

# ***THE STRATEGY ANALYSIS OF LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS SECURITY IN TAIWAN***

Kuei-Lan (Kelly) Chou

Green Energy and Environment Research Laboratories  
Industrial Technology Research Institute(ITRI), Taiwan

Energy Challenges for the Next Decade  
16th IAEE European Conference  
25-28 August 2019

# OUTLINE

## I. Overview

## II. Methods

## III. Results

## IV. Conclusions



# I. OVERVIEW

I. OVERVIEW

II. METHODS

II. METHODS

III. RESULTS

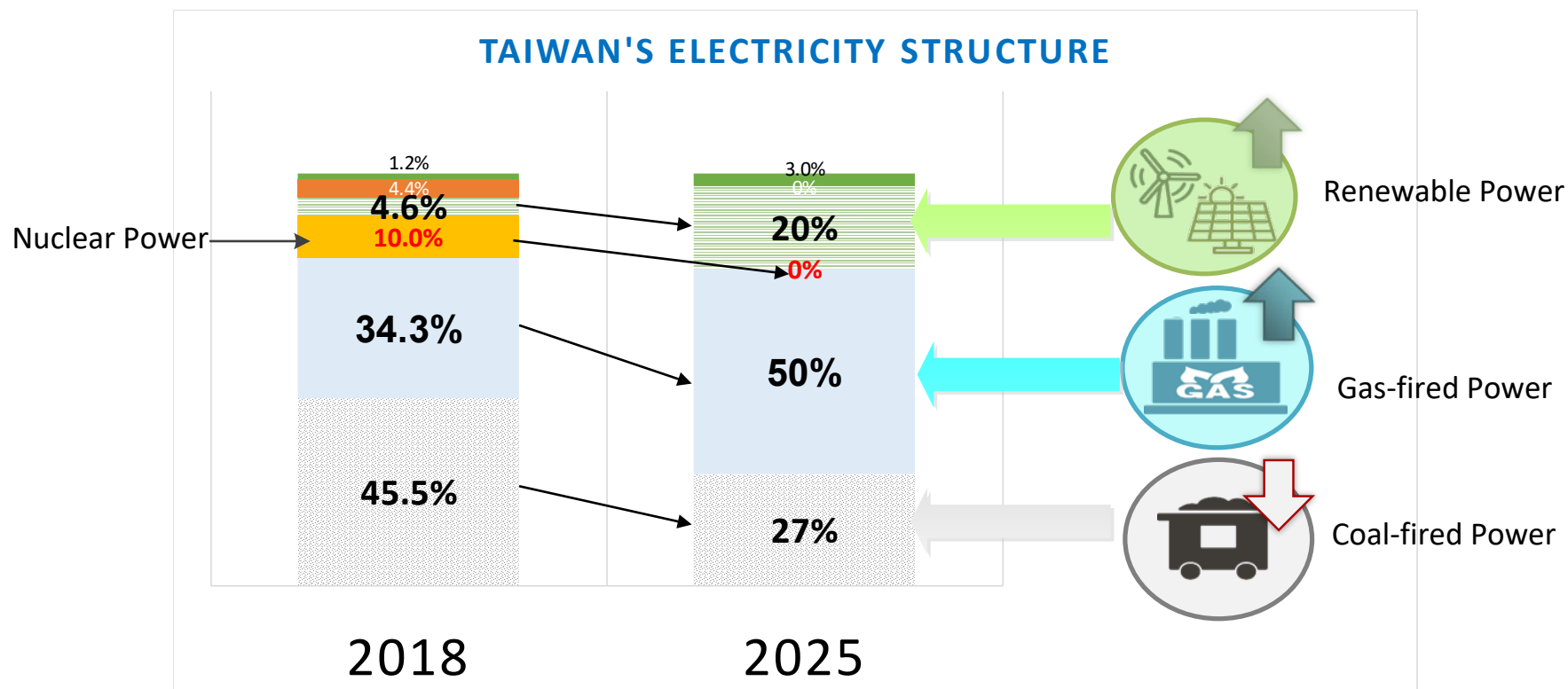
III. RESULTS

IV. CONCLUSIONS

IV. CONCLUSIONS

# Vision of Taiwan's Energy Transition

- Non-nuclear homeland and low-carbon economic development.
- Establishing **a new national electricity structure by 2025.**

