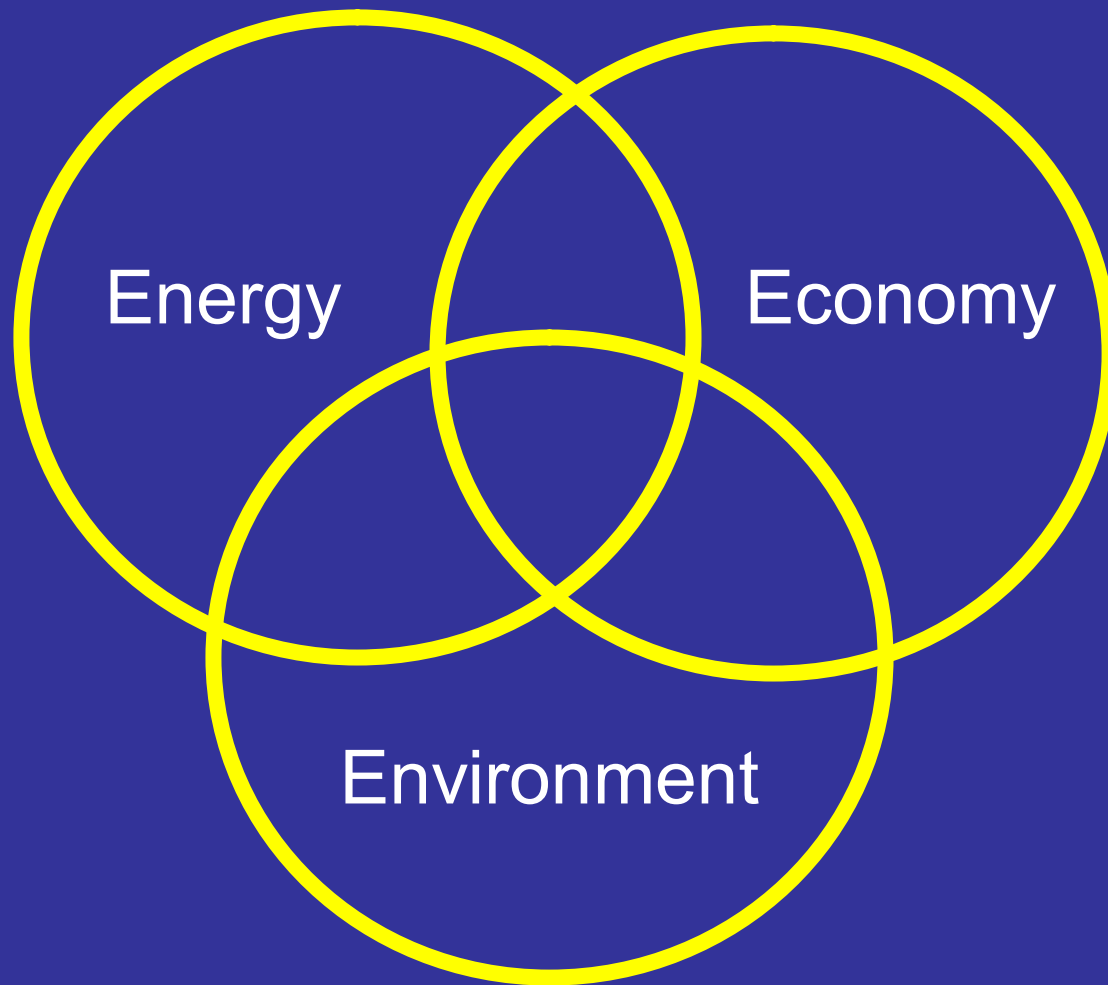


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Rocky Mountain Land Use Institute  
Denver, Colorado  
March 8, 2007**

**Morey Wolfson  
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# Energy Options

For each energy source-  
We need to understand:

What is the resource base?

What are the economic costs?

What are the geopolitical  
consequences?

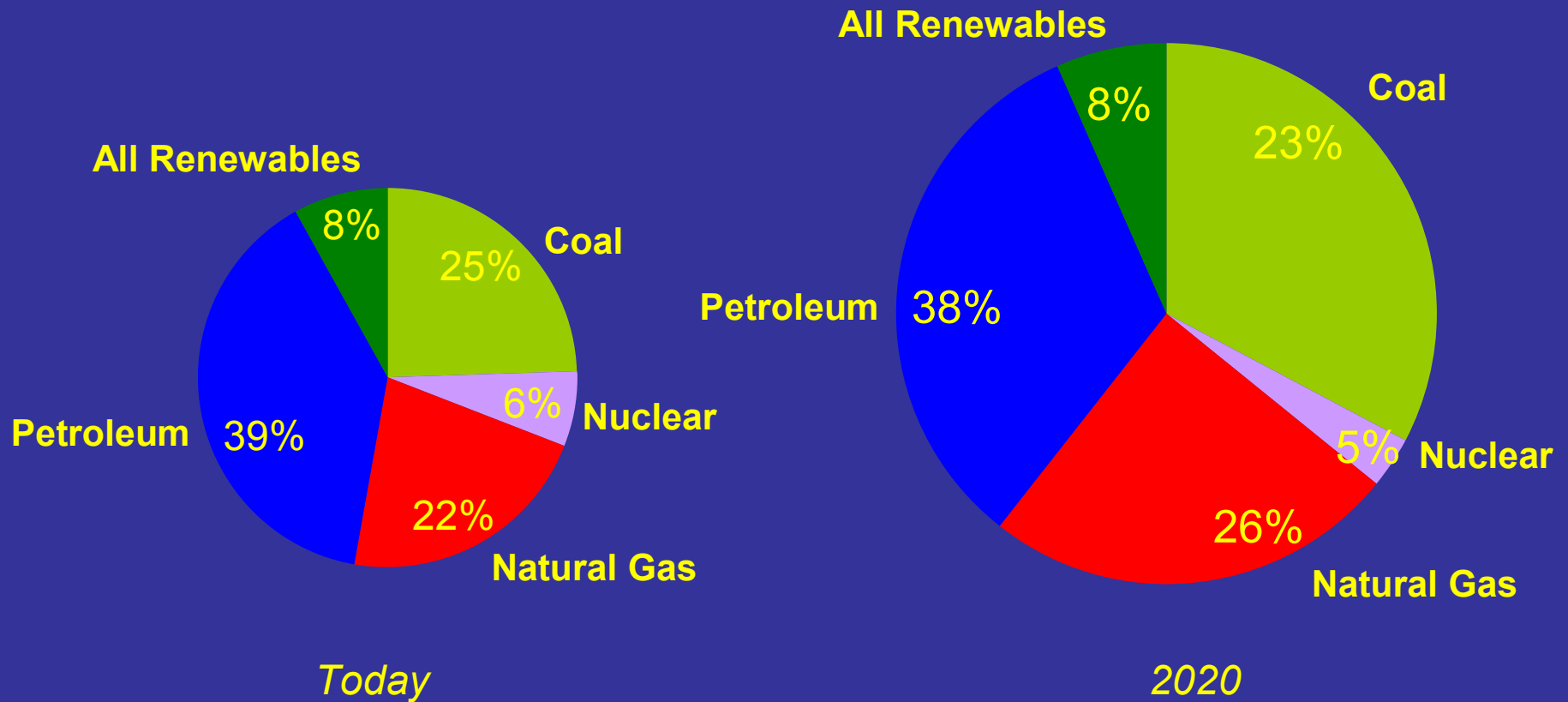
What are the environmental  
consequences?

What is the role of public policy to  
ensure a sustainable outcome?

# What are the world's largest energy sources?

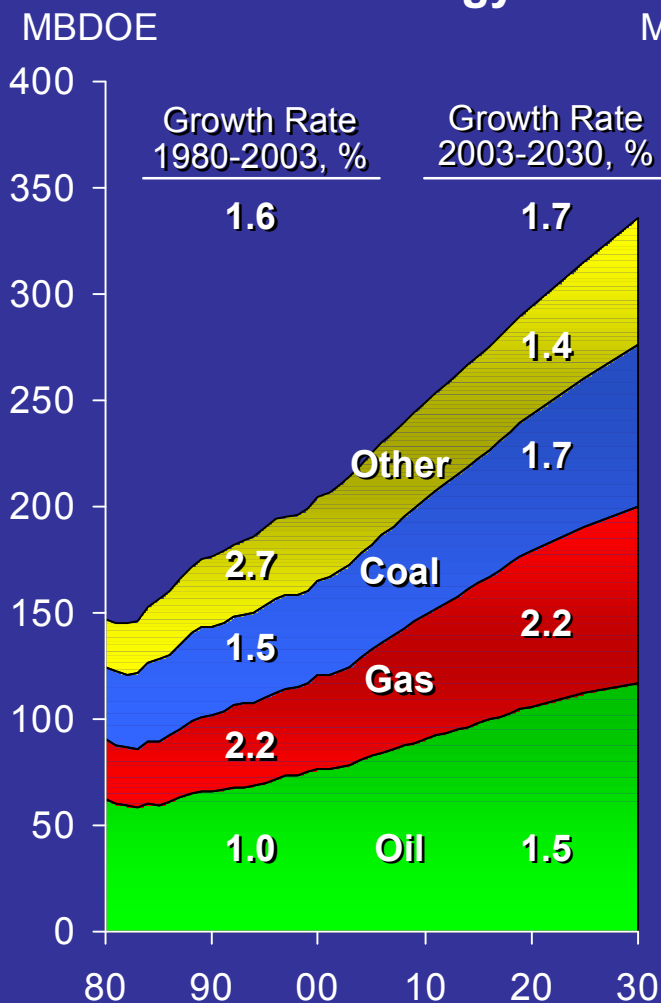
Oil	39%
Coal	25%
Natural Gas	22%
Nuclear	6%
Hydroelectric	4%
Renewables	2%

