

Annual Energy Outlook 2009

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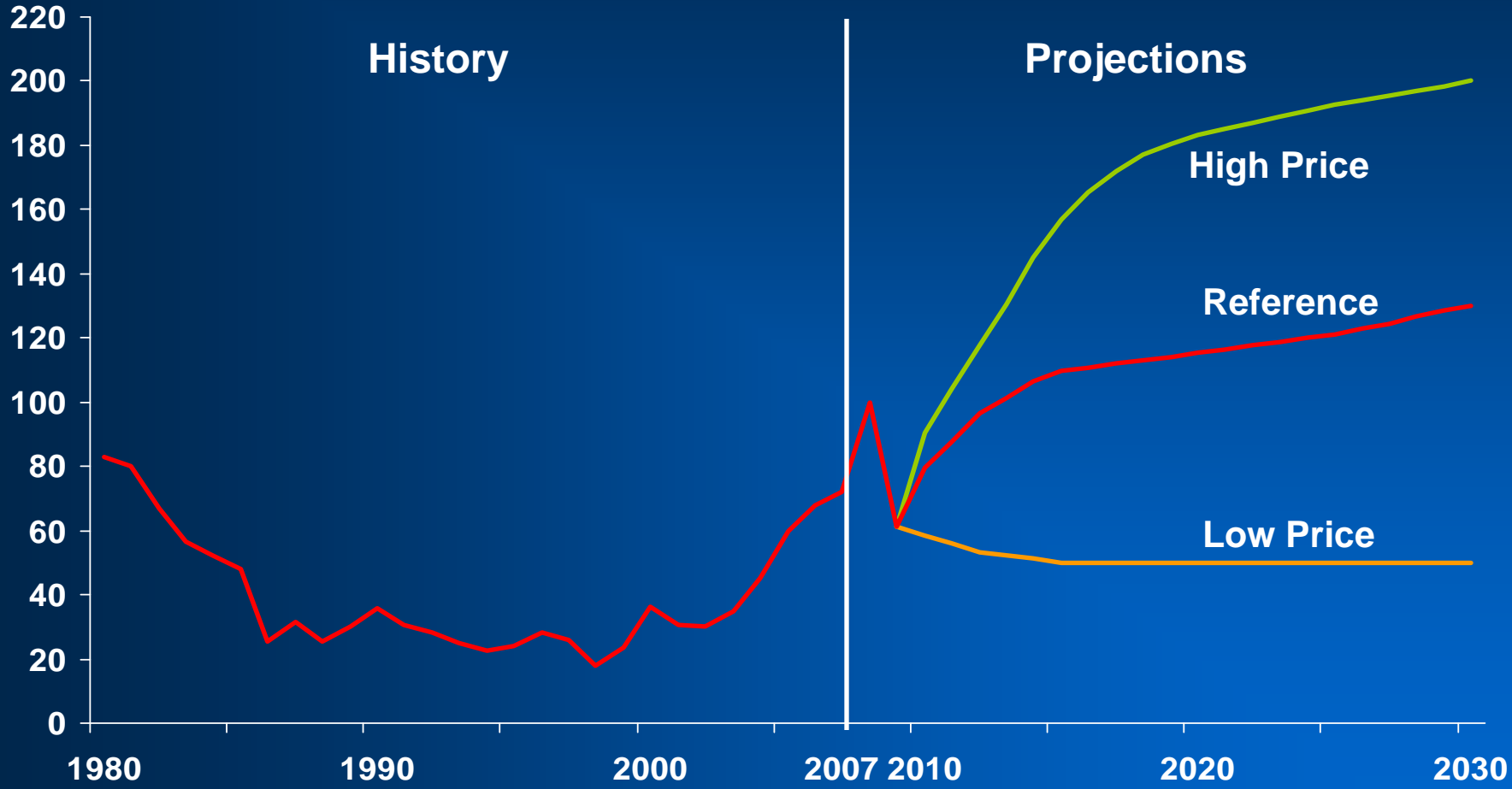
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The economy, oil prices, resources, policies, and behavior drive the AEO2009 reference case

- Long-term economic growth averages about 2.5 percent per year between 2007 and 2030
- World crude oil prices recover from a near-term decline and reach \$130 per barrel (in 2007 dollars) by 2030
- A robust domestic natural gas resource base allows for a steady expansion of production given projected growth in demand and prices
- Recently-enacted policies and concerns over greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, combined with high energy prices, moderate projected growth in energy consumption and emissions

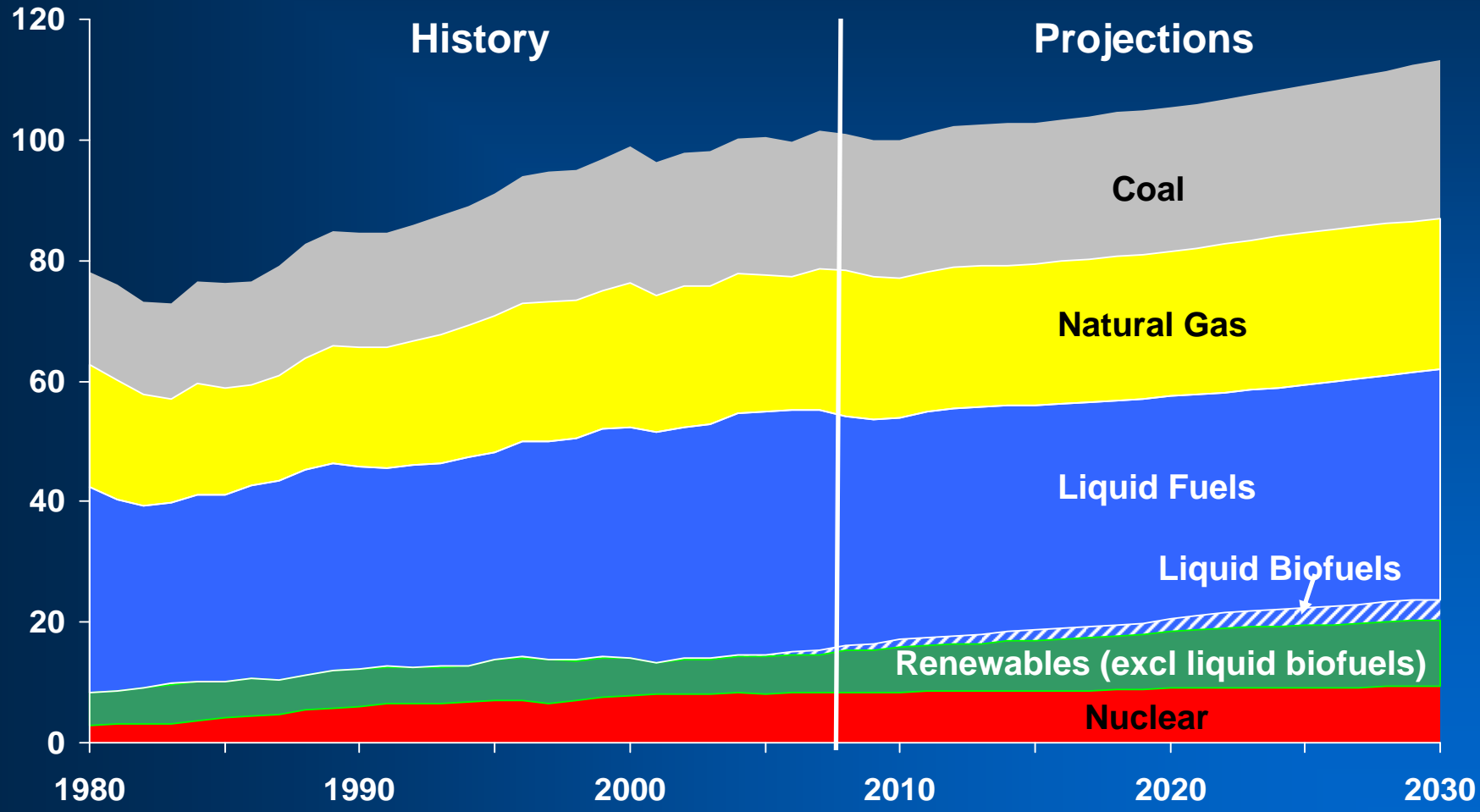
Oil prices in the reference case rise steadily; the full AEO includes a wide range of price cases

