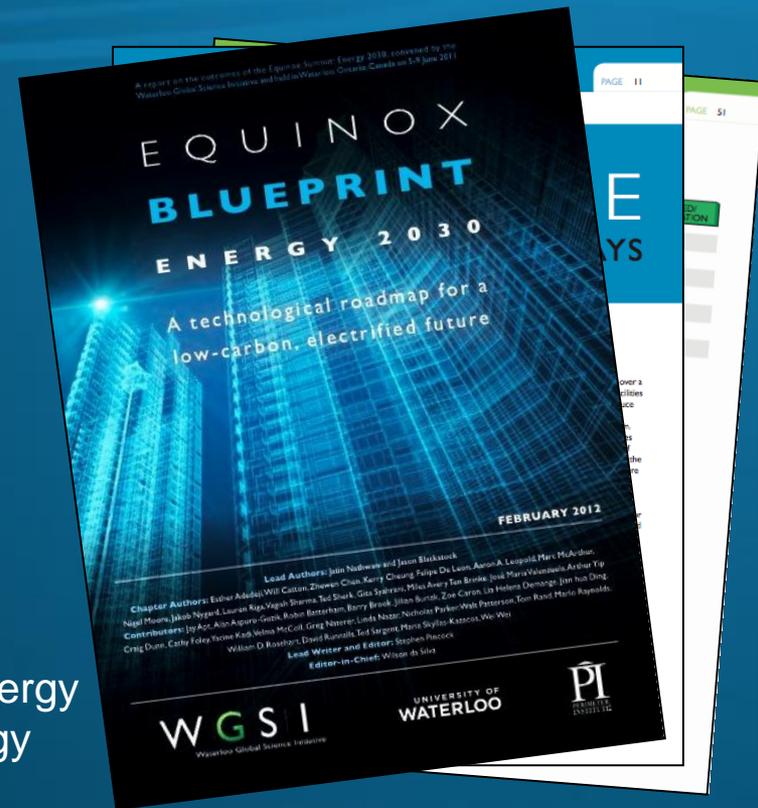


Equinox Energy 2030: A technological roadmap for a low carbon electrified future



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Today's Goals

ENERGY 2030*

- Challenges
 - A View of Global Energy Transitions
- Innovation
 - Promise of scientific and technology innovation
- Bring coherence to a complex problem
 - Offer fresh thinking

Energy Transitions and the Global Challenge

ENERGY 2030*

- Today's **Global Energy Consumption: 16.5 TW**
 - of which **2.5 TW** is non-carbon (mainly hydro, nuclear..)
- By 2050: **30 TW**
 - Likely higher (31- 40 TW)
- By 2050: **15 TW** of new non carbon
 - Equal to 6 x today's renewable global capacity

If goal is to stabilize global emissions profile to 550 ppm GHG emissions, approx 50% of Global Energy Demand must be non- carbon forms of energy

