

Technical Solutions to Reduce Carbon

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- **What's Coming Next?**



- 1. Reducing Carbon Context:**

- Understanding Social Cost of Carbon
- What is “Climate Resiliency”?

- 2. Producing Cleaner Energy:**

- Fossil Plants
- Nuclear Power

- 3. Using Cleaner Energy:**


- Local Energy Networks
- Hydrogen Economy

- 4. Integrating Energy Resources:**

- Energy Storage
- Big Data Management

- 5. Human Factor**

First Let's Look at Climate Change: "Urgent" ... "Threat"



BELOW 2°C – TOGETHER

“[The nations]... recognizing that climate change represents an urgent and potentially irreversible threat to human societies and the planet and thus requires the widest possible cooperation by all countries.”

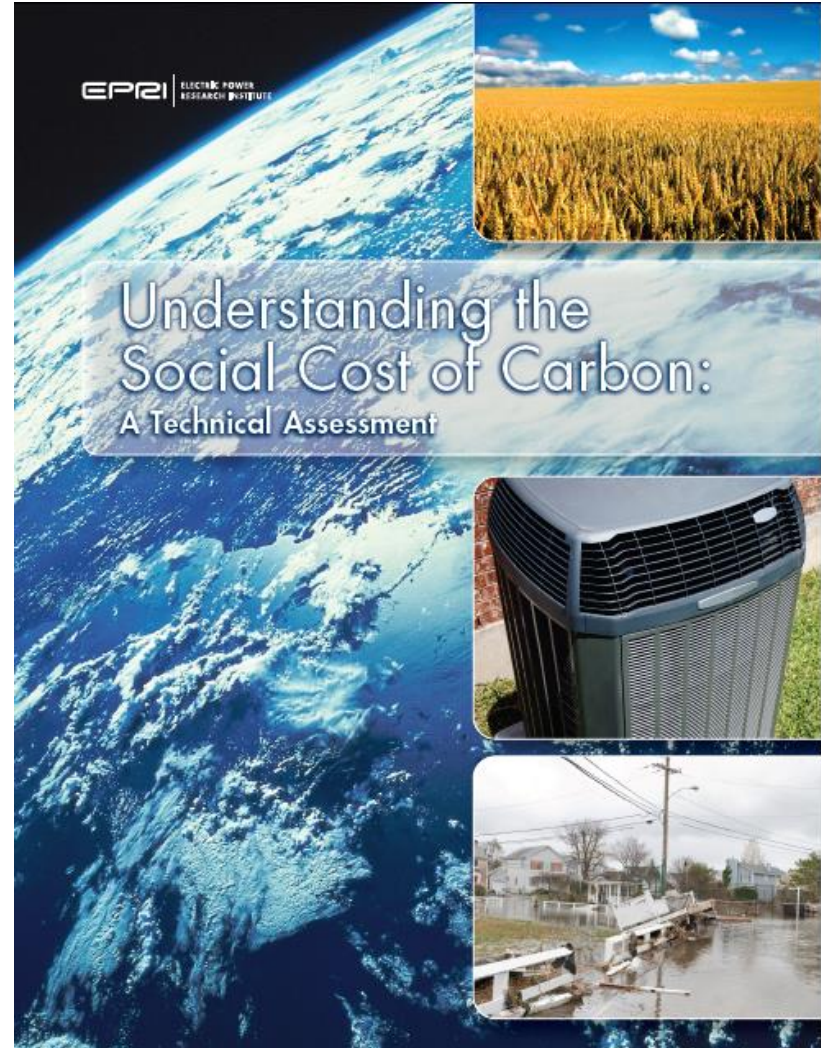
Paris Agreement – COP21 – Dec. 2015

“Understanding The Social Cost of Carbon (SCC)”

Understanding the Social Cost of Carbon: A Technical Assessment

<http://epri.co/3002004657>

Authors: S. Rose, D. Diaz, G. Blanford, J. Bistline,
F. de la Chesnaye, T. Wilson



Inform Public and Policy Discussion: Next Few Years Critical

The Social Cost of Carbon (SCC)

The Answer:

\$36 per metric ton of CO₂

The Question:

What does \$36 mean?


What risks to society?

Difficult to interpret and evaluate.

Social Cost of Carbon is an Estimate of Benefit of Reducing A Metric Ton of Carbon

The Social Cost of Carbon (SCC) is Not One Value

Revised Social Cost of CO₂, 2010 – 2050 (in 2007 dollars per metric ton of CO₂)



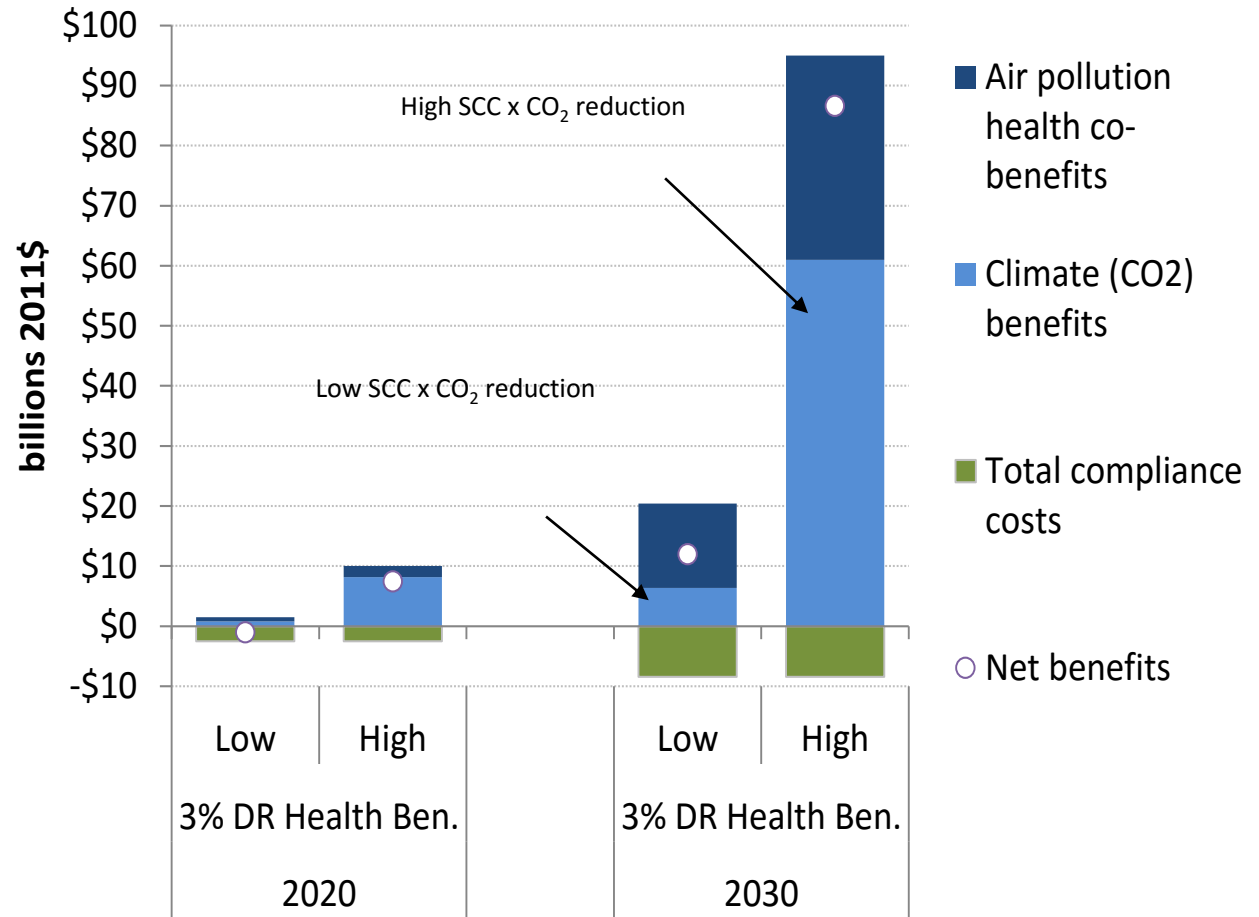
Discount Rate	5.0%	3.0%	2.5%	3.0%
Year	Avg	Avg	Avg	95th
2010	10	31	50	86
2015	11	36	56	105
2020	12	42	62	123
2025	14	46	68	138
2030	16	50	73	152
2035	18	55	78	168
2040	21	60	84	183
2045	23	64	89	197
2050	26	69	95	212

It is the U.S. Government's "central" SCC estimate of the future global damages to society from a metric ton of today's CO₂ emissions

Source: US Government (2015)

Why Should We Care?

- US Gov't uses SCC to estimate benefits of CO₂ reductions for federal rules
- US Gov't legally obligated to value CO₂
- SCC values updated in 2013 & 2015 significantly higher



Estimated 2020 and 2030 range of estimated benefits, costs, and net benefits for EPA's Clean Power Plan (Rate Based Approach)

SCC Used in Rulemaking, States and Other Countries

Types of impacts being monetized

- Health
- Agriculture
- Forestry
- Sea level
- Water resources
- Energy consumption (space cooling & heating)
- Migration
- Hurricanes
- Ecosystems
- Catastrophic

Estimates based on sector specific impacts studies in the literature (incomplete & evolving)



Types of Climate Impacts That Are Assessed Monetary Damages

What EPRI has Done to Date

1. Technical Assessment of SCC Modeling

- Very deep dive into modeling: deconstruction and diagnostic analyses of SCC modeling components and overall USG methodology



2. Analysis of SCC Application

- Analysis of implications of pricing power sector CO₂

3. Evaluation of Key Uncertainties

- Characterizing uncertainty about key modeling inputs

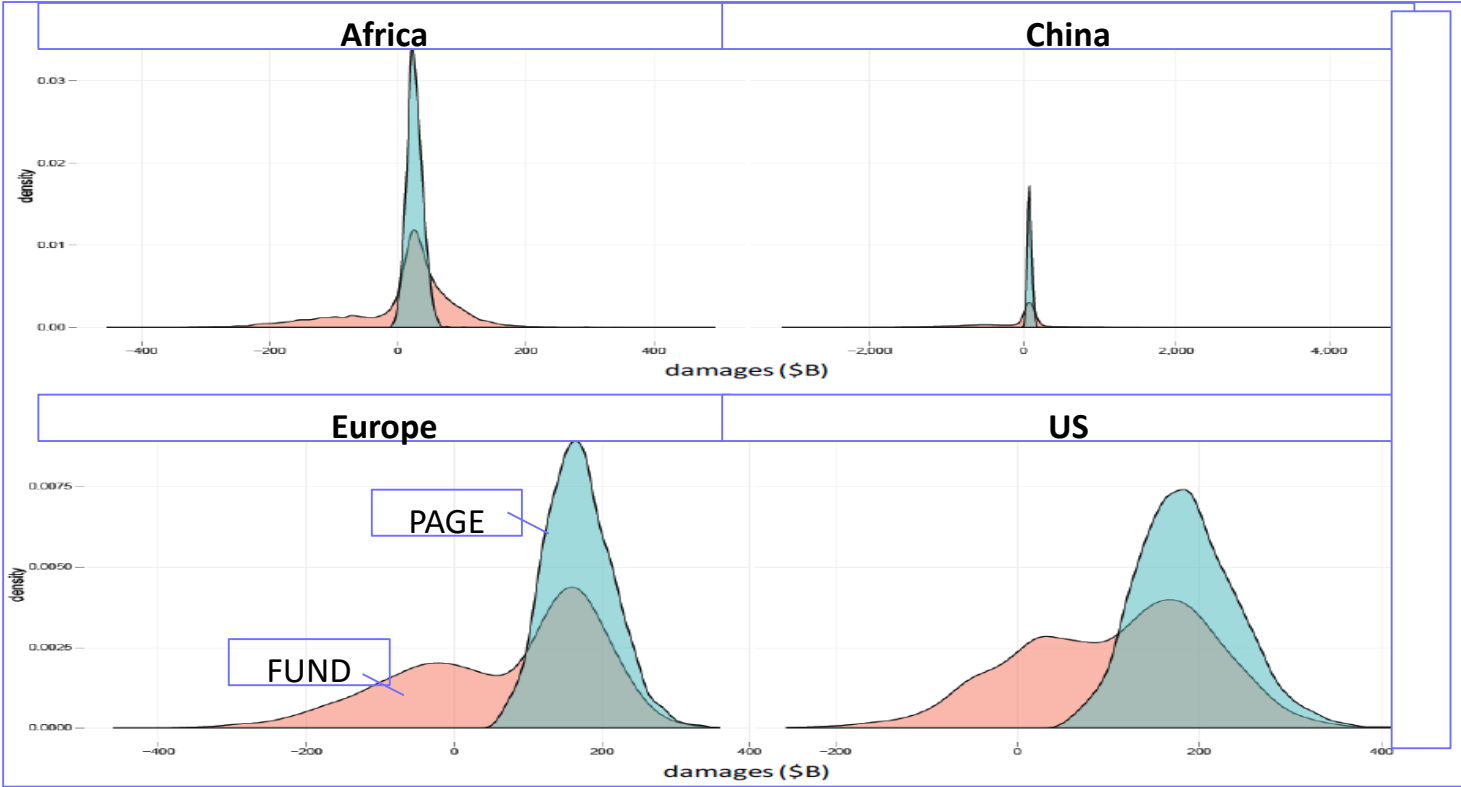


4. Provided Public SCC Comments

- OMB, EPA, and CEQ
- National Academy of Sciences

EPRI Proactively Provided Science-Based and Objective Public Comments

Future: Detailed Analyses Publication – Damages Uncertainty



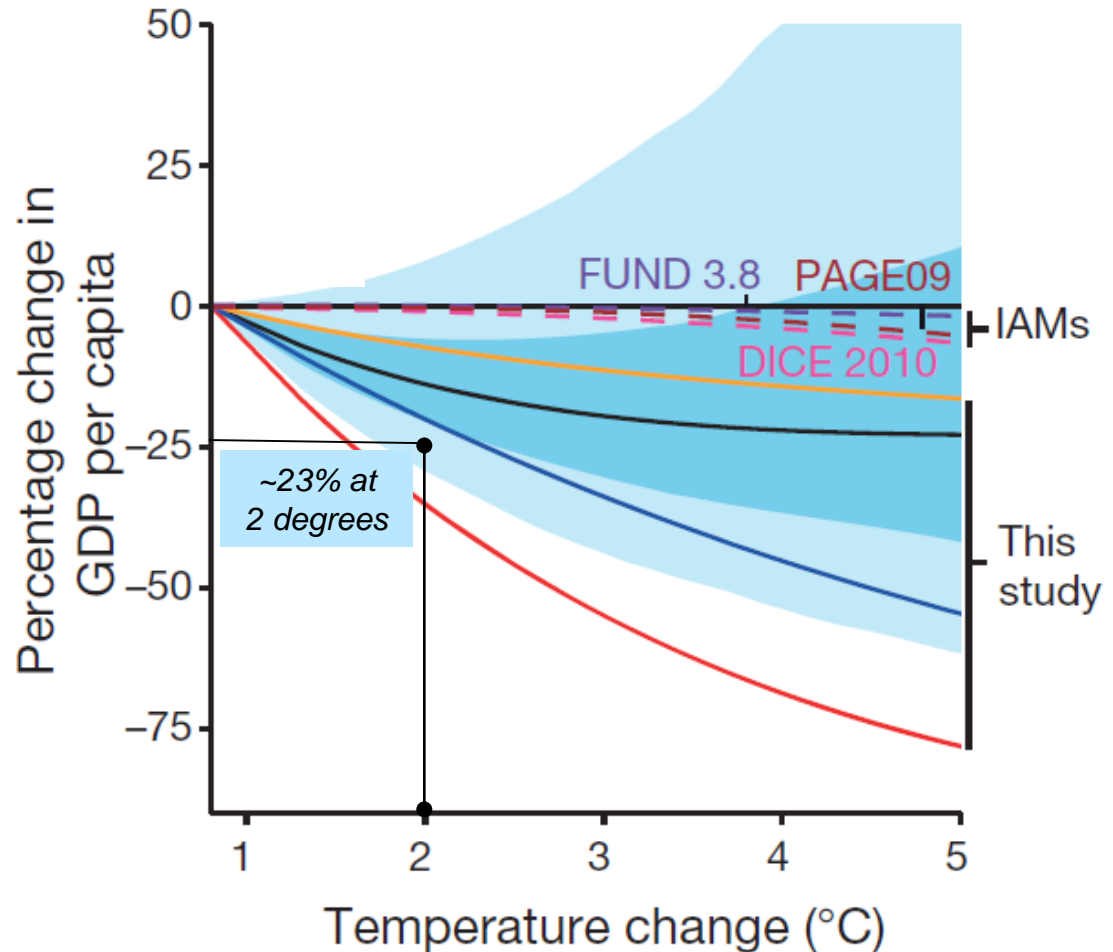
Regional Climate Damage Distributions with 1.8°C of Warming & USG2 Socioeconomics

