

2MAE006 – Aviation and Environment

C1-C2: Climate, Energy and fuels

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Mainly one question for this lecture

**CAN WE REDUCE (OR EVEN CANCEL) THE IMPACT OF AVIATION ON RADIATIVE FORCING,
WITHOUT INCREASING THE QUANTITY OF ENERGY NEEDED AND COST?**

Mainly two sources for this lecture

Source: Référentiel Aviation – Climat, ISAE-SUPAERO report, 2021

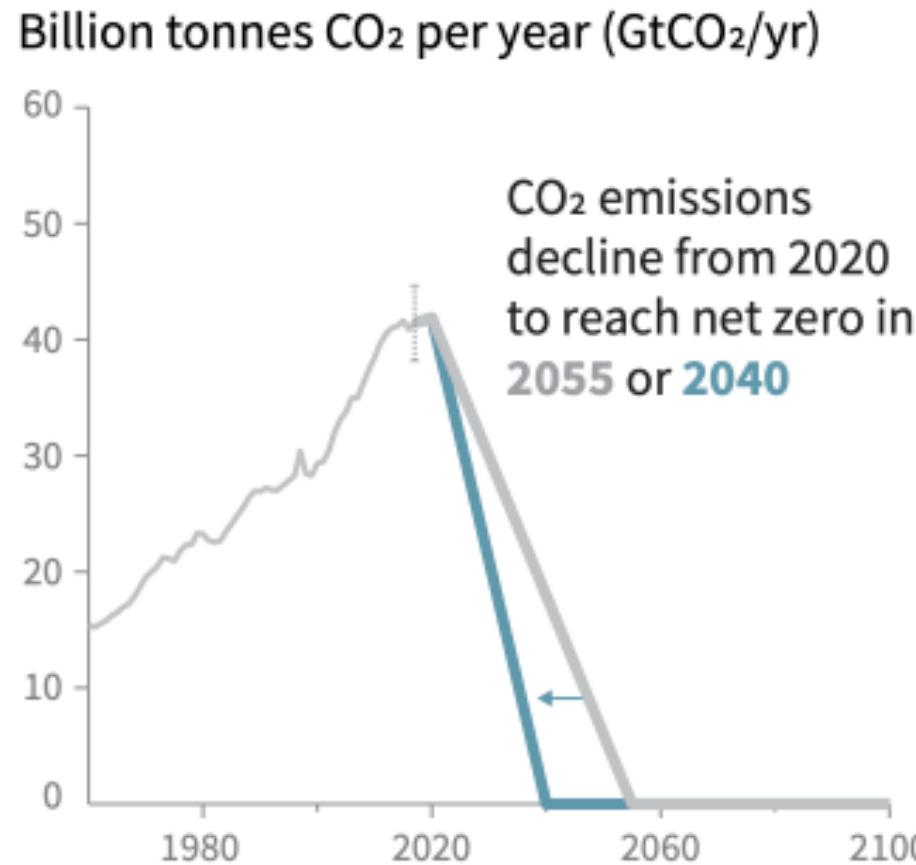
Source: Impact of climate on aviation (ICCA), French research project,
involving the following partners



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Aviation: Climate & Energy



Scheme of potential CO₂ emissions trajectories to limit global warming to +1.5°C

Note: blue curve has a better chance of success

Aviation: Climate & Energy



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1.1 Impact of aviation on climate change

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Road, Sea and Air
Transportation represents
about **27%** of greenhouse gas
(GHG) emissions in Europe

Chap. 1 Climate and aviation



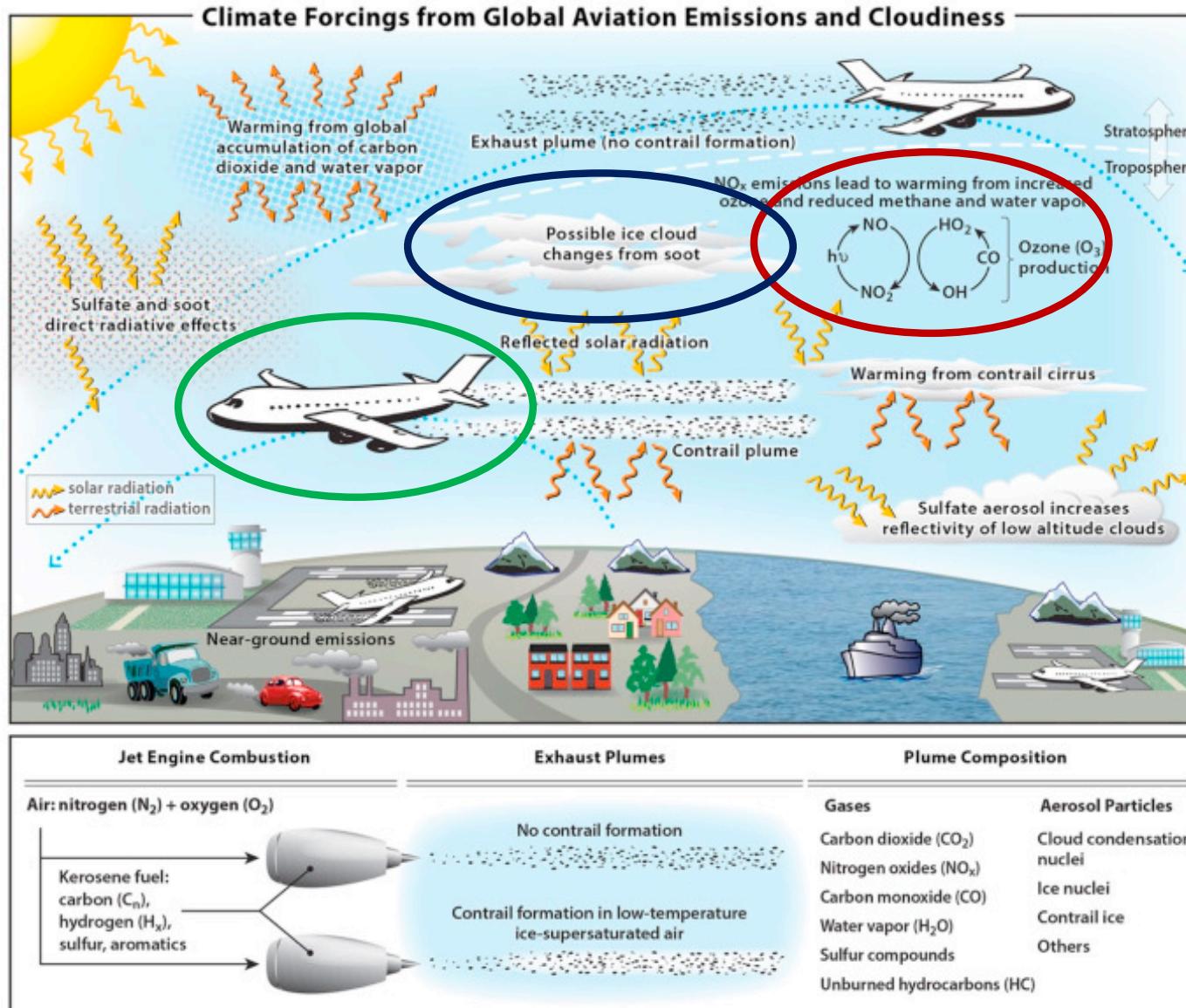
What is the part of CO2 emissions due to aviation?

- 0.5%
- 2.5%
- 5.0%
- 10.%



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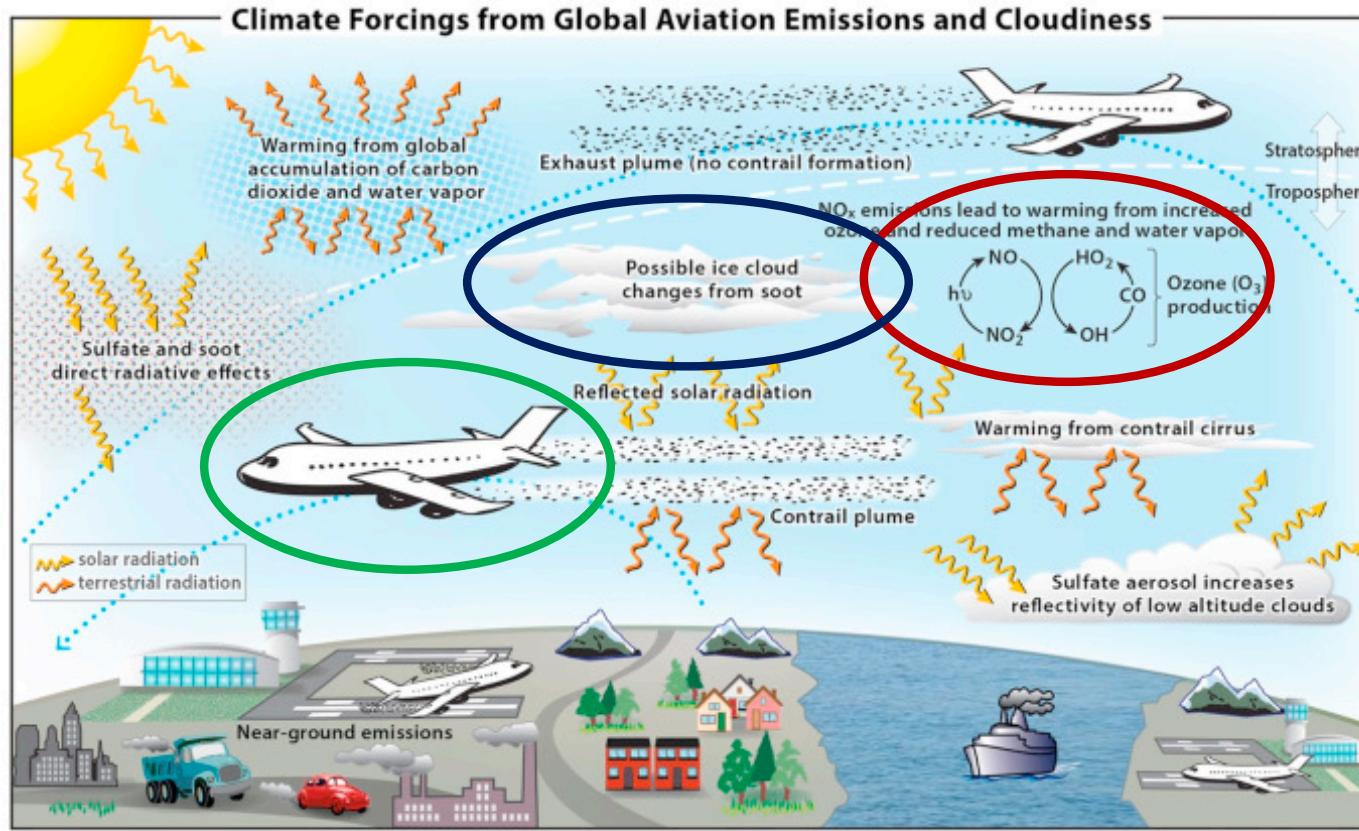
Origin of radiative forcing due to aviation?



Source: Lee et al., 2020

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Origin of radiative forcing due to aviation?



Jet Engine Combustion	Exhaust Plumes	Plume Composition
Air: nitrogen (N ₂) + oxygen (O ₂) Kerosene fuel: carbon (C _n), hydrogen (H _x), sulfur, aromatics	No contrail formation Contrail formation in low-temperature ice-supersaturated air	Gases Carbon dioxide (CO ₂) Nitrogen oxides (NO _x) Carbon monoxide (CO) Water vapor (H ₂ O) Sulfur compounds Unburned hydrocarbons (HC) Aerosol Particles Cloud condensation nuclei Ice nuclei Contrail ice Others

Radiative forcing =

CO₂

+

NO_x

+

Cirrus
Contrails

+

Soots

Source: Lee et al., 2020

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Note : global warming potential (GWP) in millions of tons of CO₂. Marginal effects (aerosols and water vapour) have been removed for clarity

Source : Lee et al., 2020, Atmospheric Environment

GWP*: average annual rate of CO₂-warming-equivalent emissions

**50% to 66% of aviation impact on climate change
comes from non-CO₂ effects (contrails++)**

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Which part of the Global Warming Potential is related to aviation?

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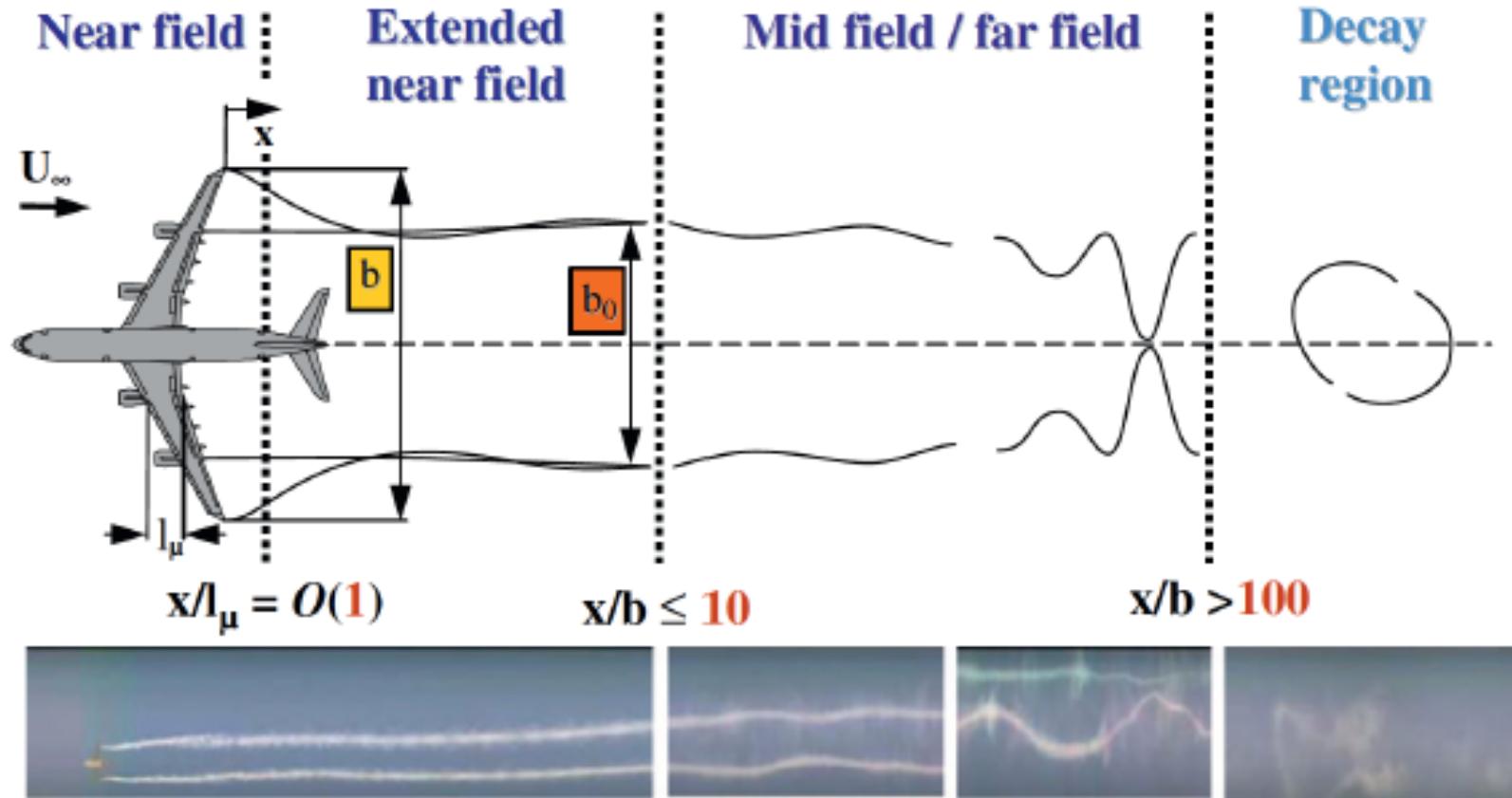
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Two ways to count (both are ok):

- Period [1750 - 2011]: **3.5% of the total GWP is due to aviation**
- Period [2005 - 2011]: **5.9% of the total GWP is due to aviation**

What is the origin of contrails?

