

Fuel Cell Hybrid Market Assessment & Early Adopter Study

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Analysis

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Executive Summary

Positioning of Fuel Cells into Market Needs

Fuel Cell Hybrids Offer Best Option for Low Cost Power

Low-Cost Power

_SOFC-CT
MCFC-CT
SOFC
MCFC

CHP

_SOFC
MCFC

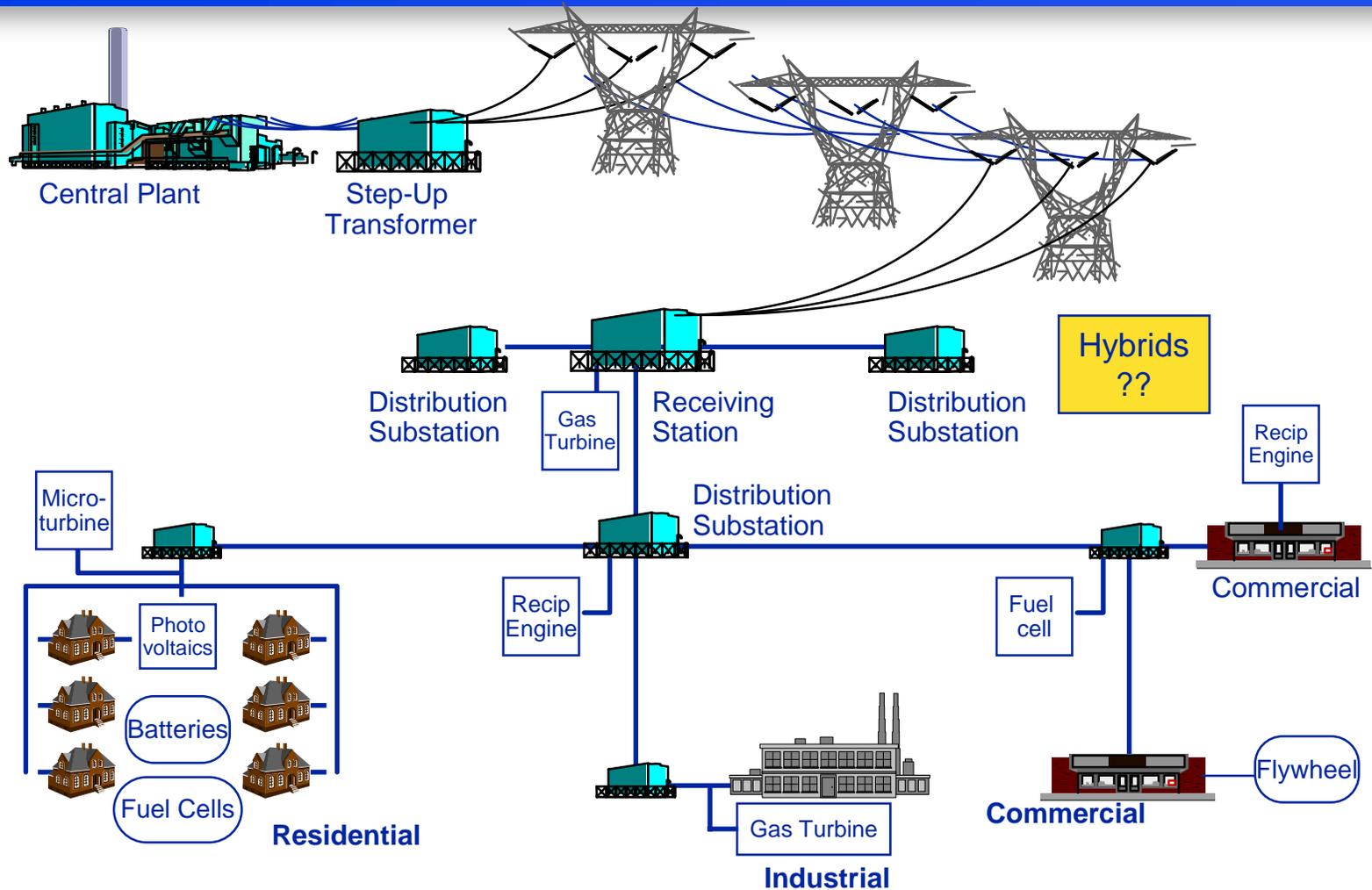
Premium Power

SOFC
PEMFC
MCFC
PAFC

Peak Shaving Load Mgmt

PEMFC

Executive Summary: Objective assess the market for fuel cell hybrids in the evolving electric enterprise



Executive Summary

Project Objectives

- Estimate market potential for high efficiency fuel cell hybrids in the U.S.
- Segment market size by commercial; industrial and aggregator applications
- Identify and evaluate potential early adopters
- Use results to prioritize future R&D investments and development efforts

Executive Summary:

Input Hybrid Performance and Cost Parameters

Established by Vendors and DOE

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>
Power output MW	0.3	1.5	25
Electric efficiency % [^]	63	66	70
Efficiency @ 50% load	← 63	62	65 →
NOx lbs/MWH	<0.0004		

Installed Cost \$/kW

Current (2005) [^]	1,600	1,400	1,100
Future (2010+) *	1,100	940	660
Long-Term (2015+) *	780	700	575

