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# Background in Remaining Topics

Lecture 18 – 2.626

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# Agenda

- 2.626 Status Review

# Remaining Lectures At a Glance

11/11  
Veteran's Day Holiday

11/18  
Theory: Remaining Topics

11/25  
Guest: Brendan Neagle  
(Modules, Installations)

12/2  
Tour: Evergreen Solar (10-  
11am)

12/9  
Presentations Day 2

11/13  
Modules

11/20  
Guest: Mike Rogol (Prices,  
Markets, Trends)

11/27  
Thanksgiving Holiday

12/4  
Presentations Day 1

# Agenda

## Tour

- Evergreen signup sheet.
- Option: Additional Tours

## Class Projects

- Class Budget: \$400!
- Resources Check.
- Presentations Lottery.

# Remaining Topics

## Modules:

- Design criteria, tradeoffs, costs.
- Building integration, BIPV.
- System integration.
- Scaling, and integration into the power grid.
- Appropriate technology selection.
- Failure: failure modes in stationary and tracking systems, accelerated testing, field testing, service and warranty contracts.

# Remaining Topics

## Cost & Manufacturability:

- Cost: Building a cost model, key drivers of cost, substitution economics.
- Manufacturing: Environments, models, operations, process yield, handling.
- Predicting shortages and bottlenecks.
- Scaling: the multi-GW plant. Production technologies. Factory Tour.

## Price and Markets:

- What sets price (and profit)
- Energy future and overview of renewable energy sources
- Economics and market dynamics
- Fluctuations in supply and demand, drivers for oversupply/undersupply conditions, and what this means for profits.
- Subsidies: Why subsidize? How much to subsidize? Role of PV in the global energy market.

# Price, Markets & Subsidies



# Markets

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# Customer Needs

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# Substitution Economics

- What type(s) of grid electricity will PV substitute?
  - What will this mean for traditional gencos?
- What is a fair selling price for PV electricity?

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# “Value” of PV Electricity

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# PV Installations Worldwide

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# Seasonal and Diurnal Electricity Prices

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Incentives!

Tax Breaks!

~~Subsidies~~

Support Mechanisms!

# Summary of Support Mechanisms

Many forms of support

“best” depends on other policy objectives

	Measure	Advantages	Disadvantages	Examples
<b>Margin enhancement</b>	Feed-in tariff	Stable revenues. Technology specific	Uneconomic deployment	Germany/Spain/USA
	Premium to fossil market	Greater transparency	Greater uncertainty on fossil price	UK
	Tax relief	Simple	Too easily changed by Government	USA
	Grants/soft loans	Simple	Allocation procedure	EU member states, USA
<b>Penalties</b>	Carbon caps	Transparent	Customers pay premium for all generation	European emissions trading
<b>Mixture</b>	Renewable Obligations	Transparent, market driven. Technology independent	Price uncertainty Technology independent	UK

# Subsidy schemes of important European PV markets

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# United States

- Lack of federal leadership led to fractionalized energy policy.
  - Huge state-to-state variation.
  - Website compiling all state-specific information:  
<http://www.dsireusa.org/>

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# Projections

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# % of Total Production

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# Evolution of the Energy Mix

