


# **ARPA-E: Changing What's Possible**

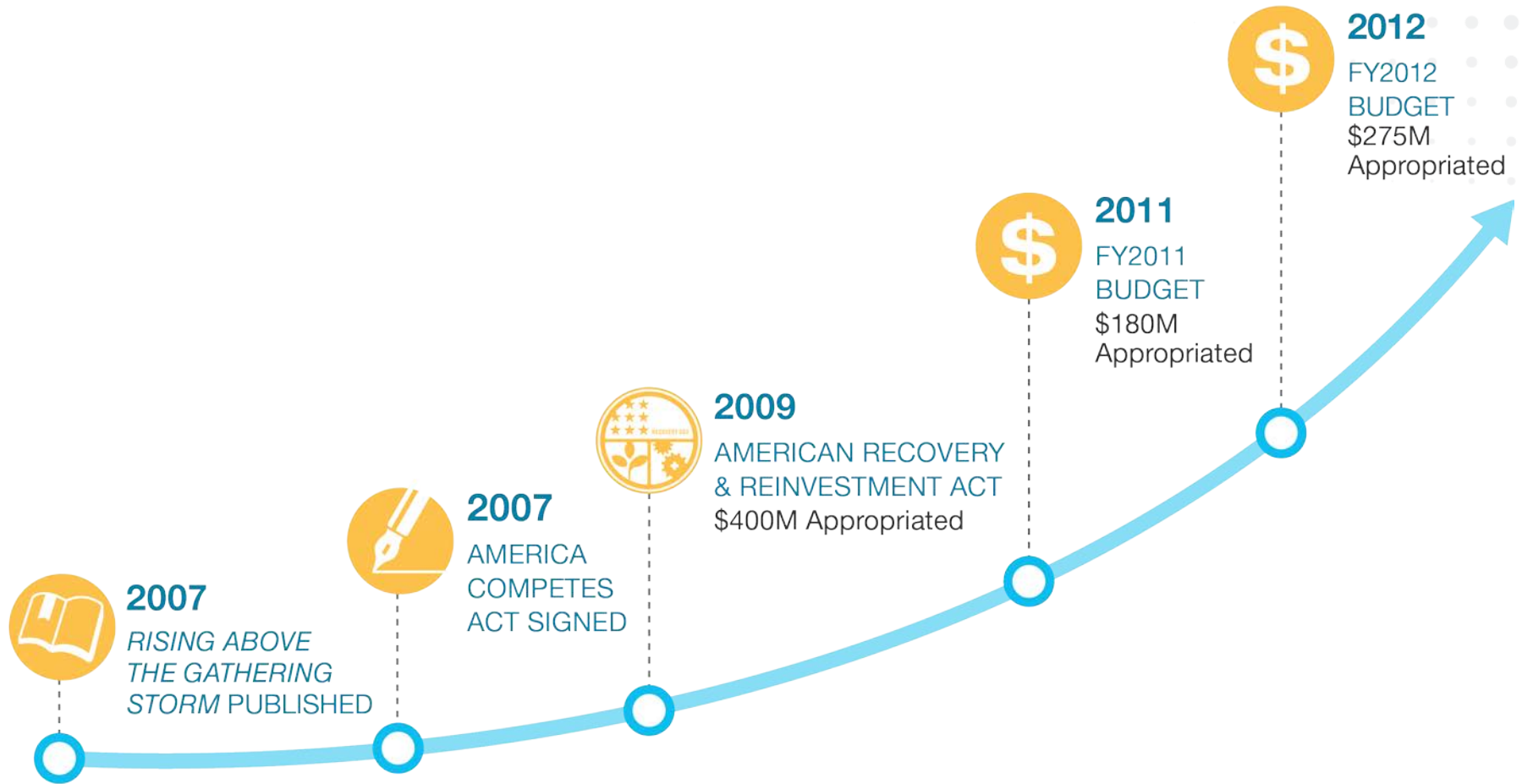
