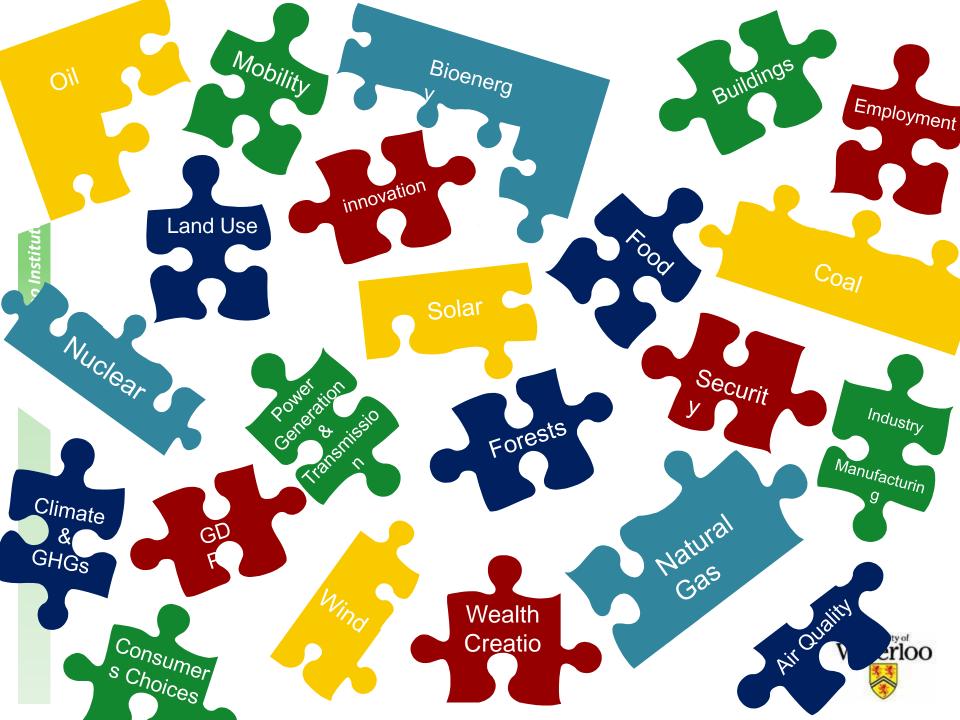
### Paths to a Sustainable Energy Future

### **Energy- Environment- Economy**

Jatin Nathwani Professor and Ontario Research Chair in Public Policy for Sustainable Energy Waterloo Institute for Sustainable Energy University of Waterloo

Presented at the International Doctoral School, FunMat First Summer School, Lisbon, Portugal March 13 -18, 2011

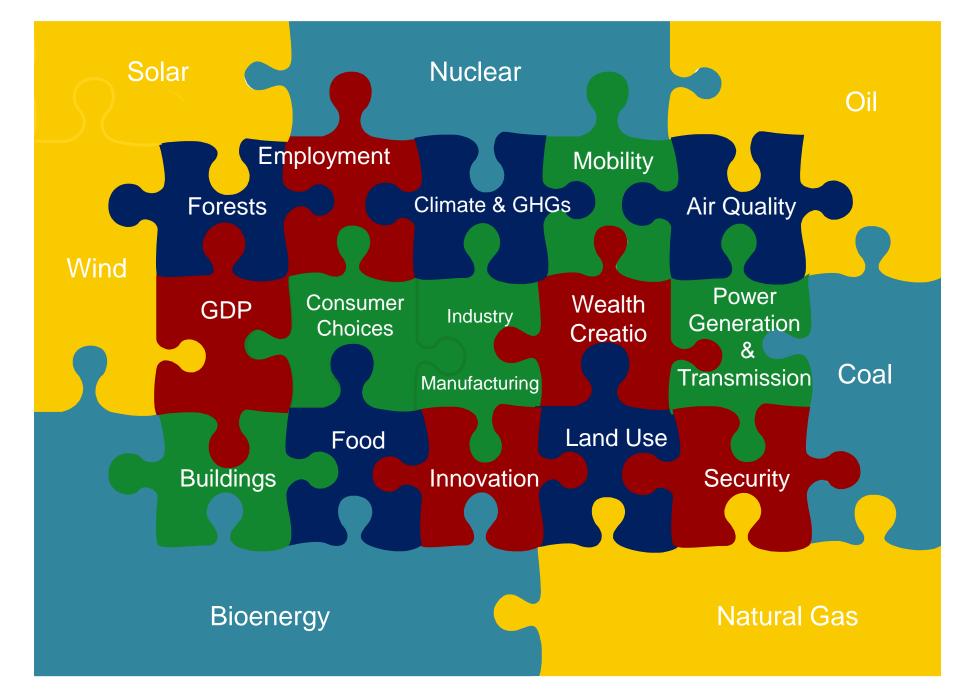




# **Today's Goals**

- Global Energy Trends & Global Challenges
- What this may mean for us?
  - Offer fresh thinking
  - Identify key issues, risks and uncertainties
  - Provide a rationale for innovation and some credible "hopeful" paths for the future
- @Waterloo: our contribution to solutions
- Bring coherence to a complex problem
  - a "witches brew of policies, politics and promise of technology innovation"





## **World at Night**





### Lack of Affordable Energy: What does it mean?





Energy's link to human development:

Productivity

**National Income** 

Health

**Education** 

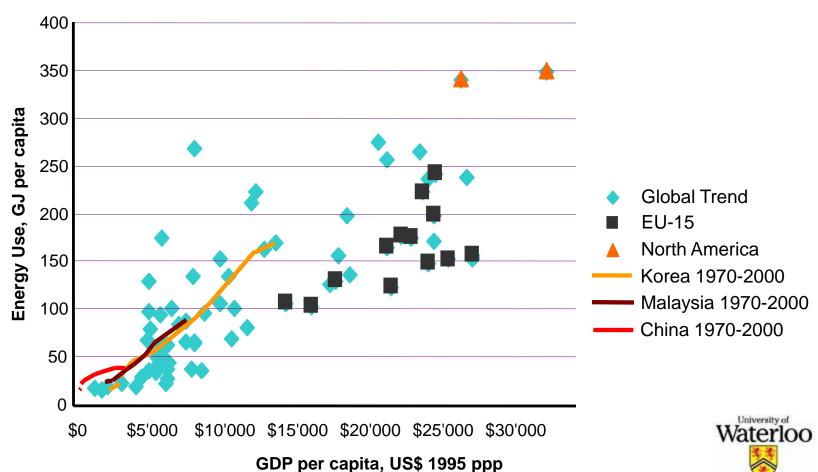
**Social Development** 



# Source: WBCSD adaptation of IEA 2003

## Growth, development and energy demand

Basic premise – energy use and growth are strongly linked

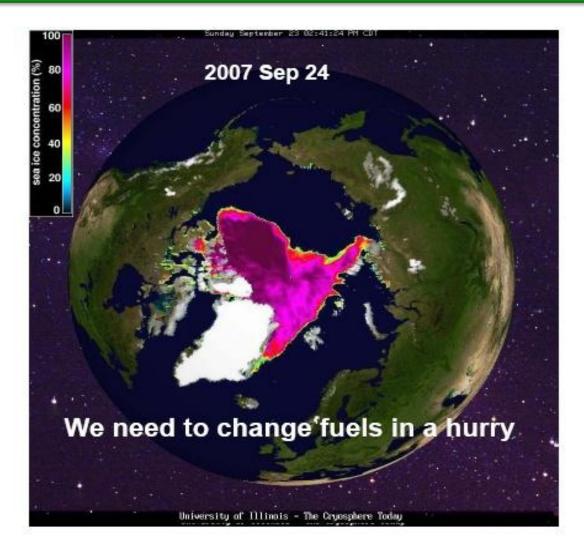


### **Energy's Link to Life Quality**





### The global challenge: how to de-carbonize





### Population Growth, Energy, Income

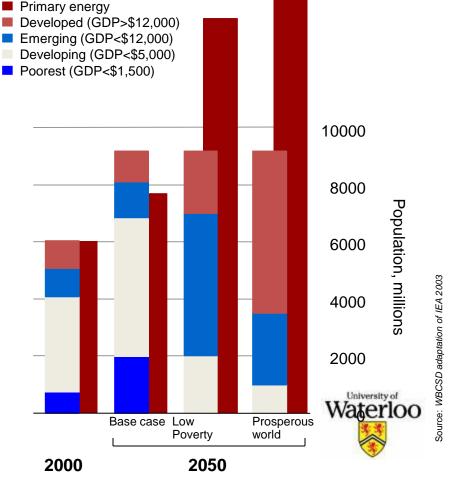
Global population divided into income groups:

- Poorest (GDP < \$1,500)</li>
- Developing (GDP < \$5,000)</li>
- Emerging (GDP < \$12,000)</li>
- Developed (GDP > \$12,000)

Population expected to rise to 9 billion by 2050, mainly in poorest and developing countries.

