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# Energy innovation for a real world: from science to society

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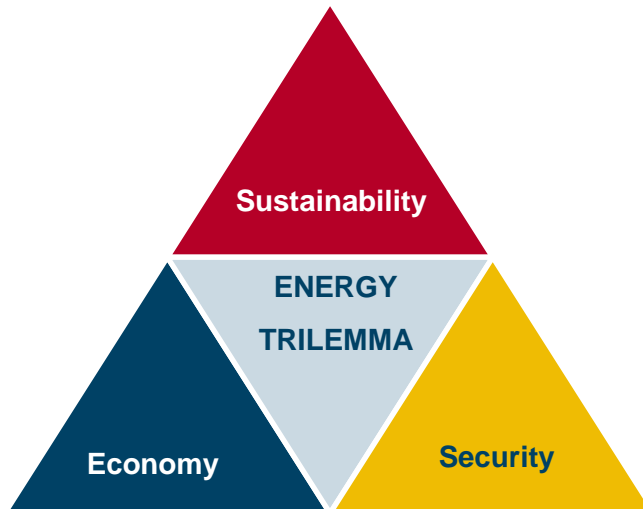


# Energy trilemma

## Underlying reasons to innovate in energy

### DAY TO DAY CHALLENGES:

- **Incorporate new facilities** according to criteria of efficiency-economy, long term sustainability and balance of technological risks
- **Optimise** of the O&M in existing facilities
- **Improve** the quality, reliability, safety and efficiency of energy supply
- **Meet the energy needs** of customers, helping to create high value for them and hence a satisfactory relationship
- Promote **new products and services** in the field of energy, expanding markets and building a more advanced society



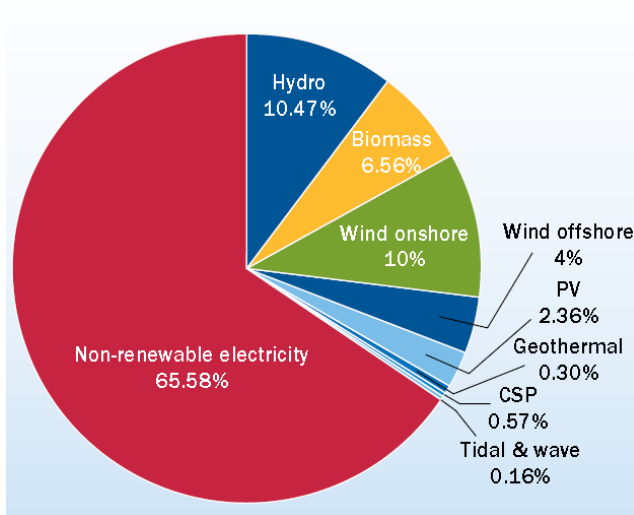
**BUT...the real technological challenge lies not in reaching a compromise of reliability, sustainability and economy, but in advancing **simultaneously** on all three aspects**

**The big one** in the long term is being able to provide very cheap and available energy, with almost environmental impact: **fill the whole triangle**

# Energy trilemma

## Security

EU Electricity mix in 2020 (share of total consumption) – total 3,537.3 tWh



Source: EWEA, EU Energy Policy to 2050

### ● Dependency of supply:

- Energy dependence (80% Spain; 70% Europe)
- Increasing energy demand
- Renewable resources integration
- Distributed generation integration
- Diversification and new fossil fuels sources and supply

### ● Reliability of supply:

- Resilience in energy system, grids and facilities
- Utilization of low-manageable (today) renewable resources together (tomorrow) with storage
- Supra-smart: interconnectivity of energy systems or smart *electricity&gas* (and probably also transport) grids

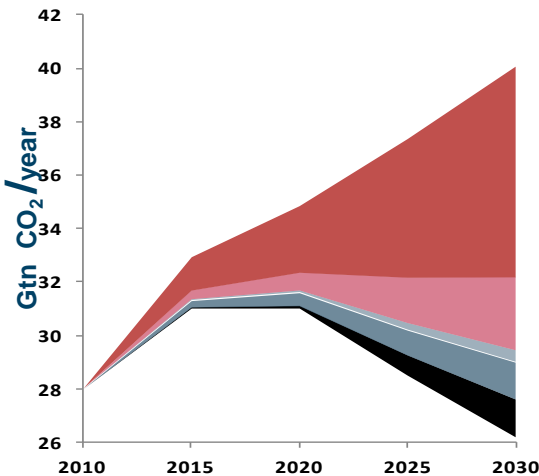
Although cheap and sustainable energy is most desirable, **the first concern of a energy user is to enjoy the use of energy as required**

# Energy trilemma

## Sustainability

### CO<sub>2</sub> emission abatement vectors

### Global GHG abatement cost curve 2030



CO<sub>2</sub> Gtn in IEA reference scenario (upper line) and tentative reductions due to:

#### Efficiency:

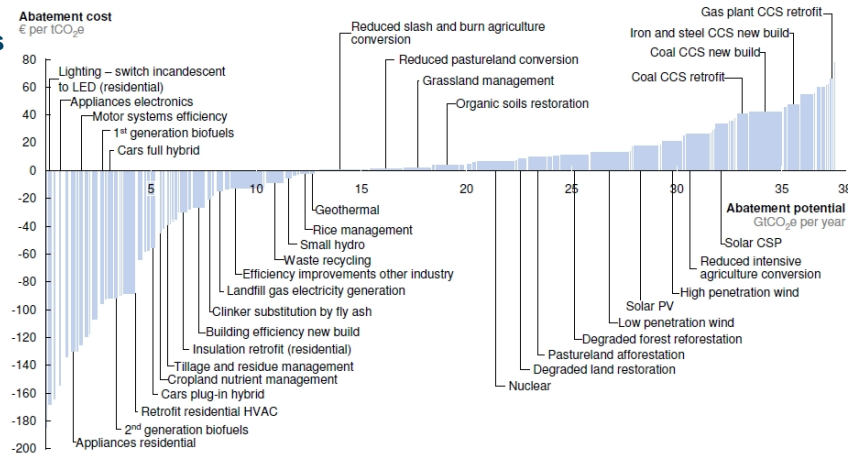
- Smart grids.
- Viable distributed generation.
- Efficient use of energy.
- Efficient transportation.

