

# H<sub>2</sub>

# at Scale:

*Enhance the U.S. energy portfolio  
through sustainable use of  
domestic resources,  
improvements in infrastructure,  
and increase in grid resiliency.*

## NREL Workshop

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# Beijing 2016





# Pittsburgh Today



<http://www.pittsburghmagazine.com/Best-of-the-Burgh-Blogs/The-412/August-2013/This-is-What-Pittsburgh-Looked-Like-at-Noon-73-Years-Ago/>



# Energy System Challenge - Sustainability

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- **Multi-sector requirements**

- Transportation
- Industrial
- Grid

**Over half of U.S. CO<sub>2</sub> emissions come from the industrial and transportation sectors**

- **Decarbonization has limited options**

- Renewables, Nuclear, and CCS
- Intense electrification or carbon-neutral fuels

# Changing Landscape

- **Environmental Impacts**
- **Policy (RPS, ZEV)**

## German Government Votes to Ban Internal Combustion Engines by 2030

The German Bundesrat has voted to ban new gasoline- or diesel-powered vehicles from EU roads starting in 2030.

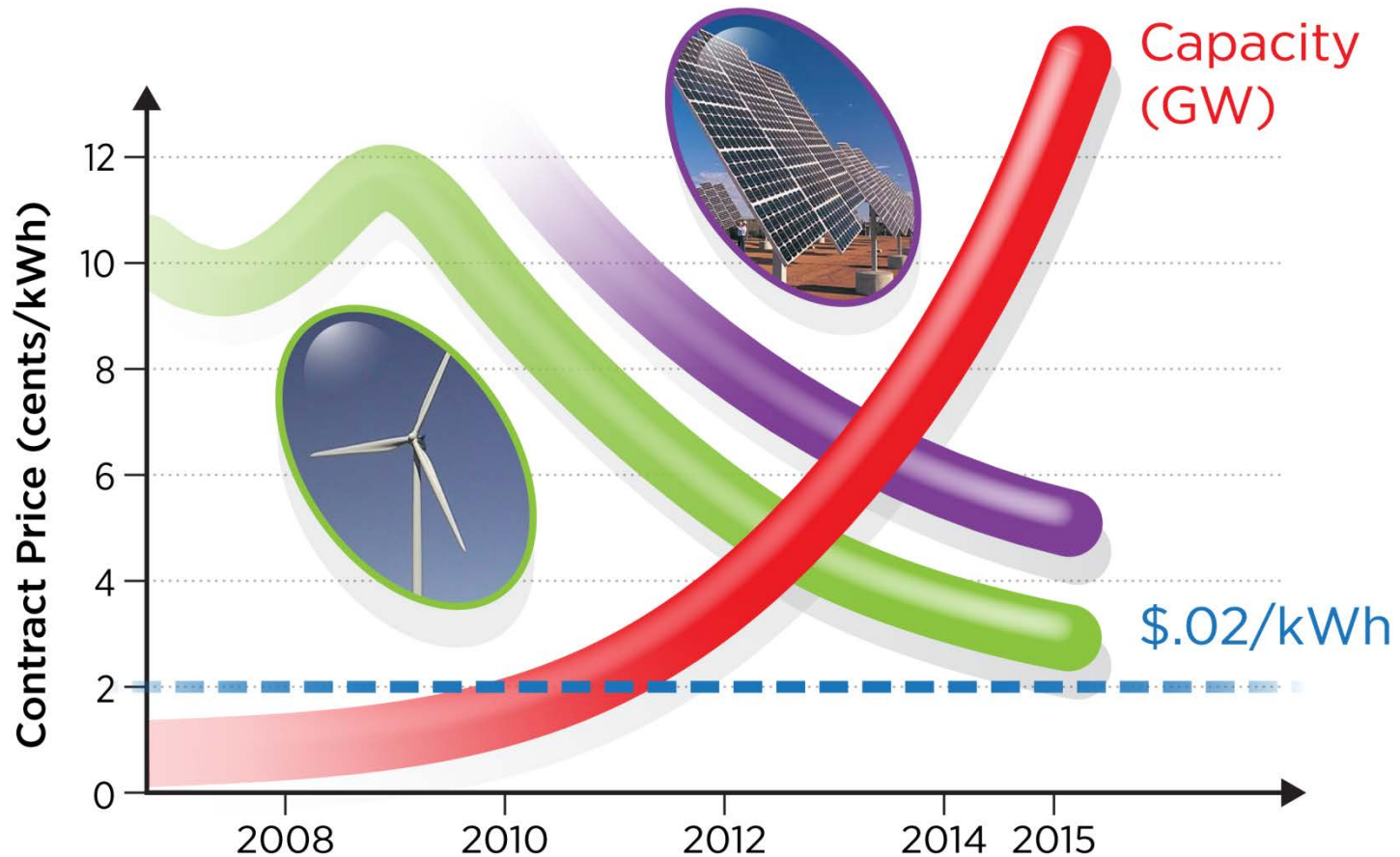


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# Carbon-free electricity prices

