

Mitigating & Adapting to Climate change: Extreme Weather Events, a Worldwide Energy Revolution and Geoengineering options

Week 5: April 24th, 2017

Wind and Solar

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Announcements

SCIENCE

Message to world leaders: Ignore

Bloomberg says not to follow Trump's lead on climate change.

By Steve Peoples
The Associated Press

NEW YORK» New York billionaire Michael Bloomberg urged world leaders not to follow President Donald Trump's lead on climate change and declared his intention to help save an international agreement to reduce carbon emissions.

Michael Bloomberg

- new book, "Climate of Hope: How Cities, Businesses, and Citizens Can Save the Planet," co-authored by former Sierra Club executive director Carl Pope.
- specific policy objective: to help save an international agreement, negotiated in Paris, to reduce global carbon emissions
- believed the U.S. would hit that goal regardless of what Trump does because of leadership at the state level and market forces already at play in the private sector.

Thursday April 27th , 7 p.m.
HERE at JUC

- **Colorado Renewable Energy Society:**

- Jeffco chapter presents:

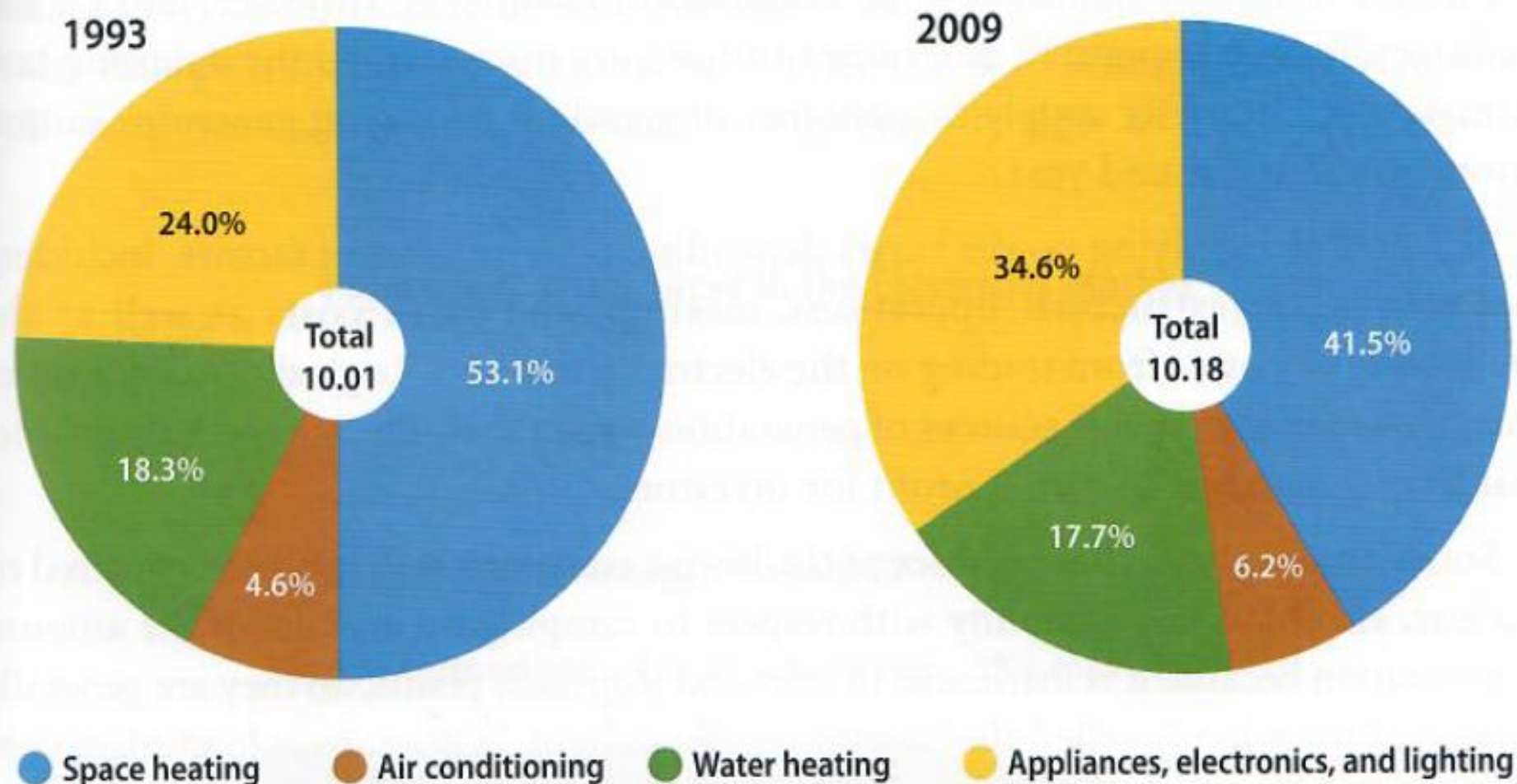
- KK DuVivier: Deep Decarbonization - It's the Rules, Stupid!**

- <https://www.cres-energy.org/>

NREL TOUR MAY 8TH

- Energy Systems Integration Lab
 - 1:30-3:00 p.m.; please aim to be there ~1 p.m.
 - GOVERNMENT ID: CDL / passport
 - Read attachments I sent
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Figure 5.3. Energy Consumption in Homes by End Uses
quadrillion Btu and percent



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, <http://www.eia.gov/todayinenergy/detail.cfm?id=10271>.

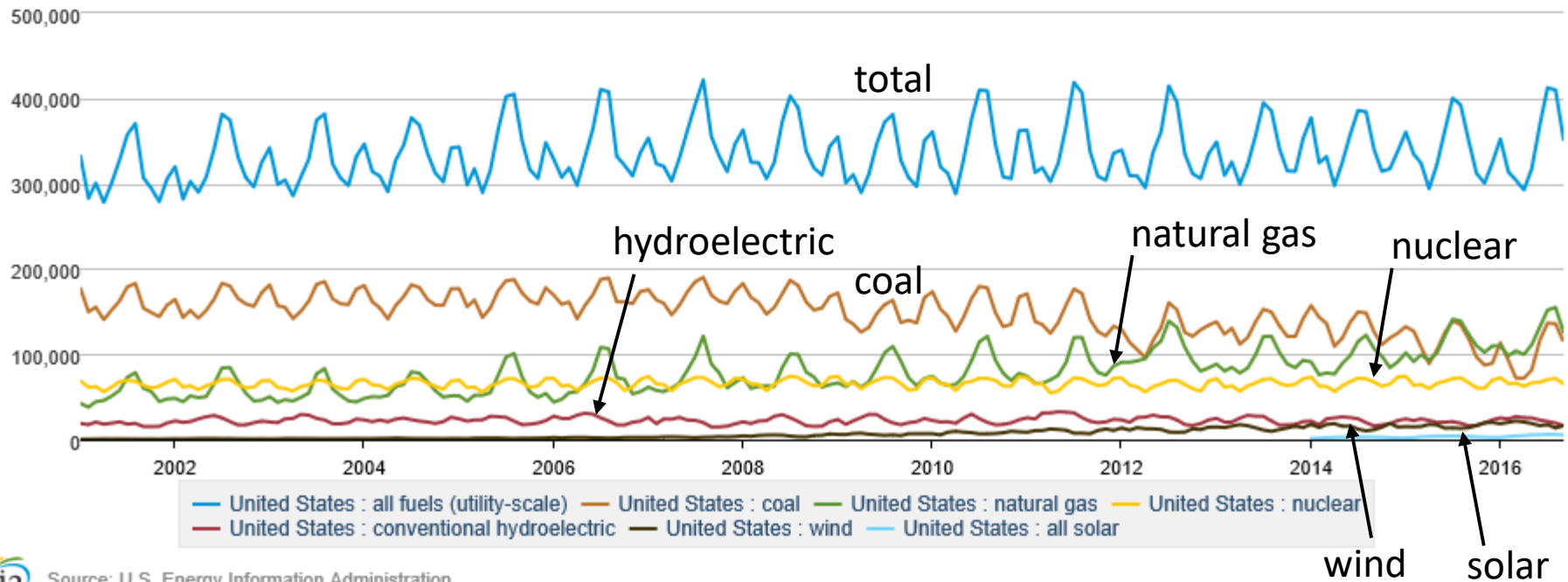
Electricity Generation in the U.S. by Source

U.S. Energy Information Administration, Nov 2016

Net generation for all sectors, monthly

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thousand megawatthours

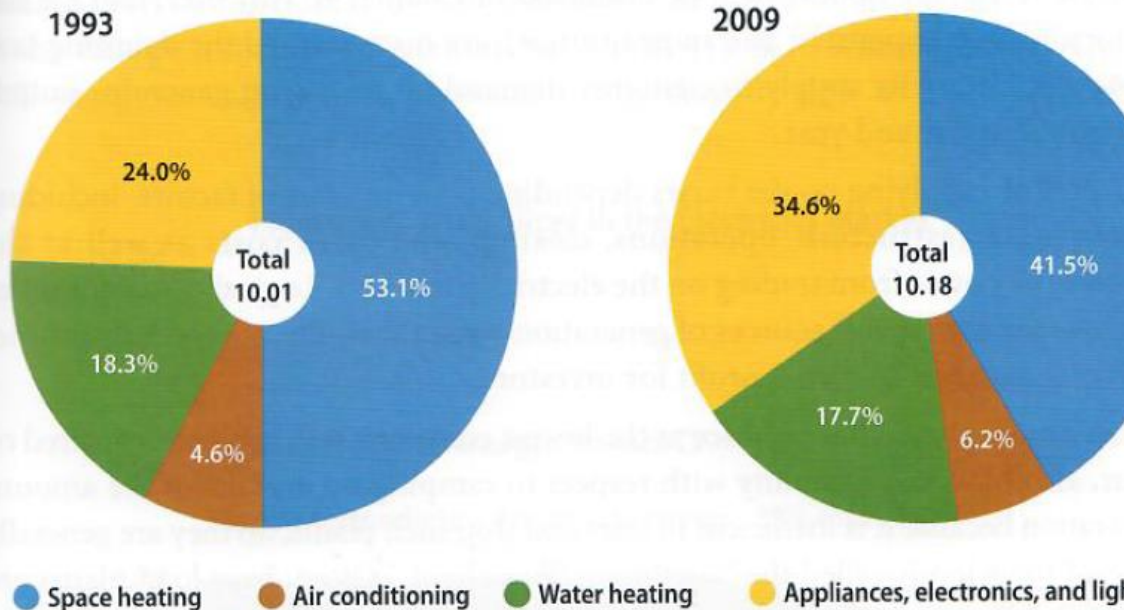


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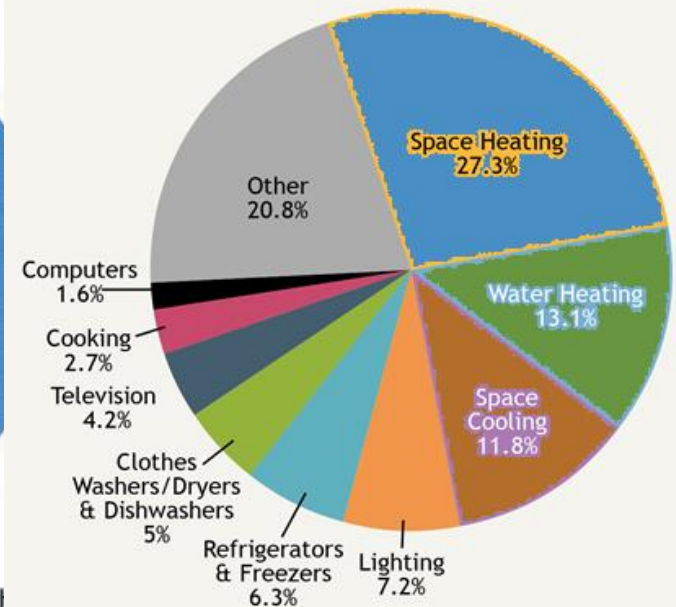
Overall electrical generation in the United States is roughly flat for 2006-2016.
Coal-fired generation has been dropping since 2009.
Summer usage causes annual fluctuations of about one-third.
Wind is 5.1% and solar is 1.4% of all electrical generation as of October 2016.

1993 vs. 2009 vs. 2015

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Energy Usage in the U.S. Residential Sector in 2015



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LAST WEEK - SOLUTIONS TAKE AWAY
(modified):

**ELECTRIFY EVERYTHING BY NON-CARBON
SOURCED ELECTRICAL GENERATION!**

**SOLAR THERMAL
BIOCHAR/BIOFUELS**

To Do that (i.e. non-Carbon Energy),
in addition
to efficiency improvements:

Might need to subsidize nuclear
Storage: battery, thermal, other
Grid conversion / infrastructure

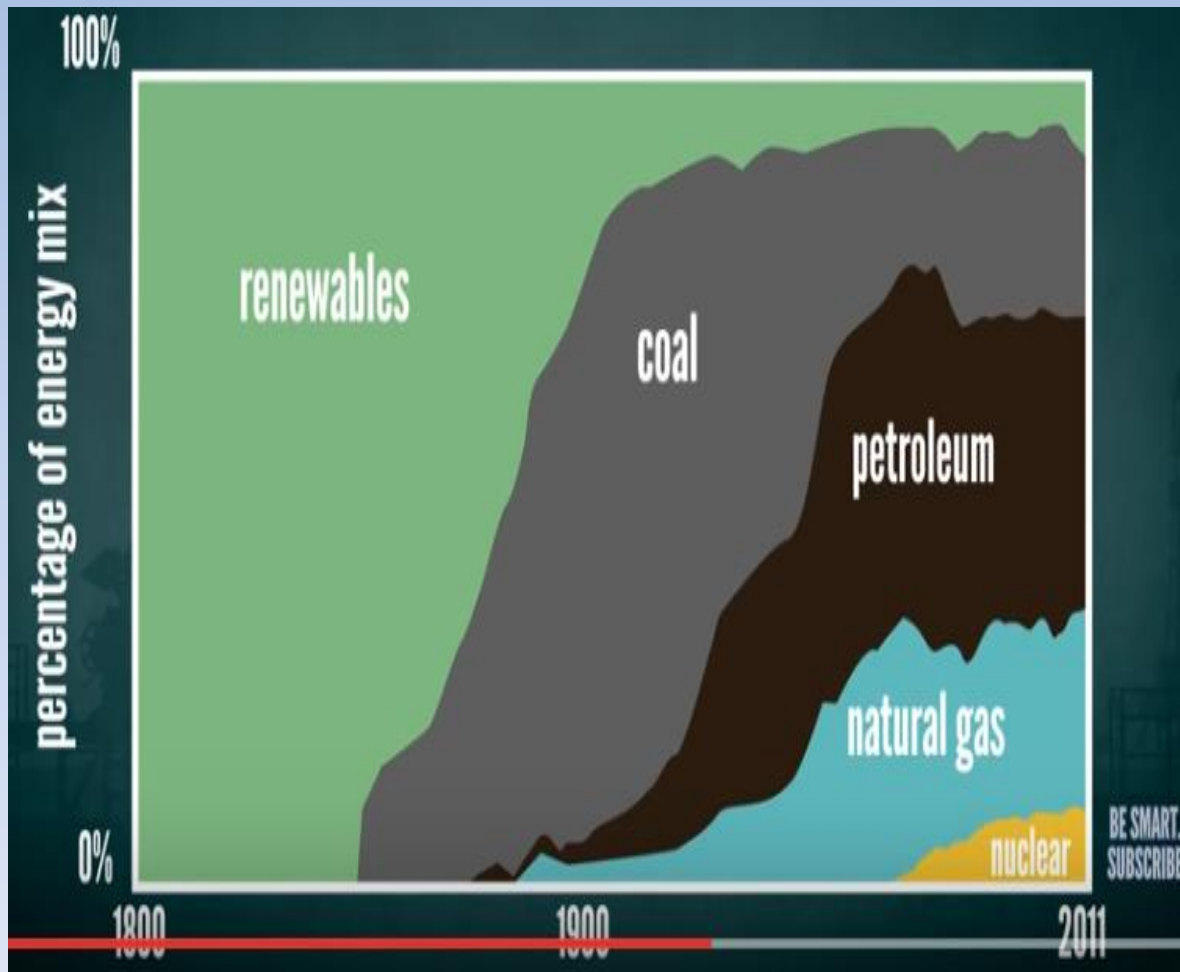
Decisions

- David Grinspoon:

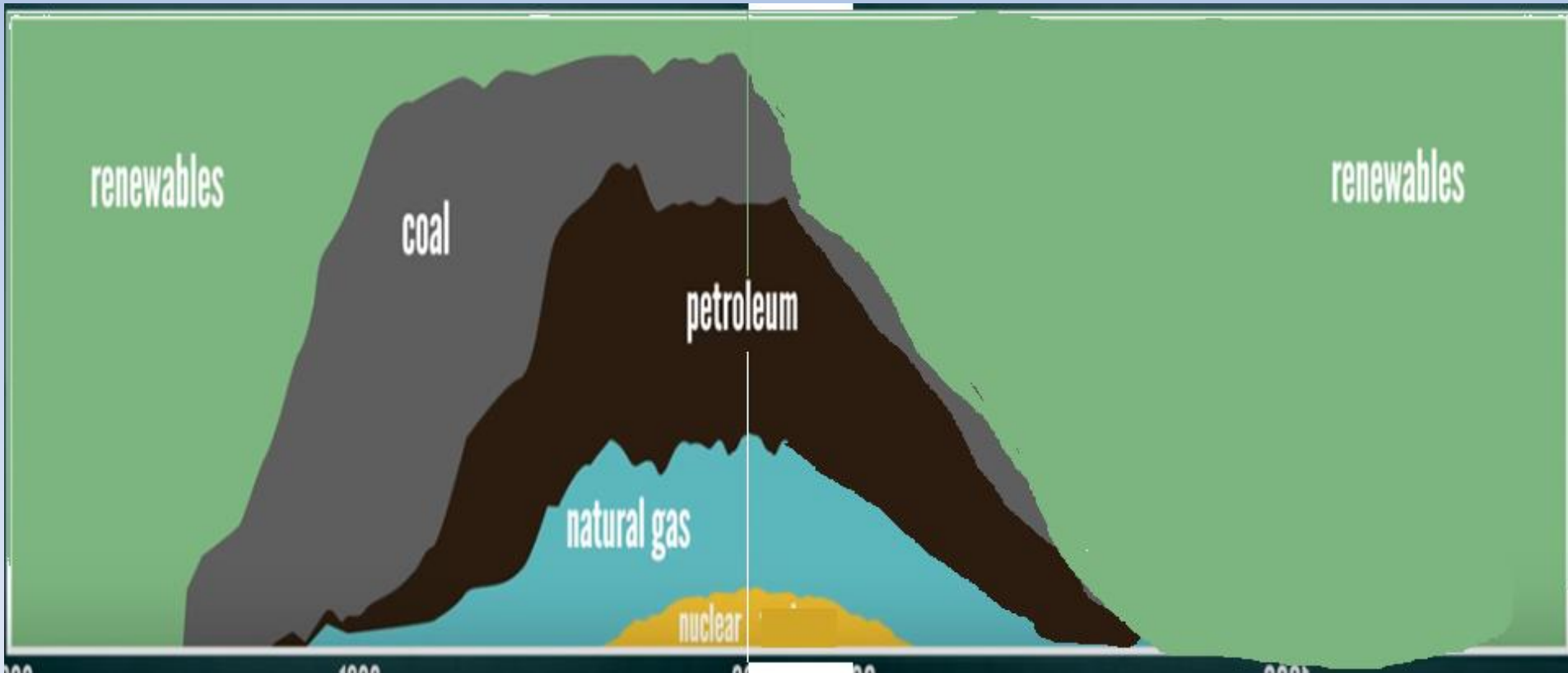
“The decisions we make today will have an impact not only on this 21st century but on the 22nd and 23rd centuries and beyond”

HISTORICAL

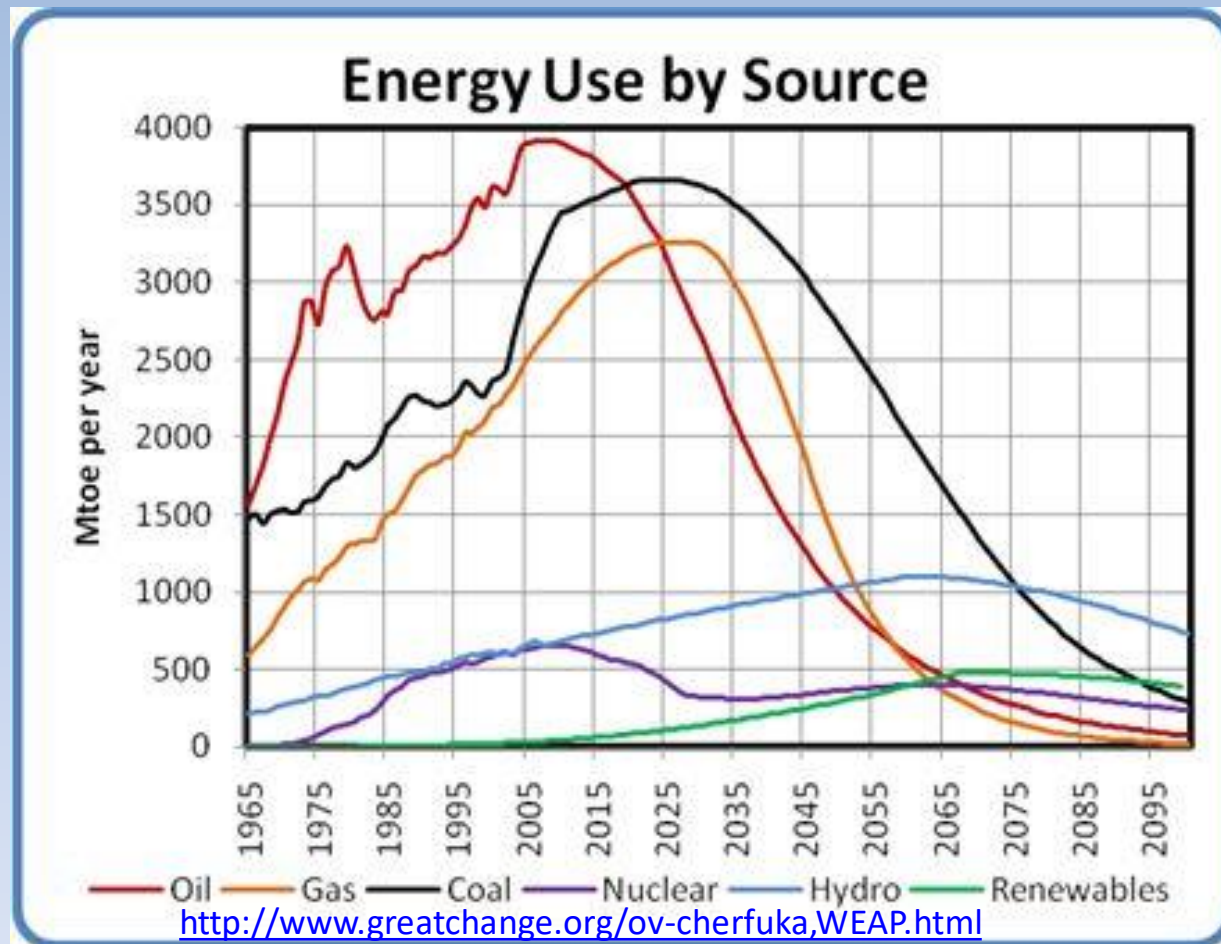
Renewables to Coal-Petroleum- Natural Gas-Nuclear



