

# Meeting Tomorrow's Electricity Needs

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# EPRI: Leading Collaborative Energy R&D Around the World



EPRI advances energy technologies and informs decision-making through ~\$420M in collaborative annual research involving nearly 400 entities in ~40 countries - spanning the generation, delivery, and use of electricity.

# Reimagining the Future Energy System



## Decarbonization

~10-15 years

Accelerate economy-wide, low-carbon solutions

- Electric sector decarbonization
- Transmission and grid flexibility: storage, demand, EVs
- Efficient electrification

~15-30 years

Achieve a net-zero clean energy system

- Ubiquitous clean electricity: renewables, advanced nuclear, CCUS
- Negative-emission technologies
- Low-carbon resources: hydrogen and related, low-carbon fuels, biofuels, and biogas

## Transformation

Drive affordability of a clean and resilient energy system through digital transformation

- Power system modernization: pervasive sensors, monitoring, advanced analytics using AI
- Upgraded and expanded communications infrastructure and control systems

## Resiliency

~10-15 years

Mitigate climate impacts and cyber/physical risks

- System and asset hardening
- Improved response
- Faster recovery
- Cybersecurity

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Future proof energy system design basis

- Resilient power system design
- Advanced asset design and strategic undergrounding
- Smart integration of energy carriers

