

Electricity Generation and Use

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Assignments and Exams

- First Midterm Exam – Thursday, February 26
 - Open book and notes
 - Covers up to tonight's lecture
 - Like homework assignments
- Reading: Chapter 17 for tonight, Chapter 8 for following two lectures
- Homework tonight and next Tuesday (covered on February 26 midterm)

Outline

- Review last class
- Electricity demand
- Electricity supply
- Costs of electricity
- Utilities *versus* non-utility producers
- Deregulation of electricity
- Alternative generation approaches

What kinds of energy stored?

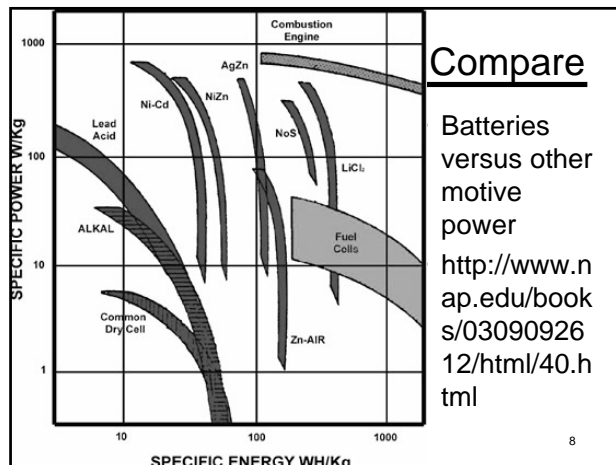
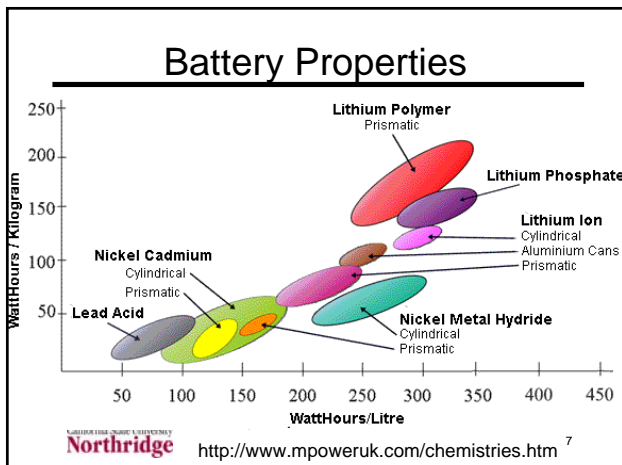
- Fuel containers store fuel energy
- Batteries and supercapacitors store electrical energy
- Flywheels and compressed air systems store mechanical energy
- Thermal energy storage as latent or sensible heat used in heating and cooling systems

Energy Storage Measures

- Energy per unit mass (kJ/kg; Btu/lb_m)
- Energy per unit volume (kJ/m³; Btu/ft³)
- Rate of delivery of energy to and from storage (kW/kg; Btu/hr·kg)
- Efficiency (energy out/energy in)
- Life cycles – how many times can the storage device be used

Fuel Energy

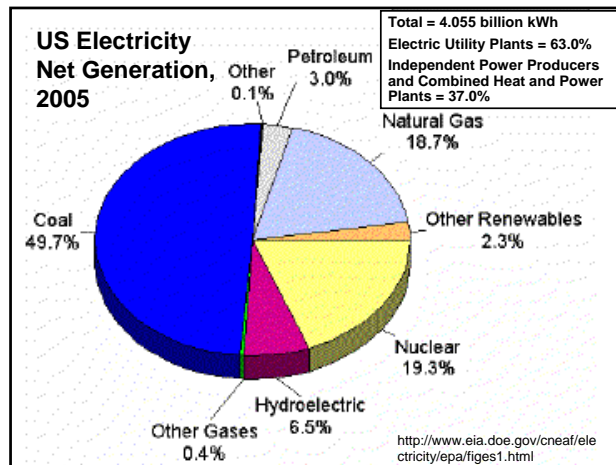
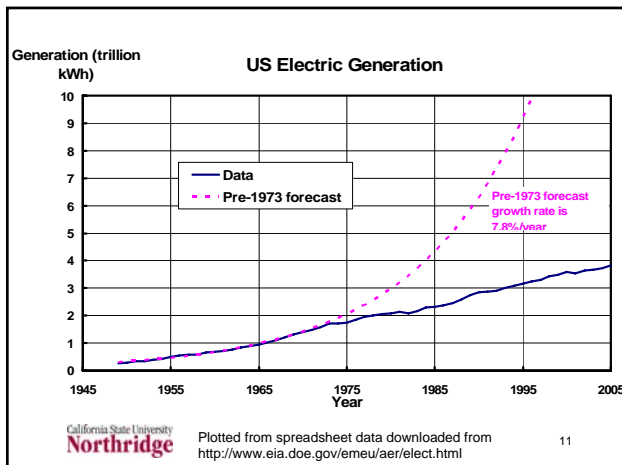
- Volumetric energy storage in Btu/gallon
 - Gasoline: 109,000 to 125,000
 - Diesel fuel: 128,000 to 130,000
 - Biodiesel: 117,000 to 120,000
 - Natural gas: 33,000 to 38,000 at 3,000 psi, 38,000 to 44,000 at 3,600 psi, and ~73,500 as liquefied natural gas (LNG)
 - 85% ethanol in gasoline: ~80,000
 - 85% methanol in gasoline: 56,000 to 66,000
 - Hydrogen: ~6,500 at 3,000 psi, ~16,000 at 10,000 psi, and ~30,500 as liquid
 - Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG): ~84,000

