

# Cleaner Power – Safer Climate



# THE CARBON BUDGET

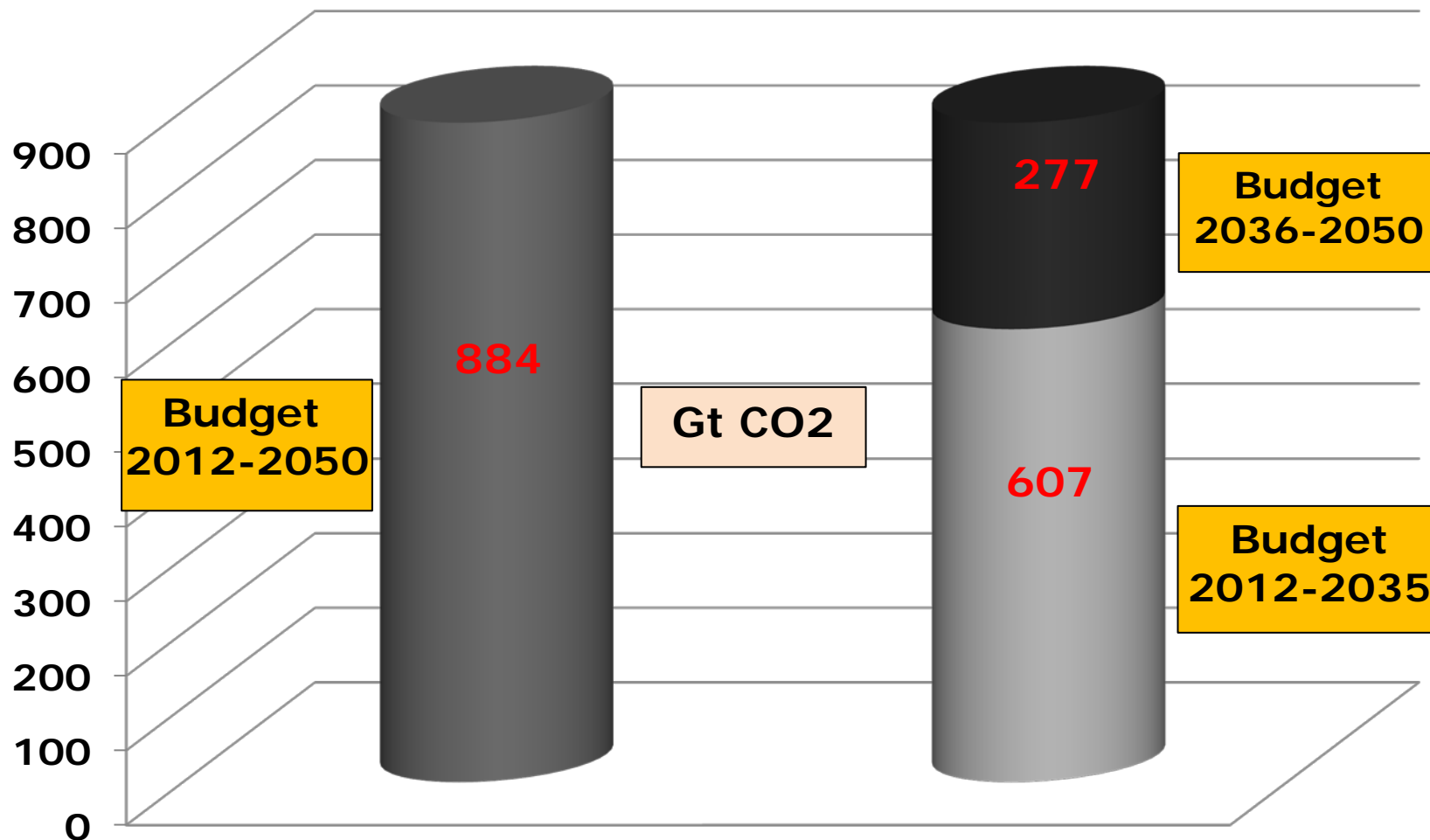
To prevent global temperatures from rising above any given level there is one cumulative budget for all future GHG emissions.

