



California's Energy Future - The View to 2050

Summary Report

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California Context

- AB 32 Requires reducing GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2020 - a reduction of about 25 percent,
- Governor's executive order S-3-05 (2005) requires an 80 percent reduction below 1990 levels by 2050.
- We must go from 480 mmT CO₂e today to 80 mmT CO₂e in 40 years

Approach

- **“Existence proof”**: Can it be done, and what needs to change to allow us to get there?
- **Focus on technology, GHG emissions** and other impacts, not economics

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The short answer: **Yes, we can**

- We can achieve 80% cuts in emissions and still meet our energy needs.
- We can get ~60% of the cuts with technology we largely know about.
 - We basically know how to do this
 - A lot of this technology is in demonstration.
 - Deployment will depend on policy and innovation.
 - Note: We excluded extremely expensive technology
- We can get the rest of the cuts to 80% below 1990, but this will require new technology innovation and development.

Two major technology limitations will cause us to exceed the target:

- We don't have sufficient technology for load balancing without emissions
 - This is an especially big deal if we don't have baseload power
- We don't have enough technology choices “in the pipeline” for de-carbonizing fuel.
 - Need advanced biofuels, but it likely won't be enough
 - CCS may play a larger role in fuels than in electricity

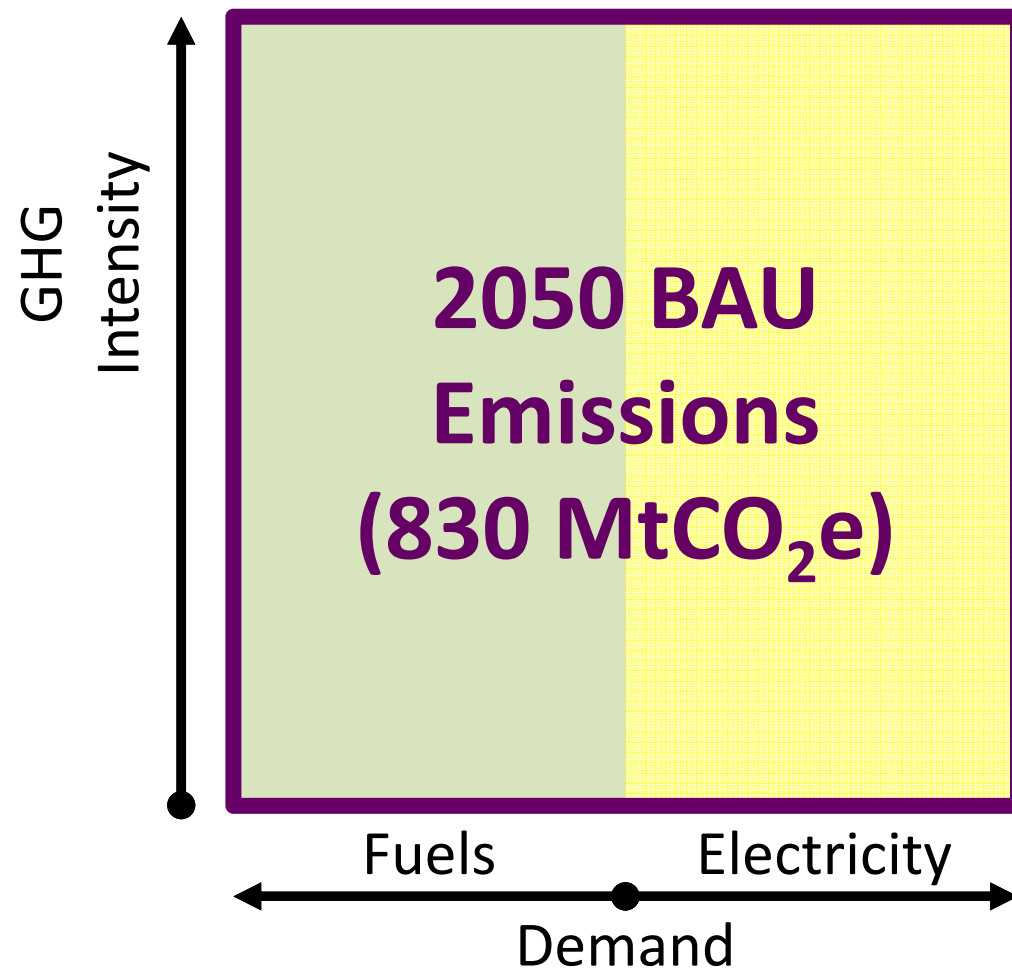
Logic→ eliminate fossil fuels*

1. How much can we control demand through efficiency measures? → Decrease need for electricity and fuel
2. How much do we electrify or convert to hydrogen fuel ? → Increase demand for electricity, decrease demand for fuel
3. How do we de-carbonize enough electricity to meet resulting electricity demand?
How do we balance load? → Nuclear, CCS, Renewables
→ Natural gas, energy storage, or demand management
4. How do we de-carbonize enough fuel (hydrocarbons or hydrogen) to meet remaining demand? → Biofuel, fuel from electricity?

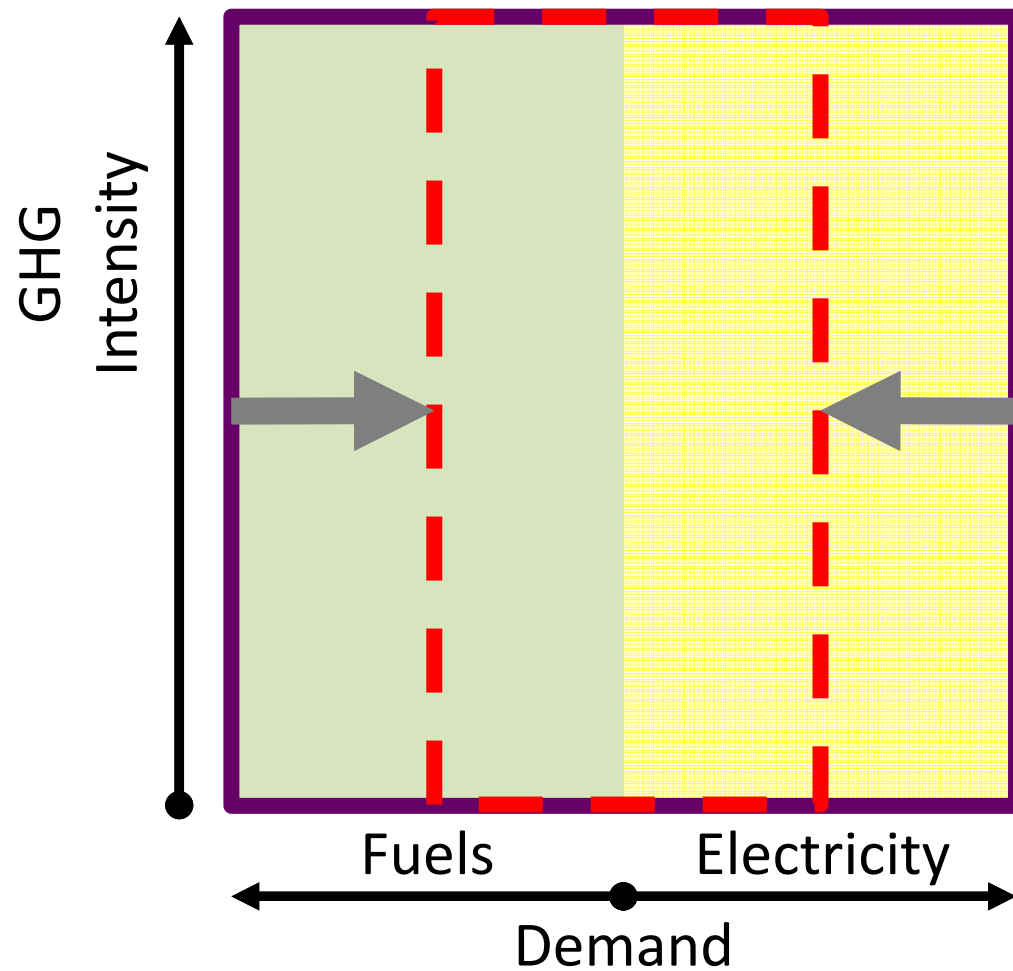
*unless emissions are sequestered

Four Actions to Reduce Emissions

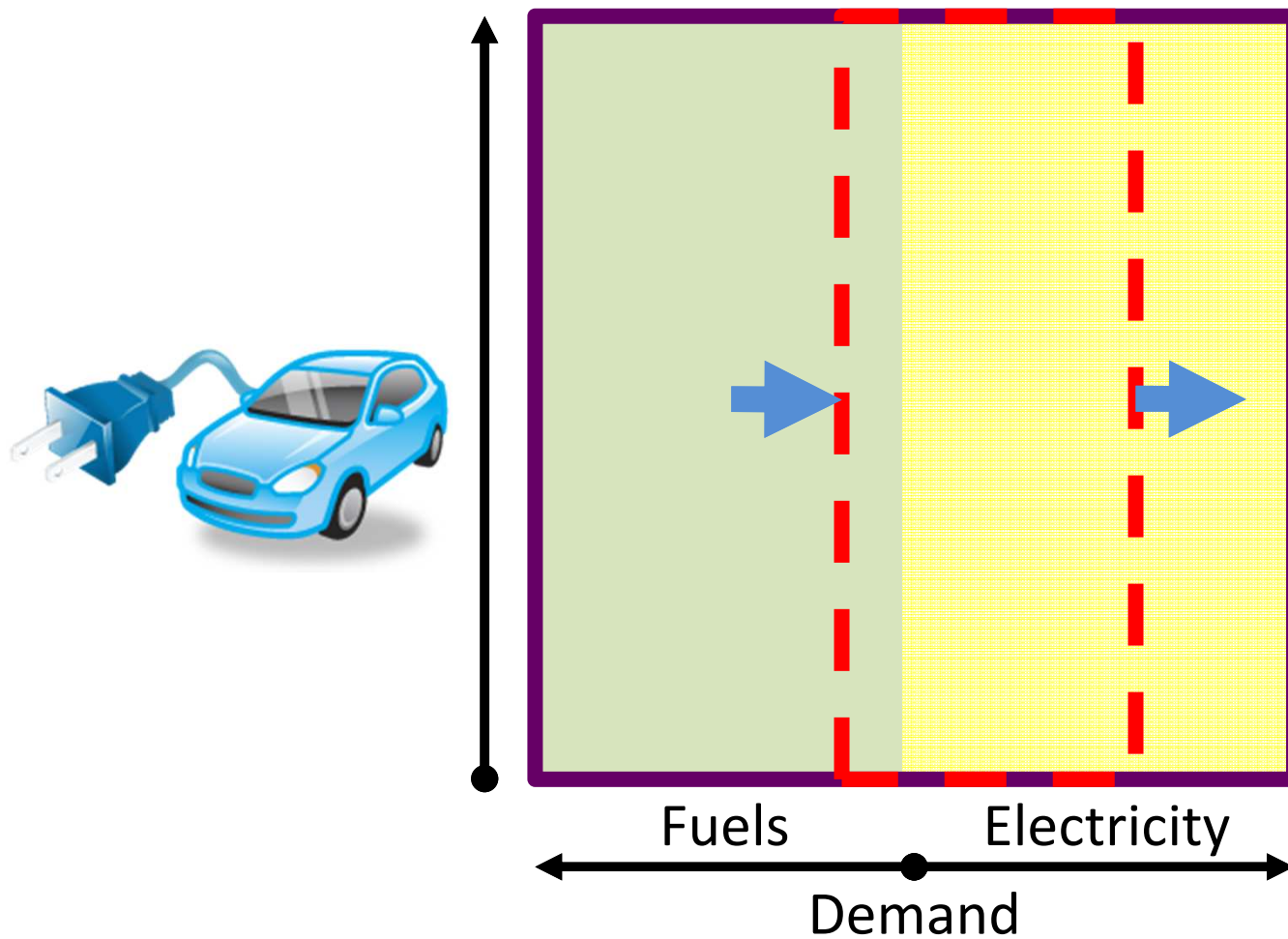
GHG Intensity-Demand Diagram



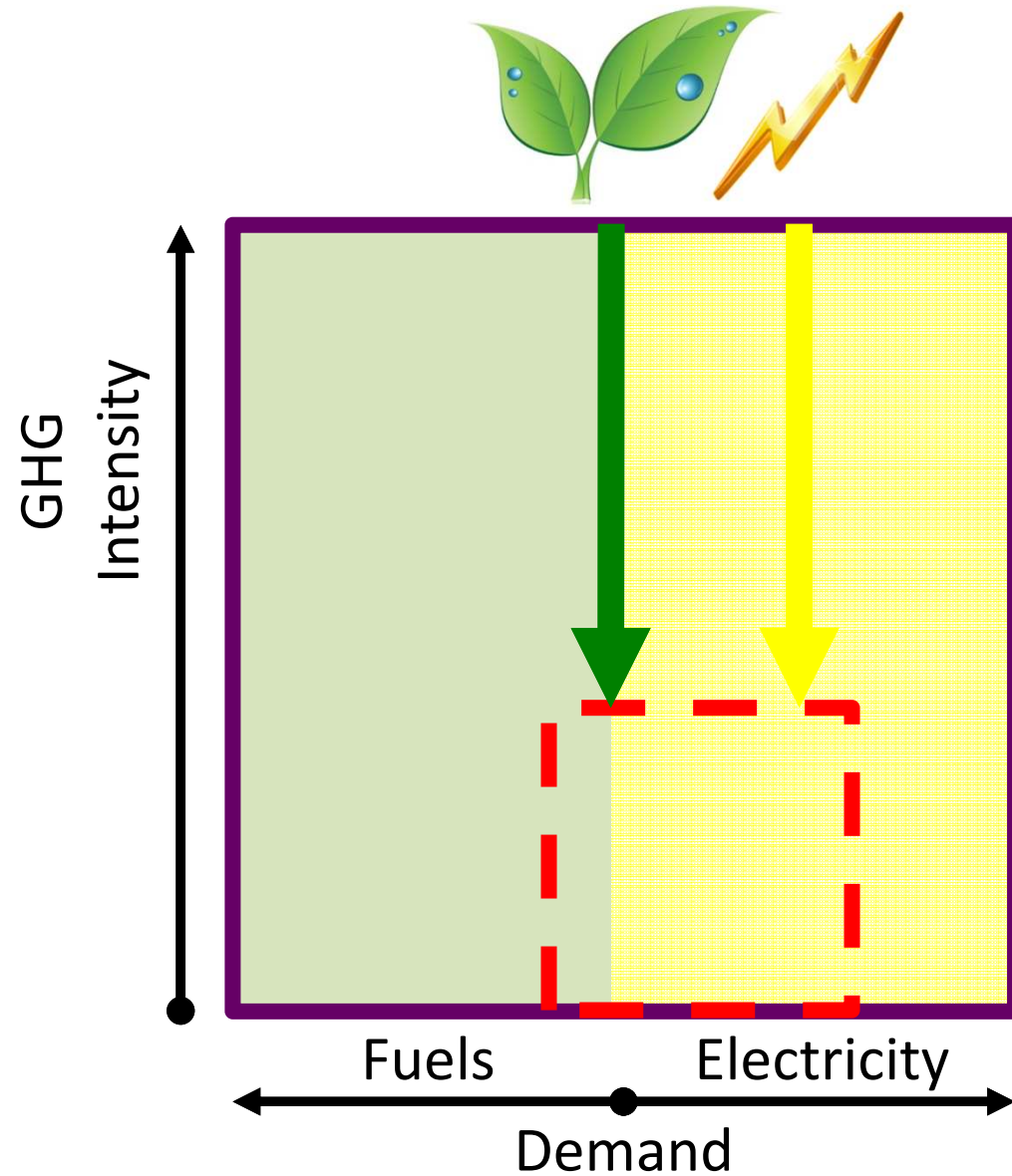
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2. Electrification