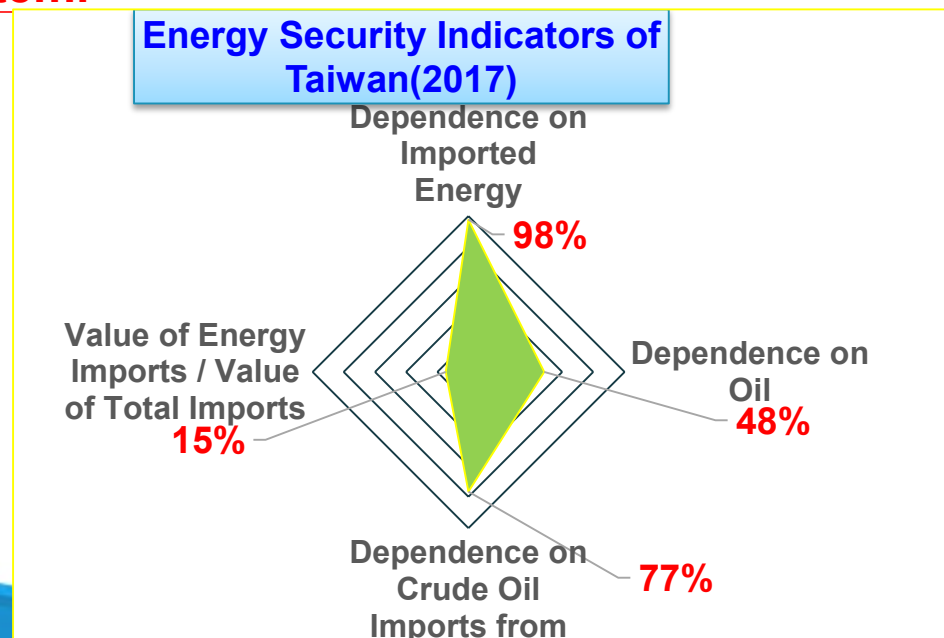


# Correlation between Energy Security and Energy Transition

## ■ The energy security is linked to national security.

- ✓ Depending on imported fossil fuel as high as **98%**.
- ✓ **15%** of national import expenditures is spent on energy.
- ✓ Domestic energy price is fluctuated by **international energy prices**.
- ✓ **Crude oil from Middle East accounted for 77% which are affected by geopolitics**.

## ■ Implementing low-carbon energy transition should base **on a stable and affordable energy supply system**.

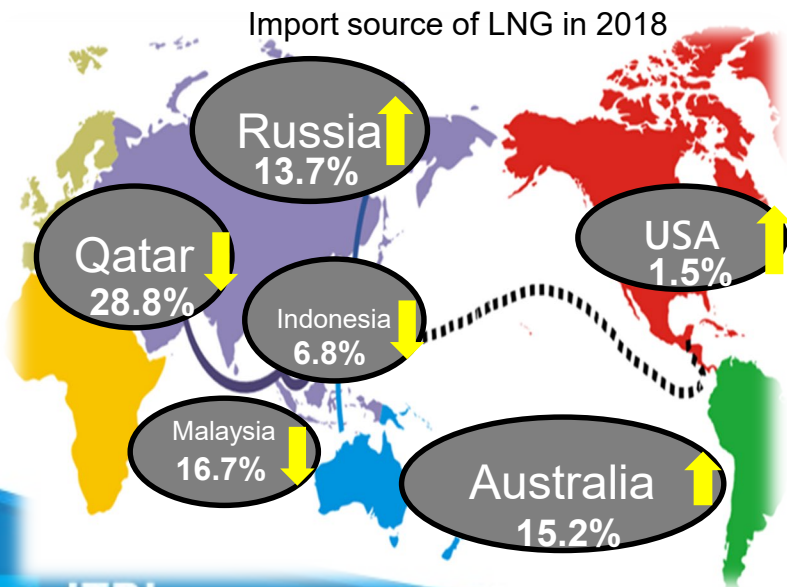


# Policies for LNG Security in Taiwan

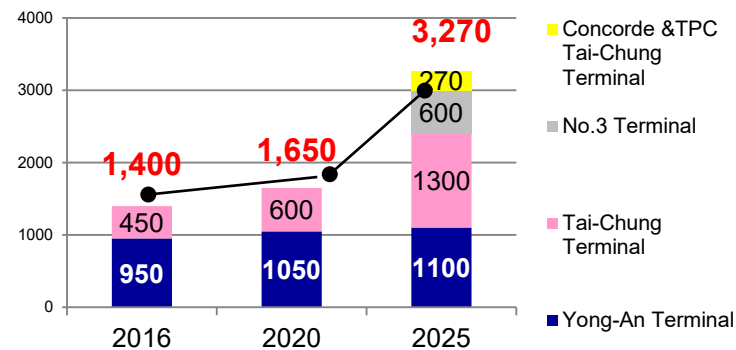
- 80% of gas is used in the power sector in the last five years.
- The importance of LNG for low-carbon energy transition in Taiwan :
  - ✓ Assisting the dispatch of variable renewable power.
  - ✓ Stabilising air quality by increasing gas in place of coal.
- Two policies to secure LNG supply :**

**(1) Diversifying the import sources of natural gas.**

**(2) Expanding the storage tank capacity and raising LNG legal days of stock.**



10 MMTon/Y **Taiwan's LNG Station Supply Capacity**



legal days	2019	2022	2025	2027
storage tank capacity	15	16	20	24
safety stock	7	8	11	14

# Purpose of this Study...

- National energy security is constructed with interrelating multi-dimensions, including 4As(Availability, Accessibility, Affordability, Acceptability), proposed by APERC in 2007.
- This study established a system dynamic model of natural gas to assess policy impact and identify risk factors during the energy transformation.

