

# Energy Efficiency Policy and Research Trends towards a Global Clean Energy Economy

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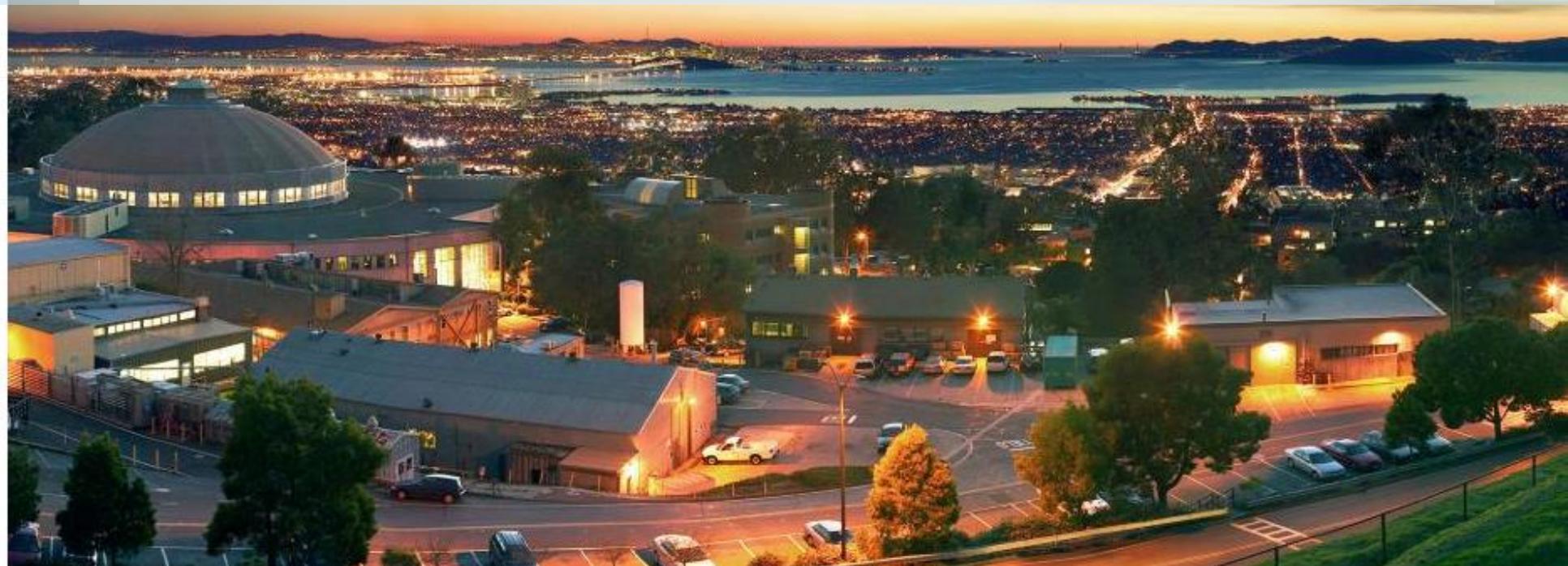
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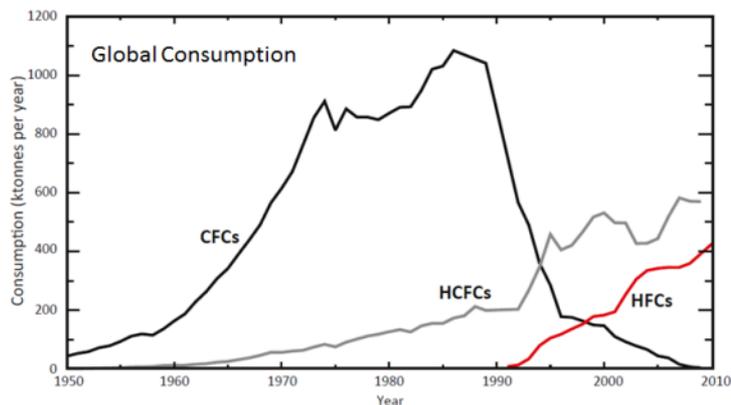
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- ❑ Researchers perform analysis, research, and development in a wide range of topics to improve energy infrastructure and maximize socio-economic benefits –from buildings and batteries, to indoor air quality, electricity grid, transportation, and environmental impacts.
- ❑ Researchers have been providing technical support to U.S., China, India, Mexico, Brazil, and other developing economies to improve energy policies and programs.

