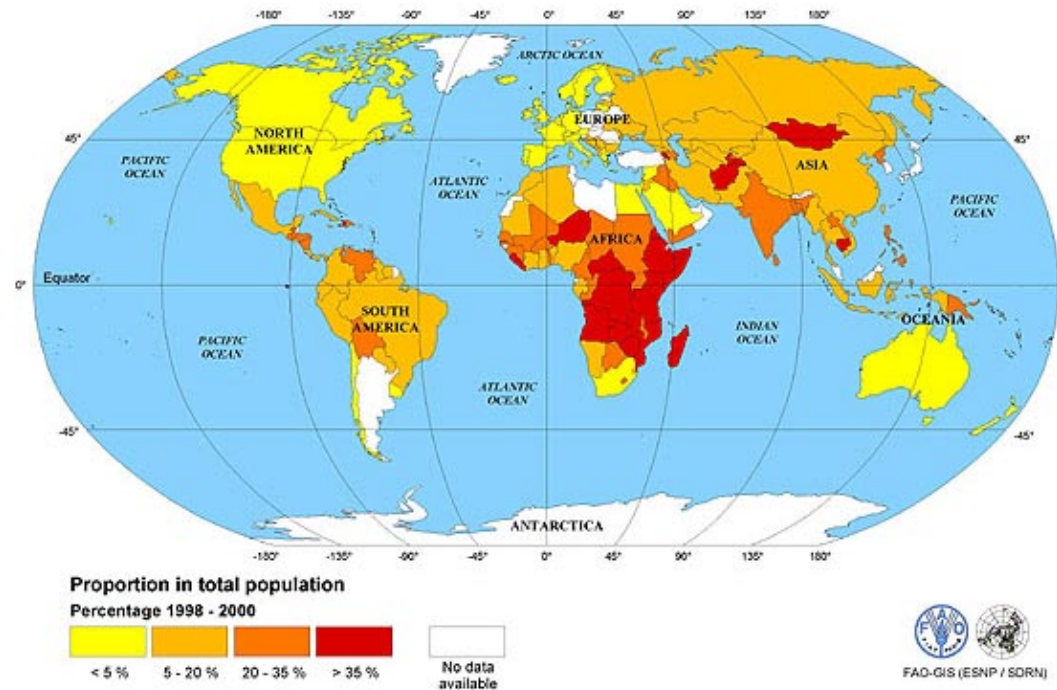


What will the global energy landscape look like over the next 50 years?

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Summary

This talk summarizes the transformations in energy systems that have taken place in the last 10 years and examines the evolving energy needs and supplies. Based on development needs, resource, infrastructure and technology constraints I outline a scenario of what the energy landscape will look like over the next 50 years.

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Context of these lectures

- Development
- Energy Security
- Pollution and Climate Change

The Energy-Development-Environment-Climate Challenge

**Energy is a primary driver of development:
All energy resources will be utilized as they
become economical or are subsidized**

- The goal is to optimize portfolio over
 - Indigenous fuel, water, mineral resources
 - Regional resources (Regional trade)
 - Minimize environmental impact
 - Mitigate climate change (reduce GHG emissions)

The cost of large-scale fuel or energy systems imports will remain high → countries vulnerable to geo-politics

Developing a credible roadmap to GHG-neutral systems

- Focusing on “peak-oil”, declining oil/gas/coal/U resources in one field, one country, etc., is not a compelling strategy. There is plenty of economically accessible fossil fuel for the next 50 years for global need.
- There are compelling forces driving choices countries make
 - Energy security
 - Cost
 - Economic development
 - Easily available fossil fuels
 - Technology
 - Uncertainty of and unfamiliarity with emerging options
 - Social and political pressures
- There is no free lunch. Society must develop a coherent/realistic framework
 - What risk society is willing to accept with respect to impacts of a given energy system
 - What time-evolving adjustments society is willing to make if environmental degradation and climate change is an unacceptable risk

Developing a credible roadmap to GHG-neutral systems

- All forms of energy will be exploited. \$\$\$ talk & underlie sustainability
- There is plenty of easily accessible fossil fuels for the next 50 years globally.
- Define acceptable risk and environmental impact for each energy system
- Coal is the most polluting and highest GHG emitter → fuel substitution
- Natural Gas can replace coal and oil. It can be more than just a bridge fuel for the next 30 years. It can foster regional cooperation.
- Natural Gas is globally distributed and can fuel development in large parts of the world and significantly reduce CO₂ emissions from BAU scenarios.
- Developing grid scale storage is the biggest science opportunity and essential for integrating solar and wind beyond ~20%
- Nuclear power has to be part of the large-scale solution – making it safe
- Conservation and energy efficiency must be a high & immediate priority
- Incentivize/monitor energy companies to be environmentally responsible
- Long-term, stable investment in R&D
- Long-term realistic Policy

