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**Humans release as much CO₂
into the atmosphere every 2 days**

**As Released by the 1991 Mount Pinatubo
Volcanic eruption in the Philippines**



**Our Task is to Prevent
>18,000 “Volcanic Eruptions” this Century**



Tropical Forest Clearing & Burning by Humans Account for 1/5th total global CO₂ emissions *More than global transport sector*

**~3,600 Volcanic
Eruptions this**



**REDD a multi \$Trillion triple-win solution
for reducing human poverty, species
extinction and stabilizing global climate**

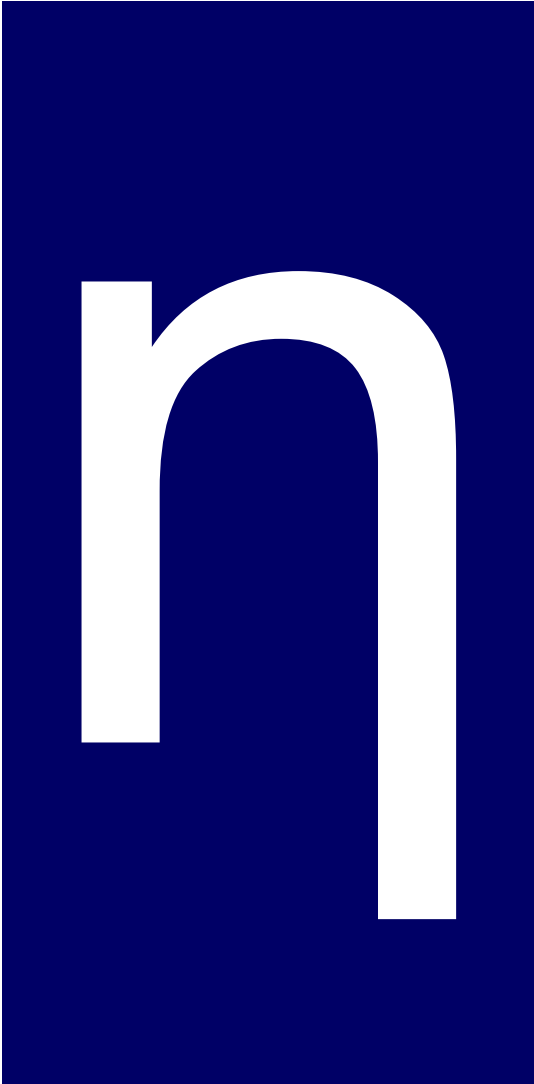
~11,000 Volcanic Eruptions this century




Fossil Fuel Burning by Humans Account for 3/5th total global CO2 emissions



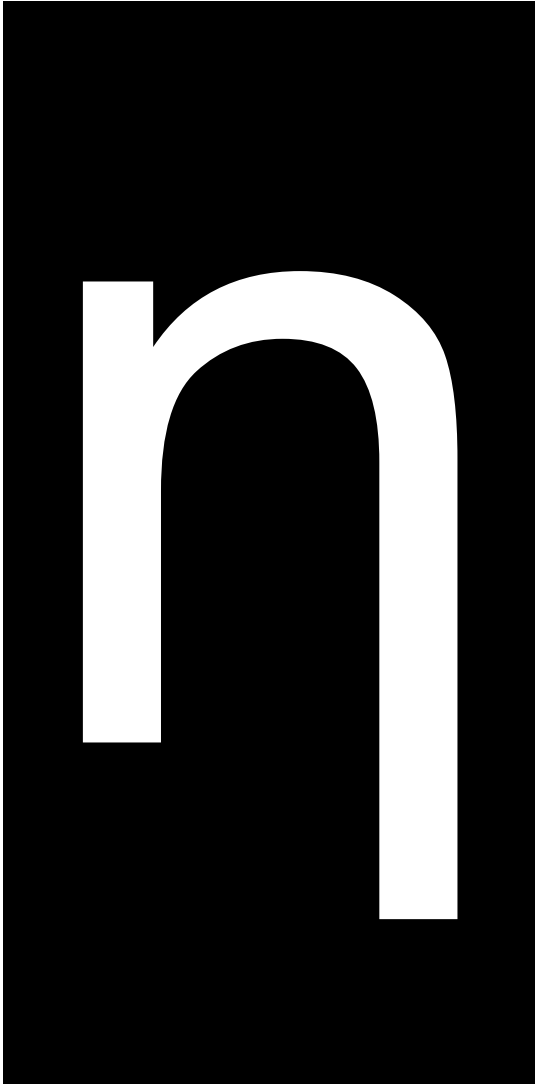
The 21st Century \$700 Trillion ICT/IP Energy Opportunities



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Current GLOBAL ENERGY CONSUMPTION ~ 15 TW-yrs

21st CENTURY BUSINESS-AS-USUAL TRAJECTORY

230 times current amount over 100 years – 3500 TW-yrs

Fossil fuels will account for 3/4th of this sum.

21st Century SMART ENERGY SERVICES (EFFICIENCY)

Can deliver 1750 TW-yrs

Capture \$700 trillion market share

Avoid several trillion tons CO₂ emissions (worth trillions \$)

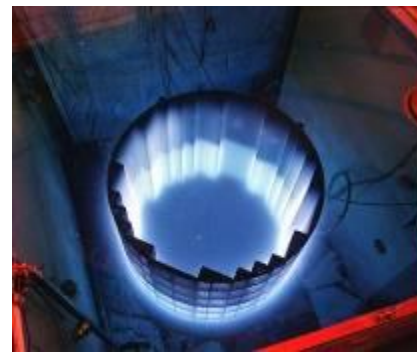
Envision eliminating the need this century for:

**3.5 billion
rail cars of
coal.**

**AND 2,500 giant
offshore oil
platforms.**

**AND 1,674
large nuclear
reactors.**

**AND 4.25
million LNG
tanker shipments.**



Area to Power 100% of U.S. Onroad Vehicles

Solar-battery

Wind turbines ground footprint
Wind-battery turbine spacing
Cellulosic ethanol
Corn ethanol



Solar-battery and Wind-battery refer to battery storage of these intermittent renewable resources in plug-in electric driven vehicles

WEB CALCULATOR- VISUALIZER – COMPARISON OF LAND NEEDED TO POWER VEHICLES

95% U.S. terrestrial wind resources in Great Plains

Figures of Merit

Great Plains area
1,200,000 mi²

Provide 100% U.S. electricity
400,000 3MW wind turbines

Platform footprint
6 mi²

Large Wyoming Strip Mine
>6 mi²

Total WindFarm spacing area
37,500 mi²

Still available for farming
and prairie restoration
90%+ (34,000 mi²)