Shifting the development profile to a "low poverty" world means energy needs double by 2050

Shifting the development profile further to a "developed" world means energy needs triple by 2050



Source: WBCSD 2007

# Meeting future energy needs

### (IPCC)

#### Final Energy

Electricity

Gas

Liquids

Solids

Non-commercial

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671

15 Gt arbon

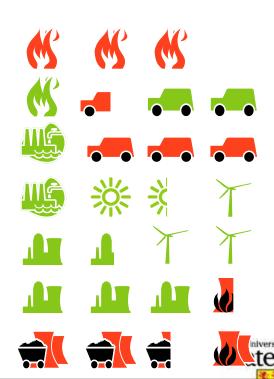
Intermediate growth, local solutions, less rapid technological change.



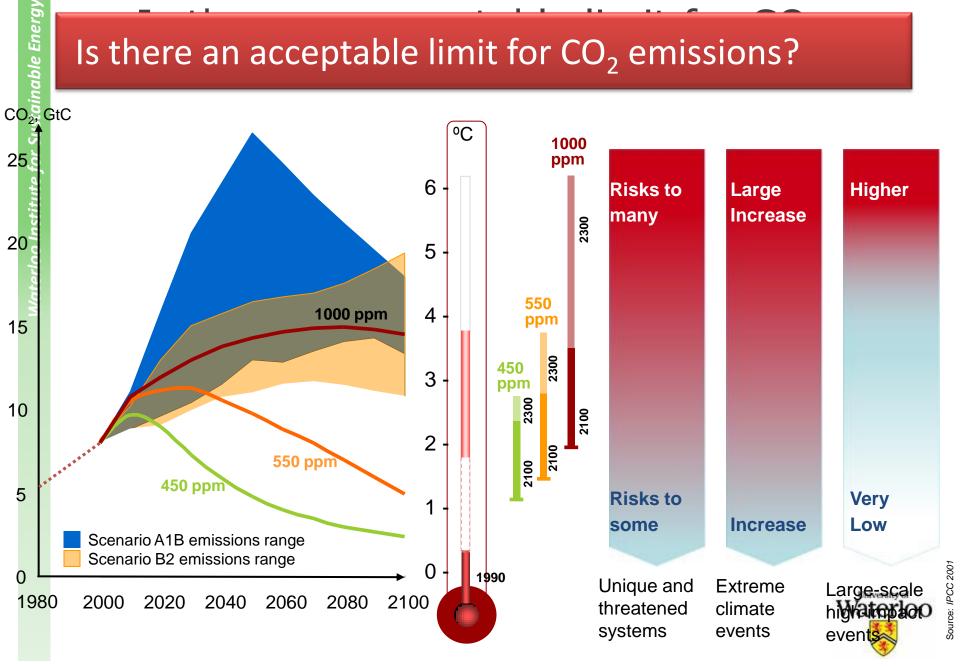
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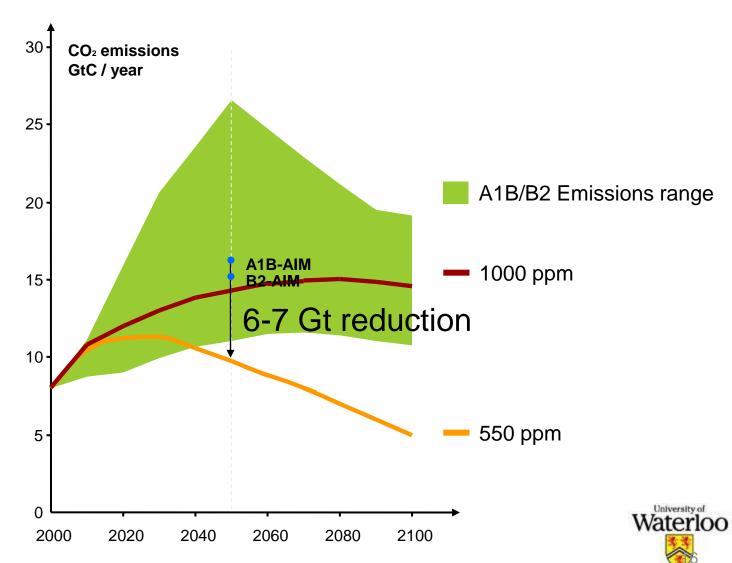
Rapid economic growth and rapid introduction of new and more efficient technologies.



# Is there an acceptable limit for CO<sub>2</sub> emissions?



# Achieving a lower CO<sub>2</sub> stabilization



# Energy sector will be driven towards a quantifiable, long term pathway for reduced GHG emissions

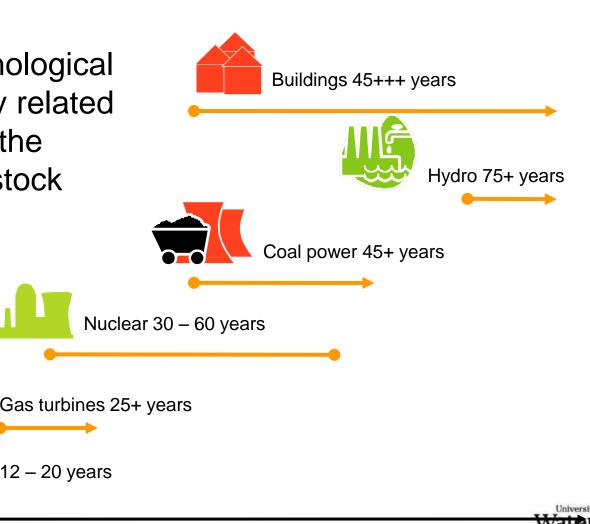


- ? How do we get there
- ? What role for innovation
- ? What capacity for change
- ? What is the status of the infrastructure
- ? What are the governance and policy issues



### The lifetime of energy infrastructure

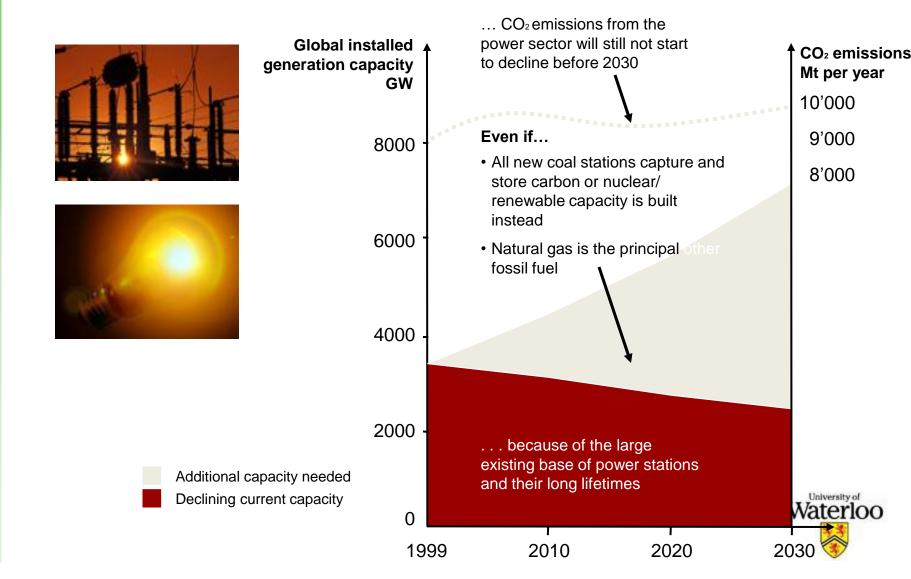
The rate of technological change is closely related to the lifetime of the relevant capital stock and equipment