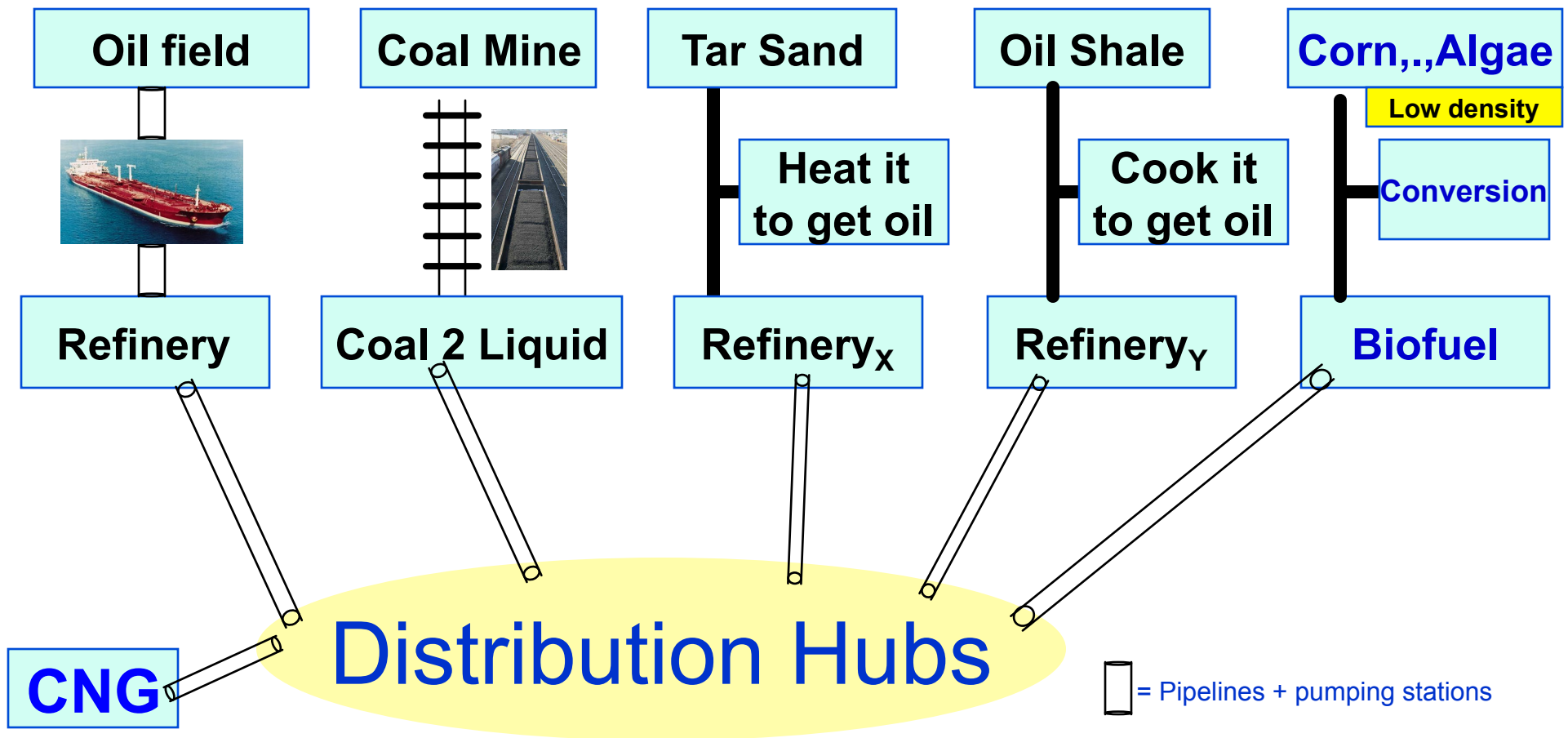
Modern Energy Needs

Transportation Fuels

Electric Power Generation

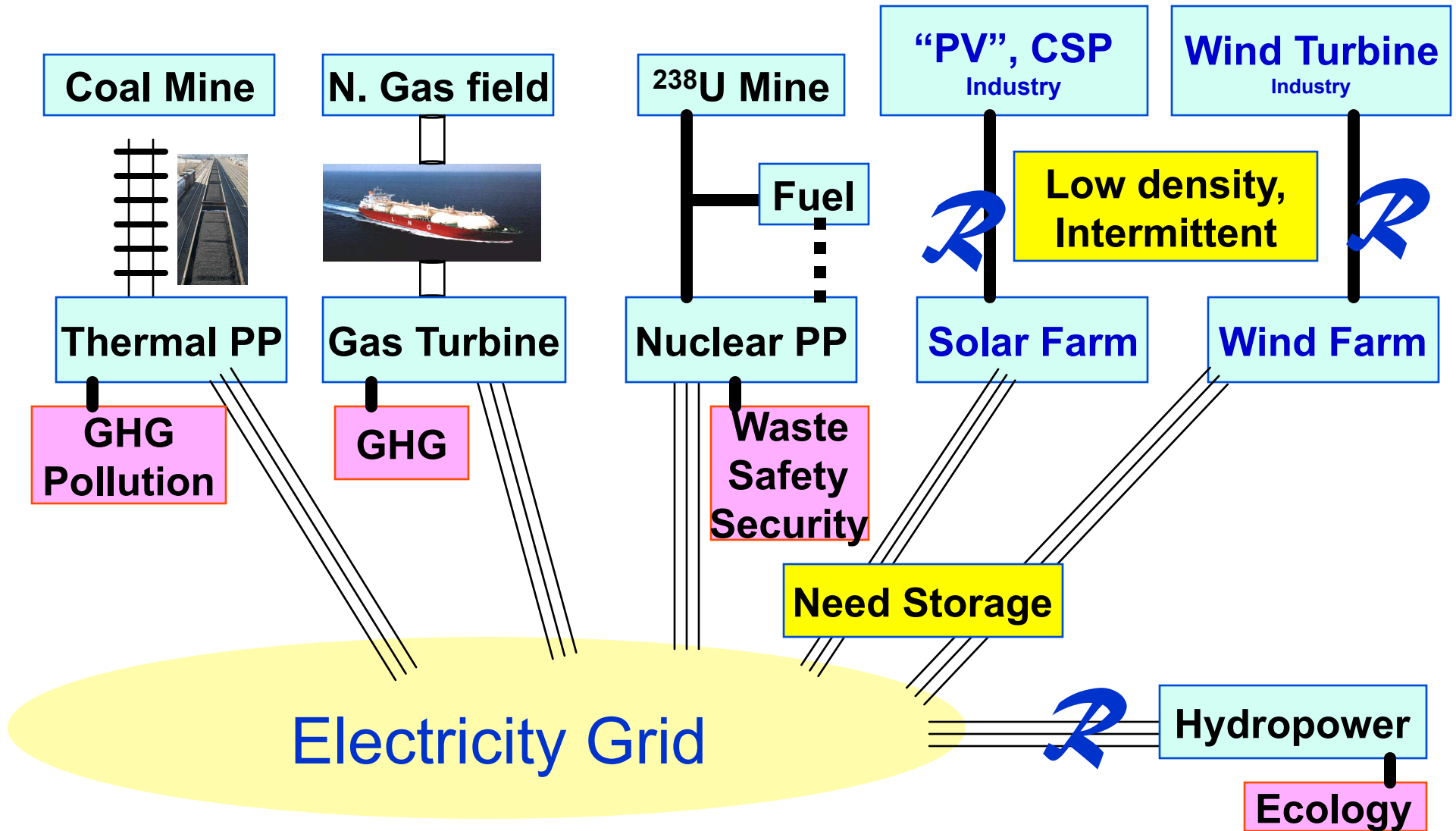
Heat (buildings, kilns, ...)