# Worldwide Energy Consumption Projected by Source - 2020

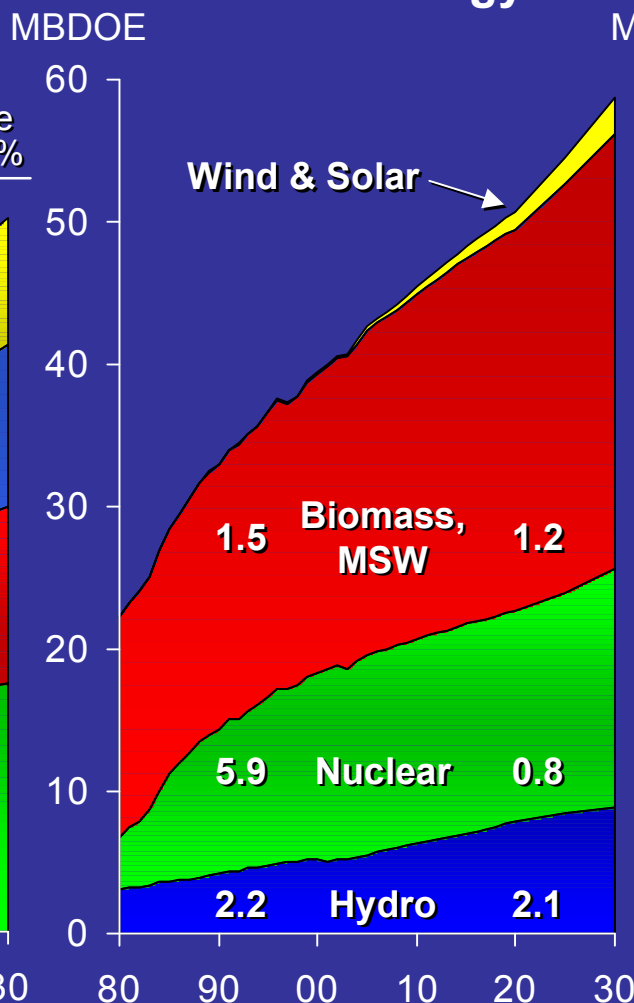


# Fossil and Nuclear Power Remain as World's Primary Energy Sources

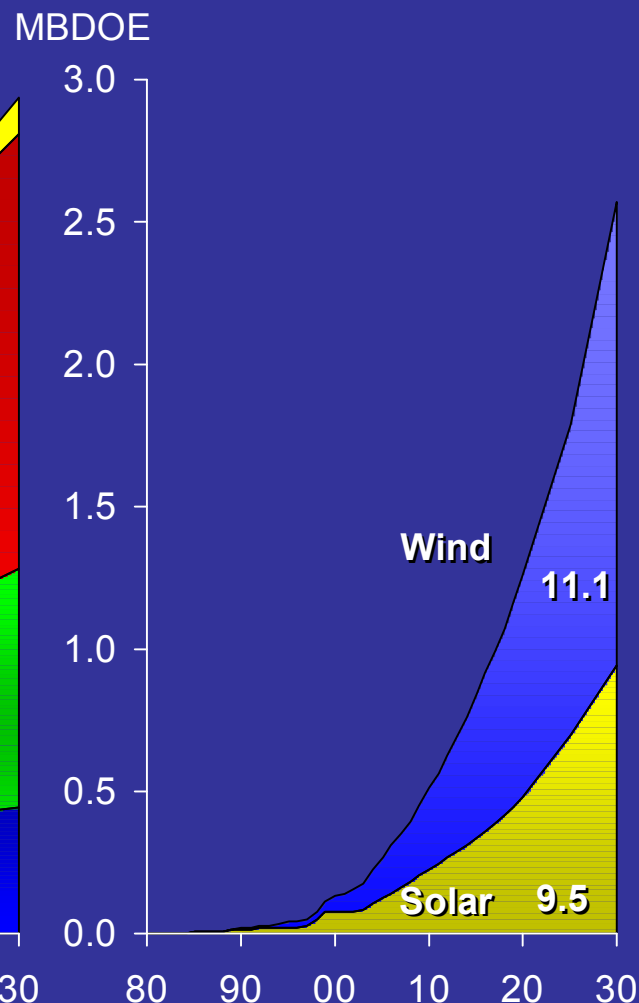
## Total Energy



## Other Energy

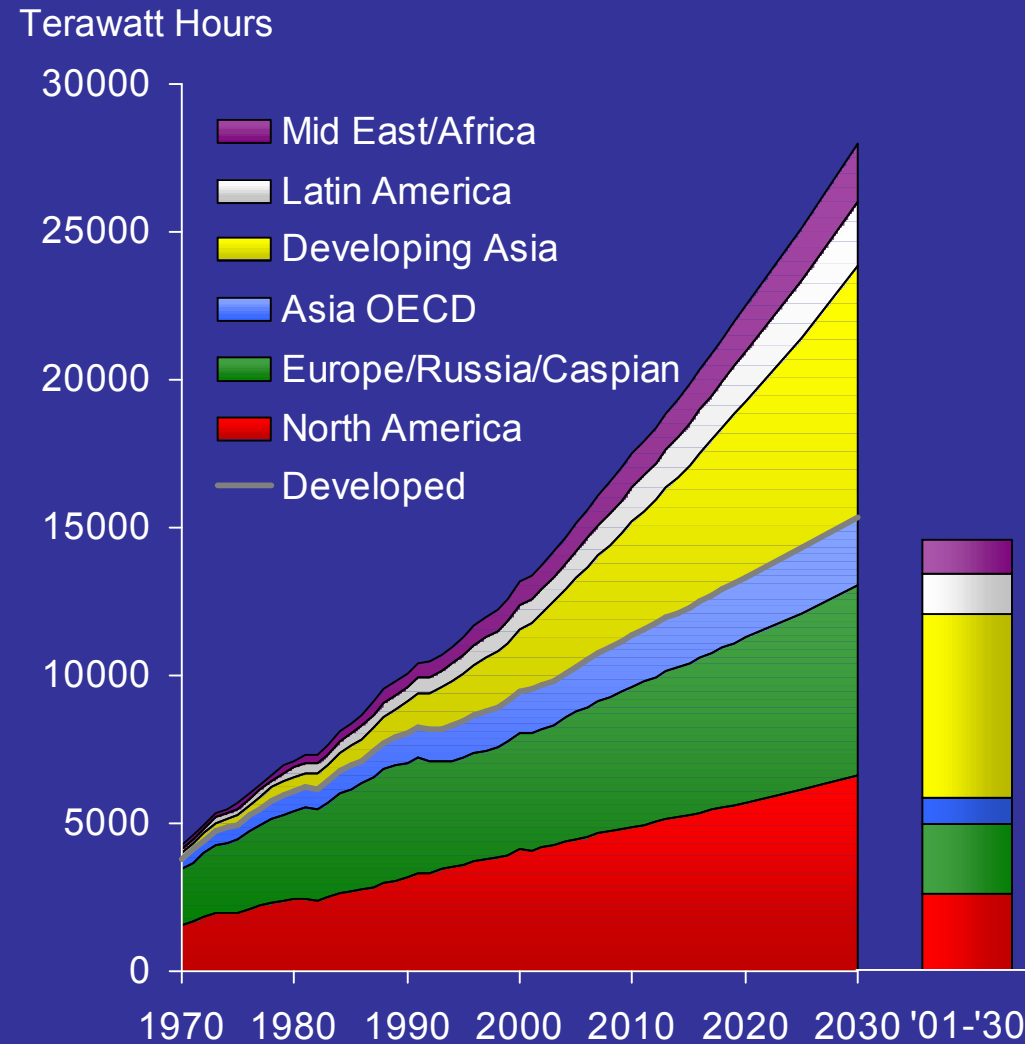


## Wind & Solar

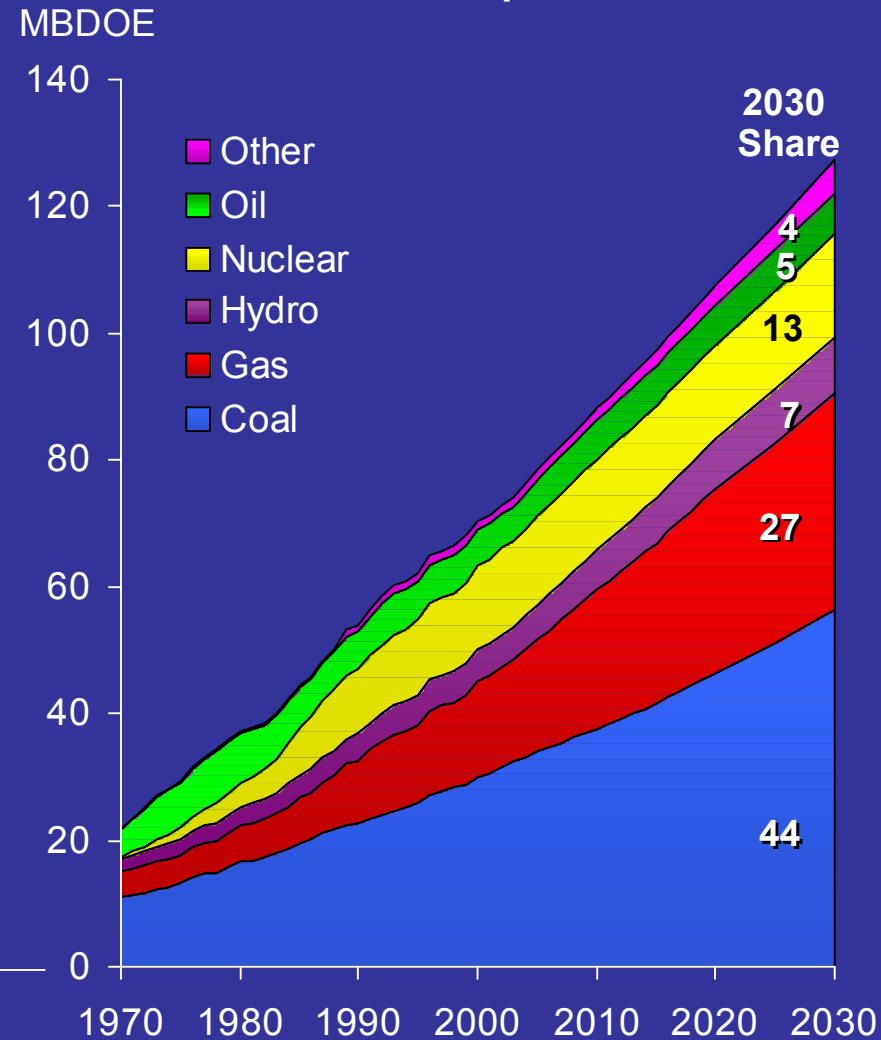


# Growing Electric Demand by World Region

## Annual Generation



## Fuel Inputs





# Petroleum



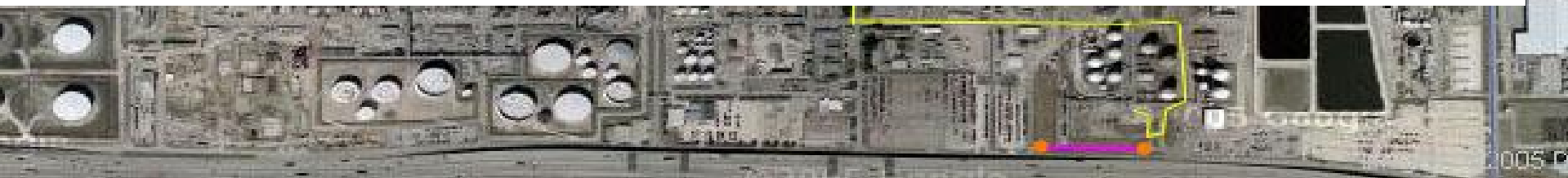
Remember these words:

Geopolitics

Depletion



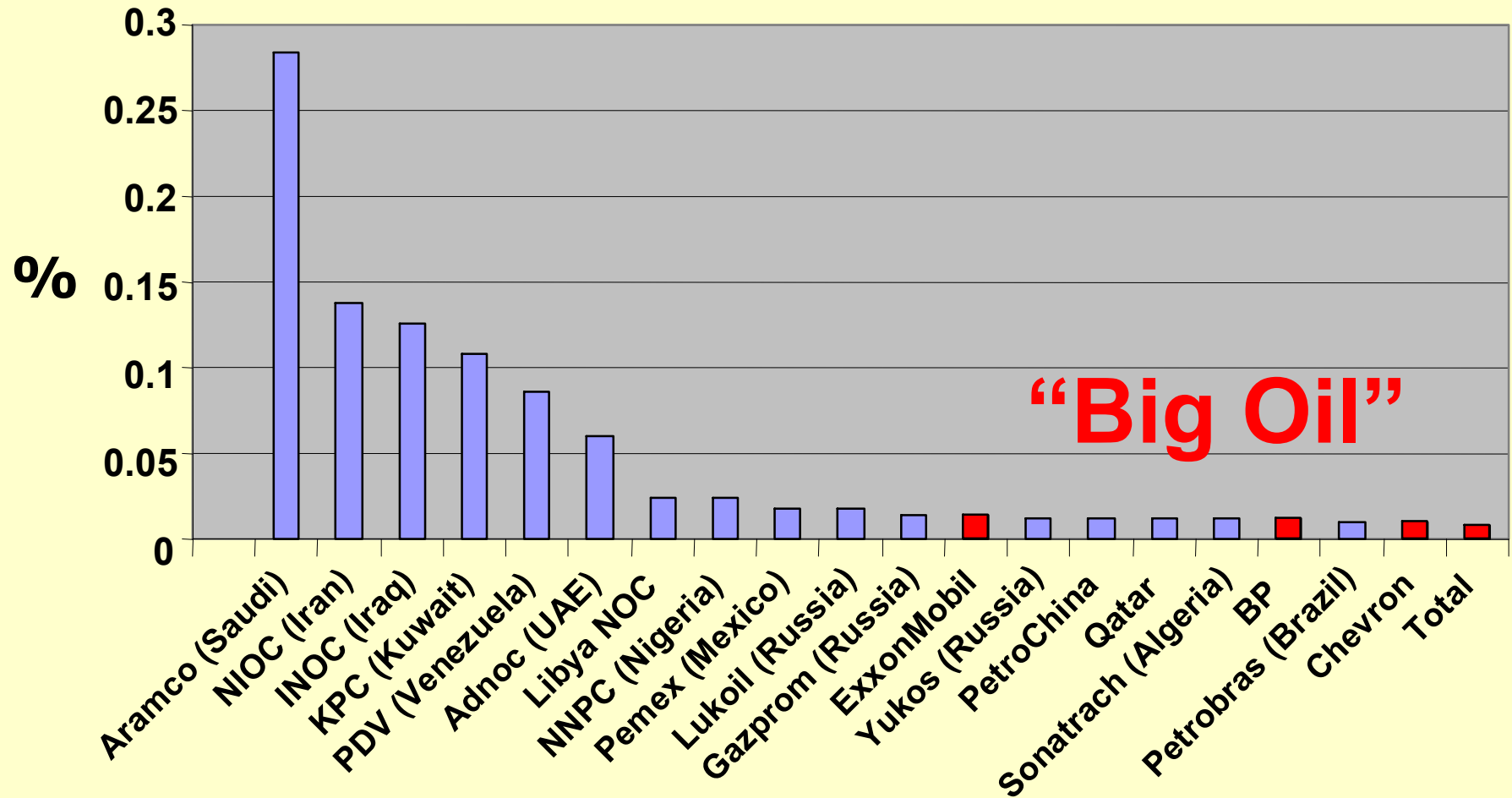
The scale of the world's fossil fuel infrastructure is vast.



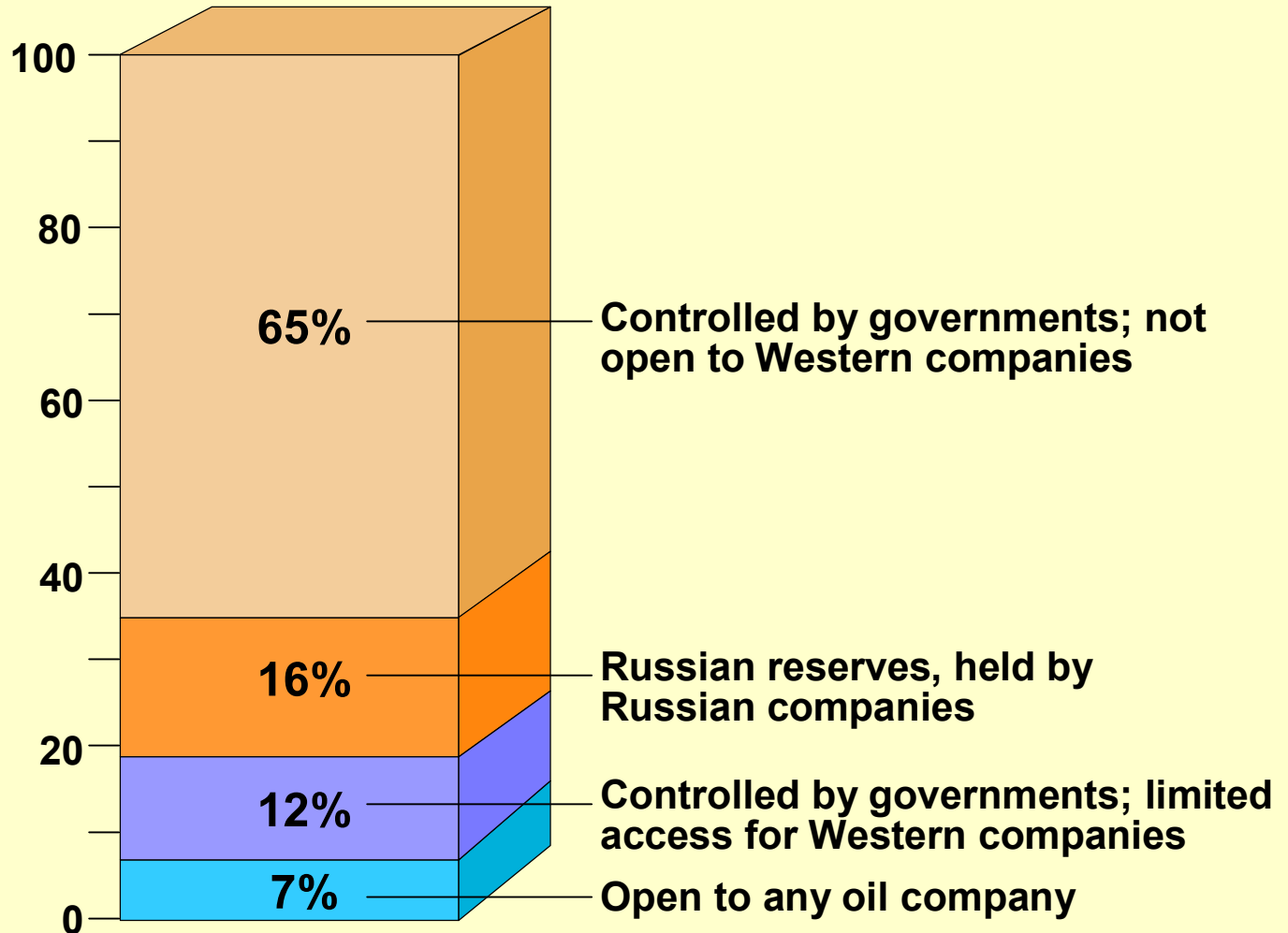


**Energy is the largest, most capital-intensive industry in the world**

# Global Conventional Oil Reserves (2004 %)



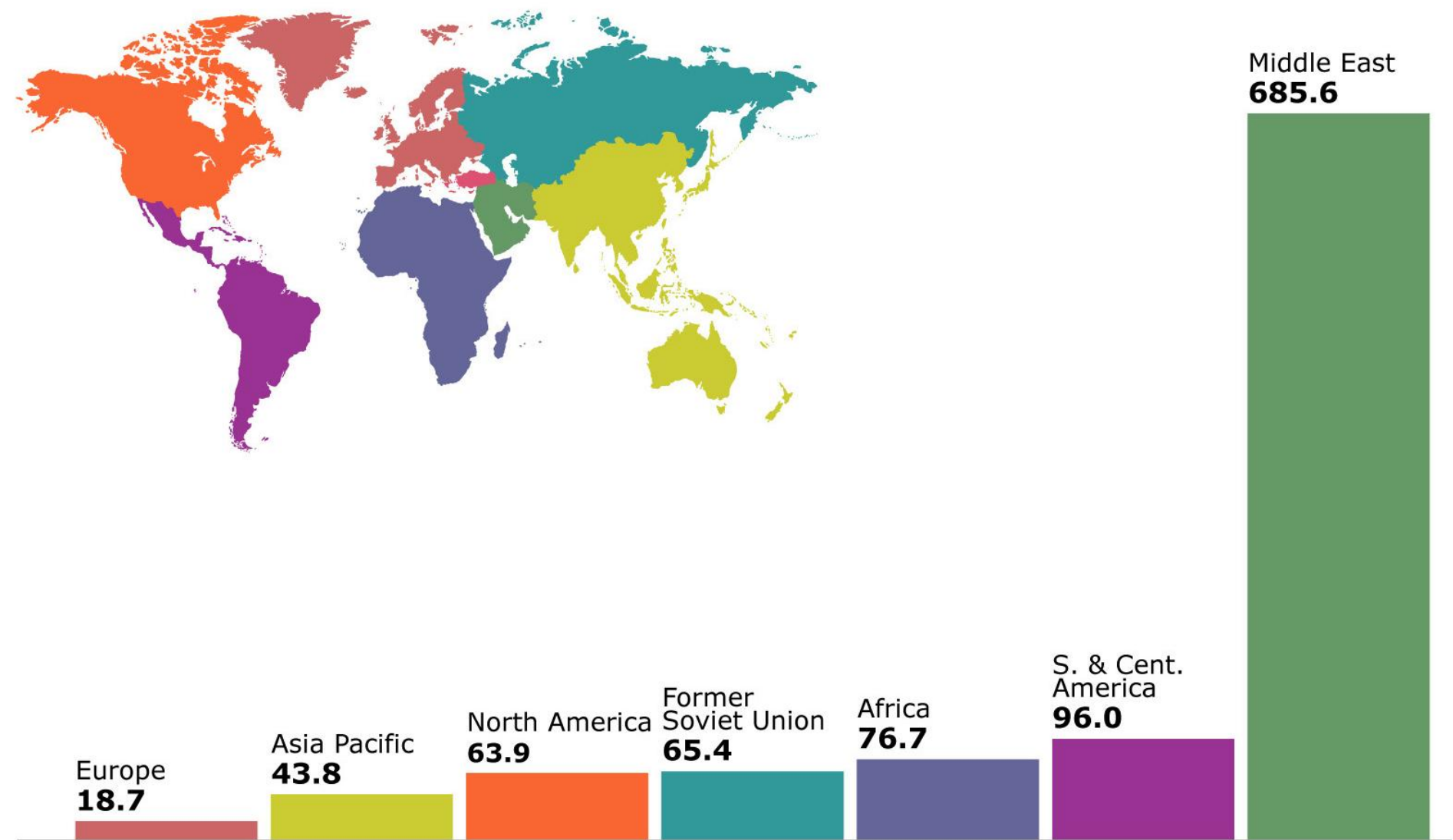
# Access to World's Proved Oil and Natural Gas Reserves



