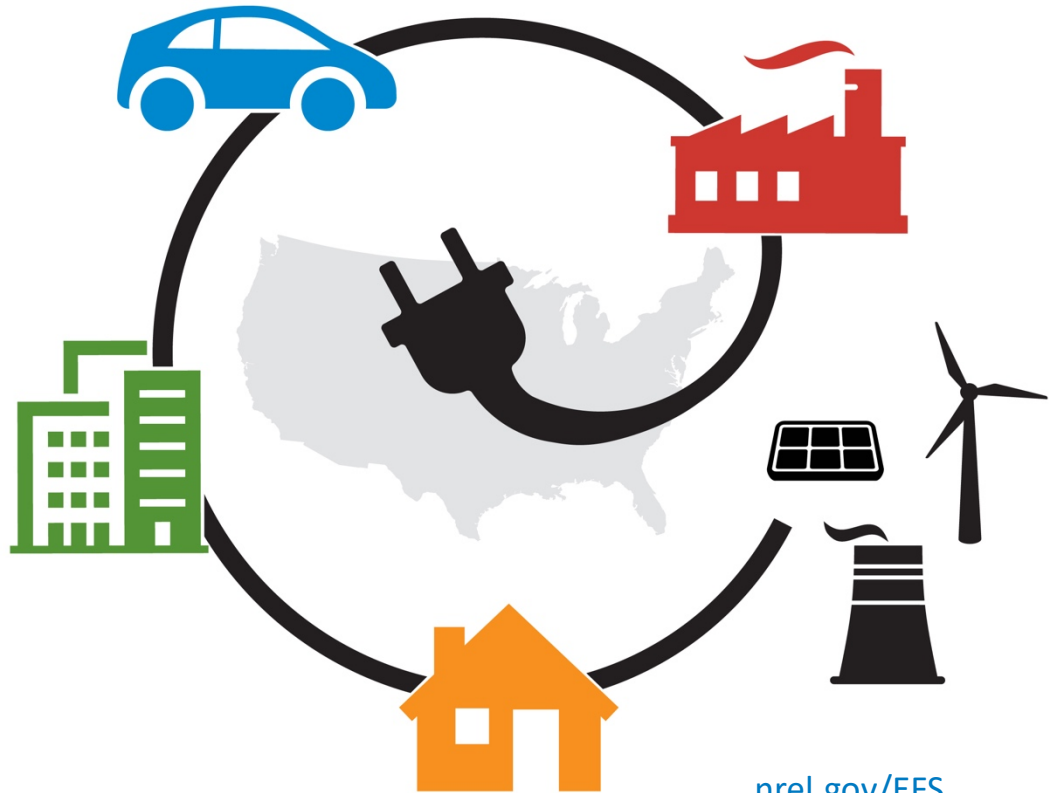


# Insights from NREL's Electrification Futures and LA100 Studies

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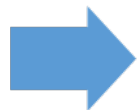
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# NREL's Electrification Futures Study

## End-Use Technology Adoption: *Demand-Side Scenarios*

2016-2050 demand



- EnergyPATHWAYS stock turnover and energy accounting model
- ADOPT vehicle choice model

