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What is the future for gas?

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Recent experience

From Boom ...

- Growing demand
- Higher prices
- Strong levels of investment

... to Bust

- Falling demand
- Excess supply
- Lower spot prices
- Pullback in investment

What a difference 50 years makes

British Gas



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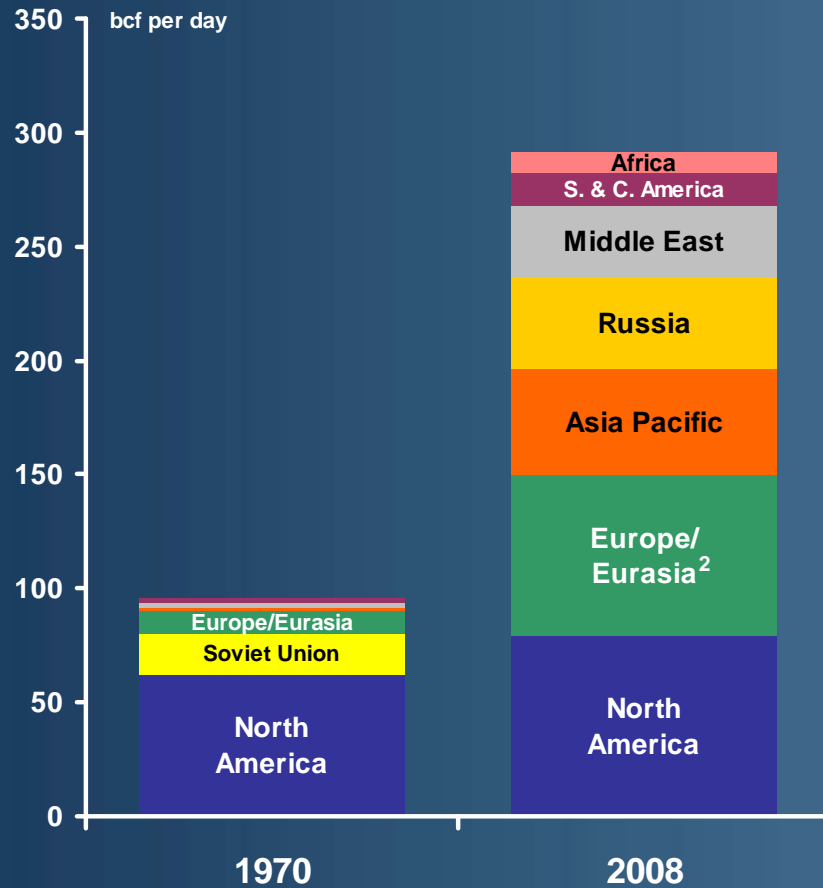
**British Gas Canvey Island LNG Terminal January 1959:
A World First: 'Methane Pioneer'
5,000 m³**



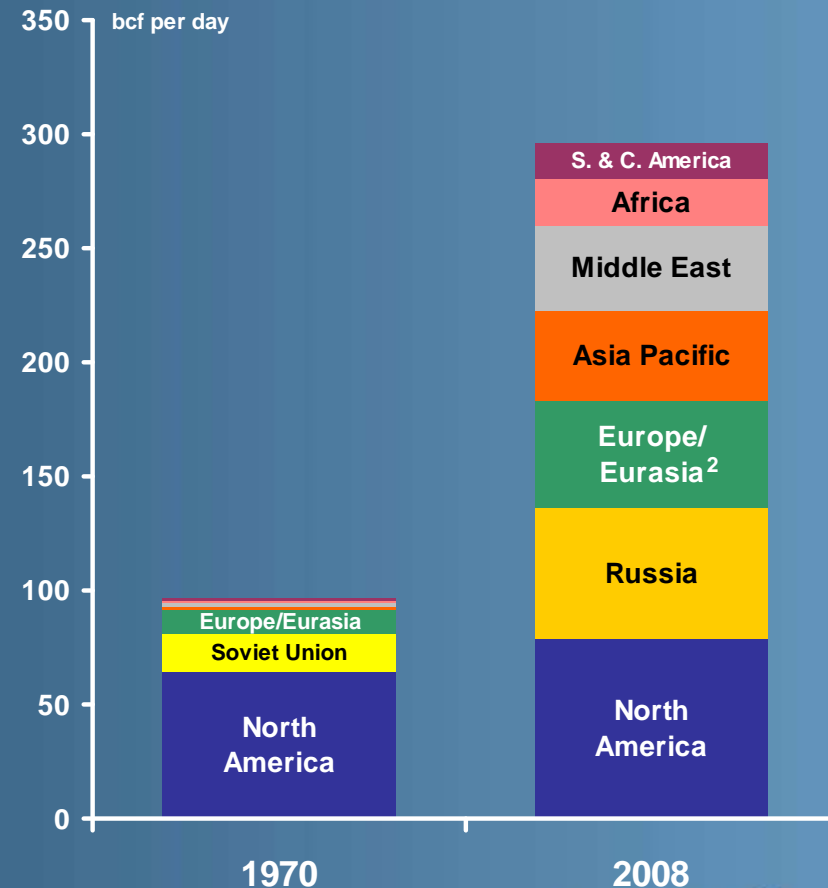
**British Gas Isle of Grain LNG Terminal November 2008:
A British First: 'Al Khuwair'
216,000 m³**

