



Renewable Energy Technologies for the Energy Transition

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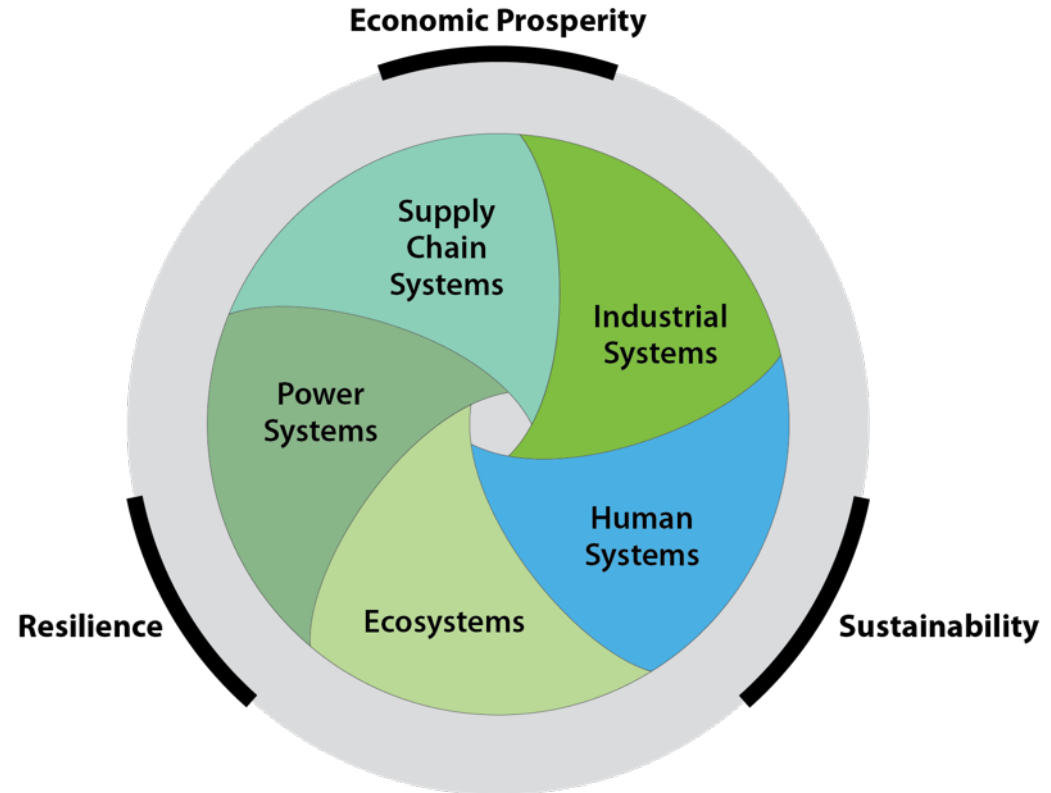


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Clean Energy Is Diverse

WIND

Onshore



Offshore



GEO THERMAL



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SOLAR PV

Distributed & Micro Grids



Utility Grid Connected



CONCENTRATING SOLAR



HYDROPOWER

Large & Small



Wave & Tidal



BATTERIES & STORAGE



BIOMASS & WASTE



HYDROGEN & GAS



EFFICIENCY & HEAT USE

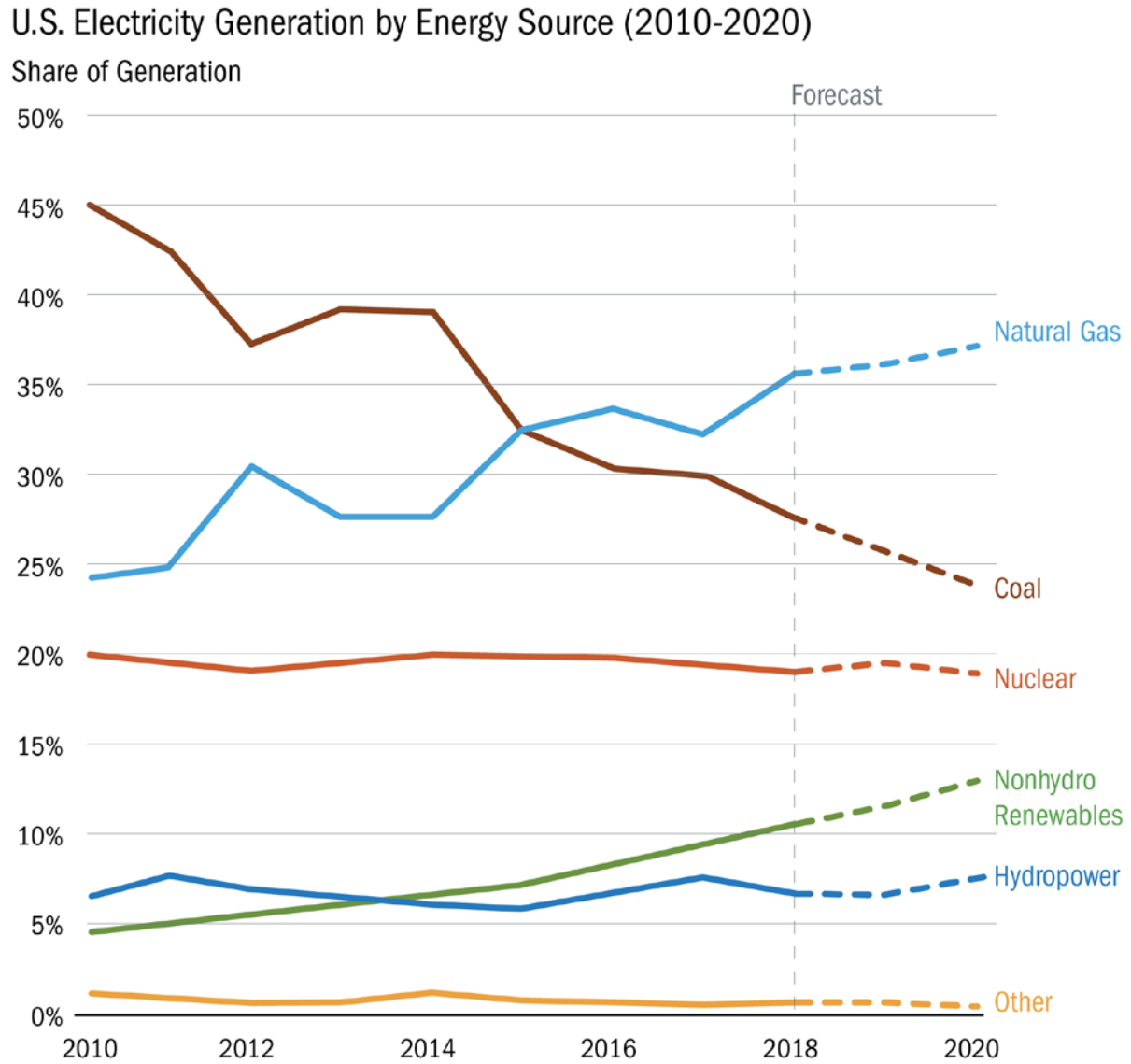


U.S. Electricity Trending to Gas and Renewables

Renewable energy—not including hydropower—currently produces 10% of the total U.S. electricity generation. Within the next two years, this is expected to grow to 13%.

