

# Renewable Energy I: Hydro, Wind and Solar

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Class Web Sites:

<http://www2.atmos.umd.edu/~rjs/class/spr2022>

<https://myelms.umd.edu/courses/137772>

Next three lectures:

Challenge of meeting energy needs by means other than the combustion of fossil fuel

Today: Focus on three technologies with an emphasis on capacity factor, cost, growth,  
and an interesting adverse consequence of hydroelectricity



<https://gigawattglobal.com/projects3/rwanda/>

**Lecture 19**

**21 April 2022**

# Announcements

- AOSC Weekly Seminar: Today, 3:30 pm, virtual

**DR. HANQIN TIAN**

INSTITUTION: AUBURN UNIVERSITY, INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR CLIMATE AND GLOBAL CHANGE RESEARCH

TITLE: 'HOW CAN THE TERRESTRIAL BIOSPHERE BE A PART OF THE CLIMATE SOLUTION? TOWARD A PREDICTIVE UNDERSTANDING OF THE GLOBAL CARBON CYCLE AND GHG BUDGETS'

**3:30 PM EDT  
THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2022**

STREAMED LIVE VIA ZOOM

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- Review of Second Exam: Today, 7:30 pm, virtual:

<https://umd.zoom.us/j/9465565837>

Same link on class website and sent in class announcement

- Campus decarbonization protest Fri, 29 April, 3 pm:



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RVSP HERE:**



UMD's power plant emits 125,000 metric tons of CO2 each year!

**STAND WITH US**  
to demand UMD becomes  
**100% fossil free by 2035!**

# Energy and Power

Simple equation connects energy and power:

$$\text{Energy} = \text{Power} \times \text{Time}$$

**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

Most solar arrays are “sized” in terms of kW

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

kWh (kilo:  $10^3$  W hour)

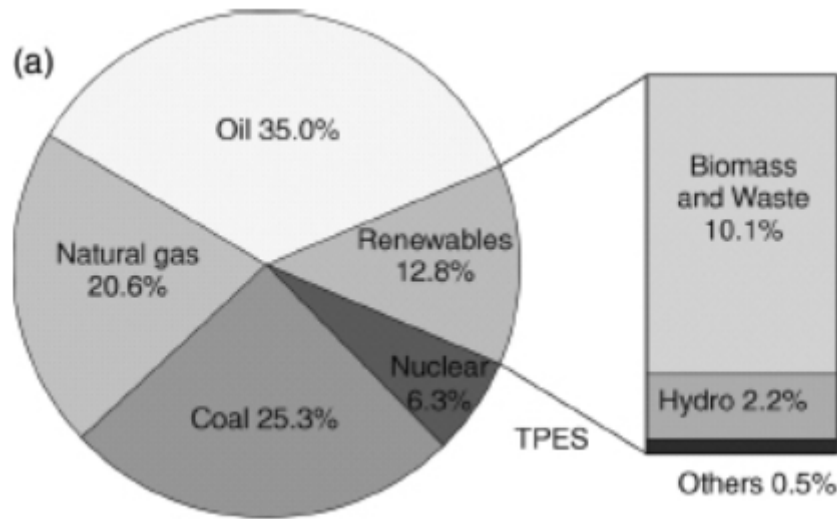
MWh (mega:  $10^6$  W hour)

GWh (gig:  $10^9$  W hour)

Output of most solar arrays are metered in terms of kWh

# World Energy & Electricity Supply: units of Energy

## World Energy



## World Electricity

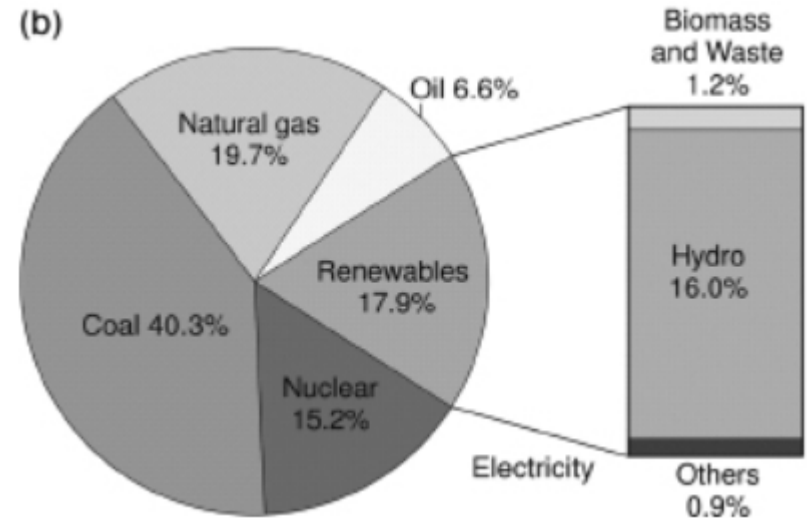


Figure 8.1 (a) Share of renewables in the world total primary energy supply (TPES) in 2005; (b) share of renewables in world electricity production in 2005. (Source: IEA Renewables Information 2007.)

Olah *et al.*, *Beyond Oil and Gas: The Methanol Economy*, 2009

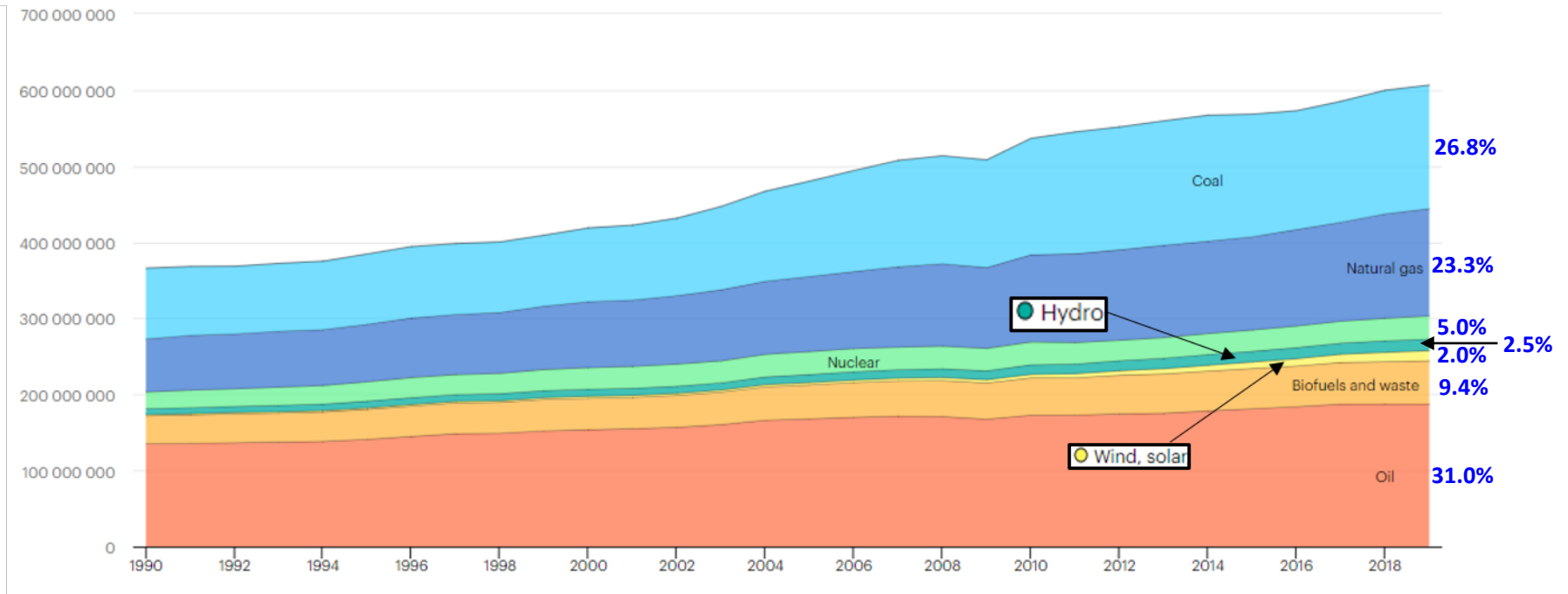
In 2005, world obtained:  
~81% of its **energy** &  
~67% of its **electricity**  
from combustion of fossil fuels

In 2005, world obtained:  
~13% of its **energy** &  
~18% of its **electricity**  
from renewable sources

# World Energy Update: units of Energy

## World energy generation mix, 1990 to 2019

Units: Terra Joule = 0.27778 GWh



In 2019, the world still obtained:

~81% of its **energy** ( $31.0 + 23.3 + 26.8 = 81.1\%$ ; this slide) &

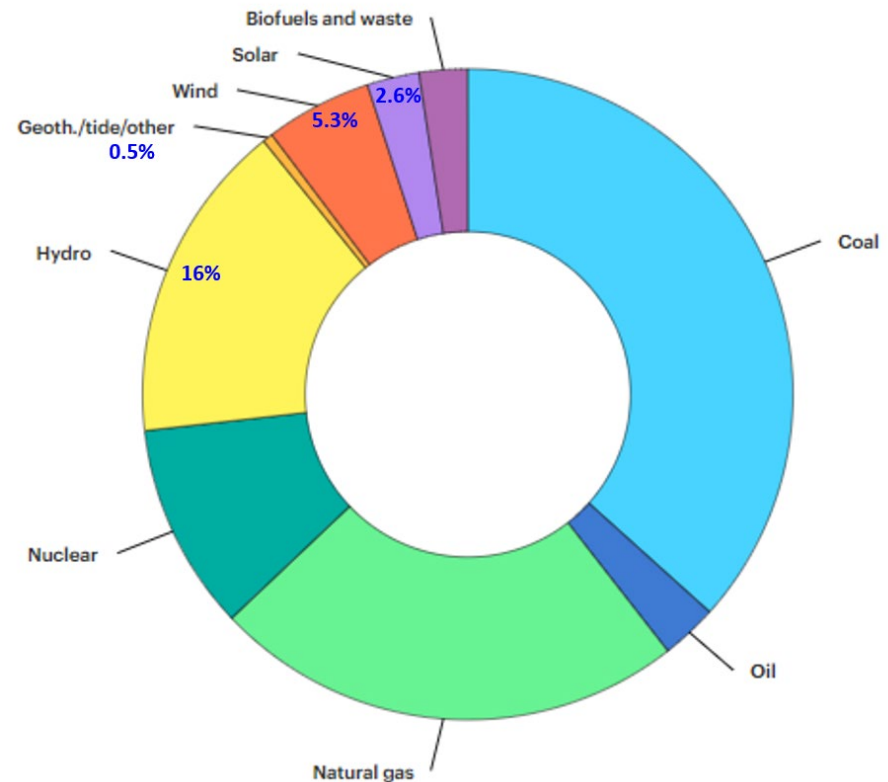
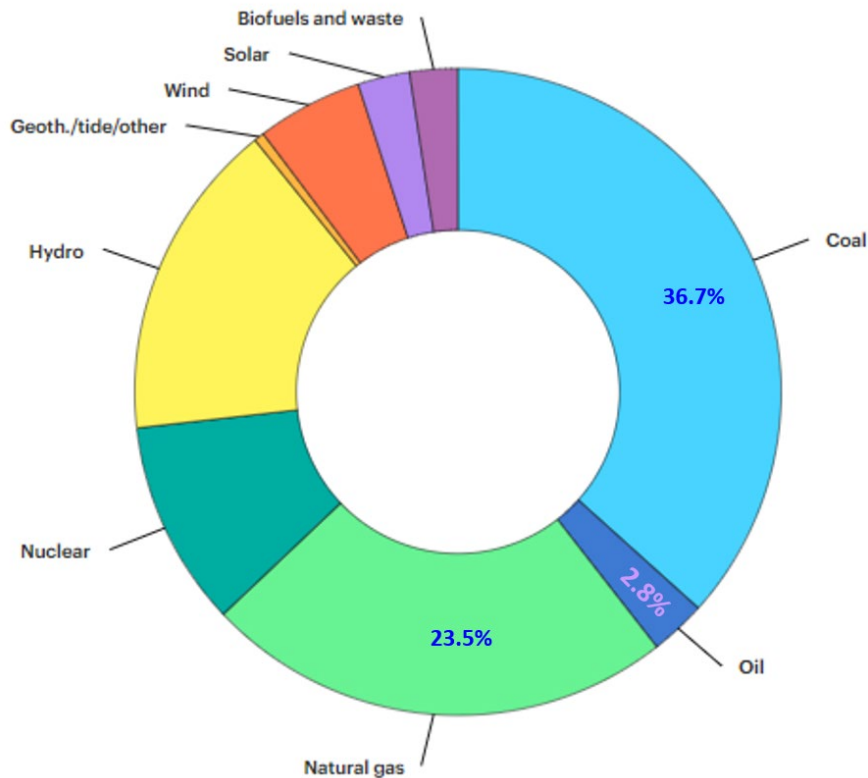
~63% of its **electricity** (next slide)

from the combustion of fossil fuels

<https://www.iea.org/data-and-statistics/data-browser/?country=WORLD&fuel=Energy%20supply&indicator=TESbySource>