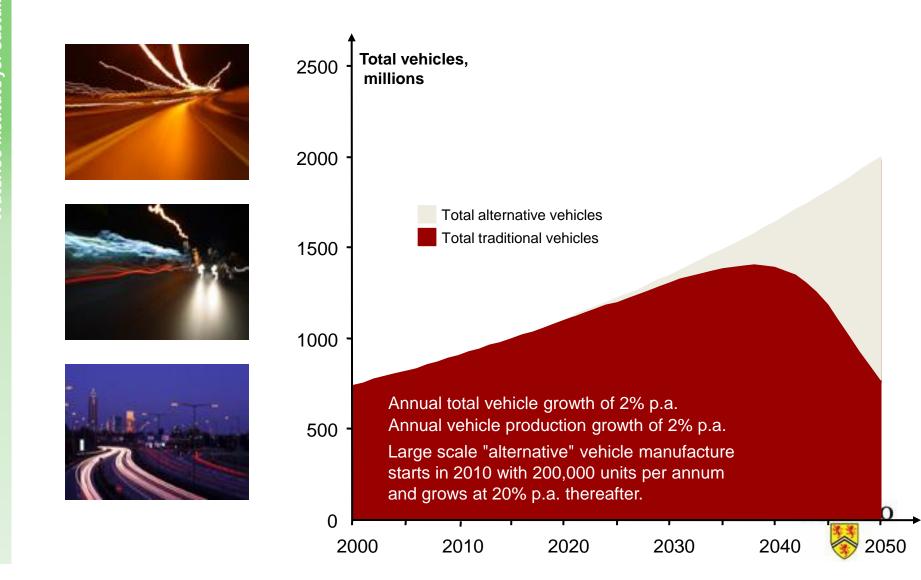


Motor vehicles 12 – 20 years

### Alternate power generation technologies: Impact on emissions



# Transport and Mobility



# Global Energy Mix: primary energy consumption and electricity

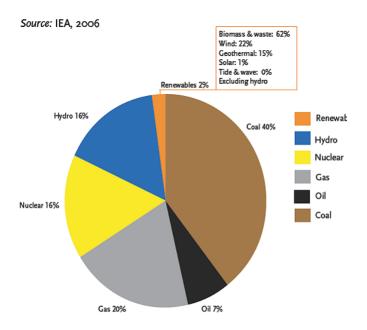


Figure 1.4 World electricity production by energy source, 2004

Note: Total world electricity production in 2004 was 17,408 terawatt-hou

Source: IEA, 2006.

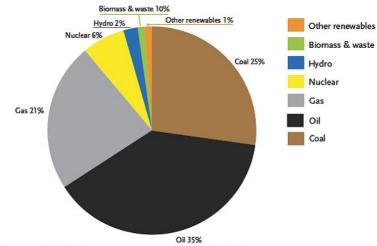


Figure 1.3 World primary energy consumption by fuel, 2004

 $\it Note$ : Total world primary energy consumption in 2004 was 11,204 megatons oil equivalent (or 448 exajoules).



### **Near Term View: Today and 2030**

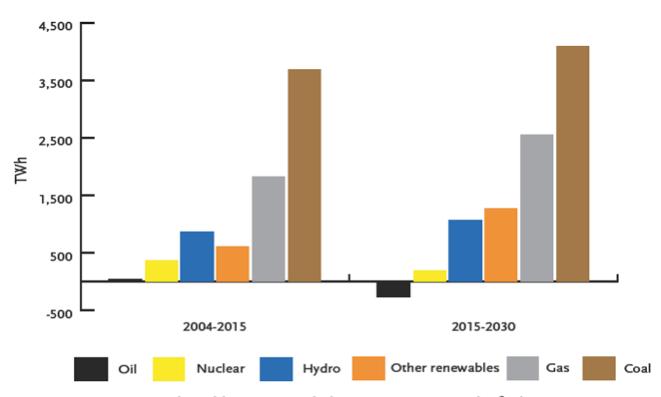


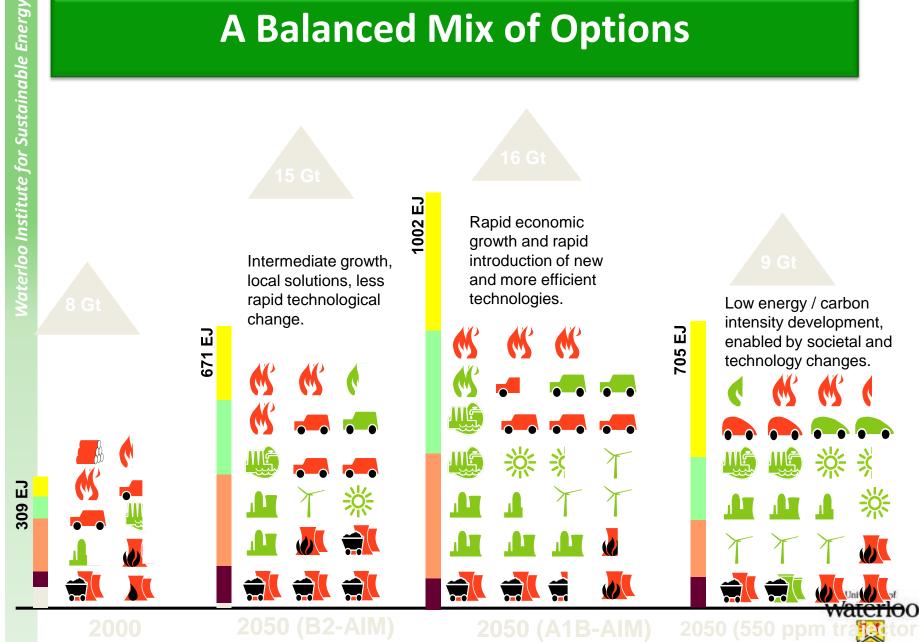
Figure 3.5 Projected world incremental electricity generation by fuel type

Note: 1 terawatt-hour (TWh) equals 3.6 petajoules.

Source: IEA, 2006

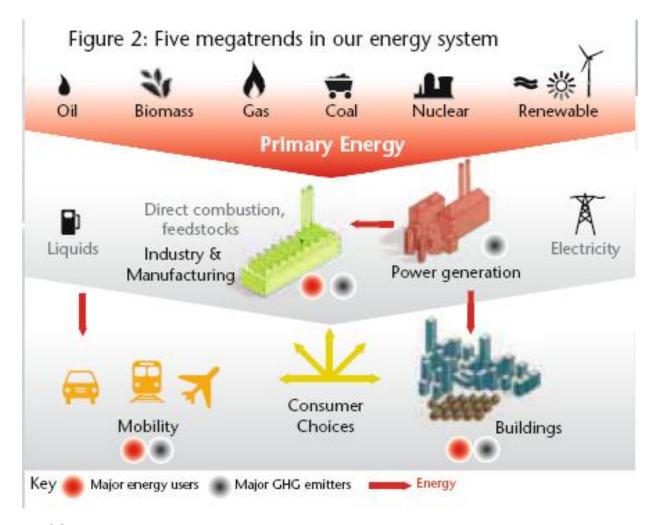


# **A Balanced Mix of Options**



Source: WBCSD, 2007

# Large changes in the energy system would be necessary over a 50 year horizon





Source: WBCSD Policy Directions to 2025, Nov 2007

### **Energy Use: An Historical Perspective**

- **The 20**<sup>th</sup> **century** offers a remarkable number of examples that are indeed a break from millenia past: all of them connected to dramatically higher use of energy.
  - Revolution in food production (dependent on fertilizers, pesticides and mechanization of agriculture)
  - Mobility (personal use of cars, air transport)
  - Advances in communication (radio, TV, satellites, internet..)
- All this has been possible through abundant, inexpensive and precisely controlled energy.

#### Perspective on our lives:

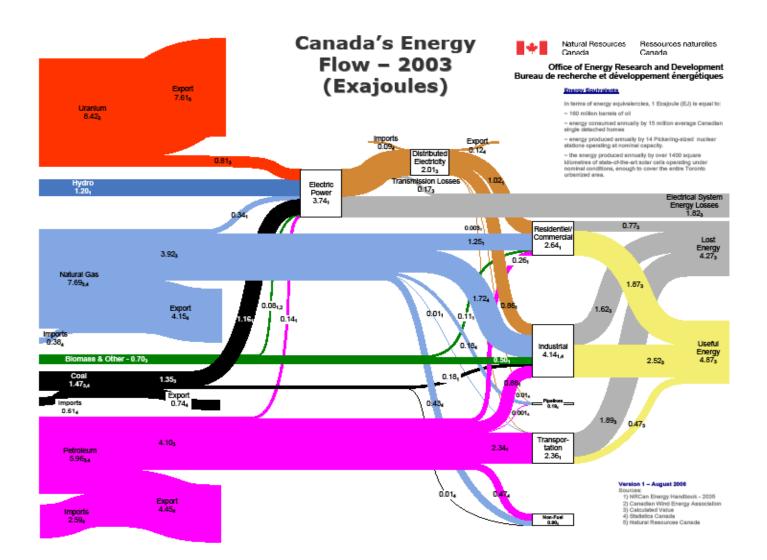
- We go to the nearest local market in our cars that generate the pull of hundreds of horses
- We fly around the world with a power of a hundred thousand horses
- Power consumption of the world today is the equivalent of 18 billion horses working 24 hours per day, every day of the year
- Around 1900, Great Plains farmer in Nebraska: 5kW steady power; a century later, his great grand child, sitting in an air-conditioned stereo enlivened comfort of a tractor's cabin would deliver 300kW of power with the mere physical exertion of the task of typing.
- In 1900, an engineer operating a powerful transcontinental train (100 km/h speed) commanded about 1MW of steam power. A century later, the pilot of a Boeing 747-400 controls 45MW, and retraces the same route 11km above the earth's surface at an average speed of 900km/hour)
- In 1900, a chief engineer at one of Europe's or North America's utility companies controlled the flow of no more than a 100kW of power. A century later, the duty dispatcher at Ontario's grid control centre can re-route a 1,000 MW of power (four order of magnitude larger).

