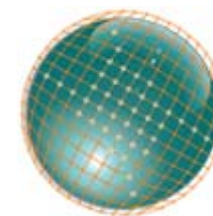




Canada Renewable Energy Science and Policy Programs

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Natural Resources
Canada

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Canada



Outline

- Introduction
- Federal and provincial initiatives
- Integration of renewable energy in distribution networks in Canada
- Clean energy investments – smart grid and renewable energy
- Strategic planning and levers to encourage innovation
- Summary



S&T is key to achieving NRCan's Vision & Strategic Outcomes

Vision: *Improve the quality of life of Canadians by creating a sustainable natural resources advantage.*

Strategic Outcomes:

- Economic Development: Natural resources sectors are internationally competitive, economically productive, and contribute to the social well-being of Canadians.
- Environmental Responsibility: Canada is a world leader on environmental responsibility in the development and use of natural resources.
- Safety, Security and Governance: Natural resources and landmass knowledge strengthen the safety and security of Canadians and contribute to the effective governance of Canada.

Our Mission:

- Champion of Sustainable Development
- World-Class Centre of Knowledge
- Leader in Science and Policy





NRCCan is a major science performer...

- One of the largest federal science organizations.
- \$500M/year on S&T activities.
- 3000+ people working on S&T.
 - 475 Research Scientists.
- ~900 peer reviewed publications per year.
- 288 NRCCan scientists hold adjunct professorships

