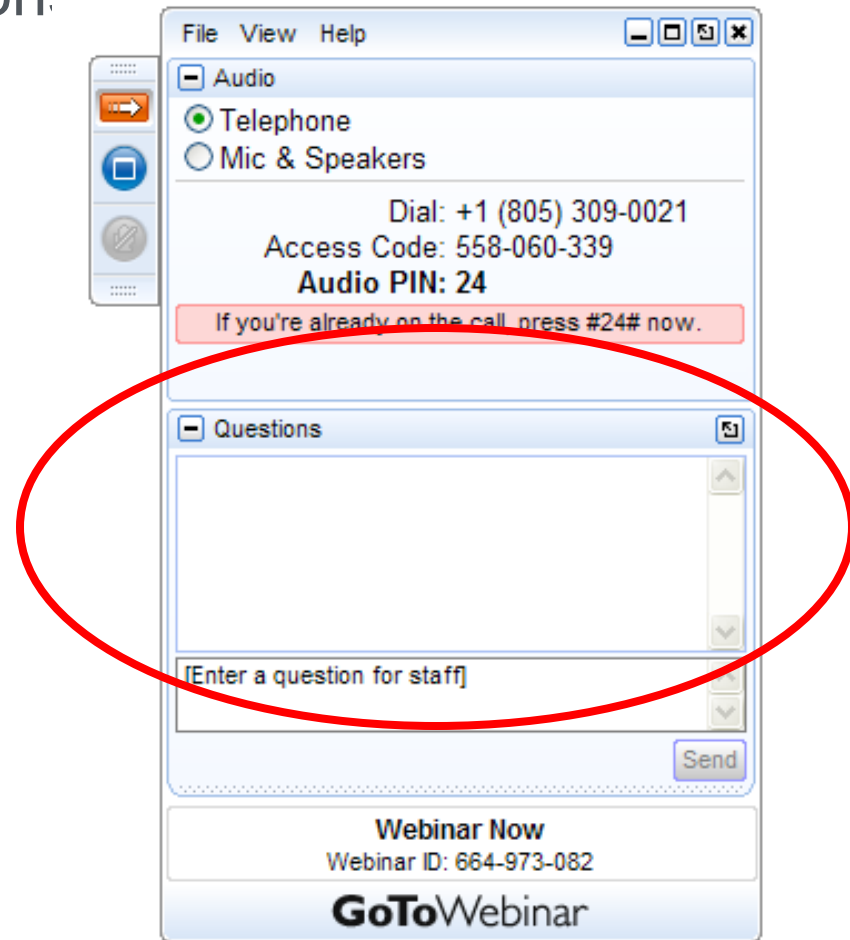


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# H<sub>2</sub>

## at Scale:

Deeply Decarbonizing  
our Energy System

## Webinar

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  - Office of Fossil Energy
  - Office of Science

# Webinar content

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- **What is hydrogen at scale?**
- **Why is it needed?**
- **Why now/today?**
- **What can it accomplish?**
- **How will it be accomplished?**
- **Why government, national labs, academia, and industry are all needed?**
- **What does success look like?**

# Several factors impacting 'status' of H2

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- **Hydrogen is not new.**
  - Has seen ups and downs
  - Most have a preconceived opinion, but complexity of hydrogen and changing environment present challenges
- **Hydrogen is different**
  - Perception (incl. Safety)
  - Infrastructure (cost)
- **Lack of champion(s) (established revenue)**

# H<sub>2</sub> “Fun Facts”

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- H<sub>2</sub>:
  - Has 10 million metric tons of domestic production (gasoline, fertilizer)
  - This is 2% of US energy and is approximately equal to solar and wind combined today.
  - Has over 1600 miles of pipelines in the US
  - Has been used in over 1000 fuel cell vehicles with several million miles of vehicle travel
  - Has fueling stations for vehicles open to the public in the US today

# **H<sub>2</sub> at Scale a National Lab led 'Big Idea'**

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- **'Big Ideas' are identified by National Lab teams as high impact areas that are currently underemphasized or lacking within DOE portfolio**
- **Culminated in a DOE/National Lab Big Idea Summit (April 21-22, 2016).**
- **Major opportunity for H<sub>2</sub> visibility and applications across sectors aligned with Climate goals**

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# Key Driver- Paris Agreement at COP 21

“Let that be the common purpose here in Paris. A world that is worthy of our children. A world that is marked not by conflict, but **by cooperation**; and not by human suffering, but by human progress. A world that’s safer, and more prosperous, and more secure, and more free than the one that we inherited. **Let’s get to work.**”

*- President Barack Obama at the launch of COP21*



# Why hydrogen?.....Our Energy System

A photograph of an industrial landscape. In the foreground, there are several large, dark, rectangular structures, possibly storage tanks or parts of a refinery. In the background, a dense cluster of industrial buildings and numerous tall smokestacks are visible. Thick plumes of white smoke or steam are rising from the smokestacks, filling the sky. The overall scene is hazy and suggests a high level of industrial activity and carbon emissions.

**needs deep  
decarbonization**

H<sub>2</sub>@Scale enables green processes and increased renewable penetration that

# Decreases all U.S. carbon emissions by about half (2050)

== PRESIDENT OBAMA'S PLAN TO ==  
**ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE**

✓ Reduce carbon pollution from power plants and build cars that burn less fuel.