PROJECTIONS: Renewables to Coal-Petroleum-Natural Gas-Nuclear -- Back to Renewables



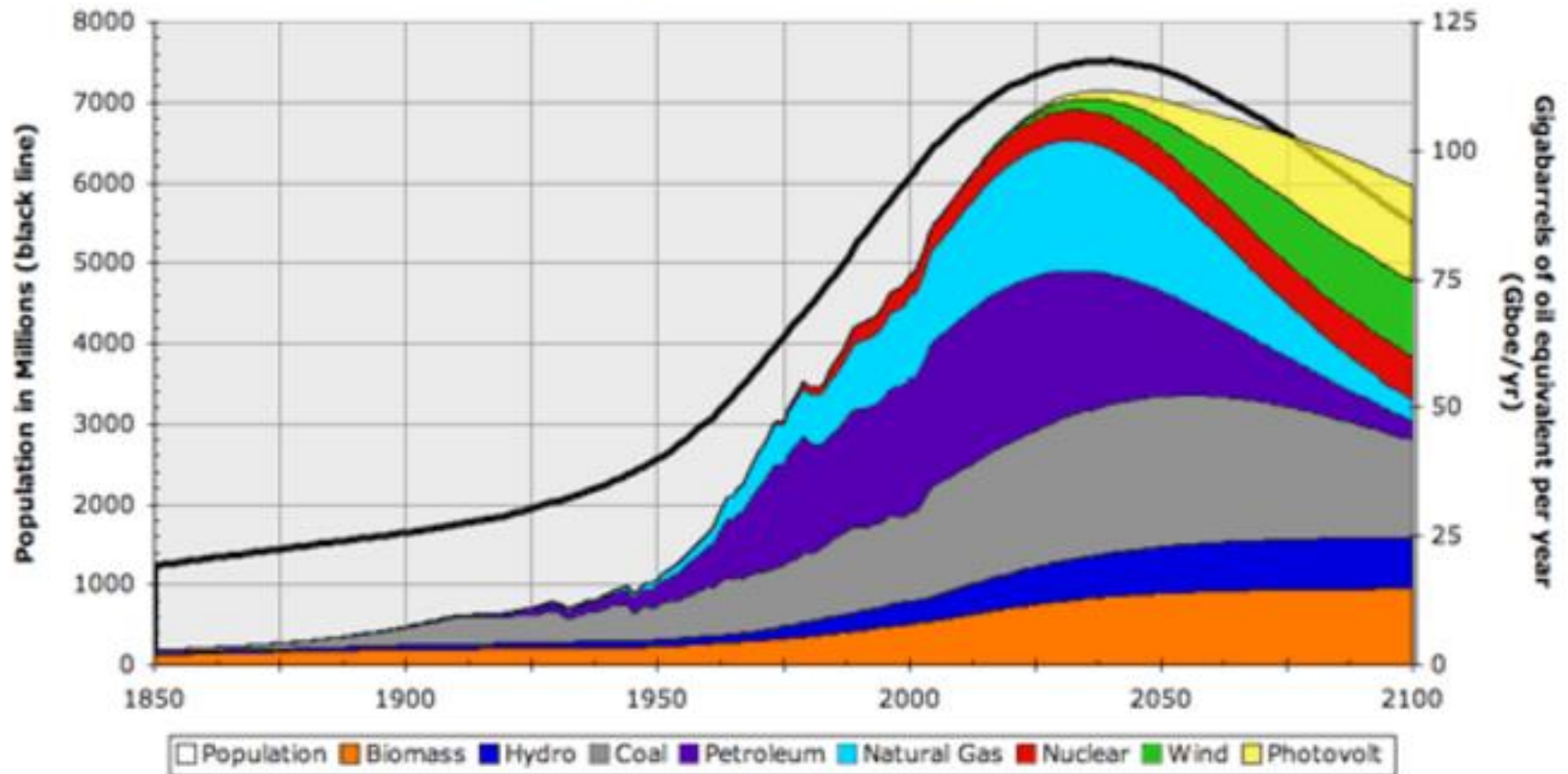
AND the figures for renewables are
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<http://www.economywatch.com/economy-business-and-finance-news/how-energy-consumption-employment-and-recessions-are-interlinked.26-09.html>

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World Energy Production



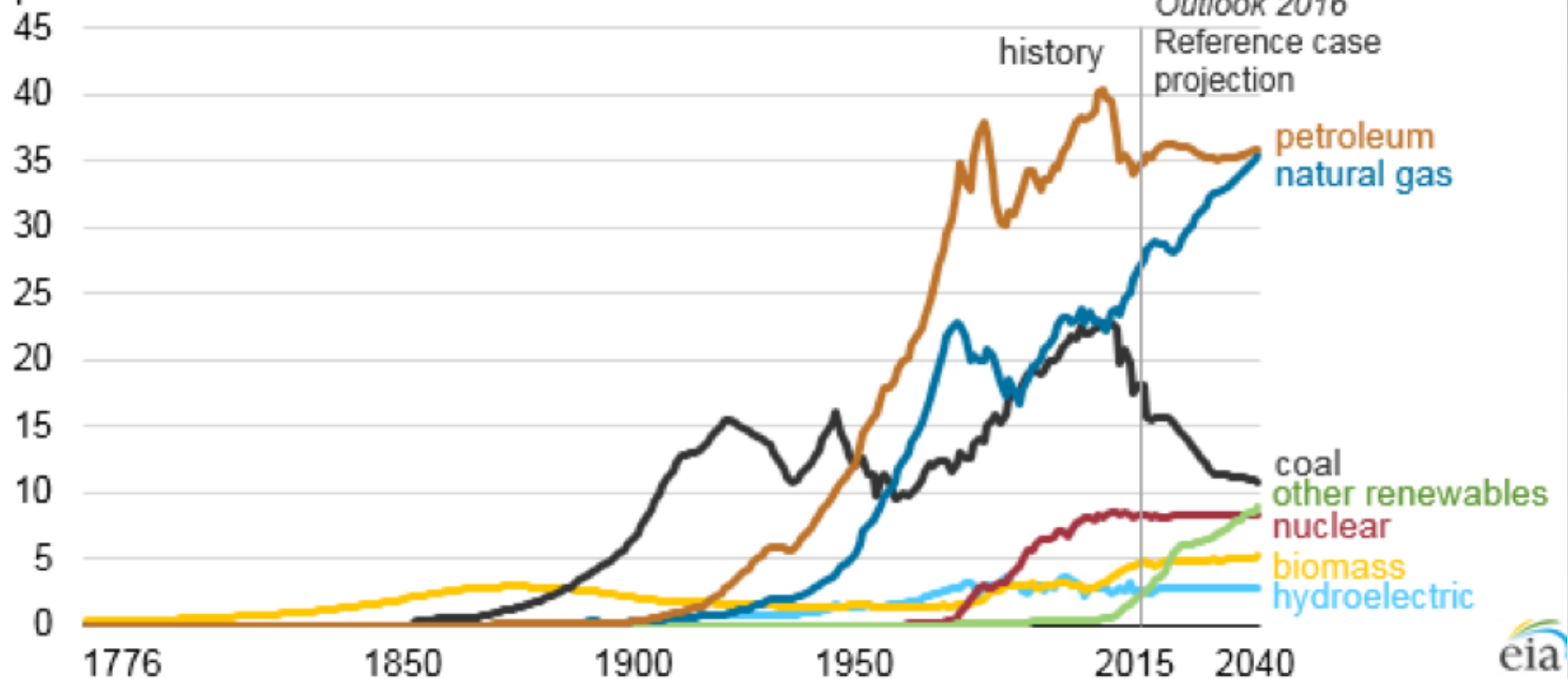
LINK to click on picture for your own assumptions:

<http://tqe.quaker.org/2007/TQE155-EN-WorldEnergy-1.html>

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Energy consumption in the United States (1776-2040)

quadrillion Btu

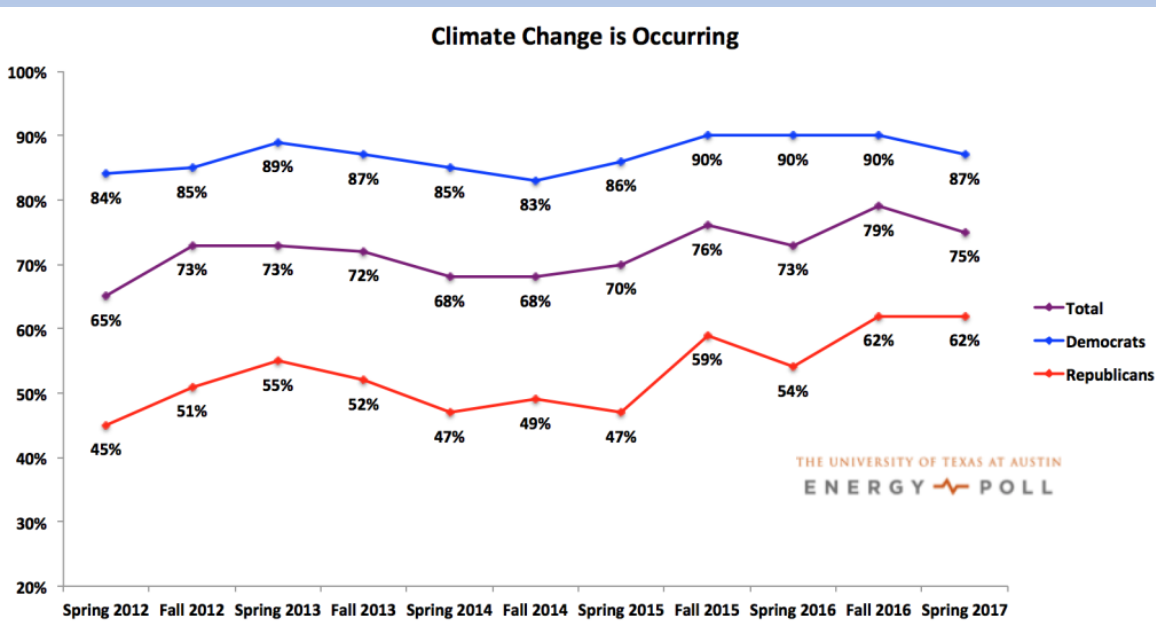


THIS WEEK – SOLAR AND WIND

- SOLAR
 - PV – PhotoVoltaics
 - Monocrystalline, Multi, thin-film
 - Road, sidewalk, rooftop, tracking 1-axis/2-axis, etc.
 - CSP – Concentrated Solar Power
- Wind
 - Turbines
 - Vertical, etc.

RENEWABLES / NON-CARBON SOURCES OF ENERGY:

- THE ENERGY TRANSITION THAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN
 - BUT REMEMBER – THE CHALLENGE:



- 70% believe global warming is occurring
- 55% understand it is caused by human activity
- Only 5% believe anything can or will be done

BEFORE WE GO ON: UNITS

POWER

SI = Watt = J/s

Other units – see white board:

kW, GW, TW

(for Kilo- 10^3 ,

giga- 10^9 ,

tera- 10^{12})

BTU

QUADS (10^{15} BTUs)

ENERGY

SI = J = power-time

Or Watt-s

Or what you are used to getting billed for:

kWh @ $\sim 0.11/\text{kWh}$

CARBON

Gt C = Gt CO₂/3.67

(mass 44/mass 12 C)

$32.7/3.67 = 8.91$ Gt C

Images of change— The Energy Transition

Some Compiled by Phil Nelson,
2017





Earth

Human Population = 7.3 B

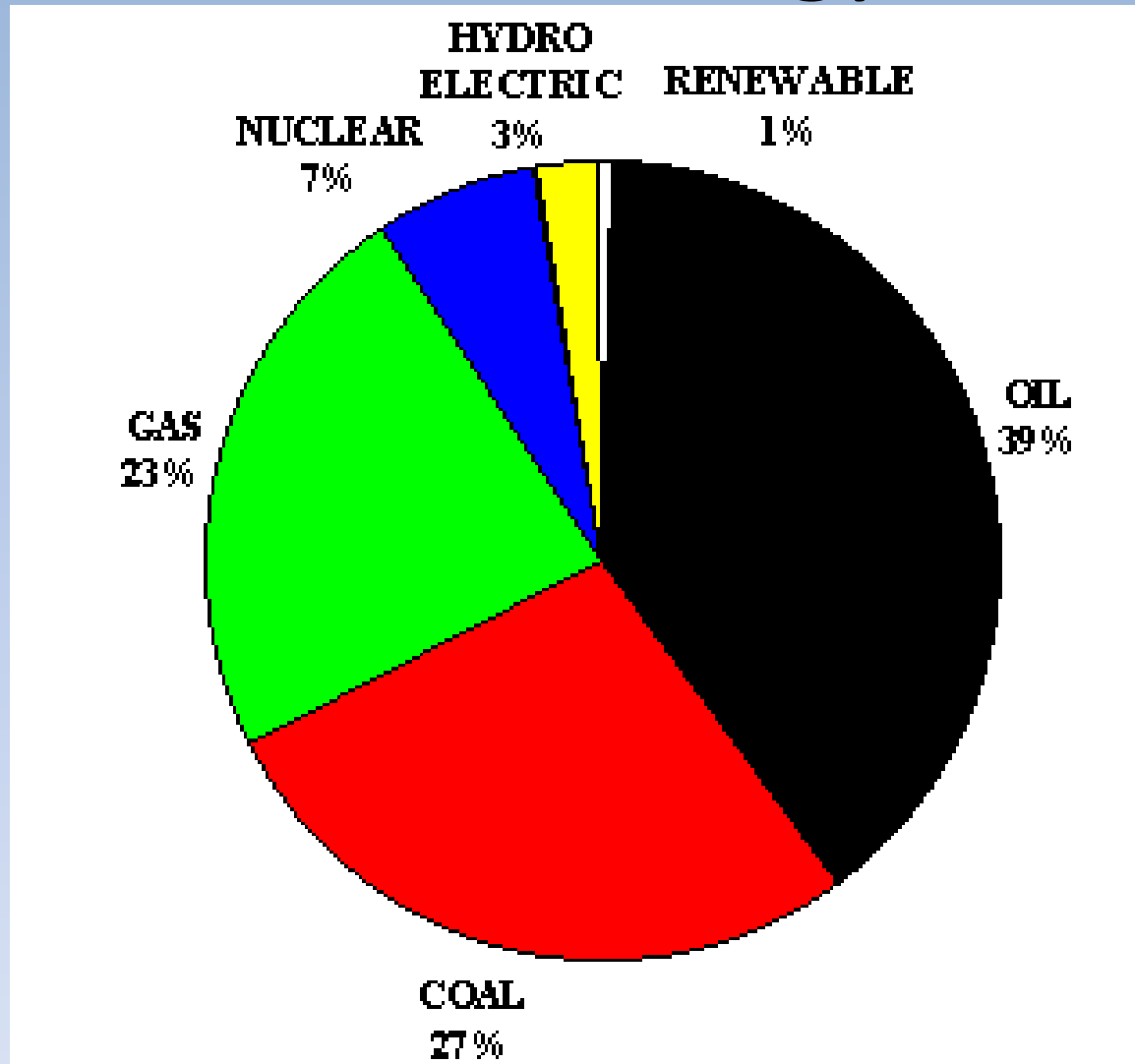
Annual Electricity Demand = 23,300 TWh

Annual CO₂ Emissions = 32.2 Gt

Fraction of GHG Emissions from Energy Use \approx 68%

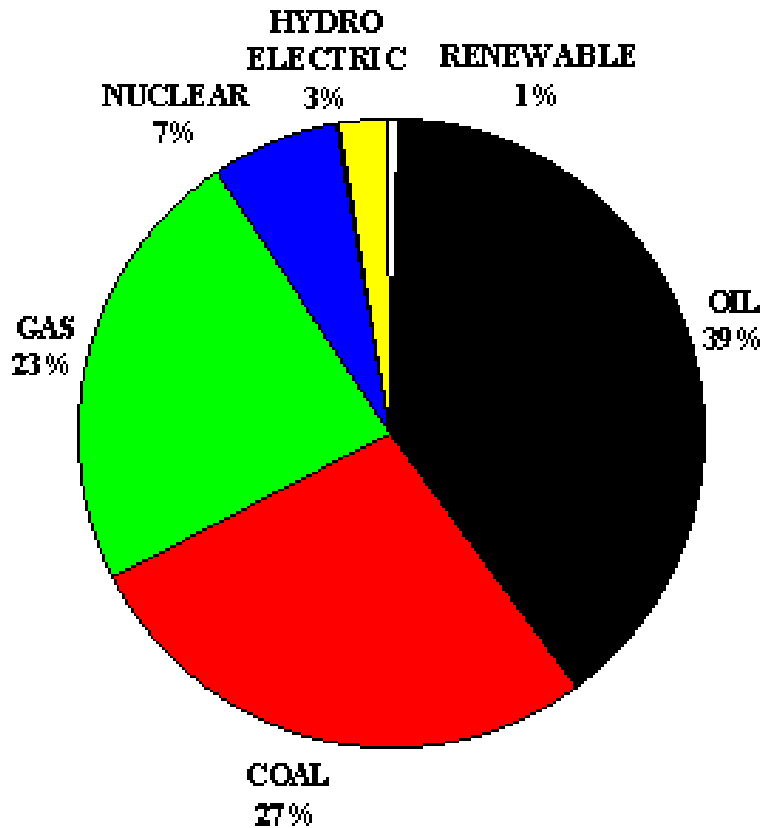
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Total Worldwide Energy Production

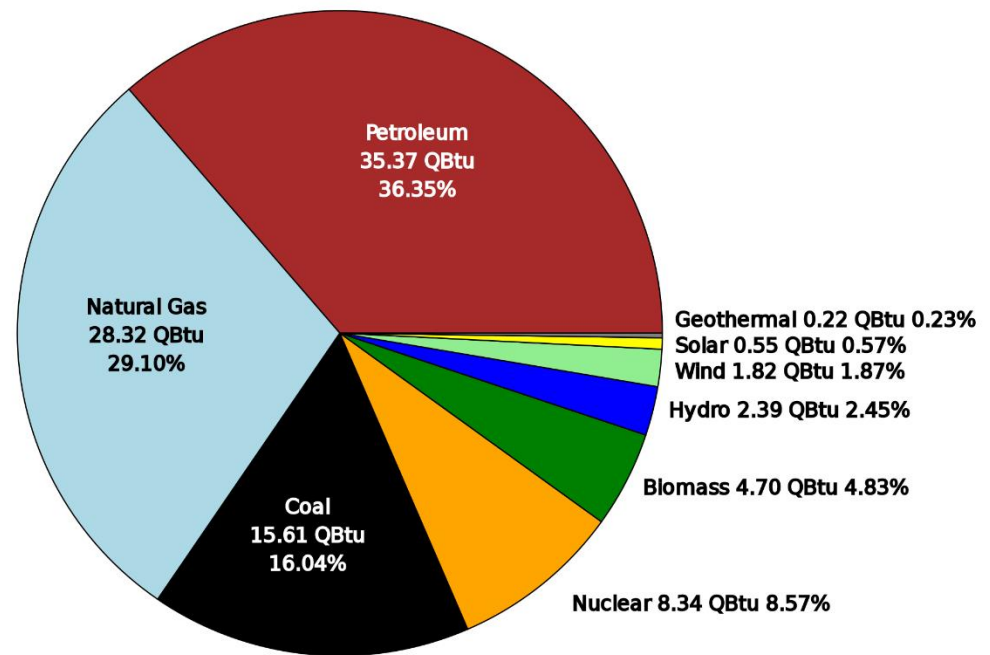


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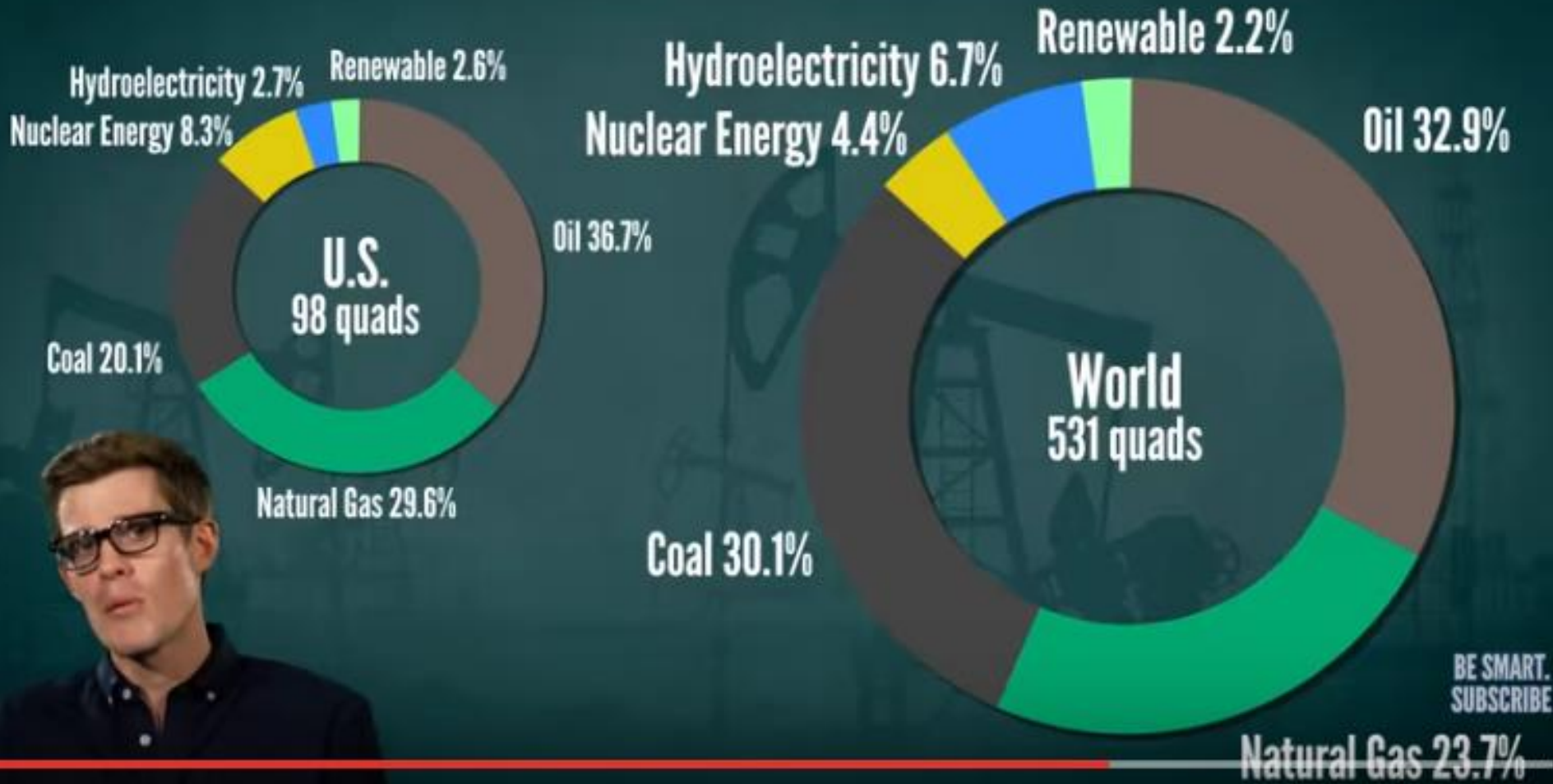
Total Worldwide vs. U.S. Energy Production



