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# PORTFOLIO REVIEW

# 2018



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## 2018 SETO Portfolio Review

# 2018 Solar Energy Technologies Office Portfolio Review Day 1 Keynote

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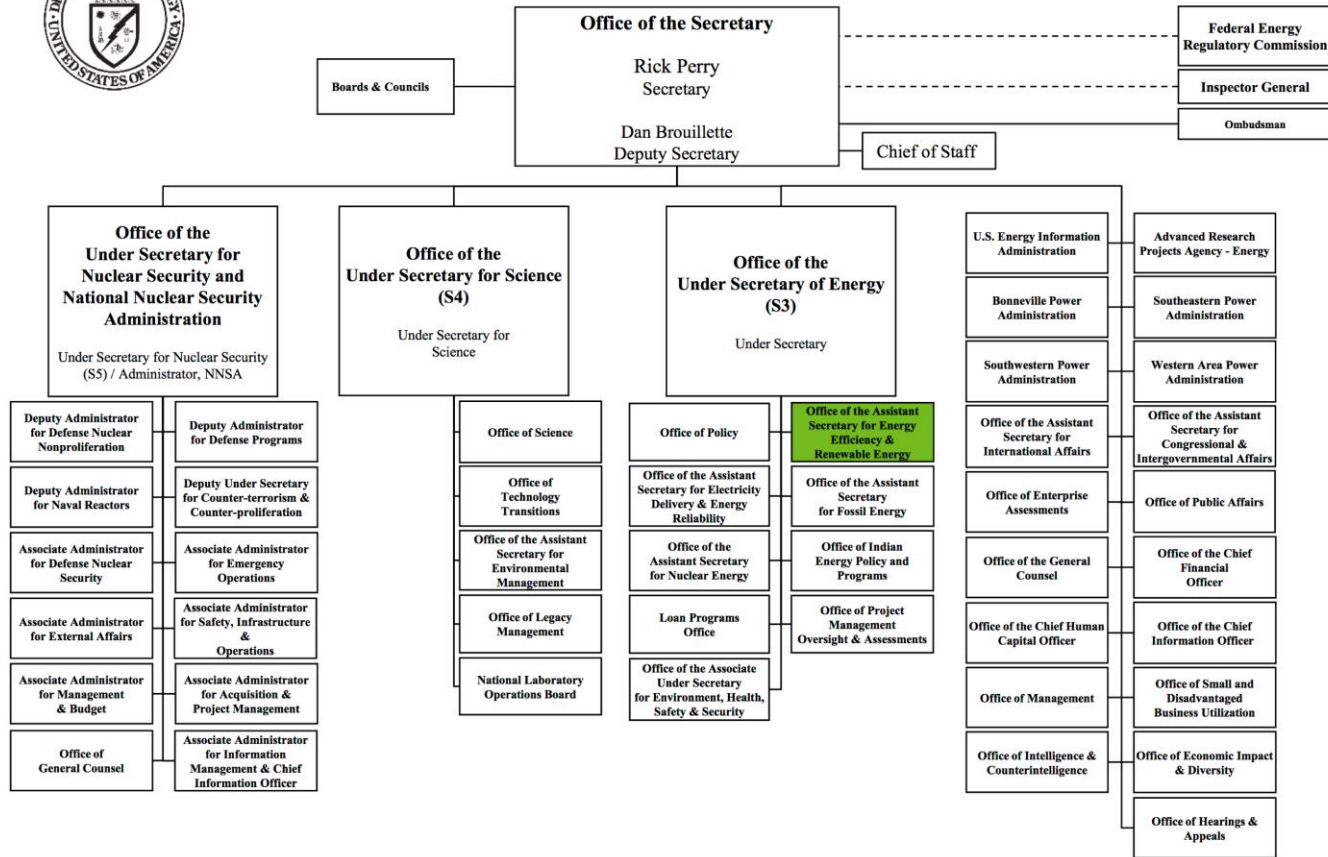
Dr. Charlie Gay  
Director, Solar Energy Technologies Office

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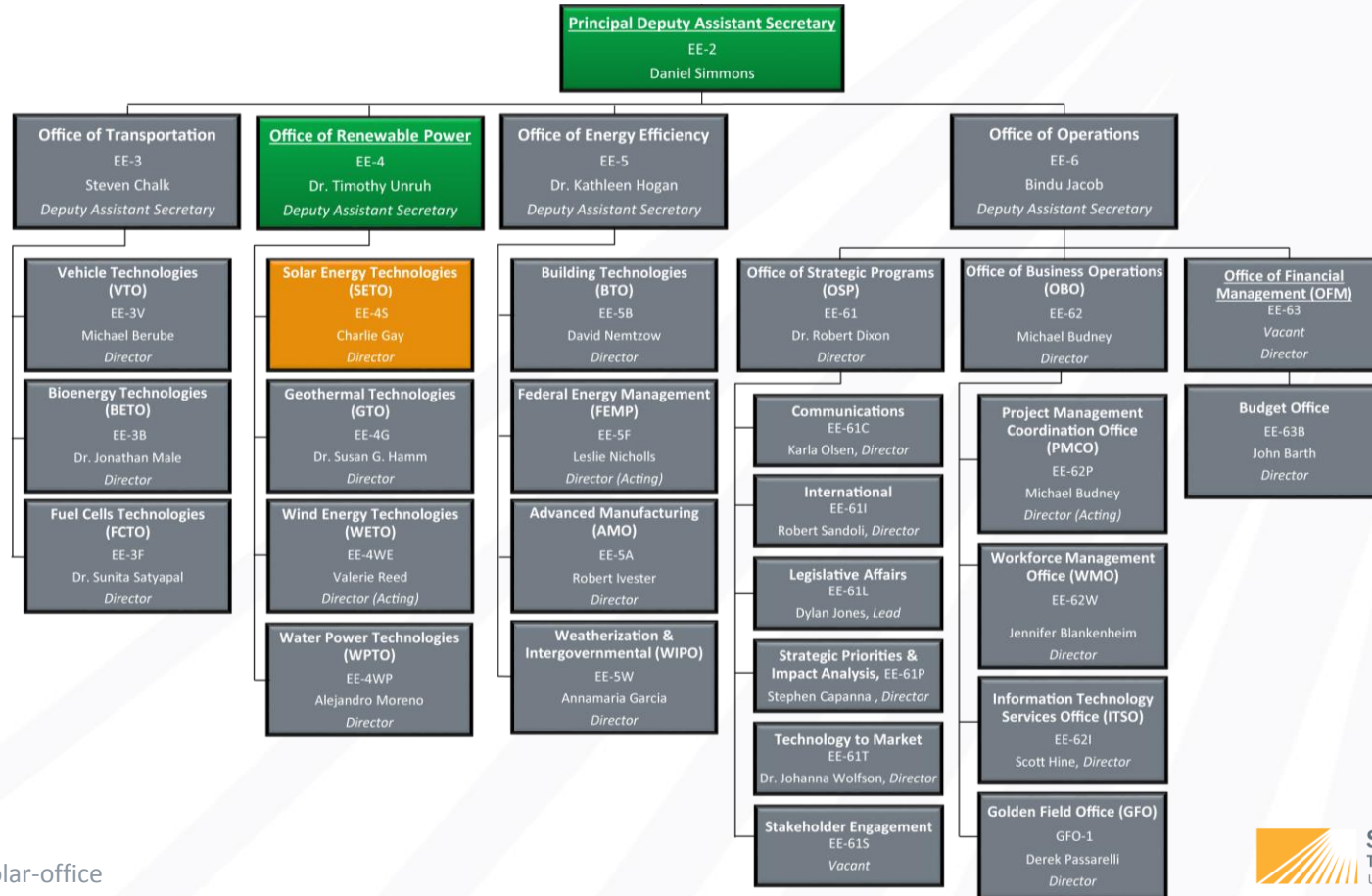
# Department of Energy Organization Chart



## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY



# Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Org Chart



# Solar Energy Technologies Office (SETO)

## SubPrograms and Project Managers

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**Concentrating Solar Power**  
Dr. Avi Shultz,  
Program Manager (Acting)



**Photovoltaics**  
Dr. Lenny Tinker,  
Program Manager



**Systems Integration**  
Dr. Guohui Yuan,  
Program Manager

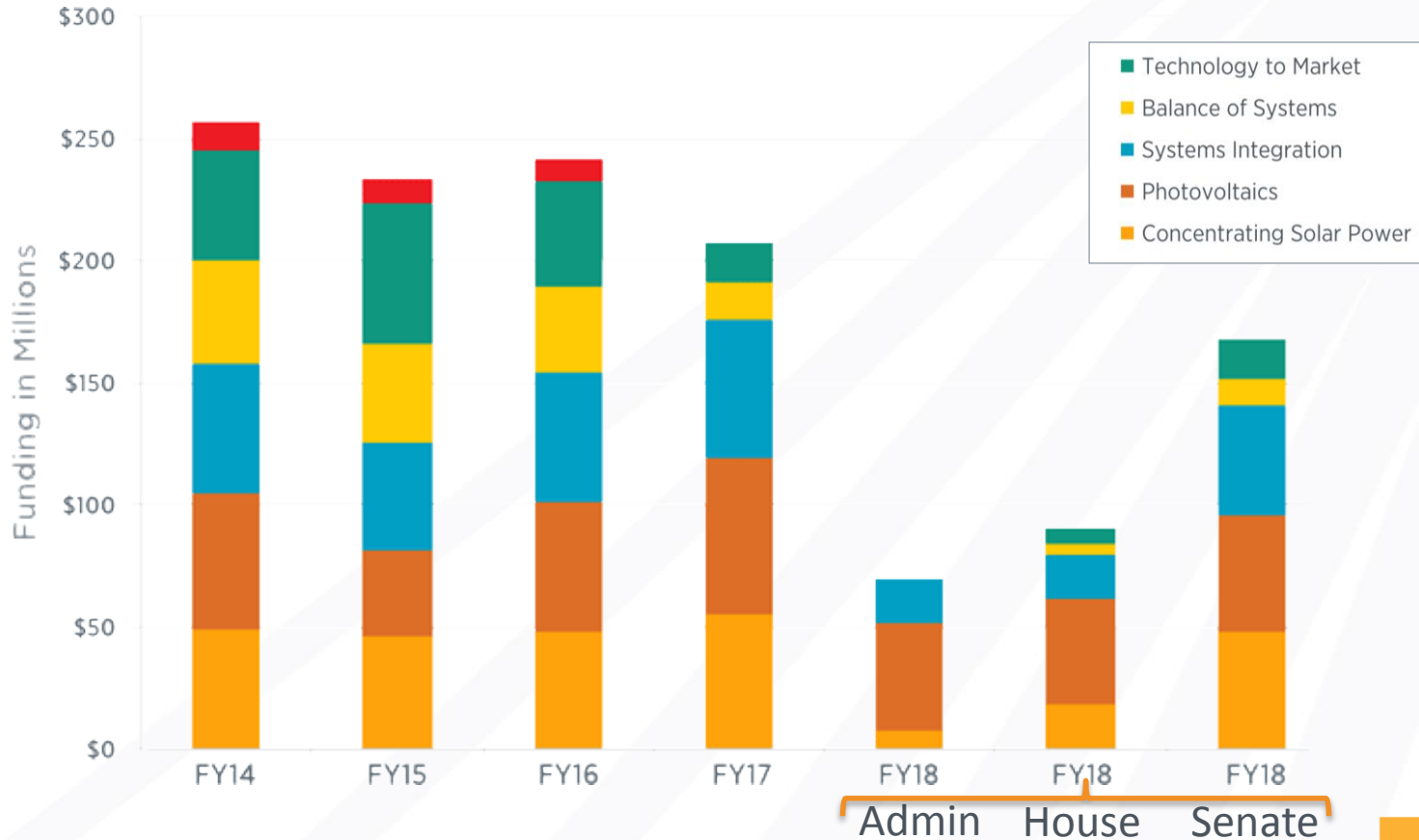


**Technology to Market**  
Garrett Nilsen, Program Manager  
**Balance of Systems (Soft Costs)**  
Garrett Nilsen, Program Manager (Acting)

