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Energy conversion and Renewables An Introduction

An aerial photograph of the EPFL campus, showing modern buildings, a large red sculpture, and a courtyard.

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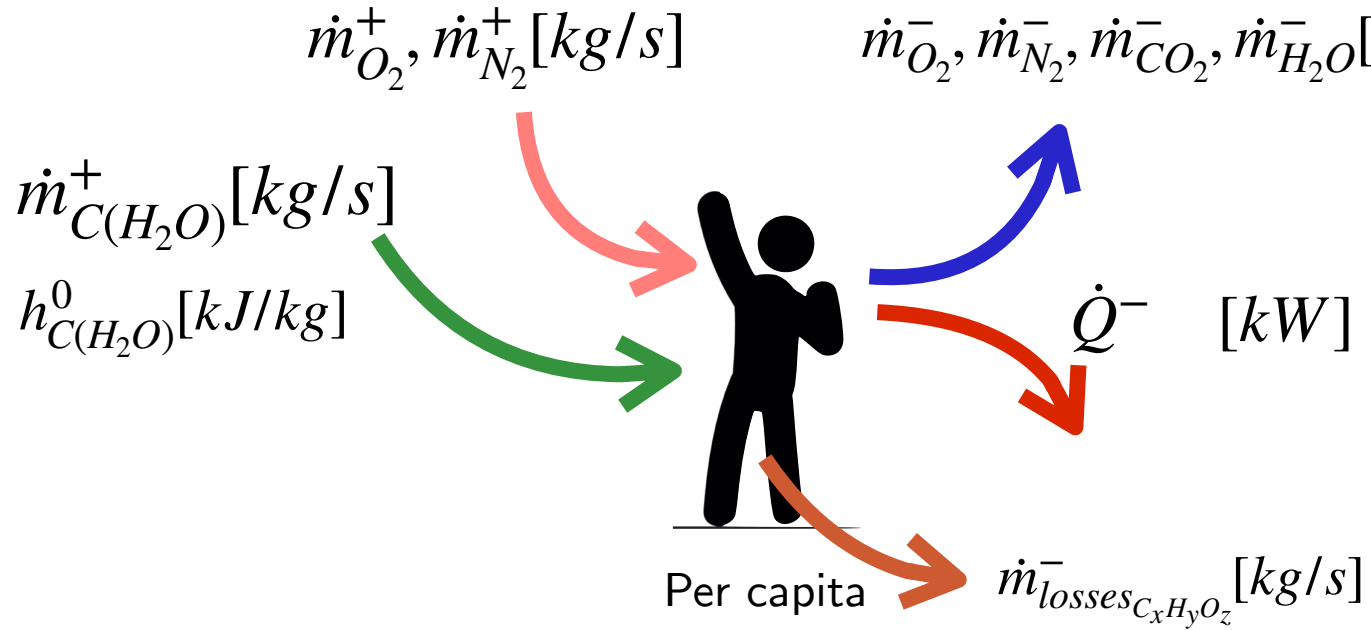
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EPFL Human needs energy to live



$$\Delta E \approx 20[MJ/kg_{C(H_2O)}]$$



Energy Balance at every time of life t

- 20% muscles : work ($\dot{m}_e \cdot \Delta v$ [kW])
- 20% brain : control ($(\dot{m}_e \cdot \Delta v)$ [kW])
- 10% heart : distribution ($\dot{m} \cdot \delta \cdot \Delta P$ [kW])
- 30% leaver : conversion ($\dot{m} \cdot \Delta h^r$ [kW])
- 20% other : including storage ($\dot{m}_{fat} \cdot h_{fat}^0$ [kW])
- temperature control : 37°C
by cogeneration ($M \cdot c_p \cdot \Delta T$ [kW])

$$\dot{Q}^- [kW] = \dot{m}_{C(H_2O)}^+ \cdot h_{C(H_2O)}^0 - \Delta M_{fat} \cdot h_{fat}^0 - \dot{m}_{losses_{C_xH_yO_z}}^- \cdot h_{C_xH_yO_z}^0$$

$$\dot{Q}^- = 70 - 100 \quad [kW]$$

EPFL Physical units of energy : Joule

- International system (MKSA): Metre, Kilogramme, Second, Ampère

- Energy forms

- Kinetic energy $E_c = \frac{1}{2} \text{mass} \times \text{speed}^2$

$$\text{Energy } [E_c] = \text{kg} \cdot (\text{m} \cdot \text{s}^{-1})^2 = \text{Joule}[J]$$

