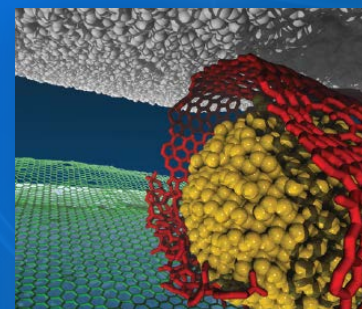
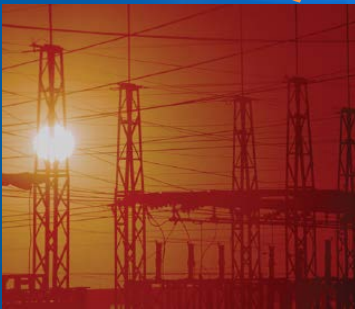




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# QUADRENNIAL TECHNOLOGY REVIEW

AN ASSESSMENT OF ENERGY  
TECHNOLOGIES AND RESEARCH  
OPPORTUNITIES

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# The Energy Challenge

## Goals for Energy Systems

1. Economic security – cost efficient energy systems
2. Energy security – energy systems that have multiple supply options and are robust and resilient
3. Environmental security – much lower emissions of greenhouse gases and other pollutants

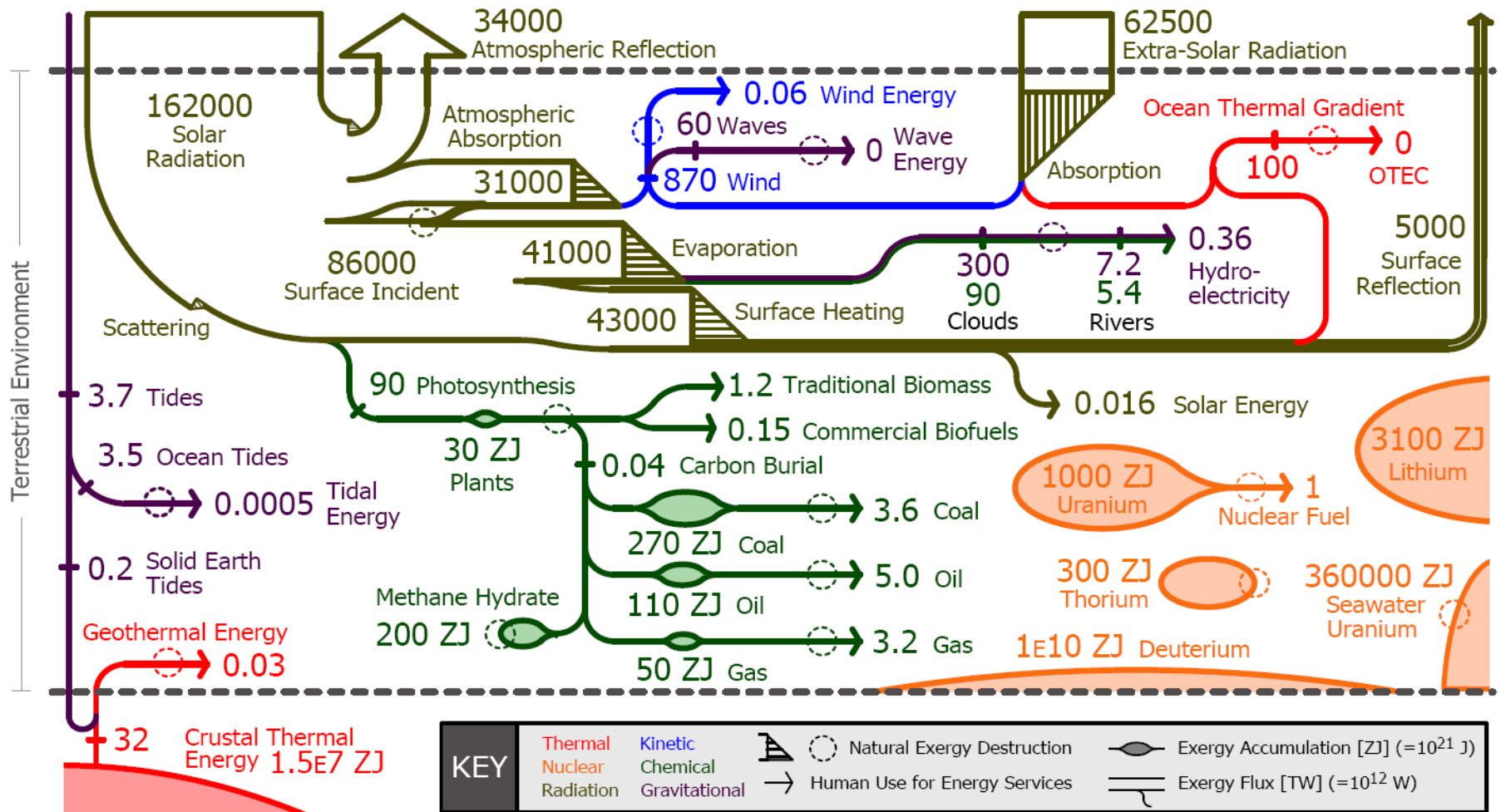
## Opportunity

Create and manage linked, complex systems that deal with all three challenges



# What resources can we use?

## Exergy flow of planet Earth (TW)



Exergy is energy that can be converted to another useful form: electricity, mechanical work, or heat.

