

# Technology Innovation Key Megatrends Driving R&D

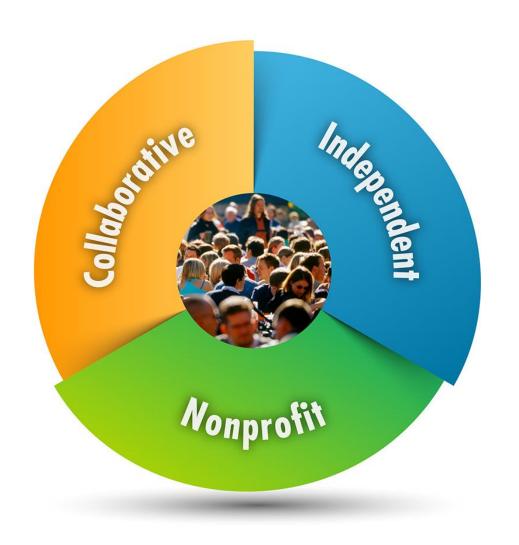


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## Three Key Aspects of EPRI



## Independent

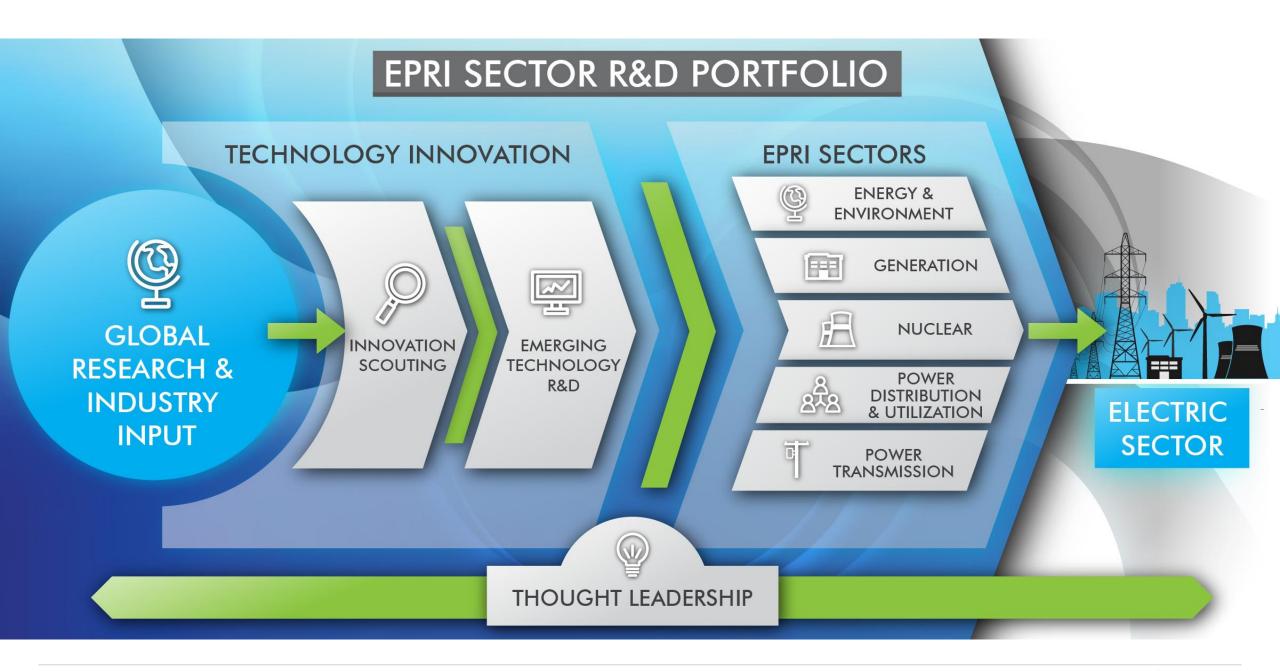
Objective, scientifically based results address reliability, efficiency, affordability, health, safety, and the environment

