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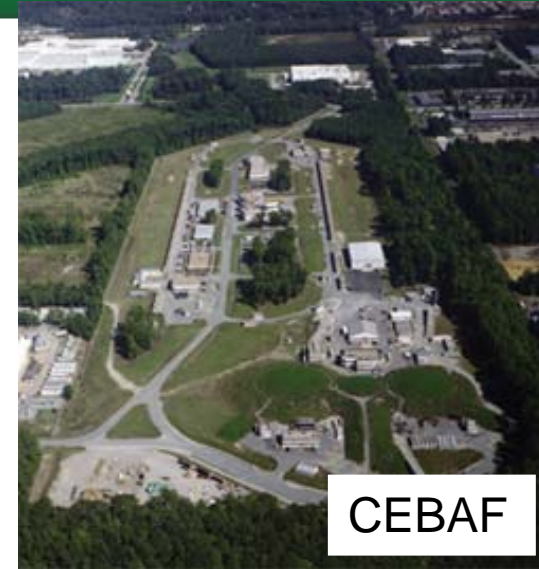
# Four National User Facilities Provide Quality Nuclear Beams for the Research Community



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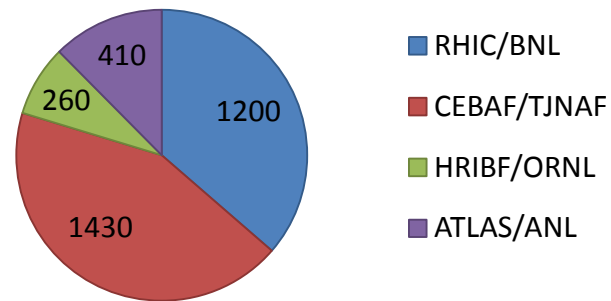


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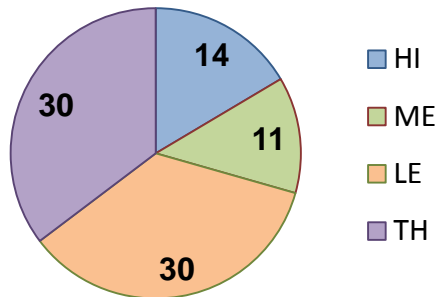
CEBAF

## Users of NP Facilities



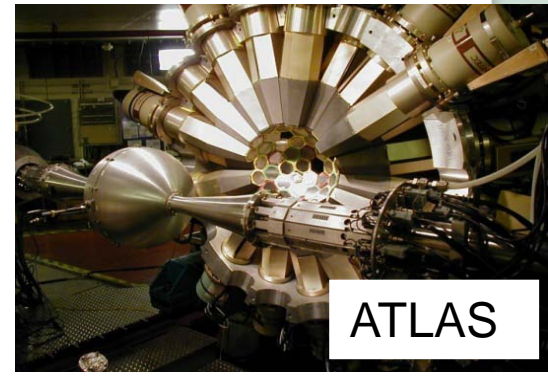
Approximately 40% of users are from foreign institutions

## PhDs by Subprogram



## Total NP Journal Publications:

ANL – 136	BNL – 99
TJLab – 125	ORNL - 98



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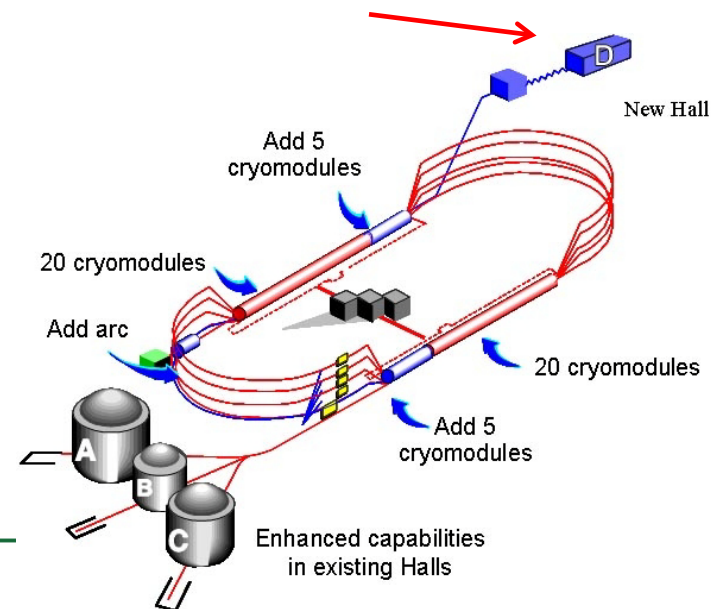
# Construction of the 12 GeV CEBAF Upgrade

## New physics reach provided by the 12-GeV CEBAF Upgrade:

- Nuclear tomography to discover and explore the three-dimensional structure of the nucleon
- The search for exotic mesons—a quark and an anti-quark held together by gluons
- Physics beyond the Standard Model via precision studies of parity violation
- Spin and flavor dependence of valence parton distributions
- Exploring how valence quark structure is modified in the nuclear medium

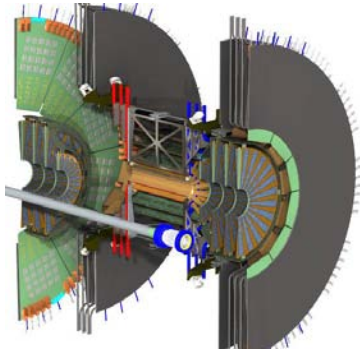
## Project Status

- Construction activities underway.
- Project on cost and schedule.

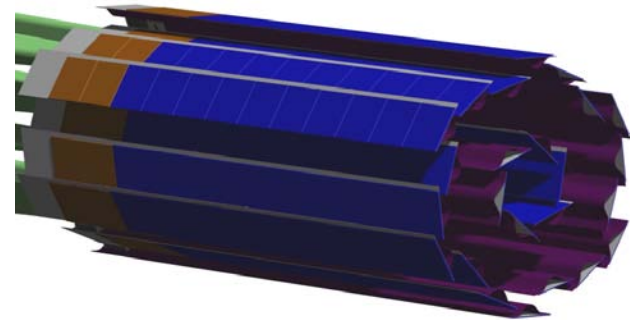


# Detector and Luminosity upgrades are underway for RHIC

New detectors enhance the science capabilities of the two large experiments at RHIC



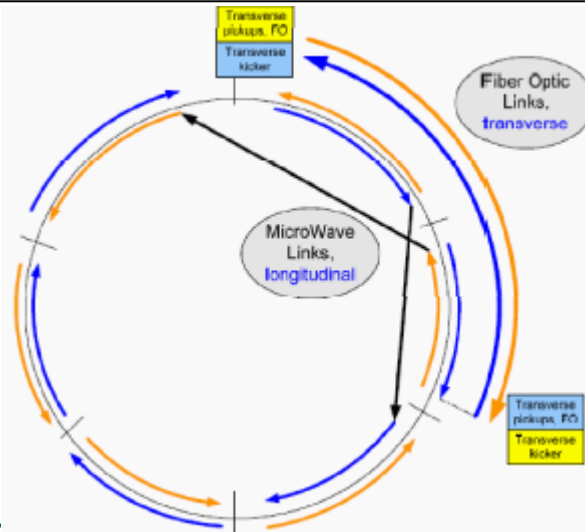
*PHENIX Barrel and Forward Vertex Detector*



*STAR Heavy Flavor Tracker*

**Increasing RHIC luminosity with stochastic cooling:**

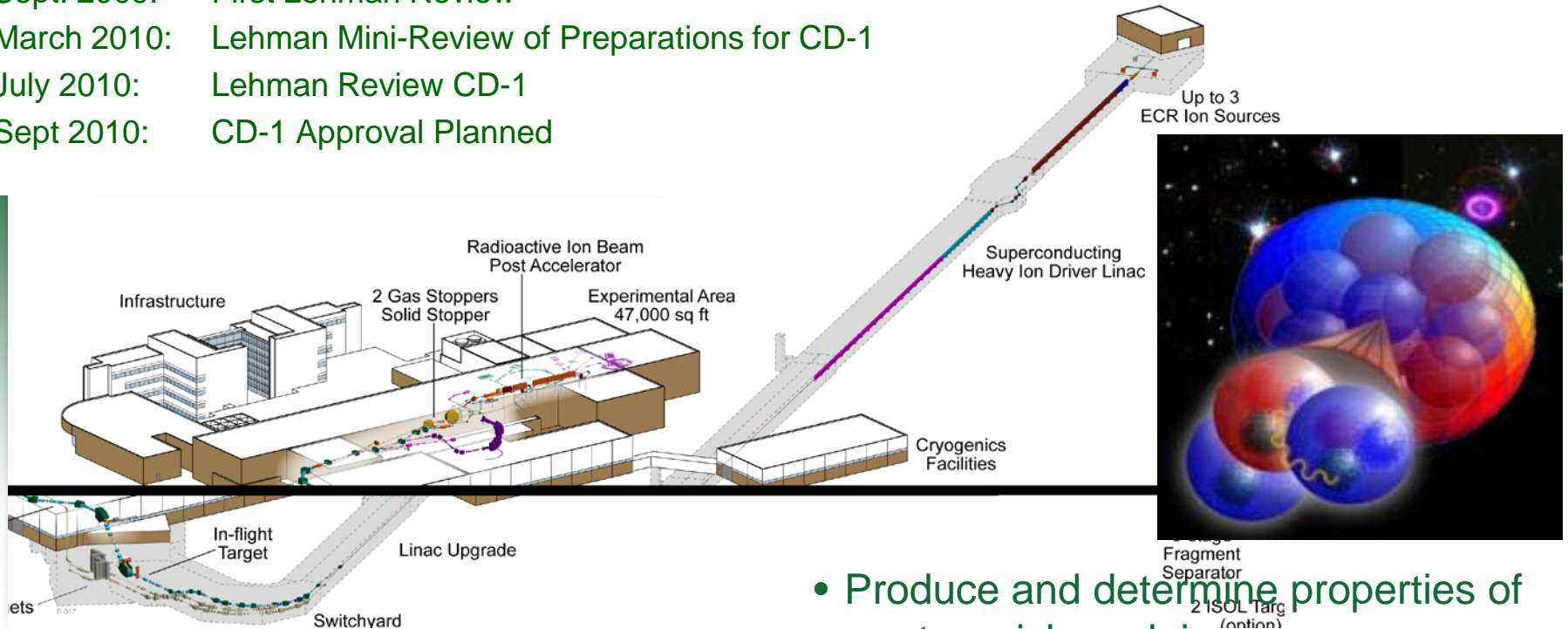
- Longitudinal and vertical pickups and kickers installed in each ring for 2010 Run
- Expect an eventual factor of ~8 increase in collision rate with heavy ion running





# Status of the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams

- Dec. 2008: DOE selects MSU to establish FRIB
- June 2009: Cooperative Agreement between DOE and MSU
- Sept. 2009: First Lehman Review
- March 2010: Lehman Mini-Review of Preparations for CD-1
- July 2010: Lehman Review CD-1
- Sept 2010: CD-1 Approval Planned



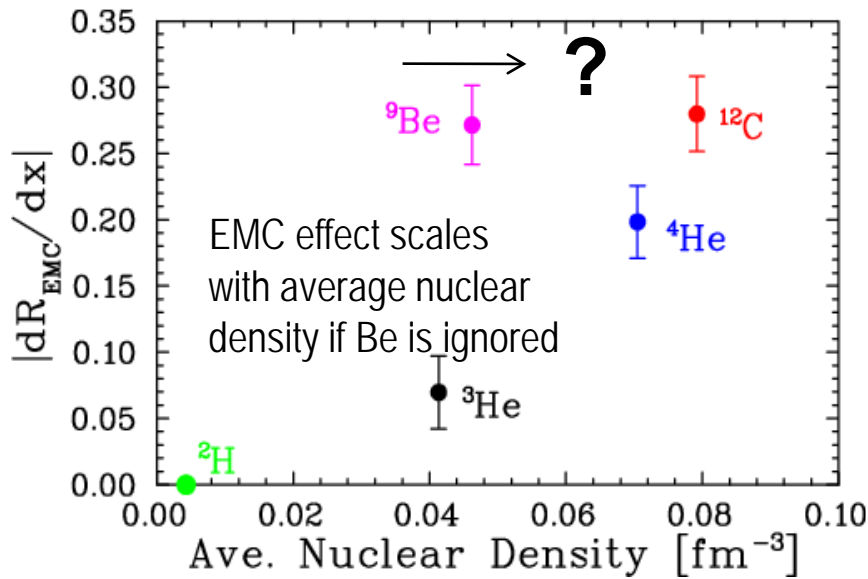
- Produce and determine properties of neutron rich nuclei
- Astrophysics of heavy element production

Engineering design scheduled to start in FY 2011



# Recent Advances in Understanding the Quark-Gluon Structure of Nuclei

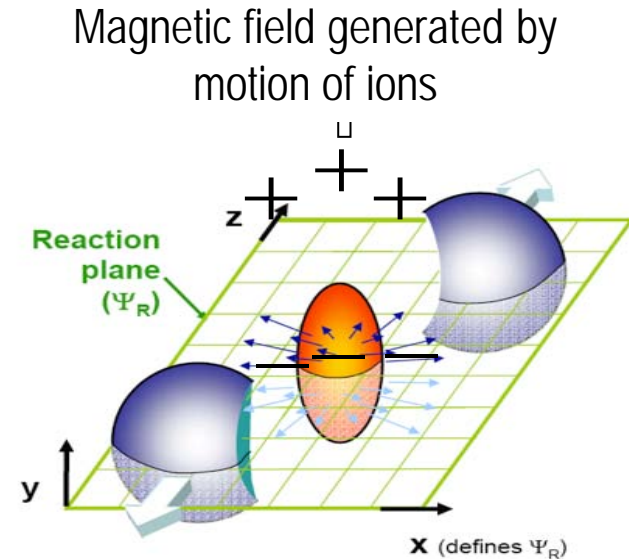
## The Quark-Gluon Structure of Nuclei - EMC Effect in Very Light Nuclei at TJNAF



Be = 2  $\alpha$  clusters  
( $^4\text{He}$  nuclei) + “extra” neutron.

Suggests EMC effect depends on local nuclear environment.

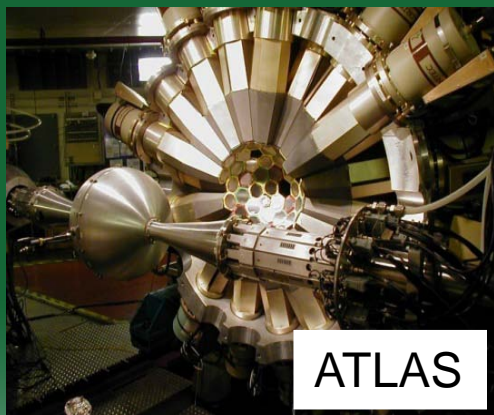
## Fundamental Properties of a Quark-Gluon Liquid – Suggestion of an event-by-event EDM at RHIC



Event-by-event preference for like-sign (opposite-sign) charges to emerge in same (opposite) direction with respect to magnetic field produced by colliding nuclei observed.



# Synergy Between Basic Research and Applications of Nuclear Science and Technology



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## Argonne Tandem LINAC System

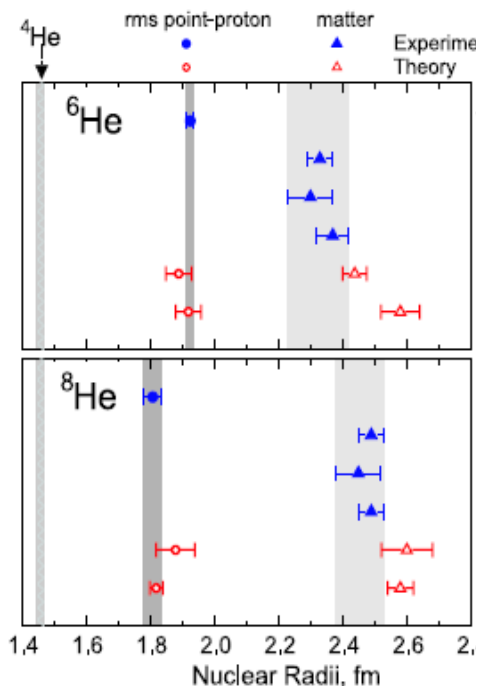
Testing *ab initio* calculations (like those that were recognized by the Bonner Prize) of nuclear radii with atom trapping

Analyzing effects of neutron irradiation on actinides formed in nuclear fuel

New Idaho National Lab-ATLAS collaboration tackles nuclear fuel recycling science.