Transportation fuels: Lifecycle Cost Comparison



Today ⇒ All Fuels Produce GHG
Future ⇒ [Hybrid] Electric Vehicles

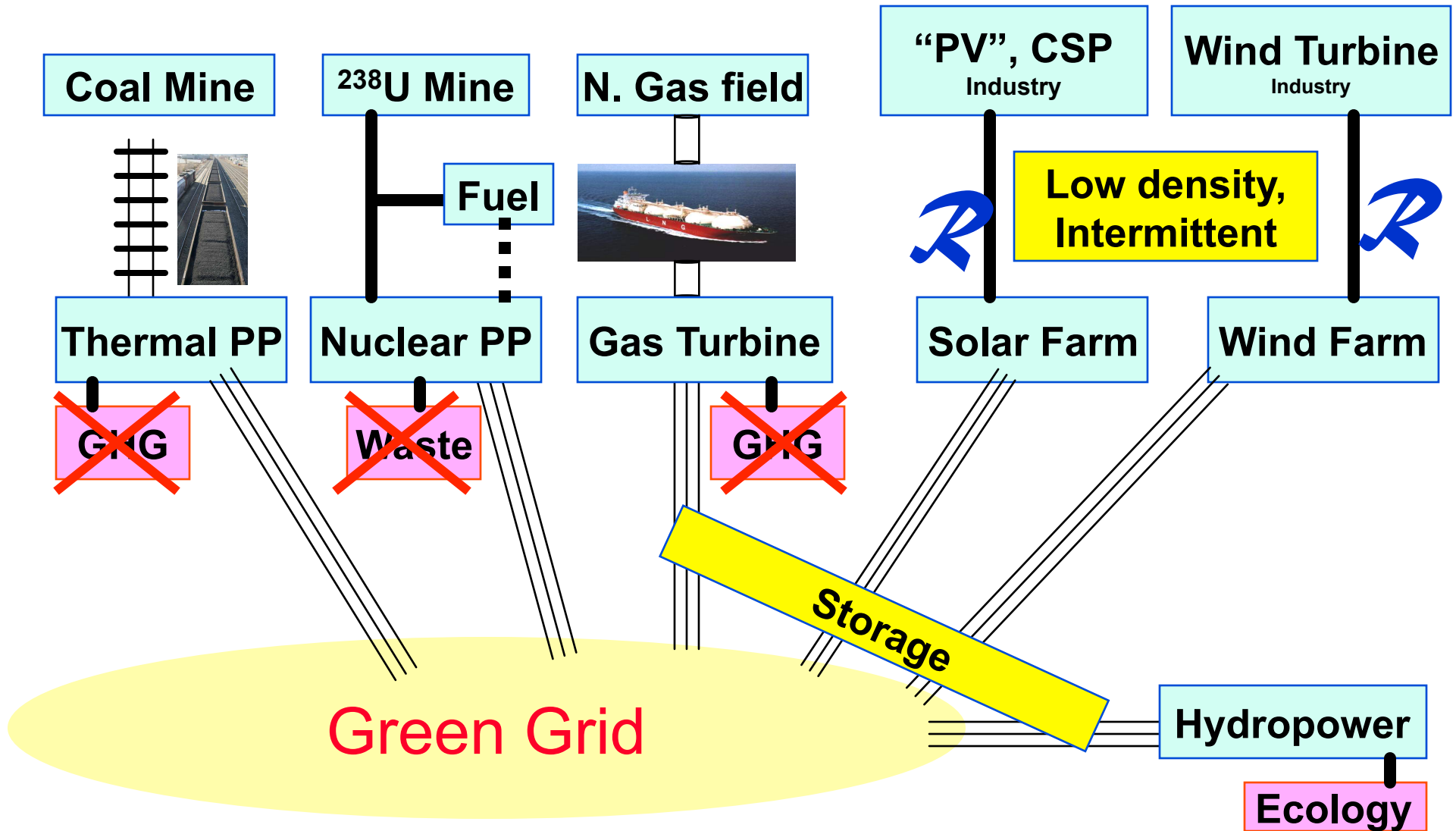
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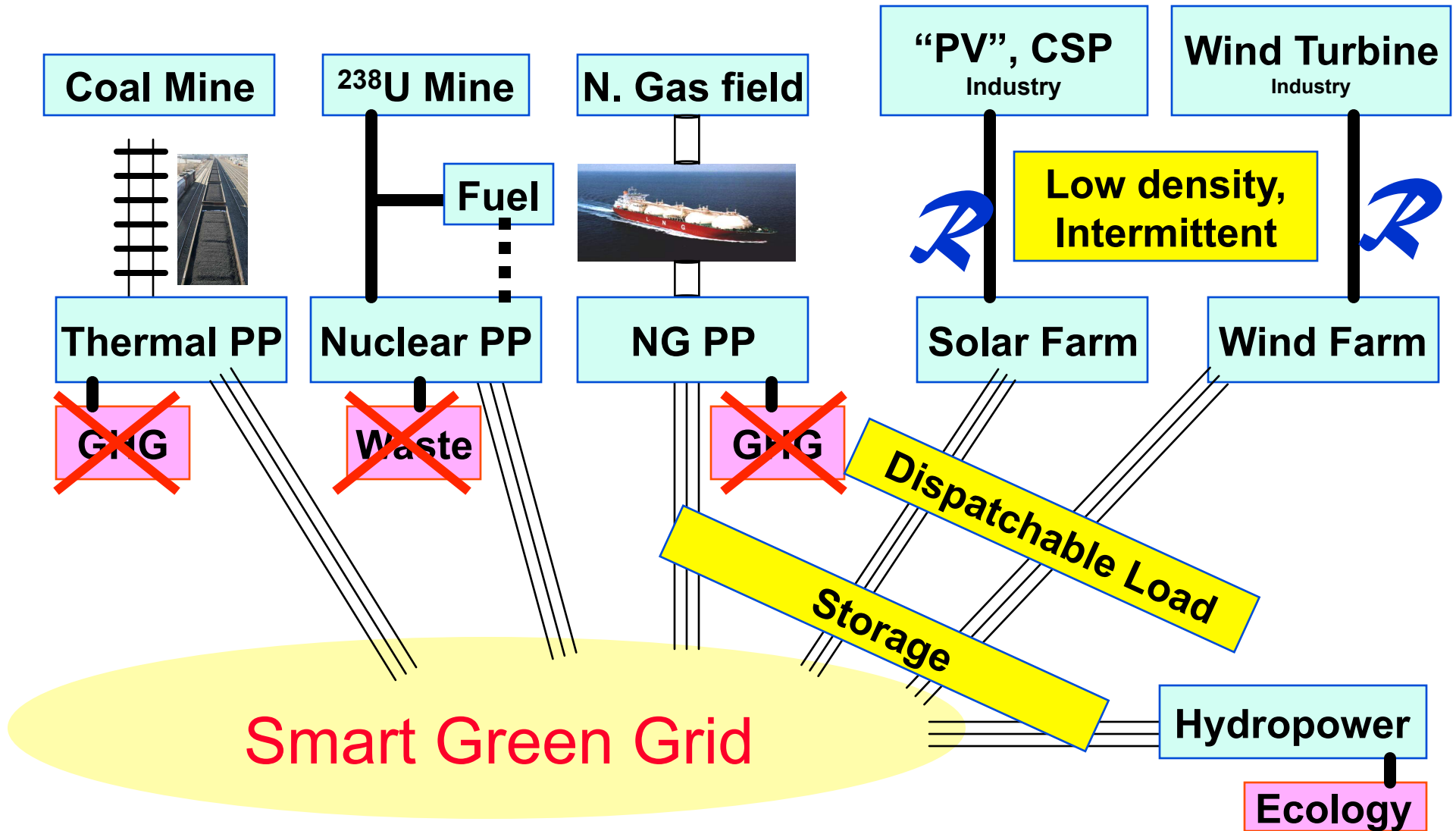
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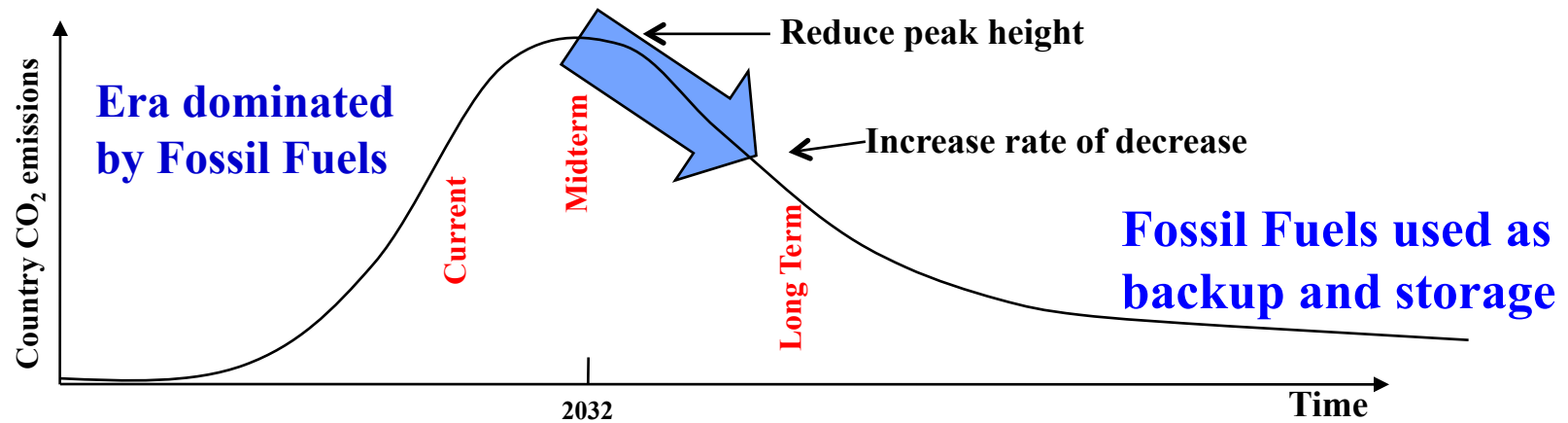
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Transition to Carbon-Neutral Systems



