

Reaching cheap clean energy for all in the 21st Century?

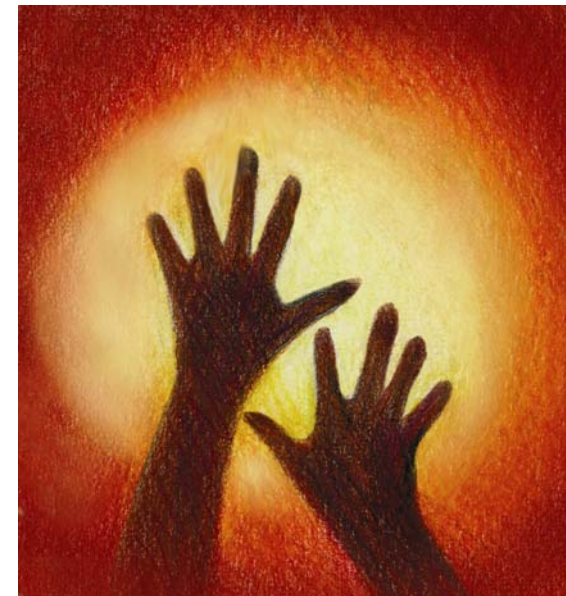
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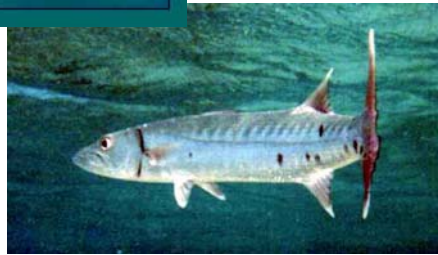
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2 billion in 21st century

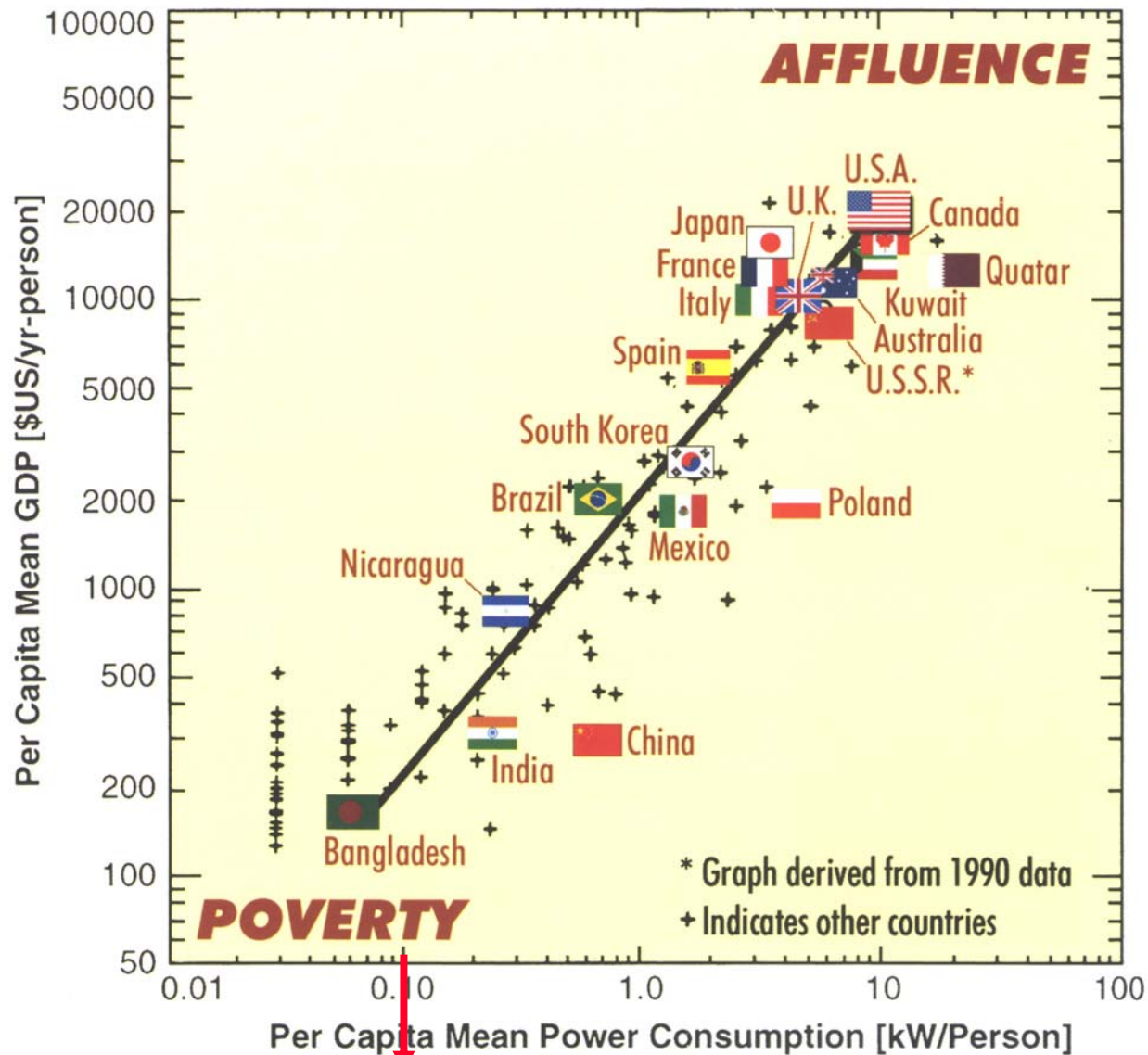
Resources
& Skills



1.5B people
in transition

3 billion in 18th century
with less than \$2 per day
(population growth is happening here)

Energy = prosperity → need cheap clean energy

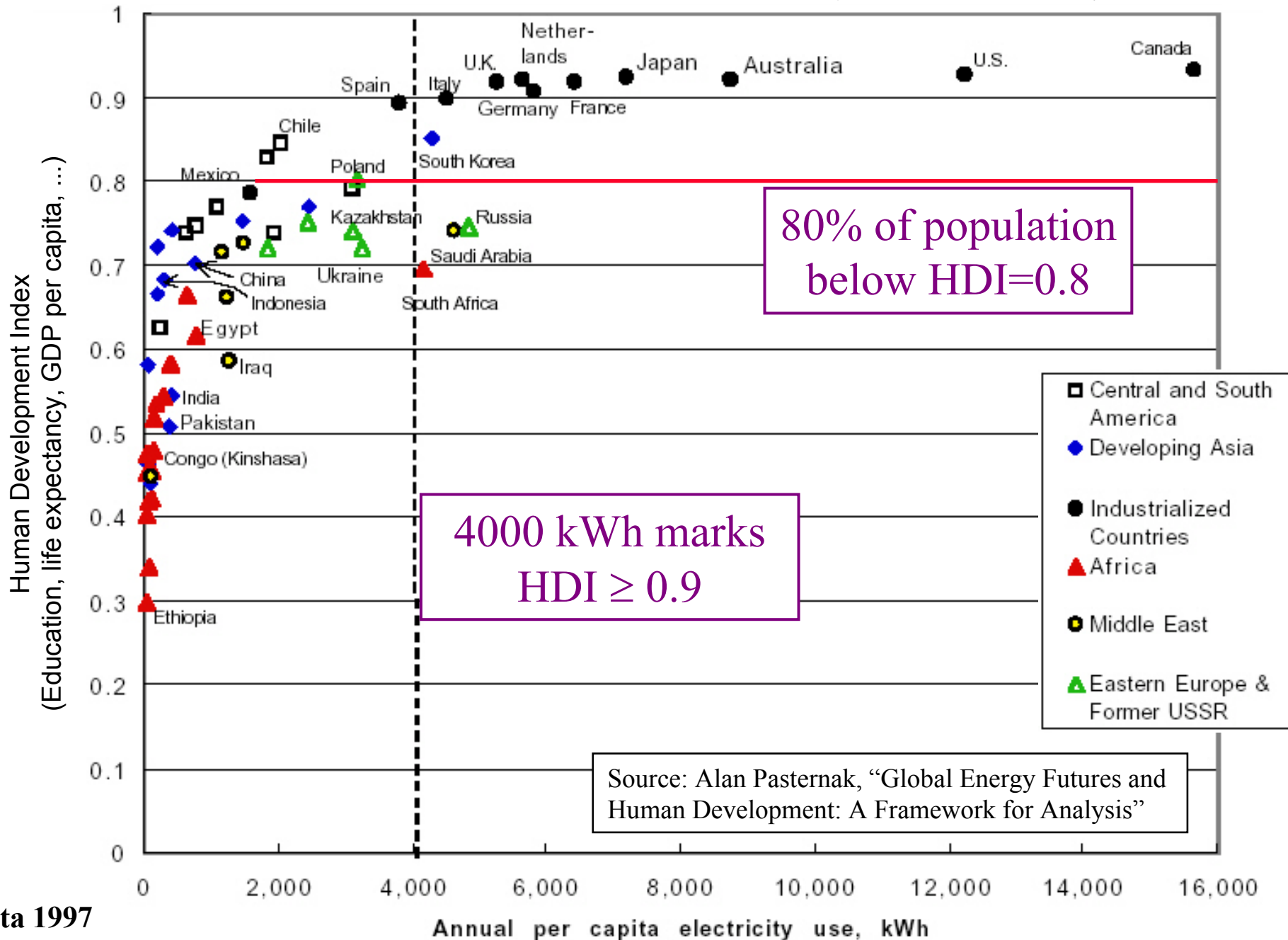


Per capita GDP related to per capita energy consumption. A nation's wealth is directly related to its access to affordable energy. What will happen to resource availability and the environment as countries like India and China move up the sloped line?

Source: Watts, Robert G. *Engineering Response to Global Climate Change: Planning a Research and Development Agenda*. CRC Press LLC: Boca Raton, 1997.

Human metabolism ~ 100 watt

Global Distribution of Electricity & Development



Data 1997

3 billion people live on less than \$2 per day



Lighting up the darkness

6 hours per day of “electricity” to the poor (women) will change their lives and the world

Today, global consumption is 13 trillion watts of primary power

To sustain adequate standard of living for the 8 billion people expected by 2025, and without improvements in efficiency, we need 2.5 times today's energy.

Goal: 32 terawatts of cheap clean power

**Efficient use versus
developing new
technology?**

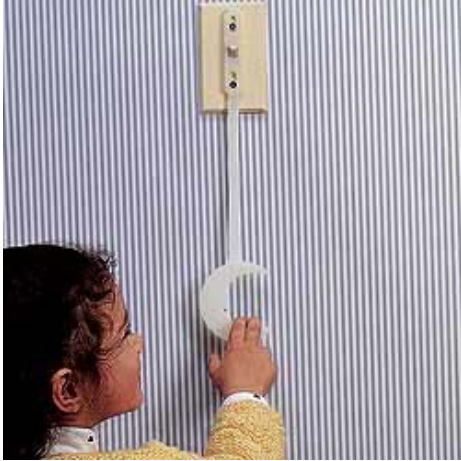
We need both

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

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

This cannot be changed overnight!