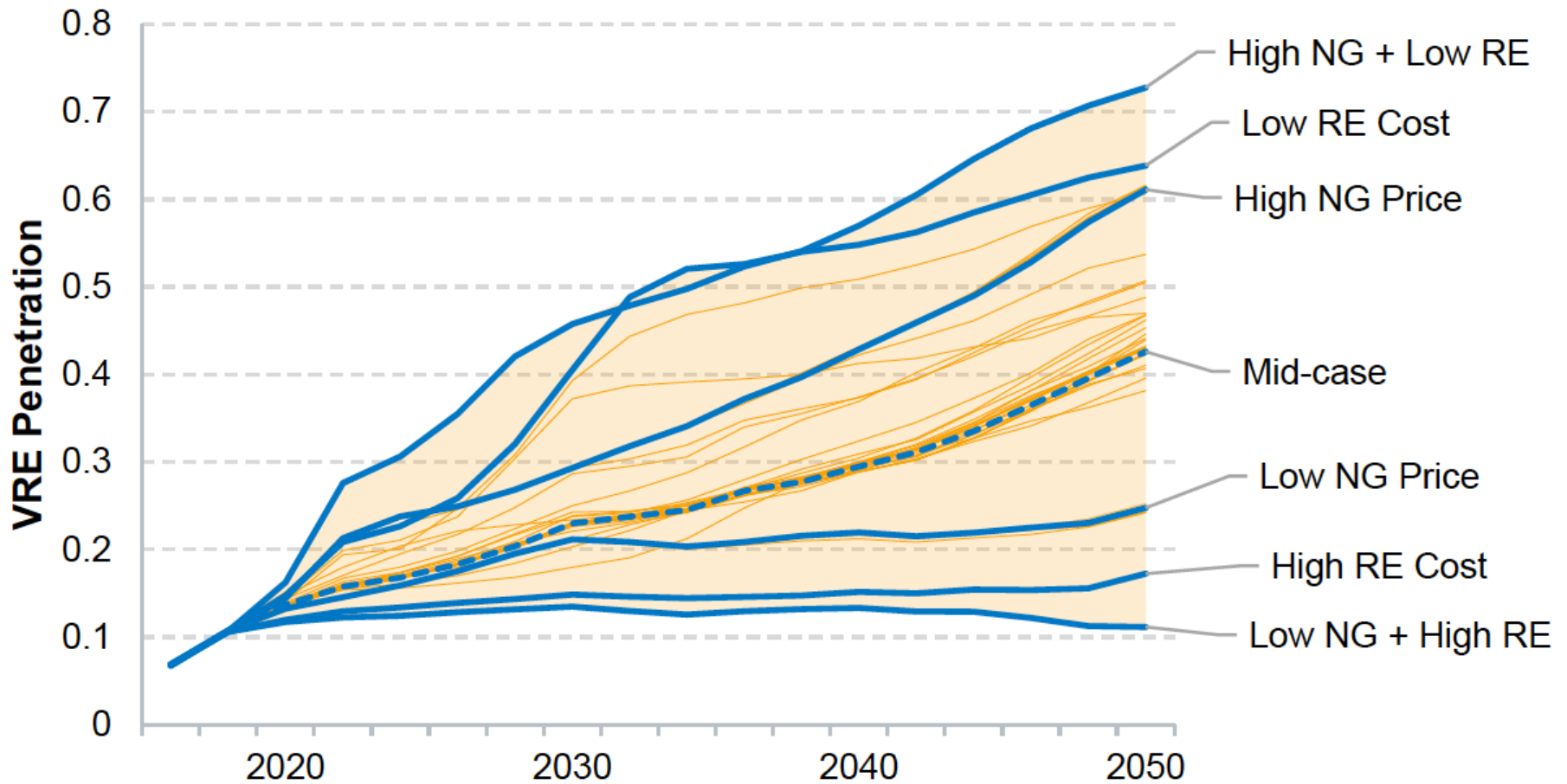
With hydropower, renewable energy is 17%.

With nuclear (19%), U.S. low-carbon electricity is 36%.



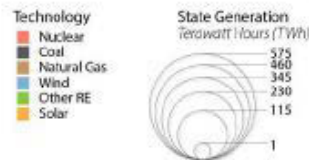
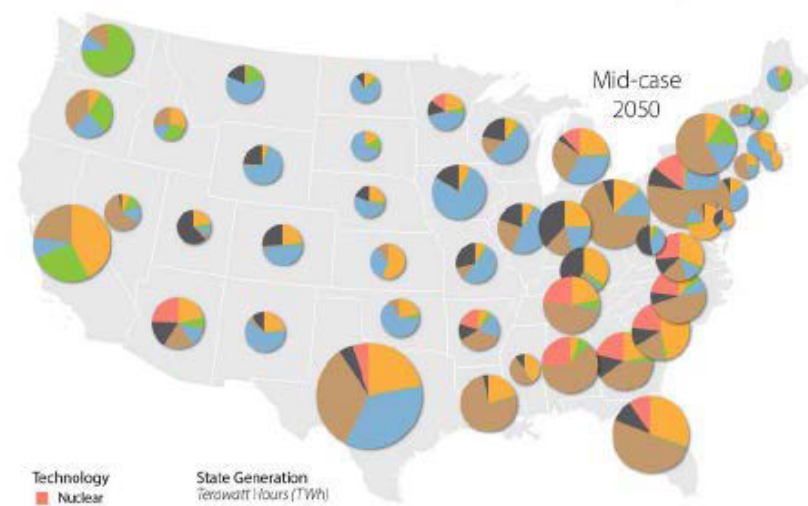
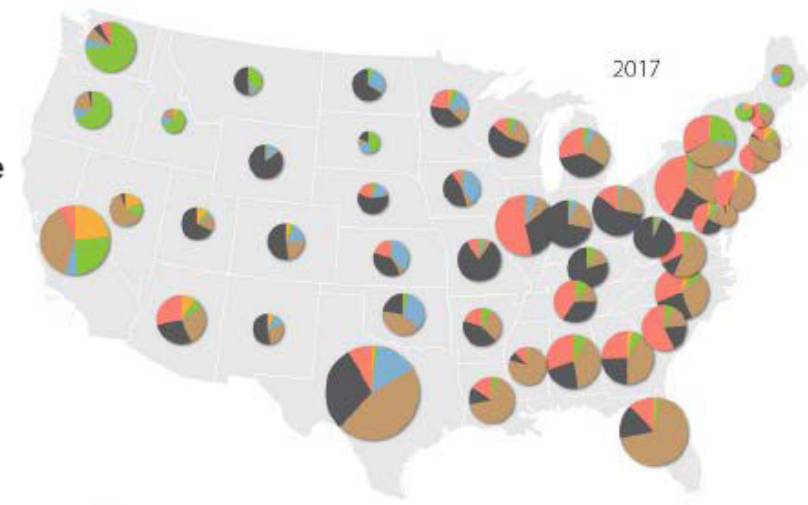
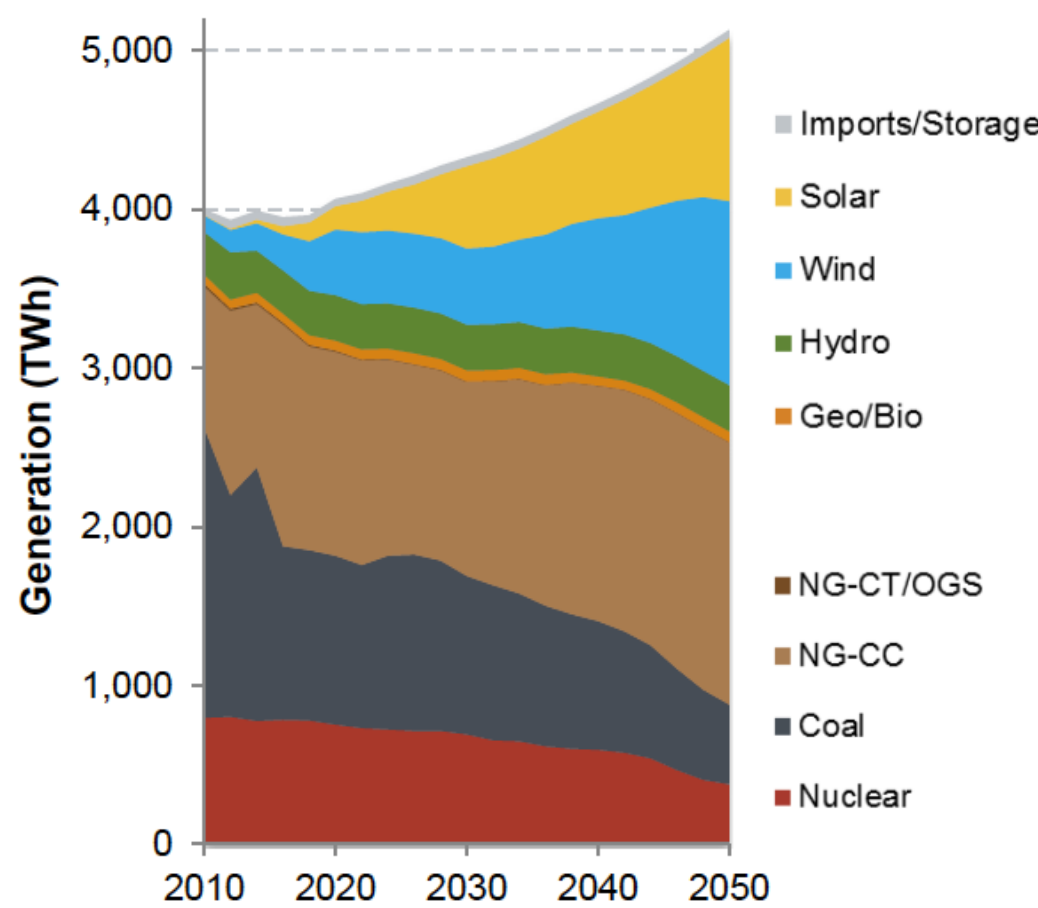
Source: United States Energy Information Agency, *Today in Energy*, 18 January 2019

Future electricity generation will depend on technology development and markets



Generation projections across 42 scenarios: NREL 2018 Standard Scenarios Report: A U.S. Electricity Sector Outlook, www.nrel.gov/analysis/data_tech_baseline.html

