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Ugly Oil Fundamentals & Poor Sentiment Signal Caution For Oil

Long-term Bullish Natural Gas Outlook Keeps Getting Better!

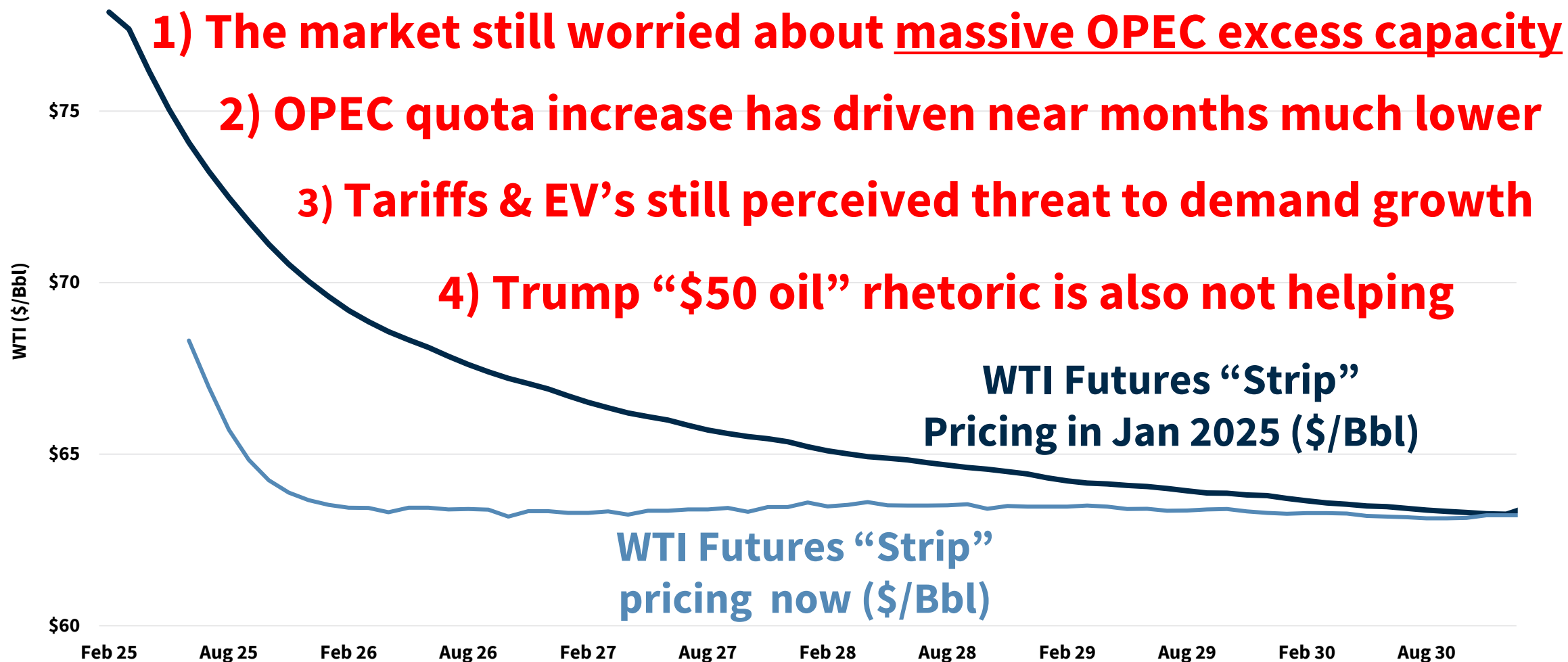
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Is Bearish Oil & Bullish Gas Sentiment Fair?

- Tariffs & OPEC moves driving negative oil sentiment
- Geopolitical risk now lower and, Trump rhetoric bearish
- Tariff risk seems over-rated - jury is still out on OPEC cut reversal impact – **oil model now decidedly more bearish!**
- U.S. natural gas ugly in 2025 with legacy supply growth
- **Post '25, US gas fundamentals looking VERY bullish**

Post Trump, What Are Futures Saying?

WTI Futures “Strip” Pricing (\$/Bbl)



So, What Is The **Bearish** Case For Oil?

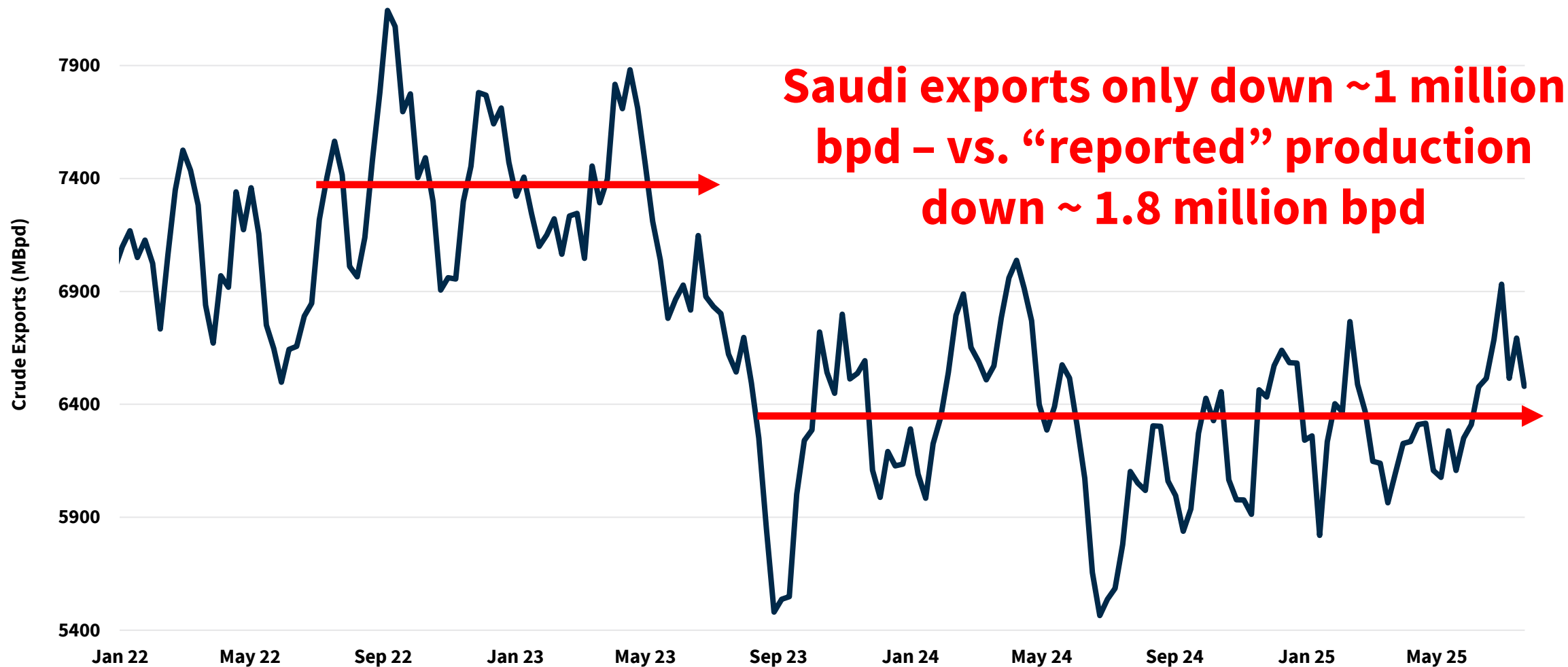
- Iran peace leads to more supply than most assume
- U.S. and other non-OPEC supply will be resilient
- Tariff impact slows global economy & demand growth
- **OPEC supply will surge with new quotas**
- **Trump rhetoric keeps oil low thru '26 elections**
- **Combination of above drives bearish inventory builds**

What Are We Watching For Oil Insights??

- We are closely watching OPEC+ exports, specifically:
 - *Will Saudi & UAE actually increase exports?*
 - *Will Iranian, Russian & Venezuelan exports rise or fall?*
- Geopolitical changes: Iran?, Russia?, Venezuela?
- **Will global oil inventory trends continue to look ugly?**
- Physical market: calendar/crack spreads, Saudi OSP's
- Net futures positioning (short-term only)

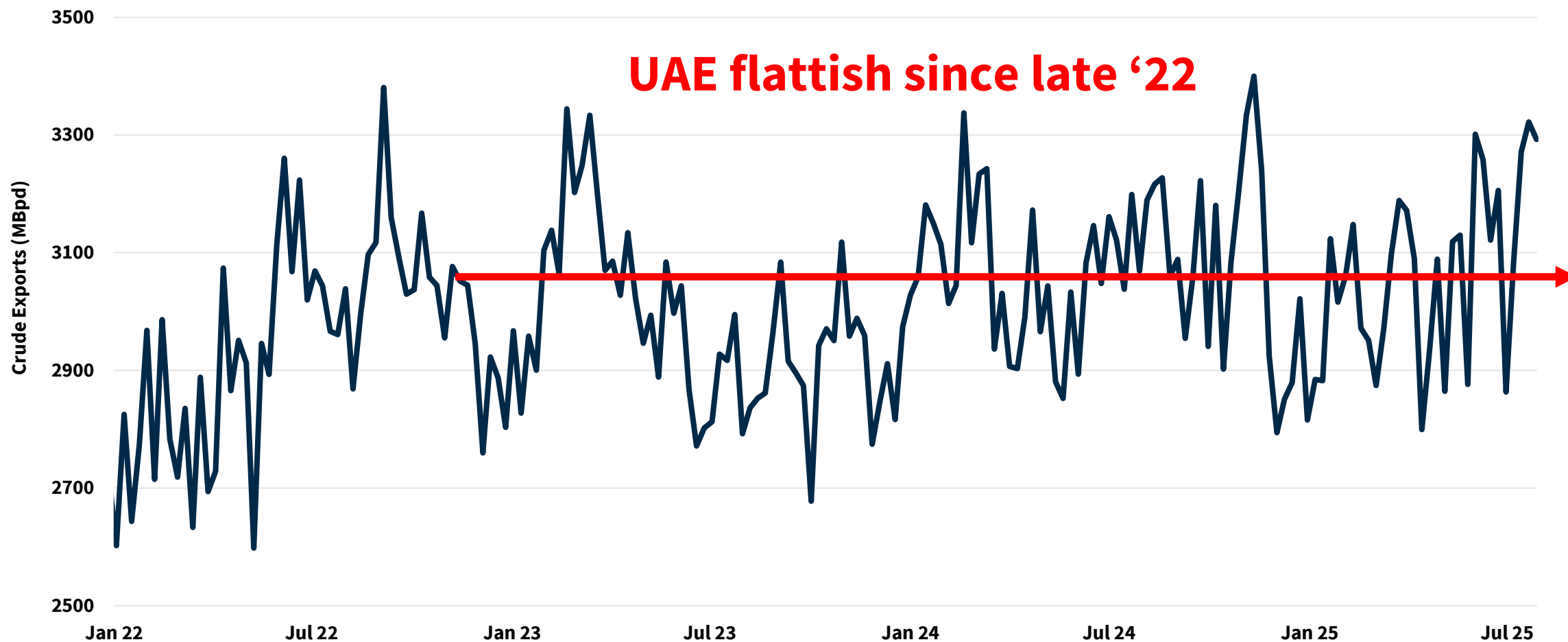
Saudi Export Trends Will Be Important

1-Month Moving Average Saudi Exports of Crude Oil (MBpd)



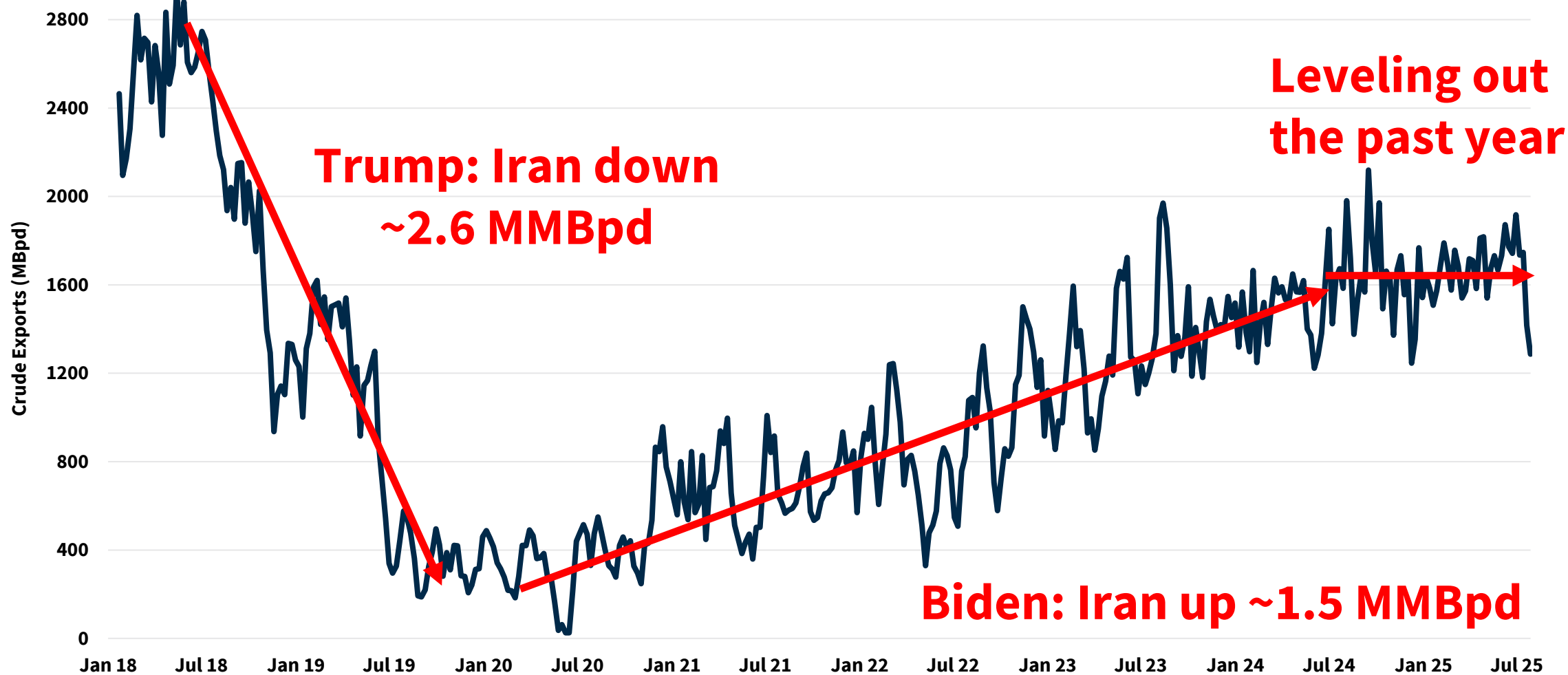
UAE The Only Other Big Potential Grower

1-Month Moving Average UAE Exports of Crude Oil (MBpd)



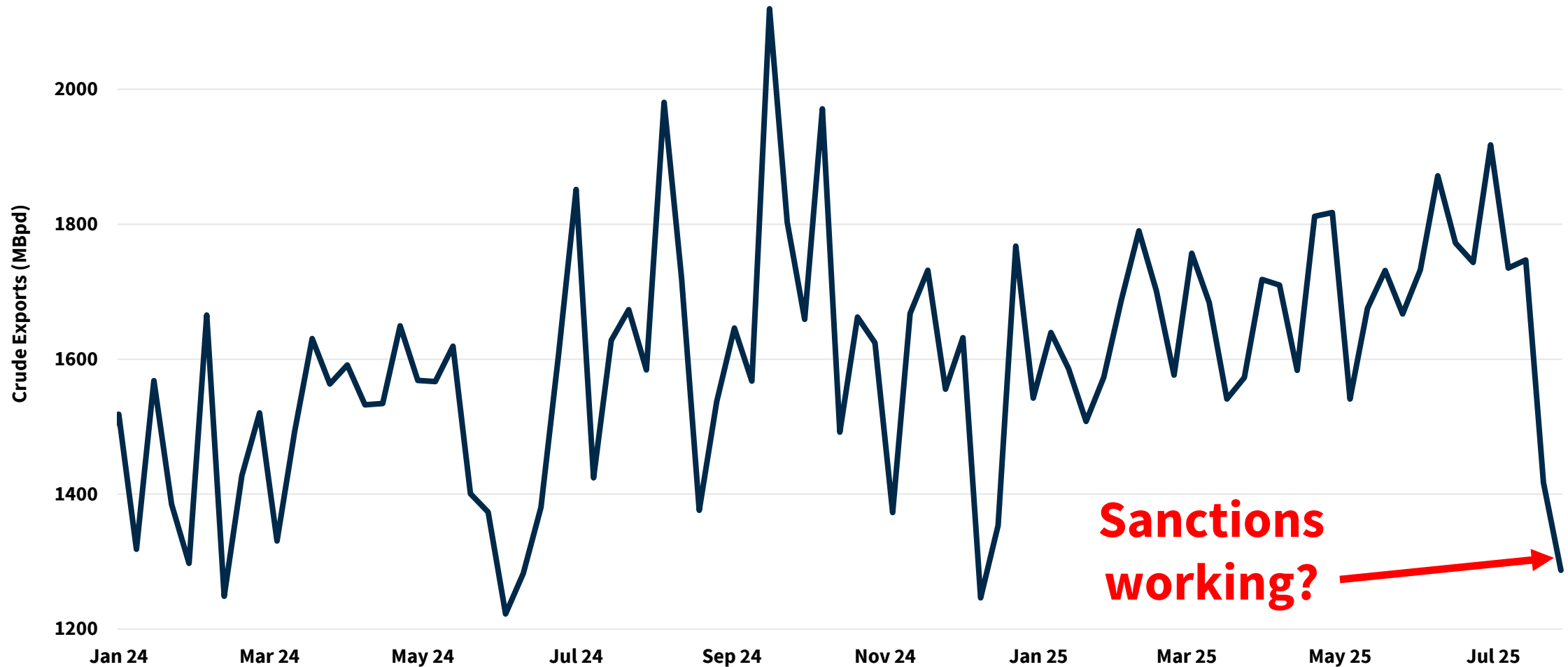
Is ~1.5 MMBpd Of Iranian Oil Now Safe?

1-Month Moving Average Iranian Exports of Crude Oil (MBpd)



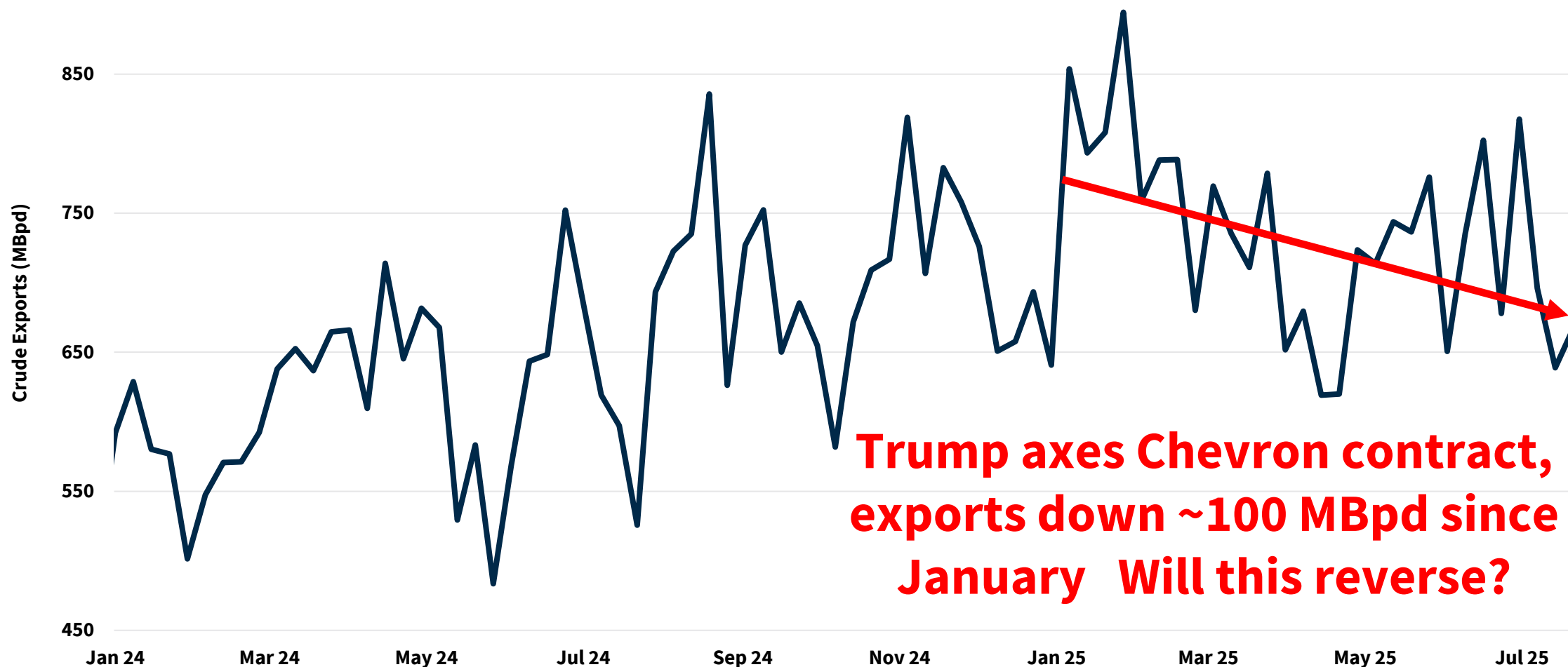
Are Iranian Sanctions Finally Working?

1-Month Moving Average Iranian Exports of Crude Oil (MBpd)



Venezuelan Exports Slowly Falling, But...

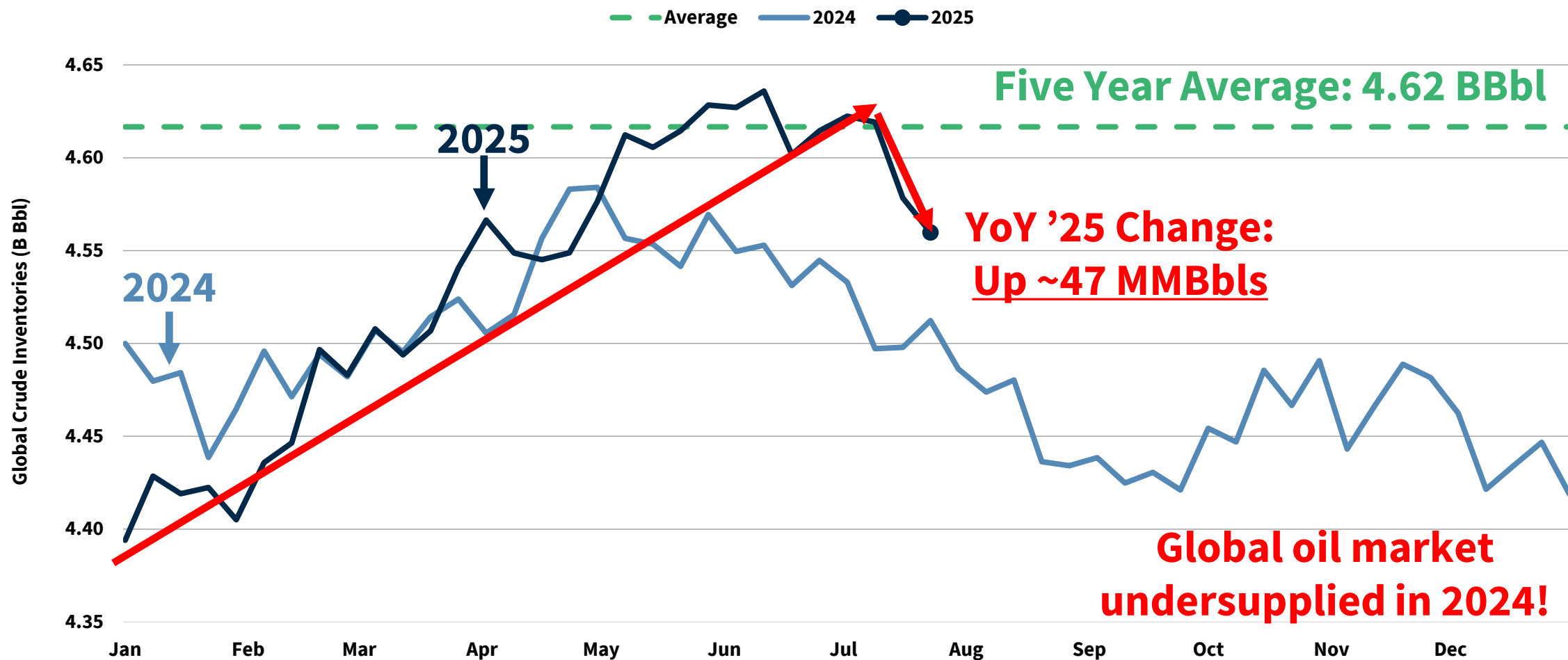
1-Month Moving Average Venezuelan Exports of Crude Oil (MBpd)



**Trump axes Chevron contract,
exports down ~100 MBpd since
January Will this reverse?**

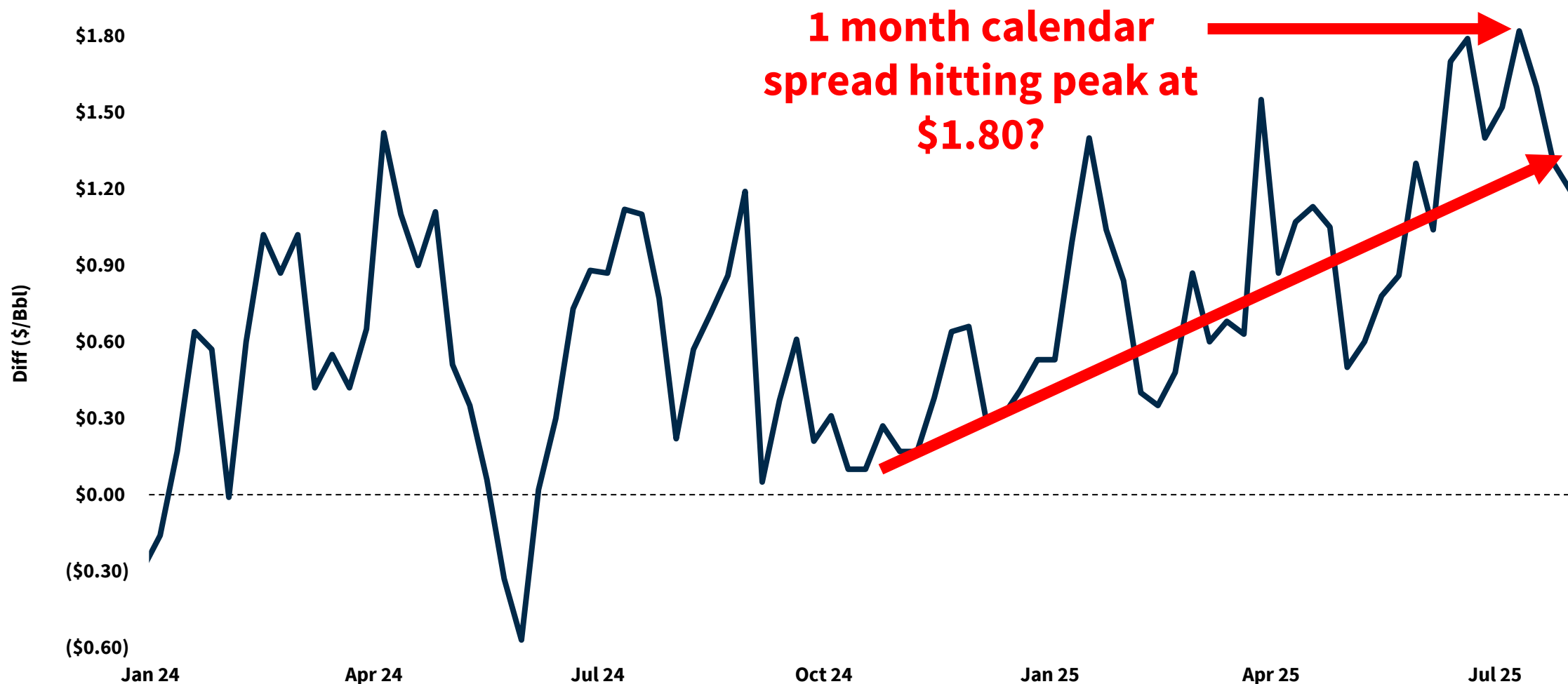
Big '25 Inv. Builds Finally Reversing?