Current Global Exergy Usage Rate  
~ 15 TW (0.5 ZJ per year)





# Systems Analyses and Technology Assessments

- Maturity (and time period)
- Materiality (impacts)
- Market potential
- Public benefits
- Public role

Sectors/Systems Analyses	Technology Assessments
Clean Fuels	5
Grid Modernization	6
Clean Electric Power	19
Buildings	10*
Industry & Manufacturing	14
Clean Transportation & Vehicles	5

\* Roadmaps

- Cyber & Physical Security
- Designs, Architectures, Concepts
- Electric Energy Storage
- Flexible & Distributed Resources
- Measurement, Comm., Control
- T&D Components

- Advanced Plant Technologies
- Biopower
- CO<sub>2</sub> Capture & Storage Value-Added Options
- CO<sub>2</sub> Capture for Natural Gas & Industrial Applications
- CO<sub>2</sub> Capture
- CO<sub>2</sub> Storage
- Crosscutting Technologies in CCS
- Fast-Spectrum Reactors
- Geothermal Power
- High Temp. Reactor
- Hybrid Nuclear-Renewable
- Hydropower
- Light Water Reactors
- Marine Hydrokinetic Power
- Nuclear Fuel Cycles
- Solar Power
- Stationary Fuel Cells
- Supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> Brayton Cycle
- Wind Power

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- Process Heating
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- Roll-to-roll Processing
- Smart Manufacturing
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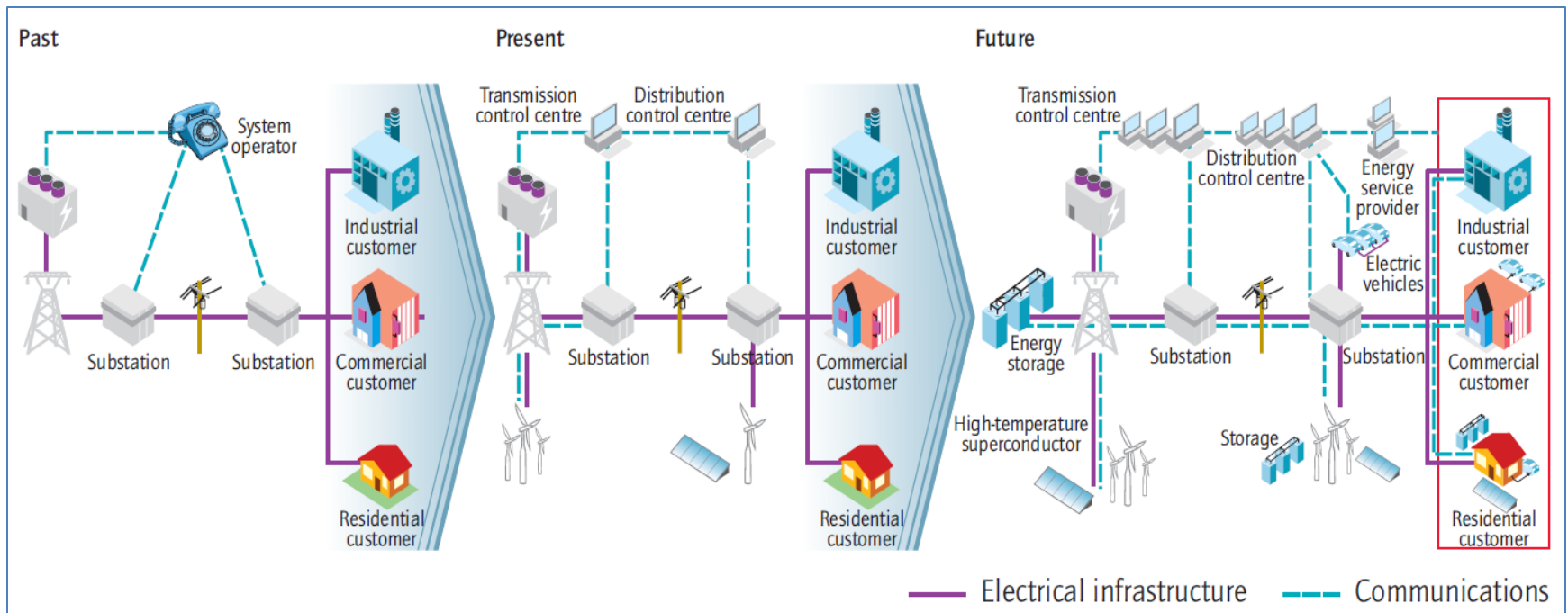