#### Renewable energy

#### Bio fuels

#### Nuclear

#### CO<sub>2</sub> capture and storage



Source: IEA "How the Energy sector can deliver on a climate agreement in Copenhagen"

Source: McKinsey & Company

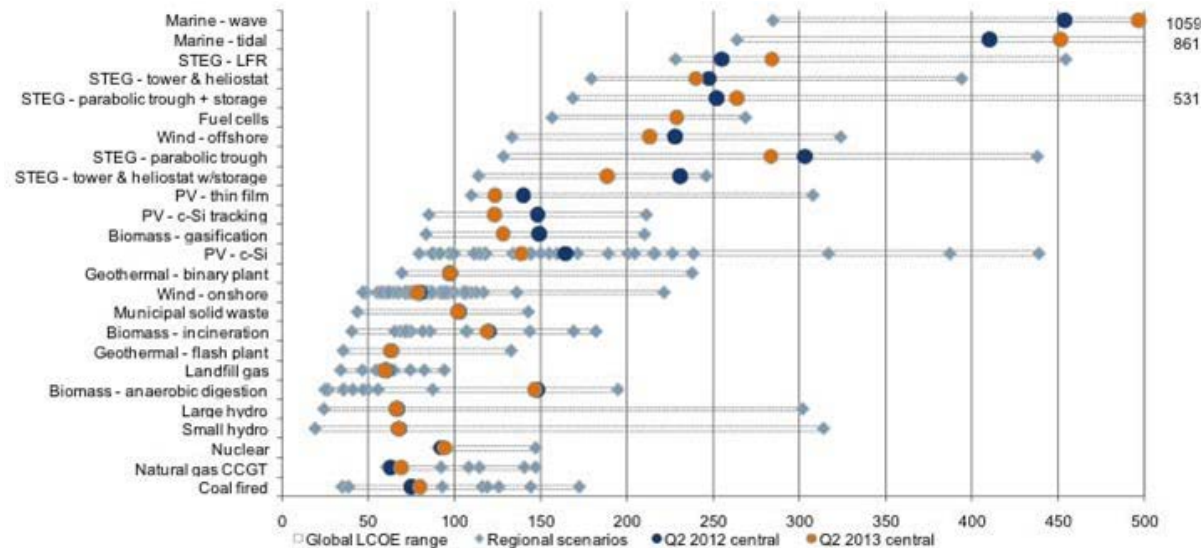
- It is commonly agreed that in mitigating climate change none of these strategies is enough when unit by unit (marginal cost analysis) is installed
- At a cost of 40 €/tnCO<sub>2</sub>, potential abatement by 2030 is estimated over 30 Gt CO<sub>2</sub>-eq/year
- Energy saving and efficiency -> negative abatement costs!...but only compared to BAU.

**Easy to say, sustainability** is supposed to be a key drive for innovation in energy

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## Economy

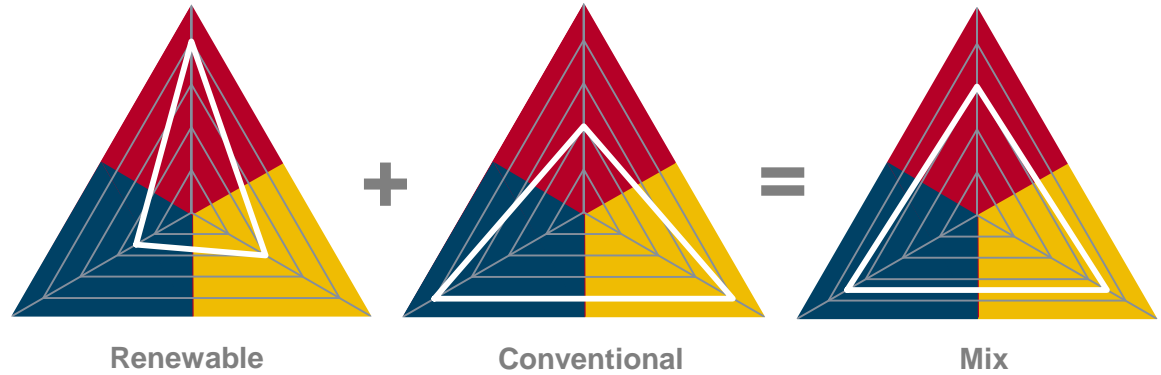
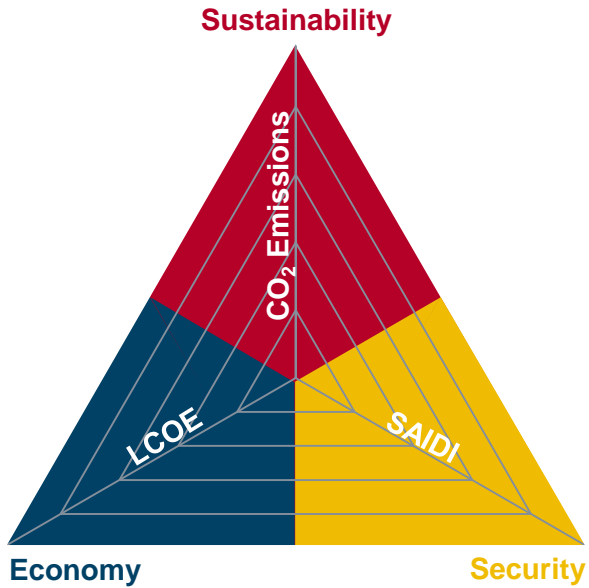
### Levelized Cost Of Electricity (LCOE) over time