This is not an annual budget; it is a single budget for the future

**that we can spend only once.**

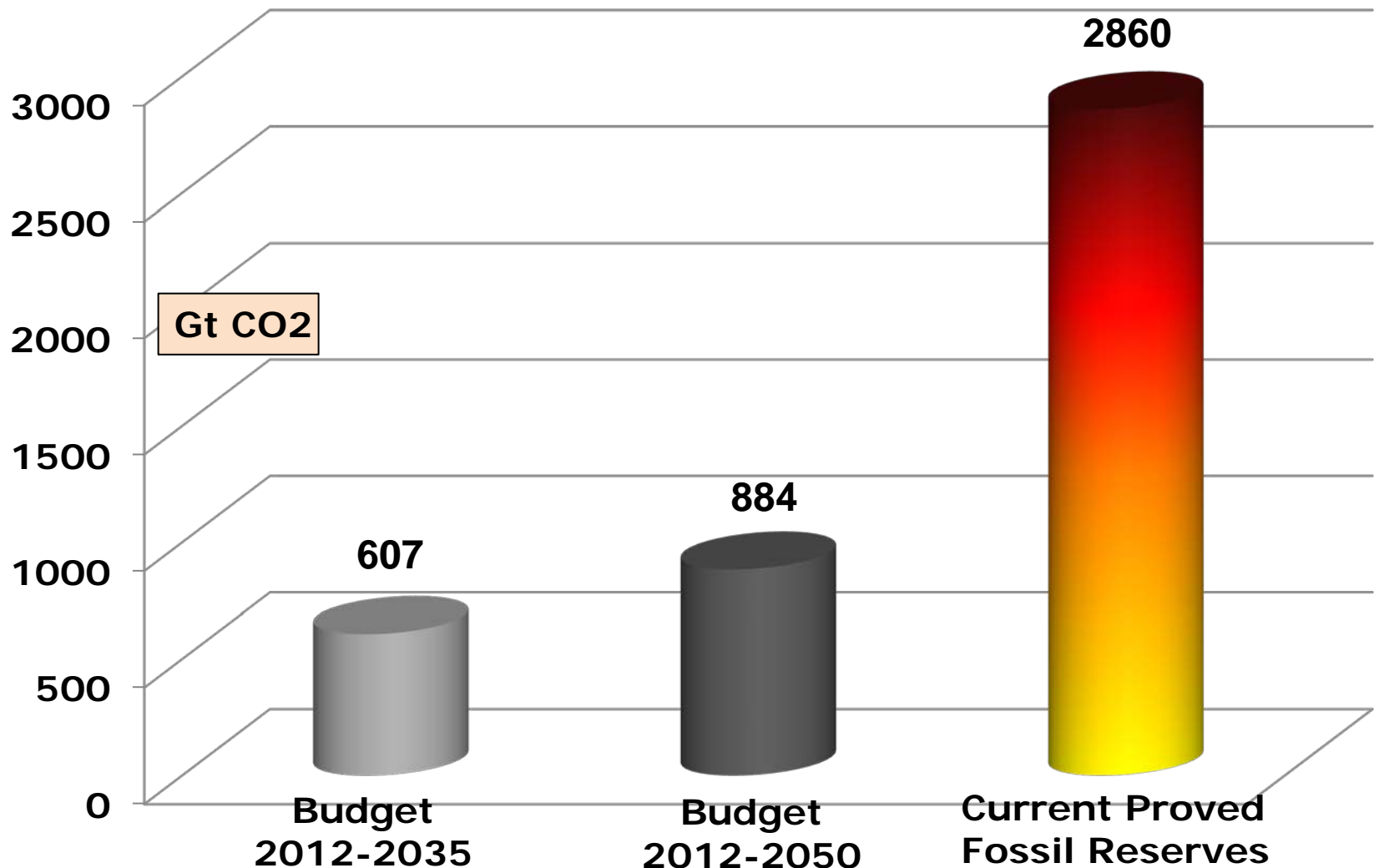
# IEA 2° Energy CO2 Budget

50% chance of exceeding 2°



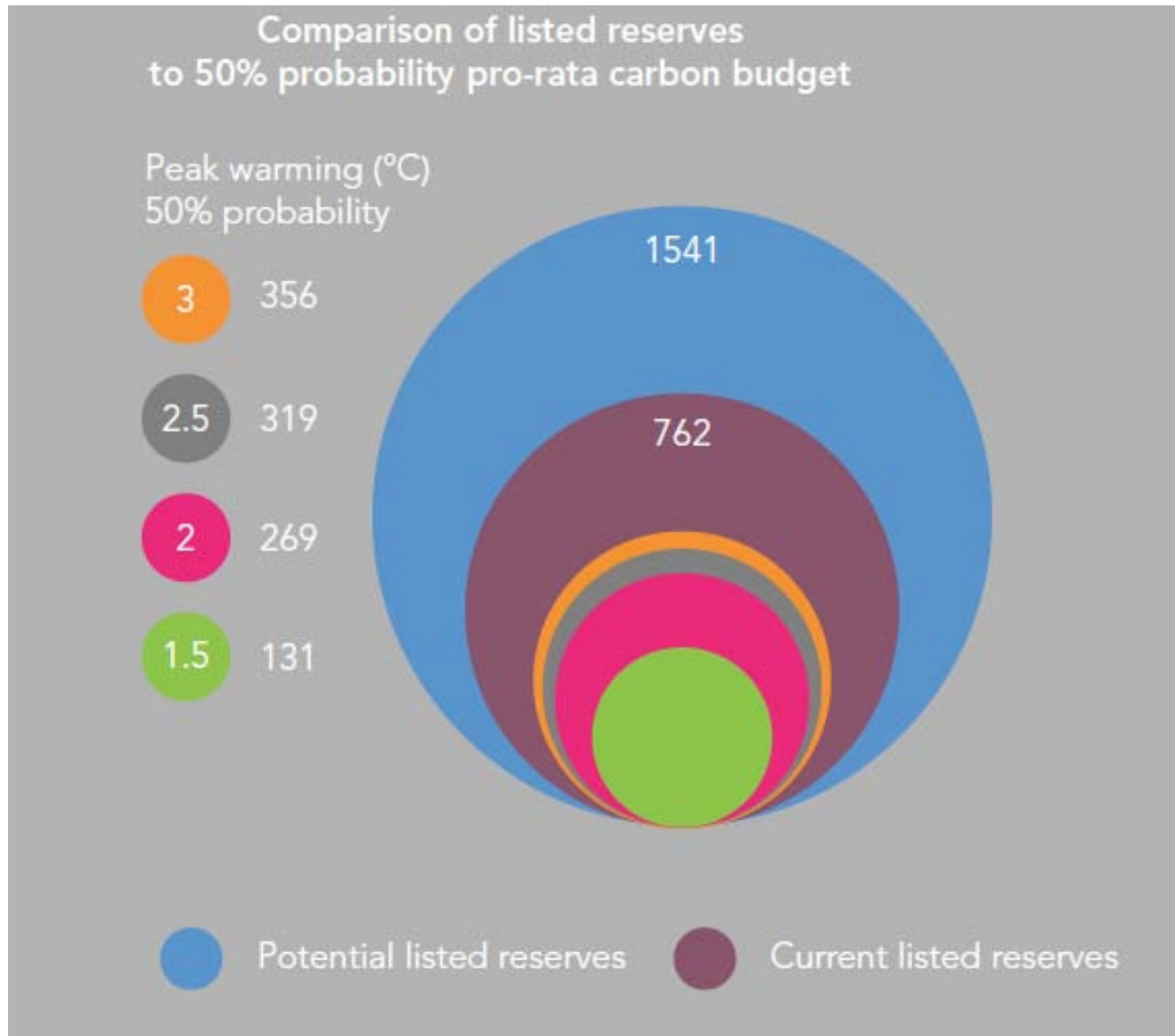
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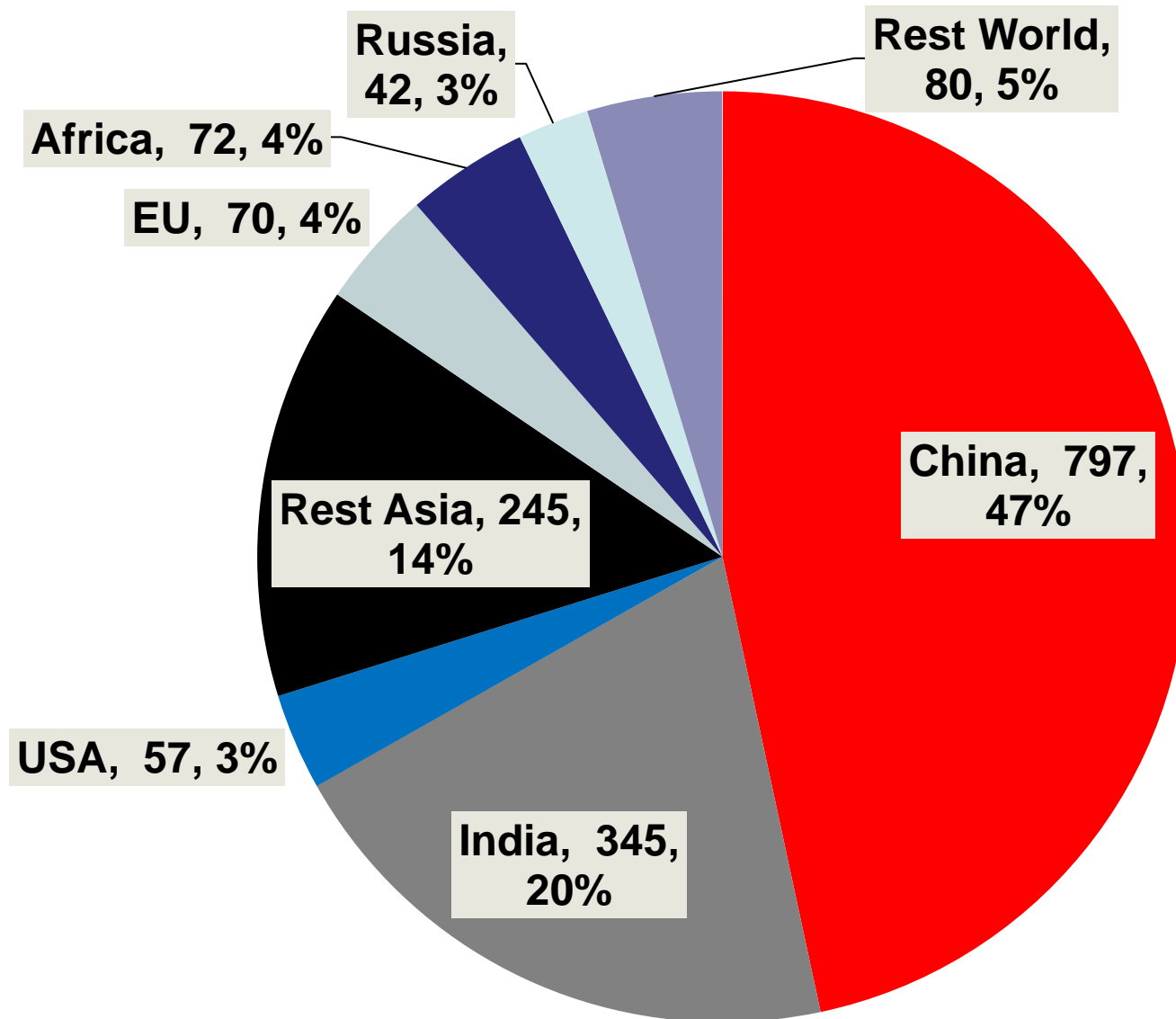


Source : Carbontracker.com, "Unburnable Carbon 2013"

