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# **Global Nuclear Markets after Fukushima**



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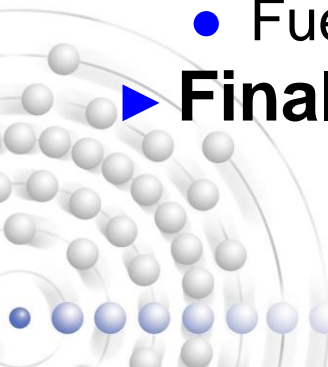
# The Ux Consulting Company

- ▶ **Founded in March 1994**
- ▶ **Provides nuclear power and fuel cycle consulting and market information to suppliers, utilities, investors, and government agencies internationally**
- ▶ **Publishes:**
  - *Ux Weekly* (publication started in 1987)
    - UxC News Headlines
  - Quarterly *Market Outlook* reports with price forecasts
    - Uranium, Conversion, Enrichment, and Fabrication
  - *Nuclear Power Outlook* and *UxC Requirements Model* forecasting
  - *Uranium Suppliers Annual*
  - Key country analysis: China, Russia, India, Japan, Kazakhstan, etc.
  - Special studies on *Nuclear Reactor Technology Assessments*, *Small Modular Reactor Assessments*, *Nuclear Power after Fukushima*, etc.
  - *UxC Policy Watch* briefing service
  - *SpentFUEL* and *StoreFUEL*
- ▶ **Launched uranium futures contract with CME/NYMEX in May 2007**
- ▶ **Offices located in Atlanta, GA, Washington, DC, and other locations**
- ▶ **The most complete & accurate consulting service in the nuclear markets, backed by senior industry experience & strong fundamental analysis**



# Presentation Outline

- ▶ **Global nuclear energy market overview**
- ▶ **Fukushima accident aftermath**
  - Specific country-level impacts
  - Ramifications for world nuclear markets
- ▶ **UxC's global nuclear power forecasts**
- ▶ **Market outlook for the following industries:**
  - Uranium
  - Conversion
  - Enrichment
  - Fuel Fabrication
- ▶ **Final observations**



# Current Status of Global Nuclear Power



- ▶ **432 commercial nuclear reactors operating in 30 countries, with about 368 GWe of total capacity**
- ▶ **Nuclear plants continue to supply around 14% of the world's electricity, as baseload power**
- ▶ **Currently, roughly 60 units (~50 GWe) under construction in 14 countries around the world**
- ▶ **Various drivers for nuclear power expansion**
  - Increased world demand for electricity due to steady economic & population growth
  - Global Warming and Climate Change fears impacting use of fossil fuels (especially coal)
- ▶ **However, also a number of challenges...**
  - Safety concerns
  - Public opinion
  - Capital costs
  - Low price of natural gas
  - Waste management

# Perspectives on Fukushima



- ▶ **The second worst nuclear power accident in history**
- ▶ **Instant loss of nuclear capacity in near-term from Japan and Germany**
- ▶ **Large level of new regulatory reviews/safety checks**
- ▶ **Cancellation of new reactor projects in some cases**
- ▶ **Costs for reactors will likely rise and cause various re-evaluations for operating and new units**
- ▶ **Faster shift to Generation III+ advanced designs**
- ▶ **Slowing down of pace of nuclear power growth, but overall net growth remains all but certain**
- ▶ **This is not the end of nuclear power, and a renewed emphasis on safety and public education is positive**

# Specific Impacts in Japan



## ▶ Near-Term Impacts:

- Earthquake/Tsunami impacted total of 15 units (~13,000 MWe)
- Instant loss of Units 1-4 at TEPCO Fukushima Daiichi (~2,700 MWe)
- Likely decommissioning of Fukushima Daiichi Units 5 & 6 (~2,150 MWe)
- Uncertain future for Units 1-4 at TEPCO Fukushima Daini (~4,300 MWe)
- Since March 2011, no reactor in outage allowed to restart
- **As of May 2011, Japan has no reactors in operation**
- **Despite reactor stress tests, restarts uncertain due to local opposition**

## ▶ Long-Term Impacts:

- New builds delayed or canceled – only 2 units assured (Shimane 3 & Ohma 1)
- Regulations & policies changing: new energy plan to show nuclear reductions
- Public opinion and local political support dwindling, but elements of the national government retain strong allegiance to nuclear power

- ▶ **As third largest world economy, Japan has few good energy options. Expect nuclear to remain 15-20% of total electricity supply for at least next 20 years (i.e. 25-35 GWe through 2030).**

# Specific World Impacts: RED Countries



- ▶ **Germany:** Complete phase-out by end of 2022 is now law
  - 8 reactors (~8,500 MWe) shut down instantly in March 2011
  - Remaining 9 reactors (~12,500 MWe) to shut down over period 2014-2022
  - Shifting to coal/gas and renewables
- ▶ **Switzerland:** Voted to end new build plans and license renewals
  - First shutdown in 2019, last shutdown in 2034
  - Small chance of being reversed in the future
- ▶ **Taiwan:** Finishing 2 new reactors at Lungmen, but no more new units or license renewals allowed
  - First shutdown as early as 2016, last shutdown in 2054
  - Medium chance of being reversed in the future
- ▶ **Italy:** Referendum in June 2011 makes nuclear power illegal
- ▶ **Various countries no longer expected to build reactors**
  - Philippines, Israel, Morocco, Tunisia, Venezuela, Uruguay, Kuwait

