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Electricity Technology in a Carbon-Constrained Future

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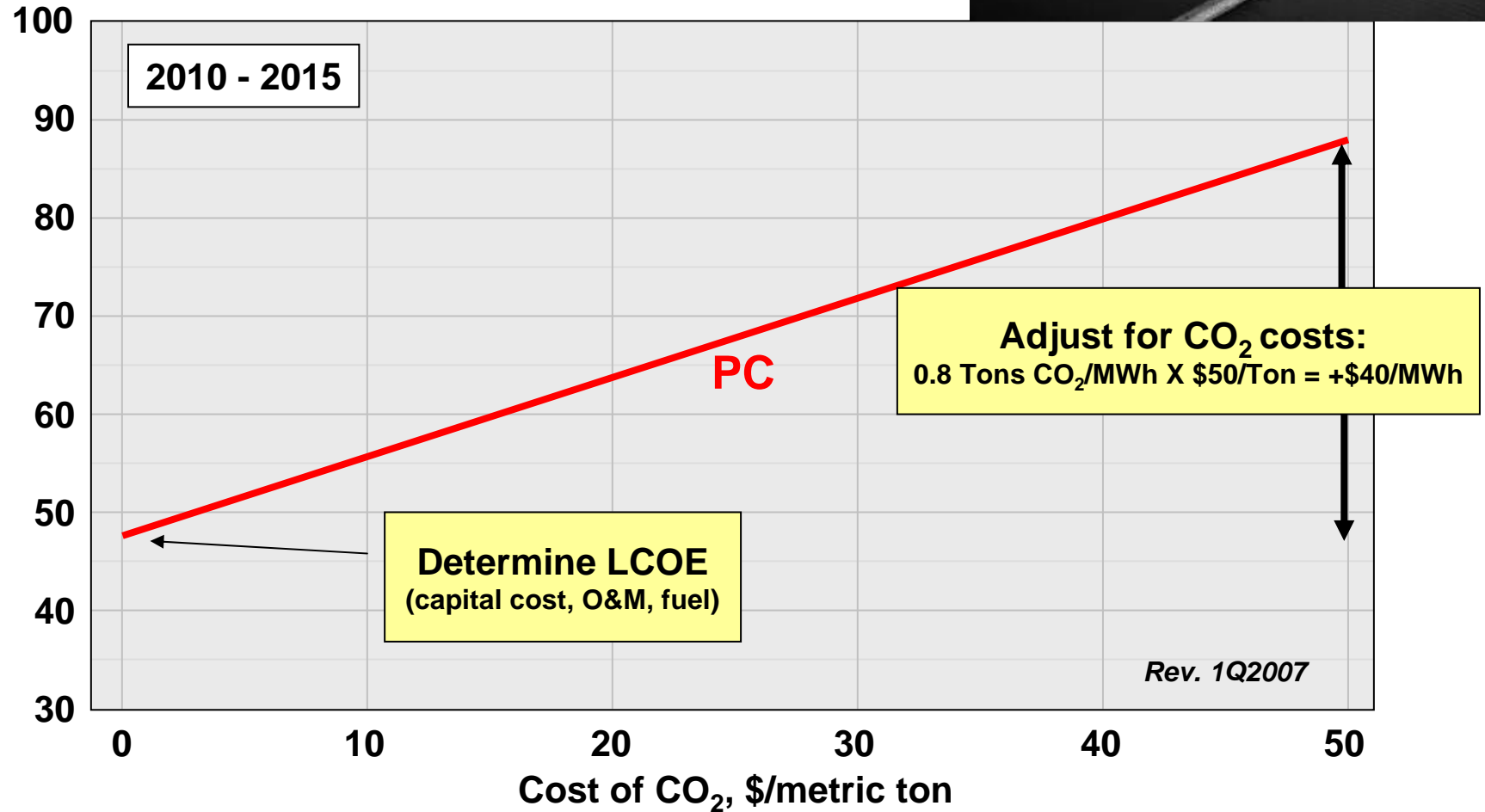
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Pulverized Coal



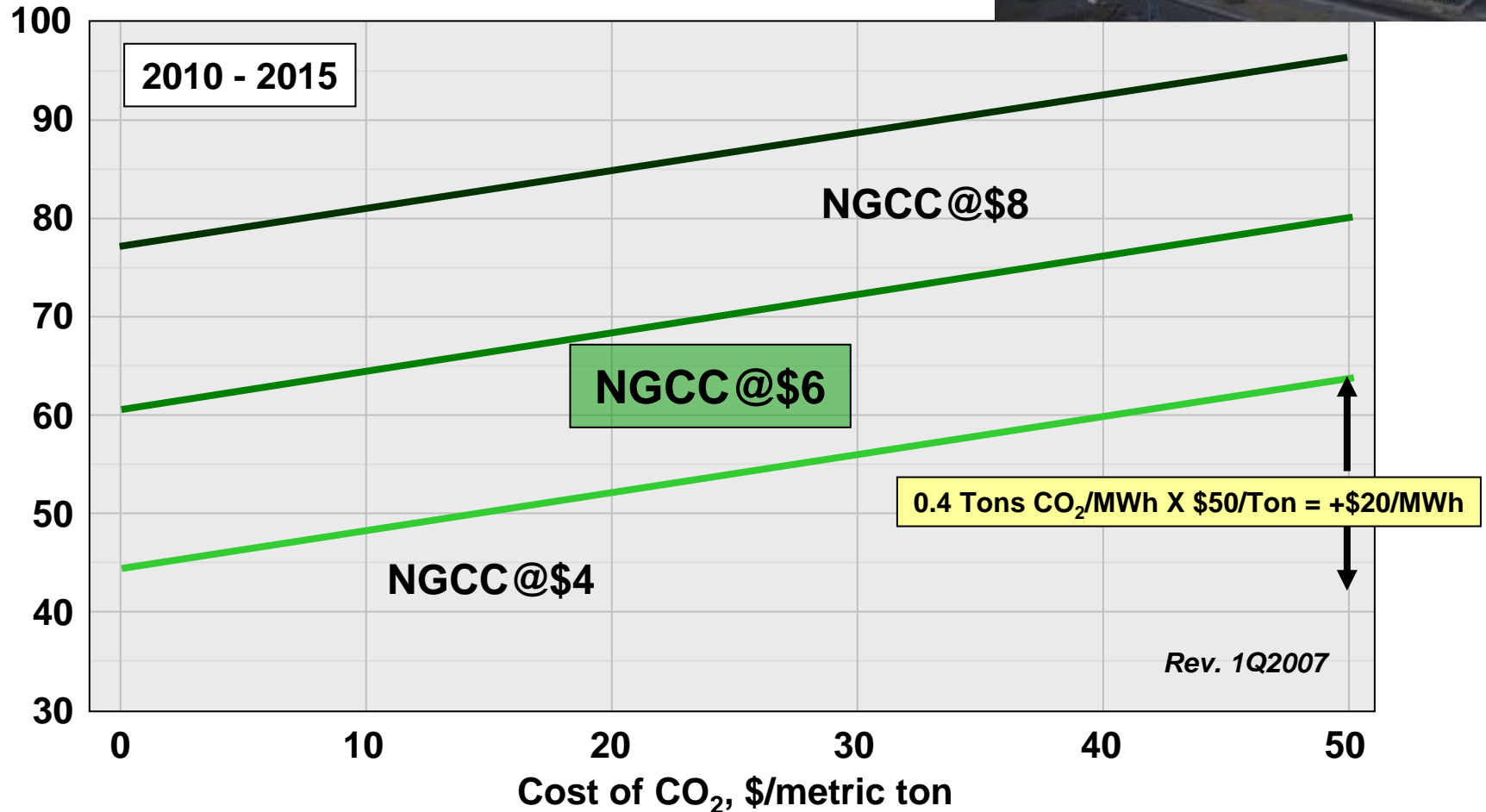
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Natural Gas Combined Cycle