INL  
Advanced Test  
Reactor



## Isotope R&D

- Support a sustained research program ... to enhance production and supply of isotopes
- Coordinate production capabilities and supporting research



# The Global Climate Crisis

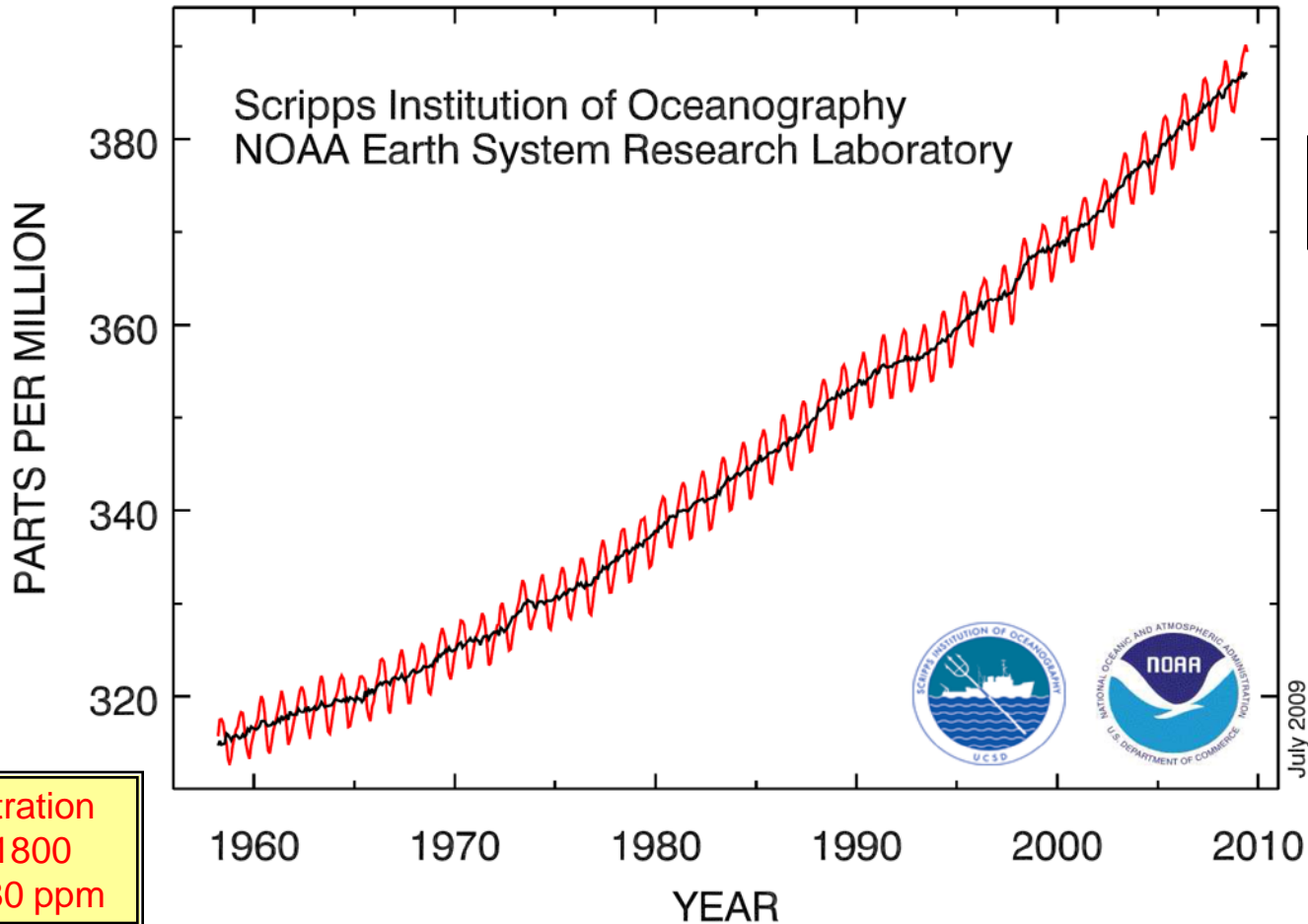




# Modern CO<sub>2</sub> Concentrations are Increasing

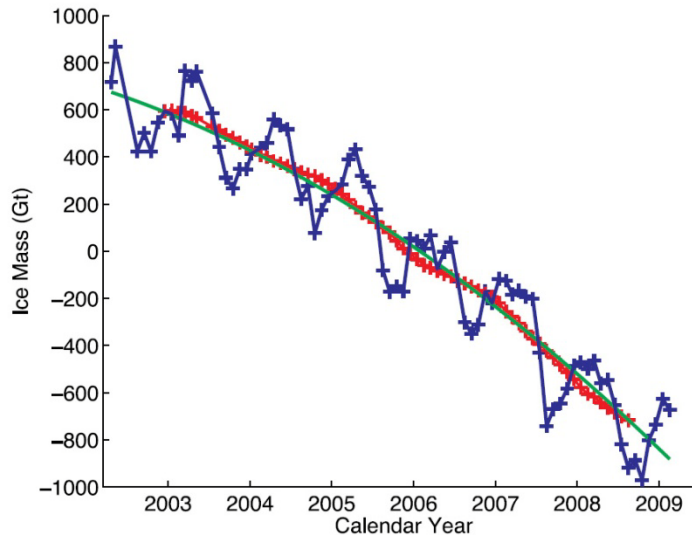
The current concentration is the highest in 800,000 years, as determined by ice core data

## Atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> at Mauna Loa Observatory



# Greenland Ice Mass Loss – 2002 to 2009

Increasing rates of ice mass loss from the Greenland and Antarctic ice sheets revealed by GRACE (Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment) satellite:



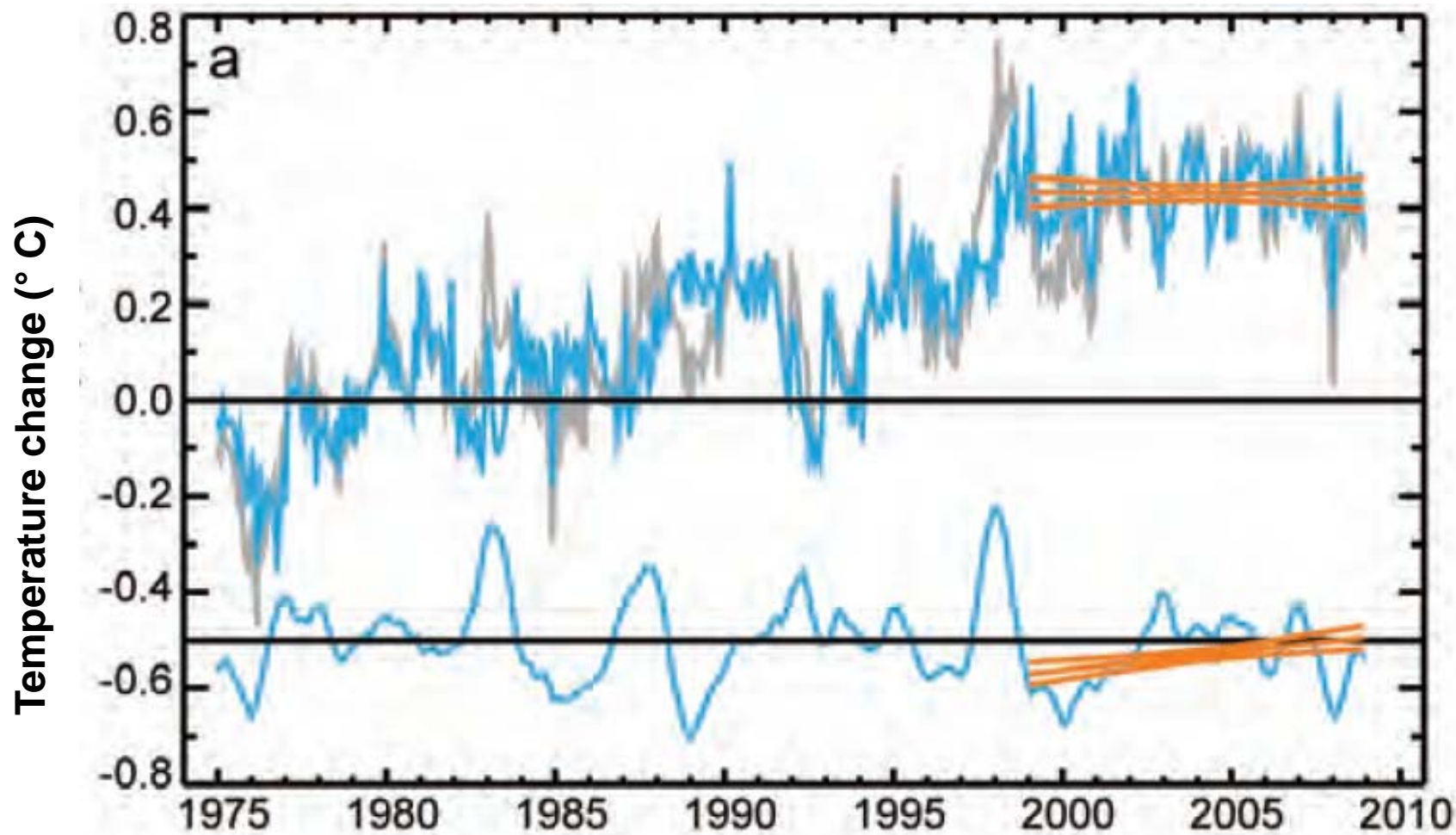
**Figure 1.** Time series of ice mass changes for the Greenland ice sheet estimated from GRACE monthly mass solutions for the period from April 2002 to February 2009. Unfiltered data are blue crosses. Data filtered for the seasonal dependence using a 13-month window are shown as red crosses. The best-fitting quadratic trend is shown (green line). The GRACE data have been corrected for leakage and GIA.

- In Greenland, the mass loss increased from 137 Gt/yr in 2002–2003 to 286 Gt/yr in 2007–2009
- In Antarctica, the mass loss increased from 104 Gt/yr in 2002–2006 to 246 Gt/yr in 2006–2009

I. Velicogna, *Geophysical Research Letters*, VOL. 36, L19503, 2009



# Accounting for Stagnation of Global Average Temperature: The Role of Climate Model Variability



J. Knight et al., *Bull. Amer. Met. Soc.*, "State of the Climate" Supplement, August 2009

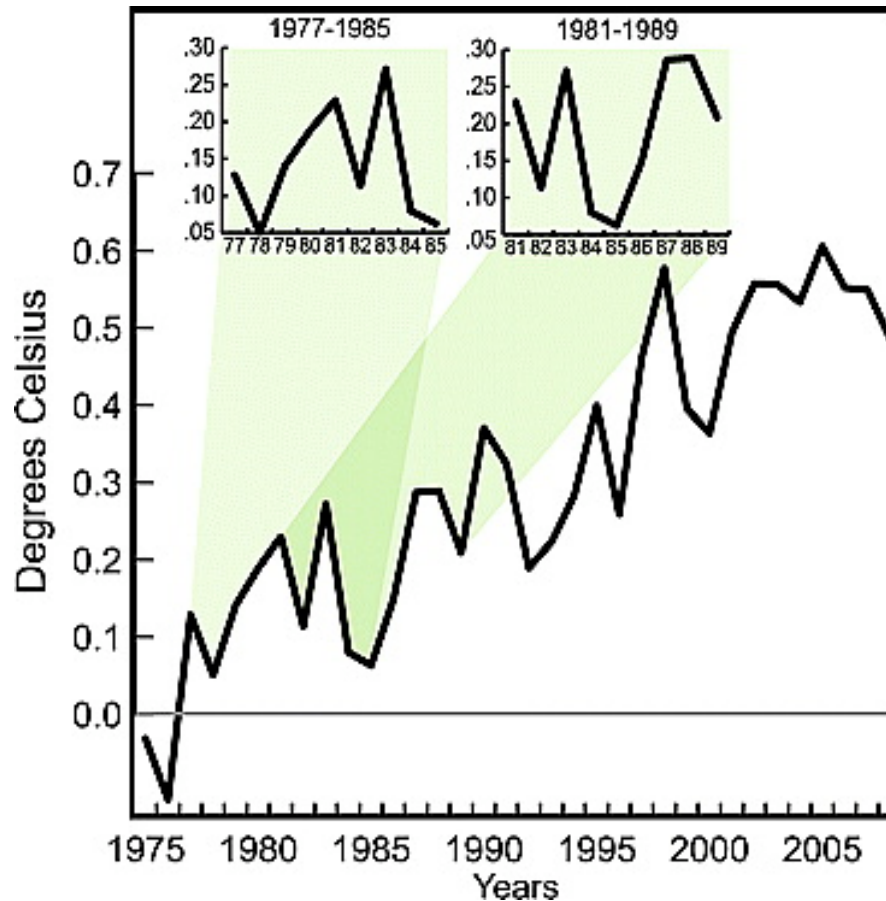


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# Global Surface Temperature Does Not Always Rise

## Observations of Global Surface Temperature



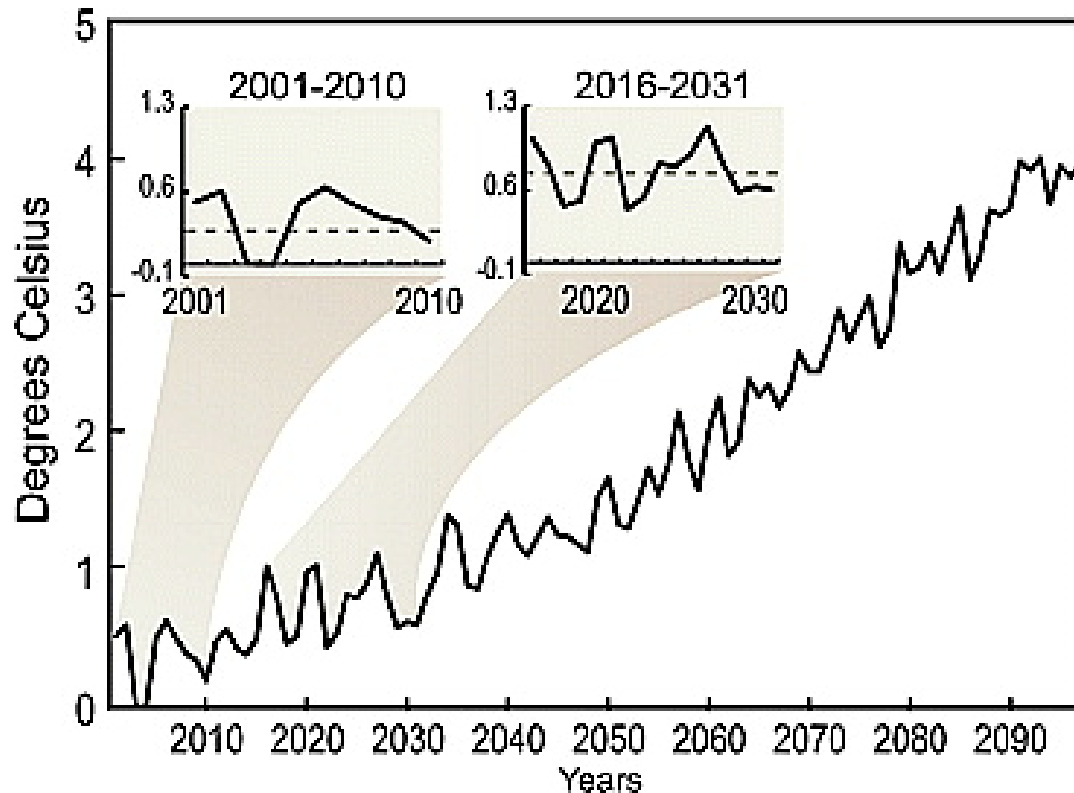
Easterling, D. R., and M. F. Wehner, *Geophys. Res. Lett.*, 36, L08706 (2009).





