Roadmaps for Transitioning all 50 U.S. States and 139 Countries to Wind, Water, and Solar for All Purposes

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Wind farm near Middelgrunden, Denmark

What's the Problem? Why act Quickly?

Fossil-fuel + biofuel air pollution cause 4-7 mil. premature air pollution deaths/yr worldwide costing >3% of world GDP

Global warming due to world emissions will cost ~$16-20 trillion/year by 2050.

Increasing fossil energy use increases energy prices→ economic, social, political instability

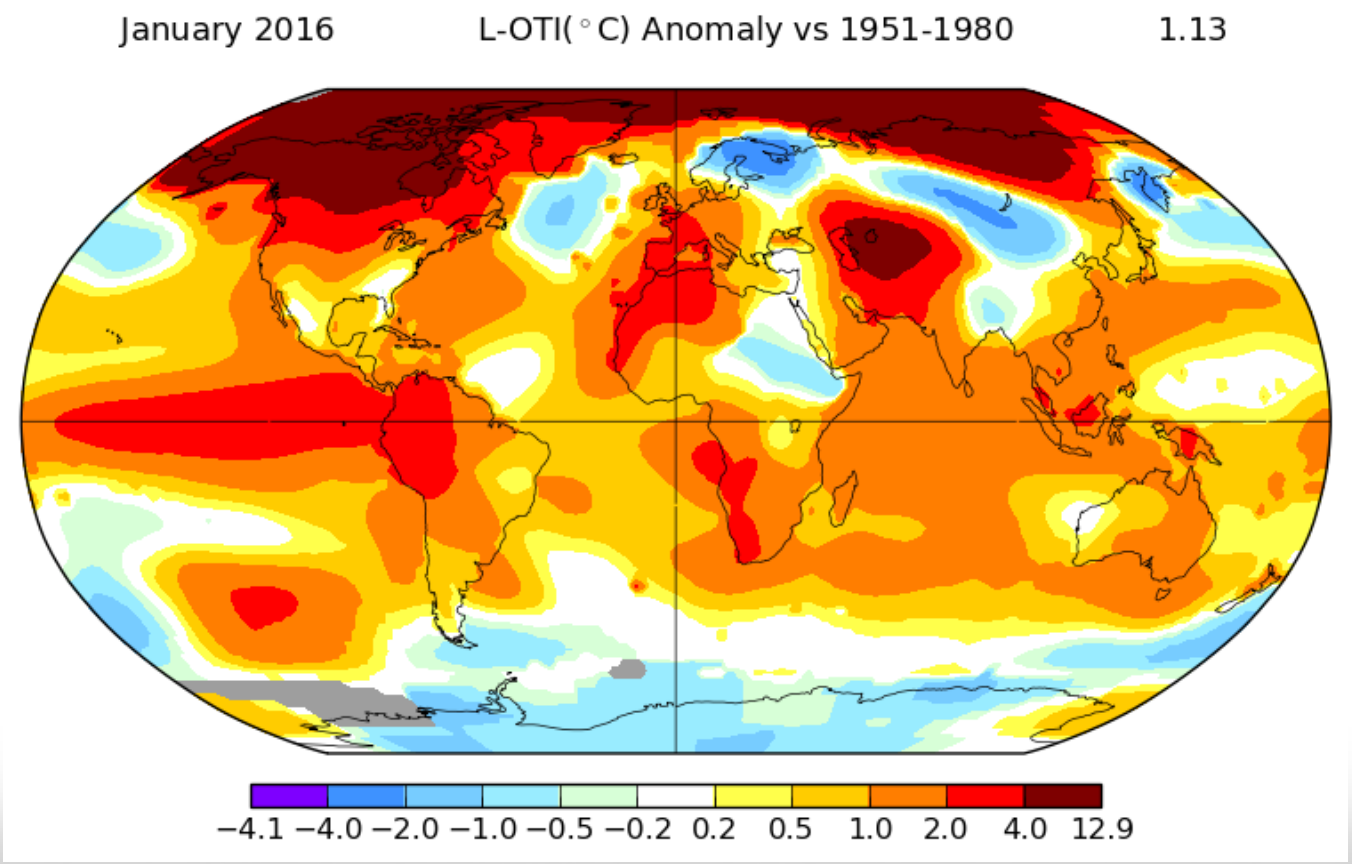
Drastic problems require immediate solutions.

Beijing, China, Jan 11-14, 2013

Lung of LA Teenage Nonsmoker in 1970s;