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# Technological Projections

# Some “solutions” are radically different!

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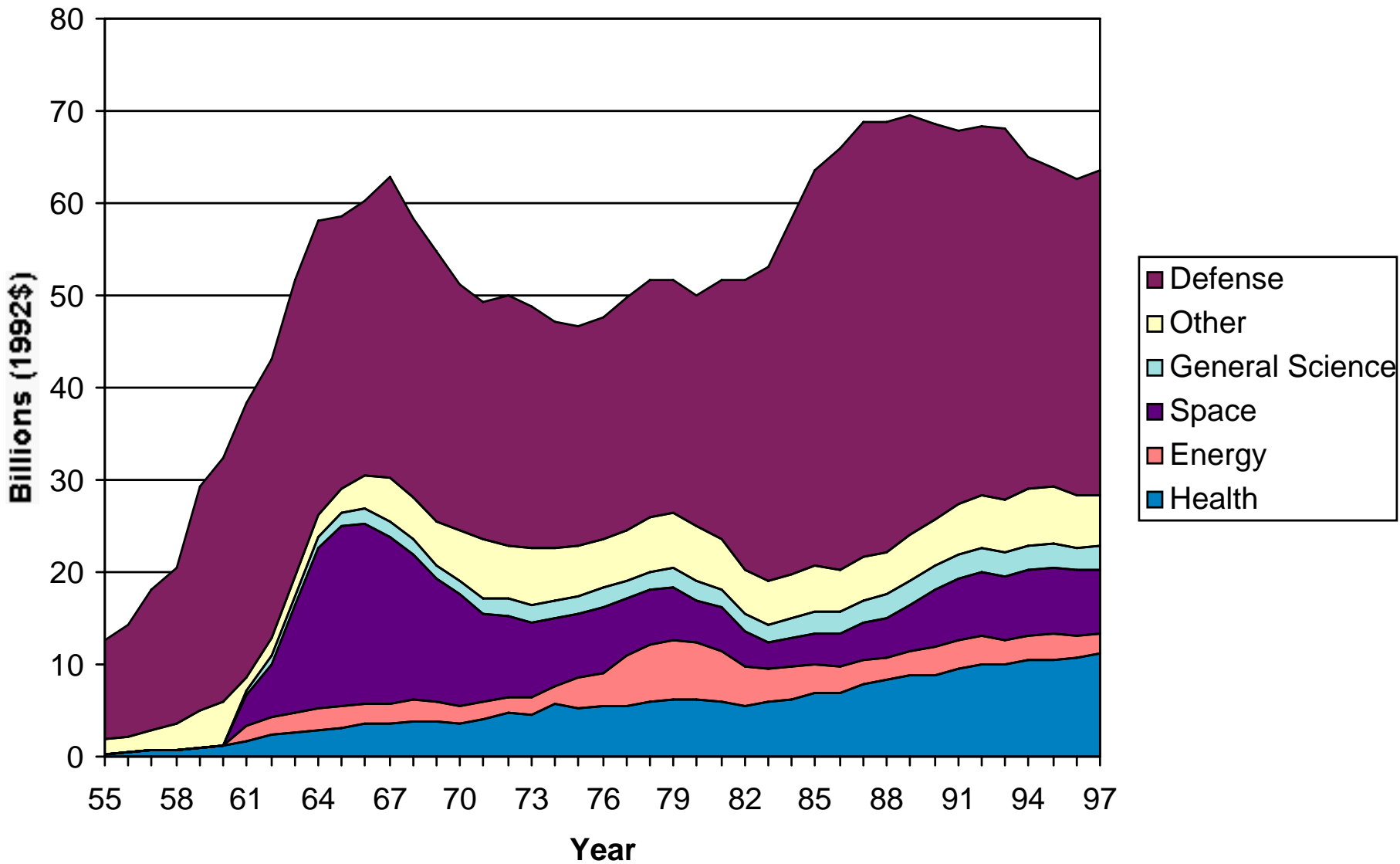
***“Bucky” Fuller’s global electrical grid*** proposed in the 1970s augmented with computerized load management and high-temperature superconducting (HTS) cables could transmit electricity from day to night locations and foster low-loss distribution from remote, episodic or dangerous power sources. The resistivity of copper oxide HTS wires vanishes below the 77 K boiling point of liquid N<sub>2</sub> available from air. ***Could HTS nanotubes do the job someday?***

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# Investment & Technology Pipeline

# U.S. Gov't R&D by Budget Function, 1955-1999



# Trends in Nondefense R&D by Function, FY 1953-2004

outlays for the conduct of R&D, billions of constant FY 2003 dollars

*Source: DOE, Clean Energy Futures (2000)*

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# Funding-Patent Correlation for Energy

Patents Granted (thousands)

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R&D Spending (billions)

# Funding-Patent Correlation for PV

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