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- This slideshow discusses infrastructure sustainability and introduces the Envision rating system, and other related topics.
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What are the issues and why study them?



Civil Engineers DO have an Important Impact on Society and Public Wellbeing

"...the greatest advances in improving human health were the development of clean drinking water and sewage systems. So, we owe our health as much to civil engineering as we do to biology."

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Global & Environmental Issues

- Shift Even More to Urban Areas
- Require Widespread Sustainability
- Climate Change
- Transportation
- Energy Supplies
- Clean Water and Air
- Safe Waste Disposal
- Population Pressure
 - Food
 - Disease
 - Space/Density
- Terrorism/War/Unrest/Natural Events
- Other resource limitations

WHAT CAN CIVIL ENGINEERS DO? Source: ASCE and others

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Top US Social/Political Issues

- 1. Federal spending
- 2. Jobs & economy
- 3. Government regulations
- 4. National security
- 5. Illegal Immigration
- 6. Health care
- 7. Gun rights
- 8. Energy
- 9. Education
- 10. Social Security / Medicare

Poll Question: How important will each of the following issues be to you this year and next?

Fox News; Dec. 2012

National Academy of Science – Grand Challenges of the 21st Century Engineering

Source: The Essential Engineer

- 1. Make Solar Energy Affordable
- 2. Provide Energy From Fusion
- 3. Develop Carbon Sequestration Methods
- 4. Manage the Nitrogen Cycle
- 5. Provide Access to Clean Water
- 6. Restore and Improve Urban Infrastructure
- 7. Advance Health Informatics
- 8. Engineer Better Medicines
- 9. Reverse-Engineer the Brain
- 10. Prevent Nuclear Terror
- 11. Secure Cyberspace
- 12. Enhance Virtual Reality
- 13. Advance Personalized Learning
- 14. Engineer the Tools for Scientific Discovery



CE/CEM Environment

- Increased constraints on financial resources
- Major demographic changes
- Rapid globalization with increasing competition
- Rapid technology advances and fusing of engineering and science disciplines are driving changing engineering needs



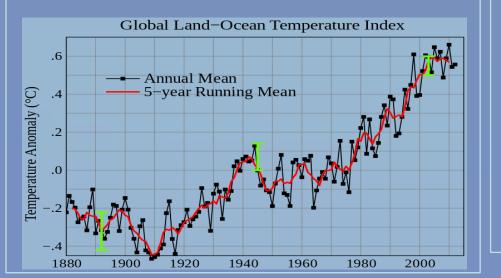
Climate Change – Different Points of View?

Remember: Weather is not climate!

Global Warming

Strategies

- Conservation
- Make motors more efficient
- Build 600 nuclear power plants



Global Cooling

A new NASA study shows that from 1978 to 2010 the total extent of sea ice surrounding Antarctica in the Southern Ocean grew by roughly 6,600 square miles every year, an area larger than the state of Connecticut. And, previous research by the same authors indicates that this rate of increase has recently accelerated, up from an average rate of almost 4,300 square miles per year from 1978 to 2006. NASA

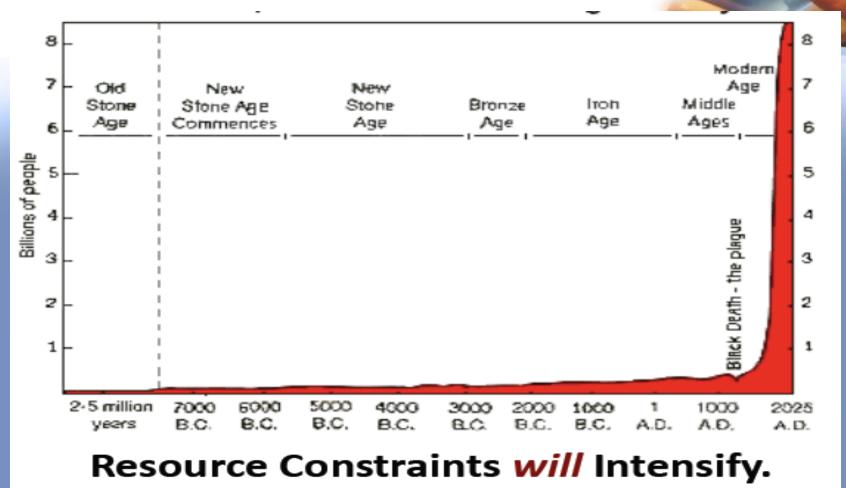
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People



Human Population



Growth in China's Urban Population

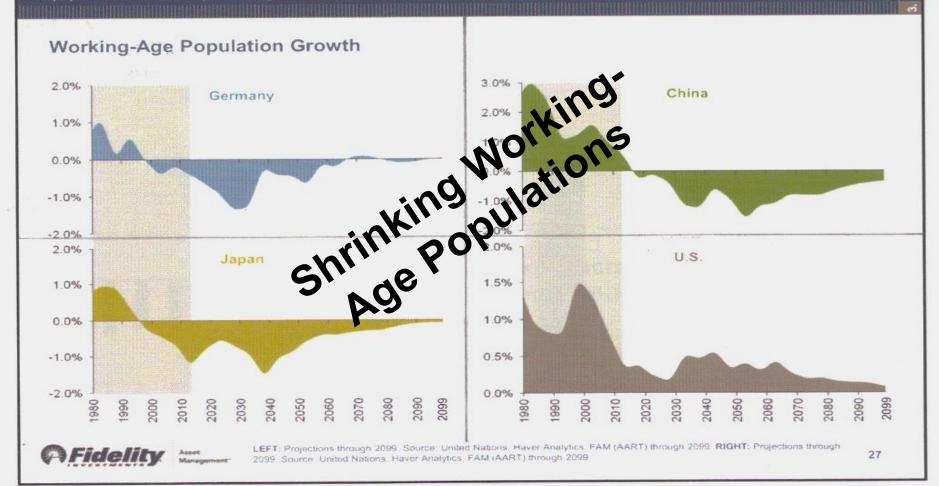


Source: "Preparing for China's Urban Billion," McKinsey Global Institute

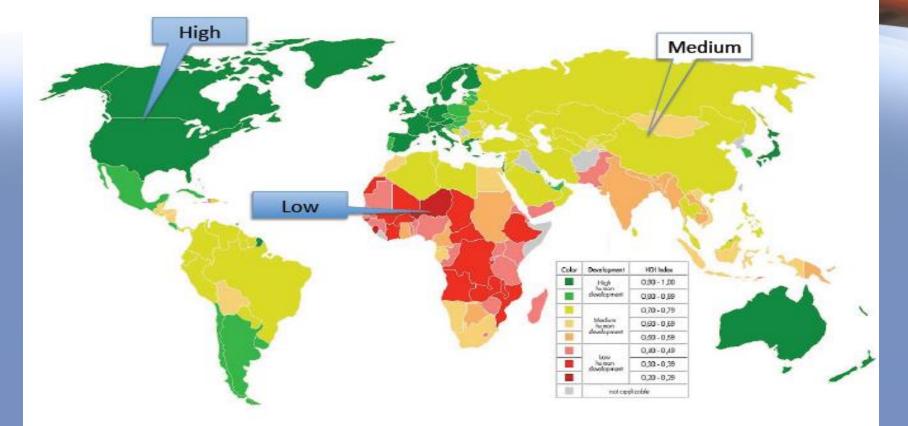
Demographics Favorable Relative to Many Other Economies

The U.S. is expected to face slower growth of its working-age population—a key factor for economic growth—over the next several decades relative to its post-WWII experience, but the growth rate will remain positive. In contrast, working-age populations are already declining in Japan and Germany, and will begin to fall in China during the next several years.