## Significantly contributing to administration goal of 83% reduction of GHG emissions by 2050

# Energy System Challenges

- **Multi-sector requirements**

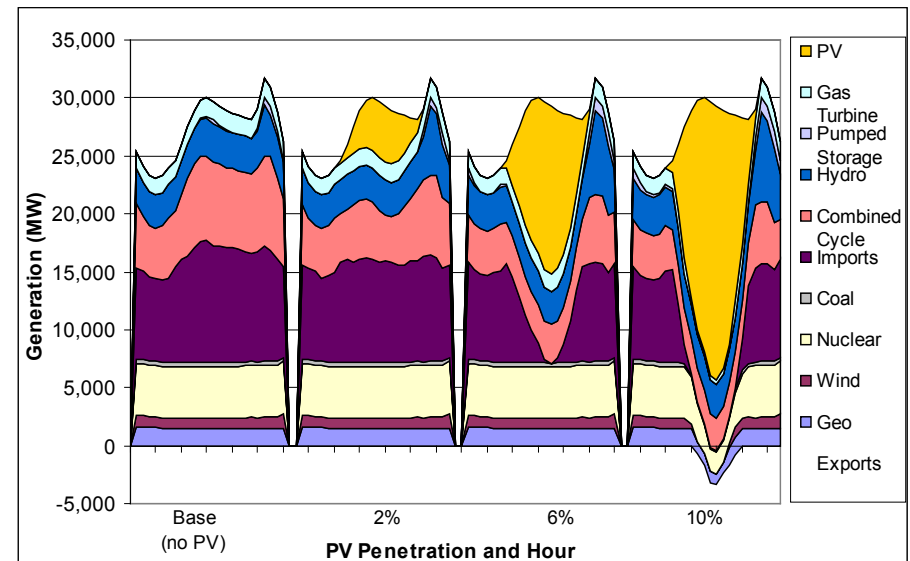
- Transportation
- Industrial
- Grid

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

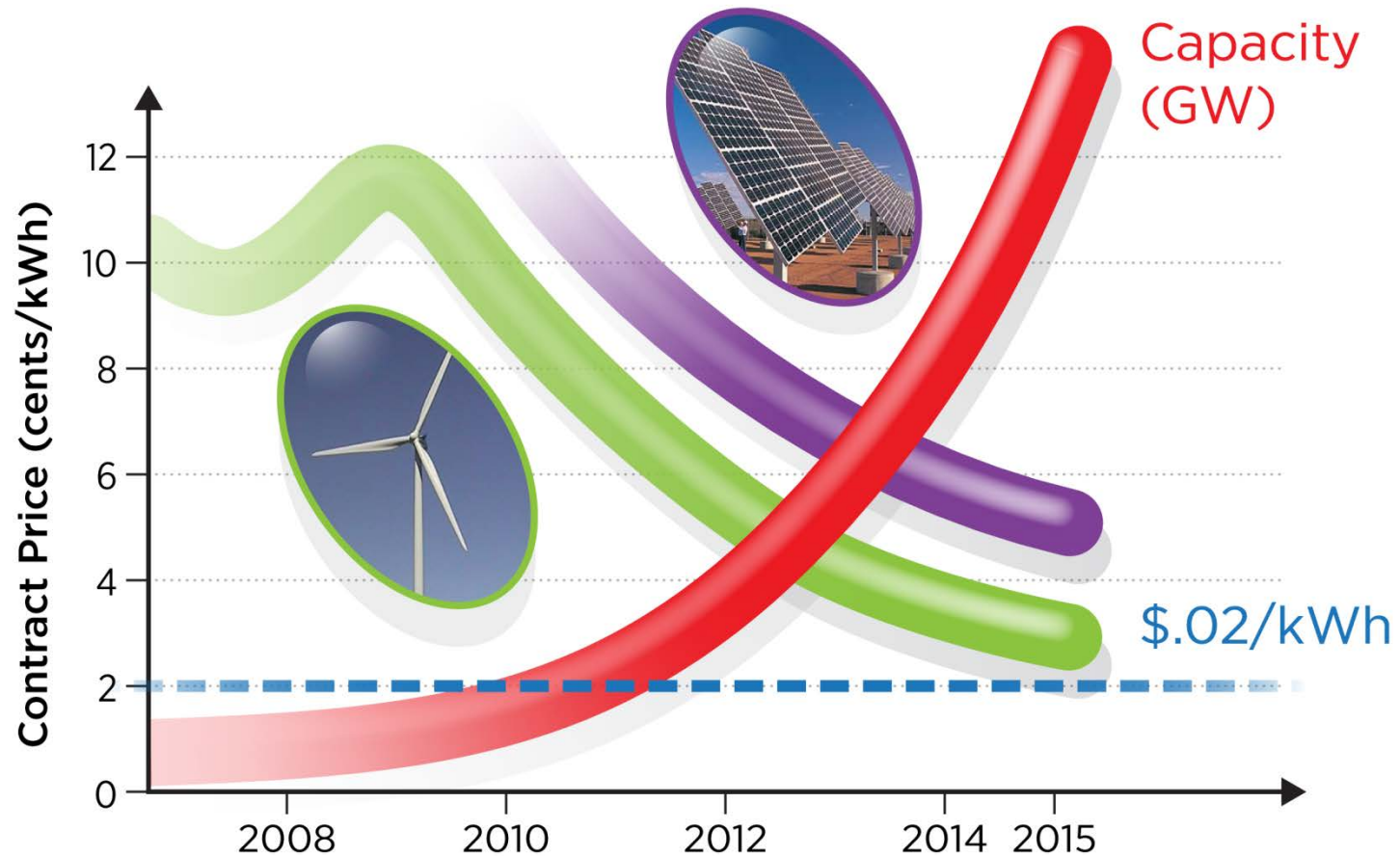
- **Renewable challenges**

- Variable
- Concurrent generation

Denholm et al. 2008



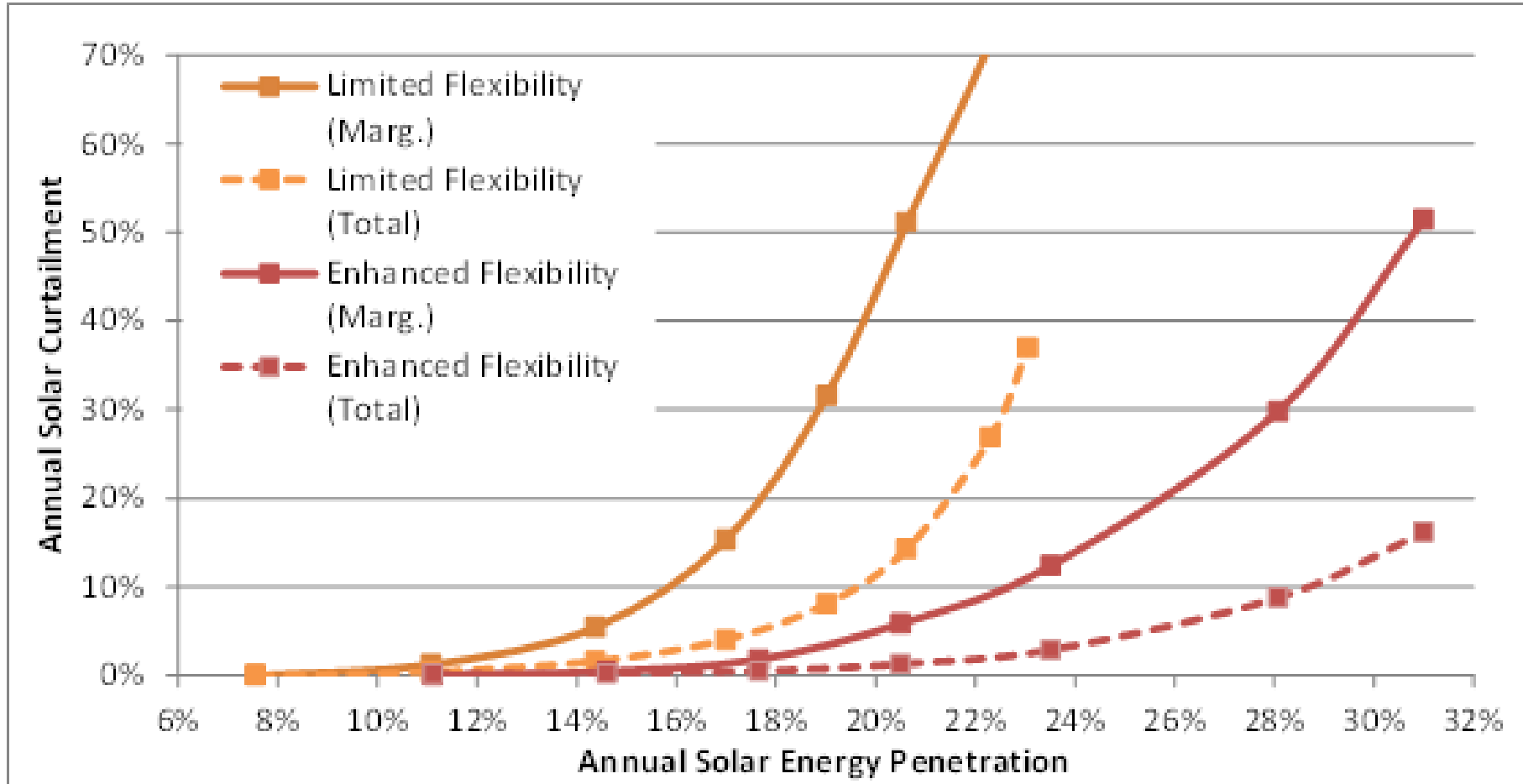
# Why now? Carbon-free electricity prices



Source: (Arun Majumdar) 1. DOE EERE Sunshot Q1'15 Report, 2. DOE EERE Wind Report, 2015

