



# **Assured U.S. Electrical Power And Economic Opportunity of New Energy**

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- **The Electrical Grid**
- **A Changing Energy Landscape**
- **Economic Opportunities**



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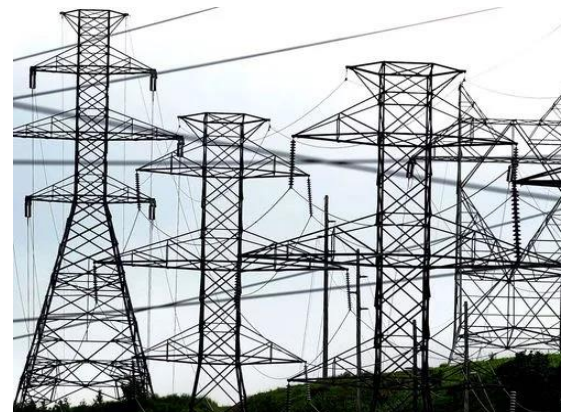
## ***“National Security and Assured Electrical Power “ (2015)***

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**National Security and  
Assured U.S. Electrical  
Power (2015): Our fragile  
electrical lifeline**

- **Dependence**
- **Vulnerability**
- **Trends and Technologies**
- **Military Initiatives**
- **...and Nevada's Choices**





