

“The Geopolitics of Global Disruption: Trade, Technology, Energy & War”

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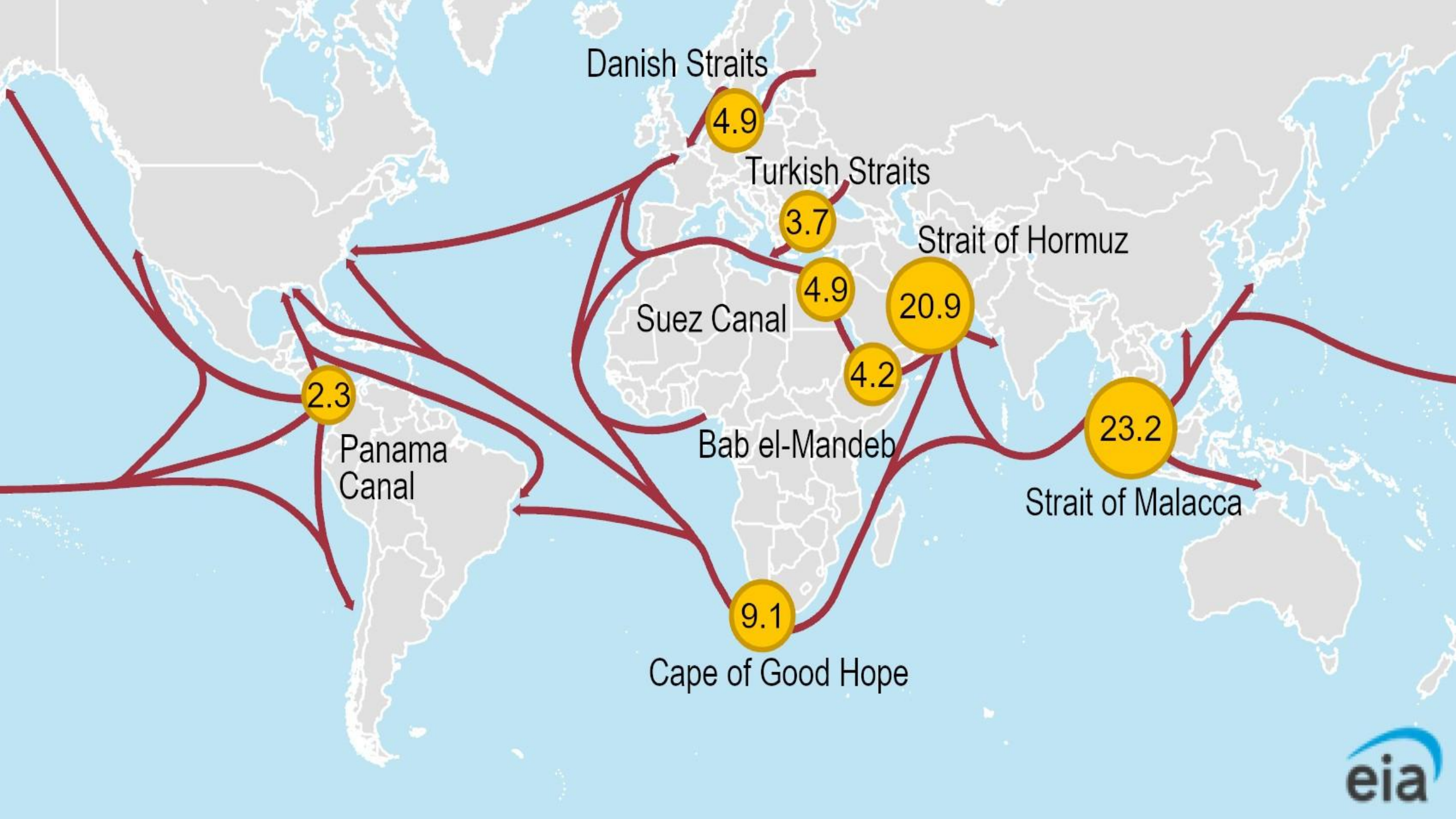
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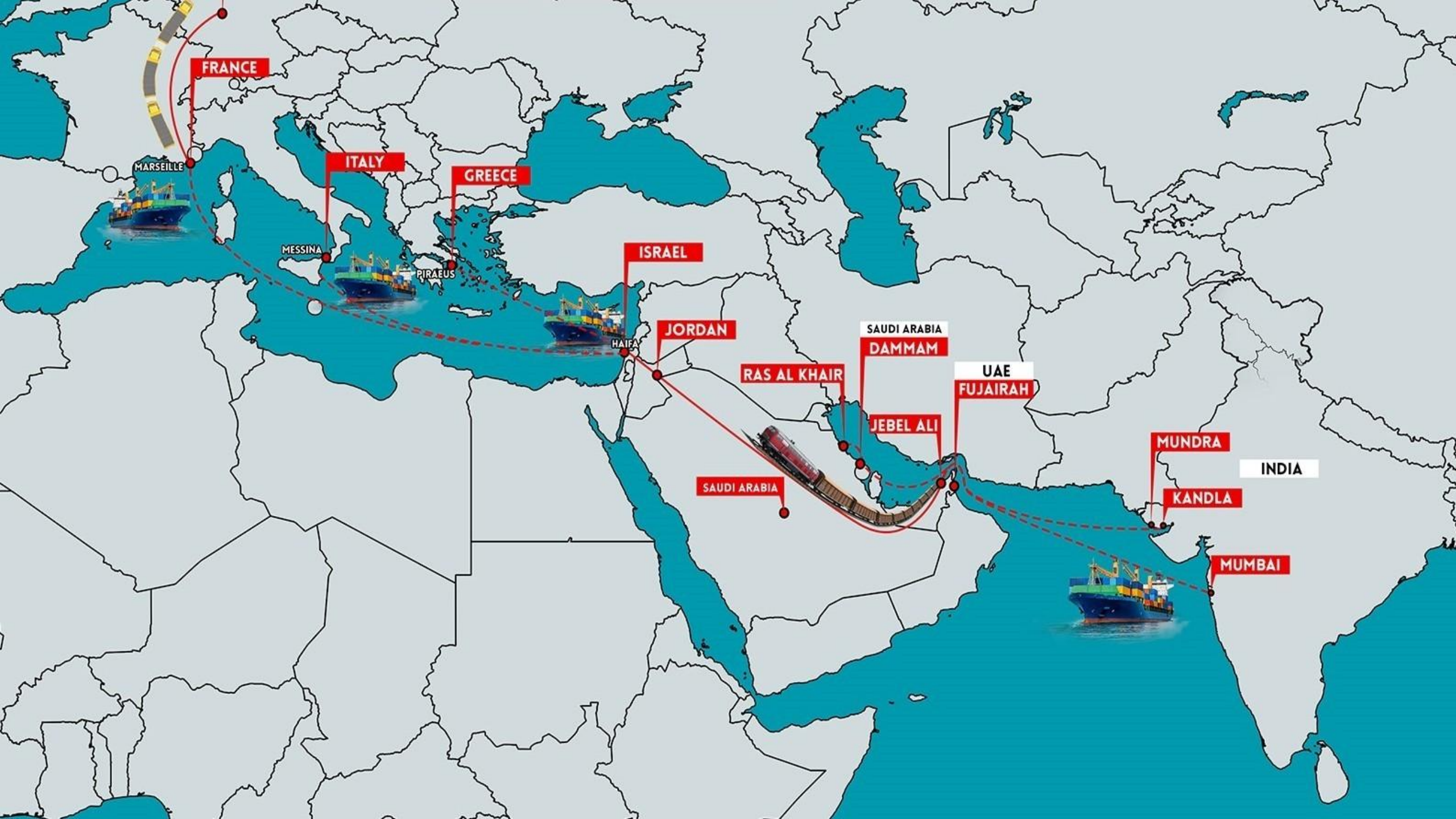
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Missile threats to the U.S. homeland will expand in scale and sophistication in the coming decade. **China** and **Russia** are developing an array of novel delivery systems to exploit gaps in current U.S. ballistic missile defenses, but traditional ballistic missiles—which are guided during powered flight and unguided during free flight—will remain the primary threat to the Homeland. **North Korea** has successfully tested ballistic missiles with sufficient range to reach the entire Homeland, and **Iran** has space launch vehicles it could use to develop a militarily-viable ICBM by 2035 should Tehran decide to pursue the capability. The majority of systems presented here have nuclear-capable variants.

Depicted are selected missile threats to the Homeland from notional launch points. Missiles from mobile platforms—aircraft, submarines and ships—can penetrate farther should the platform risk a closer approach to the United States. Numbers below are approximate inventory totals with the exception of submarine-launched ballistic missiles.



Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM)

A ground-based missile with a range exceeding 5,500 km that flies on a ballistic trajectory and is typically armed with a nuclear warhead or warheads. There is no part of the Homeland which cannot be struck by existing ICBMs.

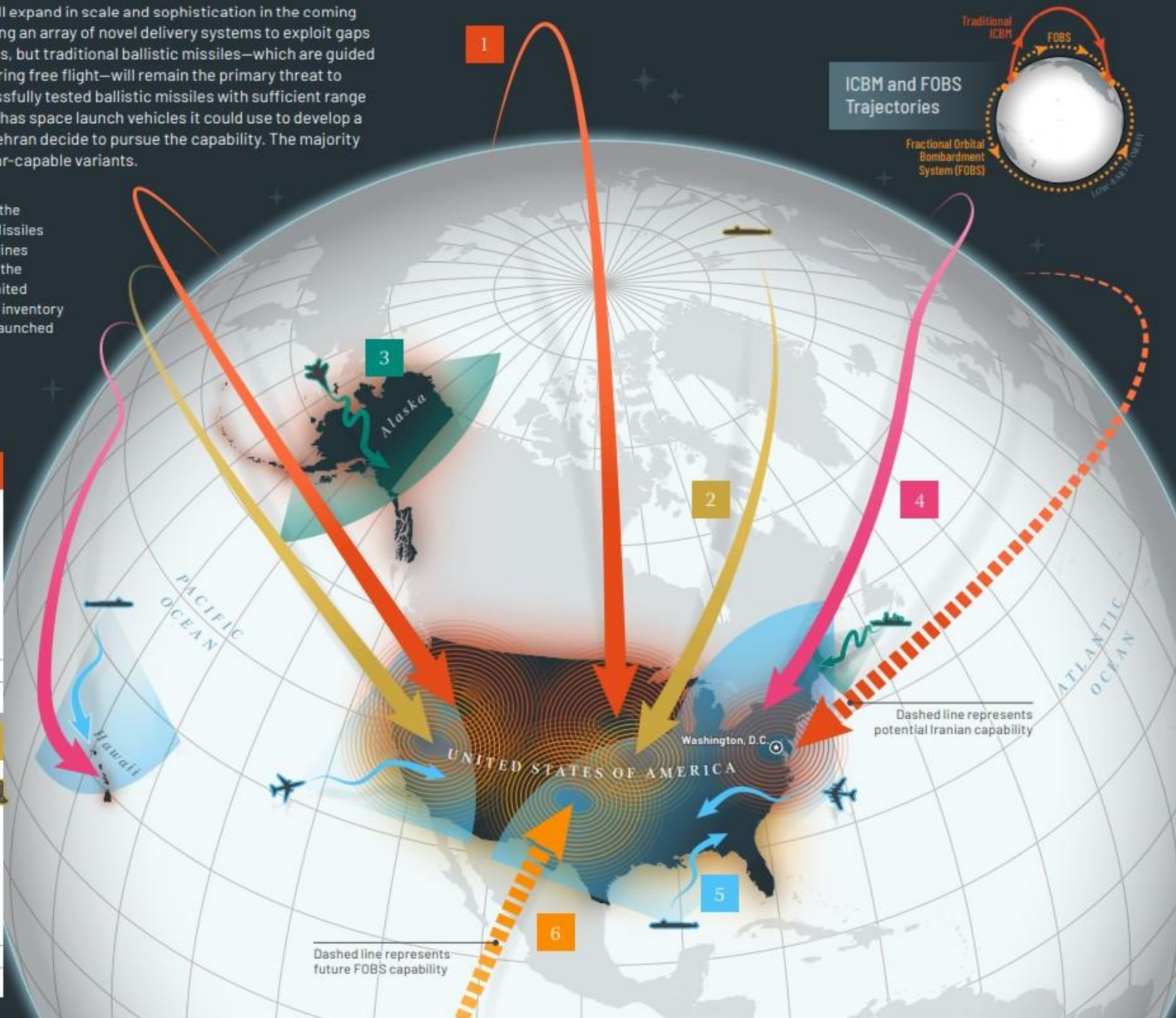
Country	China	Russia	North Korea	Iran
Current	400	350	10 or fewer	-
2035	700*	400*	50	60

Submarine-Launched Ballistic Missile (SLBM)

A ballistic missile, typically carrying nuclear warheads, launched from a submarine. There is no part of the Homeland which cannot be struck by existing adversary SLBMs. Included below are maximum loadout numbers for current and future submarine fleets.