We take energy for granted



*Think beyond
your 2005 oil,
natural gas,
electricity, bills*



250 cubic feet
natural gas

**Each
day
each
one of
us uses**

**3 gallons
oil**

**20 pounds
coal**

**3½ pounds
biomass**

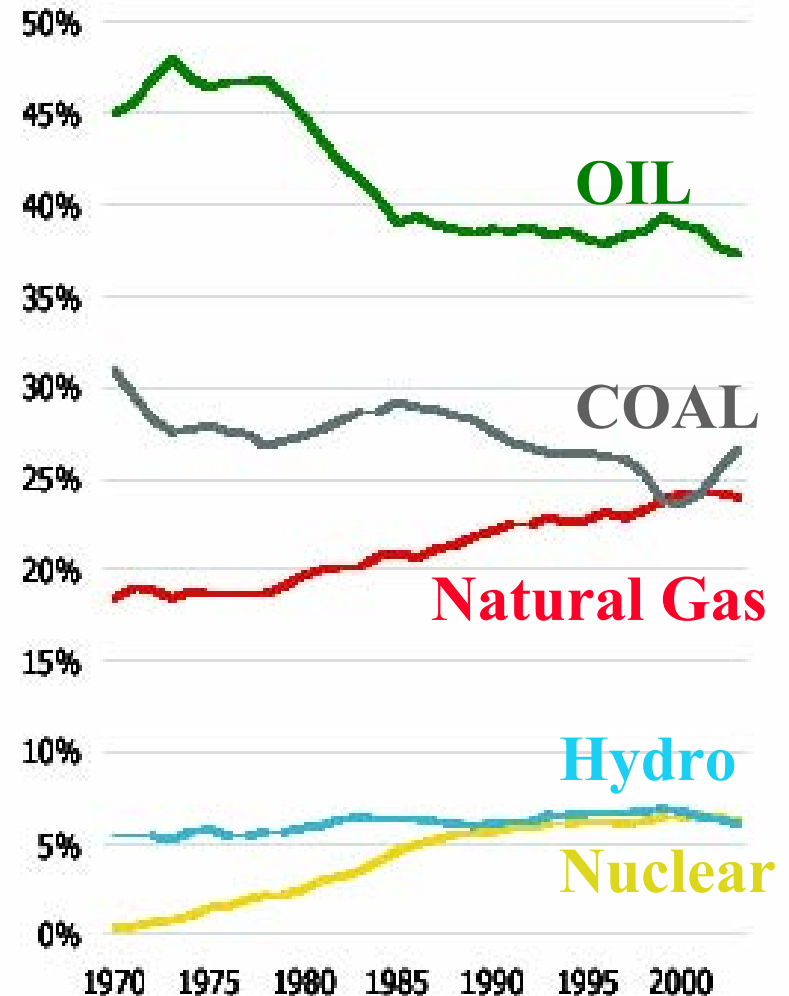
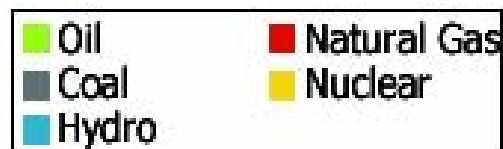
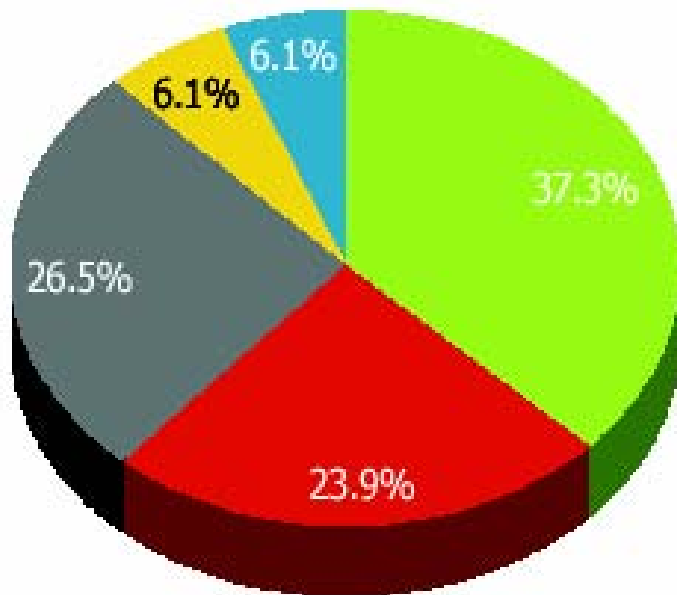
**One ounce
uranium ore**

Source: Greg Swift

current and historical global energy mix



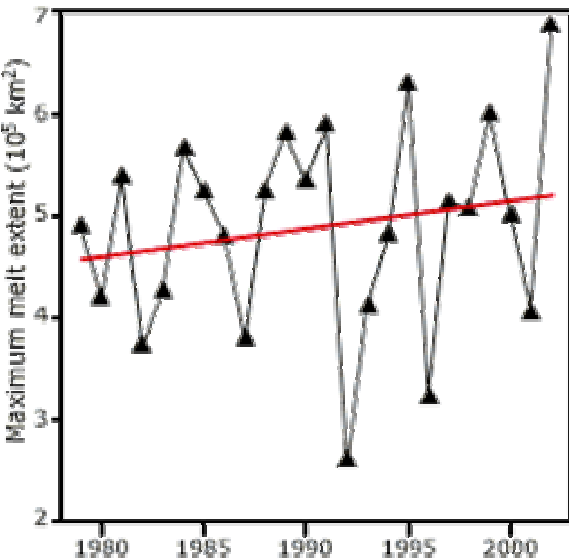
Current global energy supply is dominated by fossil fuels – oil has been the largest component of the energy mix for many decades; gas has grown strongly since the 1970's; coal has been growing in the last four years; hydro is constant and nuclear has plateaued



Fossil fuels and Environment

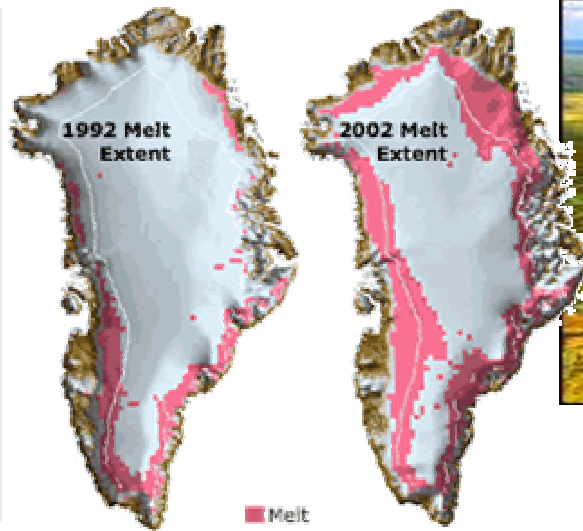
In the 20th century we started to act on pollution (mercury, NO_x, SO_x, acid rain, soot, ...) but not Green House Gasses like CO₂ and the associated global climate change

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?



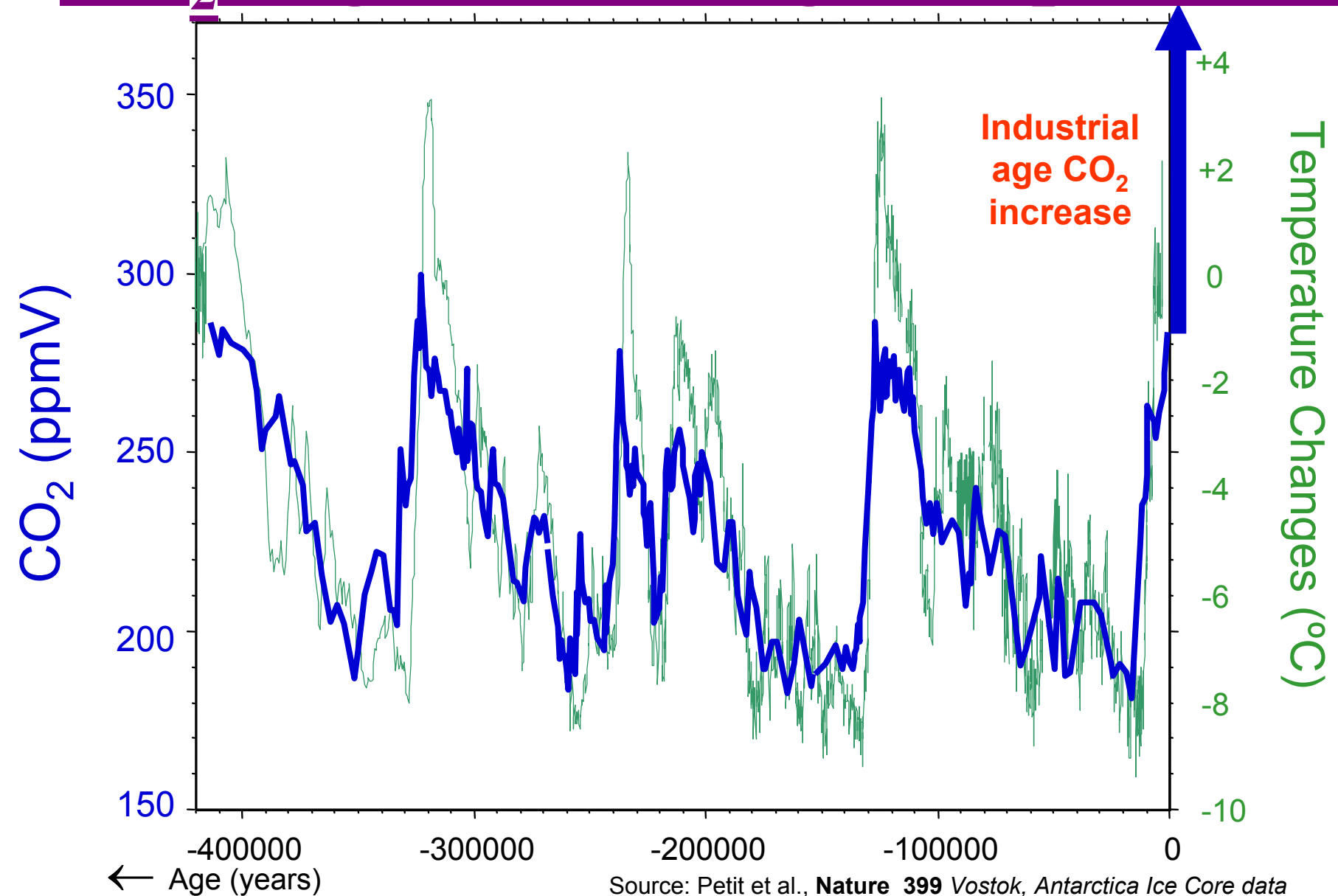
Melting of permafrost

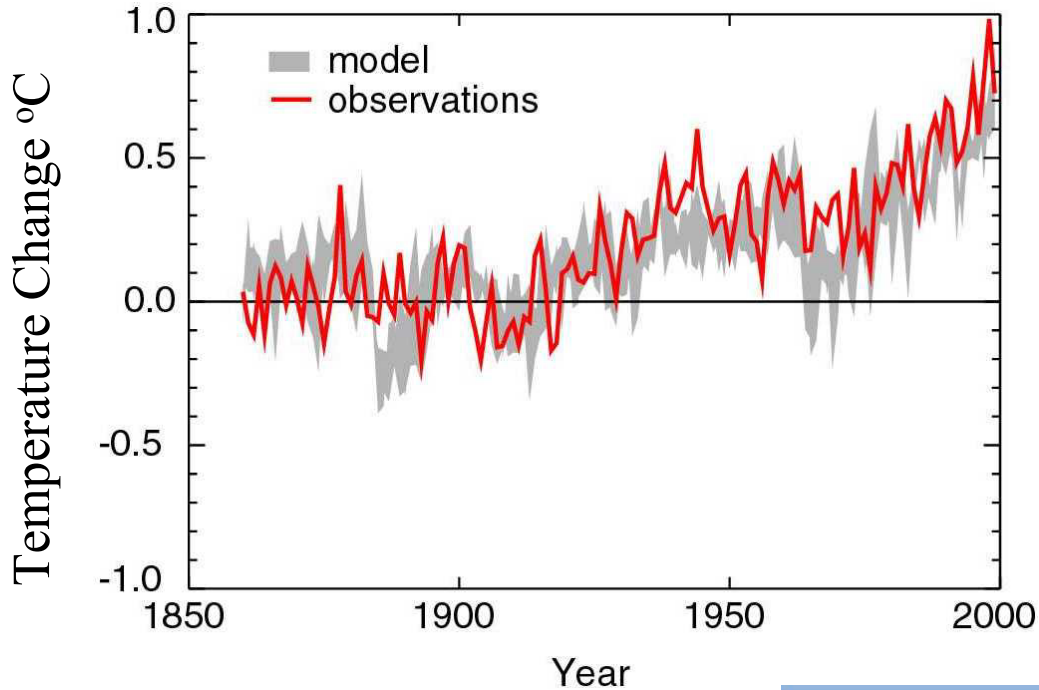
Sequestration of CO₂: First capture CO₂ and then store it