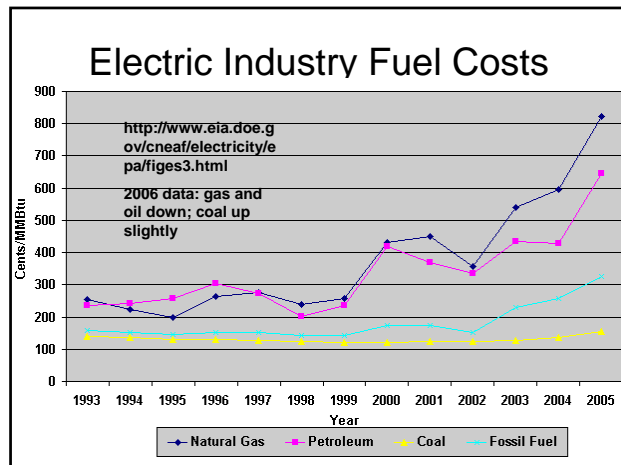
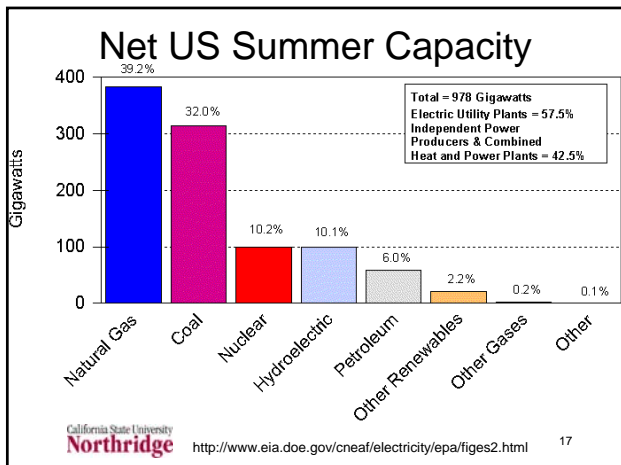
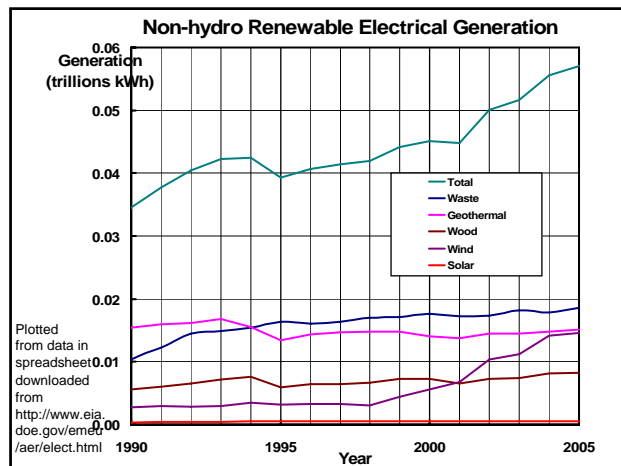
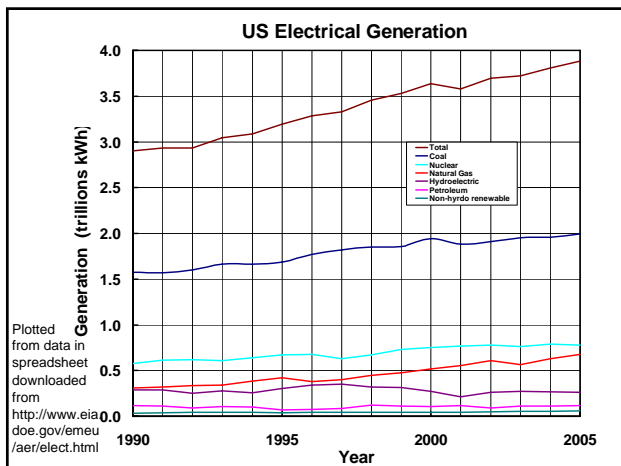
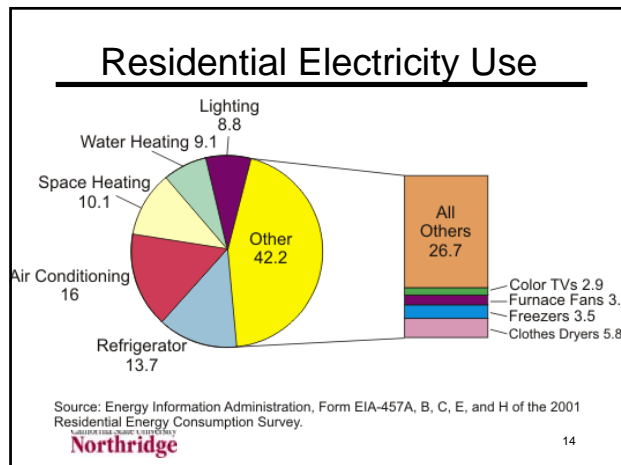
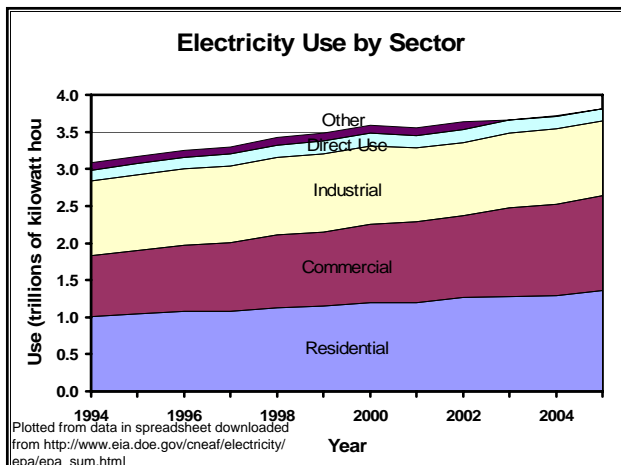