- Work = force x displacement; $[T] = \text{N} \times \text{m}$

$$\text{Force } [N] = \text{kg} \cdot \text{m} \cdot \text{s}^{-2}$$

- Potential Energy $E = \text{stored to produce work}$

$$\text{Energy } [J] = [N] \times [m] = \text{kg} \cdot \text{m} \cdot \text{s}^{-2} \cdot \text{m}$$

- $[E] = \text{J}$: Ex. weight energy : mass x g x altitude = mgh

$$J = \frac{\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^2}{\text{s}^2} = \text{N} \cdot \text{m} = \text{Pa} \cdot \text{m}^3 = \text{W} \cdot \text{s}$$

James Prescott Joule
(1818–1889)



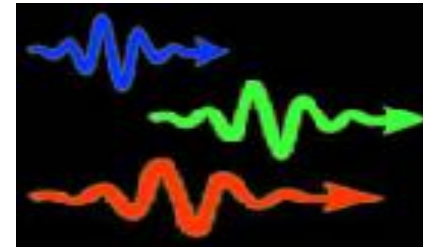
- Work due to the pressure = pressure x volume;
- $[E] = \text{kg}/(\text{ms}^2) \times \text{m}^3 = \text{N} \times \text{m}$
- Heat = disordered energy of the movements due to temperature

$$E_c = N \times \frac{1}{2} m \langle v^2 \rangle = \frac{3}{2} N k_B T \quad k_B = 1,3806488 \times 10^{-23} \text{J} \cdot \text{K}^{-1}$$

Où k_B est la [constante de Boltzmann](#), N le nombre de particules et T la [température](#) (en [kelvins](#)).

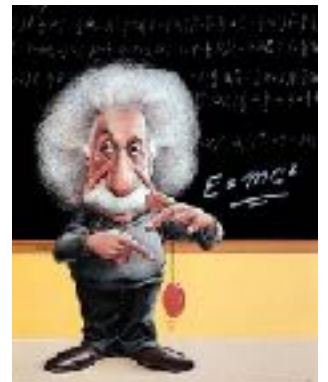
- Electrical energy = charge x electrical potential
- Chemical energy = Molecule formation x chemical reaction progress
- Nuclear energy = Atome formation x nuclear reaction progress
- Quantic energy $E = h\nu$; h Planck constant, ν light frequency

$$h \approx 6,62606957 \times 10^{-34} \text{J} \cdot \text{s},$$



$$c = 299\,792\,458 \text{ m} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$$

- Relative energy of a resting mass $E = mc^2$



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Facteur	Préfixe	Symbole	Facteur	Préfixe	Symbole
10 ⁻¹	deca	da	10 ⁻¹²	tera	T
10 ⁻²	hecto	h	10 ⁻¹⁵	peta	P
10 ⁻³	kilo	k	10 ⁻¹⁸	exa	E
10 ⁻⁶	mega	M	10 ⁻²¹	zetta	Z
10 ⁻⁹	giga	G	10 ⁻²⁴	yotta	Y

General Conversion Factors for Energy

To:	TJ	Gcal	Mtoe	MBtu	GWh
From:	multiply by:				
TJ	1	238.8	2.388×10^{-5}	947.8	0.2778
Gcal	4.1868×10^{-3}	1	10^{-7}	3.968	1.163×10^{-3}
Mtoe	4.1868×10^4	10^7	1	3.968×10^7	11630
MBtu	1.0551×10^{-3}	0.252	2.52×10^{-8}	1	2.931×10^{-4}
GWh	3.6	860	8.6×10^{-5}	3412	1

