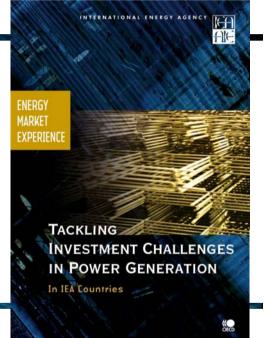
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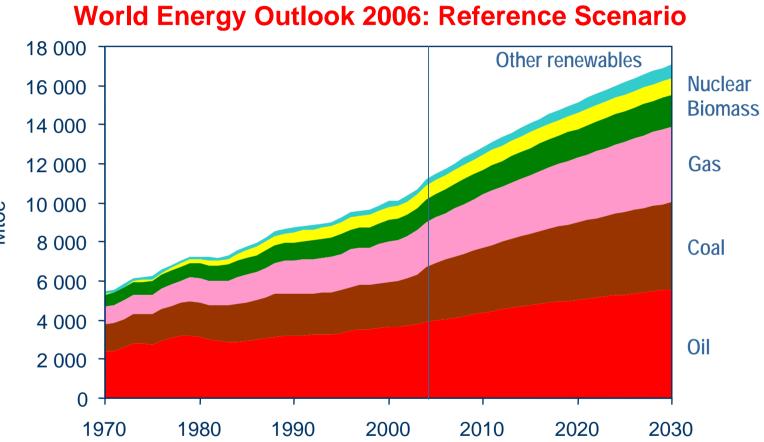


Investment requirements
A window of opportunity
Costs and risks
The role of competition
NIMBY and power plant approval
Reliability of supply

