Climate Change: Paths to Global Energy Transitions

Part 1

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Today's Global Energy Consumption: 16.5 TW

- of which **2.5 TW** is non-carbon (mainly hydro, nuclear..)

By 2050: **30 TW**

Likely higher (31- 40 TW)

By 2050: **15 TW** of new non carbon - Equal to 6 x today's renewable global capacity If goal is to stabilize global emissions profile to 550 ppm GHG emissions, approx 50% of Global Energy Demand must be non- carbon forms of energy

All new growth to be met by non-carbon sources

World at Night





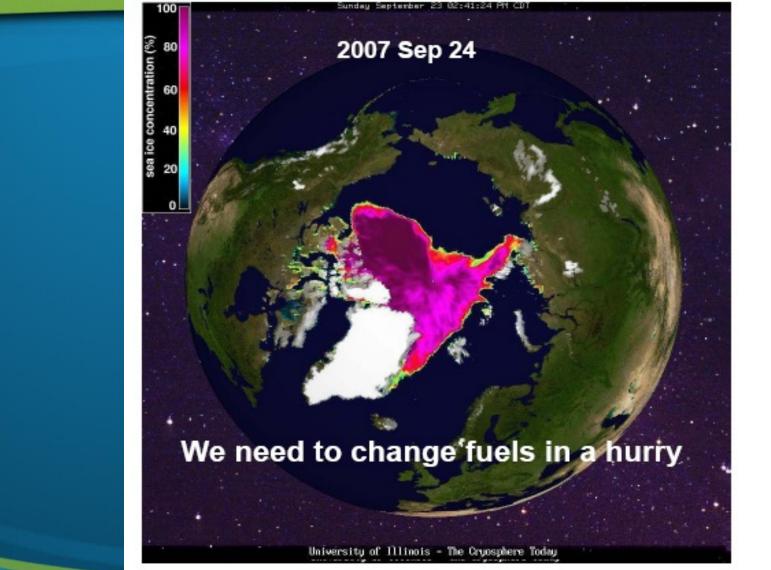






240 kWh

The central global energy challenge: how to de-



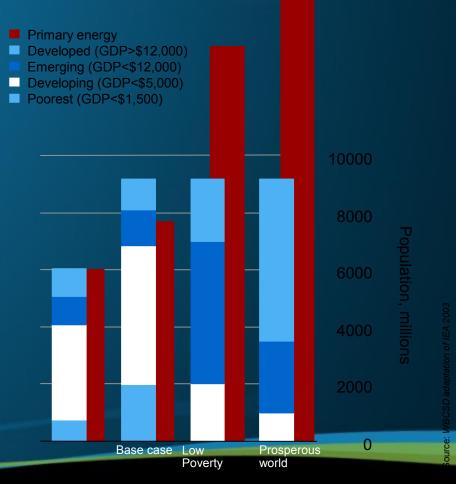
Population Growth: Energy: Income

Global population divided into income groups:

Population rise to 9 billion + by 2050, mainly in poorest and developing countries.

Shifting the development profile to a "low poverty" world means energy needs double by 2050

Shifting the development profile further to a "developed" world means energy needs triple by 2050



Final Energy

Electricity Gas Liquids Solids Non-commercial

Intermediate growth, local solutions, less rapid technological change.

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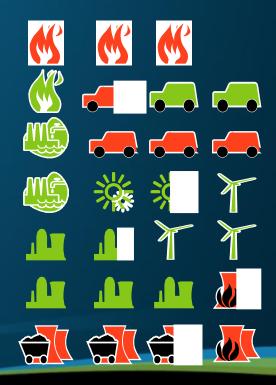
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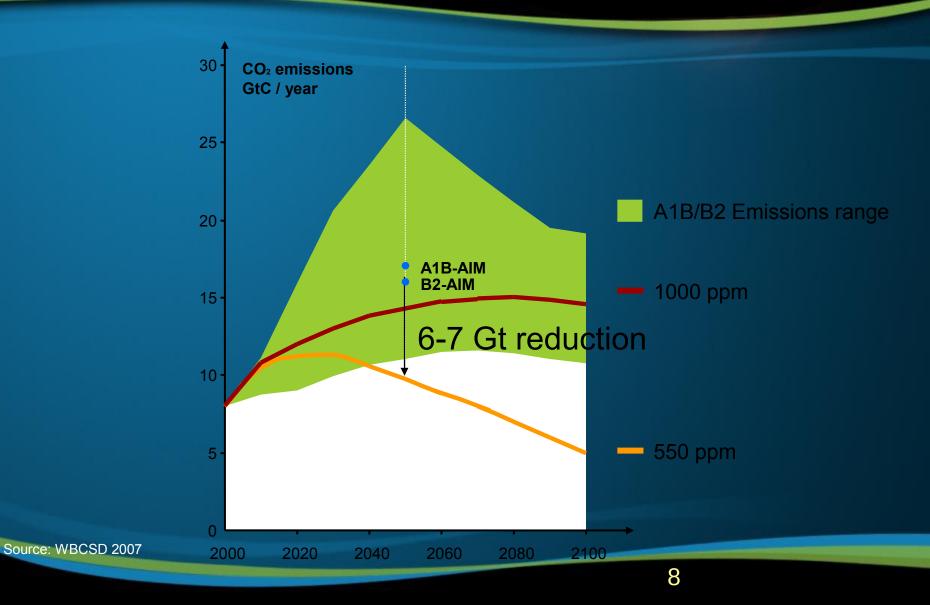
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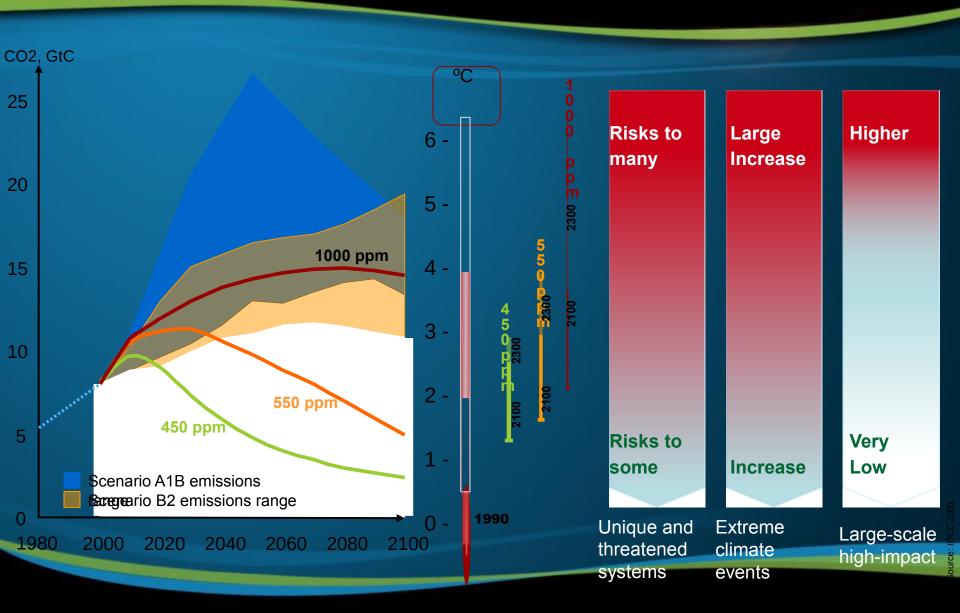
Rapid economic growth and rapid introduction of new and more efficient technologies.