Country	China	Russia
Current	72	192
2035	at least 132	192

*Number includes FOBS



ICBM and FOBS Trajectories



Boosted Hypersonic Weapon

A highly maneuverable system that achieves hypersonic speed (Mach 5+); includes:

Aeroballistic Missile: A type of hypersonic missile carrying nuclear or conventional warheads that can be launched from air, sea, or ground platforms and combines aerodynamic maneuvers with phases of ballistic loft to extend range. Russia can currently strike portions of the Homeland with aeroballistic missiles launched from aircraft, ships, or ground launchers, and will probably add a launch capability from submarines.

Hypersonic Glide Vehicle (HGV): A maneuverable aerodynamic body that is typically delivered by a ballistic missile, achieves sustained hypersonic glide at altitudes of 15-50 km, and glides for at least half of its flight to its target. HGVs can be armed with a nuclear warhead, but China may have deployed a conventional HGV with sufficient range to strike Alaska.

Country	China	Russia
Current	600	200-300
2035	4,000	1,000

Land Attack Cruise Missile

A missile that flies through the atmosphere, potentially with reduced signatures, that can maneuver extensively in flight and be armed with a nuclear or conventional warhead; some may achieve hypersonic speeds. Russia can currently strike large portions of the Homeland with cruise missiles launched from aircraft, ground launchers, ships, or submarines, and China is beginning to field similar capabilities against Alaska, Hawaii, and the U.S. West Coast.

Country	China	Russia
Current	1,000	300-600
2035	5,000	5,000

Fractional Orbital Bombardment System (FOBS)

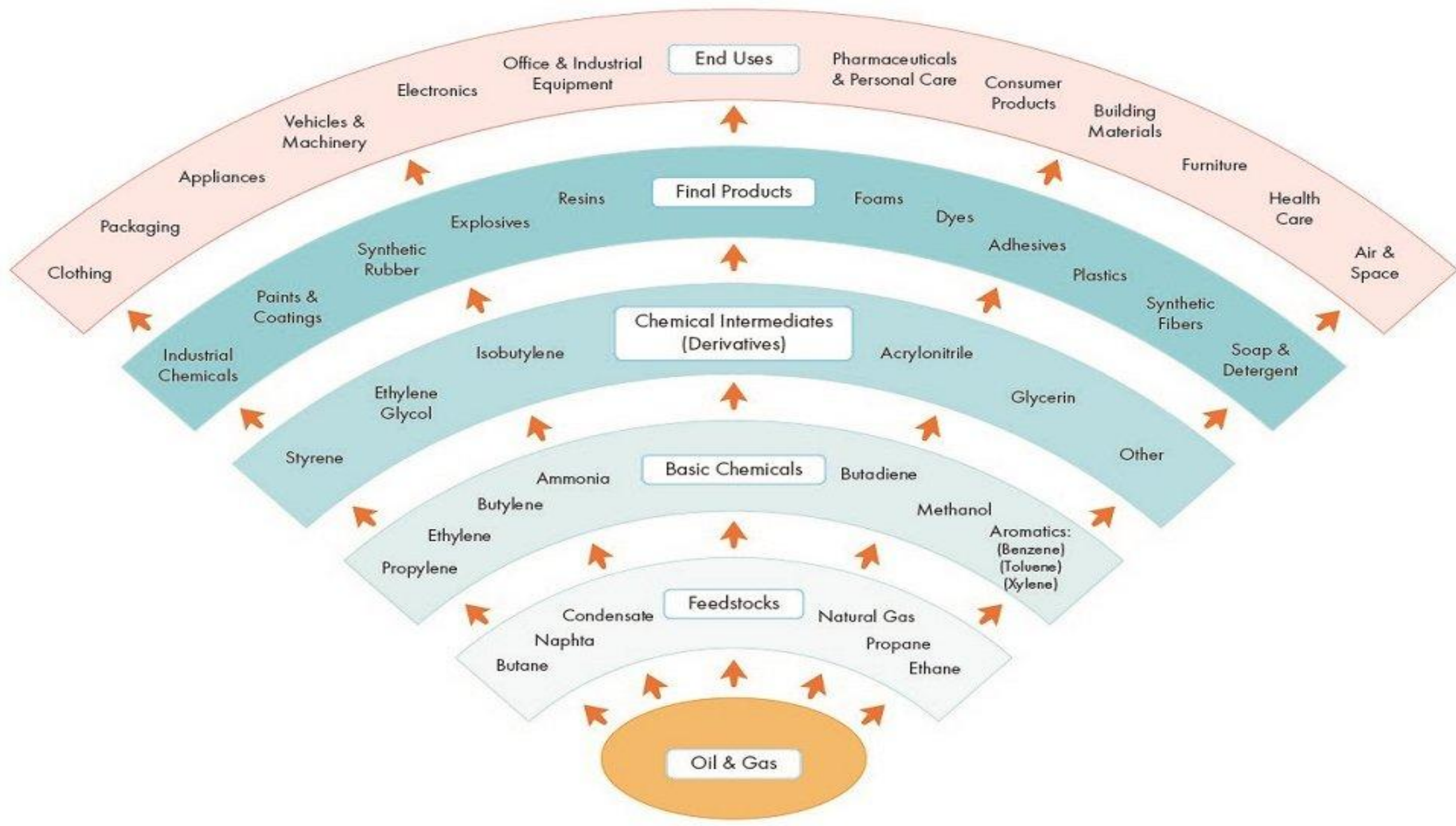
An ICBM that enters a low-altitude orbit before reentering to strike its target, with much shorter flight times if flying the same direction as traditional ICBMs, or can travel over the South Pole to avoid early warning systems and missile defenses. It releases its payload before completing a full orbit.

Country	China	Russia
Current	-	-
2035	60	fewer than 12

Iran's ballistic missile ranges

- Shahab-1, Fateh-110
- Shahab-2, Fateh-313
- Shahab-3
- - Sajjil-1/2



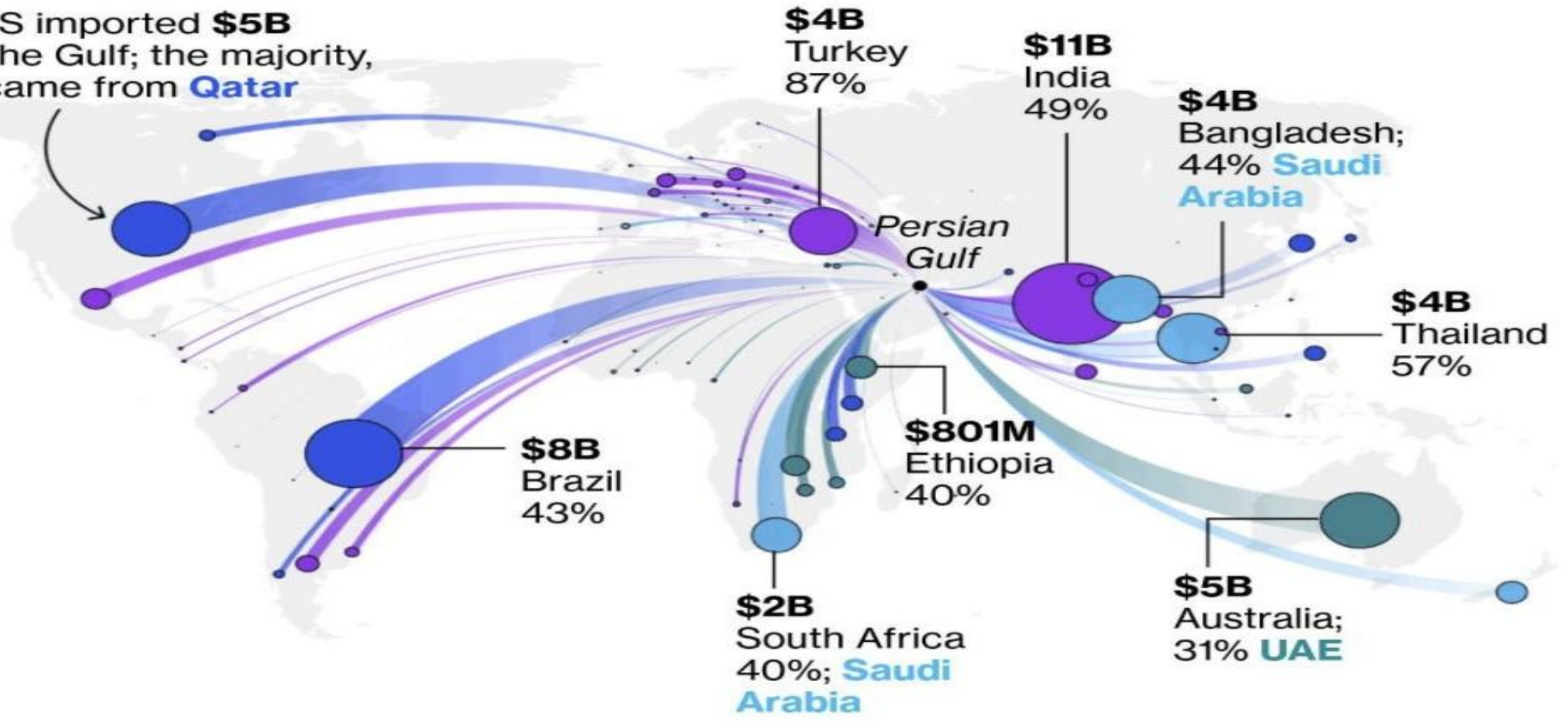


Persian Gulf Exports \$50 Billion of Nitrogen Fertilizers Since 2020

Imports from Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Bahrain and Iran, 2020–2025

Majority ● Oman ● Qatar ● Saudi Arabia ● UAE

The US imported **\$5B** from the Gulf; the majority, 51%, came from **Qatar**



Source: Bloomberg analysis of imports from Trade Data Monitor
Note: Some economies lag in reporting. Figures for commodity code HS 3102, Nitrogenous mineral or chemical fertilizers.

Helium: Fastest Growing Uses



MEDICAL INDUSTRY

Helium is mandatory for MRI machines which require 800 litres of Helium. Heliox mixtures in respiratory treatments.



CRYOGENICS

Helium is the only element that can come close to reaching absolute zero.



WWW

High Speed Internet, fibre optic cables must be manufactured in a pure helium environment



ELECTRONICS

Electronics & Semiconductors require helium to be used at different stages in the production process.



MOBILE PHONE

If a device contains a semiconductor, it must contain helium.



COMPUTERS

Helium filled hard drives offer 50% higher storage capacity with 23% lower operating power.



CAR AIR BAGS

Helium is the gas of choice for effecting the near instantaneous deployment of airbags in cars.

SAMSUNG

Building a \$17 BN Semiconductor plant in the U.S. scheduled to open in 2024.