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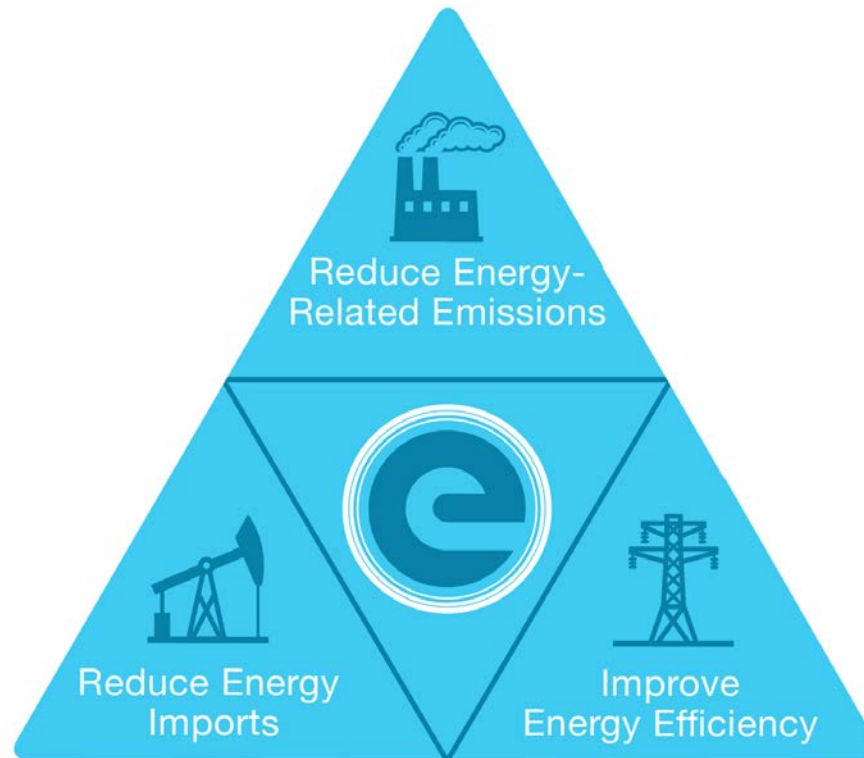


