



# Energy & Infrastructure Future Overview

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# Sandia's Core Purpose

*“Helping our Nation Secure a Peaceful and Free World through Technology”*

- **National Security Laboratory**
- **Broad mission in developing science and technology applications to meet our rapidly changing, complex national security challenges**
- **Safety, security and reliability of our nation's nuclear weapon stockpile**




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## *Sandia* VISION

helping our nation secure a peaceful and free world through technology

- ★ Integrity
- ★ Excellence
- ★ Service to the Nation
- ★ Each Other
- ★ Teamwork

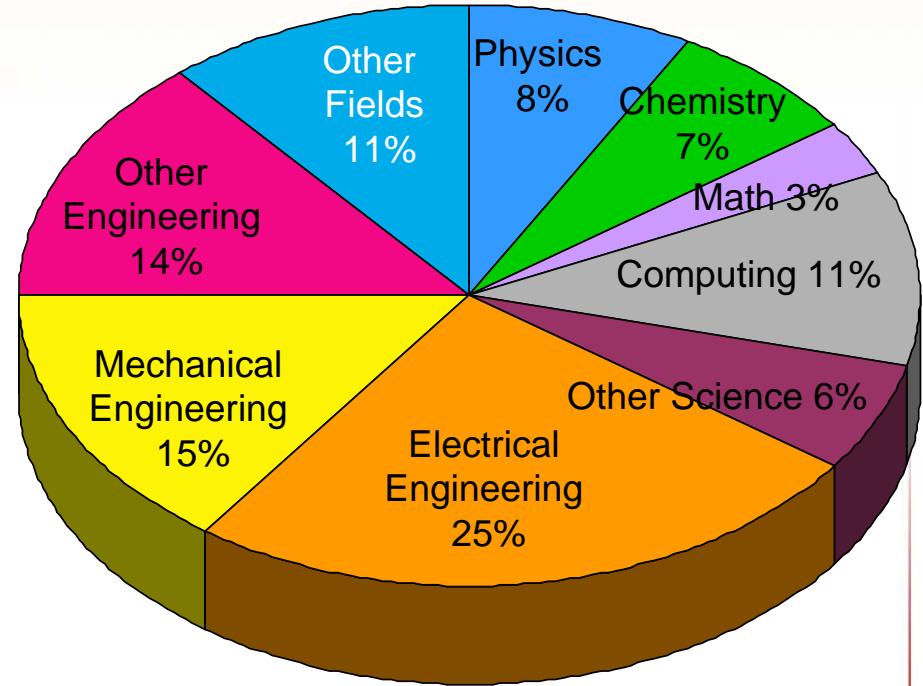
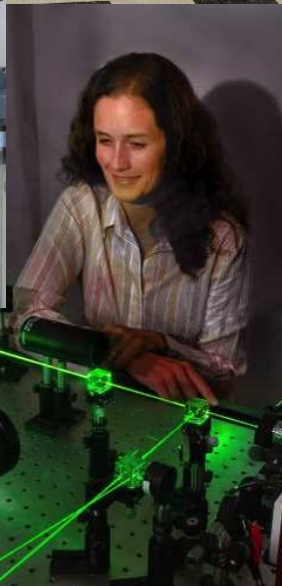
**Our highest goal** is to become the laboratory that the U.S. turns to first for technology solutions to the most challenging problems that threaten peace and freedom for our nation and the globe.



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# Sandia Employs More Than 8,000 Highly Skilled Workers



- Over 8,500 employees
- Over 1,500 PhDs; over 2,500 MS/MA
- Over 700 on-site contractors
- \$2.3 billion operating budget



# Sandia National Laboratories is Geographically Distributed

*Tonopah, Nevada*



*Albuquerque, New Mexico*



*Kodiak, Alaska*



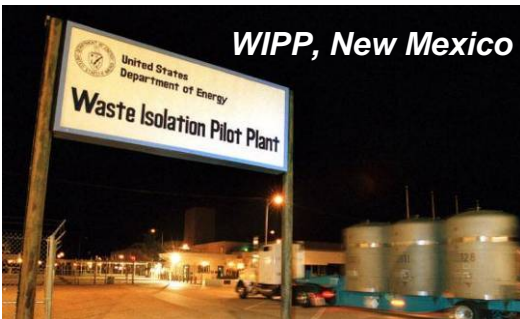
*Kauai, Hawaii*



*Pantex, Texas*



*WIPP, New Mexico*



*Yucca Mountain, Nevada*



*Livermore, California*



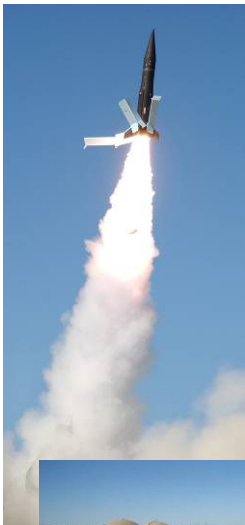


# Sandia is Organized into Three Strategic Management Groups

## Integrated Technologies and Systems

Three Management Units

- *Energy, Resources, and Nonproliferation*
- *Homeland Security*
- *Defense Systems & Assessments*



## Nuclear Weapons

One Management Unit

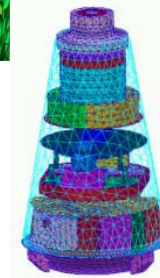
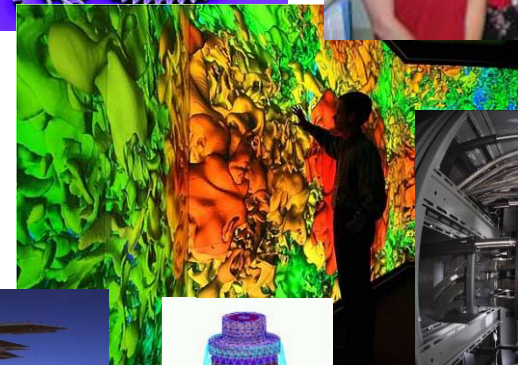
- *Nuclear Weapons*



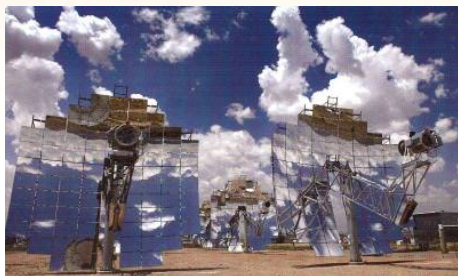
## Laboratory Transformation

Two Management Units

- *Integrated Enabling Services*
- *Science, Technology, and Engineering*



# Energy & Infrastructure Future Group



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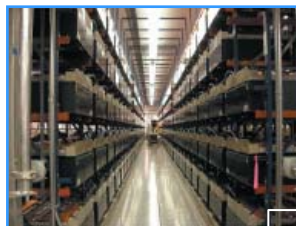
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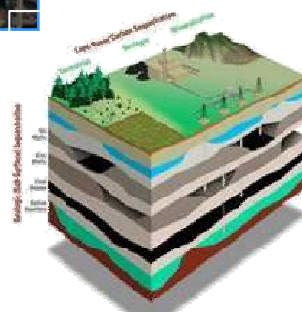
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# Solar Technology