# Solar Energy Technologies Office Staff

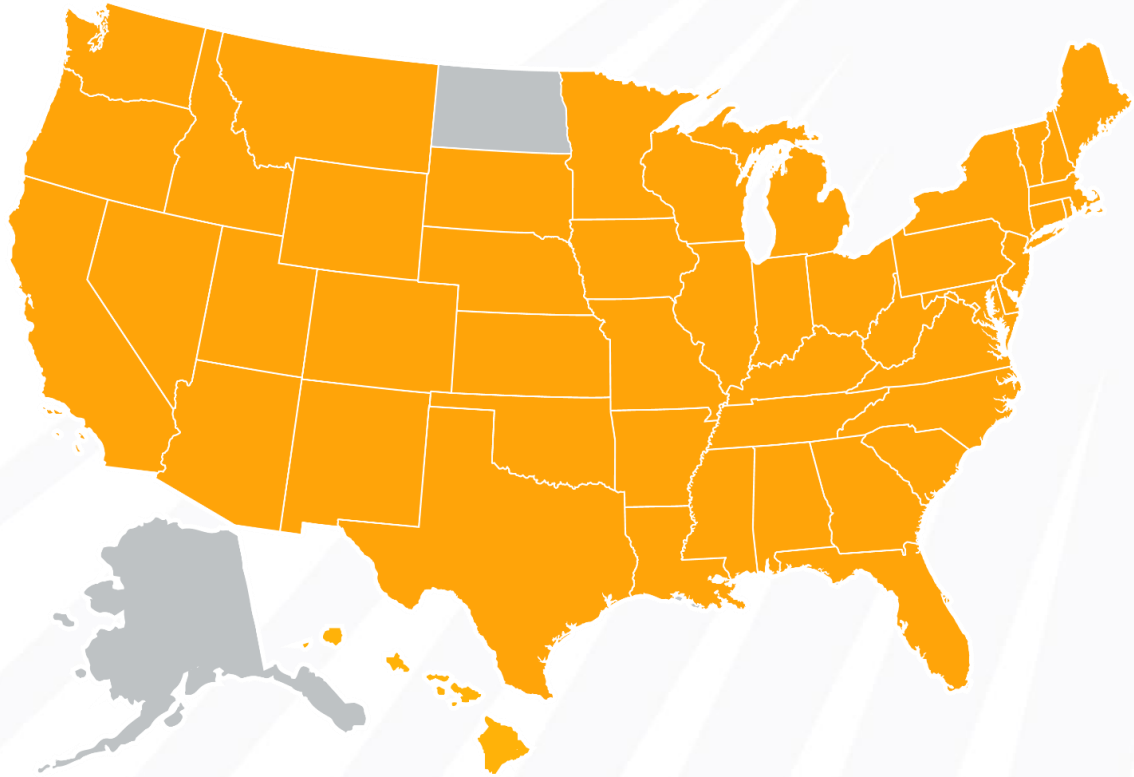


# SETO Historical Funding and Range for FY 2018



# SETO Funds Innovation Across the Country

Projects and partners in  
**48** states plus the  
District of Columbia



**70%** of projects  
at **national labs**  
& **universities**



# National Lab Funding in 3 Year Cycles

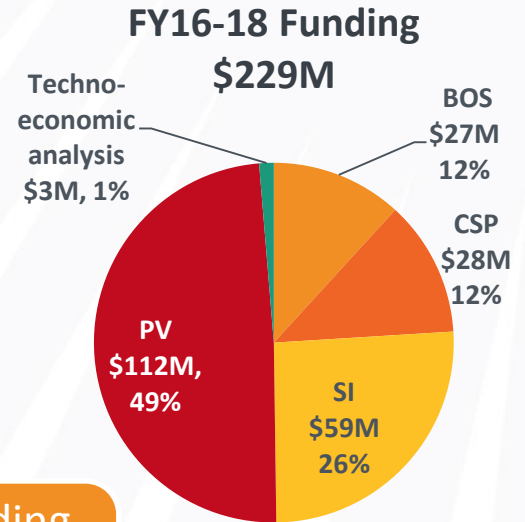
SETO competitively selects multi-year lab projects on a 3 year cycle, to provide continuity of effort in areas of critical importance to DOE's mission. The call for proposals for the next multi-year funding program is targeted for a November release, to select projects for FY19-21.

Labs are also involved in FOA projects

Lab Proposal Development Process  
FY13-FY15 (\$227M\*)

SunShot National Laboratory  
Multiyear Partnership (SuNLaMP)  
FY16-FY18 (\$229M\*)

SETO Multi-year Lab Funding  
FY19-FY21 (\$120M\*\*)   
\$45M lab call + \$75M in funding for core  
capabilities



\* Includes ~\$27M of NREL sitewide funding

\*\* Uses FY19 request level for 3 years

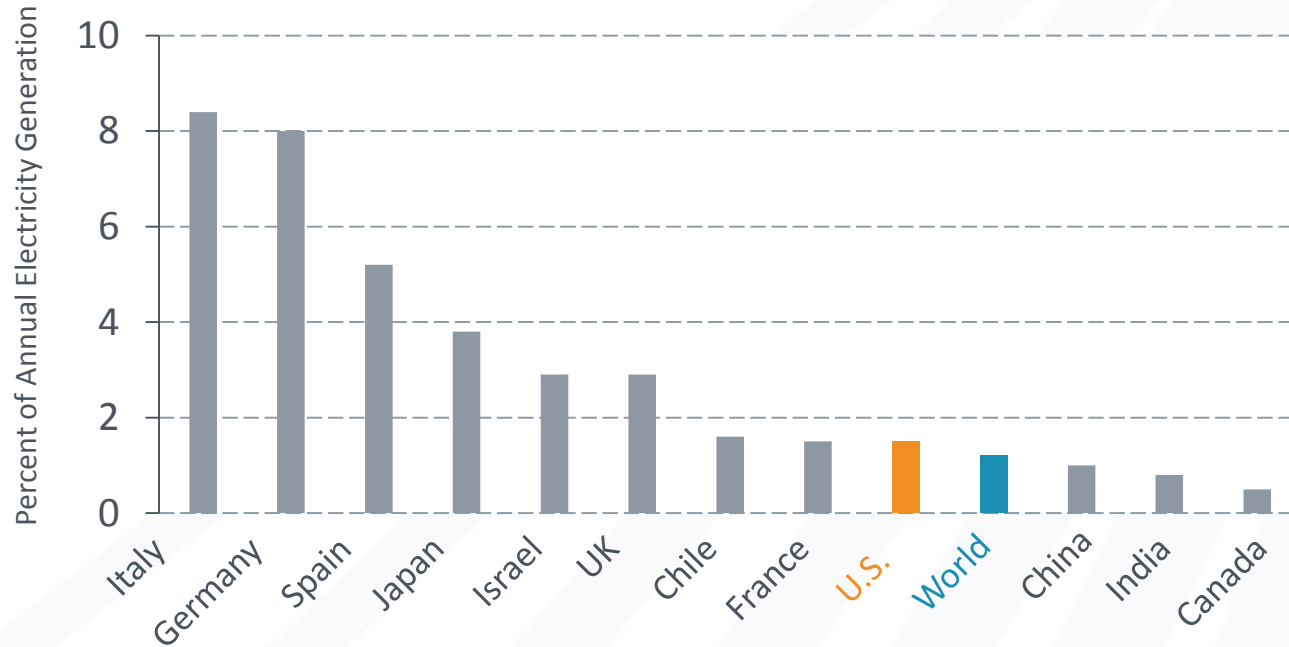
# SETO 2017 Highlights

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- Announced the solar industry met SunShot's utility-scale solar goal 3 years ahead of schedule, and, as a result of the dramatic progress in cost reduction, SETO is expanding its emphasis on how solar integrates with and supports the grid
- Announced nearly \$100M in new funding opportunities and the investment of \$80M in more than 60 projects.
- Closed out 112 projects

# Solar Supplies Nearly 2% of U.S. Electricity

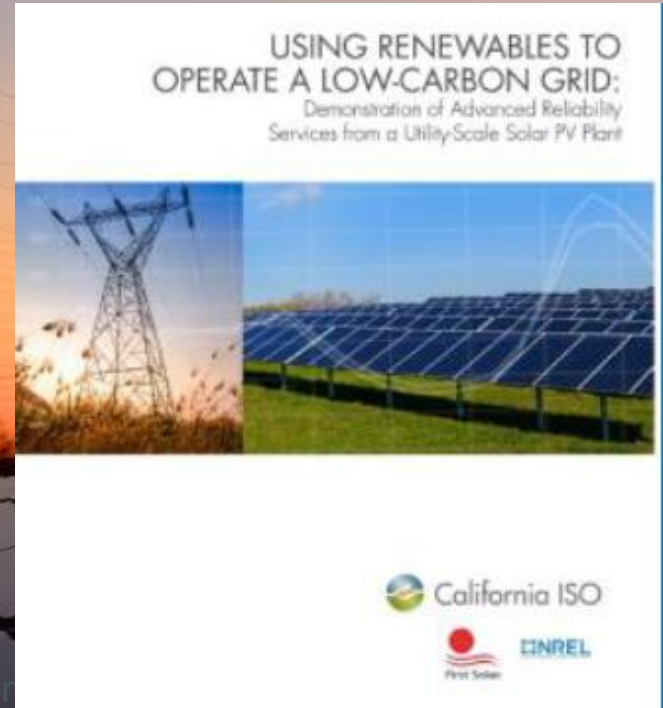
More progress must be made in order to take advantage of this domestic energy resource and to compete in the growing global market.



Sources: International Energy Agency, “2015 Snapshot of Global Photovoltaic Markets”; “Solar Thermal Electricity Global Outlook 2016”; National Renewable Energy Laboratory, “U.S. Solar Photovoltaic System Cost Benchmark: Q1 2017”.  
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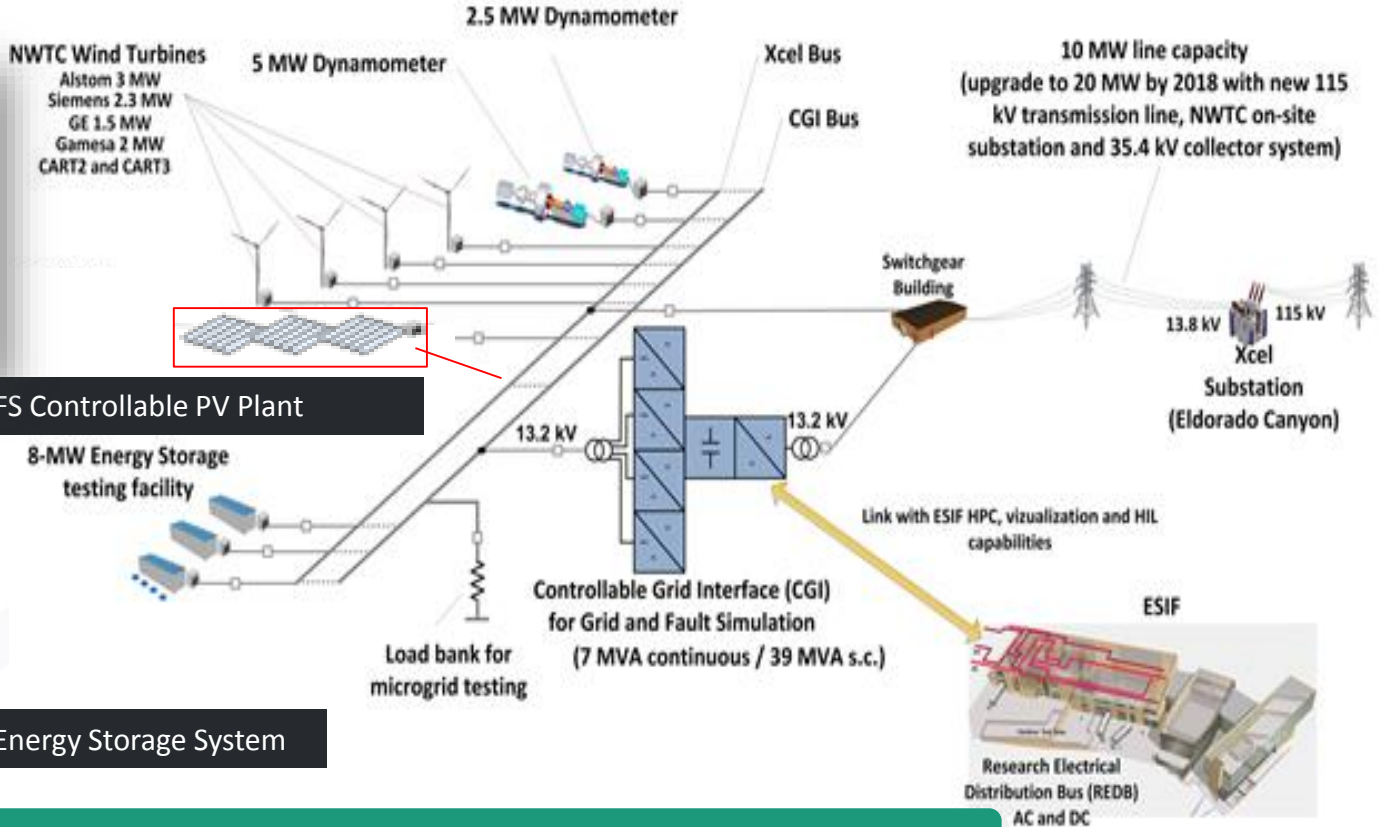
# Tests Successfully Conducted on 300 MW Solar PV plant