2050 (A1B-AIM)

Magnitude of change required for CO2 stabilization





The lifetime of energy infrastructure

The rate of technological change is closely related to the lifetime of the relevant capital stock and equipment



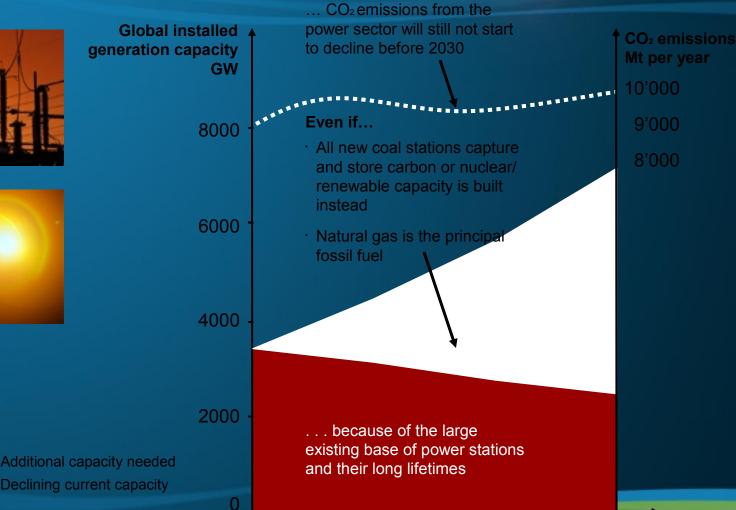
Motor vehicles 12 – 20 years

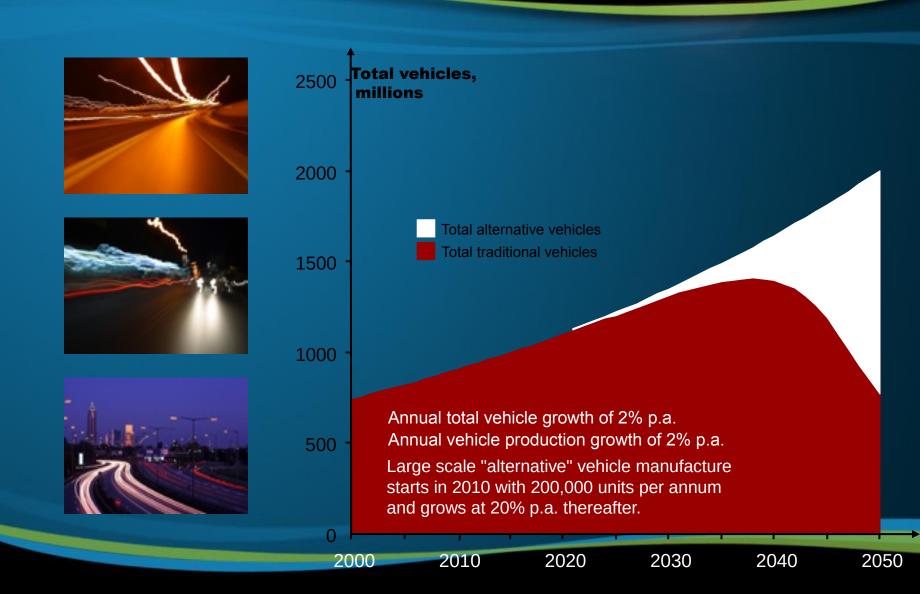
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Alternate power generation technologies: Impact on emissions