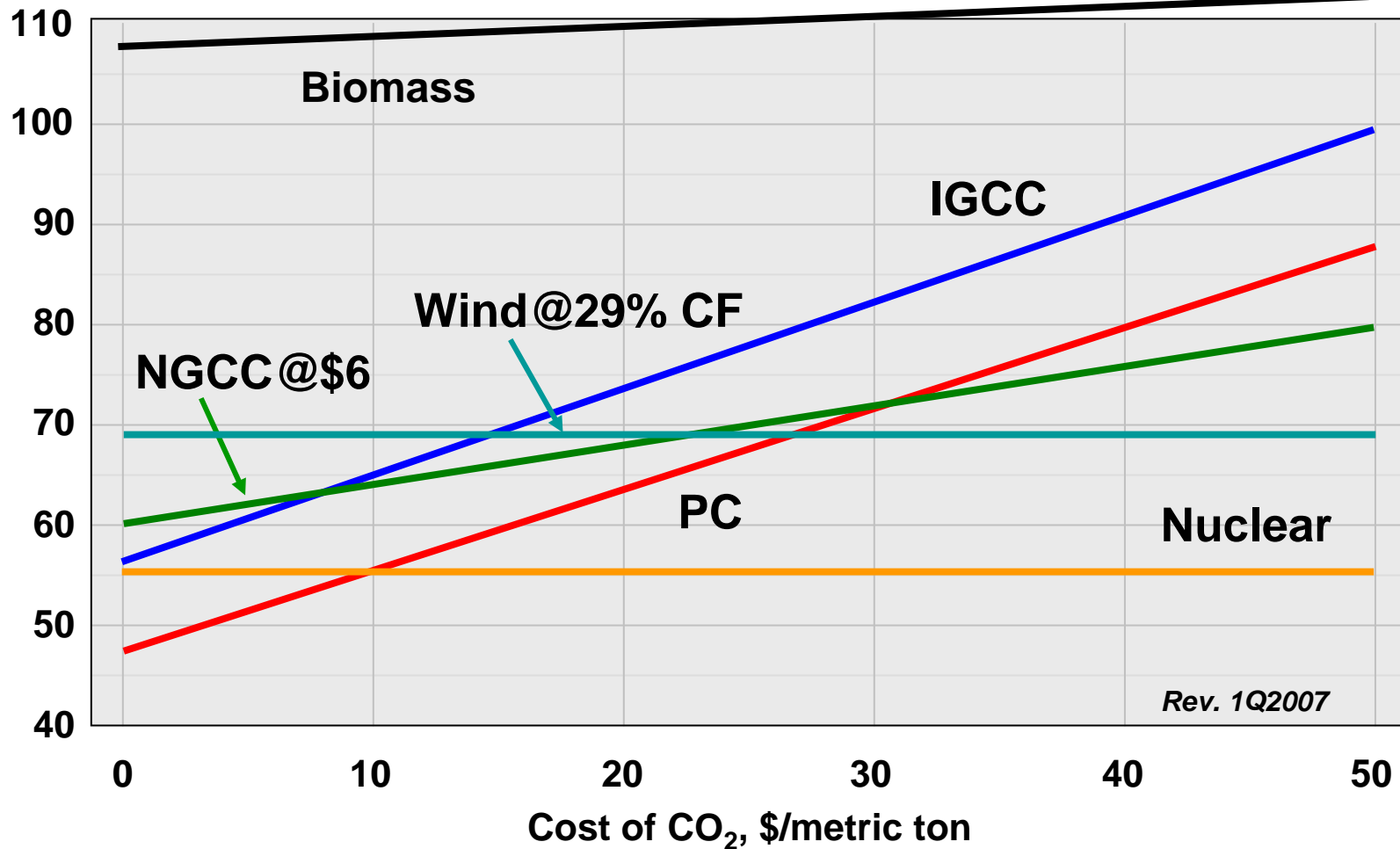
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Comparative Costs in 2010-2015

\$100/kW capital cost → \$1.7 MWh LCOE

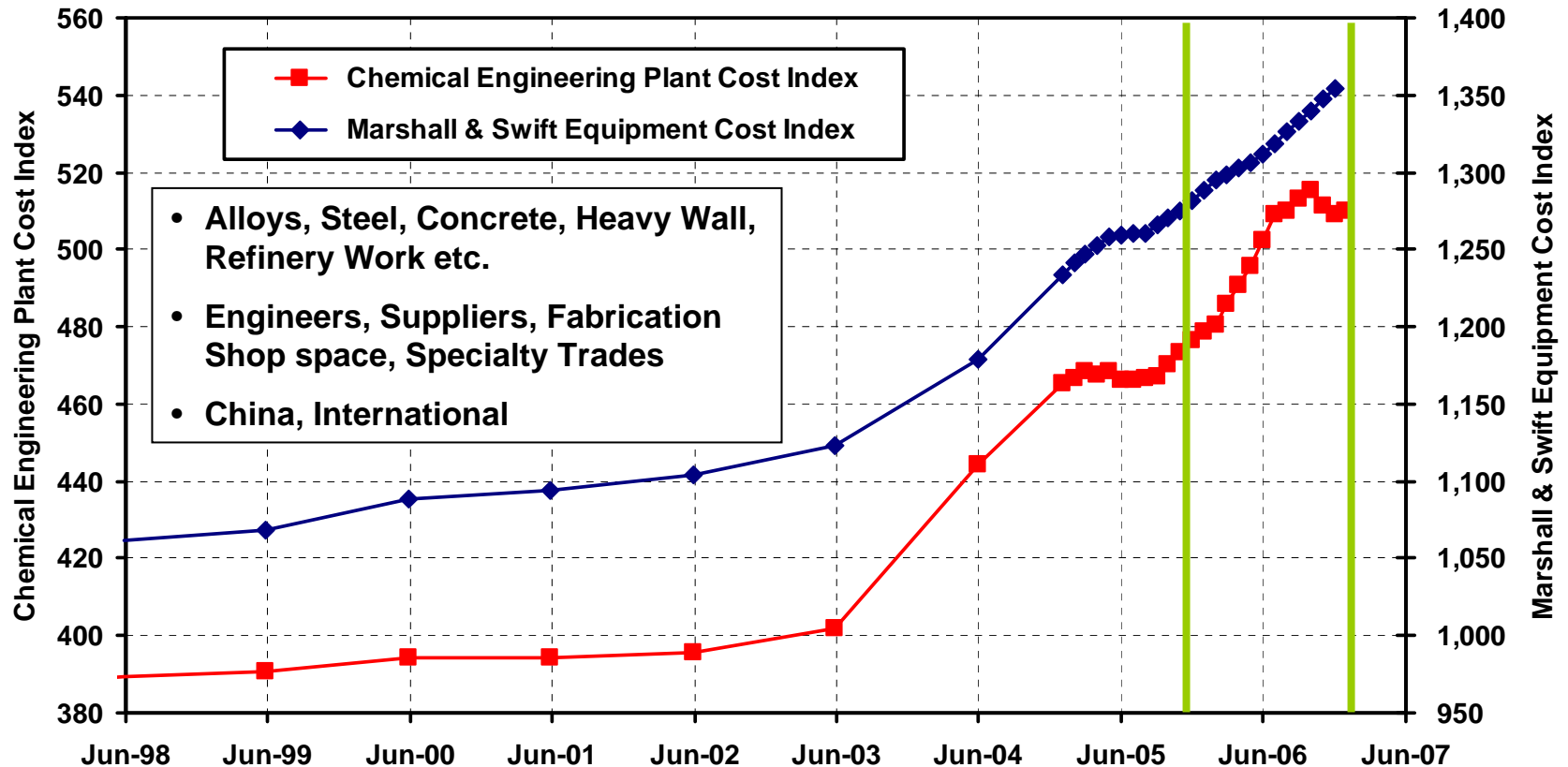
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Recent Cost Escalation

Construction Cost Indices

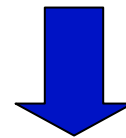
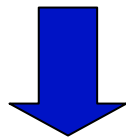
(Source: Chemical Engineering Magazine, March 2007)



Currently revising our work based on available cost data

Near-Term Implications

- New advanced light water reactors have cost advantage, but unlikely to enter operation until after 2015
- Renewables unlikely to extend beyond mandated requirement due to poor comparative economics
 - Exception is good wind with tax incentives (but limited in scale)
- As a result, most new base-load generation will utilize fossil technologies **without CO₂ capture and storage**
 - PC vs. IGCC economics a function of coal type, other factors
 - Gas vs. coal choice depends on future gas prices, capital costs



Very limited opportunity for significant economic CO₂ reduction!!!