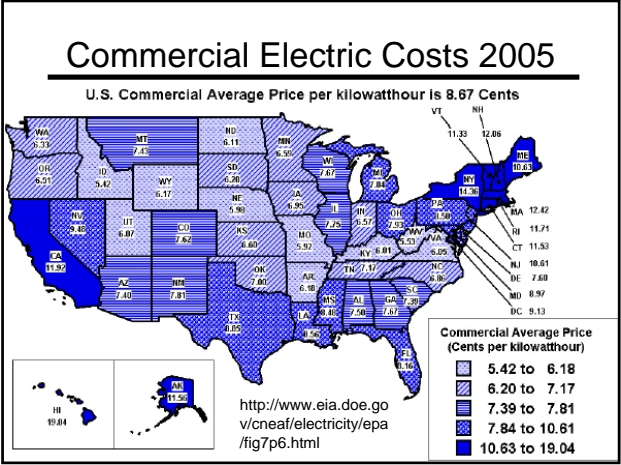
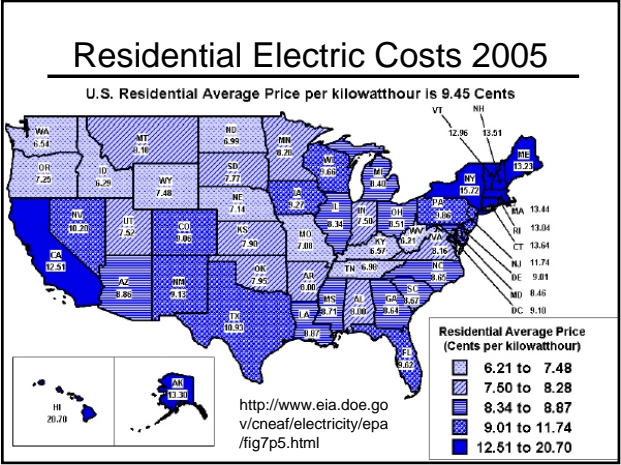
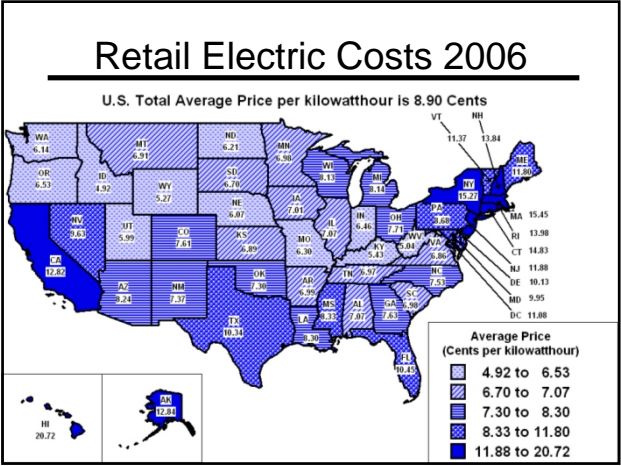
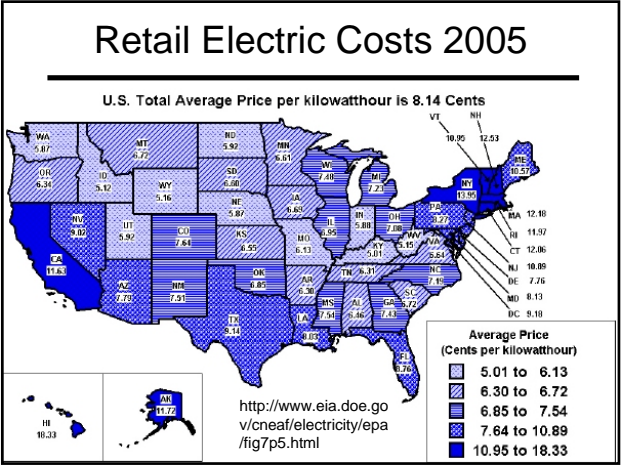
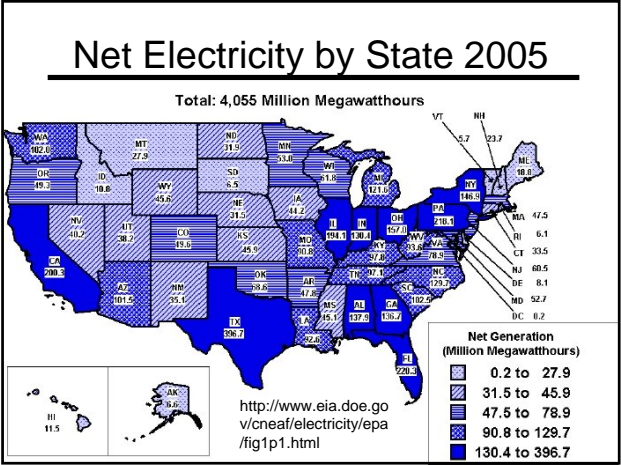
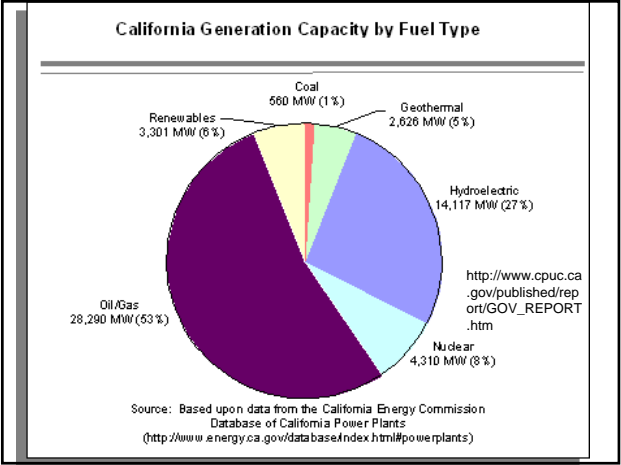
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Lead acid batteries	40	30000	130	80%	250
Nickel-Cadium batteries	50	37500	300	75%	110
Nickel-metal-hydride batteries	80	60000	260	70%	250
Sodium-sulfur batteries	190	143000	330	85%	230
Lithium-ion batteries	100	75000	200	95%	250
Capacitor	11.1	40000		95%	
Inductor	0.556	10000	180	95%	
Pumped hydro	0.000278	1	90	70%	

