Kyoto Protocol, Paris Climate Agreement, Fossil Fuel Reserves, World Energy Needs, and The Need for Renewable Energy

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Topics for today:

- **Kyoto Protocol**
- **Paris Climate Agreement**
- **Fossil Fuel Reserves**
- **World Energy Needs**
- **Need for Renewable Energy, Sooner Rather Than Later !**

Lay the ground work for rest of the semester

Lecture 18

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Q1. According to Chemistry in Context, what was the goal of the Kyoto Protocol?

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Good job!

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Table 10.1 *Emissions targets (1990*–2008/2012) for greenhouse gases under the Kyoto Protocol*

Country	Target (%)
EU-15**, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Switzerland	−8
USA***	−7
Canada, Hungary, Japan, Poland	−6
Croatia	−5
New Zealand, Russian Federation, Ukraine	0
Norway	+1
Australia	+8
Iceland	+10

* Some economies in transition (EIT) countries have a baseline other than 1990.
** The fifteen countries of the European Union have agreed an average reduction; changes for individual countries vary from −28% for Luxembourg, −21% for Denmark and Germany to +25% for Greece and +27% for Portugal.
*** The USA has stated that it will not ratify the Protocol.

Houghton, *Global Warming: The Complete Briefing*, 3d Edition, 2004

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Kyoto Gases

GHG	GWP, 100-yr	Industrial Use	Lifetime
CO_2	1	Fossil fuel combustion; Land use changes	Multiple
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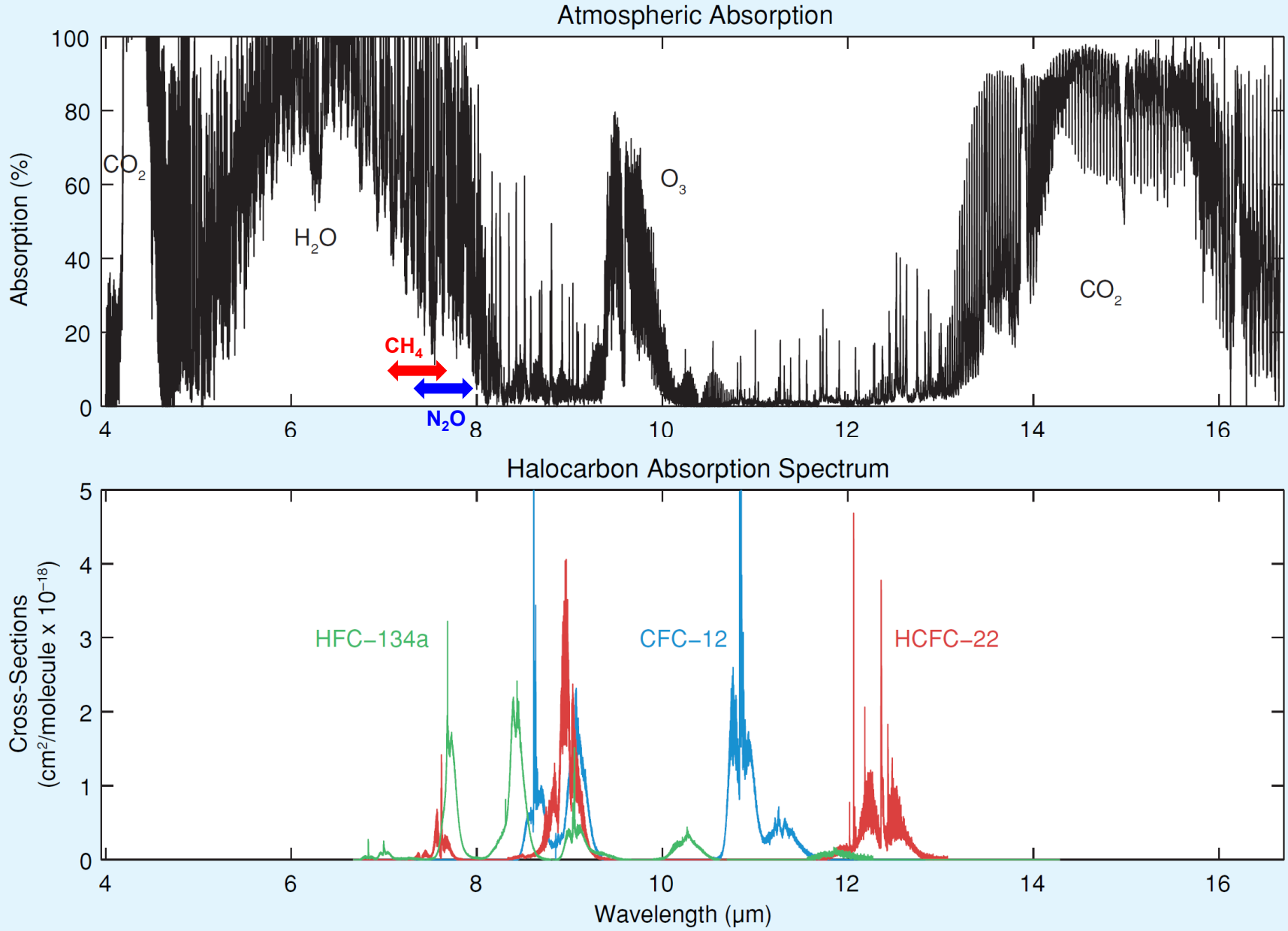
Absorption vs. Wavelength



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GWP – Global Warming Potential

$$\mathrm{GWP\ (HFC-143a)} = \frac{\int_{\text{time initial}}^{\text{time final}} a_{\mathrm{HFC-143a}} \times [\mathrm{HFC-143a(t)}]\ \mathrm{dt}}{\int_{\text{time initial}}^{\text{time final}} a_{\mathrm{CO2}} \times [\mathrm{CO_2(t)\ dt}]}$$

where:

$a_{\mathrm{HFC-143a}}$ = Radiative Efficiency (W m^{-2} ppb^{-1}) due to HFC-143a

a_{CO2} = Radiative Efficiency (W m^{-2} ppb^{-1}) due to CO_2

HFC-143a (t) = time-dependent response to an instantaneous release of a pulse of HFC-143a

CO_2 (t) = time-dependent response to an instantaneous release of a pulse of CO_2

Note: HFC-143a is $C_2H_3F_3$
HCFC-22 is CH_3CClF_2

		GWP Time Horizon		ODP
	τ (yr)	20-yr	100-yr	n.a.
HFC-143a	51	7050	5080	0
HCFC-22	12	5310	1780	0.034
CFC-11	52	7090	5160	1.0

Table 8.A.1, IPCC (2013)

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Not all HFCs are equal wrt Global Warming

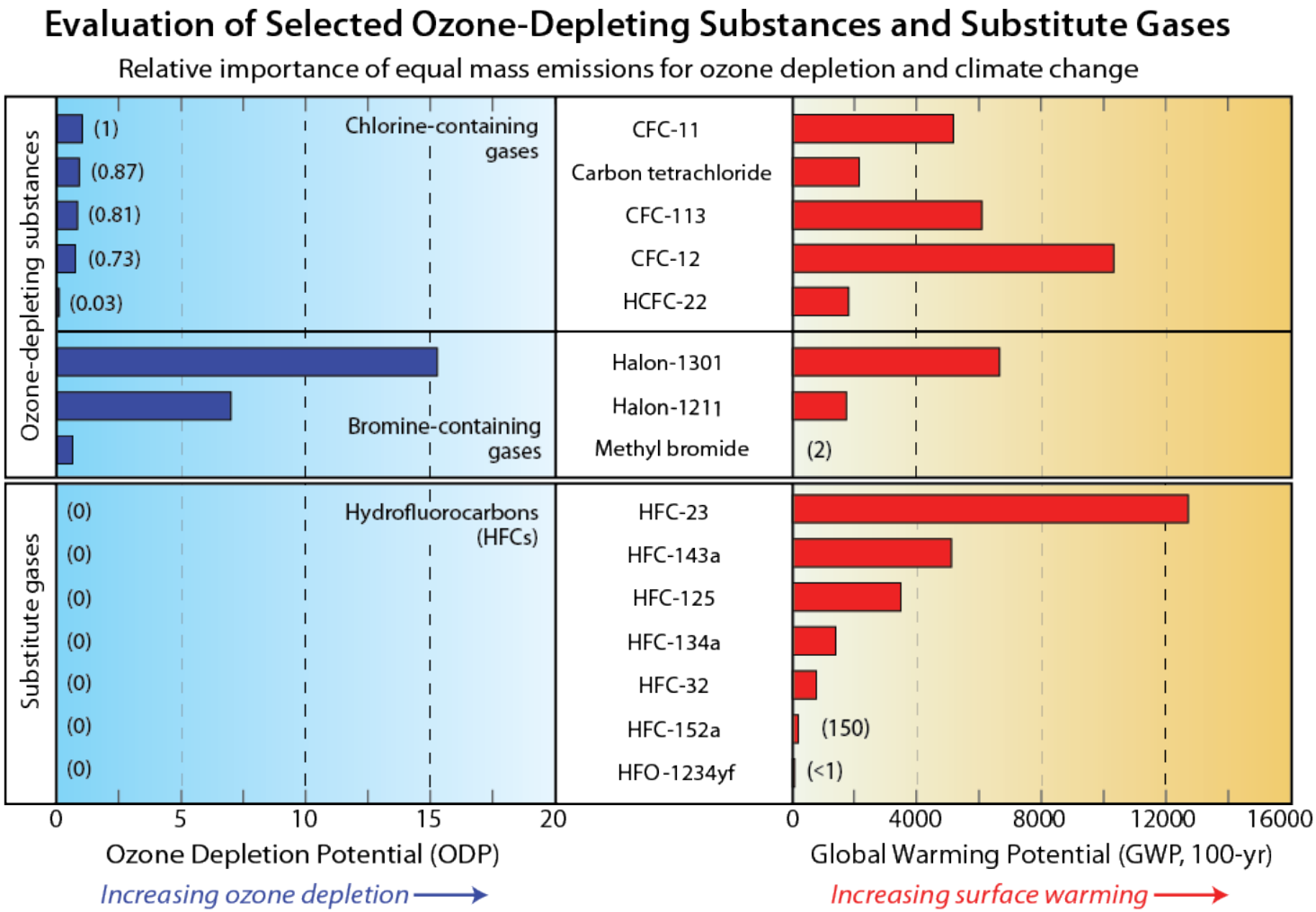

Fig Q17-3, *WMO/UNEP Twenty QAs Ozone*

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Radiative Forcing due to PFCs

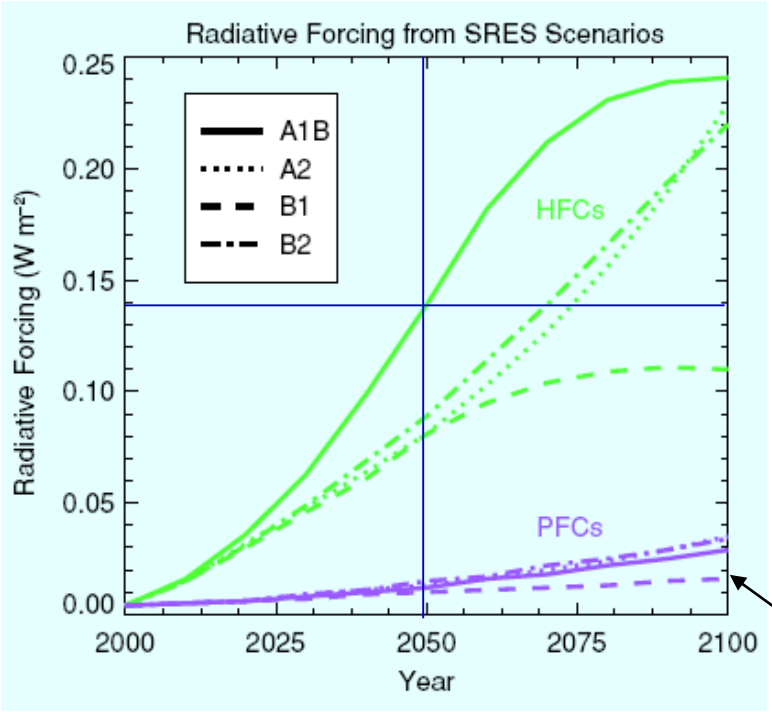

Fig 2.9

IPCC "SROC": Special Report on Safeguarding the Ozone Layer & Global Climate System, 2005

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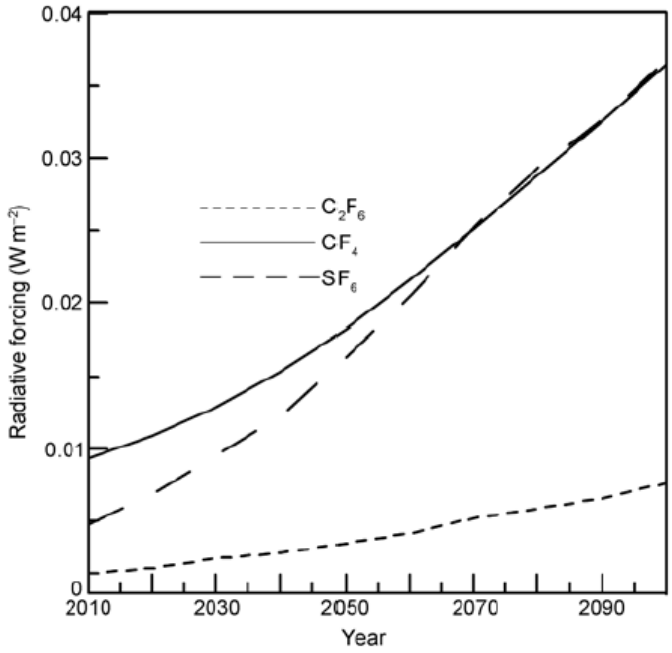

Figure 4 Radiative forcing of C_2F_6, CF_4, and SF_6 from 2010 to 2100.