Canada has a Long Tradition of Natural Resources S&T

1842 - Geological Survey of Canada

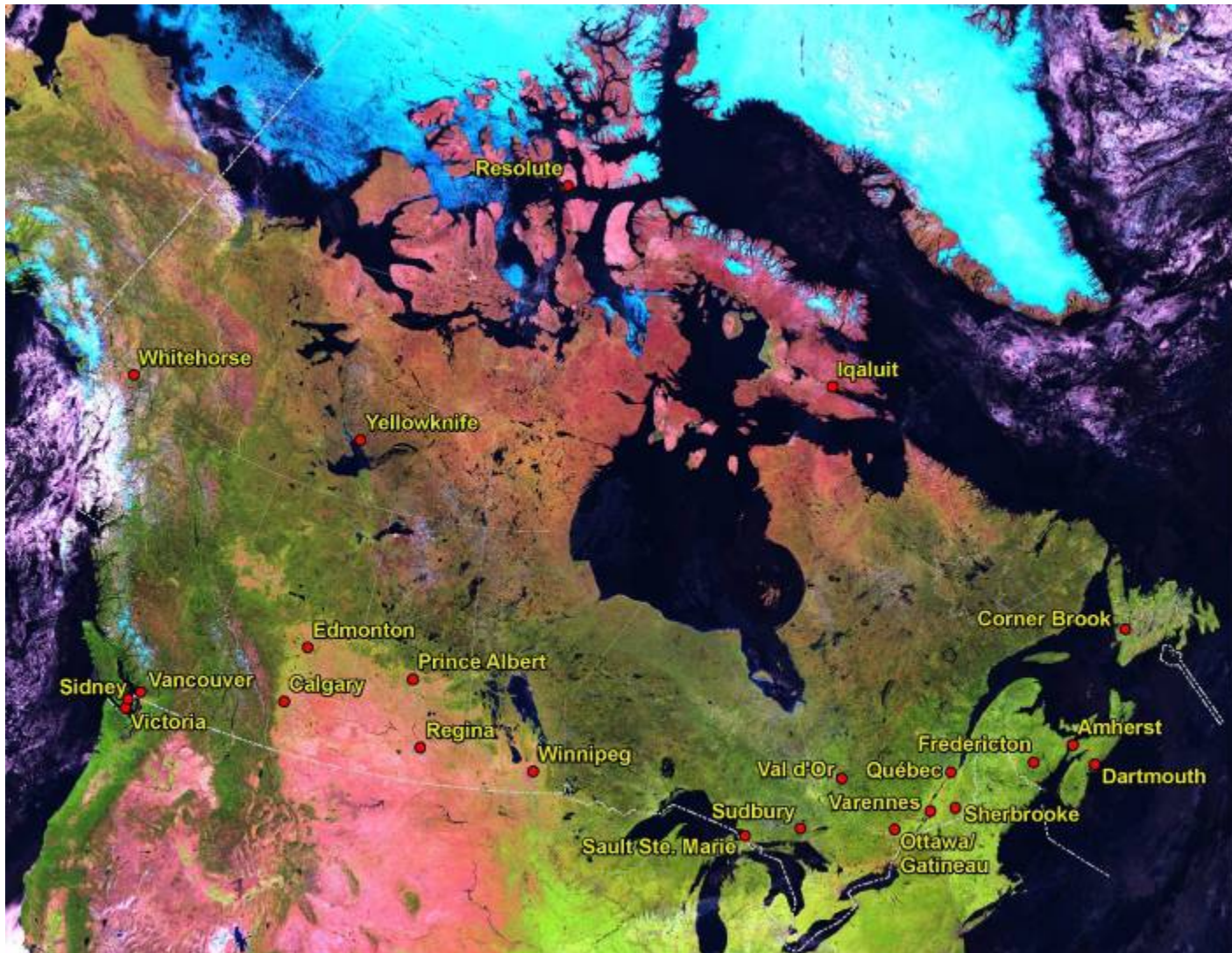
1898 - Canadian Forest Service

1906 - Atlas of Canada

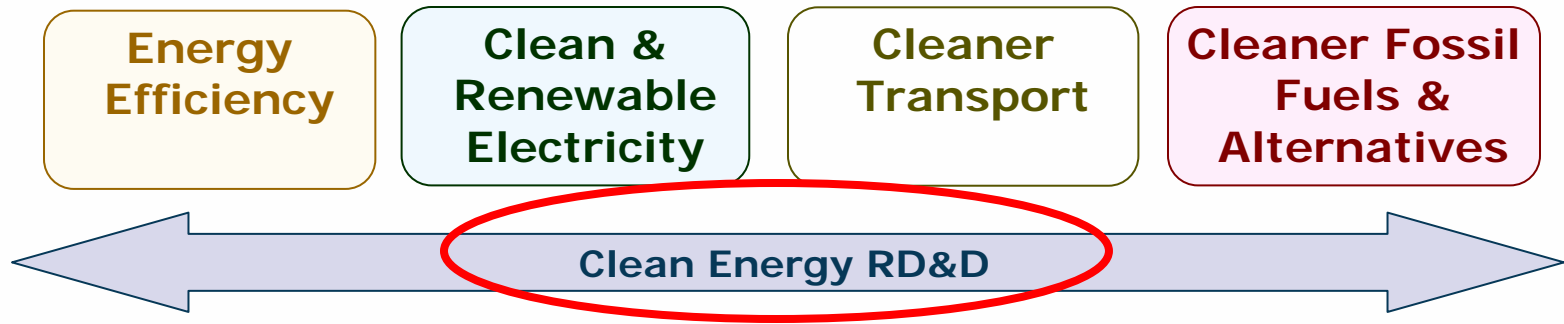
1908 - Canada Centre for Mineral and Energy Technology (CanMET)



...with an S&T presence across Canada



Integrated approach to planning clean energy R&D





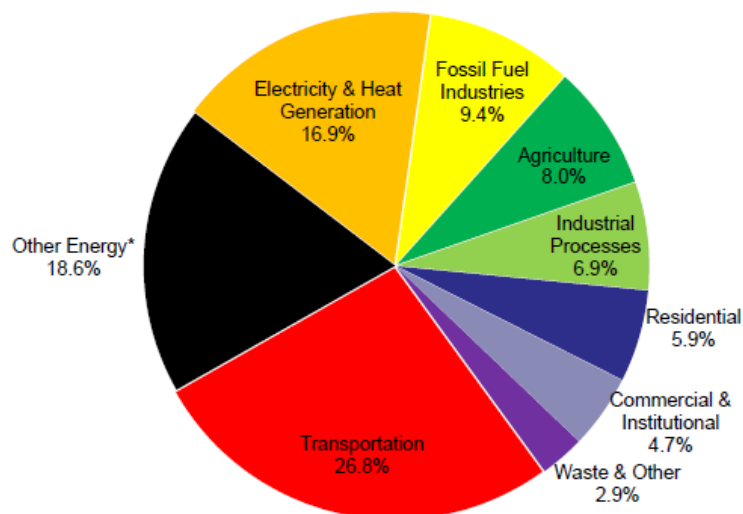
Drivers

- Electricity demand continues to increase
- Public interest in renewable and low-impact technologies
- Green economy job creation
- Increasing concern about security, power quality, and reliability of the grid, including transmission and distribution losses
- High cost of building additional transmission systems as well as replacement of aging systems
- Government of Canada's GHG goals