# Evolution of ARPA-E



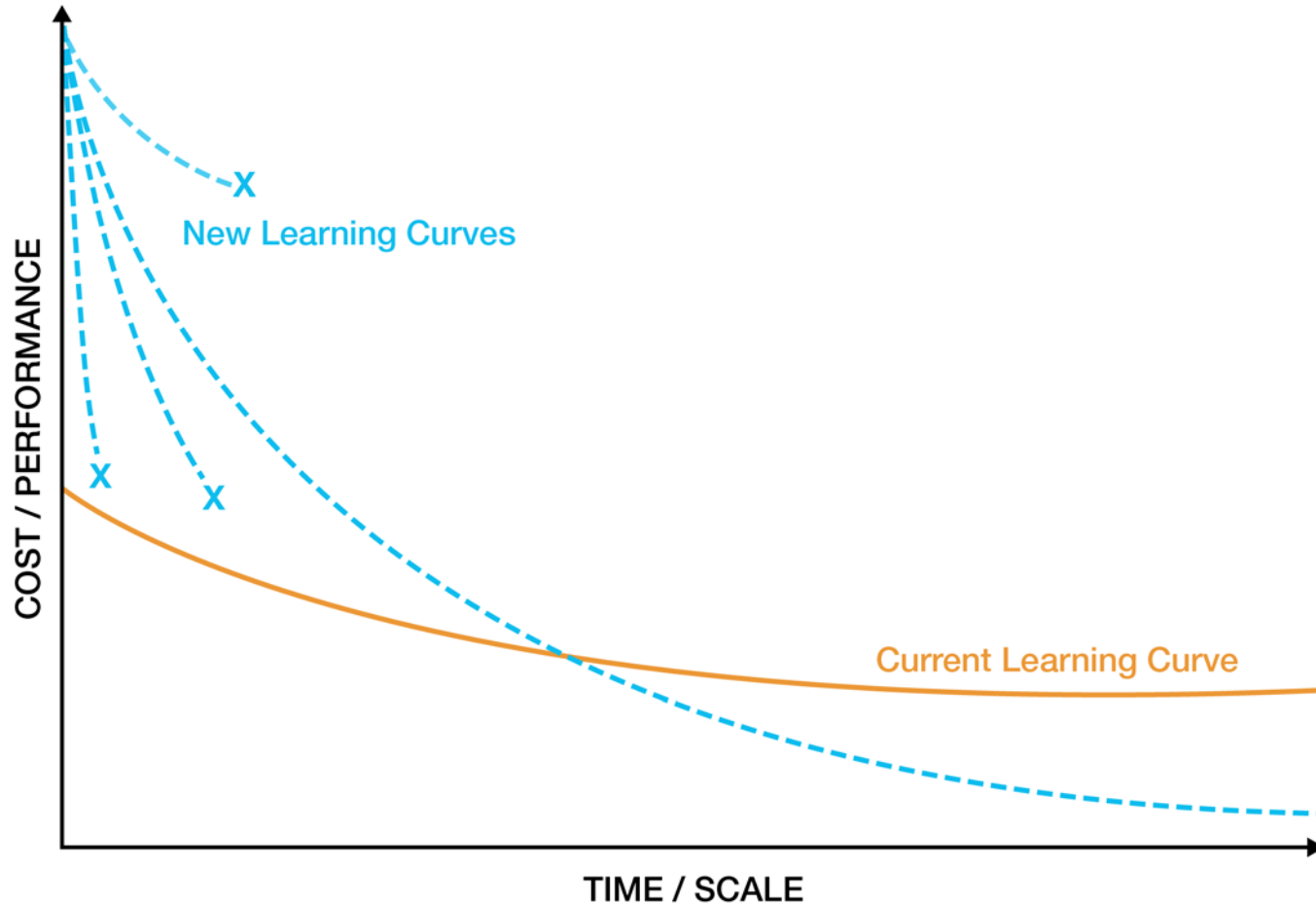
# ARPA-E Mission

Catalyze the development of transformational,  
high-impact energy technologies



Ensure the U.S. maintains a lead in the development  
and deployment of advanced technologies

# Creating New Learning Curves



# What Makes an ARPA-E Project?



## IMPACT

- ▶ High impact on ARPA-E mission areas
- ▶ Credible path to market
- ▶ Large commercial application



## TRANSFORM

- ▶ Challenges what is possible
- ▶ Disrupts existing learning curves
- ▶ Leaps beyond today's technologies