## Technologies:

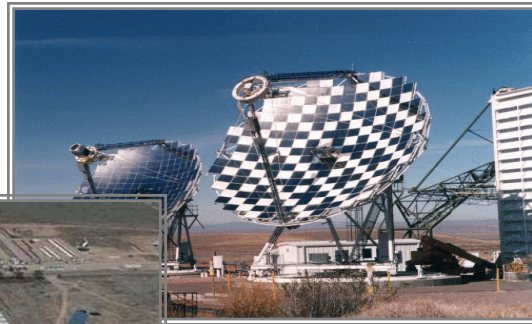
### Photovoltaics

- Modules/arrays
- Inverters
- Systems

### Concentrating Solar Power

- National Solar Thermal Test Facility (Tower)
- Troughs
- Dishes

### Solar Hot Water



## Activities:

### Advanced R&D

- New systems integrations
- Hydrogen production
- New “smarts”: controls, communications, power conversion

**Modeling** – performance prediction

**Reliability engineering**

**Evaluations/characterizations of new components/products**

**Barrier removal:** codes, standards, certification, design assistance, technical support



# Solar Energy Customers & Partnerships

## Customers and Partnership Success

- Sunpower      Kyocera
- Powerlight    Advent
- Sharp          Emcore
- Sanyo          Amonix
- BP              First Solar
- Global Solar    United Solar

### PV Module & System Integrators



- Xantrex          General Electric
- GrennRay        PVPowered
- SMA              Ballard
- Fronious

### Inverters & BOS



- Tucson Electric Power
- California Energy Commission
- Arizona Public Service
- Southern California Edison
- Pacific Gas & Electric

### Utilities



- Acciona          Boeing
- Stirling Energy Systems
- Florida Power & Light

### Concentrating Solar Power



- Underwriters Laboratory (UL)
- NASA
- Airforce/DOD
- USDA-Rural Utility Service
- DARPA

### Other Agencies

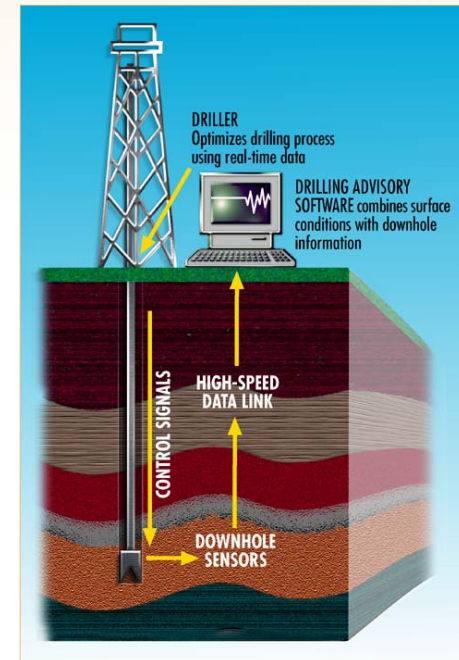
- \* Work with Solar industry to develop new components-systems.
- \* Develop innovative technology solutions through partnering.
- \* Perform comprehensive systems analysis-benchmarking of current and future systems (lab and field).



# Geothermal Research

## Drilling and Monitoring in Harsh Environments

- **Geothermal Well Construction**
  - **High-Temperature Electronics**
  - **Diagnostics-While-Drilling**
  - **Rock Reduction Technologies**
  - **Wellbore Integrity and Lost Circulation**
  - **Drilling Dynamics Modeling and Simulation**
  - **Vibration Mitigation**



# Competencies Developed in Geothermal Program Benefit Others

- **Diverse technology impact areas from breaking rock to electronic systems that operate at 300 °C.**
- **Industry assistance and cooperation from technology transfer to “mom & pop” industries to catalyzing a \$1.5B/yr PDC bit industry that today drills ~ 60% of world footage.**
- **Geothermal program competencies have strong synergies with oil & gas drilling (getting deeper and hotter), environmental drilling and remediation, unconventional fossil fuel recovery, drilling for the military, high-temperature/high-reliability electronics for the automotive/aerospace industry and more...**
- **Three R&D 100 Awards + DOE Energy 100 Award for work in PDC bits.**



# Energy Infrastructure and Distributed Energy Resources



**S&C Purewave UPS System**

- Distributed energy resources
- Power electronics
  - New base program in FY08
- Energy storage
- Energy Surety Microgrid

1.2 MW, 7.2 MWh Distributed Energy Storage System in Chemical Station, North Charleston

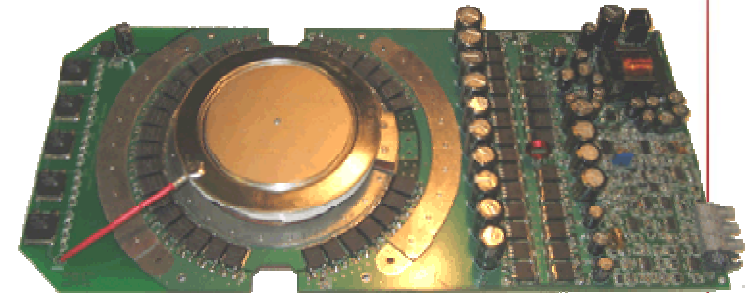


Started Operation on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2006

**AEP APPALACHIAN POWER**  
A unit of American Electric Power

NGK Insulators Ltd  
S&C Electric Co.  
DOE / SANDIA

**Application of Energy Storage**



**R&D 100: ETO High Power Switch**

# Energy Storage and Surety Microgrid Customers



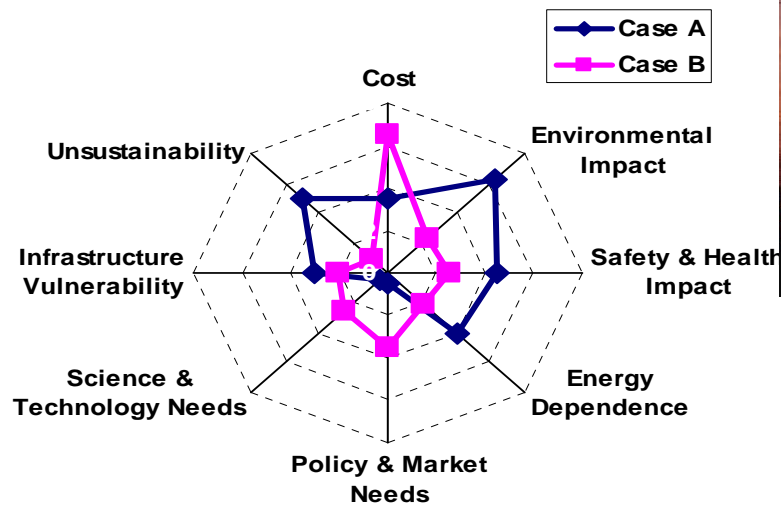
- **Current Customers/Partners**
  - US DOE Office of Electricity
  - US Coast Guard
  - US Army Civil Engineering Construction Laboratory
  - Kauai Island Utility Co-Op
- **Past Partnership Success**
  - S&C Electric Co. Purewave UPS
  - GNB Absolyte II VRLA Battery



