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Beyond Smoke and Mirrors

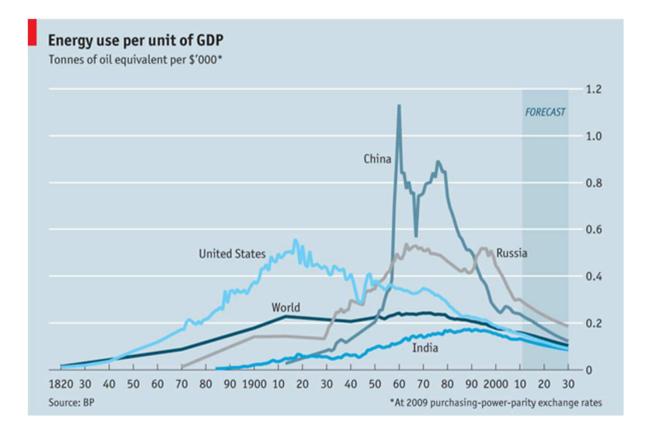
Climate Change and Energy in the 21st Century

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Energy in the 21st Century: The Economy, Security, and the Environment

Energy, Economy, and Emissions

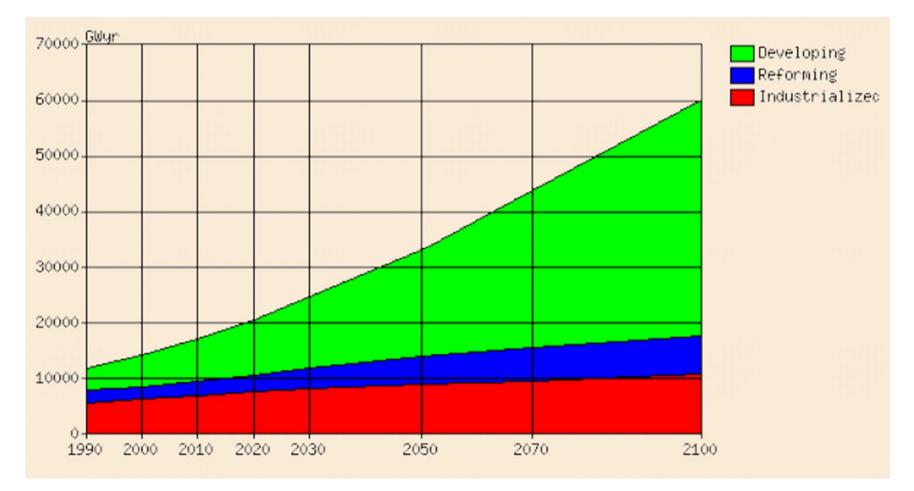
- Energy = (Pop)x(GDP/Pop)x(En/GDP)
- GrnGas = (Pop)x(GDP/Pop)x(GG/GDP)
- Population is increasing to 9 billion by 2050
- Per Capita Income is going up
- Energy and GG Intensities relate to state of development and to efficiency of energy generation and sources of energy.
- This is what all the arguments at Kyoto, Copenhagen, and Cancun are all about
- Options reduce energy intensity (efficiency) and/or reduce emission intensity (efficiency and/or fuel switching)



CO₂ Intensity (IEA, Key World Energy Statistics 2003)

Area	GDP (ppp) (Billions of U.S. Dollars)	CO ₂ /GDP Kg/\$(ppp)
World	42,400	0.56
France	1,390	0.28

IIASA Projection of Future Energy Demand Scenario A1 (High Growth)

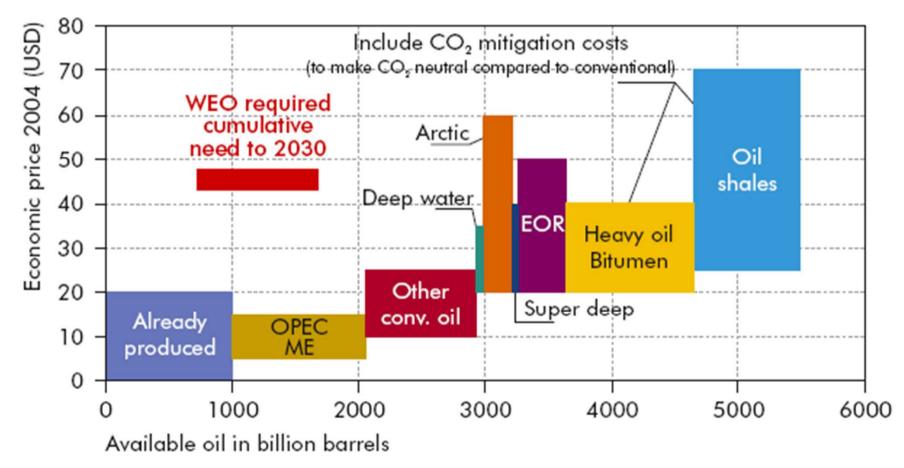


Percentage of Total Primary Energy Supply (TPES) and World CO₂ Emissions by Fuel

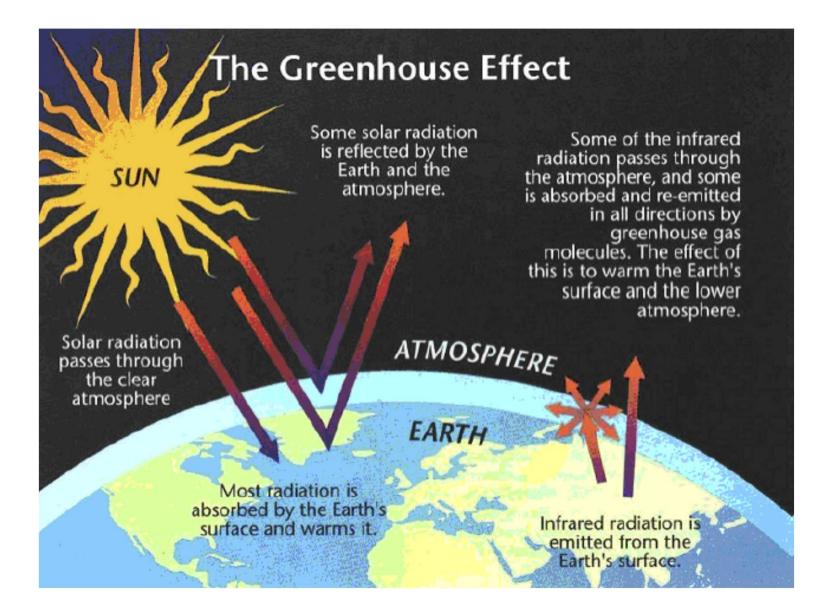
Energy Source	Percentage of TPES	Percent of World CO ₂ Emissions
Oil	34	40
Coal	26	40
Natural Gas	21	20
Nuclear Power	6	0
Hydroelectric	2	0
Combustibles	10	0
Other	1	0

Oil Supply and Cost

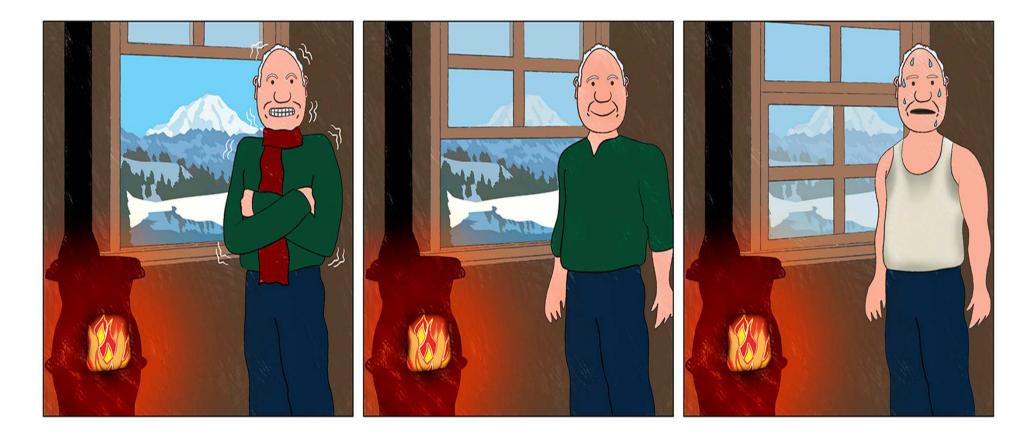
Availability of oil resources as a function of economic price