Source: EPRI SCC Tech Assessment (2014)

EPRI Will Produce Detailed Report on Damage Uncertainty

Future: Frontier Topics Review – Damages to Economic Growth

“If future adaptation mimics past adaptation, unmitigated warming is expected to reshape the global economy by **reducing average global incomes roughly 23% by 2100** and widening global income inequality”
(Burke et al., 2015)



Source: Burke, Hsiang & Miguel (2015)

Next Discussion? Climate Impacts Vary with Global Economies

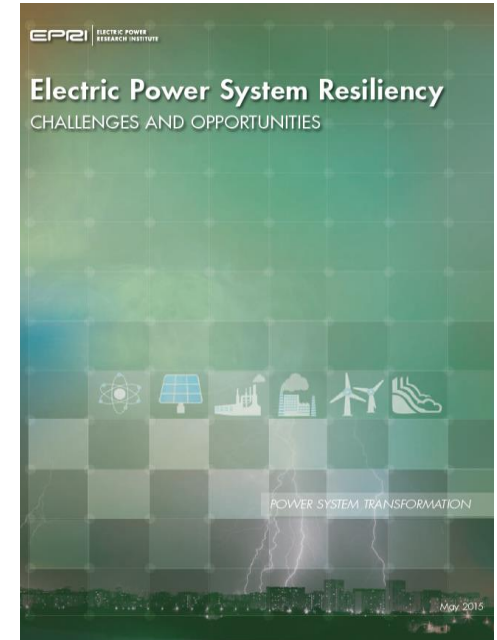
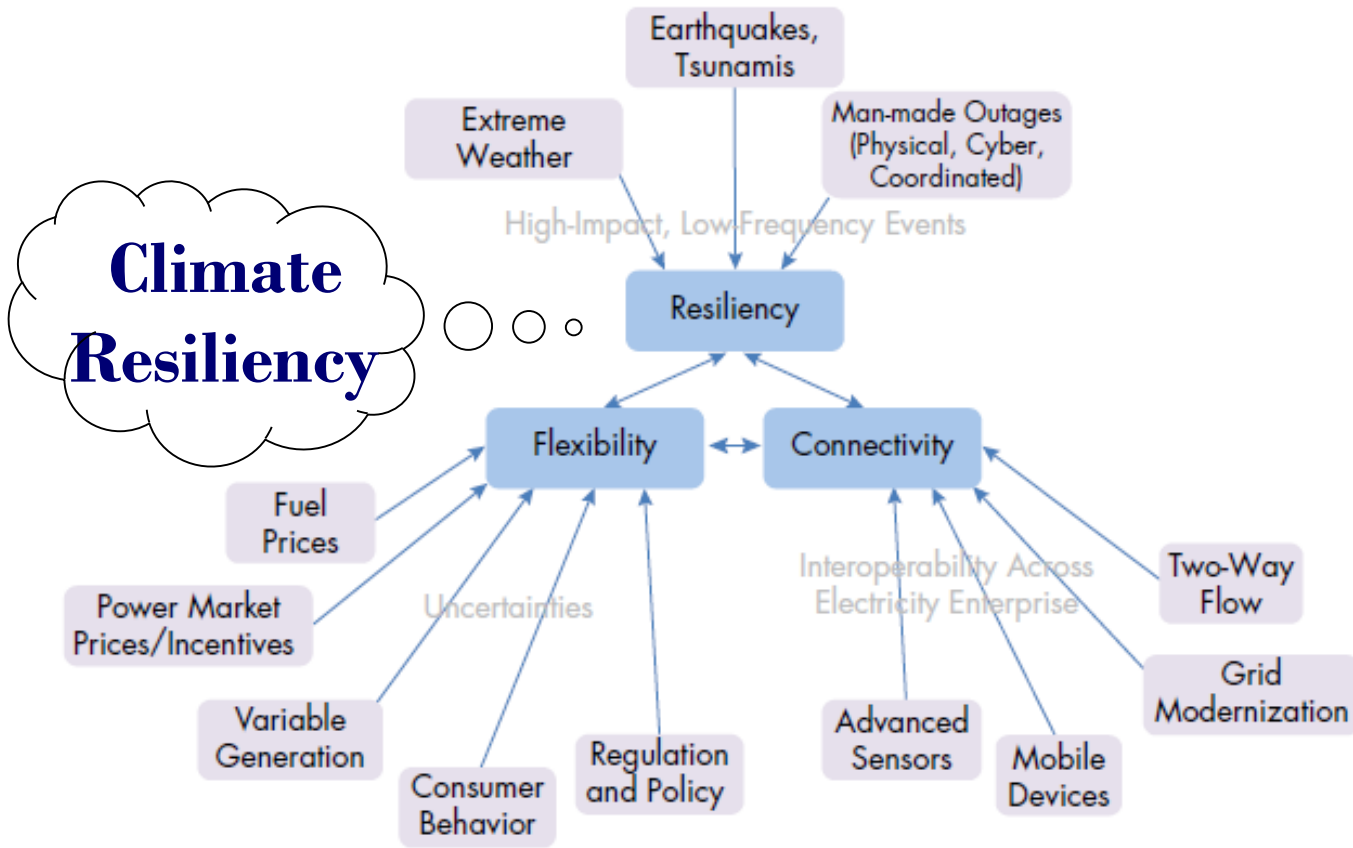
Next Few Years are Important for SCC Review

- National Academy of Science Review of Methodology and Approach
- US Gov't will revisit
- EPRI Work informs Discussion – expands beyond methodology with modeling impacts



Next Few Years Are a Critical Window for Insights and Education

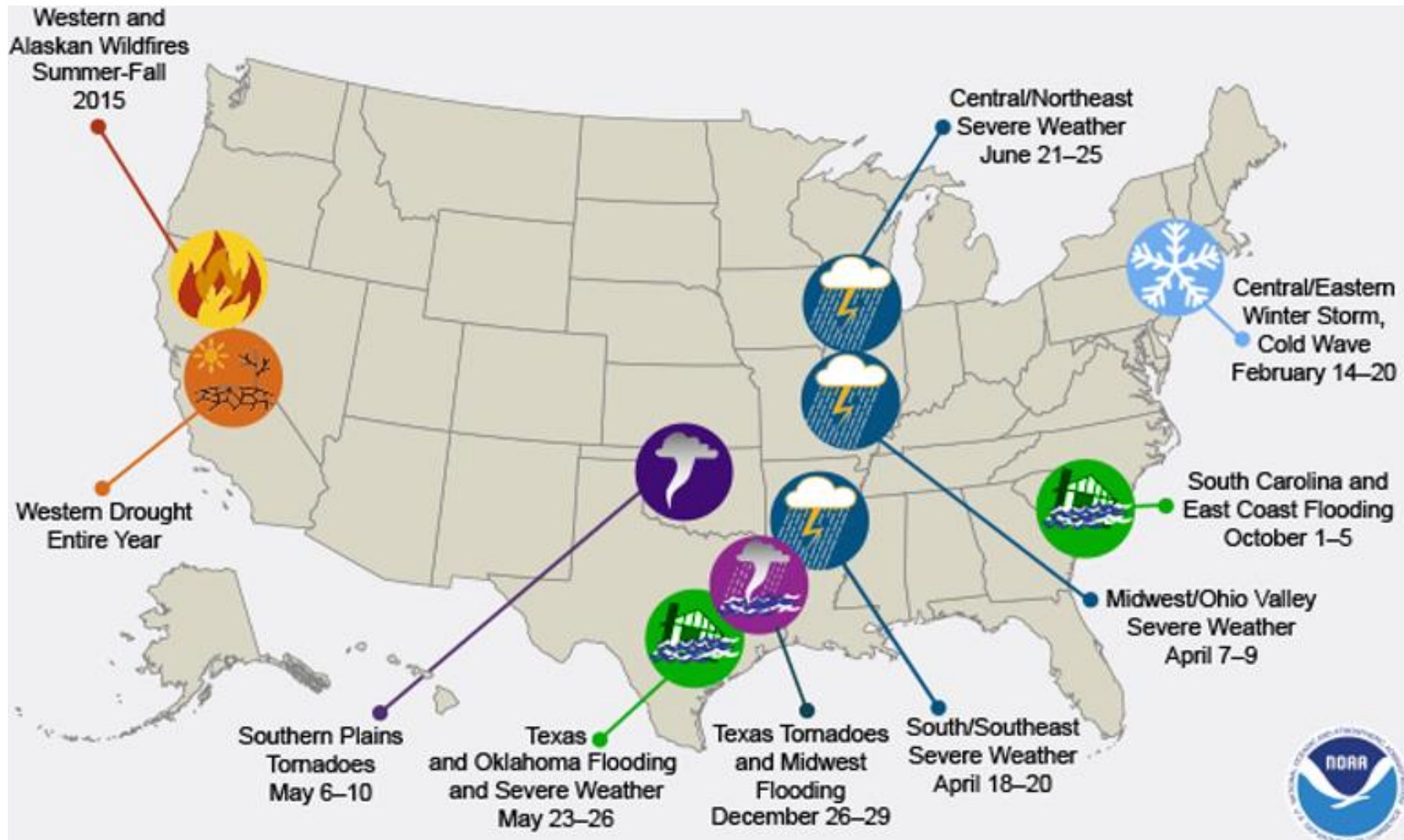
Power System Transformation: Flexibility, Resiliency and Connectivity White Papers



www.epri.com/Pages/Power-System-Transformation-White-Papers.aspx

EPRI Resiliency White Paper: Research Need in Metrics and Cost-Benefit

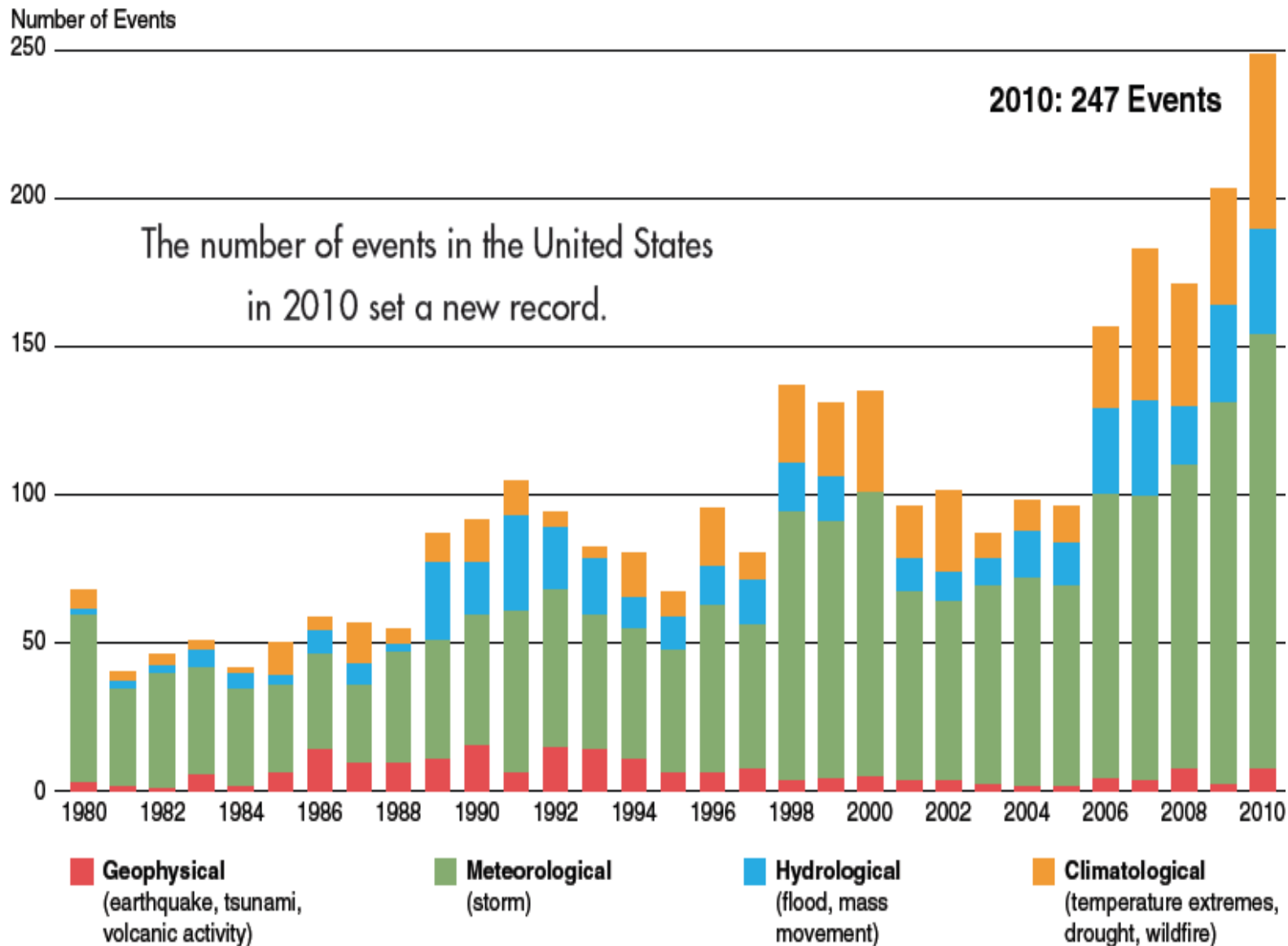
More Attention on Climate Resiliency and Econometrics