# 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 %

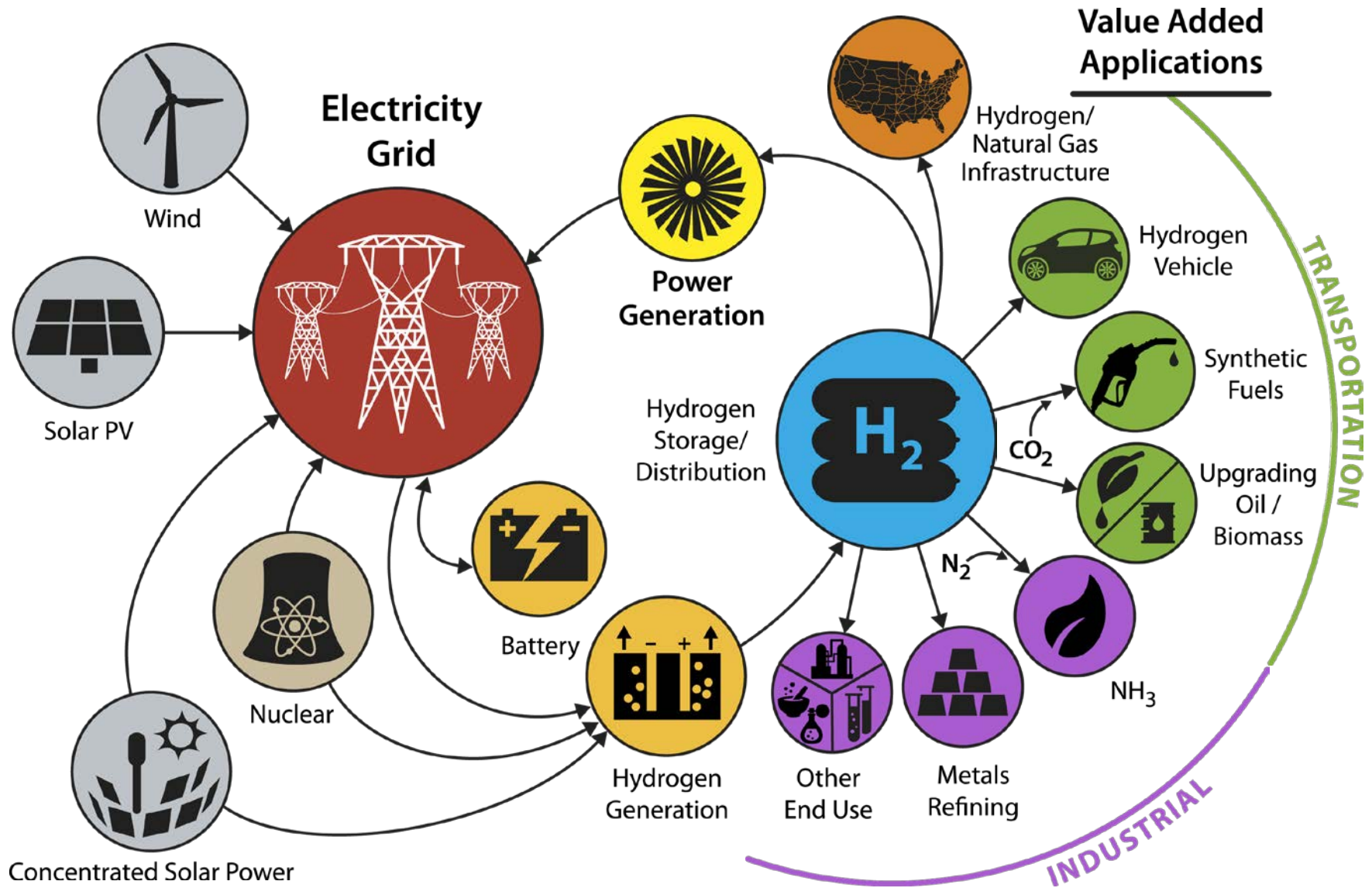
2025:  
40 - 45 %

2035:  
55 - 60 %

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Source: BMWi

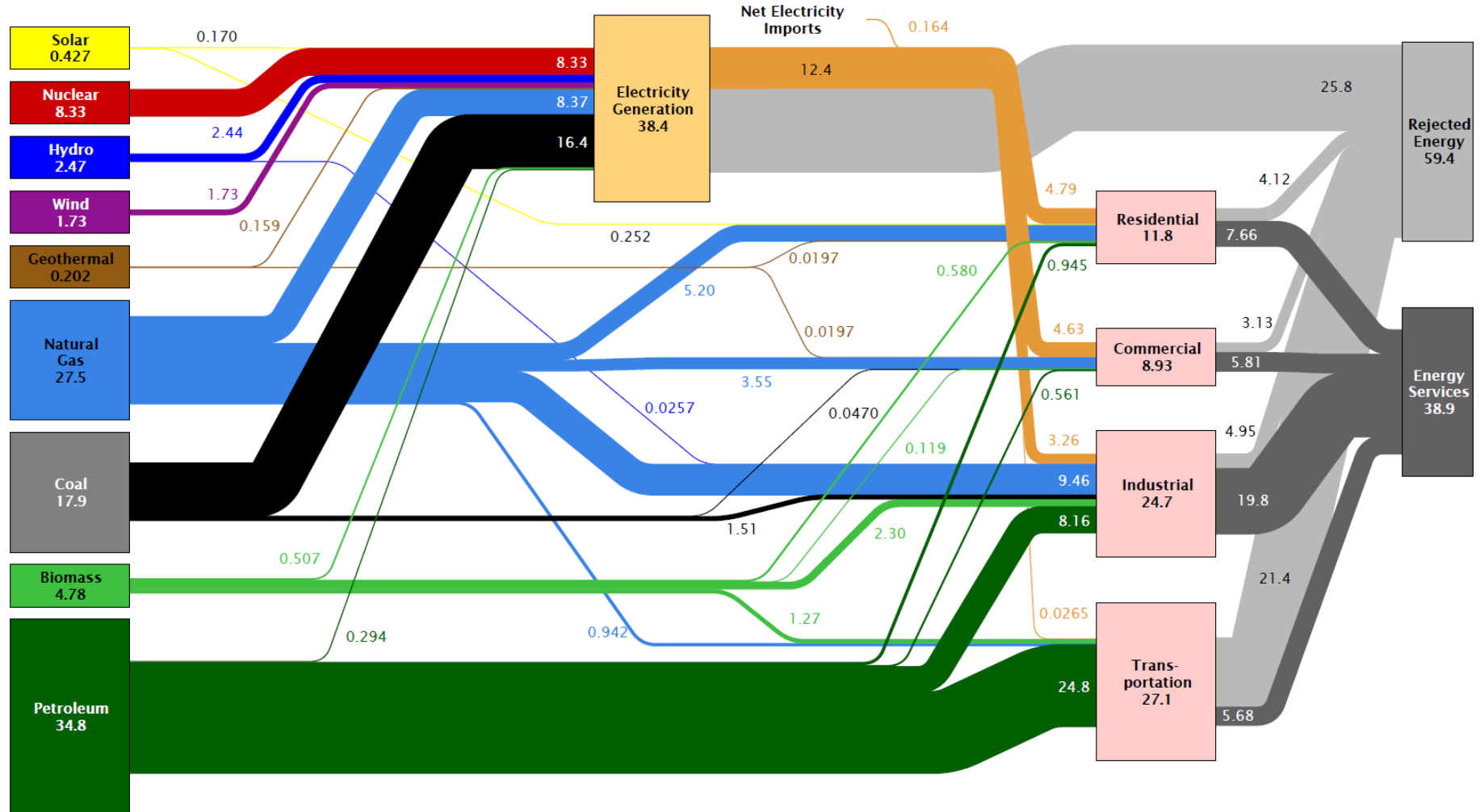
# Conceptual H<sub>2</sub> at Scale Energy System\*



\*Illustrative example, not comprehensive

# Current Energy Flow

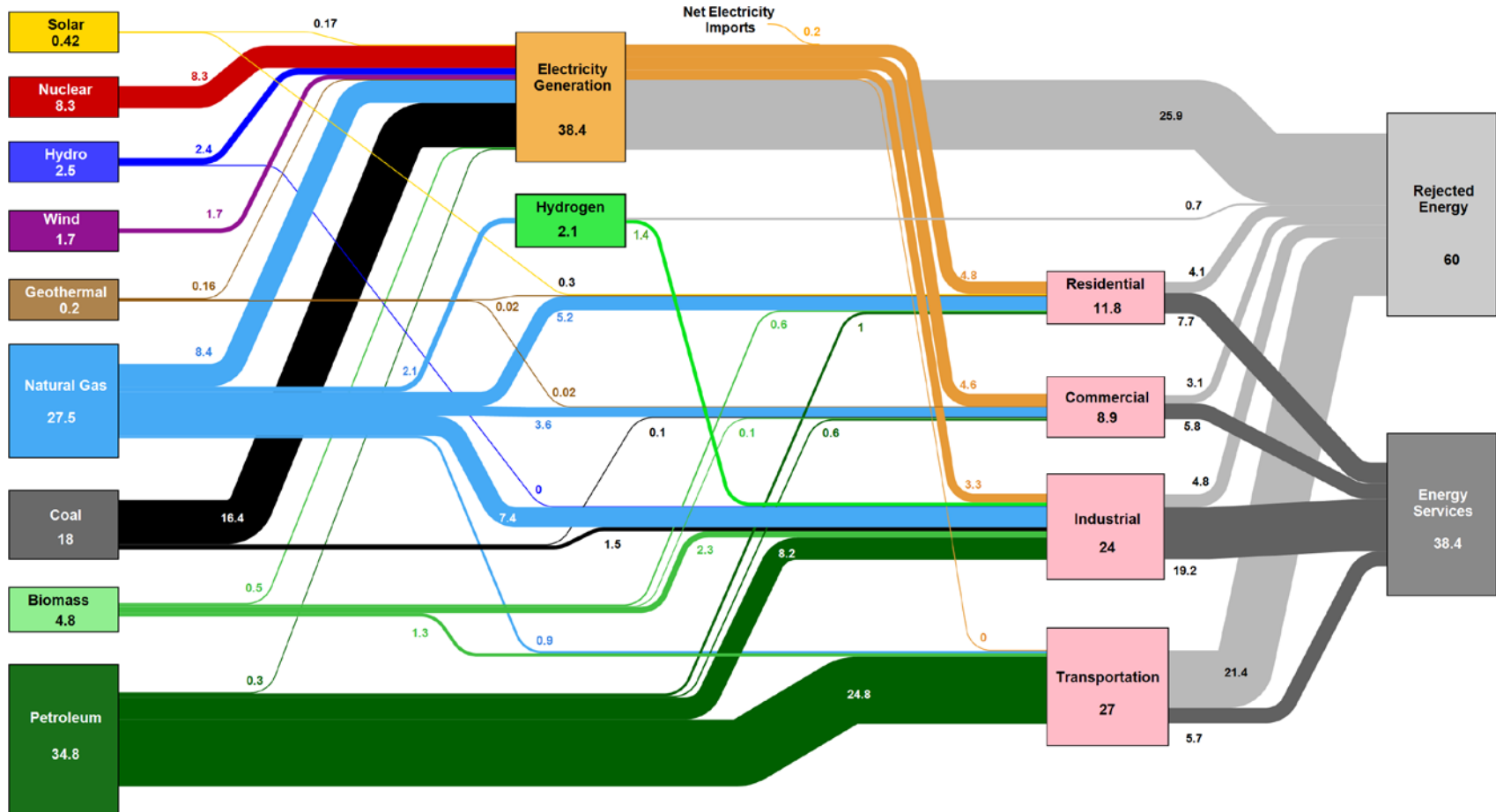
Estimated U.S. Energy Use in 2014: ~98.3 Quads



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# Current Energy Flow – w/Hydrogen