Intense storms

CO₂ & global average temperature

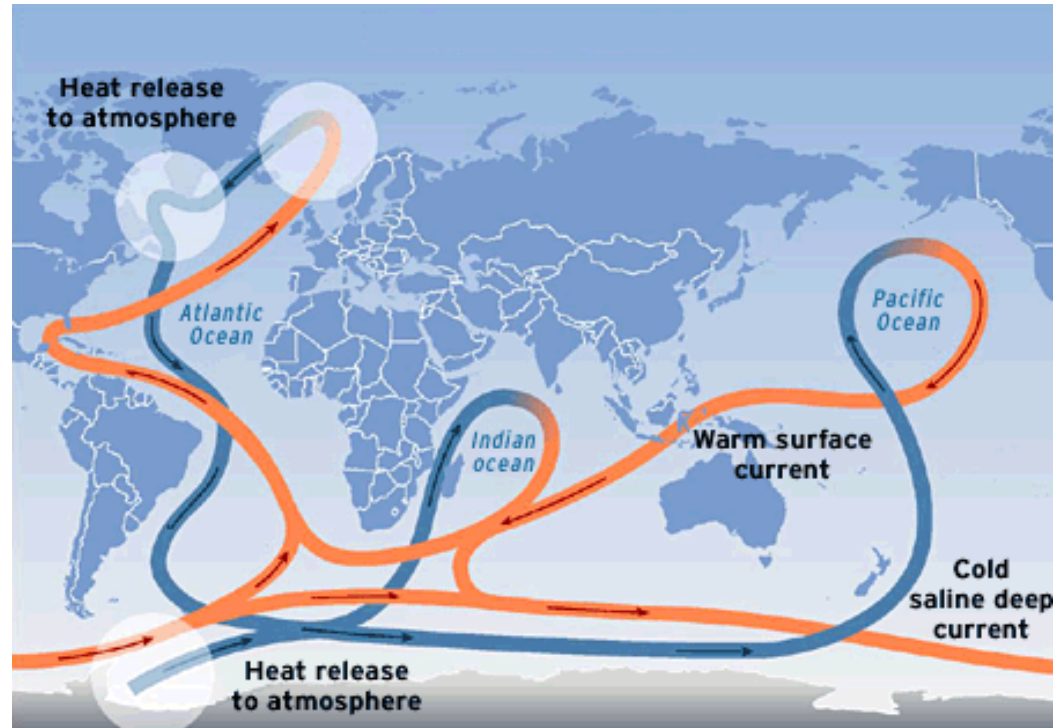




**Increasing evidence
for temperature rise
due to fossil-fuel
burning**

**Possibility of
catastrophic
change:**

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



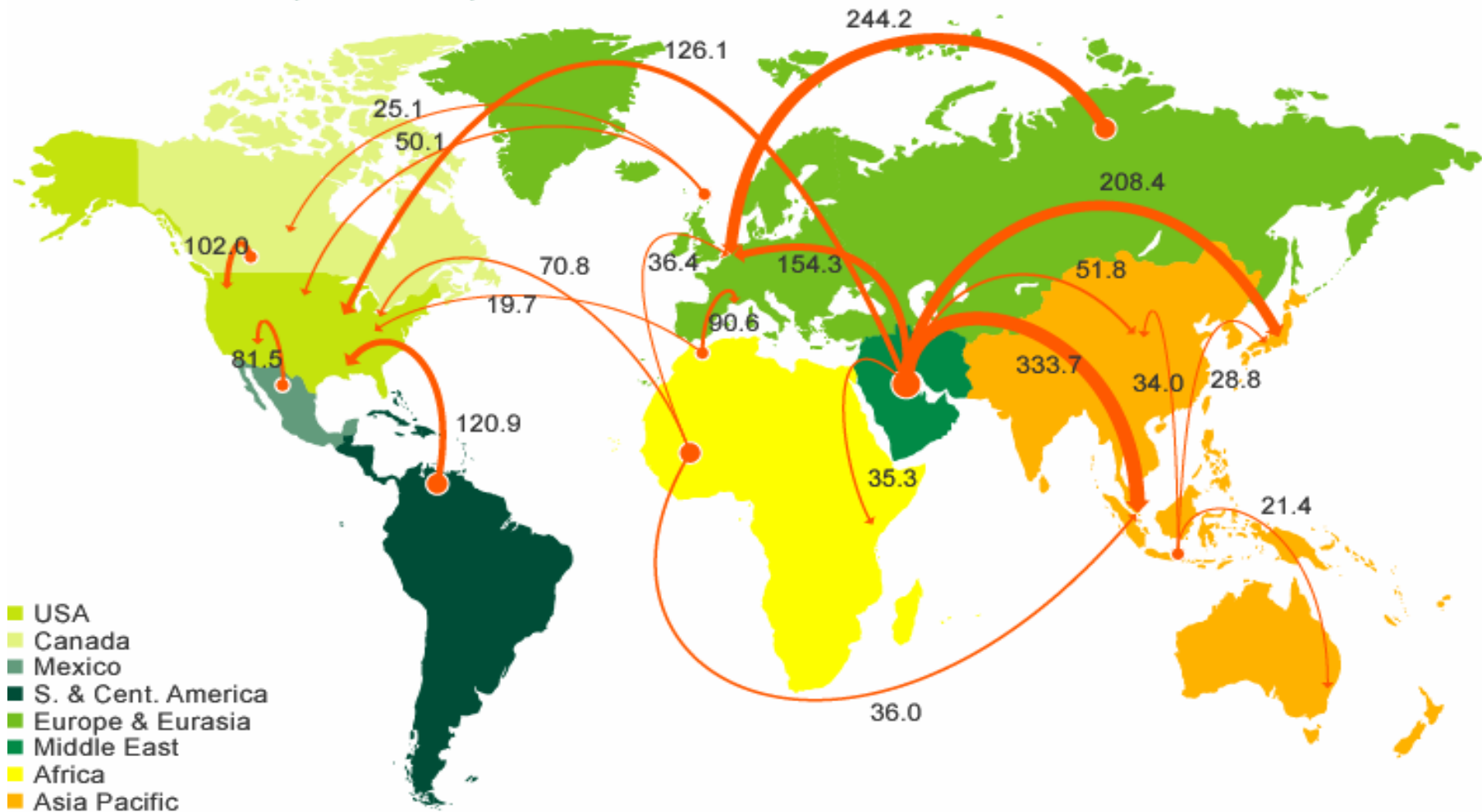
**Climate change is the
largest, costliest, most
dangerous, uncontrolled
experiment ever done by
mankind**

Immediate problems with business as usual

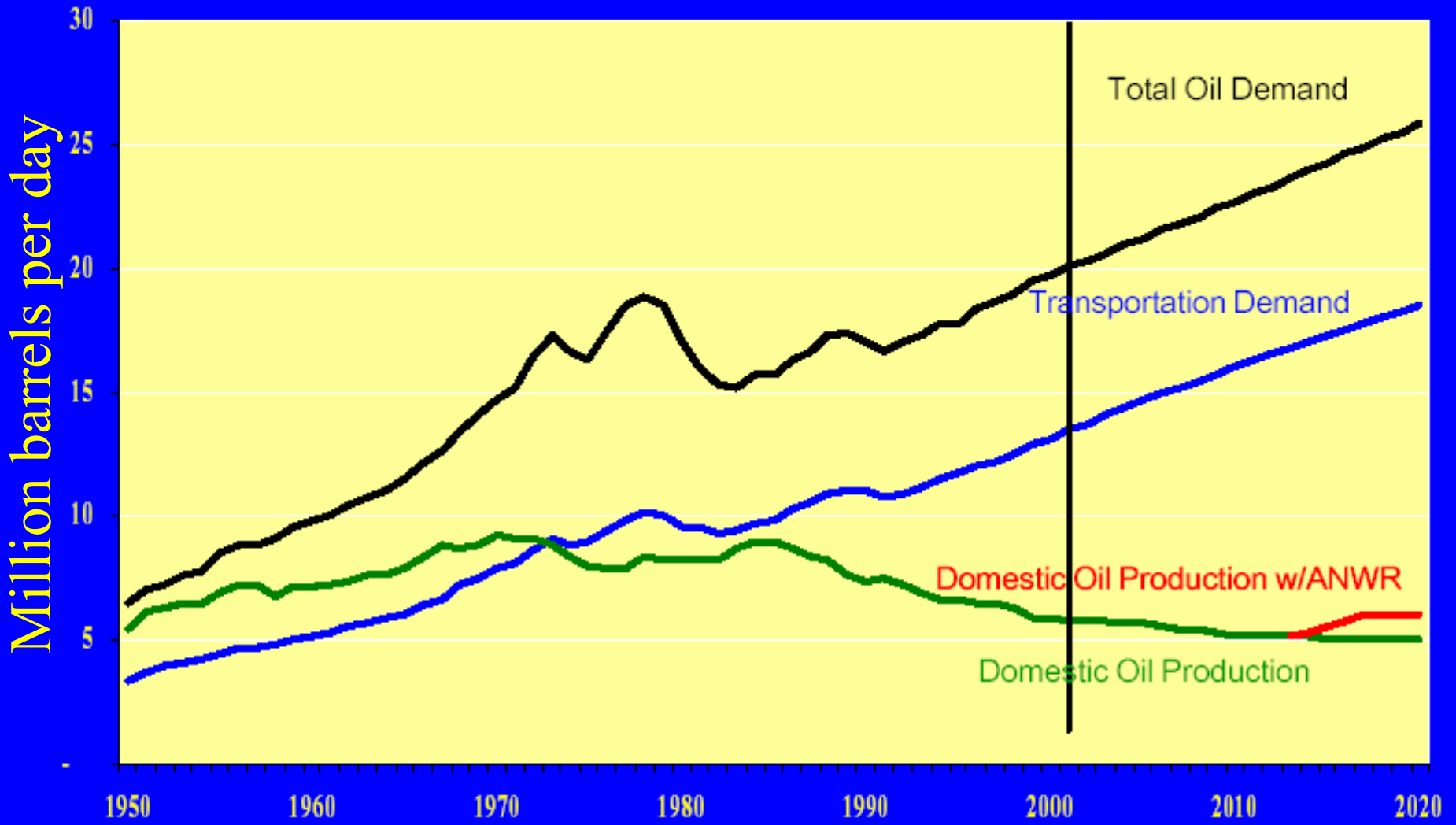
- CO₂ emissions → global warming
- USA imports 2/3 of oil used
- Share of imported natural gas (15%) set to increase rapidly
- Market saturated, volatile, unstable

Oil is easy to move and trade

Trade flows worldwide (million tonnes)

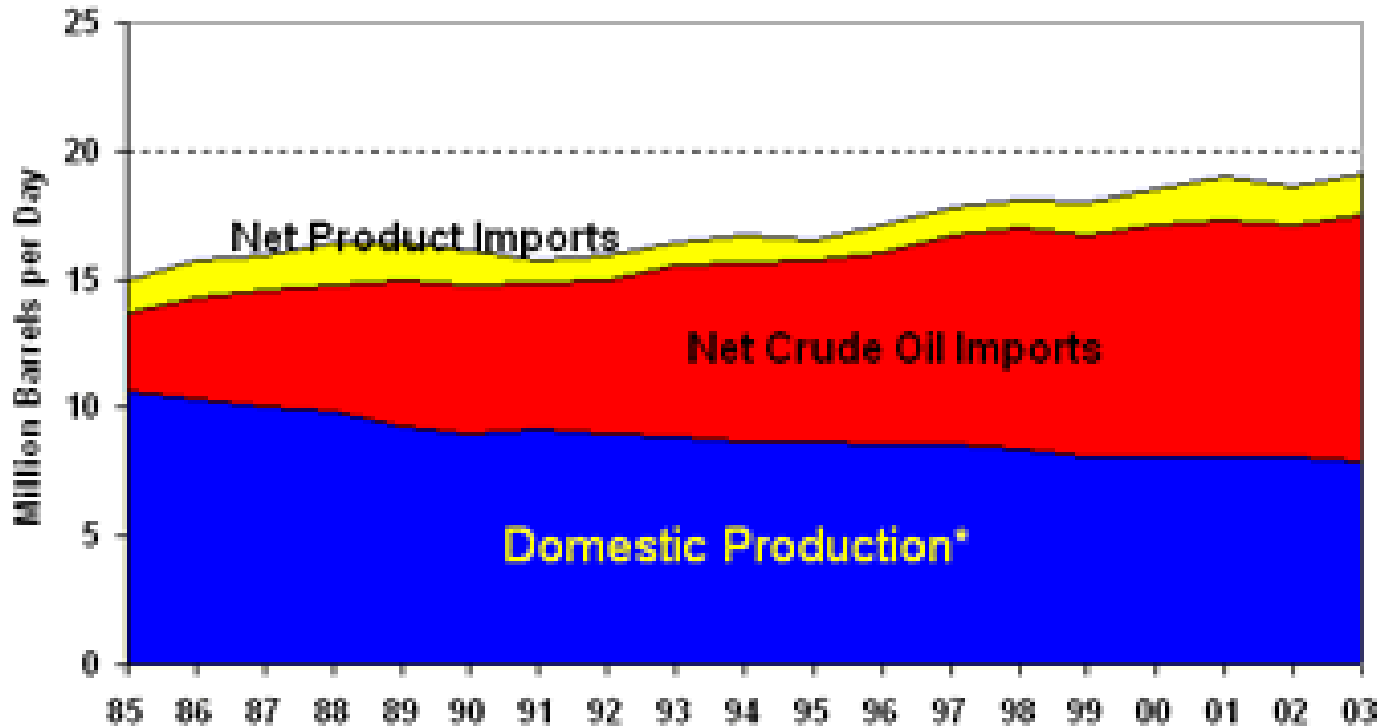


US oil consumption: Large (25% of global) & Growing



EIA, Annual Energy Outlook 2001; "Potential Oil Production from the Coastal Plain of ANWR," - EIA Reserves & Production Division