CO₂ U.S. electricity sector
40% USA total GHG emissions

The Great Plains

Federal Lands

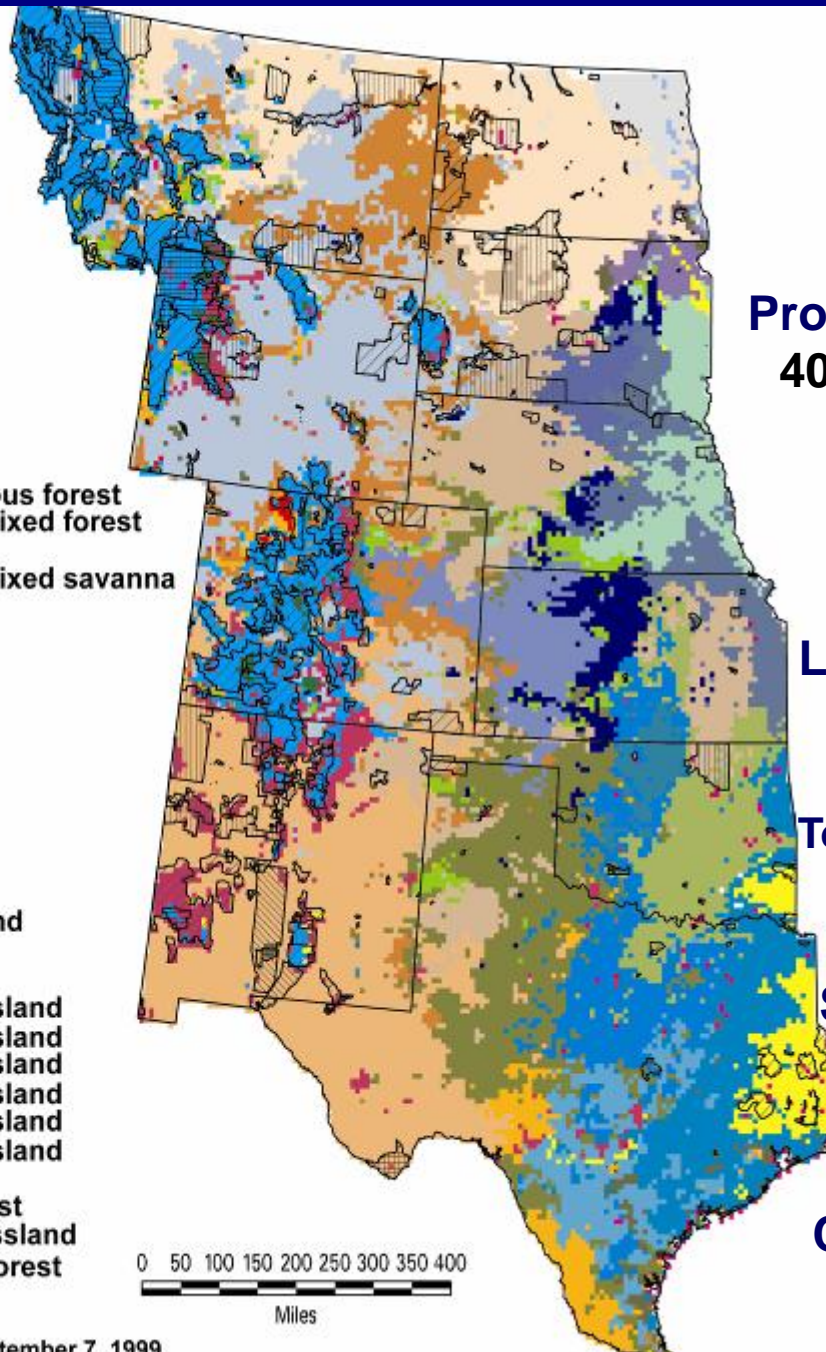
- National Park or Monument
- Wildlife Refuge
- Waterway or Wilderness Area
- Military Reservation
- National Forest or Grassland

Indian Lands

- Indian Reservation

Vegetation Types

- boreal coniferous forest
- continental temperate coniferous forest
- warm temperate/subtropical mixed forest
- temperate deciduous forest
- warm temperate/subtropical mixed savanna
- temperate conifer savanna
- C3 grasslands
- C4 grasslands
- temperate arid shrubland
- subtropical arid shrubland
- inland water bodies
- sorghum
- winter wheat (5)
- corn belt
- irrigated agriculture
- spring wheat mixed w/forest
- spring wheat mixed w/grassland
- sorghum mixed w/forest
- sorghum mixed w/grassland
- winter wheat (1) mixed w/grassland
- winter wheat (2) mixed w/grassland
- winter wheat (3) mixed w/grassland
- winter wheat (4) mixed w/grassland
- winter wheat (5) mixed w/grassland
- winter wheat (6) mixed w/grassland
- corn belt mixed w/forest
- cotton, corn, soy mixed w/forest
- cotton, corn, soy mixed w/grassland
- irrigated agriculture mixed w/forest

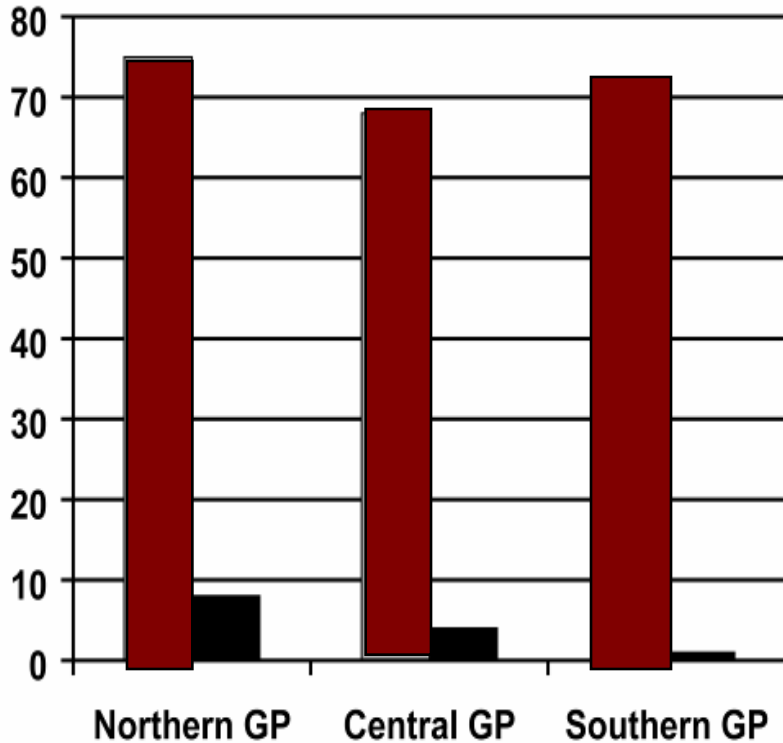


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Wind Farm Royalties – Could *Double* farm/ranch income with 30x less land area

Sub-regional Comparisons of Land in Agriculture and Agricultural Contribution to the Gross State Product



■ % of Land in Agriculture ■ % of Agricultural Contribution

Although agriculture controls about 70% of Great Plains land area, it contributes 4 to 8% of the Gross Regional Product.