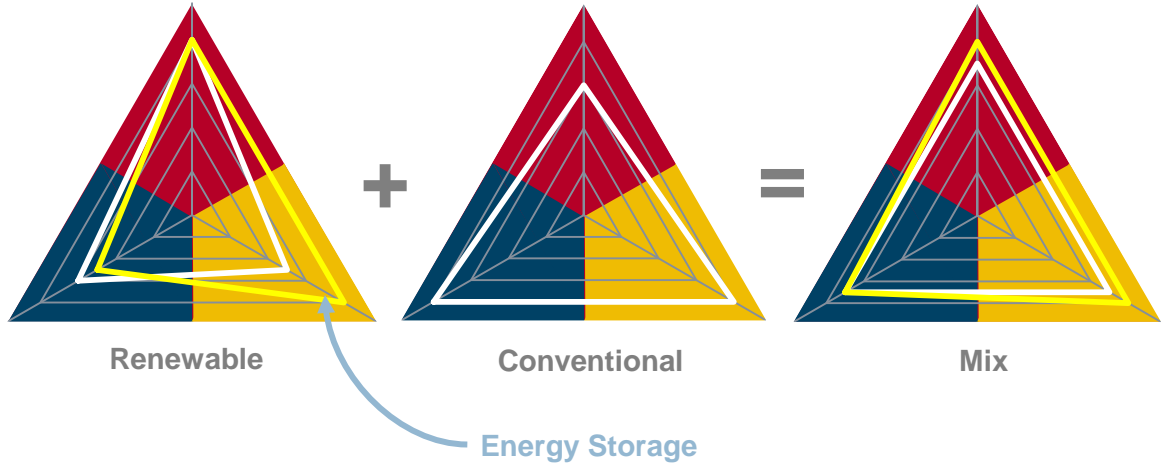
Source: Bloomberg New Energy Finance

**LCOE provides a sound basis** for comparison in economics, although often hides key questions to decision makers. **Life-time and CAPEX/OPEX** considerations are critical in specific regional analysis

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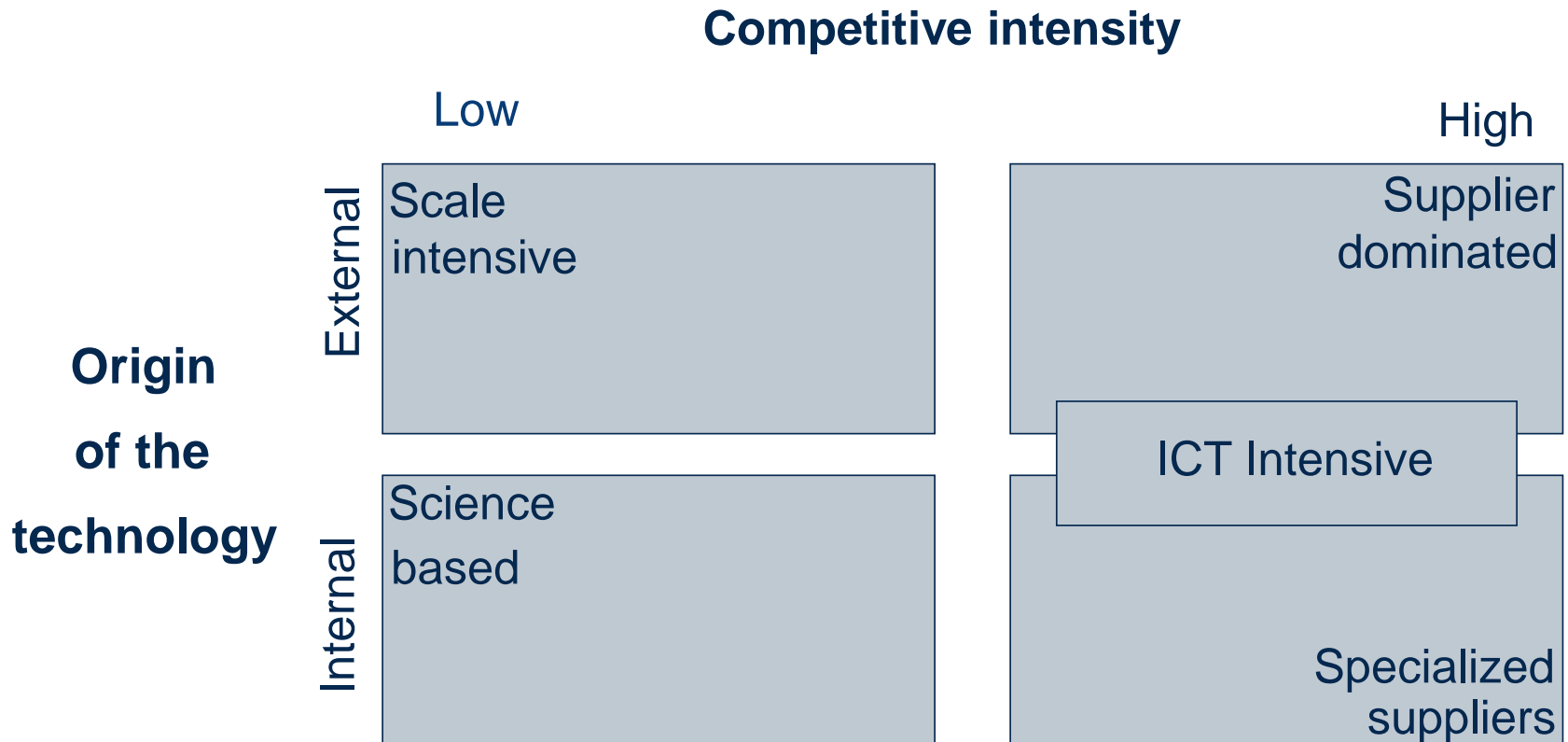