# The Grid



# The Future Grid differs Radically from the Present:

Characterized by More Flexibility and Agility: Prevent local disturbances from spreading, and recover more quickly from storm disruptions



## Historical

- *Operator-Based Grid Management*
- *Centralized Control*
- *Off-Line Analysis / Limit Setting*

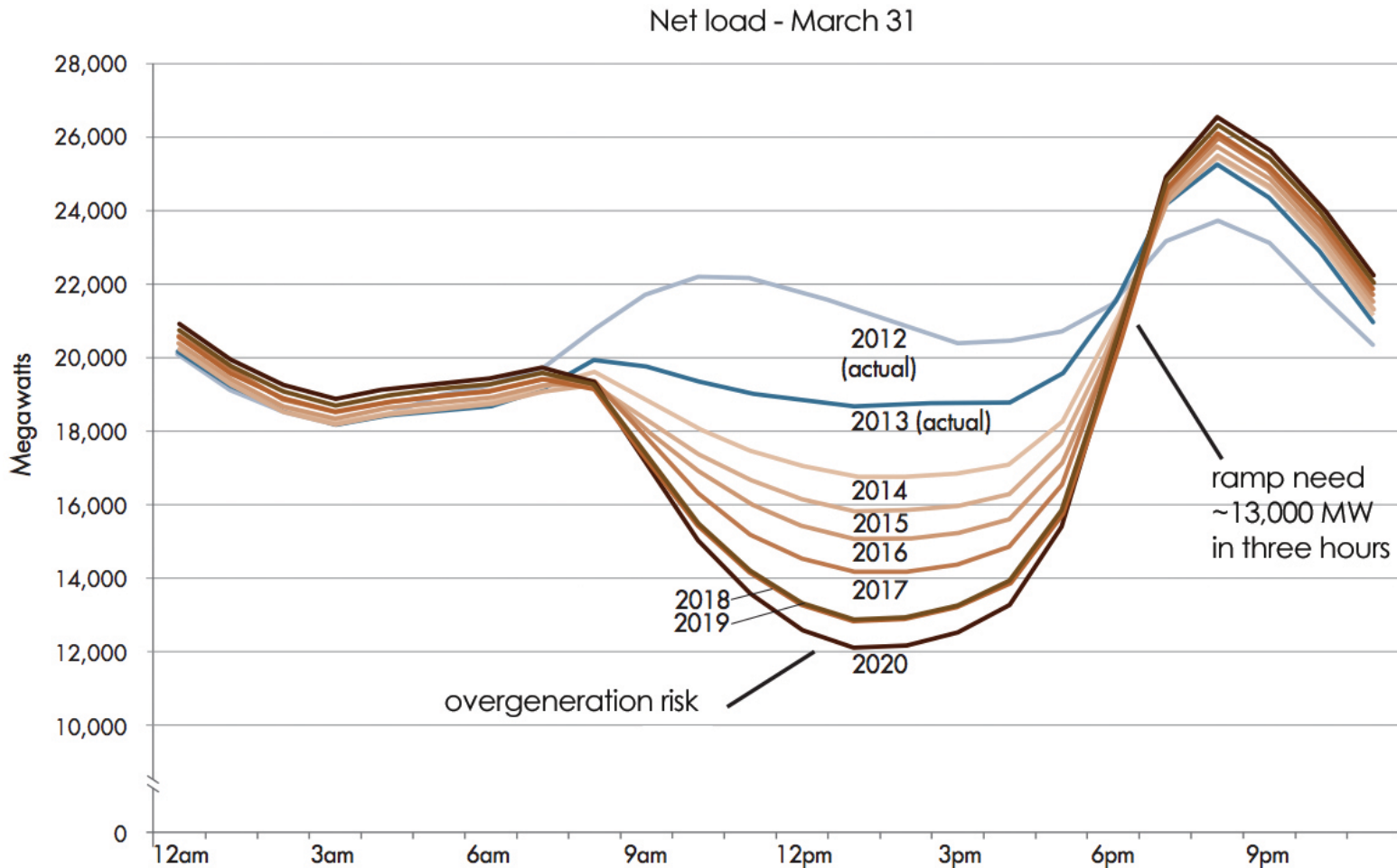
## Emerging

Graphic Source: International Energy Agency

- *Flexible and Resilient Systems*
- *Sensors and Data Acquisition*
- *Algorithms and Computer Infrastructure*
- *Multi-Level Coordination / Precise Control*
- *Faster-than-Real-Time Analysis*



