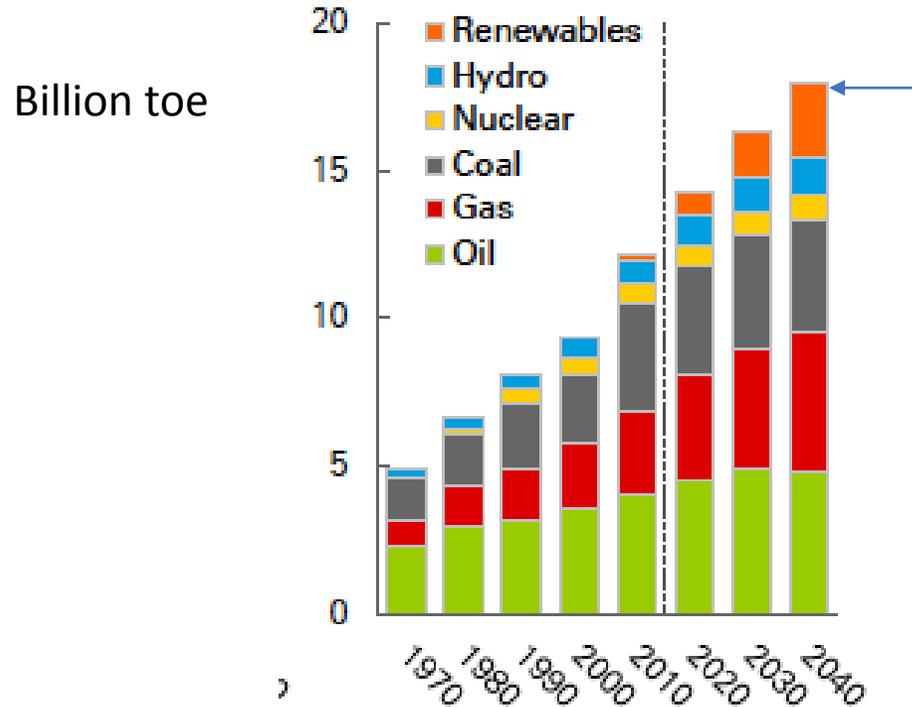
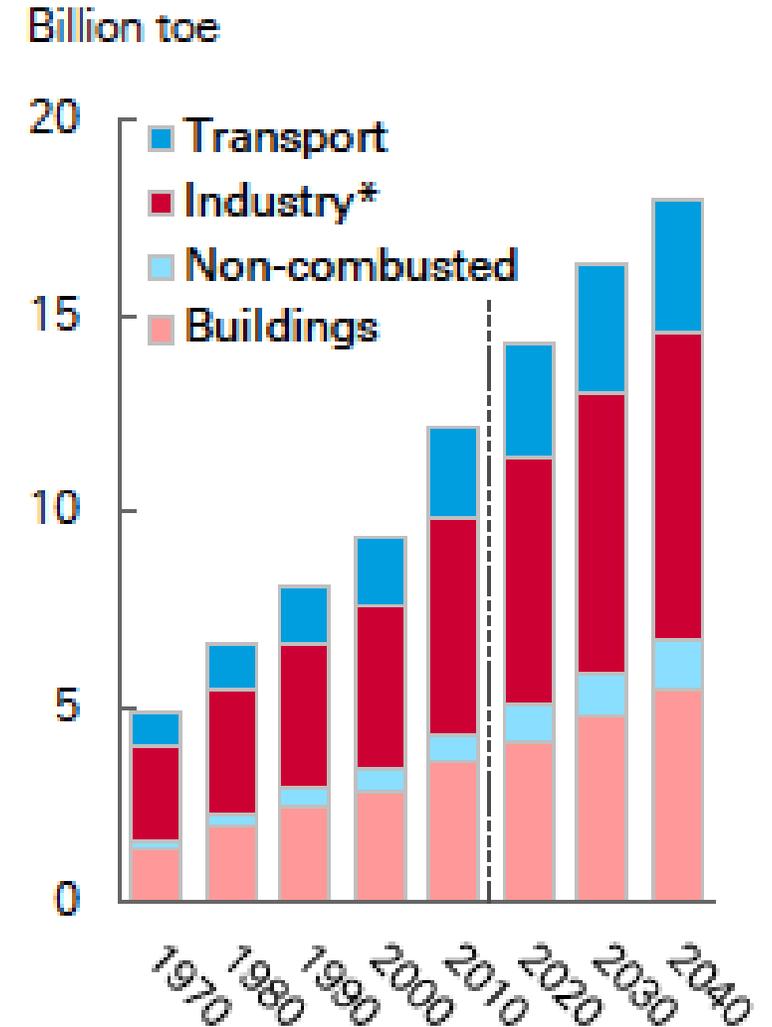