Globalisation of gas in the last 40 years

Global Gas Demand

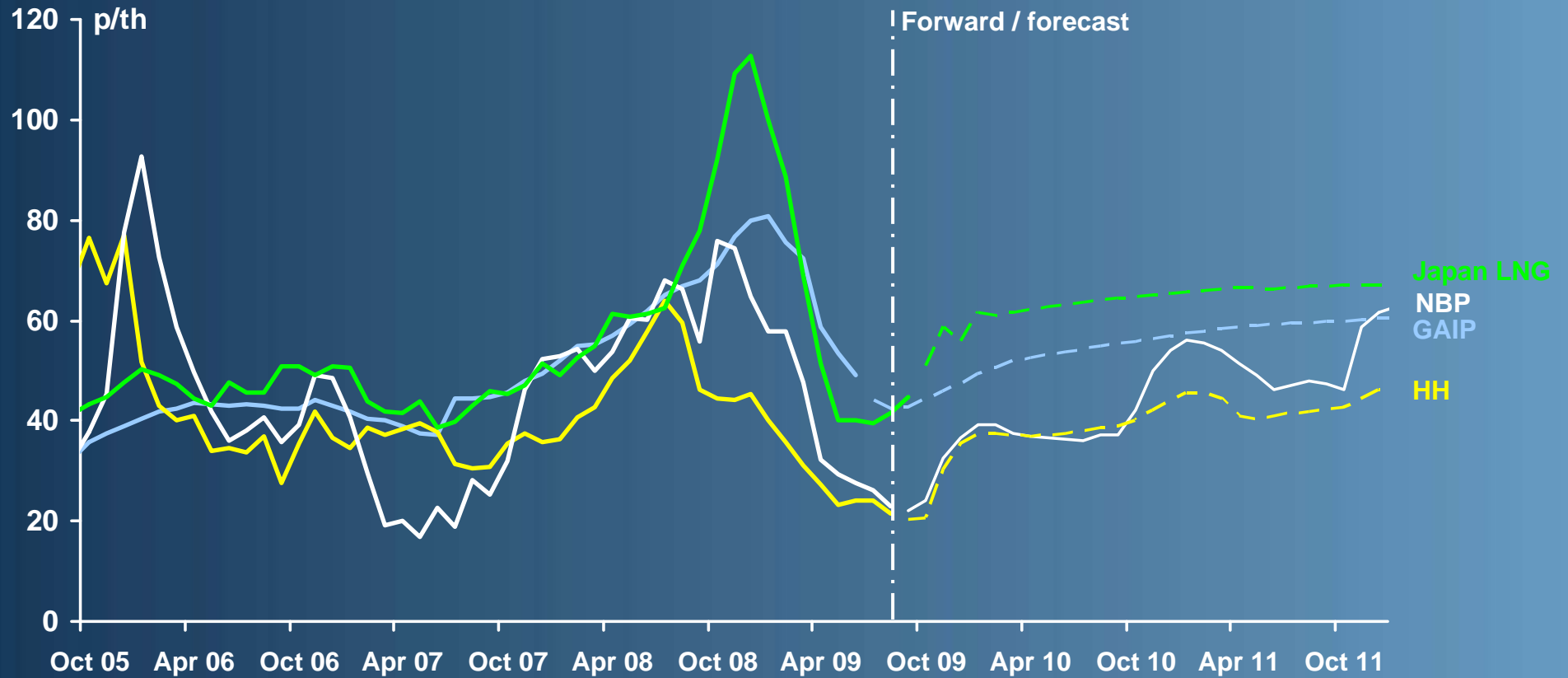


Global Gas Supply¹



Some signs of convergence but regional factors still influence price

Gas prices around the Globe (monthly)



The future of gas is uncertain – inflexion point

Scenario 1 “Do Nothing”