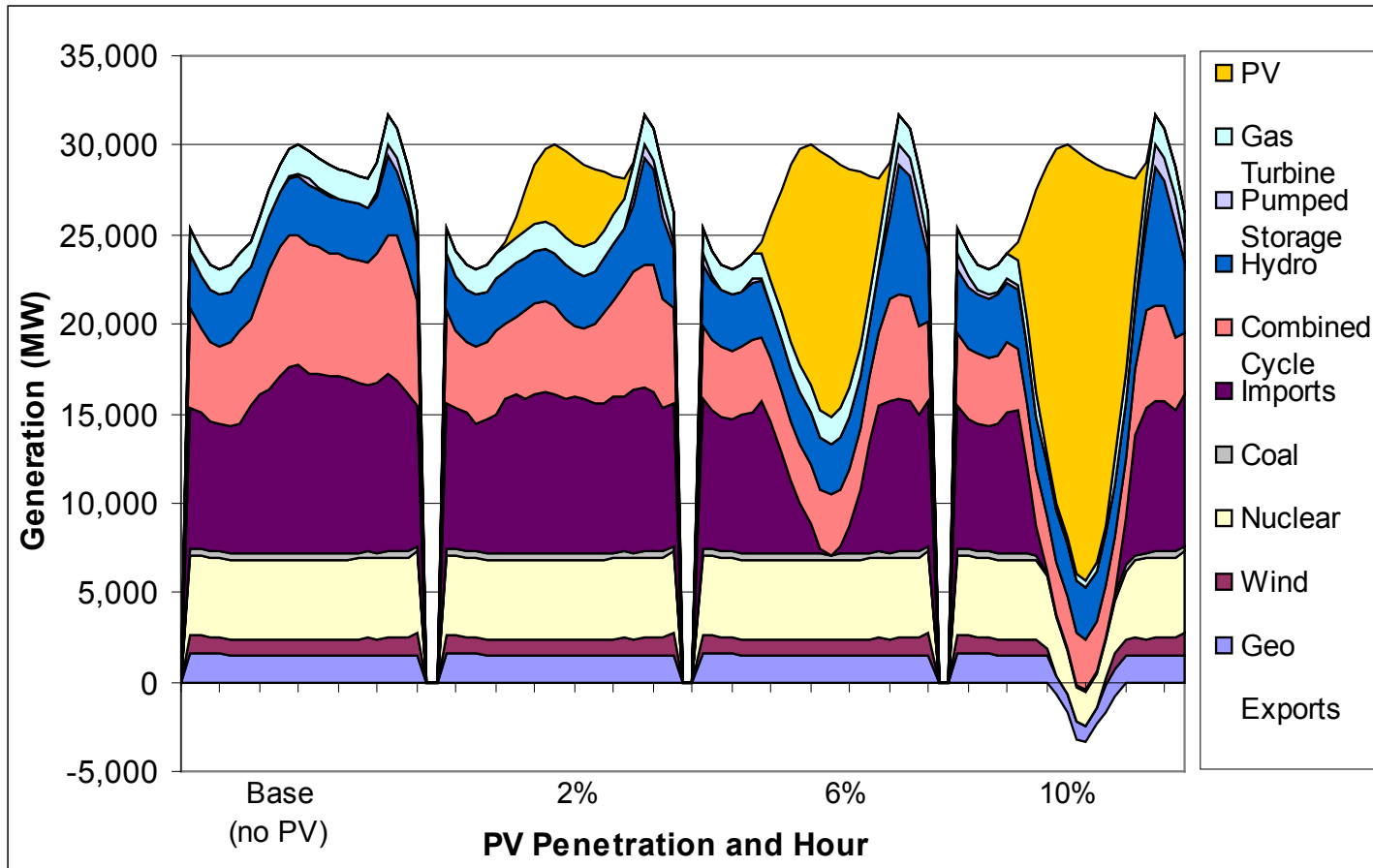


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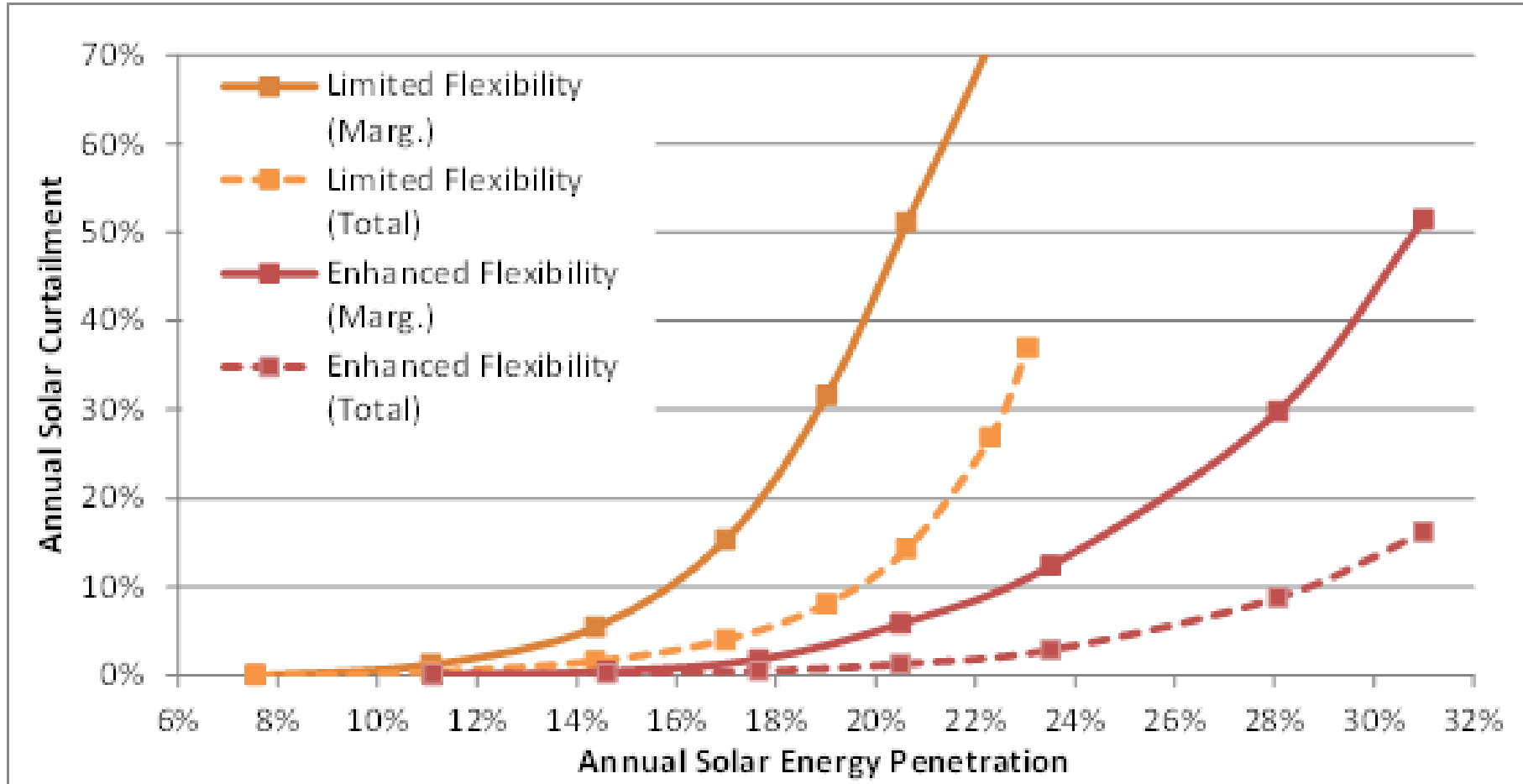
# Renewable Challenges

Denholm et al. 2008



# Limitations of Mismatched Load/Generation

Denholm, P.; M. O'Connell; G. Brinkman; J. Jorgenson (2015) Overgeneration from Solar Energy in California: A Field Guide to the Duck Chart. NREL/TP-6A20-65023



Curtailment will lead to an abundance of low value electrons, and we need solutions that will service our multi-sector demands

# Example: Germany already limiting RE penetration rate

## Share of Renewable Electricity

at Brut Electricity Consumption (Energy) in Germany

100.00%

- Wind
- Photovoltaic
- Biomass
- Hydro
- Geothermal

Yearly Increase according to Legislation 2014:

→ 2,5 GW Wind onshore

→ 2,5 GW Wind offshore

→ 2,5 GW Photovoltaic

Long term target:

2050: 80 %

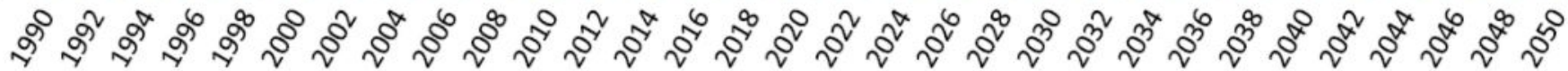
Uncontrolled Increase resulting from Subsidy System till 2014:

