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Addressing America's Energy Challenges

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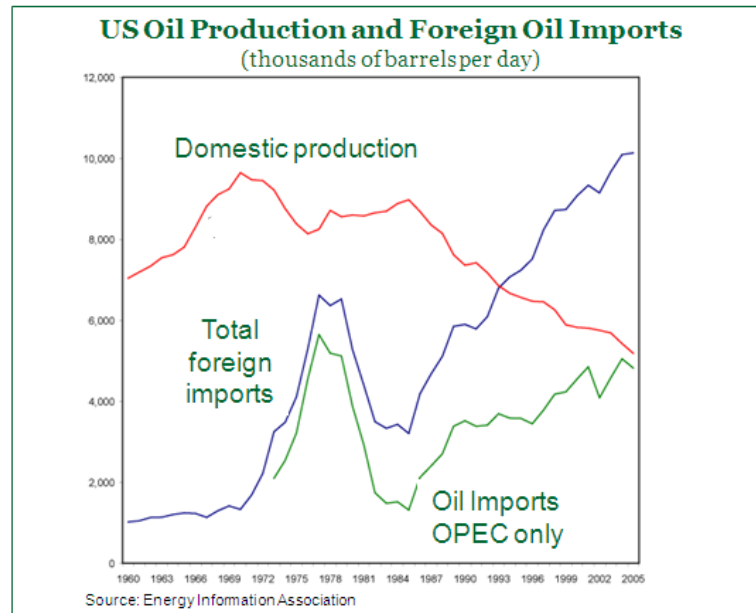


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America's energy challenges (I)

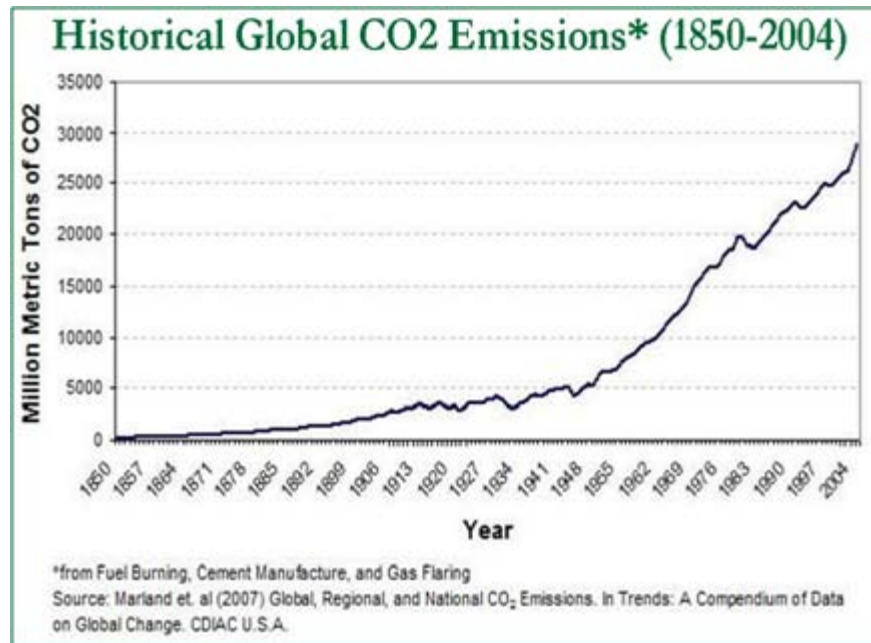
■ Energy security

- ❑ Mostly about reliable and economic supply of liquid hydrocarbons for transport
- ❑ Urgency in geopolitics, ~\$1B/day import costs
- ❑ Goal: 3.5 M bbl/day reduction in crude use (~25% of daily transport use)



America's energy challenges (II)

- Greenhouse gas emissions
 - Mostly about CO₂ from power and heat
 - Urgency to avoid “lock in”, demonstrate leadership, capture low-carbon markets
 - **Goal:** ~17% reduction by 2020, 83% by 2050



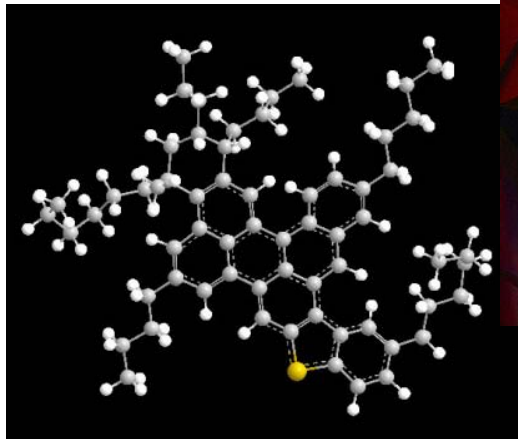
America's energy challenges (III)

- These goals require significant changes in energy sources, transmission, storage, use

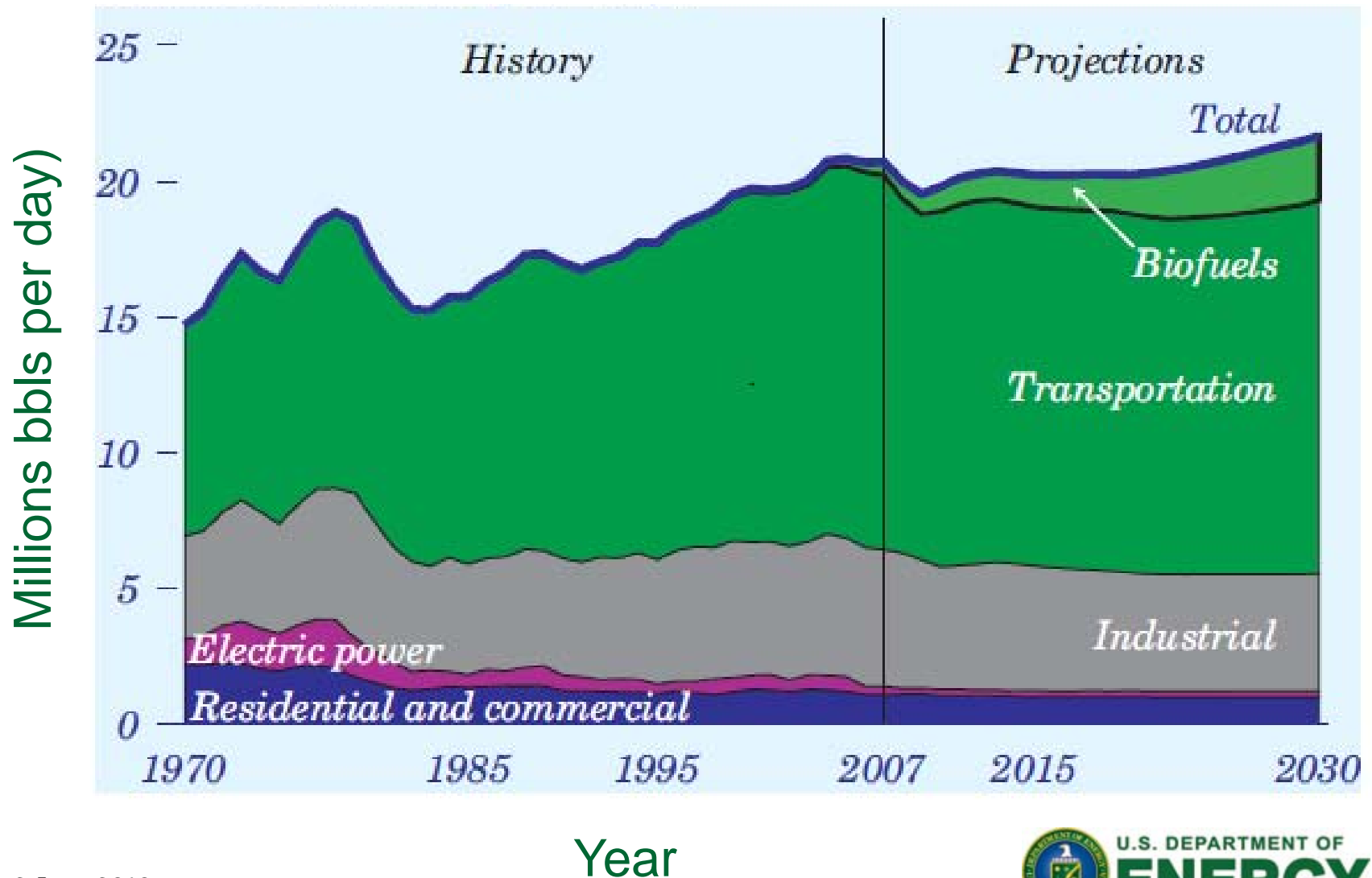
Identify, develop, demonstrate, and deploy
cost-effective, material, and timely solutions
and
create jobs in the process

The energy security problem

- Transportation is powered almost exclusively by crude-derived liquid hydrocarbons
 - Energy density (50 times better than the best battery), ease and economy of use, existing infrastructure, availability