US 2015 Billion-Dollar Weather and Climate Disasters

Source: NOAA (2015)

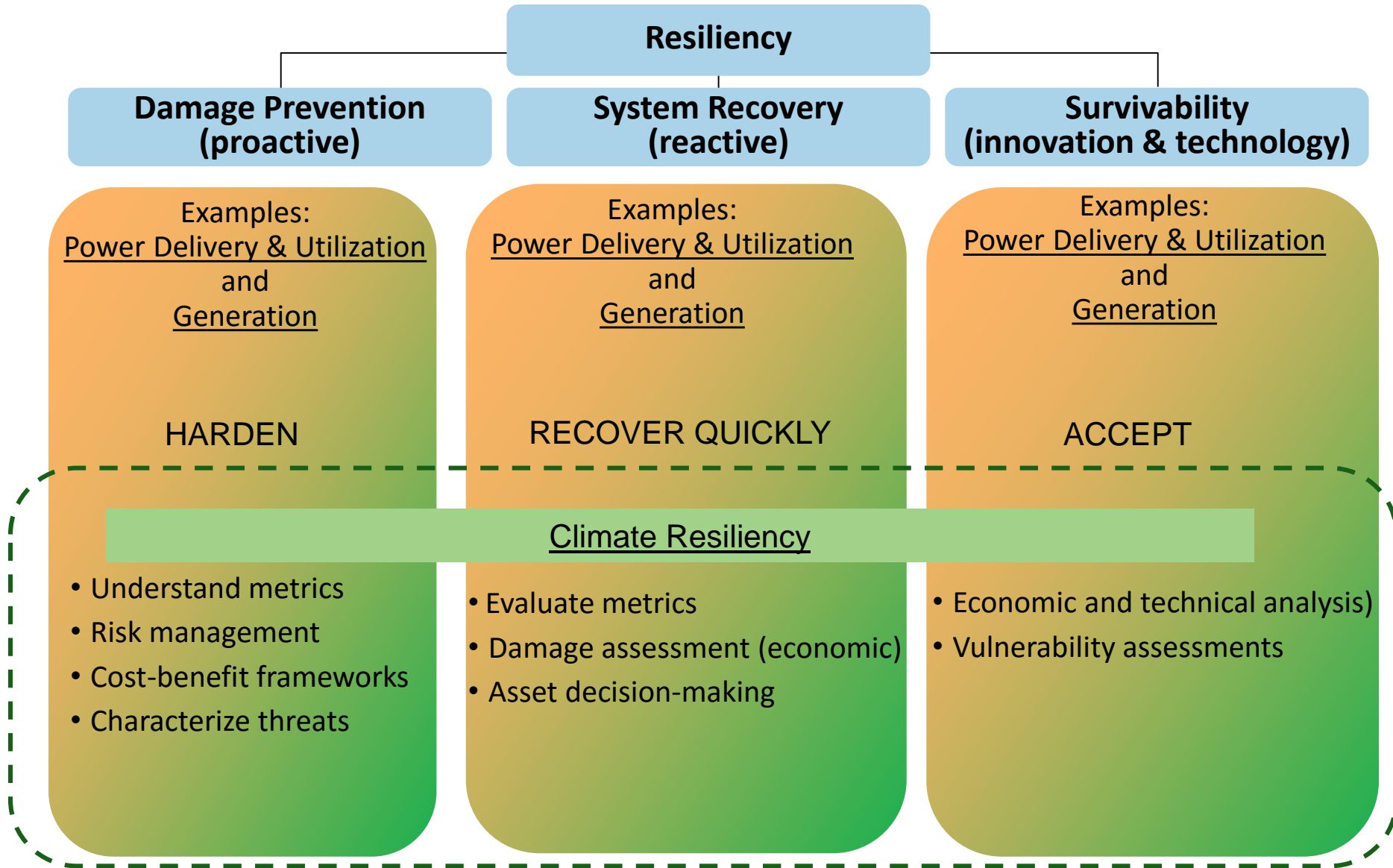
Climate resiliency in the spotlight



NatCatSERVICE, Munich Reinsurance America (2011)

Role of “Climate Resiliency” Within Bigger Picture

(adapted from Figure 3 of Resiliency White Paper)

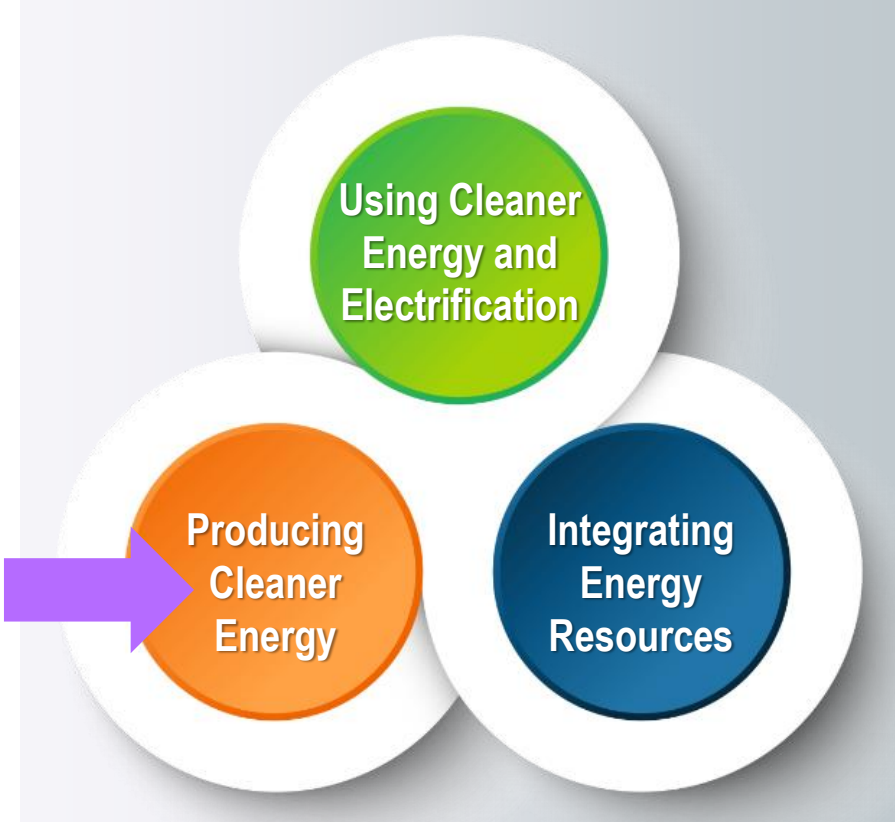


“Integrated Energy Network” - Three Evolving Infrastructures



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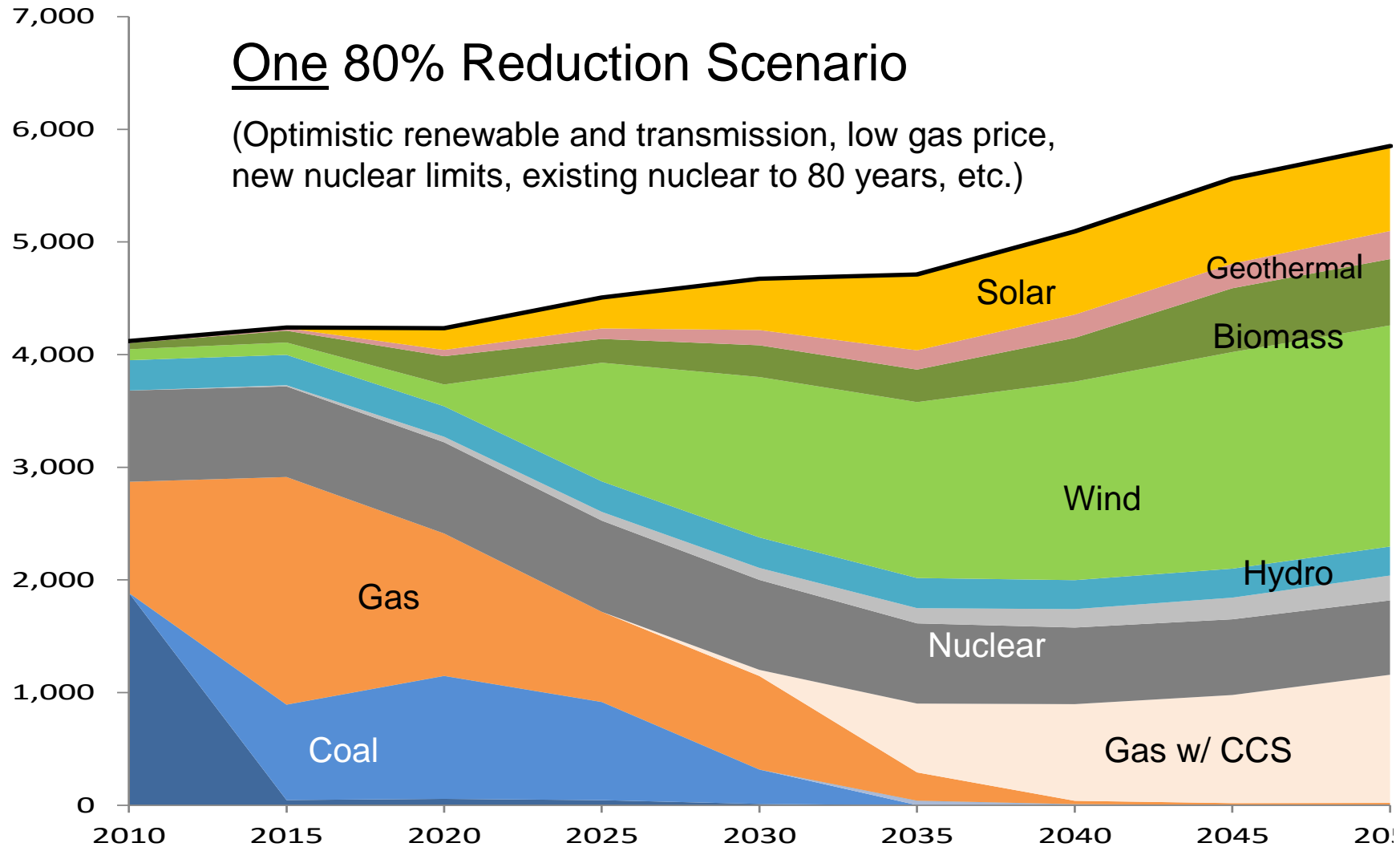


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One Scenario Example: Coal & Gas Transition Fuels

One 80% Reduction Scenario

(Optimistic renewable and transmission, low gas price, new nuclear limits, existing nuclear to 80 years, etc.)



Source: EPRI REGEN Model 2015 run

Flexible Generation Operations – Transition Strategy



Generator Rotor Failure



Corrosion Fatigue



Stress Cracking



Enabling a Changing Fossil Plant Mission...while managing risk

Operational Performance Improvements

- Advanced inspection, non-destructive evaluation and repair technologies
- O&M cost reductions aligned with unit mission, flexibility & reliability objectives
- Automated fleet-wide monitoring with advanced diagnostics
- Advanced Process Control
- Asset Monitoring and Diagnostics
- Data Integration and Information Management
- Sensors and Actuation



Improving operational fossil performance and economics

Current Landscape for Advanced Nuclear

- **Convergence of public and private interest in advanced nuclear over past two years**
- **Overt White House support, not seen since Eisenhower administration**
- **Growing Congressional interest and support**
- **NRC engagement and consideration of appropriate license approach**
- **40-50 entrepreneurs with variants and applications at all scales**
- **>\$1.5B private investor interest**
- **International collaboration growing**



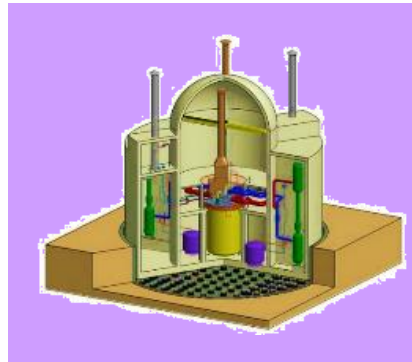
There is a bright future for nuclear energy



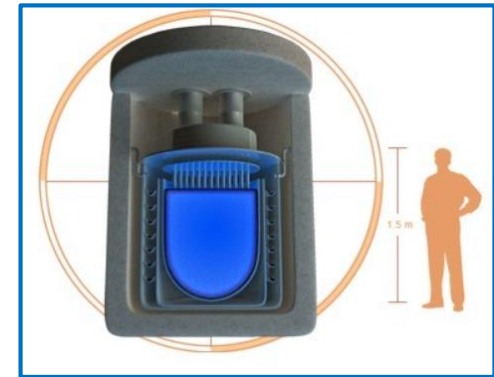
State-of-the-art transportation by water and air enables modularity on a different scale