## Making Energy More

Clean

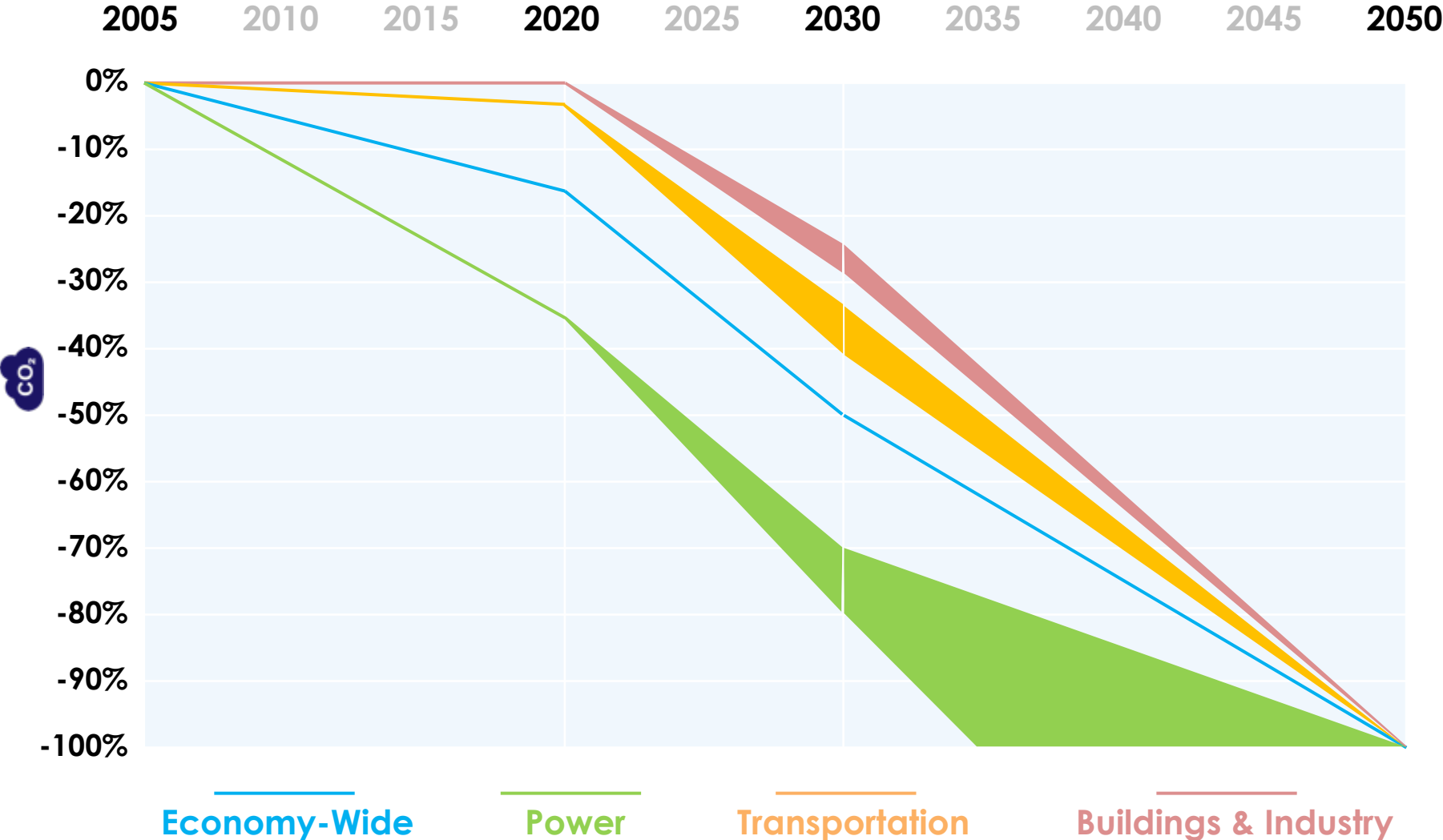
Affordable

Reliable



# Examining the Pace of U.S. Carbon Reduction Based on 2030 Goals

Collaborative innovation essential to an