Future electricity generation will also depend on location and policy

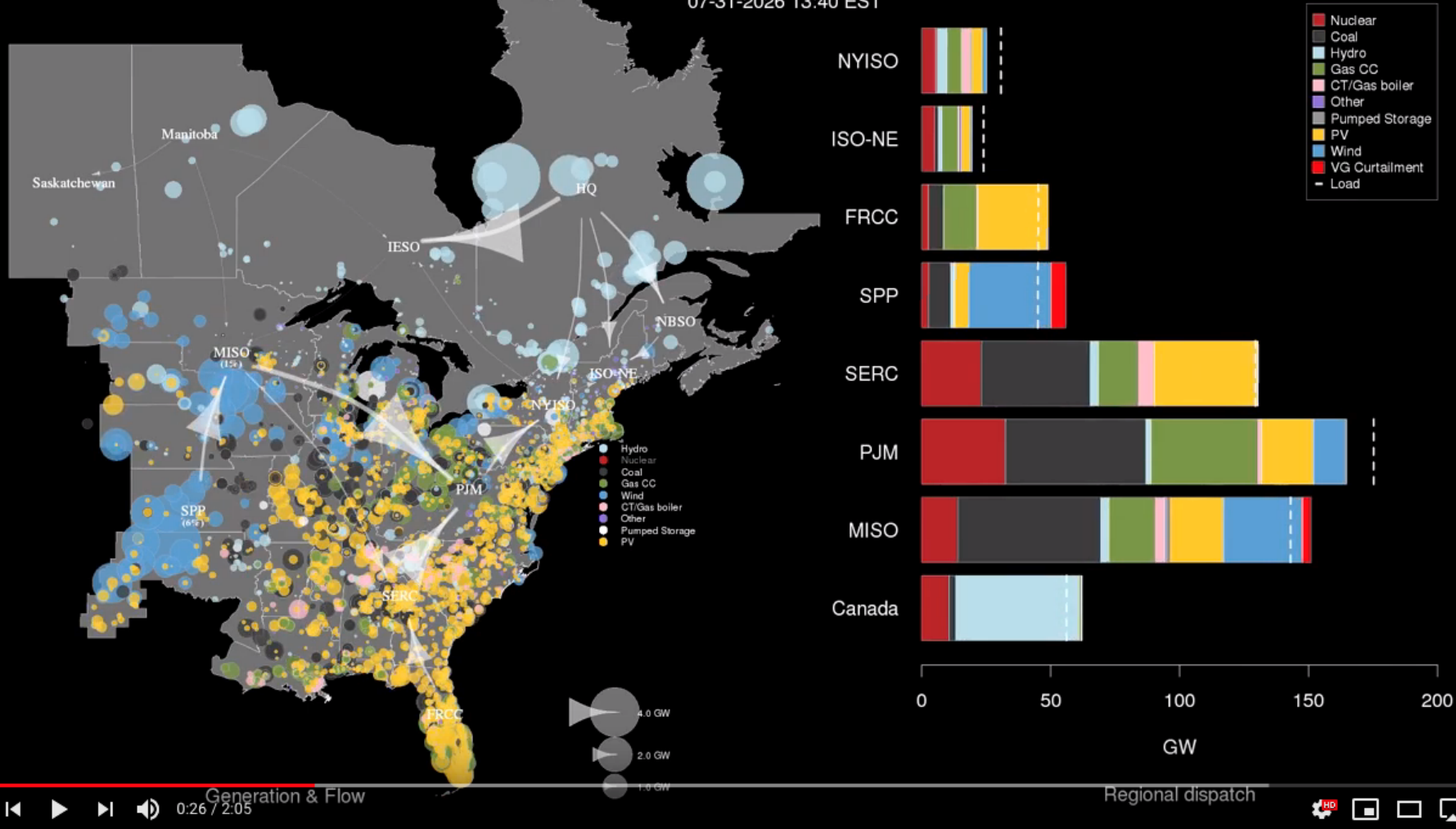


Generation by technology type in the Central Scenario, from: NREL 2018 Standard Scenarios Report: A U.S. Electricity Sector Outlook, www.nrel.gov/analysis/data_tech_baseline.html

Advanced grid integration studies required to understand deployment and transmission

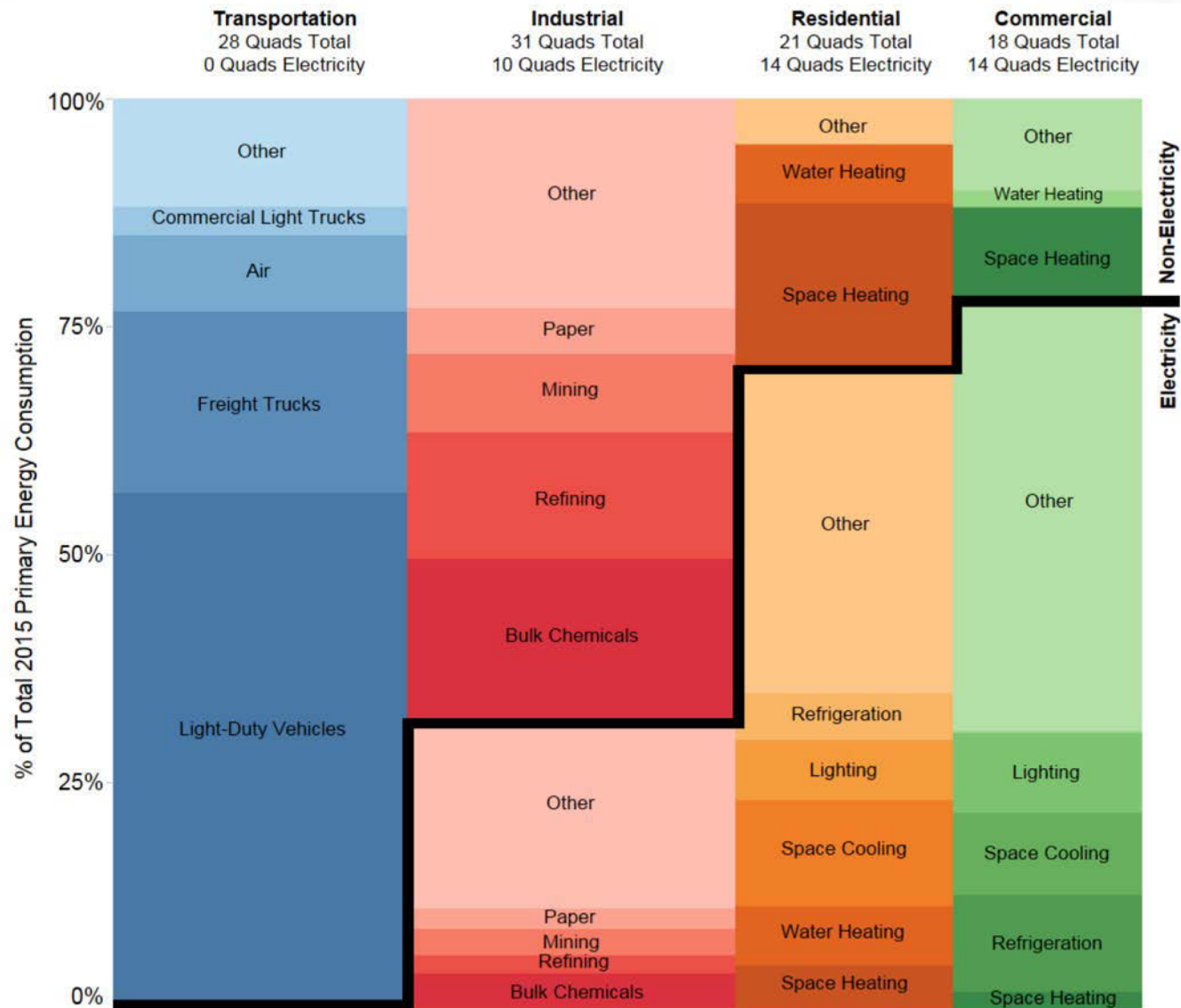
Eastern Renewable Generation Integration Study (RTx30)