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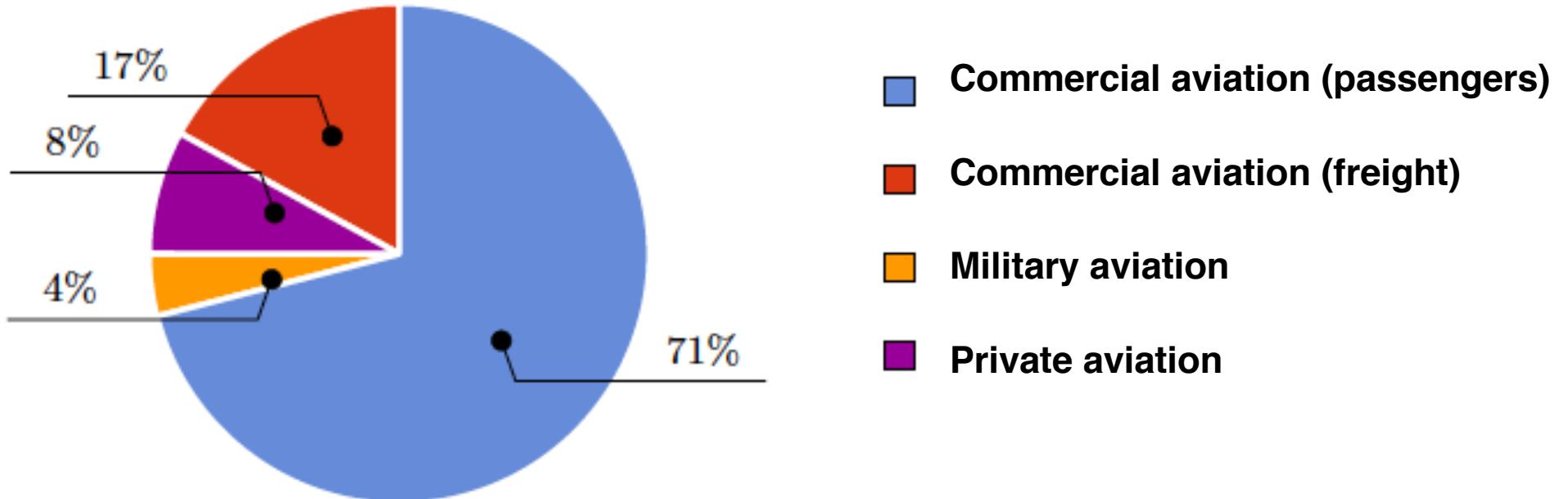


Scheme of the different steps towards the formation of contrails from the wake vortices (Breitsamter, 2011)

Note: Mean aerodynamic chord is noted l_μ and span is b

**Key number: Annual CO₂ emissions = about 1Gt CO₂eq.
(2.5% of the total)**

Share of CO₂ emissions for global aviation in 2018 (Gössling et Humpe, 2020)



Which are the impacts of climate change on aviation?

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Climate risk	Impact	Actors	Key:	
 Precipitation change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> disruption to operations e.g. airfield flooding, ground subsidence reduction in airport throughput drainage system capacity inundation of underground infrastructure (e.g. electrical) inundation of ground transport access (passengers and staff) loss of local utilities provision (e.g. power). 	 AO ANSP  AO  AO  AO ANSP   AO ANSP 	Aircraft operators 	
			Airport operators 	AO
			ANSP 	ANSP
			External 	
 Temperature change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes in aircraft performance Changes in noise impact due to changes in performance heat damage to airport surface (runway, taxiway) increased heating and cooling requirements Increased pressure on local utilities e.g. water and power (for cooling). 	 ANSP  AO ANSP  AO  AO 		
 Sea-level rise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> loss of airport capacity impacts on en-route capacity due to lack of ground capacity loss of airport infrastructure loss of ground transport access 	 AO ANSP  ANSP  AO  AO ANSP 		
 Wind changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> convective weather: disruption to operations convective weather: route extensions jet stream: increase in en-route turbulence local wind patterns: disruption to operations and changes to distribution of noise impact 	 AO ANSP  ANSP  AO  AO		
 Extreme events*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> disruption to operations, route extensions disruption to ground transport access disruption to utilities supply 	 AO ANSP  AO   AO 		

Source: Burbidge, 2018

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Heat waves will drastically increase the temperature at the ground level (dozens of flights cancelled in 2017 at Phoenix, again in 2021 at Dallas)



B737 Phoenix airport during the heat wave in 2017 (source : T. Tingle)

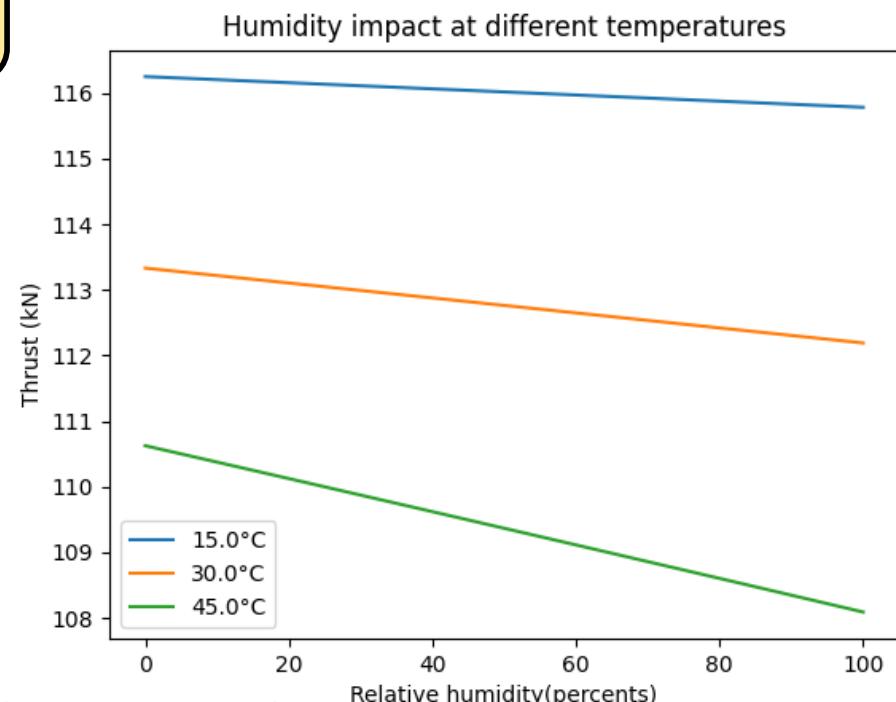
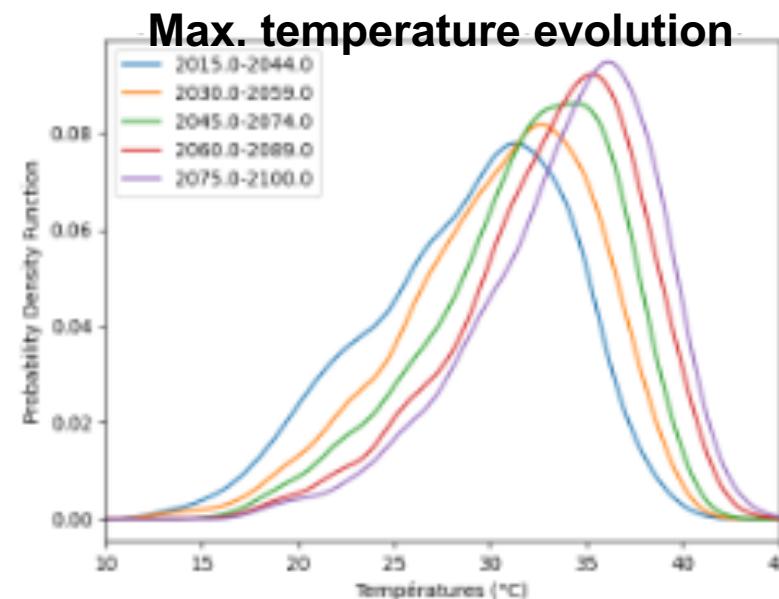
Impact on aircraft performance

Effect of humidity (+) and air temperature (++) at the ground level on take-off distance

$$L = 15.5MG + 100 \text{ où : } MG = \frac{TOW^2}{Cz_{max}FnS\rho} \text{ with}$$

$$MTOW = \sqrt{\frac{\rho Cz_{max}FnS(L - 100)}{15.5}}$$

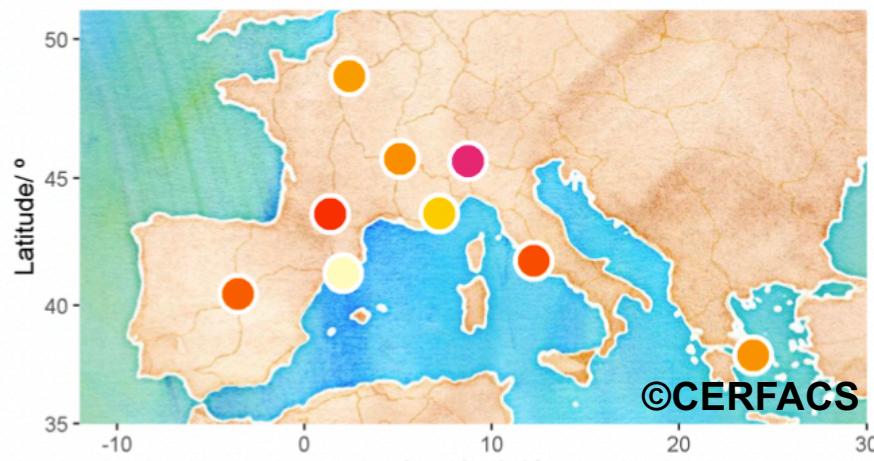
- L : take-off distance
 TOW : take off weight
 $C_{z,max}$: max lift coeff.
 Fn : engine thrust
 S : lifting surface



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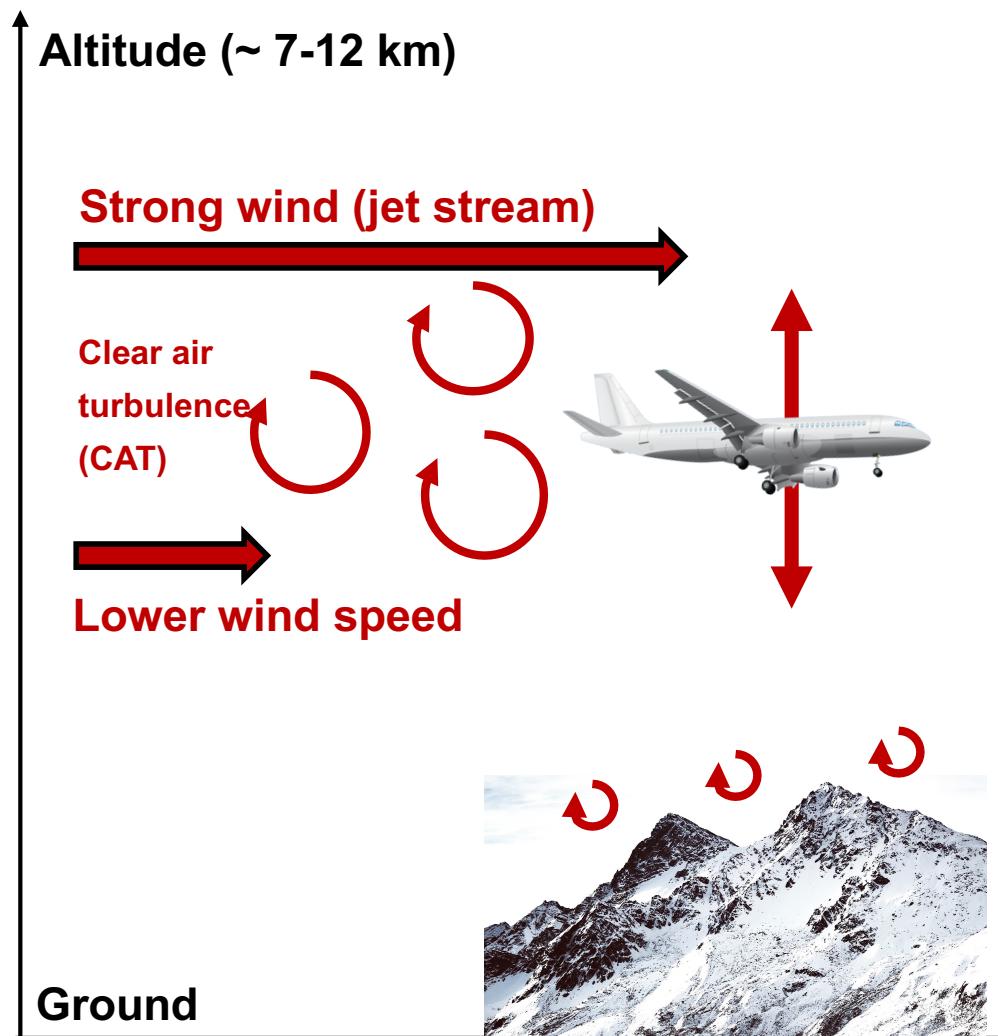


Weight restrictions: +10–30% of aircraft commercial capacity (>2050)

Take-off distance: +[1.0–6.5]% (2021–2050) ; up to 11% (2071–2100)

Impact on meteorological conditions

Effect of increased Jet Stream strength on Clear Air Turbulence (CAT)



About 75% of accidents due to meteorological conditions are due to CAT

Hard to detect with embedded systems

About 200 millions dollars each year due to

- Delays
- Passengers injuries
- Aircraft damages

Impact on meteorological conditions

Effect of increased Jet Stream strength on Clear Air Turbulence (CAT)

Low



Rise/drop: 1 meter

Not significant for passengers

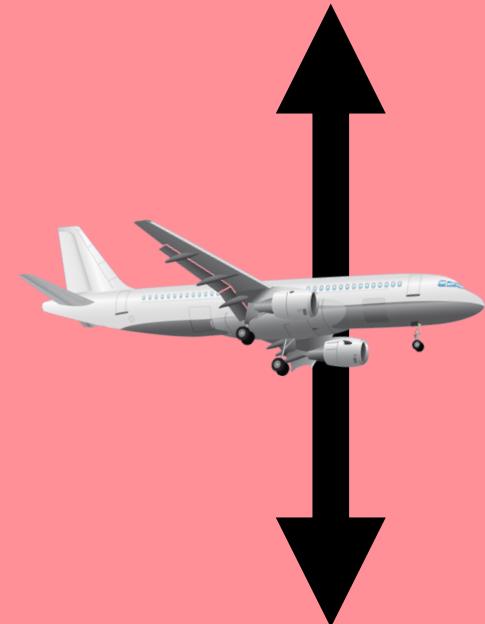
Moderate



Rise/drop: 3-6 meters

Beverages spilled on the floor

Severe



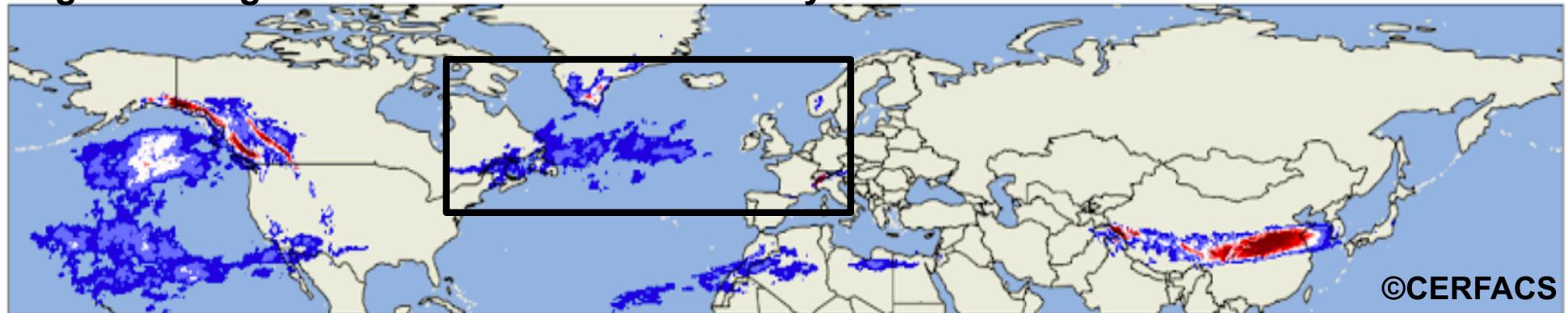
Rise/drop: 30 meters

Passengers are thrown if belts are not fasten

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Regions of high Clear air turbulence sensitivity



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Effect of increased Jet Stream strength on Clear Air Turbulence (CAT)

Increase of CAT due to climate change between 1950 and [2050 - 2080]

	Cas 1	Cas 2	Cas 3	Cas 4	
CAT intensity	10 km	12 km	10 km	12 km	10 km
Moderate	+30.8	+19.6	+46.5	+30.0	+143.3
Severe	+34.7	+20.5	+51.6	+34.2	+181.4

Source: Storer et al. 2017

Case 1 : World average for period December to February

Case 2 : World average for period March to May

Case 3 : Annual average for North Atlantic

Case 4 : Annual average for Africa

CAT +50% in average

Until +150% in North Atlantic

Impact on meteorological conditions

Effect of extreme events (storm) and submersion (sea level rise)