2014: 28 %

2004: 9%

2025: 40 - 45 %

2035: 55 - 60 %



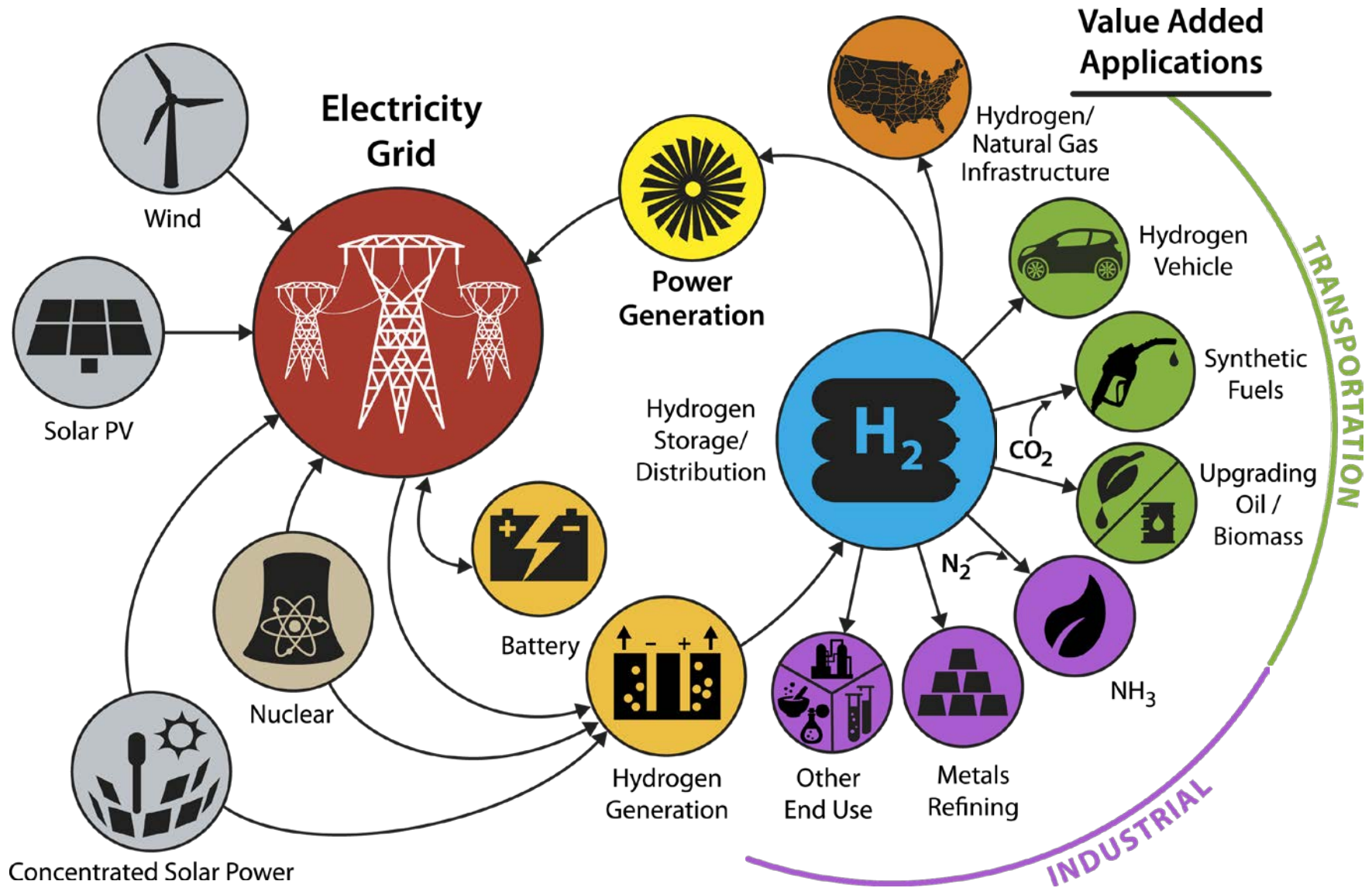


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- **Dwight D. Eisenhower**

**"If you can't solve a  
problem, enlarge it"**

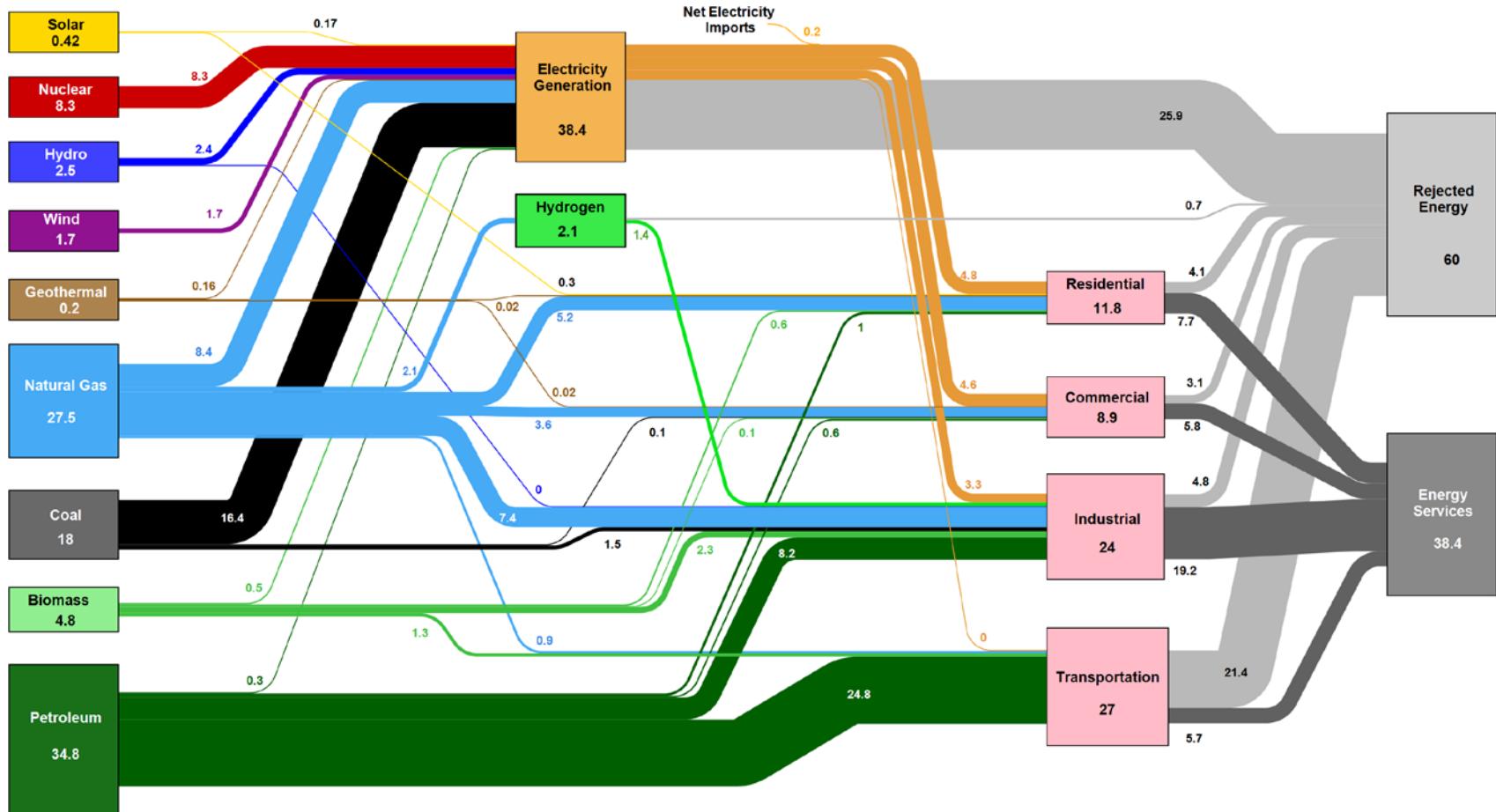
# Conceptual H<sub>2</sub> at Scale Energy System\*



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# Current Energy Flow – w/Hydrogen

2014 Estimated U.S. Annual Energy Use -  
Hydrogen Contributions Broken Out ~ 98 Quads



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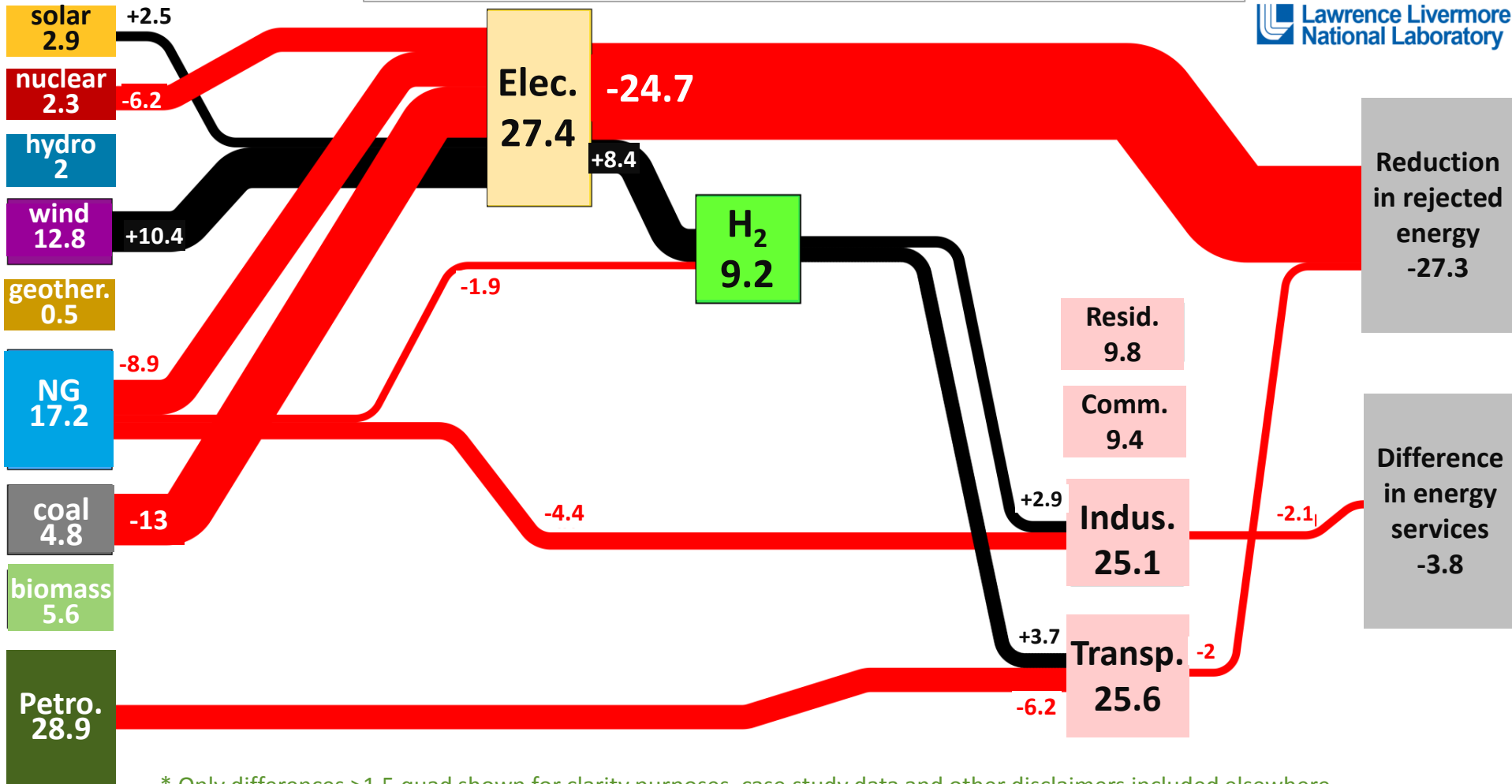
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# BAU (Business As Usual) vs. High H<sub>2</sub> – Energy Difference\*