Zhang et al., Sci China Earth Sci, 2011

PFC: Perfluorocarbons

- Contain only C & F
- Strong bonds: chemically stable

  τ_{CF4} = 50,000 yr !
- Applications: medical, electrical, cosmetics

https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0950423001000675

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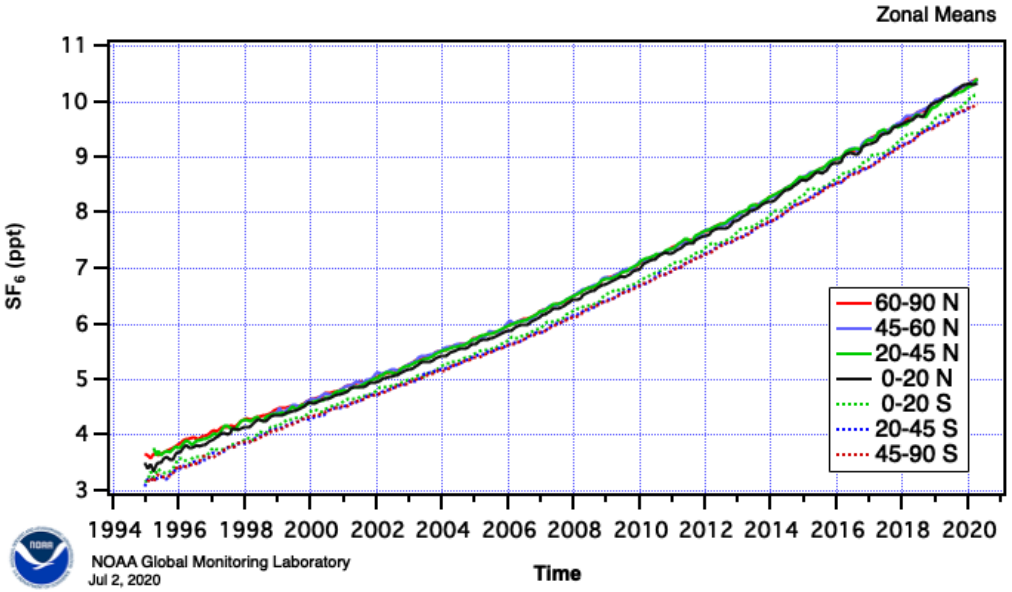

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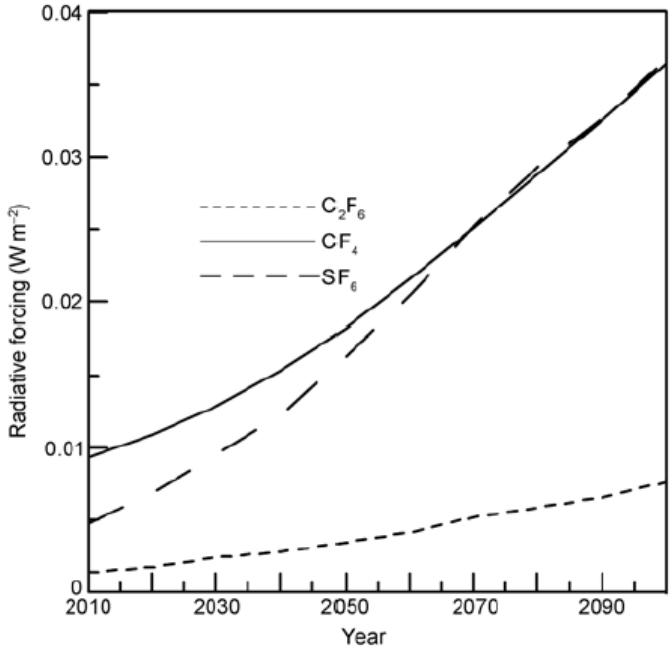

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SF_6: Sulfur hexafluoride

- τ_{SF6} = 3,200 yr
- Applications: gaseous dielectric in electrical transformers; insulator for windows; retina surgery
- Also had been used in sneakers but Nike has phased out this use:

https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2006-09-24/nike-goes-for-the-green

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UNFCCC Basket of Gases

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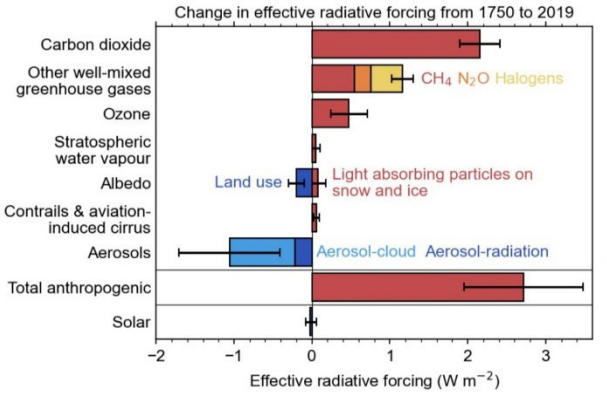

Why doesn't tropospheric ozone appear?

Why not CFCs and HCFCs ?

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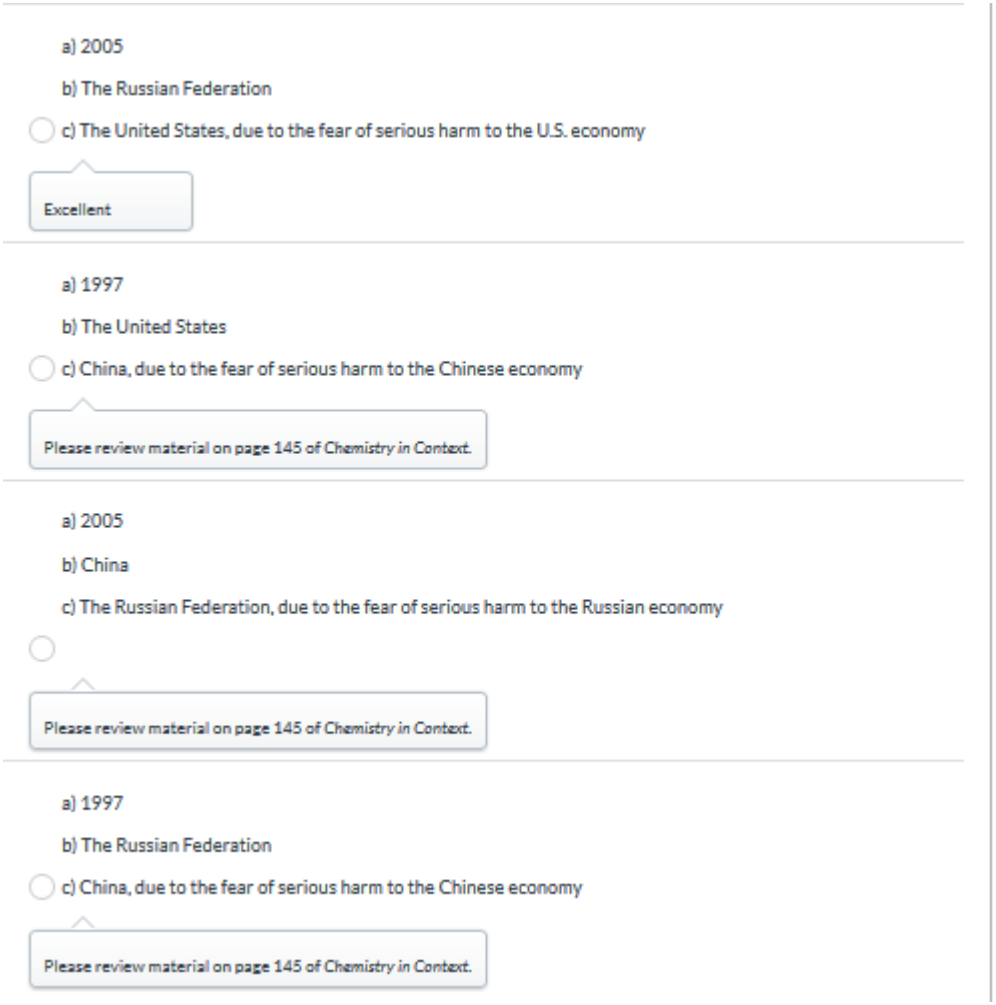
Q2. According to Chemistry in Context:

a) when did the Kyoto Protocol go into effect?

b) what country's ratification triggered the Kyoto Protocol going into effect?

c) what country had never opted to participate, and why did this county opt to not participate?



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  - Annex II countries: sub-group of Annex I countries that agree to pay cost of technology for emission reductions in developing countries

    Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States of America
  - Developing countries: all countries besides those in Table 3.1 of *Paris: Beacon of Hope*
  - Went into effect in 16 February 2005 after signed by Russia
- Annex I countries:
  - agree to reduce GHG emissions to target tied to 1990 emissions. If they cannot do so, they must buy emission credits or invest in conservation
- Developing countries:
  - no restrictions on GHG emissions
  - encouraged to use new technology, funded by Annex II countries, to reduce emissions
  - can not sell emission credits

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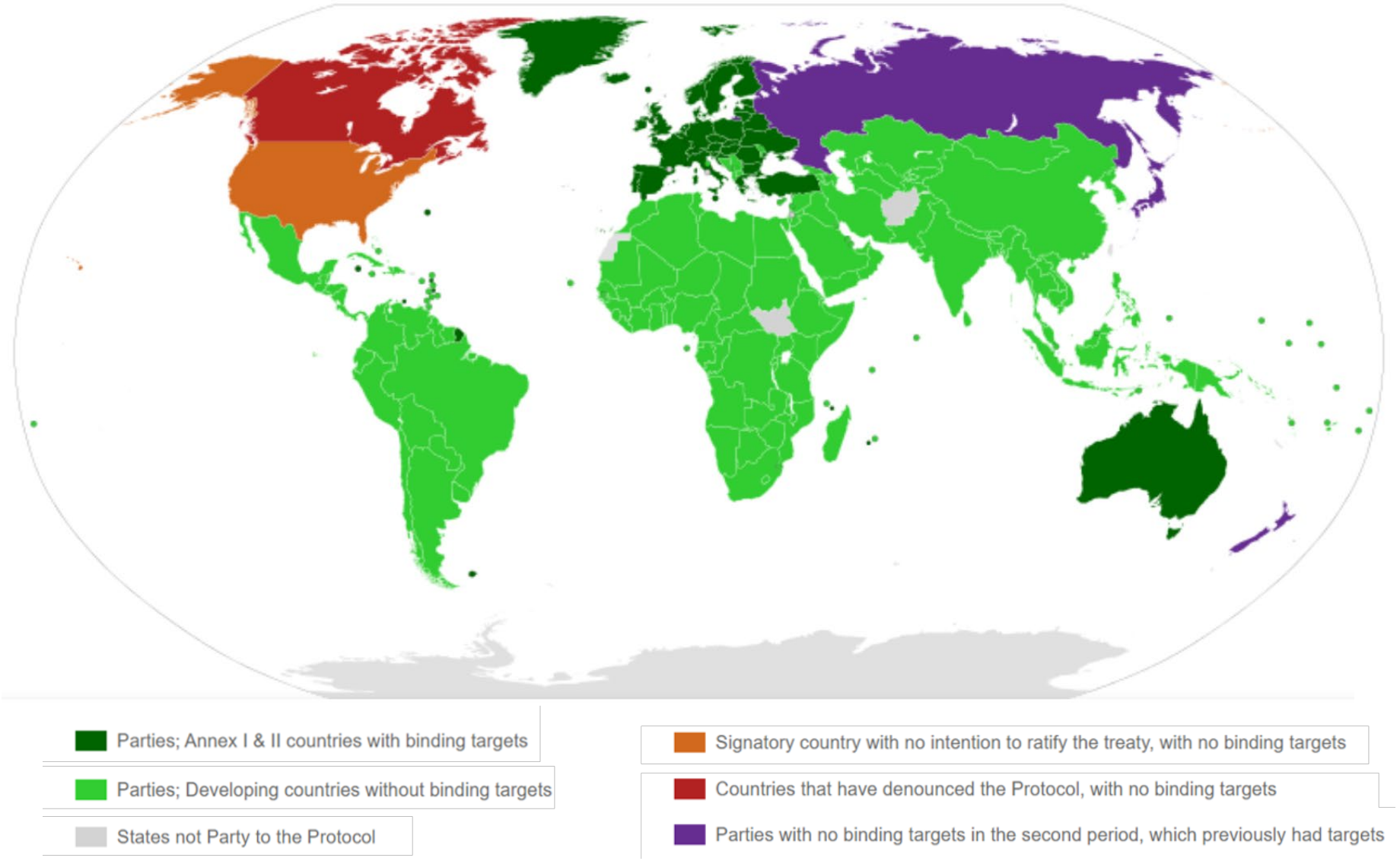

https://www.climate-change-guide.com/kyoto-protocol.html

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Kyoto Protocol Targets

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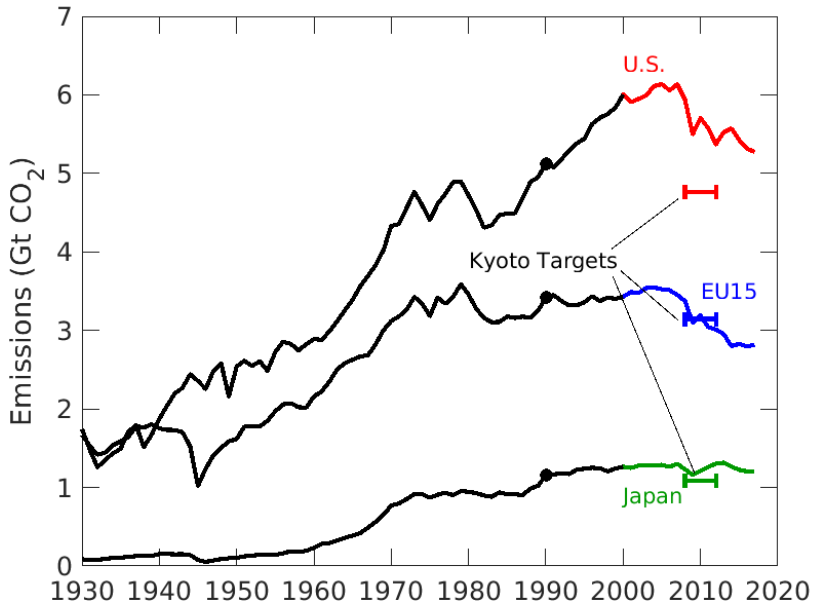

Does not include:
- **LULUCF (land use, land-use change and forestry)**
- **GHGs other than CO_2**

Kyoto target (2008 to 2012) for emissions of CO_2, relative to **1990 emissions**

selected locations

Australia	108%
EU15	92%
Iceland	110%
Japan	94%
New Zealand	100%
Norway	101%
Russia	100%
US	93%

The Collapse of the Kyoto Protocol and the Struggle to Slow Global Warming
David G. Victor, Princeton University Press, 2001.