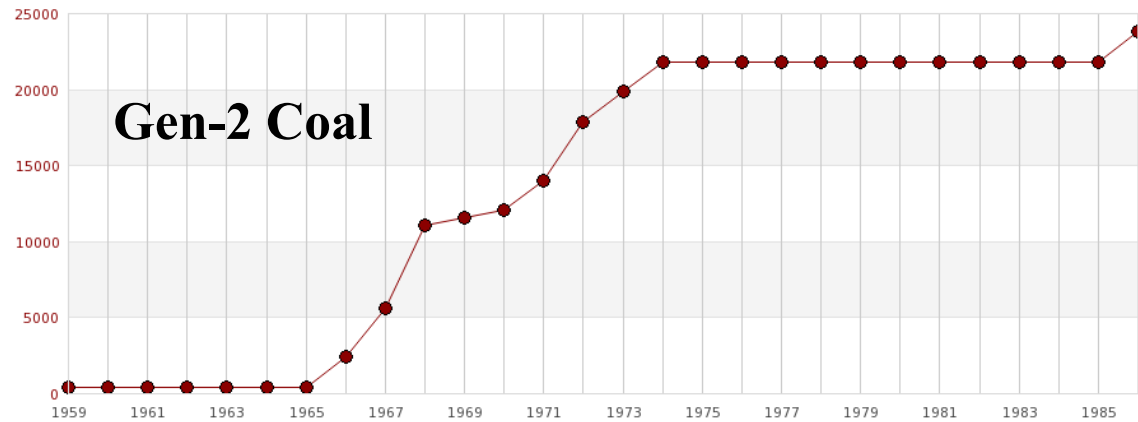
- Progressively reducing carbon intensity
- Reducing the peak height
- Reaching the peak early in development
- Developing cost-effective carbon-neutral systems to accelerate the transition

Efficiency
Technology
Fuel
Substitution

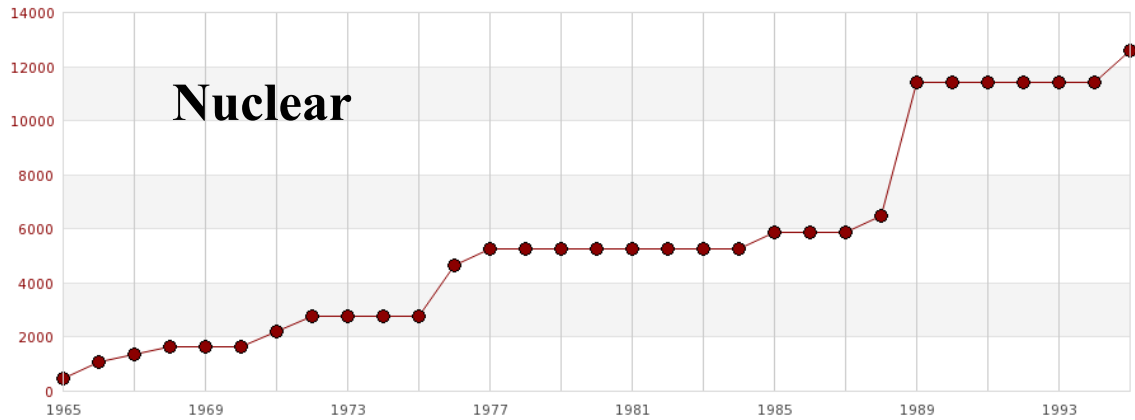
All alternatives to fossil fuels have a market niche

	2010 GW	TWh	Potential	
Electric Power	• Nuclear	375 GW	2600TWh	?
	• Hydro	1010 GW	3800TWh	~1500 GW
	• Wind	198 GW _p	400TWh	+~30%/year
	• Solar PV+Th	40 GW _p	60TWh	+~50%/year
	• Geothermal	11 GW	67.2TWh	
	• Fossil	~4000 GW	20000TWh	~5000 GW
Fuel	• Biofuels	<2.0 MM boe/day	?	
	• Oil	83 MM bbl/day	?	

