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# Availability and Costs of Supply-Side Electricity Options

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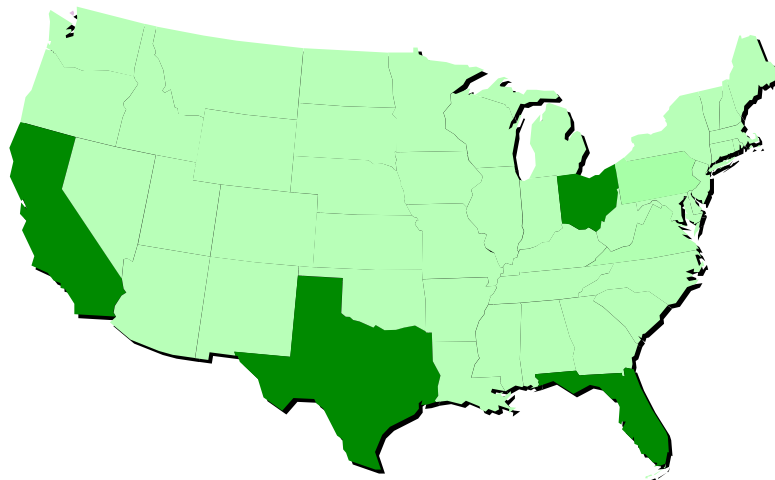
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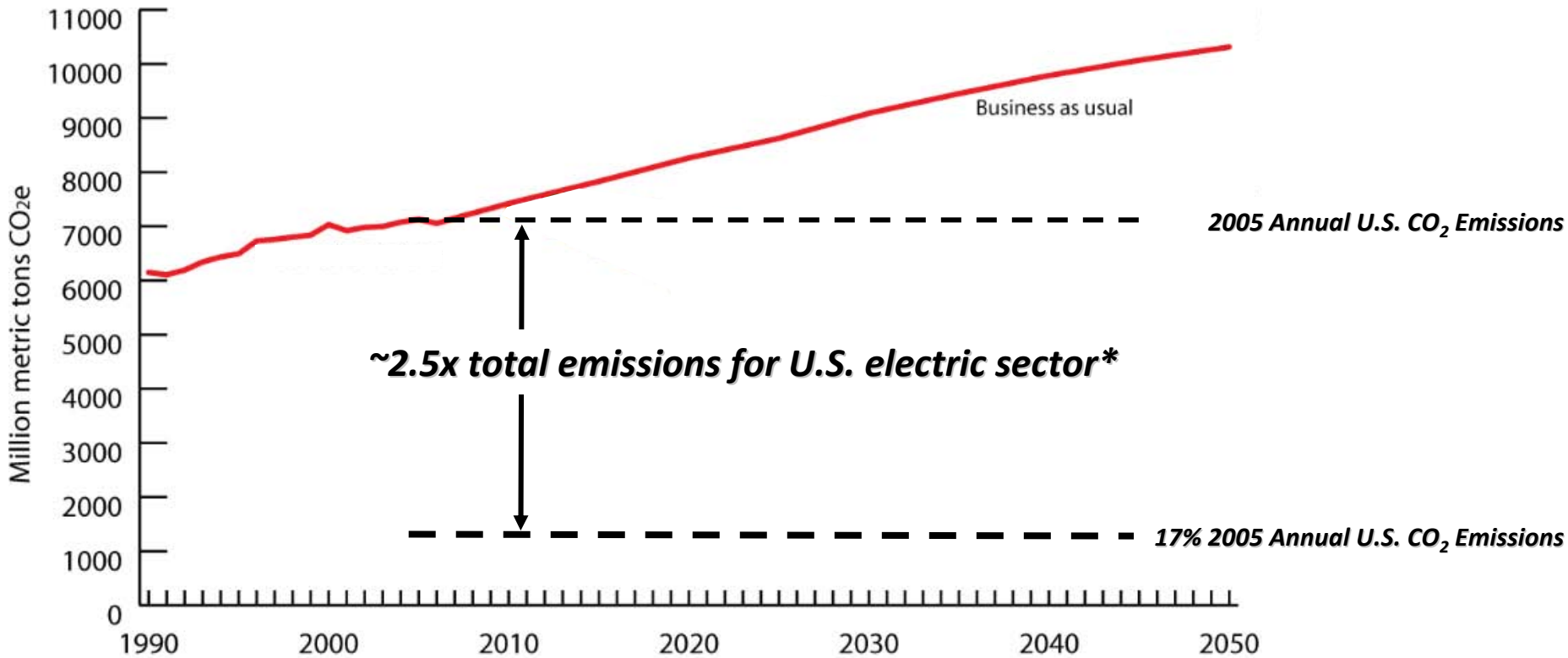
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# Substantial Electricity Demand

- Now: 2007 U.S. electricity consumption ~ 3800 TWh
- Future (EIA 2009 Annual Energy Outlook)
  - Final report projects **900 TWh (24%)** increase in U.S. electricity consumption by 2030.
  - About same as addition of new load equivalent to 2006 consumption of Texas, California, Florida, Ohio.



# Huge Emissions Reductions



*\*2007 U.S. electricity sector CO<sub>2</sub> emissions = 2.4B mmT CO<sub>2</sub>*

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# Key Elements of Levelized Cost of Electricity

- Estimate annual cash flows from project inception through end of plant life
- Calculate net present value (NPV) of cash flows
- Calculate constant annual cash flow to produce same NPV
- Levelized cost of electricity (LCOE) = constant annual cash flow divided by annual electricity production

# Key Elements of Capital Costs

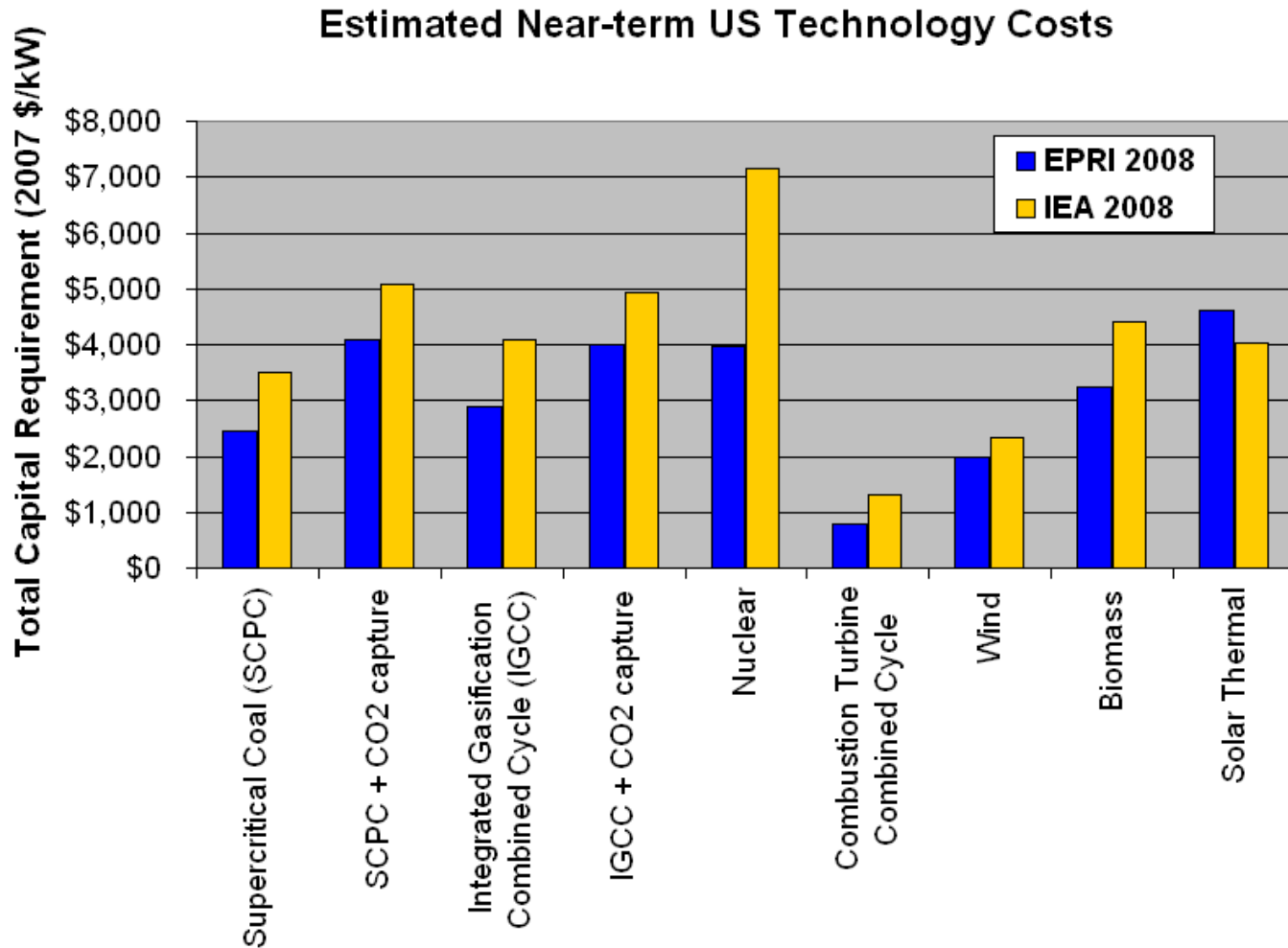
- Total Plant Cost (TPC)
- Owners Costs
- Allowance For Funds Used During Construction (AFUDC)
- Project-specific Costs