# World Electricity Update: units of Energy

## World electricity generation mix, 2019



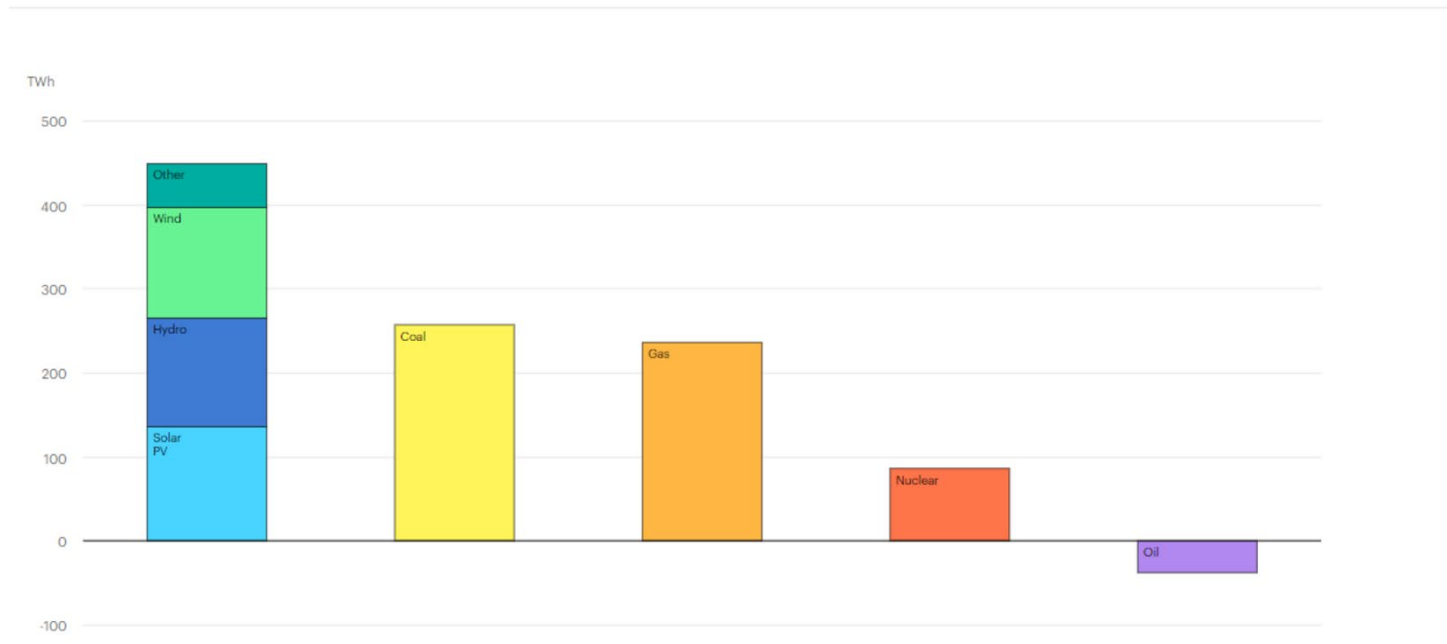
In 2019, the world still obtained:  
~81% of its **energy** (prior slide) &  
~63% of its **electricity** ( $36.7 + 23.5 + 2.8 = 63\%$ ; this slide)  
from the combustion of fossil fuels (had been 81% & 67% in 2005)

In 2019, world obtained 24.4% ( $16 + 5.3 + 2.6 + 0.5\%$ ) of its **electricity** from renewables  
(had been 18% in 2005)

<https://www.iea.org/data-and-statistics/charts/world-gross-electricity-production-by-source-2019>

# World Electricity Trend

Change in global electricity generation by source, 2018 versus 2017



<https://www.iea.org/data-and-statistics/charts/change-in-electricity-generation-by-source-2017-2018>

Global electricity demand increased by 4%, about twice as fast as the overall demand for energy. **Together renewables & nuclear met a majority of the increase in power demand.**

However, electricity generation from coal and gas-fired power plants also rose to meet the increased demand for electricity, driving up CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from this sector by 2.5%.

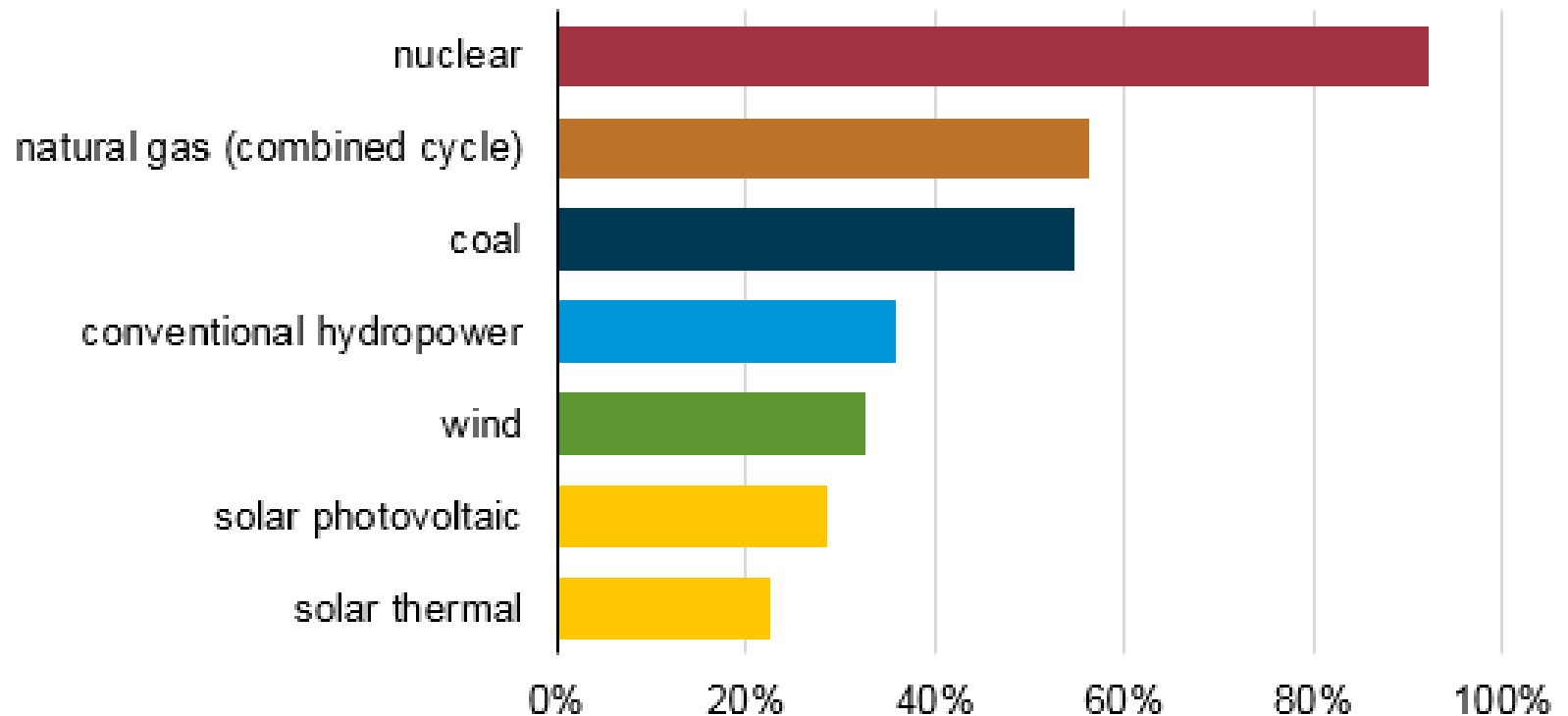
Half of the growth in global energy demand came from the power sector, in response to higher electricity consumption.

**About a fifth of the growth in electricity demand last year can be attributed to weather conditions :**

- Demand for air-conditioning jumped during summer 2018, which ranked as the fourth hottest year on record.
- Likewise, colder-than-average winters in North America during 2018 increased electricity demand for heating.

## Capacity factors of selected utility scale electricity generating technologies (2015)

capacity factor (output as a percent of full capacity)



Source: EIA

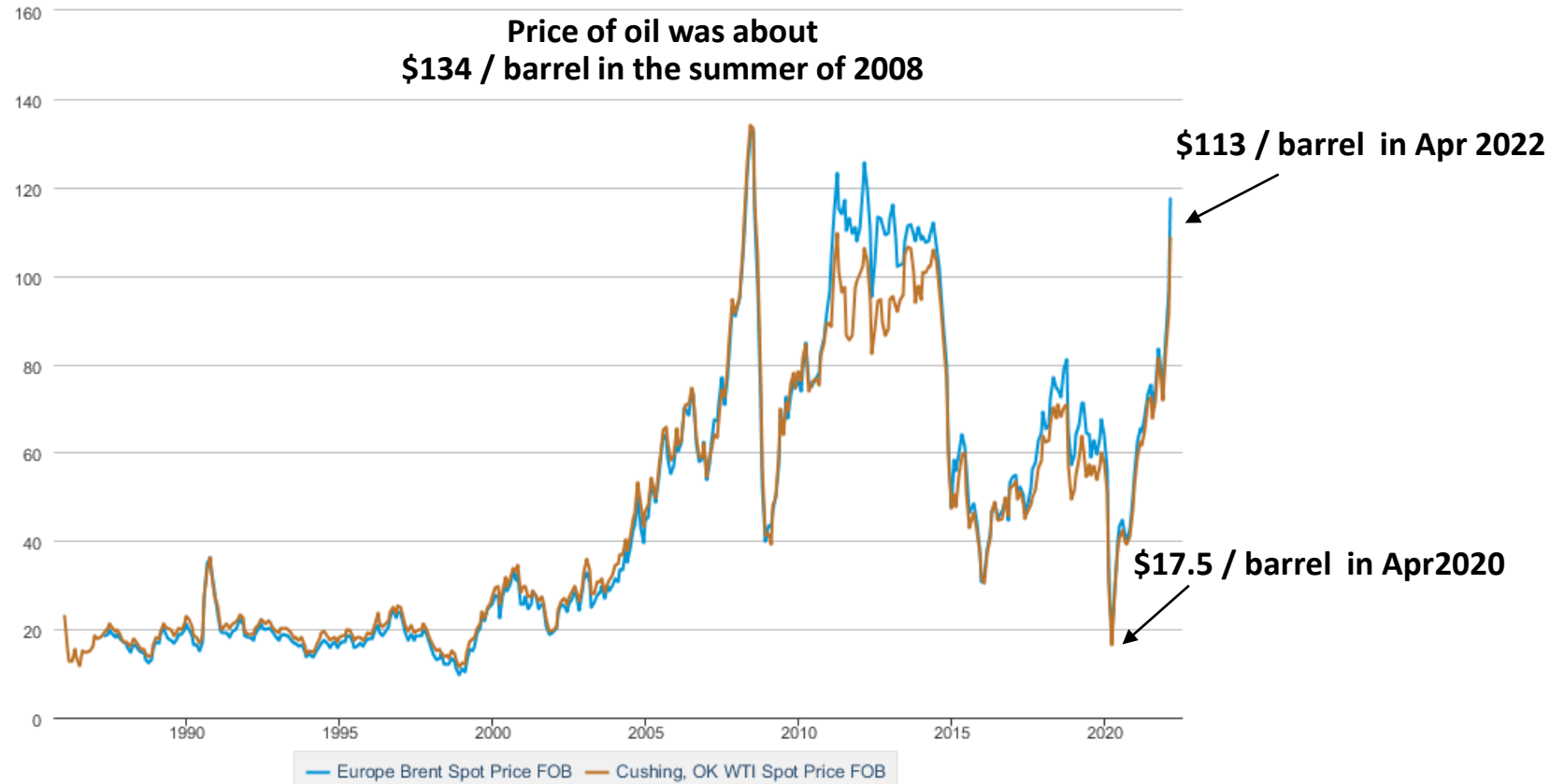
<https://marketrealist.com/2016/06/energy-sources-capacity-factor-capacity-additions>