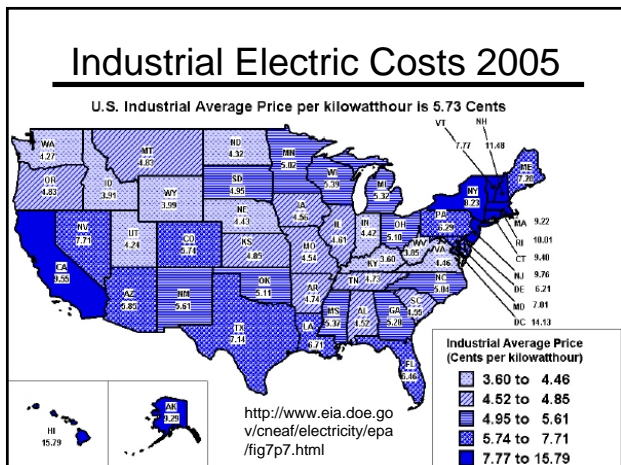
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Lead acid batteries(2)	55.6	30000	54	75%	
Flywheel	55.6	200000		80%	
Liquid hydrocarbon fuels	13888.9	3.5x10 ⁷			

Unreferenced data obtained in 2002 by L. S. Caretto







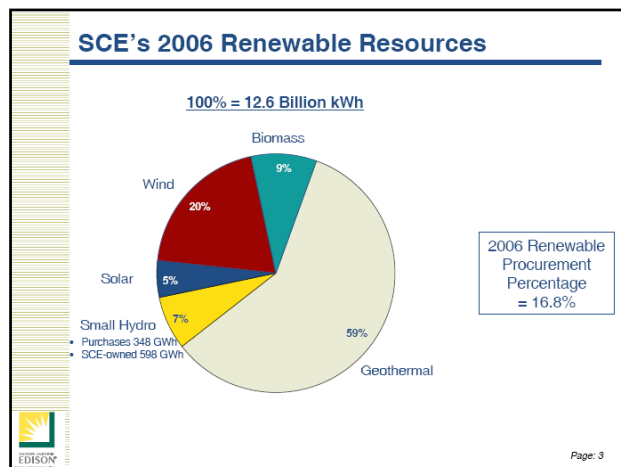
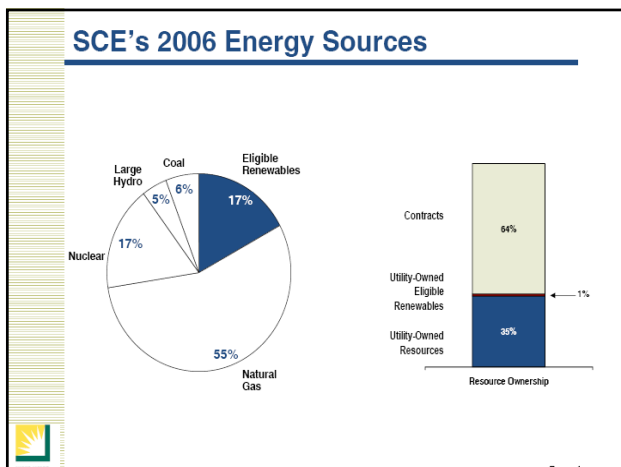
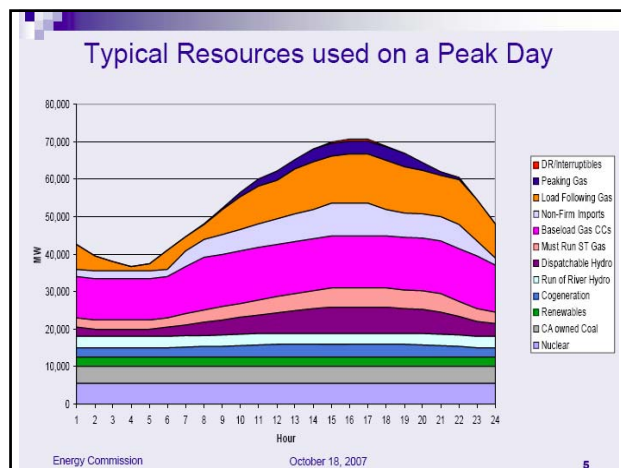
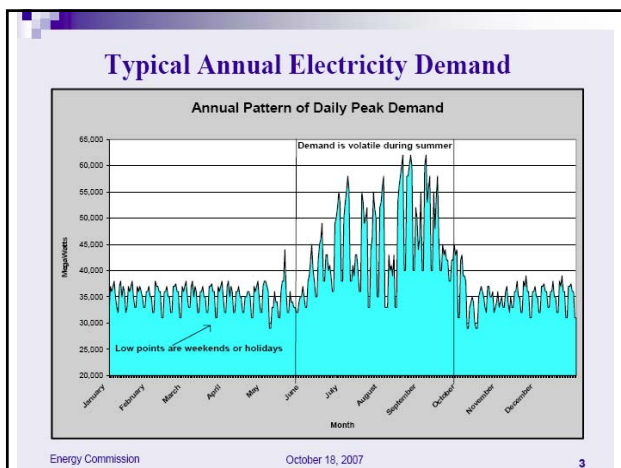


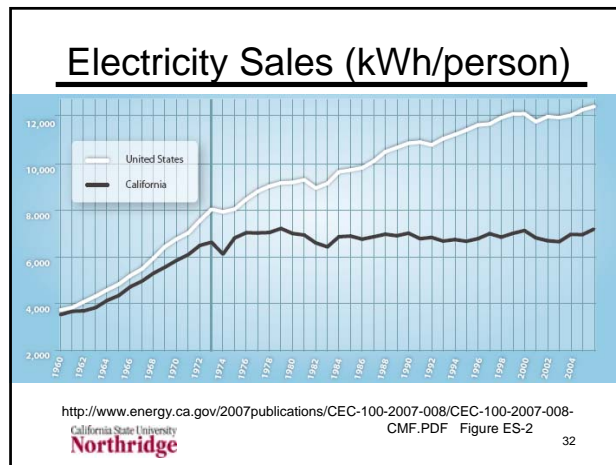
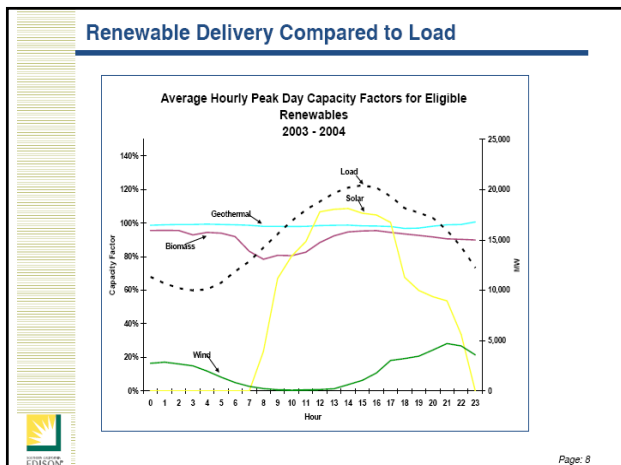
Electricity Load