I. OVERVIEW

# II. METHODS

III. RESULTS

IV. CONCLUSIONS



# Methods of Energy Security Analysis

- Indicator is a prevailing method for measuring energy security.
- Comparing the two types of **energy security indicators** as follow:

	Simplified	systemic
Temporal	Static	Dynamic
Spatial	Assembled	Integrated with <b>interaction</b>
Functional	Outcome-based indicators (ex-post)	Evaluated-based indicators ( <b>ex-ante</b> )
Meaning	Measuring the current state of energy supply chain	Assessing the <b>potential risks</b> and vulnerability of energy system
Advantage	Simple and Easily communication	<b>Clarification of causality</b> brings meaningful dialogue
Disadvantage	Incomplete thinking may convey contradictory messages	Complex on data collection and model operation

This study use the **system dynamic model** as a research method.

# Introduction for System Dynamic Model

■ System dynamic(SD) model was created by **Jay W. Forrester In 1956.**

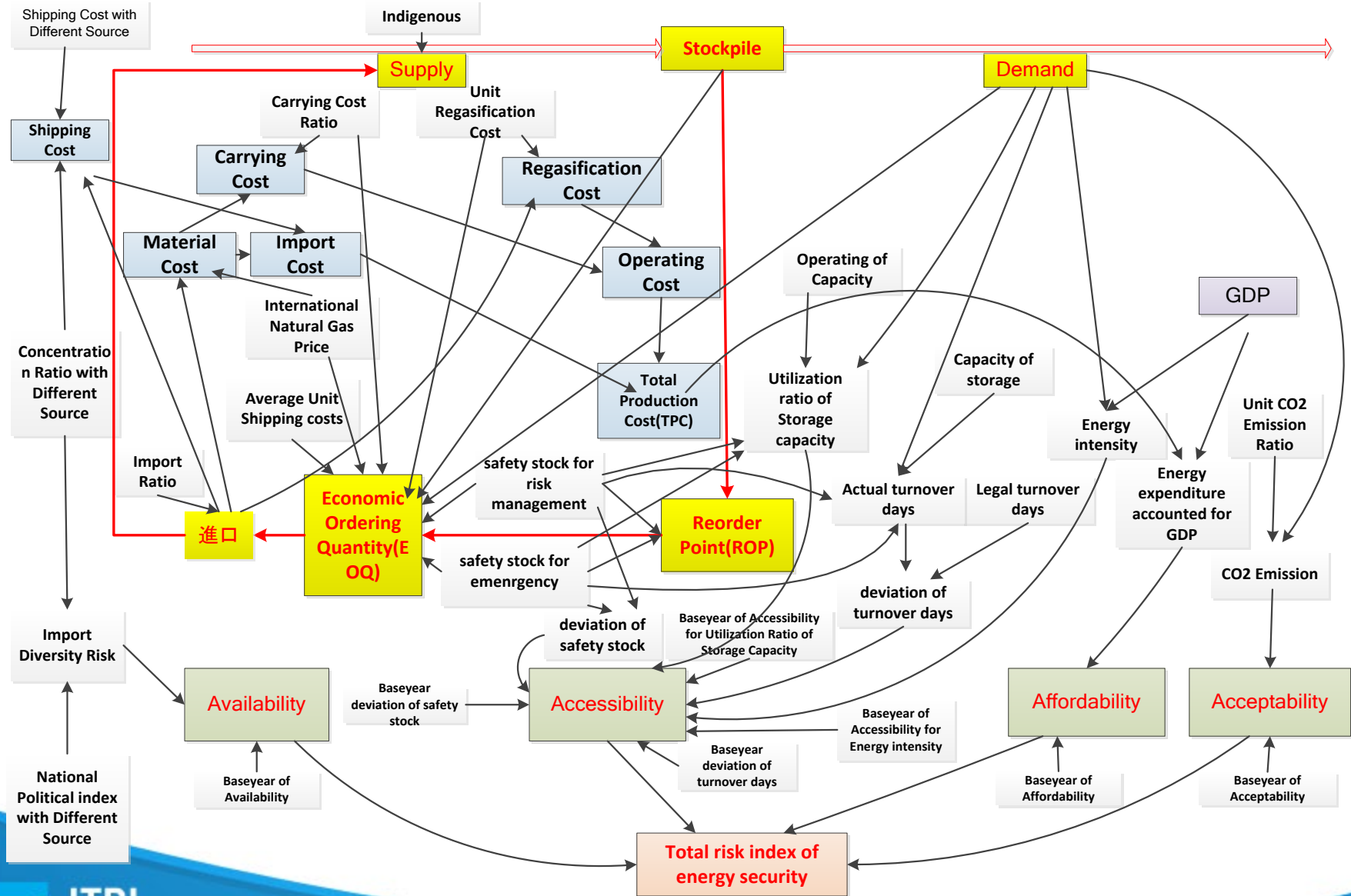
■ **The main characteristics as follow:**

- ✓ To analyze the dynamic behavior of complex systems.
- ✓ **Qualitative visualization** : **A feedback causality of factors** are represented in SD as a causal-loop diagram(CLD).
- ✓ **Quantitative analysis** : The CLD is formulated the equations to **simulate the value of all stocks and flows** (stock-flow diagram, SFD)over time under certain conditions and assumptions.