O&M cost mills/kWH	7	6	6
Availability %	95	95	95

[^]provided by vendors; * provided by NETL/ DOE

Executive Summary

Potential Applications for Fuel Cell Hybrids

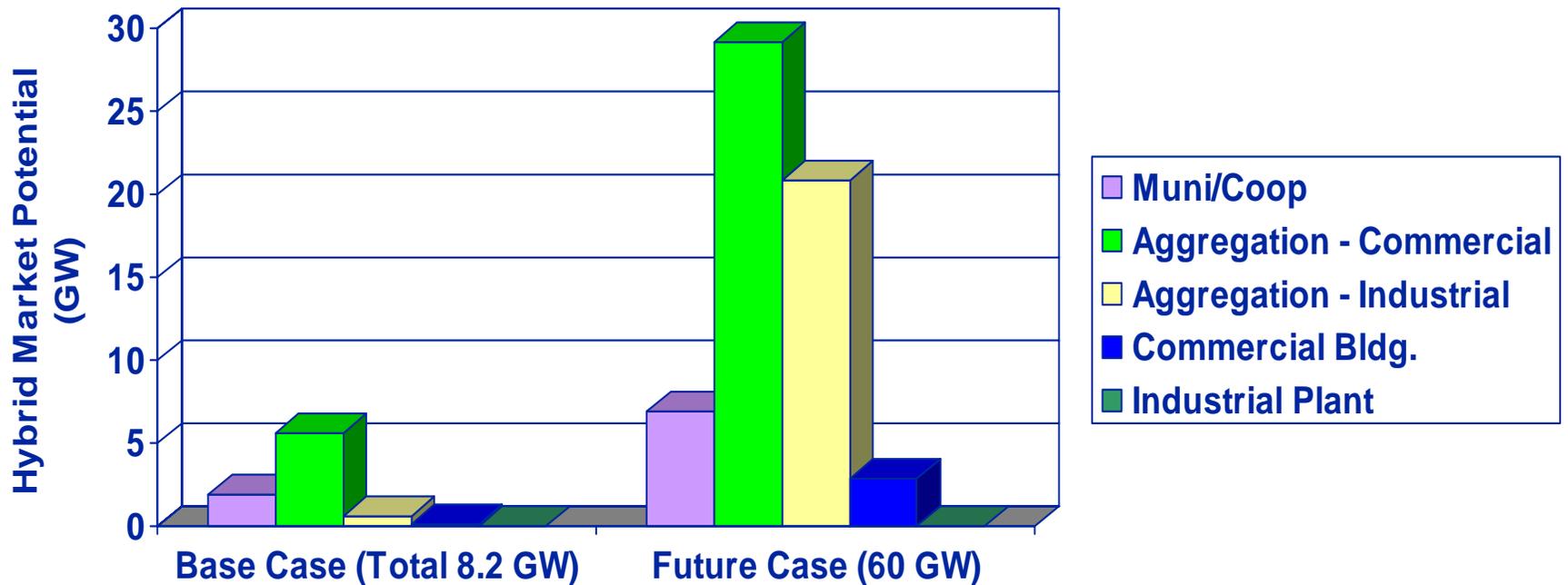
Application	Business Cases
Dispersed Power	Community Power (C/I Aggregation)
C&I	On-Site All Electric On-Site Cogeneration
Mass Markets*	Community Power (Residential Aggregation)

* Not in scope of study

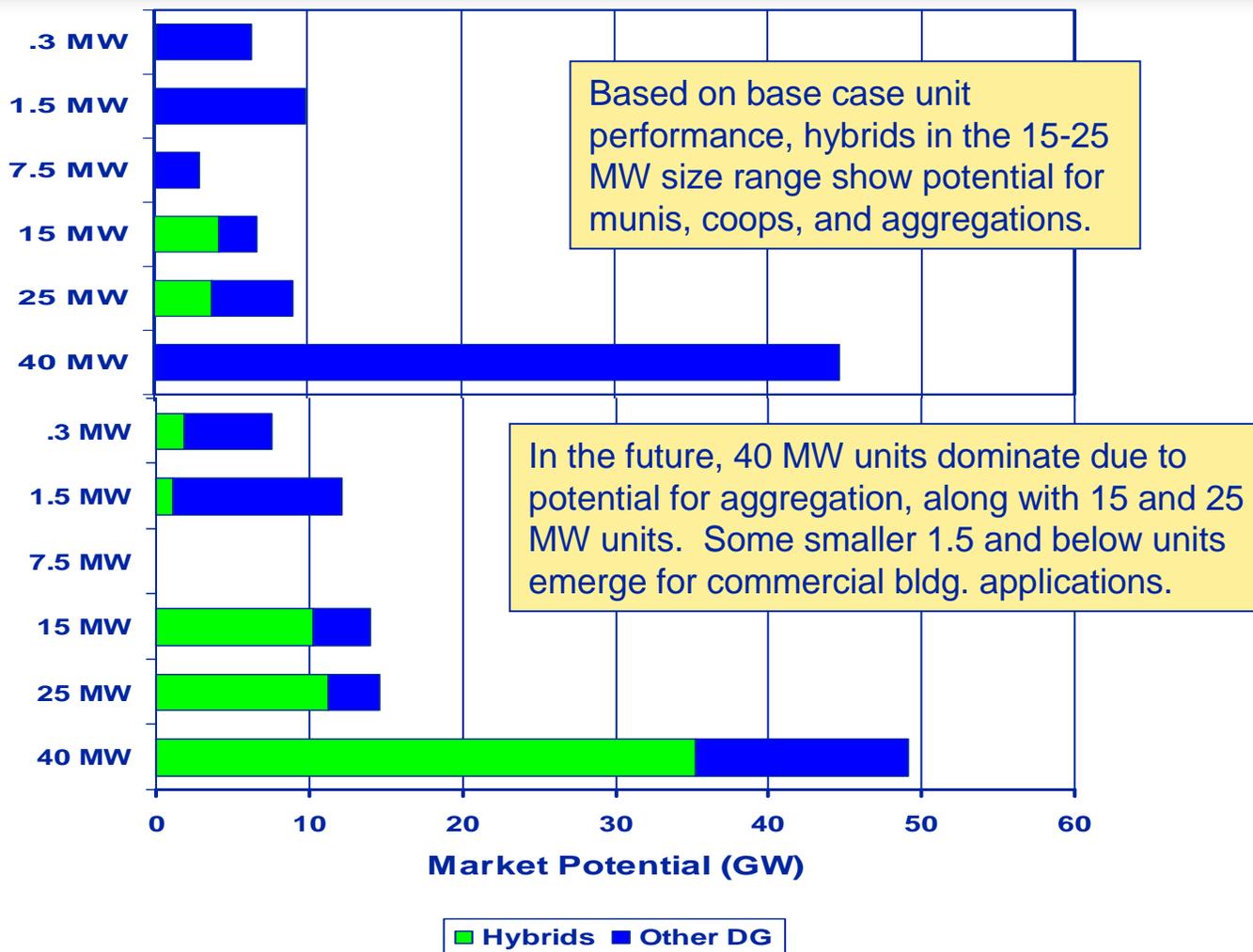
Summary of Results

Current and Future Hybrid Markets Favor Aggregation

Base case: hybrids at \$1,100-1,600/kW (2005)
Future case: hybrids at \$600-1,100/kW (2010+).