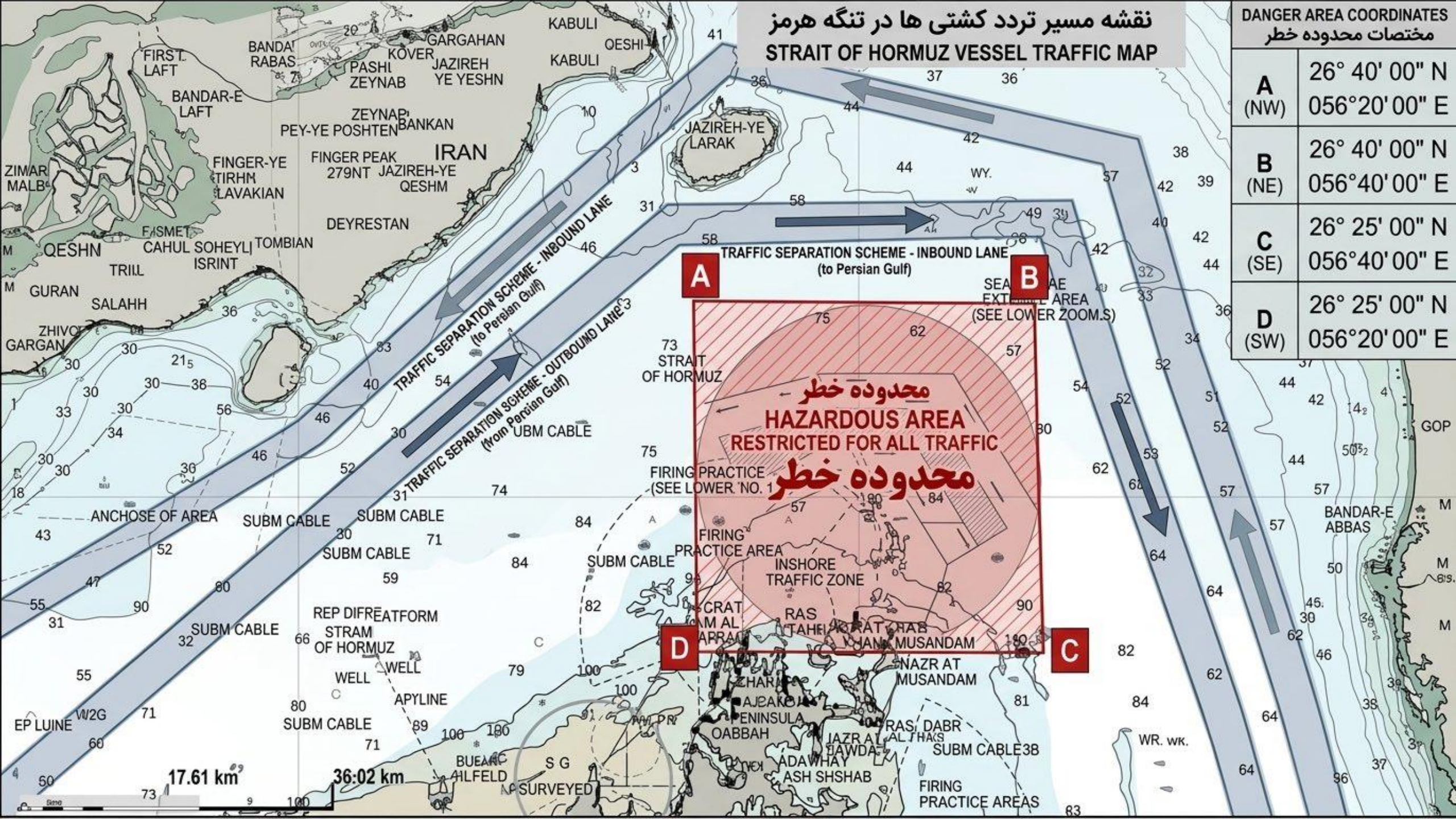
TSMC

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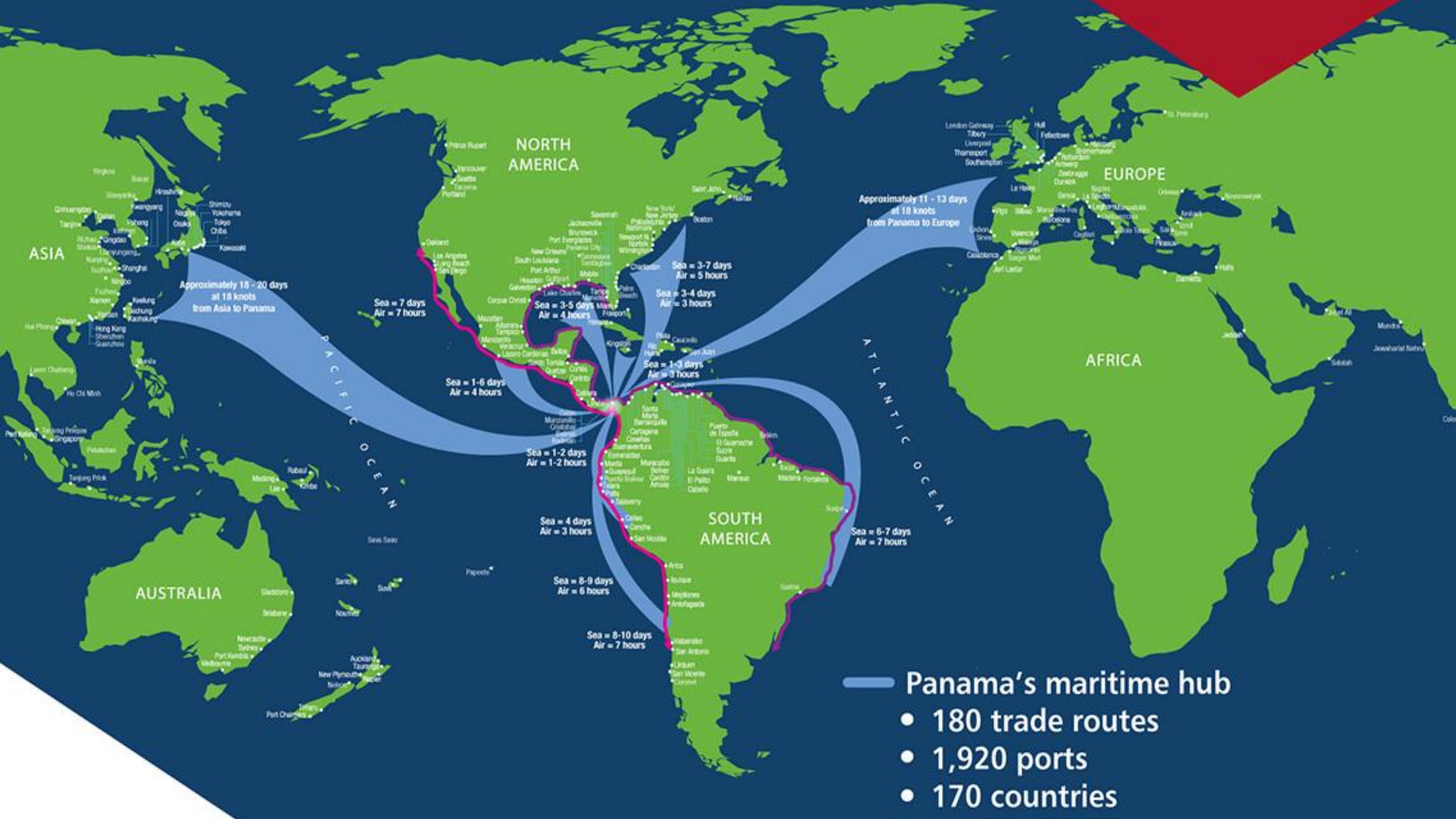
نقشه مسیر تردد کشتی ها در تنگه هرمز
STRAIT OF HORMUZ VESSEL TRAFFIC MAP

DANGER AREA COORDINATES
 مختصات محدوده خطر

A (NW)	26° 40' 00" N 056° 20' 00" E
B (NE)	26° 40' 00" N 056° 40' 00" E
C (SE)	26° 25' 00" N 056° 40' 00" E
D (SW)	26° 25' 00" N 056° 20' 00" E







ASIA

NORTH AMERICA

EUROPE

AFRICA

SOUTH AMERICA

Approximately 18 - 20 days
at 18 knots
from Asia to Panama

Approximately 11 - 13 days
at 18 knots
from Panama to Europe

Sea = 7 days
Air = 7 hours

Sea = 3-7 days
Air = 5 hours

Sea = 3-5 days
Air = 4 hours

Sea = 3-4 days
Air = 3 hours

Sea = 1-6 days
Air = 4 hours

Sea = 1-3 days
Air = 3 hours

Sea = 1-2 days
Air = 1-2 hours

Sea = 4 days
Air = 3 hours

Sea = 6-7 days
Air = 7 hours

Sea = 8-9 days
Air = 6 hours

Sea = 8-10 days
Air = 7 hours

— Panama's maritime hub

- 180 trade routes
- 1,920 ports
- 170 countries

IRAN-HEZBOLLAH NETWORKS IN VENEZUELA

★ Hezbollah support cells and clans

🏰 National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC)

✈️ Mahan Air





Naval Air Station
Pensacola

Tyndall
Air Force Base

King's Bay
Submarine Base

Cape Canaveral

MacDill
Air Force Base

U.S. Southern
Command

Naval Air Station
Key West

HAVANA

HAVANA

Wajay
SIGINT Site

Calabazar
SIGINT Site

Bejucal
SIGINT Site

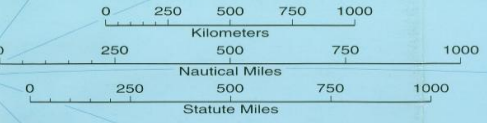
El Salao
CDAA Site

◆ NATO Arctic bases ◆ Russian Arctic bases ○ Early warning system



Eurasia

Scale 1:9,000,000





BELARUS

RUSSIA

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BATTLEFIELD SITUATION



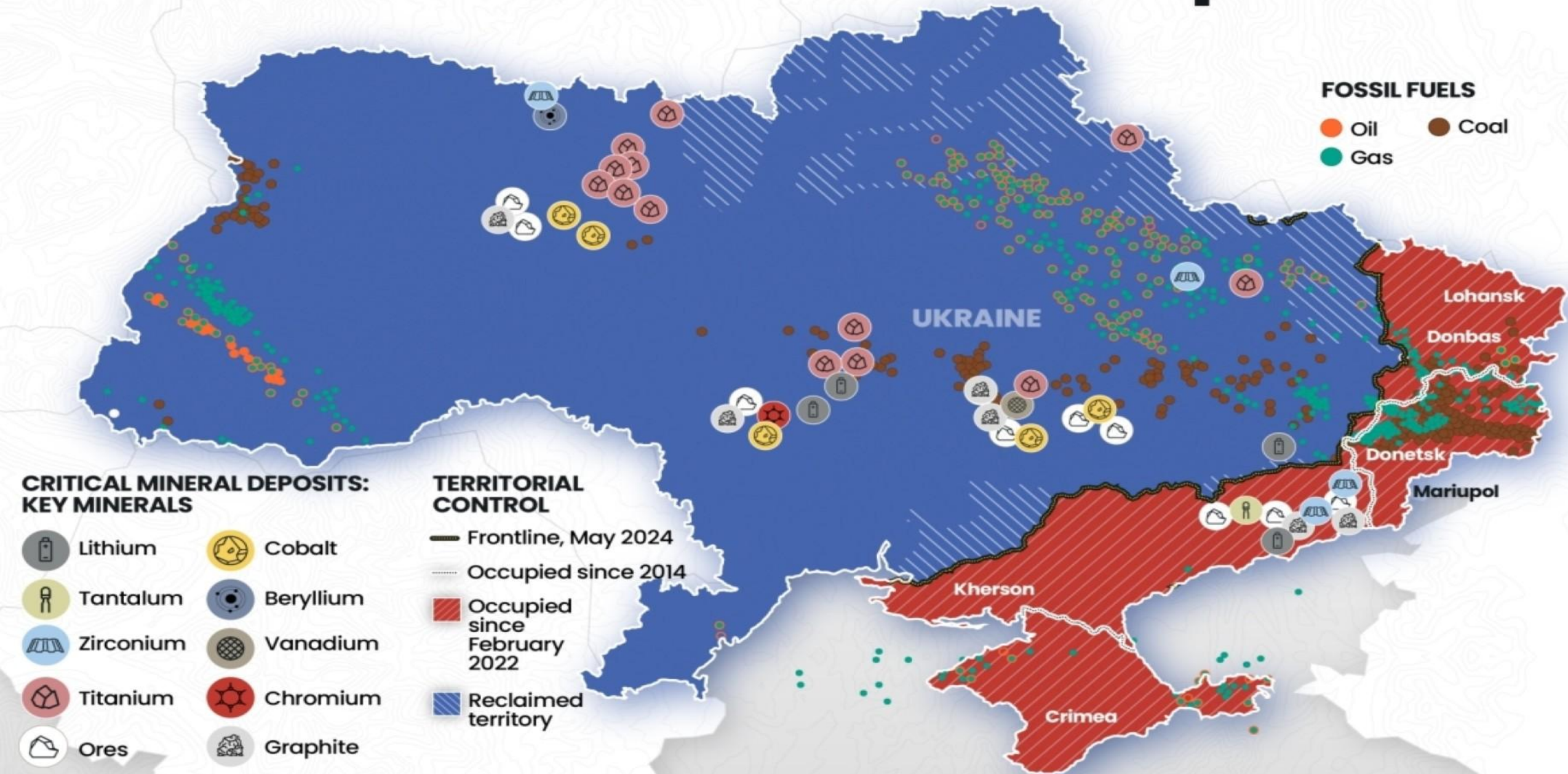
Battlespace

- Grouping of forces
- Russian direction of attack
- Ukrainian direction of attack
- Territory taken by Russia since Feb 2022
- Territory taken by Russia since Feb 2014
- Regional boundary

WARNING: Control area is for illustrative purposes only and should not be taken as authoritative.