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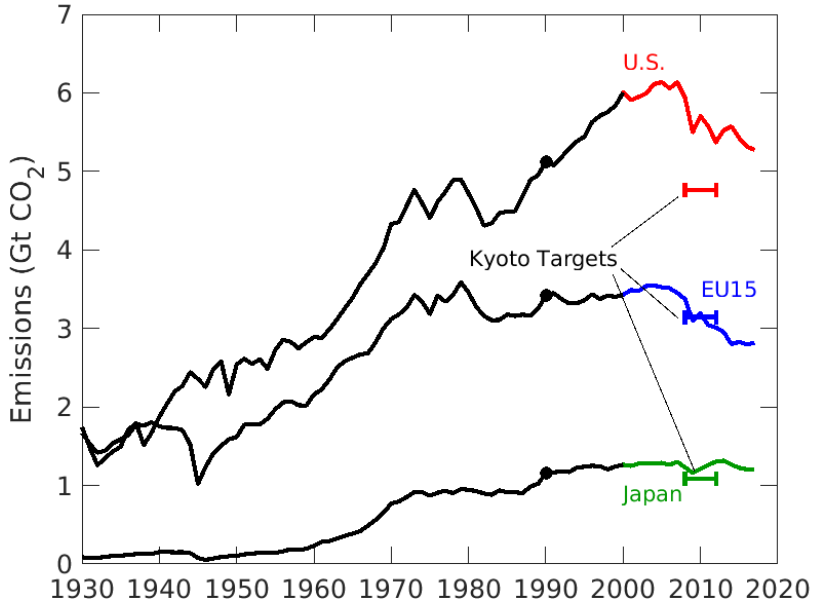

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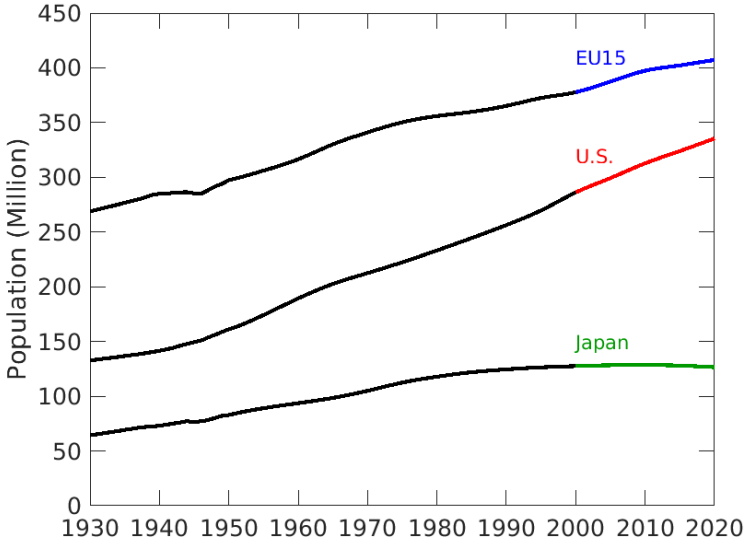

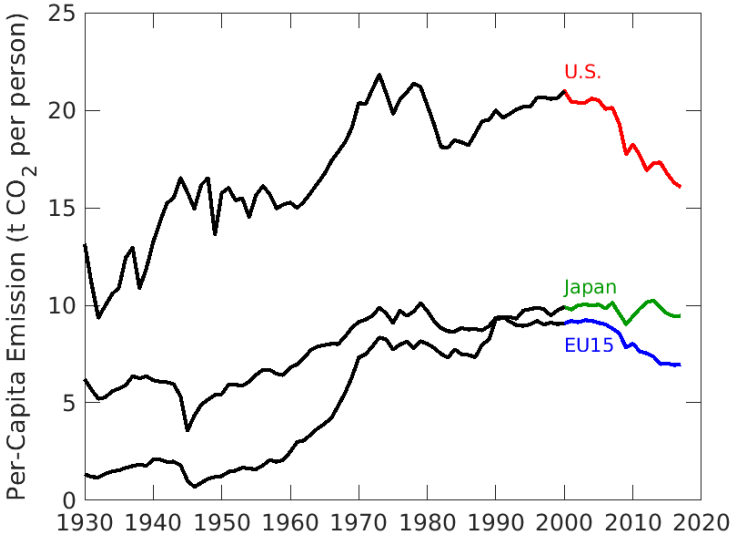

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Q3: According to *Chemistry in Context*, based on the values of energy difference for combustion of one gram of natural gas and combustion of one gram of coal (assumed for sake of argument to be pure carbon) how much more efficient is the generation of electricity by the combustion of natural gas (CH_4) compared to generation of electricity by the combustion of coal? You may assume the heat released by the two combustion processes can be converted into electricity at the same efficiency.

Correct Answer

Since 50.1 kJ/g / 32.8 kJ g = 1.5, about 50% more electricity can be produced via the combustion of natural gas than can be produced by the combustion of coal.

Indeed; will delve into more nuance of this relation during class.

Since 50.1 kJ/g / 14.2 kJ g = 3.5, about 3 times more electricity can be produced via the combustion of natural gas than can be produced by the combustion of coal.

The value of 14.2 kJ / g is for oxidation of glucose, rather than combustion of coal.

Since 32.8 kJ/g / 14.2 kJ g = 2.3, about twice as much electricity can be produced via the combustion of natural gas than can be produced by the combustion of coal.

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Since 44.4 kJ/g / 28.9 kJ /g = 1.5, about 50% more electricity can be produced via the combustion of natural gas than can be produced bu the combustion of coal.

The 50% part is correct.

However, 44.4 kJ/g is for octane (here, should use 50.1 kJ/g for natural gas) and the 28.9 kJ/g is for ethanol (here, should use 32.8 kJ/g for coal).

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Combustion of 1 gram of CH_4 results of 50.1 kJ of energy
Combustion of 1 gram of C results in 32.8 kJ of energy

Therefore, we might conclude natural gas is 50.1 / 32. 8 = 1.53 times more efficient, which I would write as 53% (i.e., about 50%) more efficient.

However, combustion of 1 gram of C results in 44/12 = 3.667 gram of CO_2
whereas combustion of 1 gram of CH_4 results in 44/16 = 2.75 gram of CO_2

To place natural gas and coal (pure C) on equal footing, must first multiply energy yield from natural gas by (3.667/2.75) = 1.33, so that atmospheric CO_2 produced by both processes is identical.

We find natural gas is 1.33 × 1.53 = 2.0; i.e., natural gas is about 100% more efficient than coal.

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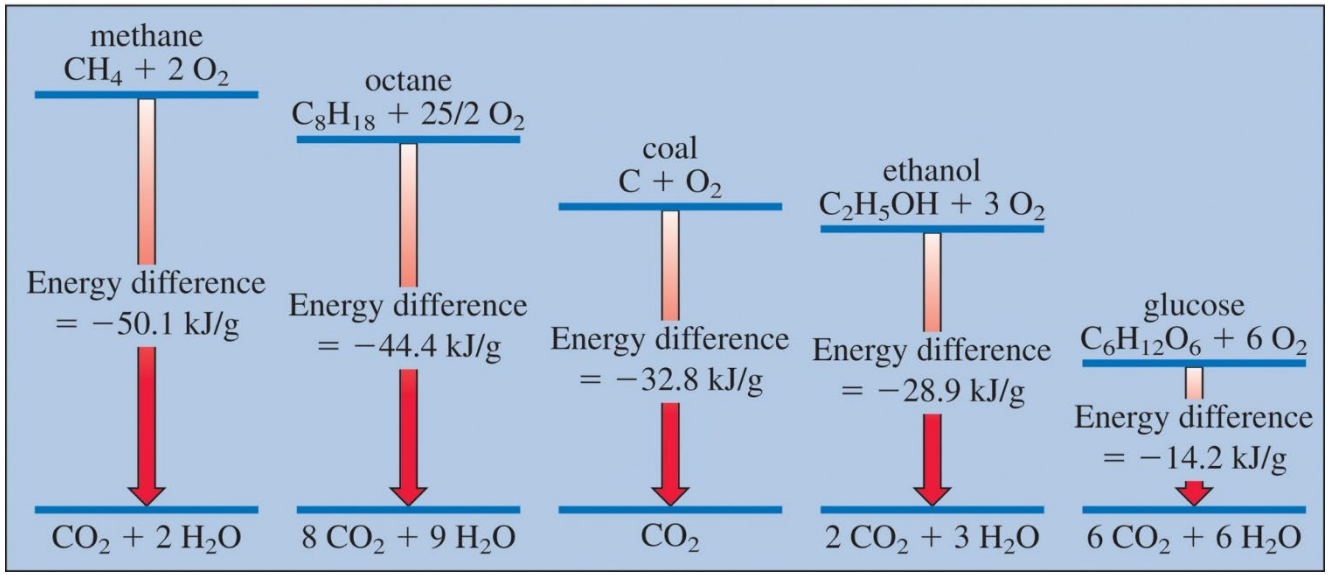

Fig 4.26. Energy differences (in kJ/g) for the combustion of methane (CH_4), n-octane (C_8H_{18}), coal (assumed to be pure carbon), ethanol (C_2H_5OH), and wood (assumed to be glucose).

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Alas, coal is not pure carbon in the real world. Rather, notational formula for coal is $C_{135}H_{96}O_9NS$ (page 162 of *Chemistry in Context*): i.e., coal has a carbon content of 85% by mass.

Therefore, an even better estimate where the ratio of C to H in coal and natural gas is treated in the same manner, we would write:

Natural gas is (1.33 × 1.53) / 0.85 = 1.73; i.e., natural gas is about 70% more efficient than coal, in terms of energy yield per mole of CO_2.

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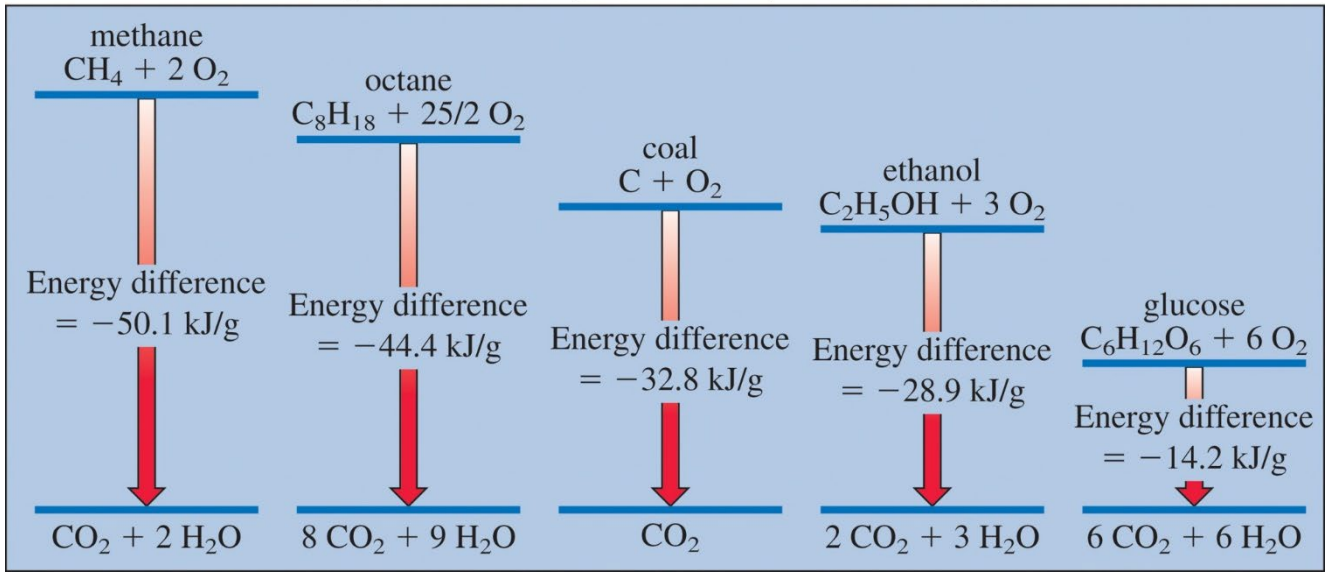

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Future Use of Fossil Fuels

Table that is commonly used:

Fossil Fuel	GHG Output (pounds CO_2 per kWh)
Oil Sands	5.6
Coal	2.1
Oil	1.9
Gas	1.3

Natural gas produces (1/1.3) / (1/2.1) = 1.6; i.e., 61% more energy than coal, per CO_2 released
Natural gas produces (1/1.3) / (1/5.6) = 4.3; i.e., more than 4× more energy than oil sands, per CO_2 released

http://www.eia.doe.gov/cneaf/electricity/page/co2_report/co2report.html
https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1748-9326/4/1/014005/meta

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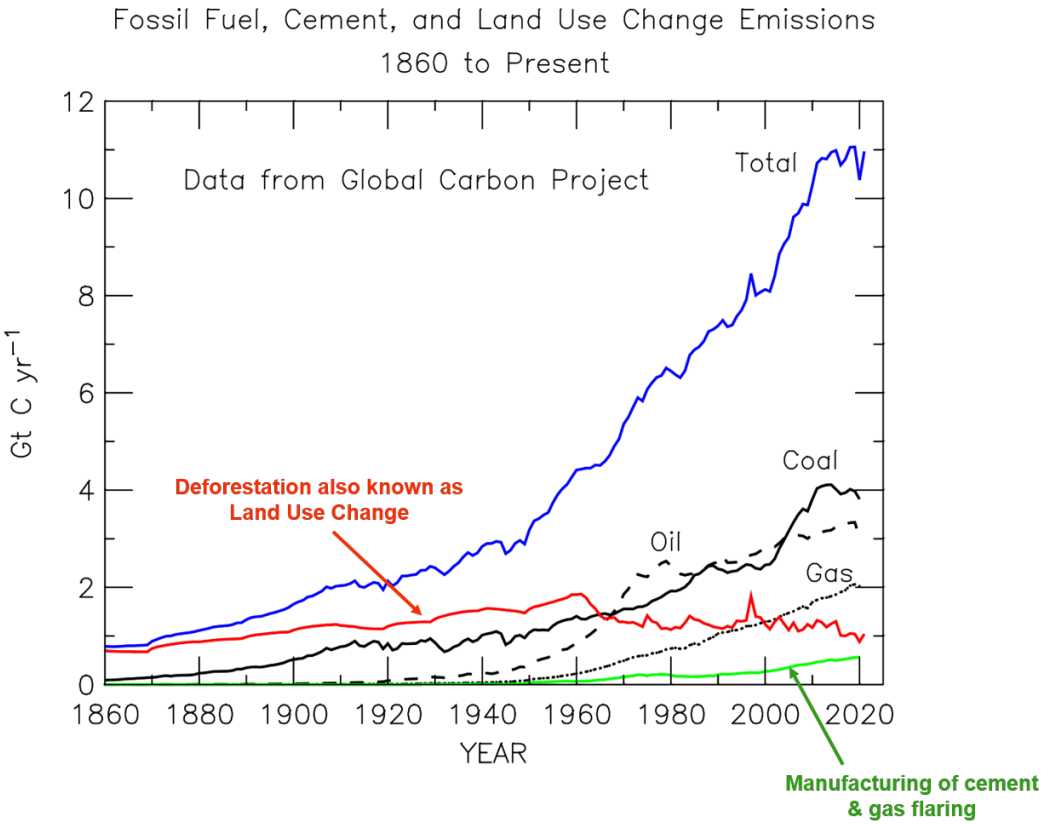
Fossil Fuel Emissions and Reserves



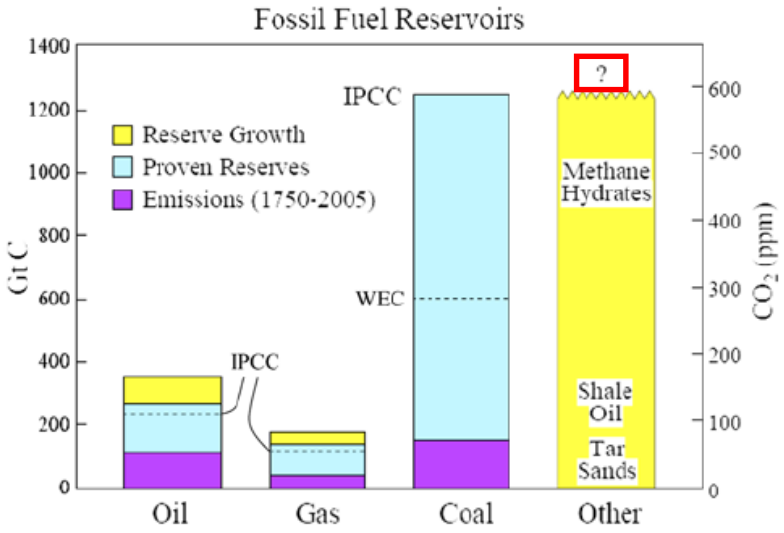


Figure 1. Fossil fuel-related estimates used in this study. Historical fossil fuel CO_2 emissions from the Carbon Dioxide Information Analysis Center [CDIAC; *Marland et al.*, 2006] and British Petroleum [*BP*, 2006]. Lower limits for current proven conventional reserve estimates for oil and gas from *IPCC* [2001a] (dashed lines), upper limits and reserve growth values from US Energy Information Administration [*EIA*, 2006]. Lower limit for conventional coal reserves from World Energy Council [*WEC*, 2007; dashed line], upper limit from *IPCC* [2001a]. Possible amounts of unconventional fossil resources from *IPCC* [2001a].

Kharecha and Hansen, *GBC*, 2008.

