

Cheap clean energy for all in the 21st Century?

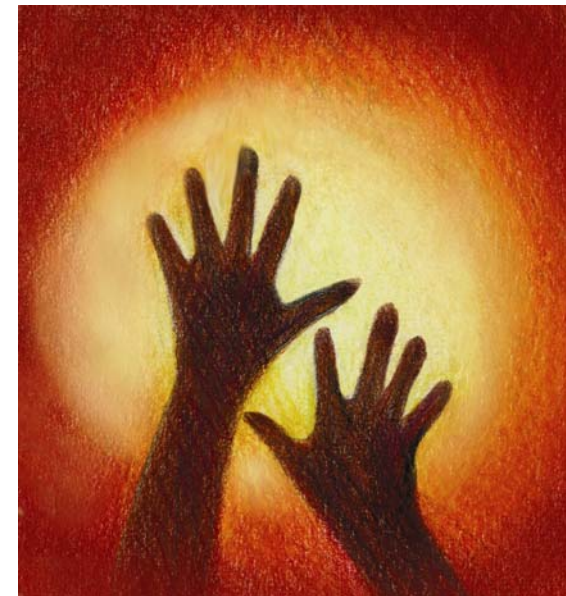
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A macro view of global population

2 billion in 21st century

Health
Education
Energy
Water
Job Skills



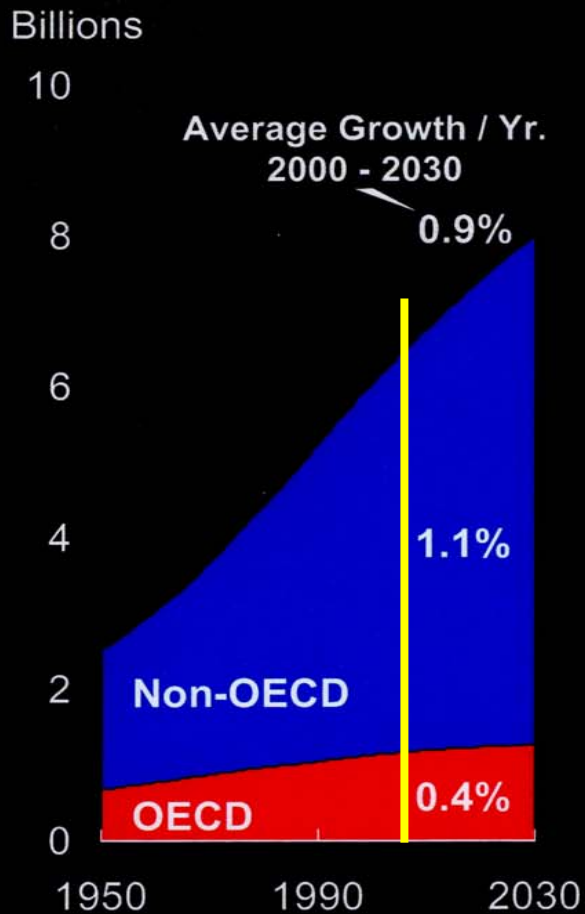
1.5B
people
in
Transition

3 billion in 18th century
with less than \$2 ppp/day
(Additional 2.5B will start here)

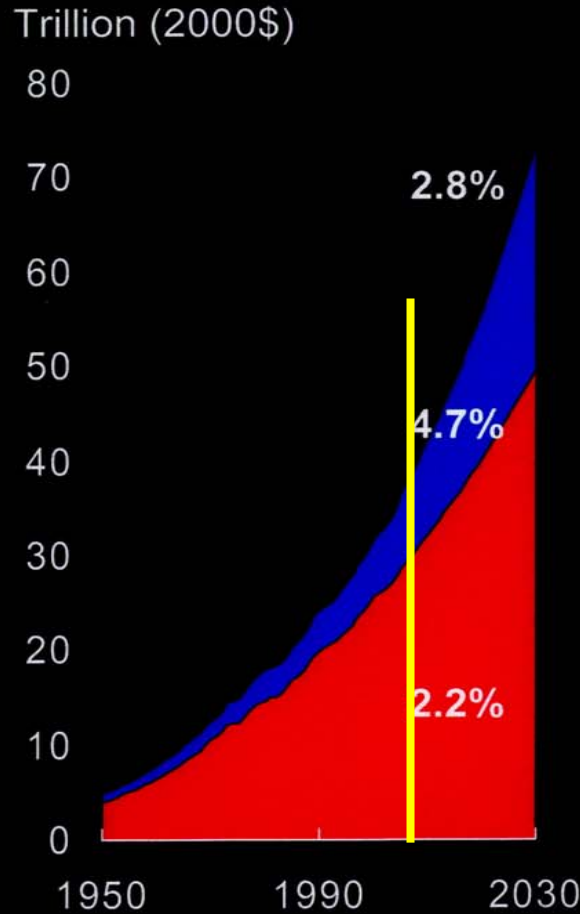
Energy ↔ development

Global Economics and Energy

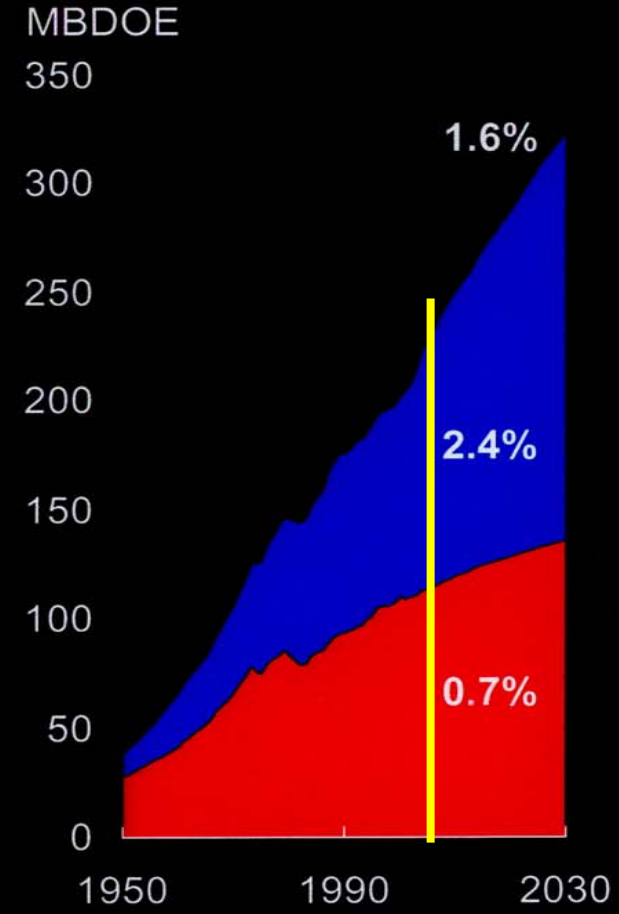
Population



GDP



Energy Demand



3B poor (~1B homes) **need** access to energy

- **Cooking and potable water:**
 - 1 liter (1/4 gal) of kerosene per day

~2 MBoe
per day

- **Light:**
 - 100 watts (7 ⊗ 13W florescent bulbs)
- **Entertainment/Communications:**
 - TV/computer at 200-500 watts

~200
Gigawatts

These additional resources would revolutionize the development of the poor

Quality of Life

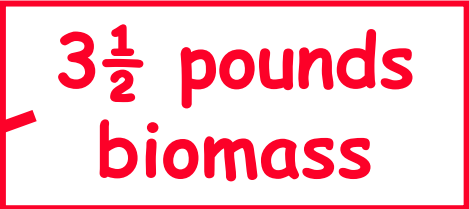
**Each day
each
American
uses**



**250 cubic feet
natural gas**



**20 pounds
coal**



**3½ pounds
biomass**



**One ounce
uranium ore**



**3 gallons
oil**



Source: Greg Swift

4+1 global grand challenges

- Carbon neutral fossil (coal)
- Solar PV/CSP at capital cost \$1/watt
- H₂ produced from non-fossil sources
 - Photochemical, thermal splitting of H₂O
- Closed nuclear fuel cycle to enable safe, secure, sustainable nuclear energy
- Efficient energy **use**, storage and transmission
- Fusion - the ultimate "source"

A tale with nine parts

Outline

- 1) The energy infrastructure is huge (~\$15 trillion)
- 2) Climate Change – an uncontrolled experiment
- 3) Cheap clean energy – an economic opportunity
 - Alternatives have a market niche but are small today
- 4) USA lacks energy (conventional oil, gas) security
- 5) Middle East & Russia control oil and gas
- 6) Increasing competition (China, India)
- 7) Can we continue to bank on a military solution
- 8) Unconventional fuels: 2-3X pollution and CO₂
- 9) Energy efficiency ↔ behavior change

A mind-boggling global infrastructure (~\$15 trillion) provides modern energy/mobility to ~3.5 billion people

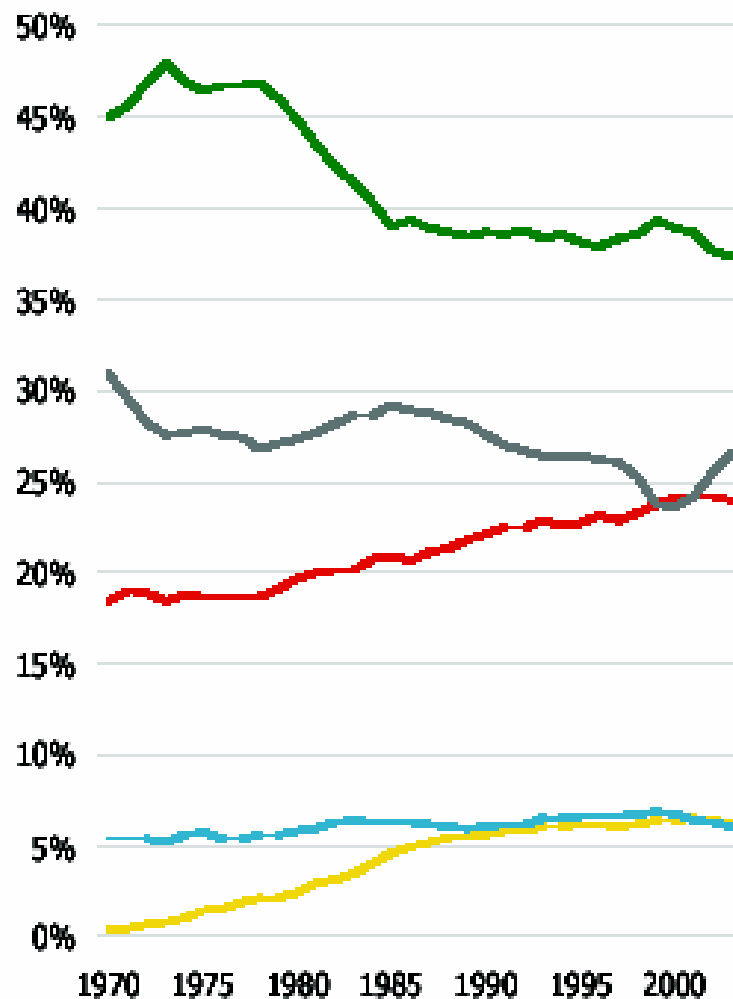
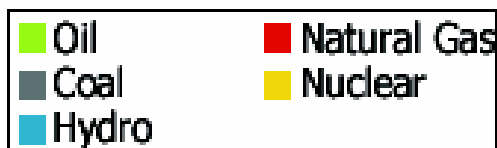
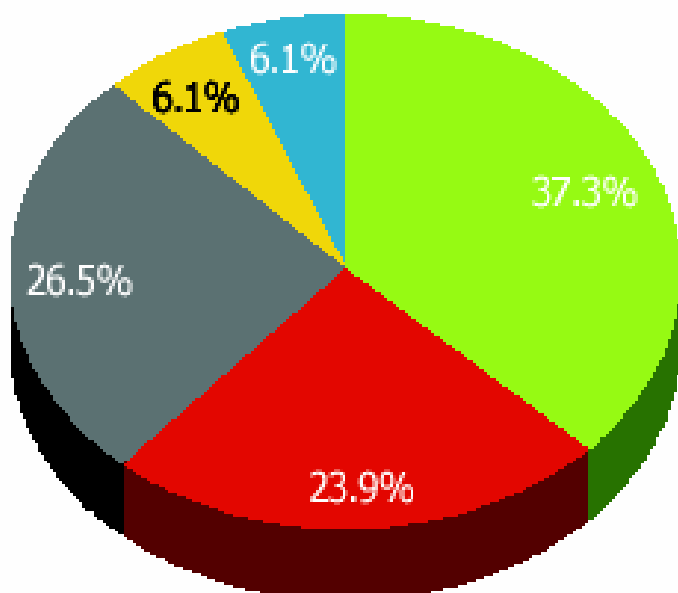
- Oil and gas contracts, rigs, exploration technology
- Tankers and pipelines
- Refineries, LNG facilities
- Auto industry
- 600 (+220) million cars (+trucks) running on gasoline
- Service stations and gasoline stations
- Existing coal/gas electricity generation plants

1. This cannot be changed overnight!

current and historical global energy mix



Current global energy supply is dominated by fossil fuels – oil has been the largest component of the energy mix for many decades; gas has grown strongly since the 1970's; coal has been growing in the last four years; hydro is constant and nuclear has plateaued



Source: BP Statistical Review

Global consumption is ~13 trillion watts of primary power in 2006

To sustain an adequate standard of living (4kw) for 8 billion people (population by 2025), and without improvements in efficiency, we need ~2.5 times today's energy use.