# Energy Systems Analysis

- **Competencies:**

- Power grid (generation, transmission, distribution) operations, modeling
- Energy transport security (pipelines, power grid, marine, railways)
- SCADA and control systems analysis and security
- Energy system vulnerability, safety, and risk assessment
- Energy system modeling and simulation
- Energy systems analysis
- Energy-Water Nexus issues



# SCADA Security Program

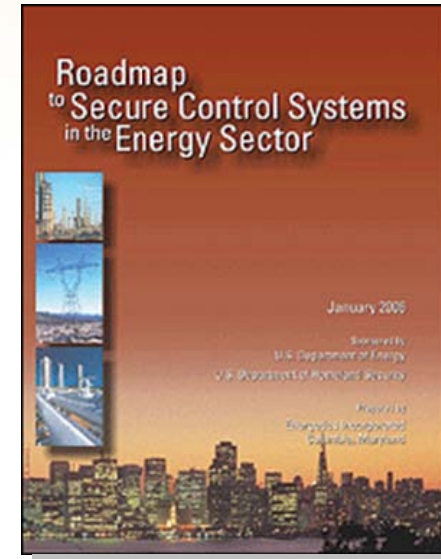
## Industry Customers & Partnerships

### ■ Current and Former Customers

- Southern California Edison (Power Grid Assessment)
- Detroit Edison (Power Grid Assessment)
- California ISO

### ■ Partnership Success

- ABB (Product Security)
- Chevron (Pipeline Security)
- American Gas Association (Standards)
- Gas Technology Institute (Standards)
- American Petroleum Institute (Standards)
- Cisco (Product Security)
- Williams Natural Gas Pipelines (Pipeline Security)
- Numerous cyber security vendors

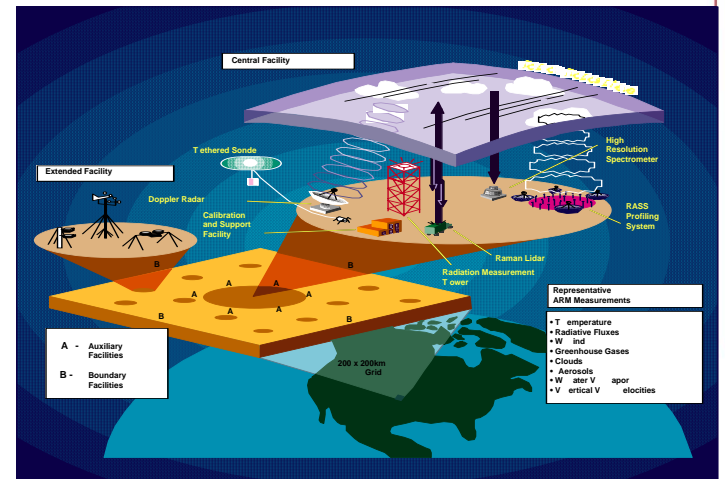
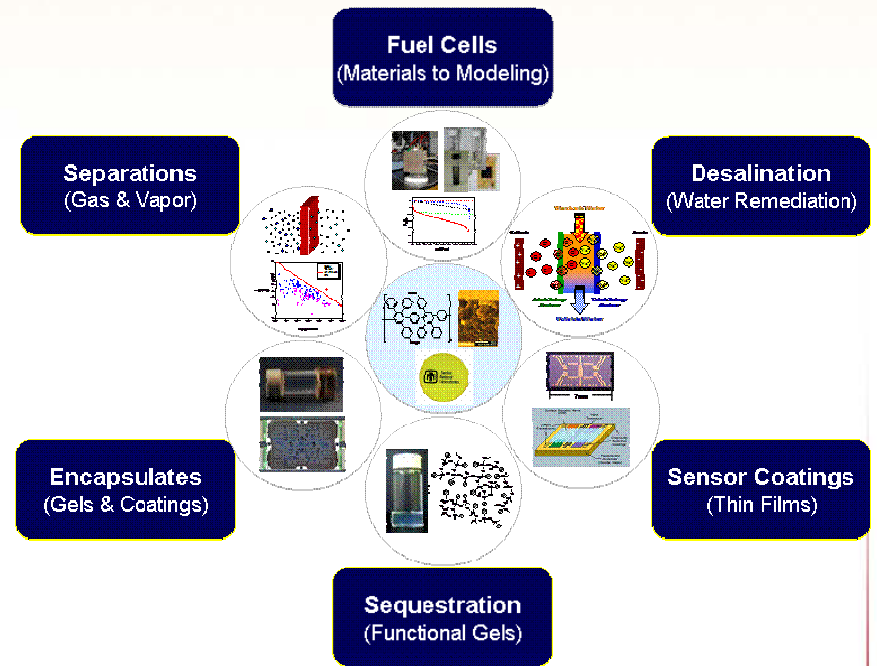


- **Industry-driven synthesis of public and private sector input**
- **Identifies energy sector's most critical control system security challenges and R&D needs**
- **Provides strategic framework to align public-private investments timely and efficient manner**



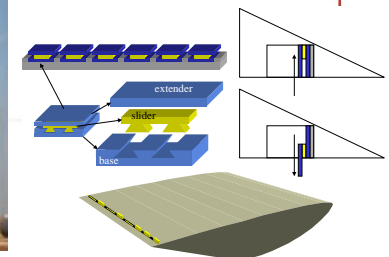
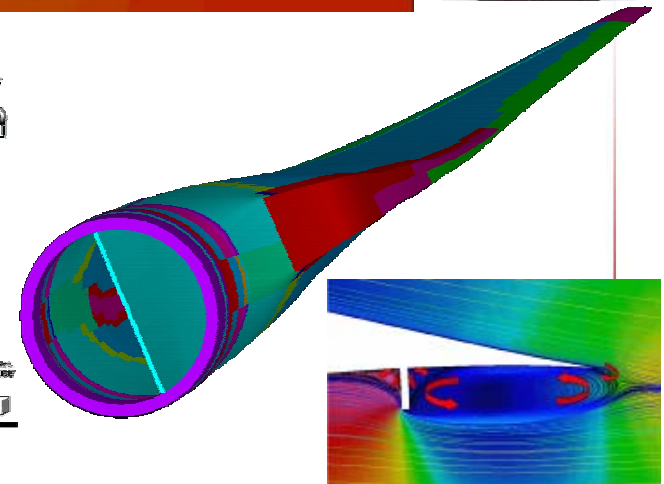
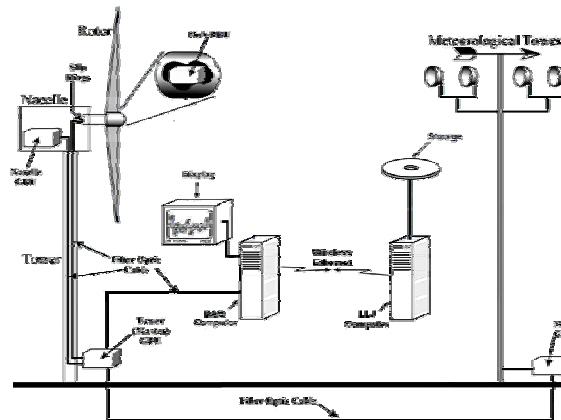
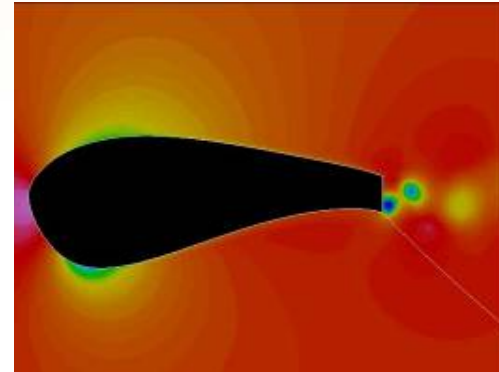
# The Fuels & Energy Transitions

