

Renewable Energy Overview, Global Energy, Climate, and the Challenge of Community-based Solutions

# Renewable Energy for Tribal Community Survival

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# Major DOE National Laboratories



# Major NREL Technology Thrusts

## Supply Side

Wind Energy  
Solar Photovoltaics  
Concentrating Solar  
Power  
Solar Buildings  
Biomass Power  
Biofuels  
Geothermal Energy  
Hydrogen  
Superconductivity  
Distributed Power



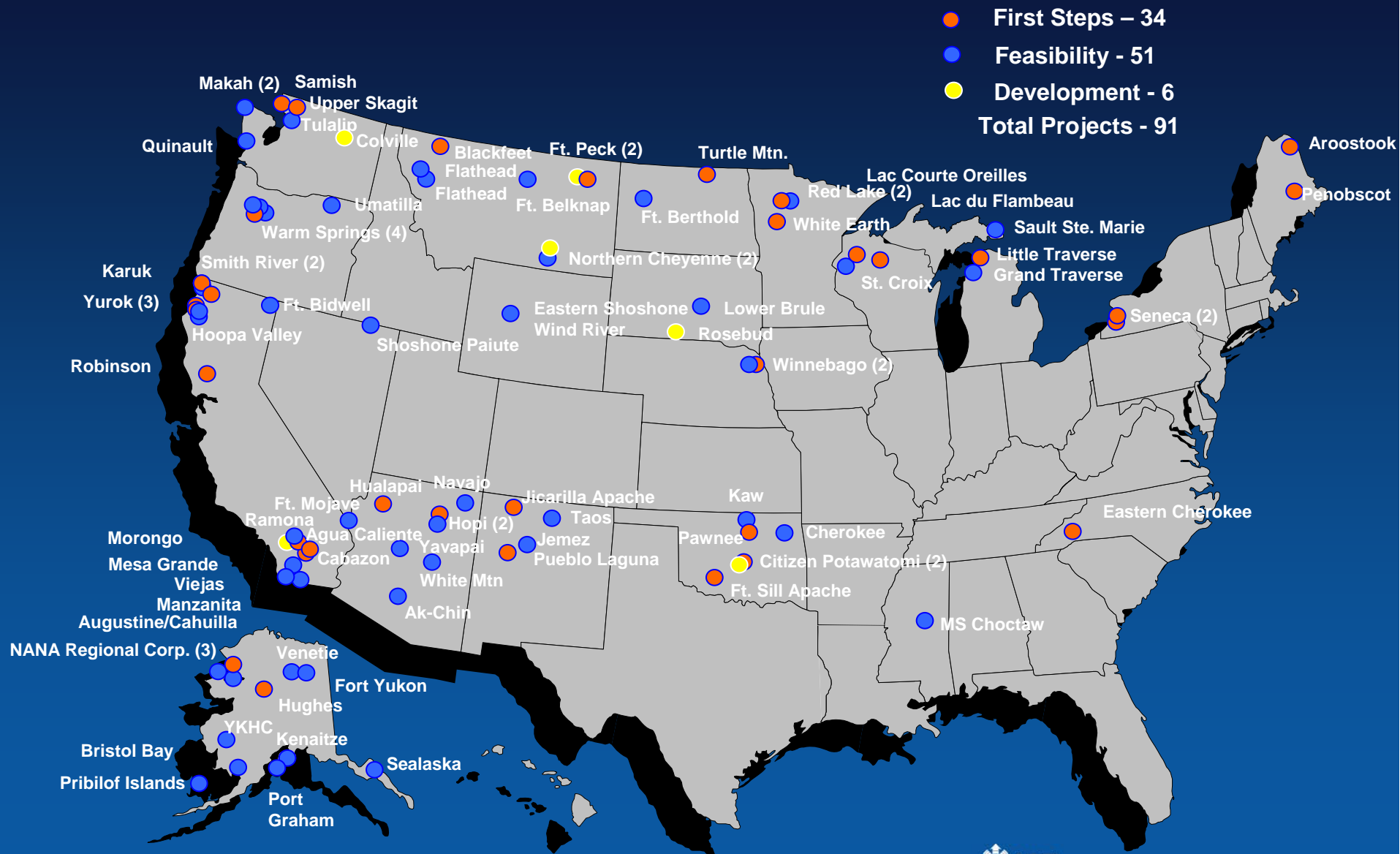
## Demand Side

Hybrid Vehicles  
Fuels Utilization  
Buildings Energy  
Technology  
Federal Energy  
Management  
Advanced Industrial  
Technologies

## Cross Cutting

Basic Energy Science  
Analytical Studies  
International Programs  
**Tribal Energy Program**

# TEP Project Awards: 2002 - 2007



# DOE's Tribal Energy Program Website

- Features
- Program Brochure
- Upcoming Workshops
- Financial Opportunities
- Projects on Tribal Lands
  - Project Overviews
  - Status and Reports
  - Contacts
- Information Resources
- Contacts



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# DOE's Tribal Energy Program

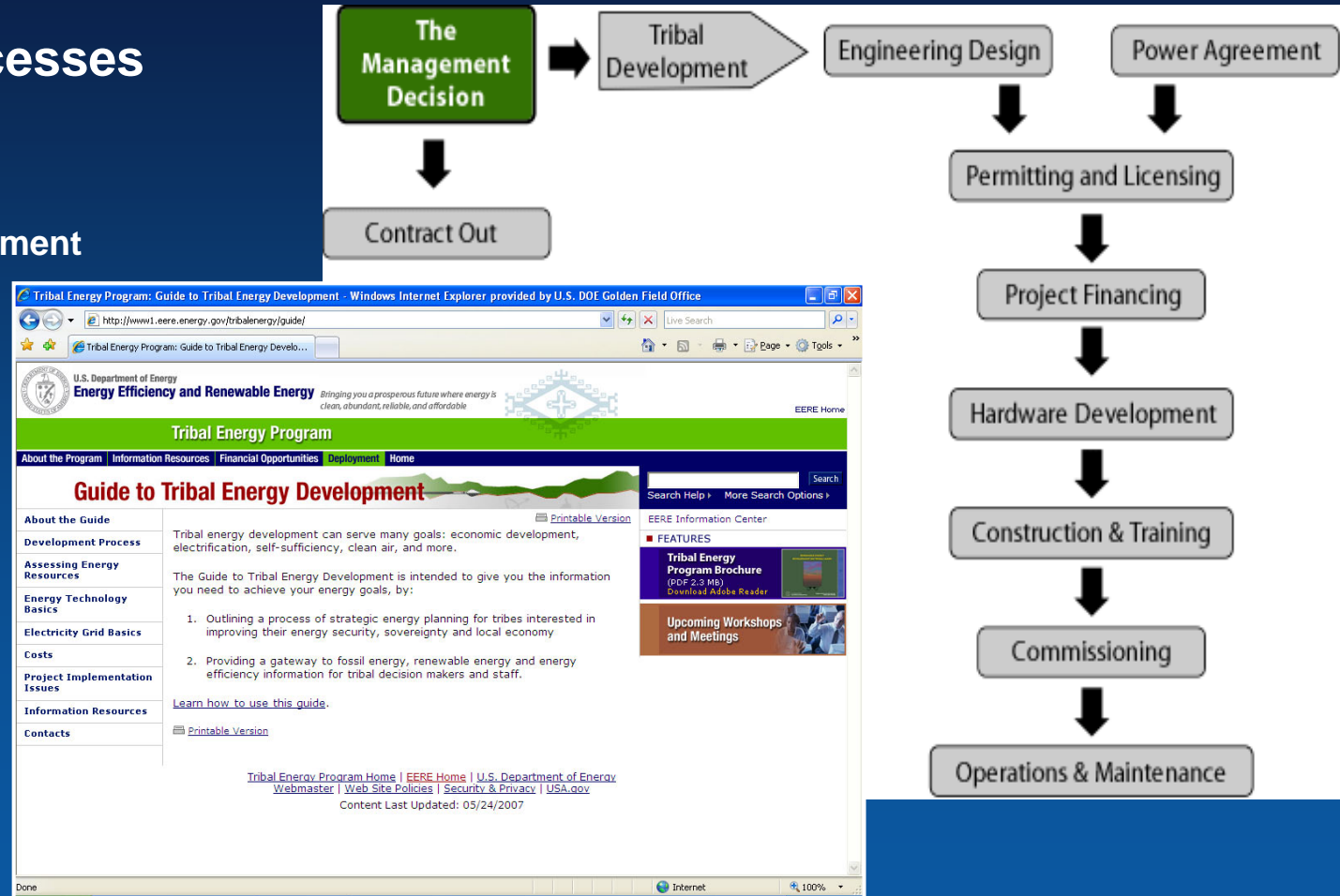
## Guide to Tribal Energy Development

### Development Processes

- Strategic Planning
- Options Analysis
- Organizational Development
- Project Development

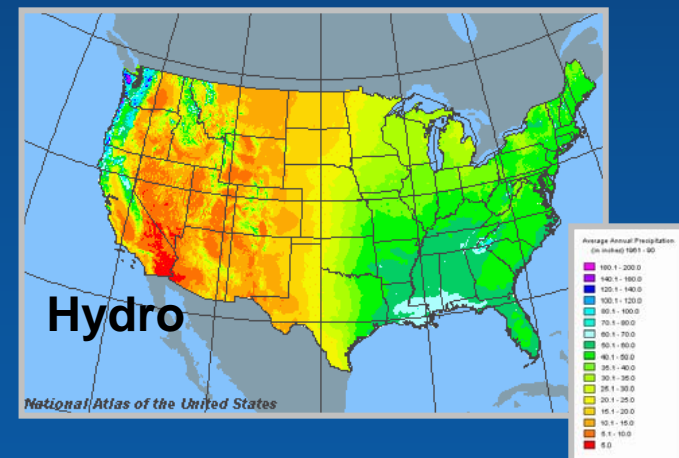
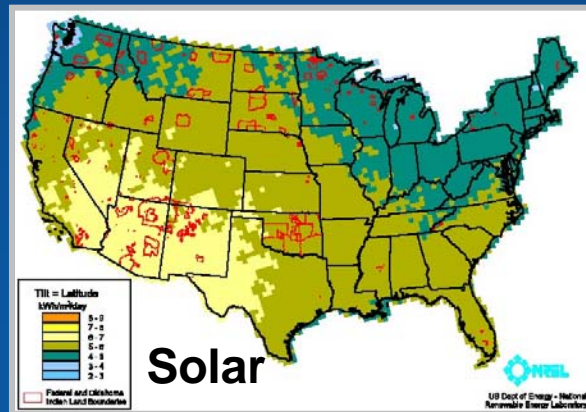
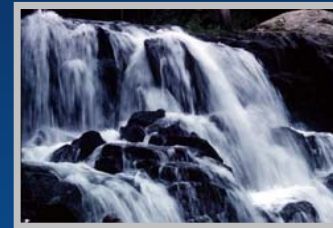
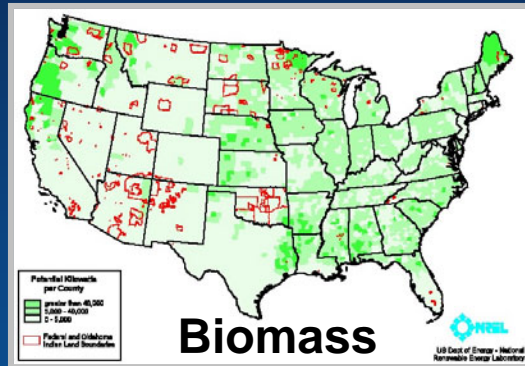
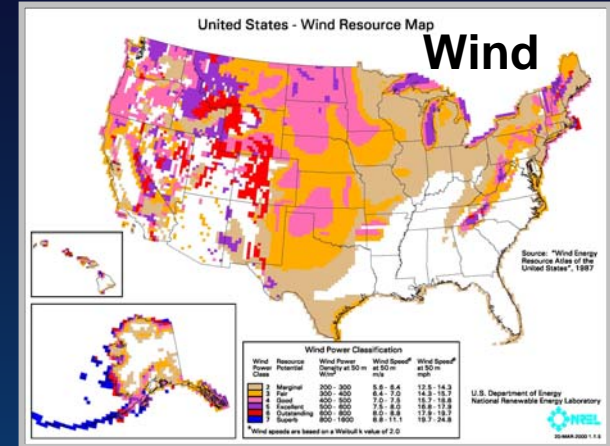
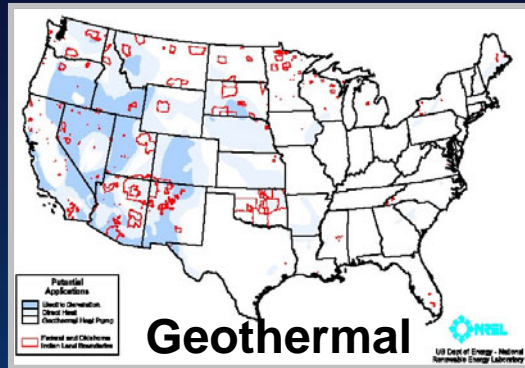
### Resource Library

- Energy Resources
- Technologies
- Costs
- Risk Factors
- Legal Issues
- Financing Options
- Contacts

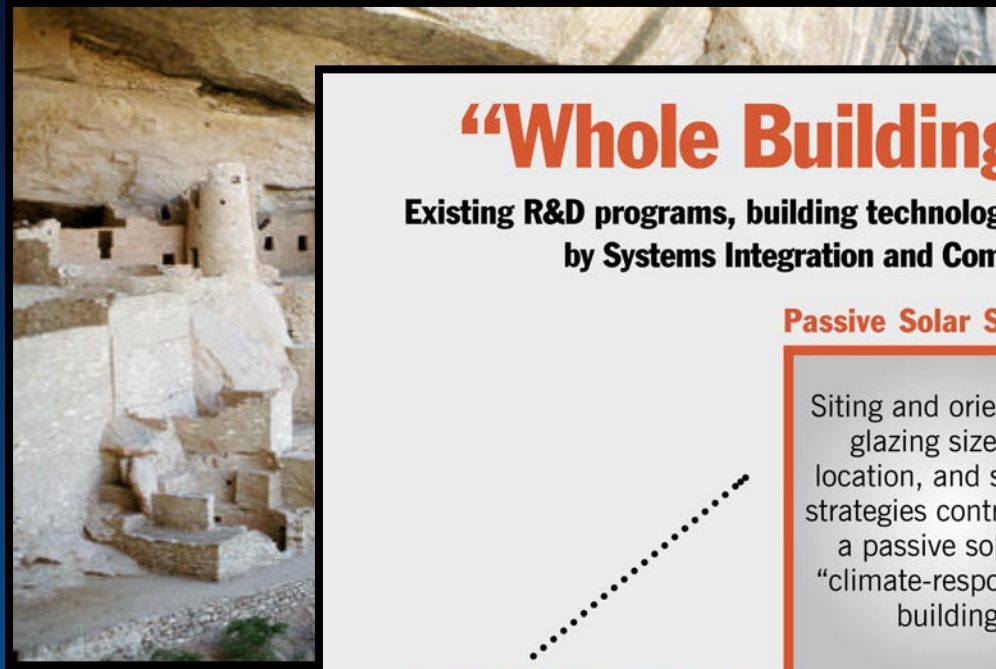


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# Renewable Resource Options



# Building Design



## “Whole Buildings” Strategy:

Existing R&D programs, building technologies, and components tied together by Systems Integration and Computerized Design Tools.

### Passive Solar Strategies

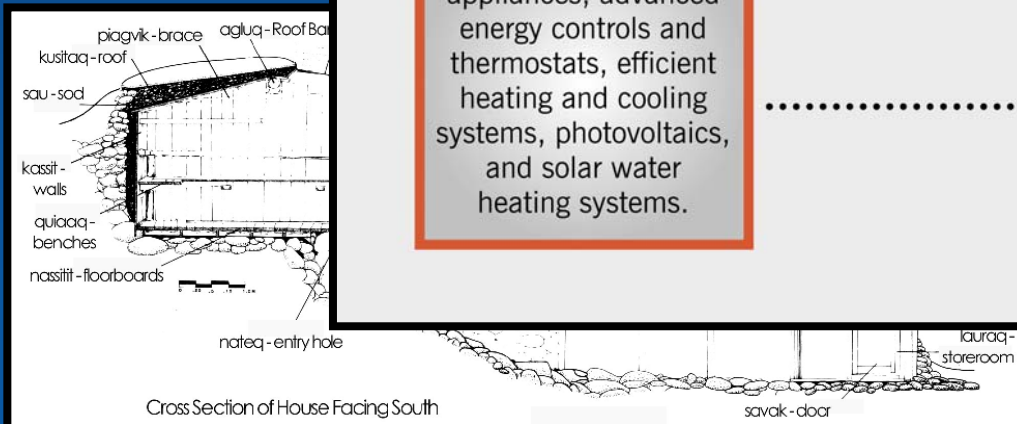
Siting and orientation, glazing size and location, and shading strategies contribute to a passive solar, or “climate-responsive,” building.

### Advanced Technologies

Energy-saving appliances, advanced energy controls and thermostats, efficient heating and cooling systems, photovoltaics, and solar water heating systems.

### Energy-Efficient Materials

Superior building materials, including high-efficiency windows, insulation, brick, concrete masonry, and interior finish products.





# Energy Efficiency Options



## Energy Star Appliances

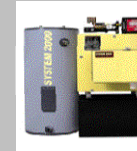
Refrigerators – Half as much energy



Clothes Washers – Save up to \$110 per year



Oil & Gas Boilers – Save up to 10%



Programmable Thermostats – Save up to \$100 per year



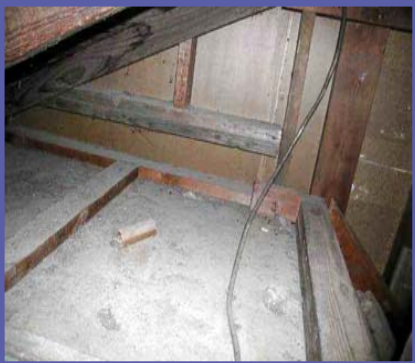
## Efficient Lighting



If every American changed out 5 lights, we'd save \$6 billion/year and the equivalent of 21 power plants.