# Lock-in from Coal Power

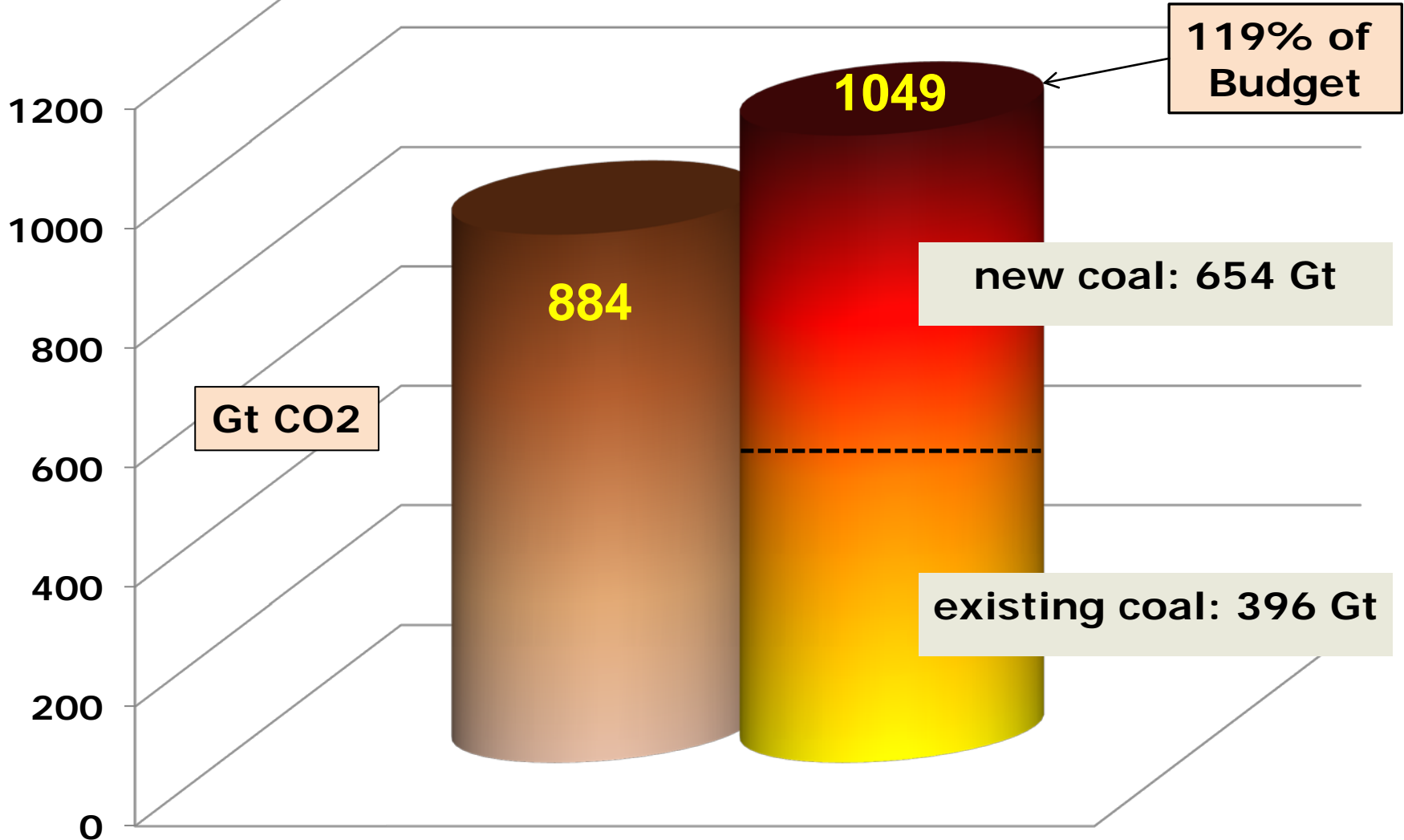
- Large budget lock-in from:
  - existing coal plants
  - and new planned coal plants

