

EEE116 (17/18)

Week 10 Introduction to sustainability

Climate change & Energy

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Previously...

- Concept of sustainability
- Growth curves
- Life cycle analysis (LCA)
- Sustainable development

Tradeoff between choice.

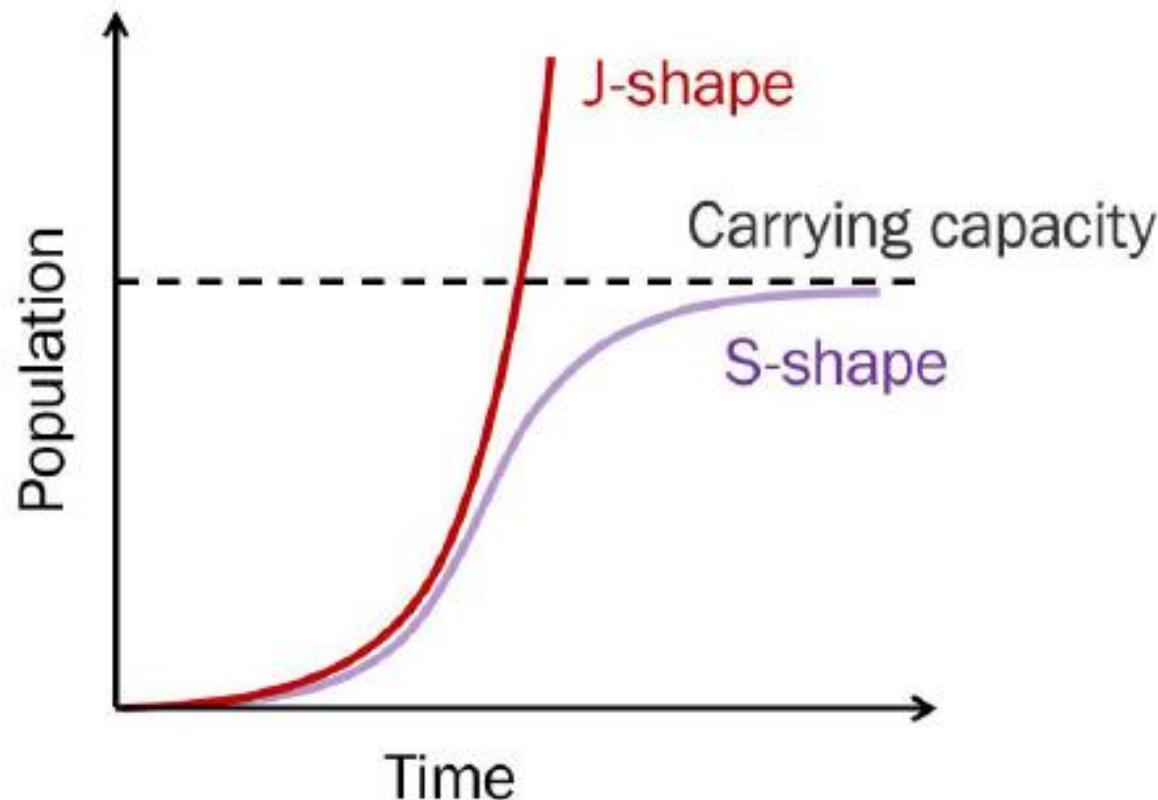
“Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. ” [1]

It contains within it two key concepts:

- *the concept of **needs**, in particular the essential needs of the world's poor, to which overriding priority should be given; and*
- *the idea of **limitations** imposed by the state of technology and social organization on the environment's ability to meet present and future needs.*

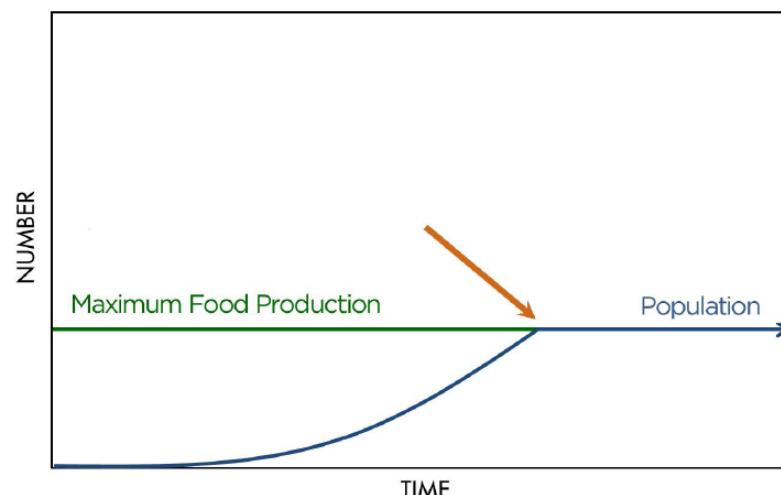
[1] World Commission on Environment and Development (WCED). *Our common future*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1987 p. 43.

Growth curves



Two types of "checks" that could reduce the population

- “preventive checks”— Population control
- “positive checks” — Malthusian catastrophe



Outline

Climate change

- Insolation
- Albedo
- Greenhouse effect

Energy

- Oil, coal & natural gas
- Renewable energy



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CLIMATE CHANGE



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"I'm not a
believer in global
warming... and

**I'm not a
believer in
man-made
global warming.**

It could be
warming, and it's
going to start to
cool at some
point."

-Donald Trump

THINKPROGRESS



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The concept of
global warming
was created by
and for the
Chinese
in order to make
U.S. manufacturing
noncompetitive.

- Donald Trump

sheknows



CLIMATE

is the long-term average of weather

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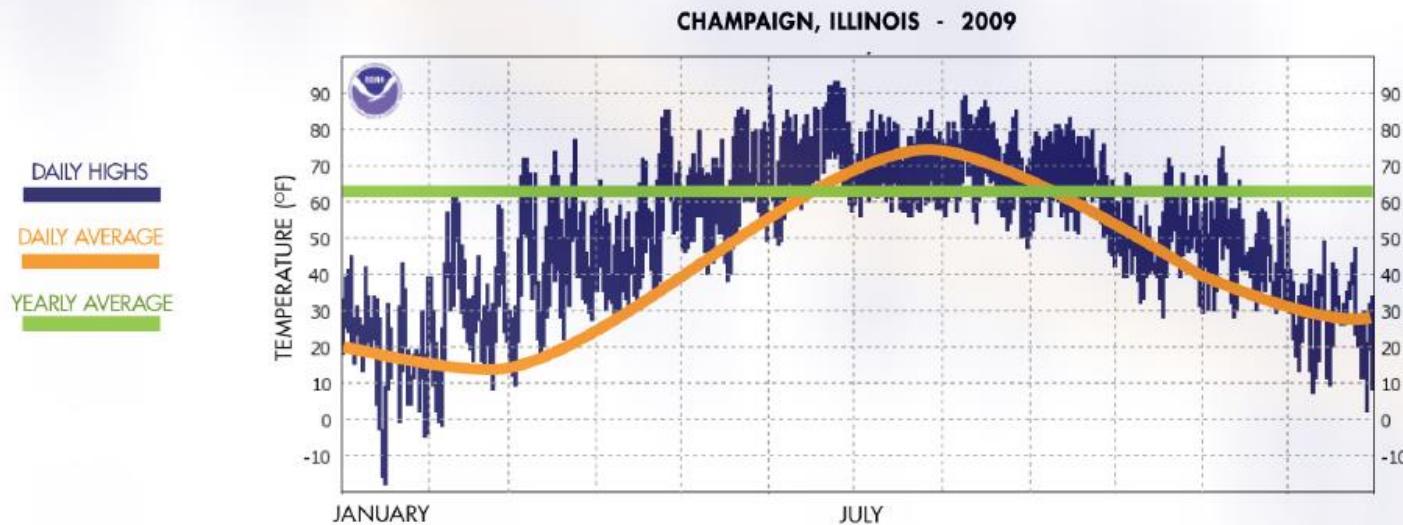
WEATHER

is the short term variation in the long term climate



YEARLY AVERAGE: CHAMPAIGN-URBANA in 2009

THE GREEN LINE is the average for the whole year (61° F, or about 15° C). The blue line is the data, and this is changeable in a single year – the same day has a different temperature year to year, but on average we know that summer is warmer than winter. The blue line is measuring the day to day weather. Whenever we average these values (either on a day basis, the orange line, or on a yearly basis, the green line) we are making a measurement of climate.





AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

VENUS



400°C

EARTH



15°C

MOON

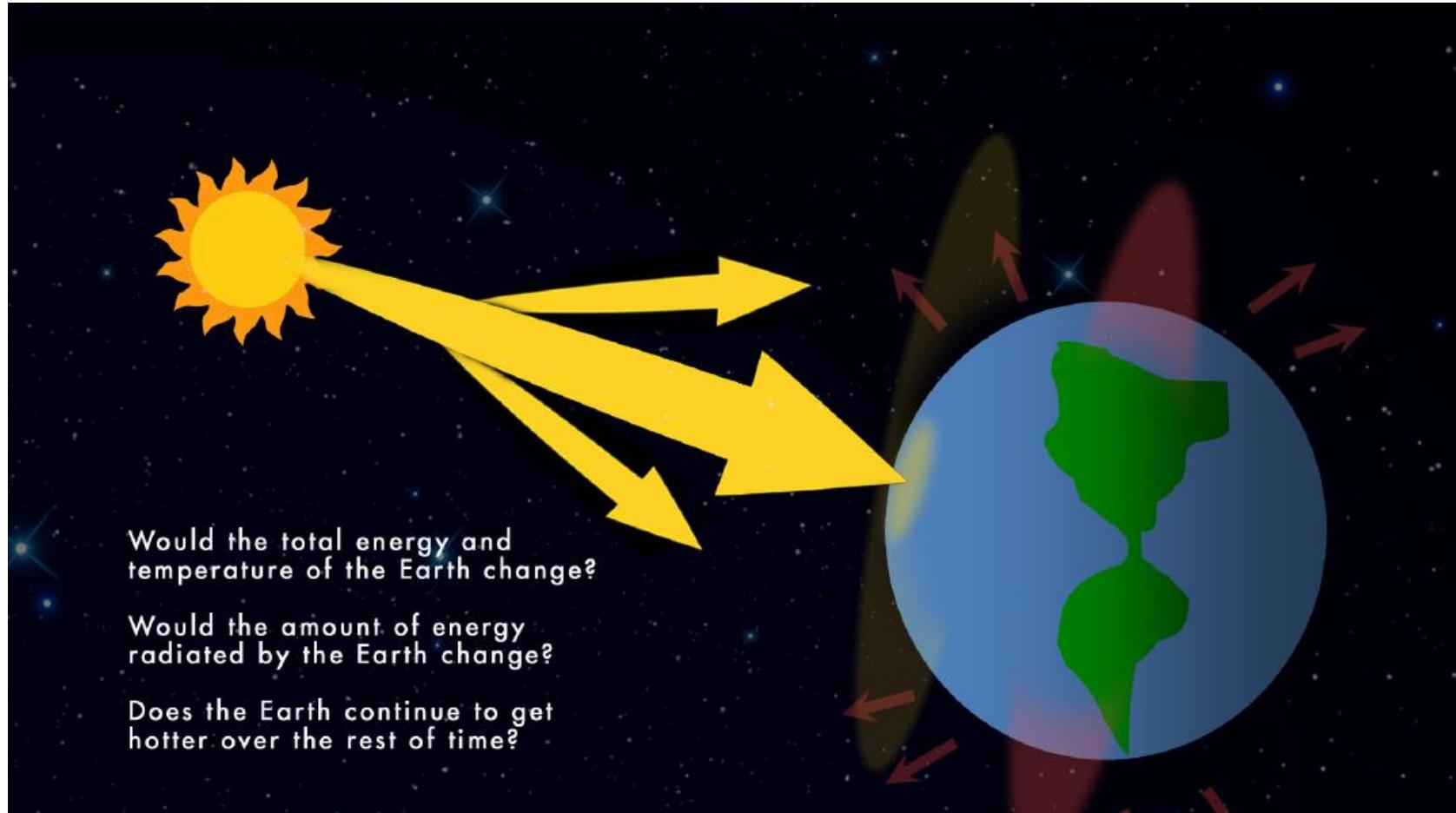


-23°C

THE DIAGRAM SHOWS THE AVERAGE TEMPERATURES of Venus (top), Earth (middle) and the Moon (bottom). What factors determine the climate of the Earth? Why are we different – hotter than the Moon, colder than Venus? There are several factors that determine a planet's climate, and in this section we will go over the most important ones. The Energy Balance determines what the average temperature will be, and this energy balance is influenced by the amount of sunlight received (insolation), the amount of sunlight reflected back into space (albedo), and the amount of sunlight recycled by the atmosphere (the greenhouse effect).

NASA/NSSDC Gallery

What if the sun gets hotter?





FACTORS DETERMINE CLIMATE

most energy. But the Moon and the Earth receive the same amount of sunlight. In addition to insolation, here are two very important factors that explain these differences: albedo and the greenhouse effect. So the three most important factors that determine climate are:

INSOLATION

ALBEDO

GREENHOUSE EFFECT

SO WHY IS THERE SUCH A BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THESE THREE BODIES? Insolation (the energy received from the sun) explains some of the difference - Venus, which is the hottest, is the closest to the sun, and receives the



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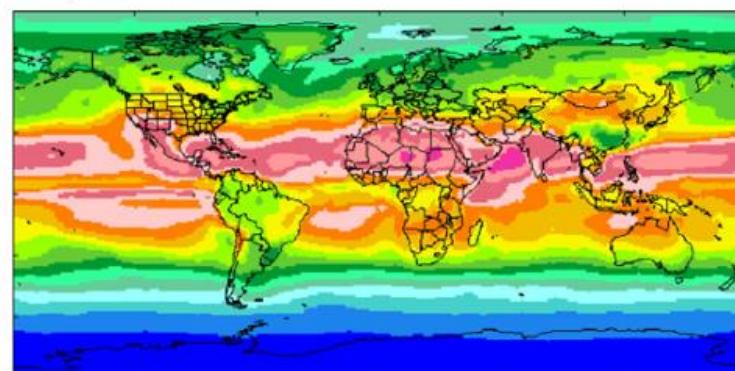
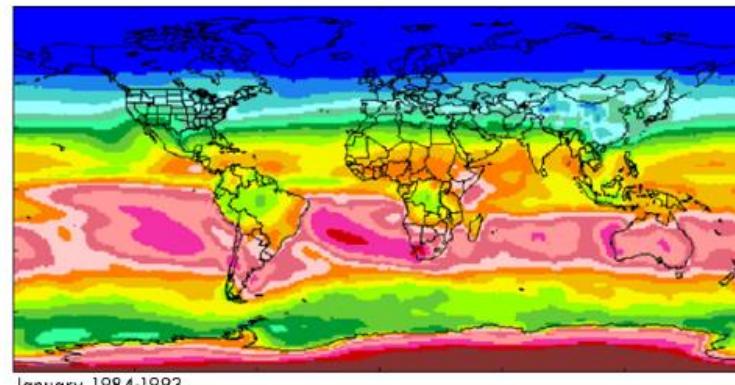


INSOLATION IS THE MEASURE of the amount of solar radiation falling on a surface. In this diagram, red colors indicate more energy from insolation on the surface of the Earth, while blue means that there is less. Look at the figure and make some general statements about the distribution of energy on the Earth's surface.

INSOLATION

Why is the equator redder (i.e.
has more insolation) than the poles?

Why does the Arctic change
between January and April?



SOLAR INSOLATION (kWh/m²/day)

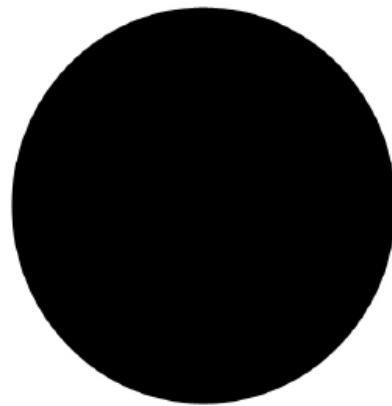
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Blue	Red

Roberta DiPasquale, Surface Meteorology and Solar Energy Project, NASA Langley Research Center, and the ISCCP Project

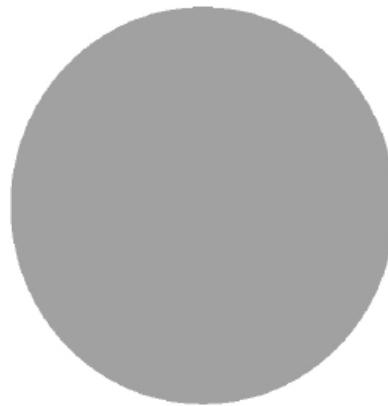


ALBEDO

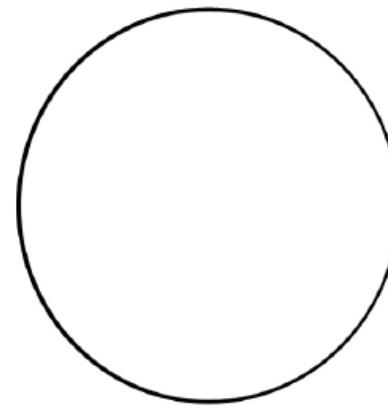
ALBEDO IS A MEASURE OF HOW REFLECTIVE A SURFACE IS. The higher the albedo the more reflective the material: a perfectly black surface has zero albedo, while a perfectly white surface has an albedo of 1 - it reflects 100% of the incident light. If a planet has a high albedo, much of the radiation from the Sun is reflected back into space, lowering the average temperature.