■ **The steps of building a SD as follow:**

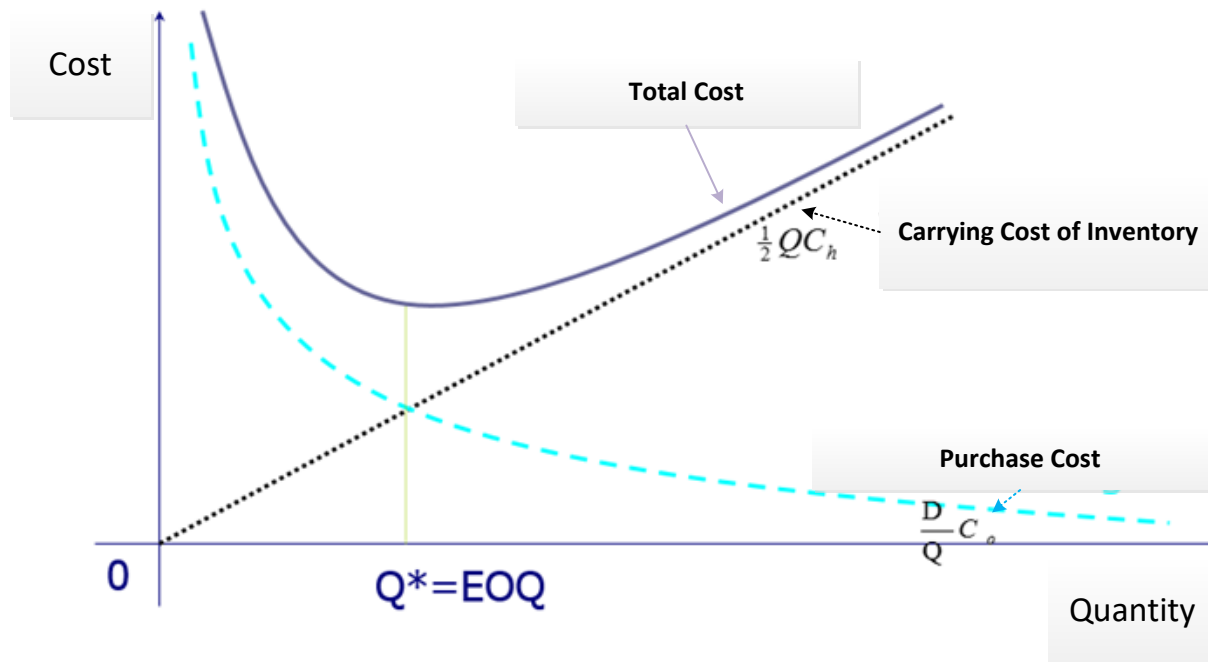


# Modeling for LNG Supply Security



# Features of LNG Supply Security Modelling

- Introducing **inventory management theory** into SD model is in line with **cost-benefit decision-making and supply-demand equilibrium of economics**.
- Inventory management theory was proposed by Ford W. Harris in 1915.