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

Far East: 0.4 M barrels

Russia: 0.2 M barrels

Canada¹

Mexico:

Venezuela:

North Sea:

2.3 M barrels

1.8 M barrels

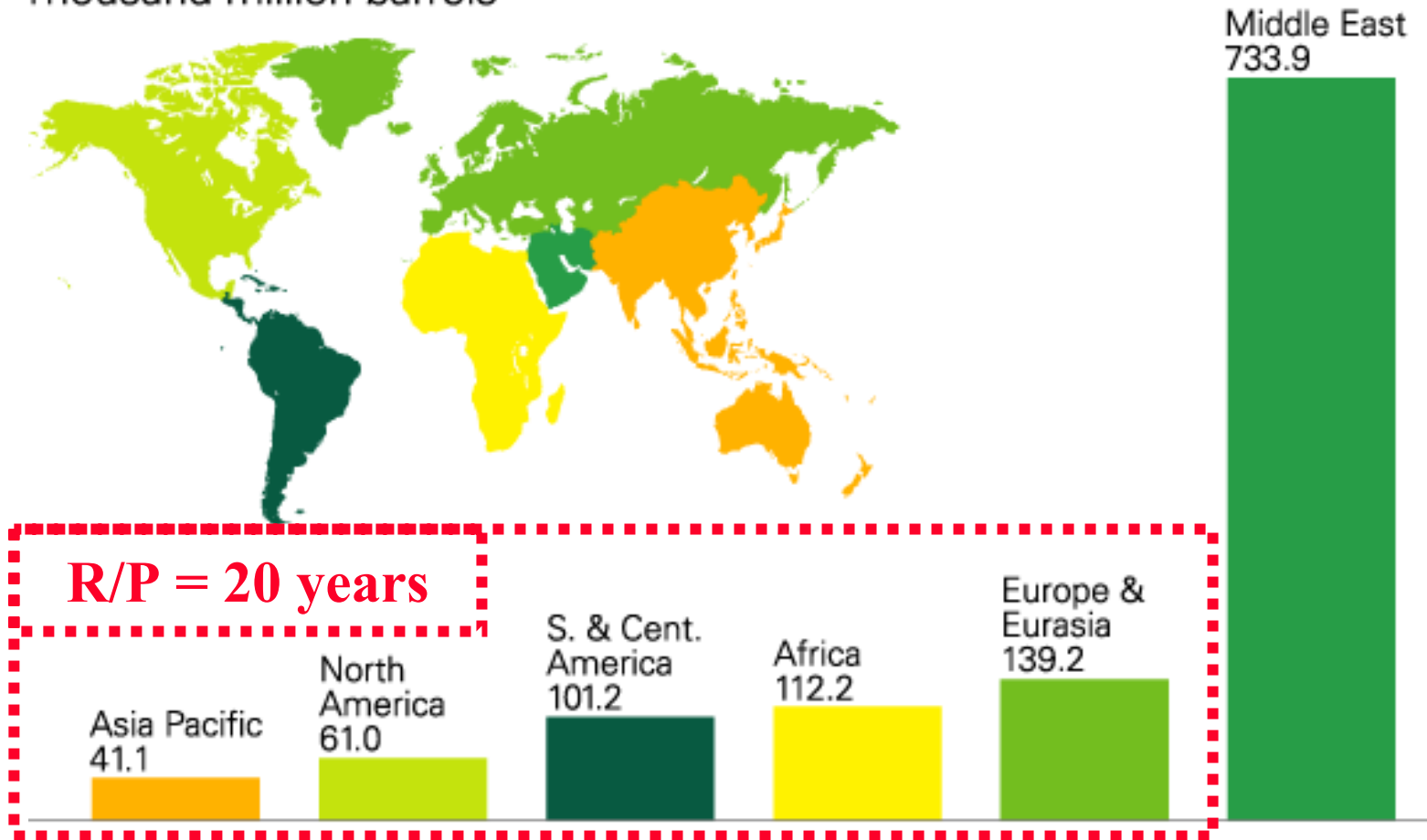
1.2 M barrels

0.9 M barrels

Proven oil reserves at end of 2004

BP2005

Thousand million barrels



2004 Usage = 31Bbo/year

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R/P = 40 years

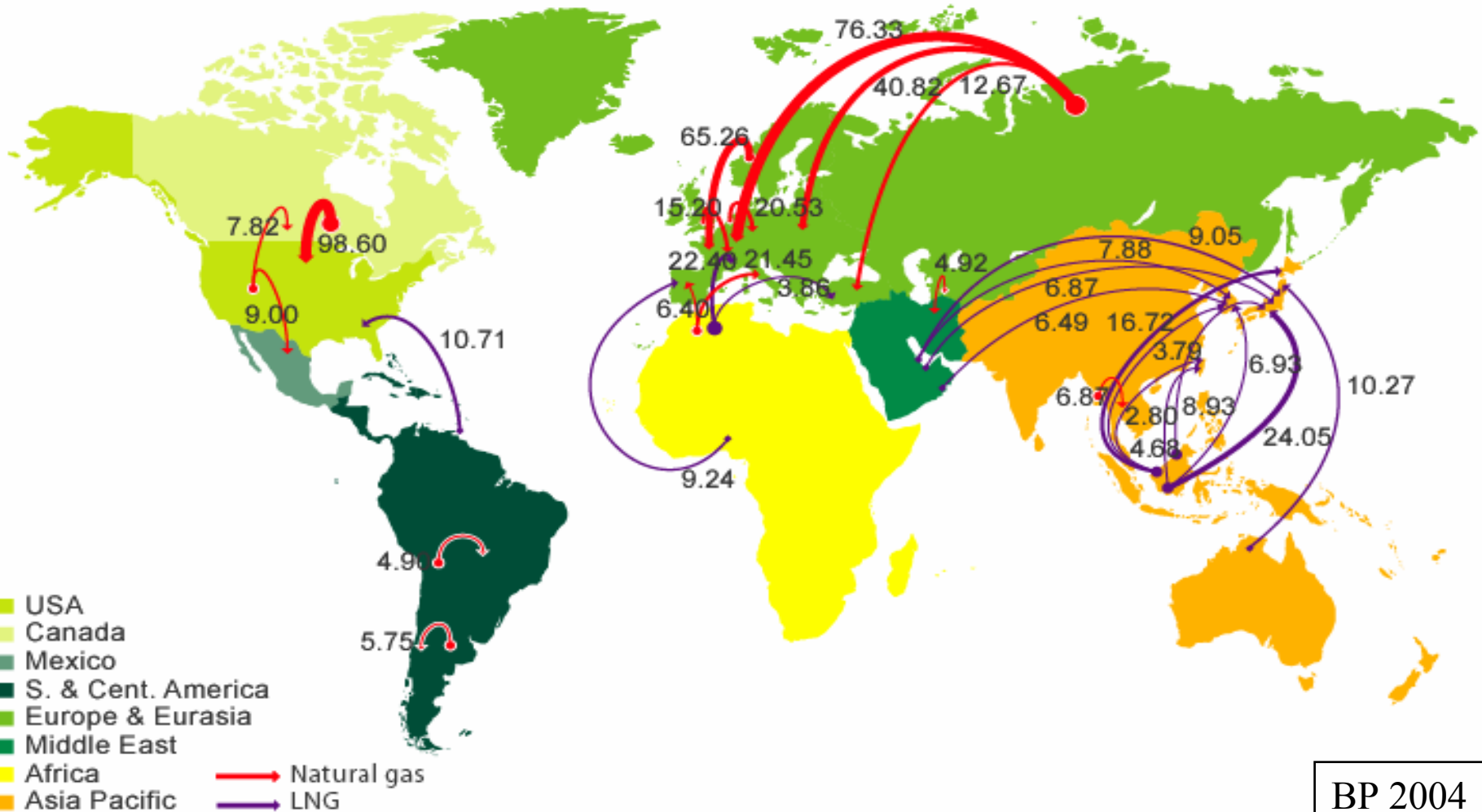
Natural Gas



USA produces 85% of its natural gas. The rest is imported from Canada and Trinidad

Major natural gas trade movements

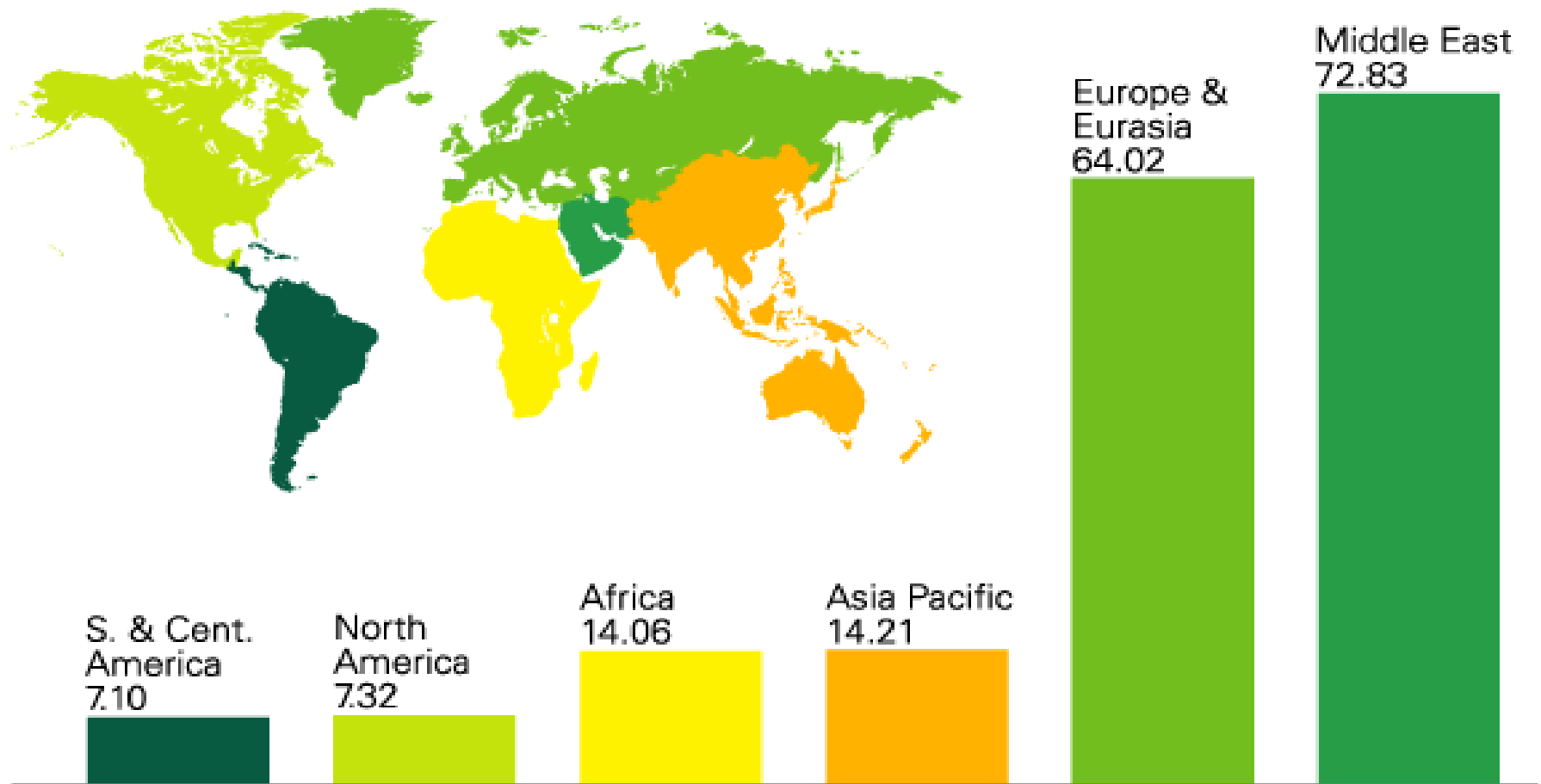
Trade flows worldwide (billion cubic metres)