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

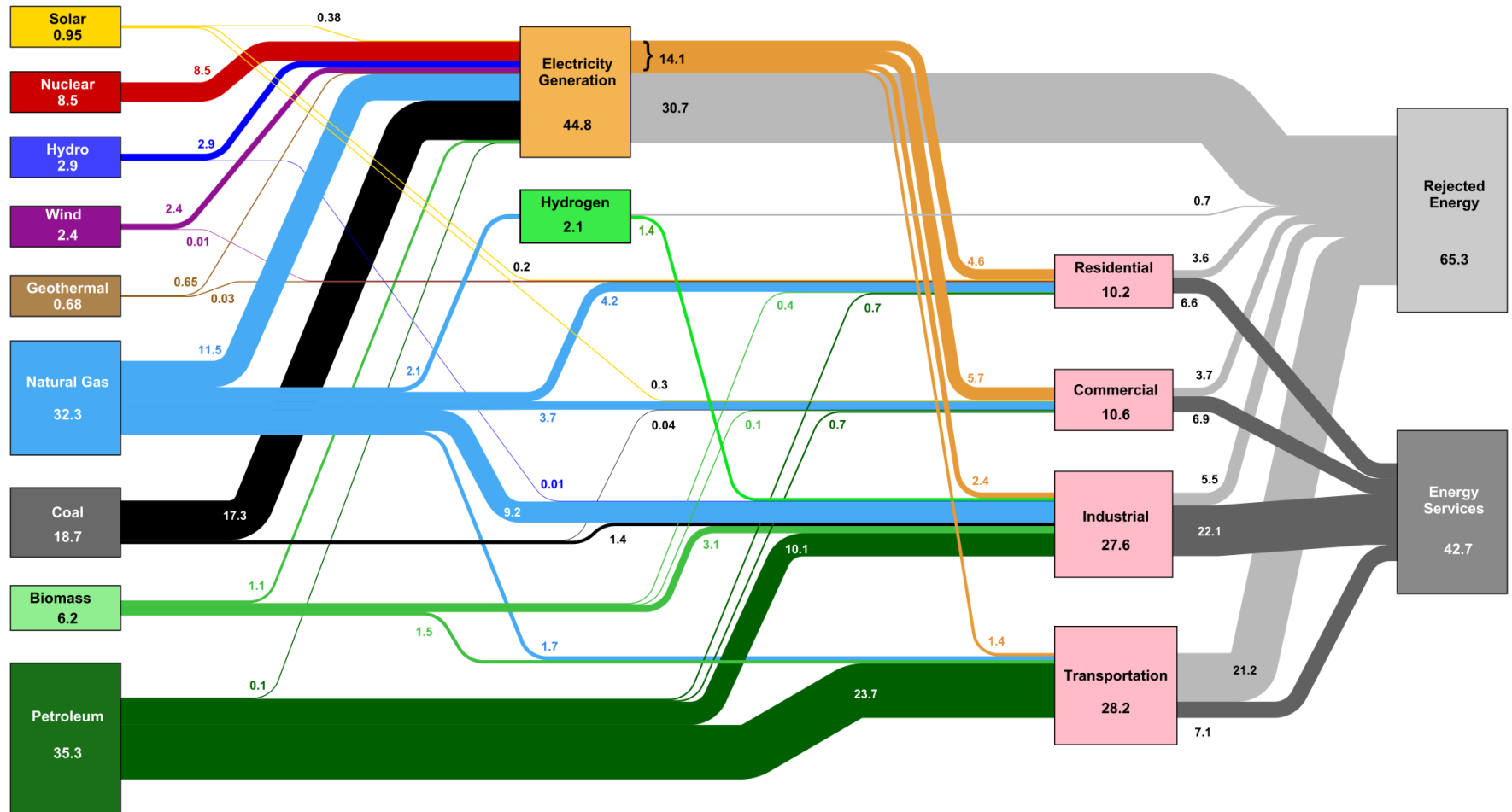


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# Energy Flow 2040 Business as Usual

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



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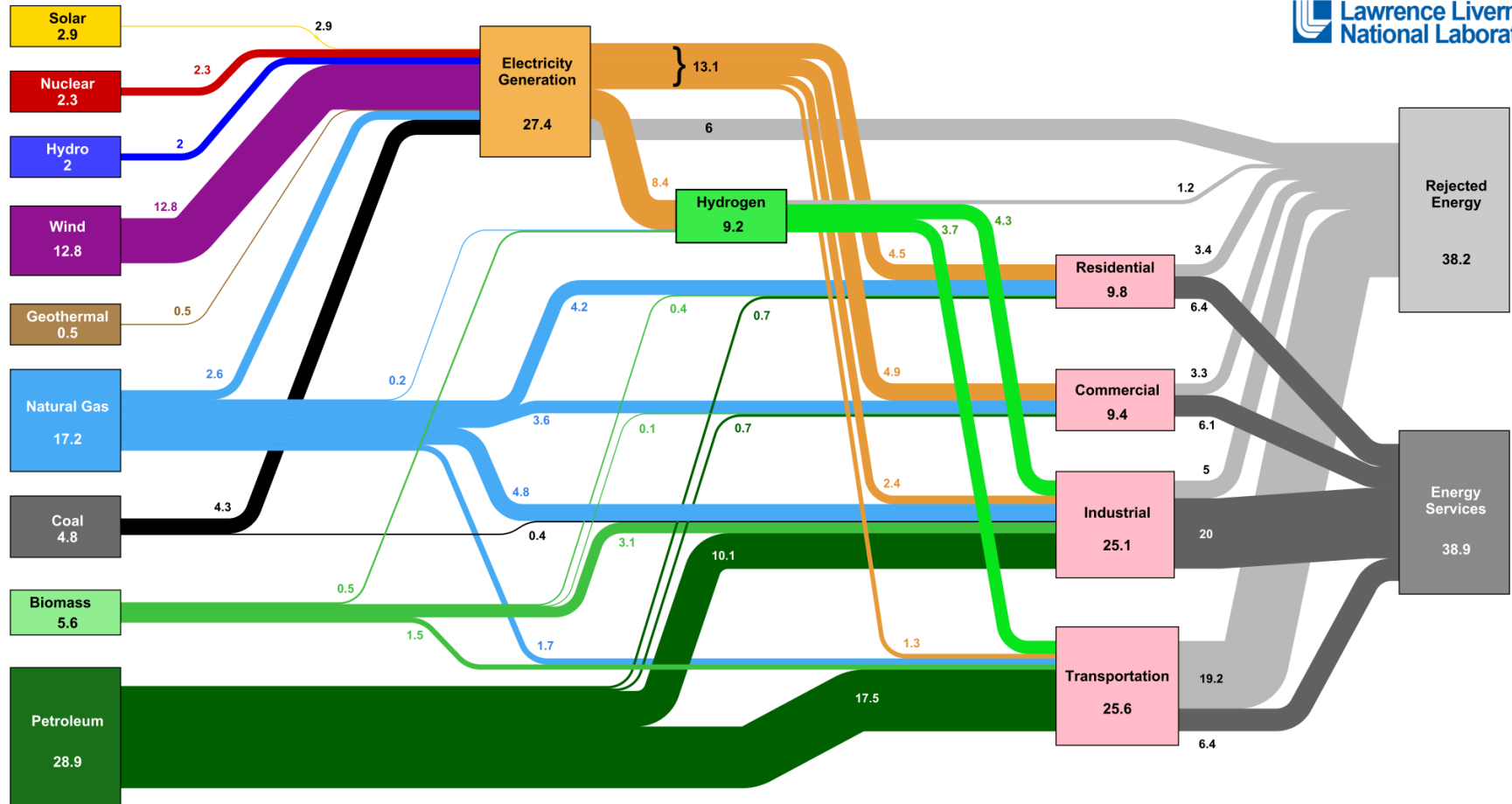
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# Energy Flows – 2050 High RE/H<sub>2</sub>

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



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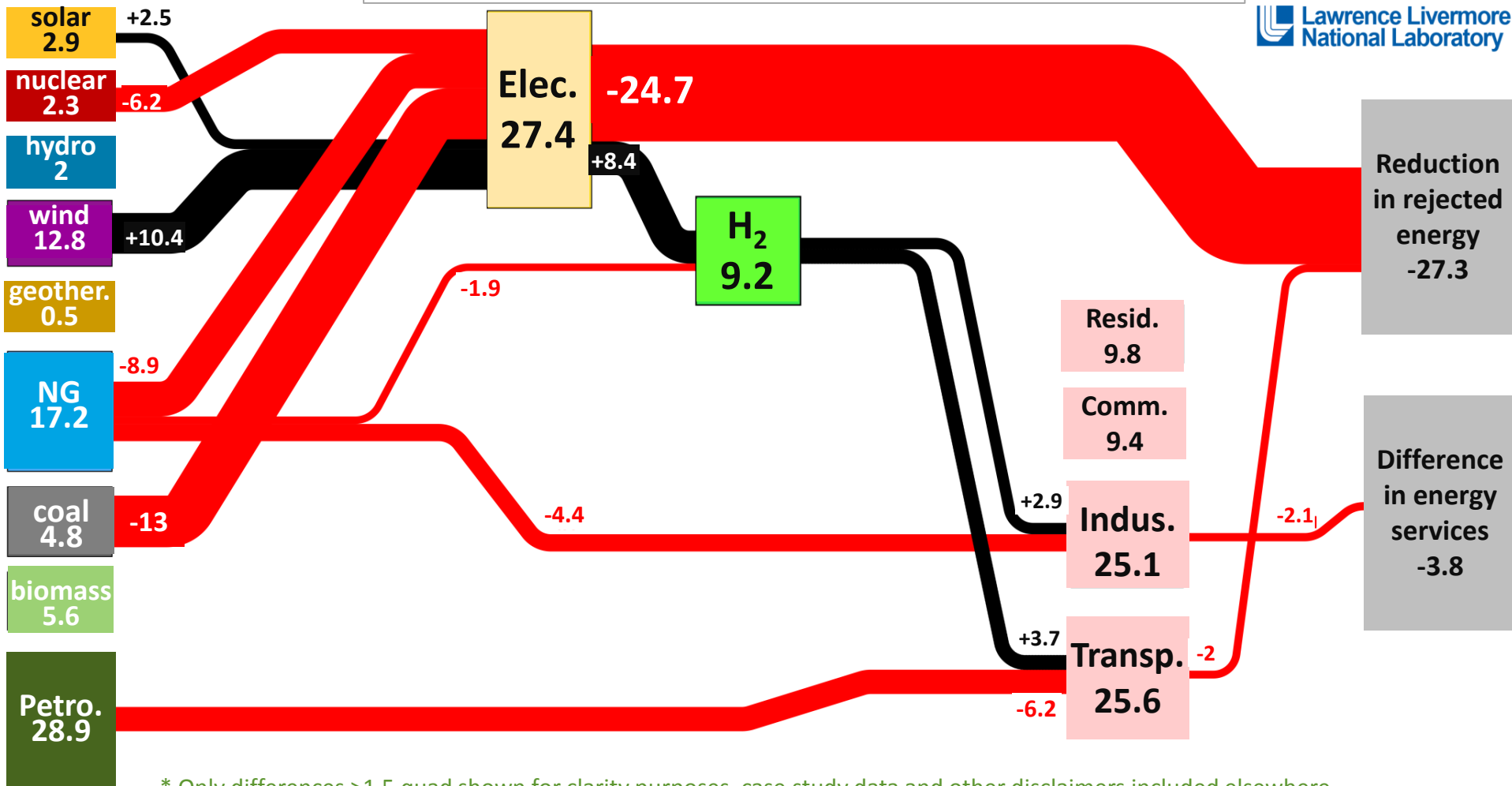
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# BAU<sub>(Business As Usual)</sub> vs. High H<sub>2</sub> – Energy Difference\*

