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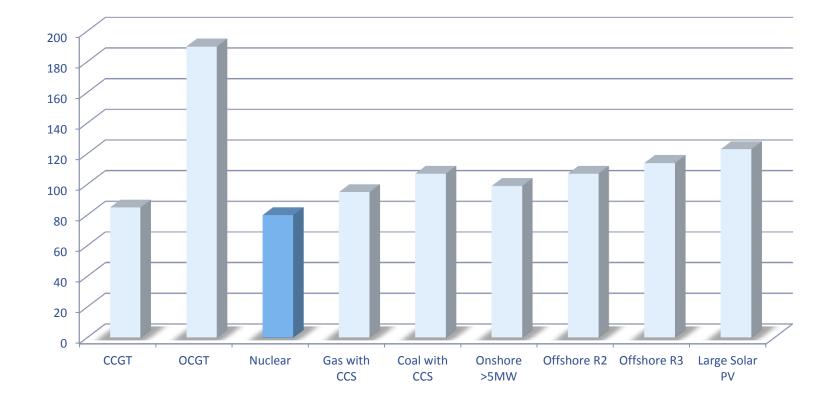
#### Nuclear and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

- Access to clean, reliable and affordable energy (SDG #7)
  - Baseload
  - Reliable
  - Affordable
  - Sustainable and modern
- Combat climate change (SGD #13)
  - Low carbon
  - Long term
- Resilient infrastructure, inclusive (SDG #9)
- Global partnerships (SGD #17)

# Levelised cost of electricity (LCOE)

- Not perfect!
- Levelised average lifetime cost approach with discounted cash flow method =
  - generating costs (no transmission or distribution, or other externalities inc. carbon pricing etc.) =
    - capital cost (development, construction inc. financing) [high for nuclear] + opertional cost [low for nuclear]
    - operating life
  - all cash flows estimated and discounted back to a present value and capacity factors applied for different types of technology.
- Break even point after paying debt and equity investors their agreed return.

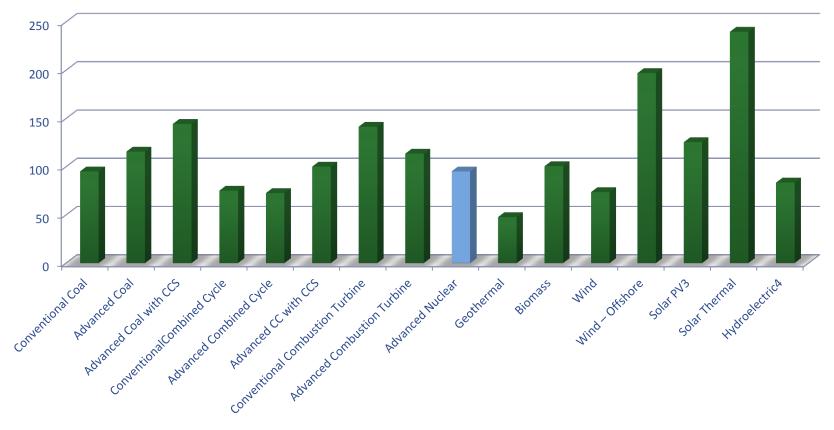
#### (LCOE) (UK)



DECC: 2019 Generation 2013 £/MwH

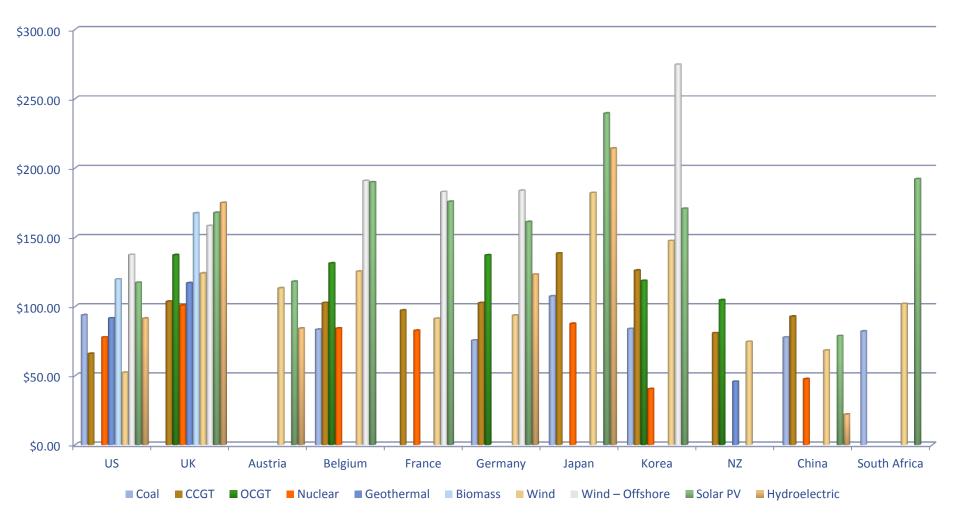


#### **Total system LCOE**



US Energy Information Administration Est: 2020 generation 2013 \$/MwH

## LCOE



Projected Costs of Generating Electricity IEA and NEA report 2105 edition 2013 US\$ 7% discount factor

#### **Financing the Capital Costs**



## **Global trends**

- Clean energy investment rose 7 fold from 2004 2011
- 2012 start of seeing net investment in renewables outpacing fossil fuels
- With carbon targets to be met coal is being phased out in a number of countries
- However, coal remains a key energy generator in a number of countries
- Nuclear expected to remain around 6% of the global market
- New nuclear build in China and India continues to grow

## Conclusion

- Low carbon
- Baseload
- High Capital Investment
- Low O&M
- Financing jigsaw

## Thank you!

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