All new growth to be met by non-carbon sources

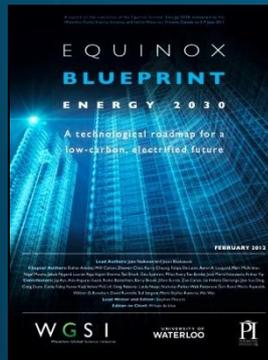
The Equinox Process



Quorum
scientific experts

Advisors
policy &
investment

Forum
future leaders



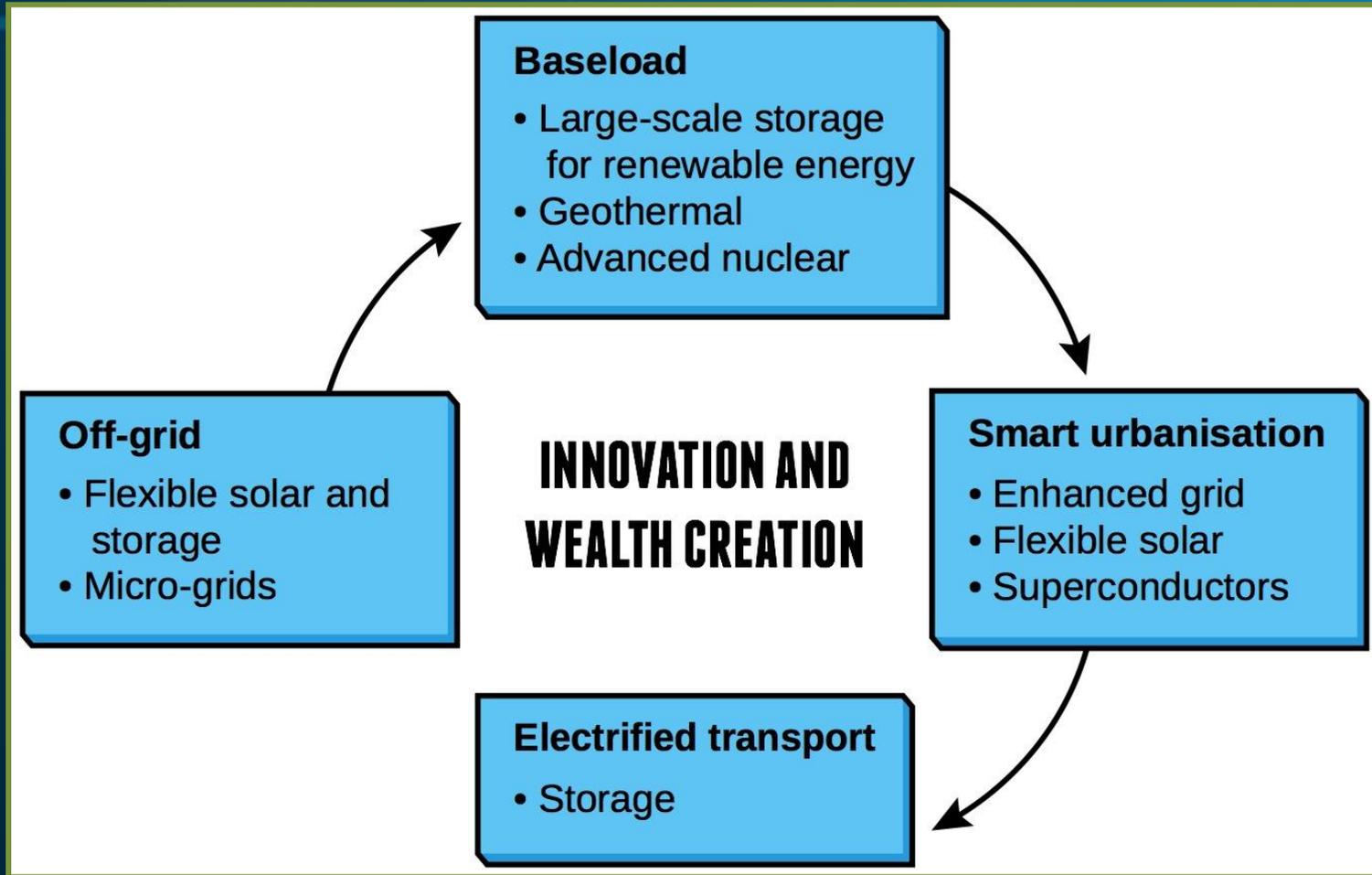
**Blueprint
Recommendations**

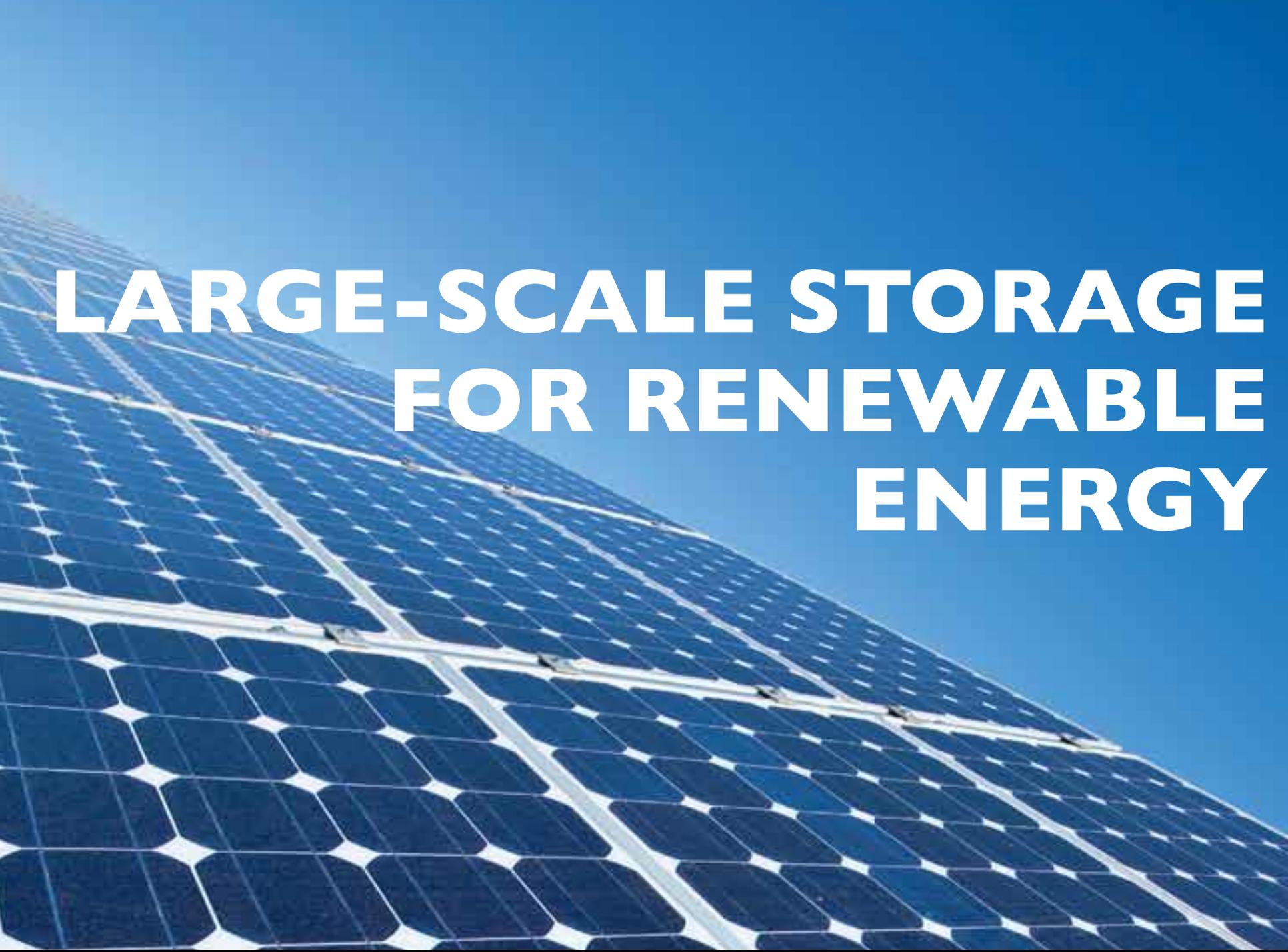
**Policy and
funding decisions**

Implementation

**Transformative
technologies**

Low-Carbon Electricity Ecosystem

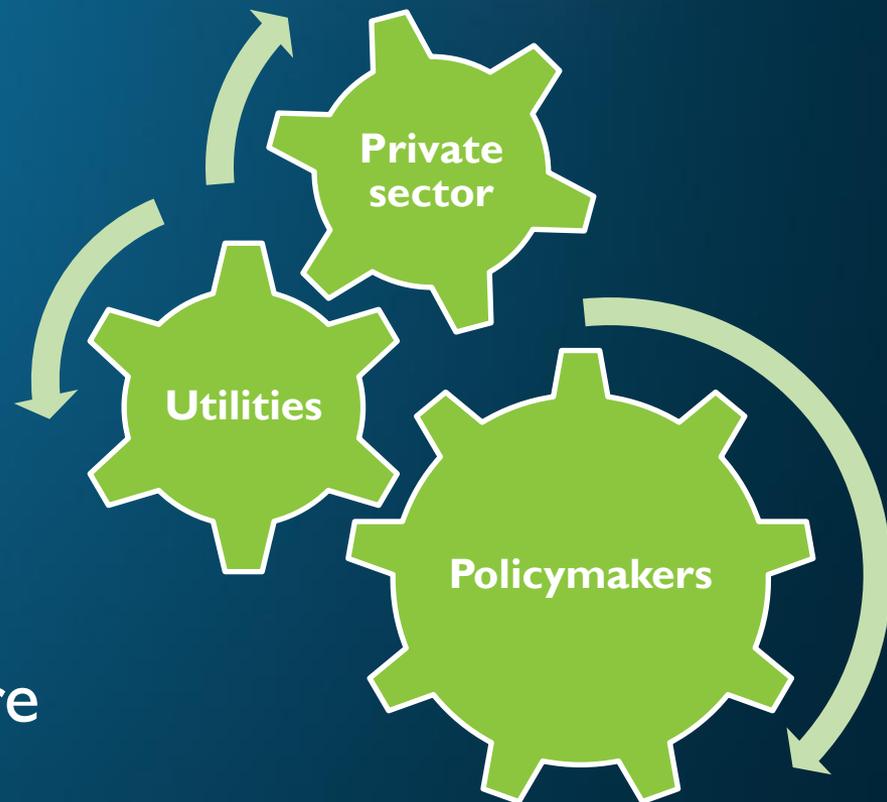




LARGE-SCALE STORAGE FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY

Implementation: Large scale storage

- Regions with high intermittent renewable energy production
- Policymakers and electrical utilities to coordinate regulatory framework
- Private sector to build energy storage infrastructure



2020-2030

Establish a thriving market in energy storage through deployment on a global scale

Flow batteries are among many storage solutions that can enhance and amplify the value of intermittent and variable renewable resources for baseload integration. They are illustrative examples of what niche they can fulfill in terms of power and energy requirements for grid applications.

