

The History of Energy

or how we got into this mess

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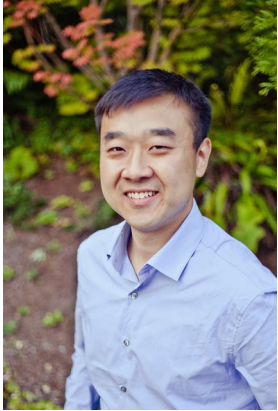
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Hi! - Jimmy



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- Energy pervades everything we do
- Since it touches everything, how should we interact with it?

Historical timeline – the need for high temperatures

Ages of Man	Metallurgical	Fuel	Technology
Stone Age 1.5M BCE – 2400 BCE	N/A	Hunter-Gather	Human
		Agriculture	Animals
		300 °C Wood	350 °C Campfire
			800 °C Pit Kiln
Bronze Age 3000 BCE – 1500 BCE	850 °C Bronze	2000 °C Oil	1000 °C Bloomery
Iron Age 1300 BCE – 500 AD	1538 °C Iron	2000 °C Coal	2000 °C Blast Furnace

What the Greeks thought

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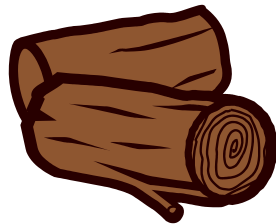
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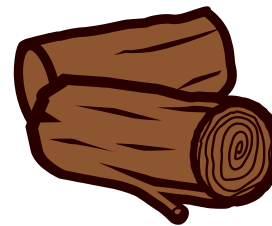
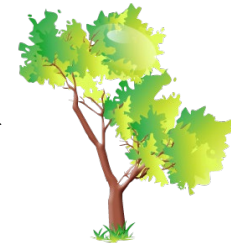


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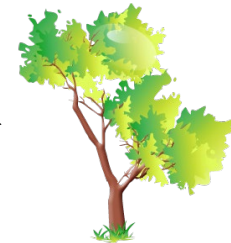


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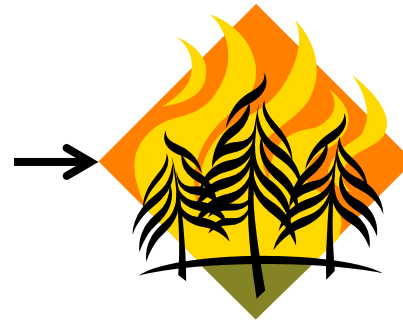
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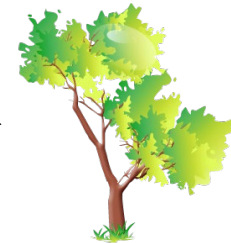
The value proposition of energy is 'hard'

Hard = changes for each context



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Is this how we relate to energy?



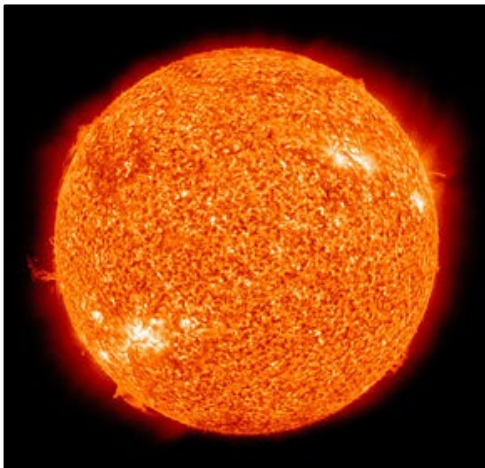
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BVxOb8-d7Ic>

Where does the fuel come from?

- Energy from the sun

Energy from
the moon

Energy from
the earth



Solar

Wind

Hydro

Agriculture/Food

Tidal

Geothermal

Hydro

Fossil Fuels

Nuclear

Where does the fuel go?