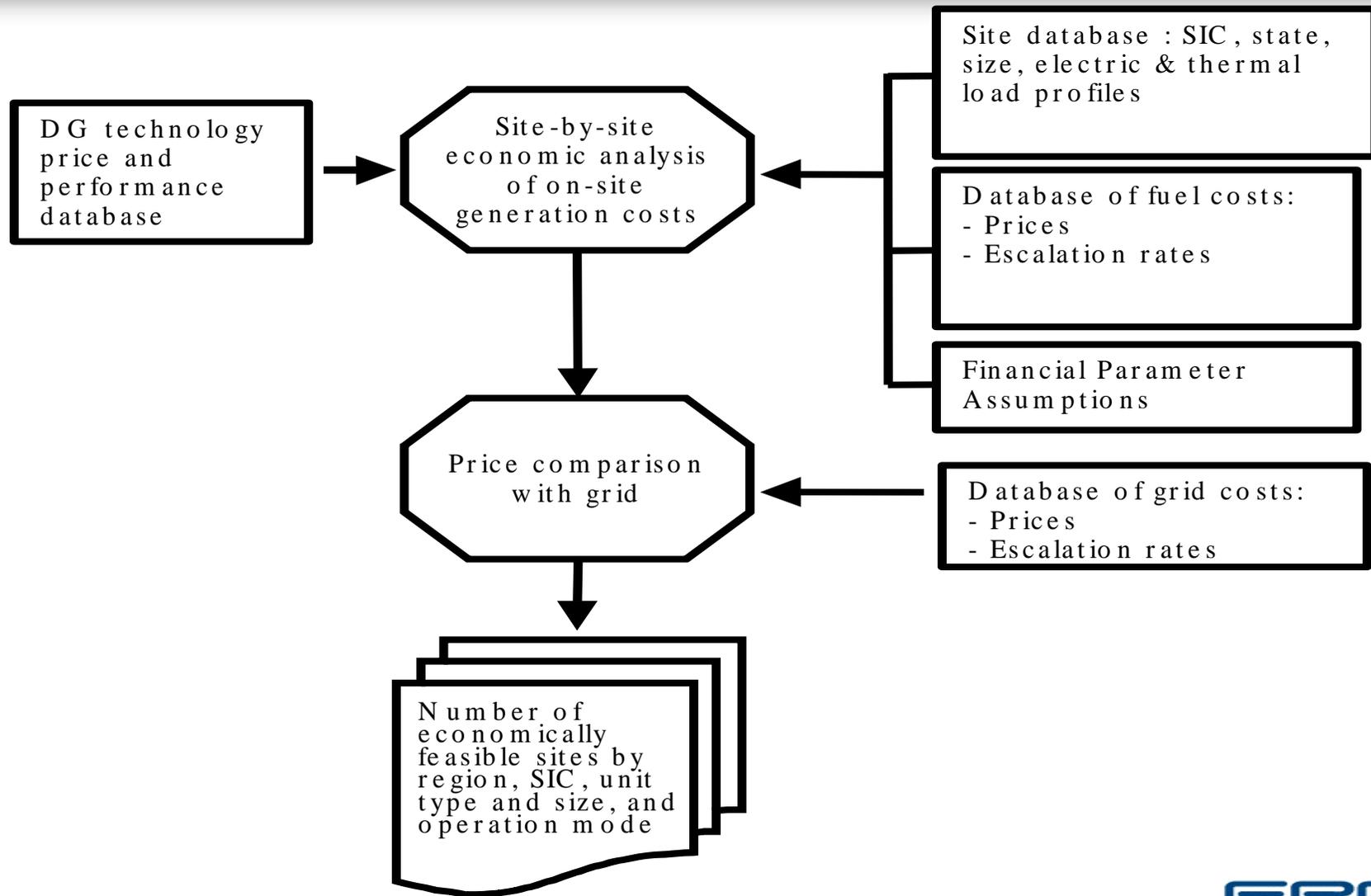


Summary of Results: Current and Future Fuel Cell Hybrids Favor Larger Sizes



Market Assessment Methodology

Developed and Validated in Prior EPRI and RDC Studies



Methodology and Approach

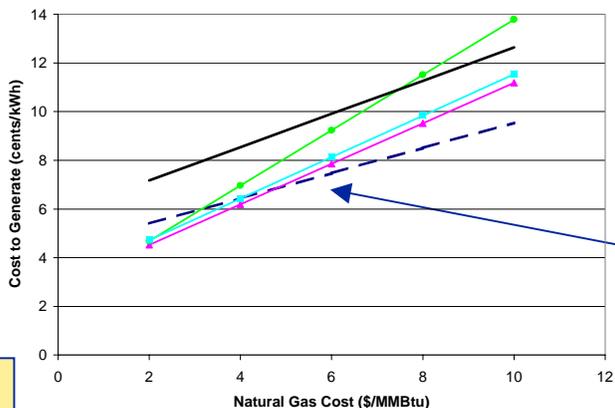
Conservative Financial Parameters Mirror Market Conditions

- Project life is 10 years
- Typical taxes and insurance are included
- Units sized to meet 50% of electric load for industrial; at average demand for commercial
- Electricity is not sold back to the grid
- Grid backup power is required, and included in energy bill
- Credit is given for avoided interruptions

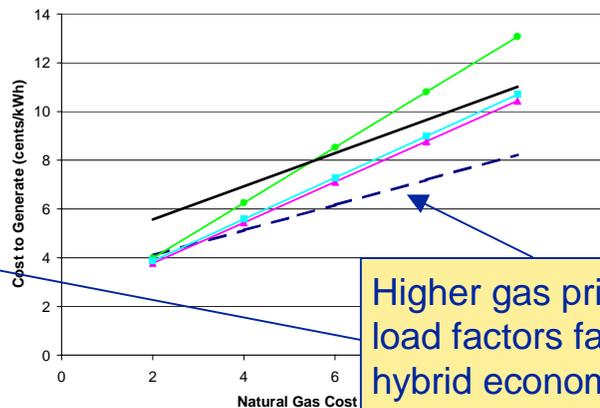
Fuel Cell Hybrids Win With Higher Energy Prices