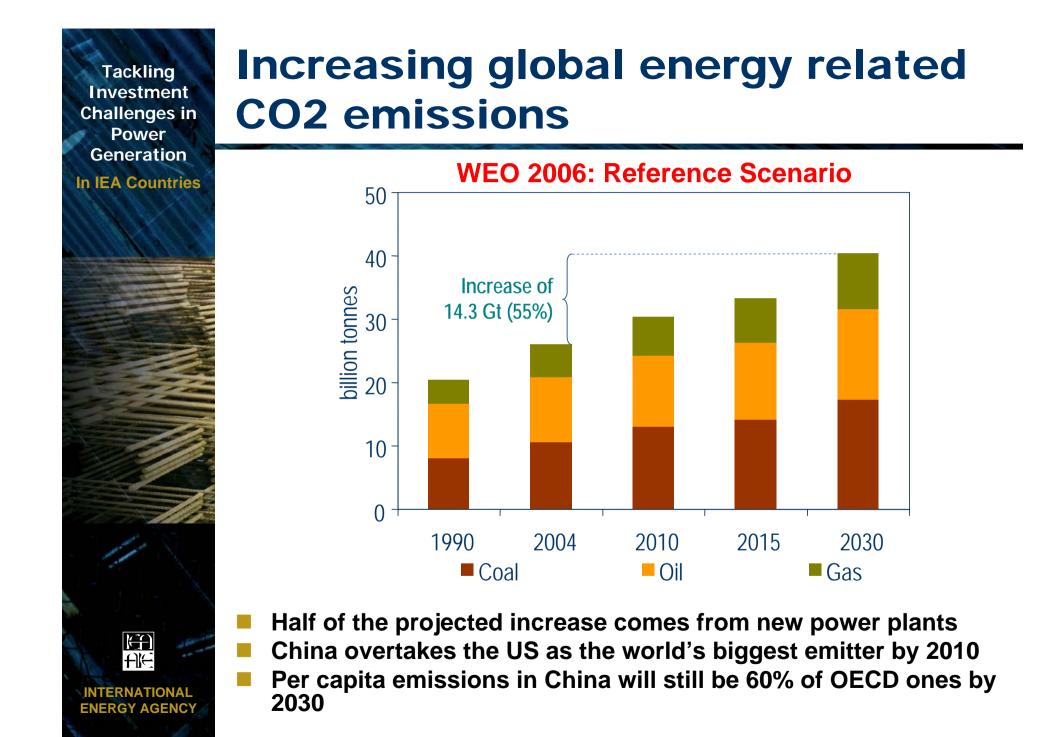


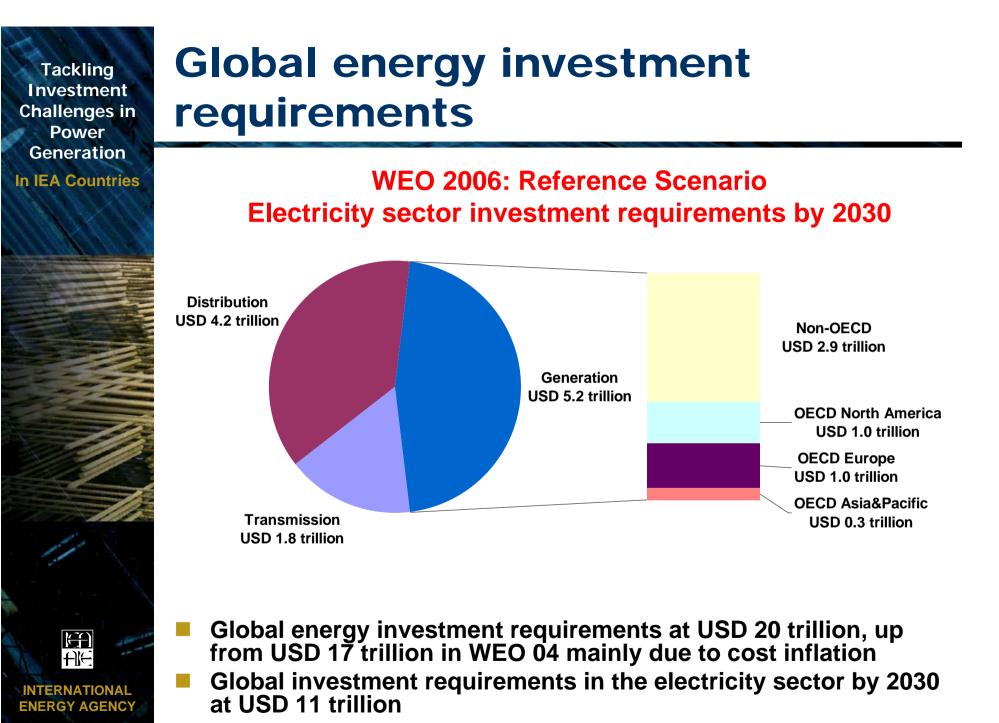


# Increasing global primary energy demand towards 2030



Global primary energy demand grows 53%Global electricity demand grows 94%





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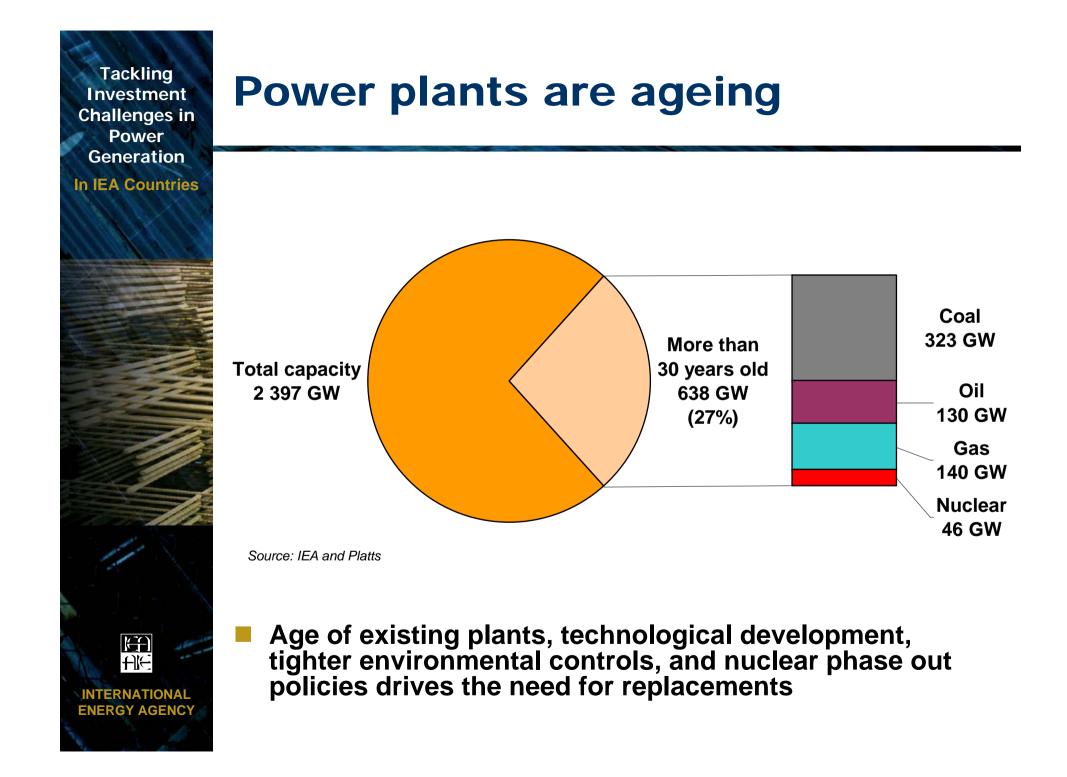
# Heavy investment cycle looming in power generation