Offshore Platform



GEN IV Nuclear



Small Modular Reactor

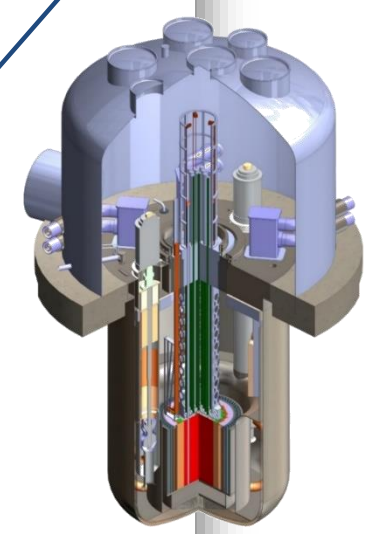
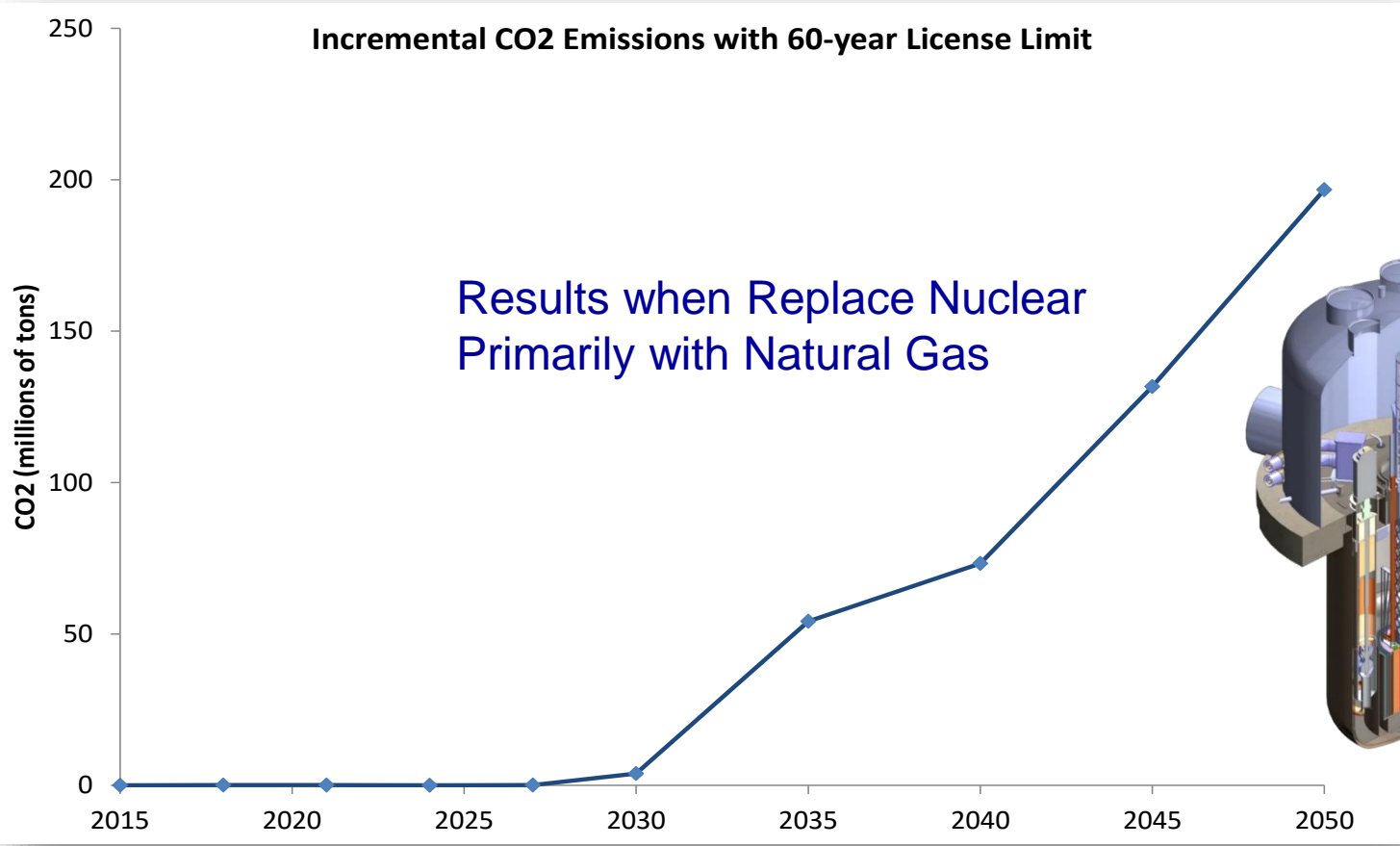
But...

Can the Future Come Fast Enough for Nuclear?

- **Current financial challenges**
 - Several shutdowns
- **Long lead time for licensing and construction**
 - NRC has made progress on Design Certification, Early Site Permits, Combined License applications, but only a few actively moving forward in US
- **Financing new projects is challenging**
- **Competition from low cost natural gas**
- **Expansion of renewables**



Replacing the U.S. Nuclear Fleet – Without Carbon Policy

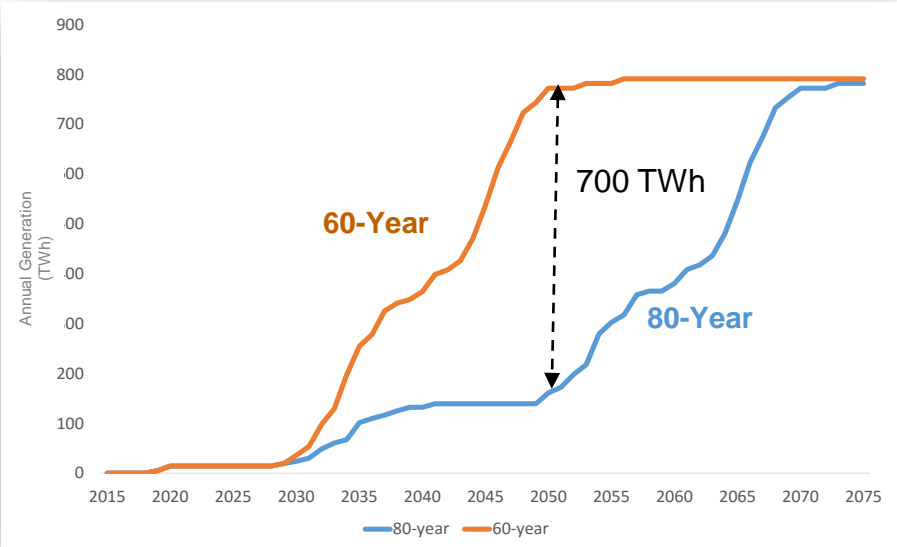
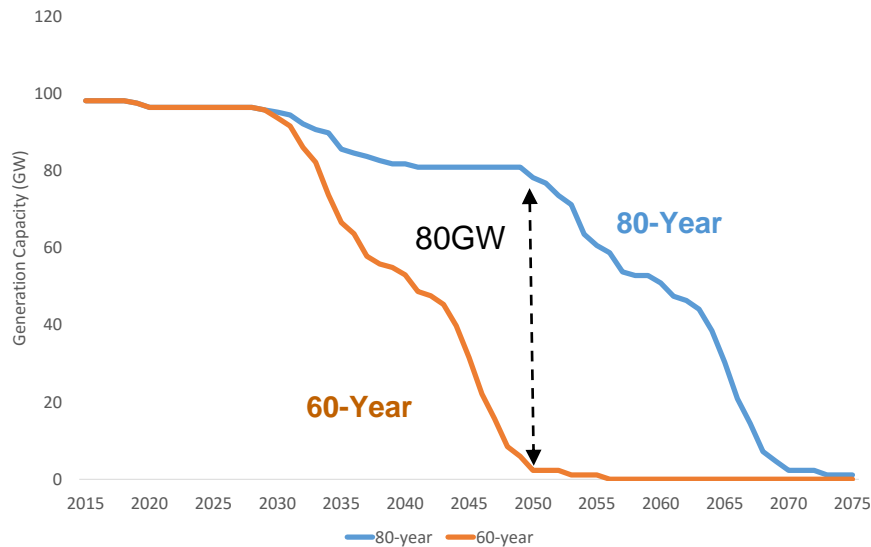


60-Year Nuclear License Limit: A 200 Million Ton Increase in CO₂ Emissions in 2050

Large Value in Extending Existing Nuclear Licenses in US

**Capacity Gain –
80GW in 2050**

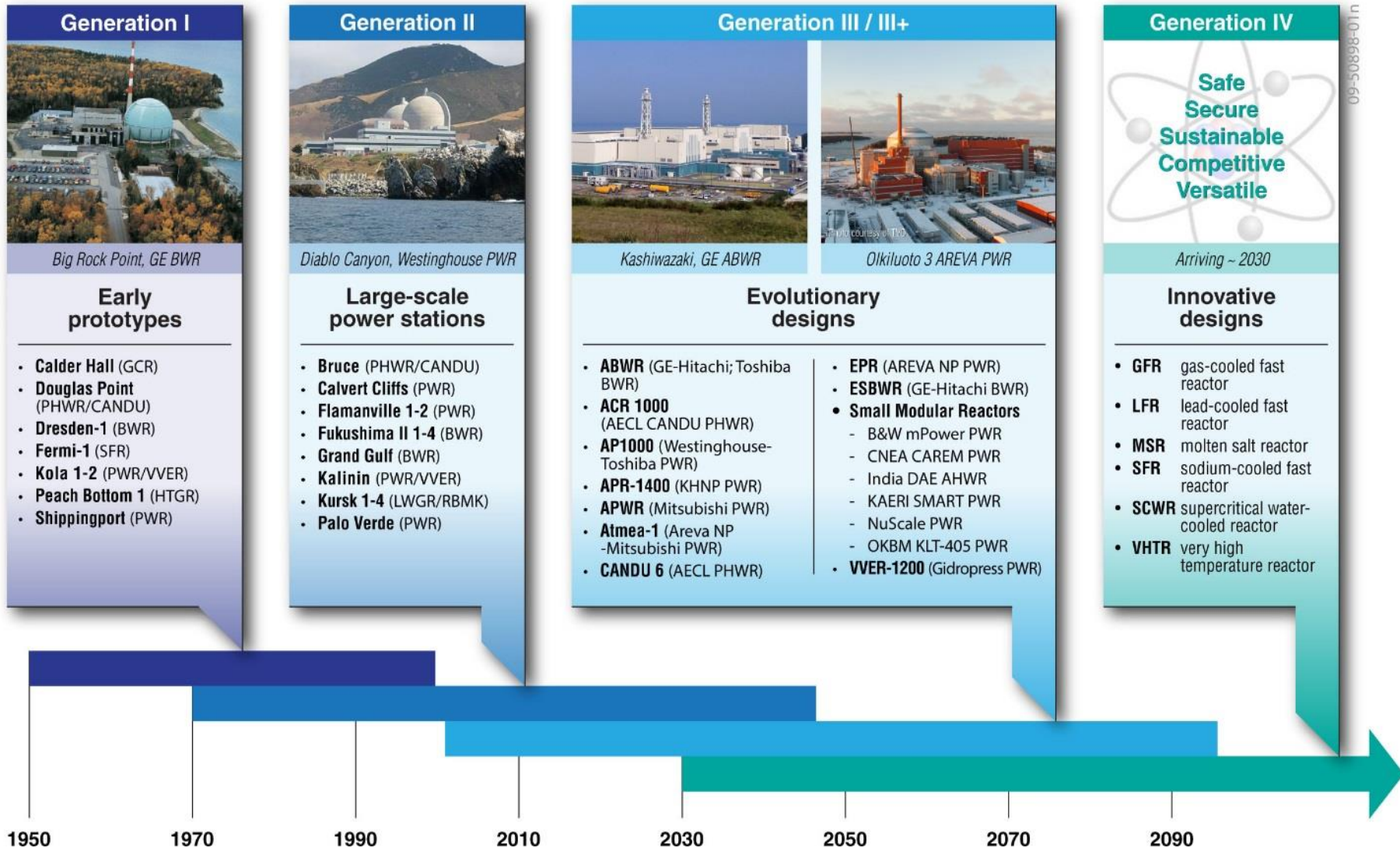
**Energy Gain –
700 TWh in 2050**



Note: Assumes 92% capacity factor for nuclear fleet

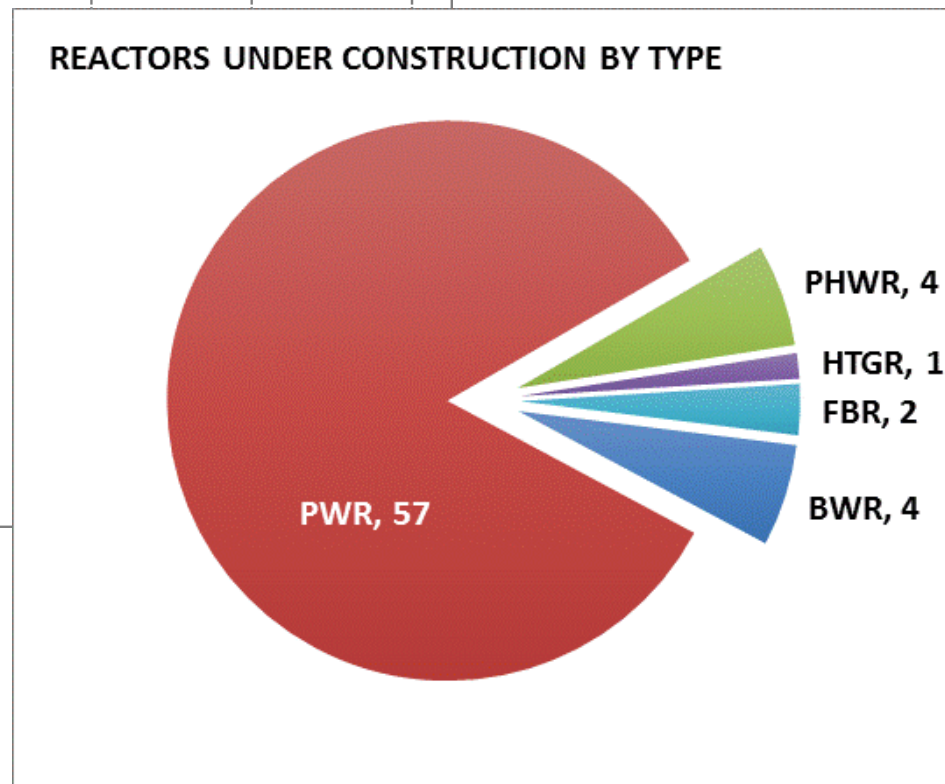
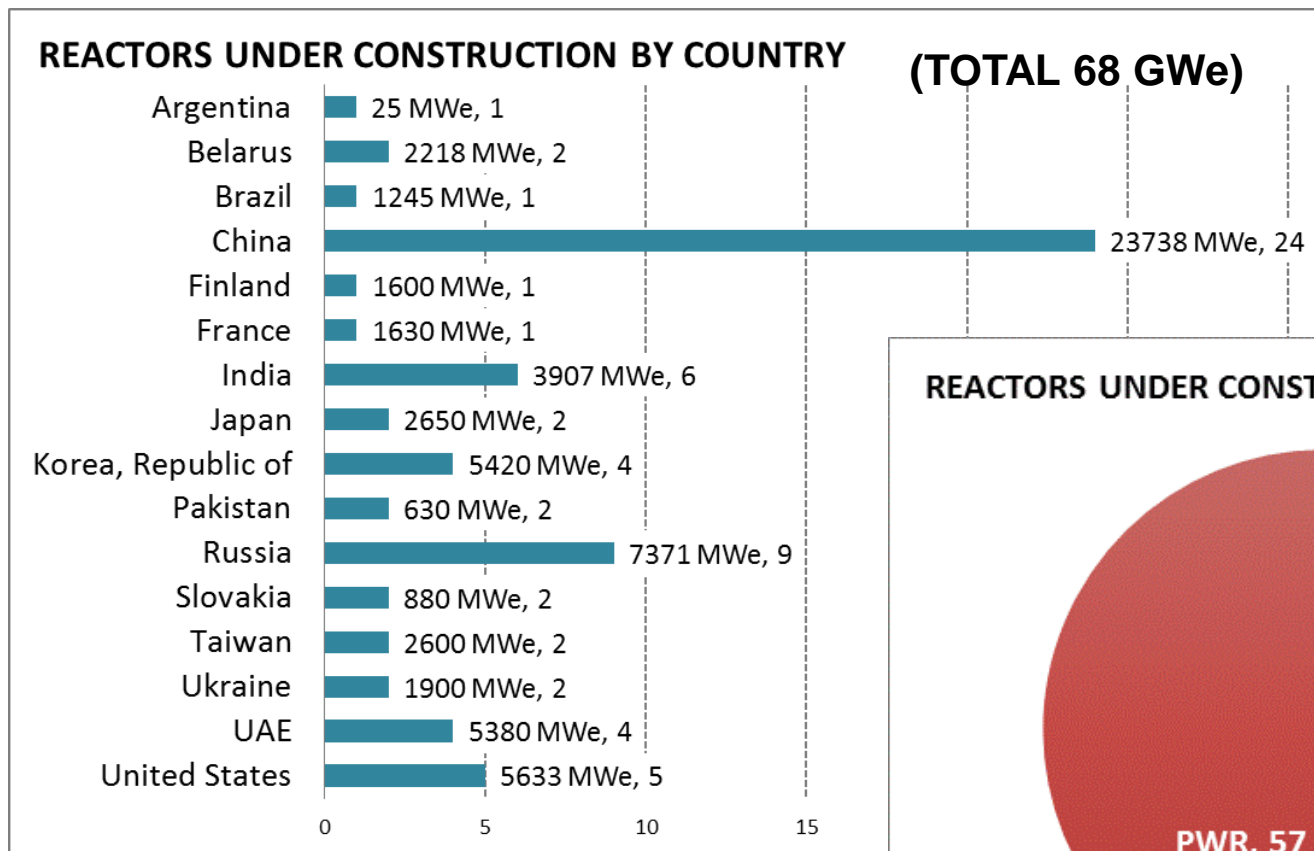
> \$100 billion present value savings in an 80% 2050 GHG Reduction Scenario

What Is Advanced Nuclear?