Baseload

65% Load Factor



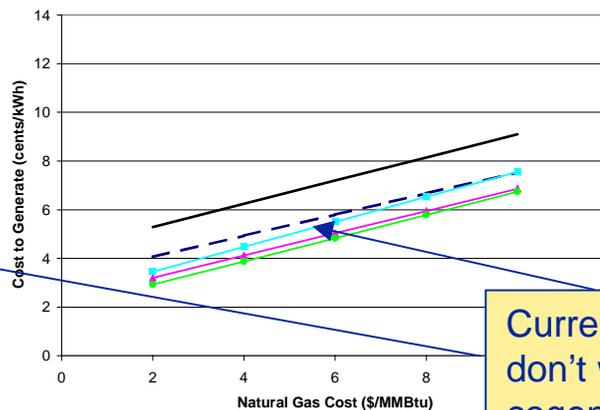
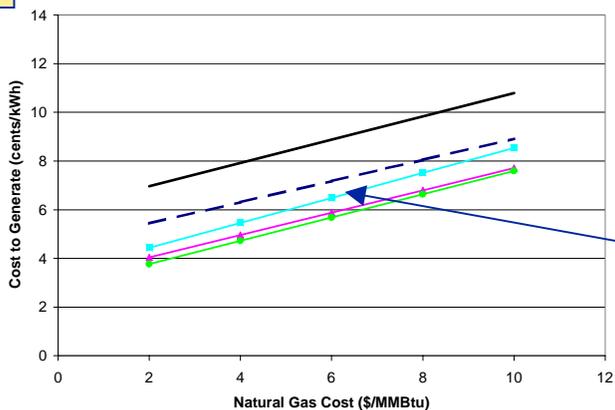
100% Load Factor



Higher gas prices and load factors favor current hybrid economics

Note: Current 1-5 MW Unit

Cogeneration



Current hybrids don't win with cogeneration

Hybrid Engine Turbine ATS Fuel Cell

Methodology and Approach

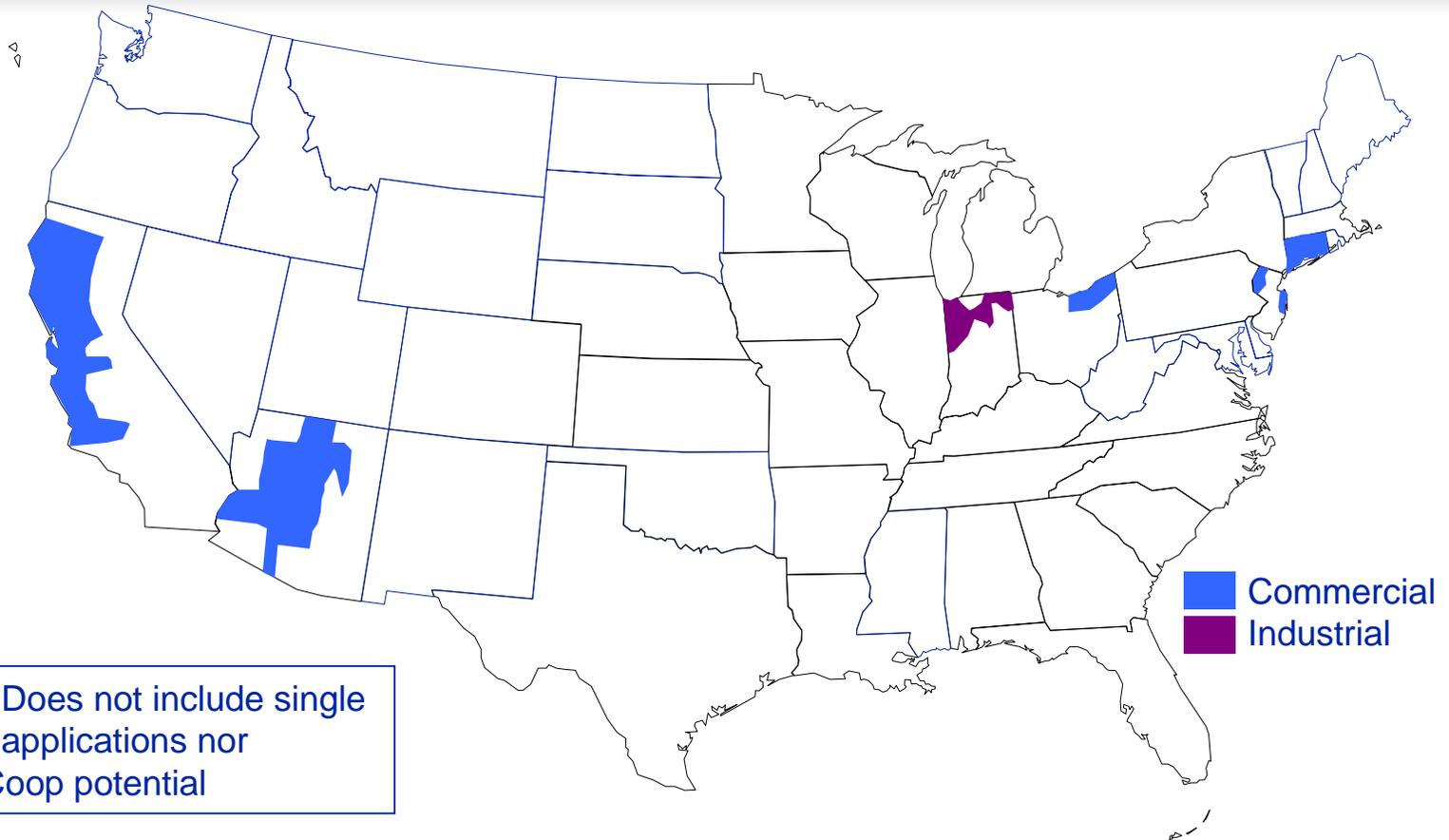
Modified to Examine Potential for Aggregation