# *Electrical Dependencies*



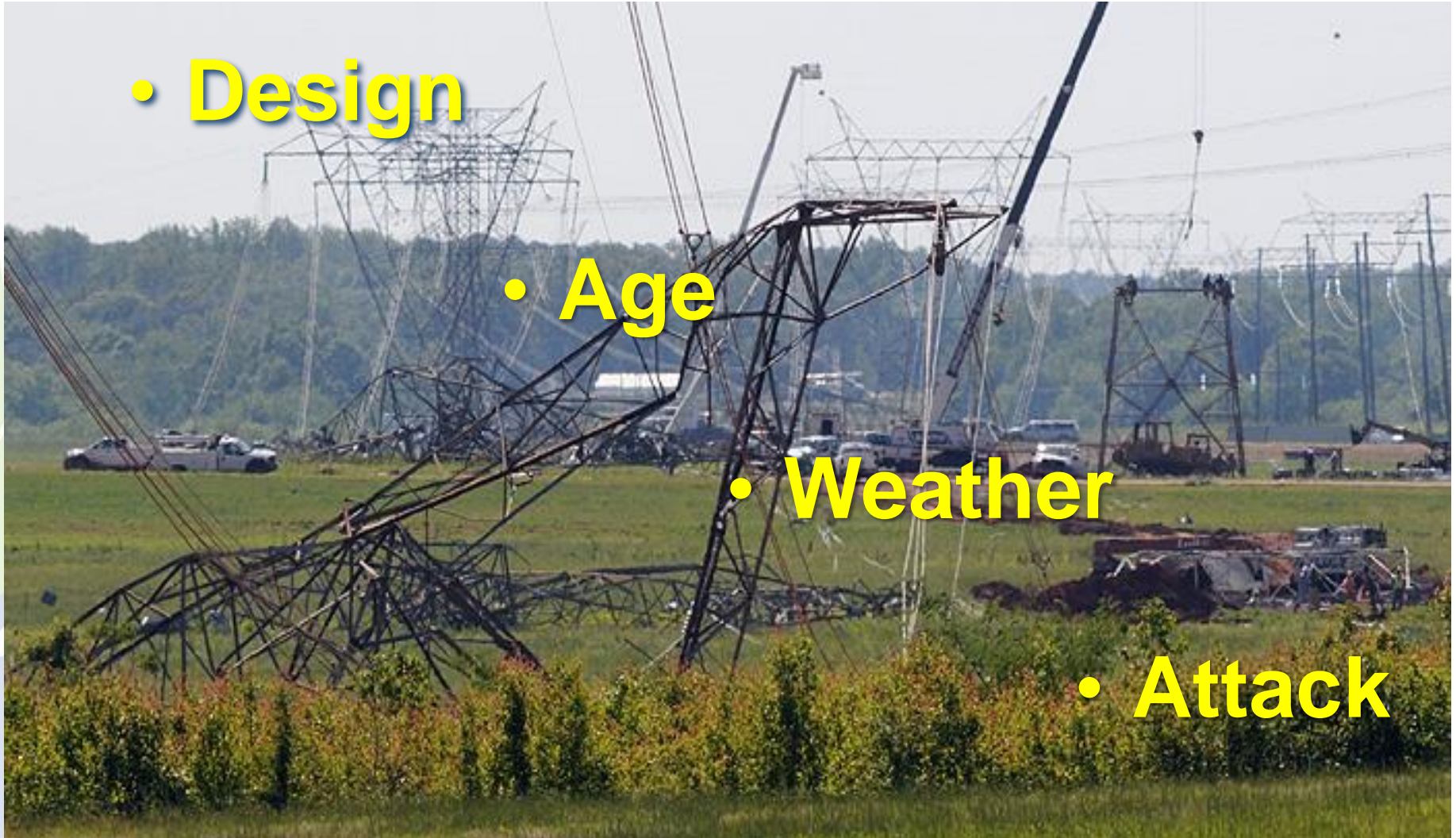


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- Age

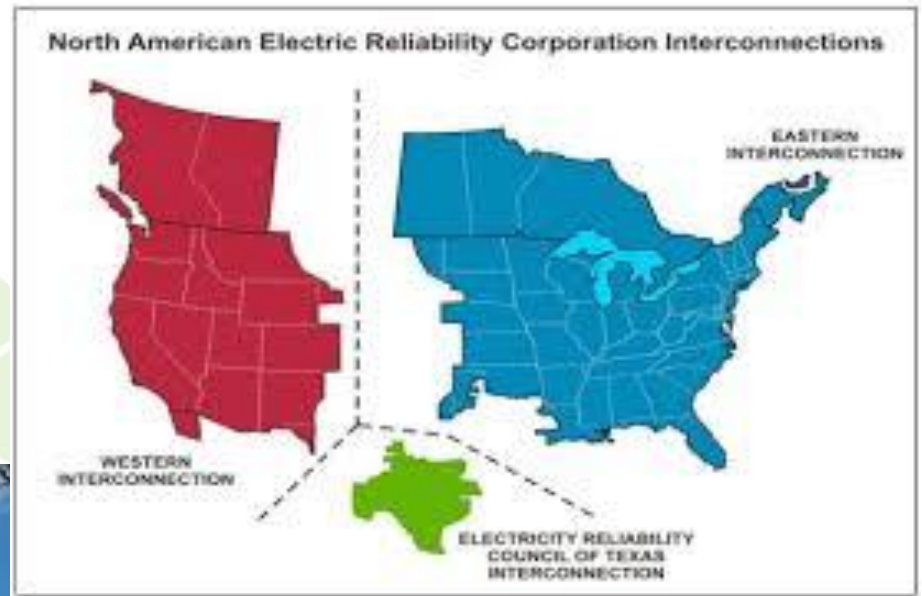
- Weather

- Attack



# *Vulnerability -- Design*

- **Design**





# Vulnerability -- Age

- Age





# *Vulnerability -- Weather*

- **Weather**



# *Vulnerability – Weather -- Drought*

- **Drought**





# *Vulnerability -- Attack*

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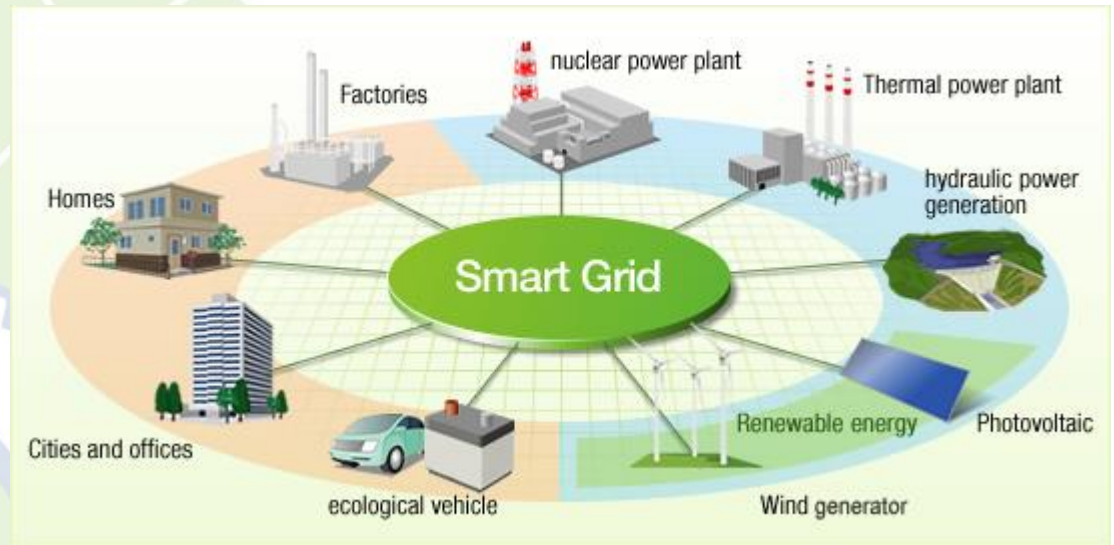