affordable and reliable energy future



# Decarbonization Pathways Enabled by Innovation

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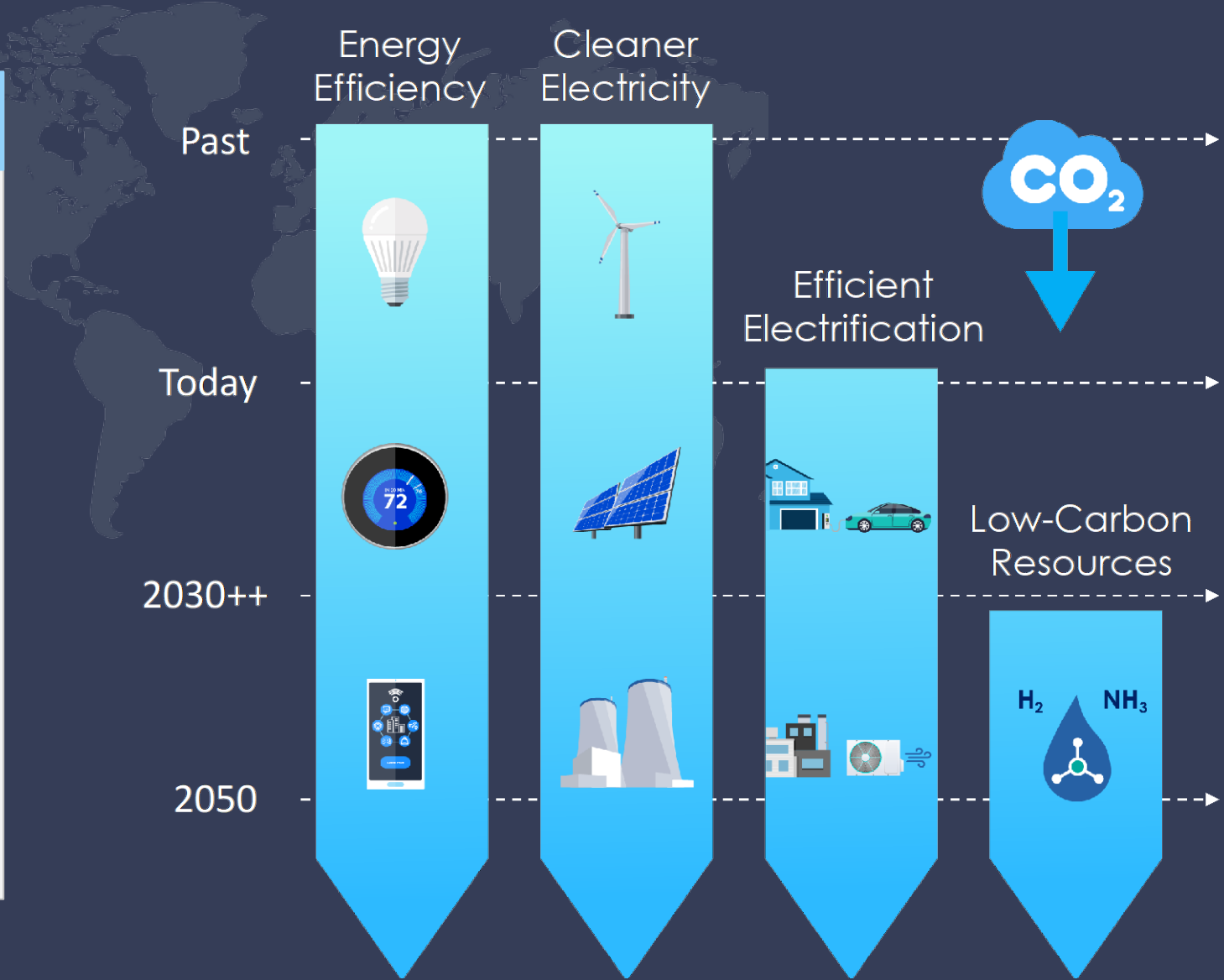