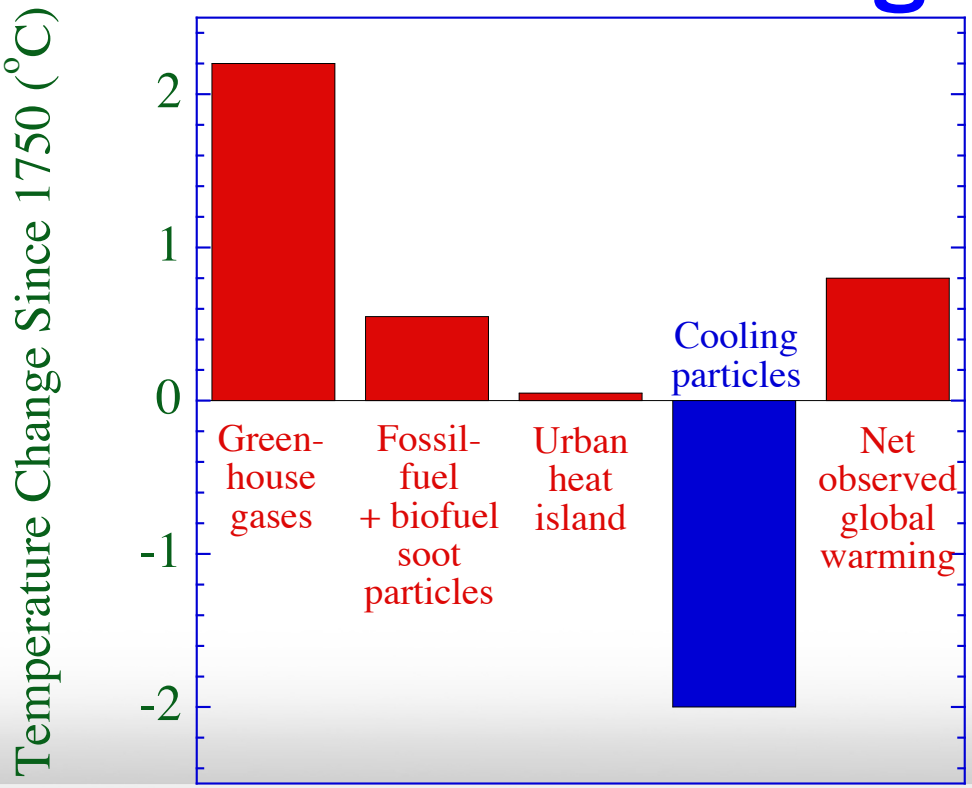
SCAQMD/CARB

Jan 2016 Global Warming 1.1 K=2 F



NASA GISS, 2014

Primary Contributors to Net Observed Global Warming



Wind, Water, Solar (WWS) All-Sector Solutions to Energy and Job Security, Air Pollution, Global Warming

ELECTRICITY	TRANSPORTATION	HEATING/COOLING	INDUSTRY
Wind	Battery-electric	Electric heat pumps	Electric resistance
Solar PV/CSP	Hydrogen fuel cell	Electric resistance	Electric arc furnaces
Geothermal	Cryogenic H_2	Solar water preheat	Induction furnaces
Hydro			Dielectric heating
Tidal/Wave			Hydrogen

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Types of Storage for 100% WWS System

ELECTRICITY	HEATING/COOLING	OTHER
CSP with storage	Water	Hydrogen
Pumped hydro	Ice	Demand-response
Existing hydroelectric	Rocks in soil	

Seasonal Heat Storage in Rocks, Okotoks, Canada

Why Not Natural Gas?

Gas wells in Upper Green River Valley, WY: Ecoflight.org

50-70 times more CO_2 and air pollution per kWh than wind

Methane from natural gas a main contributor to Arctic ice loss.

Natural gas mining, transport, and use causes 5000 premature mortalities/year in the U.S.

Hydrofracking causes land and water supply degradation and enhanced methane leaks.

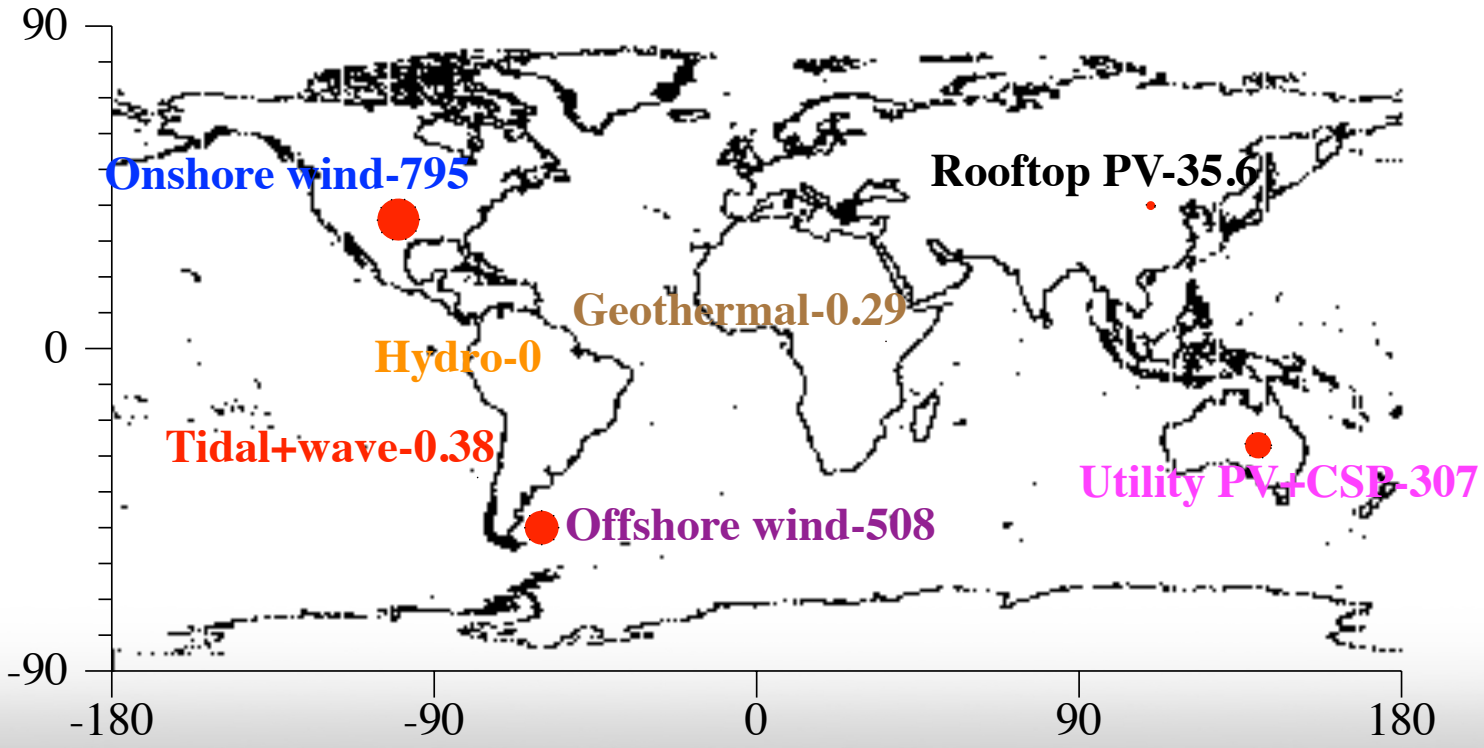
End-Use Power Demand For All Energy Purposes