Proven natural gas reserves at end 2004

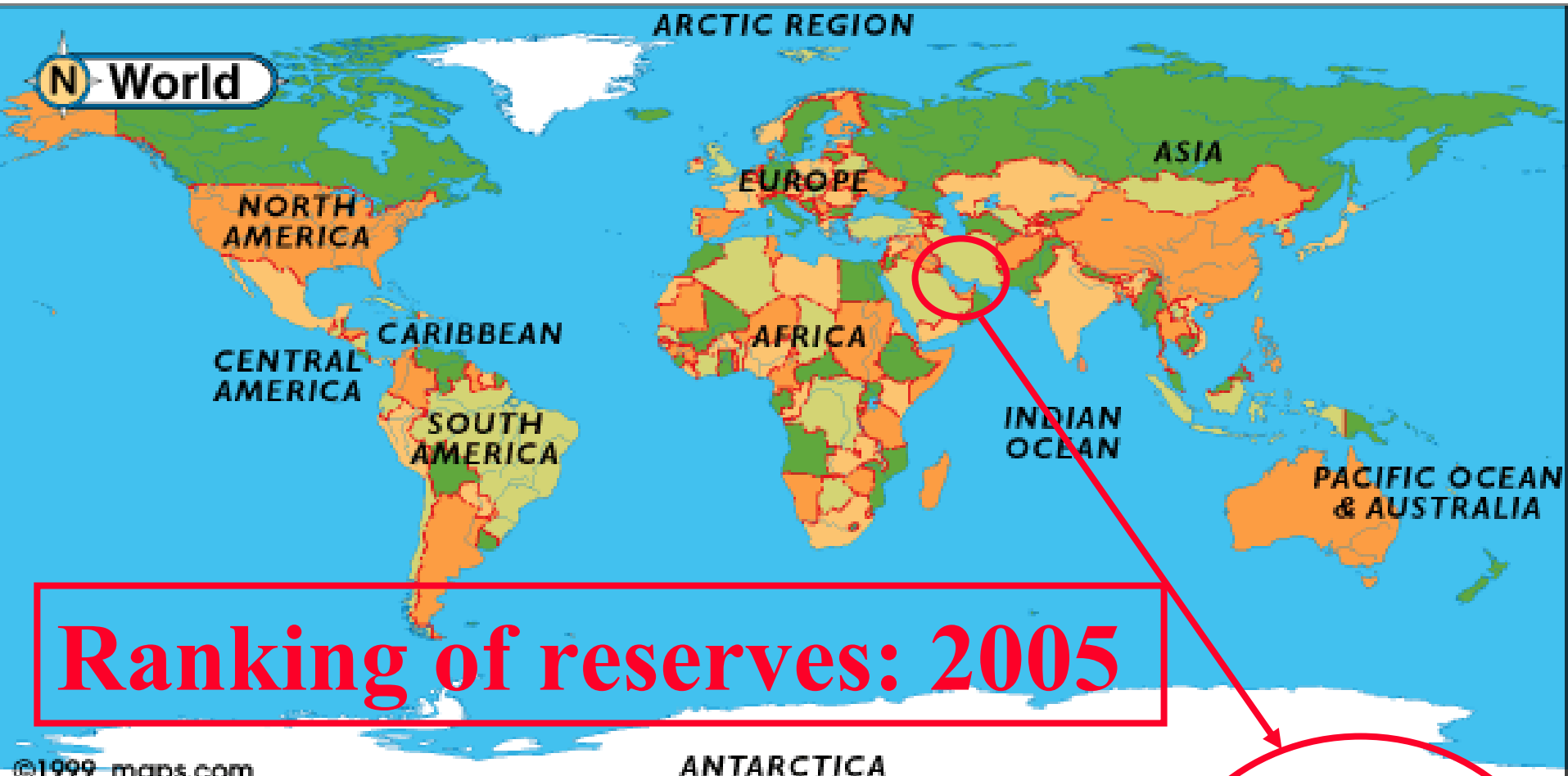
BP2005

Trillion cubic metres



North America uses about 0.8 trillion cubic meters a year

**The world has
changed, and is
changing very
rapidly**



USA 12,6,1

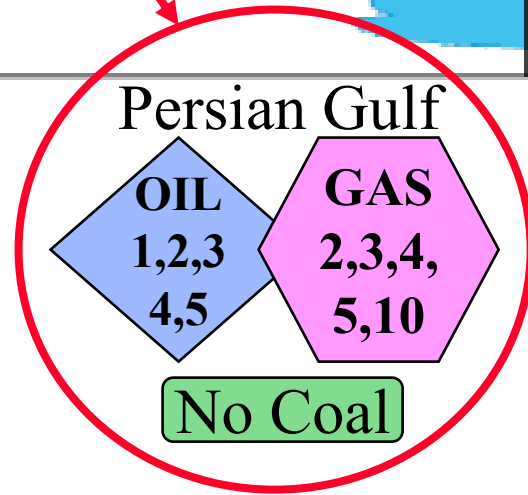
China 11,-,3

EU -, -, 4

Russia 8,1,2

India -, -, 5

AT -, -, -





USA ?, -, 1

China -, -, 3

EU -, -, 4

Russia ?, 1, 2

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? → EOR

Persian Gulf

OIL
1,2,3
4,5

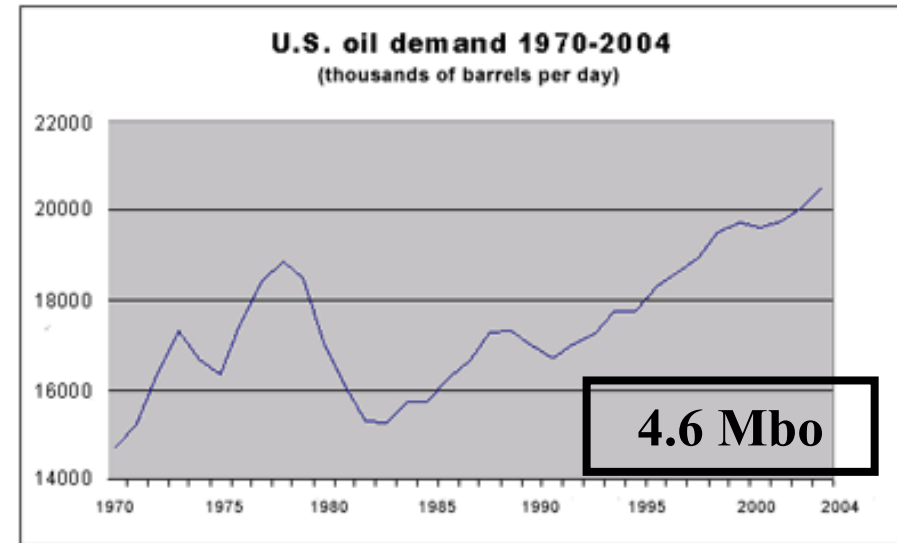
GAS
2,3,4,
5,9

No Coal

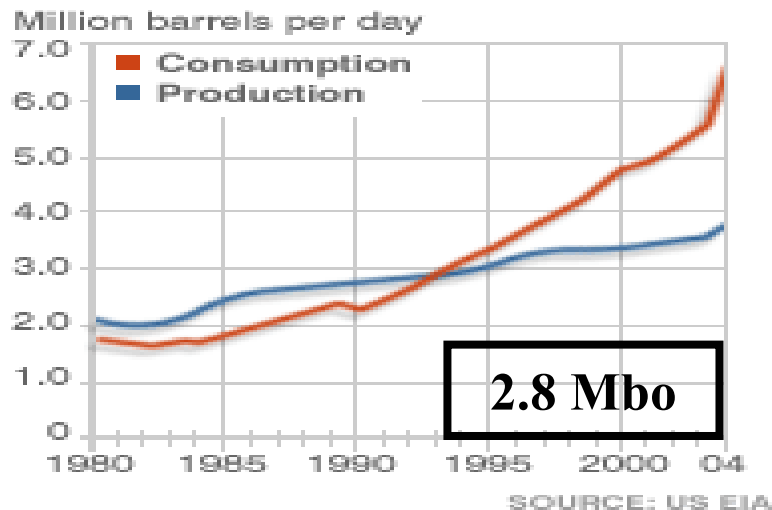
**Middle East and
Russia control
conventional
natural gas and oil**

Constrains on supply

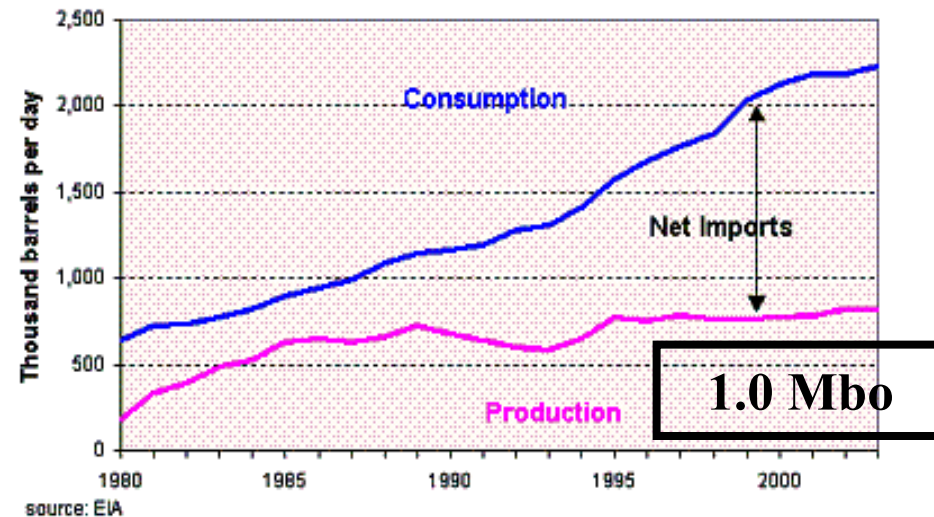
- Competition as a result of growth in demand (USA, China, India since 1990)
- Little excess capacity
- Major disruptions
- Exploration, development and production not in the hands of oil companies



CHINA'S OIL DEMAND 1980-2004



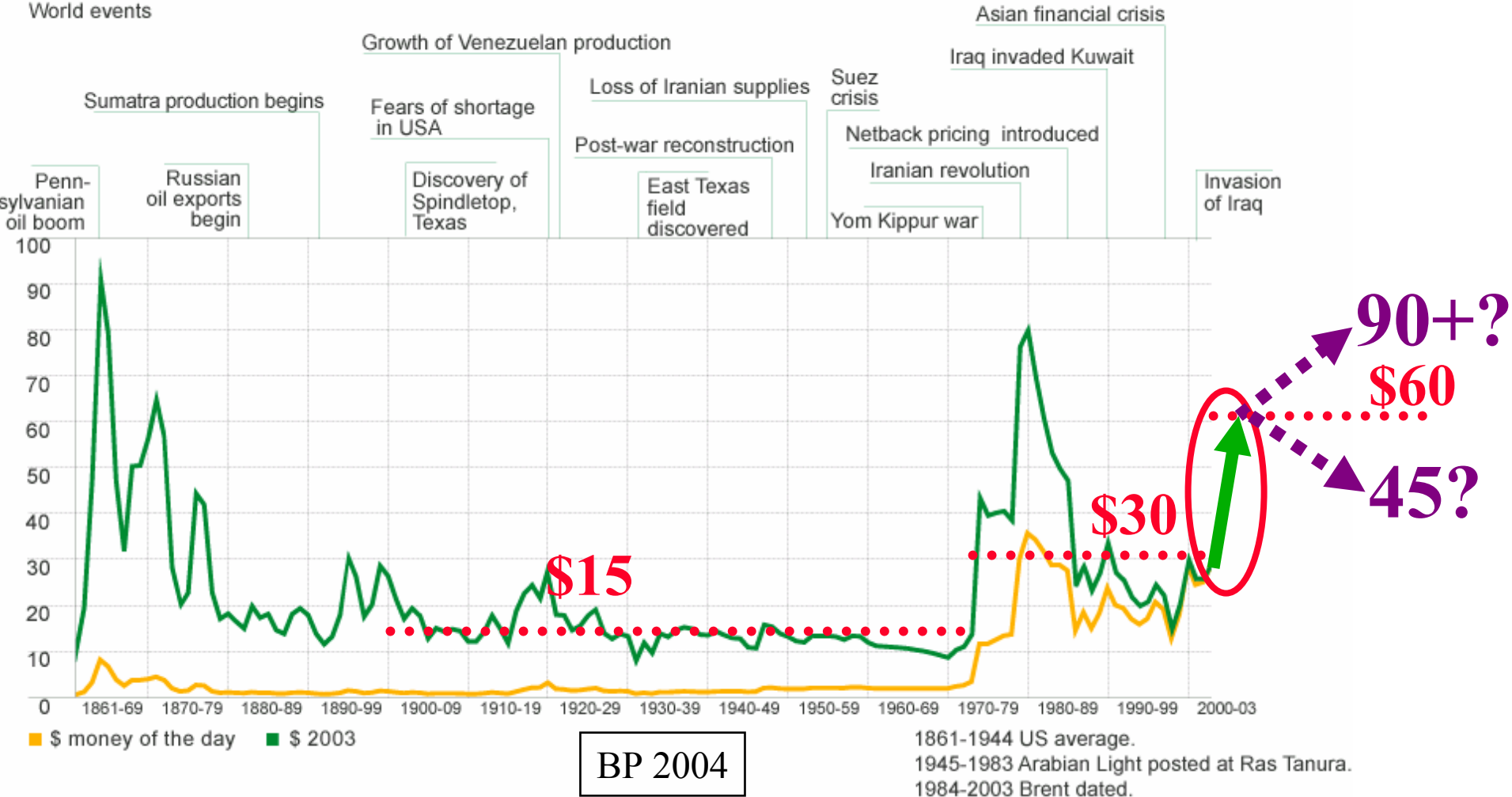
Indian Oil Production and Consumption, 1980-2003