Greenhouse Effect and Climate Change for Skeptics



Greenhouse Effect

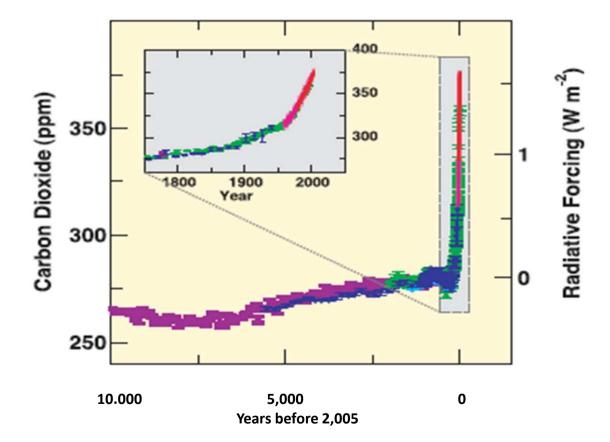


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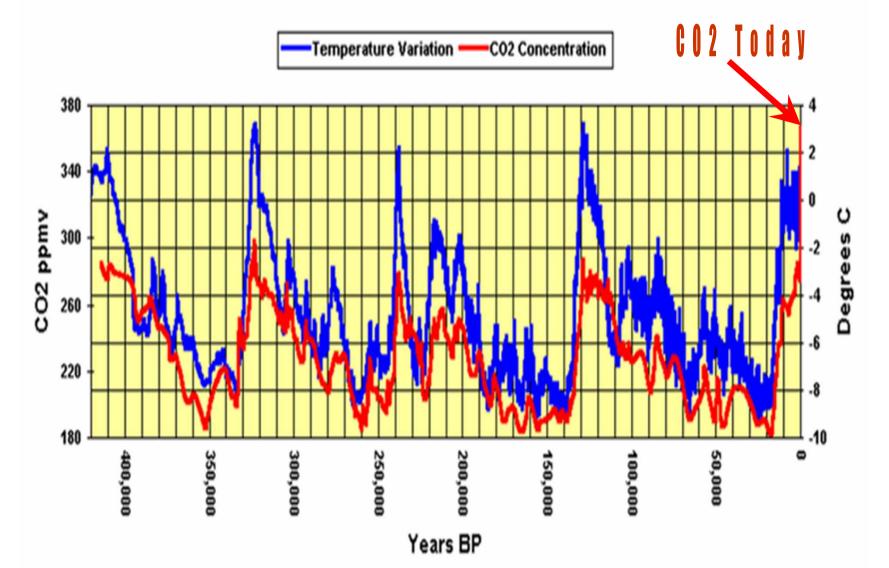
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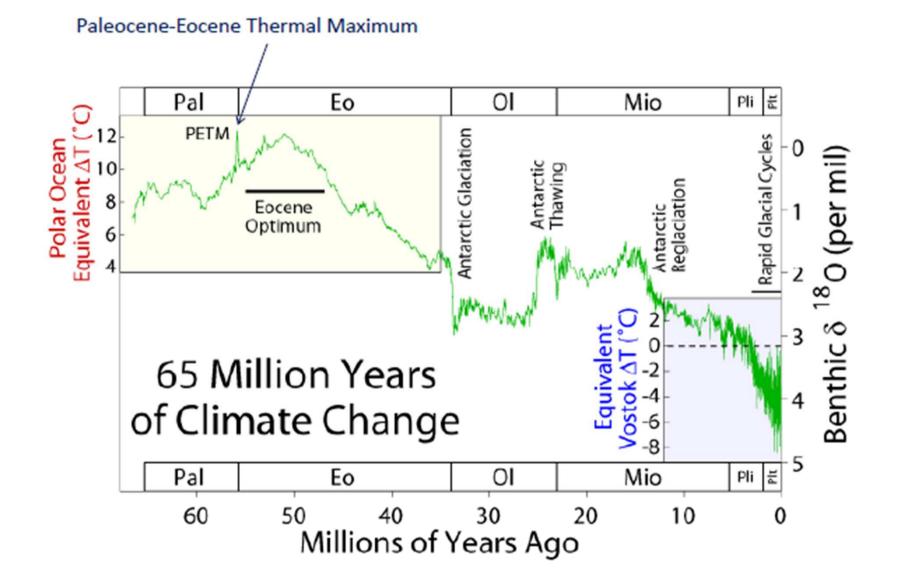
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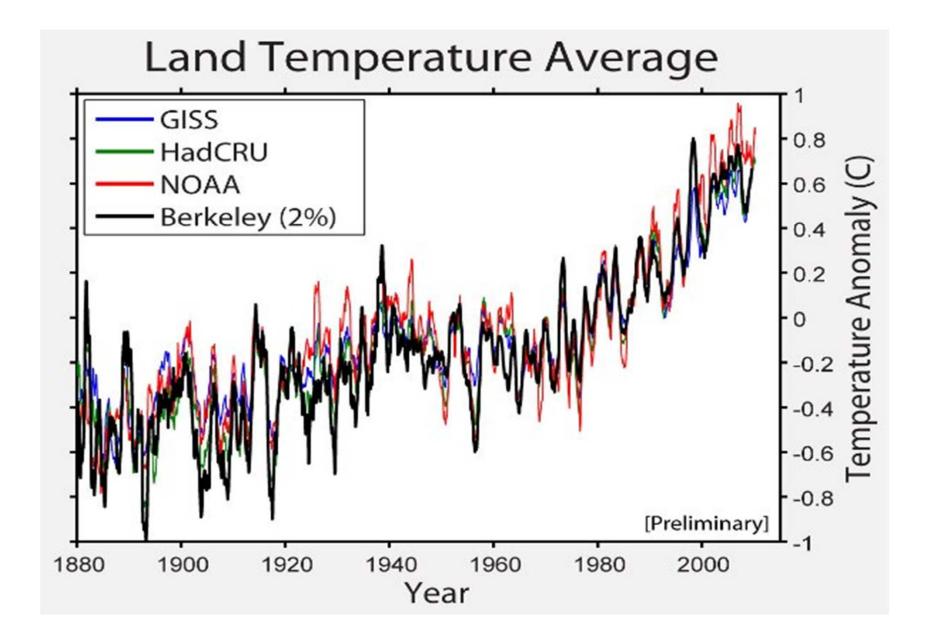




Antarctic Ice Core Data 1



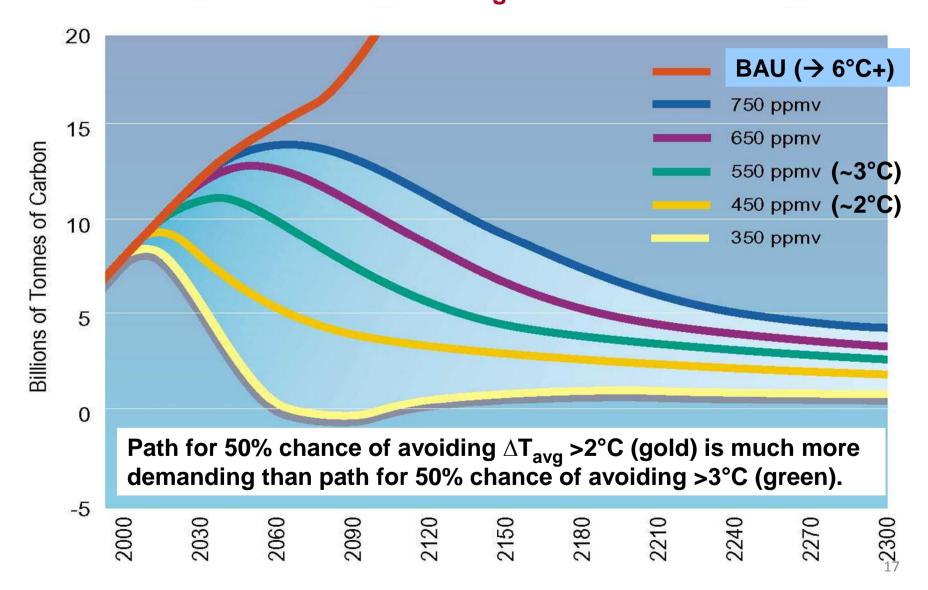




Muller et al, preliminary

Energy

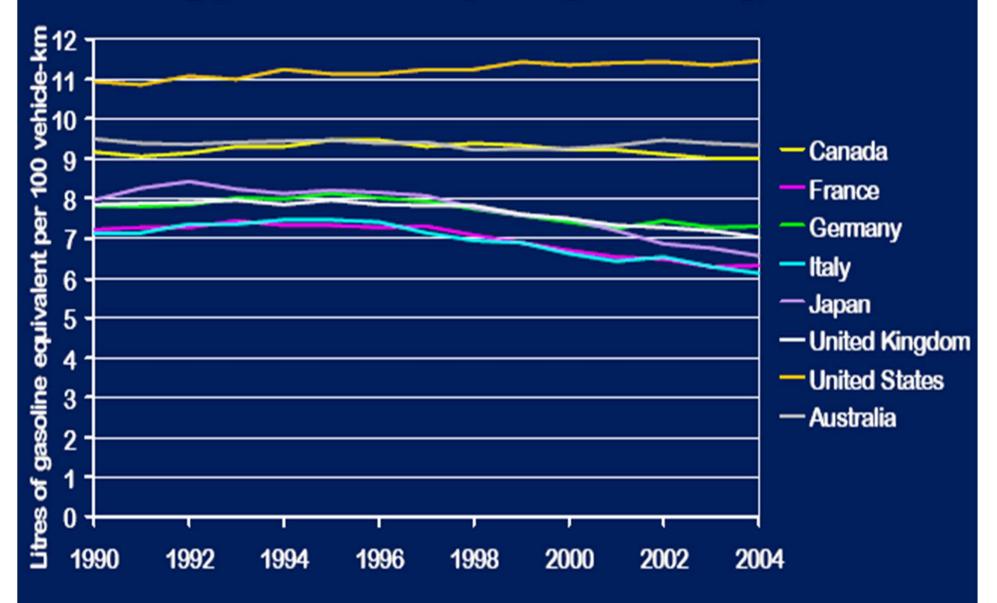
CO_2 emissions paths: BAU versus stabilizing CO_2 concentration to limit ΔT_{avq}



Decarbonization

- Transportation Efficiency + Electrification (50 mpg for gasoline; decarbonized electricity, reduced imports)
- Electricity Efficiency + Fuel Switching (one GWe coal gives 8 million tonnes of CO₂ per year; gas gives 1/3 of coal; nuclear – hydro – wind – solar – geothermal give zero)
- Buildings Efficiency + fuel switching (electricity plus gas)
- Industry Efficiency + fuel switching (electricity, coal, oil, gas)
- Agriculture ????
- More on efficiency see http://www.aps.org/energyefficiencyreport/