NOTE: Df products are not to be taken as necessarily representing the view of the UK Government on boundaries, political status or place names

Ukraine critical mineral deposits



Sources: The Center for International Relations and Sustainable Development (CIRSD), Conflict and Environment Observatory (CEOBS), Ukraine Geological Survey, Project Owl, SecDev







2026

NATIONAL DEFENSE STRATEGY





Key map

Land claims

- China
- India
- Both Koreas

Continental shelf claims

- China
- Vietnam
- Malaysia
- Brunei
- Philippines

Others

- Oil or gas fields
- Major maritime routes
- Navy bases
- US Navy bases

Aksai Chin (Kashmir)
A high altitude desert, it is disputed by India and China. India claims it as part of the state of Jammu and Kashmir, while China claims it as part of the Hotan prefecture in the Xinjiang autonomous region. War broke out briefly between the two countries in 1962 but this year both sides signed an agreement to respect the Line of Actual Control and avoid armed conflict

Bhutanese enclaves
Bhutan and China share a 470km-long border yet relations between the two nations have traditionally been strained. Bhutan, a close ally of India, is currently at odds with China over four disputed enclaves

Arunachal Pradesh
A state administered by India, it shares borders with Myanmar, Bhutan and China. However, China has put a claim to most of the state and calls it South Tibet

Mount Paektu / Changbai Shan
Mount Paektu is the "sacred mountain of the revolution", as claimed by the communist authorities of North Korea. A border treaty was negotiated between China and North Korea in 1962. It is now a tourist destination with visitors from both sides

New Chinese air defence identification zone
US Vice-President Joe Biden stated in Seoul earlier this month that Washington does "not recognise" China's new ADIZ

'Nine-dash' line

Vietnam claims both the Paracel and Spratly Islands but the extent of its claims have not been clearly delimited

Territorial disputes

Far from being a problem confined to the past, territorial disputes remain a thorny issue on parts of China's vast borders, threatening to overshadow relations with its neighbours. Here we examine some of the key disputes that still plague the frontiers of China.

Sources: Wire agencies, BBC, US Energy Information Administration, Global Security, Middlebury College

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2023

68%
TAIWAN



S. KOREA **12%**



U.S. **12%**



CHINA **8%**



2027 FORECASTED

60%
TAIWAN



Taiwan's dominance
will shrink as the U.S.
and Japan invest in
domestic fabrication.

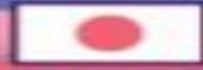
S. KOREA **13%**

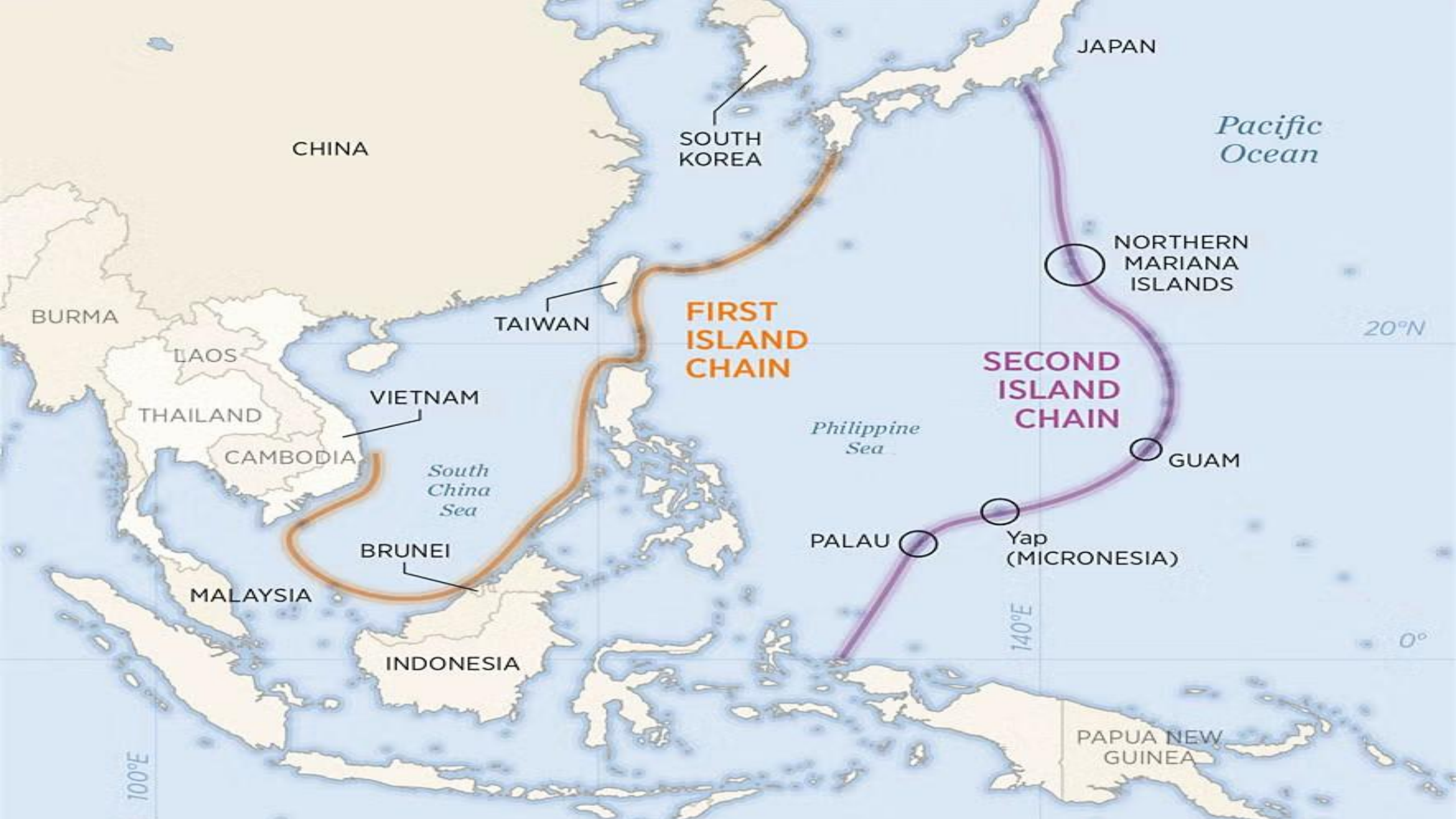


U.S. **17%**



JAPAN **4%**
CHINA **6%**

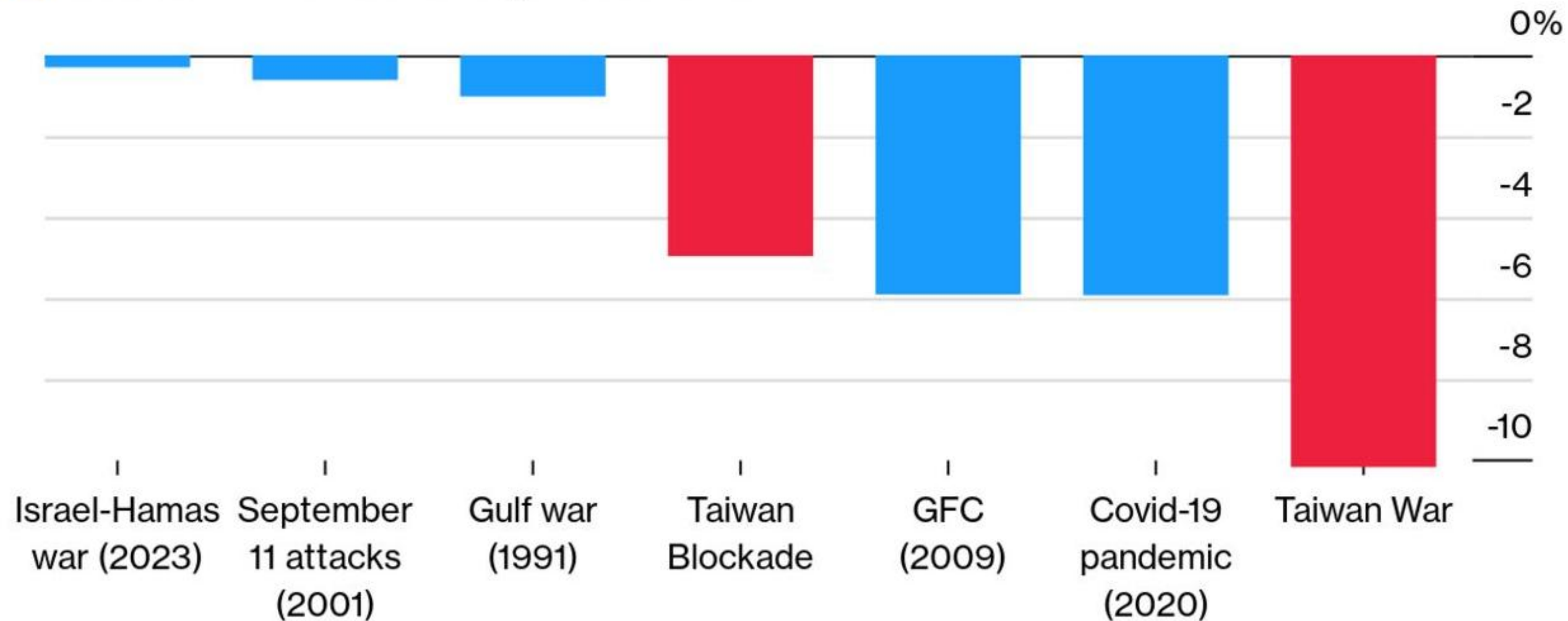




The Global Risk of a Taiwan War

Model estimates show a Taiwan war could have a bigger impact on global GDP than other recent shocks