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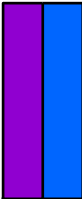

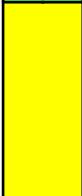
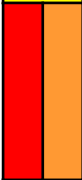
Key Technology Challenges

Significant cost-effective CO₂ reductions from the U.S. electric sector will require ALL of the following technology advances:

1. Smart grids and communications infrastructures to enable end-use efficiency and demand response, distributed generation, and PHEVs.
2. A grid infrastructure with the capacity and reliability to operate with 20-30% intermittent renewables in specific regions.
3. Significant expansion of nuclear energy enabled by continued safe and economic operation of existing nuclear fleet; and a viable strategy for managing spent fuel.
4. Commercial-scale coal-based generation units operating with 90+% CO₂ capture and storage in a variety of geologies.

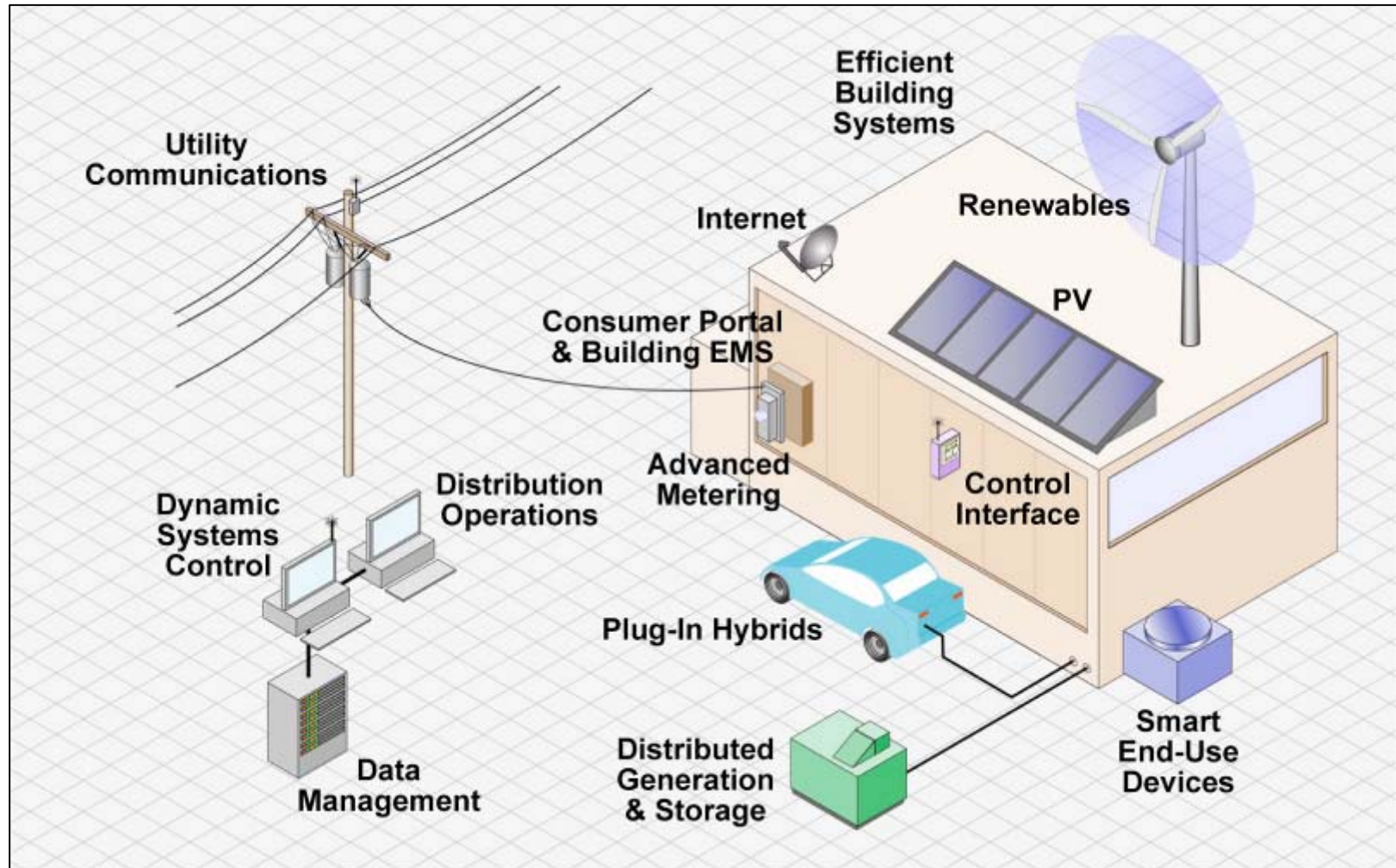
Average Annual Funding R&D Gap

million \$/yr

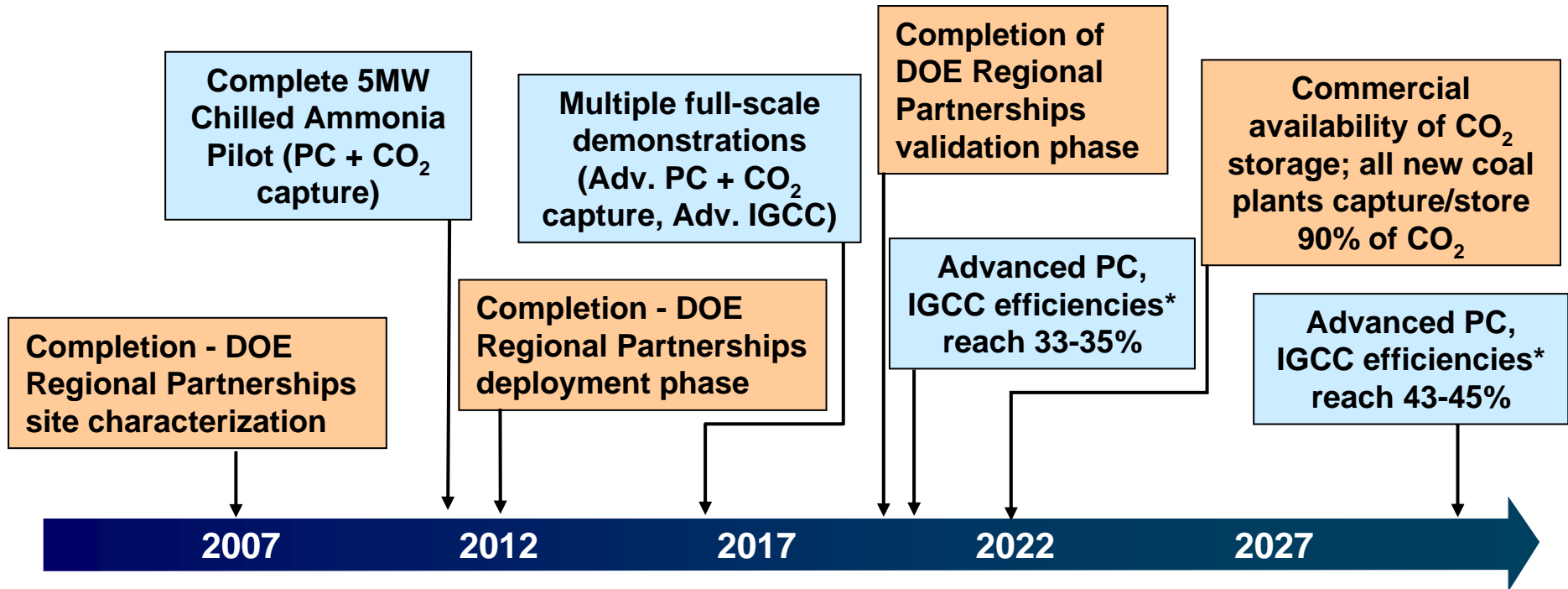
		2007-2011	2012-2016	2017-2021	2022-2026	2027-2031	Avg
	ENABLE ENERGY EFFICIENCY & DER Smart grids and communications infrastructures to enable end-use efficiency and demand response, DER (i.e. Solar PV) and PHEVs. Improve equipment efficiency.	\$310	\$290	\$240	\$140	\$120	\$220
	GRID INTEGRATION WITH RENEWABLES A grid infrastructure with the capacity and reliability to operate with 20-30% intermittent renewable generation in specific regions.	\$400	\$370	\$330	\$300	\$300	\$340
	NUCLEAR Significant expansion of nuclear energy enabled by continued operation of the existing nuclear fleet and a viable strategy for managing spent fuel. Includes new RD&D for ALWR deployment support.	\$170	\$170	\$170	\$100	\$100	\$140
	ADVANCED COAL, CO₂ CAPTURE and STORAGE Commercial-scale coal-based generation units operating with ~90% CO ₂ capture and storage in a variety of geologies.	\$480	\$800	\$800	\$620	\$400	\$620
	Total	\$1360	\$1630	\$1540	\$1160	\$920	\$1320