## **Nonprofit**

Chartered to serve the public benefit

#### **Collaborative**

Bring together scientists, engineers, academic researchers, and industry experts



## **Key Megatrends Impacting the Electricity Sector**

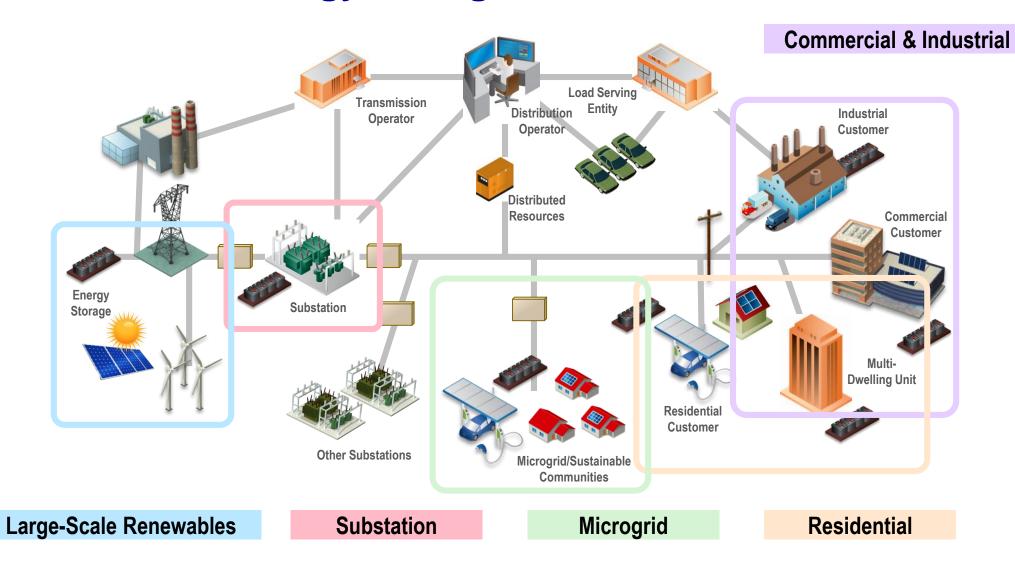
- Decentralization
- Digitization
- Efficient Electrification