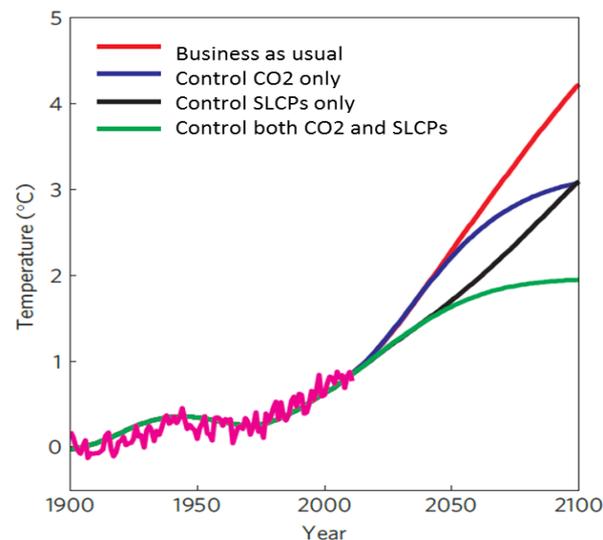


# Low GWP Refrigerants

Under the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol, 197 countries committed to cut the production and consumption of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) – potent greenhouse gases (GHGs) used in refrigeration and air conditioning – by more than 80 percent over the next 30 years.