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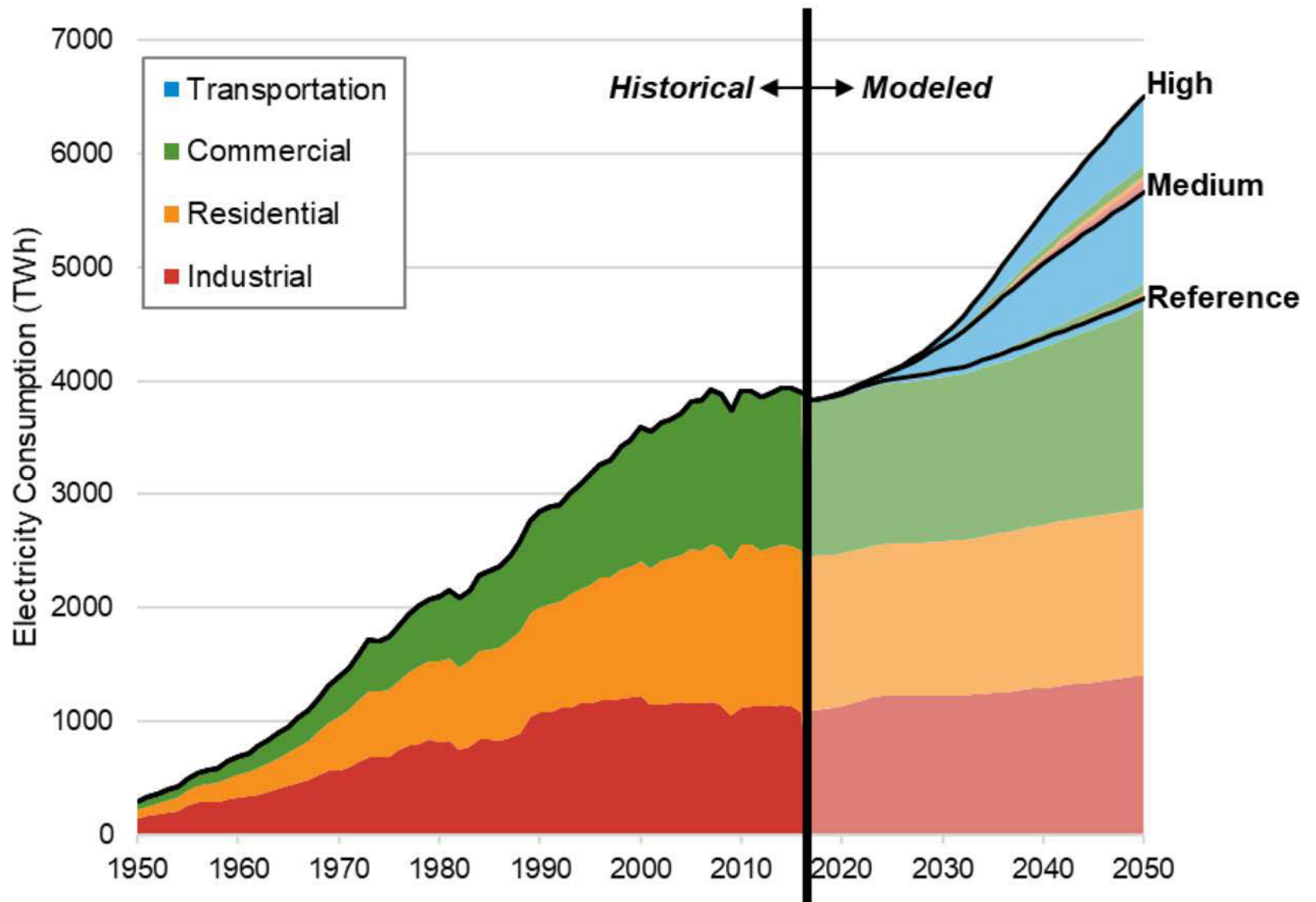
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Electrification Futures Study



All Figures from NREL's Electrification Futures Study: www.nrel.gov/efs

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Wind Turbines

Onshore



Peetz Table Wind Energy Center

- Peetz, Colorado
- 430 MW, 300 turbines
- Opened 2001, expanded 2007
- Capacity Factor 34.5%

Offshore

Block Island Wind Farm

- New Shoreham, Rhode Island
- 30 MW, 5 turbines
- 100 m hub height, 150 m diameter
- Opened 2016
- Capacity Factor 48% (projected)

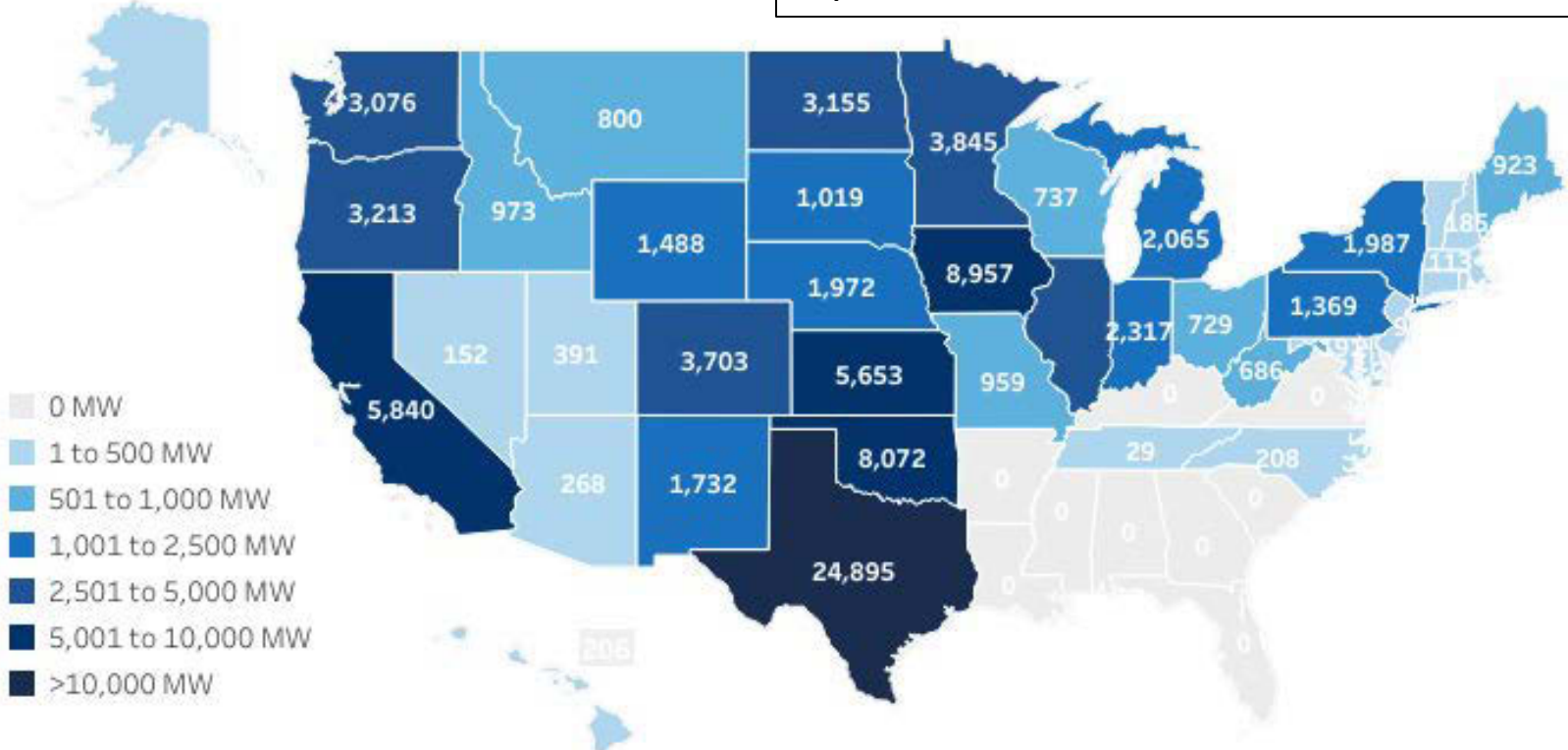


U.S. & Colorado Wind Market (installed capacity, MW)

Wind capacity installed in Oklahoma, Iowa, and Kansas supplied 31%–36% of all in-state electricity generation in 2018. 14 states were greater than 10%.