■ Global GDP - deviation from pre-crisis trend

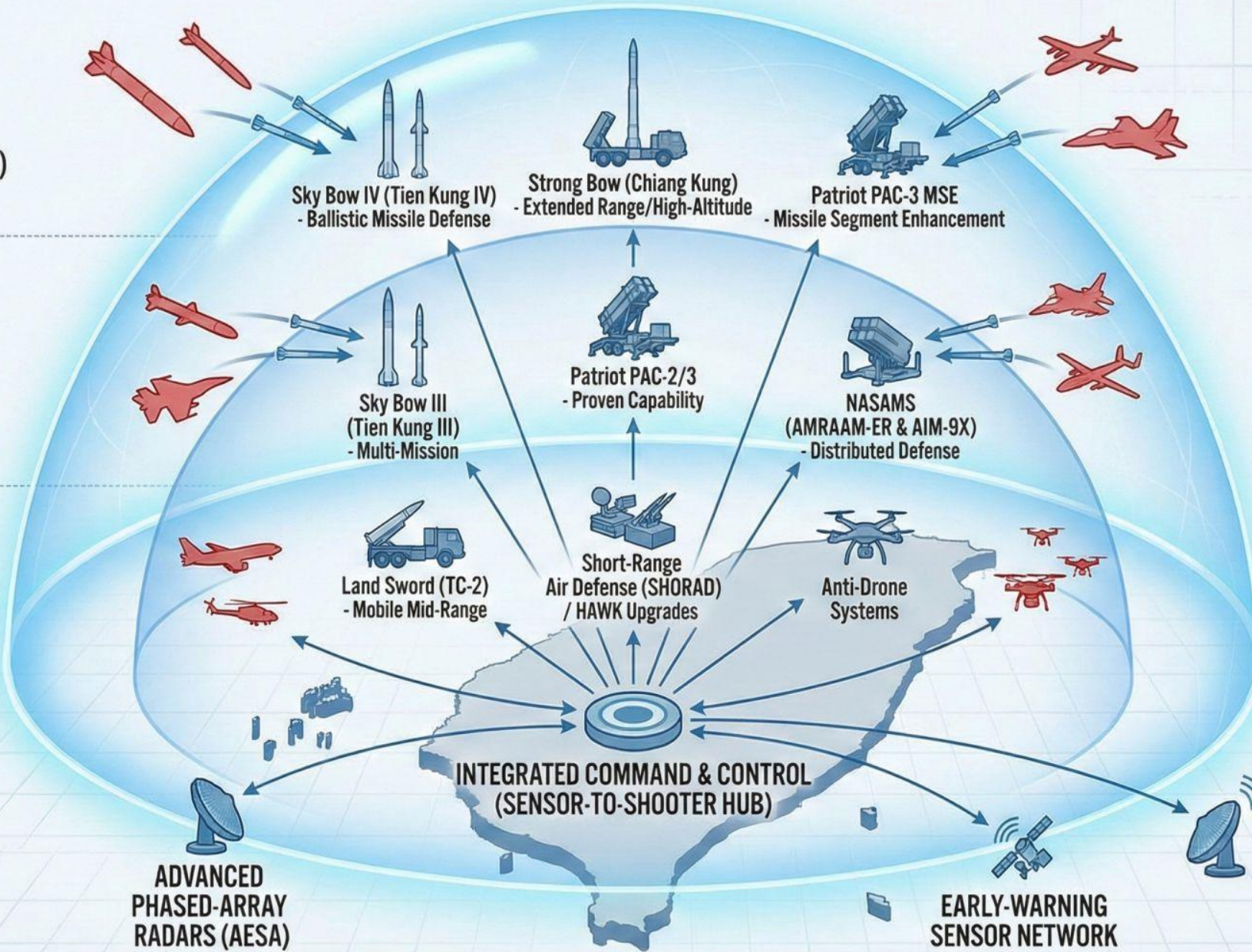


TAIWAN'S 'T-DOME': MULTI-LAYERED AIR & MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM

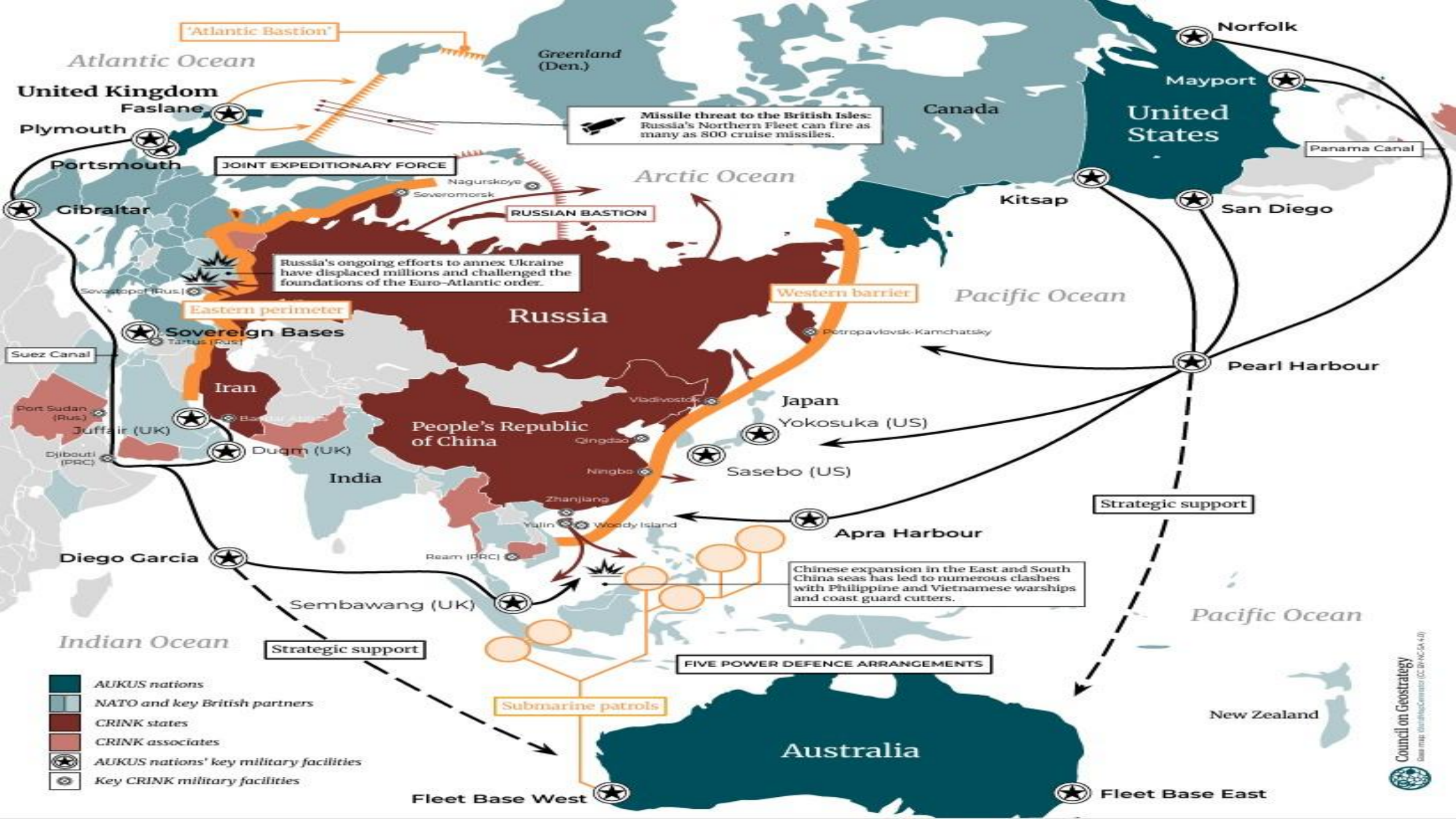
HIGH-TIER
(Long-Range/High-Altitude)

MID-TIER
(Medium-Range)

LOW-TIER
(Short-Range/Low-Altitude)



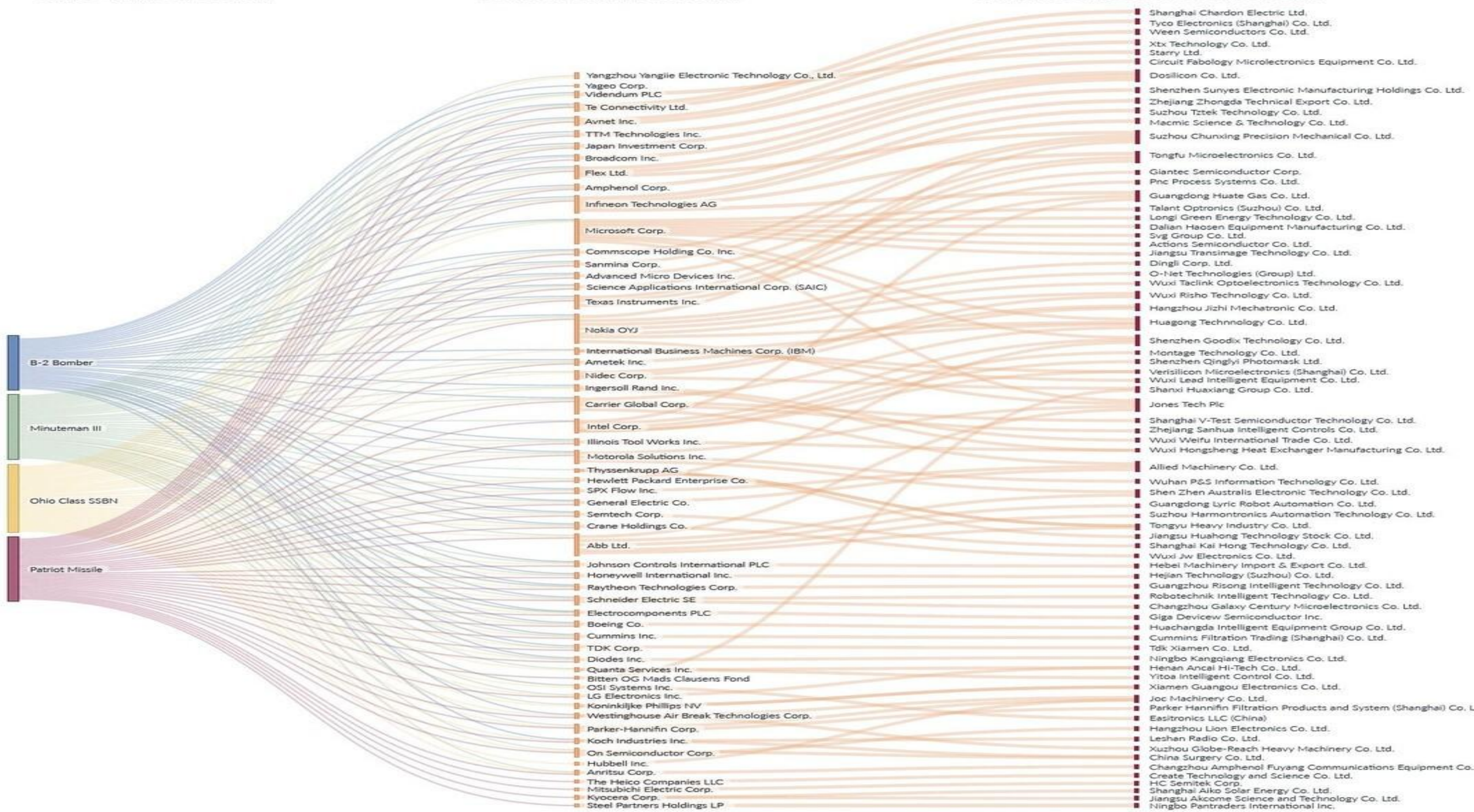
KEY CAPABILITIES:
Sensor-to-Shooter Integration
Asymmetric Defense
Indigenous & US Tech Synergy
Resilience against Saturation Attacks
Nationwide 'Safety Net'