Global Crude Only Inventories Including On-Land and On-the-Water



Crude Calendar Spread Still OK

Bloomberg Fair Value Price/Dated-Front Line Brent Diff Month 1 (\$/Bbl)

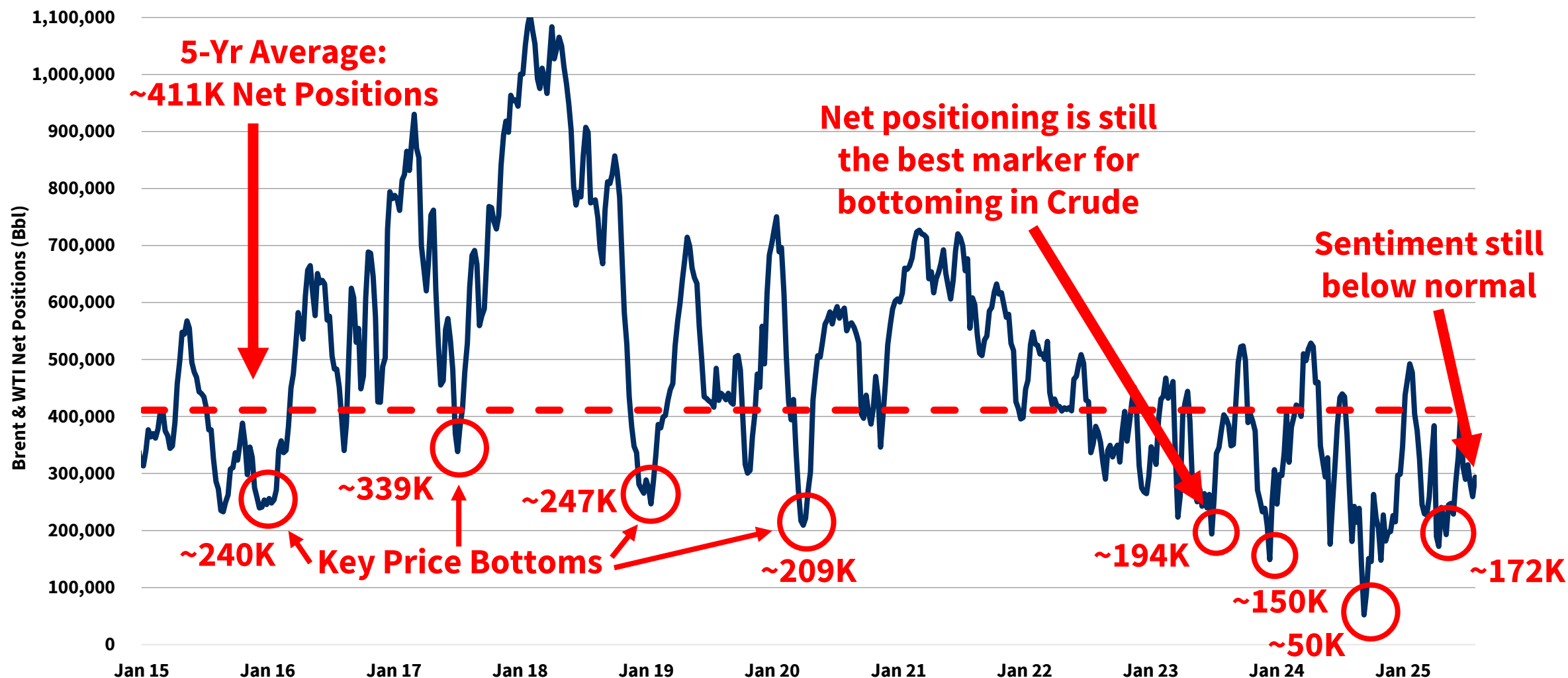


And Crack Spreads Suggest Tight Market

WTI 1 Month 3-2-1 Crack Spread (\$/Bbl)



Sentiment Up, But Still Below “Normal”



Is There A **Bullish** Case For Oil ?

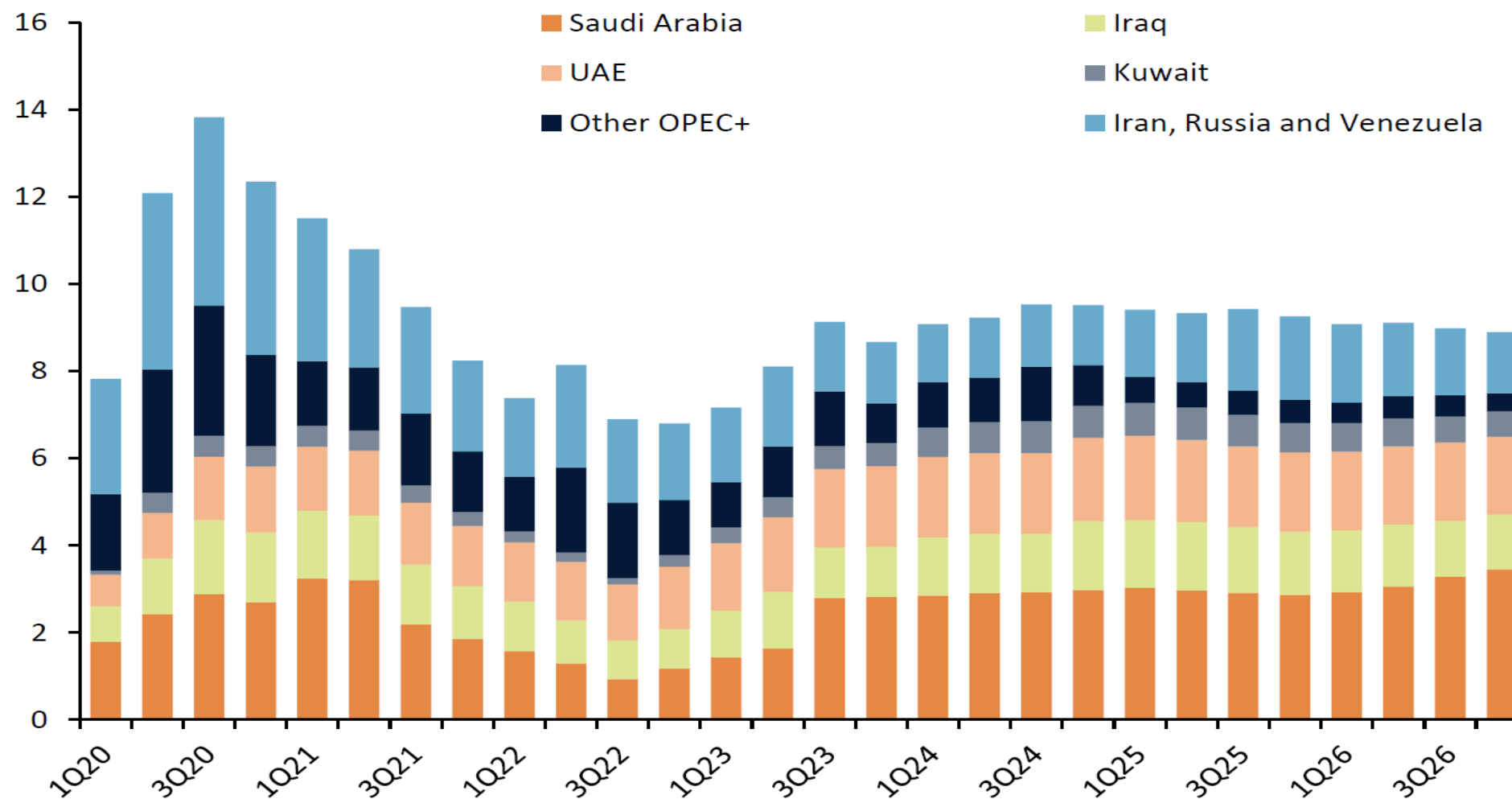
- **Fear of OPEC excess capacity fades with quota surge**
- **I still think there is much less capacity vs. consensus**
- **Will Saudi be measured with production adds????**
- **Low oil prices (sub-\$70) will pressure US oil supply**
- **Other non-OPEC growth always overstated--Brazil, etc.**
- **Street models now VERY bearish (ie huge inv. builds)**

So, What Is “Real” OPEC Excess Capacity?

- OPEC countries have consistently overstated their real excess capacity to get higher allocations
- Thus, most analyst quote over 5 million bpd excess
- I think OPEC was effectively maxed out in late 2022 (when they thought Russian production would fall)
- Assuming late 2022 max, excess closer to 3.3 MMbpd
- **But, export data say excess is closer to 1.5 MMbpd!**

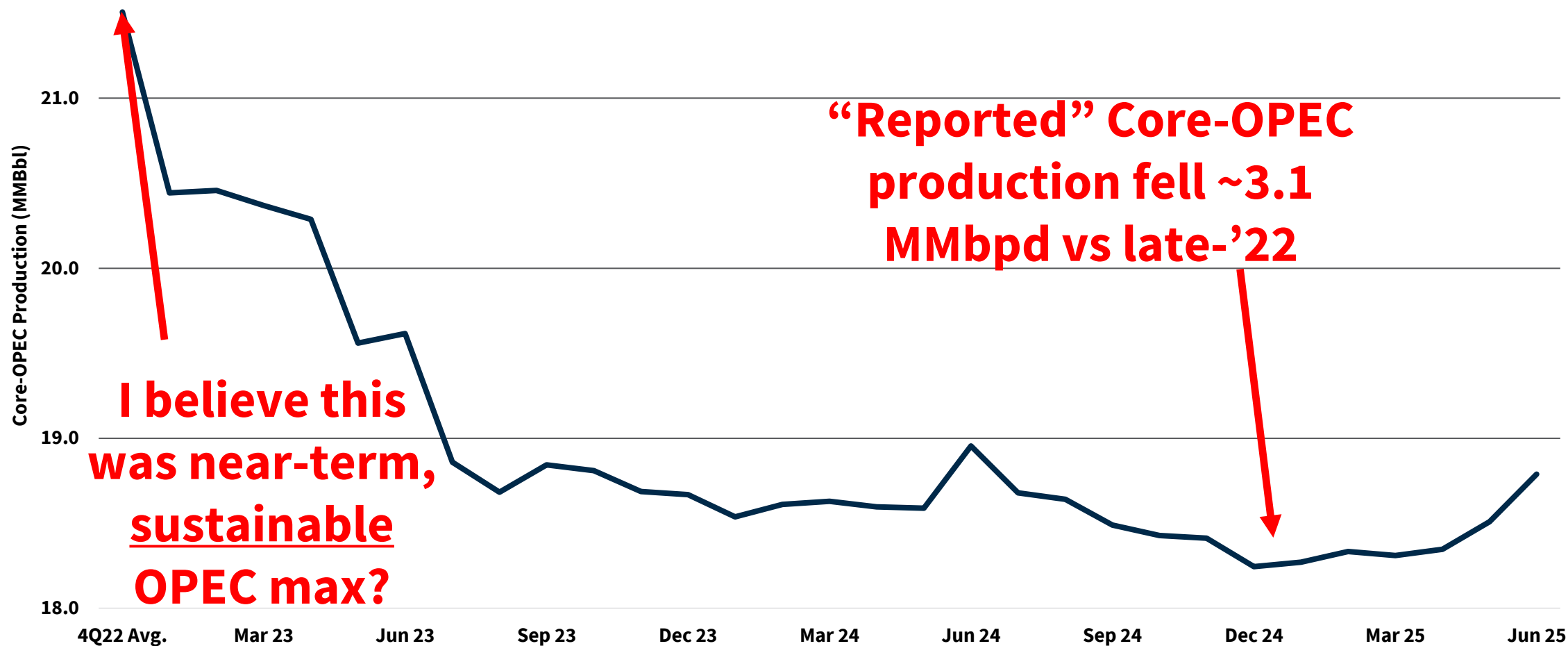
Is OPEC+ Excess Capacity Overstated?

Rystad Estimated OPEC+ Plus Excess Capacity (MMBpd)



Reality Says OPEC Maxed Out Late '22

Core-OPEC **Reported** Production (Million Bpd – Saudi, UAE, Kuwait, Iraq)



Thus, “Reported” Excess Only ~3 MMBpd

Calculated Core-OPEC Excess Capacity (MMBpd) based on “reported” supply as of 1Q25

Country	IEA Stated Excess	Vs. Late '22 Excess ⁽¹⁾
Saudi	2.875	1.850
UAE	1.250	.250
Kuwait	.350	.400
Iraq	.750	.570

Assuming core-OPEC was producing all-out in late-'22, current OPEC sustainable, near-term excess capacity is less than half of consensus & IEA estimates

Current OPEC Excess Capacity

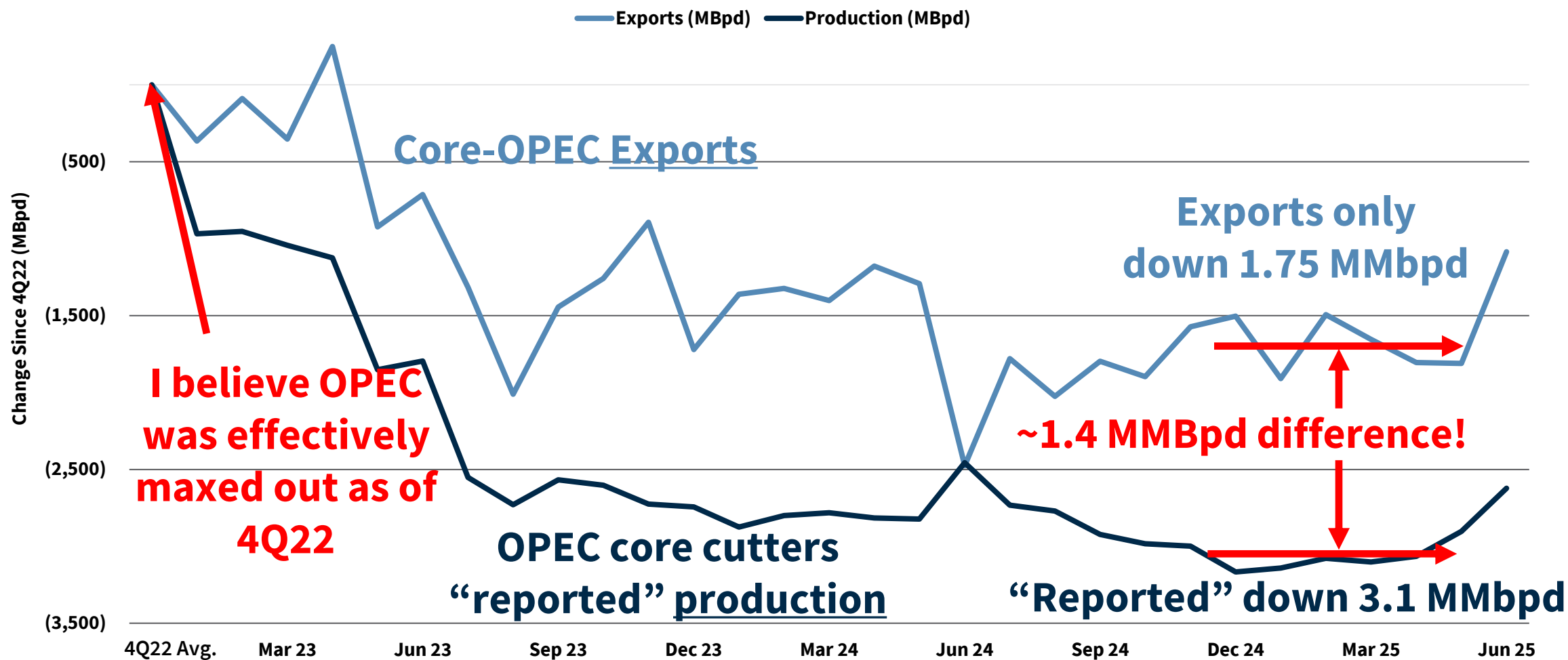
5.675

~3.100

Source: IEA, Kpler.
(1) Official OPEC production based on secondary sources.
(2) Based on Kpler data.

But, Exports Do NOT “Reported” Supply

Core-OPEC Reported Production and Exports Change Since 4Q22



Source: Bloomberg, Kpler.
Note: OPEC+ excludes changes from Iran and Venezuela.

Exports Say OPEC Down Only 1.75MMBpd!

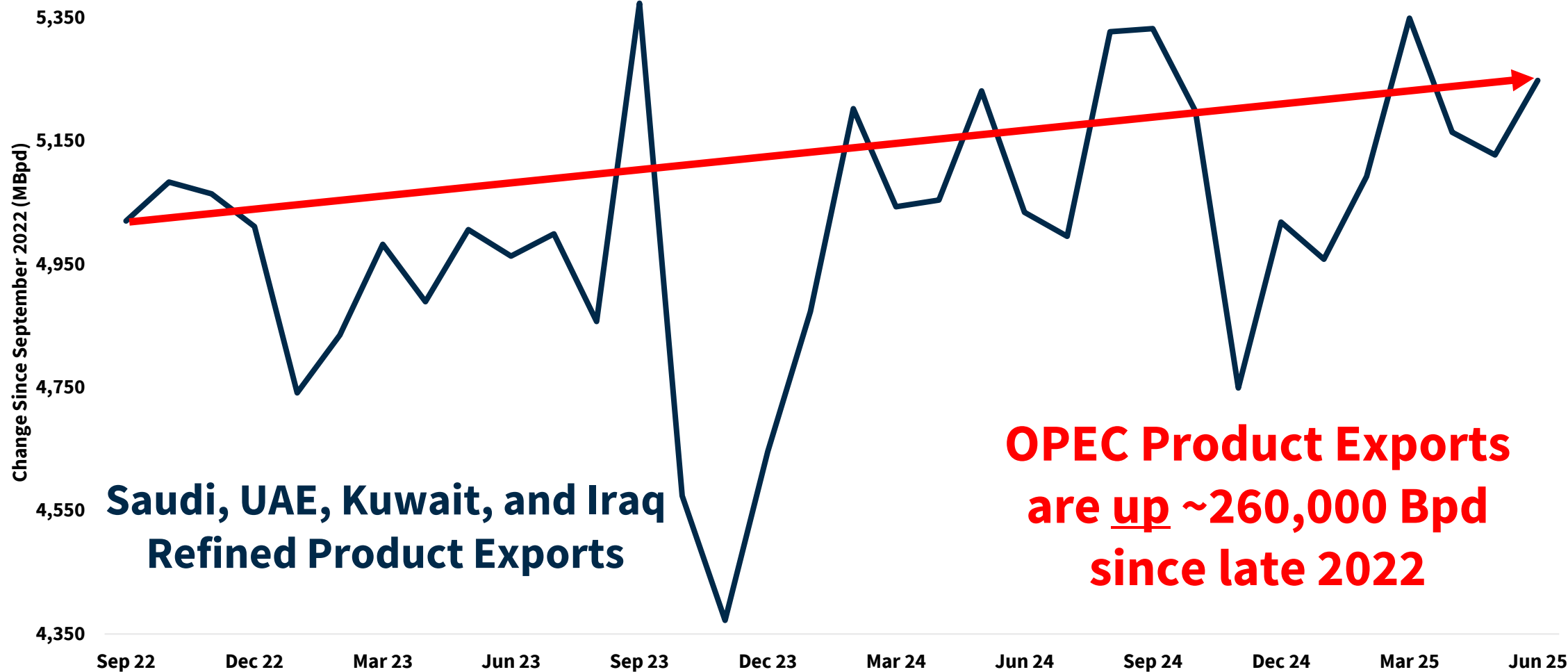
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UAE	1.250	.250	.100
Kuwait	.350	.400	.390
Iraq	.750	.570	.020
Current OPEC Excess Capacity	5.675	~3.100	~1.745

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OPEC Refined Product Exports Also Up

Saudi, UAE, Kuwait and Iraq Reported Refinery Runs Since September '22



Maybe OPEC Only Has ~1.5 MMBpd More?

Calculated Core-OPEC Excess Capacity (MMBpd) as of Today

Country	IEA Stated Excess	Vs 4Q'22 Excess ⁽¹⁾	1Q25 Exports vs 4Q22 ⁽²⁾	Less Changes In Prod. Exports ⁽²⁾
Saudi	2.875	1.850	1.235	0
UAE	1.250	.250	.100	+.040
Kuwait	.350	.400	.390	+.400
Iraq	.750	.570	.020	-.180
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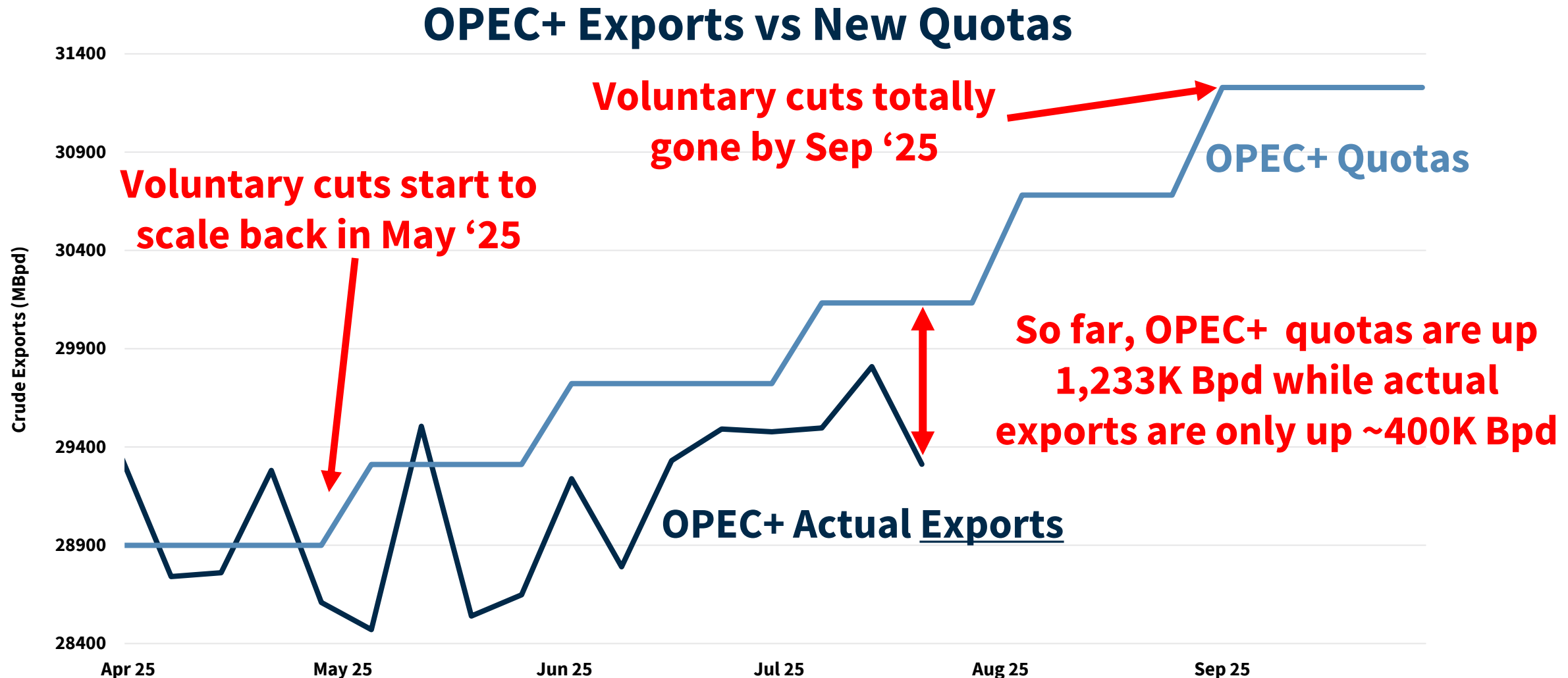
Is this “real” OPEC excess capacity?

Source: IEA, Kpler.
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(2) Based on Kpler data.

What Is The REAL Impact of New Quotas?

- Most are modeling massive OPEC+ increase to come
- I think this is misguided – Saudi likely more measured
- We are watching actual EXPORTS, not QUOTAS
- **So far, OPEC+ exports are increasing less than quotas**
- *Note: May/June export data noise due to Iran strikes*
- I suspect Saudi will try to keep oil prices rangebound

So Far, OPEC+ Increasing Less Than Quotas



Source: Bloomberg, Kpler.
Note: OPEC+ excludes changes from Iran and Venezuela.