## BRIDGE

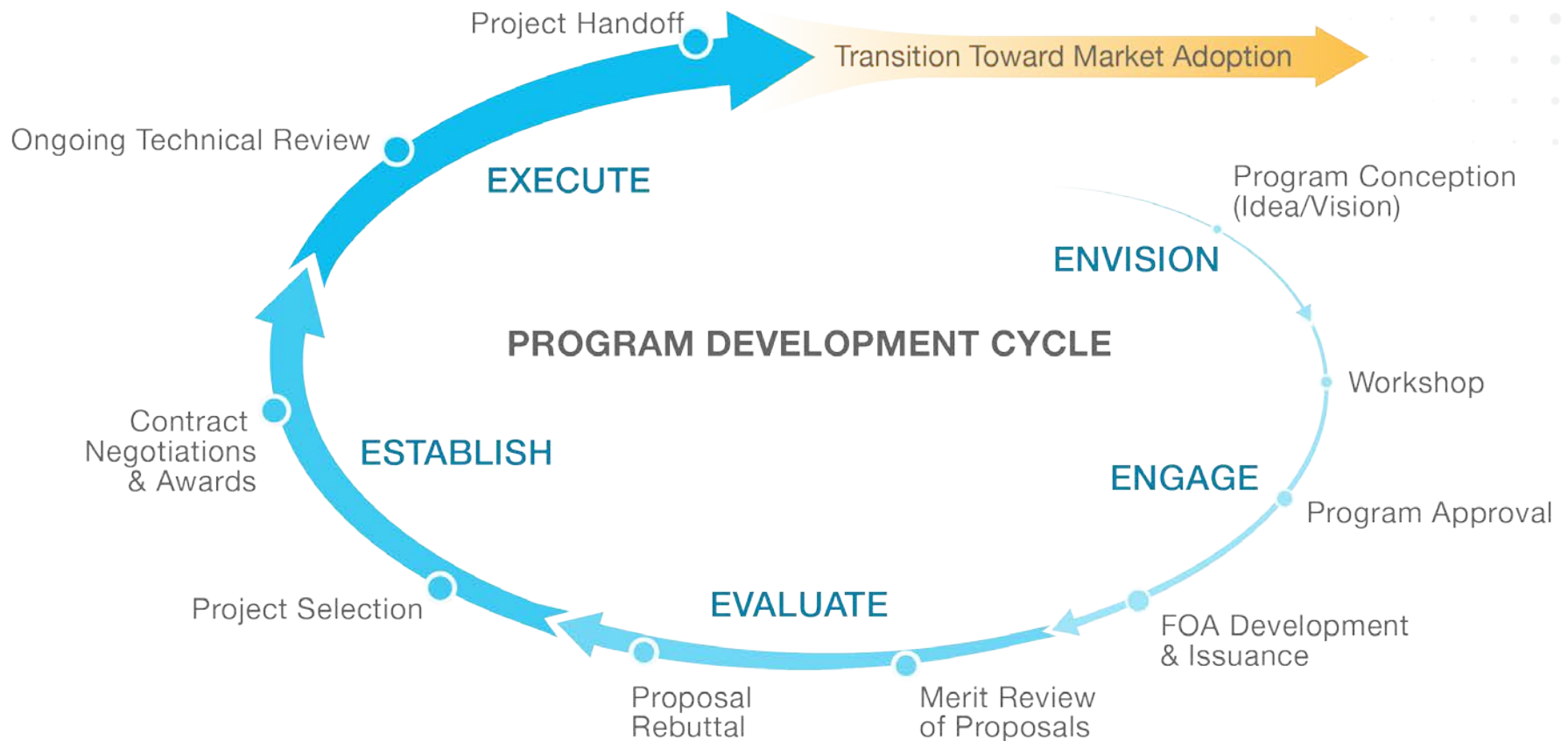
- ▶ Translates science into breakthrough technology
- ▶ Not researched or funded elsewhere
- ▶ Catalyzes new interest and investment



## TEAM

- ▶ Comprised of best-in-class people
- ▶ Cross-disciplinary skill sets
- ▶ Translation oriented

# Technology Acceleration Model



# Measuring ARPA-E's Success



## MOVING TECHNOLOGY TOWARD MARKET

- ▶ Partnerships with Other Government Agencies
- ▶ Licensing/Acquisition by an Established Firm
- ▶ Licensing/Acquisition Resulting in a Spinoff
- ▶ Private-Sector Funding
- ▶ Growth of Existing Company (e.g., Organic Growth)