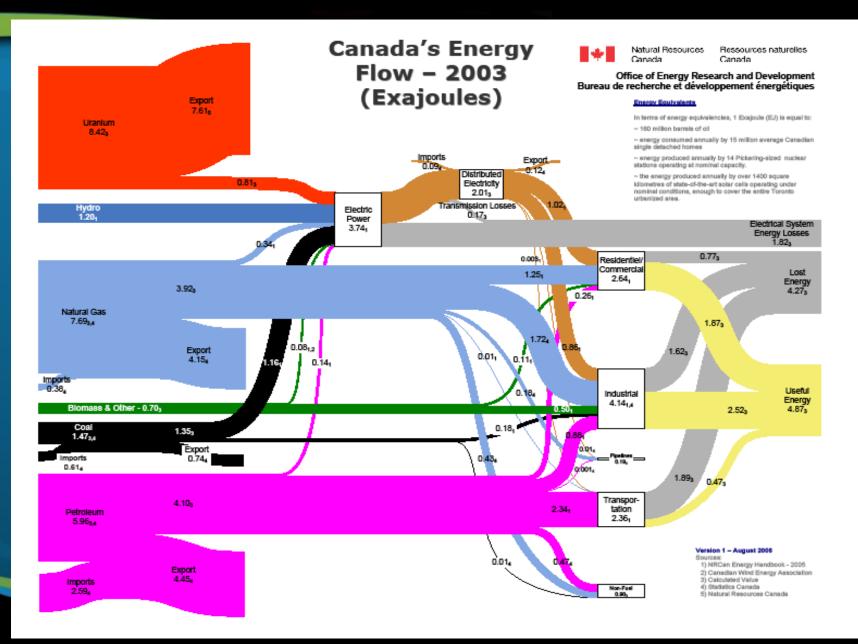








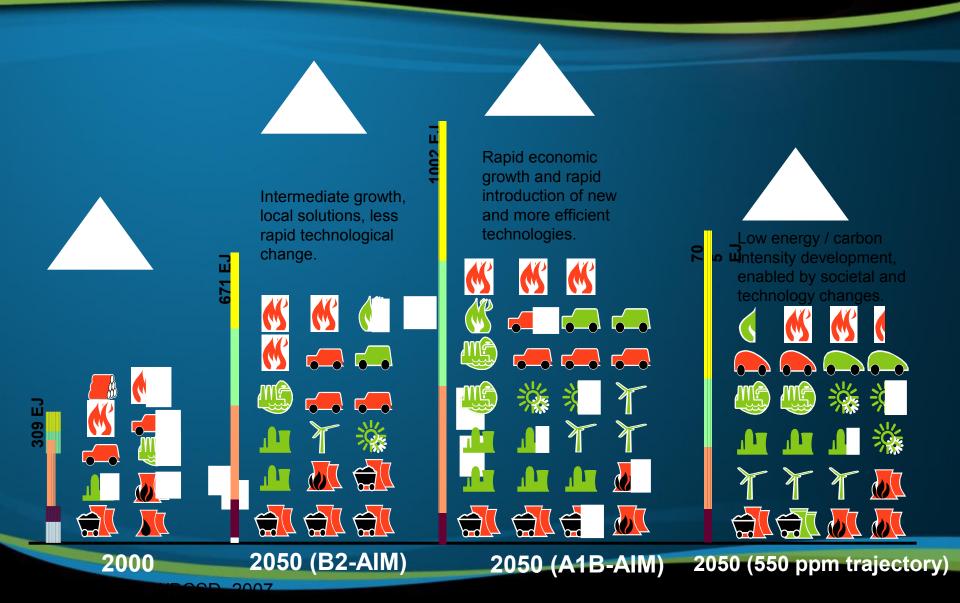
Useful Energy: Efficiency: Waste ???



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"The Moving Finger writes; and having Writ, Moves on; Nor all your Piety nor Wit Shall lure it back to cancel half a line, Nor all your tears wash out a word of it." The Rubaiyat of Omar Khayam, Edward Fitzgerald

A Balanced Mix of Options



How do we manage the big risks?

Not to focus on regulations for helmets!



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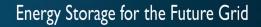
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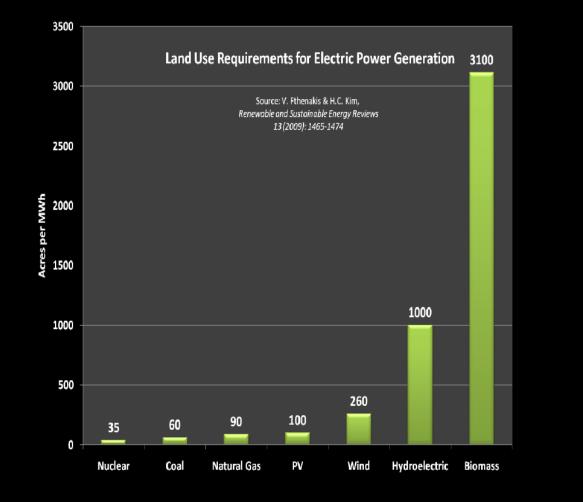
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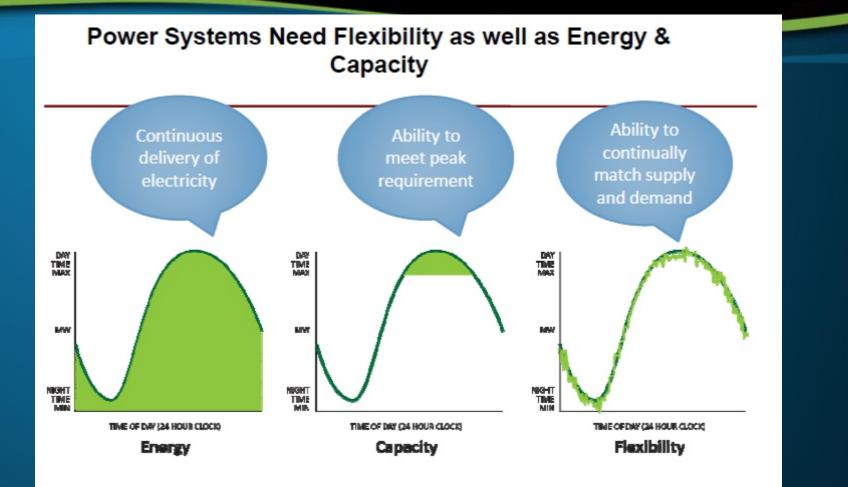
Land use can be benign