# Models Predict Flat Periods

## Model of Global Surface Temperature



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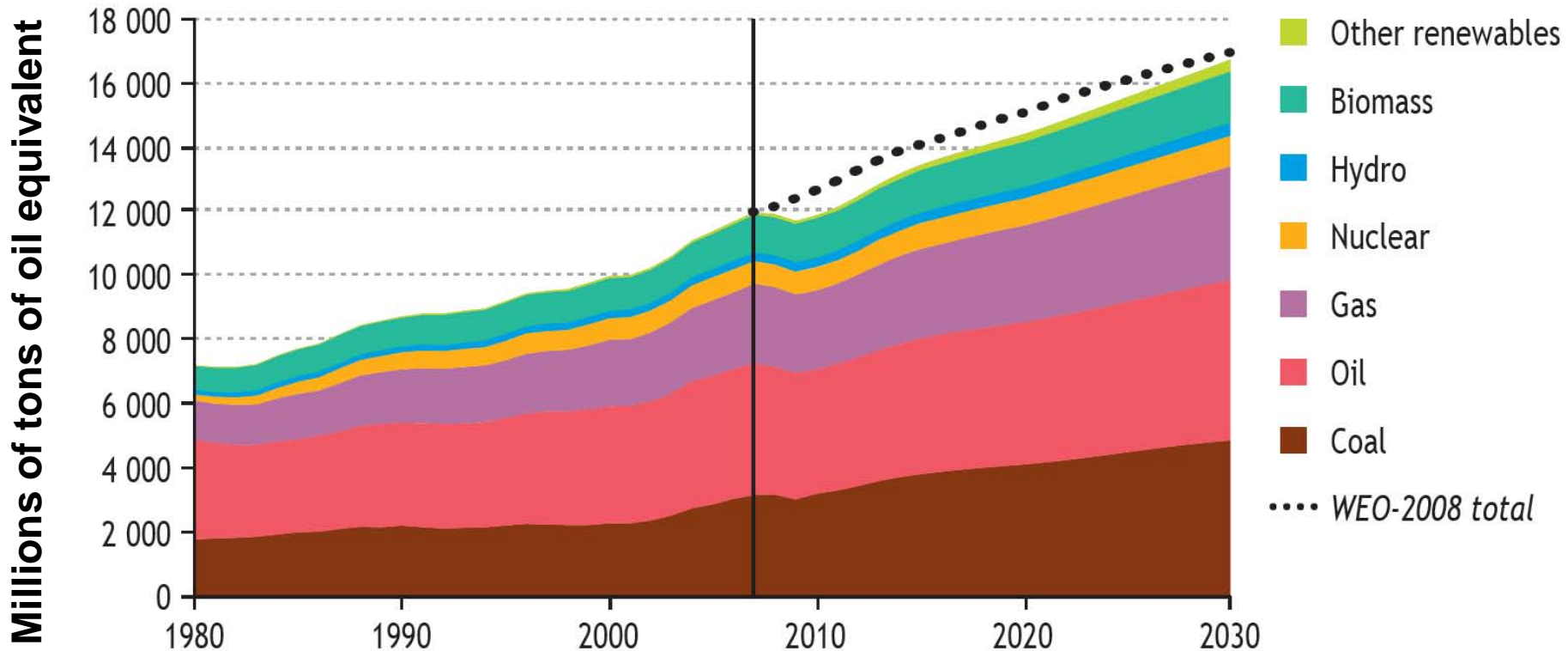


# Global and U.S. Energy Outlook



# Fossil Fuels Will Continue to Dominate World Energy Supply Under Business as Usual

## IEA World Energy Outlook 2009 Reference Case



Over 90% of the increase in world primary energy demand between 2007 and 2030 is projected to come from non-OECD countries

Source: International Energy Agency World Energy Outlook, 2009.

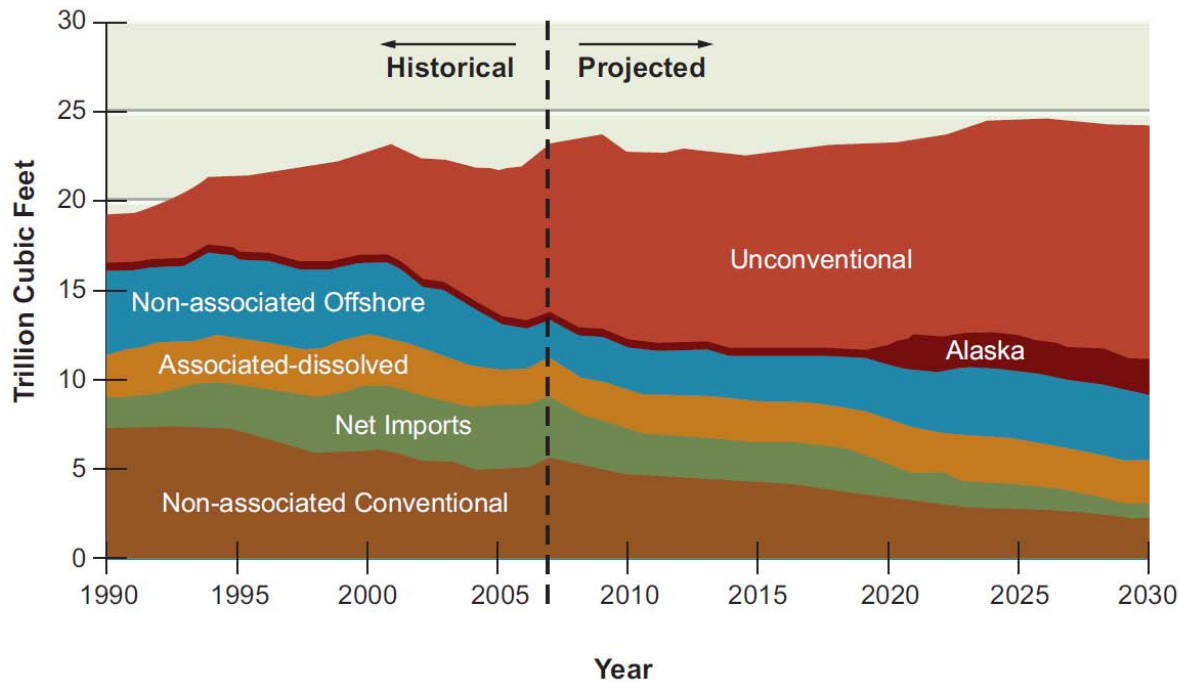


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# The Market Favors Expanded Use of Unconventional Natural Gas

Today, perhaps the biggest change to the energy system is not expanded use of nuclear or renewable energy, but the development of shale gas formations through horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing.



Proved natural gas reserves at the end of last year were 244.7 trillion cubic feet (tcf), the highest level since reports commenced in 1977.

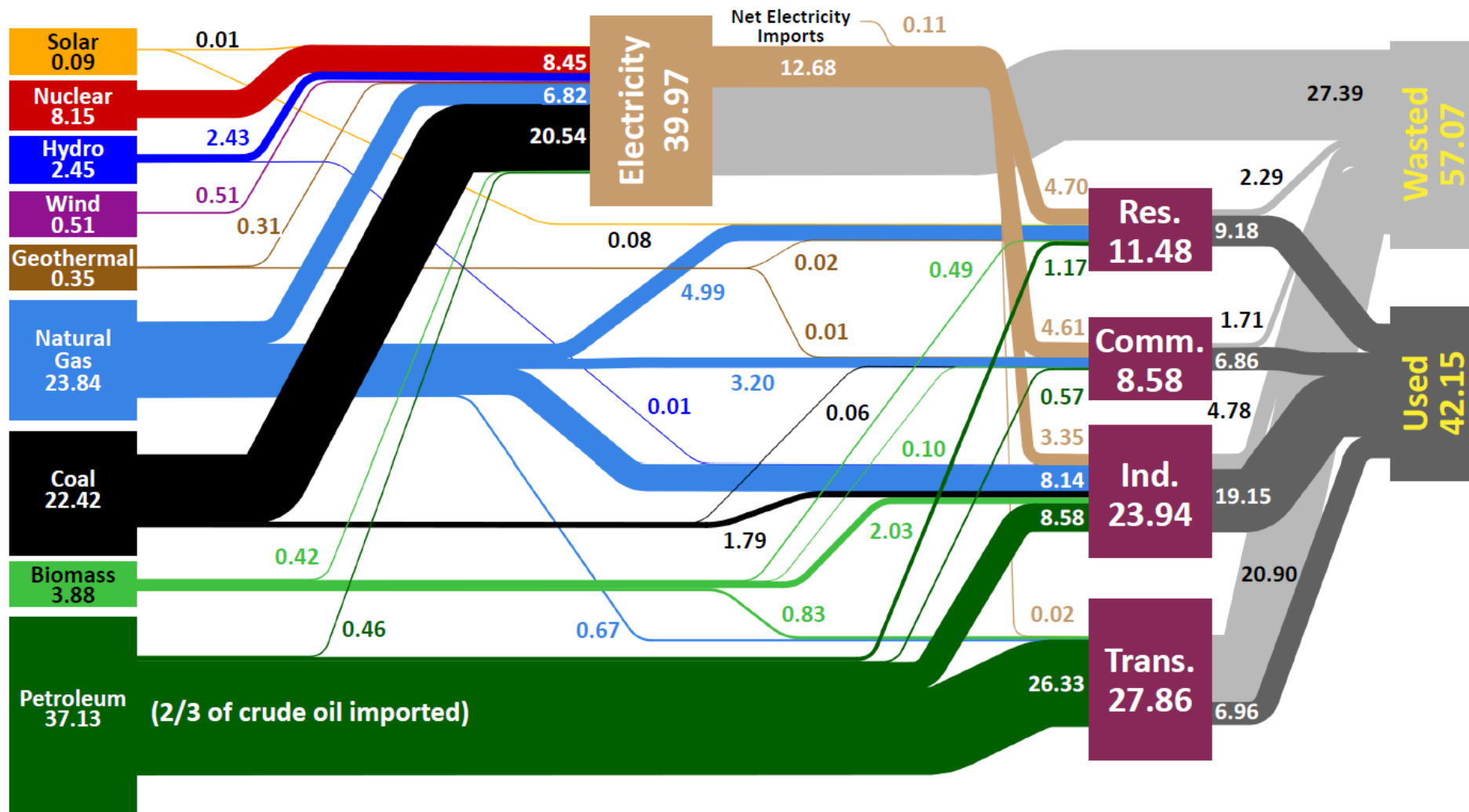
Proved reserves of shale gas grew by 8.9 tcf to 32.8 tcf.

Source: Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration Annual Energy Outlook 2009, Reference Case.



# U.S. Energy Production and Usage in 2008

Units in Quadrillion BTUs (Quads)

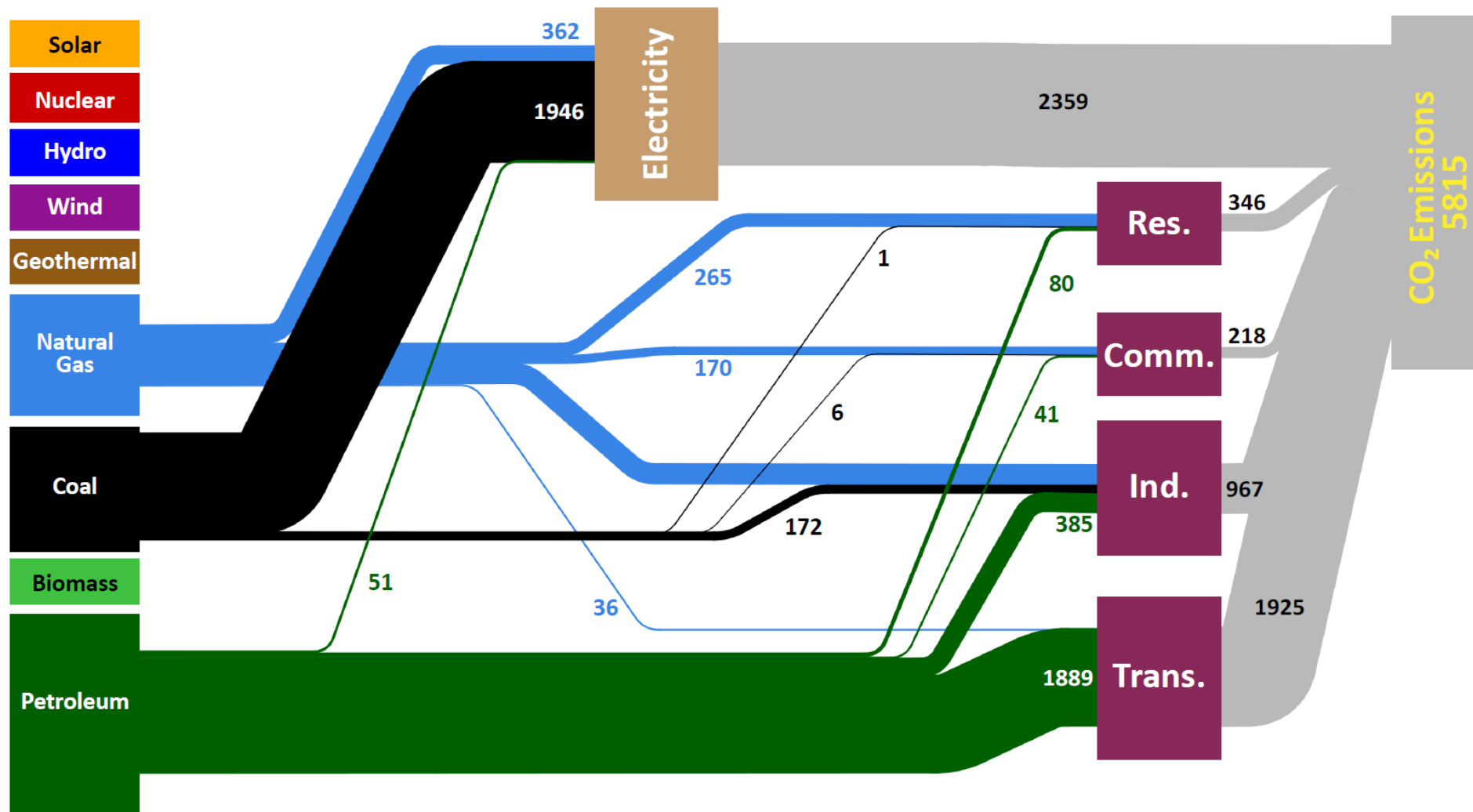


Source: Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and the Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration, 2009 (based on data from DOE/EIA-0384(2008), June 2009).



# U.S. Carbon Dioxide Emissions in 2008

Units in Millions of Metric Tons



Source: Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and the Department of Energy, Energy Information Administration, 2010 (based on data from DOE/EIA-0573(2008), December 2009).



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# Major Changes are Required to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Pollution

To prevent global average surface temperature from rising more than 2.5 °C by 2050 . . .

. . . we must emit **less than 1000 GT** of CO<sub>2</sub> between 2000–2050 . . .