Saturated Market: Increased volatility and high prices post 2004

US dollars per barrel

World events



Rapidly changing world – Geopolitics

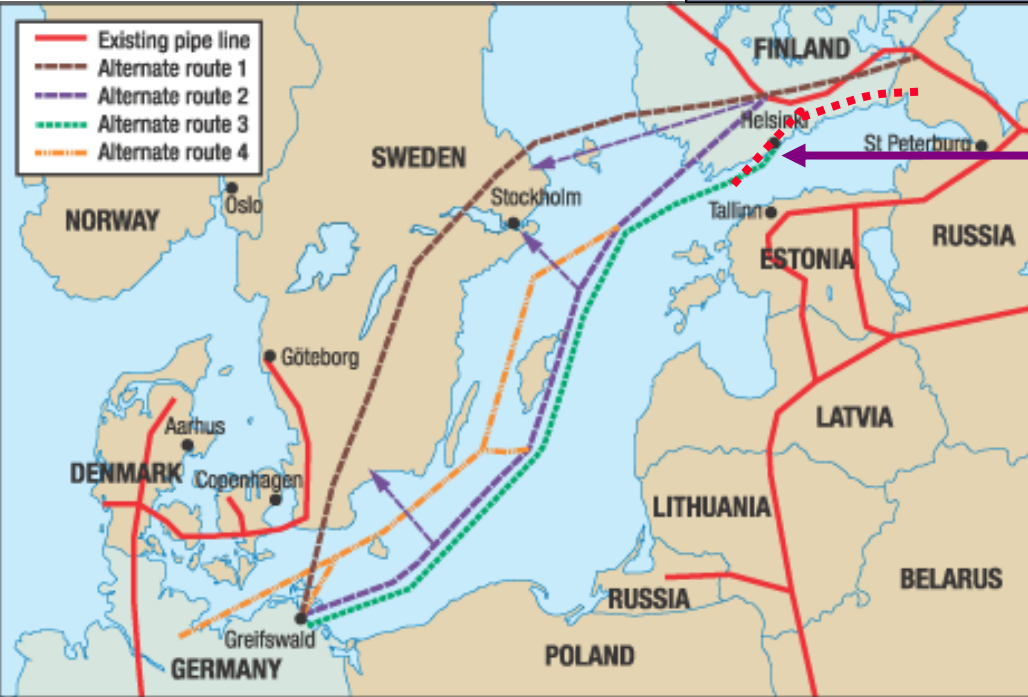
- **Nationalization of oil and natural gas fields (Venezuela, Bolivia, Nigeria,)**
- **New and evolving environmental regulations**
- **Difficult arrangements between nations with resources and oil companies**
- **Investments in unstable countries (Nigeria, Chad, Sudan, Angola, Iraq, Iran, Venezuela)**
- **Disruption of production and supplies (Iraq, Nigeria, Venezuela)**
- **The emerging role of Russia, Iran**



He who owns the pipelines gets the oil and gas!

Energy-producing countries	Major gas and oil exporting projects under construction	Permafrost
Countries that want energy resources from Russia and central Asia (and need energy because of fast, strong economic growth)	To the east	Proven oil and gas reserves
Disputed frontiers	In use	Oil
	To the west	Gas
	In use	Refineries
	Break in transit; oil carried in tankers	Existing oil and gas routes (renovated Soviet network) in the Urals and west Siberia, towards points that link with projected oil and gas pipelines

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



New pipeline from Vyborg, Russia to Greifswald, Germany bypasses Ukraine and Eastern Europe

Russia has muscle and cash: President Vladimir V. Putin

- (4/26/06 in Tomsk with Chancellor Merkel)
“Russia should direct future oil and natural gas exports to Asia because *unprincipled competition* had blocked its energy companies from expanding elsewhere”
- (3/10/06 first presidential visit to Algeria)
A \$4-billion arms contract, the biggest in post-Soviet history. Plus contracts worth \$1 billion involving natural gas company Gazprom and the oil company LUKoil, **(gas cartel?)**

Even if we get all the fossil fuel we want we still need to solve pollution and CO₂ problems. *Need action starting today*

- **Need large-scale sequestration of CO₂ by 2020**
- **Need alternatives to fossil oil, coal, natural gas as energy source/carrier/storage**

Cannot have cheap clean energy for all without some key S&T breakthroughs

- Separation/capture of CO₂ from mixed gas streams
- Secure and effective long-term storage of CO₂.
 - Geologic, mineralization, air extraction, ...
- Hydrogen from non-fossil fuels (also fuel cells):
 - Electrolysis of water (inexpensive and efficient electrodes)
 - Photochemical and/or thermo-chemical splitting of water
- Reprocessing of spent nuclear fuel
 - separation of SNF, transmutation, reassembly into fuel
- Photovoltaic cell technology
 - nano and/or bio materials
- Fusion?

Tipping points reached

- **Excess food crops → ethanol**
 - Economical at > \$40 per barrel
 - 3-5% solution for the USA
- **Cellulose (waste) → ethanol**
 - Economical at > \$60 per barrel
 - 3-5% solution for the USA
- **Solar (homes and buildings at \$10/peak watt)**
 - Cost recovery over lifetime (25-30 years)
- **Wind (off-shore & on-shore)**
 - part of a larger on-demand system
- **Hybrid cars (35→50 miles per gallon)**
 - \$4K premium recovered over 150K miles @ \$3/gallon



Nuclear power “CO₂ clean”



Not in my backyard

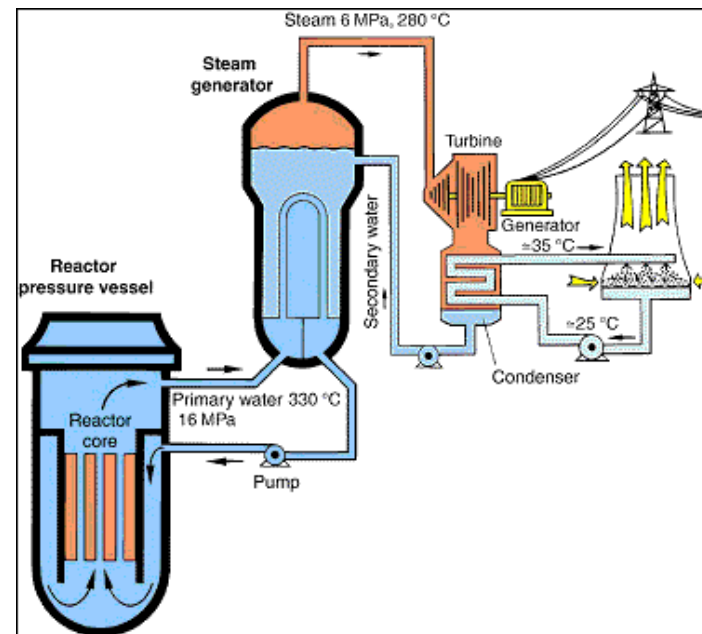
- Principles of nuclear fission are known
- Natural ²³⁵U is a limited resource
- Generation IV reactors
- Breeder reactors?



• **Accidents**

• **Proliferation HEU, ²³⁹Pu**

• **SNF reprocessing/management**



Examining energy futures from all three perspectives

- **National and International Security**
- **Cost, Economics and Development**
- **Environment**



Be more efficient

Sequester CO₂

Develop alternatives to fossil fuels

**Energy Security
is
National Security
and
Economic security
and
Environmental Security**

= Future of our children

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

Brookings: 13 March 2006

Questions?

- **Globalized world –**
 - can free markets create stability in supply and demand?
 - Can we come to an agreement on equity?
 - Should environmental costs be factored into products?
- **Can competition in a resource limited world foster co-operation?**
 - Global identity (transcending family, communal, religious and national interests)

Questions?

- **Social dynamics**
 - Changing behaviors
 - Changing expectations
- **Political dynamics**
 - Exploitation, hegemony, or co-operation
 - Environmental impact
 - What sacrifices are acceptable
- **Future demand as countries**
 - Urbanize
 - Develop
- **Population growth, demographics, migration**
 - Especially if developing countries fail

Questions?

- **Impact of catastrophic events – resilience in the system?**
- **Impact of conflicts and wars?**
- **What happens when cheap oil (2010?) and gas (2035?) production starts declining?**

**If global energy production is
to plateau, will energy be
cheap?
Clean?
shared by some?
Shared by all?**

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)

Can we continue to bank on this solution?



OR
Renewable Technologies
and
Behavior Change

Energy efficient community: Issues

- **Energy for travel to, and for, work**
- **Shopping (clothes, groceries, household items)**
- **Specialty foods & goods**
- **Education – Schools**
- **Sports**
- **Entertainment and leisure time activities**
- **Health care**
- **Services**

Telecommuting versus relationships and human contact

Some thoughts on urbanization

- **Build compact**
- **Prevent sprawl**
- **Prevent subsidies for services (roads, water, electricity, gas, sewage) to flung out sub-divisions**
- **Promote walking and bicycling as means to commuting. (Healthy too!)**

Good behaviors begin with role models at home

Efficient Public Transport System

- **In developed countries public transport should match private cars in terms of**
 - Convenience
 - Flexibility
 - Stress reduction
- **Parking: cost and time saving**
- **Enough people have to subscribe to it otherwise need subsidies**

City planning plays a big role in feasibility.

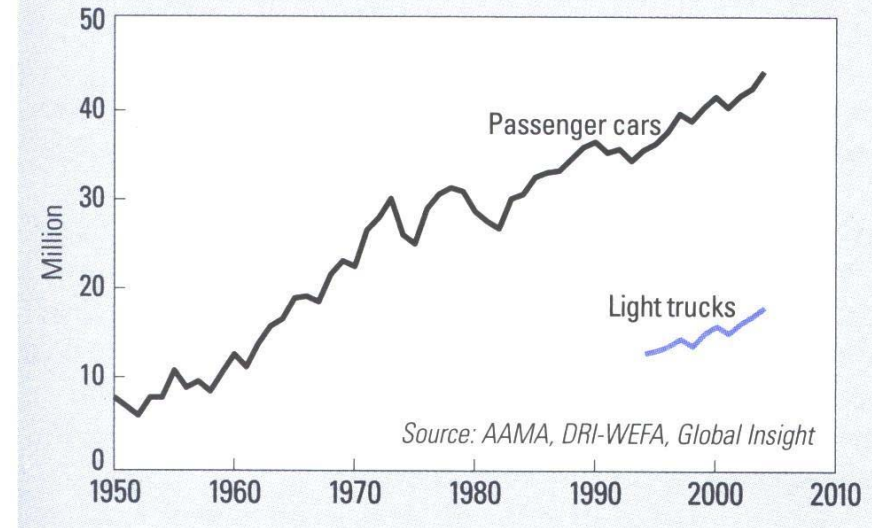
Are our cities being planned appropriately?