Electricity energy storage alone does not solve all the problems associated with the grid integration characteristics of renewables. Transmission and distribution systems, and ancillary services, are responsible for managing the flow of electricity. However, storage provides a well-established time dimension solution, critically strengthening power quality and reliability from renewable generation.



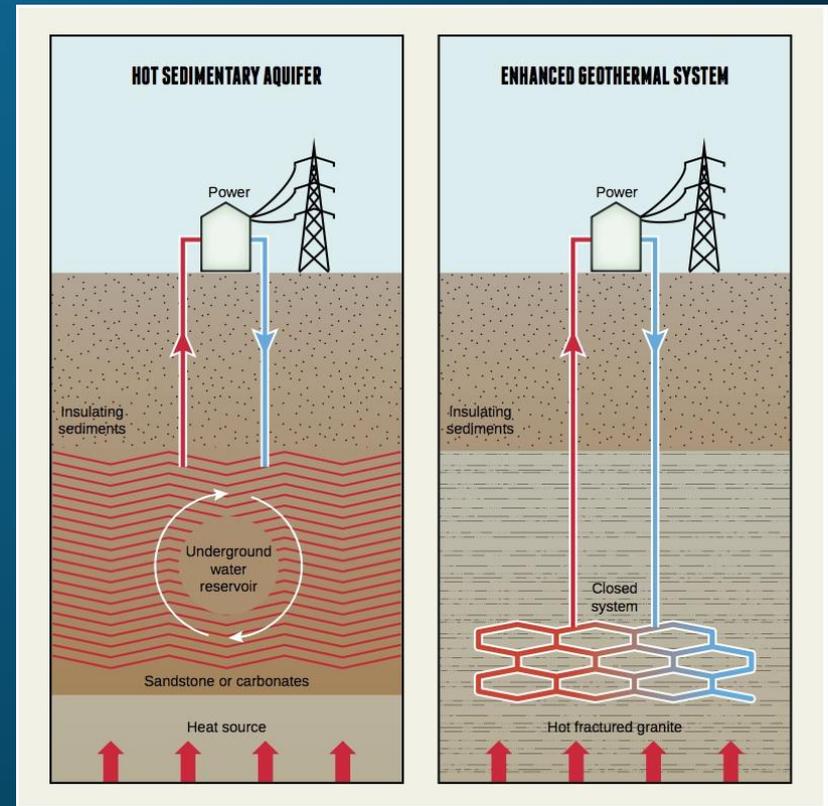
The Krafla geothermal power plant in Iceland produces 60 MW of energy. Iceland's five major geothermal power plants produced approximately 26.2% of the nation's energy in 2010.

ENHANCED GEOTHERMAL POWER

Enhanced Geothermal Power

Geothermal technologies

- Enhanced Geothermal Systems (EGS)
- Co-produced systems
- Advanced binary-cycle plants



The Enhanced Geothermal Systems technologies stand out within the spectrum of geothermal energy resources because they can provide near-inexhaustible decarbonised baseload power.

For the large-scale commercial deployment of EGS, some economic certainty needs to be established. The barriers to geothermal development are not insurmountable, but there needs to be a basket of risk-diversifying approaches in place, as well as adequate development framework and strategy.

Implementation: Enhanced Geothermal Technologies

- Convene International stakeholders
 - Information sharing;
 - assess opportunities;
 - de-risk industry
- “Ten Enhanced Geothermal Projects’ is timely and relevant.
 - Initial funding and global working structure
 - Develop program strategy moving forward



ADVANCED NUCLEAR POWER



Challenging your assumptions about nuclear

2020

2030

2040

2050

- Nuclear waste is fuel
 - Avoids long-term storage
- Closing the fuel cycle
 - Inexhaustible supply
- Inherent safety
 - Public acceptance
- Decarbonizes base load
 - Eliminates coal