# Market Force #1: Cost of Fossil Fuel

## Spot Prices

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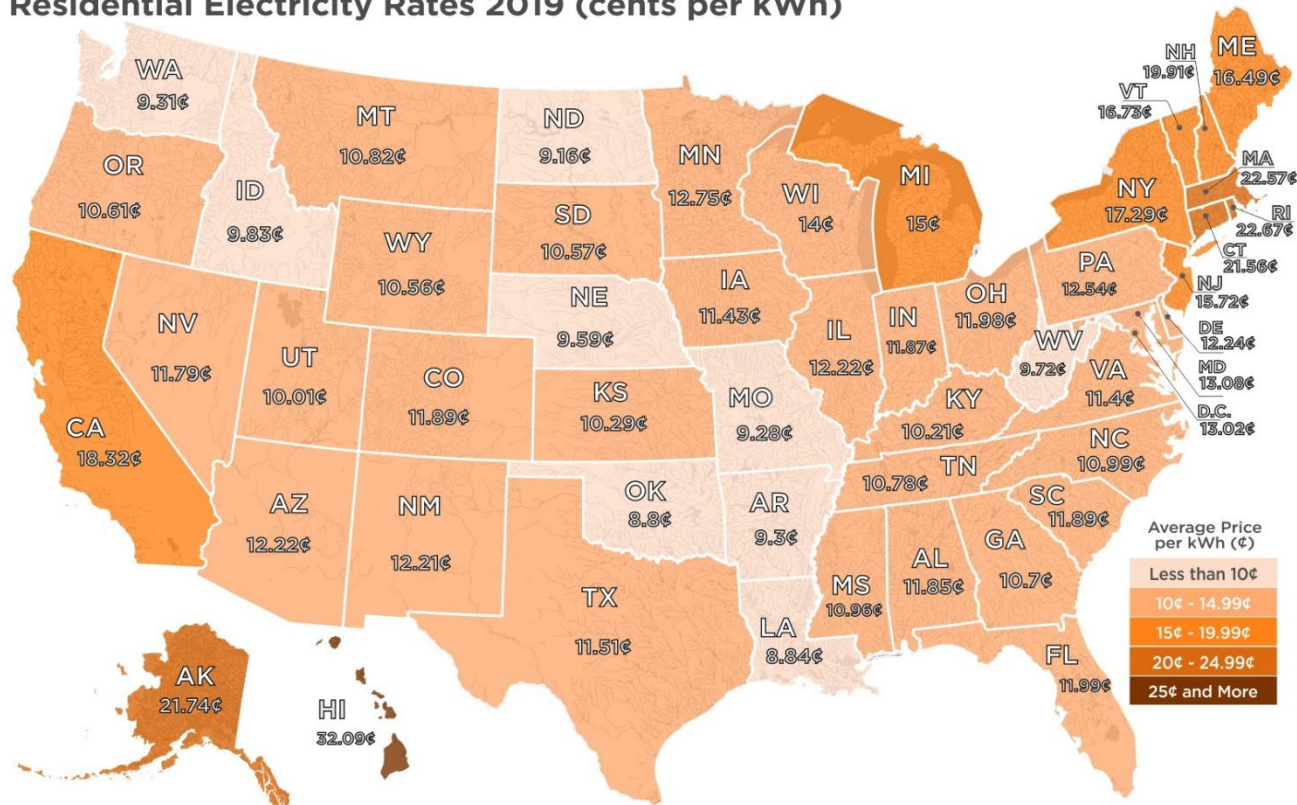
Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

[https://www.eia.gov/dnav/pet/pet\\_pri\\_spt\\_s1\\_m.htm](https://www.eia.gov/dnav/pet/pet_pri_spt_s1_m.htm)

# Market Force #2: Price of Electricity

**U.S average residential retail price of electricity:  
13 cents per kilowatt-hour in 2019**

## How Much Americans Pay In Electricity Rates in Each State Residential Electricity Rates 2019 (cents per kWh)

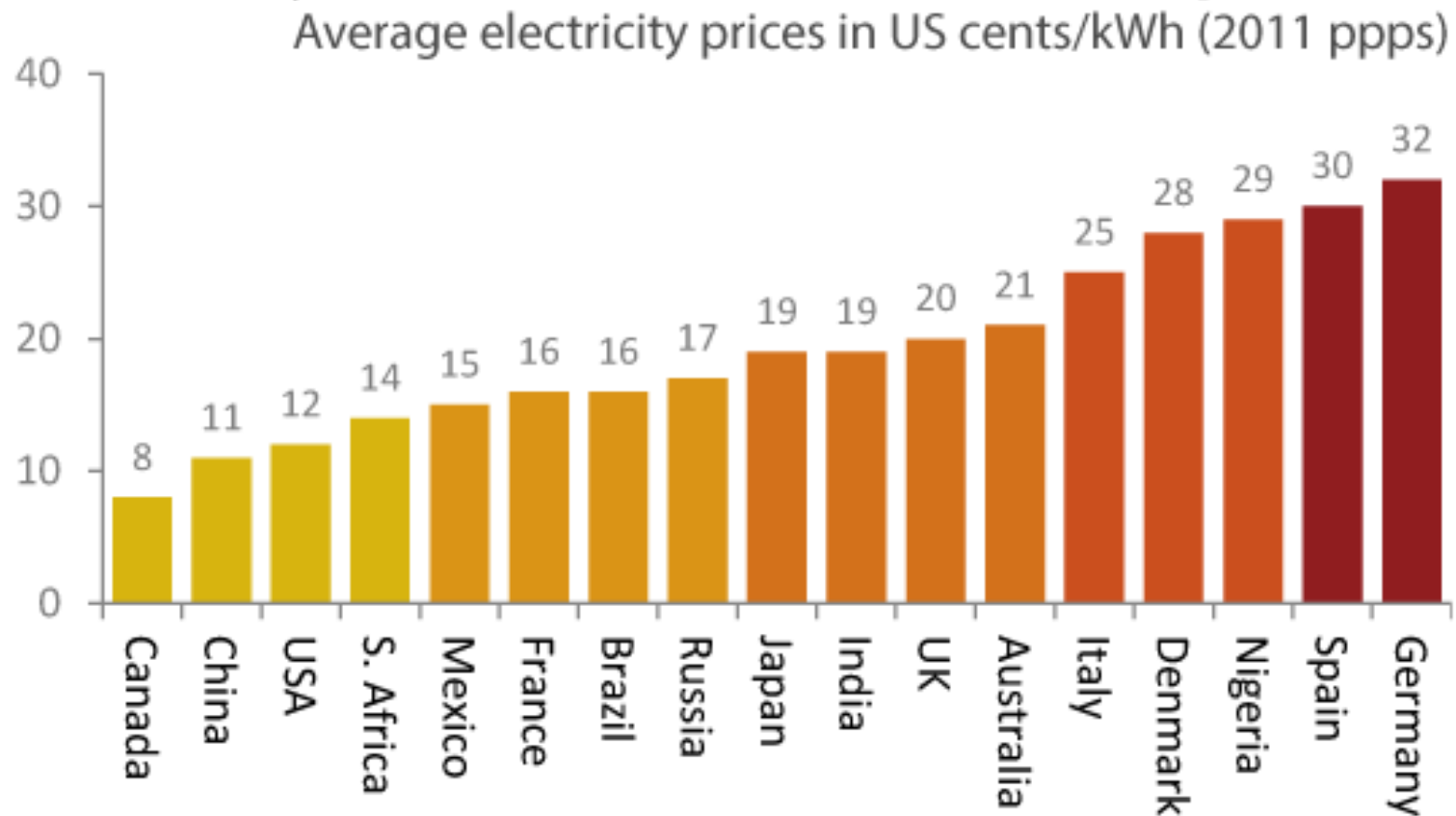


Article & Sources:  
<https://howmuch.net/articles/how-much-americans-pay-in-electricity-rates-in-each-state-2019>  
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# Price of Electricity Varies A Lot Internationally



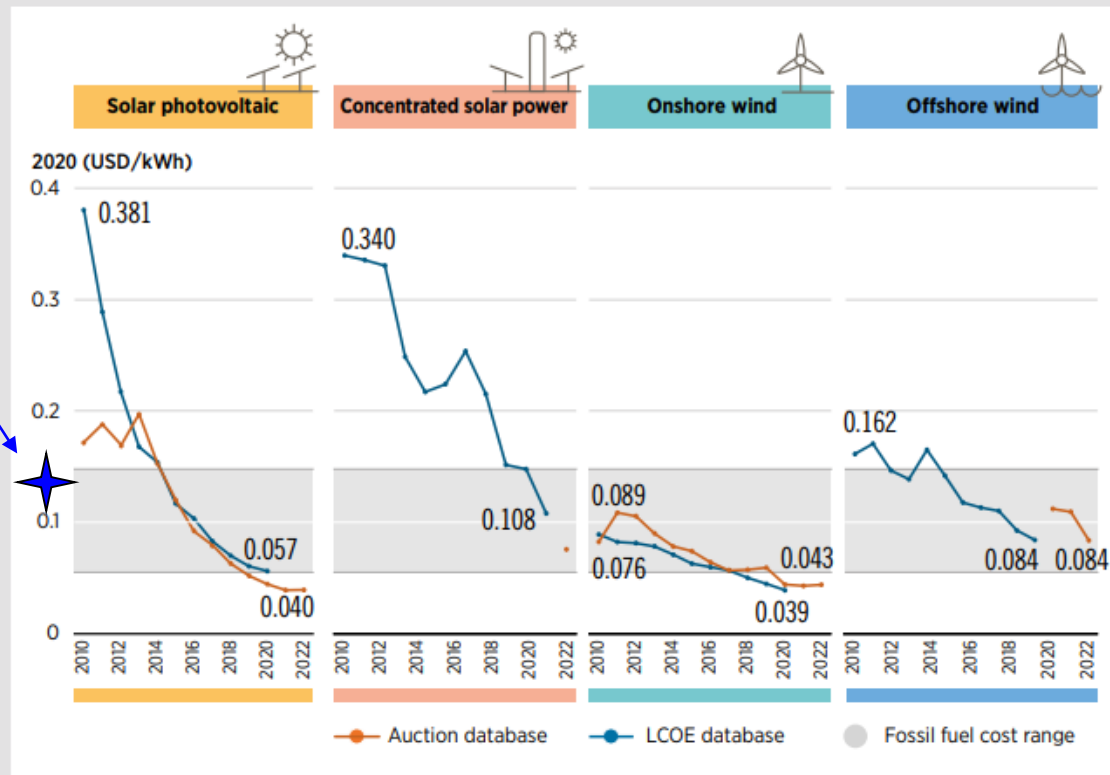
ppps: purchasing power parities

<http://theenergycollective.com/lindsay-wilson/279126/average-electricity-prices-around-world-kwh>

# Market Force #3: Cost of Electricity from Renewables ↓



**FIGURE 1.7** The global weighted-average LCOE and PPA/auction prices for solar PV, CSP, onshore wind and offshore wind, 2010–2023



<https://www.irena.org/publications/2022/Mar/World-Energy-Transitions-Outlook-2022>