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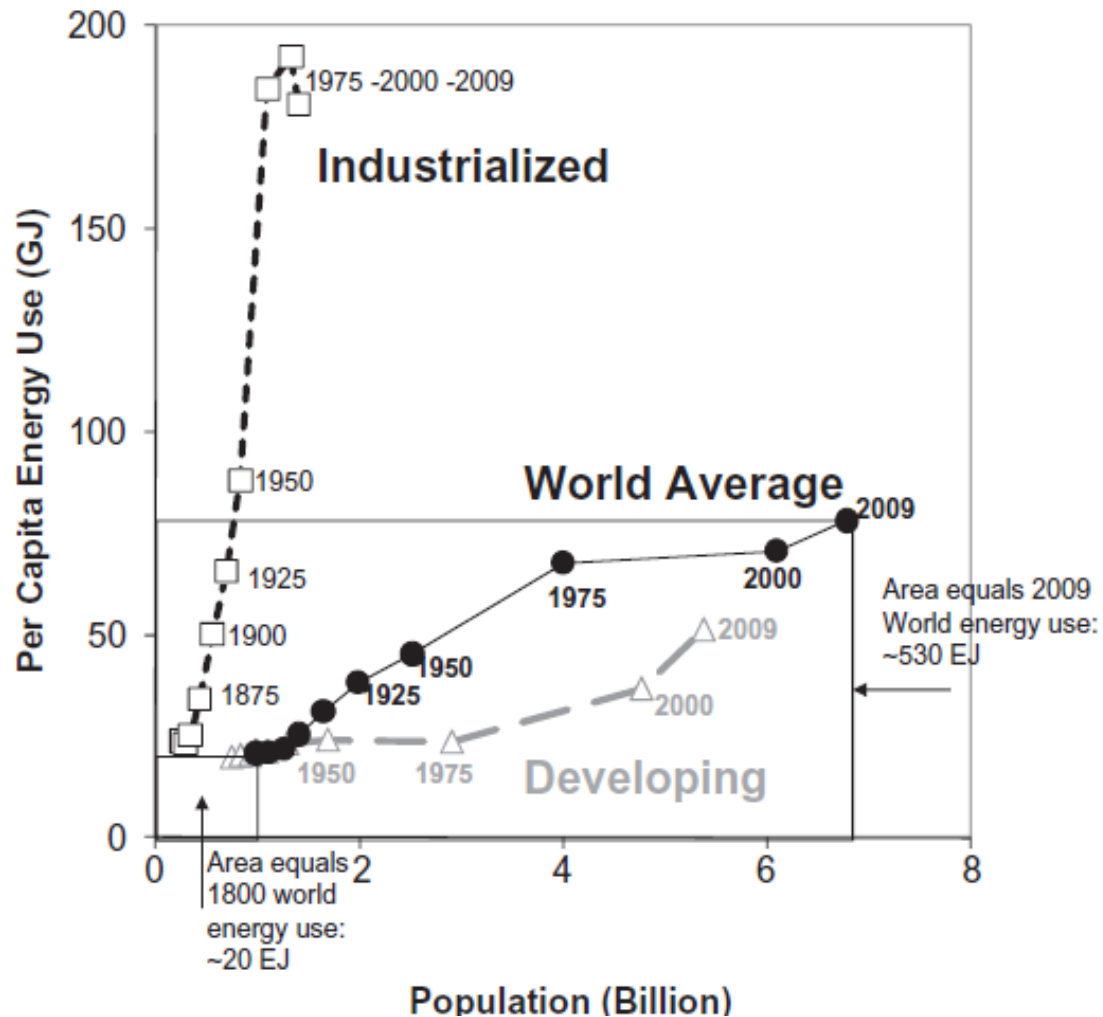
Need → manual solution → energy solution

- Need creates solution
- Solution gets automated
- Automation addresses other needs

- RAILWAYS
- 1350 – human/animal operated railways in Germany
- 1769 – steam engine invented by James Watt

- LIGHTBULB
- 1802 – first incandescent lightbulb by Humphry Davy
- 1882 – first power station built by Edison

Energy consumption vs. population growth





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Thought experiment – the history of your industry

- Think about your industry or one you're familiar with.
- How does it solve a problem/need today?
- How was the problem solved during the revolutionary war? During Shakespeare's era? Romans?
- How has access to energy change the approach to the solution? Is the solution better today than it was? If so, how?

What this course is about

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This is a course about our society
and the demands it places on energy

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Needs are based on our societal assumptions and expectations.

- Energy is a symptom, not the problem, that society faces.

Map for the term

Social		
Accounting		
Policy		
Generation	Transmission	Consumption

Theme of the term: Problems with no solutions

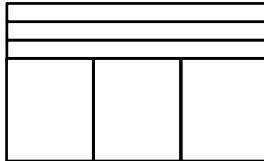
Overview – Energy 101		
Markets – Financial Markets		
Social – Water Access		
Generation	Transmission	Consumption
Coal	Transportation	Waste
Renewables	Constraints	Commissions

* Intensives

Map for the Curriculum

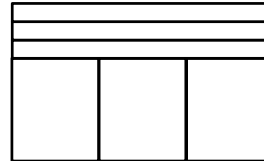
Term 1:

*How did we
get into this mess?*



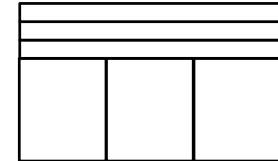
Term 2:

*Escaping the
hamster wheel.*



Term 3:

*Problems with no
solutions.*



Intensives

- Electric Grid
- Waste
- Transportation

- Energy of Food
- Heat and Steam
- Smart Grid

- Consumption
- Climate
- Marketing

Webinars

- Generation
- Transmission
- Regulation
- Financial Markets
- Water as Energy

- 'Clean' Generation
- Distributed Generation
- Energy Storage
- Wholesale Markets
- Adv. Manufacturing

- National Security
- River Treaty
- Critical Materials
- Developing Countries
- Oil Sands

Term 4: Action Learning Practicum

Do something about it!

Guests Include

- Steve Tobias, *Director of Strategy, National Grid*
- Amanda Goodin, *EarthJustice*
- AP Hurd, *Touchstone Corp*
- Philipp Schmidt-Pathmann, *WRSI*
- Jeff Clarke, *Alderwood Water District*

And many more...

Expectations

- Prepared for class discussions
- Homework
- Class participations
- Cold Calls (!)
- Wiki participations
- Group work

The Ultimate Rule



In summary

- Energy is an indirect measure of work
- Value proposition of energy is valid only in the context of the situation
- Finding an optimal solution is *easy*
- Implementing an optimal solution is *hard*
- Energy is a symptom of our society, not the problem