# New Coal Build 2012-2035: CPS (1709 GW)



Source: IEA, WEO 2012

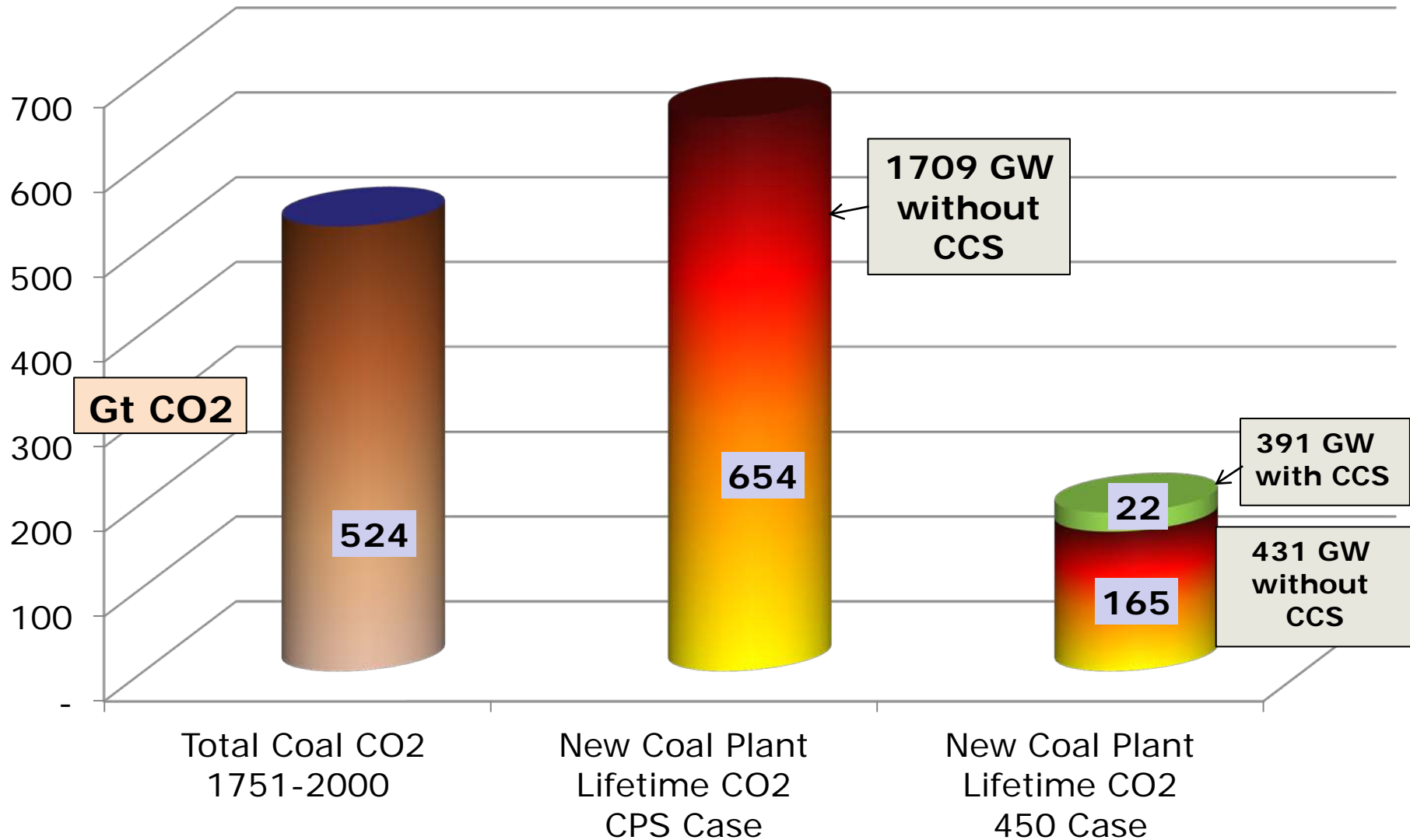
# Coal Power v. Carbon Budget



Based on IEA, WEO 2012

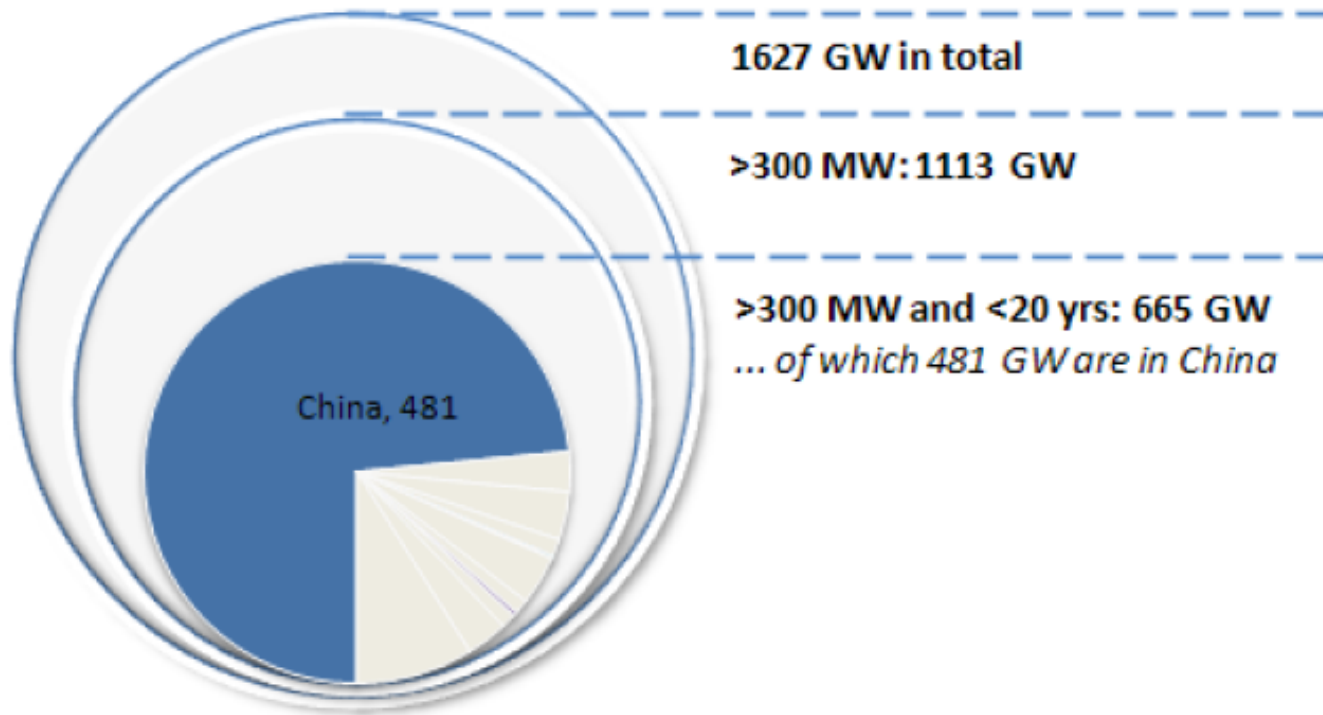


# Cutting CO2 Lock-in from New Coal



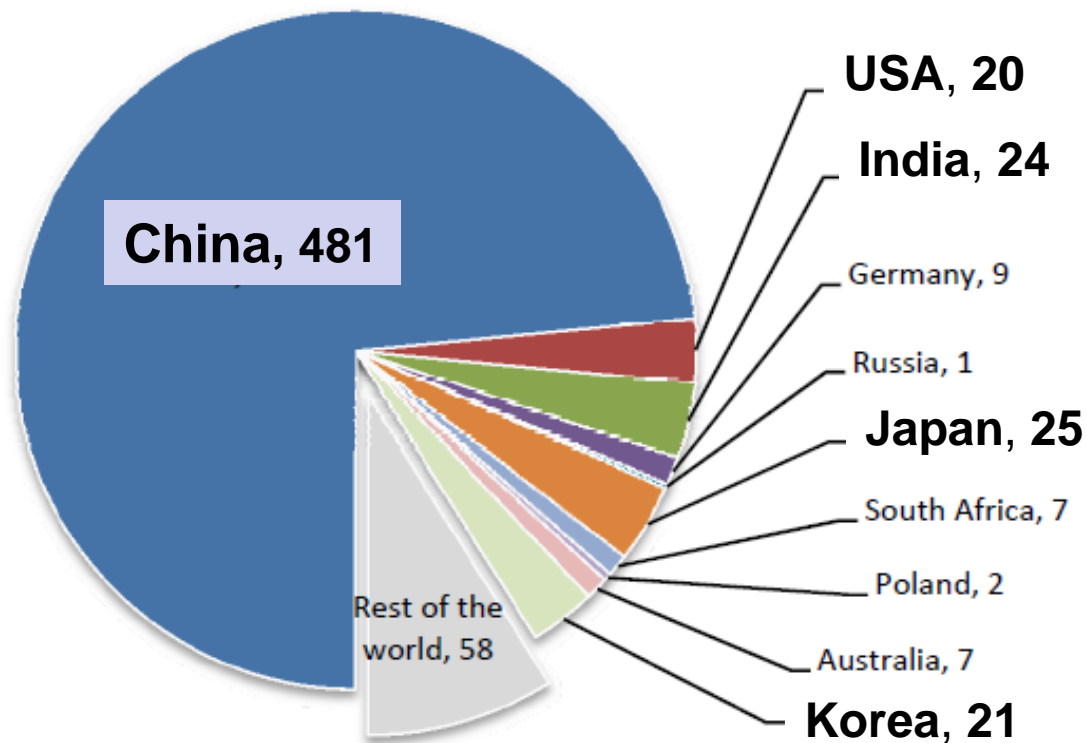
# Prime CCS Retrofit Candidates

**Figure 9 •** Installed total coal-fired power plant capacity in all countries and breakdown by age and capacity



# Prime CCS Retrofits by Country

**Figure 10 • Breakdown of young (<20 years) and large (>300 MW) coal-fired power plants**



# Carbon/Energy Impacts of CCS

- Cut CO<sub>2</sub> from new fossil sources
- Cut CO<sub>2</sub> from existing sources pre-retirement
- Create space in the budget for easier transition away from oil.
- Reduce bio-energy pressure on forested lands

# Proposed CO2 Stds – New Power Plants

- New NGCC: 1000 lbs/MWh
- New Coal: 1000-1100 lbs/MWh
- Coal limit based on use of partial CCS
- CAA does not require EPA to show a technology is in commercial use at current power plants.
- EPA estimates LCOE of coal with partial CCS: 20% more than SCPC w/out EOR; +/-5% with EOR sales  
(SCPC: \$92; SCPC+CCS (no EOR): \$110; SCPC+CCS+EOR: \$88-96; Nuclear: \$107)

# CO<sub>2</sub> Standards for *Existing* Plants

- 2.4 billion tons CO<sub>2</sub> from existing plants each year
- Clean Air Act requires CO<sub>2</sub> standards for existing plants (Section 111(d))
- EPA sets performance standards; states implement through SIPs
- Proposal 6/14; Final 6/15; SIPs due 6/16



## NRDC PROPOSAL: LARGE BENEFITS, LOW COSTS

**Pollution cuts:** 560 million tons less carbon pollution in 2020; twice the reductions from the clean car standards

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**Health protections:** up to 3,600 lives saved, and thousands of asthma attacks and other health incidents prevented in 2020 alone

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**Clean energy investments:** \$90 billion in energy efficiency and renewables investments between now and 2020

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**Low costs:** only \$4 billion in compliance costs in 2020

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**Large benefits:** \$25-60 billion value of avoided climate change and health effects in 2020

