Fuel cost Waste management Carbon cost

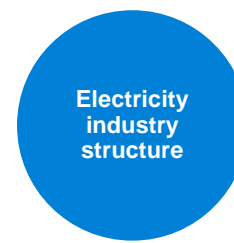
Source: Figure 4.19; OECD Generating Costs 2015, LCOE – United States; 7% discount rate

# Electricity industry structure



Electricity  
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structure

- Traditional
  - Government-owned electricity sector
  - Investor-owned regulated utility
  - Cooperatives
  
- New - electricity markets

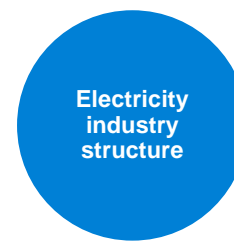


- Traditional electricity industry approach – regulated/government utilities plan and build a portfolio of generation units to:

**minimize long-term total cost** of electricity

- New market-based electricity industry approach - electricity markets manage system dispatch to

**minimize short-term marginal cost** of electricity



- Short-term

- Prices vary hourly/daily/monthly
- Decisions by multiple parties
- No spot market revenue for key nuclear attributes

- Long-term

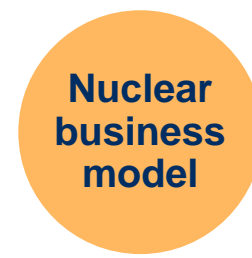
- Fuel costs (e.g., shale gas)
- Technology shifts (e.g., CCGT; renewables)
- Policy/subsidy actions (e.g., renewable mandate)

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## Nuclear business model

- Traditional
  - Government or regulated utility
  - IPP with power contracts
  - Energy user cooperatives
  
- New - merchant nuclear

# Revenue certainty key to new nuclear



- Traditional approaches to electricity industry cover nuclear project/market risk
- Long-term PPA may be feasible
- Merchant nuclear approach difficult
  - Multiple approaches for revenue adequacy/certainty
  - Power contracts add revenue certainty
  - Project design/operation flexibility for market risk
  - Careful analysis of project economics needed

# Uncertain electricity market revenue

Nuclear  
business  
model



- Future electricity market revenue hard to predict
  - Market simulations with range of assumptions (entry/exit, fuel prices, demand, market rules, etc.)
  - Micro issues and macro issues
  - Scenarios to reflect major uncertainties
  - Bilateral power markets harder to predict
- Nuclear time-lines make this even more difficult
  - Revenue starts at COD (~10 years after project start)
  - Project operates for 60 years (or more)