“Advanced Nuclear” can encompass SMRs, GEN IV and Fusion

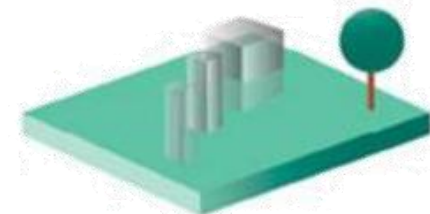
Robust International Market for New Build



Source: IAEA PRIS Database. Updated 29 Sept 2015

SMRs in the US

- NuScale, with DOE support is submitting design certification application this year
- TVA has recently submitted an Early Site Permit application – novel approaches
- Plans have been announced to build the first NuScale SMR in Idaho, owned by UAMPs and operated by Energy Northwest.



SMR Footprint

Light Water Based SMRs

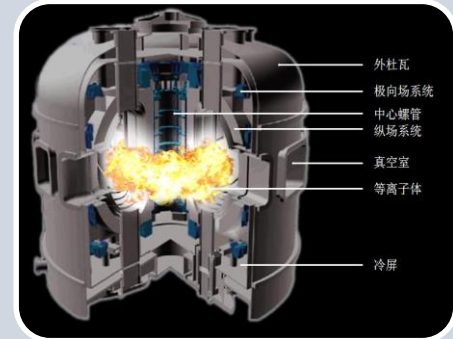
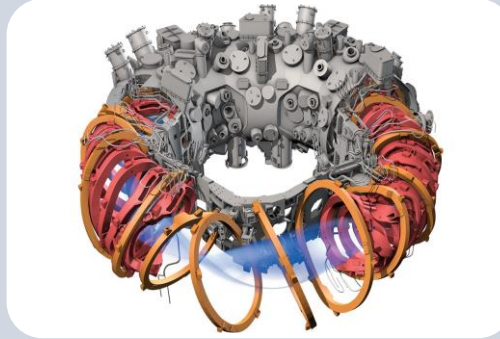
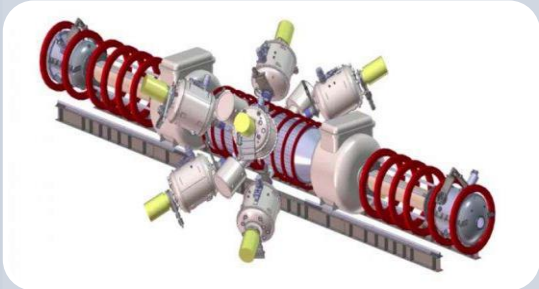
Developer/ Vendor	Design	Country of Origin	Type ^a	Electrical Output per Unit (MWe)	No. Under construction
Babcock & Wilcox	mPower	United States	iPWR	180	0
NuScale Power Inc.	NuScale	United States	iPWR	50	0
Westinghouse	W-SMR	United States	iPWR	225+	0
Holtec	SMR-160	United States	PWR ^b	160	0
CNNC	ACP100	China	PWR	100	0
CNEA	CAREM	Argentina	iPWR	25	1 (Argentina)
KAERI	SMART	South Korea	iPWR	100	0
OKBM Afrikantov	KLT-40S	Russia	PWR	35	2 (Russia) ^c
OKBM Afrikantov	VBER-300	Russia	PWR	325	0

^a iPWR refers to integral pressurized water reactor design.

^b Holtec considers its design to be an integral PWR; however, the steam generator and pressurizer are external to the reactor pressure vessel, directly connected (no piping) in an offset configuration.

^c Twin-units deployed on a floating barge.

2015-2016 Fusion Milestones



Tri-Alpha Energy

- Sustained hydrogen plasma at 1 keV for 5 ms
- Novel reactor requires fewer magnets
- Most advanced privately-funded effort
- Only known reactor planning boron fusion

Wendelstein 7-X

- German stellarator uses very complex magnet design
- Helium plasma sustained for 100 ms at about 0.08 keV
- Uses superconducting magnets

EAST

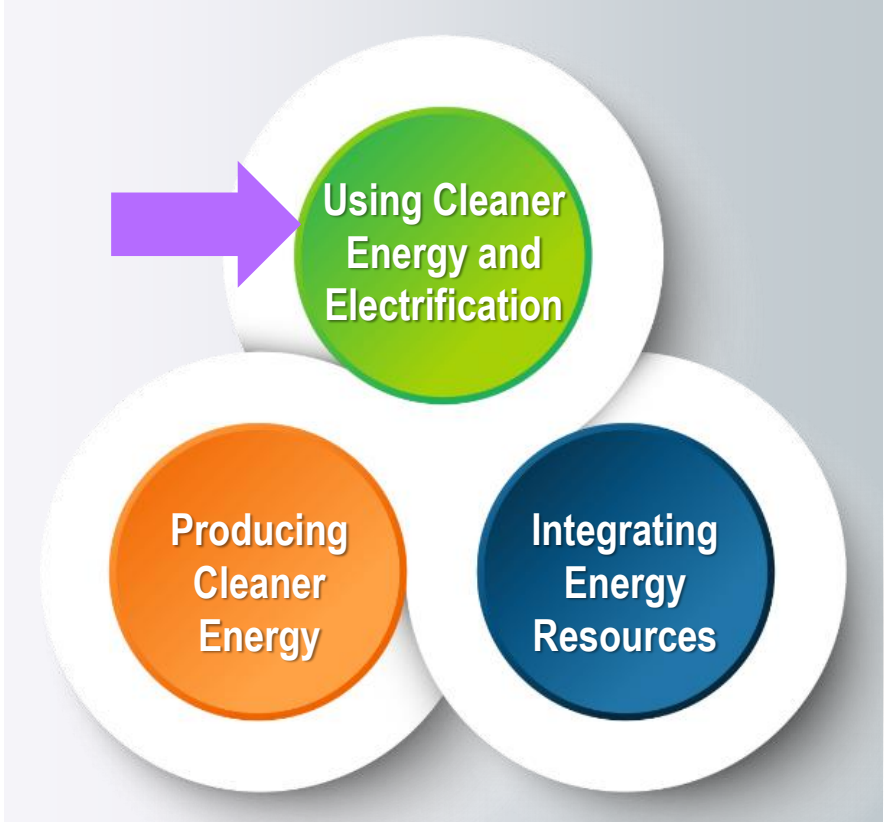
- Chinese tokamak reactor operating since 2006
- Sustained hydrogen plasma at 4.3 keV for 102 seconds in February 2016
- Uses superconducting magnets

21st Century Role for Advanced Reactors

- **No Generation IV without healthy Generation II/III**
 - loss of viable nuclear industry infrastructure not easily reversed
- **Sustained future will require more compelling business cases derived from advanced reactor attributes:**
 - high efficiency electricity generation and/or alternate products via high temperature operation
 - enhanced passive safety from inherent physical properties
 - Waste management, asset flexibility

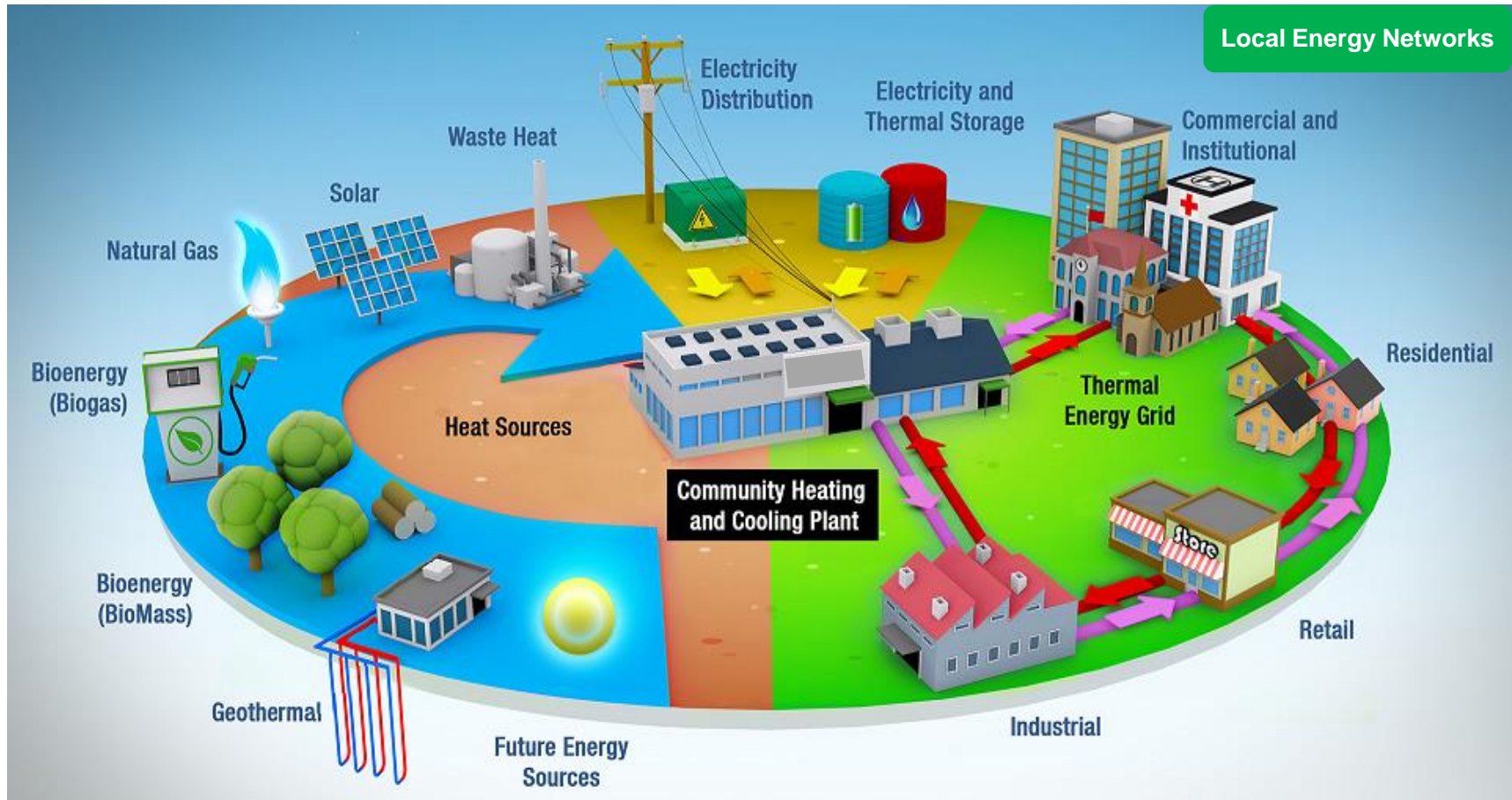


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Example: Transition to Local Energy Networks

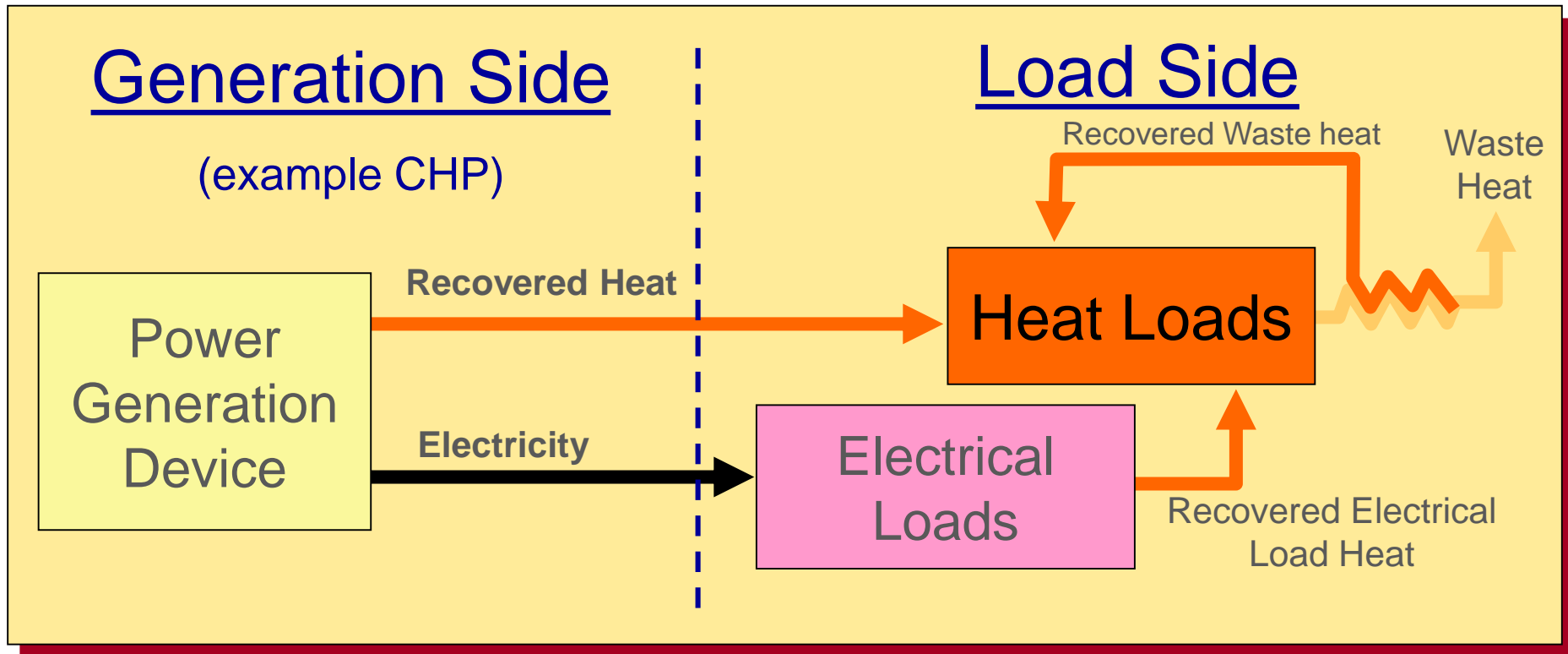


North America's First high-efficiency district energy network in Guelph, Ontario Canada