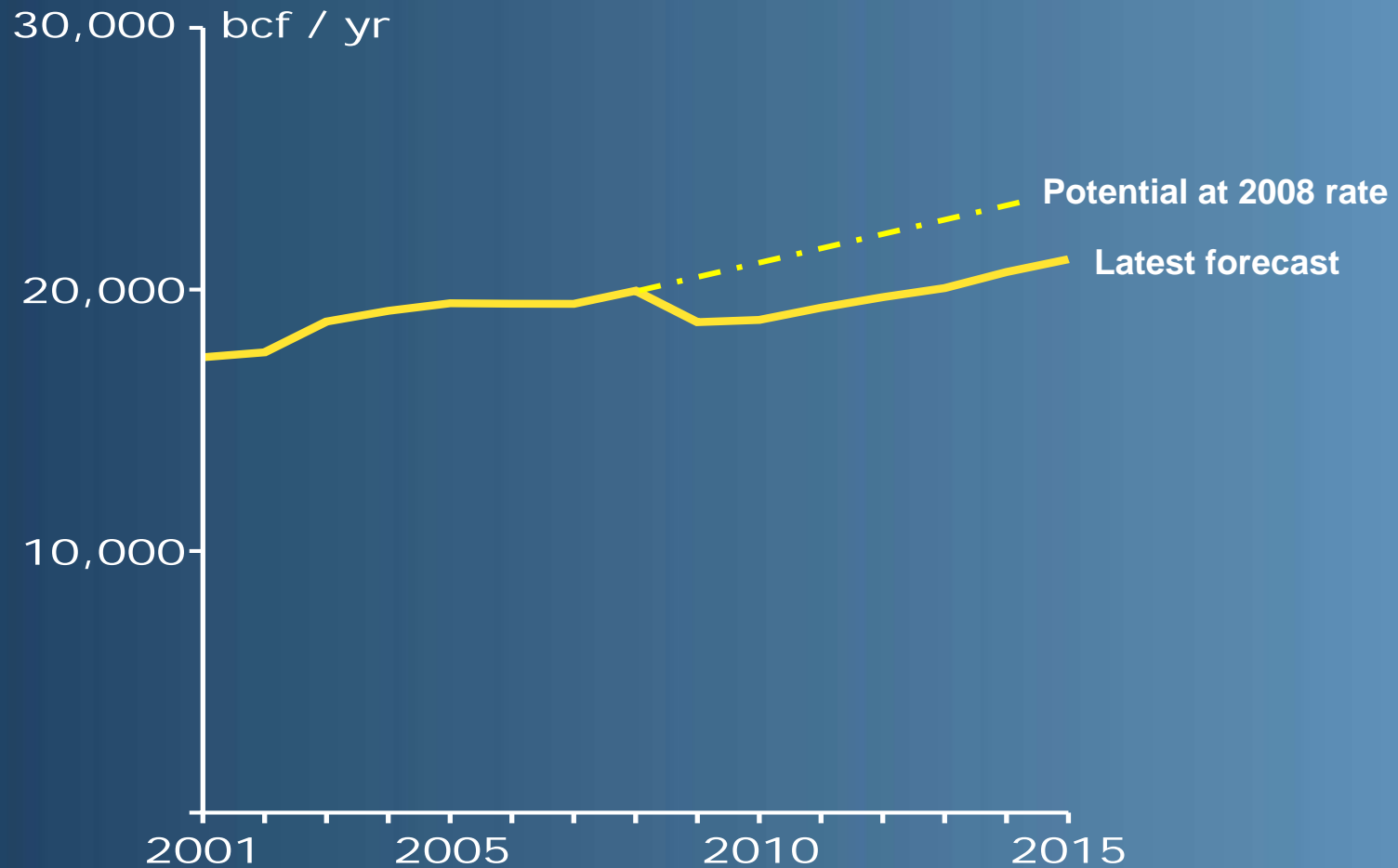
- Gas seen as unreliable
- Renewed calls for energy independence
- A continuing push toward renewable electricity
- Nuclear renaissance
- CCS investment
- More energy efficiency

Scenario 2 “Partnership”

- Gas key part of the solution to climate change
 - Switching from coal to gas generation
 - Back-up for wind generation
 - Technology driving combined heat and power in homes and businesses
- New relationships being forged between “demand holders” and “resource holders” to meet the challenges of energy security and climate change
 - Different partnerships along the value chain
 - New forms of co-investment