# Specific World Impacts: YELLOW Countries



- ▶ **U.S.:** Despite lots of media attention, no radical changes
  - Lots of scrutiny on existing reactors likely to cause increased O&M costs
  - Harder to relicense some plants: California & Northeast problem sites
  - Fewer new reactors (4-5 by 2020) and lower growth after that as well
  - What happens after 2035 if not enough replacement reactors are built?
- ▶ **China:** 18-24 month delay in construction cycle
  - Operating units underwent safety checks and passed
  - Approvals for new construction stopped for safety checks & new regulations
  - New forecast (compared to 12 GWe from 15 units today):
    - 38 GWe by 2015, 66 GWe by 2020, and 120 GWe by 2030
- ▶ **France:** Lower public opinion, Increased obstacles for new build
  - Oldest plant license renewed, but new reactors delayed
  - Socialist/Green parties vowing reductions in nuclear power if elected
- ▶ **Belgium:** Prior to Fukushima, already had long-term plan to phase-out nuclear power, and new government has confirmed it

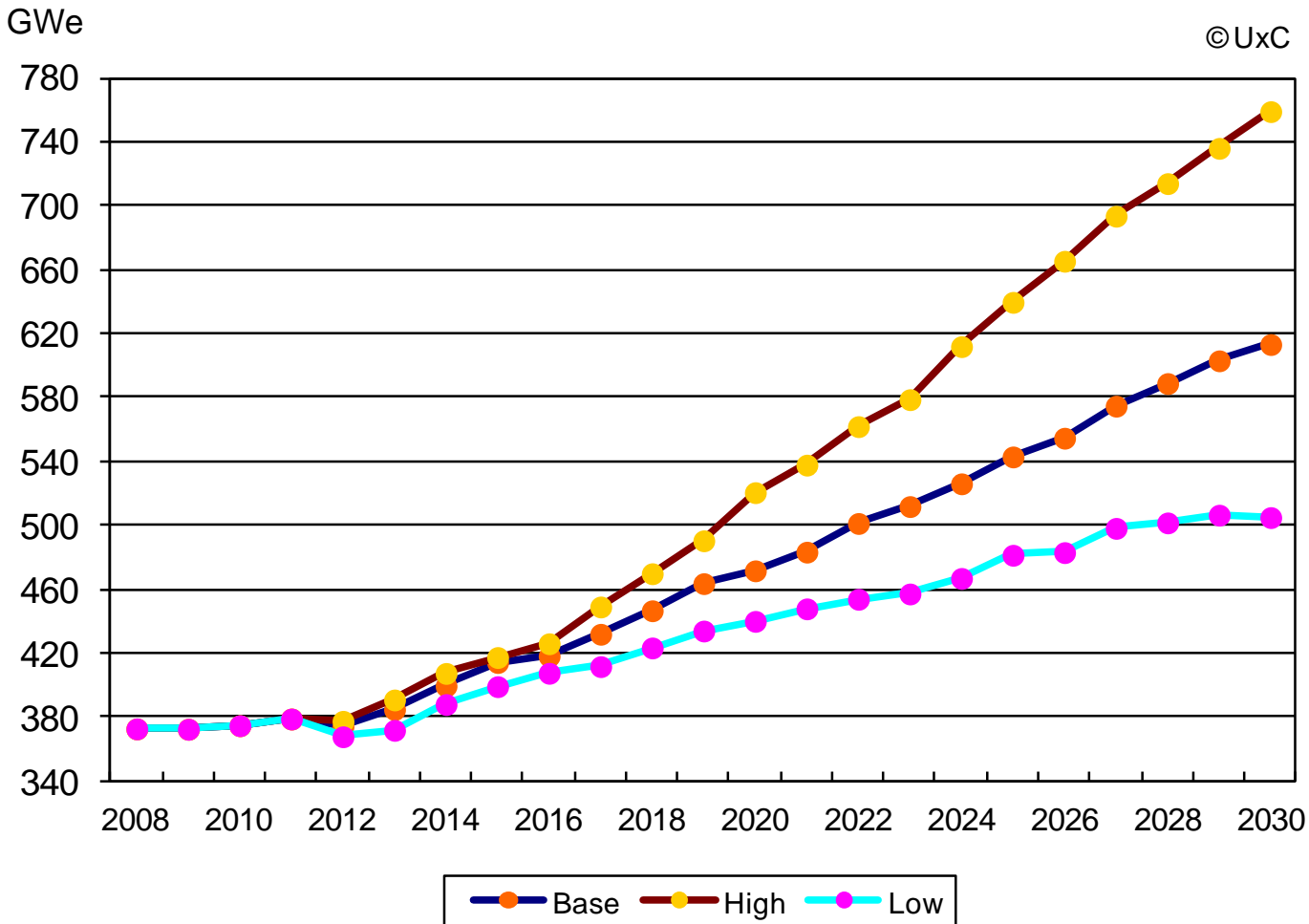


# Specific World Impacts: GREEN Countries



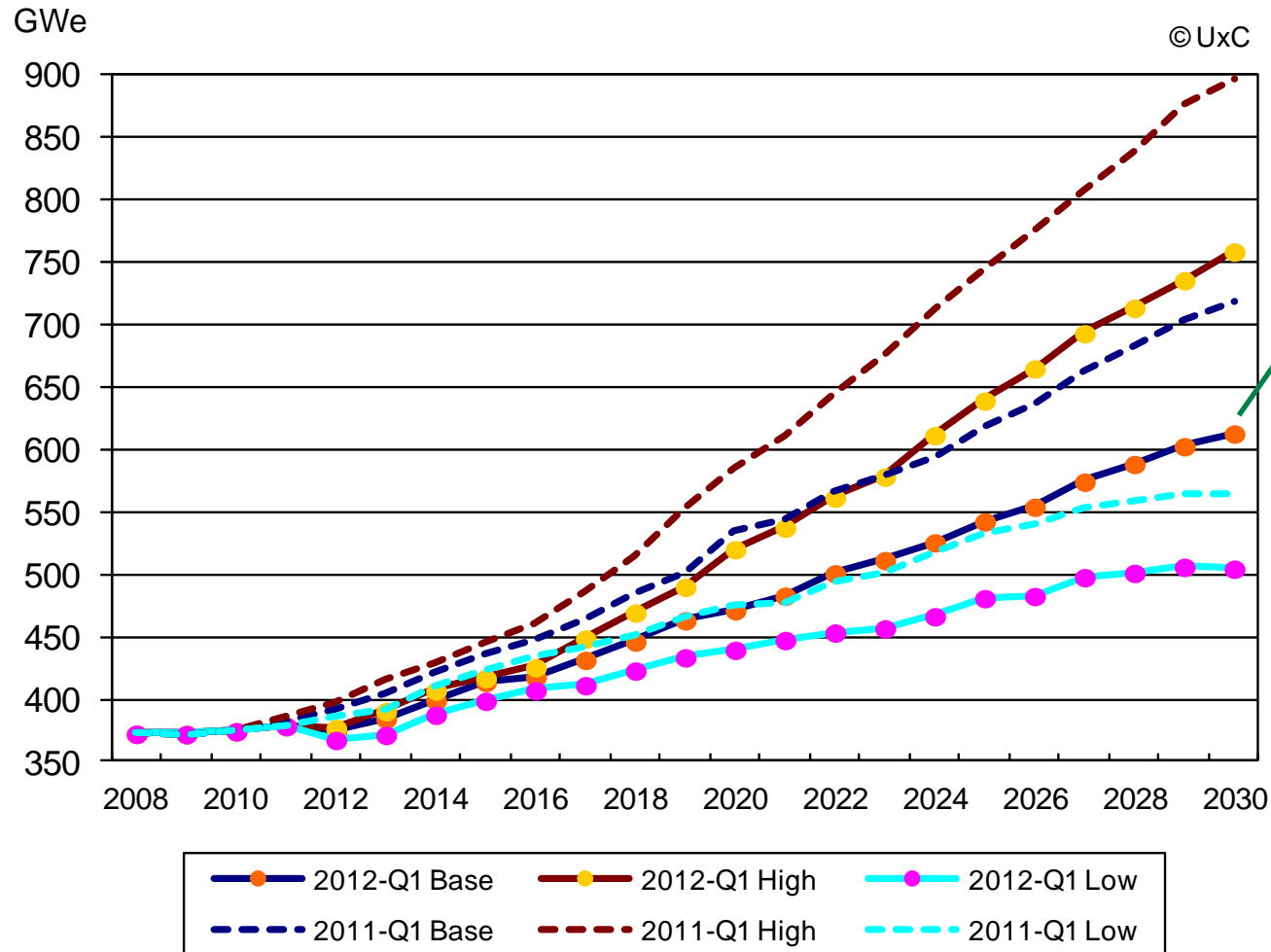
- ▶ **Russia: Not deterred from new build expansions**
  - Undertaking new safety reviews (potential for older plants to shut down earlier)
  - Operation of RBMK reactors at lower capacities
- ▶ **India: Maintains that nuclear is critical to economic development**
  - Some delays likely due to public acceptance of greenfield sites
- ▶ **South Korea: On track to expand new units + license renewals**
  - Spending ~\$1 billion in safety upgrades to allay public concerns
- ▶ **Many countries remain committed to nuclear power**
  - **UK:** Proceeding with new plant development (gov't & industry actions)
  - **Sweden:** Not canceling reversal of nuclear phase-out
  - **Finland:** No change in TVO or Fennovoima project plans
  - **Czech:** Finalizing plans for Temelin 3 & 4
  - **Canada:** CANDU sale and OPG continued plans are positive developments
  - **Brazil & Argentina:** No major changes to new build plans
- ▶ **Various countries still likely to join the “nuclear family”**
  - UAE, Poland, Belarus, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Vietnam, Jordan, Egypt, etc.