GOAL: 32 Twatts ~ 10Twatts electric

The simplest solution is

Unconstrained supplies of

- Gasoline
- Natural gas

Conventional +
unconventional

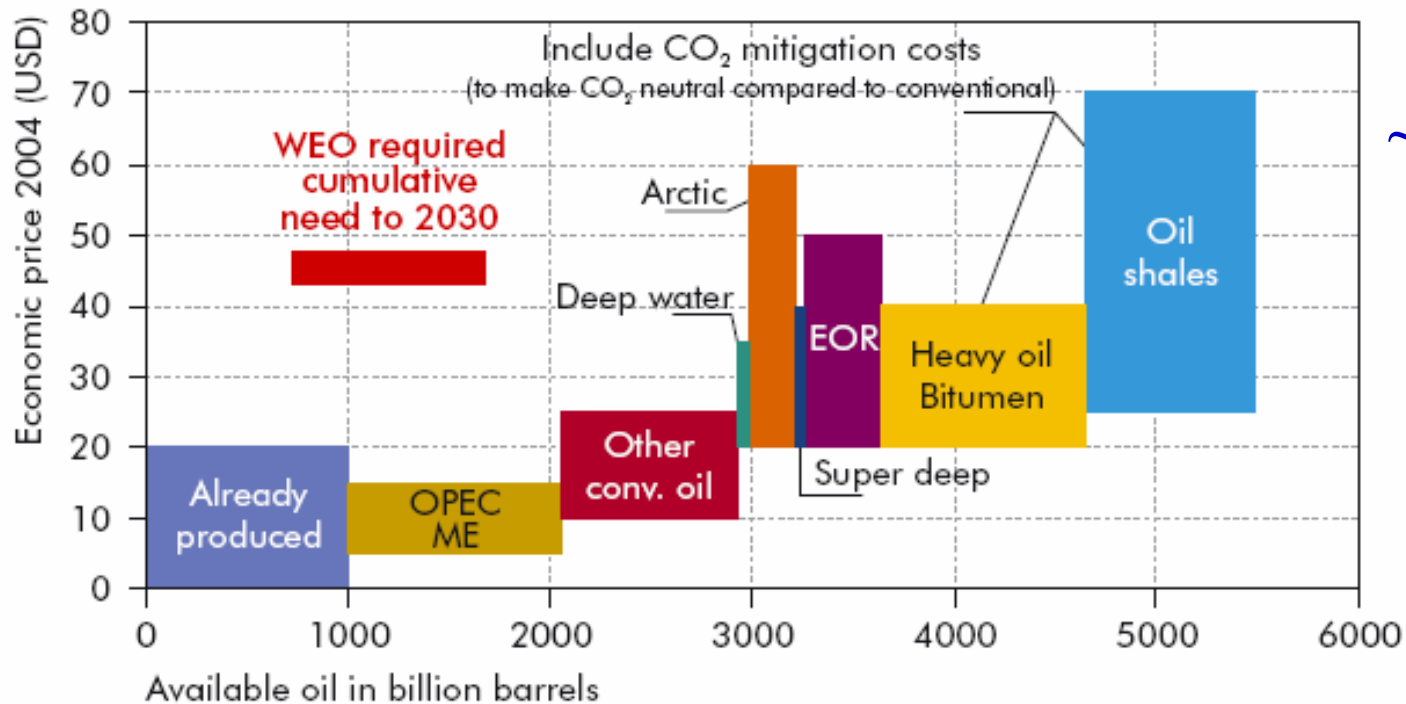
Can provide all our needs for
electricity, heat, transportation.

Environmental stewardship requires
Carbon capture and sequestration

Burning fossil fuels for next 100 years

Av. (current) Tera Tons C CO₂

- OIL: 100 (85) Mbo/day → 0.5
 - Gas: 1.0 (0.3) Tcf/day → 0.5
 - Coal: 21 (14) M tons/day → 1.4
- 1/2 accumulates in the atmosphere & 2.1 GtC = 1 ppm



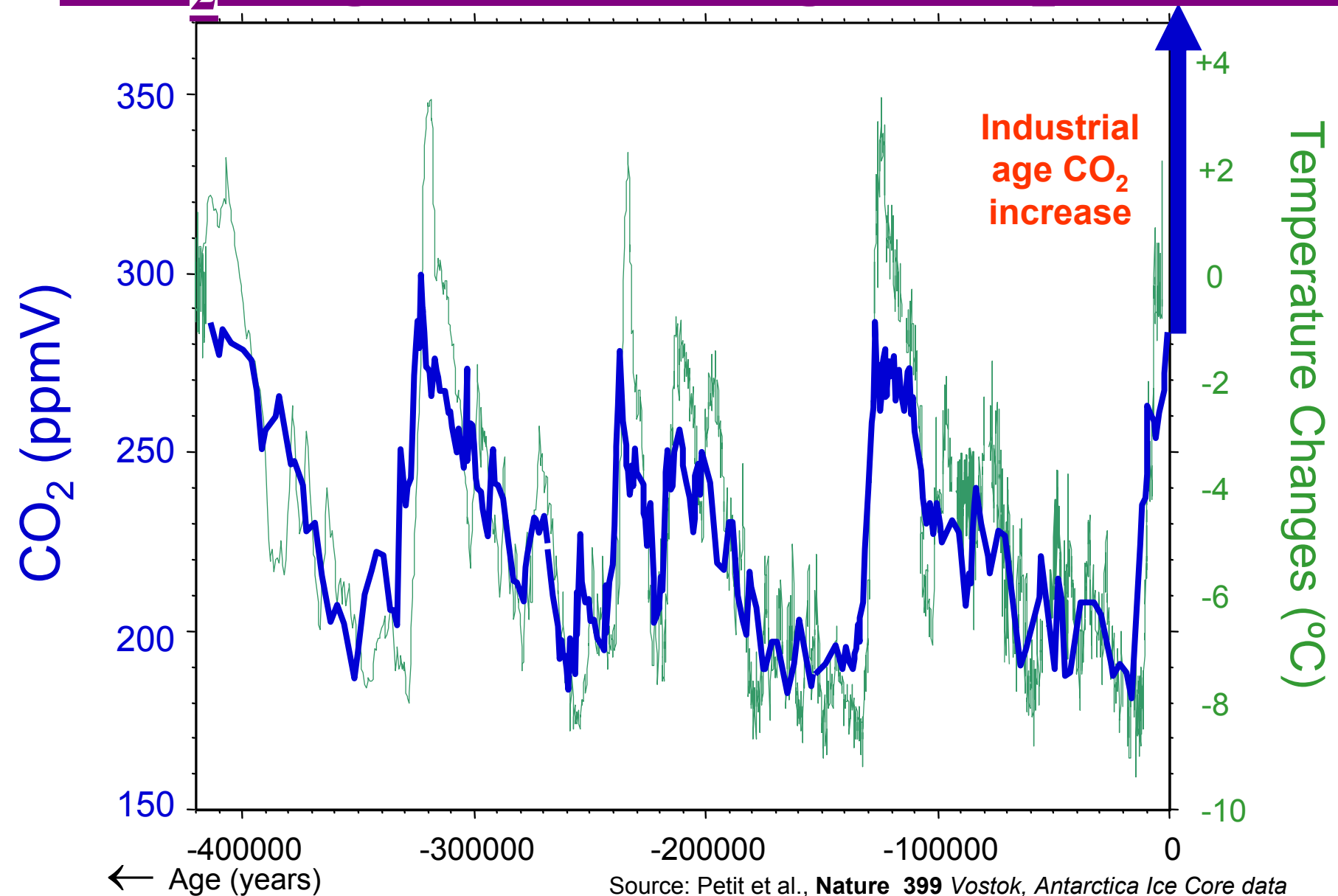
~1000ppm

3.7 T barrels

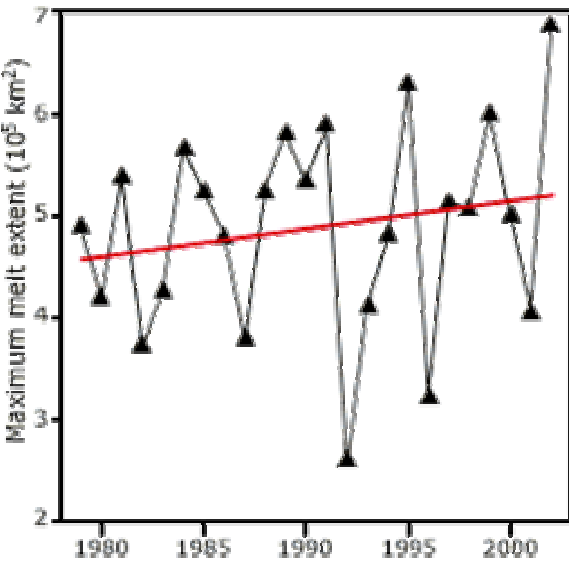
Fossil Fuels and Environment

In the 20th century we started to act on pollution (mercury, NO_x, SO_x, acid rain, soot, ...) but not CO₂ and the associated global climate change

CO₂ & global average temperature

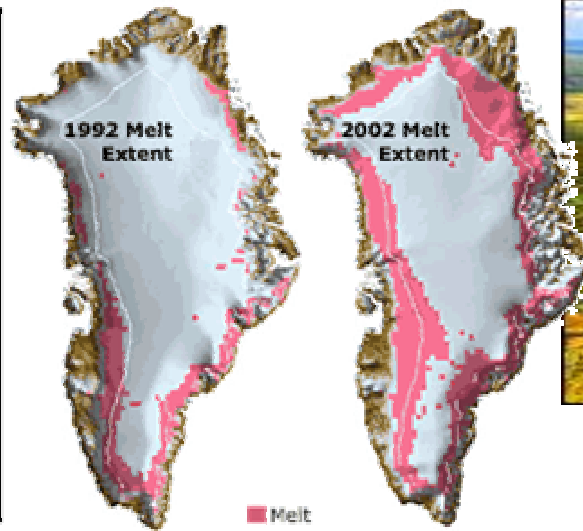


CO₂ is a greenhouse gas. It forms a blanket around the earth that causes warming



<http://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/Study/vanishing/>

Melting of glaciers in Greenland and around the world. Is it global warming?