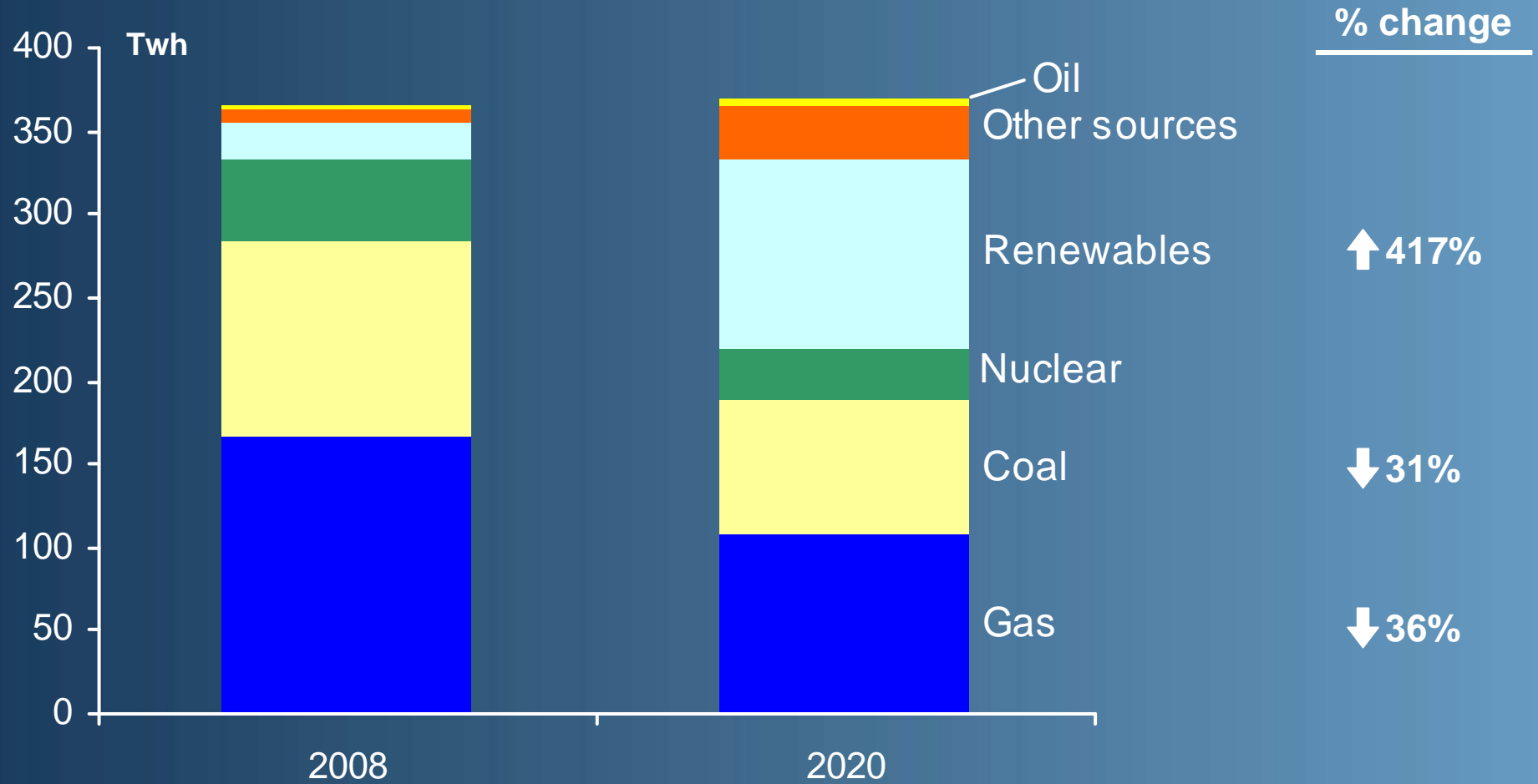
Scenario 1: Major fall in gas consumption in 2009, if unaddressed will take years to recover