# Key Elements of Capital Costs

- Total Capital Requirement (TCR) =  
TPC + Owner's Costs + AFUDC + Project Specific  
Costs
- Under standard assumptions, Owner's  
costs+AFUDC ~ 16–19% of TPC.
- Project-specific costs ~ 10–15% of TPC



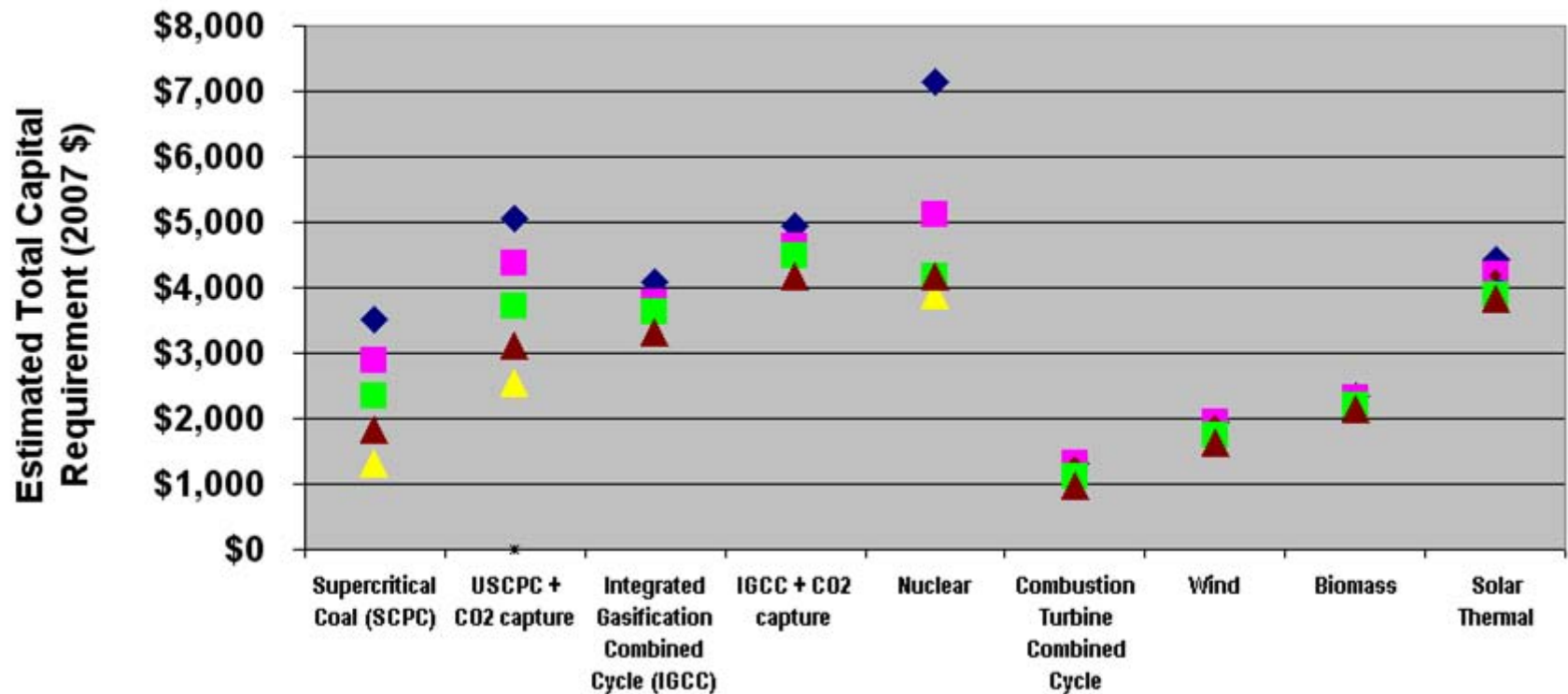
# Technology Cost Estimates Vary



# Costs Vary by Region

(IEA 2008 World Energy Outlook)

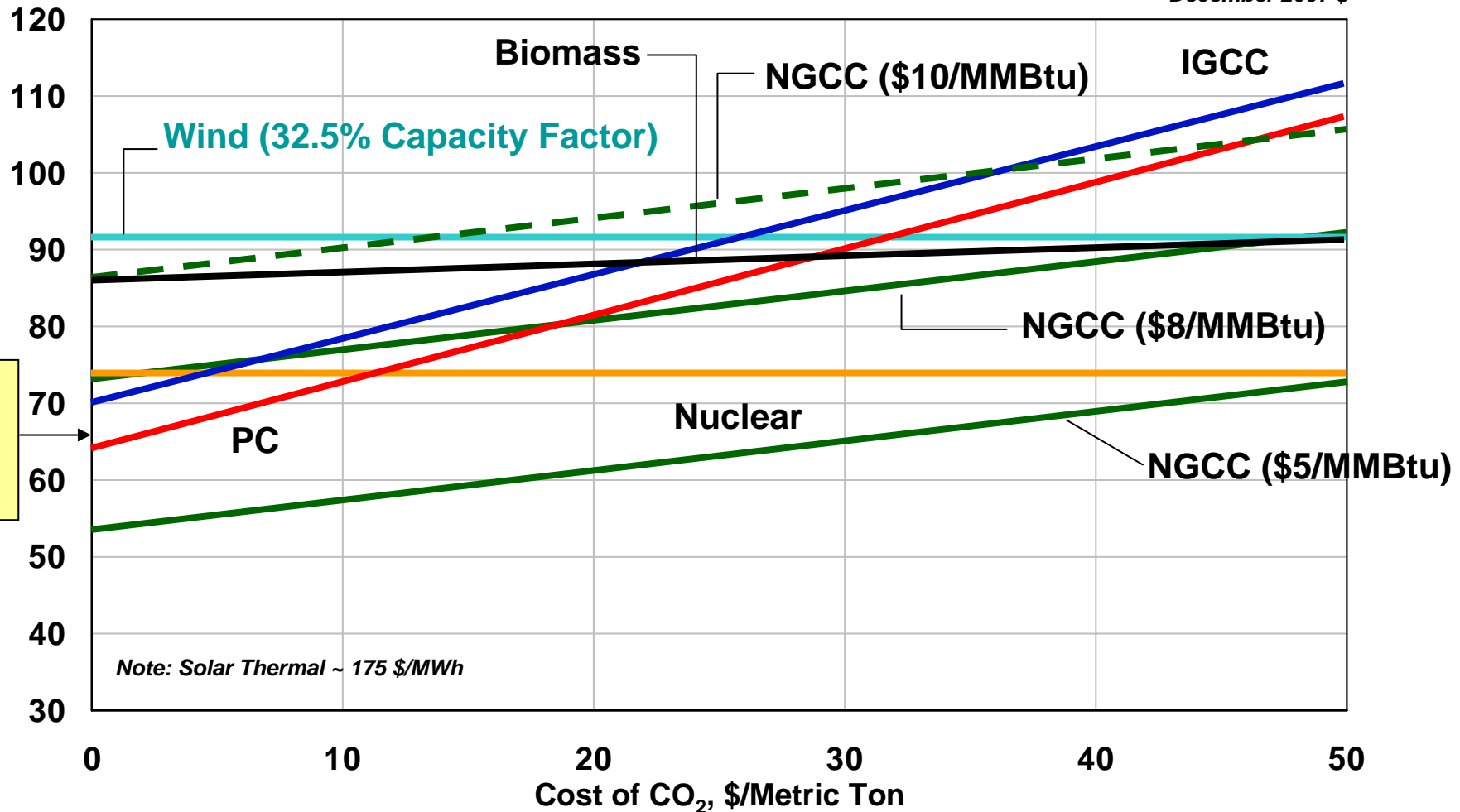
## International Technology Capital Costs