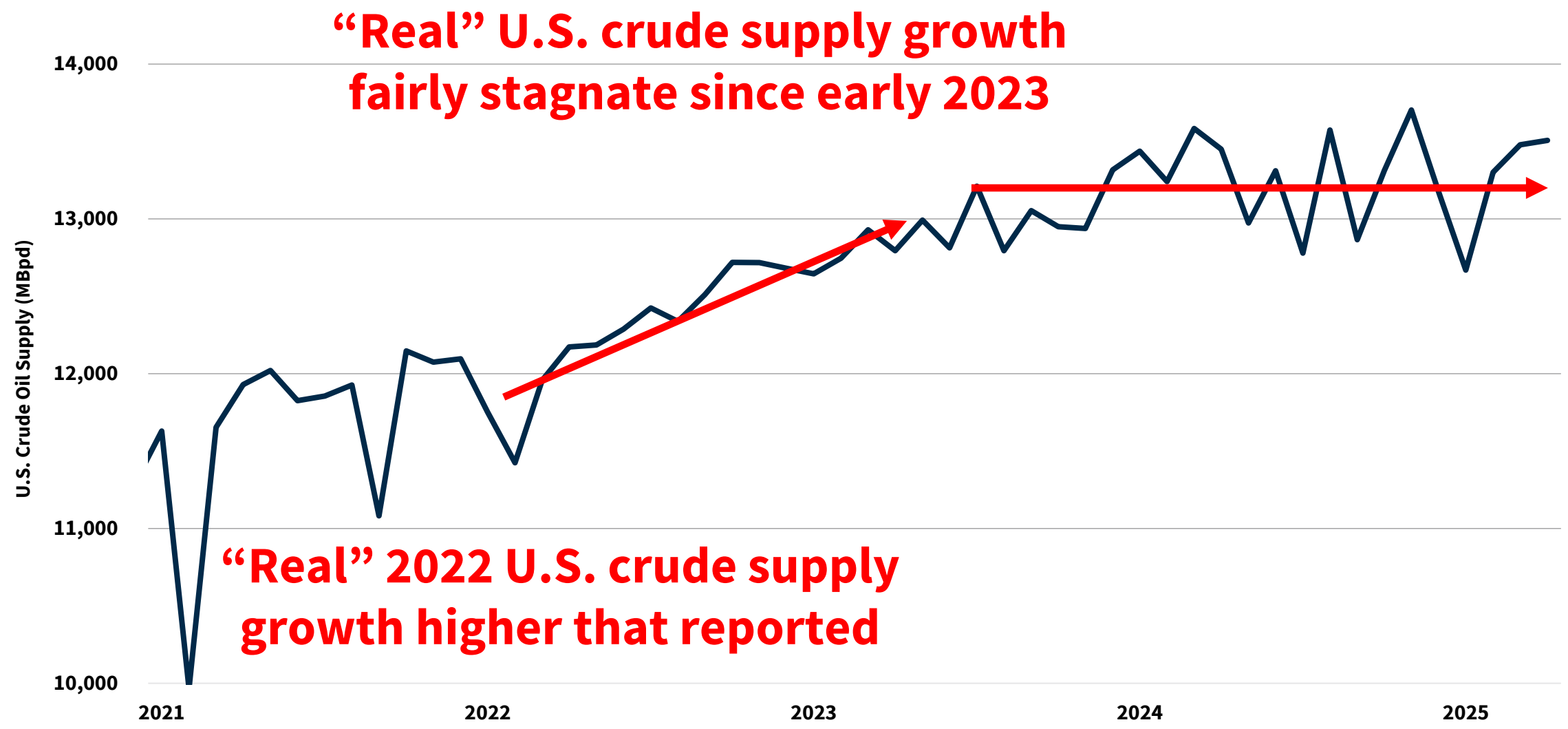
How Will Reversing OPEC+ Cuts Impact Oil?

- **Announced cuts have been a BIG market overhang**
- **Will removing cuts reveal “emperor with no clothes”?**
- **How will market react if OPEC+ growth is subpar?**
- **I model OPEC+ up 700K bpd in '25 and 1 MMbpd in '26**
- **Above says: Inv. builds coming, but excess gone YE'26**
- **Either way, reduced excess perception bullish post '26**

**But Wait, Won't We “Drill Baby
Drill” At Current Prices?**

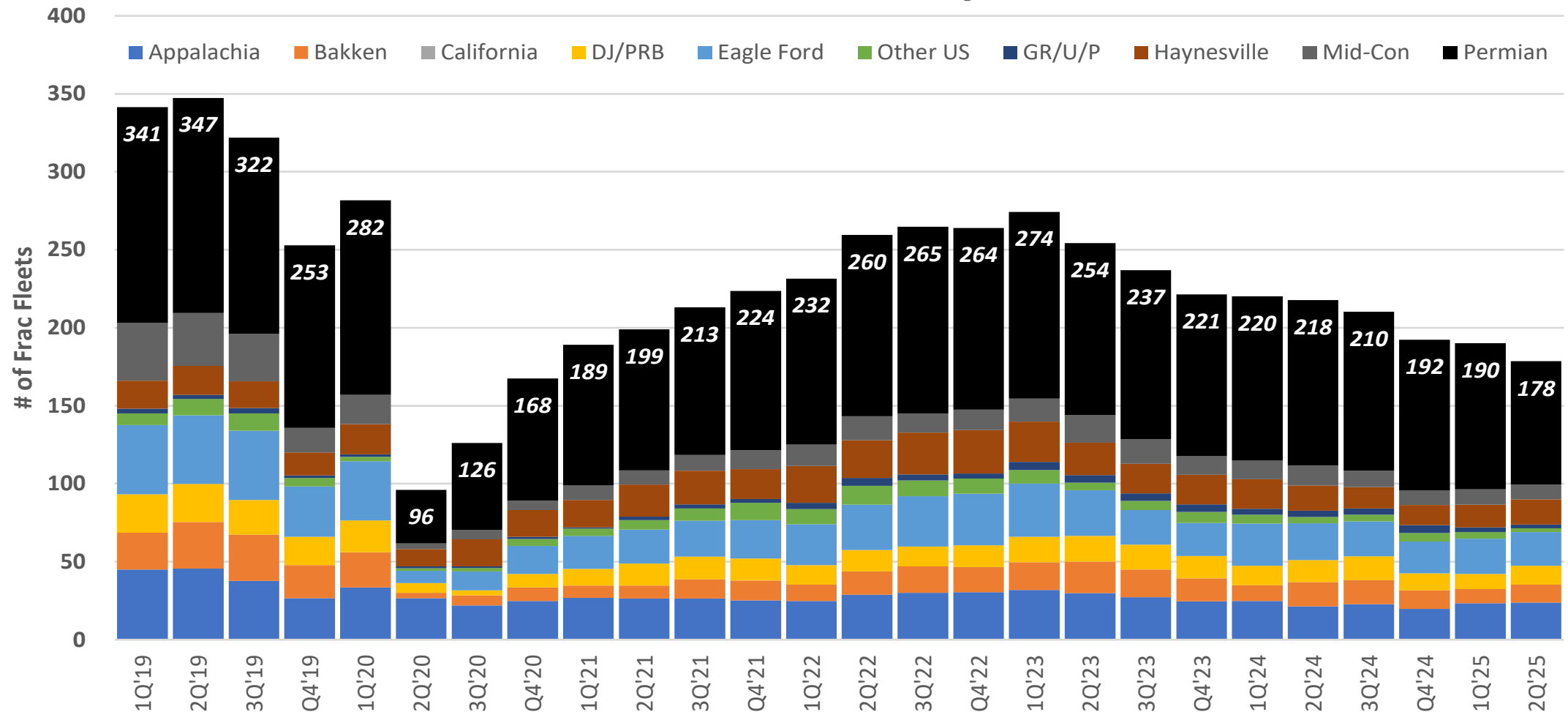
Where Is US Oil Supply Headed?

Actual Crude Growth Flat Over Past 2 Years

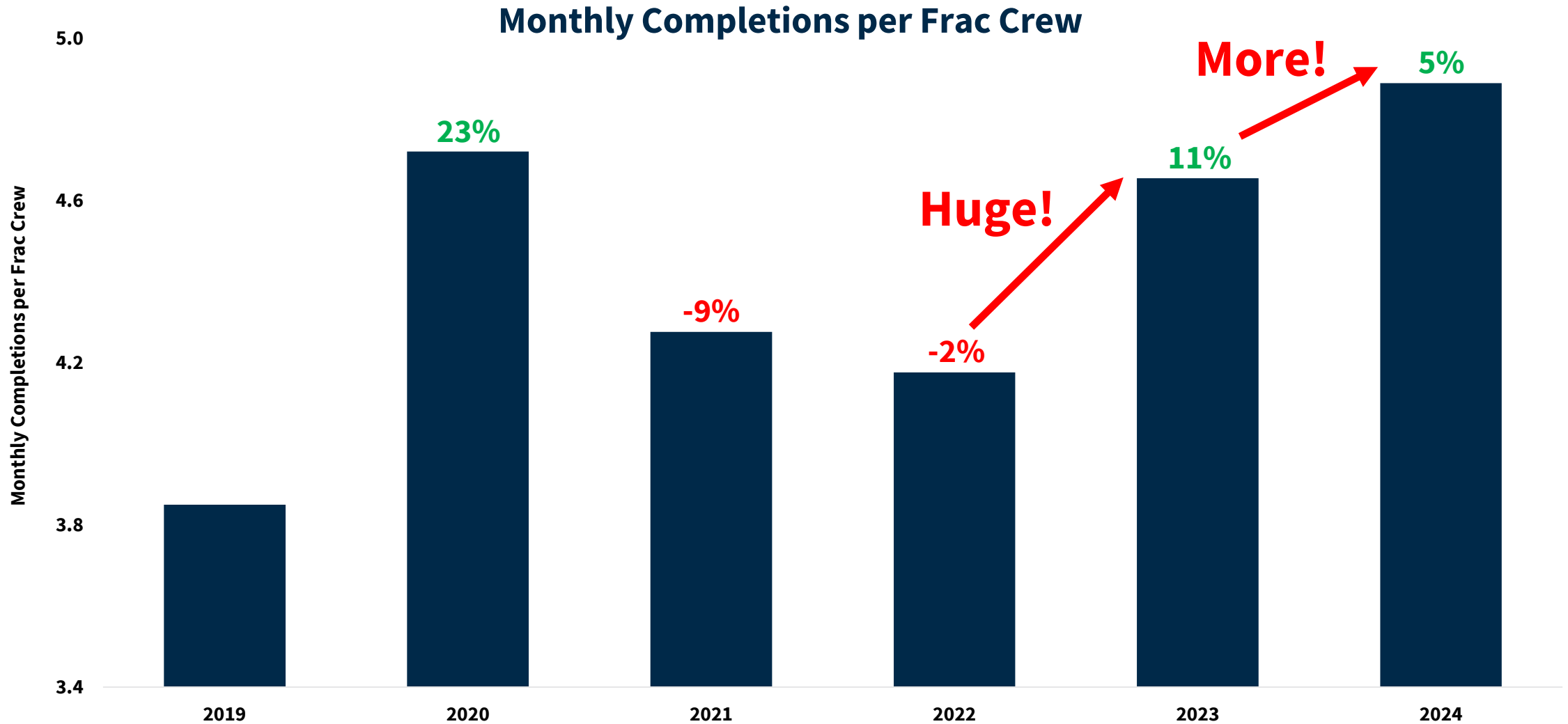


Flat Despite US Fracking Down About 35%

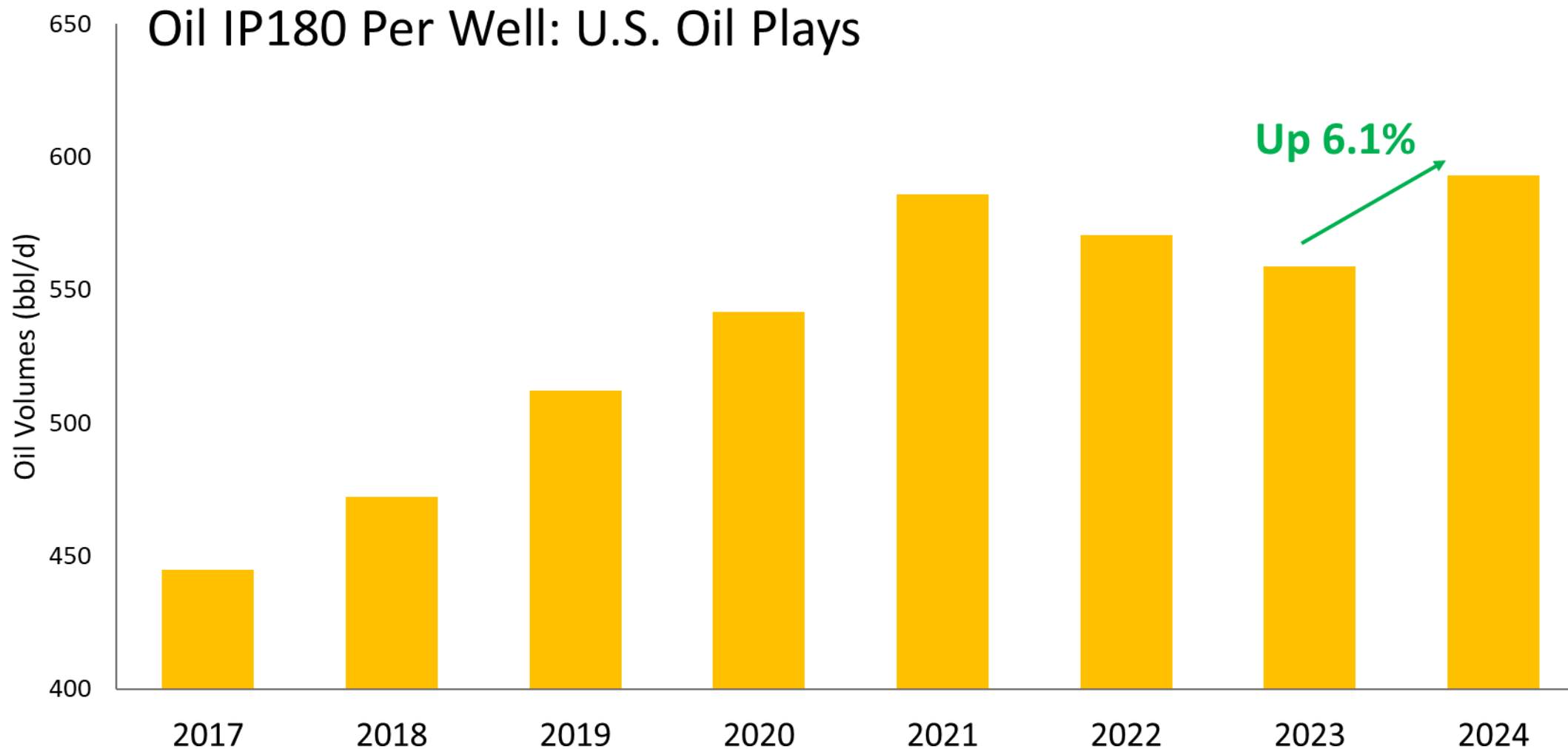
Active U.S. Frac Fleets By Basin



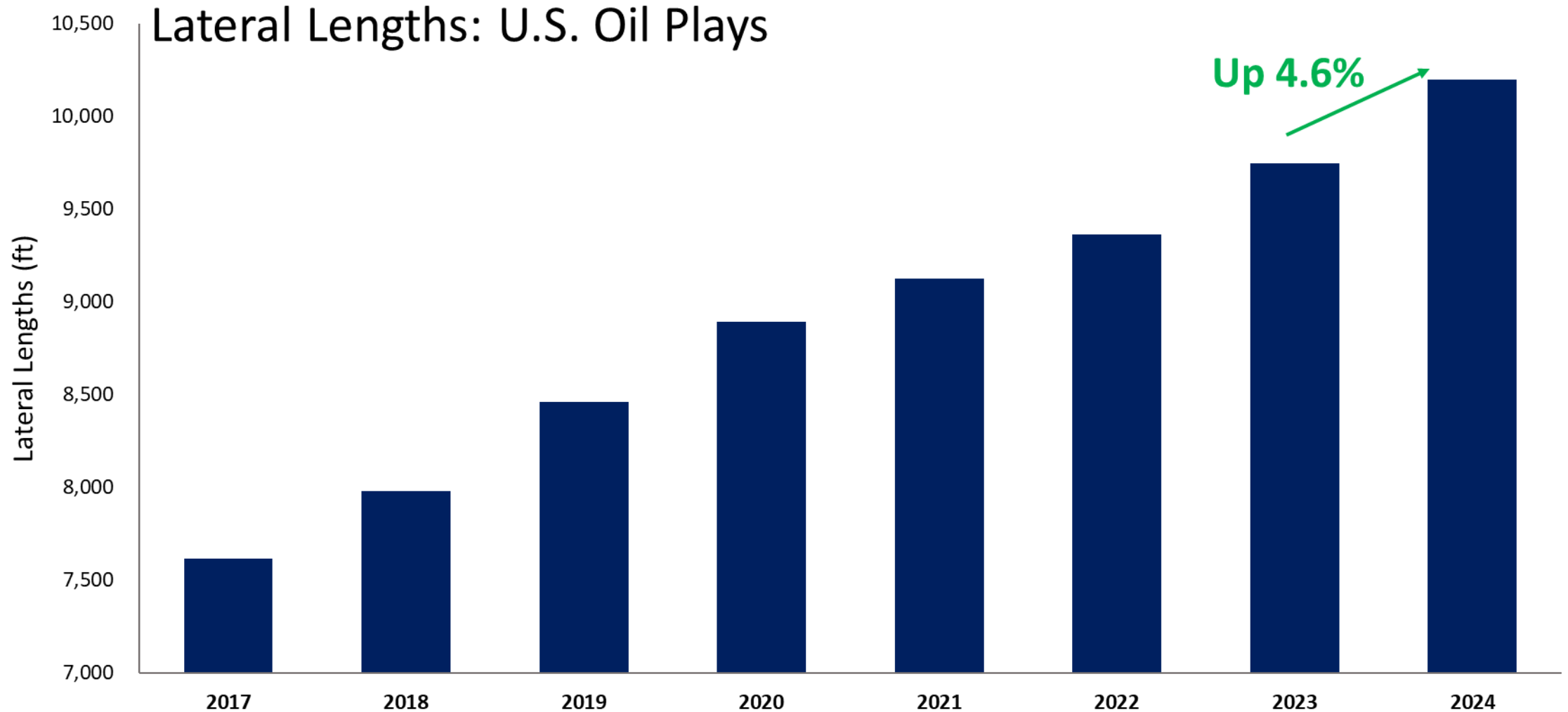
Completions Efficiency Growing Fast



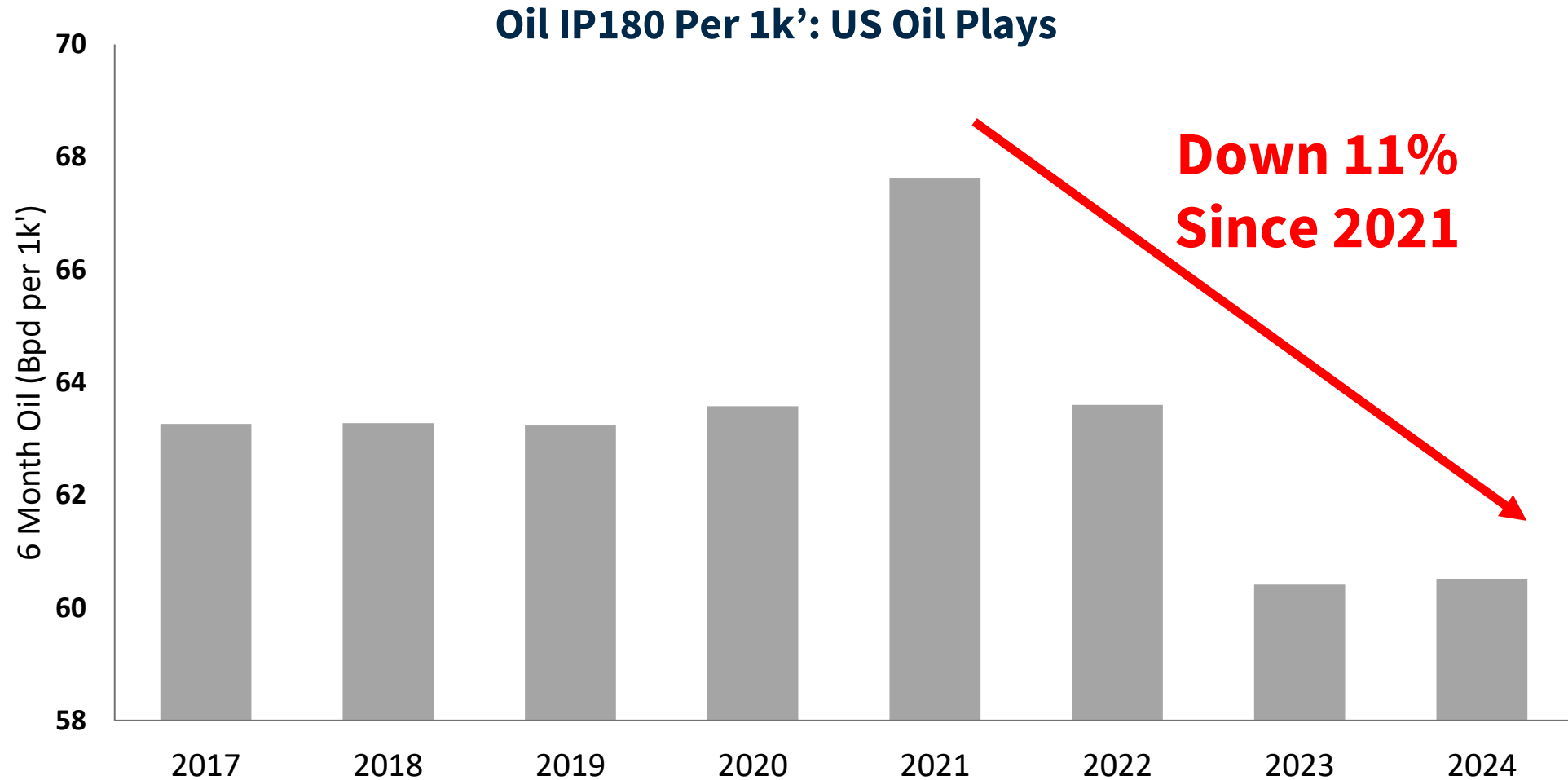
U.S. Oil Well Productivity Flattish Since '21



Longer Laterals Boosting Per-Well Results



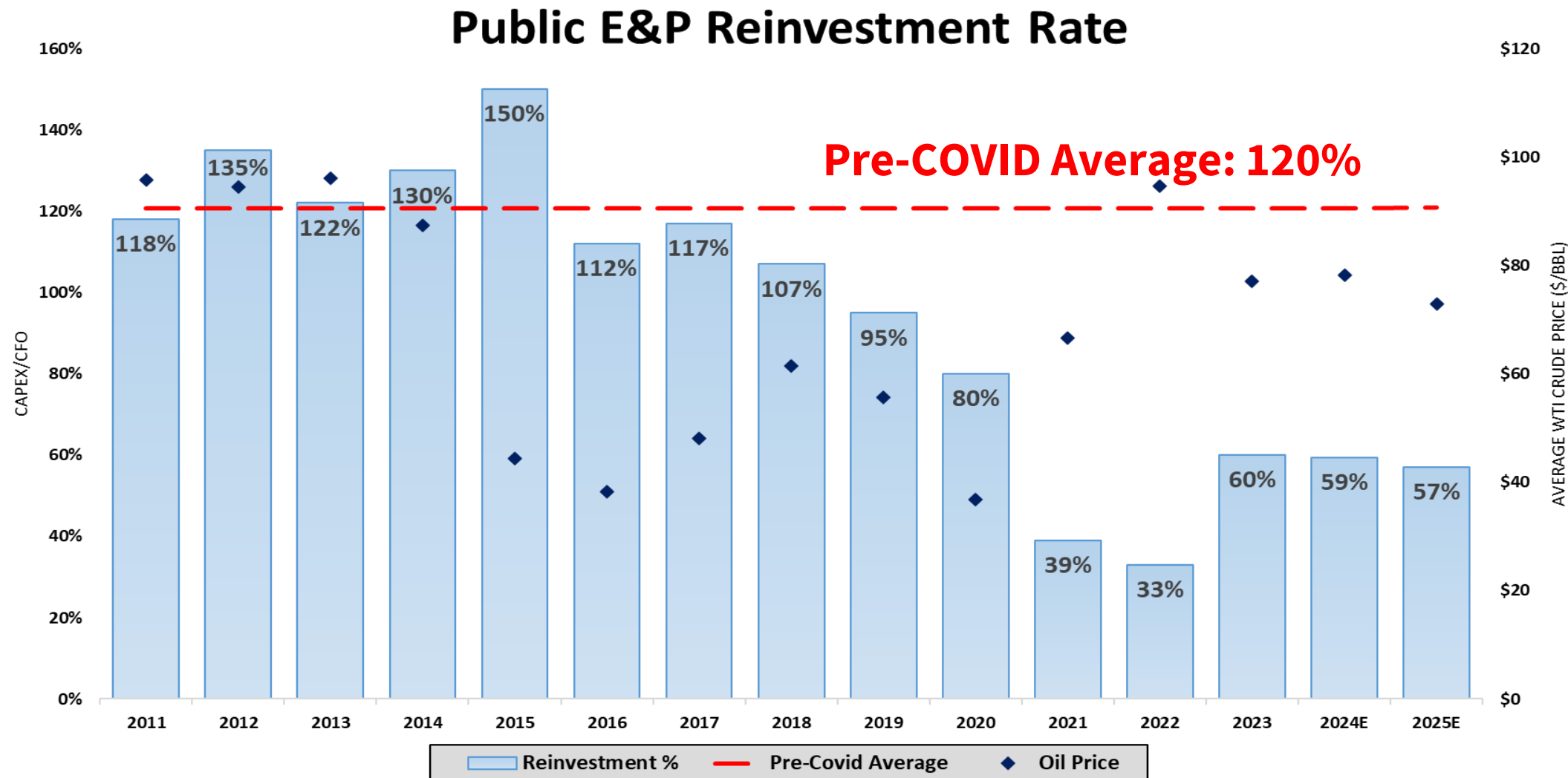
But, U.S. Per-Foot Productivity WAY Down



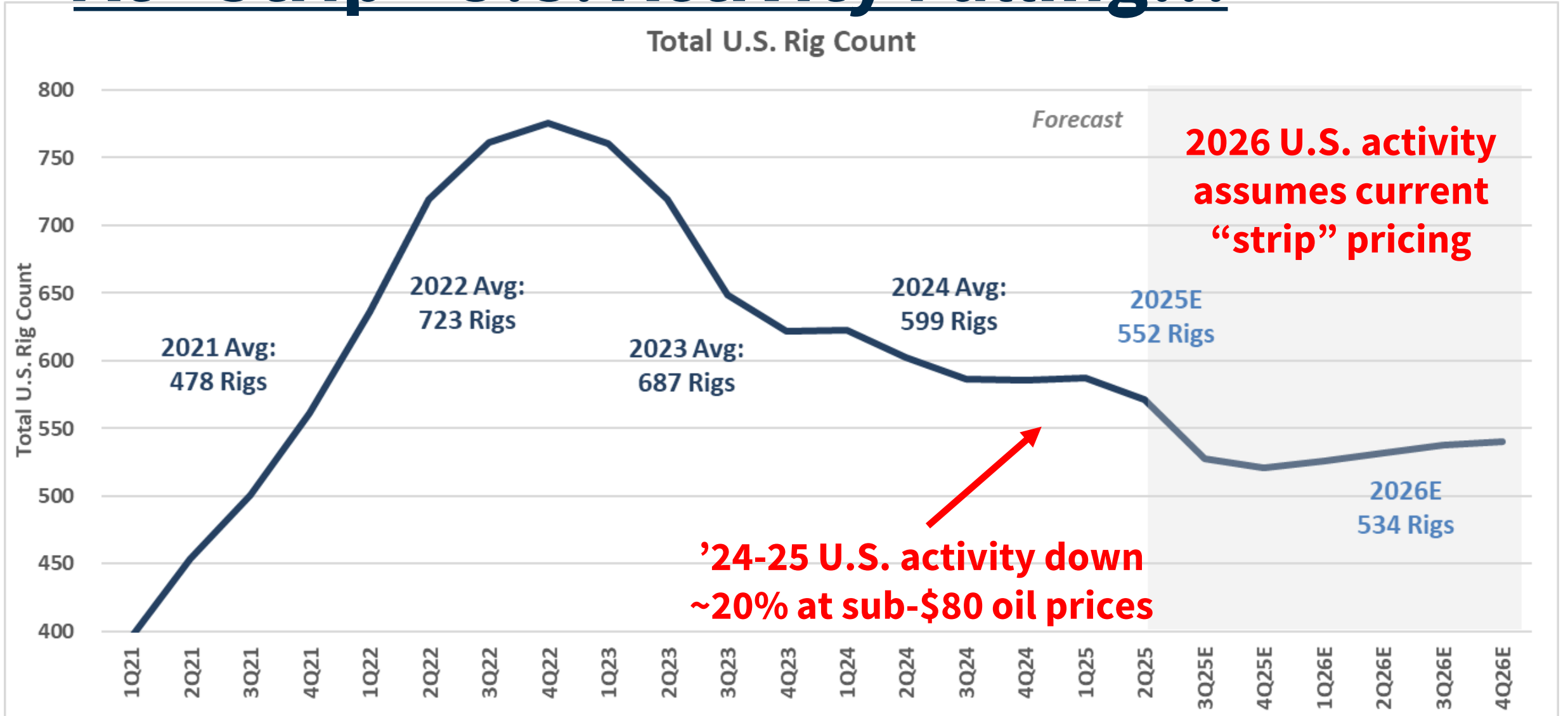
Despite Efficiencies, Has U.S. Oil Peaked?