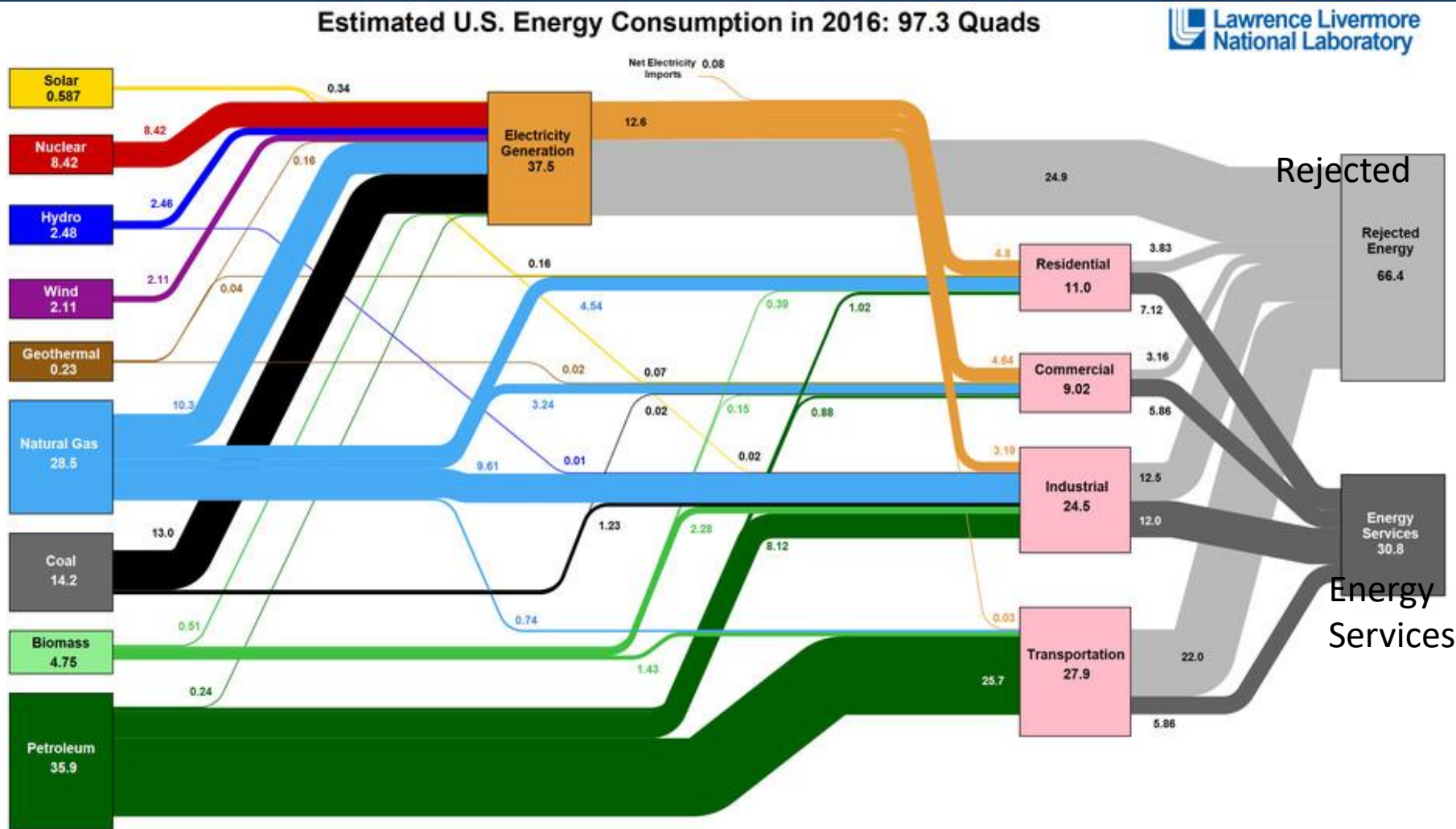
United States Primary Energy Consumption by Source (2015)



U.S. Use Matches World in Proportion

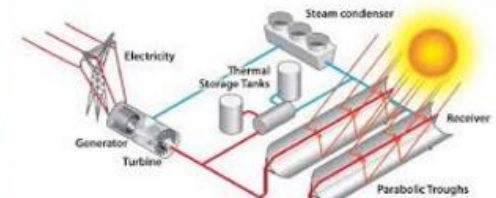
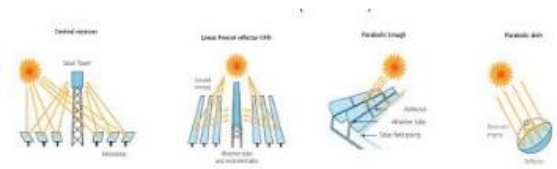
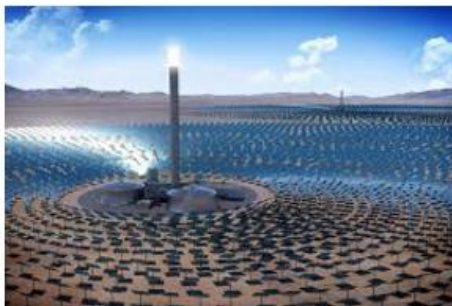
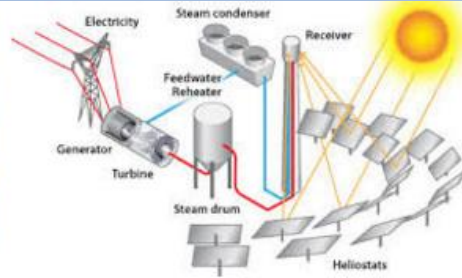


Energy in the U.S. in 2016 – Sources, What it is used for, and how much of it is wasted – a bit of a mind-blower Vox.com April 2017



Sources: LLNL March, 2017. Data is based on DOE/EIA MER (2016). If this information or a reproduction of it is used, credit must be given to the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and the Department of Energy, under whose auspices the work was performed. This chart was revised in 2017 to reflect changes made in mid-2016 to the Energy Information Administration's analysis methodology and reporting. The efficiency of electricity production is calculated as the total retail electricity delivered divided by the primary energy input into electricity generation. End use efficiency is estimated as 65% for the residential sector, 65% for the commercial sector, 21% for the transportation sector, and 49% for the industrial sector which was updated in 2017 to reflect DOE's analysis of manufacturing. Totals may not equal sum of components due to independent rounding. LLNL-MI-410527

Concentrated Solar Power – (CSP)



NREL's PV Research Portfolio

PV Research at NREL

PV Technologies

PV Cross-Cutting R&D

Thin Film PV
CIGS / CdTe / Novel

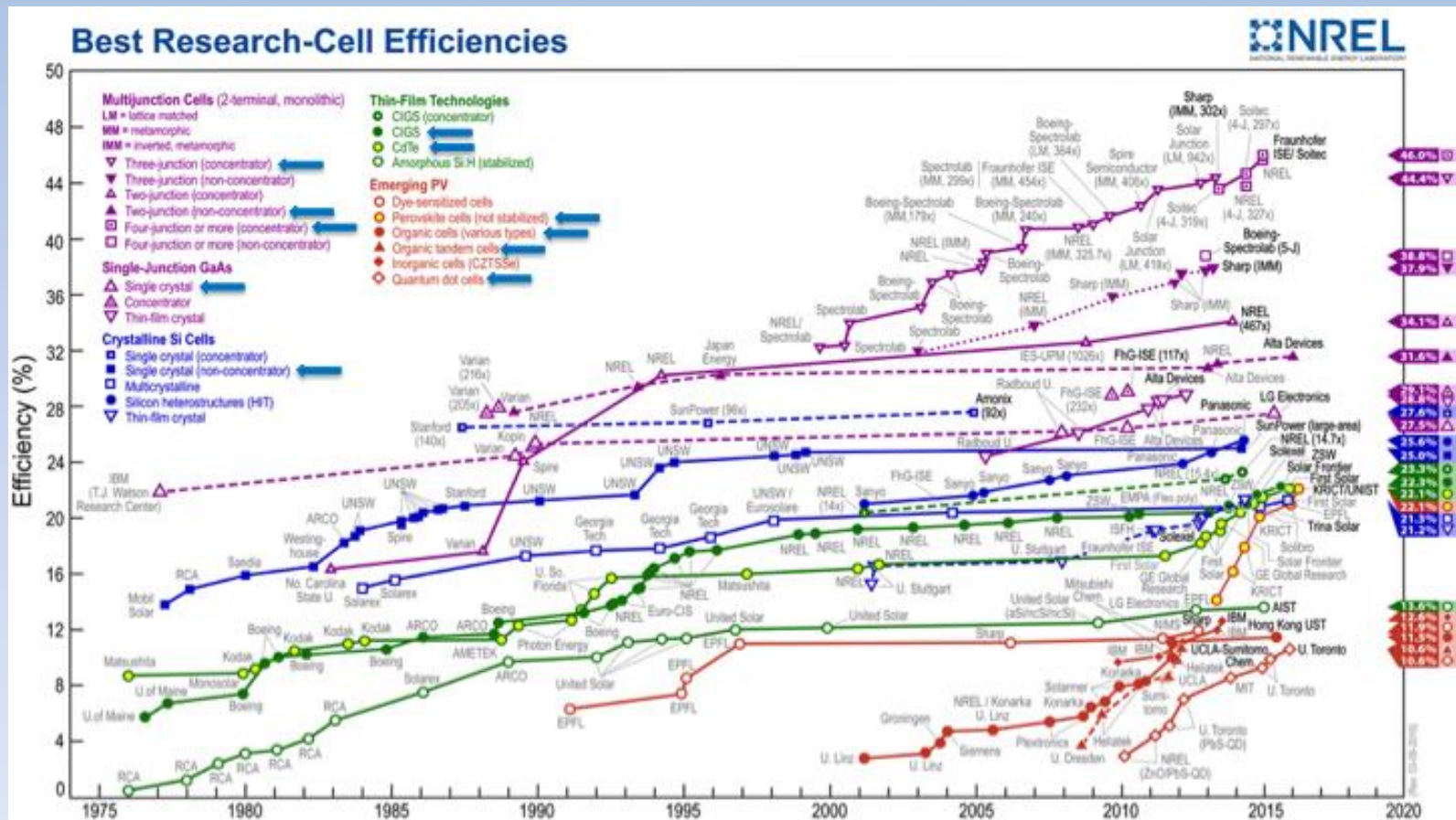
III-V
MJ & 1J

Silicon
cSi 1J & Tandems

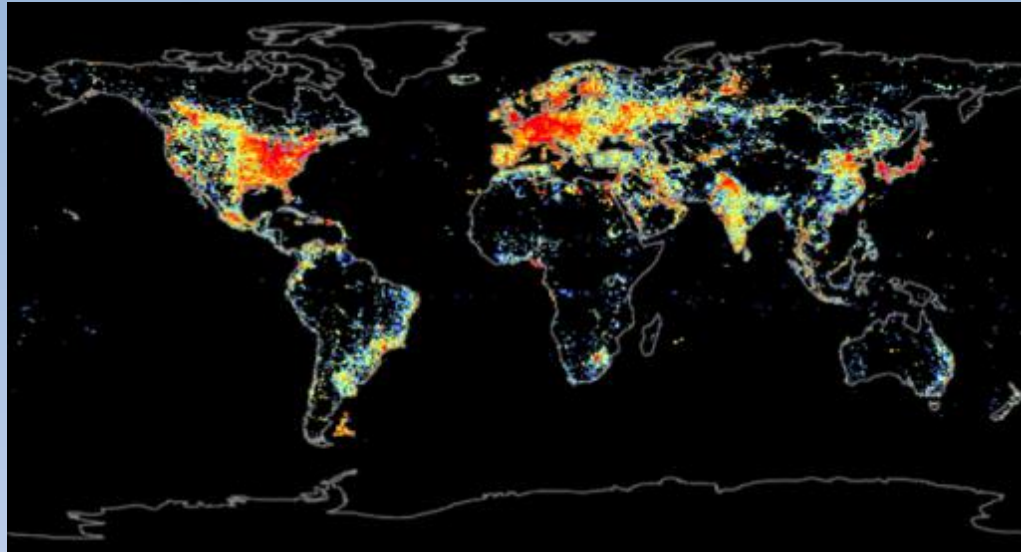
Perovskites
& OPV

Measurements &
Characterization

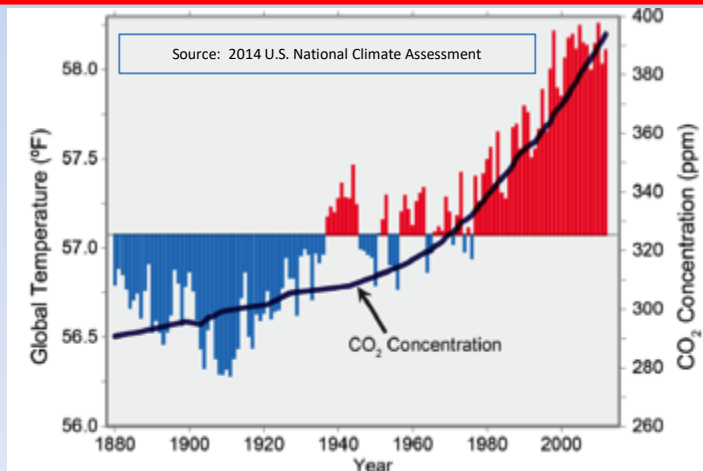
Module Reliability &
Systems Engineering



Motivation is Clear – Energy Needs vs. CO₂



- Humanity requires ~6 TW of electrical generating capacity, ~2/3 from fossil fuels.
- [CO₂] ~402 ppm and rising.



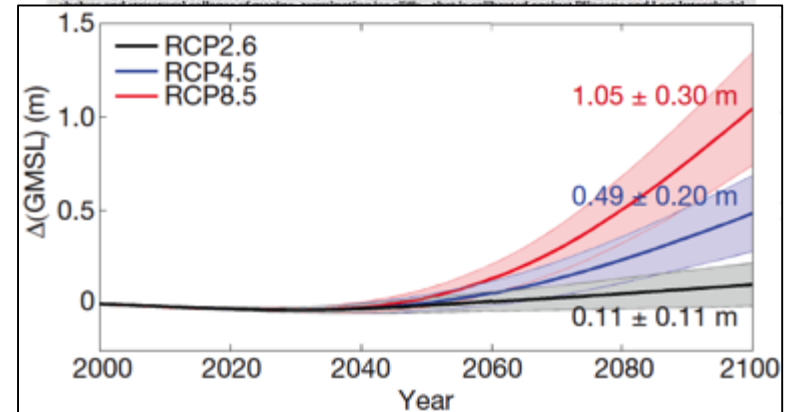
ARTICLE

doi:10.1038/nature17145

Contribution of Antarctica to past and future sea-level rise

Robert M. DeConto¹ & David Pollard²

Polar temperatures over the last several million years have, at times, been slightly warmer than today, yet global mean sea level has been 6–9 metres higher as recently as the Last Interglacial (130,000 to 115,000 years ago) and possibly higher during the Pliocene epoch (about three million years ago). In both cases the Antarctic ice sheet has been implicated as the primary contributor, blunting at its future vulnerability. Here we use a model coupling ice sheet and climate dynamics—including previously underappreciated processes linking atmospheric warming with hydrofracturing of buttressing ice



below sea level (Fig. 1a)¹⁴. Today, extensive floating ice shelves in the Ross and Weddell Seas, and smaller ice shelves and ice tongues in the Amundsen and Bellingshausen seas (Fig. 1b) provide buttressing that impedes the seaward flow of ice and stabilizes marine grounding zones (Fig. 2a). Despite their thickness (typically about 1 km near the grounding line to a few hundred metres at the calving front), a warming ocean has the potential to quickly erode ice shelves from below, at rates exceeding 10 m yr⁻¹ (ref. 14). Ice-shelf thinning and reduced backstress enhance seaward ice flow, grounding zone thinning, and retreat (Fig. 2b). Because the flux of ice across the grounding line increases strongly as a function of its thickness¹⁵, initial retreat onto a reverse-sloping bed (where the bed deepens and the ice thickness upstream) can trigger a runaway Marine Ice Sheet Instability (MISI; Fig. 2c)^{15–17}. Many WAIS grounding zones sit precariously on the edge of such reverse-sloping beds, but the EAIS also contains deep meltwater can also influence crevasse and calving rates¹⁸ (hydrofracturing) as witnessed on the Antarctic Peninsula's Larsen B ice shelf during its sudden break-up in 2002¹⁹. Similar dynamics could have affected the ice sheet during ancient warm intervals²⁰, and given enough future warming, could eventually affect many ice shelves and ice tongues, including the major buttressing shelves in the Ross and Weddell seas.

Another physical mechanism previously underappreciated at the ice-sheet scale involves the mechanical collapse of ice cliffs in places where marine-terminating ice margins approach 1 km in thickness, with >90 m of vertical exposure above sea level²¹. Today, most Antarctic outlet glaciers with deep beds approaching a water depth of 1 km are protected by buttressing ice shelves, with gently sloping surfaces at the grounding line (Fig. 2d). However, given enough atmospheric warming above or ocean warming below (Fig. 2e), ice-shelf retreat can outpace its dynamically accelerated seaward flow as buttressing is lost and

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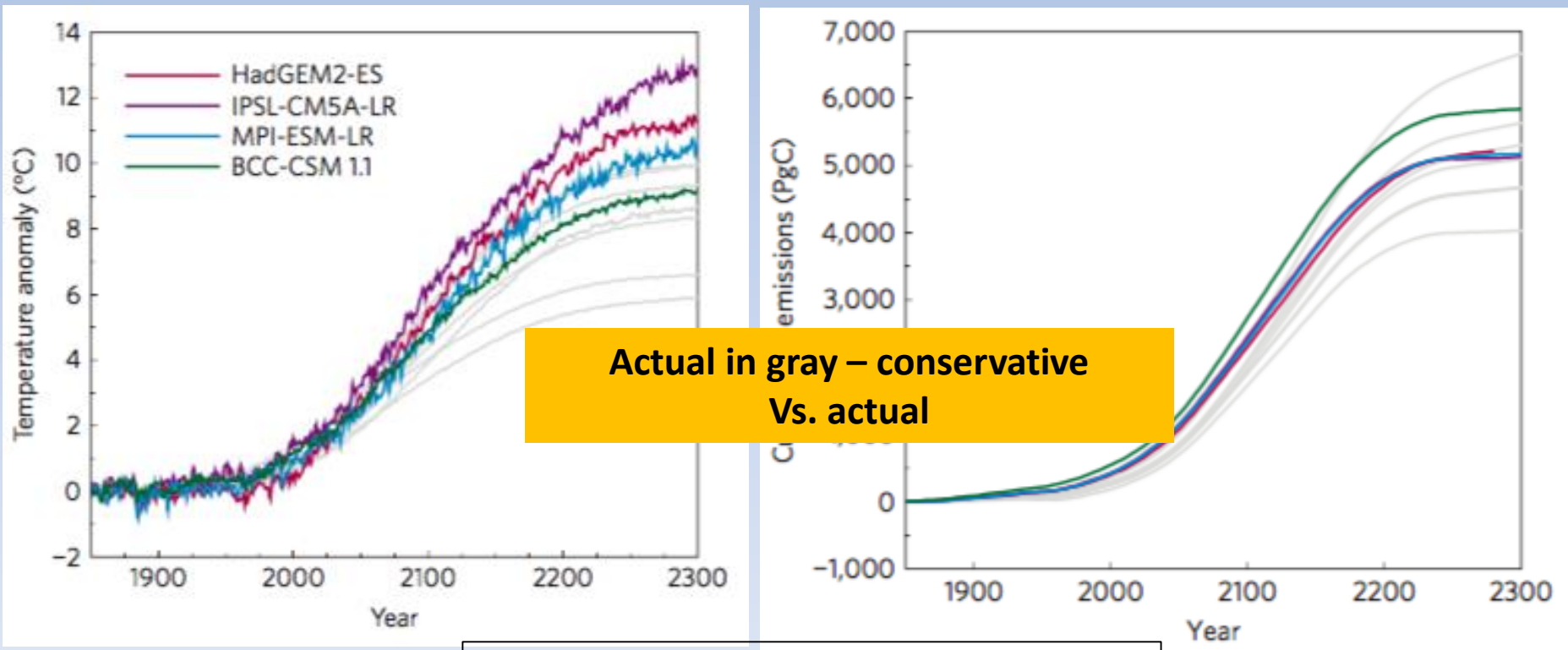
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Latest Earth System Model Results