# Electricity Production Cost Driven by Capital Cost, Capacity Factor

Levelized Cost of Electricity, \$/MWh

All costs are in December 2007 \$



Average 2007 U.S. wholesale electricity price = \$66/MWh

# Common Drivers Affect Costs

## Shop load > 80%

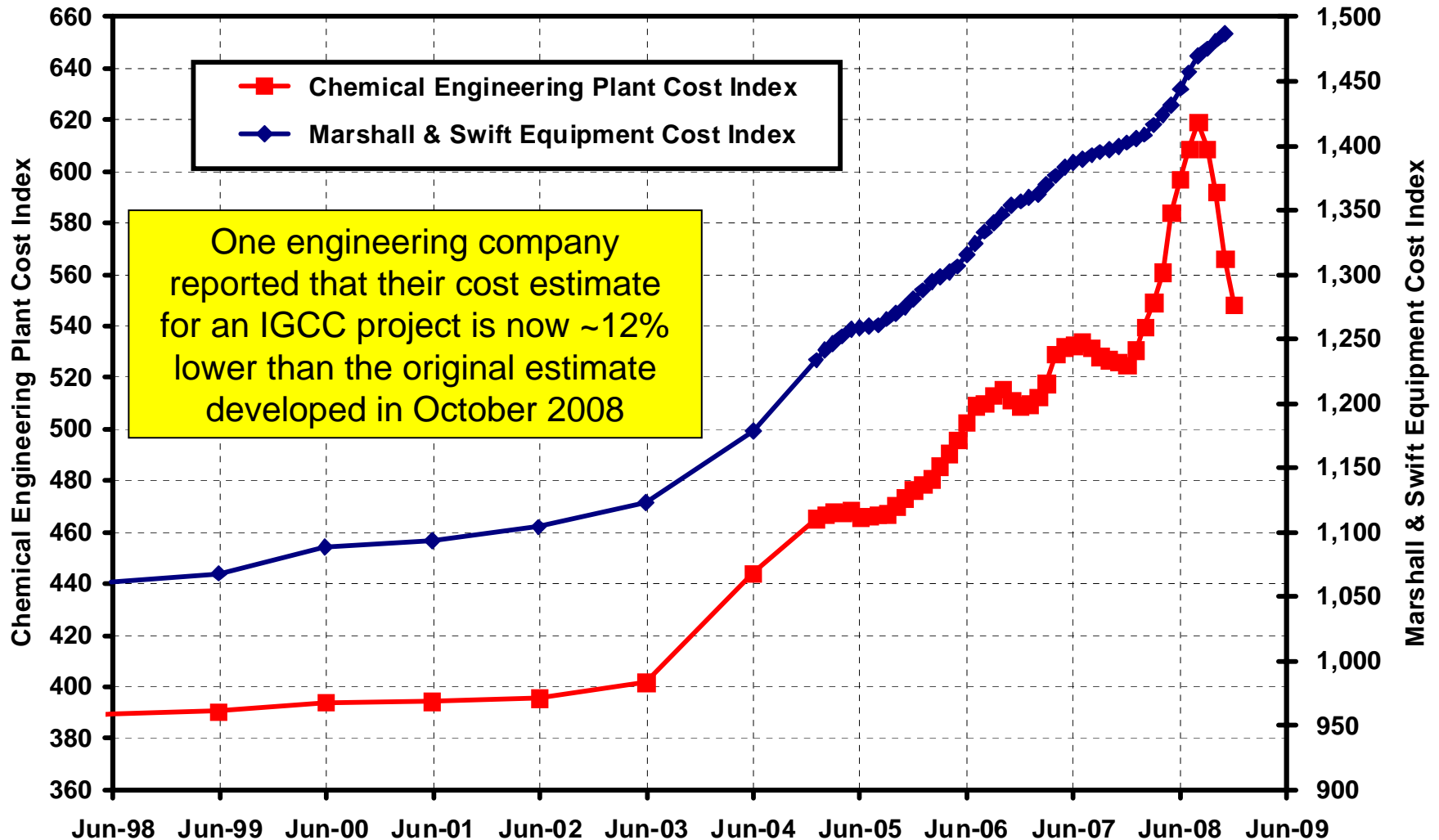
- Boilers
- Compressors
- Motors
- Piping
- Structural steel
- Valves
- Turbine generators
- Vessels & tanks
- Wire & cable

## Lead times > 1 year

- Boilers
- Compressors
- Turbine-driven equipment
- Pressure vessels

# Effects of Recession on Cost Escalation

(Source: Chemical Engineering Magazine, March 2009)



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# Cost Uncertainty and Technology Mix

- **Vary costs, timing of key technologies:  
nuclear,  
CO<sub>2</sub> capture and storage**
- **Proportions of different generation technologies vary, but a diverse portfolio of technologies is optimum in all cases.**

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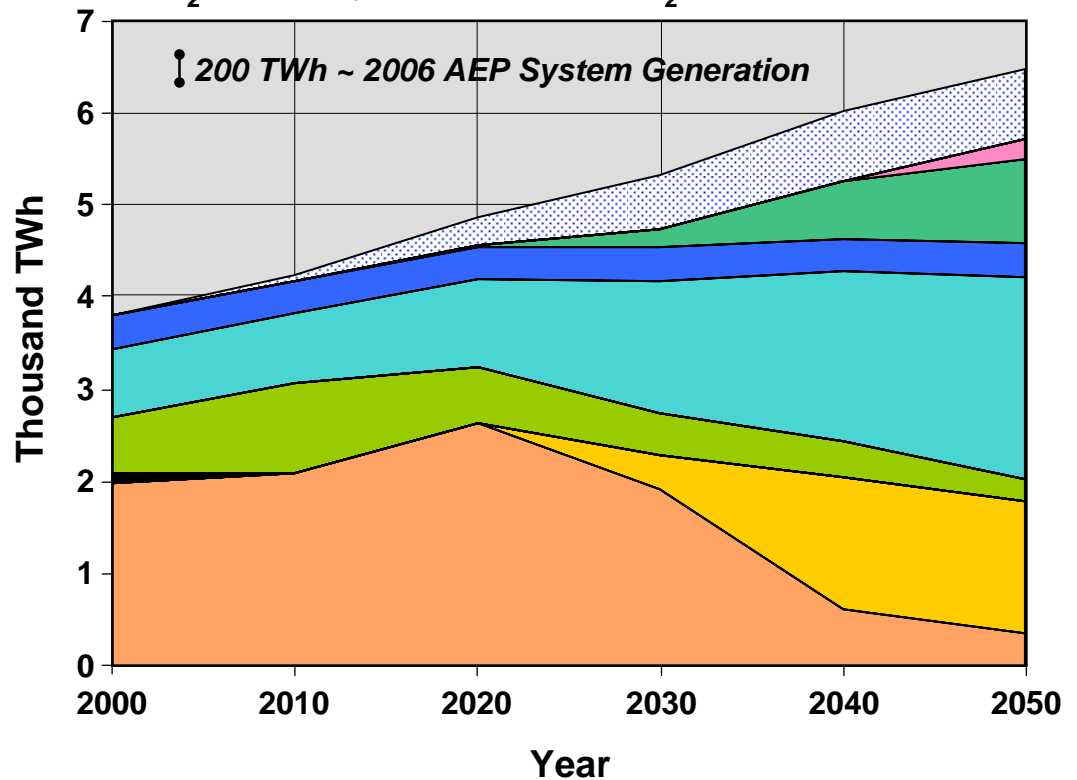
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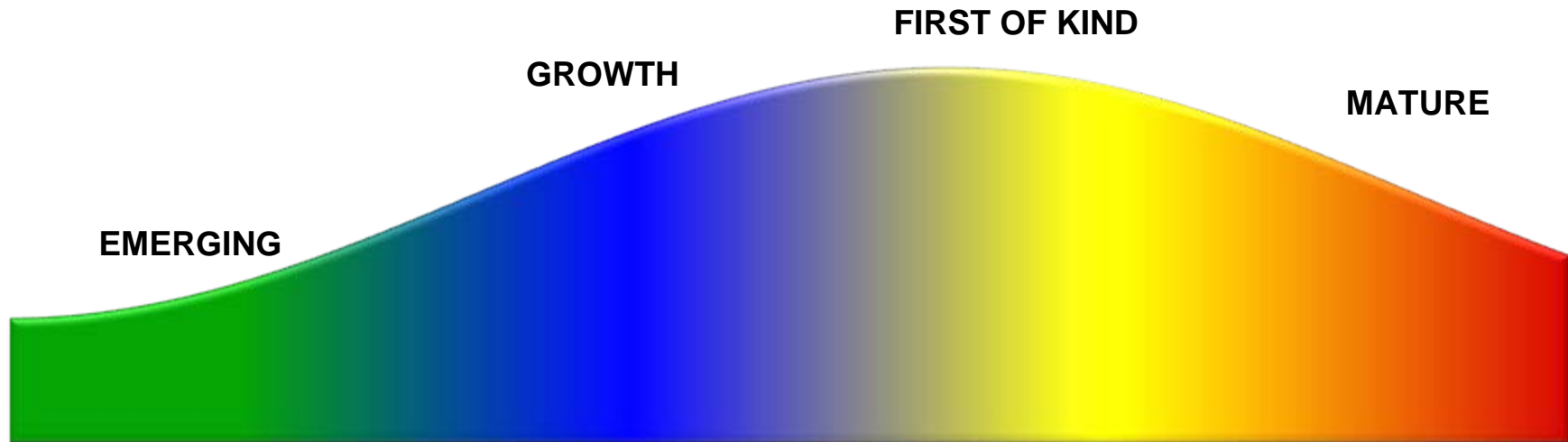
# Important Technology Insights