Colorado Rank – 8th for capacity
 Installed: 3703 MW (2,248 turbines)
 Percentage of In-State Energy Production: 17.3%
 Equivalent U.S. Homes Powered: 944,100

Wind Capacity by State



Source: American Wind Energy Association, <https://www.awea.org/wind-energy-facts-at-a-glance/>, <https://www.awea.org/Awea/media/Resources/StateFactSheets/Colorado.pdf>

Wind Machines – Scale, Capacity Factor Increasing, Manufacturing Costs Declining

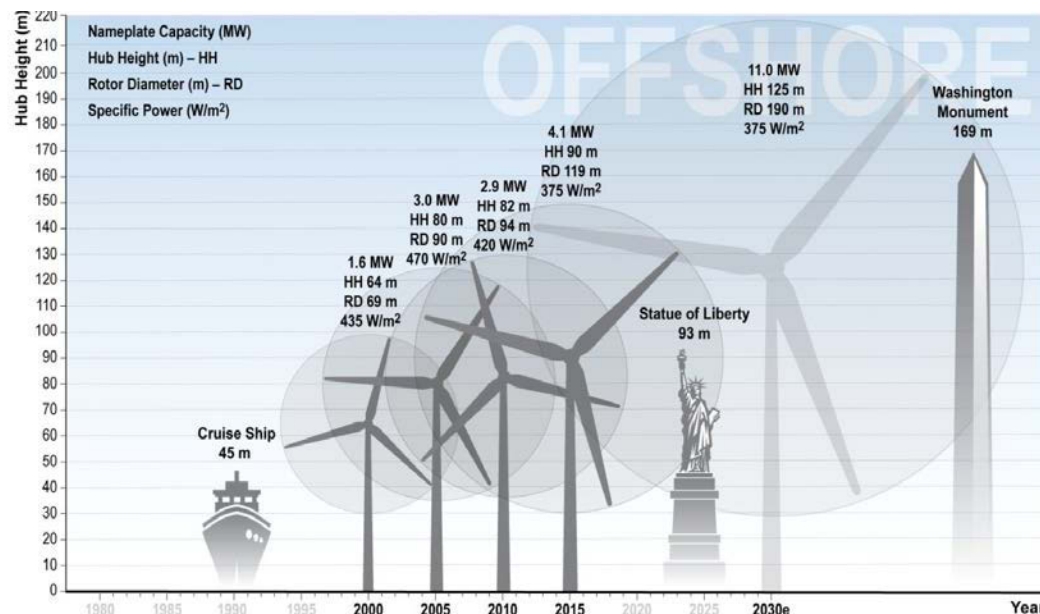
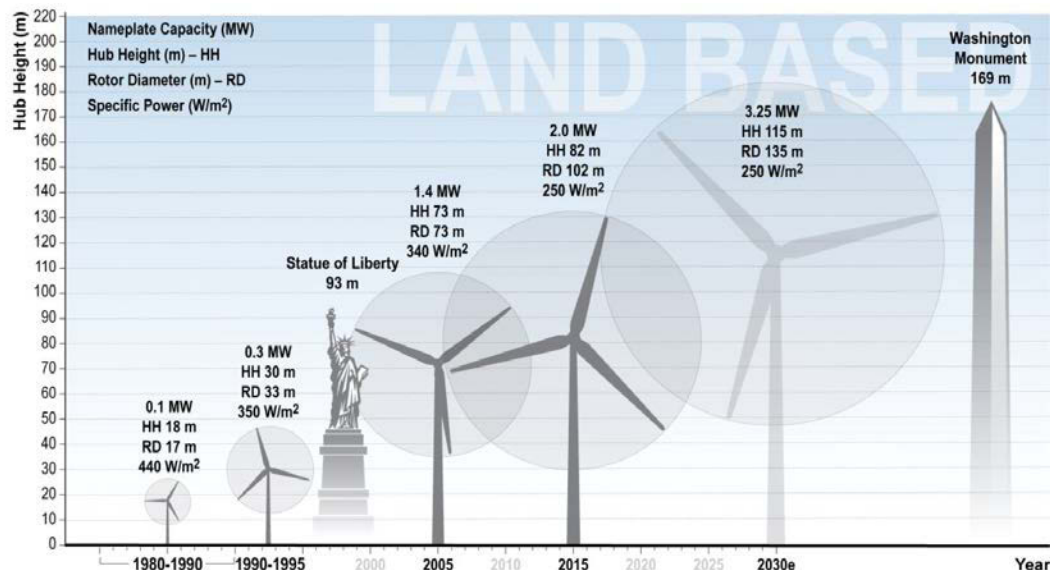
Onshore: 2-3 MW
50 m blade length



Avg. Wind Turbine Capacity Factors (% of capacity) by Build Year

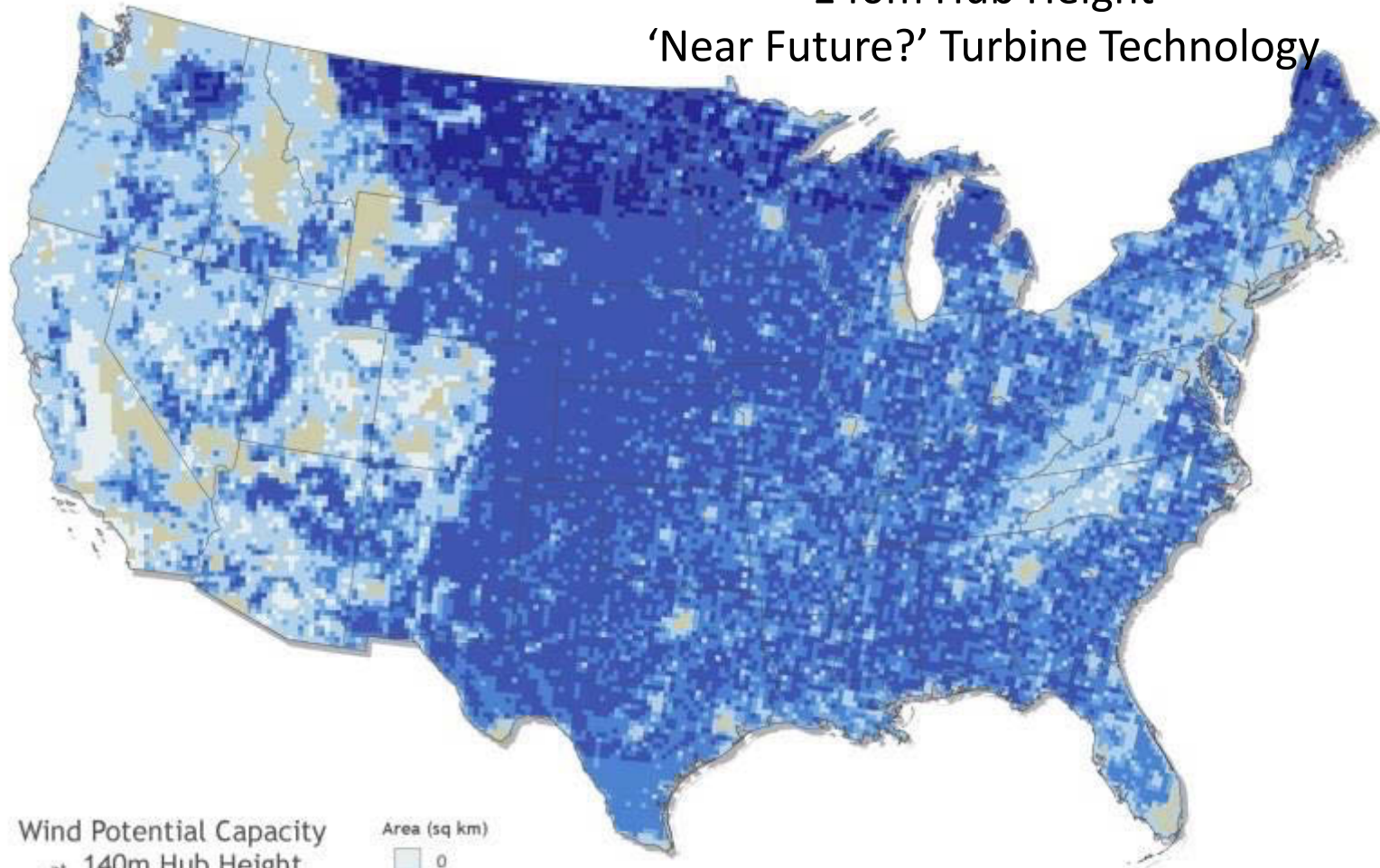
1998-2001: 24.5%
2004-2011: 32.1%
2014-2015: 42.6%

Compare: Natural Gas Plant: 56%;
Coal Fired Plant: 53%; Nuclear: 92%;
Solar Photovoltaic: 27%



Wind Energy Potential Increasing to More Places based on technology development

140m Hub Height
'Near Future?' Turbine Technology

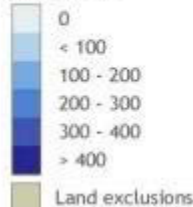


Wind Potential Capacity
at 140m Hub Height

35% GCF

Future Technology

Area (sq km)



Data sources: AWS Truepower, National Renewable Energy Laboratory

This map was produced by the
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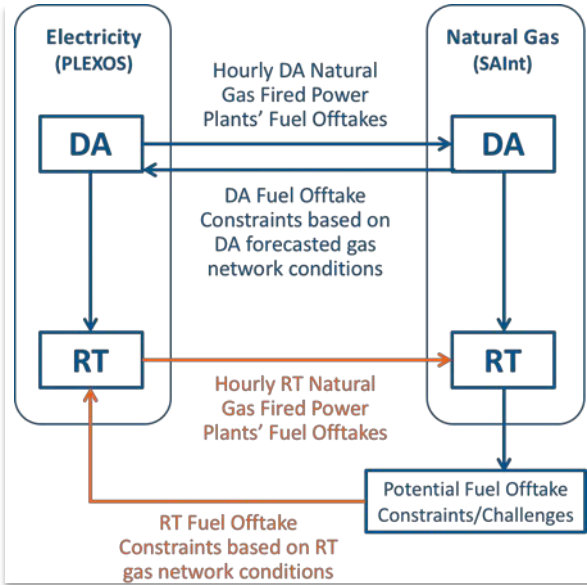
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Electricity Generation: Electric-Natural Gas Interface Study

Electricity & Gas networks are interconnected energy infrastructures whose operation and reliability depend on one another. As the percent of gas and variable renewable power plants increase, the connection between these networks becomes increasingly important.