4 Data for February 2022 futures contracts.

**Good news: solar and wind are cost competitive with fossil fuels!**

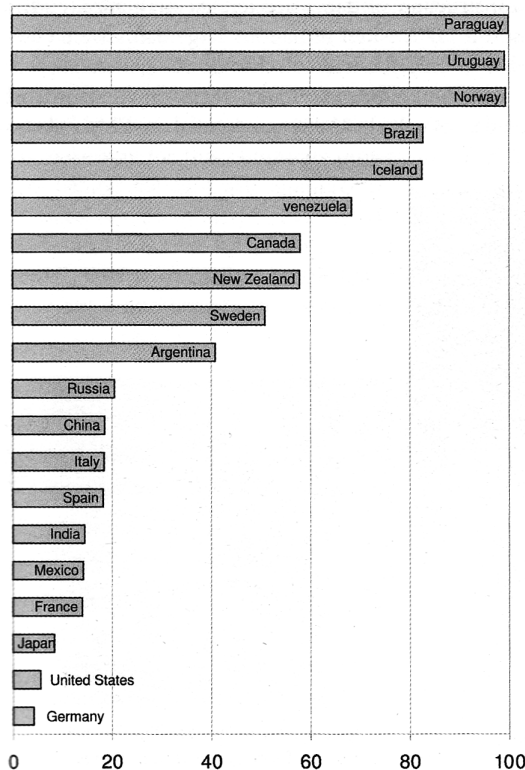
**Bad news: solar and wind require large up-front costs.**

LCOE: Levelized Cost of Electricity [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cost\\_of\\_electricity\\_by\\_source](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cost_of_electricity_by_source)

2019 US Average  
Retail Cost of Electricity:  
~13 cents per kw-hour

# Hydro

- World's largest renewable energy source for production of electricity
  - 17% of world's electricity needs
  - Nearly 100% of electricity in Norway, Uruguay, and Paraguay
  - Canada: nearly 50% US: ~7% in 2005 as well as today
- Technology very mature
- Only ~20% of world overall potential being tapped



**Figure 8.2** Percentage of electricity produced from hydropower in different countries. (Source: CIA World Factbook, December 2003.)

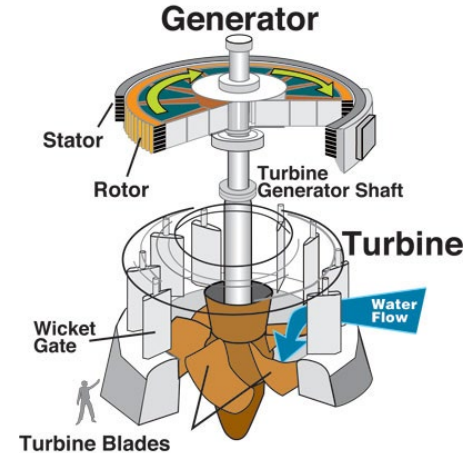
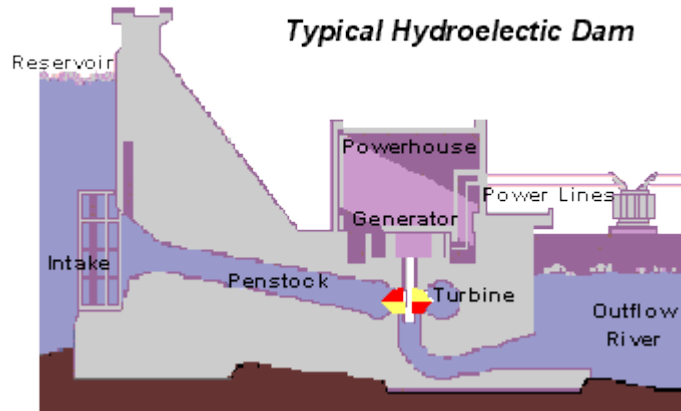
**Hydro: 16 % of world electricity capacity**

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

# Hydro

## Environmental Ledger

- Positive:
  - No  $\text{NO}_x$  and  $\text{SO}_x$  during operation
  - $\text{CO}_2$  release only during construction (page 90, Olah et al.)



<http://ga.water.usgs.gov/edu/hyhowworks.html>

- Negative:
  - Flooding: **over 1 million people displaced by Three Gorge Dam**
  - Soil fertility: High Aswan Dam in Egypt has resulted in fertile silt collecting at bottom of Lake Nassar, necessitating use of  $1 \times 10^6$  tons of fertilizer
  - GHG emissions from lost forest and decaying biomass under dammed water

<http://www.springerlink.com/content/k30639u4n8pl5266/>

<http://www.newscientist.com/article.ns?id=dn7046>



# Hydro

## GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM A HYDROELECTRIC RESERVOIR (BRAZIL'S TUCURUÍ DAM) AND THE ENERGY POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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Brazil as a whole emitted  $53 \times 10^6$  t of carbon annually from fossil fuels in 1990 (La Rovere, 1996). The  $7.0\text{--}10.1 \times 10^6$  t emission of CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalent C from Tucuruí in 1990 therefore represents 13–19% of the fossil fuel emission from the entire 170 million Brazilian population. The Tucuruí emission is 1.3–1.9 times that of the fossil fuel burned by the 17 million population of Brazil's largest city, São Paulo (10% of Brazil's population).

The above-water wood that produced 25–36% of the emission from Tucuruí in 1990 will eventually disappear. The methane emission that makes up the remainder of the dam's global-warming impact will decline to a lower plateau, but a poorly quantified part of this will continue as a permanent source. A São Paulo-sized emission source may therefore be permanent. These impacts consider the 100-yr global warming potentials without discounting (currently used by the Kyoto Protocol); were discounting or other time-preference weighting mechanisms to be applied, the relative impact of hydroelectric dams could be higher than those calculated here by a factor of two or more (Fearnside, 1997a).



*Water, Air, and Soil Pollution* 133: 69–96, 2002.

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### – GHG emissions from lost forest and decaying biomass under dammed water

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# Hydro

Typical coal plant: 670 MW  
Typical nuclear plant: 1000 MW

## Largest Capacities:

- Itaipú, Paraná River, South America: 14,000 MW
  - Built 1975 to 1991
  - Volume of iron and steel: enough to build 380 Eiffel Towers
  - Volume of concrete :15 × that of Channel Tunnel between France and England



Itaipú Dam, Paraguay/Brazil. The world's largest hydroelectric facility.  
Credit: Itaipu Binacional

second

<http://ga.water.usgs.gov/edu/hybiggest.html>

- Three Gorges Dam, Yangtze River, China: 22,500 MW
  - Fully operational in 2012
  - Cost: \$22.5 billion or 1 million \$ / MW
  - Largest construction project in China since Great Wall
  - 1 million people displaced
  - In 2011, provided \_\_\_\_\_ of China's electricity demand

Source: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Three\\_Gorges\\_Dam](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Three_Gorges_Dam)



## Annual Production of Electricity, Three Gorges Dam

Year	Number of installed units	TWh
2003	6	8.607
2004	11	39.155
2005	14	49.090
2006	14	49.250
2007	21	61.600
2008	26	80.812
2009	26	79.470
2010	26	84.370
2011	29	78.290
2012	32	98.100
2013	32	83.270
2014	32	98.800
2015	32	87.000
2016	32	93.500
2017	32	97.600
2018	32	101.600
2019	32	96.880
2020	32	111.800
2021	32	103.649

# Hydro

Size (power) of all 32 units is 22,500 MW

If Three Gorges could run at full capacity for 24/365:

$$22,500 \text{ MW} \times 8760 \text{ hr} = 1.97 \times 10^8 \text{ MWh} =$$

$$1.97 \times 10^8 \text{ MWh} \times \text{TWh}/(10^6 \text{ MWh}) =$$

197 TWh output per year

**Therefore, the Capacity Factor of  
Three Gorges Dam is  
 $97.2 \text{ TWh} / (197 \text{ TWh}) = 0.49$**

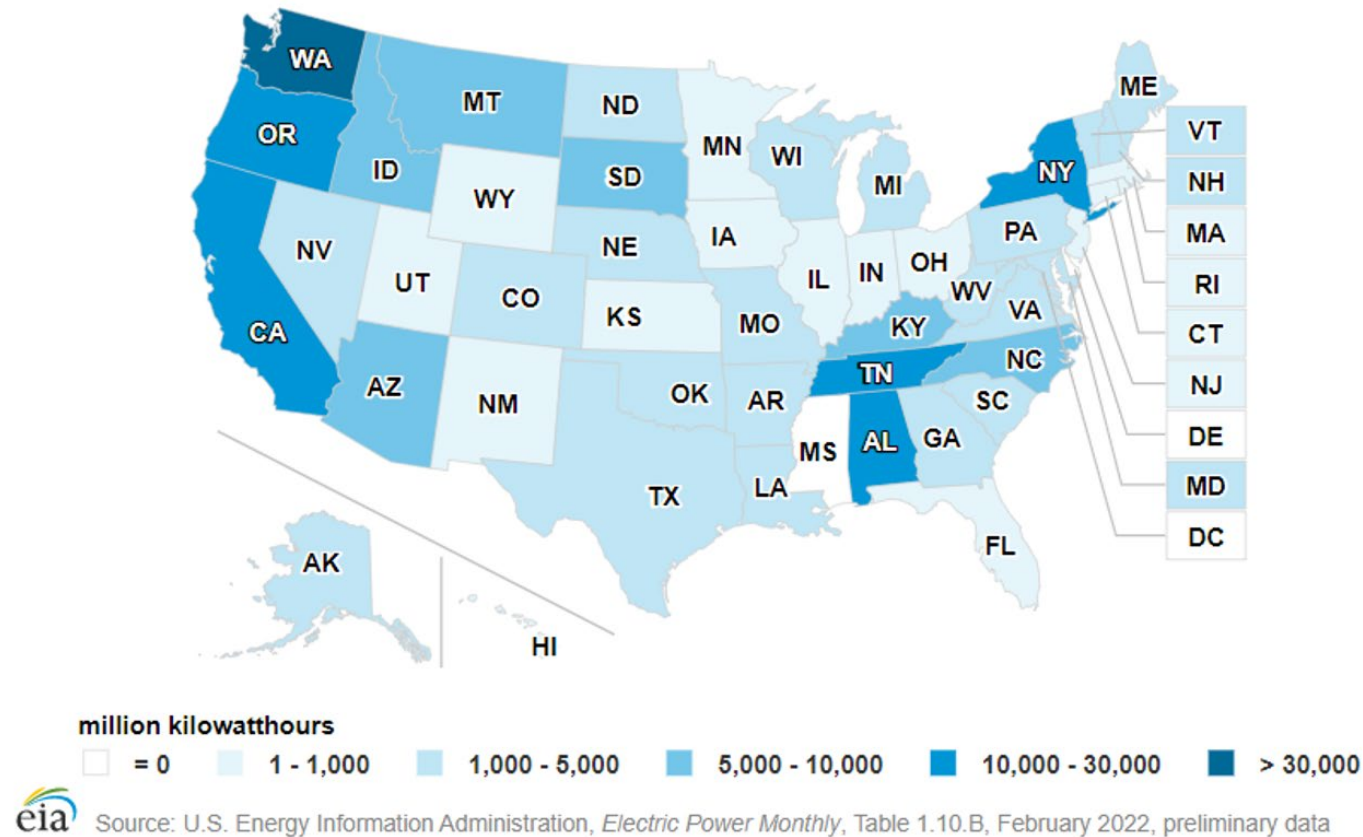
In 2012, the Three Gorges Dam in China took over the #1 spot of the largest hydroelectric dam (in electricity production), replacing Itaipú hydroelectric power plant in Brazil & Paraguay.

Three Gorges Dam has a generating capacity of 22,500 megawatts (MW) compared to 14,000 MW for the Itaipú Dam.

But, over a year-long period, both dams generate about the same amount of electricity because seasonal variations in water availability on the Yangtze River in China limit power generation at Three Gorges Dam for a number of months during the year.