# UxC Base, High, and Low Case Nuclear Capacity Forecasts



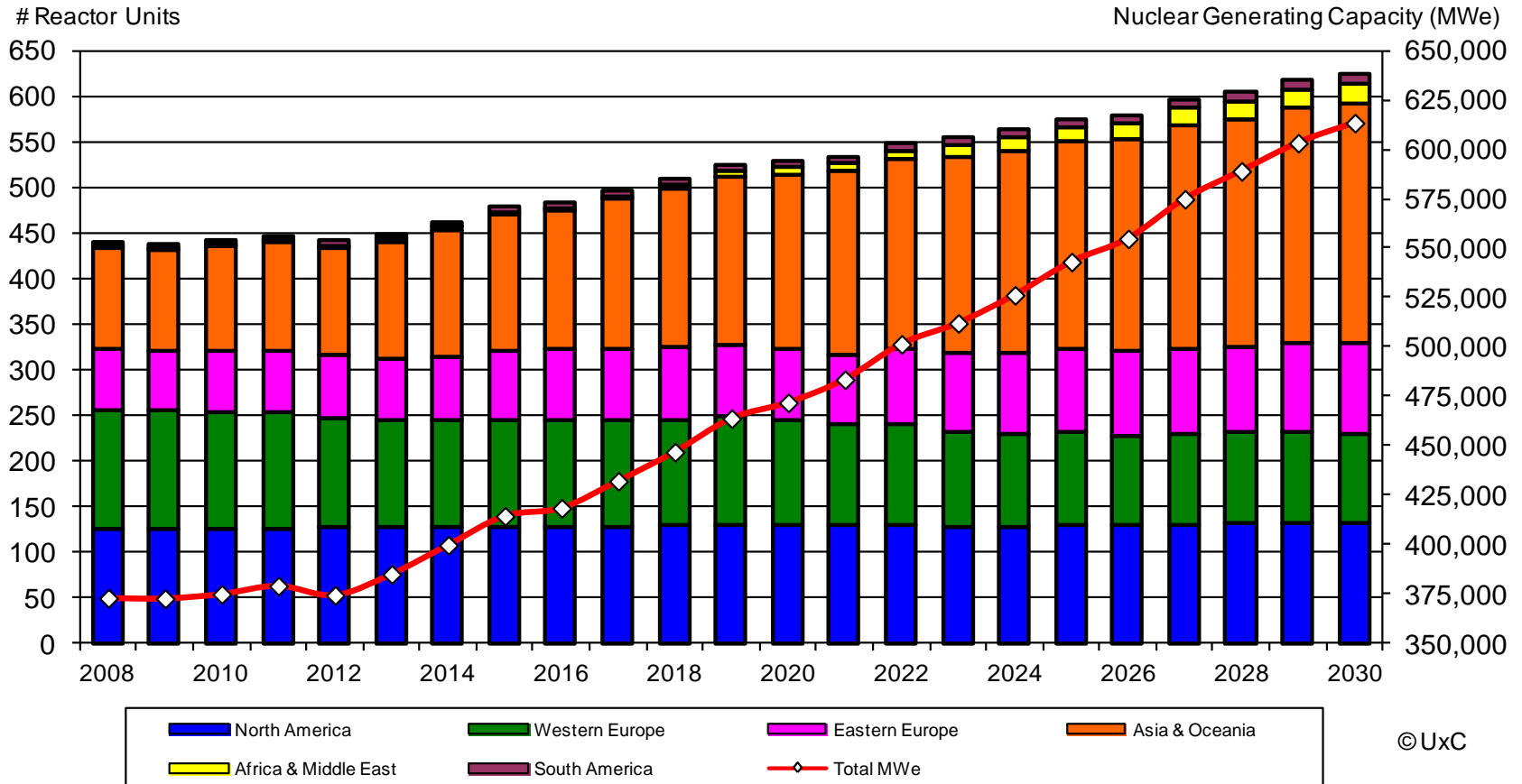
Source: UxC Nuclear Power Outlook, Q1 2012

# UxC Reactor Forecasts: Before and After Fukushima



Source: UxC Nuclear Power Outlook, Q1 2012

# UxC Base Case Nuclear Forecast Details by Region, 2008-2030

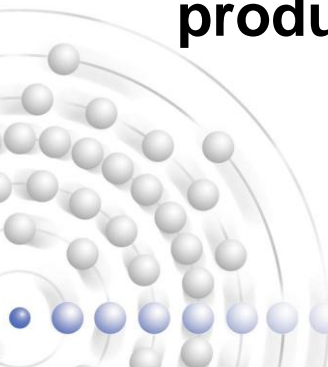


Source: Nuclear Power Outlook Q1 2012

# Global Uranium Supply Overview



- ▶ Era of large inventories and secondary supplies is ending
- ▶ Relative market price increases since 2001 have helped push forward investments in exploration and new mines
- ▶ However, vast majority of global growth in world production has been coming from Kazakhstan and Africa
  - Kazakhstan has accounted for nearly 80% of world uranium expansion increase since 2003
- ▶ New higher-cost projects require higher prices to start up
- ▶ New round of producer consolidation to meet the challenges of the future; polarization towards larger, well-diversified producers.