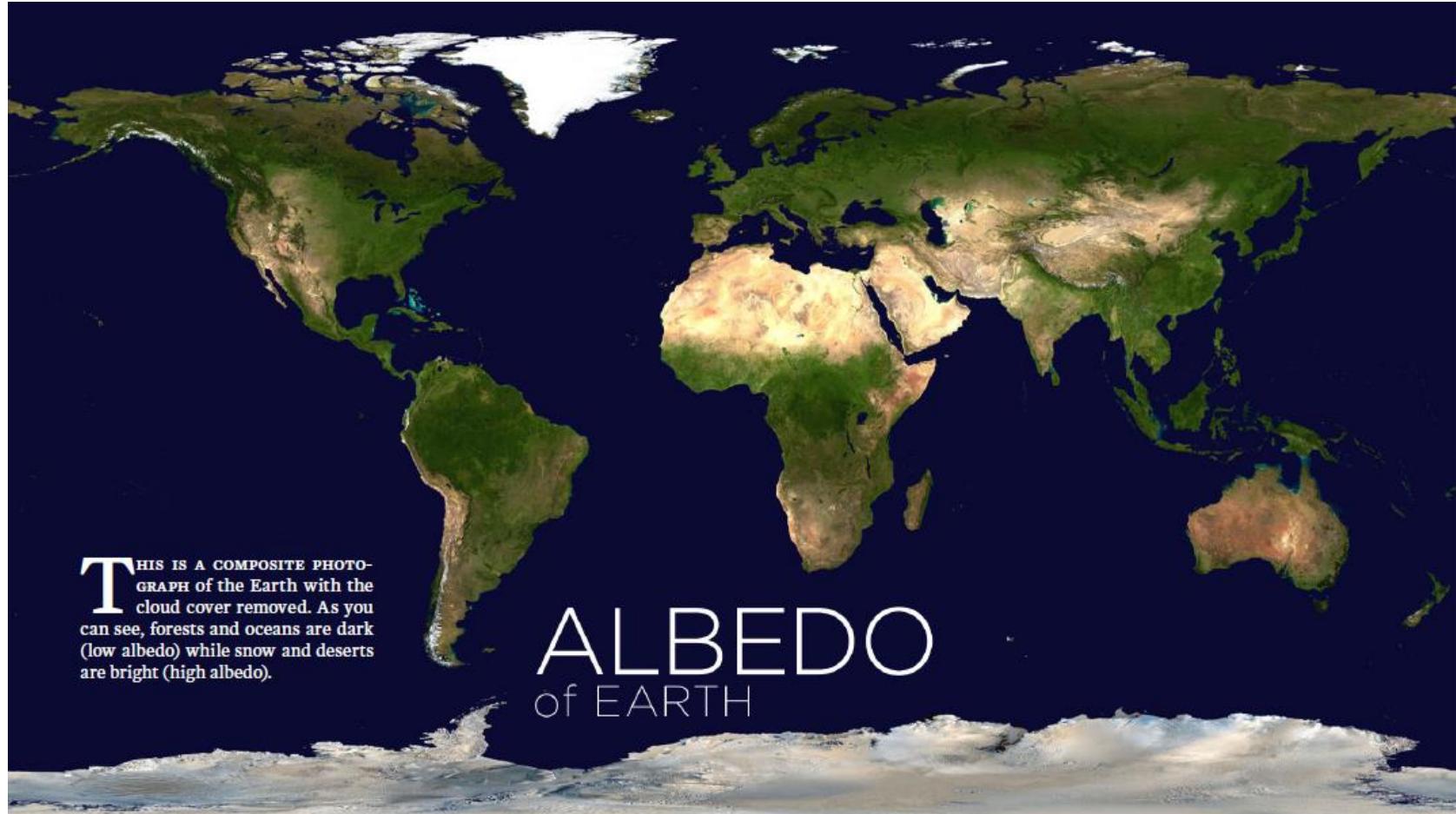
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**WHY
is the EARTH SO WARM?**

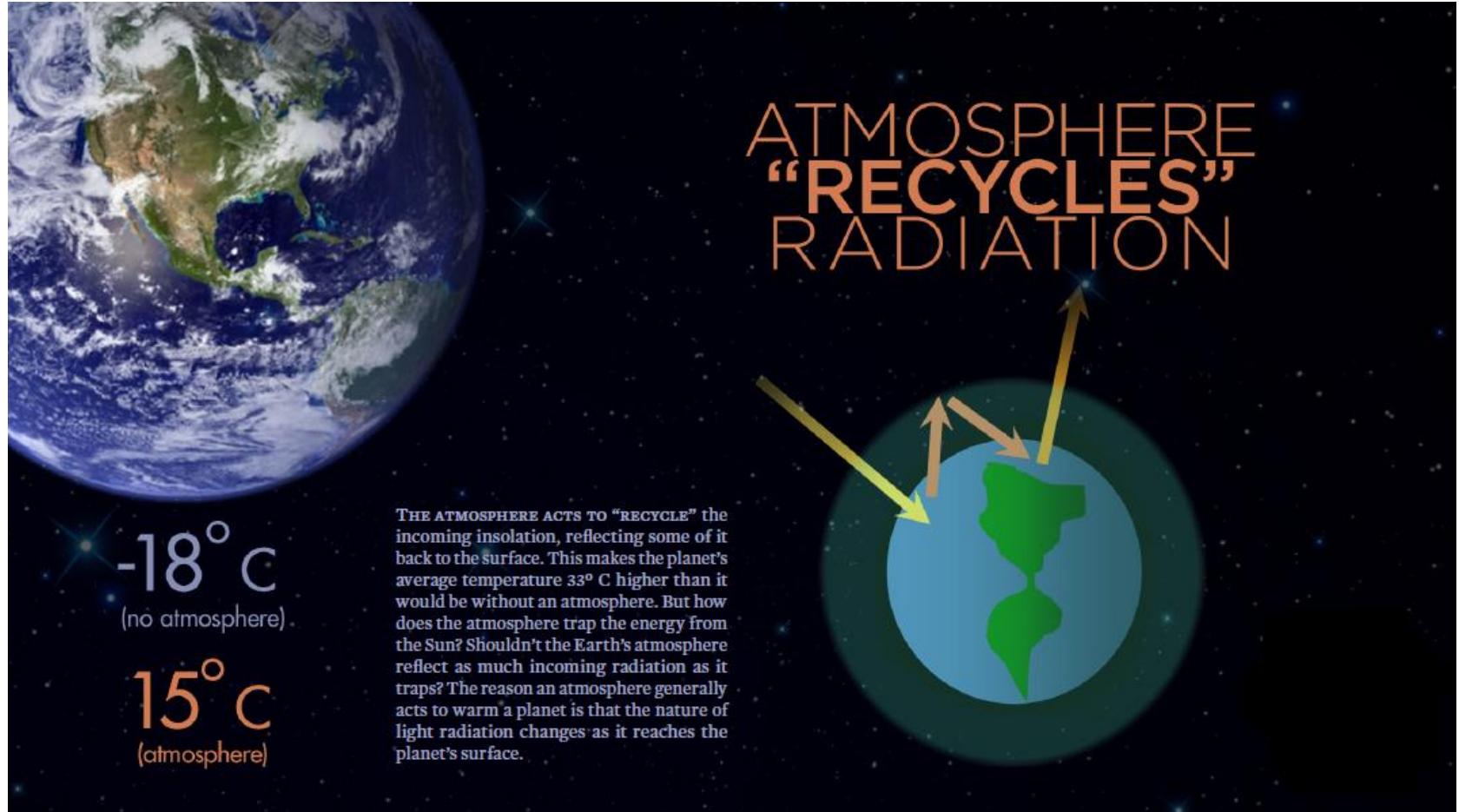
15° c

-23° c

ALBEDO AND INSOLATION do not explain everything, however. The Earth and the Moon both receive the same amount of insolation. Although the Moon is slightly more reflective than the Earth, it is much colder. Why is the Earth so warm? A planet's energy balance is also regulated by its atmosphere.

Earth has a substantial atmosphere while the moon does not.

Greenhouse effect



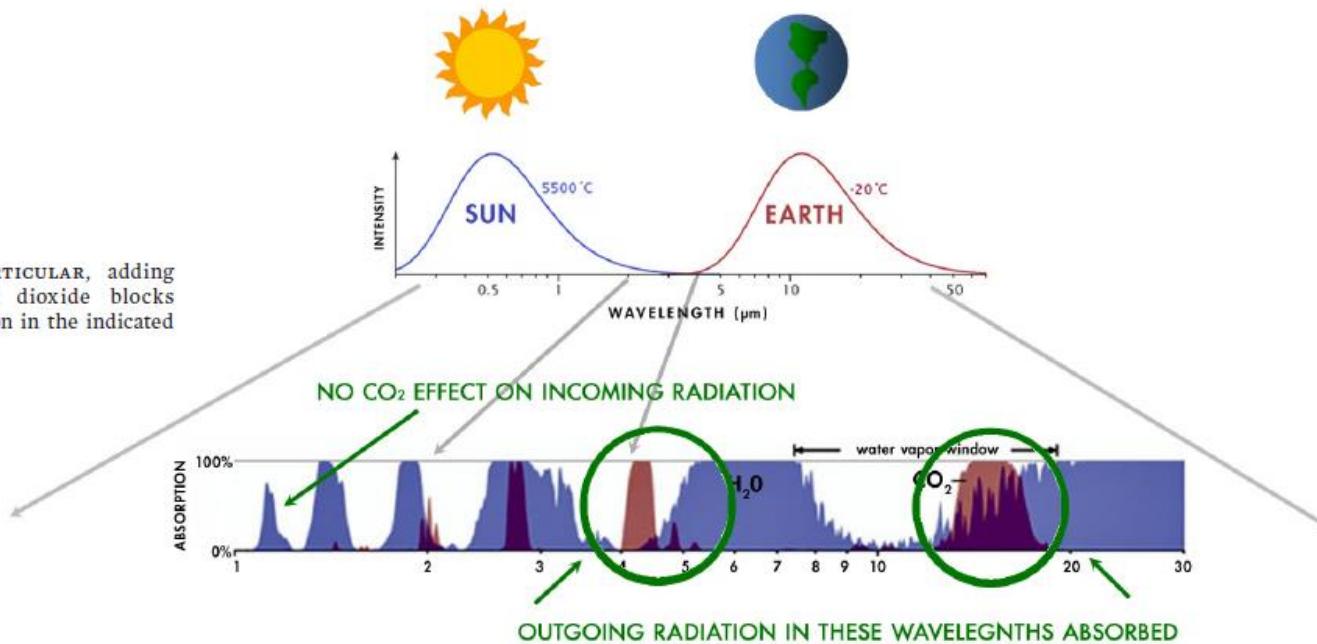
Atmosphere is a Blanket?





RADIATION

IN PARTICULAR, adding carbon dioxide blocks radiation in the indicated areas.



Look back in history

TO UNDERSTAND THE CLIMATE OF THE PAST, data needs to be collected. There are two general types of data.

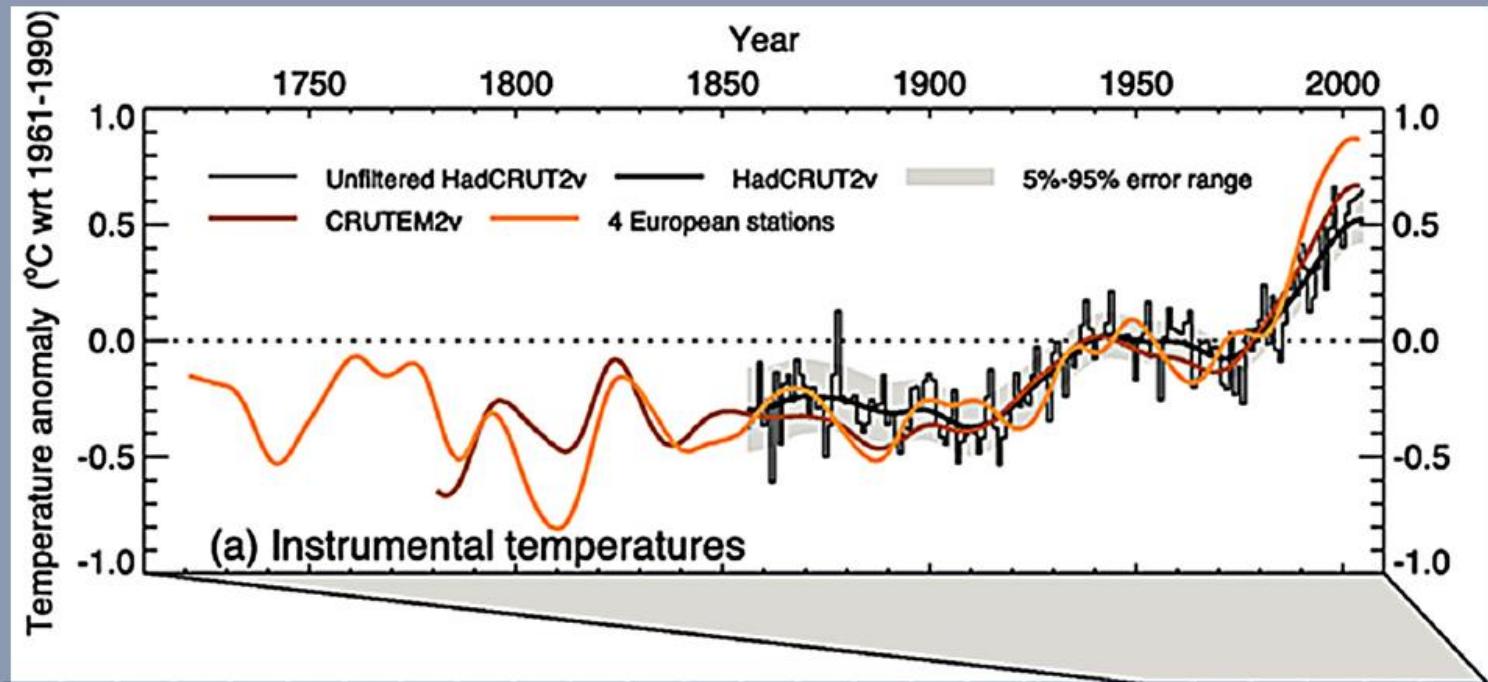
INSTRUMENT DATA: Climate is measured directly. These measurements are very precise, but data is limited to the modern era. An example is measurements taken from a thermometer. Other types of instrumental data come from rain gauges, anemometers (wind direction and speed), tide gauges (sea level) and satellites.

PROXY DATA: Climate is measured indirectly. These methods are less precise and require an understanding of how climate interacts with natural systems, but these methods can record the deep past. An example is tree ring or tree core data (shown on right). The tree cores are the small wooden tubes below the metal drill. The size of the yearly growth rings indicate if the conditions were good for tree growth through time. There are many other types of proxy data, and these include ice cores, sediment cores, coral cores, landforms, and historical records.

INSTRUMENT and PROXY DATA



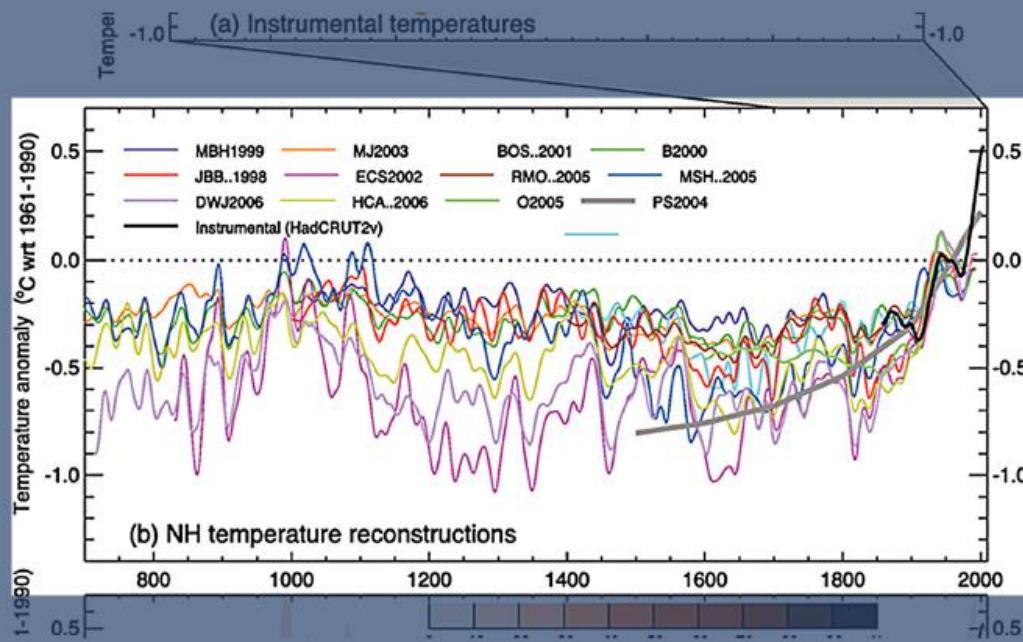
Instrumental temperatures



THE BLACK, RED, AND YELLOW LINES are different calculations for the global temperature anomaly, based on instruments (including thermometer readings) from various sources. This shows the limitation of instrumental data – we have only had precise climate measuring instruments since industrialization, so the global instrumental record only goes back to around 1850, although there is a longer set of data from Europe (yellow line), where the technology was developed. Note the change in temperature over the last 150 years – the black line has increased from an anomaly of around -0.3°C in 1850 to around 0.5°C in 2005. This means an increase of just under 1°C (or about 1.5°F), with most of the increase happening in the last 40 years.

Proxy data

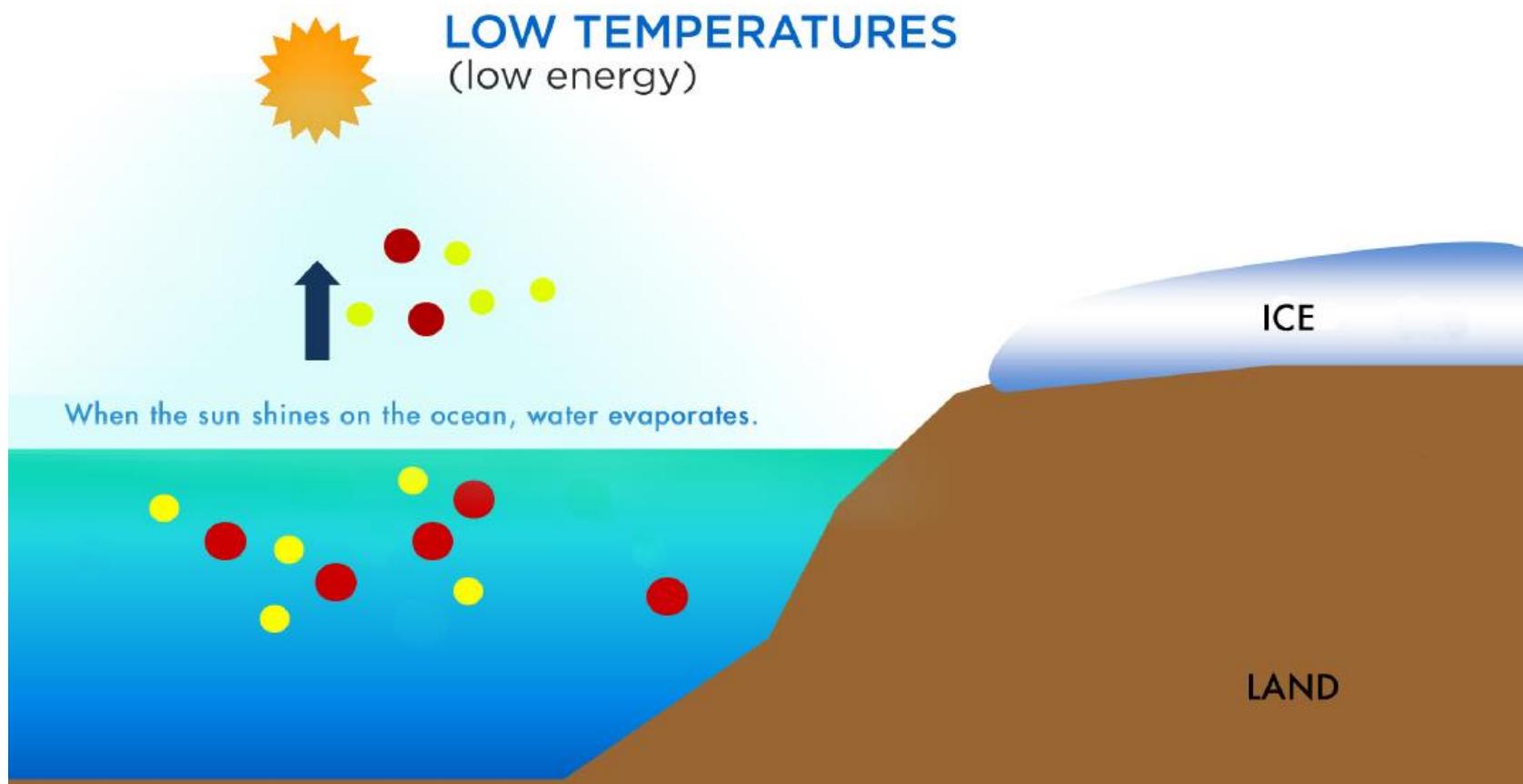
NOW LET'S FOCUS ON THE MIDDLE FIGURE. This goes much further back in time – to before 800 AD (over 1200 years ago). The black line is the instrument data – the same as in the previous figure. The colored lines are different proxy data sets, again from different places around the world. The proxies are less precise than the instrument data (although note how they are similar to one another, and the black line, over the last 100 years) but they provide climate data that goes back much further in time – not only to before industrialization, but even before the existence of humans. From this data, we can see that different proxies vary, suggesting that there is error in the measurements (which we would expect) and that climate might vary differently in different places around the world. The proxy data broadly agrees that the climate was between 0 and 1 degrees cooler than 1950 before 1850, after which the temperature increased, to the anomaly of around +0.5° that we have today. Why was there a sudden change in the average surface temperature about one hundred years ago?