# Demand increasing

- Liberalisation delayed investments
  - Improved use of existing resources
- Need for replacement
  - Ageing power plants and tight environmental controls

# Risk of under-investment

 Great uncertainty breeds considerable risks for investors



## **Replacements and increasing demand drives investments**

### World Energy Outlook 2006 Projected investments in OECD by 2015, GW

	Existing (2004)	Demand increase	Replacement	Total investment
Reference scenario	2360	466	207	673
Alternative policy scenario	2360	357	209	566



Investments in OECD corresponding to at least 25% of existing capacity needed by 2015

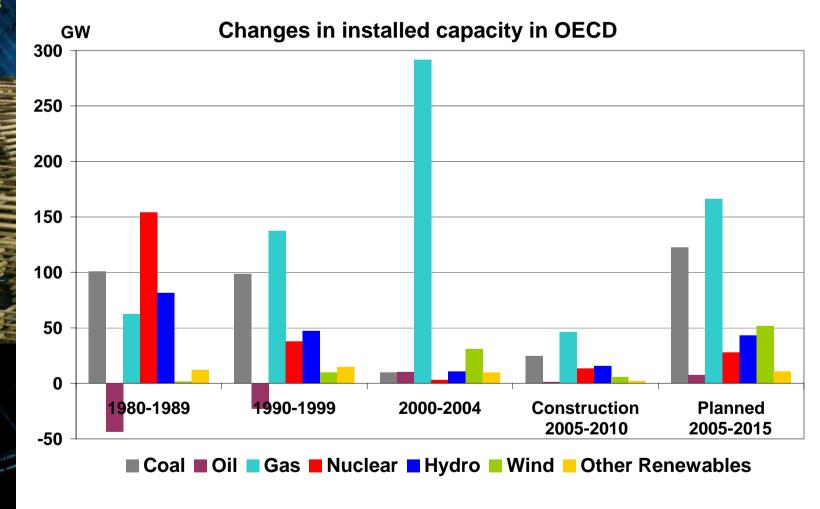
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# Gas-fired generation dominates but increased focus on coal



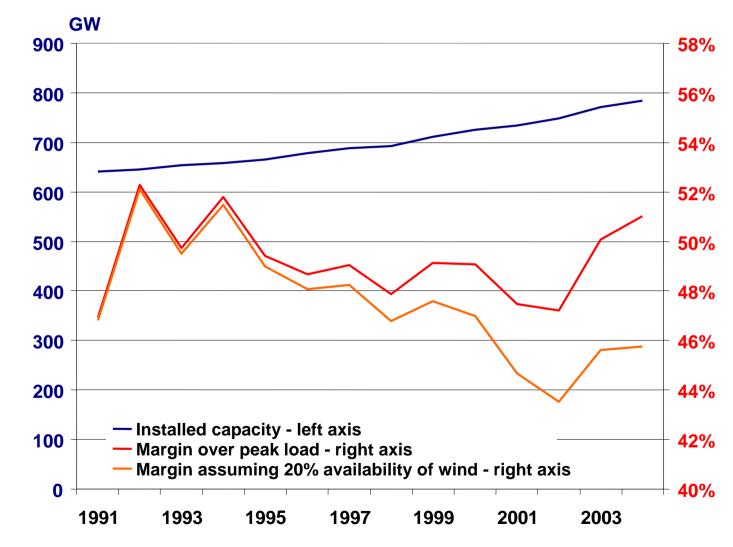
Source: IEA and Platts

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## Margins of available capacity in Europe are decreasing