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Example: Dynamic Energy Management



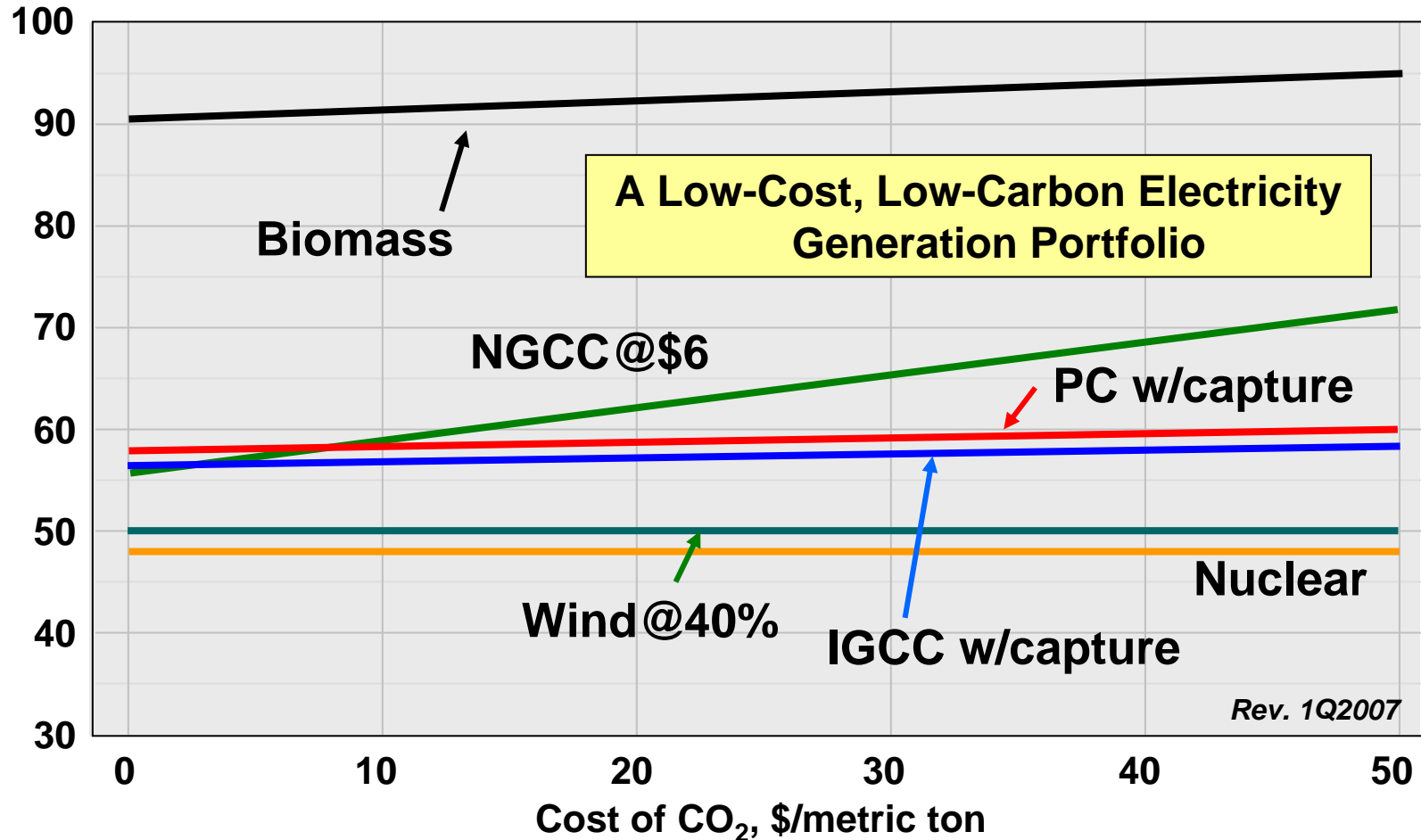
Timeline: Advanced Coal with CCS



**These are target efficiencies for plants including CO₂ capture*

Comparative Costs in 2020-2025

Levelized Cost of Electricity, \$/MWh

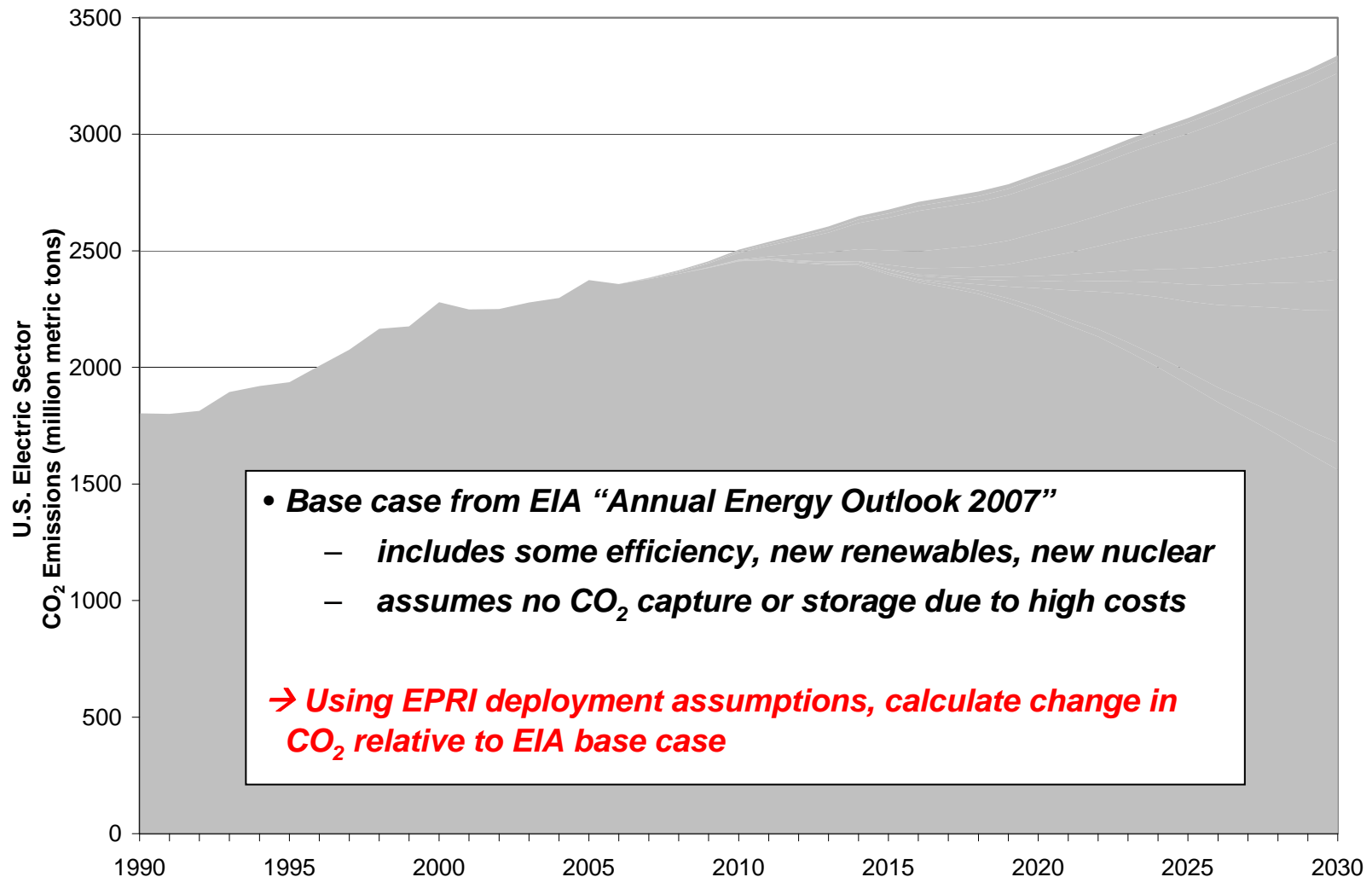


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U.S. Electricity Sector CO₂ Emissions