# Integration of Intermittent Renewables

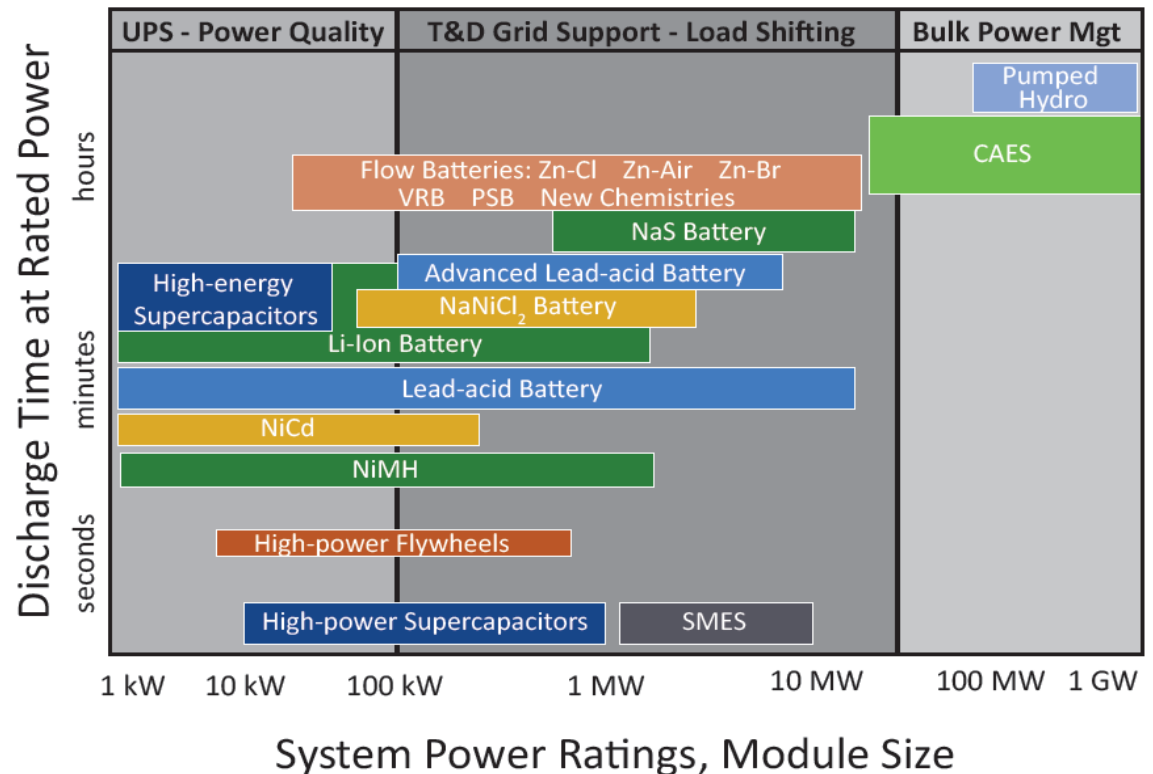




# Energy Storage

- Role in electric power and transportation
- Options depend on scale of application
- R&D options to reduce costs at all scales
- Integration of storage with infrastructure

## Energy Storage Technology Options



Credit: Sandia Laboratory





# Clean Electric Power



# Carbon Capture and Storage

- Capture with solvents demonstrated at scale
- 2<sup>nd</sup> generation demos (1 MW) testing adv solvents, sorbents, membranes
- Goal: reduce energy penalties and costs of components, materials, chemistries, separations, integrated plant designs
- Research: phase change separations, electrochemical capture
- Storage in a variety of subsurface geologic settings
- Demonstrate for post-combustion retrofits, natural gas generation

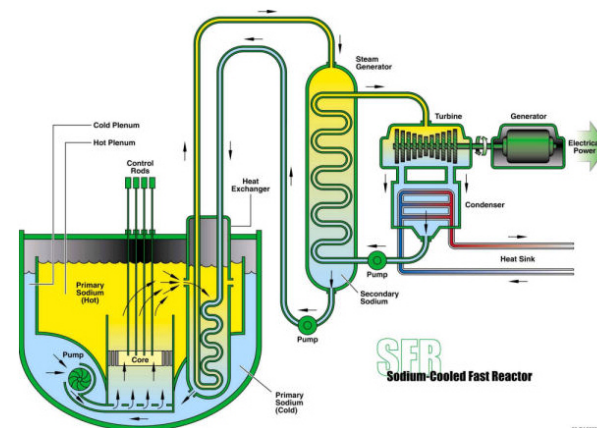
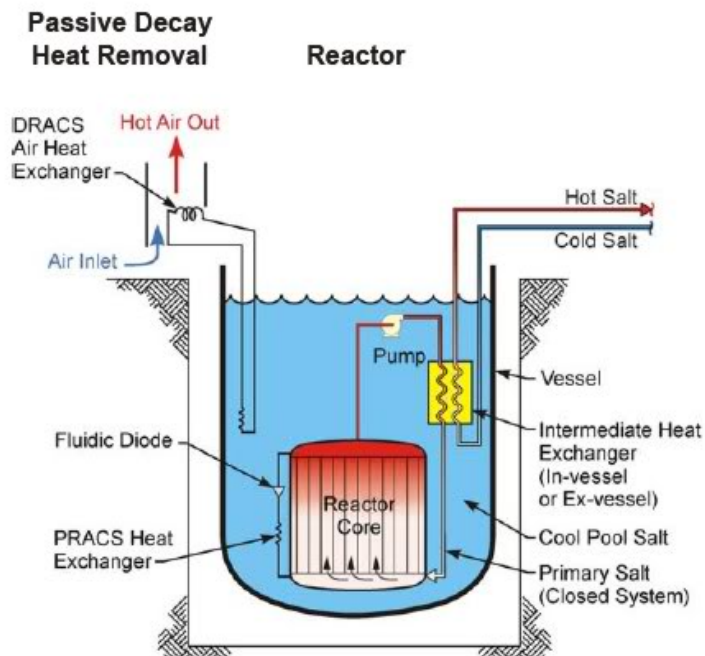