Energy efficiency of passenger cars



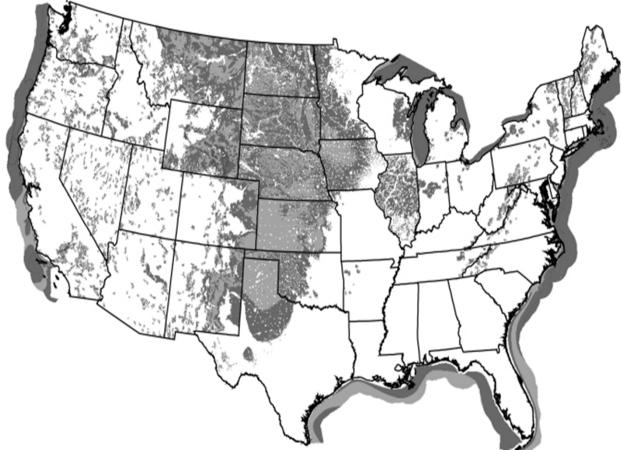
IEA, 2007, Energy Use in the New Millennium

Fraction of Electricity Generation by Fuel 2007

Fuel	U.S.	World
Coal	50%	40%
Natural Gas	22%	20%
Oil	0%	6%
Nuclear	20%	16%
Hydroelectric	6%	16%
Biomass	1%	1.3%
Wind	0.6%	0.5%
Geothermal	0.3%	0.3%
Solar	0.1%	0.02%

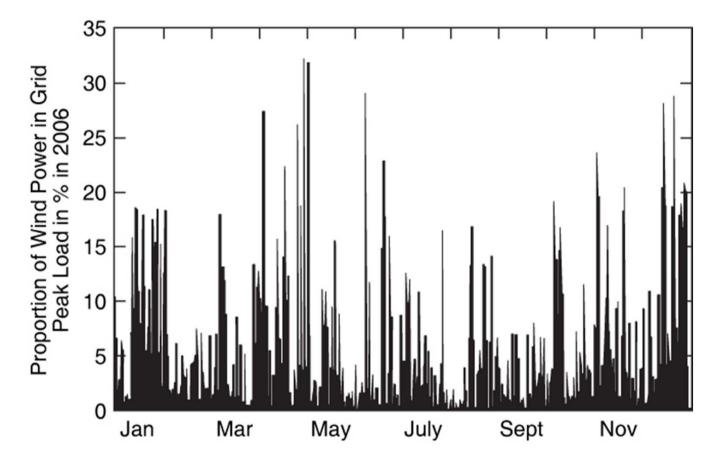
Source: EIA 2007; IEA World Energy Outlook 2008

United States Wind Resource Map



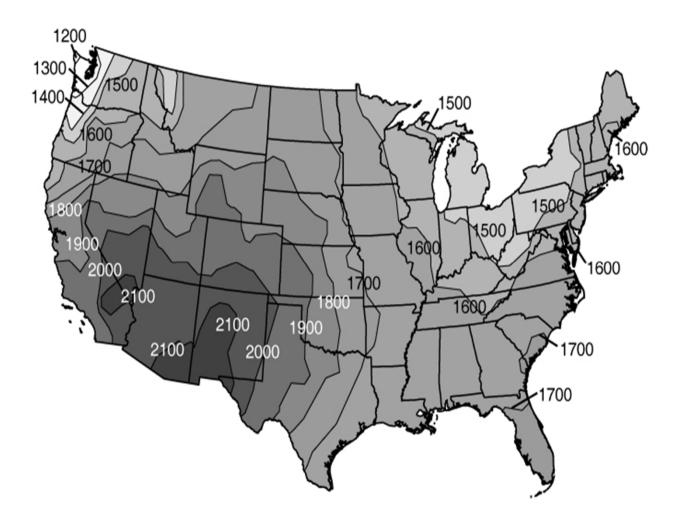
Wind quality for electricity generation. Darker is better. Source: U.S. Department of Energy, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Division.

Wind Variability in Germany



Percentage of Electrical Demand Delivered by all the Wind Turbines of E.ON Energie during the year 2007. Averaged over the year, wind power delivered 18% of installed capacity. Figure courtesy of E.ON Energie.

Solar Efficiency Map

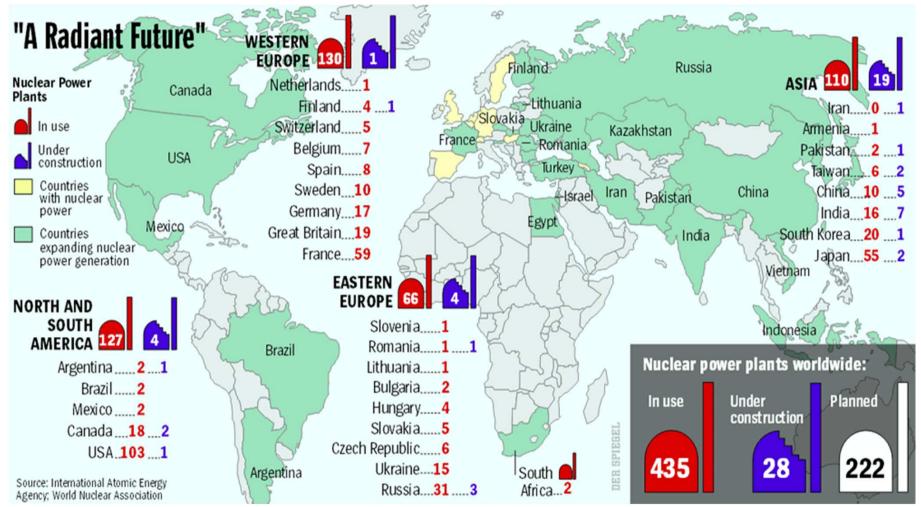


Effective hours of sunlight per year on a flat plate collector including weather effects. Source: DOE's Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Division.

Other Renewables

- Big Hydro not in favor by environmentalists
- Small Hydro not a large source
- Hydrogen for Transportation back to the lab
- Geothermal good where there are sites
- Enhanced Geothermal a failure so far
- Ocean systems a good way to lose money
- Biofuels corn ethanol is a farm subsidy; 2nd generation biofuels not ready for the big time yet

An increasing nuclear electricity demand



Numbers are from Jan 2009. In October 2010 441 are operating and 58 are under construction

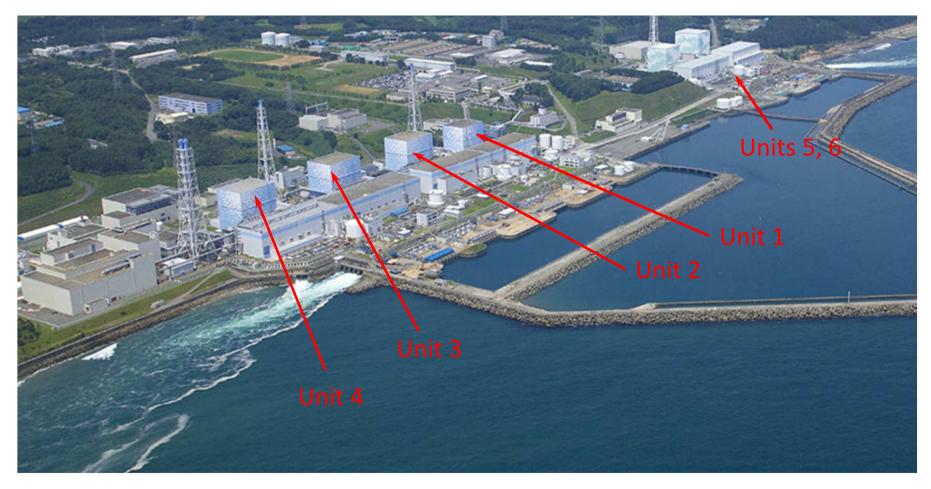
Japanese Nuclear Accident And the Future of Nuclear Power

Nuclear Energy in Japan

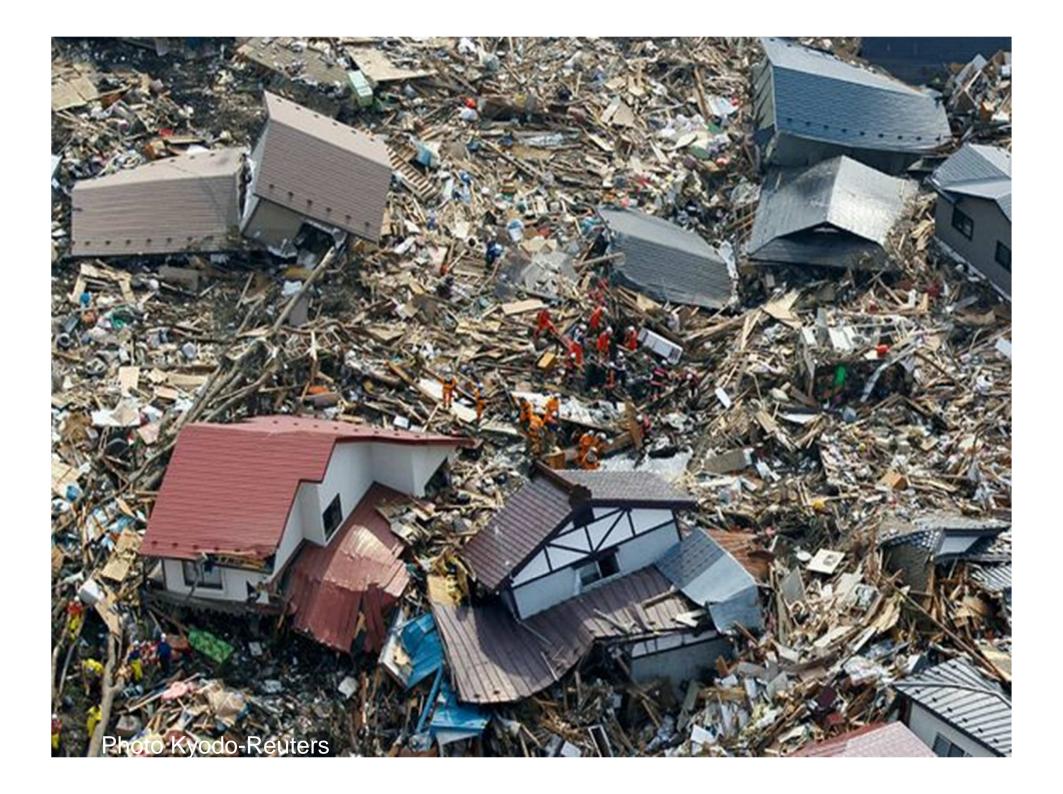
- 54 operating nuclear reactors (49 gigawatts)
- Two nuclear plants under construction
- Tokyo Electric Power Co. produces 27% of Japan's electricity
- 12,000 MW of nuclear energy capacity shut down



Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant Before the Accident

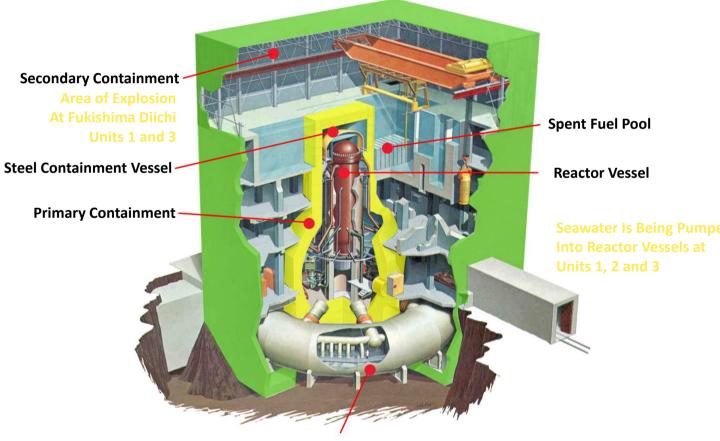




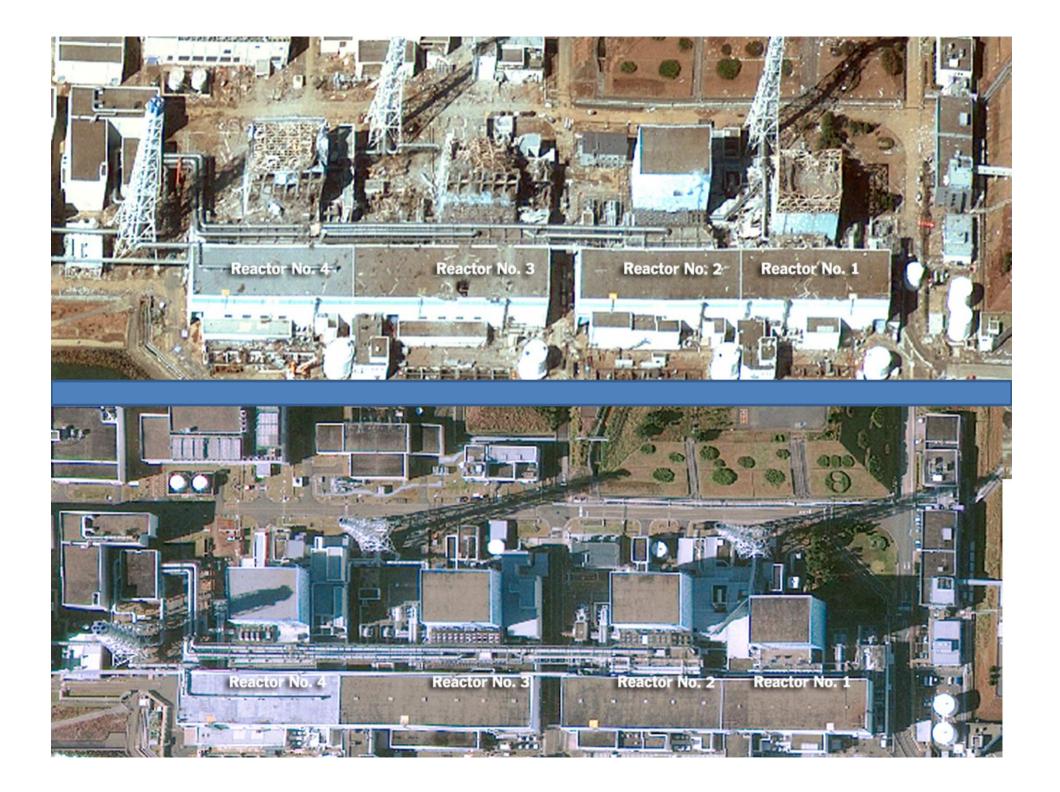


Boiling Water Reactor Design

Boiling Water Reactor Design At Fukushima Daiichi



Suppression Pool (Torus)





Radiation Exposures

Source	Radiation Dose Millirem/year	
Natural Radioactivity	240	
Natural in Body (75kg)*	40	
Medical (average)	60	
Nuclear Plant (1GW electric)	0.004	
Coal Plant (1GW electric)	0.003	
*Included in the Natural Total		

U.S. Nuclear Power Plants Prepared for Extreme Events

- Maximum credible earthquakes and floods
- Loss of off-site power and on-site power
- Hydrogen generation as a result of fuel damage during loss-of-coolant accidents
- Post 9/11: aircraft impact, loss of large areas of the plant

Information Sources

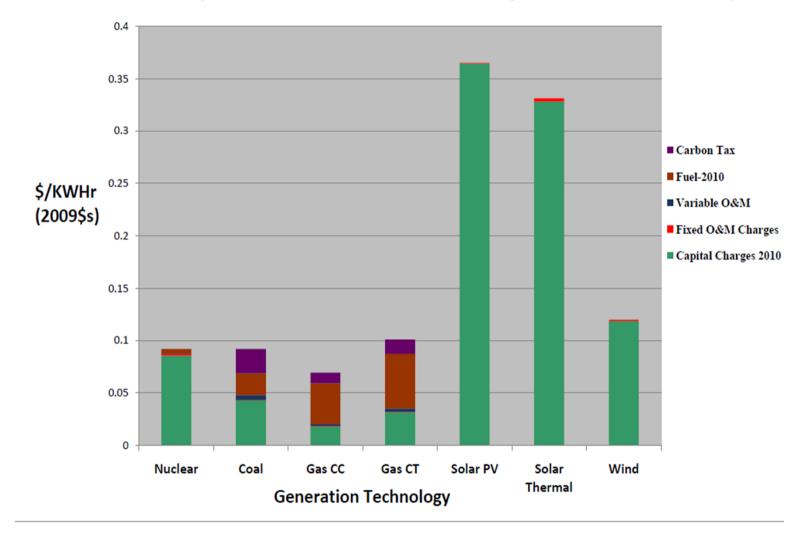
- Nuclear Energy Institute (<u>www.nei.org</u>)
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- U.S. Department of Energy (<u>www.energy.gov</u>)
- International Atomic Energy Agency (<u>www.iaea.org</u>)
- Health Physics Society (<u>www.hps.org</u>)
- Japanese Nuclear and Industrial Safety Agency (<u>http://www.nisa.meti.go.jp/english/</u>)
- Japan Atomic Industrial Forum (<u>www.jaif.or.jp/english/</u>)
- Tokyo Electric Power Company (<u>http://www.tepco.co.jp/en/index-e.html</u>)
- New York Times Global Edition (http://global.nytimes.com/)

Public Health Impacts per TWh*

	Coal	Lignite	Oil	Gas	Nuclear	PV	Wind
Years of life lost: Nonradiological effects	138	167	359	42	9.1	58	2.7
Radiological effects: Normal operation Accidents					16 0.015		
Respiratory hospital admissions	0.69	0.72	1.8	0.21	0.05	0.29	0.01
Cerebrovascular hospital admissions	1.7	1.8	4.4	0.51	0.11	0.70	0.03
Congestive heart failure	0.80	0.84	2.1	0.24	0.05	0.33	0.02
Restricted activity days	4751	4976	12248	1446	314	1977	90
Days with bronchodilator usage	1303	1365	3361	397	86	543	25
Cough days in asthmatics	1492	1562	3846	454	98	621	28
Respiratory symptoms in asthmatics	693	726	1786	211	45	288	13
Chronic bronchitis in children	115	135	333	39	11	54	2.4
Chronic cough in children	148	174	428	51	14	69	3.2
Nonfatal cancer					2.4		

*Krewitt et al., "Risk Analysis" Vol. 18, No. 4 (1998).