Nuclear
waste



Next generation designs

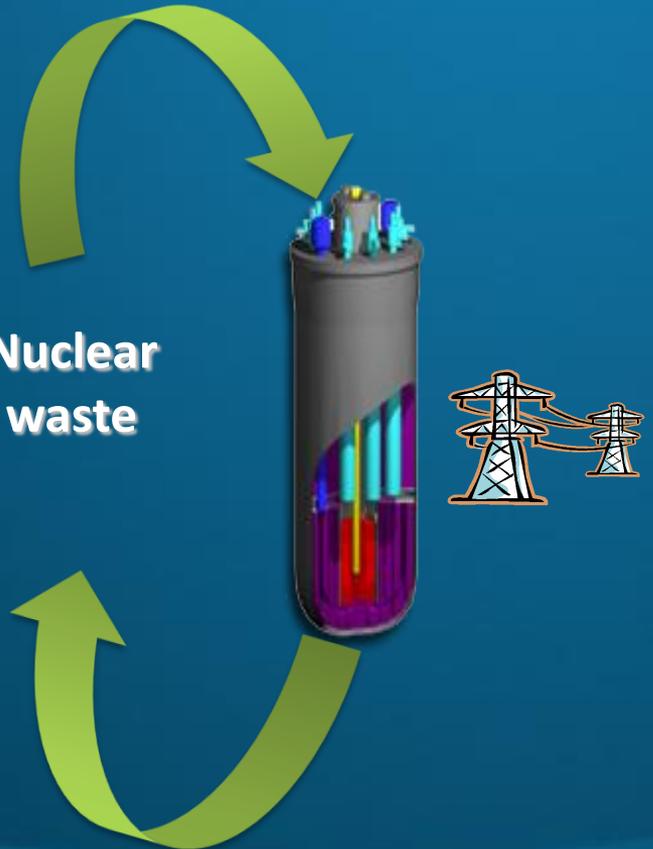
- Integral Fast Reactors:
 - allow the nuclear fuel cycle to be closed
 - ‘burn’ most the nuclear fuel waste
 - turn waste liability into an asset
- Thorium Accelerator-Driven System:
 - sub-critical fission through the constant introduction of fast neutrons into the reactor core

The path towards sustainability



- **400 – 800 GWe**
 - Business as usual, open fuel cycle
- **1200 GWe by 2030 / 7000 GWe by 2050**
 - Accelerated alternative scenario
 - Only made possible by closing fuel cycle
- **Commercial demos**
 - IFR by 2020 & Th-ADS by 2030
 - Multilateral initiative scale of ITER

**Nuclear
waste**





**OFF-GRID
ELECTRICITY ACCESS**

Access to affordable energy is a critical requirement for improving the quality and longevity of life for a significant portion of humanity.

Emerging solar technologies and renewables-based, self-sustaining energy options for communities have the potential to break the cycle of energy poverty, by evolving the energy economy away from fossil fuels.

Organic Photovoltaics (OPV) as an illustrative example

- PV technologies in development form an ecosystem from silicon-based photovoltaics to thin films and emerging next-generation nanotechnology concepts
- They in turn are a part of a larger system with the potential to be integrated within smart micro-grids, along other local renewable resources