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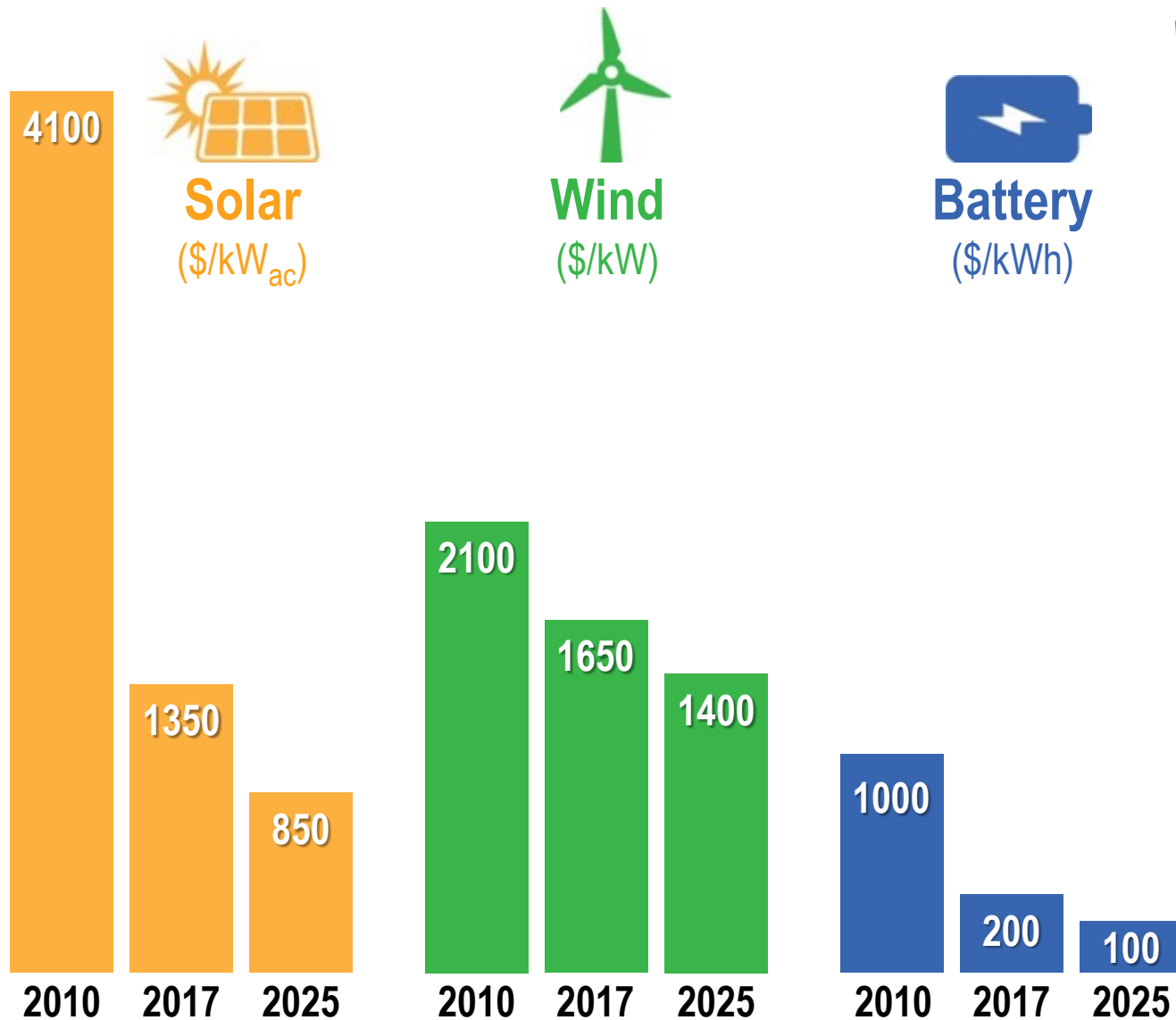
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# Renewable & Li Ion Battery Cost Trend: Unlocked Potential by 2025