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)

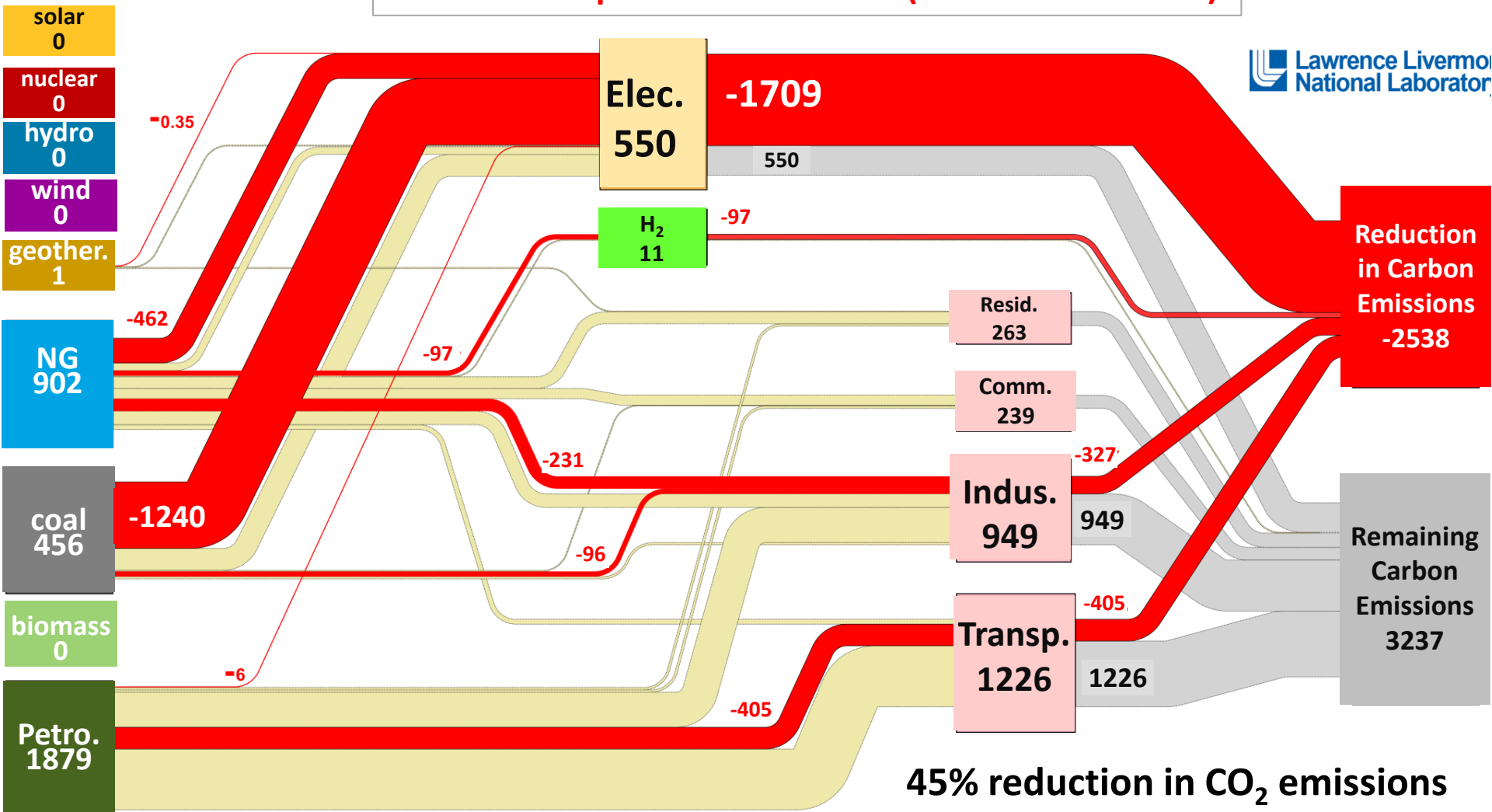


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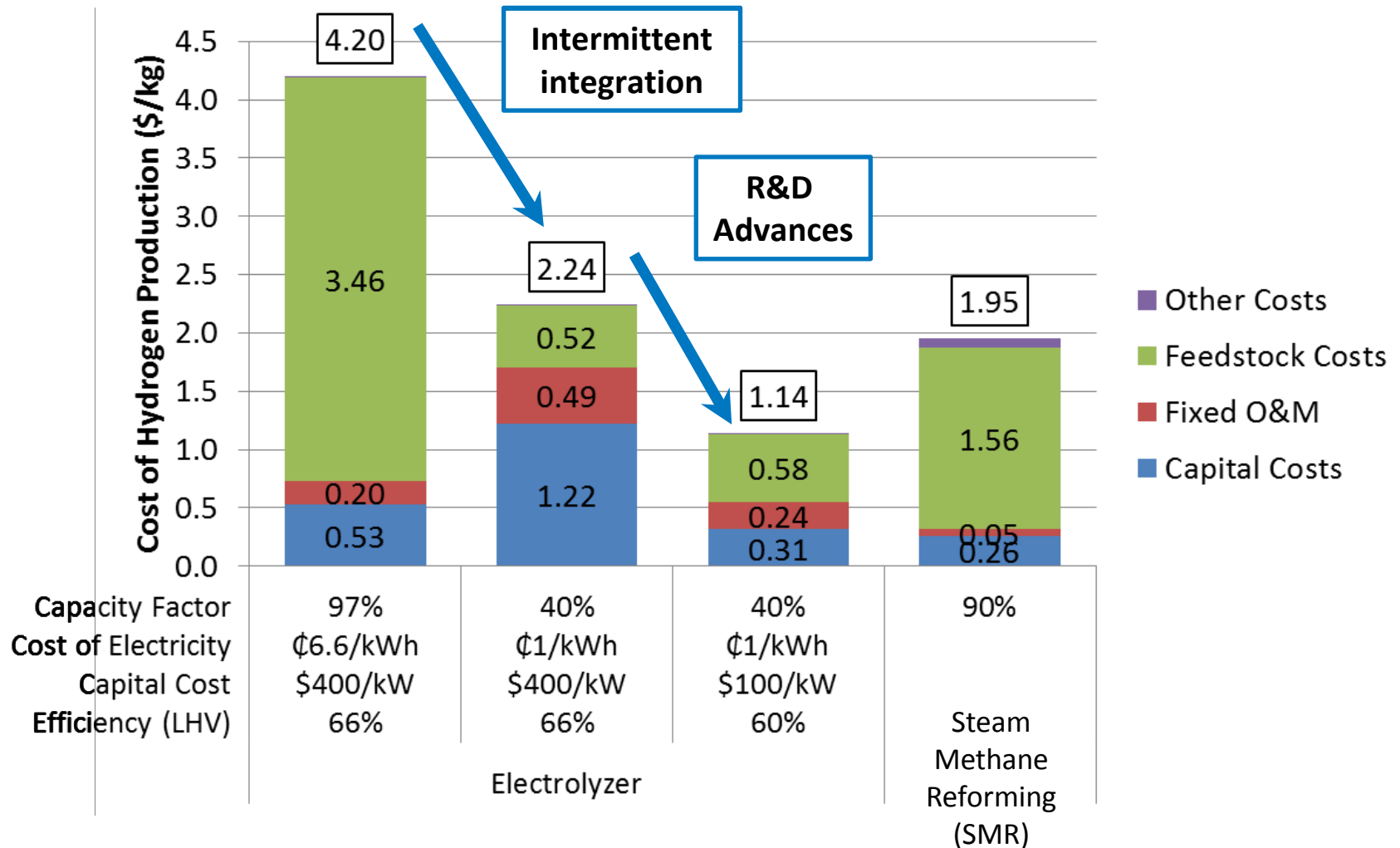
# BAU<sub>(Business As Usual)</sub> vs. High H<sub>2</sub> – CO<sub>2</sub> Difference\*