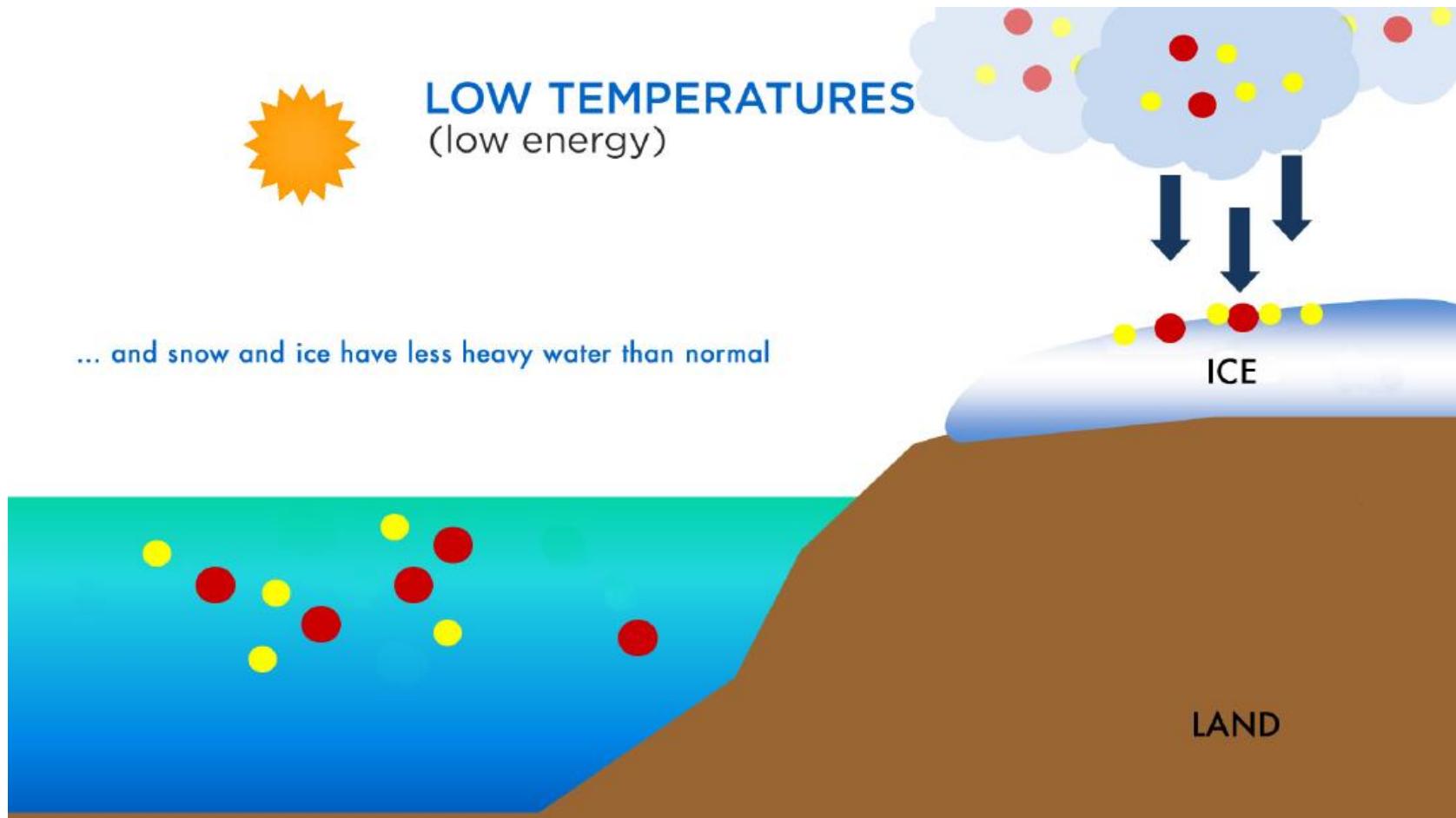


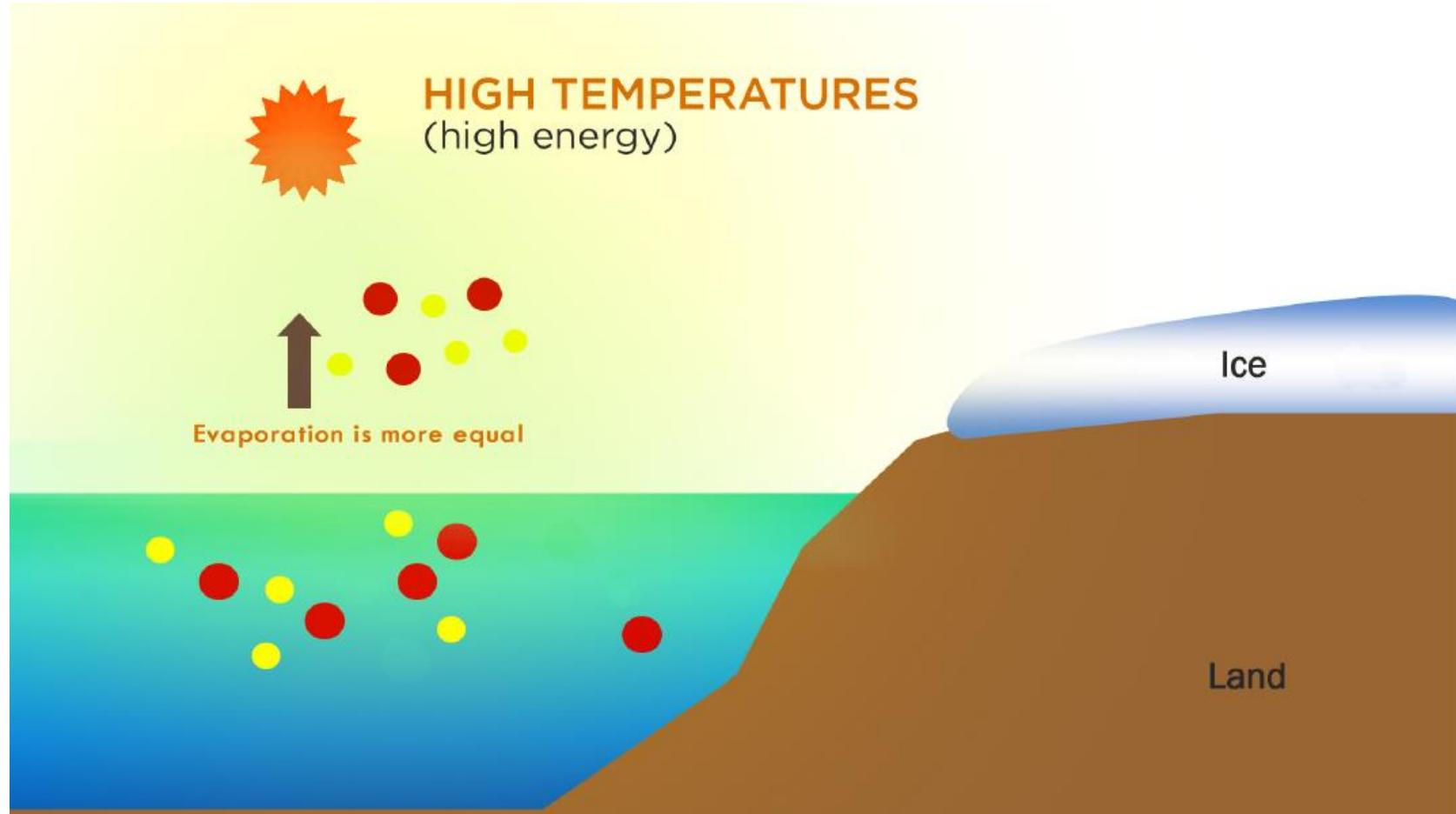


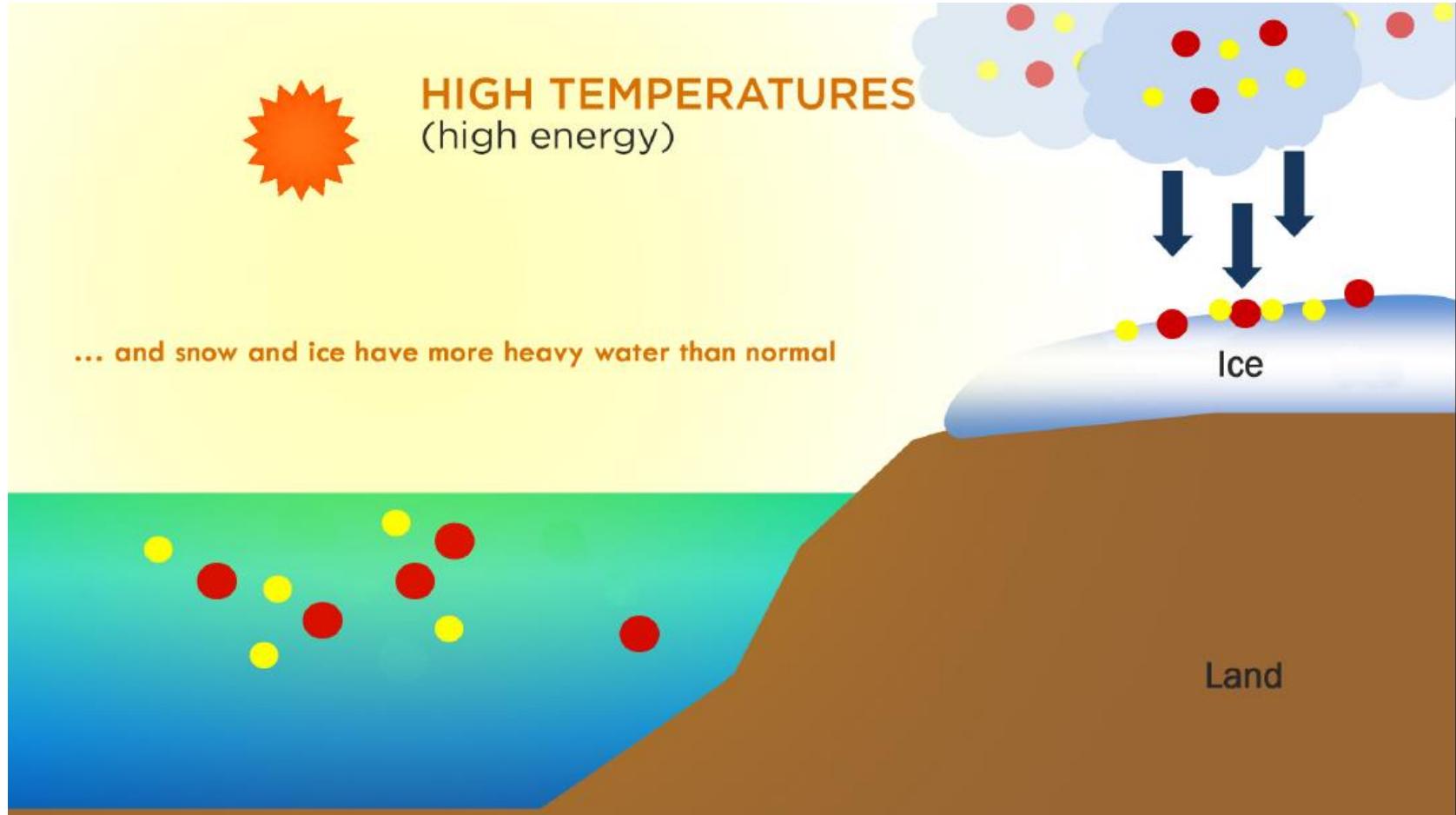
FIRST, A LITTLE CHEMISTRY IS NECESSARY. Water is made up of molecules of H_2O – hydrogen and oxygen bonded together. But not all hydrogen and oxygen are exactly alike. Some oxygen is made up of 16 sub-atomic particles (oxygen 16, or ^{16}O) and some oxygen is made up of 18 sub-atomic particles (oxygen 18, or ^{18}O). ^{18}O and ^{16}O are chemically the same – so both are found in water molecules – but ^{18}O is heavier than ^{16}O , so water that is made with ^{18}O is heavier than water made with ^{16}O . These two types of water are known as “heavy water” and “light water” respectively.

ISOTOPES
IN WATER



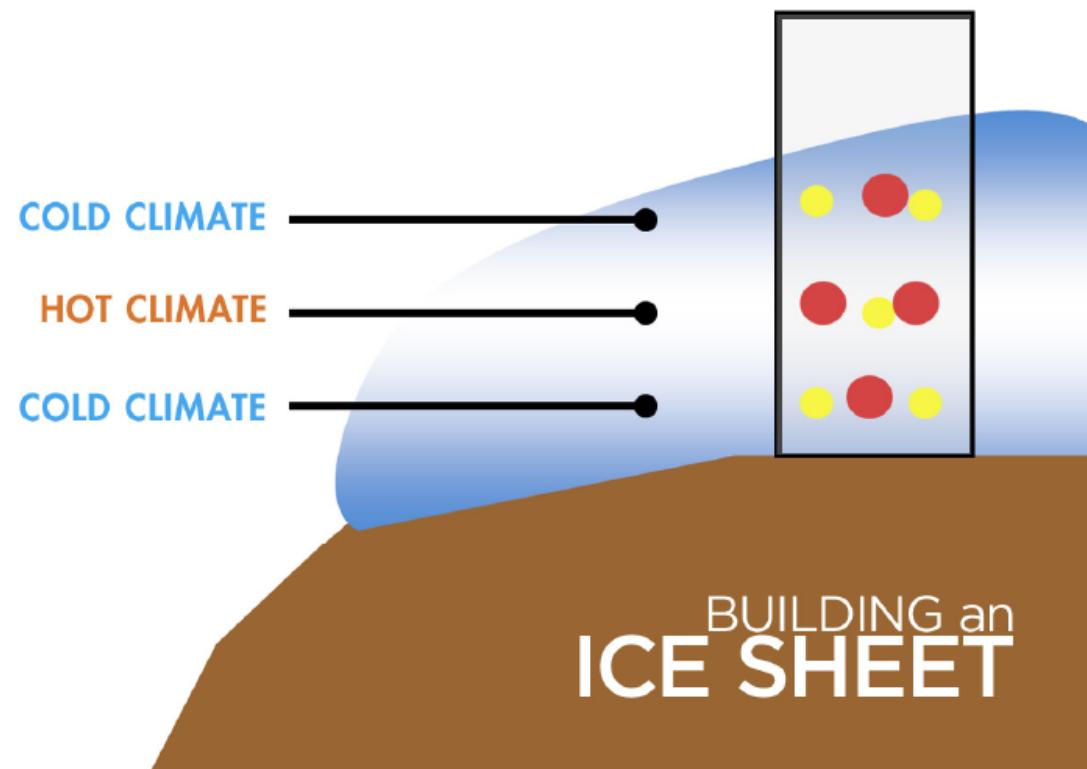




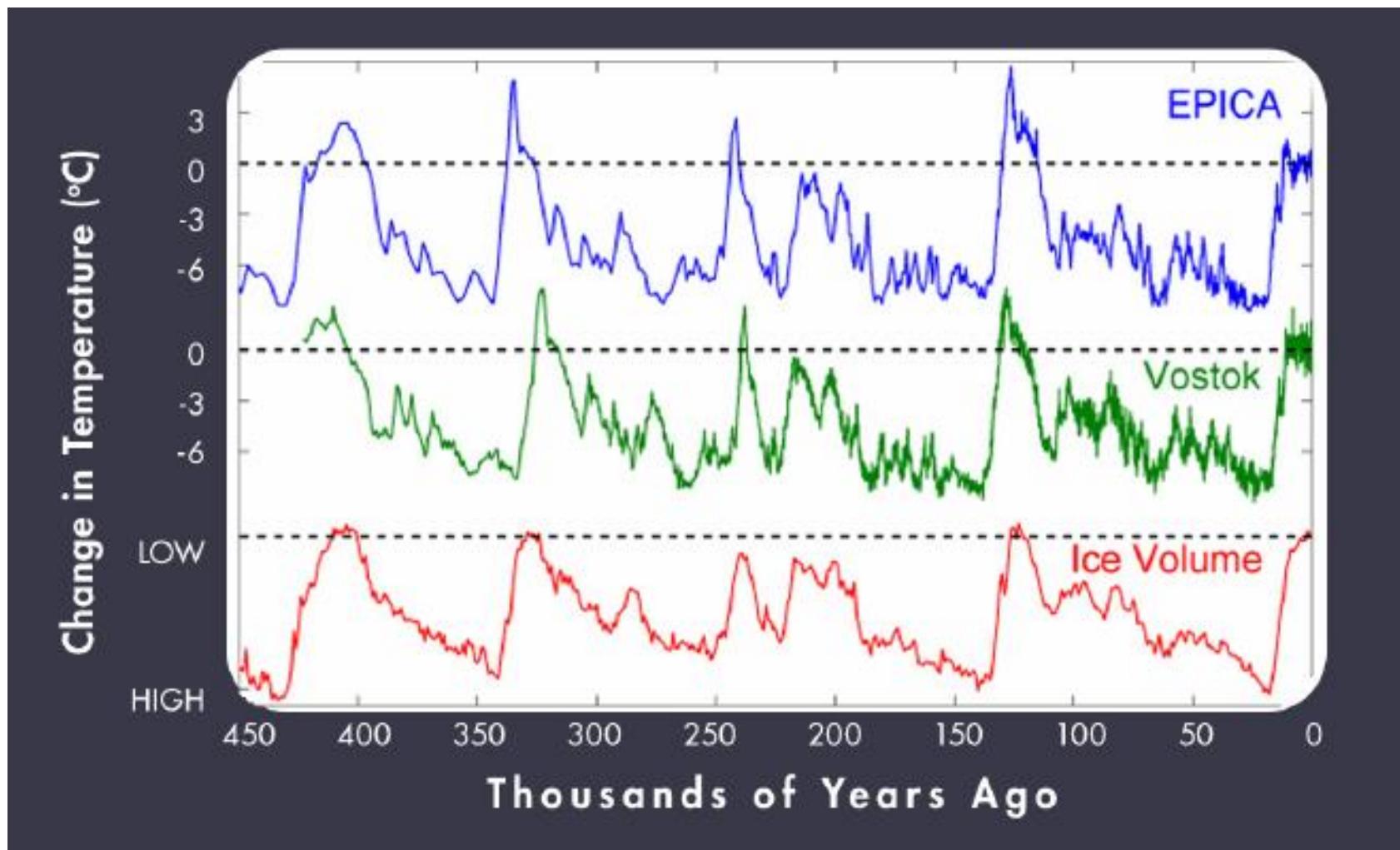




NOW IF WE DRILL A CORE in
the ice...



Temperature changes



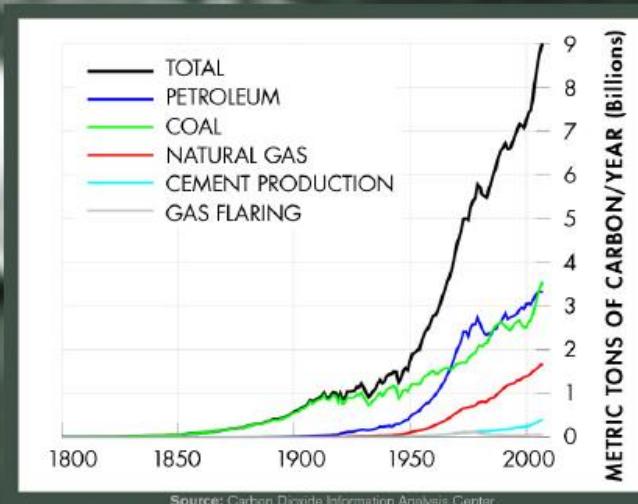
NASA - Carbon and Climate Change in 90 Seconds [HD]





INDUSTRIALIZATION

Industrialization adds additional carbon dioxide to the atmosphere. As we can see in this figure, for example, the amount of carbon dioxide produced from the burning of coal – a key early and current energy



source – has increased steadily since 1850. The combustion of natural gas and petroleum have also become significant in the last fifty years.