- Power Ramping
  - ✓ Ramp its real-power output at a specified ramp-rate
  - ✓ Provide regulation up/down service
- Voltage Control
  - ✓ Control a specified voltage schedule
  - ✓ Operate at a constant power factor
  - ✓ Produce a constant level of MVAR
  - ✓ Provide controllable reactive support (droop setting)
  - ✓ Provide reactive support at night
- Frequency
  - ✓ Provide frequency response for low frequency & high frequency events
  - ✓ Control the speed of frequency response
  - ✓ Provide fast frequency response to arrest frequency decline



Utility-Scale PV Plant Contributes to Grid Stability & Reliability Like Conventional Generation

# NREL/First Solar R&D Program on PV & Storage



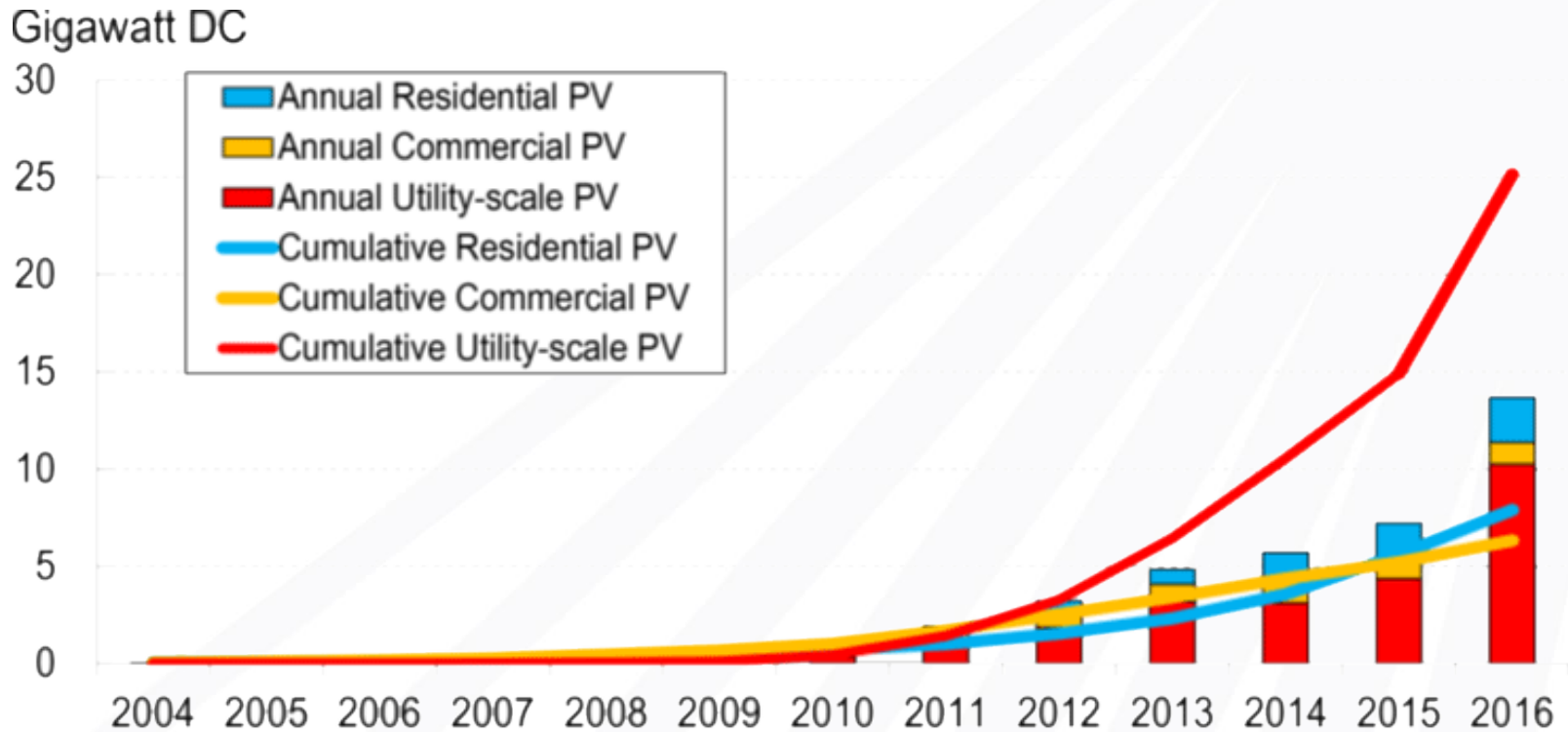
**FS Controllable PV Plant**



**Energy Storage System**

**Enhance Dispatchability of PV Systems**

# US Solar PV Market Growth



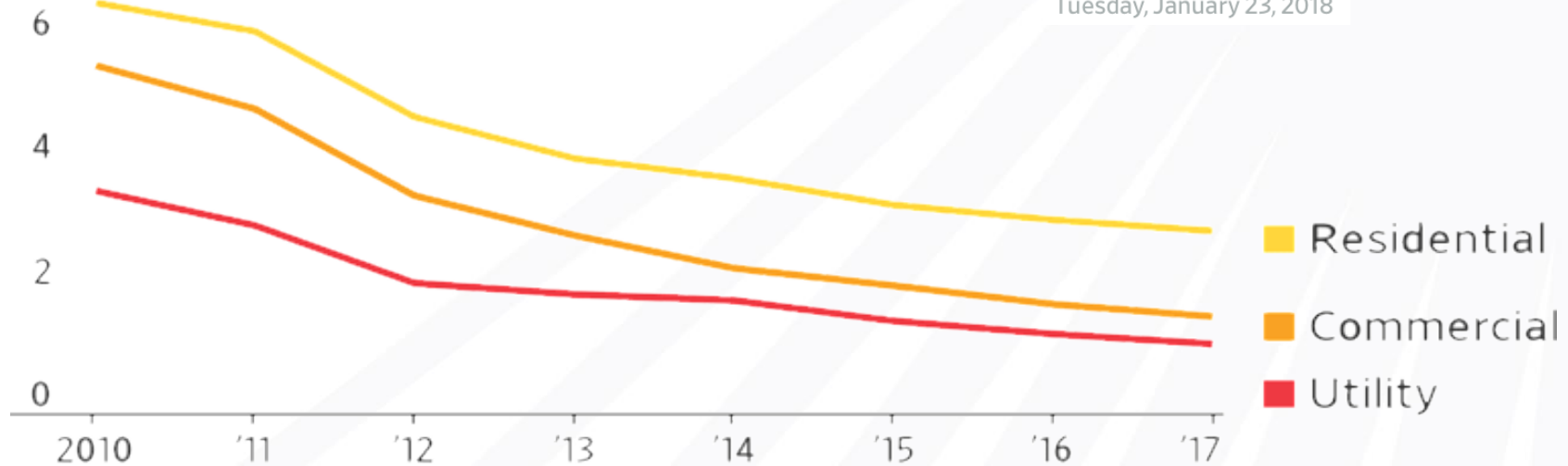
U.S. PV market growth, 2004–2016, in gigawatts of direct-current (DC) capacity (Bloomberg 2017)

# Average PV System Pricing by Type

\$8 a watt

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

Tuesday, January 23, 2018



Note: 2017 capacity data is estimated

Sources: Solar Energy Industries Association (capacity); GTM Research (pricing and capacity)

# The Accelerating Pace of Change

**Levelized cost of energy** at a couple of the preeminent utility-scale solar sites around the world is going below **3¢/kWh** the SunShot 2030 cost goal

- October 2017: Saudi Arabia's 300 MW PV plant was bid at **1.79¢/kWh**
- September 2016: Abu Dhabi Electricity and Water Authority's 350 MW PV plant accepted a bid from JinkoSolar–Marubeni at **2.42¢/kWh**

The **full cost of renewable energy** includes:

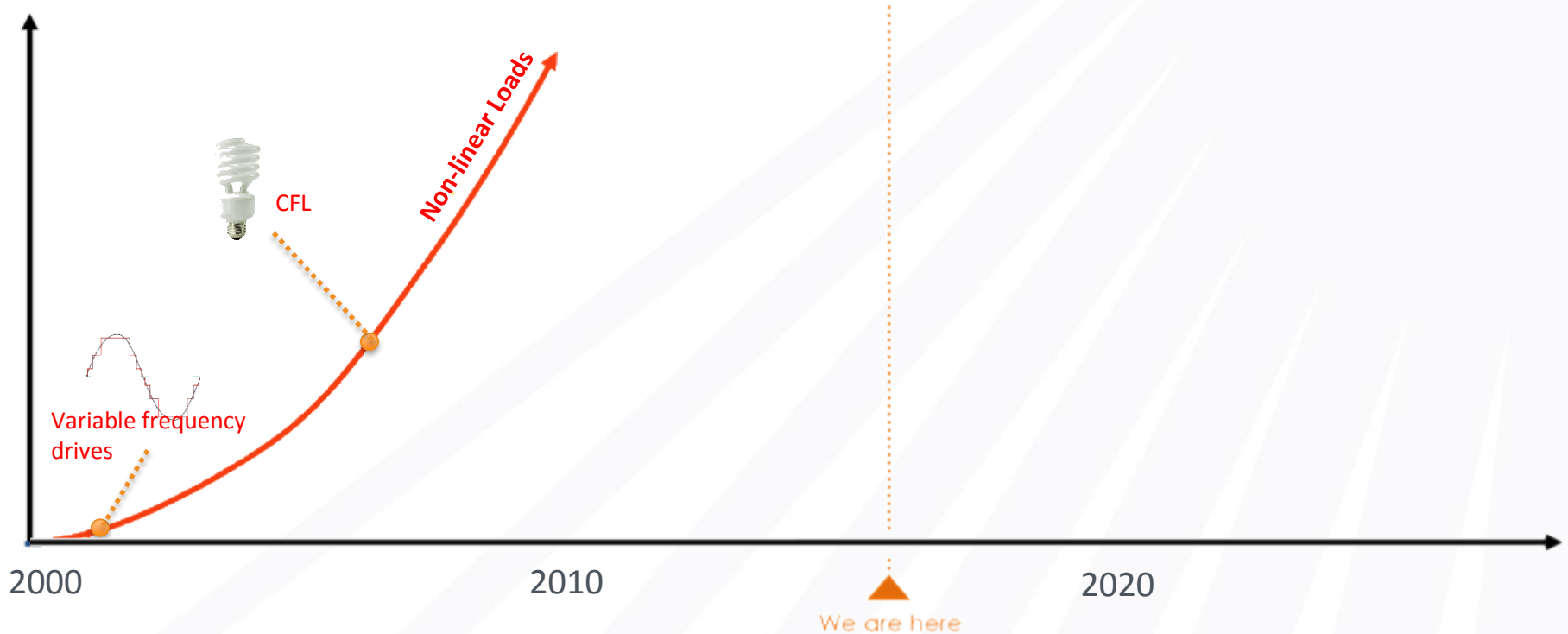
Backup generation capacity

Enhanced transmission and distribution systems

Energy storage

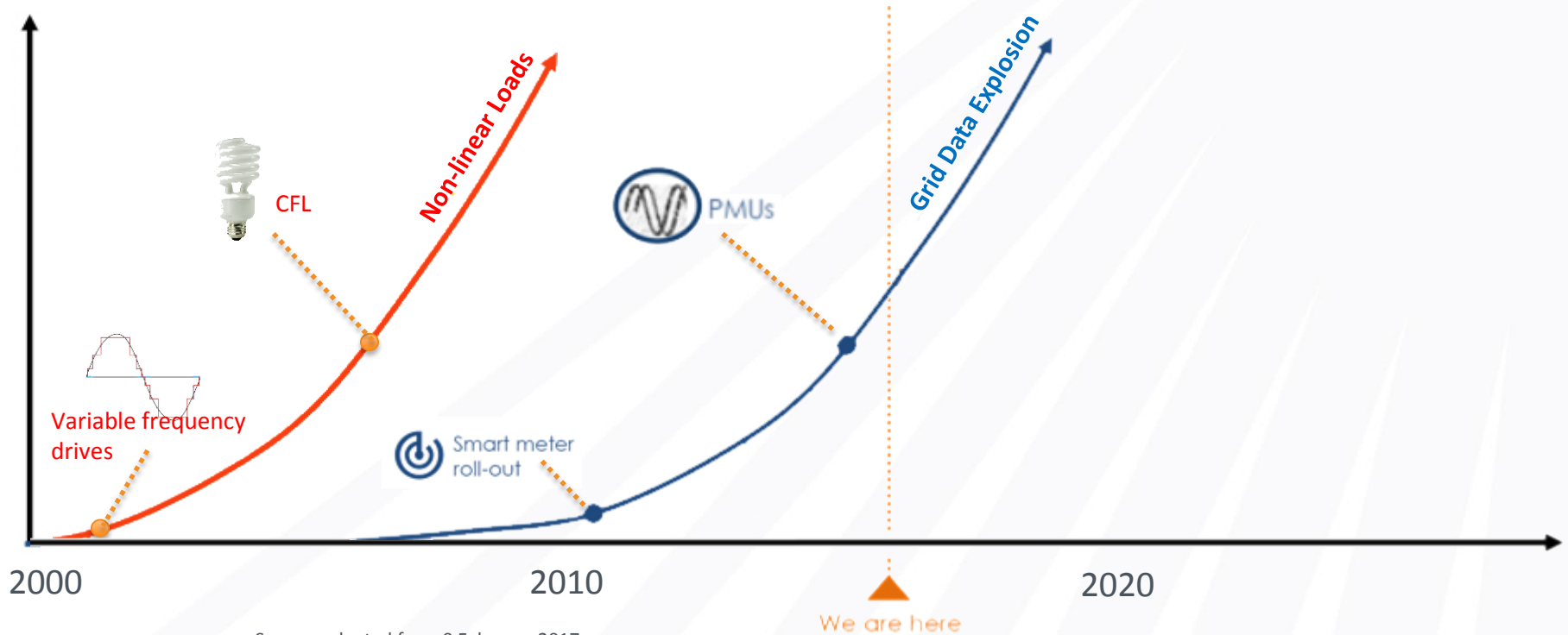


# Electricity Mega-Trends



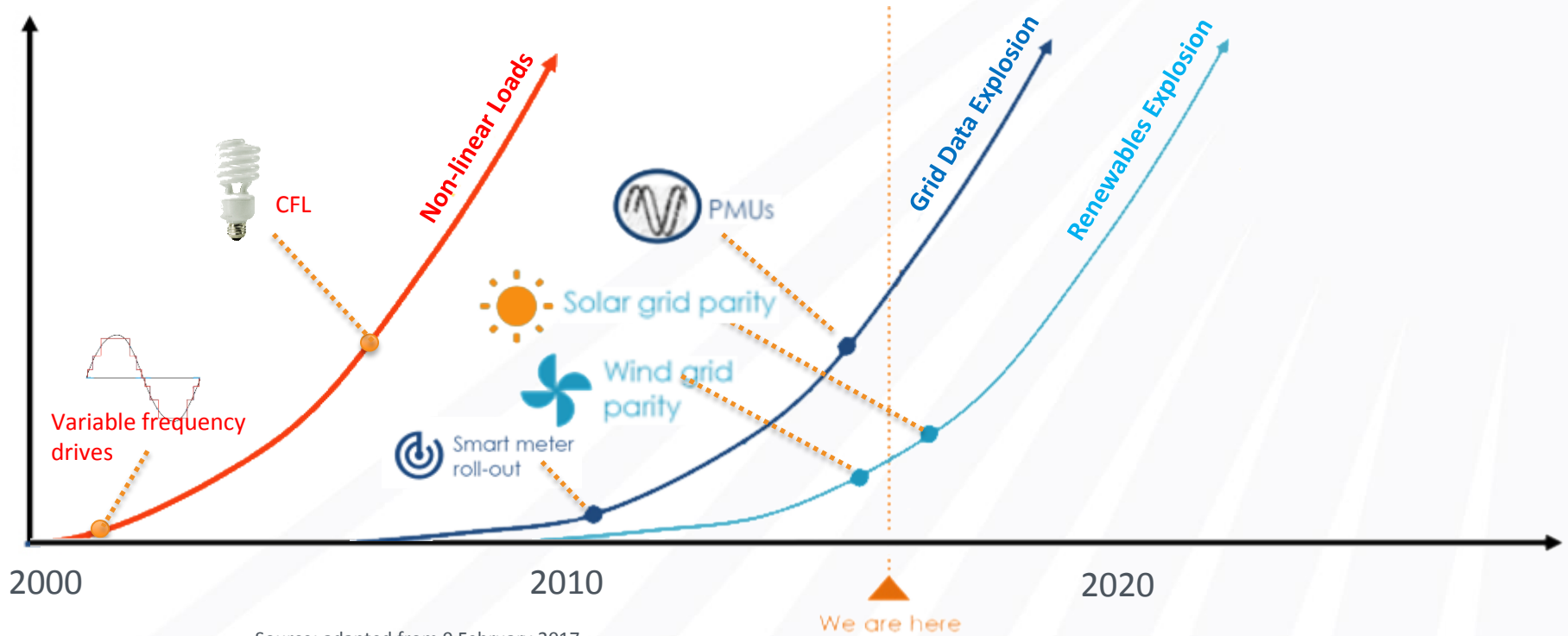
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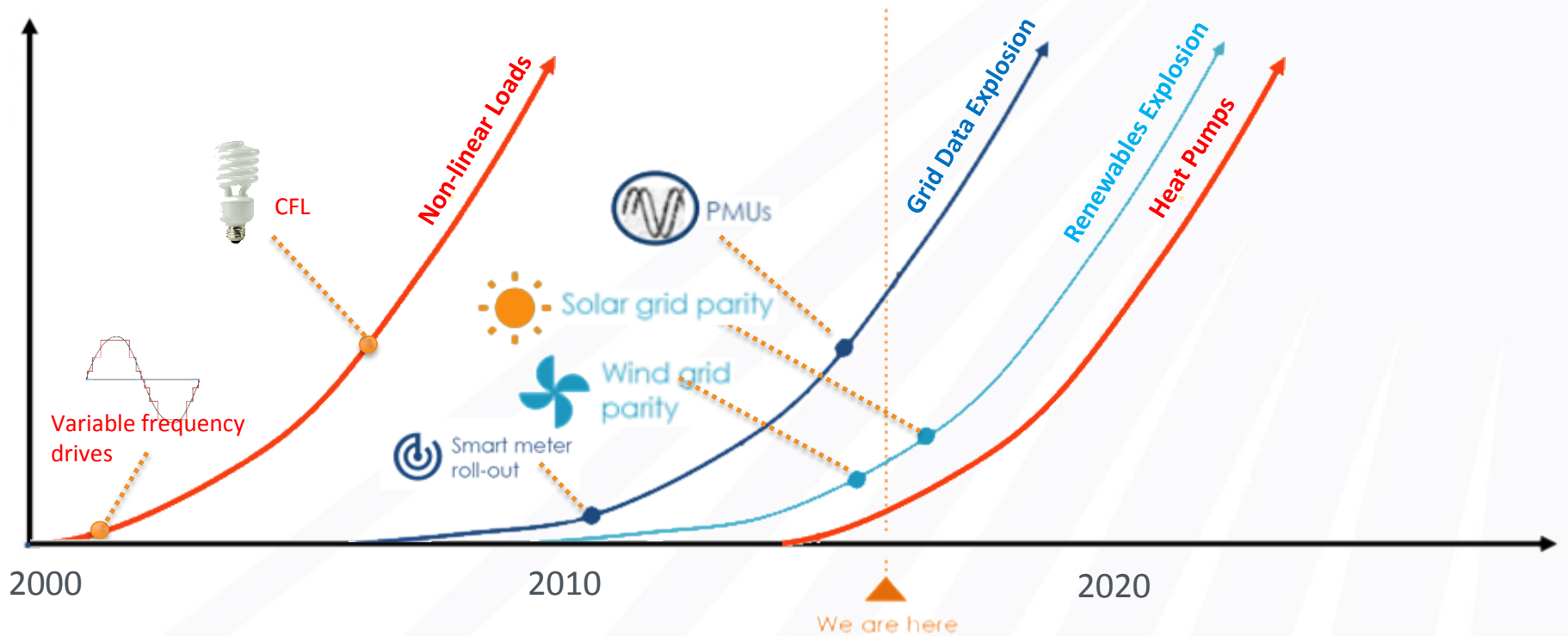
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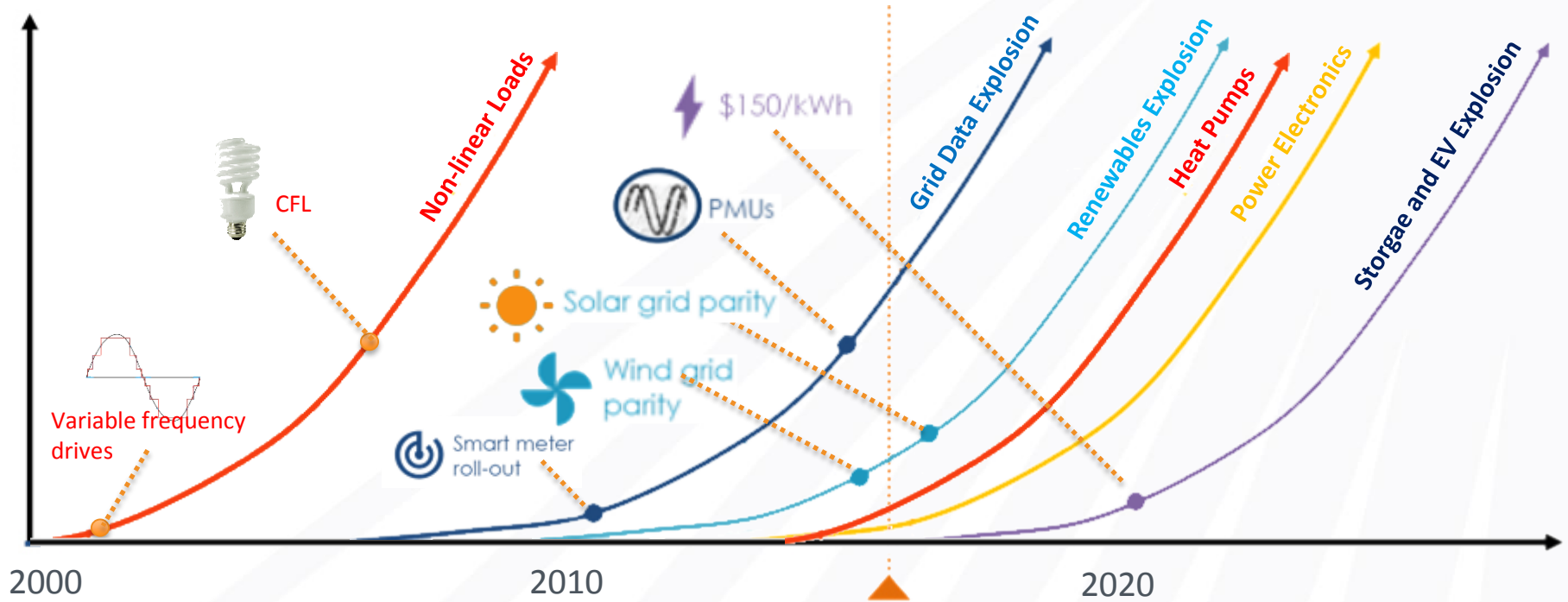
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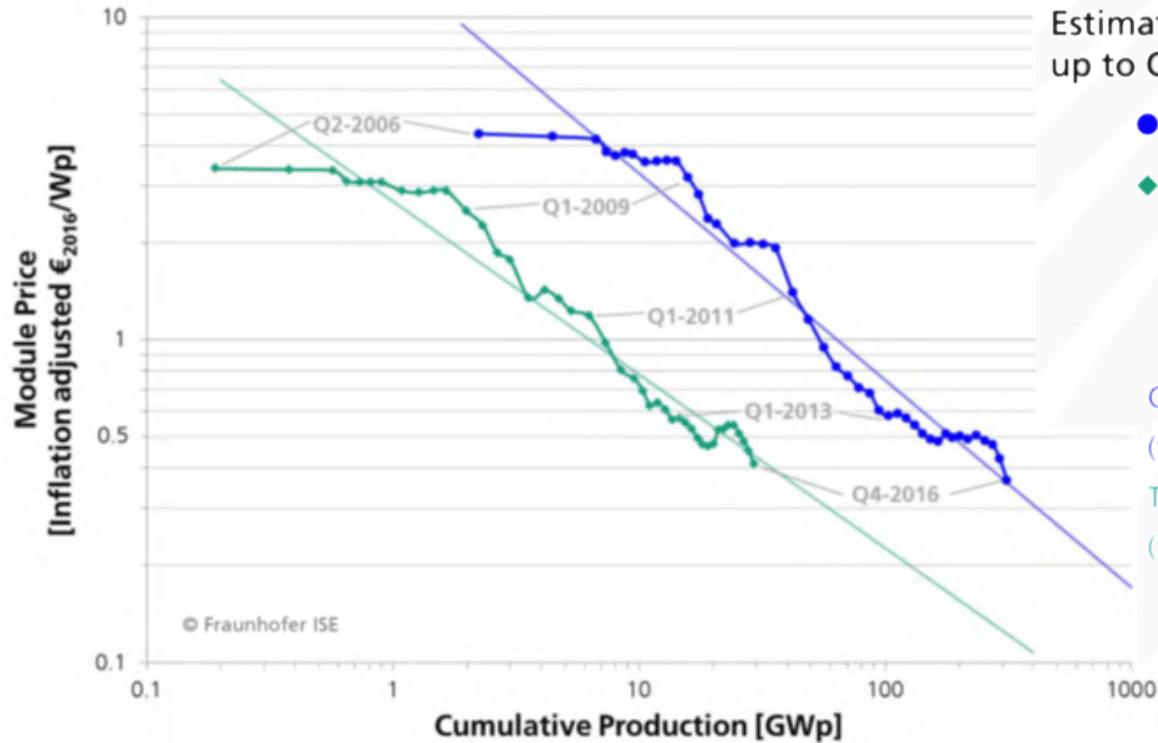
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Renewables accounted for >50% of new worldwide electricity-generating capacity in 2016