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

Red flows represent a reduction (between scenarios)



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

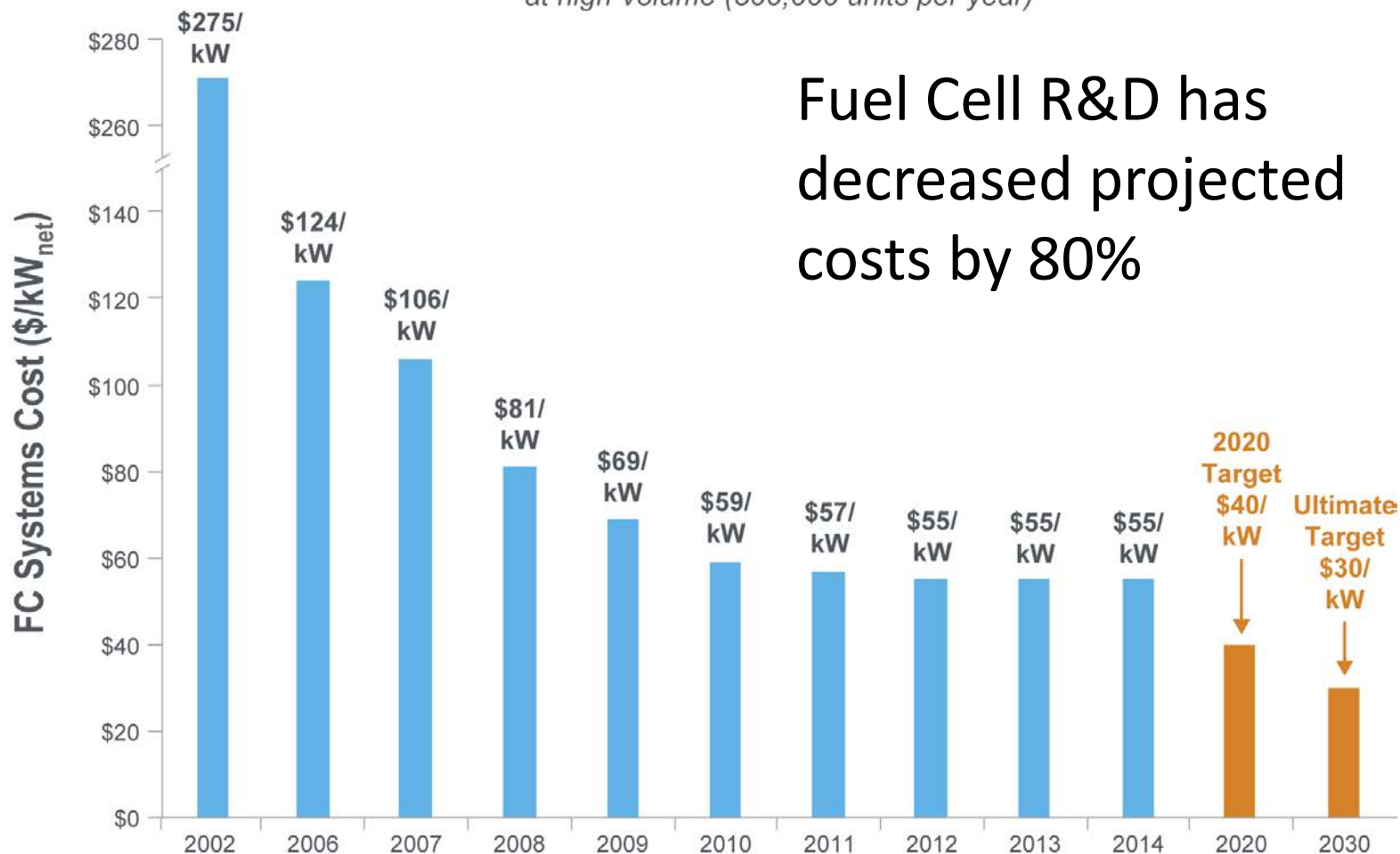


# Investments to Enable H<sub>2</sub> at Scale

## R&D Impact on Fuel Cell Costs

### Projected Transportation Fuel Cell System Cost

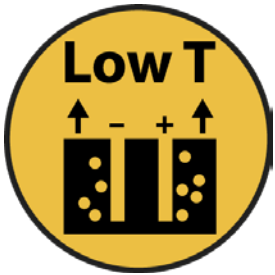
*at high-volume (500,000 units per year)*



Data from FCTO AMR presentations.

# 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.**



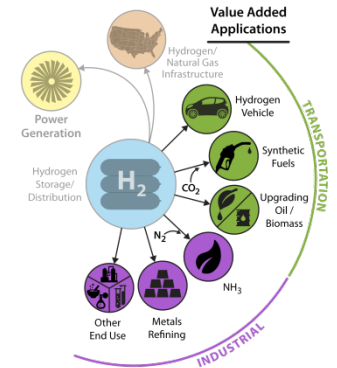
Development of **thermally integrated, low cost, durable, and variable H<sub>2</sub> generation.**

## 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

# Initial Research Priorities

## Low T generation

- Develop and test durable systems for variable operation
- Develop and integrate new cell component materials

## High T generation

- Thermal system integration
- Material systems for advanced redox cycles

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

- Examine grid-scale hydrogen storage technologies
- Material compatibility for pipelines and compressors

## H<sub>2</sub> End use

- Process heat integration with variable hydrogen generation
- New process chemistry with hydrogen as reductant

## Analysis

- Comparison between several internally-consistent, deeply-decarbonized futures
- Technoeconomic and life-cycle analysis to support R&D directions

## Foundational Science

- Understand chemical-bond energy-storage mechanisms and interactions
- Discover new materials for efficient energy-conversion

## Future Electrical Grid

- Analysis and design for reliable and resilient grid interactions

# Stakeholder Engagement

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- **Utilities/Regulators**
- **Industrial Gas**
- **Big Oil**
- **OEMs/supply chain**
- **Metals**
- **Ammonia**
- **Biomass upgrading**
- **Investment community**

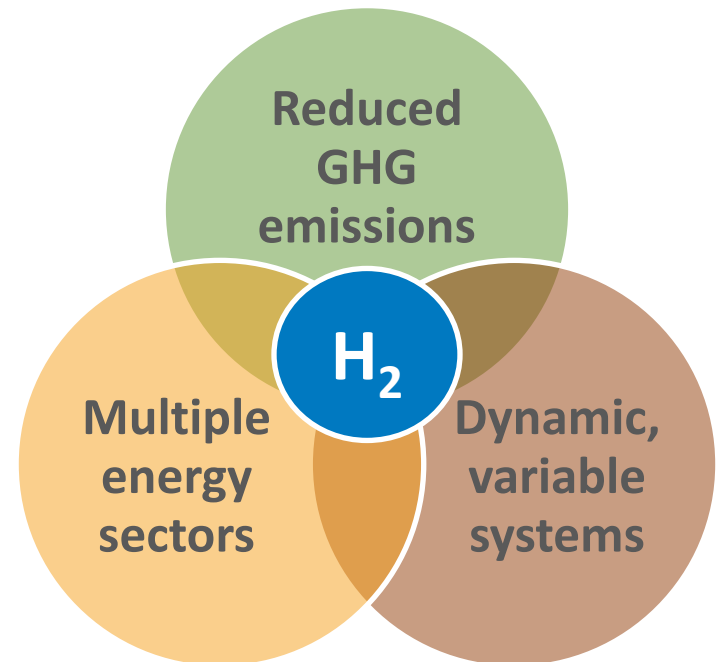
Presentations  
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Working groups