## BREAKTHROUGH ACHIEVEMENTS

- ▶ Patents
- ▶ Publications

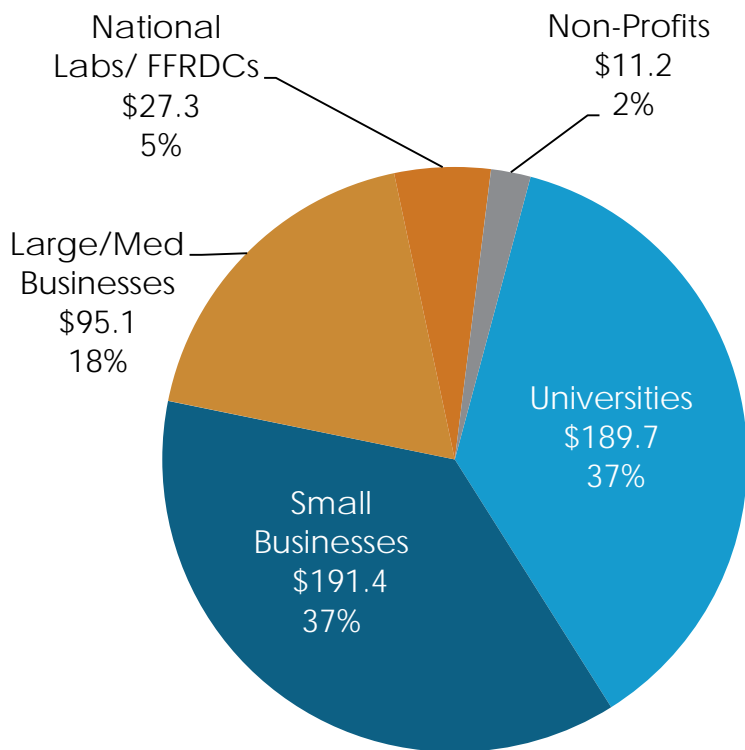


## OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

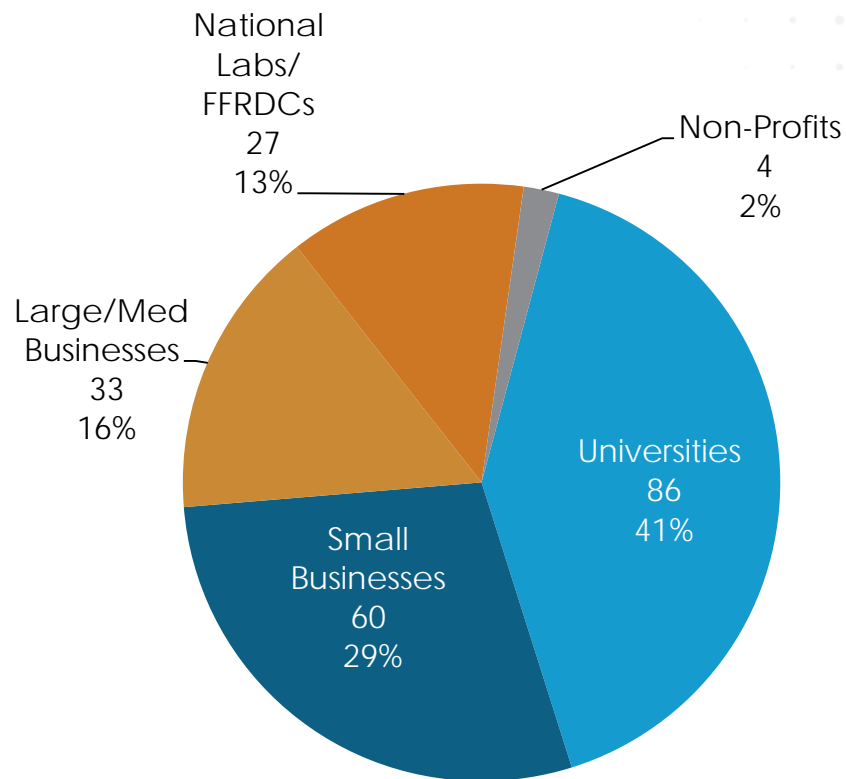
- ▶ Expedited program development and project selection
- ▶ Aggressive performance metrics