Levelized Cost Comparison for Electric Power Generation With \$100 per Ton Tax on Carbon (2010 Fuel Prices)



Energy Winners and Losers in the Next 20 Years

Winners	Losers	Maybes
Efficiency in all sectors	Coal without capture and storage	Enhanced geothermal
Natural Gas as replacement for coal	Oil to be replaced with electric or PHEV drive	Solar thermal electric needs cost reduction
Hydroelectric	Corn ethanol	Solar photovoltaic with subsidies (only for rich countries until costs decline)
Nuclear	Hydrogen for transportation	Phase-2 and-3 biofuels
Wind, but limited "till intermittency addressed		Ocean systems
Solar Photovoltaic for off grid applications only		Coal with capture and storage
Geothermal at natural hotspots		
Solar heat and hot water		
Biofuels, only Sugarcane ethanol now		

Action Agenda

- Efficiency 30% improvement target overall
- Transportation 50 MPG by 2025, biofuels?
- Electricity
 - Gas and Nuclear to Replace coal in the short term
 - Wind and Solar can get to 10% to 15% in next 15 years and more when transmission and intermittency problems are addressed
 - Buildings efficiency can go up by 30% for retrofits and much more in new construction
- **R&D** on Energy Storage, CCS, and other innovations

POLICY

Richter's Laws of Government Inaction

•1st Law: The future is hard to predict because it hasn't happened yet.

•2nd Law: No matter how good a solution is, some will demand we wait for a better one.

•3rd Law: Short-term pain is a deterrent to action no matter how much good that action will do in the long-term.

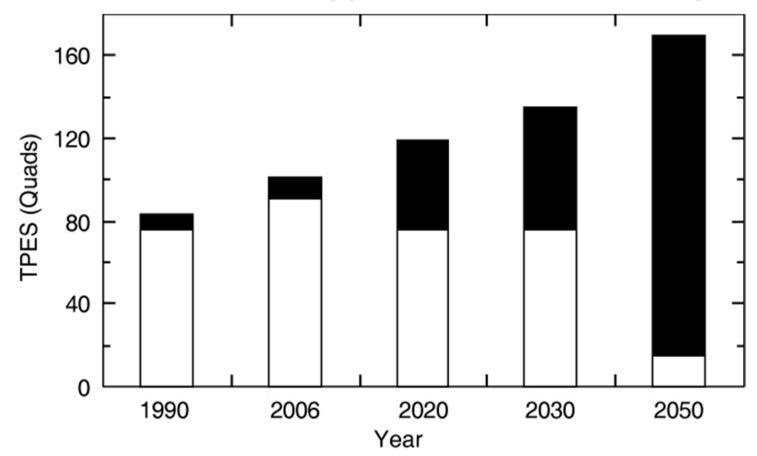
•4th Law: The largest subsidies go to the least effective technologies.

Excesses of Environmental Zeal -Two Examples

Renewable Portfolio Standards compared to Emission Reduction Standards

Low Carbon Fuel Standards compared to Tailpipe Emission Standards

TPES for the US projected to 2050 under a businessas-usual scenario. Shaded areas are efficiency and emission free energy to meet emission goal.



The TPES number for 1990 and 2006 are DOE EIA actuals. The shaded areas for 1990 and 2006 are actual emission-free energy including nuclear, big hydro and renewables. The totals for 2020, 2030 and 2050 are EIA projections. The shaded areas show the emission-free contribution required to match 1990 in 2020 or 2030 or to be at 20% of 1990 in 2050.

Advice to Washington & the Environmental Movement

- Slow down don't try to do everything at once. Focus first on cars, electricity and efficiency
- Tell the private sector what to do, not how to do it.
- No one knows what technologies will be winners 50 years from now – include today's big winners in your menu like gas for coal, and nuclear.

Two International Climate Treaties

• Montreal Protocol – Ozone Hole (1987)

-Signed by Reagan, Thatcher and many others

-Origin in Vienna convention of 1985

- -Worked, economic impact small, everyone agreed
- Kyoto Climate change (1997)

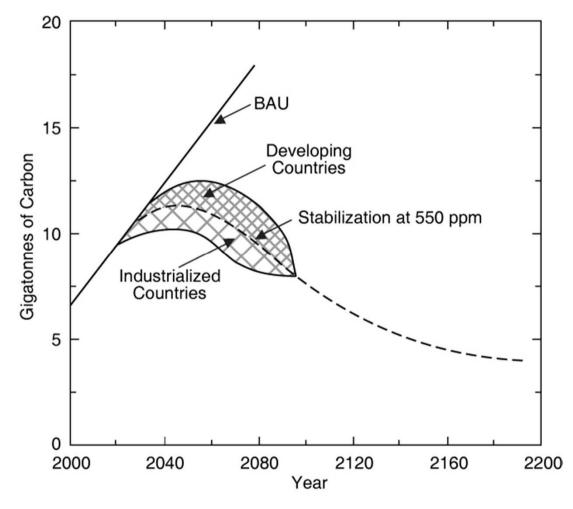
-Divided world into two classes those who did nothing (developing);, and those who did something Annex B (industrialized)

-All missed targets EU Canada, Japan, Russia etc plus US (nonsigner)

	op 15 Emitters				
Country	Population (millions)	C0 ² Emissions (millions of tonne)	C02 Emmision per Capita (kg per person)	CO ₂ Emission per Dollar of GDP (2000 Dollars, market rates)	per Dollar (2000 Dollars,
People's Rep. of China	1,325.64	6,508.24	4.91	2.50	0.60
2 United States	304.56	5,595.92	18.38	0.48	0.48
3 European Union	498.92	3,849.53	7.72	0.32	0.31
4 Russian Federation	141.79	1,593.83	11.24	3.71	0.97
5 India	1,139.97	1,427.64	1.25	1.73	0.33
₃ Japan	127.69	1,151.14	9.02	0.22	0.32
7 Canada	33.33	550.91	16.53	0.63	0.52
Islamic Rep. of Iran	71.96	505.01	7.02	3.15	0.86
o Korea	48.61	501.27	10.31	0.67	0.44
10 Mexico	106.57	408.30	3.83	0.53	0.34
Australia	21.51	397.54	18.48	0.77	0.59
2 Saudi Arabia	24.65	389.16	15.79	1.54	1.04
13 Indonesia	228.25	385.38	1.69	1.56	0.43
4 Brazil	191.97	364.61	1.90	0.43	0.22
5 South Africa	48.69	337.42	6.93	1.84	0.63
World	6,688.00	29,381.00	4.39	0.73	0.46

International Energy Agency Key World Energy Statistics 2010

A Global Model for Stabilization



The dashed line is the allowed emissions to stabilize the atmosphere. A world agreement might allow, for example, the developing nations to run above the dashed line while the industrialized countries run below. Where a given region or country lies should depend on both its emissions, and its state of development. Eventually all will have to agree to a common measure.

Summary

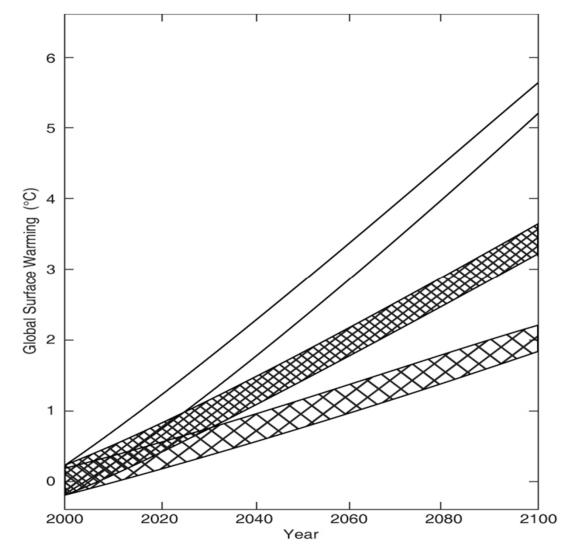
- Is the Greenhouse Effect Real? Yes
- Is the world getting warmer? Yes
- Are we doing it? Yes
- How hot will it become if we do nothing? Not sure yet
- Can we do anything? Yes
- When should we start? Now
- Will it cost a lot? Not if we do it right
- Will we do anything? Up to you

Earth from Apollo 17 (NASA)



Back Up

Scenario A2 with noise

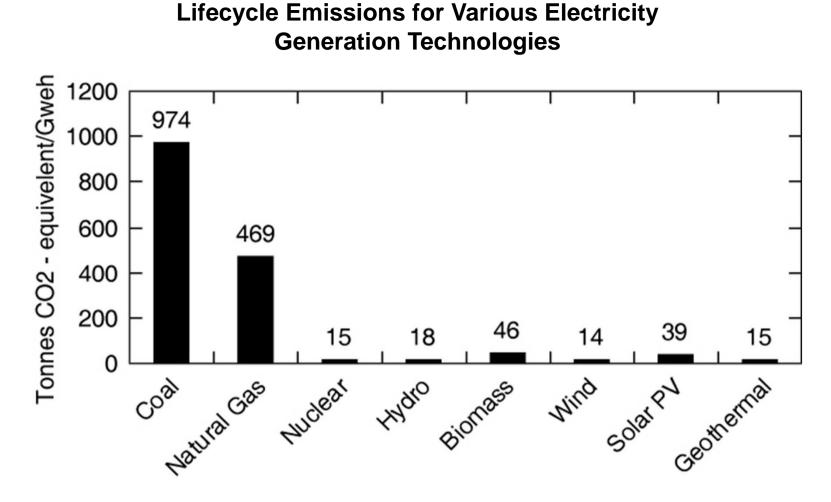


Projected Global Average Surface Warming at the End of the 21st Century

Case	Global Average Temperature changes relative to 1980-1999			
	Best Estimate		Range	
	°F °C		°F	°C
B1	3.2	1.8	2.0 - 5.2	1.1 – 2.9
A1T	4.3	2.4	2.5 – 6.8	1.4 – 3.8
B2	4.3	2.4	2.5 – 6.8	1.4 – 3.8
A1B	5.0	2.8	3.1 – 7.9	1.7 – 4.4
A2	6.1	3.4	3.6 - 9.7	2.0 - 5.4
A1FI	7.2	4.0	4.3 – 11.5	2.4 – 6.4