Joule
calorie
ton of oil equivalent
British thermal unit
Watt hour

- Energy system scale
 - Exajoule EJ = 10^{18} J; TeraWatt-years TWyr = 31.5EJ; Tonnes of oil equivalent toe = 42 GJ
 - Energy consumption of the world ~ 500 EJ (~ 15 TWyr $\sim 12 \times 10^9$ toe) of energy per year
- Industrial scales
 - kiloWatt-hour 1kWh = 3.6×10^6 J
 - A household ~ 200 kWh/m² per year
 - Oil barrel ($\sim$ energy of 160l of oil) $\sim 6 \times 10^9$ J
 - world consumption $\sim 4 \times 10^{10}$ barrels of oil per year (~ 200 EJ)
- Human scale
 - calorie = energy needed to increase by 1°C the temperature of 1g of water ; 1cal=4.19J
 - Un plat de pâtes = 500'000 cal = 2100 kJ
- Microscopic scale
 - Electron-Volt = energy of one electron under a potential of 1 Volt; 1eV = 1.6×10^{-19} J
 - Energy of 1 red photon = 1.5eV

Power is the rate (flow) of the energy

- $[P] = [E]/s = J/s = \text{Watt (W)}$

!!!! Power : $1 J/s = 1 W$ (Watt) !!!!

!!!! Energy : $1 Wh = 3600 J$!!!!

Scottish engineer [James Watt](#)
(1736–1819)



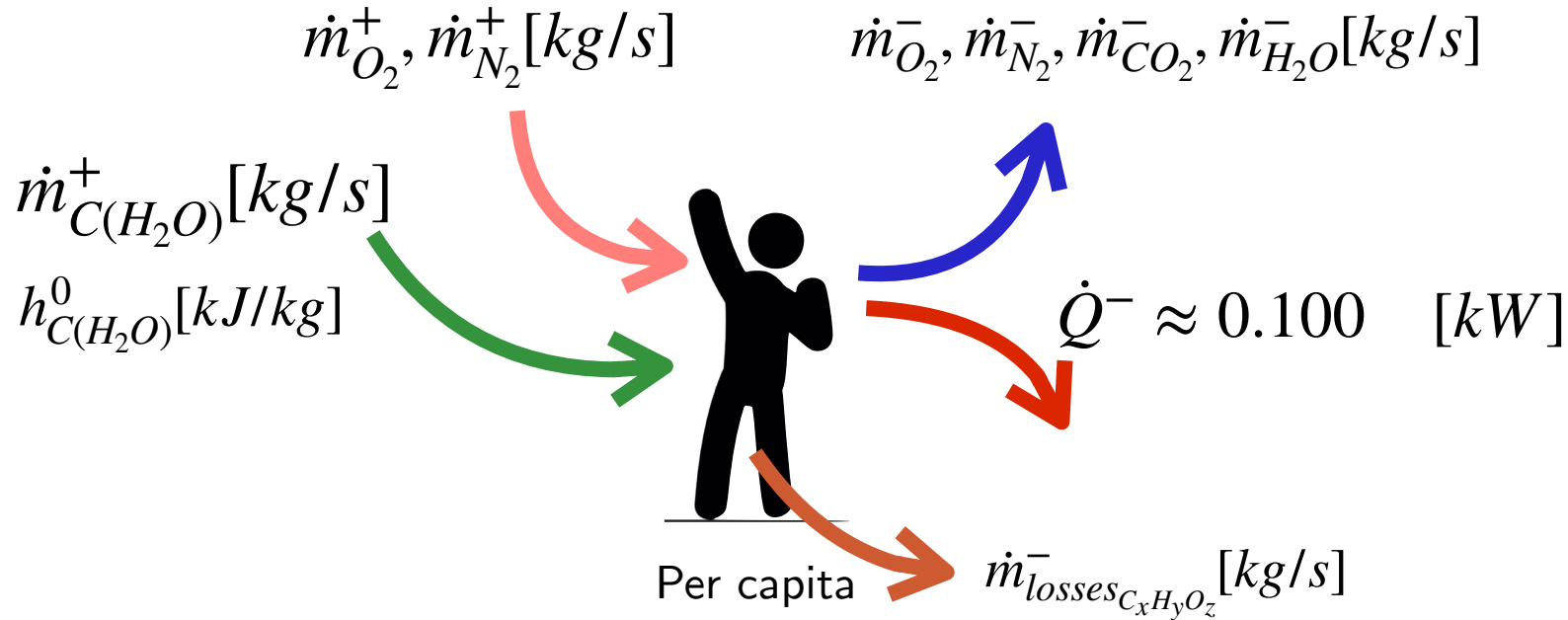
■ Energy

- Daily need of an adult : 6-8 [MJ]
- 1 Liter of Oil : 36 [MJ]
- 100 km in a VWGolf : 230 [MJ] (6.4l)