Southern Company Kemper Project, IGCC + CC + EOR  
Credit: Mississippi Power



# Nuclear Power

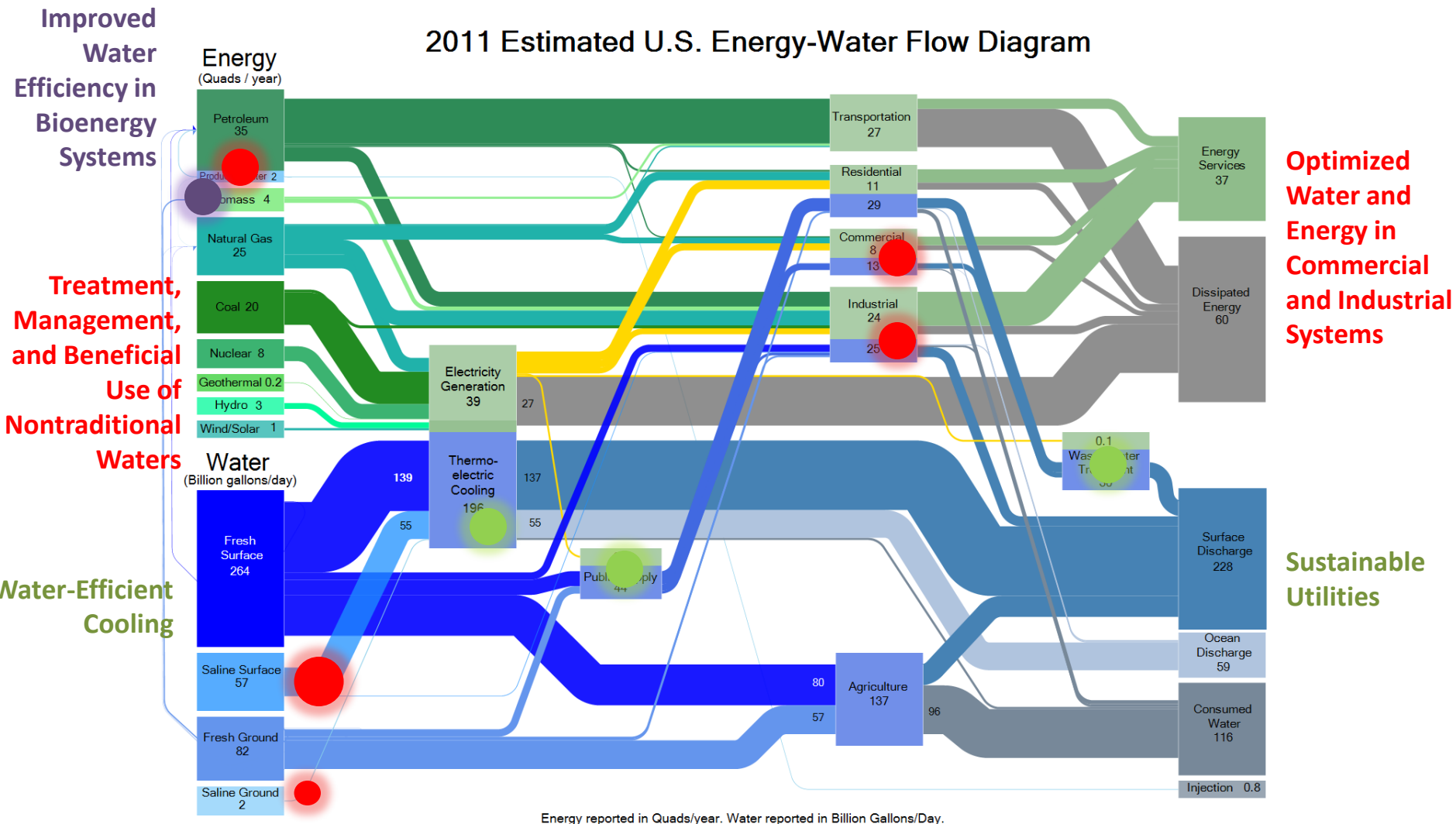
- 19% of current electric power generation, 60% of non-GHG power, baseload with 89% capacity factor
- Reactor R&D options:
  - Small modular reactors (passive safety, lower cost?)
  - High temperature, gas cooled reactors (more efficient power generation, process heat?)
  - Fast spectrum reactors (reduced waste)
- More R&D opportunities in advanced fuels, high performance materials for rad environments
- Challenges: waste storage, siting, licensing and construction costs