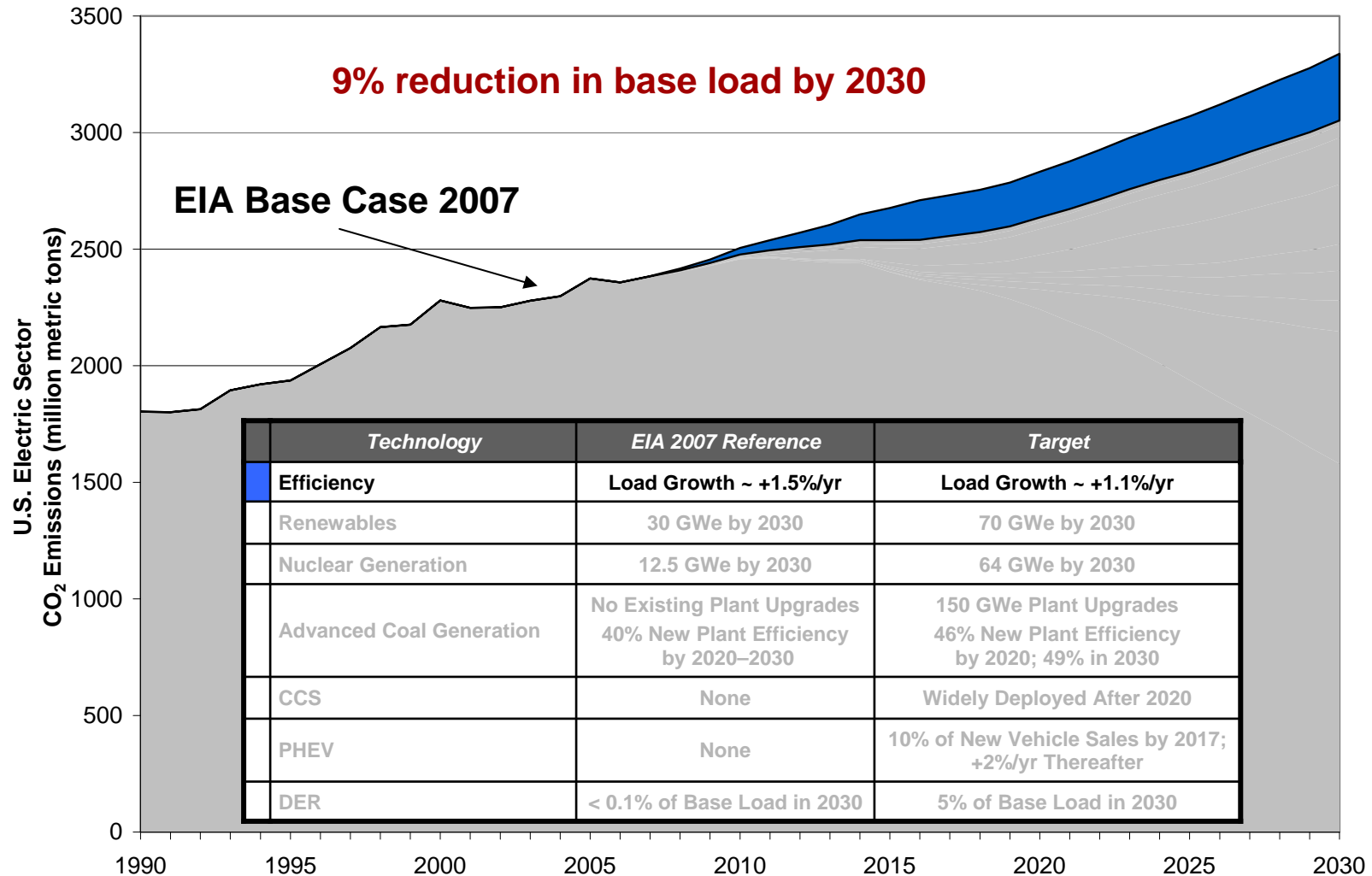


Technology Deployment Targets

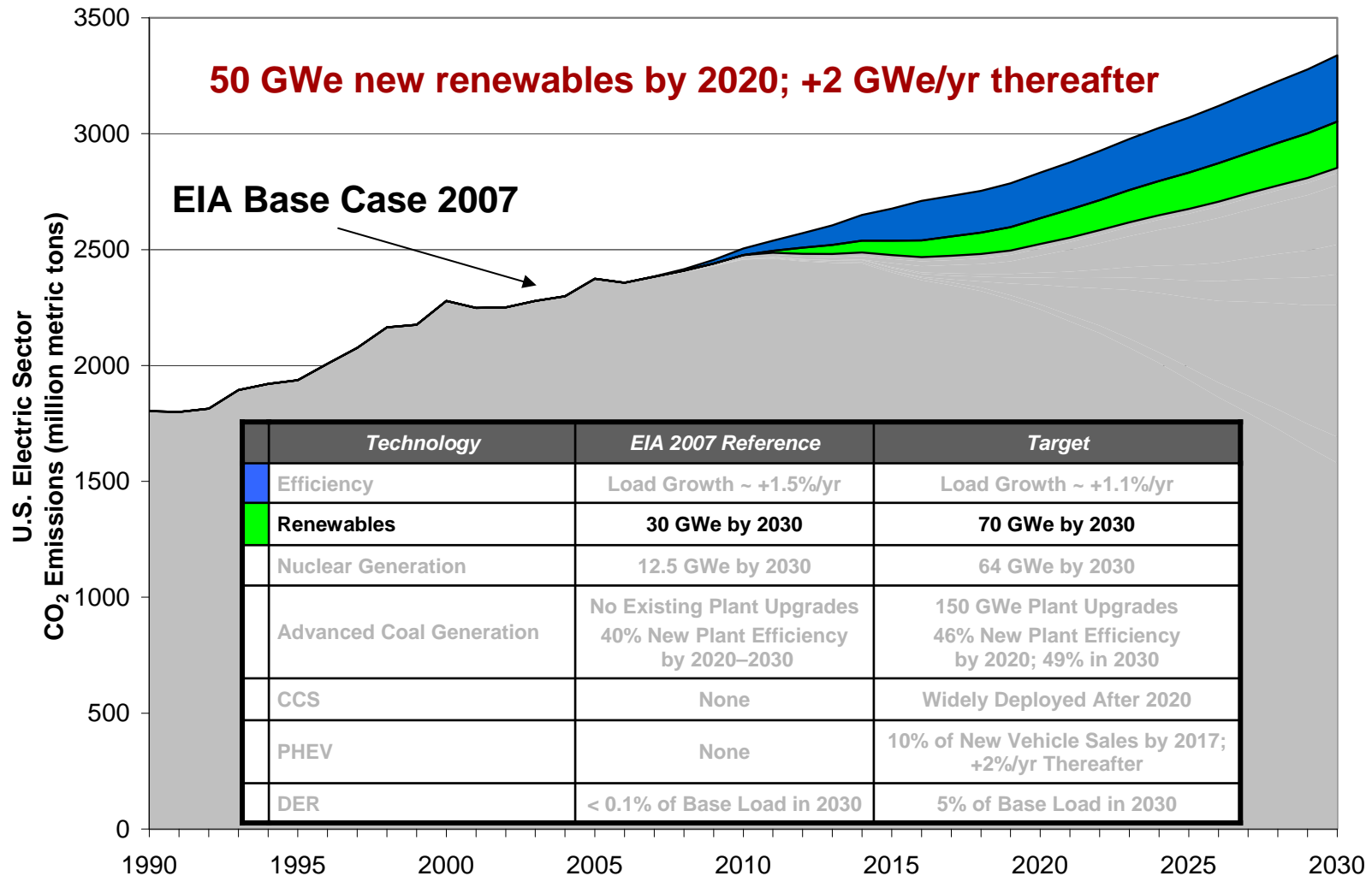
Technology	EIA 2007 Base Case	EPRI Analysis Target*
Efficiency	Load Growth ~ +1.5%/yr	Load Growth ~ +1.1%/yr
Renewables	30 GWe by 2030	70 GWe by 2030
Nuclear Generation	12.5 GWe by 2030	64 GWe by 2030
Advanced Coal Generation	No Existing Plant Upgrades 40% New Plant Efficiency by 2020–2030	150 GWe Plant Upgrades 46% New Plant Efficiency by 2020; 49% in 2030
Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS)	None	Widely Available and Deployed After 2020
Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles (PHEV)	None	10% of New Vehicle Sales by 2017; +2%/yr Thereafter
Distributed Energy Resources (DER) (including distributed solar)	< 0.1% of Base Load in 2030	5% of Base Load in 2030

EPRI analysis targets do not reflect economic considerations, or potential regulatory and siting constraints.