European Gas Consumption

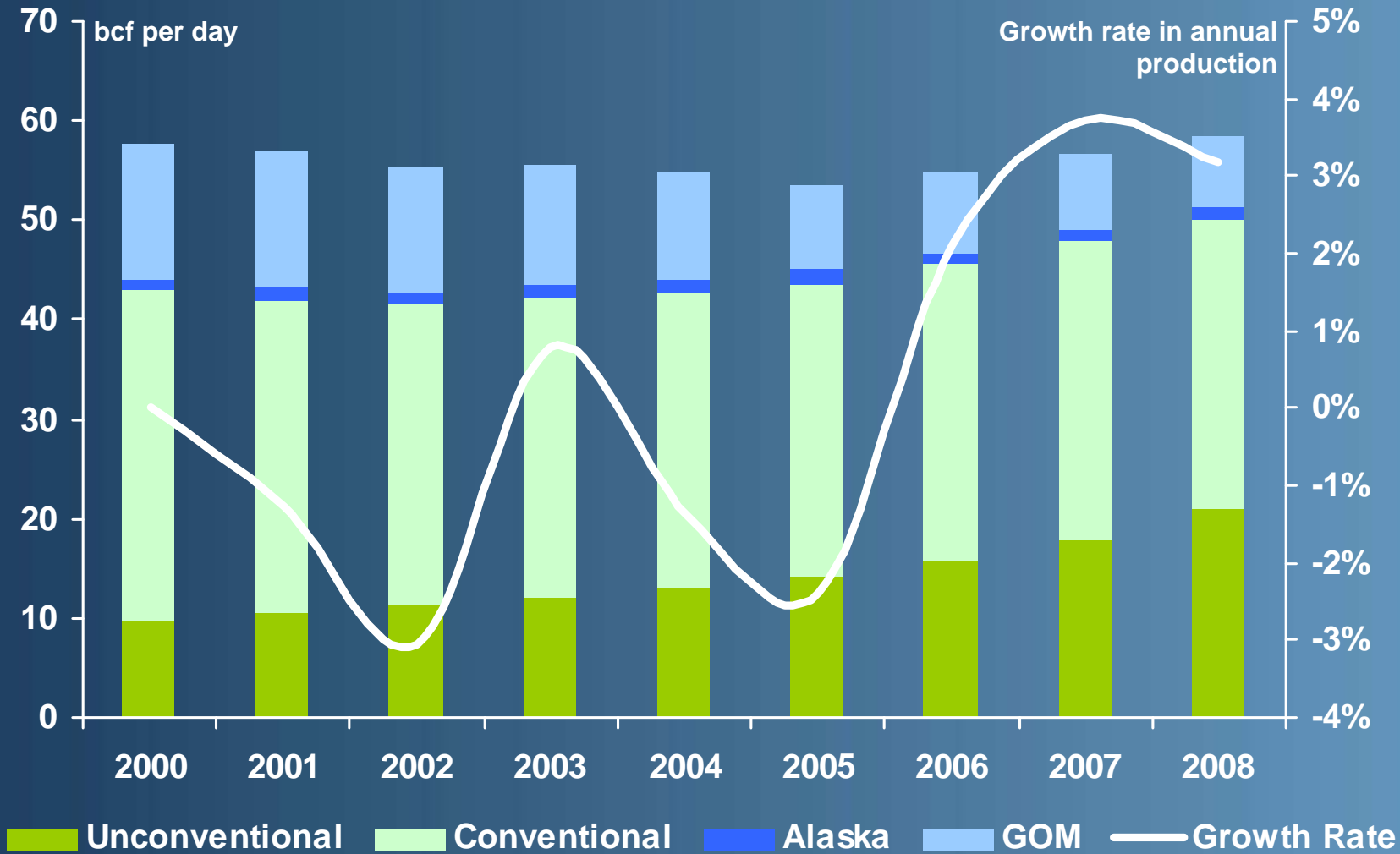


Scenario 1: Governments promoting investment in less carbon intensive generation (away from gas)

Potential generating output if UK government targets met



Scenario 1: Energy independence means investment in local sources, above foreign imported gas (1 of 2)

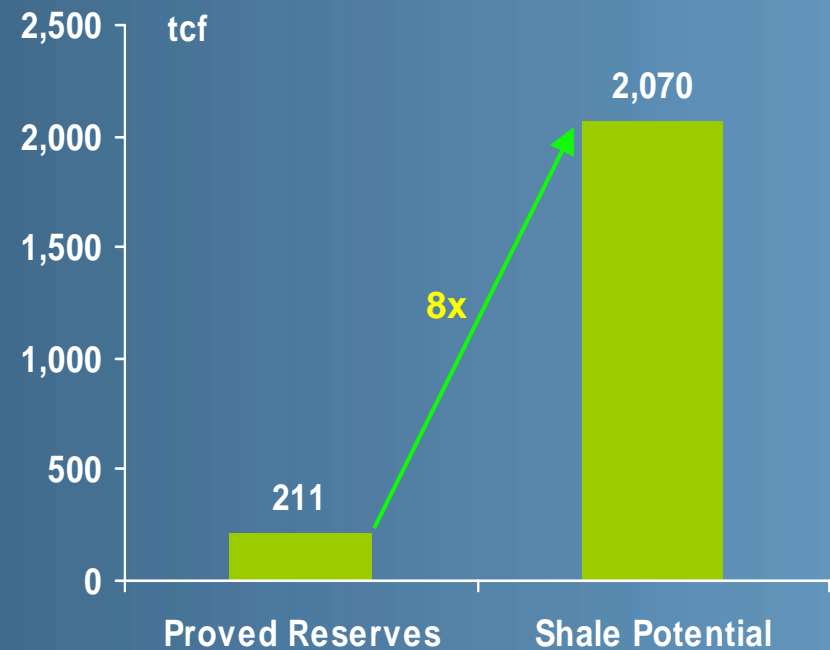


Scenario 1: Energy independence means investment in local sources, above foreign imported gas (2 of 2)