# Challenges in the Energy-Water System

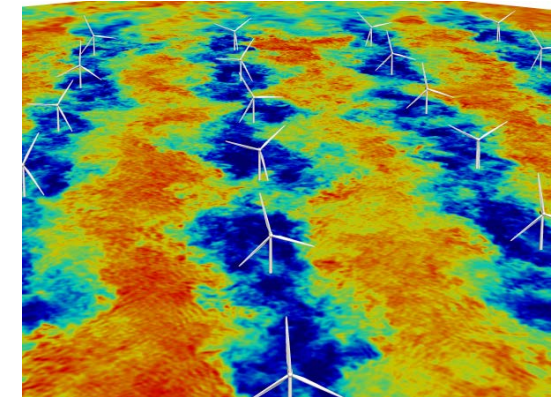
2011 Estimated U.S. Energy-Water Flow Diagram





# Wind Provides Promising Potential

- **Wind has become a mainstream power source in the U.S.**
  - 4.4% of U. S. electricity in 2014
  - 70,000 jobs
- **Ability to Increase U. S. wind capacity faces technical, market and perception challenges**
  - Wind plant optimization (A2e)
  - Accessing best wind resources
  - Transmission capacity
  - Public awareness



Wind Plant Optimization



Offshore Wind Demonstration

**Successfully addressing these challenges can lead to wind providing 35% of U.S. electricity by 2050**



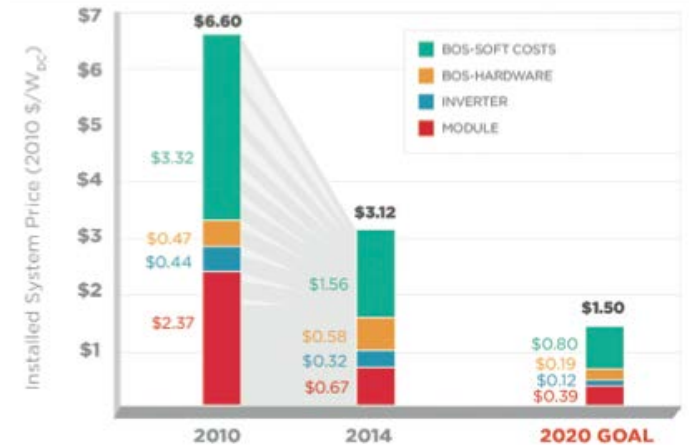


# Solar Offers Significant Potential

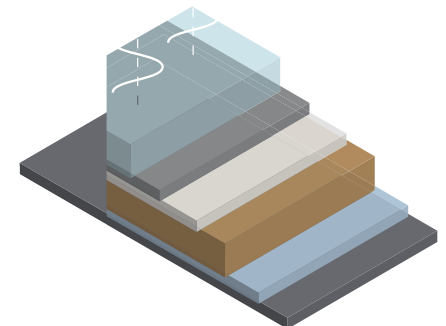
- **PV Installed costs**
  - Reduced over 50% in 4 years
  - Module costs significantly below \$1/Watt
- **CSP offers storage capabilities**
- **Technology Challenges**
  - Reduce installed costs by addressing “soft costs”
  - Increase efficiencies and reliability with improved or new technology and manufacturing
  - High penetration requires advances in grid integration

## Overarching Strategies

- “Soft cost” improvements
- Technology advances
- Systems approach



*Perovskite efficiencies have increased to > 20% in only 2 years*

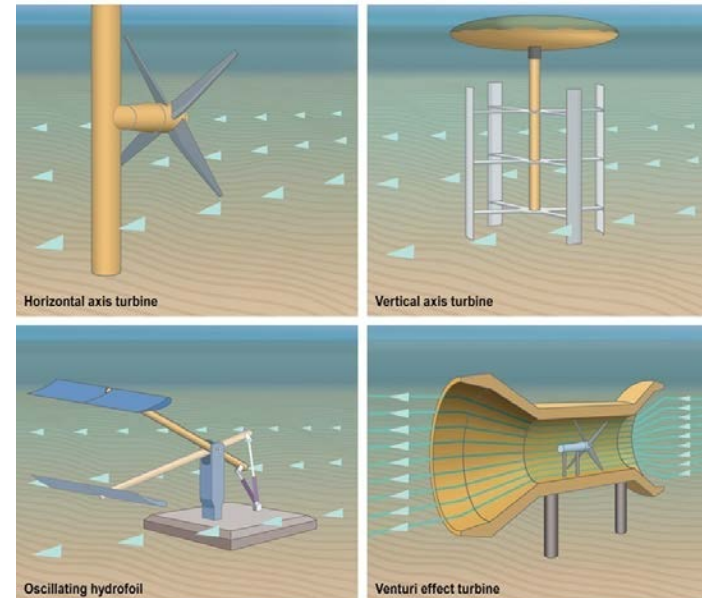


*from Liu and Kelly. Nat. Phot. 2013*



# Other Renewables Support Diversified Energy Supplies

- **Enhanced Geothermal**
  - Could provide over 500 GW of base load renewable power
  - FORGE and SubTER initiatives advance subsurface S&T
- **Hydro and Pumped Hydro**
  - Used to balance grid as intermittent renewables increase
- **Marine and Hydro Kinetic (MHK)**
  - Harnesses energy from waves, tides, and river and ocean currents
  - Significant long-term potential - over half of U.S. population within 50 miles of coastlines