- Universal Solar PV: ~\$0.02/kWh in high solar region but still almost half the cost of rooftop solar
- Wind LCOE: ~ \$0.03/kWh in high wind region
- Electric vehicle (~300miles): ~\$7,000 decrease
- Commercial building batteries: 2-year payback
- Solar/wind + 4-6 hour storage cost = natural gas power plant

**Reimagine  
Grid Integration**

# Technology Evolution and Impact on Capacity and Energy

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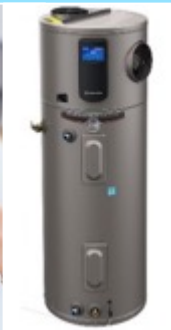
Variable Generation



Central Station Generation



Energy Storage & Demand Response

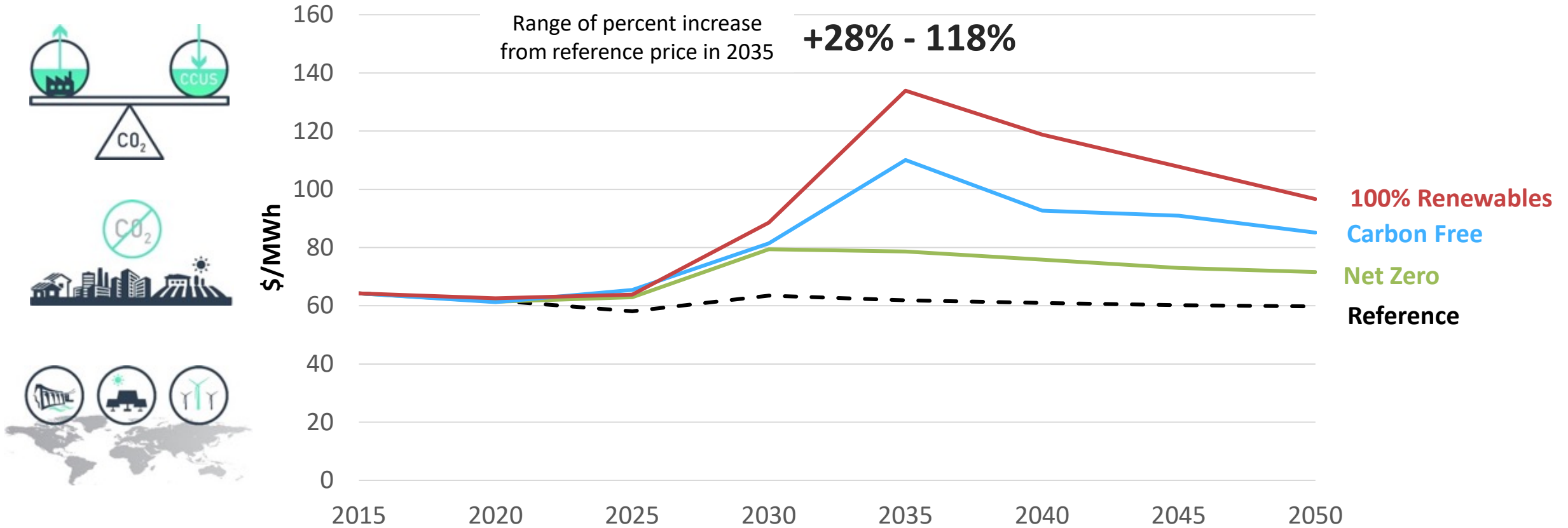


CAPACITY



# Net Zero vs. Carbon Free vs. 100% Renewable

## U.S. Average Generation Price



Restricting technology options significantly increases cost of electric sector decarbonization

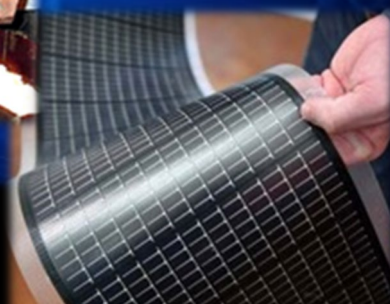
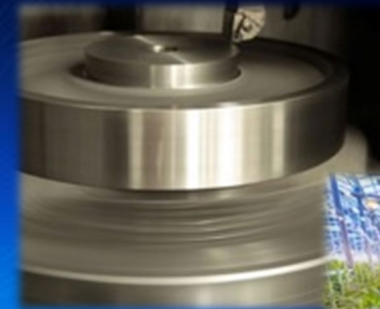