Source: IEA statistics

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# Now is a window of opportunity

- Opportunity for cleaner electricity
  - Investments today will stay for 30-50 years
- But investors need firm policy signals
- $\rightarrow$  Put a price on CO<sub>2</sub>
  - Credible, long-term, market-based support mechanisms for clean technologies
- Avoid picking winners

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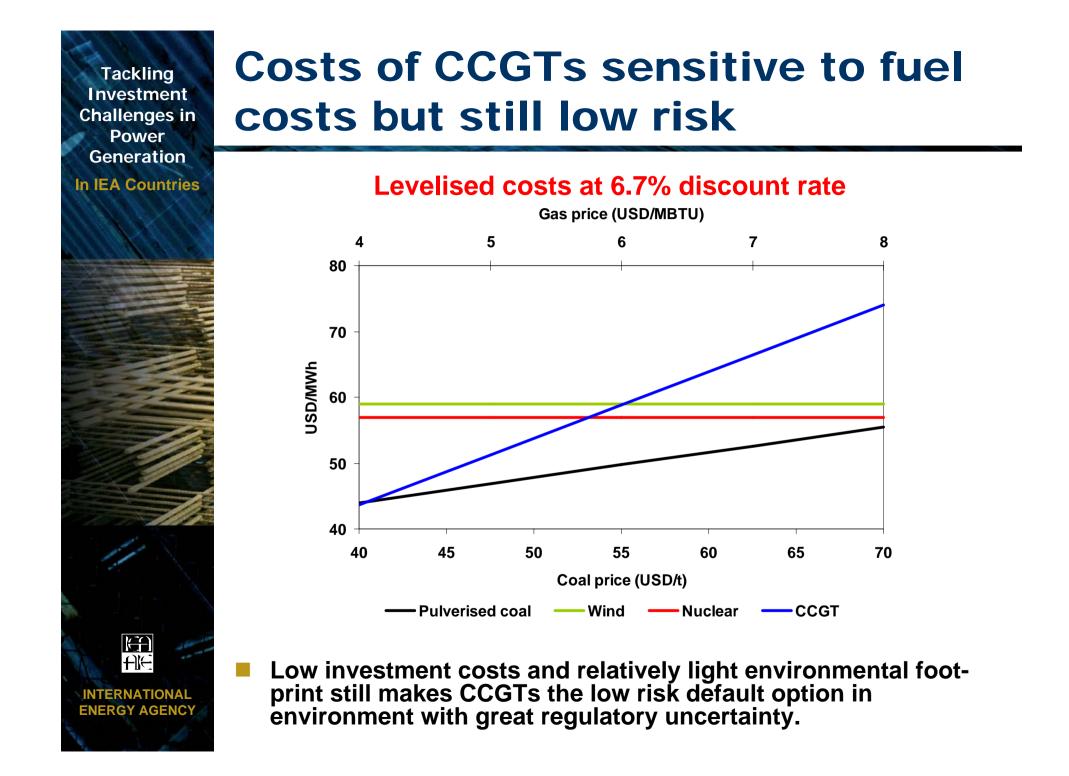
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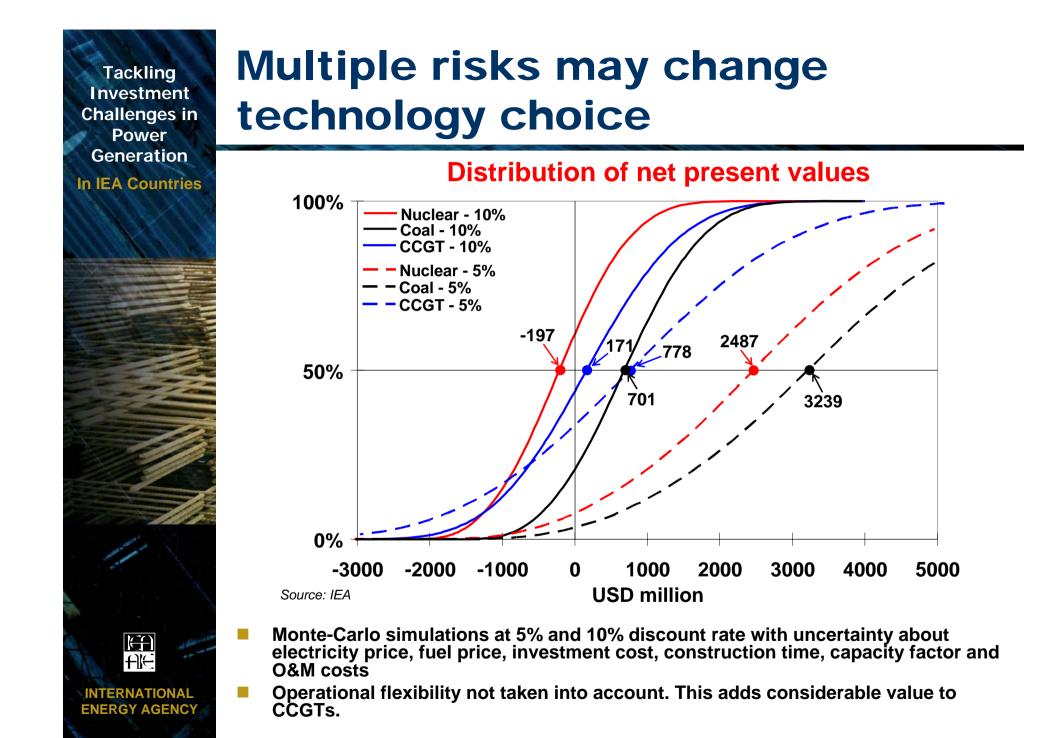
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# Policy signals decisive for costs and choice of technology