# Solutions – Technology trends

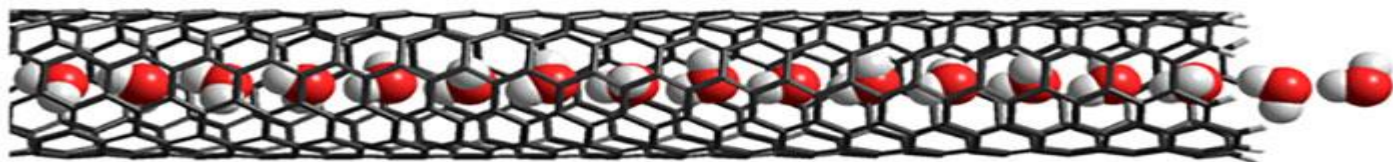
- Distributed



- Smart



- Nano



# *Military leading the way*



Afghanistan 2009— one in 8 convoys lead to a casualty

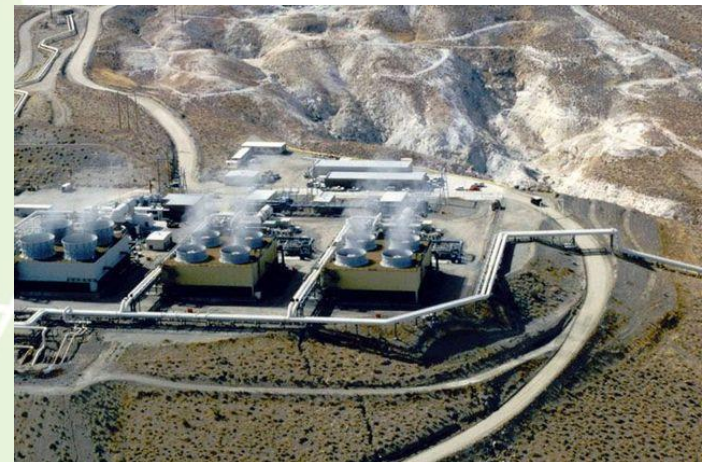


Marines Prove Energy Efficiencies in Afghanistan



Second solar-power project, a 15-megawatt photovoltaic panel array on Nellis Air Force Base,

[www.cna.org](http://www.cna.org)



180-megawatt geothermal energy generating plant at Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake



# *Nevada leading the way*





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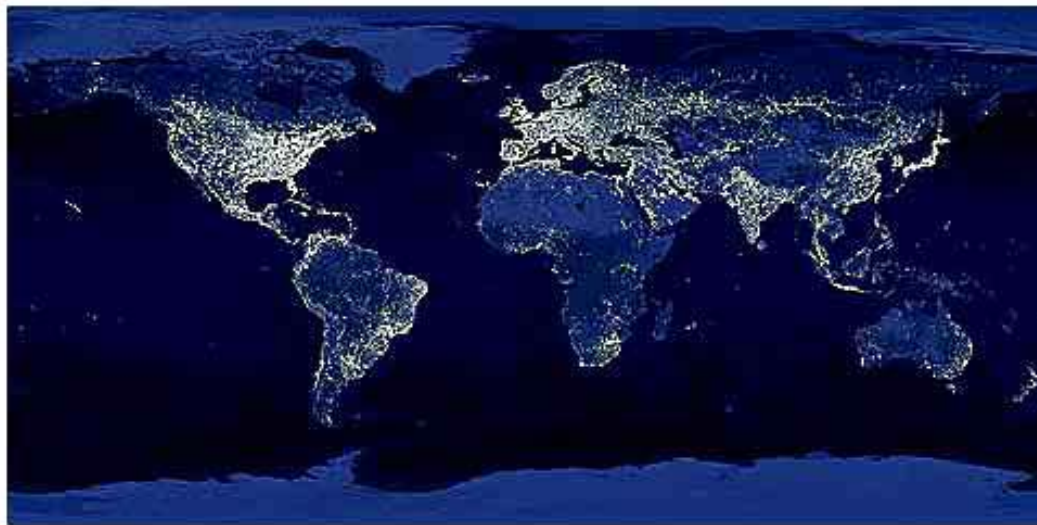


# *Changing Energy Landscape*

## *“National Security and Advanced Energy” (2017)*

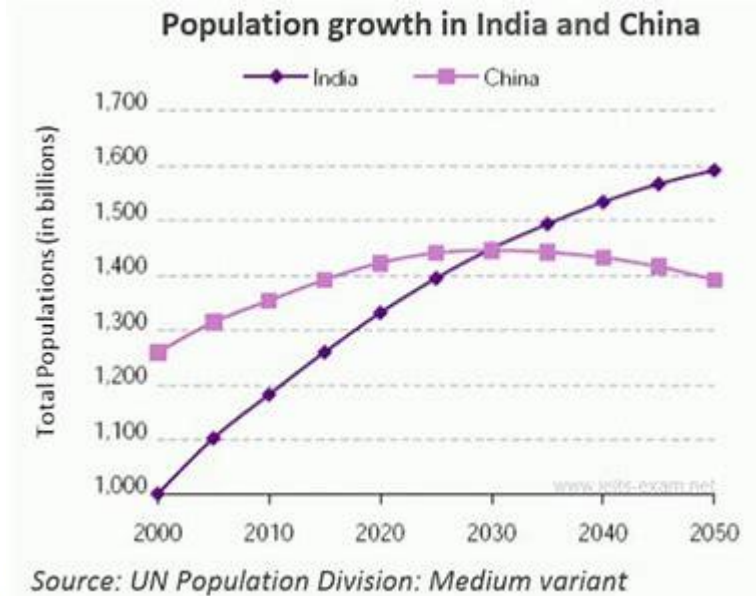
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1. Changing population and demographics
2. Electrification of transportation
3. Fracking and advanced fossil recovery
4. Renewables



# Trend 1 – Population and Demographics

- World expects +1.5 B people
- Most growth in India & Africa
- Middle class growth = more per capita energy