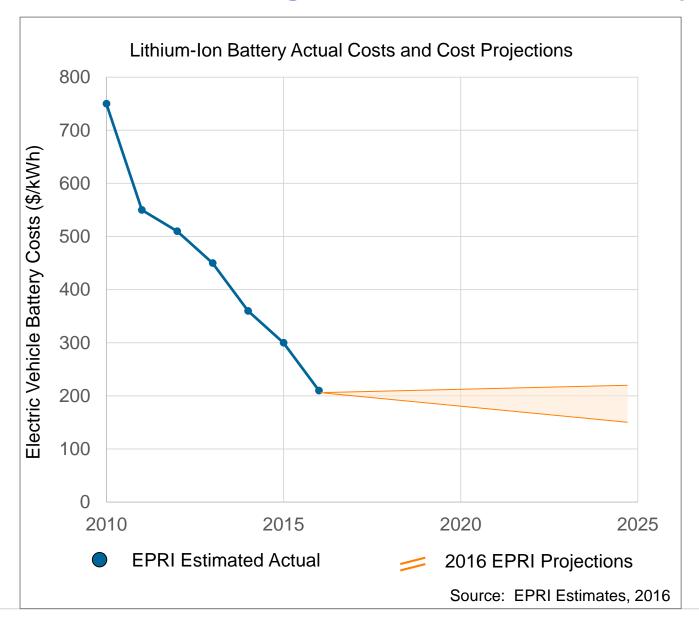




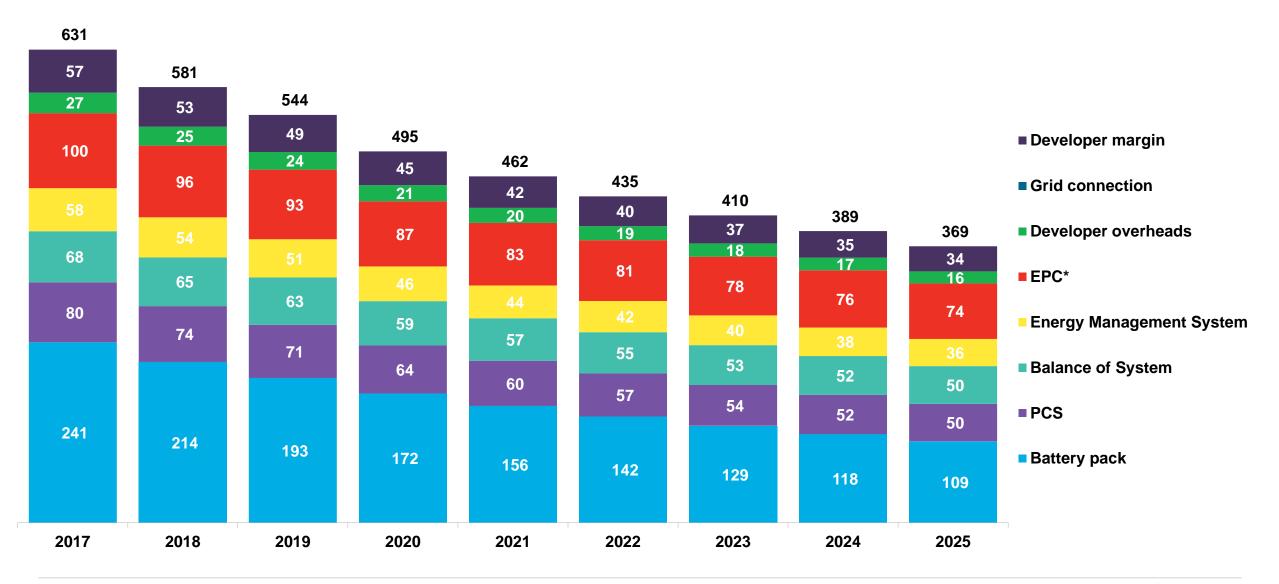
### **Decentralization - Energy Storage**



