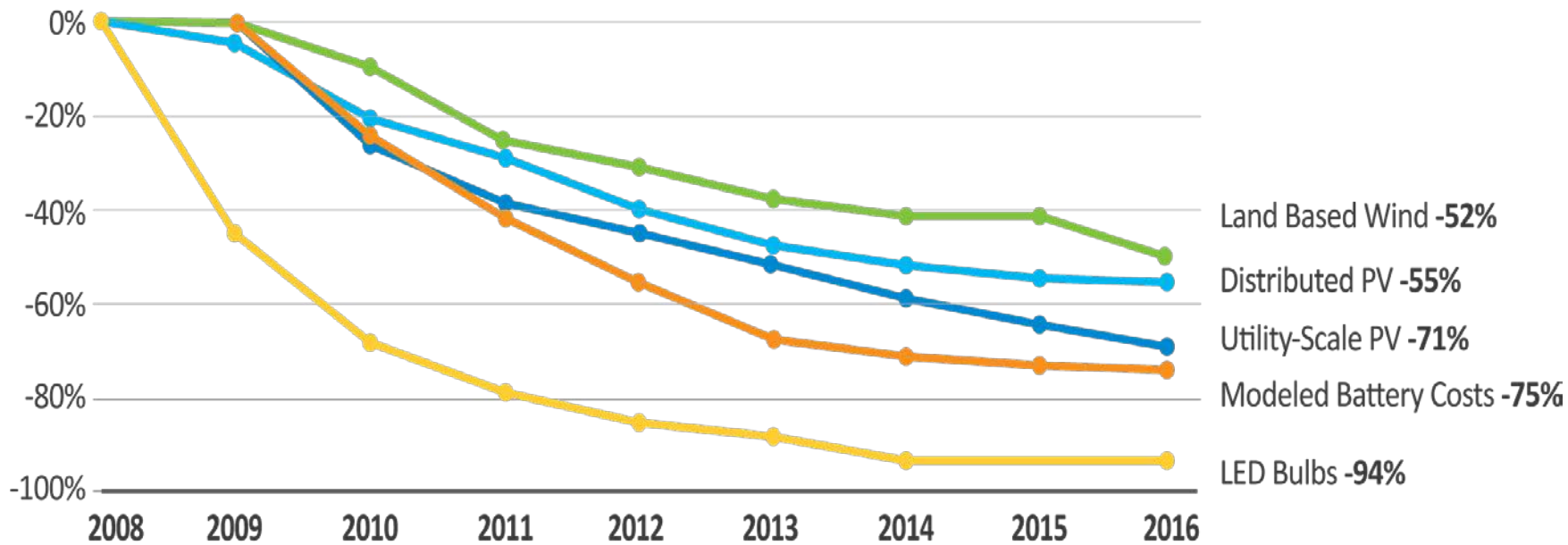




*Falling Renewable Electricity
Cost and the Impact on Grid
Operations*

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Falling Costs of Renewables

Renewable energy technologies will be cost competitive with fossil fuels by 2020.

RFP Responses by Technology							
EIA	Generation Technology				Price Range	Pricing Units	
	Coal				72 - 100	\$/MWh	
	Natural Gas Combustion Turbine				59 - 120	\$/MWh	
	Natural Gas Combined Cycle				30 - 35	\$/MWh	
	Nuclear				63	\$/MWh	
Xcel Bids		# of Bids	Bid MW	# of Projects	Project MW	Median Bid Price or Equivalent	Pricing Units
	Wind	96	42,278	42	17,380	18.10	\$/MWh
	Wind and Solar	5	2,612	4	2,162	19.90	\$/MWh
	Wind and Battery Storage	11	5,700	8	5,097	21.00	\$/MWh
	Solar (PV)	152	29,710	75	13,435	29.50	\$/MWh
	Wind and Solar and Battery Storage	7	4,048	7	4,048	30.60	\$/MWh
	Solar (PV) with Battery Storage	87	16,725	59	10,813	36.00	\$/MWh