- Longer laterals & efficiency gains help economics, but
- Over past 3 years, U.S. well productivity/ft is down 11% & prod/well is flat (due to longer laterals)
- Core acreage “works” @ \$60/Bbl, but rig count started falling as oil prices fell below \$80/Bbl???
- **US crude likely down by YE’25 & worse in 2026**

Public E&Ps Likely Remain Disciplined

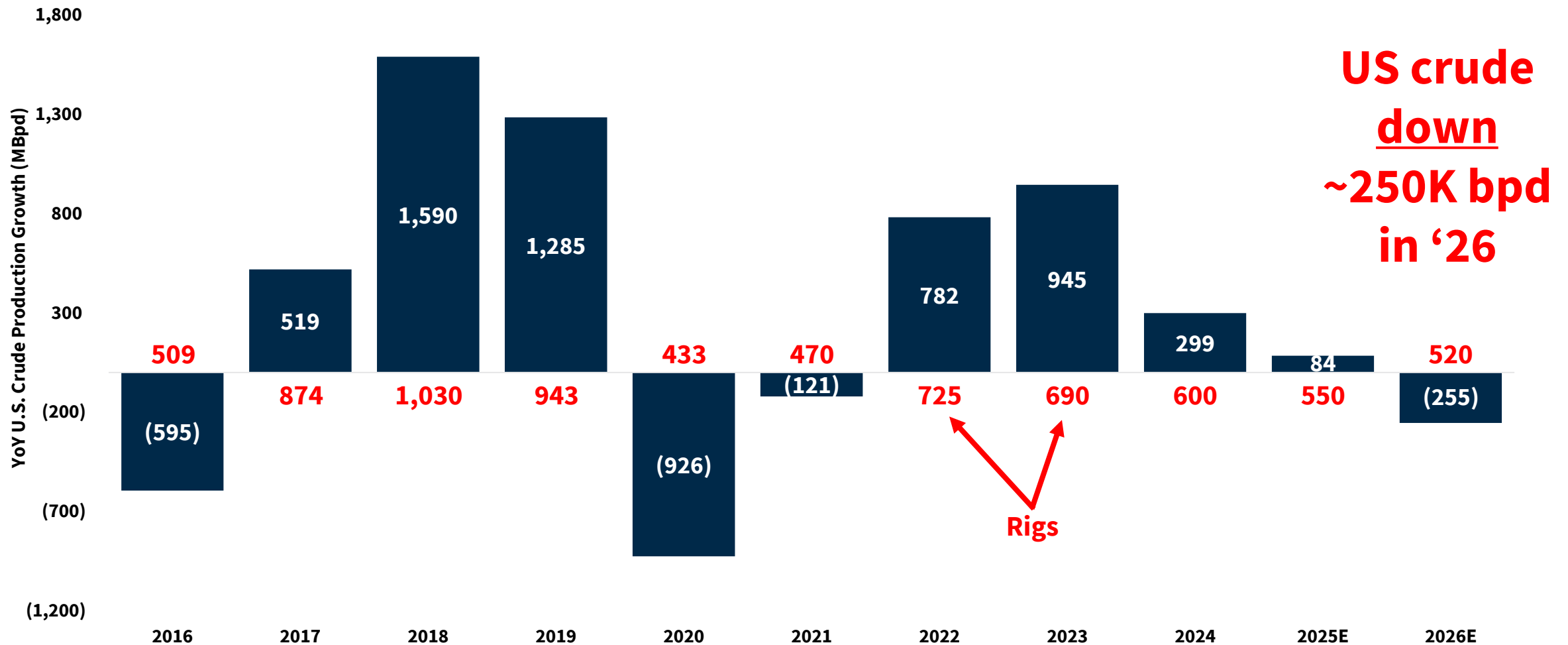


At “Strip” U.S. Activity Falling...



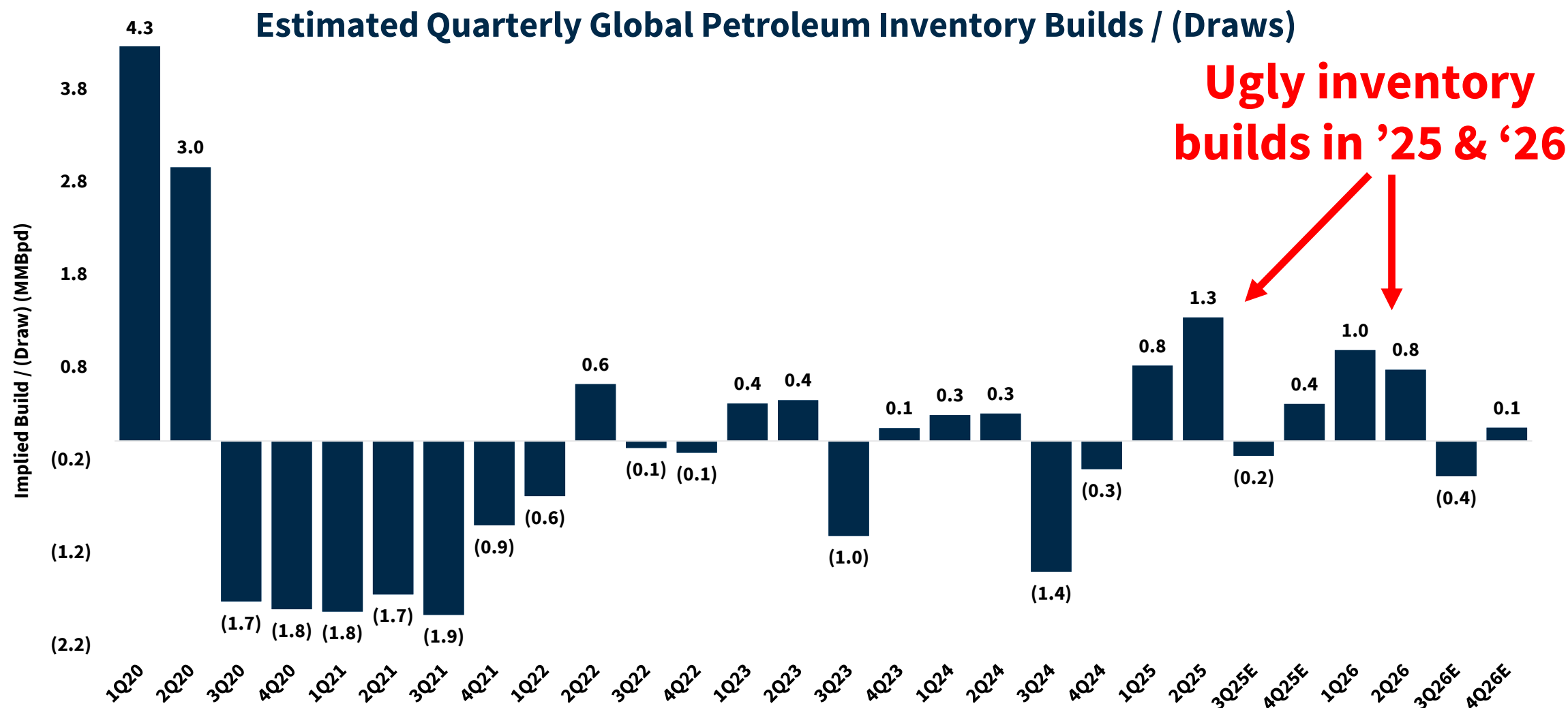
Crude-Only Growth Likely Disappoints

U.S. Crude Production Growth Estimates (RJ)



What Does All Of This Mean For Oil Prices Going Forward?

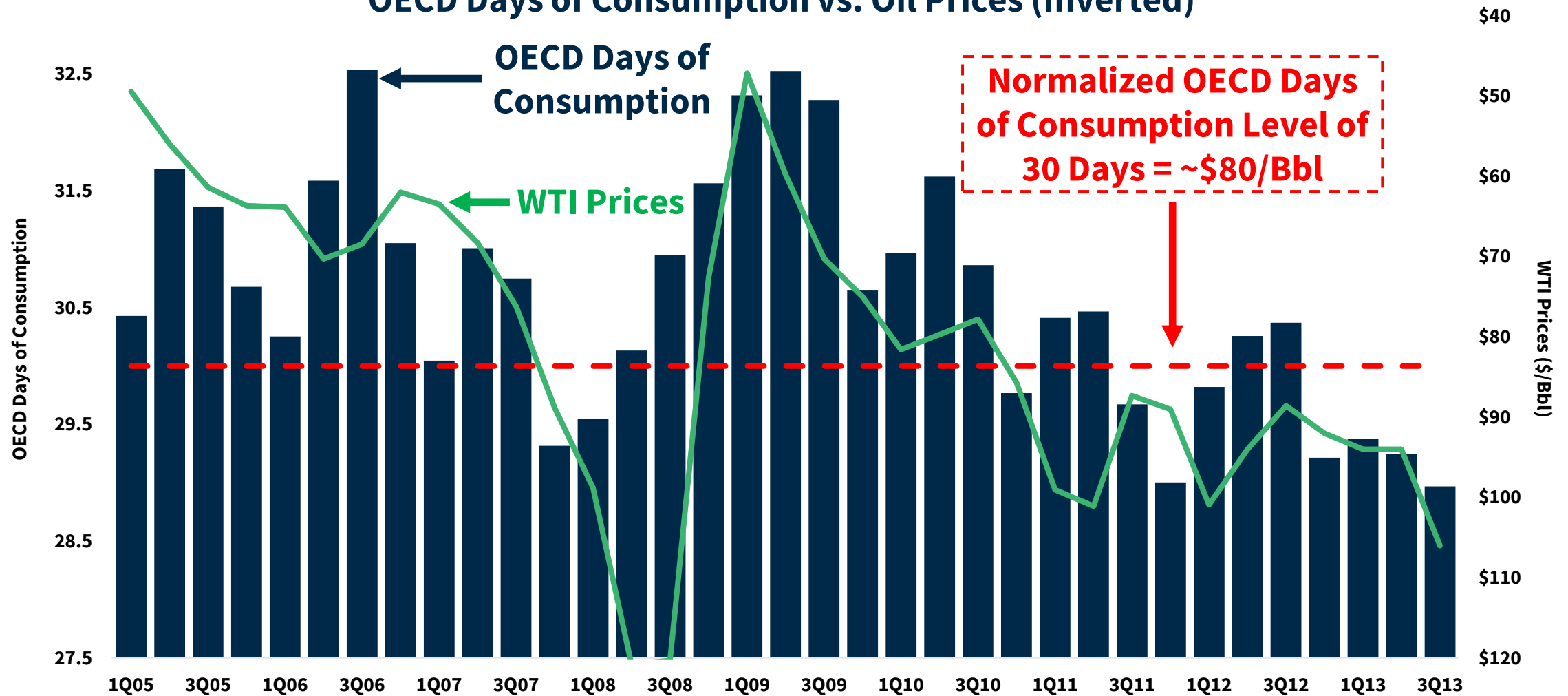
Inventory Builds Look Ugly Thru 2026



Source: IEA, Raymond James Research.
 Note: Forecast assumes \$70/Bbl+ oil prices.

Inventories Drive Prices (2005-2013)

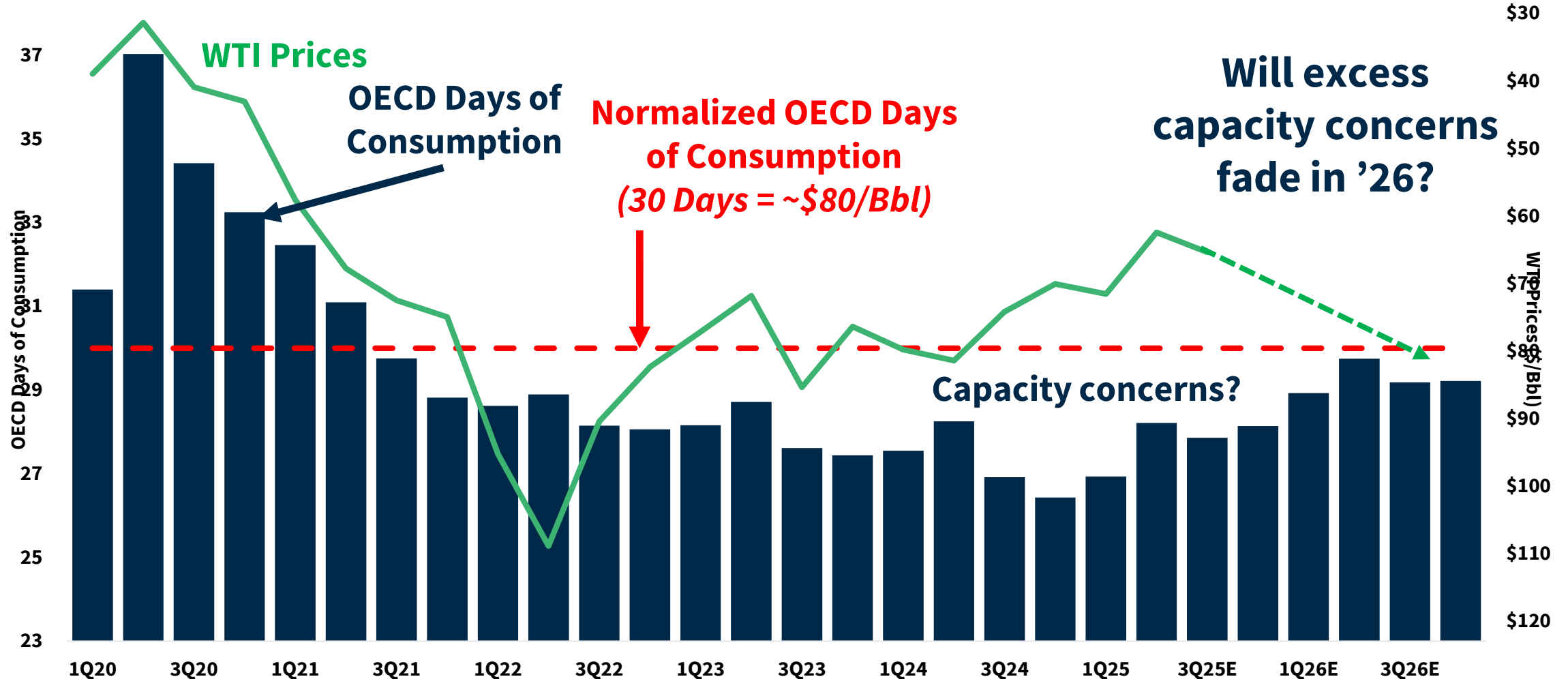
OECD Days of Consumption vs. Oil Prices (Inverted)



Source: IEA, Raymond James Research.
Note: Assumes one-half of expected global inventory build goes to OECD inventories.

Will Oil Re-connect As OPEC Excess Fades?

OECD Days of Consumption vs. Oil Prices (Inverted)



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Bottom Line on Oil Prices...

- **U.S. supply falls at sub ~\$70+/Bbl**
- **Global demand OK for now but watch tariffs**
- **Current model is decidedly bearish thru '26**
- **But, OPEC overhang eliminated by YE '26**
- **Best guess: oil \$60-\$70 thru Sep, weakening late '25 & 1H'26. Firming late '26 and beyond**

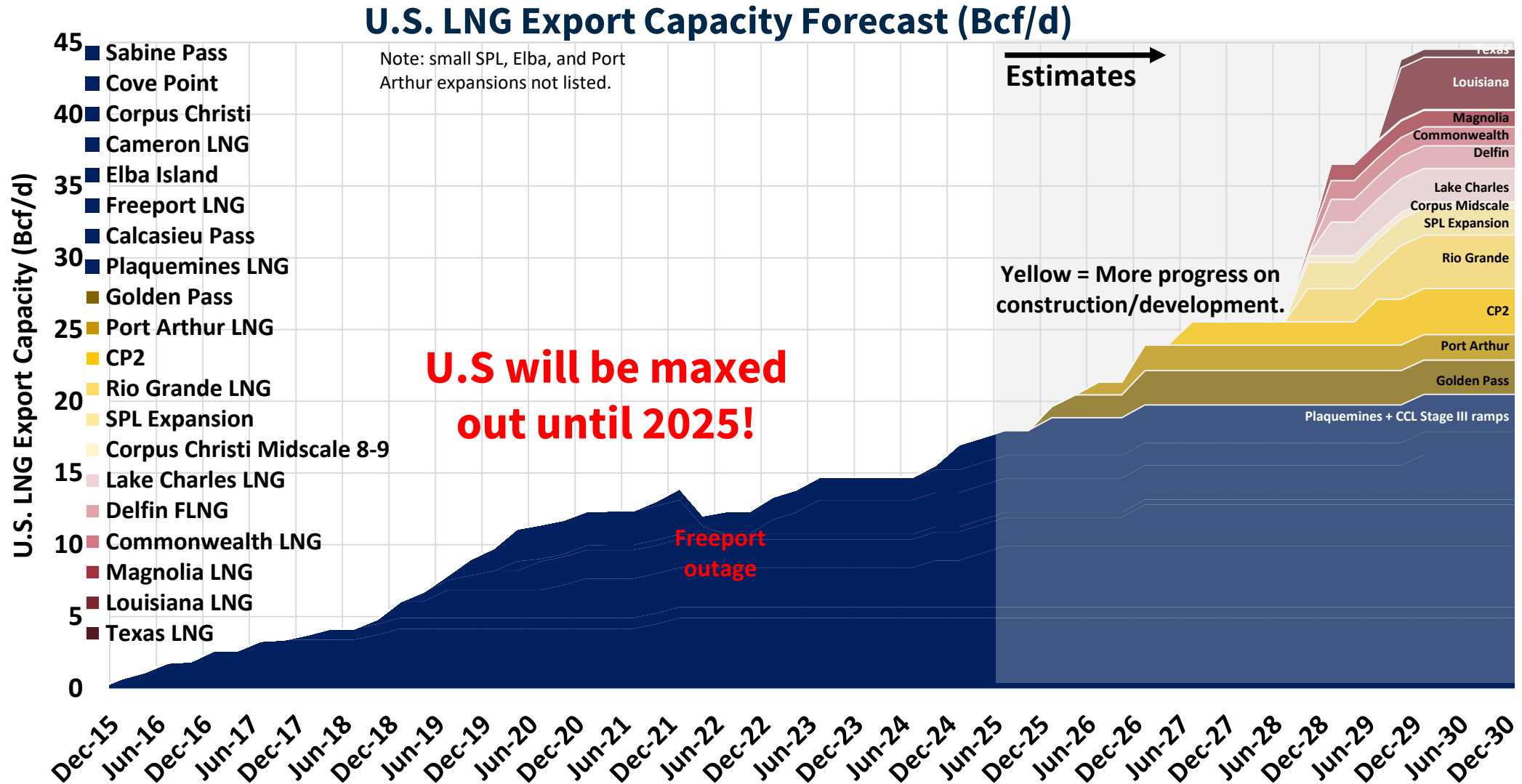
Question: Is U.S. Natural Gas Now A Better Story Than Oil?

Why?

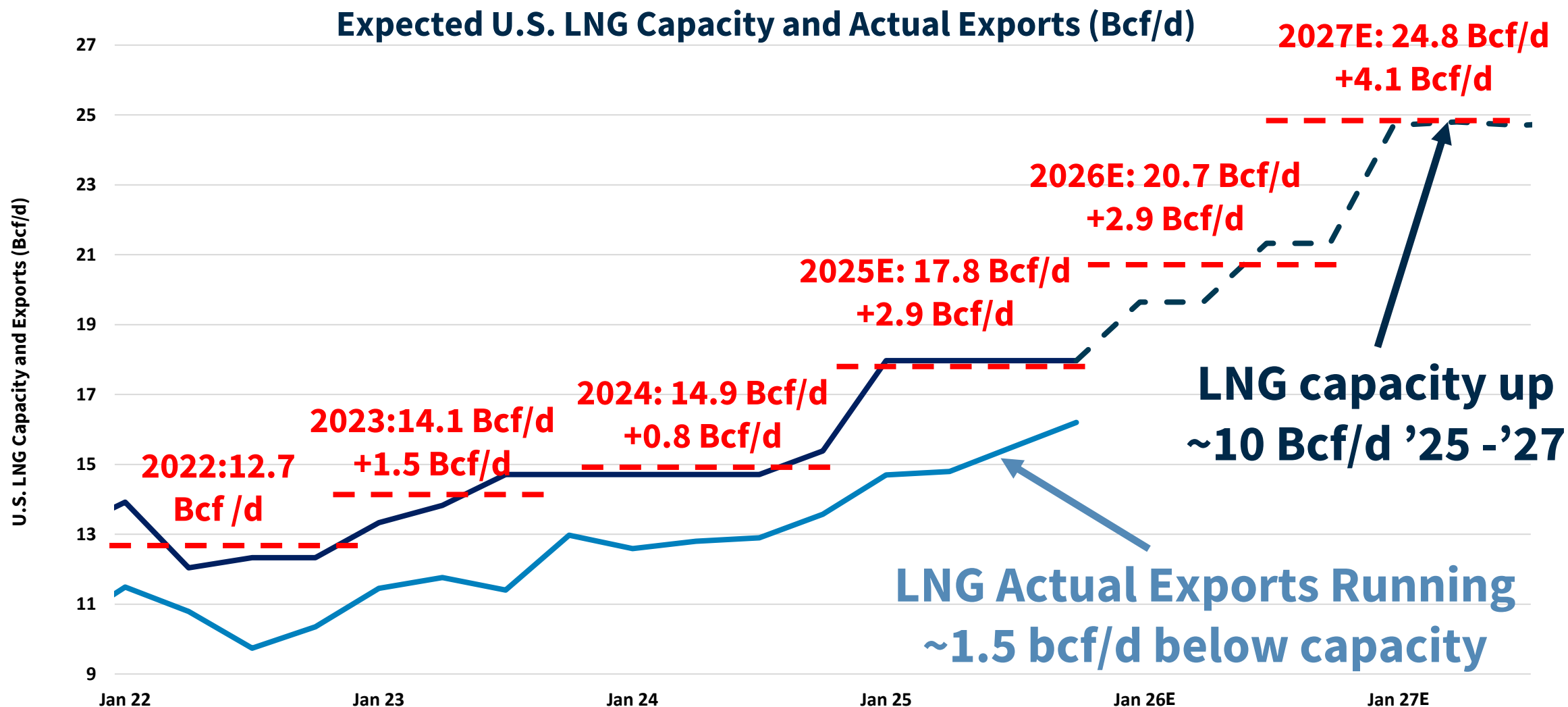
Is US Gas Now More Exciting Than Oil?

- LNG demand surges over the next 5 years
- Gas demand for power (AI, etc.) is a BIG deal!
- U.S. natural gas drilling activity has also declined
- Pipe bottlenecks likely restrict supply growth
- **Where will we get 4-6 bcf/day more gas EVERY YEAR?**
- U.S. gas has more % upside than oil over next 5 years

LNG Capacity Up 15+ bcf/d by YE'28?

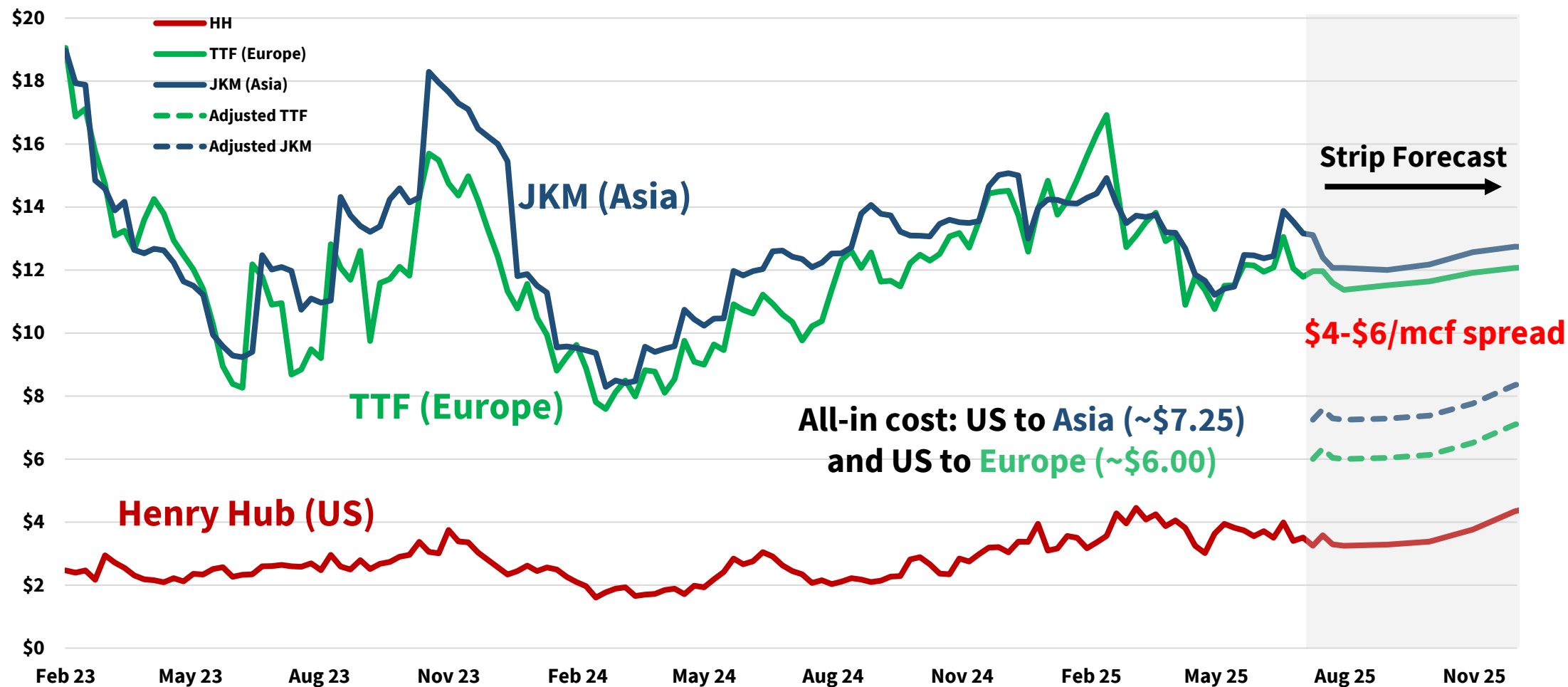


LNG Up Nearly 10 bcf/day From '25 to '27!