- Together, advanced nuclear and advanced coal + CCS play a dominant role in all scenarios.
- The magnitude of demand reduction across all scenarios will likely drive increasing end-use efficiency.
- Renewables ultimately play a large role in nearly all scenarios.

# Lead Times are Long for Technology Development



← ~ 15-25 years →



# Future Cost Trends

## Factors leading to lower capital costs:

- Commodity, transportation and fuel costs are declining from 2008 peaks
- Reduced demand due to worldwide recession
- Currency exchange rates (country-specific; in United States, the dollar improved versus other currencies)

## Factors leading to higher capital costs:

- Need for infrastructure projects in developing nations
- Increased project finance costs due to credit crisis

## Procurement costs:

- Declining procurement price increases projected for 2009, 2010
- Shop loads stable in 2009, declining in 2010

# Other Future Trends Affecting Technology

- Chinese commodities, components will become more focused on export, create competition
- CO<sub>2</sub> policy impacts on fuel markets
  - Pressure on increasing NG, LNG consumption
  - Longer term, reprocessing and breeder nuclear fuel cycles

# Conclusions

- **Even with cost escalation and variability, we can conclude that:**
  - **The scale of technology expansion and transformation will be huge.**
  - **No one technology will be a silver bullet – a portfolio of technologies will be needed.**
  - **Baseload technologies will be needed.**
  - **Renewables and efficiency will also play a large role.**
  - **There is no time to lose – technology development lead times are long.**