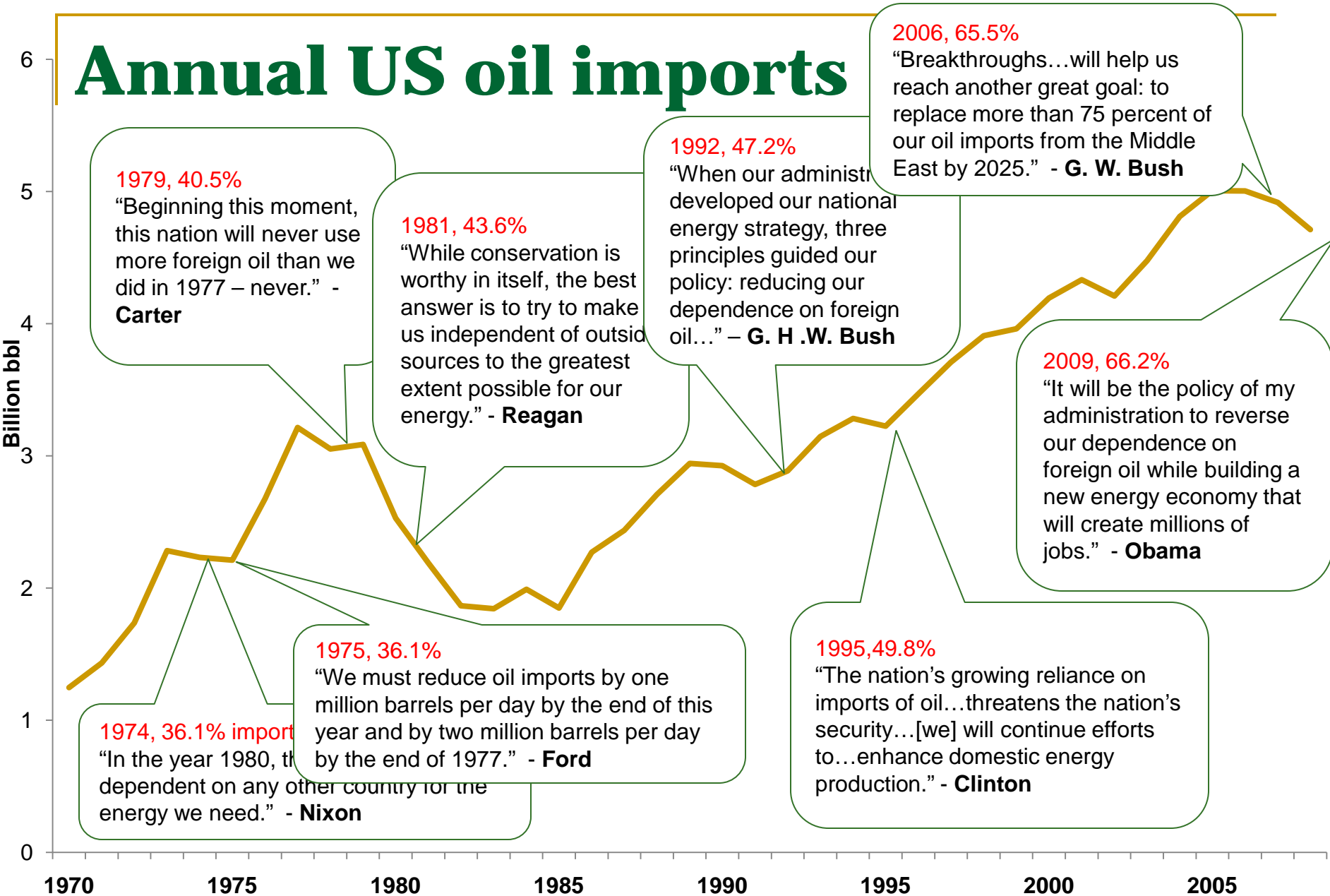
US liquid fuel use



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Annual US oil imports

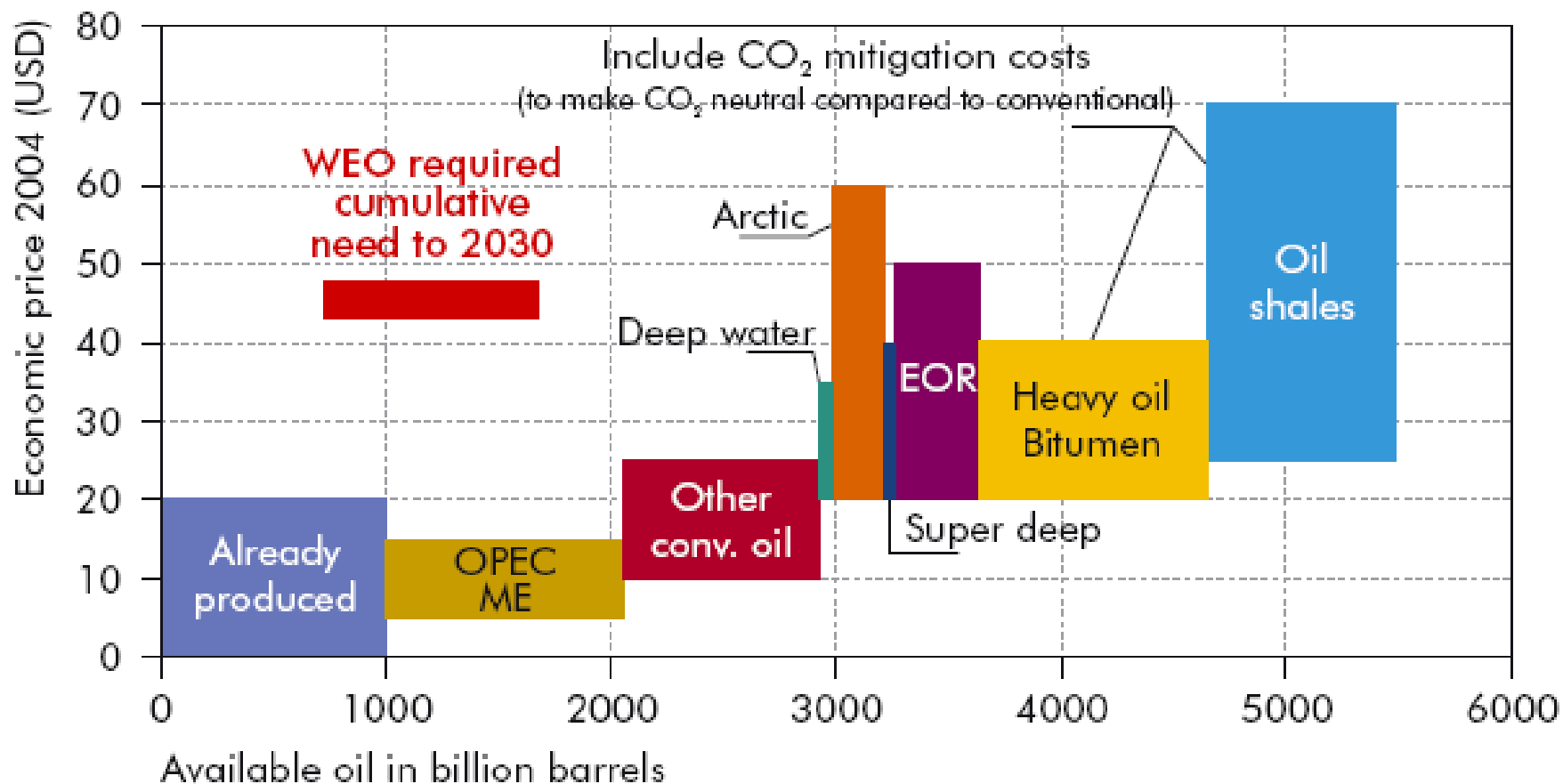


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- Crude demand rising with global development
- “Easy” crude resources are increasingly concentrated geographically and politically

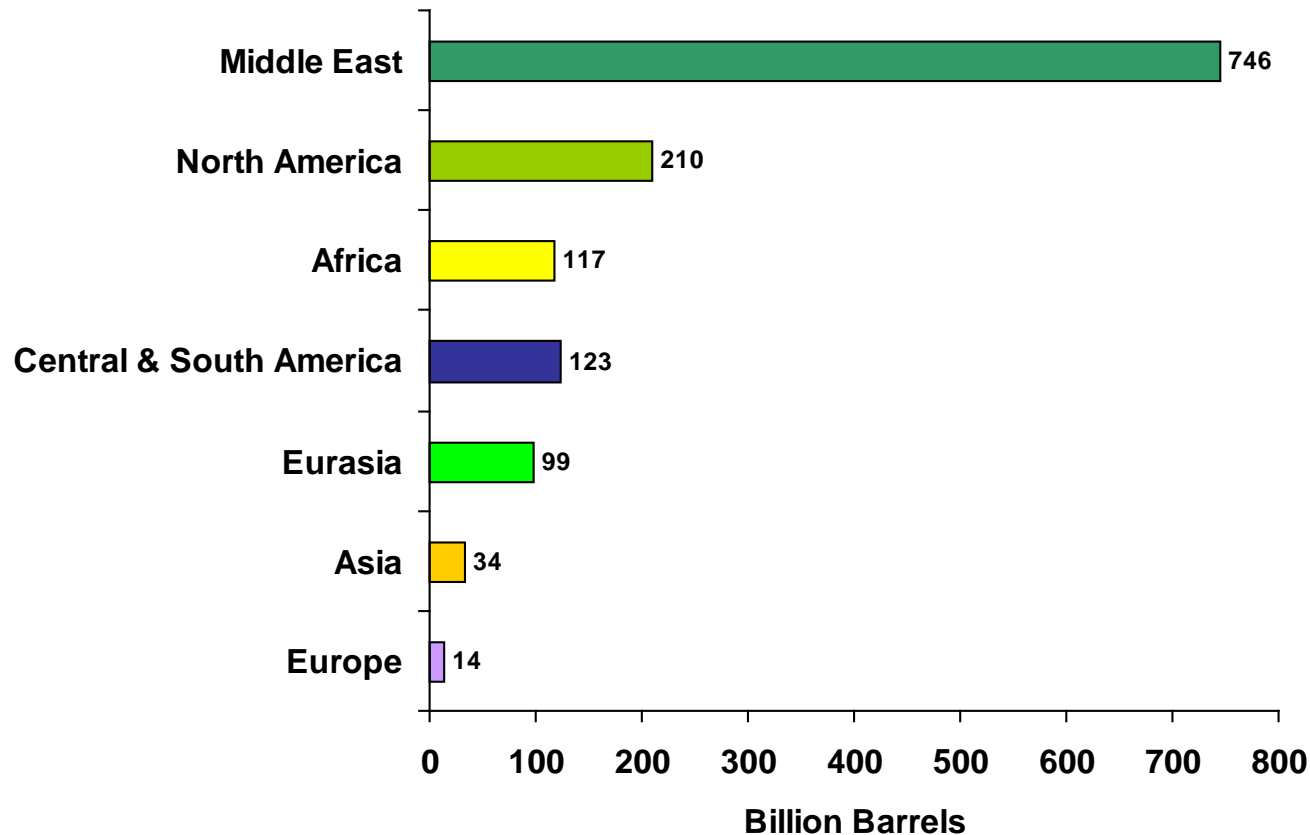
oil supply curve

Availability of oil as a function of economic price



Distribution of crude reserves

Oil is a global market, OPEC is 40% of global supply, and reserves are geographically concentrated



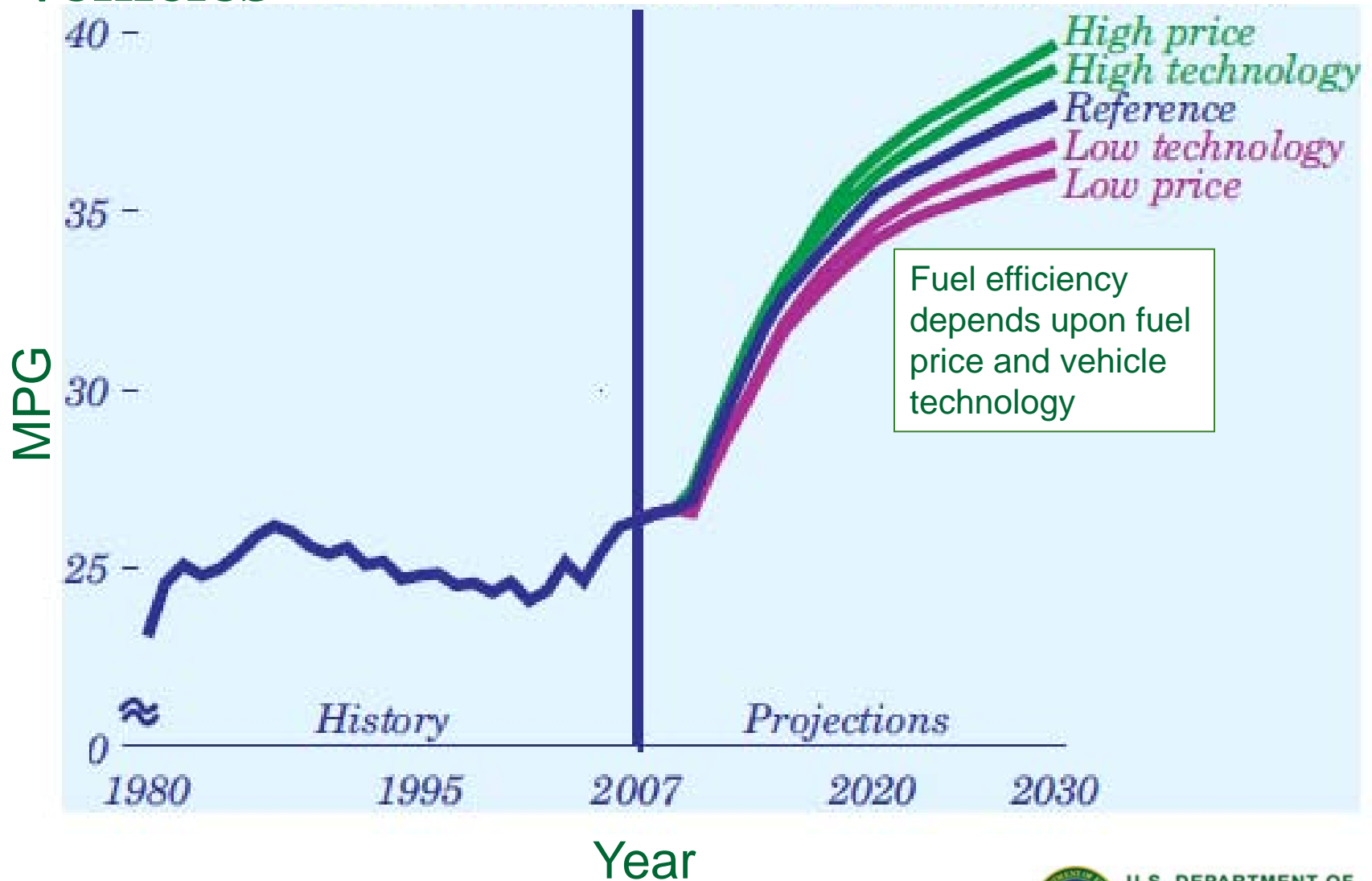
Source: Worldwide Look at Reserves and Production, Oil & Gas Journal, Vol. 105, No. 48 (December 22, 2008), pp. 20-23.

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What can we do about transport?

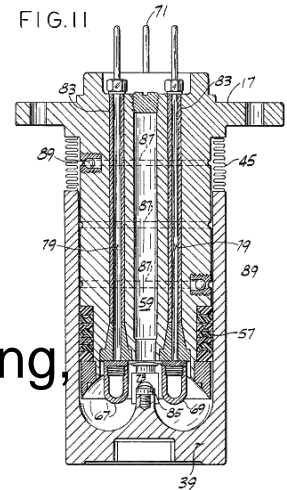
- **Encourage vehicle efficiency and conservation**
 - CAFE standards
 - Vehicle downsizing, lightweighting, behavior
 - Make the cost of driving evident?
(full amortization, fuel/road tax, insurance, ...)

Average fuel economy of new light-duty vehicles



What can we do about transport?