# Weatherization Options

## Insulation



## Infiltration



## Controls

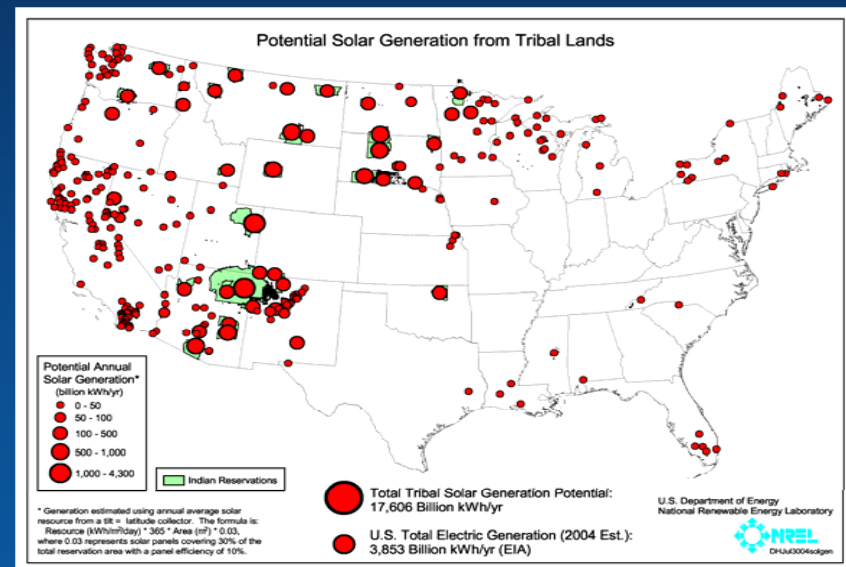
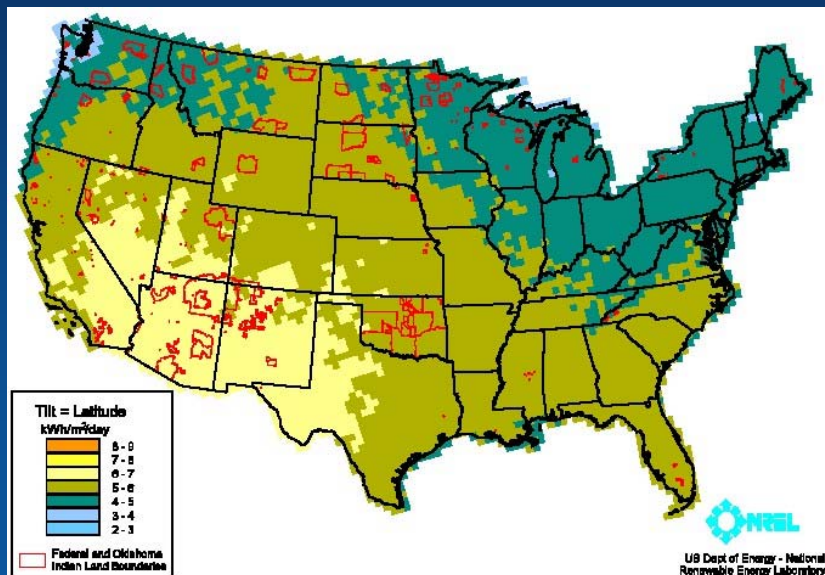


## Maintenance



# DOE's Tribal Energy Program

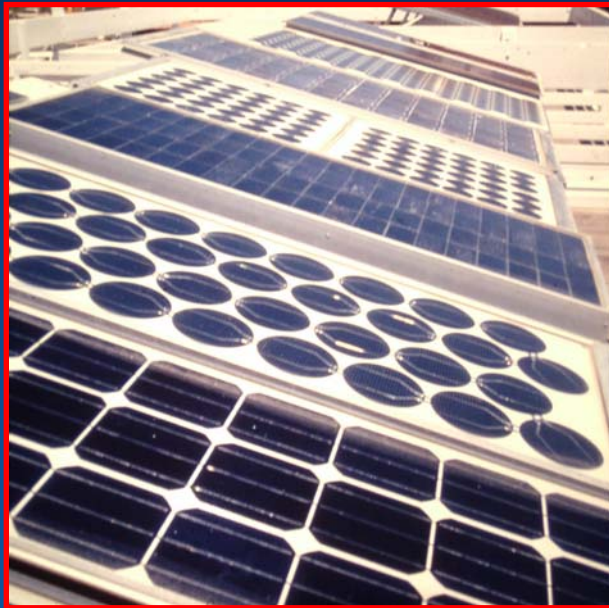
**Solar Electric Potential on Tribal Lands ~4.5  
times the Total U.S. Electric Generation in 2004**



**Solar Electric Potential of 17,600 Billion kWh/yr  
on Indian Lands**

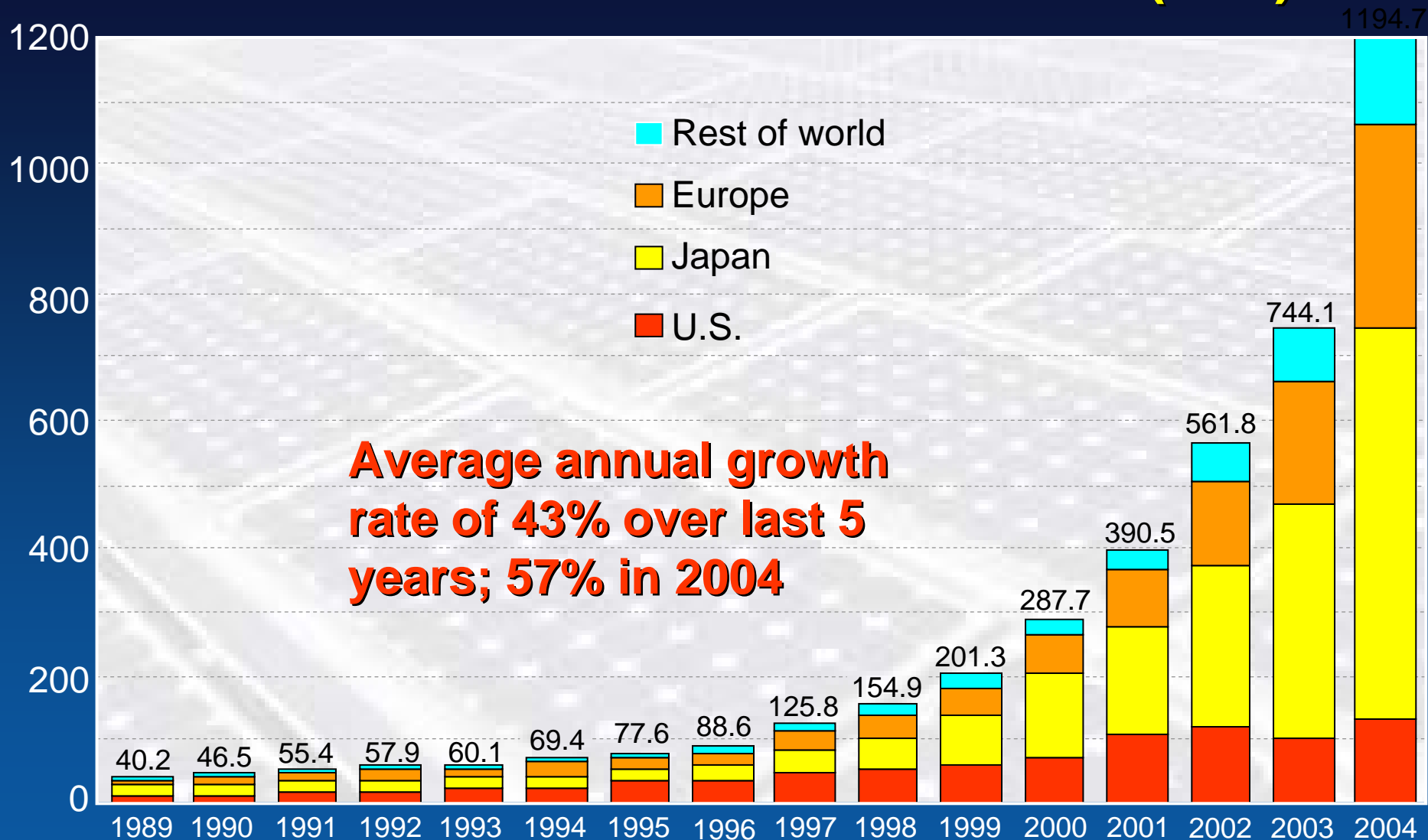


**Individual cells are connected in series (increases the voltage) and in parallel (increases the current) into a module.**





# World PV Cell/Module Production (MW)

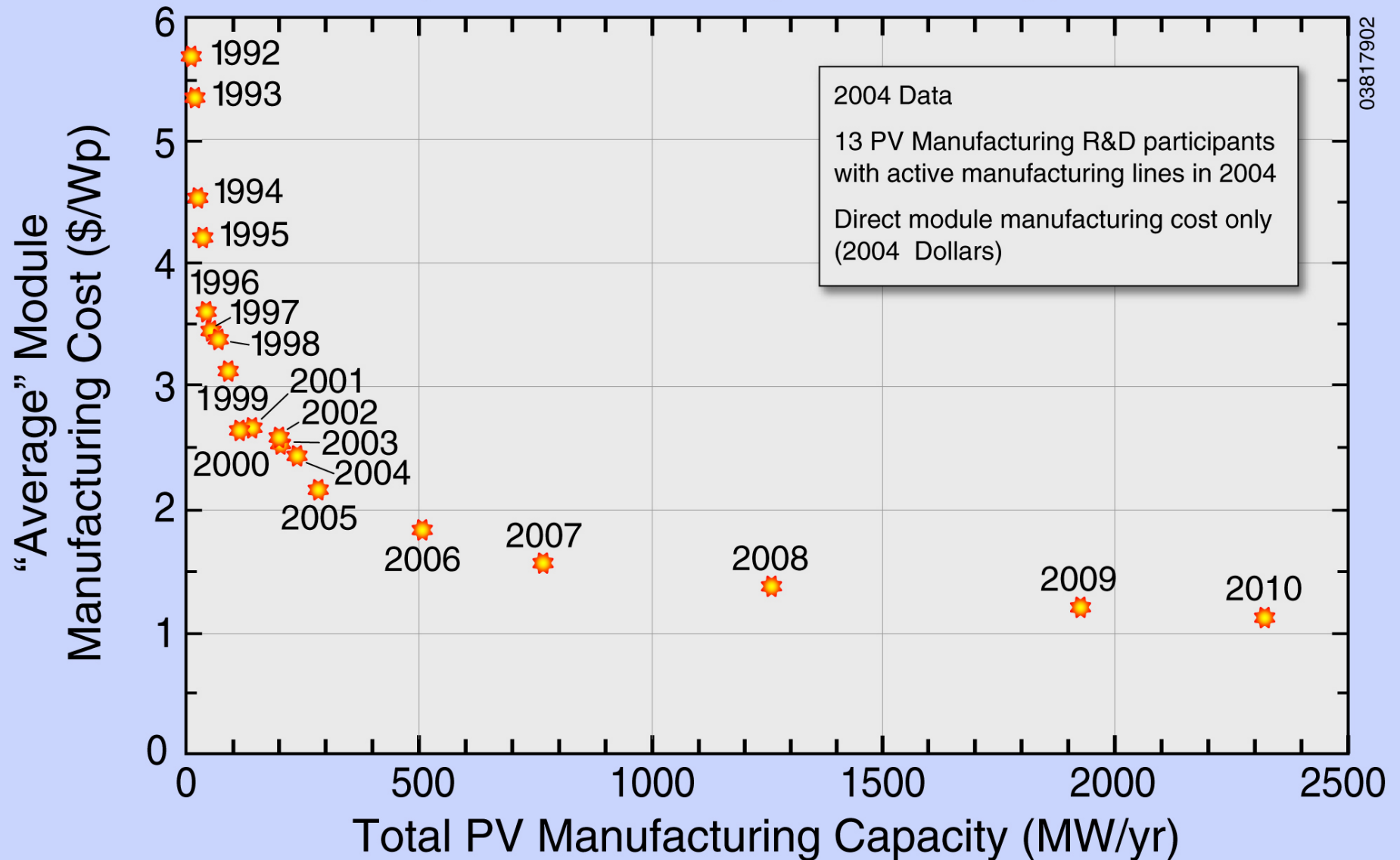


Source: Paul Maycock, *PV News*, February 2005

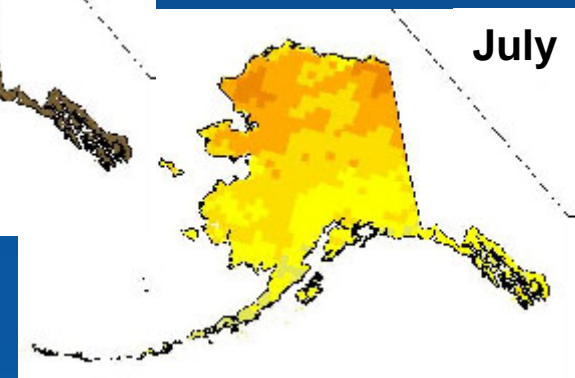
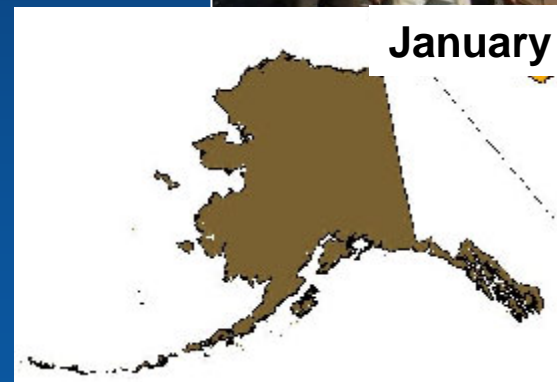
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# Crystalline Silicon, Thin-Films, and Concentrators PV Industry Cost/Capacity

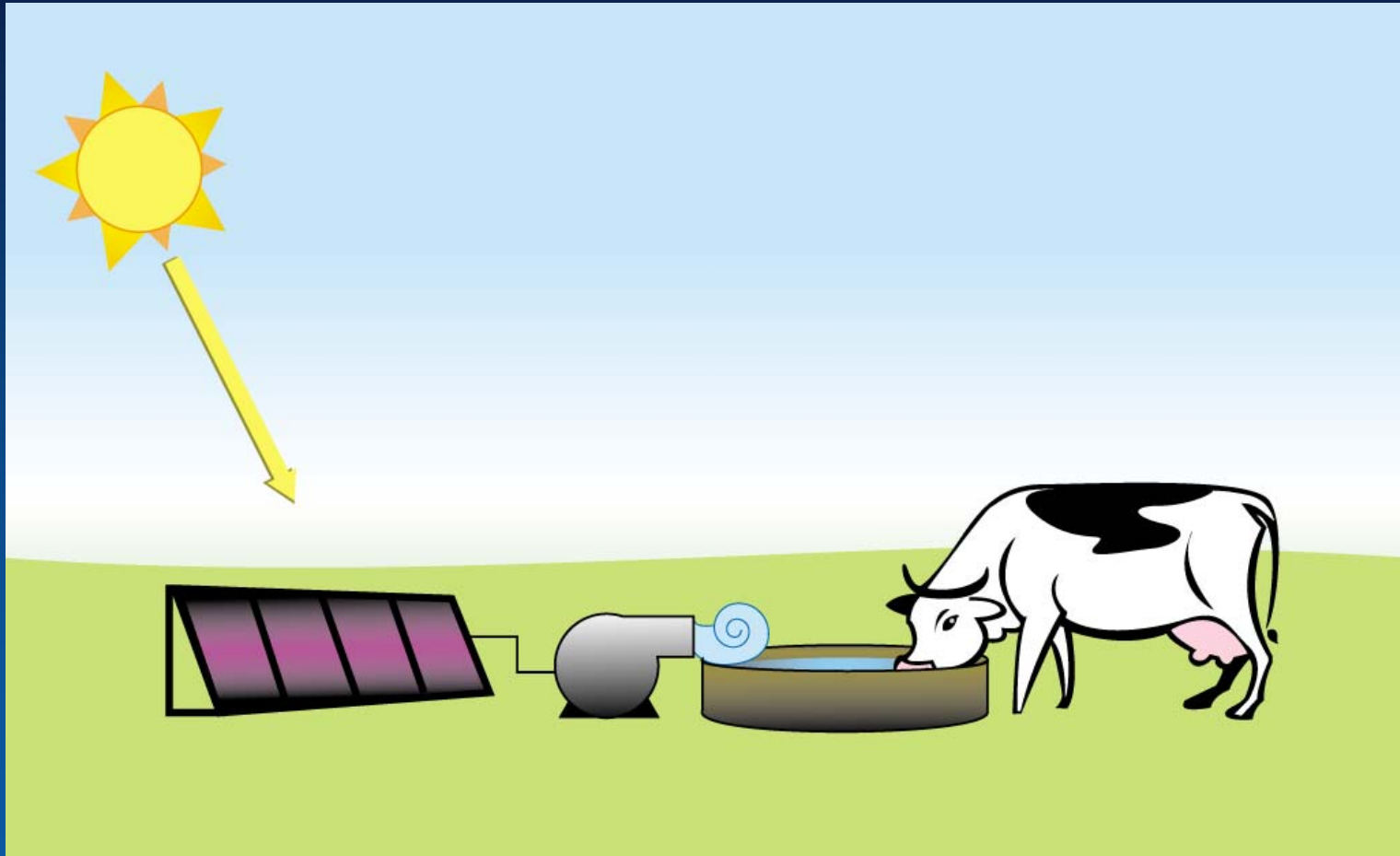
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# Solar Options

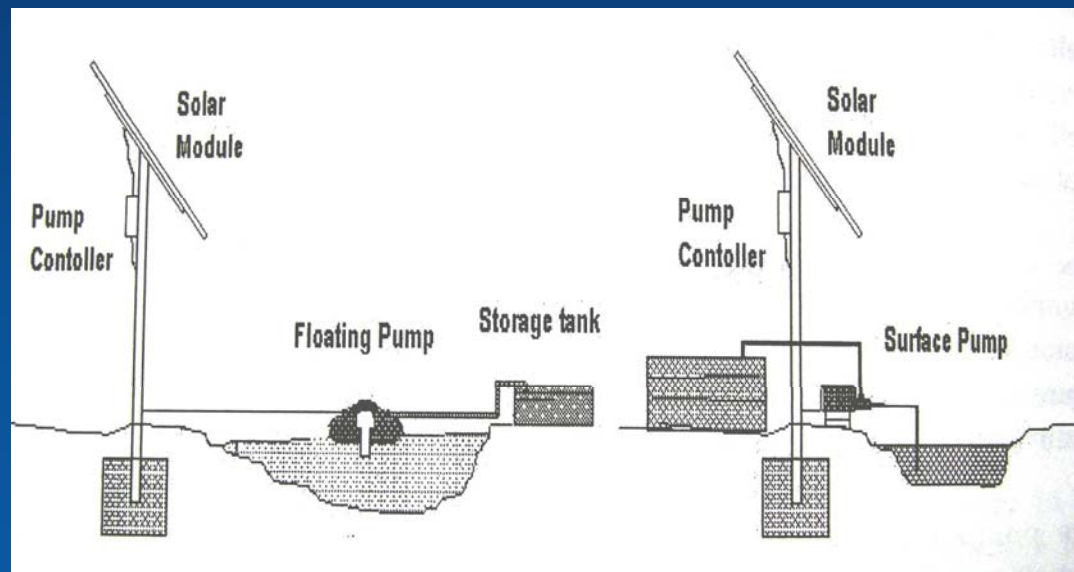
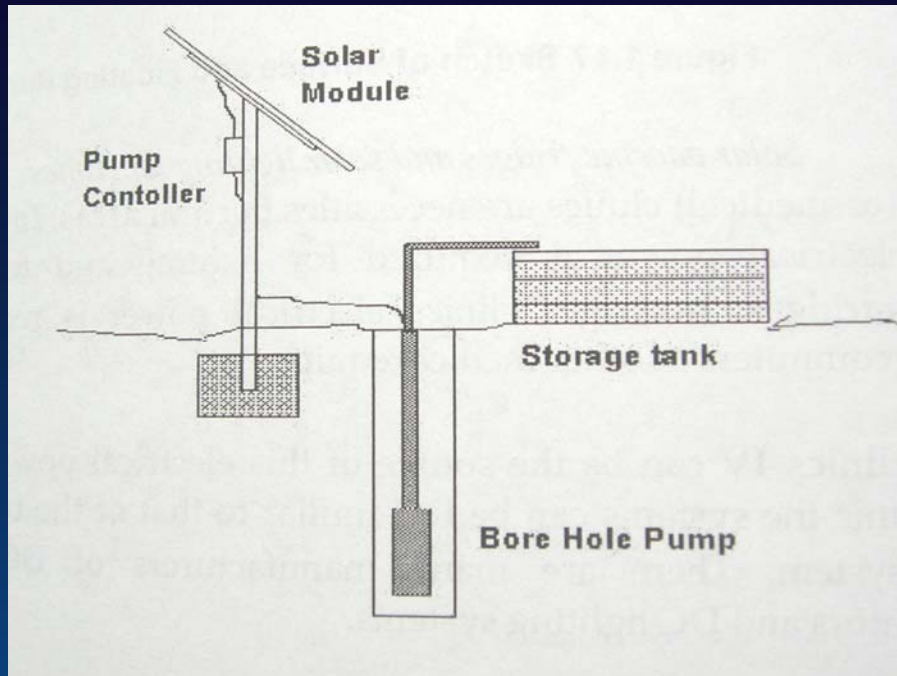