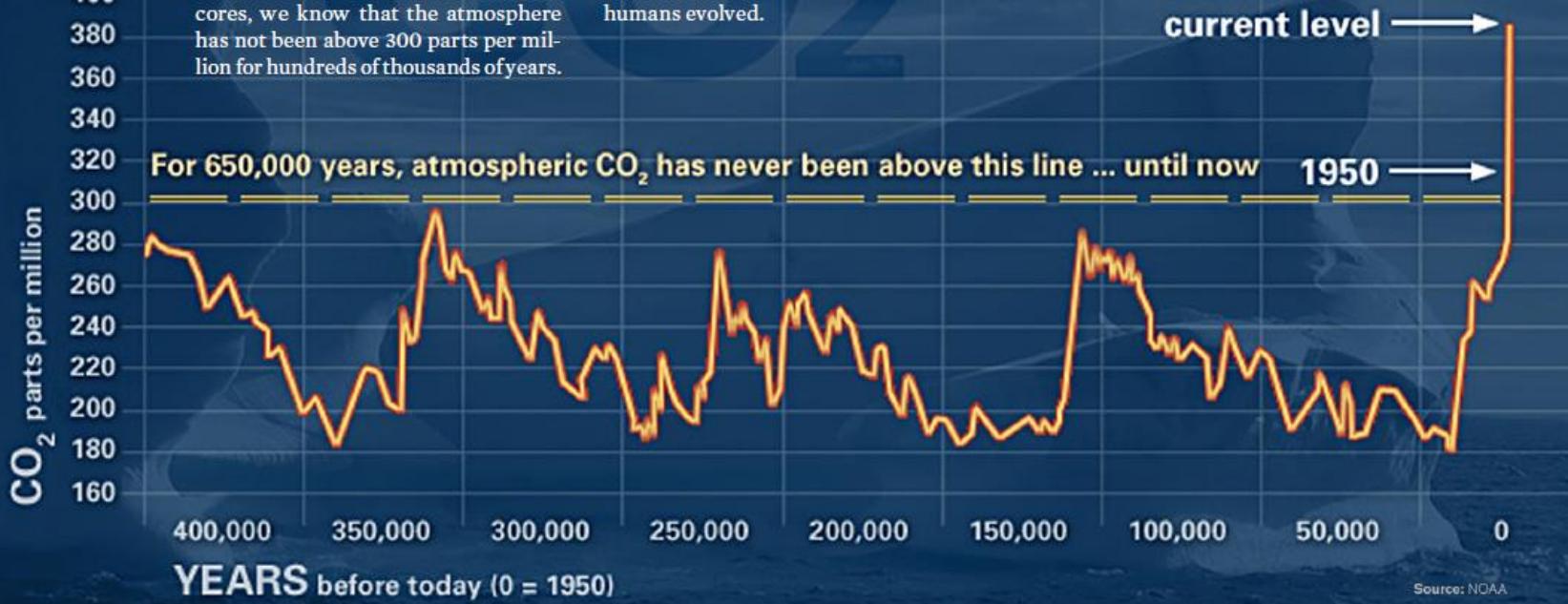
CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS AFTER INDUSTRIALIZATION

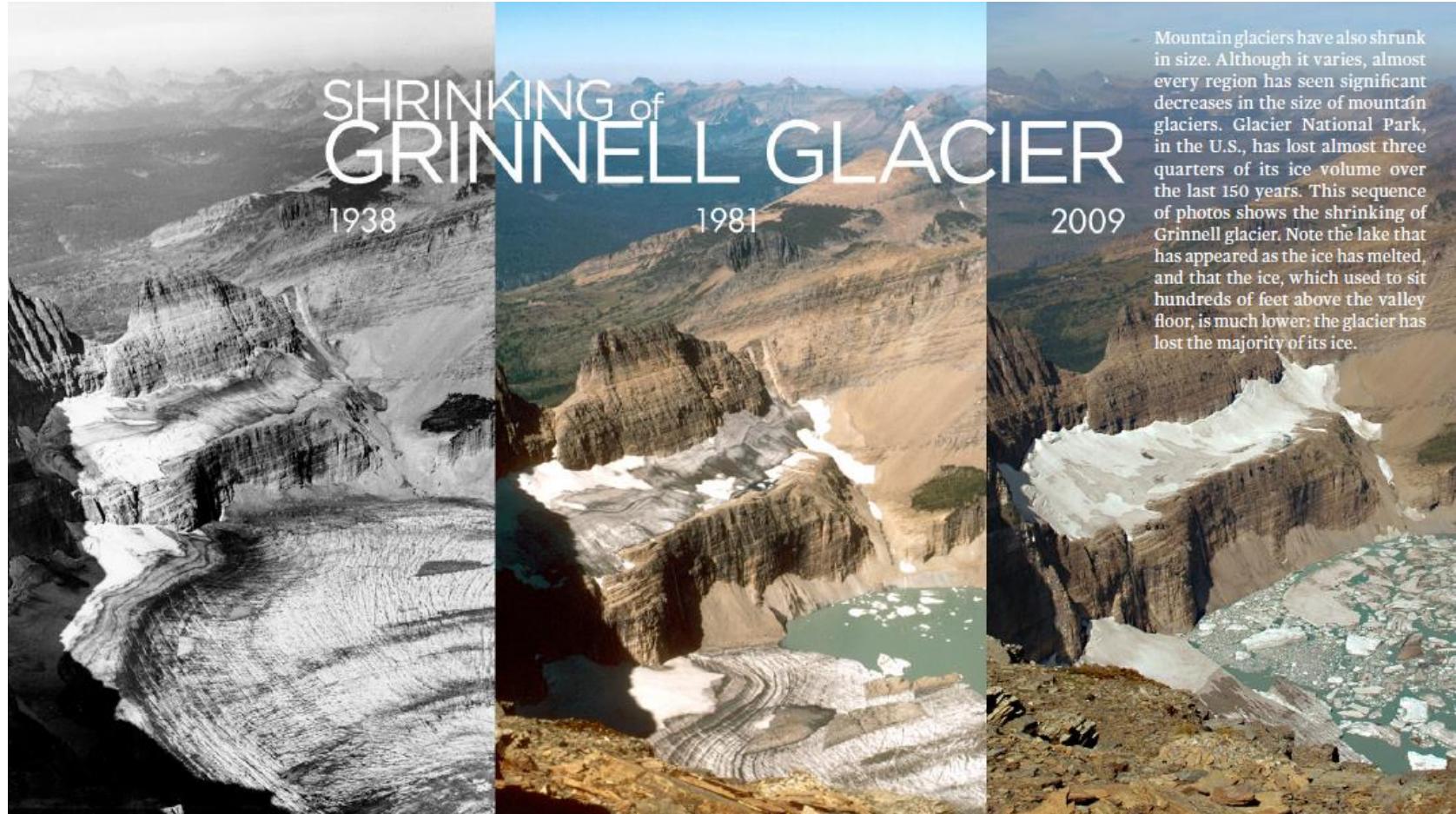


CARBON DIOXIDE CONCENTRATIONS OVER TIME

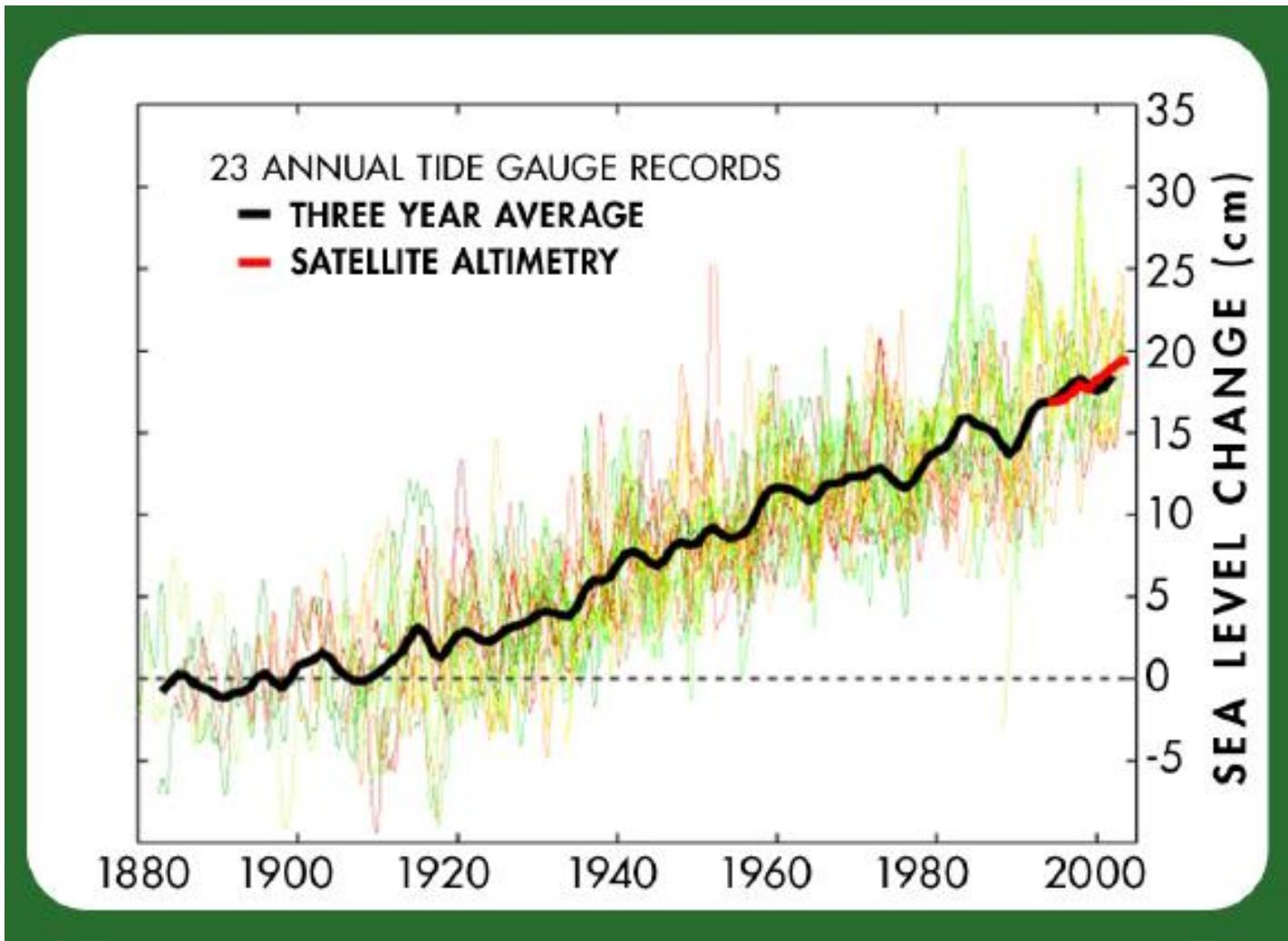
ALL THIS ADDITIONAL CARBON DIOXIDE has changed the atmospheric concentration of carbon dioxide from around 280 parts per million (1950) to over 380 parts per million (today). From Ice cores, we know that the atmosphere has not been above 300 parts per million for hundreds of thousands of years.

Scientists have determined that the Earth's carbon dioxide level is higher today than it has ever been during the period of human experience, although it was higher in the distant past, before humans evolved.





Increase of sea level



Facts:

CO₂ emission is higher than ever.

Temperature is at a high level in history.

The sea level is increasing.

Opinions:

Climate change is a serious issue.

The climate change is caused by CO₂ emission.

We should act immediately to reduce CO₂.

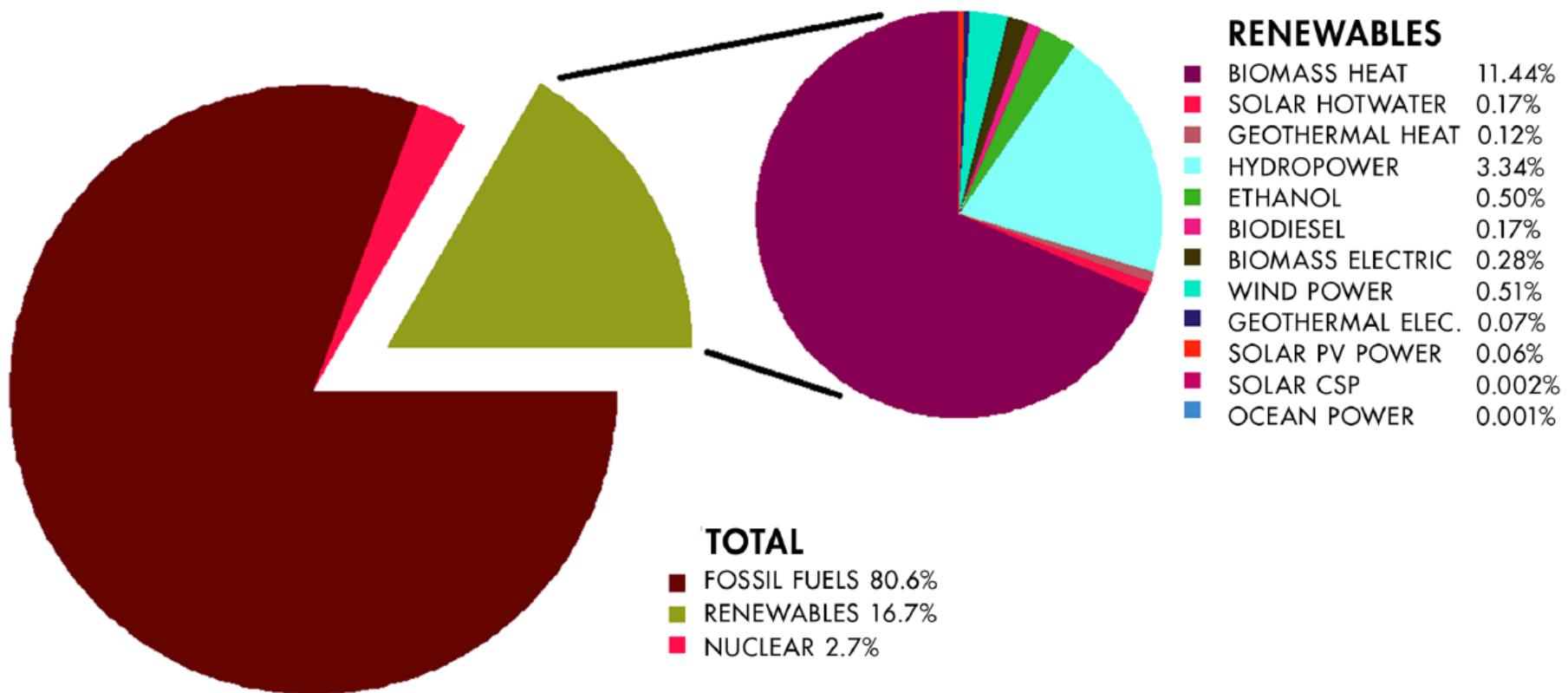
Carbon tax is an effective solution.



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ENERGY

Total energy consumption--US



Chinese case

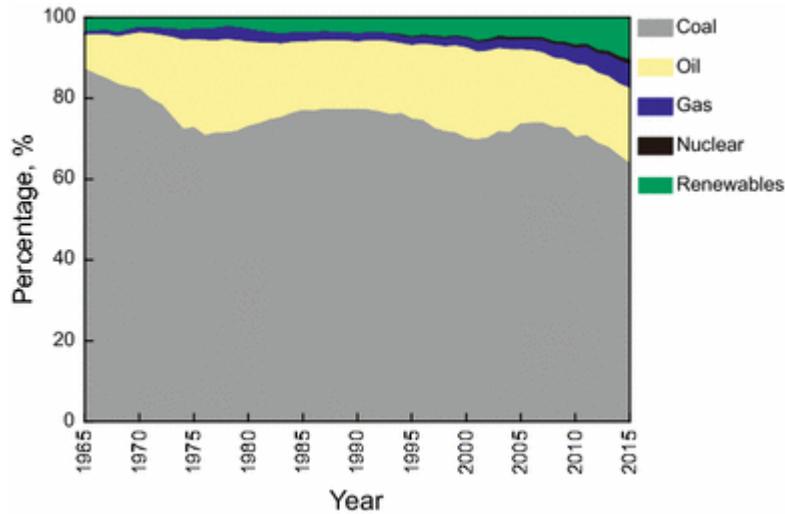


Fig. 1: Percentage of China's energy consumption structure by fuel types, 1965–2015.

Data source BP Statistical Review of World Energy ([2016](#)) and NBS China Statistical Yearbook ([2015](#))