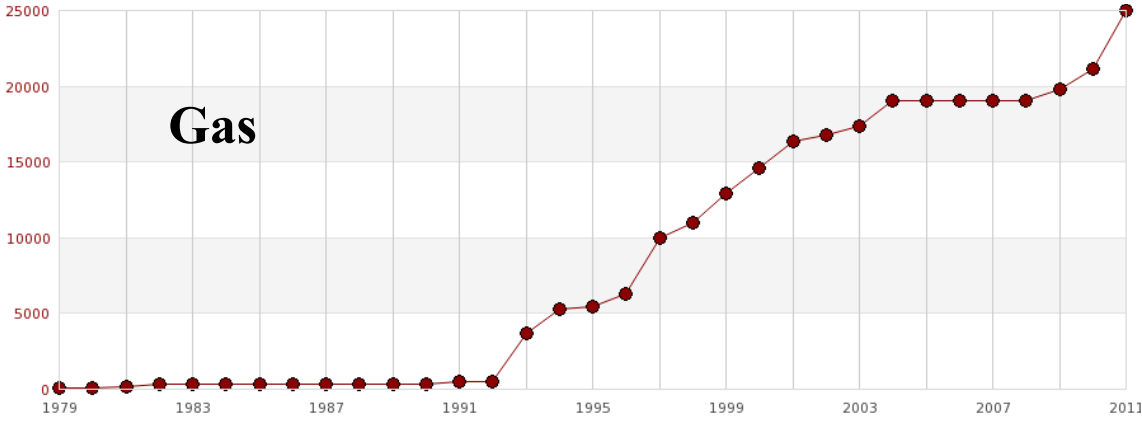
But none is large enough today to meet
World Requirements of 10 [20] TW_e
 Need technological breakthroughs



Example: Evolution of UK's Installed Capacity (MW)



Well-defined Periods of growth aligned with technology and resource growth
 → 30-60 yr lifetime



Compromise Solution: Wedges by 2050 for 10TW electric power & 125Mbo/day

- Need **10 TW** Electric Power:

➤ **10 Wedges of
1 TW ↔ 6000 TWh**

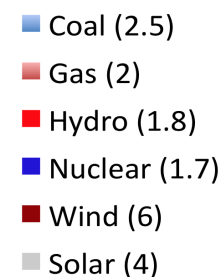
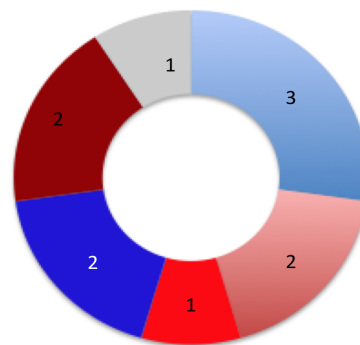
- Need **125 mbo/day** Liquid Fuel:

➤ **12.5 Wedges of
10 million barrels oil/day**

Gedanken Target (BAU) World: 10 TW (70% PLF)

TW @ 70% PLF

Peak TW Needed



Biofuels: Their contribution
may increase to 5 Mbo/day

Estimates based on what historic trends suggest can be done

Technology and Innovation

7 Grand Challenges

- Carbon neutral use of fossil fuels (especially coal)
- Economic Solar & Wind (\$1/watt_p) + Grid Integration
- **Storage** and Transmission of electric energy
- Closed nuclear fuel cycle to enable safe, secure, sustainable nuclear energy
- **Biofuels** ⇐ Pest-resistant, self-fertilizing, low water using, easily degradable biomass
- **H₂ / liquid fuel produced from non-fossil sources**
 - From Photochemical and/or thermal splitting of H₂O
- **Fusion – the ultimate power “source”**

“Solution Wedge” Likely / Unlikely by 2030

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Risk

- Carbon neutral use of fossil fuels (especially coal)
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Need

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Scale,
Impact,
R&D

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R&D

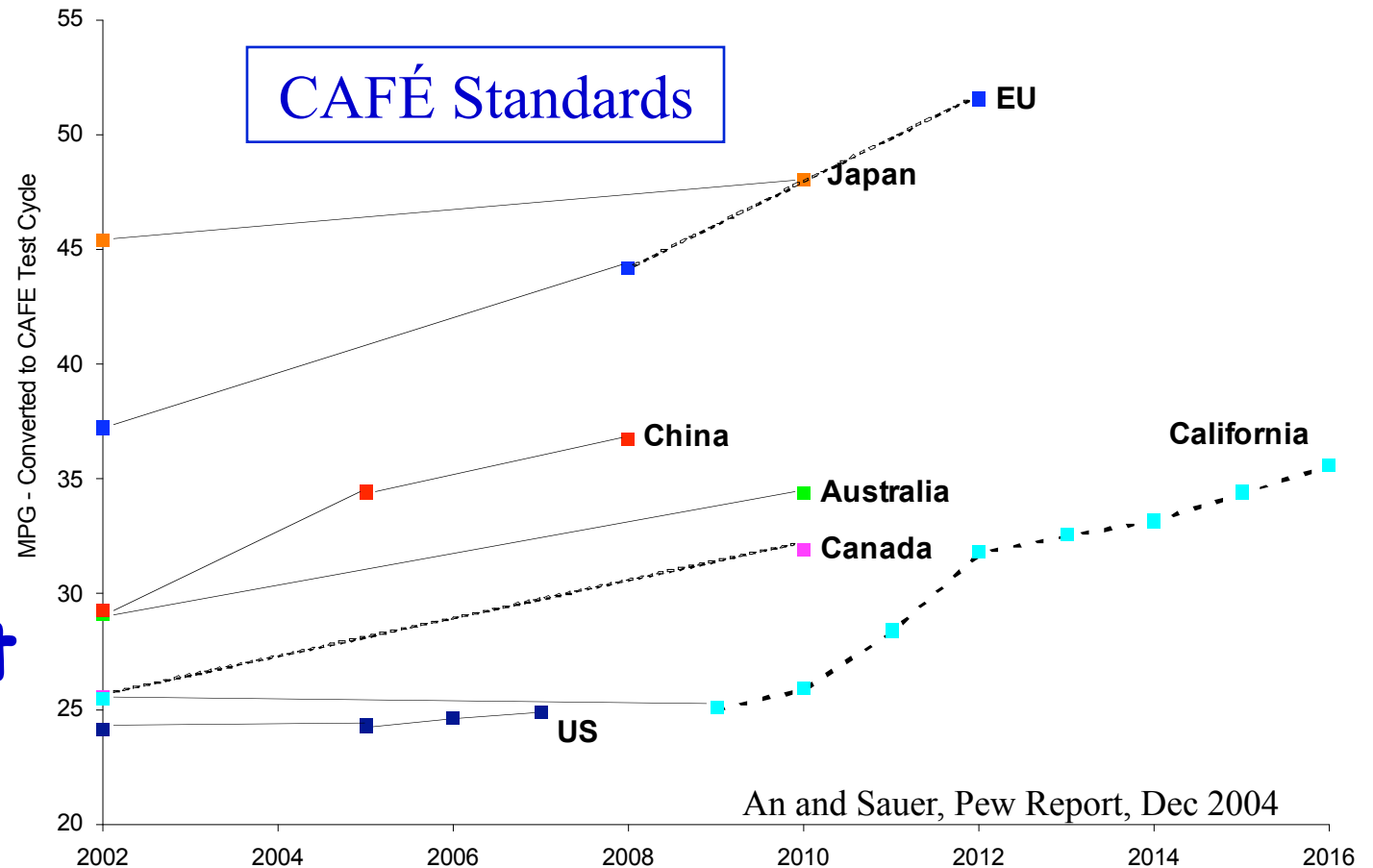
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Conservation is a very significant low hanging fruit: First Priority

