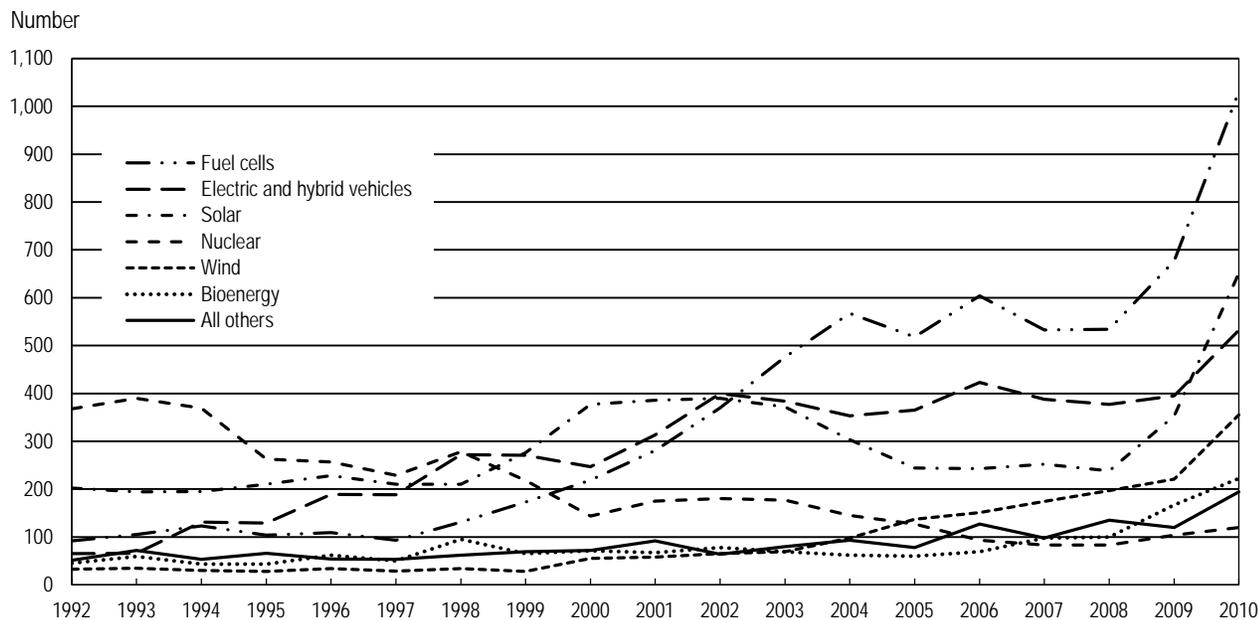


FIGURE 2. USPTO patents granted in alternative energy, by technology area: 1992–2010



USPTO = U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

NOTE: All others includes geothermal, hydropower, and wave, tidal, and ocean.

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