### Future Costs Trends and Insights For Lithium Ion Systems



### Forecasted Battery Energy Storage System Price Trends

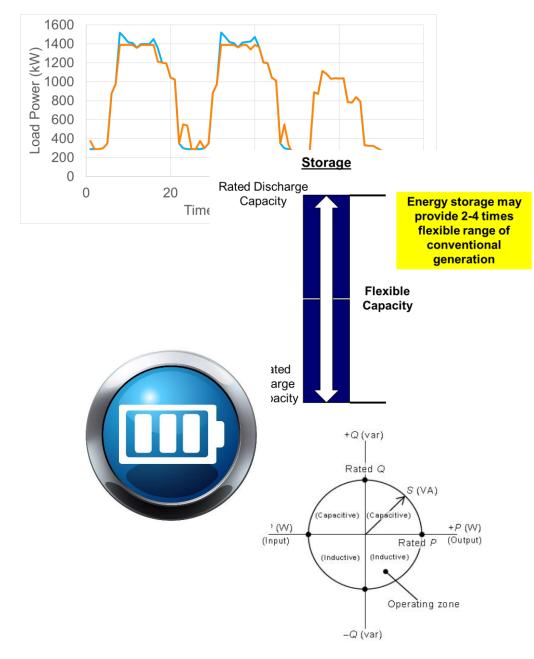




### **Key Considerations**

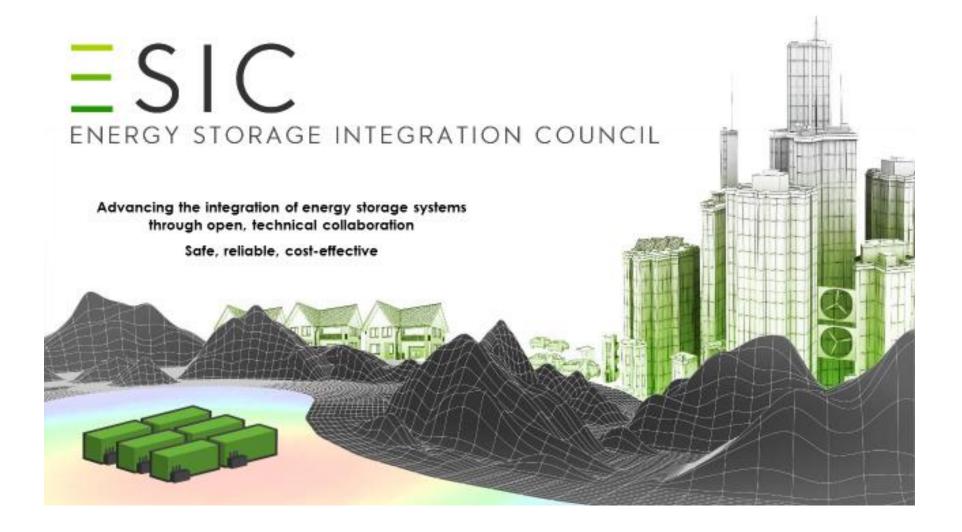
 Capacity Resource: Peaker replacement or non-wires alternative

- Flexibility Resource: System ramping, renewable variability and uncertainty
- Reliability / Resiliency Resource: Backup power, microgrid, black start
- Voltage / Power Quality Resource: Dynamic,
  4-quadrant inverter capabilities