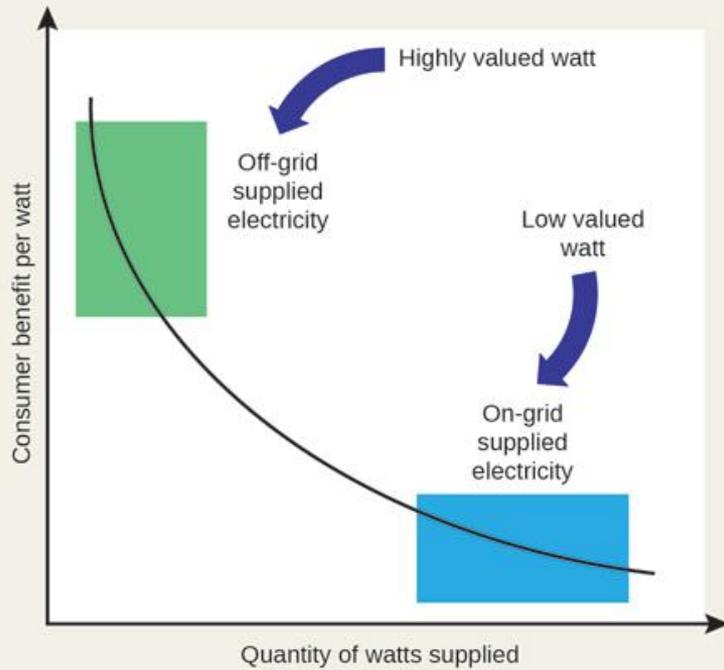
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Metal				
MxTey				
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CdS	CdS	a-Si:H	Organic	Electrolyte
ITO/SnO ₂	CIGS	ZnO/SnO ₂	ITO	TiO ₂
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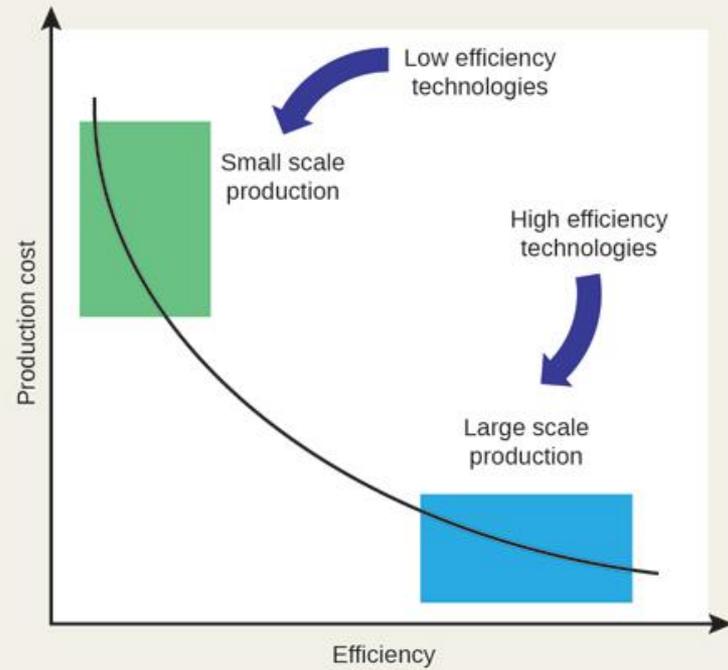
The thin film family: amorphous silicon, copper indium gallium diselenide (CIGS), cadmium telluride (CdTe), organic thin films and dye-sensitised integrated photovoltaic

Low WTP : High kWh use
High WTP : Low kWh use

**CONSUMPTION:
THE VALUE OF USING ELECTRICITY**



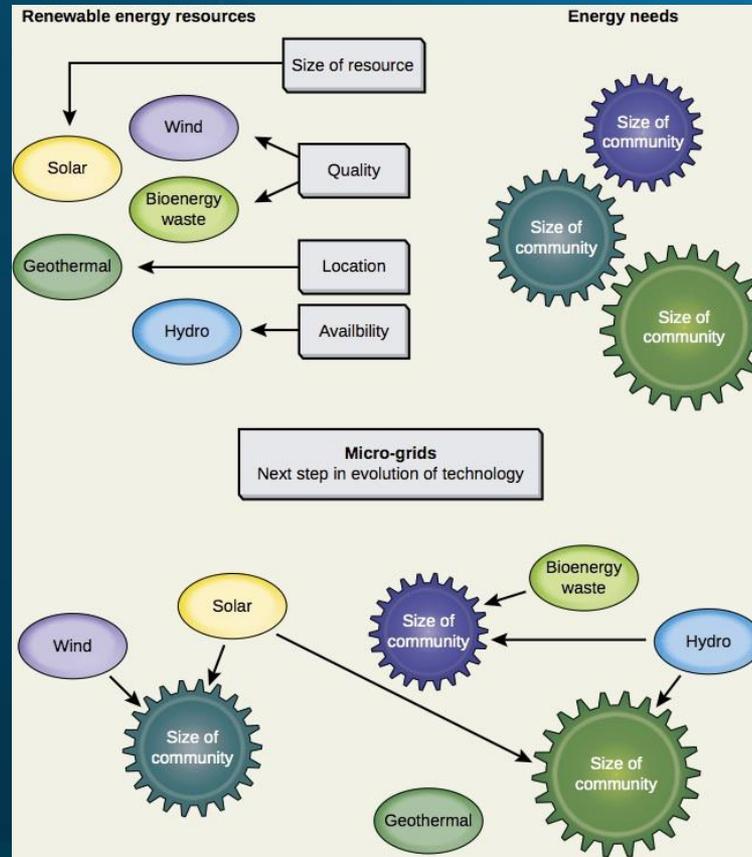
**PRODUCTION:
COST EFFICIENCY OF TECHNOLOGIES**



- 2.5 billion people without electricity (500 million households)
- @\$200/system, \$100B
 - Cost of systems being purchased now in Haiti