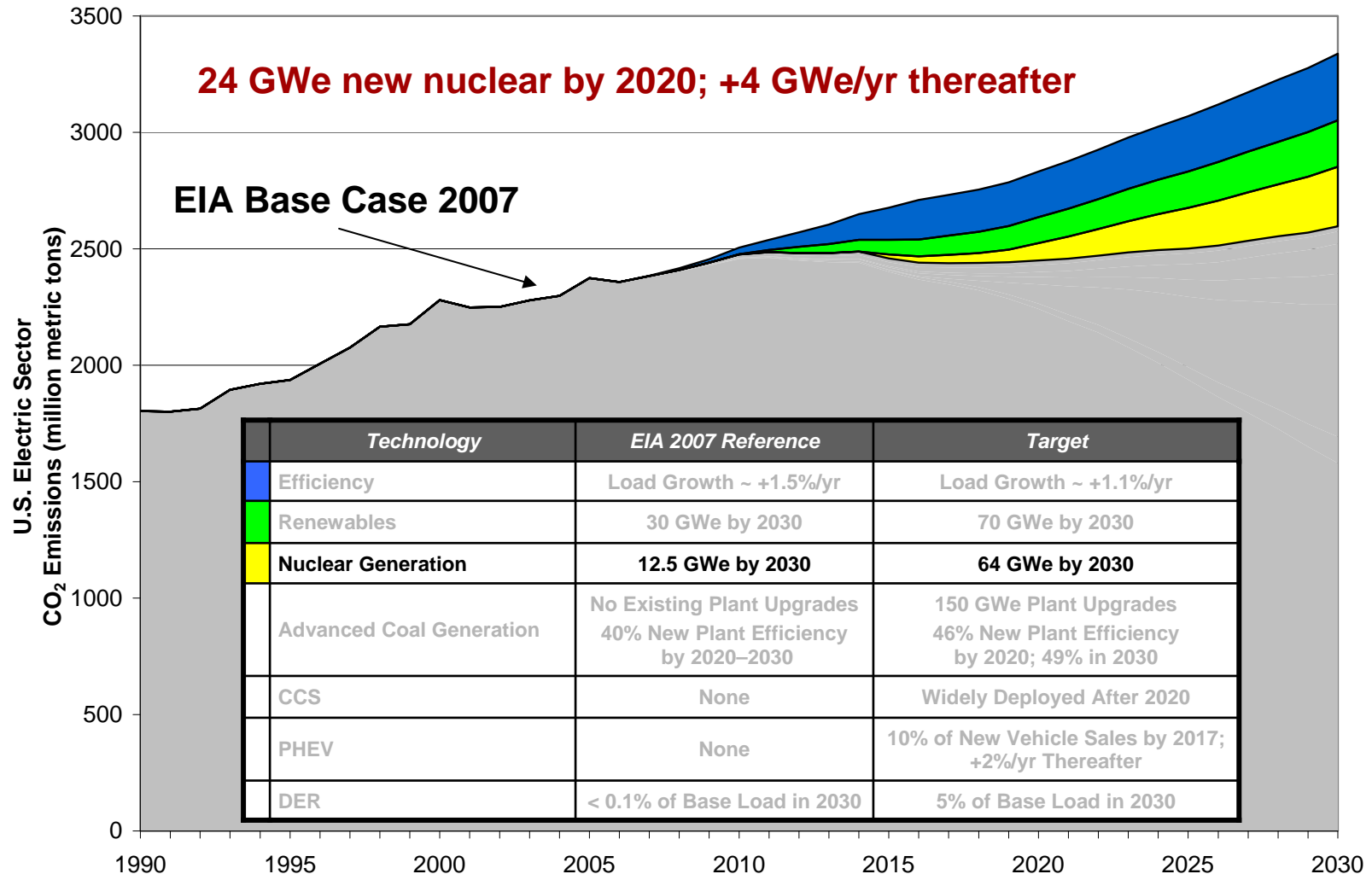
Benefit of Achieving Efficiency Target



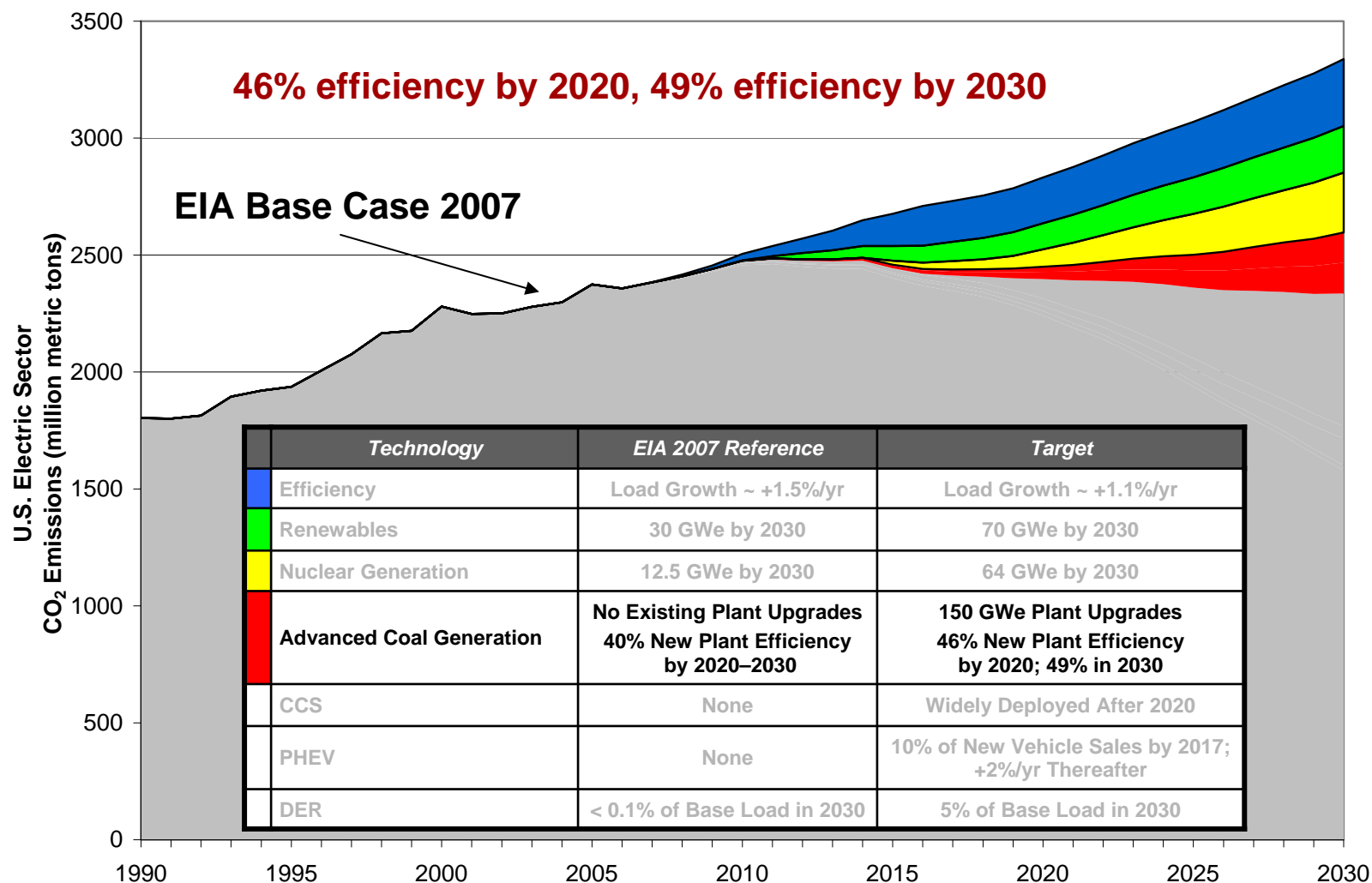
Benefit of Achieving Renewables Target