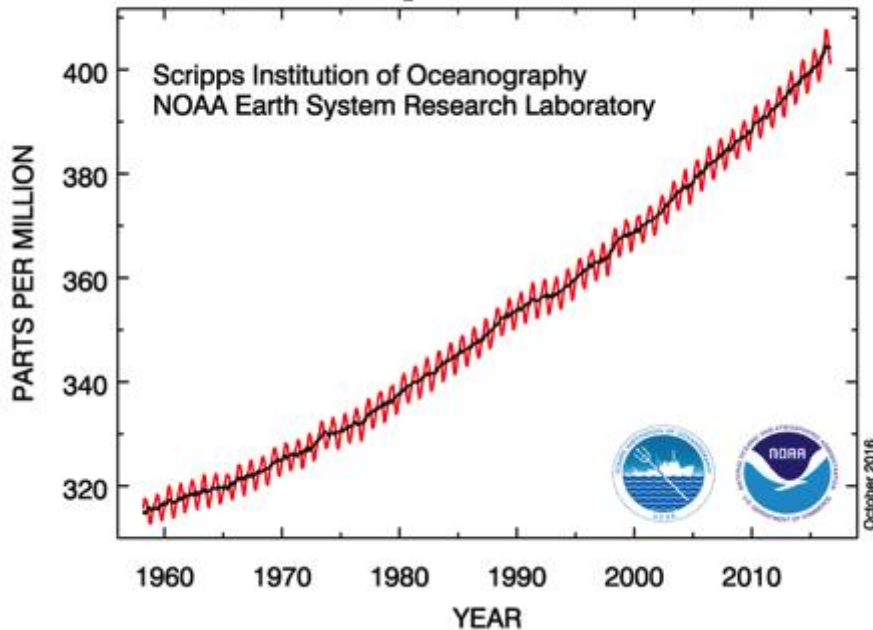
- Predicted global average surface temperature has gone up, not down, with increasingly sophisticated earth system models.
- Warming and CO₂ emissions are in fact roughly linear.
- Burning all of earth's fossil fuel resources, projected by ~2200 given current trends, would result in global average warming of 6.4–9.5° C, **mean Arctic warming of 14.7–19.5° C.**



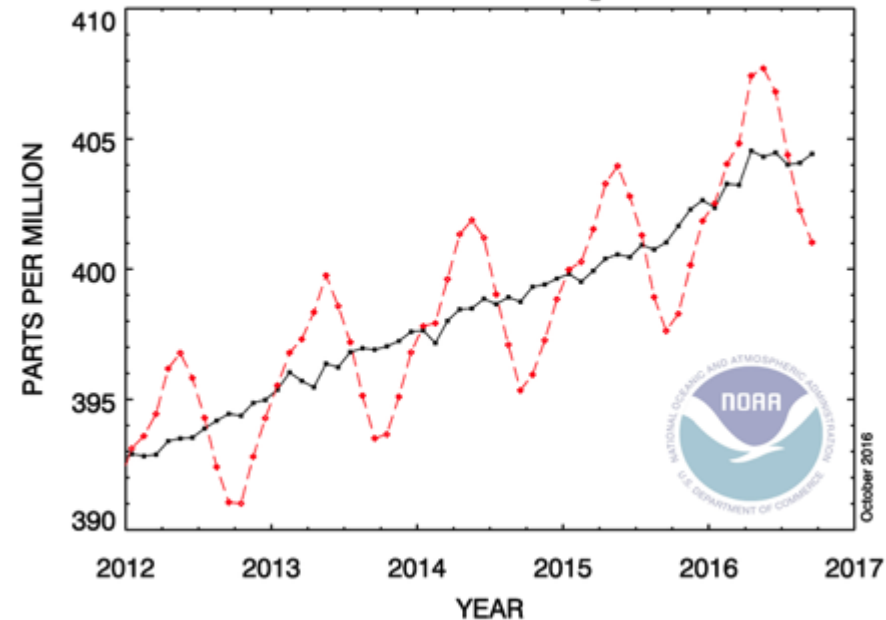
Source: Tokarska et al., *Nature Clim Change*, 23MAY16

450ppm Goal: Dramatic Change Needed

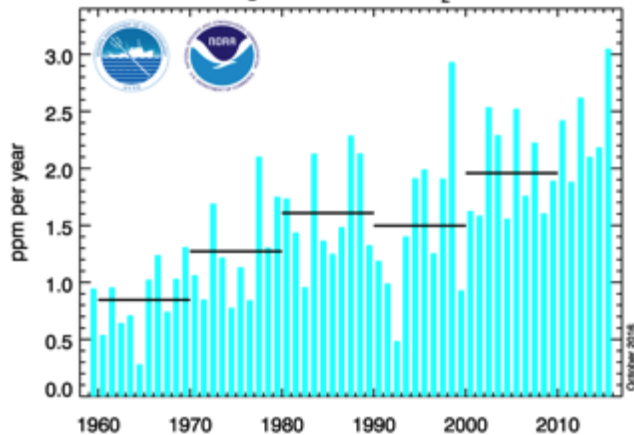
Atmospheric CO₂ at Mauna Loa Observatory



RECENT MONTHLY MEAN CO₂ AT MAUNA LOA

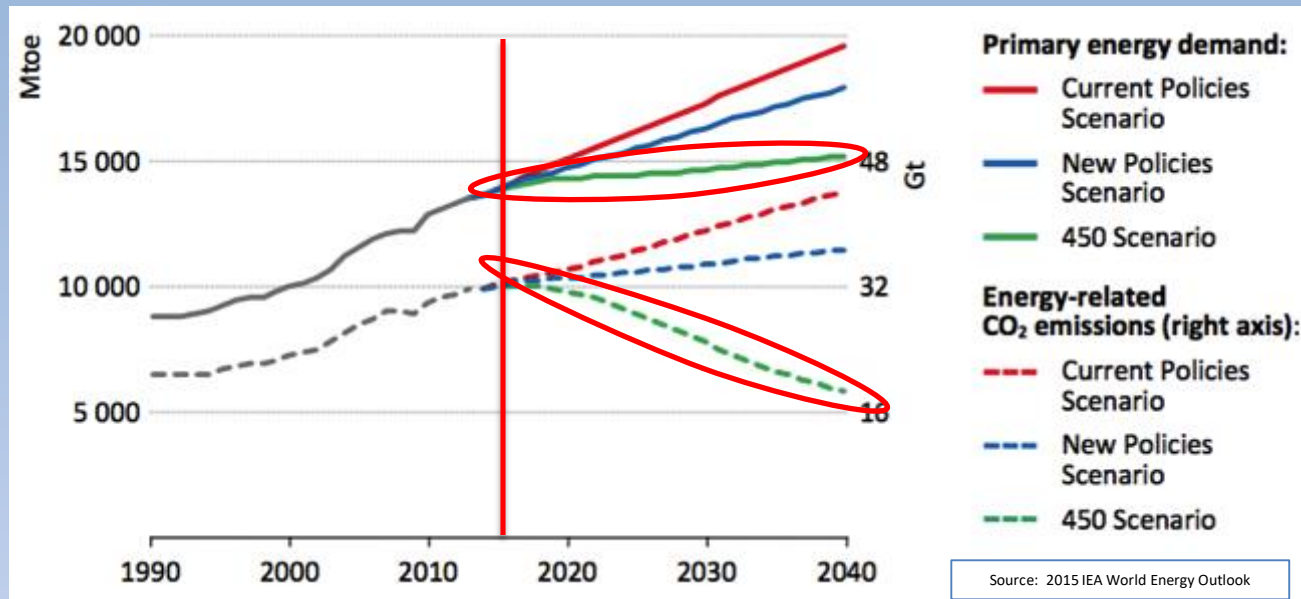


annual mean growth rate of CO₂ at Mauna Loa



- Average rate of CO₂ increase for last decade was 2 ppm/year.
- Average global CO₂ concentration is now approaching 402 ppm so even with last decade's rate of increase, we'll hit 450 ppm by 2040!

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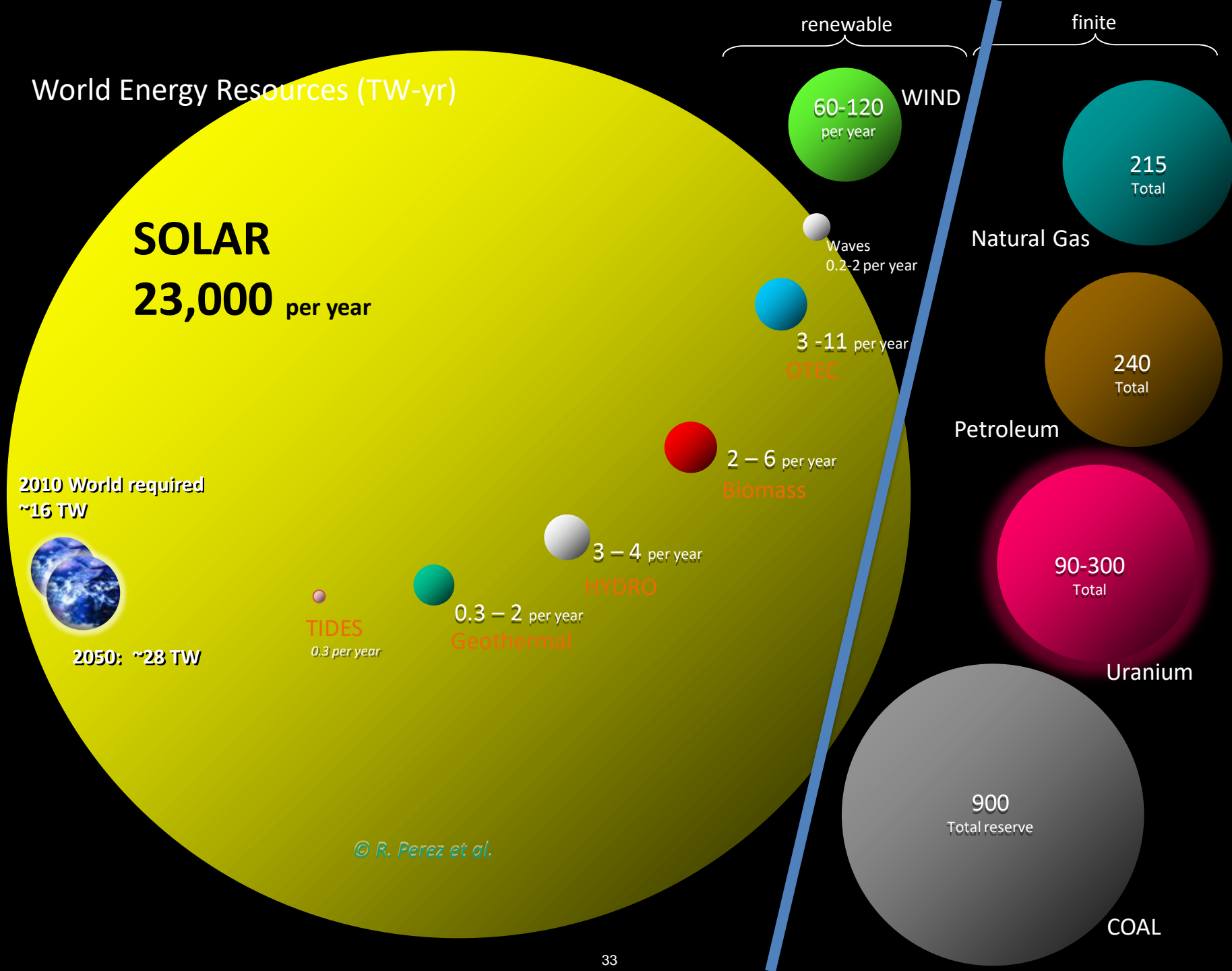
- Must hold overall energy consumption essentially flat for the next 25 years through major gains in energy efficiency.
- Must begin a major shift to zero carbon generation immediately, with measurable reductions by 2020.



HOW IS THE WORLD RESPONDING?

THE WORLDWIDE ENERGY
REVOLUTION!

World Energy Resources (TW-yr)



World Energy Resources (TW-yr)

SOLAR
23,000 per year

2010 World required
~16 TW



2050: ~28 TW

TIDES
0.3 per year

0.3 – 2 per year
Geothermal

3 – 4 per year
HYDRO

2 – 6 per year
Biomass

3 – 11 per year
OTEC

Waves
0.2-2 per year

60-120
per year

WIND

330
Total

Natural Gas

310
Total

Petroleum

90-300
Total

Uranium

900
Total reserve

COAL

renewable

finite

SHALE

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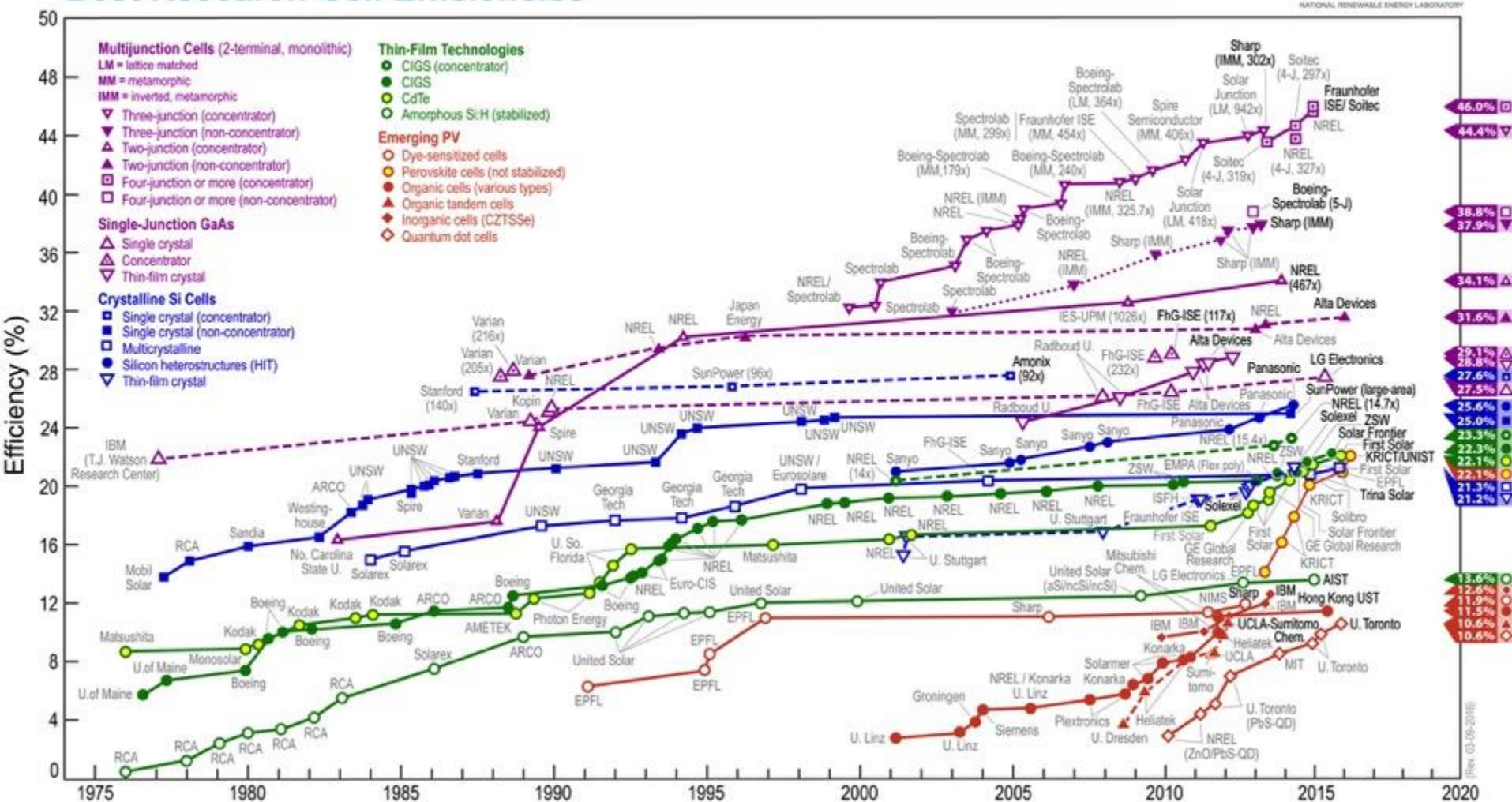
THE WORLDWIDE ENERGY
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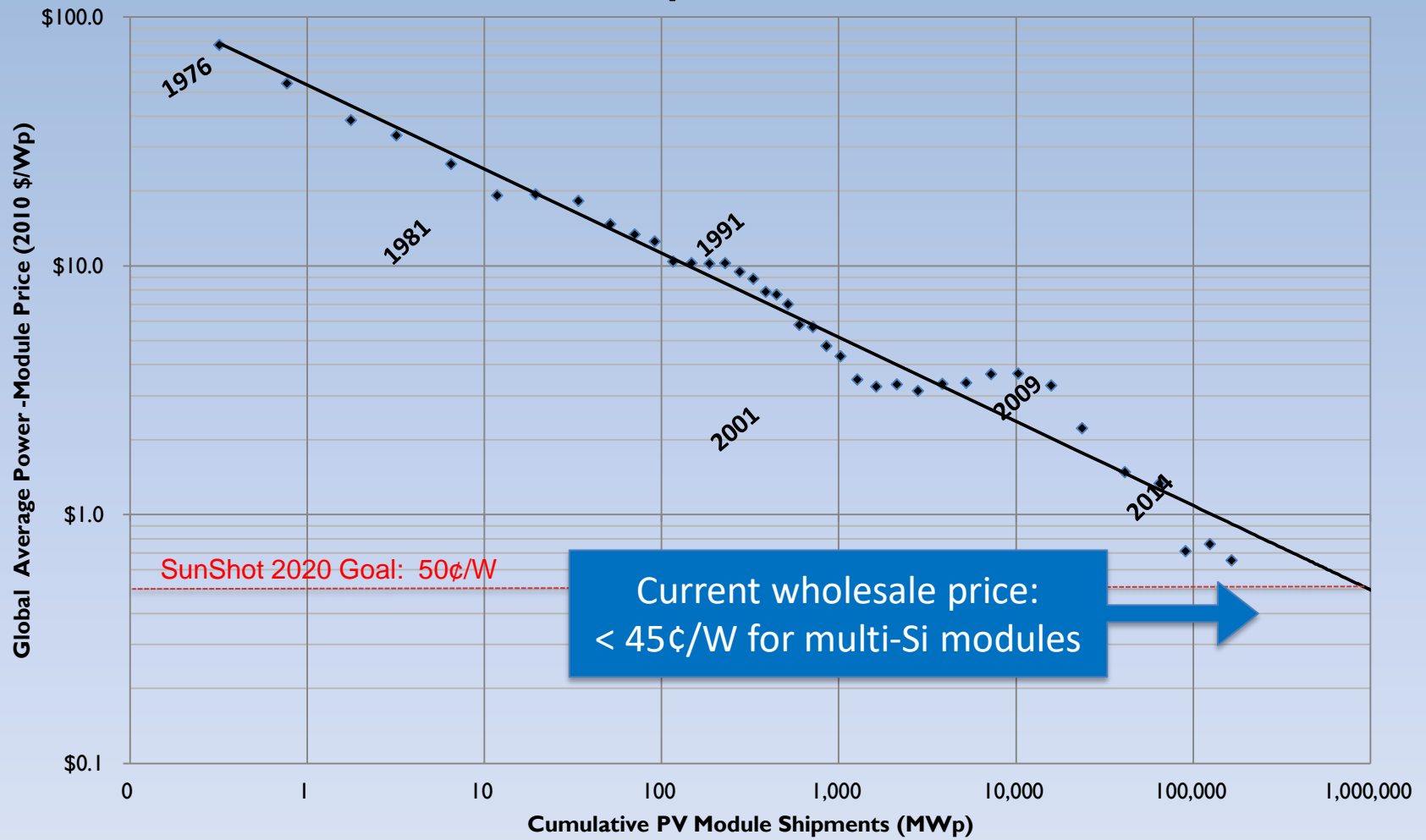
PV Research – Dramatic Progress

Best Research-Cell Efficiencies



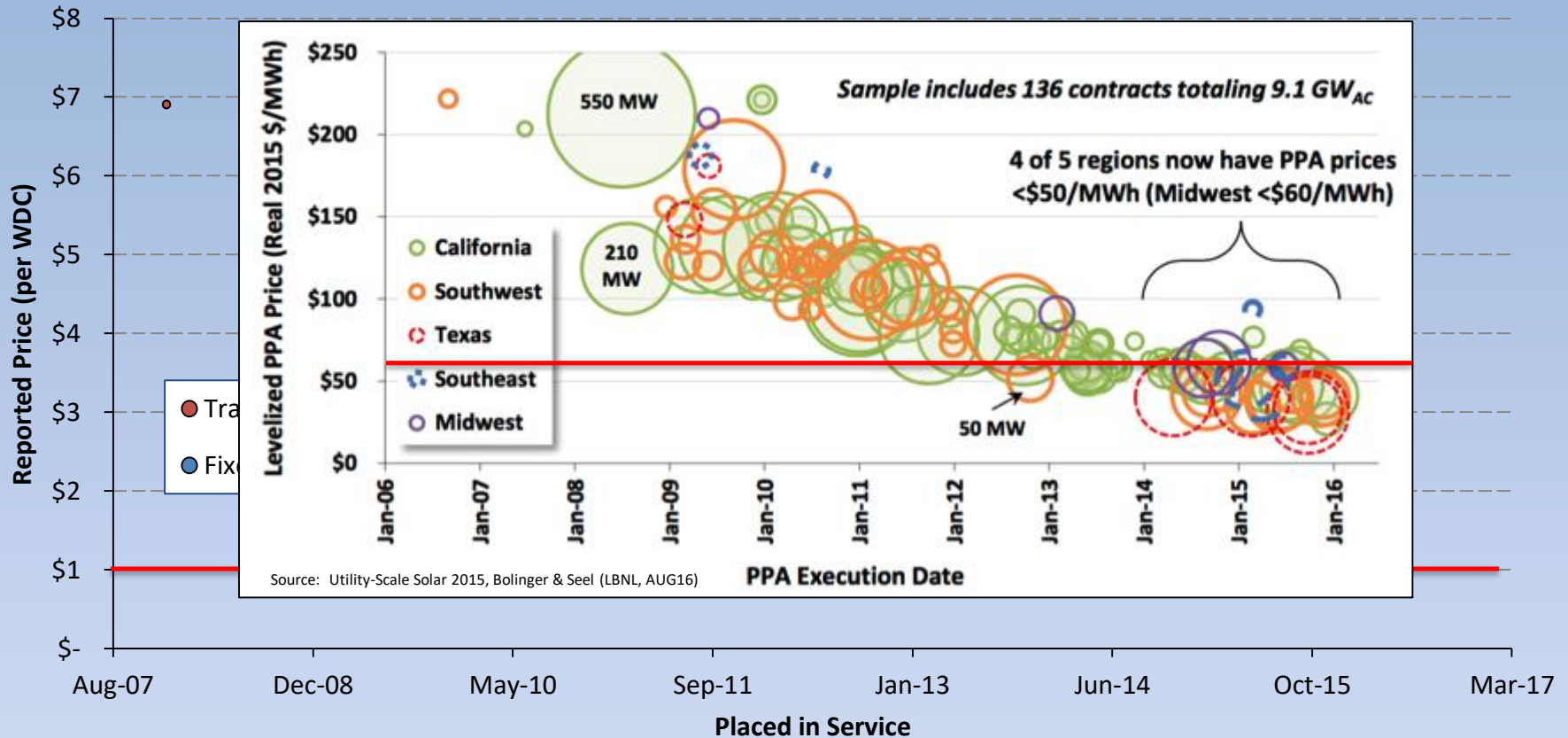
Silicon PV Module Cost Decline

PV Module Experience Curve



Sources: Strategies Unlimited, Navigant Consulting & Paula Mints

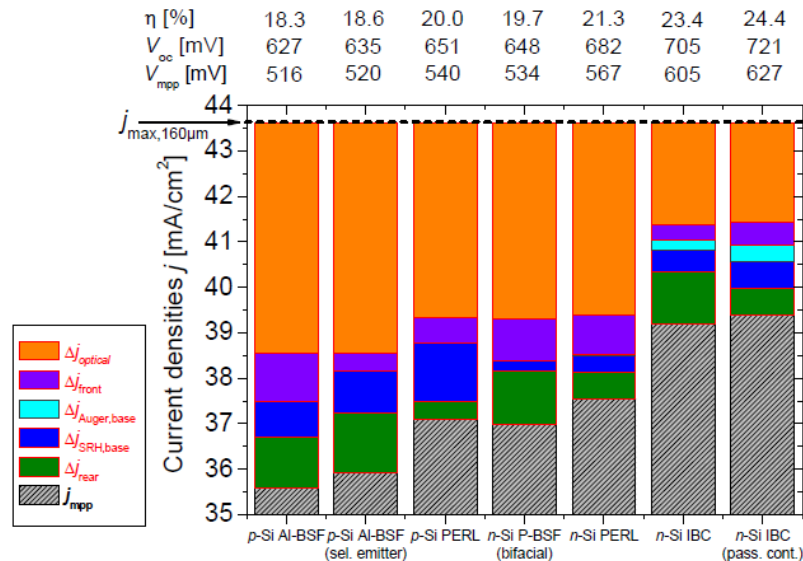
US System Pricing – Utility Scale >5 MW



- PV system costs at all scales declining rapidly.
- SunShot goal of \$1/W corresponds to LCOE of 6 ¢/kWh.