Source: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Three\\_Gorges\\_Dam](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Three_Gorges_Dam)

# Hydroelectricity Generation By States, 2021

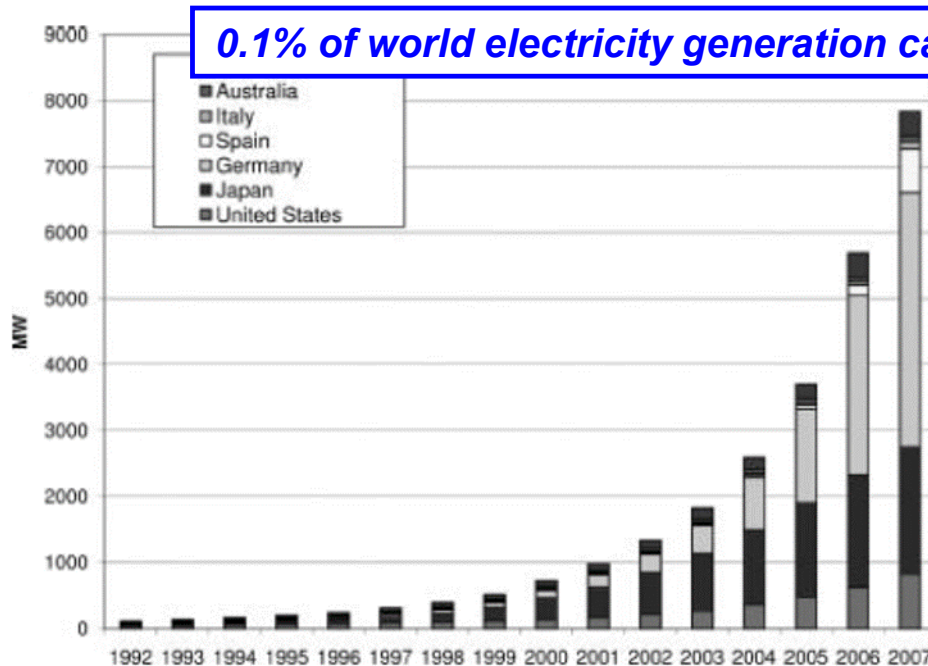


- About half of the total U.S. hydroelectric capacity for electricity generation concentrated in three States: Washington (27%), California (13%), and Oregon (10%)
- Largest hydroelectric facility is Grand Coulee Dam, in Washington

<https://www.eia.gov/energyexplained/hydropower/where-hydropower-is-generated.php>

# Solar PV

- Sun delivers about 10,000 times more energy than world consumption
- Photovoltaic: converts solar energy into electricity
  - photovoltaic effect: Nobel Prize in 1921 went to \_\_\_\_\_
  - solar cells developed in 1960s for military and satellites
  - crystals from silicon, cadmium, copper, arsenic, etc
  - efficiency increased from 15% in mid-1970s to ~25% today
- PV capacity increased **30% per year from 1997 to 2007:**



Year	Solar MW
2005	5,681
2010	40,070
2015	224,860
2020	716,000

10% of world electricity generation capacity 2009.

# Solar PV Efficiency

A second challenge is that the direct conversion of sunlight into electricity is not very efficient. A photovoltaic cell could, in principle, transform up to 31% of the radiant energy to which it is sensitive into electricity.

Page 357, *Chemistry in Context*

- Known as the Shockley–Queisser limit due to pioneering study by William Shockley and Hans-Joachim Queisser in 1961.
- Refers to the maximum theoretical efficiency of a solar cell using a single p-n junction.
- Energy limit due to:

Physics: Absorption of a photon creates an electron-hole pair, which could potentially contribute to the current. However, the reverse process must also be possible; an electron and a hole can meet and recombine, emitting a photon

Radiation: At least about 7% of the incoming energy will be converted to heat and radiated

Enthalpy: Since moving an electron from the valence band to the conduction band requires energy, only photons with more than that amount of energy will produce an electron-hole pair. Simply put, a single junction will be preferentially tuned to photons of a specific wavelength; more energetic light can contribute (albeit, with diminished efficiency) whereas less energetic light not displace any electrons.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shockley–Queisser\\_limit](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shockley–Queisser_limit)

# Solar PV Efficiency

## Six-junction III–V solar cell with 47.1% efficiency

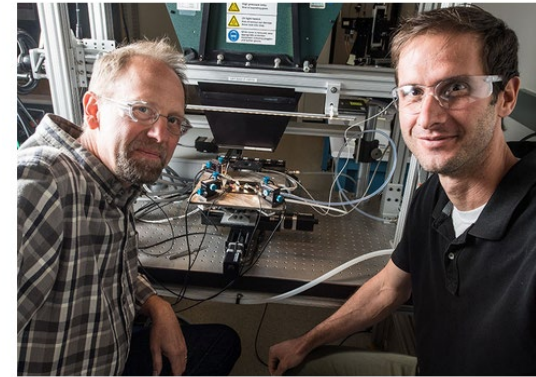
A U.S. research group has developed a new solar cell, based on six active photoactive layers, to capture light from a specific part of the solar spectrum. The scientists claim that they could potentially reach a 50% efficiency rate with the new cell.

**APRIL 14, 2020** **EMILIANO BELLINI**

Researchers from the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) have developed a six-junction III–V solar cell with a 47.1% conversion efficiency rate under 143 Suns concentration.

They said that they have achieved an efficiency rate of 39.2% under one-sun illumination. The cell is based on six different photoactive layers fabricated with alloys of III–V semiconductors, which can each capture light from a specific part of the solar spectrum.

"The device contains about 140 total layers of various III-V materials to support the performance of these junctions, and yet is three times narrower than a human hair," the scientists said.



NREL scientists John Geisz (left) and Ryan France.

<https://www.pv-magazine.com/2020/04/14/six-junction-iii-v-solar-cell-with-47-1-efficiency/>

# Solar PV Efficiency

Material	Laboratory Efficiency	Production Efficiency
Monocrystalline Silicon	24 %	14 to 17 %
Polycrystalline Silicon	18 %	13 to 15%
Amorphous Silicon	13 %	5 to 7 %

## Efficiency Limited By:

Spectral range of effective photons (depends on material used)

Surplus energy transformed into heat

Optical losses from shadowing and/or reflection

<https://web.archive.org/web/20170728233529/http://www.solarserver.com/knowledge/basic-knowledge/photovoltaics.html>



# Concentrated Solar Power (CSP)

- Parabolic mirrors heat fluid that drives Stirling engine
  - Fluid is permanently contained within the engine's hardware
  - Converts heat to energy
  - Theoretical efficiencies often challenging to achieve

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stirling\\_engine](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stirling_engine)

- Highest electrical efficiencies for solar → lowest costs!

<http://www.powerfromthesun.net/Book>



## Kramer Junction, Calif

Fully operational in 1991: 350 MW capacity

Low output in 1992 due to Pinatubo aerosol!

Present operating cost: ~11 ¢ / kWh



## Nevada Solar One

Output: 64 MW capacity : 134,000 MWh / year

Construction cost: \$266 million or

**~\$2 / kWh for one year's prod**

# Nevada Solar One

Project capacity: **64 MW** (power = energy / time)

Solar output for 2008 to 2020: **1,531 GWh** (energy, or power × time)

Number of hours in year = 365 × 24 = 8760 h

Capacity Factor = 1,531 GWh × 1000 MW/GW / (64 MW × 8760 h/yr × 13 yrs) = **0.21**



## Nevada Solar One

Output: 64 MW capacity; **covers 1.6 km<sup>2</sup>**

Could supply all of US electricity needs in 2021  
if built over a 144 mile × 144 mile area

Construction cost: ~\$2 / kW-hr for one year's prod

## Generation (MW·h) of Nevada Solar One

Nevada Solar One's production is as follows (values in GW·h).<sup>[20]</sup>

Note: 1 GWh = 1000 MWh

Year	Solar	Fossil	Total
2007	41.21	0.38	41.59
2008	122.69	0.91	123.31
2009	120.65	2.43	123.07
2010	133.00	1.16	134.16
2011	128.26	1.99	130.26
2012	128.94	1.39	130.33
2013	112.79	2.31	115.10
2014	116.23	2.58	118.80
2015	105.65	2.14	107.79
2016	116.89	2.24	119.13
2017	118.03	2.58	120.60
2018	110.38	2.57	112.95
2019	110.24	n.a.	n.a.
2020	107.37	n.a.	n.a.

Solar output peaked in 2017 and  
has since dropped

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nevada\\_Solar\\_One#Production](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nevada_Solar_One#Production)

Fossil backup, night time preservation, and morning pre-heating, is provided by natural gas and provides up to 2% of total output.



# Ivanpah

Project capacity: **392 MW** (power = energy / time)

Project output for 2014 to 2020: **4,919,755 MWh** (energy, or power × time)

Number of hours in year = 365 x 24 = 8760 h

Capacity Factor = 4,919,755 MWh / (392 MW x 8760 h/yr x 7 yrs) = **0.20**

Net electricity production (all) [MWh]

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Sun	NG	Total
2014	10,485	9,630	19,959	24,833	44,784	64,275	35,967	44,070	43,751	56,013	47,177	18,141	419,085	0	419,085
2015	21,888	30,273	57,090	75,304	47,956	77,534	61,681	72,806	66,147	36,971	60,474	44,998	627,161	25,961	653,122
2016	25,439	67,254	58,409	38,449	43,436	65,721	98,849	65,631	82,215	61,312	62,052	34,272	670,575	32,464	703,039
2017	38,305	33,828	50,642	40,589	87,013	97,677	66,664	67,642	75,241	77,805	40,801	43,931	686,899	33,239	720,138
2018	48,873	43,963	59,181	62,060	76,438	115,737	63,197	78,754	91,706	62,396	57,871	35,860	761,489	34,367	795,856
2019	35,211	27,203	48,252	59,345	64,707	101,999	97,520	101,399	72,734	84,848	53,478	25,518	739,481	32,733	772,214
2020	35,348	41,830	33,378	66,895	107,822	96,616	113,893	101,134	86,025	81,562	58,688	33,110	815,817	40,484	856,301
Total													4,720,507	199,248	4,919,755

Ivanpah was advertised as designed to produce 940,000 MWh of electricity per year, based on its nameplate capacity and assumed capacity factor.<sup>[85]</sup> In its second year of operation, Ivanpah's production of 653,122 MWh of net electricity was 69.5 percent of this value, ramping up from 44.6 percent in the first year. The [commissioning](#) of a new thermal plants requires up to four years to achieve 100% operating level, from the first grid connection to full production.<sup>[86]</sup> In its seventh year (2020), the annual production was 91.1% of its advertised value.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ivanpah\\_Solar\\_Power\\_Facility](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ivanpah_Solar_Power_Facility)