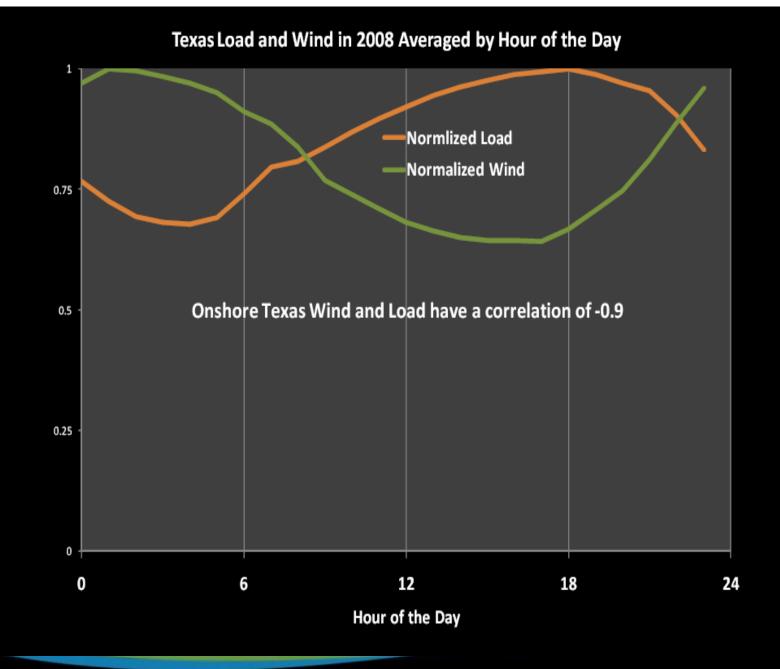
Or, Not so Benign





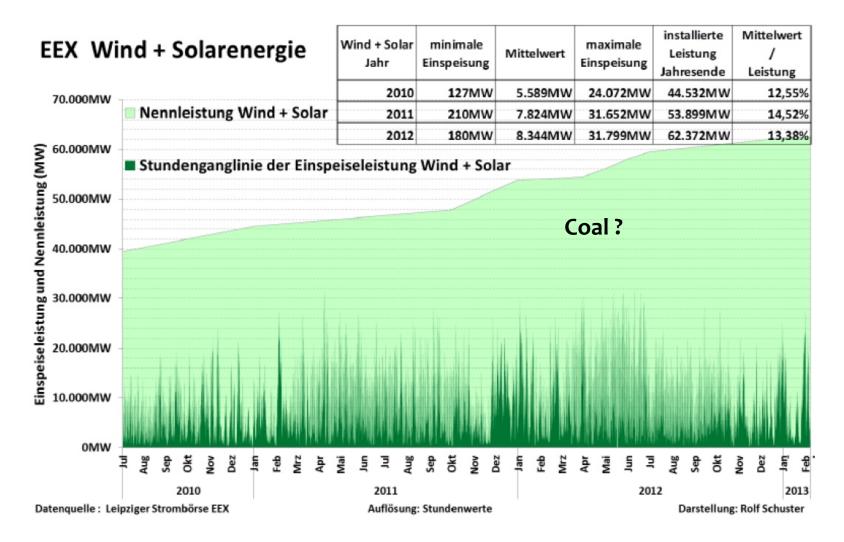


CPC: Demand Side Management Working Group



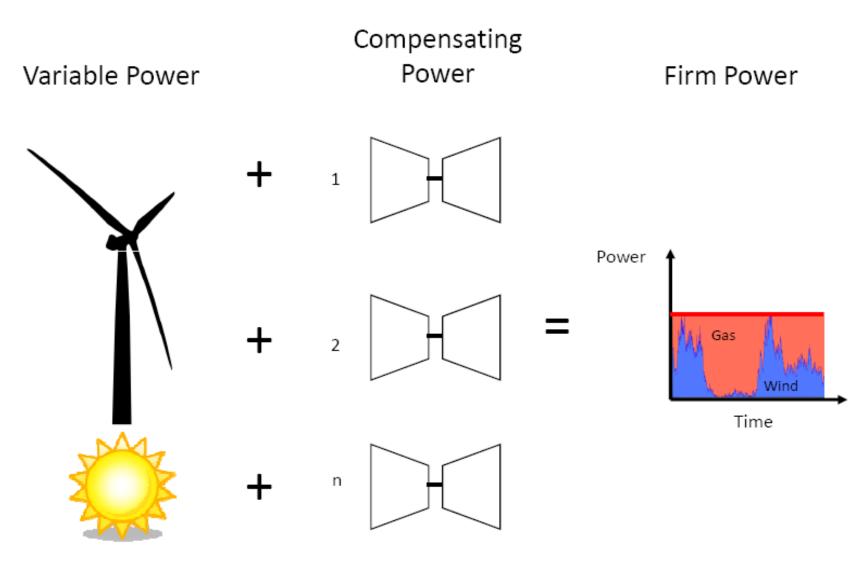
EEX: Wind & PV Energy in Germany (01/2010-02/2013)