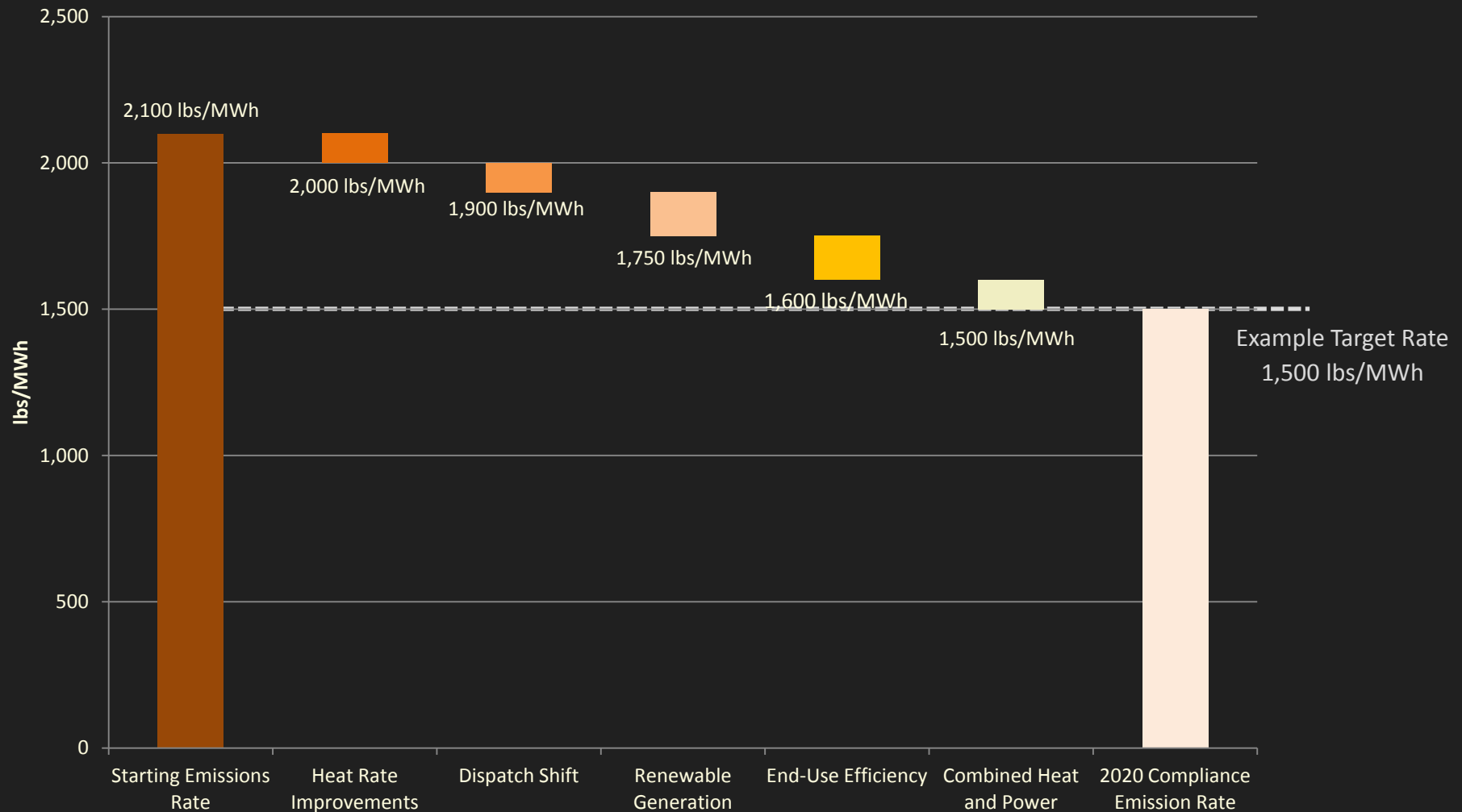
## POLICY DESIGN

# STRONG STANDARDS, MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY

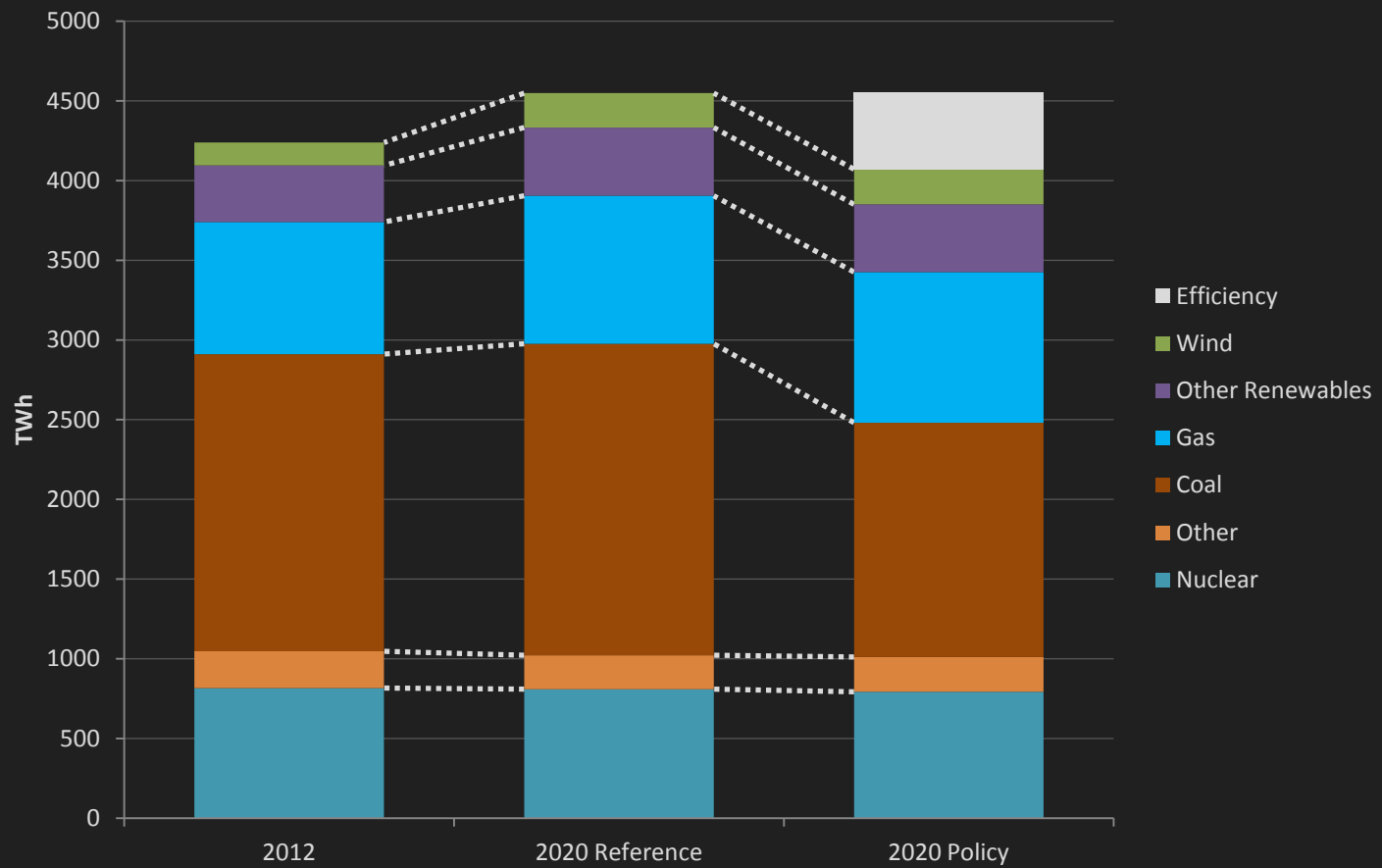
- **FAIR:** State-specific fossil-fleet average CO<sub>2</sub> emission rate standards
  - Different standard for each state, **recognizing differences** in baseline coal/gas generation mix
  - All **fossil fuel generators** within a state subject to same lbs/MWh standard in 2020 and 2025
- **FLEXIBLE:** Full range of emission reduction measures count
  - Reducing **heat rates** at individual power plants
  - Shifting **dispatch** from high-emissions to low-emissions units
  - Credit for incremental **renewables** and **energy efficiency**
  - States may **opt in to interstate** averaging or credit trading
  - States may adopt **alternative compliance plan** that achieves equivalent emission reductions