## Ivanpah

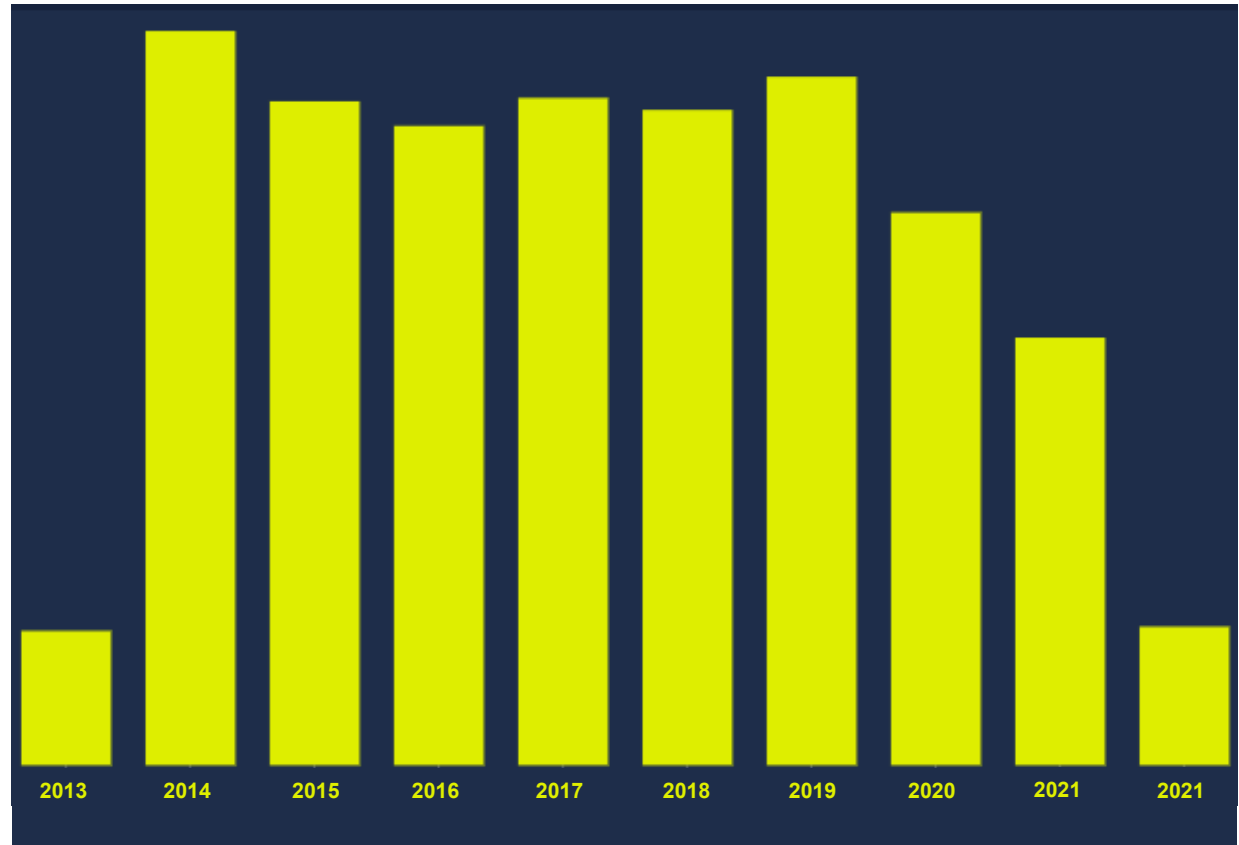
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# Solar: University Park Elementary School



<http://kiosk.datareadings.com/elkWdi6e/overview?granularity=total&slideshow=true>

## Capacity Factor:

Actual Output / Theoretical Output Nonstop Operation =

$64.8 \text{ kW} \times (76 + 8 \times 365 + 110) \text{ days} \times 24 \text{ hrs} / \text{day} = 4.83 \times 10^6 \text{ kWh} = 4830 \text{ MWh} =$

$569 \text{ MWh} / 4830 \text{ MWh} = \mathbf{0.12}$

# Solar Energy

At currently attainable levels of operating efficiency, the electricity needs of the United States have been estimated to require a photovoltaic generating station covering an area of 136 x 136 km, roughly the size of New Jersey.

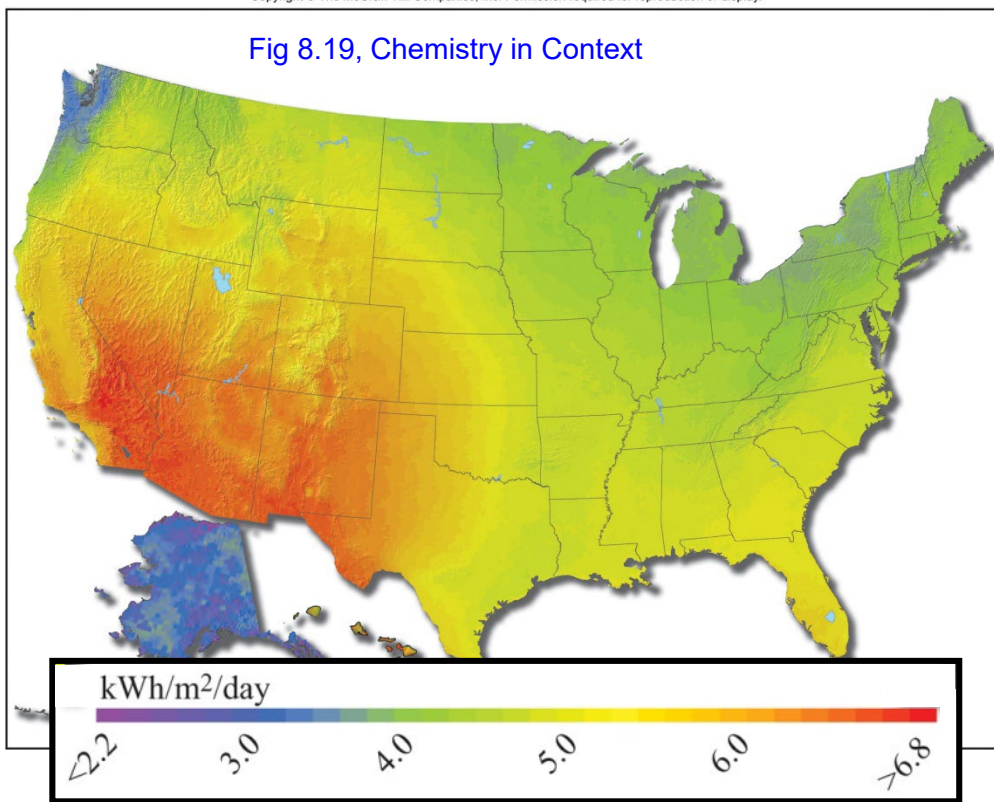
Page 358, *Chemistry in Context*

Using the current solar technology, an area of 160 x 160 km in this region [the Mojave Desert] could generate as much electricity as the entire U.S. currently consumes.

Page 123, *Olah et al.*

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Fig 8.19, *Chemistry in Context*



*Olah et al.* state:

On a **perfectly clear day**, Earth receives about  $1000 \text{ W m}^{-2}$  at noon

In the U.S., the highest *daily* solar insolation is about  $6800 \text{ Wh m}^{-2}$  or  $6.8 \text{ kWh m}^{-2}$

Let's assume  $5 \text{ kWh m}^{-2}$

In 2021, U.S. used  $3795 \times 10^9 \text{ kWh}$  of electricity

[https://www.eia.gov/electricity/monthly/epm\\_table\\_grapher.php?t=epmt\\_5\\_01](https://www.eia.gov/electricity/monthly/epm_table_grapher.php?t=epmt_5_01)

Would need an area of:

$$\{3795 \times 10^9 \text{ kWh} / (5 \text{ kWh m}^{-2} \times 365)\}^{1/2} = 46 \text{ km by } 46 \text{ km}$$

if we could capture the full  $5 \text{ kWh m}^{-2}$

**Area needed becomes about 5 times as large, or 100 km x 100 km with 21% capacity factor**

# Nevada Solar One / US Electricity Needs

US Electricity Consumption in 2021:  $3795 \times 10^9 \text{ MWh} \times \text{GWh} / 1000 \text{ MWh} = 3795 \times 10^6 \text{ GWh}$

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Nevada Solar One annual output averaged over past 5 years: **112.6 GWh**

Nevada Solar One size =  $1.6 \text{ km}^2$

To meet total U.S. electricity demand, would need an area of:

$$(3796 \times 10^6 \text{ GWh} / 112.6 \text{ GWh}) \times 1.6 \text{ square km} = 5.4 \times 10^4 \text{ square km}$$

$$(5.4 \times 10^4 \text{ square km})^{1/2} = 232 \text{ km by } 232 \text{ km (or } 144 \text{ miles by } 144 \text{ miles)}$$

# Cost

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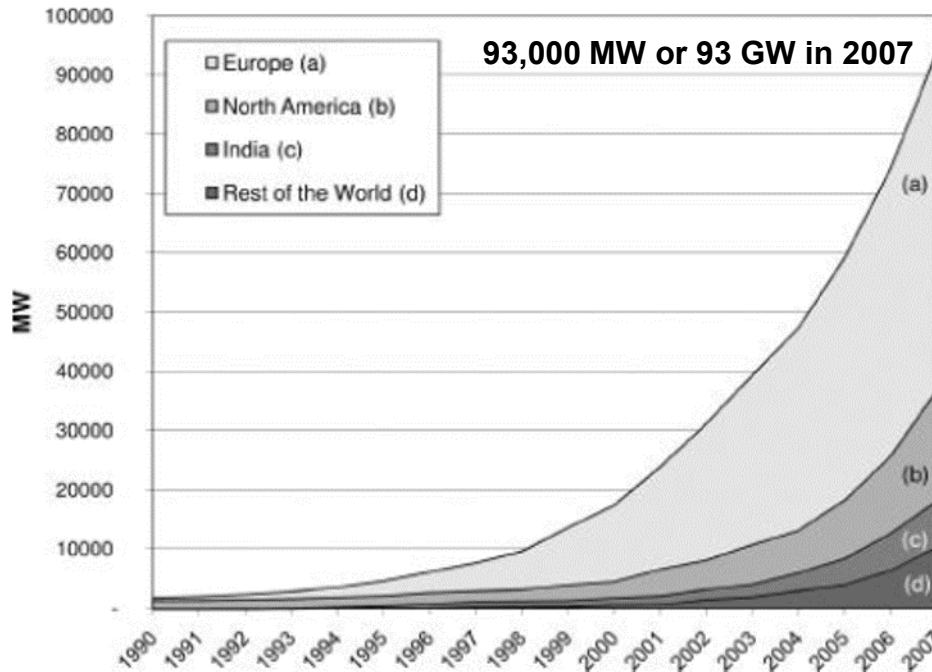
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Cost:  $\$2 / \text{KWh} \times 3795 \text{ TWh} \times (10^9 \text{ KW/TW}) = \$ 7.6 \times 10^{12}$  or **\$7.6 trillion dollars**

# Wind

- Fastest growing renewable resource: 30% per year from 1992 to 2007



[Figure 8.8](#) World wind power installed capacity. (Source: Global Wind Energy Council, European Wind Energy Association, IEA.)

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

- Germany: 44,470 MW capacity, generating 13.3% of country's electricity in 2015
  - Europe dominates wind energy turbine market
- Turbine capability has increased dramatically past 20 years:
  - Went from 20 m diameter generating 20-60 kW to 100 m diameter generating 2 MW

***About 10% of world electricity production capacity right now***



# Wind Power Potential, World

- Wind power varies as  $[\text{Wind Velocity}]^3$  :
  - Betz law: [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Betz%27\\_law](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Betz%27_law)
  - Installation benefits from accurate knowledge of wind fields

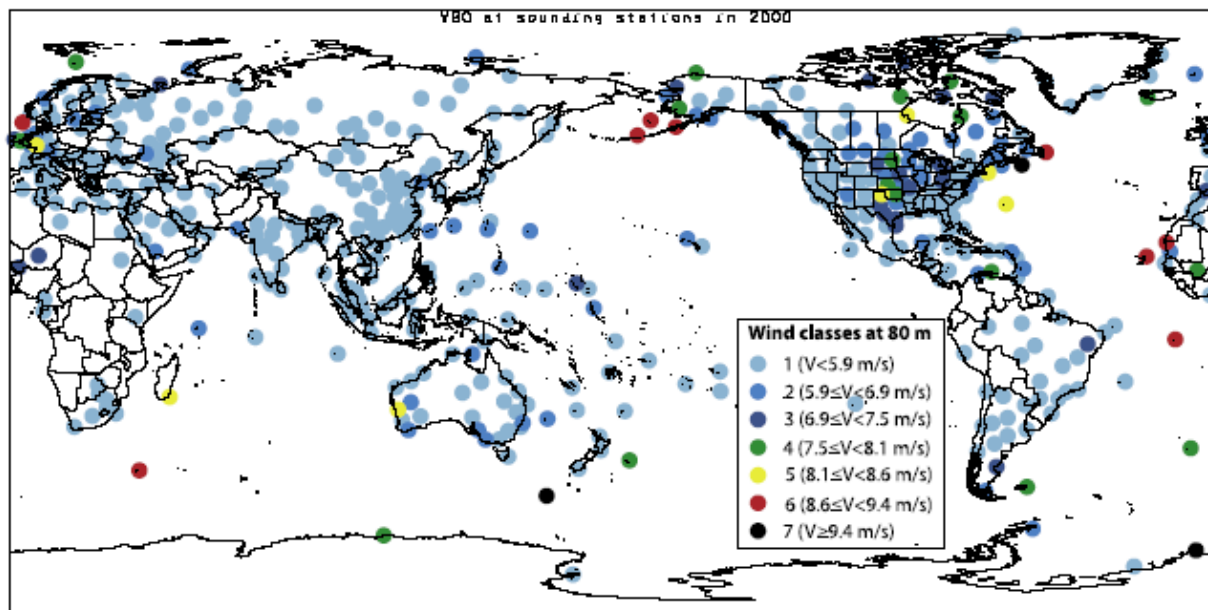


Figure 2. Map of wind speed extrapolated to 80 m and averaged over all days of the year 2000 at sounding locations with 20 or more valid readings for the year 2000.