Technology evolution



# Energy innovation as a process

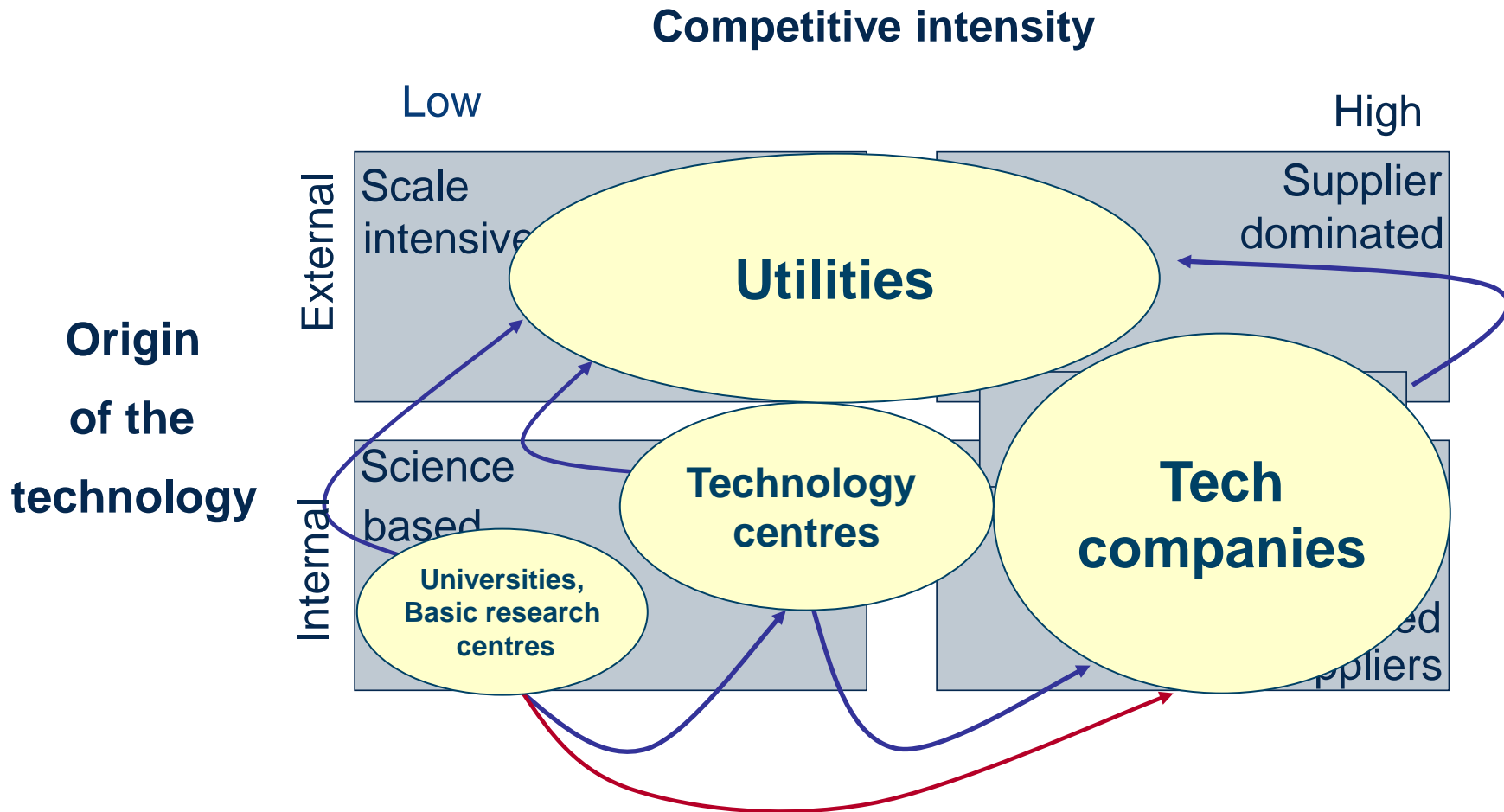
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