- Encourage vehicle efficiency and conservation
- **Encourage novel/alternative vehicle technologies at cost**
 - Improved internal combustion engines
 - HCCI, Exhaust Gas Recycling, Variable Valve Timing, selective cylinder deactivation, ...
 - Gradual electrification paced by battery development
 - Hybrids, plug-in hybrids, battery vehicles
 - DOE AVT and battery loan programs



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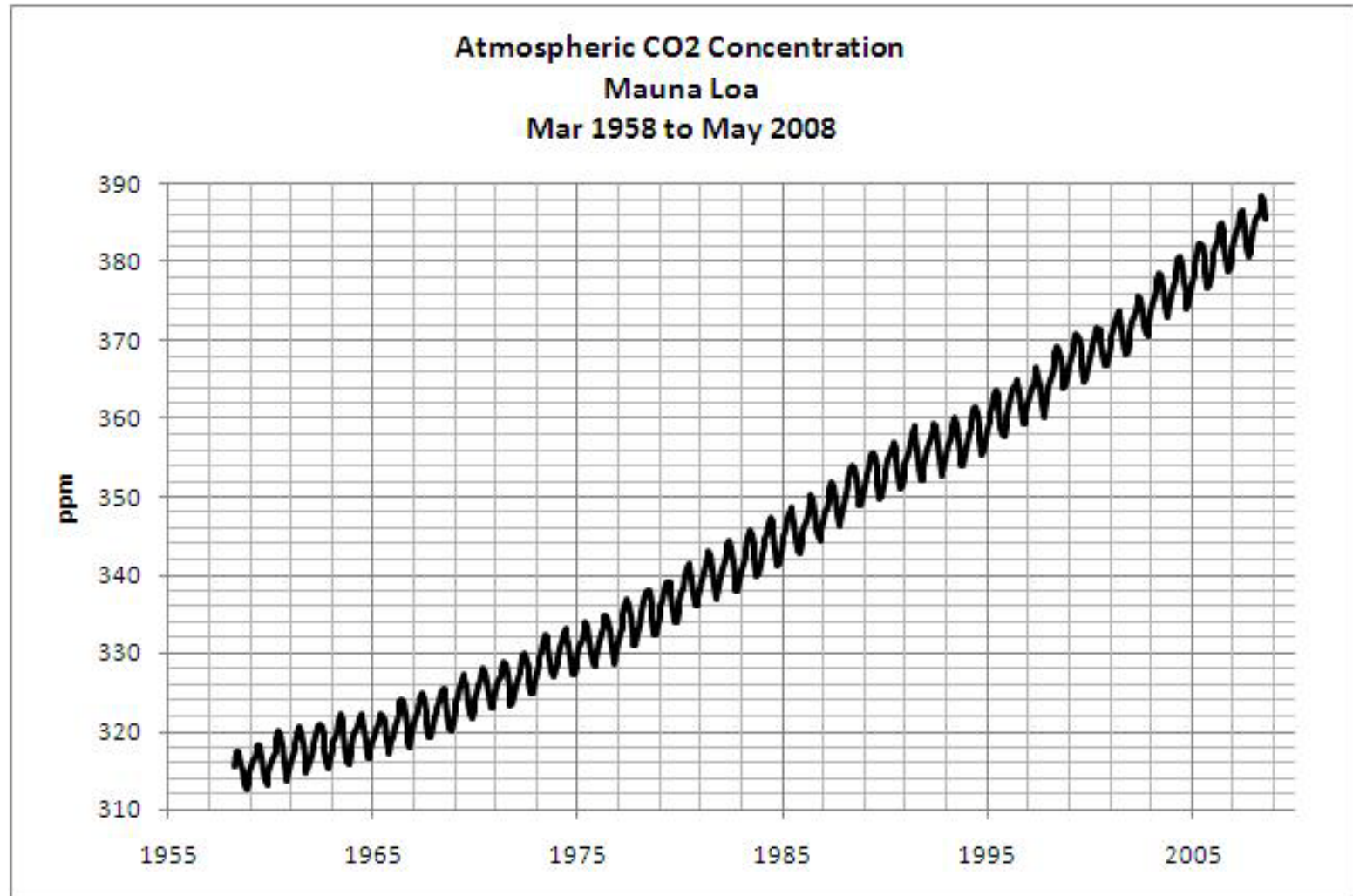
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- **Encourage (with consistency) a diverse portfolio of unconventional fuels**
 - Biofuels
 - Lignocellulose, feedstocks, better molecules, algae?
 - CTL with CCS/biomass
 - What is the government doing?
 - Renewable fuel standards
 - Bioenergy centers, integrated biorefineries



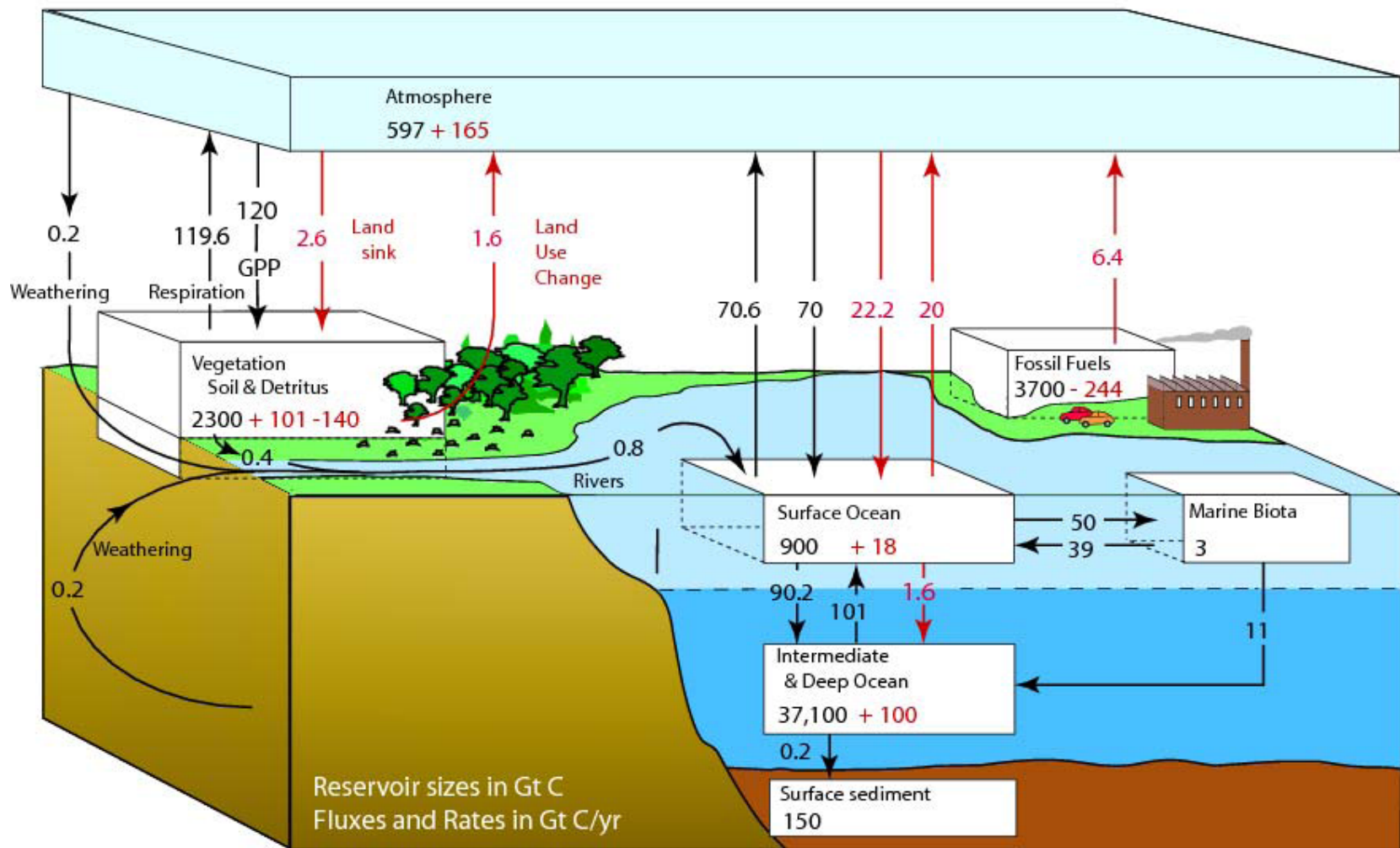
Challenges in stabilizing atmospheric CO₂

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Atmospheric CO₂ concentration



Anthropogenic perturbations to the carbon cycle are small, but secular

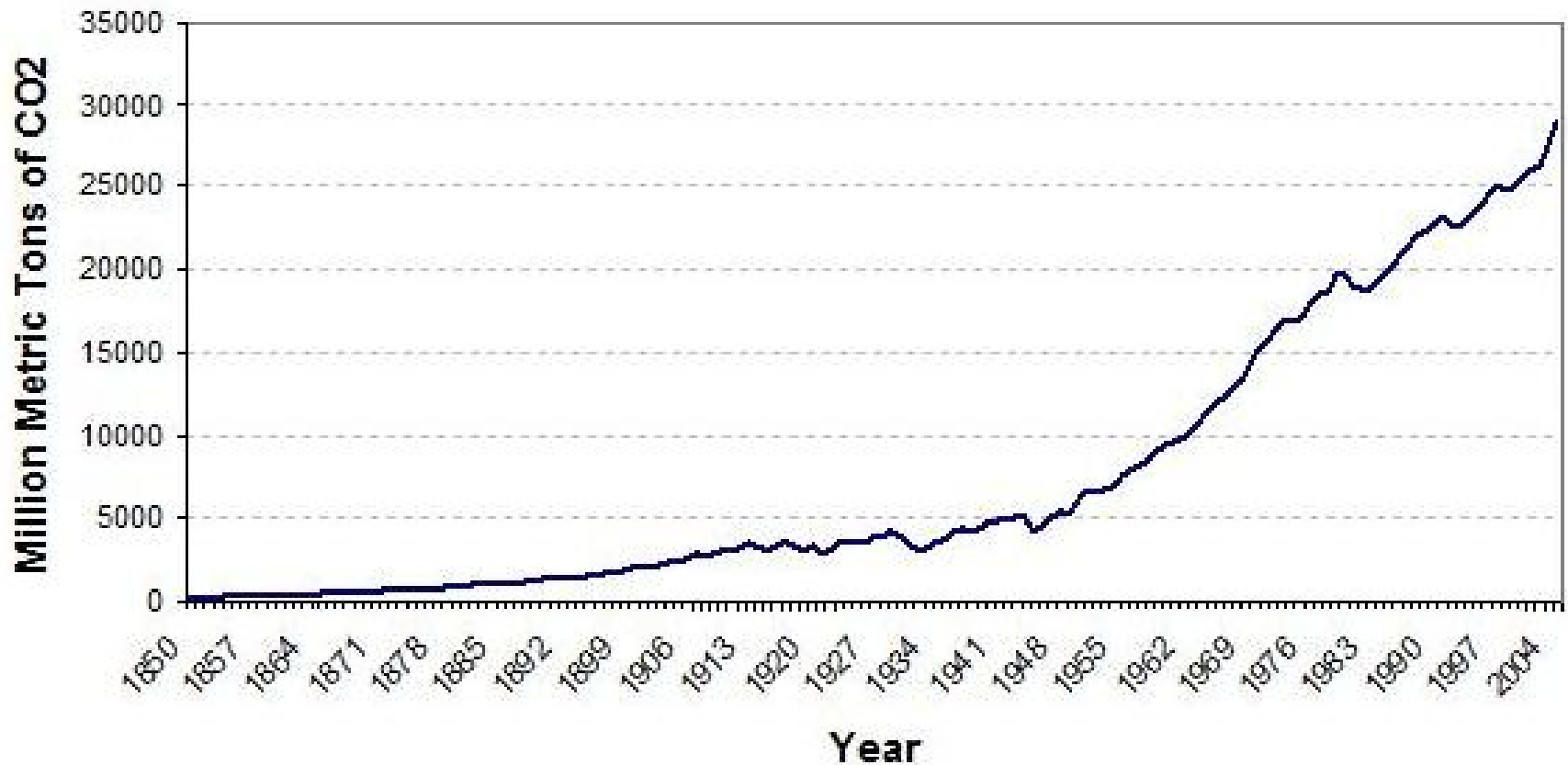


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Growing Global CO₂ Emissions (1850-2004)