# Simple Direct Drive PV System





# Water Pumping Designs

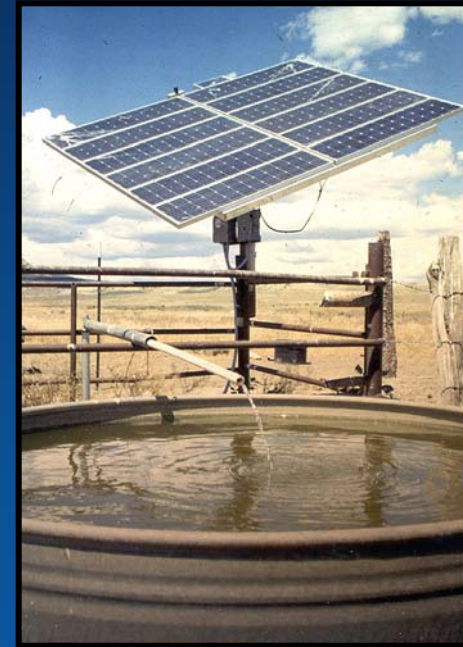




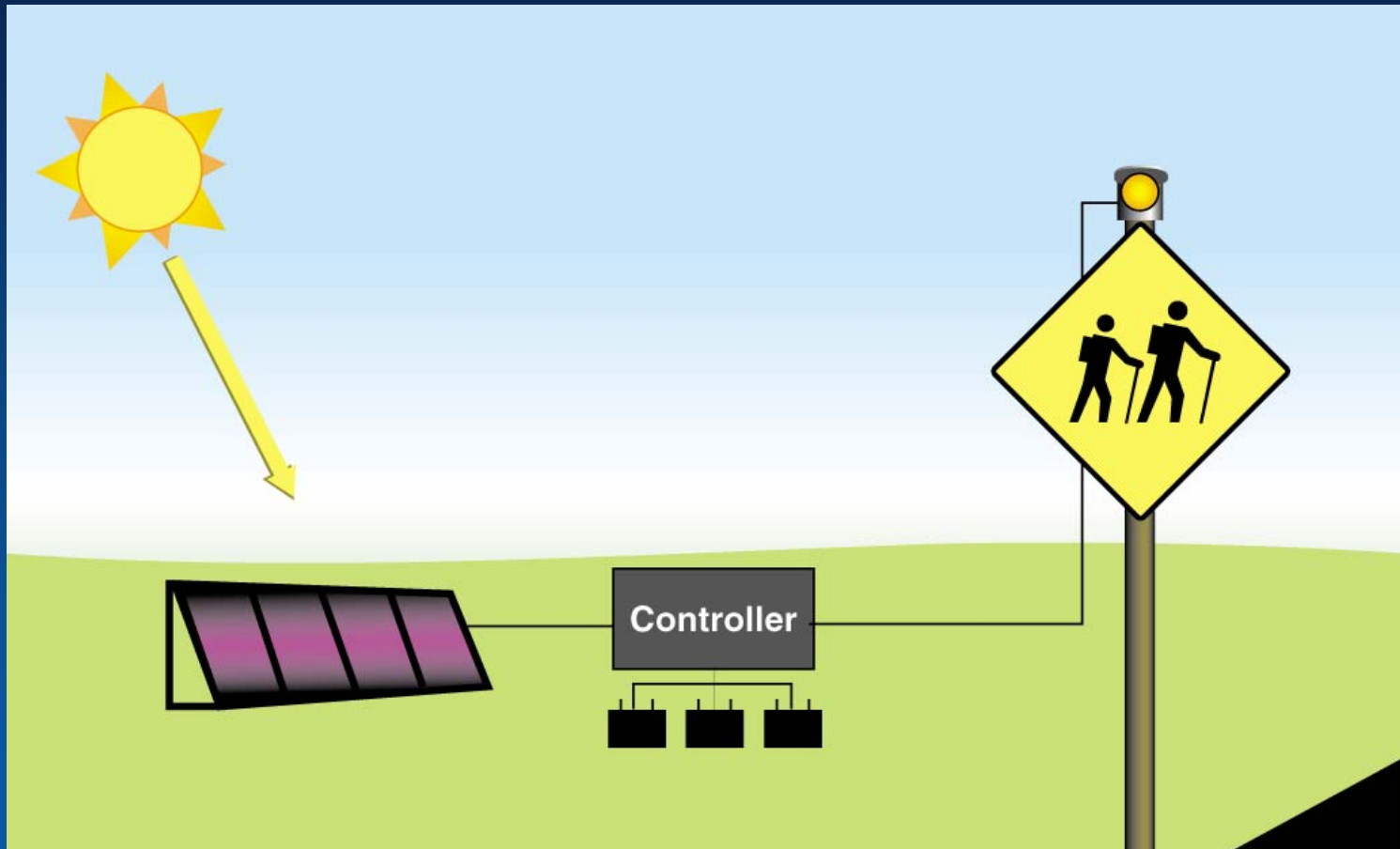
# Solar Water Pumping

## Ute Mt. Ute Tribe , CO

### Inadequate Wind & High Maintenance Costs

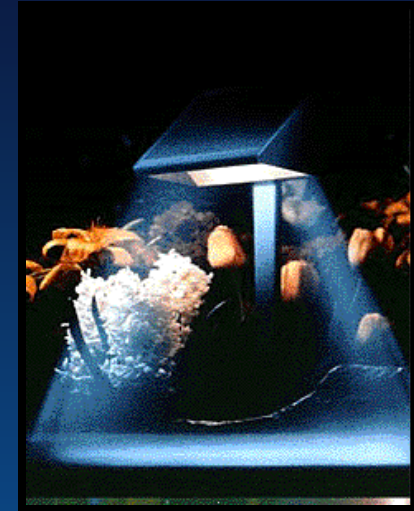


# Simple DC PV System with Battery Storage





# Typical PV - Battery Systems





# DC PV System Example: PJKK Federal Building, HI

- 2 solar panels per lamp with peak output of 96 watts
- 39 Watt fluorescent lamps, 2500 lumens
- 90 amp-hour battery powers 12 hours per night
- ~\$2500 per light





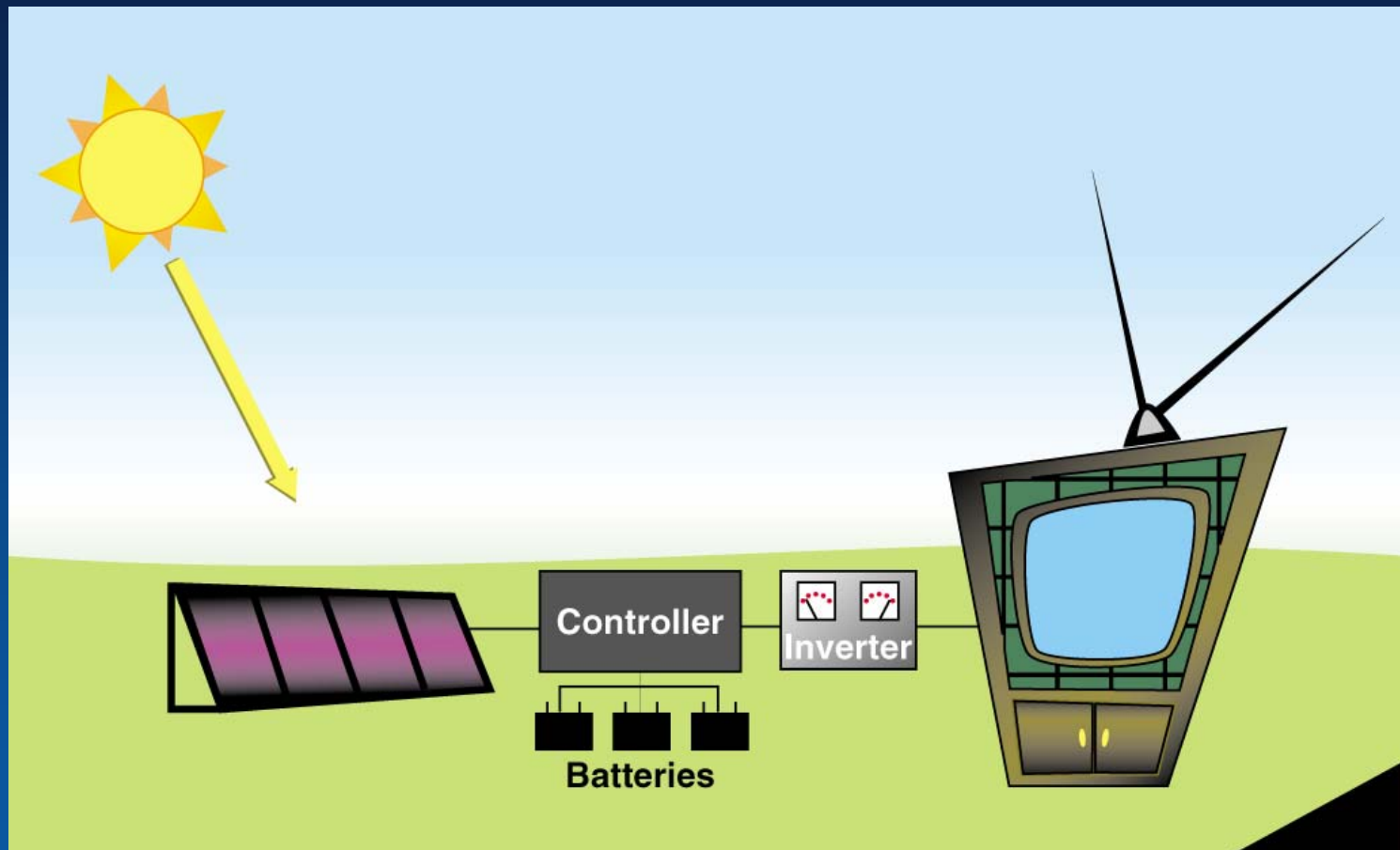


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# AC PV System with Inverter





# 5kW Inverter

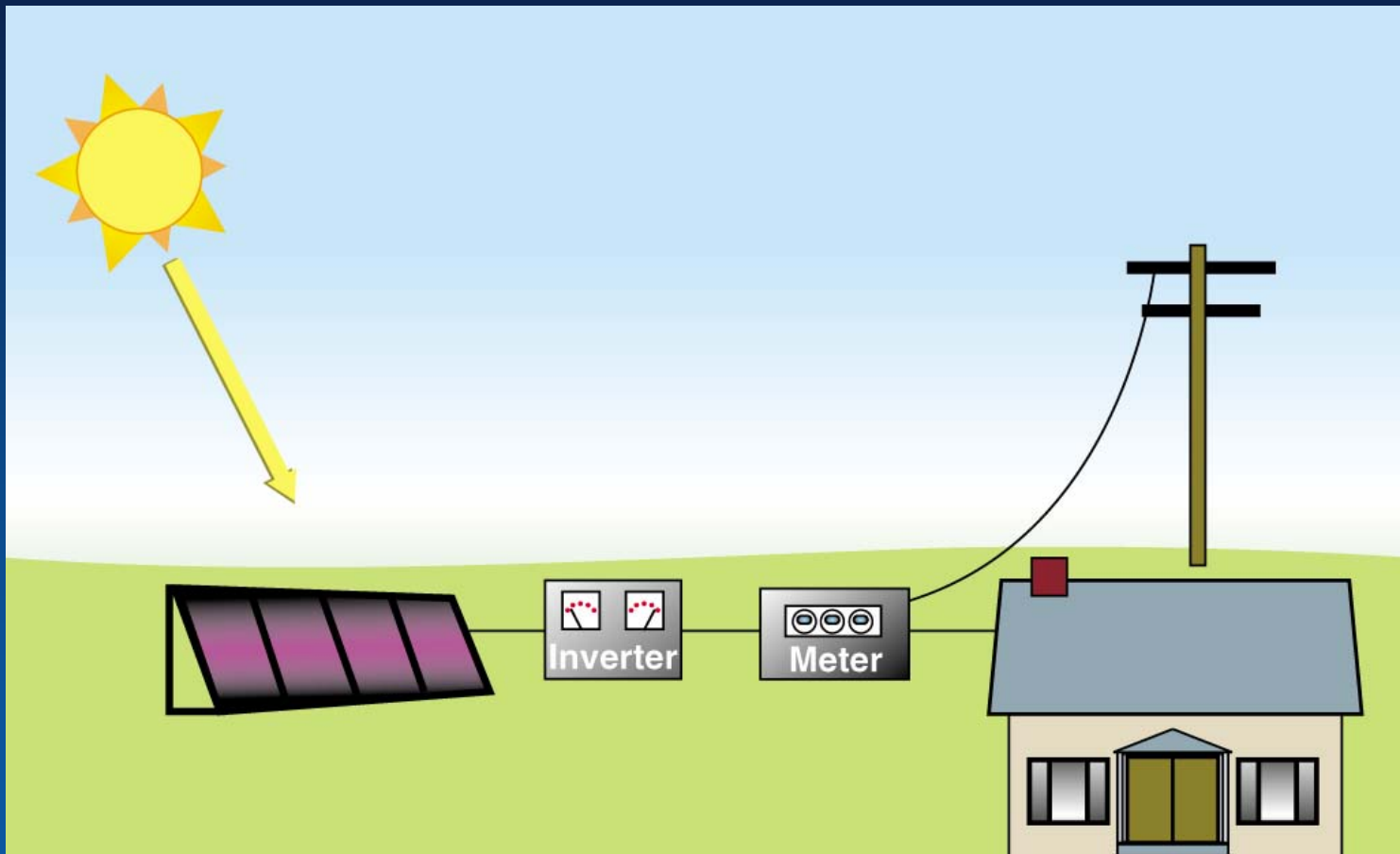


Converts Direct Current (DC) to Alternating Current (AC)





# Utility-Connected (Line-Tie) PV System

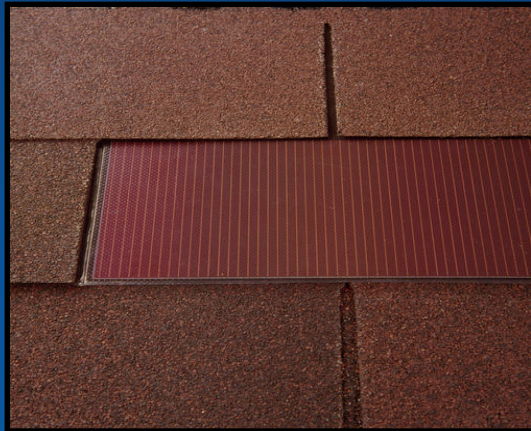


**Jicarilla, Apache, NM  
2.4 kW Grid Connected  
Dulce High School**

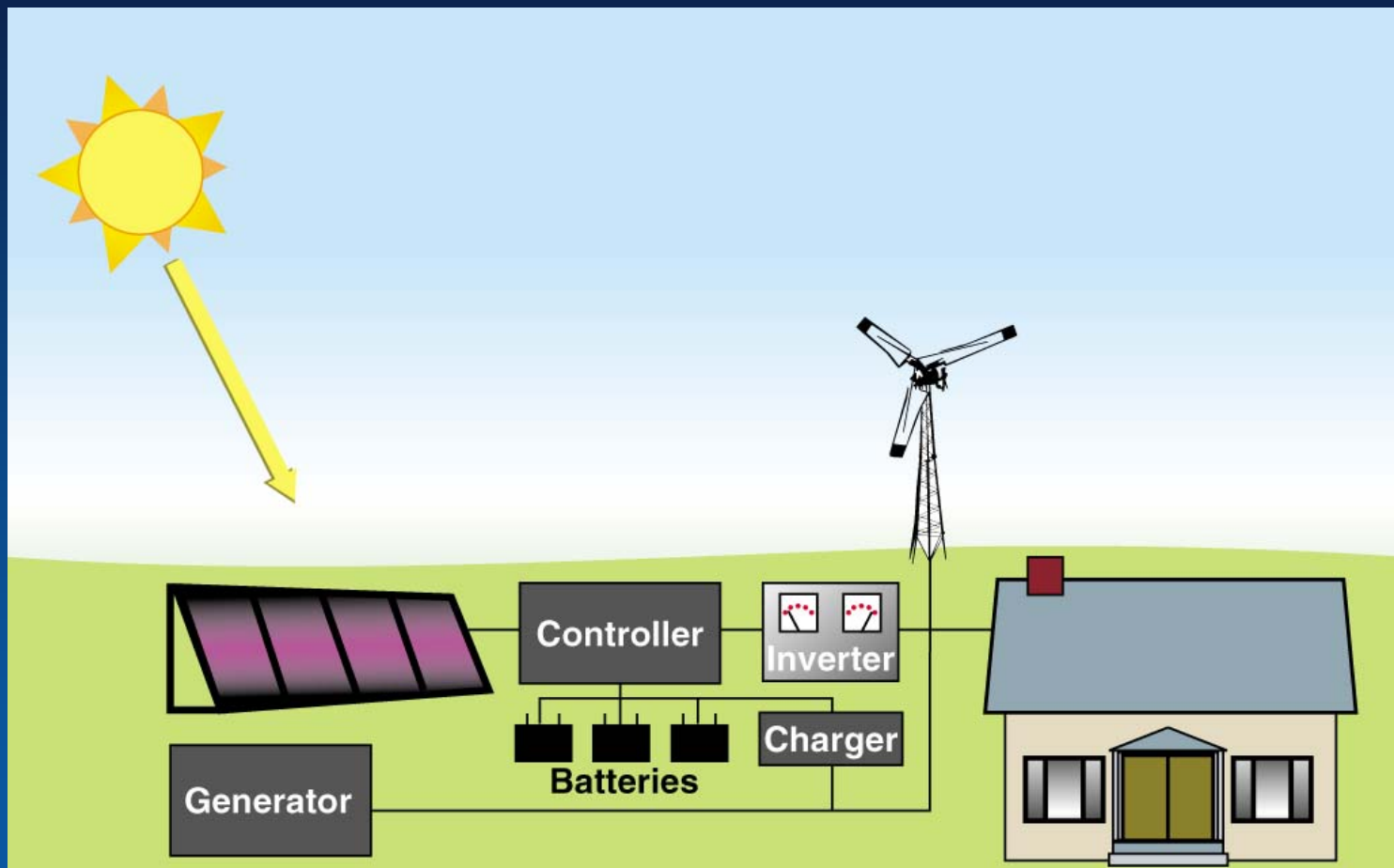




# Building-Integrated PV (BIPV)



# Hybrid PV/Generator System



# Stock Watering

- Livestock watering at the Bledsoe Ranch Colorado, USA
- PV, Mechanical wind and diesel backup solves problems with seasonal variations in resource