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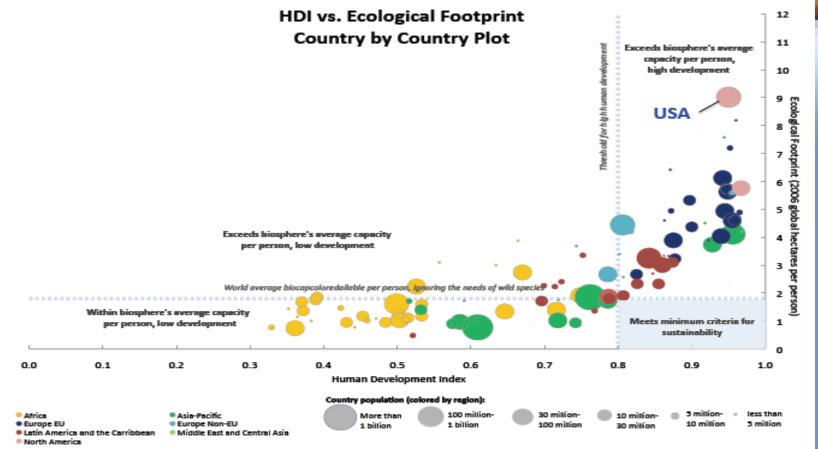
World map of Human Development Index (HDI) (UN metric based on life expectancy, education, GDP)



From PPT by William A. Wallace, ASCE ILC Spring Mtg 2010

Human Development Index vs. Ecological Footprint





Technology



Technology Environment in 2020





- Rapid and accelerating pace of technological innovation
- The world will be intensely connected
- Technology in our everyday lives will be seamless, transparent, and more significant than ever
- People involved with or affected by technology will be increasingly diverse
- Social, cultural, political and economic forces will continue to shape and affect the success of technological innovation

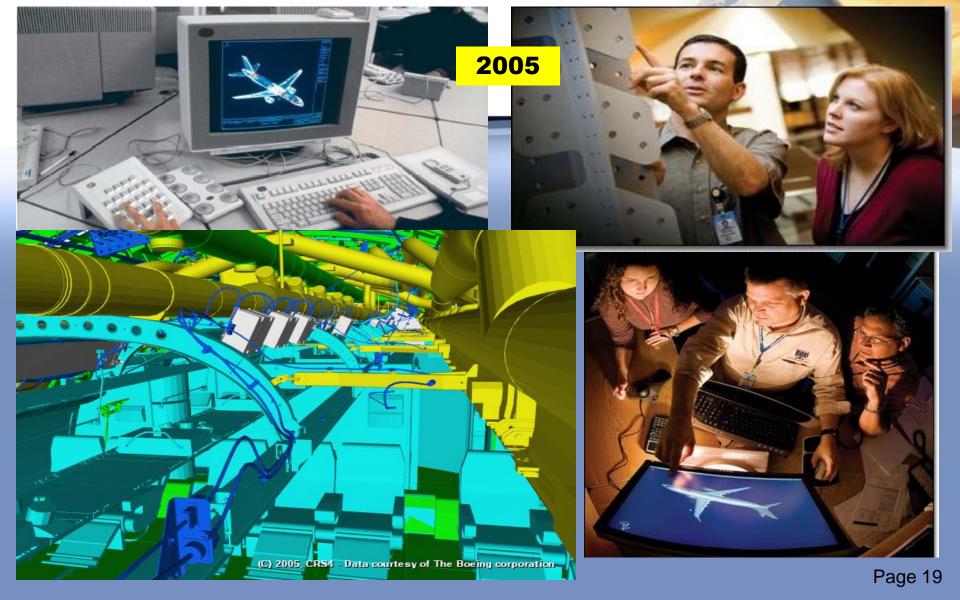
Source: "The Engineer of 2020" NAE

Boeing Engineering



WHERE BOEING PLANES GET THEIR START

Part of the Boeing Aircraft Company's engineering department made up of graduate engineers. Here new designs are initiated, all the complicated matters of stress, balance, weight, etc., are worked out and a considerable amount of research is conducted.



Future???



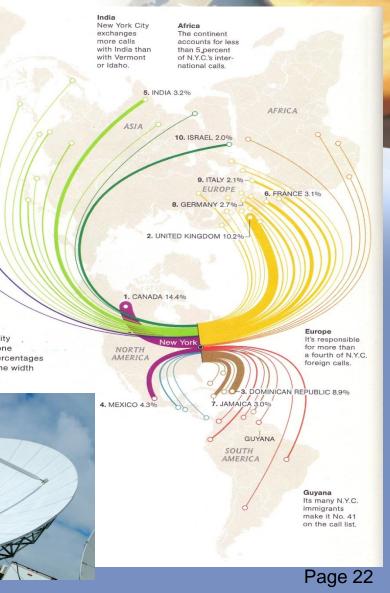
IT Future Trends

- Everything will become connected
 - Devices, systems, machines, business processes, even networks
- Digital technology is making transactions 'smarter'
 - Tiny processors see, listen, and pass messages to one another in sensor networks
- Digital technology is spawning new technical areas and creating new sub-industries
 - Molecular-level drug design, genomics gene diagnostics and therapies

Implications: continuing culture changes

Connectivity





AUSTRALIA



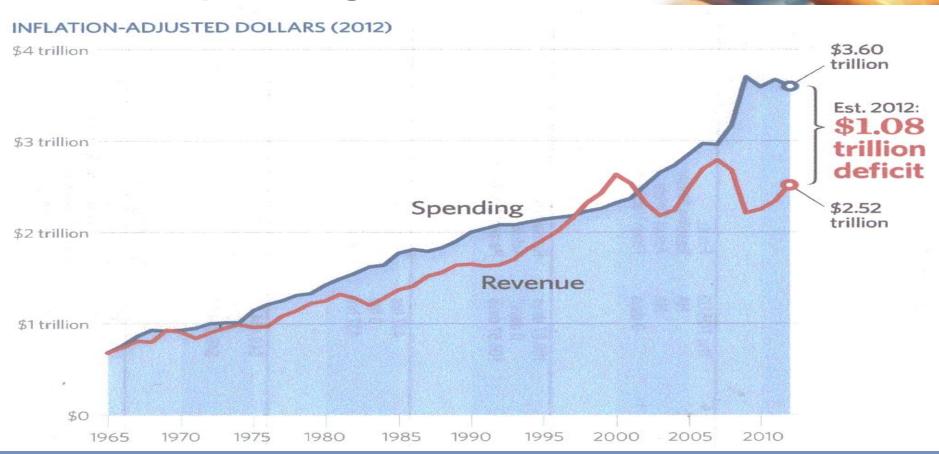


• "You can't be environmentally sustainable without having long-term financial sustainability."

source: Frank Sherkow, P.E., F.ASCE



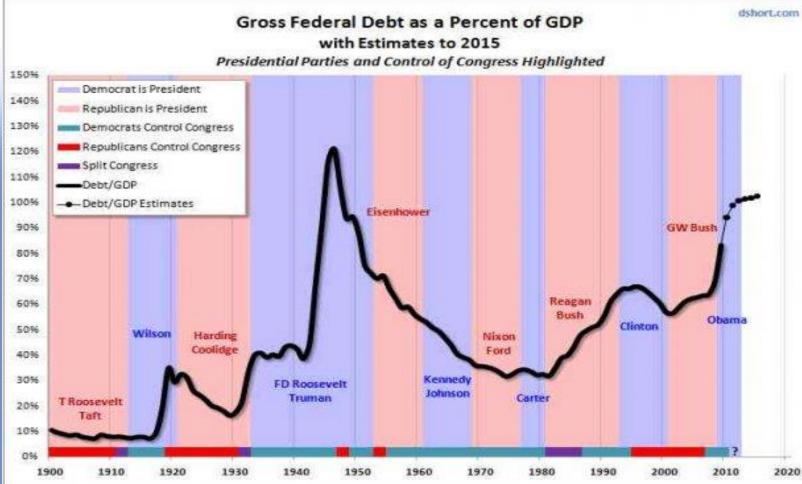
Federal Spending and Revenue



Source: WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET.