UNEP (2011). HFCs: A Critical Link in Protecting Climate and the Ozone Layer

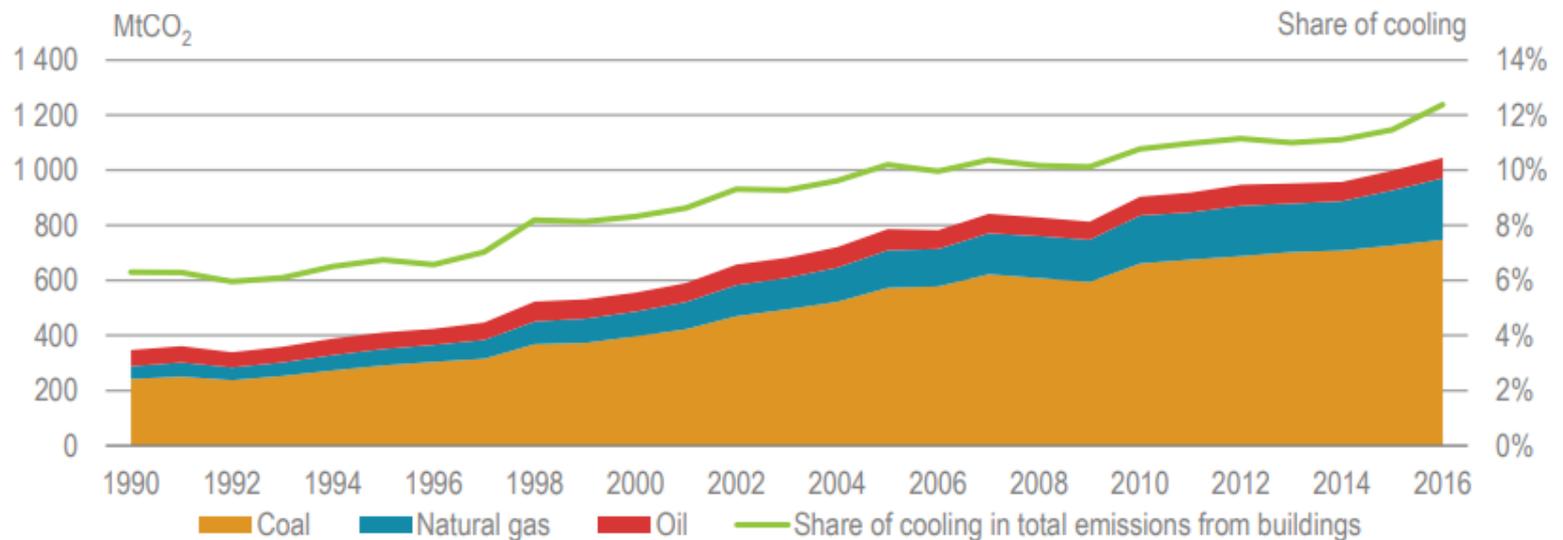


SLCP: short lived climate pollutants  
Hu et al. (2013). Mitigation of short-lived climate pollutants slows sea-level rise. Nature Climate Change

# Space Cooling Energy Use

GHG emissions related to the use of energy for space cooling hinge primarily on the fuel mix in power generation - fossil fuels accounted for 65% of globally total power generation in 2016.

## CO<sub>2</sub> emissions associated with space cooling energy use

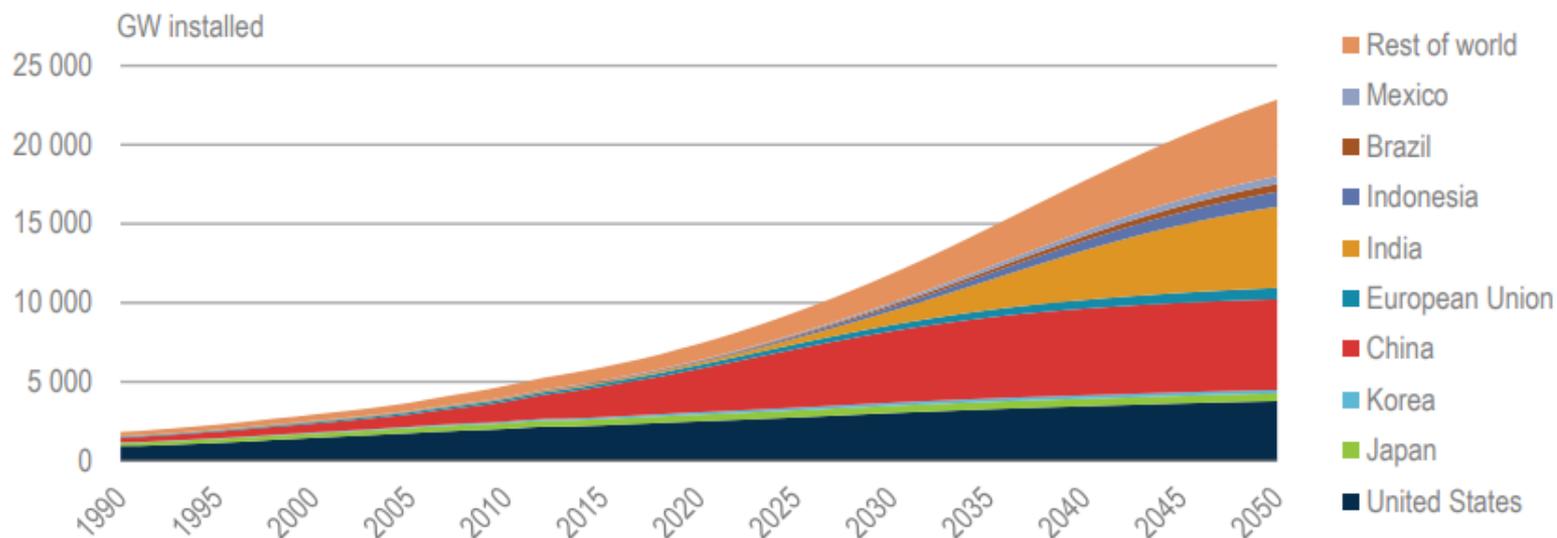


Source: IEA (2018). The Future of Cooling.