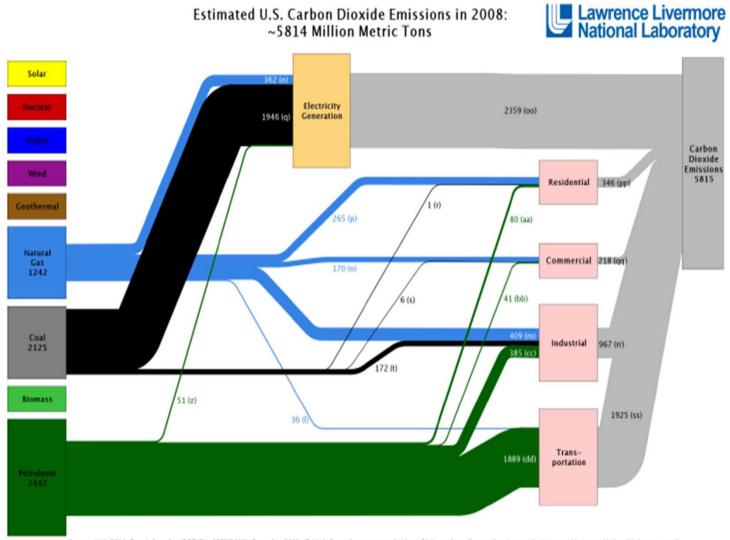
Removal Time and Percent Contribution to Climate Forcing

Agent	Rough Removal Time	Approximate Contribution in 2006
Carbon Dioxide	>100 years	60%
Methane	10 years	25%
Tropospheric Ozone	50 days	20%
Nitrous Oxide	100 years	5%
Fluorocarbons	>1000 years	<1%
Sulfate Aerosols	10 days	-25%
Black Carbon	10 days	+15%



Comparison of Life Cycle Emissions in Metric Tonnes of CO₂e per GW-hour for various modes of Electricity Production; P.J. Meier, Life-Cycle Assessment of electricity Generation Systems with Applications for Climate Change Policy Analysis,

Ph.D. dissertation, University of Wisconsin (2002); S. White, *Emissions form Helium-3, Fission and Wind Electrical Power plants,* Ph.D. Dissertation, University of Wisconsin (1998); M. K. Mann and P. L. Spath, *Life Cycle Assessment of a Biomass Gasification Combined-Cycle System,* (1997), www.nrel.gov/docs/legosti/fy98/23076.pdf (ref 33).



Estimated U.S. Carbon Dioxide Emissions in 2008:

Source: LLNL 2010. Data is based on DOE/EIA-0573(2008), December 2009. If this information or a reproduction of it is used, credit must be given to the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and the Department of Energy, under whose auspices the work was performed. Carbon embodied in industrial and commercial products such as plastics is not shown. The flow of petroleum to electricity production includes both petroleum fuels and the plastics component of municipal solid waste. The combustion of biologically derived fuels is assumed to have zero net carbon emissions - lifecycle emissions associated with biofuels are accounted for in the Industrial and Commercial sectors. Emissions from U.S. Territories and international aviation and marine bunkers are not included. Totals may not equal sum of components due to independent rounding. LLNL-MI-411167

U.S. Gas Shale Basins and Resources

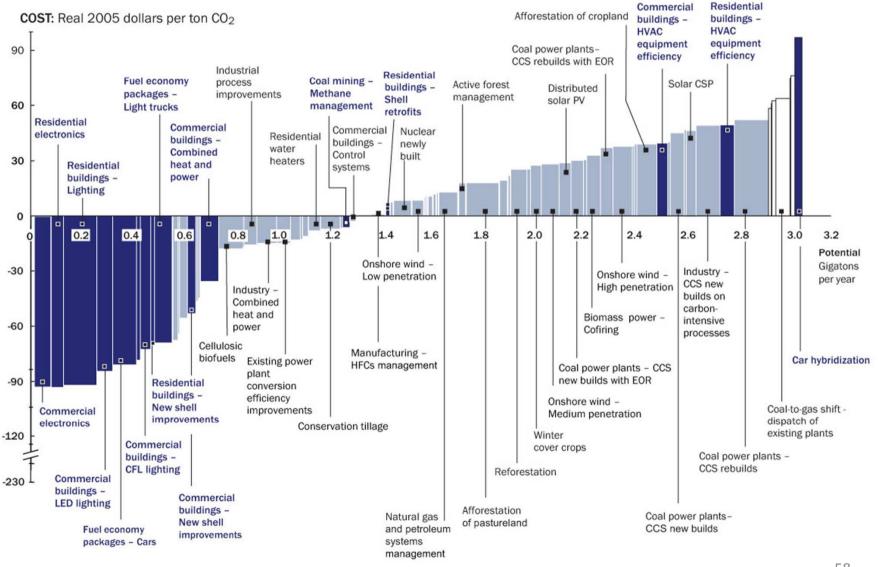


Schlumberger (2005)

Figure 2 U.S. mid-range abatement curve - 2030

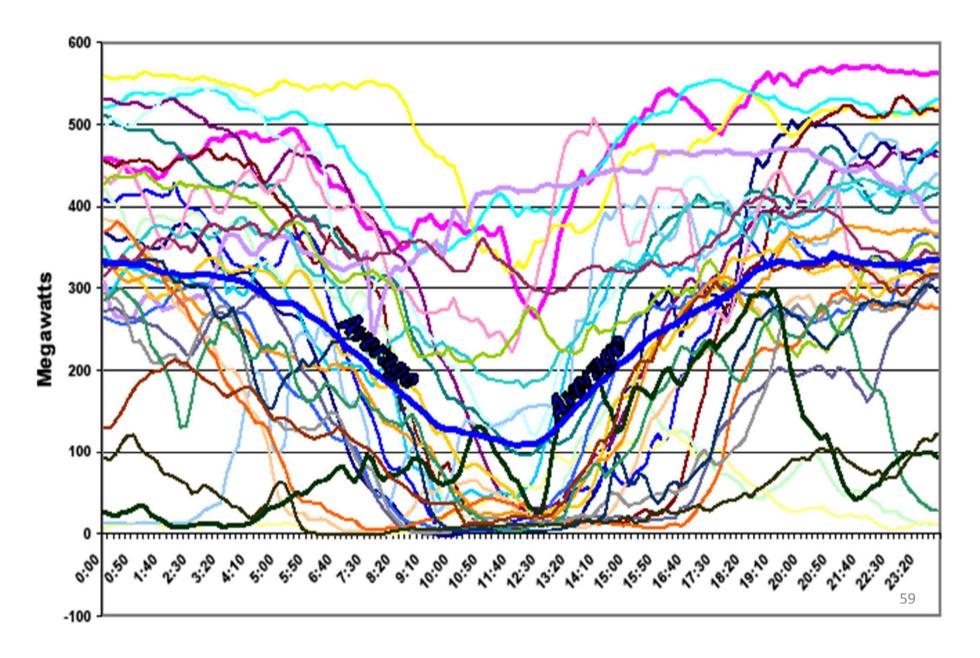
Carbon dioxide abatement: estimated removal cost per ton of CO_2 in 2005 dollars and removal potential in gigatons/yr for various strategies.

Abatement costs <\$50 per ton



Source: Reducing U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions: How Much at What Cost?, Executive Report, McKinsey & Company, December 2007

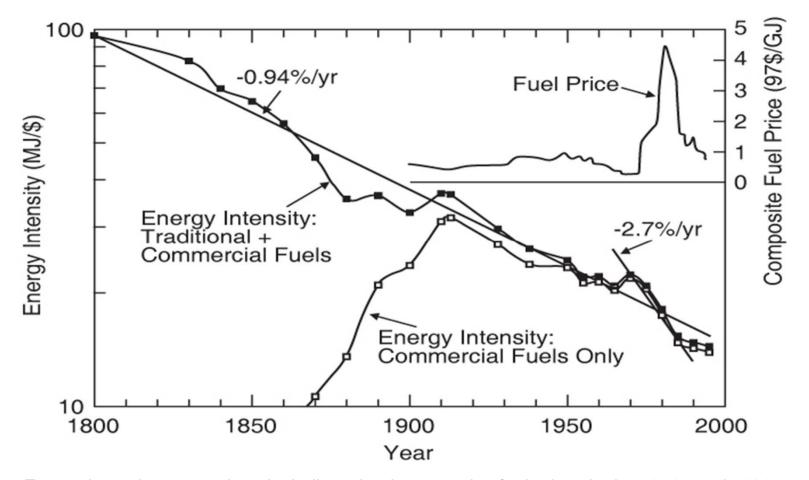
Tehachapi - June 2006 Daily Energy Production



U.S. Gasoline Requirements for Light Vehicles as Technology Changes

- 12 million barrels/day at 25 mpg (today) equal to total oil imports, costing about \$400 billion
- 8.5 Mbl/day at 35 mpg (2016 target for new vehicles)
- 6 Mbl/d 2025 at 50 mpg (2025 requirement for new vehicles?)
- 5 Mbl/d Plug-in-Hybrids with 40 mile electric range
- 2 Mbl/d P-i-H with 100 mile electric range
- 0 Mbl/d all electric which would wipe out trade deficit.