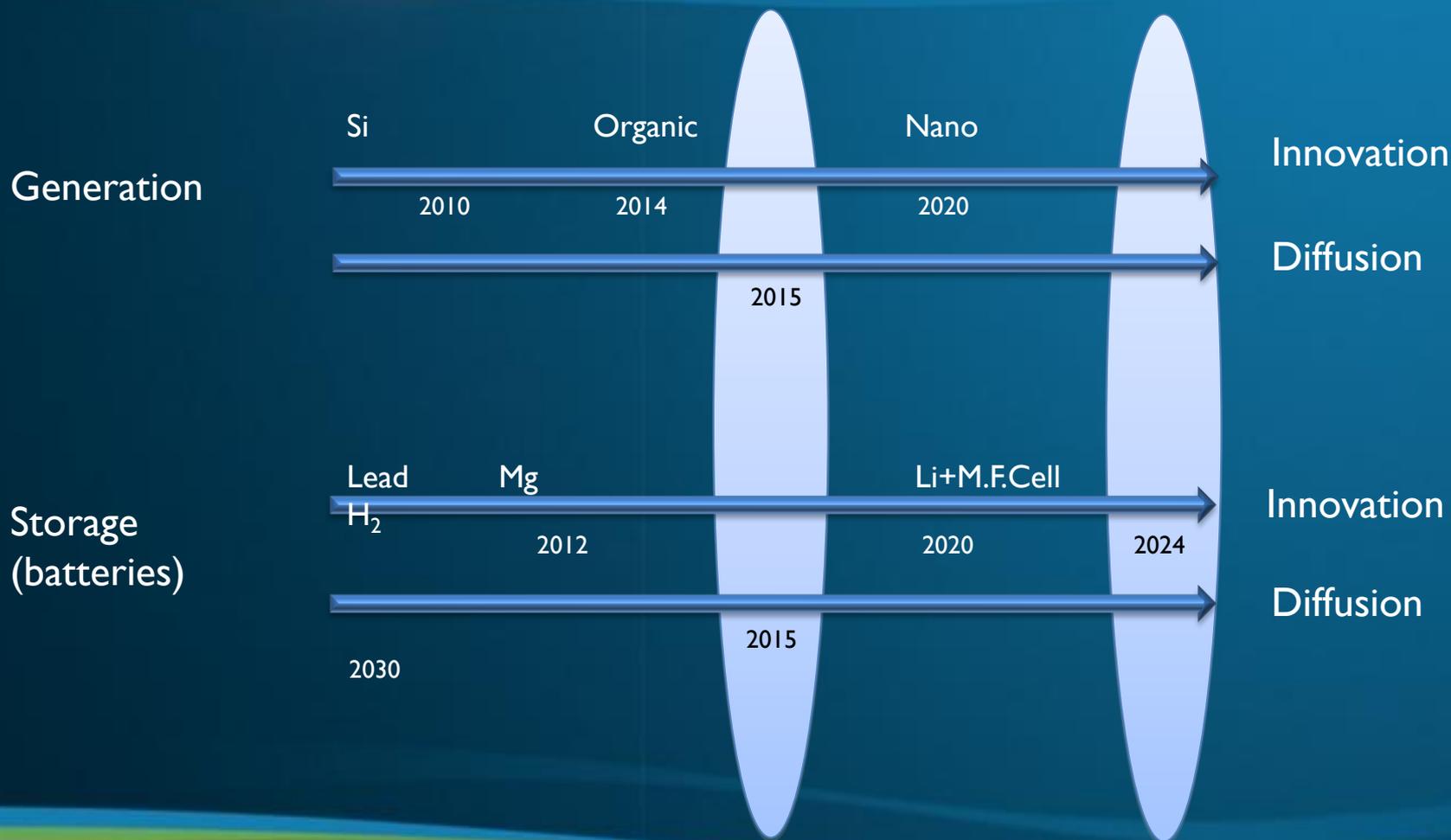


Beyond OPV: Micro-grids



Realistic Partnership Potential

Business/ Industry	Civil Society	Government	International Organizations
			UNFCCC (NAMAs) UNHCR Red Cross/Crescent Development Banks
Digicel			



Near-term

- Identify partners, align finances
- R&D, efficiency increases in Organic Photovoltaics

Within 5 Years

- Finances in place/business models developed
- Policy framework and incentives in place
- Societal acceptance and scale-up of production

Within 20 years

- Expansion of market
- next-generation Organic Photovoltaics

An aerial photograph of a city skyline. In the foreground, a large, modern building features a prominent green roof with several circular garden beds and various HVAC units. The background is filled with several tall, multi-story office buildings with dense window patterns. The overall scene illustrates a blend of urban development and green infrastructure.

