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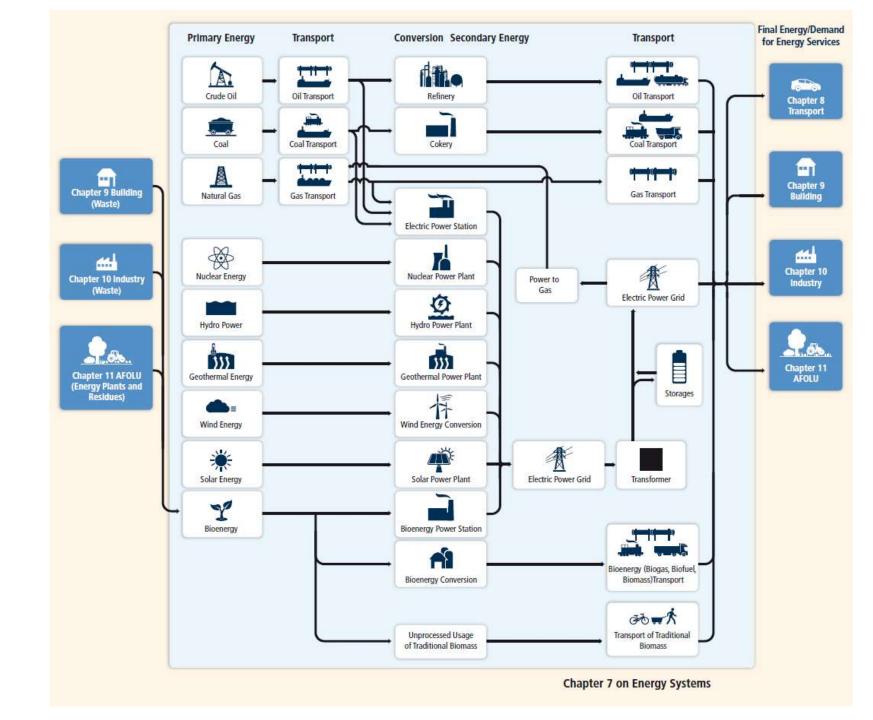
Supply, Demand, and the Implications of Increasing Subnational Action

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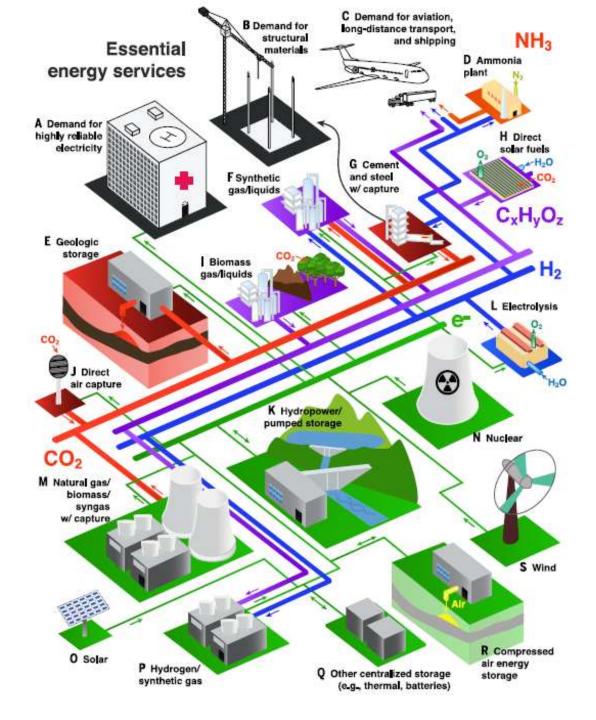


Energy systems are...