# Cleaner Electricity That is Reliable and Affordable Leads to Efficient Electrification

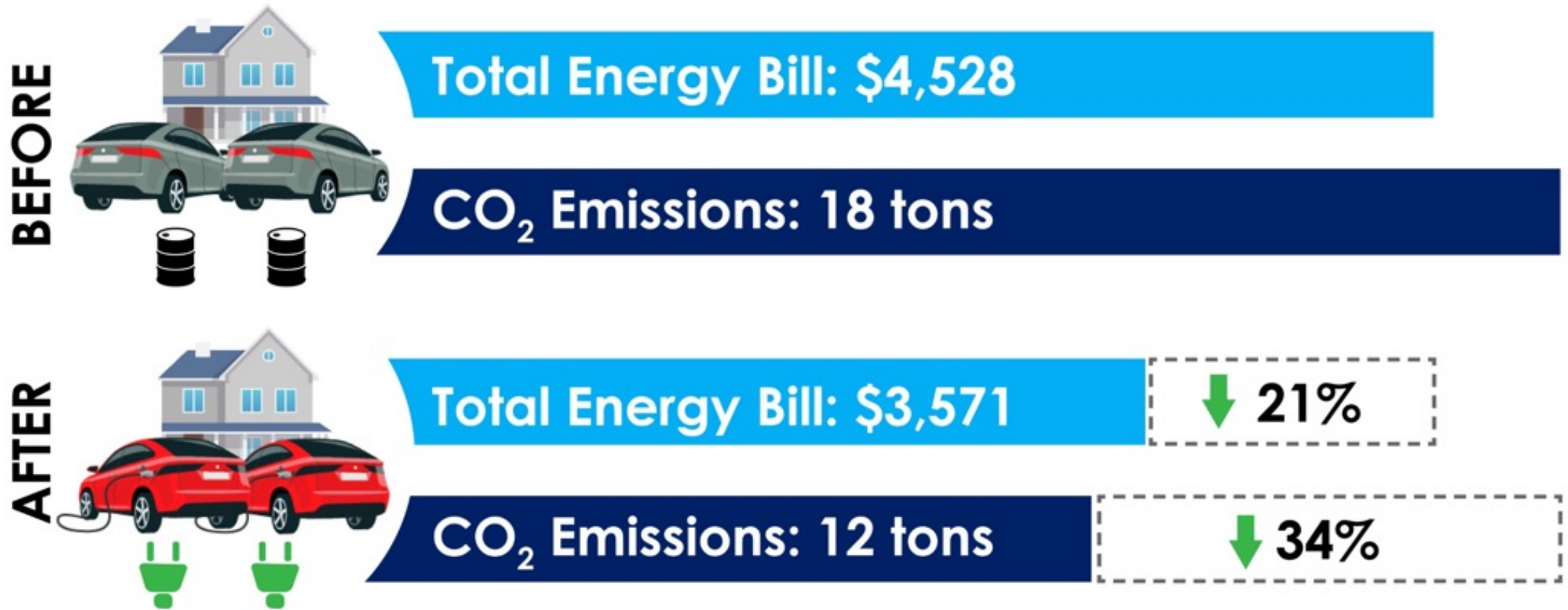
## Mobility

## Heating and Cooling

## New Applications



# Affordability *Benefits of Switching to EVs\**



\*Based on 2015 data for an average U.S. household. With rapidly declining purchase prices, EVs are projected to be a lower total cost option for most households in the early 2020s.

# Key to Lower Carbon: Expanded Charging Infrastructure to Support EV Adoption

160,000 gas stations

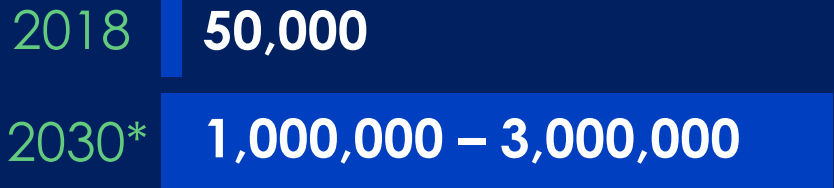


## The Utility's Role

- Charge-ready grid infrastructure and charging stations
- Rates to incentivize EV smart charging
- Energy storage infrastructure for fast charging



**Level 2 Stations**  
(Workplace and Public)



**Fast Charging Stations**



2018-2030 Estimated installation cost of public and workplace charging infrastructure:

**\$4B-\$30B**

*\*Projections based on U.S. DOE Alternative Fuels Data Center EVI-Pro Lite tool and EPRI USNEA Progressive scenario*