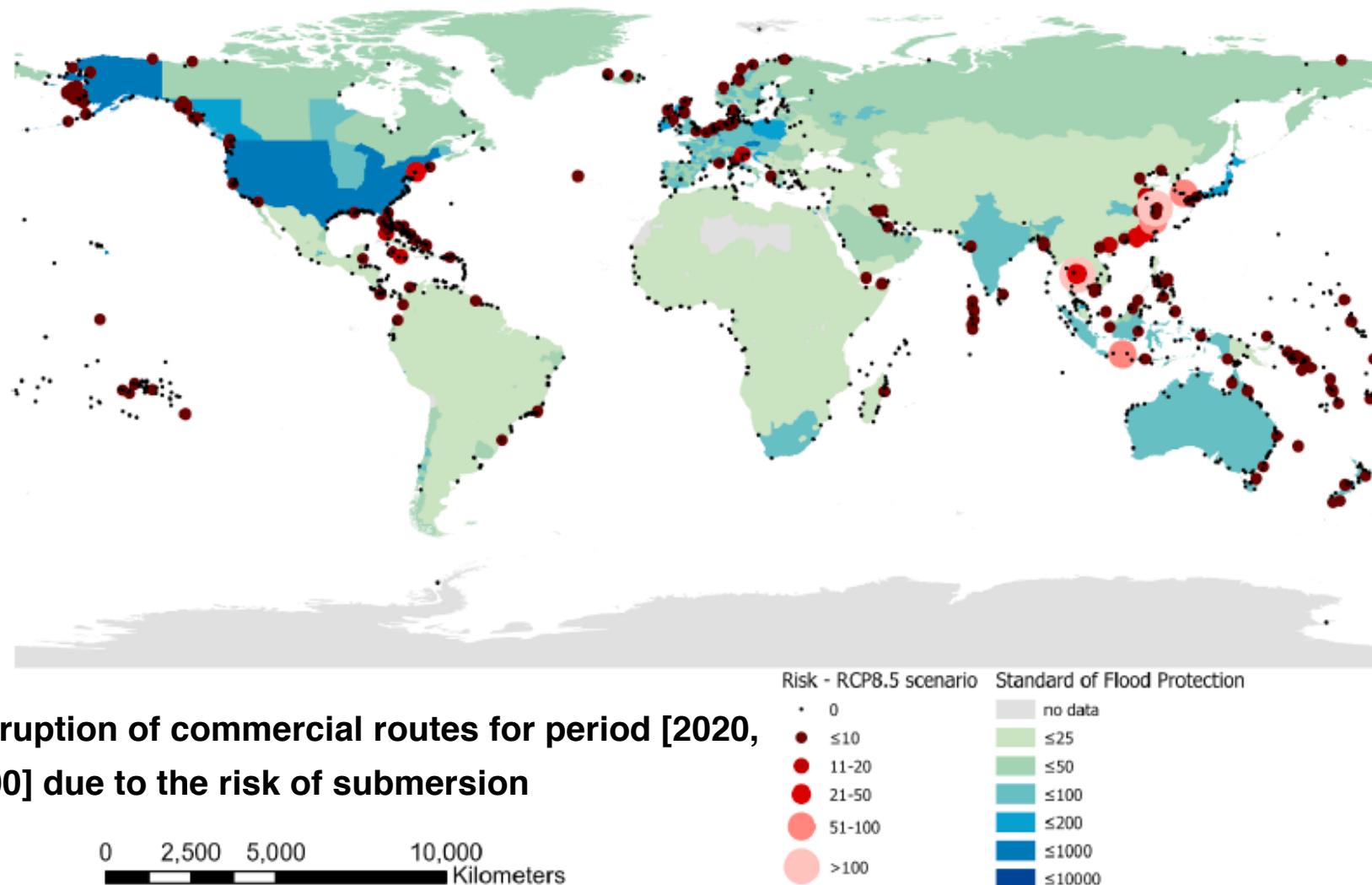


International airport of Kansai (Japan) in 2018 after storm Jebi (source : M. Shimbun)

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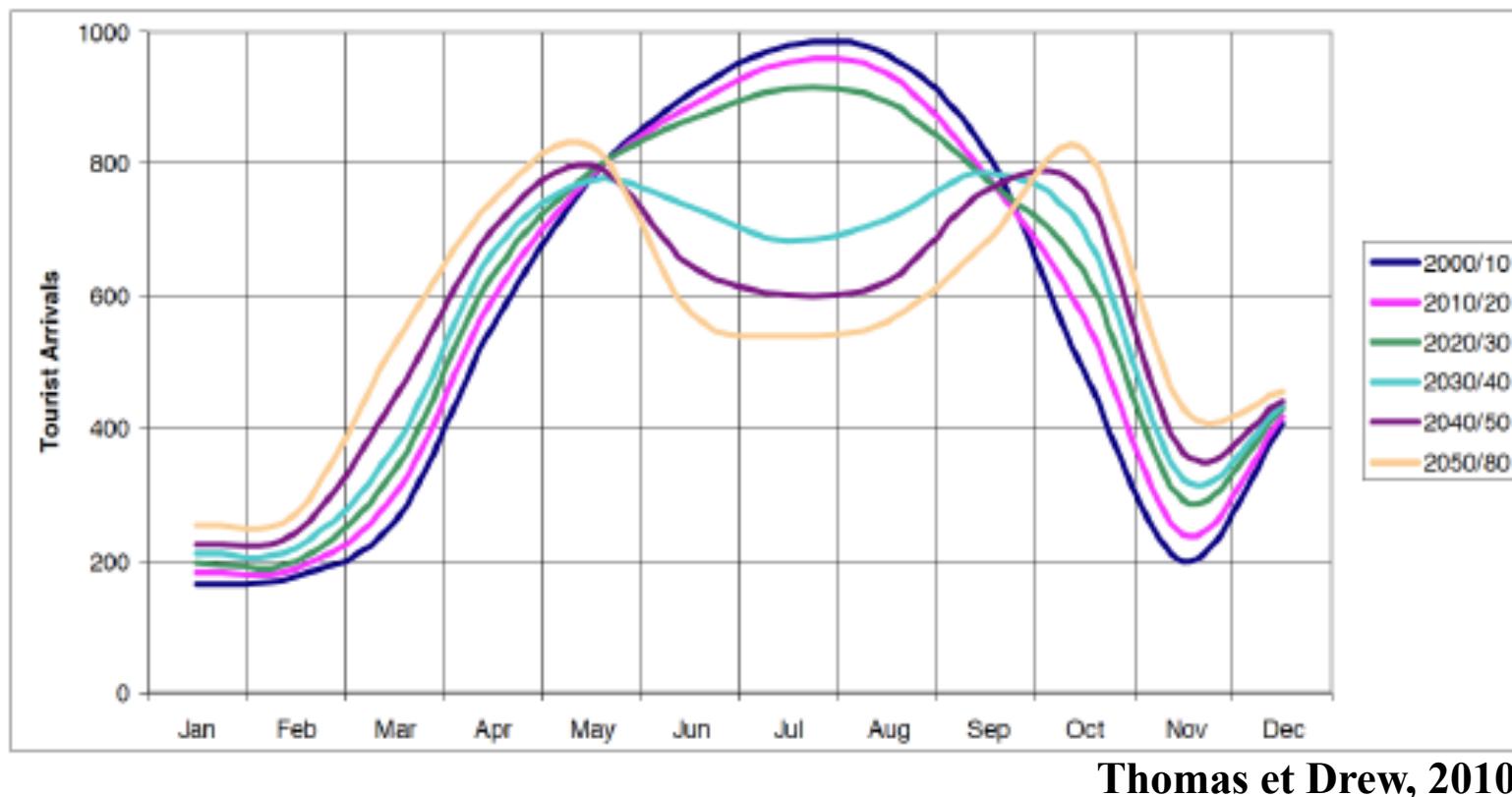
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Source: Yesudian et Dawson, 2021

Impact on tourism

Modification of touristic demand in Greece, for different time horizons



Thomas et Drew, 2010

First modifications no later than during decade [2020, 2029]

Important reduction of the number of tourists (-40%) during summer (> 2040)

Conclusion

Aviation and contribution to climate change

- Aviation contributes to 2.5% of the annual CO₂ emissions
- This contribution to the effective radiative forcing is at last double of that

Climate change will impact aviation

- Direct impacts (modification of aircraft performance, CAT, submersion, etc.)
- Indirect impacts (socio-economic aspects like modification of touristic demand)

Perspective

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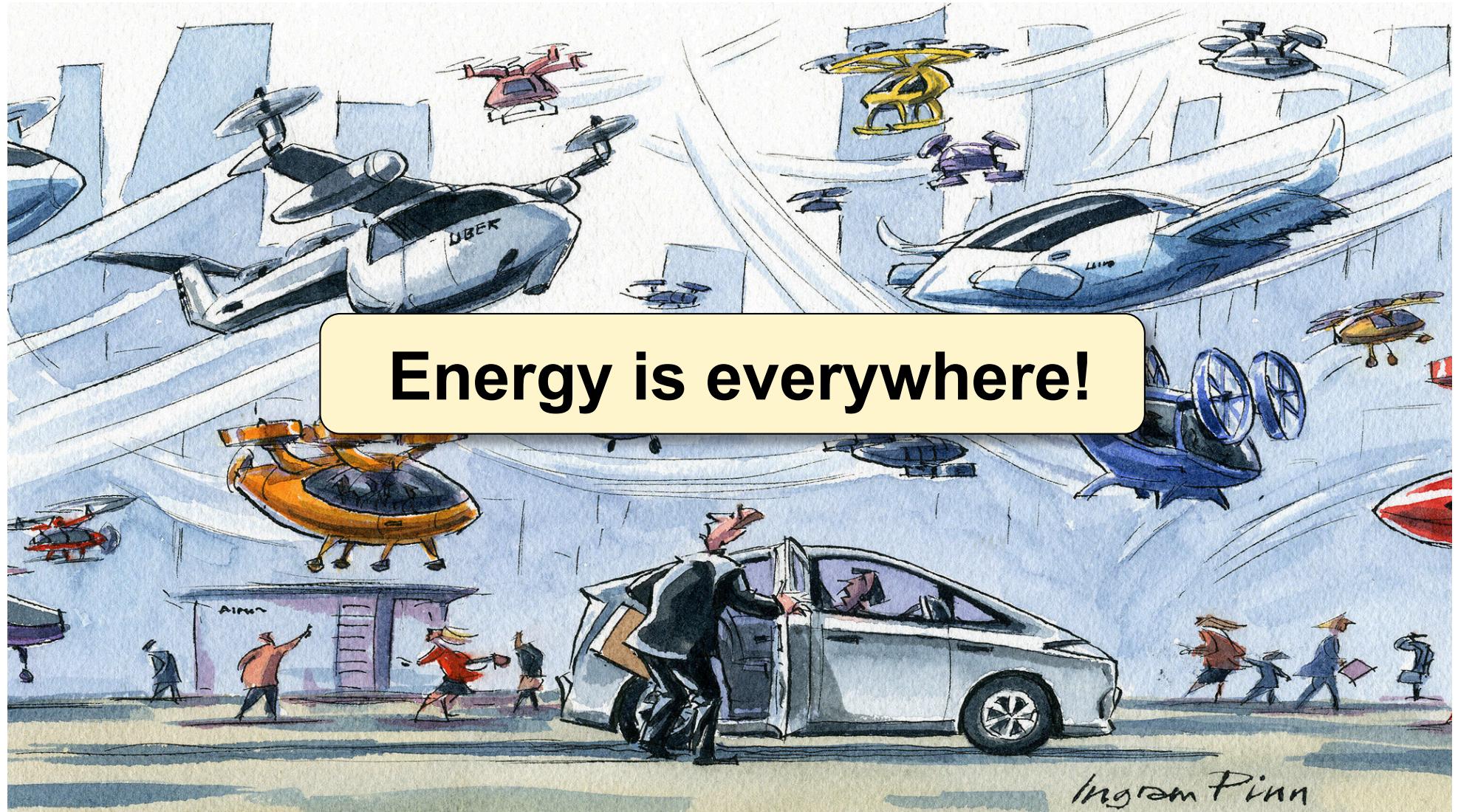
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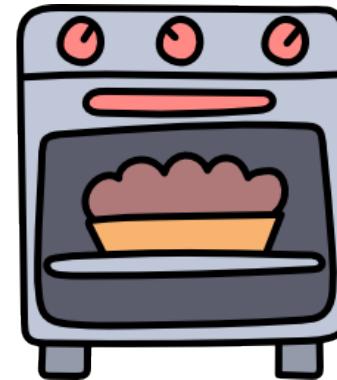
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Production of 1 kW
during 1 h =



Cook a cake with an
electric oven

How many cyclist pedalling at 20km/h during 1h are
needed to produce 1 kWh to cook the cake?

A : 2

B : 5

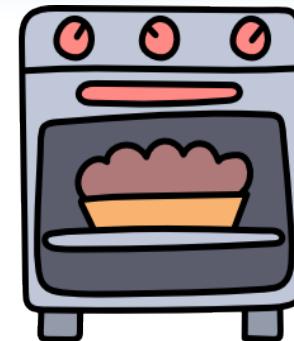
C : 10

D : Lance Armstrong alone



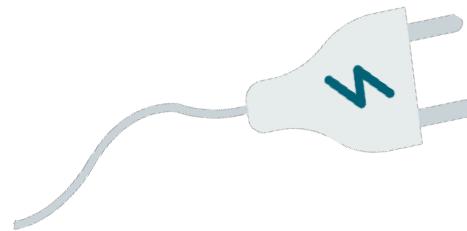
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Production of 1 kW
during 1 h



100 €

10 cyclists



0,10 €

Electric plug



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How to produce 1kWh?

Variable production (storage?)



Through a dam of
50m height

8 000 L of
water



* Considering average climatic conditions in France

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Wood
1 log



In a thermal facility

Fossil energies

Gas
1.5L**



Coal
A heap of coal



Oil
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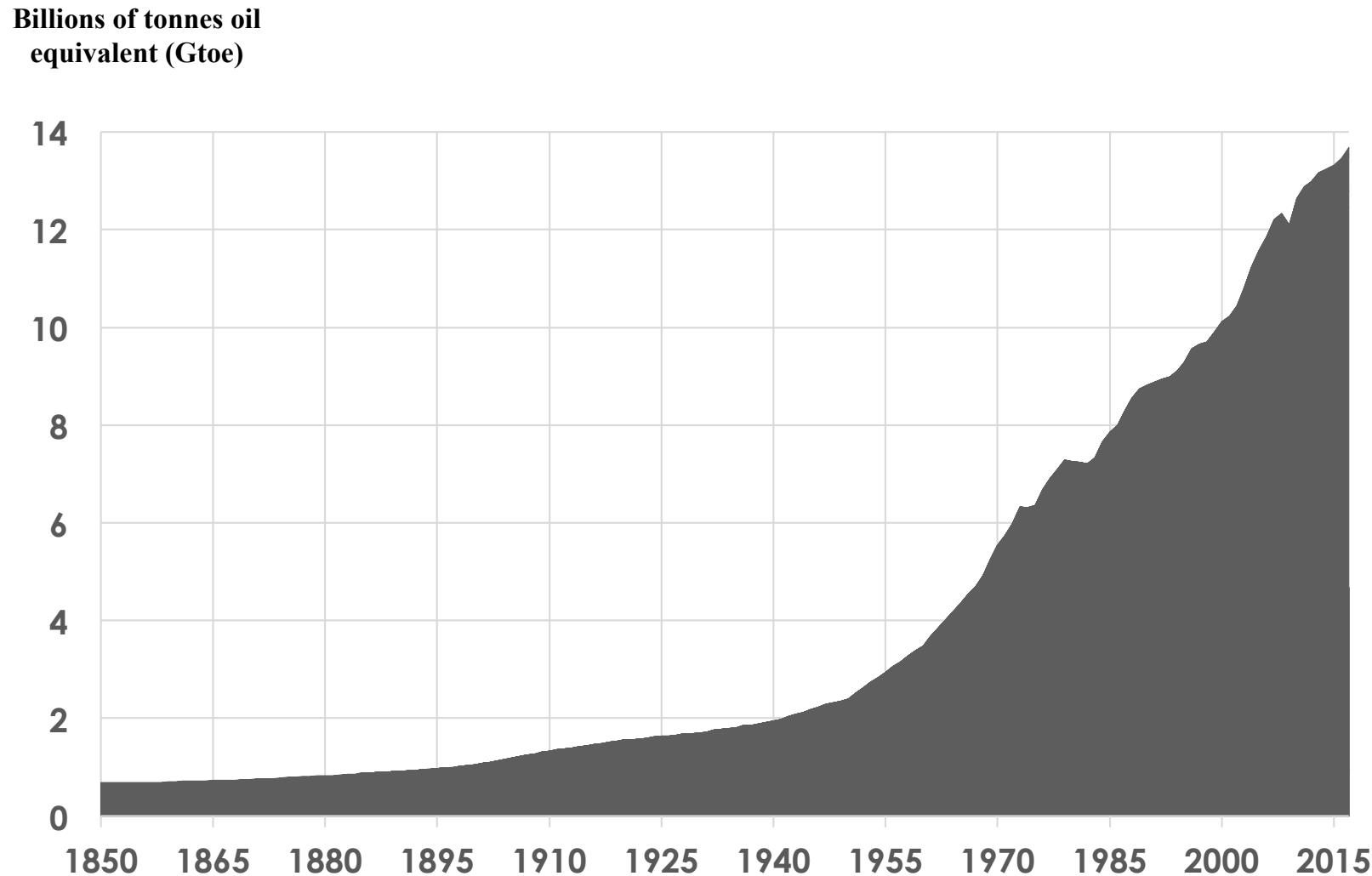