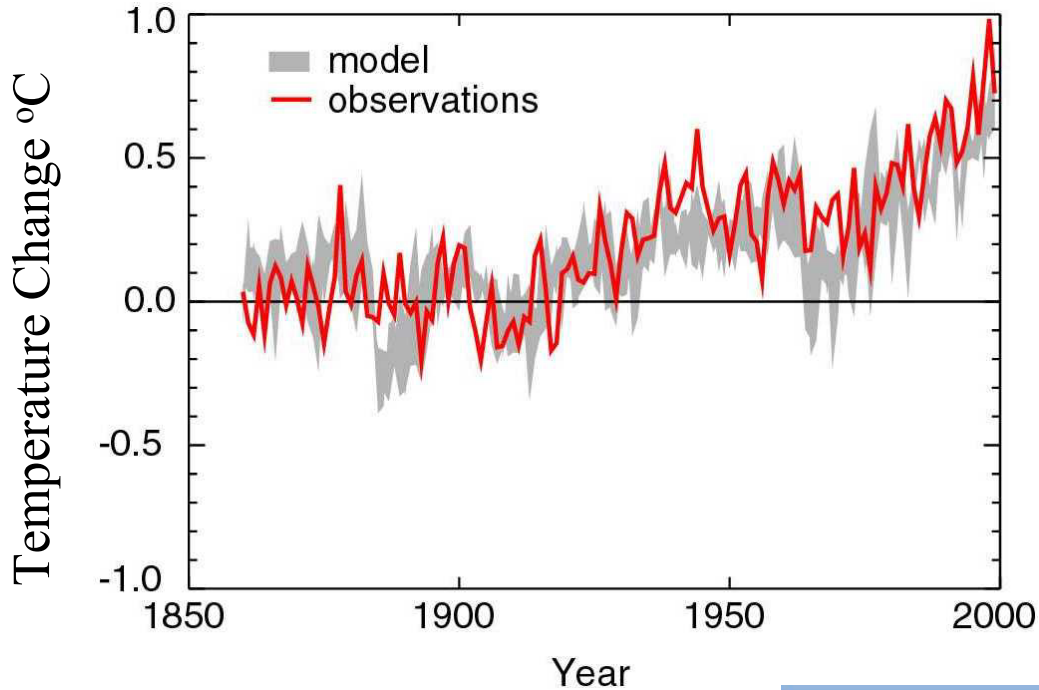


Melting of permafrost

CO₂ cycle and warming is a non-linear phenomena



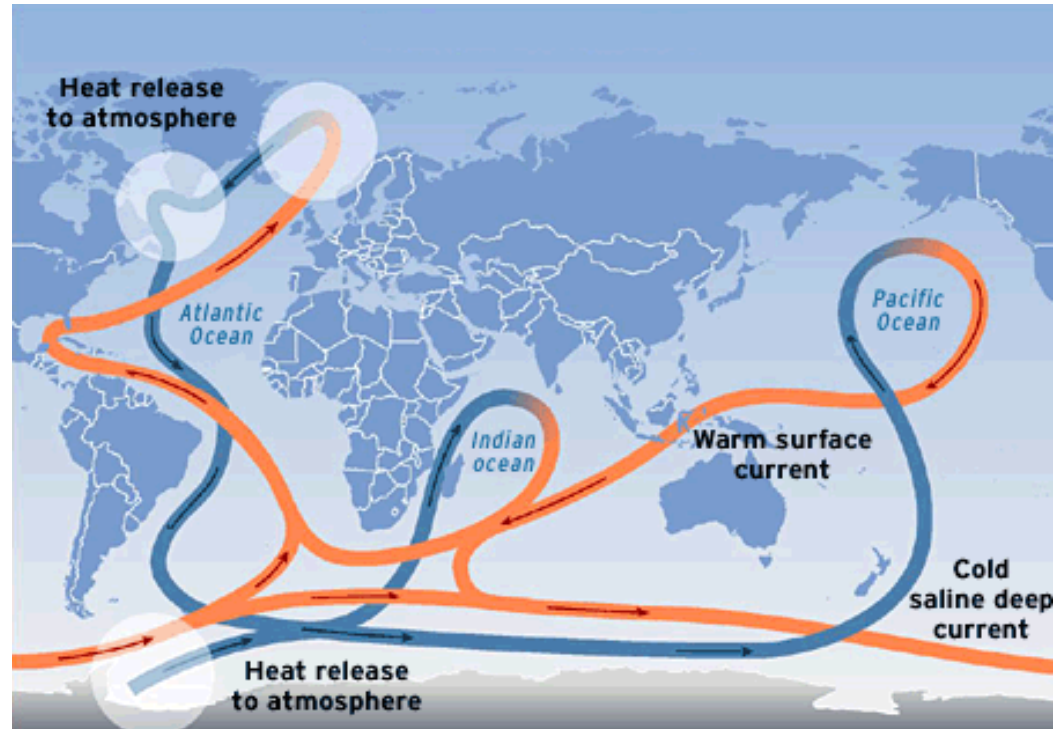
Intense storms



**Increasing evidence
for temperature rise
due to fossil-fuel
burning**

**Possibility of
catastrophic
change:**

**Shutdown of the
thermohaline in
10s of years**



Are we in the non-linear regime of CO₂ cycle/warming?

- CO₂ is the most oxidized form of carbon
 - 10-50 year cycle with terrestrial and shallow ocean (saturated)
 - 400-2000 year cycle – deep ocean
- Thermal capacity of earth → we are observing response to CO₂ loading of 30-40 years back

Sequestration of CO₂ ⇒ First capture and then store 25 gigatons CO₂ / year!

2. Climate change is the largest, costliest, most dangerous, uncontrolled experiment ever done by mankind

Clean Energy: an Economic Opportunity

- **Clean electric power**
 - **Robust electric power grids**
 - **Fuel for Transportation**
 - **Efficient autos/machines/appliances**
- are increasingly value-added products.**

**10 Terawatts of electric power
translates to a \$12billion/day
market at \$0.05 kWhr**

Getting all three – cheap, clean and copious supply – is the challenge

- **Plenty of fossil Carbon**
 - Oil, natural gas, coal
 - heavy oil, shale, clathrates, ...
- **Fungible at \$50+/barrel (Coal-to-Liquids)**

Issues with fossil fuels

- **Environmental impact**
- **Green house gasses**

Alternates: How much and how soon?

All alternatives to fossil fuels have a market niche

- Nuclear ~400 GW ?
- Hydro ~400 GW ~600 GW
- Wind 60 GW_p +30%/year
- Solar PV 4 GW_p +30%/year
- Geothermal 25 GW (e+th)
- Biofuels 1 Mboe/day ?

3. But none is large enough!

Paradigm change is
needed in order to
provide affordable &
clean energy to all!

4. Energy Security

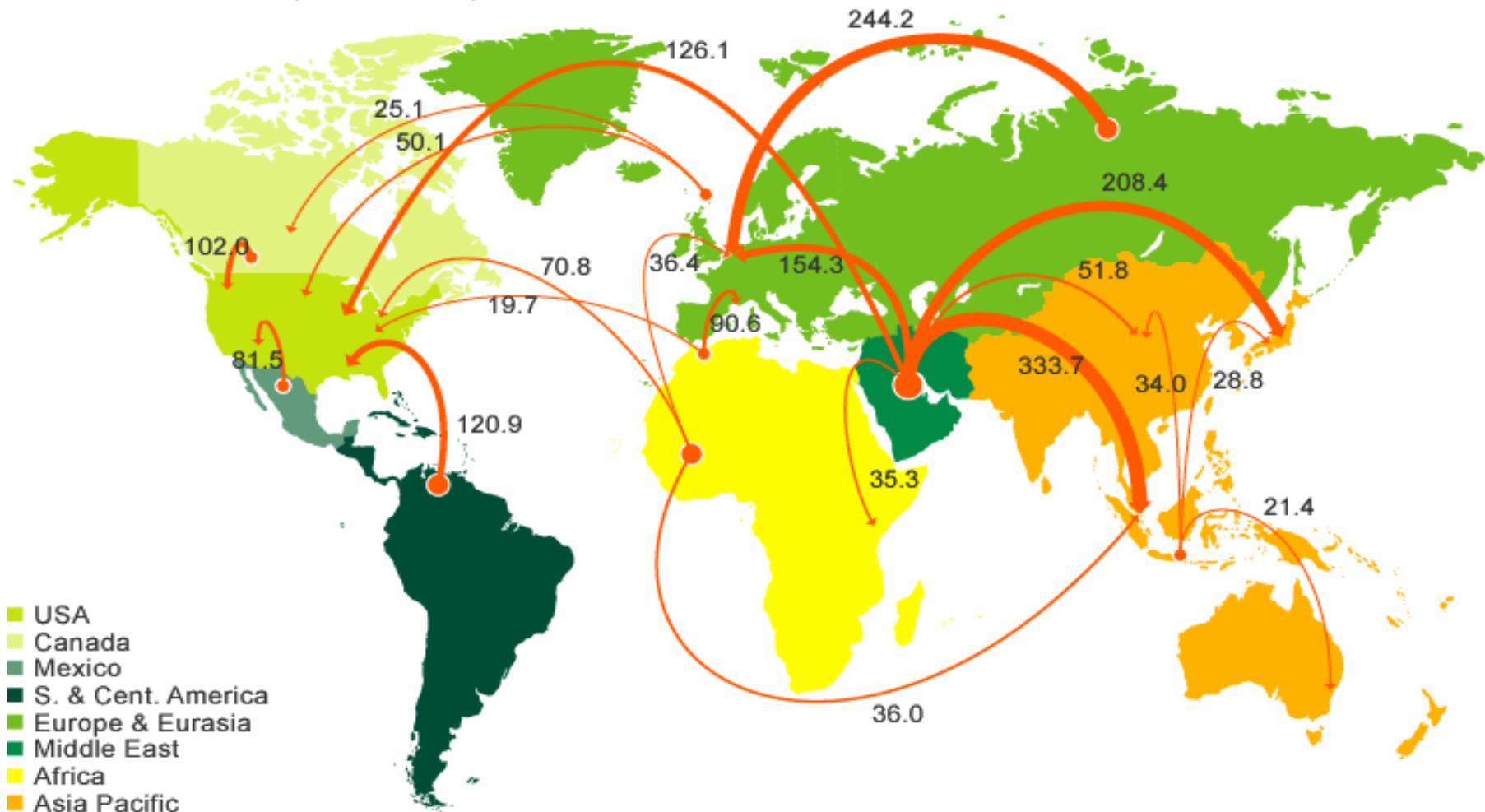
*Where do we get our oil and
natural gas from?*