# Efficiency of Building Systems and Technologies

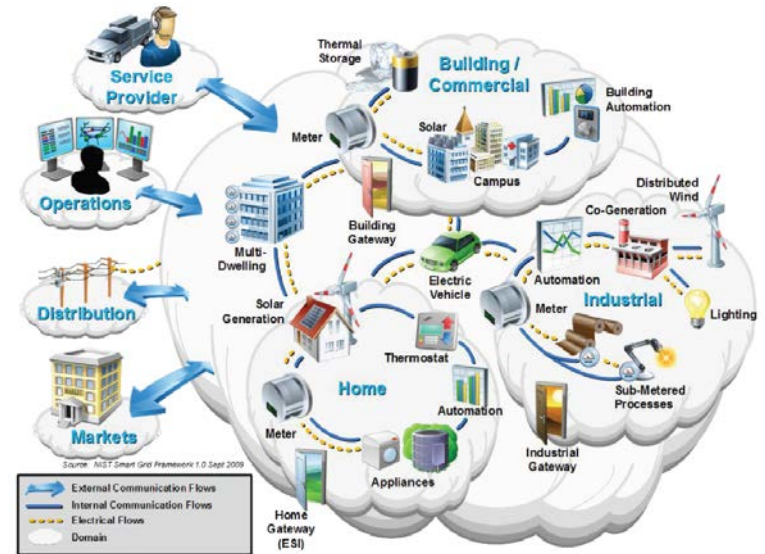


# Building Efficiency

- Buildings account for more than 75% of all electricity (40% of all energy) used in U.S.
- EE technology can reduce this by 20-35%, saving up to 13 Quads
- Efficiency is the first step; lessens the need for generation capacity
- Buildings will become assets on the grid, rather than just a load

## Overarching strategies

- Reduce cost
- Improve performance
- Systems approach



## Major Research Opportunities

- Window innovations
- Lighting efficiency
- More efficient HVAC & refrigeration
- Highly efficient building designs
- Grid integration
- Sensors, controls, decision science



# Clean Transportation and Vehicle Systems

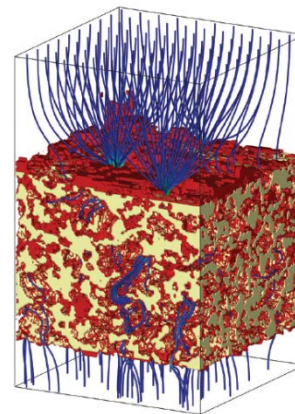
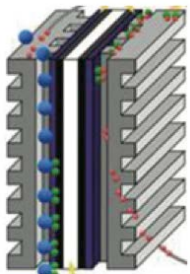
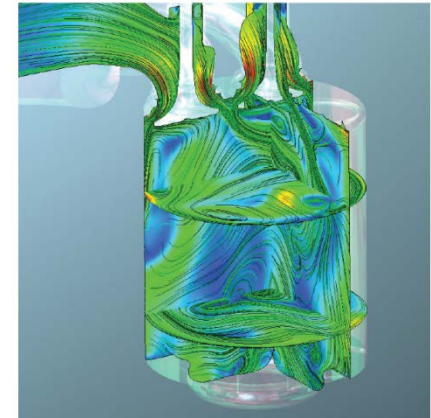




# Advancing Clean Transportation and Vehicle System Technologies

Figure 8.6 Complex In-cylinder Flow During Intake Stroke in Diesel Engine<sup>23</sup>

- Combustion efficiency
- Co-optimization of fuels and engines
- Lightweighting
- Plug-in electric vehicles (PEVs)
- Fuel cell electric vehicles (FCEVs)
- Other modes (e.g., air, rail, and marine)
- Connected and automated vehicles
- Transportation systems