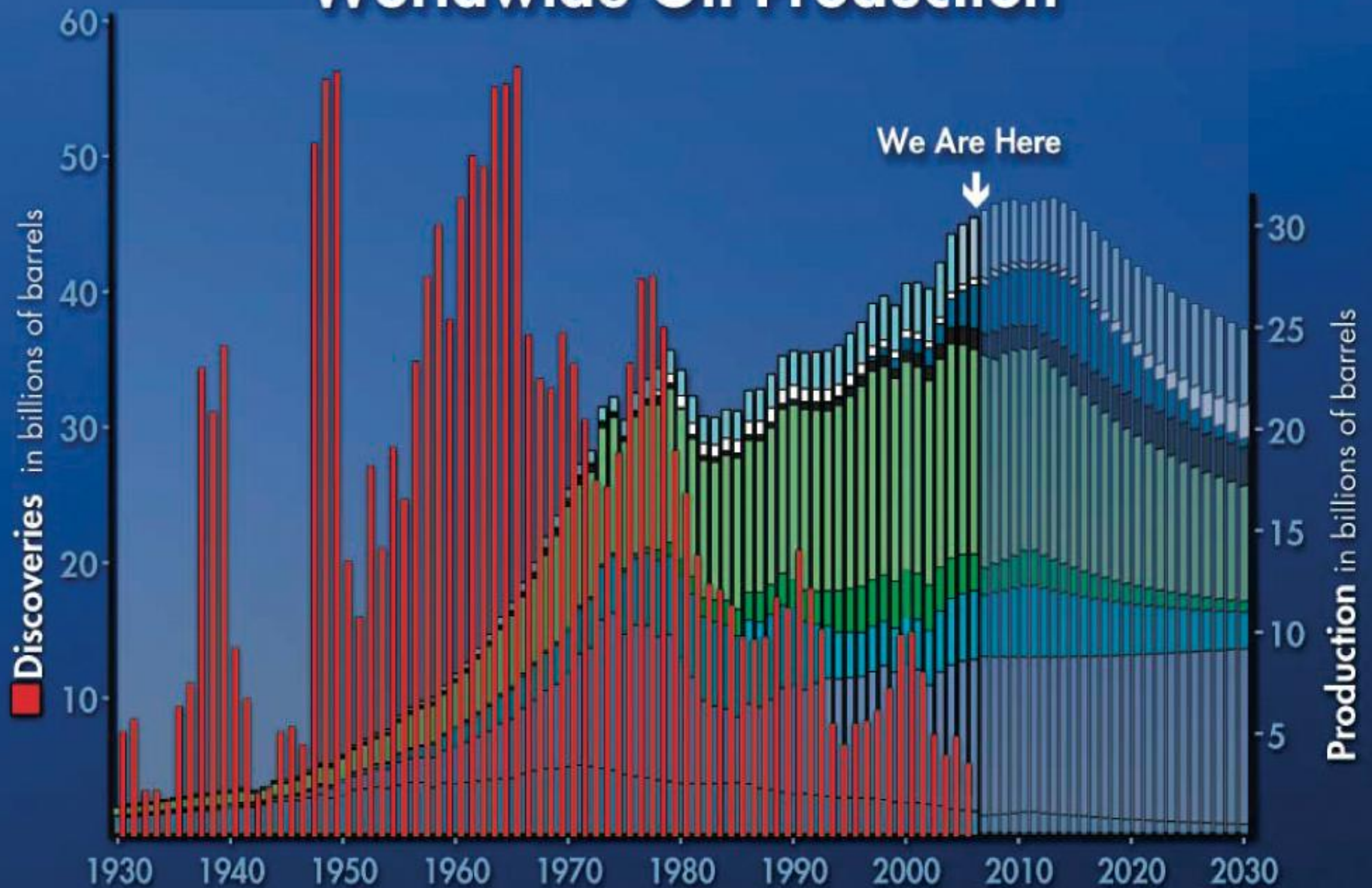
Source: PFC Energy research, based on BP's 2005 Statistical Review of World Energy  
From Ball (2006)

# map of proved oil reserves at end 2001

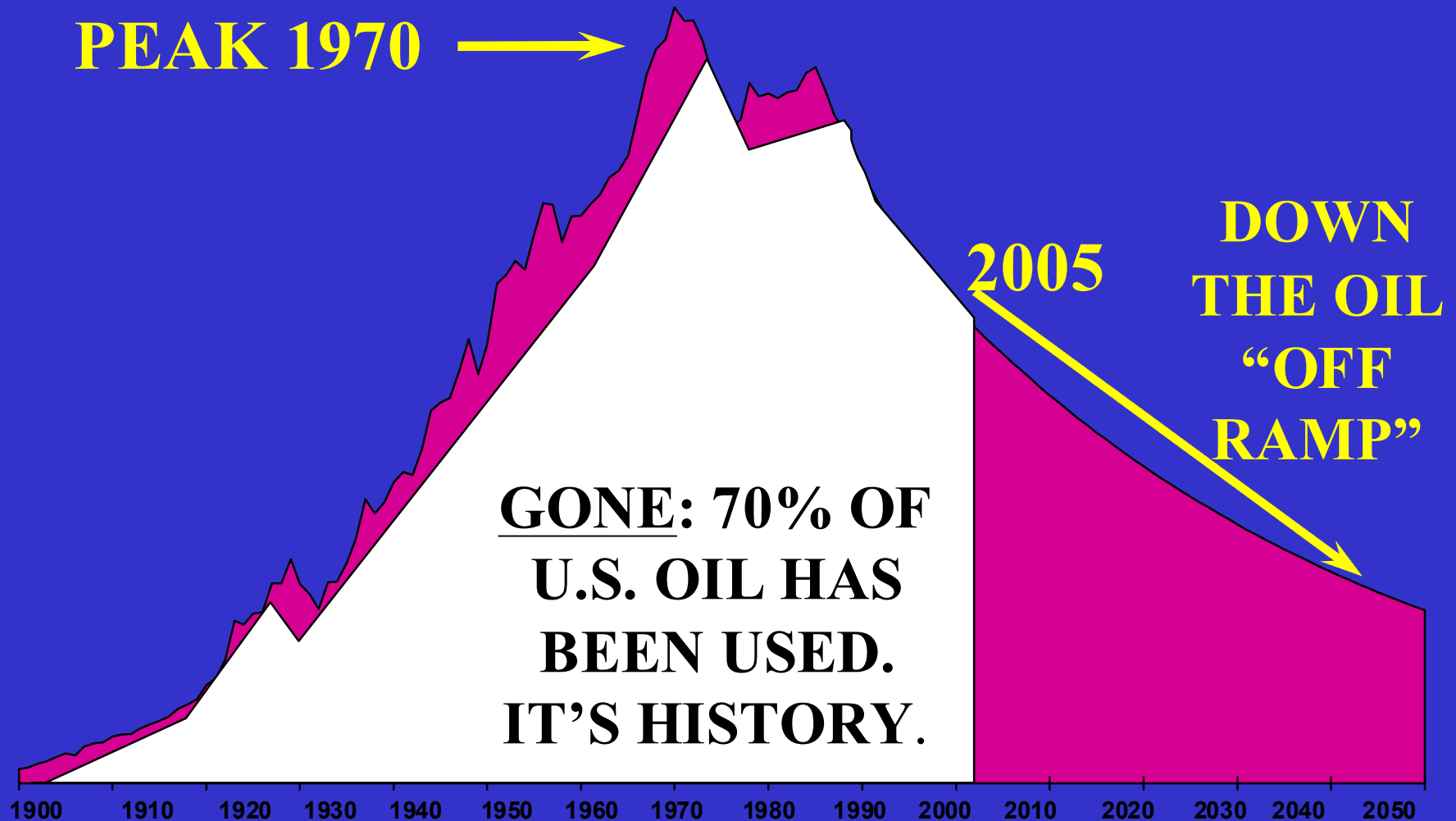
Thousand million barrels



# Worldwide Oil Production



# U.S. OIL PRODUCTION 1900 TO 2050





**US Oil-** If you think of the original U.S. oil endowment as a six pack, four of the cans are empty. Two remain for all future generations of Americans.



# When considering unconventional oil

- Oil shale (“Colorado has more fossil fuel than Saudi Arabia”)
- Tar sands (Canada)
- Heavy oil (Venezuela)
- Coal to liquids (US, China, South Africa, etc.)

## Consider:

Energy Return on Energy Investment?

Carbon dioxide?

Capital required?

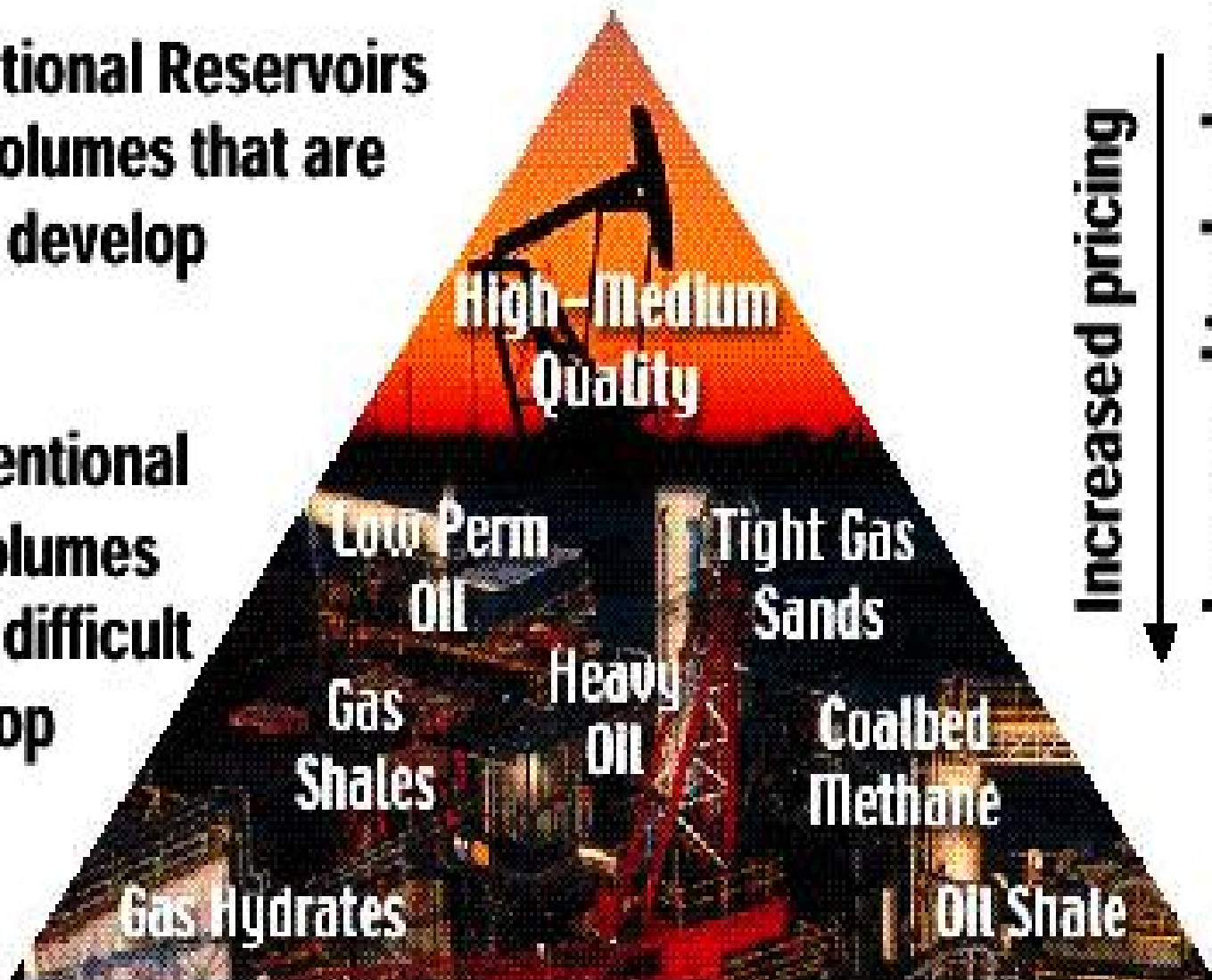
Environmental outcome?