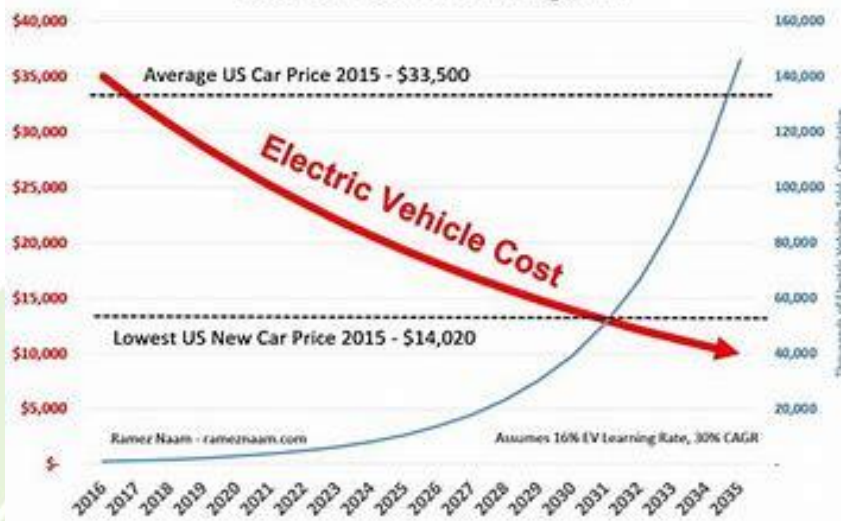


**40% Increase in demand for energy**

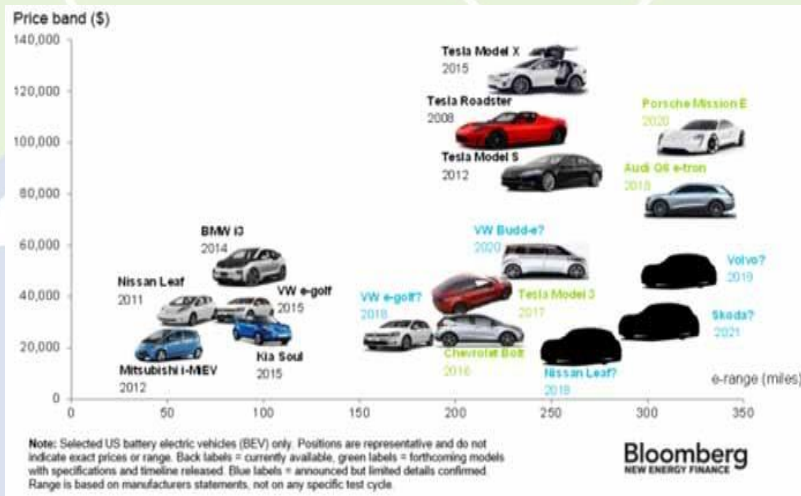


# Trend 2 – Electrification of Transportation

Cost of 200 mile range EV

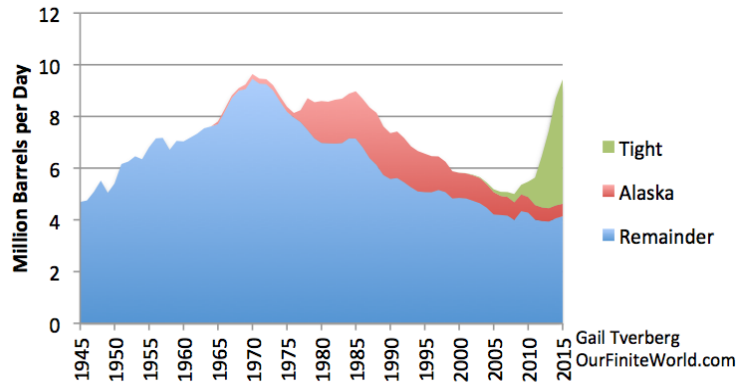


- Cost and performance parity
- 300+ miles per charge
- Market penetration
- Infrastructure growing
- Government mandates
  - NO IC --China 2025; UK 2030



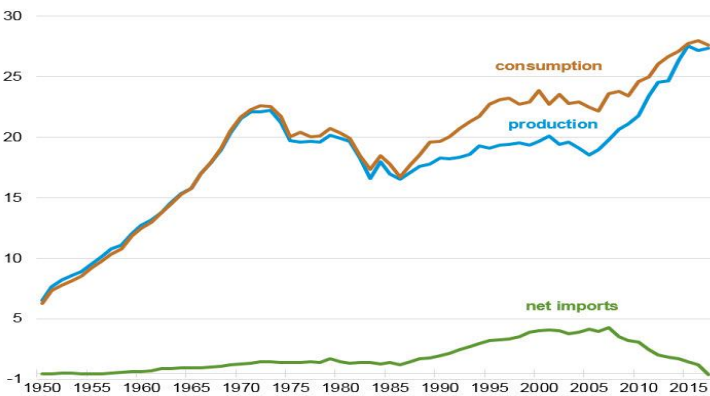
# Trend 3 – Fracking and New Fossil Accessibility

US Crude Oil Production



- Fracking and “tight oil” revolution
- Production is & will be driven by price
- U.S. again world’s largest oil producer
- U.S. now net energy exporter
- Oil and Gas still a global commodity

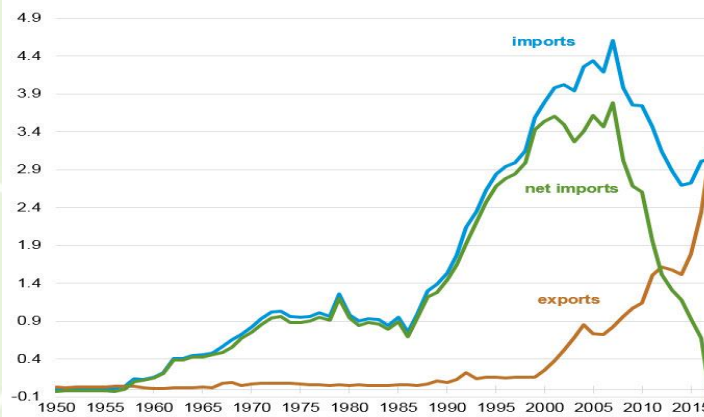
U.S. natural gas consumption, dry production, and net imports, 1950–2017  
trillion cubic feet