Si Tandem Cells

IBC cell with passivated contacts on n-type silicon



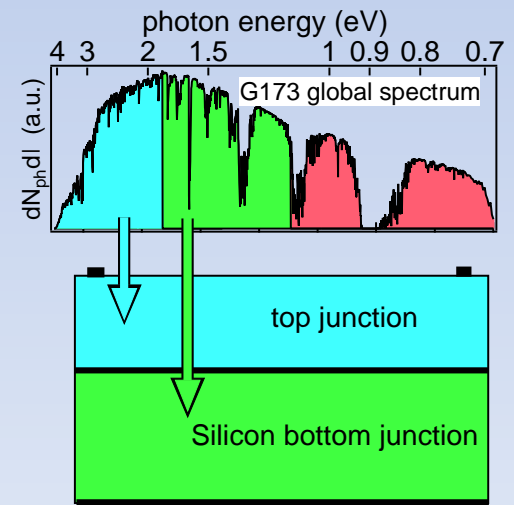
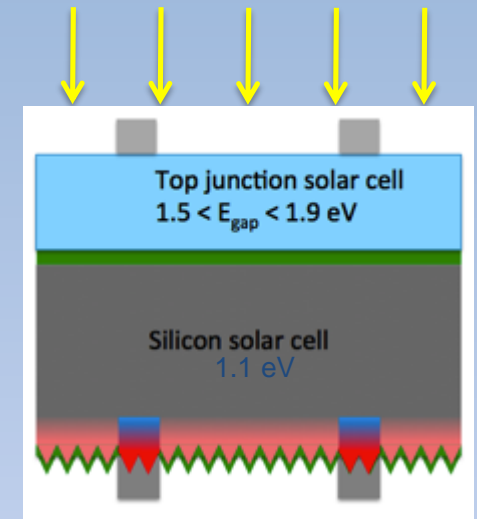
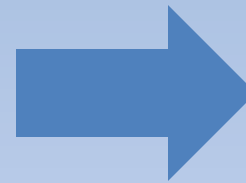
39, Stefan Glunz, July 2012

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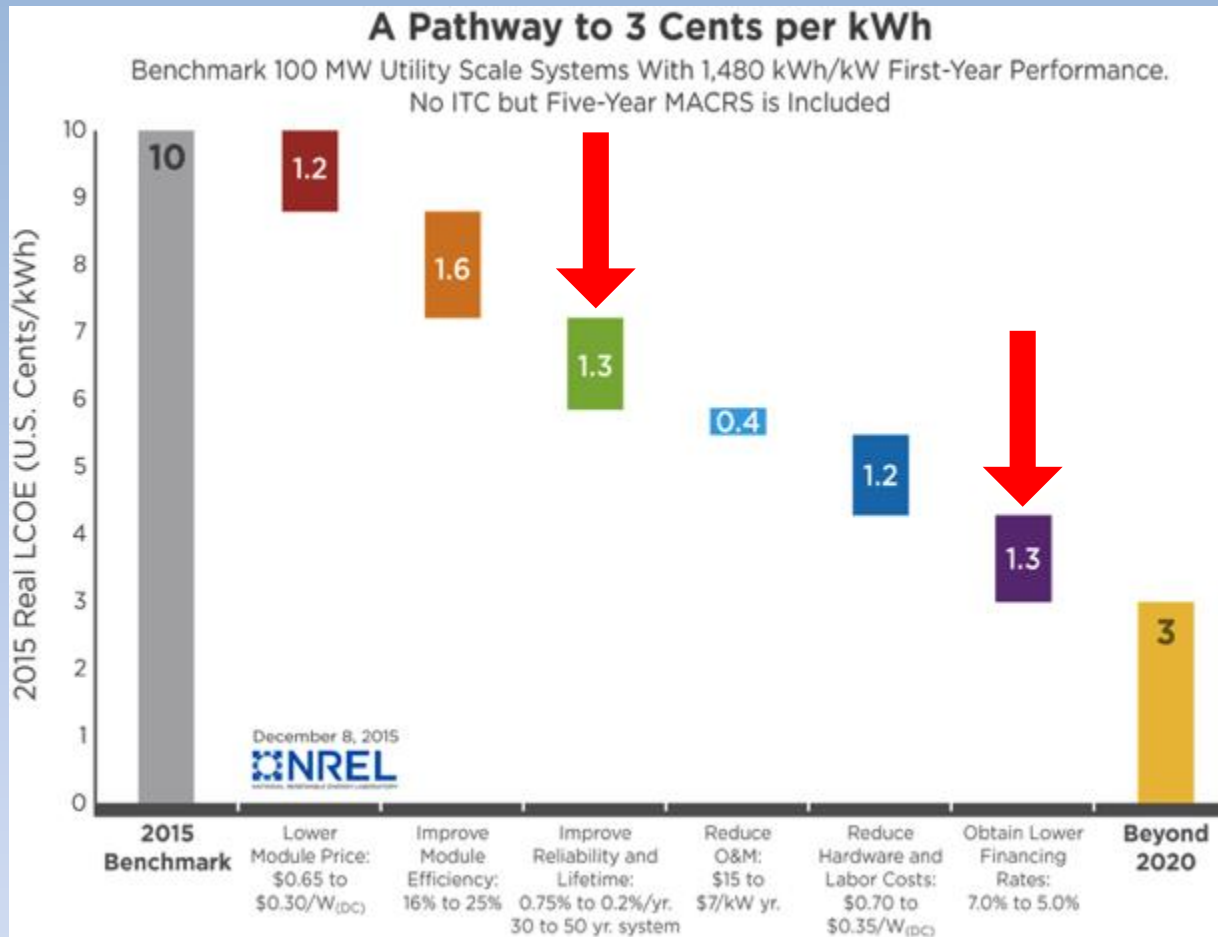
Fraunhofer ISE

Source: Stefan Glunz presentation, NREL Si Workshop in Vail, CO, July, 2012

- Path to > 30% efficiency for Si wafer based cells.
- Top cell requirements:
 - Lattice & CTE match to Si if epitaxially grown
 - ~1.7 eV band gap
- Perovskites may evolve into good polycrystalline choice.

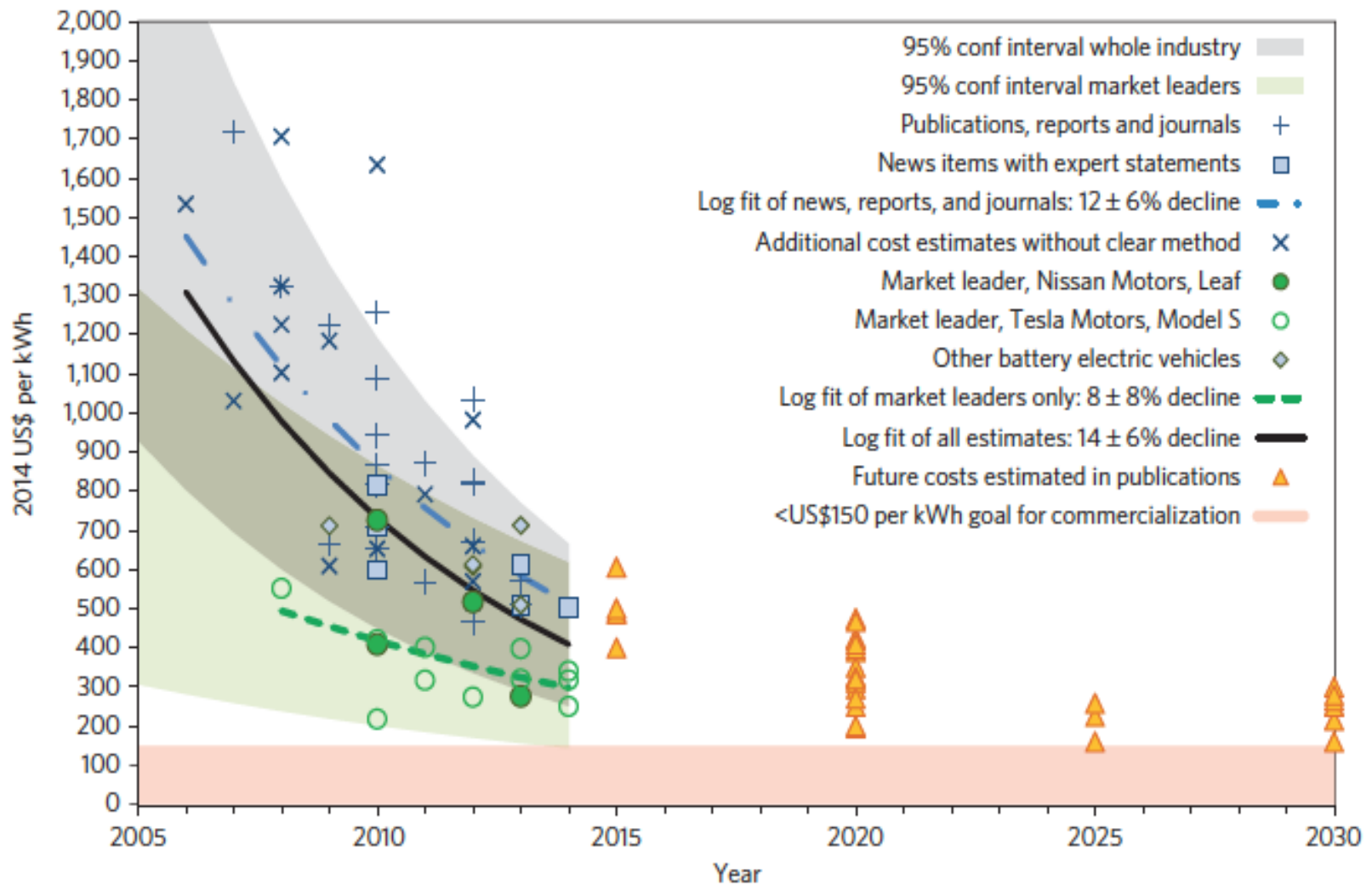


Example – Path to 3¢/kWh LCOE Target



Module cost, efficiency and **reliability** will be the focus of major new R&D efforts.

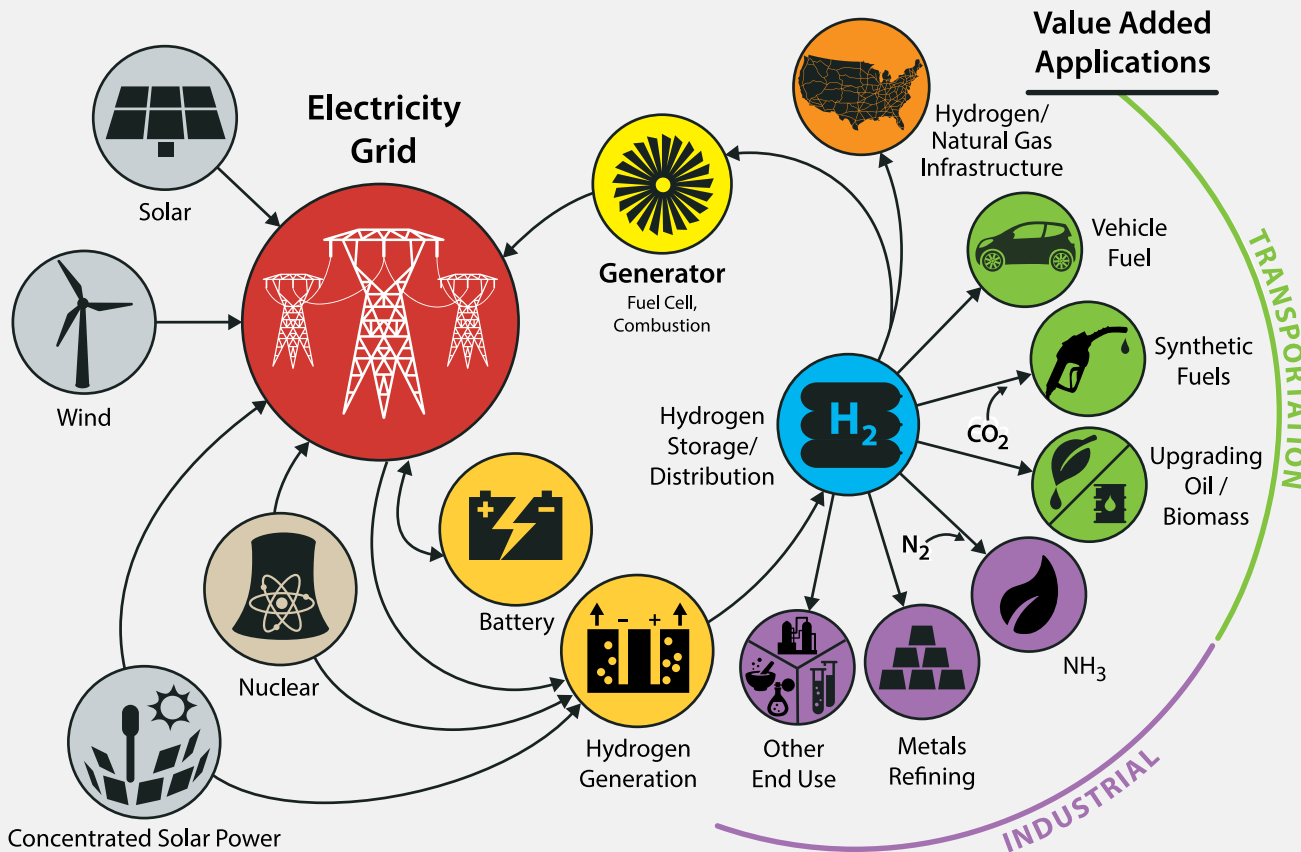
Li Ion Batteries - Cost Declines



Source: Nykvist & Nilsson, *Nature Climate Change*, 23MAR15

Future Energy System – Commodity H₂

Future H₂ at Scale Energy System



WHY HYDROGEN?

- Hydrogen is an ideal clean energy carrier—connecting diverse energy sources to diverse applications
- It can play a unique and critical role in addressing many of the energy sector's greatest challenges

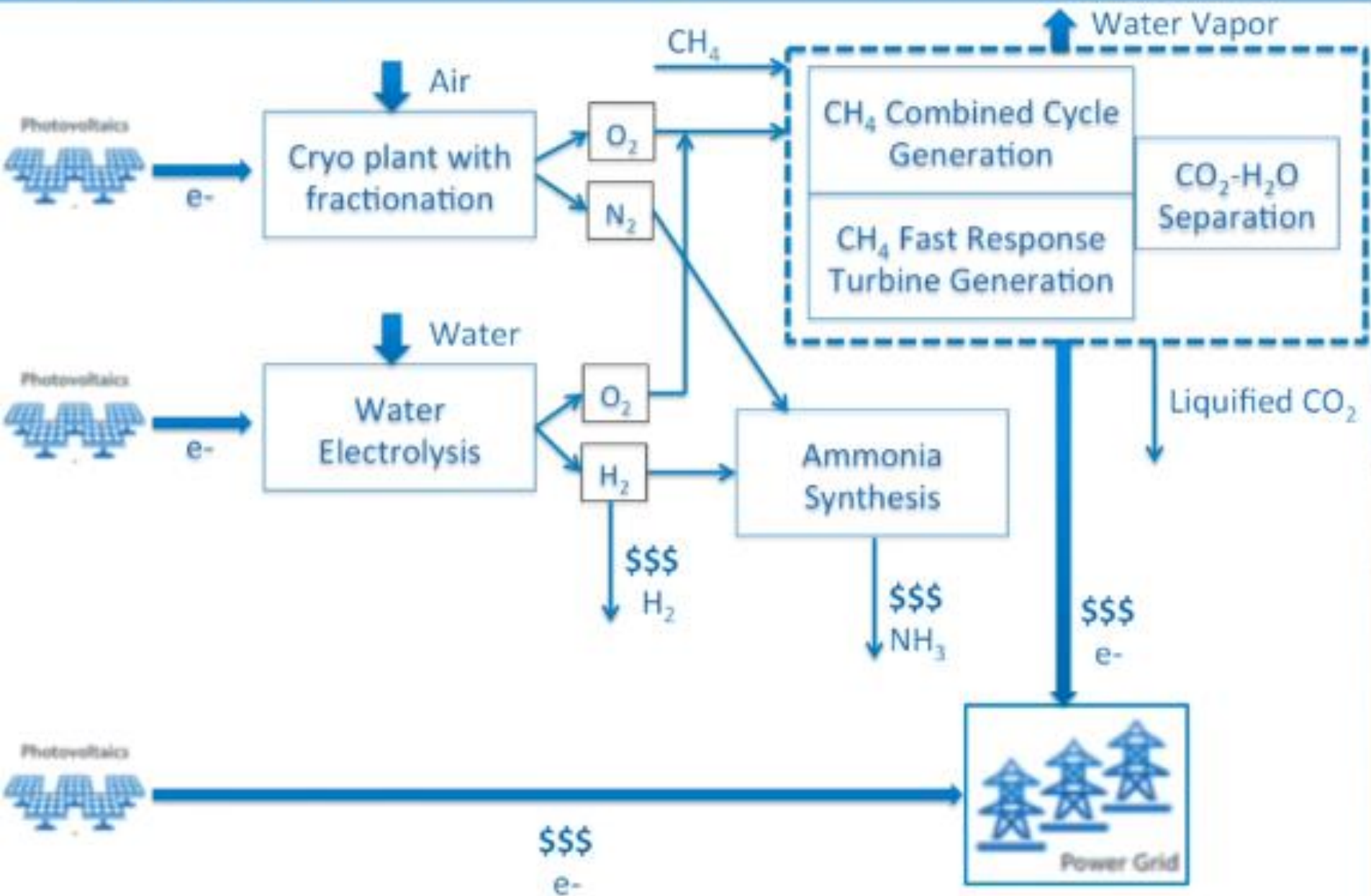
TODAY'S ENERGY SYSTEM

- Renewable energy—particularly wind and solar—offer great promise but have challenges associated with variable and concurrent generation
- Options to achieve deep decarbonization while meeting society's multi-sector energy demands are limited, particularly in the industrial and transportation sectors

FUTURE H₂ AT SCALE ENERGY SYSTEM

- Connects low-carbon energy sources to all of the energy sectors
- Uses carbon-free, renewable inputs to service all of society's energy needs, in particular the difficult to decarbonize sectors of industry and transportation
- Does not compete with other options—rather, it enables increased renewable penetration
- Can decrease 45% of all U.S. carbon emissions by 2050