2007 dollars per barrel



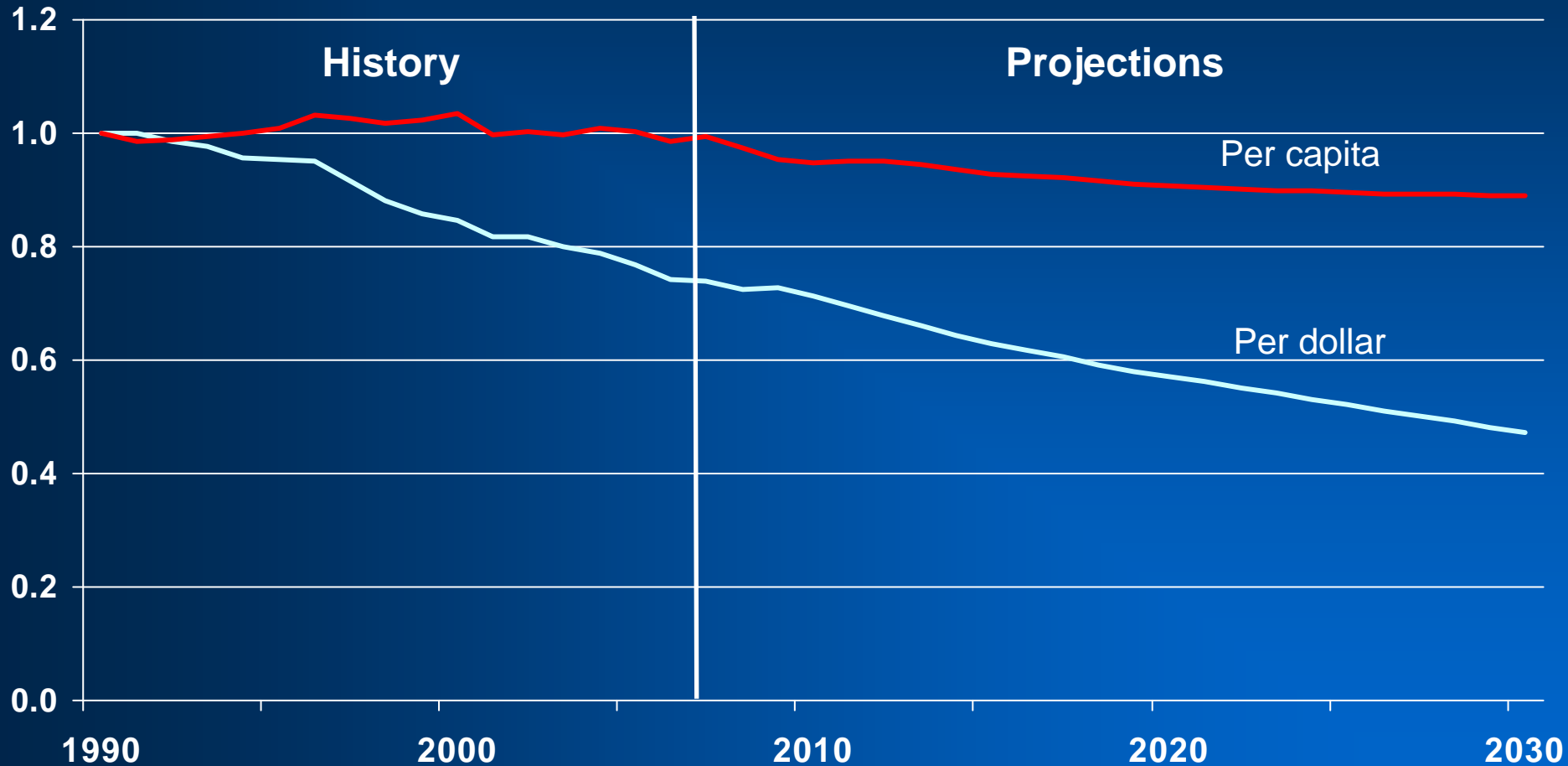
Non-fossil energy use grows rapidly, but fossil fuels still provide 79 percent of total energy use in 2030

quadrillion Btu



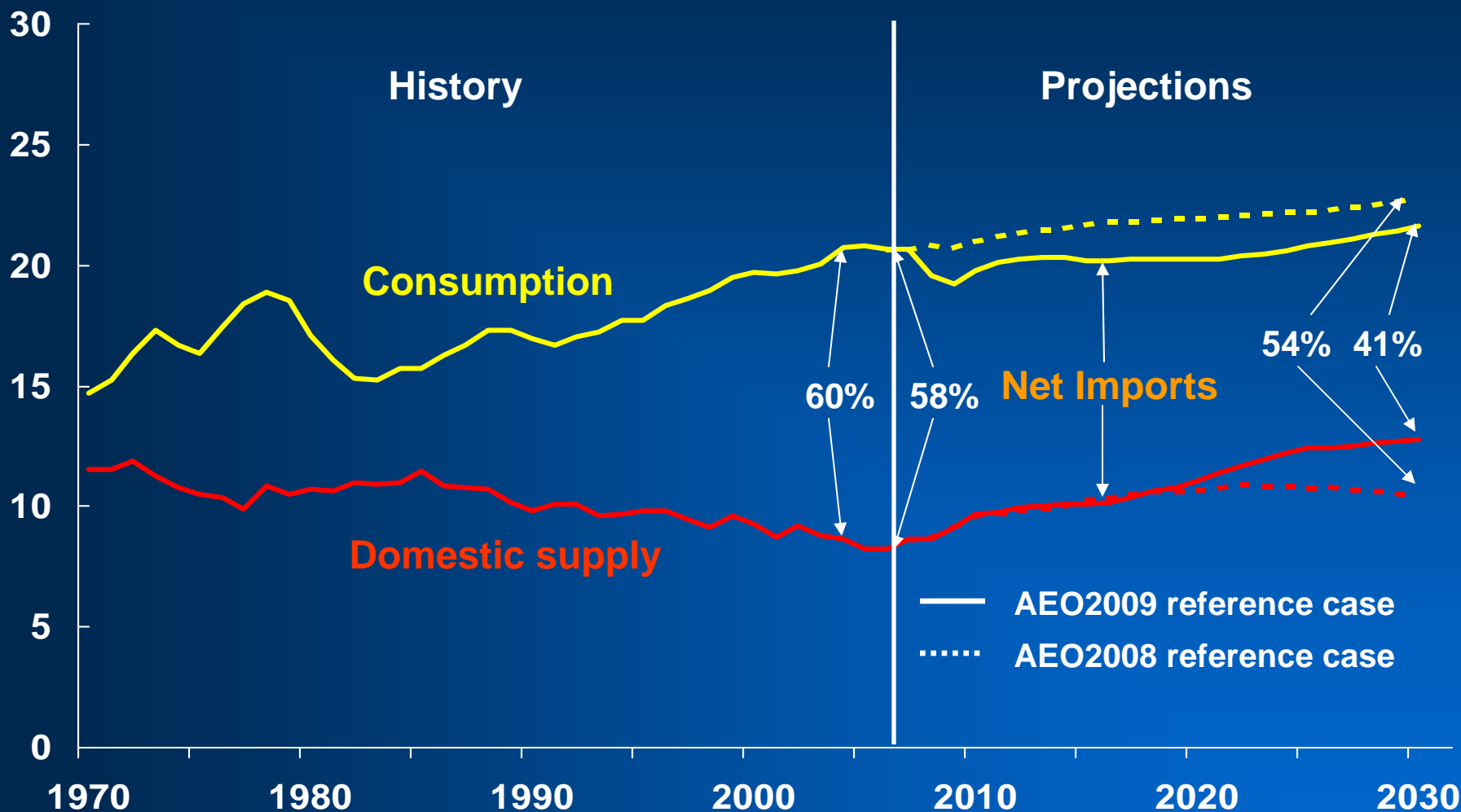
Energy use per dollar of GDP continues to decline; per capita energy use also declines