Year and Fuel Type	139-Countries	Missouri
2012 (TW)	12.0	0.043
2050 with current fuels (TW)	19.4	0.043
2050 WWS (TW)	11.8	0.026
2050 Reduction w/ WWS (%)	39	40.4

Number of New Plants to Power 139 Countries All Purposes

TECHNOLOGY	PCT SUPPLY 2050	NUMBER
5-MW onshore wind turbines	19.8%	1,192,000
5-MW offshore wind turbines	12.9	762,000
5-kW Res. roof PV systems	5.55	653 million
100-kW com/gov roof PV systems	5.97	35.3 million
50-MW Solar PV plants	42.3	497,000
100-MW CSP plants	7.67	15,500
100-MW geothermal plants	0.74	840
1300-MW hydro plants	4.38	0
1-MW tidal turbines	0.07	32,000
0.75-MW wave devices	0.72	496,000
	100%	

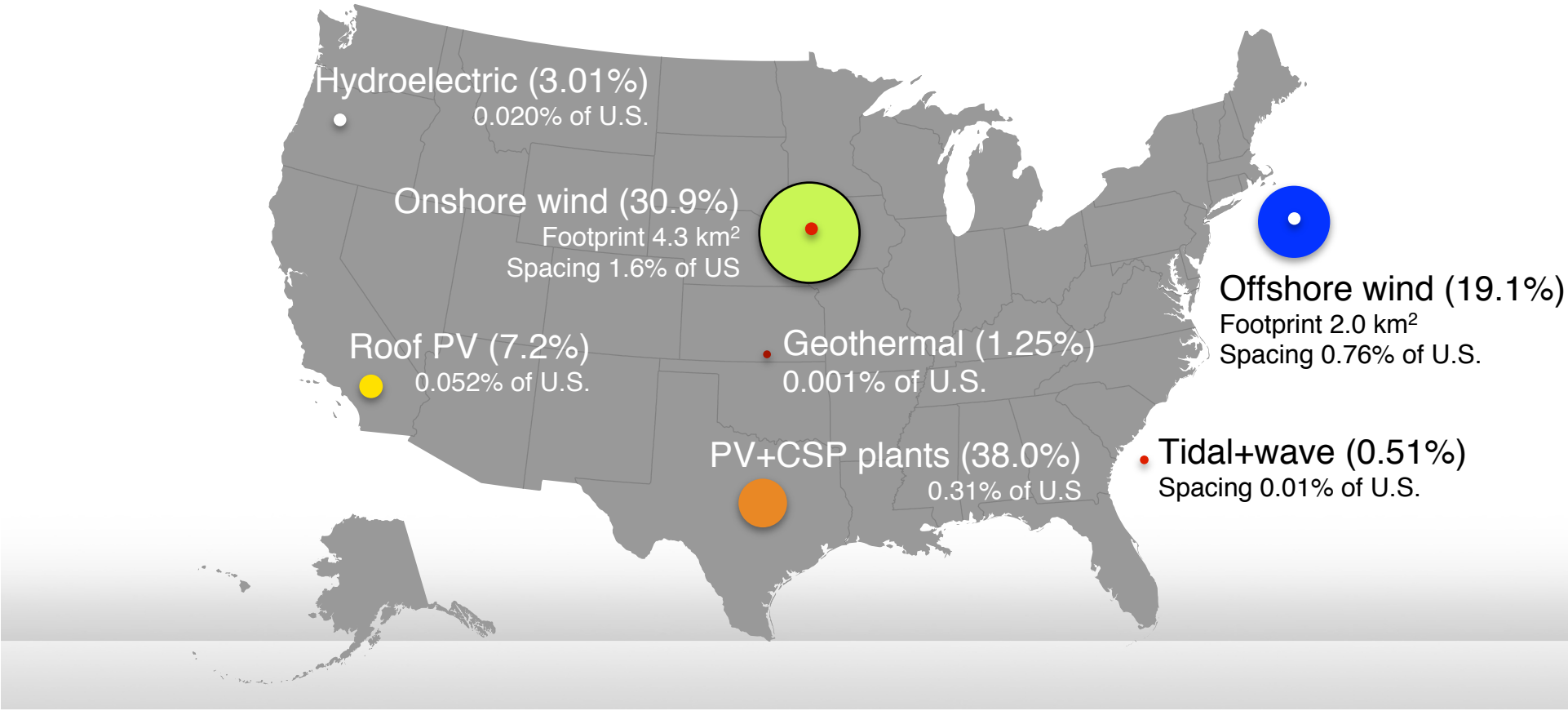
Area (Thousands of km^2) Beyond 2014 Installations to Power 100% of 139 Countries for all Purposes w/ WWS in 2050