# Nuclear capacity forecasts



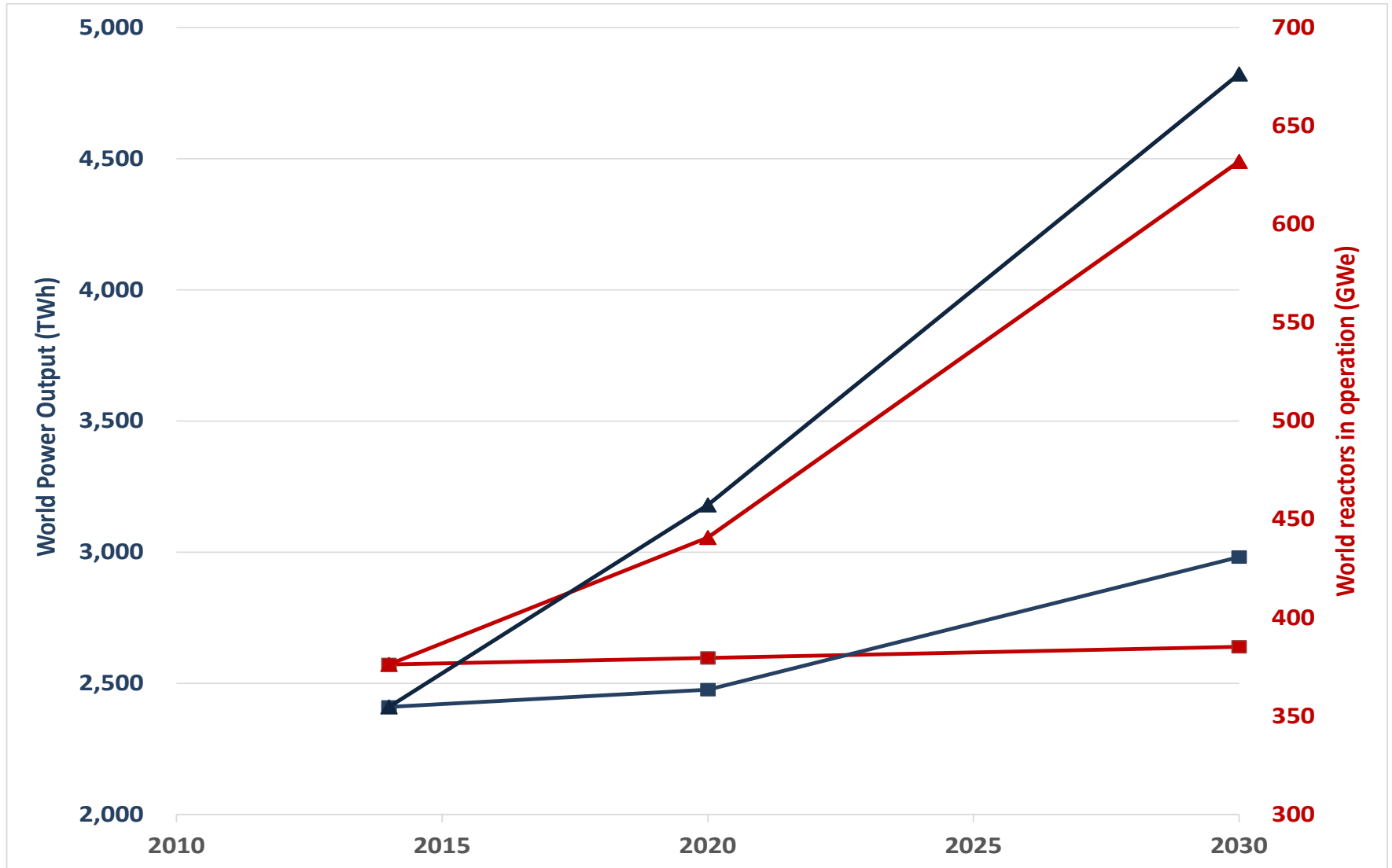
## Nuclear capacity forecasts

- IAEA 2015 RDS-1
- WNA 2015 Nuclear Fuel Report
- How do these forecasts of nuclear capacity reflect the issues just covered?