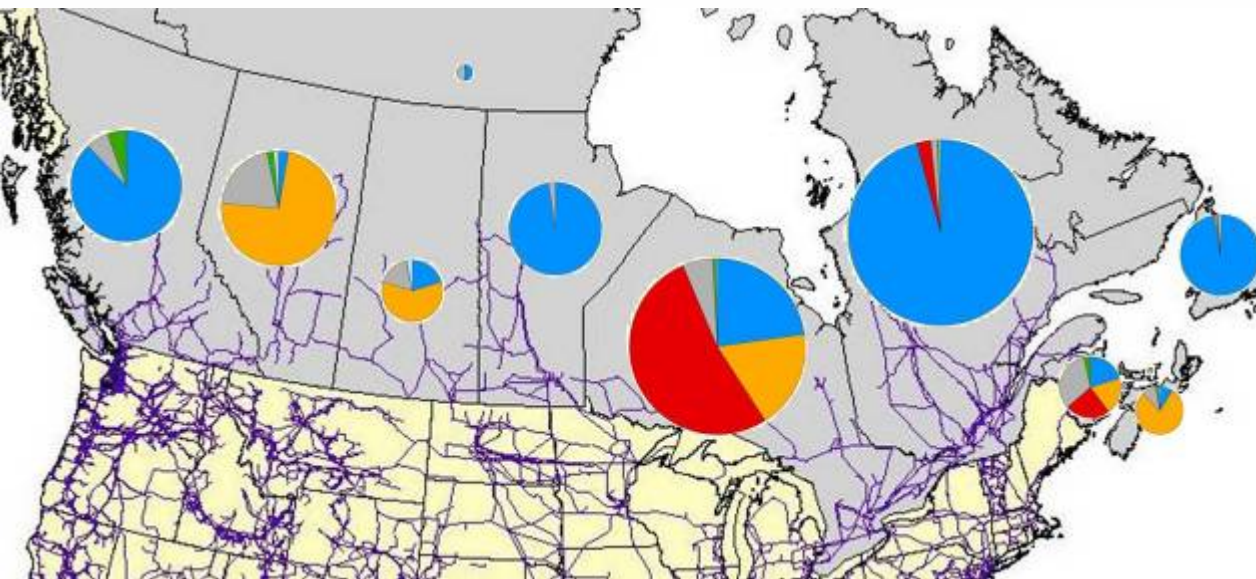
Canada's Challenge – Policy Direction

- **Reduce Canada's GHG emissions by:**
 - 17% below 2005 levels by 2020
 - 60% - 70% below 2005 levels by 2050
- **Achieve 90% of Canadian electricity from Non-emitting Sources by 2020**

Total GHG Emissions in Canada, 2007 = 747 Megatonnes CO₂ Equivalent



Canadian Electricity Supply Mix



Legend

180 million MWh

100 million MWh

25 million MWh

MWh = megawatt-hour



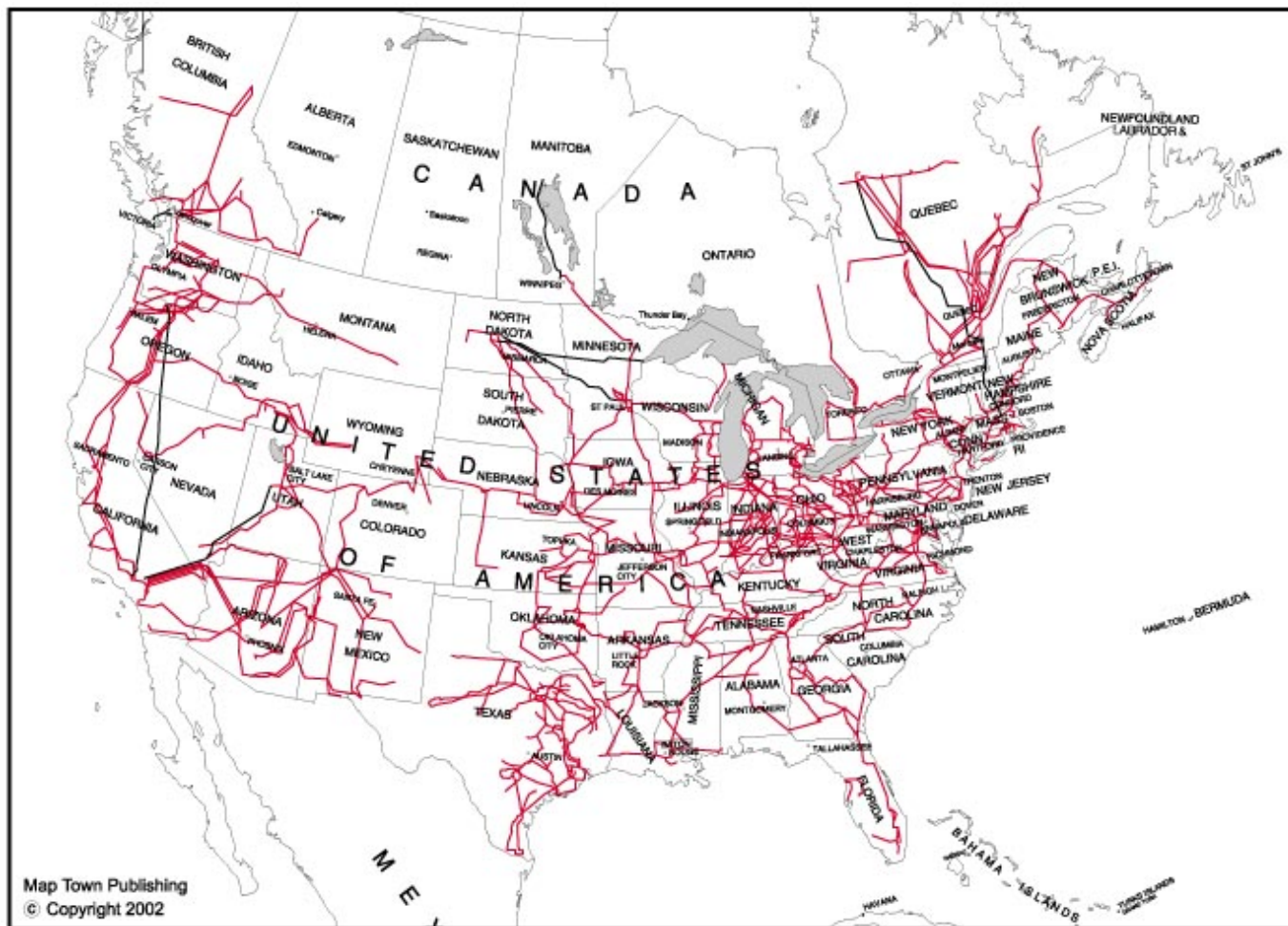
Electricity Management:

- North-South interconnected grid with the US
- Diverse resource options across country → no one-size fits all
- Varying electricity policies across provinces

Statistical Source: NRCan (provincial electricity supply), North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC, grid)
Map Source: Global Energy Network Institute (GENI)

North American Electricity Transmission*

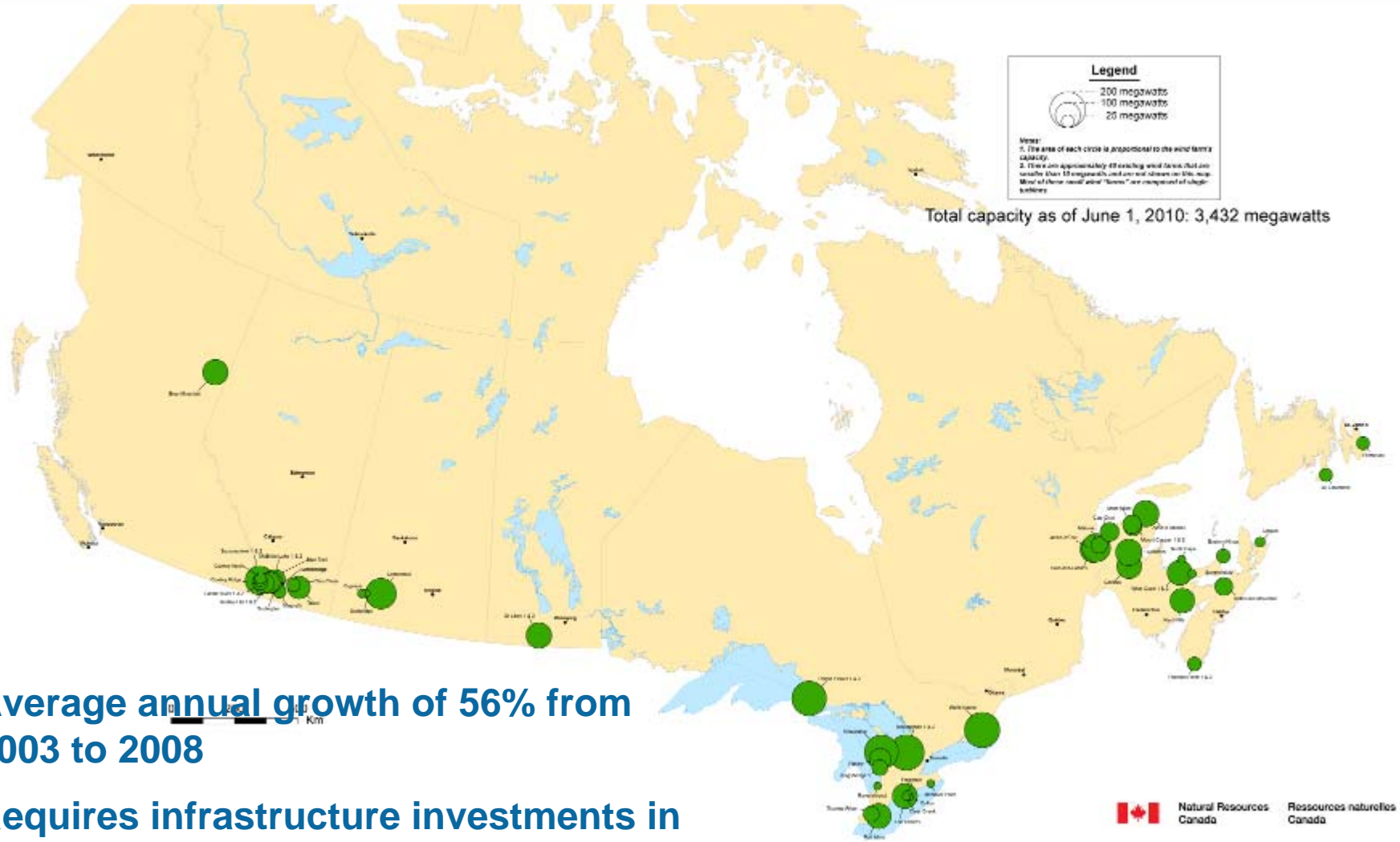
Regional System Network Improves Market Efficiencies