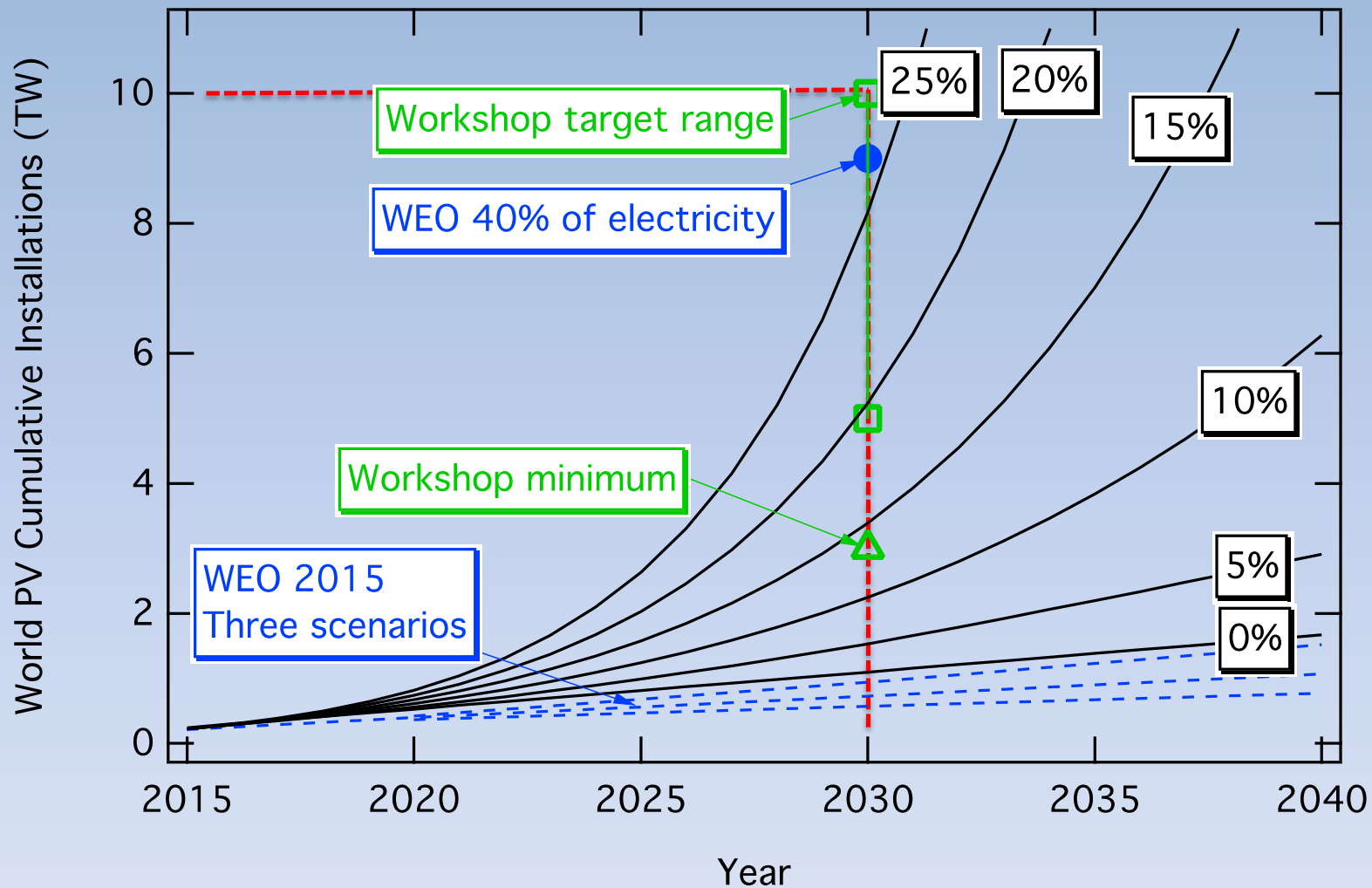
Hybrid Systems – CCS with PV and H₂/NH₃ Production



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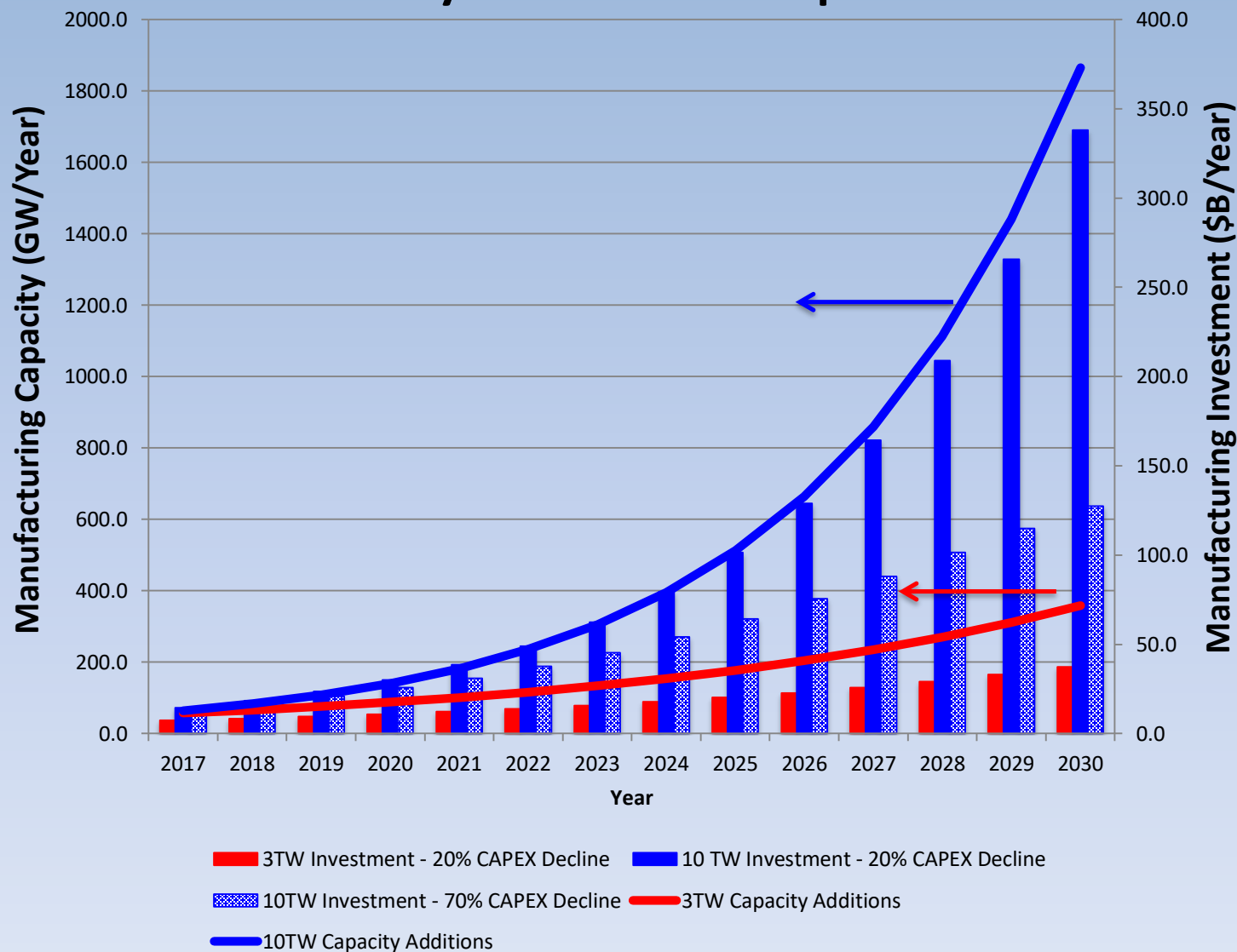


Pathway to 10TW of PV in 2030

Case (All Cases Based on 2015 WEO, "450 Scenario")	PV Generating Capacity (TW)	PV Energy Produced (TWh)	Fraction of World Electricity Generation
WEO Projection for PV in 2030	1.0	1,297	4%
PV at 15% of World Electricity in 2030	3.4	4,452	15%
PV at 20% of World Electricity in 2030	4.5	5,936	20%
10TW of PV in 2030	10.0	13,179	44%
PV at 50% of World Electricity in 2030	11.3	14,841	50%
PV at 15% of World Energy in 2030	14.9	19,575	66%
PV at 20% of World Energy in 2030	19.9	26,100	88%
PV at 30% of World Energy in 2030	29.8	39,150	132%

- 10TW of cumulative PV generating capacity by 2030 is needed to meet atmospheric CO2 targets.
- How will we get there?
⇒ Cheap PV generated electricity will create new demand.

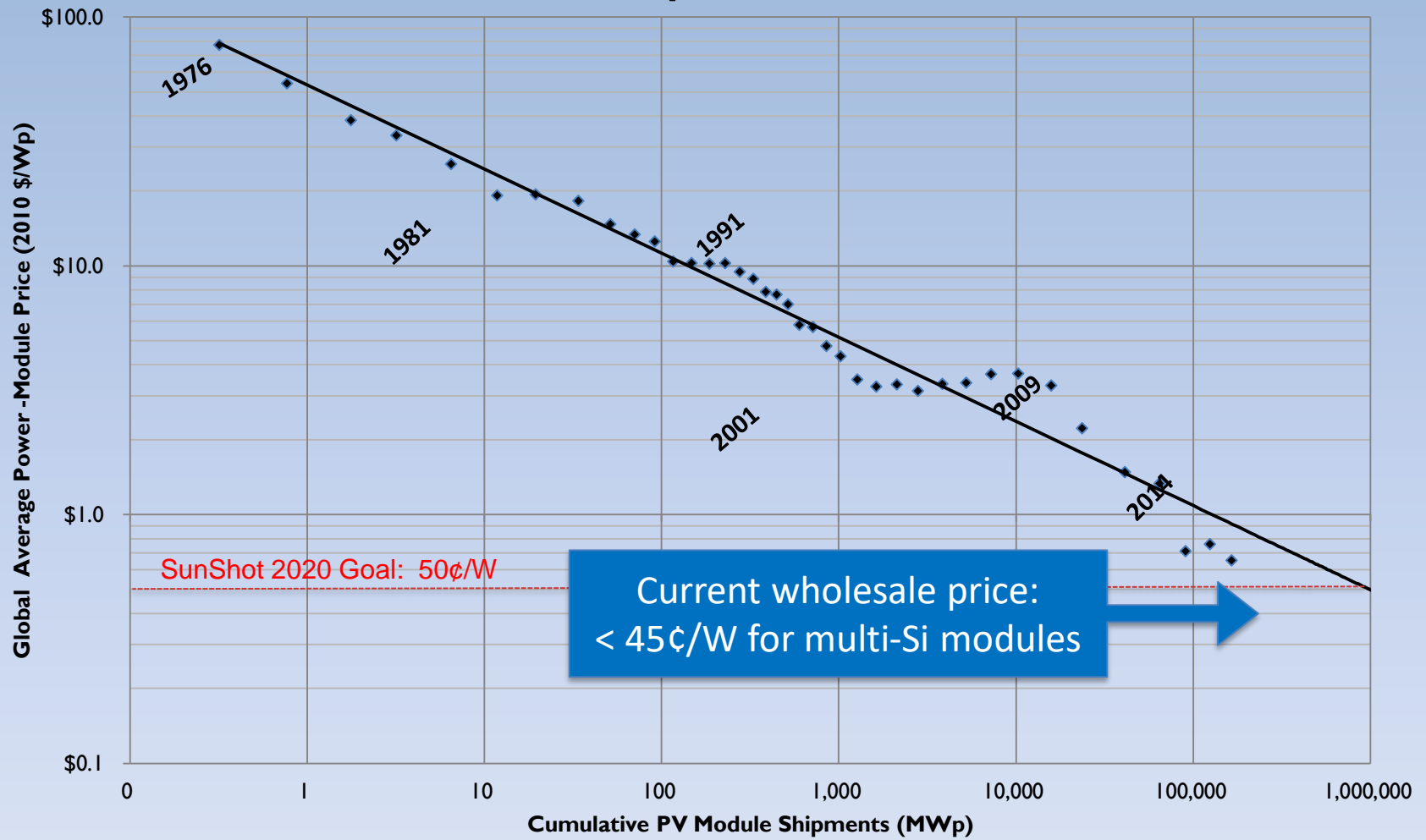
10TW by 2030 – Capital Intensity Role



- Left axis shows annual production capacity required in GW/year.
- Right axis shows annual mfg. investments required in \$B/year.
- Red line and bars shows the case for 3TW by 2030 assuming only a 20% decline in capital intensity.
- Blue line and bars shows the case for 10TW by 2030 comparing both a 20% and 70% decline in capital intensity.

Silicon PV Module Cost Decline

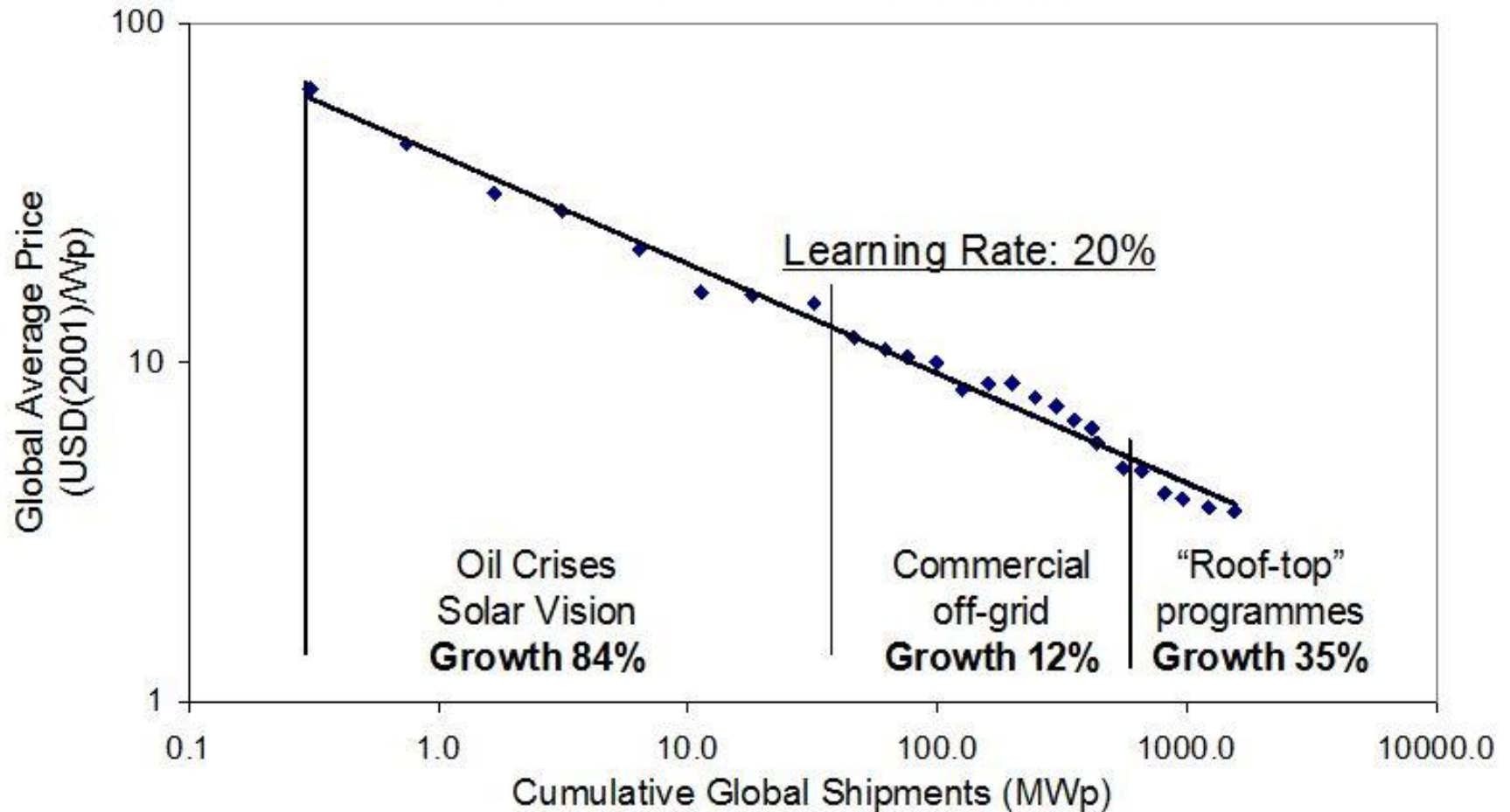
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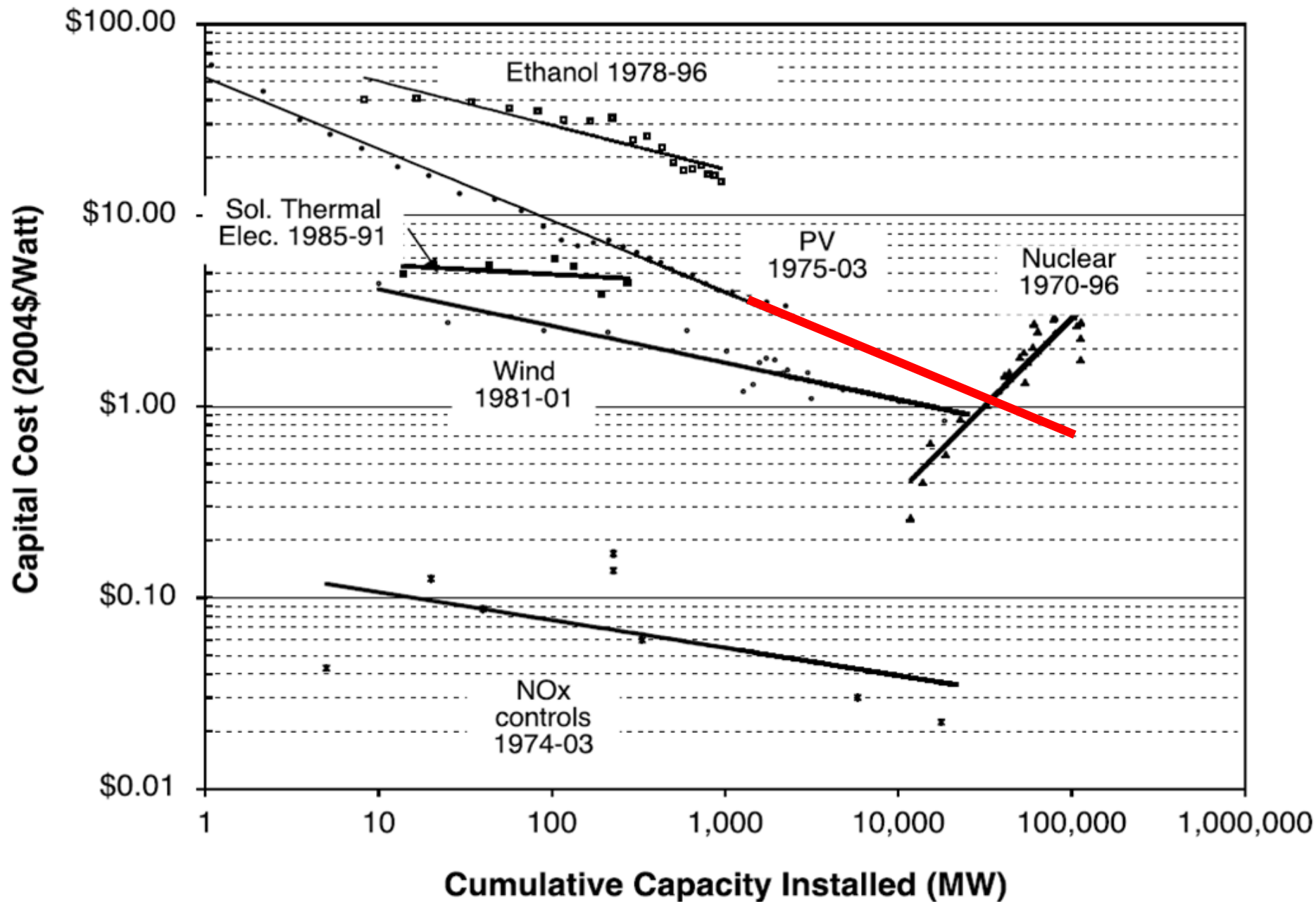


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PV Power Modules 1976-2001

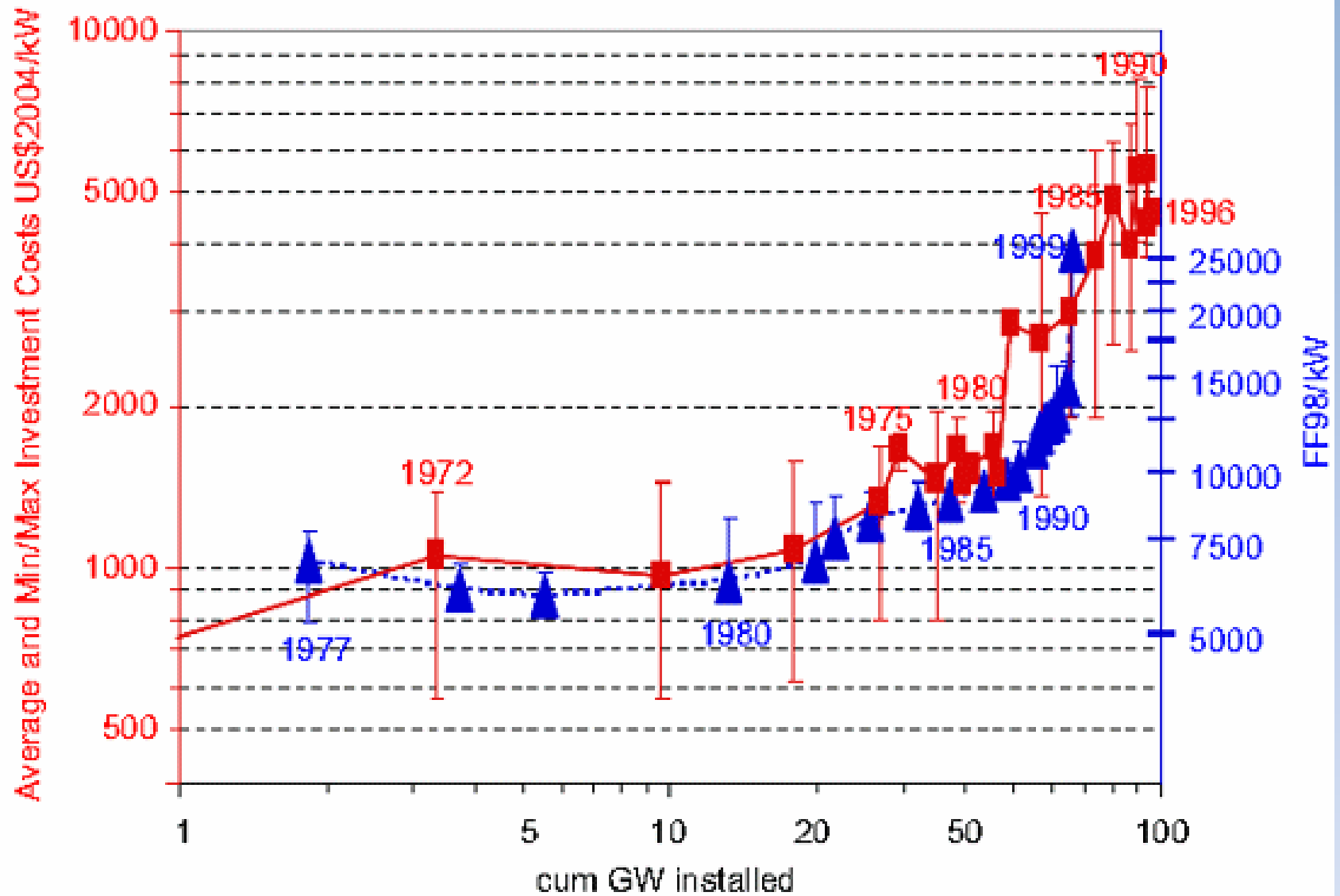
(PHOTEX data from Strategies Unlimited)