Federal Debt



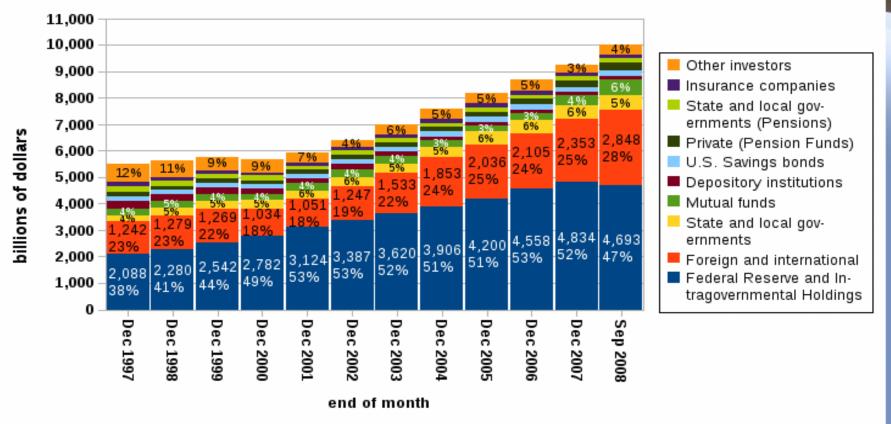


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Who Owns Our Debt?

Estimated Ownership of Federal Securities



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Who Owns Our Debt?

Which countries which own America's debt?



Major Foreign Holders of Treasury Securities 08/2009 total	
\$3428m	
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\$	Japan
\$	\$ UK
\$	S Carib Banking Centres*
\$	S OI Exporters*
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\$1.38tn United States Federal Deficit 08/2009 total

General Government Debt as Percent of GDP by Country



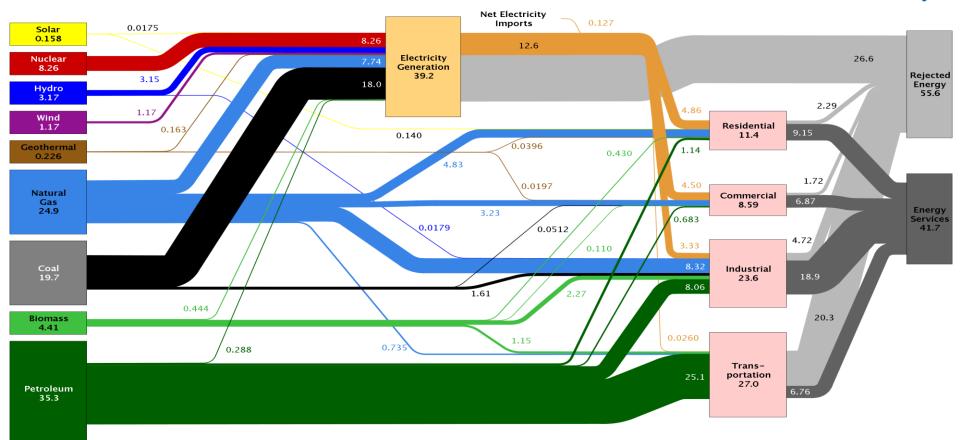
Source: Chartsbin.com; Dec. 2012

Energy and Materials



Estimated U.S. Energy Use in 2011: ~97.3 Quads

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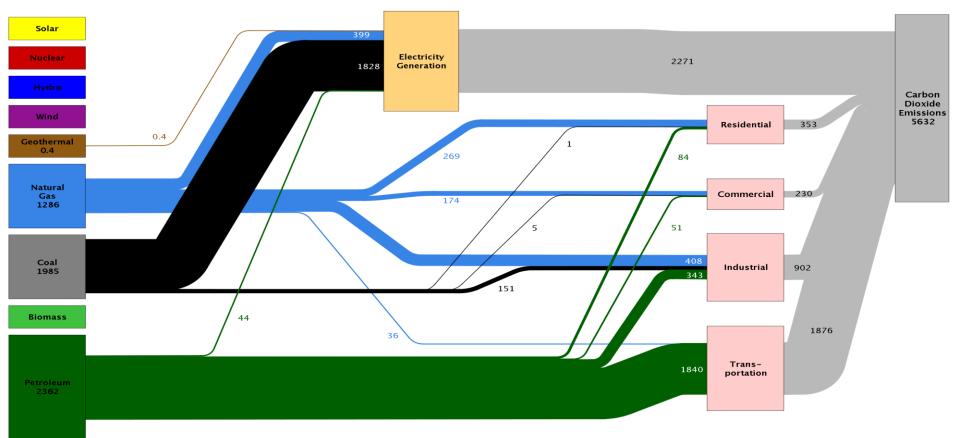


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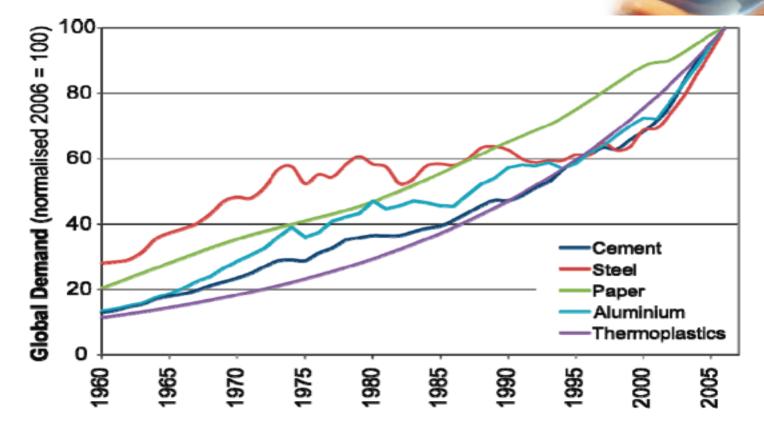
Energy-Related U.S. Carbon Dioxide Emissions in 2010: ~5632 Million Metric Tons

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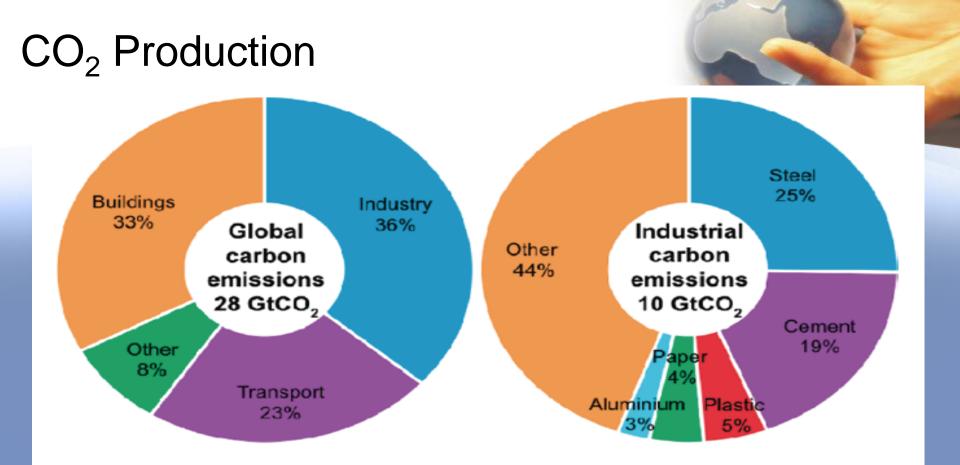