systems



Source: Bruckner, et al., 2014



The long-term goal is zero or negative emissions

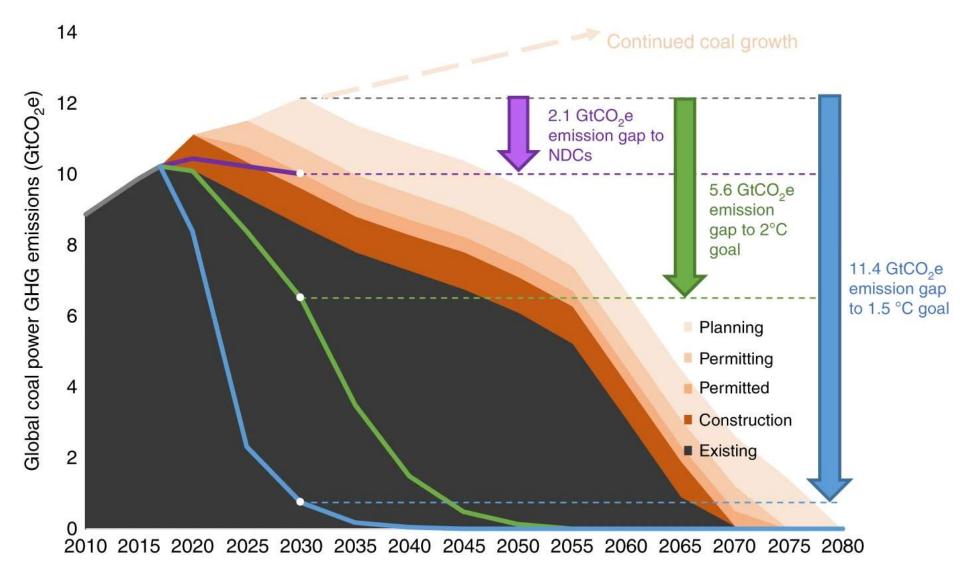
Major Challenges

- Aviation, long-distance transport, and shipping.
- 2. Structural materials (iron and steel, cement)
- 3. Load-following electricity

Source: Davis et al., 2018



Coal retirements and 1.5C or 2.0C

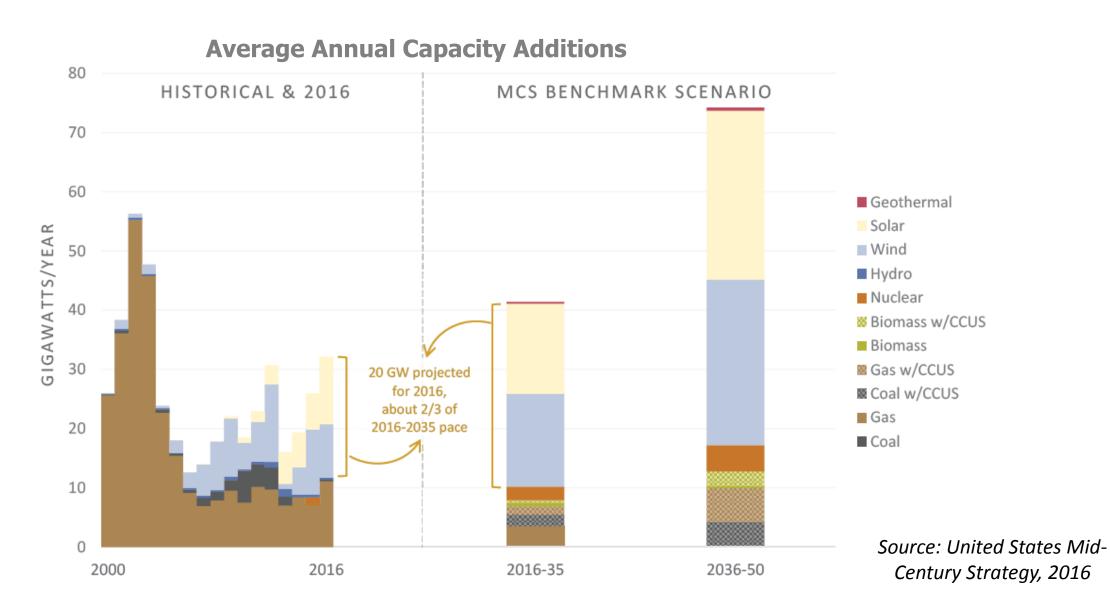


Year

Source: Cui, et al, 2019



Investment patterns need to evolve





Low Carbon Transition: Light Duty Vehicle Example (slide courtesy of Jim Williams)

Energy service demand (AEO)