Wind farms could enable one of the greatest economic booms in American history for Great Plains rural communities, while also enabling one of world's largest restorations of native prairie ecosystems

How?

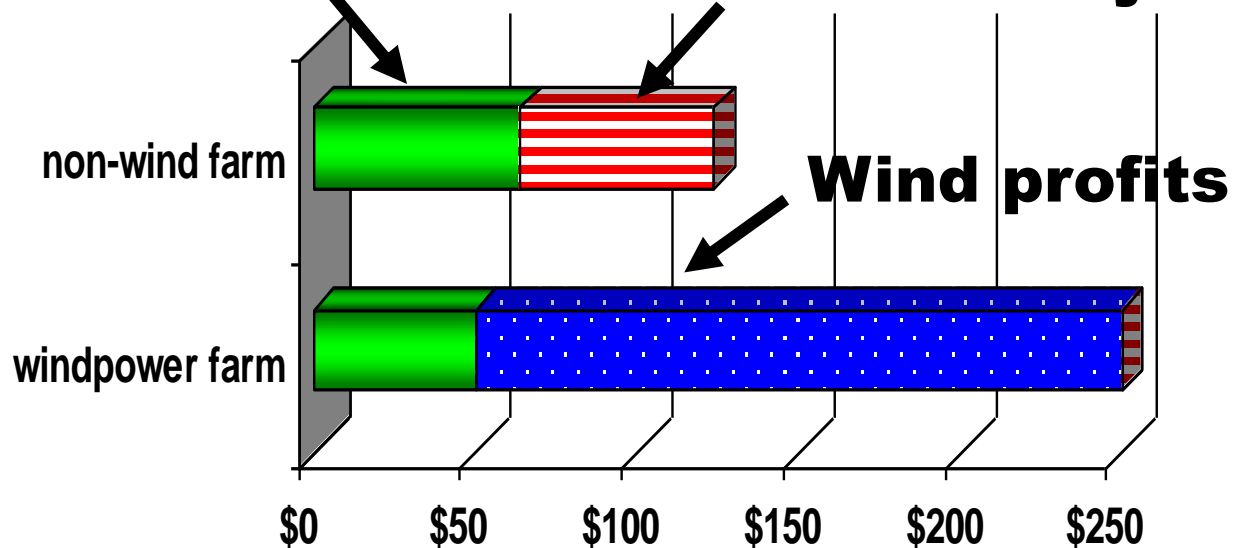
The three sub-regions of the Great Plains are: **Northern Great Plains** = Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota; **Central Great Plains** = Wyoming, Nebraska, Colorado, Kansas; **Southern Great Plains** = Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Texas. (Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis 1998, USDA 1997 Census of Agriculture)

Wind Royalties – Sustainable source of Rural Farm and Ranch Income

US Farm Revenues per hectare

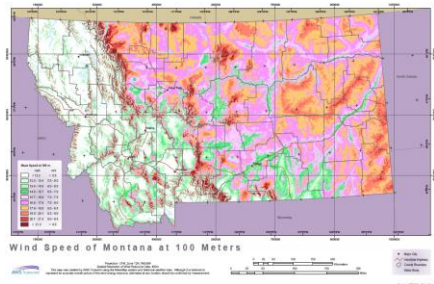
Crop revenue

Govt. subsidy

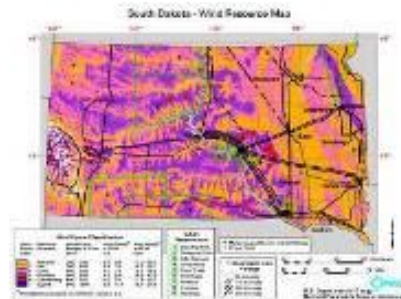


	windpower farm	non-wind farm
■ govt. subsidy	\$0	\$60
■ windpower royalty	\$200	\$0
■ farm commodity revenues	\$50	\$64

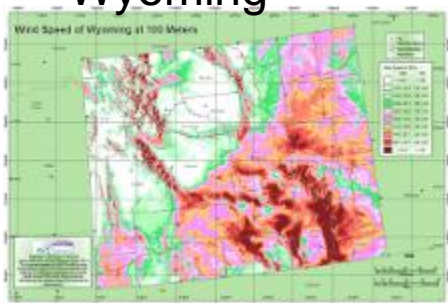
Montana



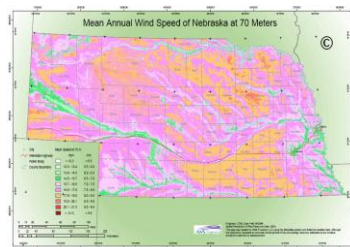
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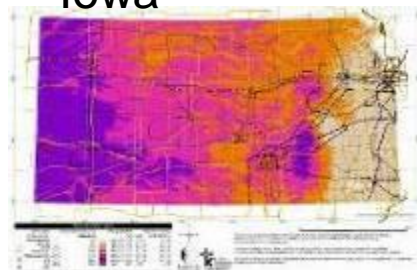
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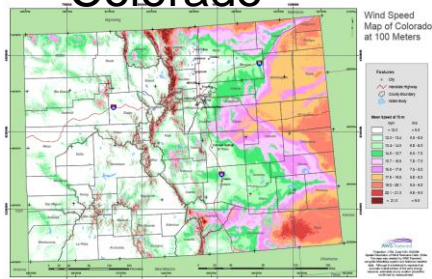
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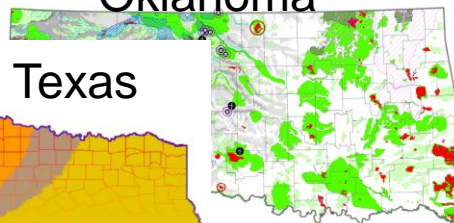
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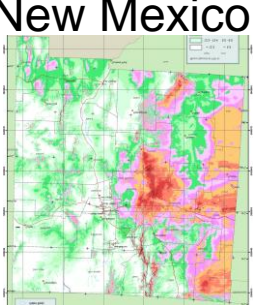
Colorado