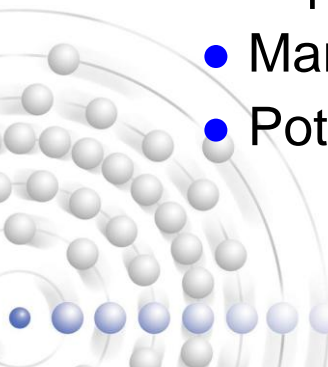
# Fukushima Impacts on Uranium

## ▶ Fukushima has mainly had impact on fuel demand

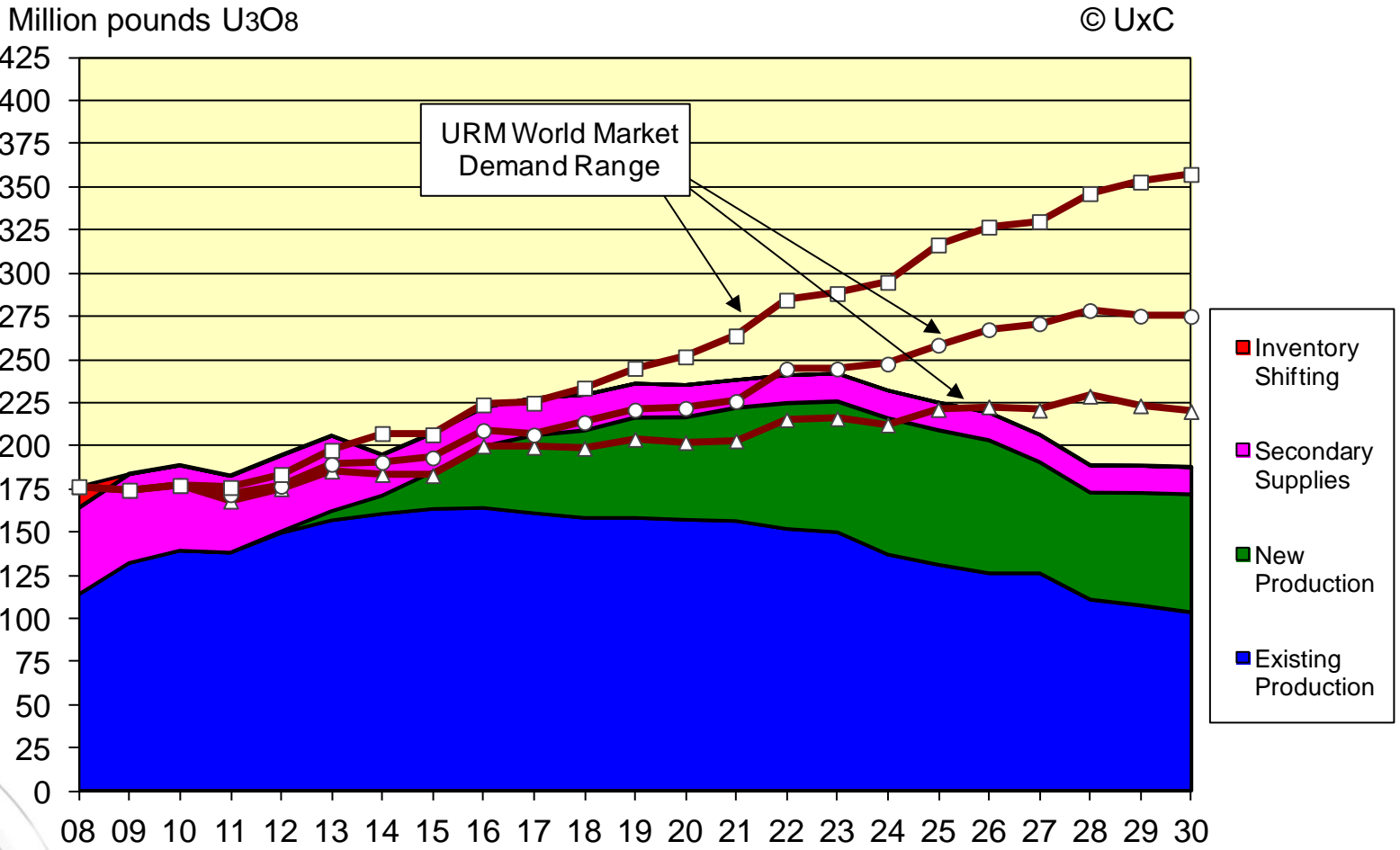
- Declining near-term demand and inventory overhang
  - Limited spot demand due to heavy buying over the past few years
  - Slight oversupply situation, mainly due to ramp-up in Kazakh production and shutdown of Japanese and German reactors. Balanced out by production problems.
  - Disposal of excess inventory: Japan, DOE
  - Flat price situation
- Long-term reduction in demand
  - Demand growth improves, driven by China, Russia, India, and South Korea
  - Less new production needed to meet post-Fukushima demand

## ▶ Supply response is starting to be seen

- New mine delays – ex. AREVA's Trekkopje
- Impact on exploration companies and uranium juniors
- Marginal projects
- Potential exists for price spike to re-occur, if supply growth is muted



# World Uranium Supply vs. Demand 2008-2030 – Mid Production Case



Source: *Uranium Market Outlook*, Q1 2012

# Fukushima Impacts on Conversion

- ▶ **Reduced Demand Forecasts:**
  - Near-term demand and inventory overhang
  - Long-term demand
- ▶ **Fukushima provides a little breathing room, but conversion continues to be the “weakest link”**
- ▶ **New primary conversion capacity is desperately needed after 2013 loss of Russian HEU**
- ▶ **Until recently, only new project is AREVA’s COMURHEX II, which is basically a replacement of the old plant**
- ▶ **Now new conversion capacity in Russia (SCC), also replacement of the old plant**
- ▶ **China remains a wild card, but expect new market demand for UF<sub>6</sub> from China going forward**
- ▶ **Conversion spot prices have been under downward pressure**
- ▶ **Conversion LT prices remained elevated after Fukushima and has flattened out.**
  - Still questionable whether sufficient to entice new capacity outside of China and Russia