# Together...Shaping the Future of Electricity

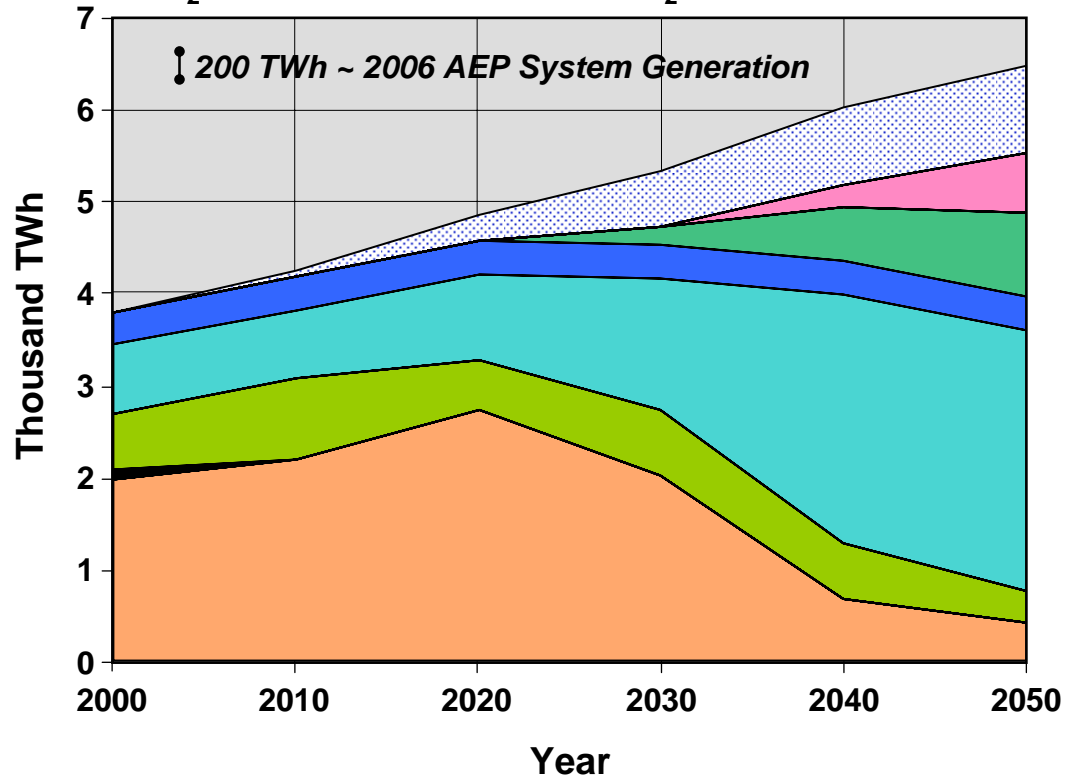
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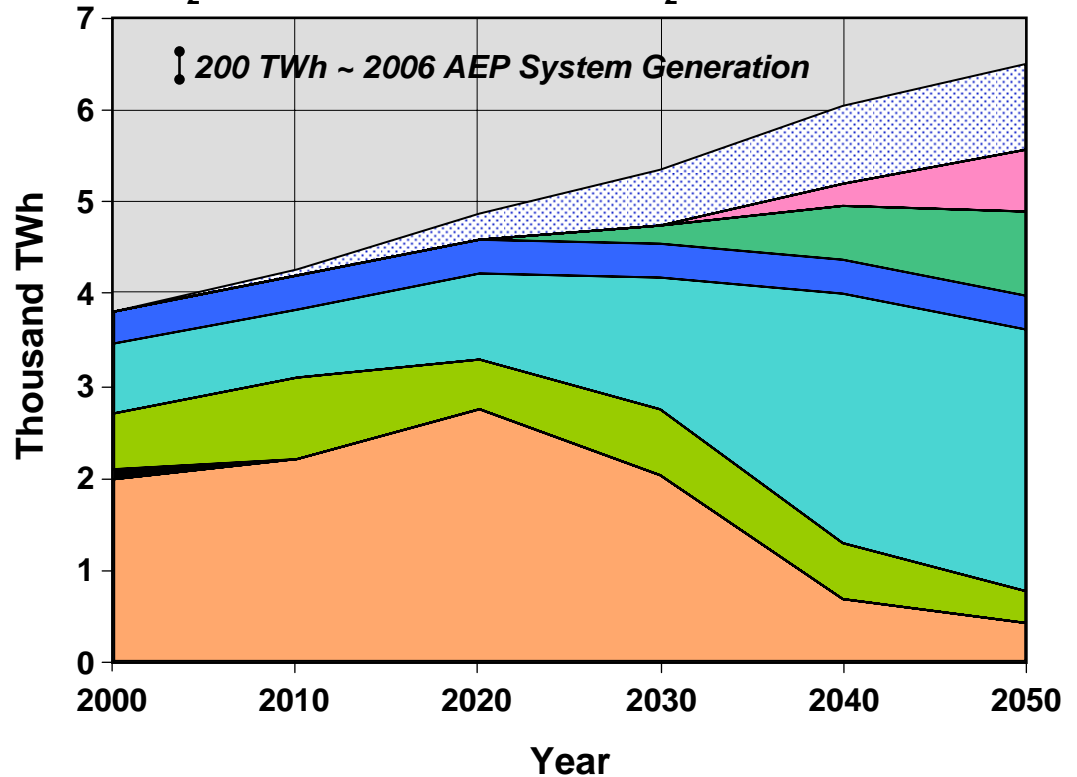
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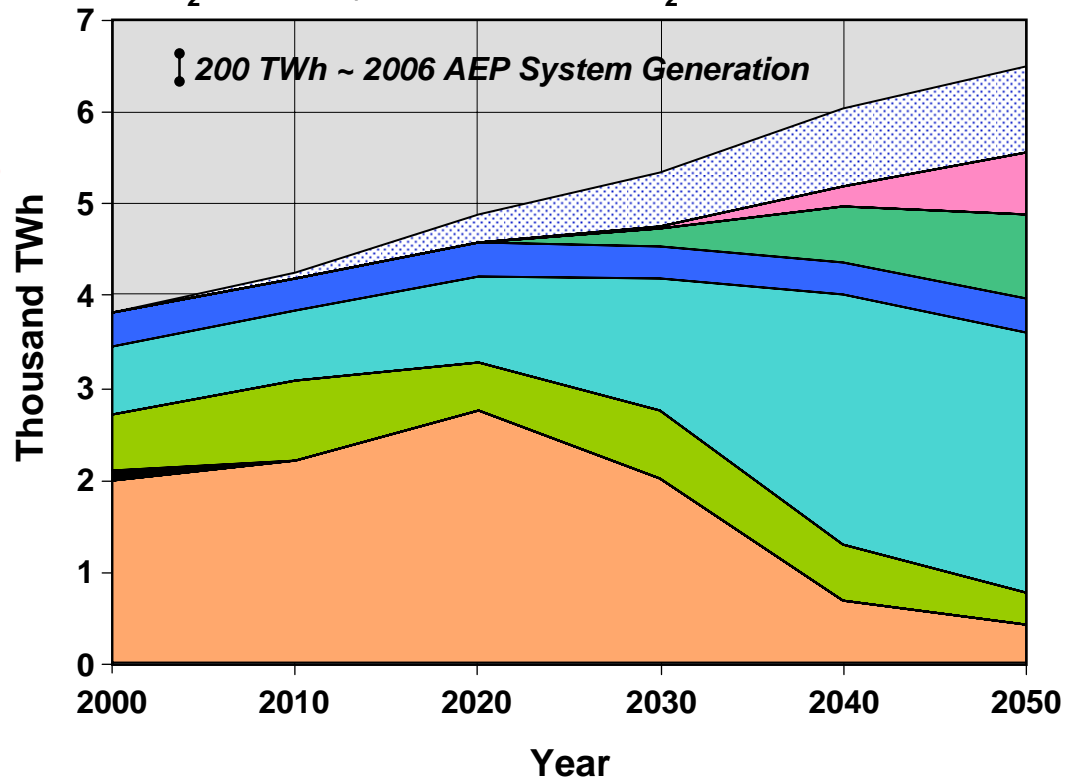
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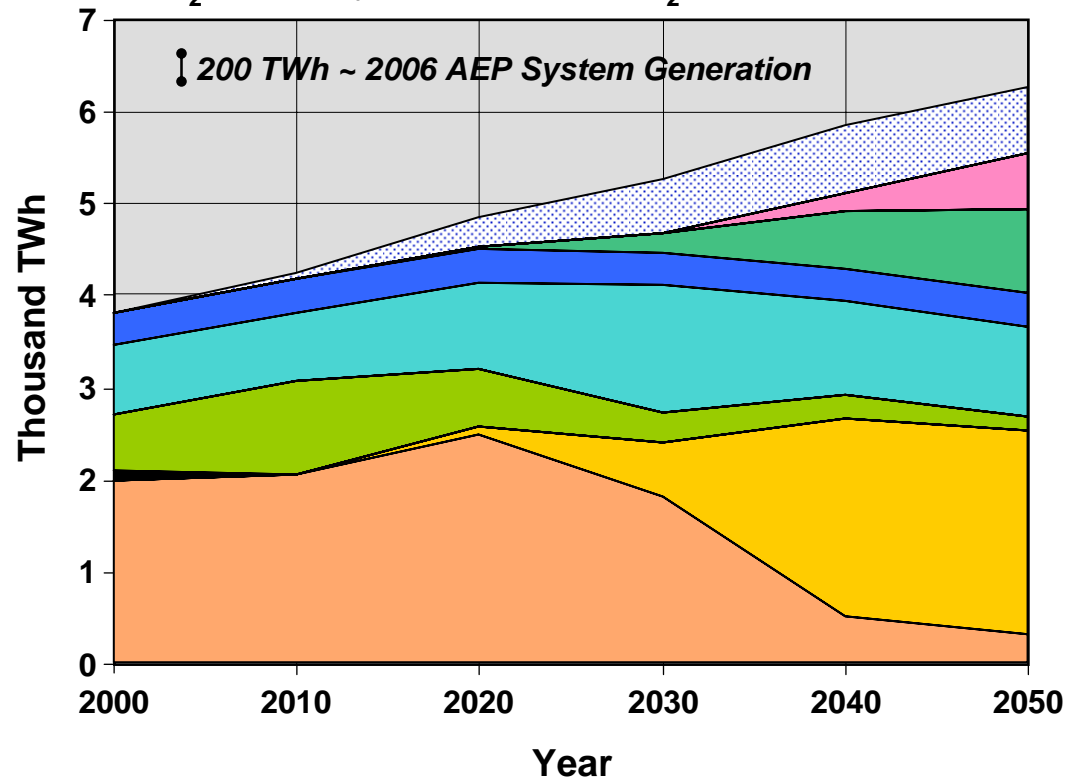
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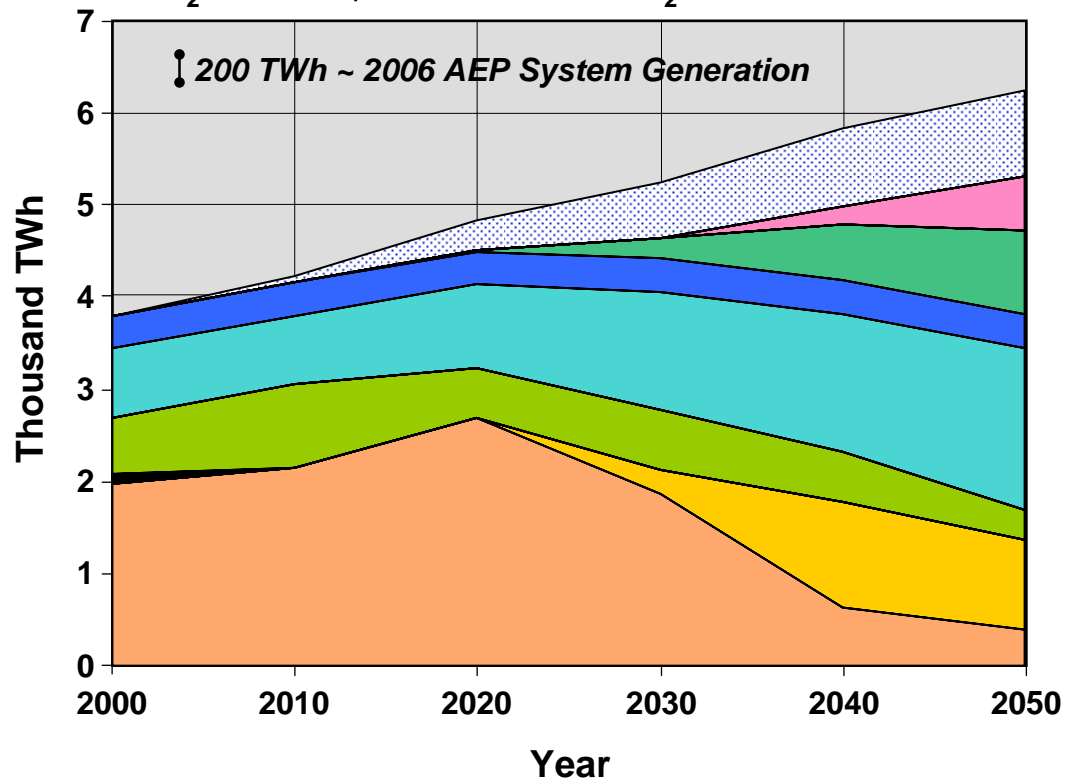
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CO<sub>2</sub> Cost = \$89/metric ton CO<sub>2</sub>