*main electricity transmission lines



Canada's Wind Capacity reached 3.4 GW

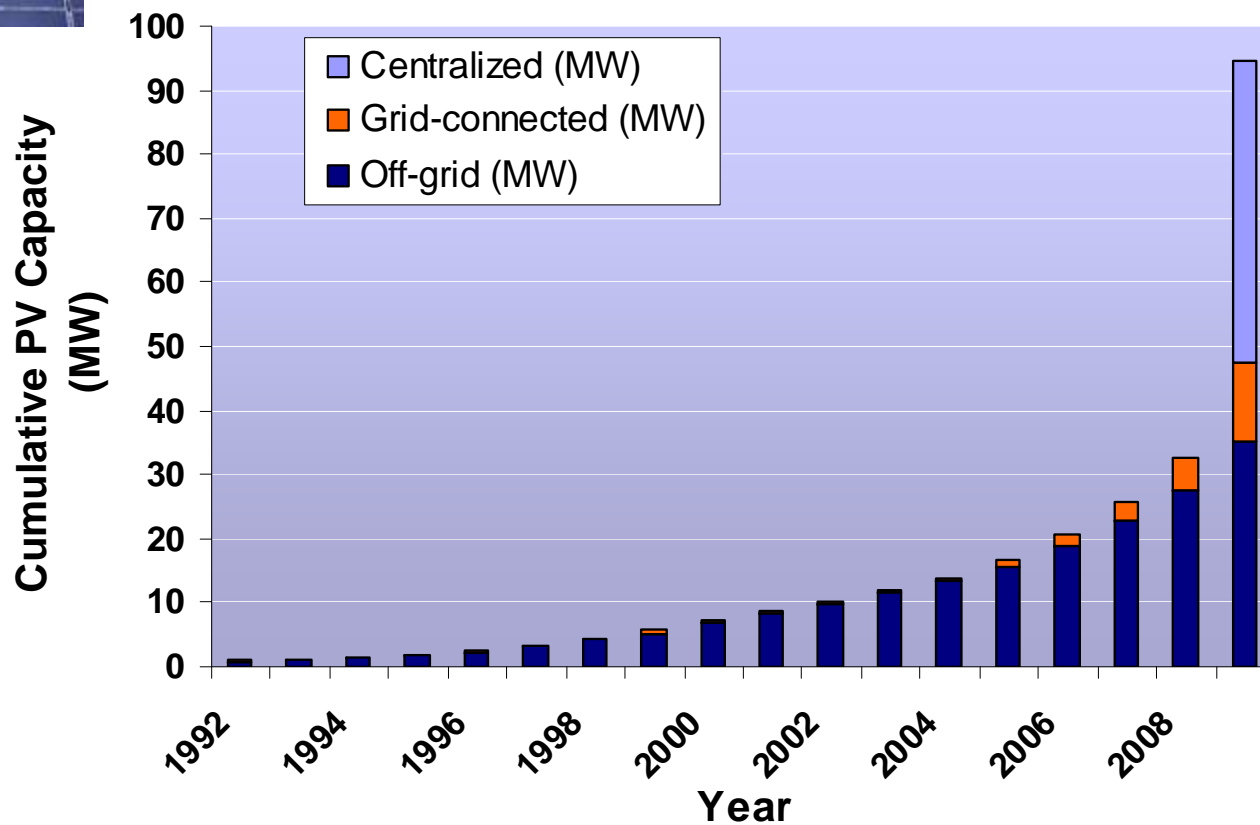


- Average annual growth of 56% from 2003 to 2008
- Requires infrastructure investments in Transmission and distribution assets