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Increasing Raw Materials Demand

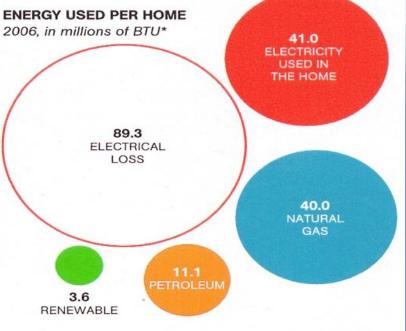


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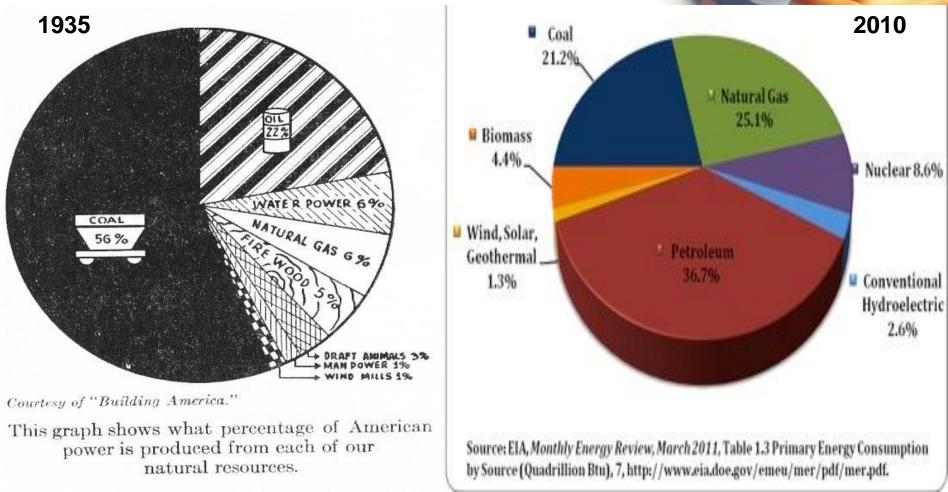


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Energy in U.S. by Source



Why Worry About Energy Efficiency in Built Environment?



- 39% of total energy use
 - 68% of total electrical consumption
 - 38% of carbon emissions

- Most cost efficient: energy efficiency
 - Investment return usually 20-40%

Green/Ultra-Efficient Buildings

Ultra-efficient buildings optimize and include the following design features:

- Climate-specific design (construction for energy efficiency)
- Passive solar heating and cooling
- Energy-efficient appliances and lighting (daylighting?)







Energy-efficient homes in Lenoir City, Tennessee (left), and in Oberdorf, Switzerland.



Example: Energy Efficiency & Lighting

- Energy savings up to 80%
- Sources of Savings:
 - Lighting
 - Windows
 - HVAC Systems
- Efficient lighting & better windows can lead to smaller and less costly HVAC system
- Energy savings from efficient lighting:
 - Payback period can be < 2 years
 - Average investment return 50-80%

Energy Efficiency & Lighting

Case Study: Retrofit of US Postal Service, Rodeo, CA

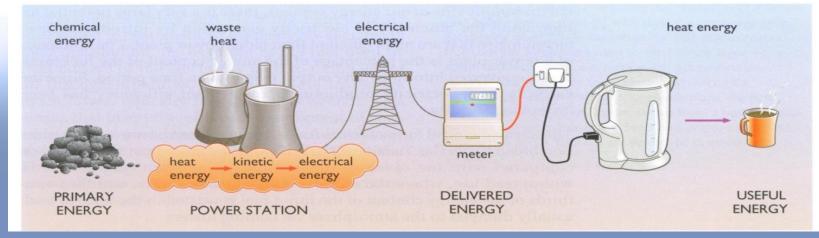


Total lighting load decreased 71%

Decrease in both ambient and task lighting

Efficiency of a series of processes





From conversion chain:

combustion (& heat exchanger) \rightarrow steam turbine \rightarrow electric generator \rightarrow distribution grid \rightarrow appliance

 $\eta_{\textit{system}} = \eta_{\textit{combustion}} \times \eta_{\textit{turbine}} \times \eta_{\textit{generator}} \times \eta_{\textit{grid}} \times \eta_{\textit{appliance}}$

Example: Efficiency of an

TABLE 1.2 Efficiencies of selected components and biological systems

Component	Energy Conversion Path	Efficiency (percent)
Large electric generators	$m \rightarrow e$	98–99
Large power plant boilers	$c \longrightarrow t$	90-98
Large electric motors	$e \rightarrow m$	90-97
Home natural gas furnaces	$c \rightarrow t$	90–96
Drycell batteries	$c \rightarrow e$	85-95
Waterwheels (overshot)	$m \rightarrow m$	60-85
Small electric motors	$e \rightarrow m$	60-75
Large steam turbines	$t \rightarrow m$	40-45
Wood stoves	$c \rightarrow t$	25-45
Large gas turbines	$c \rightarrow m$	35-40
Diesel engines	$c \rightarrow m$	30–35
Photovoltaic cells	$r \rightarrow e$	20–30
Large steam engines	$c \rightarrow m$	20-25
Internal combustion engines	$c \rightarrow m$	15-25
Steam locomotives	$c \rightarrow m$	3–6
Light Sources		
High-pressure sodium lamps	$e \rightarrow r$	15-20
Fluorescent lights	$e \rightarrow r$	10-12
Incandescent light bulbs	$e \rightarrow r$	2-5
Paraffin candles	$c \longrightarrow r$	1–2
Biological Systems		
Milk production	$c \rightarrow c$	15-20
Broiler production	$c \rightarrow c$	10–15
Beef production	$c \rightarrow c$	5-10
Local photosynthesis	$r \rightarrow c$	4-5
Global photosynthesis	$r \rightarrow c$	0.3

Energy conversion path labels: c = chemical, e = electrical, m = mechanical, r = radiant, t = thermal.



Assume grid efficiency ≈ 92%

Already includes typical Carnot term

Example: Efficiency of an incandescent lamp

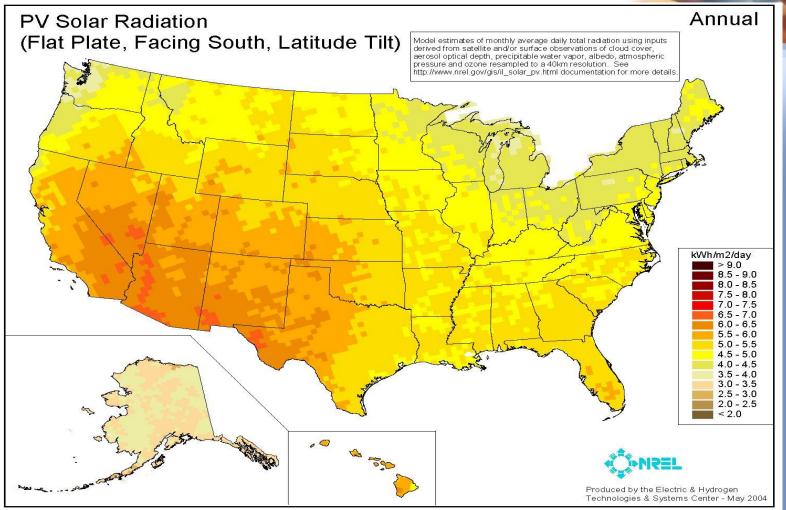


$$\eta_{system} = \eta_{combustion} \times \eta_{turbine} \times \eta_{generator} \times \eta_{grid} \times \eta_{appliance}$$