Energy Intensity vs Time

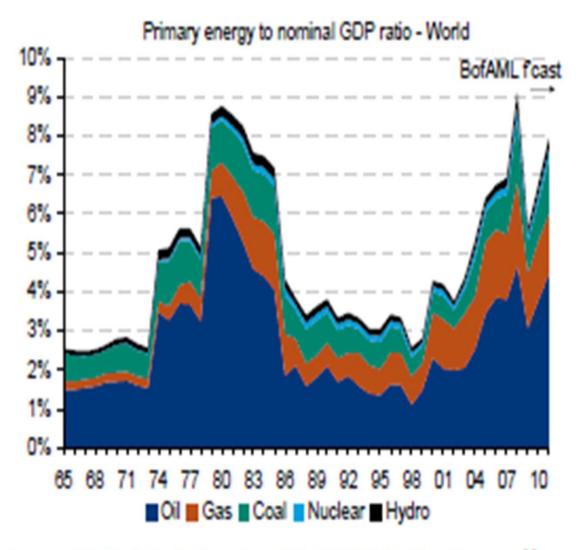


Energy intensity versus time, including what happened to fuel prices in the 1970s and 1980s . It shows the coupling between a price shock and a move toward higher efficiency and, hence, lower energy intensity. (Courtesy of Prof S. Fetter, U. of Maryland. Steve Fetter, Climate Change and the Transformation of World Energy Supply (Stanford: Center for International Security and Cooperation, 1999)).

Primary Power Requirements for 2050 for Scenarios Stabilizing CO₂ at 450 ppm and 550 ppm

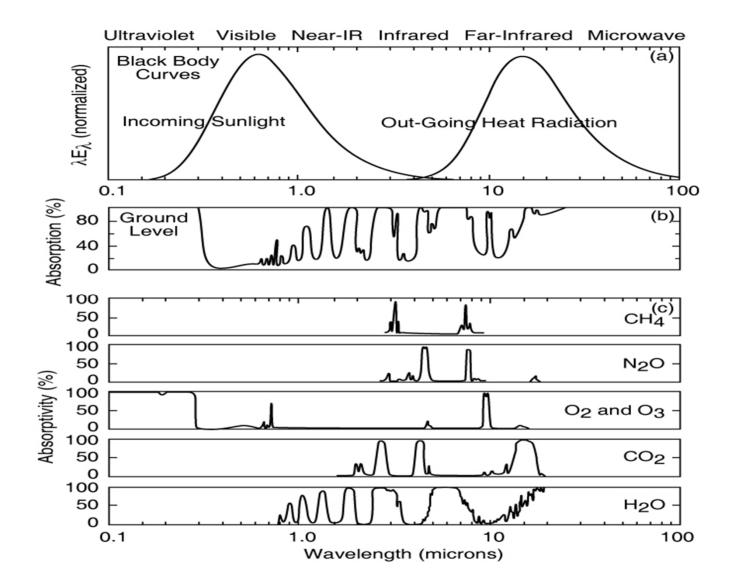
	2000	2050		
Source		450 ppm	550 ppm	
Carbon Based	11 TW	7 TW	12 TW	
Carbon Free	3 TW	20 TW	15 TW	

M. Hoffert, et al., <u>Nature</u>, 395, p881, (Oct 20, 1998)



Source: IMF, World Bank, Bloomberg, IEA, BP, BofAML Global Commodities Research





Natural Energy Sources Compared to the Total Primary Energy Supply of 2004

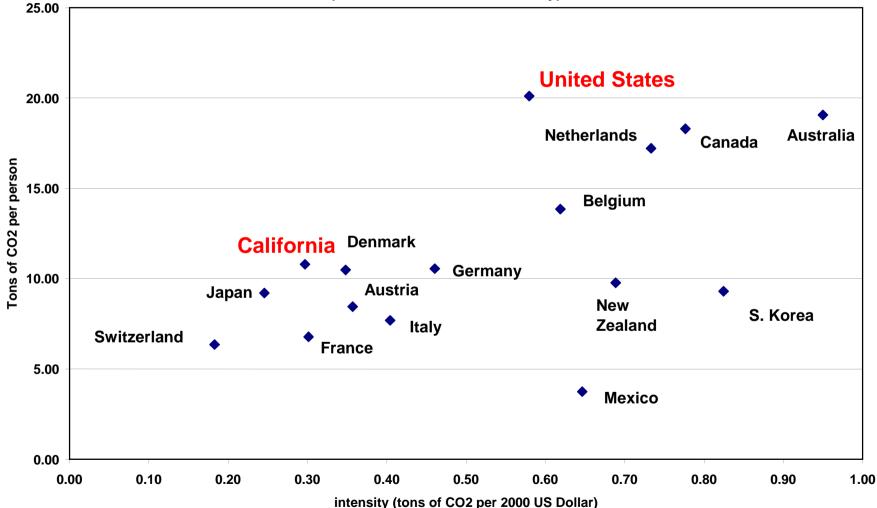
ltem	Amount relative to TPES (2004)	Amount relative to TPES (2100 - BAU)
TPES	1	1
Solar Input	8000	2000
All the World's Winds	60	15
All the Ocean's Waves	4	1
All the Earth's Tides	0.25	0.06
All the World's Geothermal Potential	2.3	0.6
All the World's Photosynthesis	6.5	1.6
All the World's Rivers	0.5	0.13 66

Wind Energy Output as Percent of Capacity (2007)

Country	Wind Capacity (Gigawatts)	Wind Output (Terawatt-hours)	Average Output (% of capacity)
U.S.	17	48	32%
Denmark	3	7	20%
Germany	22	39	20%
Spain	15	27	20%
China	6	4	17%
India	8	8	12%
World	94	152	18%

Carbon Dioxide Intensity and Per Capita CO₂ Emissions -- 2001

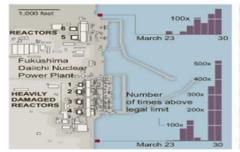
(Fossil Fuel Combustion Only)



Harmful after a short period Possibly harmful after a longer period No current cause for concern

	A second films (1)			
	At the Plant	Near the Plant	In Japan	Around the World
AIR	Readings about a quarter mile from the most heavily damaged reactors have been stable for several days. Near 1 millisievert per hour, these levels could be associated with slightly higher cancer risk after four days.	A daily dose of 0.8 millisieverts was recorded 19 miles northwest of the plant on Thursday. I.A.E.A. guidelines recommend temporary relocation if levels reach 30 millisieverts per month.	Other than in Fukushima and Ibaraki, levels are not far from normal. In Tokyo, levels were 25 percent above the normal range on Friday, well below the level of background radiation of some areas of the United States.	Trace amounts of radiation from Japan have been detected across the United States and Europe. But natural background radiation is more than 100,000 times the highest levels detected.
SOIL	Traces of plutnonium were detected in samples taken on March 21 and 22. The levels were not unsafe, but may have provided more evidence that a partial meltdown had occurred in at least one reactor.	Very high concentrations of cesium 137 were found near the village of litate, 25 miles northwest of the plant. The levels were about twice as high as the threshold for declaring areas uninhabitable around Chernobyl.	Cesium 137 was detected in more than 10 prefectures on Thursday, but the highest reading, in Utsunomiya, was 4,000 times lower than what was found in litate.	
WATER	Highly radioactive water from a damaged maintenance pit is leaking into the sea.	At stations 19 miles offshore, the highest readings were taken on March 23, and contaminants are expected to dissipate quickly. At some places in Fukushima, drinking tap water is not recommended for infants.	On March 22 and 23, iodine 131 above the recommended limit for infants was detected at a tap water treatment plant in Tokyo. But by the beginning of last week, no iodine 131 was detected.	Radiation in rainwater in British Columbia was less than one millionth the amount shown to cause thyroid diseases. A person would have to drink three million glasses at one time to reach a problematic dose in the thyroid.
FOOD	Fishing has been banned in the evacuation zone.	Radioactive cesium was detected in broccoli in Fukushima Prefecture well above the country's limit. The estimated increase in cancer risk of eating two unwashed pounds is about two chances in a million.	Radioactive cesium was detected in beef from Tenei at a level just above Japan's legal limit. The estimated increase in cancer risk of eating two pounds is about one chance in 10 million.	Radiation levels detected in milk from Washington State were 5,000 times lower than limits set by the Food and Drug Administration. A person would have to drink 1,552 gallons of this milk to reach the limit.

Levels of cesium 137 measured in seawater near the plant.



MIYAGI Fukushima litate

The most contaminated areas are

northwest of the plant.





Prefectures with radiation in food above the legal limit.

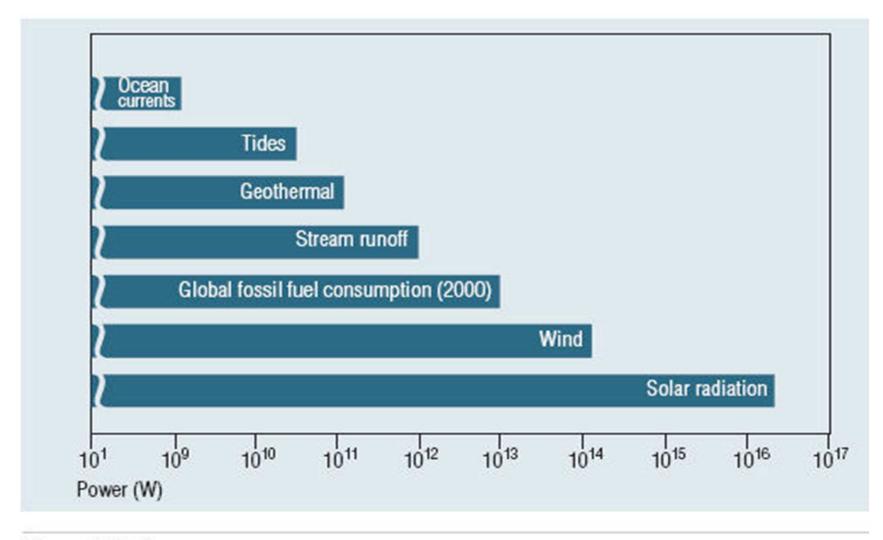
Some places where trace levels of radiation from Japan have been detected.