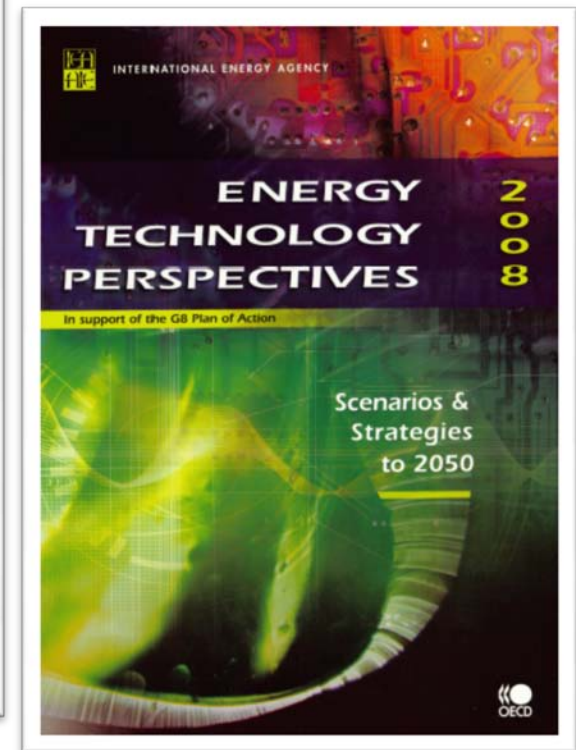
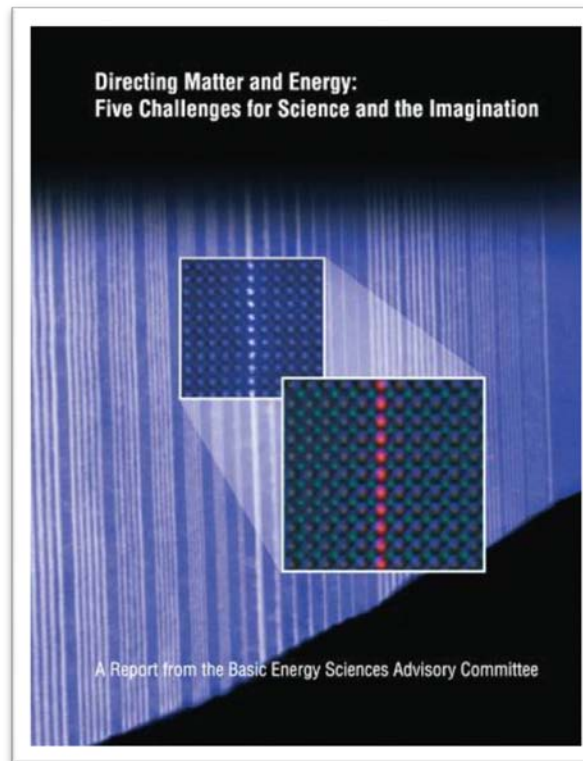
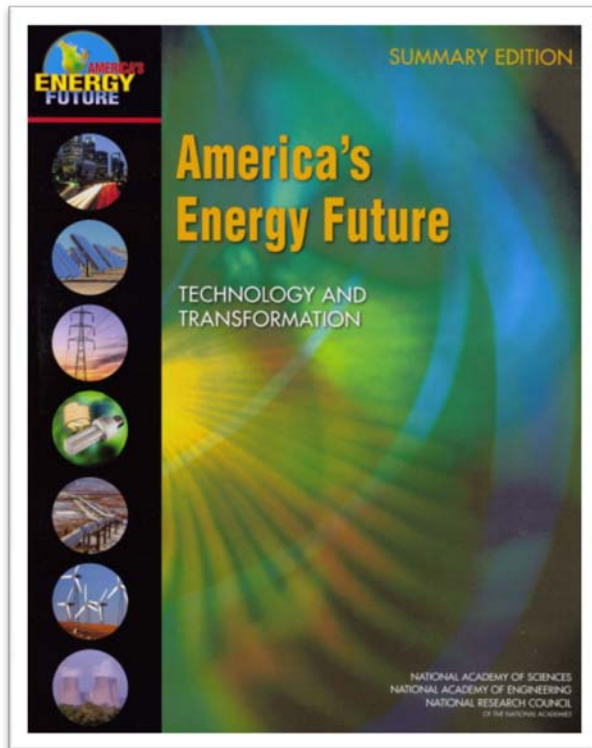
. . . but our emissions rate from 2000–2010 was **33 GT per year** . . .

. . . so we must reduce our emissions **by a factor of 8** between 2010-2050.



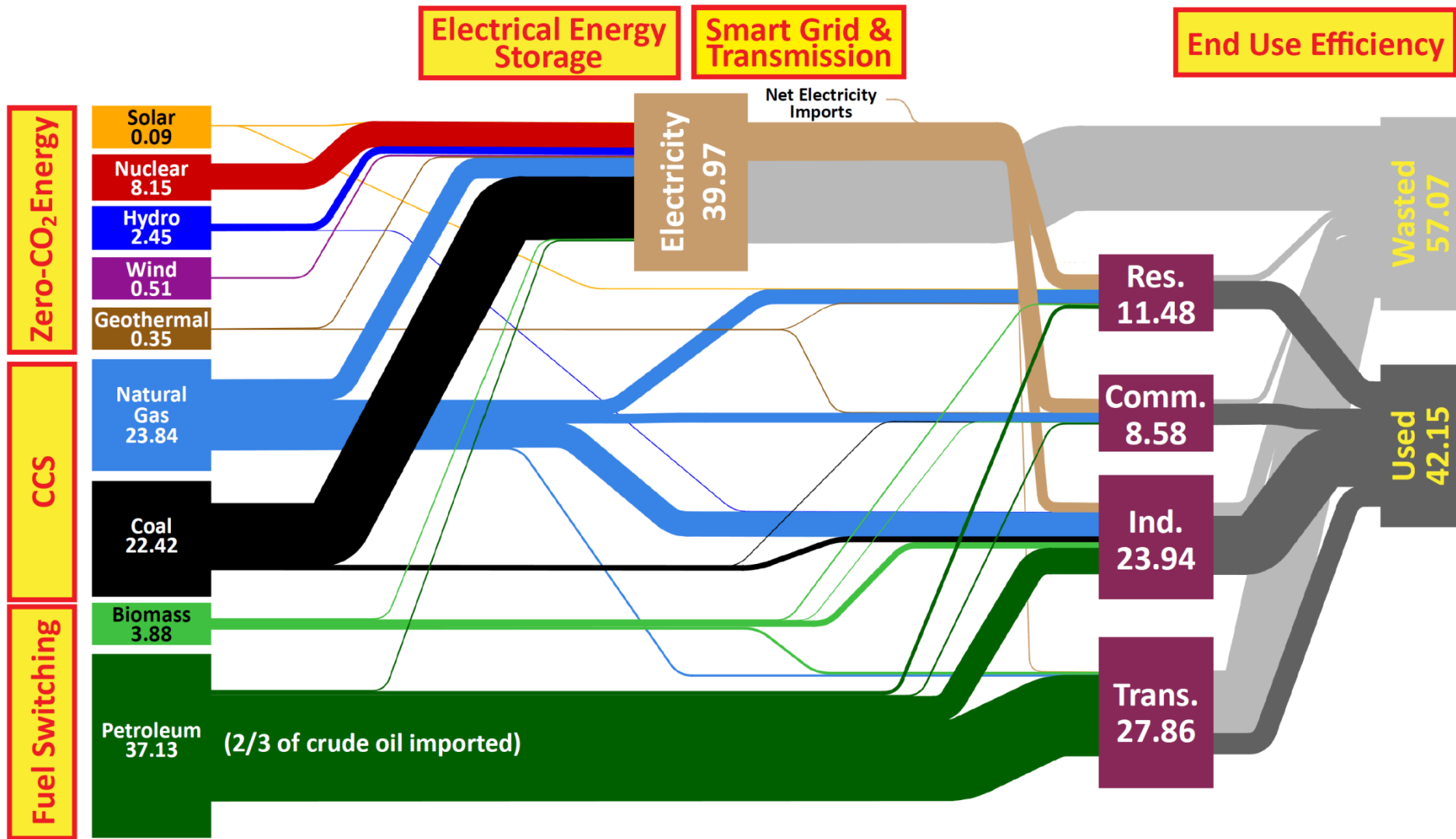
# Broad Expert Consensus on the Need for New Technologies

Scientific and technological advances will be required to make major changes to the energy system a “no brainer” for consumers and industry.

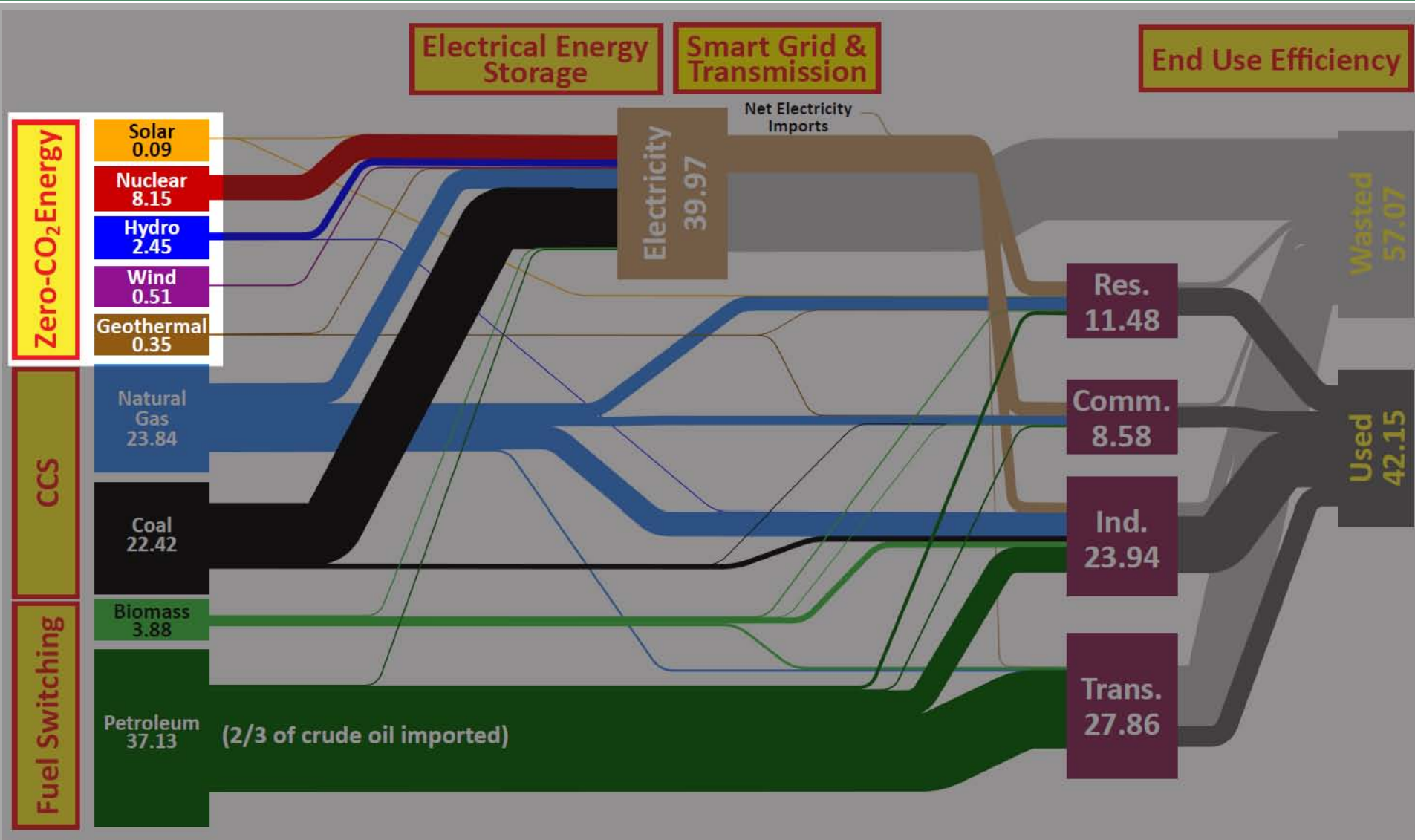




# A National Strategy for a New Energy Economy



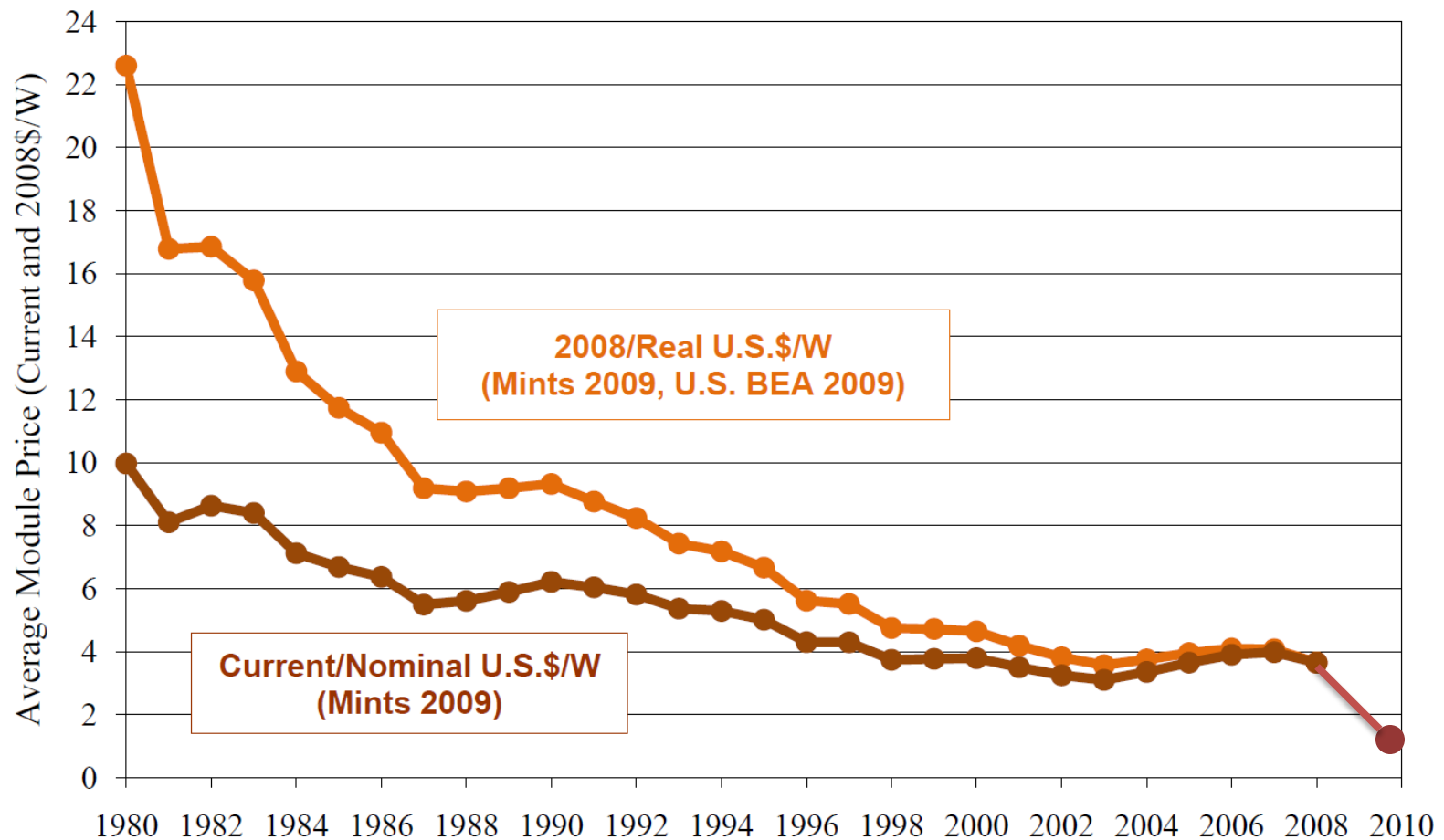
# Science for Zero Carbon Energy



# Solar Photovoltaics



# Cost Competitiveness of Solar Energy is Improving



Source: Mints, P.; Tomlinson, D. (2008). *Photovoltaic Manufacturer Shipments & Competitive Analysis 2007/2008*. Report # NPS-Supply3. Palo Alto, CA: Navigant Consulting Photovoltaic Service Program and Mints, P. (2009). *Photovoltaic Manufacturer Shipments, Capacity, & Competitive Analysis 2008/2009*. Report # NPS-Supply4. Palo Alto, CA: Navigant Consulting Photovoltaic Service Program. .