# Key to Lower Carbon: An Integrated Grid Efficiently Linking Resources and Active Demands

Smart and Fast Charging of EV



Enabling Higher Penetration of EV/Solar/DER



Grid-Integrated Energy Storage



Vehicle-to-Grid System Resource



Connected, Smart Demand-Responsive Load



# Beyond 2030 – Hydrogen/Clean Electricity Production

## H<sub>2</sub> Production



Advanced Nuclear



Next-Gen Electrolysis



Existing Clean Generation



Natural Gas CCS

## H<sub>2</sub> Delivery



Utilizing Existing Natural Gas Pipelines Through Blending



Shipping and Trucking

## H<sub>2</sub> End-Use



Boiler



Heavy Duty Transportation



Electric Generation



Advanced Fuel Cell

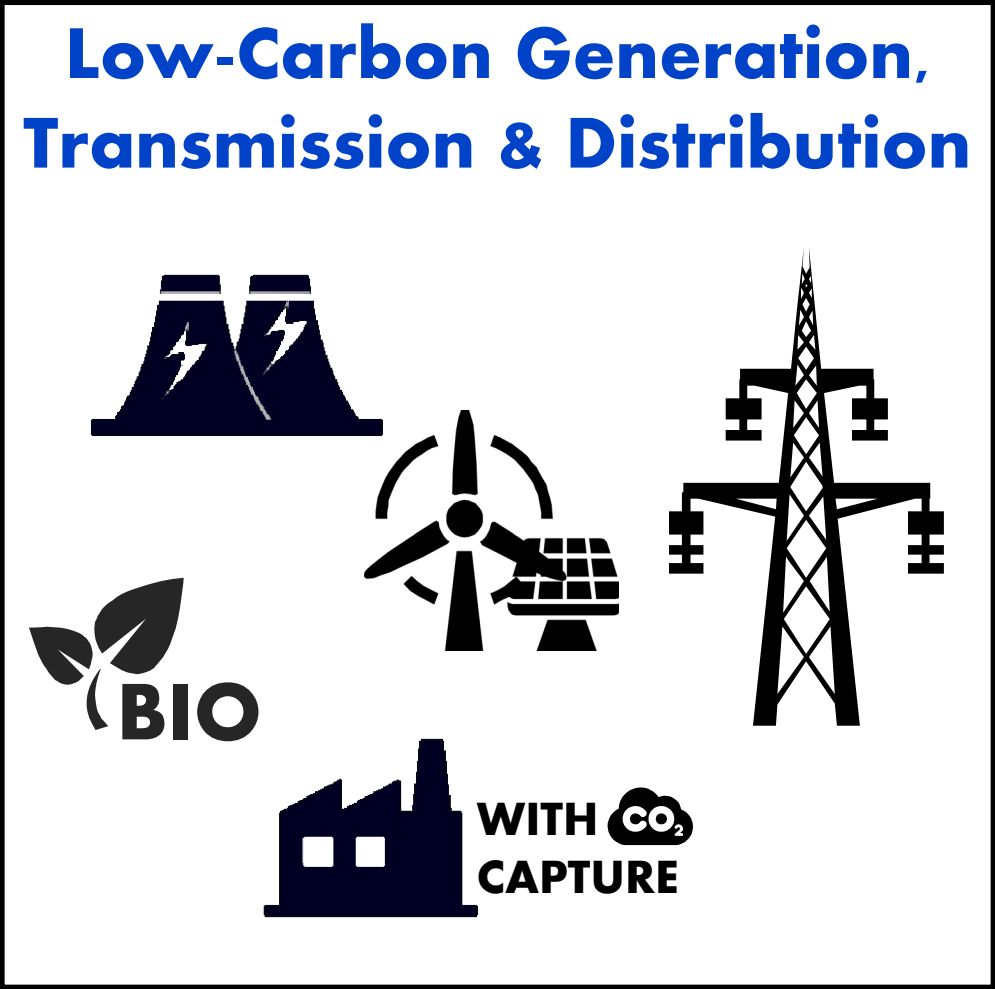


Large Industry

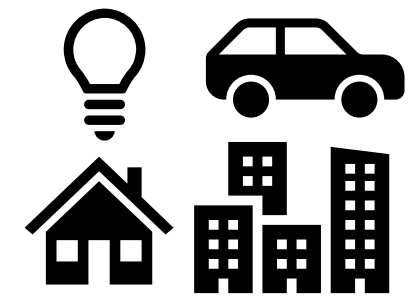


Chemical Process

# Low-Carbon Fuels Pathway from the Electric Sector



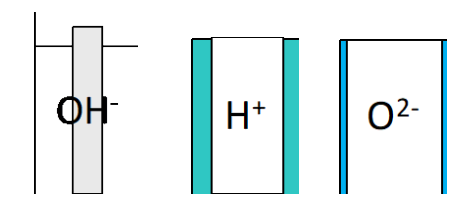
→ **Direct Electrification** →



→ **Indirect Electrification** →

**Low-Carbon Fuels\***

Electrolysis →



Hydrogen



Ammonia



Synthetic Hydrocarbons

*\*Representative of one of several pathways*



20% hydrogen blending in gas pipeline at Keele University

# Magnum Power Plant VATTENFALL



450 MW combustion turbine on 100% blue H<sub>2</sub> by 2023 with planned transition to green H<sub>2</sub>

Advanced Clean Energy Storage



Largest integrated energy storage hub with integrated generation



30 MW electrolyzer installation – scale up to ~700MW plan integrated with offshore wind

Japan-Australia Hydrogen Economy Supply Chain



International end-to-end supply chain demonstration



# A five-year initiative to advance low-carbon resources



## IOU

## Public Power

## Co-op

## INTL

## OEMs

A blue-tinted photograph of four people, two men and two women, standing together. They are dressed in professional attire, including lab coats and a hard hat. The man on the far left is wearing a white lab coat with the EPRi logo. The woman next to him is also in a white lab coat. The woman on the far right is wearing a dark polo shirt with the EPRi logo and a white hard hat. The man on the far right is wearing a light blue button-down shirt. They are all smiling and looking towards the right. The background is a solid blue color.

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