189% increase in solar photovoltaic in 2009



Cumulative PV Capacity installed in Canada from 1992 - 2009



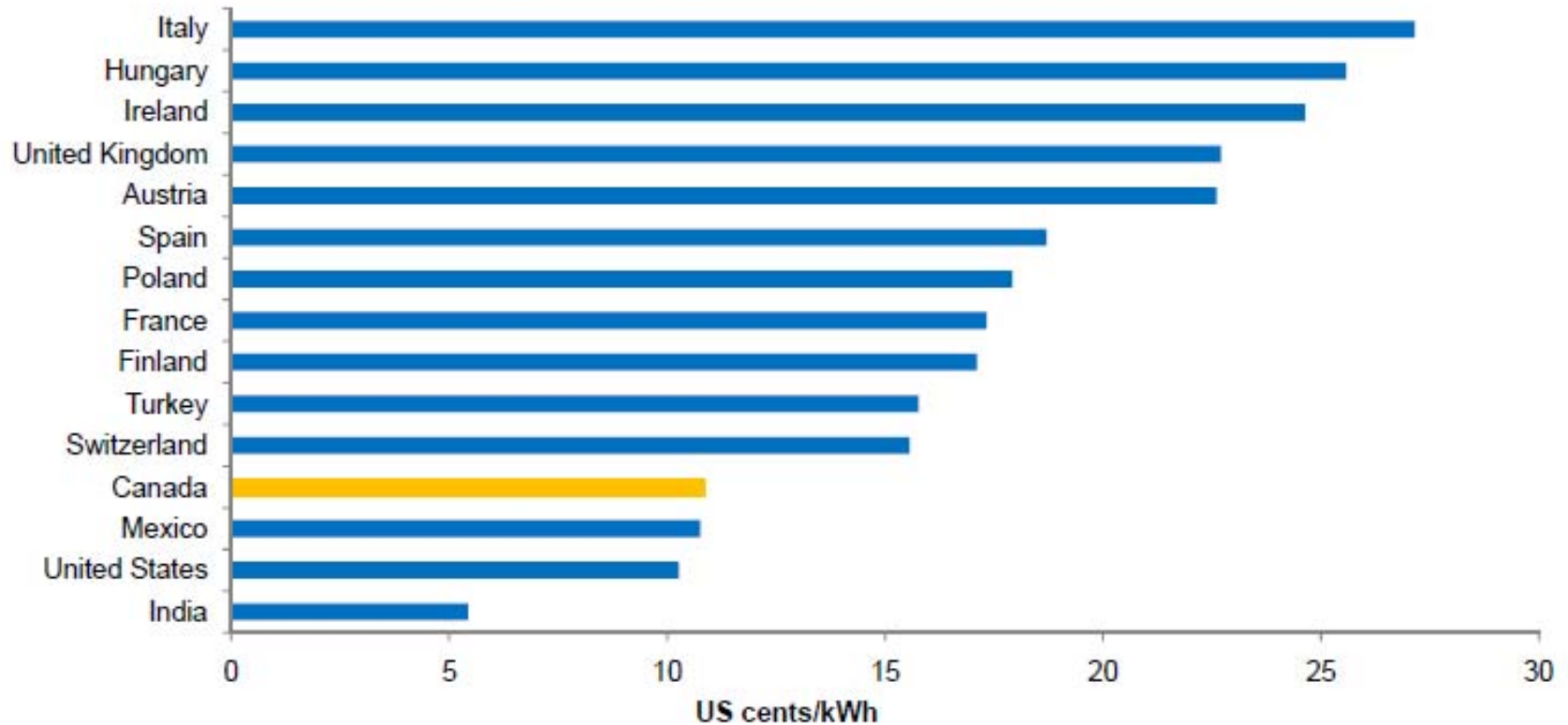


A wide ranging effort have been initiated by the provinces targeting renewable energy development

- **British Columbia** -Clean energy Act, 2010
- **Alberta** – Bioenergy, wind energy and transmission
- **Manitoba** wind-hydro balancing and synchrophasor
- **New Brunswick** power shift project – wind integration
- **Nova Scotia** Renewable Electricity Plan - Wind and Tidal
- **Newfoundland Labrador** Hydro power and transmission
- **Prince Edward Island** wind energy strategy
- **Saskatchewan**, wind
- **Ontario** Green Energy and Green Economy Act, 2009 – Wind, biomenergy, solar, hydro focus on job creation
- **Québec** released its Energy Strategy in 2006. Jointly with its Plan Nord objectives, more than 7 500 MW of hydroelectric power and 4 300 MW of wind power will be implemented before 2035
- **Northern territories** (Yukon, NWT, Nunavut):
 - Creating a Brighter Future
 - Reducing dependence on diesel power in remote communities
 - Geothermal, Solar, Wind

This 2007 average price of electricity did not reflect the time of day electricity costs

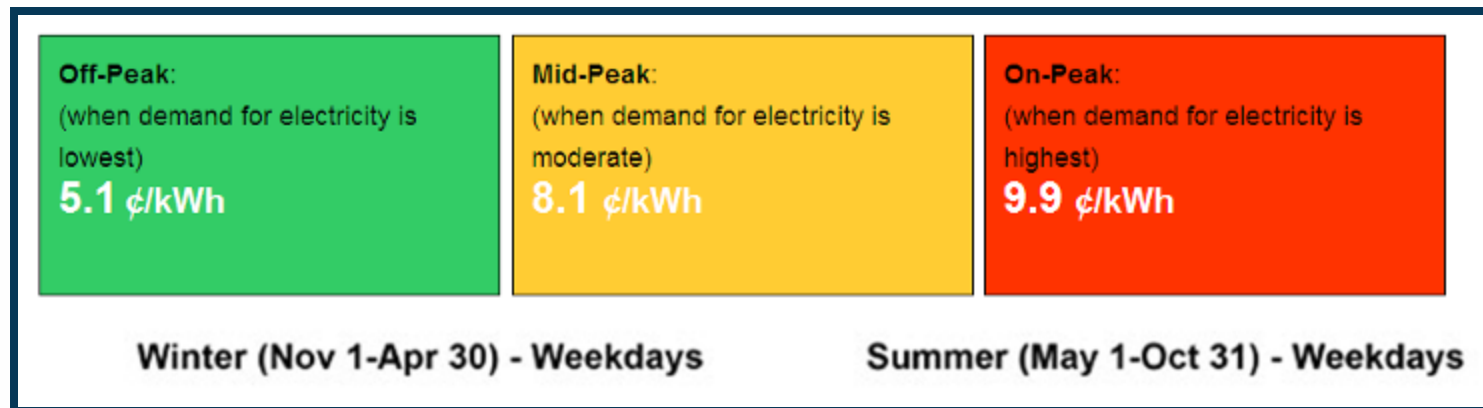
Selected World Residential Electricity Prices, 2007