Energy Use difference between 2050 high-H<sub>2</sub> and AEO 2040 scenarios (Quad Btu)

Red flows represent a reduction (between scenarios)  
Black flows represent an increase (between scenarios)

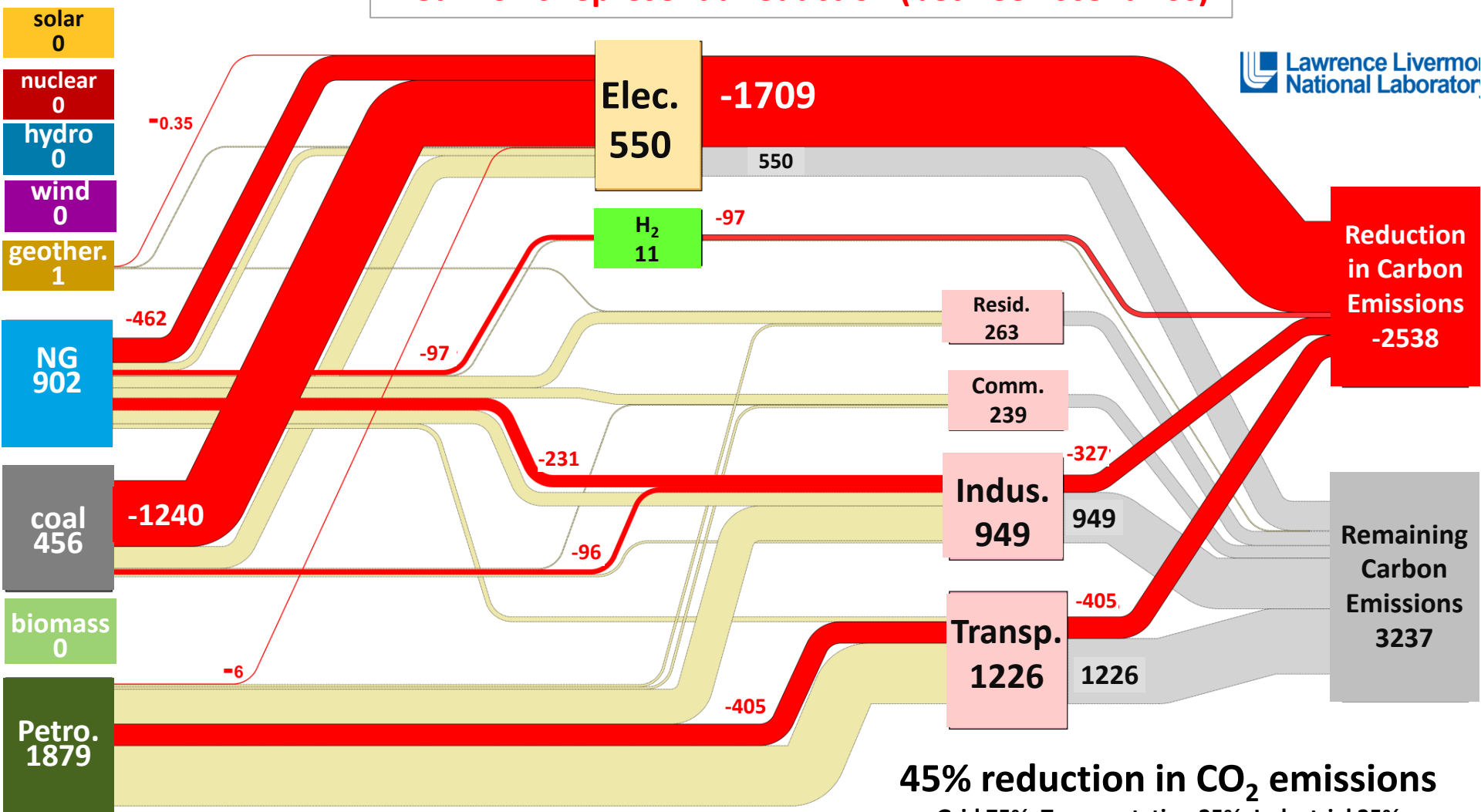


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# BAU (Business As Usual) vs. High H<sub>2</sub> – CO<sub>2</sub> Difference\*

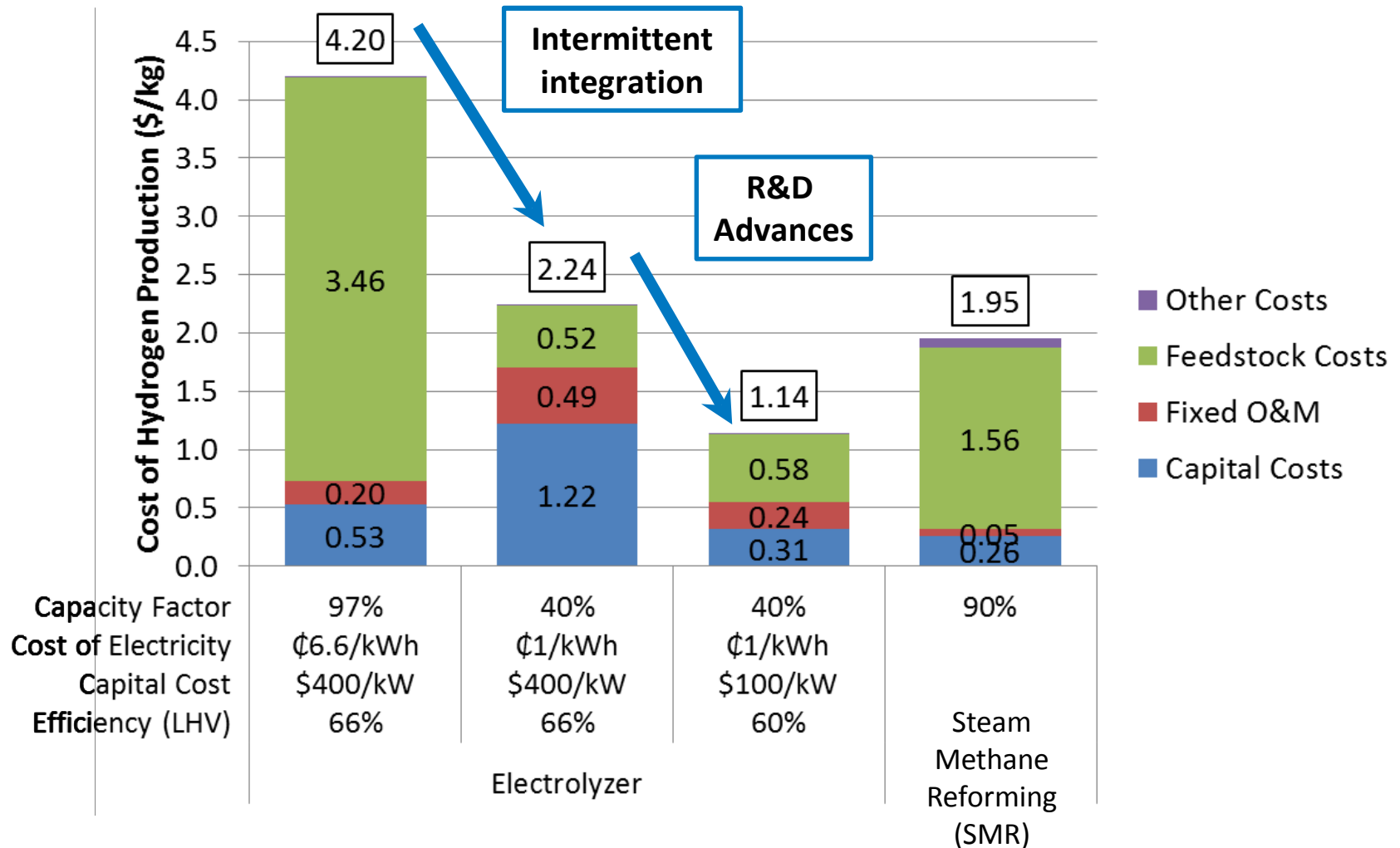
Emissions difference between 2050 high-H<sub>2</sub> and AEO 2040 scenarios (million MT)