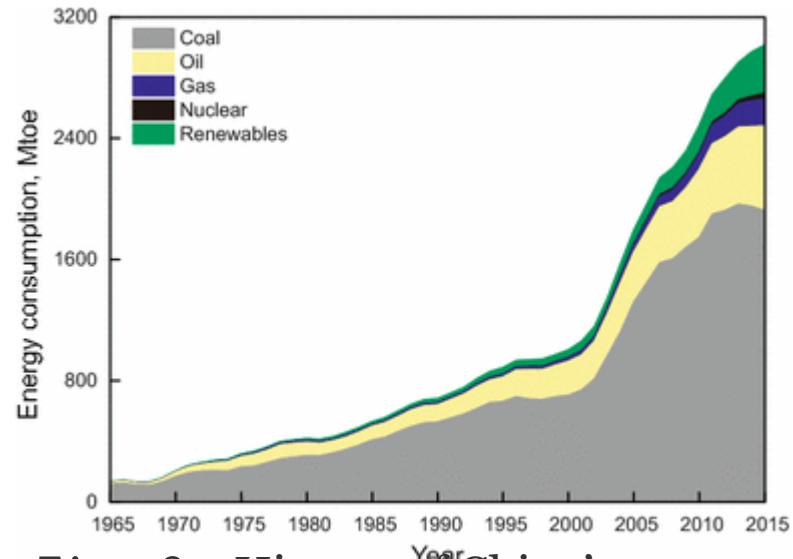
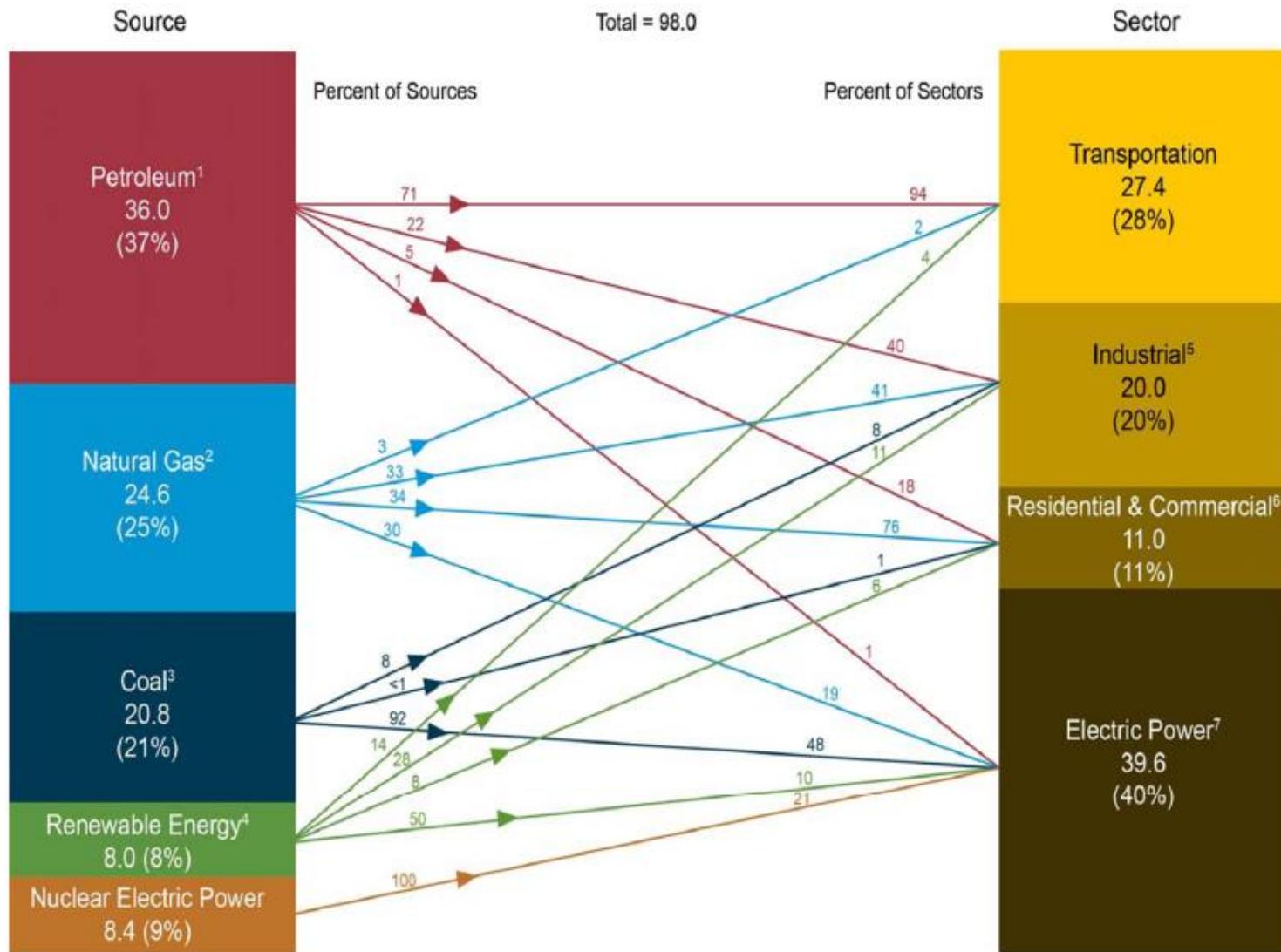
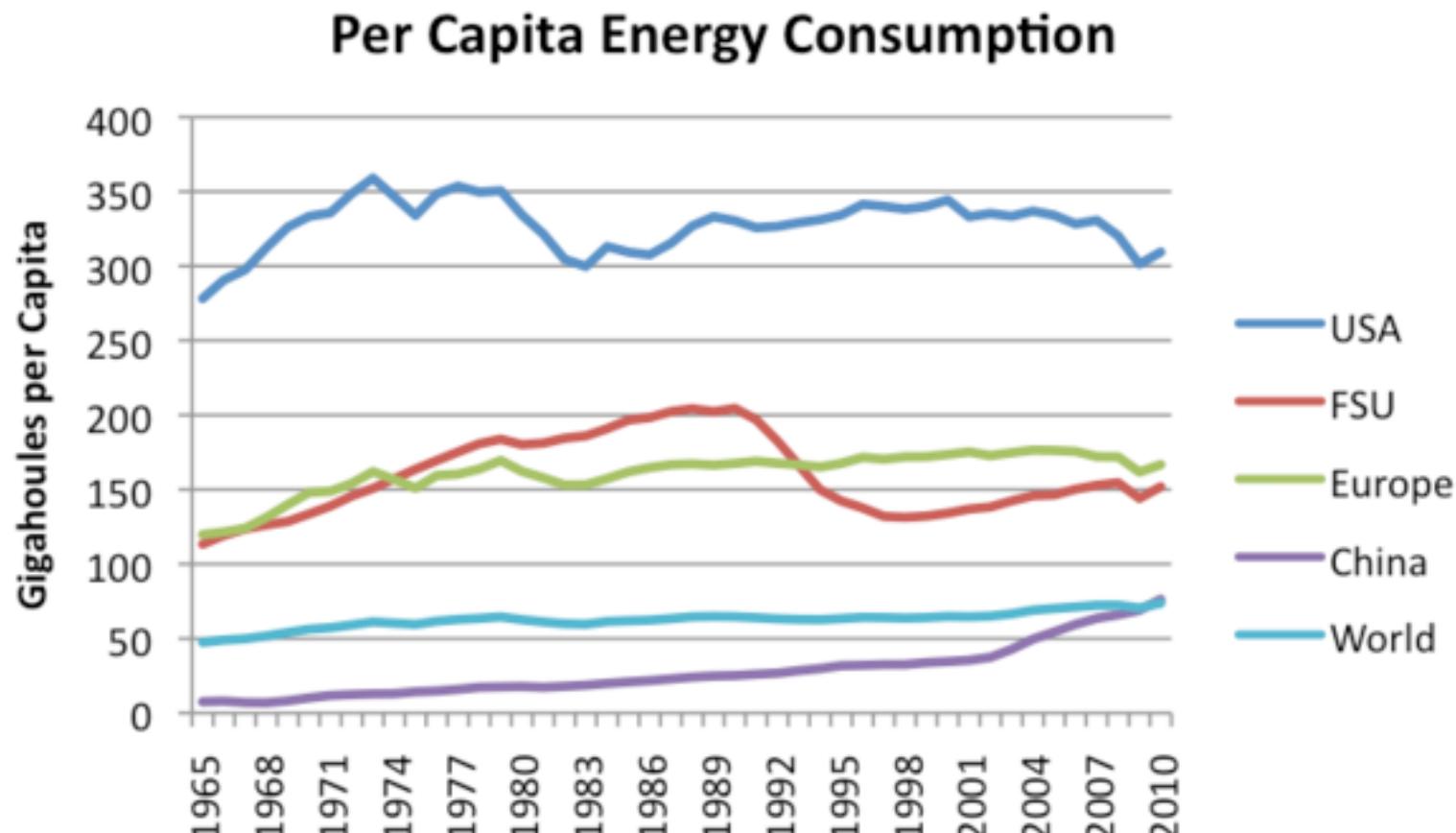


Fig. 2: History of China's energy consumption by different fuel types, 1965–2015.

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Energy sources and uses--US





<http://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2012/03/chart-of-the-day-a-short-history-of-200-years-of-global-energy-use/254909/>

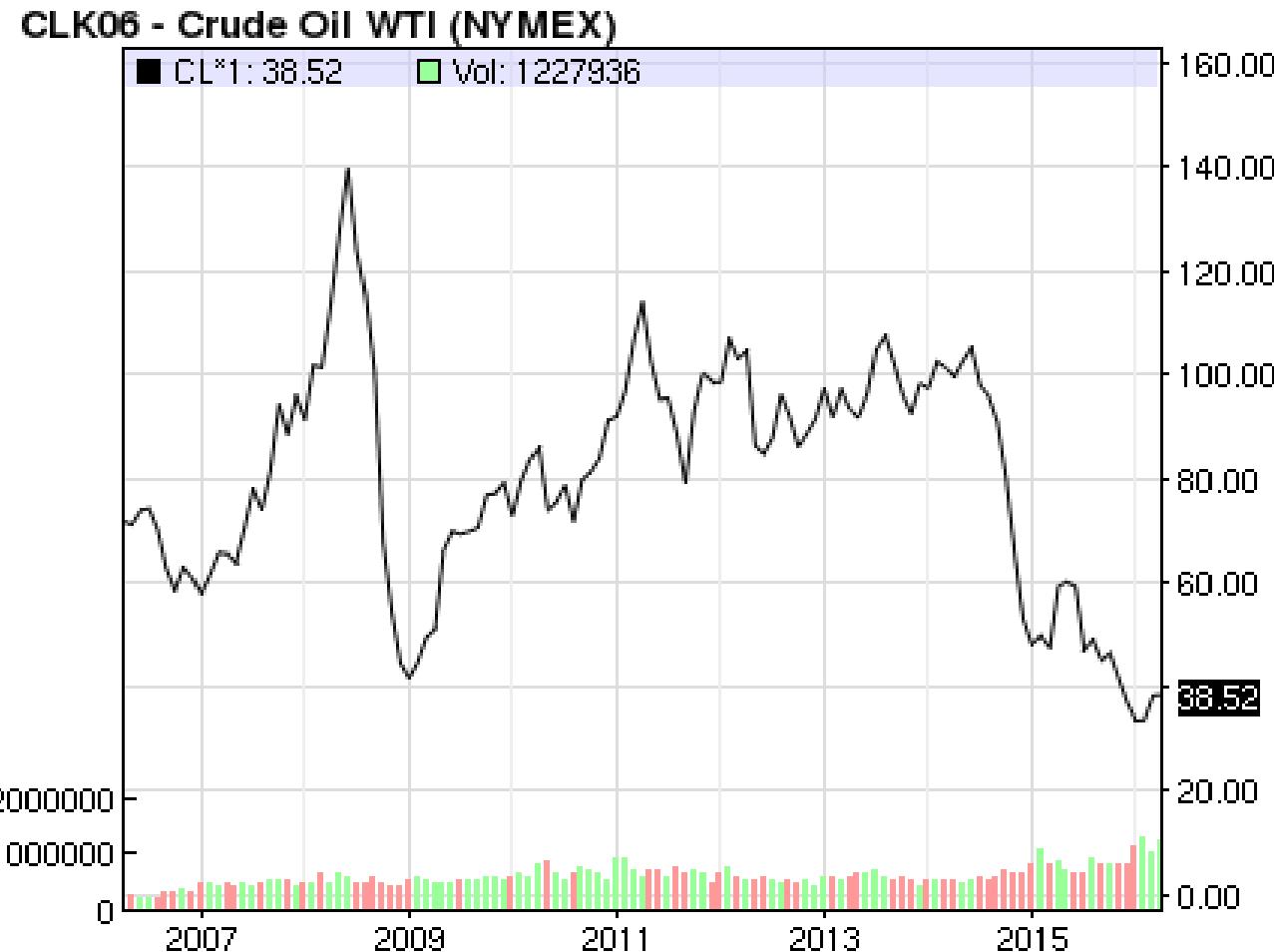


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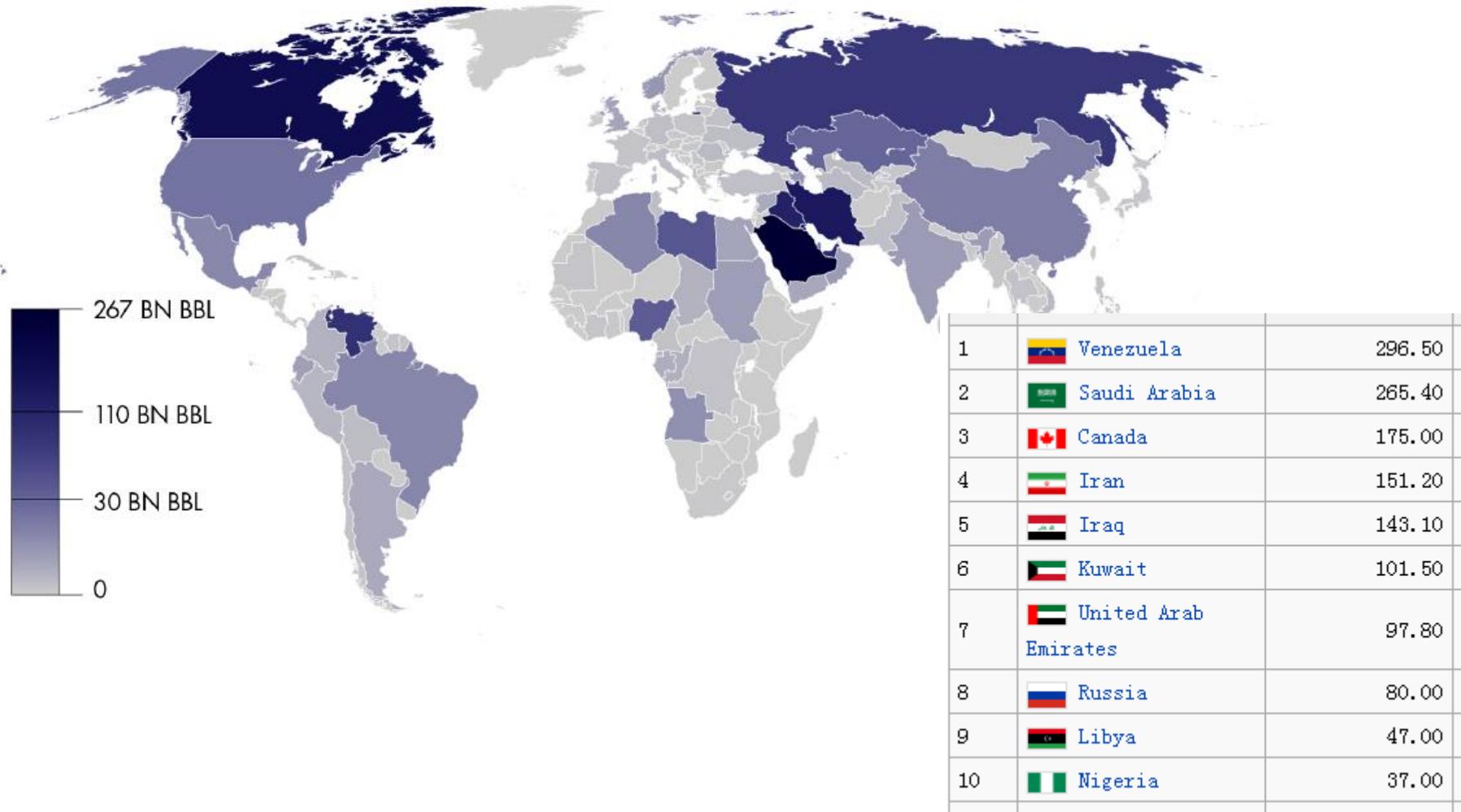
Fossil fuel

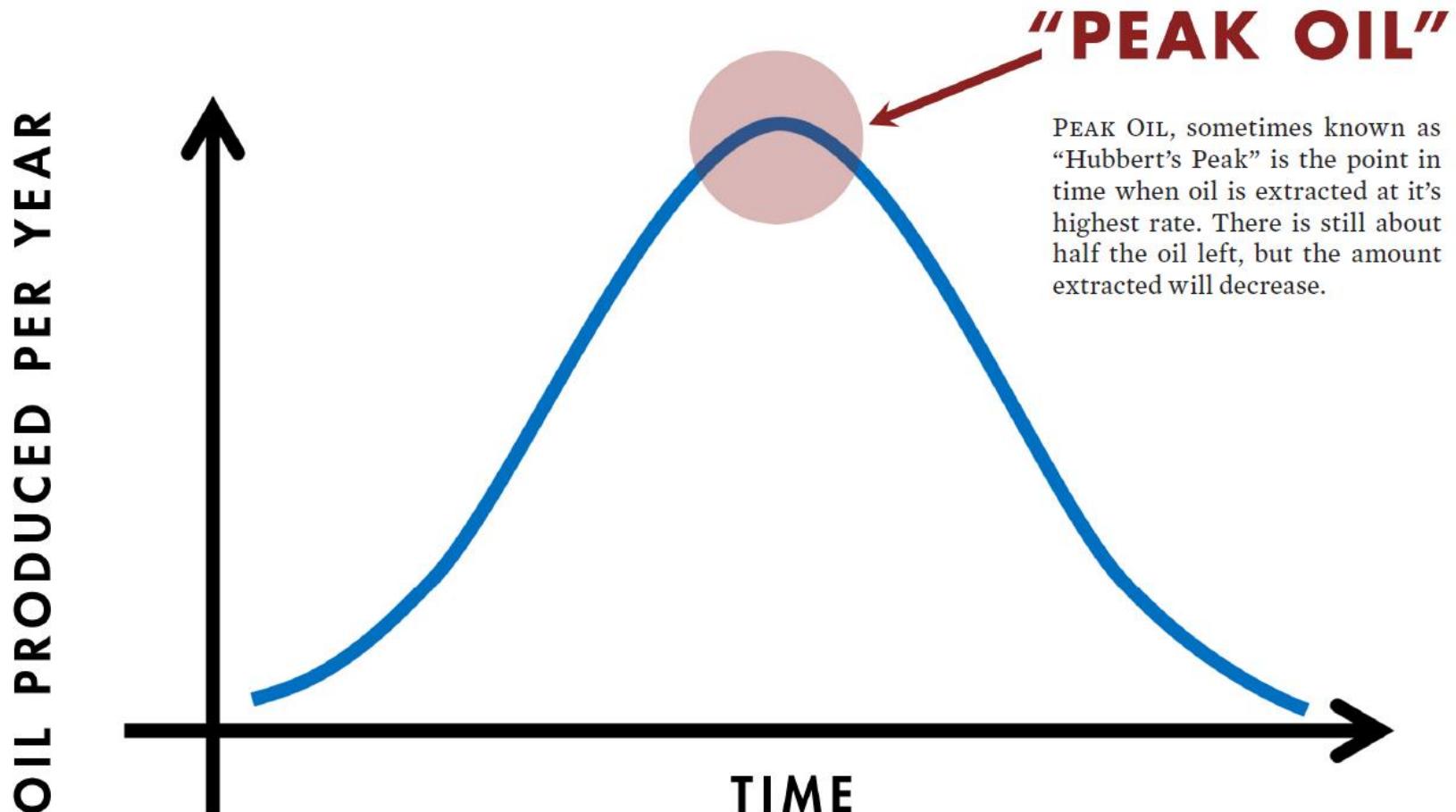
ENERGY

Oil price variation

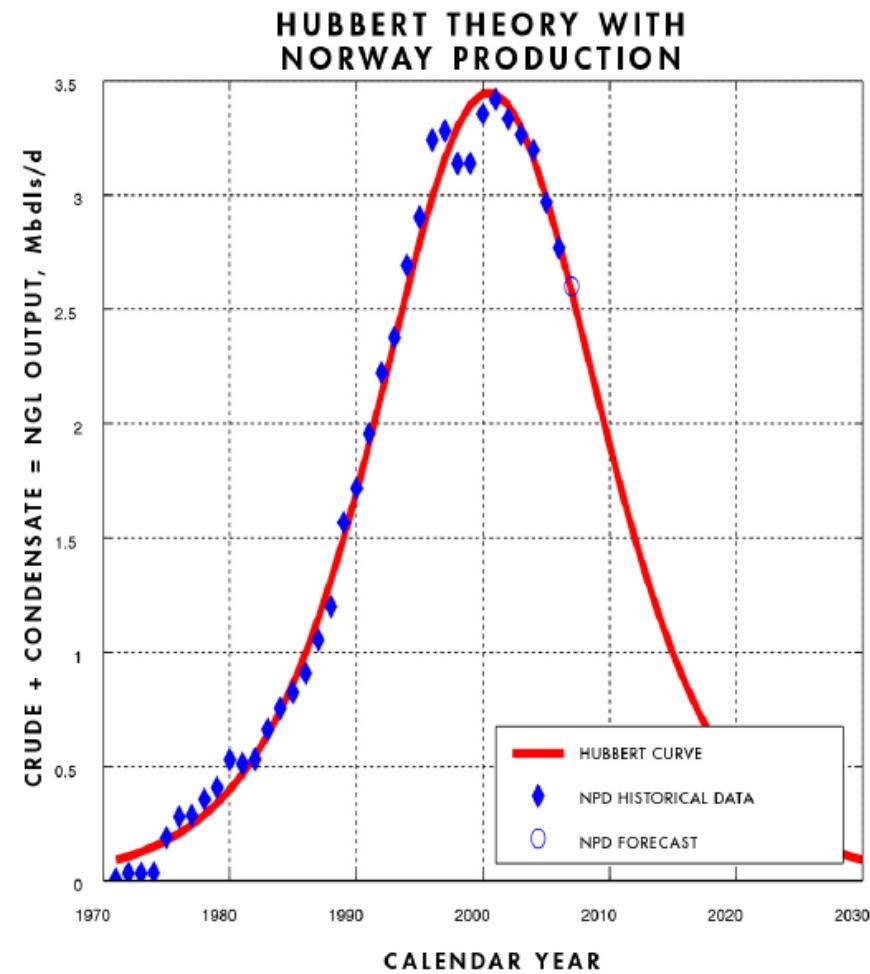
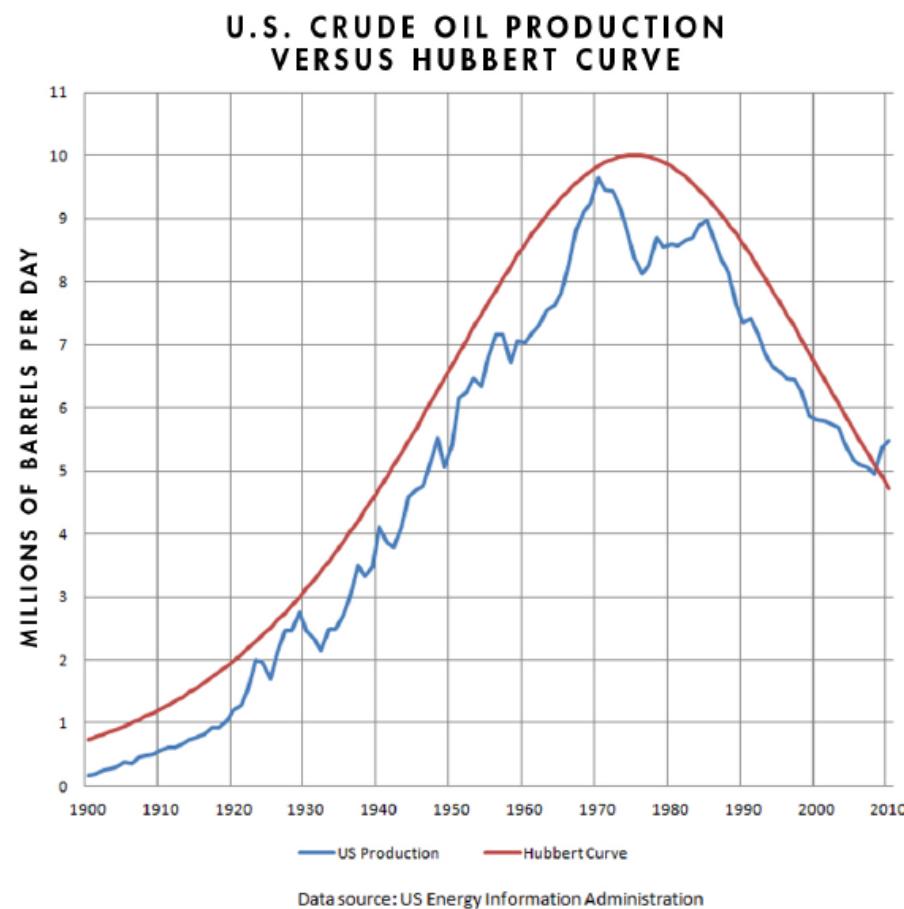