Source: Gupleh Hydro, Inc. an Envida Community Energy Jan. 2014

Heat-Recovery on the “Load-Side” Will Help Multi-Energy Economics

- Cogeneration or Combined Heat and Power (CHP) on the “generation side” is a well known way to improve efficiency – but there is much untapped heat that can be recovered on the “load-side” [see below]



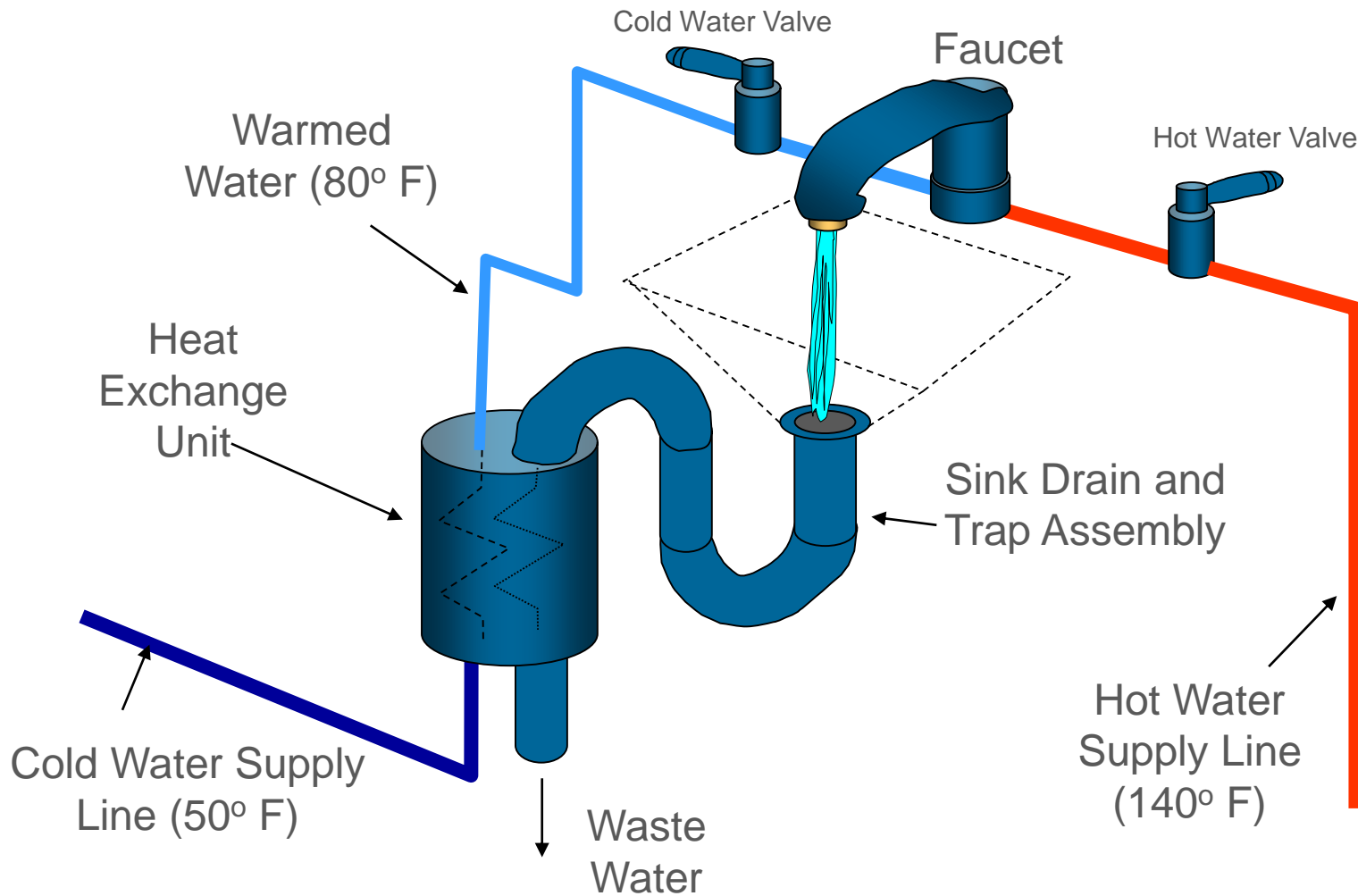
Example: *Air Conditioning Heat Exhaust Can be Recovered and Used!*

An air-conditioner unit that uses heat from the air-conditioning process to provide hot water!

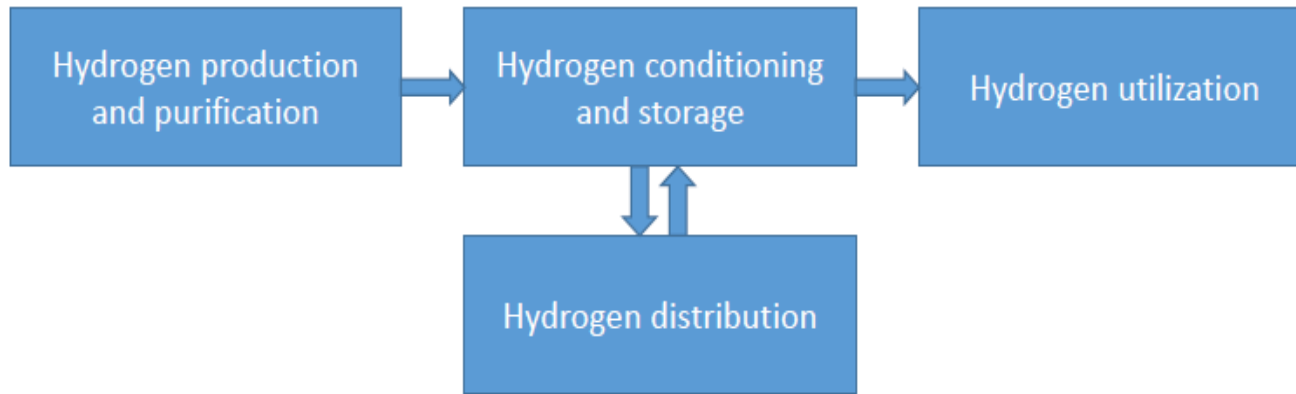


Photo of Thermoplus Water Wise AC unit

Method to Recover Heat from Waste Water (sinks, showers, washers, etc.)



Hydrogen Economy



Hydrogen production and purification	Hydrogen conditioning and storage	Hydrogen distribution	Hydrogen utilization
Water electrolysis routes Reforming routes Gasification routes Innovative H ₂ production H ₂ purification	Compressed gaseous storage Liquefied storage Solid-state storage Long-term storage	Road, rail & sea H ₂ pipelines Power-to-gas applications	Refueling stations Fuel Cells Fertilizer Hydrocracking



Philip Sharman, Evenlode Associates, Ltd, Berlin, Germany June 7-9, 2016

Hydrogen is a Flexible Energy Carrier

Production Methods

▪ Chemical Processes

- Steam-Methane Reforming; Gasification; Solar/Nuclear Water Splitting

▪ Electrolysis of Water

▪ Renewable Energy

▪ Biological

Uses

▪ Electricity

- Fuel Cells / Micro-CHP
- Gas Turbines
- Energy Storage

▪ Transportation

▪ Chemicals

- Oil Refining, Methanol, Ammonia, etc.

Technical Characteristics

- 1 kg H₂ contains 33.3 kW of energy; 1 gallon of gasoline contains 33.4 kW
- H₂ has ¼ the energy density of gasoline
- \$2/kg H₂ is equivalent to \$17.60/MMBtu; Retail residential natural gas price is ~\$10.25/MMBtu

Combining low-Carbon emitting electricity with H₂ production offers flexibility through storage

Transportation Commercially Available H₂-Fueled Cars



2016 Hyundai Tucson

5-year Lease Only: \$499/month
(unlimited complimentary fuel included)
\$2,999 at signing



2016 Toyota Mirai
MSRP: from \$57,500
A 36-month lease for \$499/month
(unlimited complimentary fuel included)
\$3,649 due at signing

Commercially cars becoming available, though in select areas and at high cost

Key Insights – Hydrogen Technology

Water Electrolysis: $\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{H}_2 + \frac{1}{2}\text{O}_2$

Hydrogen Production

- Steam-methane reforming is the most common technology at scale
- PEM Electrolysis systems are viewed as the next best option
- Advanced technologies such as water splitting using waste heat from solar or nuclear energy are in development
- Integration of H_2 production with variable renewable energy offers opportunity

H_2 Transport & Storage

- Storage and truck/rail transport as pressurized gas or cryogenic liquid is commonplace, though low volume
- <5,000 km of H_2 pipelines exist around the world
- Potential to blend H_2 into existing natural gas pipelines is limited due to design limitations on the pipeline, compression and end-use equipment

Fuel Cells/Micro-CHP

- Natural gas-fueled systems for small commercial and industrial applications are fairly common
- Japan and South Korea are leaders in deployment of residential micro-CHP systems
- Improvements in component and system design are needed to support improved performance, life of the system, and economics

H_2 technologies are beginning to deploy in larger quantities, resulting in steady cost reductions

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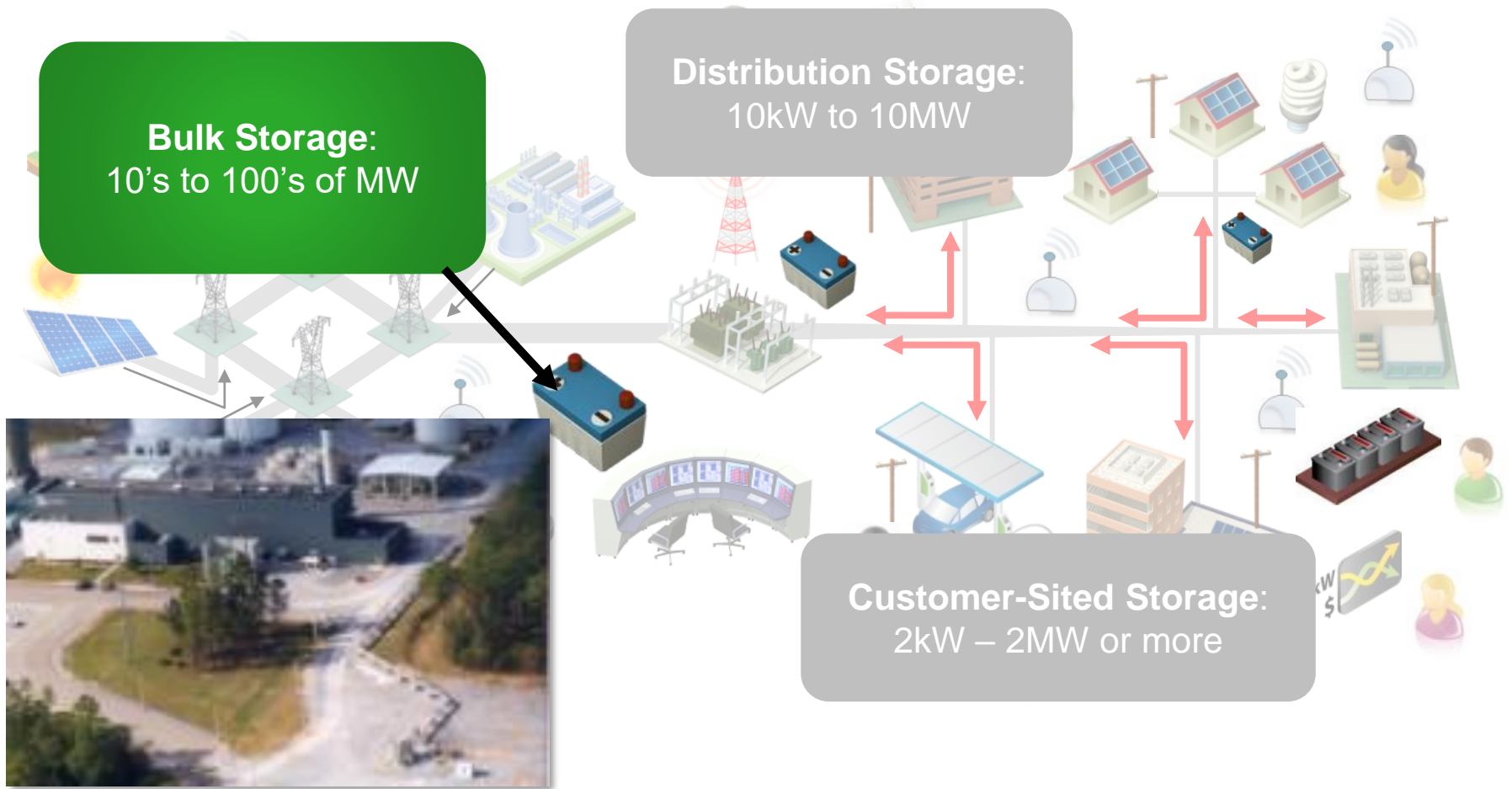
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The “Answer” for Renewable Energy Intermittency?