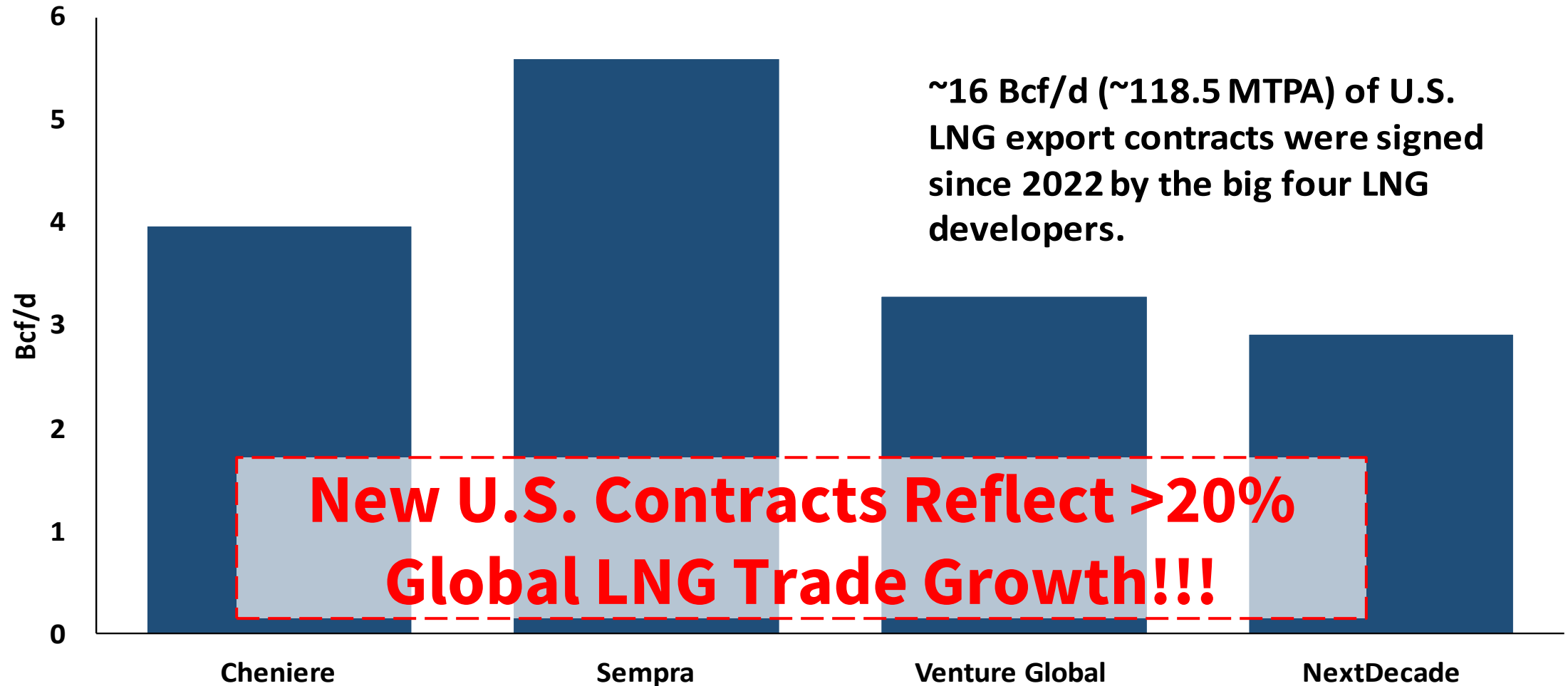
LNG Arb Still Plenty For “Max” Flows

Benchmark International Natural Gas Prices (\$/MMBtu)



And Its ~All Contracted; Huge Tailwinds

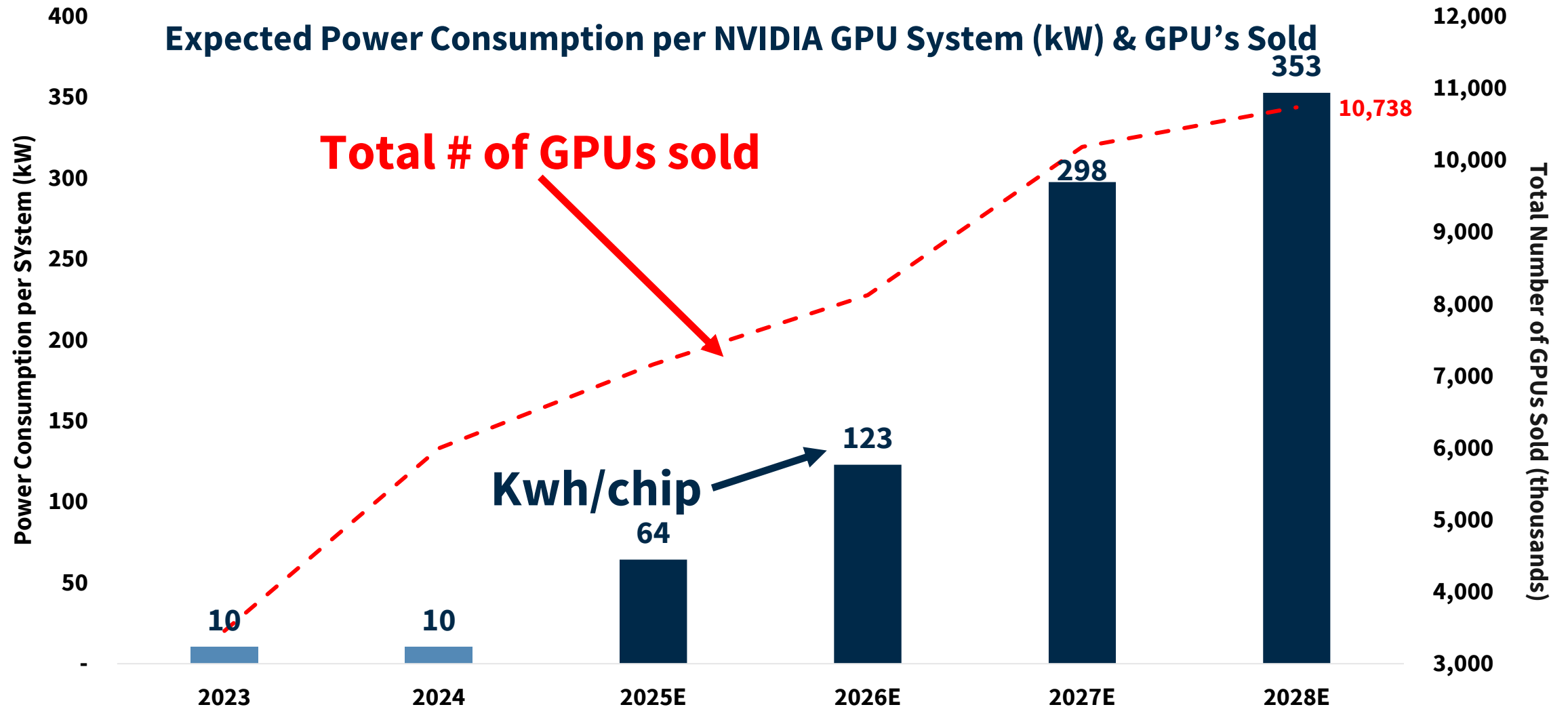
2022-25 Offtake Contracts Signed by Leading U.S. LNG Developers (MTPA)



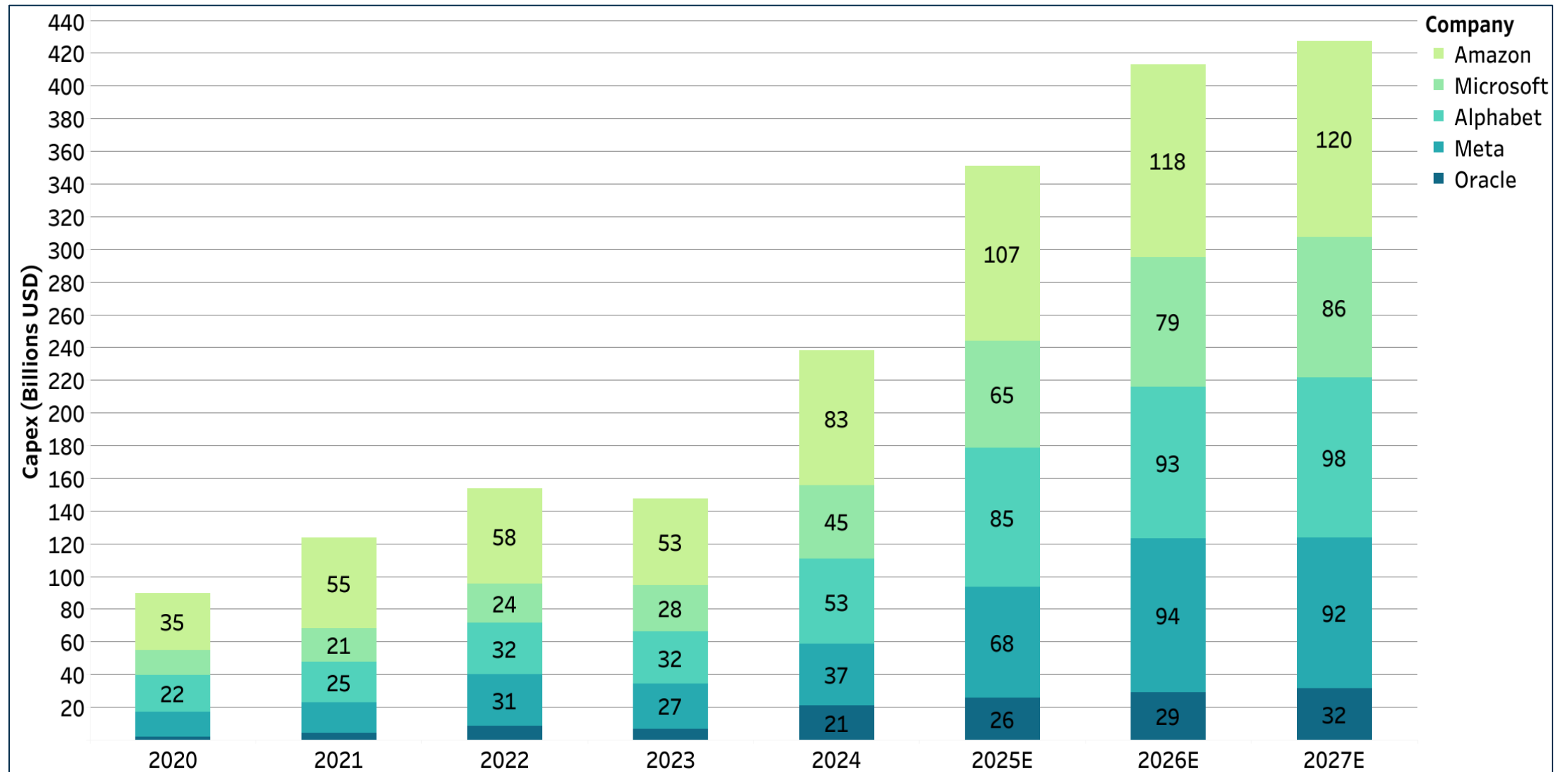
Why Is AI Such A Game-Changer For Power?

- AI chip sales exploding as EVERYONE focuses on AI
- Nvidia chips are power hogs – new Nvidia systems use 150-600KW/chip vs 2020 at 0.5KW/chip
- Power demand/chip grows as chip utilization grows – utilization per chip starts low and builds over time
- Cooling demand is roughly 2:1 ratio to chips/servers
- MASSIVE data center buildouts are just starting - New data center power demand 10-100x old centers!

Why?...It's All About The AI “Chips”



Big Tech Capex Spending Up BIG!

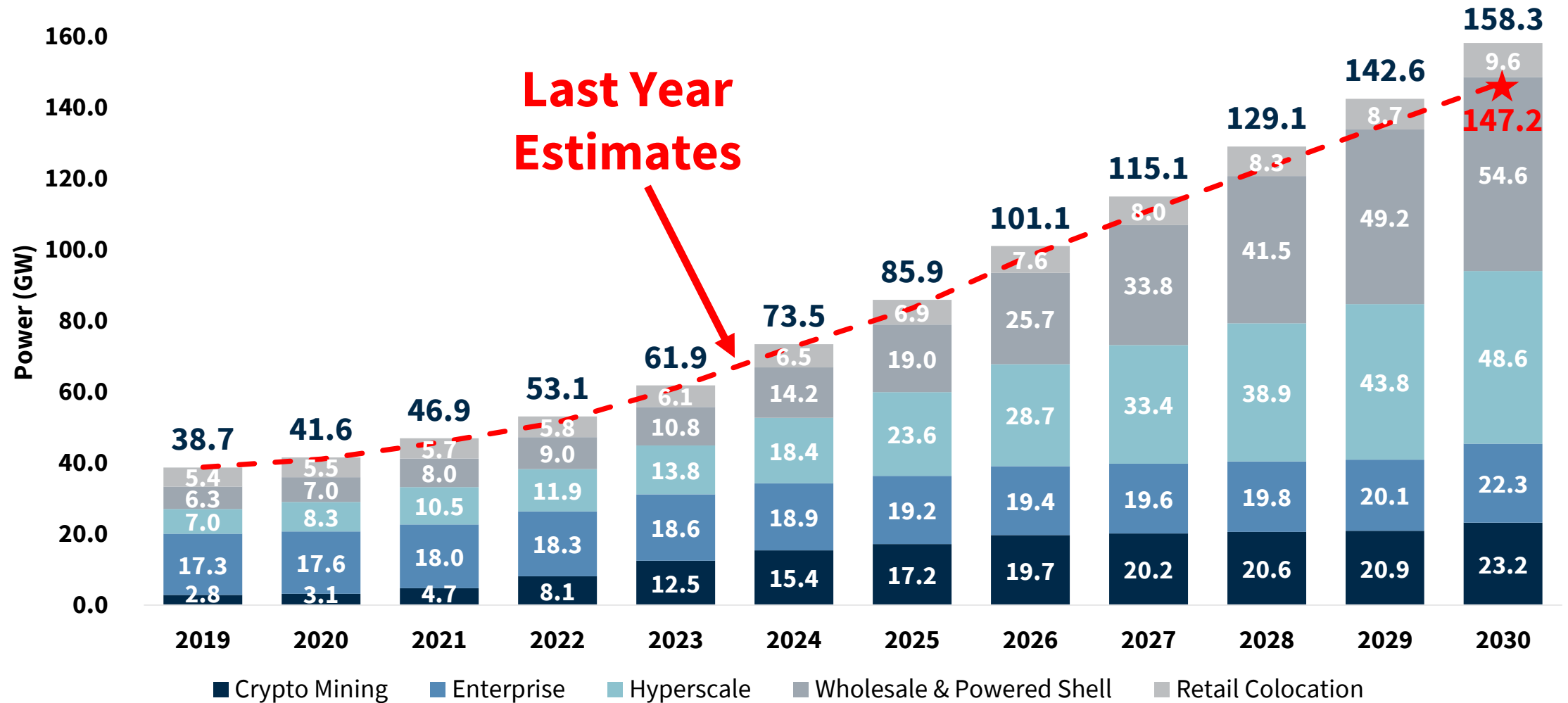


100 GIGAWATTS of Power Growth?

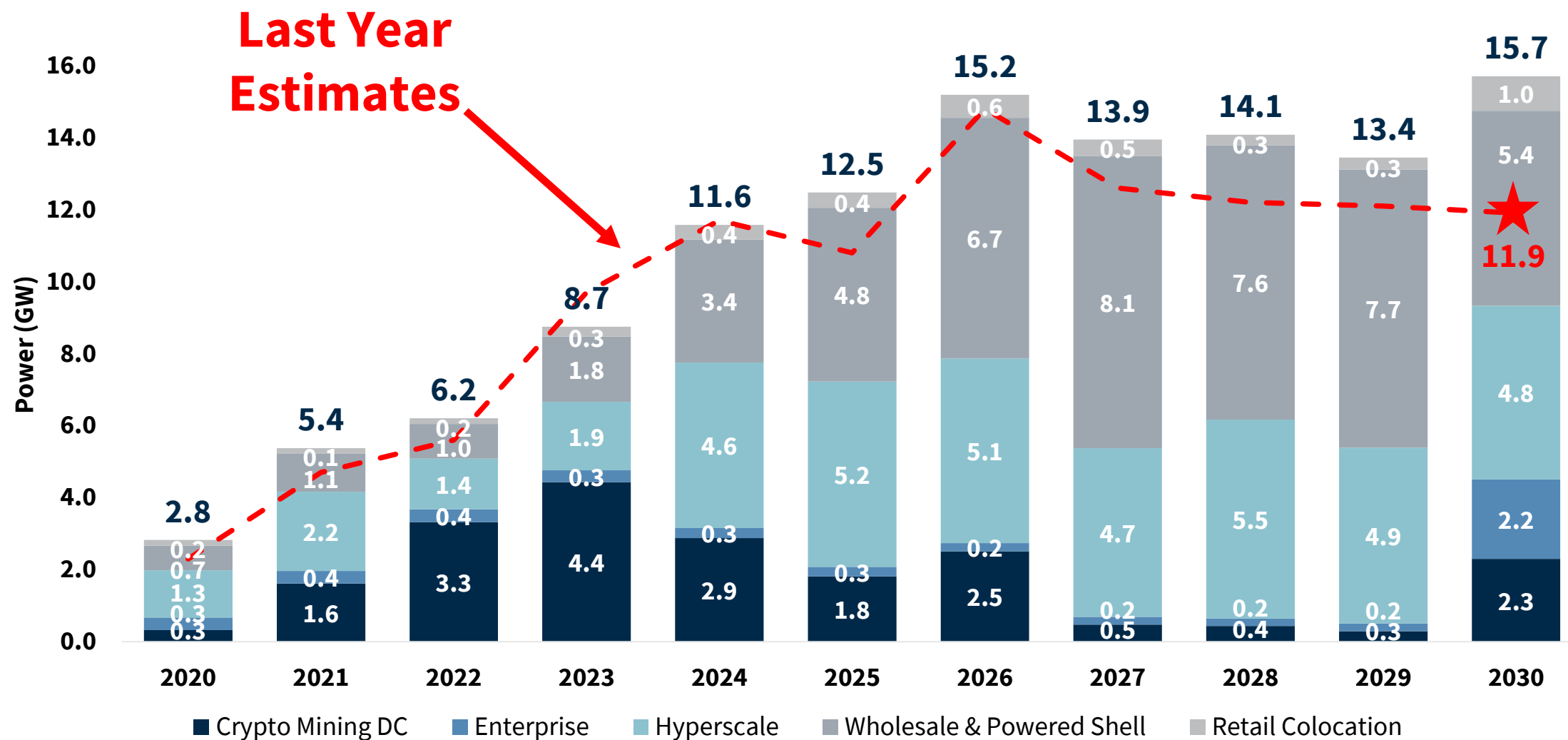


Total U.S. Data Center Power Demand

451 Data suggests a Robust **12.5% 2023-30 CAGR** (vs. **11.6% est. growth last year**)

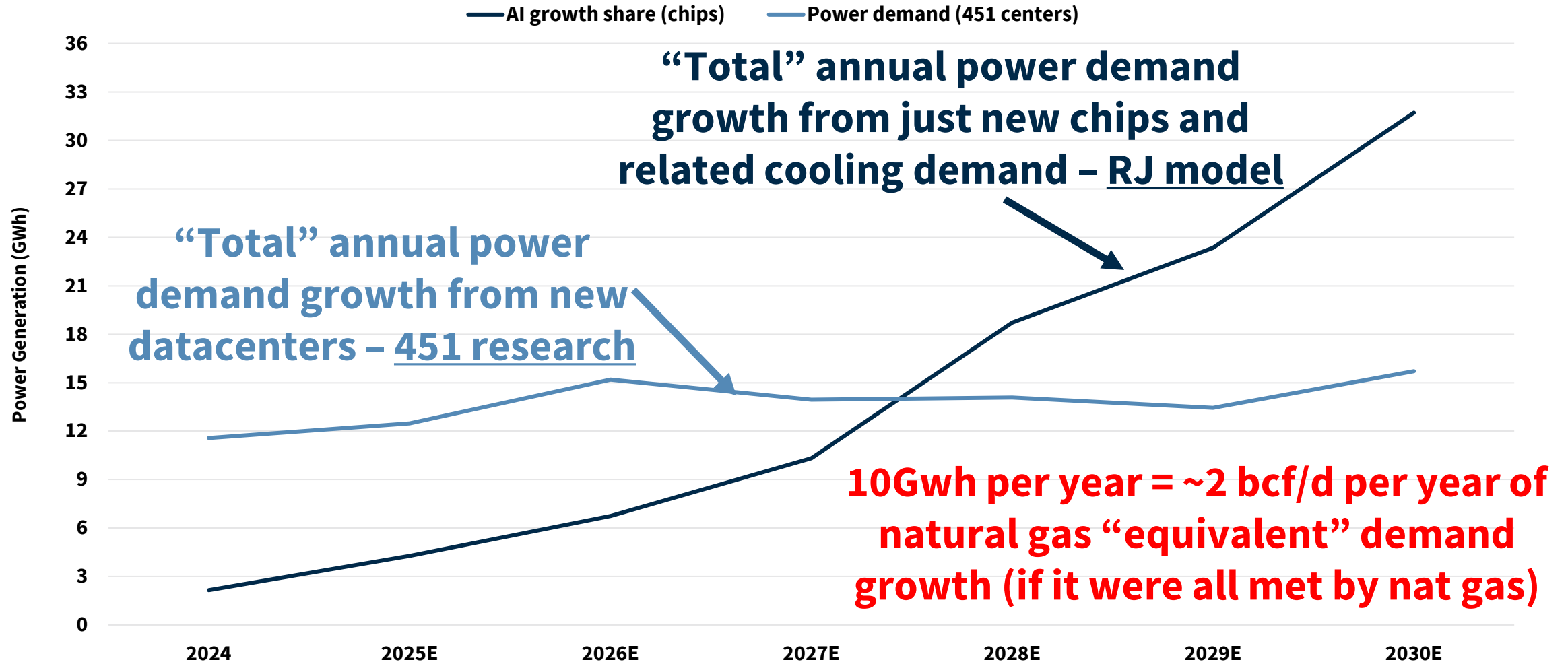


US Data Center Growth = ~15 Gwh/yr



Our “Chip Model” Shows Even More Growth

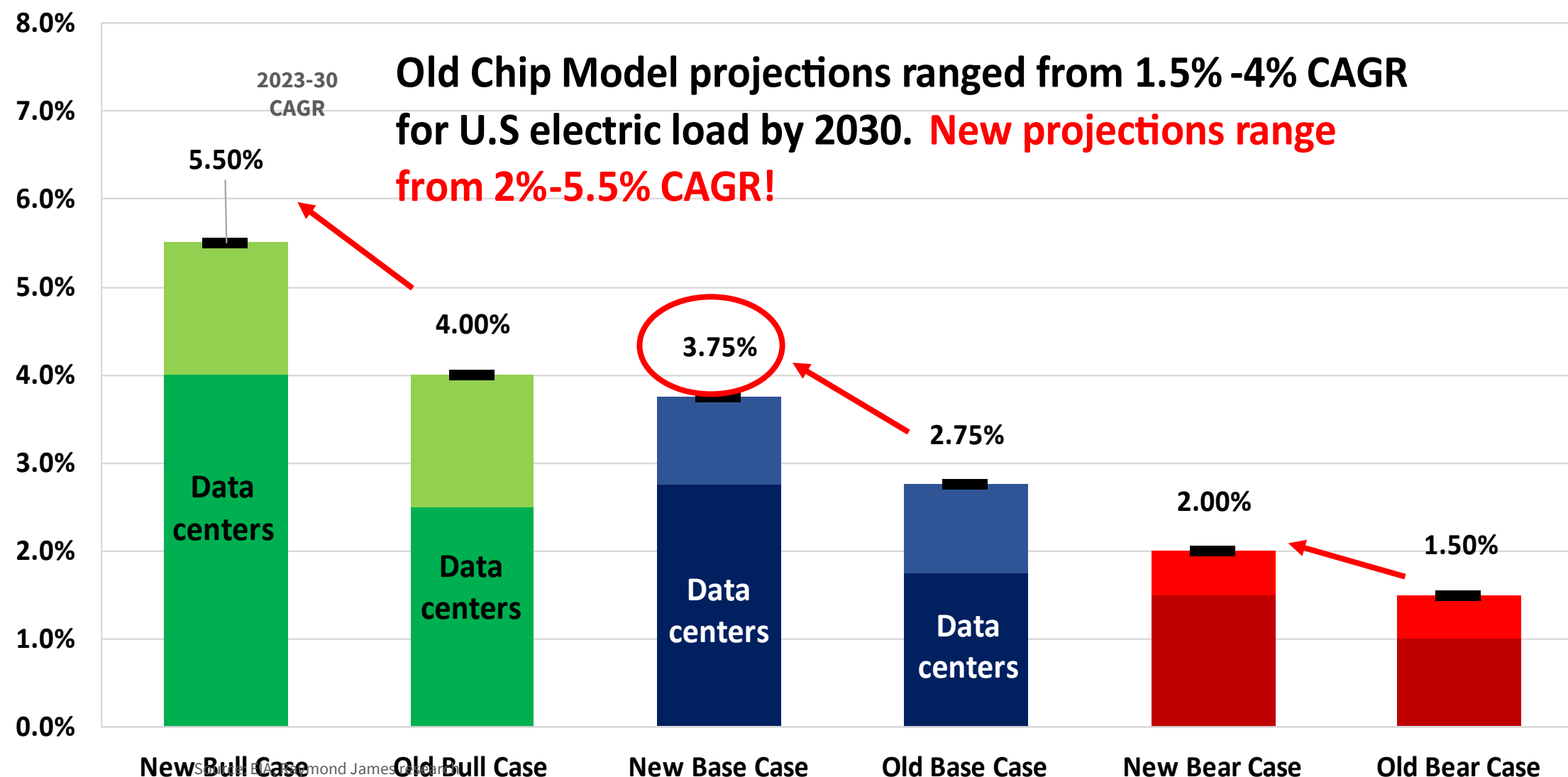
Expected Annual AI Power Demand Growth vs. Expected Datacenter Power Demand Growth



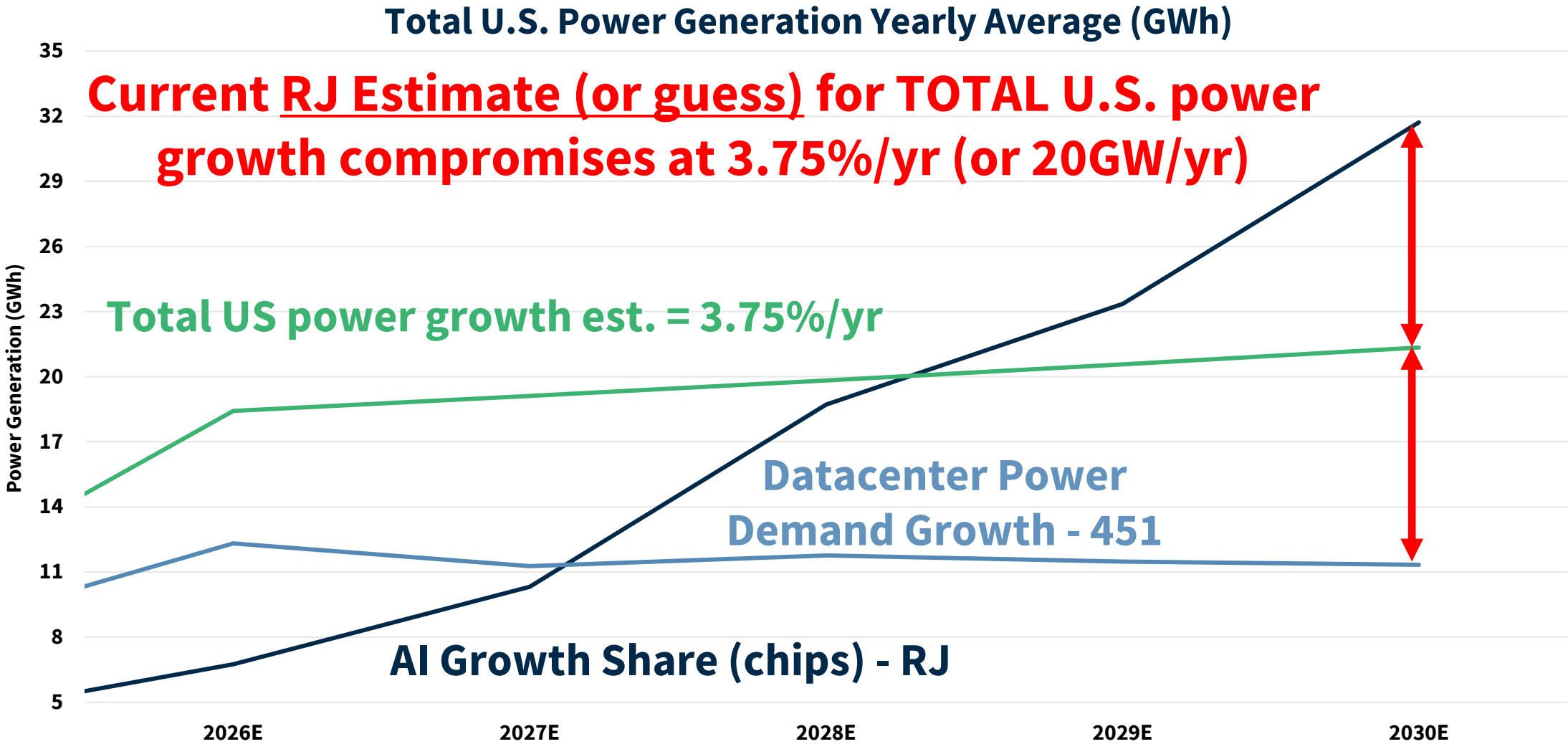
AI Only ~75% Of US Power Growth?