# Breakdown of ARPA-E's project leads

## Federal Funding (million \$)



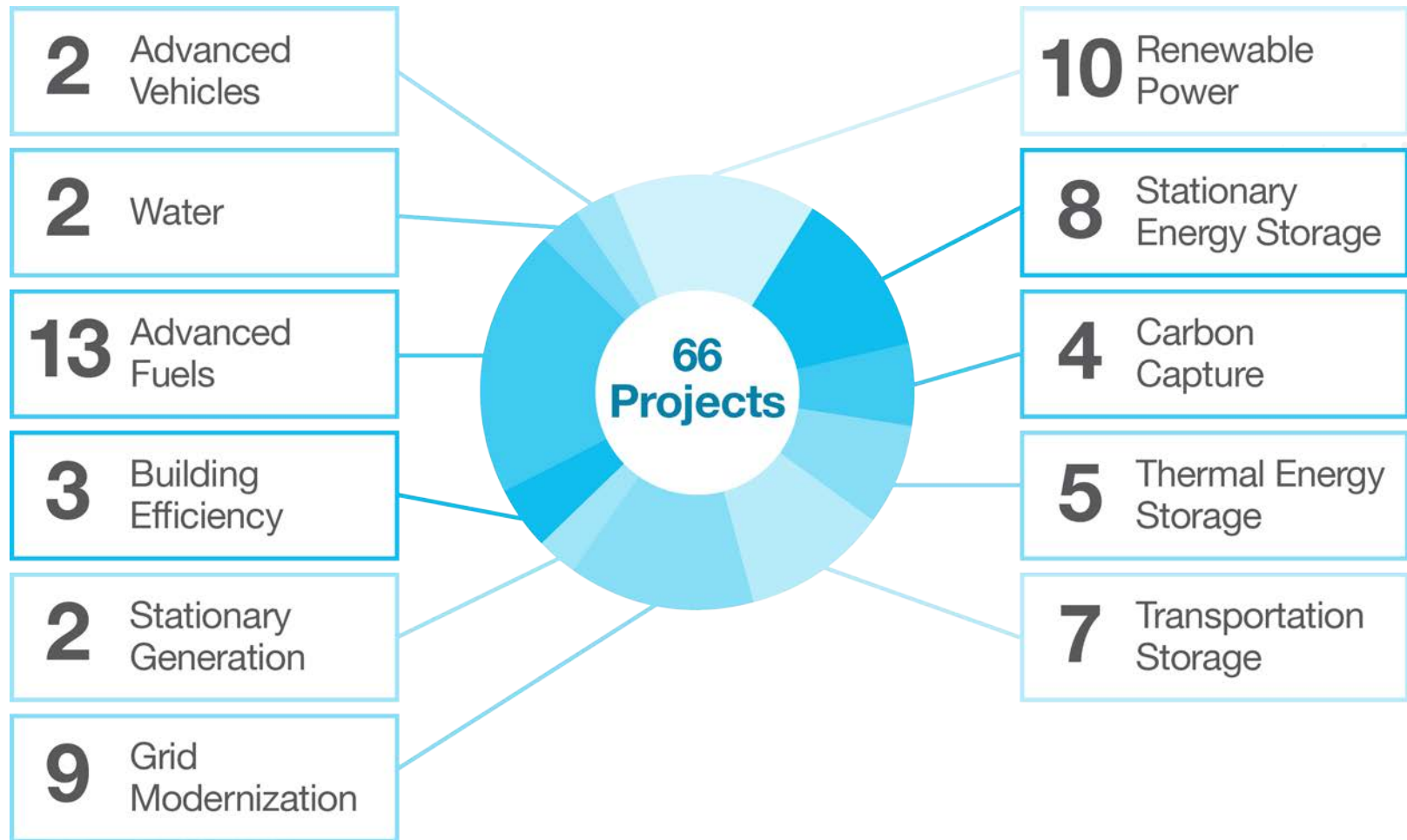
## Frequency



Data above includes all ARPA-E projects contracted as of the end of FY 2012, with the exception of AMPED and SBIR/STTR which were excluded due to data availability issue..