Lecture 5

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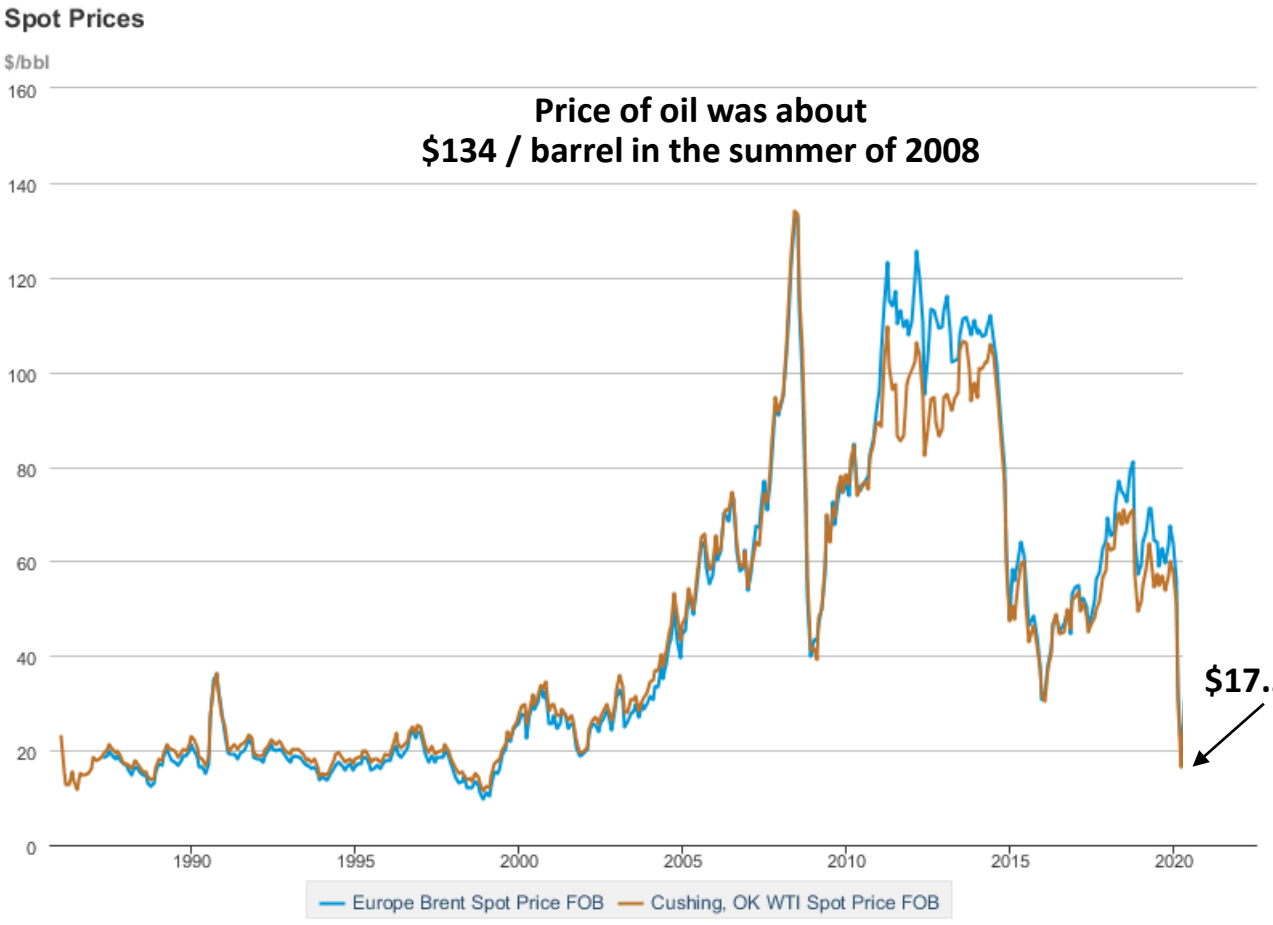
U.S. Petroleum

In *Earth the Sequel* Fred Krupp & Miriam Horn state "U.S. vehicle fleet pumps 1.3 billion tons of CO_2 into the atmosphere every year, and $820 million in capital is exported *every day* for the oil needed to do so" in year 2008. Oh my, how the times have changed!

Let's first look at the price of oil:



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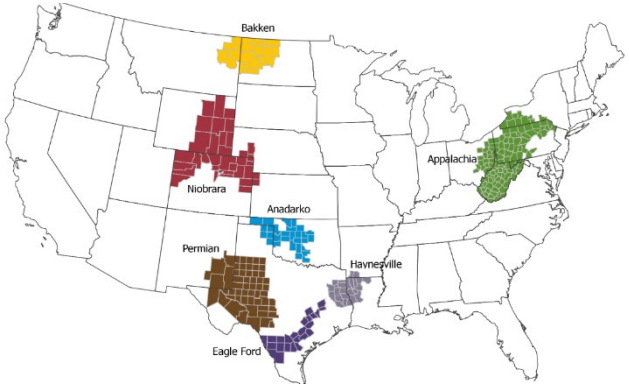
U.S. Petroleum

U.S. has greatly expanded production of so-called tight oil https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tight_oil from the Permian, Bakken, and Eagle Ford deposits since 2008:



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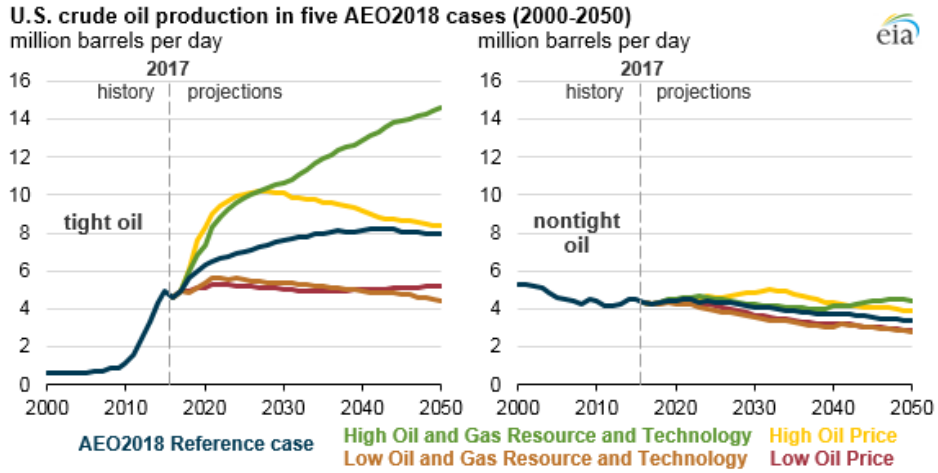
Tight oil remains the leading source of future U.S. crude oil production



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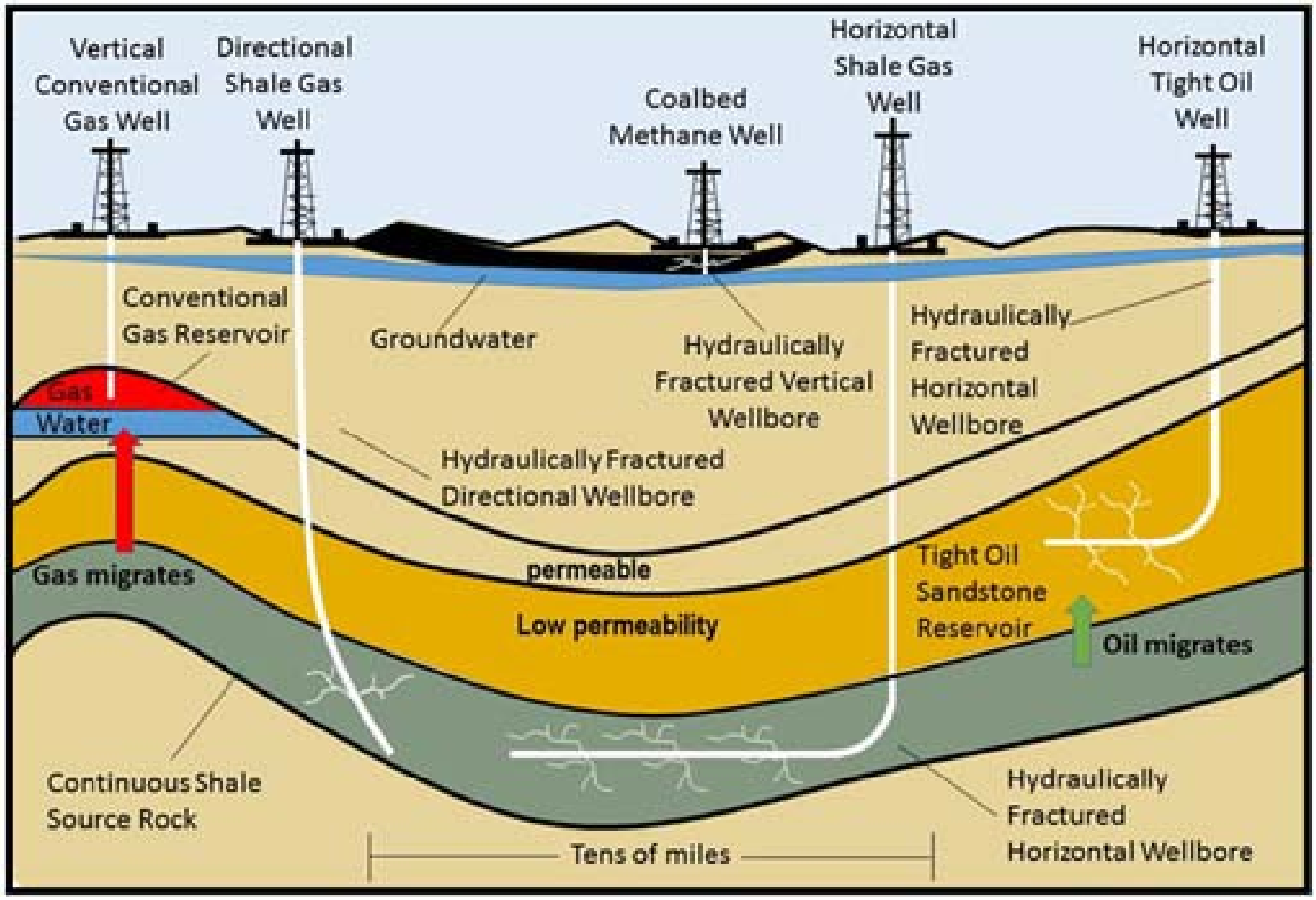
Tight oil is contained in petroleum-bearing formations of low permeability, such as shale or sandstone. Production requires hydraulic fracturing and often uses the same horizontal well technology used in the production of shale gas.



https://www.accessscience.com/content/hydraulic-fracturing-fracking/326700

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tight_oil

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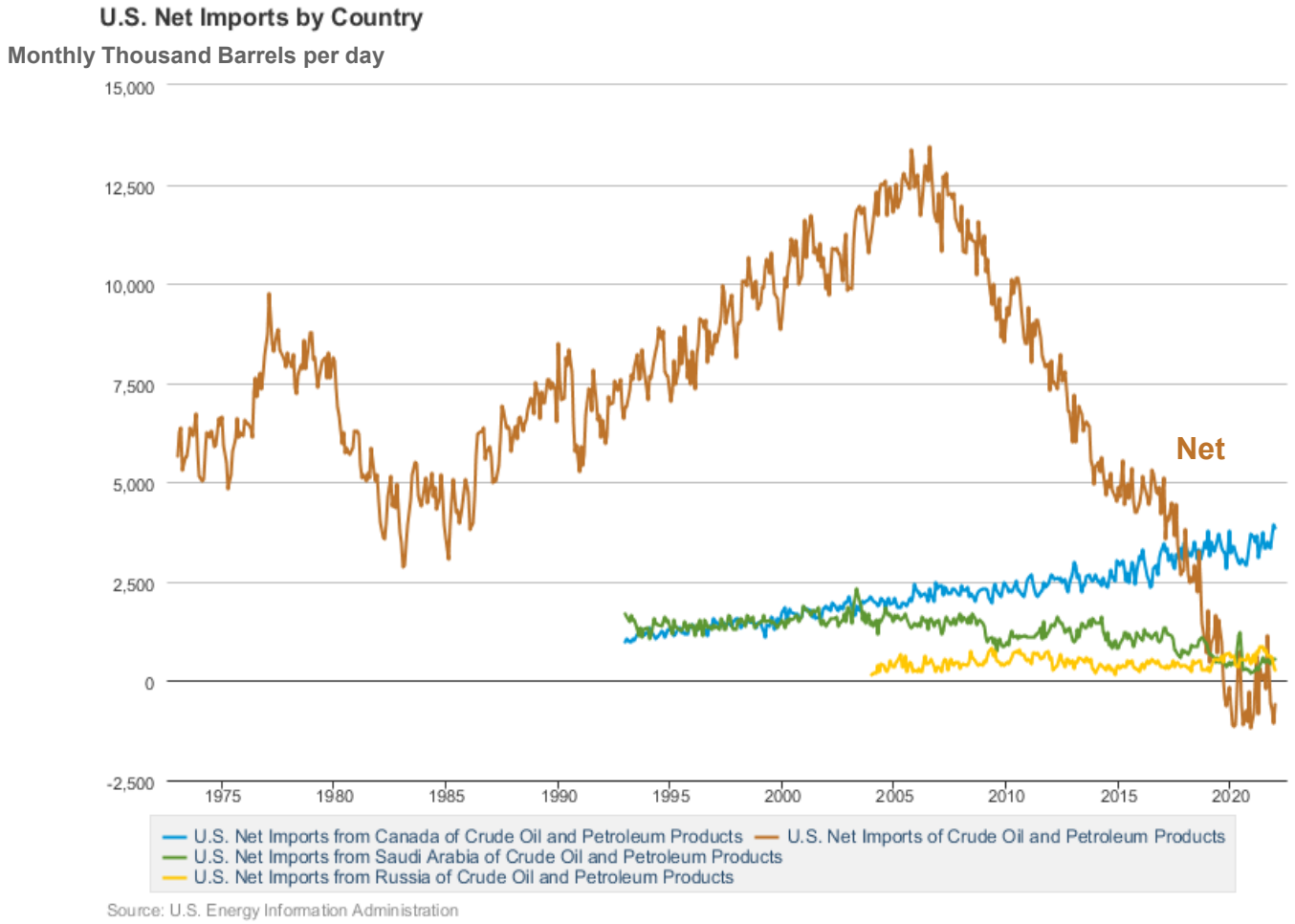
U.S. became a net exporter of crude oil in August 2019 and, in Dec 2021 exported about a million (1000 x 1000) barrels per day, yielding about $74 million in capital per day