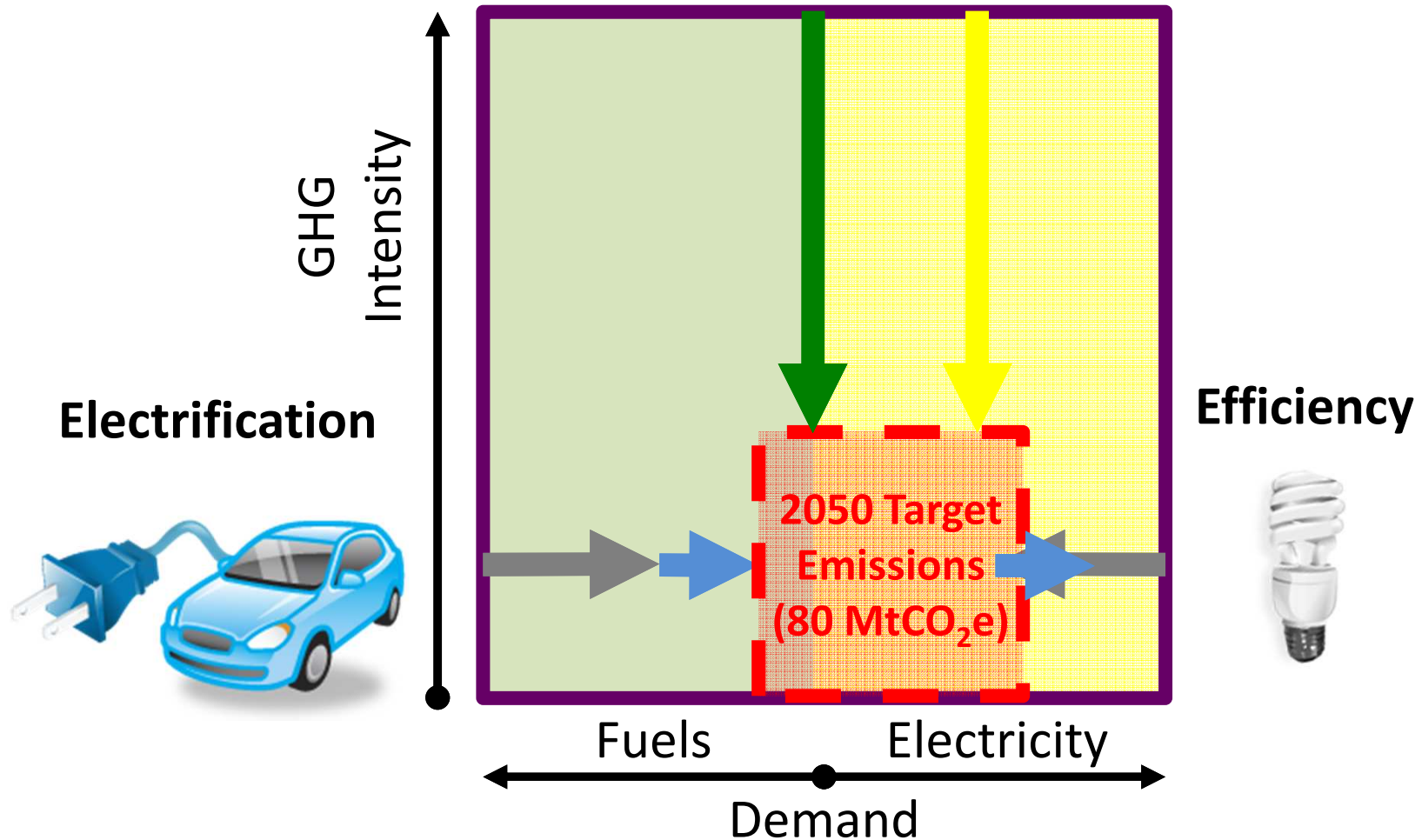


3 + 4. “Low-Carb” Fuels + Electricity



Summary

“Low-Carb”
Fuels + Electricity



GHG
Intensity

Electrification



Efficiency



Fuels

Electricity

Demand

Technology bins

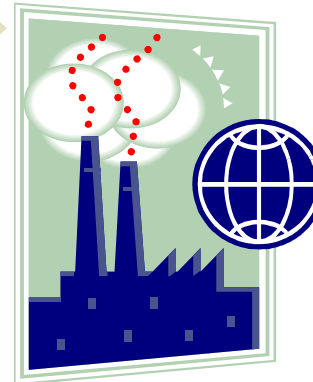
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| Bin 1: | Deployed at scale now |
| Bin 2: | Has been demonstrated, not available at scale |
| Bin 3: | In development |
| Bin 4: | Research concept |

Three sectors of efficiency and electrification

– Buildings



– Industry

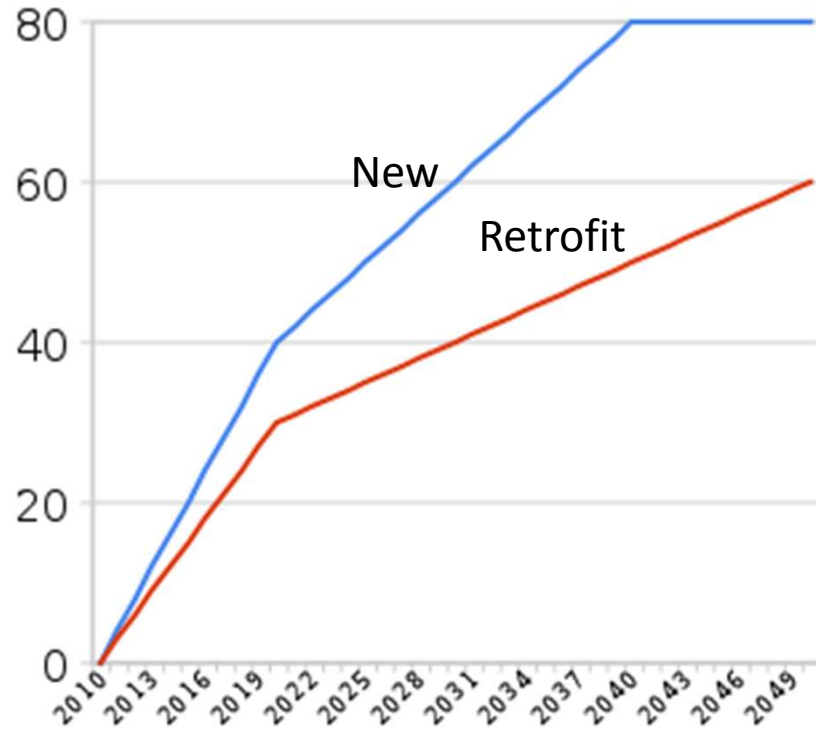


– Transportation

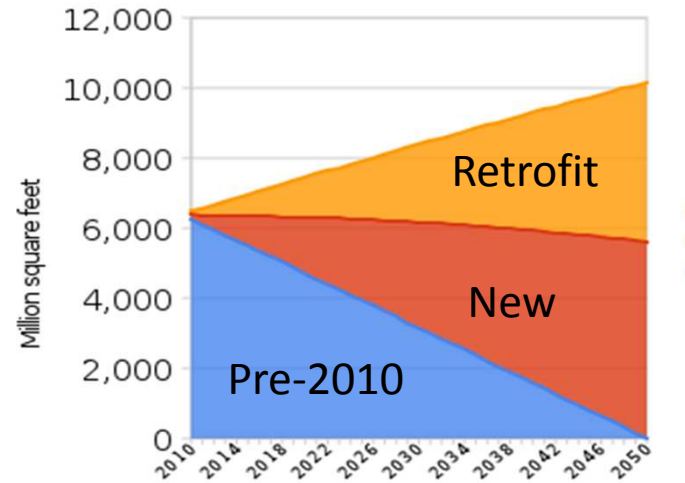


Building efficiency

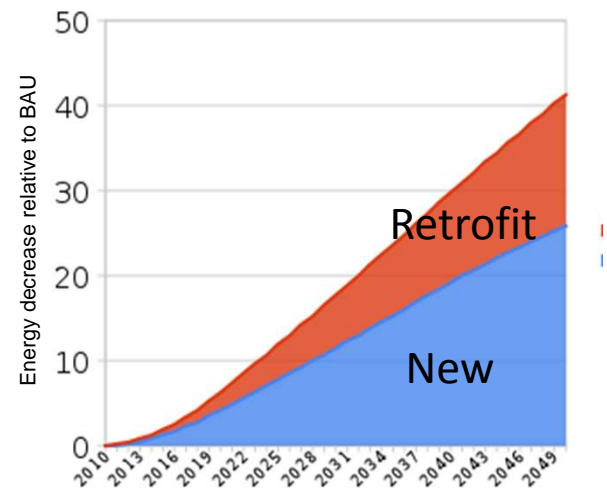
Efficiency decrease in energy from BAU



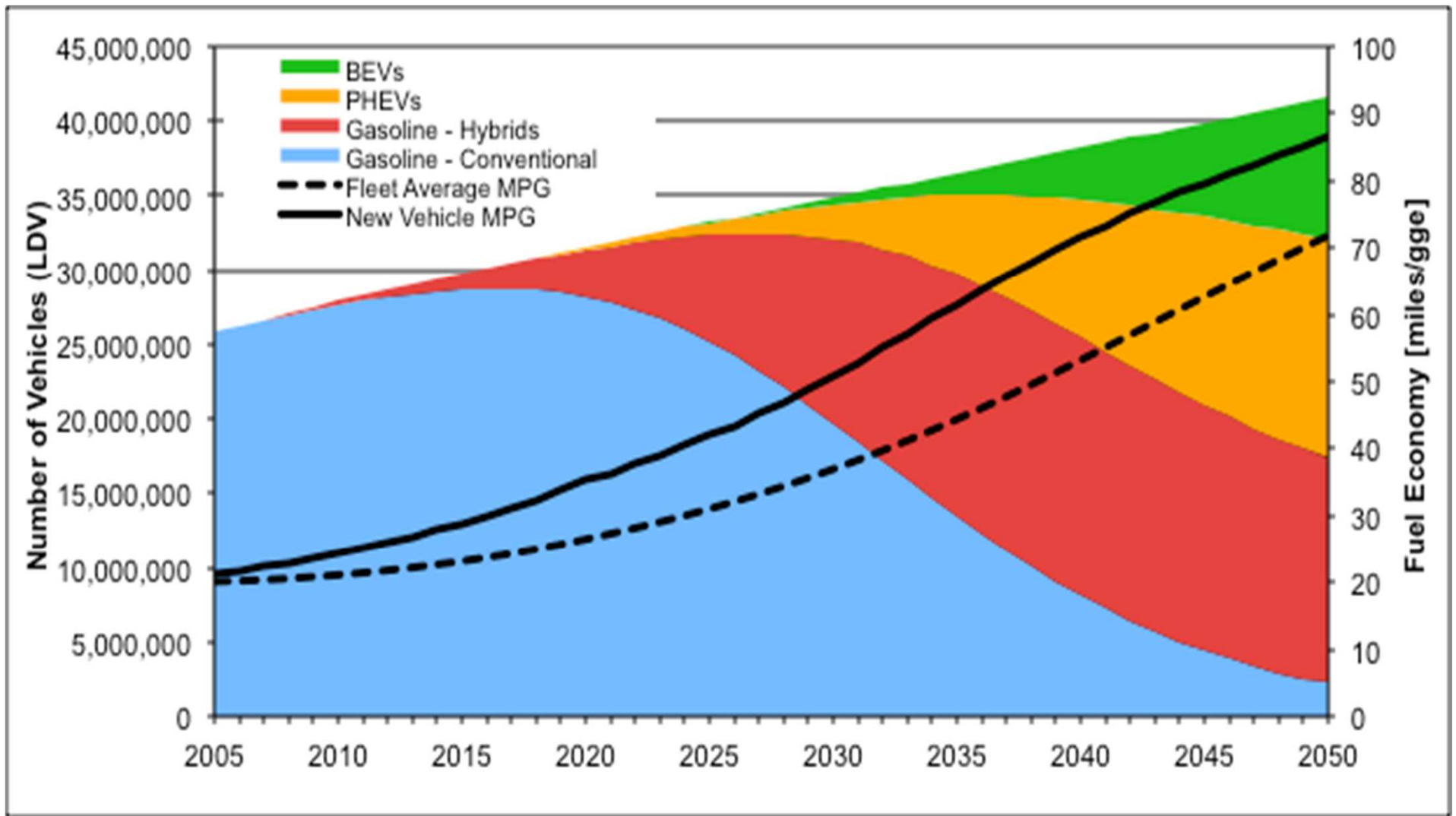
Building stock turnover



Cumulative energy decrease



Light-duty vehicle scenario



Efficiency Summary

Percent energy decrease from BAU



| | | | |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------|-----|
| Buildings | 40% | Cars | 60% |
| Industry | 0-15%* | Trucks | 30% |
| * BAU 30-40% fr. 2005 | | Airplanes | 50% |
| Electricity | 31% | Bus, Rail | 0% |
| Fuels | 52% | Marine | 40% |

Electrification: Not just for cars!

| Electrification saturation from BAU | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|------|
| Buildings | 70% | Cars | 44% |
| Industry | 12% | Trucks | 18% |
| Change in demand | | Airplanes | 0% |
| Electricity | +56% | Bus, Rail | 100% |
| Fuels | -33% | Marine | 0% |



Buildings efficiency technology

| Bin no. | Space conditioning and building envelope | Water heating | Appliances | Electronics | Other |
|---------|---|---|--|---|---|
| 1 | High efficiency furnaces (including heat pumps), high efficiency air conditioning equipment, occupancy sensors, fiberglass super-insulation, cool roofs | High efficiency water heaters, on-demand water heaters | Energy Star appliances (~20%), soil sensing clothes- and dishwashers, horizontal- axis clothes washers, high-spin clothes dryers | Automatic sleep mode, more efficient transformers | More efficient motors and fans, LED lighting, magnetic induction cooktops |
| 2 | Vacuum panel insulation, whole-building optimal energy management | Heat pump water heaters, solar hot water, waste heat recovery, whole-system integration | Higher efficiency appliances (~40-50%) | Network proxying | Organic LED lighting |
| 3 | Non-invasive insulation retrofits | | | | |
| 4 | | | Magnetic refrigeration | | |

Industry technology maturity → complex

| Bin | Technologies |
|------------|--|
| 1 | Ultra high efficiency furnaces, controls and monitoring systems, waste heat recovery systems |
| 2 | Membrane technology for separations, super boilers, advanced/hybrid distillation, solar boiler systems |
| 3 | Integrated & predictive operations/sensors, advanced materials and processing, electrified process heating (e.g. microwave), process intensification |
| 4 | New membrane materials, advanced materials/coatings |

Technology maturity light duty transportation

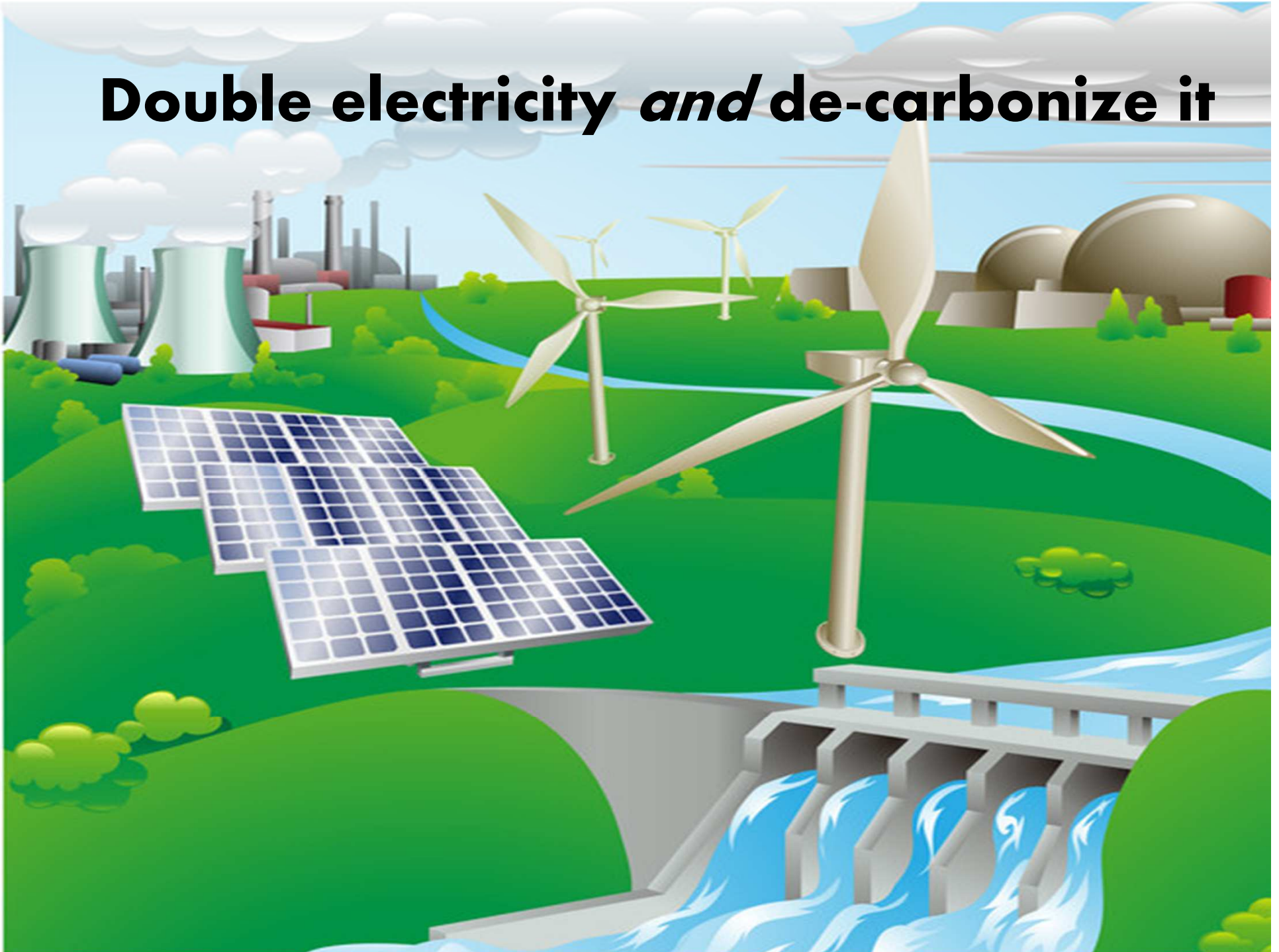
| Bin | Light-Duty Vehicles | Charging infrastructure and management |
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| 1 | Hybrid engines, lightweight materials, better aerodynamics, low-resistance tires | Low- and high-voltage charging hardware, simple charging (on-demand or timer) |
| 2 | Battery- electric and plug-in hybrids | “Smart” charging via signals from utility or control service |
| 3 | Advanced batteries | Two-way electricity flow (“Vehicle-to-grid”) |
| 4 | None | |