## Space Cooling Energy Use

Increasing incomes and urbanization – as well as a warming climate – are driving up the global stock of ACs, particularly in emerging economies with hot climates. Accordingly AC energy consumption and related GHG emissions are expected to increase substantially as the stock of ACs rises.

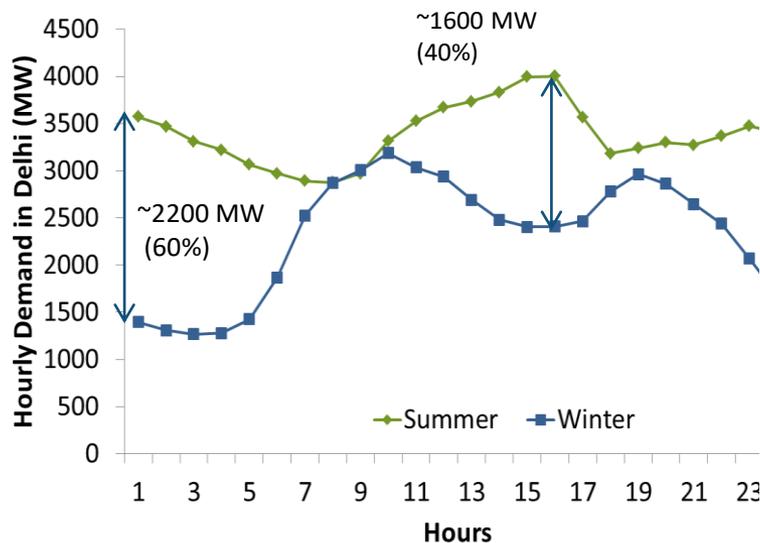
### Energy use forecast in air-conditioners



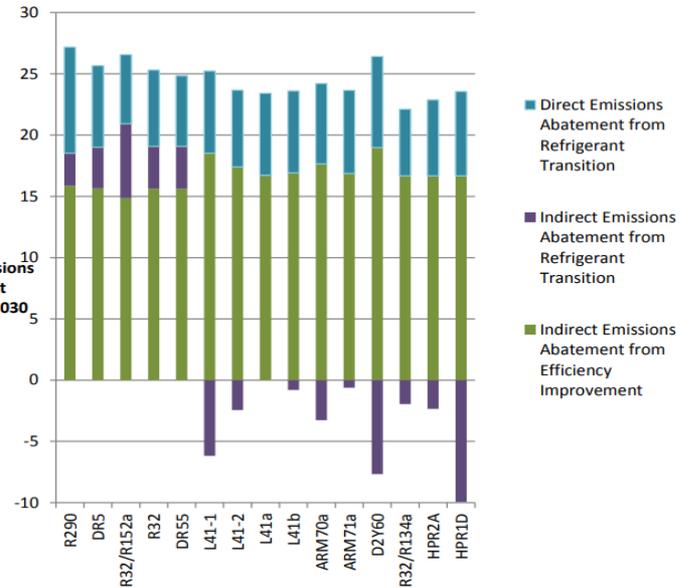
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# Low-GWP Refrigerant and Energy Efficiency

LBNL studies find that it is highly beneficial to pursue high energy-efficiency in concert with the transition to lower global warming potential (GWP) refrigerants to achieve maximal GHG reductions with the least amount of equipment re-design and replacement.



Abhyankar et al. (2017) Accelerating Energy Efficiency Improvements in Room Air Conditioners in India: Potential, Costs-Benefits, and Policies. LBNL report.



Shah et al. (2019) Benefits of Energy Efficient and Low-Global Warming Potential Refrigerant Cooling Equipment. LBNL report.