Red flows represent a reduction (between scenarios)



**45% reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions**  
 Grid 75%, Transportation 25%, Industrial 25%

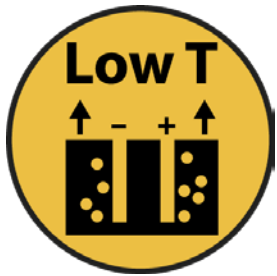
# Improving the Economics of Renewable H<sub>2</sub>





# What is needed to achieve H<sub>2</sub> at Scale?

## Low and High Temperature H<sub>2</sub> Generation



Development of **low cost, durable, and intermittent H<sub>2</sub> generation.**



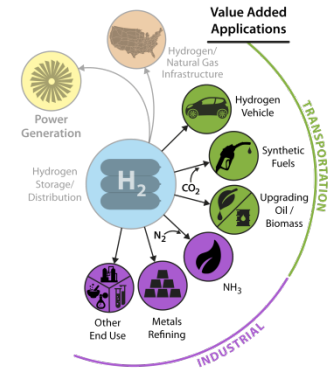
Development of **thermally integrated, low cost, durable, and variable H<sub>2</sub> generation.**

## H<sub>2</sub> Storage and Distribution



Development of **safe, reliable, and economic storage and distribution systems.**

## H<sub>2</sub> Utilization



**H<sub>2</sub> as game-changing energy carrier, revolutionizing energy sectors.**

Analysis

Foundational Science

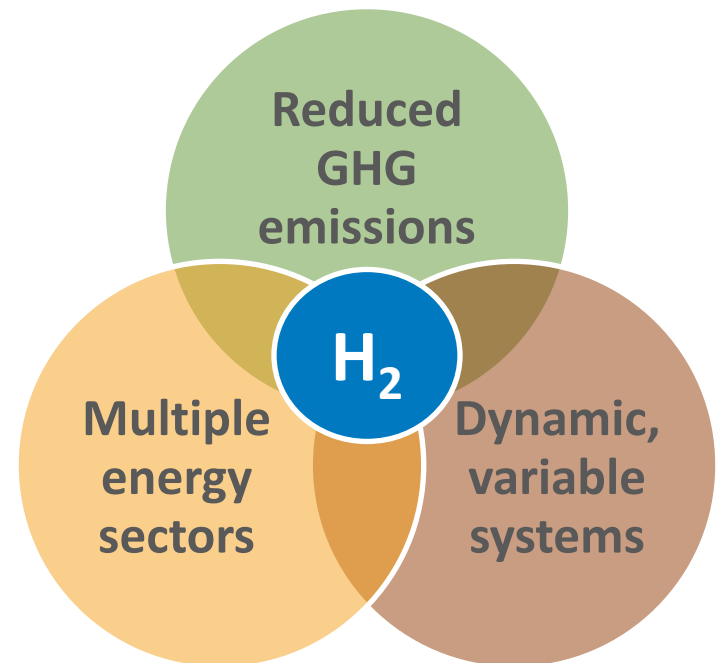
Future Electrical Grid

# H<sub>2</sub> at Scale Value Summary

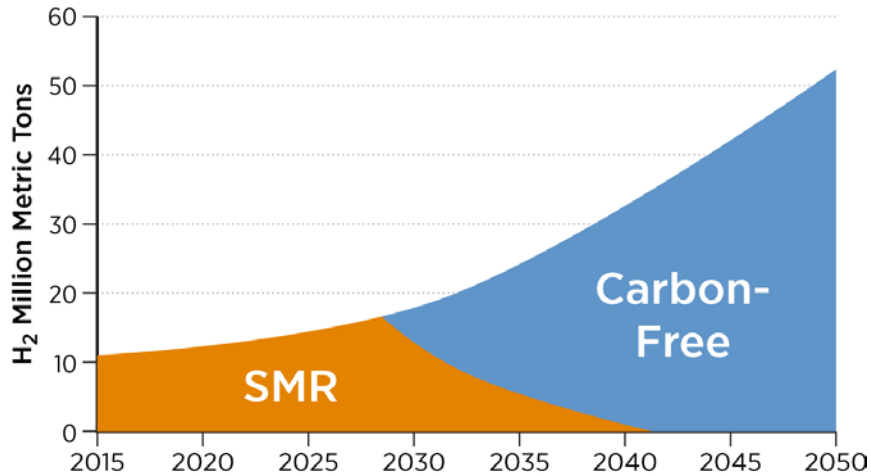
- Reducing emissions across sectors (GHG, criteria pollutants)
- Support needs of future energy system

Unique potential of H<sub>2</sub> to positively impact all these areas

- Other benefits
  - Energy security (diversity/resiliency/domestic)
  - Manufacturing competitiveness/job creation
  - Decreased water requirements



# What does success look like?



Going from  
10 million  
MT of H<sub>2</sub>  
from SMR to

50

million MT  
from carbon-  
free sources,  
will enable a

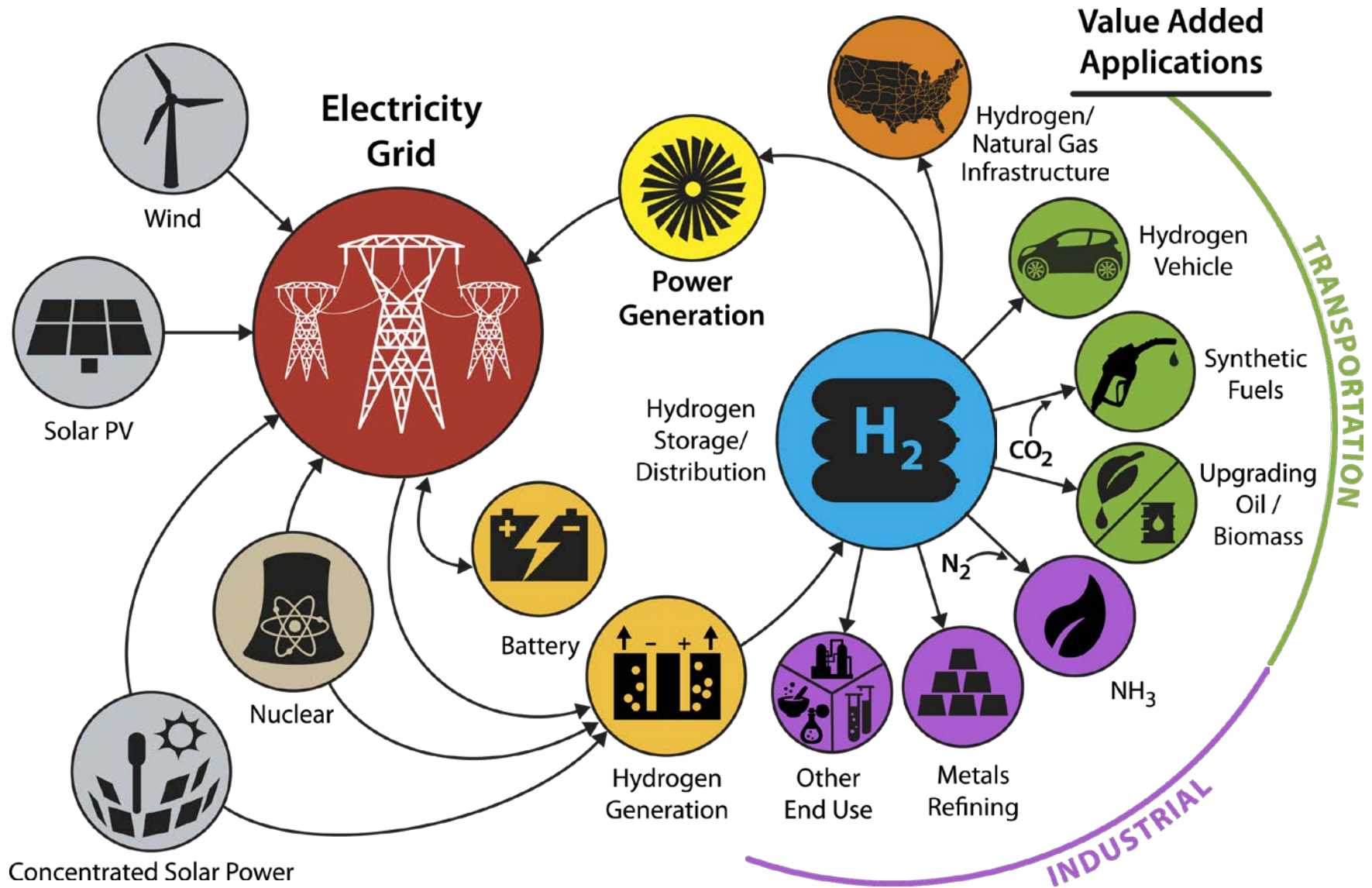
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% decrease  
in CO<sub>2</sub>  
emissions  
by 20