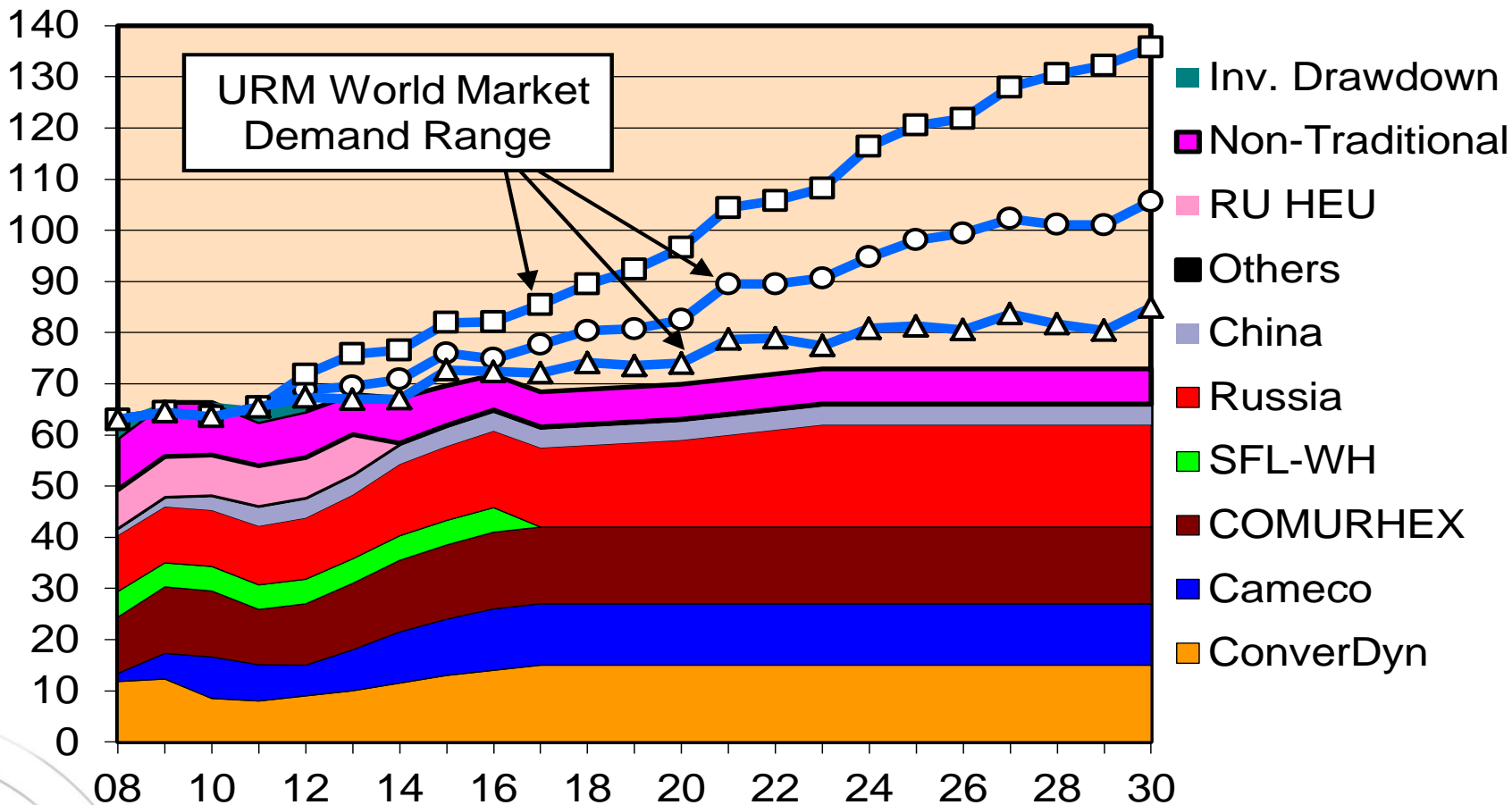


# Status Quo Conversion Supply Case vs. Post-Fukushima Demand



Million kgU as UF6

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Source: Conversion Market Outlook, April 2012

# Fukushima Impacts on Enrichment

## ▶ Reduced Demand Forecasts

- Realization that this lower demand may create a “glut of SWU” if all new enrichment plants that were planned would get built

## ▶ Multiple new projects were being planned around the world, and the suppliers revisited their plans:

- AREVA’s suspension of Eagle Rock
- URENCO’s reduction of expansion plans
- Russia’s enrichment industry restructuring expected to be accompanied with lower capacity growth
- Uncertain future of USEC

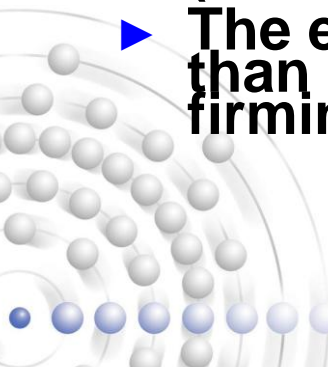
## ▶ China’s domestic SWU program remains wild card