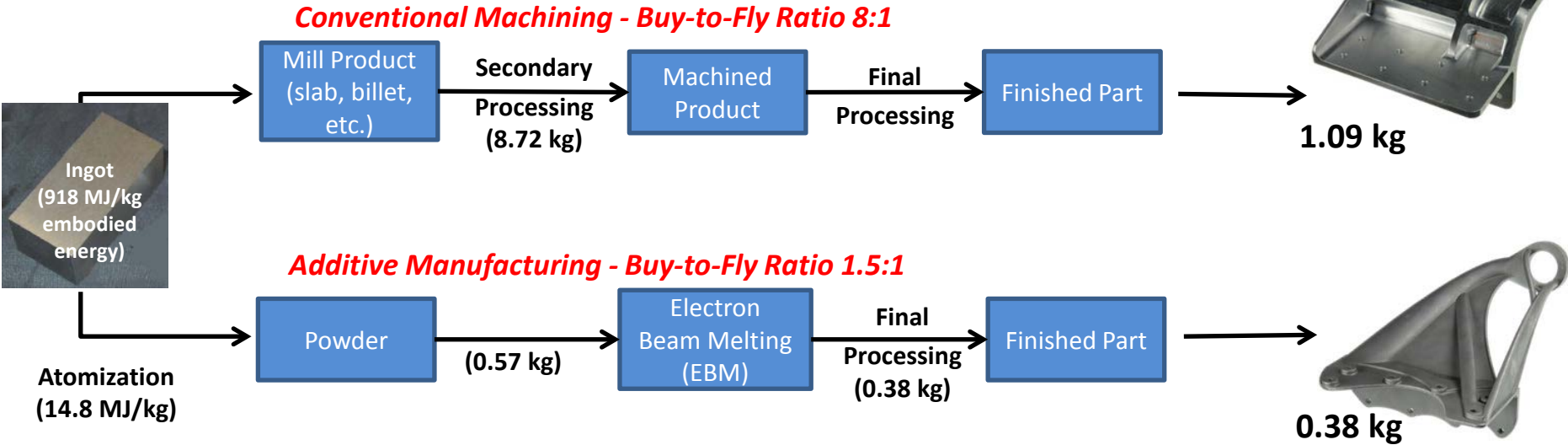
# Advanced Manufacturing



# Technology Assessment – Additive Manufacturing

## Example: Optimized Aircraft Bracket

Primary Processing  
(15.9 MJ/kg)



Conventional bracket 1.09 kg

AM bracket 0.38 kg

Conventional bracket energy use 3 times AM bracket use

Source: MFI and LIGHTEnUP Analysis



# Enabling Science



# Understanding and Controlling Matter at the Atomic Scale

***Unique, cutting-edge experimental tools for characterization, discovery, and synthesis of novel materials and energy systems.***

**X-ray light sources** provide a range of wavelengths capable of probing structures as small as atoms to whole cells and beyond.

- LCLS-II and APS-U will provide higher energy and brighter beams.
- Instrument development brings NSLS-II's world-leading beam brightness to more experiments.

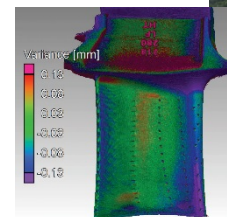
**Neutron sources** are uniquely suited to non-destructive 3D structure determination of real systems.

- The SNS Second Target Station would enable new science in condensed matter, structural biology, and energy materials.

**Nanoscale Science Research Centers** integrate theory, synthesis, fabrication, and characterization of novel nanomaterials

- New capabilities in *in operando* electron microscopy and accelerator-based nanoscience.
- Novel fabrication techniques in combinatorics and self-assembly.

***On-going research, development, and upgrades for facilities opens new frontiers in materials characterization (real systems in real time).***





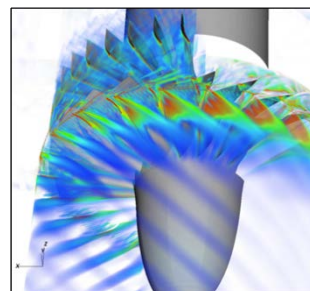


# Modeling and Simulation of Complex Phenomena

## *Accelerating discovery through modeling and simulation of real systems.*

- DOE and SC supported supercomputers enable simulation of complex real-world phenomena, putting true “systems-by-design” in reach.
- The *Office of Advanced Scientific Computing Research* supports this push to modeling and simulation of real systems through parallel development of hardware, software, and skilled personnel.
  - *Leadership-class computers*
  - *Production-class computers*
  - *Energy Sciences Network*
- DOE computers - enabled through dedicated outreach from the laboratories - have an enormous impact across the engineering and manufacturing space.
- The development needs of *exascale* computing – hardware, software, and efficiency – are being supported through *co-design* centers.

Name	Performance (pflops/s)	Laboratory
Titan	17.6	Oak Ridge
Mira	8.60	Argonne
Cascade	2.53	Pacific Northwest
Edison	1.65	Lawrence Berkeley (NERSC)
Hopper	1.05	Lawrence Berkeley (NERSC)
Red Sky	0.43	Sandia/NREL





# Conclusions

- Considerable progress has been made in energy technologies, but much more remains to be done
- There exists a very wide-ranging opportunity space, for individual technologies and for improved systems
- A portfolio approach is required: fully stocked across primary energy resources, conversion technologies, systems, and time scales for application, with efficiency everywhere
- Enabling science and computing are essential to our energy future success

# Energy is the Engine of the Economy

Vast and complex  
Touches everything  
Concurrent daunting challenges  
in the face of stunning global growth  
A wide range of options for future progress

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