Uranium
A pinch



* Considering average climatic conditions in France / ** stored at 200 bar

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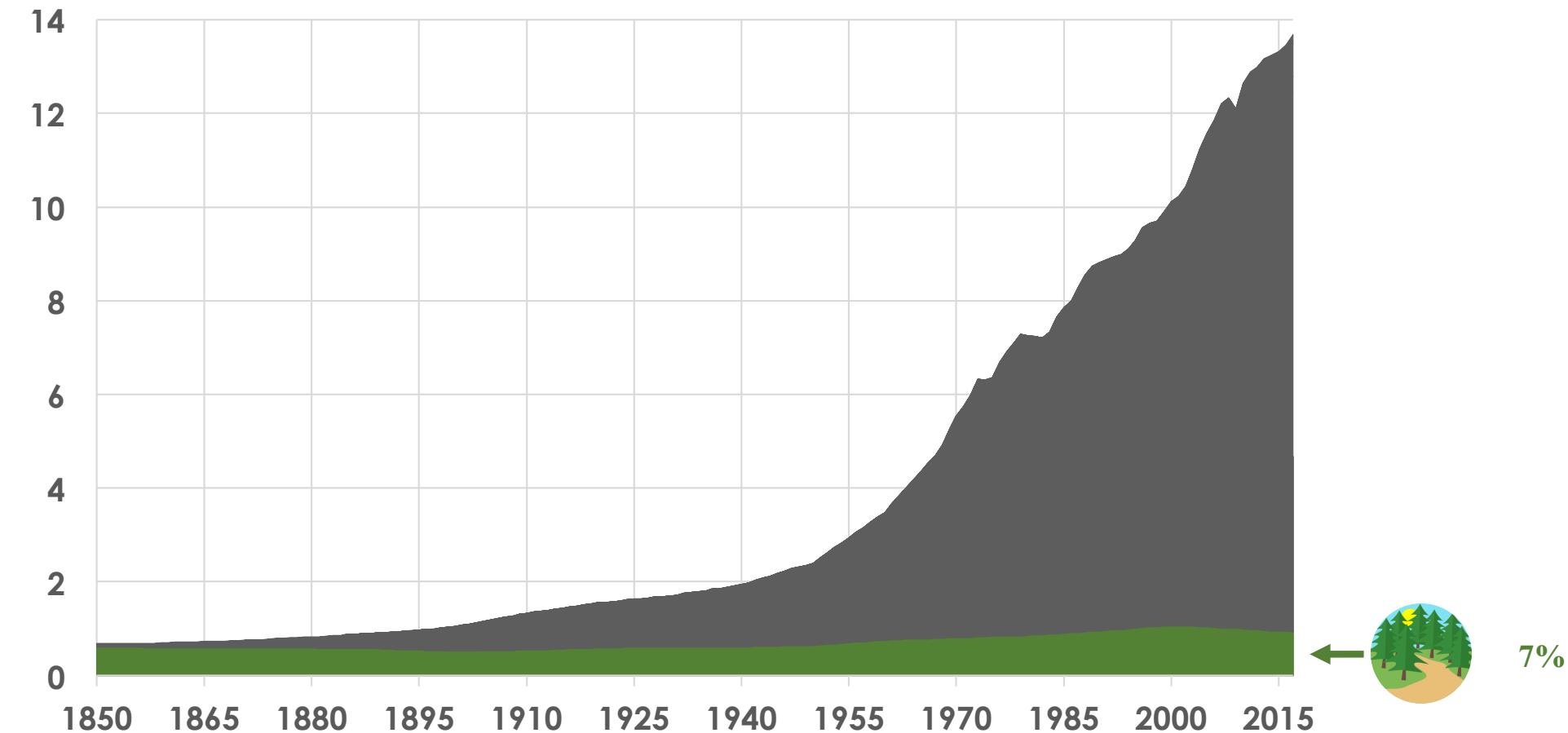
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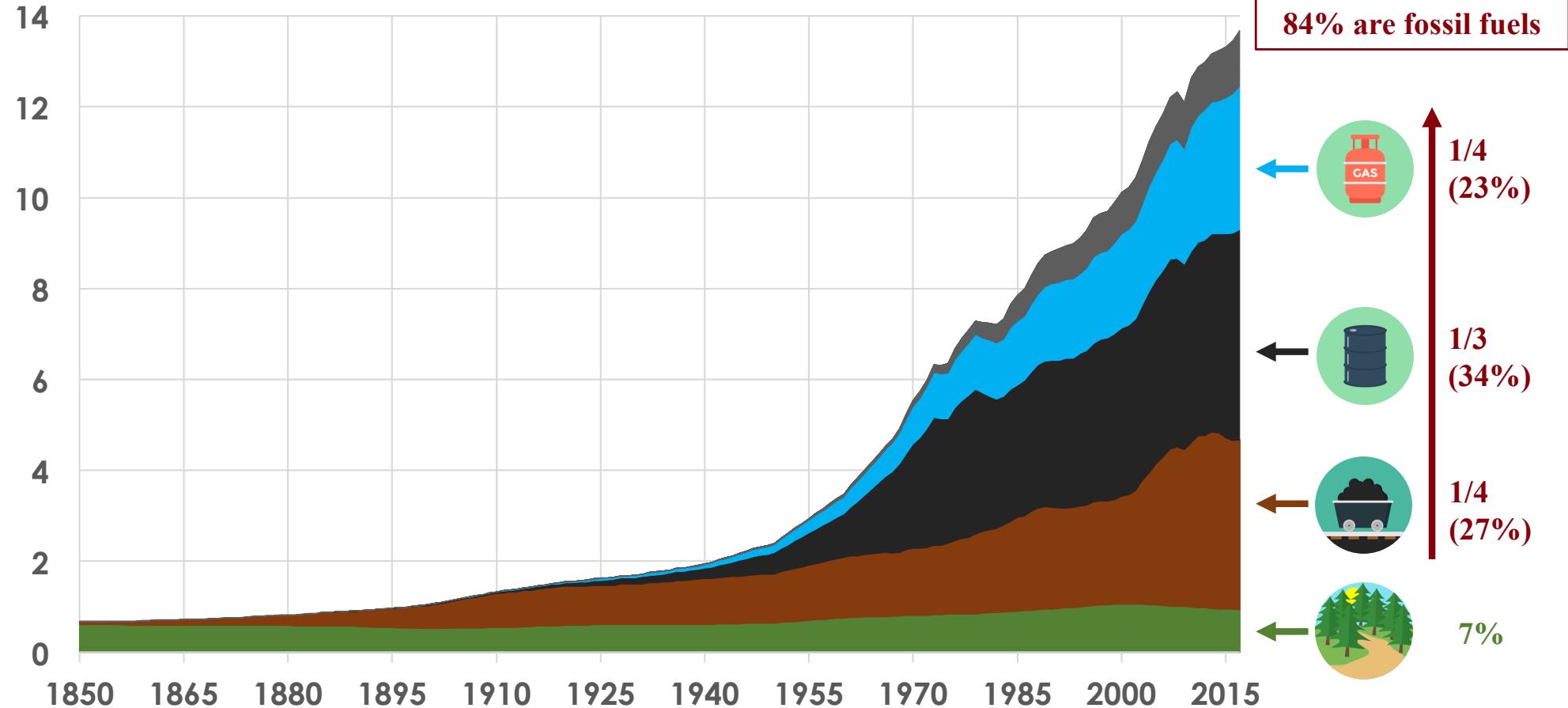
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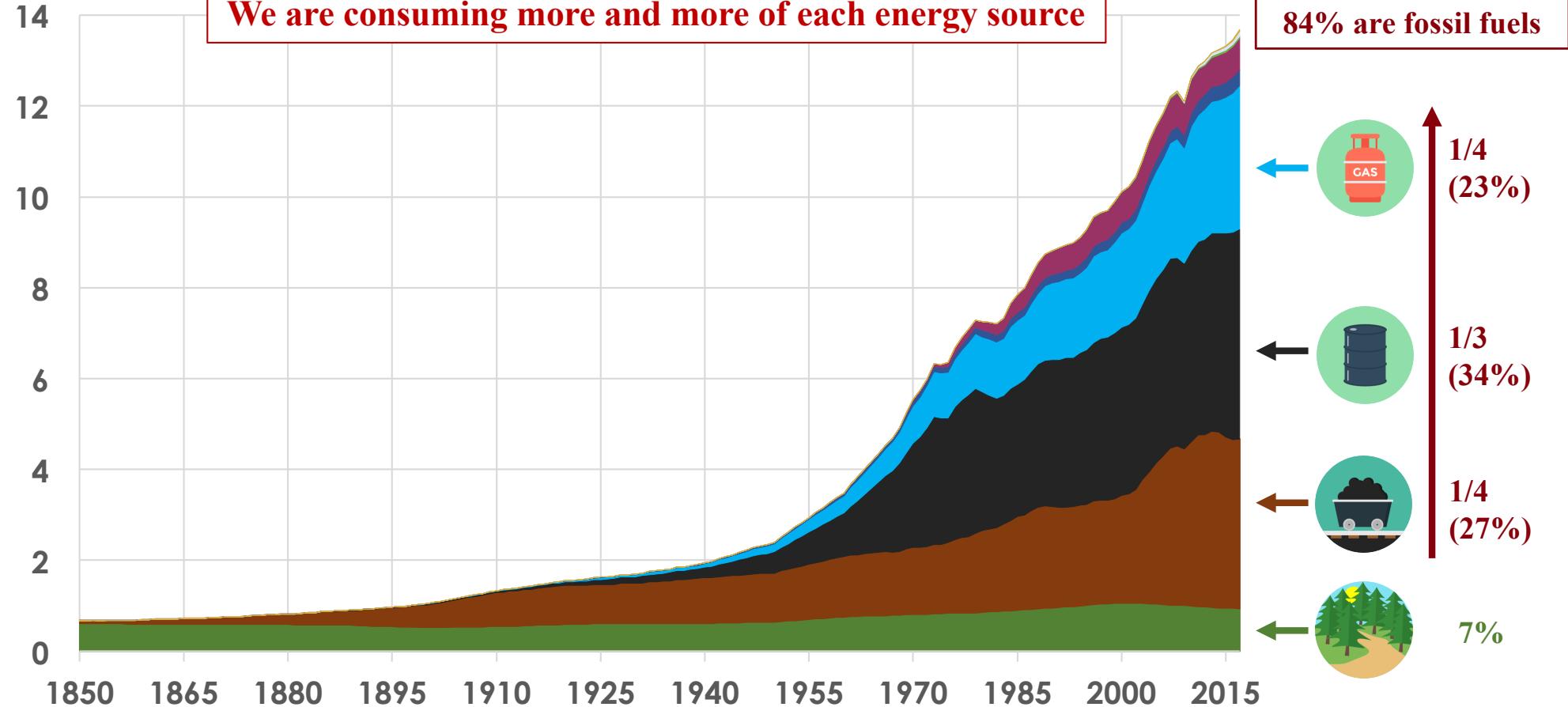
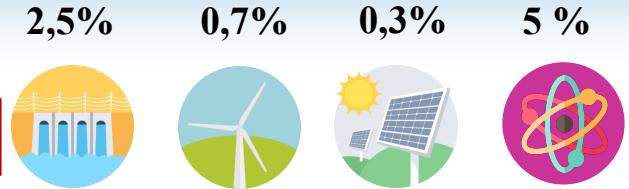
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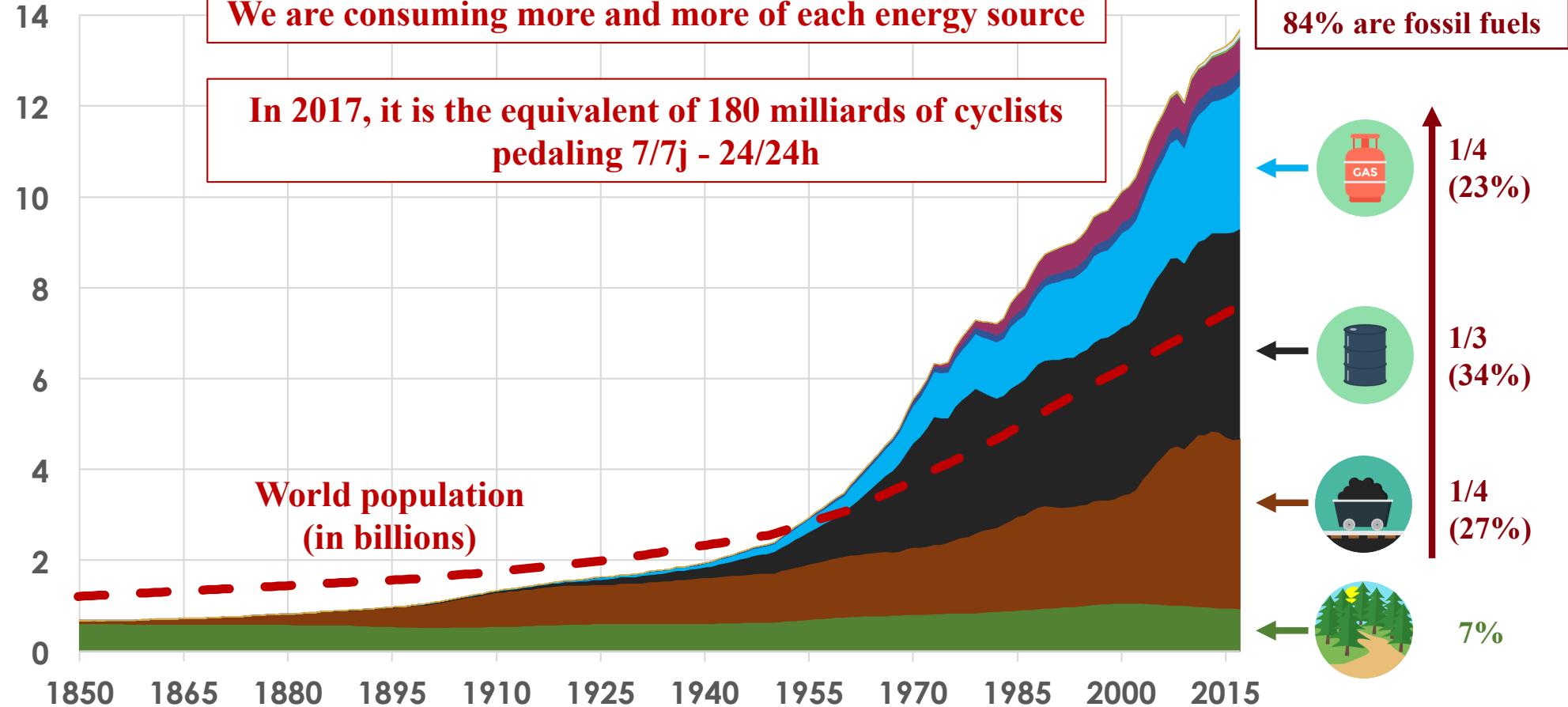
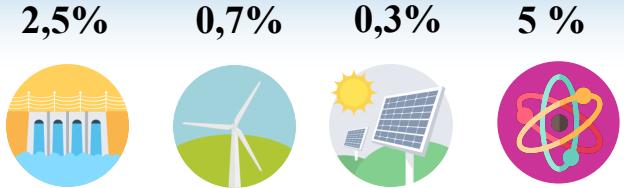
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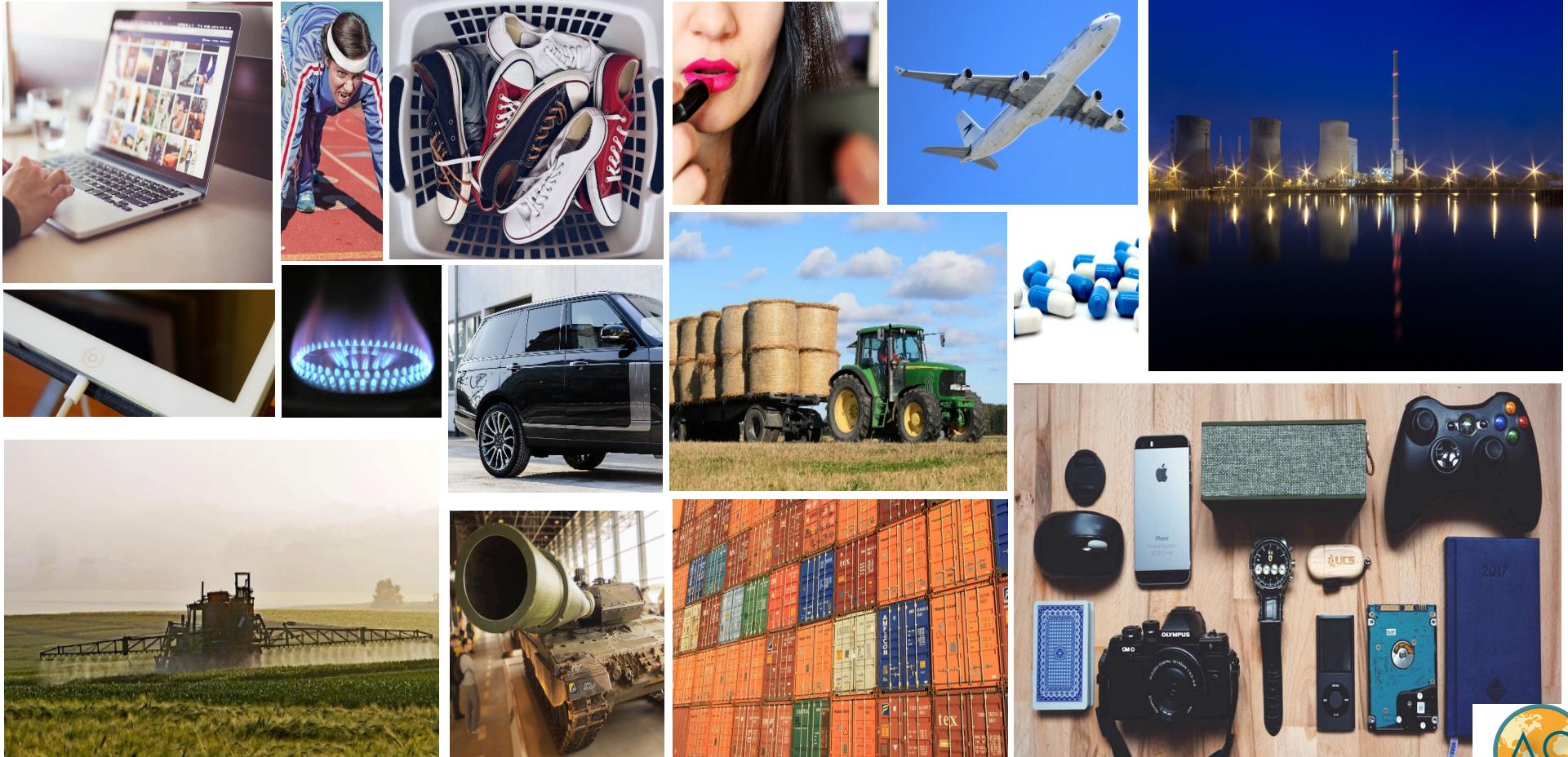


