

# WORLD ENERGY OUTLOOK

## Challenges & opportunities for renewables

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## ■ Foundations of global energy system shifting

- *Resurgence in oil & gas production in some countries*
- *Retreat from nuclear in some others*
- *Signs of increasing policy focus on energy efficiency*

## ■ Changing global energy map likely to have significant implications for competitiveness & geopolitics

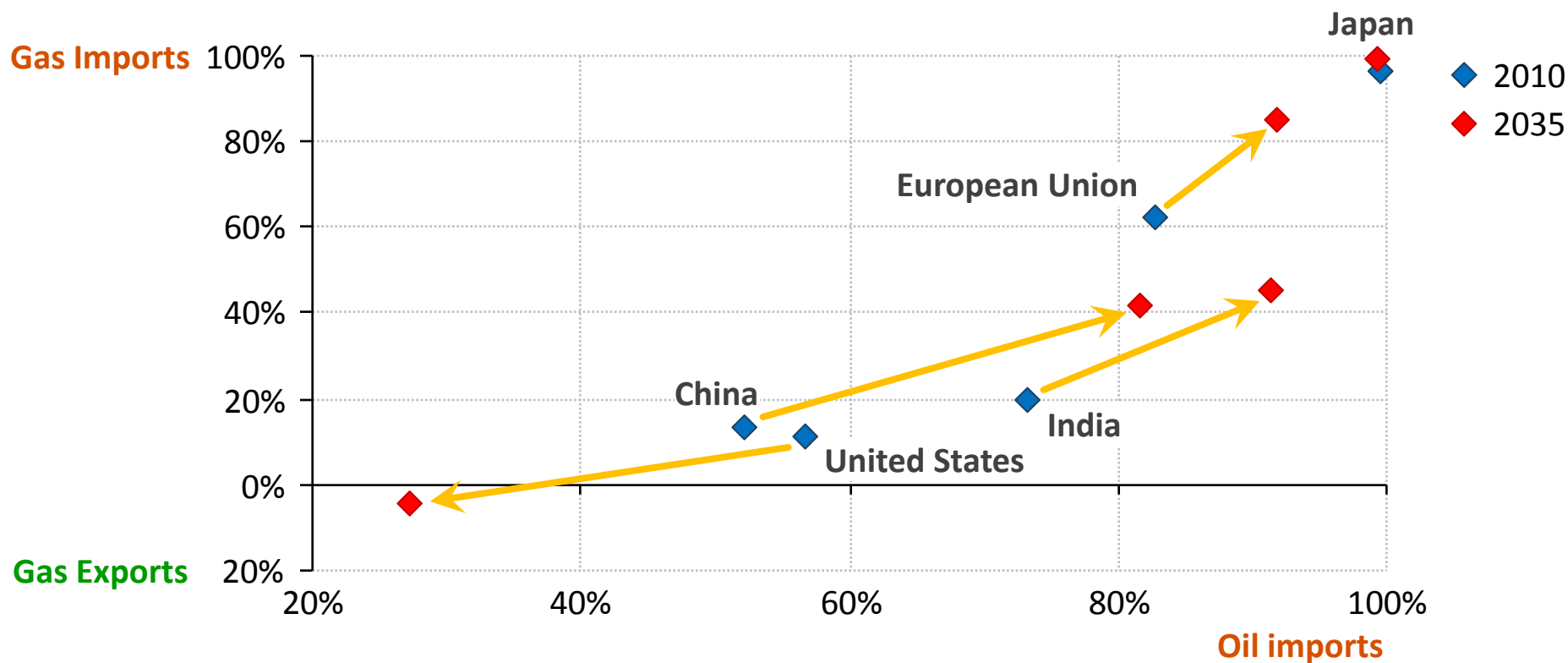
## ■ All-time high oil prices acting as brake on global economy

## ■ Economy & energy: a delicate balancing act in the context of need for decisive & effective global climate change policy