index, 1990=1.0



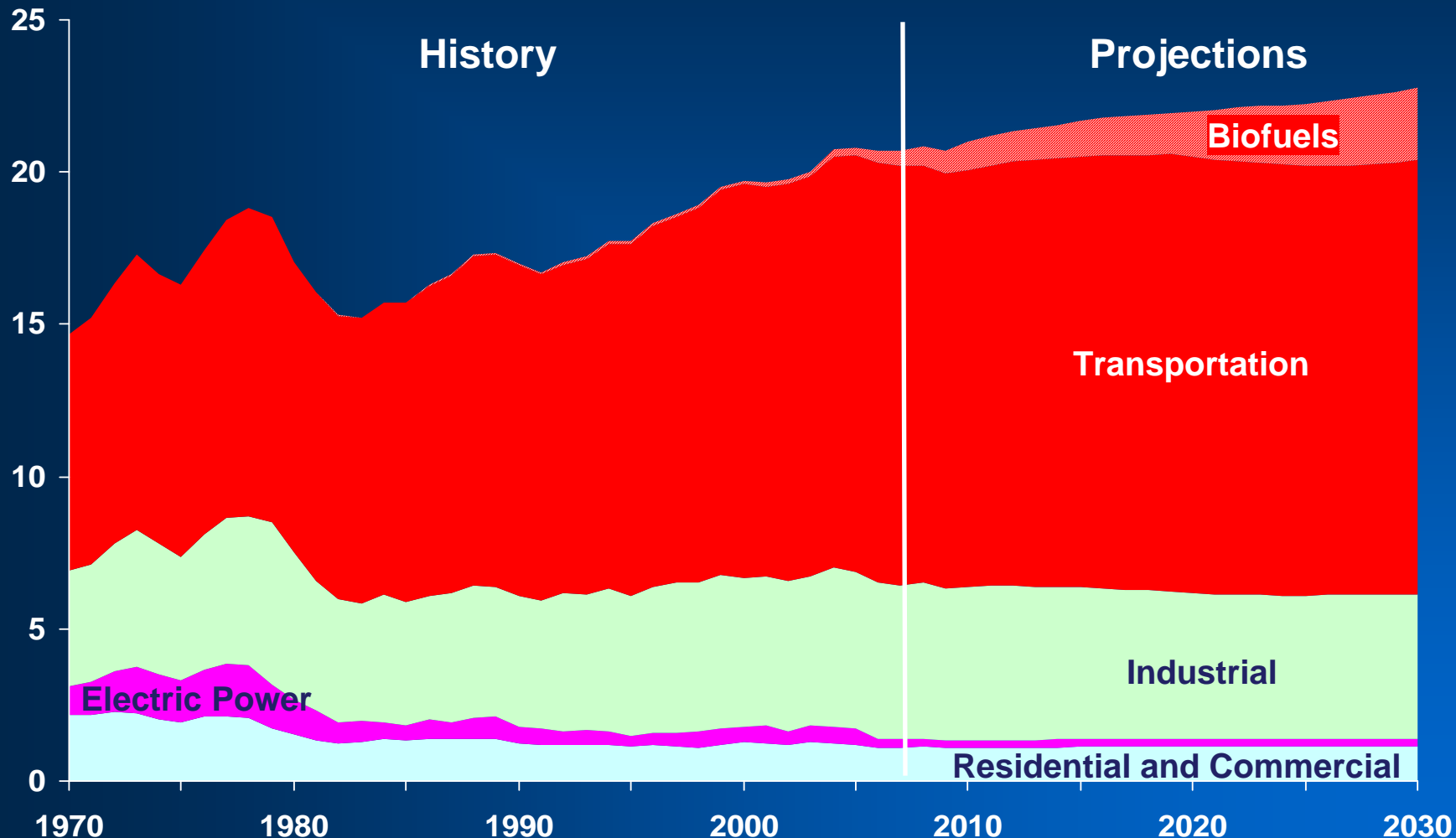
Net dependence on imported liquids declines dramatically over the next 20 years

million barrels per day

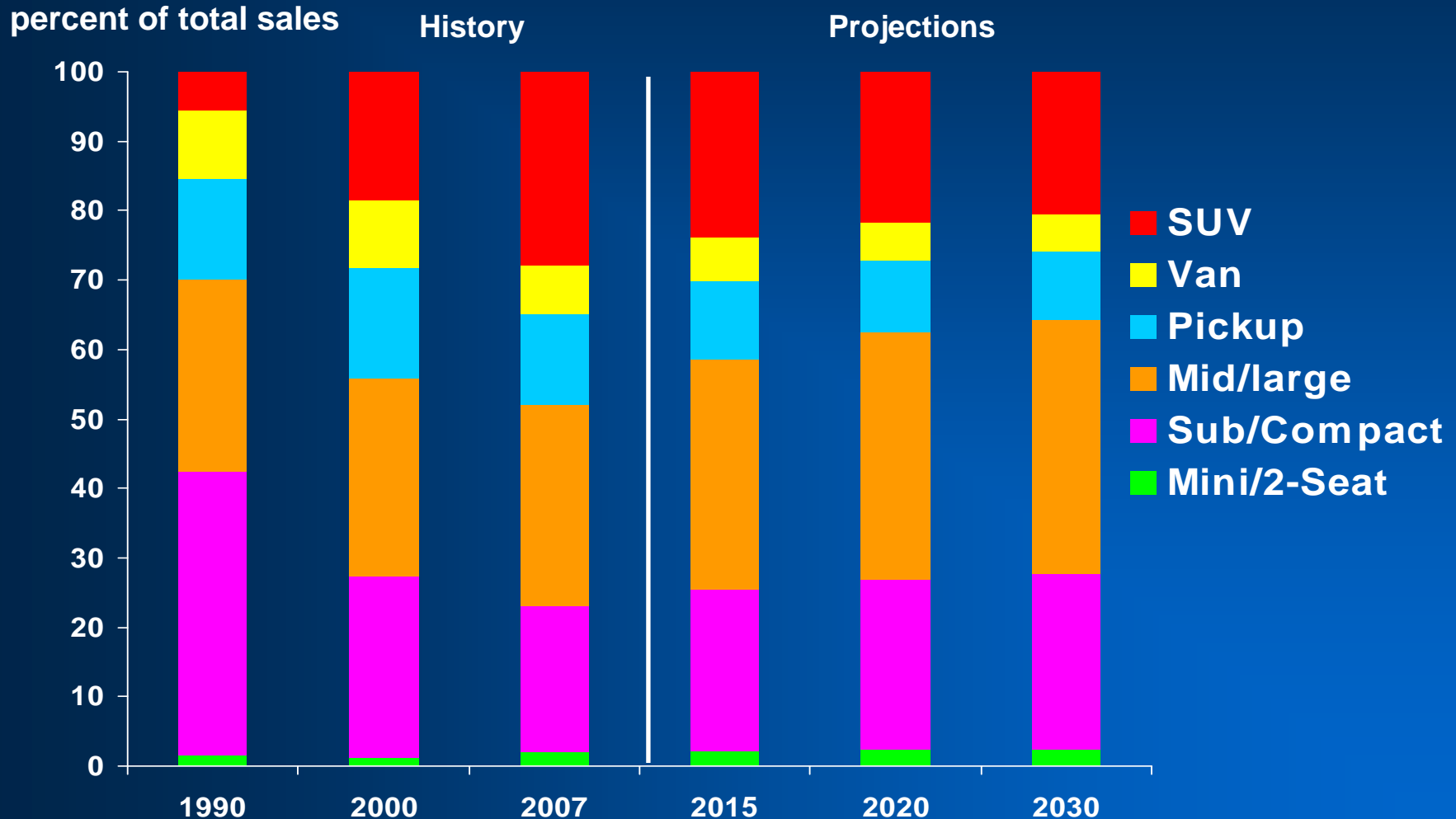


Petroleum-based liquids consumption is projected to be flat as biofuels use grows