Projected Energy Demands

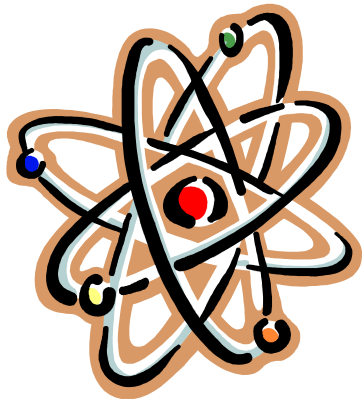
| Energy Carrier | Units | 2005 | 2050 BAU | 2050 E1 |
|----------------|----------|------|-------------|------------|
| Electricity | TWh/yr | 270 | 470 | 510 |
| HC Fuels | bgge*/yr | 36 | 68 | 25 |

*Billion gallons gasoline equivalent

Double electricity *and* de-carbonize it



There are 3 Low-Carbon Electricity Options



Nuclear

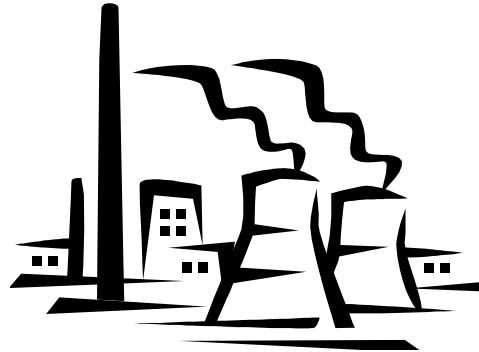
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44GW

33% renewables

5% natl gas

load balancing



Fossil/CCS

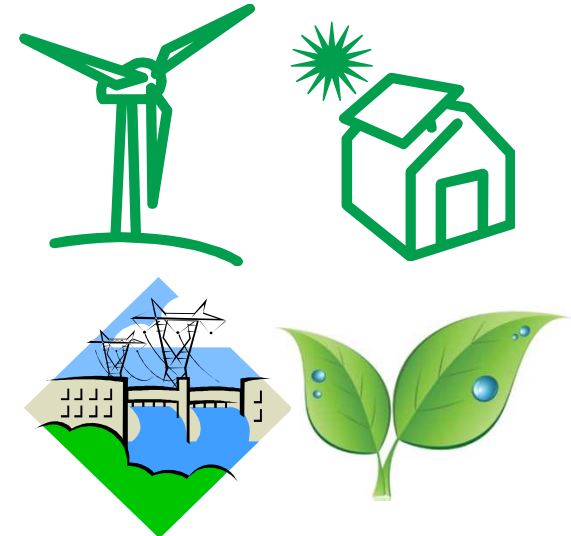
62% fossil/CCS

49 GW

33% renewables

5% natl gas load

balancing



Renewables

90% renewables

(70% intermittent)

160 GW

10% natl gas

load balancing

(Also use to make hydrogen)

Nuclear Electricity

- Mature technology
- Assume 62% nuclear, 33% renewables (RPS)
- Required build rate 2020-2050: 1.4 GW per year
- Adequate land, fuel, safety
- Cooling water: use air cooling?
- Cost Estimates
 - Estimates range from 5-6 to 18 ¢/kWh (levelized)
 - Best estimate: 6-8 ¢/kWh, similar to fossil/CCS and renewables
- Challenges of Nuclear
 - Waste disposal (CA law)
 - Public acceptance
- Fukushima –what happened, what does it mean for CA?

Coal or Gas with CCS has emissions

- **Coal or gas with CCS can provide 100% of projected 2050 energy demand assuming full electrification and aggressive energy efficiency 48 GW.**
- **Emissions:** At 90% capture rate, residual emissions =
 - 28 mmt CO₂e – for coal – about 1/3 the total budget
 - 13 mmt CO₂e --- about 1/6th the total budget
- Using gas without saline reservoirs, about ~60 years capacity exists in state
- Massive new infrastructure required with high transportation costs

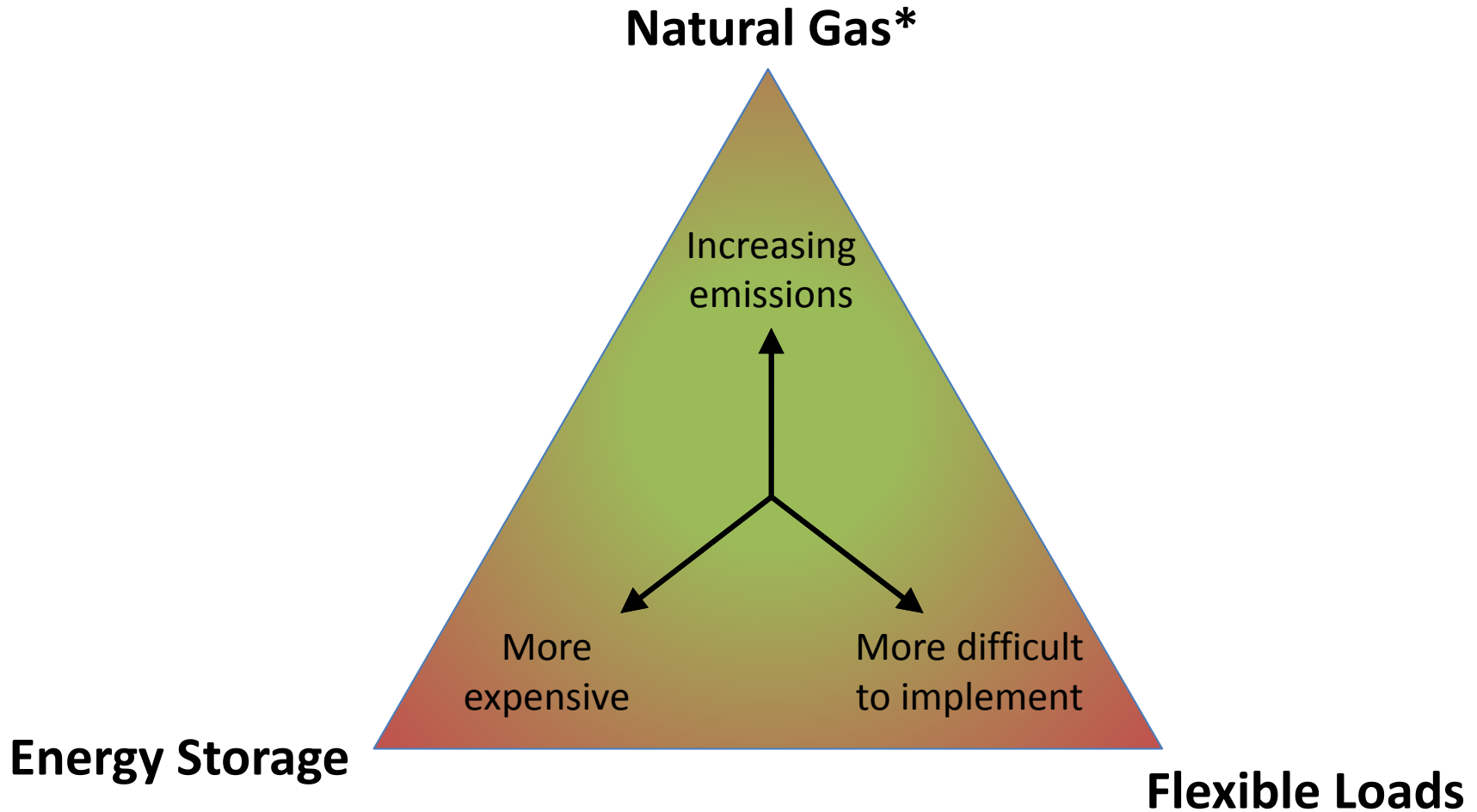
Renewable Electricity

| Type | Share of Total Supply | Realistic Case Supply (GWh) | Capacity Factor | Generation Capacity Required in 2050 (GW) | CEC Resource Upper Limit (GW) | Fraction of Total Resource Consumed | Displaced land area (km ²) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Wind - onshore | 30% | 159,000 | 40% | 45.4 | 150 | 30% | 11,470 (230)* |
| Wind - offshore | 10% | 53,000 | 40% | 15.1 | 293 | 5% | 3,820 (80)* |
| Concentrated Solar Power (CSP) | 20% | 106,000 | 27% | 44.8 | 1061 | 4% | 1,620 |
| Centralized Photovoltaic (PV) | 10% | 53,000 | 27% | 22.4 | 17,000 | 0.1% | 1,960 |
| Distributed PV | 10% | 53,000 | 27% | 22.4 | 78 | 29% | 1,960 (0)* |
| Biomass | 5% | 26,500 | 85% | 3.6 | 10.7 | 33% | 35,600 (0)* |
| Hydroelectric | 5% | 26,500 | 30% | 10.1 | 24 | 42% | 1,430 |
| Geothermal | 10% | 53,000 | 90% | 6.7 | 25 | 27% | 400 |
| Total | 100% | 530,100 | | 170.5 | | | 58,250 (5,710)* |

*About 1.4% of California land area

| Strategy | Assumed plant size | Total plant capacity needed in 2050 | Build rate 2011-2050 (Plants/year) |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Nuclear | 1.5 GW | 44 GW | 0.7 |
| Fossil/CCS | 1.5 GW | 49 GW | 0.8 |
| Renewables Mix | | 160 GW | |
| Wind | 500 MW | 59 GW | 3 |
| Central Solar (CSP and PV) | 500 MW | 57 GW | 3 |
| Distrib'd. Solar PV | 5 kW | 19 GW | 100,000 |
| Biomass/CCS | 500 MW | 7 GW | 0.3 |
| CA Biofuels | 50 Mgge/yr | 5,500 Mgge/yr | 3 |
| H₂ (onsite NG) | 0.5 Mgge/yr | 800 Mgge/yr | 40 |
| H₂ (central plant) | 440 Mgge/yr | 7,200 Mgge/yr | 0.4 |

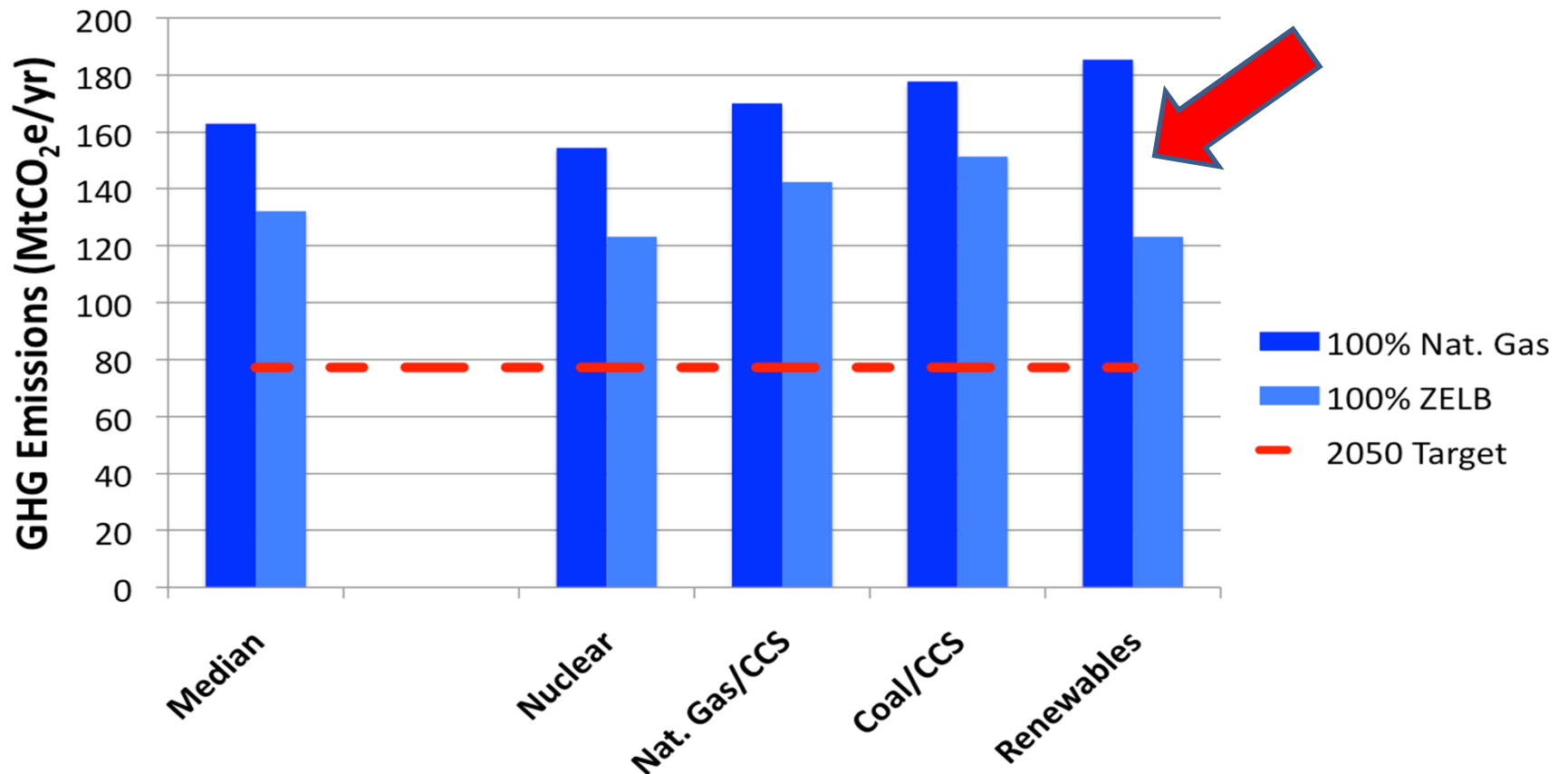
Load balancing can add emissions:



** May be possible with CCS in future*

Zero-Emission Load Balancing (ZELB)

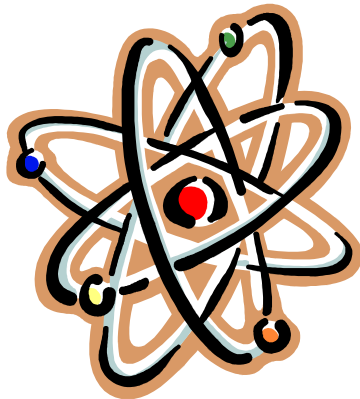
GHG Impact of Zero-Emissions Load Balancing (ZELB)



ZELB

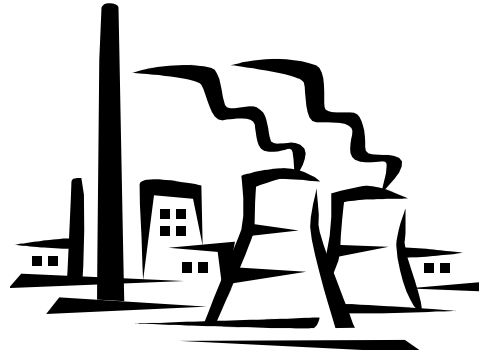
- More challenging for the maximum renewables case
 - GW-days of storage needed
 - Smart grid solution is a challenge
 - Smart meter fiasco
 - Completely change business model to demand follows load vs load follows demand
 - Need whole different system of system control – but will this ever solve the GW-day problem?
- Would be easier to have significant baseload power
 - No more hydro likely
 - Renew interest in geothermal energy
 - Choose nuclear or CCS

Summary: Electricity



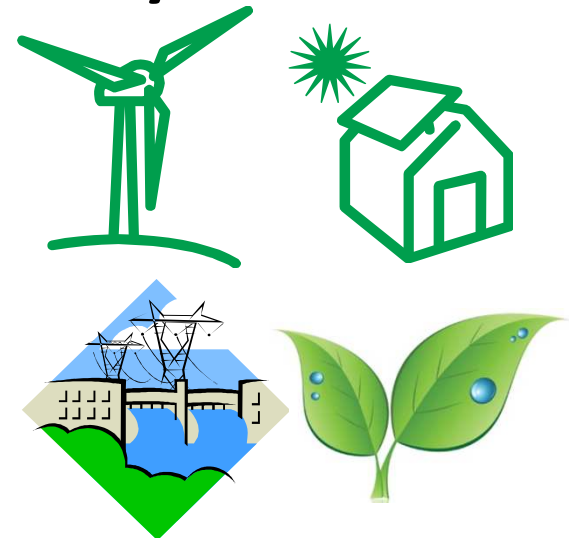
Nuclear

Fewest plants
Less load balancing
Existing laws,
safety, public
opinion, waste, etc.