# **Electricity as a vector of change:**

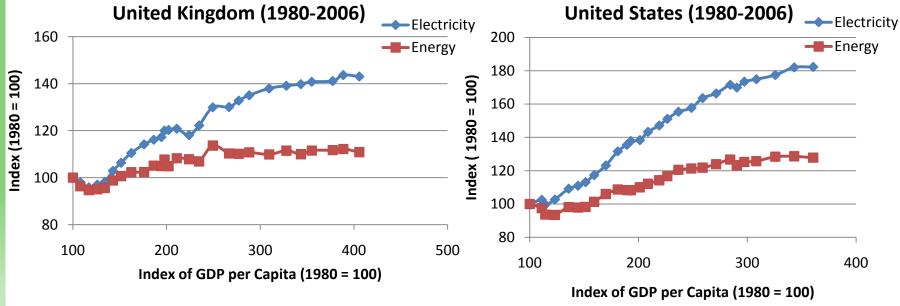
A look at the contrast between energy and electricity

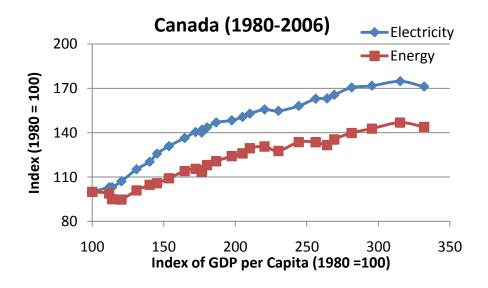


### It takes a lot of energy to get to useful energy

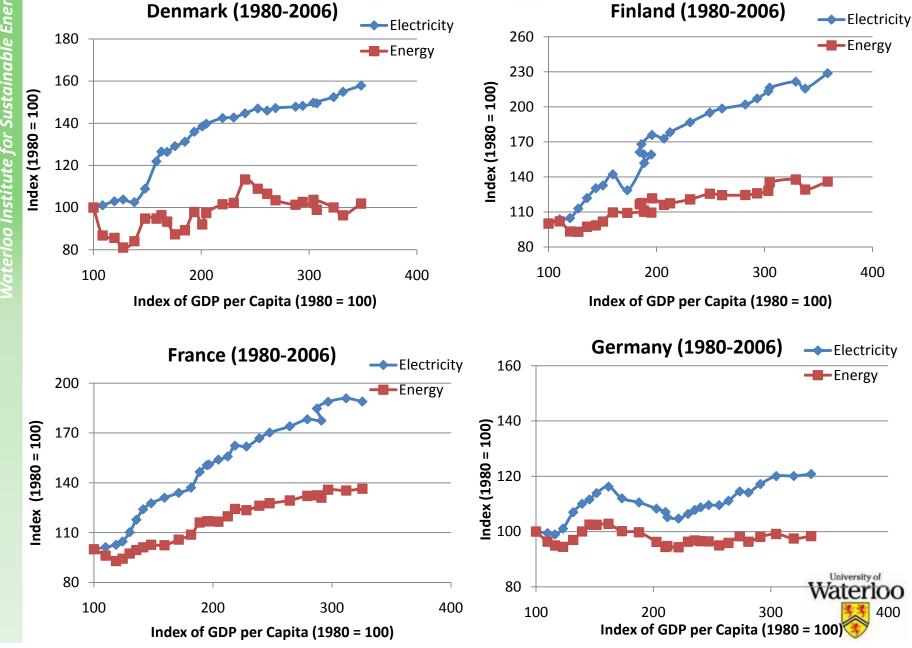


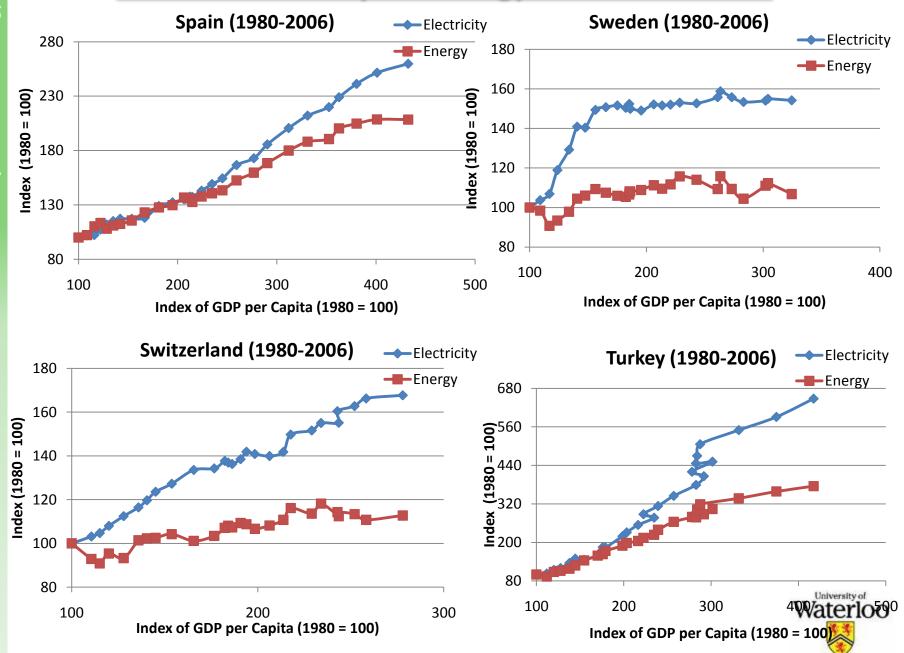










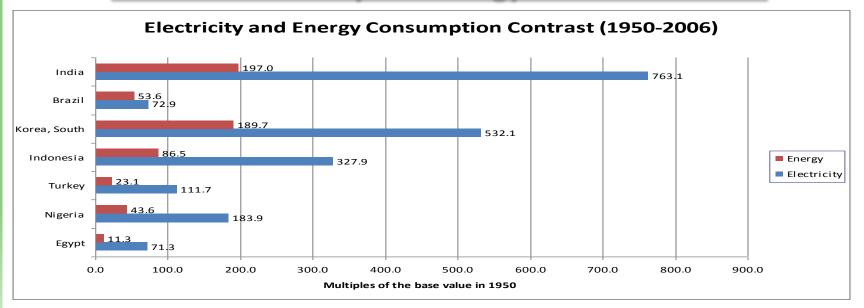


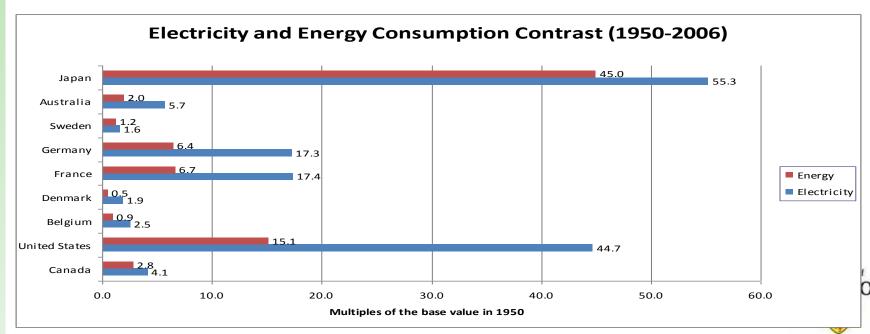
Electricity

Energy

Electricity

---Energy





### **Global trends**

- 1. Five major trends in the energy system relate to
  - power production, transport (mobility), manufacturing and industry, buildings and consumer choices
- 2. Doubling (2x) or tripling (3x) of global energy demand
- 3. Climate change challenge and a carbon constrained world
- 4. Efficiency in energy conversion from primary fuel to end use
- 5. Global trend is towards electrification of the economy
  - High Value, Ubiquitous
  - Over 100 years, US primary energy consumption rose
     10x; electricity consumption rose
- 6. Electrification: A Blessing In Disguise?
  - Close coupling of electricity with wealth creation as opportunity
  - Increasing electricity share as opportunity for decarbonising the economy



### Why Smart Grids?









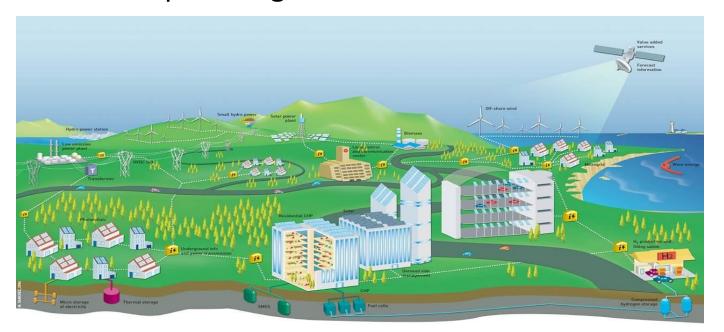
### Ontario Smart Grid Forum

- Industry leaders brought together to develop a smart grid vision for the province
- Vision designed to guide:
  - a co-ordinated approach across the sector
  - the mitigation of technology risks
  - the development of capital investment plans
  - a supportive regulatory framework