Transport: focus on cars and trucks

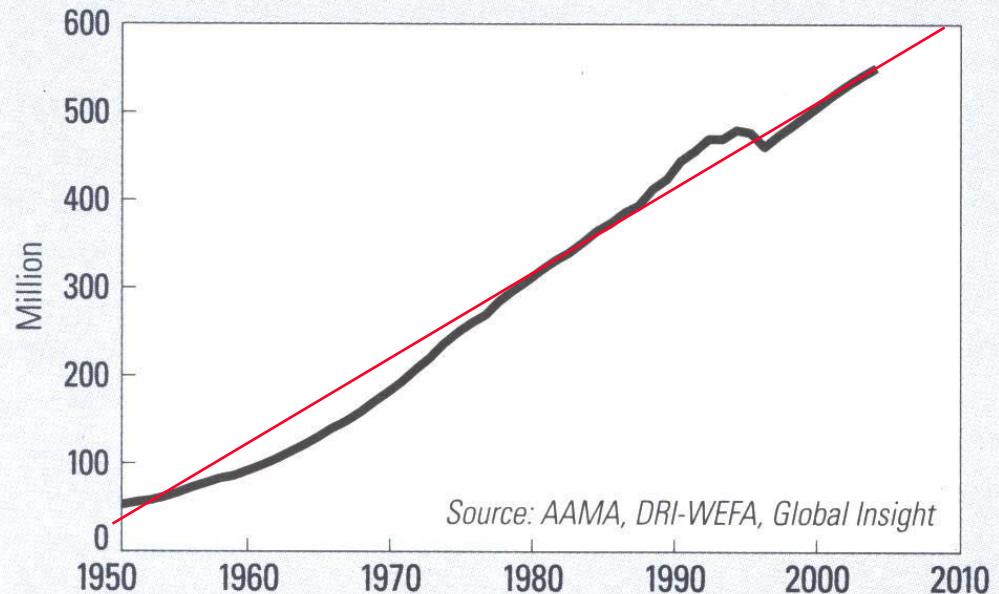
- 60 million new cars & light trucks each year
 - Growth: ~700K per year

The world fleet of ~600 million cars and trucks needs liquid fuel

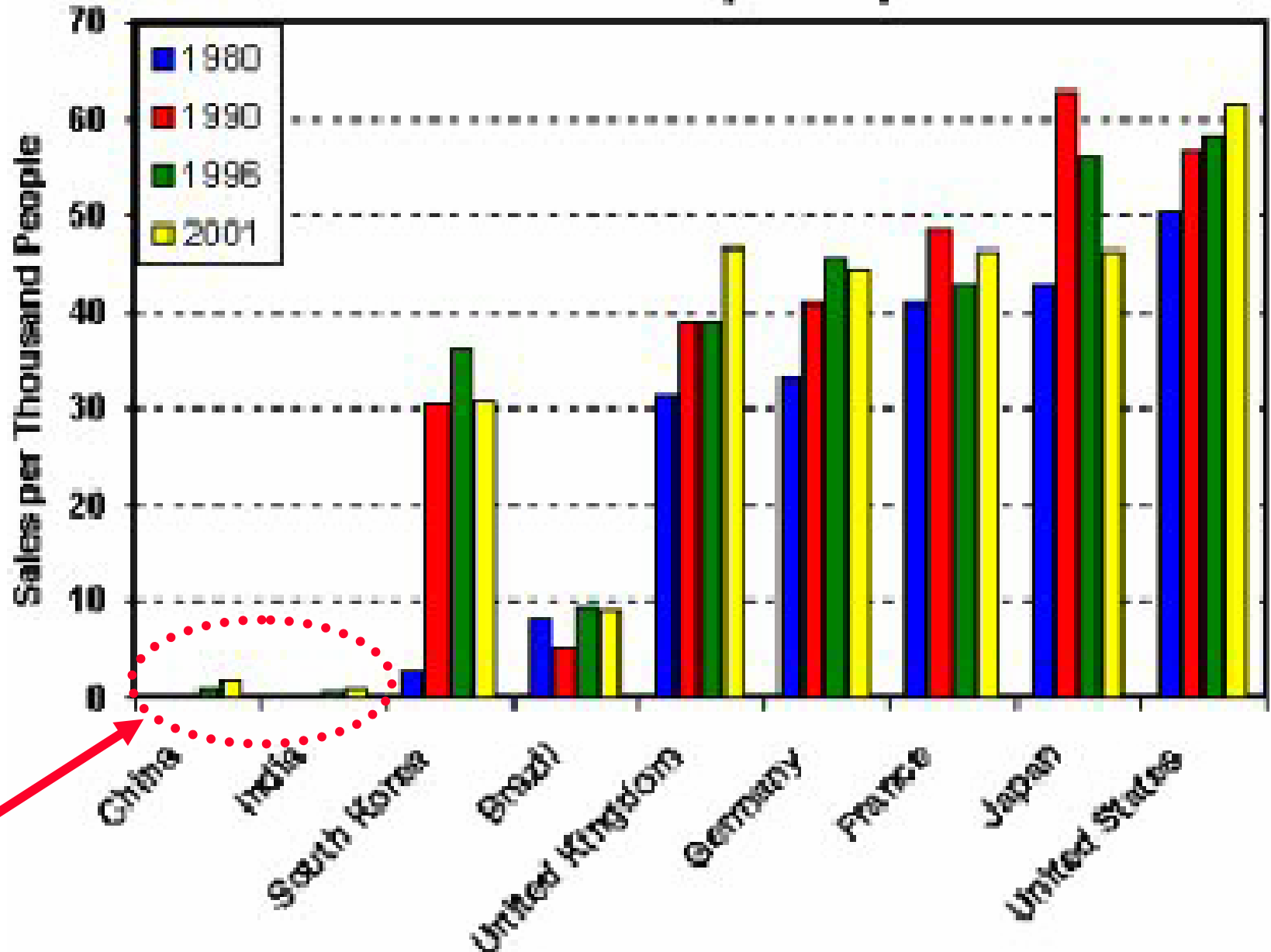
World Automobile Production, 1950–2004



World Passenger Car Fleet, 1950–2004



Motor Vehicle Sales per Capita



2nd USA? When China+India approach 80 vehicles/1000 people

Homes and buildings

- **Avoid size creep in fixed family size homes**
- **High insulation rating**
- **Passive/Active solar**
 - **Cool in summer**
 - **Warm in winter**
- **Net zero energy needs**
- **Water and waste management**

Develop homes and places of work in close proximity

Specialty Foods and Goods

- **Specialty foods and goods require time critical**
 - **Packaging**
 - **International scale transport**
 - **Global marketing and distribution chains**
- **External markets drive specialty production over local needs, resources, and capacity**

Understand true cost – include external costs of environment, pollution & waste management

Eat local foods lower in the chain

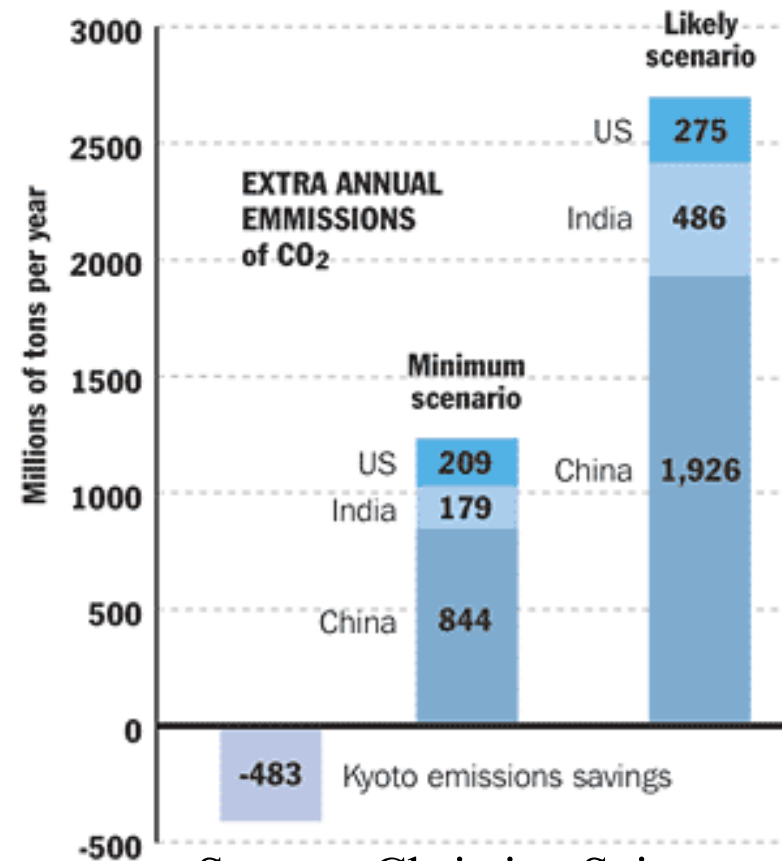
- **Meat requires more energy, fertilizers, pesticides, water, ...**
 - 1 kg lean beef = ~33 kg grain = 33,000 kg water
 - 1 kg chicken meat = ~6 kg grain
- **Local foods**
 - Seasonal
 - Promote farmers markets
 - More control over “organic”

Rethink food preferences

Energy infrastructure of 2050 is just beginning to be built

- China, India, USA are building a new plant every week (2004-2012)
- Most power plants are coal fueled
 - Coal is abundant
 - Cheap because no CO₂ tax
 - Not zero-emission

**Ask and pay for
“renewable” power**

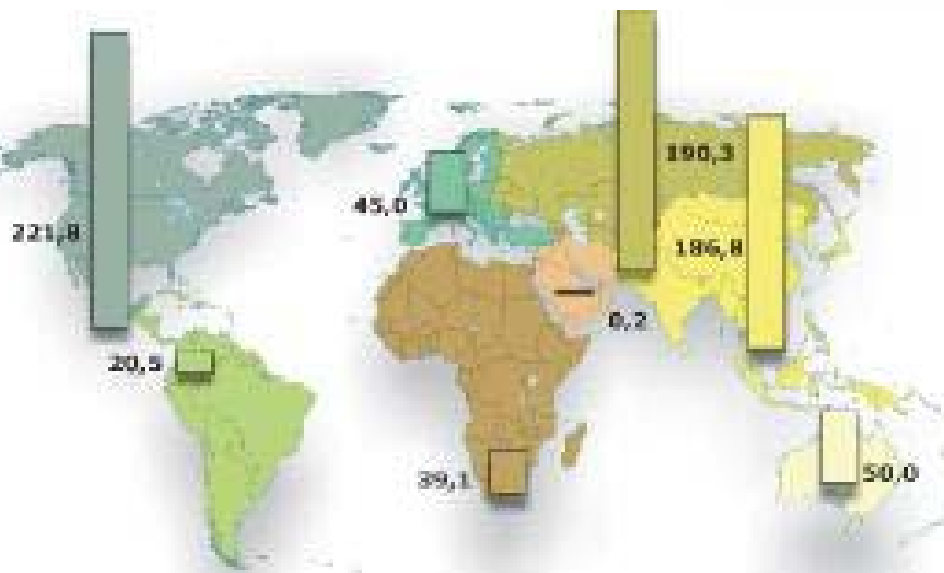
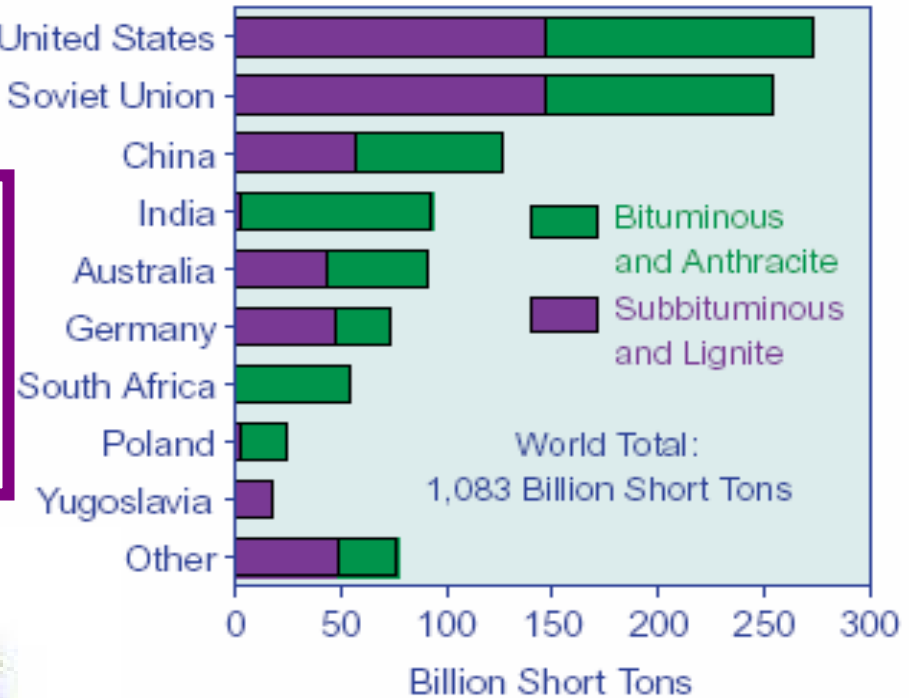