Fossil/CCS

Similar to nuclear,
CO₂ infrastructure
Reserve CCS for
decarbonized fuel?
Has emissions: 90%
capture



Renewables

3x plants as baseload
(160 vs. 50 GW)
More load balancing
and commitment to
ZELB

Are we going to have base load power?

- If yes, then:
 - Do we want to deal with the issues of nuclear power or
 - Can we do CCS /fossil for baseload?
- If no, then
 - Accept the emissions associated with load balancing with natural gas?
 - Commit to completely restructure the electric utility?)
 - Will there be a major breakthrough in energy storage technology to handle GW-days of demand?
 - Should we decide to give up on electricity reliability?

Nuclear and CCS technology bins

| Bin | Nuclear Technology | Coal or Natural Gas CO ₂ Capture | CO ₂ Storage |
|-----|--|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | Generation III+ reactors | High-efficiency coal gasification, high-efficiency natural gas combined cycle, ultra-supercritical pulverized coal combustion, solid-oxide fuel cell (SOFC), solvent separation | Injection into oil/gas reservoirs |
| 2 | Small modular reactors (LWR) | Post-combustion CO ₂ capture technologies with 90% capture efficiency, integrated gasification systems with CCS, amine solvent separation | Saline aquifer injection |
| 3 | Generation IV (including small modular Na-cooled reactors) | New capture methods with >90% effectiveness, lower cost CO ₂ capture technologies of all kinds, metal-organic framework separations, membrane separation | Coal bed injection |
| 4 | None | None | Shale injection |

Renewable technology bins

| Bin | Wind | Concentrated Solar Power (CSP) | Solar Photovoltaic (PV) | Geothermal | Hydro and Ocean | Biomass |
|-----|--|------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| 1 | Onshore, shallow offshore turbines | Parabolic trough, central receiver | Silicon PV, Thin-film PV, Concentrating PV | Conventional geothermal | Conventional hydro | Coal/biomass co-firing, direct fired biomass |
| 2 | | Dish Stirling | | | | Biomass gasification |
| 3 | Floating (deepwater) offshore turbines | | "Third generation" PV | | Wave, tidal and river turbines | |
| 4 | High-altitude wind | | | Enhanced geothermal systems (EGS) | | |

Load balancing technology bins

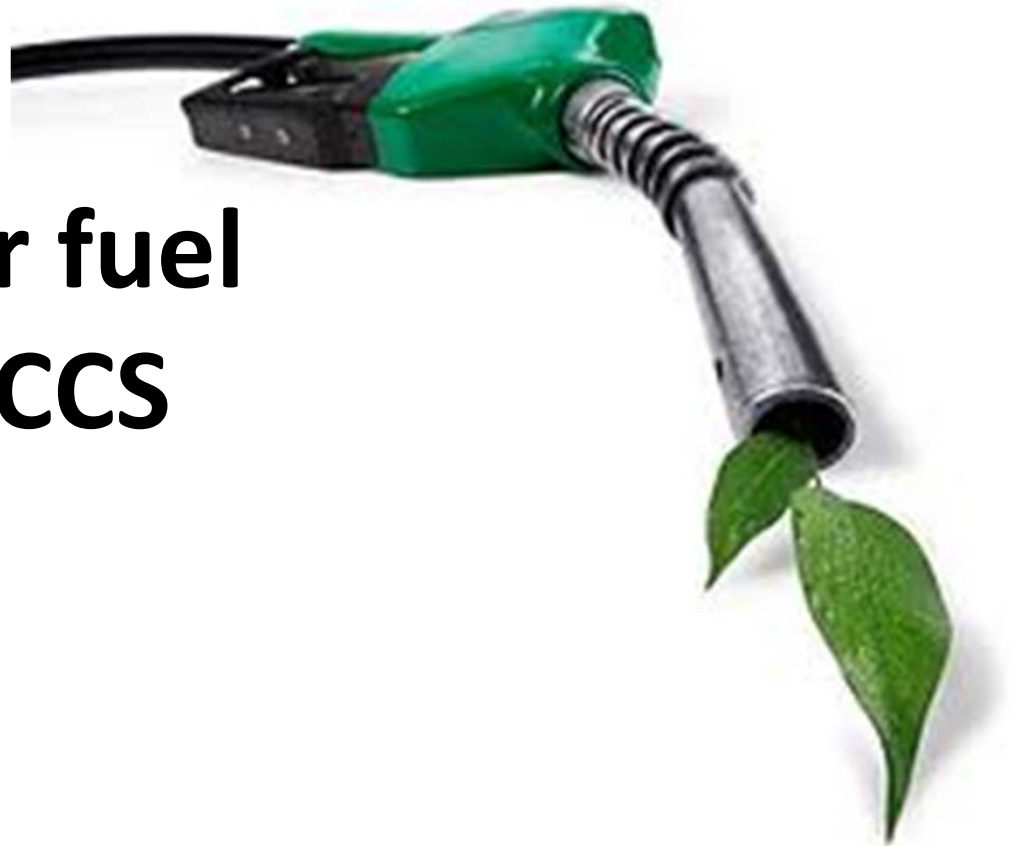
| Bin | Natural Gas | Storage* | Demand Side Management |
|------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| 1 | Combustion turbine | Pumped hydro | Commercial-scale critical peak demand response |
| 2 | | “First generation” compressed air energy storage (CAES), battery technologies (Na/S, advanced Pb/Acid, Ni/Cd, Li ion as found in electric vehicles) | Commercial time-of-use demand-side management |
| 3 | Variable fossil generation with CCS | Battery technologies (some advanced Pb/Acid, Vanadium redox, Vanadium flow, Zn/Br redox, Zn/Br flow, Fe/Cr redox, some Li ion), flywheel, “second generation” CAES | Residential time-of-use demand-side management |

The median electricity case

- About equal parts of nuclear/renewable/CCS
- A robust choice
- Meets current RPS, but doesn't exceed it
- ZELB "WAG": Assume
 - ½ load balancing is without emissions
 - ½ is with natural gas
- Almost all emissions from electricity are from load balancing

Still need 27 billion gge/yr fuel that can't have CCS

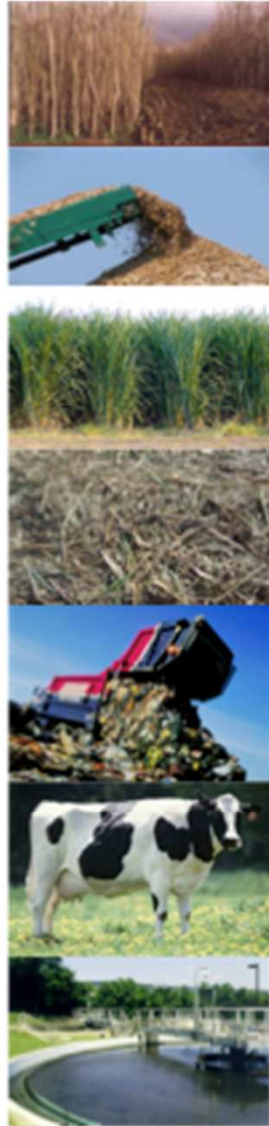
- Can't electrify
 - Heavy duty transport
 - Airplanes
- Plus fuel for
 - Load following
 - High quality heat
- Biofuels are the choice in the pipeline
 - How much biomass?
 - How green?



Meeting the demand for fuel

- **Total demand: 37 billion gge/yr**
- **About 10 billion gge/yr are for gas based electricity generation with CCS**
- **27 billion gge/yr can not have CCS**
 - **Heavy duty transport**
 - **Airplanes**
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California Biomass



Woody energy crops
(0-20 mtons/yr)*

Woody residues
(17-24 mtons/yr)

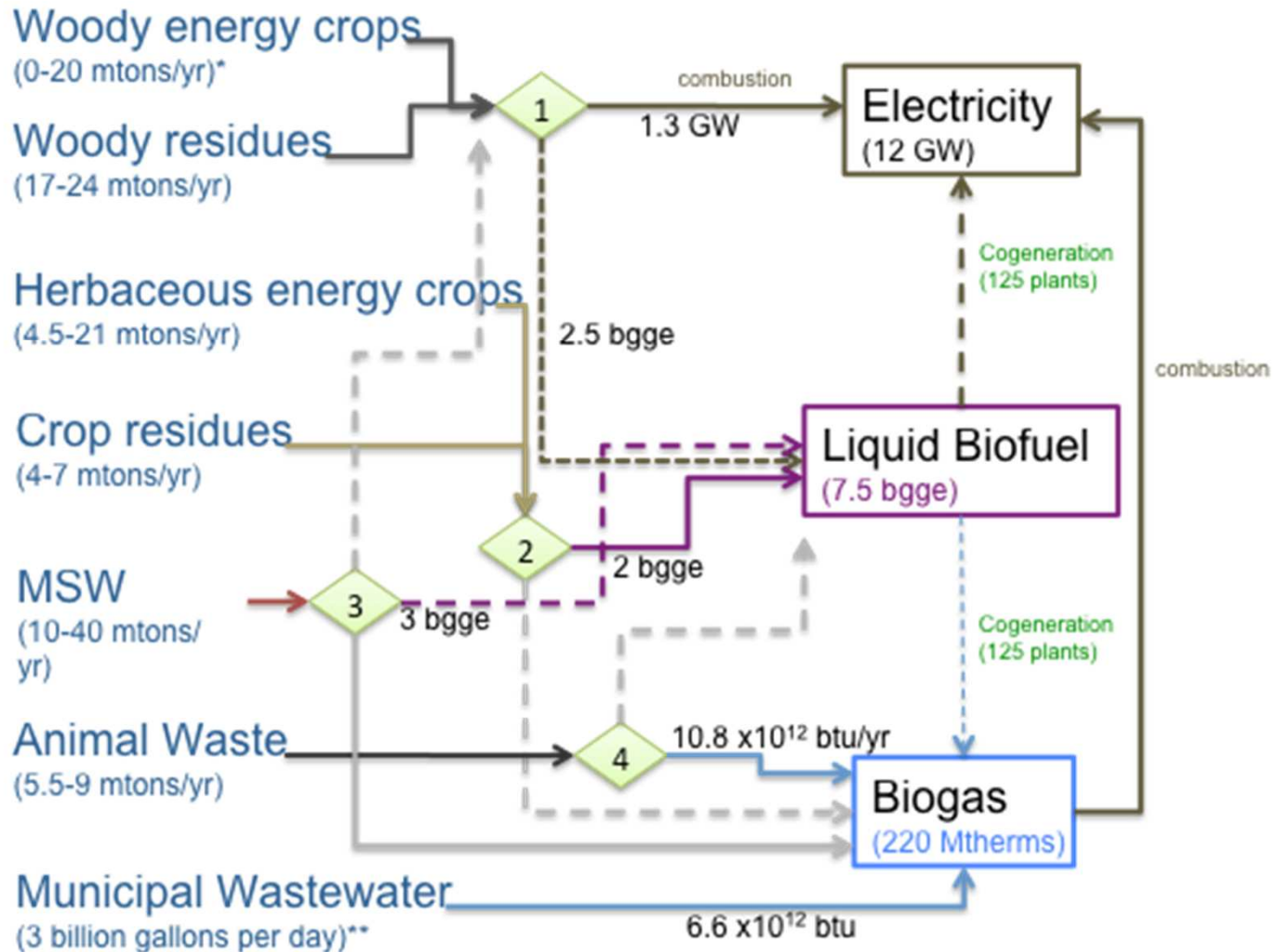
Herbaceous energy crops
(4.5-21 mtons/yr)

Crop residues
(4-7 mtons/yr)

MSW
(10-40 mtons/yr)

Animal Waste
(5.5-9 mtons/yr)

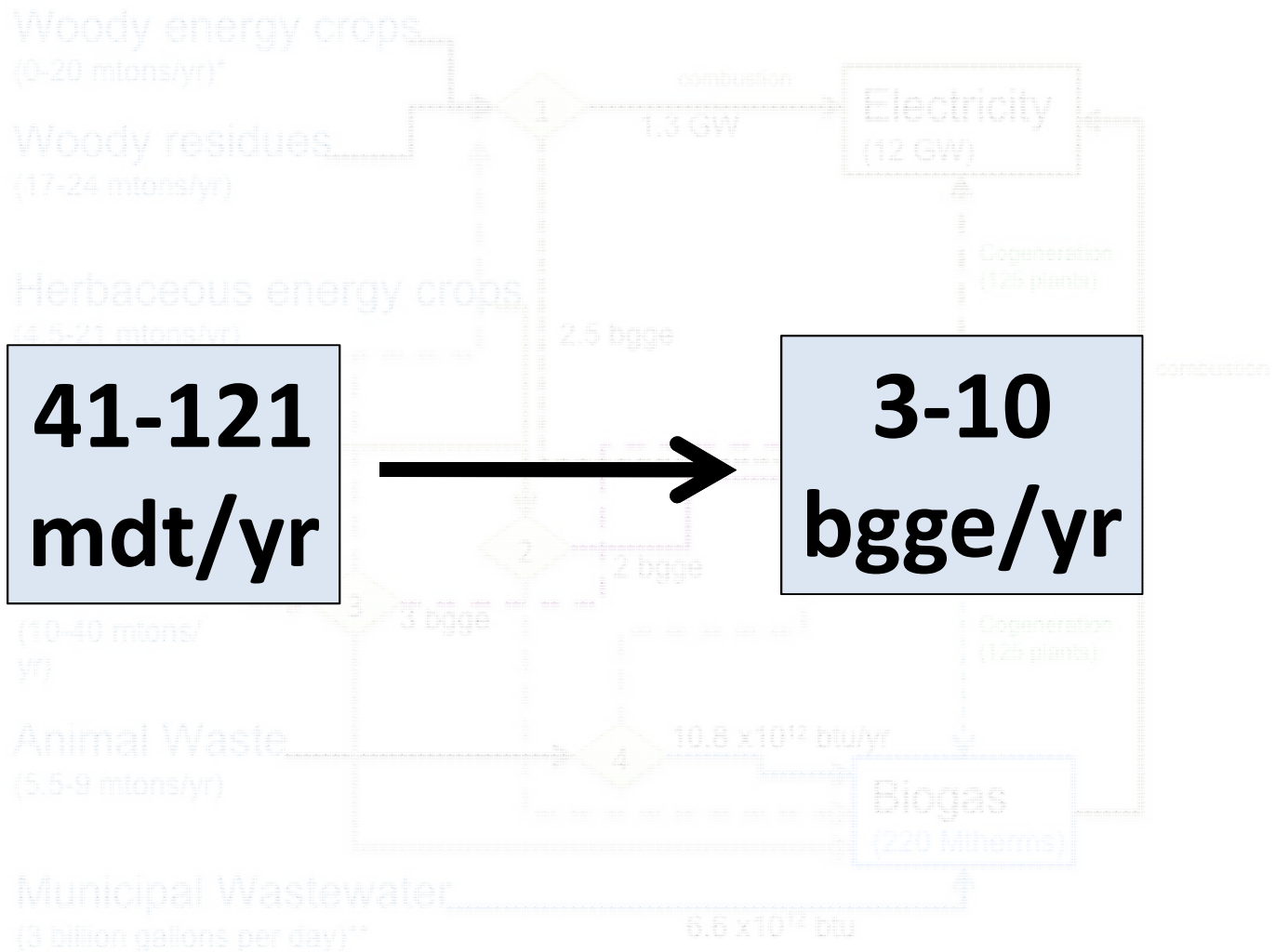
Municipal Wastewater
(3 billion gallons per day)**



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**not currently used for energy production