- Can reduce per capita footprint by 25-50%
- Technology exists
- Demonstration examples at scale exist
- Need
 - Education
 - Local expertise for installing and maintaining systems
 - Incentives, regulations (CAFÉ, building codes) and Policy
 - Behavior change

Behavior Change: At Best Incremental

- Lighting
- Appliances
- Heating
- Cooling
- **Transport**



Drive less and Drive fuel efficient cars

Electric Power and air-conditioning
(HVAC--heating and cooling) needs of
suburbia can already be met through

- Solar (both PV and thermal)
- Ground source (heat-pump/geo-solar) systems
- Better insulation of buildings

Needs Building Regulations and Codes

Short-term: the US is in a “comfortable” position

- Existing coal and nuclear power plants are paid for.
No incentive for utility companies to shut them down.
 - Life extension preserves their profits
 - US has the largest coal reserves
 - No hunger to create an enlightened national energy policy
- Large underutilized capacity in gas turbine power plants built during 1985-2004 – no immediate threat/shortage
 - Relies on continued availability of cheap gas (shale gas)
- US has the lowest CAFÉ standards for private cars/trucks
 - Stupid
- Challenge: Manufacturing capacity moved/moving off-shore
 - How long will US lead in innovation without manufacturing capability?
 - Public confidence in safety, security, safeguards of nuclear plants as manufacturing moves to Asia

Anthropogenic Climate Change: Emissions of Green House Gases

- 2011 Emissions of CO₂ = 32-34 Gigatonnes/year
- 2011 concentrations = 391 ppm
- ? Natural recycling = 16-18 Gigatonnes/year
- Increase in CO₂ levels ~ 2 ppm/year
- 1°C rise in temp ~ 100 ppm (parts per million)

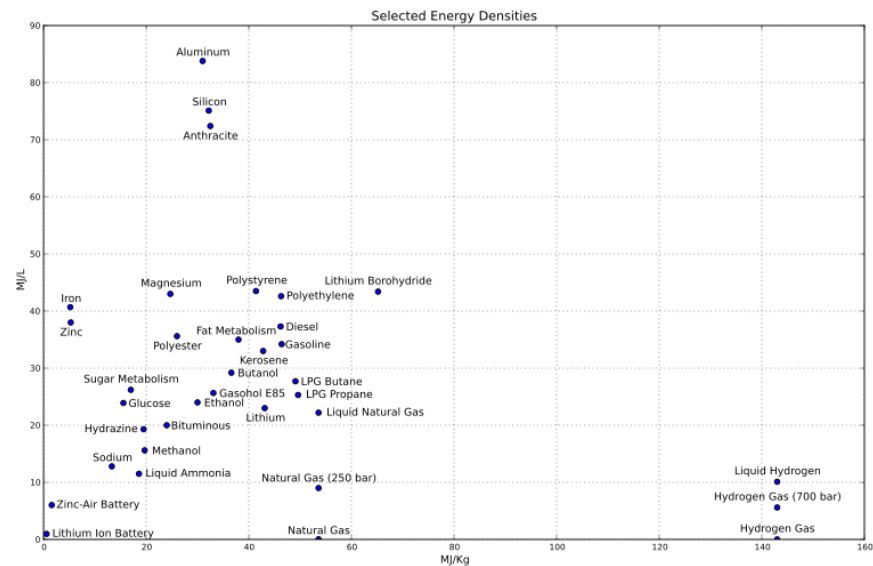
To stabilize CO₂ levels ~ 3 Gigatonnes/year

Requires >90% Decarbonization

BAU: CO₂ Intensity of generation

Fuel (Efficiency)	Chemical Composition	Specific Energy MJ/kg	Intensity of Gen. (GT CO ₂ /TWh)
Coal (35%)	CH	20-35	~1
Oil	CH ₂	46	~0.7
Gas CCGT (57%)	CH ₄	54	~0.5
Wood	CH ₂	18	

1kWh = 3.6 MJ



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Energy_density.svg

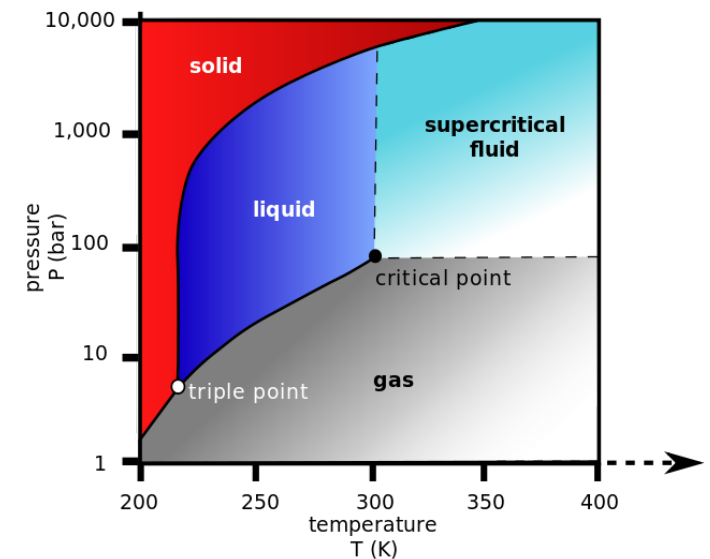
Properties of CO₂

Properties

- Critical point is at 7.38 MPa at 31.1 °C
- Density 0.77 kg/Liter (liquid at 56 atm and 20 °C)
1 GT = 1.3 cubic kilometers
- Highest oxidized form of C
- Lifetime in atmosphere is 1000s-10000 years

CCS

- Separation of CO₂
- Compression
- Transport
- Injection
- Monitoring



Determining Acceptable Risk and Environmental Impact

- All economical forms of energy will be exploited
- All energy systems have associated risk and environmental impacts
- Unlikely to have enforceable international laws in the short- to medium-term.
- Societies must define socially acceptable
 - Risk (economic, health, security, safety)
 - Impact on the environment (land, water, air, biosphere)
- Societies must hold companies/governments accountable to negotiated norms & regulations

Coal & Oil are the largest sources of CO₂

- 2011 coal consumption ~ 7.5 Gigatonnes
- CO₂ emissions due to coal ~ 16 Gigatonnes

- 2011 oil Consumption ~ 4 Gigatonnes
- CO₂ emissions due to oil ~ 12 Gigatonnes

85% of coal mined is used to generate electric power.

Can it be replaced by another resource?