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# NTUA Home-Scale Hybrid

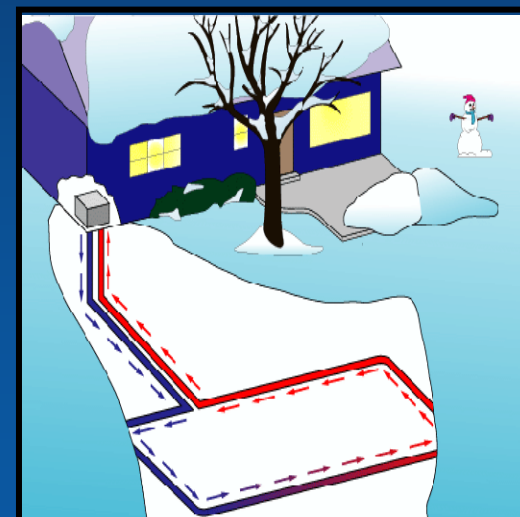
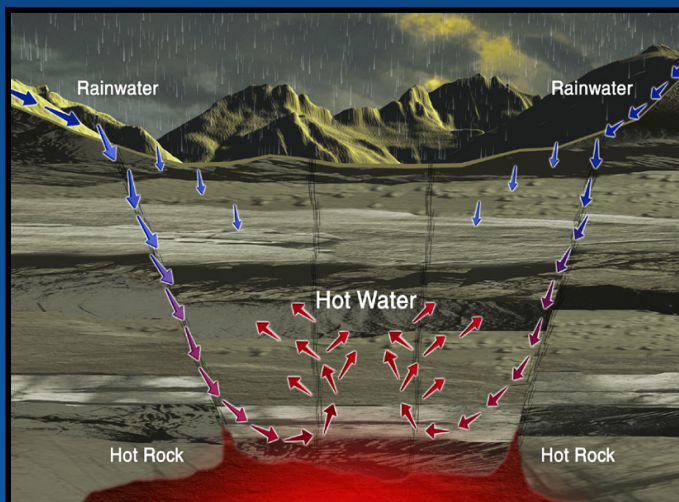
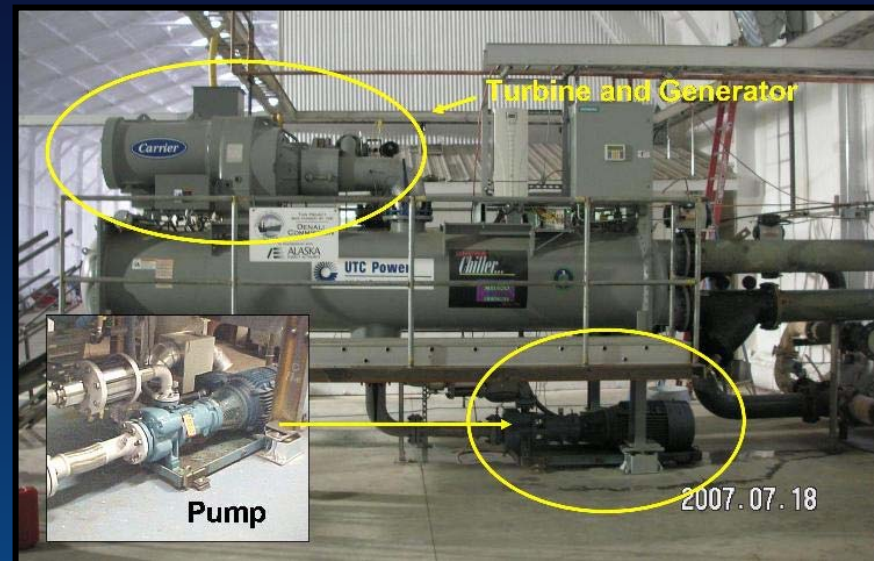
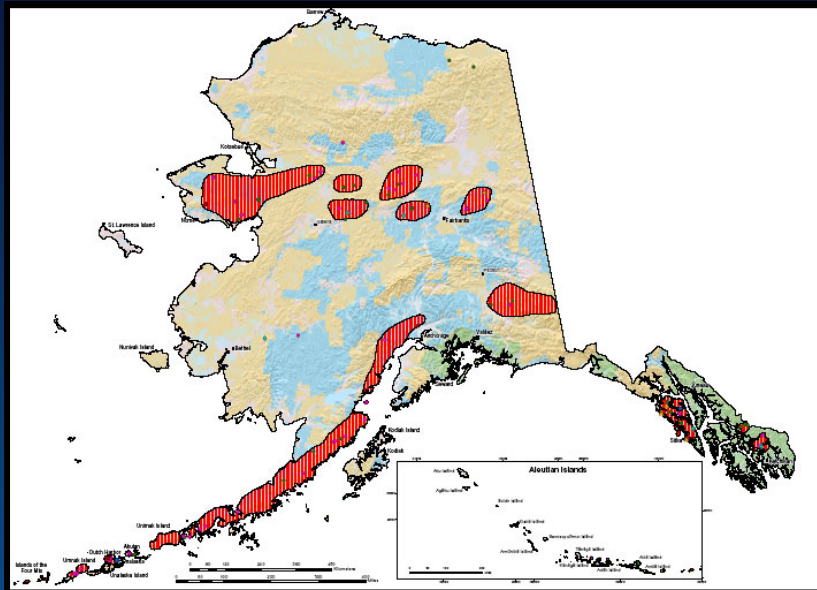








# Geothermal Options





# History of Geothermal Electricity

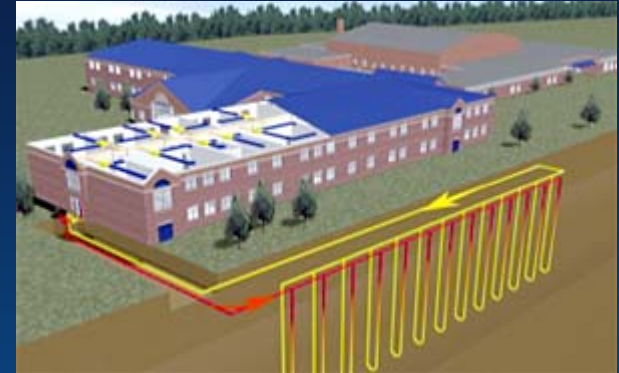
- Experiments began in Lardarello, Italy in 1904
- First U.S. plant at The Geysers in 1920s; first commercial plant in 1960



# Geothermal Heat Pump Characteristics

## “Using Mother Nature Effectively”

- Highly energy efficient
- High level of comfort
- Typically ~70% renewable energy
- Suitable for residential, commercial or industrial
- Typically 15-25 year life
- Environmentally beneficial with no combustion
- Higher first costs, but lower life cycle costs
- Multiple ways to install, with suitability for almost all geographic locations
- Proven technology



# Geo-Thermal Pond





# Geo-Thermal Pond



# Cultural & Heritage Center



52,000 Square Feet

# Firelake Discount Foods



- 84,000 Square Feet

# Small Hydro Power Options

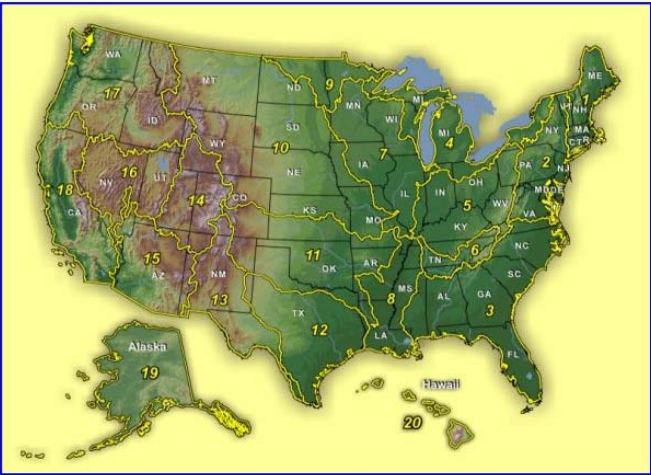
**INL** Idaho National Laboratory

Home > Renewable Energy > Hydropower > Virtual Hydropower Prospector

## Virtual Hydropower Prospector

### Region Selector

Click on a region to access the VHP desktop



Alaska 19  
Hawaii 20

**Region Selector**

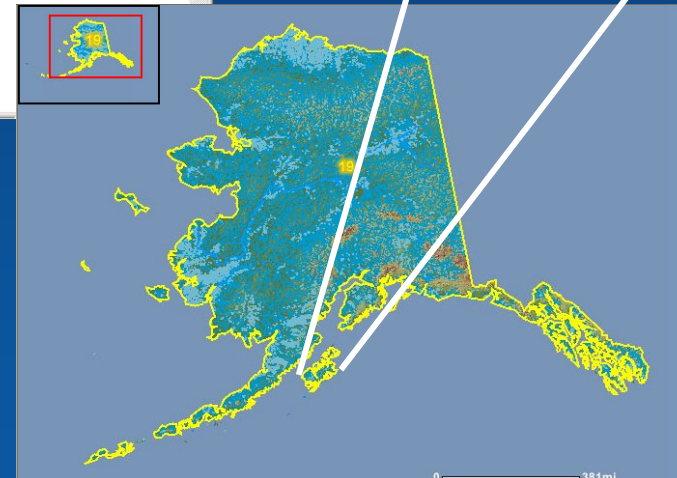
- User Guide (PDF 4.3 MB)
- Pop Enabling
- Data Sources
- Disclaimers

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Idaho Cleanup Project

The Idaho National Laboratory is operated for the U.S.



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# Small Hydropower Opportunities in California

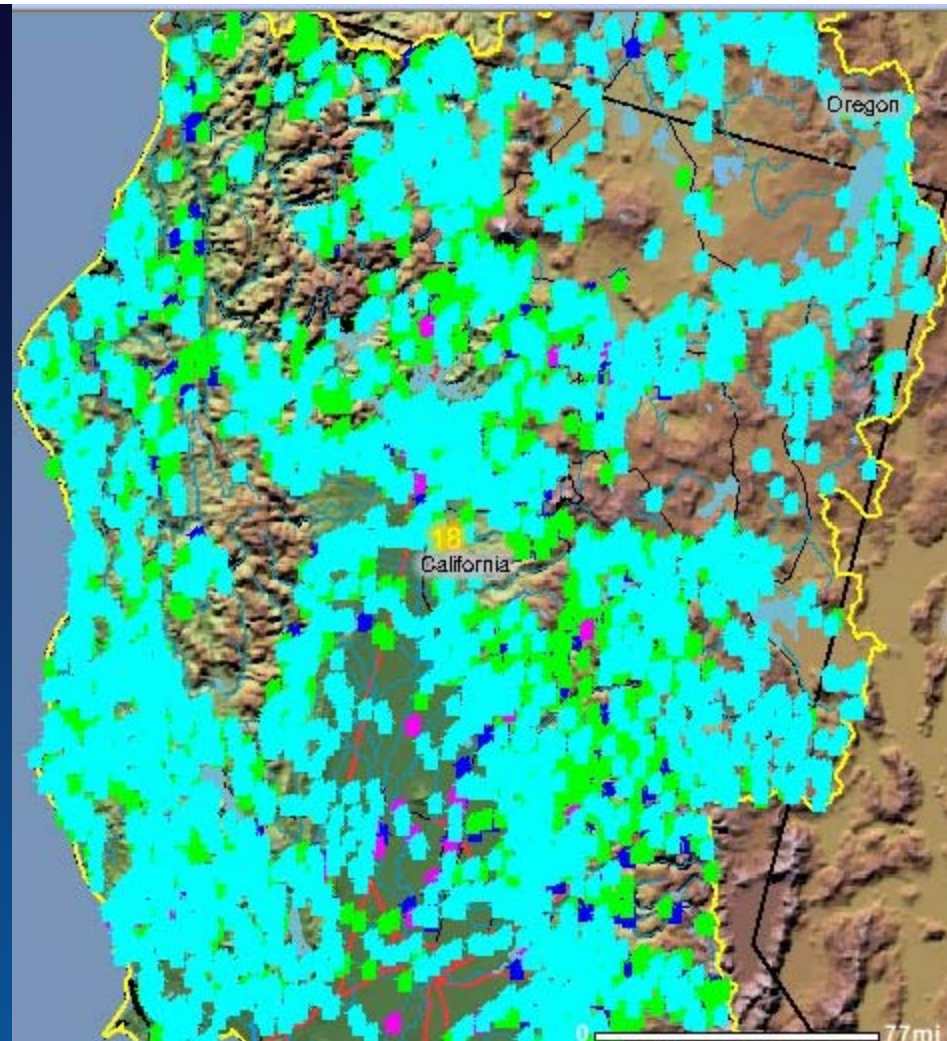






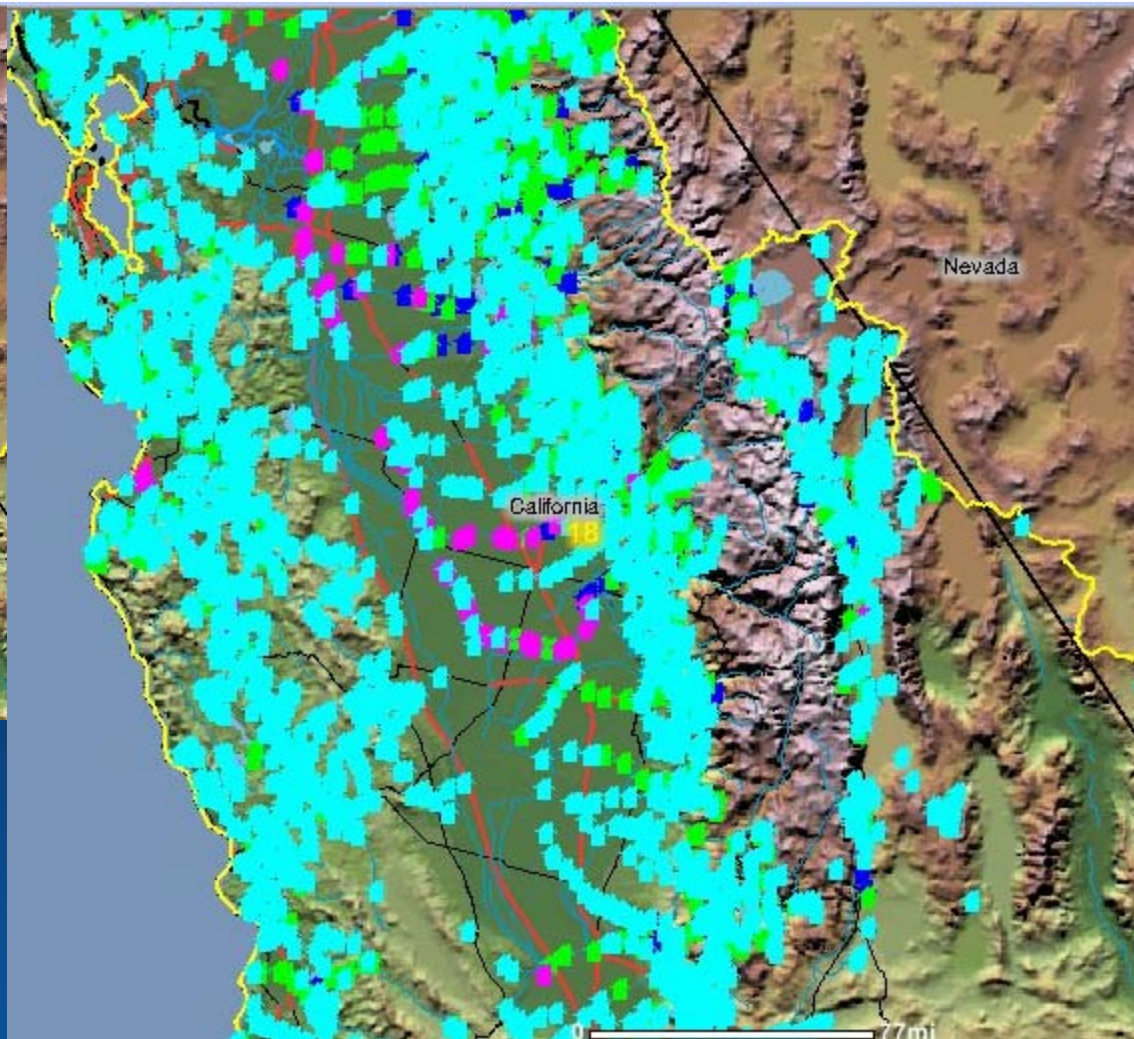
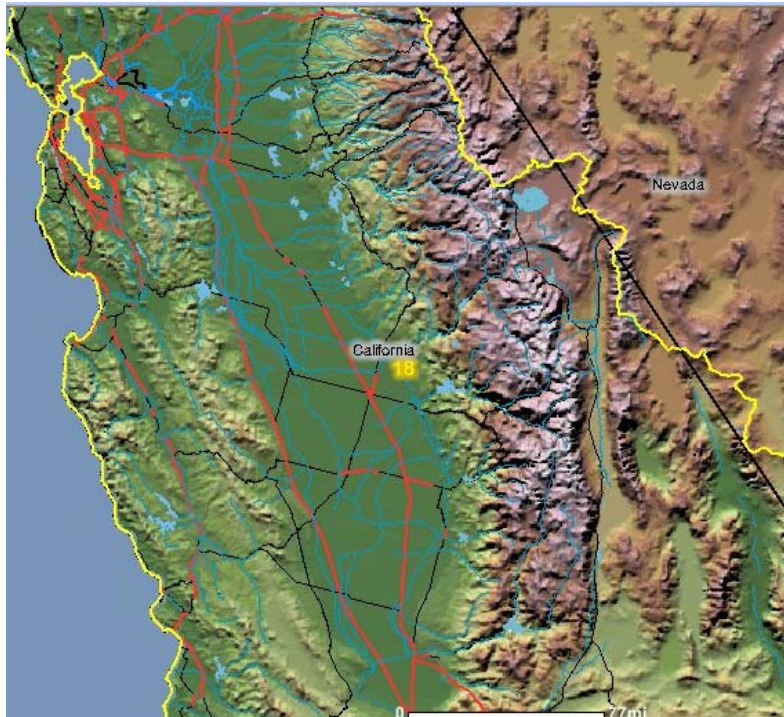
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## Northern California