### What is a Smart Grid?

- Smart grids comprise sensors, monitors and information technology bringing together all elements of the electricity system
- They include distributed generation, accommodate electric vehicles and provide greater consumer choice

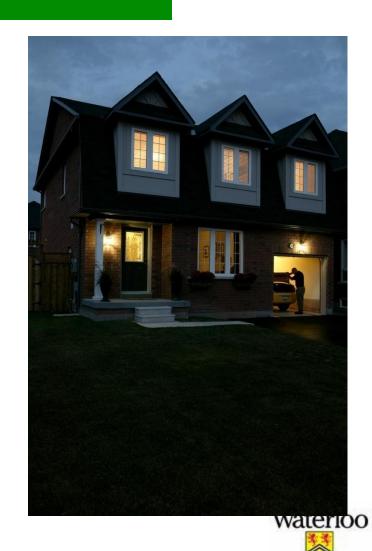




### **Smart Grid Benefits**

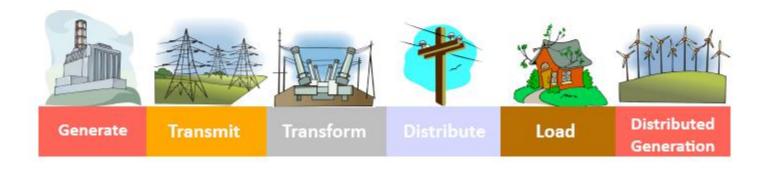
# Modernizing the electricity system to serve the digital age:

- Better integration of renewables and distribution generation
- More efficient use of energy infrastructure and reduced energy losses
- Empowered consumers with increased participation in conservation and demand response
- More reliable distribution service with reduced outages and quicker response times



# Paradigm shift: power flows both ways

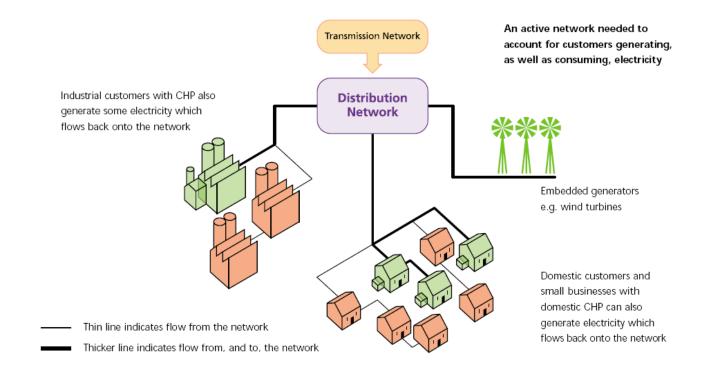
# System With Distributed Generation





# Paradigm shift: power flows both ways

#### Distribution network - with distributed generation





# DG Technologies and Characteristics

- Wind power (small projects with outputs from 50kW to 10MW)
- Biogas and biomass (landfill sites, agricultural and livestock operations, wood forest residues, wastewater treatment facilities:1-10MW)
- Combined Heat and Power (CHP) schemes including micro-CHP (residential 1kW-25 kW) and Stirling engines (1kW to 55kW)
- Solar photo-voltaic (PV) cells (50kW- 1MW)
- Fuel cells (1kW to 1MW)
- Microturbines (20-100kW)
- Natural Gas reciprocating engines (30kW- 3MW) and dual fuel reciprocating engines (90kW- 2MW)
- Gas and diesel fired combustion turbines (>1MW)
- Large DG applications & mobile systems for standby generation
  - (0.5 to 2MW),
  - peaking (1-5MW)
  - T&D support (0.5-10MW modules) and crisis operations



# Distributed Generation Resources: Cautions

- Performance has not equaled promise
- Fuel cells, micro turbines, solar photovoltaics
  - Still too expensive
- Fundamental business case?
  - Availability of "cheap" fossil based energy either as back-up or primary use
- Transmission and Distribution
  - Capital deferral, utilization, congestion (some potential but not demonstrated)
  - Integration with distribution system required and can be costly

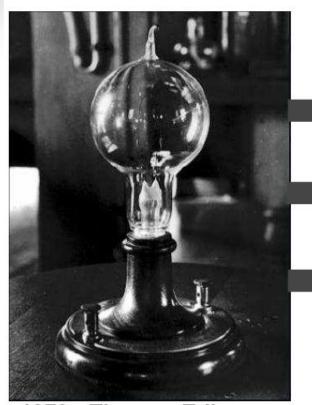


# Getting There: Innovation

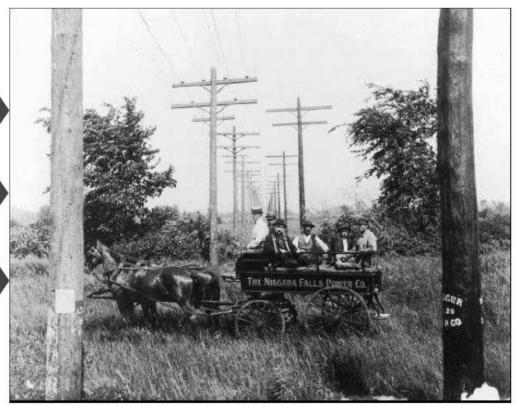
- New technologies need to be invented and brought to market
  - opportunity to create green jobs
- Sustained and significant investments are required
- What role can innovation play to
  - Reduce cost
  - Improve reliability of service
  - Improve environmental performance
  - Enhance economic performance



# The Power System That Evolved in Late 19<sup>th</sup> Century to Provide Power to the Newly Invented Light Bulbs .......



1879 - Thomas Edison Developed a "Practical Light Bulb"



Line crew of Niagara Falls Power Co. in 1895



## ........ has Remained Essentially the Same as it Powers the Essential Services and the Digital Revolution in the 21st Century

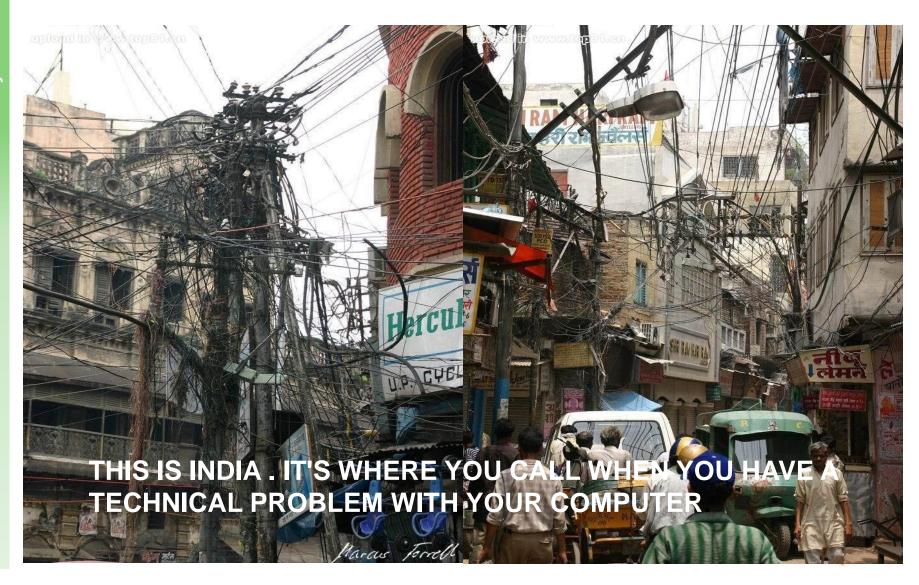


August 29. 2005: Power poles are pushed over in a flooded street after Hurricane Katrina

- → Powers the critical pumps that takes water out from New Orleans and makes drinking water in a water treatment plant
- Powers the communication towers and central telephone stations that are essential for the communication infrastructure
- Powers the essential life saving services in a hospital
- Powers the continuous process industries that are the life blood of an industrial society
- Powers the computers, servers and routers that enable the digital revolution



# The "not so smart grid"



# The GEA Sets the Framework for a Smart Grid.

The GEA sets the objectives and framework for smart grid to "improve the flexibility, security, reliability, efficiency and safety" of the electricity grid.