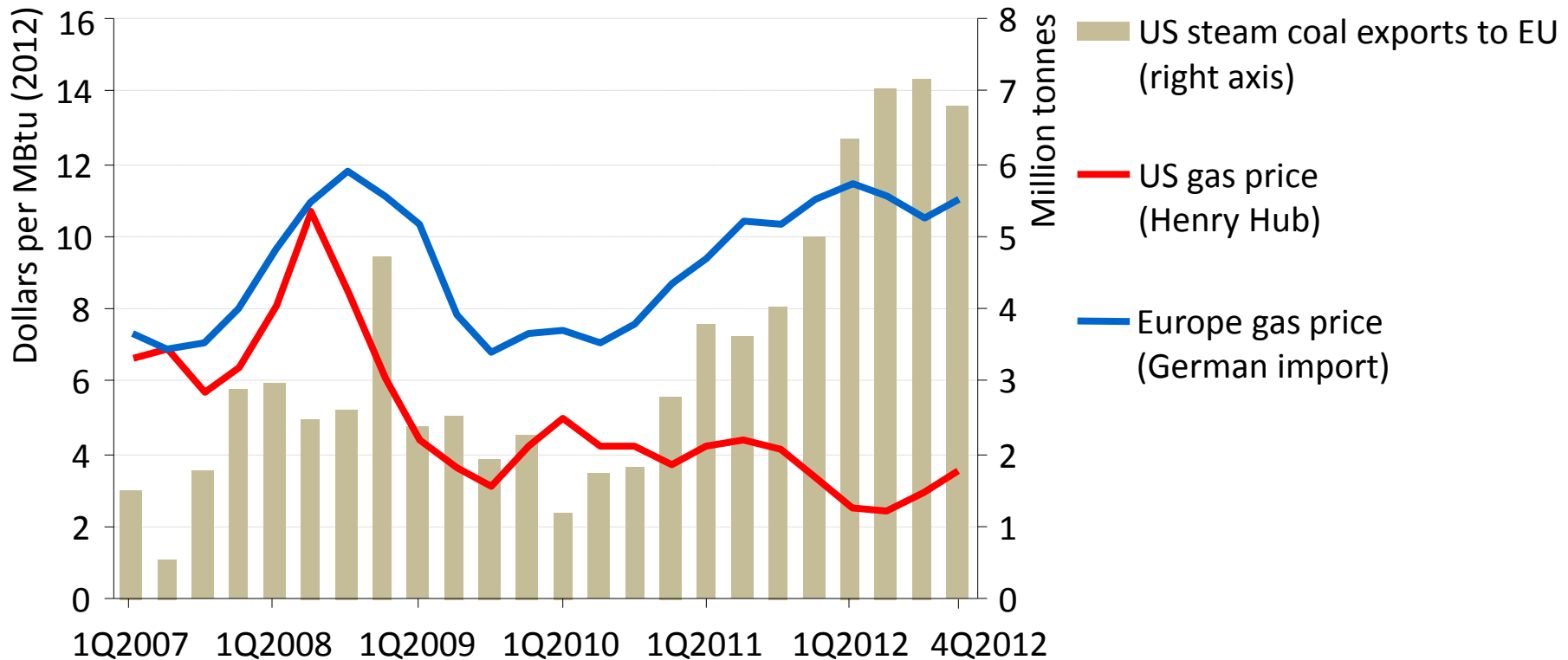
# Different trends in oil & gas import dependency

Net oil & gas import dependency in selected countries



*While dependence on imported oil & gas rises in many countries, the United States swims against the tide*

# Unconventional gas: implications for both energy security & economy



***At its highest level in 2012, EU gas prices traded about 5 times higher than in the US; a price decoupling stemming from oil indexation & the unconventional gas revolution***