Oil reserve

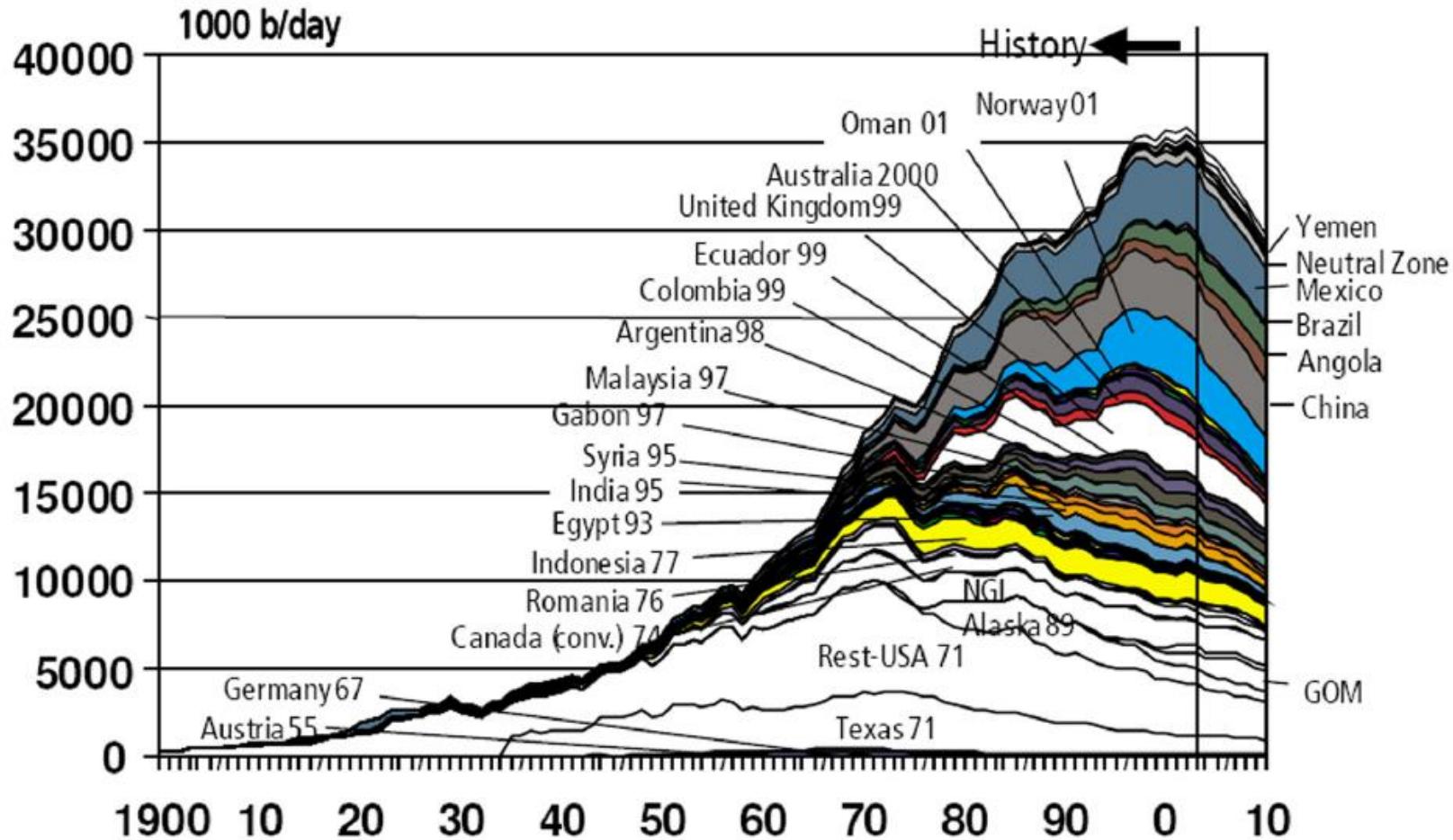




Peak oil



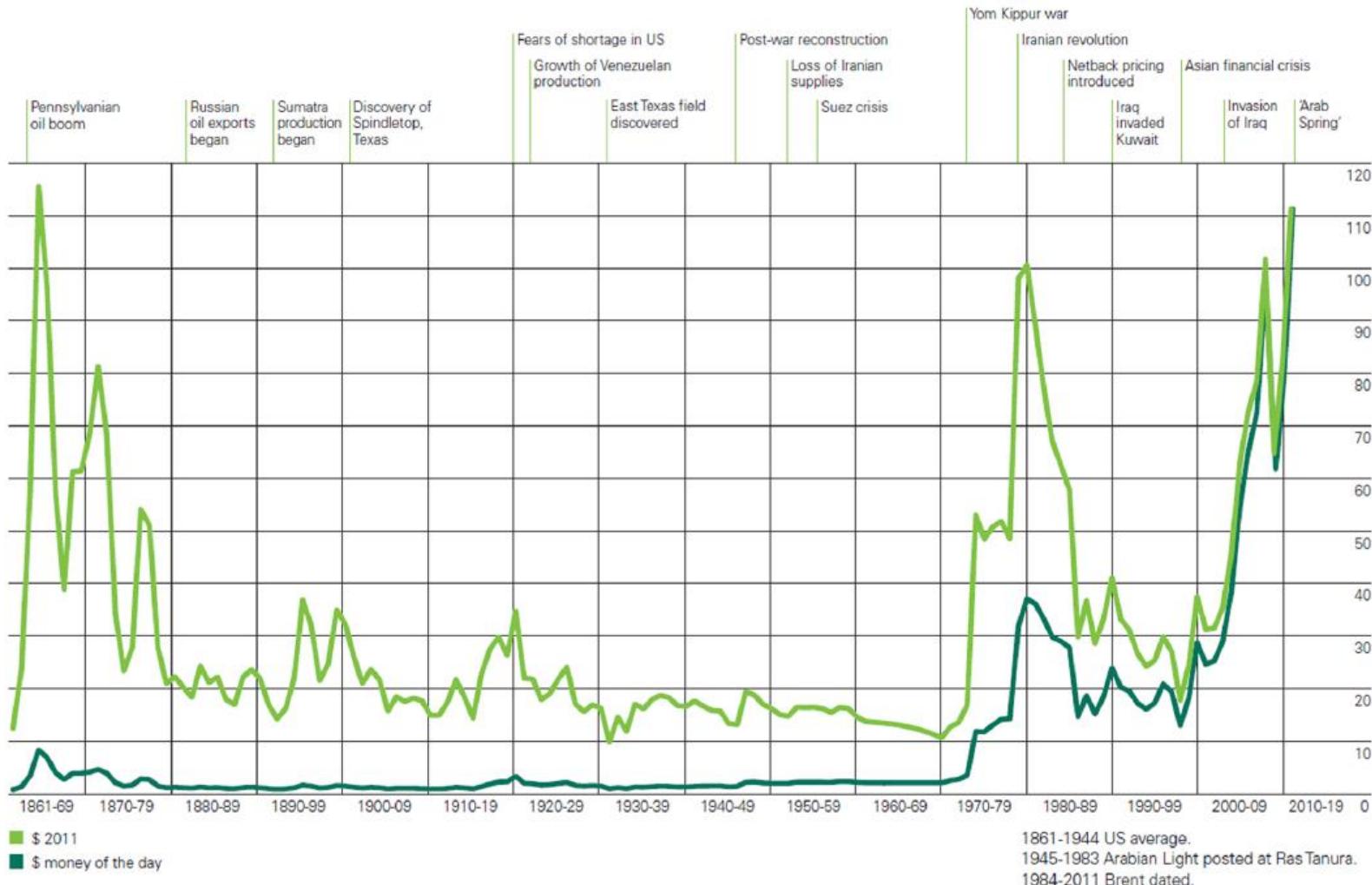
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Lance Corporal Kevin C. Quihuis Jr.

Oil prices



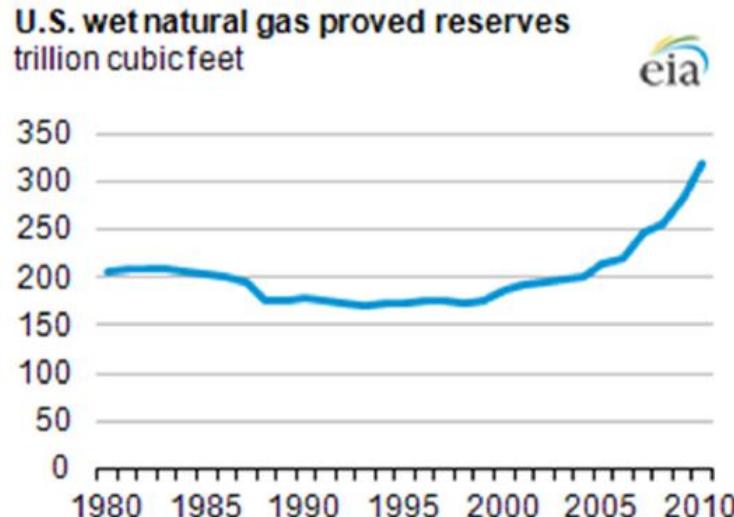
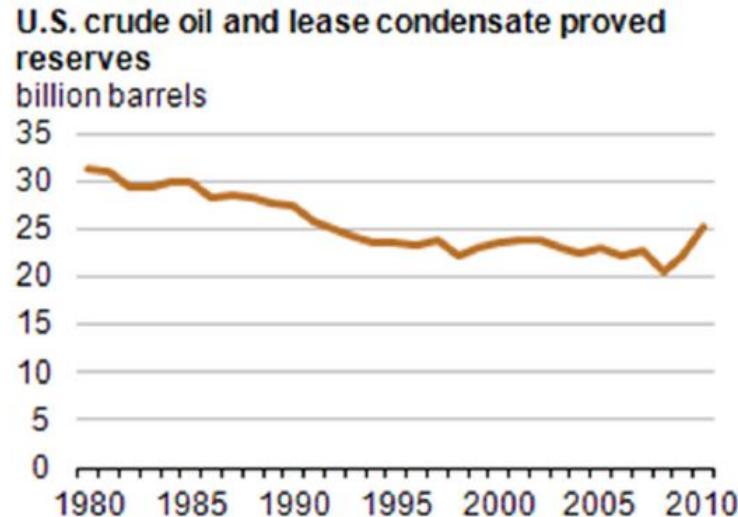
OIL SANDS

This is an image of an Oil sands mine in Alberta, Canada. A few years ago, it wouldn't have made sense to extract this oil, as it would be too expensive.

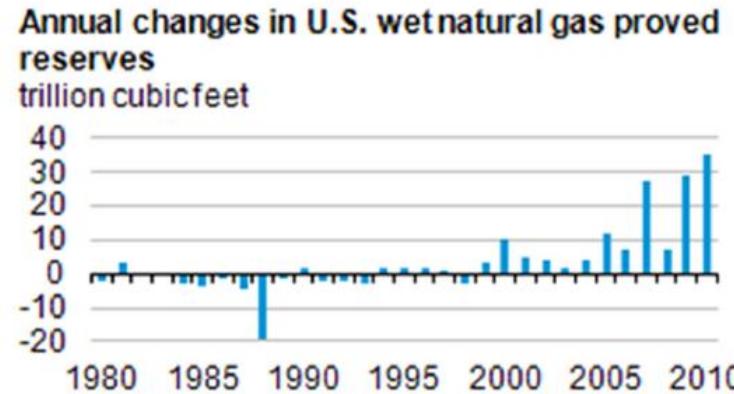
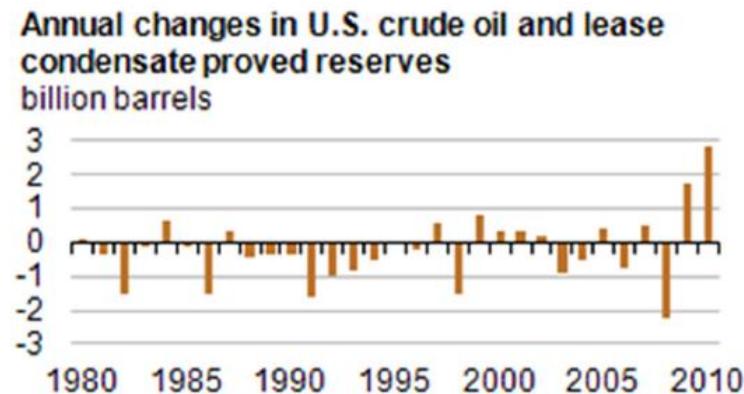


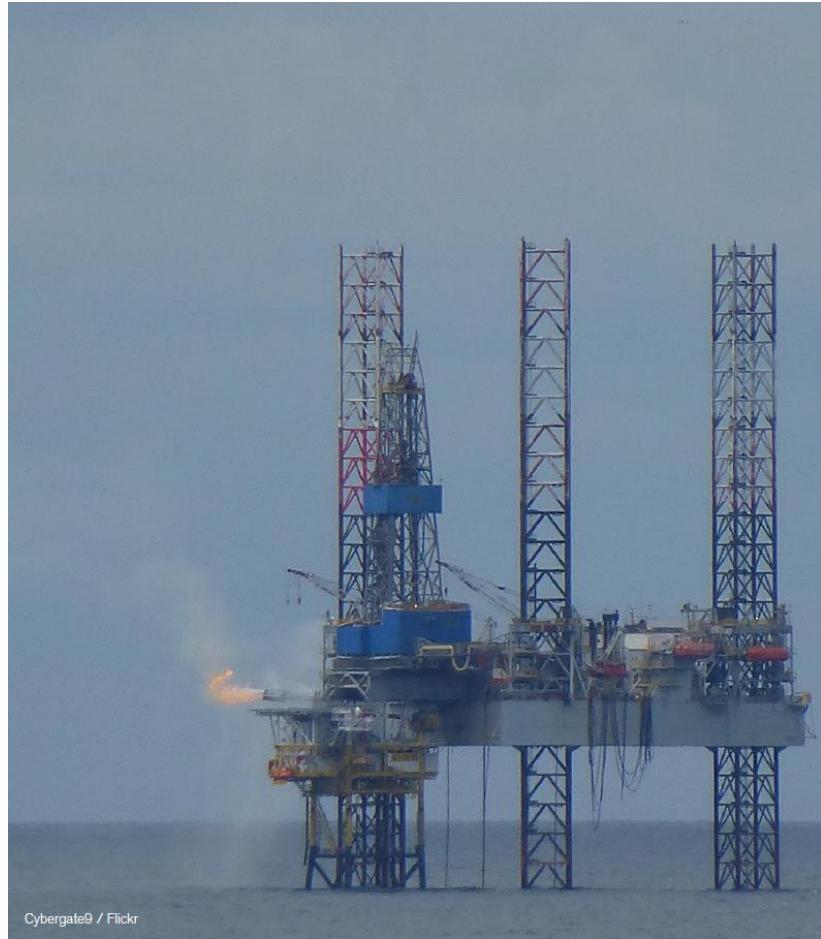
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Oil reserves in US

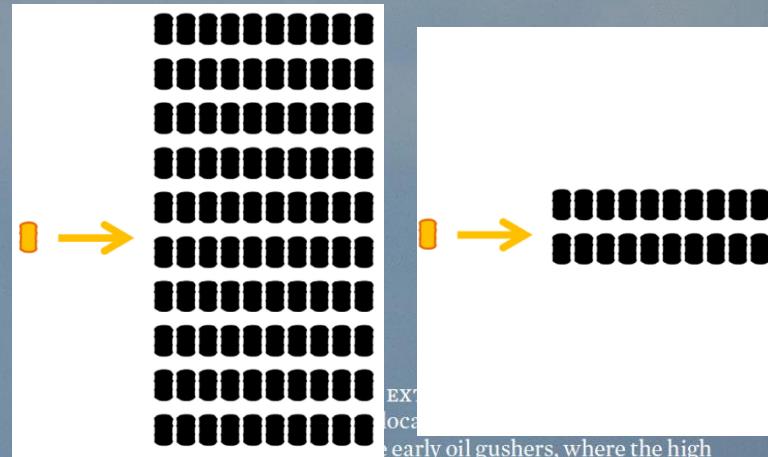


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A photograph of an offshore oil platform situated in the ocean. A large blue and white structure with multiple levels and walkways stands on four legs. A bright orange flame is visible from a pipe on the left side of the platform.



The diagram consists of two vertical columns of black dots representing oil wells. An orange arrow points from the top of the first column to the bottom of the second column. The first column contains 15 rows of 10 dots each. The second column contains 5 rows of 10 dots each. Below the second column, the word 'EXTINCT' is written vertically, followed by 'local' and 'oil fields'.

early oil gushers, where the high pressure of the oil meant that it would flow up and out with much less effort. Today oil is forced out of oil fields.

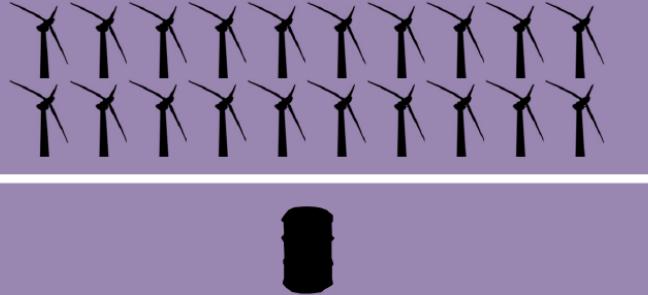
ENERGY EXPENDITURE

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ENERGY RETURNED ON ENERGY INVESTED

$$\text{EROEI} = \frac{\text{ENERGY RETURNED}}{\text{ENERGY INVESTED}}$$

It's the ratio of how much energy we get back on a given effort. So if need to use 200 MwH (megawatt hours) to construct a wind turbine, and it produces a net of about 200 MWH (megawatt hours) a year, and has a life time of 20 years, the EROEI is 20.

$$20 = \frac{\text{—}}{\text{—}}$$


EROEI (for the USA)

EROEI (for the USA)	Fuel
1.3	Biodiesel
1.3	Ethanol corn
1.6	Solar collector
1.9	Solar flat plate
3.0	Bitumen tar sands
5.0	Ethanol sugarcane
5.0	Shale oil
6.8	Photovoltaic
8.0	Oil discoveries
10.0	Nuclear
14.5	Oil and gas 2005
18.0	Wind
30.0	Oil and gas 1970
35.0	World oil production
80.0	Coal
100.0	Hydro



EROEI = 1?