- **Aggregation offers improved economics**
 - Displaces more expensive electricity (small sites pay more for the same amount of electricity than large sites)
 - Few sites large enough to warrant larger hybrids; much more potential to aggregate numerous small/medium sites
- **Key Assumptions and Methodology**
 - Assumed aggregations of 100 sites (commercial) and 10 sites (industrial)
 - Representative blend of buildings to approximate aggregate load curve and applied diversity factor
 - Assumed no cogeneration
 - Incorporated typical unbundled distribution rates with no transmission charges
 - Applied 3 percent electric distribution losses

Results

Limited Areas Favor Aggregation*

Based on Current Fuel Cell Hybrid Targets

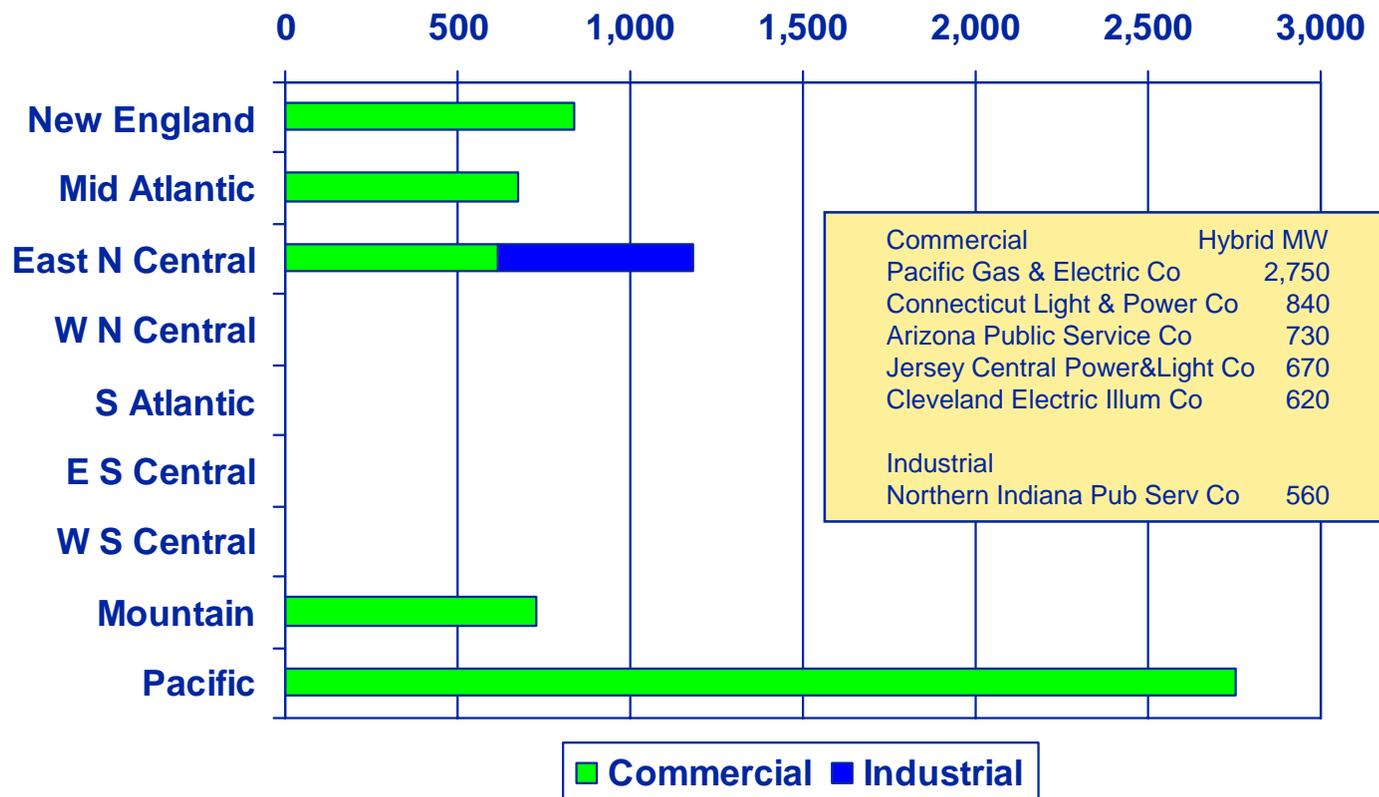


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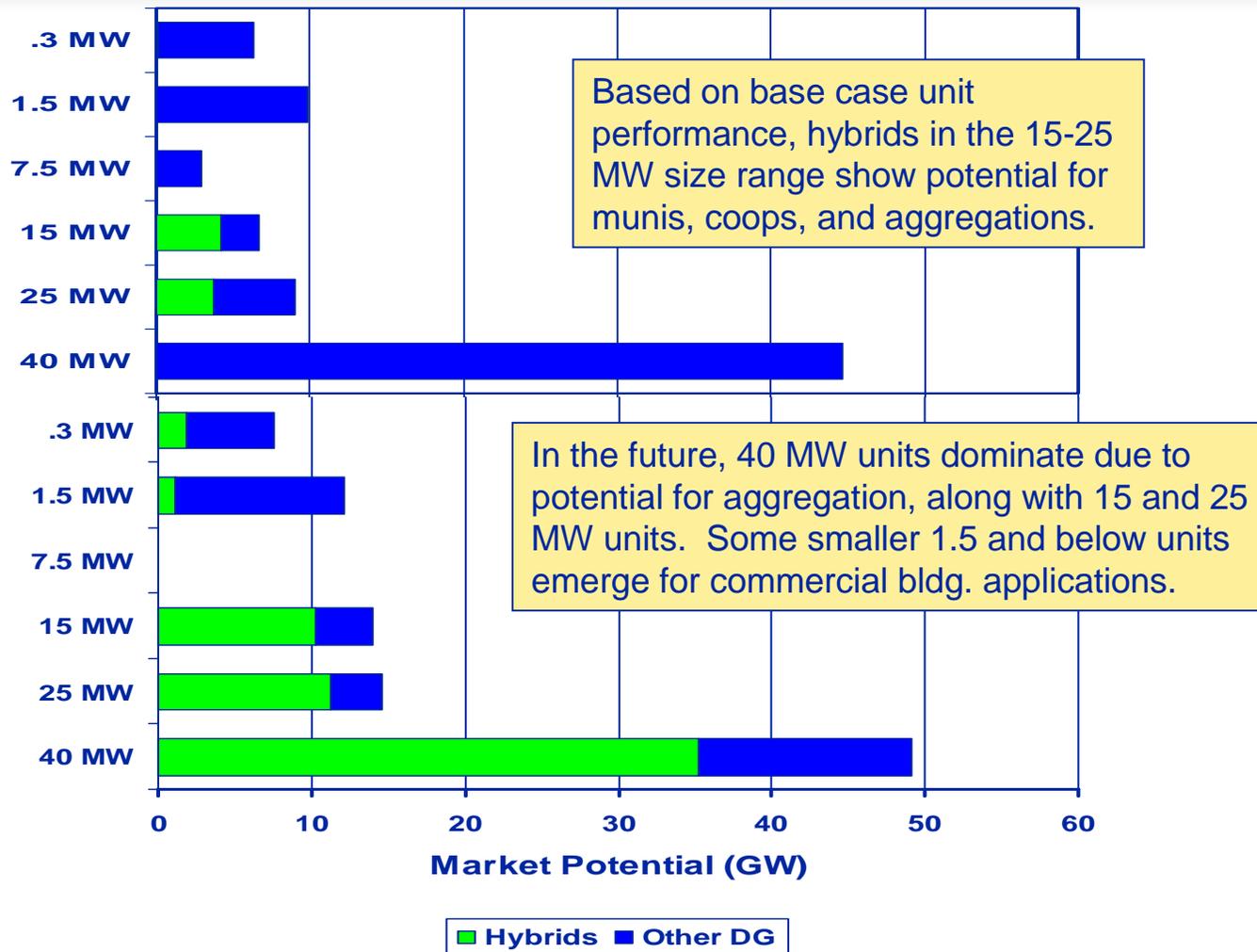
Markets for *Near-Term Fuel Cell Hybrids* Could Serve Concentrated Regions *Aggregations Focused on Commercial Sector*