- **Materials Membranes & Coatings**
  - **Synthesis & Characterization**
    - Inorganic
      - Ceramics, Glasses, Metals
    - Organics
      - Synthetic & Natural Polymers
    - Hybrids
    - Nanomaterials
  - **Wide Range of Applications**
- **Assembly & Testing**
  - **Fuel Cells**
    - System Level including Modeling
  - **Desalination**
- **Atmospheric Radiation Monitoring**
  - **DOE Facility on the North Slope of Alaska**



# Wind Energy Technology

- **Blade Technology**
  - Materials and Manufacturing
  - Structural, Aerodynamic, and Full System Modeling
  - Lab - Field Testing and Data Acquisition
  - Sensors and Structural Health Monitoring
  - Advanced Blade Concepts
- **System Reliability**
  - Industry Data Collection
  - Improve reliability of the existing technology and future designs





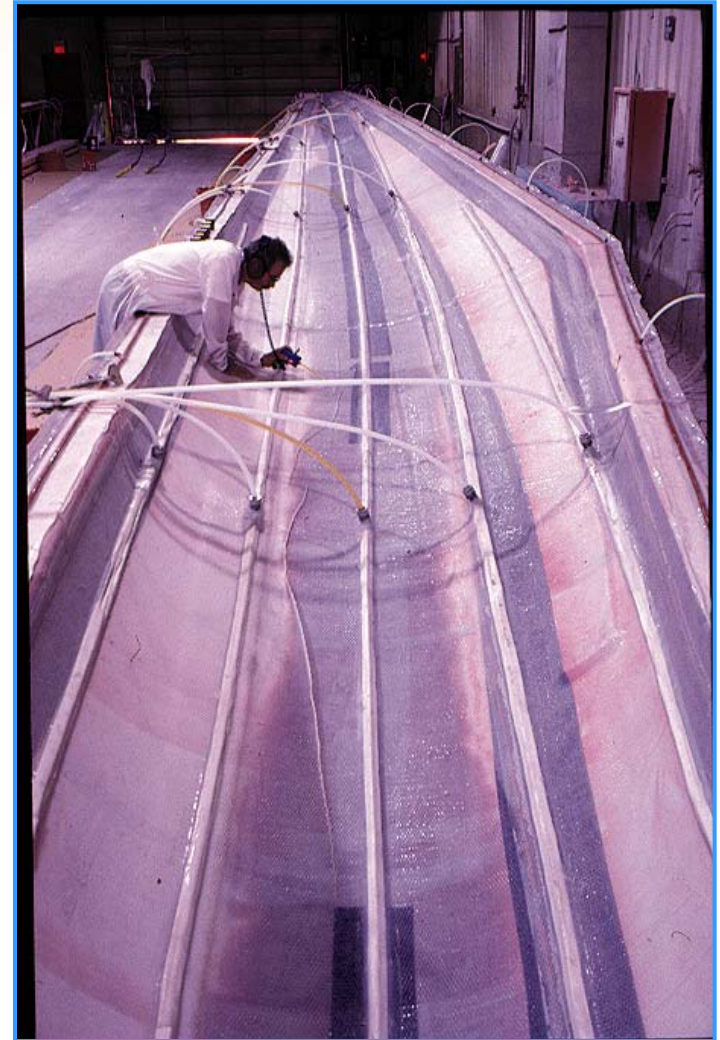
# Wind Energy Customers & Partnerships

## ■ Current Customers

- Texas Tech (DAS & Field Testing)
- 3TEX (Field testing)
- Aither (Sensors)
- NASA (Sensors)
- Acellent (Sensors)
- Owens Corning (Materials)
- Clipper Wind (Manufacturer)

## ■ Past Partnership Success

- TPI Composites
  - TPI and Mitsubishi have a joint venture – Vienteck in Juarez, Mexico
  - Manufacturing blades for 1-2 MW Mitsubishi machines
  - 40m long blade now being tested
  - TPI patented SCRIMP® technology