Sources: Xcel Energy and EIA

Rising Demand for Renewables

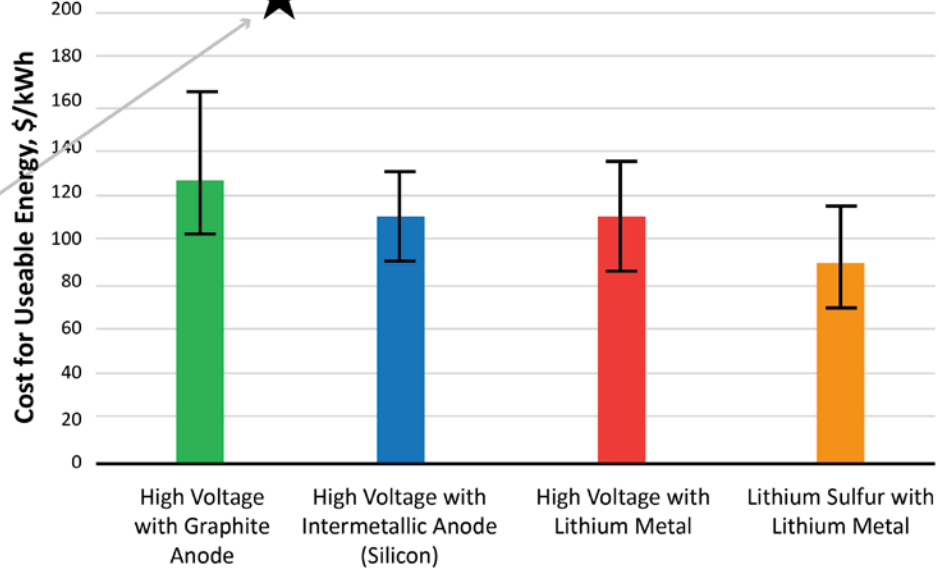
In 2013, Xcel Energy received 55 bids from energy developers for renewable projects.

Projected Cost for a 100kWh Total 80kW Battery Pack

These are the best case projections (all chemistry problems solved, performance is not limiting, high volume manufacturing) and do not include extreme fast charge capability

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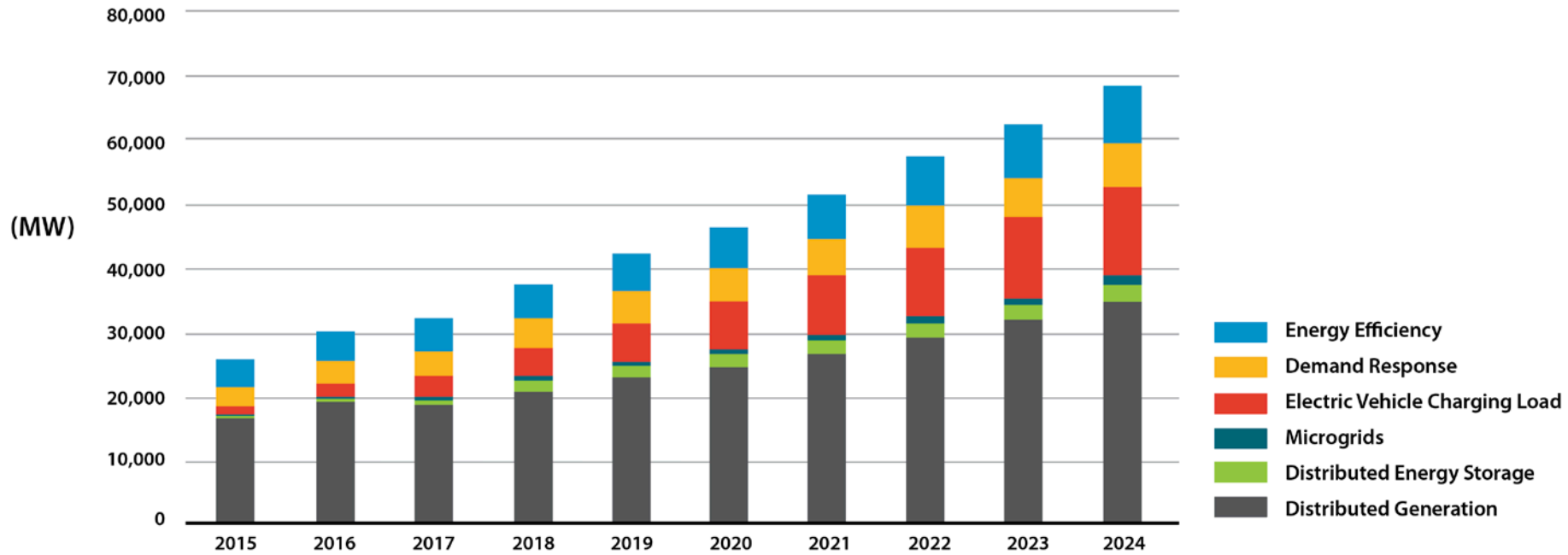
DOE R&D has lowered the cost of EV battery packs to \$219/kWh; ~80% reduction since 2008



Source: DOE, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, *Batteries and Electrification R&D Overview*, June 2018