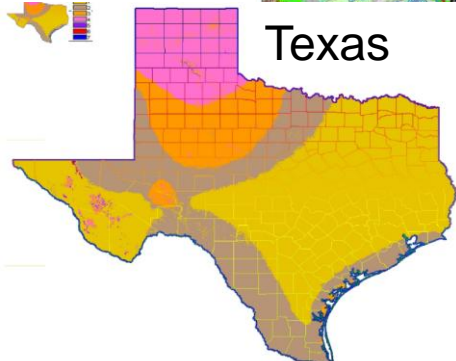
Oklahoma



New Mexico



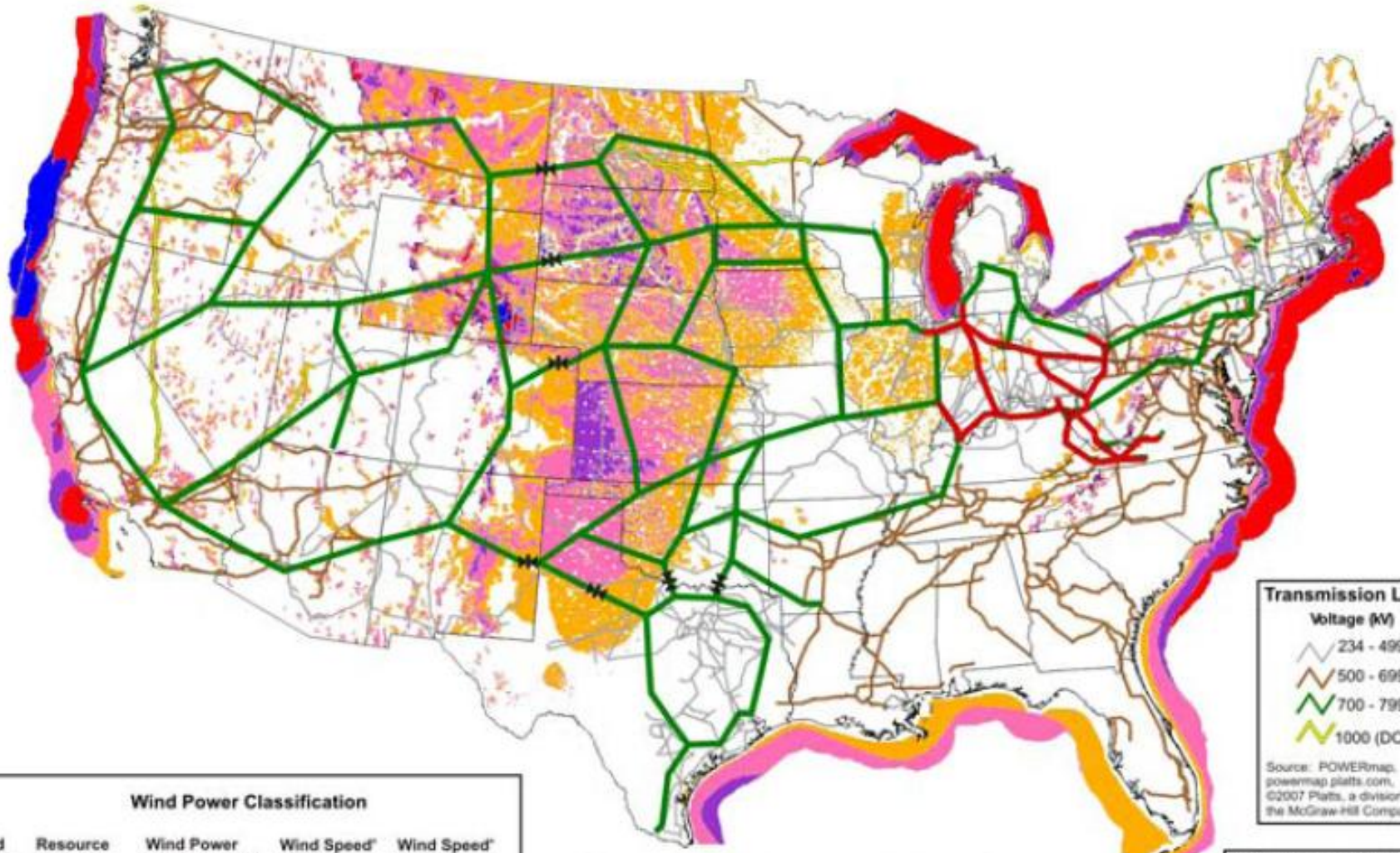
Texas



**Great Plains Multi-TW
Wind Resources in
Varying Stages of
ICT/IPC Technical,
Ecological, Economic,
Financial Assessment,
Mapping, Visualization,
Installation, Operation
& Post-Production
Options**



Conceptual transmission plan to accommodate 400 GW of wind energy



Wind Power Classification				
Wind Power Class	Resource Potential	Wind Power Density at 50 m W/m ²	Wind Speed* at 50 m m/s	Wind Speed* at 50 m mph
3	Fair	300 - 400	6.4 - 7.0	14.3 - 15.7
4	Good	400 - 500	7.0 - 7.5	15.7 - 16.8
5	Excellent	500 - 600	7.5 - 8.0	16.8 - 17.9
6	Outstanding	600 - 800	8.0 - 8.8	17.9 - 19.7
7	Superb	800 - 1600	8.8 - 11.1	19.7 - 24.8

* Wind speeds are based on a Weibull k value of 2.0

Transmission Lines
Voltage (kV)

- 234 - 499
- 500 - 699
- 700 - 799
- 1000 (DC)

Source: POWERmap, powermap.platts.com, ©2007 Platts, a division of the McGraw-Hill Companies

Conceptual 765 kV Network

- Existing 765 kV
- New 765 kV
- AC-DC-AC Link

Source: American Electric Power (AEP)

This map shows the wind resource data used by the WinDS model for the 20% Wind Scenario. It is a combination of high resolution and low resolution datasets produced by NREL and other organizations. The data was screened to eliminate areas unlikely to be developed onshore due to land use or environmental issues. In many states, the wind resource on this map is visually enhanced to better show the distribution on ridge crests and other features.

Potential Synergisms

Two additional potential revenue streams in Great Plains:

- 1) ***Restoring the deep-rooting, native prairie grasslands*** that absorb and store soil carbon and stop soil erosion (hence generating a potential revenue stream from selling CO₂ mitigation credits in the emerging global carbon trading market);
- 2) ***Re-introducing free-ranging bison*** into these prairie grasslands -- which naturally co-evolved together for millennia -- generating a potential revenue stream from marketing high-value organic, free-range beef.