Note: Does not include single facility applications nor Muni/Coop potential

MW Market Potential

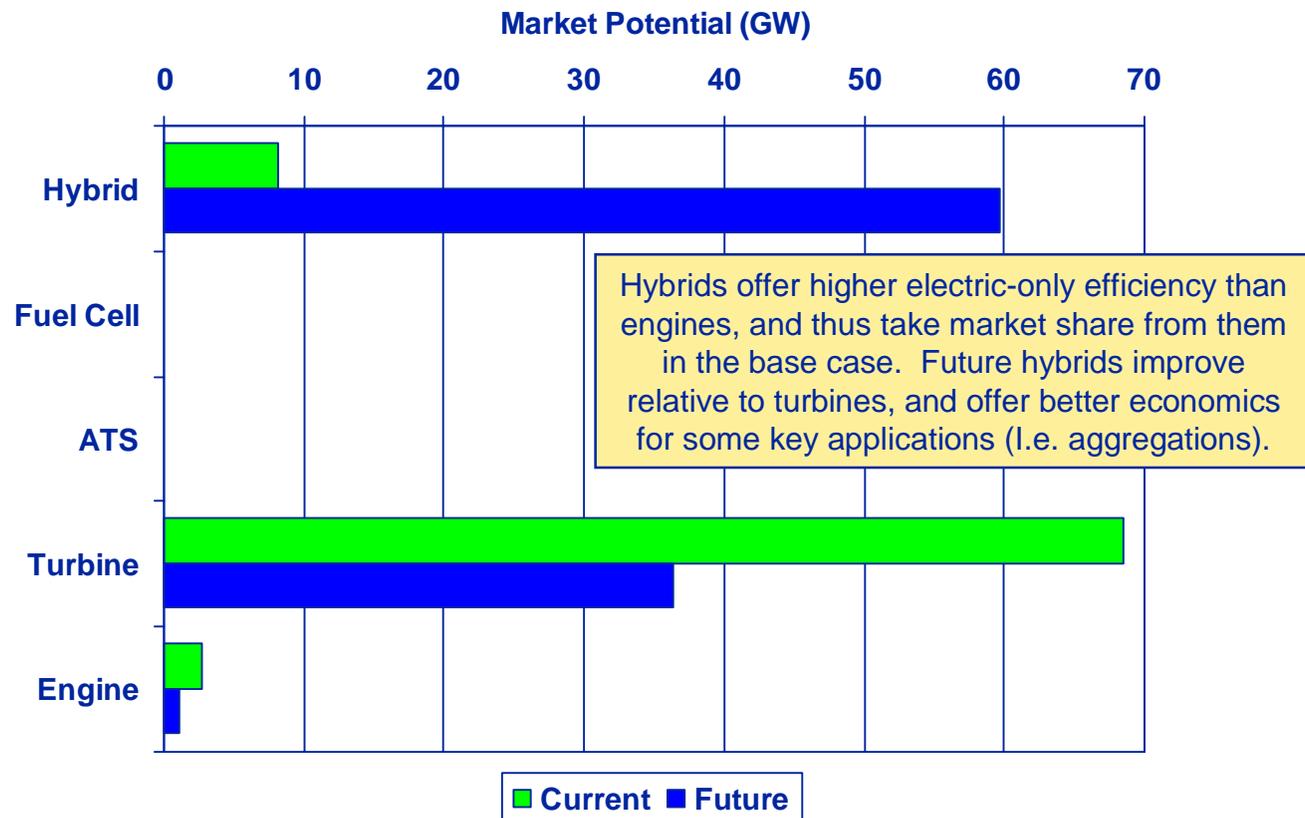


Results: Current and Future Fuel Cell Hybrids Favor Larger Sizes



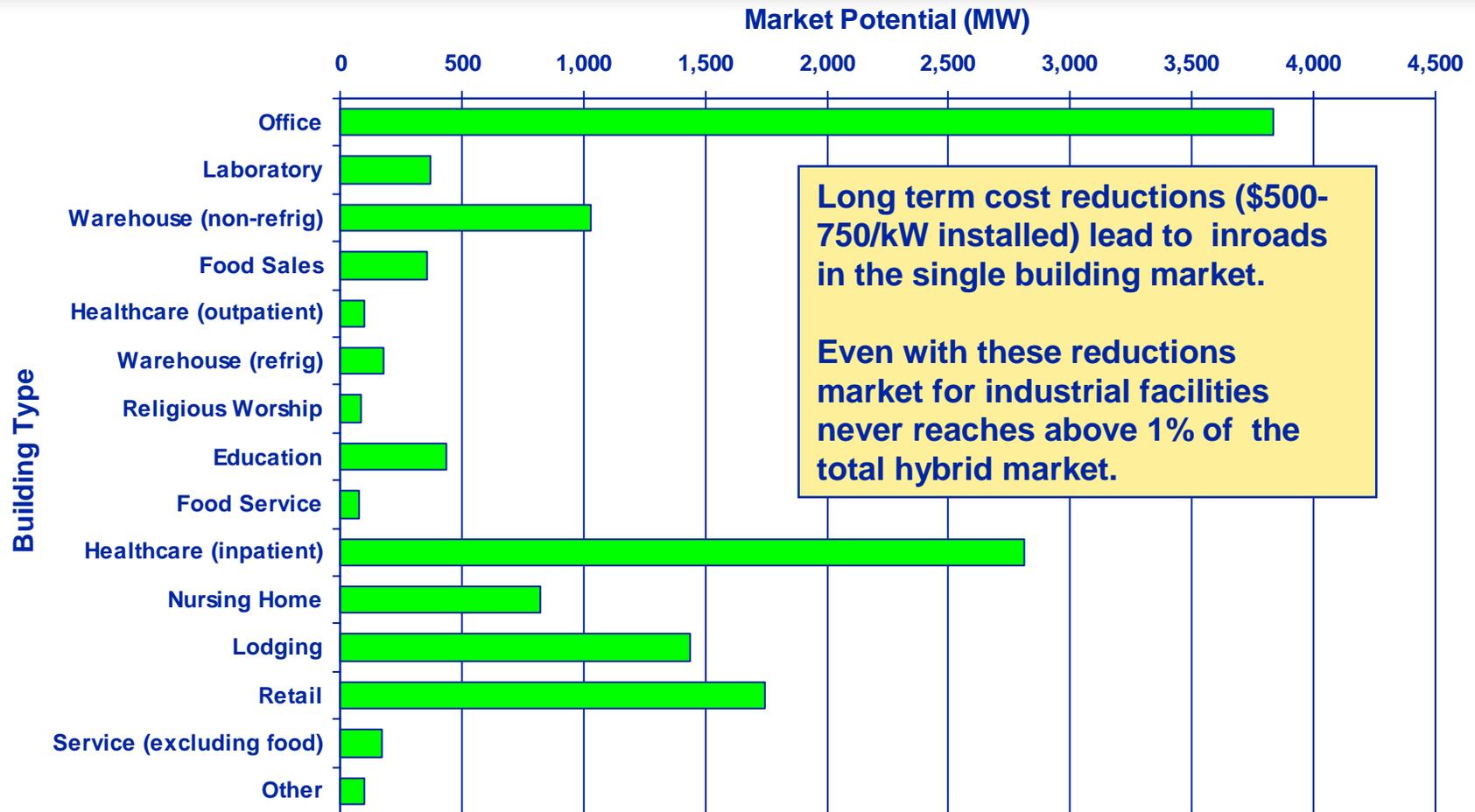