#### GEA Smart Grid Objective

 i. "expanding opportunities to provide demand response, price information and load control to electricity customers;"

#### Focus Area

Customer Control

#### **Expected Outcomes**

- Smart meters
- Time-of-use rates
- In Home Displays
- Load control

More Conservation

ii. "enabling the increased use of renewable energy sources and technology, including generation facilities connected to the distribution system;"

Utility Flexibility

- Customer based micro-generation
- More distributed generation, used more efficiently
   (i.e. less transmission investment)

More Renewables

iii. "accommodating the use of emerging, innovative and energysaving technologies and system control applications;"

Adaptive Infrastructure

- Mobile charging infrastructure to support EVs
- Storage opportunities
- Keeping room for innovative technologies

More Innovation



# Need to change the lens through which we see the power sector

- 1. More positive frame
- 2. Electricity as driver of change
- 3. Boost economic development
- 4. Act as the "cleaning agent" for the transport sector by using electrons to displace gasoline
- 5. Promote the long view



#### **SUSTAINABLE ENERGY: Policies, Programs, Directions**

· Social marketing · Sustainable building · Demand management · Conservation behaviour

- · Centre for Advanced Photovoltaics Systems & Devices (CAPDS)
- · Solar thermal applications
- · Wind turbine design and performance
- · Bioenergy
- · Distributed generation

RENEWABLES Solar, Wind, Water, Bio

Sustainable

ENERGY

· Hydrogen production

**EXISTING** 

Conventional

- · Fuel cells (solid oxide and PEM)
  - · Thermoelectric materials and devices
    - · Lithium ion batteries

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**FOR** 

- · CO2 capture, storage & mitigation
- · Clean diesel engines
- · Clean coal technology
- · Nuclear power plant reliability

· Sustainable energy policy and planning

- · Sustainable urban design
  - · Emissions reduction
    - · Green batteries
  - · Green auto power train

· Power quality

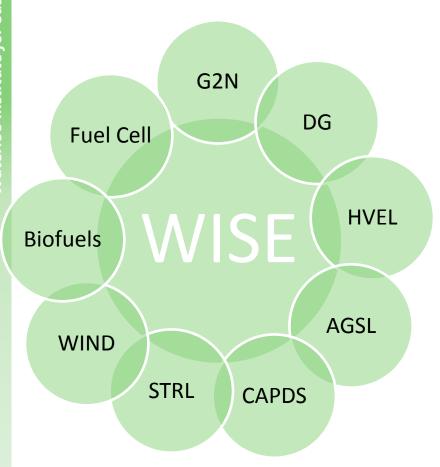
- · Energy systems reliability
- · Large scale optimization
- · Energy forecasting
- · Electricity markets

**Preserve & Create Energy Options Multi-Disciplinary Research Teams Economic Growth & Environmental Performance** Business, Government, Industry, Civil Society Engagement





# The Waterloo Institute for Sustainable Energy (WISE)



#### G2N Giga-to-Nano Lab

- Andrei Sazonov, Electrical & Computer Engineering
- **DG** Distribution Generation Lab
- Ehab El-Sadaany, Electrical & Computer Engineering
- **HVEL High Voltage Engineering Lab**
- Shesha Jayaram, Electrical & Computer Engineering
- AGSL Advanced Glazing System Lab
- John Wright, Mechanical & Mechatronics
- CAPDS Centre for Advanced Photovoltaic Devices and Systems
- Siva Sivoththaman, Electrical & Computer Engineering
- STRL Solar Thermal Research Lab
- Michael Collins, Mechanical & Mechatronics
- WIND Lab
- David Johnson, Mechanical & Mechatronics
- Biofuel/Biomass Lab
- Ray Legge, Biometric Engineering & Environmental Engineering

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- Fuel Cell Lab
- Michael Fowler, Chemical Engineering

# **Select Highlights**

#### **3 Signature Projects**

# Decreasing Diesel Dependency in Remote Northern Communities

 Off-grid hybrid power system provides a lower-cost, environmentally friendly solution for remote communities.

# Energy Consumption Management System Gives Consumers Control

 A smart web-based tool gives consumers control to change the way they use energy, and move to on-site alternatives like solar and wind energy.

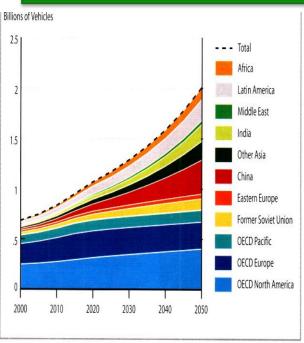
#### Connecting Solar Farms to the Grid

 UW and U Western are developing comprehensive solutions to help grid operators incorporate large-scale solar farms to their networks.

- Smart Grid Forum
- Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicles
   Ontario Action Plan
- "Affordable solar for the masses" A major international initiative
- Integration of Distributed Generation into system
- Advanced batteries and storage technologies



## Sustainable Mobility



Source: Sustainable Mobility Project calculations.



- Powered by lithium-ion battery
- Charges in under 1 minute.
- Range: 15 km at 40 km/h.
- Cold weather testing in Sapporo next month.
- Uses 10% less energy than existing streetcars.

#### Don't step back in technology When we move forward to **Energy Sustainability**





These technologies are **not** sustainable with today's population!!

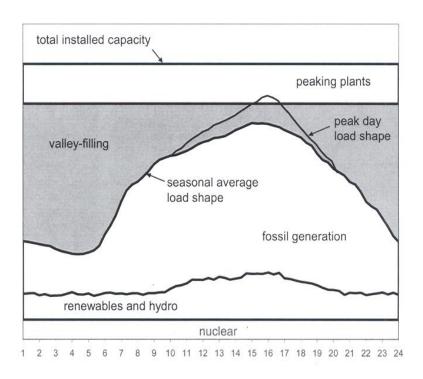
#### New UCDavis PHEV that will run on Sunshine 40mi/day and a little **Ethanol**

Can be ZERO gasoline or diesel Now for the avg. driver!!!

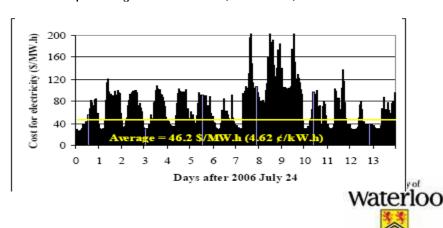




# Low cost electricity to displace gasoline "green electrons as substitutes for carbon"



- Assume vehicles will recharge between midnight and 6 a.m.
- Select lowest-cost periods
  - Either 1 hour, 2 consecutive hours, or 3 consecutive hours
- Convert to annual demand
  - Typical Canadian light vehicle covers 20 000 km/a
    - 45% highway at 21.1 kW.h/100 km; 55% city at 16.8 kW.h/100 km
    - 3370 kW.h/a
- This will be new generation at off-peak periods with no obvious market
  - Could be used to recharge 2.72 million vehicles (one-third of the Ontario fleet) between midnight and 6 a.m.
- · Estimated annual fuel cost
  - Around 100 \$/a
  - Compared to gasoline at 720 \$/a (before taxes)







30 kW EV Charging Shade Structure



10 kW EV Charging Station



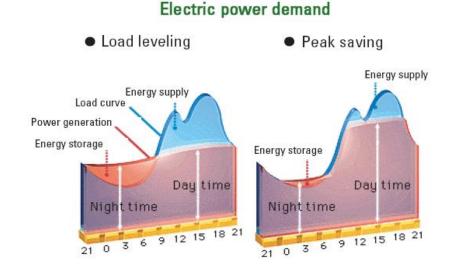
300 kW EV Charging

Source: steve@renewables.com



# Distributed Energy Resources- Energy Storage

 Electricity storage: Key requirement for a grid with large DG and renewables



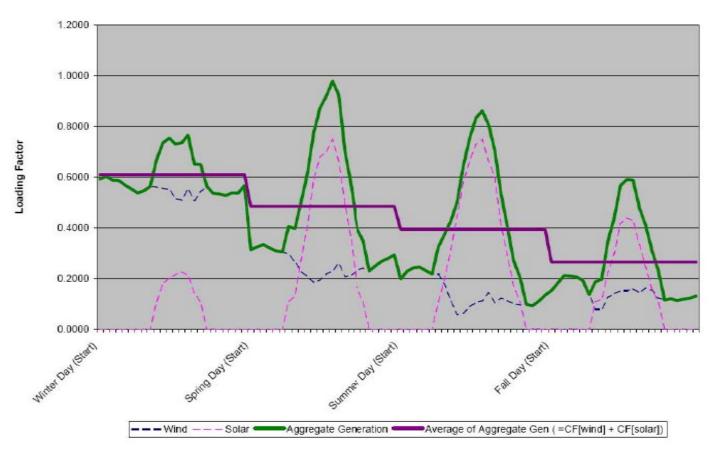
Source: Tokyo Electric Power Company

 Convergence of grid and transportation infrastructures?