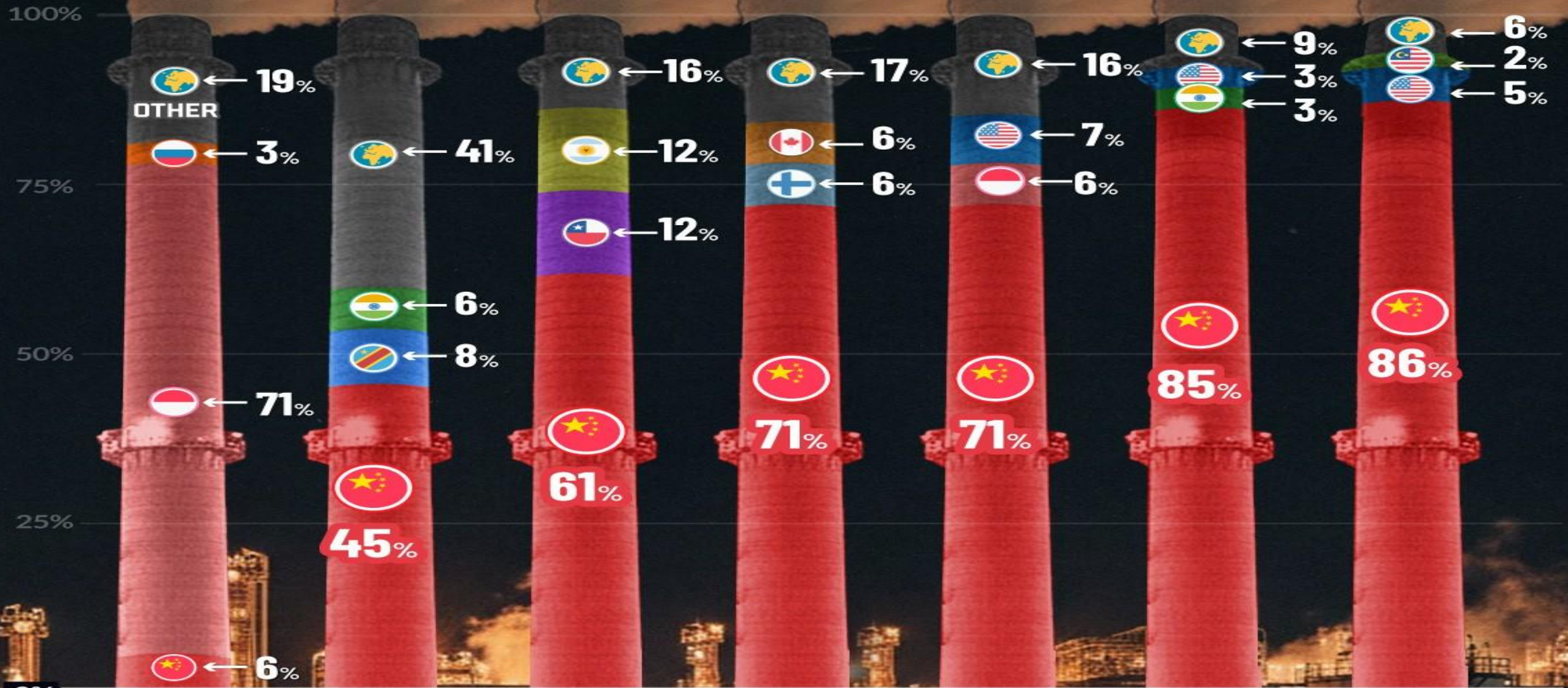
SELECT WEAPON SYSTEM

DLA AUTHORIZED SUPPLIER

CHINESE SEMICONDUCTOR SUPPLIER



REFINING BY 2030



NICKEL

COPPER

LITHIUM

COBALT

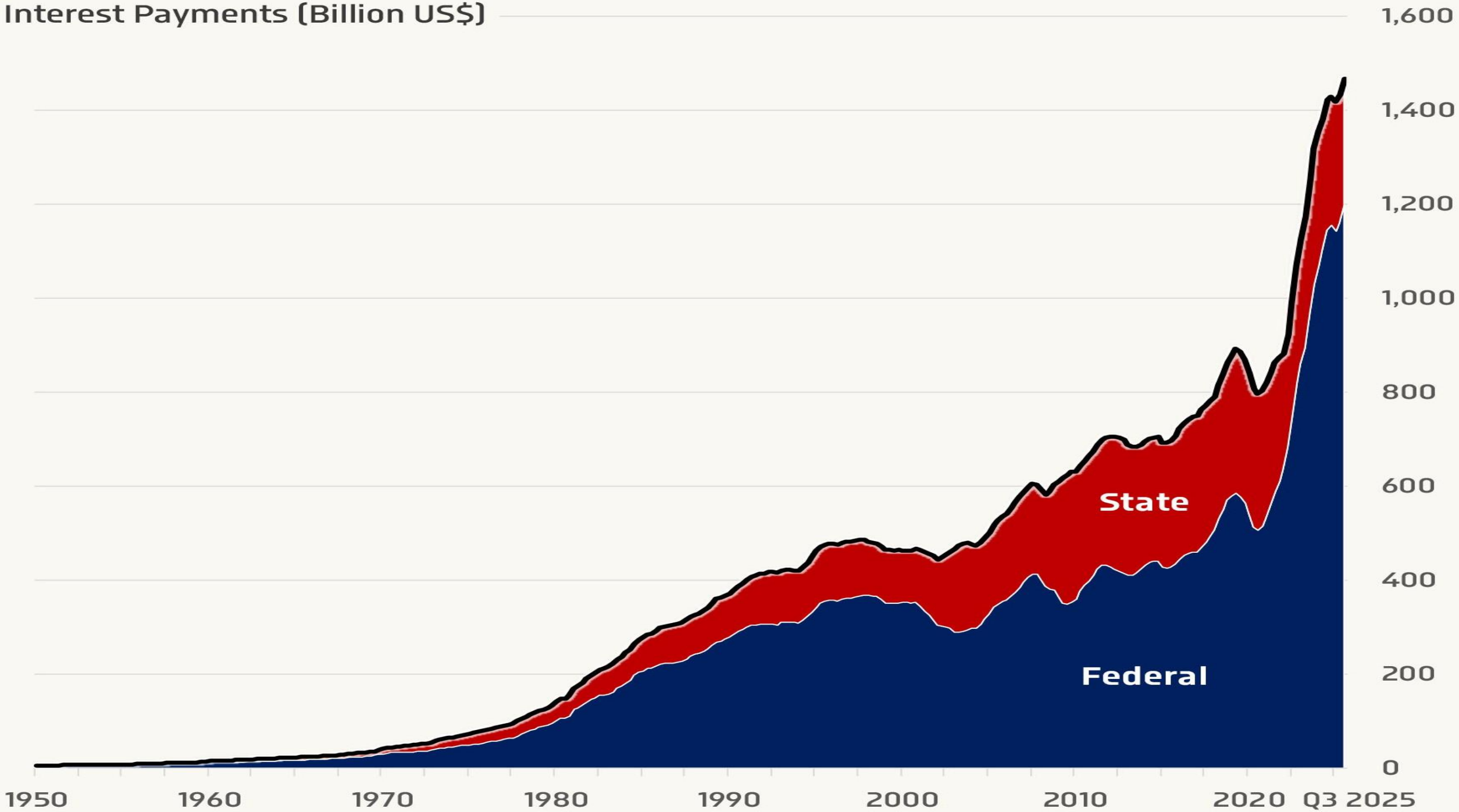
GRAPHITE
NATURAL

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SYNTHETIC

RARE
EARTHS

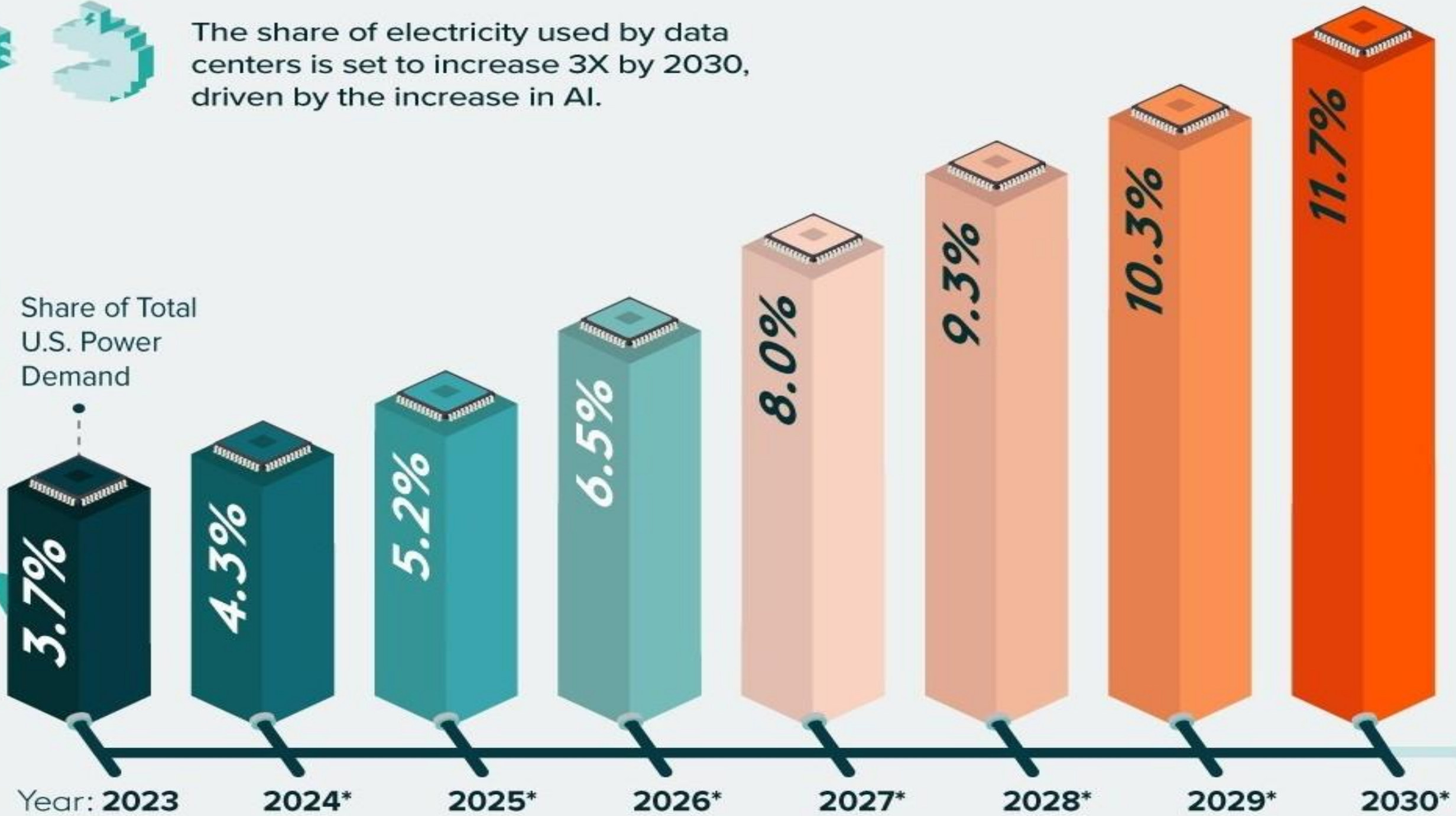


Interest Payments (Billion US\$)



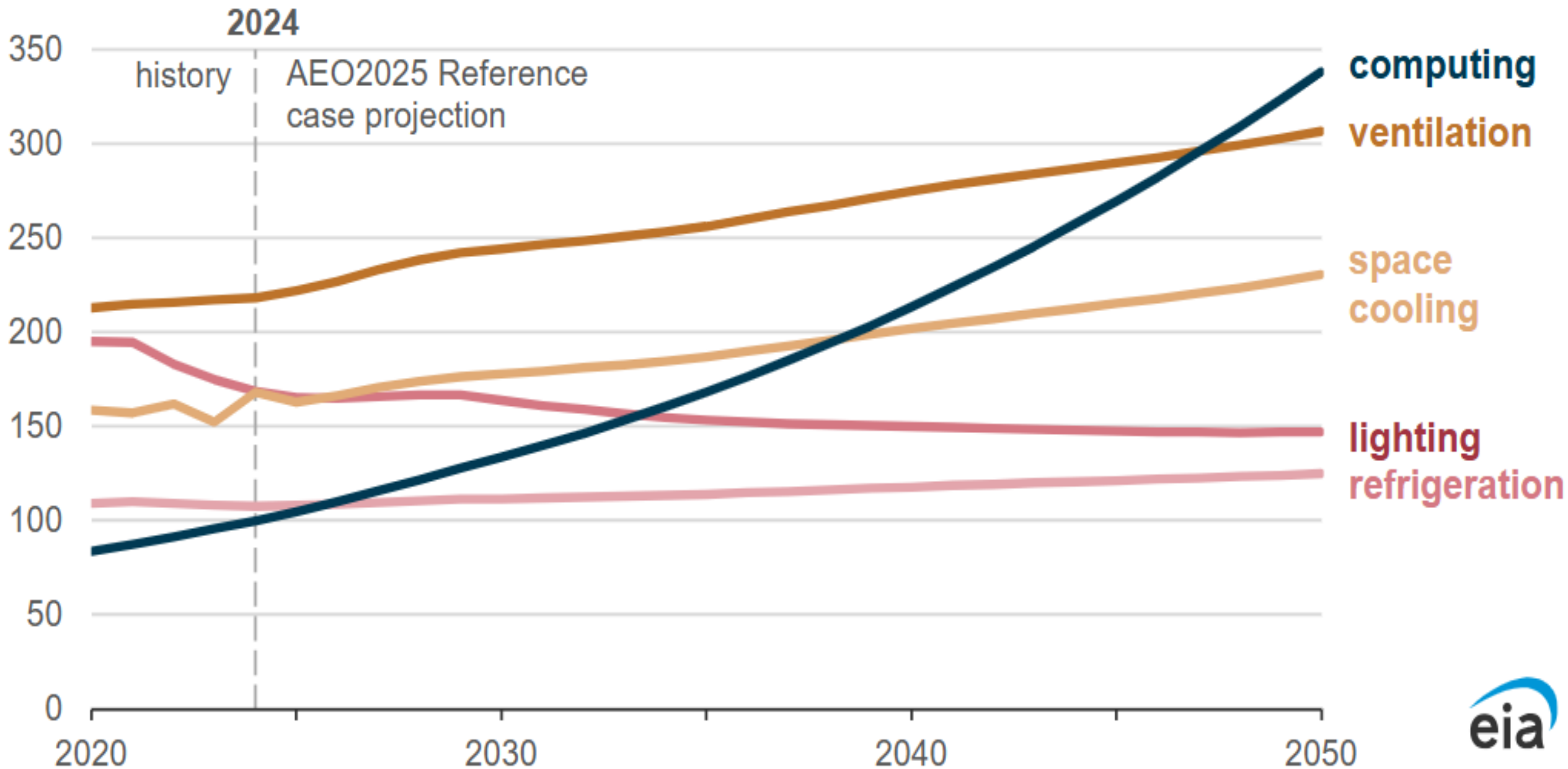
The share of electricity used by data centers is set to increase 3X by 2030, driven by the increase in AI.