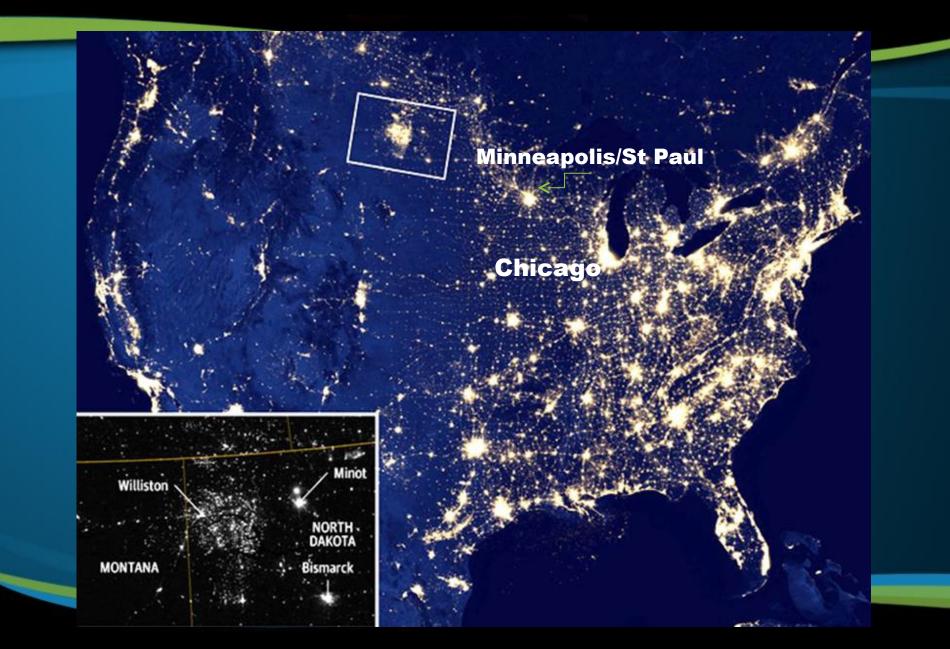


Quelle: Leipzig Electricity Stock Exchange EEX; Karl Linnenfelser

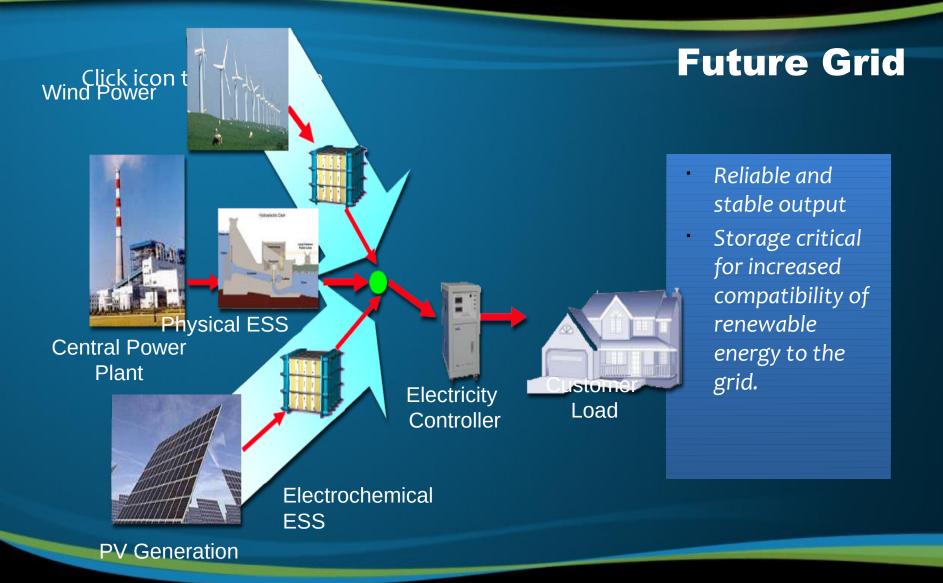
CO₂ and NO_x from natural gas that fills in



A New Metropolis on the North American Continent ?



Energy Storage for the Future Grid

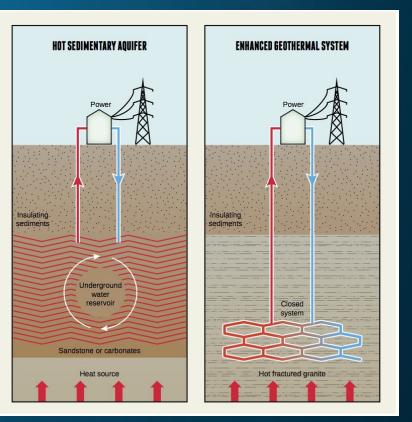


The Krafla geothermal power plant in Iceland produces 60 MW of energy. Iceland's five major geothermal power plants produced approximately 26.2% of the nation's energy in 2010.

ENHANCED GEOTHERMAL POWER

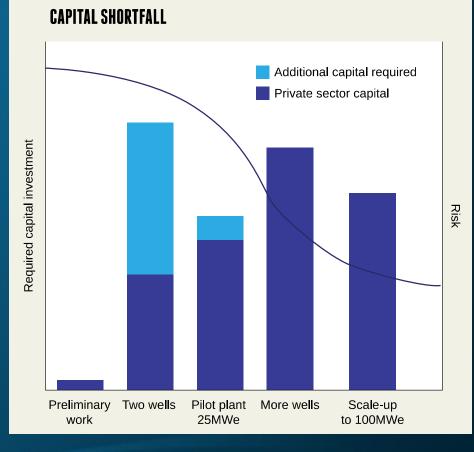
Geothermal technologies

- Enhanced Geothermal Systems (EGS)
- Co-produced systems
- Advanced binarycycle plants

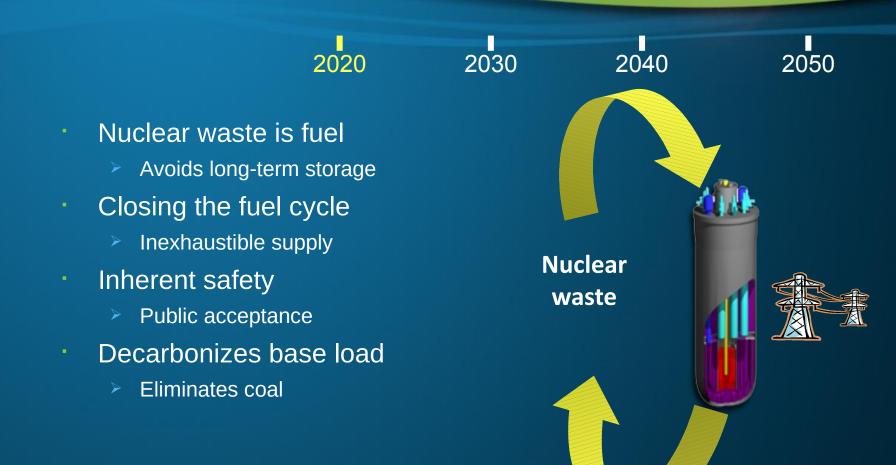


Challenges for EGS

- Large upfront capital cost for drilling projects
- Lack of access to private sector capital to undertake high-risk capital intensive projects
- Lack of long-term investment incentives such as a price on carbon
- Lack of proof of resource for many geothermal prospects
- Lack of technically and commercially proven projects



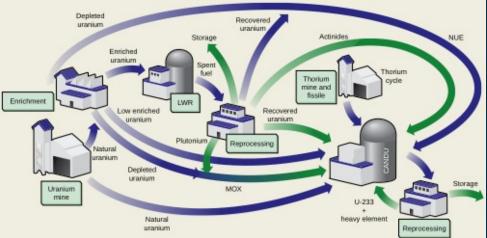
ADVANCED NUCLEAR POWER



Why nuclear?

- Proven capacity to deliver on a large scale
- Build on existing technological base
- Closing the fuel cycle: eliminate waste, improved safety, near inexhaustible resource
- Transition from fossil fuels without Advanced Nuclear
 Technologies?