# PV Learning Curves



Estimated cumulative production up to Q4, 2016 :

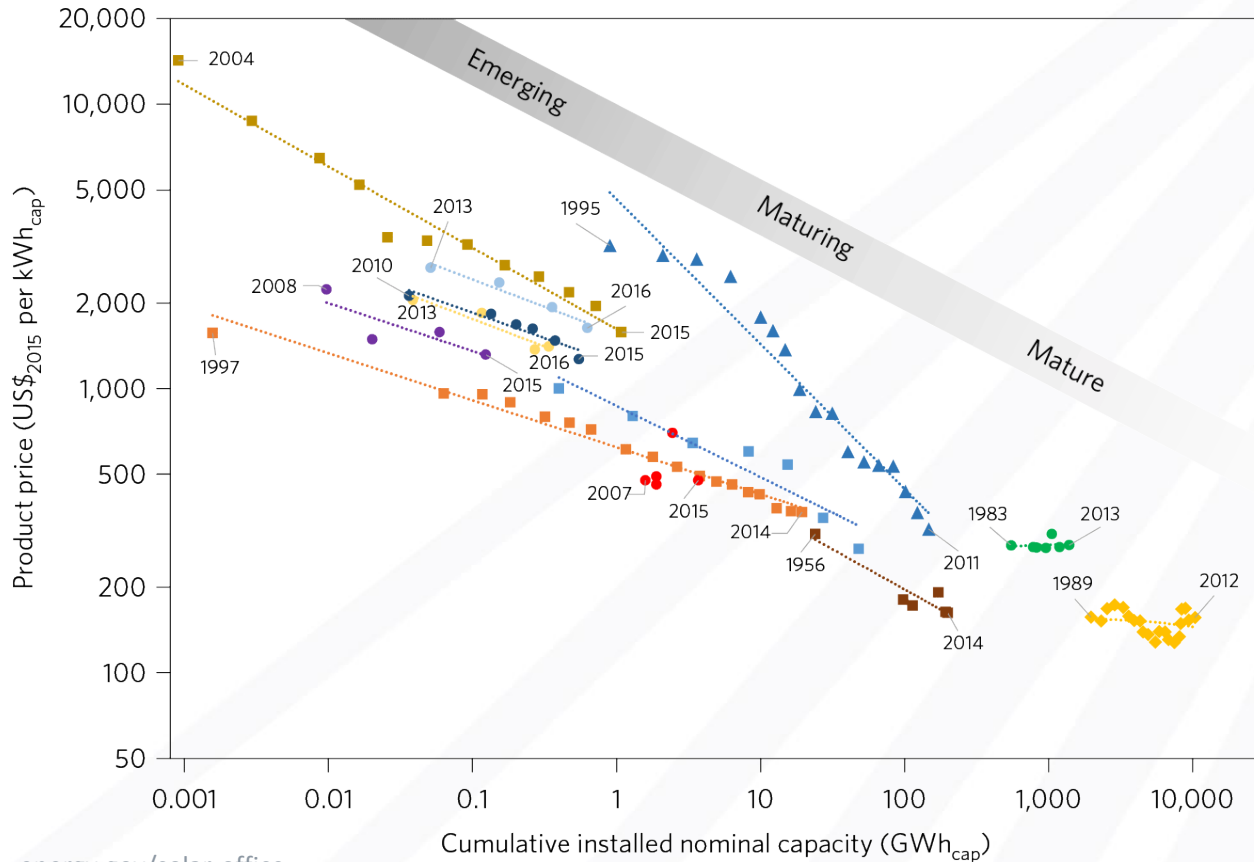
- c-Si                    312 GWp
- ◆ Thin Film            29 GWp

Crystalline Technology  
(from Q2-2006 to Q4-2016) **LR 29**

Thin Film Technology  
(from Q2-2006 to Q4-2016) **LR 25**

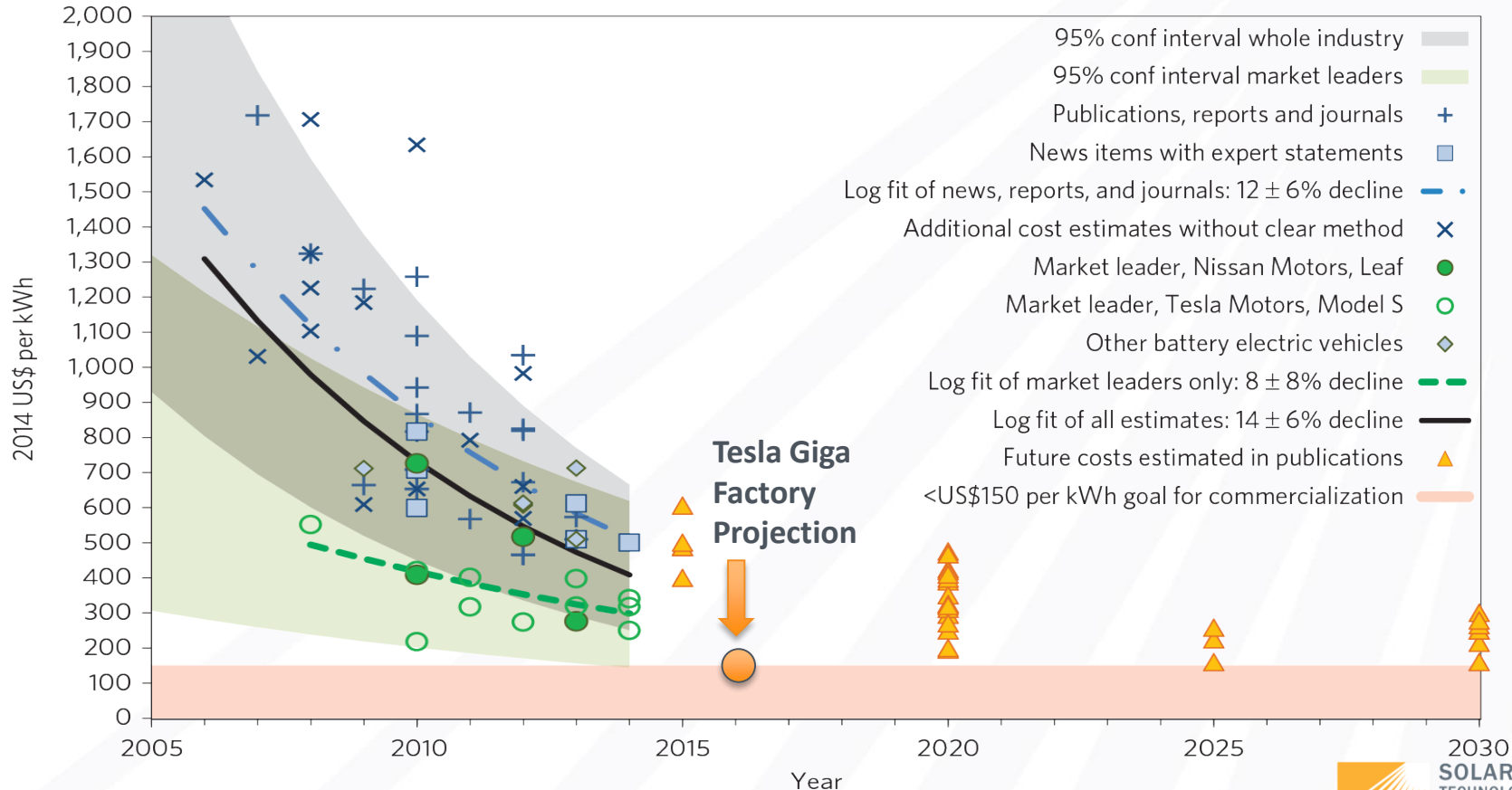
Data: from 2006 to 2010 estimation from different sources : Navigant Consulting, EUPD, pvXchange; from 2011 to 2016: IHS. Graph: PSE AG 2017