And

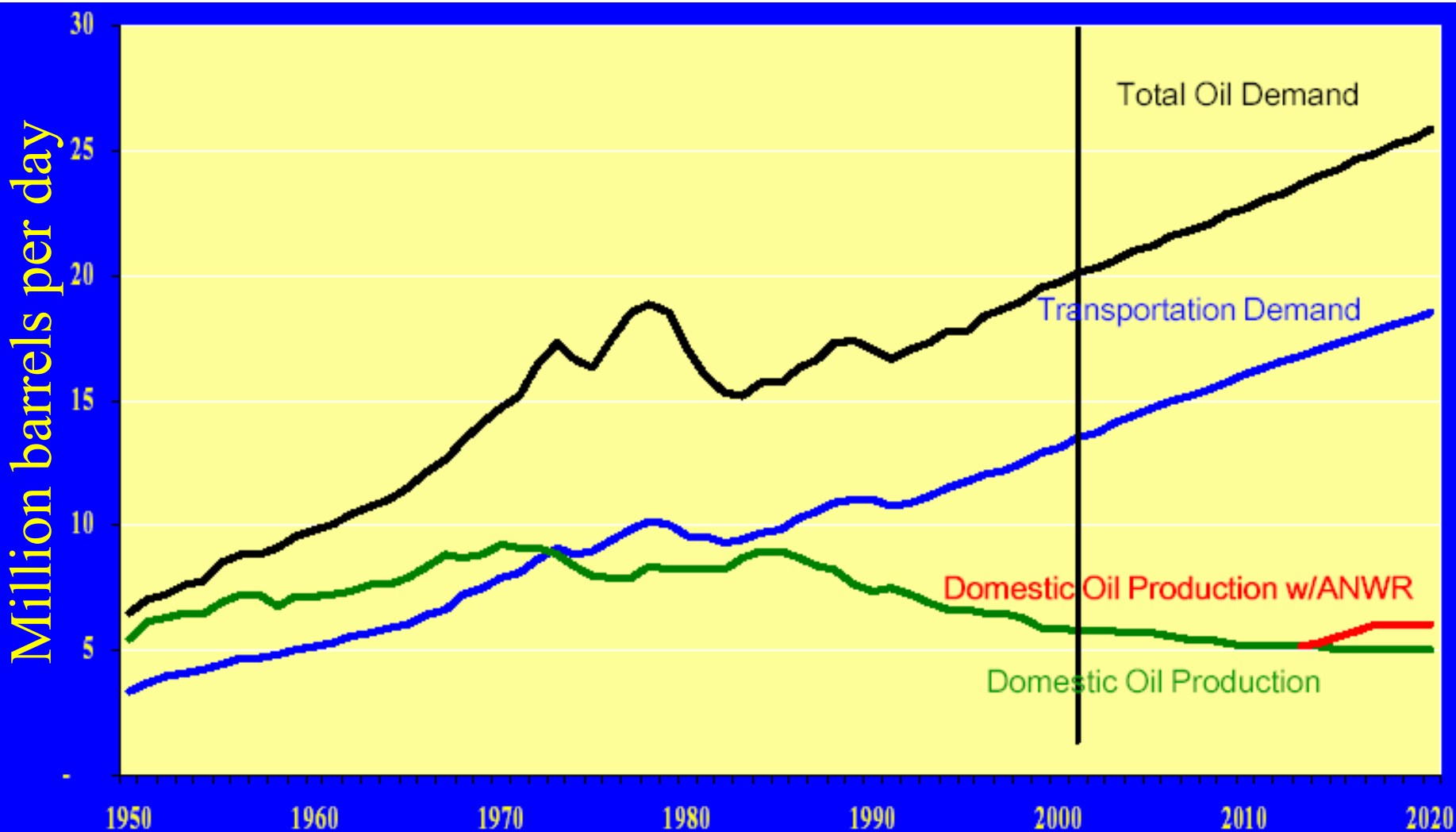
*Emerging challenges to this
supply?*

Oil is easy to move and trade

Trade flows worldwide (million tonnes)



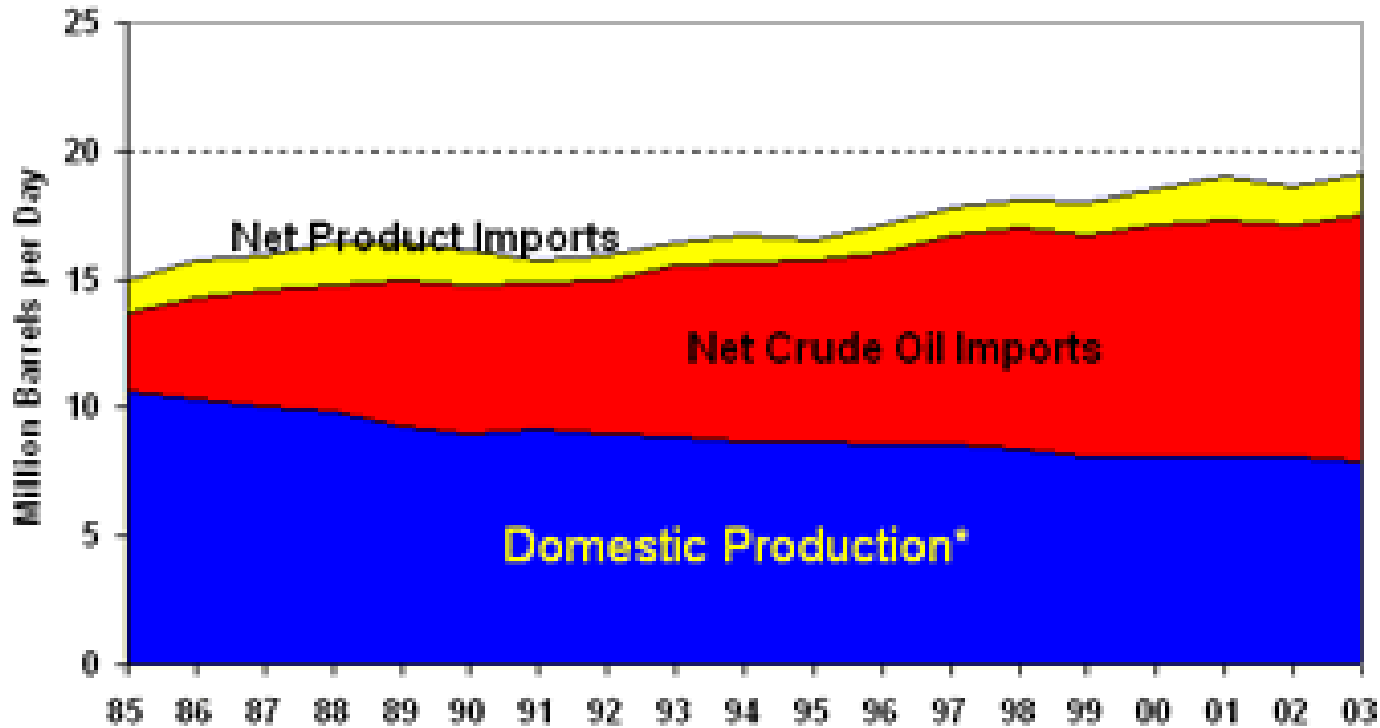
US oil consumption: Large (~25% of global) & Growing



Problems with business as usual

- **USA imports 2/3 of oil it uses**
- **Share of imported natural gas is set to increase rapidly**
- **Market saturated, volatile, unstable**
- **Producing nations are unstable**
- **CO₂ emissions → global warming**

US imports ~2/3 of its oil



**Friendly
nations
cannot fulfill
our oil needs**

Middle East: 2.5 M barrels

Africa: 2.4 M barrels

Russia: 0.4 M barrels

Canada¹

2.2 M barrels

Mexico:

1.4 M barrels

Venezuela:

1.3 M barrels

North Sea:

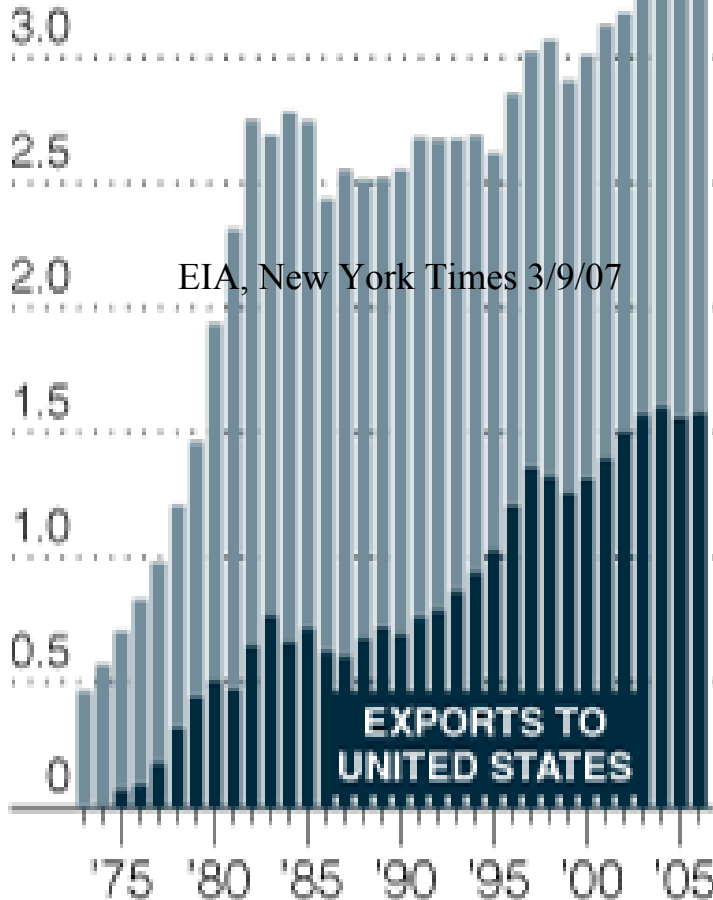
0.7 M barrels

(EIA 6-12/06)

Decline in production in friendly nations

MEXICAN OIL PRODUCTION

3.5 million barrels of crude oil a day

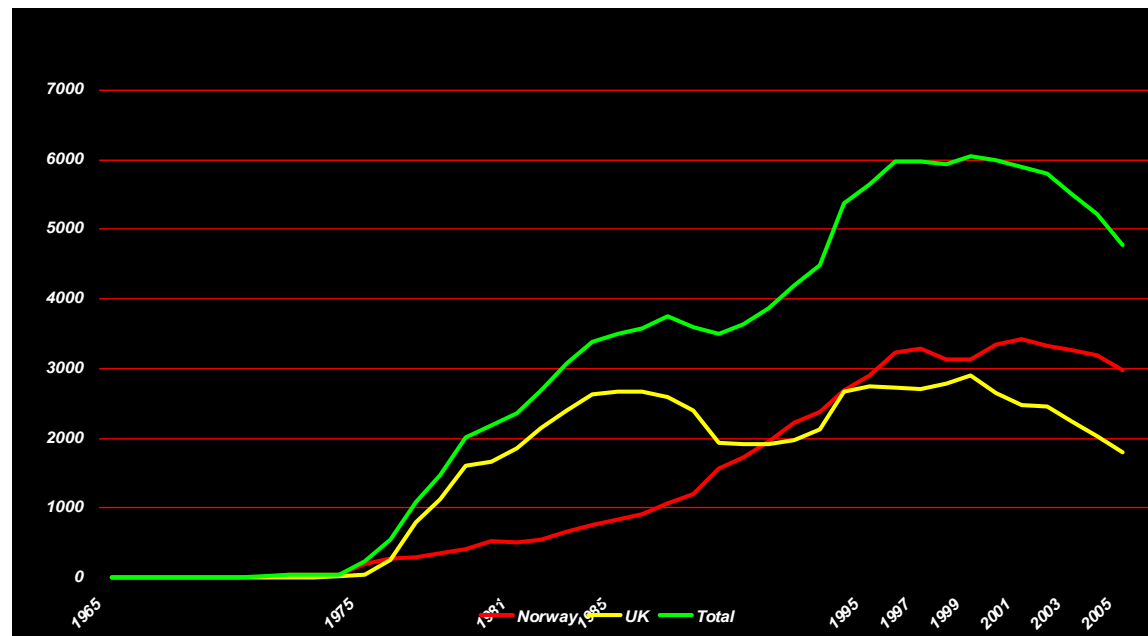


INVESTMENT

North Sea (UK, Norway)

Peaked in 1999 at 6.05 million bbl/day.