SMART URBANISATION

Buildings



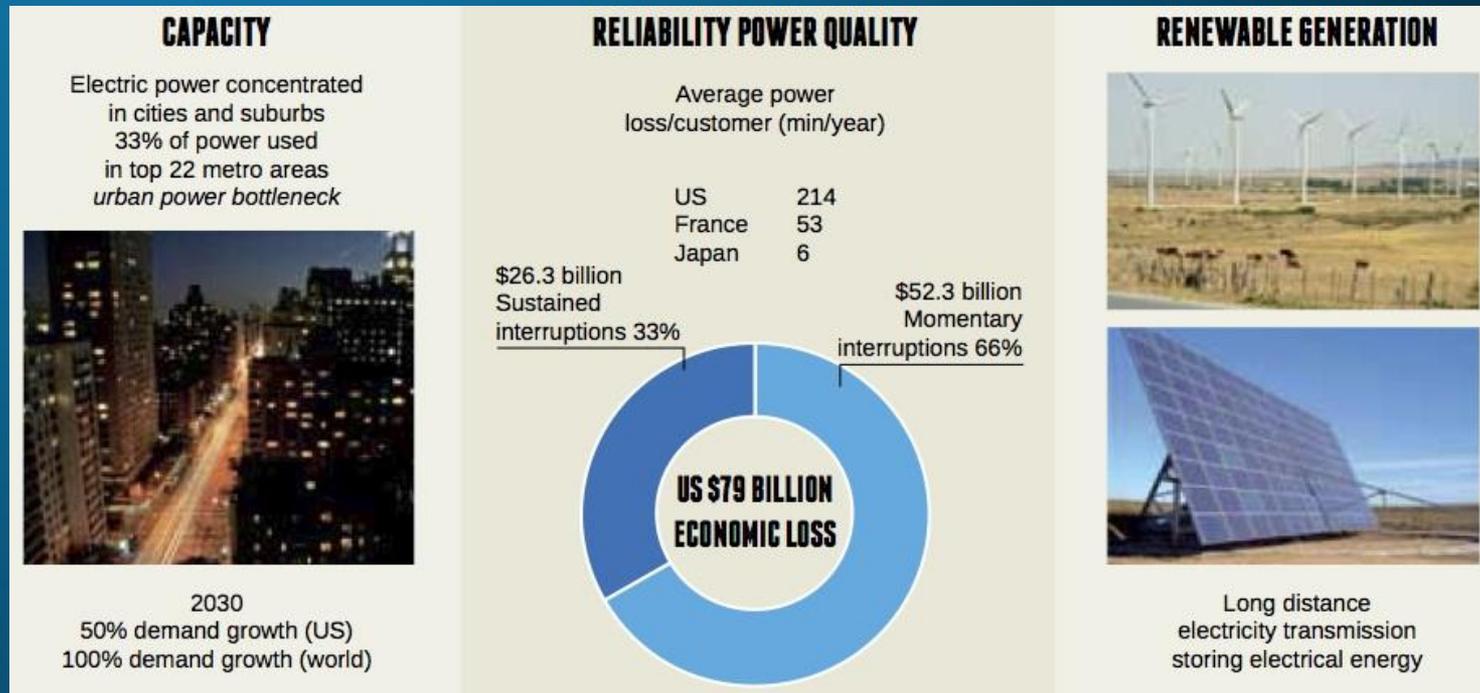
- 6 Billion people in urban centres by 2025
- Buildings emit 7.5 Gt CO₂ or equivalent 1.5 billion cars

Smart Urbanization

- Need an intelligent infrastructure that can accommodate renewable energy solutions:
 - Matching load with renewable energy availability
 - Electrification of transportation
- Knowledge is literally power
 - Ability to influence future construction & design
 - Ability to influence behaviour now

Smart Urbanization

The growth of the electrification of transportation and the expansion of ICT will add stresses on the existing electricity distribution and supply infrastructure



Set of challenges in electricity transmission and distribution

Smart Urbanization will require planning supported by:

- Smart Grid technologies integrated through ICT
- Electrification of Transport
- ICT to enable mobility in dense urban environments
- Superconducting technologies for reliable transmission in dense urban cores

Equinox Energy 2030: Summary

- **An energy ‘ecosystem’ view to approaching possible, low carbon technologies**
- **Potential pathways identified to help research, development and implementation of long-term solutions**
- **Technical details help convey the complexities, challenges and opportunities posed by a few transitional technological systems.**



Paths to a
Sustainable Life
Quality

The logo features the letters 'W', 'G', 'S', and 'I' in a large, bold, sans-serif font. The 'W' and 'S' are white, while the 'G' is a vibrant green. The 'I' is a solid white vertical bar. Each letter is separated from the next by a thin white vertical line. The background is a dark blue gradient with wavy, light blue and green horizontal bands at the top and bottom.

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