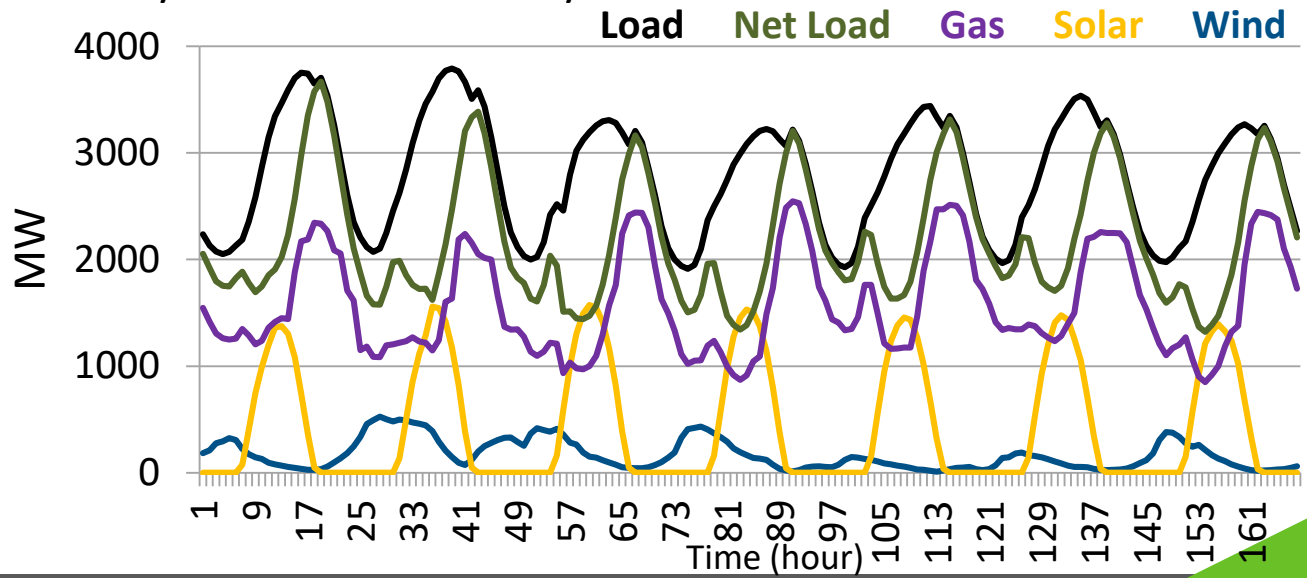
Goal of project is to:

- Co-simulate power and natural gas network operations.
- Model the Colorado interconnected power and natural gas networks and a test system with different renewable penetrations.
- Determine value of coordination of day-ahead and intra-day operations.



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 - Hewlett Foundation
 - Kinder Morgan
 - American Gas Association
 - Midcontinent Independent System Operator

Source: JISEA project in progress.



Clean Energy for Oil & Gas Consortium

JISEA has established a collaborative program for the identification, development, modeling & analysis, and demonstration of clean power for oil and gas operations. The program will:

- Support the identification, development, and adaptation of **highly reliable, cost-effective clean energy solutions** for oil and gas operations
- Perform techno-economic analysis and **site-specific optimization** of combinations of renewable and conventional generation, storage, and energy conservation
- With industry partners, **demonstrate the most promising technologies** for validation of performance in a variety of field environments, while analyzing optimization scenarios.

Project Objective

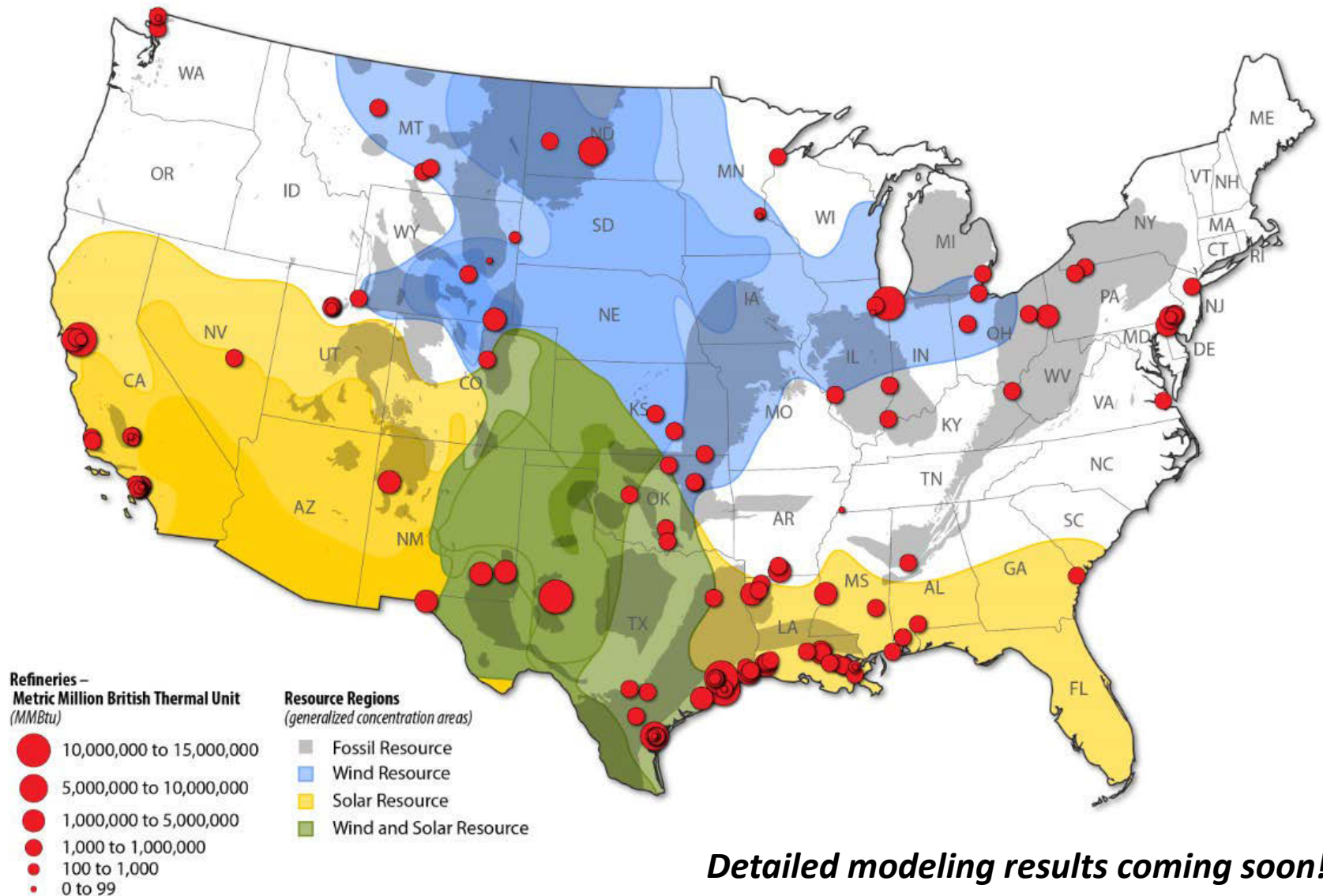
Demonstrate reliable, affordable, clean power for oil & gas operations.

- **Reduce risk to operations**
- **Collaboratively identify 'best practices' to reduce cost**
- **Access to unique, world class capabilities**
- **Leverage research/testing dollars**

Starting similar program for mining.