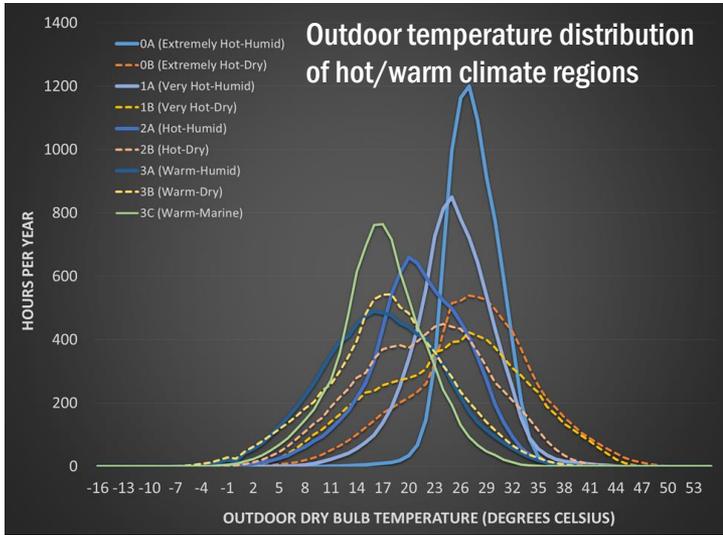
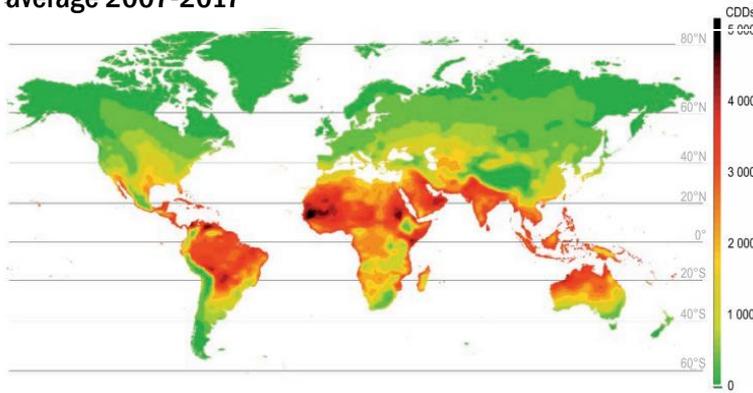
### Simultaneous Efficiency Improvement and Refrigerant Transition

- Air-conditioners and refrigeration appliances are often first products regulated for energy efficiency and will also undergo refrigerant transition under Kigali Amendment or current Montreal Protocol obligations.
- Refrigerant transition and efficiency improvement both typically require redesign of appliances and re-tooling of manufacturing lines.
- Coordinated efficiency improvement with refrigerant transition can keep costs low for consumers, manufacturers, utilities and governments.

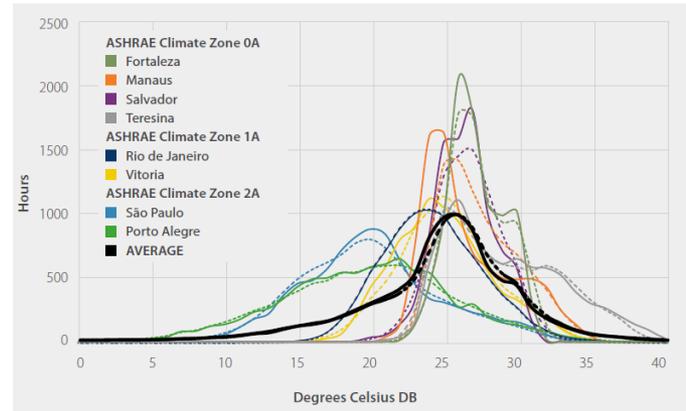
# Climate Region and Cooling Energy Efficiency

Policy action can be regionally developed/adopted, as well as harmonized with other regions.