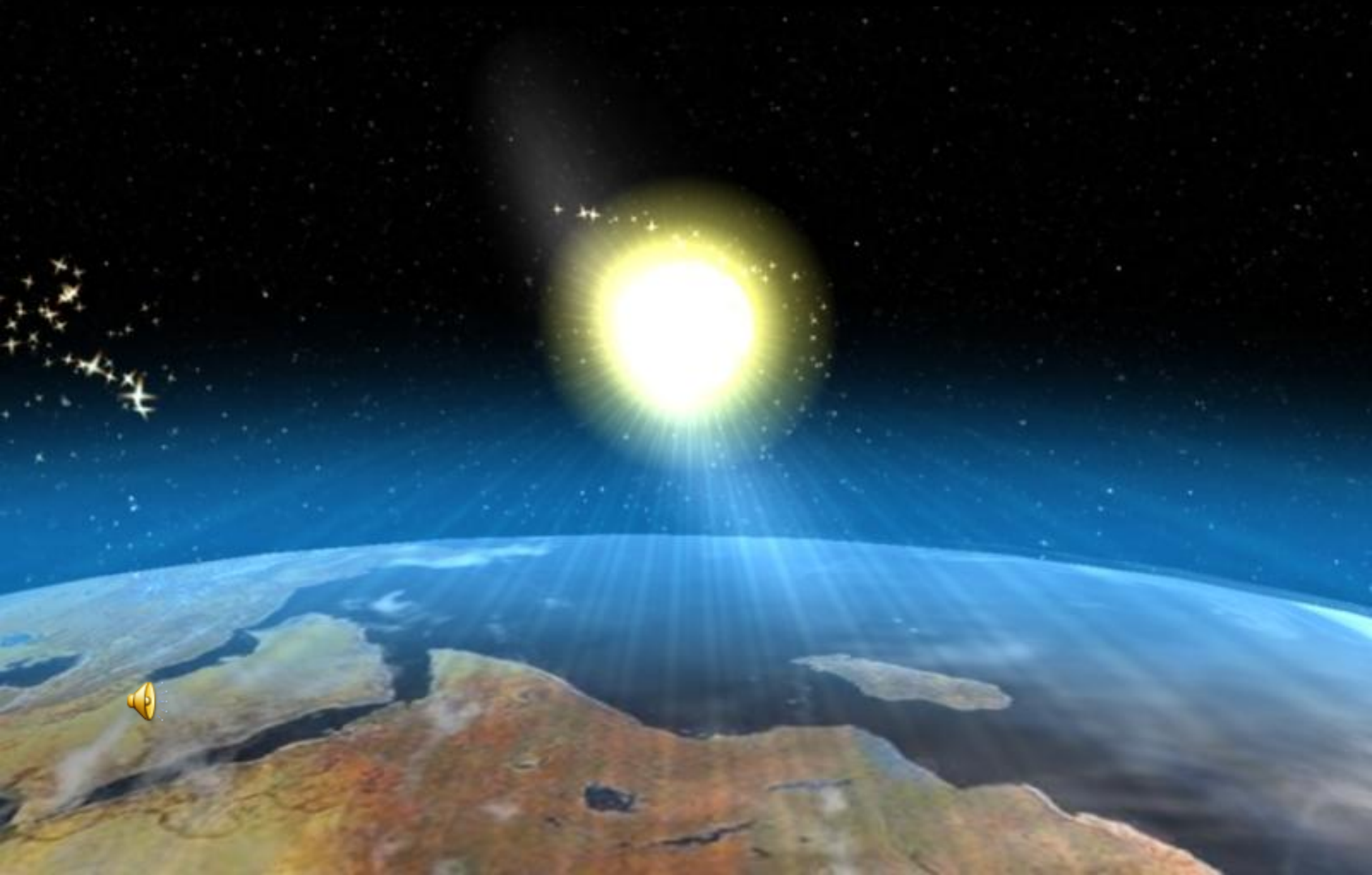
***Also More Resilient
to Climate-triggered
Droughts***

Far Far Better than Facing the Consequences

**If We Don't Harness the Winds
The Winds Will Harass Us**



Solar Fusion Waste as Earth Nutrients – The Power in the Information Bitstream



Earth receives more solar energy every 90 minutes than humanity consumes all year



Wind: **370 TW**



Global Consumption: **15 TW**





Solar

In the USA, cities and residences cover 56 million hectares.

Every kWh of current U.S. energy requirements can be met simply by applying photovoltaics (PV) to 7% of this area—on roofs, parking lots, along highway walls, on sides of buildings, and in other dual-use scenarios.

Experts say we wouldn't have to appropriate a single acre of new land to make PV our primary energy source!

Solar Photovoltaics (PV) satisfying 90% of total US electricity from brownfields

90% of America's current electricity could be supplied with PV systems built in the "brown-fields"—the estimated 2+ million hectares of abandoned industrial sites that exist in our nation's cities.



Economics of Commercial BIPV

Building-Integrated Photovoltaics



SunSlate Building-Integrated Photovoltaics (BIPV) commercial building in Switzerland

Net Present Values (NPV), Benefit-Cost Ratios (BCR) & **Payback Periods (PBP)** for 'Architectural' BIPV (Thin Film, Wall-Mounted PV) in Beijing and Shanghai (assuming a 15% Investment Tax Credit)

Material Replaced	Economic Measure	Beijing	Shanghai
Polished Stone	NPV (\$)	+\$18,586	+\$14,237
	BCR	2.33	2.14
	PBP (yrs)	1	1
Aluminum	NPV (\$)	+\$15,373	+\$11,024
	BCR	1.89	1.70
	PBP (yrs)	2	2

Economics of Commercial BIPV

POLISHED STONE \$2400-\$2800 m ²	
PHOTOVOLTAICS \$500-\$1500 m ²	
STONE \$800+ m ²	

GLASS WALL SYSTEMS \$560-\$800 m ²	
STAINLESS STEEL \$280-\$400 m ²	

Reference costs of facade-cladding materials

BIPV is so economically attractive because it captures both energy savings and savings from displacing other expensive building materials.