1999-2005: average decline at 3.4% to 4.8 million bbl/day in 2005

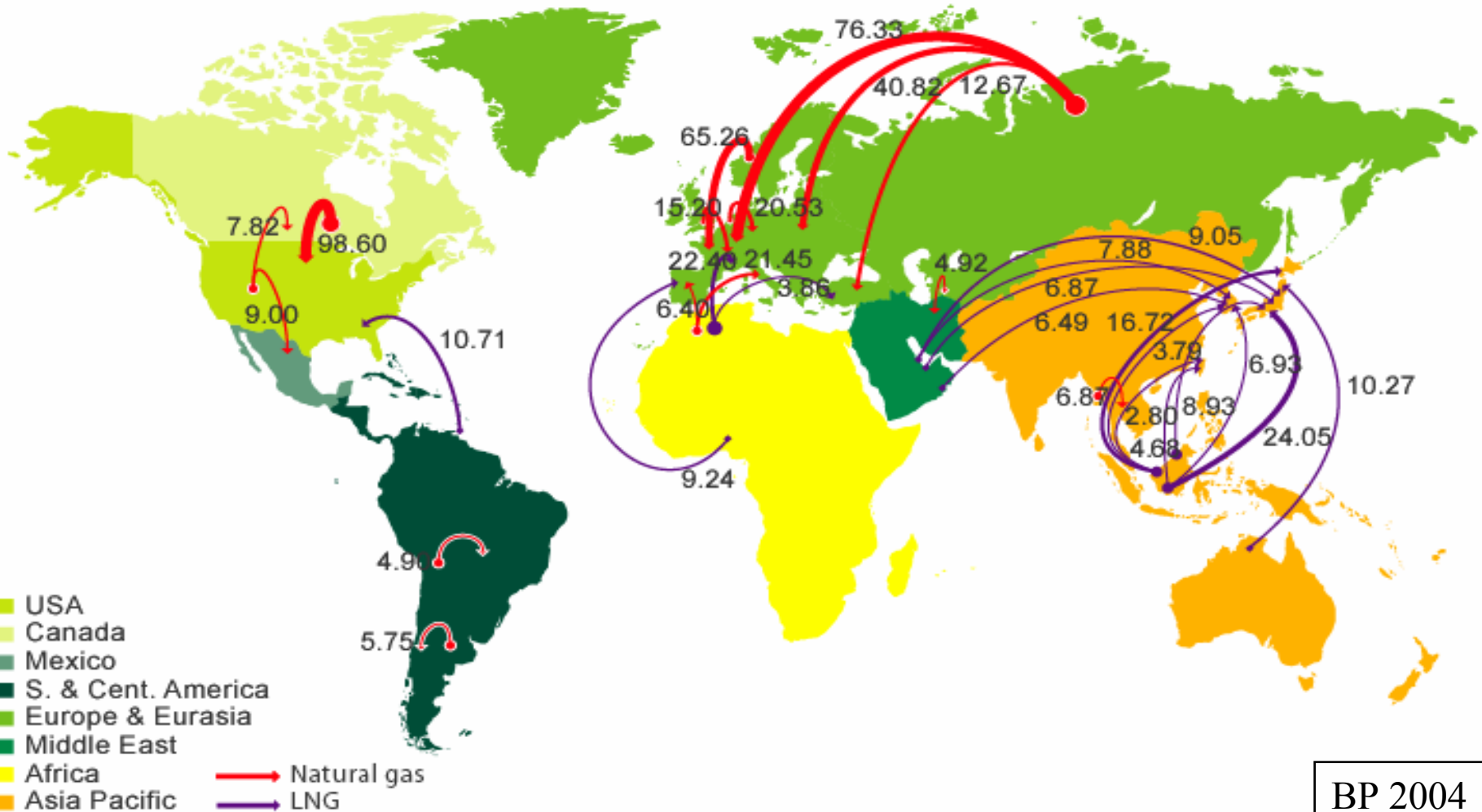


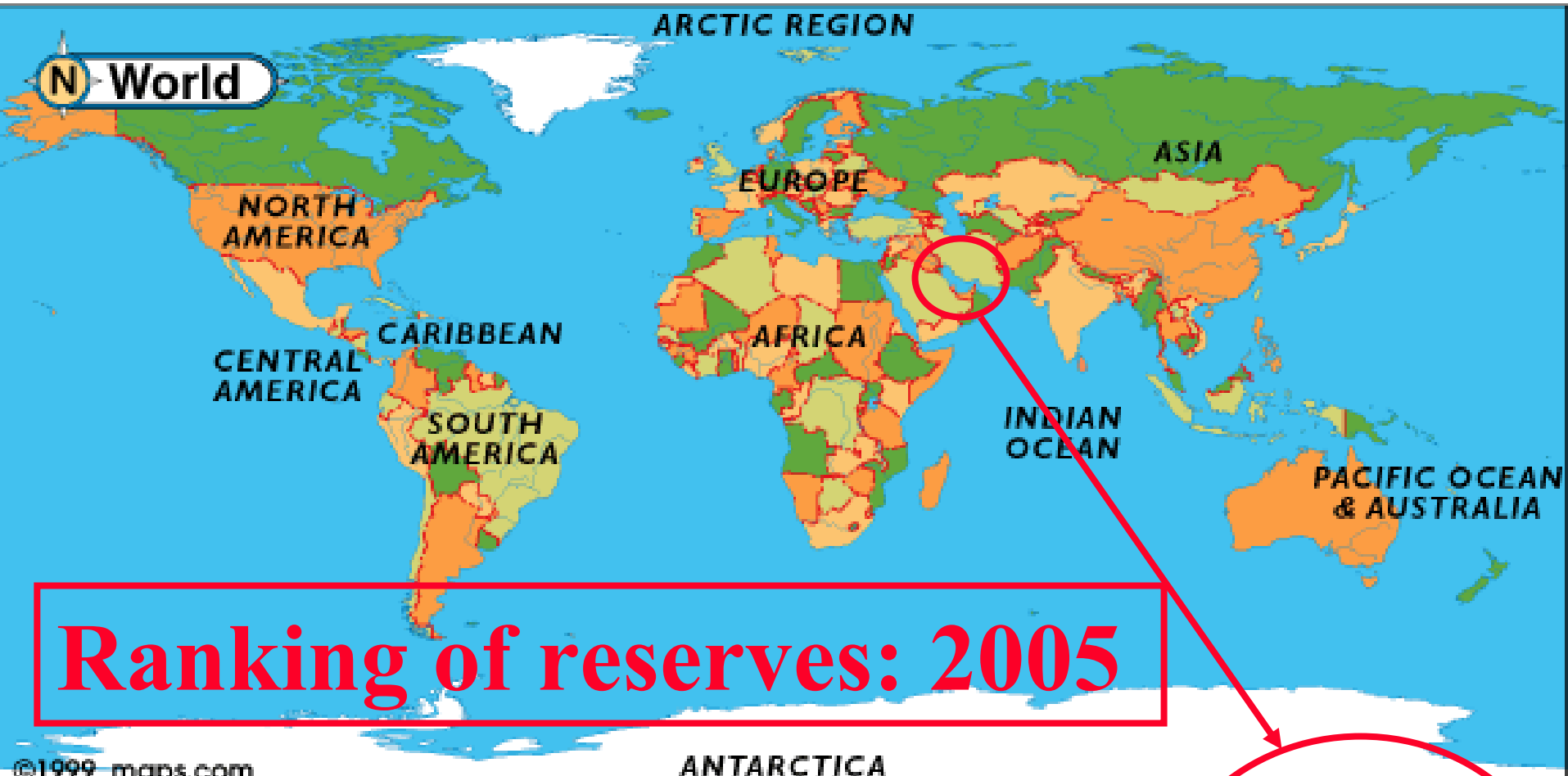
BP Statistical review

Peak Oil

Major natural gas trade movements

Trade flows worldwide (billion cubic metres)





USA 12,6,1

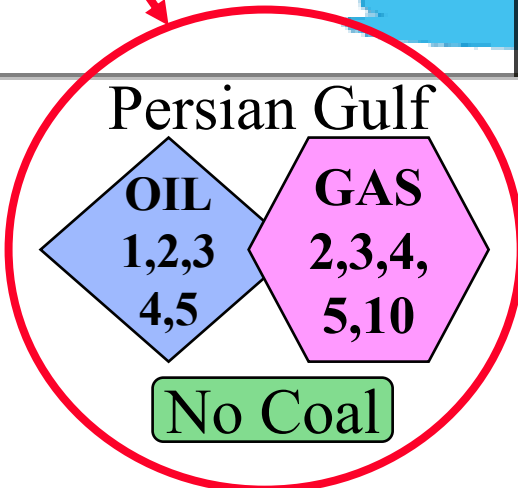
China 11,-,3

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Russia 8,1,2

India -, -, 5

AT -, -, -





USA ?, -, 1

China -, -, 3

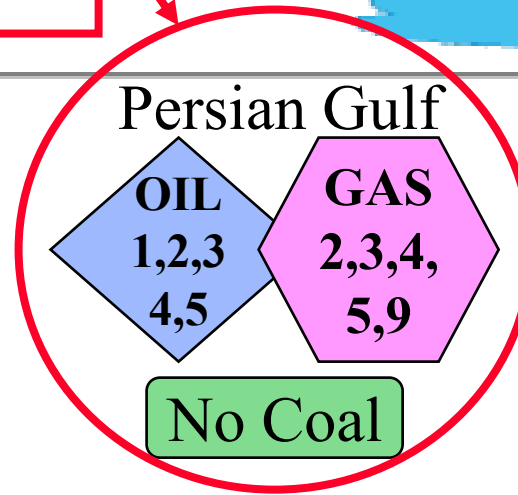
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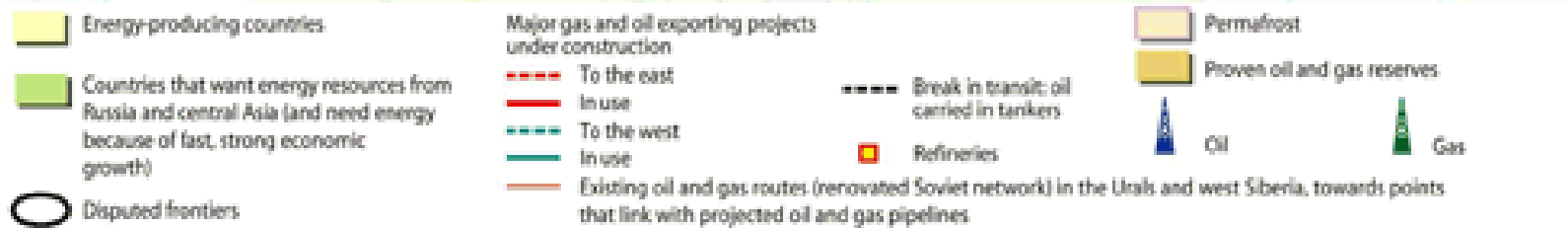
? → EOR



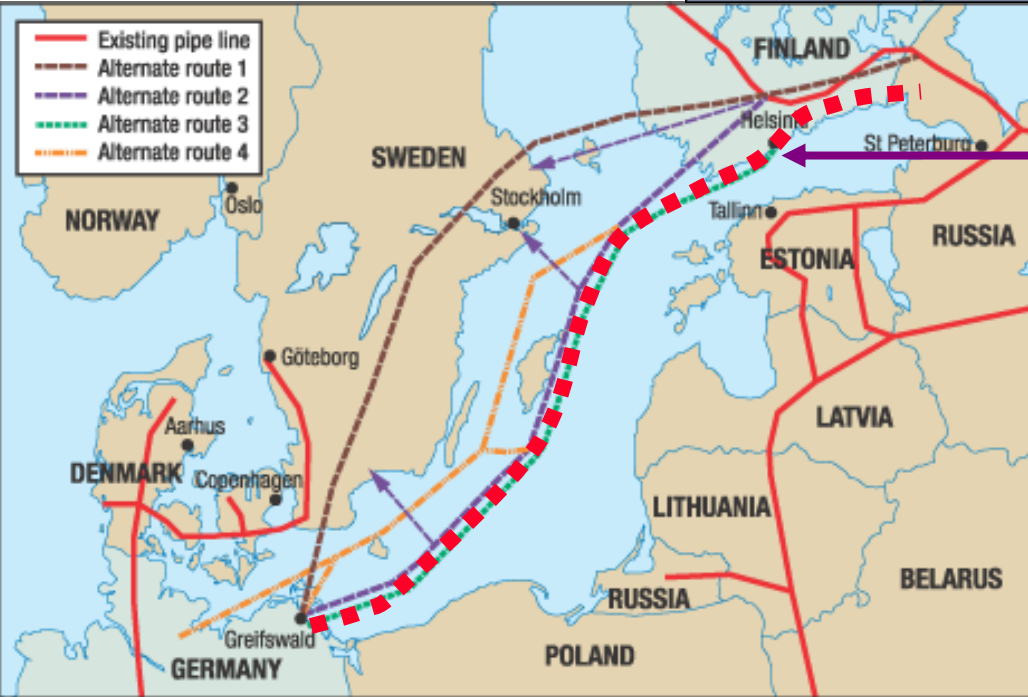
**5. Middle East and
Russia control
conventional
natural gas and oil**

Who gets CA, Russian oil and gas?