50

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- **Back up slides**

# Conceptual H<sub>2</sub> at Scale Energy System\*



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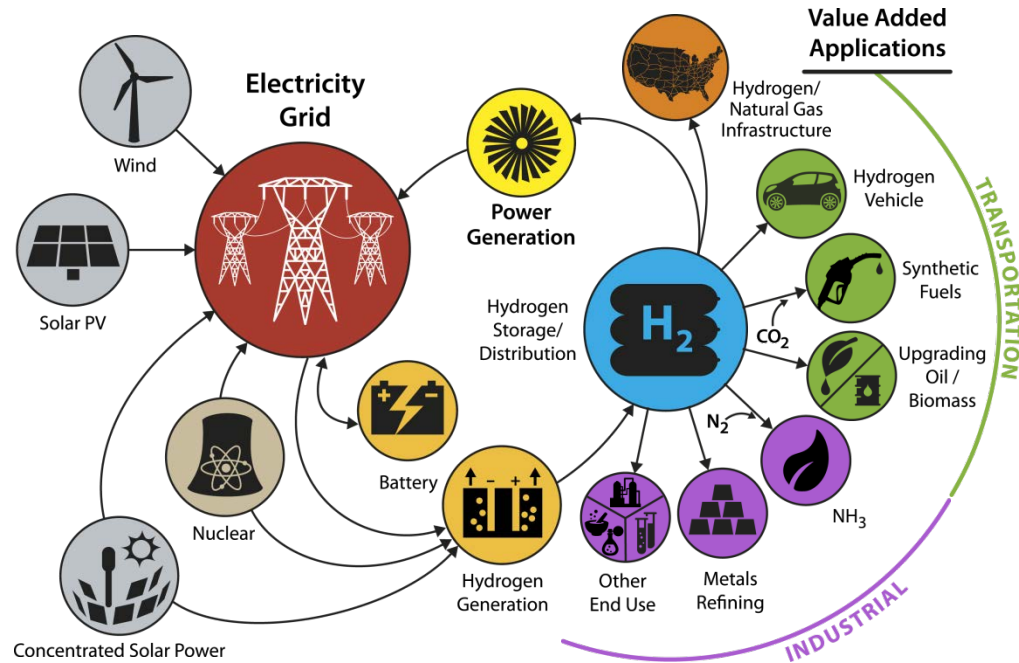
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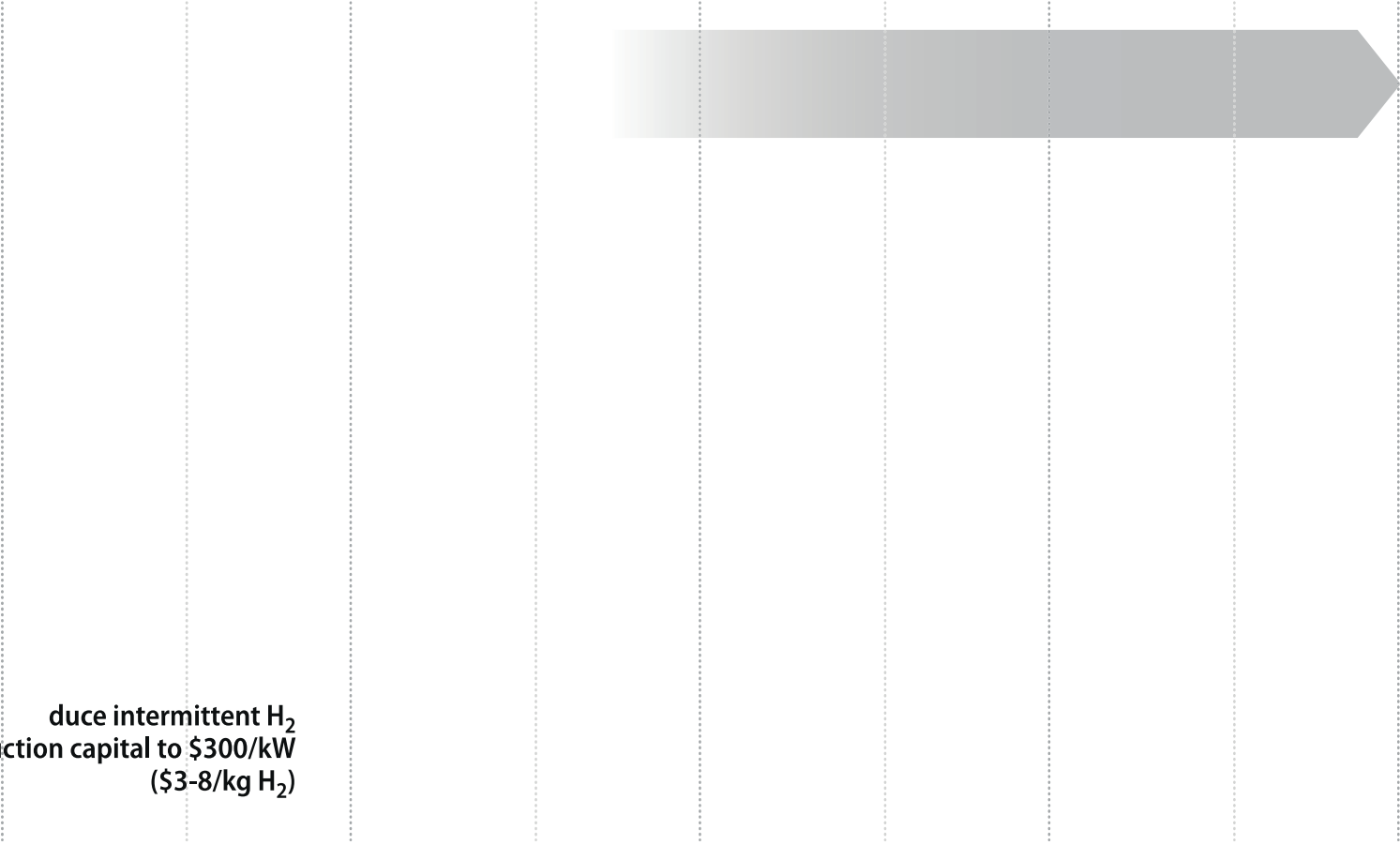
# Stakeholder Groups

- Nuclear
  - Wind
  - Solar
  - Grid/Utilities
  - Regulators
  - Electrolysis
  - Industrial Gas
  - Auto OEMs/supply chain
  - Fuels Production (Big Oil, Biomass)
  - Metals/Steel
  - Ammonia
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- Analysis
  - Investors