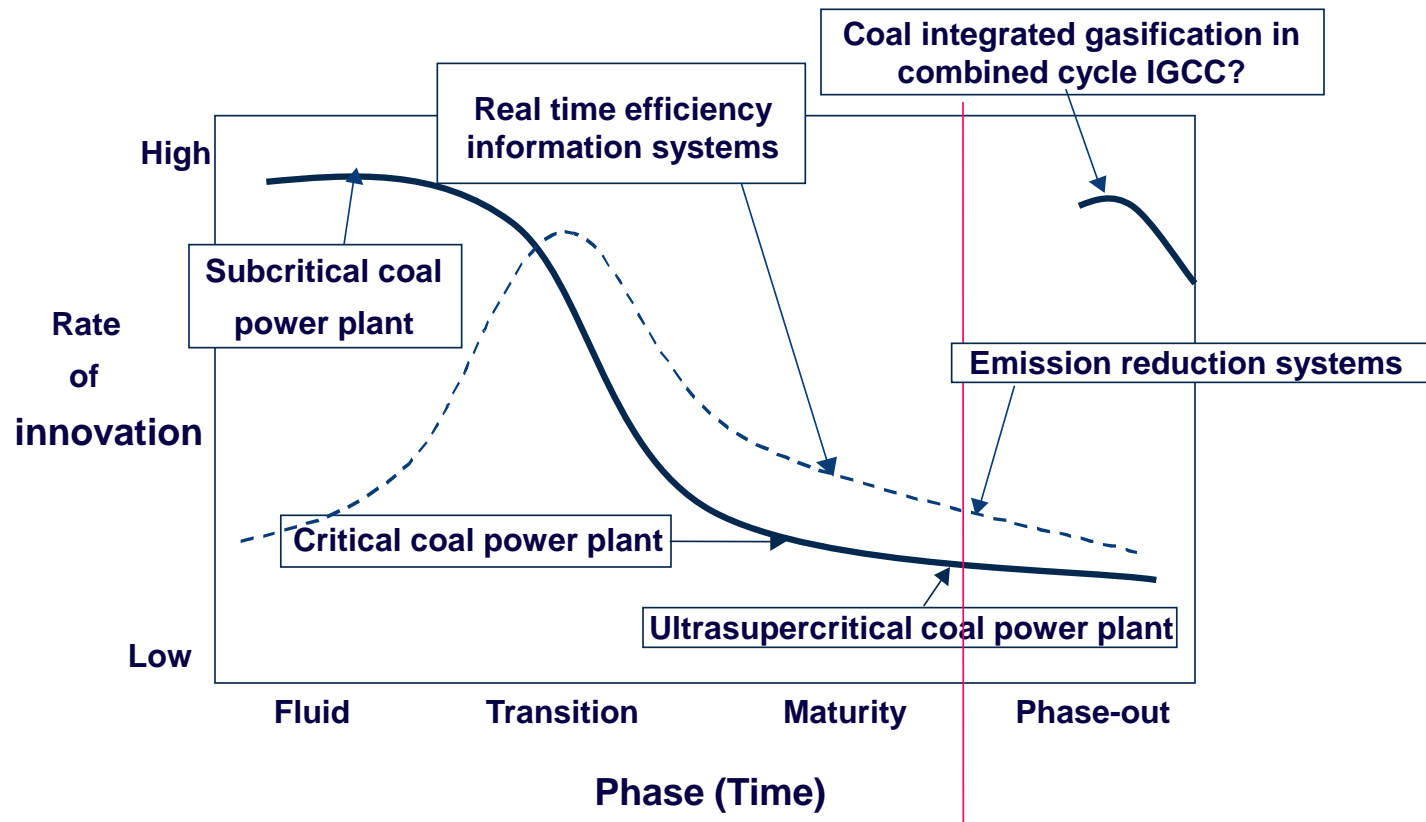
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# Energy innovation as a process