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

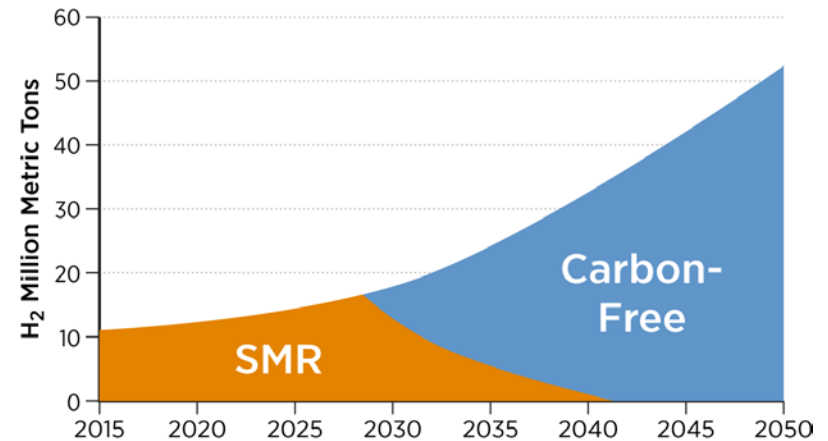
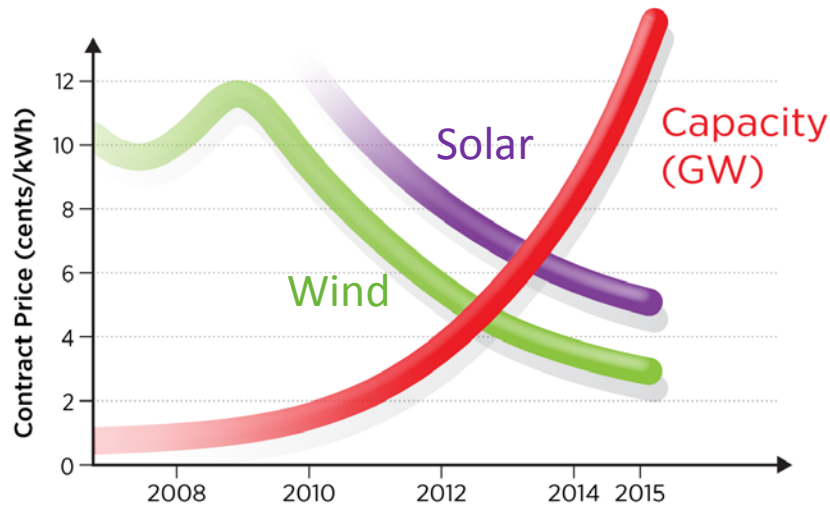
- Reducing emissions across sectors (GHG, criteria pollutants)
- Support needs of dynamic, variable power systems (dispatchable, scalable, 'one-way' storage)

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

50

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

50

# H<sub>2</sub> @ Scale



Reduction by  
Sector

75%  
Grid

25%  
Transportation

25%  
Industrial

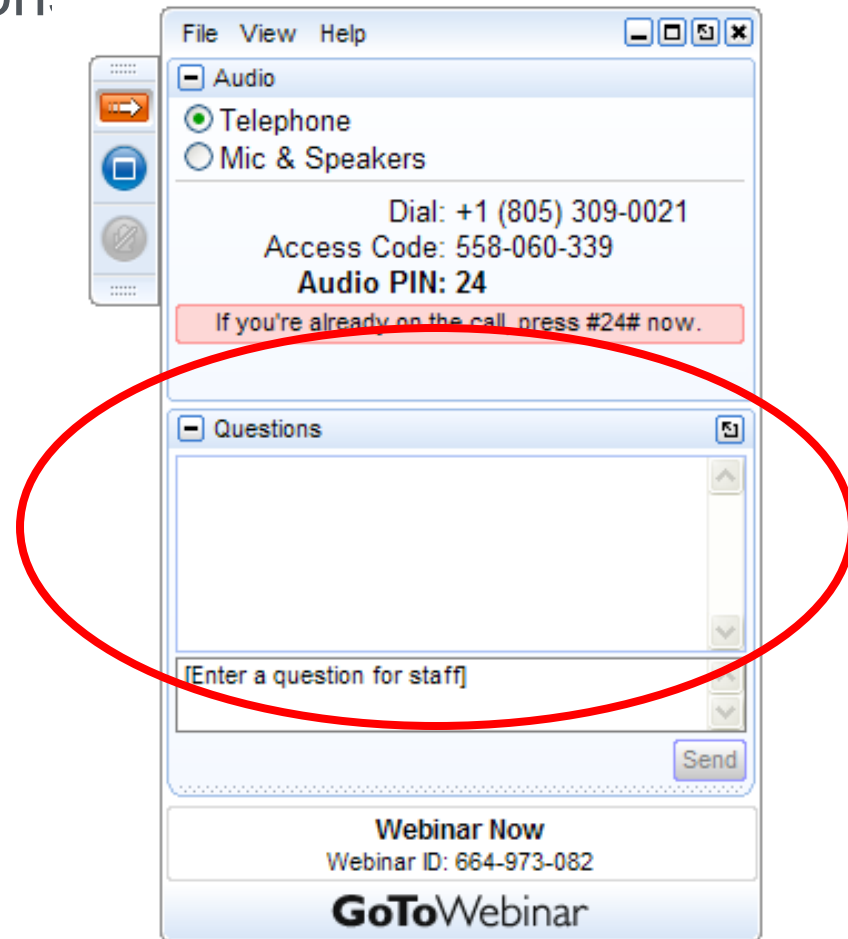
**MORE**

Jobs  
Security  
Resiliency

Creating a sustainable future

50% fewer GHG emissions than today . . . by 2050

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# Thank You

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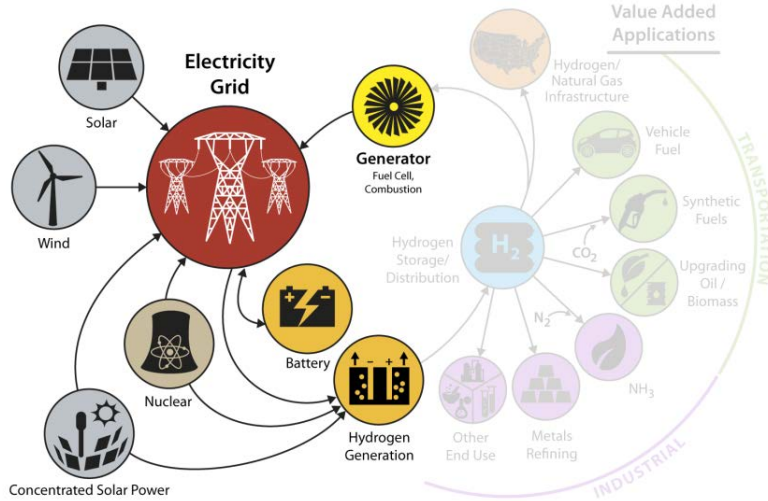
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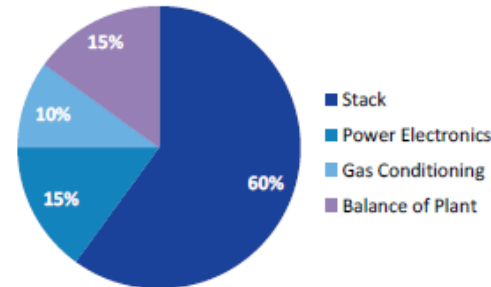
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# Low and High T H<sub>2</sub> Generation



## Cost Distribution

### PEM System



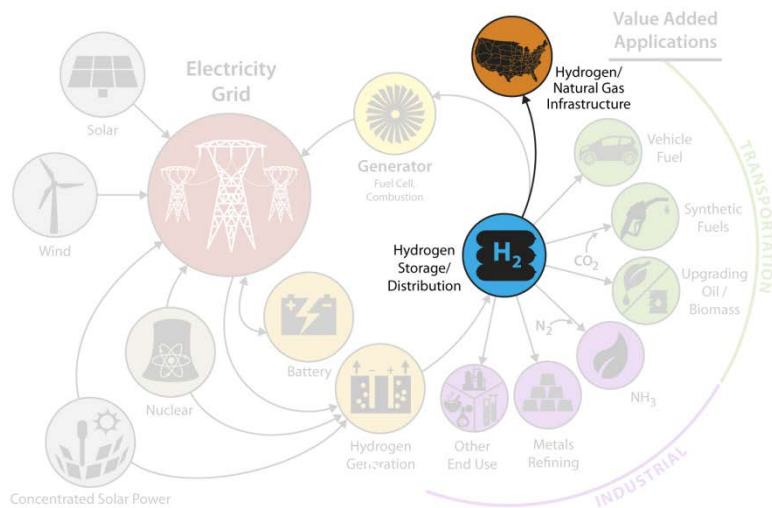
## Specific H<sub>2</sub> Production Technology Needs

### Research Priorities

- Durability for intermittent operation
- Lower cost electrolysis
- Manufacturing at scale
- Thermal integration

- PEM electrolysis
  - Cell/Stack Components
  - Power electronics/BOP
- Advanced alkaline electrolysis (membranes)
- Solid oxide electrolysis/thermal chemical
  - Oxide conducting materials
  - Thermal integration

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



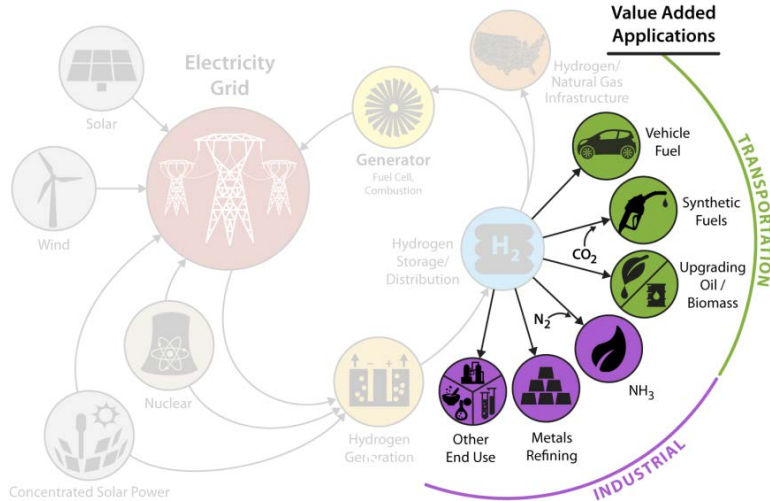
## Research Priorities

- Development of storage/delivery systems for large-scale grid and industrial use
- Assessment of potential for integration with existing technology and infrastructure
- System analysis, integration and optimization