million barrels per day

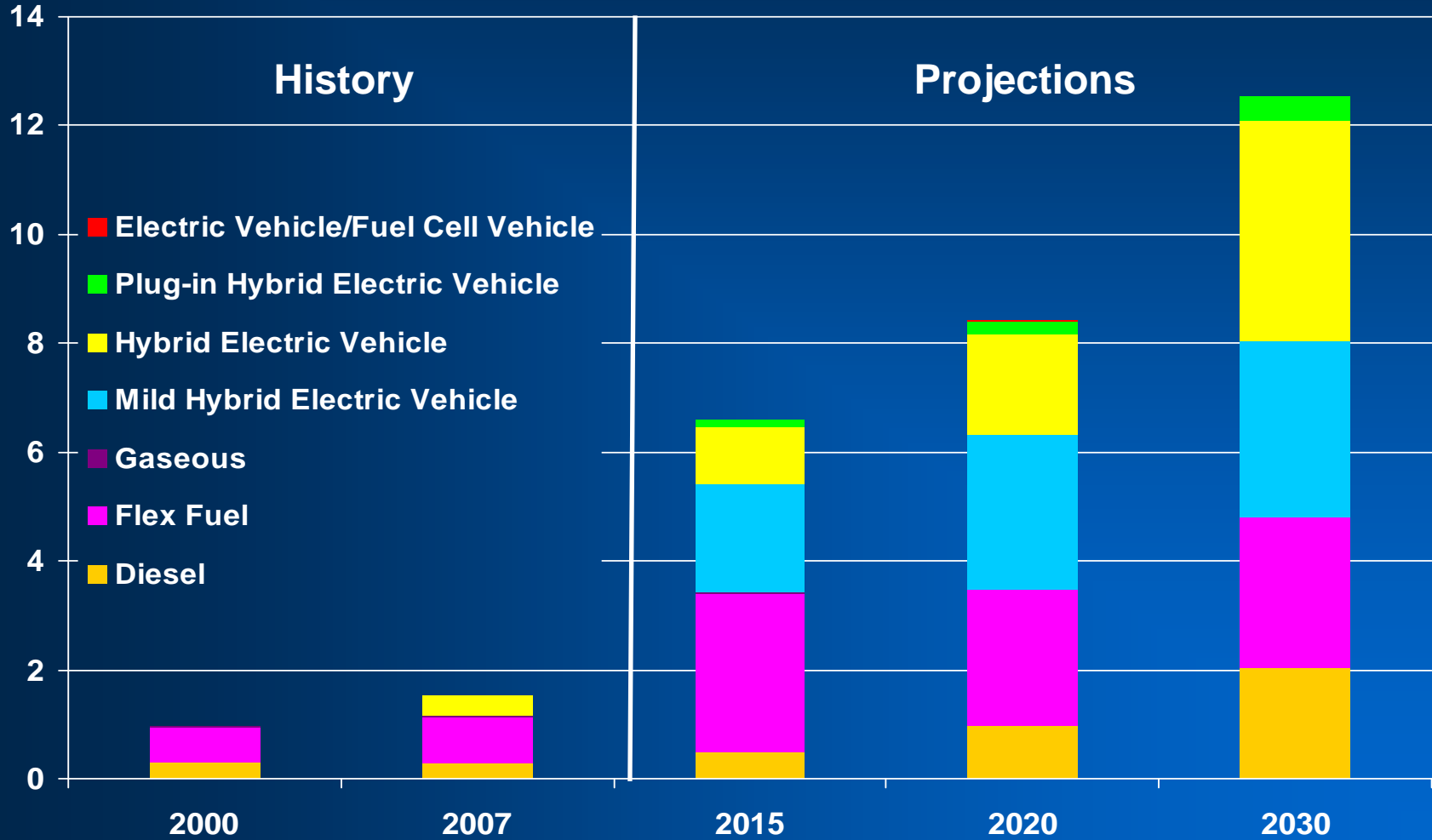


New light-duty vehicle sales shift from light trucks back to cars



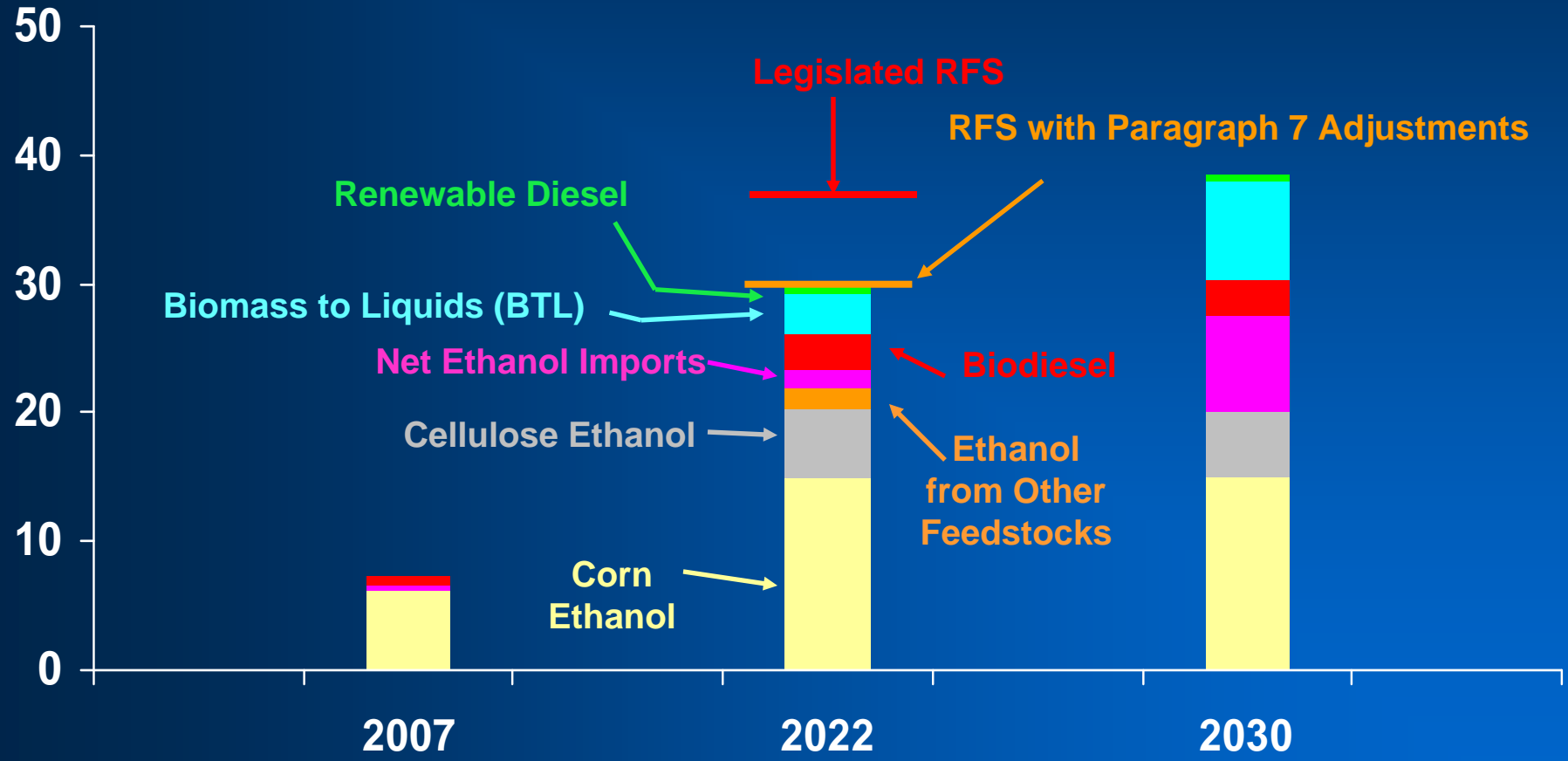
Mild and full hybrid systems dominate new light-duty vehicle sales by 2030

millions of sales



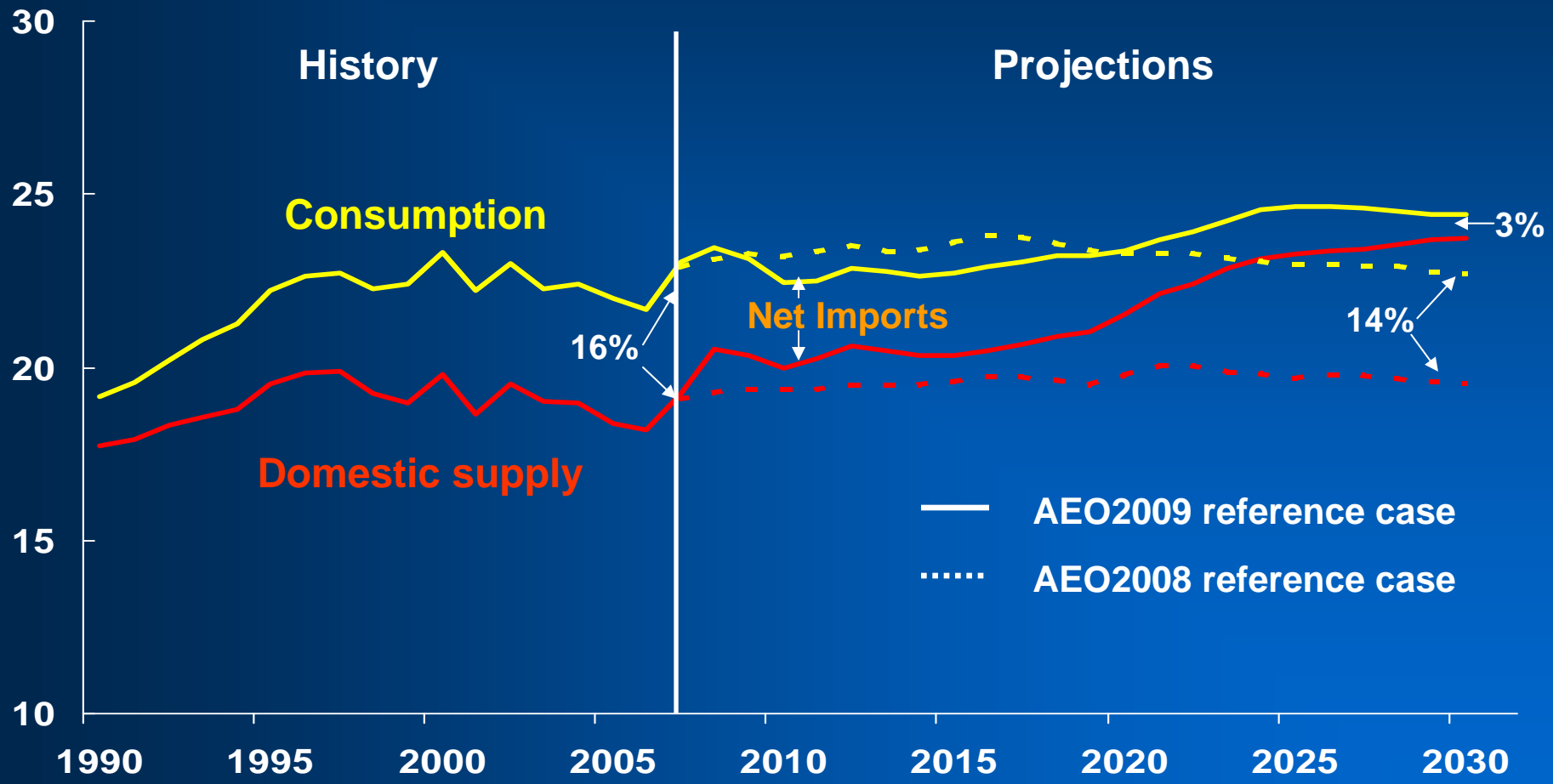
Biofuels use falls short of the 36 billion gallon RFS target in 2022, but exceeds it by 2030