# Energy Surety Microgrids





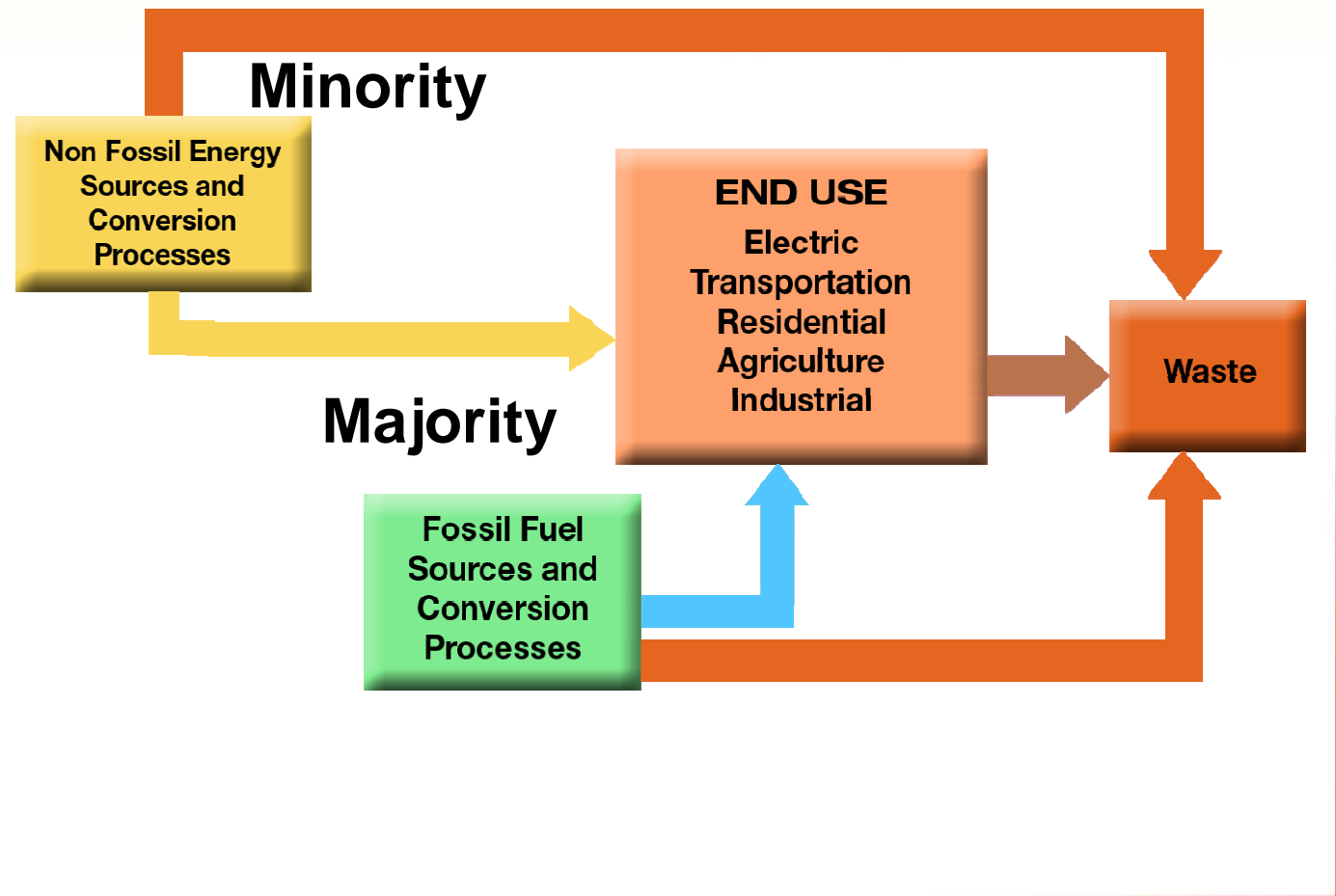
# Elements of Energy Surety

## Energy System is:

	If it:
Safe	Safely supplies energy to end user
Secure	Maintains power in a malevolent environment
Reliable	Maintains power when and where needed
Sustainable	It can be maintained indefinitely
Cost Effective	Produces energy at lowest predictable cost

# The Current Energy System is Full of Losses, an Open Cycle, and Highly Vulnerable

- Fossil Fuel dominated infrastructure.
- Over 50% of US energy resources lost in conversion and transport.
- Diversity of energy resources difficult to accommodate.
- Reliance on nature to absorb waste by-products.
- Infrastructure capacity, flexibility, and reliability is limited.
- Resource competition with India and China.
- Unpredictable and volatile energy prices.





# Military and Civilian Energy Interruptions can Have Catastrophic Impacts

## Military Energy Interruption

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- **Ft. Huachuca, AZ, served by two feeders**
- **May 2002 fire takes out both feeders**
- **Base down for 16 hours**
  - *Est. cost \$3M*
  - *Loss of mission capability*

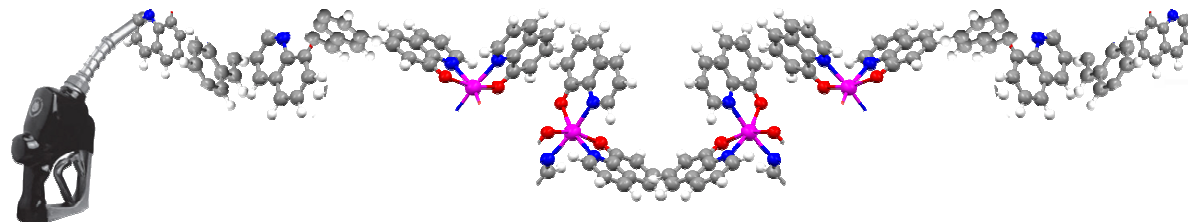
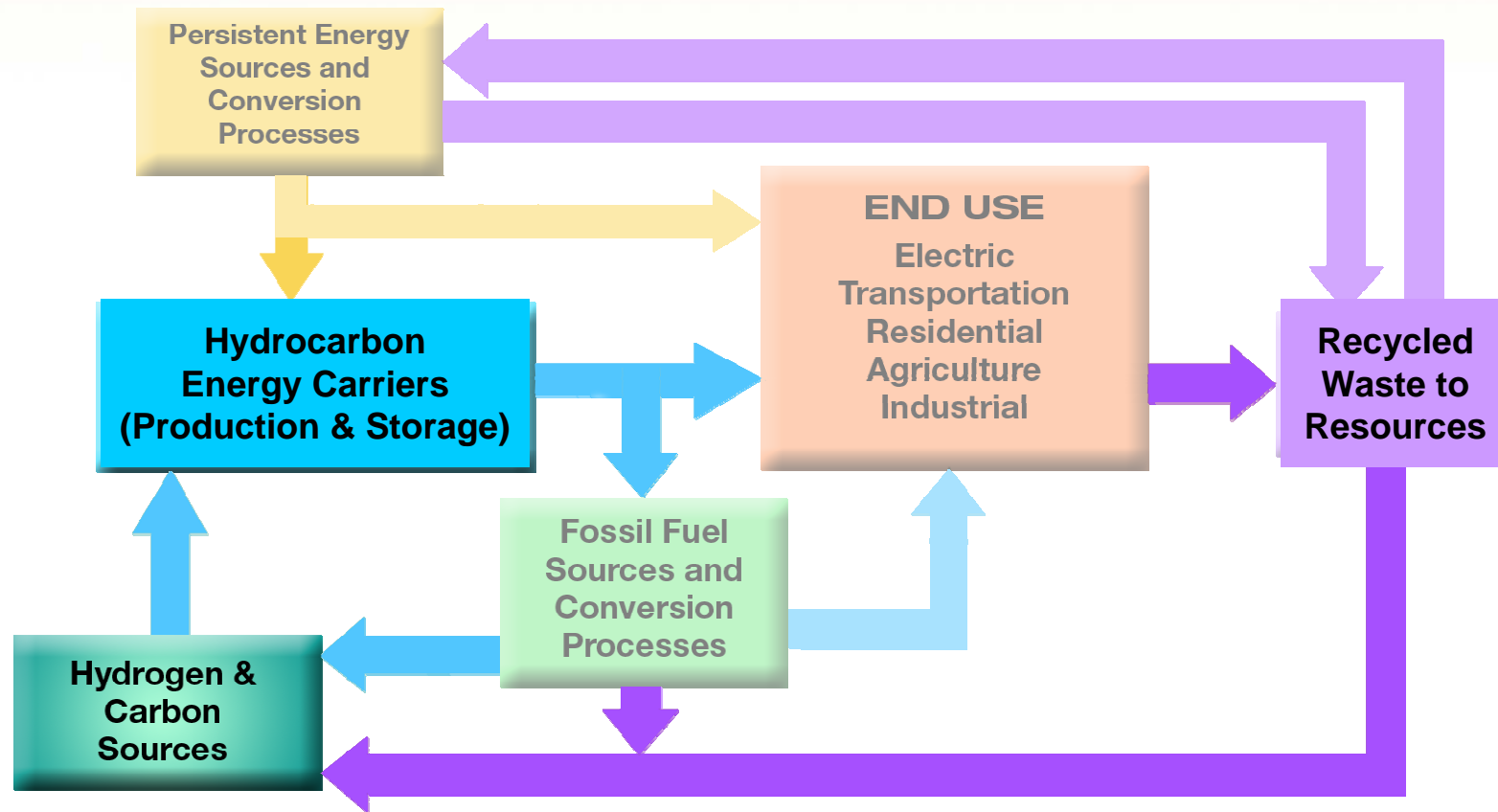