## ▶ Either way, shift to new technologies - centrifuge and potentially laser – is almost complete

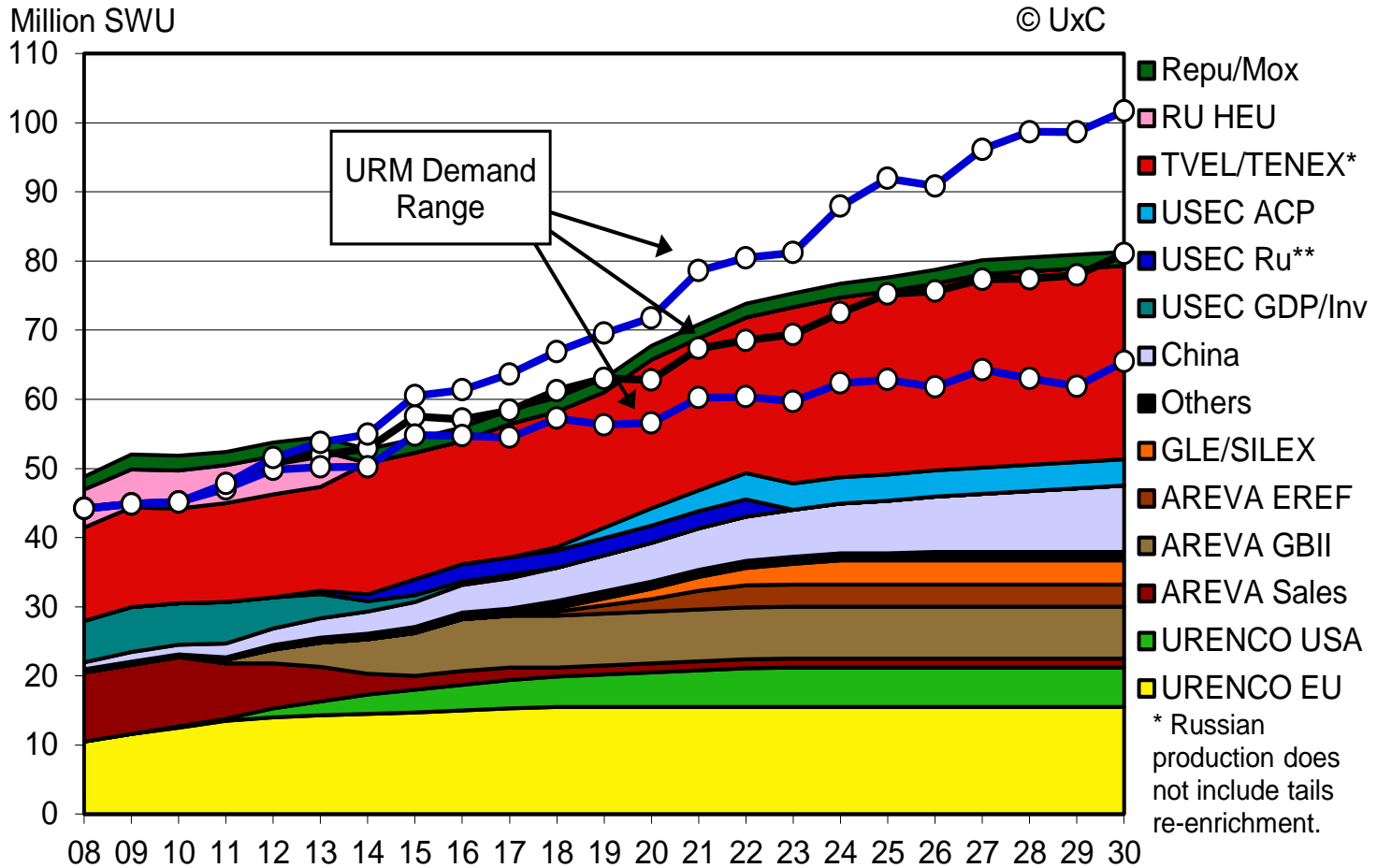
## ▶ SWU prices initially held firm after Fukushima, but have since seen drop in base contract prices

## ▶ Increased competition over low uncovered requirements (following increased activity in 2005-2009)

## ▶ The enrichers found themselves with more excess capacity than originally anticipated. Prices are expected to begin firming up once the market finds its balance



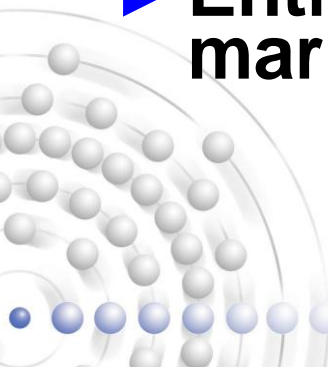
# Base Case Enrichment Supply Case vs. Post-Fukushima Demand



Source: *Enrichment Market Outlook*, Q1 2012

# Fukushima Impacts on Fabrication

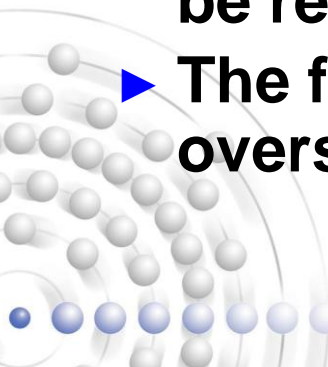
- ▶ **No major changes overall, but reduced demand will be felt, especially for BWR fuel**
- ▶ **Western Europe and North America will continue to have large over-capacity**
- ▶ **Some slowing of expansions, but most new capacity is planned in Asia anyway**
- ▶ **LWR fabrication prices are still expected to rise due to other pressures (e.g. labor, regulations, services, non-uranium input costs like zirconium)**
- ▶ **Entrance of TVEL into the PWR fuel fabrication market with TVS-Kvadrat**