USD/MWh 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 10 0 Pulverised coal Nuclear Combined cycle gas Wind - onshore turbine (CCGT) 6.7% discount rate - low risk 📃 9.6% discount rate - high risk 📒 USD 20/tCO2







# Climate change uncertainty adds costs & alters technology choice

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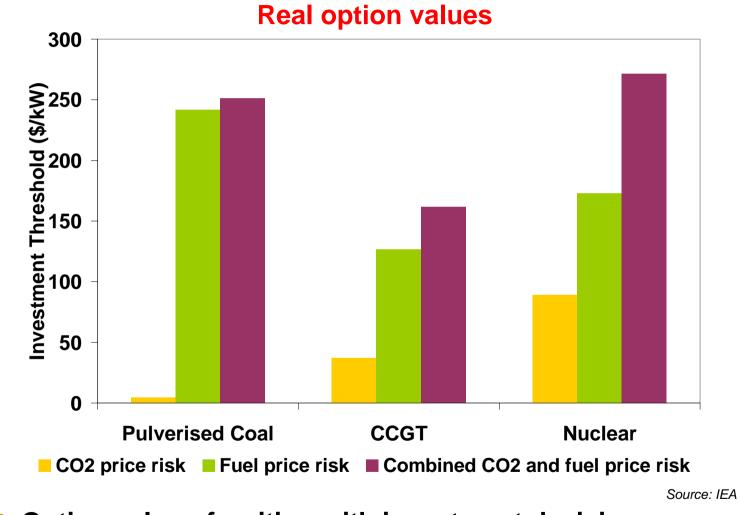
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Option value of waiting with investment decision CO2 and fuel price risk = price chock in 5 years time