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PV

Solar Energy



Golmud Solar Park, Western China – 200 MW

PV Markets – Residential



PV Markets – Commercial



Credit: IKEA

PV Markets – Utility



PV Markets – Utility



Solar Star

- BHE Renewables
- 1.7 million SunPower c-Si panels
- 579 MWac
- Power for 255,000 homes
- 300,000 tons CO2 displaced
- 5 square miles



PV Markets – Utility

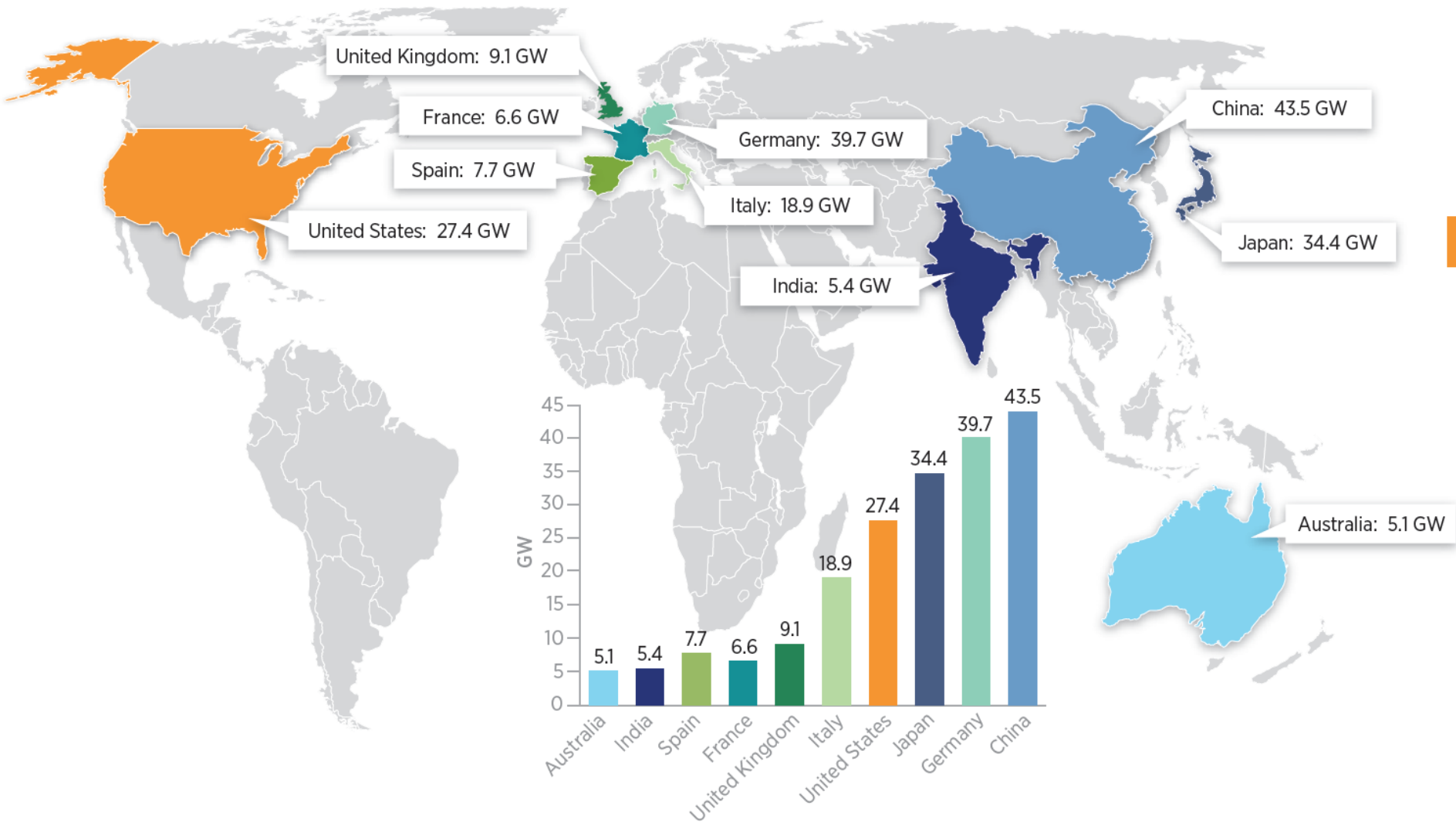


Desert Sunlight Solar Farm

- NextEra Energy
- 8.8 million First Solar CdTe panels
- 550 MWac
- Power for 160,000 homes
- 300,000 tons CO₂ displaced
- 6.2 square miles



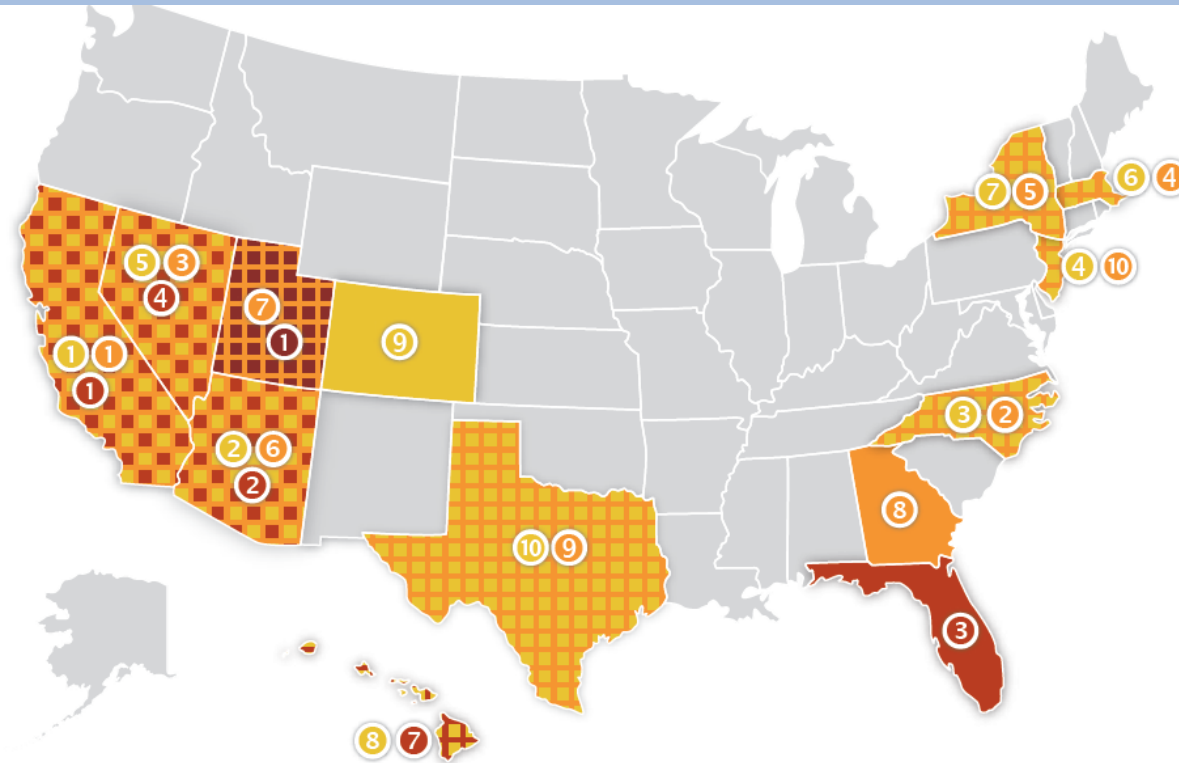
Global Solar Energy Markets - 2015



Sources: REN21, SEIA/GTM

Includes CSP and grid-connected PV; capacity is reported in MWac.

U.S. Solar Deployment



PV Cumulative Capacity ¹ (MW)	
1 California	11,987
2 Arizona	2,020
3 North Carolina	2,087
4 New Jersey	1,632
5 Nevada	1,042
6 Massachusetts	1,037
7 New York	638
8 Hawaii	557
9 Colorado	542
10 Texas	537

PV Annual Capacity ¹ Additions (MW)	
1 California	3,266
2 North Carolina	1,160
3 Nevada	307
4 Massachusetts	286
5 New York	241
6 Arizona	234
7 Utah	231
8 Georgia	209
9 Texas	207
10 New Jersey	181

CSP Cumulative Capacity ² (MW)	
1 California	1,256
2 Arizona	283
3 Florida	75
4 Nevada	174
7 Hawaii	7

CSP Annual Capacity Additions (MW)	
Nevada	110

The Energy Transition— Trends

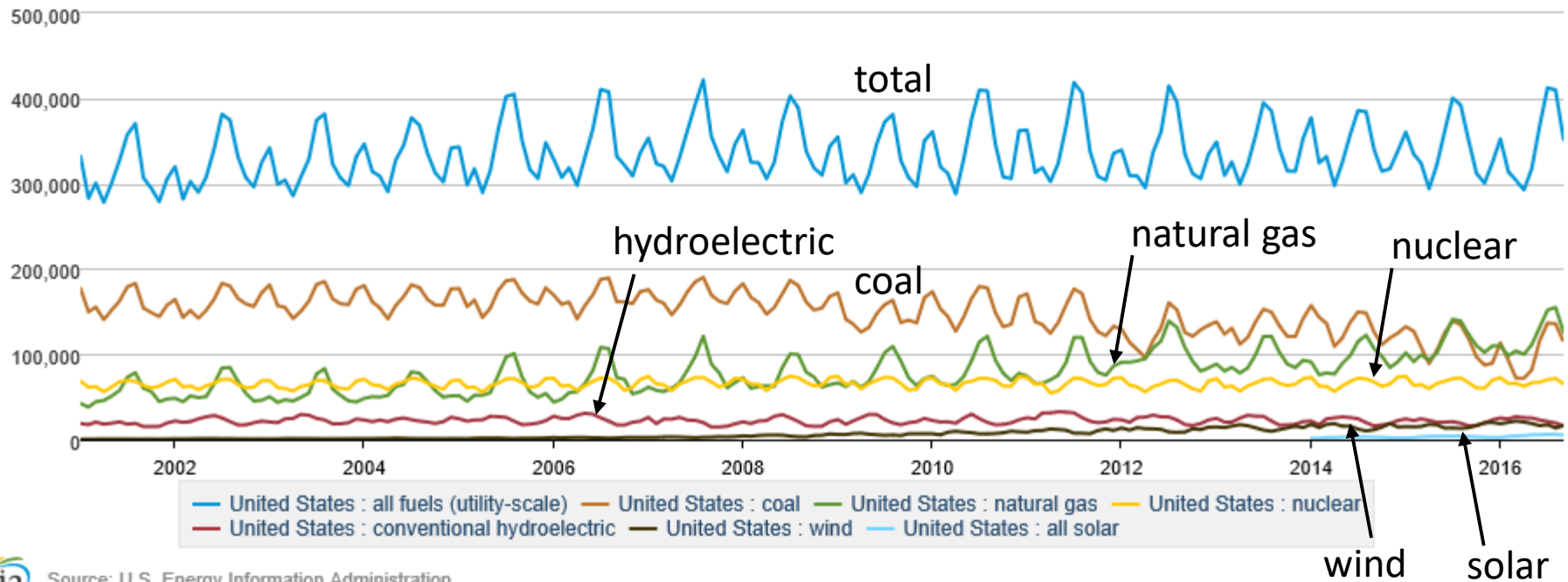
Electricity Generation in the U.S. by Source

U.S. Energy Information Administration, Nov 2016

Net generation for all sectors, monthly

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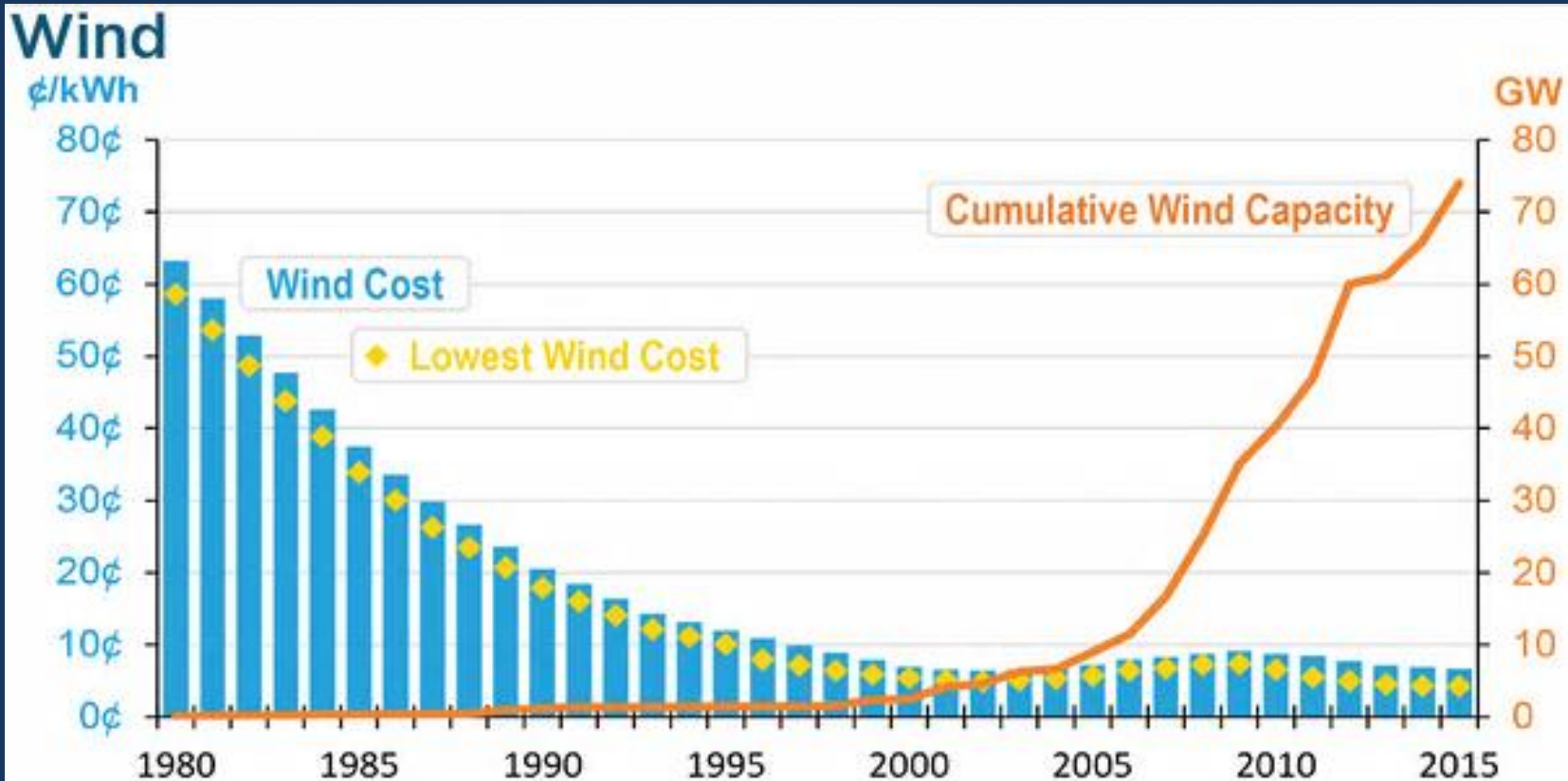


Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

Overall electrical generation in the United States is roughly flat for 2006-2016.
Coal-fired generation has been dropping since 2009.
Summer usage causes annual fluctuations of about one-third.
Wind is 5.1% and solar is 1.4% of all electrical generation as of October 2016.

Wind energy is blowing away expectations

...due to its low cost, US wind energy has tripled since 2008. Wind now supplies 5% of total US electricity generation. DOE 2016 report, via The Guardian, 3 Oct 2016.



Cost data from references are inflation adjusted to dollar year 2015, and exclude the production tax credit. "Wind Cost" data estimates the levelized cost of energy from a representative wind site from references [1] and [2] and "Lowest Wind Cost" represents costs derived from power purchase agreements from good to excellent wind resource sites in the interior of the country as reported in reference [9]. ¹ Deployment data also from reference [9]. 1 gigawatt (GW) = 1,000 megawatts (MW).

Solar energy's bright future

Utility-scale solar farm costs have fallen 64% since 2008, and distributed solar costs have fallen by 54%. DOE 2016 report, via The Guardian, 3 Oct 2016.

Solar PV: Utility-Scale



Costs from reference [4]; Deployment from reference [16]. Costs shown are the median costs and exclude the effect of the Investment Tax Credit. 1 gigawatt (GW) = 1,000 megawatts (MW). Costs and capacity are reported as DC power.

The World's First Solar Road Opens in France

Justin Worland, Time, 22 Dec 2016

The French Ministry of the Environment funded the 1-km (0.6 mile) project to test whether solar panels can be implemented effectively at a large scale. The project is intended to power the streetlights in the French town of Tourouvre-au-Perche in Normandy.



French Minister for Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy, Segolene Royal walks on a solar panel road during its inauguration in Tourouvre, France

The Largest Solar Farm In Alabama Is Now Online

Steve Hanley, ClearTechnica, March 19, 2017

The largest solar farm in Alabama history is now online and contributing about 75 megawatts of clean renewable energy.



Jay Stowe, vice president of distributed energy resources for the Tennessee Valley Authority, says, “It is a 640-acre solar energy center. There’s about 300,000 solar panels that will be able to produce enough power to supply about 15,000 homes with carbon-free electricity.” The River Bend solar farm cost \$150 million and is the largest in the TVA system or the state of Alabama

U.S Solar Jobs Boom While Oil, Coal Struggle

Fortune, 12 Jan 2016

More Americans are now installing solar panels on building rooftops than mining coal or extracting oil and gas, according to a report released Tuesday by the non-profit solar advocacy group The Solar Foundation.

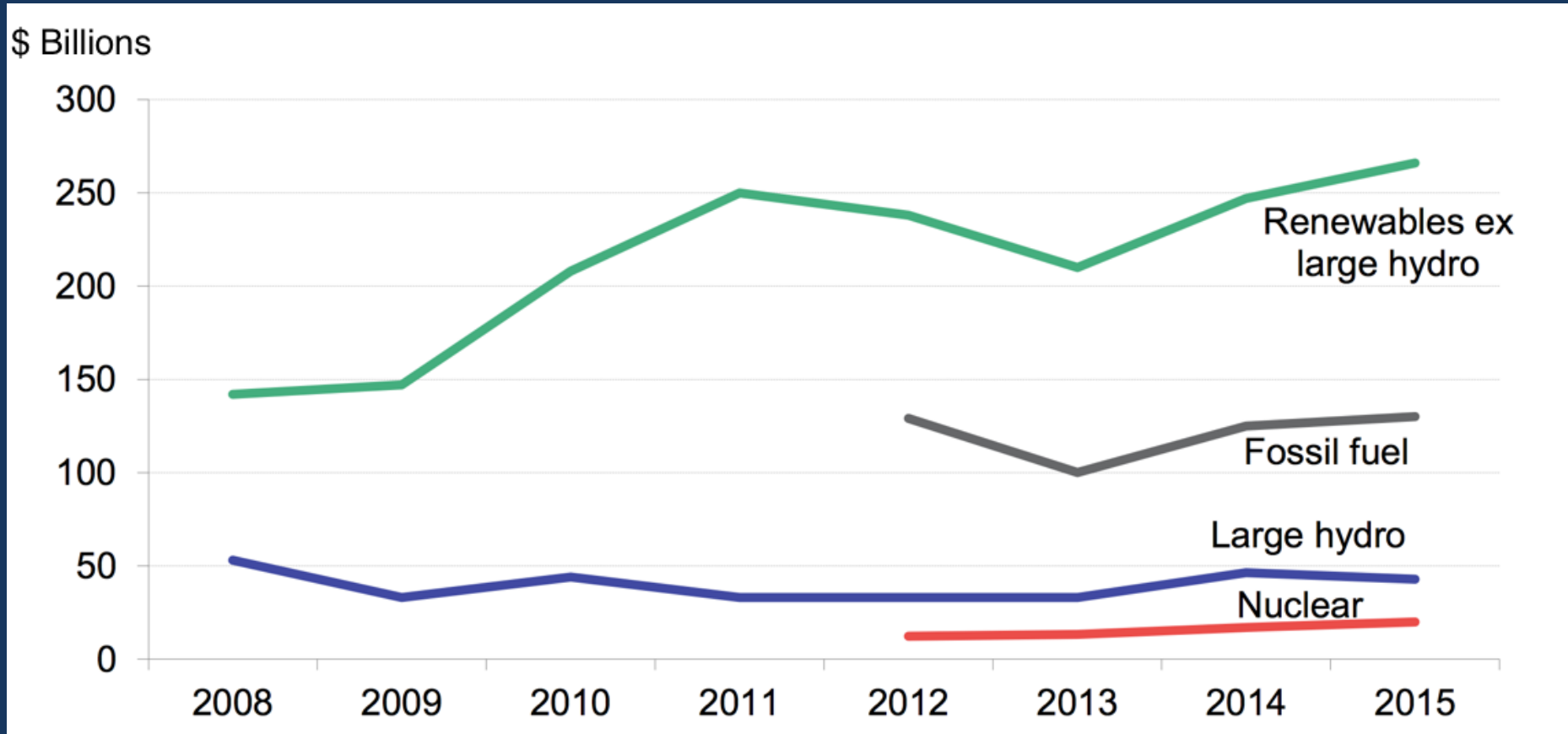
The U.S. solar industry grew dramatically in 2015, and is expected to continue to do so this year. The industry now employs 209,000 workers after adding over 35,000 jobs last year. By the end of this year, its ranks are expected to grow to 240,000 workers.



An installer for Stellar Solar carries a solar panel during installation at a home in Encinitas in San Diego, California, U.S. Photograph by Sam Hodgson — Bloomberg via Getty Images

Renewables are beating fossil fuels 2 to 1

Bloomberg News, by Tom Randall



Investment in World Power Capacity, 2008-2015

Bloomberg New Energy Finance, UNEP 6 Apr 2016.

Renewable energy projects surpassed all other sources of new electricity added to the global supply last year, says a new report released this week by the International Energy Agency. In 2015, renewables made up more than half of all new installed capacity, with the greatest gains seen in onshore wind and solar.

That said, renewable energy sources still only account for about 23 percent of the electricity actually produced worldwide, the report notes. The agency predicts that this share will increase to 28 percent by the year 2021, making renewables the fastest-growing source of electricity generation in the world.