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, *Monthly Energy Review*, Table 4.1, March 2018

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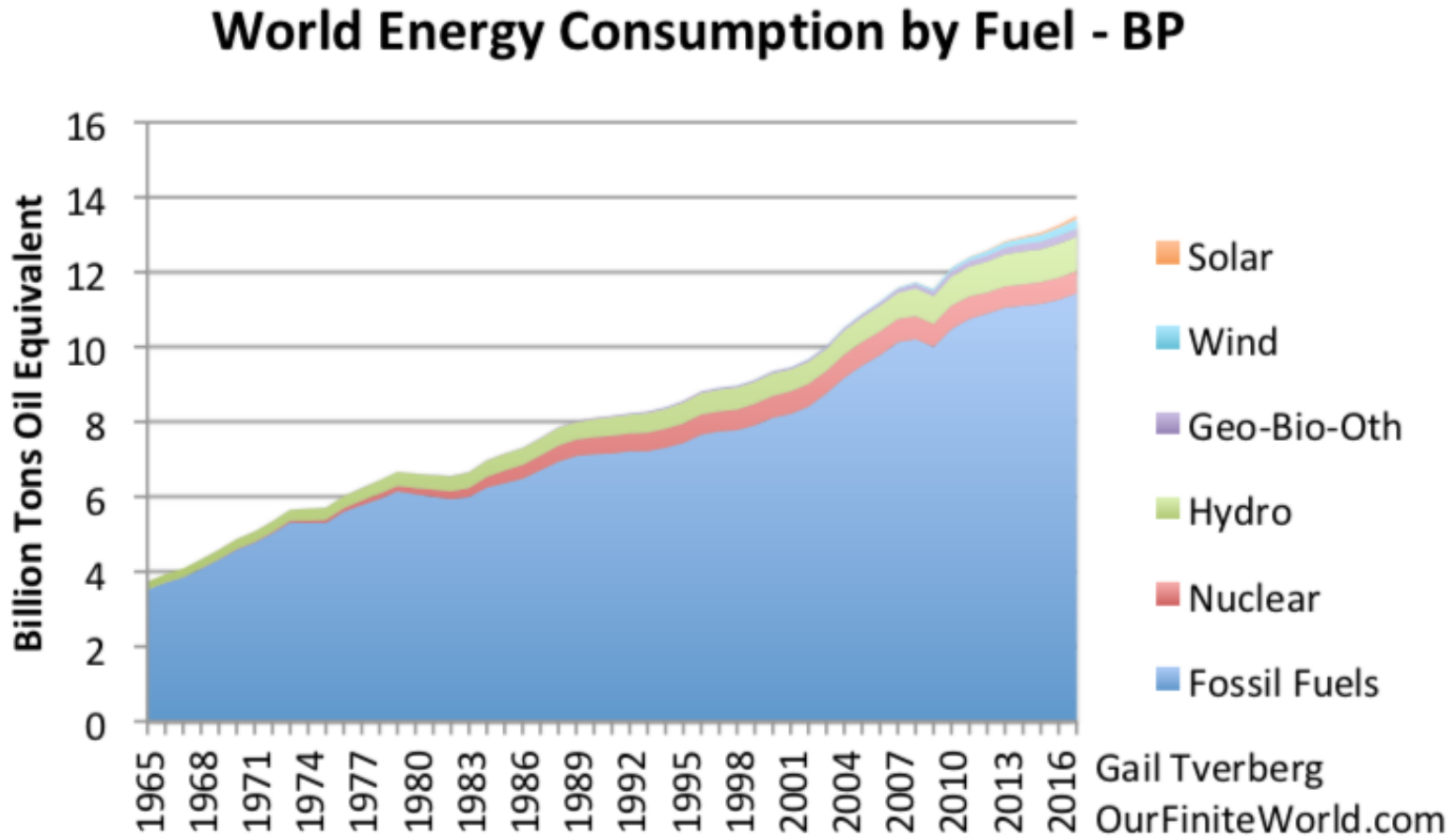
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## Trend 4 – Renewables