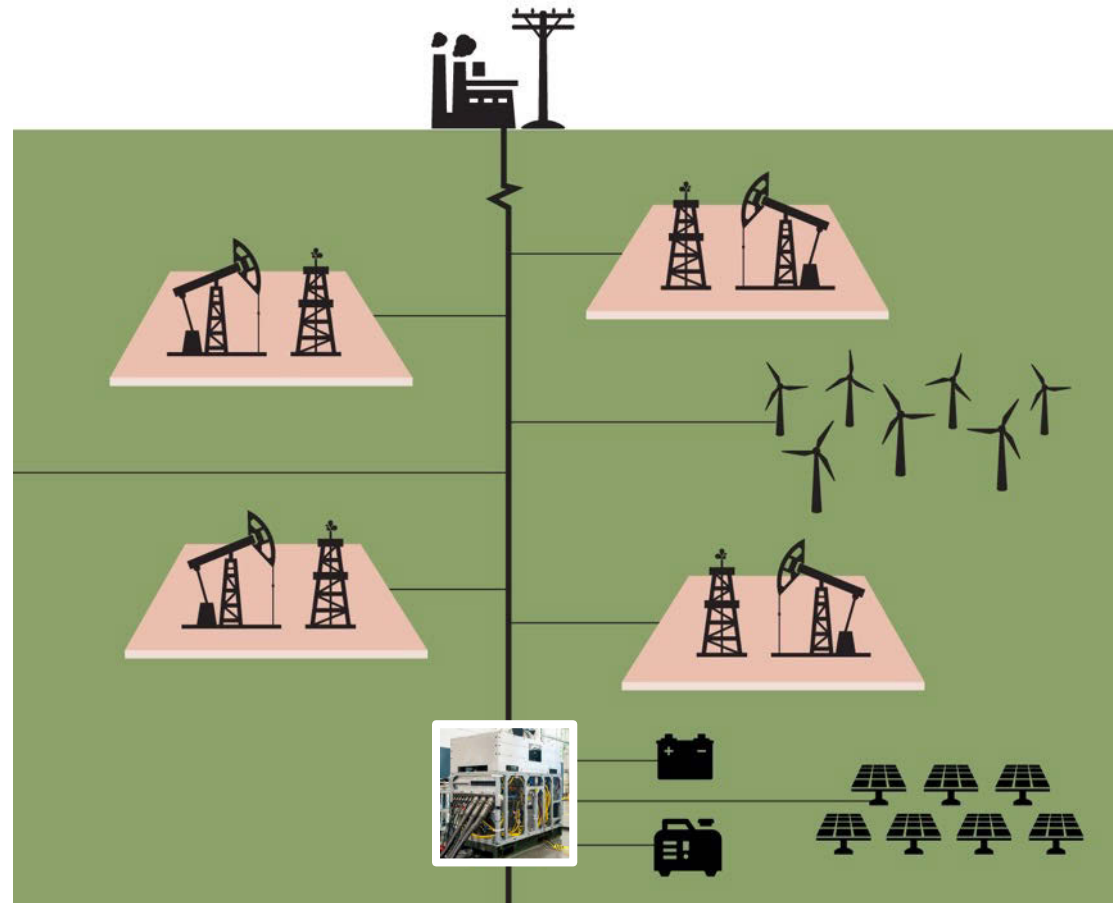
Many refineries may have great wind AND solar resources



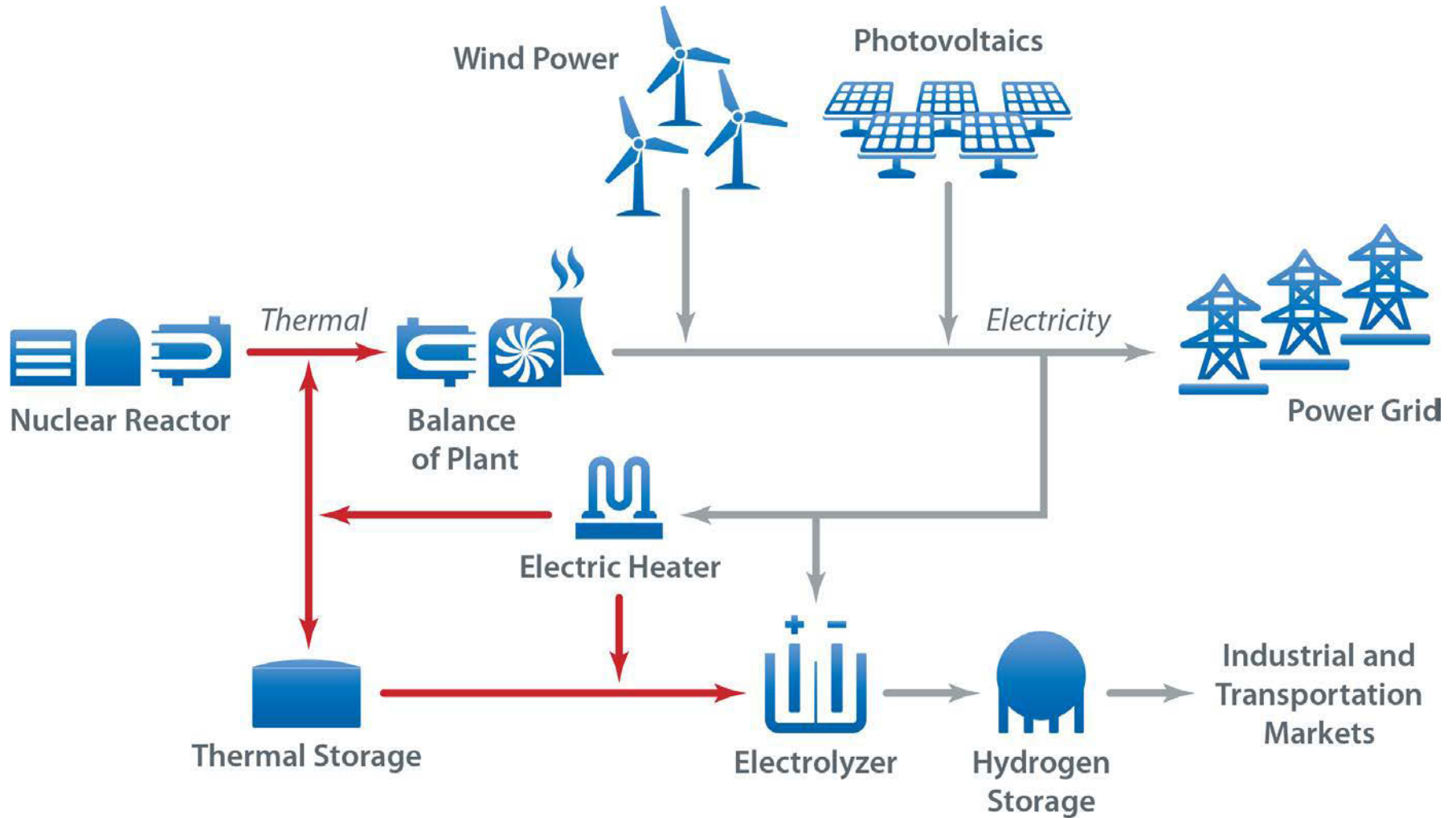
Detailed modeling results coming soon!

Clean Power Technologies for Oil & Gas Industry Operations: Electrification of the Wellpad and Platform via Microgrids

- Electrification of all equipment at wellpad connected via microgrid
- Power could consist of:
 - Field/Flare Gas fired generator
 - Solar PV/wind systems
 - Fuel cells
 - Energy Storage
 - Hydrogen
 - Batteries
 - Grid power (or offgrid)
- Benefits:
 - Resiliency during outages
 - Optimize for least cost
 - Reduce emissions
- Leverage work on
 - Remote bases & communities
 - Islands



Renewable Hybrid Energy Solutions



Sources: Ruth et al. 2016; Bragg-Sitton et al. 2016

Co-location of Wind/PV and Agriculture

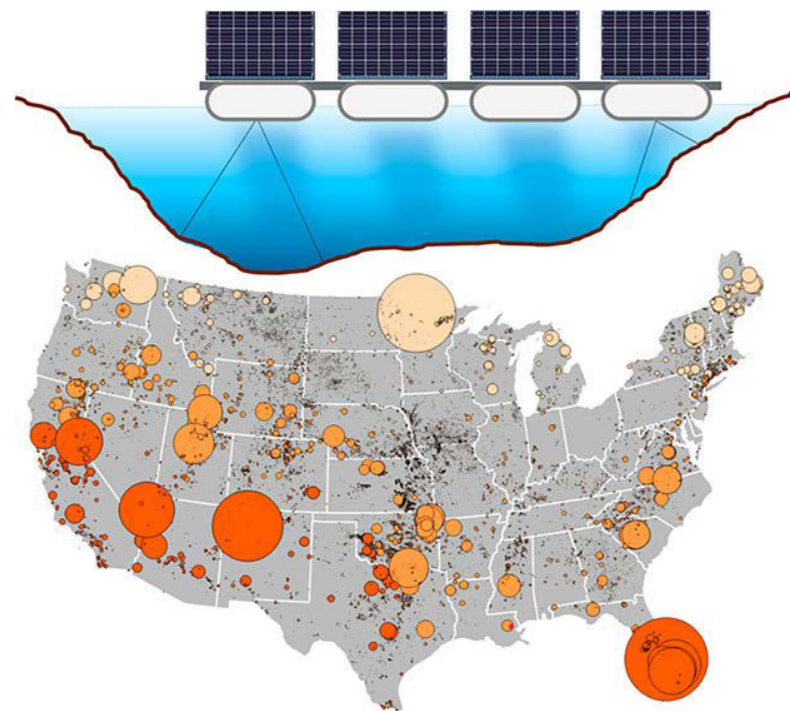


Also looking at energy in entire food system.