## Utterback's model of product and process innovation

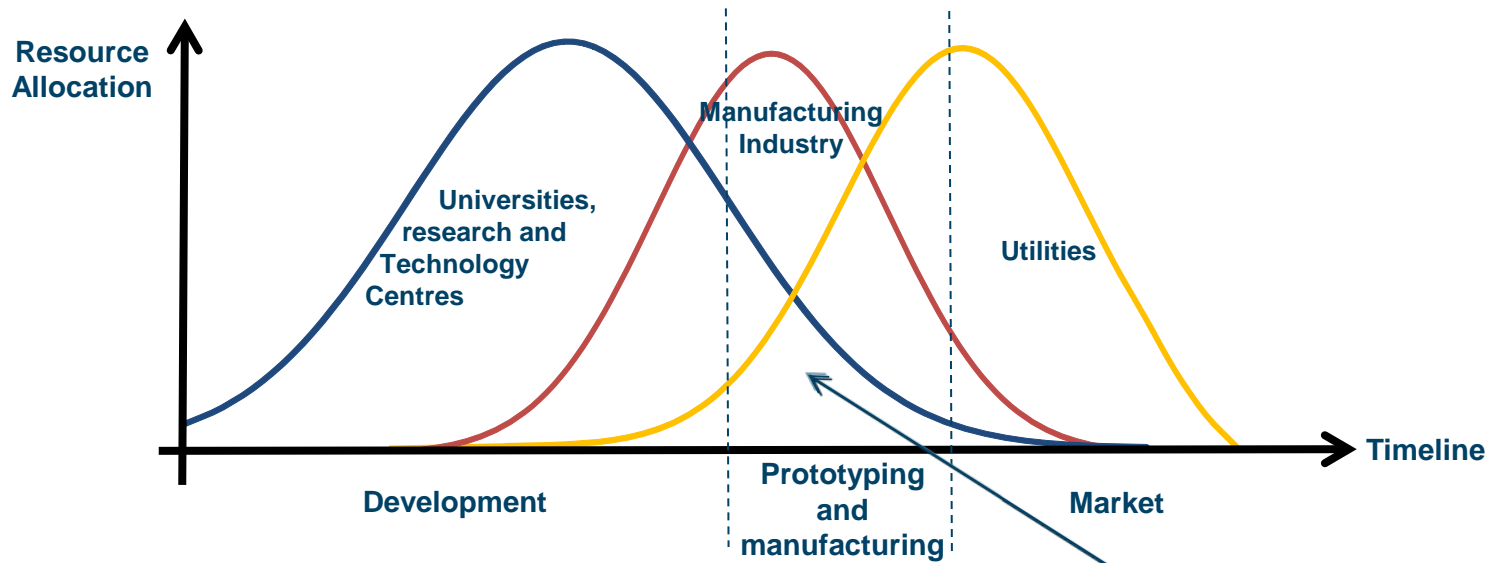


Cycles in energy are medium to long, thus defining the roles of the intervening agents:

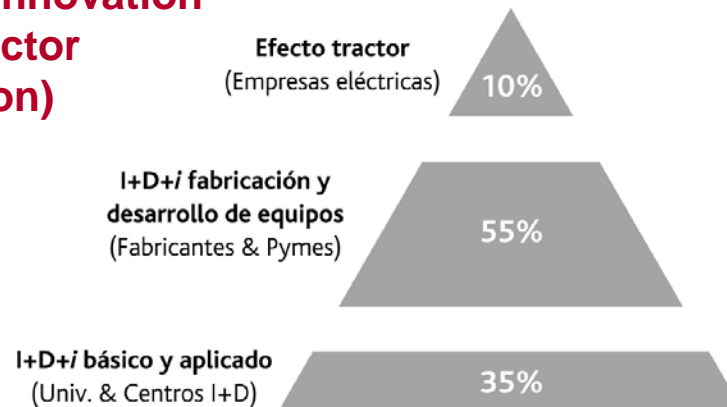
- Utilities: present facilities
- Technology supplier: future facilities

# Energy innovation as a process

## Resource allocation in energy innovation



## Structure of effort in innovation - Spanish electricity sector (distributed by function)



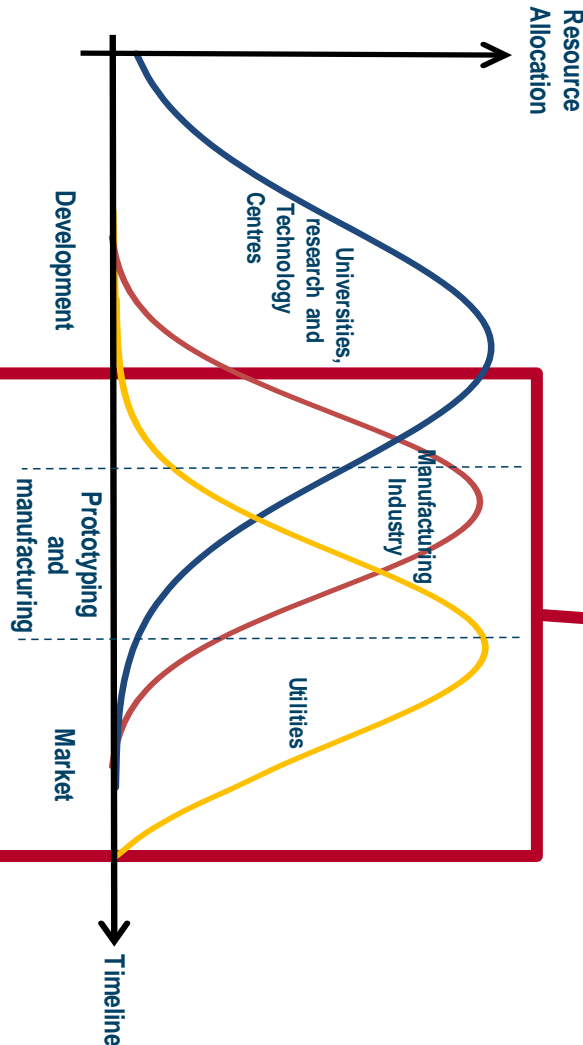
OPEN INNOVATION FUNNEL

Ref: UNESA: Report "I+D+i de la electricidad en España 2008"

# Forecasting the success

## Technology Readiness Level

Level	Technology Readiness Level – TRL
1	Basic research. Basic principles observed.
2	Applied research. Technology concept formulated.
3	Applied research. Experimental proof of concept.
4	Technical verification & demonstration. Technology validation in laboratory environment.
5	Technical verification & demonstration. Technology validation in relevant environment.
6	Technical verification & demonstration. Demonstration in relevant environment.
7	Technical verification & demonstration. Demonstration in operational environment
8	Technical verification & demonstration. Technical system completed and qualified.
9	Large scale & successful deployment. Successful commercial deployment



**Impact in the real world**

TRL.-Technology Readiness Level concept, originally developed by NASA [1980s], with evolution and adaptations to different purposes

# Forecasting the success

## Other Readiness Levels

Level	Customer commitment - CRL
1	None.
2	One or more customers provide informal information to the business on technology evaluation and product requirements.
3	One or more customers commit minor resources
4	One or more customers commit limited resources (such as labor & materials for evaluation & feedback ).
5	One or more customers commit moderate resources (such as prototype testing).
6	One or more customers commit substantial resources (such as operational environment testing or cash for R&D) .Customer has urgent and compelling reason (improve competitive position, avoid obsolescence, meet minimum performance requirements ) to adopt the product.
7	One or more customers committed to purchase quantities requiring Low Rate Initial Production.
8	One or more customers committed to purchasing quantities requiring full rate production.
9	One or more customers committed to long-term supply agreements that require full rate production.

