



# **Levelized Cost of Energy**

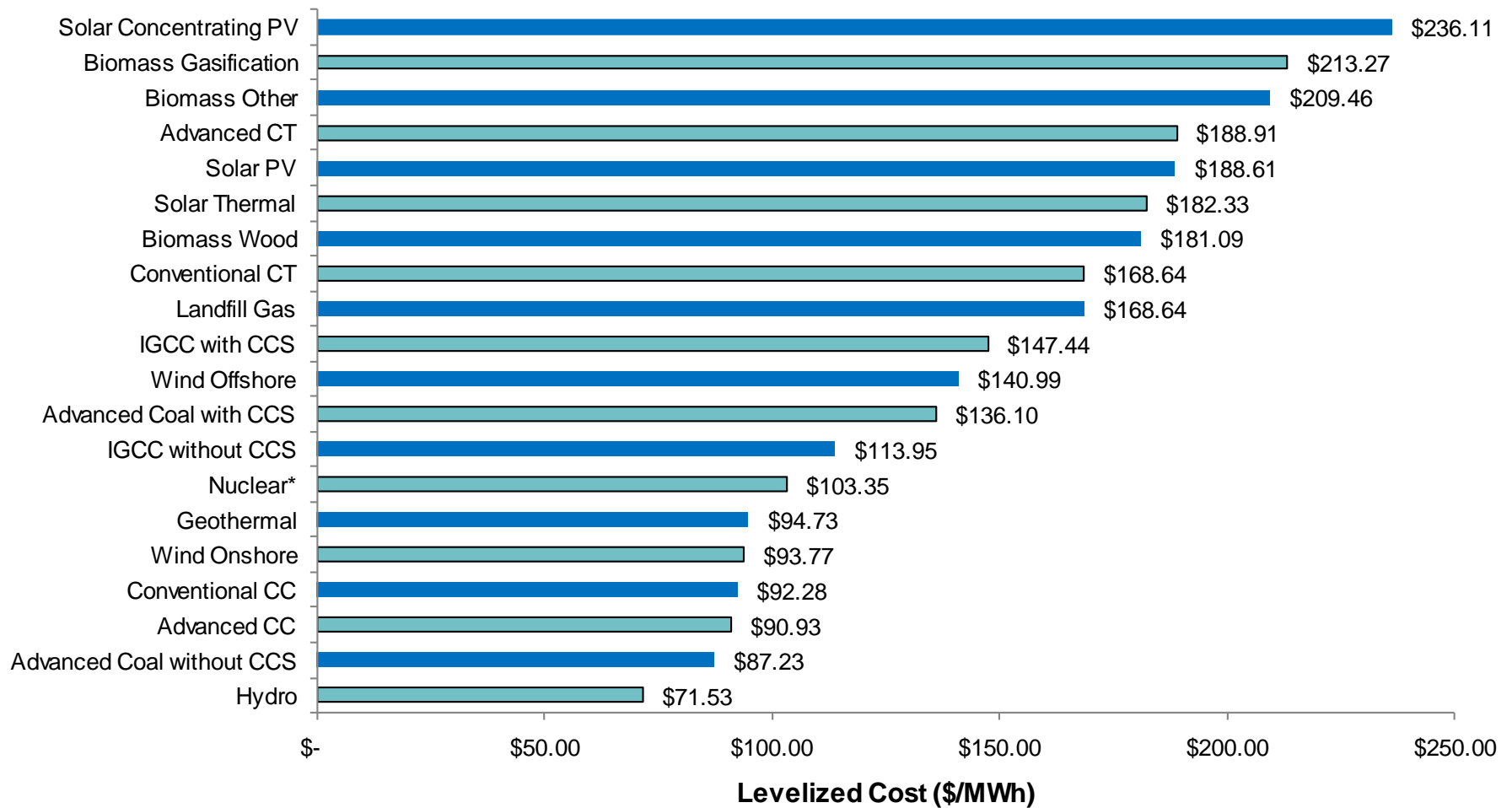
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# Levelized Cost Model Assumptions