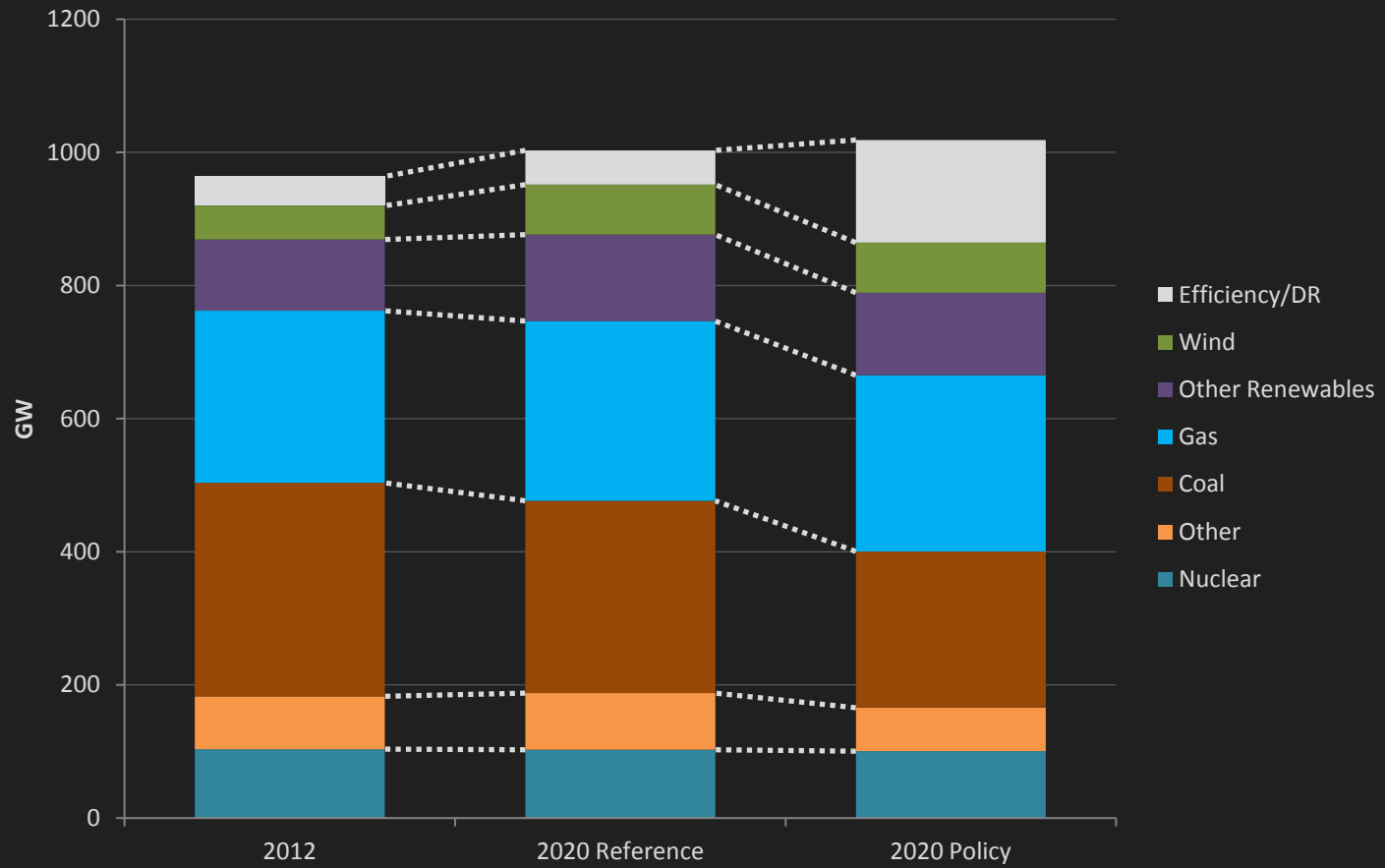
# FLEXIBLE COMPLIANCE OPTIONS



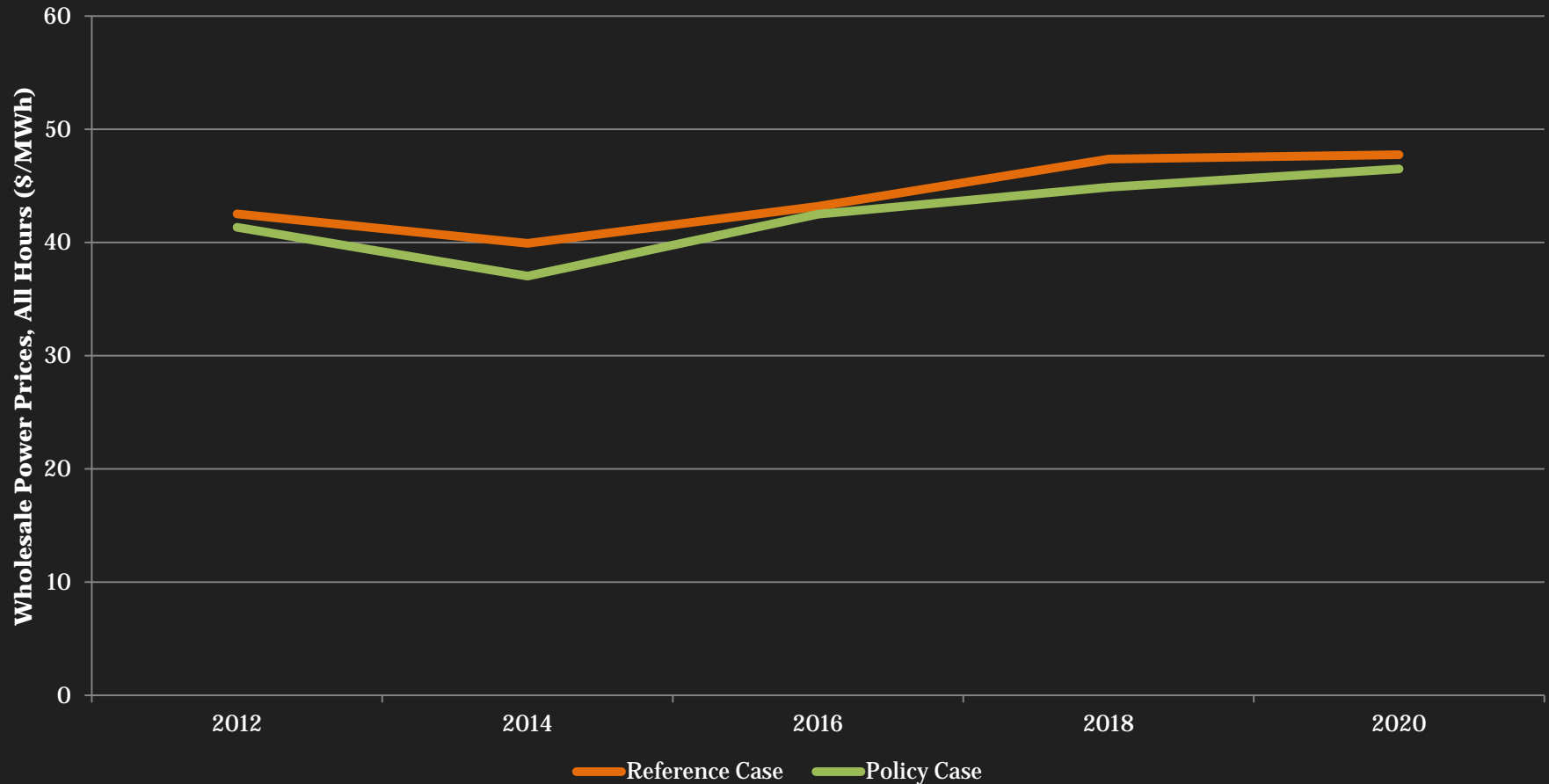
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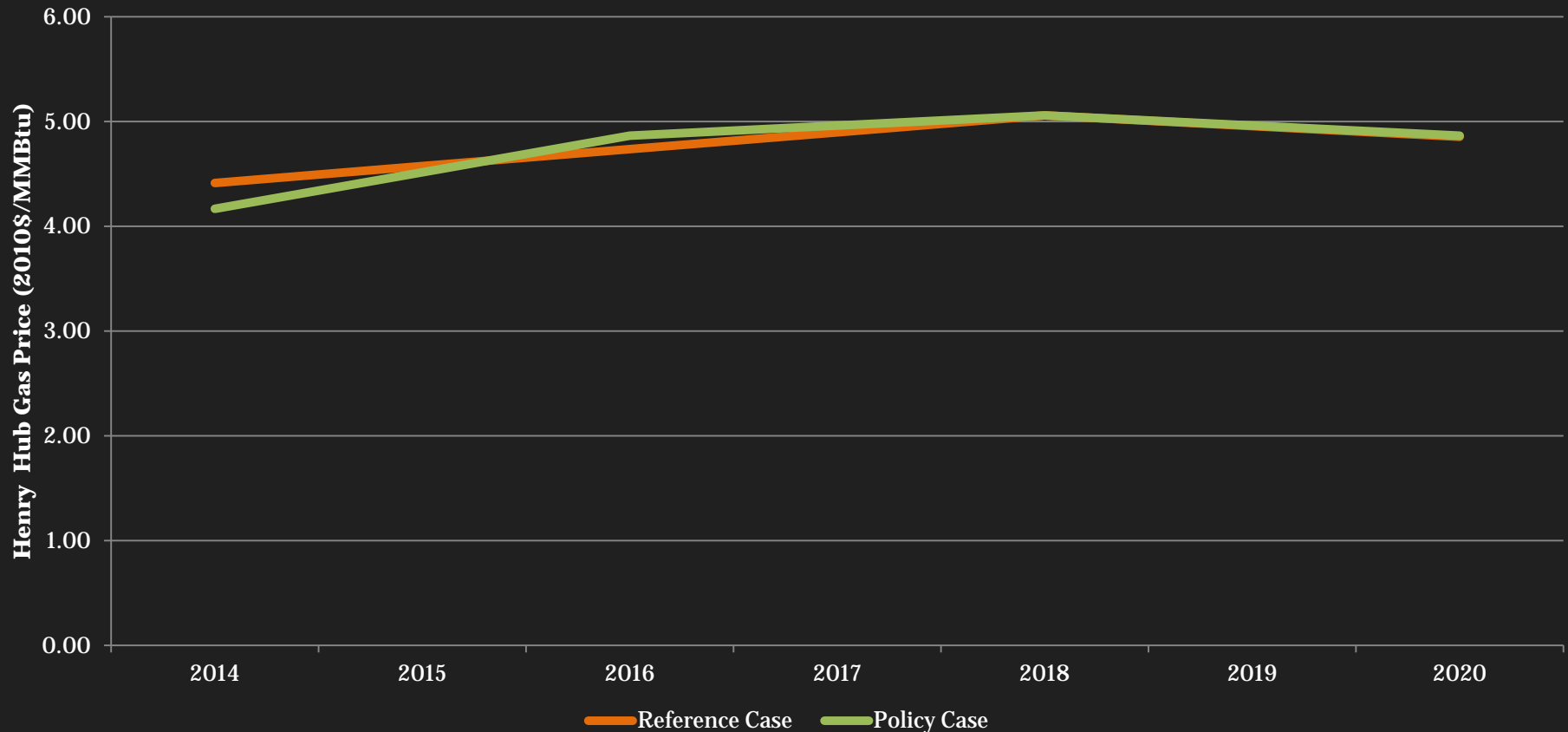