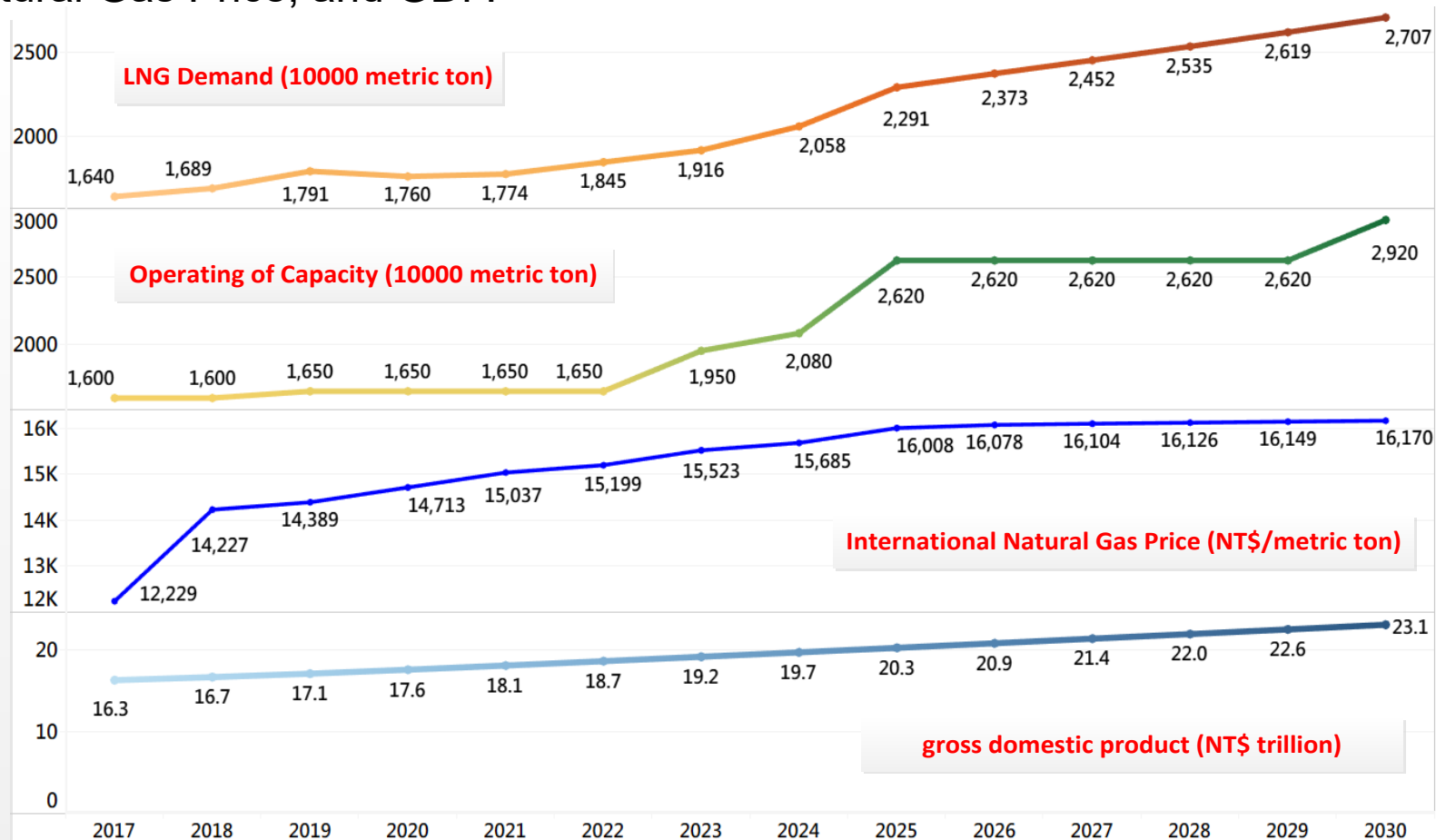


$$Q^* = \sqrt{\frac{2DC_o}{C_h}}$$

$Q^*$  : Economic Ordering Quantity (EOQ)  
 $C_o$  : Carrying Cost  
 $C_h$  : Purchase Cost  
 $D$  : Demand

# Assumptions of This Study

- Four forecasting exogenous parameters from 2017 to 2030 were used in this study, including LNG Demand, Operating of Capacity, International Natural Gas Price, and GDP.



I. OVERVIEW

II. METHODS

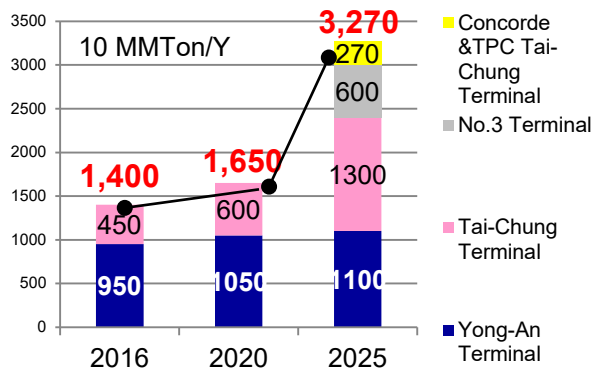
**III. RESULTS**

IV. CONCLUSIONS

# Scenarios of This Study....

- **Two scenarios were created to assess the policy impacts. SCEN scenario measured risk situation while safety stock policy was implemented. BASE scenario was used as a comparable benchmark related to SCEN scenario.**
- All analytic results were based on **the scenarios difference between SCEN and BASE.**

Taiwan's LNG Station Supply Capacity



legal days	2019	2022	2025	2027
storage tank capacity	15	16	20	24
safety stock	7	8	11	14