US Gas Supply Reserves

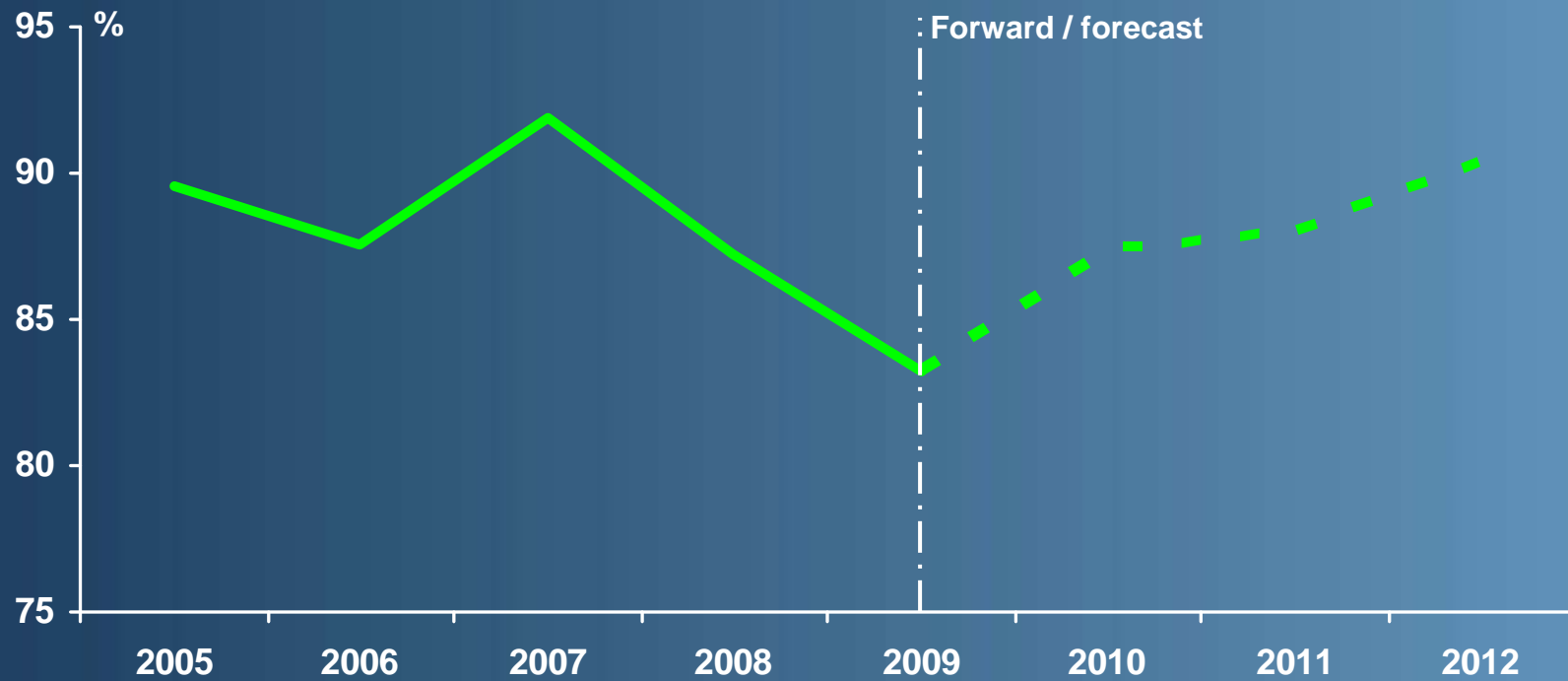


Unconventional Gas Reserves¹



Scenario 1: These factors, plus increased capacity, has led to an LNG supply overhang