## COMPARATIVE WHOLESALE POWER PRICES FIVE-REGION AVERAGE (2010\$/MWh)



*Note: Generation-weighted average of PJM, Southeast (excluding Florida), MISO, NYISO, ISO-NE, accounting for 60% of national generation*

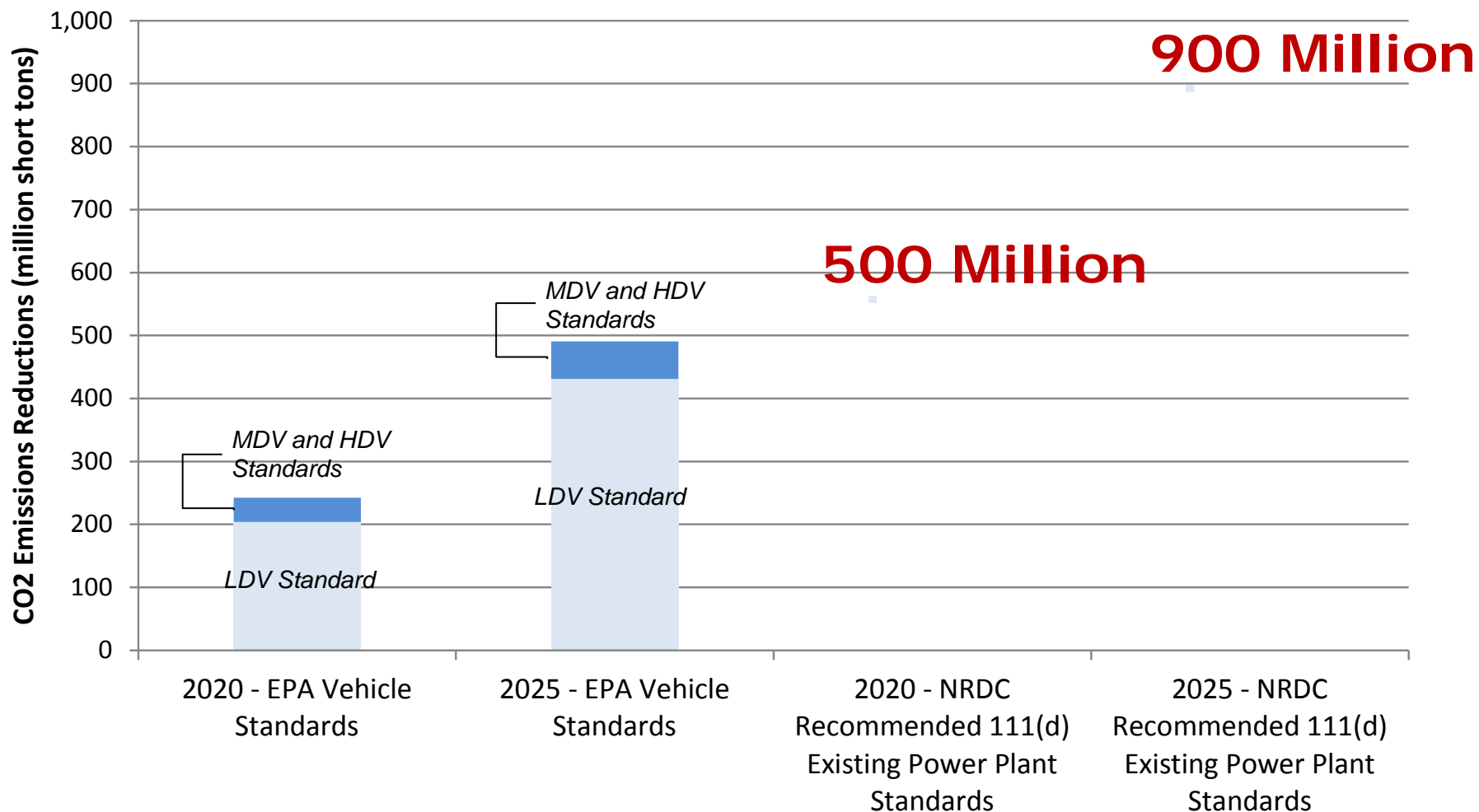
## COMPARATIVE HENRY HUB GAS PRICES NATIONAL AVERAGE (2010\$/MMBtu)



*Note: For the purposes of this assessment, natural gas prices are a projection of IPM based on assumed natural gas supply fundamentals and the power sector gas demand resulting from NRDC specified assumptions. Natural gas supply curves for the forecast years were developed based on the amount of resource available and the E&P*

# Potential Reductions from Power Sector

## ...Twice What's Being Achieved by Clean Car Standards

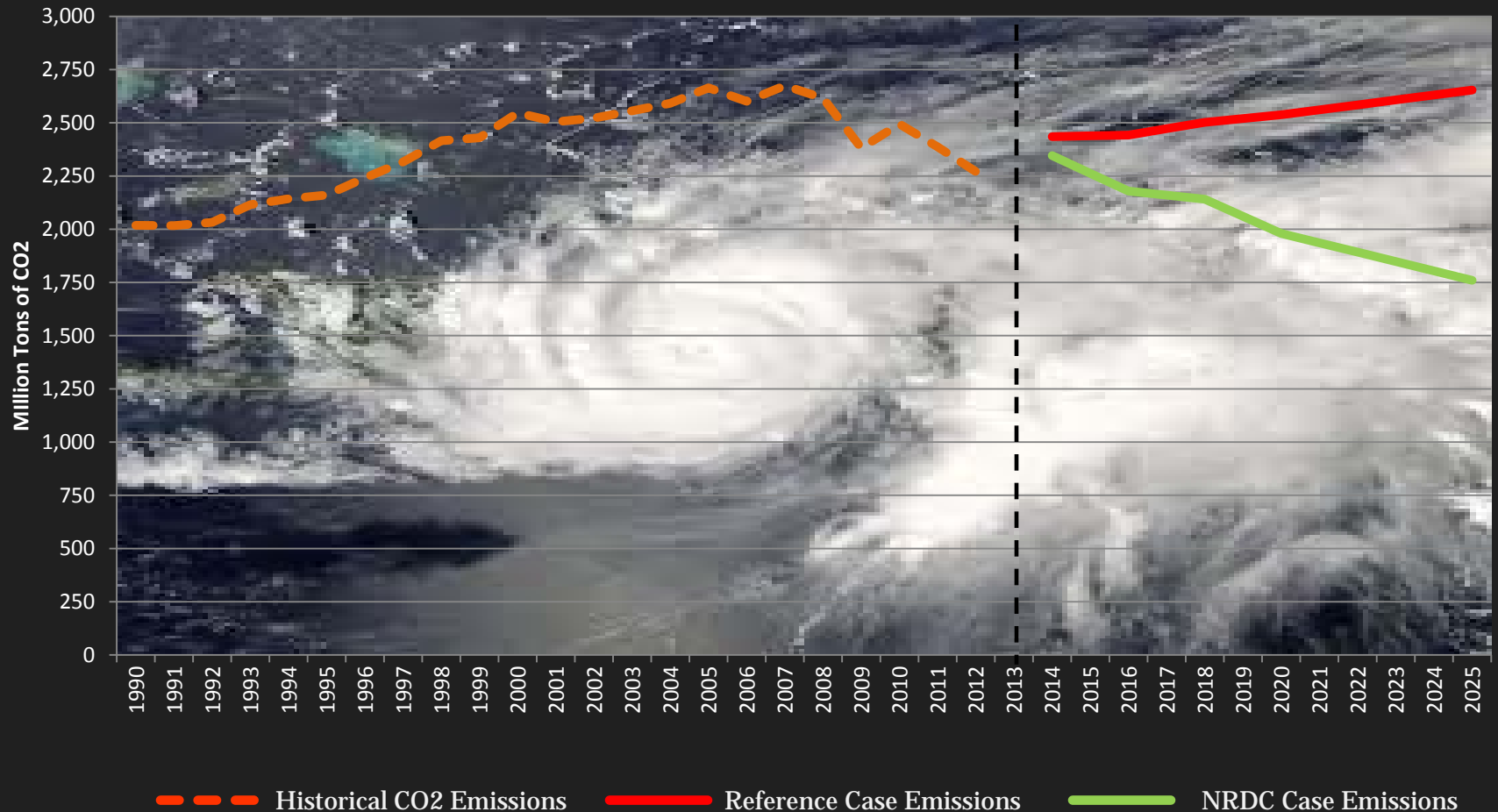


Note: The reductions shown are from BAU in the forecast years.