billion credits



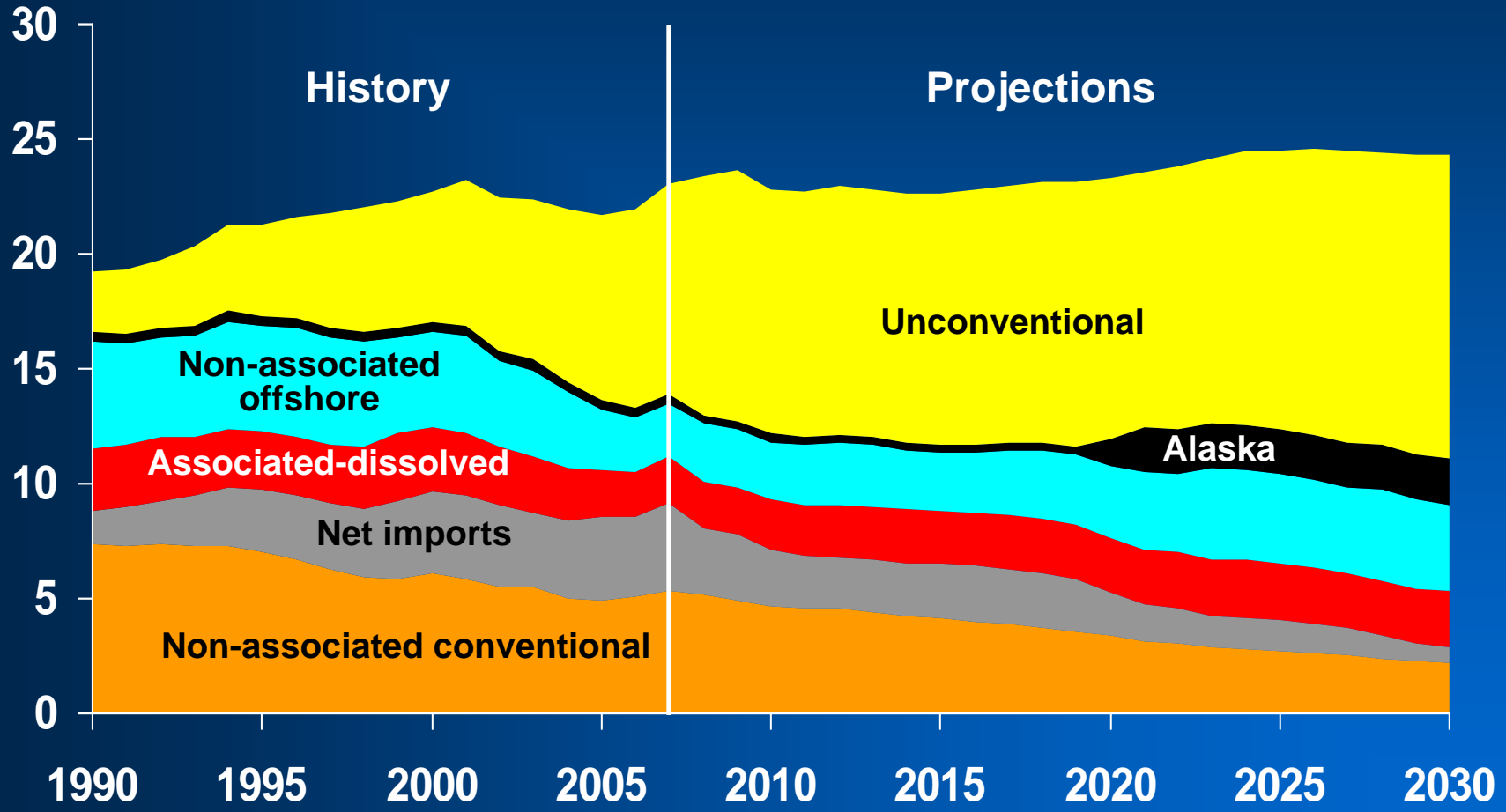
The import share of natural gas supply declines sharply as domestic supply grows

trillion cubic feet



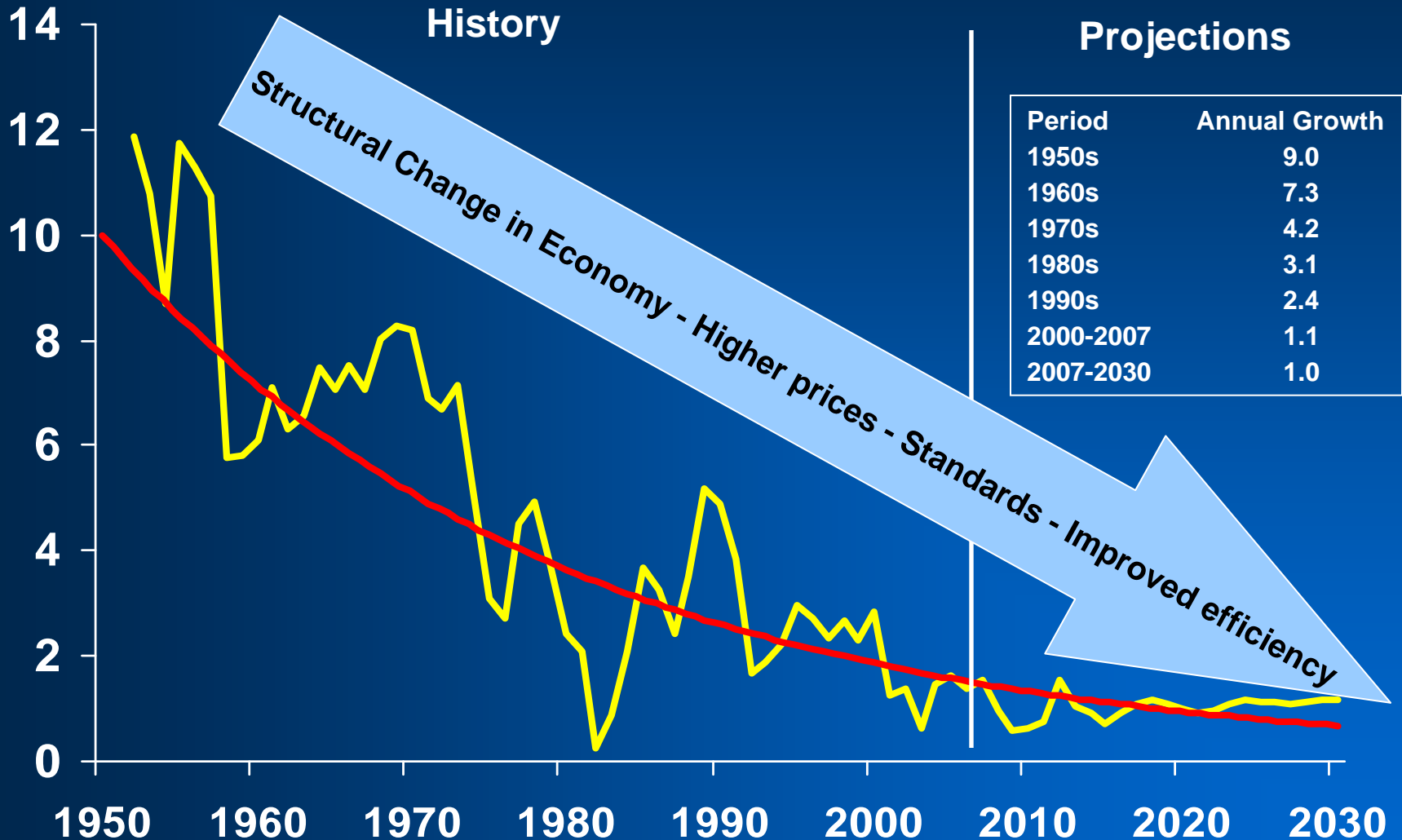
Unconventional production meets most growth in natural gas demand and offsets the decline in conventional production and imports