### Technology Readiness Level concept applied to other factors, mainly:

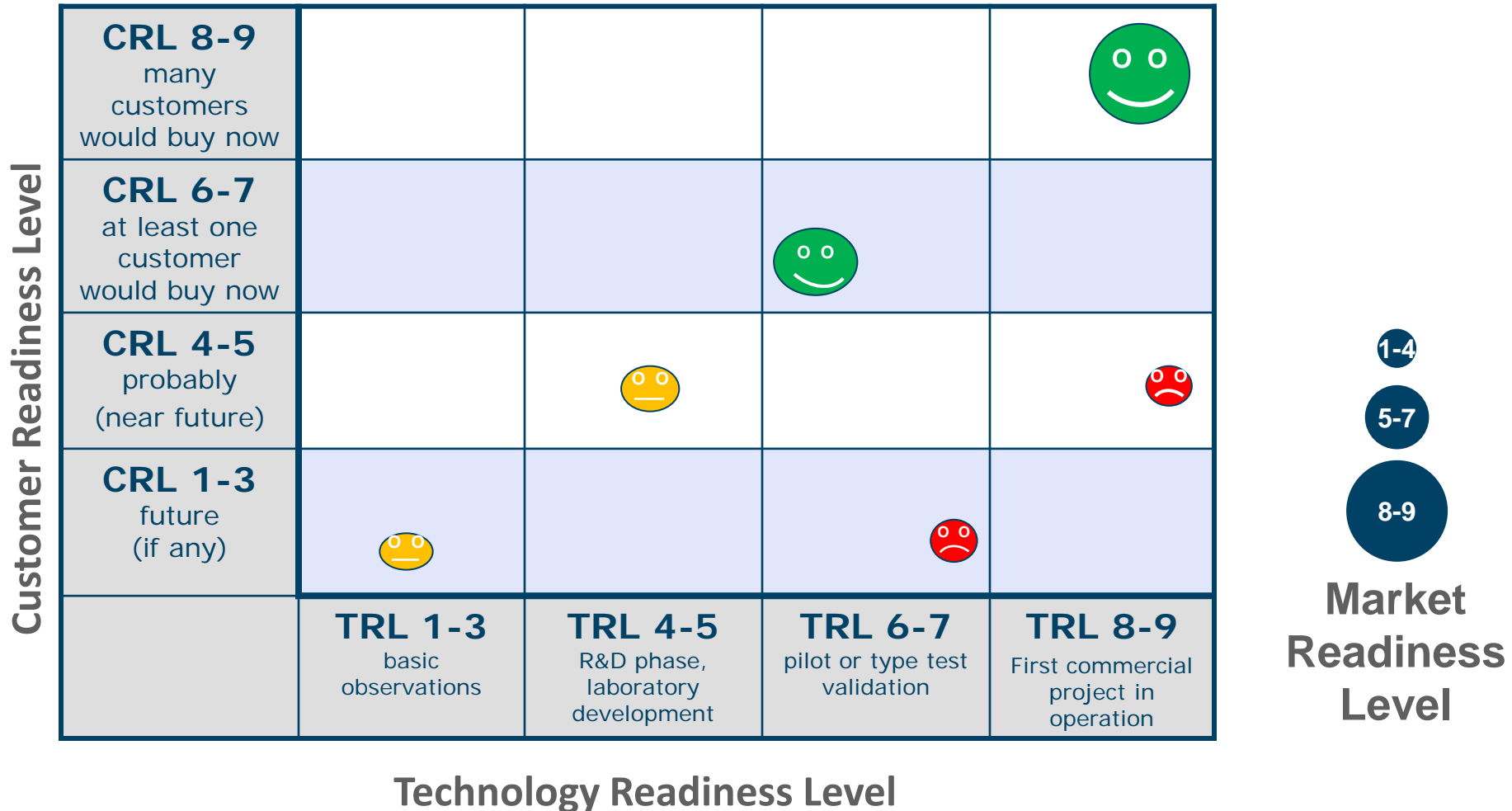
- Commercial or customer commitment readiness
- Market readiness

**A good technology on its own also requires a suitable environment to thrive**

Level	Sales Forecasts - MRL
1	Highest. Forecast is based on assumptions only.
2	Extremely high. Forecast is based on assumptions and broad industry data.
3	Very High. Forecast is based on assumptions and loosely targeted industry data.
4	High. Forecast is based on growth models with uncertain validity and well-targeted industry data.
5	Medium – High. Forecast is based on credible sales growth models and well-targeted industry data. Customers have expressed strong interest but made no purchase commitment.
6	Medium. Forecast is based on early sales, credible sales growth models, and reliable industry data. Business has a strong position in a small niche market.
7	Medium – low. Forecast is based on actual sales. Business has a strong position in a niche market.
8	Low. Forecast is based on actual sales and a moderate order backlog. Business is no lower than 3 <sup>rd</sup> in market share and has sustainable competitive advantage.
9	Extremely low. Forecast is based on actual sales and a large backlog. Business has dominant market share and distinctive sustainable competitive advantages.

# Forecasting the success

## Mapping



# Forecasting the success

## Relevant questions

### IS THE TECHNOLOGY READY?

- Well developed
- Attractive to customers
- ...