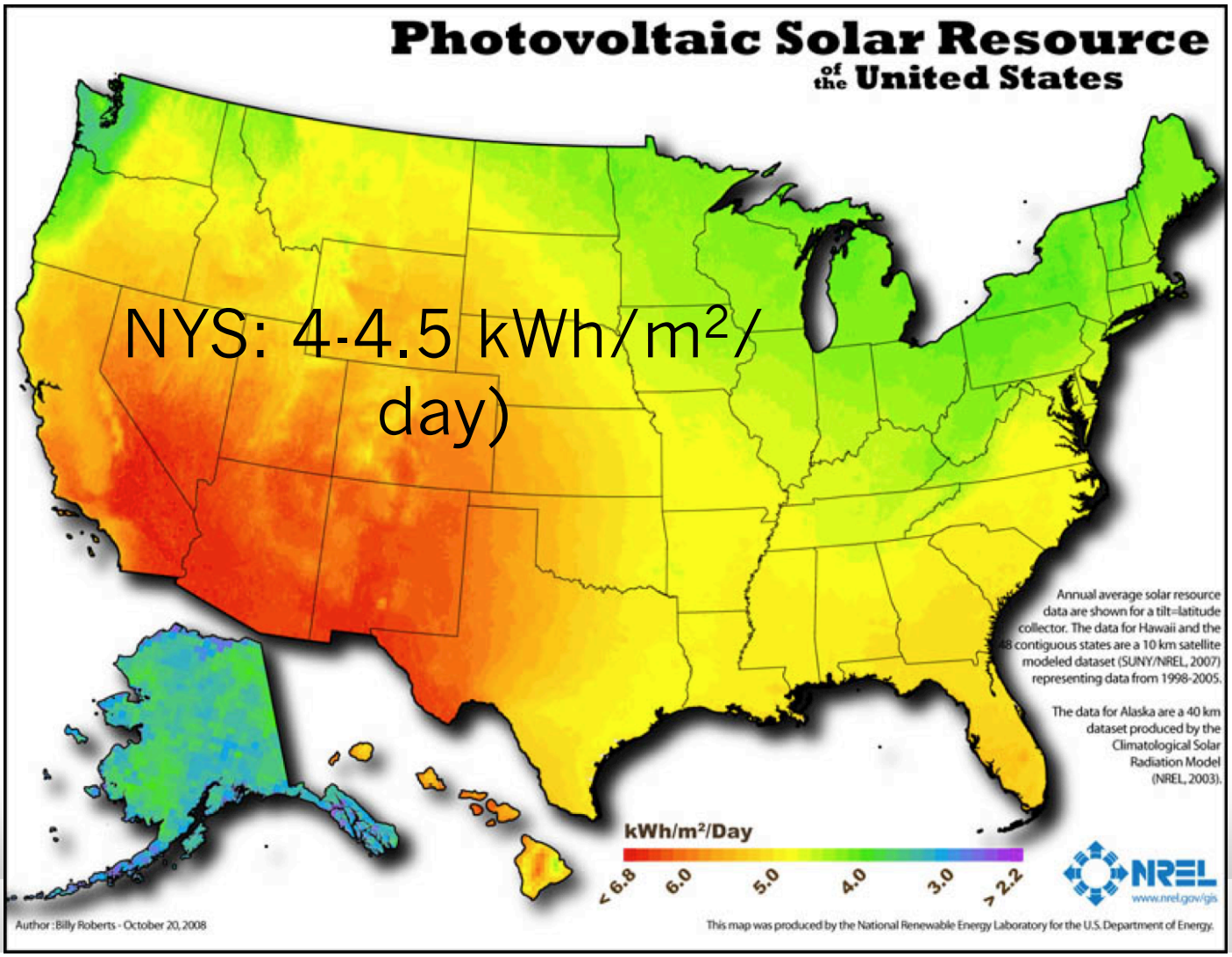


Number of New Plants to Power Missouri for All Purposes

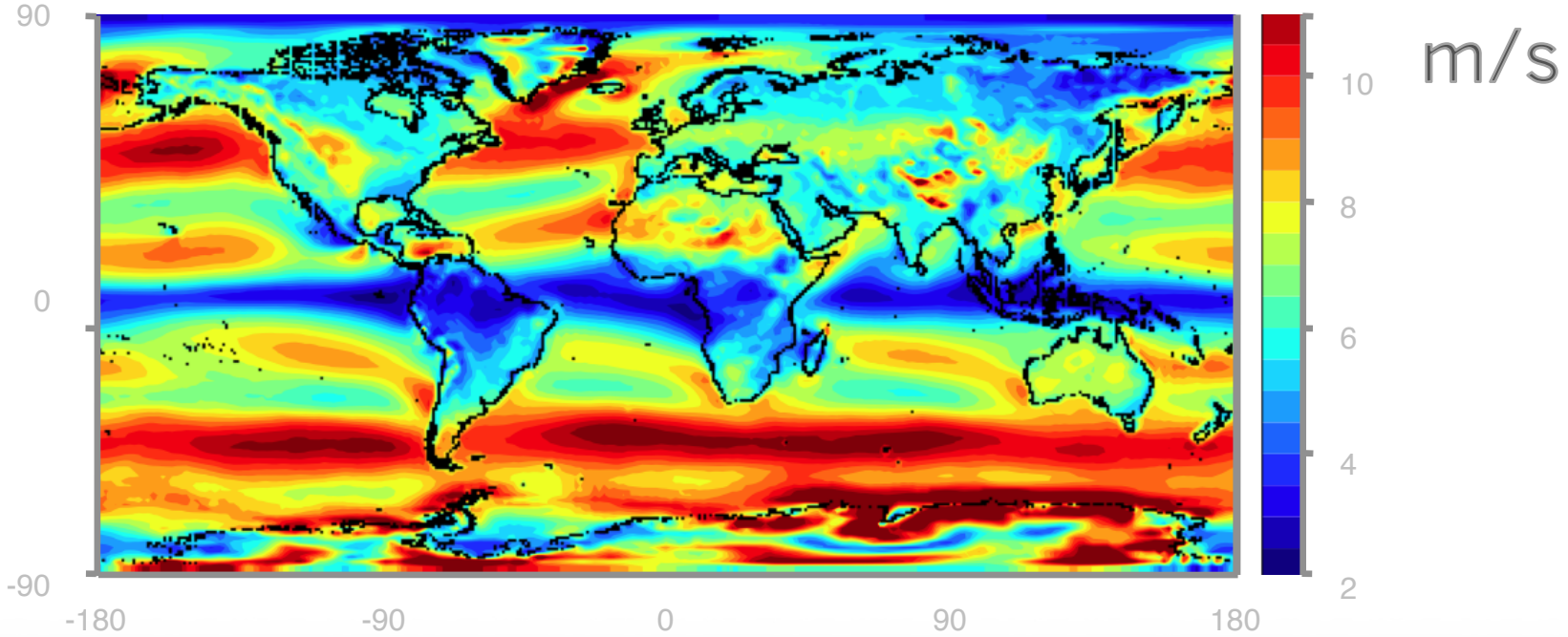
TECHNOLOGY	PCT SUPPLY 2050	NUMBER
5-MW onshore wind turbines	60%	8,000
5-MW offshore wind turbines	0	0
5-kW Res. roof PV systems	5.1	1.65 million
100-kW com/gov roof PV systems	4.4	64,000
50-MW Solar PV plants	24.3	600
100-MW CSP plants	5.0	30
100-MW geothermal plants	0	0
1300-MW hydro plants	1.2	0
1-MW tidal turbines	0	0
0.75-MW wave devices	0	0
	100%	

Additional Area Needed to Power 100% of 50 States for all Purposes With Wind, Water, & Solar in 2050



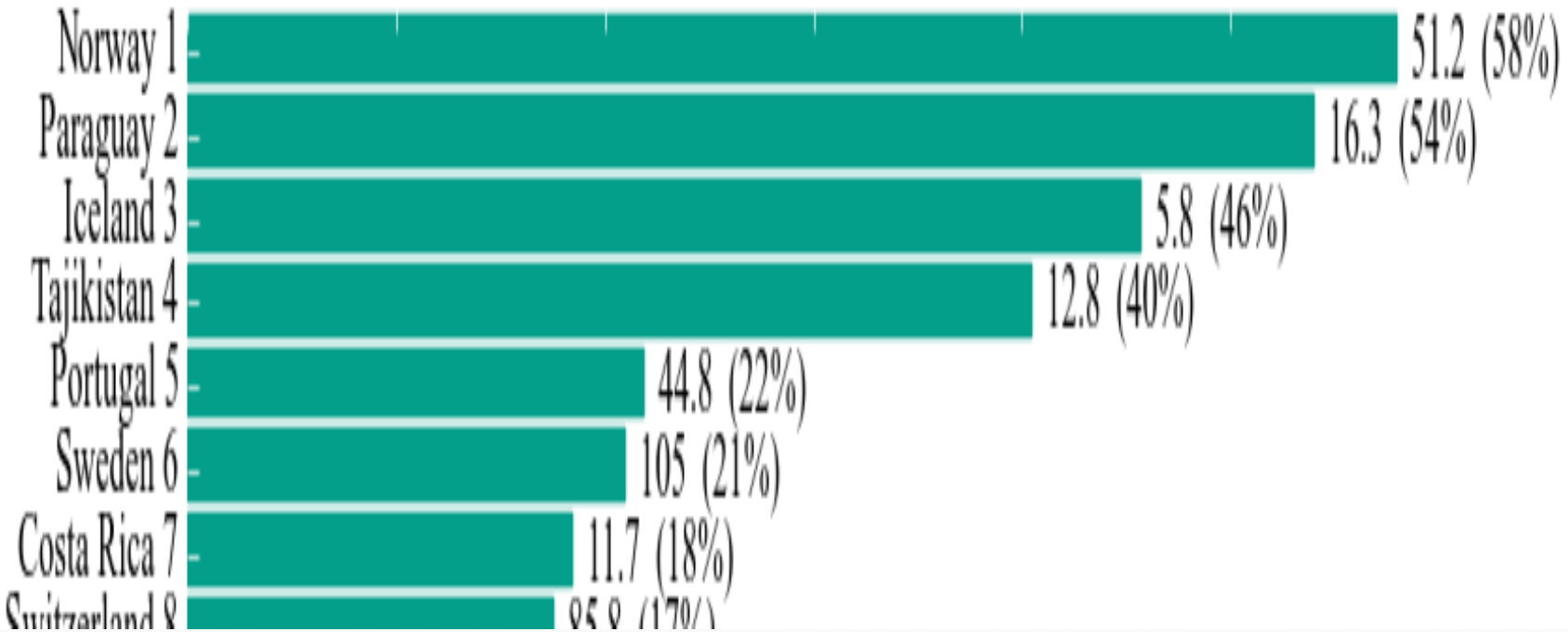

Photovoltaic Solar Resource
of the United States
NYS: 4-4.5 kWh/m²/day)
Annual average solar resource data are shown for a tilt=latitude collector. The data for Hawaii and the 48 contiguous states are a 10 km satellite modeled dataset (SUNY/NREL, 2007) representing data from 1998-2005.
The data for Alaska are a 40 km dataset produced by the Climatological Solar Radiation Model (NREL, 2003).
kWh/m²/Day
< 6.8
6.0
5.0
4.0
3.0
> 2.2
NREL
www.nrel.gov/gis
Author : Billy Roberts - October 20, 2008
This map was produced by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory for the U.S. Department of Energy.