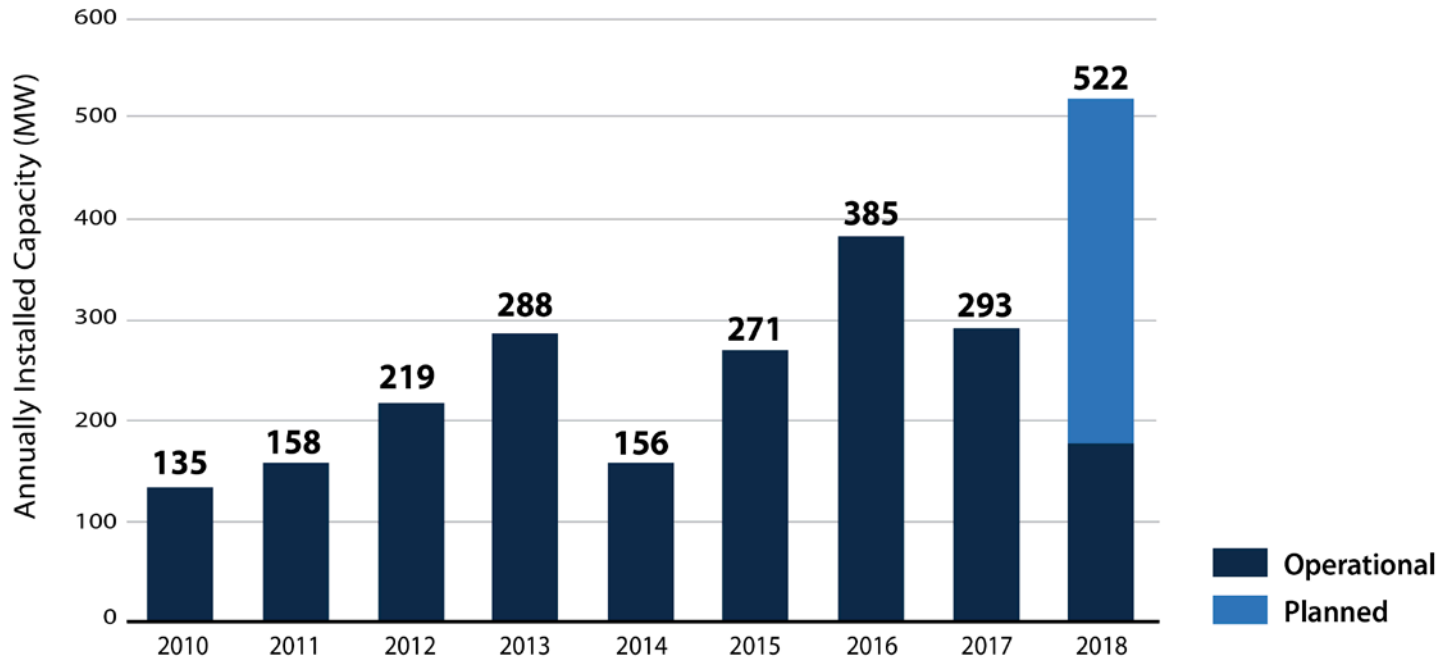
Declining Storage Costs

DOE estimates the time frame for these cost projections as about 2026 - 2028.



Source: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Staff Report, Docket No. AD18-10-000, February 2018

Increasing Distributed Energy Resources Capacity



Source: GTM Research, U.S. Microgrid Tracker Q2 2018

Annually Commissioned Microgrid Capacity

2010 – 2018

Microgrids Enhance Resiliency

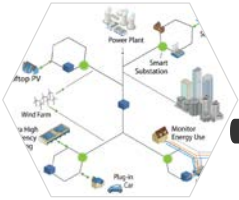
- Collaborating with SDG&E to expand the Borrego Springs microgrid;
- Providing expertise on system operations, power flow and control; and
- Helping reduce outages and boost resiliency for SDG&E customers.



Creating Autonomous Energy Systems

Applications

Power Grids



Transportation



Buildings



Wind Plants



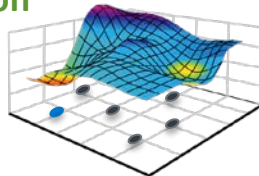
Common Problems:

- Real-time controls and optimization
- Hundreds to millions of control points
- Asynchronous data and communications
- Multi-domain systems (complex) and stochastic systems (variable renewables, consumer/occupant behavior)

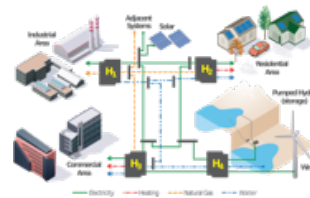
Nonlinear Control



Optimization



Complex Systems



Big Data Analytics