### IS THE WORLD READY?

- Regulation in place
- Society positive perception
- ...

**Successful innovation in energy requires the transformation of available knowledge into new, marketable products and services in a social favorable environment with sound legal rules**

# Some innovation cases

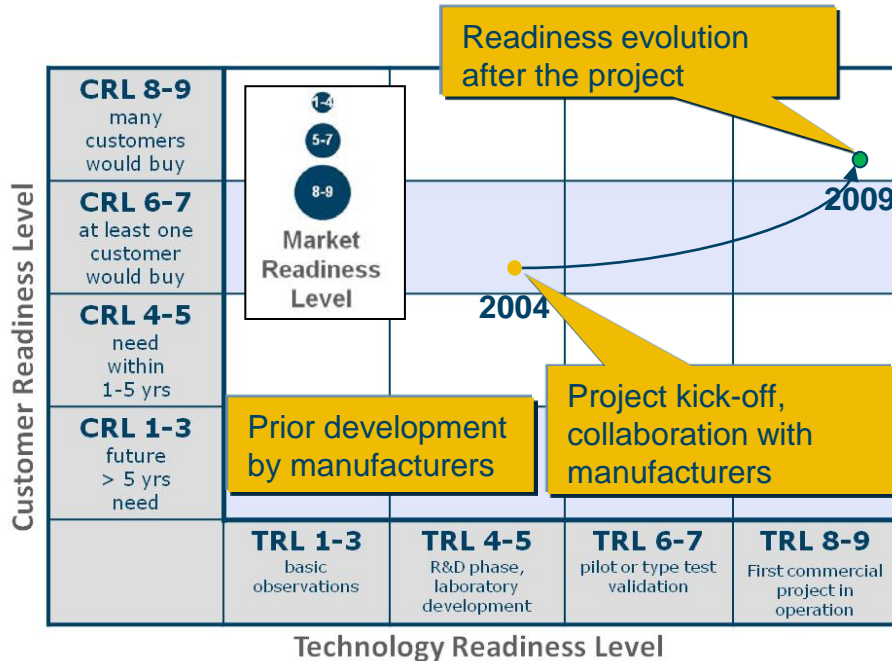
## AWEC60 / TOLEDO PV





# Some innovation cases

## Mobile transformer for emergency / maintenance purposes



Project collaboration with manufacturers to integrate existing and proven technologies to address the specific need:

- Mobile Substation 45-15kV 25 MVAs
- Mobile substation connection and switching 132kV or 66kV
- Mobile transformer 132-66 20-15 30MVAs
- Mobile transformer 132-45-30MVAs

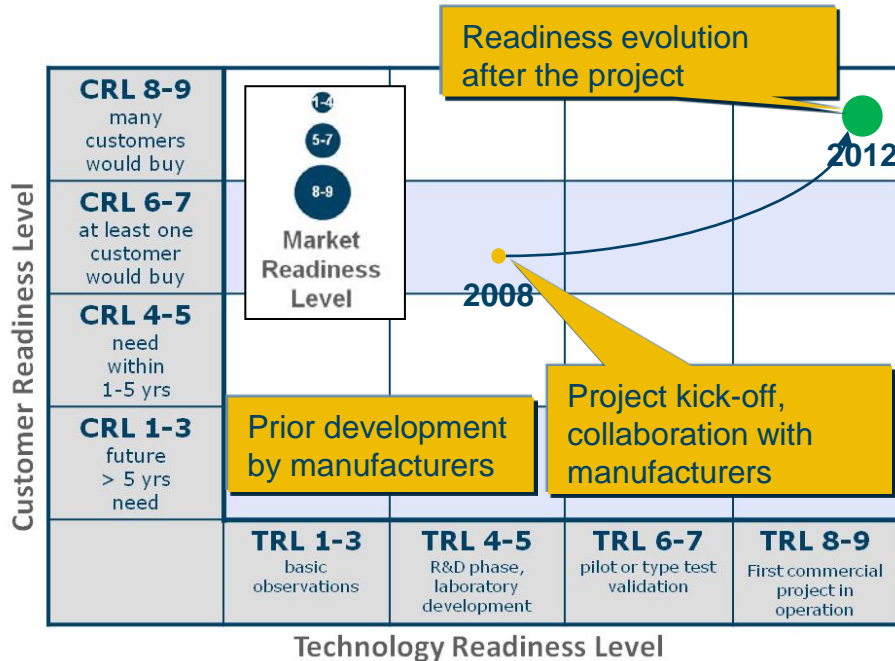


Reliability of supply driven innovation

Utility promoted development, due to the reduced market size

# Some innovation cases

## Natural gas modular fuelling station



Project in close collaboration with manufacturers to integrate existing and proven technologies to create a new fuelling facility



**Sustainability driven innovation – Shift to natural gas**

**Utility promoted development, as an ignition point for further development**

# Conclusions

## Energy and society

- **Energy, together with water and communications is the back bone of the society**
- **The challenge in energy is to expand simultaneously the trilemma triangle in its three corners: cheap and available energy with near-to-zero environmental impact**
- **Energy field is a good example to open innovation funnel, where utilities main function is pushing tech companies and other tech actors to new developments**
- **Not only technology maturity matters. Commercialization and a favorable environment (legal and social) are also equally important**
- **All energy options are (and probably keep) open in some kind of theory game race. Thus we do believe that energy is more than ever an interesting technological battle field to brilliant people to devote their talent.**

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