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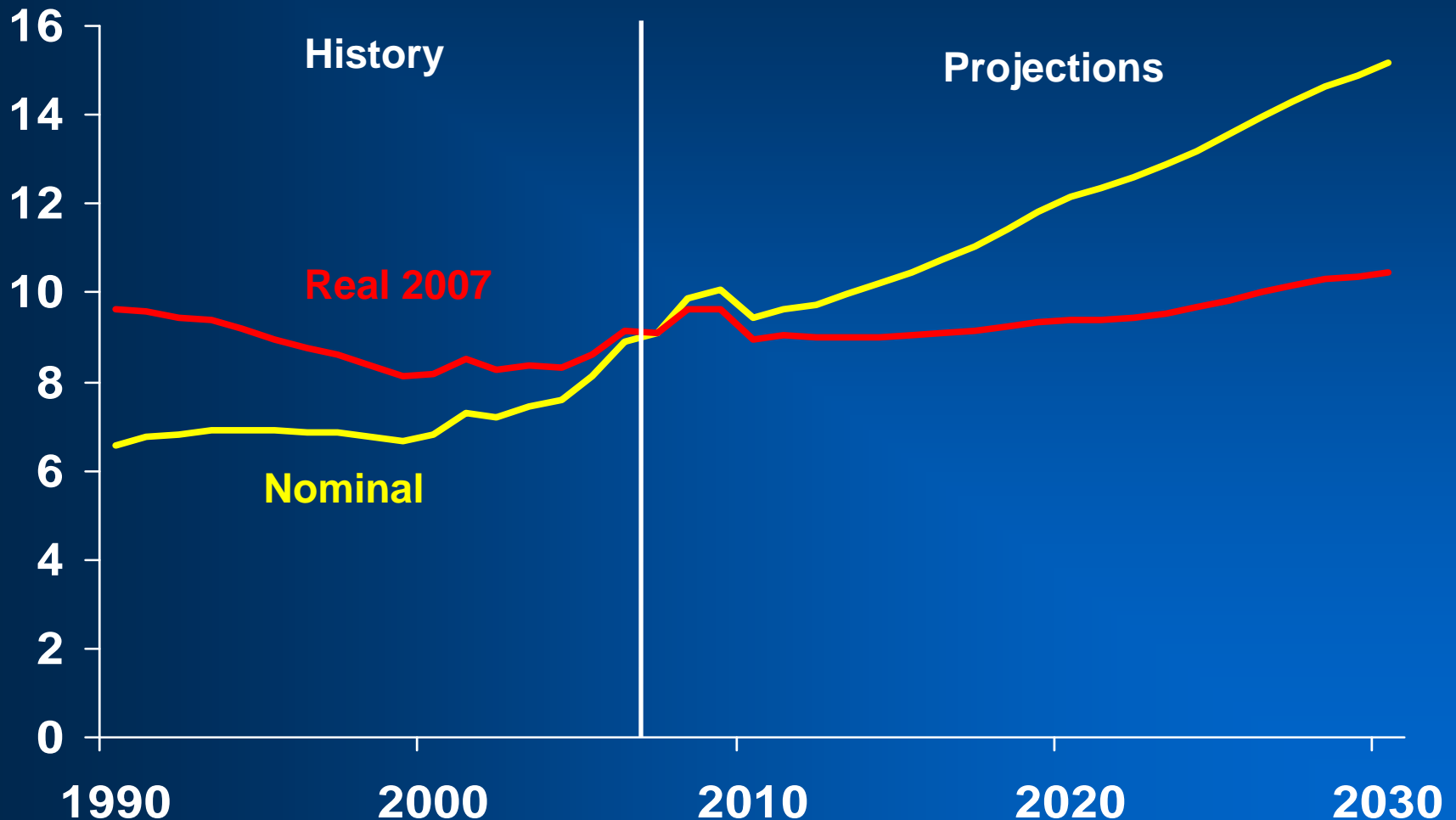
Growth in electricity use continues to slow

3-year rolling average percent growth



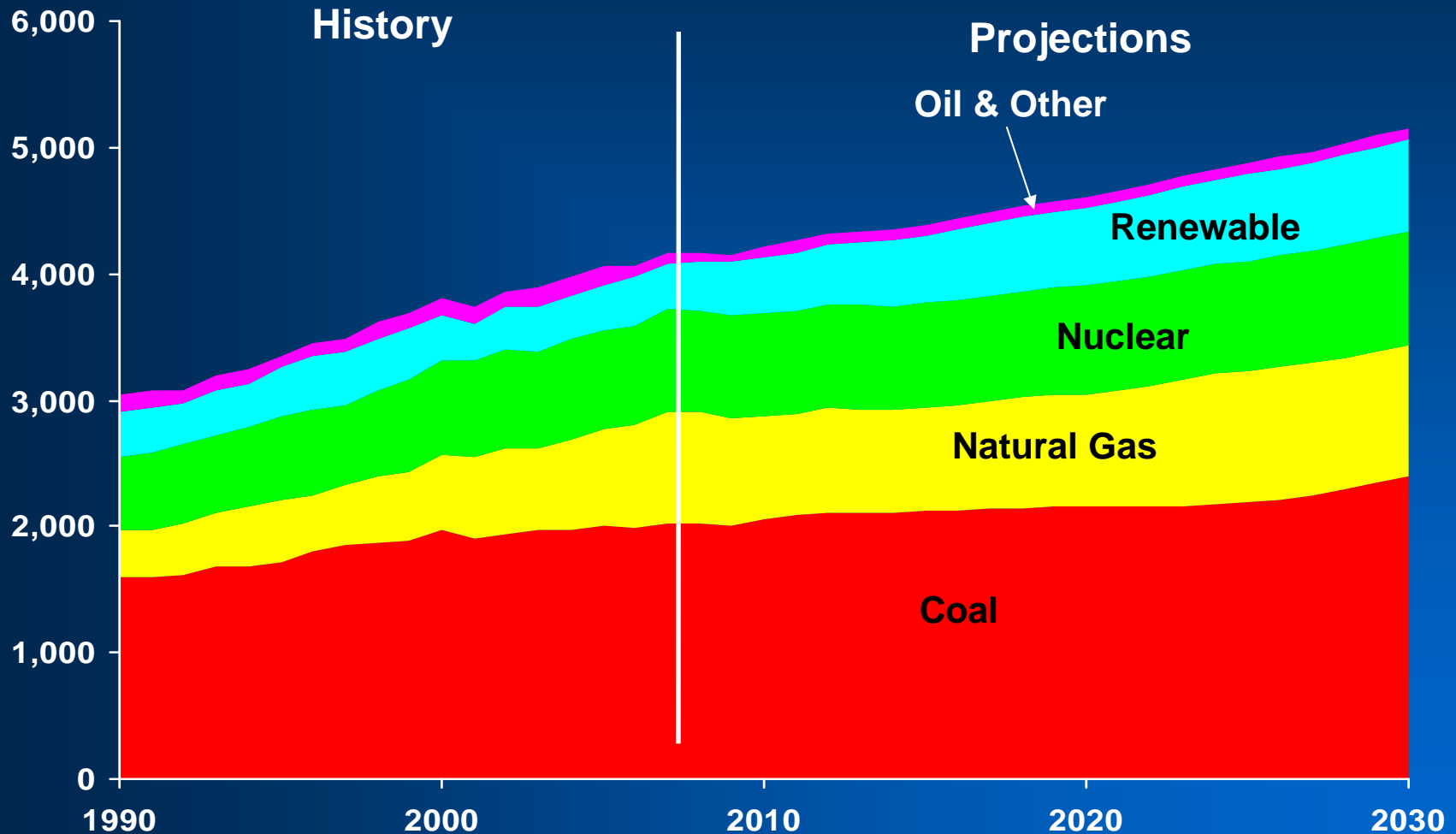
Electricity prices rise with higher capital and fuel costs and growing demand