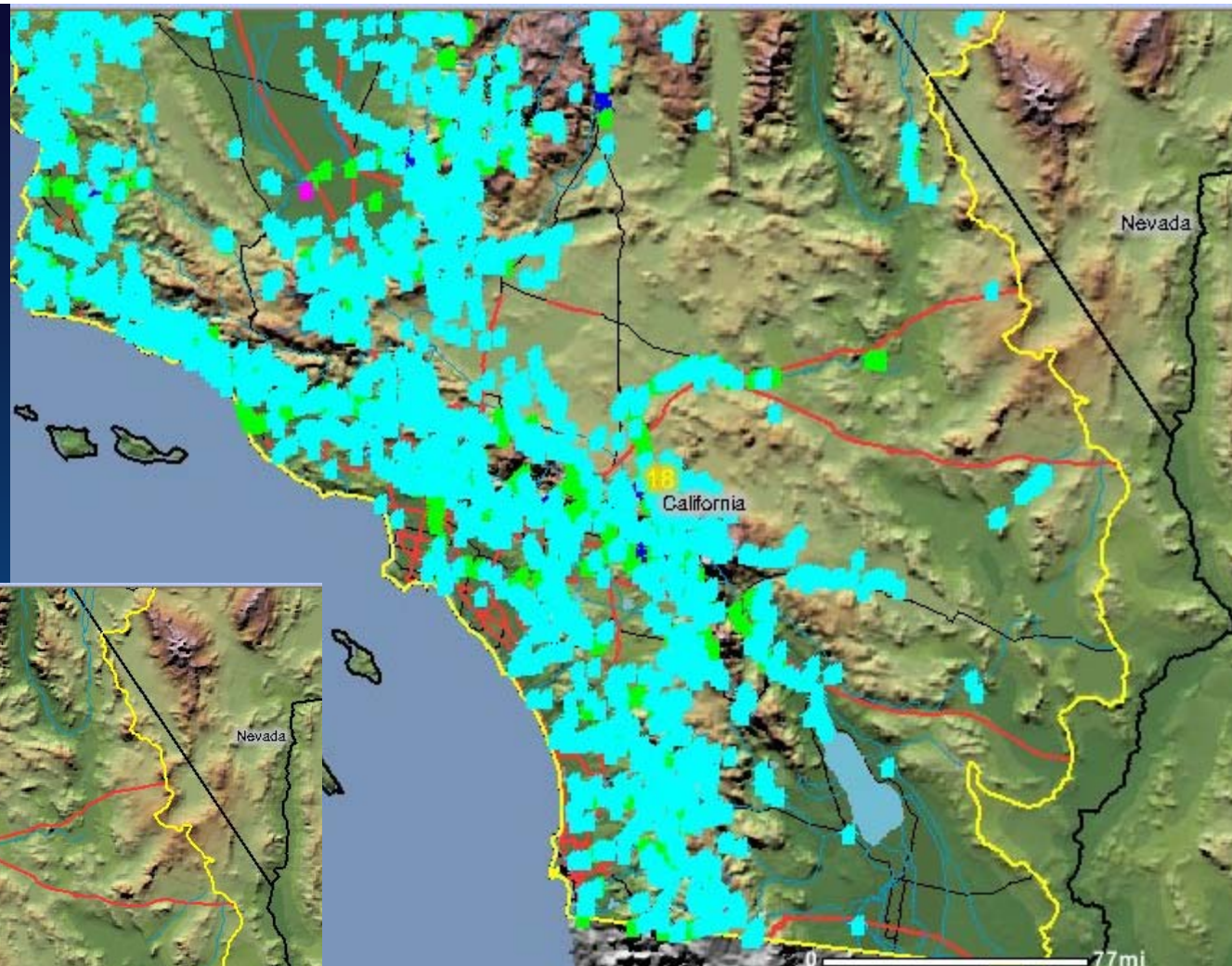
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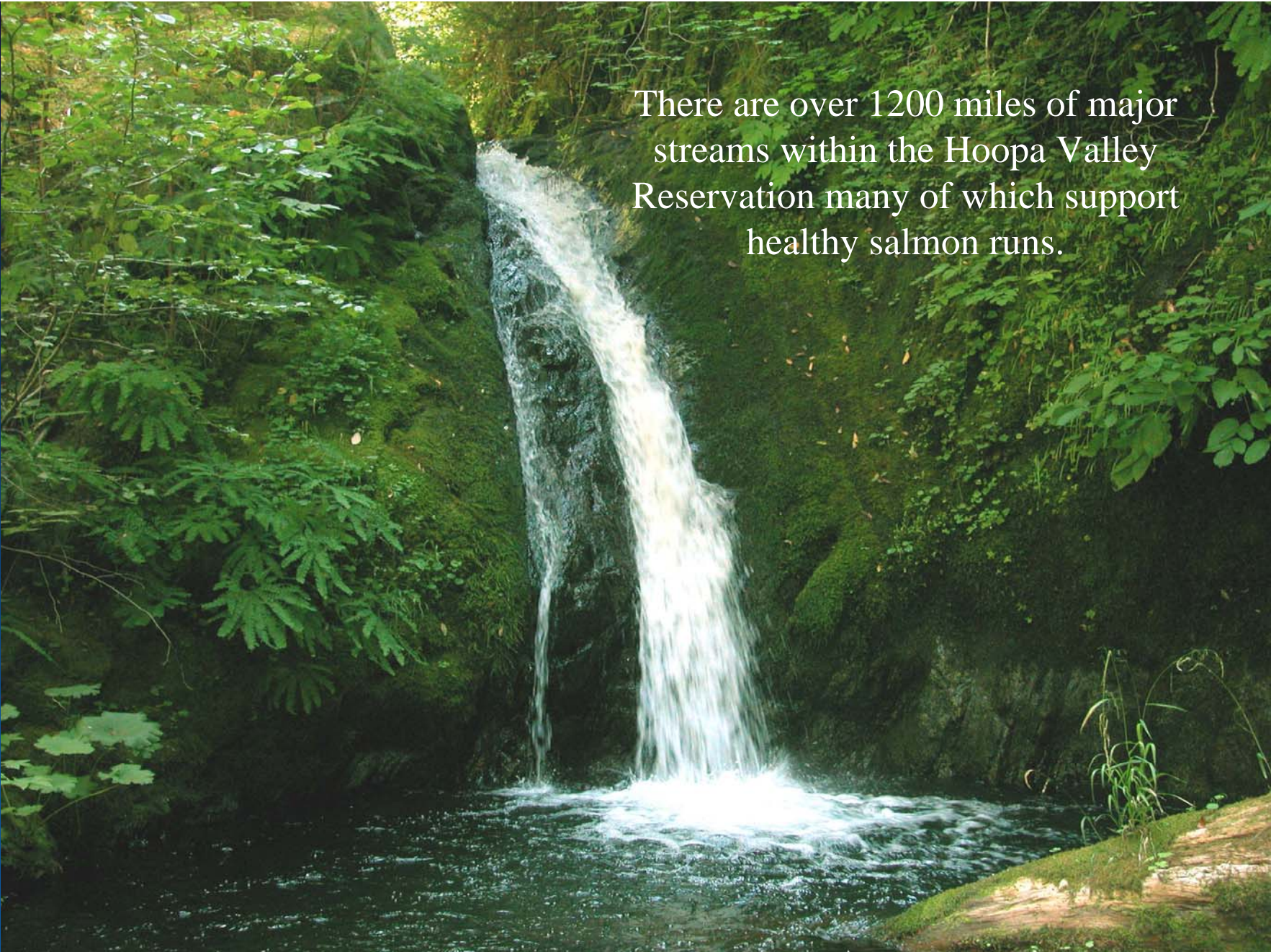
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## Southern California



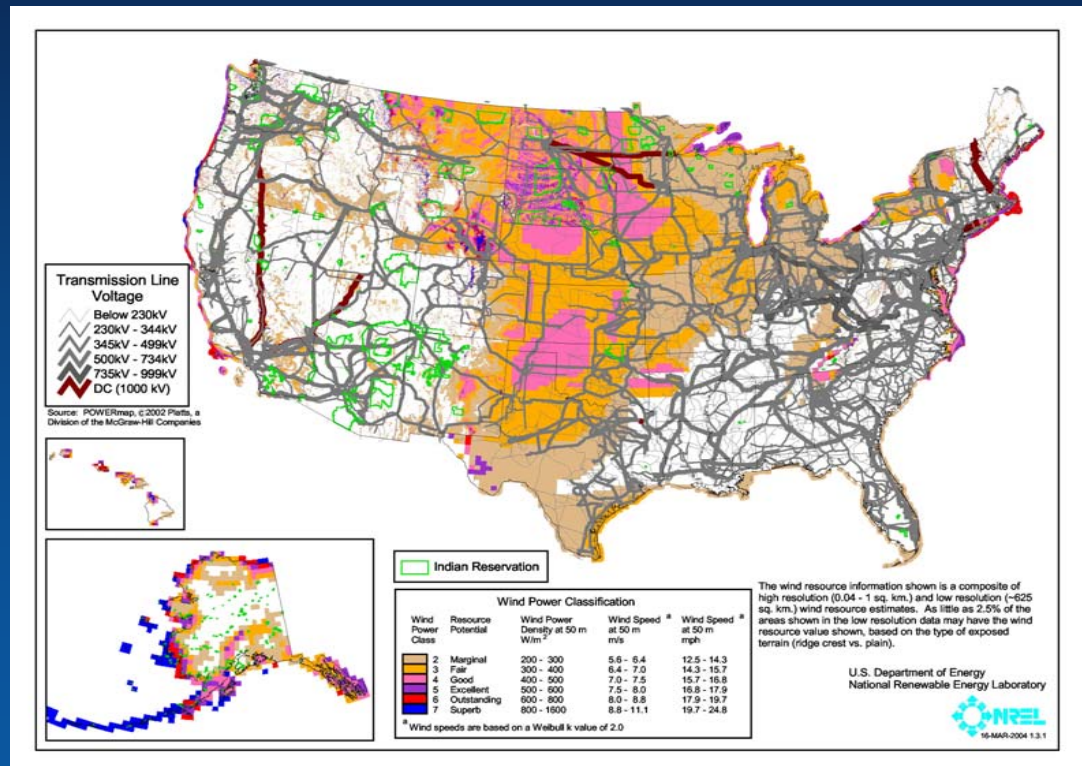
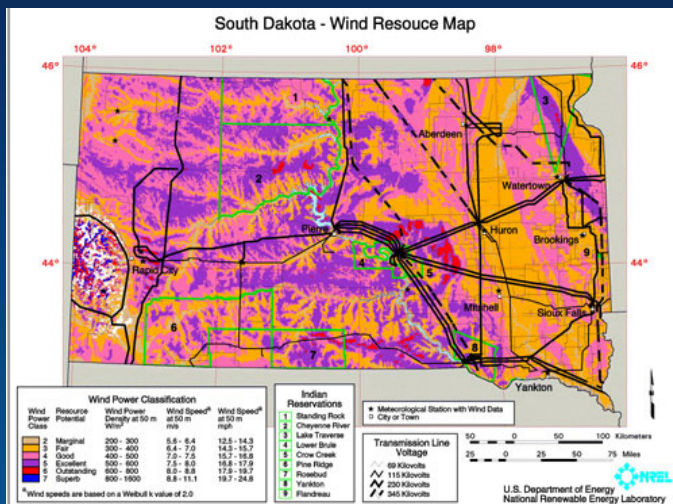
A photograph of a waterfall cascading down a mossy rock face in a lush green forest. The water is white and frothy as it falls, creating a small pool at the bottom. The surrounding vegetation is dense and vibrant green, with ferns and other foliage visible on the rock face and surrounding area.

There are over 1200 miles of major streams within the Hoopa Valley Reservation many of which support healthy salmon runs.



# DOE's Tribal Energy Program

**Wind Potential on Tribal Lands about 14% of U.S.  
Annual Electric Generation (~ 3,853 Billion kWh/year)**



*Wind potential of about 535  
Billion kWh/yr on Indian  
Lands in Lower 48 States*



# Wind Turbine Sizes and Applications



## Small ( $\leq 10$ kW)

Homes

Farms

Remote Applications  
(e.g. water  
pumping, telecom  
sites, icemaking)



## Intermediate (10-250 kW)

Village Power  
Hybrid Systems  
Distributed Power

Kotzebue

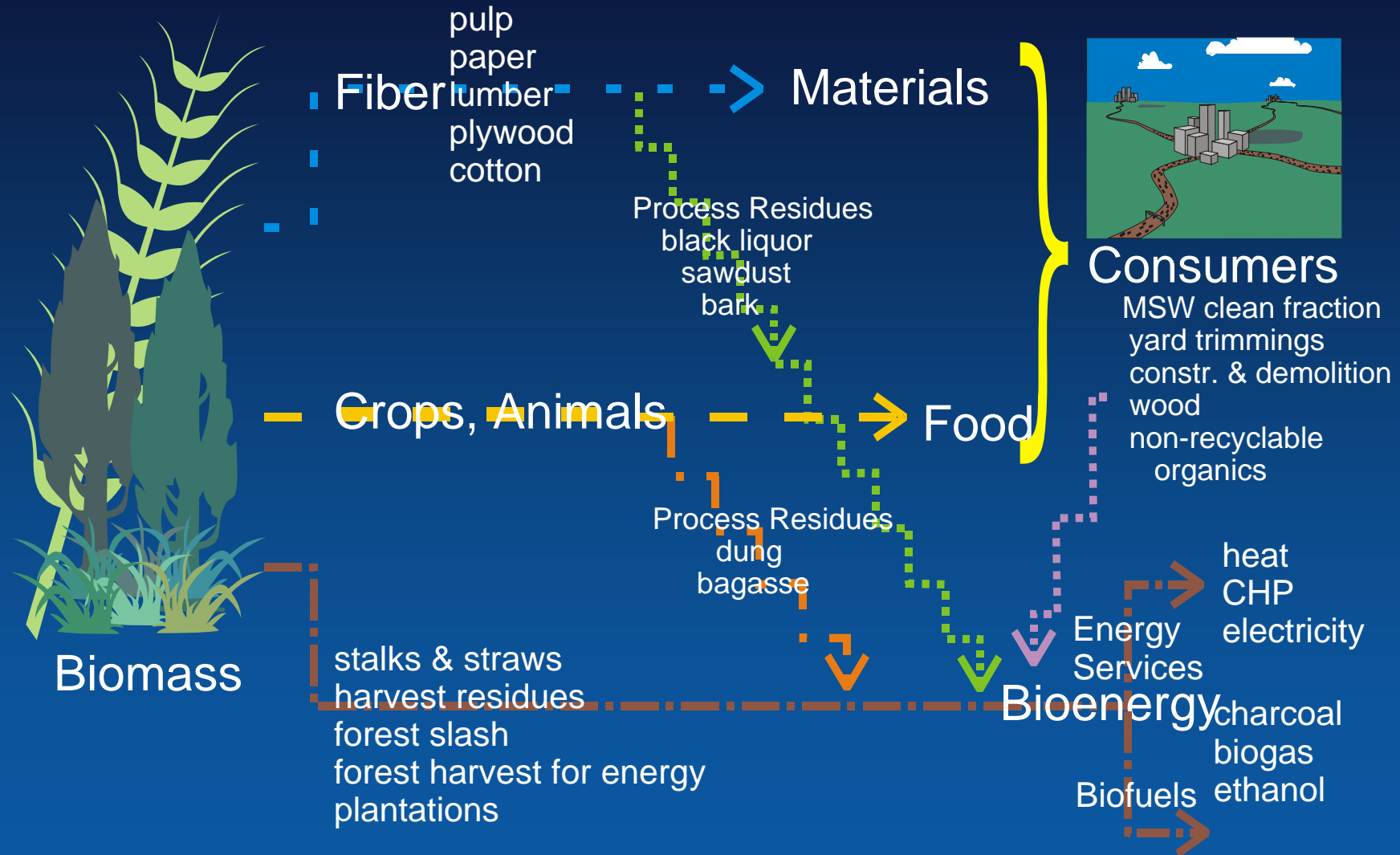


## Large (250 kW – 2+ MW)

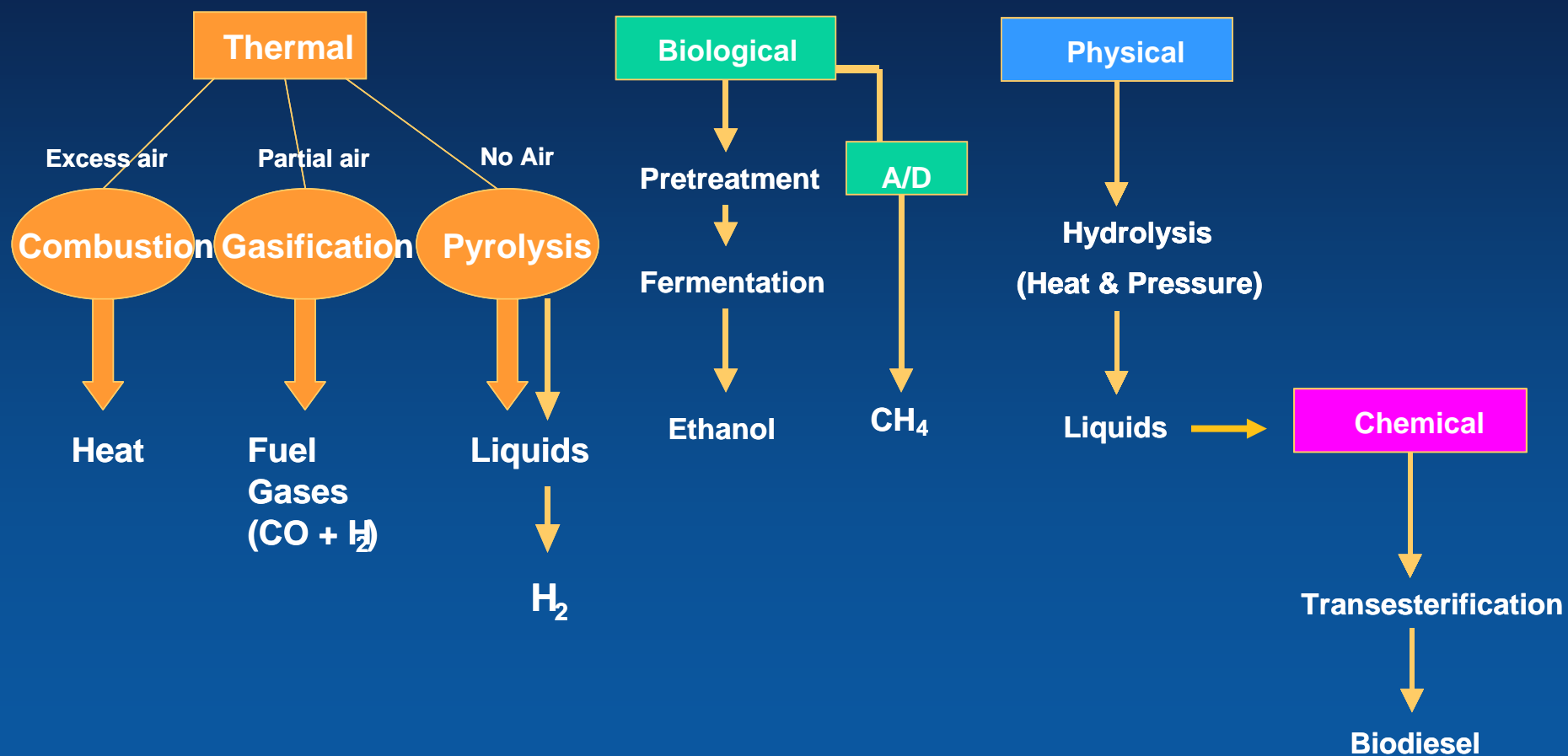
Central Station Wind Farms  
Distributed Power