## Specific Technology Needs

- Hydrogen Storage
  - Chemical/metal hydrides
    - Materials systems
    - Catalysis
  - Physical Storage
    - Geologic
    - Manufactured
- Direct Electro-Chemical Hydride Conversion
- Distribution
  - Compression
  - Liquefaction
  - Materials Compatibility (*Hydrogen Embrittlement*)
  - Leak Detection/Repair
  - Hydrogen Contamination/Purification
  - Materials Compatibility
  - Grid Integration/Optimization

# H<sub>2</sub> Utilization



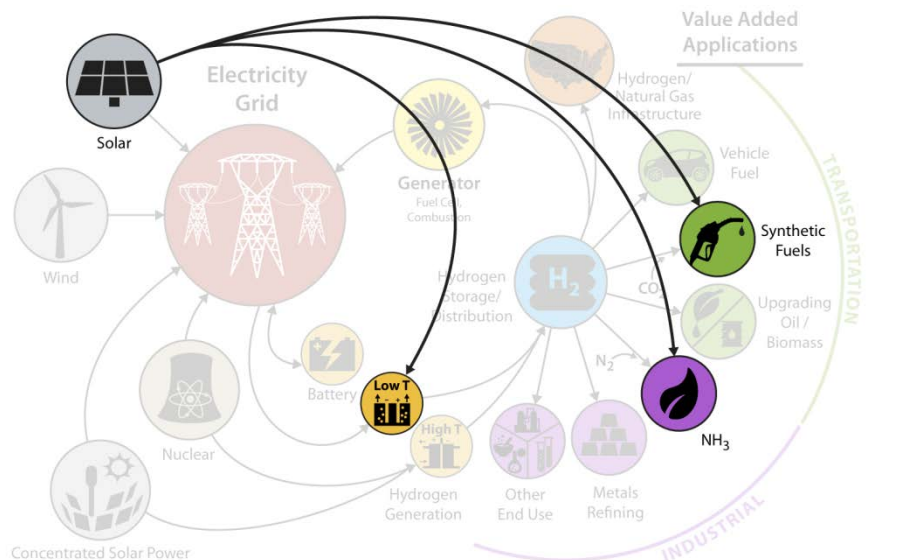
## Research Priorities

- New process chemistry with H<sub>2</sub> used as a reductant
  - Chemical, Fuels, Metals Production
- Process efficiency improvement
  - Industry and power systems
- Process heat integration with intermittent H<sub>2</sub> generation
- H<sub>2</sub> / H<sub>2</sub>-rich flame modeling

## Specific H<sub>2</sub> Utilization Technology Needs

- Ammonia production
  - Distributed/modular
- Refineries and Biofuels
  - Process integration
- Metals and glass making
  - Game changing direct reduction
  - Reducing gases for annealing/  
tempering
- Combustion Processes
  - Burner design and testing
  - Flame chemistry impacts
  - Use of oxygen
- H<sub>2</sub> Heat Pumps
  - Waste heat recovery
  - Heat amplification / cooling

# Foundational Science



**Fundamental understanding of potentially revolutionary technologies for other chemical bond energy storage/conversion.**

**Numerous chemistry/ materials issues:**  
**Catalysis/Reactions**

*Systems far from equilibrium*

*Confined catalysis*

**Corrosion**

*Detection and understanding of rare events*

**Material interactions (Embrittlement)**  
**ser facilities**

*SNS, light sources, nanocenters, microscopy*

**CSR and advanced computing**

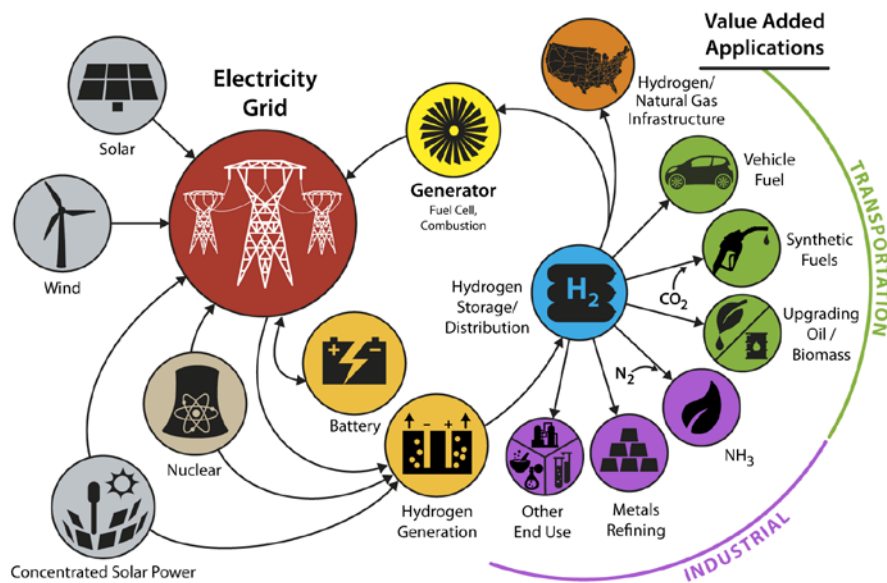
*Big data*

*Algorithms for prediction multiscale physics*

**AP leveraged science**

**IGI (expansion)**

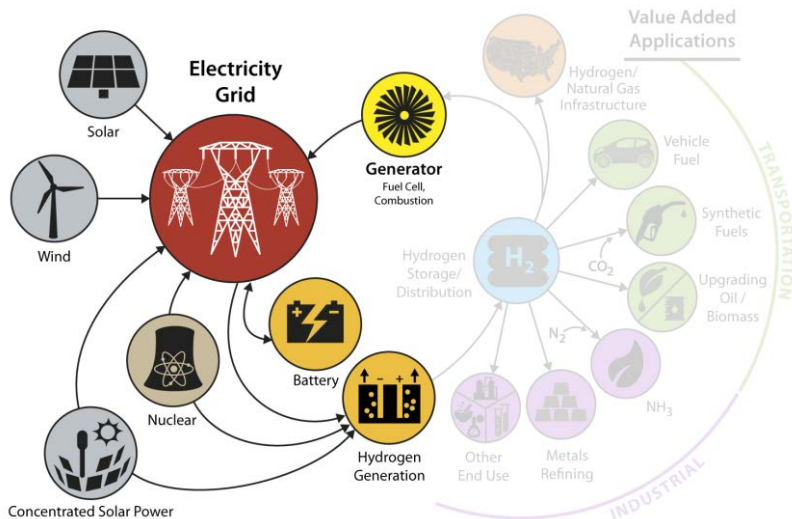
*dissolution, kinetics, solvents*



# Grid Integration

## Specific Grid Integration Technology Needs

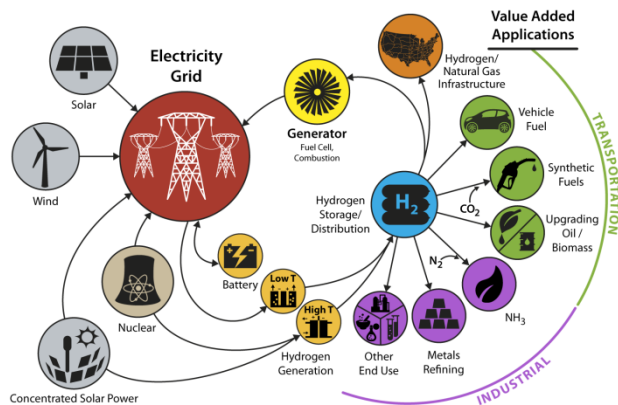
- Affordability
  - Modest capital investment for production and storage
  - Renewable hydrogen source for marketplace revenue
- Flexibility- Scalable, deployable, multiple renewable hydrogen markets
- Reliability
  - Stable, sufficient power source
  - Inherently integrated element of grid
- Resilience- Distributed production and storage systems—large storage options
- Sustainability- Enable stable grid with abundant renewables-demand/response
- Security- Enable domestic, renewable energy resource



## Research & Development Priorities

- Systems analysis
- Systems engineering
- Systems design and demo

# Analysis



## Analysis Priorities

- Specifying the role of hydrogen in deep decarbonization of the U.S. energy sector
- Understanding of drivers impacting energy sector evolution
- Quantification of hydrogen potential to meet seasonal electricity storage requirements
- Technoeconomic analysis
- Life cycle analysis

## Specific Analysis Needs

- Role of hydrogen within energy sector
  - Energy sector evolution / capacity expansion analysis to identify key opportunities for hydrogen to support power, gas, industrial, and transportation sectors
  - Grid operations co-optimization with hydrogen providing grid support on short and long time-frames and on regional and national scales
  - Analysis of the hydrogen's benefits resilience, reliability, and robustness
- Technoeconomic analysis to support R&D direction in hydrogen generation, storage & distribution, and end use
- Life cycle analysis to identify opportunities to reduce GHG and criteria pollutant emissions