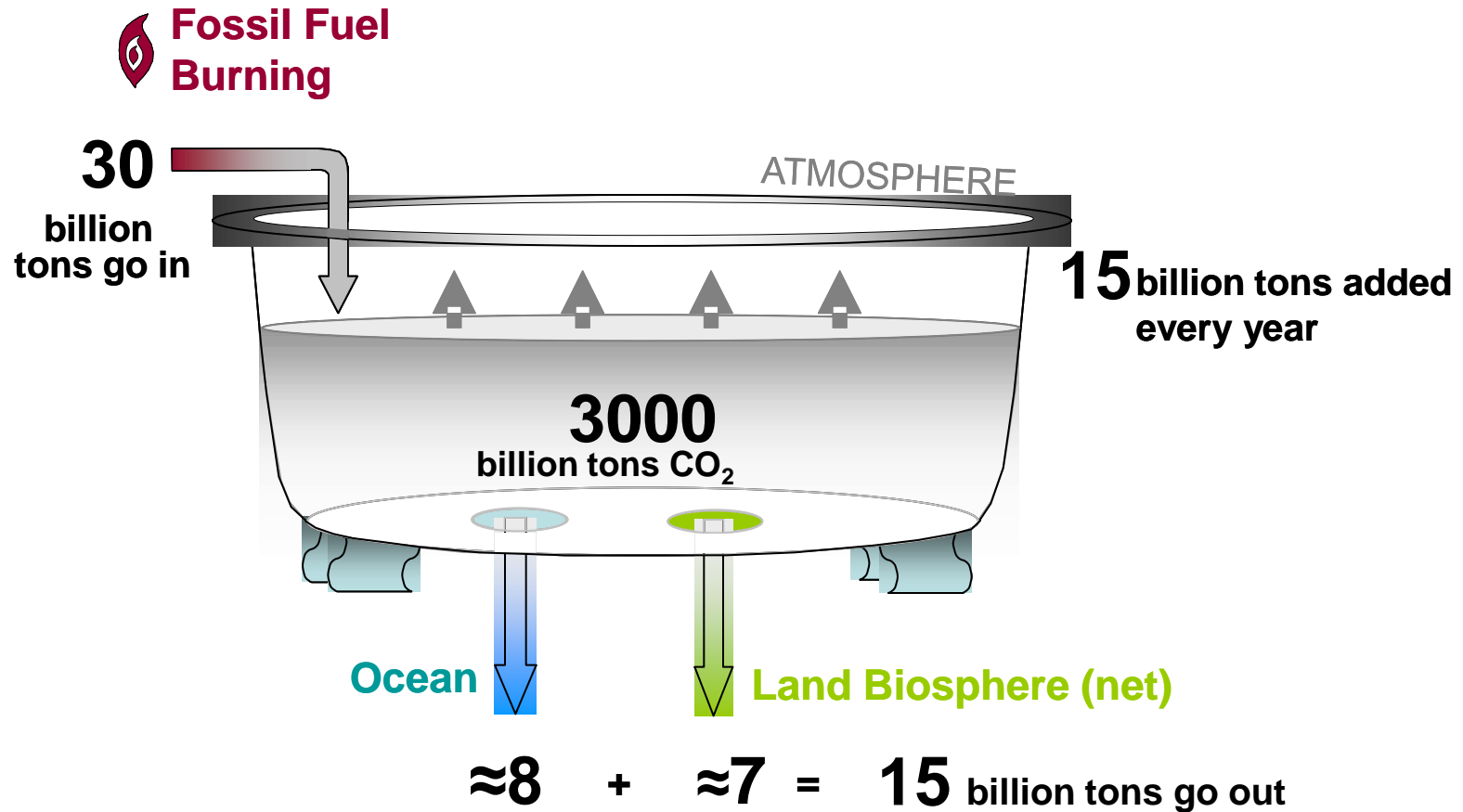
*from Fuel Burning, Cement Manufacture, and Gas Flaring

Source: Marland et. al (2007) Global, Regional, and National CO₂ Emissions. In Trends: A Compendium of Data on Global Change. CDIAC U.S.A.

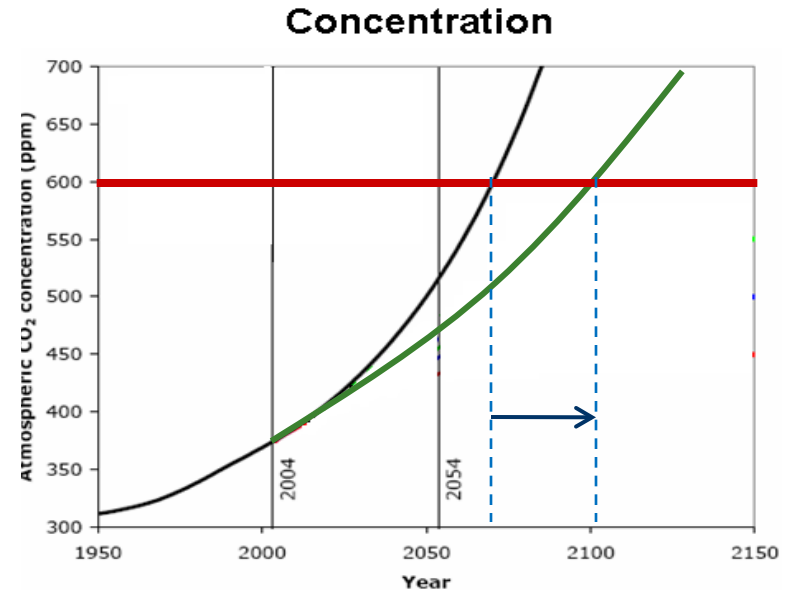
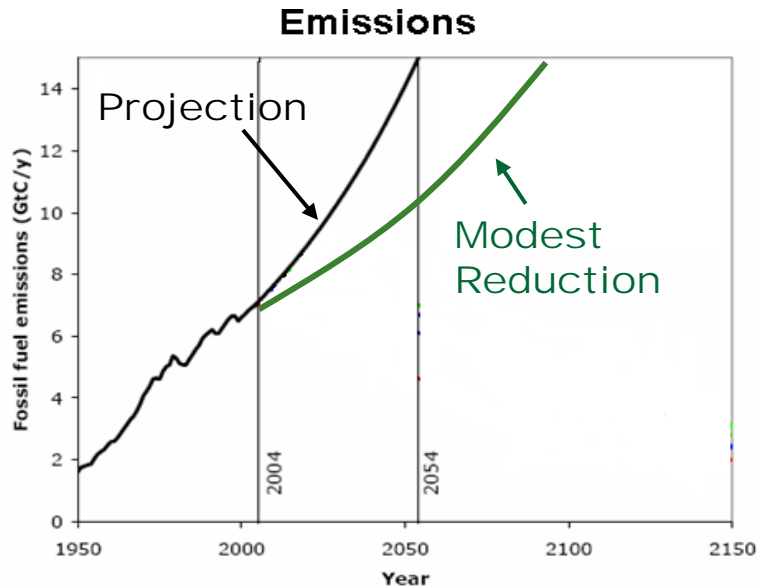
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- The long CO₂ lifetime means that the atmosphere accumulates the emissions
 - Drastic reductions in emissions are required implying large and major changes in energy production / use

Half of the carbon we emit stays in the atmosphere for centuries

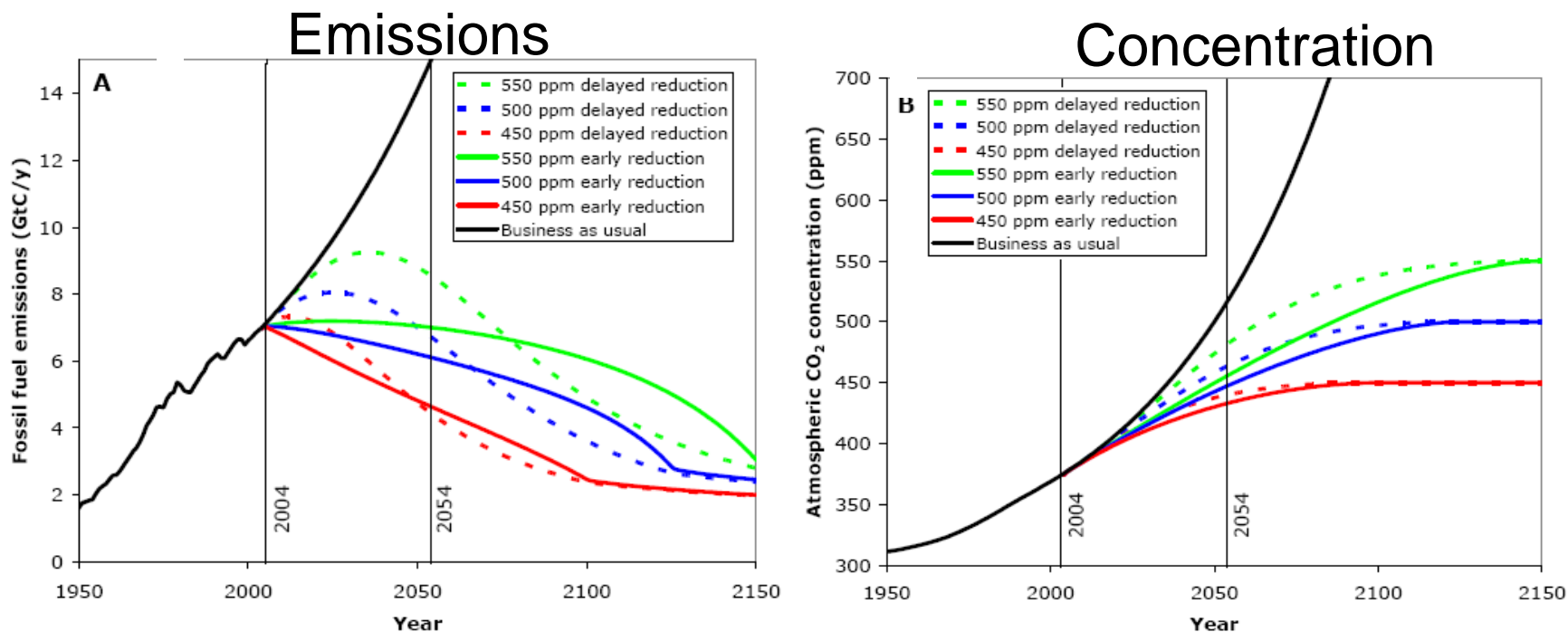


The long CO₂ lifetime is highly problematic



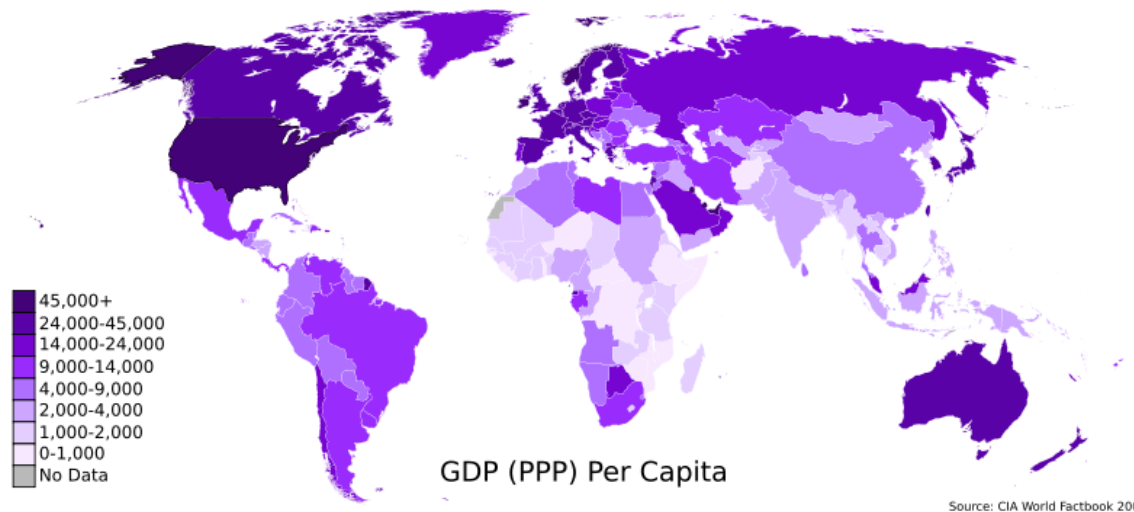
Modest emissions reductions will only delay, but not prevent, high concentrations