Results: Improving Cost & Performance of Hybrids Increases Market

Engines Lose Current Market, and Future Hybrids Also Beat Turbines



Results

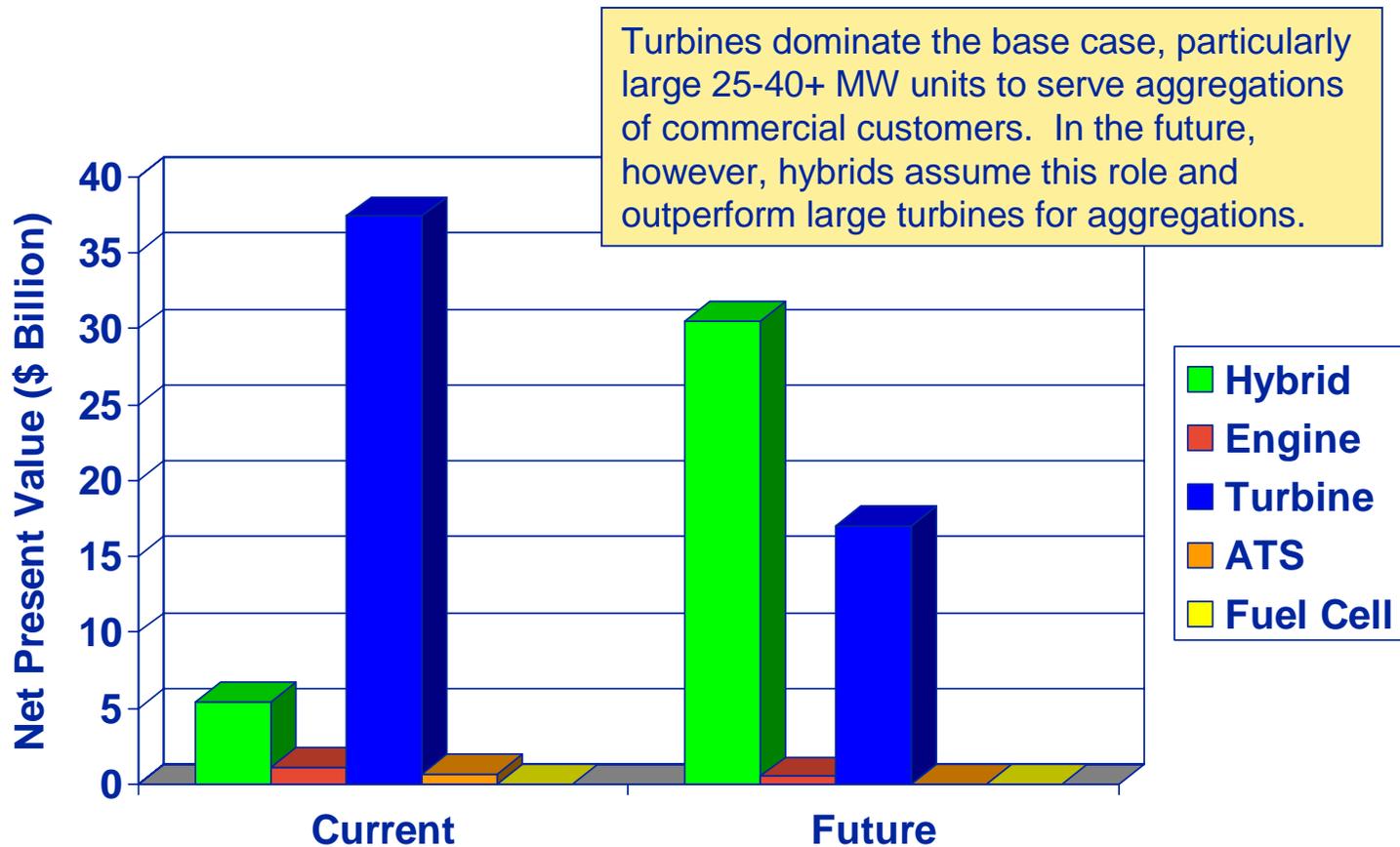
Long-Term Cost Reductions Required to Meet Needs of Single Building Market