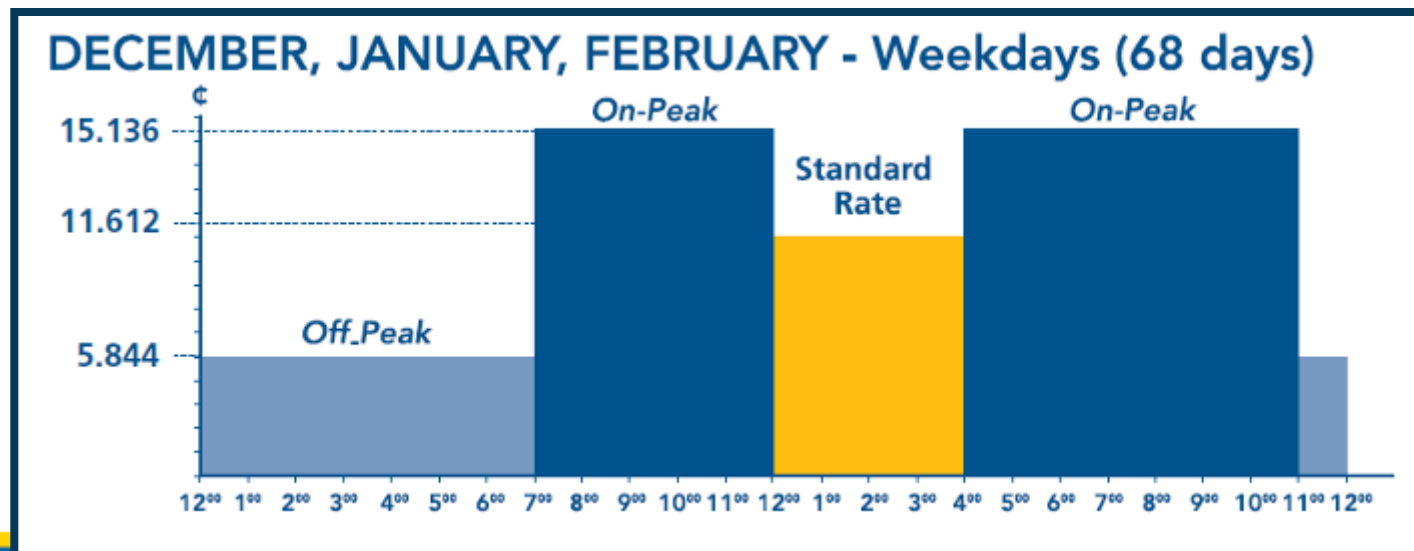
Source for Canada: Hydro Quebec, *Comparison of Electricity Prices in Major North American Cities, 2007*
Source for Rest of World: International Energy Agency, *Key World Energy Statistics 2008*

Transition to time of day prices that reflect the supply and demand for electricity

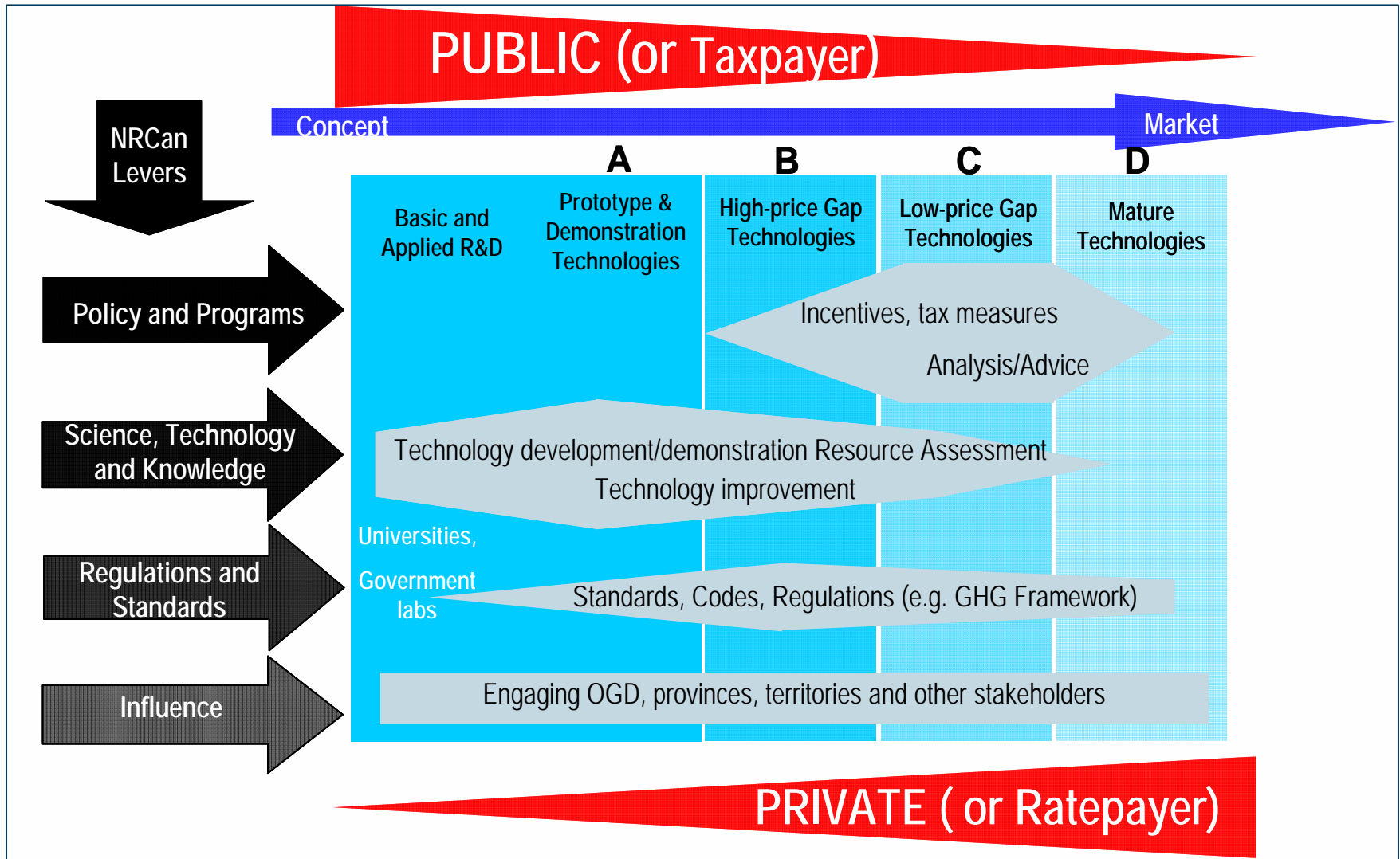
ONTARIO Energy Board TOU rate set every 6 months