Drastic emissions reductions are required to stabilize concentrations

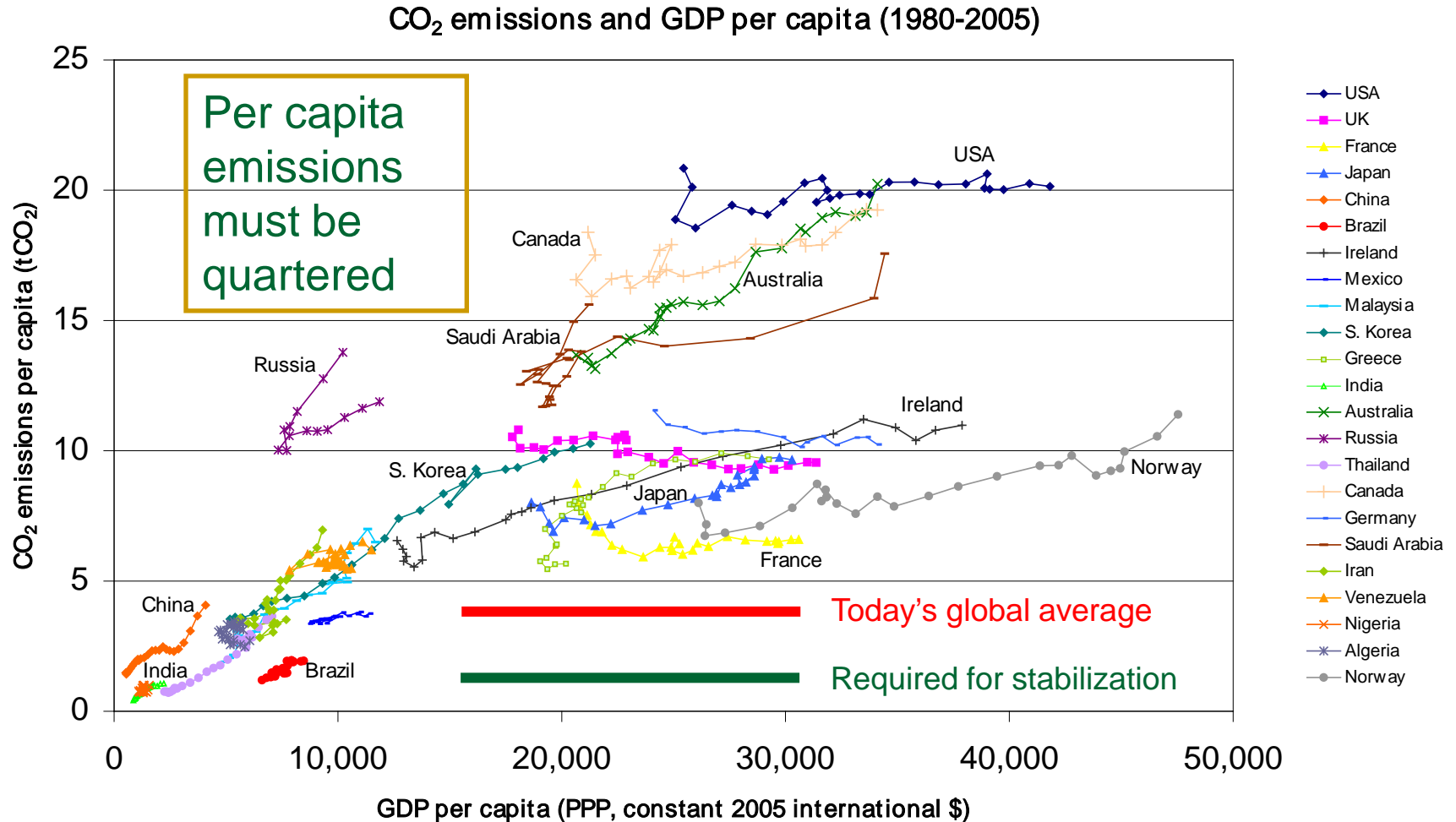


Non-scientific aspects of the problem

- Emissions have historically increased with economic activity (especially during development)
- Emissions are heterogeneous around the globe
 - Developed world emissions per capita are high but slowly growing
 - Developing world emissions per capita are much lower and are climbing rapidly



CO₂ emissions and GDP per capita

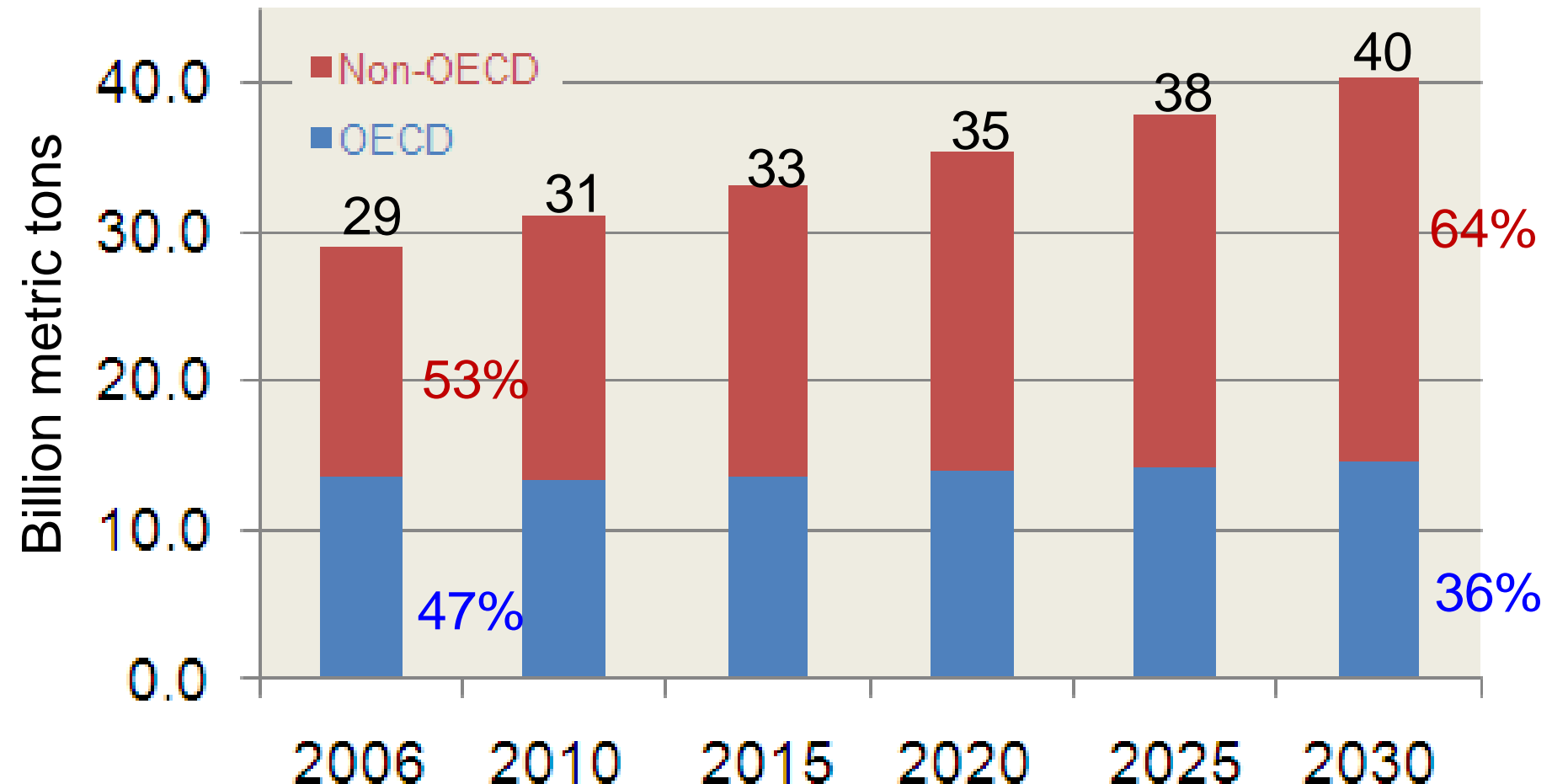


Source: DOE EIA database (2008)

Russia data 1992-2005, Germany data 1991-2005

GHG emissions continue to grow

Absent new policies, global energy-related CO₂ emissions grow 39% by 2030 in EIA's reference case

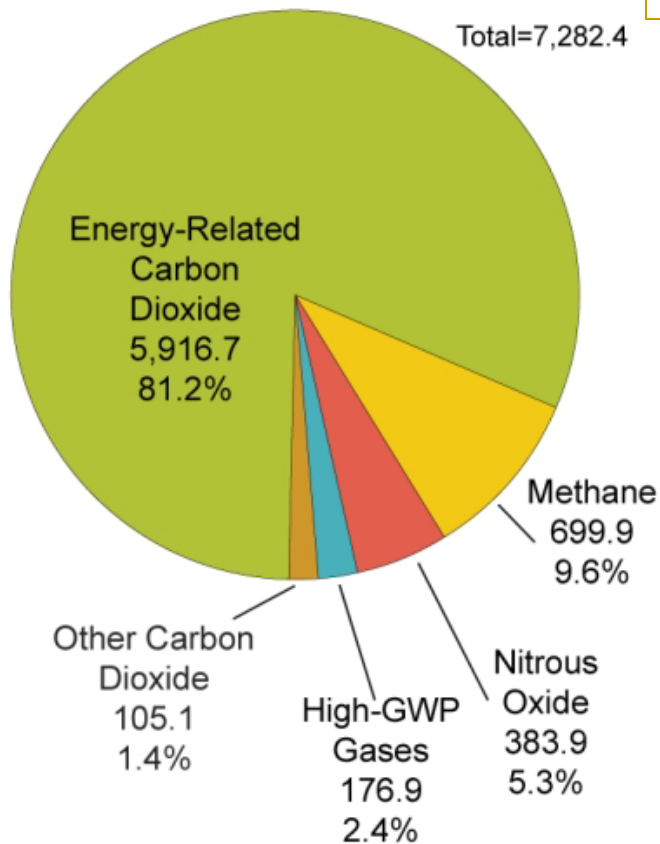


Source: EIA *International Energy Outlook 2009*, Reference Case

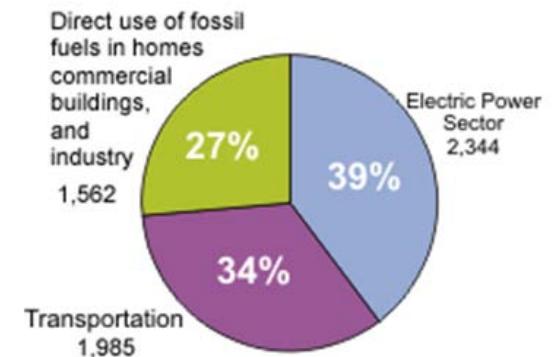
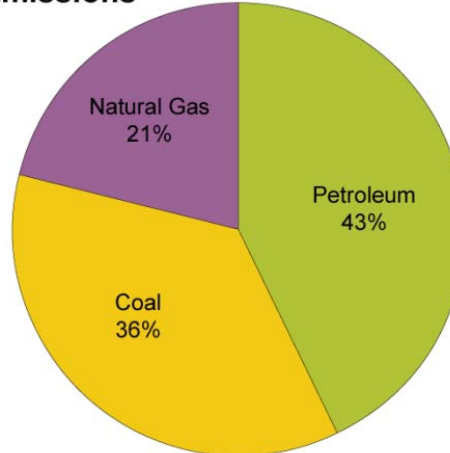
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US anthropogenic GHG emissions are about energy

Over 80% of US greenhouse gas emissions in 2007 were energy-related



Resulting Carbon Dioxide Emissions



Source: EIA *Emissions of Greenhouse Gases in the United States 2007*

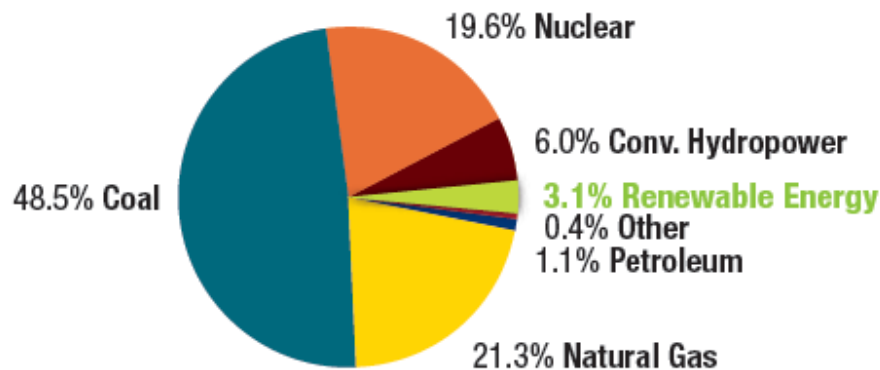
What do we do about heat and power?

■ Conservation and efficiency

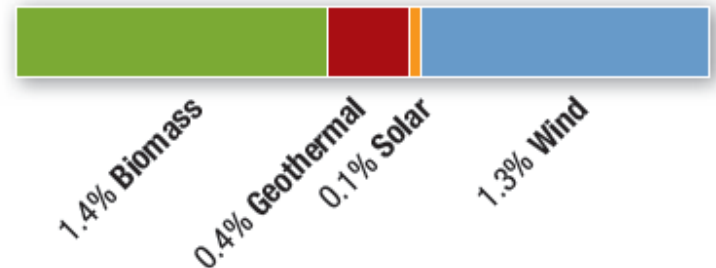
- ❑ Make the price of electricity evident
- ❑ Efficiency standards (appliances...)
- ❑ Regulatory incentives
(pay utilities for conservation)
- ❑ Buildings, city design
(DOE weatherization programs)
- ❑ Smart grid and storage enable renewables, encourage efficiency, provide reliability



US power in 2008 (4,112 billion kWh)