## Benefits of Diversity and Distributed Resources

#### Seasonal Daily Generation





# A Signature Visionary Project : Affordable Solar for the Masses

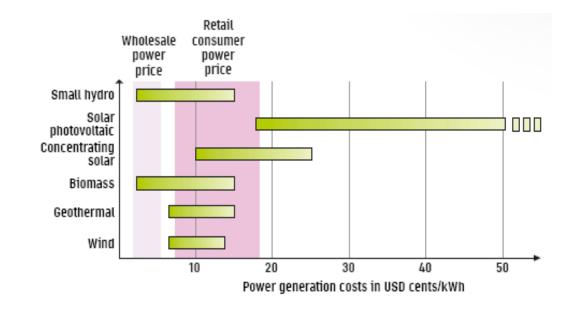
- Low-cost renewable energy critical
- Solar energy is part of the answer
- New technologies will make solar energy more affordable
- Project aims to bring nano-based technologies out of the lab, to make a difference in the world



## Affordable Solar?

# Mission is a formidable challenge to get

- Below grid parity
- Affordable for the masses
- Nano-based > 50% efficiency
- Obviate expensive grid infrastructure



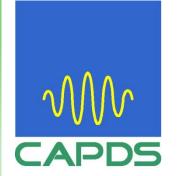


#### About CAPDS

#### Centre for Advanced Photovoltaic Devices and Systems

#### The Facility

- 14,000 ft² facility entirely dedicated for PV research
- Consists of several state-of-the-art laboratories



- PV METROLOGY AND CHARACTERIZATION LAB
- NANO-PHOTOVOLTAIC LABORATOTY
- CLEANROOM FACILITY FOR DEVICE PROTOTYPING
- THIN-FILM AND ELECTROCHEMISTRY LAB
- HIGH TEMPERATURE PROCESSING LAB
- SILICON CRYSTAL GROWTH LAB
- INGOT AND WAFER PROCESSING LAB
- SCREEN-PRINTING LABORATORY
- HIGH-THROUGHPUT PROCESS FACILITY
- MODULE LAMINATION FACILITY
- COMNPUTATION AND SIMULATION LAB

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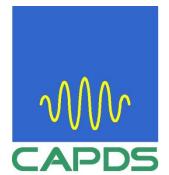


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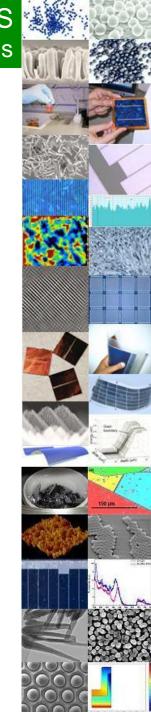
#### Centre for Advanced Photovoltaic Devices and Systems

#### Research Activities

- GROWTH OF BULK SEMICONDUCTOR CRYSTALS
- MATERIAL IMPROVEMENT TECHNIQUES
- ADVANCED THIN FILMS FOR PV DEVICES
- PHOTOVOLTAIC DEVICE DESIGN AND SIMULATION
- DEVICE FABRICATION TECHNOLOGIES
- NANO-STRUCTURE FORMATION (TOP-DOWN AND BOTTOM-UP)
- NANO PHOTOVOLTAIC DEVICE DESIGN AND FABRICATION
- TECHNOLOGY SCALE-UP AND HIGH THROUGHPUT PROCESSES
- ADVANCED LAMINANT MATERIALS AND MODULE ARCHITECTURES.
- BACK-END ELECTRONICS.
- HEALTHAND SAFETY EFFECTS OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES.



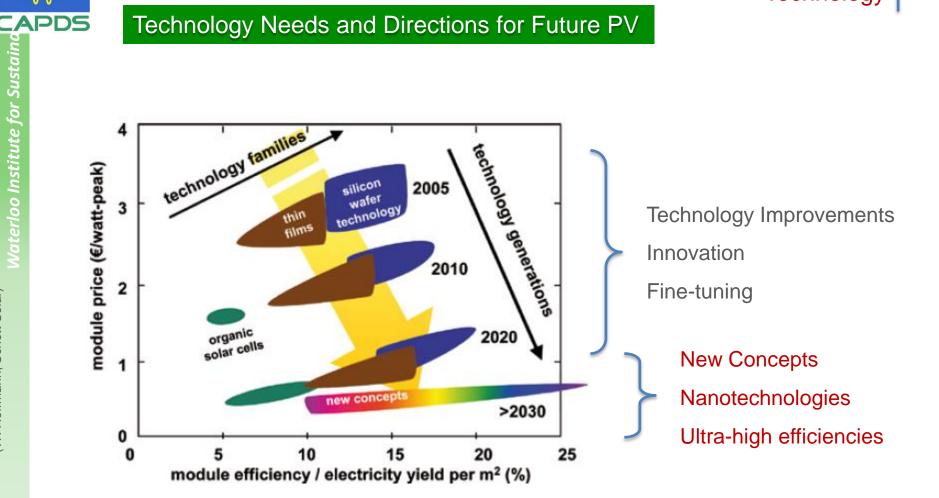
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## **Photovoltaics Technology**

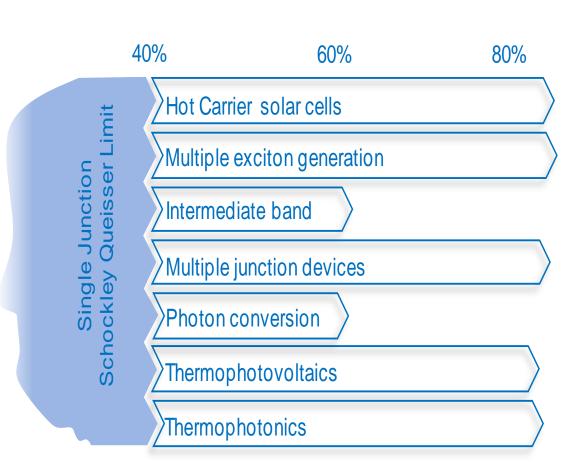
#### Technology Needs and Directions for Future PV





## Pathways for Very High Efficiency PV Devices

- Theoretical predictions of device performance remain scientifically unchallenged
- Breakthrough research in materials and device technology is necessary for practical realization of high performance PV devices









## Technology Goals and Research Directions

Crystalline
Silicon
Technologies

 Module Efficiency (commercial)
 Mono Si: 21% Multi Si: 17%
 Mono Si: 23% Multi Si: 25% Multi Si: 19%
 Mono Si: 25% Multi Si: 21%

 Silicon Consumption
 < 5 grams / watt</td>
 < 3 grams / watt</td>
 < 2 grams / watt</td>

#### Research Thrust Areas:

- New approaches for Silicon feedstock processing
- Advanced wafering (and wafer equivalent) technologies
- Surface passivation and metal contacting
- New device architecures optimized for high performance







# Technology Goals and Research Directions

Thin Film echnologies

	2010 - 2015	2015 - 2020	2020 - 2030
Module Efficiency (commercial)	Thin film Si: 10% CIGS: 17% CdTe: 12%	Thin film Si: 10% CIGS: 17% CdTe: 12%	Thin film Si: 10% CIGS: 17% CdTe: 12%
Manufacturing	High deposition rates	Management of Toxic materials	Large production units Recycling options

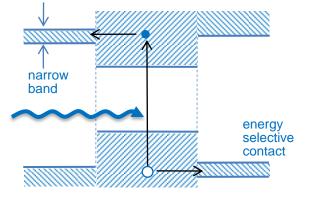
#### Research Thrust Areas:

- Large area deposition of thin films with high controllability
- Improved substrate materials and transparent conductive oxides
- Improved cell structures (double, triple junctions)
- Advanced material concepts and synthesis



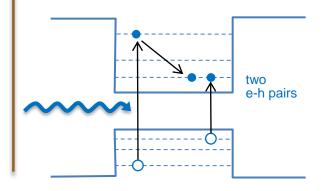
# Technology Goals and Research Directions

#### Hot-carrier solar cell concept



- Carriers are collected before they thermalize.
- Narrow bands for carrier extraction
- 66% (one-sun) and 85% (xsuns) theoretically possible.

#### Multiple excitons concept



- Extra e-h pairs are created by impact ionization.
- Carrier relaxation rate made slower
- 66% (one-sun) and 85% (xsuns) theoretically possible.

**Nanowires** 

Quantum dots

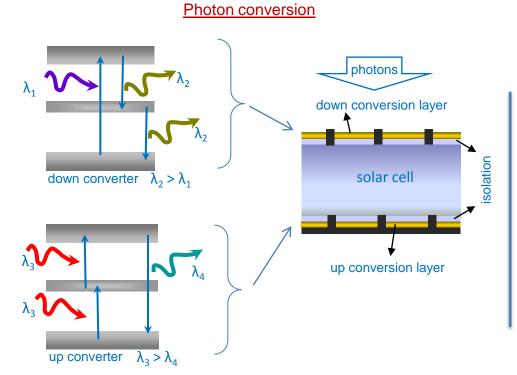
Materials with engineered properties



# Photovoltaics Technology

# Technology Goals and Research Directions

Nate Concepts:
Nano
Technologies



Nanostructured materials with tailored absorption / emission properties.