Cooling-degree days (CDDs) across the world, mean annual average 2007-2017



Outdoor temperature distribution of eight regions in Brazil

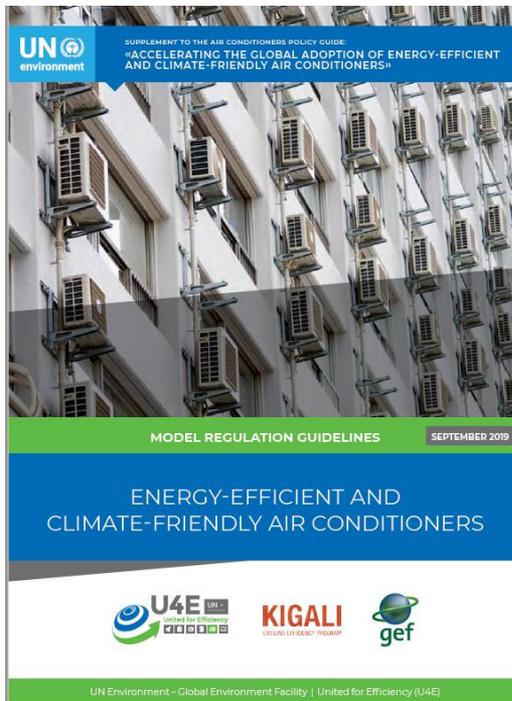


Efficiency of room AC models by different temperature bin hours in Brazil



# Policy and Market Transformation

Policy action and market transformation can be accelerated and effectively harmonized with international effort.



- ✓ Clear scope and definitions
- ✓ Common efficiency metric
- ✓ Common testing standards

## Approach

- ✓ Catalyze **product innovation**, giving consumers more choice
- ✓ Harmonize requirements to **reduce trade barriers and unlock economies of scale** to make products more affordable
- ✓ Enable more **effective market enforcement** using proven test procedures and an easier exchange of compliance information

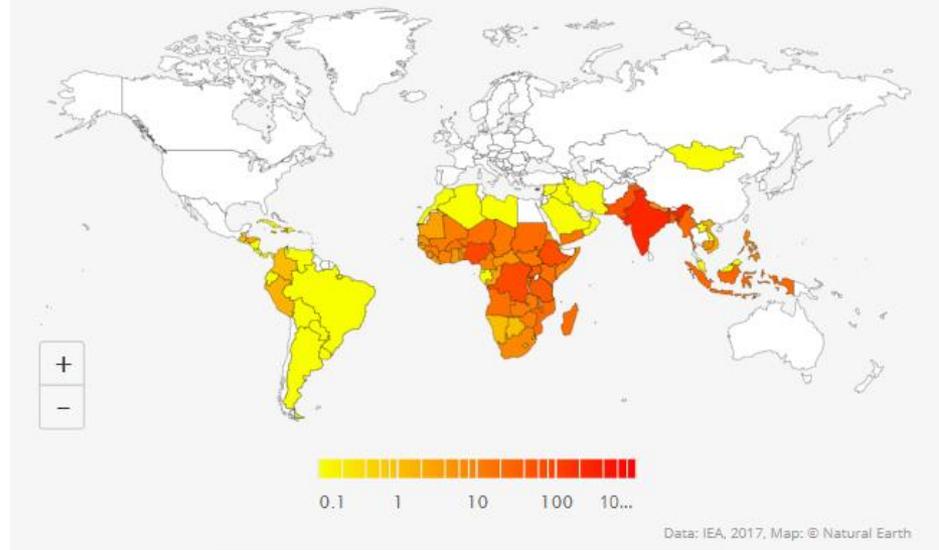
## Other Research

- **Efficiency for Energy Access**
- **Renewable Energy and Efficiency**
- **Distributed Energy Resources**
- **Building Energy Efficiency**

# Efficiency for Energy Access

- About 1.1 billion people in the world, largely in developing Asia and sub-Saharan Africa, do not have access to electricity.
- Energy efficiency supports increased clean energy access and improved service.