Advanced nuclear fuel cycle concepts

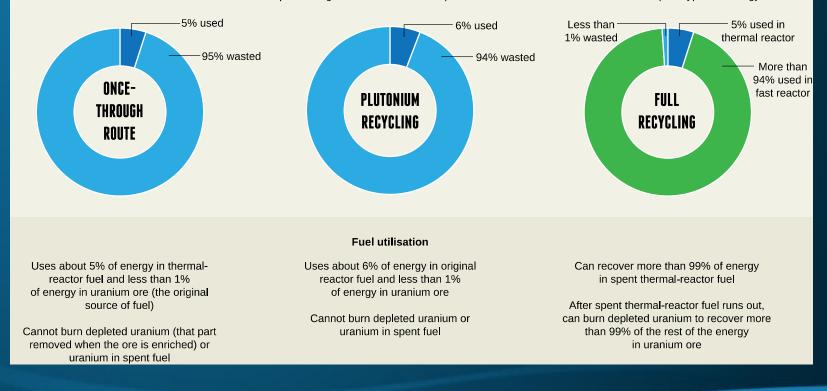


Comparing three nuclear fuel cycles

Three major approaches to burning nuclear fuel and handling its wastes can be employed; some of their features are noted below.

Fuel is burned in thermal reactors and is not reprocessed; occurs in the U.S.

Fuel is burned in thermal reactors, after which plutonium is extracted using what is called PUREX processing; occurs in other developed nations Recycled fuel prepared by pyrometallurgical processing would be burned in advanced fastneutron reactors; prototype technology



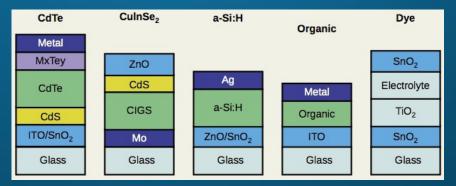
OFF-GRID ELECTRICITY ACCESS

2.5 billion energy-poor people



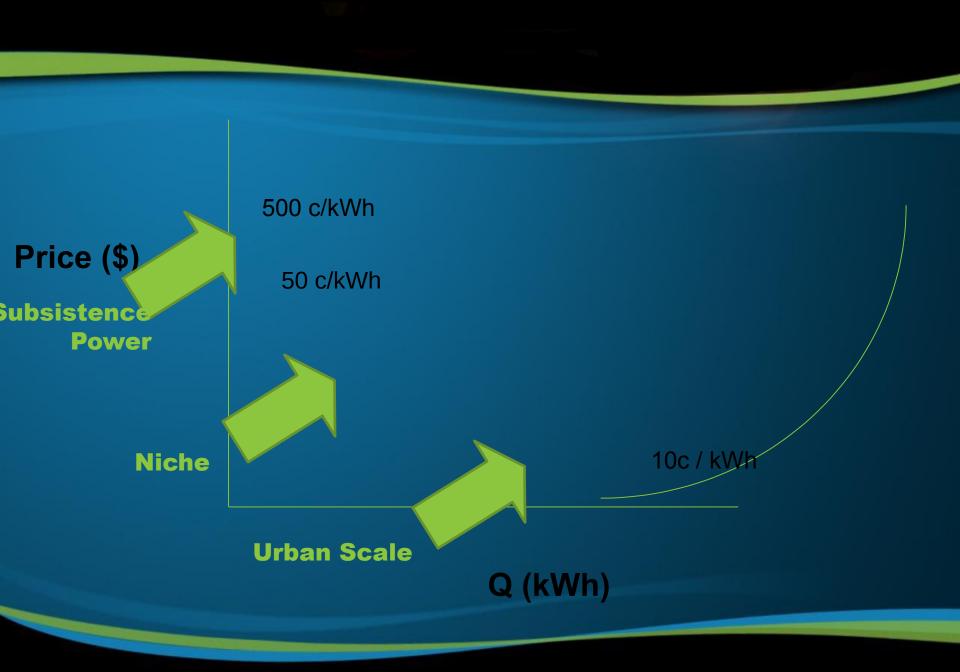
Organic Photovoltaics (OPV) as an illustrative

- PV technologies in development and emerging next-generation based photovoltaics to thin films and emerging next-generation nanotechnology concepts
- They in turn are a part of a larger system with the potential to be integrated within smart micro-grids, along other local renewable resources





The thin film family: amorphous silicon, copper indium gallium diselenide (CIGS), cadmium telluride (CdTe), organic thin films and dye-sensitised integrated photovoltaic



Low Willingness To Pay: High kWh **High Willingness to Pay: Low kWh**

CONSUMPTION: PRODUCTION: THE VALUE OF USING ELECTRICTY COST EFFICIENCY OF TECHNOLOGIES Highly valued watt Low efficiency technologies Off-grid Small scale supplied production Consumer benefit per watt electricity Low valued watt Production cost On-grid Large scale supplied production electricity Quantity of watts supplied

Efficiency

High efficiency

technologies

- 2.5 billion people without electricity (500 million households)
- @\$200/system, \$100B
 - Cost of systems being purchased now in Haiti



Flexible, Portable, Light-weight and Resilient. Attractive Price.



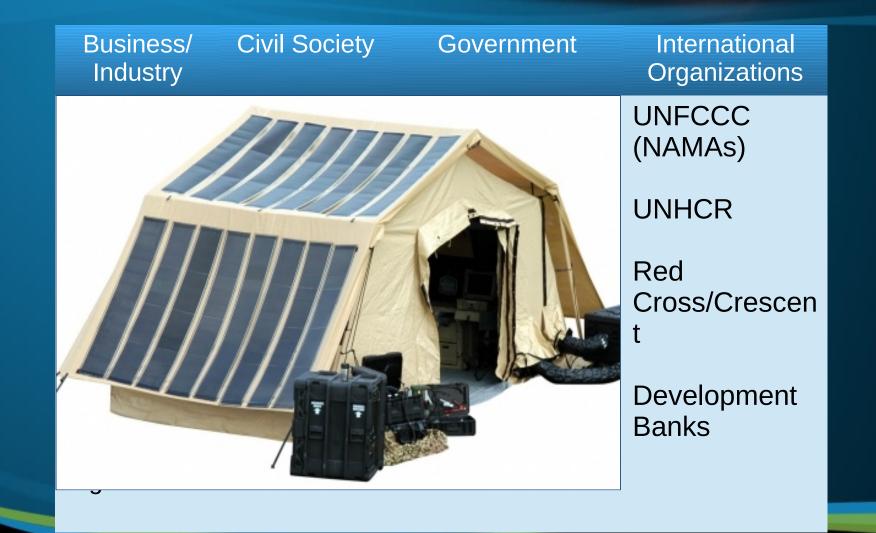


Replace Si based PV in applications such as:

- Water pumps
- Refugee camps
- Military forward bases
 (>\$1000/gallon delivered diesel)
- Distributed sensors (rugged for deployment)







SMART URBANISATION See.