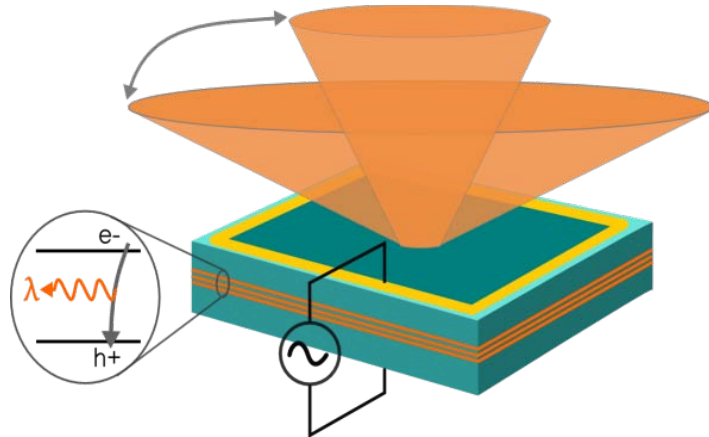


# Solar Photovoltaics: We Can Still Do Better

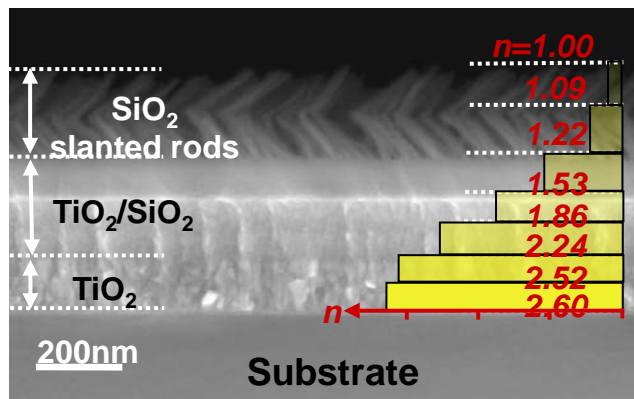
- **Technology Challenge:** Reduce costs and increase capacity for converting sunlight into electricity
- **Silicon:** Top commercial solar cells (single crystal silicon) have conversion efficiencies of ~18%; triple-junction cells with Fresnel lens concentrator technology are ~40%.
- **Science Challenges:** Cost-effective improvements in efficiency depend on understanding and controlling phenomena at the nanoscale.



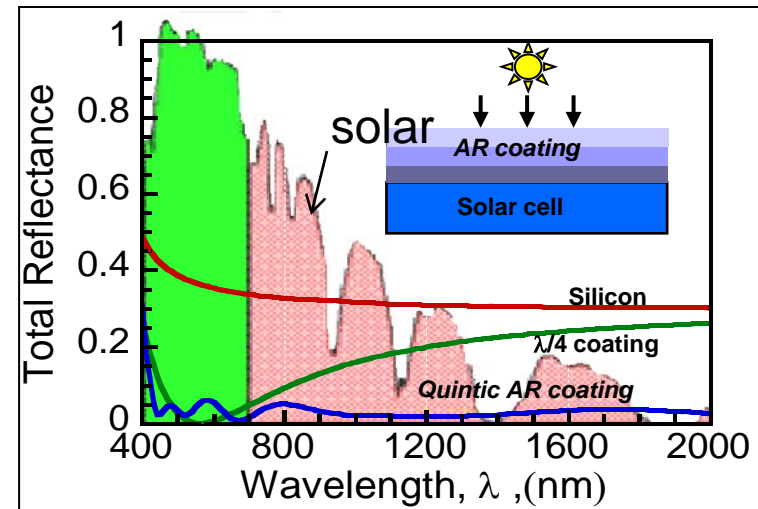
# New Techniques for Improvement of PV Cell Efficiency



**Molding the flow of light: a novel photonic design for antireflection coatings for multiple wavelengths and light incident angles**



**SEM Image of a 7-layer graded anti-reflection coating structure**

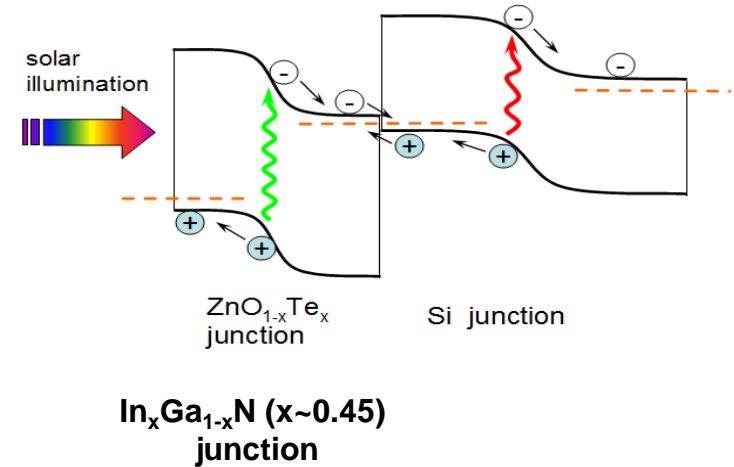
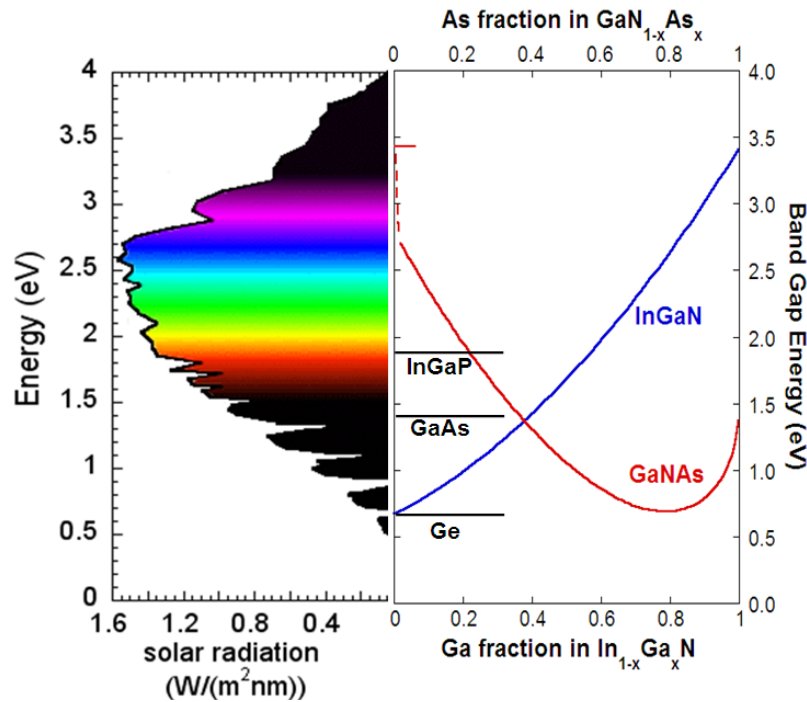


## Basic science breakthrough:

- A new architectural design for antireflection coating that solves, for the first time, both the multiple wavelength and incident light angles critical for efficient solar collection.
- The multi-layer nanostructure can produce a >20% solar efficiency enhancement and is universally applicable to many type of solar cells, including Si, III-V and organic cells.

Kuo and Lin et. al. *Optics Letters*, Nov. 2008

# Ultra High-Efficiency Solar Cells



## Basic science breakthrough:

- Discovery of single alloy systems with wide band gap range: InGaN and GaNAs
- Low cost alternatives to conventional multi-junction cells

Ager et al., *Phys. Status Solidi C* **6**, S413 (2009). W. Walukiewicz et al., LBNL. Yu et al., *J. Appl. Phys.* **106**, 103709 (2009).



# Advanced Fission & Fusion Energy Systems

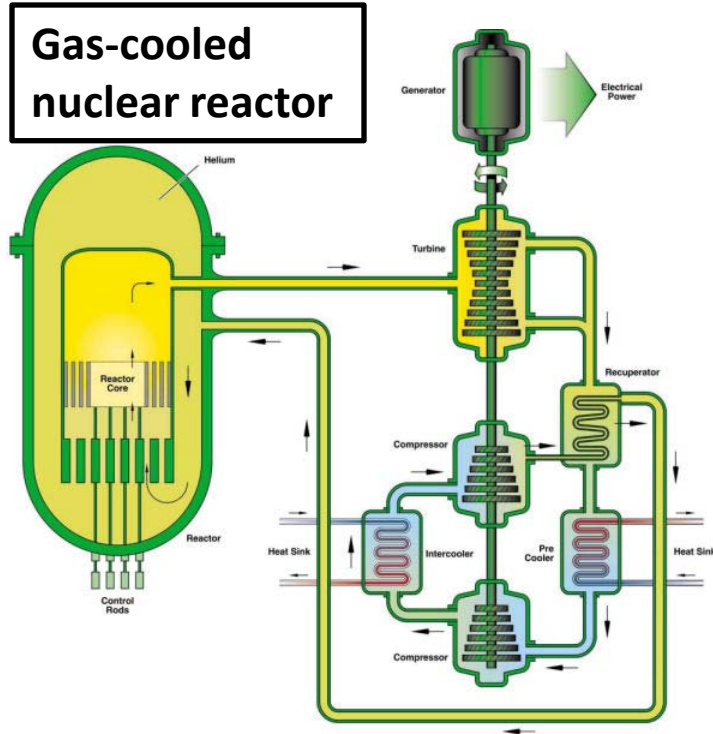


# Materials Science for Advanced Fission & Fusion Energy

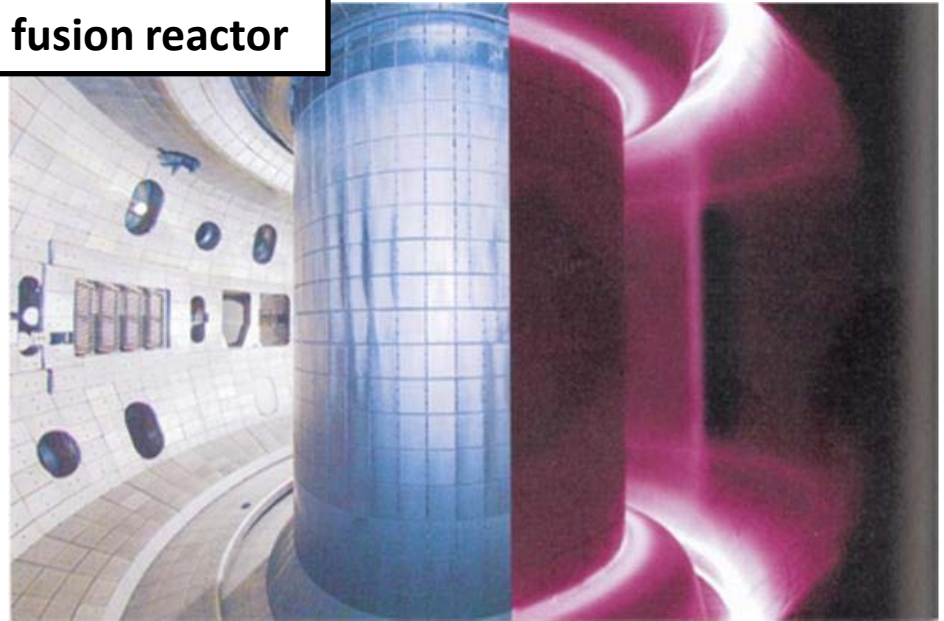
Advanced fission and fusion reactors will operate at much higher temperatures than typical operating ranges of most materials today.

High temperatures are known to degrade strength over long time periods, especially when combined with other extreme conditions.

**Gas-cooled nuclear reactor**



**Tokamak fusion reactor**

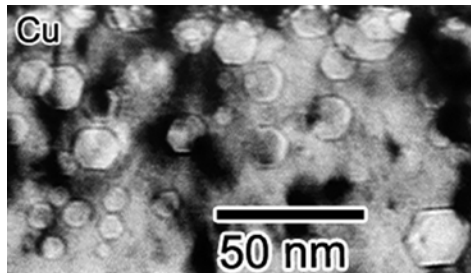




# Damage in Metals Due to Neutron Exposure

The neutrons emanating from fission and fusion reactions induce damage by disrupting the locations of atoms in the nearby materials.

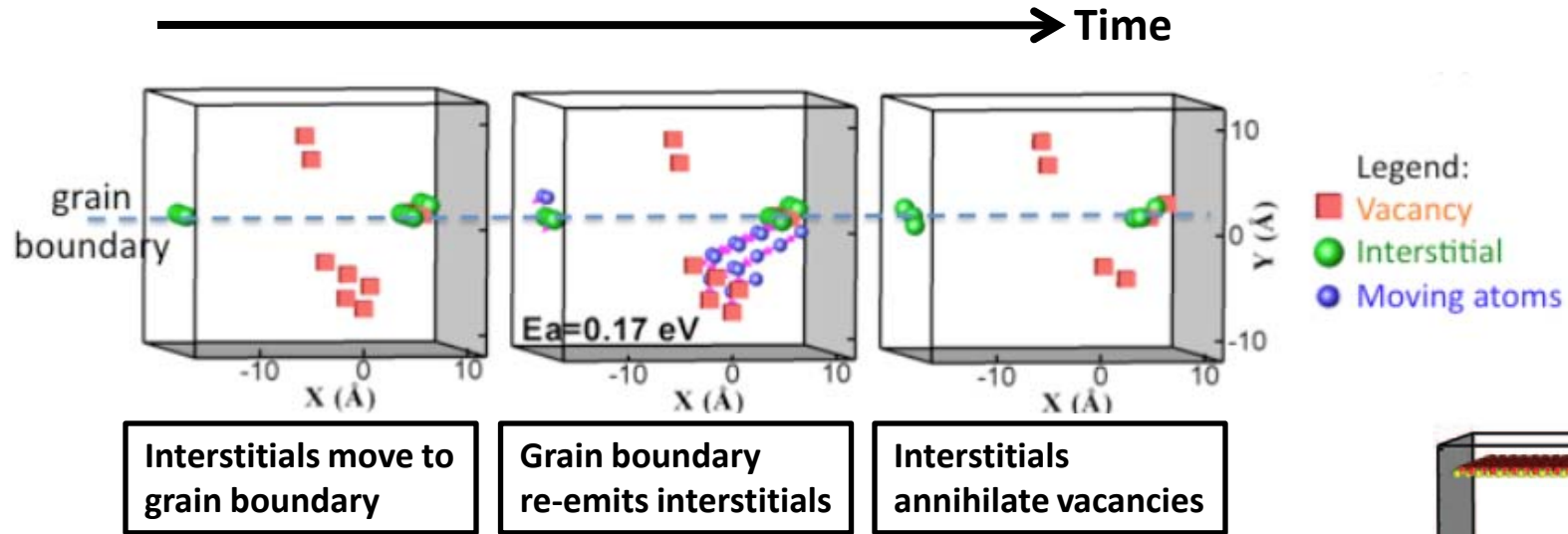
Voids formed from clustering of vacancies lead to swelling in irradiated metals



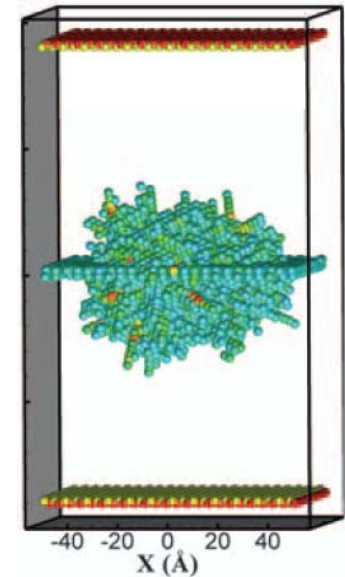
Materials have to be able to withstand fluences of 100 atomic displacements



# New Radiation Resistant Materials



- A collision cascade displaces atoms, creating vacancies and interstitials (right, showing displaced atoms 0.5 ps after the cascade initiation).
- Fast-moving interstitials move quickly to a nearby boundary (above left). Slower-moving vacancies remain.
- A grain boundary loaded with interstitials emits them (above center)
- Nearby vacancies are annihilated (above right)
- This new mechanism may explain the enhanced radiation resistance observed in nanocrystalline materials with large numbers of grain boundaries.