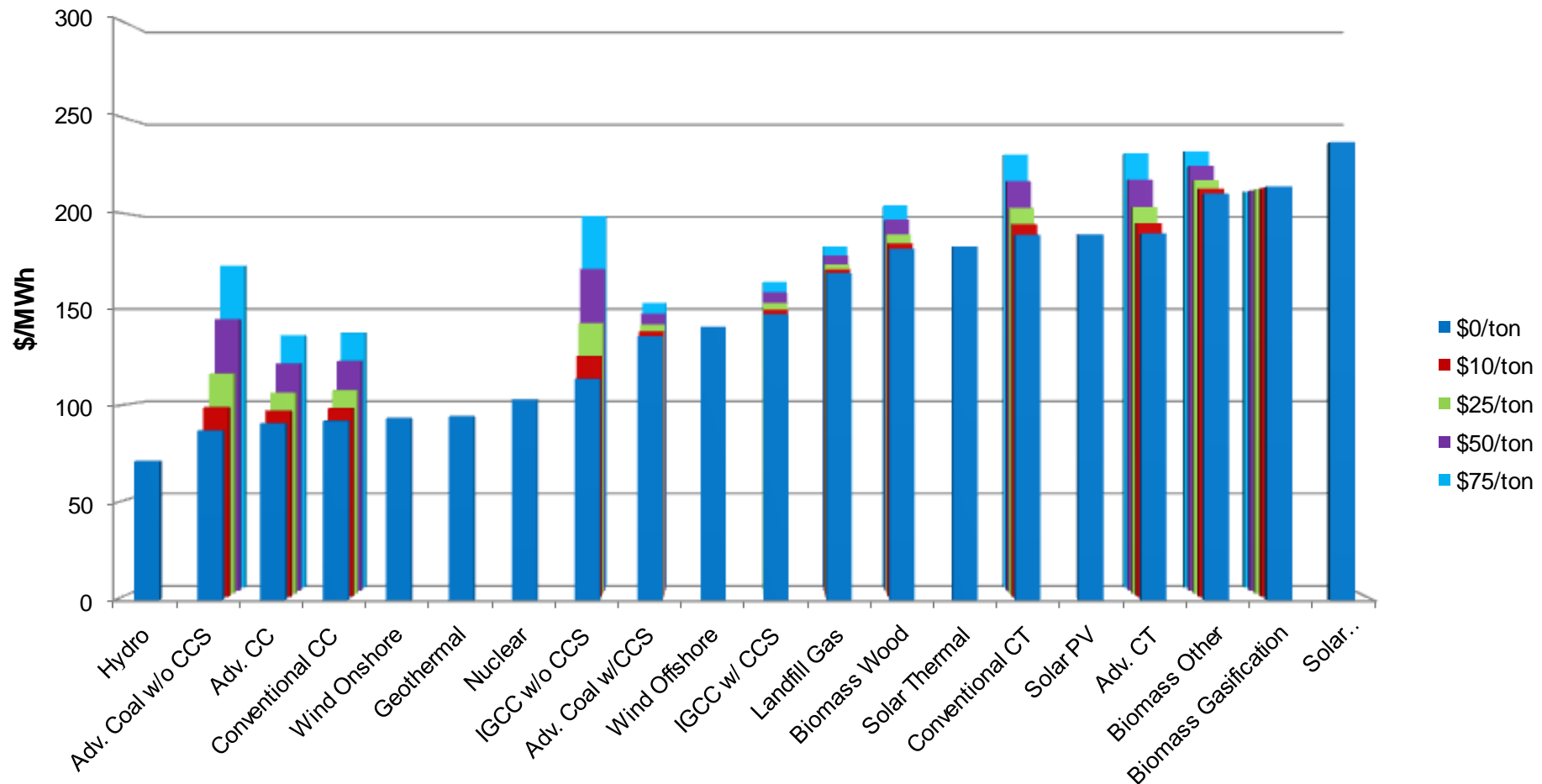
	Capacity (MW)	Capacity Factor	Heat Rate	Capital (\$/kW)	Plant Life	Fuel Cost	Fixed O&M	Variable O&M
Adv. Coal w/o CCS	608	78%	9,043	\$2,431	20 yrs	\$2.00	\$24.68	\$3.95
Adv. Coal w/ CCS	625	80%	11,950	\$5,225	20 yrs	\$2.00	\$54.11	\$7.33
IGCC w/o CCS	625	58%	8,891	\$3,111	20 yrs	\$2.00	\$40.37	\$5.79
IGCC w/ CCS	539	58%	10,721	\$4,590	20 yrs	\$2.00	\$47.57	\$7.04
Conv. CT	170	10%	10,780	\$777	20 yrs	\$5.00	\$8.12	\$12.50
Adv. CT	100	10%	9,654	\$920	20 yrs	\$5.00	\$13.09	\$5.37
Conv. CC	250	50%	7,217	\$924	20 yrs	\$5.00	\$10.01	\$2.61
Adv. CC	400	50%	6,746	\$971	20 yrs	\$5.00	\$11.00	\$2.89
Nuclear	1165	90%	10,343	\$5,281	40 yrs	\$0.75	\$67.04	\$4.05
Solar PV	12	33%	9,884	\$4,940	20 yrs	\$ -	\$19.02	\$ -
Concentrating Solar	63	31%	9,884	\$5,995	20 yrs	\$ -	\$30.41	\$ -
Solar Thermal	91	38%	3,295	\$5,405	20 yrs	\$ -	\$55.62	\$ -
Wind Onshore	75	35%	3,295	\$2,134	20 yrs	\$ -	\$29.90	\$ -
Wind Offshore	200	40%	4,942	\$4,137	20 yrs	\$ -	\$63.42	\$ -
Geothermal	40	79%	10,990	\$3,799	20 yrs	\$ -	\$99.40	\$9.73
Biomass Wood	40	76%	12,954	\$4,266	20 yrs	\$5.00	\$154.86	\$9.39
Biomass Other	1	50%	17,500	\$6,600	20 yrs	\$1.00	\$50.68	\$15.20
Biomass Gasification	35	75%	12,350	\$7,500	20 yrs	\$3.00	\$338.79	\$16.64
Hydro	500	75%	9,884	\$3,076	20 yrs	\$ -	\$13.44	\$ -
Landfill Gas	22	79%	14,179	\$3,854	20 yrs	\$4.50	\$178.85	\$5.52