World Wind Speeds at 100m

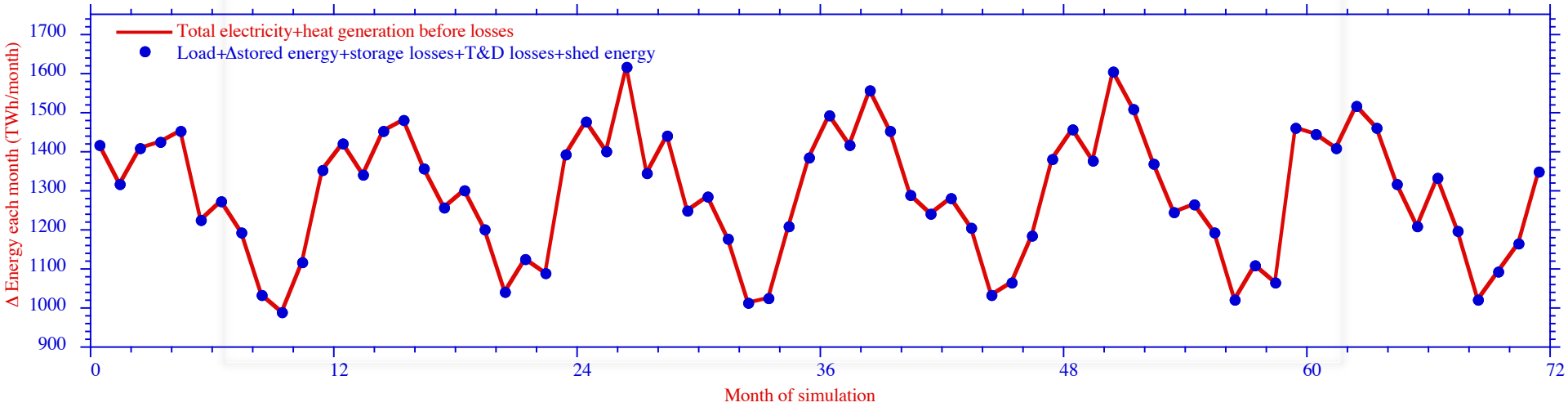


All wind over land in high-wind areas outside Antarctica ~70-80 TW
= ~5-6 times world end-use WWS power demand 2050 of 13.4 TW