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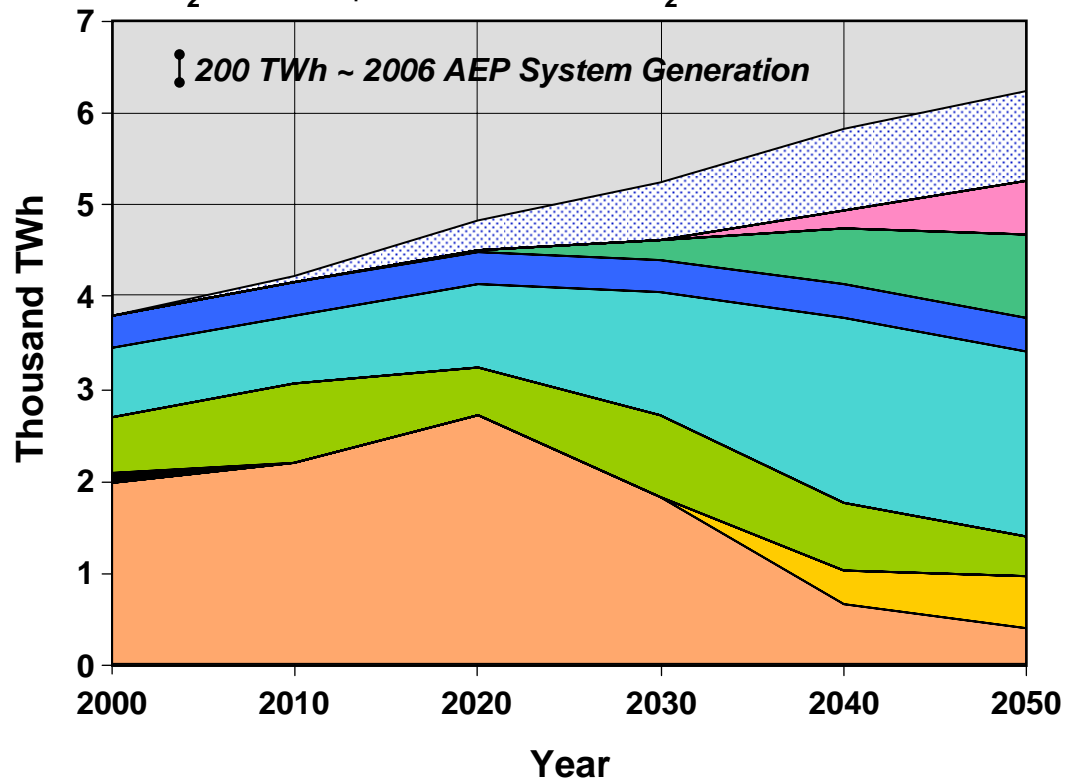
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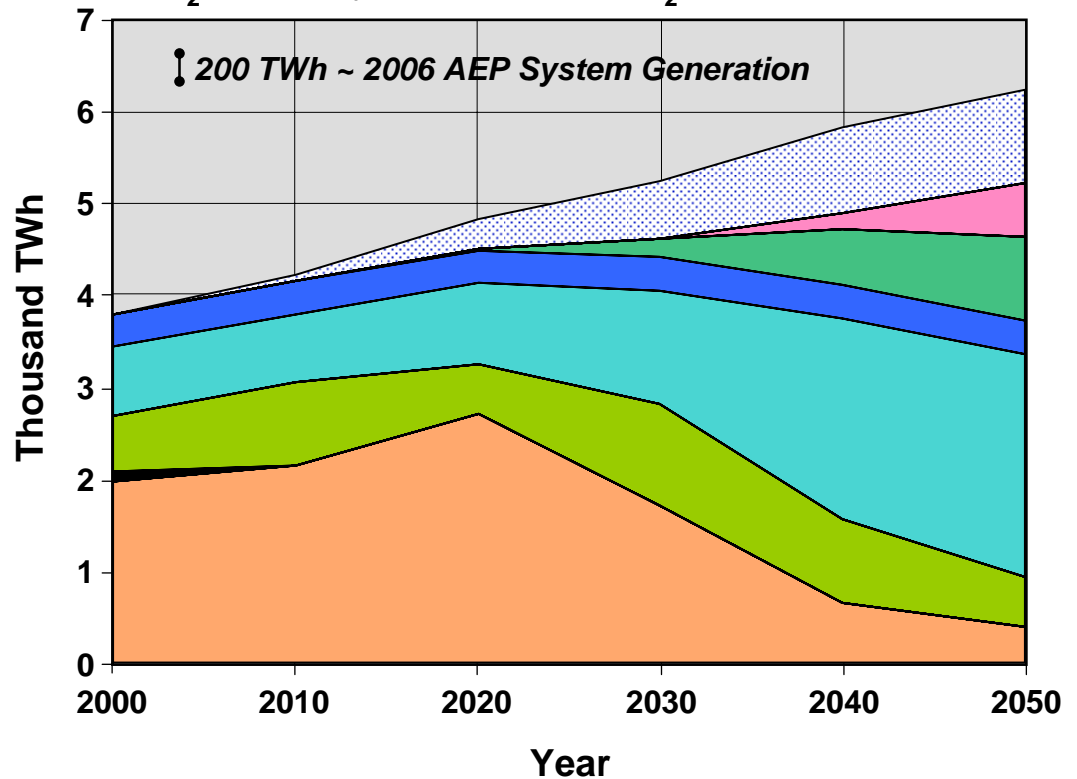
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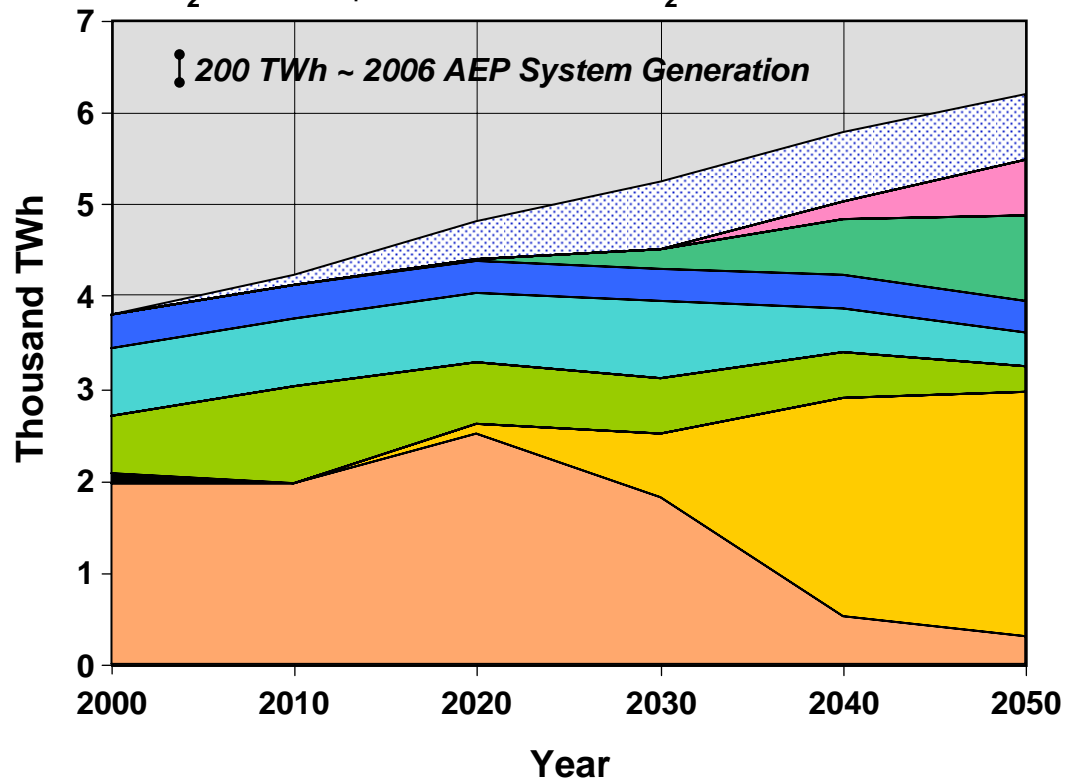