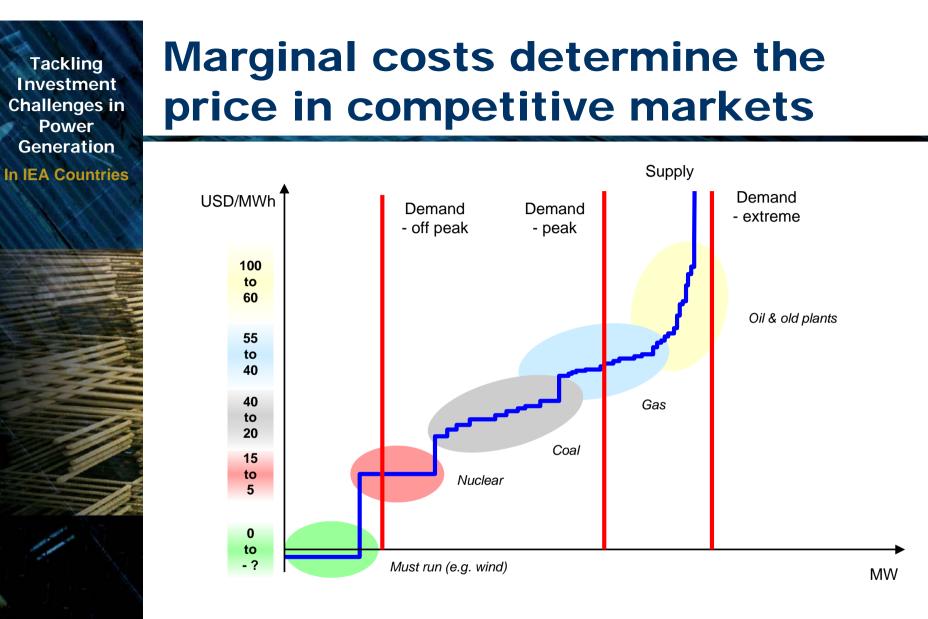
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### **Cost reflective prices are the corner stone of efficient market response**

- Establish competitive market framework
   Contracts and competition regulation protects consumers
  - Refrain from price caps and market interventions

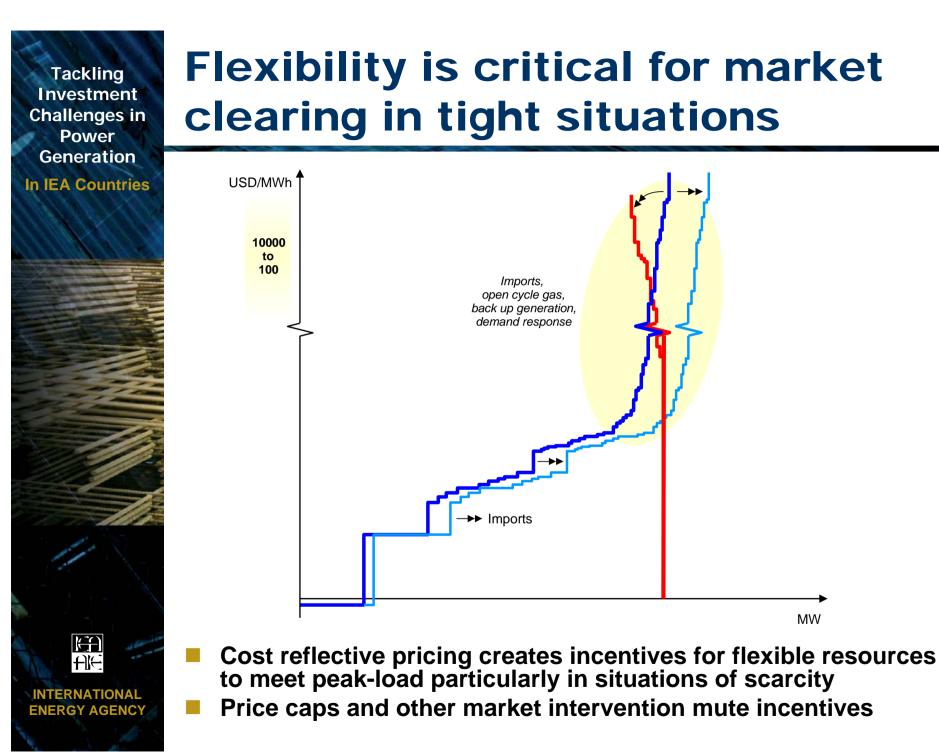
### Capacity measures are last resort

- Capacity markets proven poor medicine
- Transitional arrangements may be necessary