% of 2050 All-Sector WWS Already Installed



Matching 100% 2050-2055 U.S. Load With WWS for 6 Years

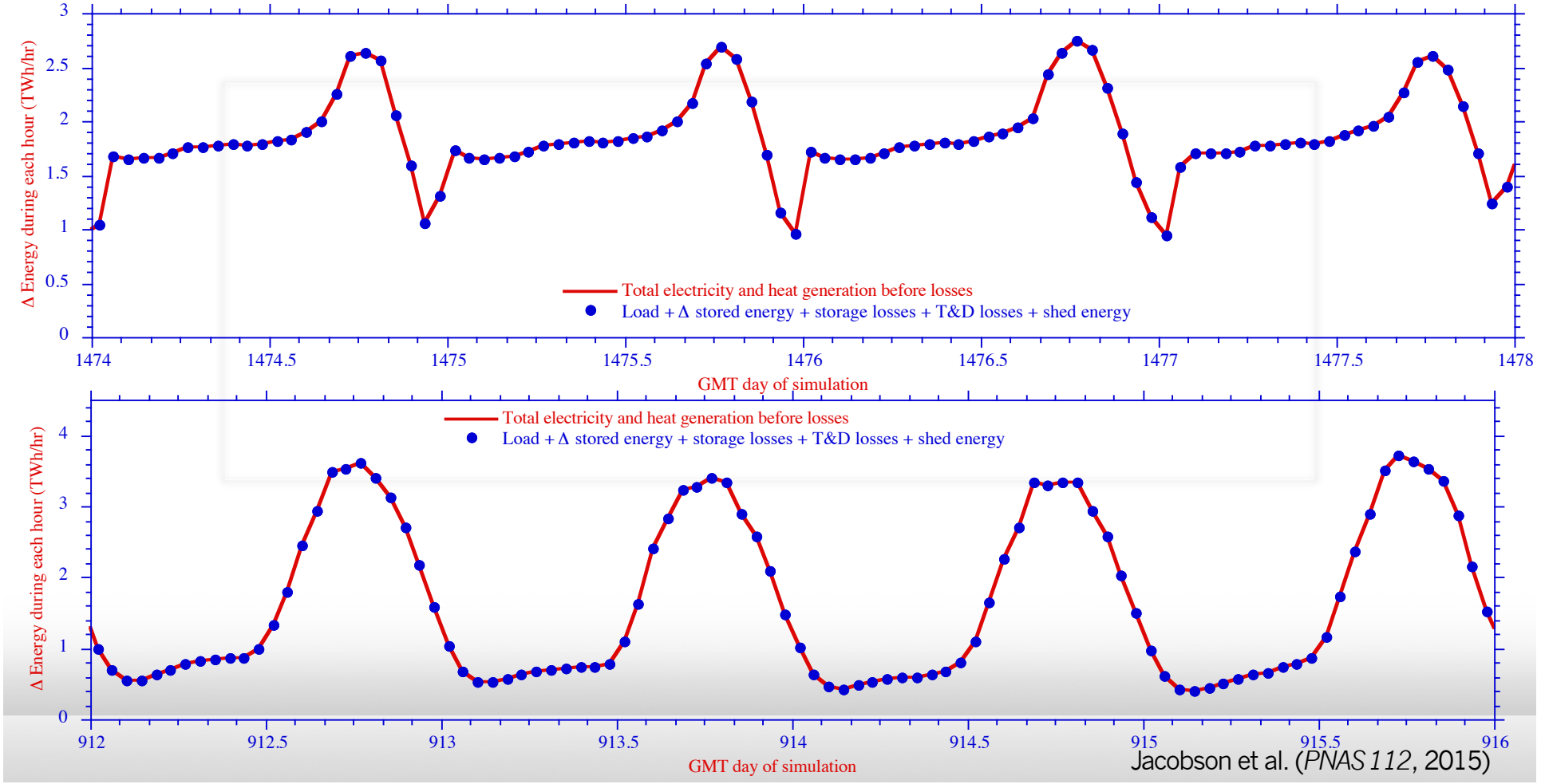


Red = Energy supply

Blue = Energy demand + change of storage + losses

Jacobson et al. (*PNAS 112*, 2015)

Matching 100% U.S. Load With WWS on Two Sets of Four Days



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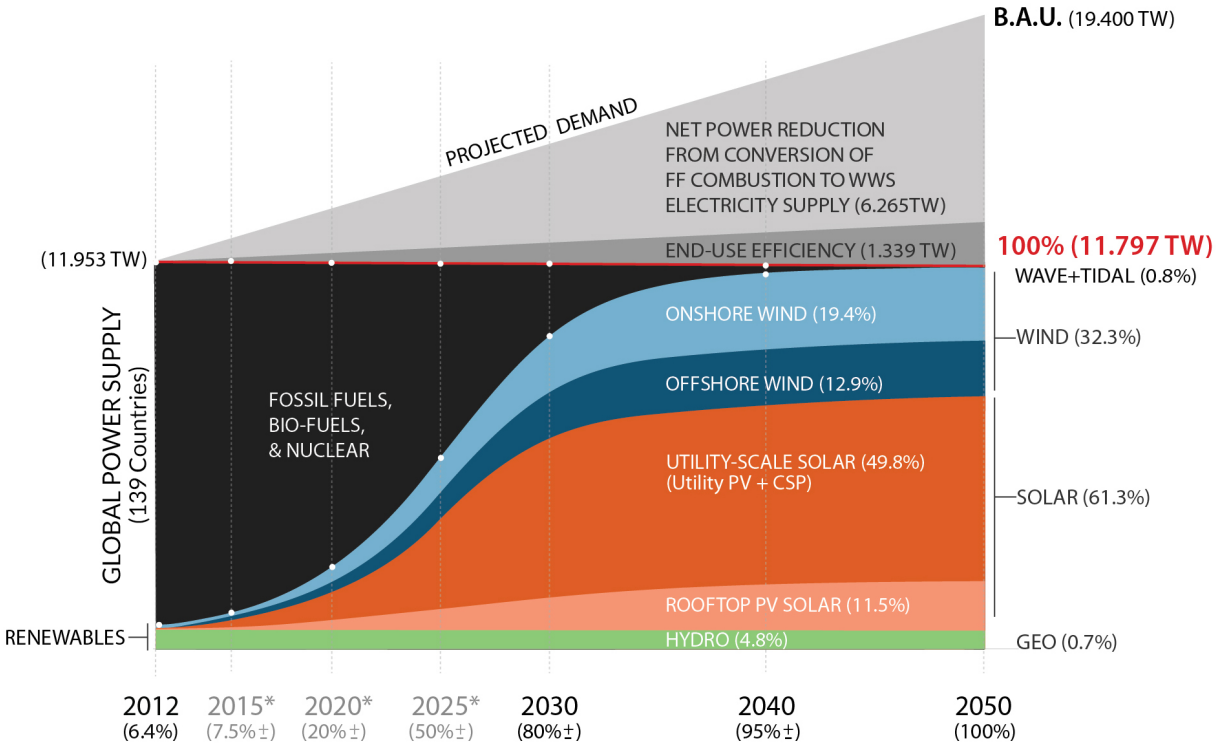
2015 U.S. Unsubsidized Costs of Energy (¢/kWh)