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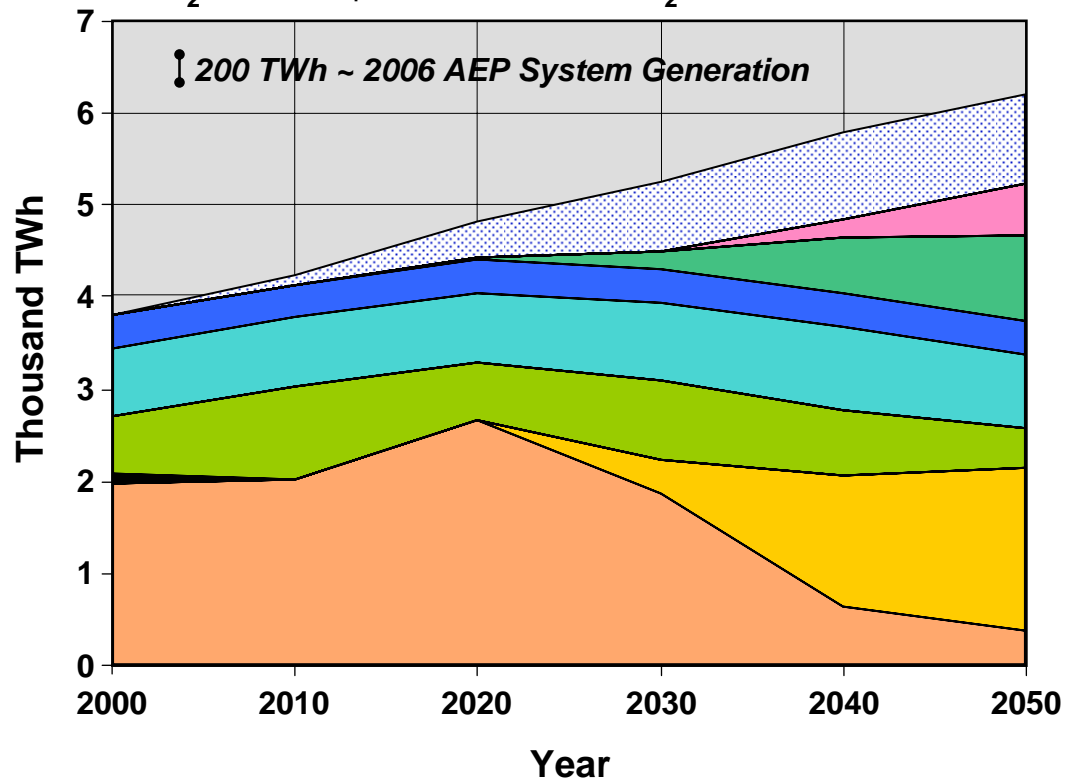
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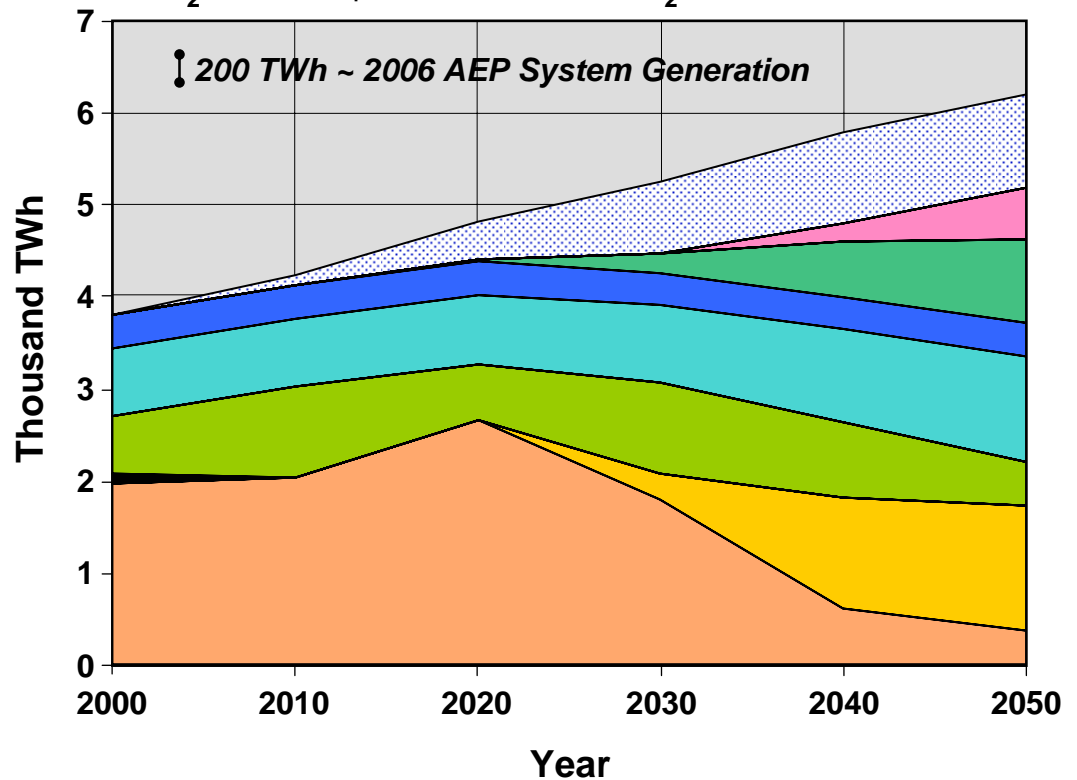
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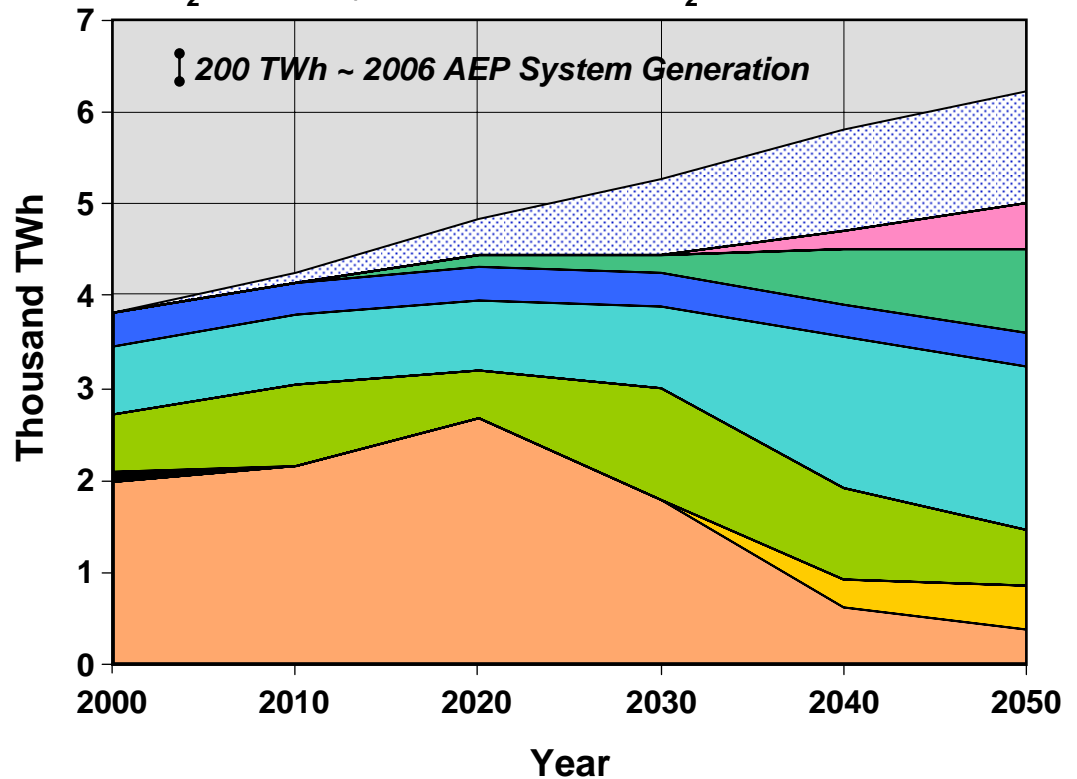