## Civilian Energy Interruption

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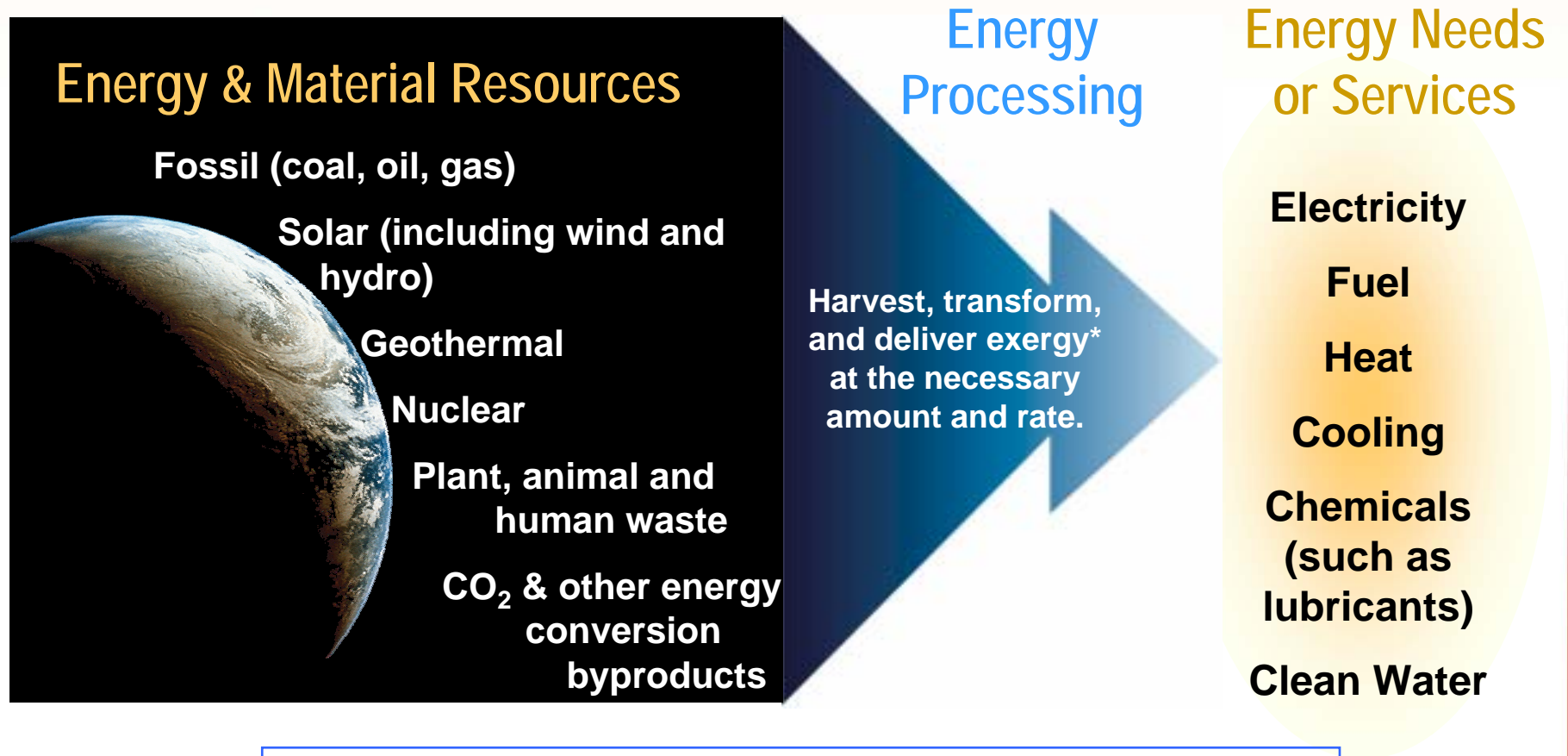
- **Philips Semiconductor, Albuquerque, NM, served by two feeders**
- **Fire takes out both feeders**
- **Chip fab shuts down for 3 months**
  - *Company loses important customers*
  - *Plant shuts down permanently*