# Experience Curves for Energy Storage



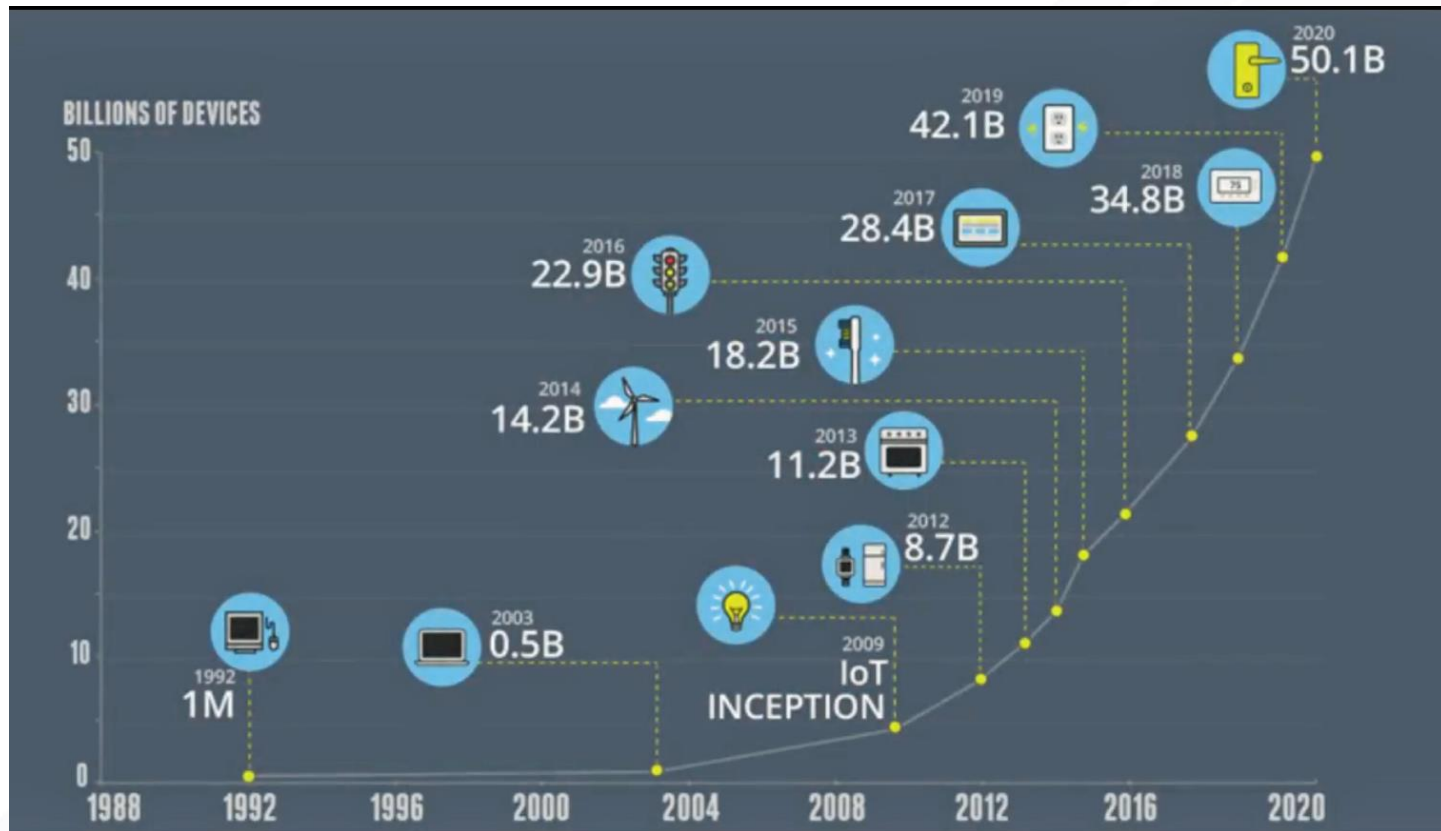
- System   ■ Pack   ◆ Module   ▲ Battery
- Pumped hydro (utility,  $-1 \pm 8\%$ )
- ◆ Lead-acid (multiple,  $4 \pm 6\%$ )
- Lead-acid (residential,  $13 \pm 5\%$ )
- ▲ Lithium-ion (electronics,  $30 \pm 3\%$ )
- Lithium-ion (EV,  $16 \pm 4\%$ )
- Lithium-ion (residential,  $12 \pm 4\%$ )
- Lithium-ion (utility,  $12 \pm 3\%$ )
- Nickel-metal hydride (HEV,  $11 \pm 1\%$ )
- Sodium-sulfur (utility, -)
- Vanadium redox-flow (utility,  $11 \pm 9\%$ )
- Electrolysis (utility,  $18 \pm 6\%$ )
- Fuel cells (residential,  $18 \pm 2\%$ )

# Lithium Ion Battery Pack Costs / Projections : EV

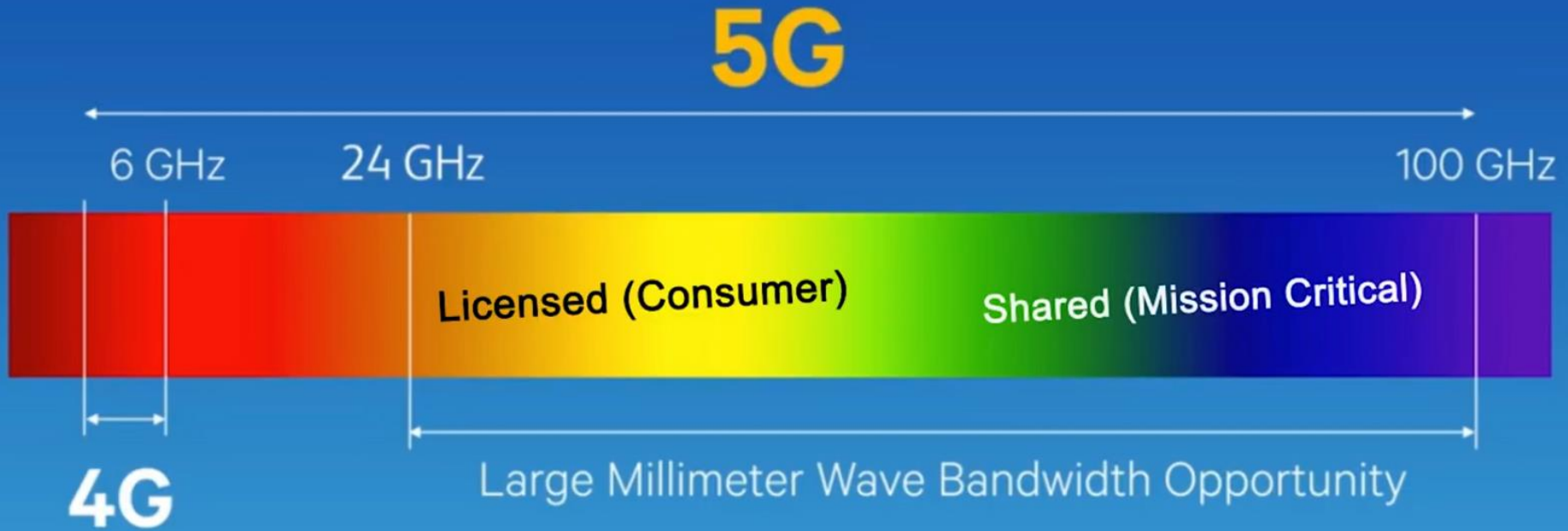




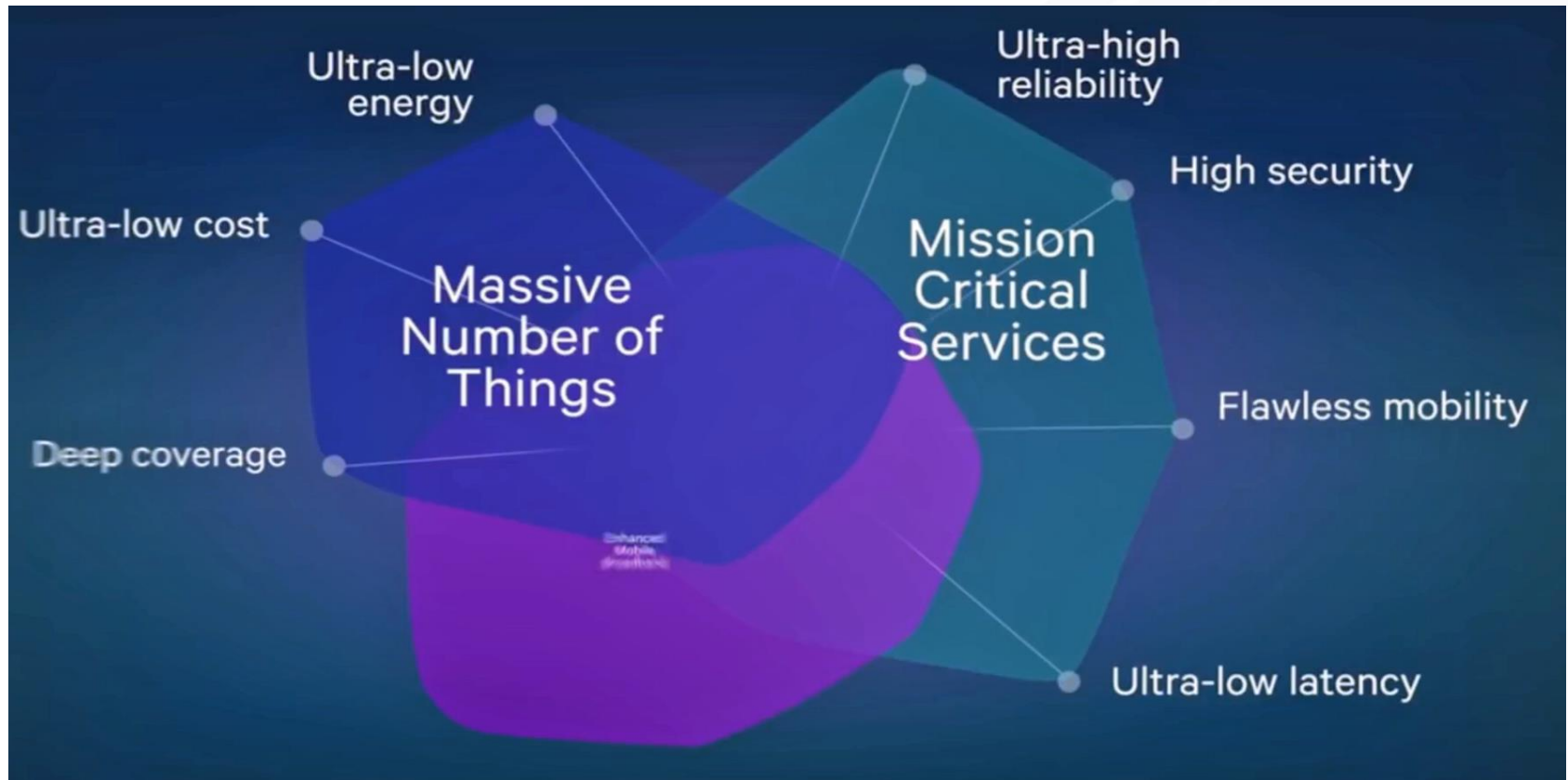
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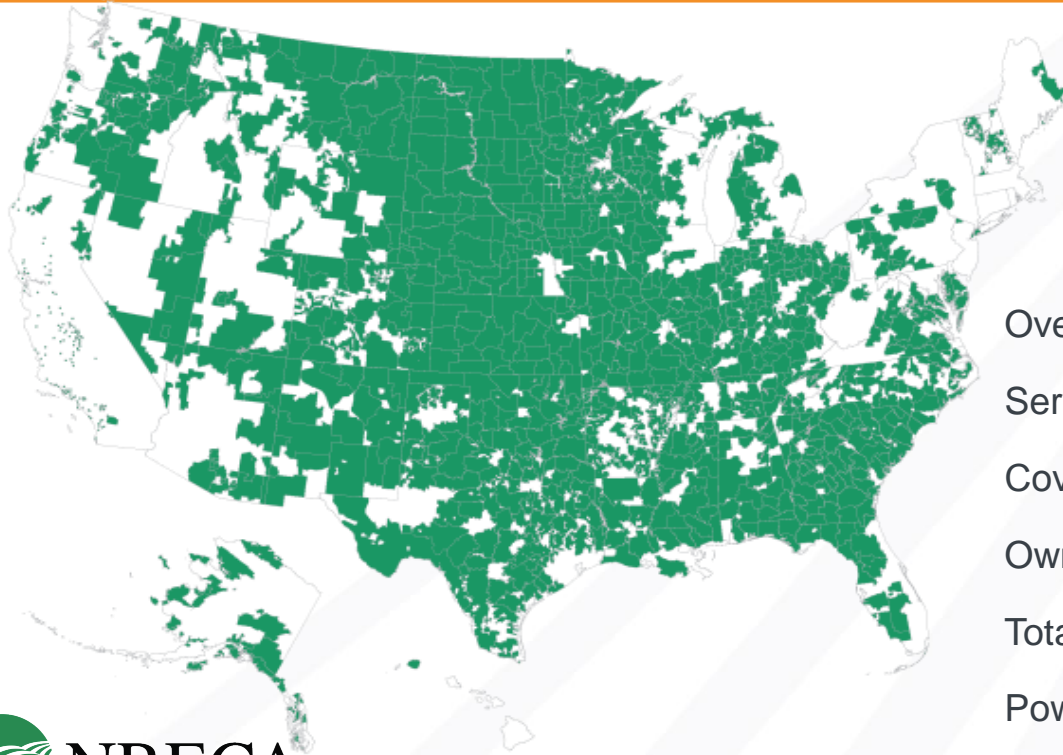
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# America's Electric Cooperative Network