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Chicago City Hall Green Roof.

Rapid Urban Population Growth = Increasing Mobility

Needs





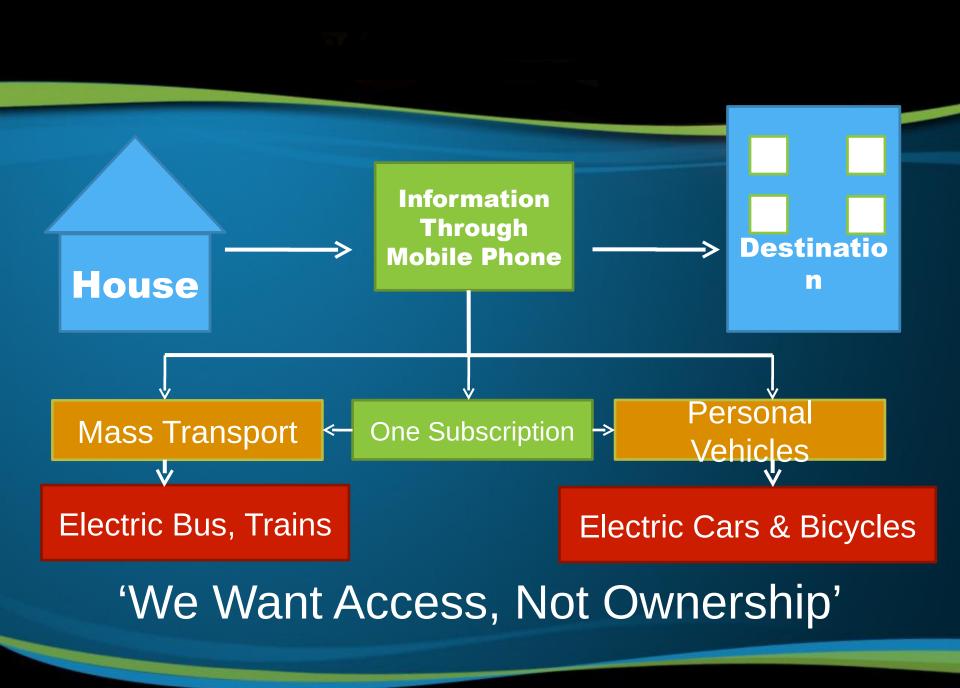


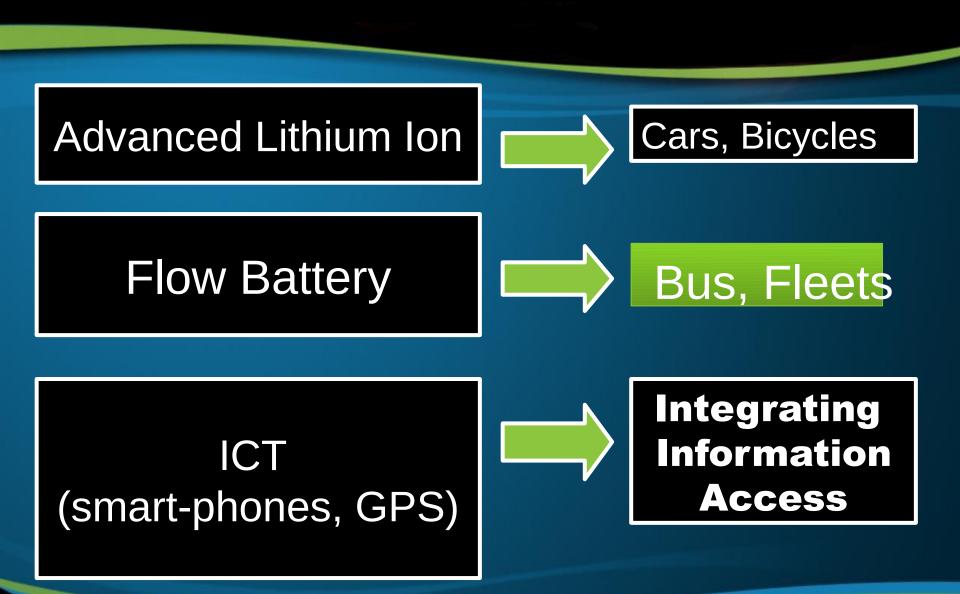


Shanghai, China







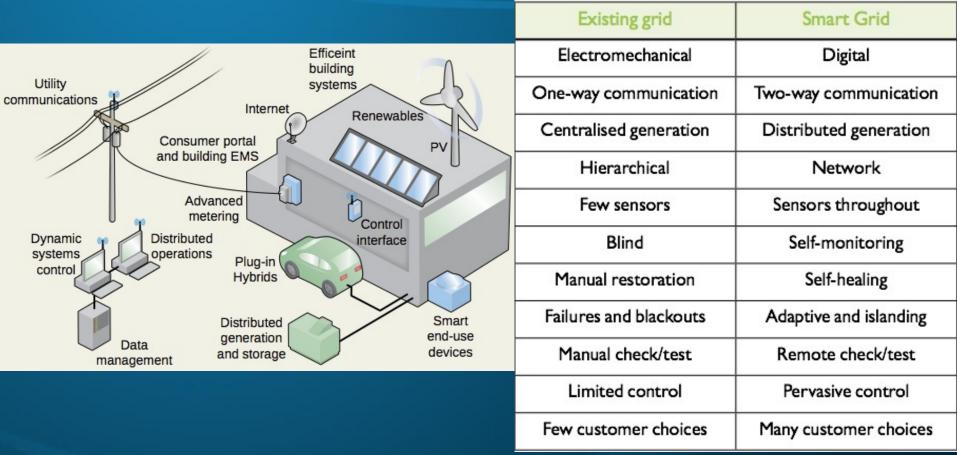


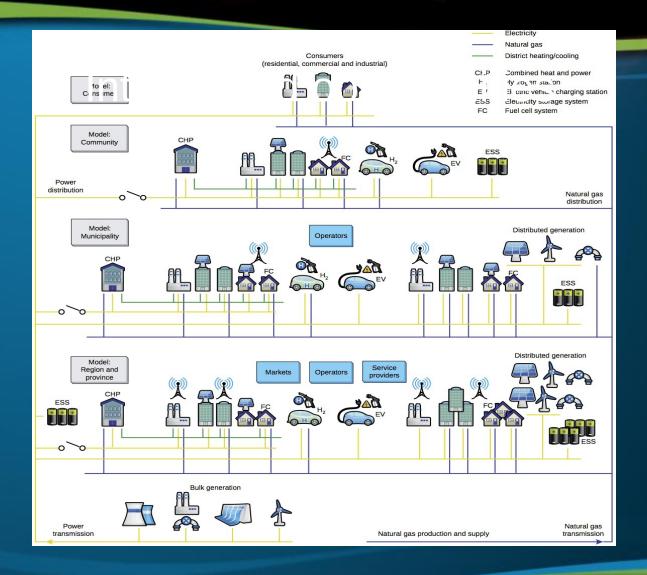
Smart Urbanization

 Need an intelligent infrastructure that can accommodate renewable energy solutions:

- Matching load with renewable energy availability
- Electrification of transportation
- Knowledge is literally power
 - Ability to influence future construction & design
 - Ability to influence behaviour now

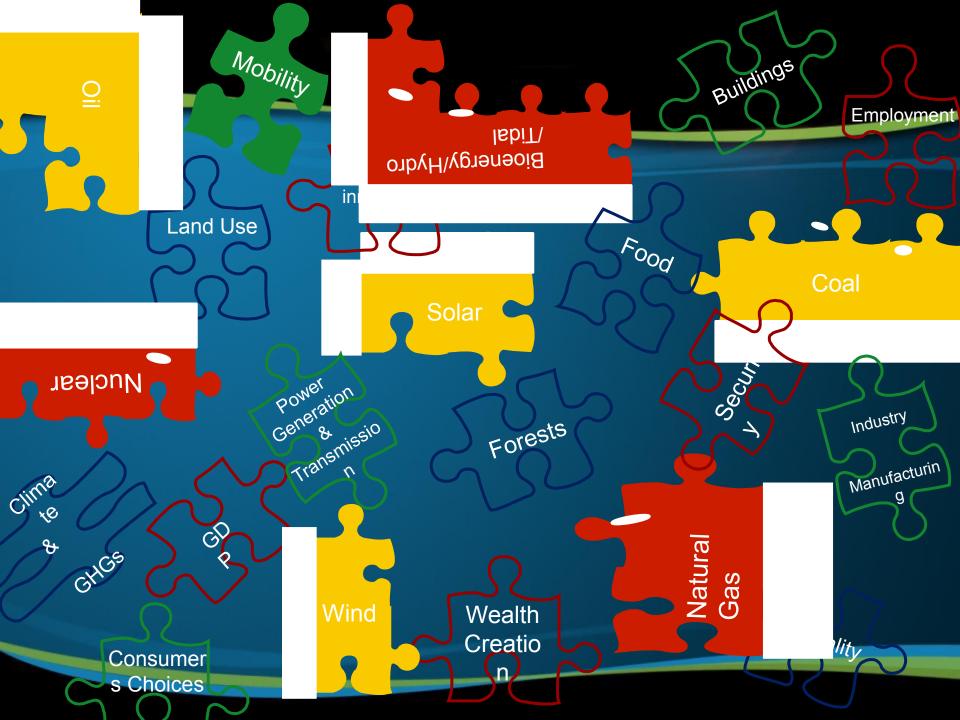
Smart Grids