**Risk Management Situation (SCEN)**  
Safety Stock Policy Implementation

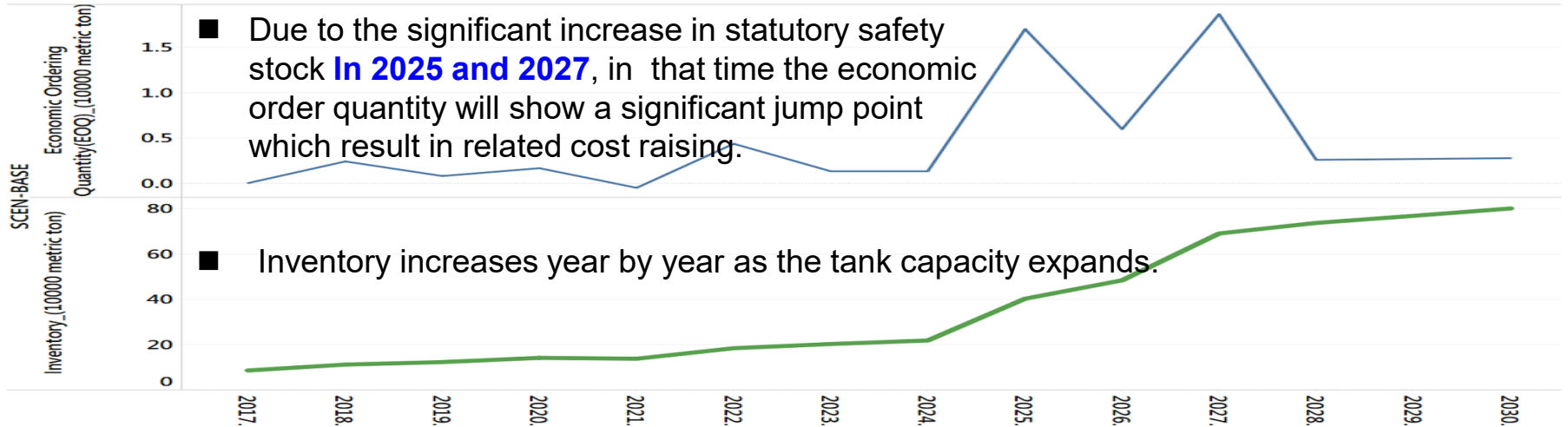
**Baseline Situation (BASE)**  
Current Actual State (Business as Usual)

**Situational Difference Analysis (SCEN-BASE)**

**Impacts of LNG supply Security**

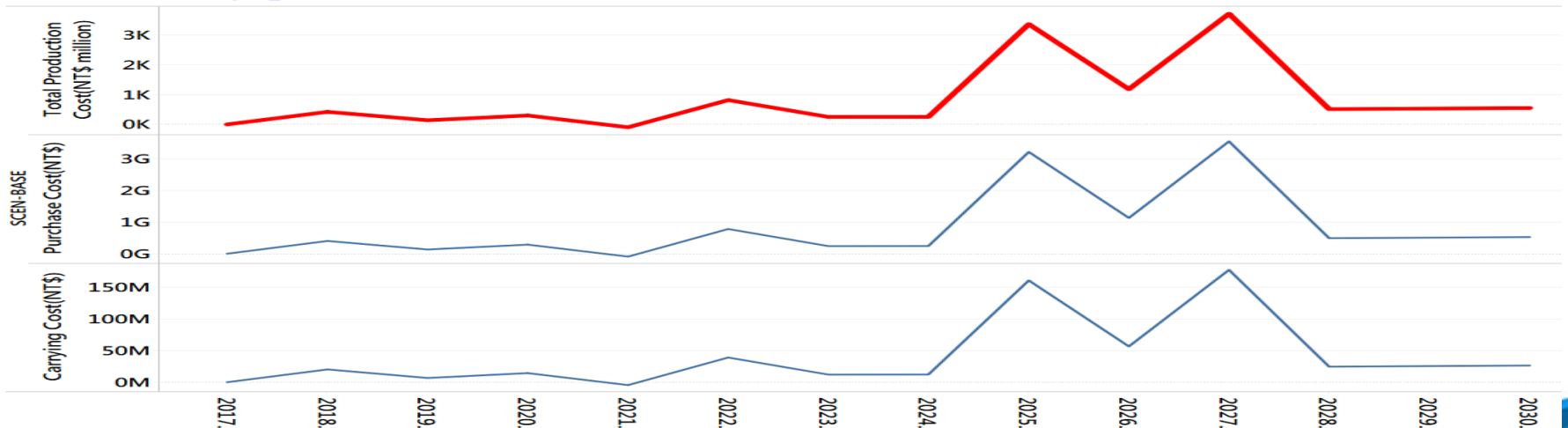
# Scenarios Difference Analysis : Supply and Cost

Situational Difference Analysis\_Supply



- When the inventory in 2027 is raised to 700,000 metric tons, the total production cost will increase to NT\$3.72 billion. Compared to 2018, **while inventory increased by 6.4 times, total production costs will increase by 8.7 times.**