Share of Total
U.S. Power
Demand



Electricity consumption of selected end uses in the U.S. commercial sector (2020–2050)

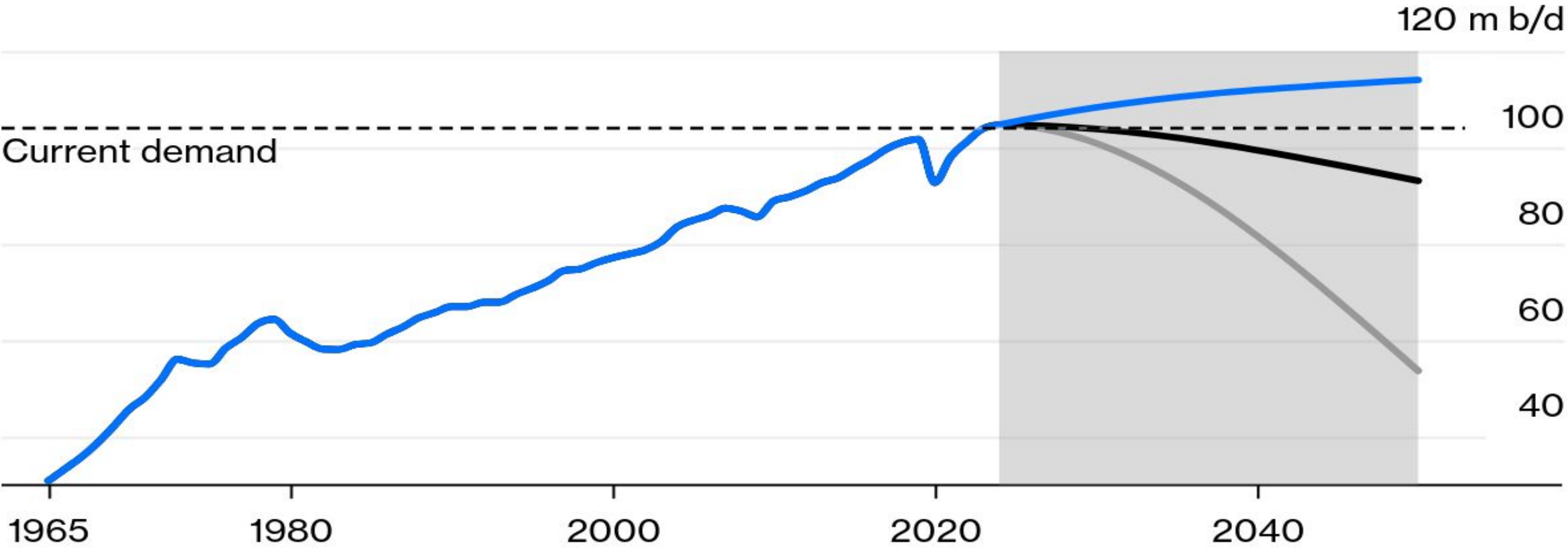
billion kilowatthours



Peak Oil Demand Isn't Certain

Under current policies, the International Energy Agency will offer a much bullish oil demand path until 2050 than using other assumptions in the past

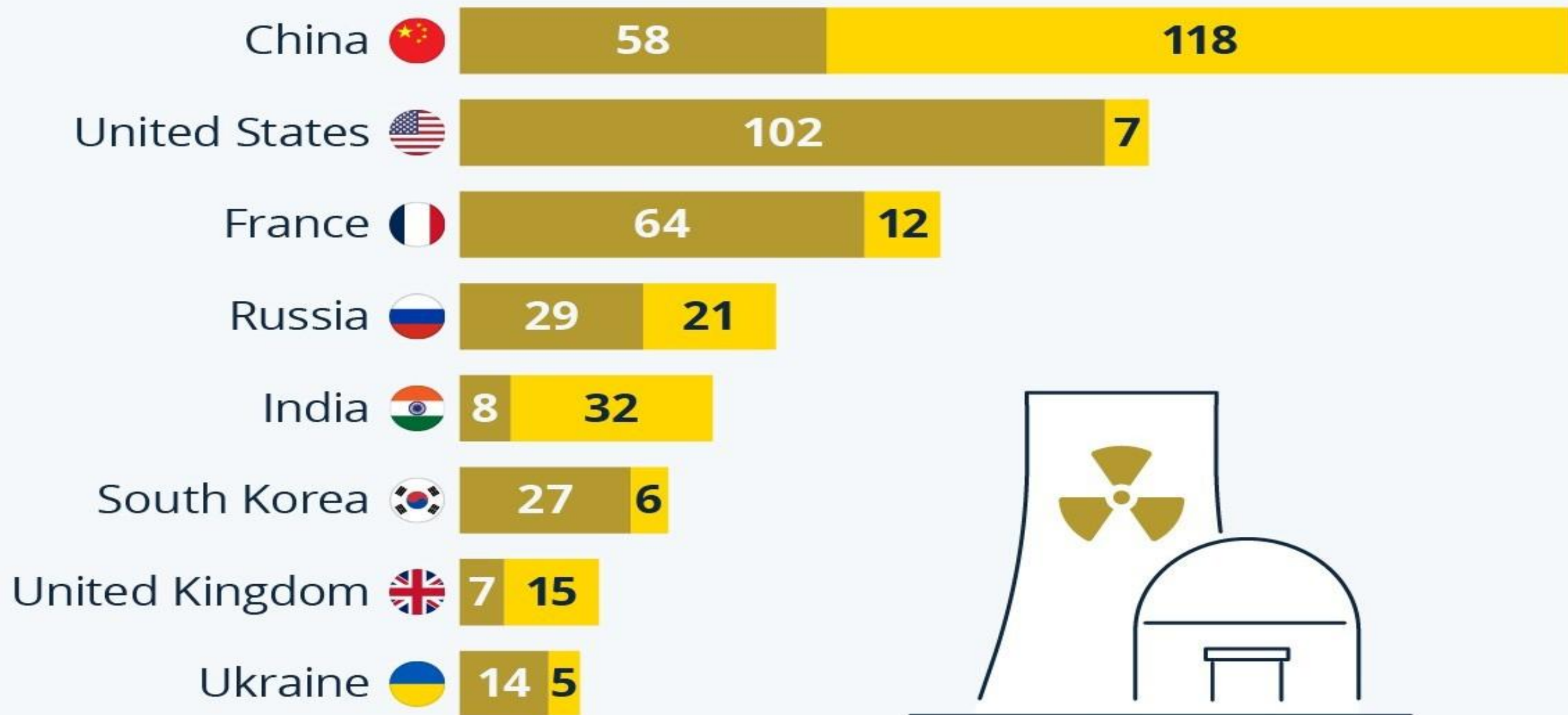
2025 CPS 2024 STEPS 2024 APS Scenario projections



Source: Bloomberg Opinion calculations based on scenarios in the IEA WEO 2024 report, and in the IEA WEO 2025 draft report

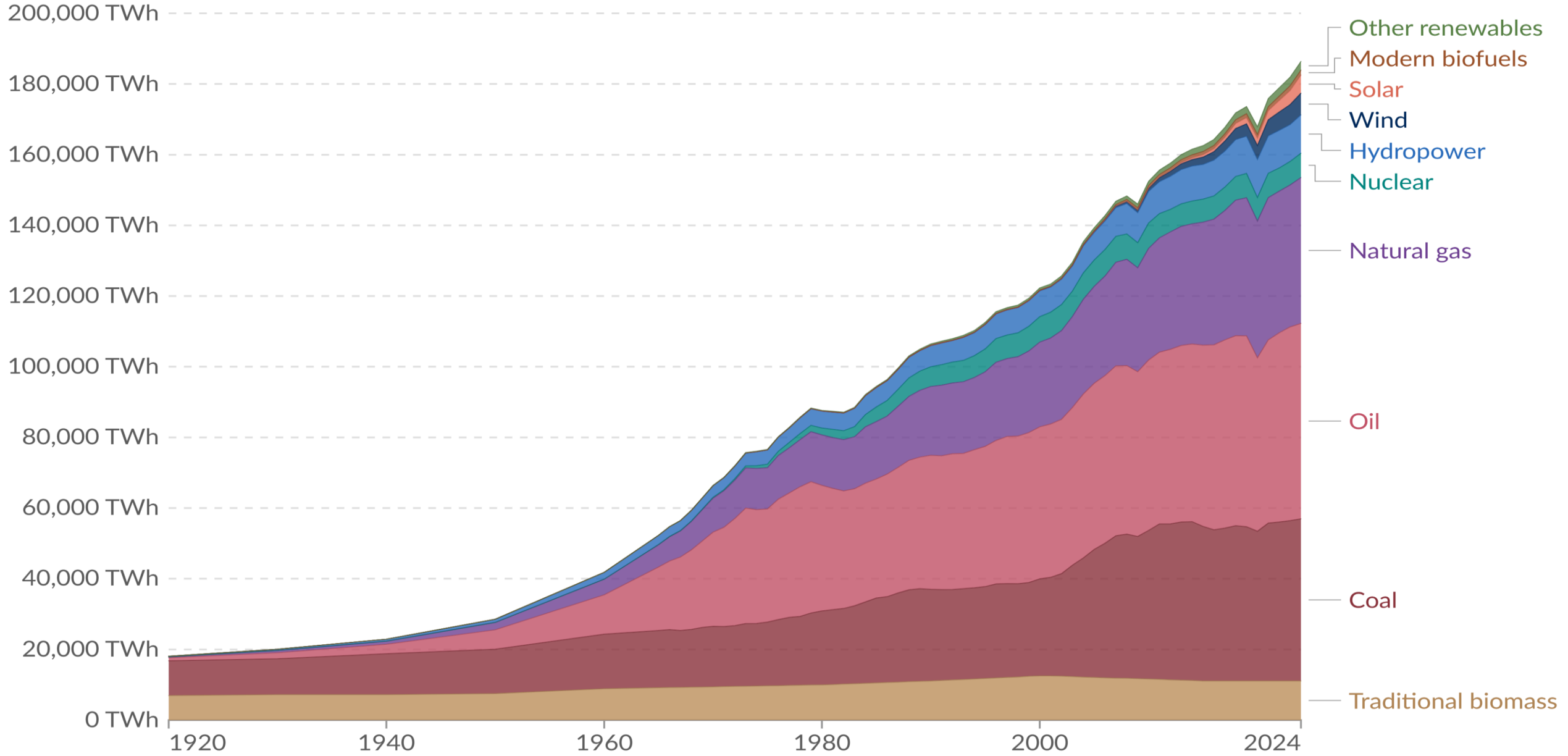
Top 8 countries by projected nuclear capacity (in gigawatts)

■ Currently operating capacity* ■ Prospective capacity**



Global primary energy consumption by source

Primary energy¹ is based on the substitution method² and measured in terawatt-hours³.