- We estimate AI & data center power demand should be around 75% of power growth 2025-2030 – Frenzy just starting & growth is exponential (via utilization)
- Electrification of everything also big (cars, home heating, stoves, etc.) as push to zero-carbon hits
- Industrial related power demand rising (LNG plants, oilfield, steel, new chip factories, robotics, any industrial process that is trying to de-carbonize)

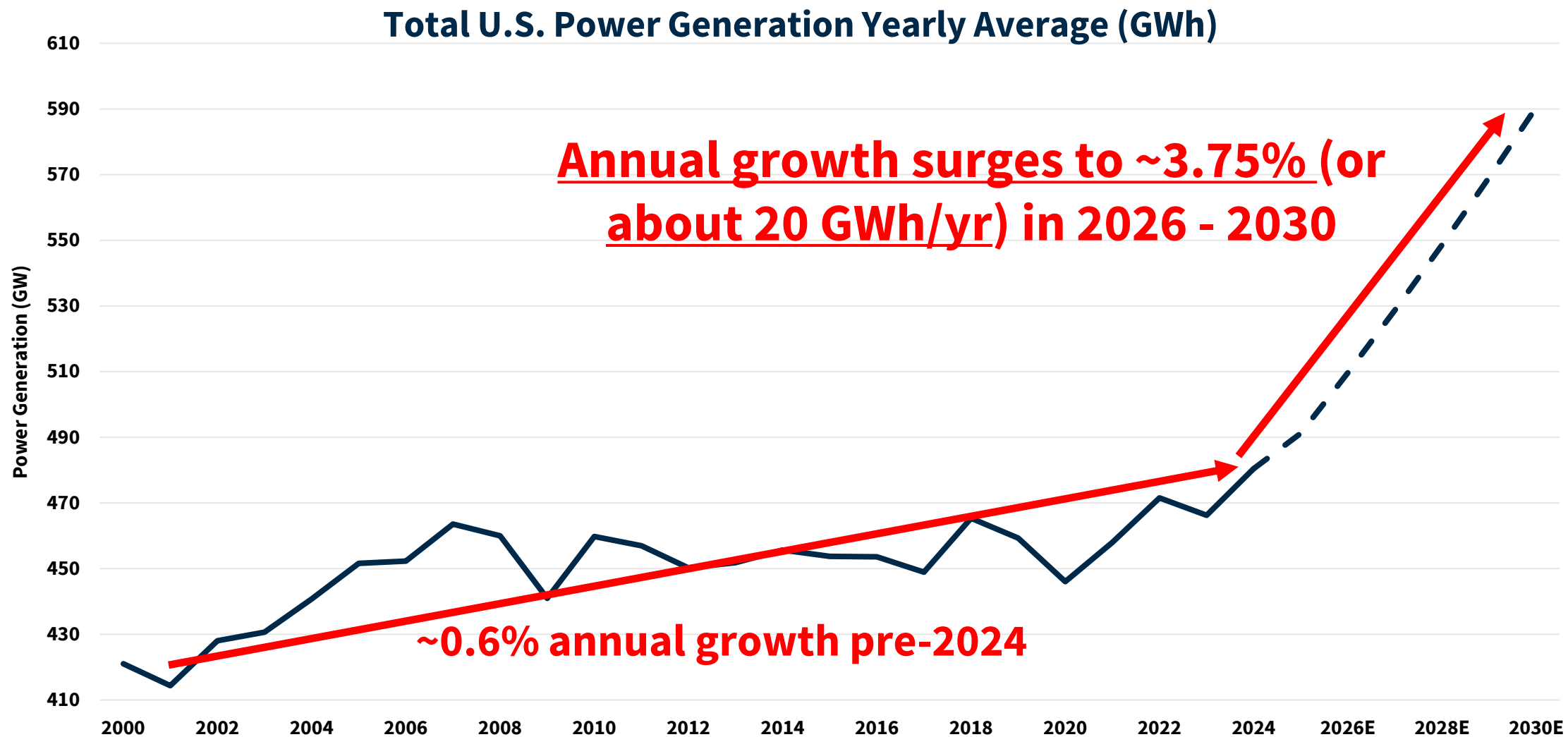
New Estimates MUCH Higher vs Last Yr!



3.75% Growth Est. Splits The Difference



To Put It In Perspective.....



300GW Before Skynet?

“Skynet is not a thing, a place, or a machine. It’s a system – a consciousness spread through every machine connected to the internet.”

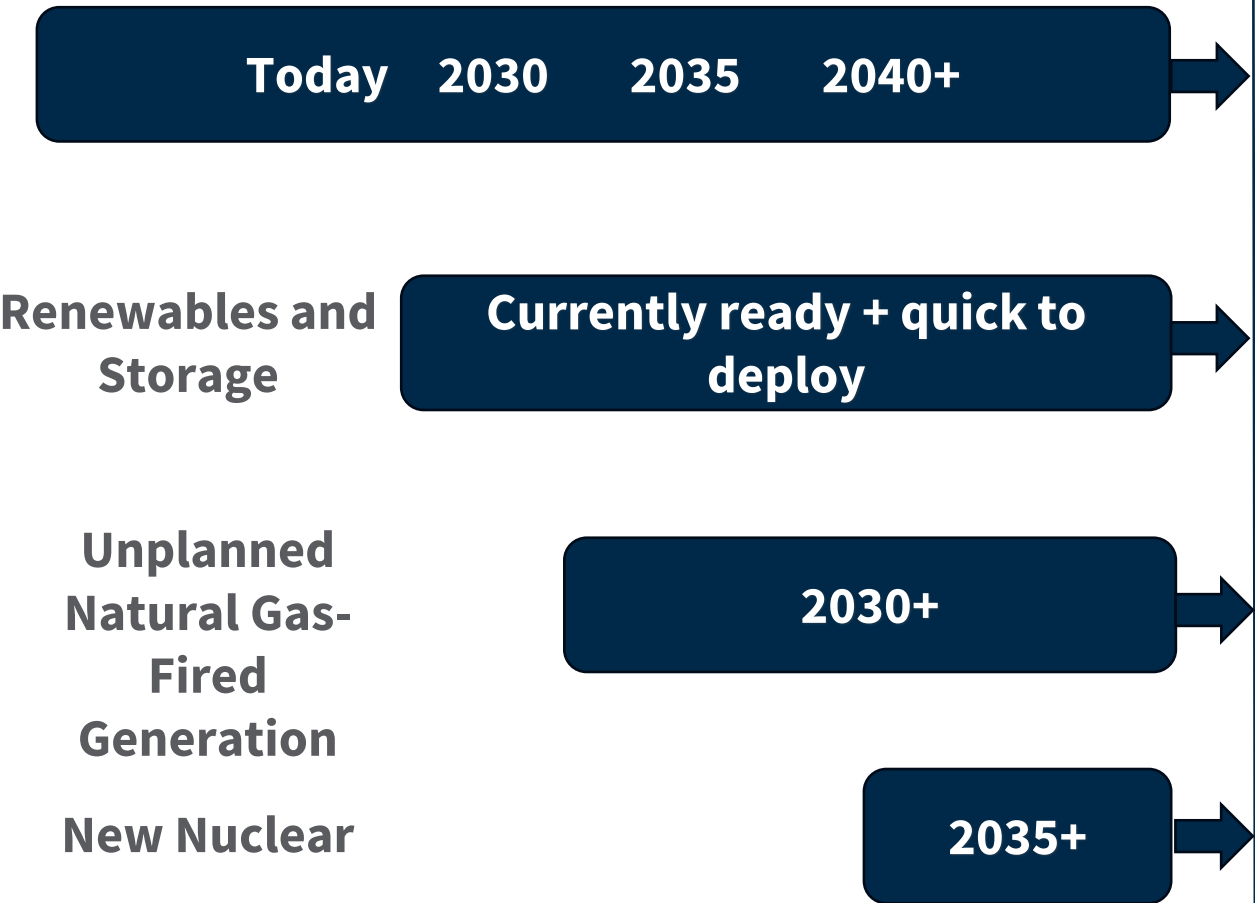
- John Connor



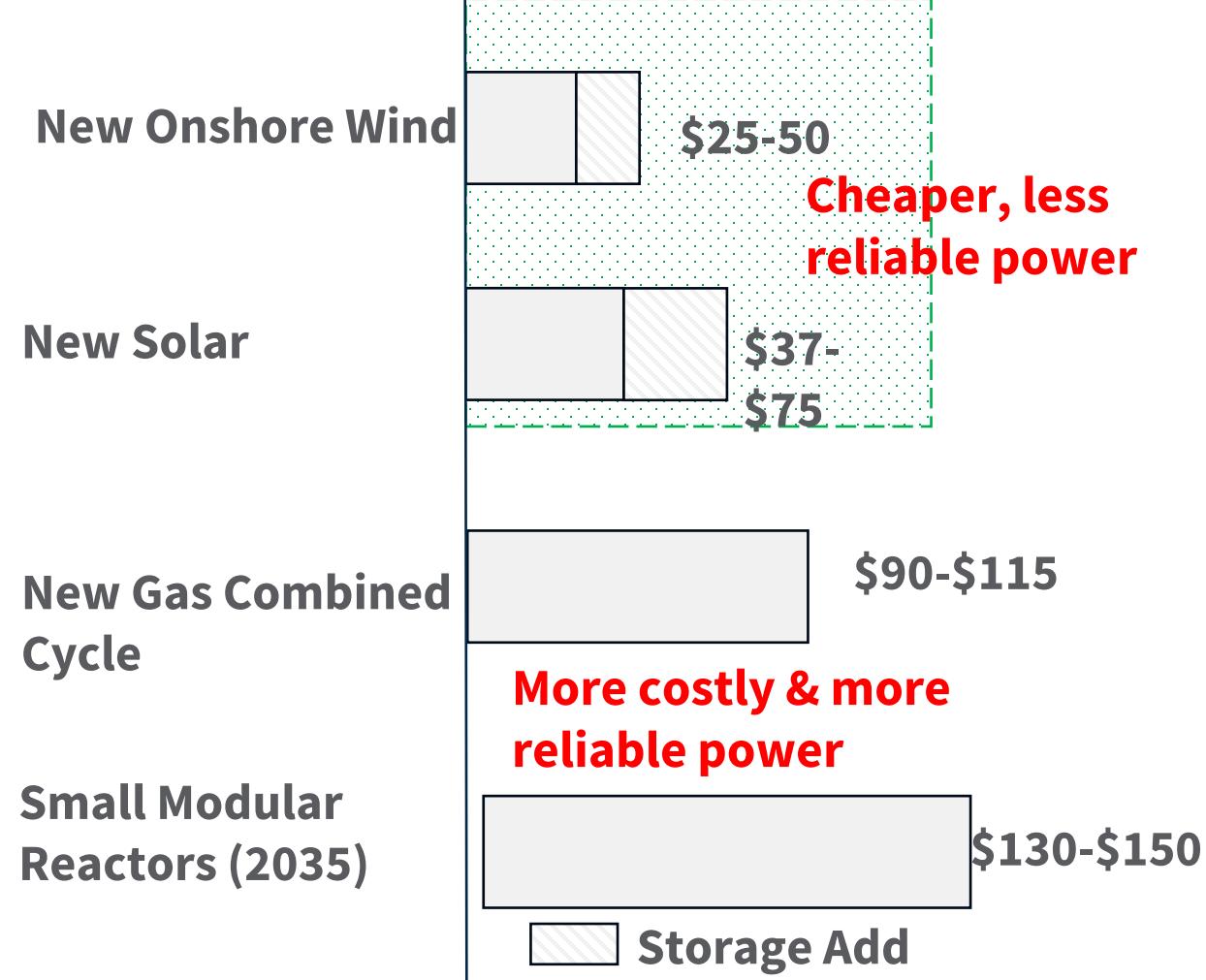
How Will Growing Power Demand Impact The U.S. Natural Gas Equation?

What Will Provide New Power - Nextera?

Expected Deployment Timelines by Generation Type

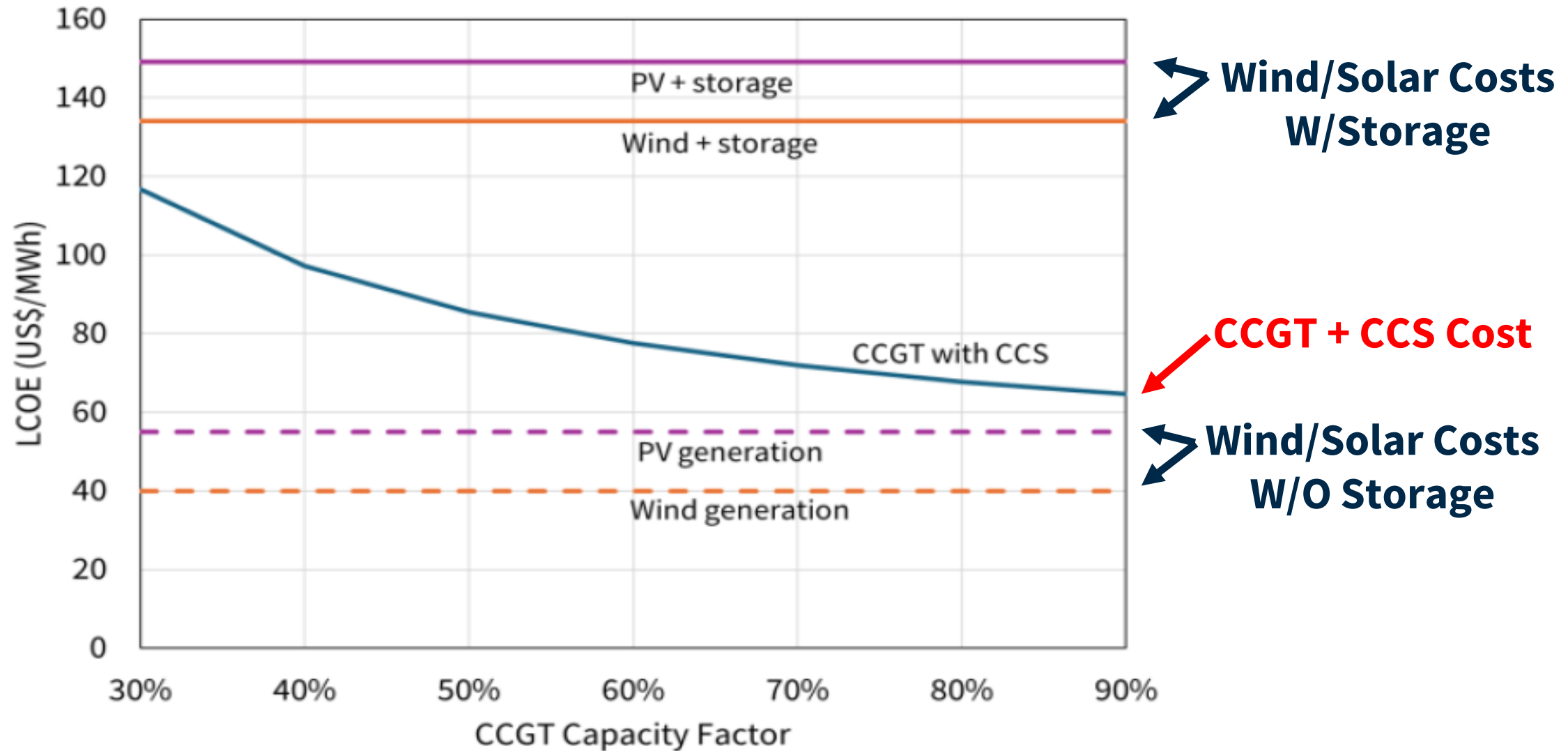


Estimated Costs of Firmed Generation Resources, 2030 (\$/MWh)



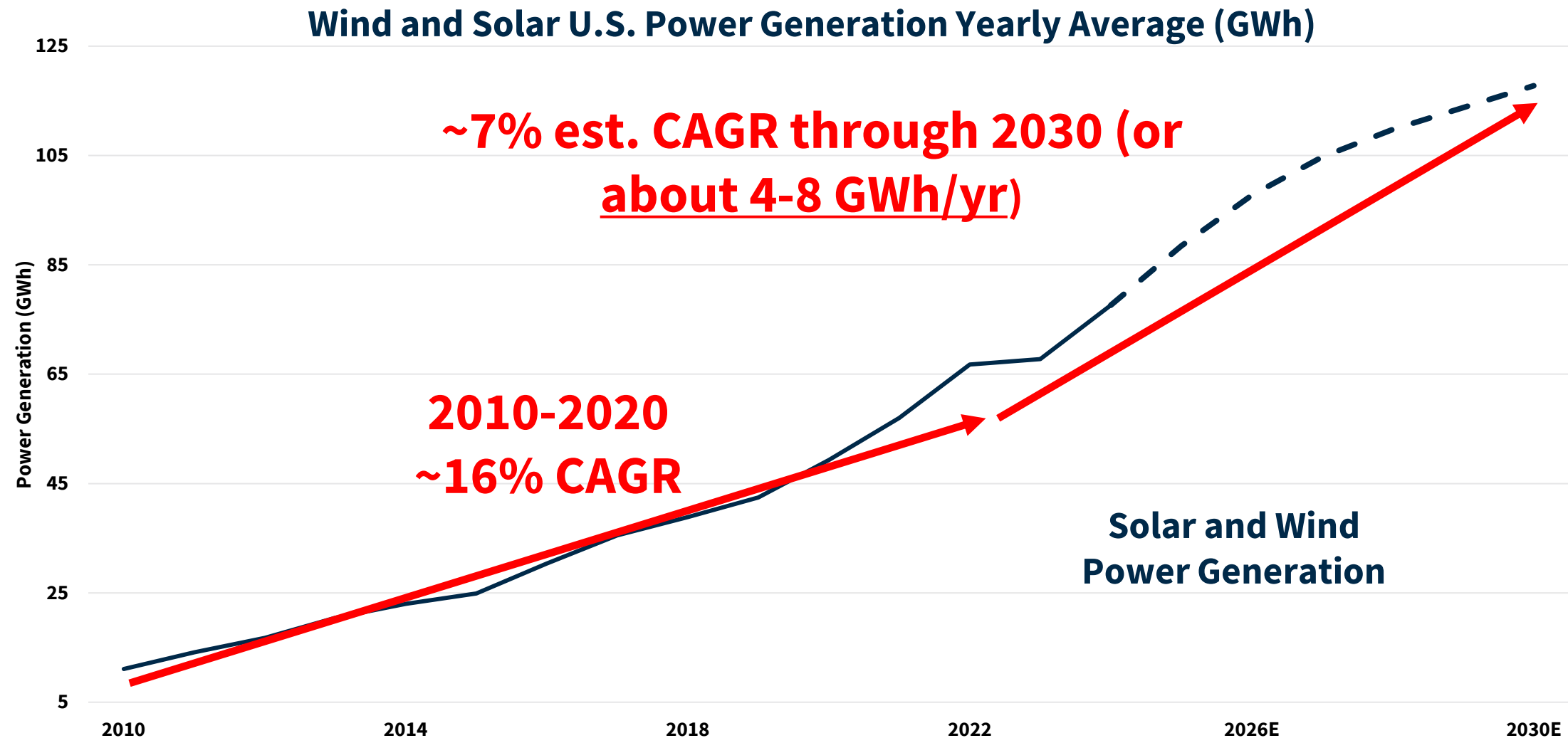
Source: Nextera.

A More Realistic “Cost” Comparison?



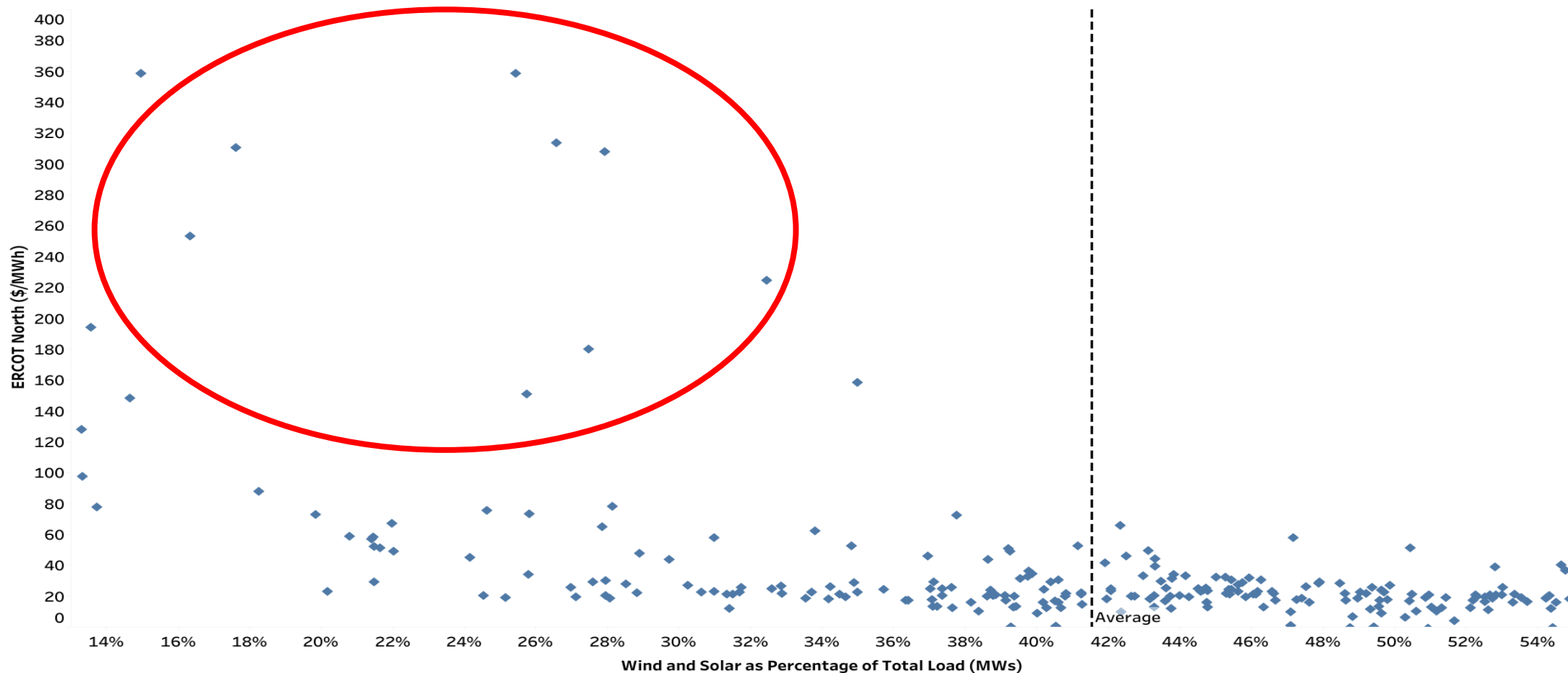
Source: The Oxford Institute For Energy Studies May 2025 Report

Solar Growth Strong Thru '27, Slows '28+



But, What If No Sun, No Wind?