A conversion efficiency of 63% is theoretically possible under concentration





## CAPDS R&D Approaches

## Photovoltaics Technology

"Mature" Technologies

Silicon Wafer Technologies

Thin film Technologies

- Crystal Growth
- Thin-film Deposition
- Material Improvement
- Improved Device Design
- Fine-line Screen-printing
  - Module Technologies

The "Middle-ground"
Approach

Some advanced concepts deployed on traditional technology platforms

- Spectral-engineering
- Plasmonic Thin-films
- Smart Modules

Short - to - Medium Term

"Future" Technologies

Nanotechnologies: Engineered materials

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Novel device architectures

- Multiple Exciton Devices
- Hot carrier PV Devices
- Intermediate Bandgaps

**Long Term** 



# Requirements for Success-A Mission Focus and Tripartite Partnership

#### Strong academic leadership and commitment

- University of Waterloo
- Existing facilities- Centre for Advanced Photovoltaic Devices
- Multiple global level academic collaborators

#### Industry

- Commercialization focus
- Business and Industry Partners with long view

#### Governments

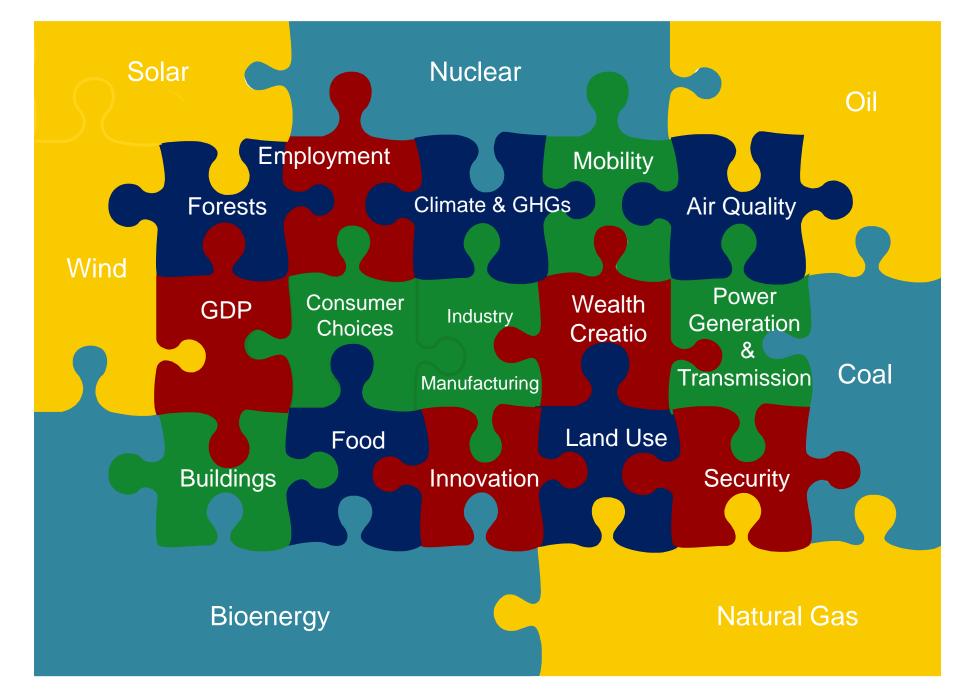
- Strong endorsement and commitment to policy direction
- Funding and human resources



## **Guideposts that may shape future directions**

- 1. Energy flows through the global economy are massive: huge inertia
- 2. Scale and complexity of change suggests transition to a low GHG economy will take a long time
- 3. Growth, development, energy demand and environmental performance are intricately linked
- 4. Historical trends away from consumption of primary fuels directly to electricity will continue
- 5. The power sector will be characterized by a low carbon intensity
- 6. The electricity sector as the "cleaning agent" of the transport sector is an idea that is only beginning to emerge.
- 7. A balanced mix: renewables, nuclear, efficiency gains, conservation and clean(er) fossil resources would allow for sustainable prosperity and good environmental performance.





# **Summary**

- Compelling global need for a non-carbon based source of high quality energy
  - Breaking the efficiency and cost barrier for solar is the mission
- Global dimension of energy poverty is an even larger and deeper social and economic problem
  - Affordable solar has the potential to change the game
- Advancement of human development and quality of life is a profound obligation for all
  - Business, industry, governments, academy



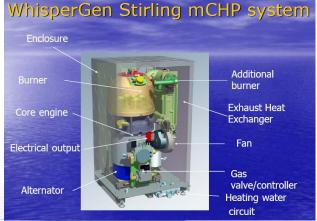


# **Technology Innovations**



- Powered by lithium-ion battery
- Charges in under 1 minute.
- Range: 15 km at 40 km/h.
- Cold weather testing in Sapporo next month.
- Uses 10% less energy than existing streetcars.







# HOT POWER FROM MIRRORS Tables of the Type was an expected parameter and the country of the Coun

#### re 5: Transportability of 5.2-MW turbines to SRP substations

Turbines's 5.2-MW turbines and balance-of-plant equipment will be transportable by allowing Salt River Project to move the units to areas with the greatest distribution



Source: David Gauntlett (25)





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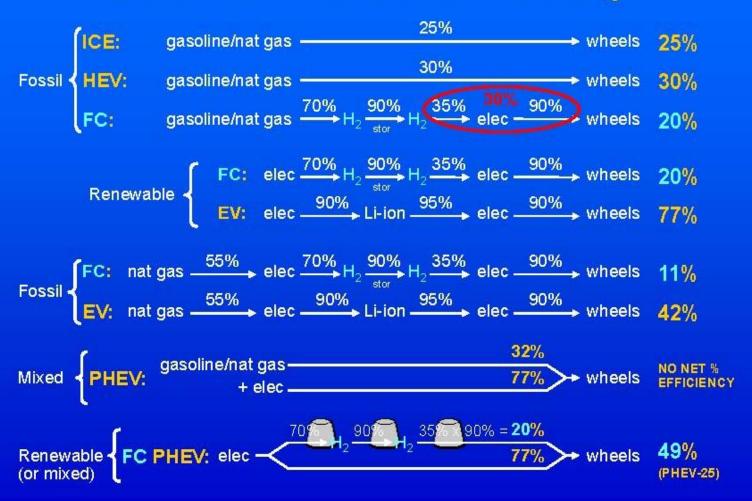
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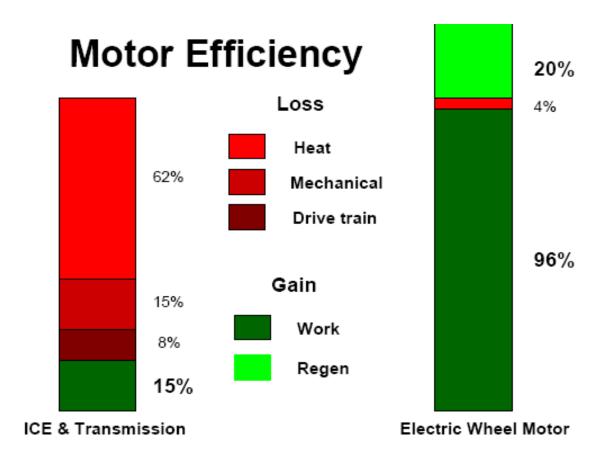
# **Background Material**



# Fuel-to-Wheels Efficiency



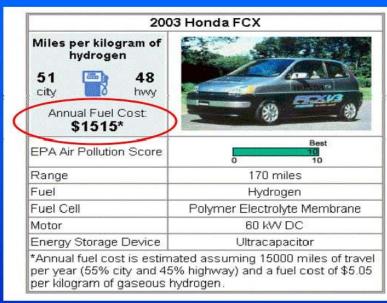






# Comparison of Electric Vehicle and Hydrogen

# Cost of Using Hydrogen



2003 Toyota	RAV4 EV	
Electric Vehicle		
Possible Tax incentives		
Use your Gas Prices	Switch to Metric units	
Fuel Econo	omy	
Fuel Type	Electricity	
Energy Consumption(city) (kW-hrs/100 miles)	27	
Energy Consumption(hwy) (kW-hrs/100 miles)	34	
MPG (city)	125	
MPG (highway)	100	
MPG (combined)	112	
Annual Fuel Cost @8¢/kWh	\$362	

2003 Honda Civic Gasoline Cost \$684 2003 Honda Civic Gas Hybrid Cost \$484

2003 RAV4 2WD Gasoline Cost \$860

- Hydrogen cost is worse than its efficiency!
- Electrolysis twice as costly as natural gas!
   \$3,000 per year for hydrogen Honda FCX.