Rendering of bulk energy storage system

Example #1: Bulk Energy Storage

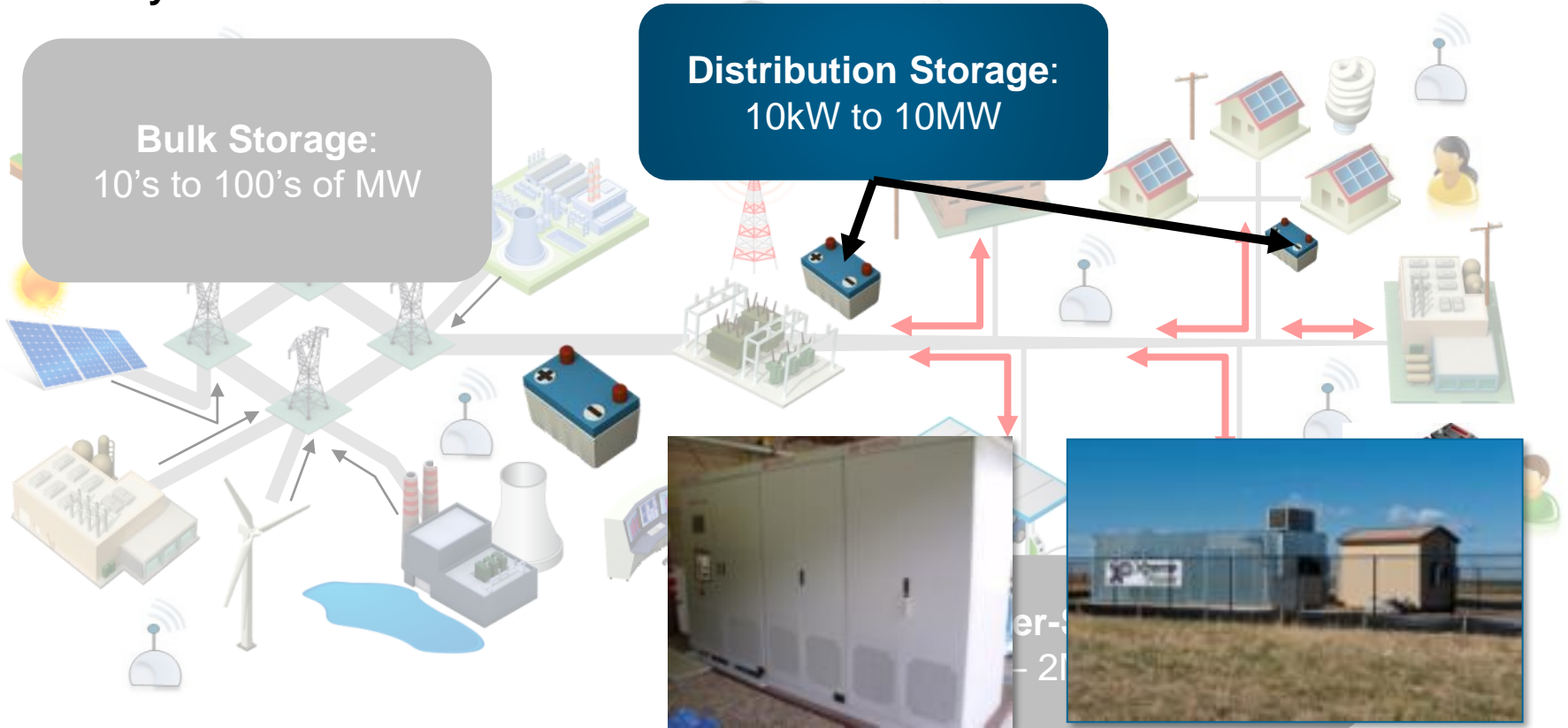


MacIntosh Alabama Compressed Air Storage Plant

Centralized plants may support bulk system planning and operations

Example #2: Energy Storage – Distribution

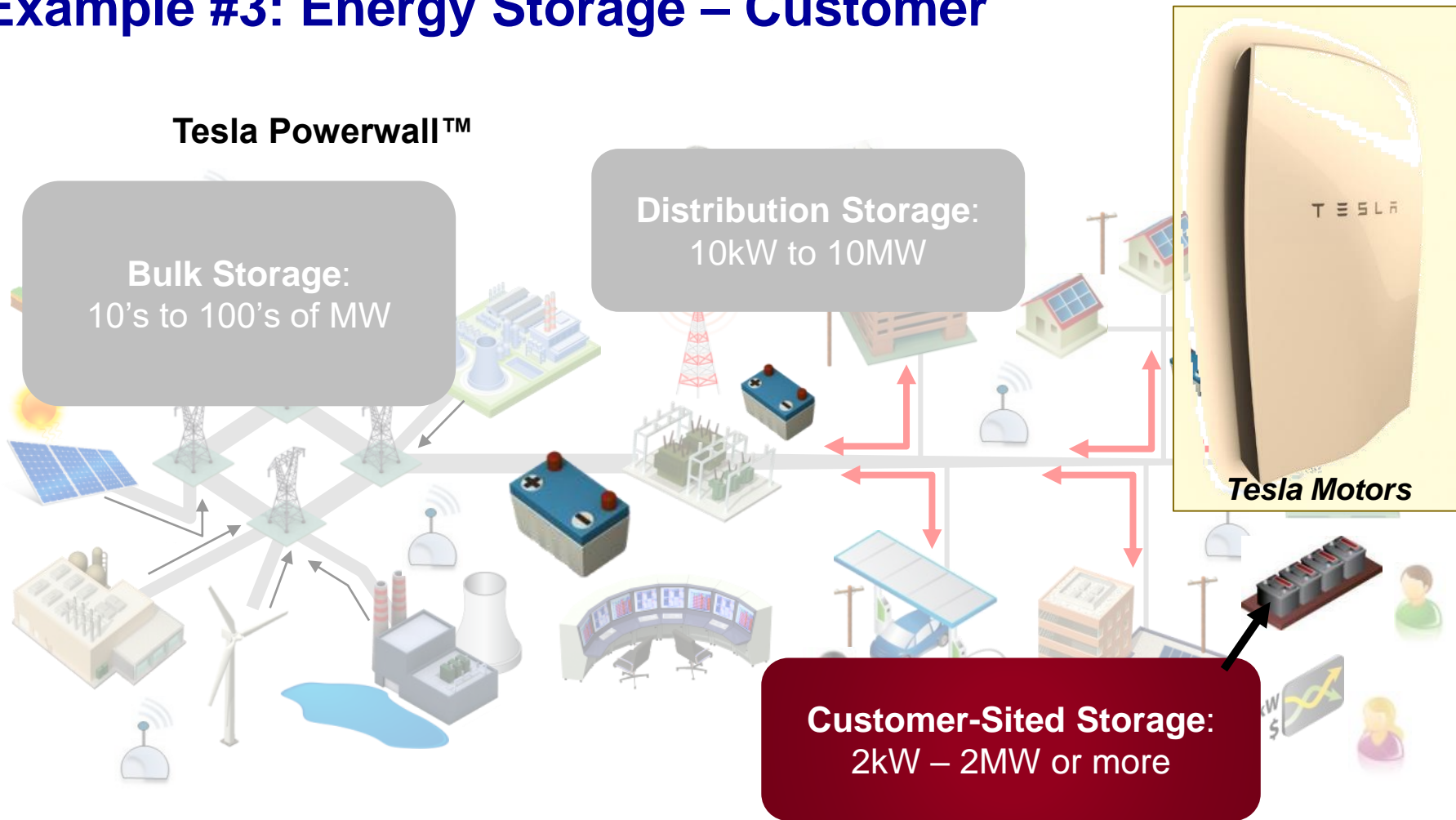
50kW System Under Test at EPRI Lab



500kW System Demonstration Outside Denver

Modular systems could defer distribution investment and enhance local resiliency, while providing bulk benefits

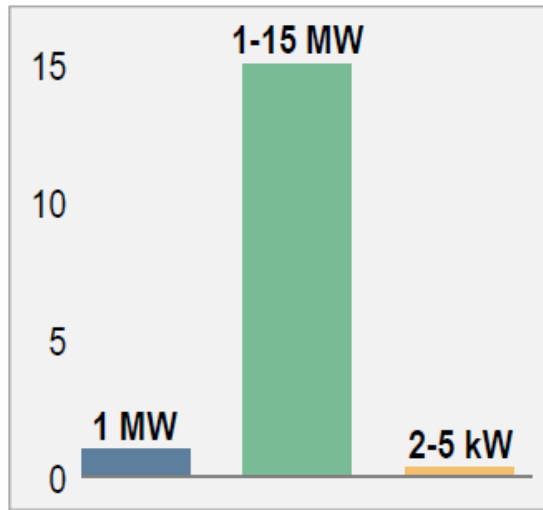
Example #3: Energy Storage – Customer



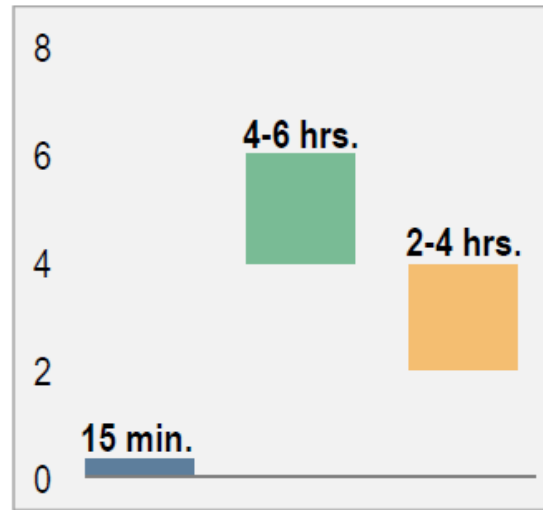
Utility customers may adopt for bill savings, reliability, Potential demand response or grid service payments

Energy Storage Characteristics for Various Applications

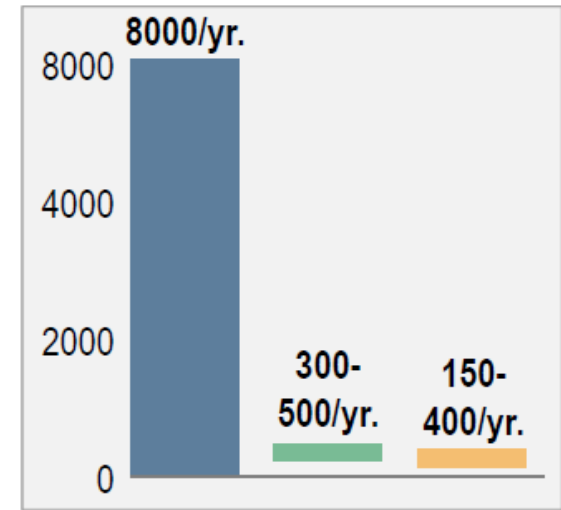
Size (MW)



Duration (hours)



Cycles



System Applications

Wholesale Markets
Frequency regulation

Utility Applications

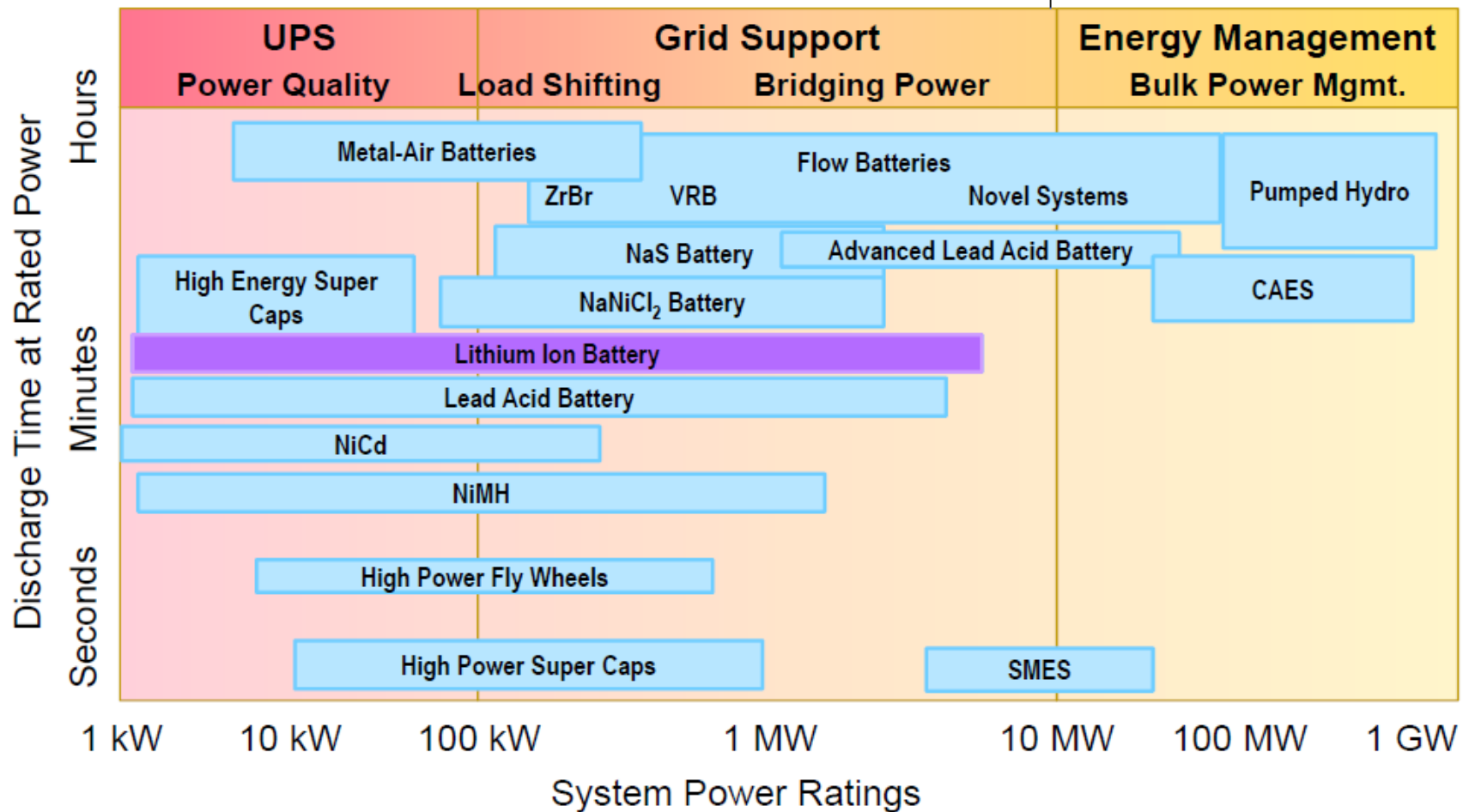
T&D Support
Urban and rural distribution deferral, both stationary and transportable.

Residential Applications

Home Energy Management, Distributed PV
Home energy management, back-up power, reliability

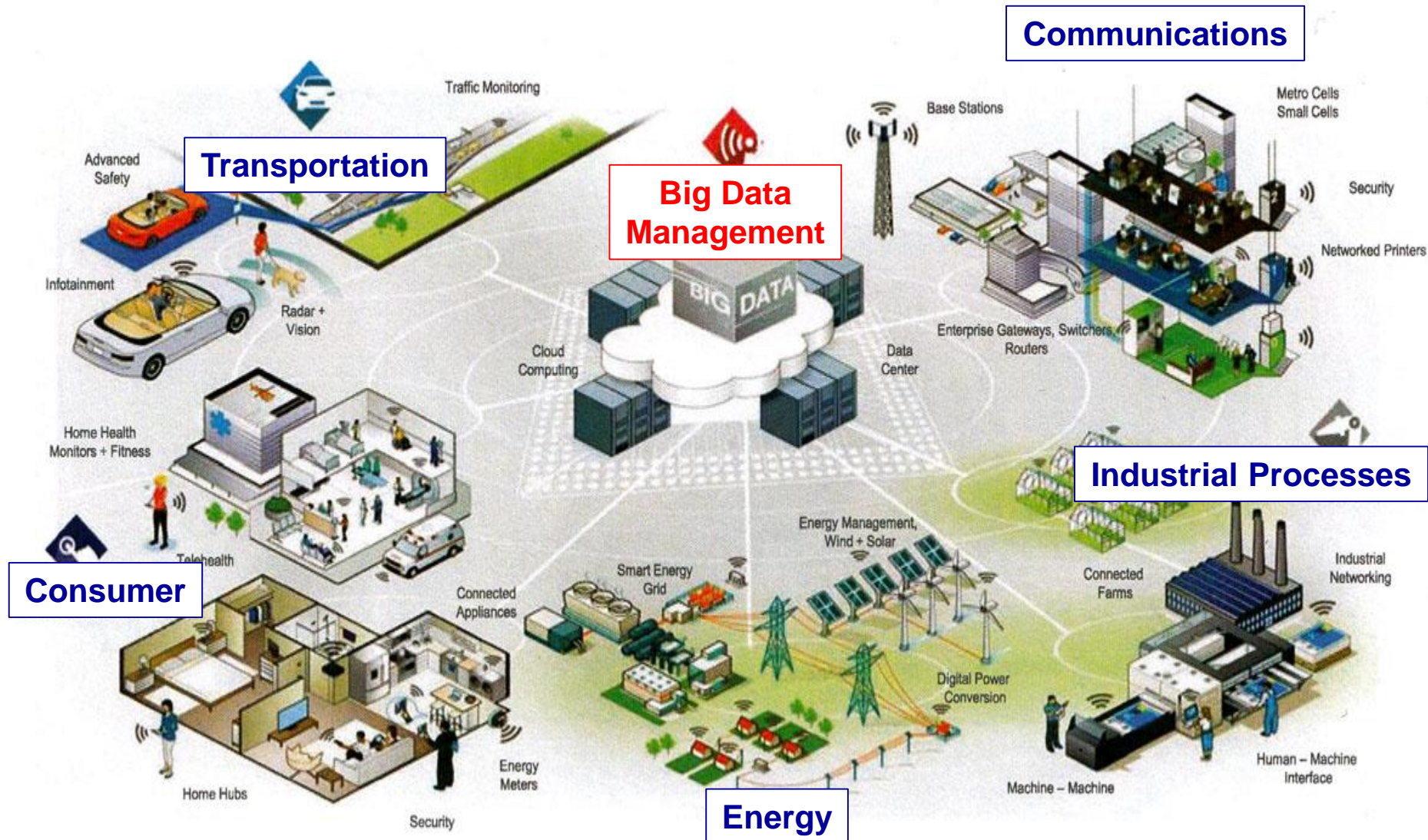
Key determinants for various applications: Peak power rating, number of hours of storage and cycling ability

Energy Storage Options – Power Rating Versus Discharge Duration



Lithium ion battery technology will be the dominant technology for stationary application in the foreseeable future

Big Data – “The Internet of Things”



What is “Swarm Intelligence”?