Prices Spike in ERCOT When Renewables Are Unavailable



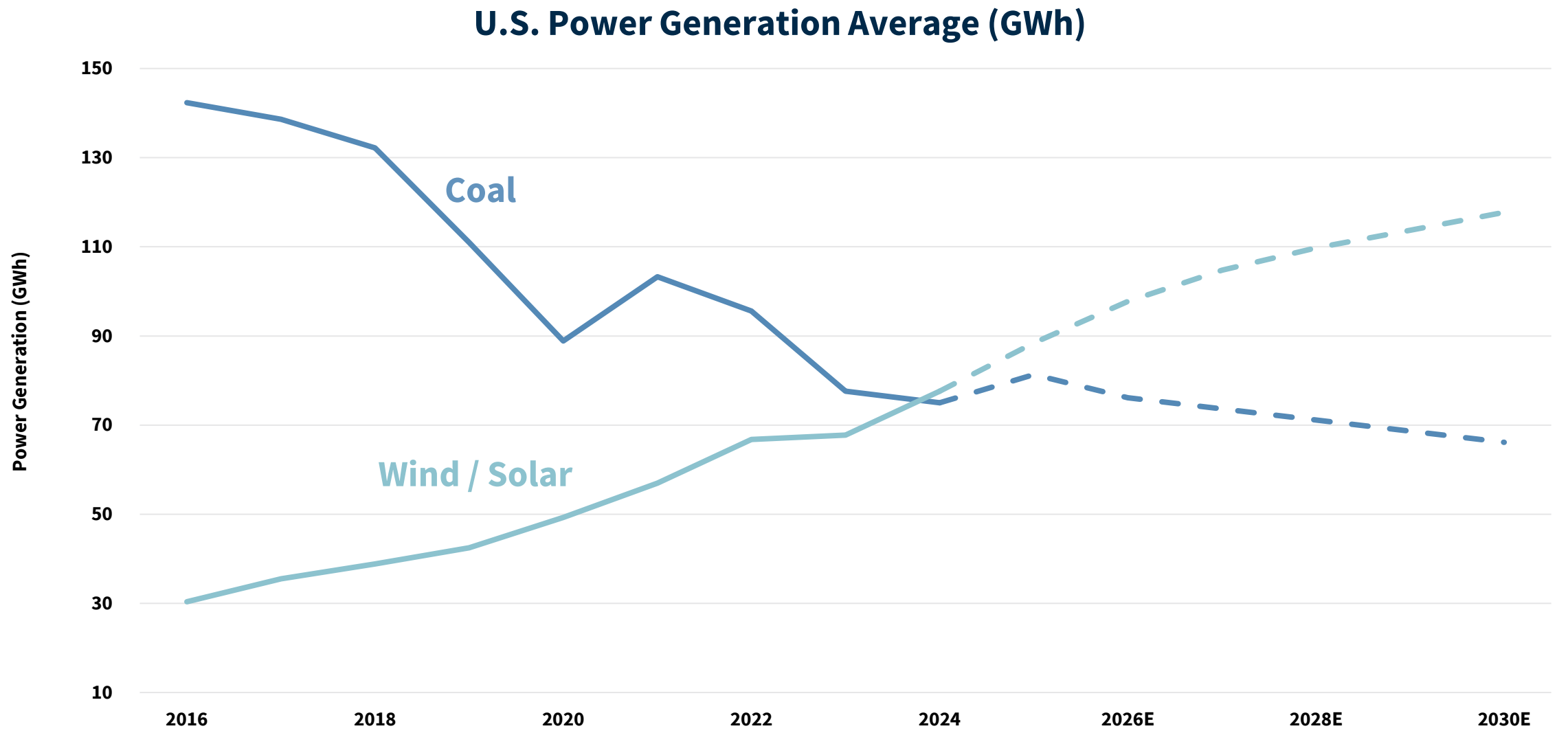
*Load Greater than 65k MW

Source: EIA, ERCOT, Raymond James research.

No AI Without MUCH More Gas Power

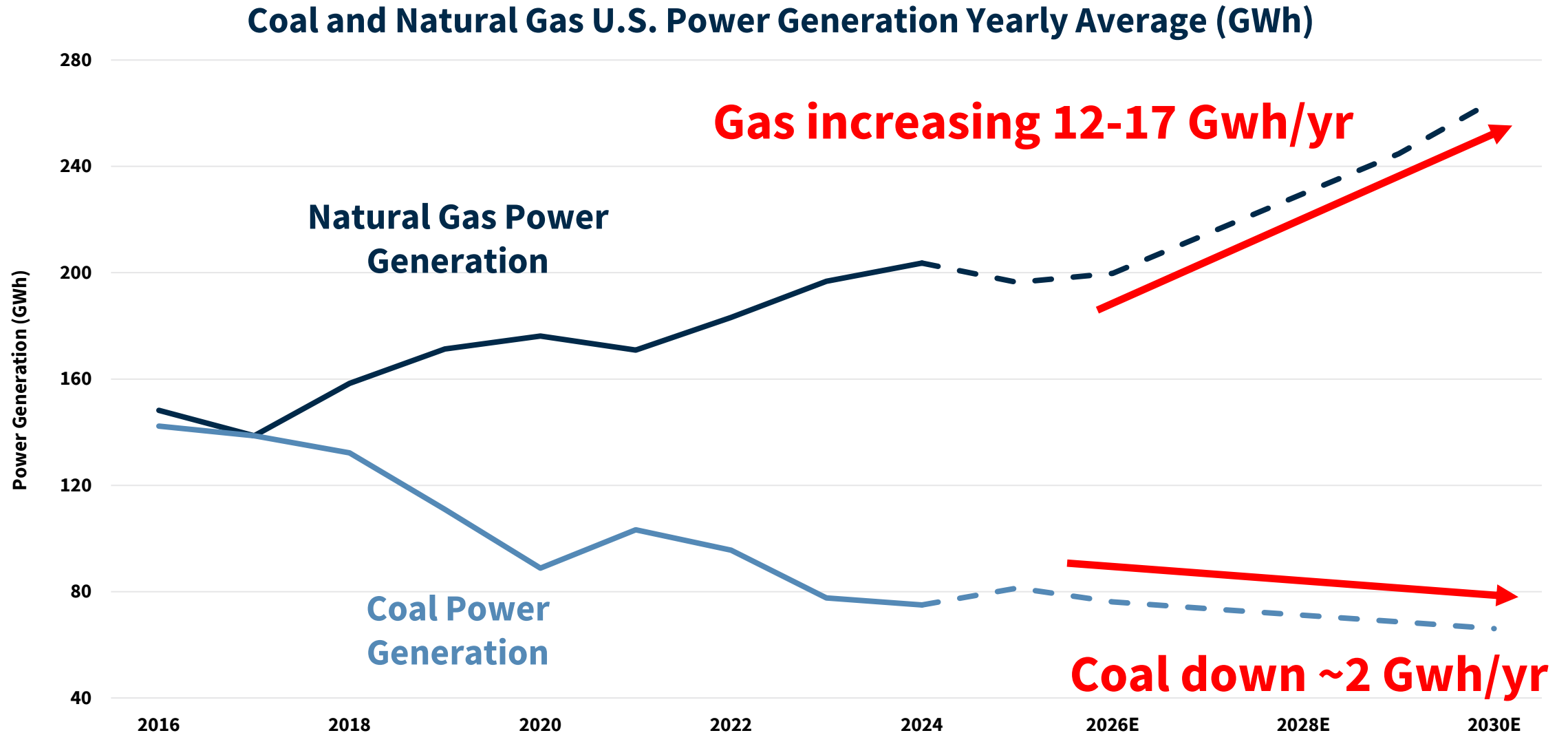
- Wind & Solar capacity additions theoretically meet ~30% of increased power demand in next five years
- But, renewable push is destroying grid reliability
- And, reliable coal fading slowly because coal can't cycle on/off with negative solar power prices
- Don't forget, data centers need 24/7 power – in the same location as the datacenters
- **Thus, gas-fired power will provide most new power**

Economics & Solar Slowing Reliable Coal



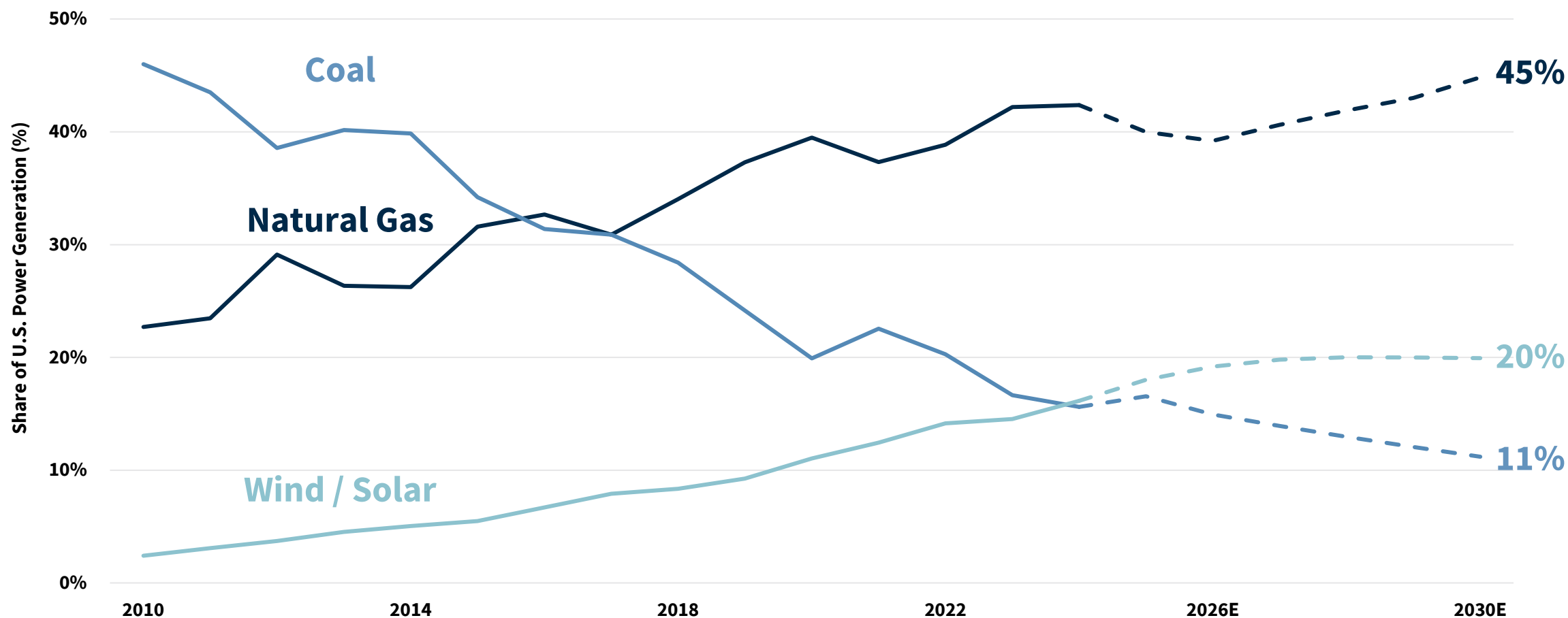
Source: EIA.

Reliable Gas To Grow & Replace Coal?



Gas-fired Power Share Grows To ~45%

Share of U.S. Power Generation (%)



Where Will Power Come From Next 5 yr?

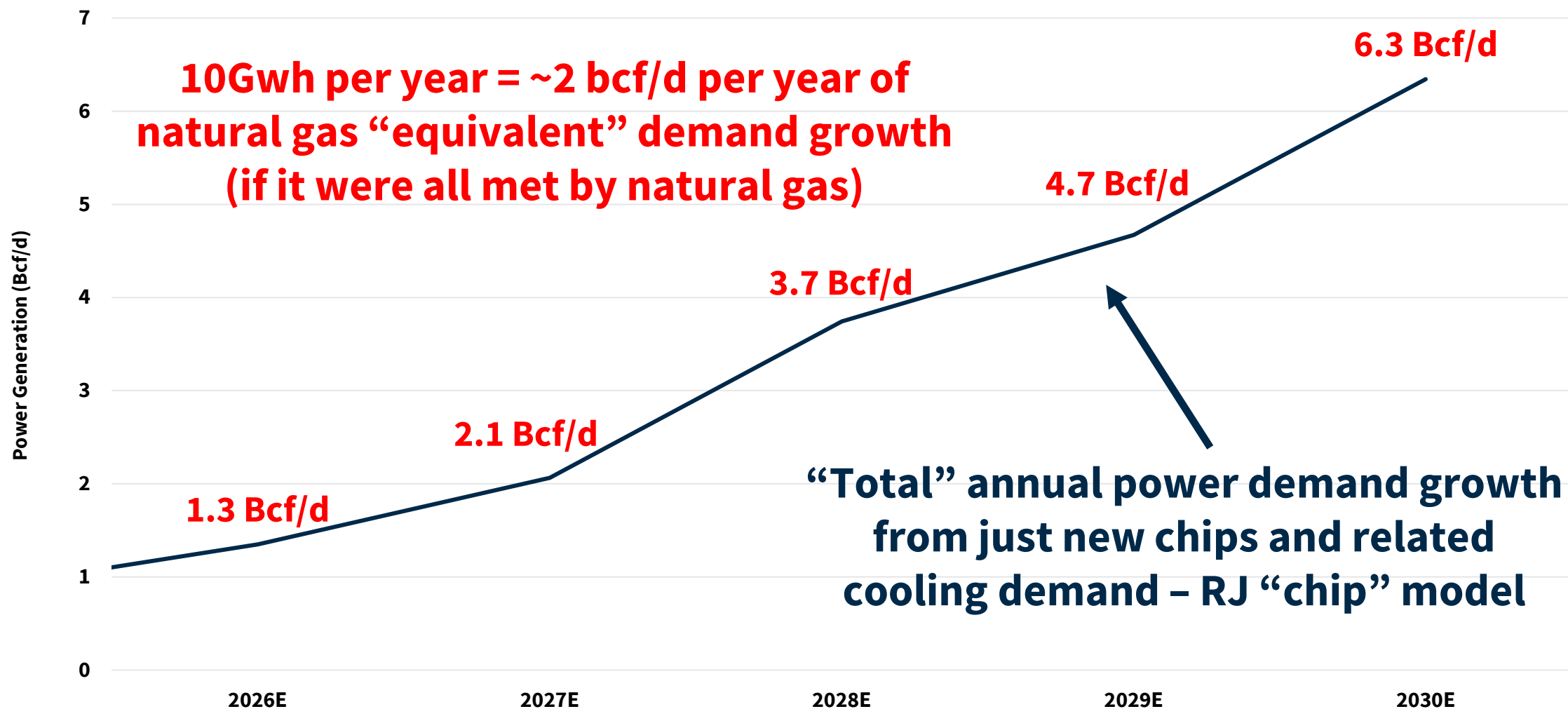
- '26 -'30 total power growth = ~100+ Gwh
- *New estimate nearly double last year's estimate*
- Coal falls ~10 Gwh
- Solar/wind grows ~30 Gwh (*down from 50 Gwh*)
- Very modest Nuclear growth until AFTER 2030
- **Thus, gas power grows 80+ GWh next 5 yrs**

What Is The Math For Gas Power Demand?

- '26 -'30 total power growth = ~20 bcf/d gas “equivalent”
- Plus, coal reduction = ~2.0 bcf/d more gas demand
- Total 5 yr gas “equivalent” power growth = ~ 22 bcf/d
- But, solar likely meets (reduces) demand by ~6.0 bcf/d
- Thus, power driven gas growth = ~16 bcf/d over 5 years
- Or, power drives ~3.0 bcf/d gas demand growth thru 2030

3 bcf/d Could Be WAY Too Conservative...

Expected AI Power Demand Growth From RJ “chip” Model

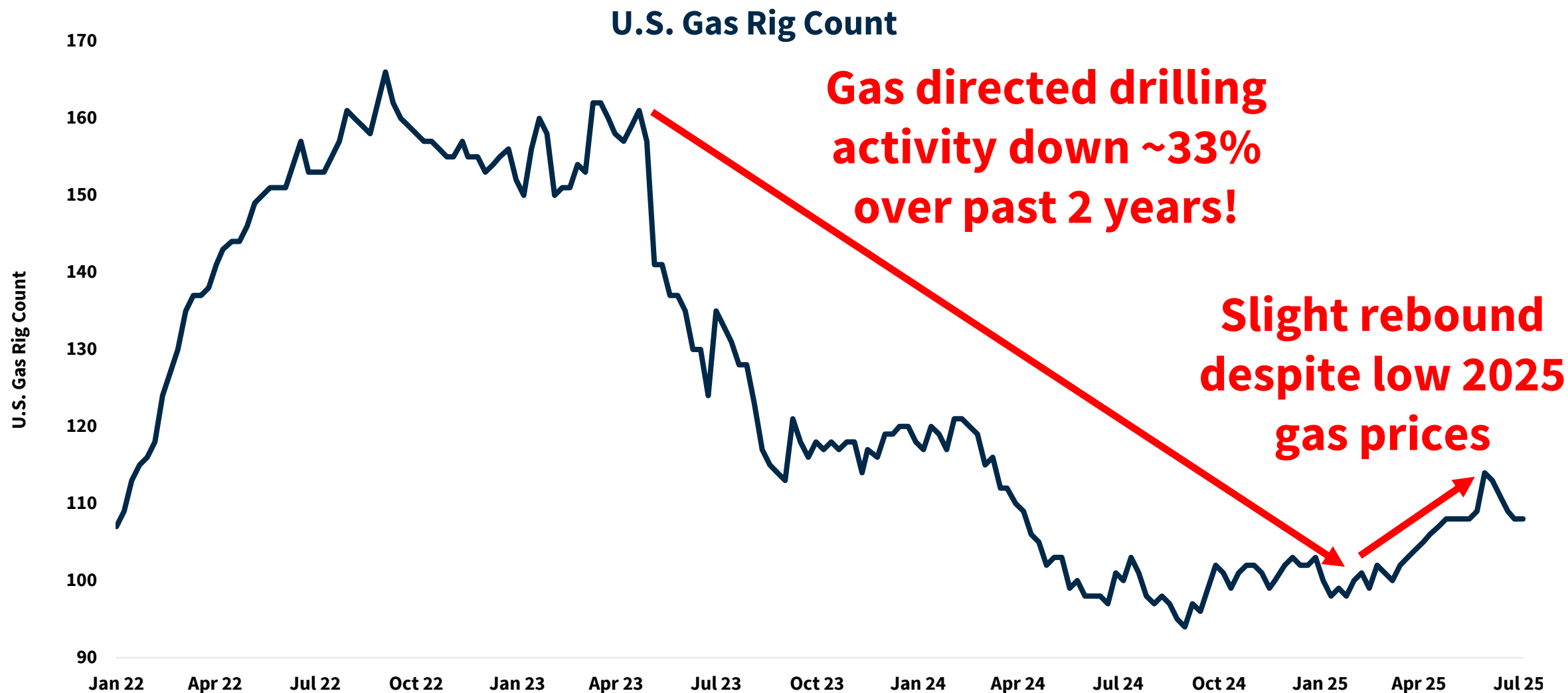


2026 Est. Nat Gas Demand Summary

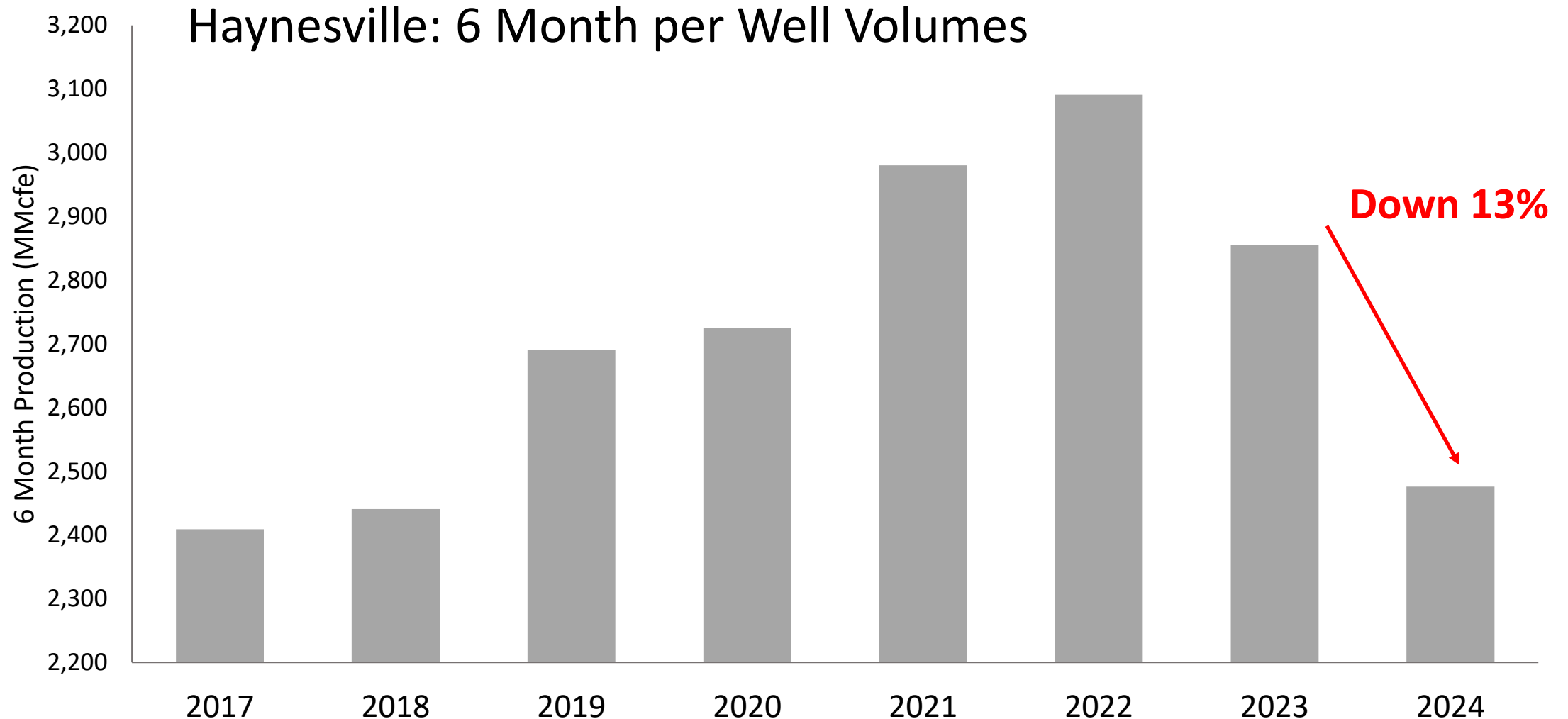
- **LNG up 2.5 Bcf/d**
- **Power up 2.5 Bcf/d**
- **Mexico & Canada flat**
- **Industrial up 0.25 Bcf/d**
- **Total 2026E gas demand growth = ~5.0+ Bcf/d**

**Where Will We Get 4-6 bcf/d
More U.S. Gas Supply Every
Year For The Next Five Years?**

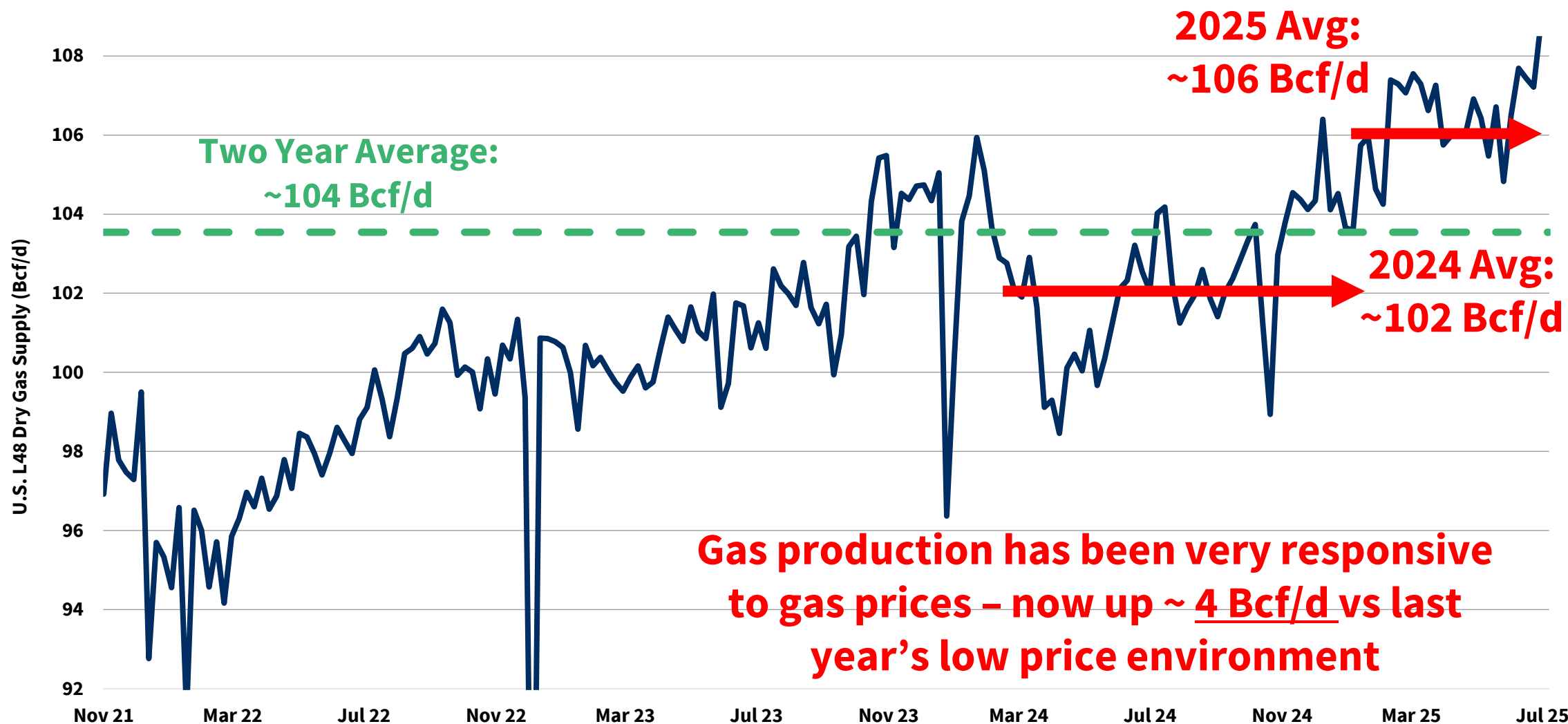
Gas Activity Has Fallen Hard With Prices