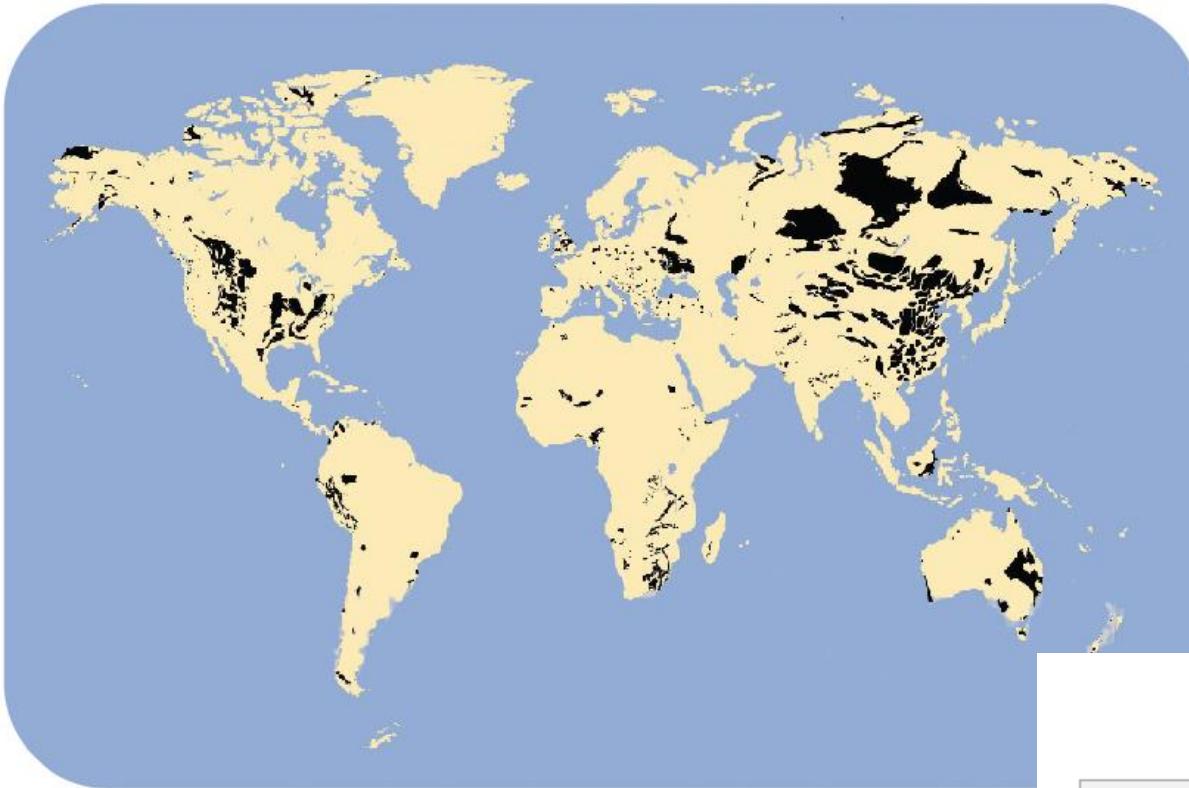
WHAT HAPPENS AT ONE? Think for a minute.

You get the same out that you put in. Not worth the effort! Less than one is the same as losing money in a financial investment. Put in \$10, get \$8 back, would be like EROEI=0.8. Corn biofuel is an example of a technique that has an EROEI of about 1.

Fossil fuels have diminishing returns on investment. But oil and gas still look good. Can we rely on them?

Chris Warden / Flickr

Coal reserves



China ranked No. 4 in terms of coal reserves (12.6%)

Coal production in 2007
(million tonnes)^[4]

Rank ♦	Country ♦	Production ♦	Share ♦
—	World	6,395.6	100
1	 China	2,536.7	39.7
2	 United States	1,039.2	16.2
—	 European Union	590.5	9.2
3	 India	478.2	7.5
4	 Australia	393.9	6.2
5	 Russia	314.2	4.9

Burning coal...



ASH SLIDE

COAL HAS ISSUES. Apart from producing the most CO₂ of any energy source, it produces acid rain, mercury, arsenic, and heavy metal contaminated ash and sludge.

This is from the Kingston Fossil Plant ash slide in Tennessee, which devastated a local water way - the Emory River and Swan Pond embayment.

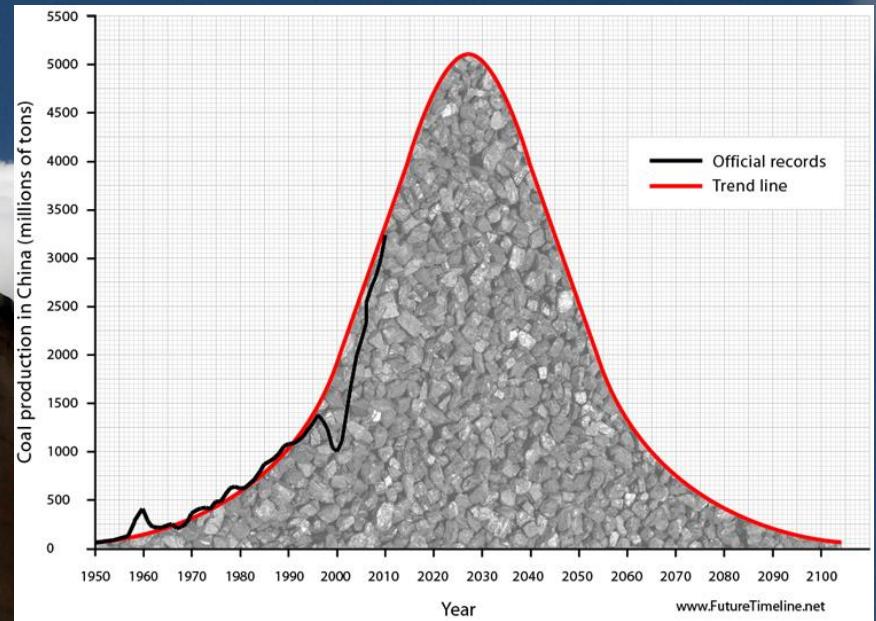
Still have some reserves



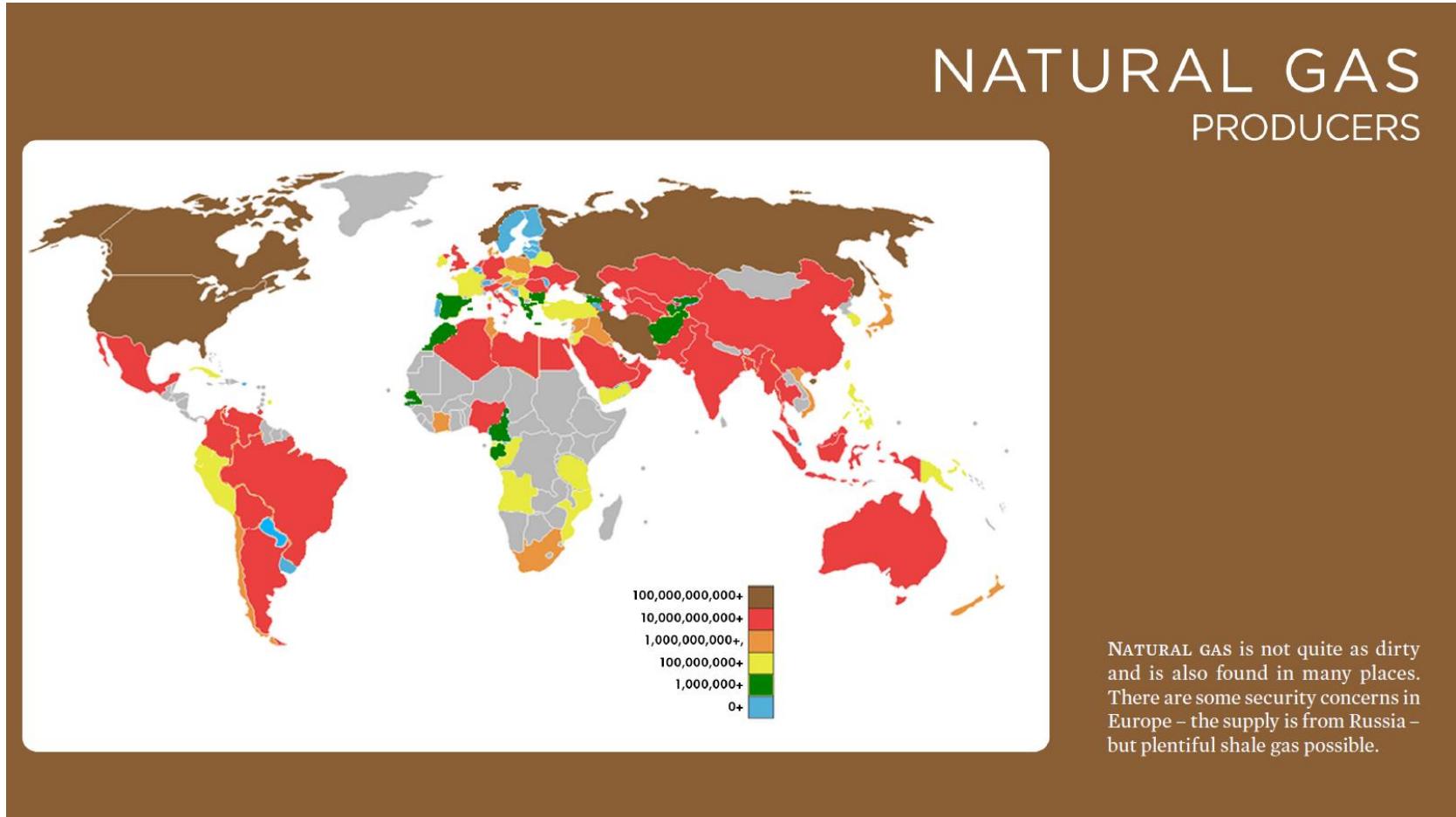
AND IT APPEARS THERE IS STILL A LOT LEFT. Although some countries – such as the U.S. (1998) – extract less coal than they did in the past, the total reserves are still thought to be very large.

Worldwide peak for coal may not happen for another couple of decades (probably). Most experts think enough coal exists through the century and into the next, based on current patterns.

COAL POWER

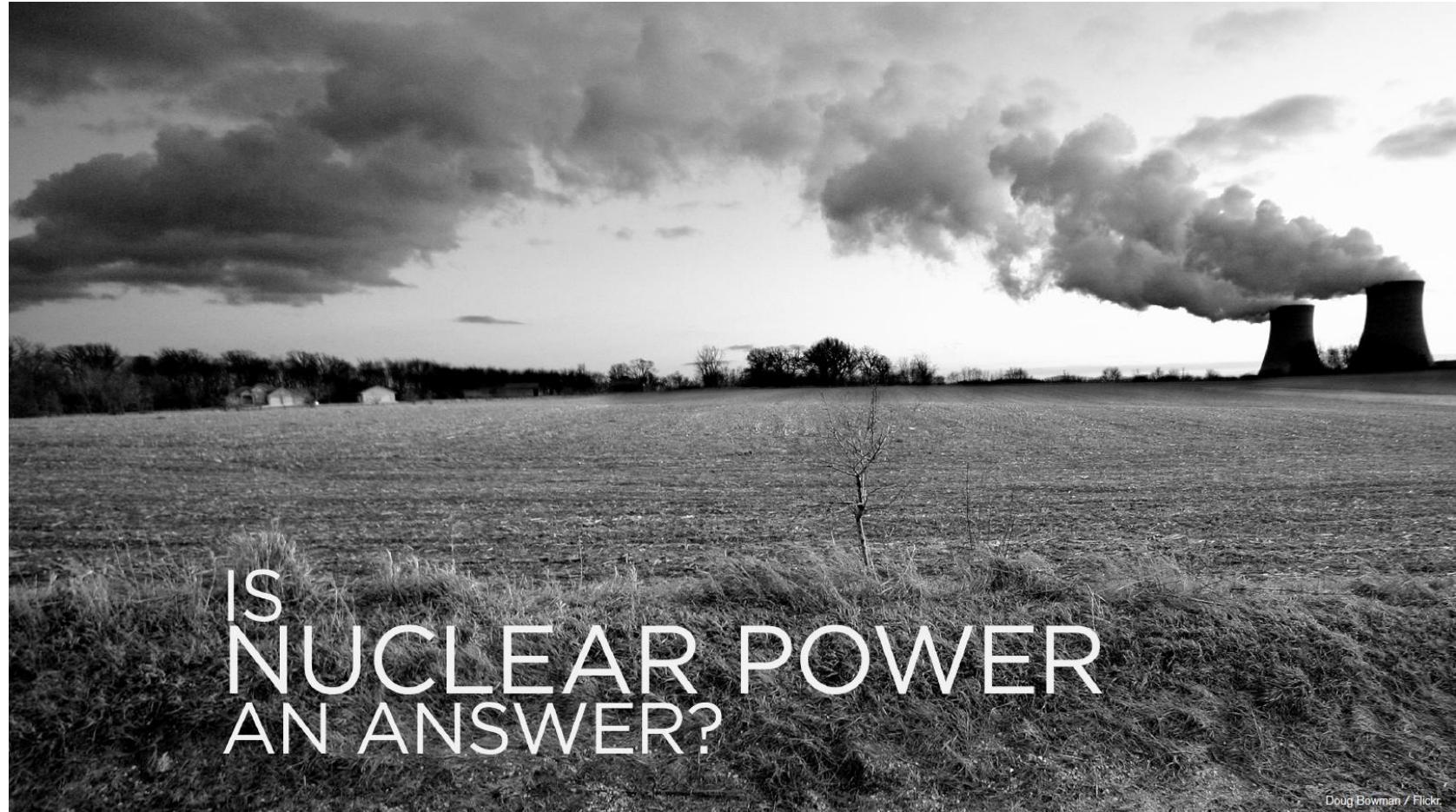


NG found in many places



Nuclear energy

ENERGY



IS
NUCLEAR POWER
AN ANSWER?

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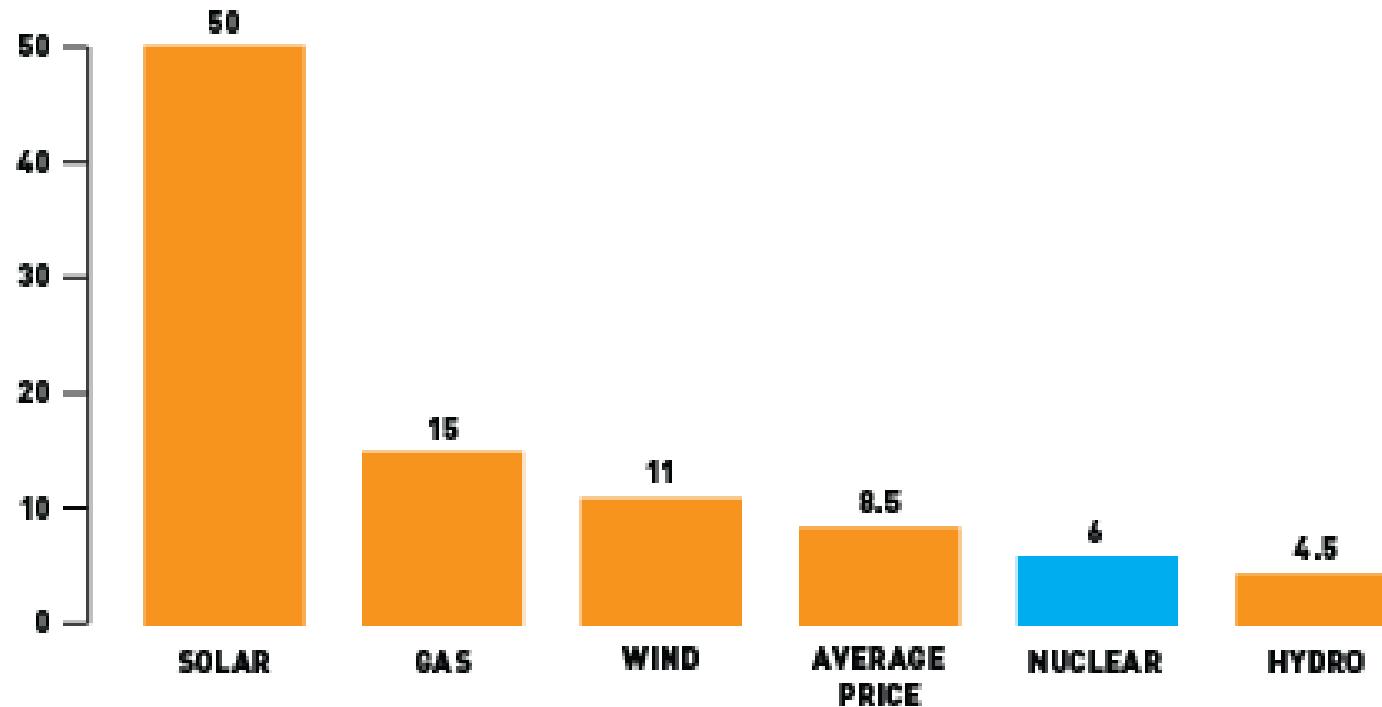
Non-renewable resource



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Cost of energy by sources

2013 ELECTRICITY PRICE PER kWh (CENTS)



Coal fire power station

100 万千瓦
100,000,000 W
1000 MW
1 GW

Burn 6 trains of
coal per DAY













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Renewable energy

ENERGY



IMAGINE

What properties would the ideal energy source have?





What properties would the ideal energy source have?

PLENTIFUL
SUSTAINABLE
CHEAP
CONCENTRATED
SECURE
NON-POLLUTING
...



What properties would the ideal energy source have?

PLENTIFUL

SUSTAINABLE

CHEAP

CONCENTRATED

SECURE

NON-POLLUTING

RENEWABLE SOURCES THAT ARE REPLENISHED

WIND, SOLAR, OCEAN WAVE, TIDES, GEOTHERMAL HEAT...