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mdt/yr**

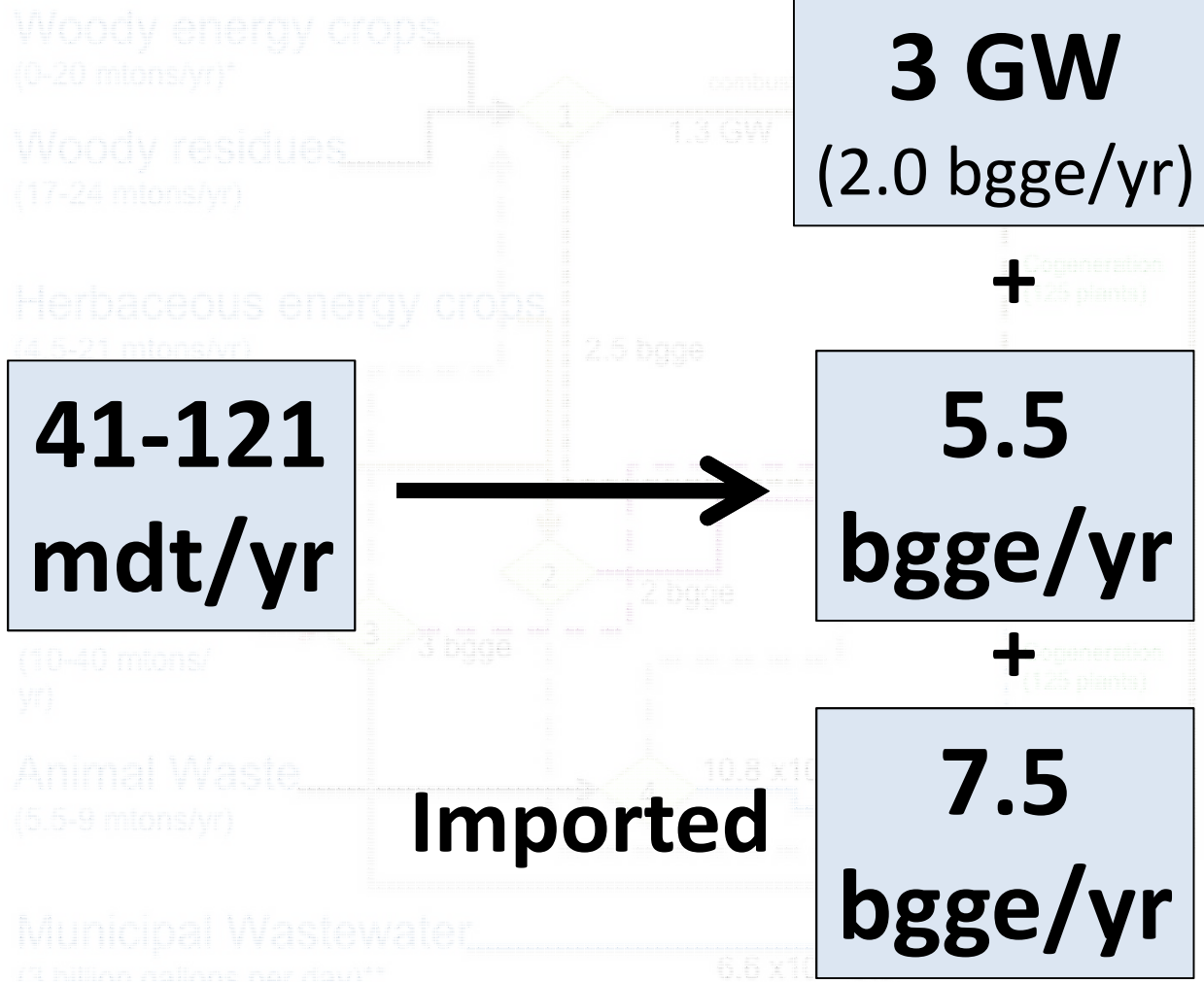


**3-10
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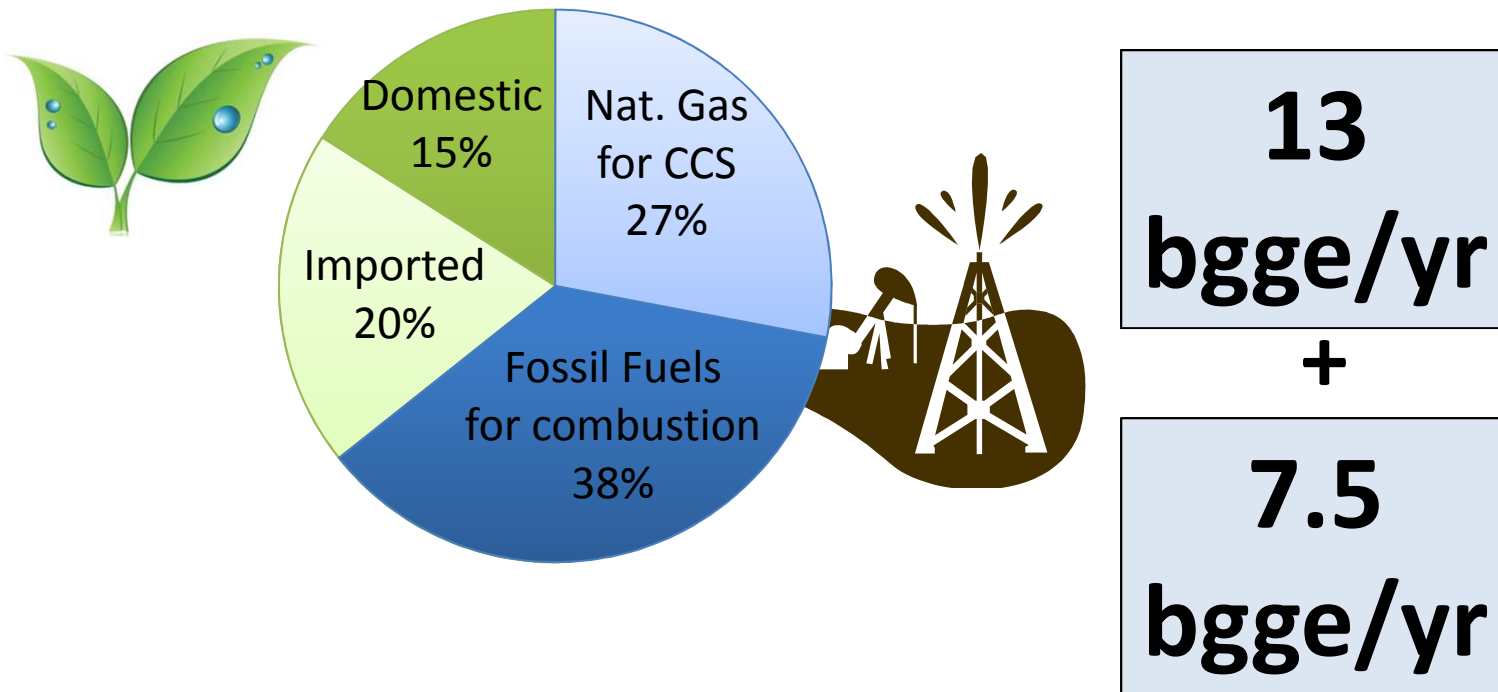


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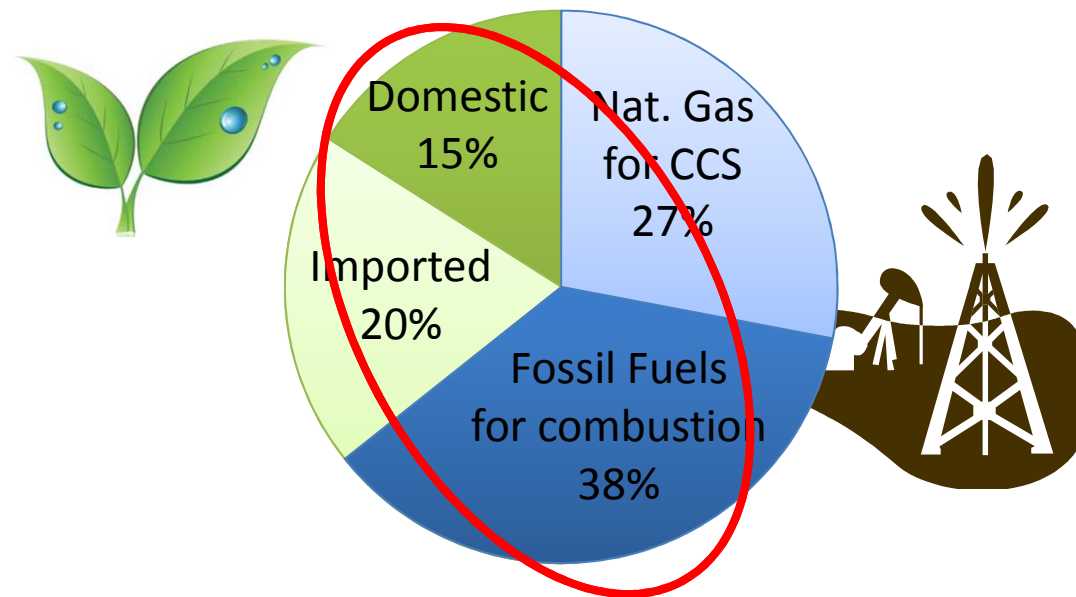
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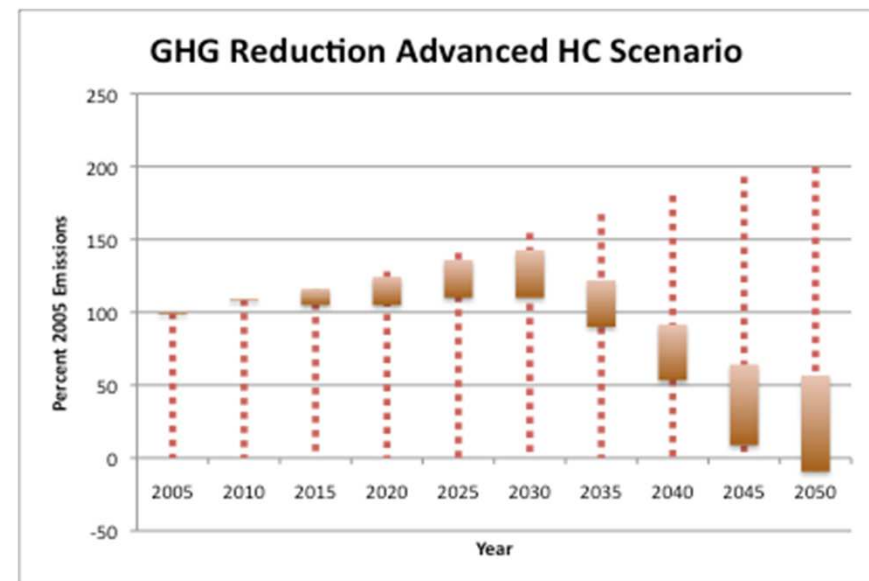
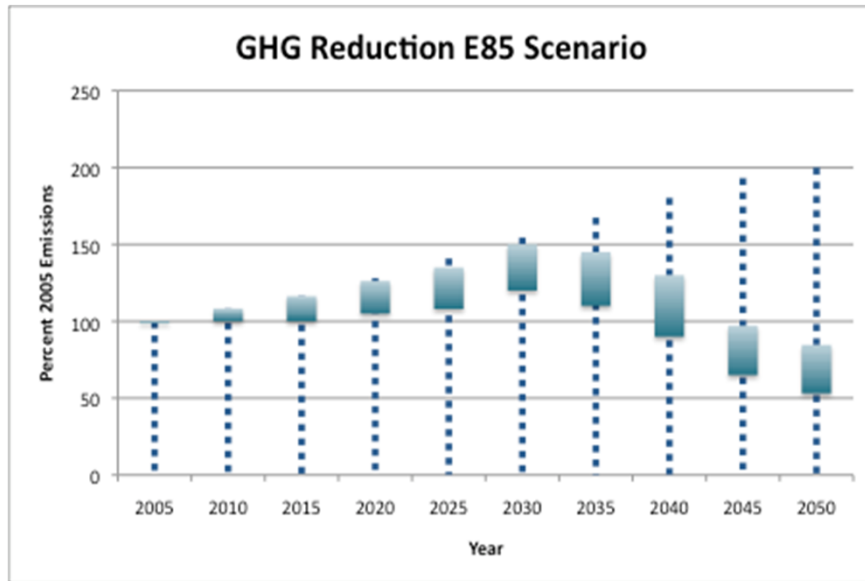
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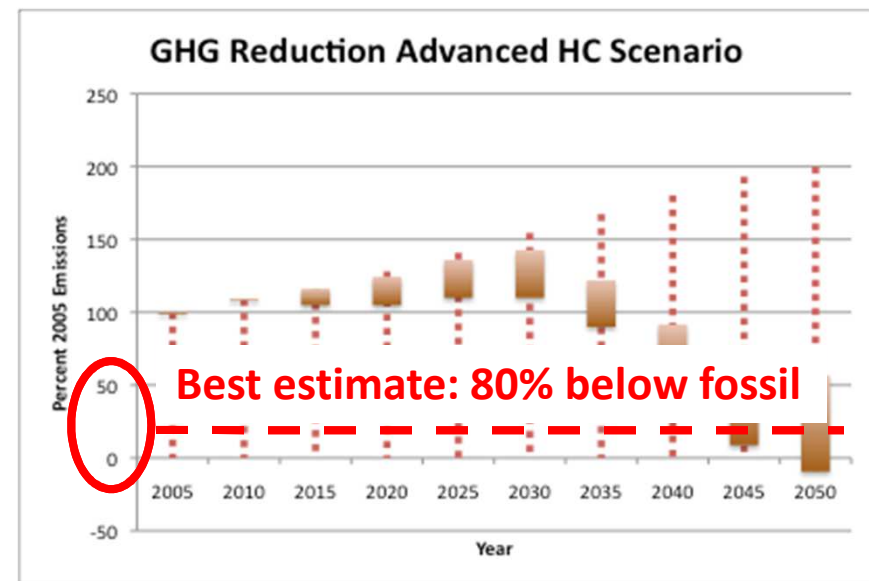
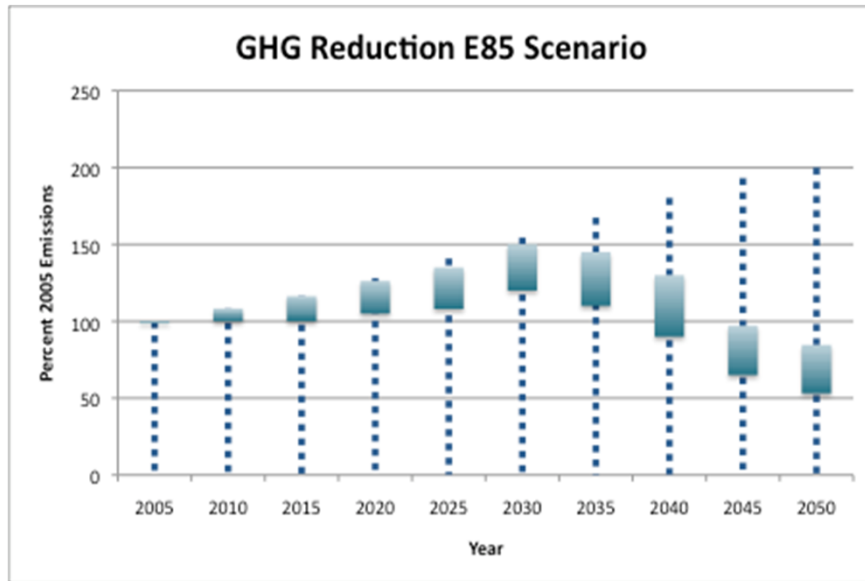
We might expect biomass to provide about ½ the fuel demand (27 bgge/yr) where CCS is not possible including 2 bgge/yr for load balancing)