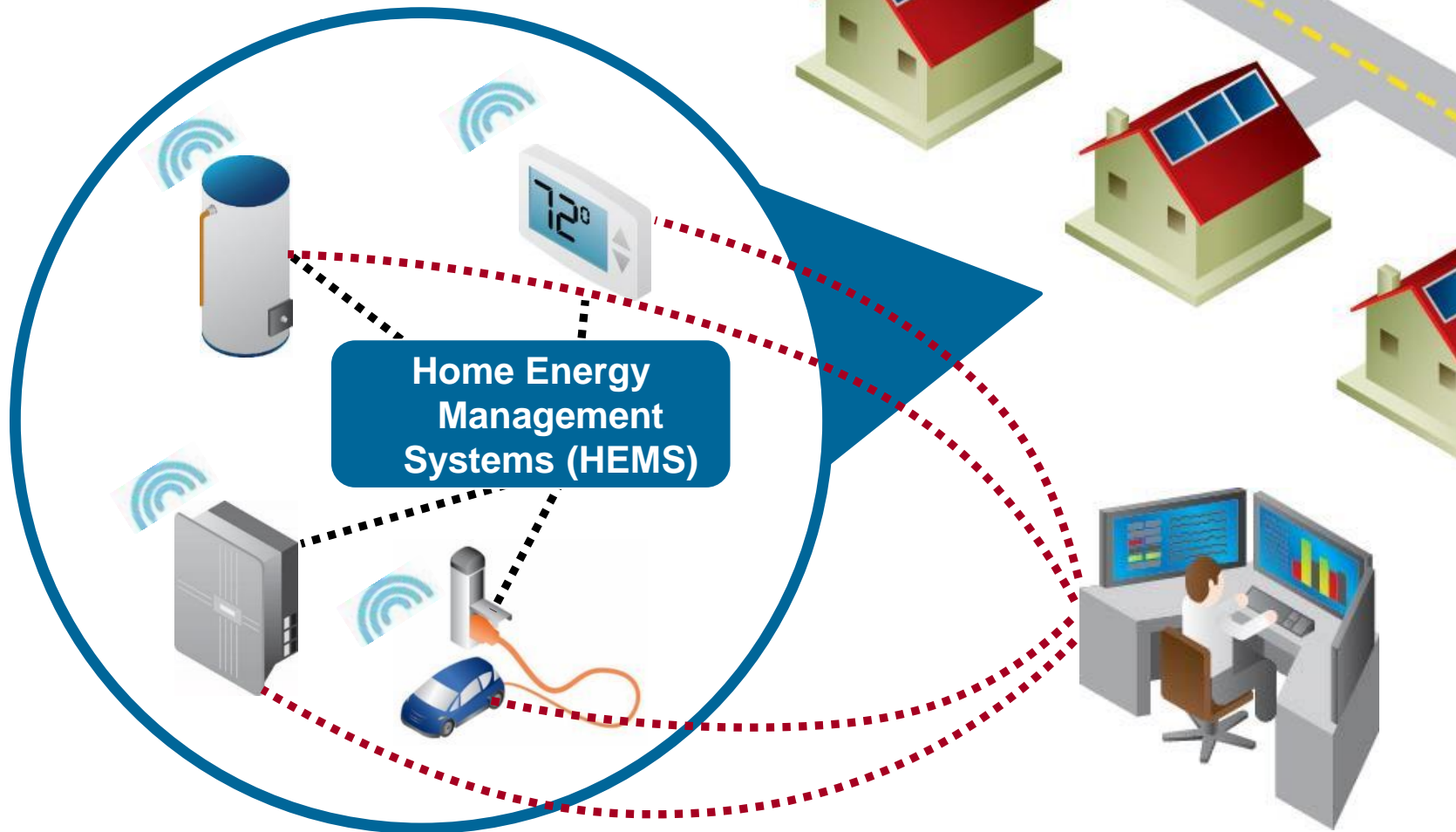
- Used by ants and other creatures
- Enables control to be fully distributed among individuals (no centralized point of control or dependency)
- Each individual operates independently by following simple rules in response to local stimuli
- Members work together to accomplish group goals
- Widely used methodology
 - Telecommunications / network routing, simulating crowds, robot and drone swarms



Swarm intelligence is the collective behavior of decentralized, self-organized systems.

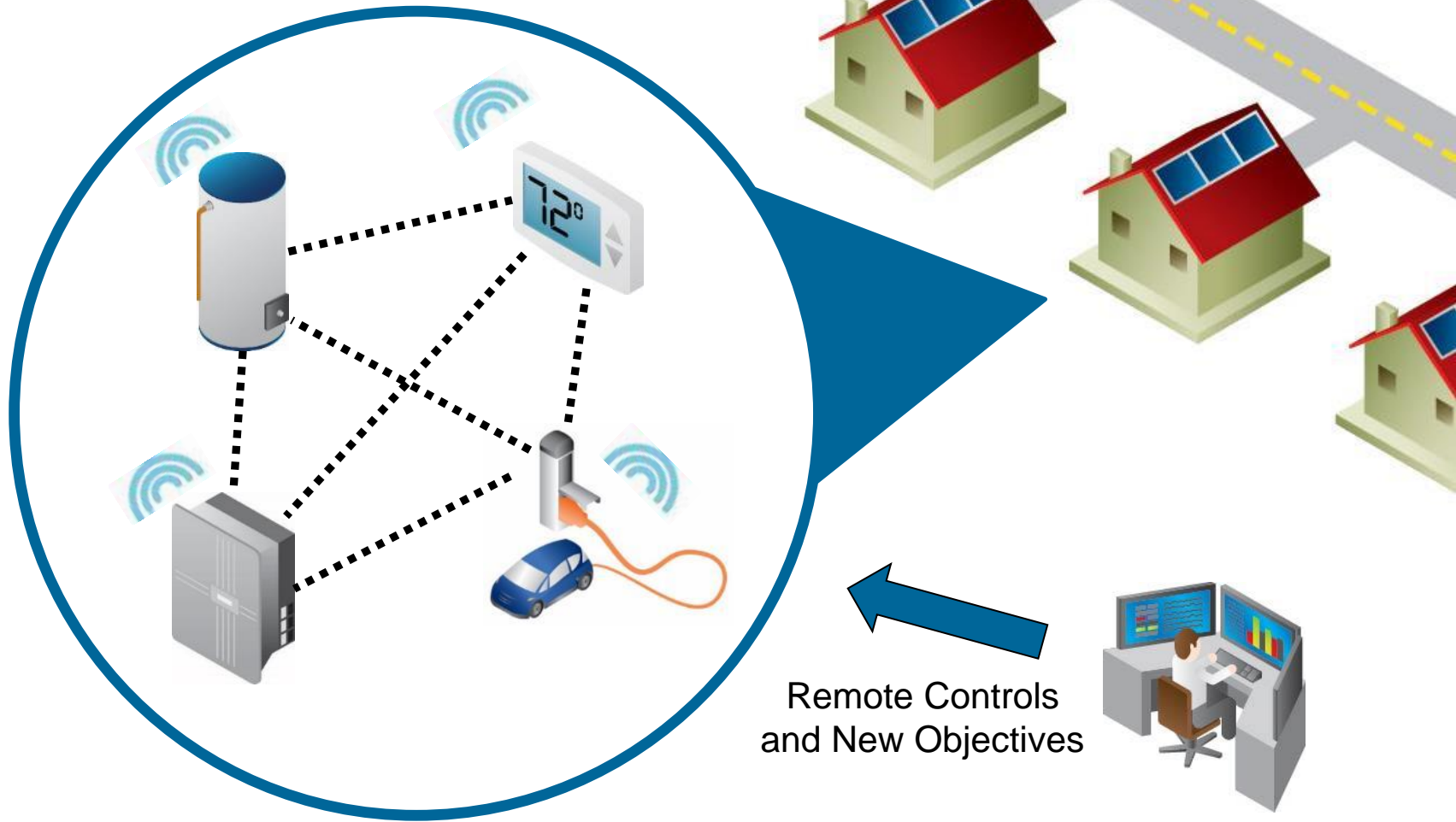
How it Has Been Done Before

Central Control, Ignorant Devices



Currently HEMS, utilities or aggregators must centrally manage distributed energy resources (devices) to coordinate their behaviors.

“Swarm Intelligence” for Devices



Devices with swarm intelligence will share information about themselves with other devices and work to achieve common goals.

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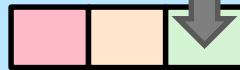
State: Battery Charged
Mode: Off, Non-interruptible



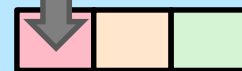
State: Tank Temp Near
Mode: On, Interruptible



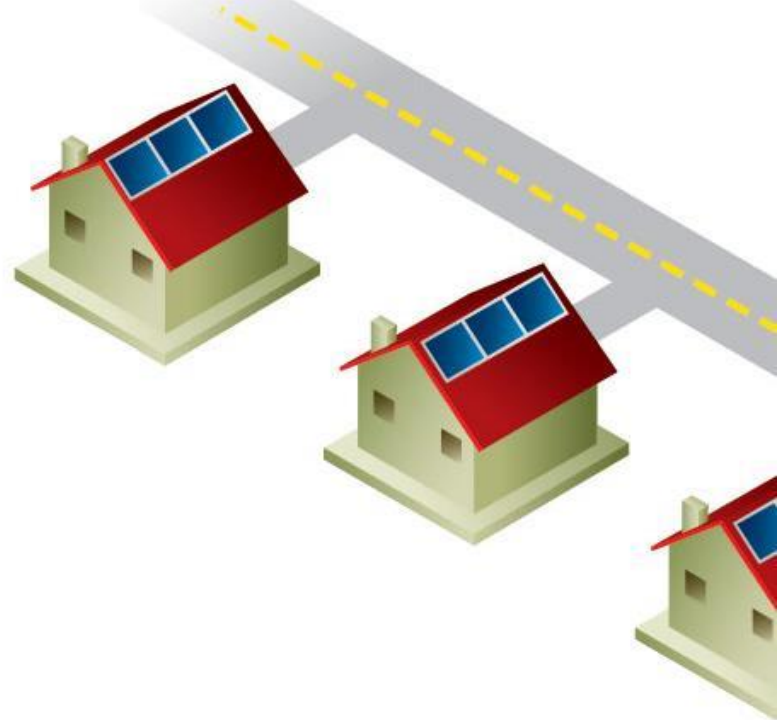
State: Approaching Setpoint
Mode: On-Interruptible



State: Generating
Mode: On, Curtailable



State: Tank Temp is Very Low
Mode: On, Non-interruptible



Social Behavior – Impact on Carbon Reduction

The Washington Post

Energy and Environment

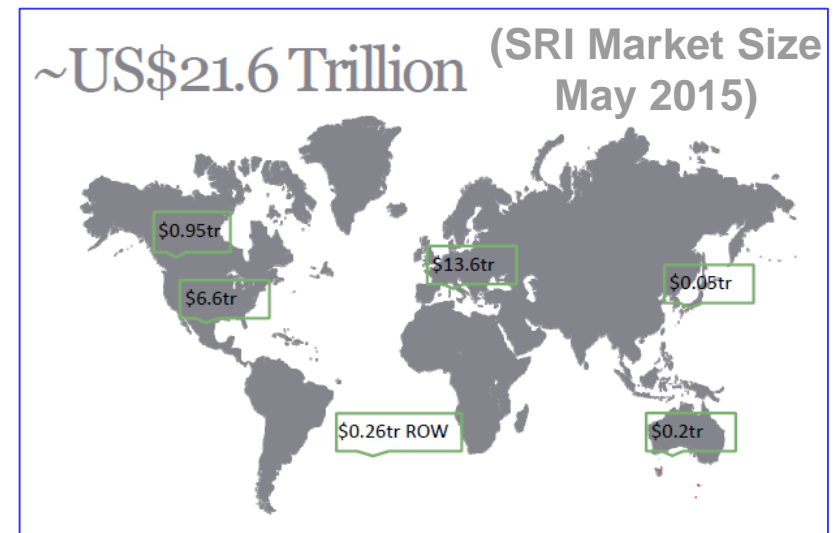
The next energy revolution won't be in wind or solar. It will be in our brains.

By **Chris Mooney** January 22, 2015

But what if the most important changes are coming instead, not from the [Warren-Congress Energy Efficiency](#) [Energy Office](#), Caley is tapping into one of the [hottest trends in academic energy research](#): looking to use psychology and the behavioral sciences to find ways of saving energy by changing *people* — their habits, routines, practices and preconceptions.

Access to Capital – Investors Influenced by Sustainability

- Corporate Financial Filings
- Lending Institutions adopting “Equator Principles”
- Millennials will drive change
- 433 environmental, social, governance resolutions in 2015
- (Independent) SASB identifying issues that are material at an industry-level (“Material issue” has potential to impact firm’s financials)



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A person's hands are shown holding binoculars, looking towards the horizon. The background is a bright, warm sunset or sunrise, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a lens flare effect. The overall mood is contemplative and forward-looking.

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