The report predicts that the U.S. will commission 107 gigawatts of new renewable additions — mostly wind and solar — by 2021, a 50 percent increase from 2015. The report attributes the U.S. success to a long-term extension of federal tax credits for renewables...

We're adding record amounts of wind and solar — and we're still not moving fast enough

Washington Post, 25 Oct 2016



A general view shows solar panels used to produce renewable energy at the photovoltaic park during its official 2015 inauguration in Cestas, southwestern France. (Reuters/Regis Duvignau)

The Energy Transition— Wind Power

Wind Energy



Gansu Wind Farm
Gansu, China
8 GW (going to 20 GW)

Wind Energy - Offshore



Westermeerwind Wind Farm

- Noordoostpolder, Netherlands
- 144 MW



Horn Rev Wind Farm

- West coast of Denmark
- 160 MW

Wind Energy - Onshore



Peetz Table Wind Energy Center

- Peetz, Colorado
- 575 MW



Cedar Creek Wind Farm

- Grover, Colorado
- 550 MW

Wind Machines - Scale

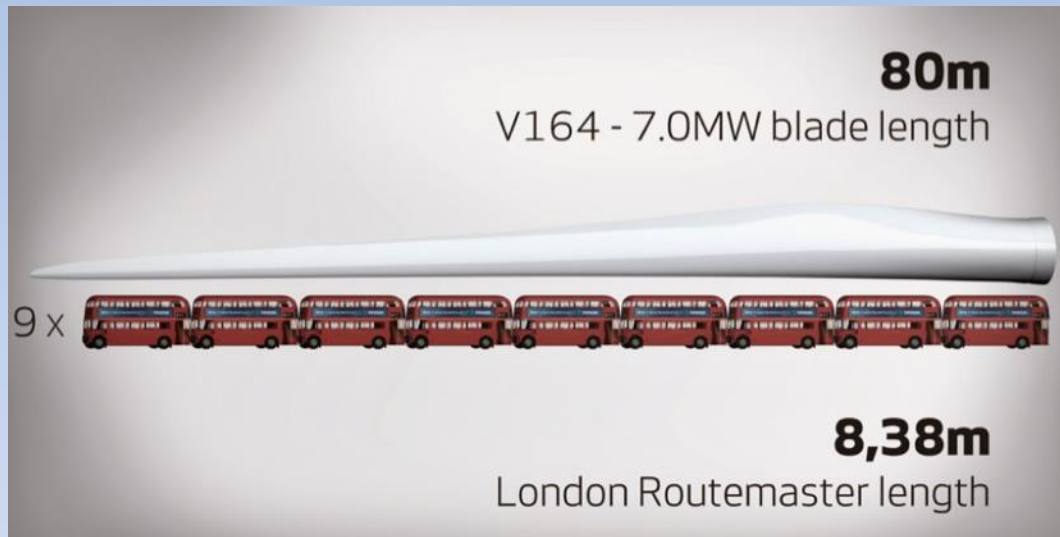


National Wind Technology Center
Boulder, Colorado

GE – 1.5 MW
Alstom – 3 MW
Siemens – 2.3 MW

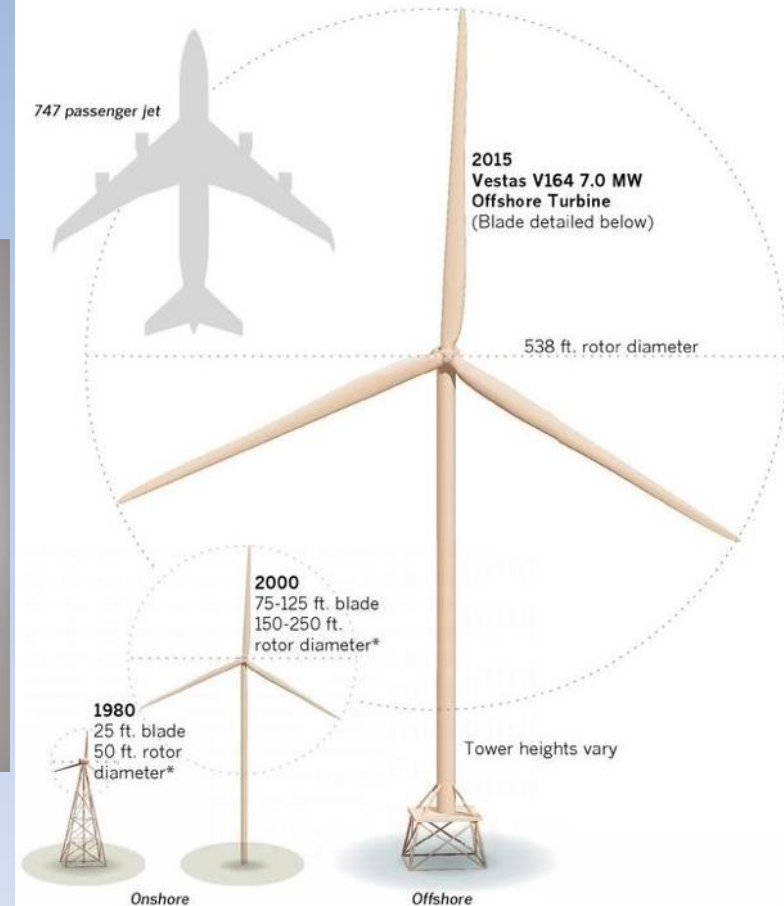


Wind Machines - Scale



Monster blades

Wind turbines keep growing larger, which has some people worried about negative effects on the environment and scenic views.



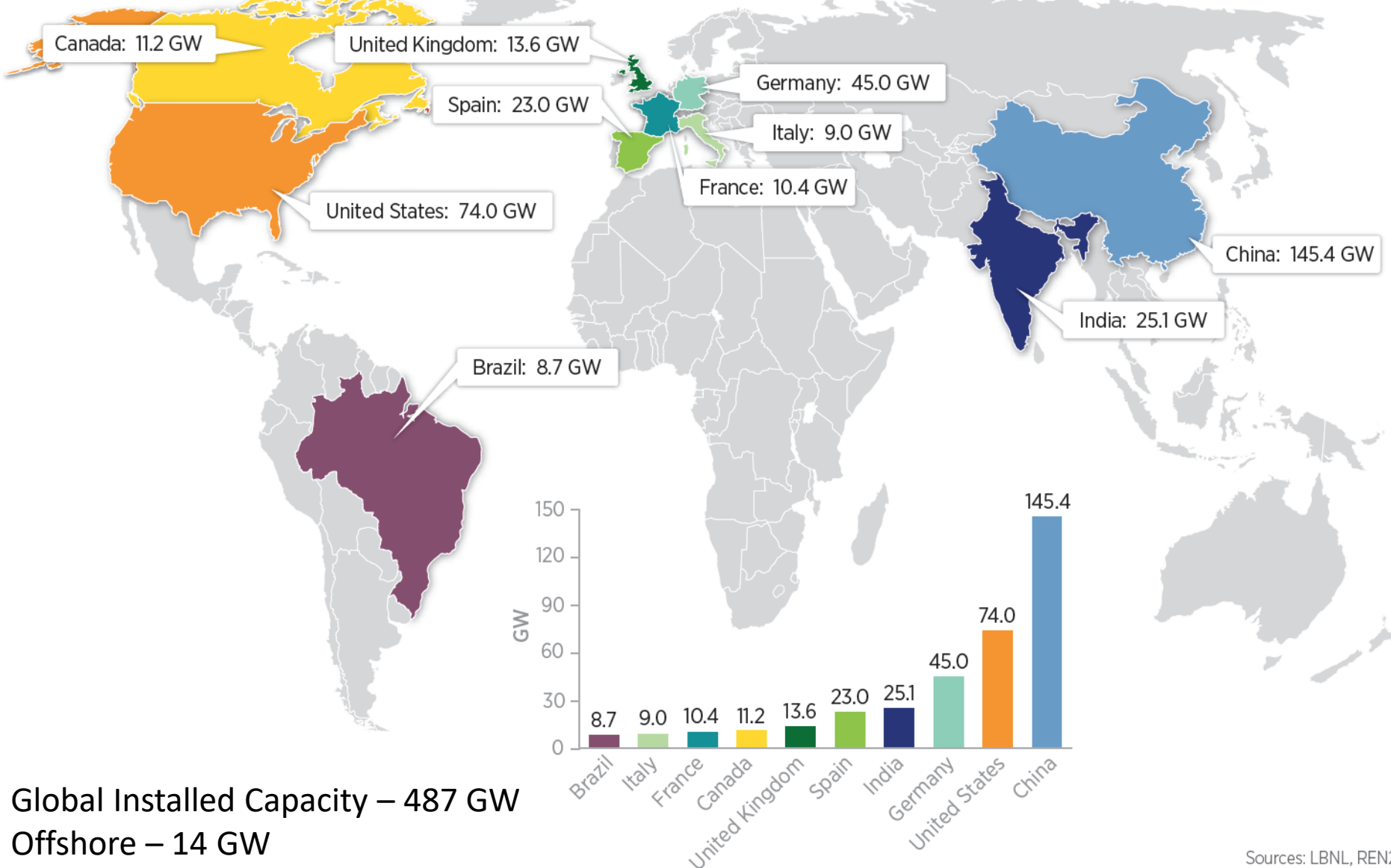
Just how big is the new blade?



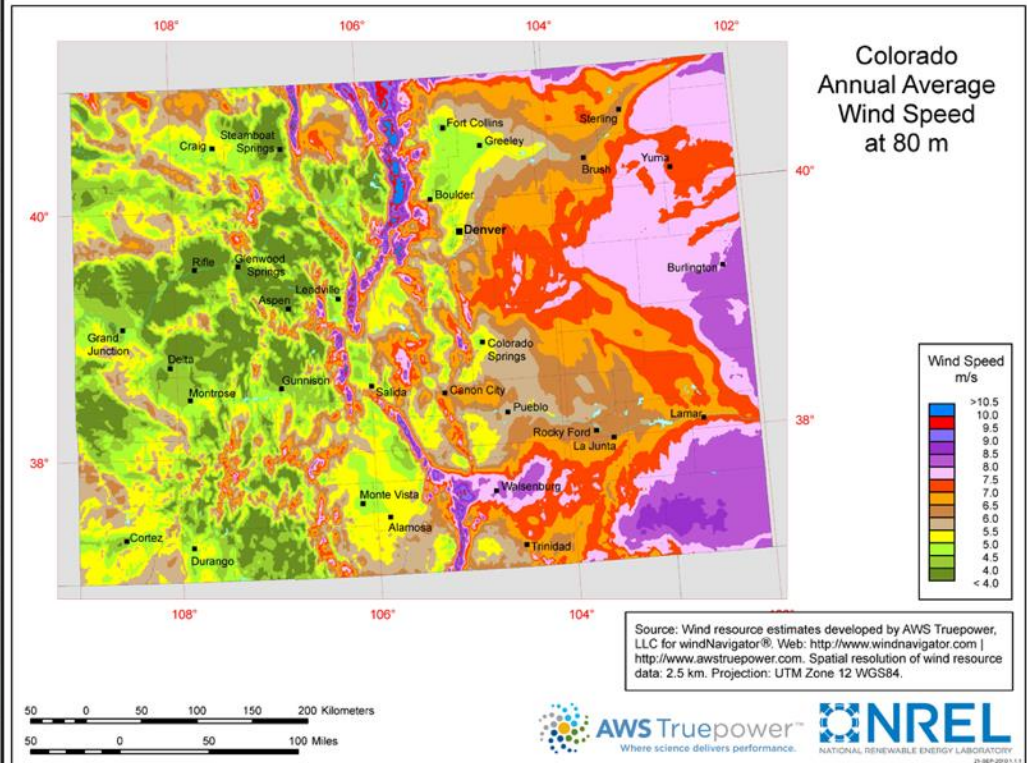
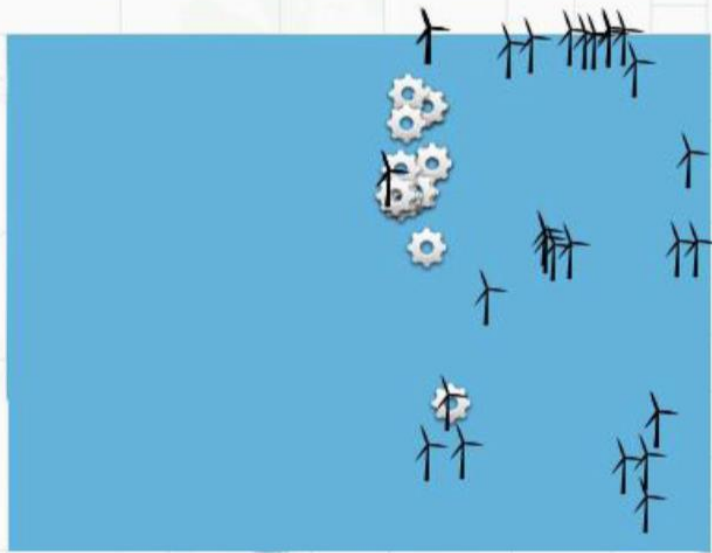
*Measures vary by manufacturer

Sources: American Wind Energy Assn., Vestas

Global Wind Markets - 2015



Colorado Wind Development



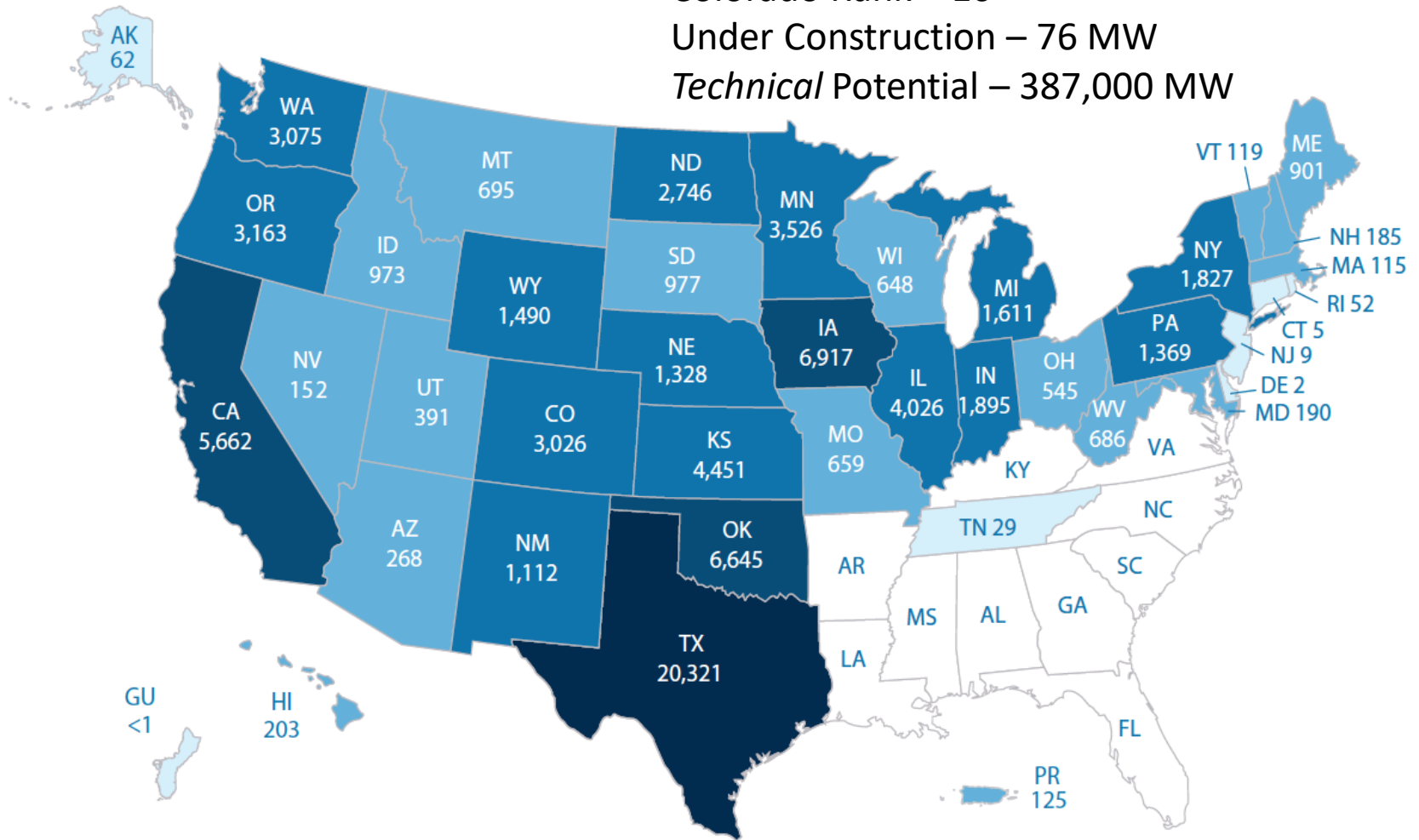
 Online Wind Project  Manufacturing Facility

Colorado Wind Potential

Colorado Rank – 10

Under Construction – 76 MW

Technical Potential – 387,000 MW



Colorado Wind Development

STATE WIND FACTS

Wind Projects

- **Installed wind capacity:** 3,026 MW
- **State rank for installed wind capacity:** 10th
- **Number of wind turbines:** 1,913
- **State rank for number of wind turbines:** 8th
- **Wind projects online:** 25 (Projects over 10 MW: 17)
- **Wind capacity under construction:** 76 MW
- **Wind capacity in advanced development:** 600 MW

Current Wind Generation

For the 12 month period ending October 2016, wind energy provided 16.87% of all in-state electricity production.

- **Equivalent number of homes powered by wind:** 846,000

Wind Generation Potential

The DOE Wind Vision Scenario projects that Colorado could produce enough wind energy by 2030 to power the equivalent of average American homes.

- **Land based technical wind potential at 80 m hub height:** 274,353 MW
- **Land based technical wind potential at 110 m hub height:** 262,878 MW (Source: NREL)

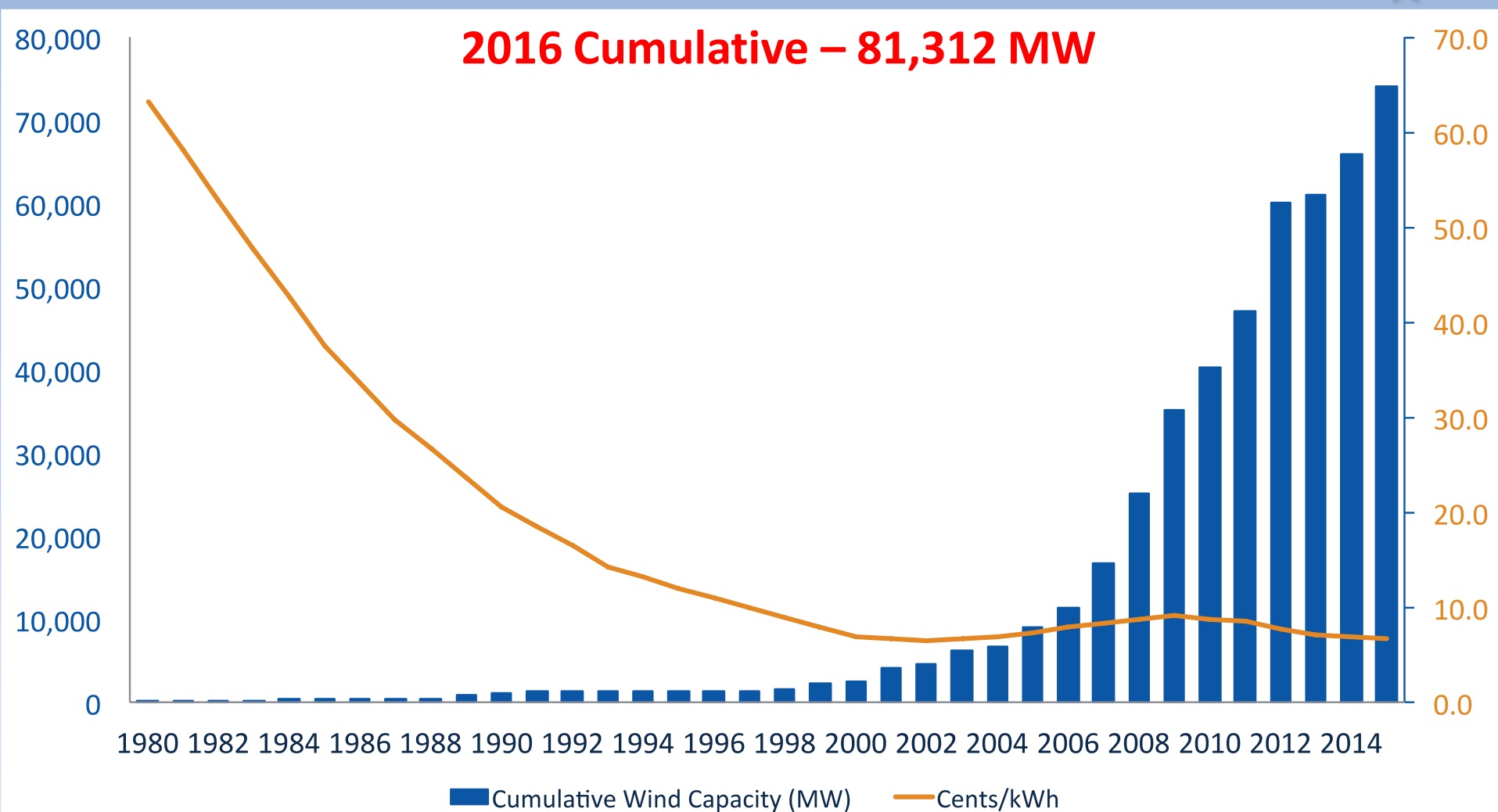
Environmental Benefits

Generating wind power creates no emissions and uses virtually no water.

- **2015 annual state water consumption savings*:** 4.4 billion gallons
- **2015 equivalent number of water bottles saved:** 33.1 billion
- **2015 annual state carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions avoided:** 8.0 million metric tons
- **2015 equivalent cars worth of emissions avoided:** 1.7 million

*Based on national average water consumption factors for coal and gas plants

U.S. Wind Market Growth



2016 – 8,727 MW
(EIA)

Source: DOE 2016: Revolution...now, the future arrives for five clean energy technologies

AND I'LL CONTINUE FROM HERE NEXT WEEK

- FINISH WIND
- COVER NUCLEAR
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- COVER GRID OPTIONS
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