cents per kilowatthour

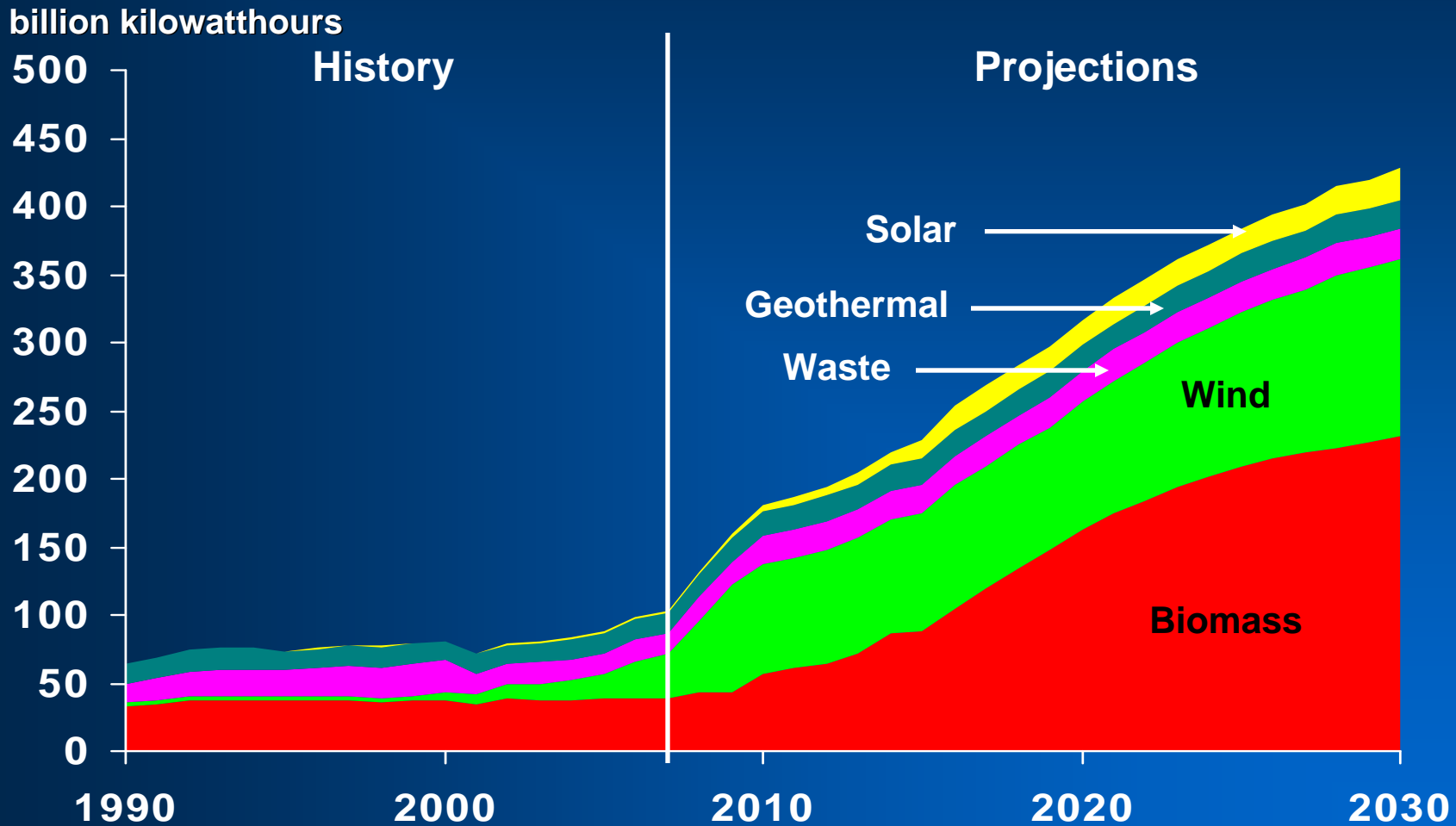


Generation mix gradually shifts to lower carbon options

billion kilowatthours

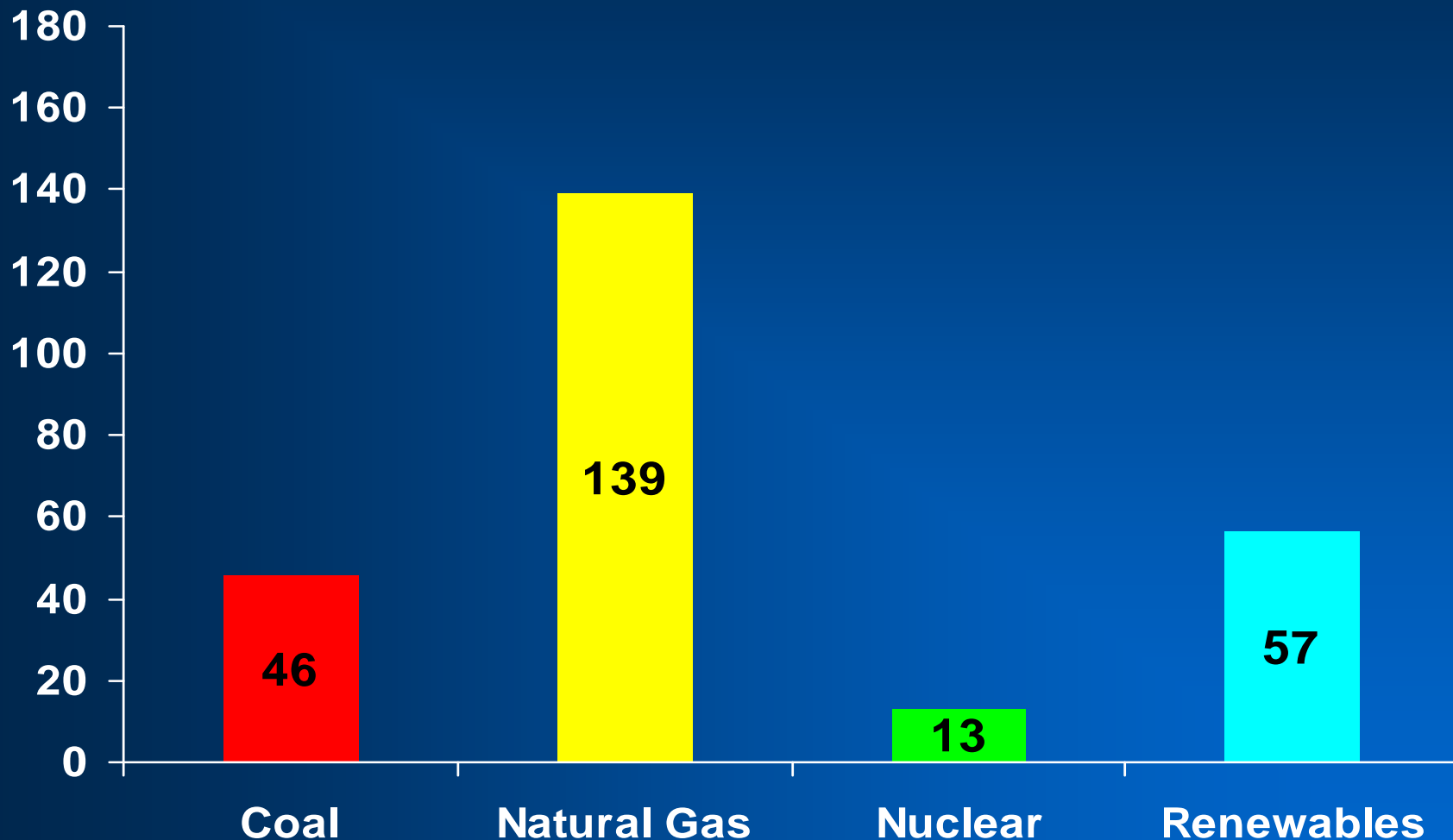


Nonhydropower renewable sources meet 33% of total generation growth between 2007 and 2030