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For all these, we are burning 100 millions of oil barrels each:

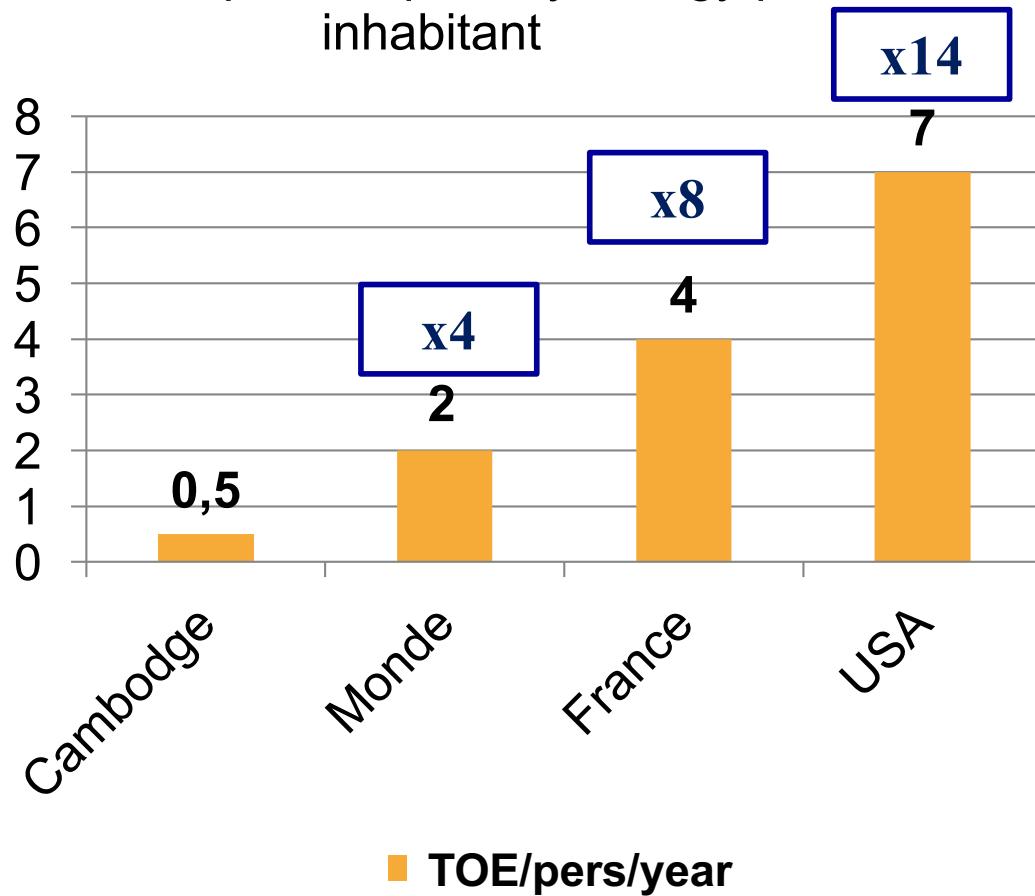
- Day?
- Month?
- Year?

Note: 1 barrel \approx 159L



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Consumption of primary energy per inhabitant



Source : IEA 2017

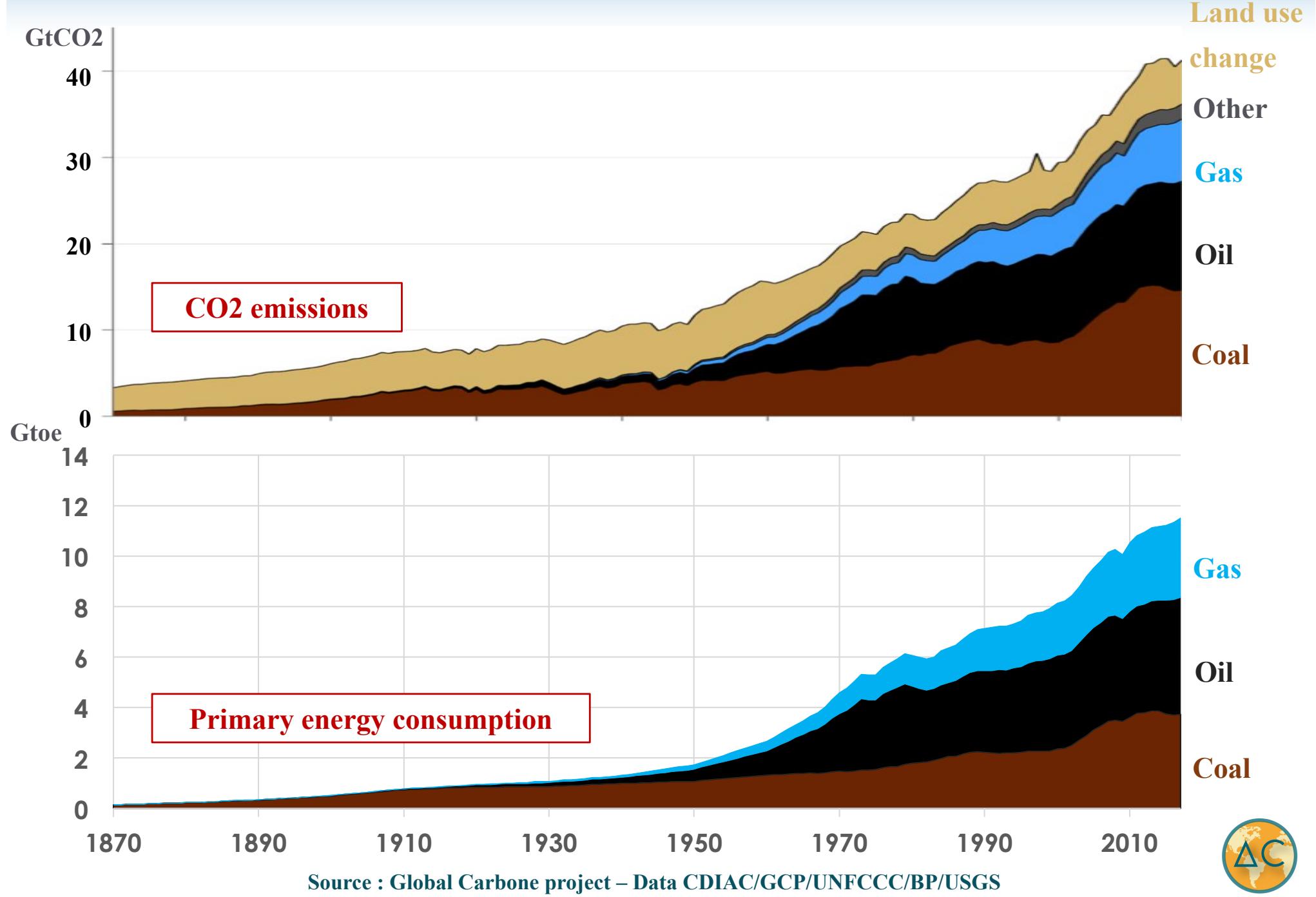


A lot of people in different countries would like to consume more energy

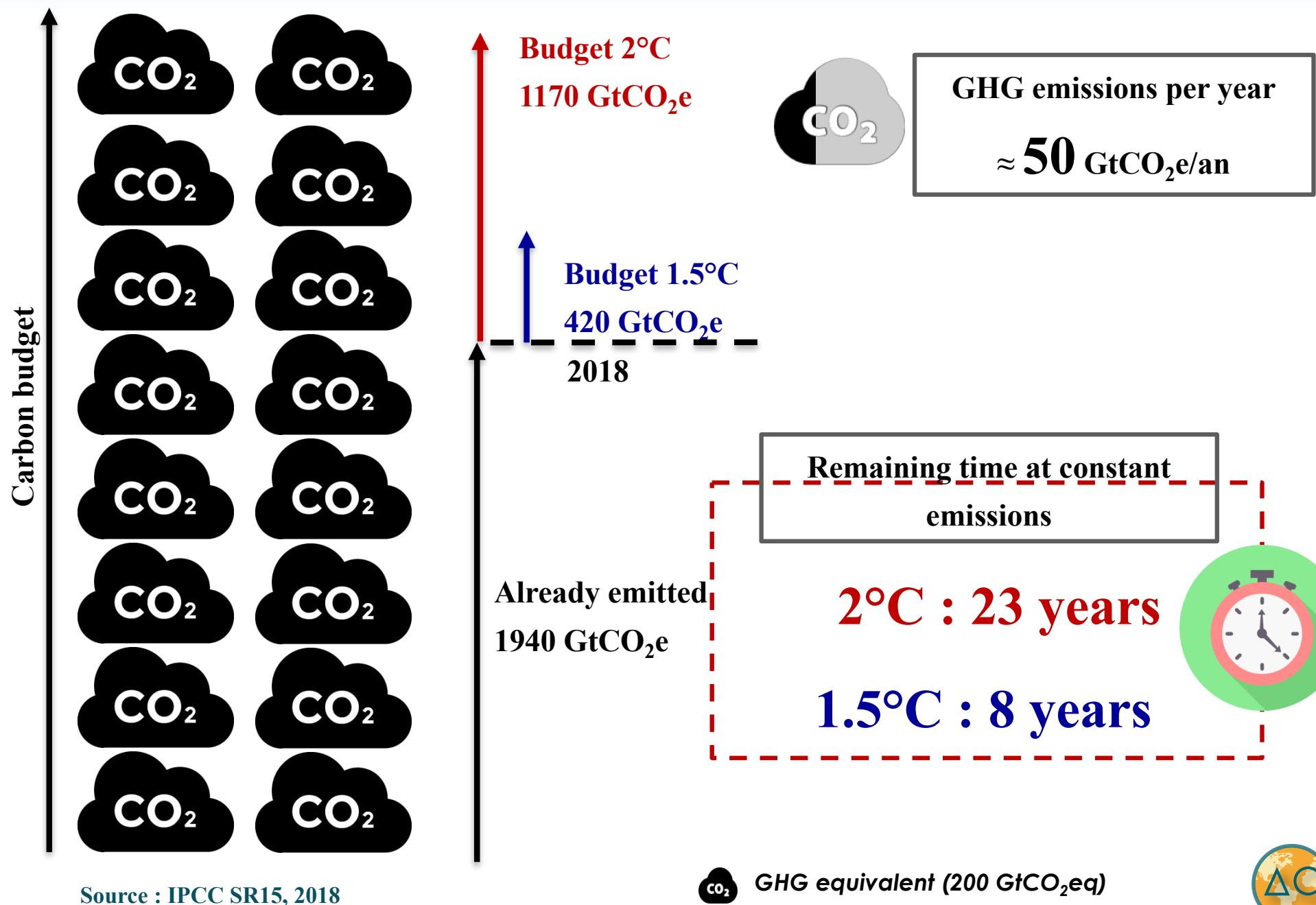


- ▶ **Energy is a measure of the world transformation:** strongly linked to human development (and well-being?)
- ▶ **All energy sources are not equivalent (some can be stored or more easily transformed).** By far, **oil is the most versatile source of energy at the moment**
- ▶ **80% of the energy consumed in the World is coming from fossil fuels (oil, coal and gas)**
- ▶ **The access to energy is not the same for all of us: some are wasting it, while some need more to ensure necessary needs (food, housing, etc.)**

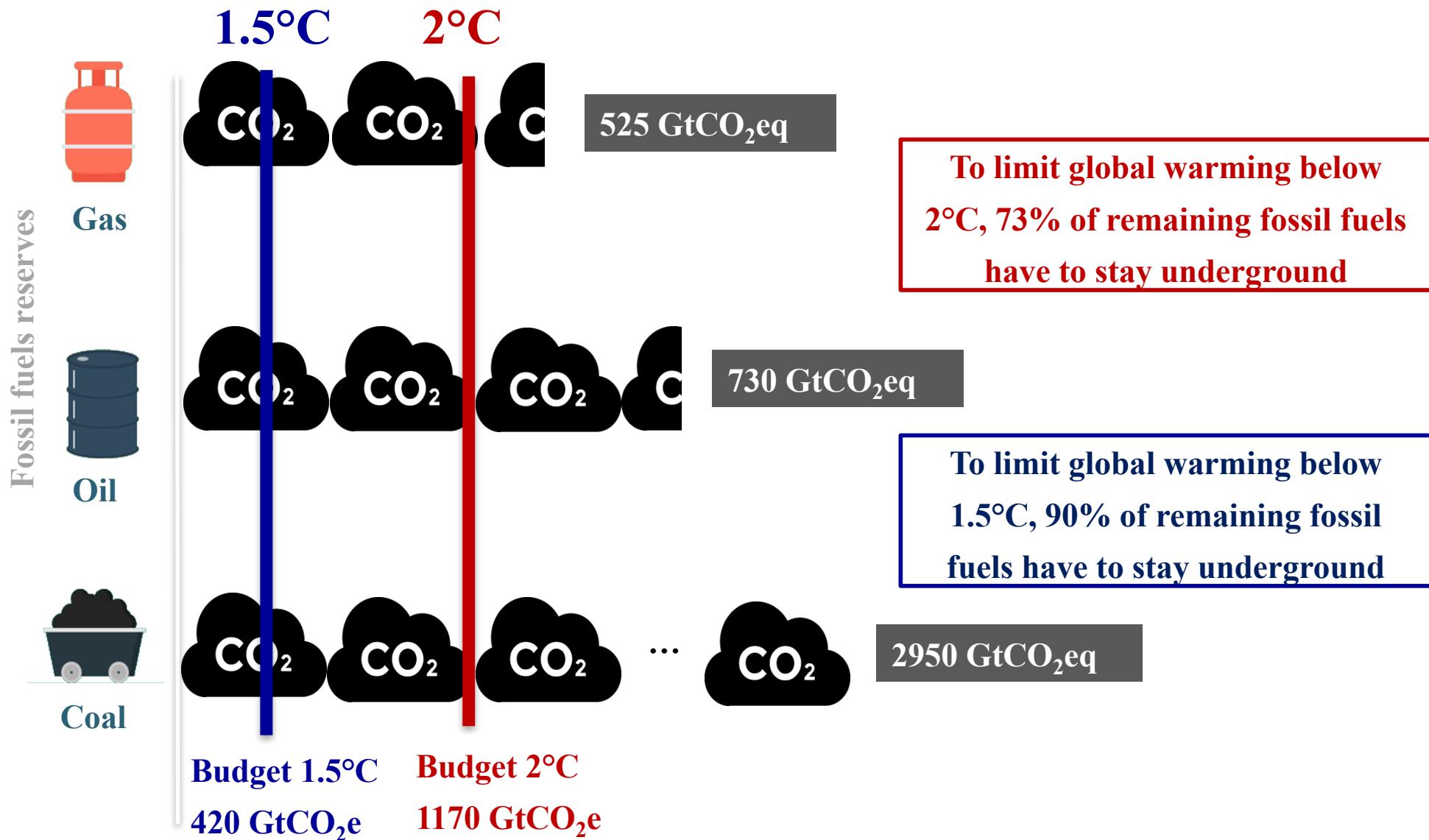
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Source : IPCC SR15, 2018

GHG equivalent (200 GtCO₂eq)