# H<sub>2</sub> at Scale Roadmap

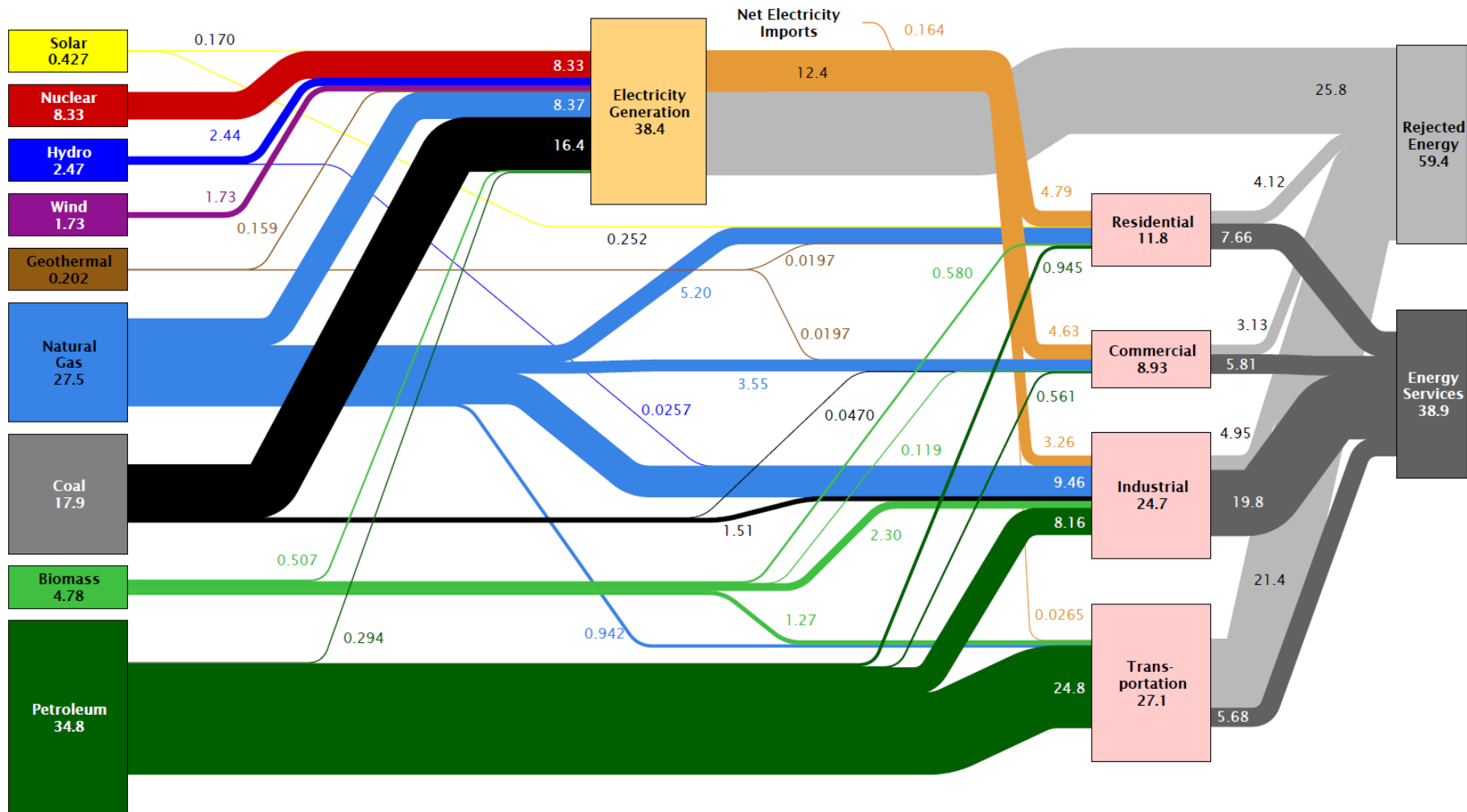
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duce intermittent H<sub>2</sub>  
production capital to \$300/kW  
(\$3-8/kg H<sub>2</sub>)

# Current Energy Flow

Estimated U.S. Energy Use in 2014: ~98.3 Quads

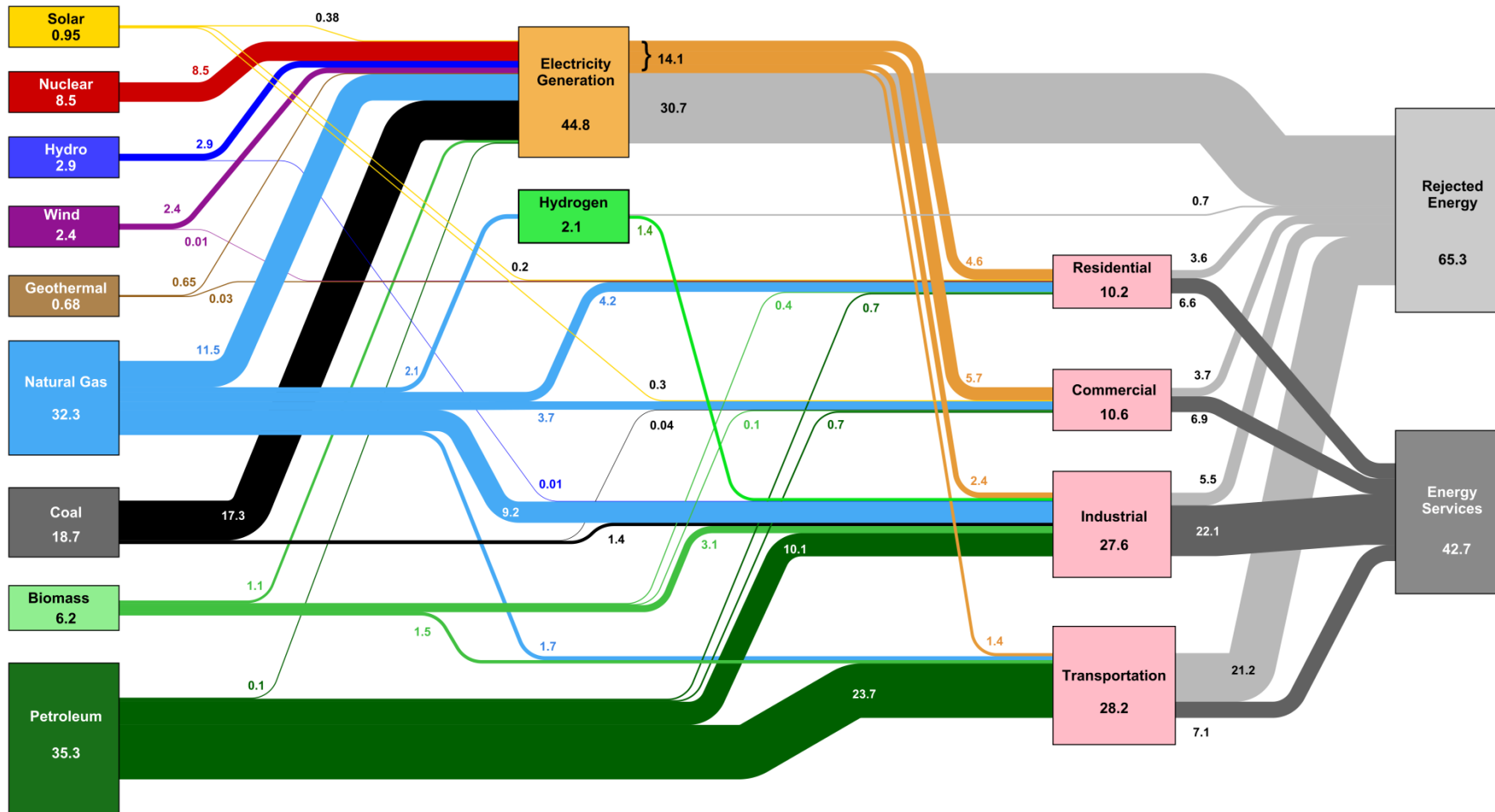


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# Energy Flow 2040 Business as Usual