## Power System Evolution: *Supply-Side Scenarios*

2050 capacity

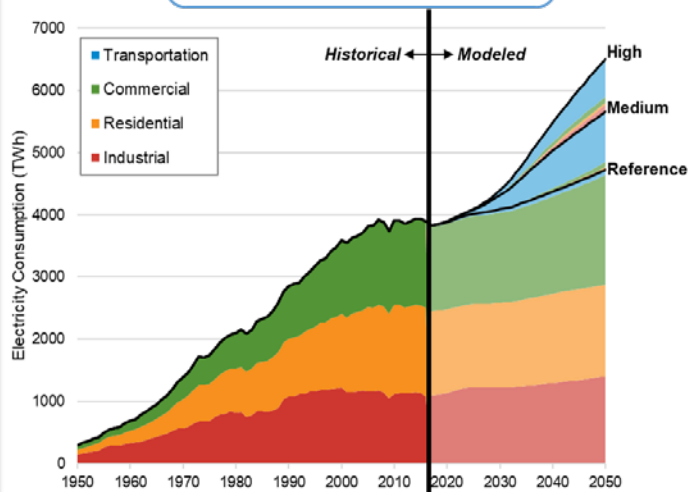


- ReEDS capacity expansion model
- dGen rooftop photovoltaic adoption model

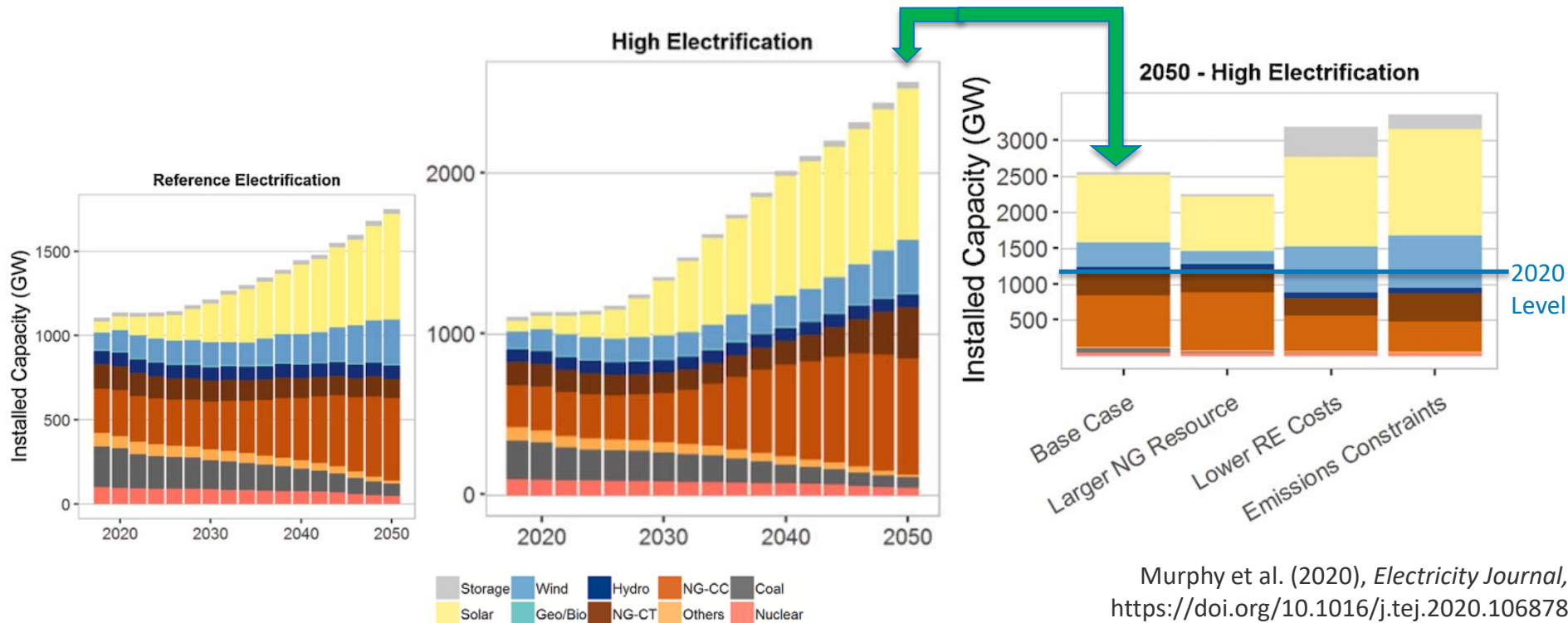
## Grid operations in 2050

- PLEXOS production cost model

- Planning for a decarbonized electricity supply requires understanding how much supply you need
- Electrification of end-uses (and especially transportation) can dramatically influence future electricity demand