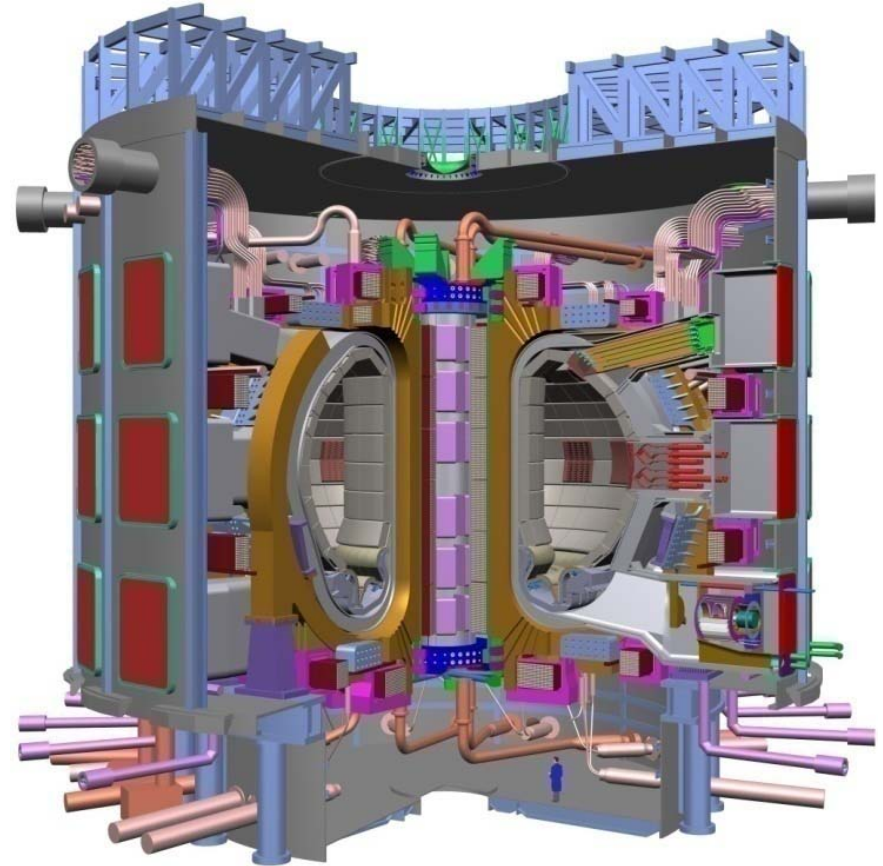
# Magnetic Fusion Energy: Controlling the Burning Plasma State

- **ITER will enable “burning plasmas”**

ITER, an international project being built in Cadarache, France, will create the world’s first sustained burning plasma fusion experiment.

- **Science challenge:**

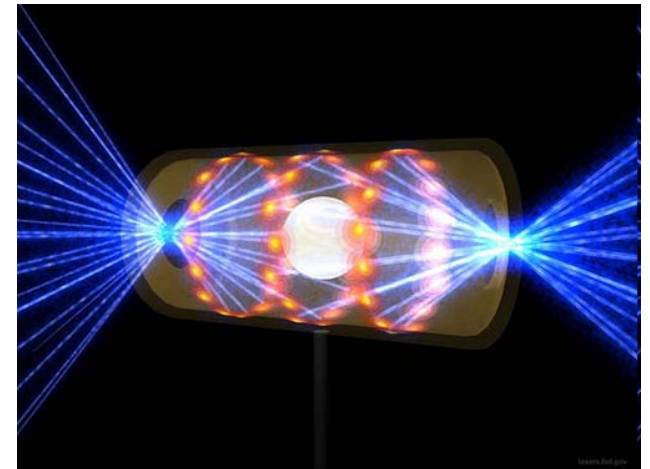
Develop a robust and predictable approach to controlling the dynamics of this plasma state.



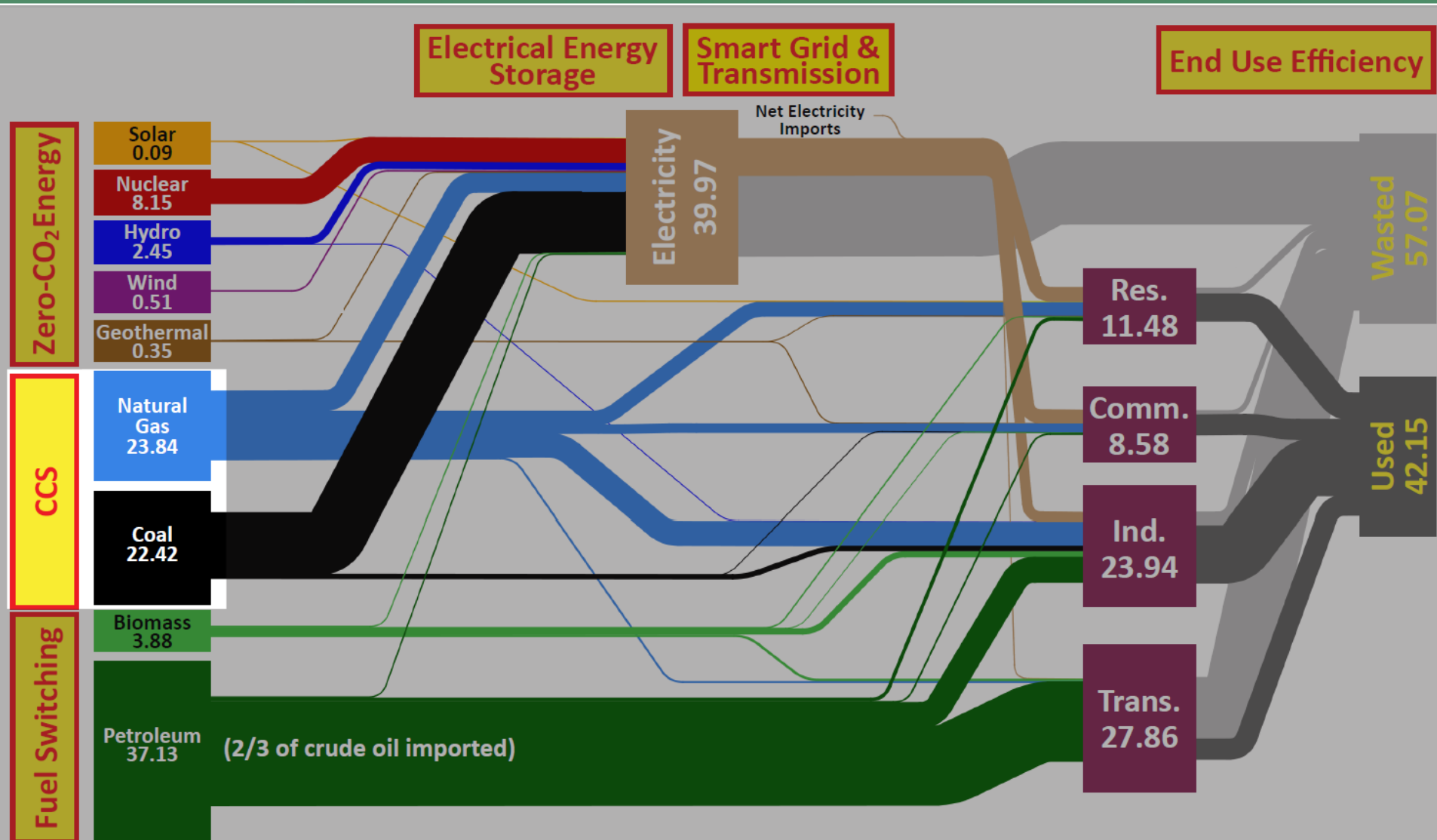


# Inertial Fusion Energy: Nearing Ignition

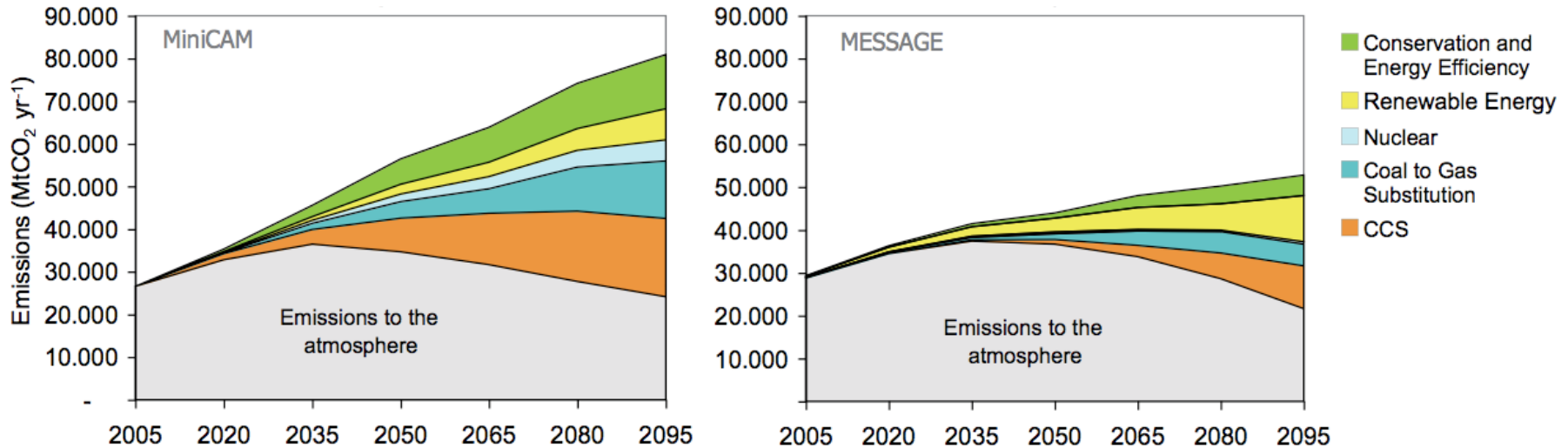
- The newly completed National Ignition Facility – the world’s most powerful laser system – recently began full operations
- NIF is on track to achieve the first laboratory demonstration of “ignition” or net energy gain



# Science for Carbon Capture and Sequestration



# Carbon Capture and Sequestration

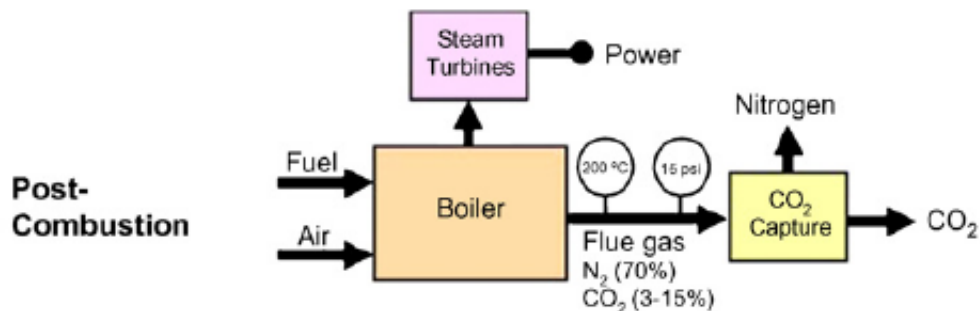


- Continued use of fossil fuel while capping the atmospheric concentration of carbon dioxide to about double the pre-industrial level requires the sequestration of ~10 GT of CO<sub>2</sub> per year.
- Current technologies for the post-combustion capture of CO<sub>2</sub> are too expensive.
- “Underground” as a long-term storage container
  - Advantages: Enormous volume; distance from subsurface environment; pre-made container
  - Disadvantages: Designed by nature, only approximately fits the design criteria for containment; complex materials and processes; difficult to see and monitor; uncertainty about long-term performance



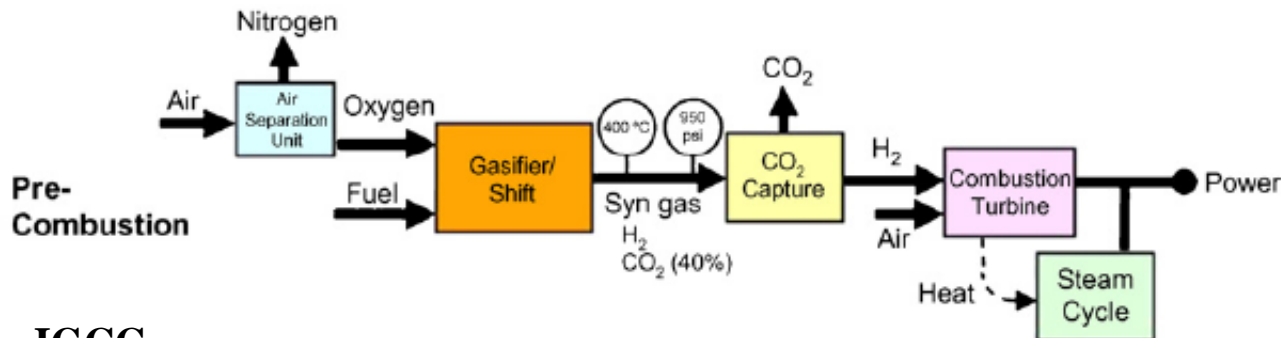


# Today's Carbon Capture Options



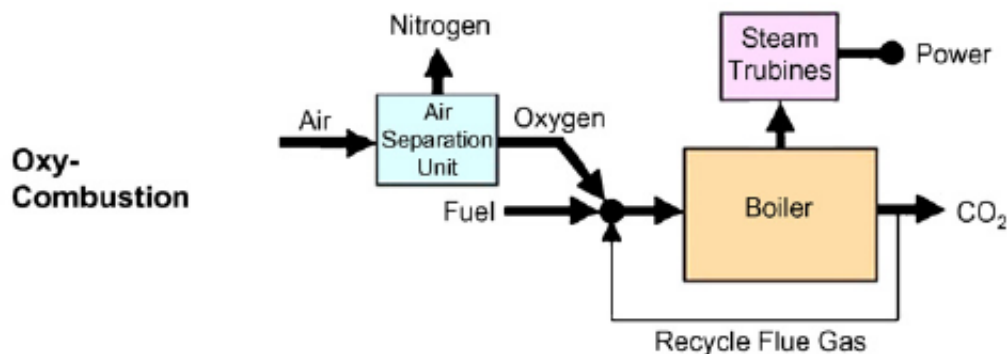
## Challenges

- Low CO<sub>2</sub> Concentration
- High energy for regeneration



## IGCC

- Mostly new plants
- Oxygen production – Air Separation Units (ASUs) have high electricity cost (chemical looping, ITMs)



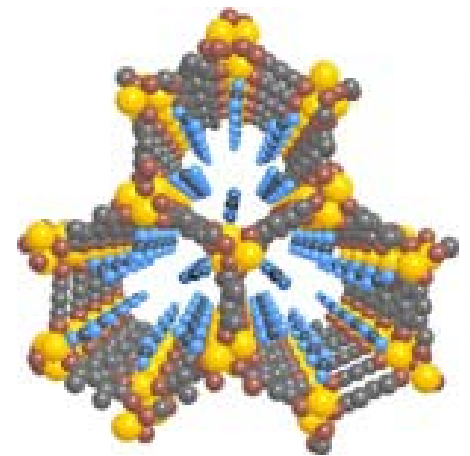
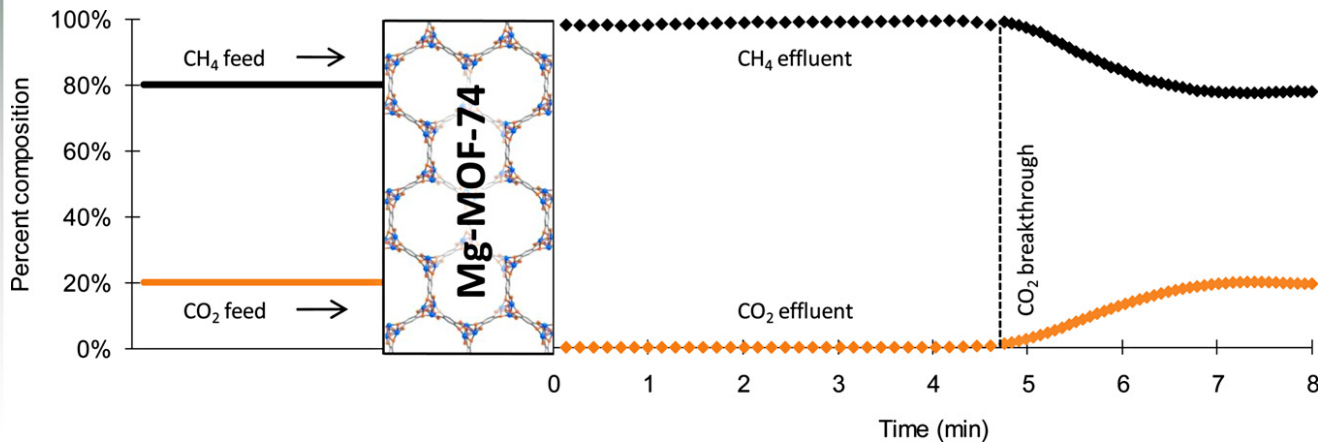
- ASUs consume considerable energy
- Expense - corrosion resistant materials



# New Materials May Aid in Capturing Carbon Dioxide

Metal-organic frameworks (MOFs) act as “crystalline sponges” and show promise at reducing the energy penalty for CO<sub>2</sub> capture.