2040 EIA AEO Estimated U.S. Annual Energy Use -  
Hydrogen Contributions Broken Out ~ 108 Quads

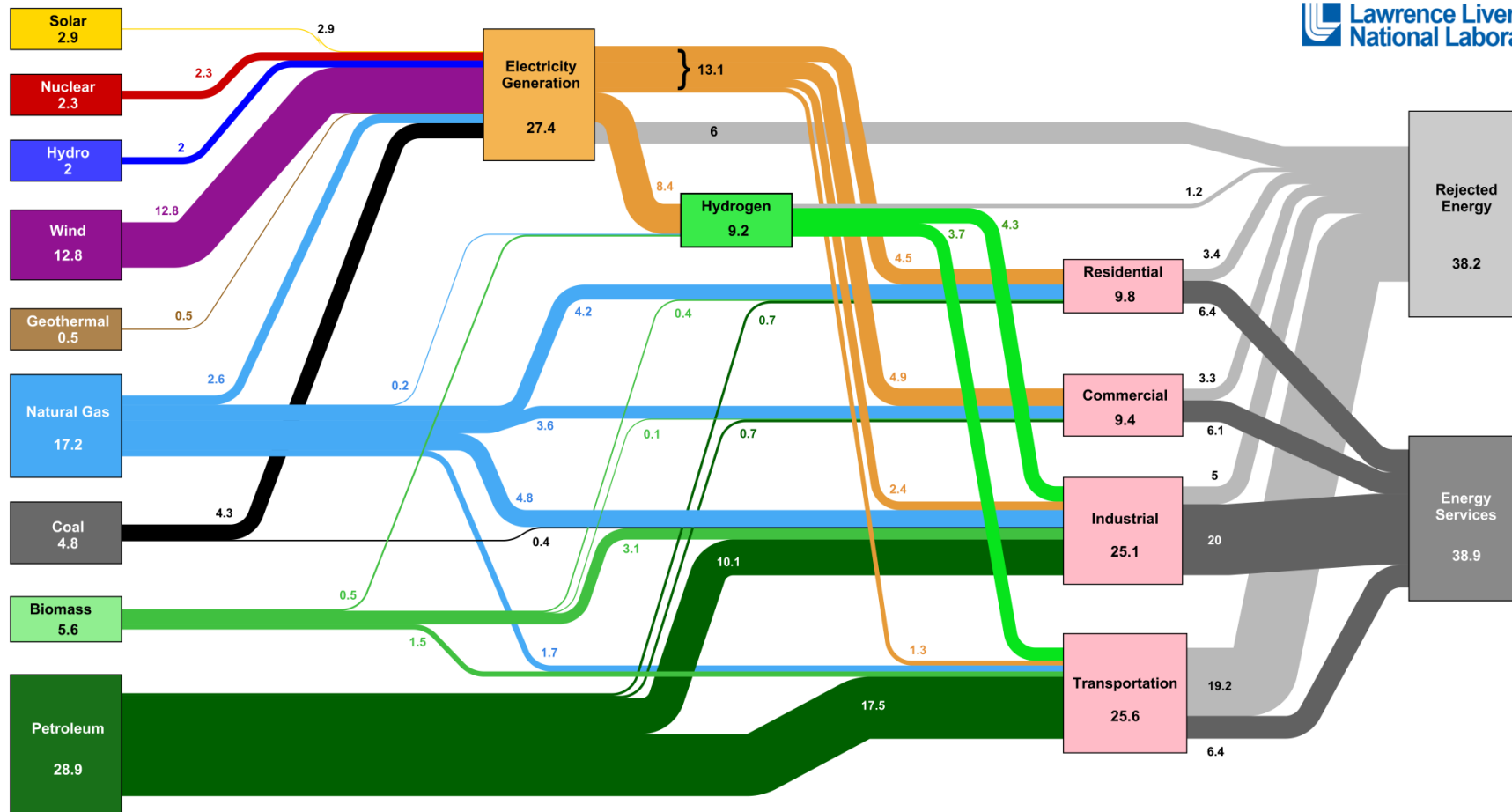


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# Energy Flows – 2050 High RE/H<sub>2</sub>

2050 Estimated U.S. Annual Energy Use with High Hydrogen Contributions Broken Out ~ 77 Quads



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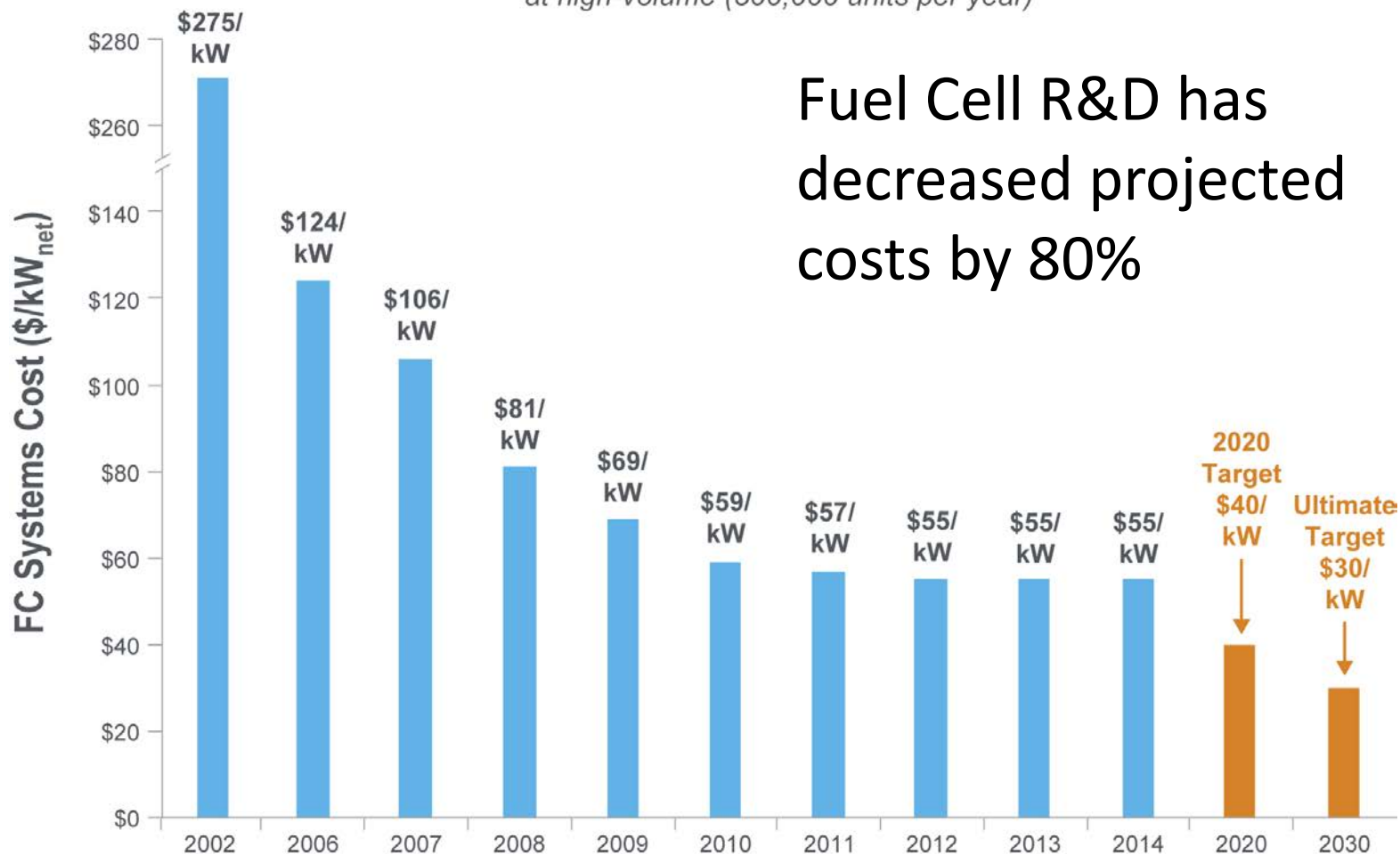
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# Investments to Enable H<sub>2</sub> at Scale

## R&D Impact on Fuel Cell Costs

### Projected Transportation Fuel Cell System Cost

*at high-volume (500,000 units per year)*



Data from FCTO AMR presentations.