- Exciting things are happening
- Challenge small starting point

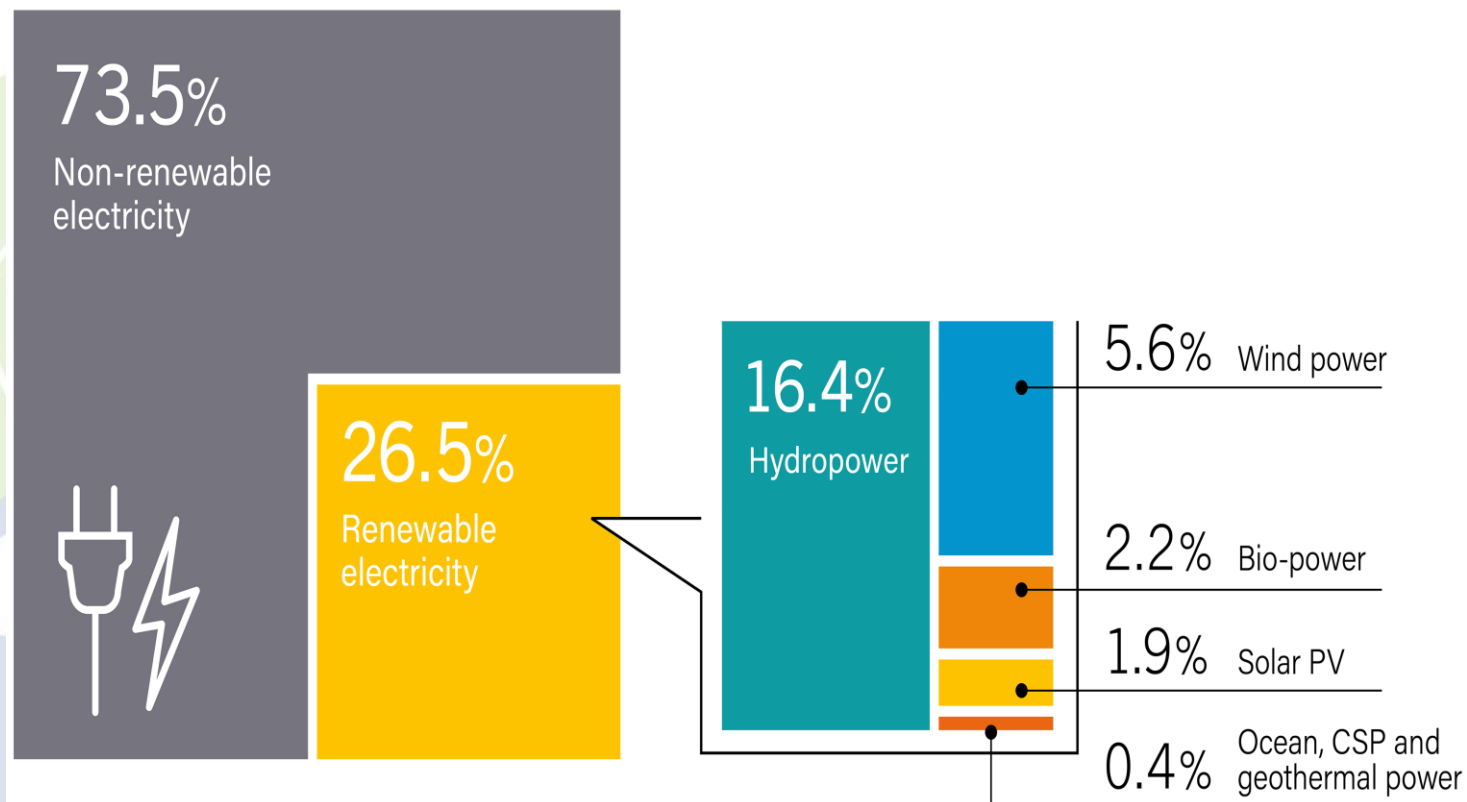




# Trend 4 – Renewables

- One problem is how do we talk about “renewables”