Source: Christian Science Monitor 12/24/04

COAL

- * Cheap
- * US has largest reserves
- * Pollution

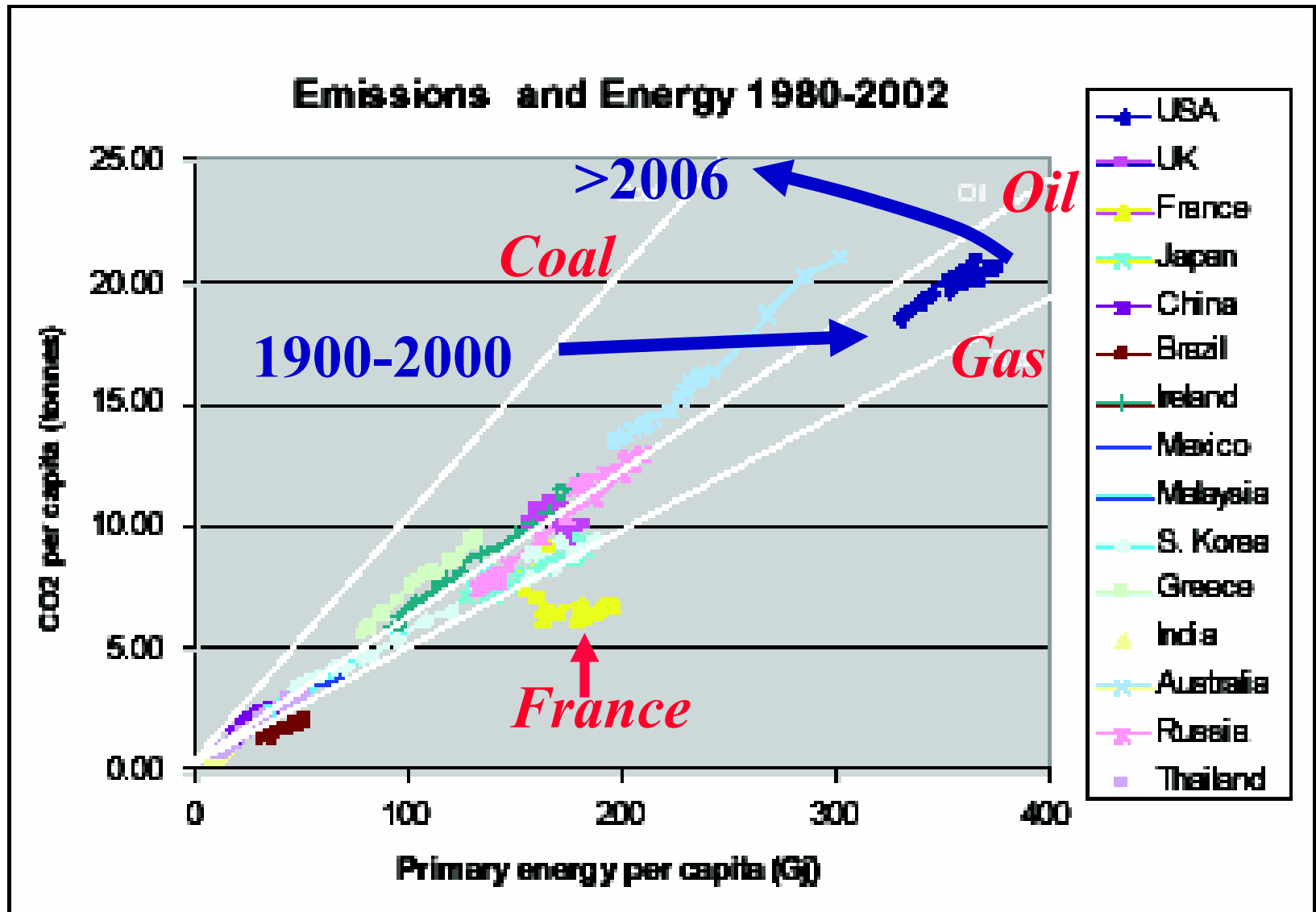
Figure 55. World Recoverable Coal Reserves



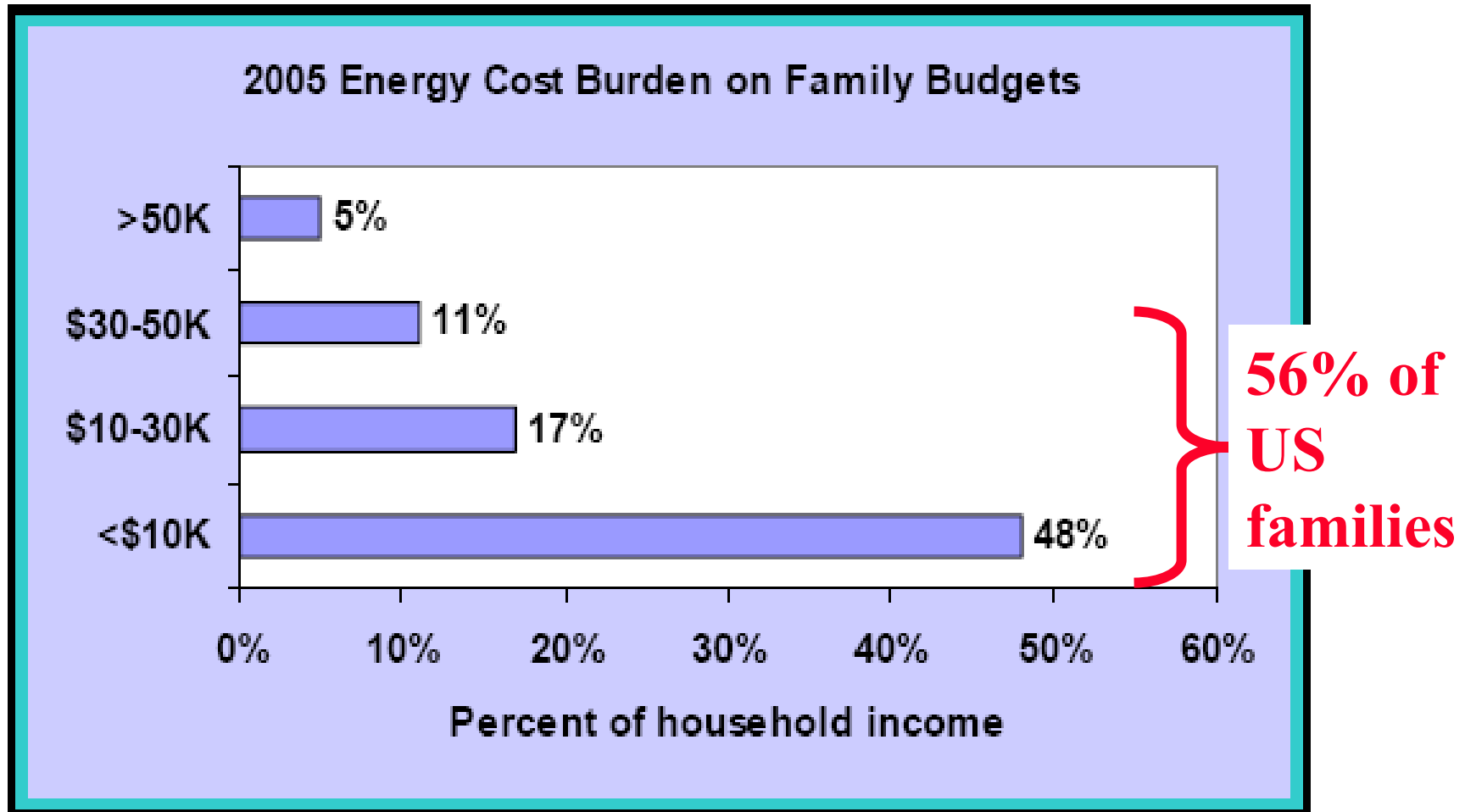
USA also has the largest deposits of oil shale

Source: International Energy Outlook 2004

Using coal/shale → pollution and CO₂



Coal industry lobby for cheap energy



Energy from coal is cheapest if there is no pollution/CO₂ tax

Missing an Economic Opportunity

- **Clean Energy**
- **Low loss electric power grids**
- **Fuel for Transportation**
- **Efficient machines/appliances**

are increasingly value-added products.

32 Terawatts of global power demand translates into a \$38 billion/day market at \$0.05 kW hour

Education

- Many people would make different choices if educated on options
- Promote wise choices not guilt
- Many environmentally friendly choices make economic sense also
 - Issue: up front cost versus lifetime cost
 - Make them fashionable and cool
- Lead by being good role models

Make New Mexico a Leader

- **Exploit our solar and wind potential**
- **Intelligent power grids**
- **Bring together science at Labs with utility companies for large scale pilot projects for carbon sequestration**
- **Empowering incentives, credits, regulations**
- **Educate public on new opportunities, efficiencies**

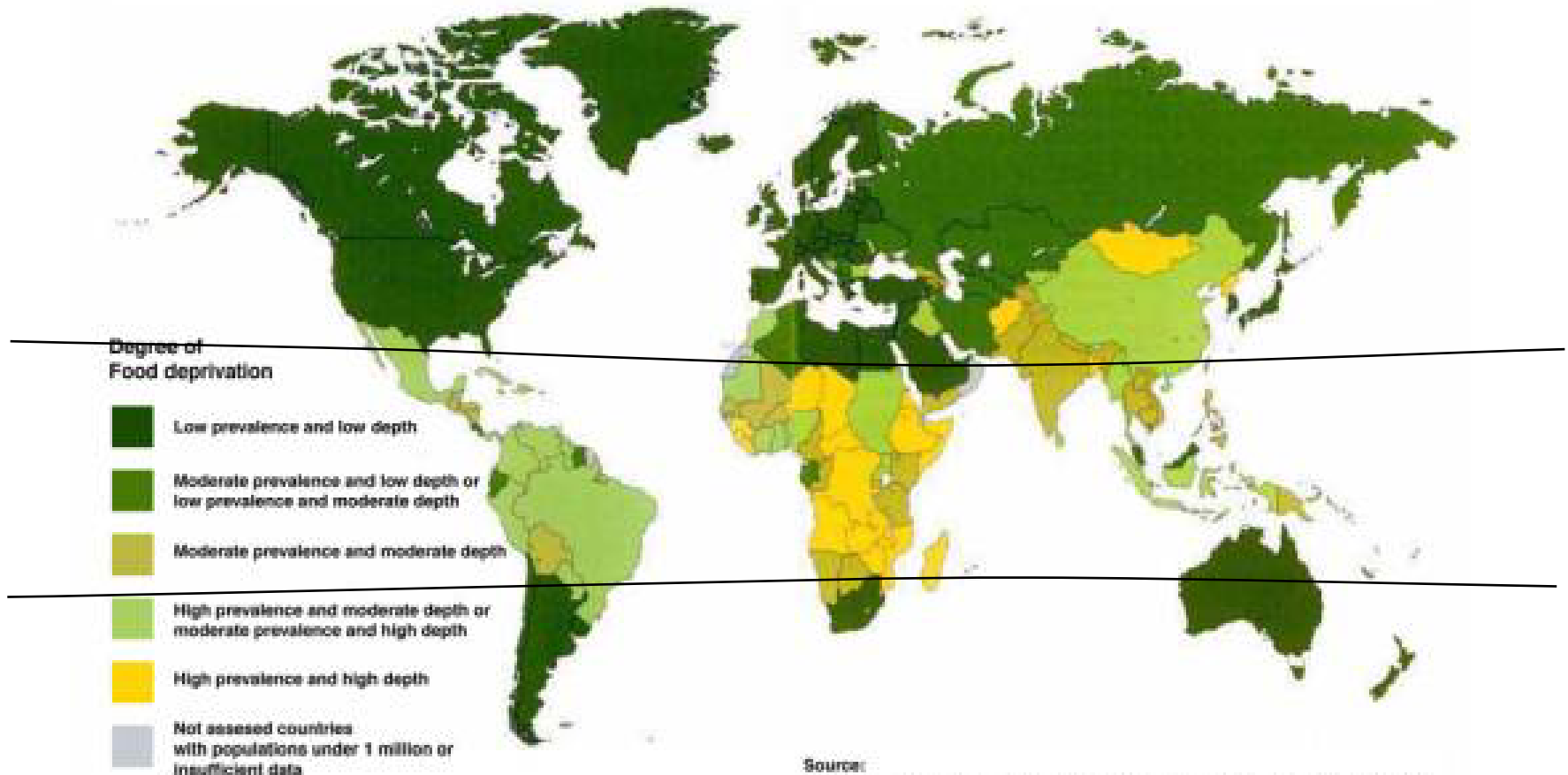


Industrialized nations
must lead the R&D for
cheap clean energy
(= hope) for all mankind

Hope for the future!

Wind and solar are the most abundant sources of energy in poor countries lying within the tropics. Having exhausted cheap oil and gas, we owe them clean and cheap energy.

World Hunger



Source:
FIVIMS (Food insecurity and vulnerability information and mapping systems)
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