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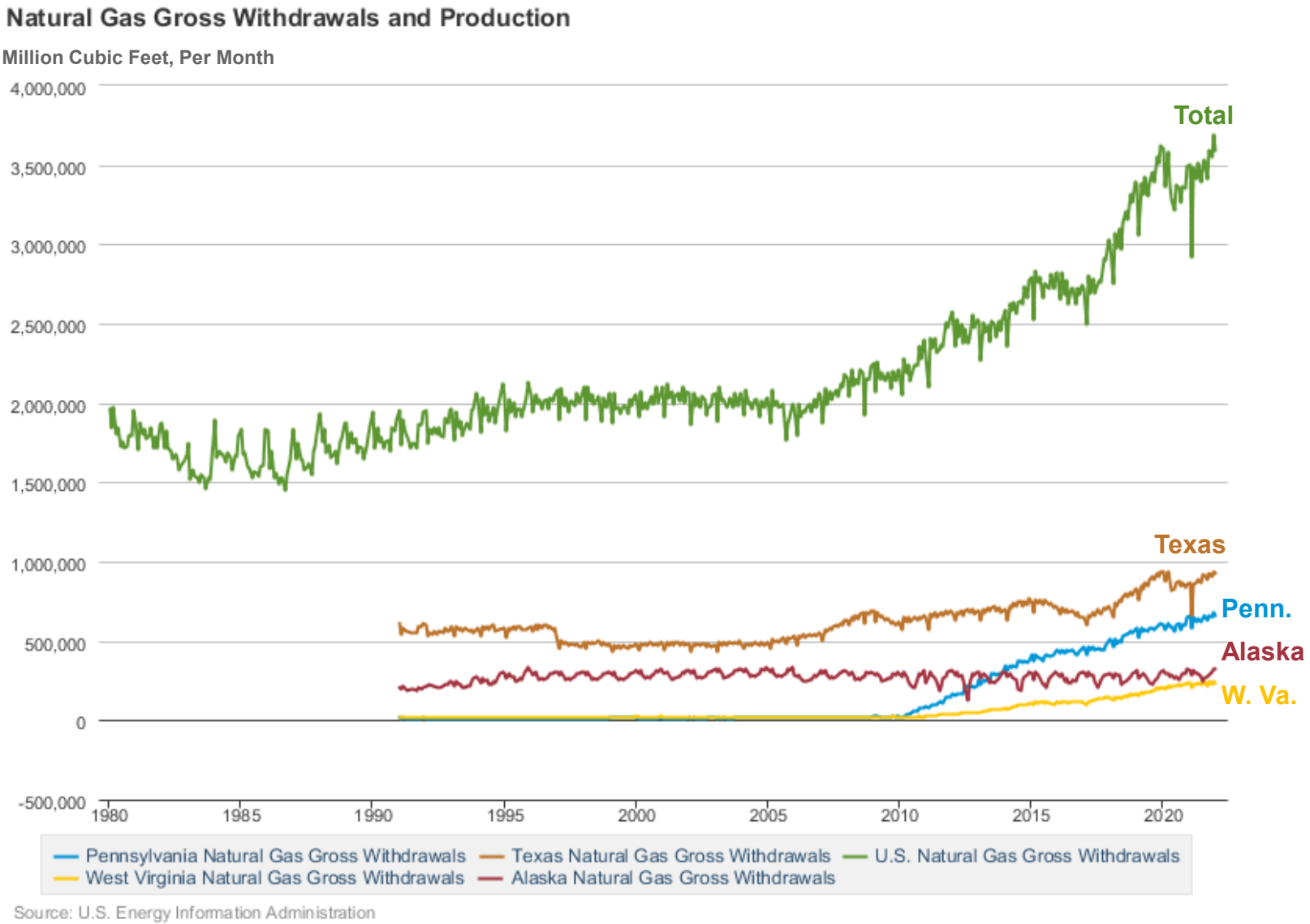
U.S. Natural Gas Extraction



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Natural Gas In The News

German employers and unions jointly oppose boycott of Russian natural gas

World Apr 18, 2022 3:13 PM EDT

BERLIN (AP) — Germany's employers and unions have joined together in opposing an immediate European Union ban on natural gas imports from Russia over its invasion of Ukraine, saying such a move would lead to factory shutdowns and the loss of jobs in the bloc's largest economy.

"A rapid gas embargo would lead to loss of production, shutdowns, a further de-industrialization and the long-term loss of work positions in Germany," said Rainer Dulger, chairman of the BDA employer's group, and Reiner Hoffmann, chairman of the DGB trade union confederation, in a joint statement Monday on Germany's dpa news agency.

The statement comes as European leaders are discussing possible new energy sanctions against Russian oil, following a decision April 7 to ban Russian coal imports beginning in August. Ukraine's leaders say revenues from Russia's energy exports are financing Moscow's destructive war on Ukraine and must be ended.

That won't be easy to do. The EU's 27 nations get around 40 percent of their natural gas from Russia and around 25 percent of their oil. Natural gas would be the most difficult do without, energy analysts say, since most of it comes by pipeline from Russia and supplies of liquefied gas, which can be ordered by ship, are limited amid strong demand worldwide.

https://www.pbs.org/newshour/world/german-employers-and-unions-jointly-oppose-boycott-of-russian-natural-gas

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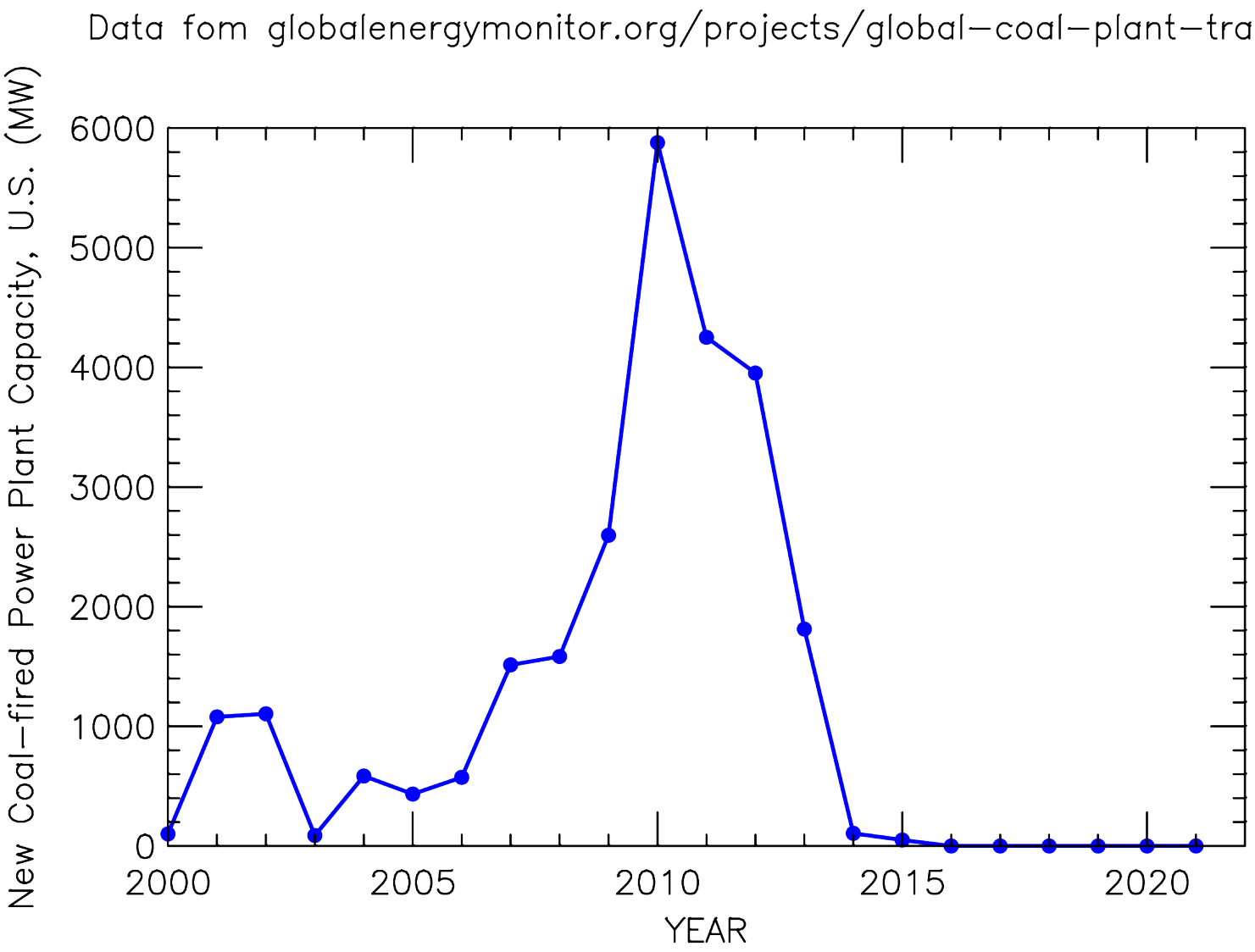
U.S. Coal Power Plants



https://globalenergymonitor.org/projects/global-coal-plant-tracker/

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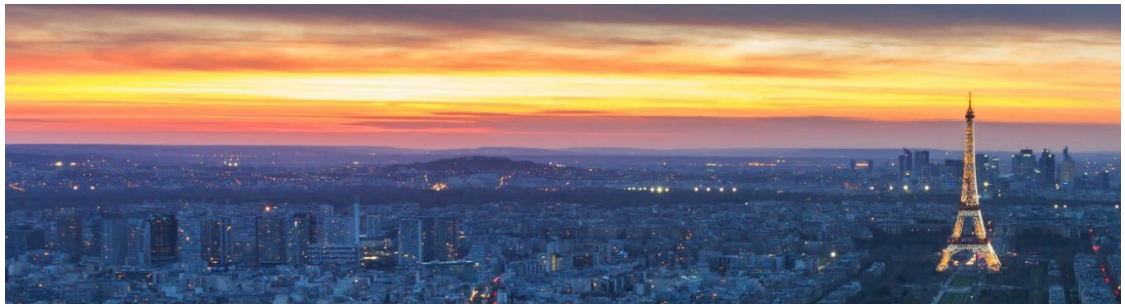
Two Super Heroes

US / China Announcement ⇒ Paris Climate Agreement

Nov 2014: Presidents Obama & Xi announced
U.S. would reduce GHG emissions to 27% below 2005 by 2025
China would peak GHG emissions by 2030 with best effort to peak early



Paris Climate Agreement:

Article 2, Section 1, Part a):

Objective to hold "increase in GMST to well below **2°C** above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit the temperature increase to **1.5°C** above pre-industrial levels"

INDC: **I**ntended **N**ationally **D**etermined **C**ontributions to reduce GHG emissions

- Submitted prior to Dec 2015 meeting in Paris
- Consist of either **unconditional** (promise) or **conditional** (contingent) pledges
- Generally extend from present to year 2030

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Paris Climate Agreement, Dec 2015:

a) Negotiated as an "agreement" (unilateral pledges to reduce GHG emissions by by member nations) rather than a treaty to avoid the need for Senate approval

https://www.senate.gov/artandhistory/history/common/briefing/Treaties.htm

b) Based on language of ratification, U.S. committed to agreement until 4 November 2020

https://qz.com/996882/paris-climate-agreement-trumps-renegotiation-is-not-realistic-in-any-way

https://www.theatlantic.com/science/archive/2017/08/trump-and-the-paris-agreement-what-just-happened/536040

Summer 2017:

President Trump states US intends to withdraw from Paris Climate Agreement

- "withdrawal" symbolic in that US is committed to the agreement until 4 Nov 2020

August 2018:

- Obama's plan for achieving the U.S. NDC had relied on implementation of the Clean Power Plan by the EPA
- Main gist of Clean Power Plan was transitioning power plants from coal to either natural gas or renewables
- Combustion of natural gas produces about 70% more energy per CO_2 released to the atmosphere than coal
- Clean power plan being abandoned by the US EPA
  https://psmag.com/environment/the-epa-publishes-its-proposed-replacement-for-the-clean-power-plan
  but the main reason natural gas has replaced coal for US power generation is economic, rather than regulatory

What occurred on 3 Nov 2020 ?!?

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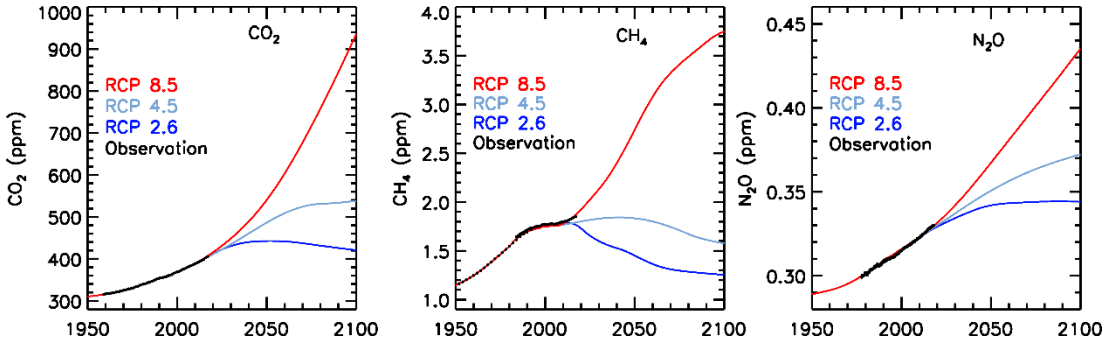
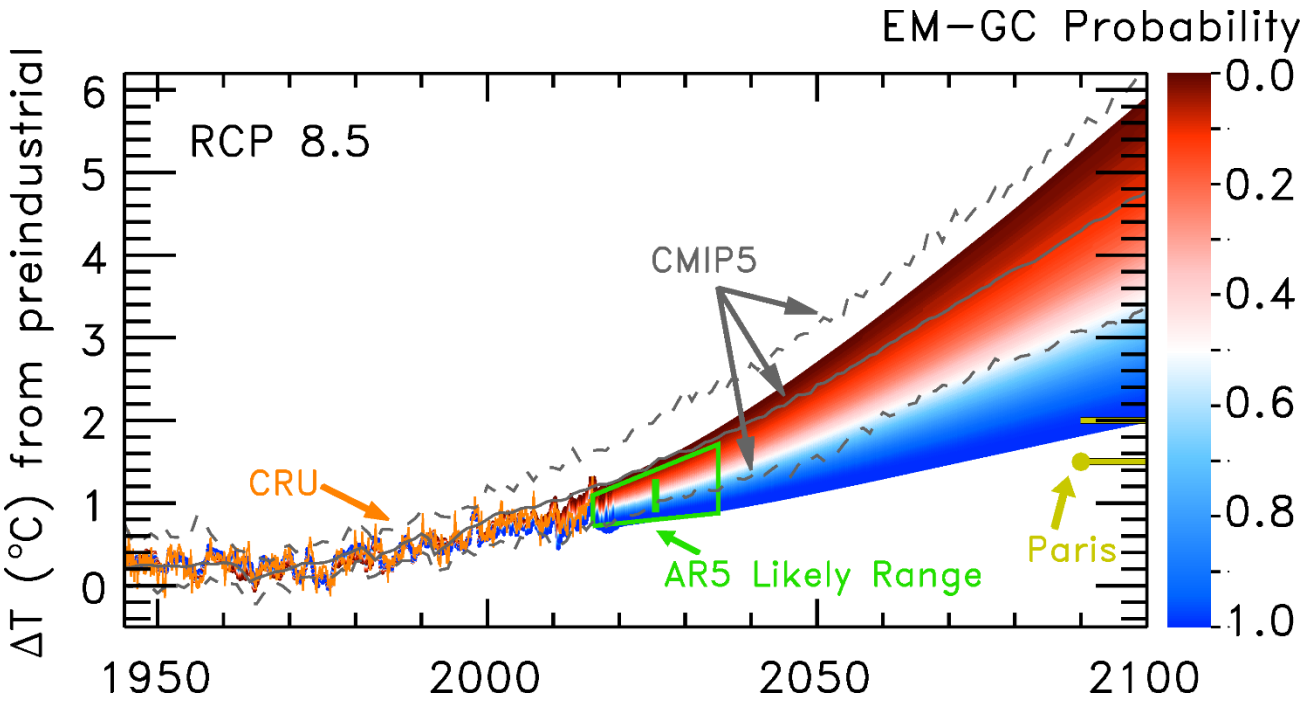
EM-GC Forecast vs CMIP5





If GHGs follow RCP 8.5, **0%** chance rise GMST stays below **1.5°C** and **0%** chance stays below **2.0°C**

Austin Hope, private communication, 2020.