- Power demand varies by day and hour
 - CA energy, peak MW growth: 1.25%, 1.35%
- Renewable Portfolio Standards require utilities to have renewable generation
 - 20% of retail sales by December 31, 2010 in California (transmission problems?)
 - Papers from WCS AWMA October 2007 conference in next five slides
 - CA Energy Commission – Dave Ashuckian
 - SC Edison – James Woodruff

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A Brief History

- Initial development of industry
 - Generation mostly by investor-owned, regulated monopolies
 - Some publicly owned utilities and rural cooperatives
 - Large industries generate for their own use
- PURPA 1978 brings in other generators
- EPCA 1992 deregulates generation at Federal level

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Who Makes Electricity?

- Traditional electric utilities
 - 239 investor owned utilities supply about 75% of ultimate customers
 - 2,009 publicly owned utilities
 - 912 consumer owned rural electric cooperatives
 - 10 Federal electric utilities
- About 2,110 non-utility power producers as shown on next chart

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<http://www.eia.doe.gov/cneaf/electricity/page/prim2/toc2.html>

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Non-utility Electric Producers

- Facilities qualifying under 1978 Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA)
- Cogeneration facilities producing steam and electricity, doing other business
- Independent power producers who sell electricity wholesale
- Exempt wholesale generators under 1992 Energy Policy Act (EPCA)
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Government Agencies

- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) regulates interstate transmission of electricity, oil and gas
- State public utilities commissions regulate investor-owned utilities in state
- State Independent System Operators (ISO) operates transmission lines
- California Energy Commission (CEC) one-stop permits for new power plants

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What is PURPA?

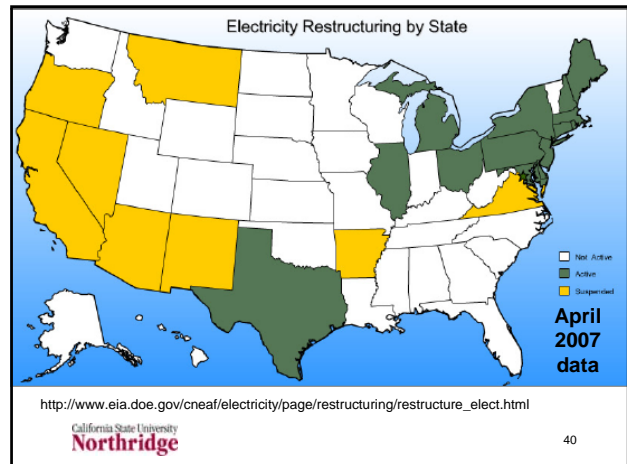
- Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act 1978
 - Requires utilities to change rate structures from earlier ones that encouraged use
 - Costs per kWh declined with use based on model valid from 1950-1970
 - Convert from oil to gas
 - Require utilities to purchase power from qualified facilities (QFs) who generated it
 - Includes, solar, wind and biomass generation
 - Among requirements to be a QF is the production of electricity and heat with stipulated efficiency

Effects of PURPA

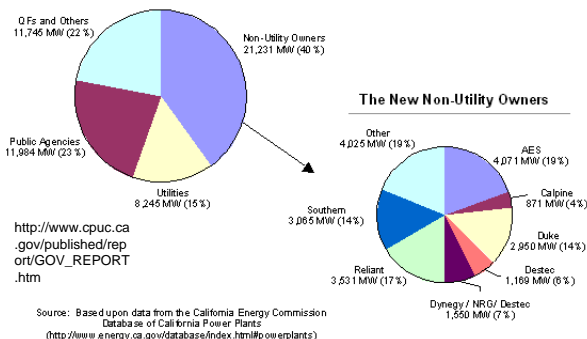
- Started the development of a new industry: non-utility power producers
- Merged well with development of stationary gas turbine technology for cogeneration
- California incentives linked to PURPA made it an international leader for solar and wind electricity (about 85% of world wind and 95% of world solar in 1990)

1992 Energy Policy Act

- Required owners of transmission lines to accept power from other generators for ultimate customers ("wheeling")
- Federal Energy Regulatory Commission passed enabling regulations in 1996
- California legislature passed restructuring legislation same year
- History of deregulation has been mixed



Who Owns Generation In California?