# A Flexible, Adaptive Energy Infrastructure, with a Hydrocarbon “Core” Offers a Path Forward



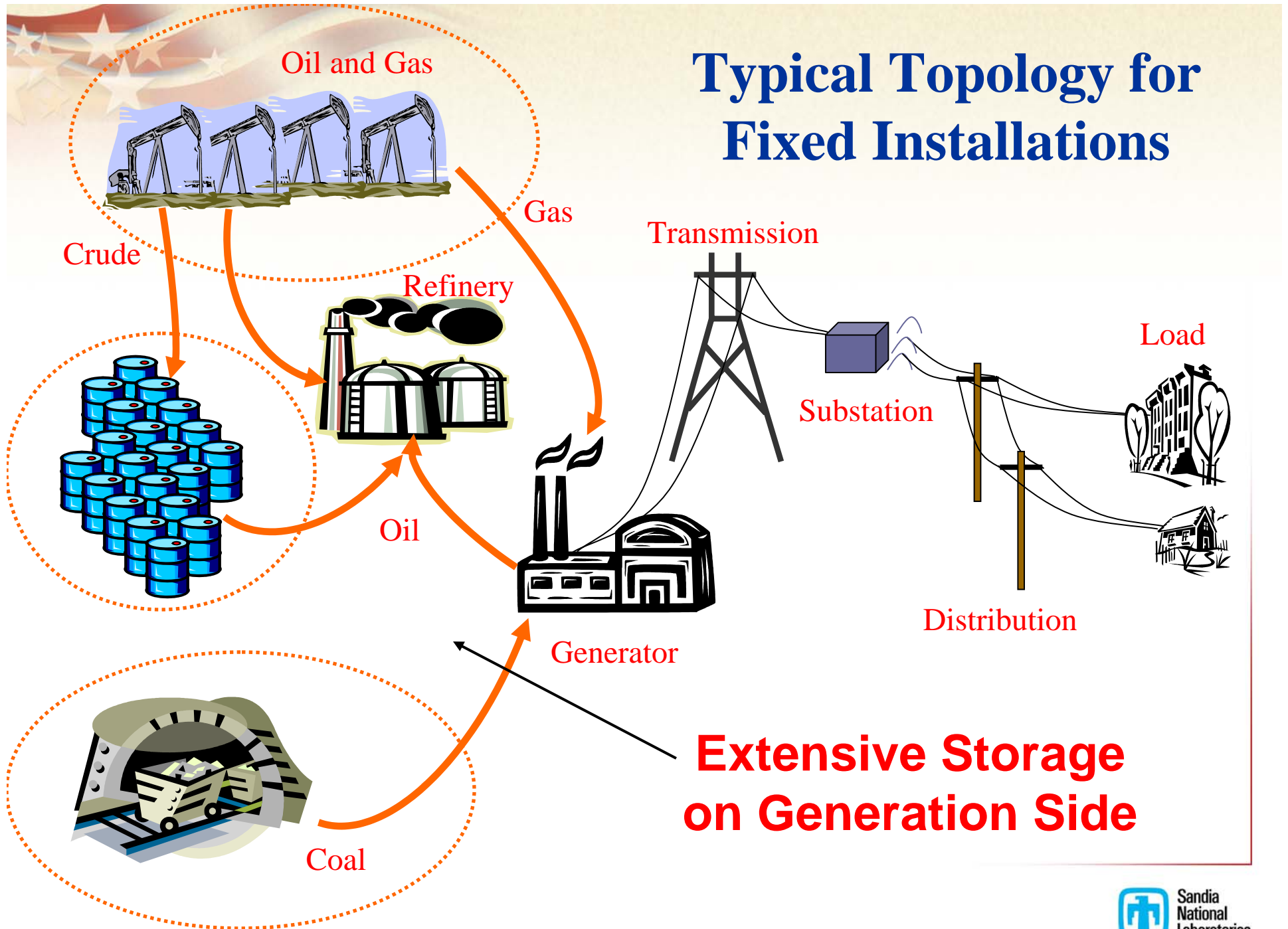


# Energy Challenge - Harvest, Transform, and Control Delivery of Available Energy



**\*EXERGY = AVAILABLE ENERGY = useful portion of energy that allows one to do work and perform energy services**

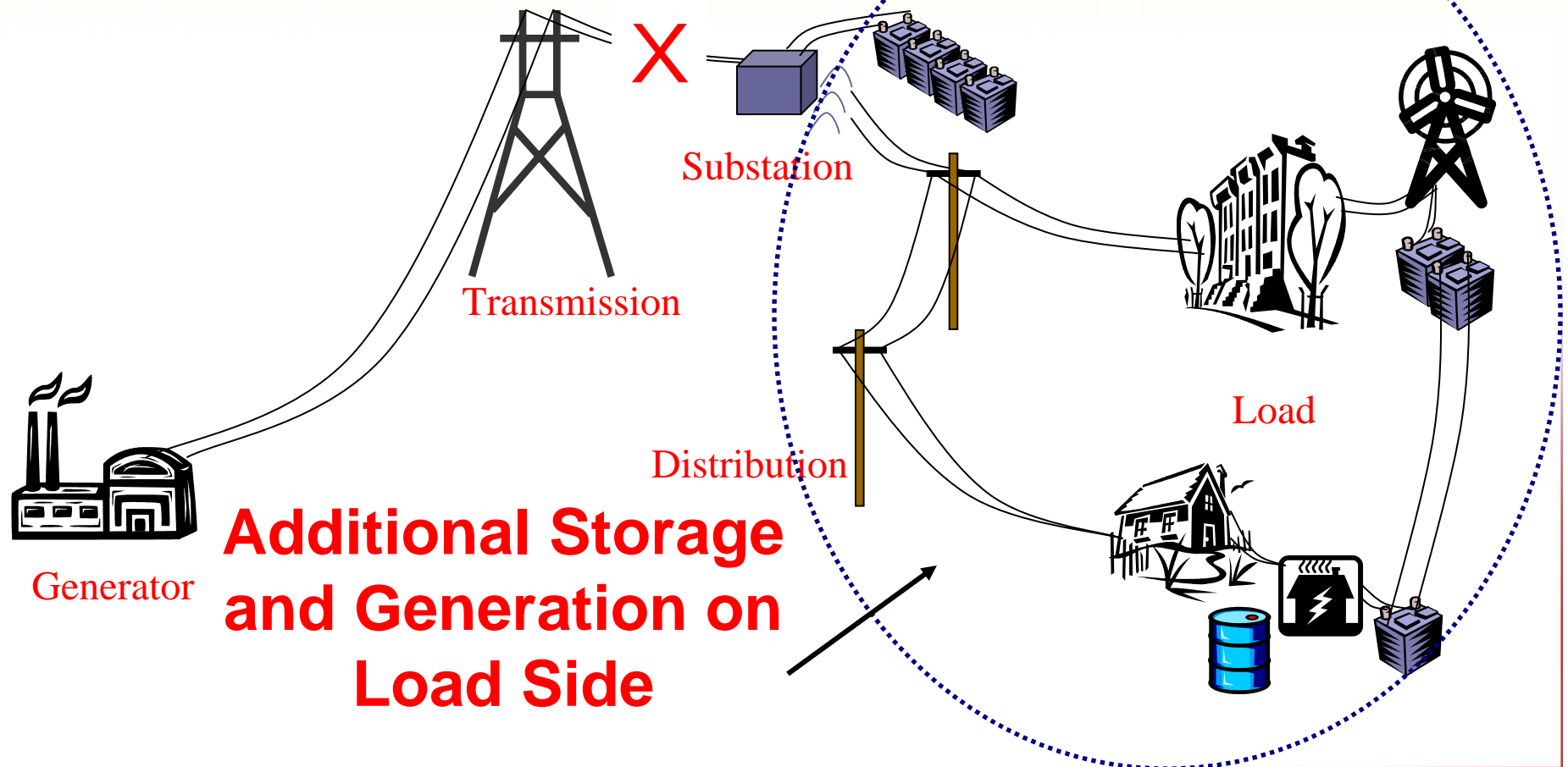
# Typical Topology for Fixed Installations