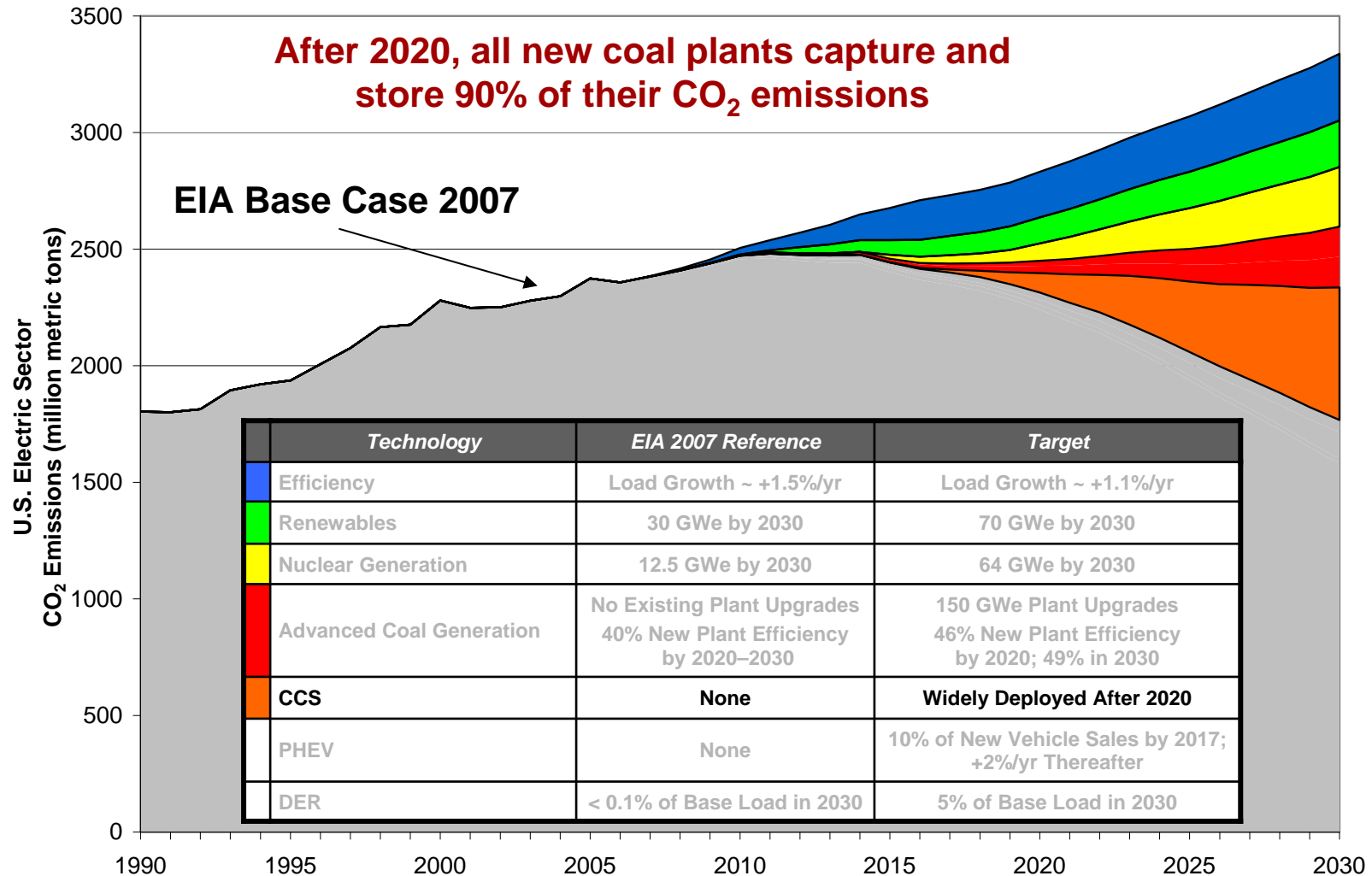
Benefit of Achieving Nuclear Generation Target



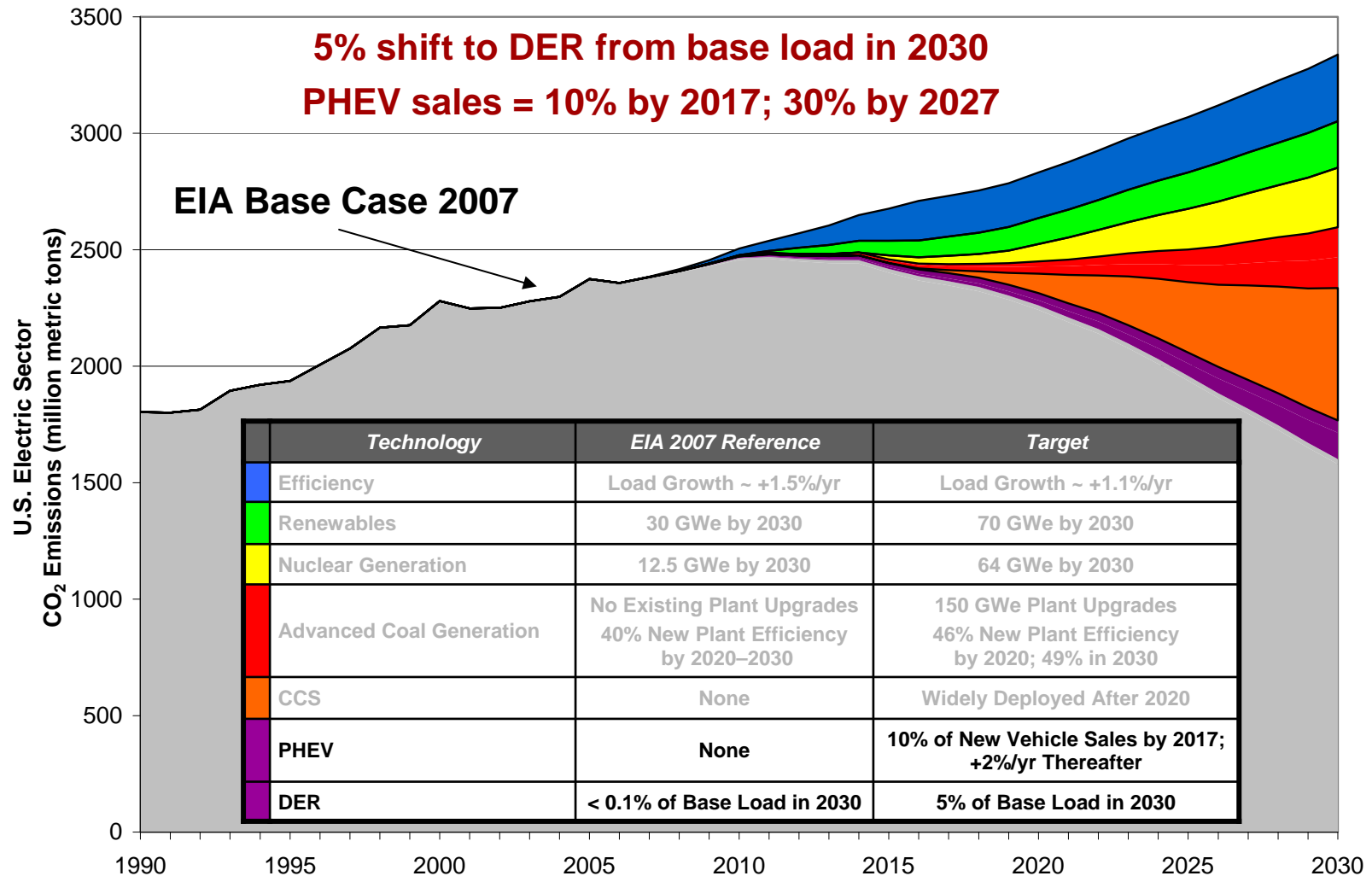
Benefit of Achieving Advanced Coal Target