Cheap Coal fueled development in the 20th century

It's use will persist through at least
the first half of the 21st century

The Future of Coal: 20 Countries

- USA (1000/230000)
- China (3250/114000)
- Japan, Korea, Taiwan (35%)
- Germany (183/41000)
- Vietnam (45/150)
- Poland (135/5700)
- Australia (424/76000)
- Czech, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Romania, Greece, Turkey (350/42000)
- Indonesia (306/5500)
- India (570/60000)
- Russia (325/157000)
- South Africa (255/30000)
- Kazakhstan (110/33000)

(#) = Annual (produced/Reserves) MT (%) % power generated by coal: **BP2011**

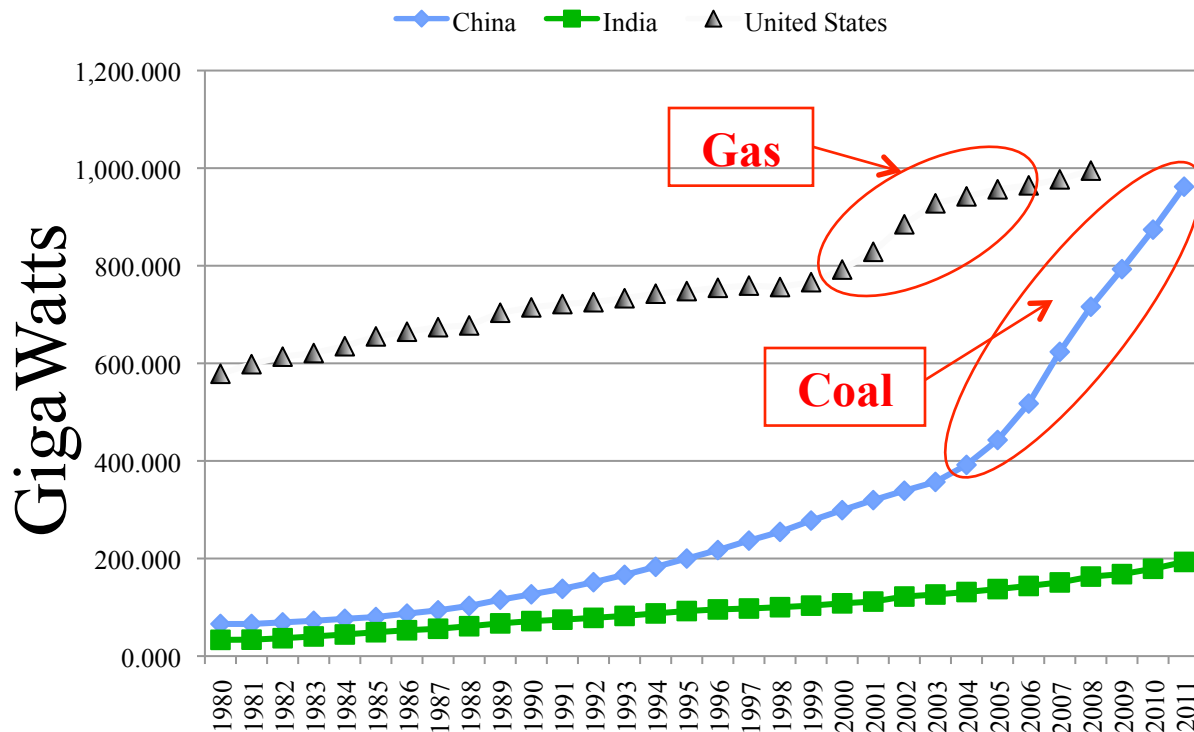
Major Exporters (2009)

Million short tons/year

- Australia 390
- Indonesia 265
- Russia 130
- Columbia 76
- South Africa 74
- USA 60
- Canada 32

Exported coal is: ~50% coking and 50% thermal

Installed Capacity: China, India, USA



Electric Power Generation:
USA: **50% Coal**
China: **80% Coal**
India: **70% Coal**

Coal capacity will saturate → China & India each plan 500+ GW of nuclear capacity in addition to coal and gas PP to meet their power needs

Manufacturers of Thermal Power Systems

Major Technology Innovators & Manufacturers

- Siemens (Germany)
- Mitsubishi (MHI), Hitachi, Toshiba (Japan)
- Alstom (France)

Major Manufacturers

- **China:** Dongfang, Harbin, Shanghai
- Europe: Ansaldo, Asea Brown Boveri (ABB)
- Russia: LMZ, Kharkov, ... (now Power Machines)