She who owns the pipelines?



Which countries will get Russian natural gas in 10 years time?



New pipeline from Russia to Germany bypasses Ukraine and Eastern Europe

Natural destination is Europe & Asia

**6) The global oil (gas?)
situation has been
anticipated by the US
and has guided its
policies since WWII**

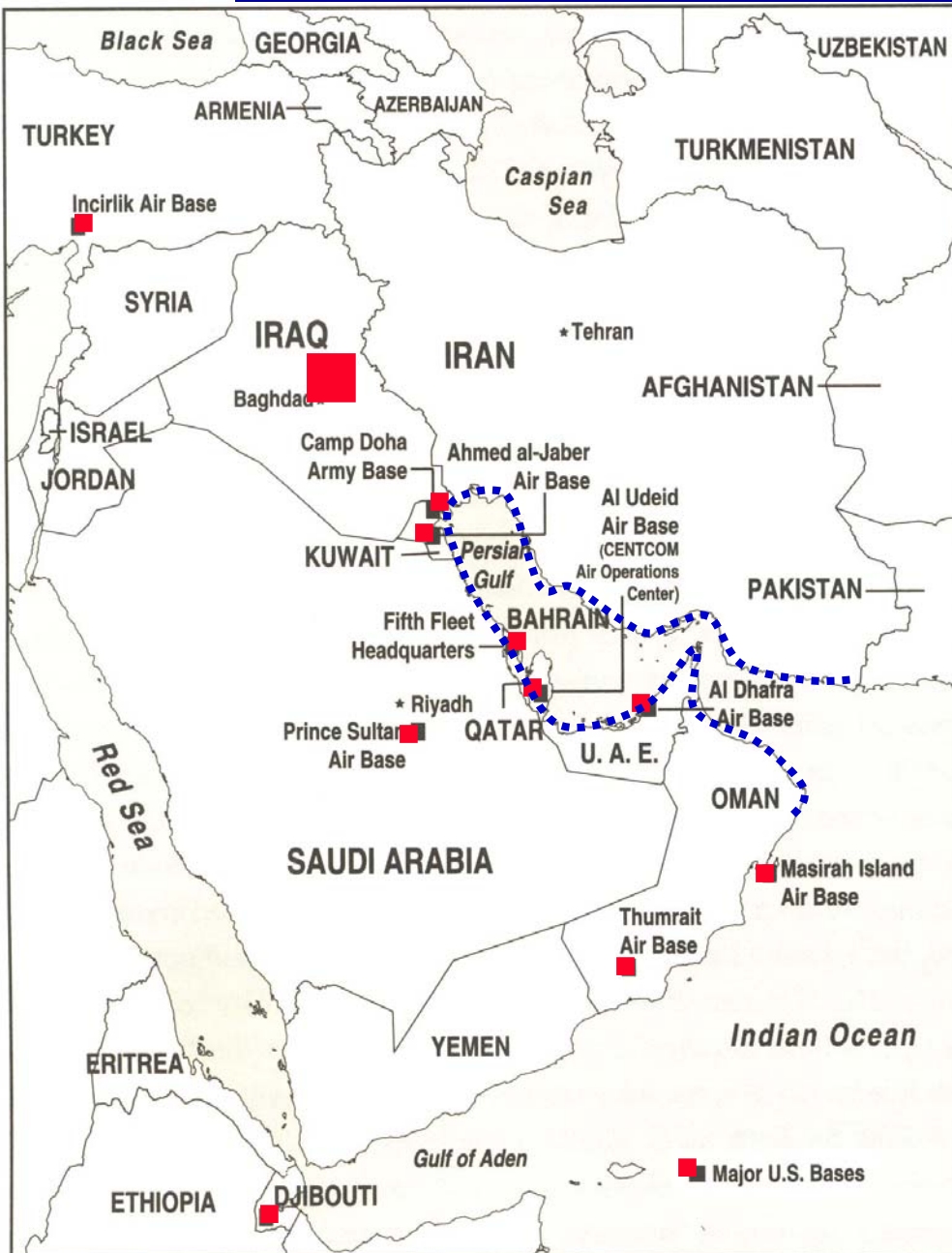
Oil: key driver of foreign policy

- 1945
 - F. Roosevelt and King Abdel Aziz “oil for security”
- 1947: Truman Doctrine
 - Stop the spread of communism (Greece, Turkey, Iran)
- 1957: Eisenhower Doctrine
 - Protect friendly interests
- 1969: Nixon
 - Protect interests through surrogate friendly rulers
- 1980: Carter Doctrine
 - To protect Saudi Arabia and the free flow of oil from the Persian Gulf
- 1983: Establishment of Central Command
 - Protecting the free flow of oil from the Middle East and Central Asia

US bases in the Middle East

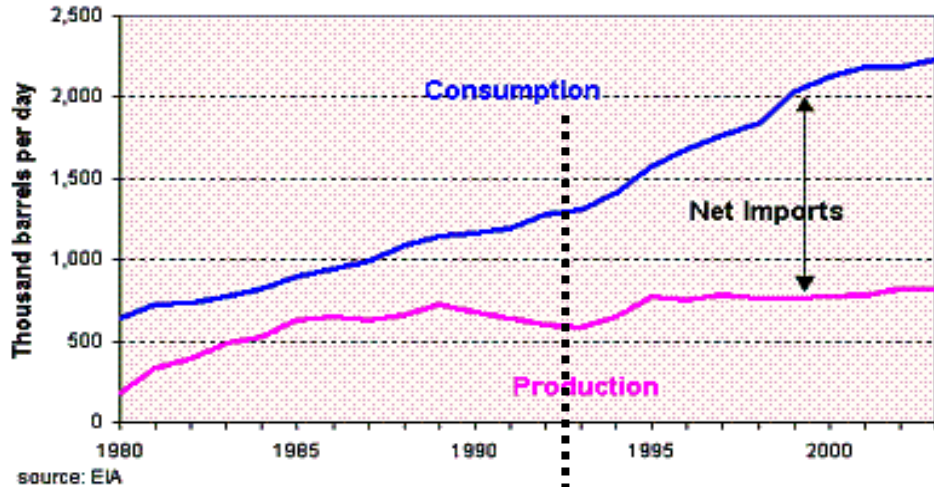
A very successful but costly military investment to protect the flow of oil (=prosperity)

6. Can we continue to bank on this solution?



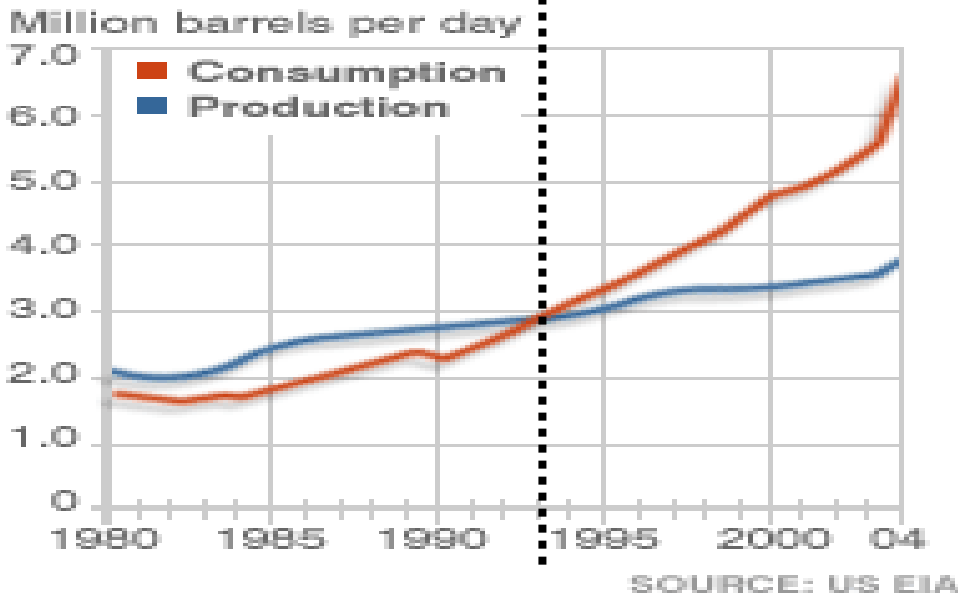
7. Increasing competition for oil and gas

Indian Oil Production and Consumption, 1980-2003



China & India are making deals with Iran, Sudan, ...

CHINA'S OIL DEMAND 1980-2004



Oil Imports 1994-2004

USA +4% / year

Japan -1% / year

India +8% / year

China +31% / year

8) Will coal or natural gas or nuclear or solar dominate power generation?