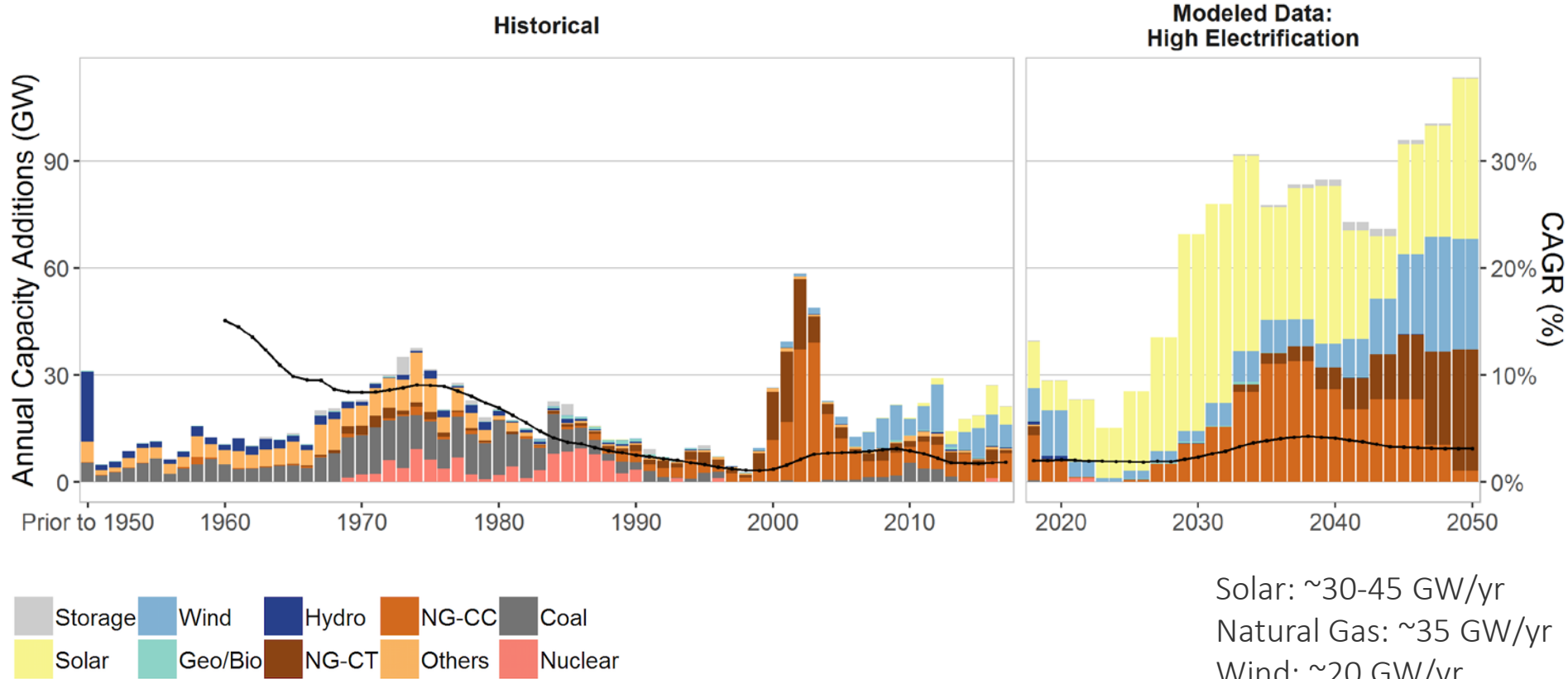


# The magnitude and mix of electricity supply investments depends strongly on electrification, market, technology, and policy drivers



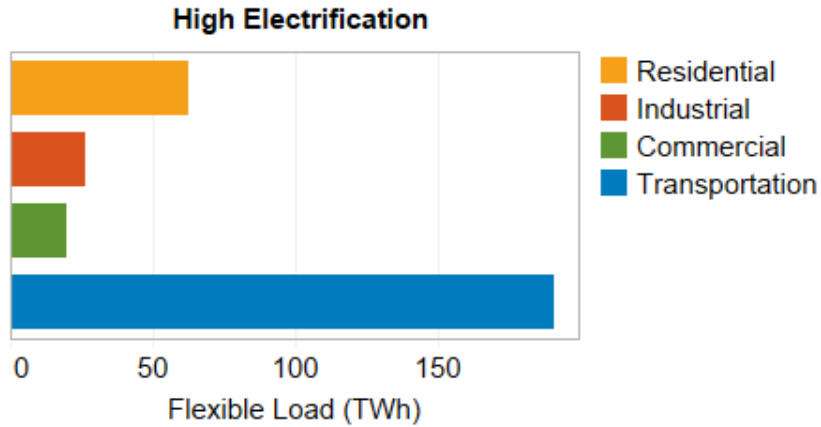
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# Simultaneous transitions in electricity supply and demand requires rapid and large infrastructure development