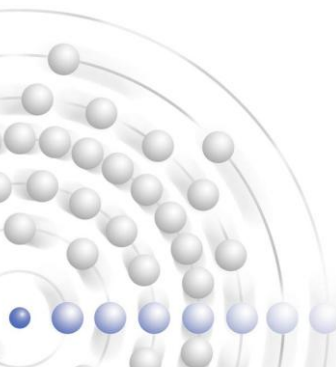
# Final Observations

- ▶ **Globally, nuclear energy is still on a growth path**
  - Largest growth expected in Asia (esp. China, Russia, S. Korea & India)
- ▶ **Fukushima caused several countries to reconsider nuclear, but most were never big growth prospects**
- ▶ **Uranium market still tight with upwards price trend likely in the mid-term (2-5 years out)**
- ▶ **Conversion market remains the “weakest link” though LT prices have been more favorable towards the industry than in the past**
- ▶ **Enrichment market is seeking its balance and the downward pressure in the near future is expected to be replaced by an upwards price trend**
- ▶ **The fuel fabrication industry remains stable and oversupplied**



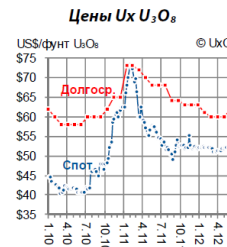


**Преумножая ценность  
информации**



# Локализованный продукт

- ▶ Котировки спотовых и долгосрочных цен
- ▶ Переводная аналитическая информация UxC
- ▶ Эксклюзивные материалы Nuclear.Ru
- ▶ Обзор событий ЯТЦ за неделю
- ▶ Обзор мирового фондового рынка



## Обзор уранового рынка UxC

- Умеренная активность на спотовом рынке U3O8 не привела к изменению цены.
- Активность на долгосрочном рынке свидетельствует об увеличении цен предложений на средне- и долгосрочную поставку.
- Несмотря на рост активности, спотовые и долгосрочные цены на услуги конверсии остаются на прежнем уровне.
- Незначительная активность на рынке обогащения, цены неизменны в течение месяца.

(См. стр. 11-16)

## Ядерные дороги Каролины

Ядерно-энергетическая ассамблея-2012 (Nuclear Energy Assembly – ежегодная конференция и выставка поставщиков атомной отрасли, организуемая Институтом атомной энергии (NEI)) США. - Прим. UxC) прошла в «стране NASCAR» в Шарлотт, Северная Каролина, с 21 по 23 мая. Место проведения оказалось под стать настрою, царившему на конференции...

(См. стр. 4)

## Обзор фондового рынка

За период с 21 по 28 мая глобальные фондовые индексы сильно не изменились, а акции урановых компаний несколько восстановились после падения двух предыдущих недель. Так, индекс «MSCI World» снизился за этот период на 0,06%, «S&P Global Nuclear Energy» – на 0,16%, а «Merrill Lynch Uranium...

(См. стр. 7)

## МНТК: Первые контуры ЗЯТЦ

В рамках 8-й Международной научно-технической конференции «Безопасность, эффективность и экономика атомной энергетики» (МНТК), проходившей 23–25 мая в Москве, были представлены долгосрочные перспективы развития атомной энергетики России, в том числе создания к 2030 году первого этапа замкнутого ядерного топливного цикла. Как отметил заместитель генерального директора – управляющий проектом ОАО «Концерн Росэнергоатом» Олег Сараев, замыкание ЯТЦ – приоритетная задача ГК «Росатом», «не имеющая прецедентов решения».

О. Сараев обрисовал контуры нового топливного цикла в докладе «Перспективы развития и внедрения замкнутого топливного цикла» (ЗЯТЦ). Он отметил, что задачи по переводу атомной энергетики на ЗЯТЦ упоминаются «едва ли не во всех программах» развития отрасли, однако эта тема «обезличена и уже четверть века

не имеет сколько-нибудь конкретного плана реализации». По словам О. Сараева, в сегодняшних условиях заказчиком внедрения ЗЯТЦ может и должен стать «Росэнергоатом», так как он «через 10–15 лет встретится с угрозой потери конкурентоспособности на рынке электроэнергии».

Эта угроза связана во многом с опережающим ростом затрат концерна на услуги по обращению с ОЯТ, которые в период с 2015 по 2030 гг. могут возрасти в 7 раз, до 46,7 млрд. руб., при прогнозируемом росте установленной мощности АЭС в два раза, до 54 ГВт. Как отметил О. Сараев, начиная с 2027 года все ОЯТ будет находиться в собственности «Росэнергоатома» со «всеми обременениями» по обращению с ОЯТ. Более того, в период с 2016 по 2027 гг. будут остановлены энергоблоки АЭС старого поколения мощностью более 12 ГВт для последующего вывода из эксплуатации.

В этой связи «опасный рост топливной составляющей в...

(Продолжение на стр. 2)

# Новый уровень в консалтинге

## Nuclear.Ru

- Ведущее специализированное СМИ в России по ядерной тематике
- Экспертиза Nuclear.Ru позволяет адаптировать консалтинговые проекты для российских компаний

## UxС

- ▶ Мировой лидер в области консалтинга в атомной отрасли, включая все стадии ЯТЦ
- ▶ Авторитетный источник рыночной информации

## Ux Nuclear



- ▶ Объединение усилий UxС и Nuclear.Ru создает сильного игрока на рынке консалтинговых услуг в России и других странах СНГ



## UxС



A landscape photograph featuring rolling hills under a clear blue sky. The hills are reflected in a body of water in the foreground, creating a symmetrical effect. The text "Thank You!" is overlaid in white at the top, and "Questions?" is overlaid in white at the bottom.

**Thank You!**

**Questions?**