Low level of CO₂ emissions

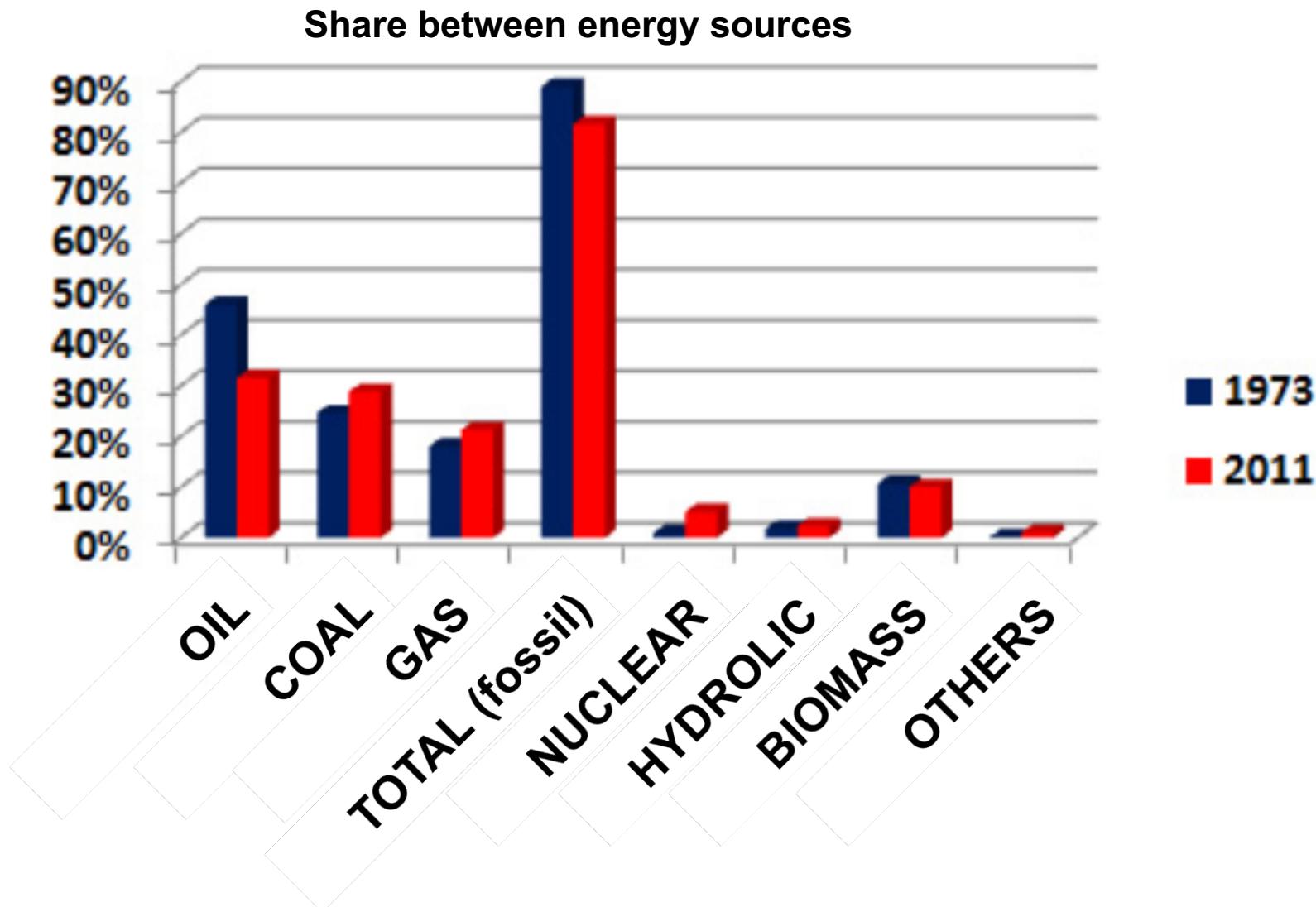
- Wind: 9–10 gCO₂eq/kWh
- Hydraulic: 10–13 gCO₂eq/kWh
- Biogas: 11 gCO₂eq/kWh
- Solar (thermal): 13 gCO₂eq/kWh
- Biomass: 14–41 gCO₂eq/kWh
- Solar (electric): 32 gCO₂eq/kWh
- Geothermal : 38 gCO₂eq/kWh
- Nuclear : 12 gCO₂eq/kWh

High level of CO₂ emissions

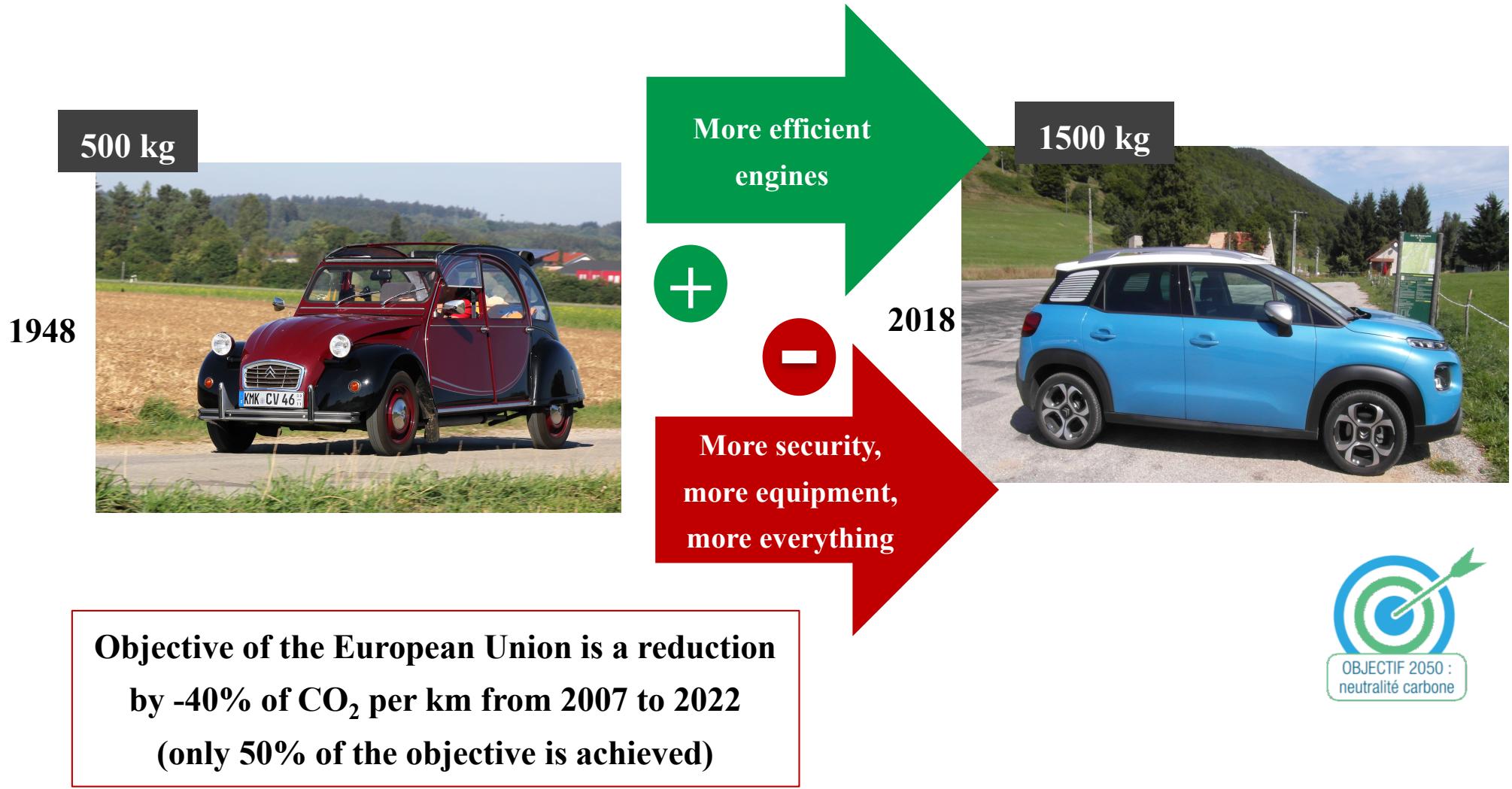
- Gas : 443 gCO₂eq/kWh
- Fuel cell (hydrogen) : 664 gCO₂eq/kWh
- Oil: 778 gCO₂eq/kWh
- Coal: 960–1050 gCO₂eq/kWh



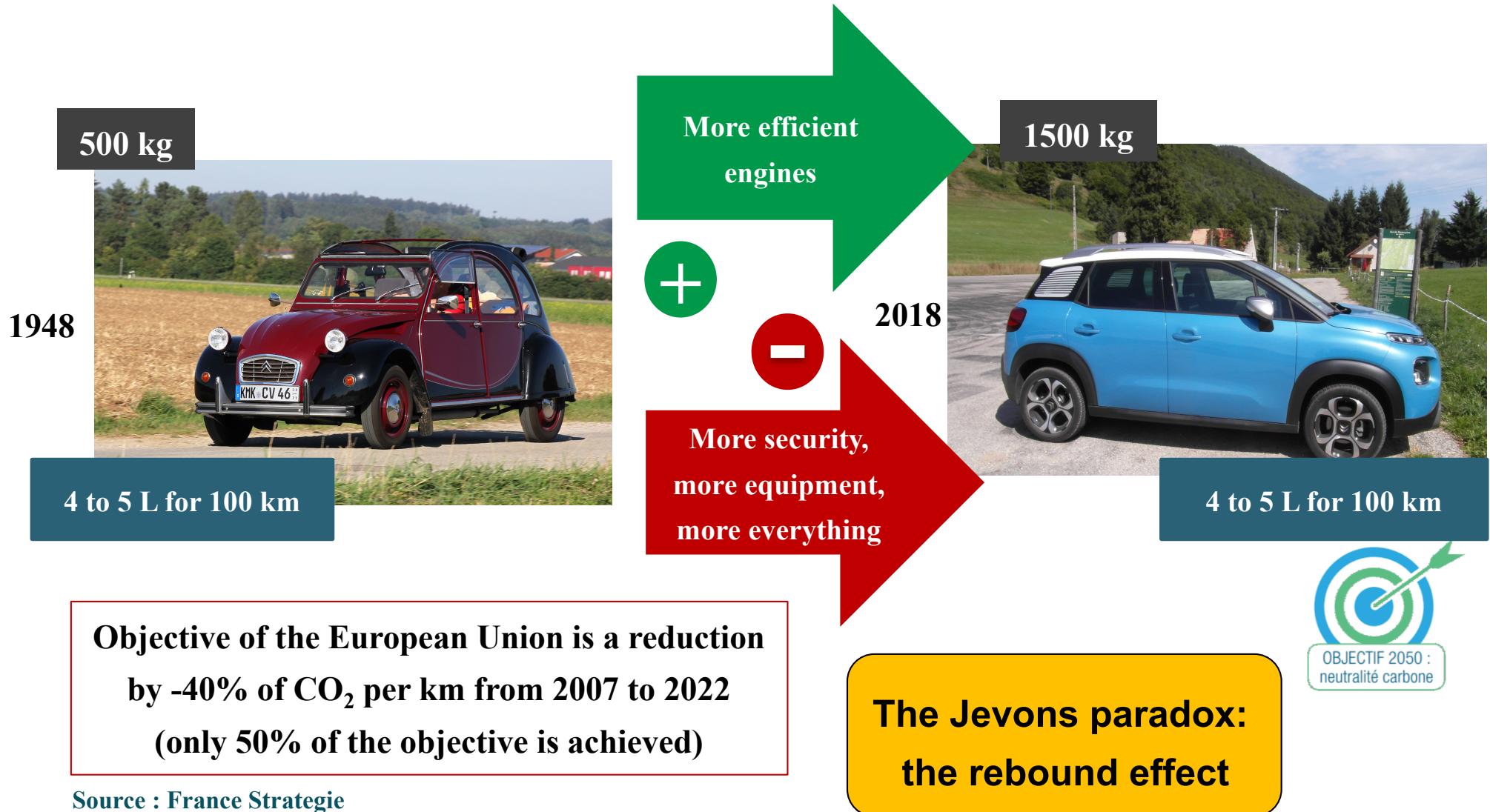
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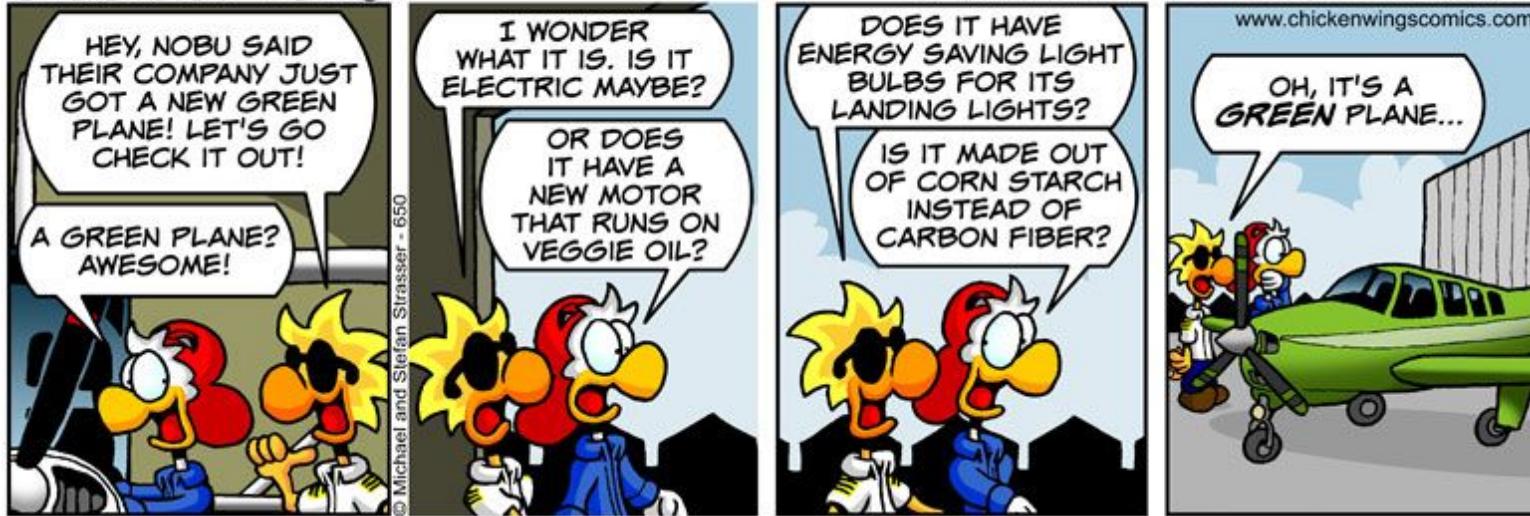


What about the energy decarbonizing?



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**8% of oil in the World is
burned into an aircraft
engine (similar to shipping)**