The California Experience

- Law passed in 1996
 - 10% decrease in rates mandated until utilities paid off existing debt
- Open market started March 31, 1998
- Average wholesale price was \$19.73/MWh compared to \$24/MWh before deregulation
- SDG&E first to raise prices on July 1, 1999
 - Wholesale price increases to \$500/MWh in May 2000 (billed to SDG&E customers)

The California Experience II

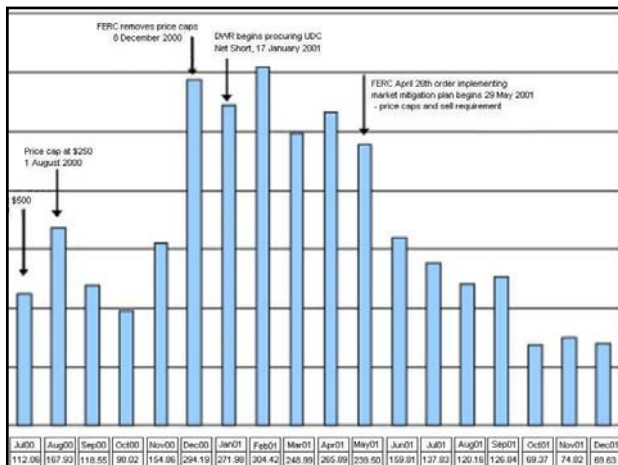
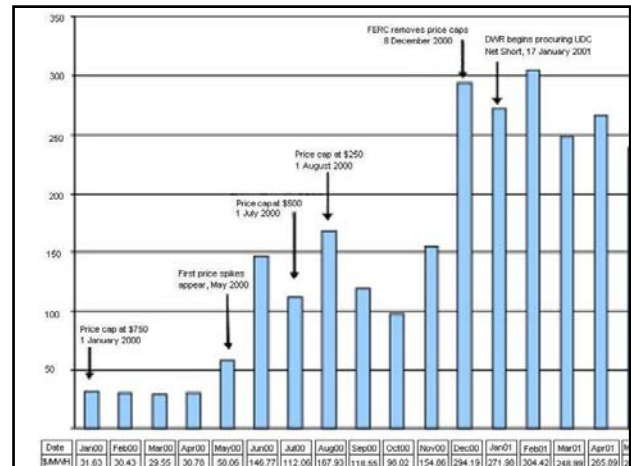
- Price caps drives electricity sales outside of California
 - Aluminum smelters made more money by shutting down and selling electricity
- Wholesale price escalations not felt by LADWP, SCE, and PG&E customers
 - Companies losing 20 to 30 cents on each kWh they sold
 - PG&E bankrupt, SCE close to it

The California Experience III

- January 17, 2001 governor directs DWR to enter into long-term contracts
 - Contract price was \$70/MWh when wholesale spot price was about \$300/MWh
 - Later spot prices declined to \$35/MWh
- Price increases due to manipulations by companies like Enron and real cost increases because of price increases in natural gas

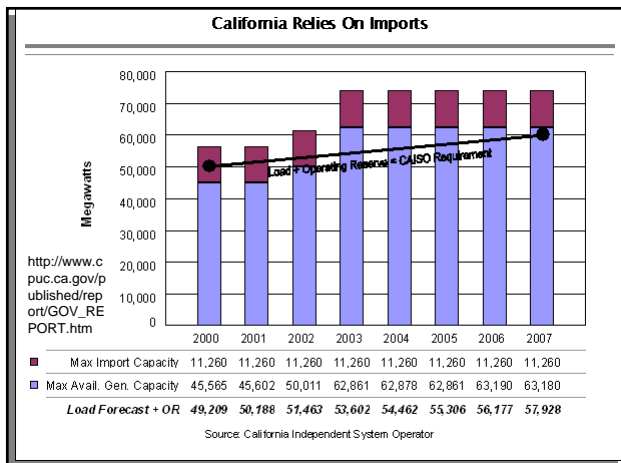
The California Experience IV

- What went wrong?
 - Manipulation by power suppliers
 - Fuel cost increases
 - Customers shielded from price increases
 - When customers had to pay higher prices, electricity use decreased
 - Lack of new power plants to meet demand
 - Capacity increases not provided
- Current status <http://www.ferc.gov/industries/electric/indus-act/wec.asp>