# OPEN 2012: 66 Projects, 24 States, 11 Areas



# Focused Programs



## TRANSPORTATION ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES

BEEST



Electrofuels



PETRO

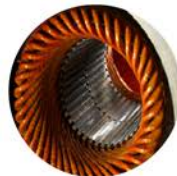


MOVE

HEATS



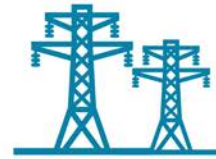
REACT



AMPED



SBIR/STTR



## STATIONARY ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES

BEET-IT



IMPACCT



GRIDS



Solar ADEPT



GENI



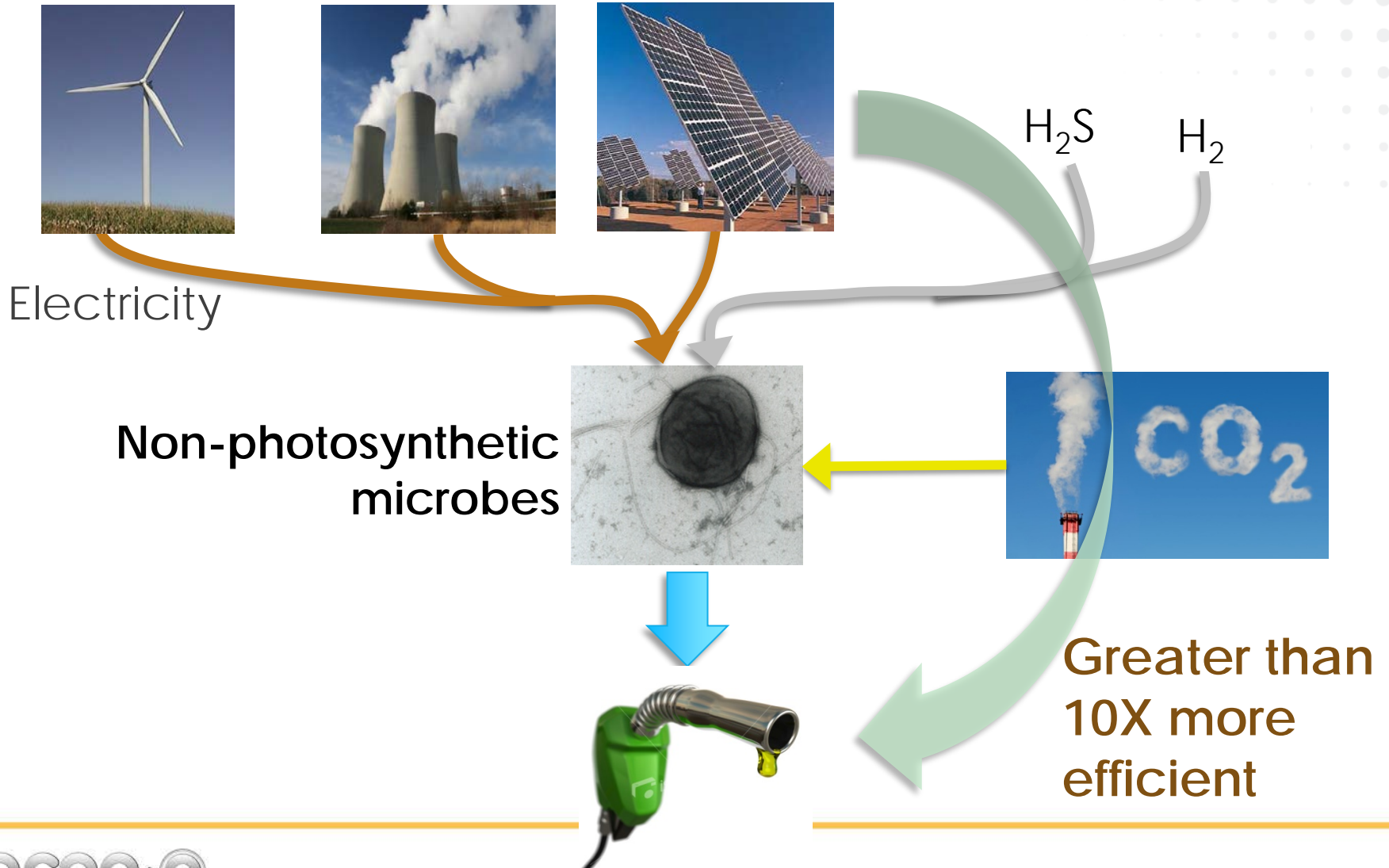
ADEPT

# Photosynthetic Biofuels

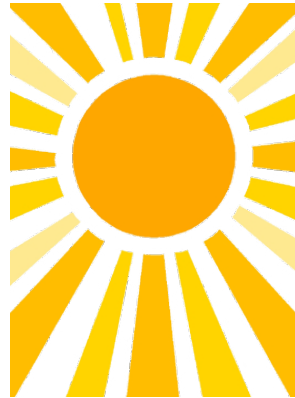


Less than  
1% efficient

# Electrofuels



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