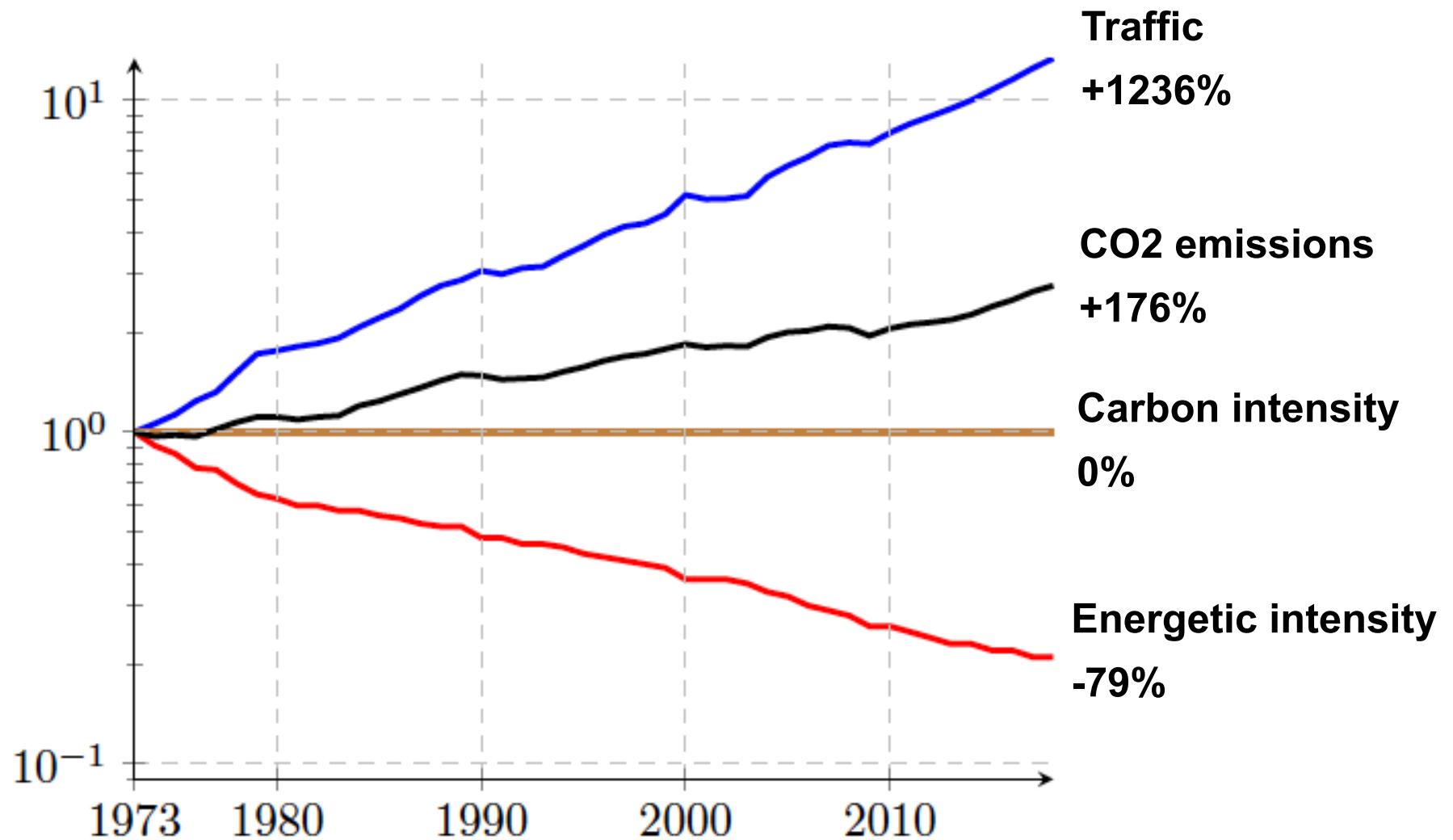
Here is a classical decomposition used to show the dependency of energy and climate (the so-called Kaya decomposition, here applied to aviation)

$$CO_2 = \frac{CO_2}{E} \times \frac{E}{RPK} \times RPK$$

GHG Emissions MtCO₂	Carbon intensity MtCO₂/EJ	Energetic intensity EJ/pass.km	Traffic pass.km
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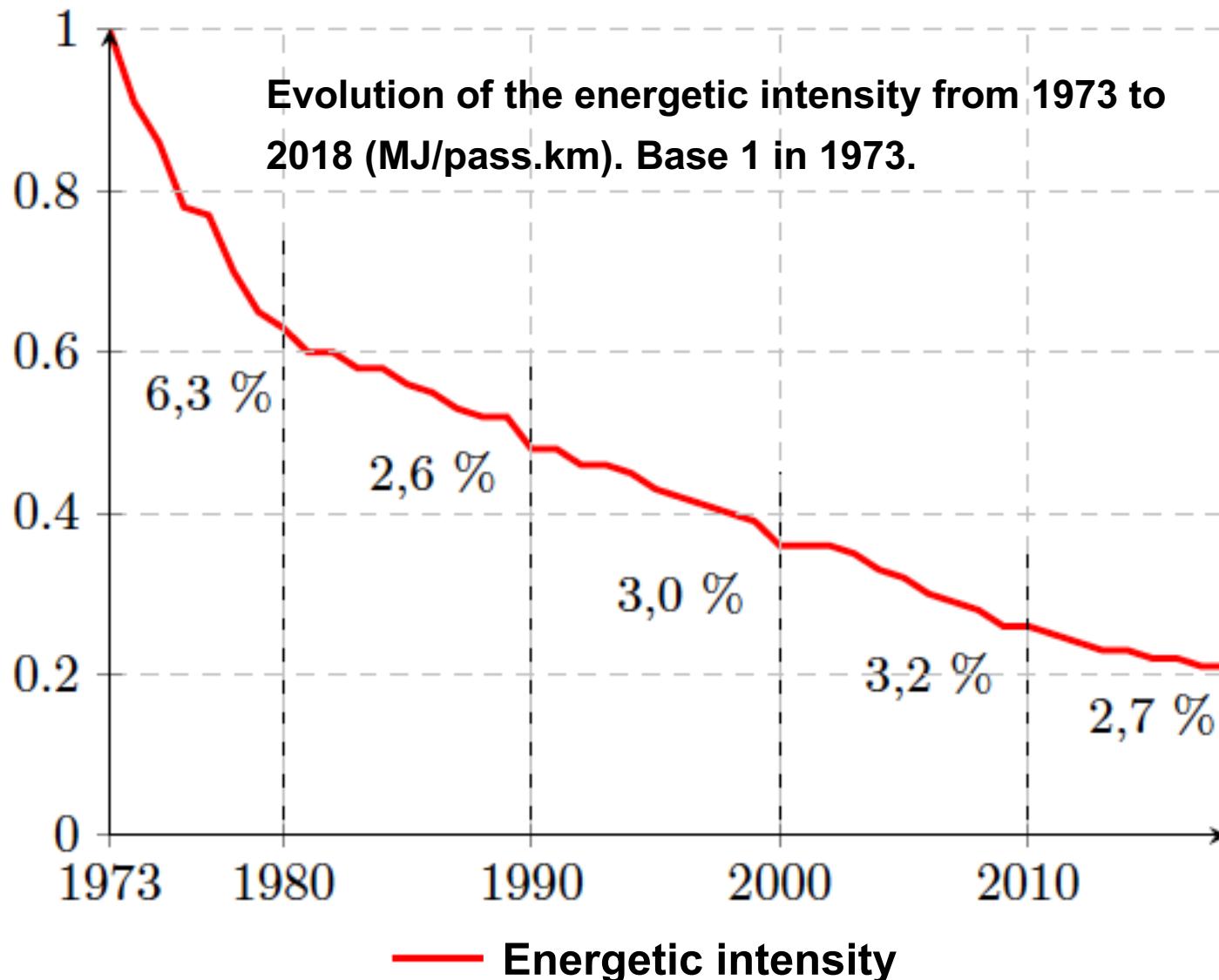
Note: RPK (Revenue Passenger x km)

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Energetic intensity is reduced thanks to the increase of the aircraft energetic efficiency (aerodynamic, mass reduction, etc.), the filing rate and the number of seats available (size)

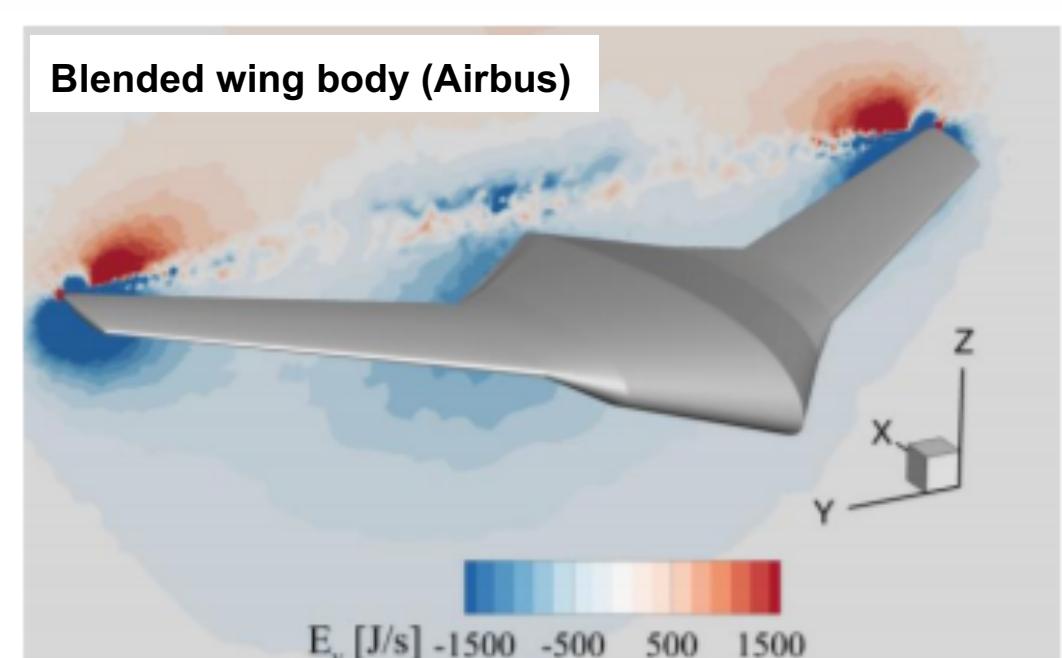
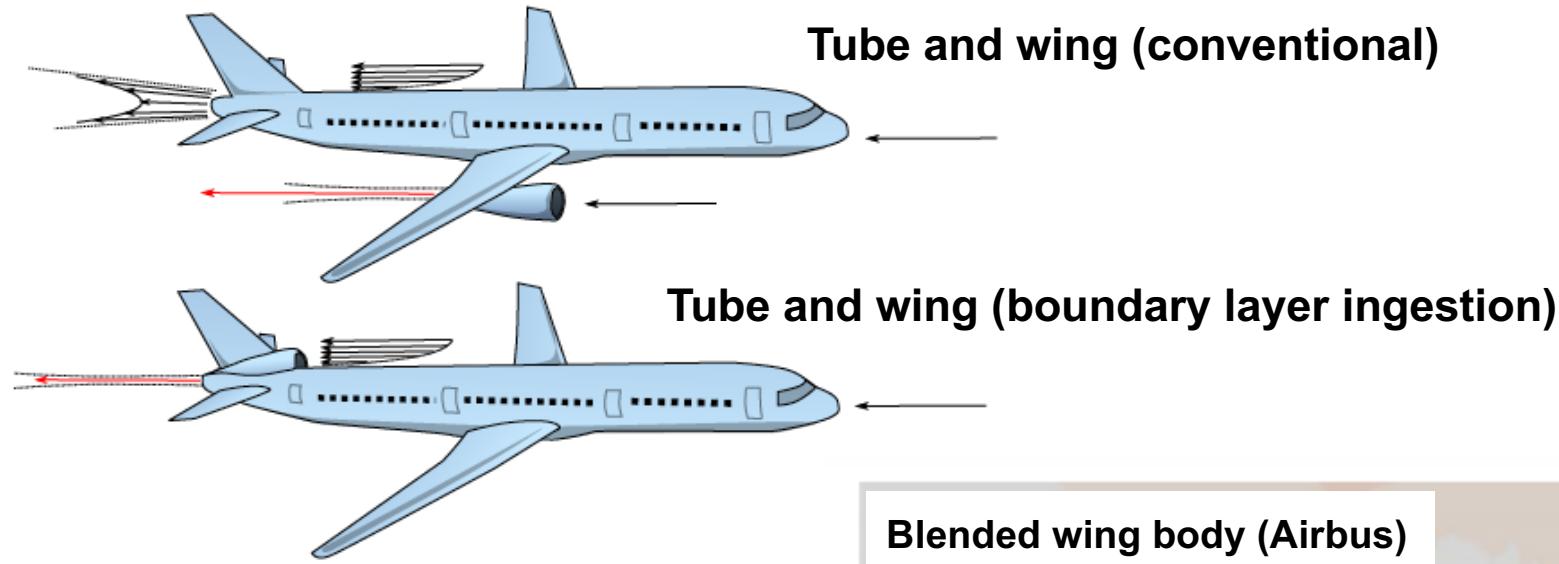
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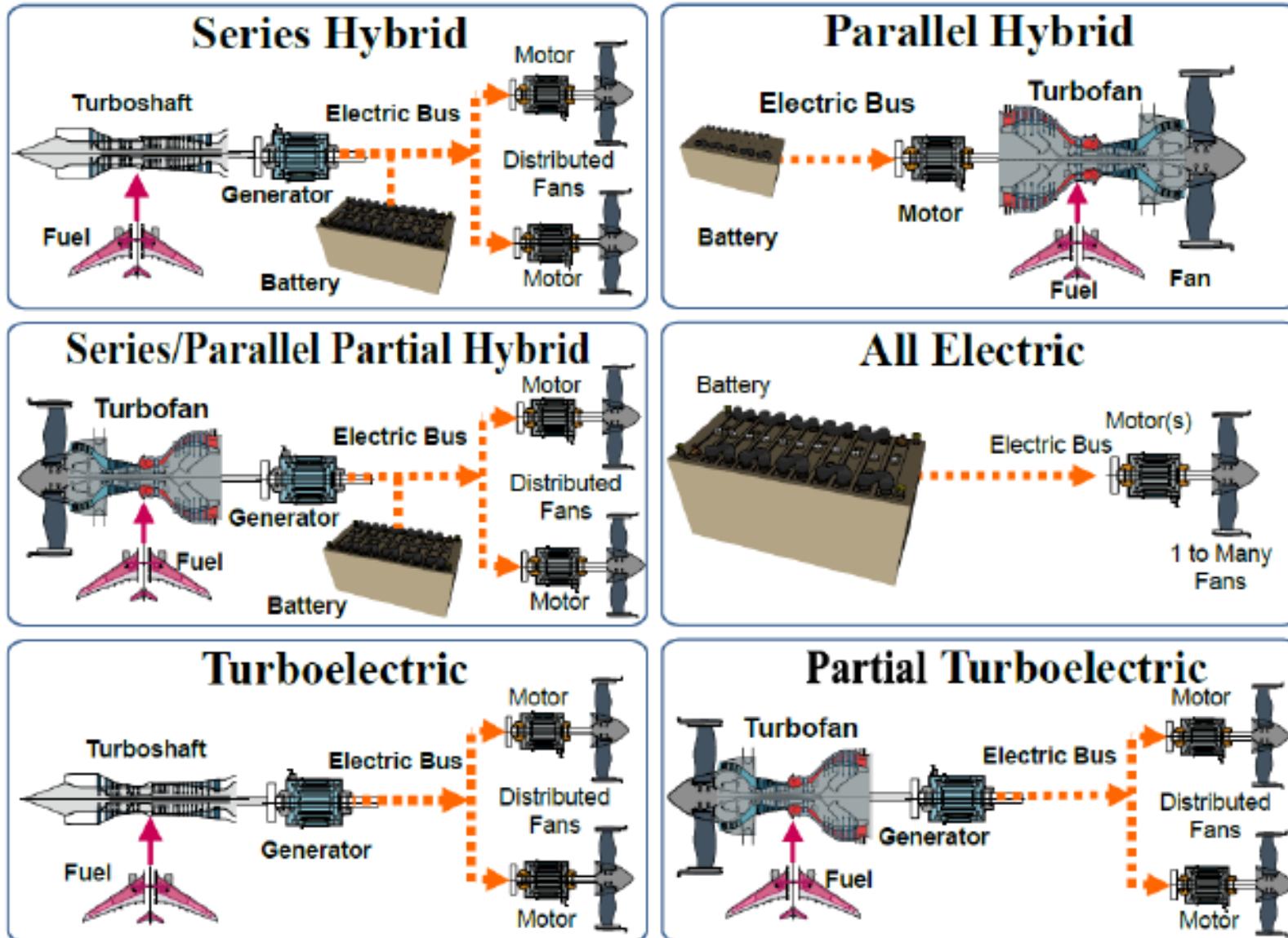
The % corresponds to the compound rate for each decade; e.g. from 1980 to 1990, the energetic efficiency has been increased by 2.6%/year. From IEA and OACI data.

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Energetic intensity: where the improvements come from?



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Current & future improvements

New engine architectures
(Ultrafan, openrotor, UHBR)

New thermodynamic cycles
(active control, new composite gen.)

Aerodynamic improvement
(laminar, wing tip, etc.)

Improved systems
(green taxiing, more electric aircraft)

Potential gains on fuel consumption (per pass.km)

~ 20 to 25%

~ 10 to 20%

~ 10 to 15%

~ 1 to 5%

Data: IATA

Carbon intensity: how to replace kerosene with a lower environmental impact?

Electricity?

Hydrogen?

Biofuels?

Electrofuels?

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Electricity

Advantage:

- no emissions during flight, contrails are also greatly reduced

Drawback:

- Can not be produced onboard (for a small regional aircraft ~ 14 000m² of solar panels)
- Not a primary source of energy: still massively produced with fossil fuels (130 g CO₂eq/MJ to be compared to 80 g CO₂eq/MJ for kerosene)
- Low storage capacity (battery ~ 1MJ/kg to be compared to 43 MJ/kg for kerosene)

Limited to regional aircraft (typically max. 20 pax on less than 1000 km)

Carbon intensity: how to replace kerosene with a lower environmental impact?

Hydrogen (H₂)

Advantage:

- no emissions during flight, contrails are also moderately reduced
- Previous successful experiences (e.g. flight of the Tupolev 155 in 1988)
- High mass density (3.3 x better than kerosene)
- Can be burned on-board or store to run a fuel cell

Drawback:

- Low volume density (stored at -253°C, tanks still ~ 3 times bigger than for kerosene)
- Not a primary source of energy: still massively produced with fossil fuels and high energy intensity (12 kg of CO₂eq for 1 kg of H₂)

Carbon intensity: how to replace kerosene with a lower environmental impact?