U.S. Renewable Generation: 125 billion kWh



Source: EIA

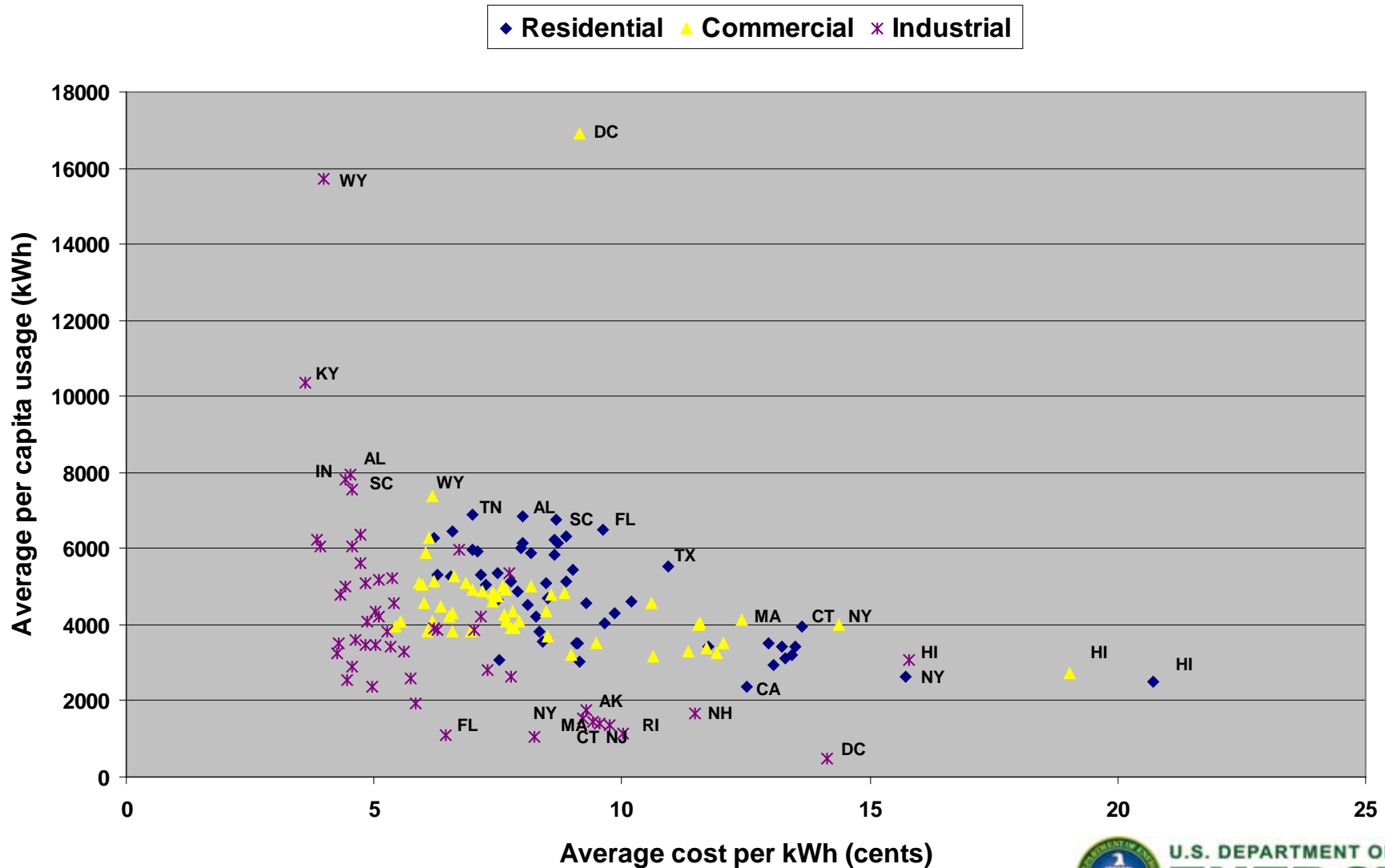
Other includes: pumped storage, batteries, chemicals, hydrogen, pitch, purchased steam, sulfur, tire-derived fuels, and miscellaneous technologies.

* Includes on- and off-grid capacity.

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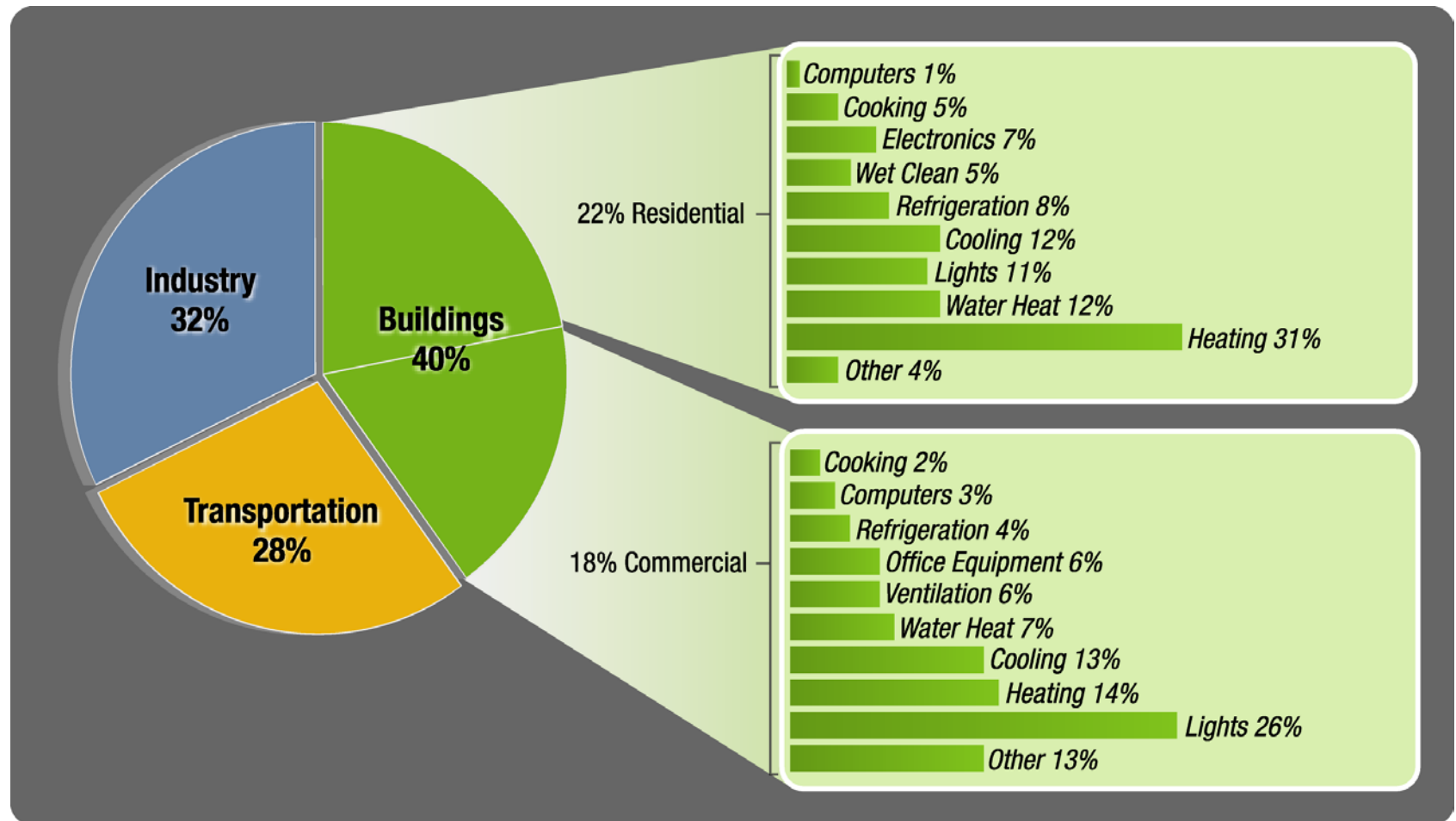
Renewables are <4% of US power

Per capita US electricity by state



Categories of US energy consumption

Buildings use about 40% of total US energy

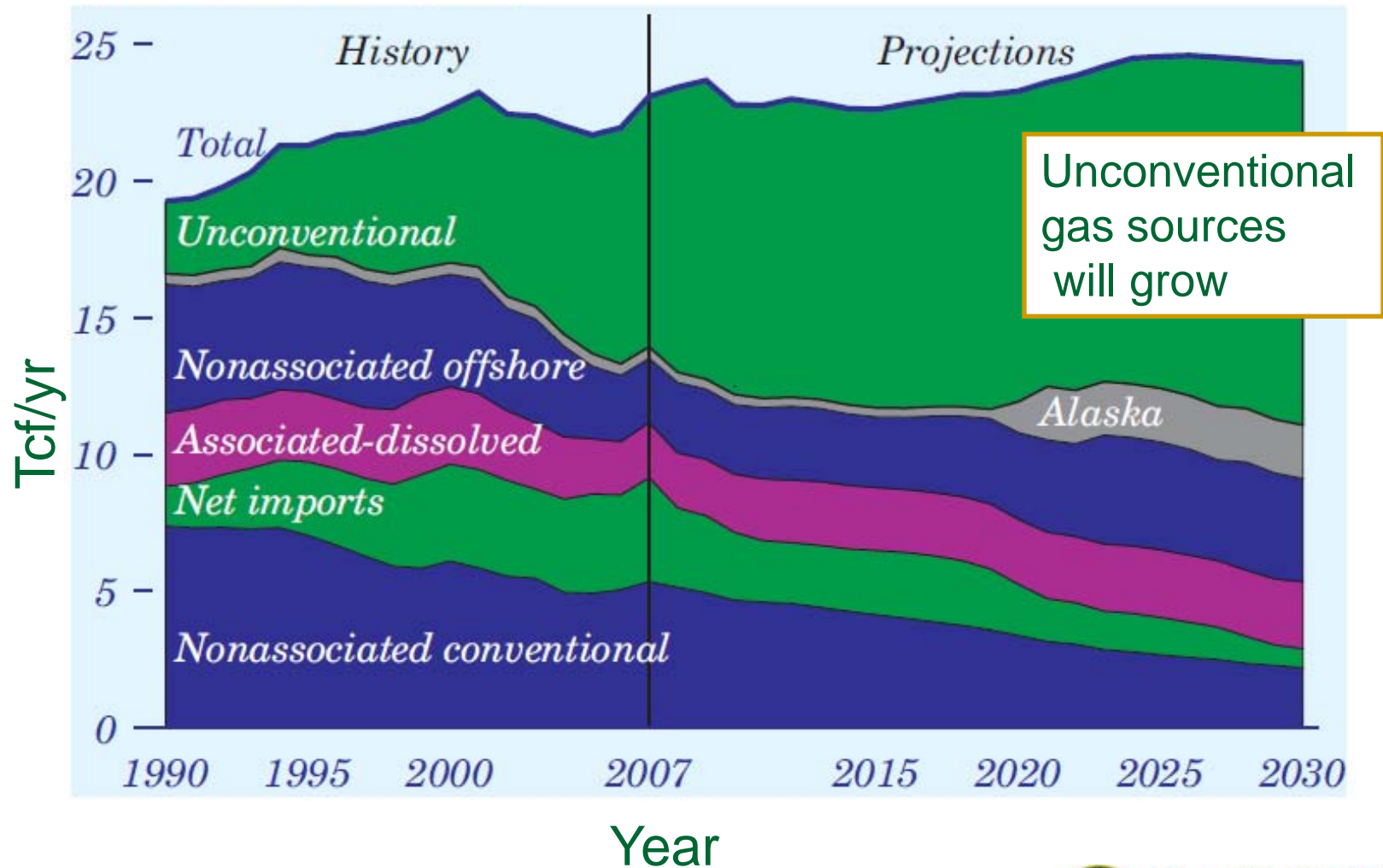


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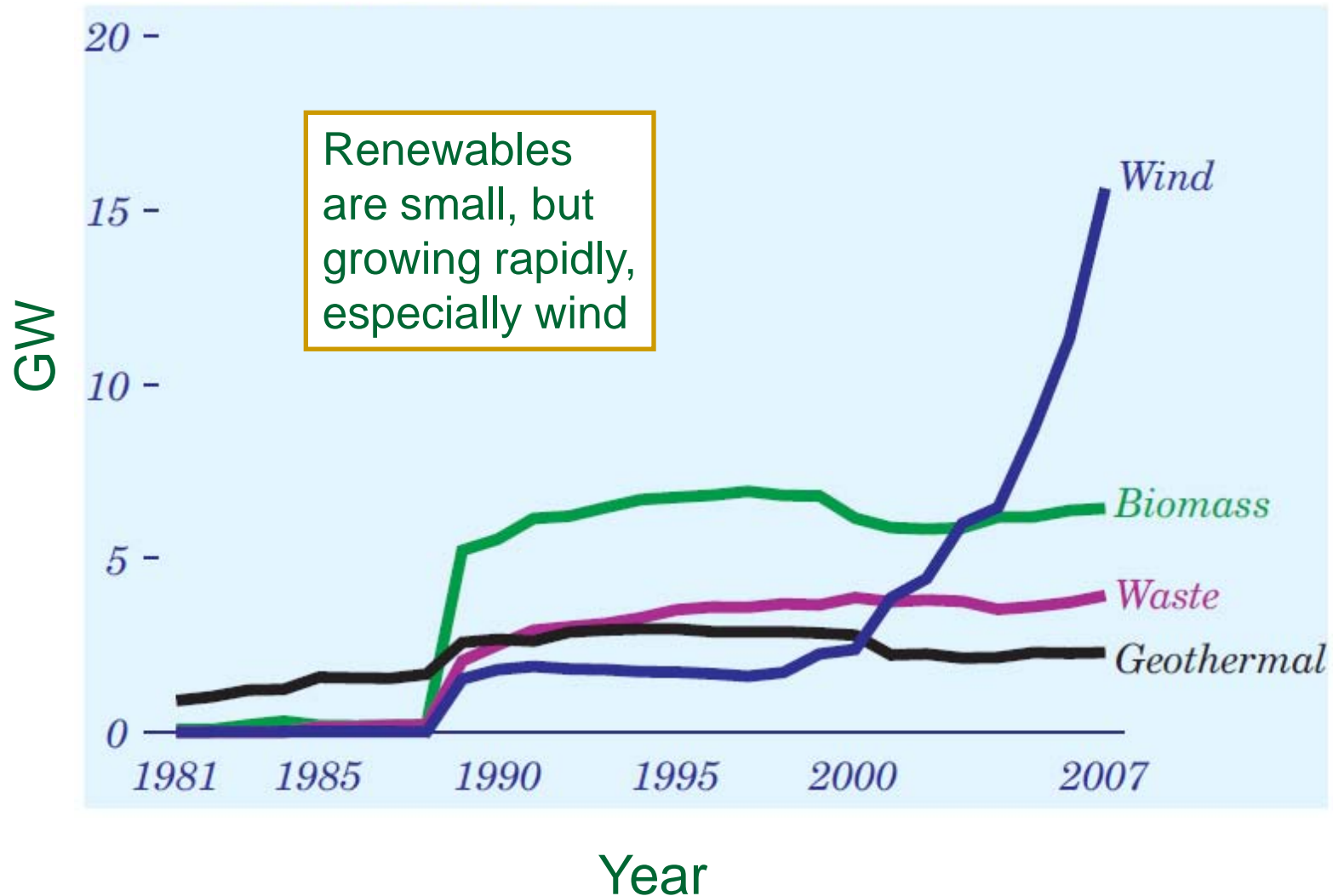
- Conservation and efficiency
- **Set a price on carbon emissions**
 - Sources favored by technology and economics are:
 - ❑ Natural gas
 - ❑ On-shore wind
 - ❑ Small and medium hydropower
 - ❑ Nuclear fission
 - ❑ Carbon capture and storage (in demo soon)
- **Portfolio standards**
 - Renewable or low-carbon