Floating Solar PV (FPV)



- Analysis of cost, siting, and O&M tradeoffs
- GIS-based technical/market potential analysis for the U.S.
- Installing floating solar photovoltaics on the more than 24,000 man-made U.S. reservoirs could generate about 10 percent of the nation's annual electricity production
- Reduces evaporation and algae growth



Top image from <https://images.nrel.gov/>

Source: Spencer et al. 2018, Environmental Science & Technology, <https://www.nrel.gov/news/press/2018/nrel-details-great-potential-for-floating-pv-systems.html>.

Transitioning from a Linear to a Circular Economy

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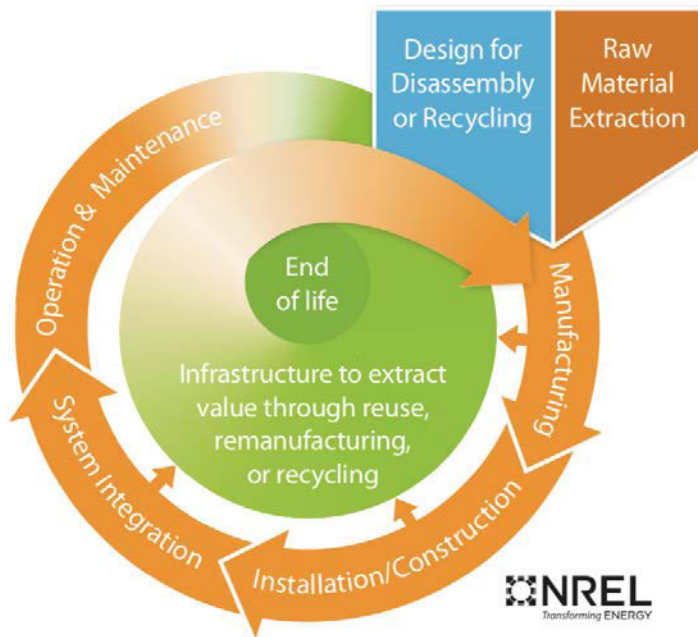
Design: Disassembly, recycle/reuse, materials/components/systems

Recycle/Reuse: complex heterogeneous waste; collection, pre-treatment, separations

Repurpose/Remanufacture: components, materials

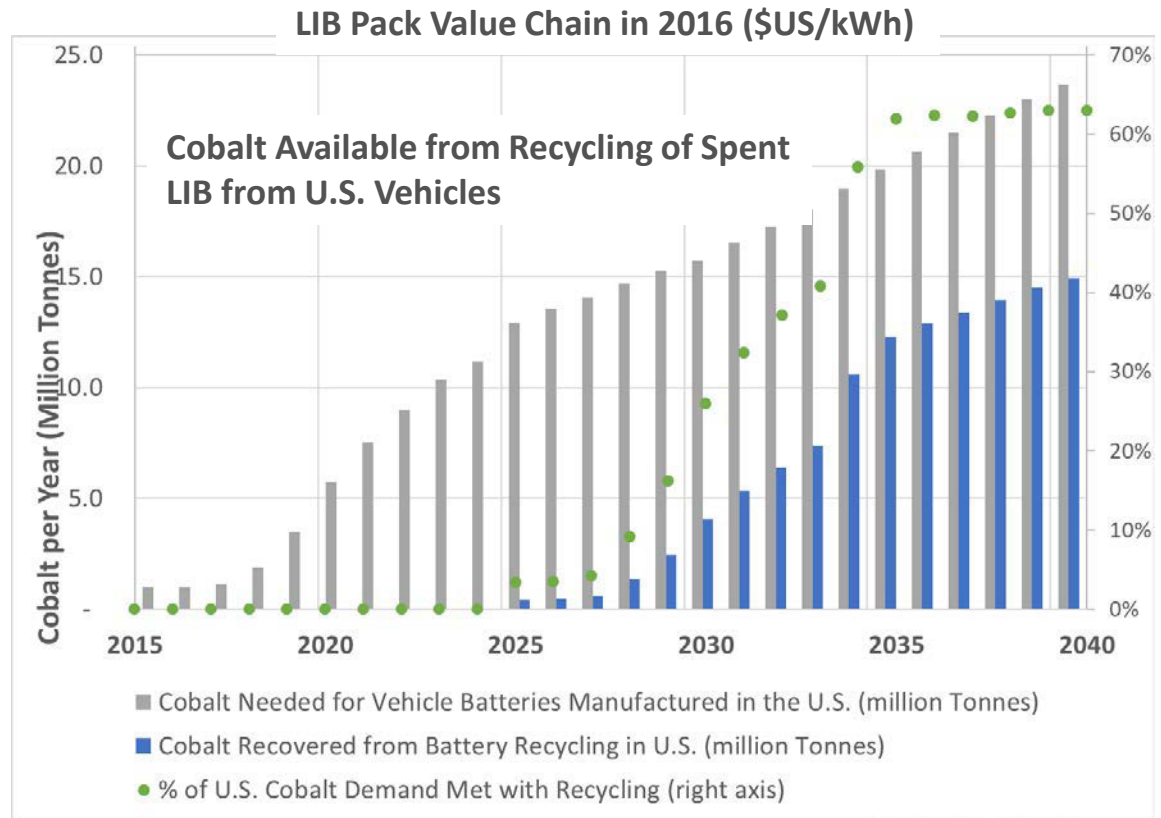
Reduce: thrifting, materials/element substitution

Reliability: validate performance, lifetime, predictability



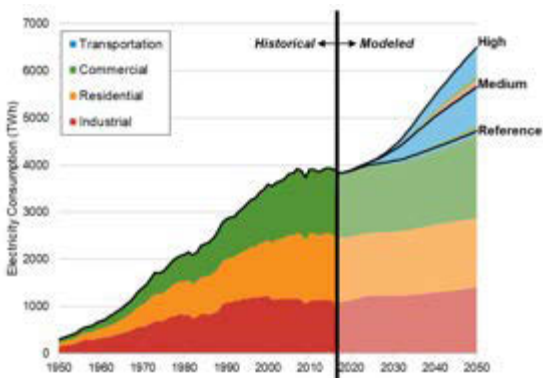
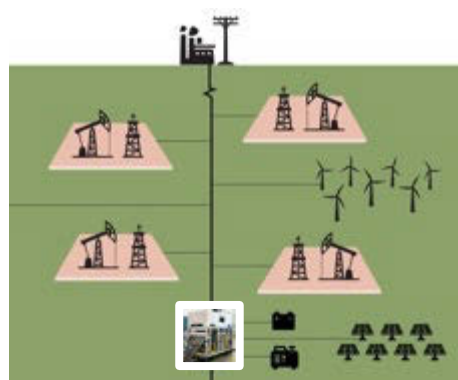
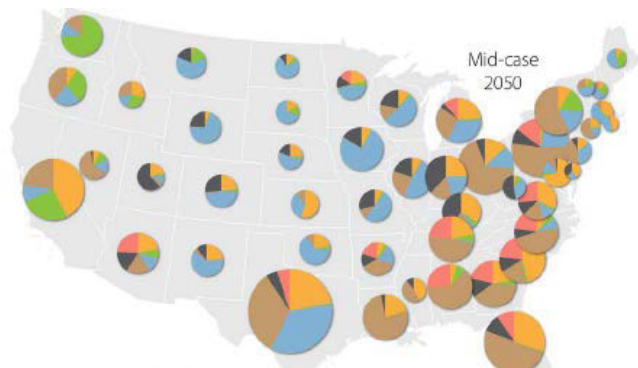
Recycling of Li-ion batteries could supply 65% of U.S. cobalt demand by 2040

- Total global automotive Li-ion battery capacity is expected to exceed 90 GWh and require more than 500 thousand tons of battery materials (Li, Co, Mn, Ni, and Gr) by 2020
- Today, LIB recycling capacity is concentrated in EU and China
- U.S. is poised for expansion of LIB recycling capacity; by 2040, spent batteries from vehicles sold in the U.S. could supply 65% of US cobalt for US vehicle manufacturing
- Recovered cathode materials could save ~ 20% of the total LIB pack cost, with more savings achieved by recovering other materials and parts from spent batteries.



Source: Mayyas et al. 2019, <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2214993718302926>

Conclusion



Trends and Potential Future Scenarios:

- Moving toward cleaner and lower cost energy (renewables and gas) with potential for growth in manufacturing, extraction, deployment
- Increasing intersection of renewable energy with other sectors of local economy:
 - Oil & gas industry
 - Agriculture
 - Manufacturing
- Potentially increased electrification resulting in higher demand for power and higher-value use of hydrocarbon resources
- Systems thinking needed for circular economy and power to materials



Questions and Discussion

Thank you!

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