Over 900 Co-ops

Serves 42 Million Americans in 47 States

Covers 75% of Nation's Land Mass

Owns 42% of all Distribution Lines

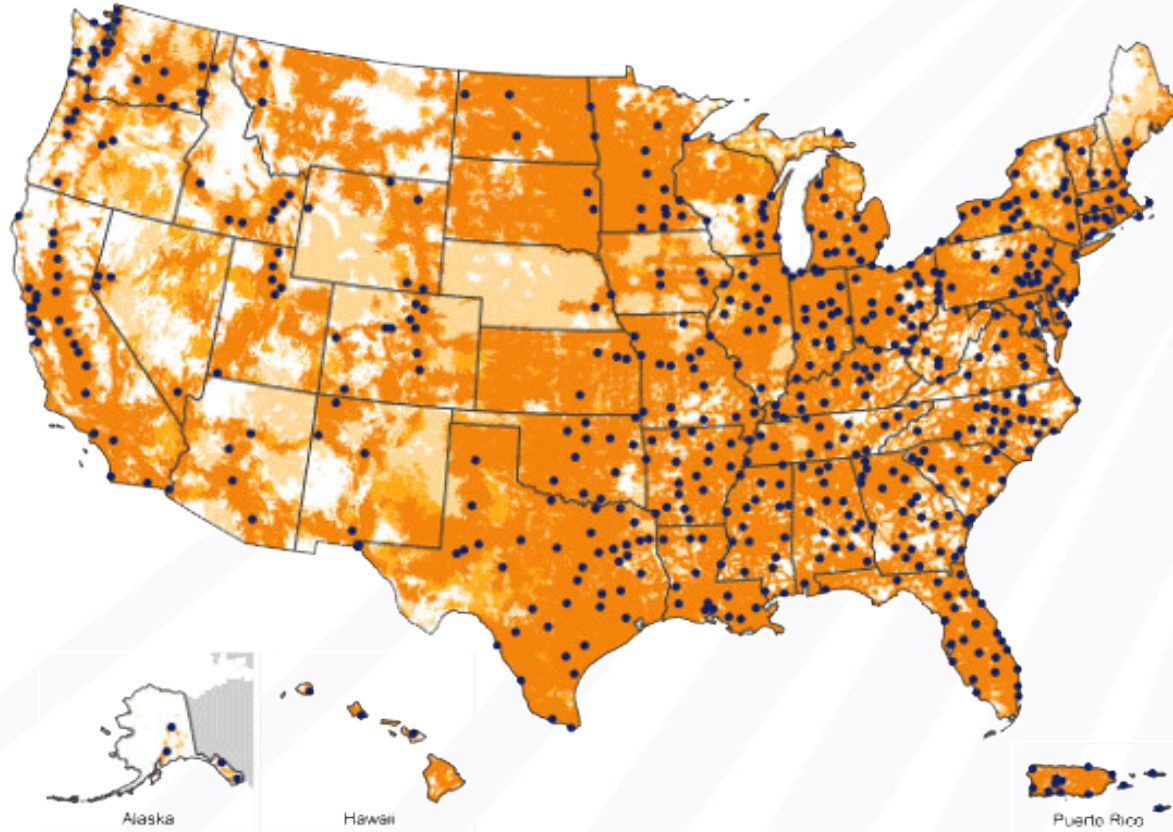
Totals 2.4 Million Line Miles

Powered by 55,000 MW

Delivers 178 Billion kWh of Generation Annually



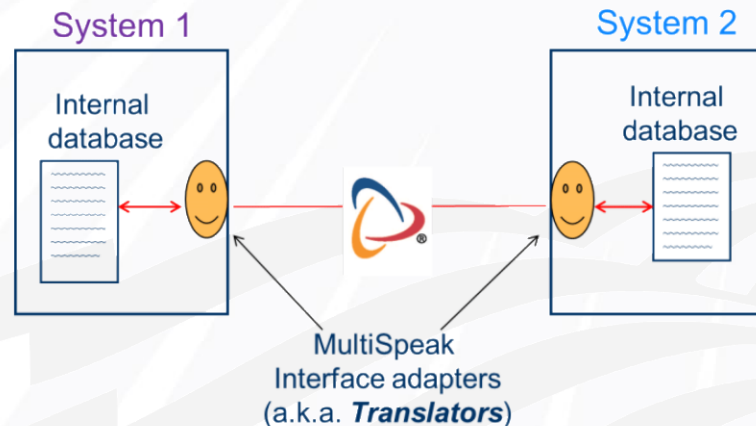
# America's Cellular Network Coverage



# Multispeak Interoperability Solution

## What is MultiSpeak?

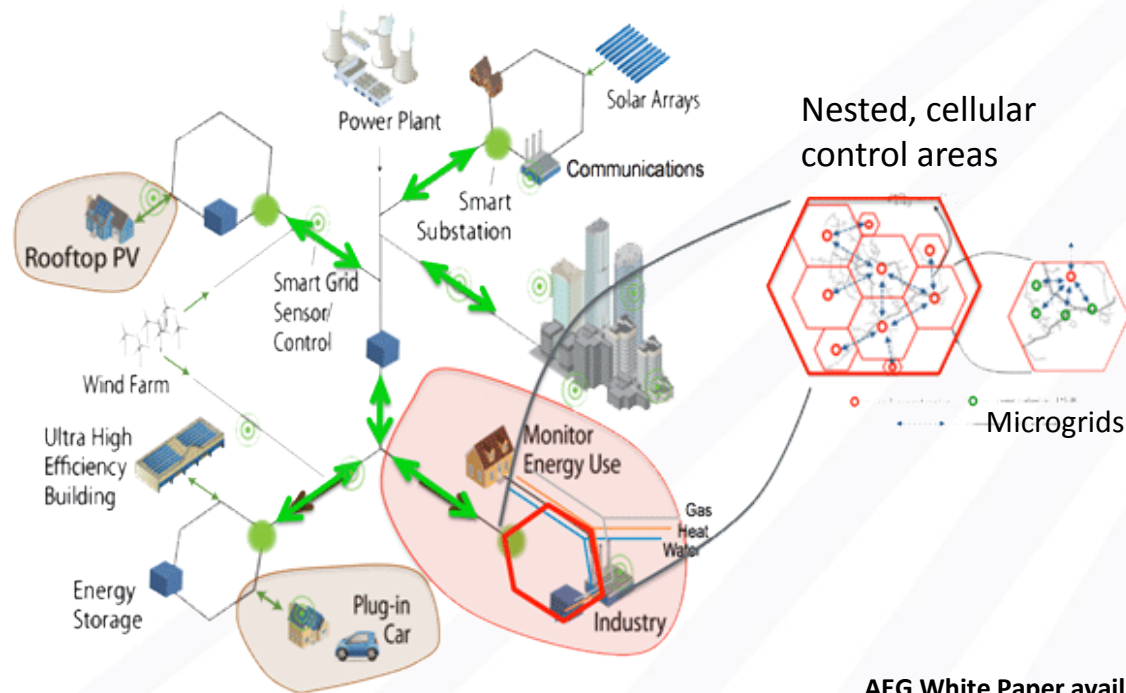
- Developed in **2000** by NRECA
- Allow **Data Sharing** between **stand-alone SOFTWARE** systems in a **STANDARDIZED** way
- *Cost-effective, real-time, cyber secure, scalable, testable & certifiable*
- **Worldwide** Leading **INTEROPERABILITY** Standard & **INTEGRATION** SOLUTION
- **Used by 800+** Utilities in **20+ Countries** Globally
- **Enabler** of Smart Grid & Cyber Security



# Autonomous Energy Grids (AEGs)

*Optimized for secure, resilient and economic operations*

## Central-station based Grid



## Key Features of AEGs

- **Autonomous** – Makes decisions without operators
- **Resilient** – Self-reconfiguring, cellular building blocks, able to operate with and without communications
- **Secure** – Incorporates cyber and physical security against threats
- **Reliable and Affordable** - Self optimizes for both economics and reliability
- **Flexible** – Able to accommodate energy in all forms including variable renewables

AEG White Paper available at:

<https://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy18osti/68712.pdf>

# Key Challenges to Grid Integration of Solar Energy

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## Maintaining reliability with increasing distributed solar

- The electric power grid has been designed for power flow in one direction. When more solar is generated than is used locally, two-way power flows increase the complexity of system operations.

## Best practices for integrating solar and distributed energy storage are all local

- Effective utilization of energy storage or load shifting is in early development.

## Unpredictable variability of solar power over time

- Solar generation levels vary due to the variability of cloud cover and weather, which can cause challenges for grid optimization.

## Inefficient distribution and power quality challenges

- Distribution sensing and control systems have yet to leverage advanced power electronics.