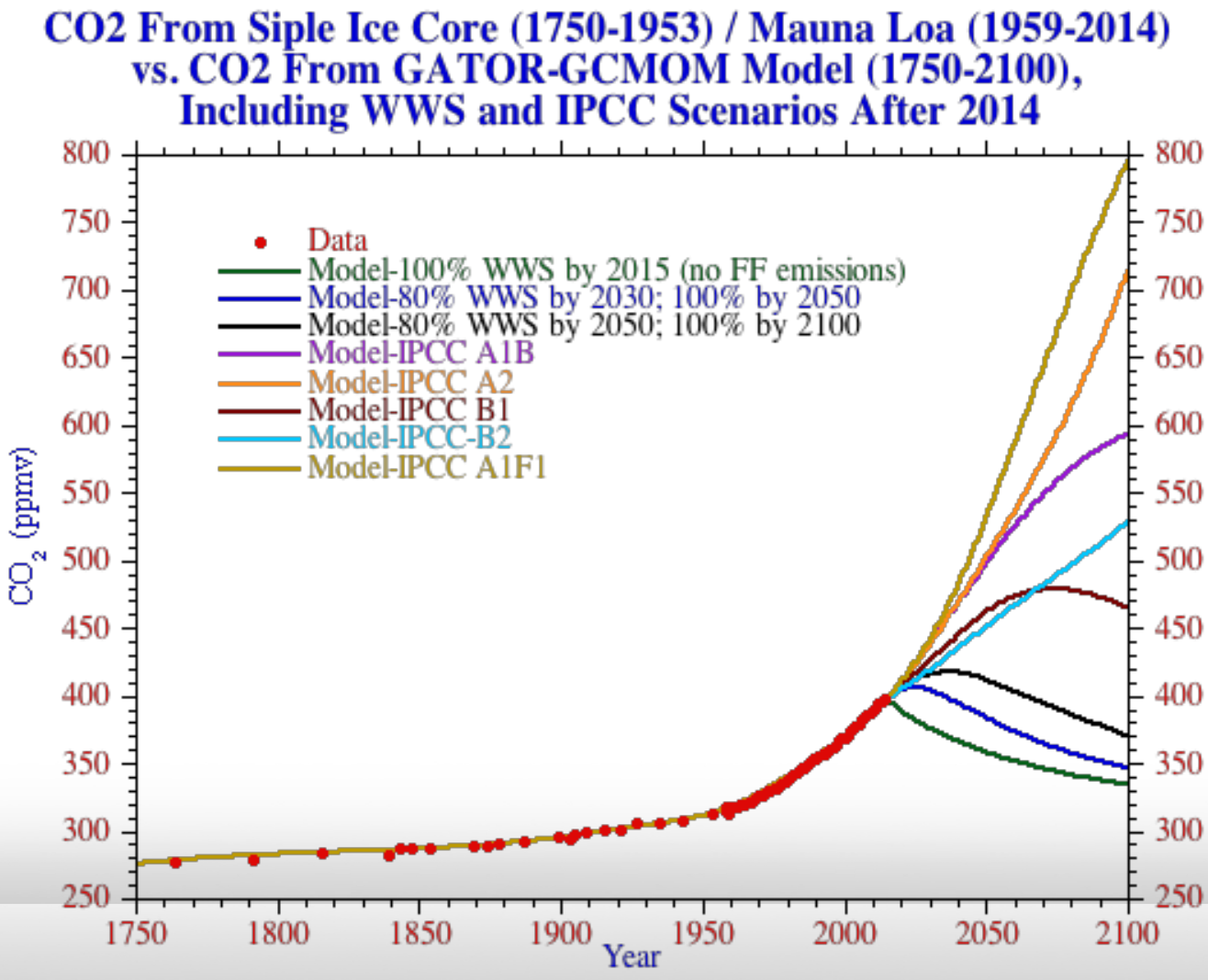
Wind onshore	3.2	to 7.7
Wind offshore	11	to 19.4
Geothermal	8.2	to 11.7
Hydroelectric	4	to 6
CSP with 14 hr storage*	9	to 13.5
Utility-scale solar PV	5.0	to 7.0
Community rooftop PV	7.8	to 13.6
Residential rooftop PV	18.4	to 30.0
Gas combined cycle	5.2	to 7.8
Gas peaking	16.5	to 21.8
Advanced pulverized coal	6.5	to 15.0
Nuclear	9.7	to 13.6

Lazard (2015); *Solar Reserve (2016)

Timeline for 139-Country Transition to WWS



Projected Energy Supply & Demand, **139 Countries**


CO2 From Siple Ice Core (1750-1953) / Mauna Loa (1959-2014)
vs. CO2 From GATOR-GCMOM Model (1750-2100),
Including WWS and IPCC Scenarios After 2014
Data
Model-100% WWS by 2015 (no FF emissions)
Model-80% WWS by 2030; 100% by 2050
Model-80% WWS by 2050; 100% by 2100
Model-IPCC A1B
Model-IPCC A2
Model-IPCC B1
Model-IPCC-B2
Model-IPCC A1F1
CO2 (ppmv)
Year
800
750
700
650
600
550
500
450
400
350
300
250
1750
1800
1850
1900
1950
2000
2050
2100

House Resolution 540

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the policies of the United States should support a transition to near zero greenhouse gas emissions, 100 percent clean renewable energy, infrastructure modernization, green jobs, full employment, a sustainable economy, fair wages, affordable energy, expanding the middle class, and ending poverty to promote national economic competitiveness and national security and for the purpose of avoiding adverse impacts of a changing climate.

Summary–Converting 139 Countries to 100% WWS

- →Reduces 2050 139-country BAU power demand by ~39%
- → Eliminates ~4-7 million premature air pollution deaths per year (saving ~$25 trillion/yr ~7.9% of world GDP)
- →Eliminates up to ~$17 trillion/yr global climate costs 2050
- →Each person saves $170/yr fuel costs; $4800/yr health+climate costs
- →WWS w/storage+DRM gives 100% reliability @ ~11-12 ¢/kWh in US
- →Creates 22 million more jobs than are lost
- →Requires only 0.29% of land for footprint; 0.66% for spacing
- →Makes countries energy independent, reducing international conflict
- →Creates distributed power, reducing terrorism/catastrophic risk
- →Reduces energy poverty of up to 4 billion people worldwide

Barriers : up-front costs, transmission needs, lobbying, politics.

Materials are not limits

Papers / Graphics

Articles and data

web.stanford.edu/group/efmh/jacobson/Articles/I/WWS-50-USState-plans.html

Infographic maps

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