Biomass GHG reductions



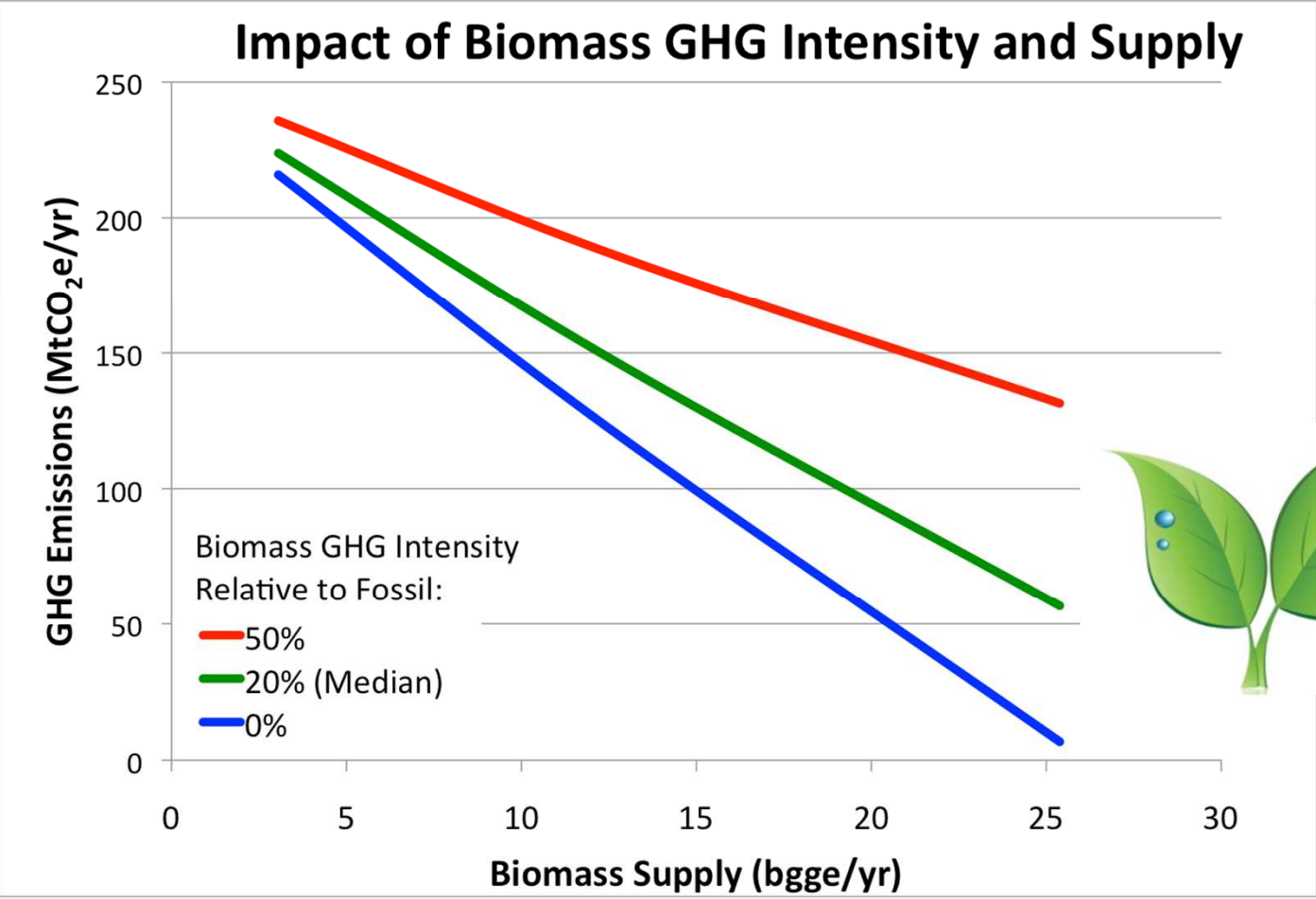
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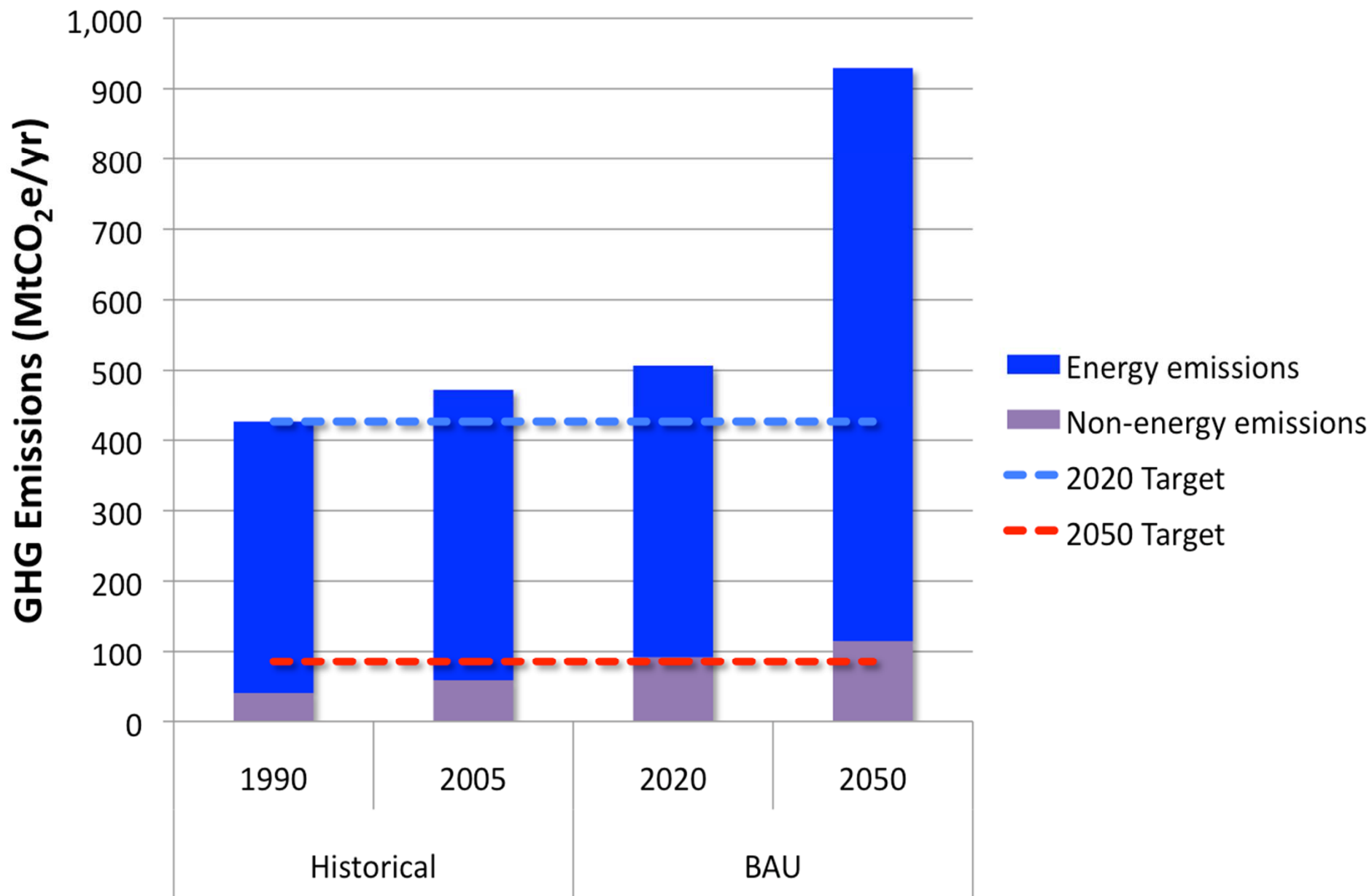


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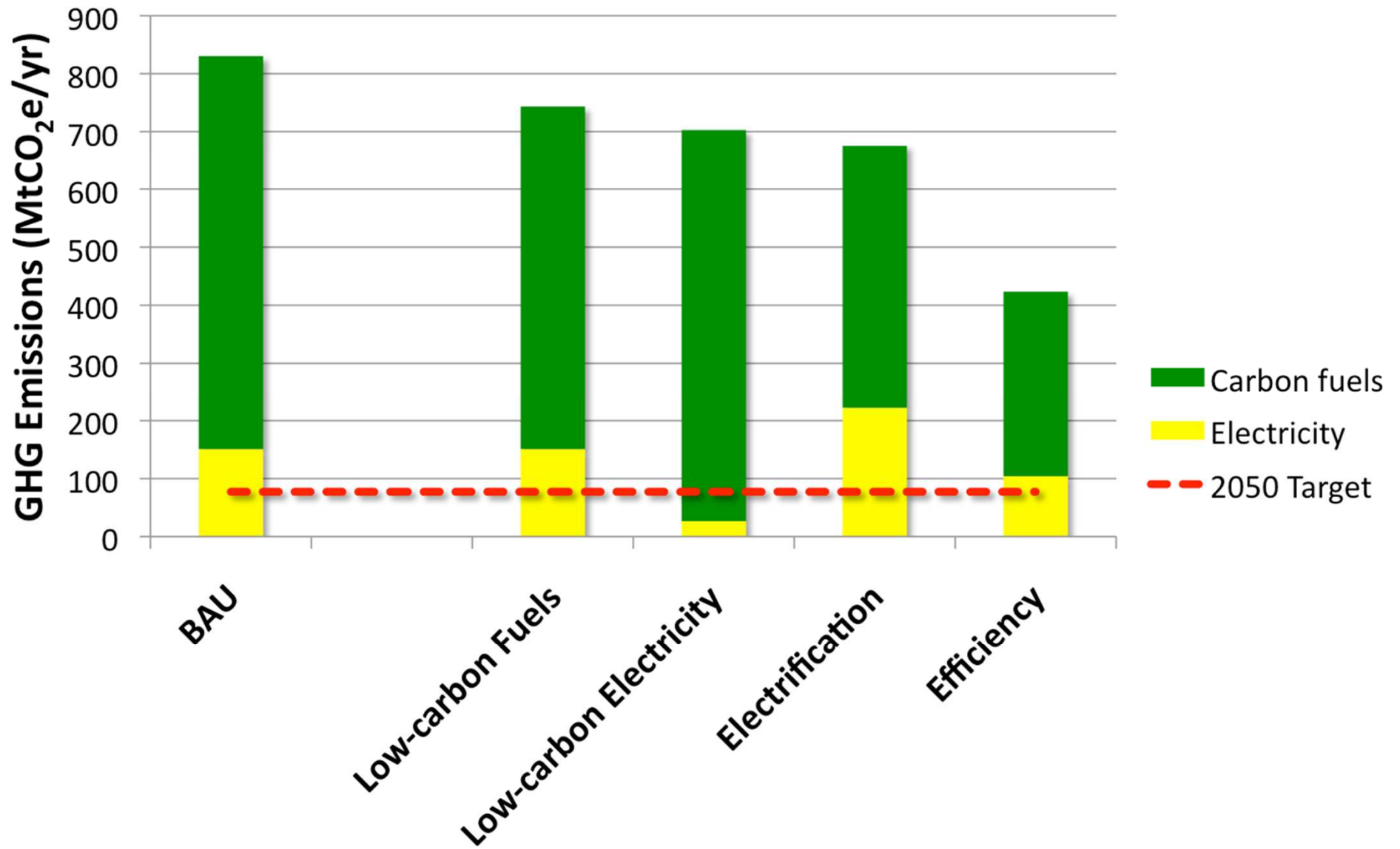
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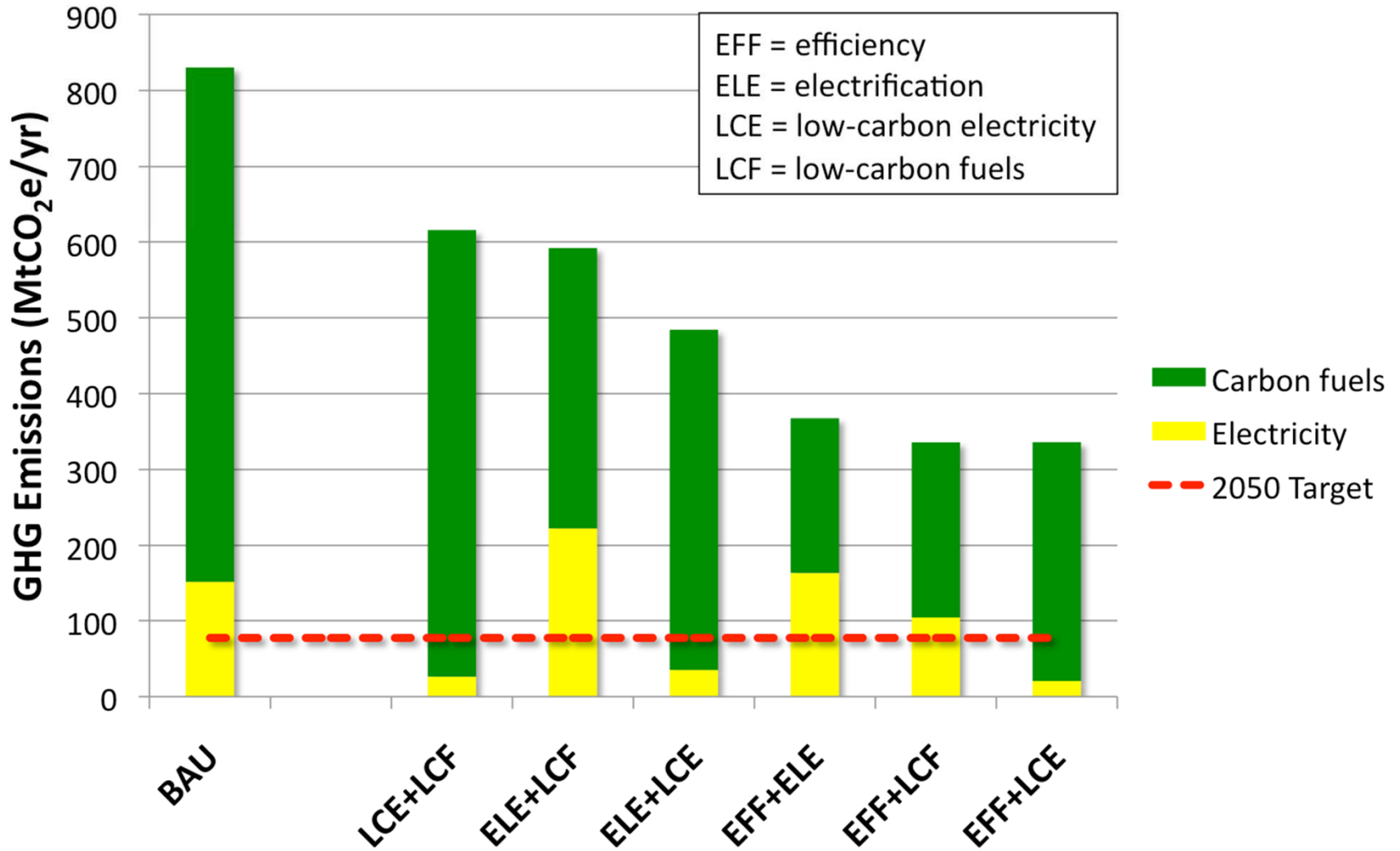
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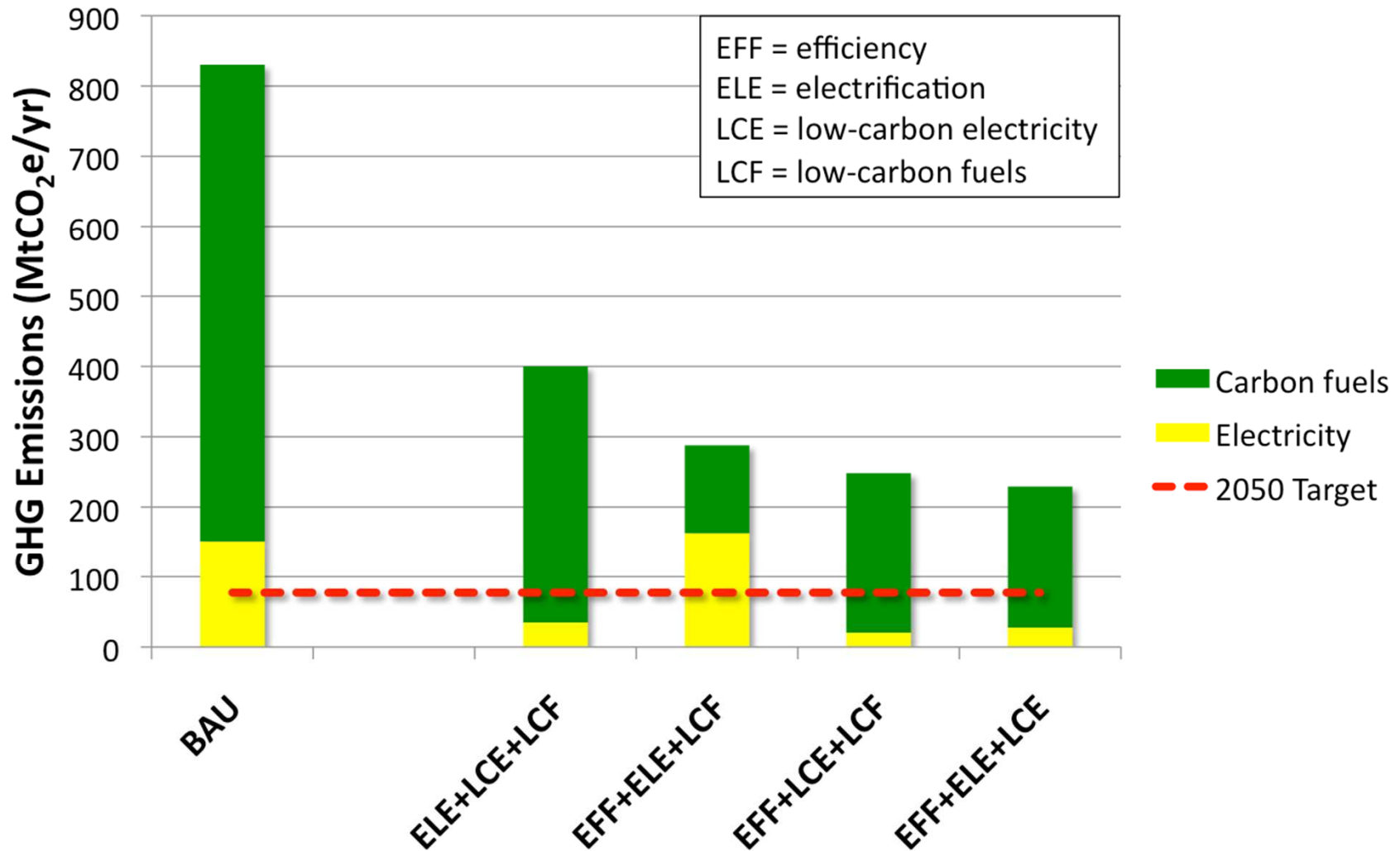
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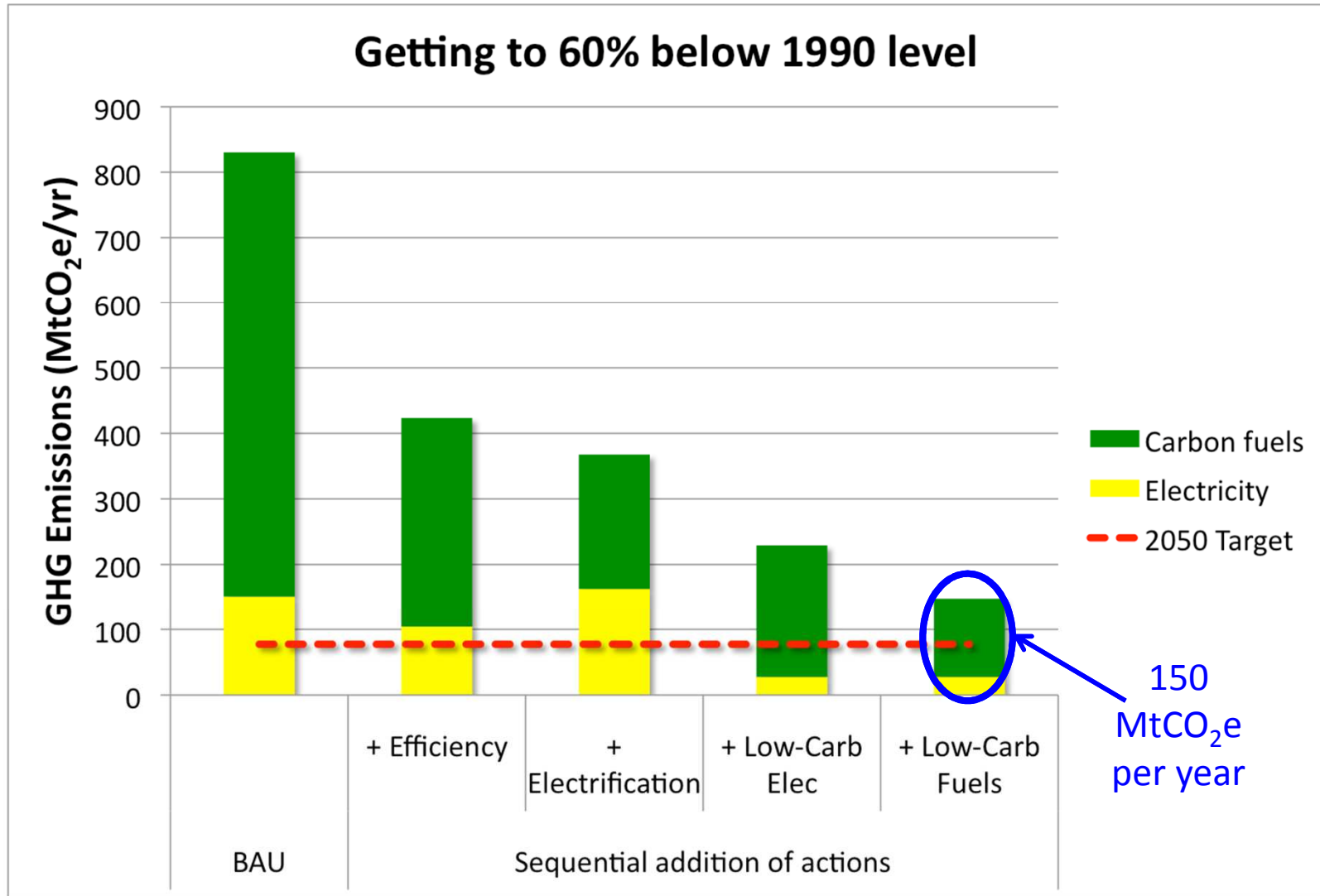
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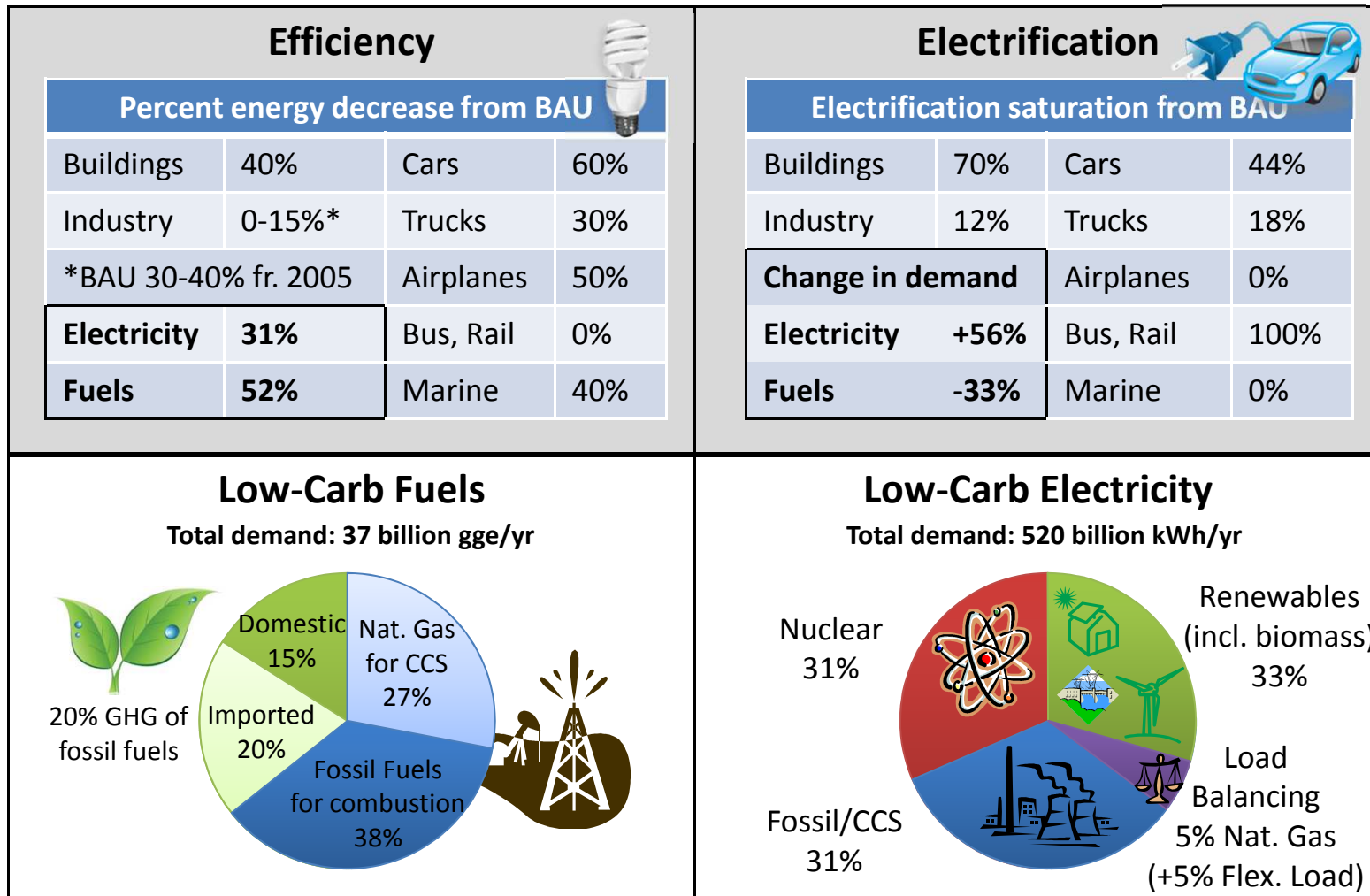
GHG Reductions with Three Strategies