The Pennsylvania Experience

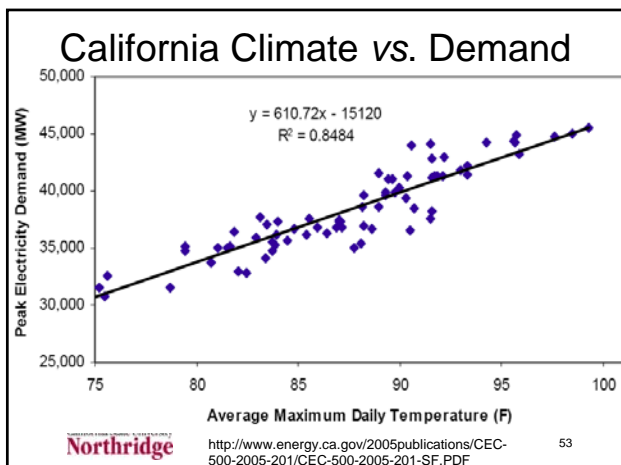
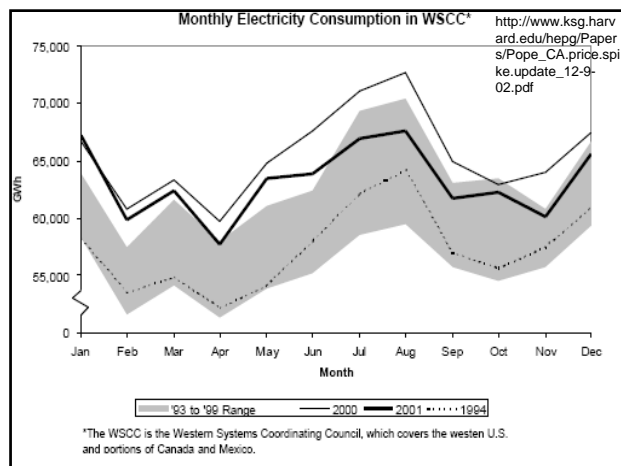
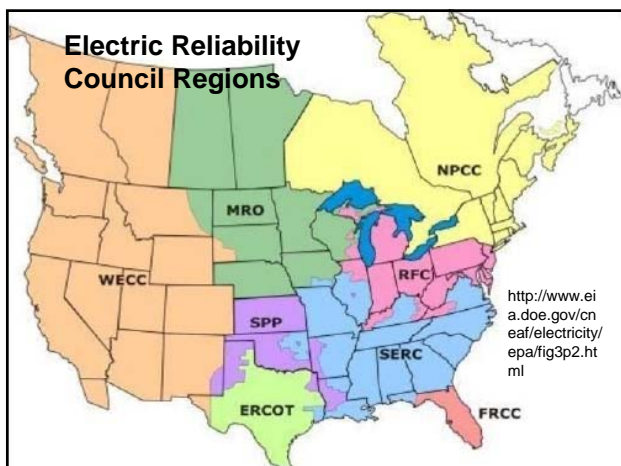
- Legislation did not require utilities to divest generation facilities and allowed long-term contracts
- State is net exporter of electricity
- Originally considered success story, just the opposite of California
- Subsequent price increases – utilities control large fraction of generation
- Prices still lower than before deregulation



Reliability Councils

- Set up to share power in a region
- Link producers to produce system reliability
 - ERCOT – Electric Reliability Council of Texas
 - FRCC – Florida Reliability Coordinating Council
 - MRO – Midwest Reliability Organization
 - NPCC – Northwest Power Coordinating Council
 - RFC – Reliability First Corporation
 - SERC – Southern Electric Reliability Council
 - SPP – Southwest Power Pool
 - WECC – Western Energy Coordinating Council

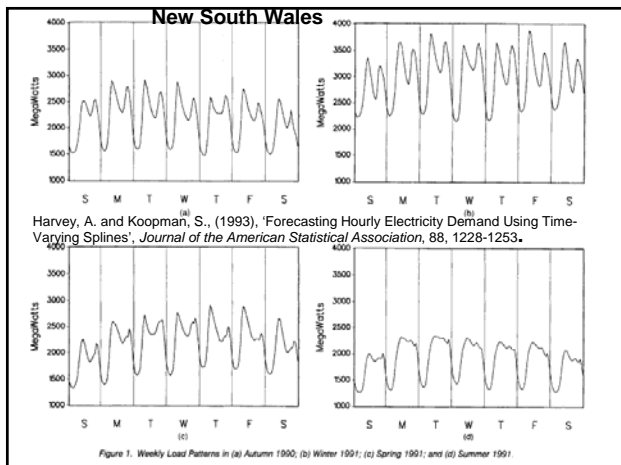
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LADWP Electricity Rates

- Residential normal meter: \$0.07288/kWh
- Residential time-of-service meter
 - Monday–Friday, 1–5 pm: \$0.14377/kWh
 - Monday–Friday, 10 am–1 pm: \$0.08793/kWh
 - All other times: \$0.03780/kWh
- Other services have demand charge (per kW) but lower service charge
 - High season (June to October) extra
 - Also have different rates for interruptible or non-interruptible

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Electric Plants

- Base load plants run continuously
 - Produce load that is required 24/7
 - Most efficient plants
- Peak load plants
 - Used to satisfy demand peaks
 - Often gas turbines that are less efficient
 - Hydroelectric plants run as peak plants because of limited resource
- Distributed Generation – large users generate their own power

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Analysis of Alternatives

- Following charts from paper by Oxford Environmental Change Institute
- Conclude that alternative and energy supplies can, when properly planned, meet needs for peak power
 - Based on models of supply and demand
 - Wind, solar photovoltaic, and domestic combined heating and power (dCHP)
 - dCHP not a renewable, but an alternative

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