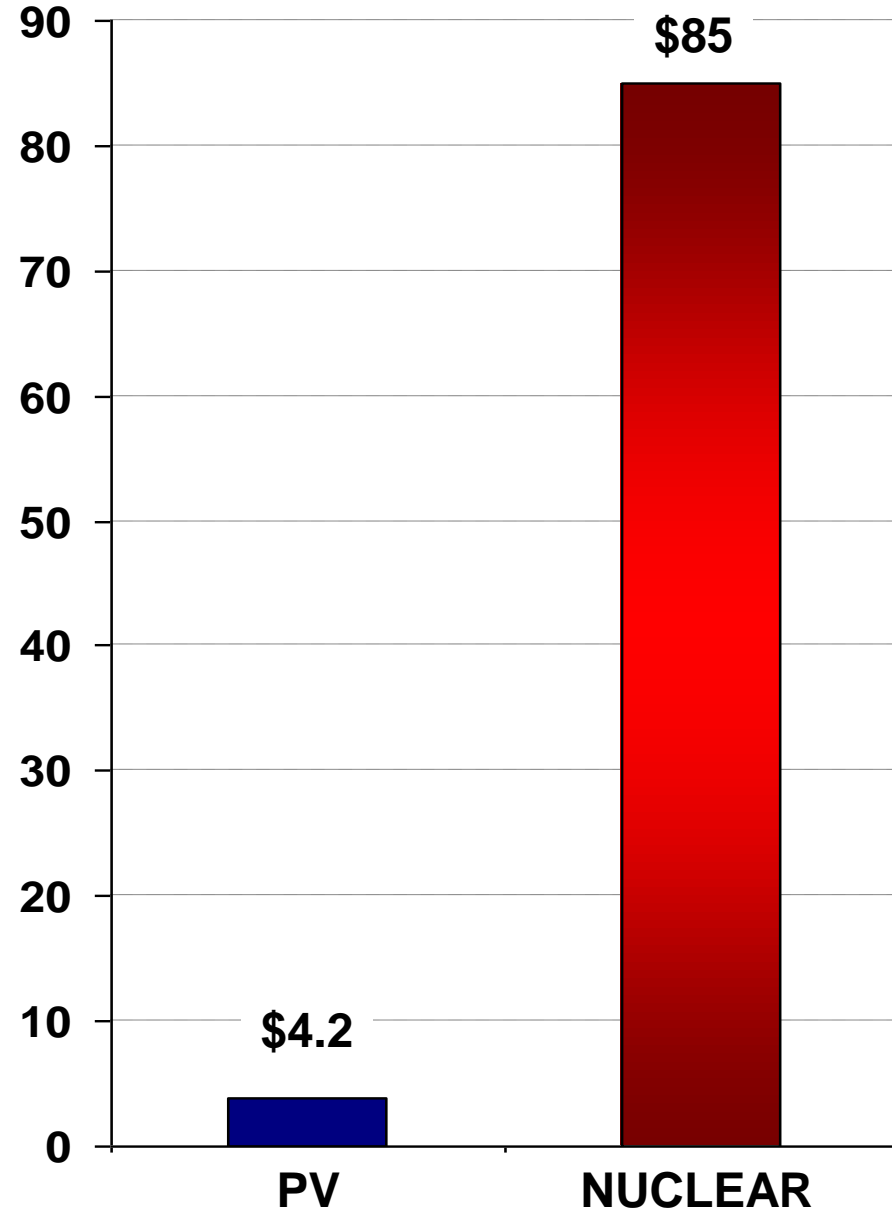
Federal R&D Appropriations

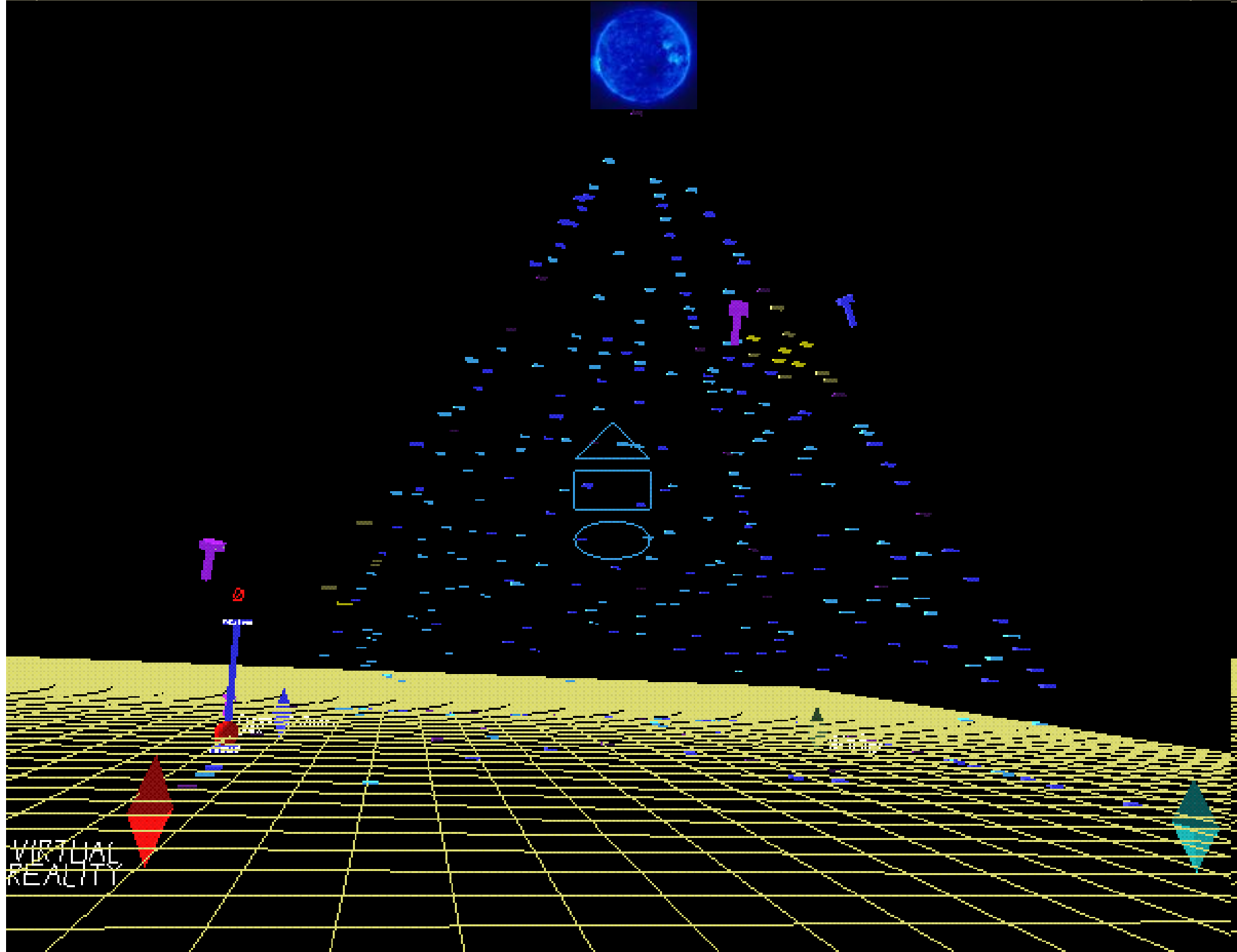
Billion \$ 2008 constant

**Civilian Nuclear
Power
(1948 – 2009)**

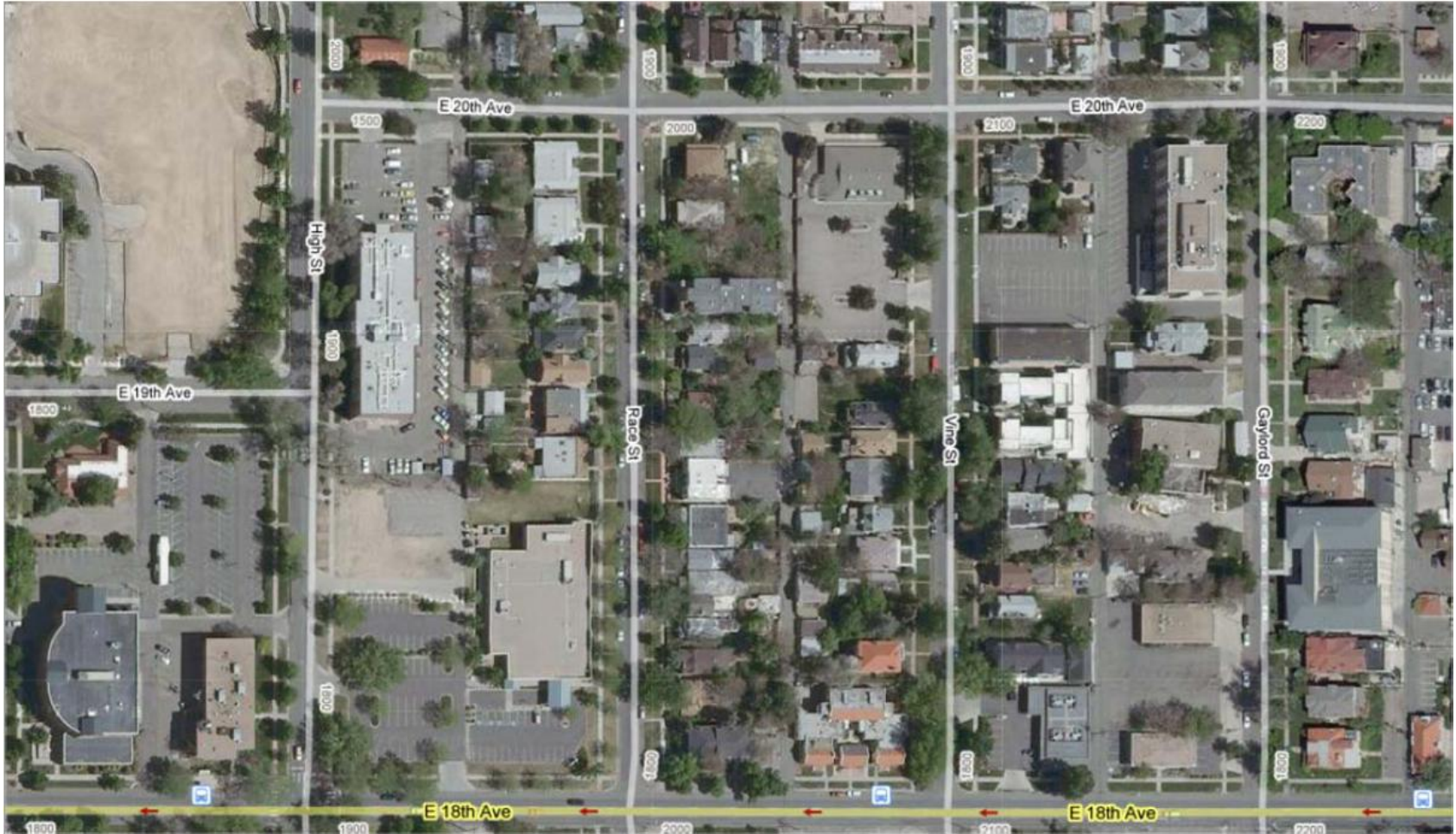