# Key megatrends motivate planning for an energy future



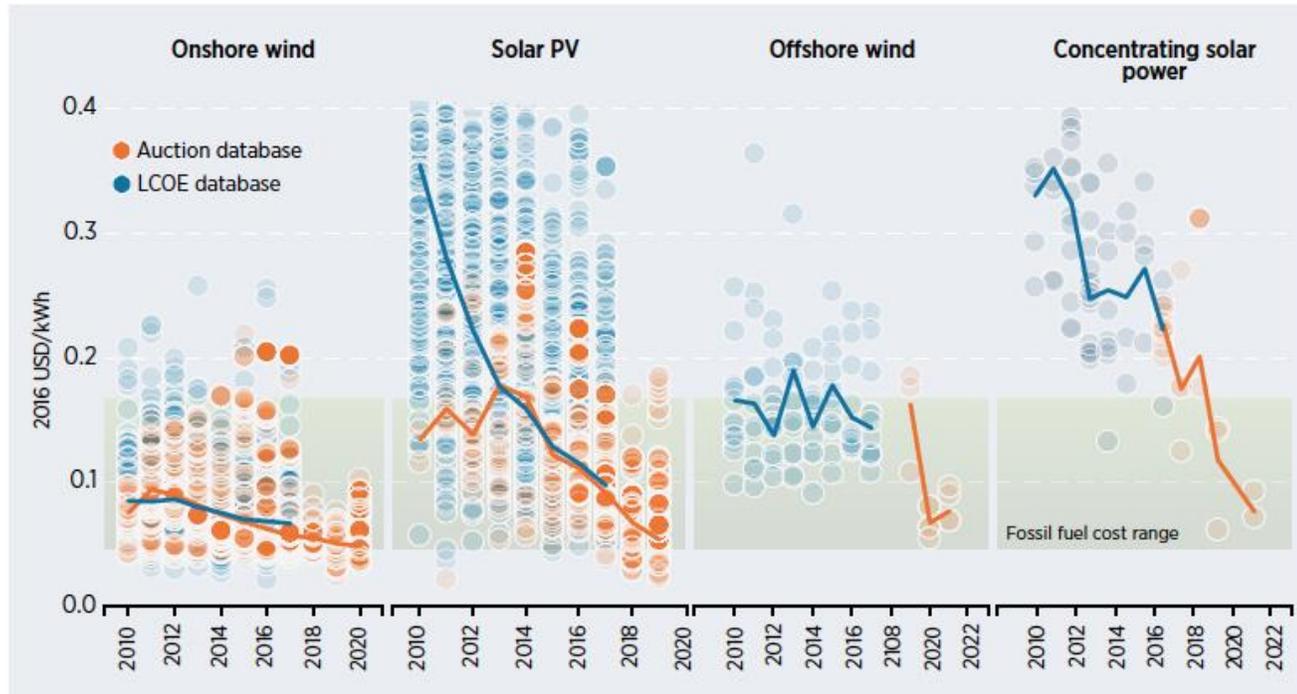
## Energy End Use

*Transportation*  
*Buildings*



- Population increase ~20% and a nearly doubling of global GDP by 2050
- Urbanization
- Electrification