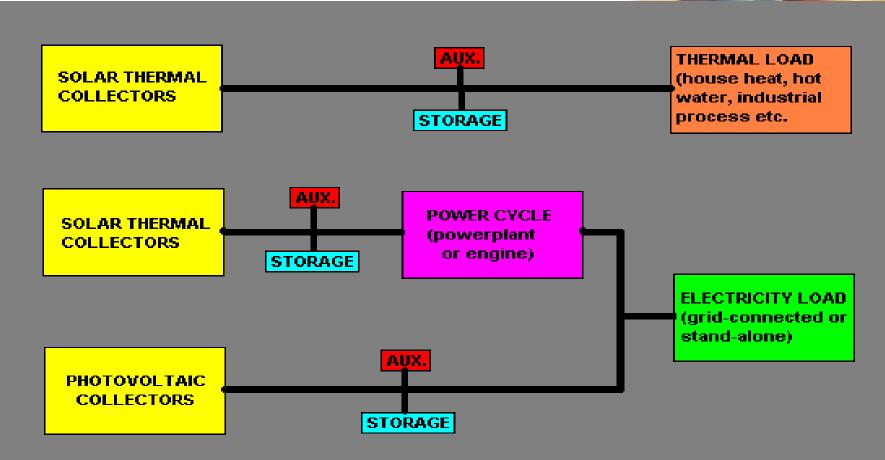
From the table and info we can get the following
 $\eta_{system} = 94\% \times 42\% \times 98\% \times 92\% \times 4\% = 1.5\%$

For comparison, a candle is about 1.5% efficient...

US Annual Insolation

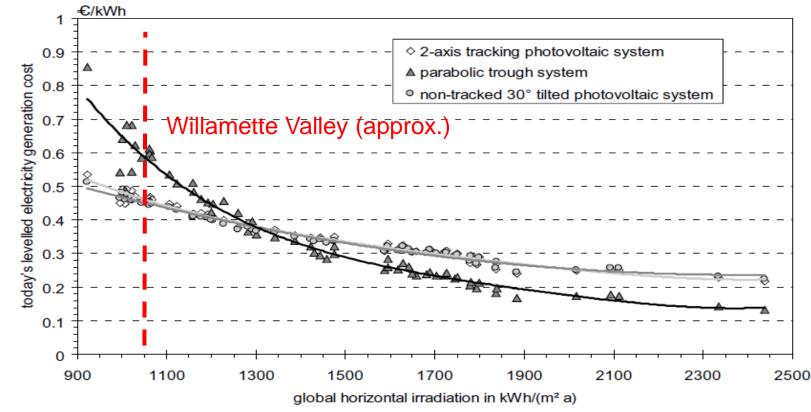


Solar Energy

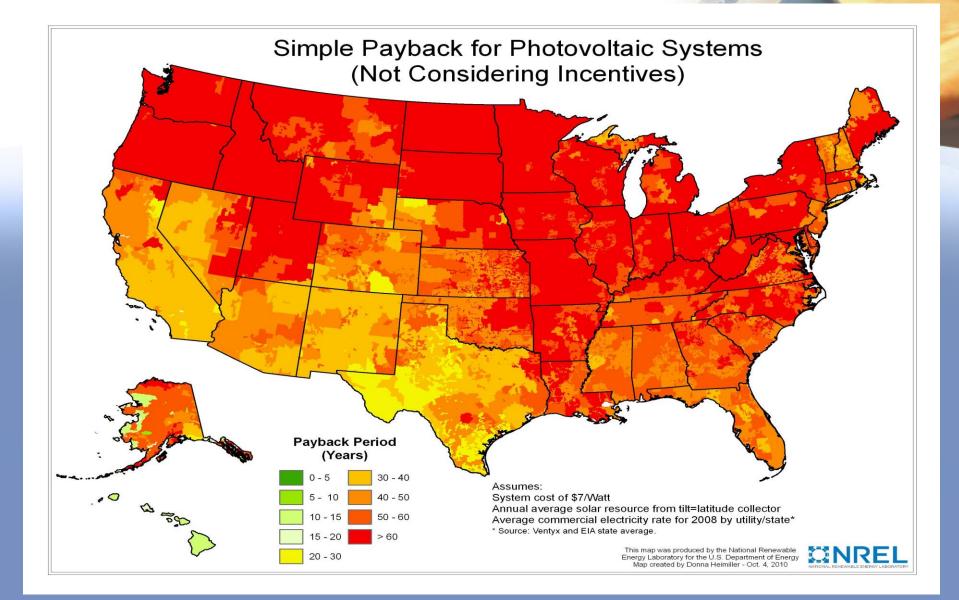


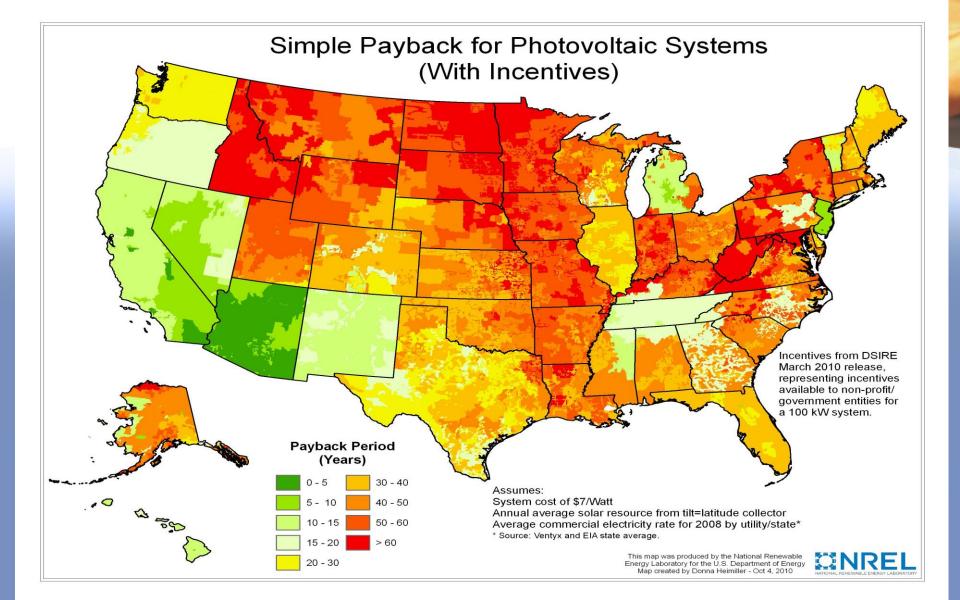
Which Solar Technology?