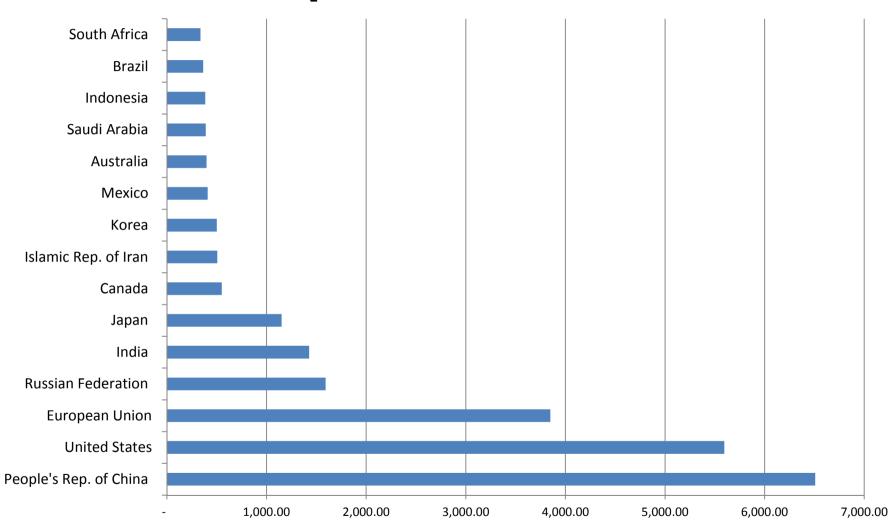
Solar comes in 3 Varieties

- Solar Hot Water simple, cheap, old fashioned, effective
- Solar Photovoltaic spreading, expensive, particularly good for small & distributed
- Solar Thermal Electric large scale, beginning to be deployed more widely

1. Energy potential Global flux of renewable energies vs. fossil fuel consumption



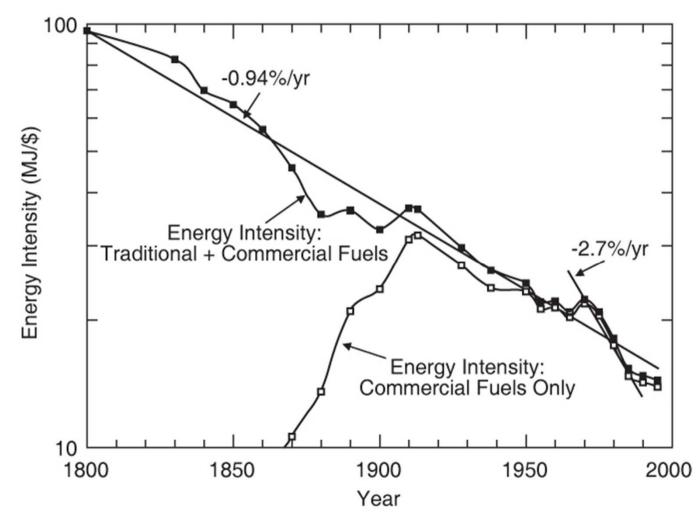
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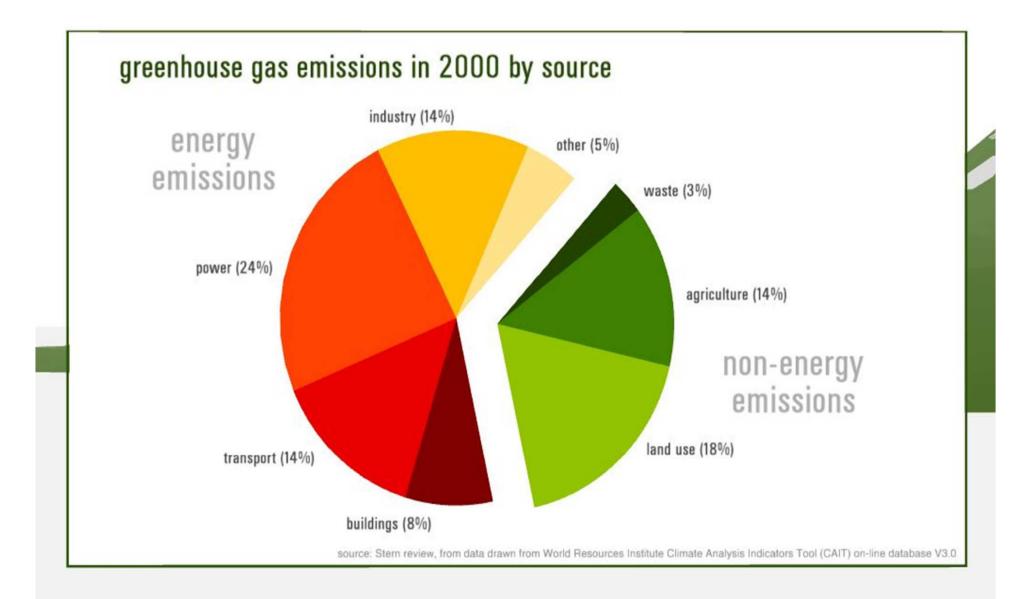
CO₂ Emissions (millions of tonne)

International Energy Agency Key World Energy Statistics 2010

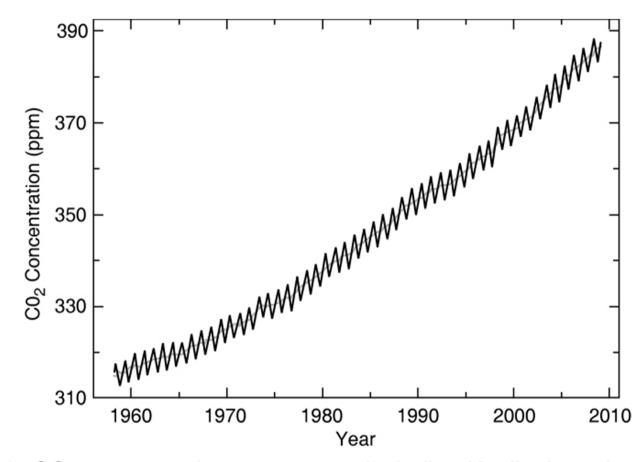
Energy intensity of the U.S. economy in megajoules per dollar from 1800 to 2000



(Courtesy of Prof S. Fetter, U. of Maryland. Steve Fetter, Climate Change and the Transformation of World Energy Supply (Stanford: Center for International Security and Cooperation, 1999)).



Data from the Observatory at Mauna Loa, Hawaii



Atmospheric CO₂ concentration versus year including Keeling's and more recent observations. (Source: Pieter Tans, NOAA Earth System Research Laboratory, Boulder CO., and to Ralph Keeling, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, UC San Diego, La Jolla, CA.)

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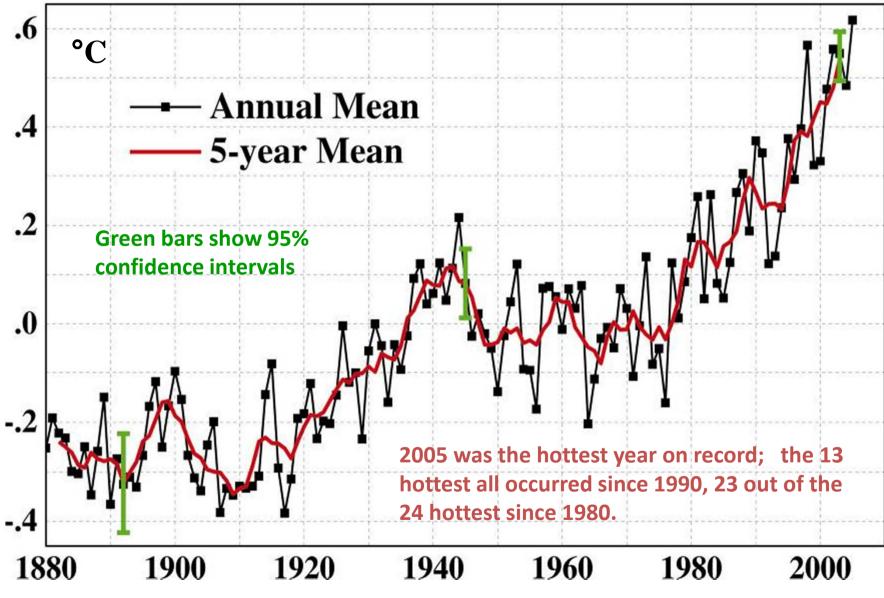
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A tentative list as examples From GENIV International Forum

- > UAE
- Saudi Arabia
- > Yemen
- Egypt
- Jordan
- Morocco
- Tunisia
- Libya
- > Algeria

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- Italy
- Turkey
- Poland/Latvia/Lithuania
- Kazakhstan
- Vietnam
- Indonesia
- Philippines
- Thailand
- Ghana
- > Chile



J. Hansen et al., PNAS 103: 14288-293 (26 Sept 2006)

Solar Thermal Electric

• Barstow Solar 2 Power Tower (photo courtesy of NREL)