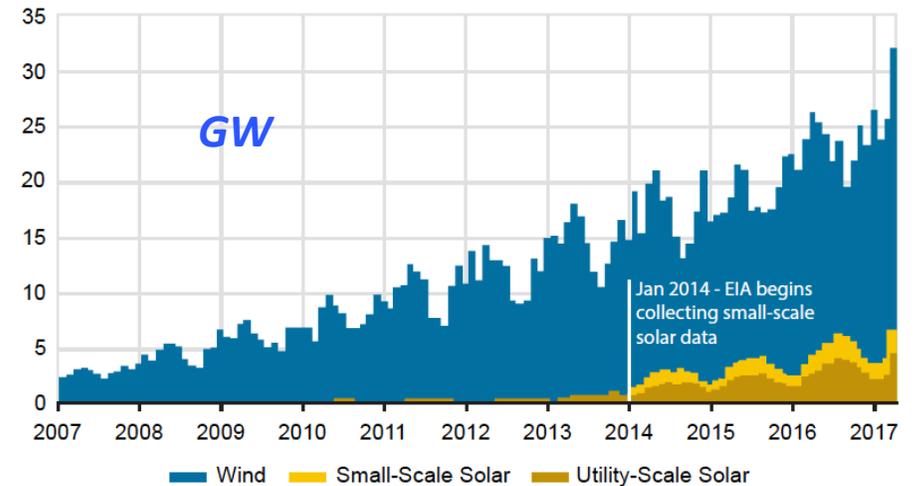
# Despite cost parity, significant future challenges remain for Solar and Wind



Source: IRENA Renewable Cost Database and Auctions Database.

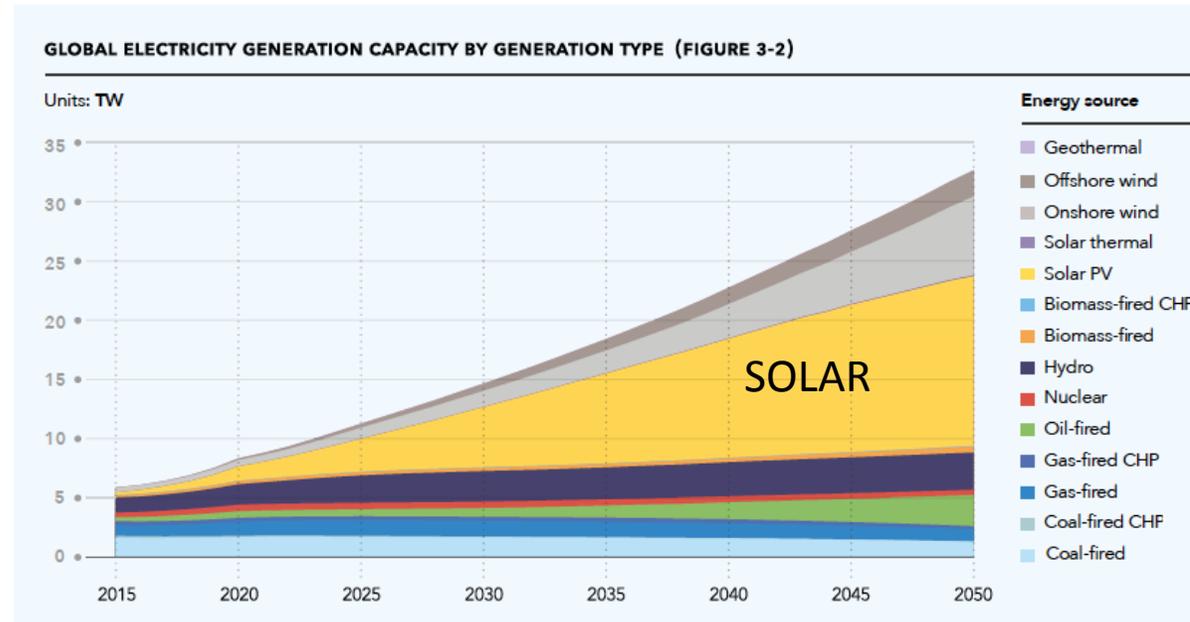
Costs for solar and wind energy are comparable to, or less than, conventional energy sources

Monthly net electricity generation from selected fuels (Jan 2007 - Mar 2017)  
million megawatthours



# Solar and Wind Must Provide Terawatts Of Power for Electrification, by 2050

Solar and Wind will need to provide ~ 2/3 energy for electrification in 2050



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- In 2050, the share of electricity for primary energy use is predicted to be twice what it is today (18% to 40% globally)
- Solar must provide ~ 15 TWs of power by 2050



# A Brief Introduction

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**400**

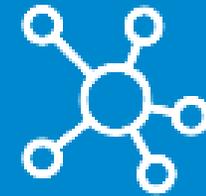
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and visiting scientists



**World-class**  
facilities, renowned  
technology experts

nearly  
**750**

**Partnerships**  
with industry,  
academia, and  
government



**Campus**  
operates as a  
living laboratory

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