Break even between PV and Thermal at ca. 1300 kW.m⁻².yr⁻¹





PEAK LOAD VS. BASE LOAD ENERGY



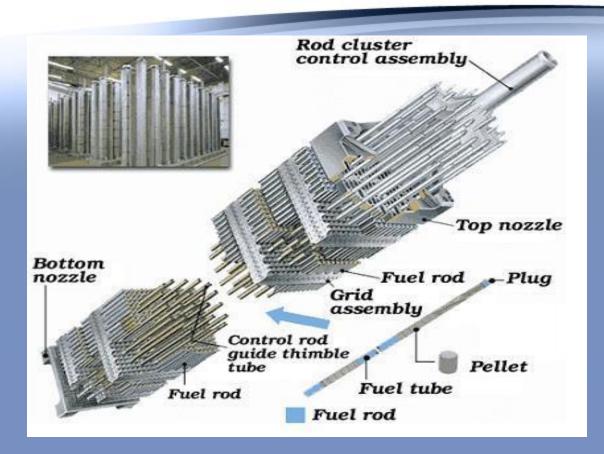
Wind and Solar are relegated to peak load because they are variable, intermittent resources

Nuclear Fuel Pellet



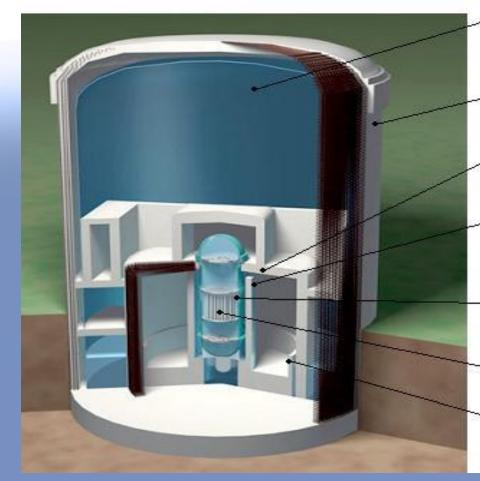
- Ceramic uranium oxide pellet the size of the tip of your little finger
- Equivalent to:
 - 1780 pounds of coal
 - 149 gallons of oil
 - 17,000 cu ft natural gas

Nuclear Fuel Assembly



- Pellets are stacked and sealed in a Zircaloy tube to form a fuel rod
- Fuel rods are placed in a matrix to form a fuel assembly

Safety is Part of Reactor Designs



-Containment Vessel

1.5-inch thick steel

-Shield Building Wall
3 foot thick reinforced concrete

Dry Well Wall 5 foot thick reinforced concrete

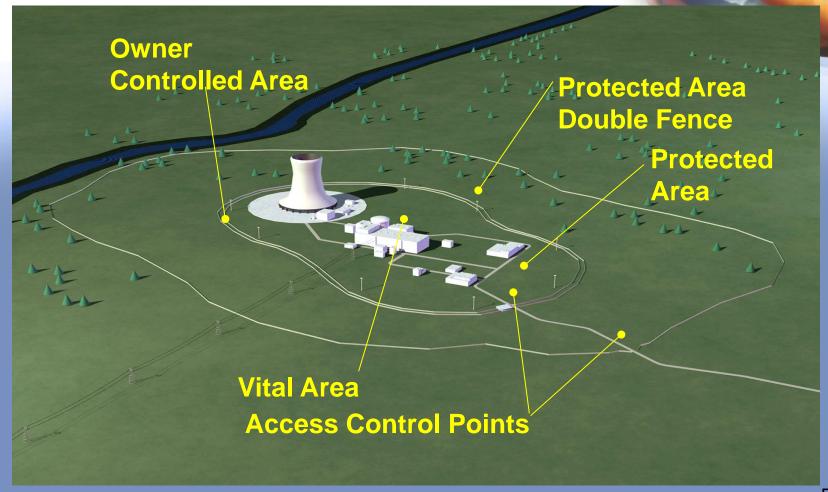
Bio Shield 4 foot thick leaded concrete with 1.5-inch thick steel lining inside and out

Reactor Vessel 4 to 8 inches thick steel

Reactor Fuel

Weir Wall 1.5 foot thick concrete

Nuclear Plant Security Zones



U.S. Capacity Factors by Fuel Type 2007

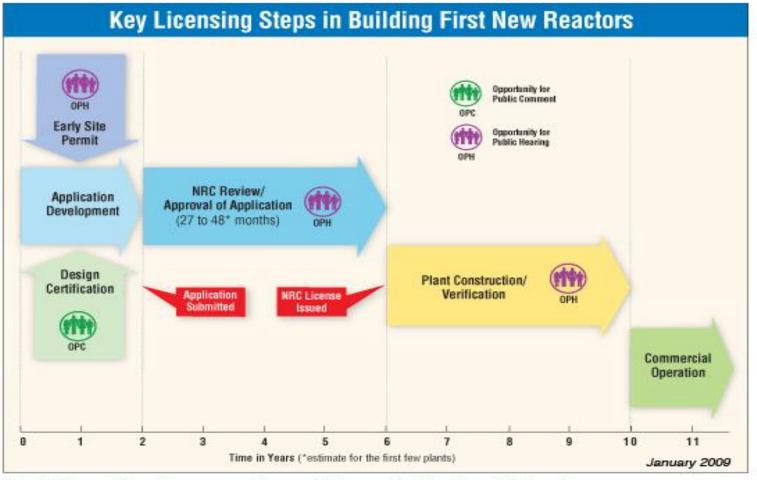
Average Capacity Factors (%)*

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	Nuclear	91.8
	Coal (Steam Turbine)	71.8
	Gas (Combined Cycle)	43.3
	Gas (Steam Turbine)	16.0
	Oil (Steam Turbine)	19.6
	Hydro	27.8
	Wind	30.4
	Solar	19.8

* Preliminary Source: Global Energy Decisions / Energy Information Administration Updated: 4/08

Fuel Type

Streamlined NRC Regulatory Processes?

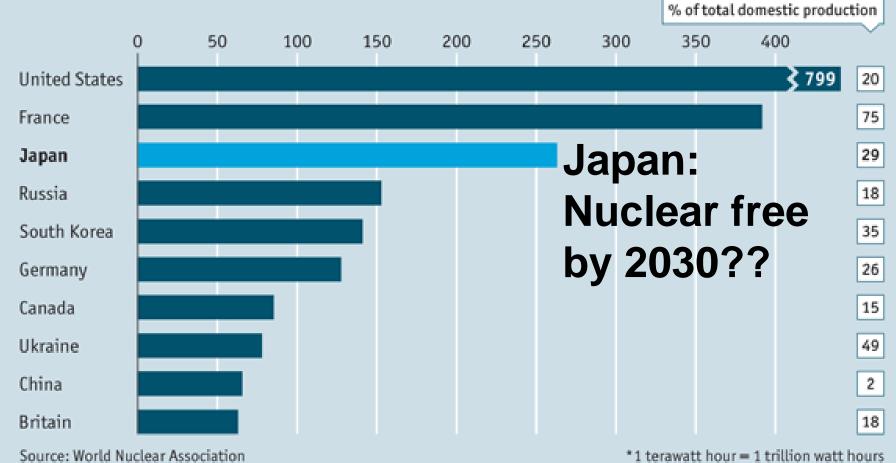


The NRC's new licensing process offers multiple opportunities for public input.

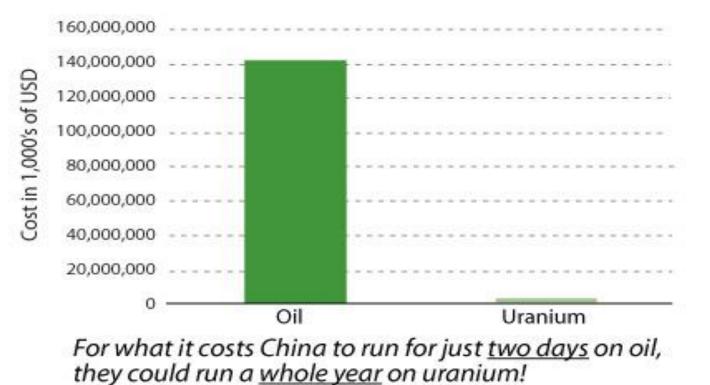
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Biggest nuclear-electricity producers

Terawatt hours*, 2009



Easy Math: A Year's Worth of Energy at a Fraction of the Price...