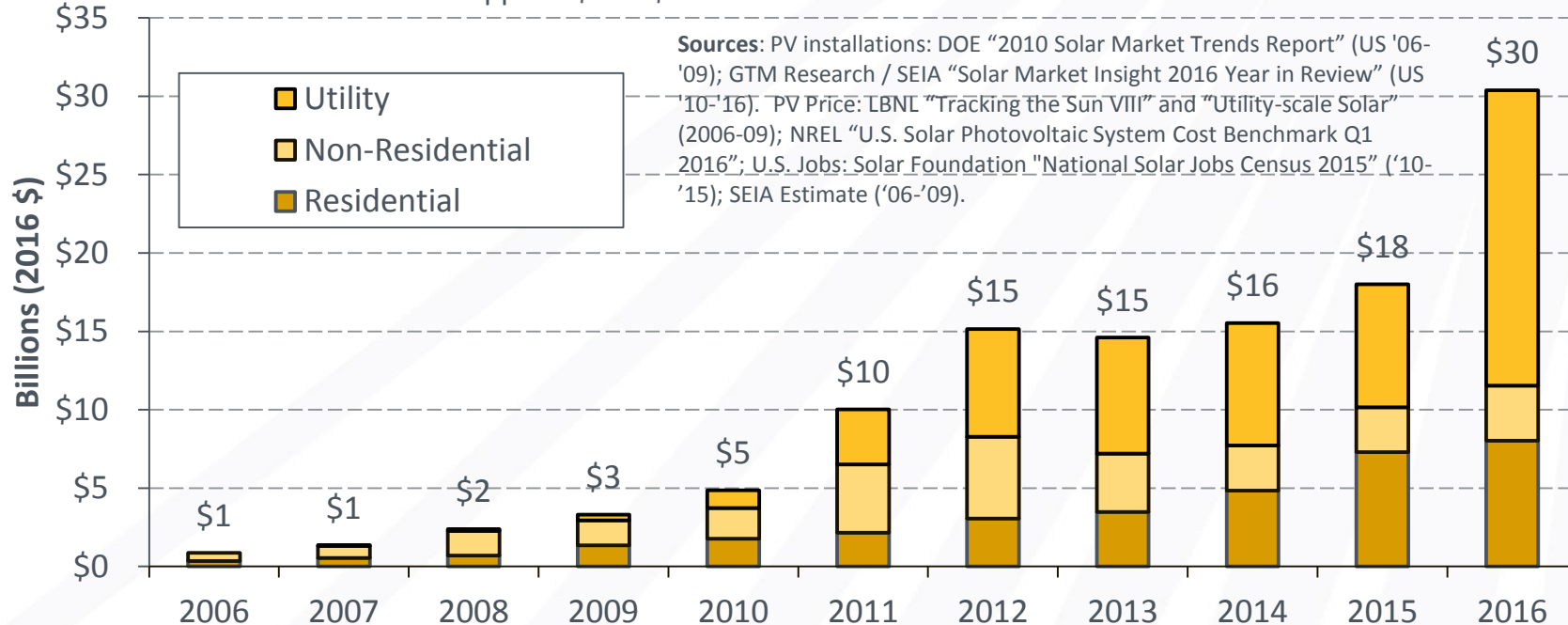
## Incompatible or insecure grid-interface standards

- In order for all elements of the grid to work together, communications are necessary, which makes cyber-security issues important.



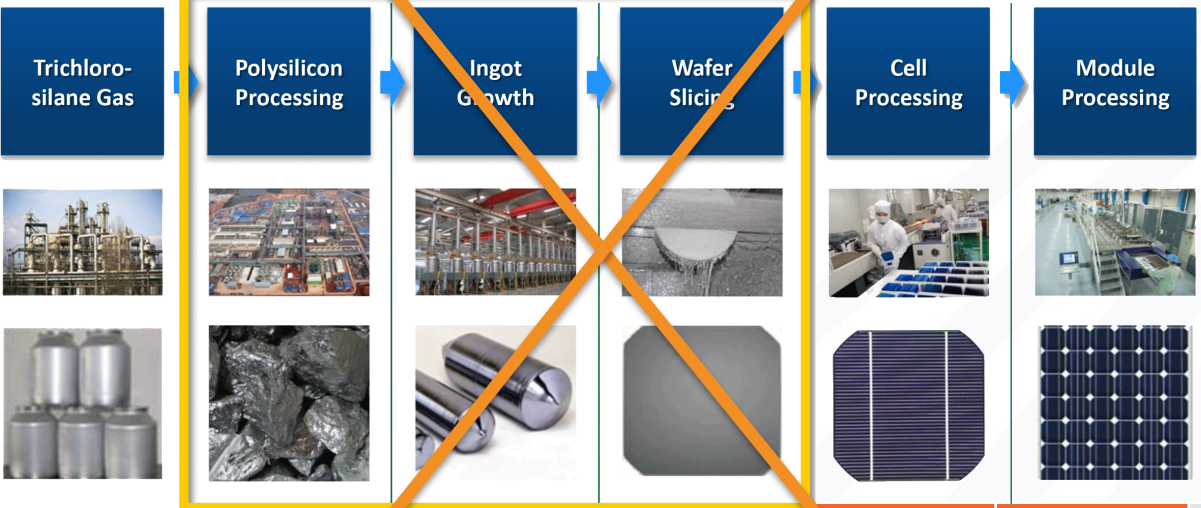
# Estimated Value of U.S. Solar Installations

- The estimated value of U.S. PV Installations in 2016 was approximately \$30 billion
  - This represents an increase of 69% over 2015
  - 62% of 2016 annual value was in the utility sector, 26% in the residential sector, and 12% in the non-residential sector
- Worldwide installations in 2016 were approx. \$100-\$150 billion



**Sources:** PV installations: DOE "2010 Solar Market Trends Report" (US '06-'09); GTM Research / SEIA "Solar Market Insight 2016 Year in Review" (US '10-'16). PV Price: LBNL "Tracking the Sun VIII" and "Utility-scale Solar" (2006-09); NREL "U.S. Solar Photovoltaic System Cost Benchmark Q1 2016"; U.S. Jobs: Solar Foundation "National Solar Jobs Census 2015" ('10-'15); SEIA Estimate ('06-'09).

# Leapfrogging China



\*Excludes: Construction financing, O&M, monitoring, site security, and sub station transformers (if needed).

	Poly	Ingot	Wafer	Cell	Module	Sub Total	Inverter	Field 1X Tracking*	Total
<b>Cost (\$/w)</b>	\$0.06/W	\$0.03/W	\$0.03/W	\$0.10/W	\$0.13/W	<b>\$0.35</b>	\$0.06	\$0.70	<b>\$1.11</b>
<b>CapEx (\$/kg or \$/W)</b>	Siemens \$45/kg FBR \$80/kg	Czochralski: \$0.14/W Multi: \$0.05/W	\$0.03/W	\$0.10/W	\$0.07/W				

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# Office of Management and Budget Guidance



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
WASHINGTON, D.C.



August 17, 2017

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

FROM: MICK MULVANEY  
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

*Mick Mulvaney*  
8/17/17

MICHAEL KRATSIOS *AK*  
DEPUTY ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT  
OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

SUBJECT: FY 2019 Administration Research and Development Budget Priorities

# Office of Management and Budget Guidance

## American Security

Special attention should be paid to R&D that can support the safe and secure integration into society of new technologies that have the potential to contribute significantly to **American economic and technological leadership.**

## American Energy Dominance

Development of domestic energy sources should be the basis for a clean energy portfolio composed of fossil, nuclear, and renewable energy sources. **Agencies should invest in early-stage,** innovative technologies that show promise in harnessing American energy resources safely and efficiently. As initiated in the FY 2018 budget, Federally-funded energy R&D should continue to reflect an **increased reliance on the private sector to fund later-stage research, development, and commercialization of energy technologies.**

## Modernizing and Managing Research Infrastructure

**Innovative partnership models** involving other agencies, state and local governments, the private sector, academia, and international partners can help maximize utilization of underused facilities and lead to sharing the costs of new R&D facilities.

# American-Made Challenges

## Department of Energy Announces Prize Competition to Accelerate U.S.-Based Solar Manufacturing

JANUARY 24, 2018



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### American-Made Solar Prize

Manufacturing Accelerator for Domestic Energy in the U.S.



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The [U.S. Department of Energy \(DOE\) Solar Energy Technologies Office](#) and the [National Renewable Energy Laboratory \(NREL\)](#) are working together to launch the first prize challenge associated with the [American-Made Challenges](#).

The **American-Made Solar Prize (Solar Prize)**:

- Accelerates the development of technologies and solutions that will advance the solar industry
- Enables rapid prototyping of ground-breaking solar solutions and prove their viability
- Provides connections to a network of solar industry experts, fabricators, and developers
- Connects entrepreneurs with the investor community to help solar businesses and technical solutions scale

[Pre-registration is now open!](#)

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# Activate Nation-wide Innovation at the Local Level and Replicate

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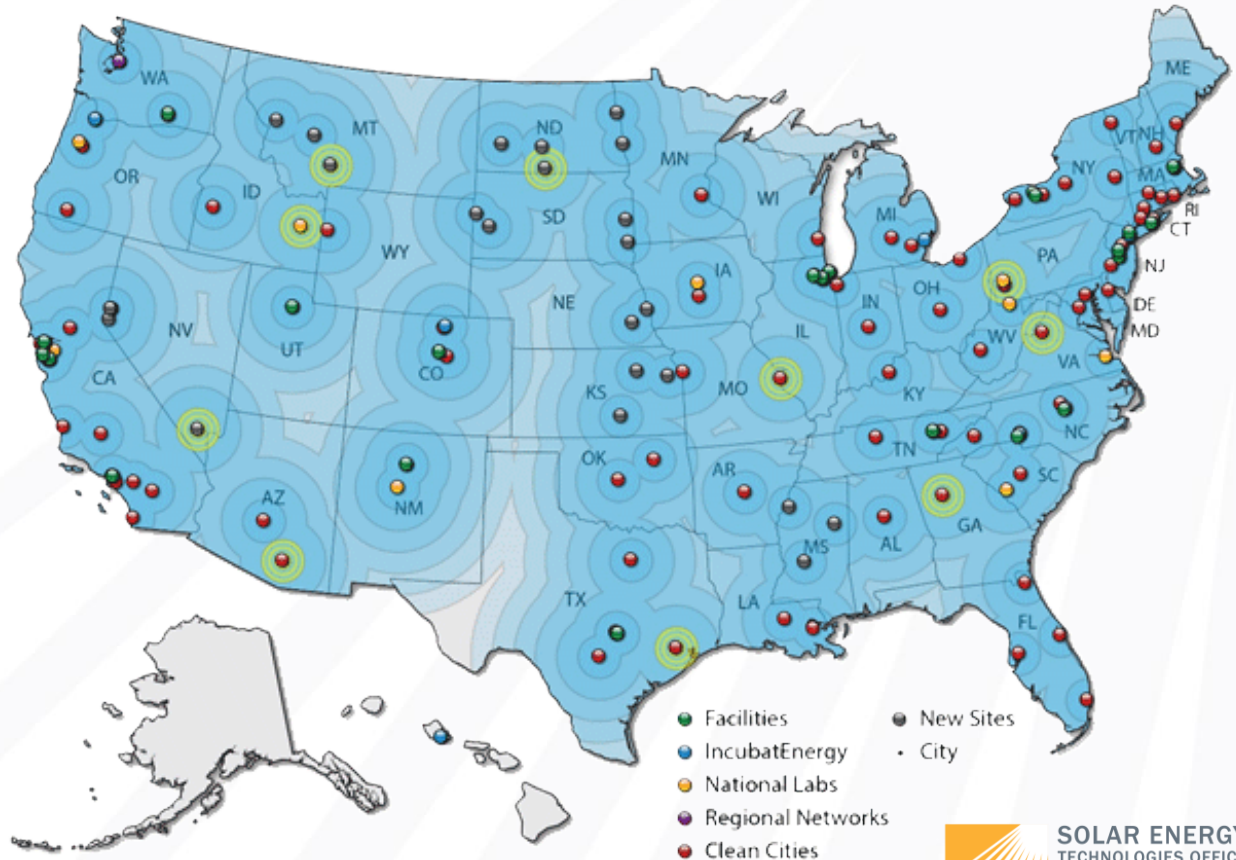
National Labs

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Incubators

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City Coalitions



# A Challenge for the Our Century – and - Our Ability to Team

We need to produce liquid hydrocarbons from splitting water into  $H_2$  and  $O_2$  and reducing  $CO_2$ .