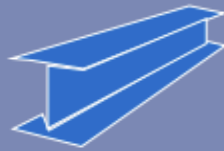
Modern Civilization

Ammonia



Natural gas is primary raw material: 80% of ammonia production used for fertilizer

Steel



Natural gas fueled blast furnace to synthesize iron ore, coke & limestone at 2,900° F

Cement



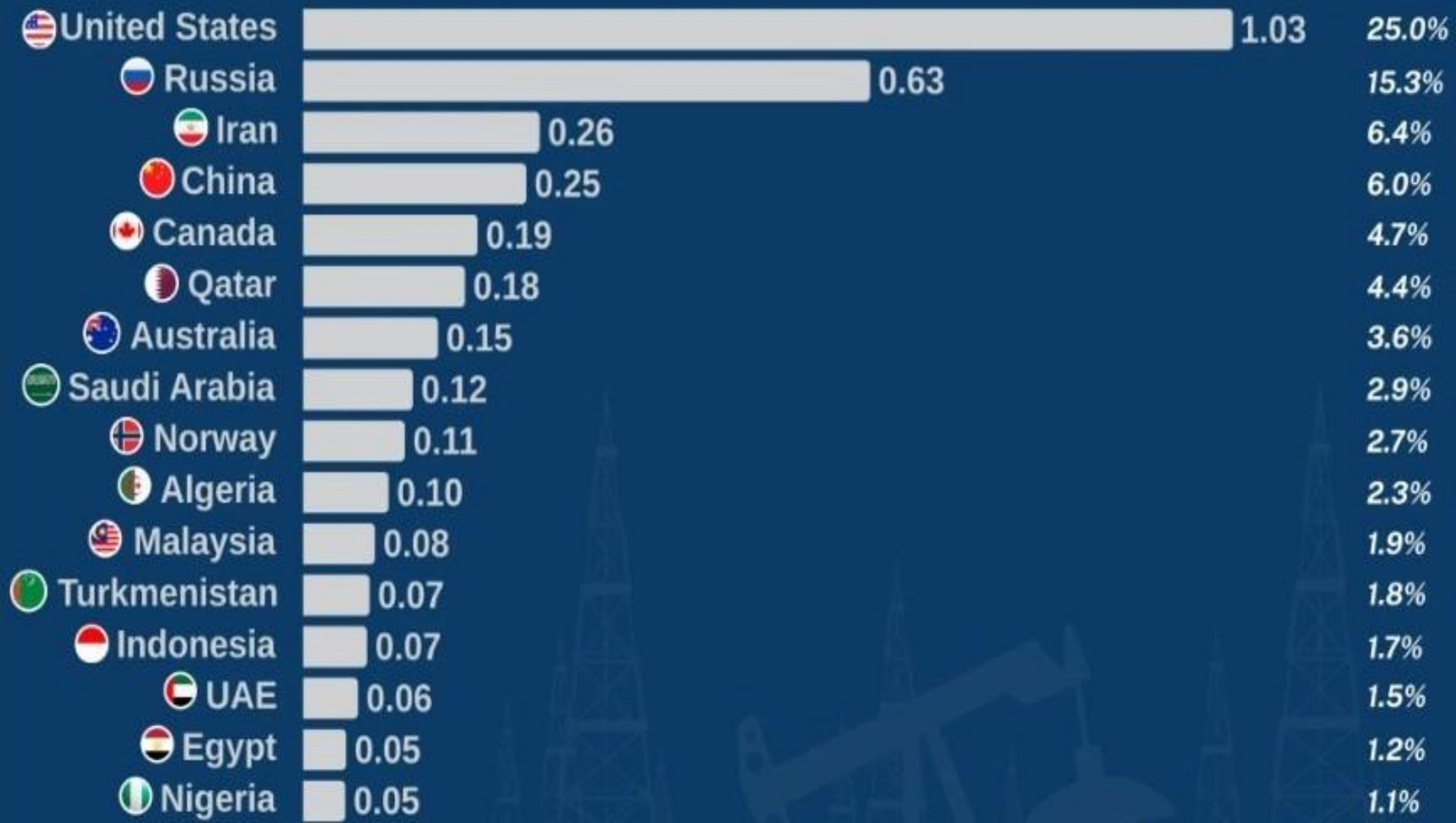
Natural gas fueled kilns heat limestone, shale & clays to 2,600° F

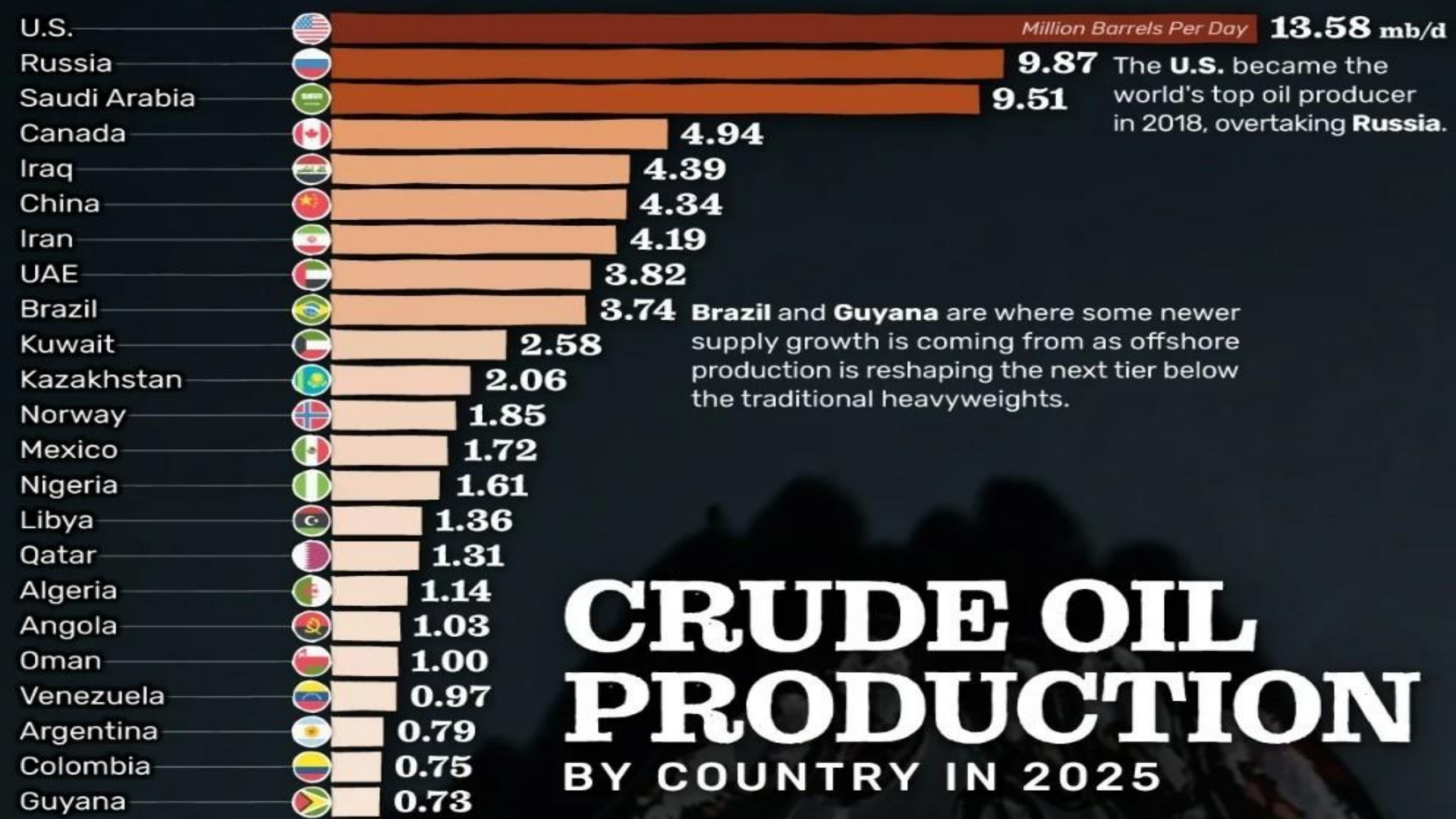
Plastics / Petrochemicals



NGLs are primary raw material; Natural gas needed to fuel crackers to 1,900° F

Crude Oil, Natural Gas & NGLs







THE GENESIS MISSION



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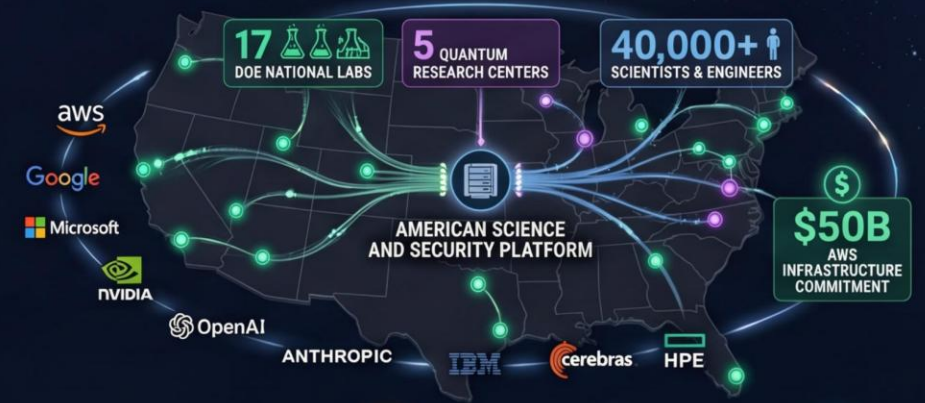
The Largest Scientific Reorganization Since Apollo

Doubling American Scientific Productivity in 10 Years

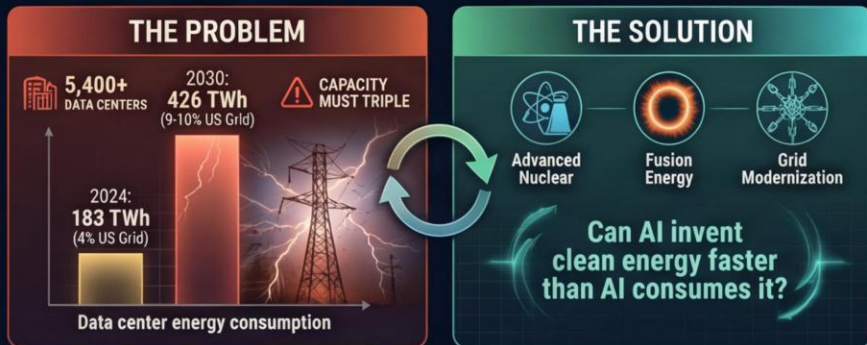
THE EXASCALE ARSENAL (AI Focus)



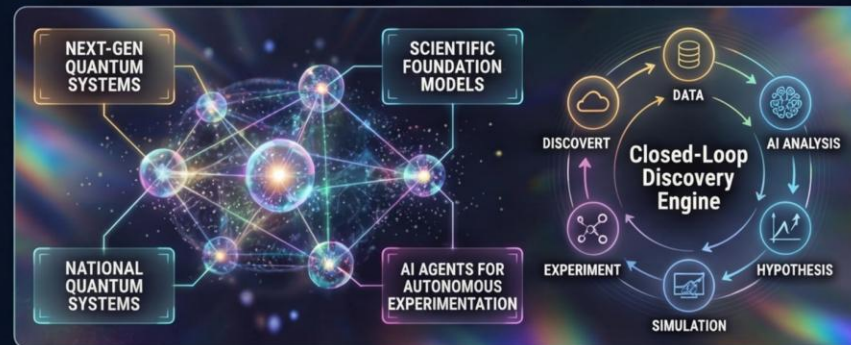
THE INFRASTRUCTURE MAP (National Scale)



THE ENERGY CHALLENGE (Energy Focus)



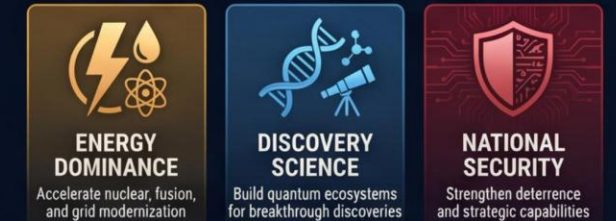
THE QUANTUM FRONTIER (Quantum Computing Focus)



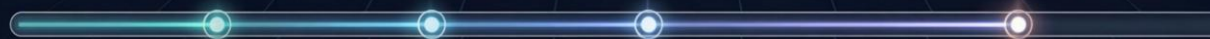
HISTORICAL COMPARISON TIMELINE



MISSION OBJECTIVES (Three Pillars)



COUNTDOWN TIMELINE



THE 21ST CENTURY WILL BE DECIDED BY COMPUTATIONAL SUPREMACY.



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