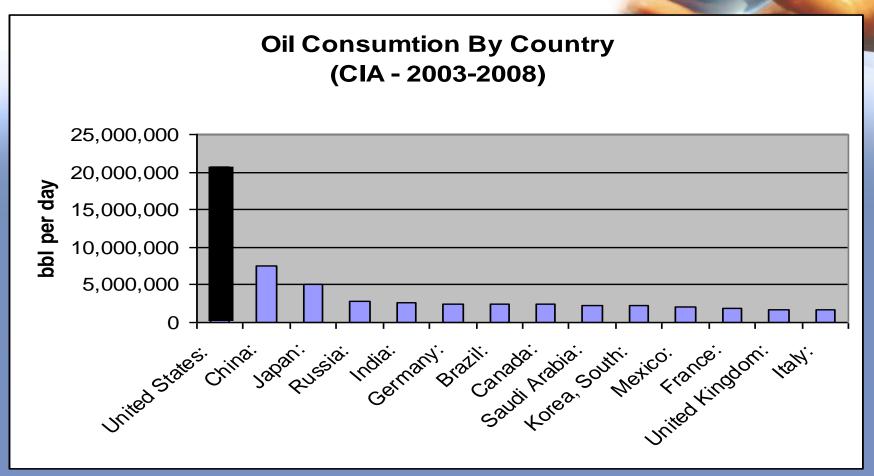
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China's Energy Dilemma

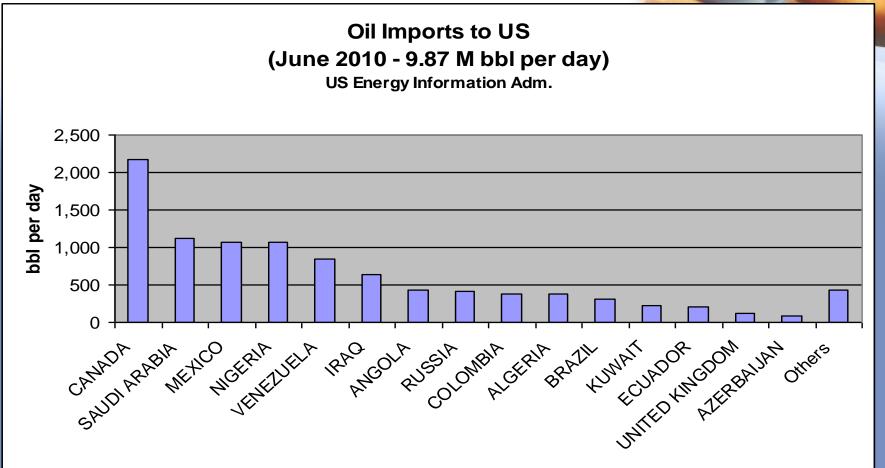


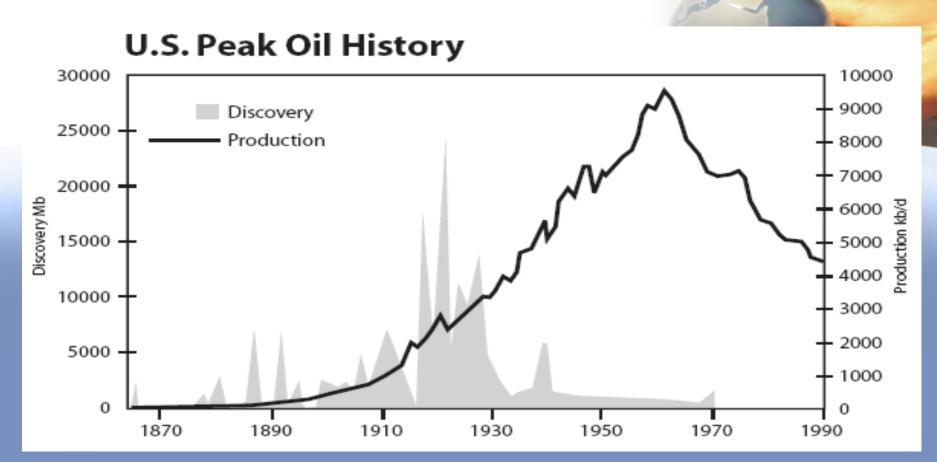
- 80% of its energy from Coal for >1 Billion People
- So, ramp up nuclear! (currently 11 reactors)
- Building 17 more now
- Wants to build ~100 more over the next several years
- China now uses 769 tons of uranium
- They could need 20,000 tons in the future!
- **Global:** 436 reactors running, 50 being built, 137 in blueprint stage, and 295 more on the table for approval
- Nuclear energy has the power to light a city in a lump of uranium the size of a soda can
- Who has uranium? Australia, US, Canada, France, Argentina, Brazil, and India (and some in South Africa, Nigeria, Algeria, and Gabon)
- What happens to the price of uranium??

How Much Oil Do We Use?



Where Does US <u>Import</u> Oil Come From?



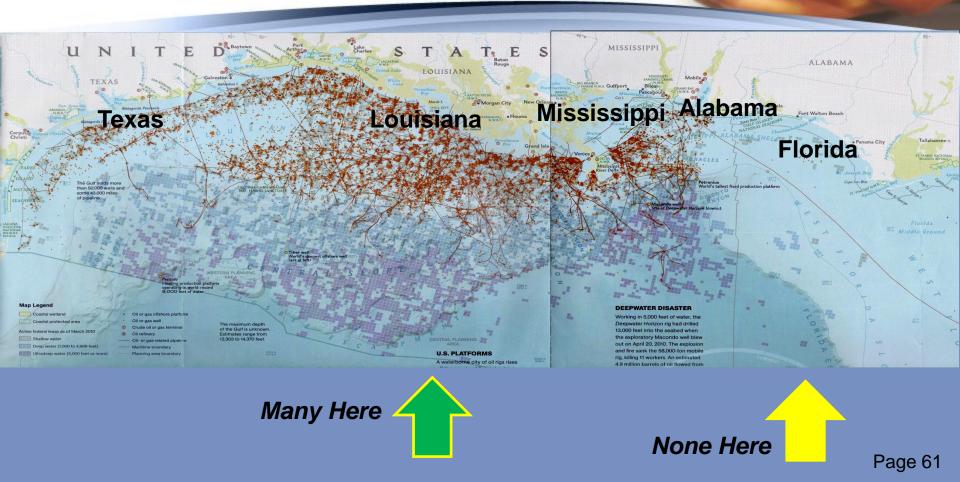


Is there nothing left to discover?? Or, did we stop looking?

- New technology and new locations

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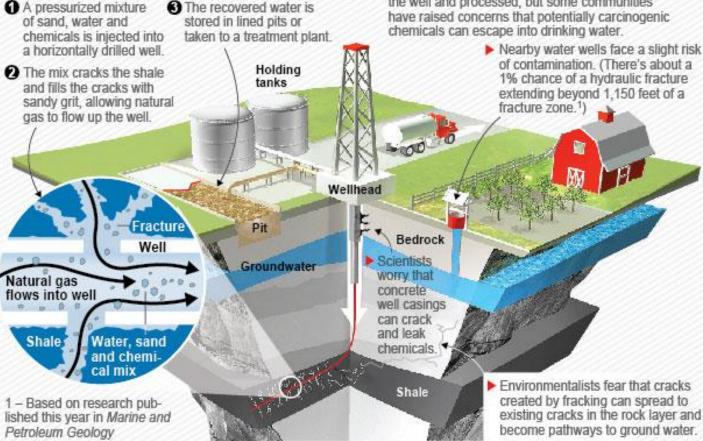
Gulf of Mexico – Oil Drilling and Leases



What is fracking?

Hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, is a method of forcing natural gas or oil from rock layer deep below the Earth's surface.

How fracking works ...