Situational Difference Analysis\_Cost

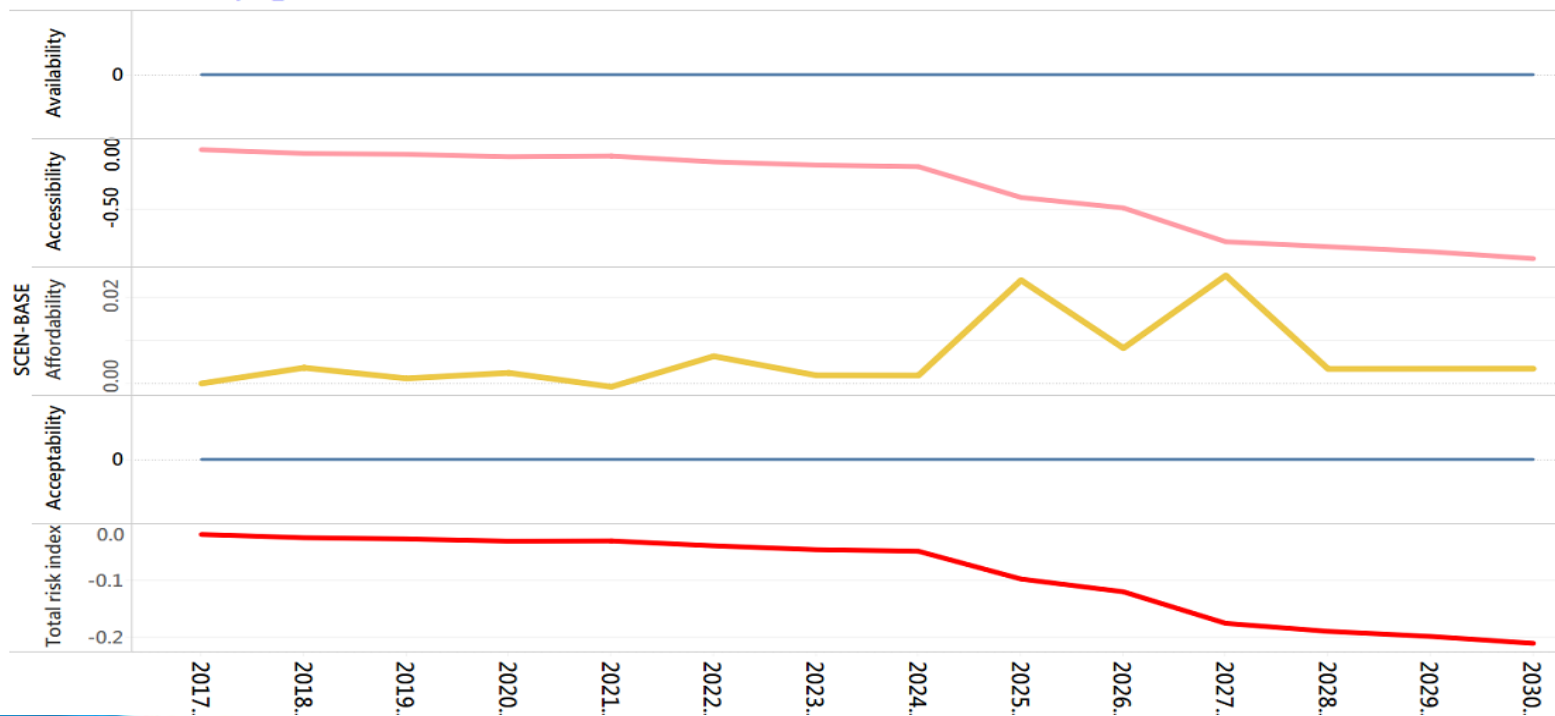




# Scenarios Difference Analysis : 4 A Indicators

- The impacts of statutory LNG safety stock will happen on **"Accessibility"** and **"Affordability"** of the 4A energy security dimensions.
- The accessibility risk is reduced, but the affordability risk rises.
- Averaging of the accessibility risk and the affordability risk, the overall risk indicator showed a downward trend, indicating that **Taiwan's LNG safety stock policy has a positive effect on improving energy security.**