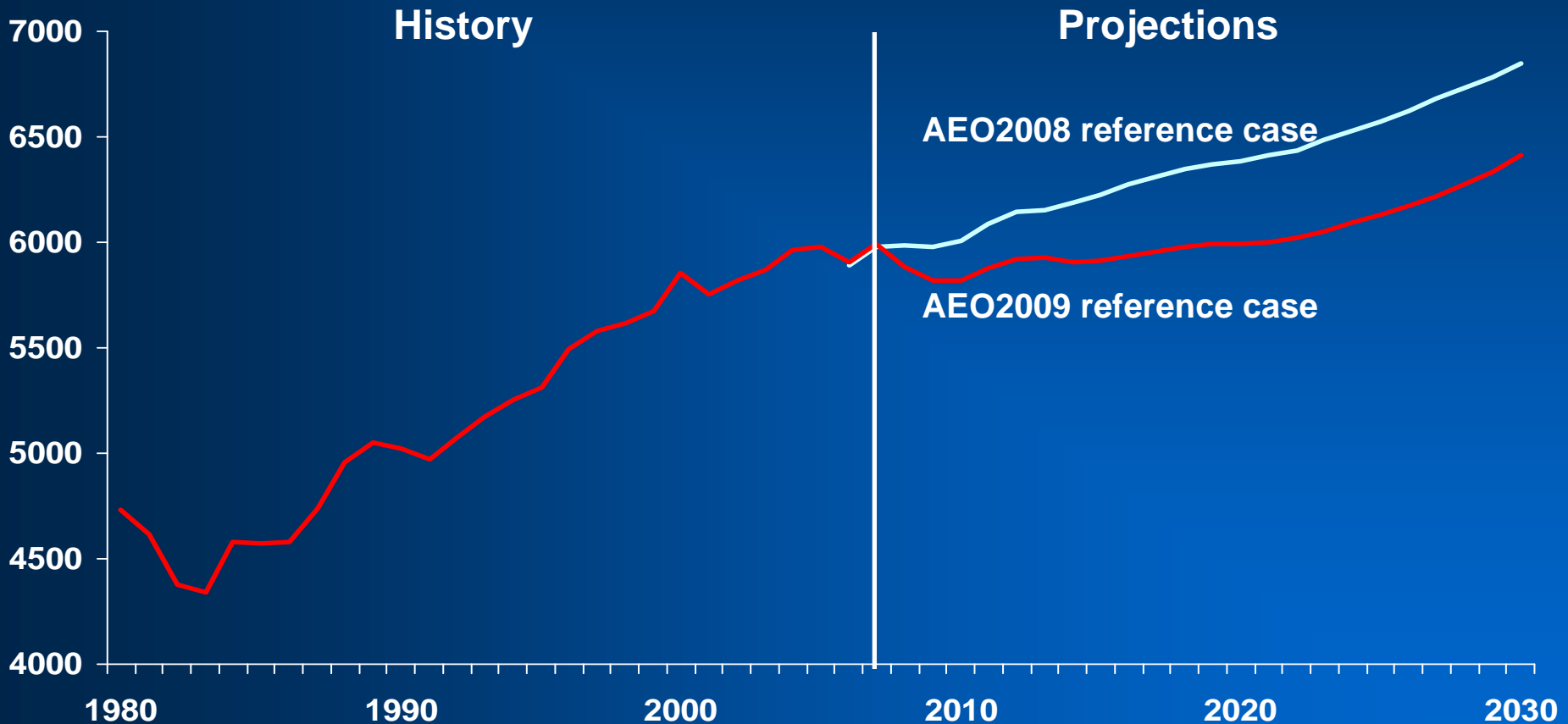
Natural gas and renewables provide most of the generating capacity added between 2007 and 2030

gigawatts



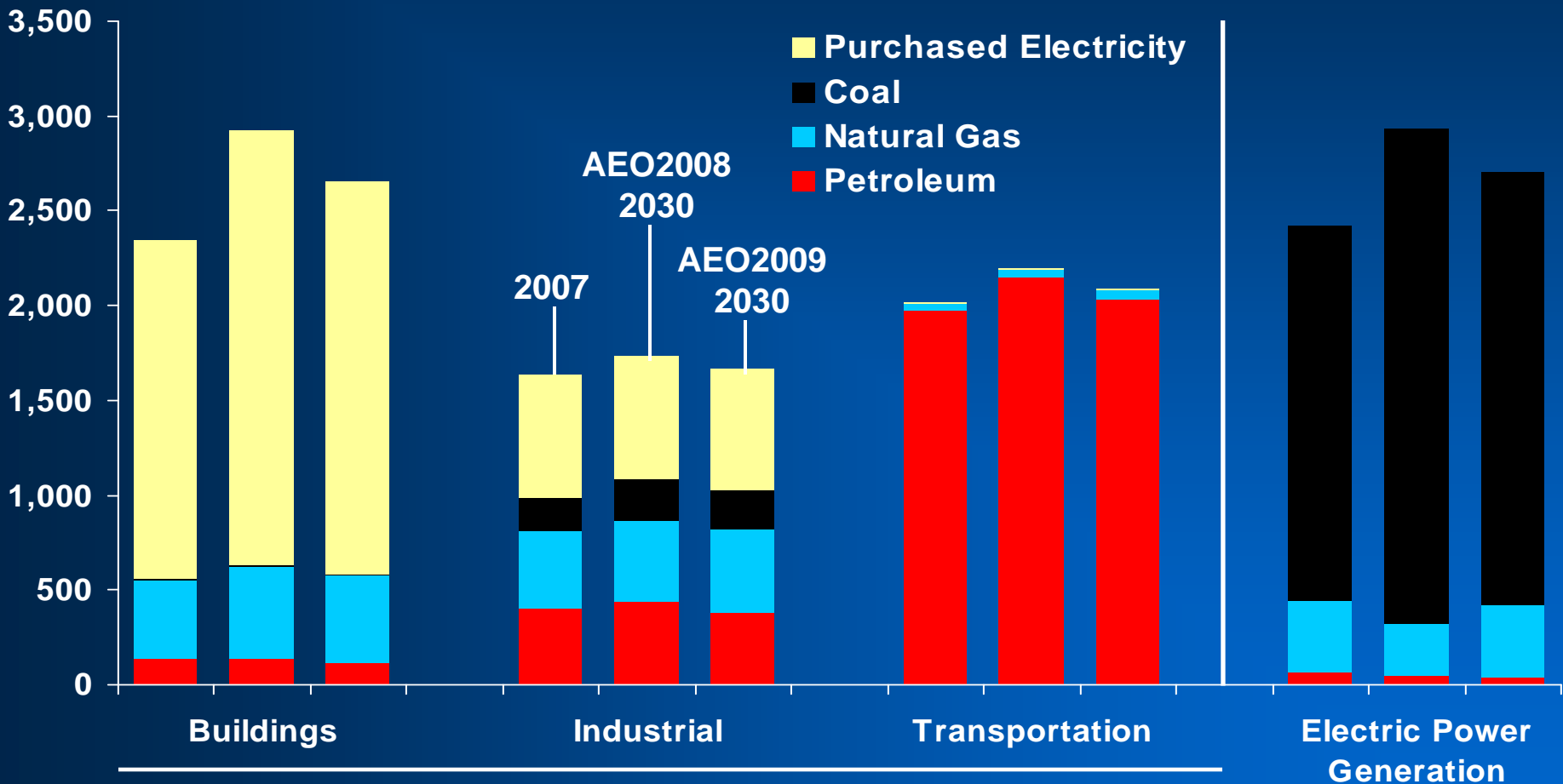
Growth in energy-related CO₂ emissions slows with slowing growth in energy use and a shift to less carbon-intensive fuels

million metric tons



Electricity generation is the dominant source of CO₂ emissions growth

million metric tons



Delivered, including losses in electricity generation

Key results from AEO2009 reference case

- World oil prices rise to higher levels due to growth in world demand and more limited access to resources
- U.S. oil use remains near its present level through 2030 as modest growth in overall liquids demand is met by biofuels
- U.S. dependence on imported oil, measured as a share of U.S. liquids use, is expected to decline sharply over the next 25 years
- Natural gas import share of total supply also declines sharply due to increased domestic production with higher prices
- Unconventional natural gas production, lead by gas shales, is expected to provide the majority of growth in gas supply
- Energy-related CO₂ emissions grow at 0.3 percent per year, absent any new policies to limit emissions

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“Impacts of Increased Access to Oil and Natural Gas Resources in the Lower 48 Federal Outer Continental Shelf,” Annual Energy Outlook 2007

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