See 2007 MIT study on the Future of Coal

200 GW of New Gas-Fired Capacity Since 1998

U.S. Generation Capacity Additions

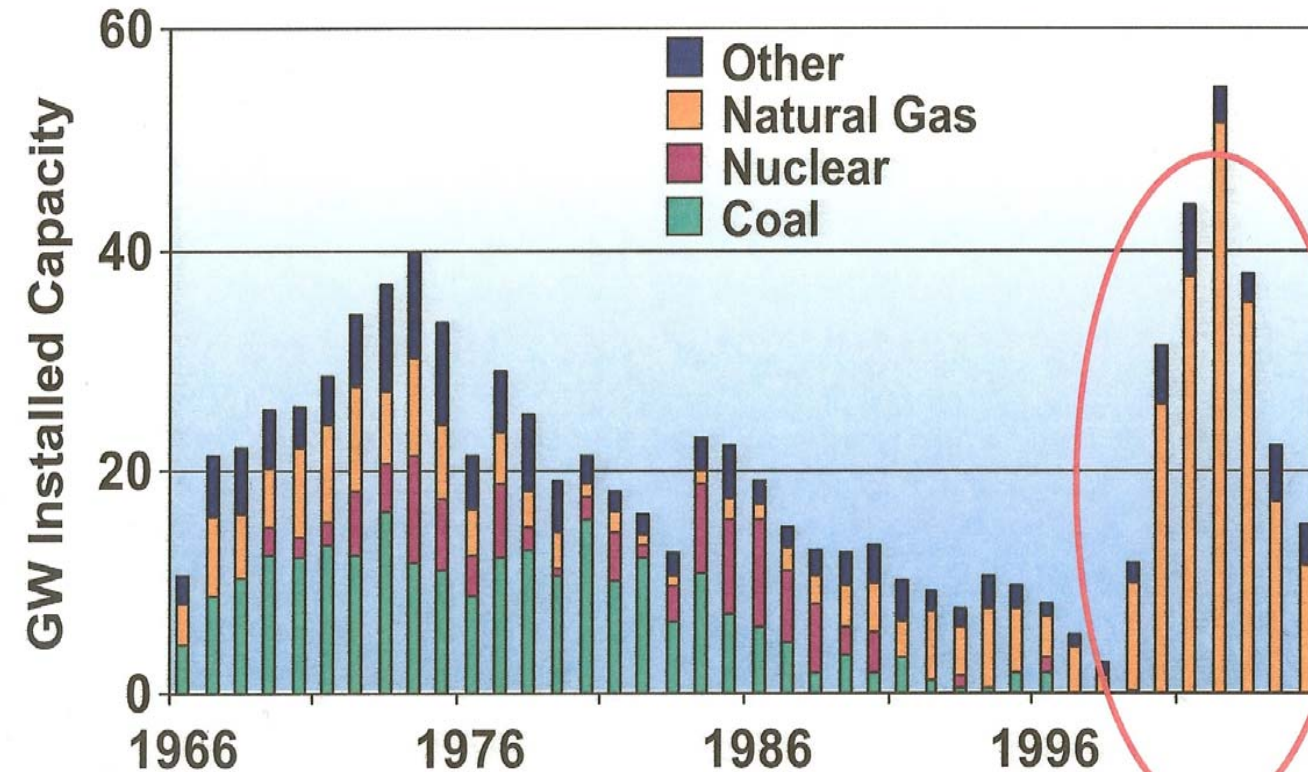
Starting in 1980s

Coal was dirty

Gas was cheap

Hydro was flat

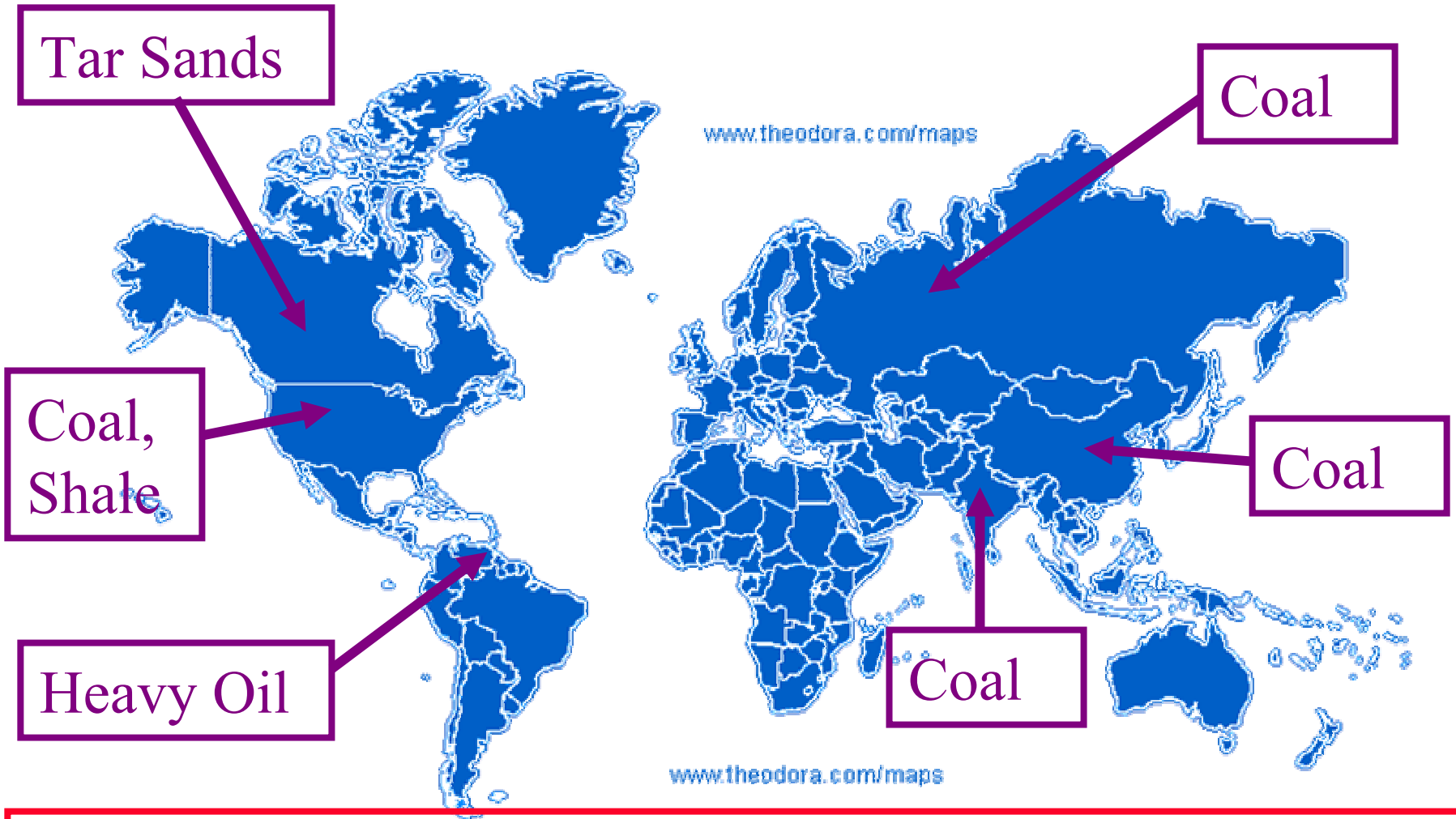
Nuclear was bad



Gas

Need cheap gas

Unconventionals: Large reserves



Problem: pollution, environment, CO₂

To use “coal” the US must lead the world by innovating clean coal technology for generating electricity and producing oil



Navajo Power Plant (4 corners NM)

– pollution

Need R&D
to – CO₂



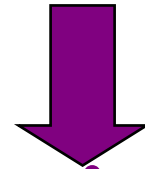
Worldwide > 1 TW of new coal PP in next 20 years

**FutureGen (No emissions)
10+ years away**

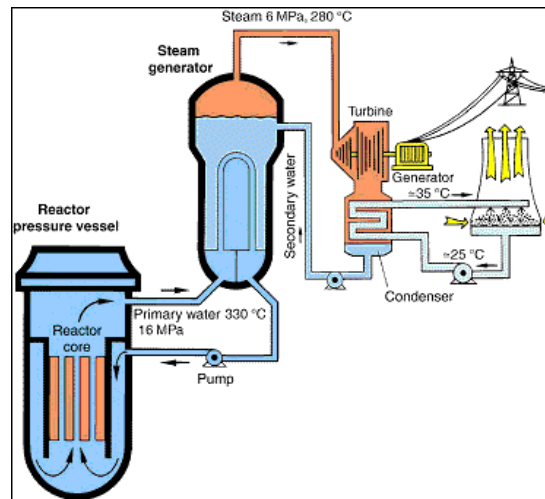
Nuclear power: “CO₂ clean”

- Principles of nuclear fission are known
- Natural ²³⁵U is limited
- Rapid scale up requires R&D
- Closed fuel cycle
- Gen IV reactors
- Breeder reactors
 - ❖ ²³²Th → ²³³U
 - ❖ ²³⁸U → ²³⁹Pu

- Fear of accidents
- Proliferation
 - HEU, ²³⁹Pu
- Waste management

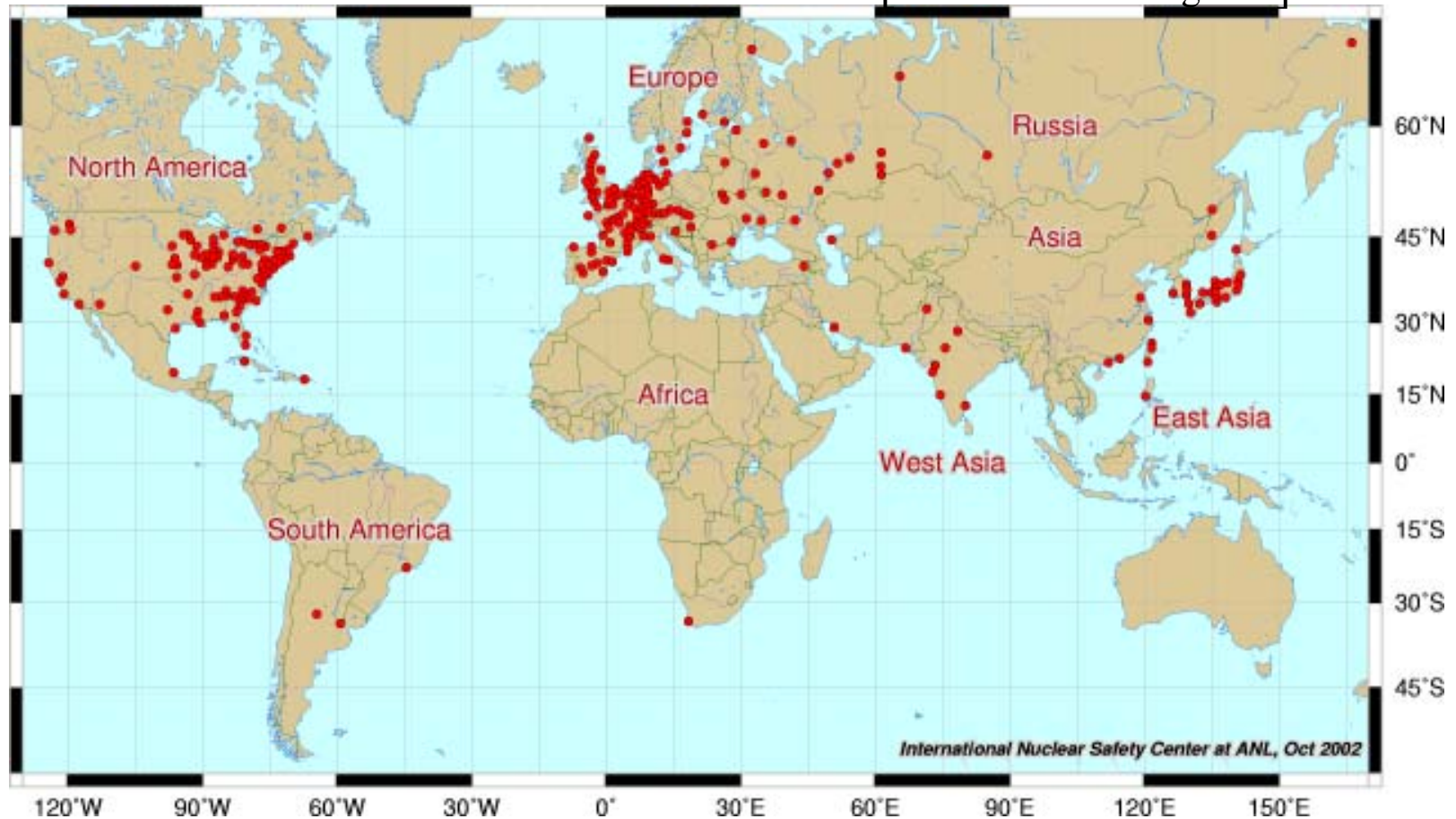


Not in my backyard



400 Nuclear Power Reactors

[Source: INSC - Argonne]



To replace 10 Terawatts by nuclear power would require **10,000** one GW plants – 1 new plant a day for 30 years.
Don't have enough nuclear scientists or engineers

8) Power generation

Urgent need for timely action:

Need 10-15 years to plan, build and understand costs of commercial plants

What we build today will have a lifetime of 40-70 years (through much of 21st century)