# Levelized Cost of Energy Comparison



\*Nuclear includes a \$1 billion allowance for decommissioning costs

# Levelized Cost of Energy: Sensitivity to Carbon Costs



# Market Clearing Prices: Houston 2007-2009

-Market Clearing Prices for Houston from 2007-2009 were lower than the levelized cost of a CC with Henry Hub Natural Gas Prices

-The difference in MCP and Levelized Cost in this situation is a loss to the generators

-Combined Cycle Capacity Factor is approximately 50%

Capacity Factor	2007	2008	2009
15%	\$108.34	\$202.51	\$79.08
30%	\$85.27	\$142.67	\$56.92
50%	\$72.58	\$111.11	\$45.42
75%	\$62.87	\$89.53	\$37.34
90%	\$57.95	\$79.17	\$33.89
Henry Hub	\$6.98	\$8.85	\$3.95
Comb Cycle Levelized Cost	\$106.49	\$121.19	\$82.67

# Generic Generating Resource Assumptions

- Operating characteristics for major generating resources

Technology	Capacity	Heat Rate	Min Capacity	Min up time	Min down time	Variable O&M	Start Cost	Estimated CF
	(MW)	(BTU/kWh)	(MW)	(HRs)	(HRs)	(\$/MWh)	(\$)	(%)
Conventional CC (F type)	500	7,200	200	6	8	2.65	10,000	50%
Advanced CC (H type)	400	6,700	250	6	8	2.90	15,000	50%
Conventional CT (F type)	170	10,500	130	2	3	8.00	7,500	10%
Advanced CT (LMS100)	100	9,200	70	2	3	13.00	10,000	10%
Supercritical Coal	600	9,000	250	24	12	3.95	5,000	75%
Supercritical Coal W/ CCS	625	11,950	250	24	12	7.35	7,000	80%
IGCC	625	9,000	250	24	12	5.75	5,000	60%
IGCC W/ CCS	539	10,700	250	24	12	7.00	7,000	60%
Nuclear	1,100	10,300	600	168	48	4.00	-	90%
On shore Wind	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	35%
Off Shore Wind	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	40%
Geothermal	40	11,000	20	8	8	10.00	-	80%
Biomass - wood	40	13,000	15	8	8	9.50	2,500	75%
Biomass - other	1	17,500	3	8	8	15.00	1,000	50%
Solar PV	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	33%
Solar Thermal	100	-	-	-	-	-	-	38%