Decentralised decision making in competitive markets is a strong instrument to ensure optimal dispatch

INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY Lack of price elasticity on the demand side may be the critical market failure for a robust price settlement at all times



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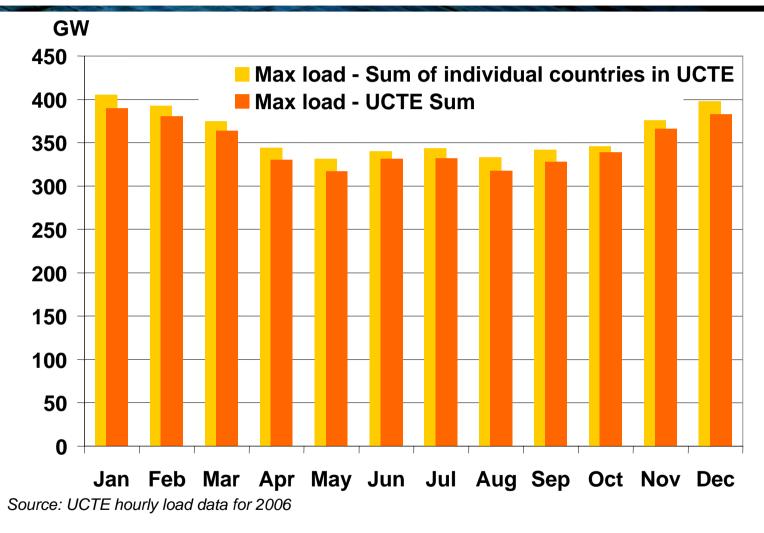
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## **Cross border sharing of reserves saves investment**

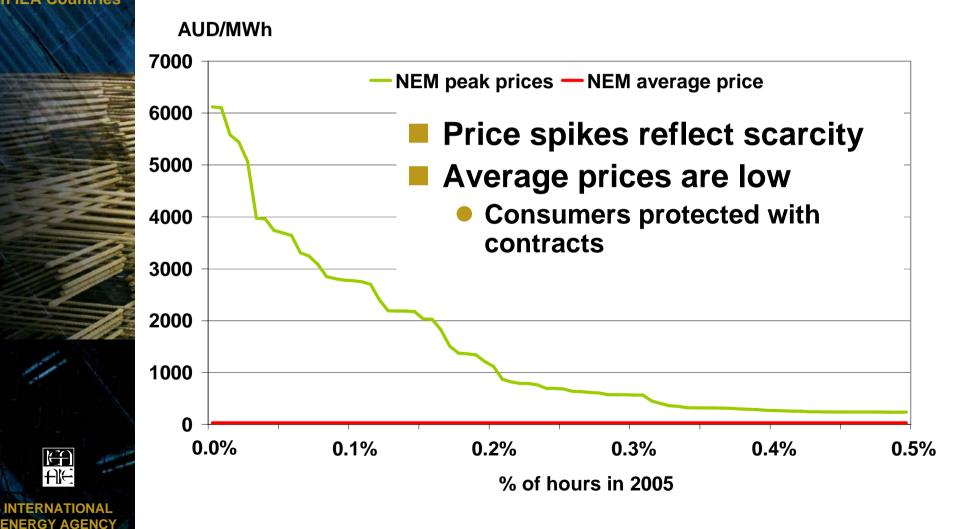


Sharing of reserves in UCTE potentially saved 22 GW peak load resources in 2006, subject to availability of transmission capacity

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## **Cost reflective prices triggered** critical investments in Australia