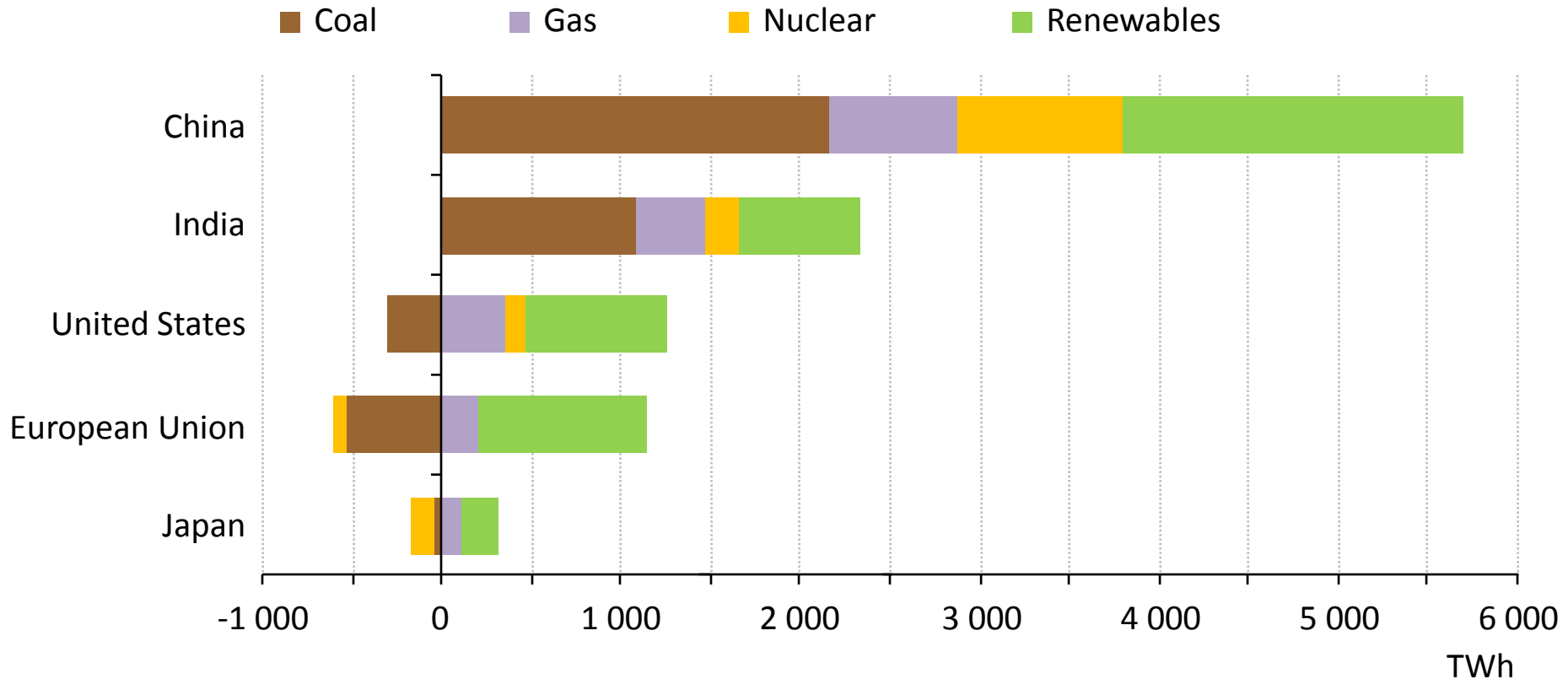
# Do all roads lead to a Golden Age of Gas?

- Continuous drive needed from governments & industry to earn & maintain a “social license” to produce unconventional gas
- What was a silent revolution in North America, is likely to be a longer & challenging campaign in other parts of the globe
- The relative economics of gas versus coal use will remain an important determinant of future natural gas growth
- Gas relative to coal can markedly decarbonise the energy system, but increased use of gas in itself will not let us reach the 2°C goal