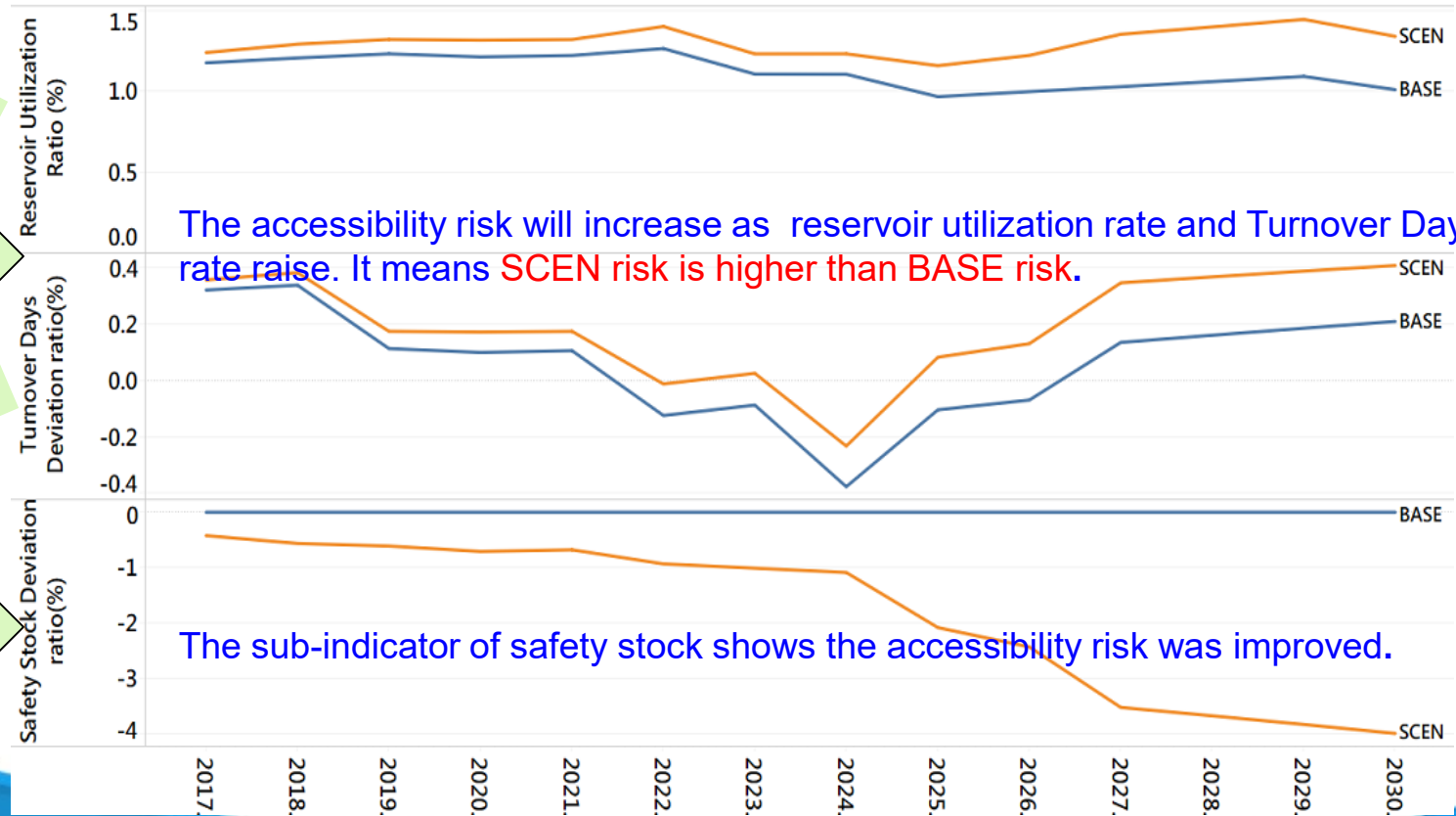
Situational Difference Analysis\_4A indicator



# Scenarios Difference Analysis : Variation of Accessibility

- Due to the LNG safety stock policy, two sub-indicators (reservoir utilization rate and turnover day rate) produced risk deterioration, but a safety stock resulted in a positive improving effect for emergency risk.
- Aggregating **the positive and negative effects of three sub-indicators, the overall accessibility risk improves.**

Variation of Accessibility



Negative effects

Positive effect

The accessibility risk will increase as reservoir utilization rate and Turnover Days rate raise. It means SCEN risk is higher than BASE risk.

The sub-indicator of safety stock shows the accessibility risk was improved.

I. OVERVIEW

II. METHODS

III. RESULTS

**IV. CONCLUSIONS**

# Conclusion and Suggestion

- The energy security is **mutual causality in different dimensions**.
- It is necessary to **consider positive and negative impacts of policies implementation by a systematic perspective**.
- Some suggestions were proposed for further study as below :
  - (1) Safety stock planning should consider **the cost-effective inventory management**. It is needed to collect the O&M detail cost data of LNG storage for more accurate assessment, including LNG maintenance under 162 ° C temperature, storage evaporation, etc. **A more efficient inventory management system could avoid the loss of management costs due to excessive inventory, which could reduce the affordability risk**.
  - (2) It could reduce the fluctuation of Taiwan's electricity prices and consumer prices by **diversifying the sources of LNG supply contracts**, including long-term and short-term, which means Taiwan's natural gas management strategies **not only ensure stable supply(“Accessibility”) but also pay more attention on “Affordability” and “Availability”**.

# Thank you for your attention!

Contact information:  
Kuei-Lan (Kelly) Chou  
E-mail: [kelly@itri.org.tw](mailto:kelly@itri.org.tw)

# Reference

- [1] APERC, “A quest for energy security in the 21st century: Resources and constraints”, 2007, Institute of Energy Economics, Japan.
- [2] Cherp A., Jewell, J. “The concept of energy security: Beyond the four As”, 2014, Energy Policy 75, 415-421.
- [3] IEA, “Energy supply security\_ Emergency response of IEA countries”.2014.
- [4] Prambudia Y., and Nakano M., “Integrated simulation model for energy security evaluation”. 2012. Energies 5, 5086-5110.
- [5] Tziogas C. and Georgiadis P. “Sustainable Energy Security : Critical taxonomy and system dynamics decision-making methodology”, 2015, Chemical Engineering Transactions VOL.43.