Population without access to electricity, 2016 (millions)



## IMPACT OF OFF-GRID SUPER-EFFICIENT APPLIANCES ON CLEAN ENERGY ACCESS

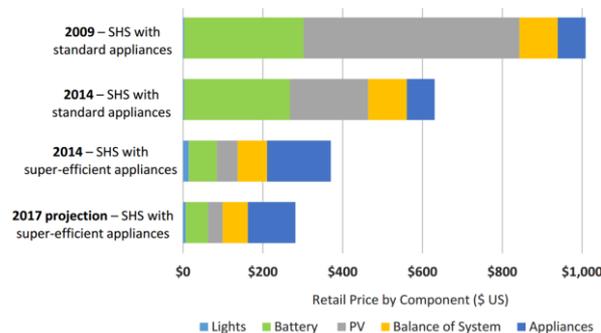
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The same system paired with super-efficient appliances provides greatly enhanced energy service:

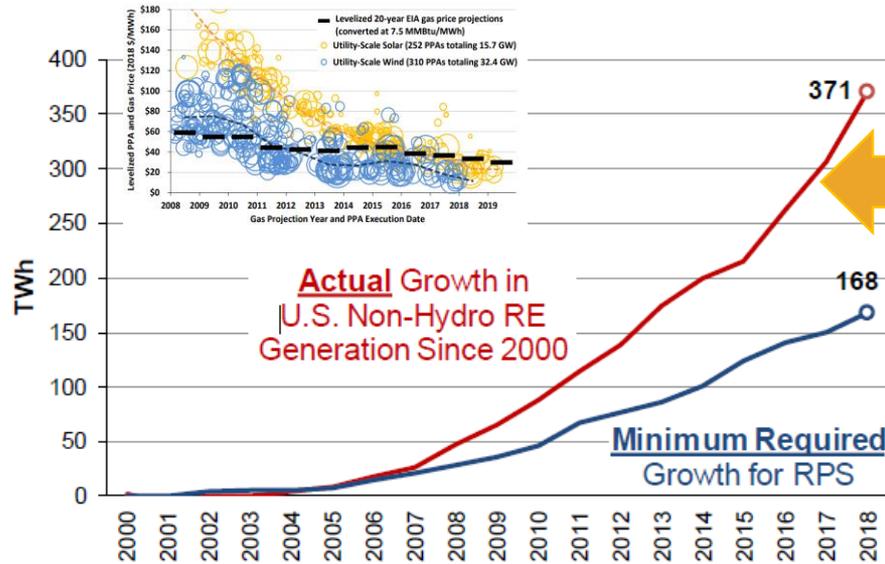


An **energy system** with a 40 Wp solar panel and 70 Ah battery will power:  
 ▶ a 25W Incandescent Light Bulb (250 – 400 lumens) for 5 hours/day

Appliance super-efficiency also enables much smaller and more affordable energy systems to provide equivalent, and even superior, service.



# Renewable Energy and Efficiency (U.S.)



Source: LBNL/NREL (2018). Wind Technologies Market Report

State clean energy policies are strengthening -- California's Senate Bill (SB) 100 established a landmark policy requiring renewable energy and zero-carbon resources supply 100% of electric retail sales to end-use customers by 2045.

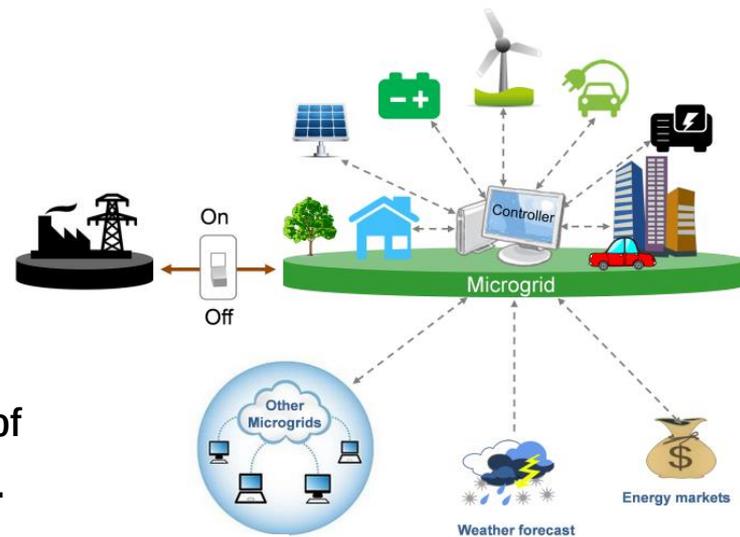
RE additions continue at a robust pace.  
 Direct cost of wind and solar continues to decline and faces competition.