Sources: EPA/NHTSA rule documents at <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/climate/regulations.htm> and NRDC estimates.

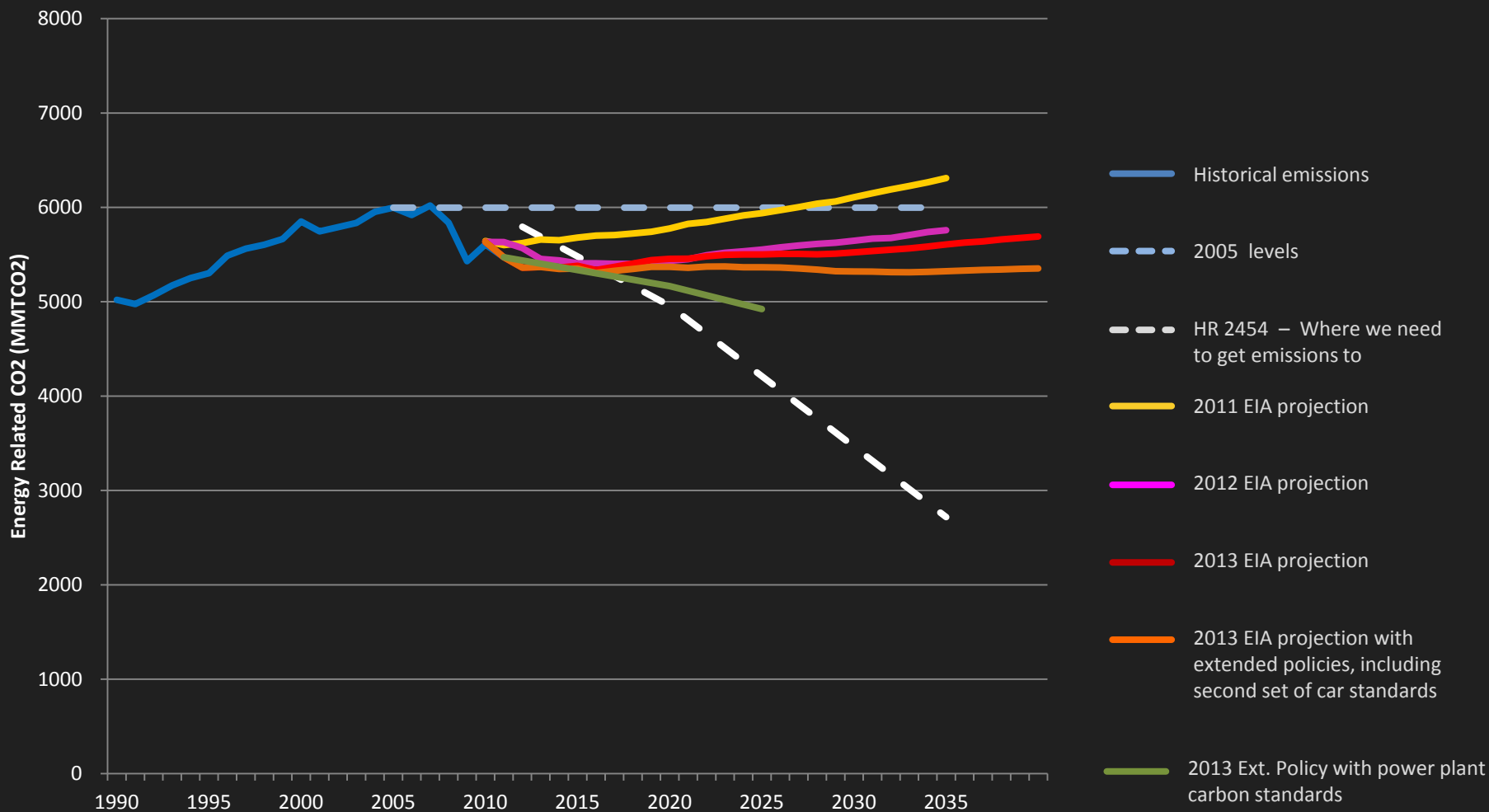
# LESS CARBON

## Historical and NRDC-Projected Power Sector CO2 Emissions



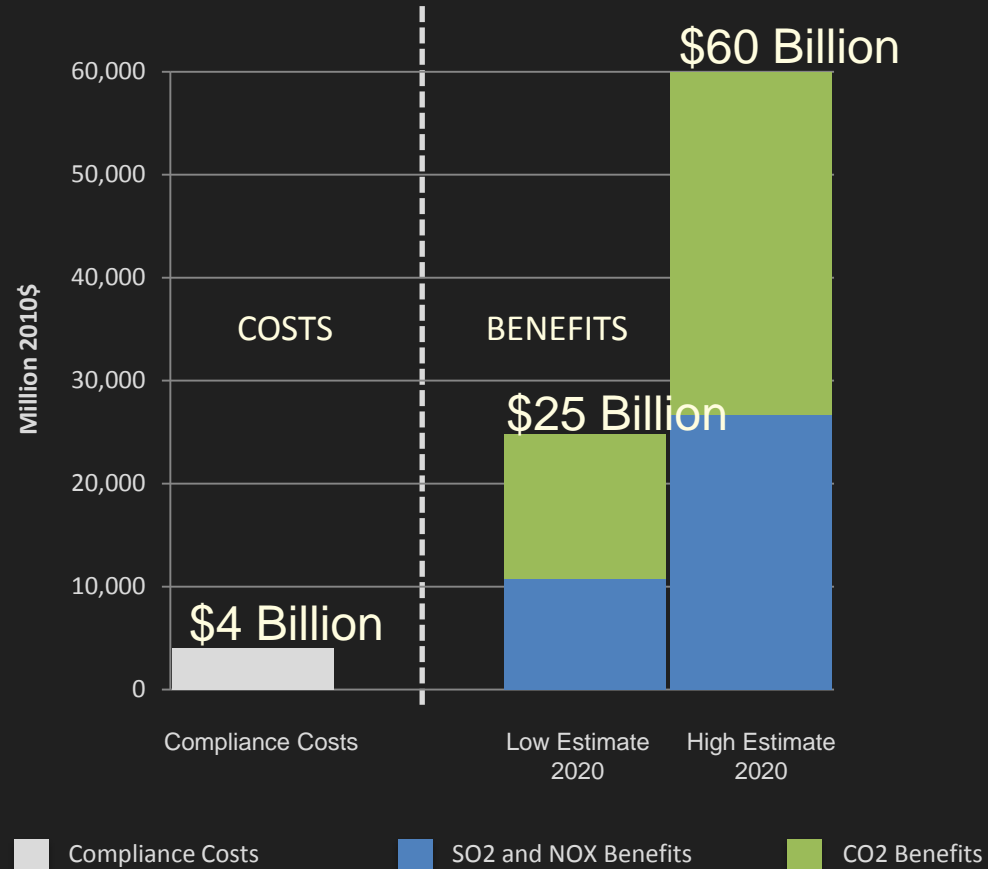
## STRONG STANDARDS MEAN HUGE EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS

**Car and Power Plant Standards Get Us Four-Fifths of the Way to President's 2020 Target  
(17% below 2005 levels by 2020 Reduction)**





# LARGE BENEFITS, LOW COSTS





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