# Resource Triangle

**Conventional Reservoirs**  
Small volumes that are  
easy to develop

**Unconventional**  
Large volumes  
that are difficult  
to develop





Tar Sands



Tar Sands



Tar Sands





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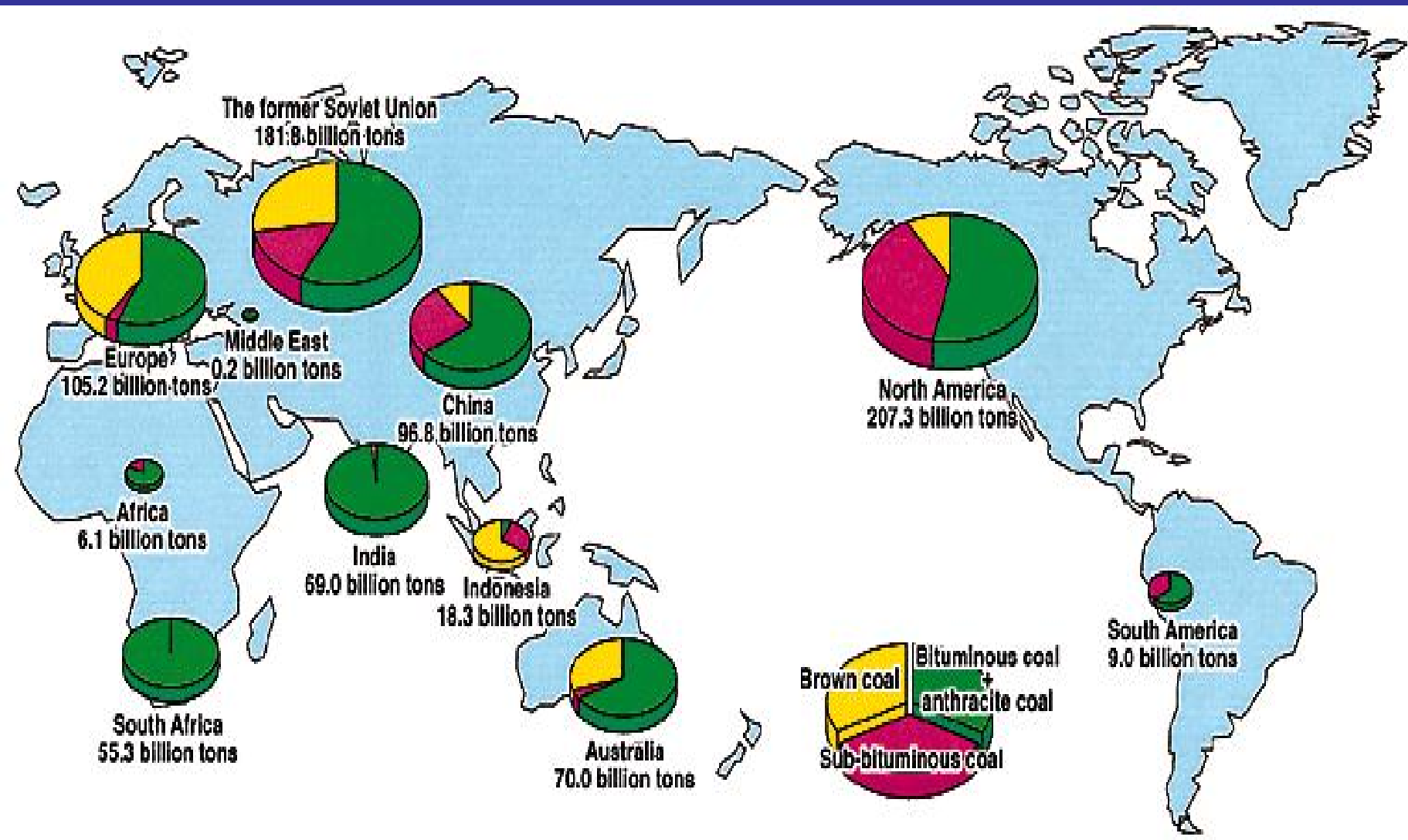


Big “public education” campaign under way by corn growers in the US



# Coal provides 25% of the world's energy





# We have 250 years of domestic coal!

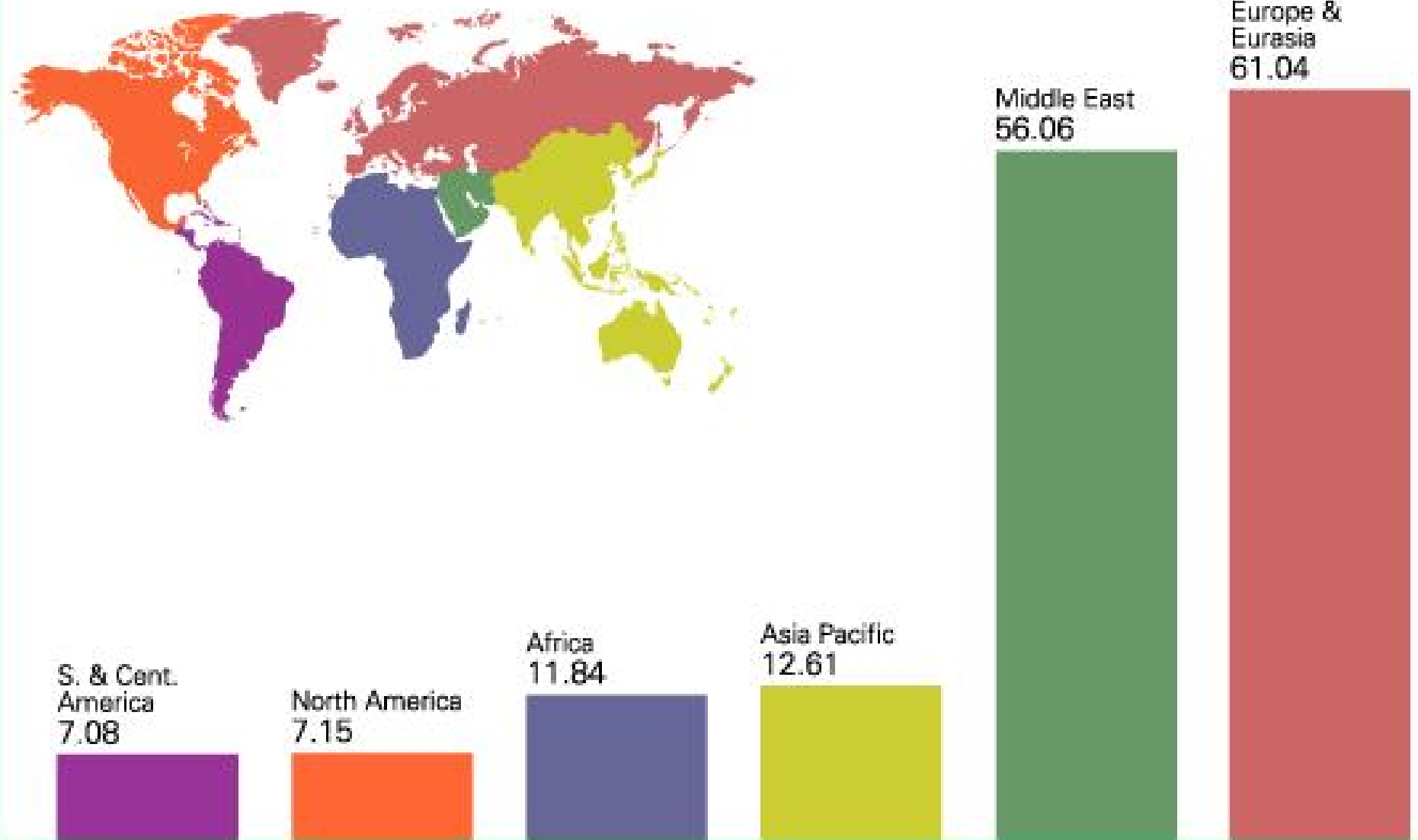
- And in the small print:
  - “At the current level of consumption.”
- Oh..... Okay.
- So, it's more like 75 years, right?

Natural Gas supplies 22% of world energy



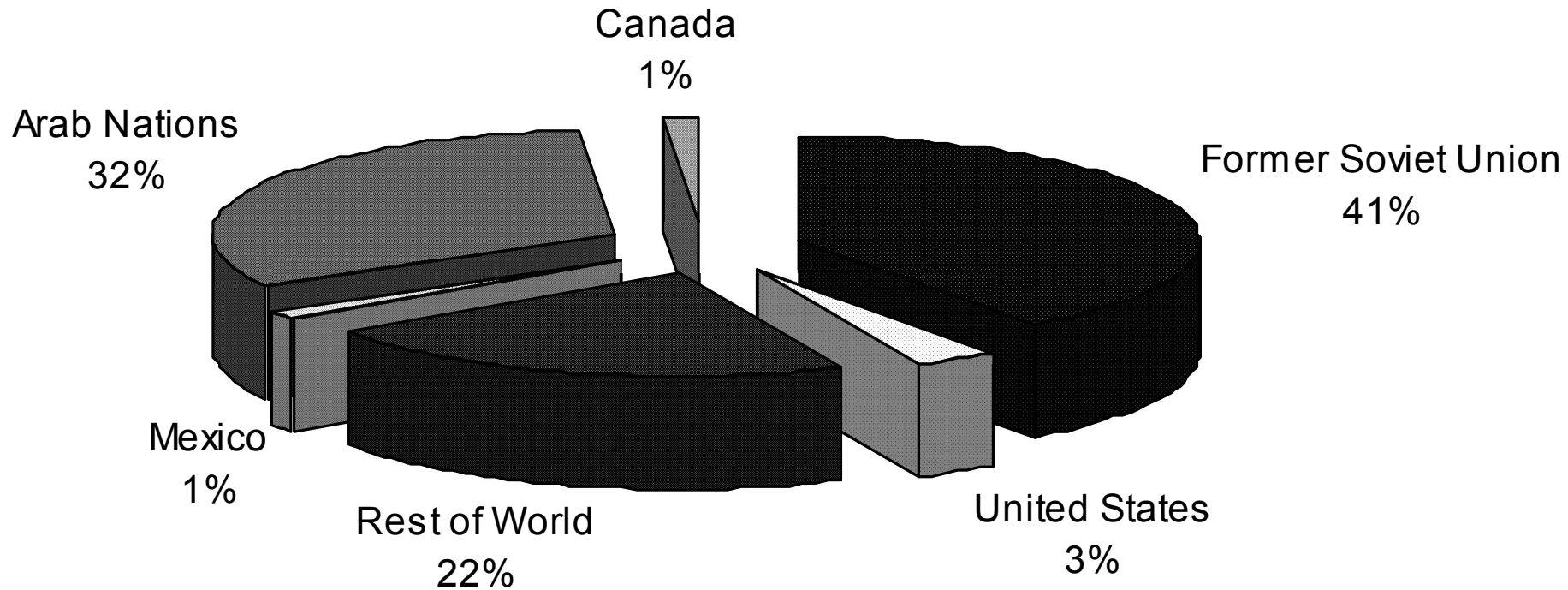
## Proved natural gas reserves at end 2002

Trillion cubic metres



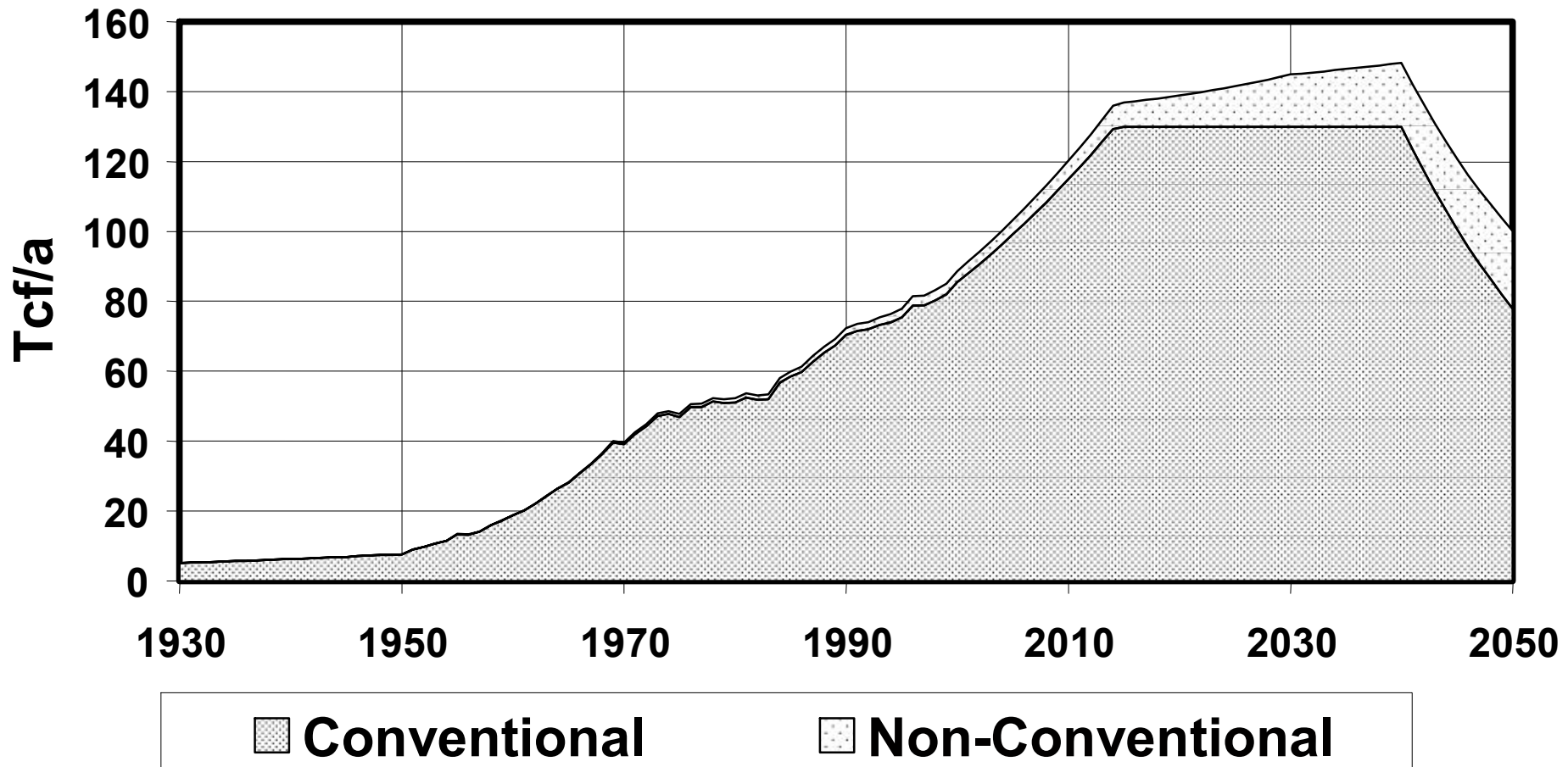
“The Rockies are the Saudi Arabia of Natural Gas”

# Global Natural Gas Reserves



Source: Energy Information Administration, International Energy Outlook 1997

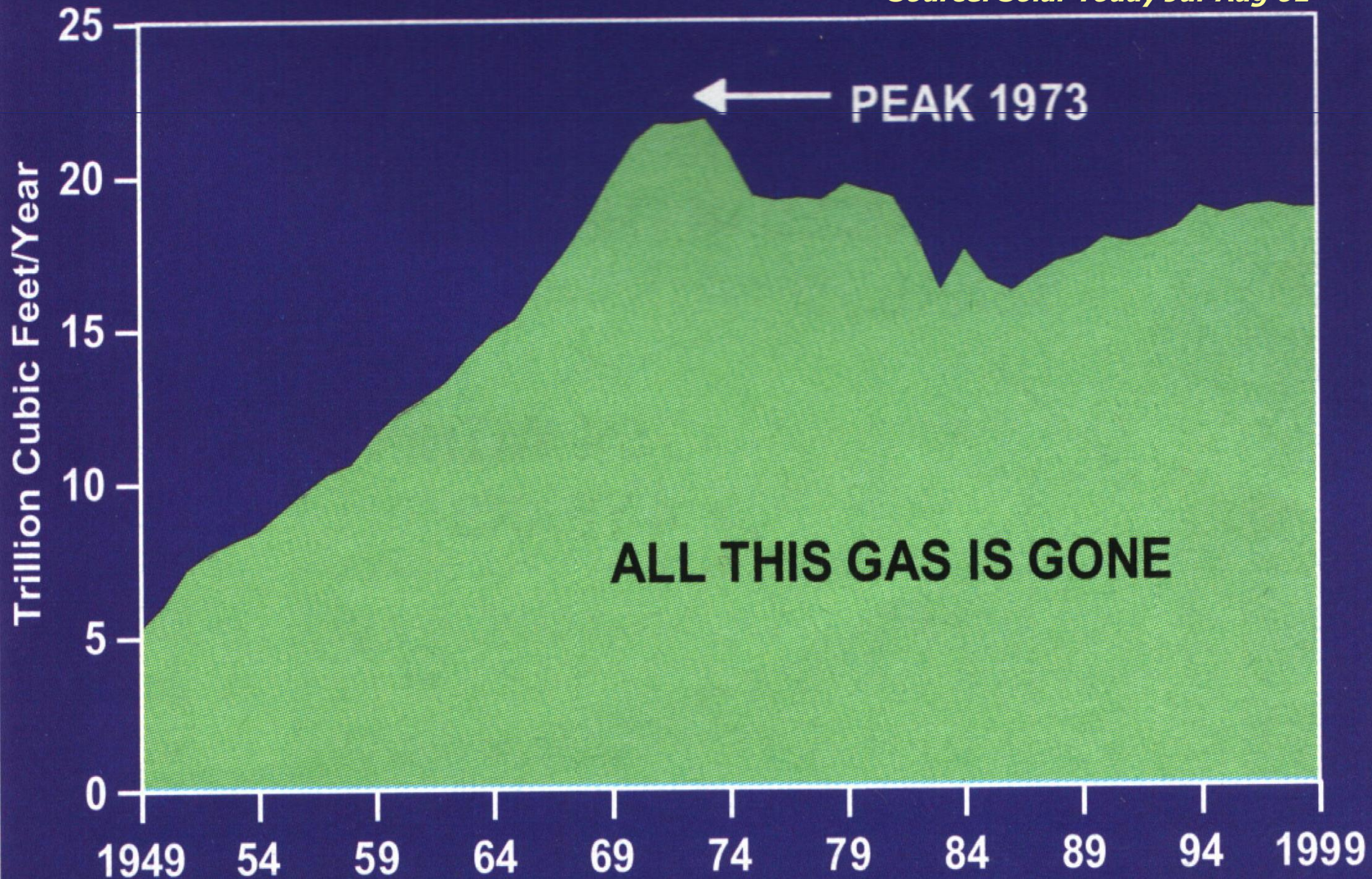
# Global Natural Gas





# U.S. NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION

*Source: Solar Today Jul-Aug 01*





Qatar has more natural gas reserves than North America.