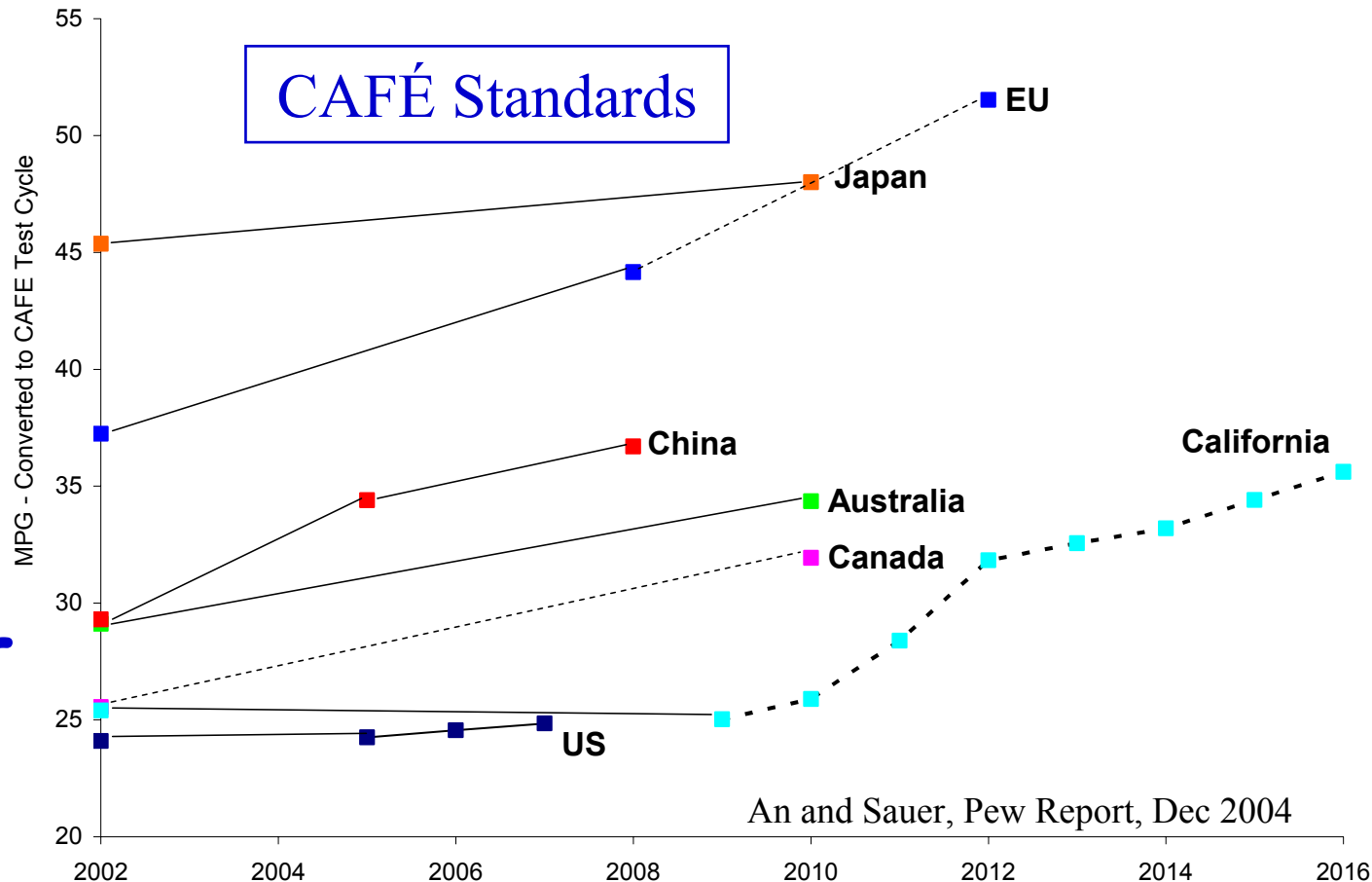
China (and soon India) will build ~1 GW coal power plants a week for next 10 years

9) While people argue about their favorite “solution” (each has drawbacks & potential), there is consensus on *energy efficiency*

A factor of ~50% improvement possible with today's technology

Short term Option: Behavior Change

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



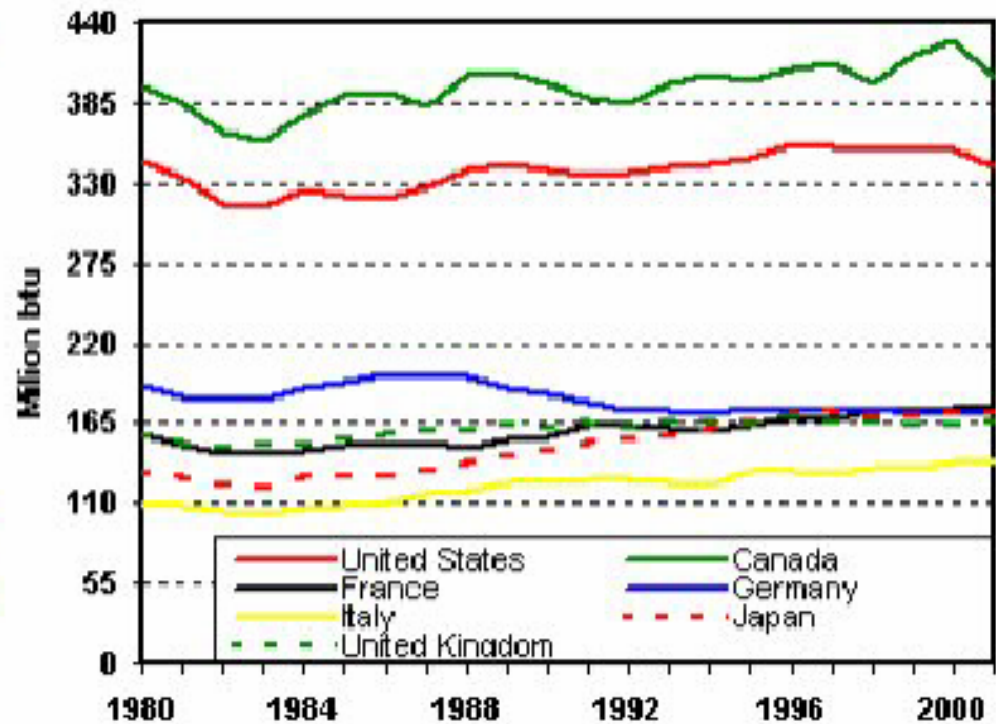
Drive less and Drive fuel efficient cars



Tanzania: fruit seller -
 flame [above]; 1-watt
 white LED [below]
Source: Art Rosenfeld

The US should lead
 the world in energy
 efficiency

Energy Consumption Per Capita



Cannot have cheap clean energy for all (at **tera** scale) without key S&T R&D

- Separation/capture of CO₂ from mixed gas streams
 - Secure and effective long-term storage of CO₂.
 - Geologic, mineralization, ...
 - Hydrogen from water without using fossil energy:
 - Electrolysis of water (inexpensive and efficient electrodes)
 - Photochemical and/or thermo-chemical splitting of water
 - PV, CSP (\$1/watt & 100+ GW/year production)
 - nano and/or bio PV materials & systems integration
 - Closed nuclear fuel cycle and advanced reactors
 - separation of SNF, transmutation, fuel reassembly, waste
 - Fusion?
- CCS

No large scale (1 TW) deployment in next 20 years

No source is intrinsically good or bad or clean or dirty. It is a lifecycle systems issue

	<i>Gasoline</i>	<i>Nuclear</i>	<i>Solar today</i>
1) Cost	✓	✓	✗
2) Density	✓	✓	✗
3) Storage	✓	✓	✗
4) Portability and mobility	✓	✓	✗
5) Scale	✓	✓	✗
6) Unintended consequences	✓	✓	?

The need is so large that we will exploit *all* sources.
Must close the cycle, determine realistic lifecycle costs
and think equity if we want cheap clean energy for all

Summary

- **Need for modern energy is global**
- **Access should be a global right**
- **Environmental impact is global**

**To have affordable access by all and
to mitigate environmental impacts
we must address the energy
challenge as a global responsibility**

Energy Security

= National Security

= Economic security

= Environmental Security

= Future of our children

Senator Lugar: “energy is the albatross of U.S. national security”

Brookings: 13 March 2006

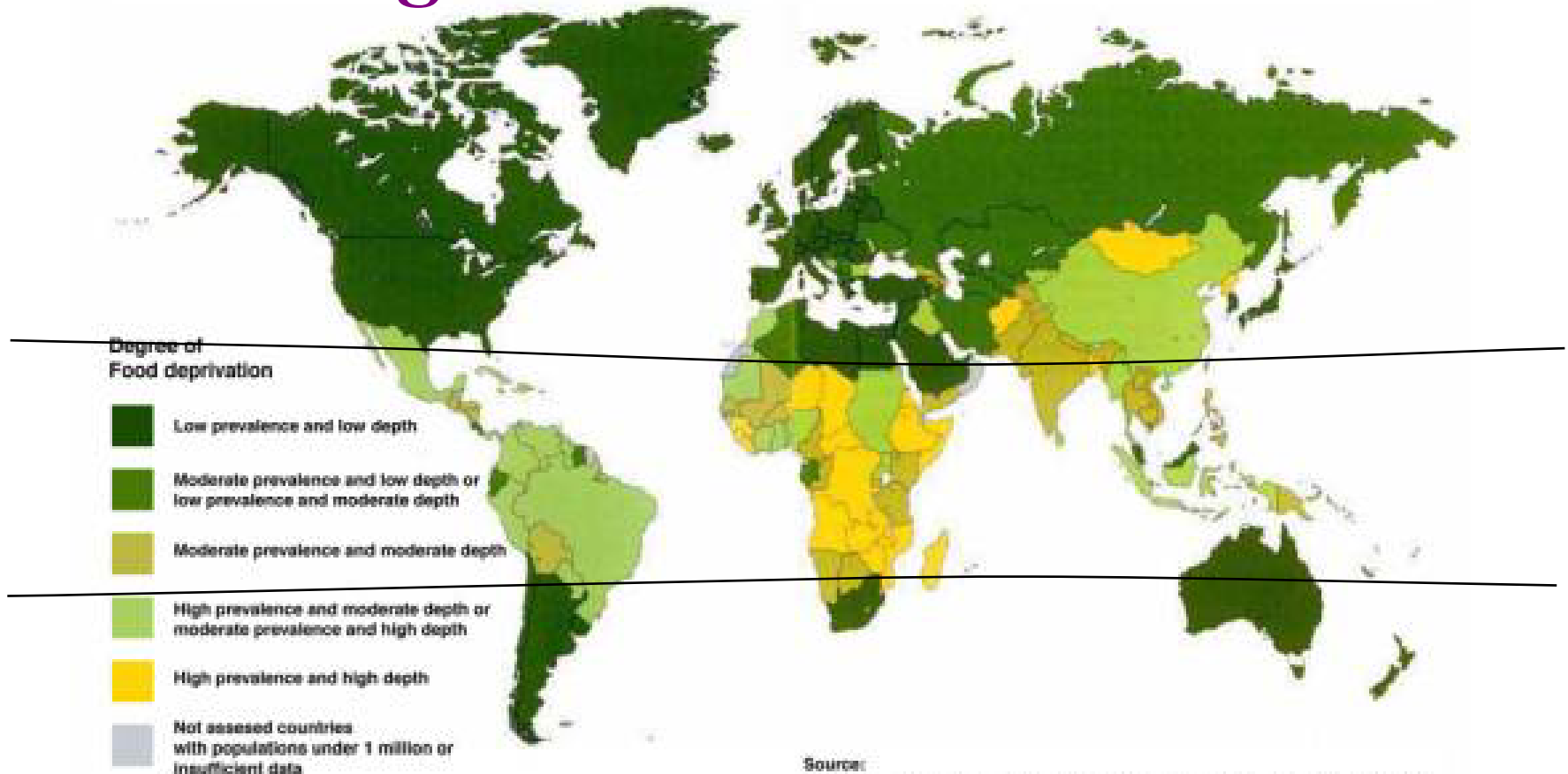
Industrialized nations must
lead the R&D for clean and
affordable energy NOW
(= hope for all mankind)

**The poor are most vulnerable to climate change and
will not have the resources to mitigate the impacts**

Hope versus Hunger

As a civilization we understand the threats
and we have tools to deal with them

Will we grow the will and act in time?



Source:
FVIMS (Food insecurity and vulnerability information and mapping systems)
SOFI 2000 (State of Food Insecurity in the World)
<http://www.fvims.net/>