Mainstream technologies

Hydropower



Wind power



Solar energy



Geothermal energy



Biofuel

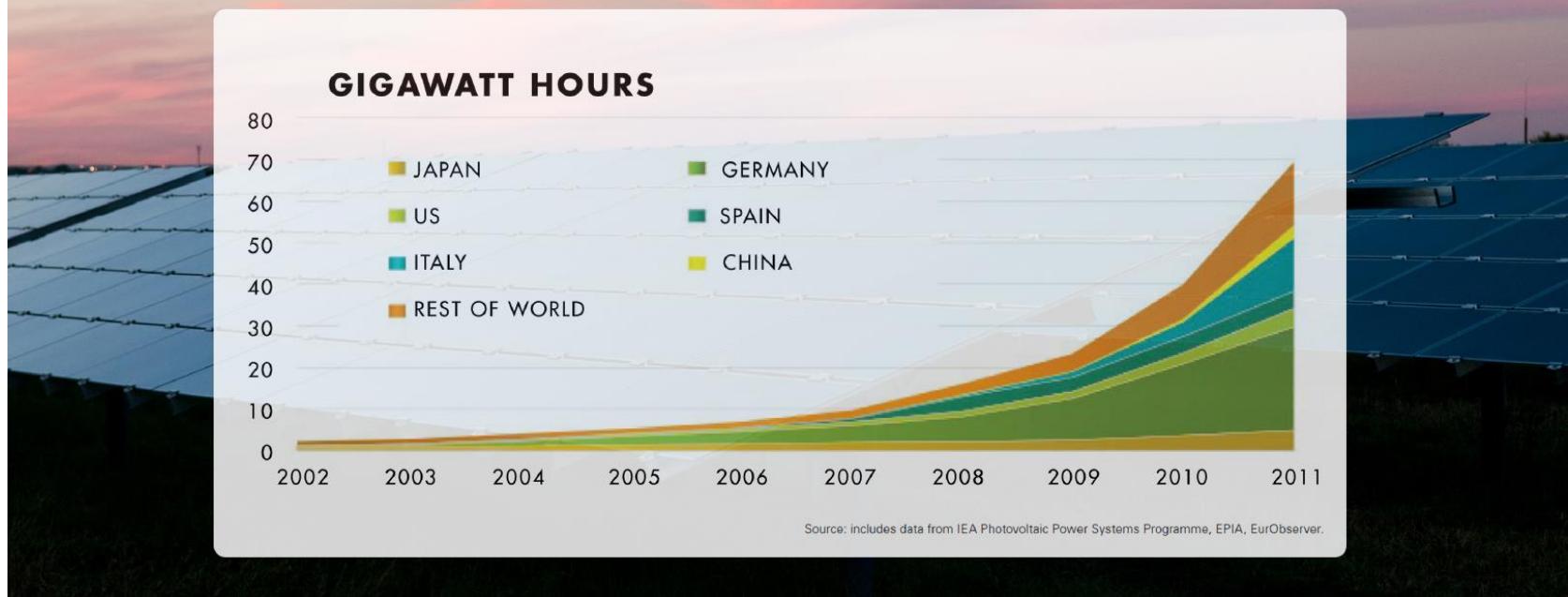


Biomass





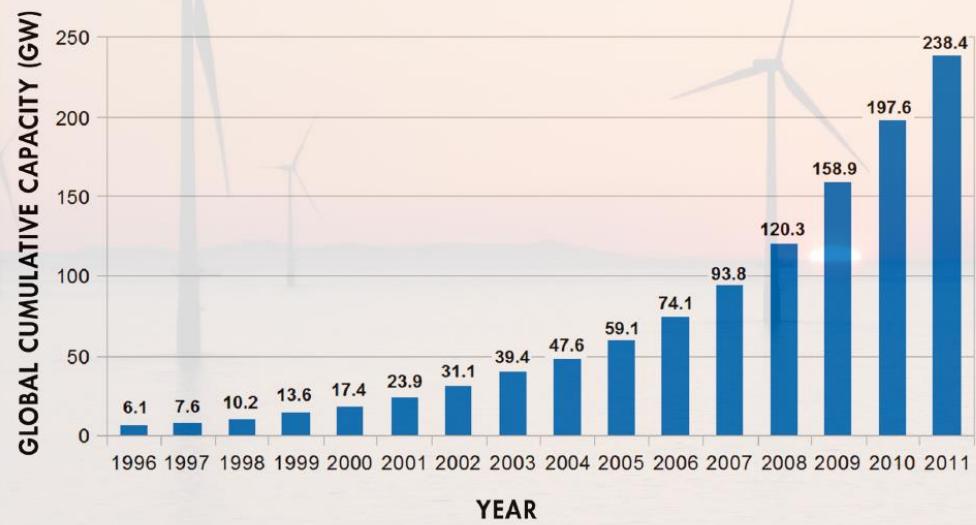
SOLAR PV GROWTH





WIND POWER GROWTH

(1996-2011)

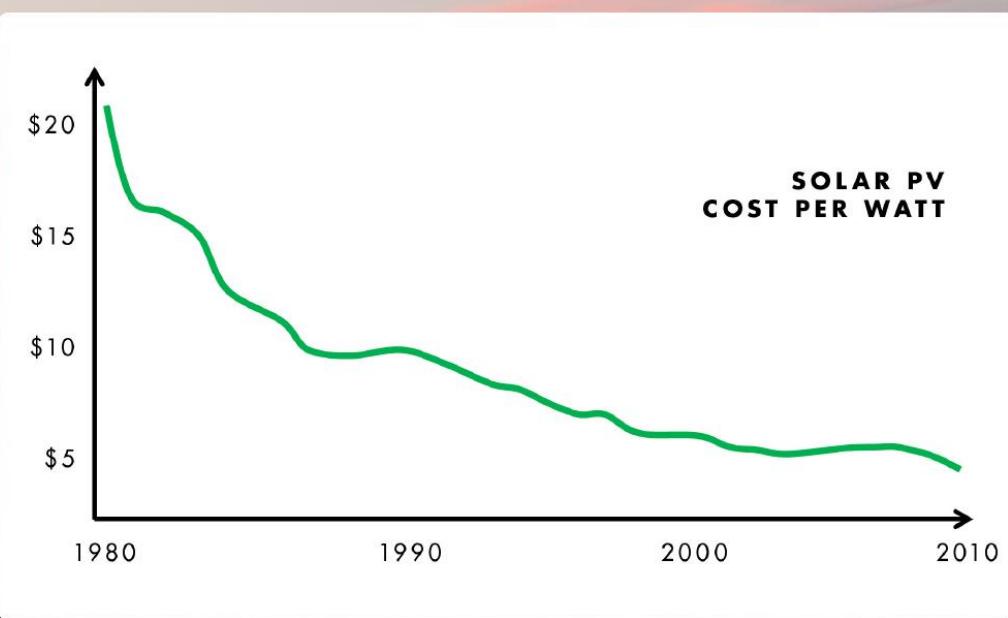


High cost

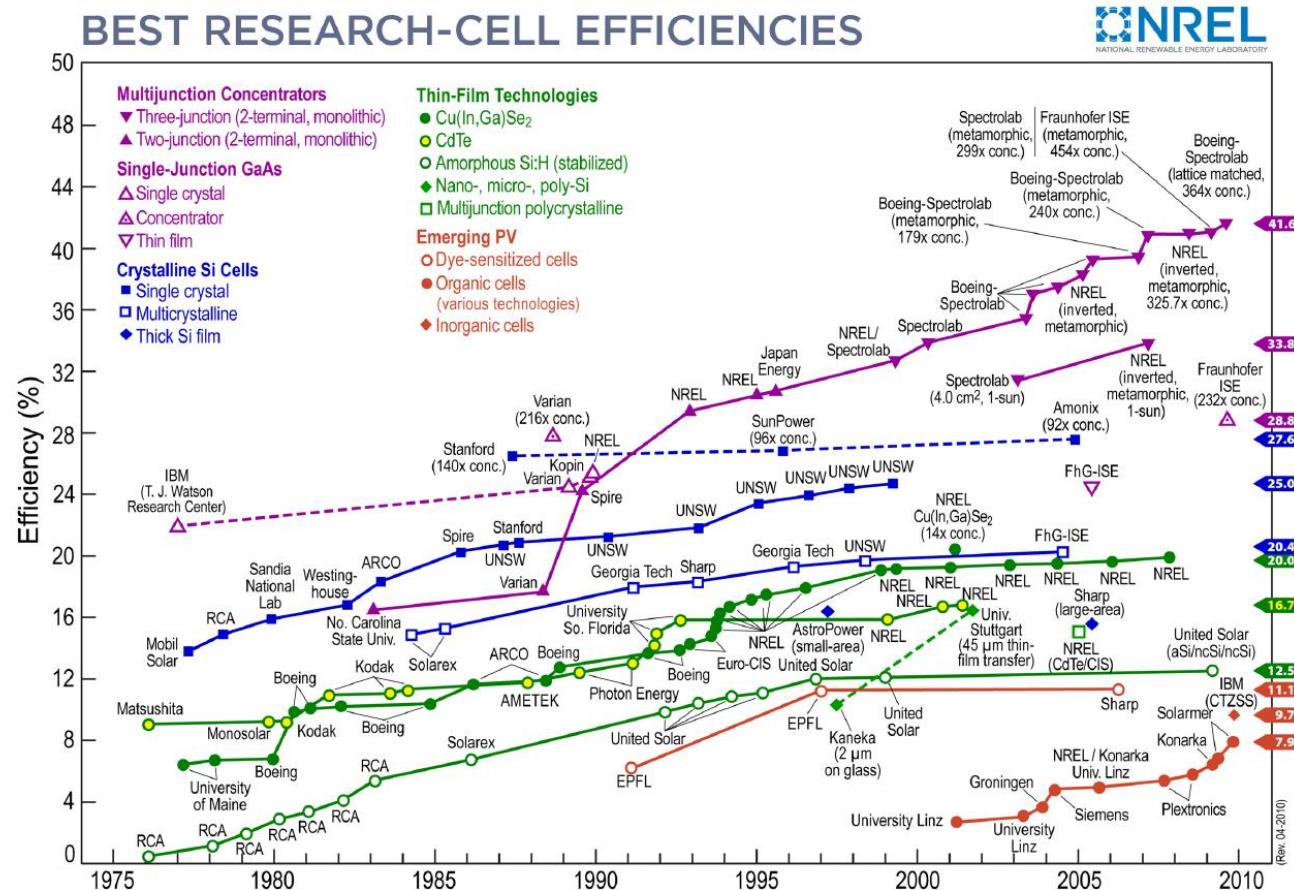


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SOLAR POWER IN THE US



Low efficiency

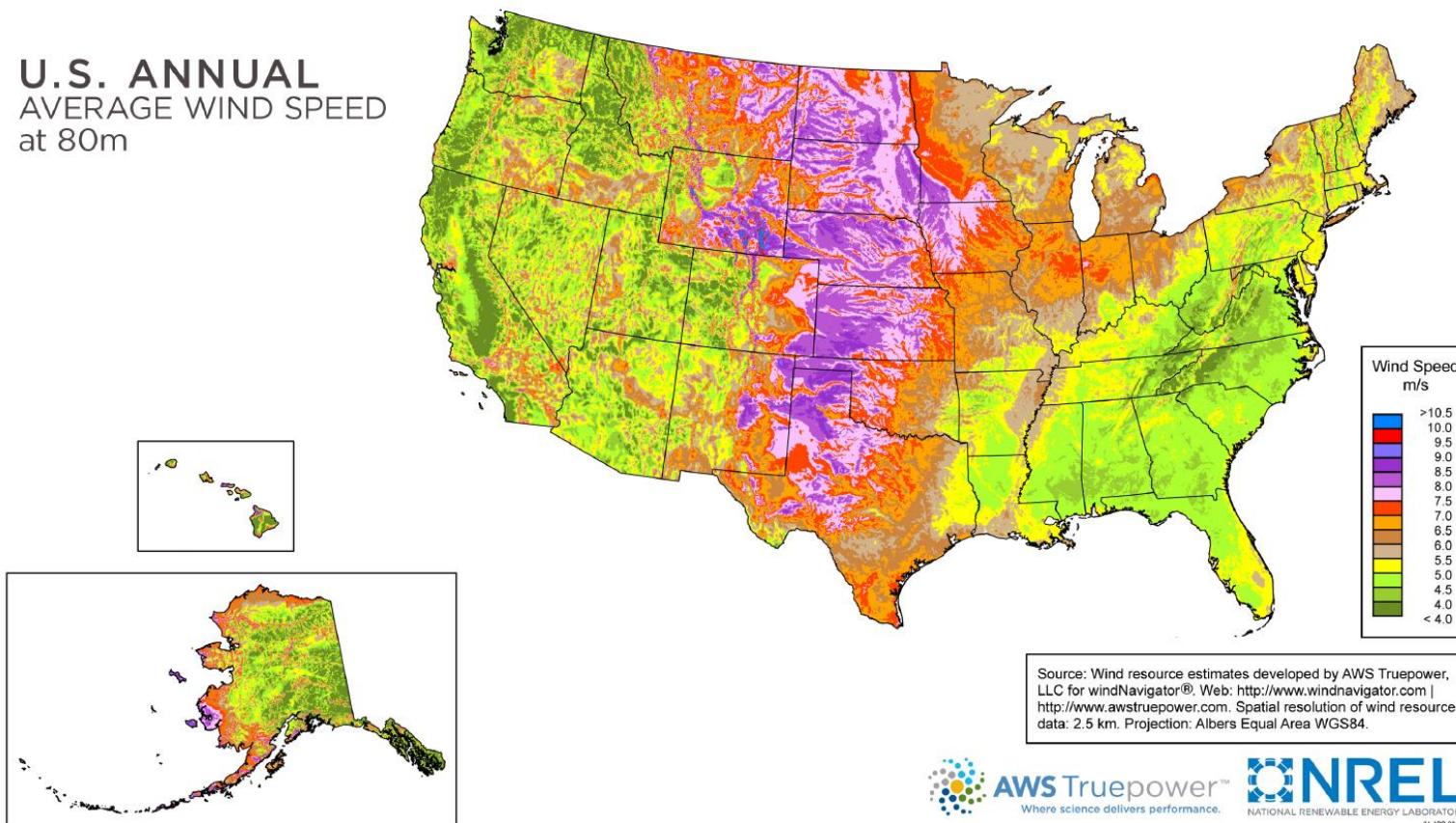


Low energy density

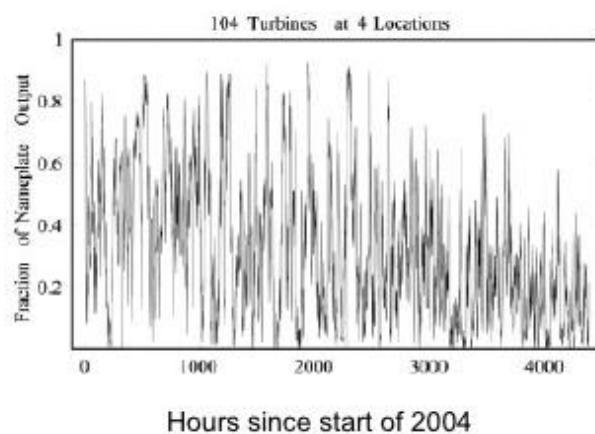


Mismatch of source and load

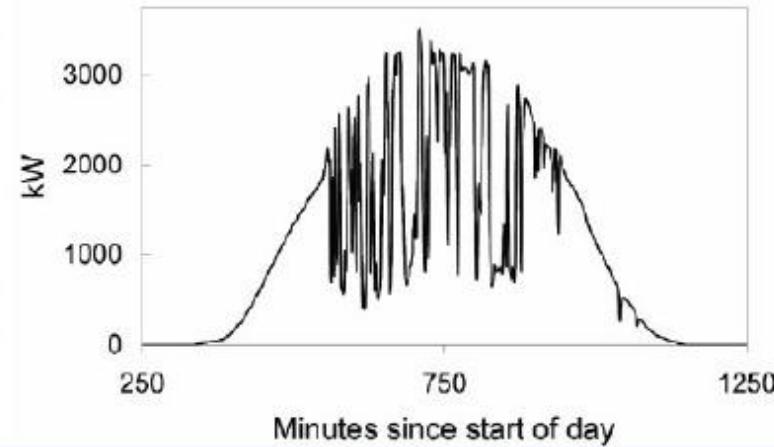
**U.S. ANNUAL
AVERAGE WIND SPEED
at 80m**



Wind/Solar Intermittency



Wind Intermittency



Solar Intermittency

NIMBY for Renewables





Energy conservation

ENERGY

Energy conservation



INCANDESCENT

60
WATTS

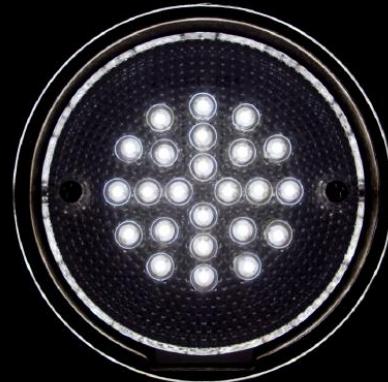
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FLUORESCENT

13
WATTS

\$5.00



LIGHT EMITTING DIODE

8
WATTS

\$50.00

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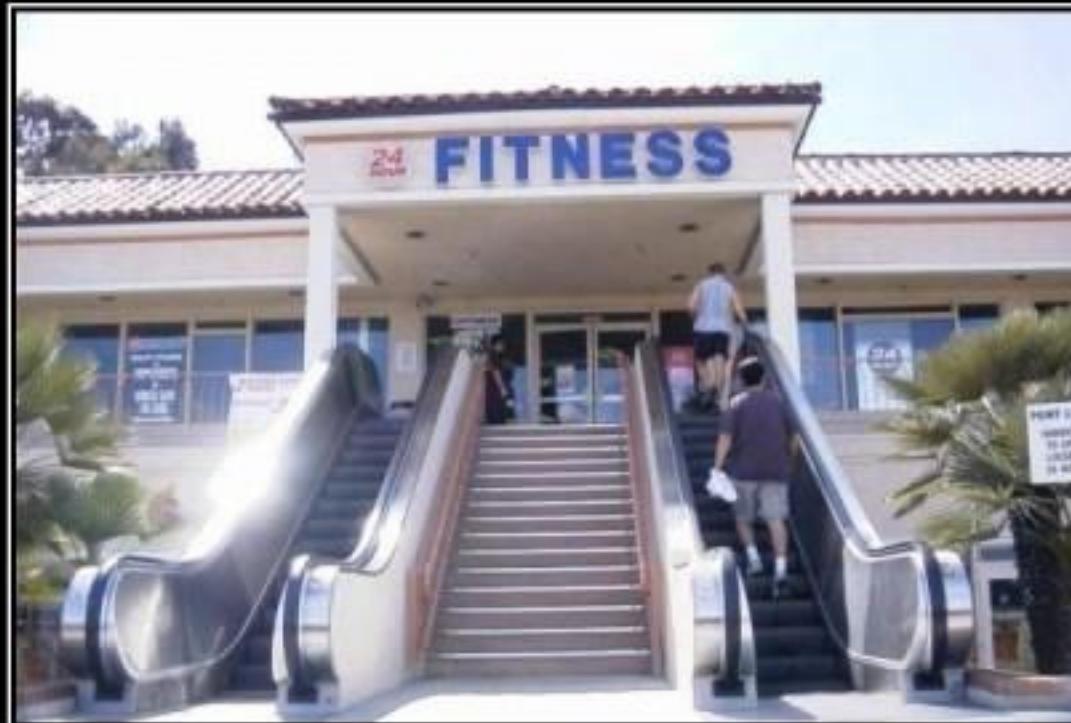


PERVERSE INCENTIVES

Efficiencies don't work as you would expect though. They act to increase consumption. This is sometimes known as a "perverse incentive". If the price of something goes down, we use more of it. We overeat at a buffet...



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EXERCISE

Welcome to America.

Take home points

- Climate change
 - Insolation
 - Albedo
 - Greenhouse effect
- Peak oil
- Fossil fuels
- Energy return on energy invested (EROEI)
- Renewable energy

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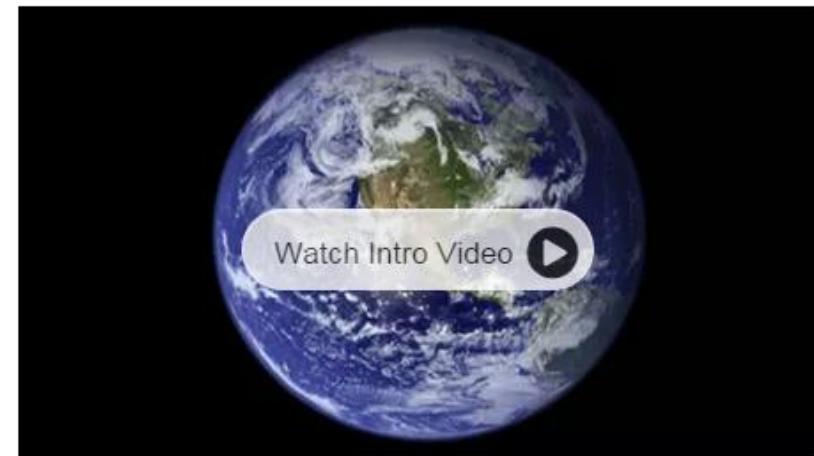
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