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**Solar Photovoltaics
(1975-2009)**





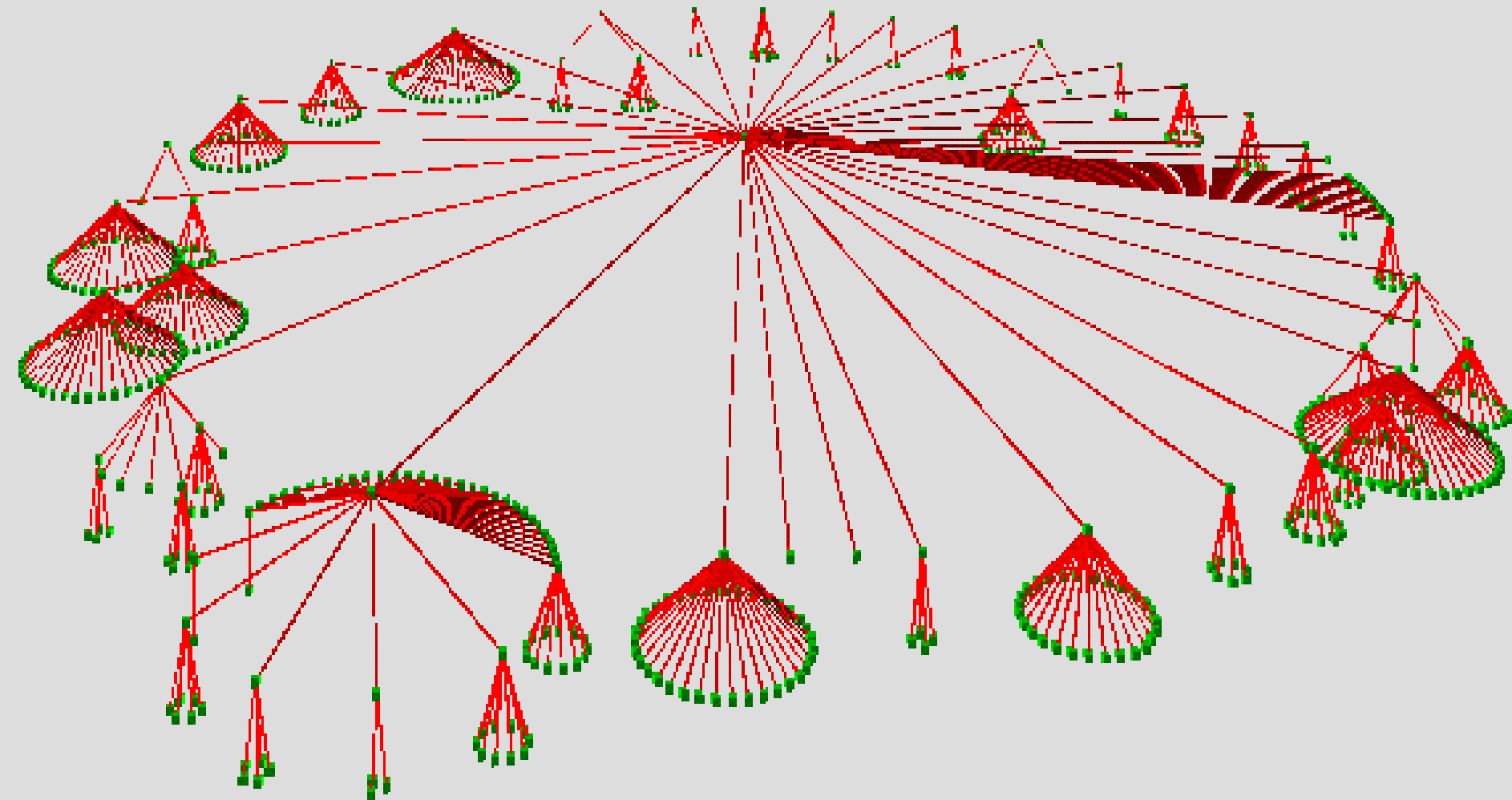
Denver Neighborhood solar smart mini-grids – City Park West