Nova Scotia TOU rate Winter months



Innovation and policy levers



Federal support for the establishments of four national research networks

www.solarbuildings.ca

(2005-2010)

**SOLAR BUILDINGS
RESEARCH NETWORK**



**RÉSEAU DE RECHERCHE SUR
LES BÂTIMENTS SOLAIRES**

www.PVINNOVATION.ca (2009-2014)

**PHOTOVOLTAIC
INNOVATION NETWORK**

www.wesnet.ca (2007-2012)

Wind energy System Network



Smart Grid research network
(2010-2015)



Smart Grid initiatives to modernize the electricity system

- Federal :
 - Clean Energy Fund demonstration projects
 - Smart Grid Technology and Standards Task Force
 - Wireless spectrum allocation 1800-1830MHz band
 - International Smart Grid Action Network
- Industry:
 - Smart Grid Canada participating in the Global Smart Grid Federation
 - Smart grid project implementation by electricity distribution companies
 - Manitoba Hydro project as part of the North American Synchrophasor Initiatives



Clean Energy Fund (CEF) demonstration projects

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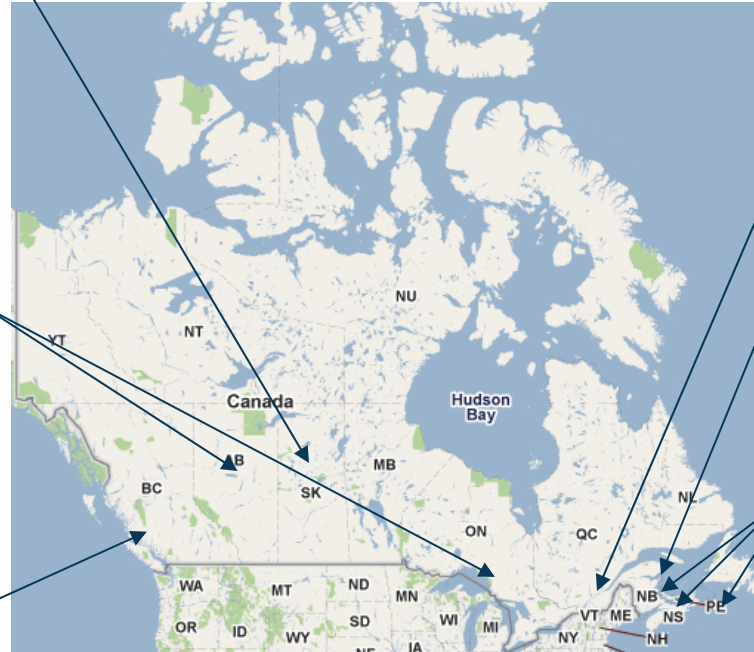
- First-nation managed wind/storage system.
- \$5.5M project.

Power Measurement Ltd

- Load curtailment and peak shaving in large commercial buildings
- Partners include Brookfield Properties, ENMAX
- \$10M project

BC Hydro

- Installation of two 1MW storage systems at two locations to support remote and weak grid systems
- \$13.4M project



Hydro-Quebec-Institute de recherche

- Development of a smart zone in Boucherville including PHEV charging infrastructure
- \$20M project

Wind Energy Institute of Canada

- 9MW wind-based research park combined with energy storage on a weak grid
- \$25M Project

New Brunswick Power Corporation

- Project will install monitoring and control systems in 2500 buildings in PEI, NB and NS. Load control will be driven by availability of regional wind power
- 4 utilities involved
- \$32M project





Smart Grid Technology and Standards Task Force

Transmission & Distribution



Feeder Automation



Substation Data Management unit



Utility DMS/OMS

Security & Privacy

Consumer





Actions that we can champion

- Support the establishment of a reliable and efficient electricity distribution infrastructure able to integrate renewable and distributed energy resources;
- Support and influence the development and harmonization of standards;
- Establish a consortium of leading industry/utility research centers, national laboratories, and universities and increase the pool of specialists that this industry needs to bring their products and services to the market place;
- Facilitate the market acceptance of renewable energy that will contribute to meeting Canada's policy goals.