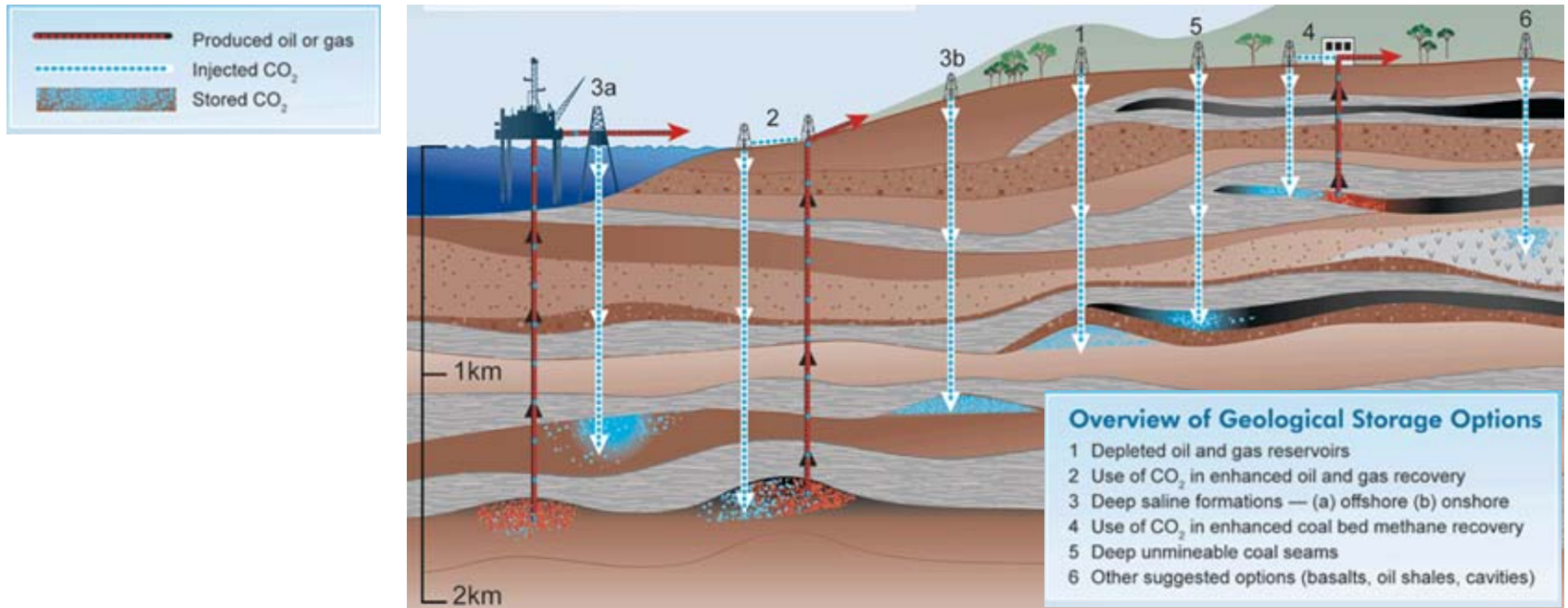
A new magnesium-based MOF is selective in capturing CO<sub>2</sub> in the presence of CH<sub>4</sub> and releases the stored CO<sub>2</sub> at temperatures much lower than current capture media.



Schematic structure of Mg-MOF-74

*D. Britt, H. Furukawa, B. Wang, and O. M. Yaghi, PNAS 106, 20637 (2009); also see N.Y. Times on Dec. 8, 2009.*

# Geological CO<sub>2</sub> Sequestration

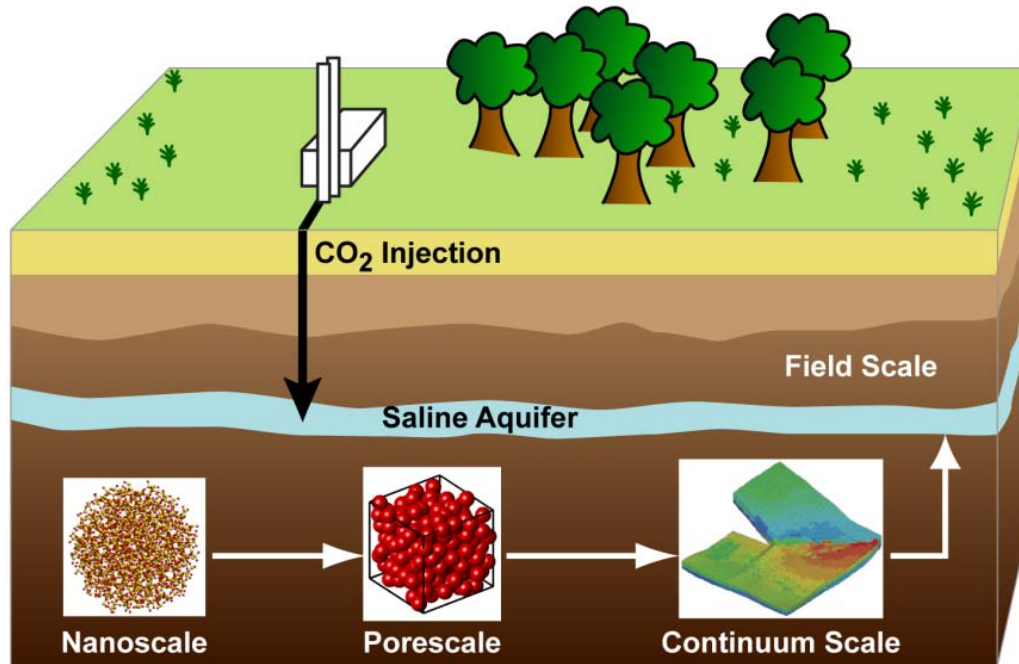


Prediction of CO<sub>2</sub> Sequestration effectiveness depends on understanding:

- Reactive fluid flow properties of multiphase fluids under reservoir conditions in porous and fractured media
- Geochemical stability of mineral phases within deep formations
- Improved geophysical imaging of reservoir-scale properties to track changing reservoir dynamics over long periods of time



# Energy Frontier Research Center: Center for Frontiers of Subsurface Energy Security

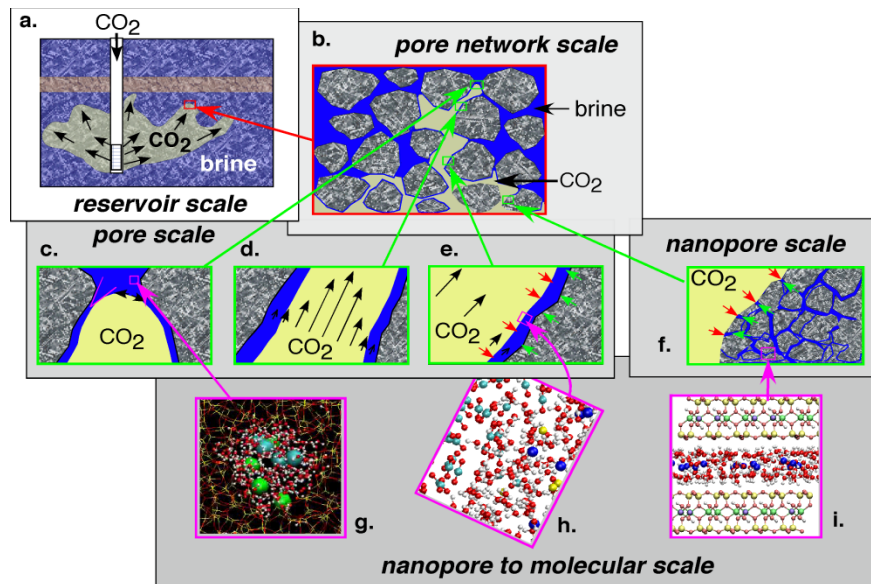


## RESEARCH OBJECTIVES:

Development of scientific understanding of subsurface physical, chemical and biological processes from very small to very large scale so that we can predict the behavior of CO<sub>2</sub> and other byproducts of energy production stored in the subsurface.



# Energy Frontier Research Center: Nanoscale Controls on Geologic CO<sub>2</sub>



## RESEARCH OBJECTIVES:

- (1) Development of molecular, nano-scale, and pore network scale approaches for controlling flow, dissolution, and precipitation in subsurface rock formations during emplacement of supercritical CO<sub>2</sub>; and
- (2) Achievement of a new level of prediction of long-term performance



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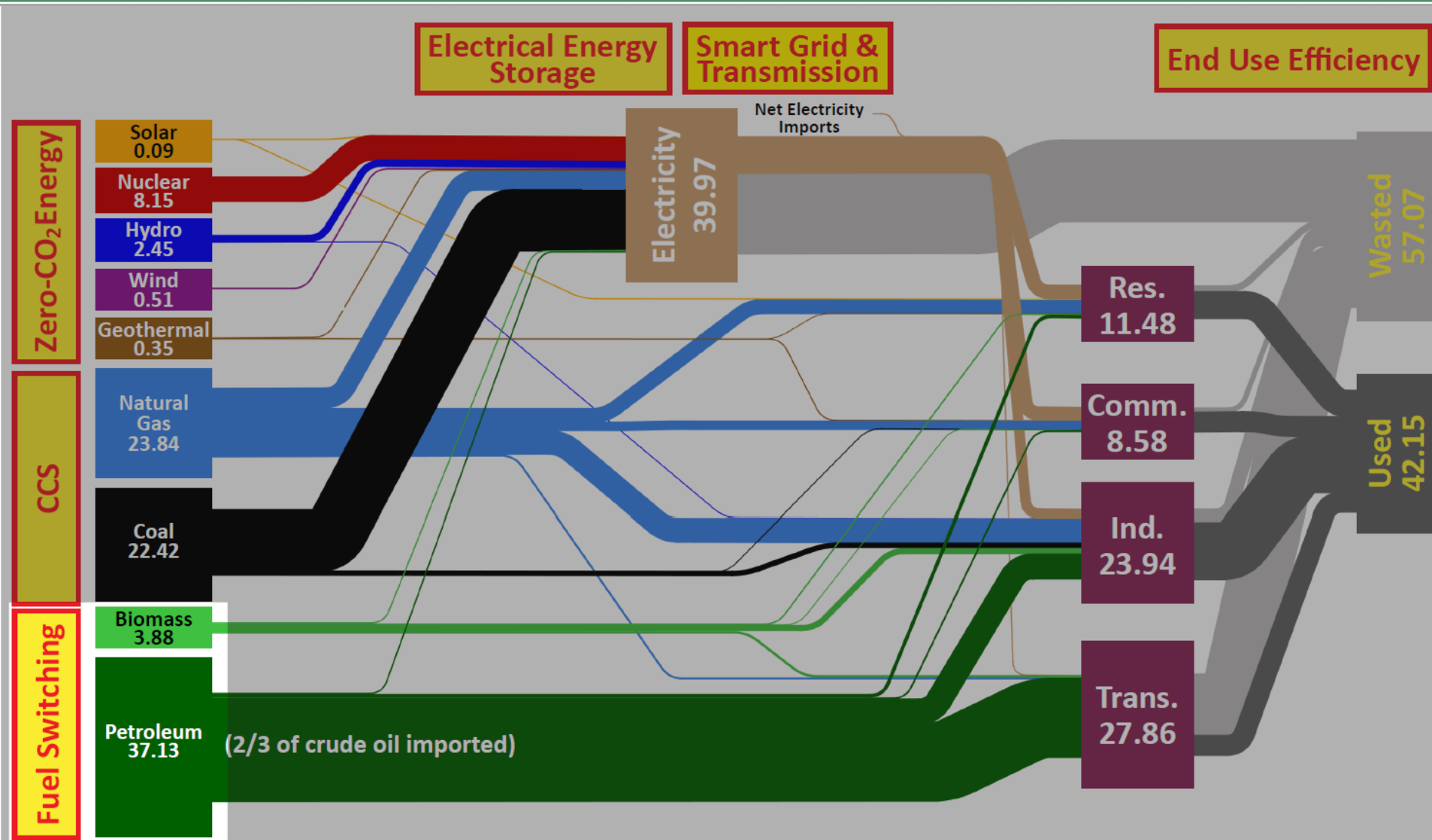
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# Science for Transportation Fuel Switching





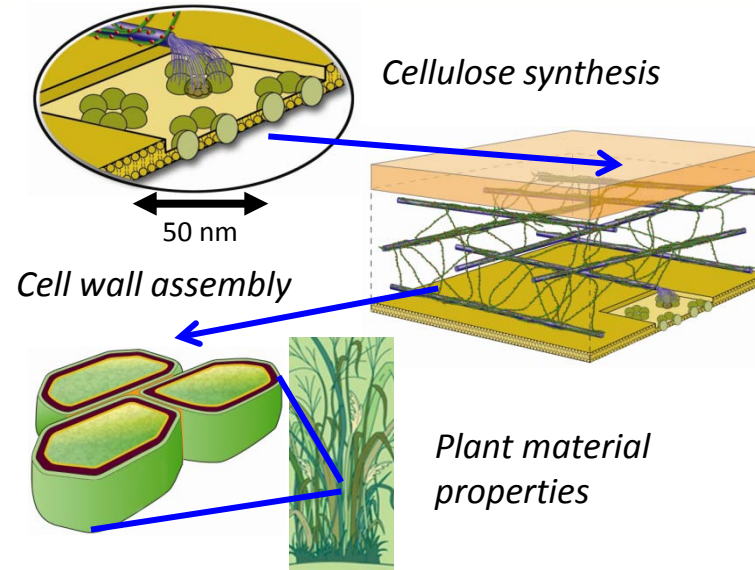
# The DOE Bioenergy Research Centers

## Revolutionizing discovery of biofuels solutions

- **New paradigm for research—single focus, multi-disciplinary, highly integrated science**
- **Building on DOE's investments in user facilities and fundamental research programs**
- **Focus on**
  - **Feedstock characterization & development**
  - **Feedstock deconstruction**
  - **Feedstock conversion to liquid fuels**



# Energy Frontier Research Center: Center for Lignocellulose Structure and Formation (PSU)



## RESEARCH OBJECTIVES:

Develop a detailed understanding of the nano-scale structure of lignocellulose and the physicochemical principles of its formation through:

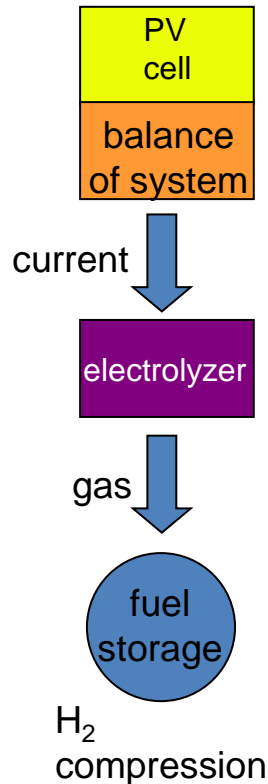
1. Use a nano-engineered platform to facilitate biophysical spectroscopic studies
2. Characterize the dynamics and energetics of specific cellulose-polysaccharide-protein-enzyme-lignin binding interactions
3. Develop and validate a multiscale model that will bridge the nano and molecular scale to real-world applications including drying and chemical/enzymatic degradation



# Prospects for Solar Fuels Production

## What We Can Do Today

\$12/kg H<sub>2</sub> @ \$3/pW PV  
(BRN on SEU 2005)



High capital costs

We do not know how to produce solar fuels in a cost effective manner.