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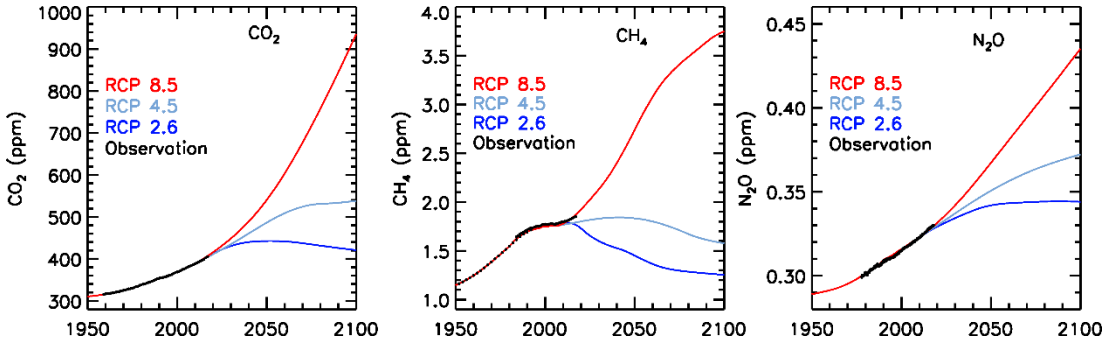

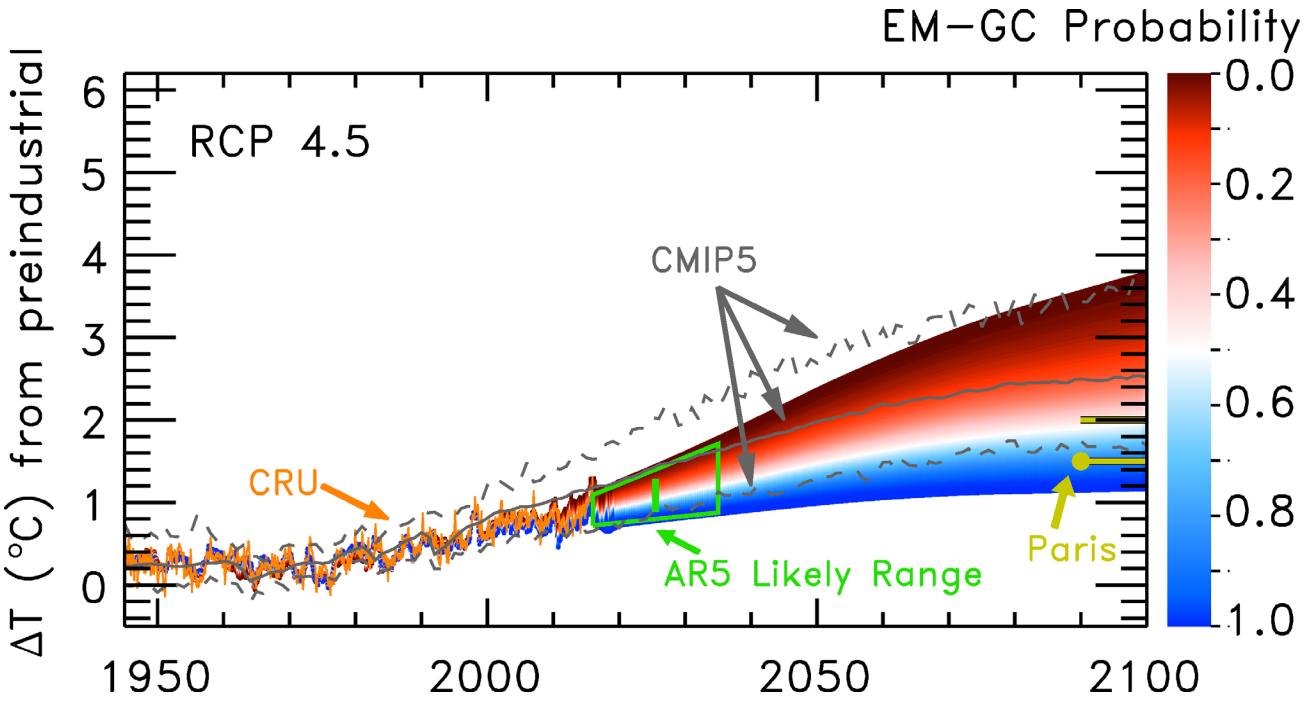

If GHGs follow RCP 4.5, **10%** chance rise GMST stays below **1.5°C** and **50%** chance stays below **2.0°C**

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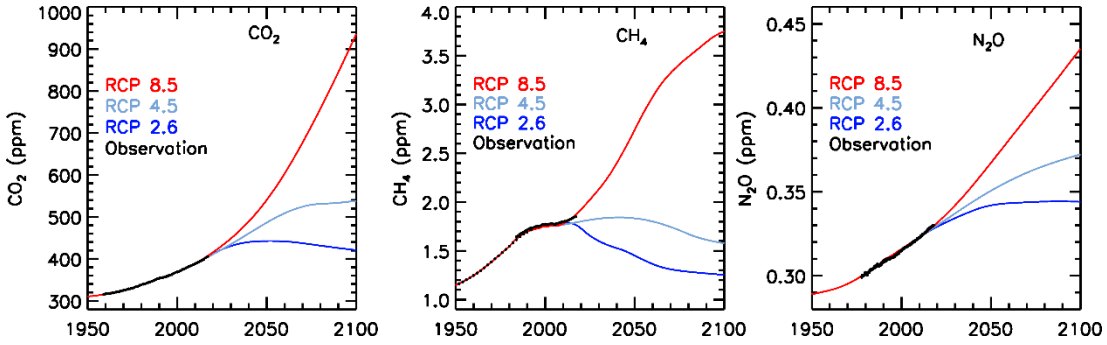

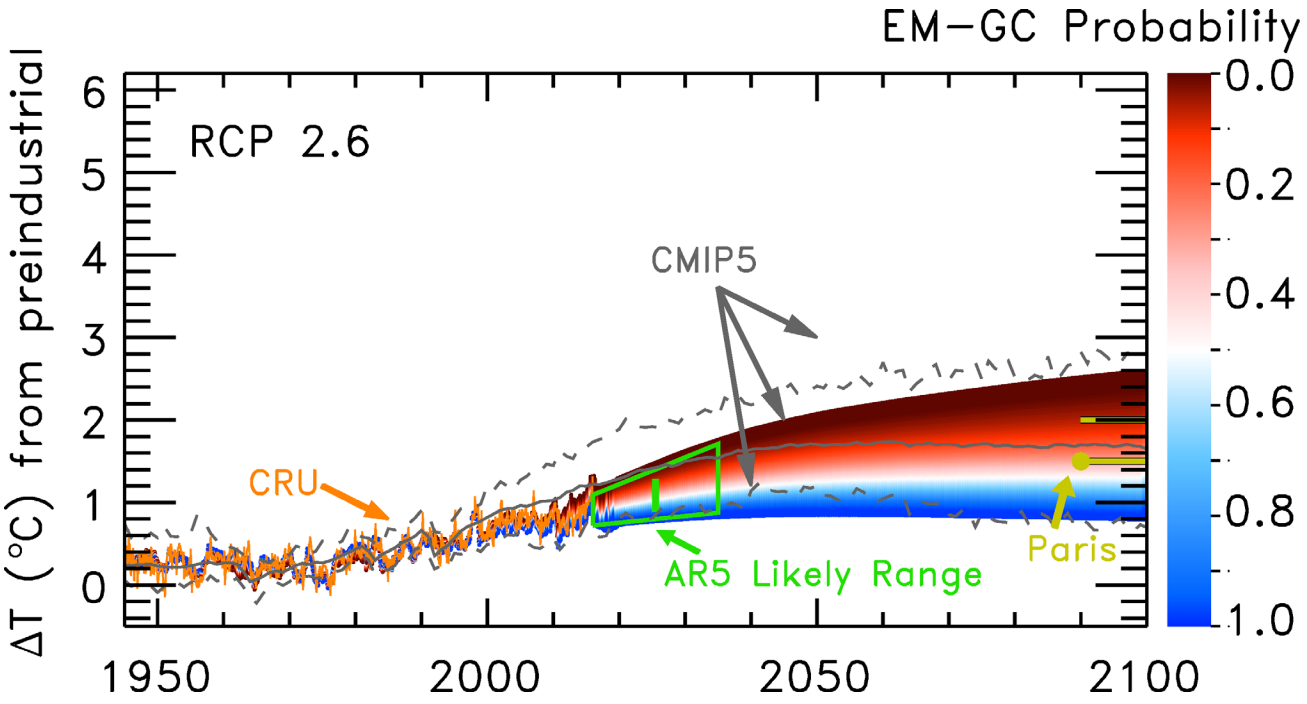

If GHGs follow RCP 2.6, **67%** chance rise GMST stays below **1.5°C** and **92%** chance stays below **2.0°C**

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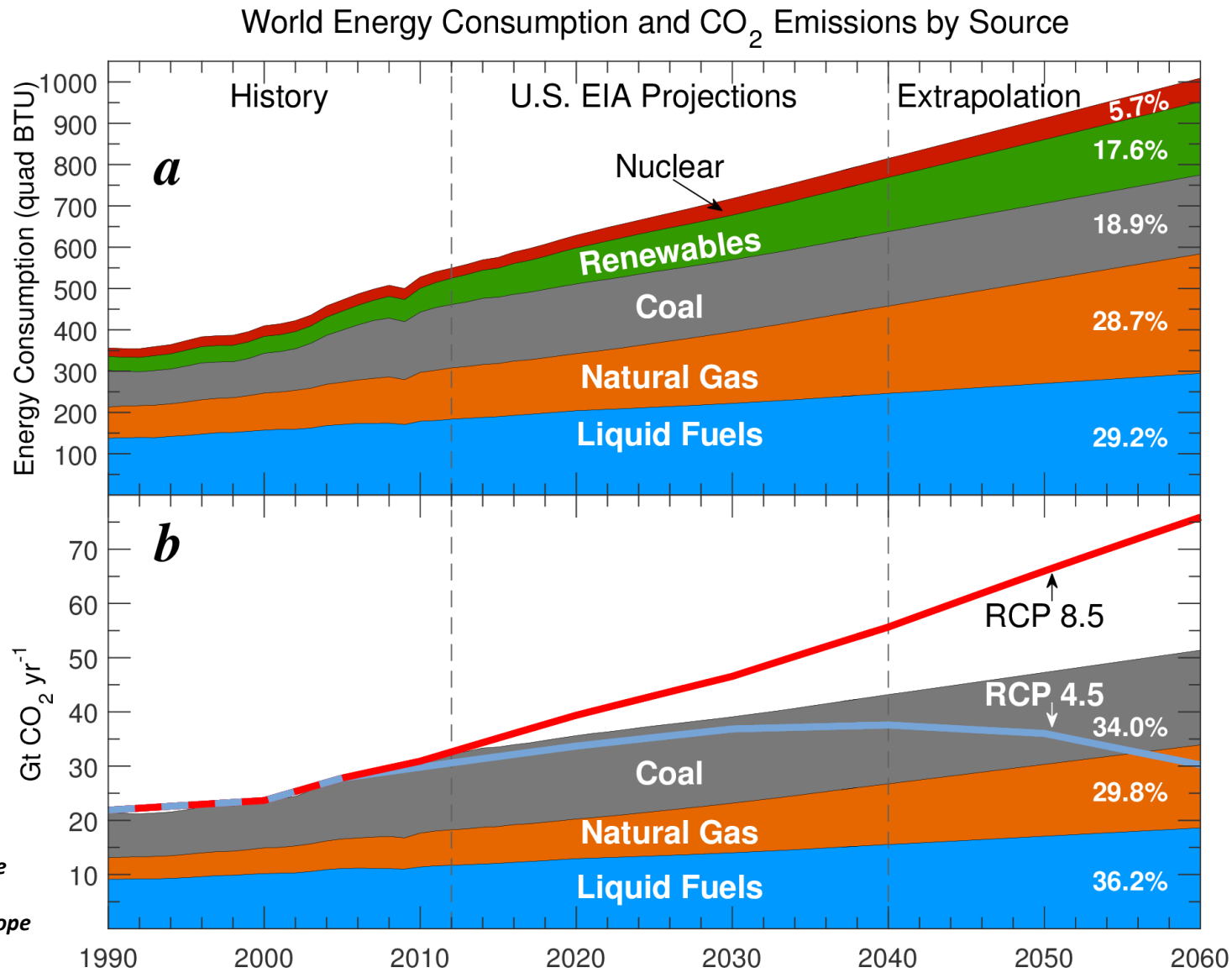

Fig 4.2
Paris Climate Agreement: Beacon of Hope

Business As Usual (i.e., projection of current trajectory) places the world in between RCP 4.5 and RCP 8.5 trajectories for global emission of CO_2

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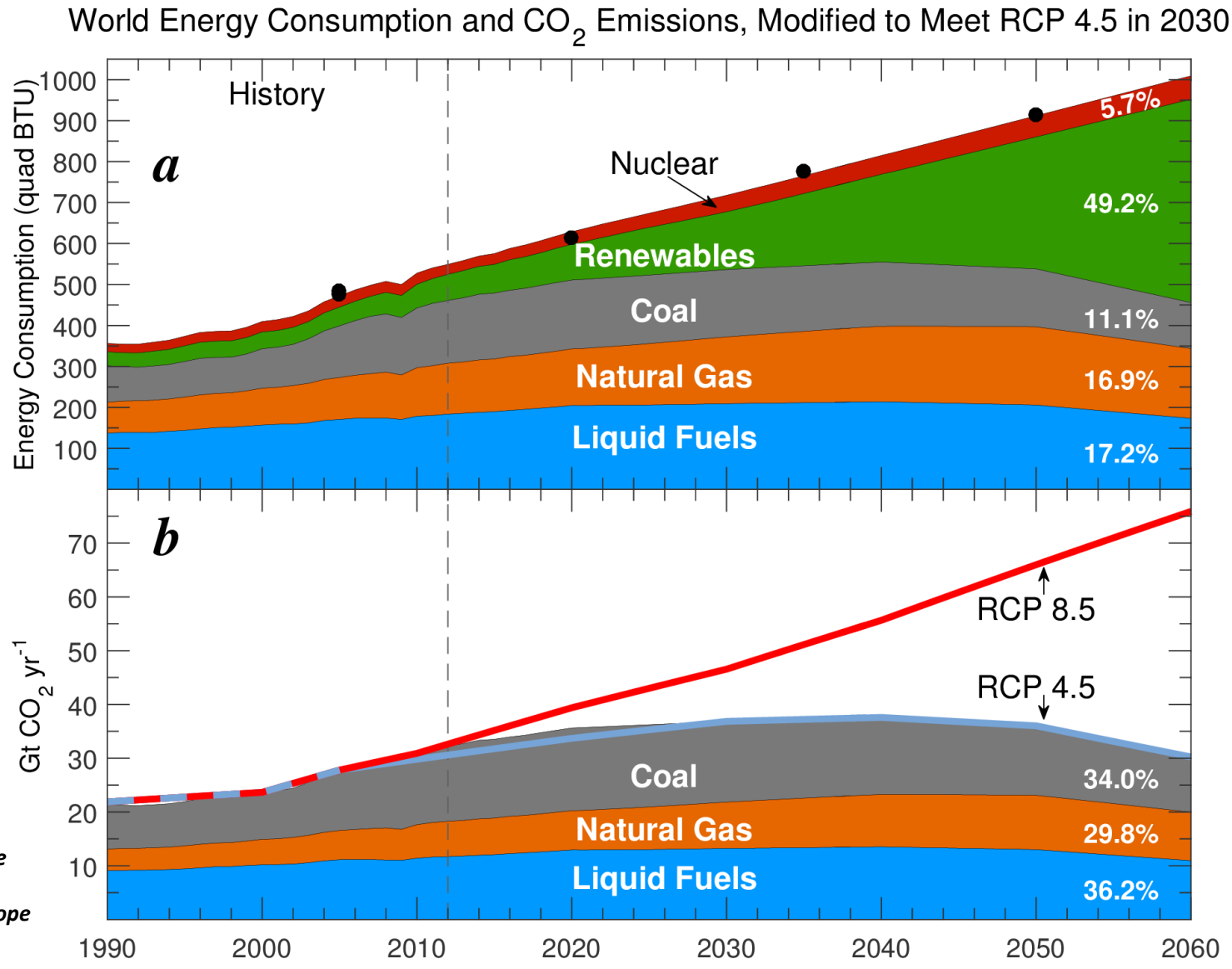