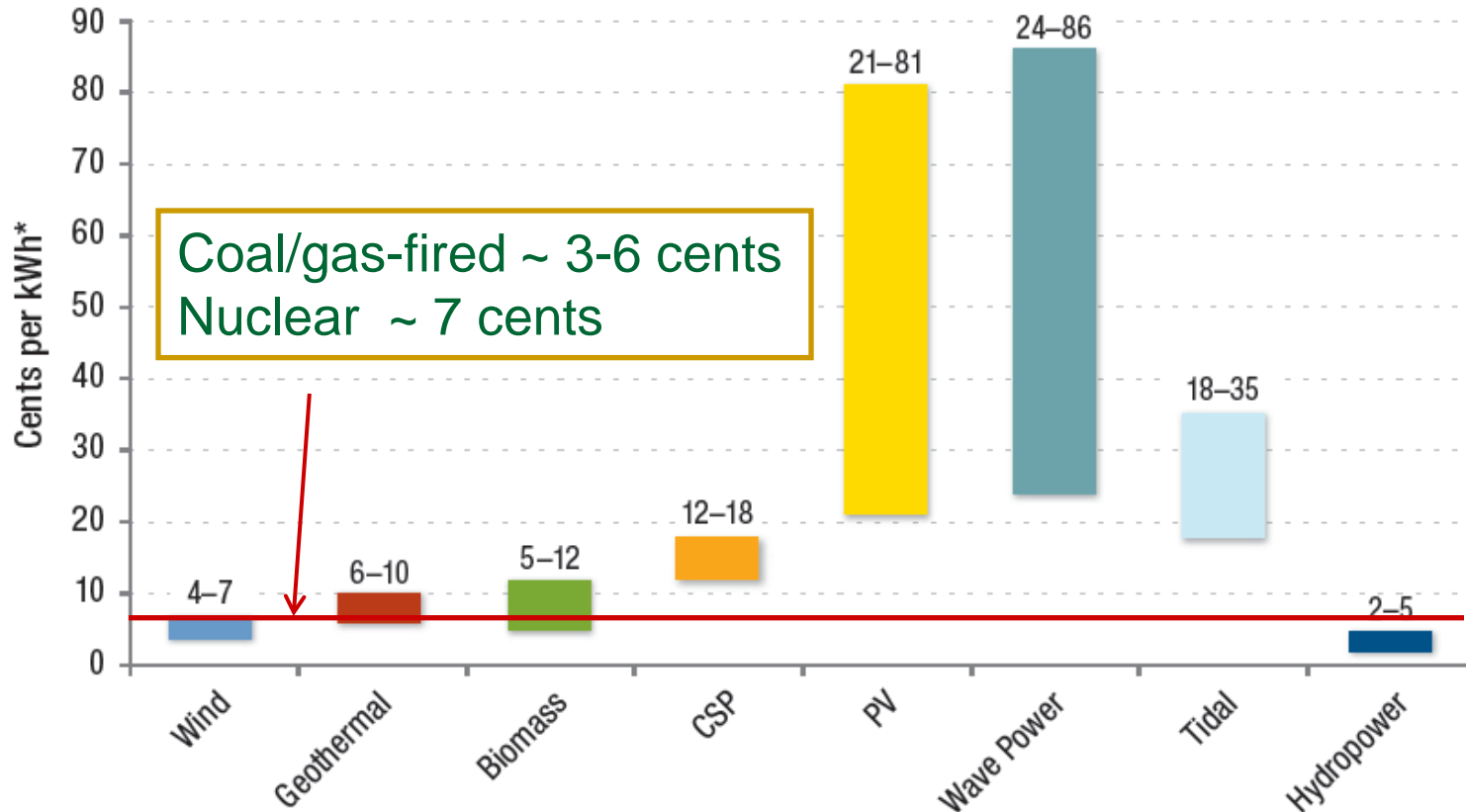
US gas supply by source



US renewable generation capacity (GW)

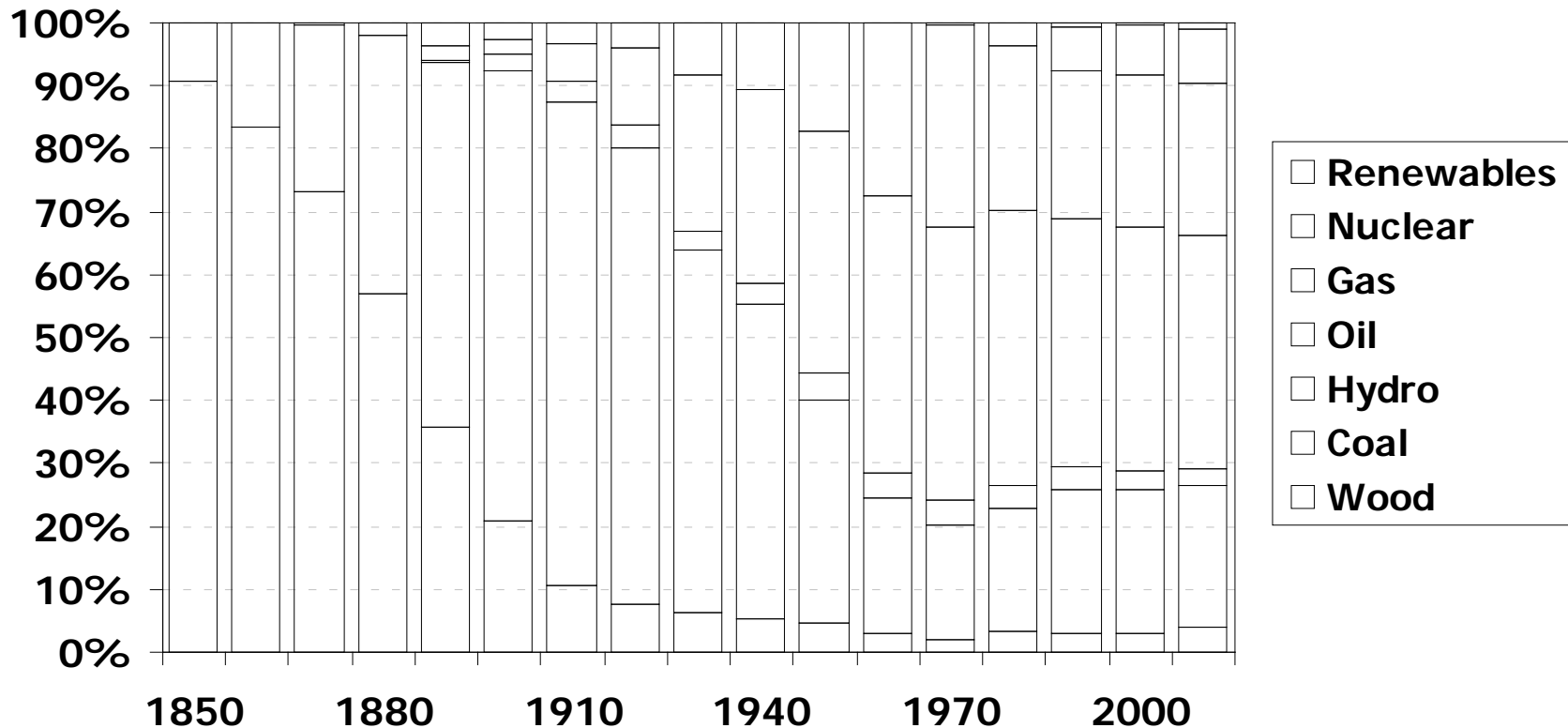


Renewable electricity costs (2008)



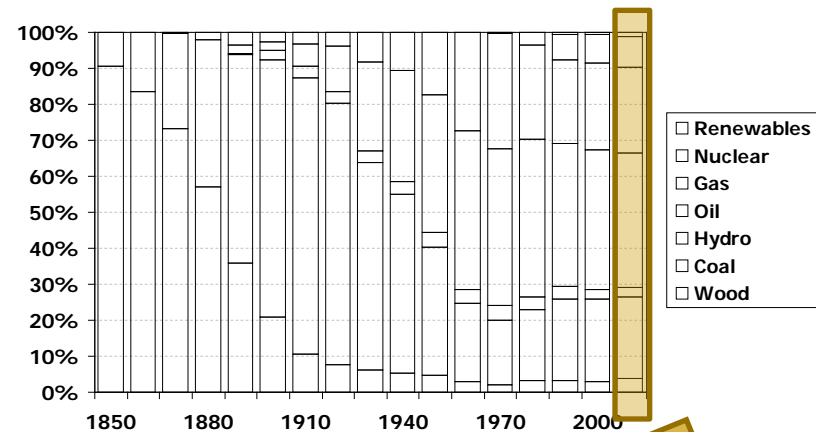
Energy change is slow without deliberate acceleration

US energy supply since 1850

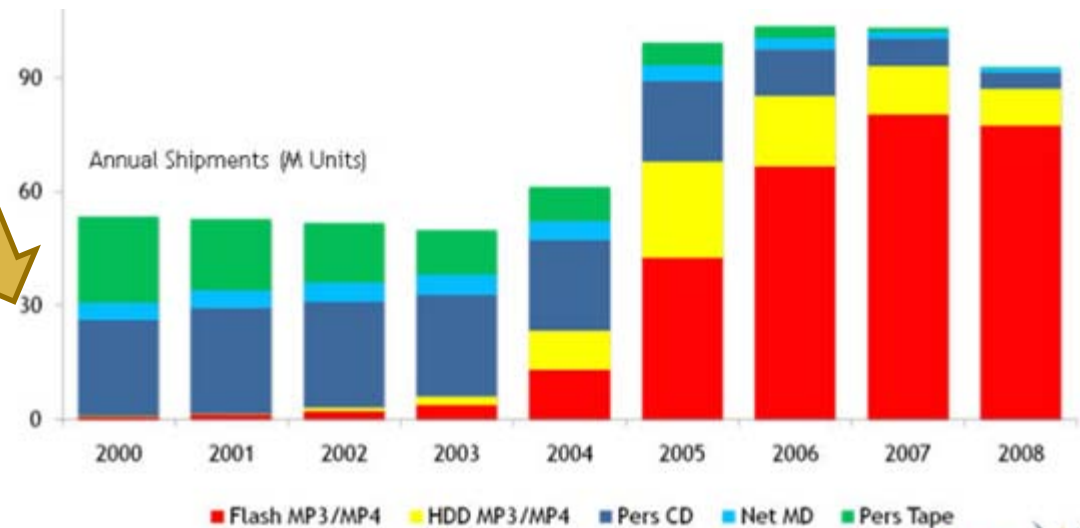


Source: EIA

IT moves much faster than energy



Sales of Personal Audio/Video since 2000

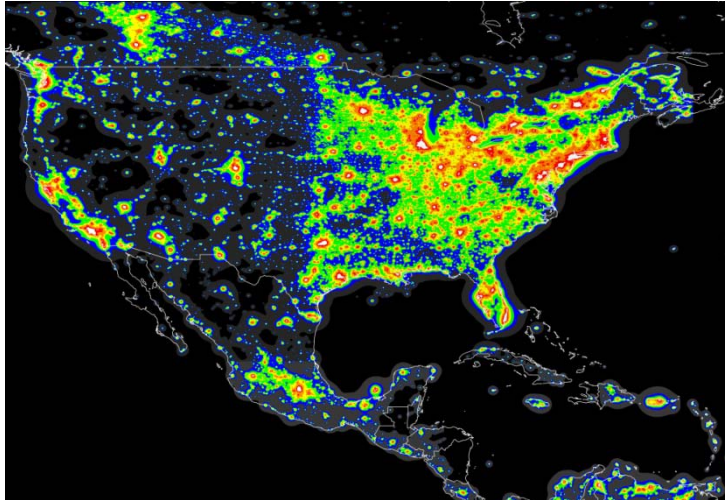


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Energy innovation is different