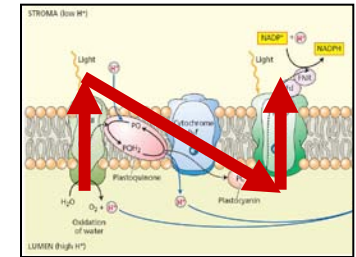
## Two Limits

Low capital costs

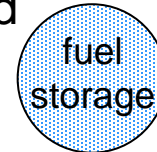
Chemists do not yet know how to photoproduce O<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>, reduce CO<sub>2</sub>, or oxidize H<sub>2</sub>O on the scale we need.

## Ultimate Goal

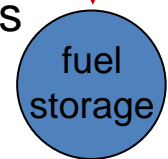
solar microcatalytic energy conversion



liquid

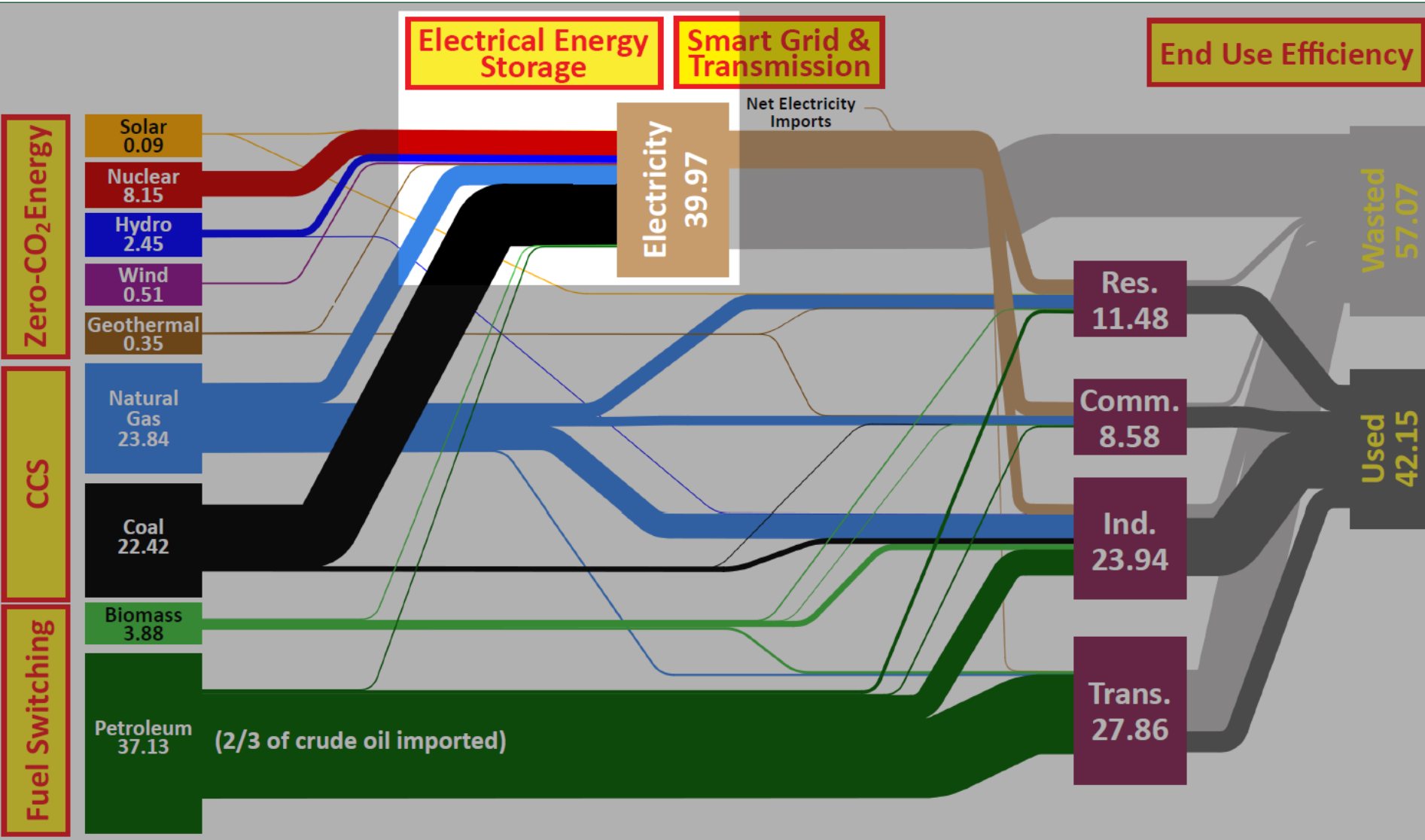


gas



compression

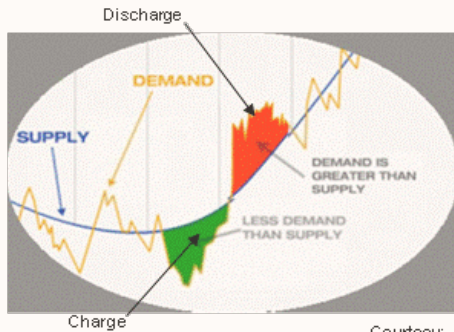
# Science for Electrical Energy Storage



# Basics: Energy Storage Time Scales

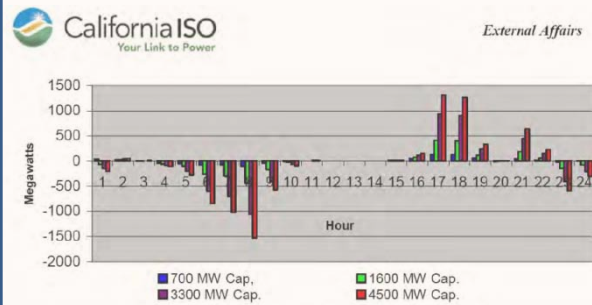
## Seconds to Minutes

### Regulation



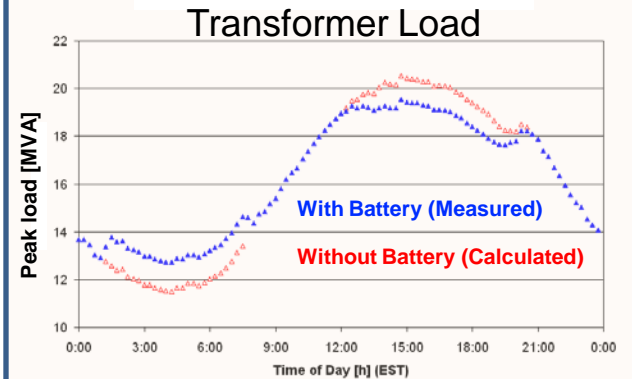
## Minutes - One Hour

### Ramping



## Several Hours - One Day

### Peak shaving, load leveling



While different time regimes will require different storage solutions, there are many common science questions.

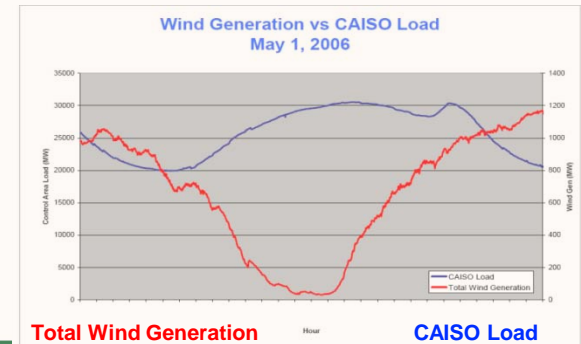
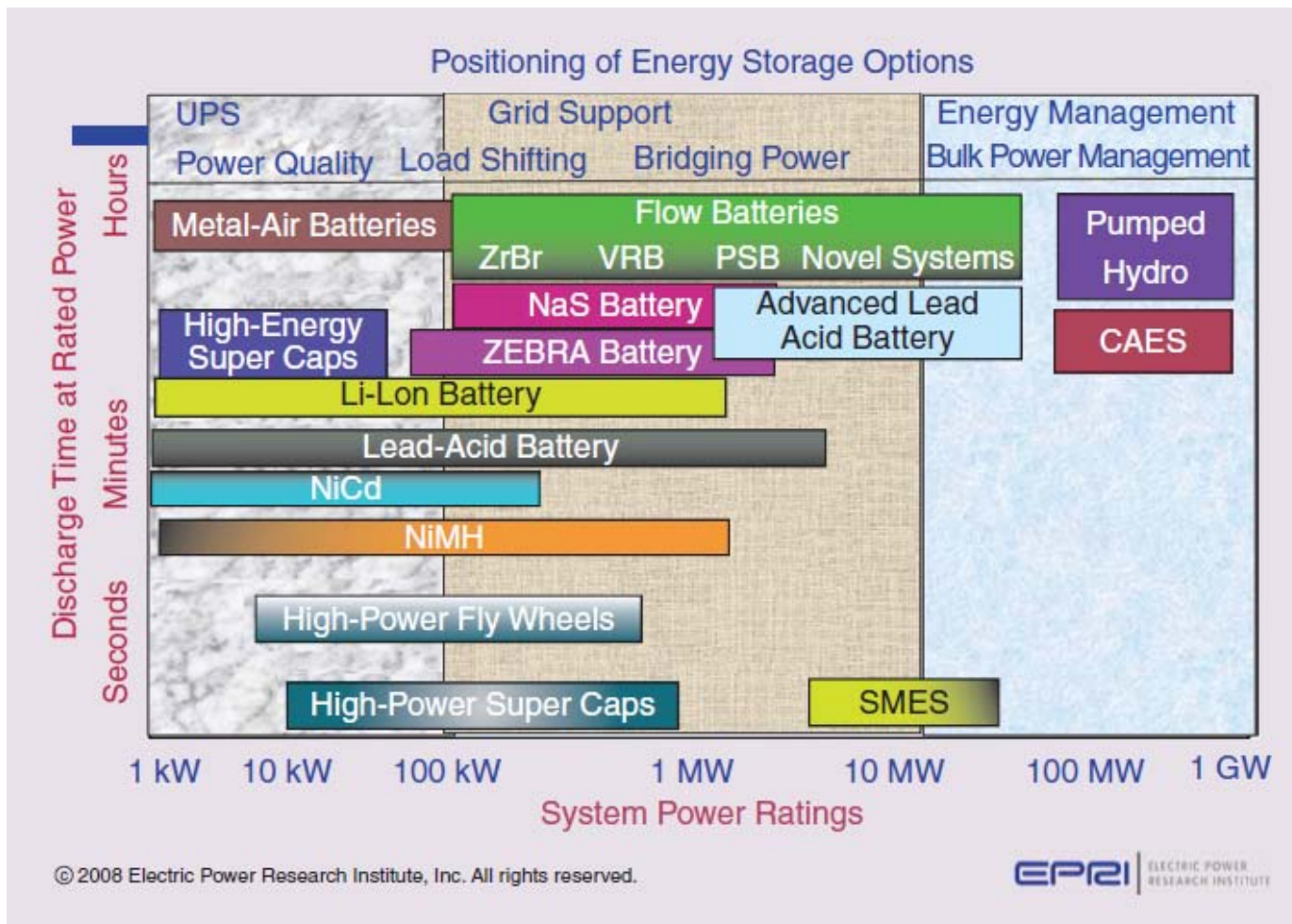


Figure 11: Total Wind vs. CAISO Load





# Current Battery and Energy Storage Technologies



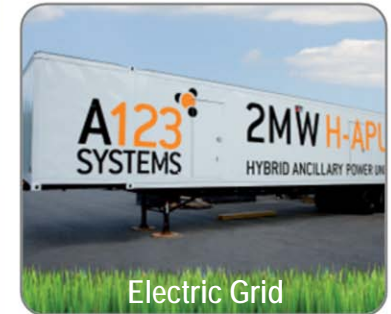
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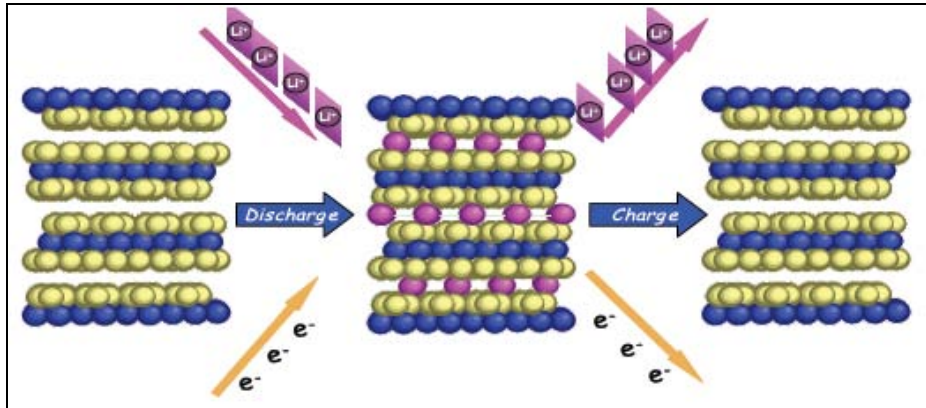
# From Bench to Marketplace: The Story of A123 Systems

- The Office of Science sponsored basic research at MIT over a decade ago that led to the discovery of a new nanostructured cathode material for battery applications.
- Based on this discovery, the faculty member started a company, A123 Systems in Watertown, MA, to commercialize this new battery technology.
- Development was further supported by a DOE Small Business Innovation Research grant starting in 2002 and by a grant from the DOE Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy starting in 2006.
- Today A123 Systems' batteries have reached the commercial marketplace in power tools, hybrid and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, and grid-related applications.

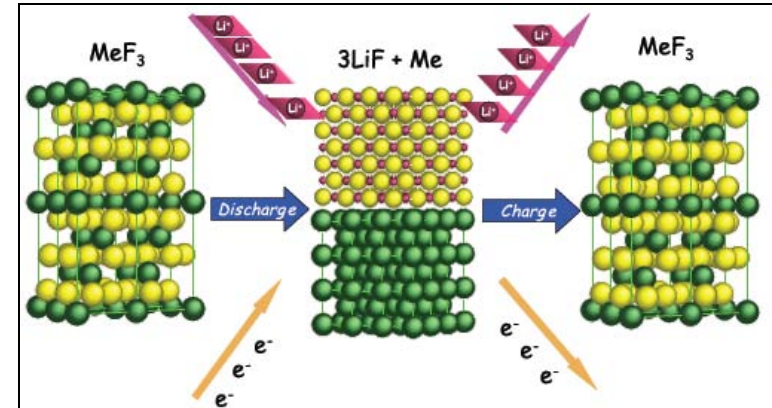


# Energy Frontier Research Center: Northeastern Center for Chemical Energy Storage

## Intercalation Chemistries



## Conversion Chemistries



## RESEARCH OBJECTIVES:

1. Develop a fundamental understanding of how key electrode reactions occur, and how they can be controlled through the development of new diagnostic tools;
2. Identify critical structural and physical properties that are vital to improving battery performance;
3. Use this information to optimize and design new electrode materials



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