Fig 4.3
Paris Climate Agreement: Beacon of Hope

Achieving RCP 4.5 requires *half of total global energy* to be supplied by sources that do not emit GHGs by year 2060

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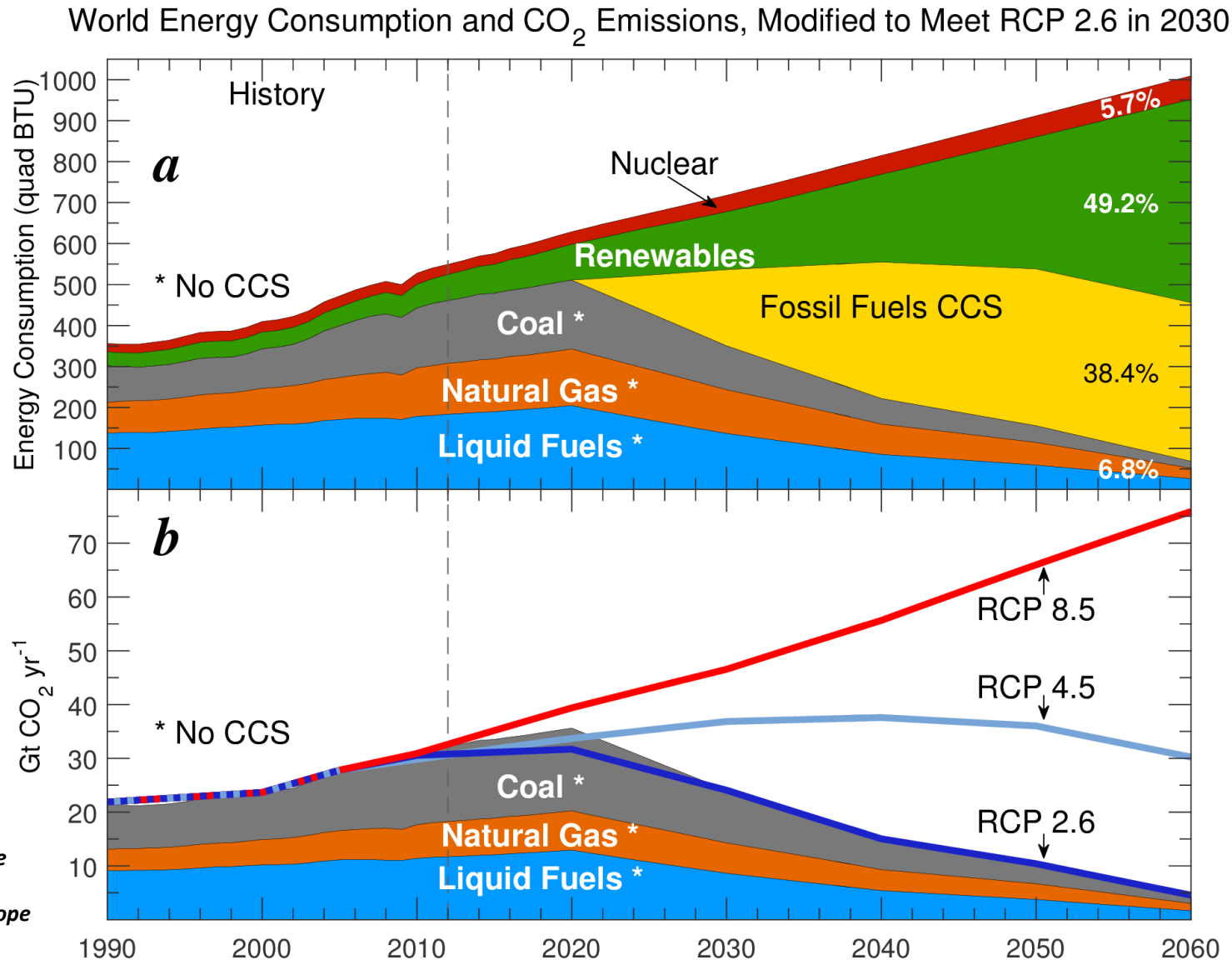

Fig 4.5
Paris Climate Agreement: Beacon of Hope

Achieving RCP 2.6 requires *half of total global energy* to be supplied by renewables/nuclear by 2060 coupled with massive Carbon Capture and Sequestration (CCS)

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GHG Emission Projection

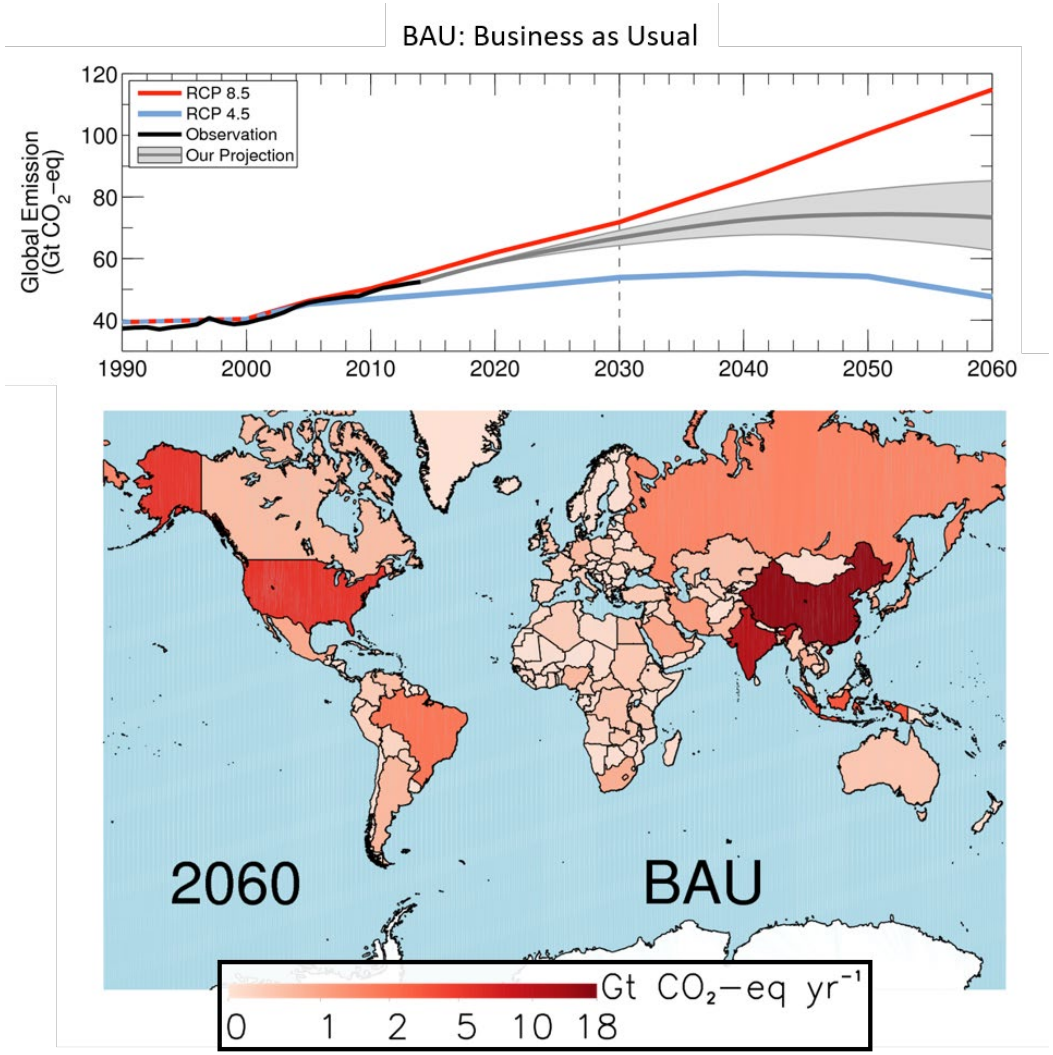

Fig 3.8 & 3.13
Paris Climate Agreement: Beacon of Hope

CO_2-eq: Considers emissions of CO_2, CH_4, & N_2O

RCP 4.5 & 8.5: GHG scenarios with 2.6., 4.5, and 8.5 W m^{-2} RF of climate in 2100

Uncertainty in "Our Projections" due to various population forecasts

Emissions for big 3 (U.S., China, & India) use Full Kaya Identity, whereas Simplified Kaya Identity used for other nations

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kaya_identity

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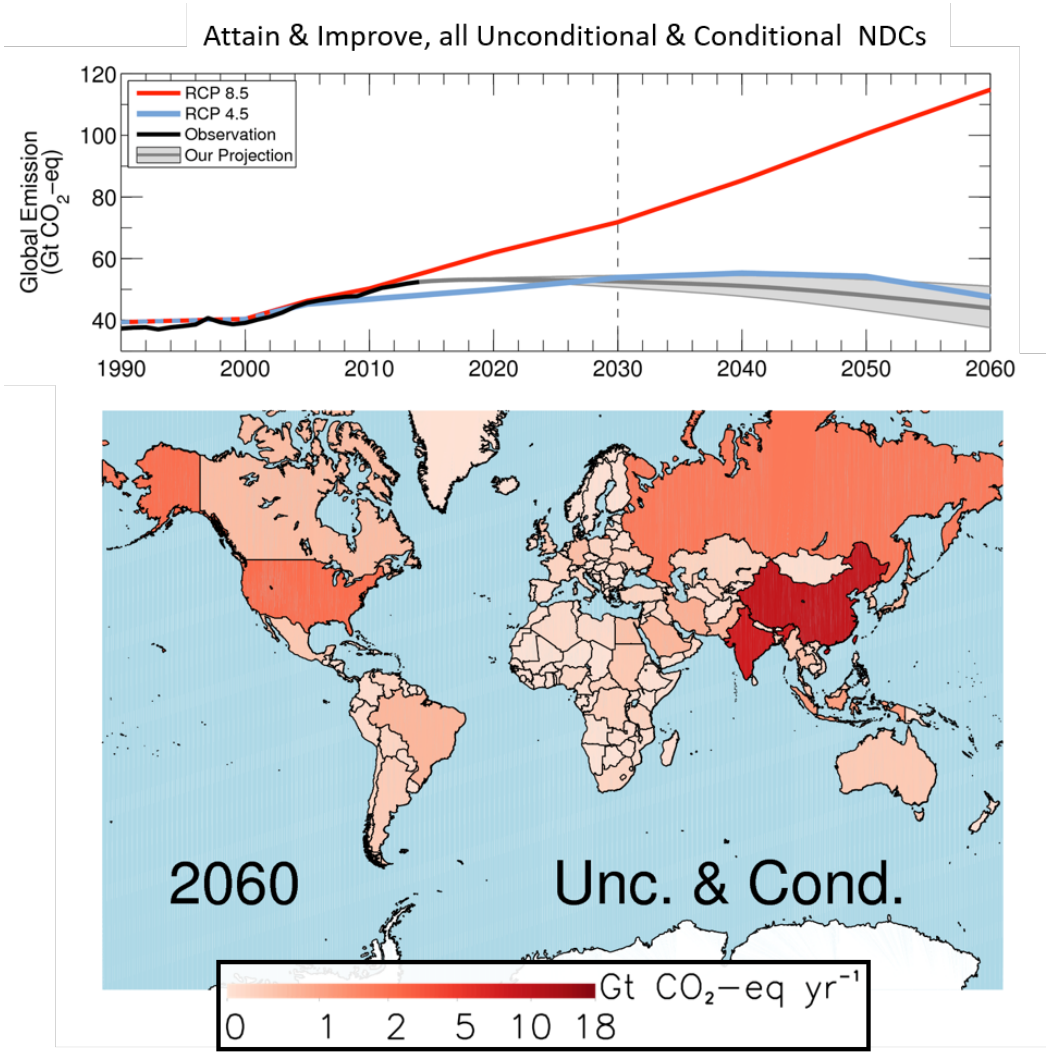

Fig 3.11 & 3.13
Paris Climate Agreement: Beacon of Hope

CO_2-eq: Considers emissions of CO_2, CH_4, & N_2O

NDC: Nationally Determined Contribution (to reduce emission of GHGs)

Unconditional: We promise, no matter what, to follow our NDC and keep ***improving the carbon efficiency of our economy***