Results

Pay off for Future R&D in Hybrids

Hybrids Offer Over \$30 Billion Potential Benefit From R&D



Early Adopter Interviews Designed to Explore Needs and Barriers to Hybrids

- Questionnaire designed to explore needs and barriers to hybrid adoption. Also includes questions addressing:
 - Generation - Confirm how they currently procure generation.
 - Capacity and Environmental Issues - Capacity and distribution system constraints, line losses and emissions constraints
 - Customer Issues - Reliability or power quality concerns
 - Ideal fuel cell hybrid “product attributes”
 - Interviewees encouraged to speculate as to ideal applications for hybrids
- Contacts made include Munis (3), Coops (3), and Aggregators/Independent Power Producers (AES and Calpine)

Results

Municipalities Appear to be Leading Early Adopter Candidates

- **Survey results reveal:**
 - Munis cover urban areas where noise and emissions are constrained and thus would favor hybrids
 - Economics of hybrids can work due to relatively high cost of purchased and generated power
 - Hybrids 10-40 MW are large units for munis but may replace entire generation base
 - Munis would like to install hybrids on customers site and maintain them for the customer, but must be smaller (up to 5 MW) sizes
- **Potential trends towards municipalization could be emerging niche for hybrids**

Results

Early Adopter Findings

- **Coops less likely to be early adopters**
 - They tend to have favorable power purchase agreements and shy away from large (10-20 MW) generating units
 - Their location in rural areas makes low emissions less of a consideration
- **Aggregator/Independent Power Producers want larger generating units**
 - They tend to build 100-1,000 MW units, so 10-20 MW is too small
 - Potential niche applications include joint ventures with a large customer, or a baseload unit for winter minimum load conditions when 10-20 MW blocks of capacity are desirable
 - T&D constrained regions

Conclusions

- Near-term cost goals for fuel cell hybrids result in limited C&I market potential.
- Aggregation improves the prospects for near-term hybrids;
- Larger fuel cell hybrid systems are more competitive
- Future markets emerge in commercial sector only when long-term hybrid cost reductions are attained

Implications

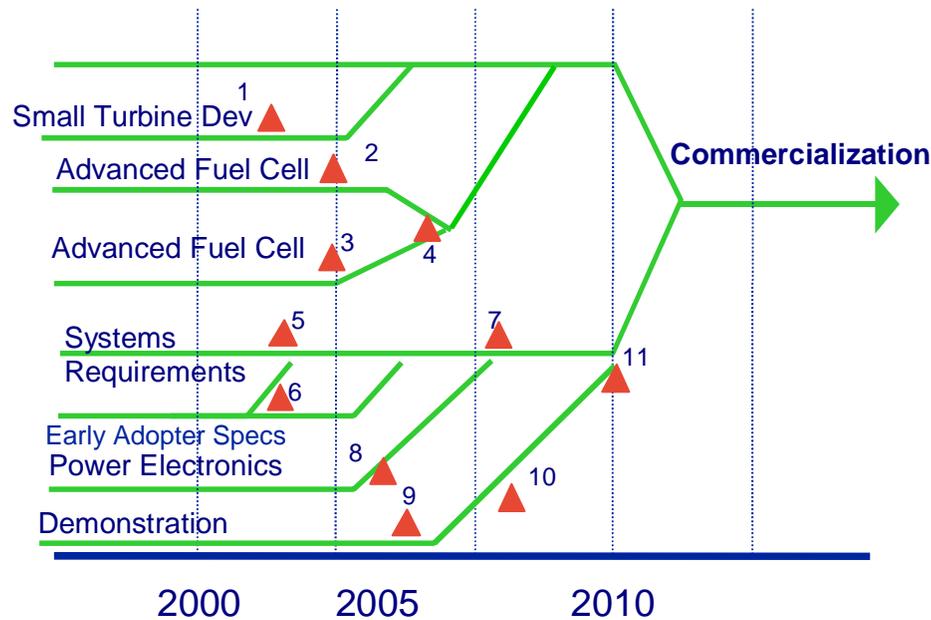
- Given the limited competitiveness of near-term hybrids the early adopter implications are very important;
- Net present value shows high return on investment for hybrid development;
- To realize largest market, future R&D should focus on long-term cost improvement
- To achieve the aggressive cost goals - A broad industry / public partnership may be needed

Recommendations

- Develop product requirements based on study findings
- Develop hybrid systems that offer biggest breakthrough potential based on:
 - Lowest installed cost
 - Lowest O&M
 - Attractive - siteable package for on-site or community power markets
 - Maintain efficiency advantage

Example Roadmap for Breakthrough Fuel Cell Hybrids

Develop, Demonstrate and Commercialize Advanced Hybrid Systems



▲ Milestones

1. Adv. new CT's & microturbines for hybrids
2. Adv. MCFC development
3. Adv. SOFC development
4. Down-select best fuel cell for hybrid
5. System Requirements and Integration best hybrid system
6. Early Adopters set specifications and targets
7. Advanced Fuel Cell Hybrids achieve 65%
8. Low cost power electronics
- 9 1st generation hybrid tested
10. Demonstration and market introduction
2-5 MW hybrid system on natural
2nd generation system
11. 25-50 MW Hybrid-Power Block for use
Coal Gasifiers