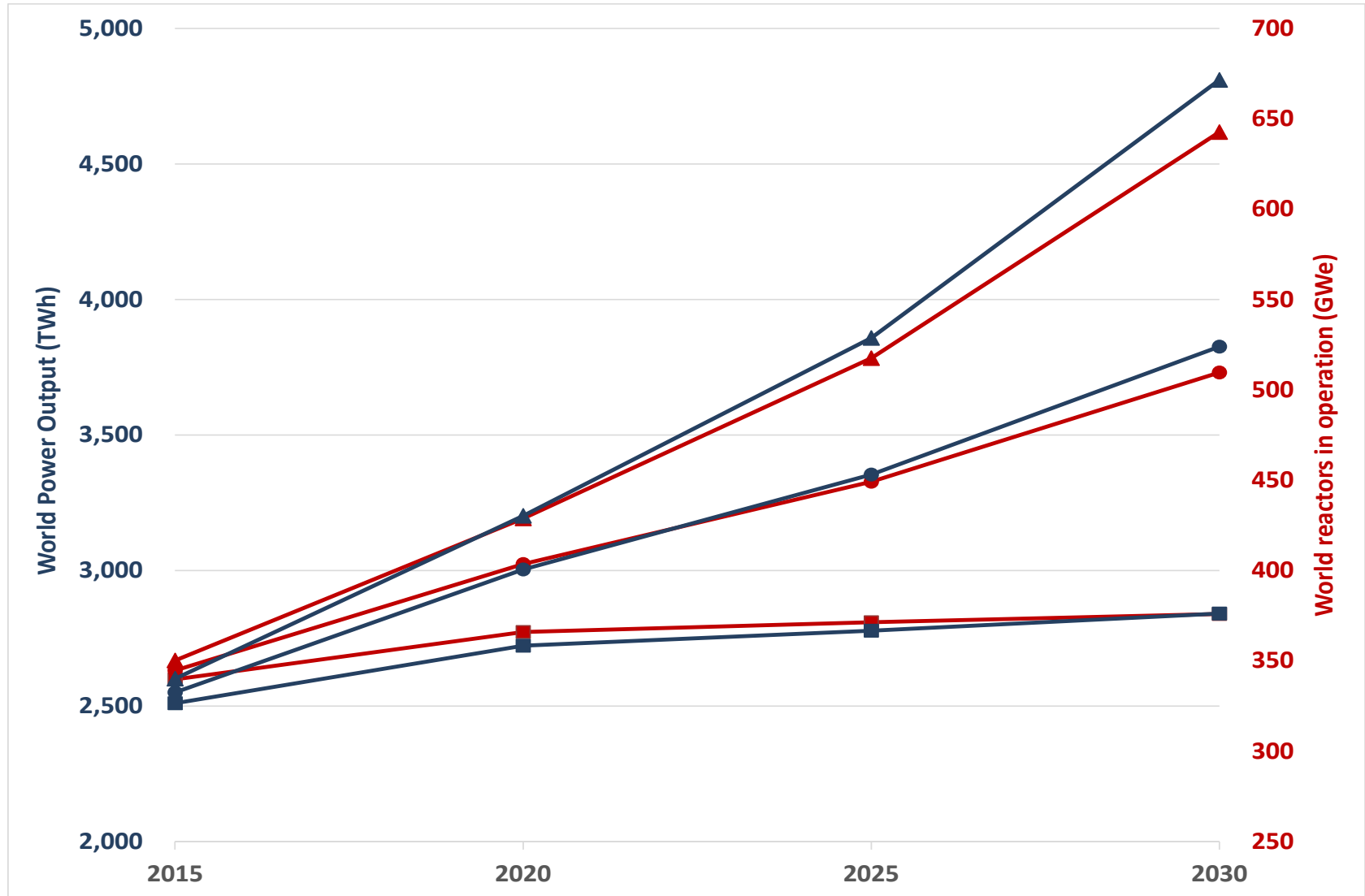
# IAEA 2015 RDS-1

Nuclear capacity forecasts



# WNA 2015 Nuclear Fuel Report

Nuclear capacity forecasts



# 2020 IAEA GW increase from 2014



	<b>Low</b>	<b>High</b>
<b>Far East</b>	<b>+ 11.6</b>	<b>+ 35.8</b>
<b>Eastern Europe</b>	<b>+ 5.5</b>	<b>+ 13.0</b>
<b>Middle East and South Asia</b>	<b>+ 5.1</b>	<b>+ 10.5</b>
<b>North America</b>	<b>- 3.8</b>	<b>+ 6.1</b>
<b>Latin America</b>	<b>- 0.3</b>	<b>+ 1.0</b>
<b>Africa</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>SE Asia and Pacific</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Western Europe</b>	<b>- 14.7</b>	<b>- 1.8</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>+ 3.4</b>	<b>+ 64.6</b>

# 2020 WNA GW increase from 2015



	Lower	Reference	Upper
China	+ 22.0	+ 25.3	+ 27.1
Asia	+ 13.3	+ 28.9	+ 41.3
Russia	+ 1.9	+ 2.9	+ 2.9
Other	- 1.0	+ 2.9	+ 3.4
Latin America	- 0.3	-	-
USA	- 4.1	+ 2.4	+ 5.0
Eastern Europe	-	-	+ 1.2
Canada	-	-	-
Europe	- 7.7	- 3.4	- 2.1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>+ 26.1</b>	<b>+ 58.8</b>	<b>+ 78.6</b>

# 2030 IAEA GW increase from 2014



	<b>Low</b>	<b>High</b>
<b>Far East</b>	<b>+ 44.7</b>	<b>+ 131.9</b>
<b>Eastern Europe</b>	<b>+ 14.4</b>	<b>+ 43.8</b>
<b>Middle East and South Asia</b>	<b>+ 19.0</b>	<b>+ 36.9</b>
<b>North America</b>	<b>- 20.1</b>	<b>+ 27.6</b>
<b>Latin America</b>	<b>+ 2.0</b>	<b>+ 8.6</b>
<b>Africa</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>+ 4.6</b>
<b>SE Asia and Pacific</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>+ 4.0</b>
<b>Western Europe</b>	<b>- 51.0</b>	<b>- 1.7</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>+ 9.0</b>	<b>+ 255.7</b>

# WNA - 2030 GW increase from 2015



	Lower	Reference	Upper
China	+ 68.6	+ 98.4	+ 127.1
Asia	+ 21.4	+ 48.2	+ 67.8
Other	+ 7.9	+ 22.0	+ 52.6
Russia	+ 1.2	+ 6.3	+ 10.9
Eastern Europe	+ 1.2	+ 5.2	+ 4.8
Canada	- 1.0	-	+ 1.4
Latin America	- 1.5	+ 3.8	+ 9.6
USA	- 6.0	+8.7	+ 12.2
Europe	- 55.4	- 27.7	+ 6.2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>+ 36.1</b>	<b>+ 164.9</b>	<b>+ 292.5</b>

# Future of nuclear power



- Significant growth in some countries (e.g., China)
  - Strong role of government
  - Strong demand growth
  - High relative value for nuclear
- Electricity markets not good fit for nuclear
  - US merchant nuclear threatened
  - Market-based new nuclear really hard
- Climate change?
- Western Europe moving away from nuclear



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