# A power shift to emerging economies

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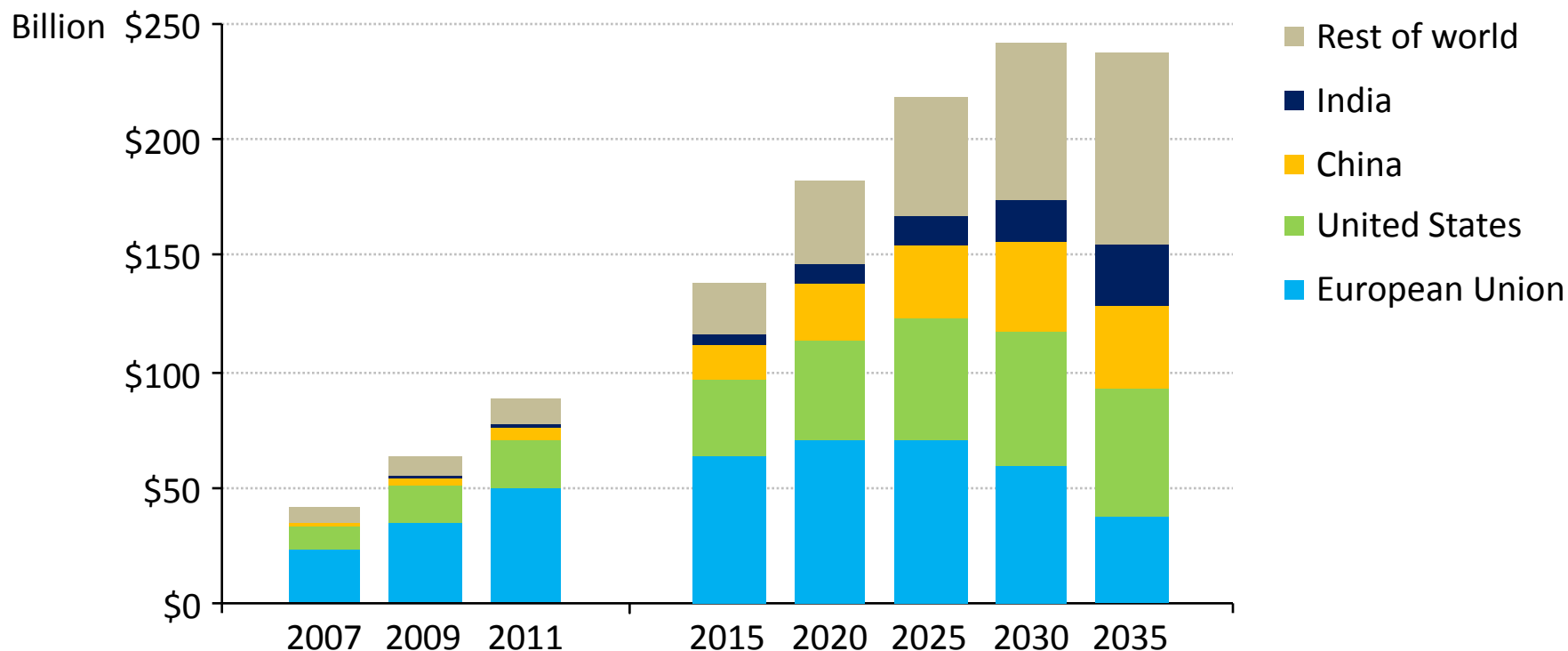
## Change in power generation, 2010-2035



***The need for electricity in emerging economies drives a 70% increase in worldwide demand, with renewables accounting for half of new global capacity***