Sources: Duke University; U.S. Energy Information Administration; National Research Council; Marine and Petroleum Geology By Dan Vergano and Karl Gelles, USA TODAY

... and why it's controversial

Much of the water used in fracking is collected from the well and processed, but some communities



Fracking – New Technology



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration based on data from various published studies. Canada and Mexico plays from ARI. Updated: May 9, 2011

Shale Basins – New Locations

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U.S. Natural Gas Prices





Source: Short-Term Energy Outlook, August 2010; Reuters News Service



Natural Gas

Natural Gas Resource Assessment of the Potential Gas Committee, 2008 (mean values)

Traditional Resources

Coalbed Gas Resources

Total U.S. Resources

Proved Reserves (EIA)

Future Gas Supply

1,673.4 TCF

163.0 TCF

1,836.4 TCF

237.7 TCF

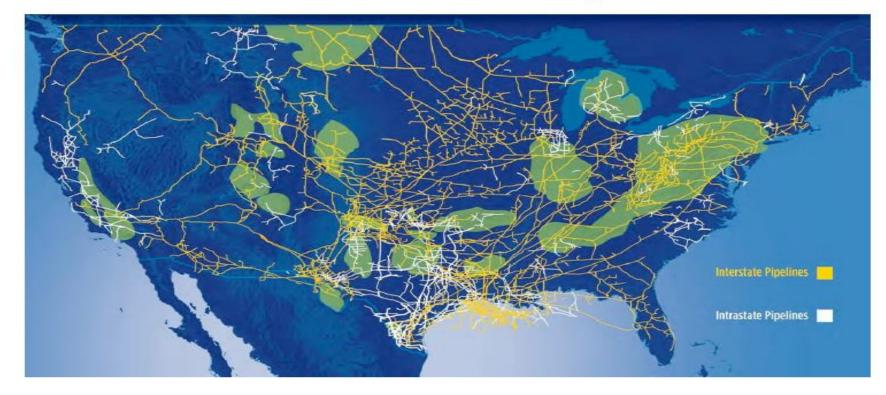
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Pipeline Grid

Shale Basins and the U.S. Pipeline Grid



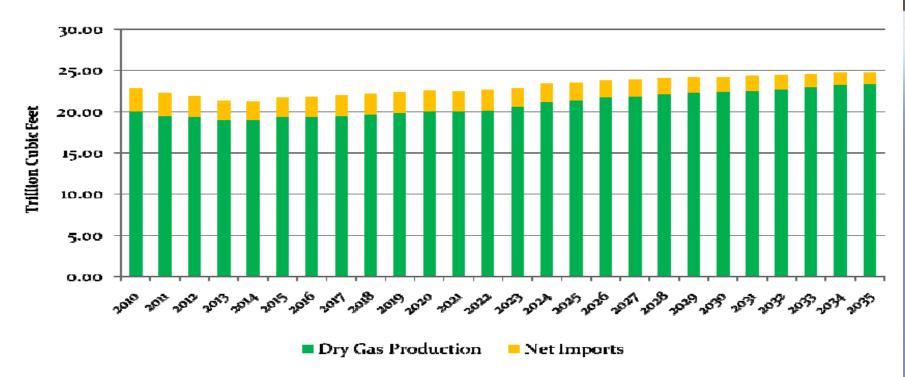


Source: American Clean Skies Foundation.

U.S. Natural Gas Supply



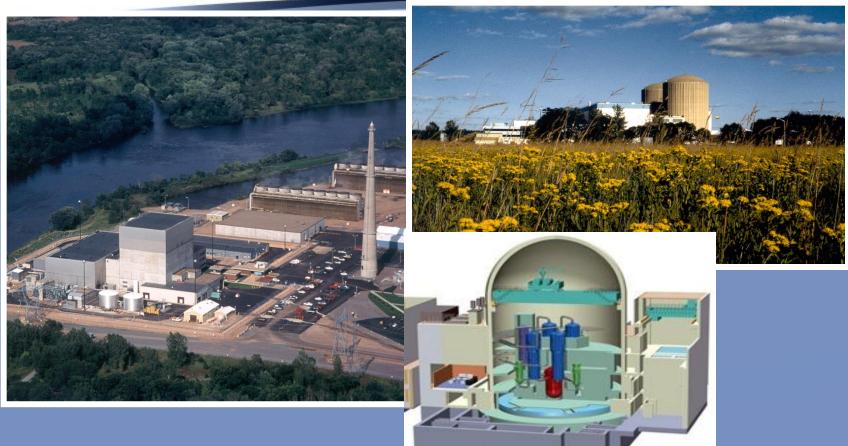
EIA, AEO 2010-2035 Reference Case



American Gas Association



What Happens to Future Nuclear Plants if the Supply of NG is Very High and Price is Very Low?

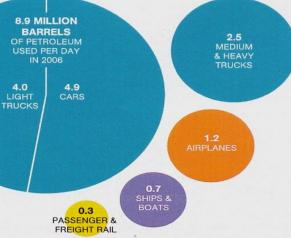


TRANSPORTATION TOLLS

Cars and light trucks consume the lion's share of petroleum used for transportation in the U.S. Modest changes in efficiency and driving habits could add up to significant fuel savings.

U.S. Transportation





If we drove our cars 20 fewer miles each week, we could reduce their CO₂ emissions by **107 million tons** each year, a 9 percent decrease.

If we improved our cars' gas mileage by 5 miles a gallon, we could cut their CO₂ emissions by **239 million tons** each year, a 20 percent decrease.



Sustainability



National Academy of Science – Grand Challenges of the 21st Century Engineering

Themes that are Essential for Humanity to Flourish:

- **1. Sustainability**
- 2. Health
- 3. Reducing Vulnerability
- 4. Joy of Living





Many definitions...but consistent core principles

Definitions

- Brundtland Commission, 1983 World Commission on Environment & Development
- Ceres Principles
- Equator Principles
- 1992 Rio Declaration on Environment and Development
- Bellagio Principles
- Hannover Principles
- Natural Step
- One Planet Living
- Company-Specific
- and more



The World's View of Sustainable Development

The **Brundtland Commission**, formally the **World Commission on Environment and Development** (WCED), convened by the United Nations in 1983 and defined sustainable development as:

> ".... development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."





Universal Core Sustainability Principles



- Fresh water finite quantities of fresh water and water rights
- Natural Resources limited global supply of carbon-based fuels, metals, and native materials
- **Clean air** urban air quality is getting worse and air-related health issues are increasing
- Agricultural land more land is taken up by development each year, or lost to desertification
- **Fisheries** fish stocks around the world are in decline

Interdependence

- **Population increase** world population continues to increase with increased demand for food and consumer goods
- Ecological cycles –
 Consequences of human
 intervention in
- Economic health is dependent on health of natural world
- Increases in impervious surfaces

 changing local and regional hydrology
- Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and climate change – affect planet's atmosphere, biosphere and human infrastructure

Principles, cont'd

Social And Personal Well-being

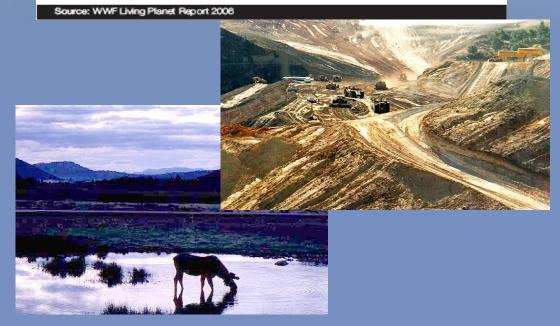
- Health and safety
- Disparities in wealth/income
- Culture and history
- Recreation
- Various freedoms

Legacy And Responsibility

Debts and conditions conveyed to future generations:

- Livable cities
- Adequate farmland and forests
- Abandoned mines
- Landfill reclamation
- Brownfield redevelopment
- Pollution prevention





Population in millions

3489

847

Figure 1.7: Ecological Footprint by Region, 2003

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326

349

270

535