Hydrogen (H₂)

Energetic efficiency of H₂-based architecture
(e.g H₂-based long haul needs +42% of energy per km.pax)

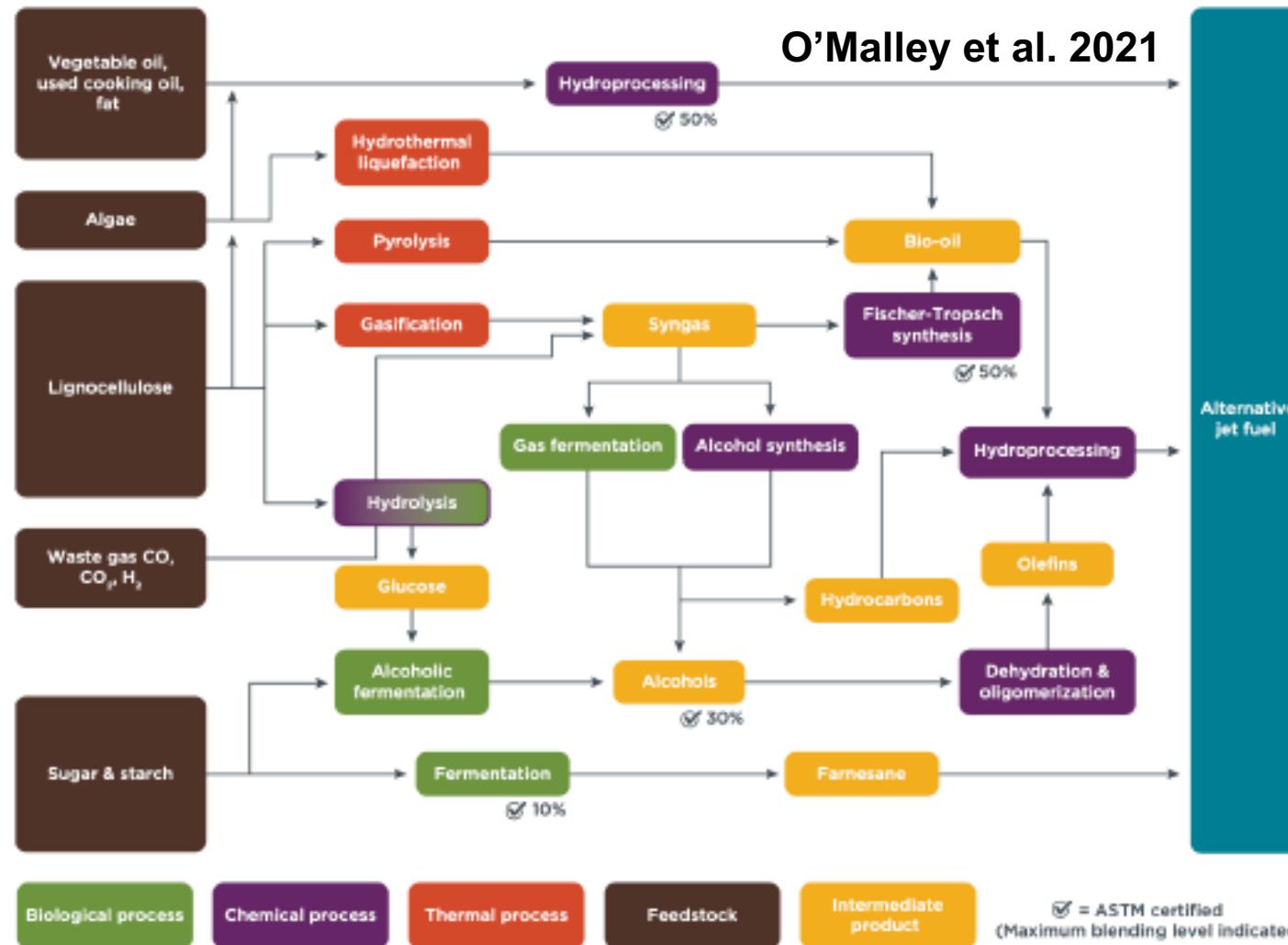
Source	Type	Short haul	Medium haul	Long haul
Clean Sky ^{McK20}	P/T/H	-4 %	+22 %	+42 %
Verstraete ⁹²	T	+18 %	+5 %	-12 %
Renewables in transport 2050 ^{SZWR16}	P	-10 %	-10 %	-10 %
CRYOPLANE ^{Gmb03}	T	+14 à +18 %	+10 %	+9 à +14 %

Note: P (fuel cells); T (gas turbine); H (hybrid)

H₂ adapted to short/medium haul (typically ATR72 or A320)

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Advantage:

- Large variety of technical means to synthetize fuels

1st generation from vegetal oil, sugar; 2nd generation from lignocellulose; 3rd generation from algae; electro-fuels from CO₂ and H₂

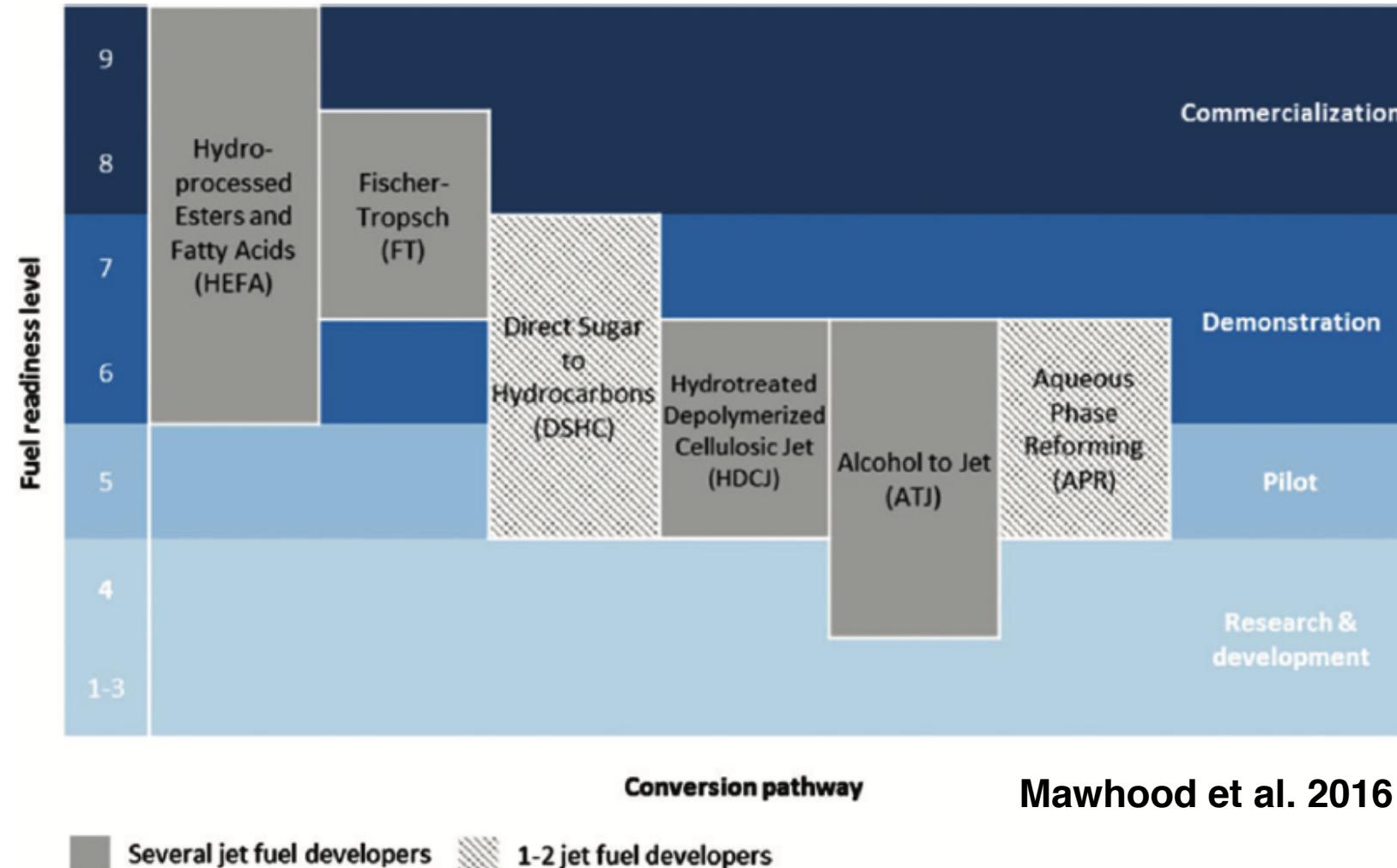
- Can be drop-in (mixed with kerosene)
- Low carbon intensity (< 10g CO₂eq./MJ to be compared to 80 g CO₂eq./MJ for kerosene)

Drawback:

- Low level of maturity for most of them (Fuel Readiness Level < 6)
- Only 1st gen. is mature but with a low availability (represents 0.004% of the World consumption of aviation in 2018)
- Change in land use and competition with food production (1st gen. only)

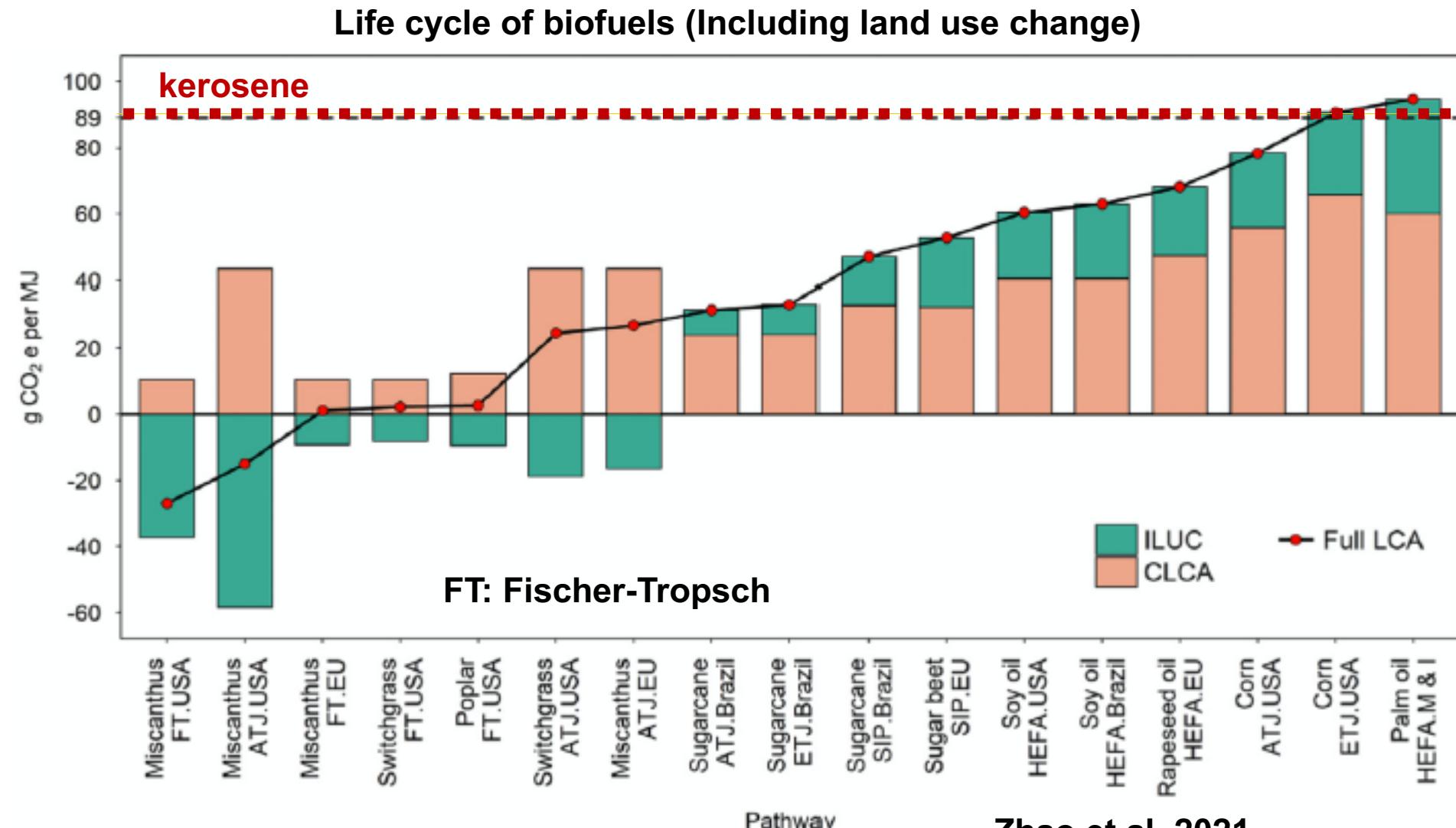
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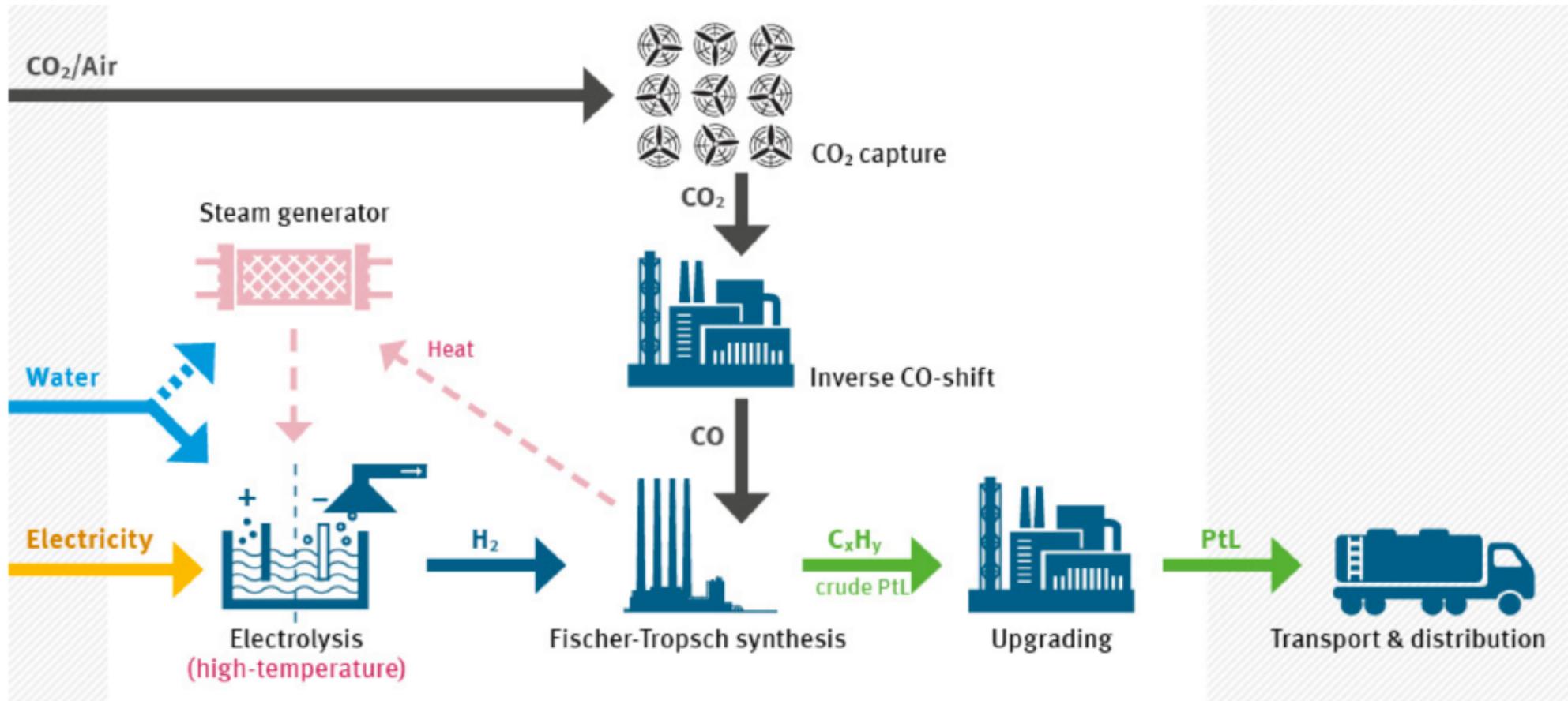
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Synthetic fuels (Electro Fuels)

CO₂ is coming from Direct Air Capture, but efficiency is still low (40% to 50%)



Schmidt et al. 2016

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Conclusion (some scenarios)

Current status (2018): 1.2GtCO2eq / 14.1EJ	CO2 emissions	Energy consumption
	Variation (%)	And share (%)
Current world mix Low carbon mix	Scenario 1: full electricity	
	+139% - 90%	22.3 EJ; 23% of avail. elec. 22.3 EJ; 70% of avail. elec.
Current world mix Low carbon mix	Scenario 2: electrofuels	
	+359% - 81%	42.9 EJ; 45% of avail. elec. 42.9 EJ; 134% of avail. elec.
Current production Electrolyse (current mix) Electrolyse (Low carbon mix)	Scenario 3: Hydrogen	
	+ 76% +164% - 89%	- 24.6 EJ; 26% of avail. elec. 24.6 EJ; 77% of avail. elec.
	Scenario 4: biofuels	
HEFA (Palm oil) Fischer-Tropsch (wood)	-61% to +18% -89% to -71%	23.7 EJ 43% of avail. biof. 50.4 EJ 91% of avail. biof.

Aviation: Climate & Energy



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Conclusion

- Need to draw an innovative trajectory for aviation (technology, air traffic management, new fuels, new uses, etc.) – will be done with CAST
- BIG (MOTIVATING) CHALLENGES, but very difficult to manage decarbonization, reduction of radiative forcing and energy reduction at the same time
- What about socio-economic challenges (price, equity, preservation of commons, etc.)?

Thanks for your attention!