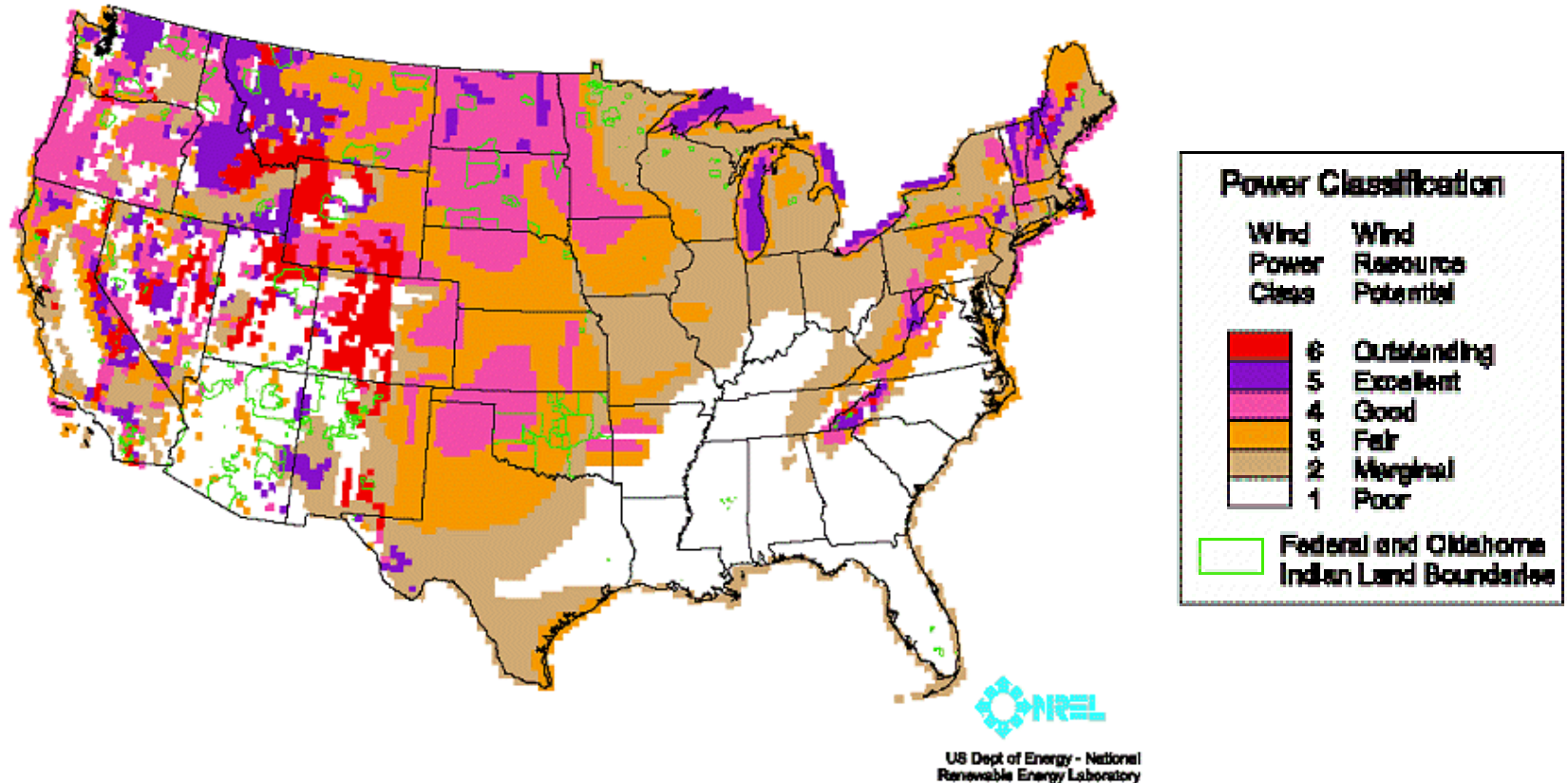
Archer and Jacobson, *JGR*, 2006

- Potential electricity generation from "sustainable Class 3 winds" is 72 Terawatts!
- Installation of ~5 Terawatts (current global electricity capacity) requires harnessing only a fraction of this potential with current turbine technology

# Wind

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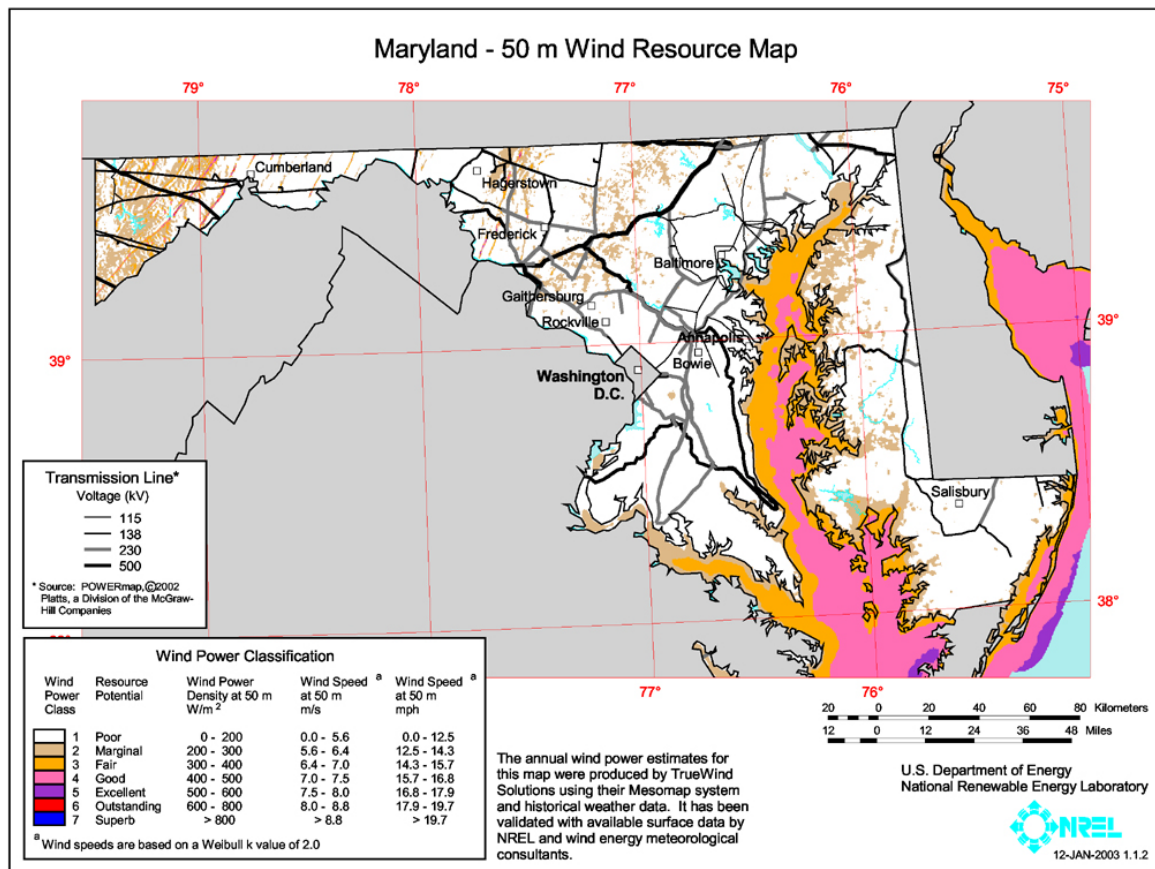
Figure 13. Wind Resource Potential



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# Wind Power Potential, Maryland



[http://www.eere.energy.gov/windandhydro/windpoweringamerica/images/windmaps/md\\_50m\\_800.jpg](http://www.eere.energy.gov/windandhydro/windpoweringamerica/images/windmaps/md_50m_800.jpg)

# Wind Power, Pros & Cons

## Environmental Ledger

- Positive:

- No emissions
- Land on wind farm can be used for agriculture or livestock

- Negative:

- Lightning strikes, turbine break / failure, or leaking fluid can lead to fire
- Long-term performance of turbines not well established
- Public resistance to visual impact or noise:

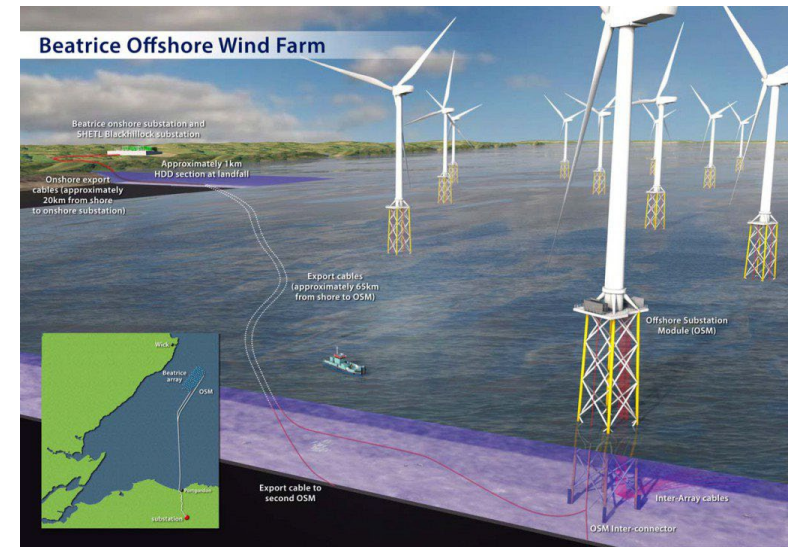
June 29, 2003 - After a wind project was proposed several miles off the coast of Cape Cod, some environmentalists raised objections, as did U.S. Senator Ted Kennedy who owns a summer home in the area

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2003/06/26/sunday/main560595.shtml>

# Offshore Wind, Scotland

List of countries by cumulative installed offshore wind power capacity (MW)

Rank	Country	2016 <sup>[12]</sup>	2017 <sup>[12]</sup>	2018 <sup>[12]</sup>	2019 <sup>[13]</sup>	2020 <sup>[147][14]</sup>	2021 <sup>[148]</sup>
1	China	1,627	2,788	4,588	6,838	9,996	19,747
2	United Kingdom	5,156	6,651	7,963	9,723	10,428	12,281
3	Germany	4,108	5,411	6,380	7,493	7,689	7,701