With proven reserves of 509 trillion cubic feet (Tcf), Qatar's natural gas resources rank third in size behind Russia's and Iran's.

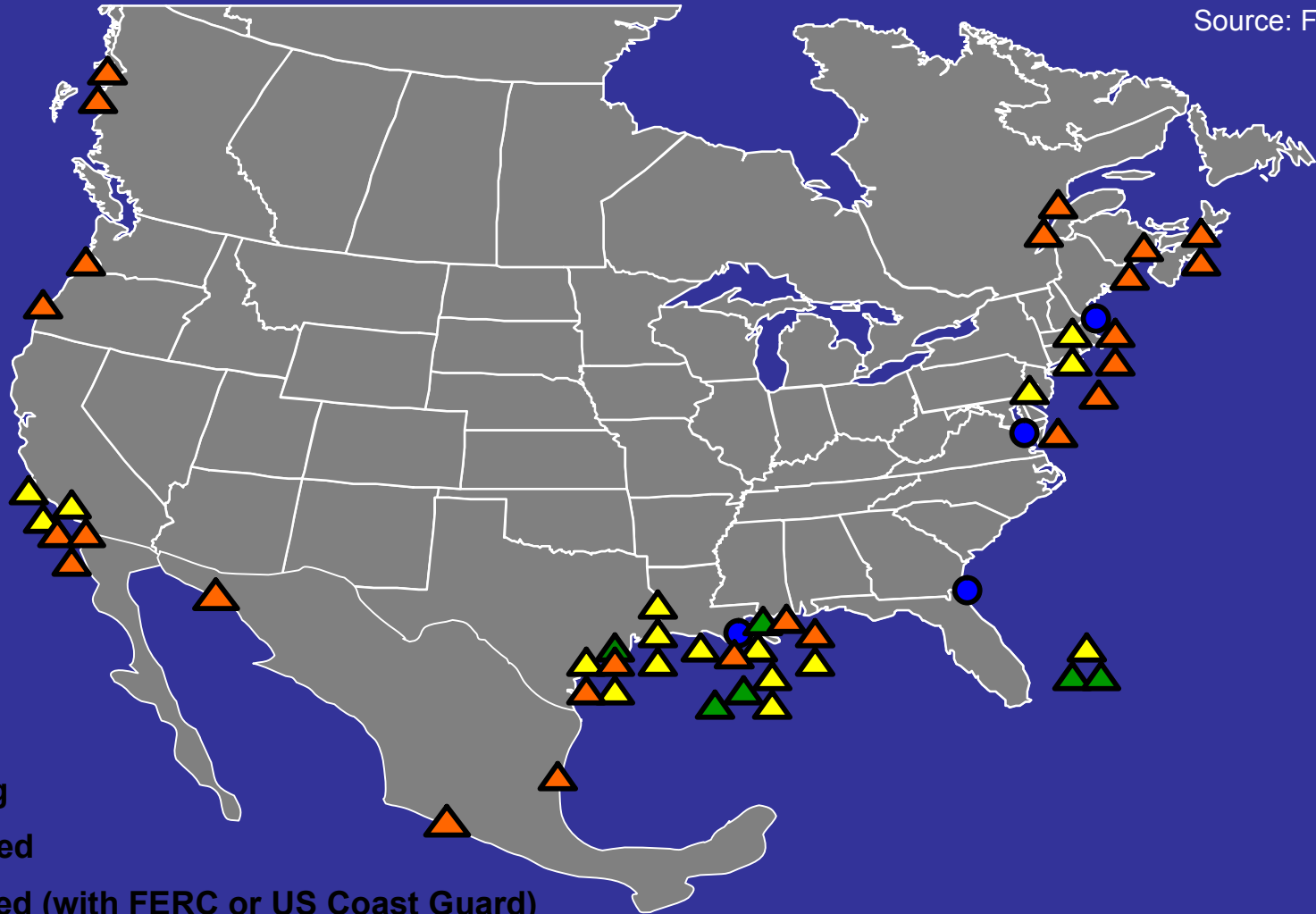


Import our gas from Russia and the Middle East?  
What choice do we have?



# Proposed US Regasification Terminals

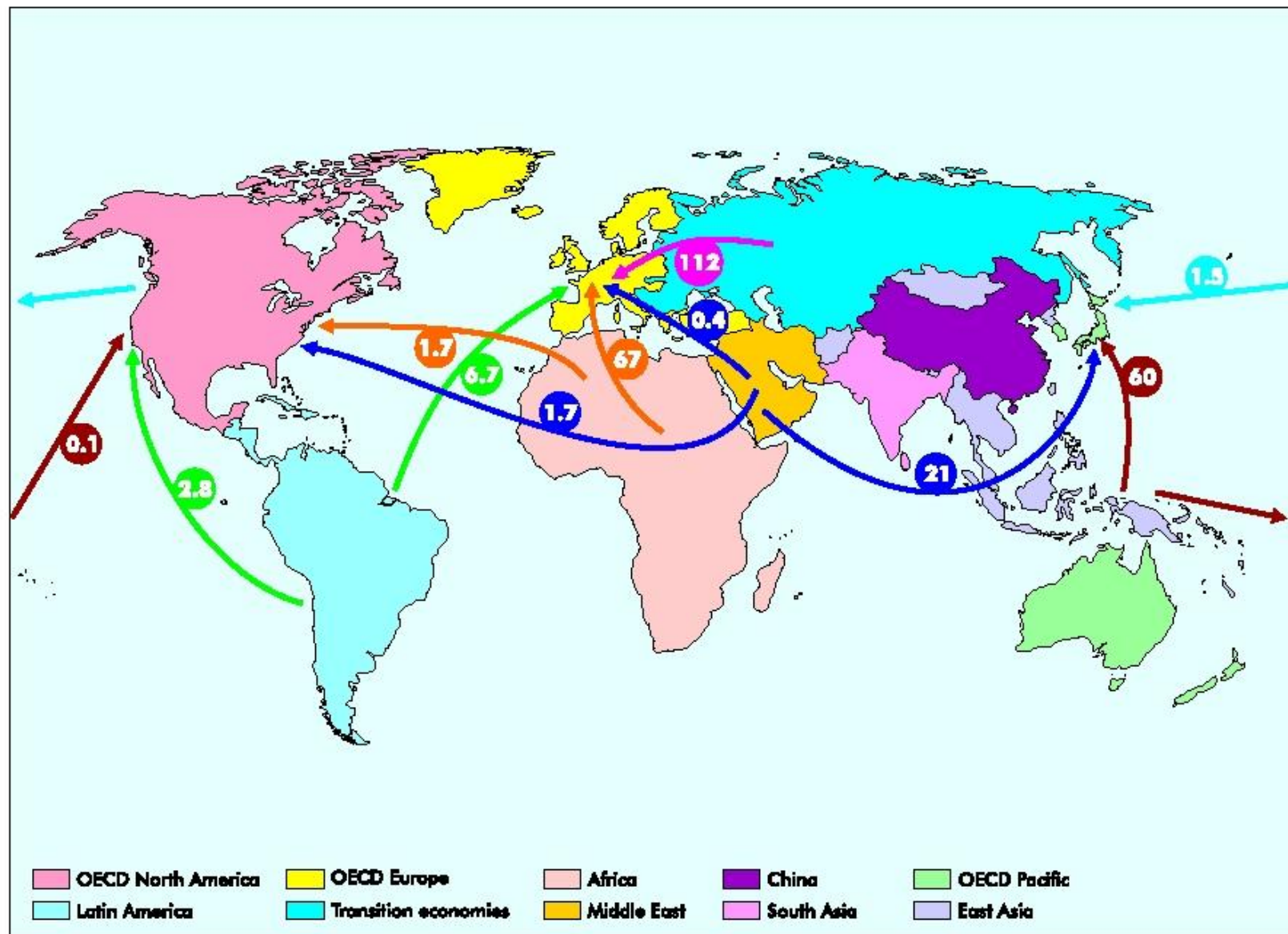
Source: FERC



- Existing
- Approved
- Proposed (with FERC or US Coast Guard)
- Planned

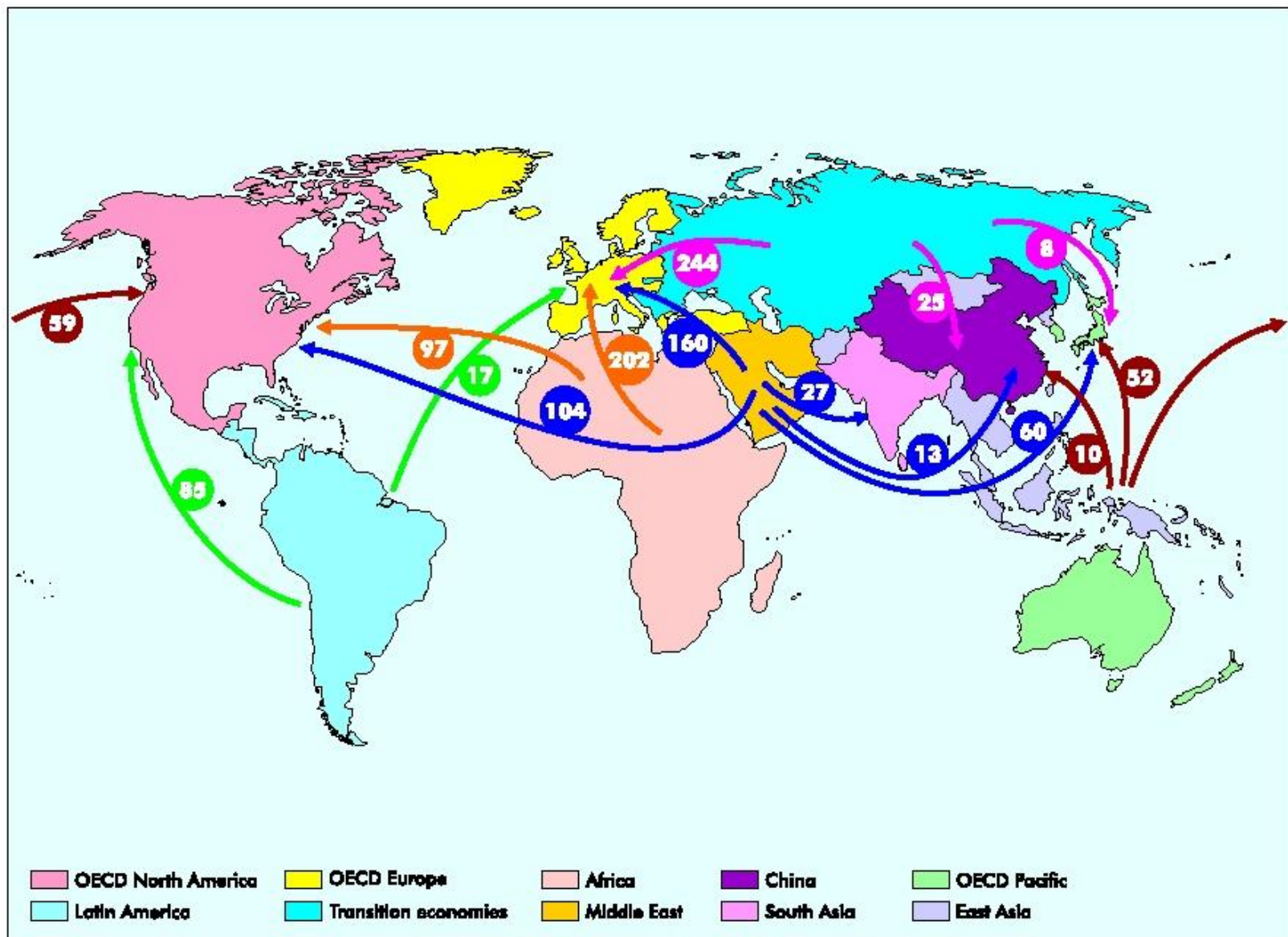
# Gas resource and transport issues

Figure 3.12: Net Inter-regional Natural Gas Trade Flows, 2000 (bcm)



# Gas resource and transport issues

Figure 3.13: Net Inter-Regional Natural Gas Trade Flows, 2030 (bcm)