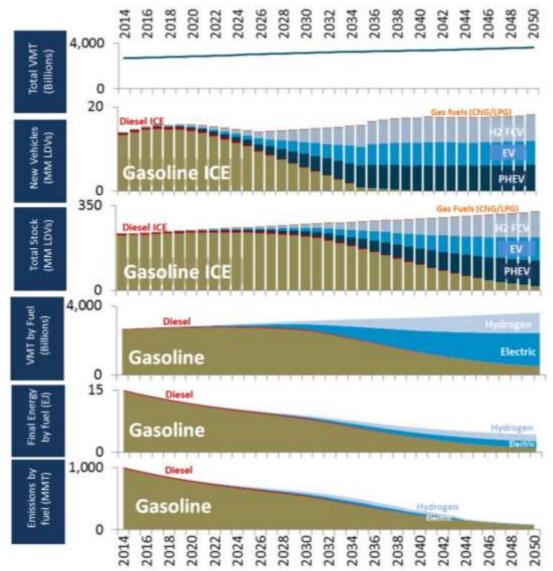
Annual LDV sales

LDV stocks by type

VMT by fuel type

LDV final energy by fuel type

GHG emissions by fuel type



Annual sales reach 100% low carbon vehicles in ~15 years

LDV stock ~300M low carbon vehicles in 2050

>90% of VMT from electricity or electric fuels

Electric drive train efficiency reduces final energy ~2/3

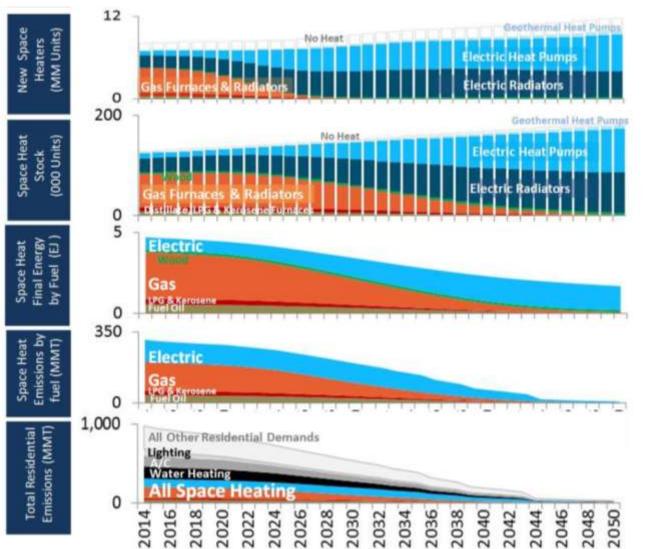
LDV emission reduced >95%

Source: Williams et al, 2014



Space Heating and Building Applications

(slide courtesy of Jim Williams)



Annual sales reach ~100% electric heating in ~10 years

Space heating ~100% electrified by 2045

Electricity supplies all heating in 2050

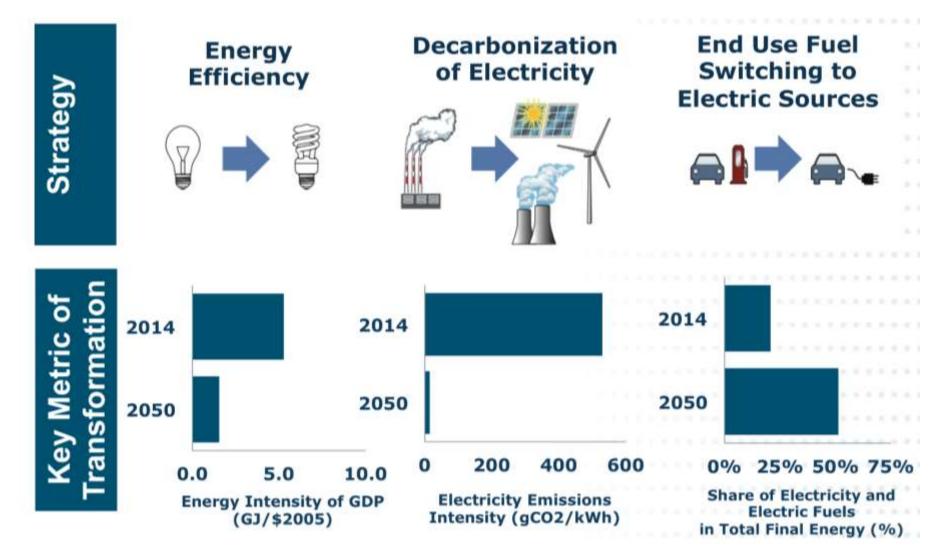
CO2 from heating almost eliminated by 2050