# The multiple benefits of renewables come at a cost

## Global renewable subsidies by region



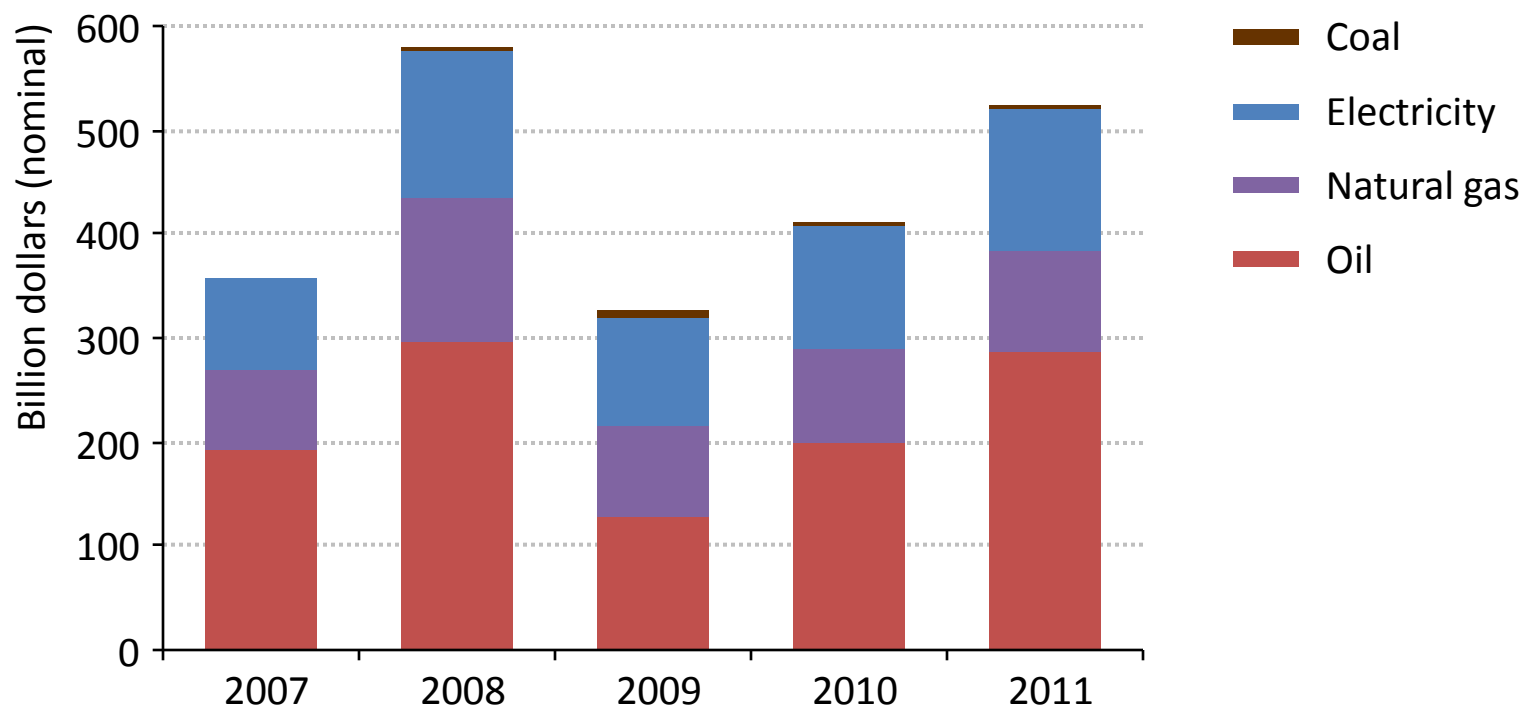
***Renewable subsidies were \$88 billion in 2011; over half the subsidies required to 2035 has been committed to existing projects or is needed to meet 2020 targets***



# Getting rid of fossil-fuel subsidies is a triple-win solution

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## Global fossil-fuel subsidies