Regional Manufacturers

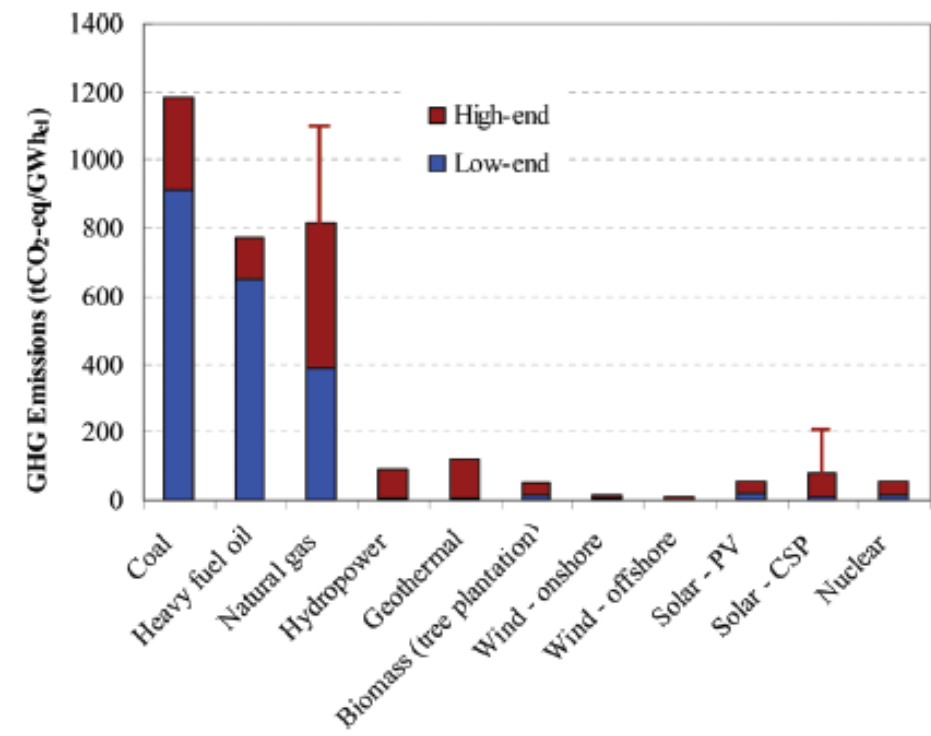
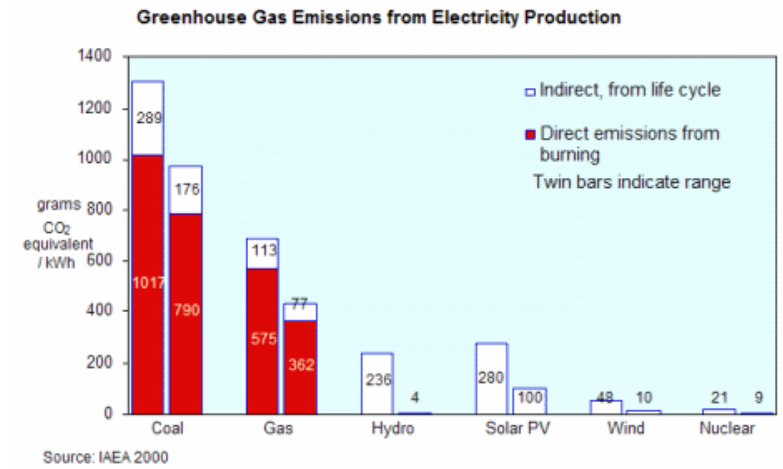
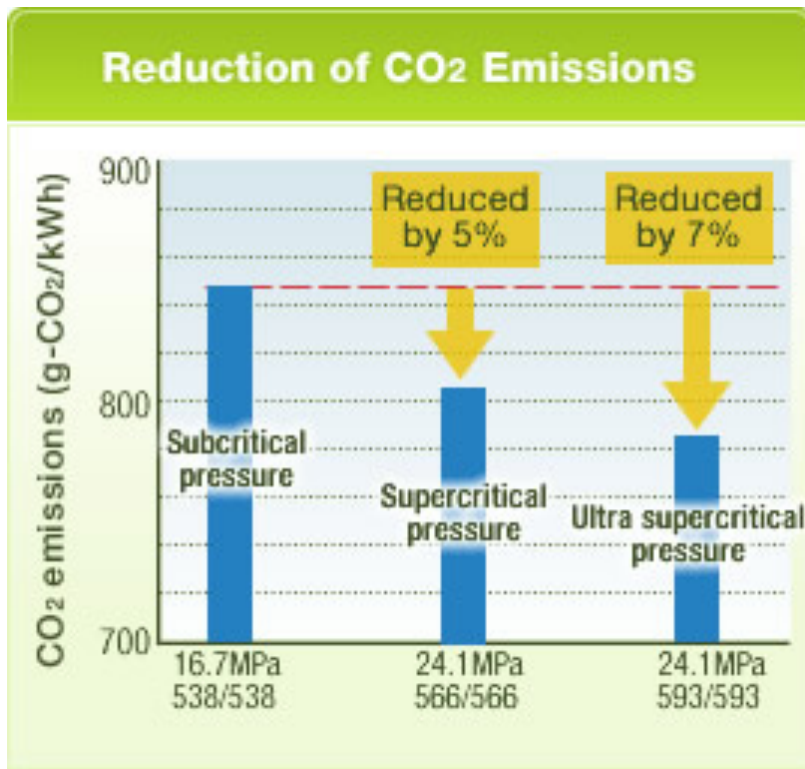
- India: BHEL (Skoda, ...), Larson & Toubro (MHI)
- S. Korea: Doosan (going global)

“Clean” Coal:

Reducing polluting emissions from Power Plants

- Coal beneficiation and covered storage
- Mine head plants to reduce coal transportation
- Flue gas desulphurization units for SO_x
- Electrostatic precipitators / filters for particulates
- Low NO_x burners
- Supercritical & Ultra-supercritical steam systems
 - Higher efficiency → lower CO₂ emissions
- Integrated gasification combined cycle

CO₂ Intensity of power generation



http://www.hitachi.com/environment/showcase/solution/energy/thermal_power.html

www.architecture2030.org/files/CoalPhaseoutUS2030_full_EST.pdf

“Clean” Coal: Implementation

- USA

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- UK, Germany
- Poland
- Czech, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Romania, Greece, Turkey

- Russia

- Kazakhstan

- China
- Japan, Korea, Taiwan

- Vietnam

- Australia

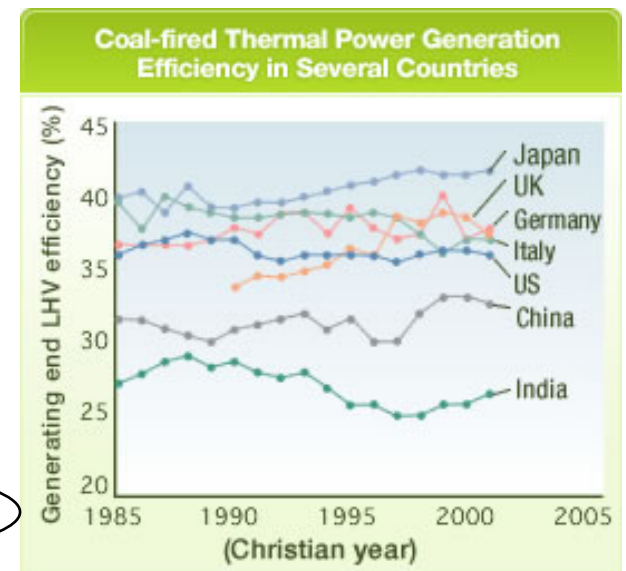
- Indonesia

- India

EU mandates

- South Africa

Latest technology
Power Plants



Costs countries are willing to incur

- Electrostatic precipitators
- Flue gas desulphurization (FGD) units
- Low NO_x burners

For coal-fired plants these add

- 15-20% in capital cost and O&M costs
- Significant operating cost for FGD units
- Use about 5-7% of electric energy generated

Countries that can switch to gas relatively easily

- USA

- UK, Germany

- Poland

- Czech, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Romania, Greece, Turkey

- Russia

- Kazakhstan

- China

Growth using shale gas

- Japan, Korea, Taiwan

- Vietnam

- Australia

- Indonesia

- India

- South Africa



Almost all of these countries will have nuclear power plants. ??GW??

Countries to Watch

- Japan
- Taiwan
- South Korea
- India
- They are “Islands”
- Fossil Energy Poor
- Major importers of oil, gas, coal
- Will need to maintain/develop trade niches in manufacturing/services to pay for fuel

These countries and Europe need to evolve to carbon-neutral systems out of necessity

BAU: In the short term coal use will continue to grow at 2-2.5%/yr

My guess, based on the 20 major consumer countries and resource distribution, is that coal use will peak at about 9 Gigatonnes/yr

9 Gigatonnes of coal → ~18 Gigatonnes of CO₂

First Large-scale Change from BAU → **Lecture 2**

Natural gas will be the multi-use
bridge fuel.

Trade of NG provides a motivation
for regional cooperation and
development

**Replacing power generation from coal by gas
→ ~10 Gigatonnes of CO₂ instead of 18**