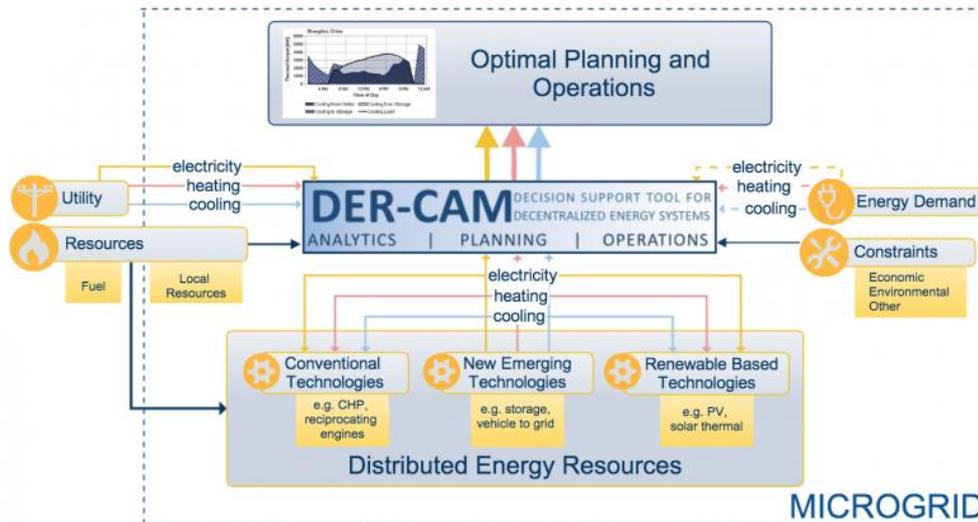
Source: California Energy Commission

# Distributed Energy Resources

■ LBNL's Distributed Energy Resources Customer Adoption Model (DER-CAM) is a comprehensive decision support tool that help users find optimal distributed energy resource (DER) investments in the context of either buildings or multi-energy microgrids.



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A microgrid is a localized solution of electricity sources and loads that typically operates connected to and synchronous with the traditional centralized grid, but can disconnect and maintain operation autonomously as physical and/or economic conditions dictate.

Source: LBNL Energy Storage and Distributed Resources Division

# City Building Energy Saver (CityBES)

LBNL's CityBES a web-based computing platform, specialized on energy modeling, benchmarking and performance visualization of a city's building stock to support district or city-scale energy efficiency programs.

The screenshot displays the CityBES web application interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'CityBES', 'Introduction', 'Start', 'District Buildings', 'Retrofit Scenarios', 'Simulate', and 'Team'. The main view is a 3D city model where buildings are color-coded based on energy performance. A central callout box labeled '3D + GIS + Color Coding' points to the model. On the left, a 'Filtering Buildings' panel allows users to filter by properties such as Building Type, Year Built, Total Floor Area, Energy Use Intensity, and Peak Electricity Load per Area. Below this, 'Building Coloring Options' are shown, with 'Site Energy Use Intensity' selected. On the right, a 'Building Highlight' panel provides detailed data for a selected building (Sanfran\_Orig\_0725), including baseline results and retrofit savings for an ECM Package 1. At the bottom, 'Aggregated Retrofit Results' are shown through three pie charts: Building Floor Area (m2), Site Energy Use (kWh), and Site Energy Savings (kWh). A legend for 'Site Energy Use Intensity Reduction' is also visible on the right side of the interface.



# Thank you.

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