Getting to 60%: All 4 Actions



Components of a 60% solution



Population: 50% increase from 2005 to 2050

GDP: 2.8% per year growth from 2005 to 2050

Strategies for Getting to 80%

1. 100% effective CCS
2. Eliminate fossil/CCS (use nuclear instead)

3. 100% ZELB for load balancing
4. Net-zero GHG biomass
5. Behavior Change (10% reduction in demand)
6. Biomass/CCS (20% of electricity, offsets fuels)
7. Hydrogen (30% replacement of HC fuels)

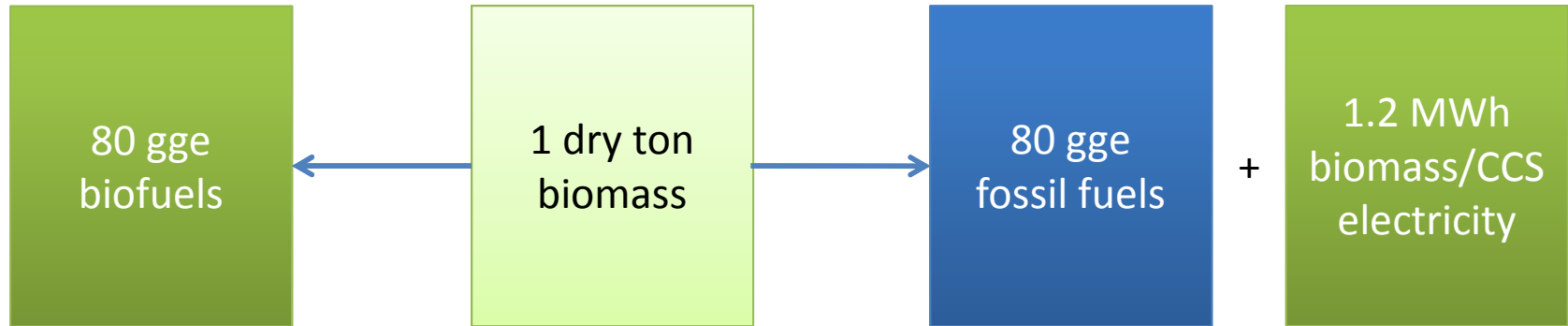
8. Double biomass supply
9. Biomass/Coal/CCS (make fuels + electricity)

10. Fuel from sunlight (need net-zero carbon source)
11. Fusion electricity
12. Others?

Biofuels

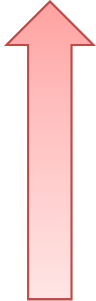
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Biomass/CCS




0.11 tCO₂

**Net GHG:
0.1 tCO₂**


0.62 tCO₂


-0.73 tCO₂

**Net GHG :
-0.1 tCO₂**

Projected Energy Demands

| Energy Carrier | Units | 2005 | 2050 BAU | 2050 E1 | 2050 H1 E1 plus H2 |
|----------------|----------|------|-------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| Electricity | TWh/yr | 270 | 470 | 510 | 470 |
| Fuels HC/H2 | bgge*/yr | 36/0 | 68/0 | 25/0 | 18/8 |

*Billion gallons gasoline equivalent

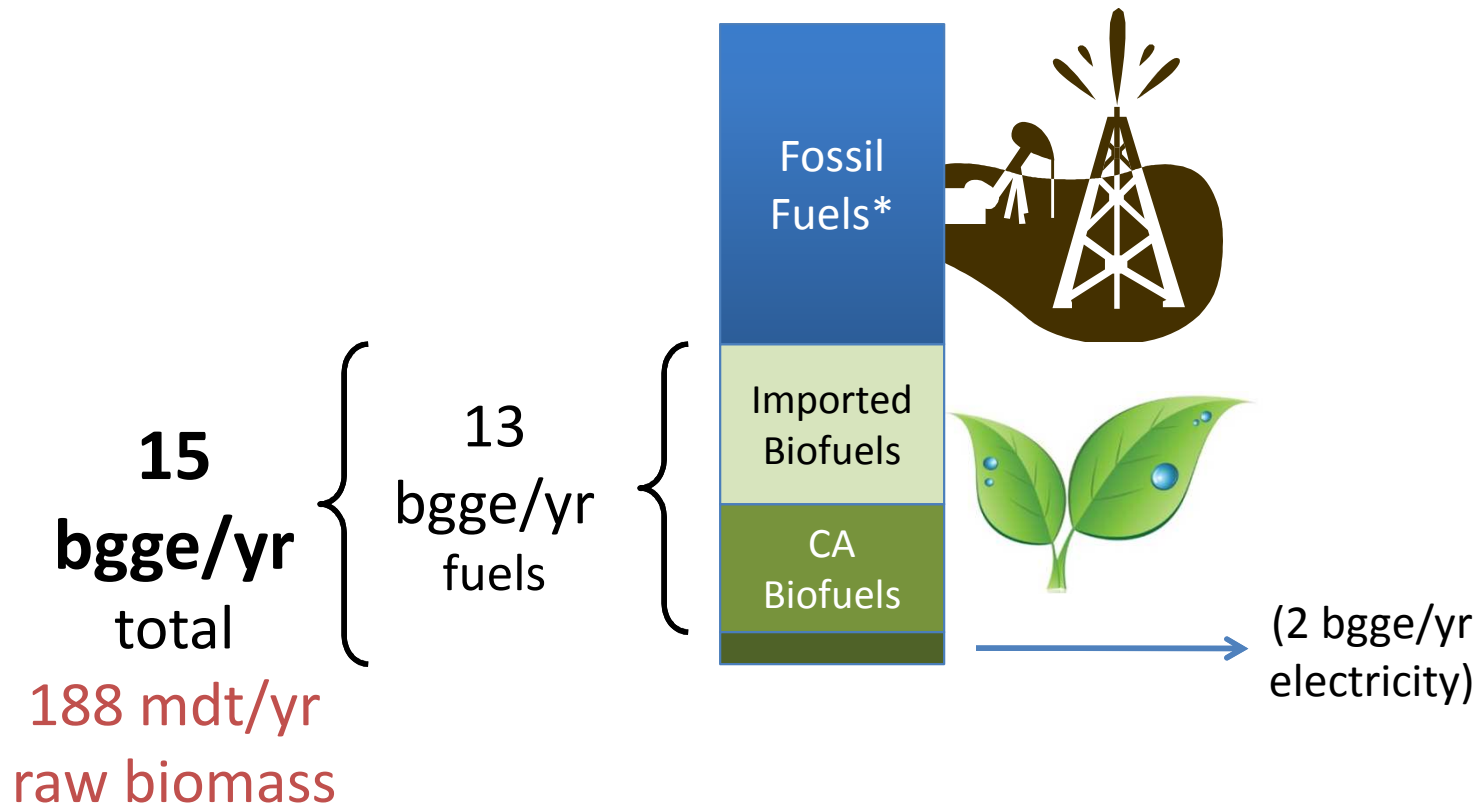
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Hydrogen case

H₂

| H ₂ demand rel. to median case | | | |
|---|------------------|-----------|------|
| Buildings | 0% | Cars | 22% |
| Industry | 21% | Trucks | 9% |
| Fuel shifts | | Airplanes | 0% |
| Electricity | -49 TWh | Bus | 100% |
| Fuels | -7.7 bgge | Rail | 0% |
| Hydrogen | 8.0 bgge | Marine | 0% |