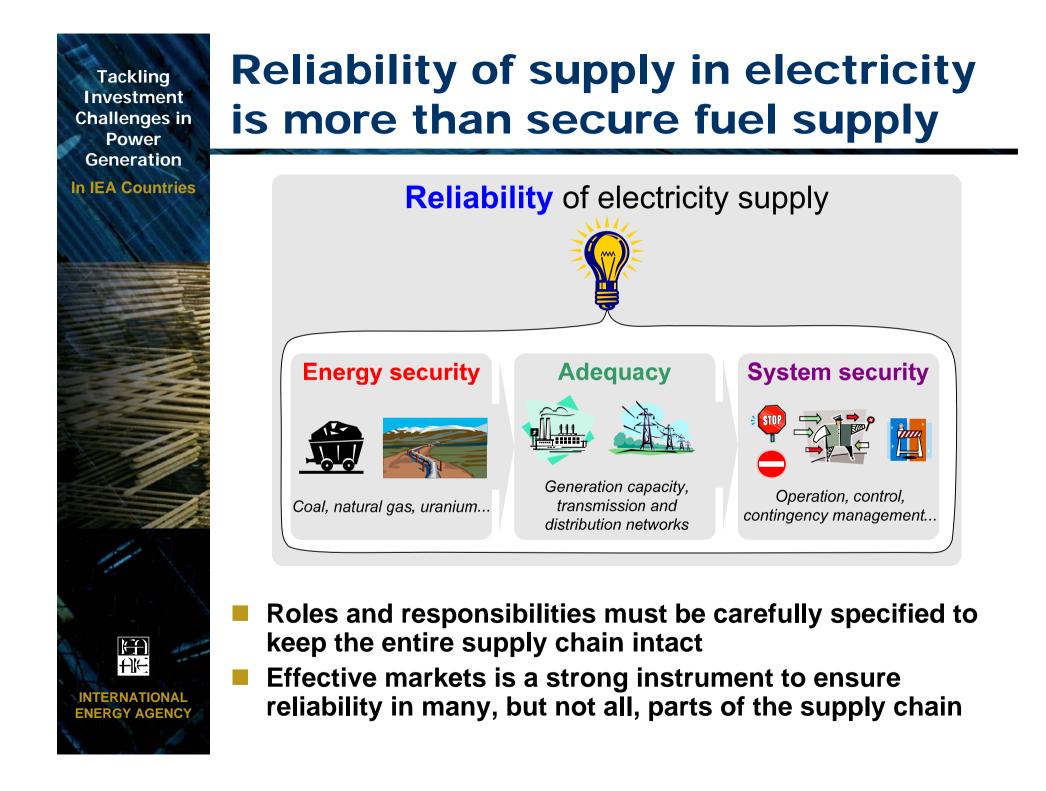
# **Delays frustrate markets**

NIMBY ism undermines licensing and approval processes
Clearer, simpler and faster

licensing and approval procedures needed

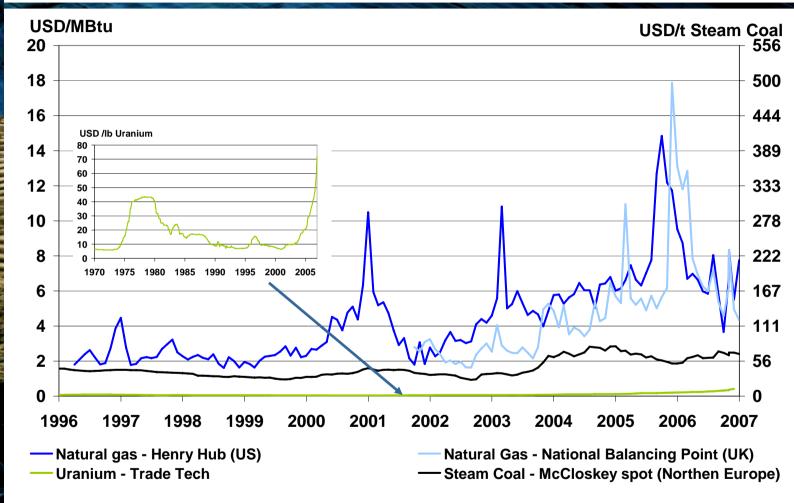
Open public debate essential
Particularly critical for nuclear





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# Diversification is essential for reliable supply



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 Fuel and electricity prices creates incentives for diversification
 Government intervention to promote diversification should reenforce the role of competitive prices

# **Key Messages**

- New investment cycle => a window of opportunity
- Government action is urgent
  - Implement competitive framework for cost reflective price signals
  - Improve regulatory predictability
  - Faster licensing procedures needed
- Short-termism in policy leads to short-termism in investor response





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