Global LNG Capacity Utilisation

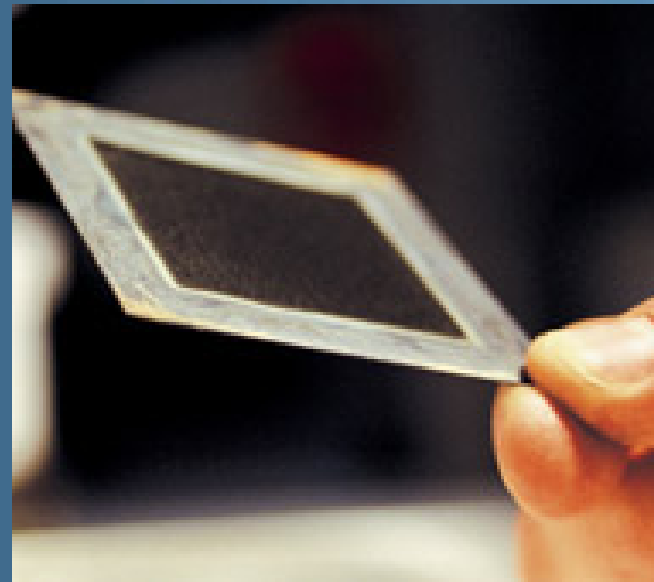


Scenario 2: Technology can power an increase in gas and lower CO2 emissions

Distributed Generation - Heat and Power

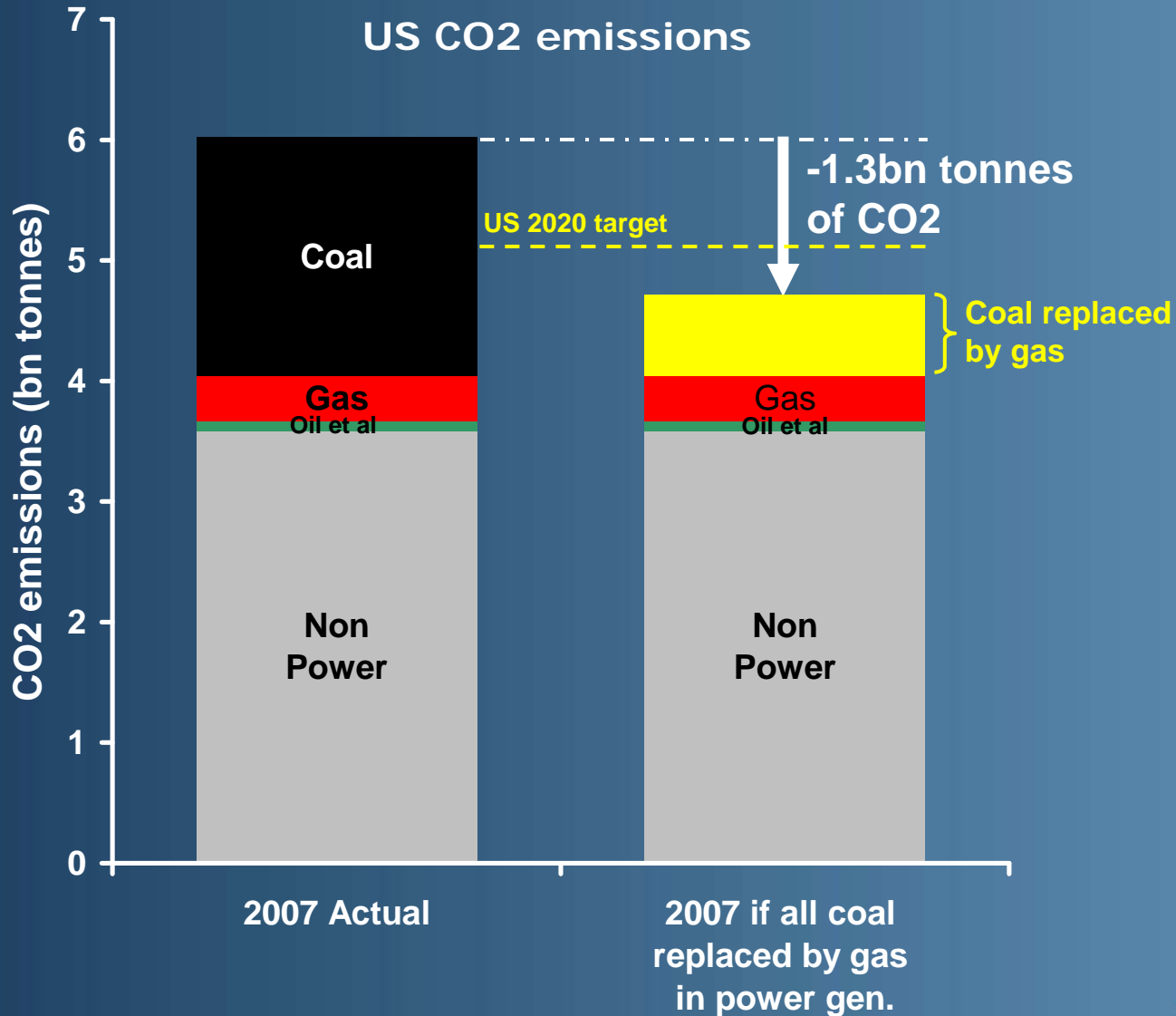


Stirling Engine



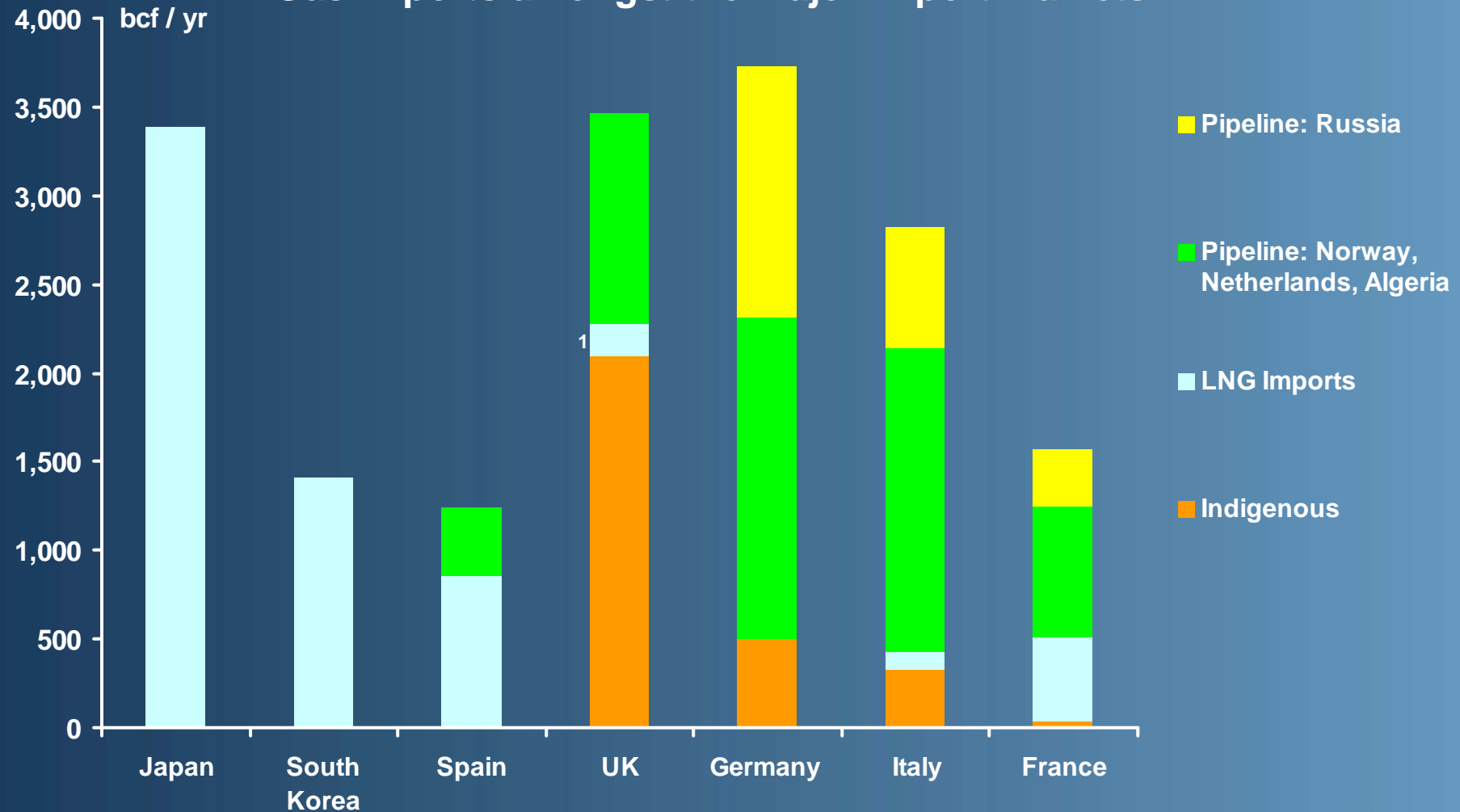
Solid Oxide Fuel Cells

Scenario 2: Replacing coal generation with gas could deliver US' CO2 reduction target