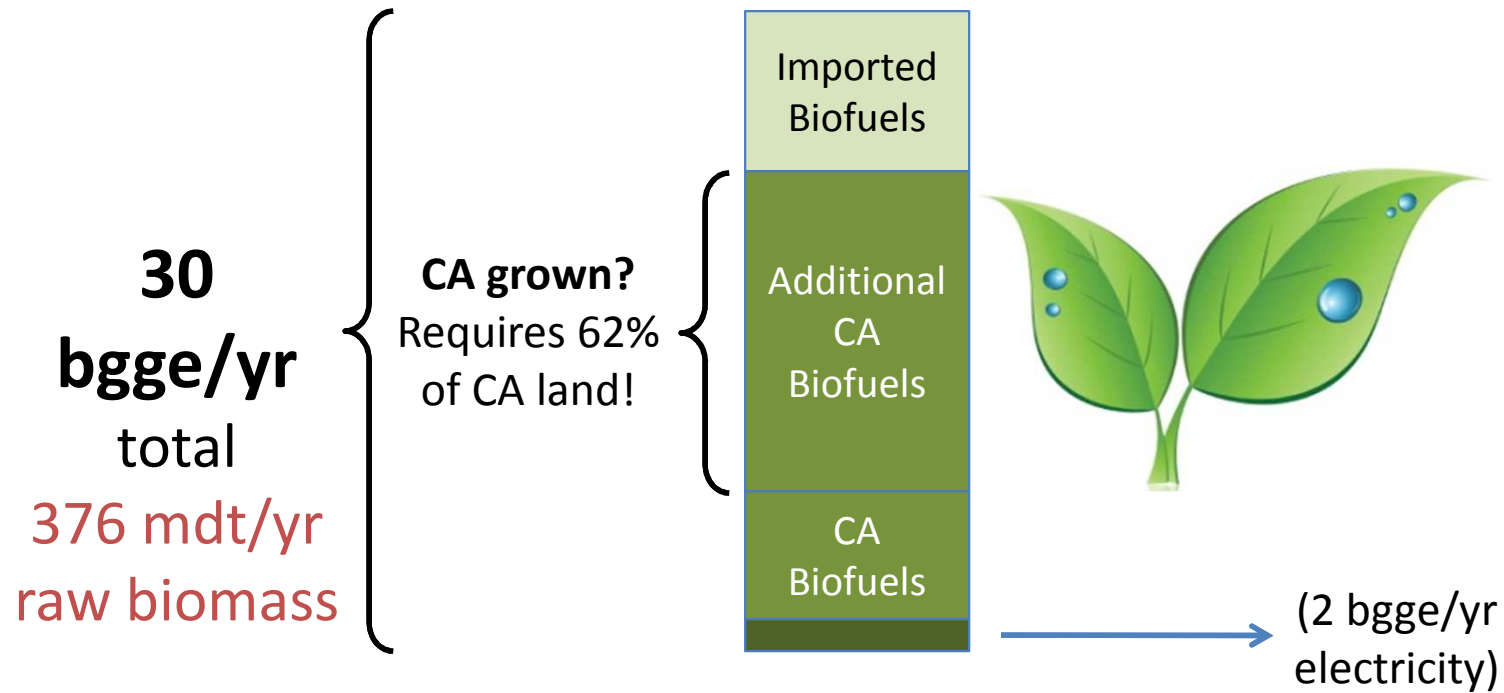
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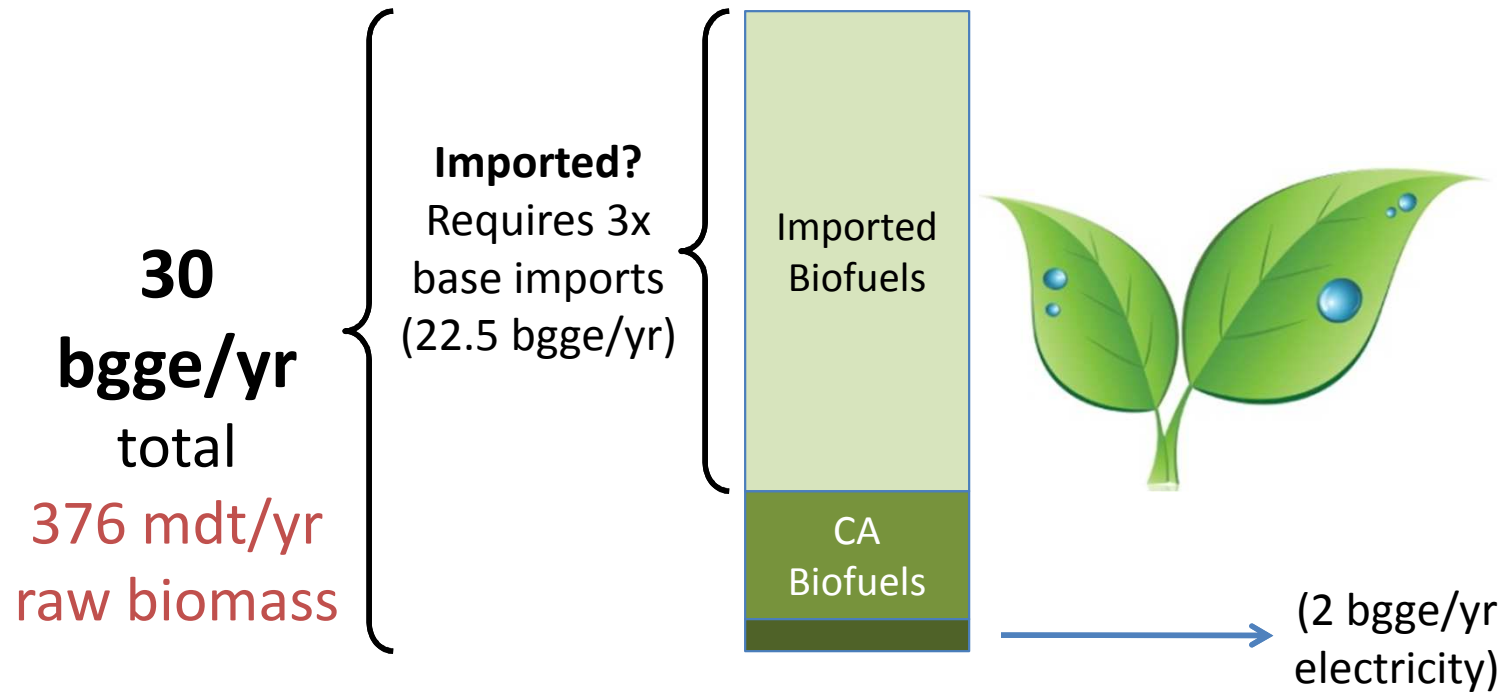
Median case

*Not including natural gas for CCS

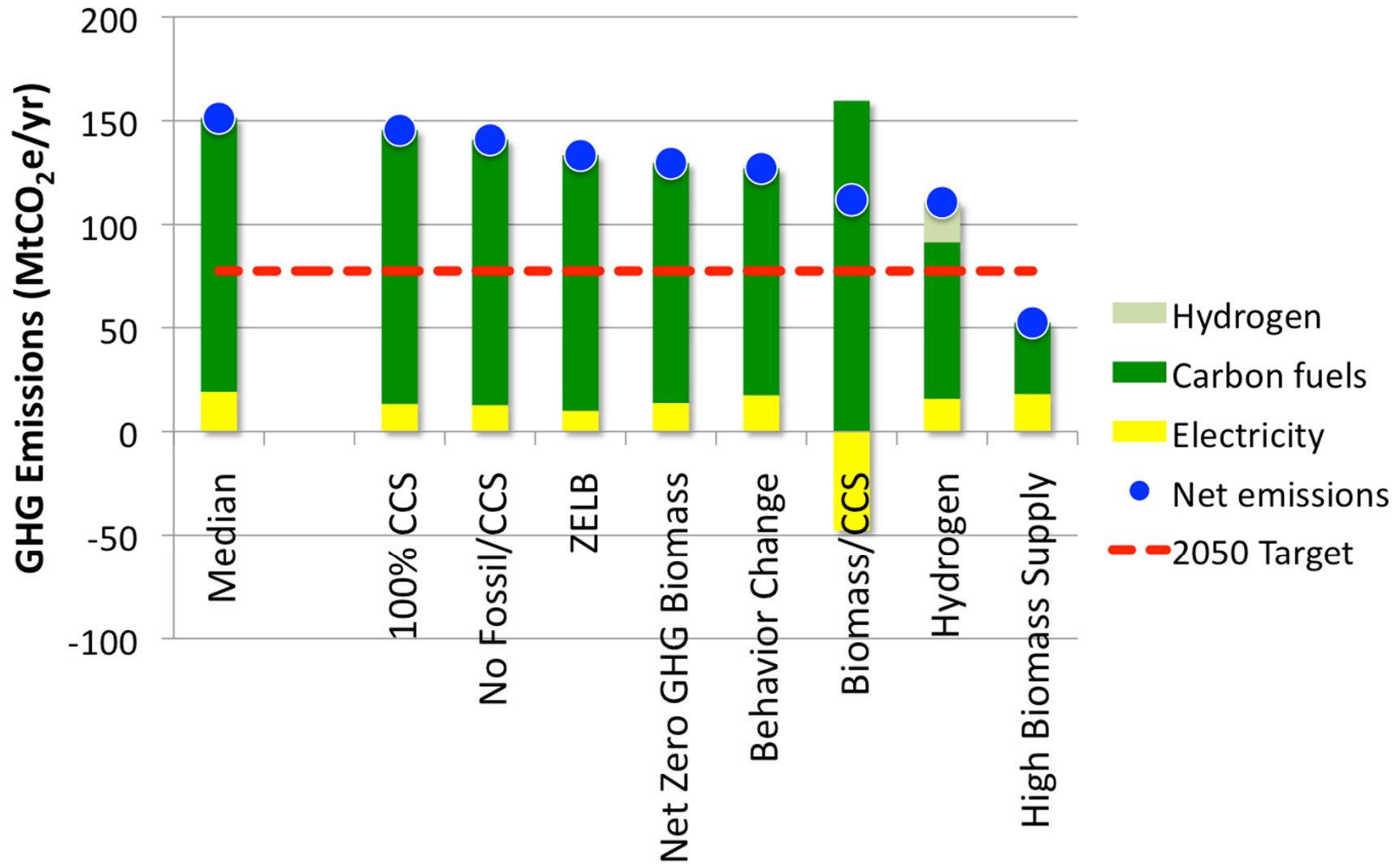
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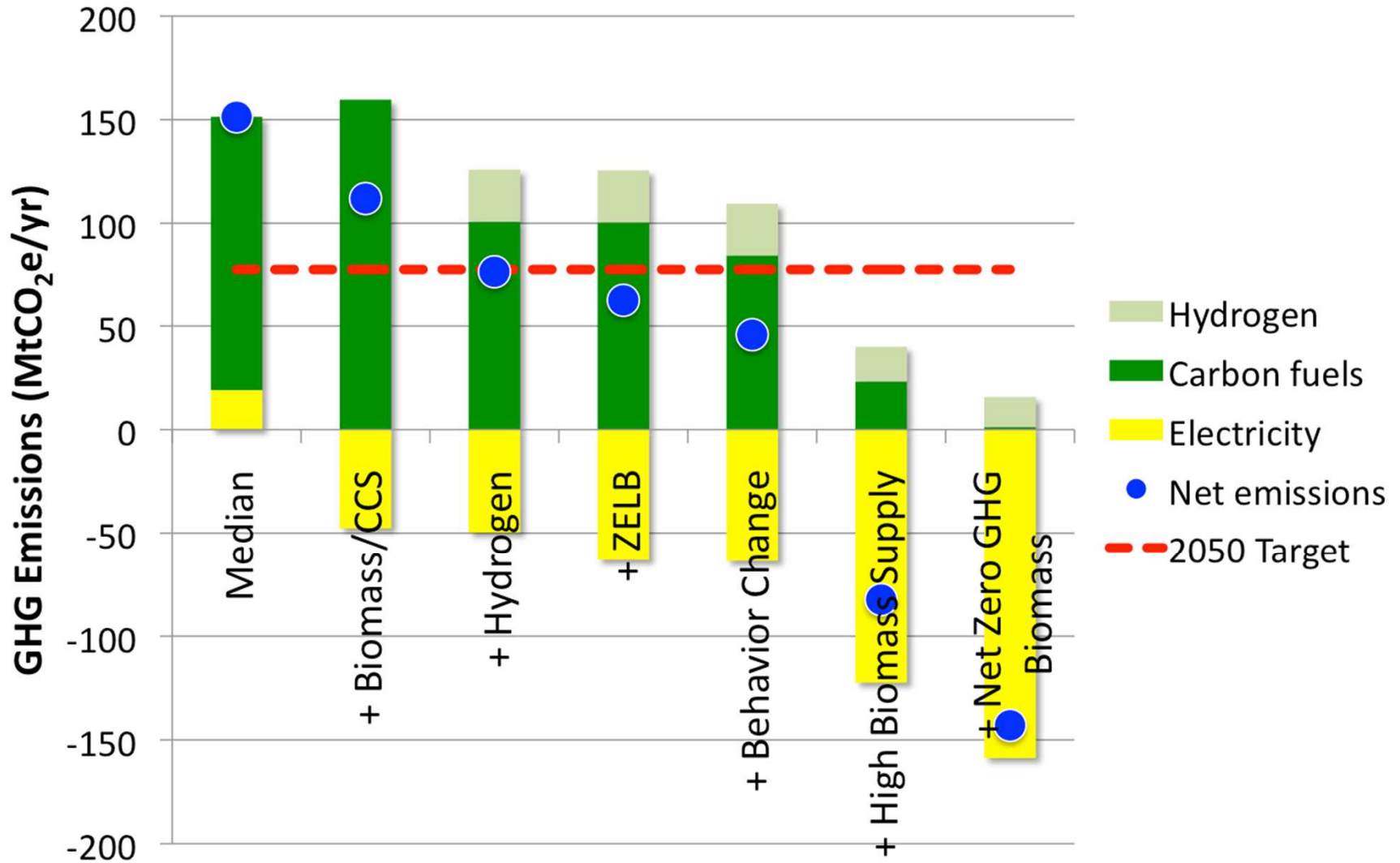
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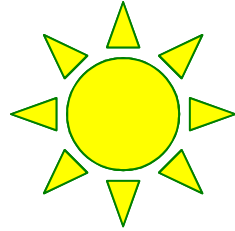
Getting to 80%: Single Strategies



Getting to 80%: Example of Multiple Strategies



Advanced Technologies

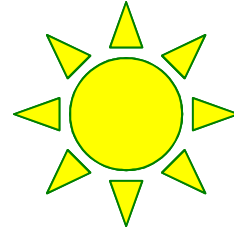


- Fuel from sunlight
- Fusion: *Really* cheap electricity?
- What else could help?

Getting to 80%: Conclusions



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- Biofuels are a promising, but risky, bet
- Alternative fuel pathways needed, e.g.,:
 - Hydrogen
 - Fuel from sunlight (or *cheap* electricity = fusion)
 - Probably others
- Other high-impact items important, e.g.,:
 - Zero-emissions load balancing (ZELB)
 - Behavior change
- Multiple strategies required to get to 80%

Conclusions

- **Yes, we can:** Achieve 60% below 1990 level with technologies we largely know about
 - The magnitude of the changes required and the pace of implementation will not occur without sustained and substantial capital investment and policy interventions.

Key challenges:

- Need aggressive efficiency and electrification– not a technology issue
- Base load: Nuclear power and Fukushima incident vs CCS
- Load balancing without emissions needed
 - Especially for predominant without baseload
 - Storage and smart grid technology gaps
- Biofuels are important and uncertain, and probably not sufficient
- Getting to 80% below 1990 level requires advanced approaches especially for fuel

Extra slides

Recommendation #1:

Achieving more than a 20% reduction

- **Strengthen existing AB32-related laws and rules**
- Ensure that aggressive performance standards are aligned with price signals to customers
- Ensure that the electricity infrastructure (*e.g.* vehicle recharging facilities and distribution transformers)
- Continually examine the low carbon fuel standard to ensure that it adequately addresses potential impacts on water, land, food, biodiversity, and perhaps social impacts (especially for biofuels imports).

Recommendation #2

Getting to a 60% reduction

- Ensure that all existing buildings are retrofit or replaced
- Effect rapid and ubiquitous electrification
- Ensure that new clean electricity is being developed at a rate of about 1.5 GW/yr (baseload) or 4.5 GW/yr (intermittent)
- Decide whether to develop this de-carbonized electric generation system with, or without, nuclear power
- Fill the low-carbon fuel gap with multiple strategies
- Advance carbon capture and storage, especially as a technology that supports low-carbon fuel production.
- Develop a plan for emission-free reliable electric load balancing

Recommendation #3

Monitor the implementation rate

- **Monitor the rate of actual implementation for efficiency, electrification, clean electricity generation and de-carbonized fuel production, and provide an annual report of progress against plan, with a listing of the specific actions that are required to keep progress on target.**
- The state needs to almost double the production of electricity by 2050, and at the same time decarbonize this sector. So, we need an average of 1.5 GW (baseload) or 4.5 GW (intermittent) near-zero carbon electricity generation every year from now until 2050.
- In 2050, the state will also need about 70% as much fuel as we use today.
- A standard part of the Integrated Energy Policy Report (IEPR) should look at the rate of new construction and implementation compared to the needed rate and remove barriers that can be eliminated without risk to public health and safety.

Recommendation #4:

Support the innovation needed to achieve an 80% reduction

- The State of California should foster, support and promote an innovation ecosystem in energy including
 - universities,
 - national laboratories,
 - small business,
 - innovation hubs,
 - regional clusters, etc.
- The California delegation should support federal funding for this activity

Recommendation #5: Put in place the structure needed to inform future portraits

- **Consider the potential utility of the energy system-wide analytical tools (such as those developed for this project) in strategic planning and evaluate how to manage the future use of such tools to inform strategic decisions and investments.**
- Keep track of all end-use requirements, sources of energy, energy delivery mechanisms and associated emissions – no cheating!
- The assumptions used in this report are very likely to change over time
- The tool can help to show the system-wide effects of policy choices.

Recommendation #6: Maintain a long-term plan

- Determine the most desirable 2050 energy system configurations from a combination of economic, policy and technology perspectives.