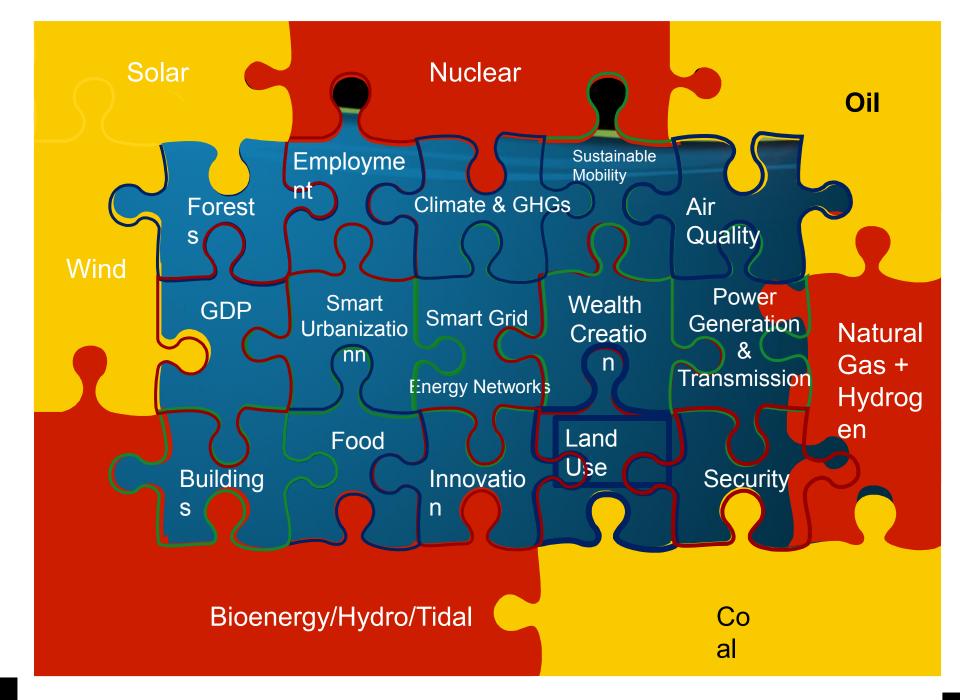


Guideposts: shaping future directions

- 1. Scale and complexity of change suggests transition to a low GHG economy will take a long time
- 2. Global dimension of energy poverty is an even larger and deeper social and economic problem
- 3. Compelling global need for a non-carbon based source of high quality energy
- **4.** Radical improvements necessary: OOM efficiency/cost
- 5. The power sector will be characterized by a low carbon intensity
- 6. A balanced mix of energy resources is key to achieving sustainable prosperity and environmental performance.



Paths to a Sustainable Life Quality



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