Estimated Renewable Energy Share of Global Electricity Production, End-2017



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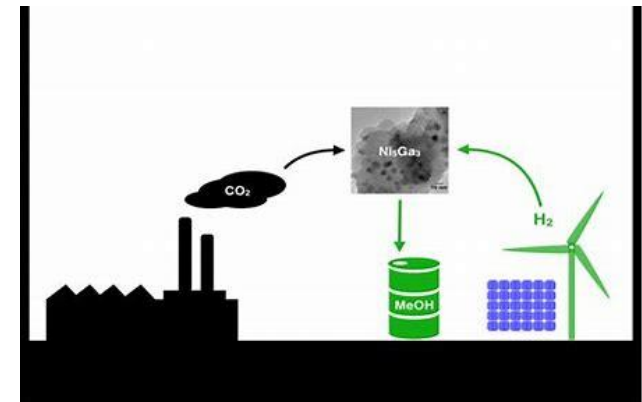
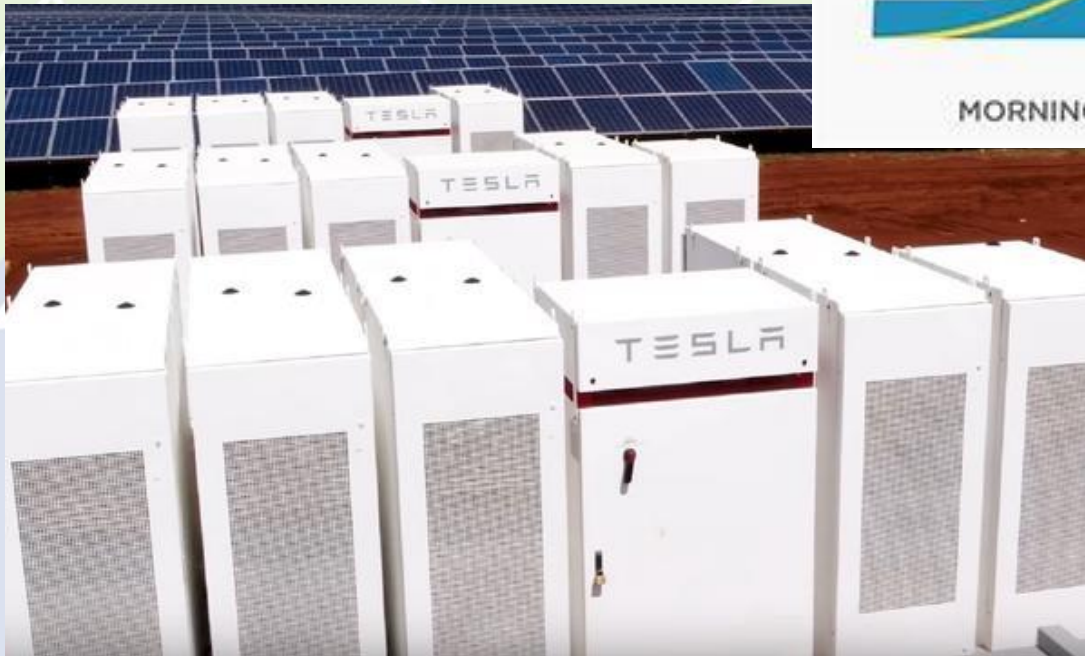
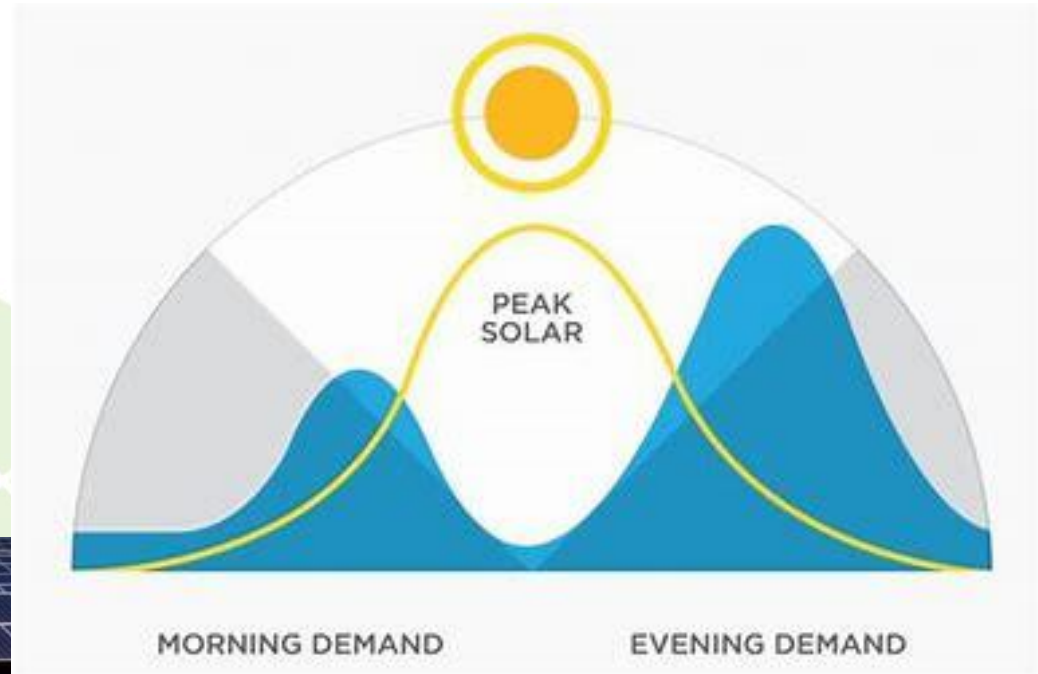
**“As new energy options emerge to meet global demand, nations that lead stand to gain; should the U.S. sit on the sidelines, it does so at considerable risk to our national security.”**





# Among Challenges of Renewables:

## Intermittency and Storage



# *Findings*

## *“National Security and Advanced Energy” (2017)*

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- A changing global energy landscape will have economic, diplomatic, and military effects, impacting the national security of the U.S. and its allies.
- A historic global transition toward advanced energy is accelerating and will give rise to economic challenges—and opportunities—for the U.S., our allies, and our adversaries.
- Electric vehicles will drive significant reduction in oil demand for the U.S. and other nations where petroleum is mostly used in light-duty transit.
- Advanced energy systems will temper rising global demand for oil, impacting global diplomacy and influence, with direct national security implications for the U.S.



# ***Findings***

## ***“National Security and Advanced Energy” (2017)***

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- The transition to advanced energy can provide the U.S. military with additional options to improve mission effectiveness, reliability, and cost mitigation.
- Growing demand for reliable electric power will drive the need for more resilient, more efficient, and more distributed electric power generation systems. Today, a critical hindrance to intermittent energy sources fulfilling this need is energy storage.
- The wide portfolio of advanced energy technologies provides options for U.S. energy independence through clean and safe development of our vast energy resources, while enhancing our geopolitical security.

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## ***National Security – Energy and Nevada***

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**Employs 25,400 in Nevada -- (3.4 M nationwide)**

- **10,300 jobs in energy efficiency -- 4% job growth in 2016-2017**
- **11,800 in advanced electricity generation (6,500 in rooftop solar)**
- **2,000 in advanced grid and energy storage**
- **1,000 in advanced vehicles**
- **190 jobs in advanced fuels**

- **2016 to 2017, 10.6% increase in clean energy generation and a 7.9% decrease in natural gas**
- **Nevada ranked**
  - **2nd for geothermal energy**
  - **4th for utility-scale solar energy generation**



**Solar array in downtown Reno**

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- Global energy landscape is changing.
- Burgeoning populations together with rising affluence, are shifting major centers of demand and increasing the world's overall demand for energy.
- New technologies are making clean, affordable advanced energy widely available as well as allowing the extraction of fossil fuels from previously inaccessible sources.
- Tectonic shift in the global energy posture will impact every nation.
- U.S. must lead – not sit on sidelines



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We must make choices now,  
knowing that the impact of these choices may  
not be felt for a decade or more down the road.