## Emergence of a Surety Grid

## The Surety Microgrid operates when the grid is down

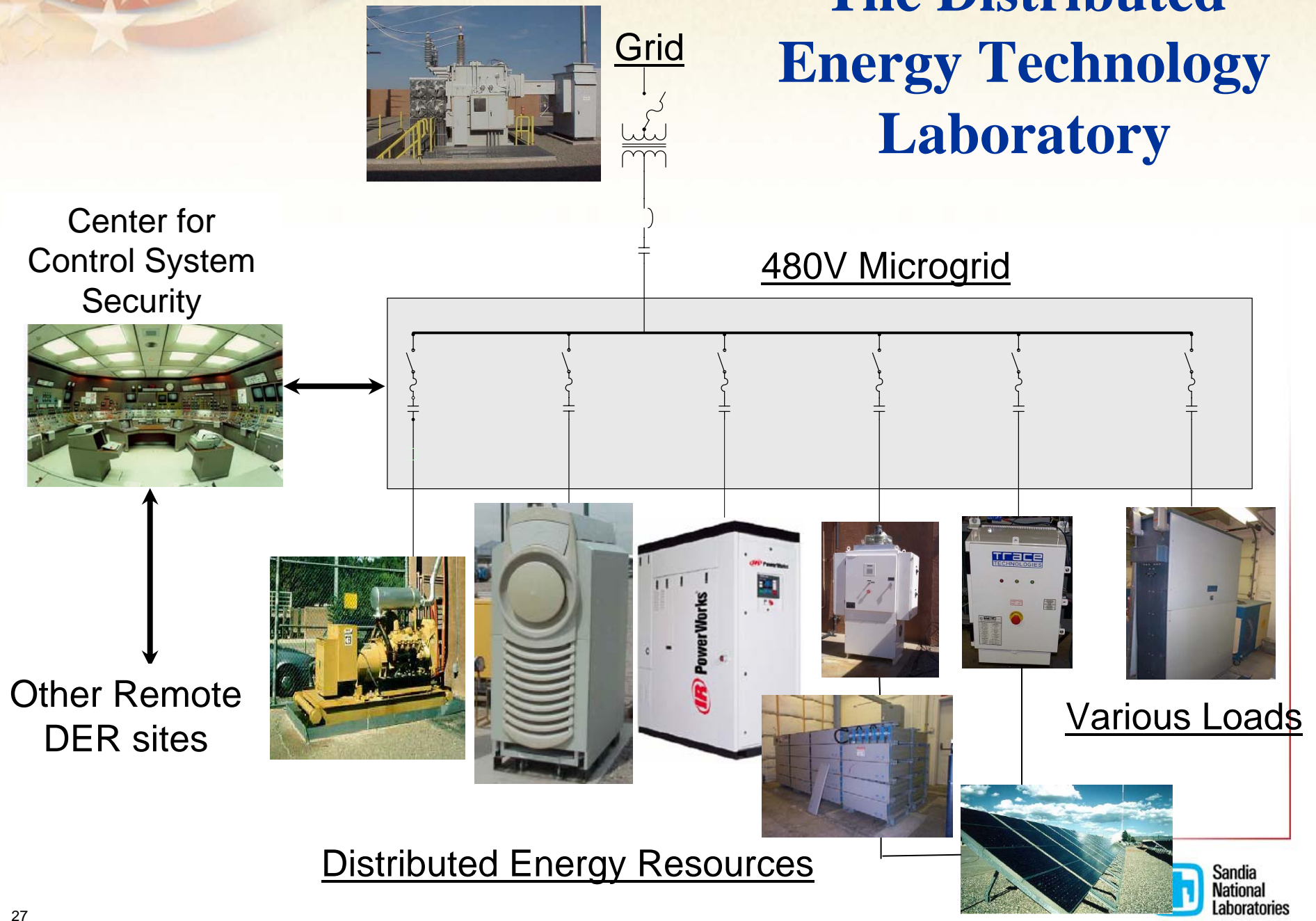




# Why Sandia?

- **Sandia has conducted two power grid studies for Kauai Utility; we are therefore familiar with the Kauai power grid. The studies were focused on the use of energy storage to improve grid stability.**
- **Extensive experience and expertise with distributed generation and microgrids.**
- **Manage the energy storage program for DOE OE.**
- **Will co-lead the new power electronics program for DOE in FY08.**
- **Co-lead for National SCADA Test Bed under DOE OE.**
- **Developed the Energy Surety Microgrid concept.**

# The Distributed Energy Technology Laboratory



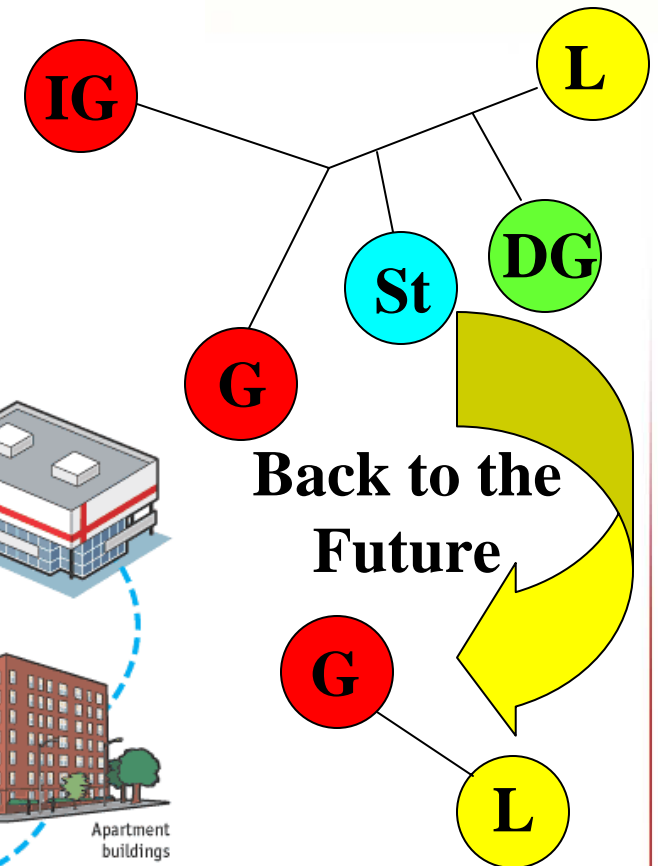
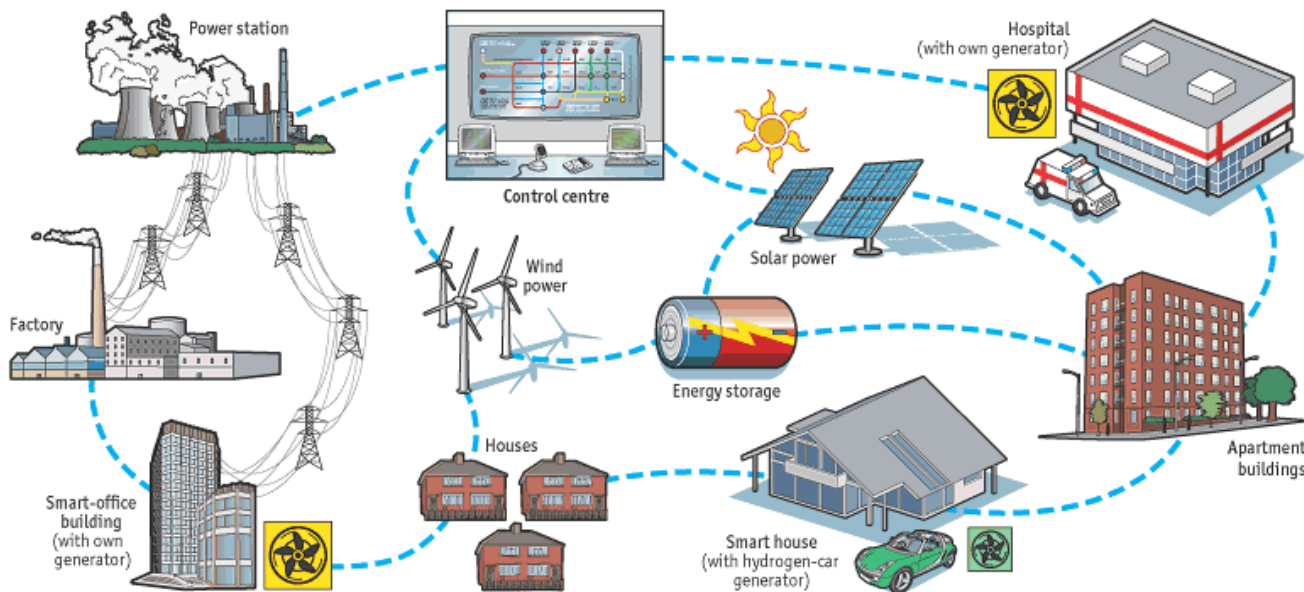
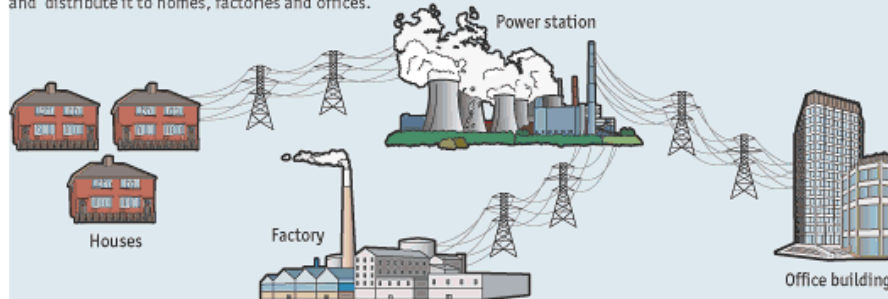


# Potential Future Energy Grid

## The shape of grids to come?

### Conventional electrical grid

Centralised power stations generate electricity and distribute it to homes, factories and offices.



Sources: The Economist; ABB

Courtesy of: California ISO