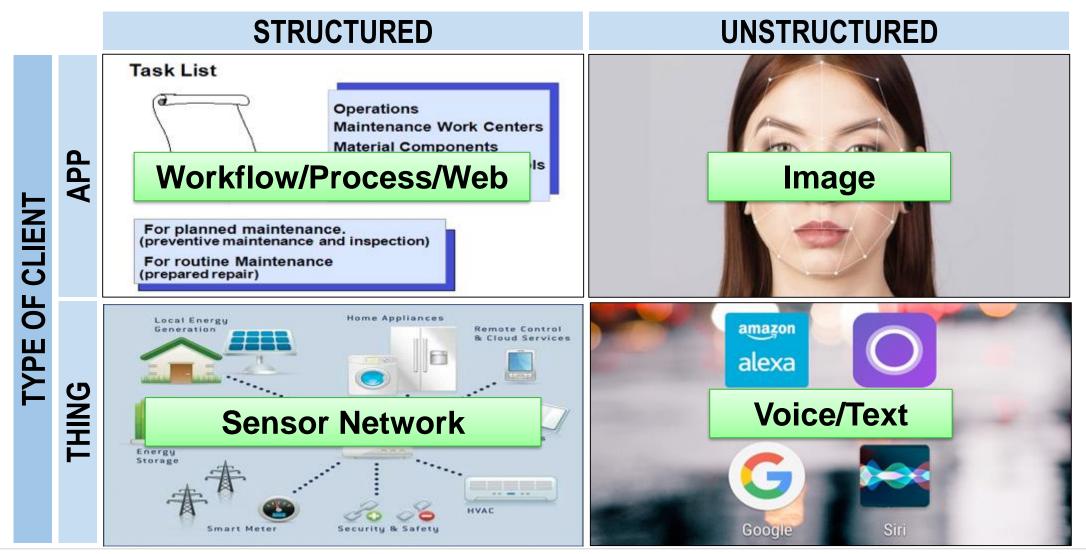




#### **Work at EPRI**



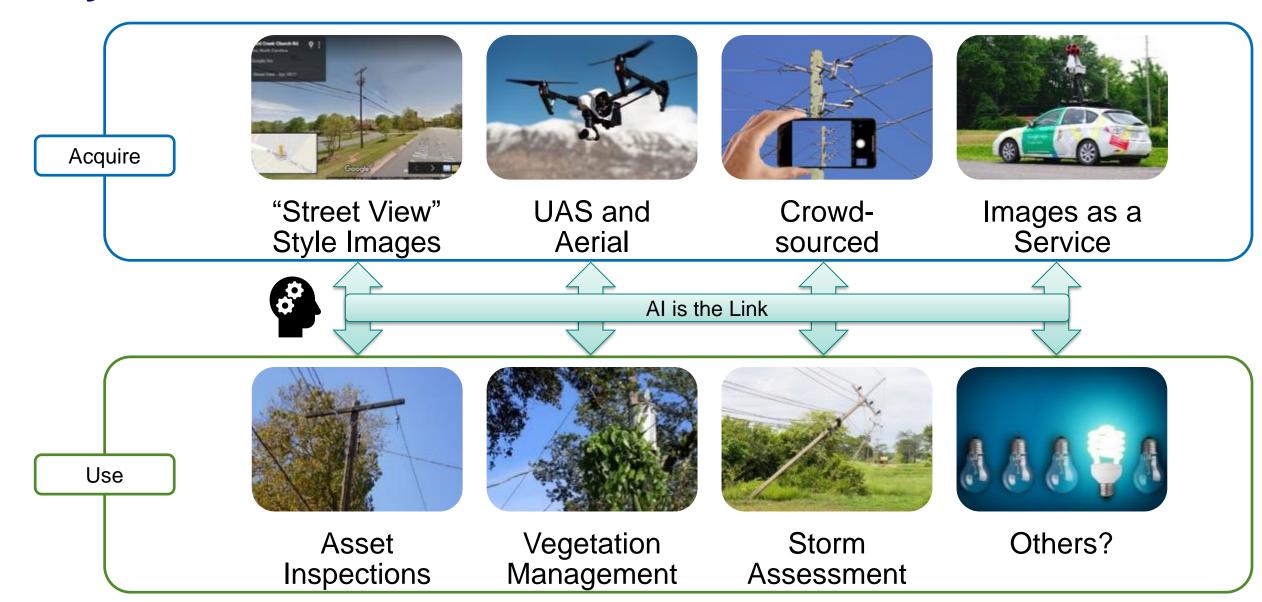
# Digitalization – Artificial Intelligence







## **Key Considerations**



#### Efficient Electrification – Indoor Food Production





Farm to table in hours rather than days



Leafy greens travel an average of



"We're giving people food that tastes better and is better for them."

Matt Barnard

"Grocers would love to get another four to five days of shelf life for leafy greens."

Mikey Vu

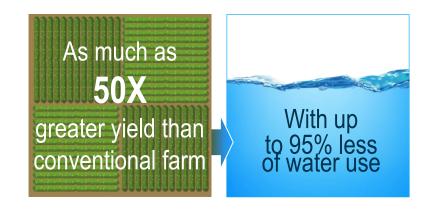
"Because we work with physics, not against it, we save a lot of money."

Matt Barnard

Global supply of fruits & vegetables are



short of nutritional needs



Source: https://www.bloomberg.com/news/features/2017-09-06/this-high-tech-vertical-farm-promises-whole-foods-quality-at-walmart-prices





## **Drivers for Indoor Food Production**

- Today 80% of the world's arable land is in use.
  - "If every city on earth were to grow 10% of its produce indoors, it would allow us to take 340,000 square miles of farmland back to forest" – Prof Dickson D. Despommier, Columbia University
- By 2050:
  - World population ~9.6 billion (currently ~7.5 billon)
  - 80% of world population living in urban areas
- Water conservation is a growing concern
- Reduced "food miles"



## **Key Considerations**

- Potential Demand Response (DR)
- Not supported in current codes/standards
- Each installation potentially represents a large grid load
  - Augmented greenhouses and vertical farms are often in the tens of MWs range
- The impact of these operations on the grid must be fully understood
- The operational characteristics of these installations are seasonal
- Winter and summer have different load shapes



Photo from Philips Lighting / GreenSense Farms



Photo from National Geographic



## **Demonstrating Indoor Food Production at EPRI's Lab**





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