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Smart Grid Web-based Solar Power Auctions



Smart Grid Collective intelligence design based on digital map algorithms continuously calculating solar gain. Information used to rank expansion of solar panel locations.

State	Net Metering	Interconnection	State	Net Metering	Interconnection
IREC	A	A	FERC	n/a	C
Colorado	A	C	Ohio	C	D
Maryland	A	B	Maine	C	n/a
Florida	A	D	Louisiana	C	F
New Jersey	A	B	Montana	C	F
Oregon	A	B	Virginia	C	F
Pennsylvania	A	B	Wyoming	C	F
California	B	B	Hawaii	C	F
Connecticut	B	D	DC	C	F
Massachusetts	B	B	Oklahoma	D	n/a
Delaware	B	F	Minnesota	D	F
Arizona*	B	B	Utah	D	F
Nevada	B	B	Washington	D	D
Iowa	B	F	Wisconsin	D	D
Vermont	B	C	Indiana	D	D
Kentucky	B	n/a	North Dakota	D	n/a
New York	B	C	Georgia	F	F
Arkansas	B	F	Texas	F	C
Illinois	B	B	Michigan*	F	D
New Mexico	B	B	North Carolina	F	B
Missouri	B	F	West Virginia	F	D
Rhode Island	B	n/a	South Carolina	F	F
New Hampshire	C	D	Idaho*	F	n/a

State Rankings on Net Metering & Interconnection Standards

http://www.newenergychoices.org/uploads/FreeingTheGrid2008_report.pdf

STATES WITHOUT STATEWIDE NET METERING

Alabama	Michigan	South Dakota
Alaska	Mississippi	Tennessee
Idaho	Nebraska	Kansas

STATES WITHOUT STATEWIDE INTERCONNECTION STANDARDS

Alabama	Maine	Rhode Island
Alaska	Mississippi	South Dakota
Idaho	Nebraska	Tennessee
Kansas	North Dakota	
Kentucky	Oklahoma	

Municipal Solar Financing – Long-Term, Low-Cost Financing



CityFIRST
Overview
Turkey Solution
How to Implement
California Statewide
Financing
Program

CaliforniaFIRST Statewide Program

Statewide AB811 Clean Energy Finance Program

As an alternative financing service for your property owners, we are developing a program where the municipality may opt into a new statewide clean energy financing program to be provided by the California Statewide Communities Development Authority (California Communities). As a statewide Joint Powers Authority, California Communities is authorized to provide this program pursuant to AB811, the State of California's Clean Energy Municipal Financing Law signed into law last year.

When all program costs are paid for by the program, it is intended to have no direct cost or risk to participating municipalities. Program costs will be included in the financing package. Representatives will work with each participating municipality to tailor and brand a loan program for their community. The program team, which also includes the California Statewide Communities and EcoMotion, will provide program education, application processing, financing, and customer service for property owners who choose to participate.

Next Step: Non-Finding Statement of Interest

Boulder County's Municipal Solar Financing Program (Property Tax Financing)



Congratulations, Boulder County residents! You live in an area that supports property tax solar financing.

How does Boulder County's municipal solar financing program work?

The ClimateSmart Loan Program allows homeowners to pay for solar panels and other energy efficiency improvements through property

tax bills. The loans carry a fixed interest rate and stay with the house—so if you move, the next tenant continues to pay for the loan through property taxes. That means you don't have to worry about paying for panels on a house that you don't live in anymore. Applicants pay a \$75 application fee along with a loan processing fee that falls somewhere in the range of 1 percent to 2 percent of the total loan value.

That sounds great! How is Boulder able to do this?

Boulder County's solar financing program is possible thanks to Boulder County's Ballot Measure

Municipal Solar Financing: The Biggest Revolution that You've Never Heard Of



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1 Comment



Cash Positive Day of Installation

The whole thing is happening without flashy ad campaigns, so it's not surprising if you've never heard of municipal solar financing. But the financing program, also known as property tax financing, is a veritable underground solar revolution.

It all started in Berkeley, CA with the Berkeley FIRST Program, which allows homeowners to pay for solar panels through property tax bills over a 20 year period. The bills carry a fixed interest rate and stay with the house, so there's no need to worry about paying for panels on a house you don't live in anymore. The Berkeley program was so popular that California passed the AB811 bill to let any interested city in the state launch a similar program.

Since the passing of AB811, Palm Desert, San Diego, San Francisco, and Sonoma County have decided to launch their own municipal solar financing programs. And AB811 has been such a hit overall that Boulder, CO, Annapolis, MD, and the entire state of Louisiana have come on board with property tax financing programs. Rest assured that similar financing initiatives will come to your state soon—the Berkeley program launched less than a year ago, and we can only imagine how far the movement will spread in another year.



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