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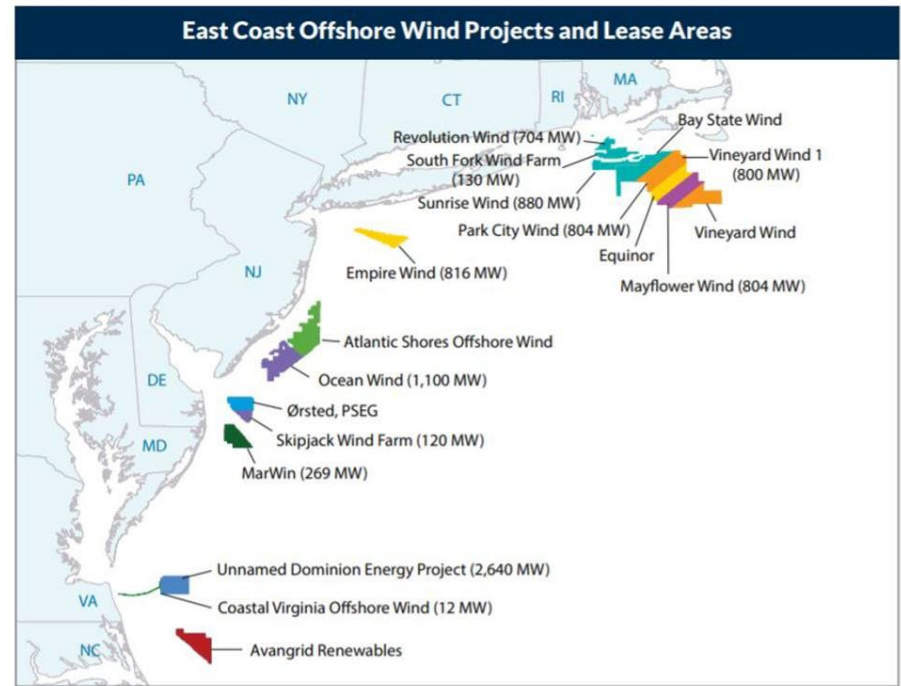
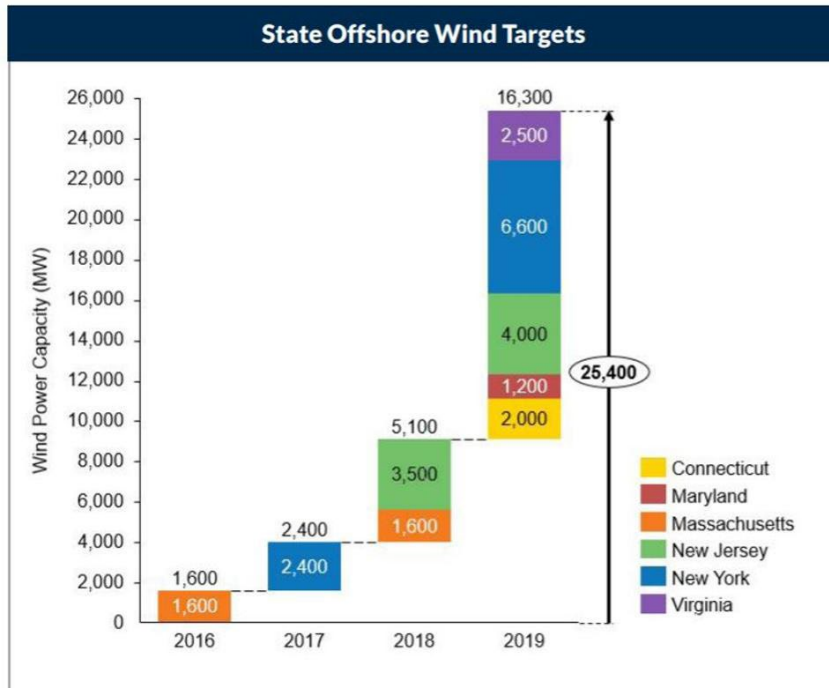
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# Offshore Wind, U.S.

Mar 24, 2020, 07:30am EDT

## Four Federal Policies Could Help Offshore Wind Jump Start Our Coronavirus Economic Recovery

Silvio Marcacci Contributor



<https://www.forbes.com/sites/energyinnovation/2020/03/24/these-federal-policies-could-help-offshore-wind-jump-start-americas-economic-recovery/#132693e578cc>

# Offshore Wind, MD

## Offshore Wind in Maryland!

### Initial phase completed for Maryland's first offshore wind staging centre



By: Tom Russell In: Windfarms

17/03/2021 Skipjack Wind Farm



Ørsted has announced the completion of the initial phase of Maryland's first offshore wind staging centre at Tradepoint Atlantic, the 3,300-acre global logistics centre in Baltimore County, Maryland.

Ørsted has now completed \$13.2 million in port infrastructure upgrades, establishing a lift-on/lift-off and a roll-on/roll-off berth within Tradepoint Atlantic's port facility for handling offshore wind components such as wind turbine blades, foundations, nacelles, and towers. This includes strengthening the ground bearing capacity at the port to allow heavy-lift cranes and specialised transporters to move wind turbine components, some weighing as much as 2,000 tons, from ships

onto the site. Ørsted provided funding to drive hundreds of heavy steel pilings over 150 feet into the ground so that these heavy components can be safely handled.

Ørsted and Tradepoint Atlantic are now beginning preparations for the second phase of the staging centre, which is the development of 50 additional acres of land for the laydown, storage, and assembly of offshore wind components.

<https://www.4coffshore.com/news/initial-phase-completed-for-maryland92s-first-offshore-wind-staging-centre-nid21174.html>



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*"Tradeport Atlantic is a world-class Maryland asset with a storied legacy of serving the needs of the United States and the world," said Governor of Maryland, Larry Hogan. "This Baltimore institution is once again positioned to serve as a critical piece in supporting our country's clean and renewable energy transformation for generations to come. Now is the time to invest in the kind of infrastructure that supports the development of new industries—like offshore wind—and the creation of thousands of new jobs. Ørsted has an established track record as the global leader in this noble effort, and we're proud to call them a partner in achieving our climate and renewable energy goals."*

The [Skipjack](#) project is a 120 MW offshore wind farm under development 19 miles off the Maryland-Delaware coast. It was awarded offshore wind renewable energy credits by the Maryland Public Service Commission in 2017 and is expected to generate enough energy to power 35,000 homes in the region.

The centre also advances Ørsted's commitment to create 1,400 jobs in Maryland as part of the Skipjack Wind Farm, including 913 jobs measured in full-time equivalents during development and construction and 484 jobs during operation.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Skipjack\\_Wind\\_Farm](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Skipjack_Wind_Farm) & [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wind\\_power\\_in\\_Maryland](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wind_power_in_Maryland)

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# Geothermal

- Temperature of source critical:
  - dry steam ( $T > 220^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) most profitable
  - hot water ( $150$  to  $300^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) can generate electricity using “flash steam” (depressurization and boiling)
  - low temperature ( $T < 150^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) used for heat (Iceland) or to extract  $\text{H}_2$  from  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  or fossil fuels

Where will favorable conditions for geothermal most likely be found?

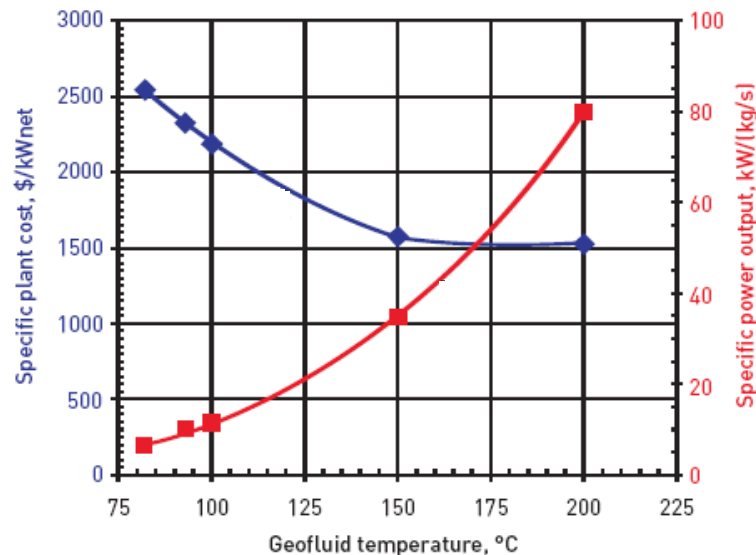
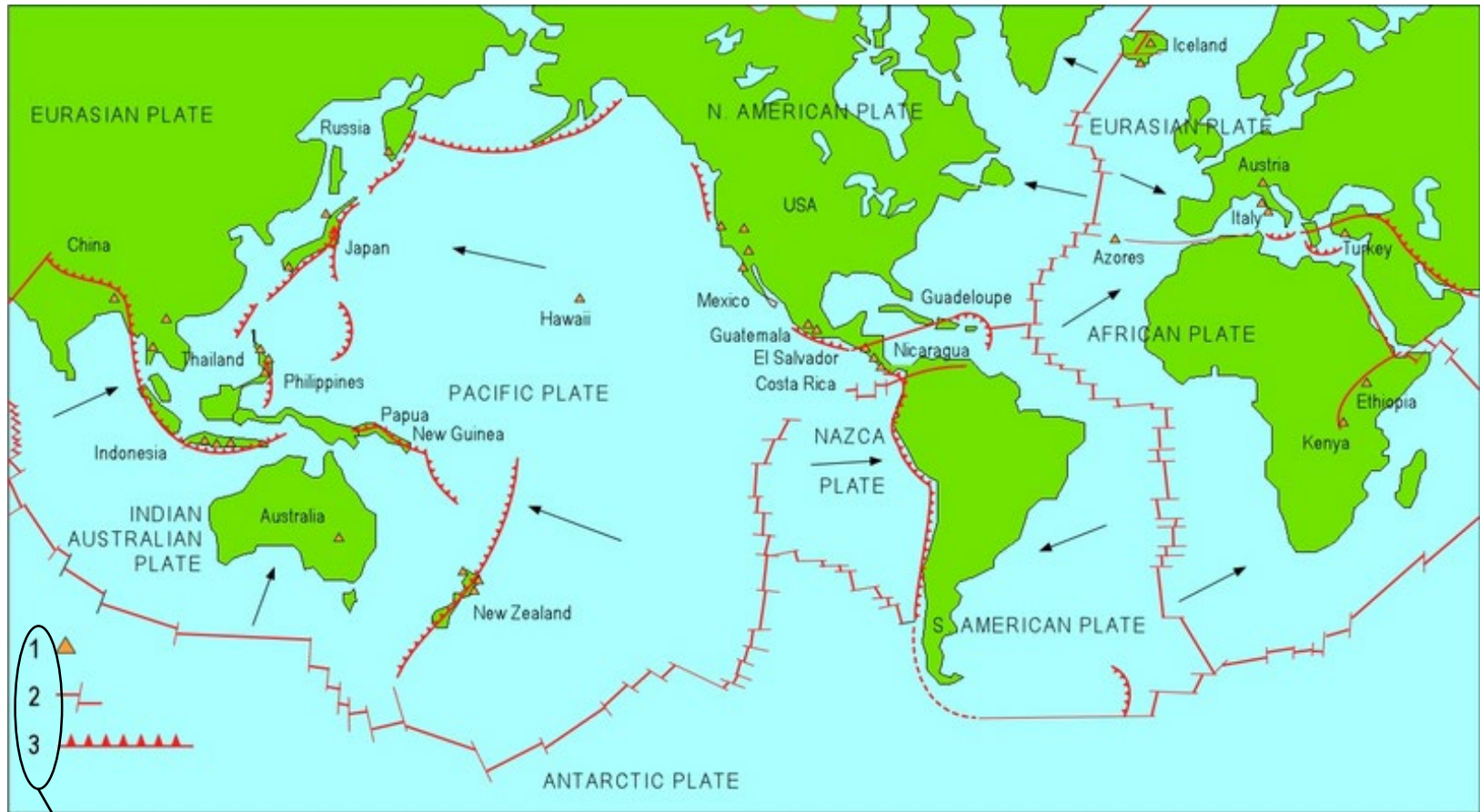


Figure 7.4 Cost and performance of 1 MW binary power plants as a function of geofluid temperature in degrees Celsius (°C).

[http://geothermal.inel.gov/publications/future\\_of\\_geothermal\\_energy.pdf](http://geothermal.inel.gov/publications/future_of_geothermal_energy.pdf)

# Geothermal

- Margins of tectonic plates most favorable



- (1) Geothermal fields producing electricity
- (2) mid-oceanic ridges crossed by transform faults (long transversal fractures)
- (3) subduction zones, where the subducting plate bends downwards and melts in the asthenosphere (~100 to 200 km below surface)

<http://iga.igg.cnr.it/geo/geoenergy.php>

Great YouTube Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dFLX6oySYcc>