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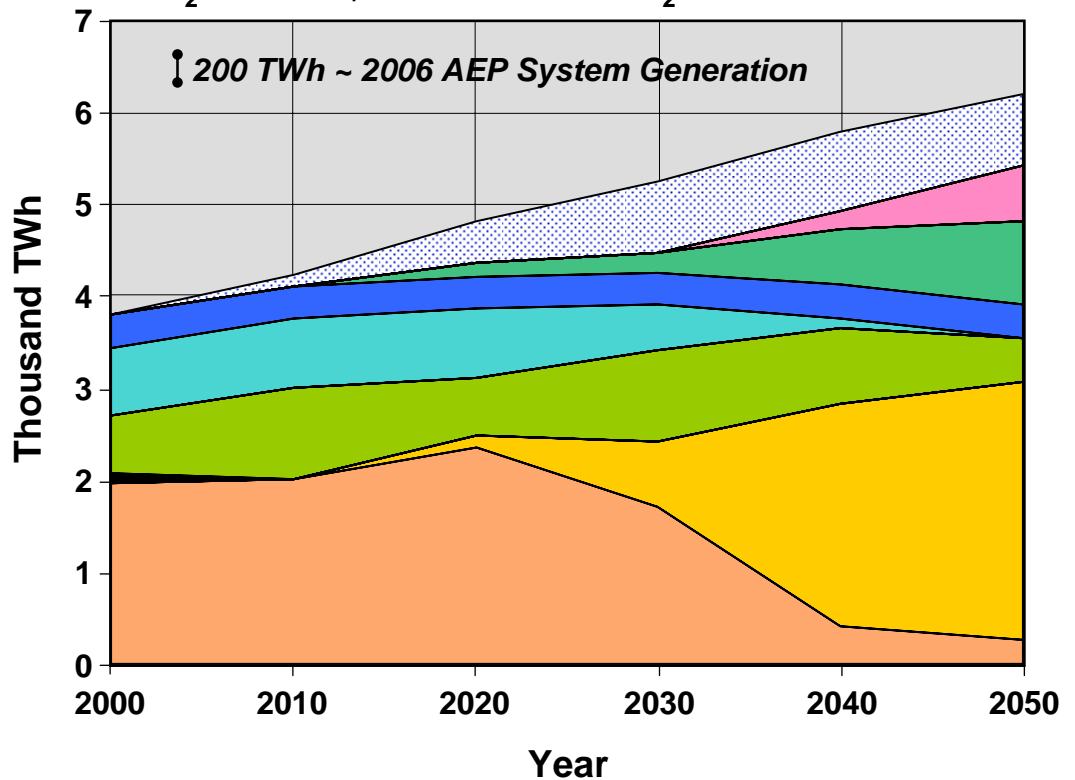
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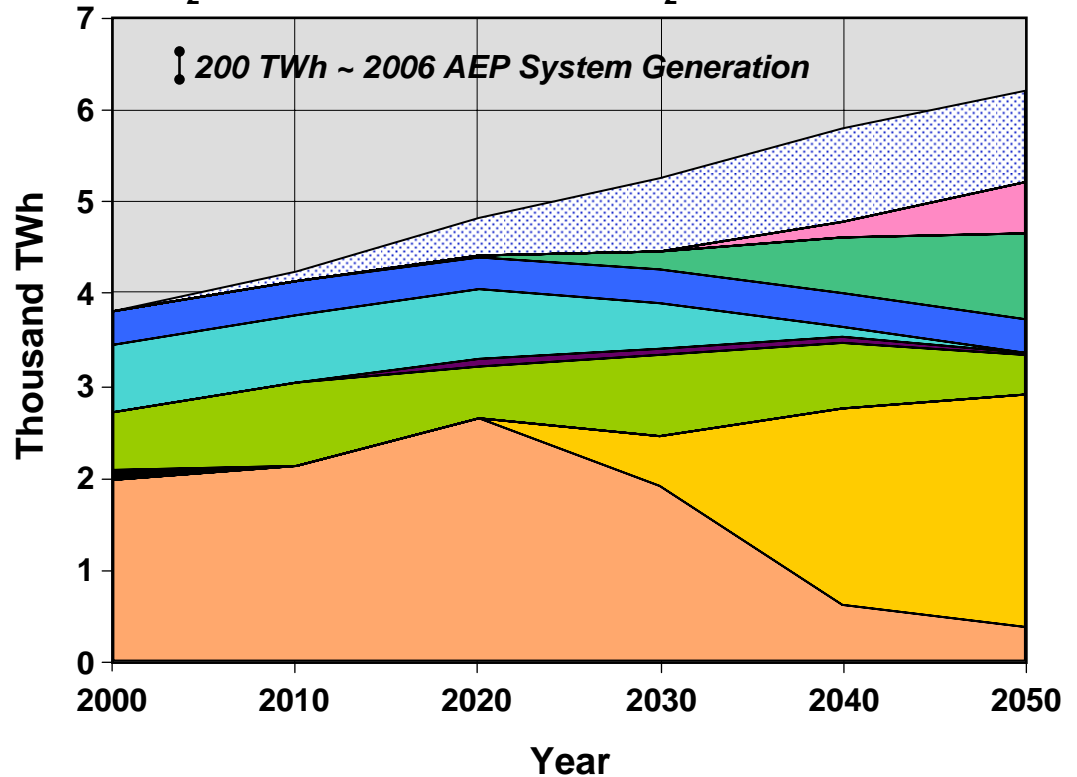
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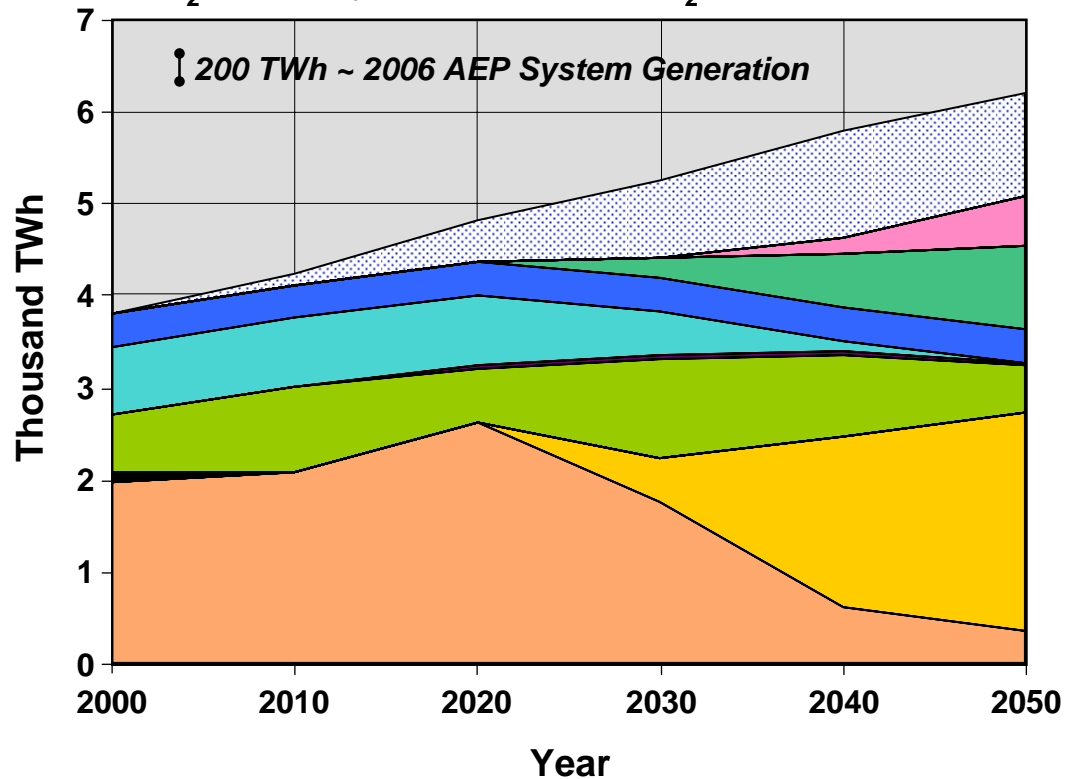
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