Ubiquity Consider economic, political, and social dimensions



Scale

Large capital and access to existing infrastructure are required



Longevity

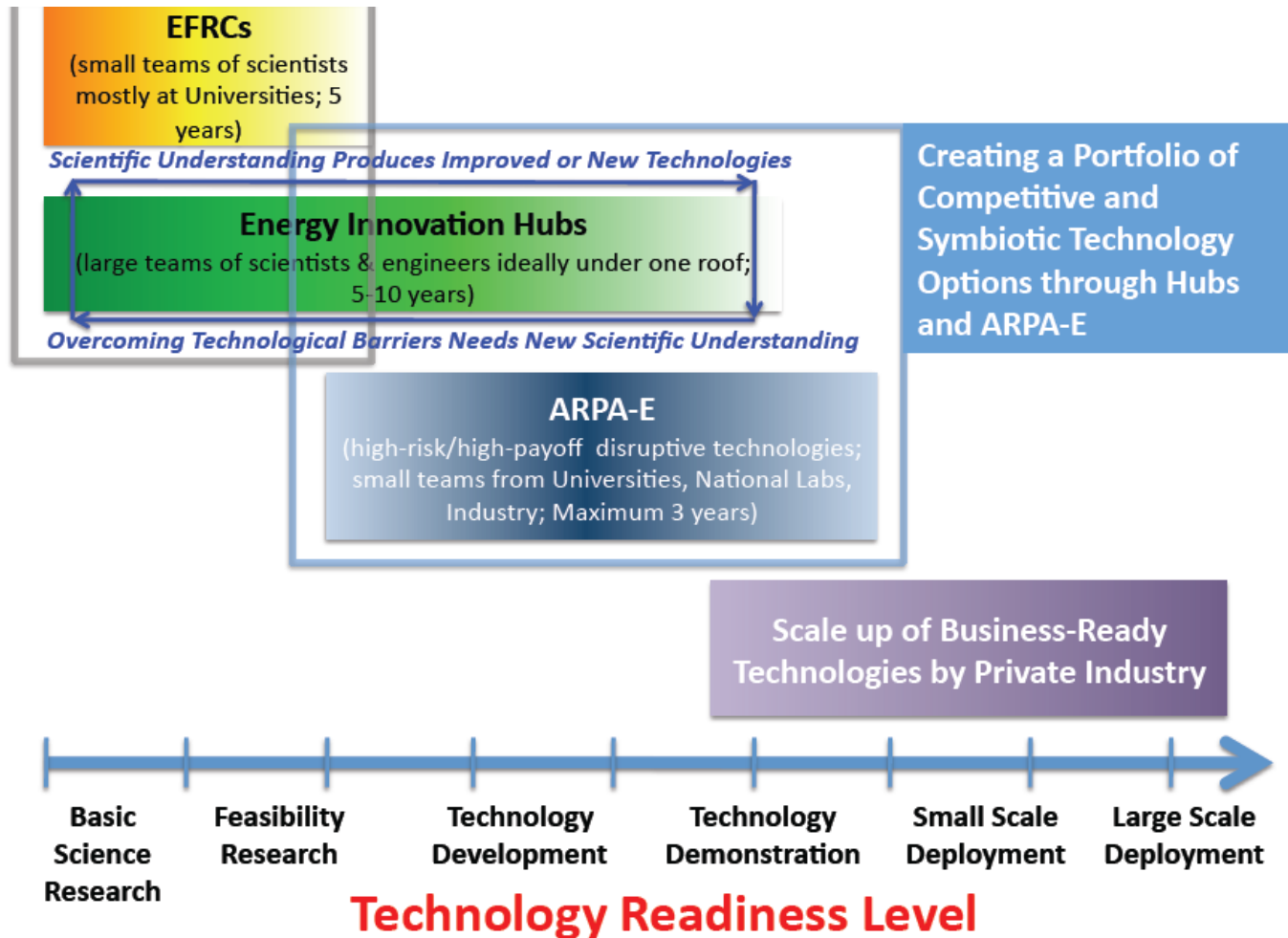
Stock of existing assets

Incumbency



New technologies compete on cost

New research structures to catalyze innovation at scale



We must integrate diverse players with diverse roles

- **Universities**

- Knowledge, people, education, credible voices

- **National labs**

- Large facilities and programs, multidisciplinary RD&D

- **For-profit sector**

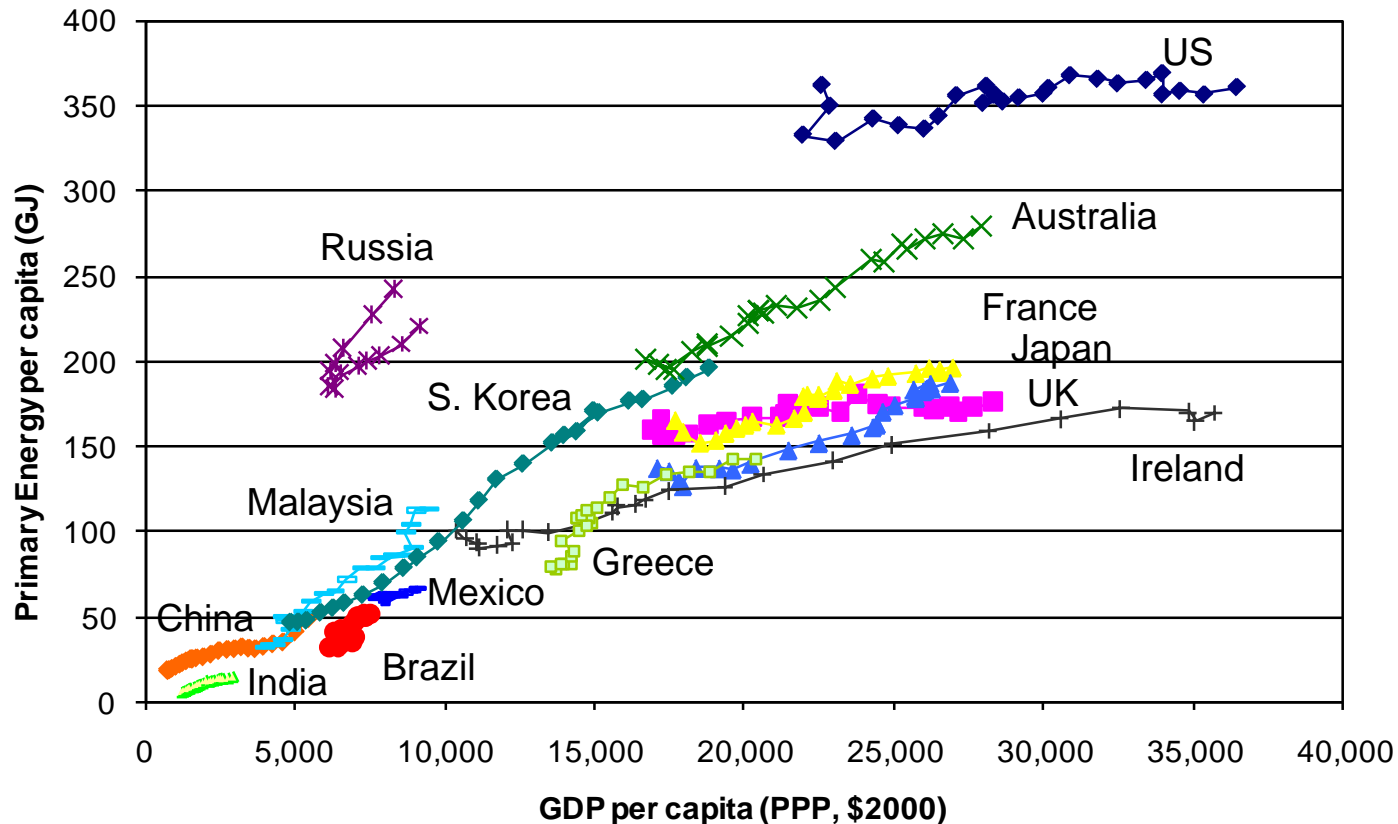
- High-risk innovation, take technology to scale
- Optimize under economics and regulation

- **Government**

- Policies, precompetitive R&D

Energy consumption has increased with development

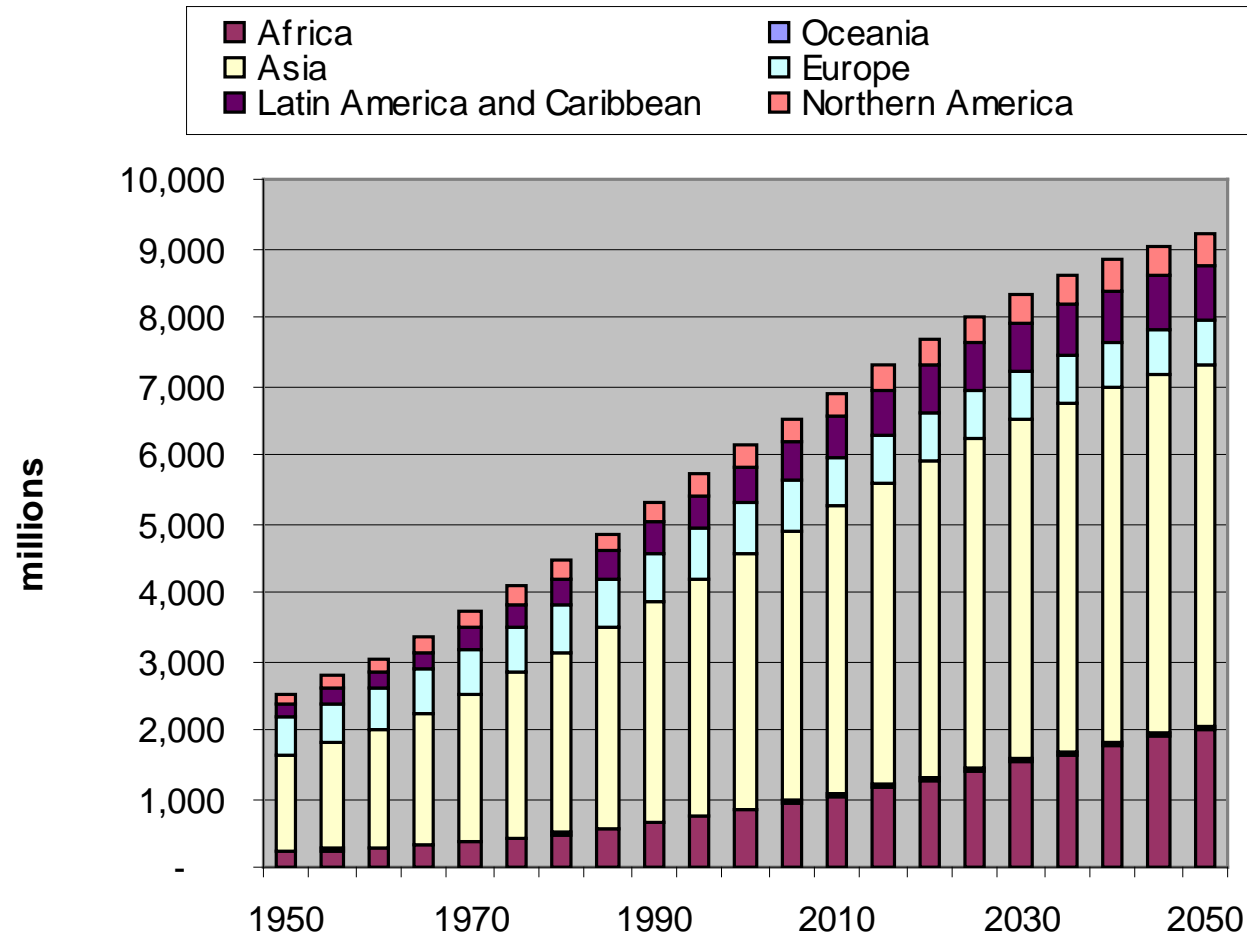
Energy demand and GDP per capita (1980-2004)



Source: UN and DOE EIA, Russia data 1992-2004 only

Global population growing 4X in a century

World population to 2050 - UN data



Questions/Comments?