# Hydroelectric

Hydroelectric plants provide 6% of  
the world's energy supply





# Nuclear Fission





**Nuclear fission provides 6%  
of the world's energy**



# Concerns

## Accidents

Chernobyl, Three Mile Island

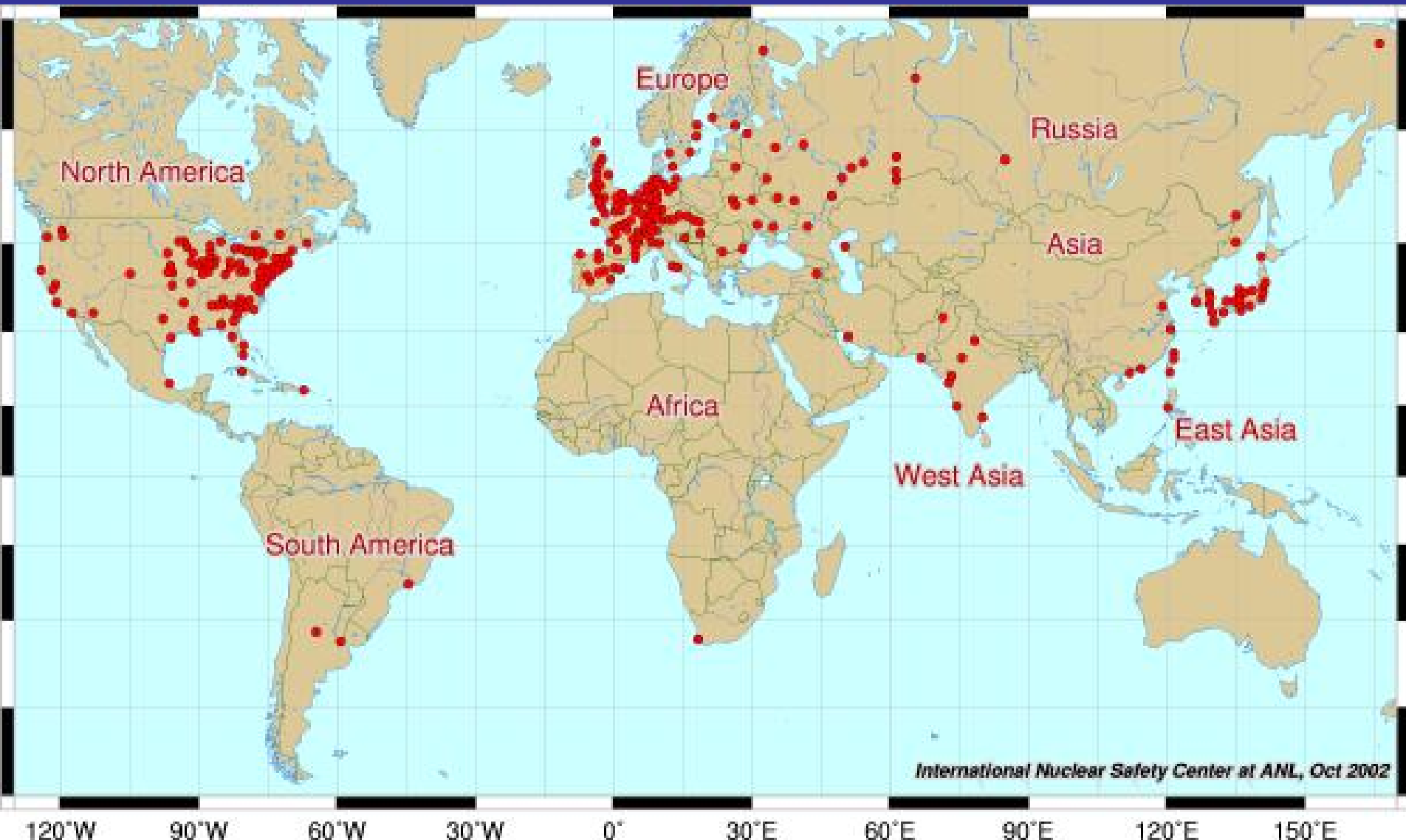
## Diversion of nuclear fuel for nuclear weapons

North Korea, Iraq, Iran

## Disposition of spent fuel

Yucca Mountain

## Financial Cost



# Major Uranium Producers

Australia, Canada, China,  
Kazakhstan, Namibia, Niger,  
Russia, Uzbekistan

# Welcome to Peak Uranium



- World uranium production is expected to peak in the next 15 years.
- After that-- welcome to the plutonium economy.

# Nuclear power has gone from:

- “too cheap to meter,” starting in the 1950s

to

- “too expensive to matter,” since the 1980s

NOW:

Xcel Energy CEO Richard Kelly 2/24/07:

“Comparing a new nuclear plant to Xcel’s new Comanche unit near Pueblo, which will cost about \$1 billion, a new nuclear plant could cost seven times that amount and take as many as a dozen years to complete.”

# Geothermal Power







# Ocean Power Concept





## Tidal Power Concept

# Energy Efficiency



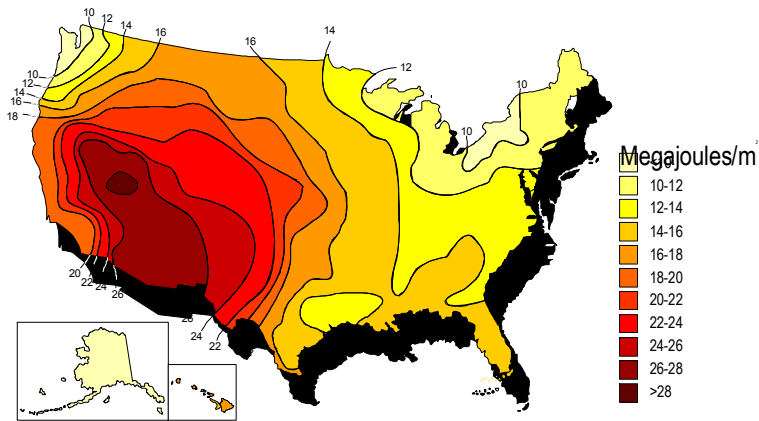
Australia and California have recently introduced legislation to ban the incandescent light.

# Renewable Energy

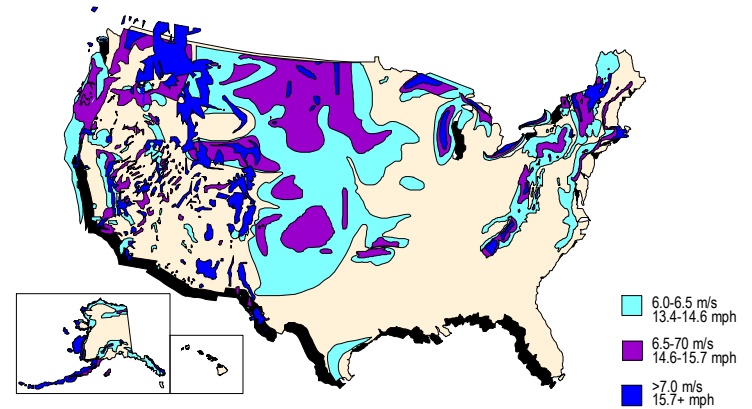


# Renewable Energy Resources

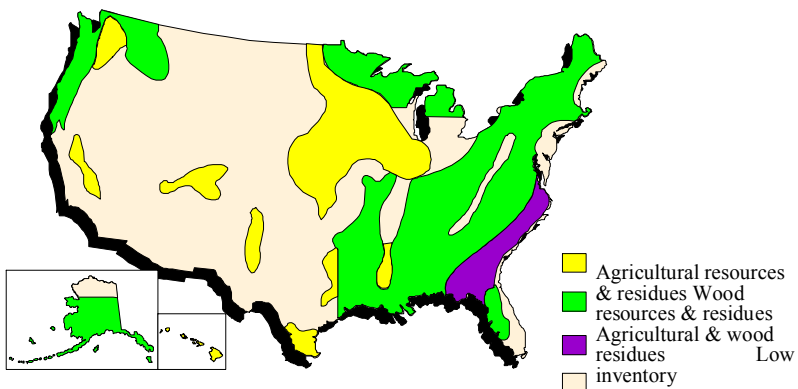
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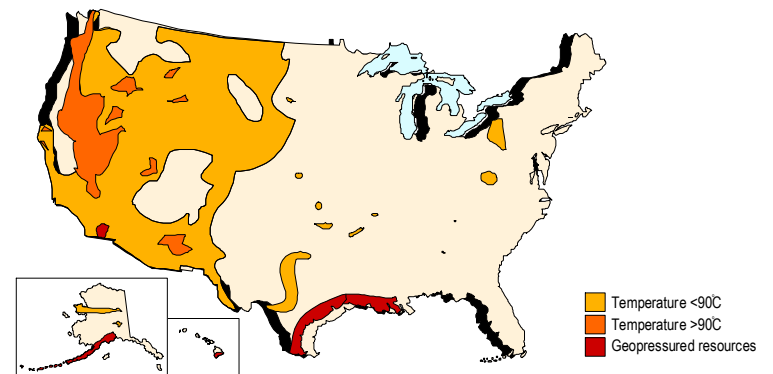
## Wind



## Biomass

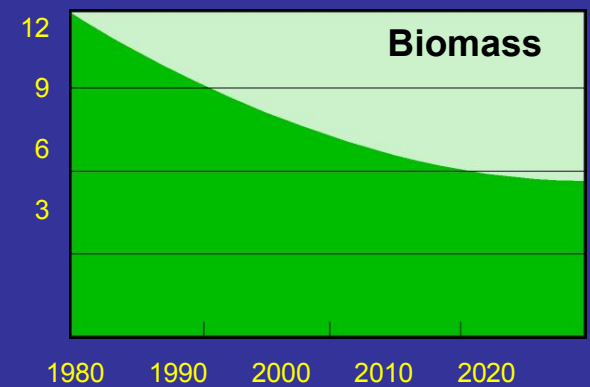
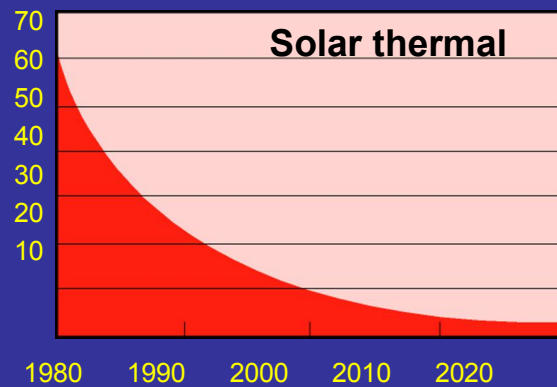
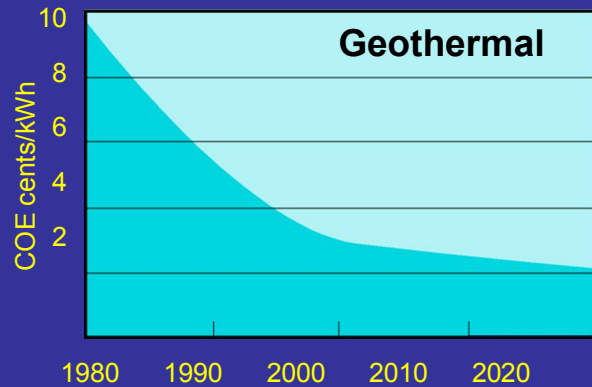
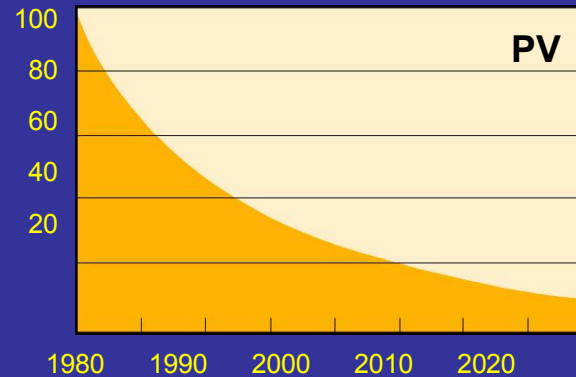
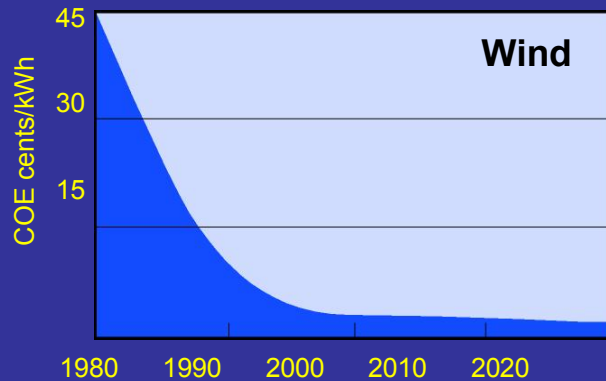


## Geothermal



# Renewable Energy Cost Trends

Levelized cents/kWh in constant \$2000<sup>1</sup>



Source: NREL Energy Analysis Office

<sup>1</sup>See attached slides for background information.

Updated: June 2002



# Cost of Wind Energy Trend

**1979: 40 cents/kWh**

**2000:  
4 - 6 cents/kWh**

- Increased Turbine Size
- R&D Advances
- Manufacturing Improvements



NSP 107 MW Lake Benton wind farm  
4 cents/kWh (unsubsidized)

**2004:  
3 - 5 cents/kWh**

**GE WindEnergy**  
**3.6 MW**  
**Prototype**  
**Turbine in Spain**

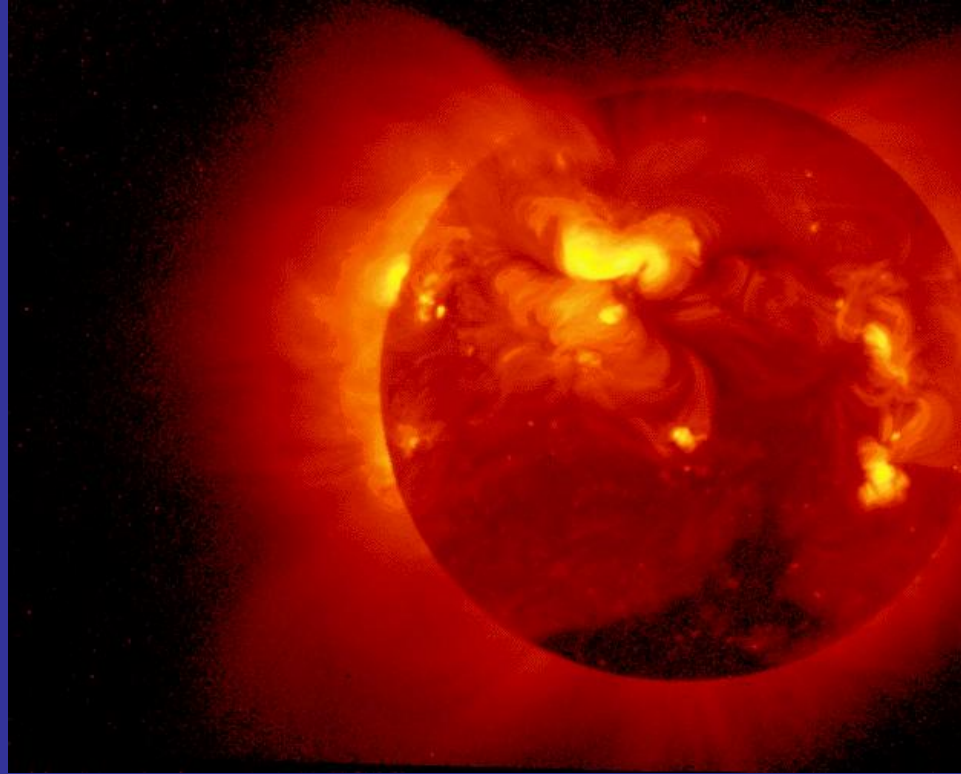
**Boeing 747-200**





6 MW Wind Farm, Lolland, Denmark

Picture: Technical University



Each day, more energy falls to the earth from the sun's rays than the total amount of energy the planet's 6.3 billion inhabitants would consume in 27 years.

# Concentrating Solar Power



In the Mohave Desert since 1995,  
and within five years, likely coming to  
the San Luis Valley





# Photovoltaics: From Space to Earth



From \$100/watt in 1970 to \$4/watt today.  
Needs to get to \$1/watt  
to get to the proverbial "tipping point."





Look where they placed this 1.4 MW installation  
in Neustadt, Germany.....