St. Paul

# Biomass & Bioenergy Flows



# Biomass Energy Pathways





# Thermal

Combustion

Excess air

Pyrolysis

No Air

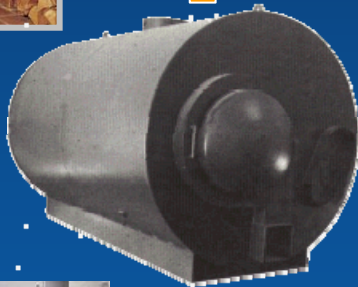
Gasification

Partial air

Fuel Gases  
(CO + H<sub>2</sub>)

Liquids

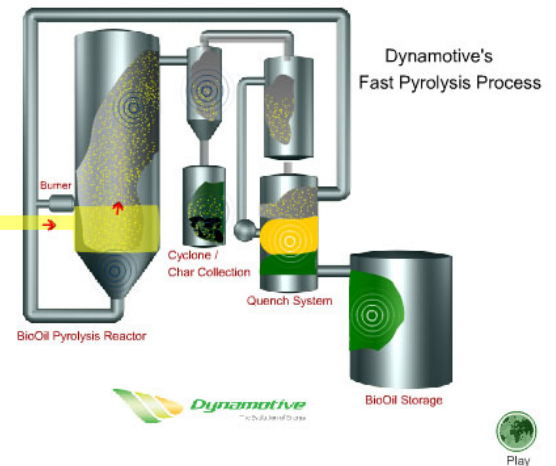
Heat



Gas Production  
Module

Automatic Drier/Feeder  
Module

Power Generation  
Module





# Wood Stove Heating

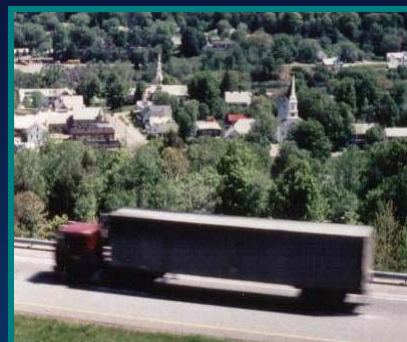
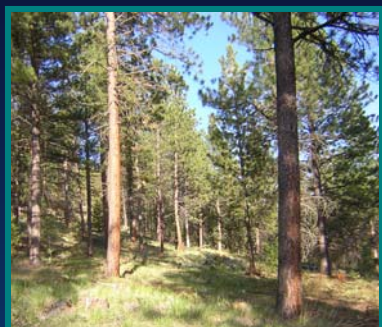
Seasoned firewood (20% moisture) @ \$300/cord (~\$150/ton)

~20 MBTU/cord → high efficiency wood stove @ 77% efficiency

~ \$20/MBTU delivered to home

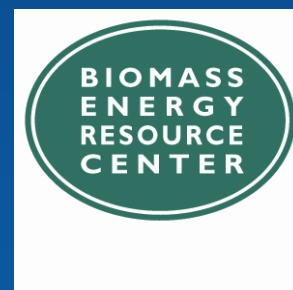
~\$2.50/gal heating oil

# Commercial-Scale Wood Heating



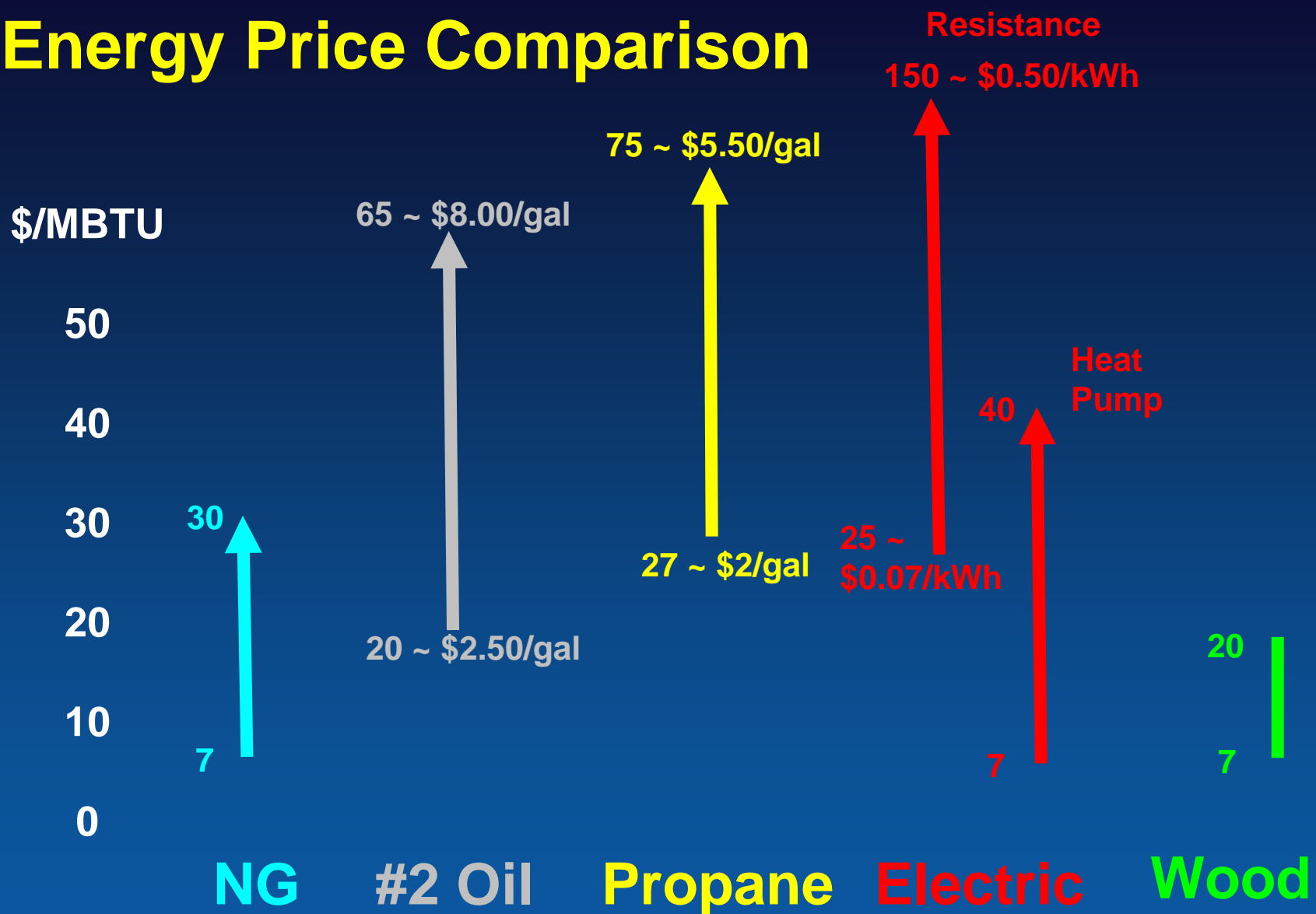
Green wood chips (50% moisture) @ \$50/ton  
~8.6 MBTU/ton in a  
high efficiency wood boiler @ 85% efficiency

~ \$7.00/MBTU delivered to building

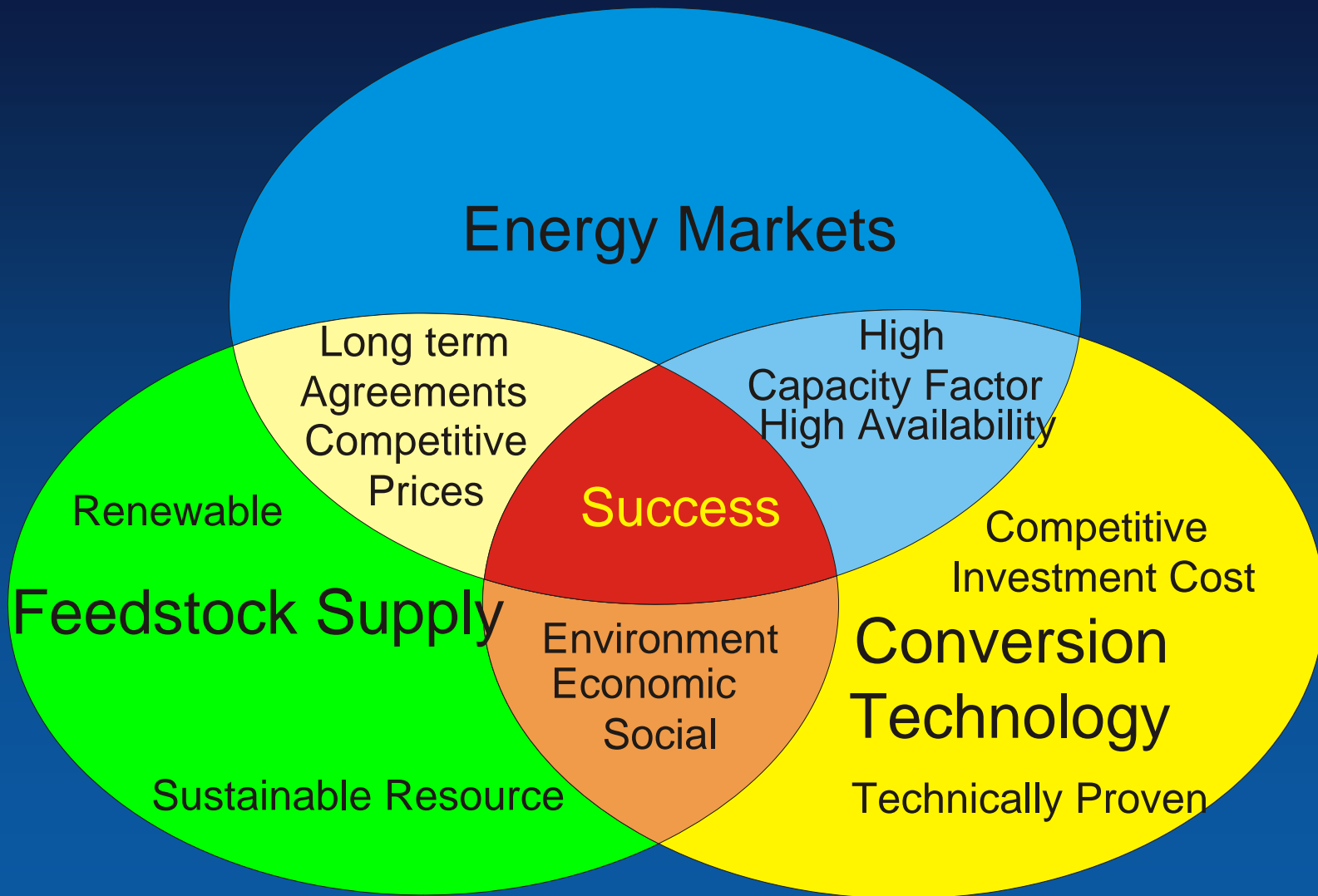


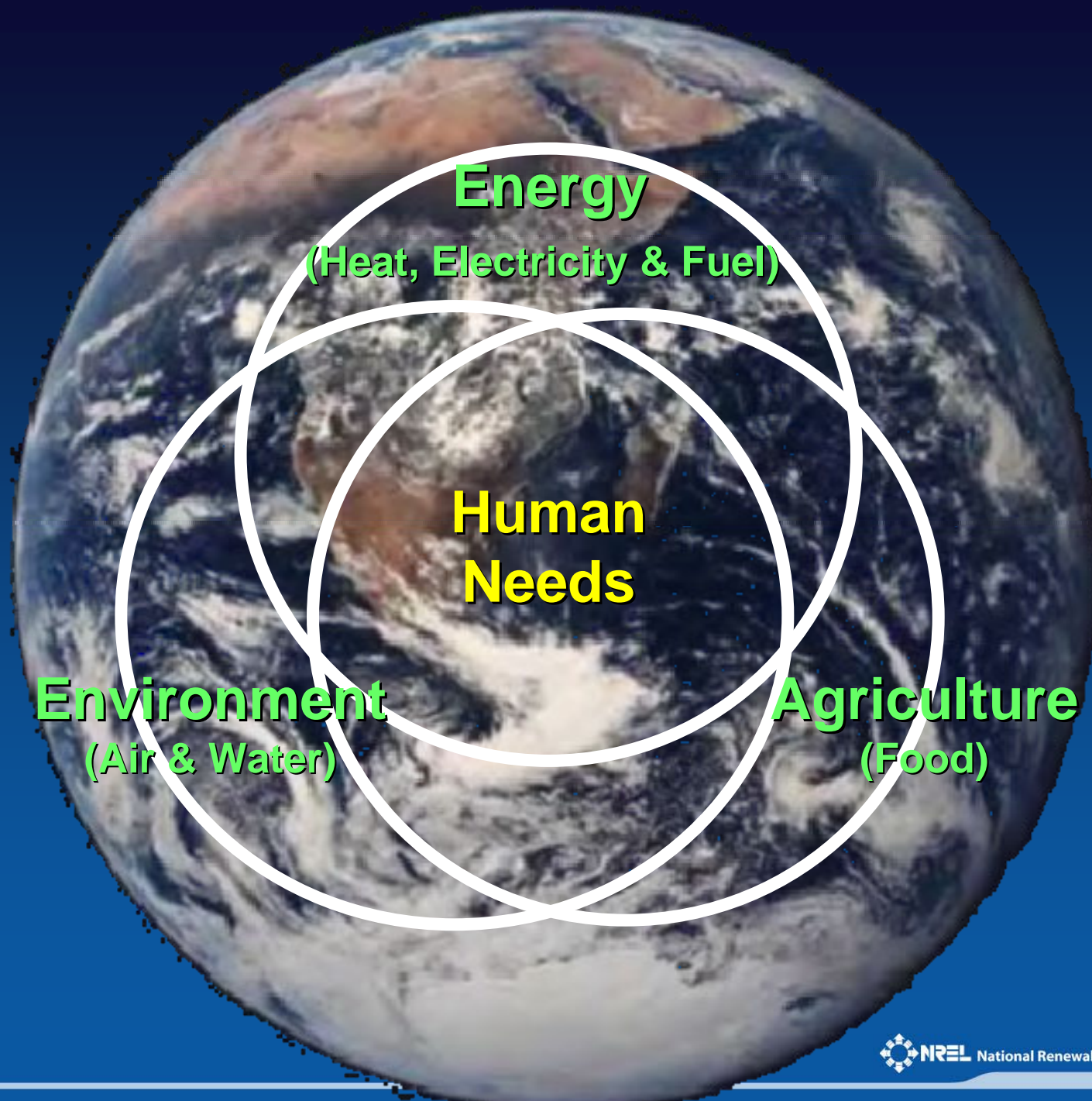


# Energy Price Comparison



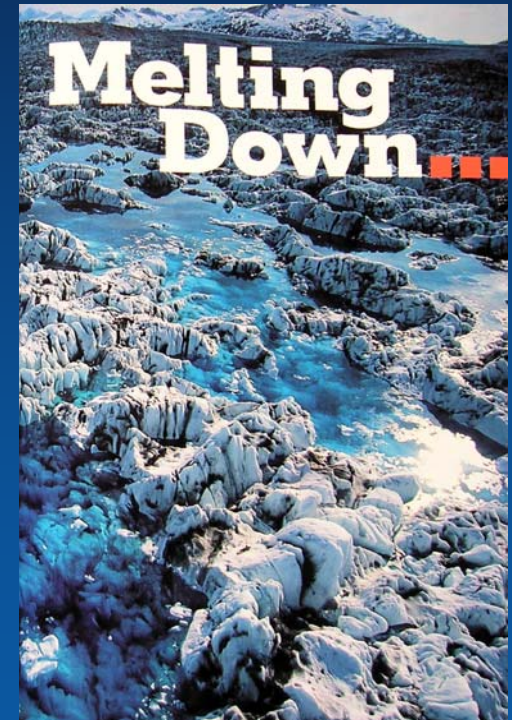
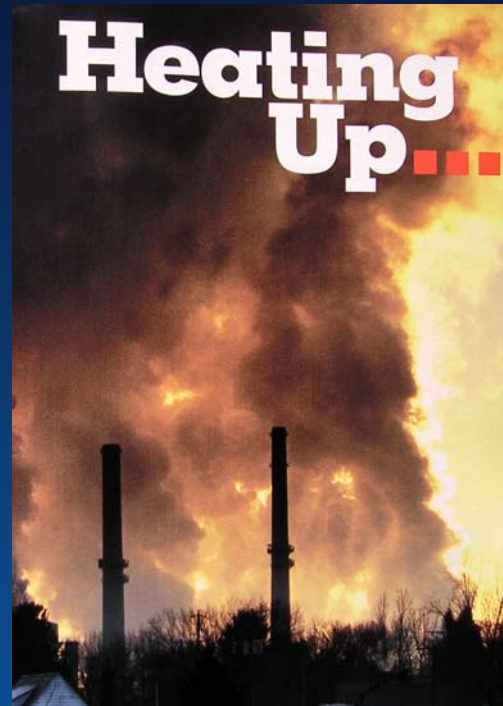
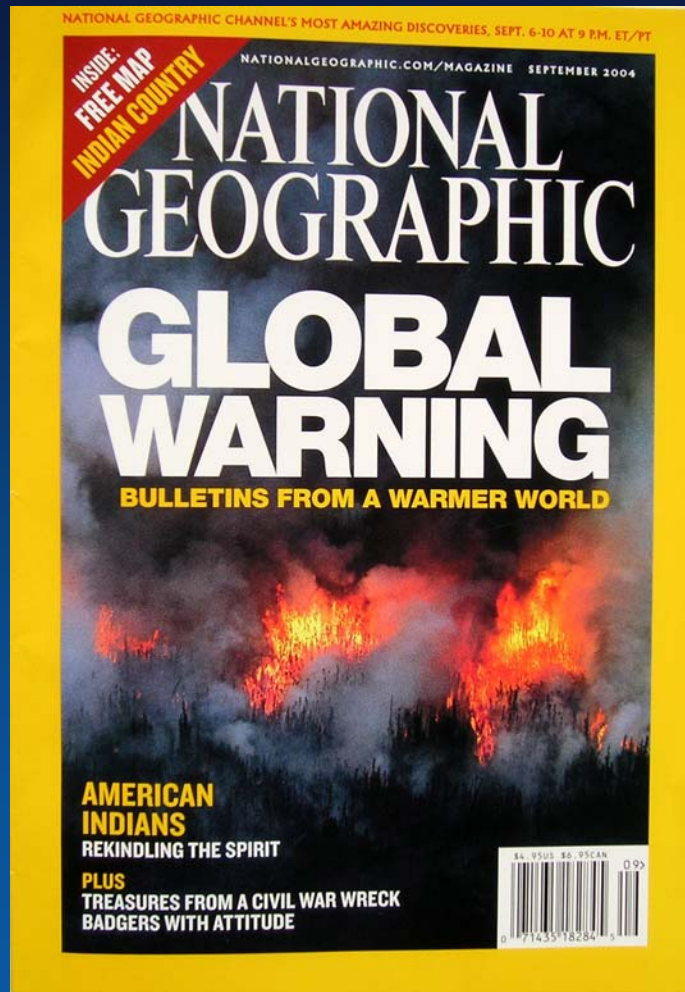
# Bioenergy Project Requirements