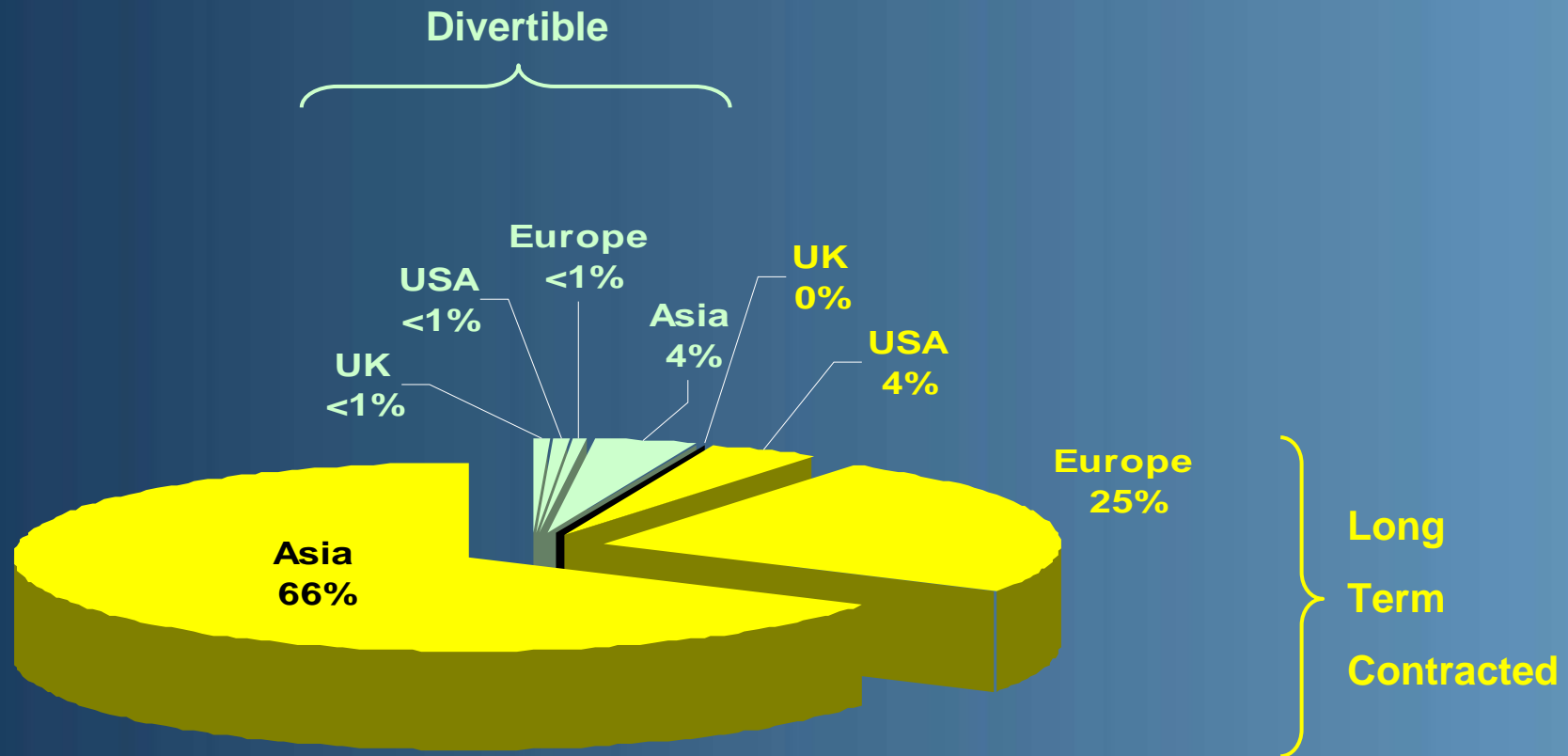


Major markets for gas will remain import dependent, developing these markets requires stronger partnership

Gas imports amongst the major import markets



Co-dependency of supply and demand key to develop global LNG infrastructure



Conclusion

**“Demand holders” and
“Resource holders” have to decide
whether gas will be the fuel of the
21st century**