Neatly tucked in next to a runway at a regional airport



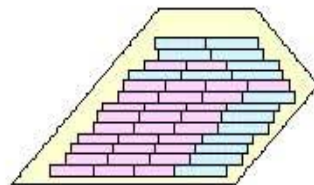
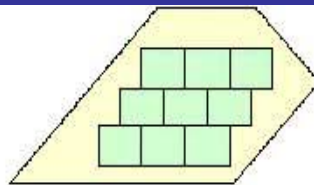


Kyocera's roof mount type (for the Japanese market)  
 9 x 175 W modules = **1,575kW**

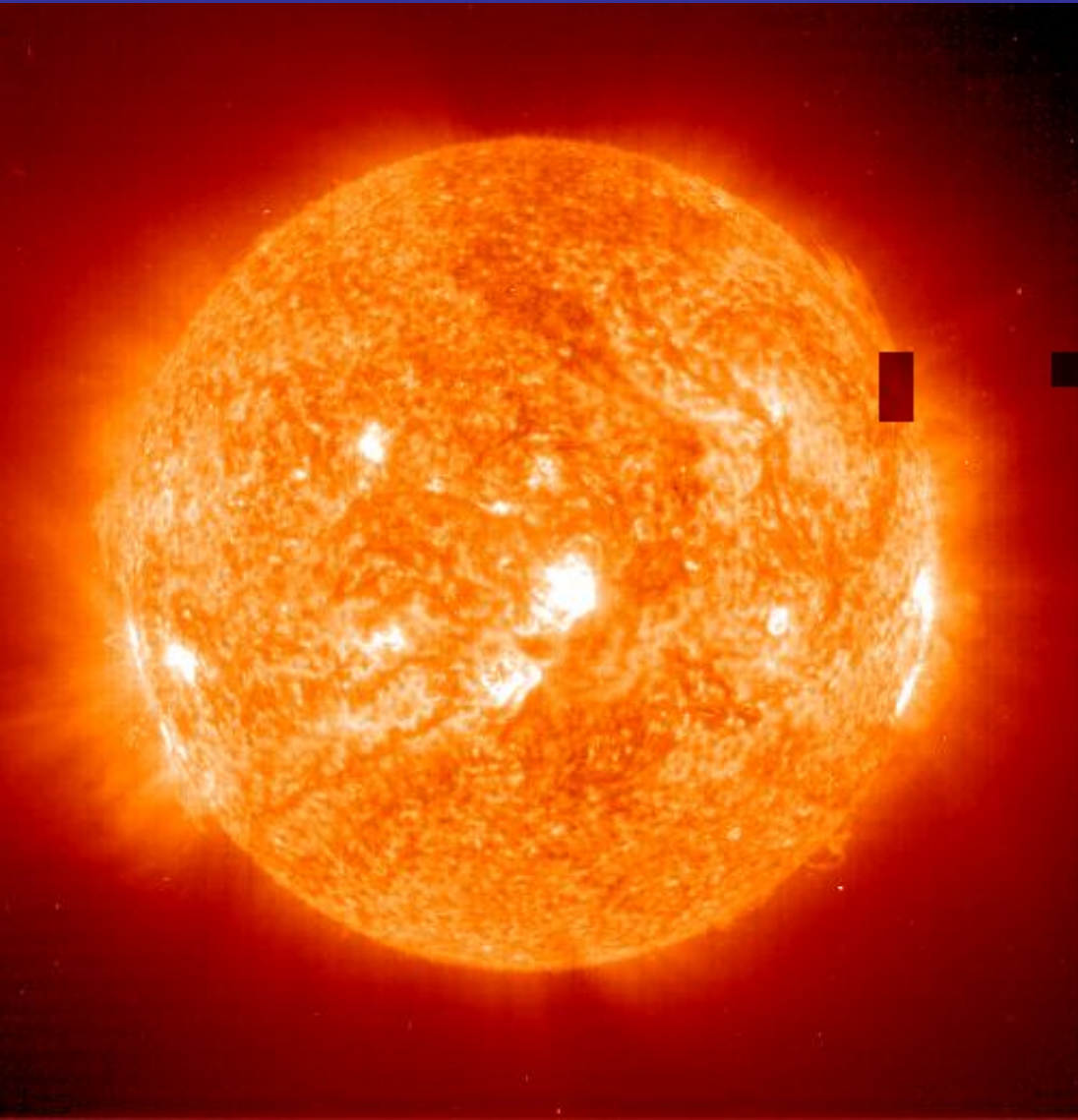
**Up 28.0 percent**



HEYBAN (for the Japanese market)  
 16 x 51 W modules, plus  
 30 x 40 W modules = **2,016kW**



# The Renewable Hydrogen Economy





# Intermittent Renewables



**Constant  
Demand**

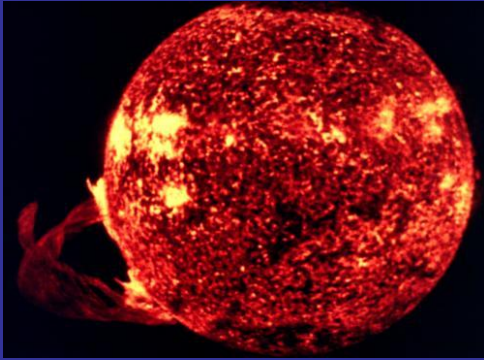
# Energy storage can mitigate intermittency

Any renewable based energy scheme must have integrated energy storage before it can become a viable, sustainable energy system.

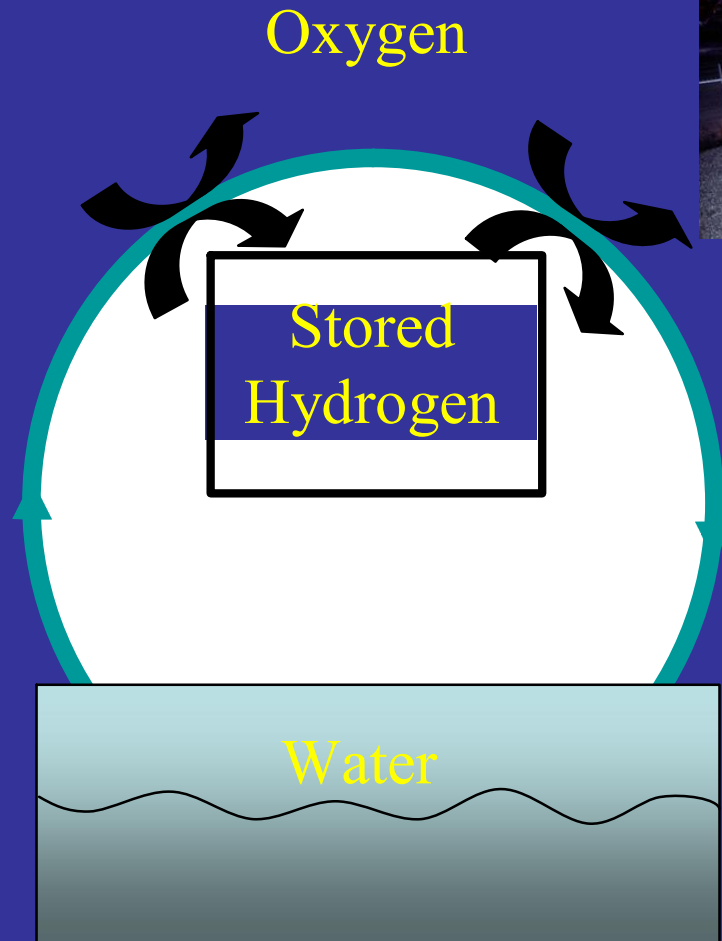
- Hydrogen
- Biofuels
- Batteries
- Pumped Hydro
- Compressed air
- Flywheels
- Superconductivity
- ....



# Hydrogen Economy Closed Energy Cycle

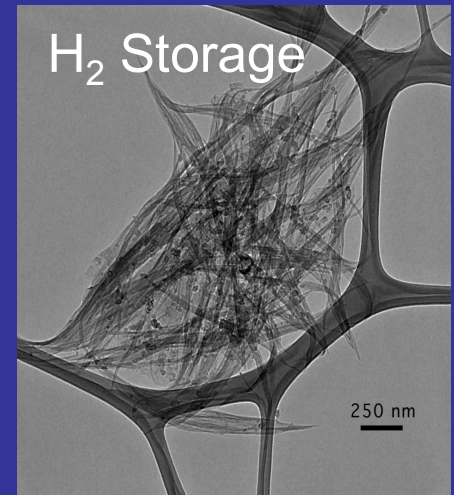
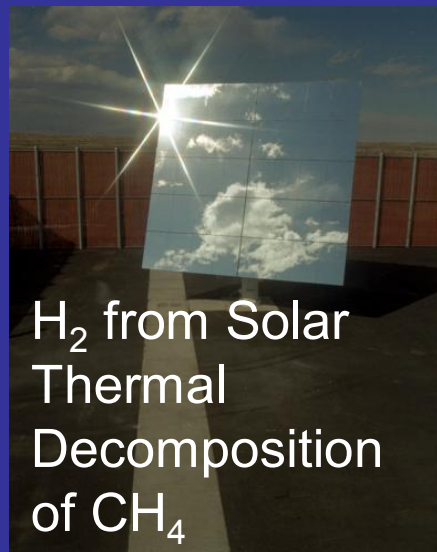
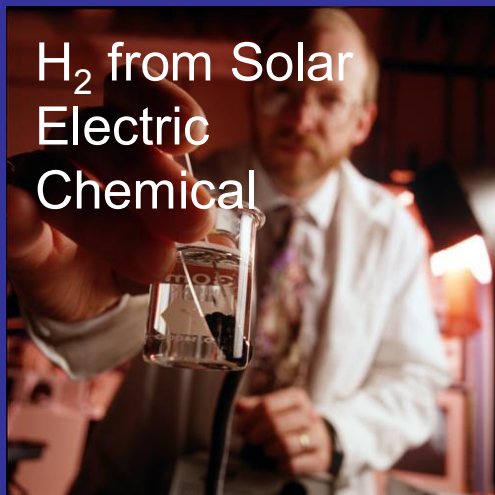
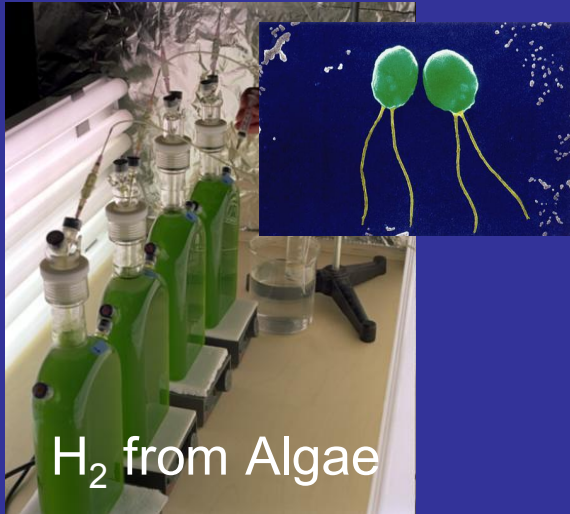