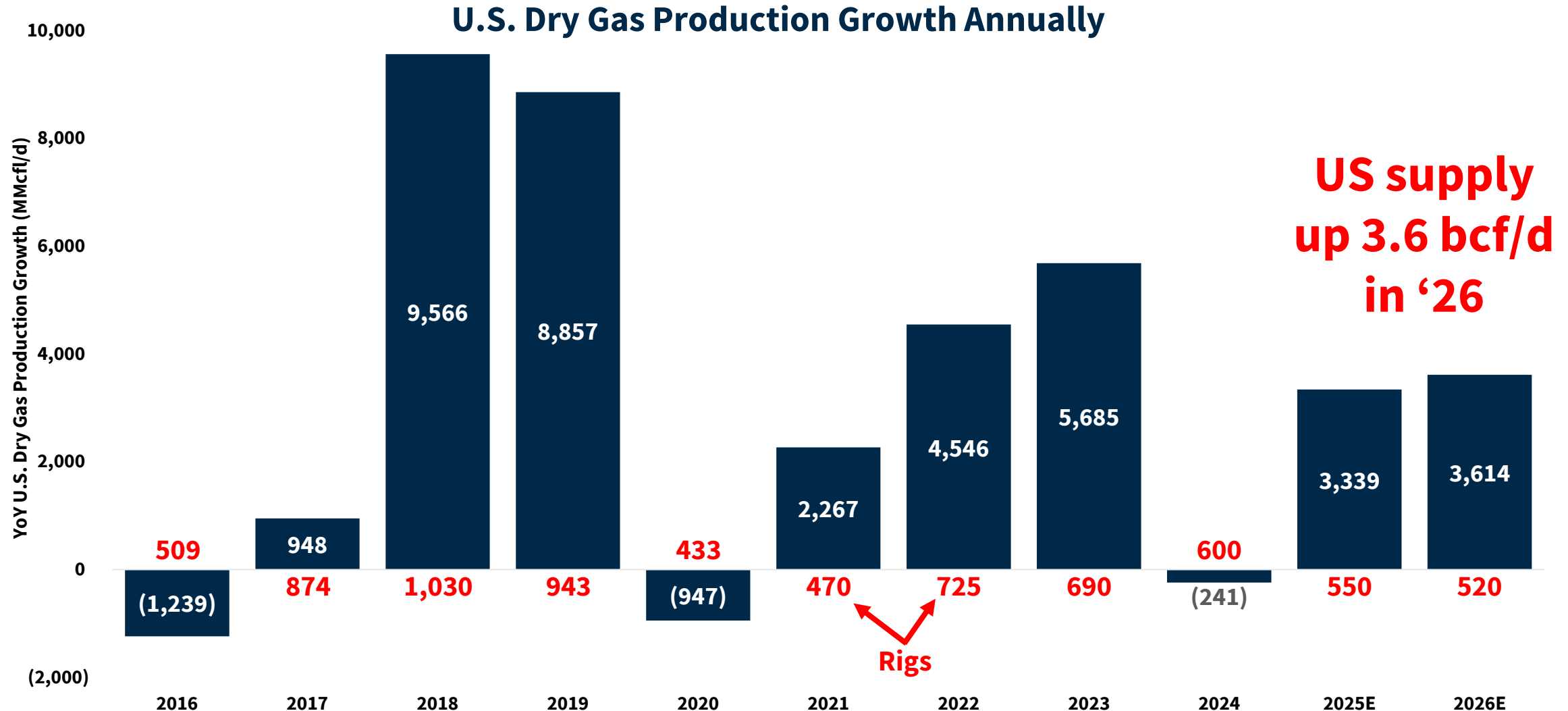
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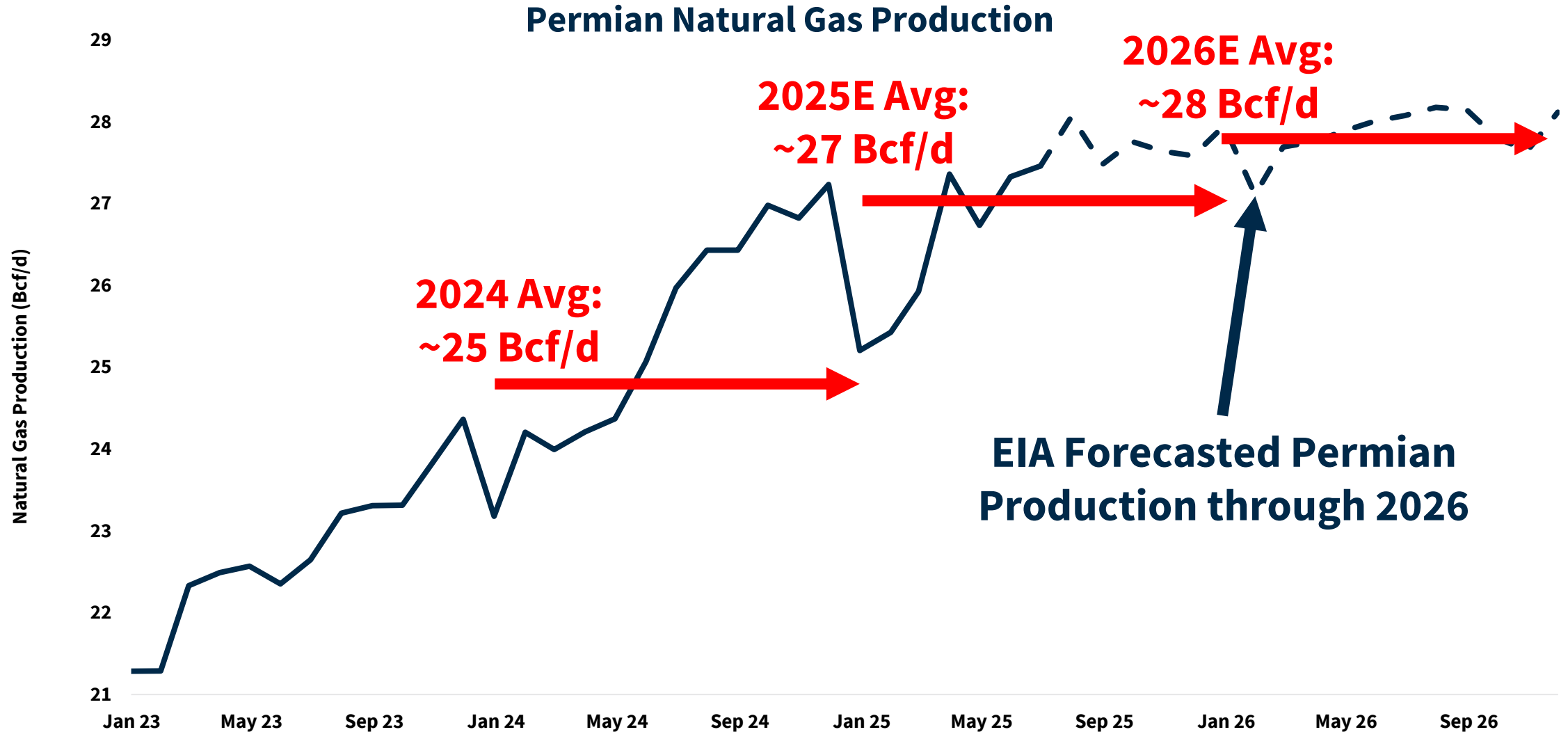
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US Supply Growth Needs to Be Even Higher

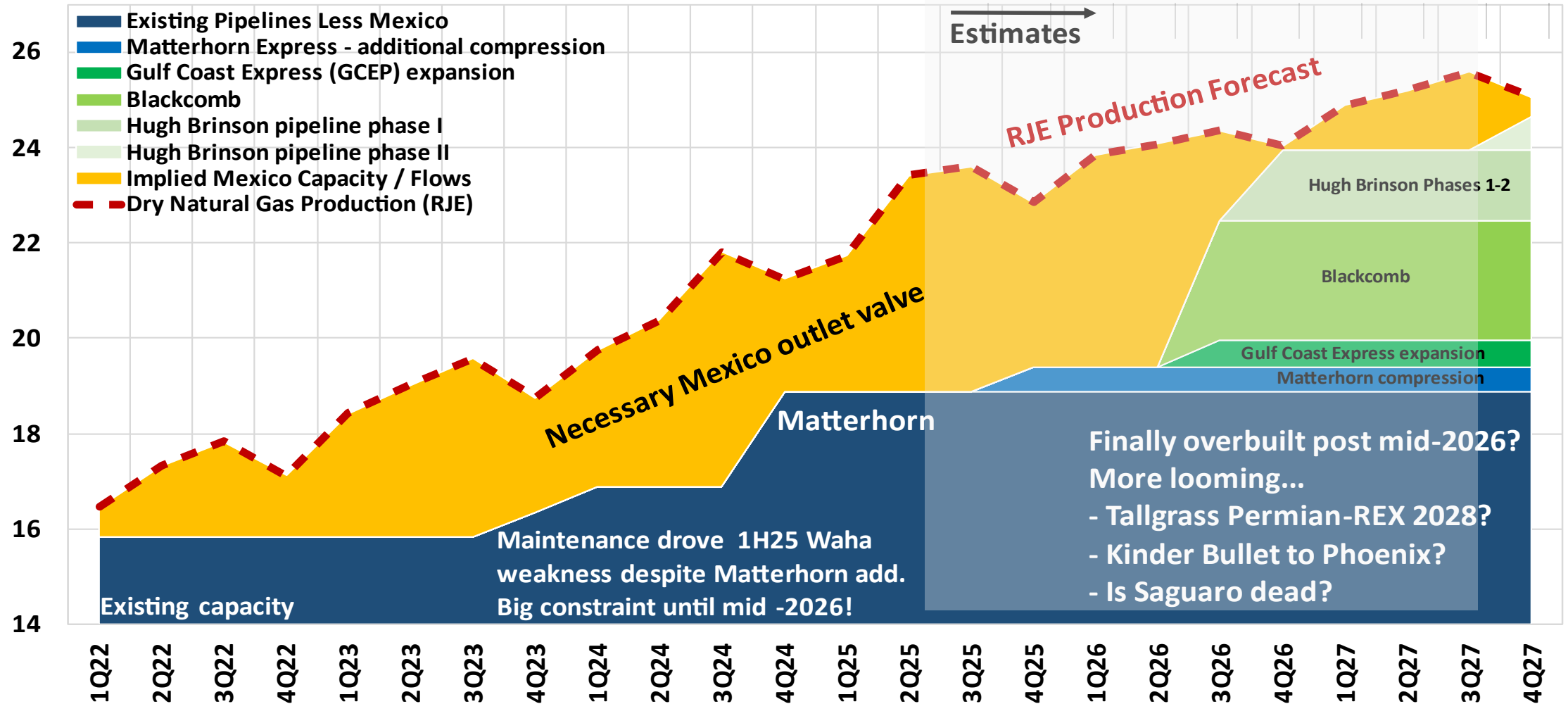


But, Permian Growth Now Slowing



Permian Constrained Until Late-'26?

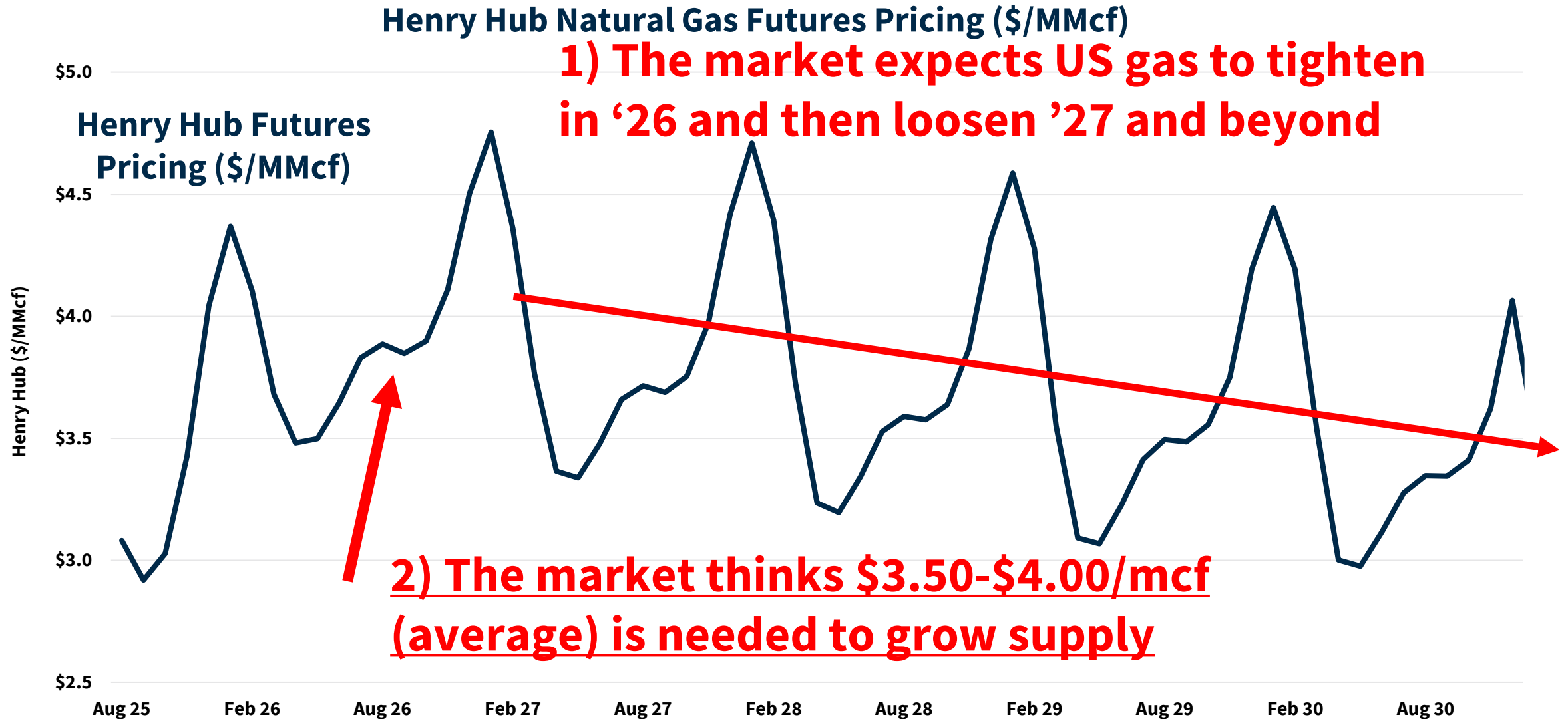
Permian Dry Gas Pipeline Takeaway (Bcf/d)



What Drives 2026 US Gas Supply Growth?

- New Permian pipes should unleash ~1.5 bcf/day
- But, how will low oil prices impact associated gas?
- Haynesville rigs & productivity down – what next?
- Appalachia gas is still trapped, but....datacenters?
- **Overall, 2026 US gas supply growth = ~3.5 bcf/d**
- ~1.0 bcf/d associated + 2.5 bcf/d gas basin growth

What Are Natural Gas Futures Telling Us?



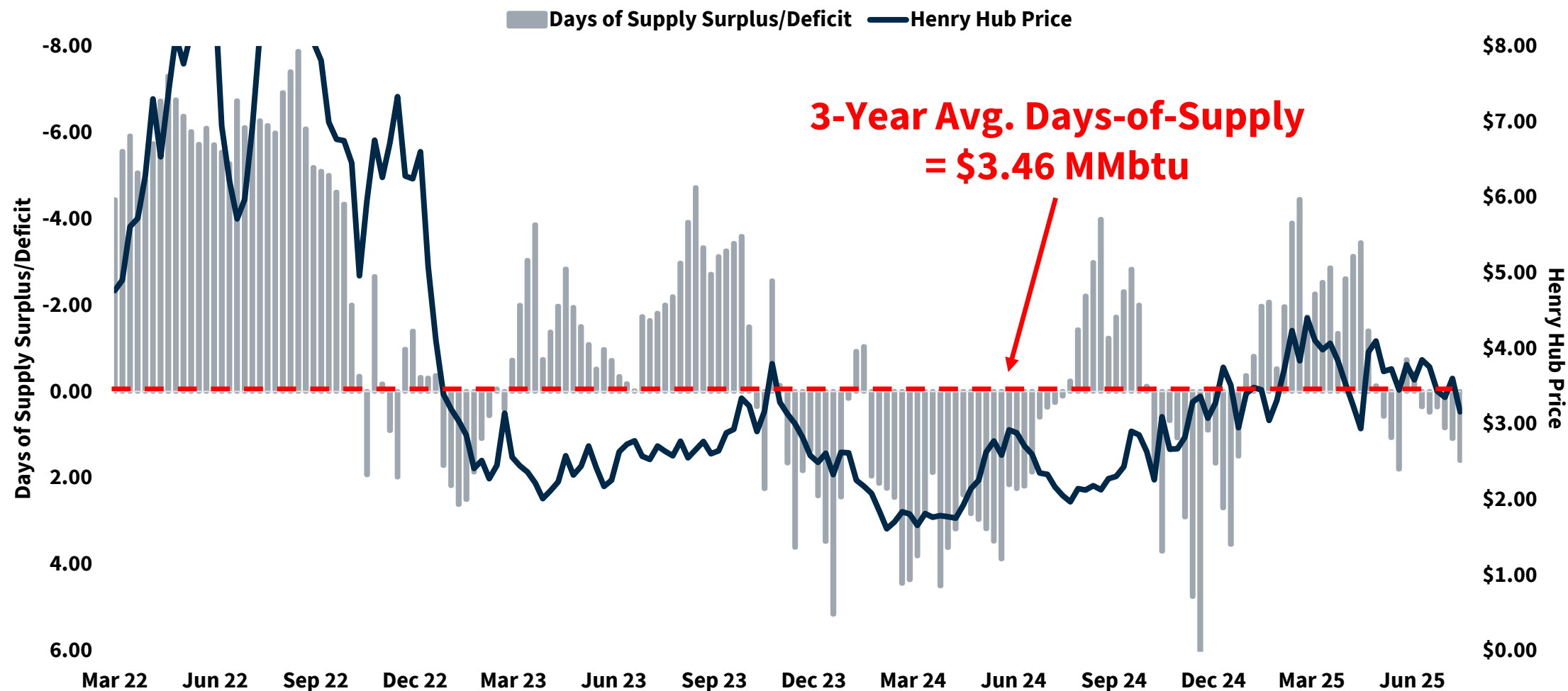
Where Are U.S. Natural Gas Prices Headed and When?

First, Why Have '25 Gas Prices Fallen?

- **Massive supply growth from '24 curtailments**
- **Strong Permian associated gas growth**
- **Freeport LNG outages again**
- **One-time coal switching slowed power growth**
- **Bearish Weather**
- **Slowly building inventories have been bearish**

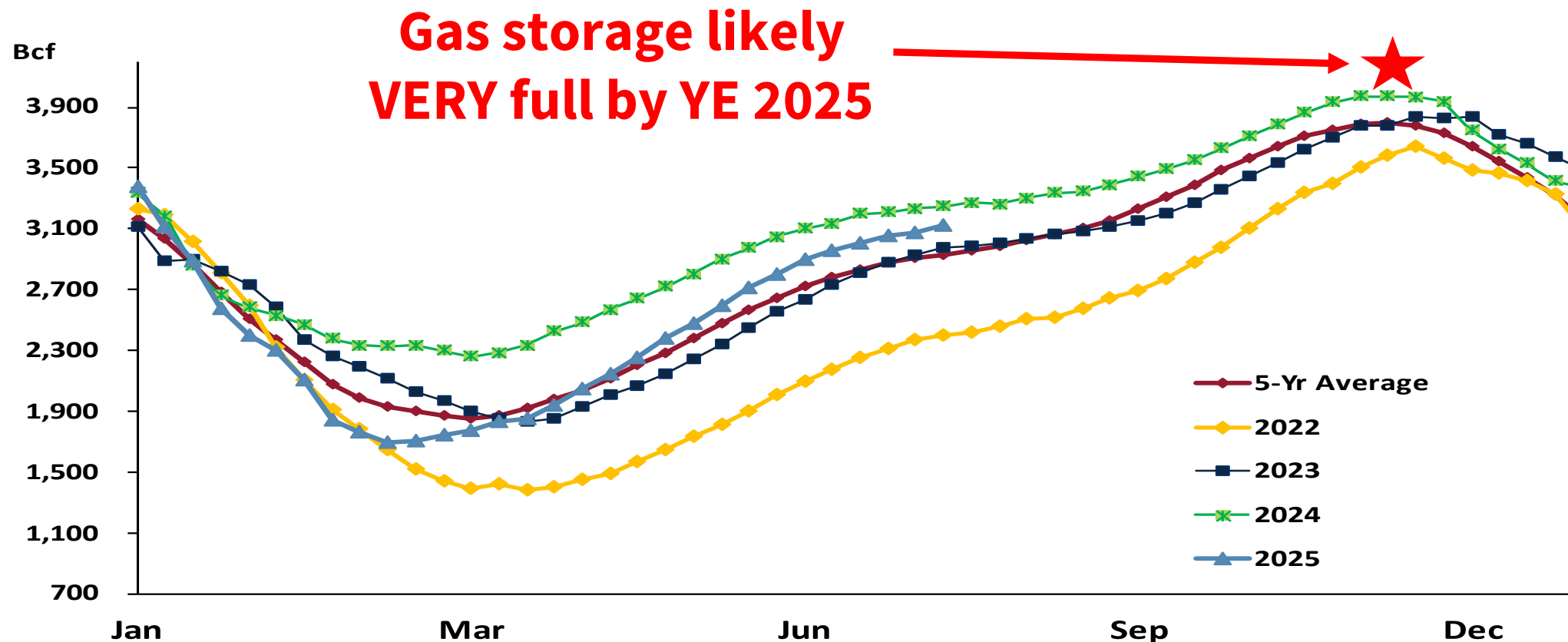
Natural Gas Inventories Matter

Henry Hub Price vs Gas Days of Supply 5-Year Avg (Monthly)



Storage Overhang Increases In '25

EIA Natural Gas Storage Volumes (Bcf)



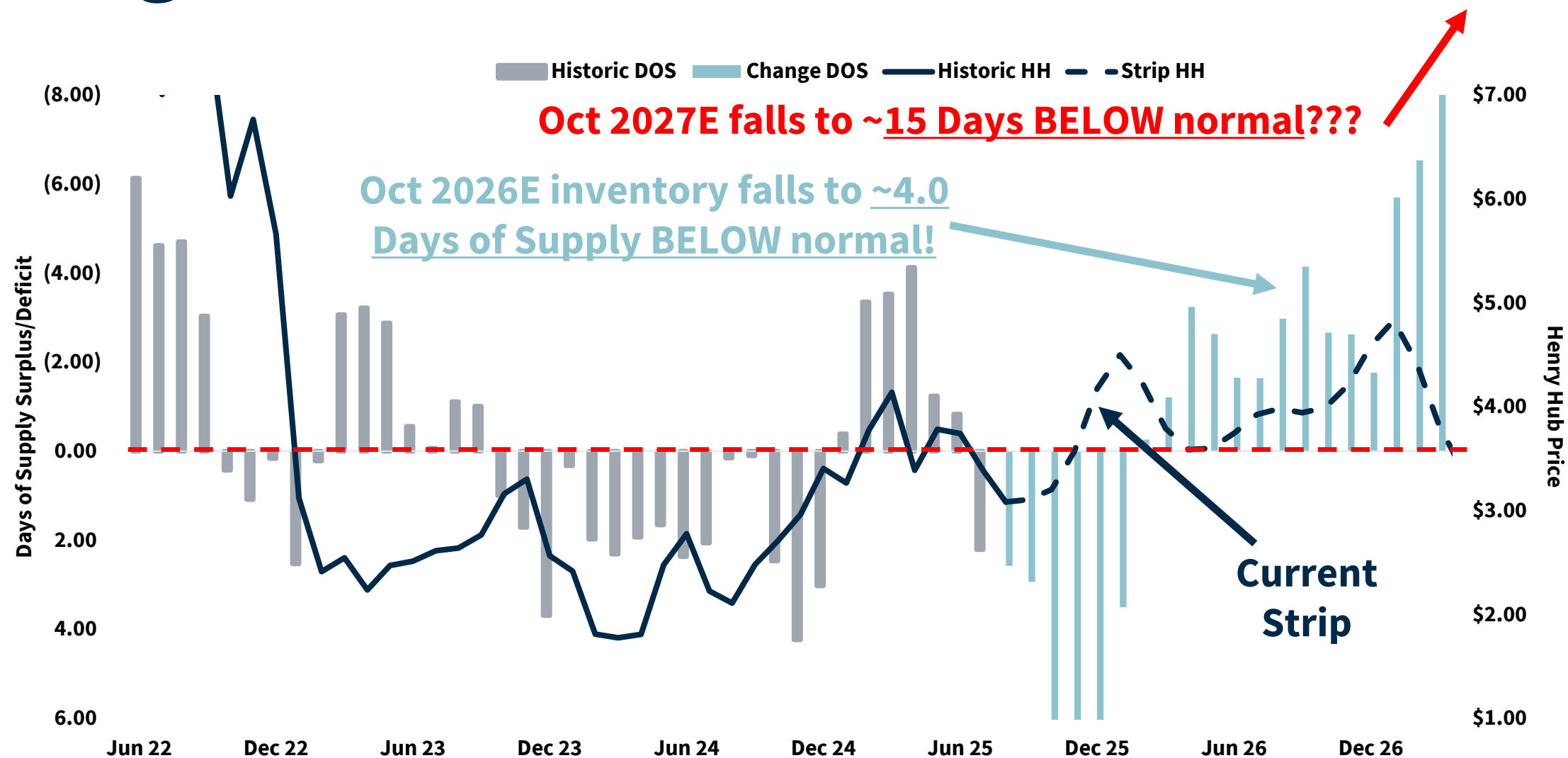
So, What Is The Gas Math For 2026....

- U.S. gas supply up ~3.5 bcf/d (Permian & Haynesville)
- LNG demand increases ~2.5 bcf/d
- Mexico/Canada/Industrial demand up ~.25 bcf/d
- Gas demand for power up ~2.5 bcf/d
- Net shortfall ~1.75 bcf/d (or, inv. fall ~600 bcf)
- Gas prices drift higher (to \$5-\$7/bcf) vs current strip
- Wildcard: How much will Haynesville really grow?

2027 Looks Even More Bullish

- U.S. gas supply up ~4.5 bcf/d (Permian & Haynesville)
- LNG demand increases ~4.0 bcf/d
- Mexico/Canada/Industrial demand up ~.25 bcf/d
- Gas demand for power up ~3 bcf/d
- Net shortfall ~2.75 bcf/d (inv. decline ~1,000 bcf)!!
- Thus, prices rise to rebalance system (to \$6-\$10/bcf??)
- Wildcards: Haynesville, In-basin Marcellus/Permian

Long-term Nat Gas Outlook VERY Bullish



U.S. Natural Gas Summary

- **Gas curtailment reversals and temporary coal switching have driven weaker '25 prices**
- **But, LNG demand surges in 2026+, and**
- **Gas-fired power begins to really ramp in 2026**
- **What price gets 4-6 bcf/day more gas supply/yr?**
- **More U.S. gas % upside than oil over next 2 years**

Bottom Line On Oil & Gas Next Five Years

- **Power demand for US natural gas is exploding with AI**
- **Surging LNG demand also driving big gas demand**
- **Higher gas prices needed for 4-6 bcf/d supply/yr**
- **Oil market ugly through late-2026**
- **Oil prices rise 2027+ as OPEC overhang disappears**
- **Industry valuations are incredibly attractive**

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