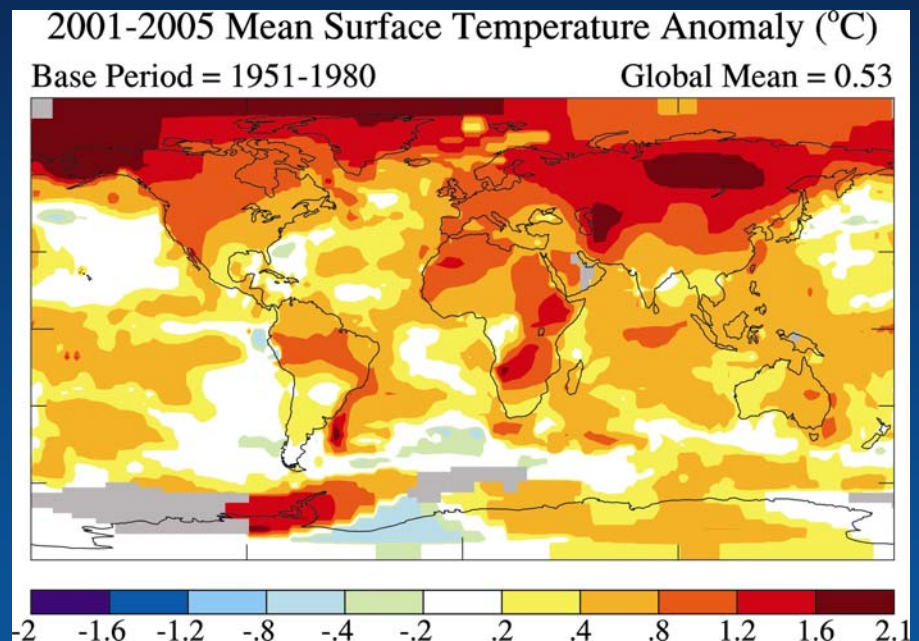
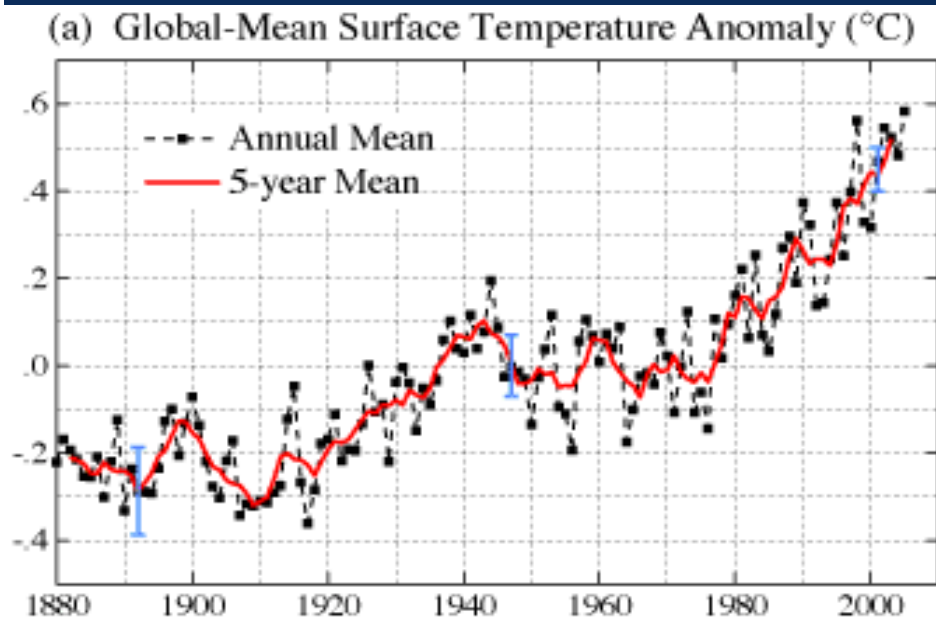


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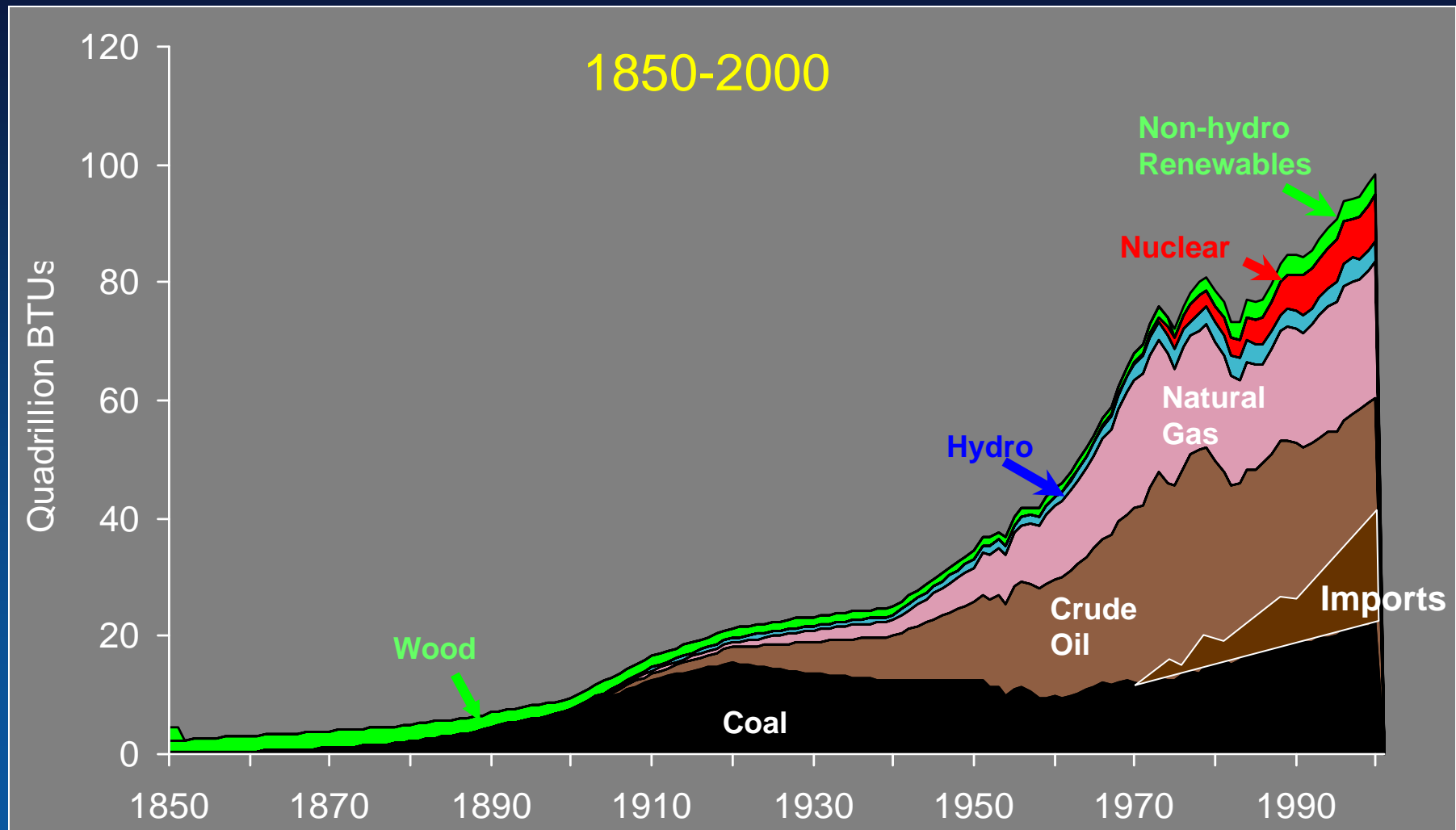
# Where Carbon Reduction is a Requirement

## 2005 Warmest Year on Record



Warming of  $0.2^{\circ}\text{C}/\text{decade}$  over last 30 years

# Where U.S. Energy Consumption Continues to Grow



Source: 1850-1949, Energy Perspectives: A Presentation of Major Energy and Energy-Related Data, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1975; 1950-2000, Annual Energy Review 2000, Table 1.3

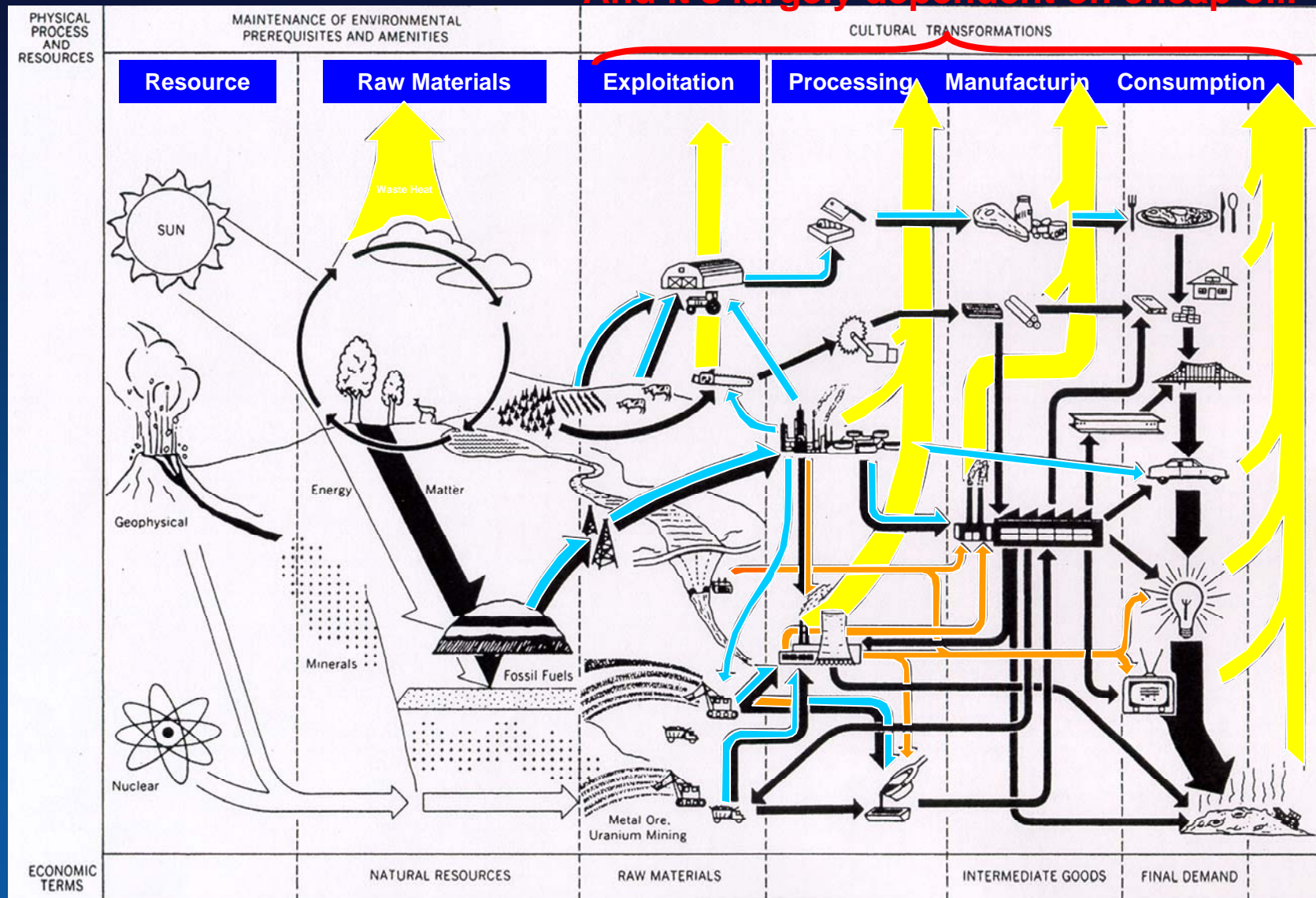


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# Where the global economy is very complex

And it's largely dependent on cheap oil.

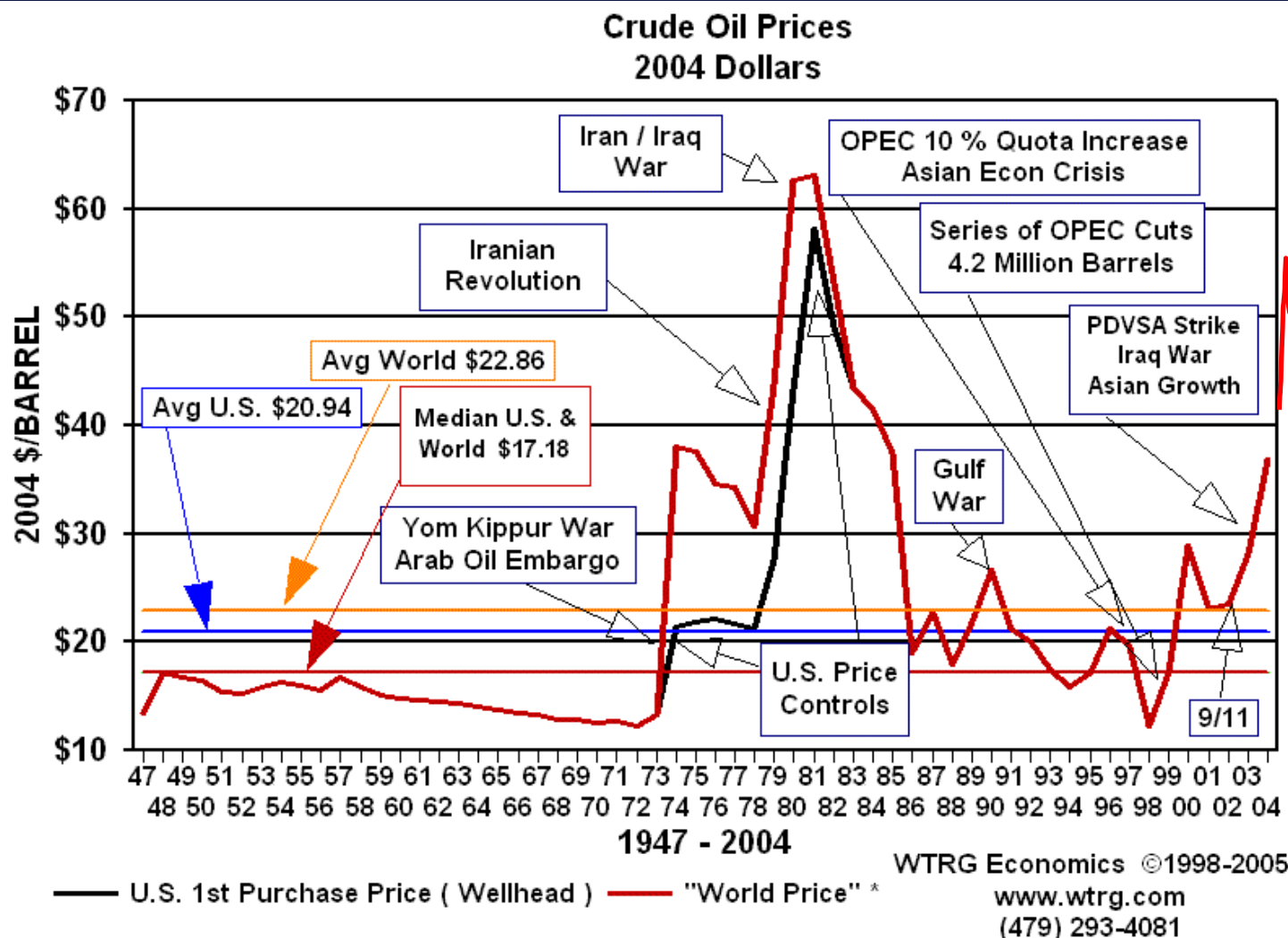


# Increasingly volatile, increasingly upward

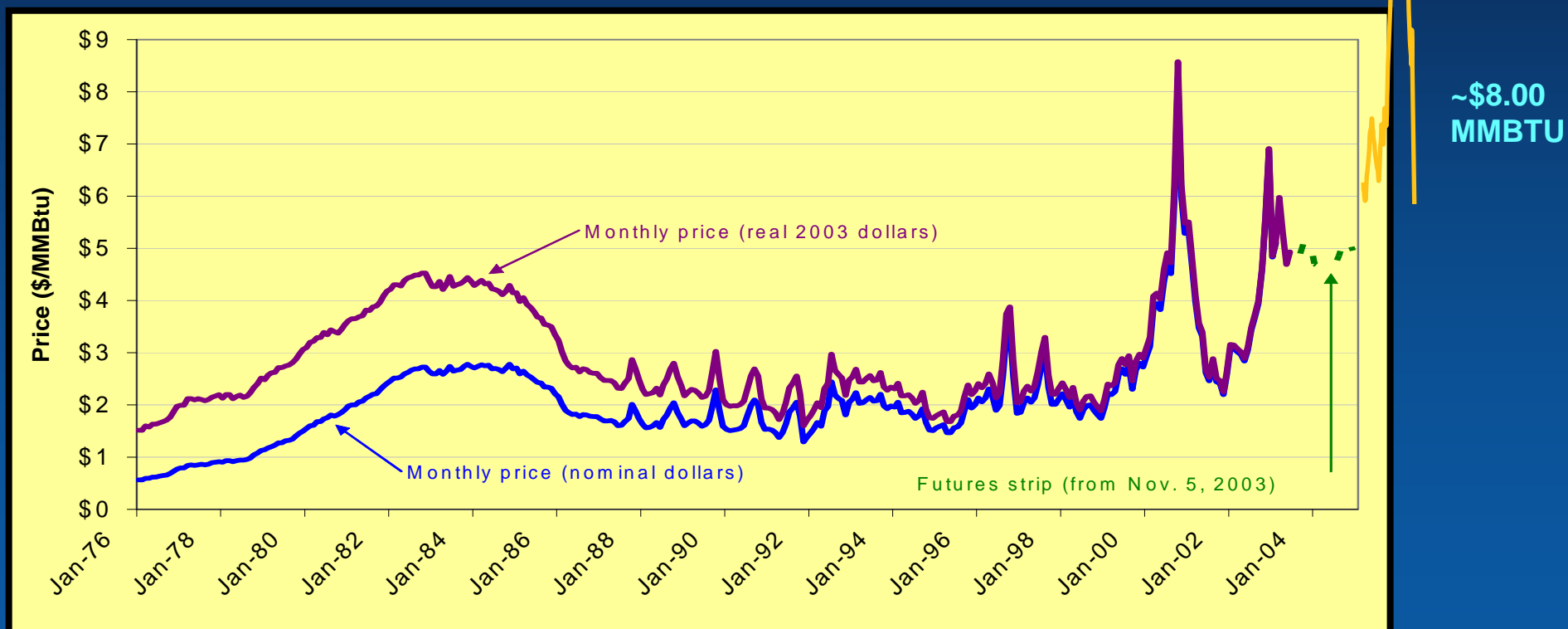
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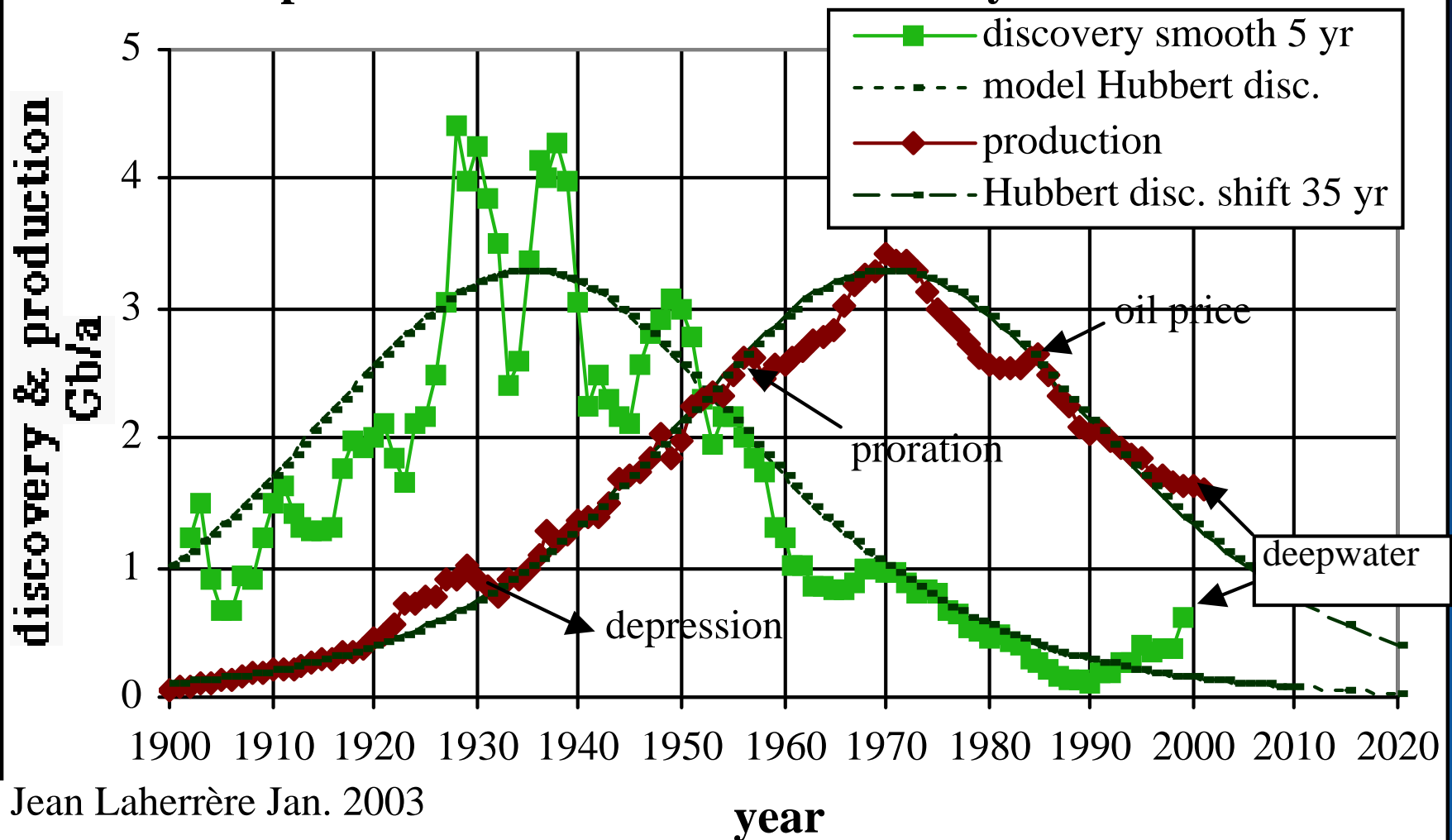
After a decade of low prices, natural gas prices are now more volatile at a higher level.