Conditional: GHG reductions contingent on financial and/or technology transfer

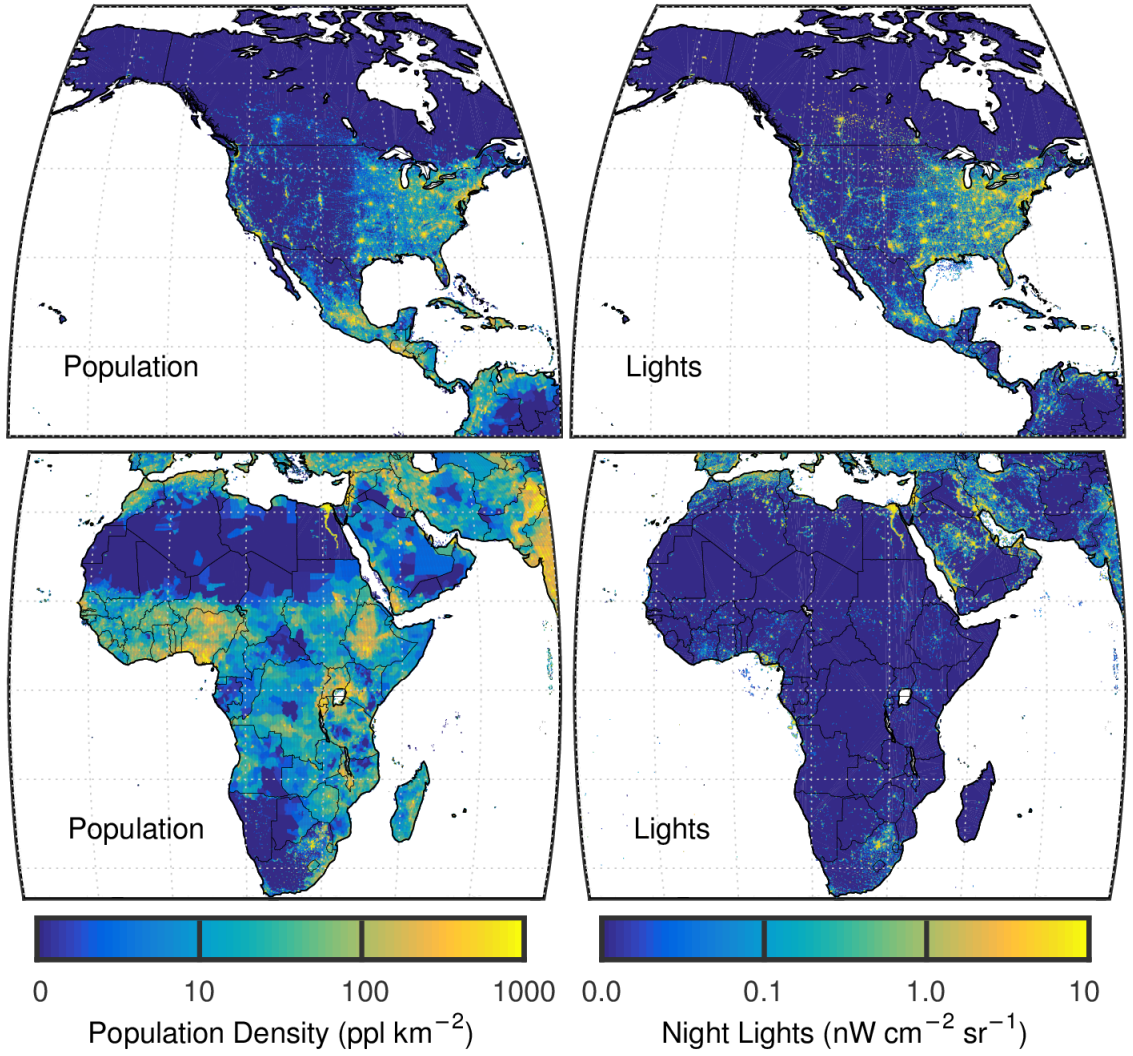

Fig 4.7
Paris Climate Agreement: Beacon of Hope

Limiting global warming to 2°C will require a massive transition to renewables and/or implementation of carbon capture and sequestration in the developed world and initial electrification of developing world by renewables (i.e., must bypass fossil fuels)

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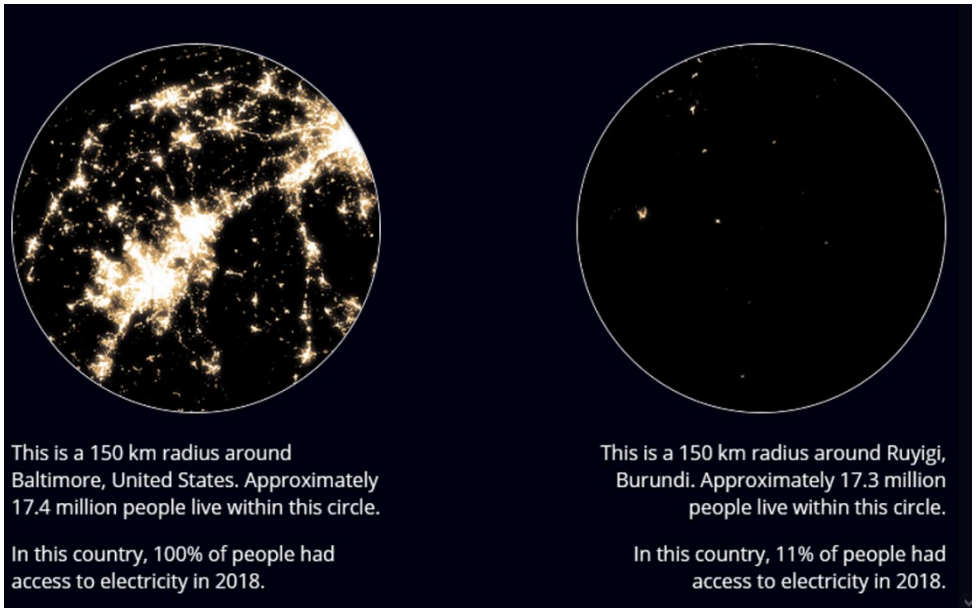

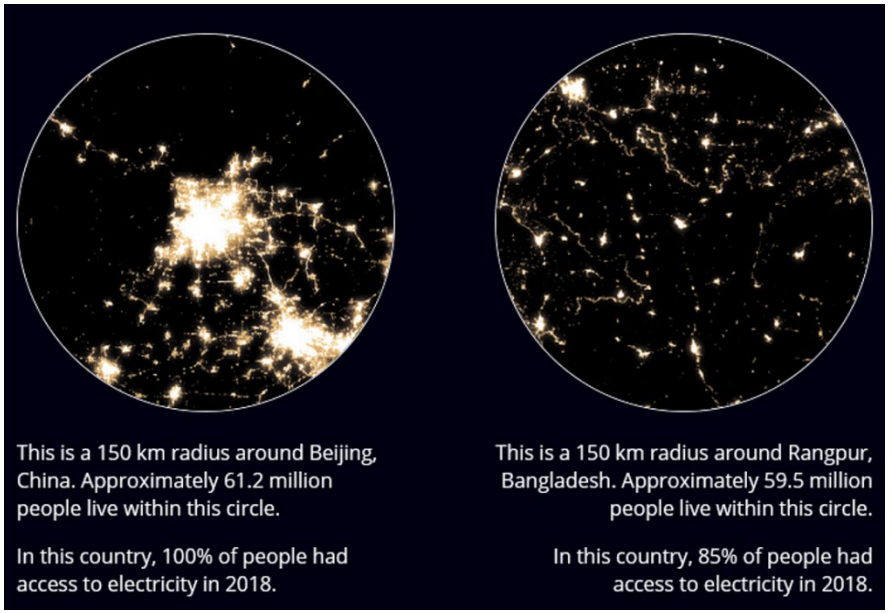

https://datatopics.worldbank.org/sdgatlas/goal-7-affordable-and-clean-energy

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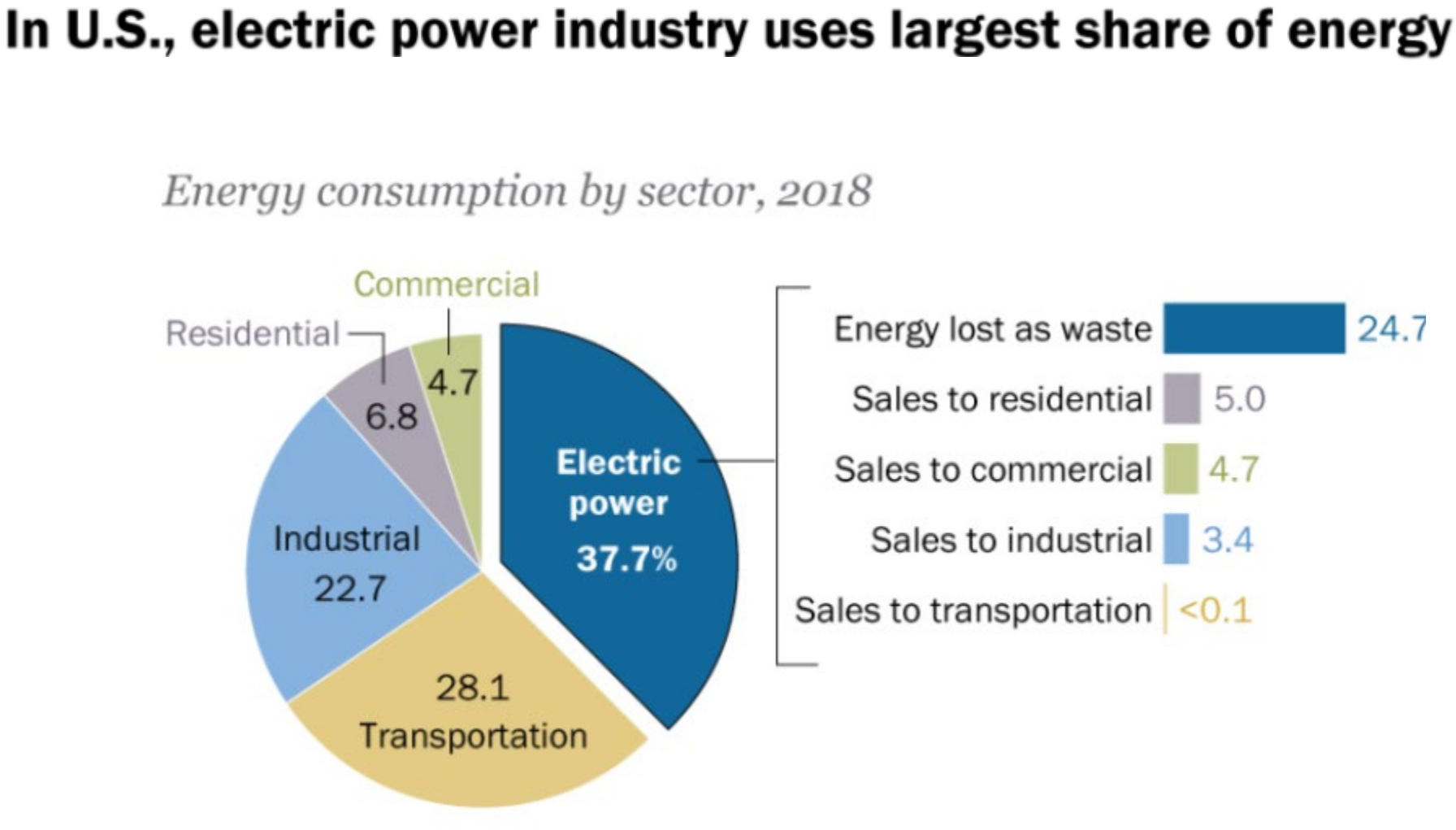
Energy Consumption By Sector, U.S.



https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2020/01/15/renewable-energy-is-growing-fast-in-the-u-s-but-fossil-fuels-still-dominate/ft_2020-01-15_energyprimer_3/

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Energy and Power

Simple equation connects energy and power

Energy = Power × Time

Size of a **power** plant is commonly measured in units of power:

kW (kilo: 10^3 Watts): Home solar
MW (mega: 10^6 Watts) Industrial
GW (giga: 10^9 Watts): Massive Hydroelectric
TW (terra: 10^{12} Watts): Large Nation and/or Global

Output of a **power** plant in units of energy:

kWh (kilo: 10^3 W hour)
MWh (mega: 10^6 W hour)
GWh (gig: 10^9 W hour)

Capacity Factor: actual output of a power plant (energy) divided by maximum output, if power plant could run 24/7/365 ***at full capacity***

Please see https://energyeducation.ca/encyclopedia/Energy_vs_power for a nice explanation of Energy & Power

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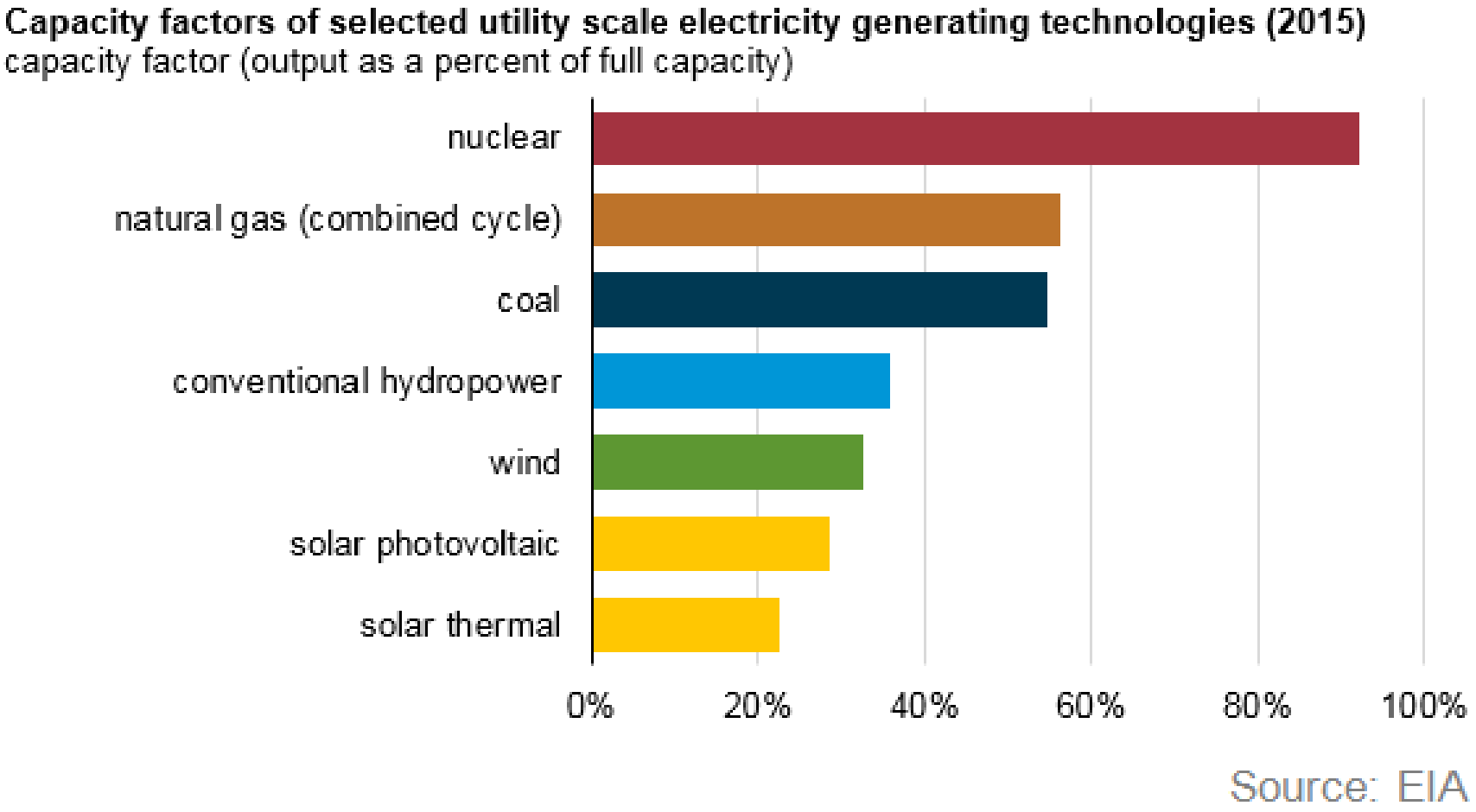

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World Installed ***Electricity*** Generating ***Capacity***:

Power (Energy/Time)

Total Source	GW (year 2010)
Coal	1594
Natural Gas	1360
Hydro-electric	**884**
Solar	**39**
Wind	**180**
Nuclear	**375**
Liquid Fossil Fuel	291
Other Renewable (Biomass)	**74**
Geothermal	**10**
Total	4807

Source: https://www.eia.gov/international/data/world/electricity/electricity-capacity

In 2010, **32.5%** of global electricity generating capacity did not release prodigious GHGs to the atmosphere

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World Installed ***Electricity*** Generating ***Capacity***:

Power (Energy/Time)

Total Source	GW (year 2020)
Coal	2154
Natural Gas	1662
Hydro-electric	**1162**
Solar	**716**
Wind	**736**
Nuclear	**395**
Liquid Fossil Fuel	297
Other Renewable (Biomass)	**136**
Geothermal	**14**
Total	7272

Source: https://www.eia.gov/international/data/world/electricity/electricity-capacity

Good news: In 2020, **43%** of global electricity generating capacity does not release prodigious GHGs to the atmosphere

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