When it comes to energy, we need to focus on  
our national security and,

**Energy is Security**

***The stakes are too high to wait while  
others set the course.***

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# **Back-up**

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## Russia- Europe

- Russia-- 2 percent of the world's population and just 3 percent of the world's GDP *but...*
  - Third largest energy producer
  - Fourth largest energy consumer
- Largest exporter of total hydrocarbons (oil, NG, coal)
- Oil and gas account for over 70 percent of total Russian exports *and...*
  - 16 percent of GDP
  - 52 percent of their federal budget revenues
- E.U. energy posture directly tethered to Russia, supplies over 30 percent of its coal, oil, and natural gas imports
- Russia moving to sell more hydrocarbons to India and China



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## China

- China's growing energy demand will continue to exceed its domestic supply
  - Resulting in more oil and natural gas imports.
  - China already seeking more energy supplies abroad
- Growing its military to protect its international interests
  - Especially energy
    - Strengthening relationships with Iran, Russia, others that do not share U.S. values
- Only half of oil used in China is for Transportation – EVs will not make as much of a difference as in U.S.
- China leads the world in renewables - \$100 B invested globally -- much in Africa – modern (economic) colonialism



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## India

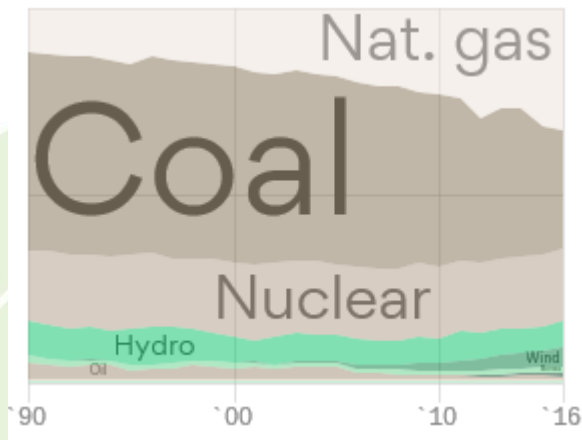
- Will soon exceed (or has exceeded) China as most populace country
- Will add 400 million people by 2050
- Establishing ties with Russia for oil, coal and NG
- Use of coal expected to triple and surpass China soon
- Will be the largest consumer of energy by 2060
- Expect \$2.8 Trillion in energy investment by 2050
- Strong commitment to renewables, but..... starting from very small amount



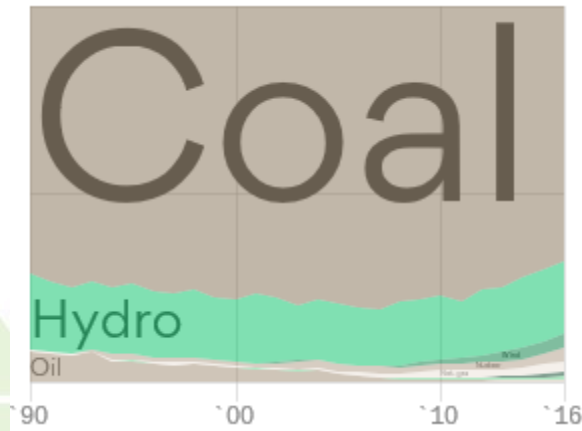
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## Share of total electricity generation from different sources by country

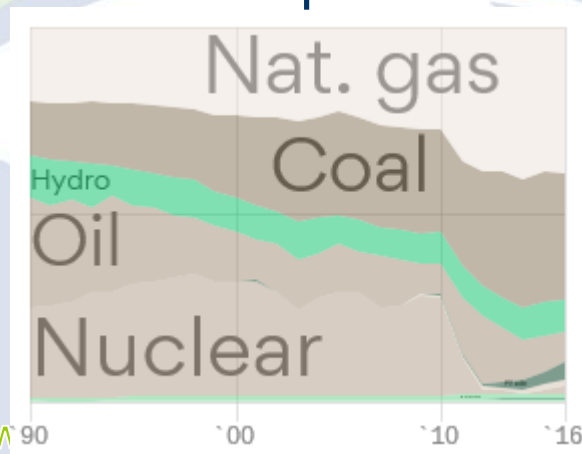
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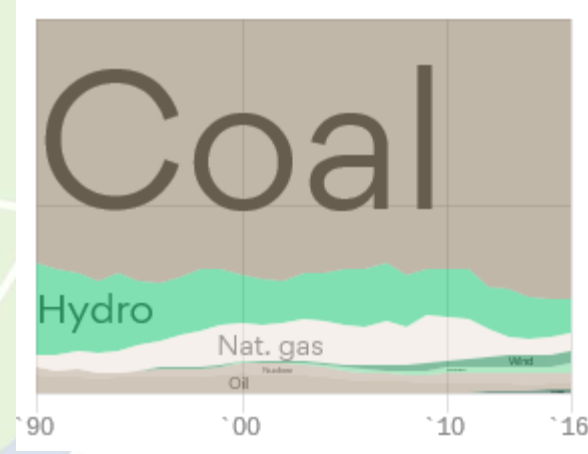
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Japan



India







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