Source: Williams et al, 2014



Three Pillars of Deep Decarbonization

(Slide Courtesy of Jim Williams)



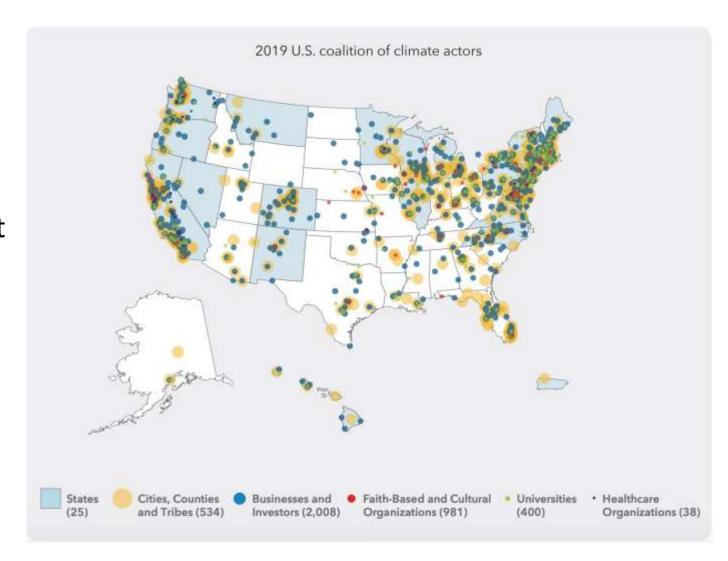


Non-federal actors are increasingly taking action on climate change

This group of actors represents:

- 68% of U.S. GDP
- 65% of the U.S. Population
- 51% of U.S. GHG Emissions
- And would be the second largest economy in the world, behind the United States

From: The America's Pledge Initiative on Climate Change (2019) "Accelerating America's Pledge: Going All-In to Build a Prosperous, Low-Carbon Economy for the United States." N. Hultman, et al.





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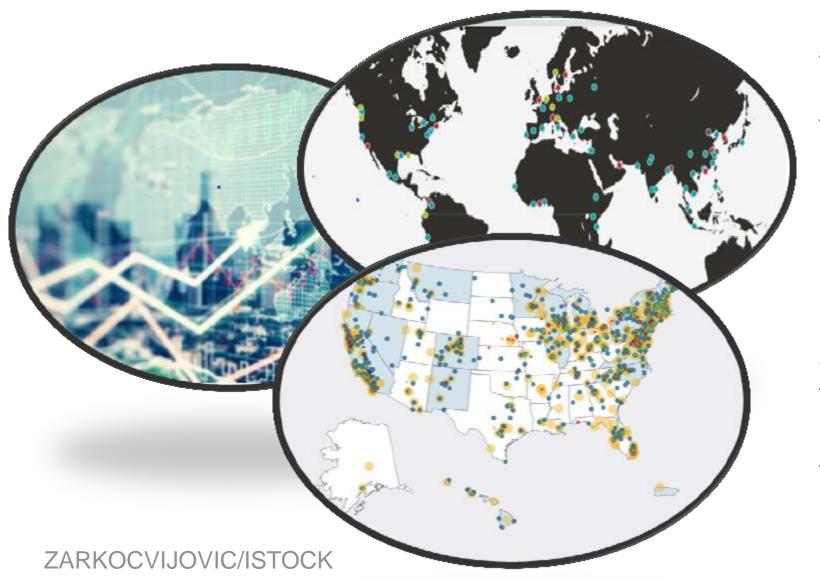
87 MAJOR COMPANIES LEAD THE WAY TOWARDS A 1.5°C FUTURE AT UN CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT

These companies are taking action to align their businesses with what scientists say is needed to limit the worst impacts of climate change.





Each of these different actors has a different role to play in climate mitigation



Actions: renewable portfolio standards, zoning, public transit investments, basic and applied R&D, carbon prices, border-tax adjustments, building permits, vehicle standards, higher-efficiency processes, ZEV mandates, emissions targets, renewable targets, oil and gas methane, nuclear fleet retention, coal power plant retirement, public education programs,.....



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