Inputs:  
Solar Energy and  
Water

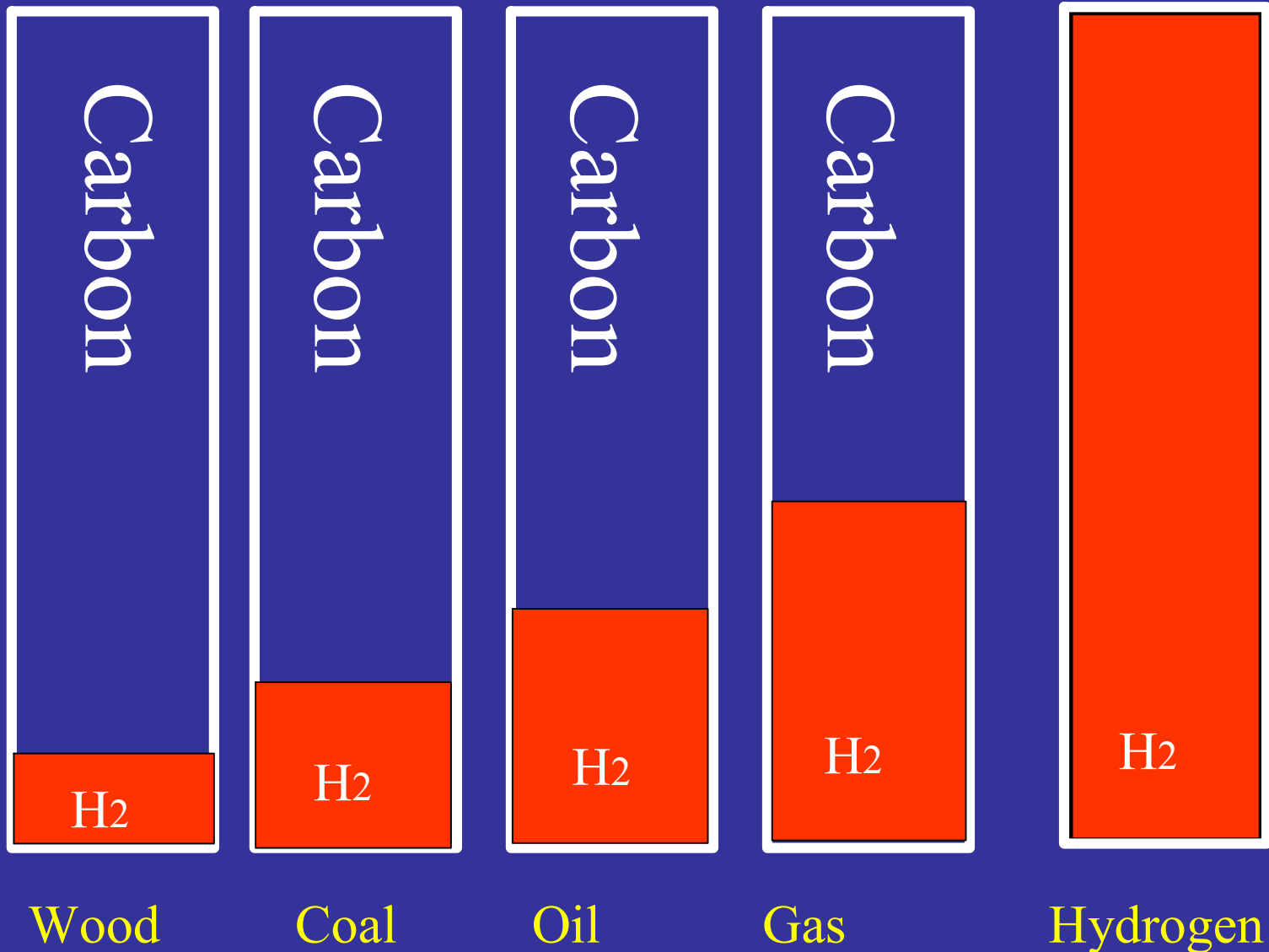


Outputs:  
Electricity, Heat  
and Water

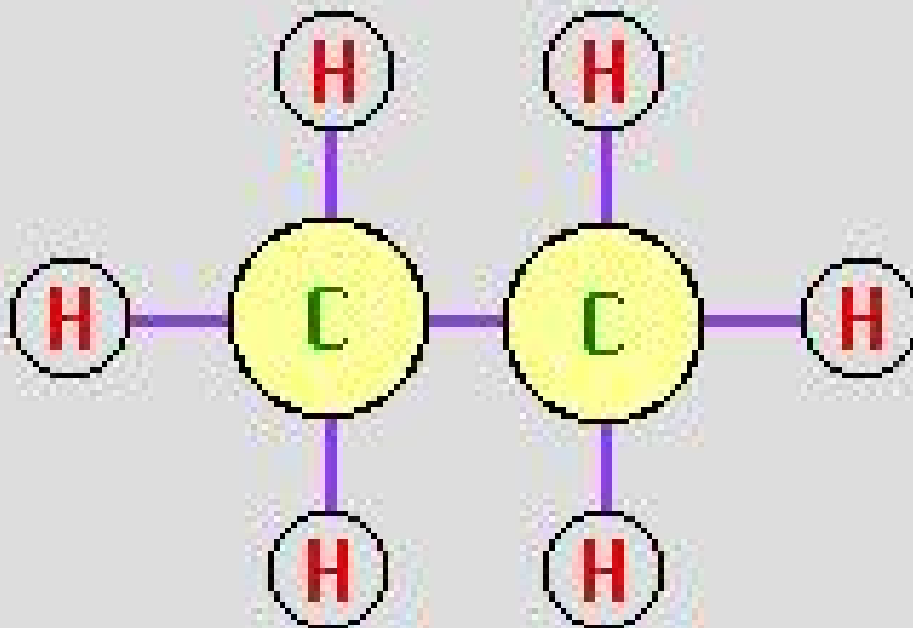
# Renewable Hydrogen Production



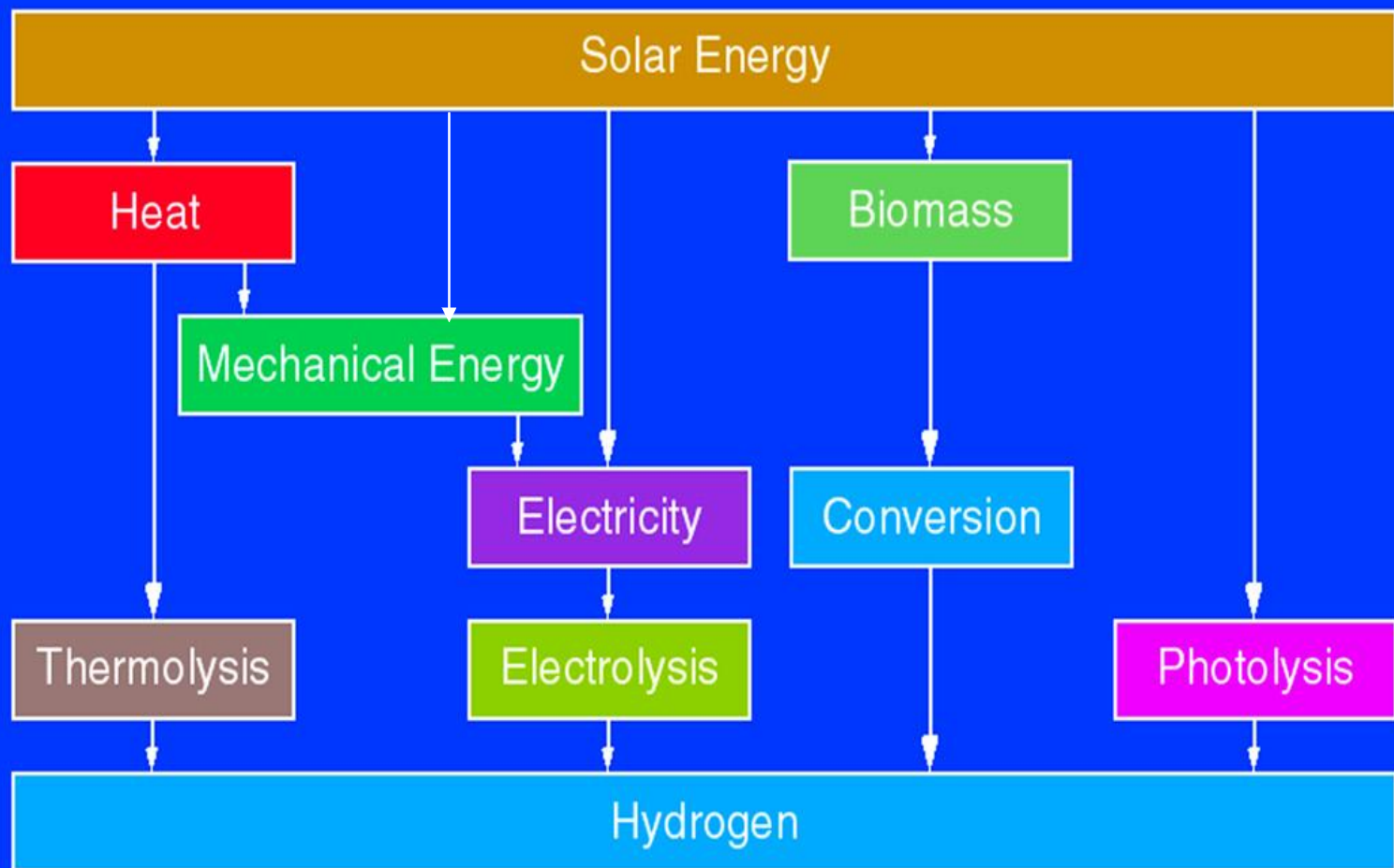
# Illustrative Hydrogen Content of Fuels



**Burn the  
hydrogen,  
not the carbon.**



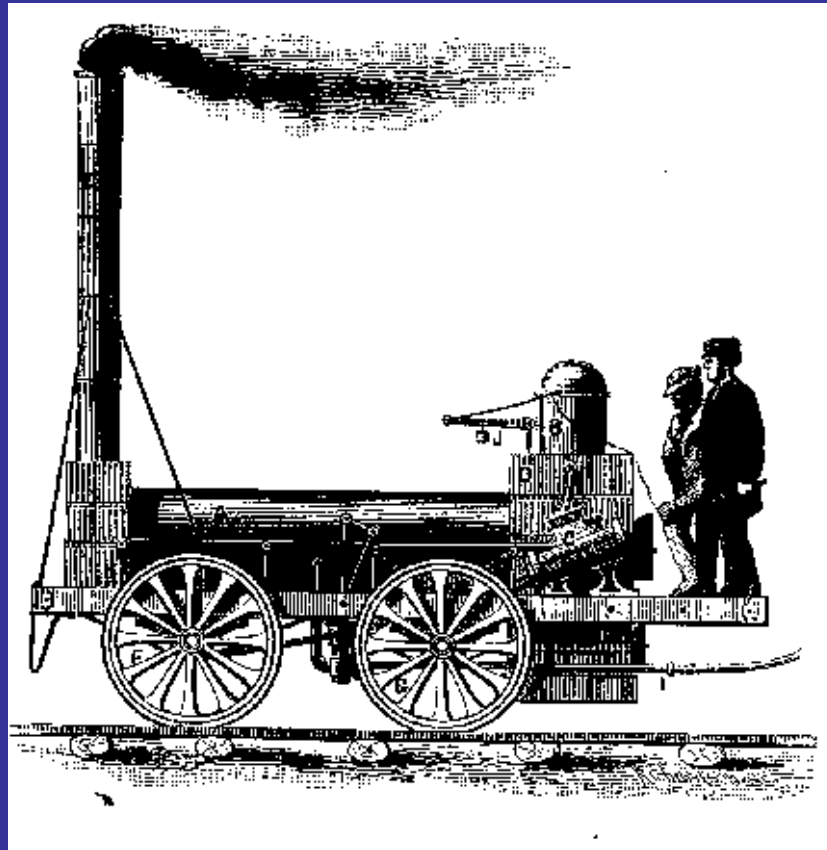
## Sustainable Paths to Hydrogen



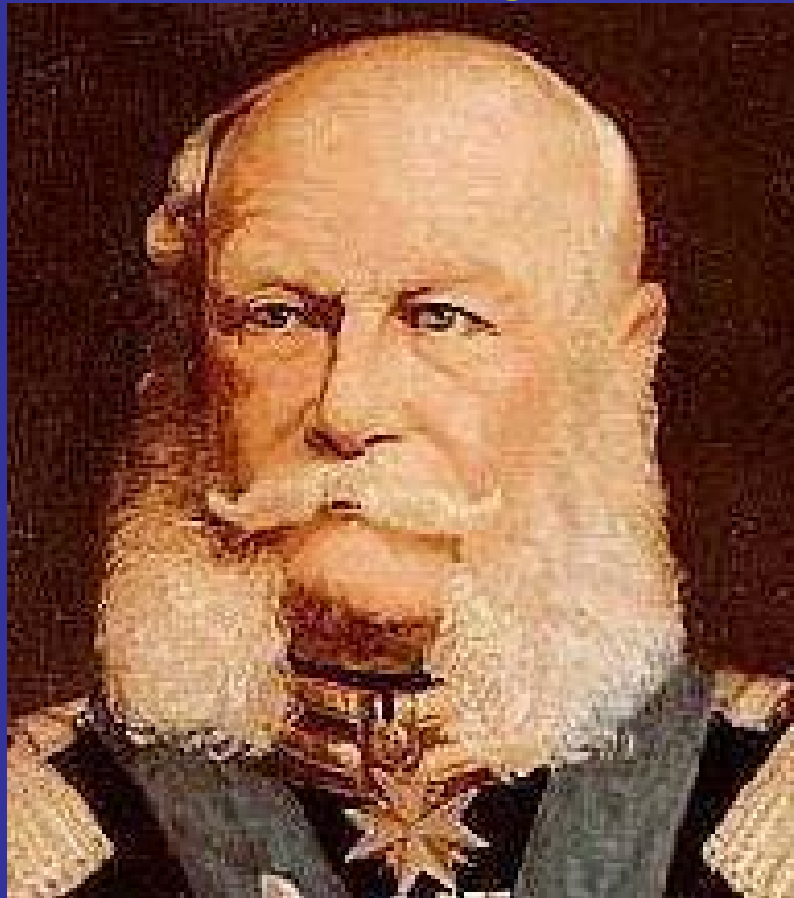
Can we meet the challenge?

**1830: “Rail travel at high speeds is not possible because passengers, unable to breathe, would die of asphyxia.”**

– *Dionysius Lardner, Professor of Natural Philosophy and Astronomy at University College, London, and author of “The Steam Engine Explained and Illustrated”*



**1864: “No one will pay good money to get from Berlin to Potsdam in one hour when he can ride his horse there in one day for free.”**



*—Kaiser Wilhelm I of Prussia*



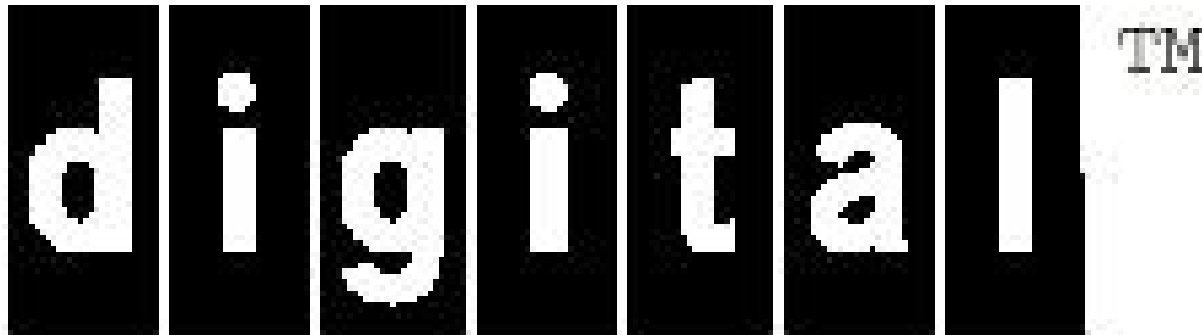
# 1933: “There will never be a bigger plane built.”

– A Boeing engineer at the launch of the ten-seater  
Boeing 247



**1977: “There is no reason anyone would want a computer in their home.”**

*– Ken Olson, president, chairman and founder of Digital Equipment Corp.*

The logo for Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC) is displayed. It features the word "digital" in a lowercase, sans-serif font, with each letter contained within its own black rectangular box. To the right of the word, the letters "TM" are displayed in a smaller, uppercase, sans-serif font, also within a black rectangular box. The entire logo is set against a white background.

**digital<sup>TM</sup>**



The Only Constant is Change





The calculator retailed for \$400 when first introduced.





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## Things Change



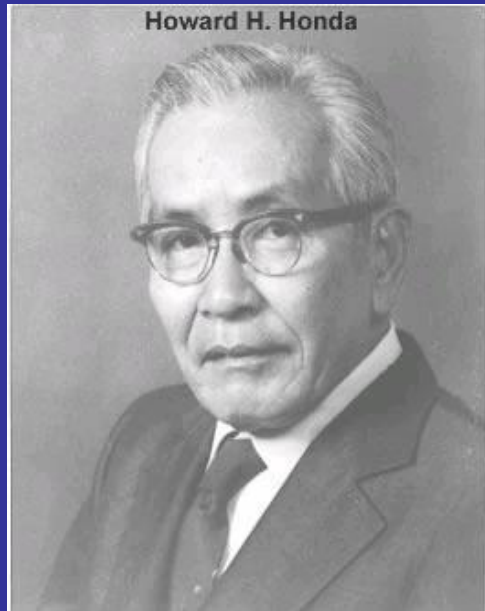


Change is created  
through:

Leapfrog  
Technology



# Honda Motor Enters Solar Cell Market



“We are serious about solar cells, and in the future will be making hydrogen with them,” said Takeo Fukui, president and chief executive officer (CEO) of Honda Motor Co Ltd of Japan.



Plug in hybrid vehicle powered up by a green grid (dominated by wind power)



Breakthroughs are needed in advanced battery technology



Bill Gates at the World Altair Computer Convention, 1976.



The Founders of Apple Computer:

Steve Wozniak and Steve Jobs  
in Jobs' garage - 1976



Google co-founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin



# Conclusion:

Crash Program Needed:  
Renewable Economy

# The Apollo Project

On July 20, 1969, the impossible dream came true. After 8 years, and \$24,000,000,000, the Apollo XI landing craft made a perfect landing on the moon in the Sea of Tranquility.



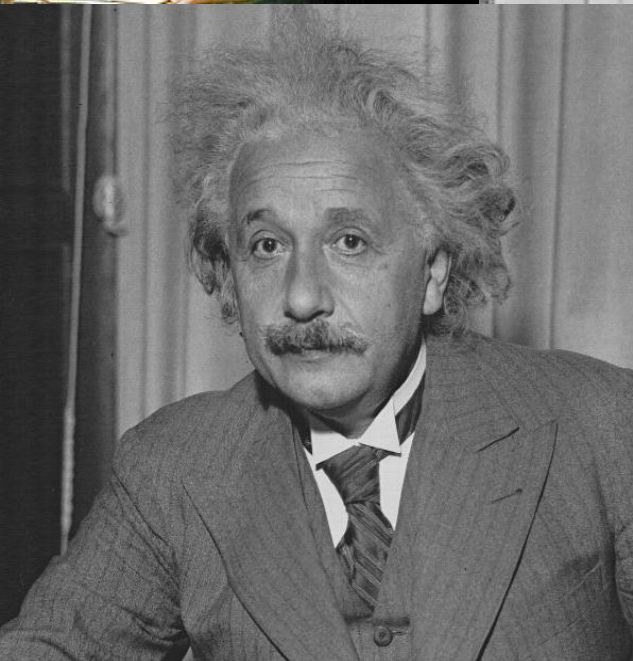
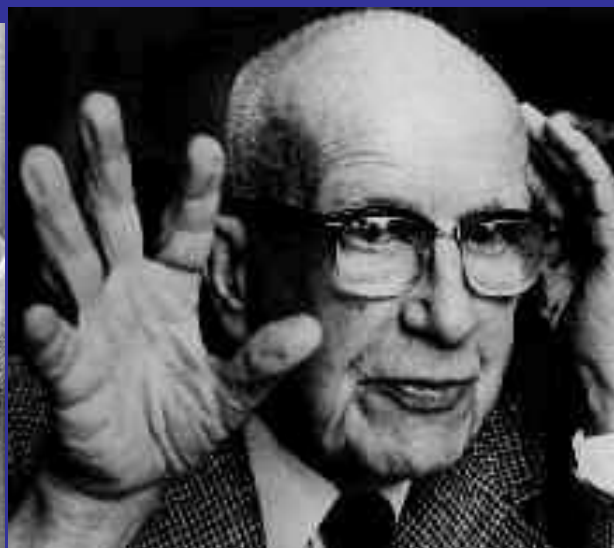


Kissinger: "Strategy, Mr. President. Strategy."



# The Lessons of History.....

- “We can no longer afford to ignore the reality that we have fixed resource boundaries, and that radical changes in our oil-based economy cannot be denied any longer. The era of cheap, abundant oil is over, and the sooner we accept this fact, the sooner we can get on with the task of developing alternative energy sources.”
  - Former Secretary of Defense William Cohen,  
December 22, 1973



It has been done before. We can do it now.

Thank you!