# US Lower 48 Oil Discovery & Production

US Lower 48: annual oil "mean" discovery & production with Hubbert discovery model



# Total U.S. Oil Production

*U.S. Oil Production*

*Big, New Discoveries &*

*New 'Technology'*

*...only shift the curve*

10000 kb/d

5000 kb/d

0 kb/d

AK

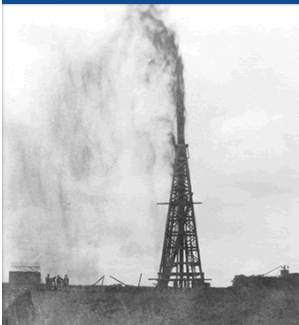
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*Lower 48*

2008

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*Lower 48*



*Alaska*



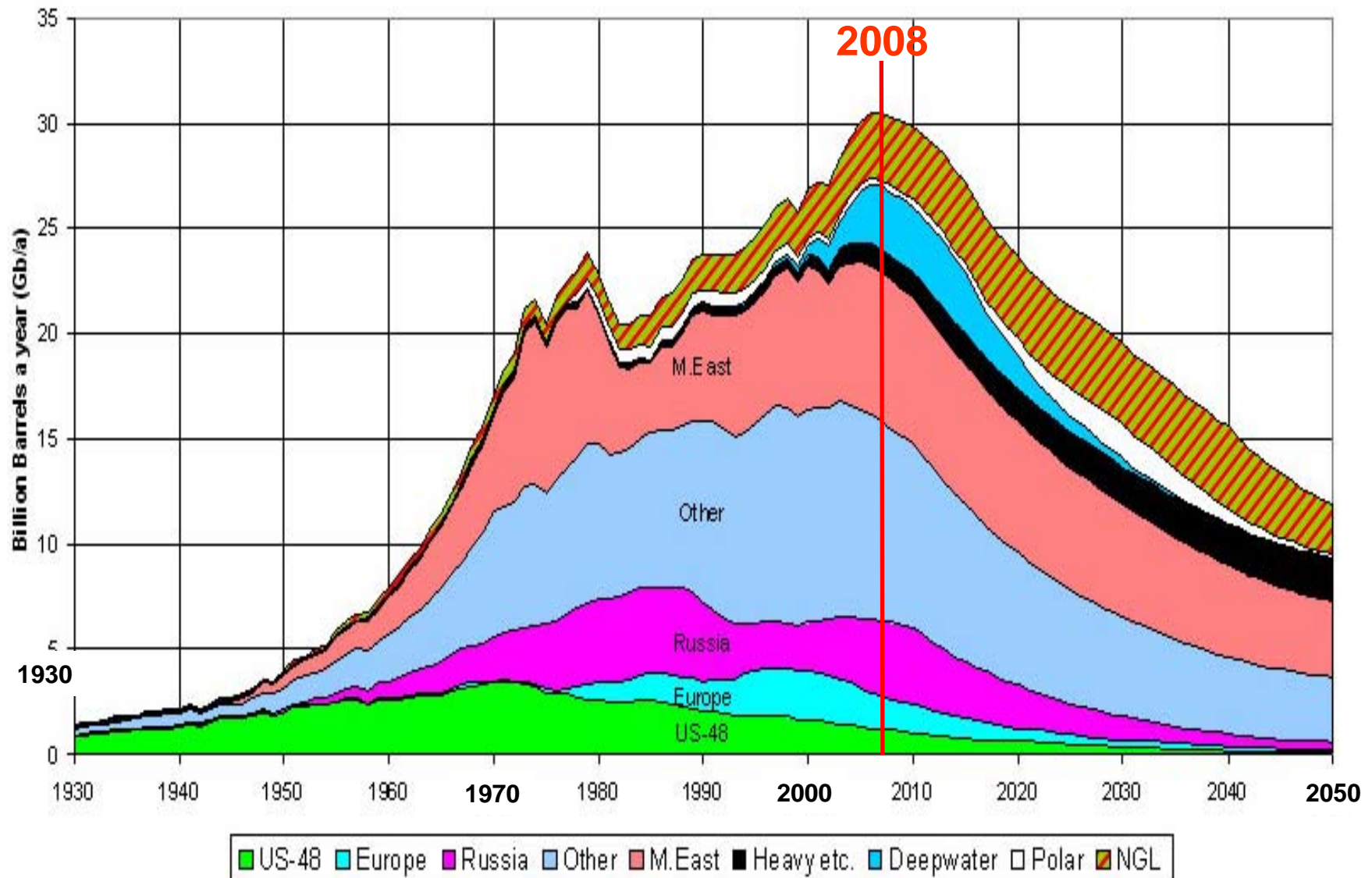
*Deepwater*

Source: Tom Petrie at Denver World Oil Conference



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# The Age of Oil





# 7 Generations Span The Age of Oil

Our Great Grand Parents

Our Grand Parents

Our Parents

Our Generation

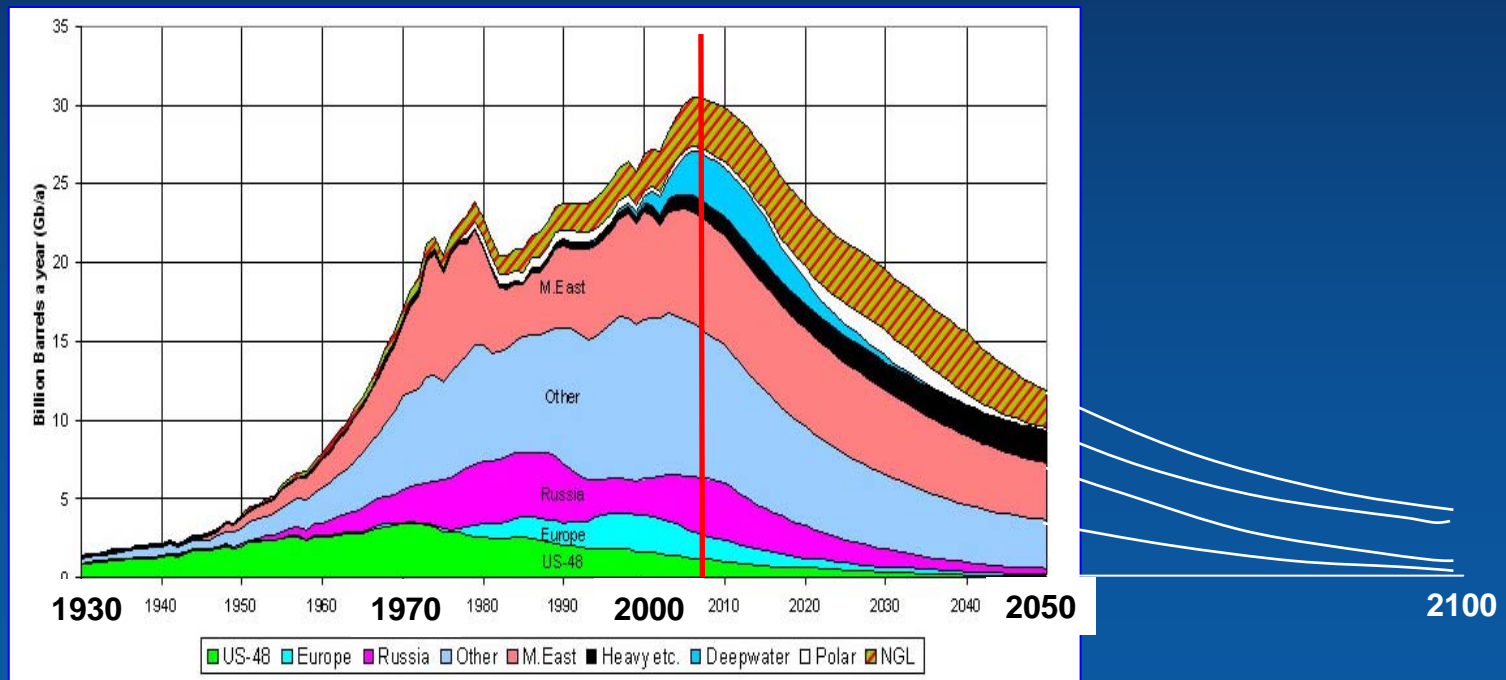
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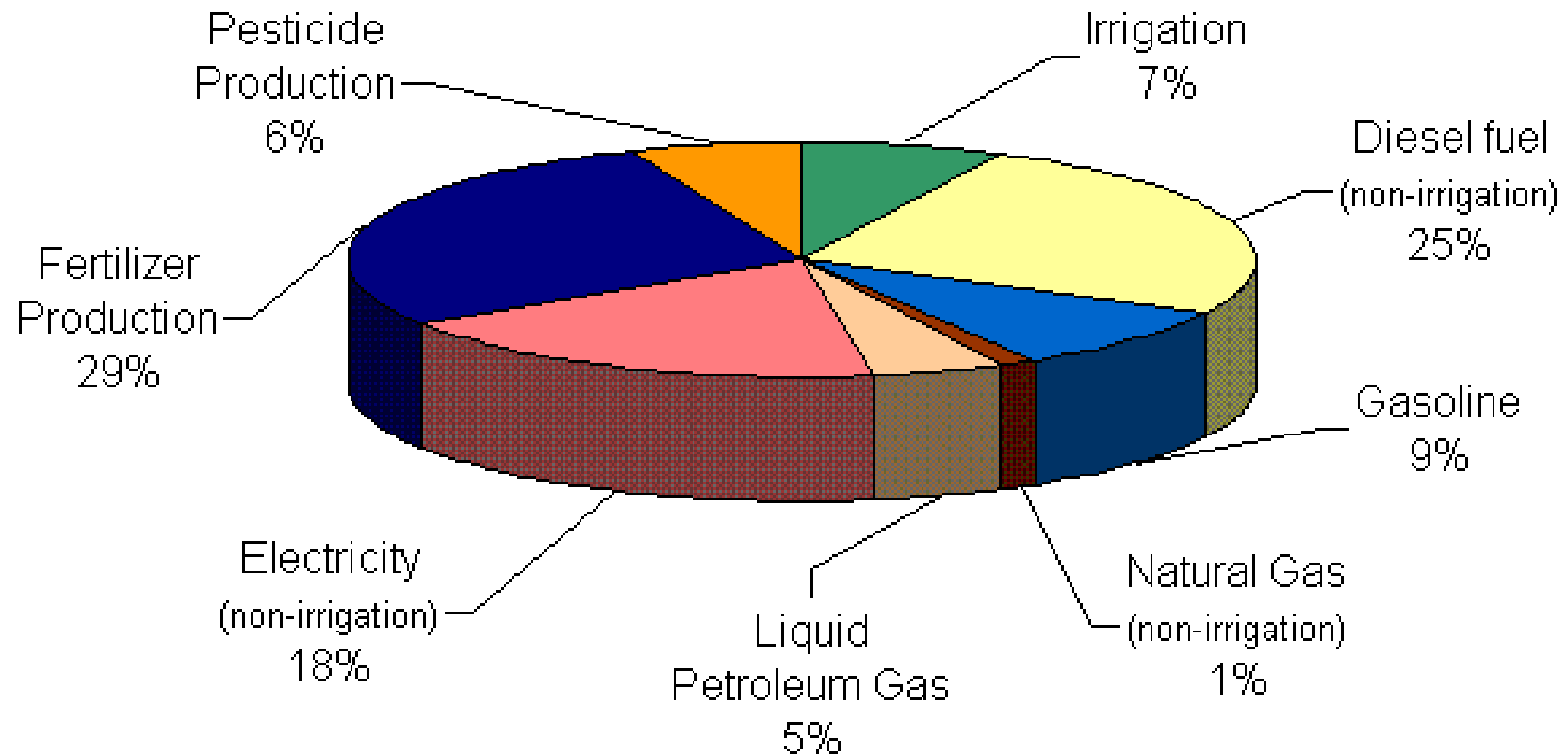
Our Great Grand Children



Peak Oil Graph from: ASPO.com - Colin Campbell 2004

## U.S. Farm Energy Use, 2002

~75% Petroleum (assuming electric Irrigation)



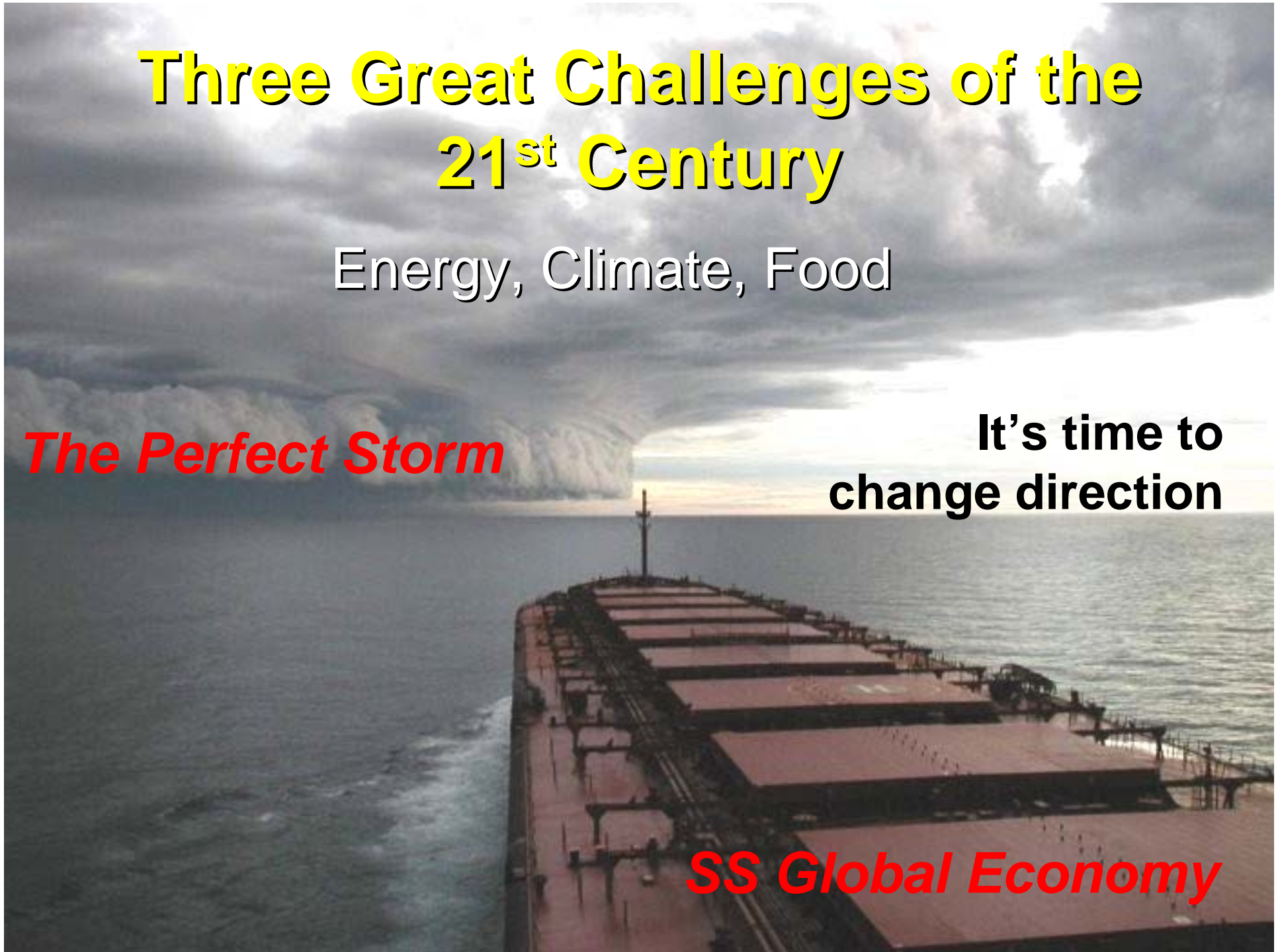
# Three Great Challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

Energy, Climate, Food

*The Perfect Storm*

**It's time to  
change direction**

*SS Global Economy*





# Strategic Energy Planning

*Defining where you are,  
Where you want to go,  
What are your energy options, and  
Developing a plan to get there.*

# Tribal Strategic Energy Planning

## Tribal Objectives

- Energy Reliability & Security
- Off-Grid Electrification
- Minimize Environmental Impacts
- Supply Diversification
- Use of Local Resources
- Economic Development
  - Jobs
- Build technical expertise
  - Respect for Mother Earth
  - Others??



# Establish organizational and human resource needs



How do you want to make it happen?

## Tribal Council