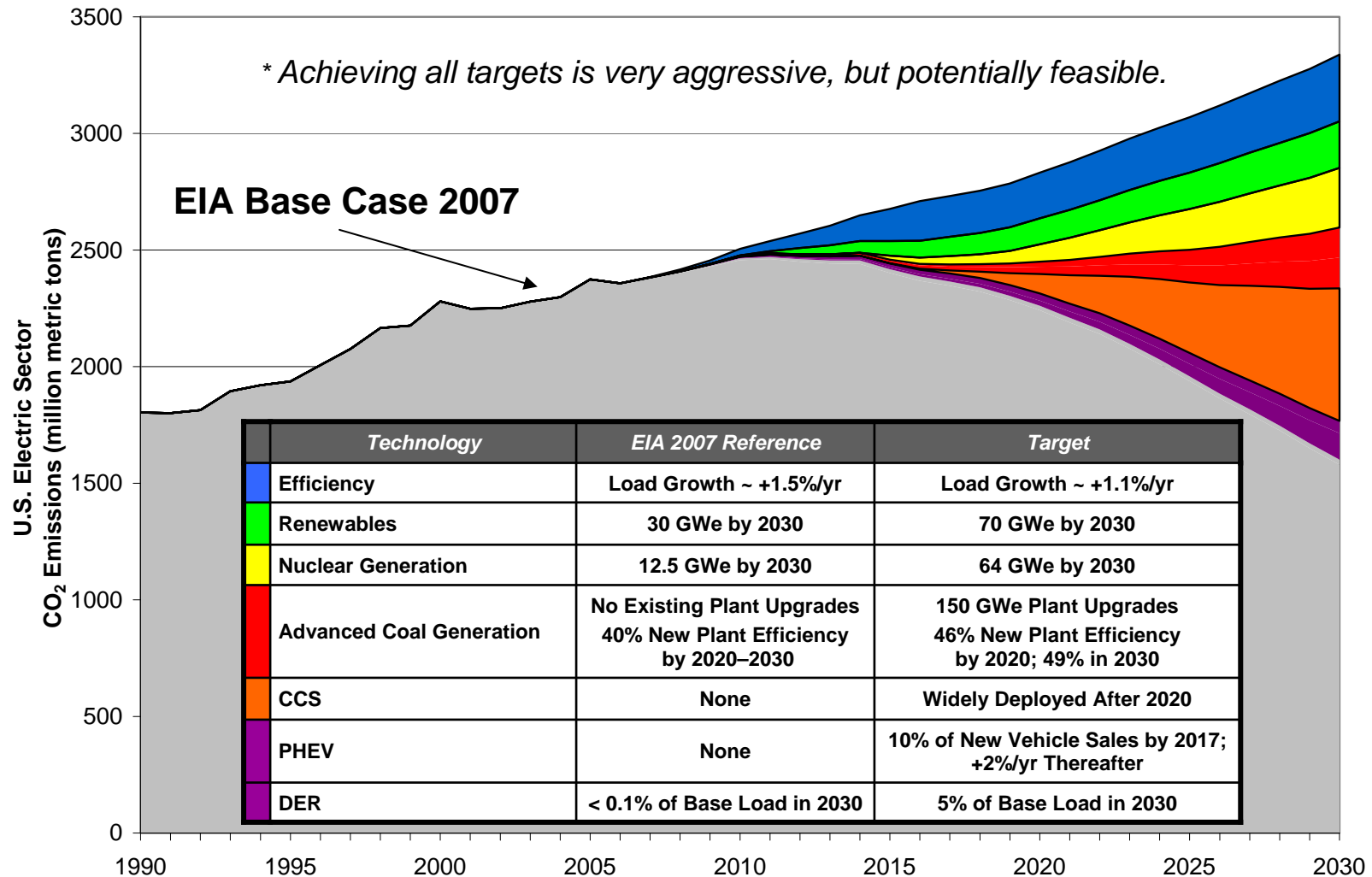
Benefit of Achieving CCS Target



Benefit of Achieving PHEV and DER Targets



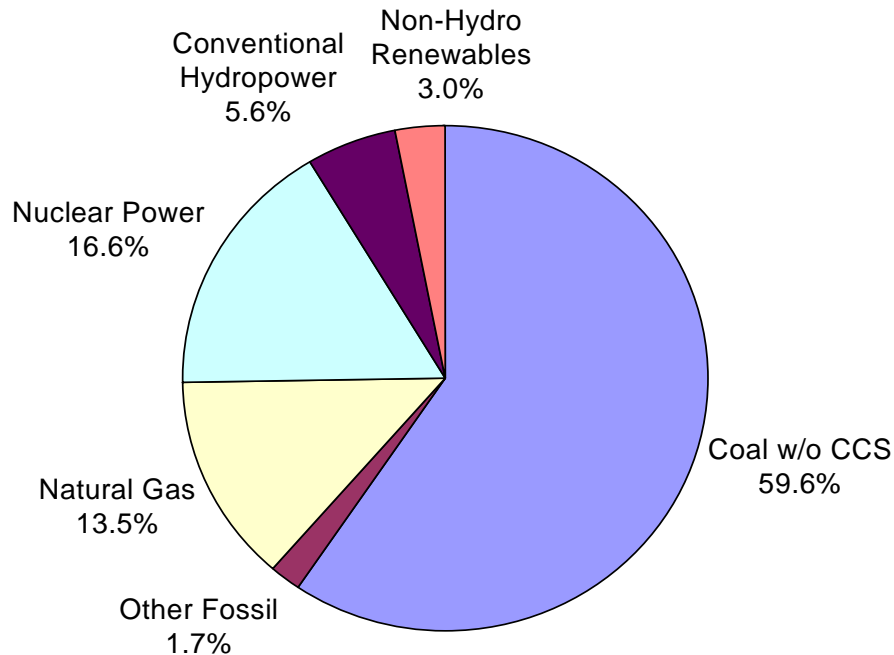
CO₂ Reductions ... Technical Potential*



U.S. Electricity Generation: 2030

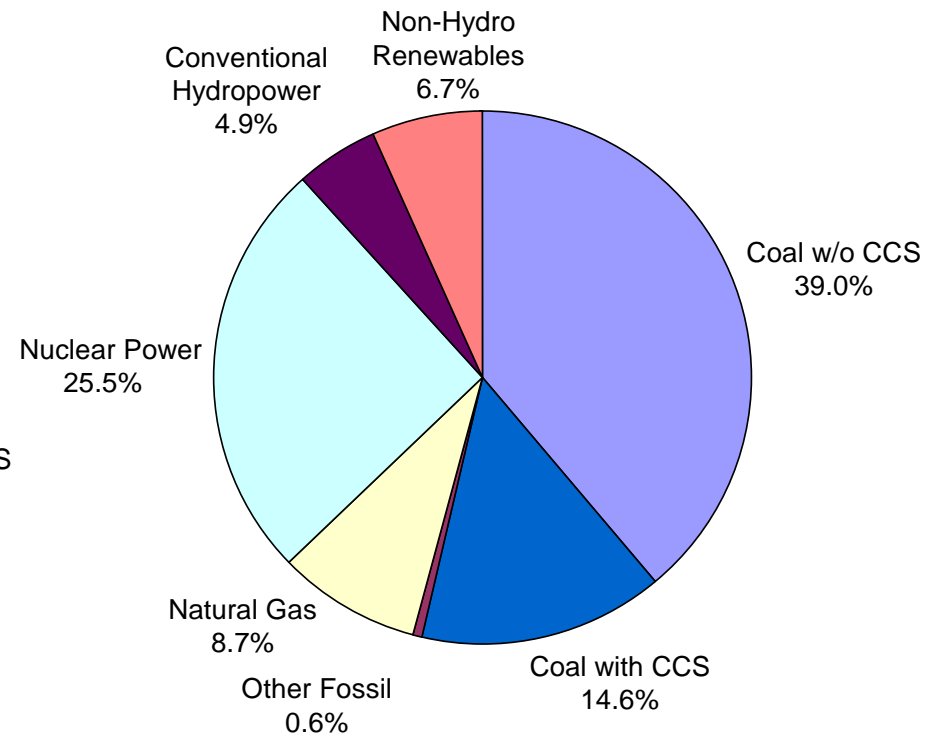
EIA Base Case*

5406 TWh



Advanced Technology Targets

5401 TWh



* Base case from EIA "Annual Energy Outlook 2007"

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Preliminary Economic Results in Brief

Absent advanced electricity technologies, CO₂ constraints result in

- *Price-induced conservation and “demand destruction”*
- *Fuel switching to natural gas*
- *Higher electricity prices*
- *High cost to U.S. economy*

With advanced electricity technologies, CO₂ constraints result in

- *Growth in electrification*
- *Continued use of coal (w/CCS) and nuclear*
- *Lower, more stable electricity prices*
- *50-66% lower cost to U.S. economy*

Results insensitive to CO₂ constraints and capital cost assumptions