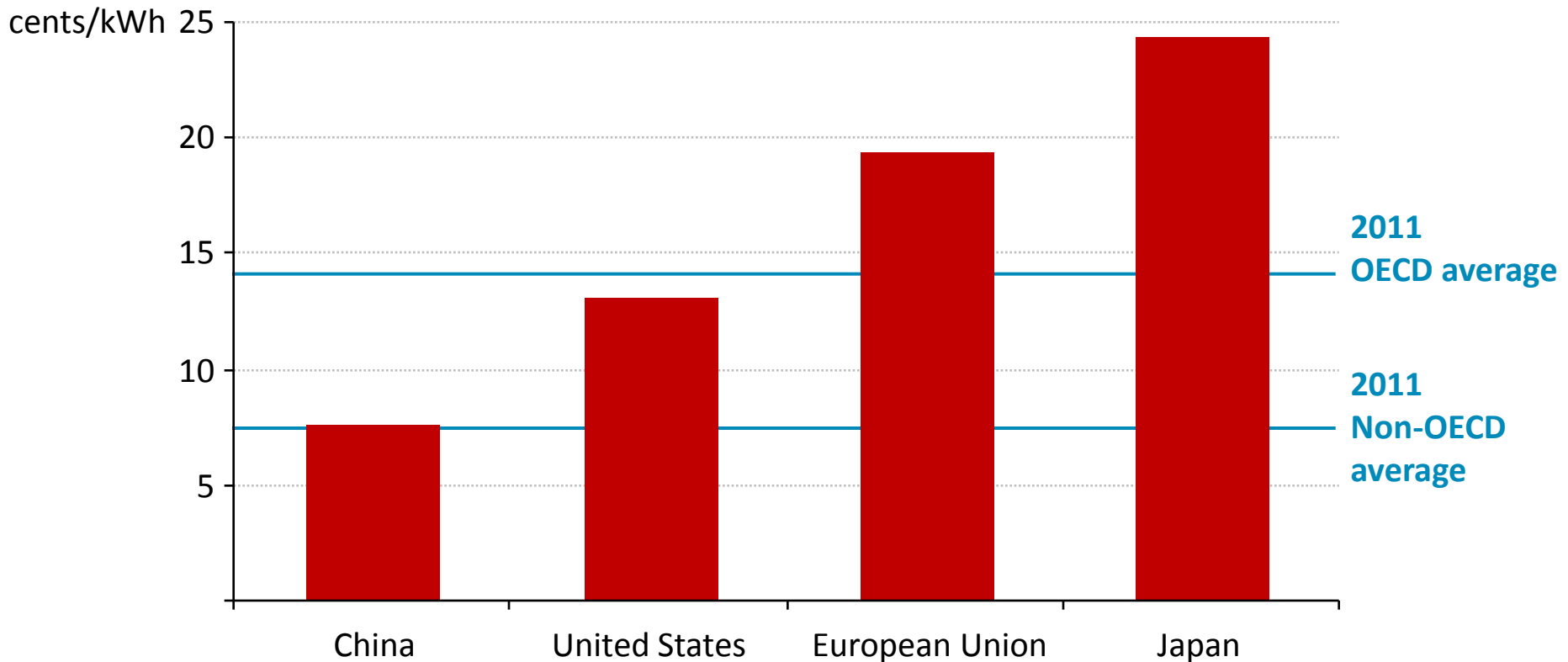


***Global fossil-fuel subsidies, which jumped to \$523 billion in 2011, are providing an incentive to emit CO<sub>2</sub> that is equivalent to \$110 per ton***



# Wide variations in the price of power

## Average household electricity prices, 2035

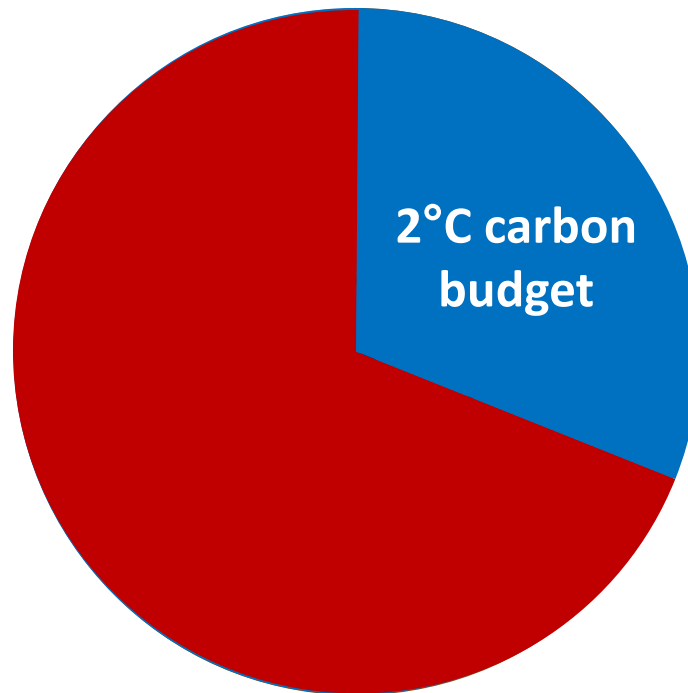


***Electricity prices are set to increase with the highest prices persisting in the European Union & Japan, well above those in China & the United States***

# Staying within a 2°C world

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CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent of today's fossil fuel reserves



*In a 2°C world, more than two-thirds of current fossil fuel reserves cannot be consumed before 2050 unless CCS is widely deployed*

# Foundations of energy system shifting

- Policy makers face critical choices in reconciling energy, environmental & economic objectives
- Changing outlook for energy production & use may redefine energy pricing, economic competitiveness & geopolitical balances
- Schemes to support renewables need to be carefully designed, while their integration brings new challenges
- The gains promised by energy efficiency are within reach & are essential to underpin a more secure & sustainable energy system
- *WEO-2013* special report to examine how to keep the 2°C target alive: *'Redrawing the energy-climate map'* - release 10 June 2013