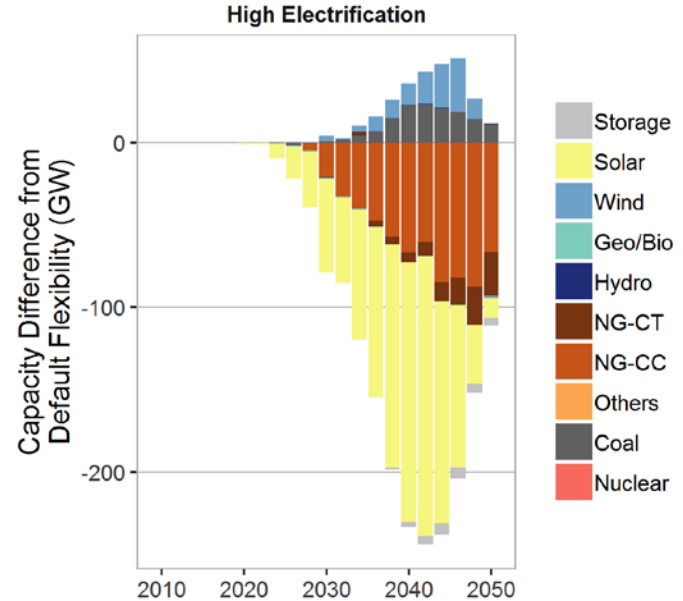


Solar: ~30-45 GW/yr  
 Natural Gas: ~35 GW/yr  
 Wind: ~20 GW/yr

# Flexible loads can mitigate some of the power sector infrastructure needs and associated costs from electrification



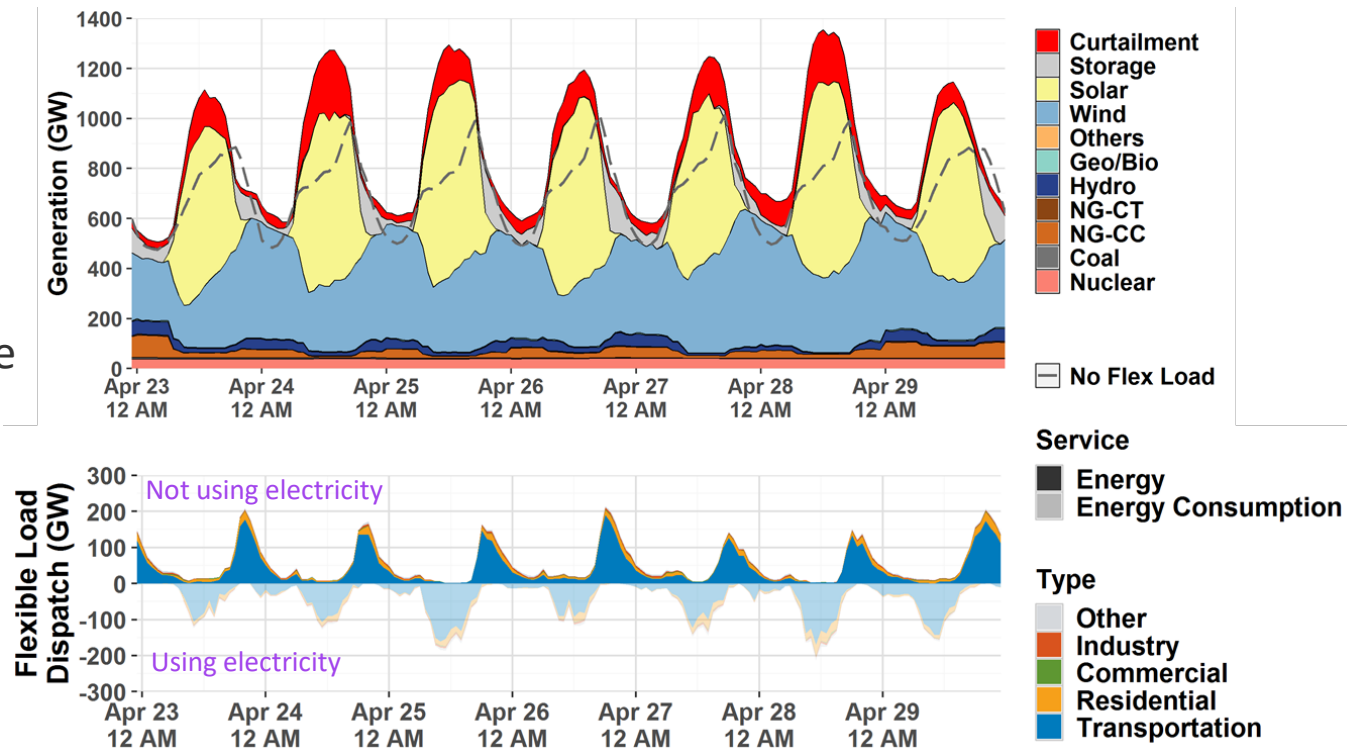
With widespread electrification would come greater potential for flexibility, primarily from optimized EV charging



Leveraging this demand-side flexibility could have a pronounced impact on the infrastructure investments needed

# Ongoing analysis indicates adequate power system operations under widespread electrification and high-VRE penetration

Demand-side flexibility could play an important role in supporting adequate operations of the bulk power system under a highly electrified future









# LA100

The Los Angeles 100% Renewable Energy Study

LA100 offers detailed, ultrahigh- resolution analysis to equip LA decision-makers to understand:

-  What are the **pathways and costs to achieve a 100% renewable electricity supply** while electrifying key end uses and maintaining the current high degree of reliability?
-  What are the potential benefits to **the environment and health**?
-  How might **local jobs and the economy** change?
-  How can **environmental justice communities** benefit from and be part of the solution?

# What Makes the LA100 Study Groundbreaking?



First 100% RE study of a large system that must balance electricity supply and demand **at all times**



Complex analysis reflecting **integration** of models that address multiple aspects of the challenge



Unprecedented **detail** in modeling resolution and simulations

LA100 does not present recommendations or suggest policies





# Questions? Thank you!

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