■ Power

- Computer : 100 -200 [W] (J/s)
- Professional cyclist : 450 [W]
- Adult : 100 [W]
- 100 students : 15 [kW]
- Car engine : 75 [kW]
- Filling your tank at the filling station : $\frac{50[l/min] \cdot 36[MJ/l]}{60[sec/min]} = 30[MJ/s] = 30[MW]$

Human body needs energy to live



0.25

l*/day

100

l*/year

9

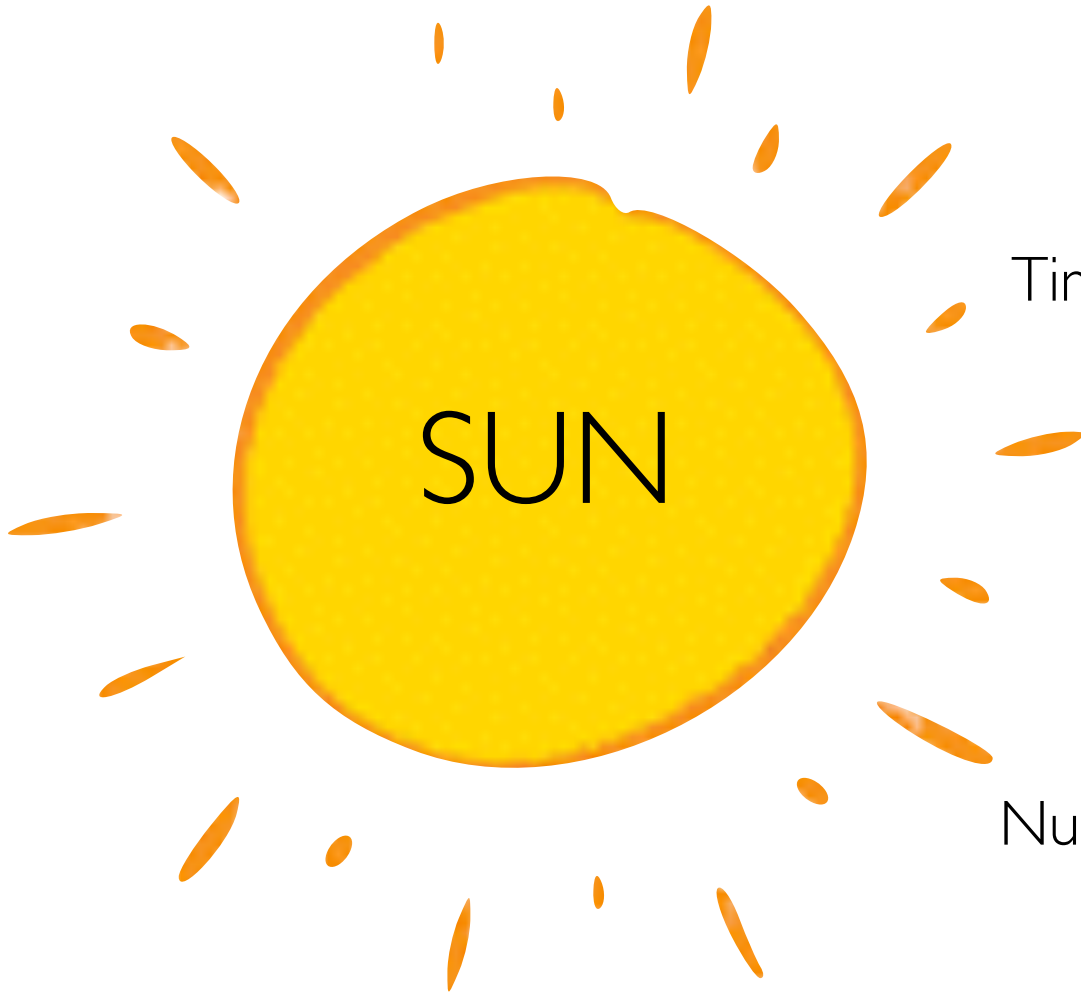
CHF/day (l)

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$$\dot{Q}^- = 70 - 100 \quad [kW]$$

* l = 1 l of oil equivalent = 10 kWh = 36000 MJ

(1) <https://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/fr/home/statistiques/situation-economique-sociale-population/revenus-consommation-et-fortune/budget-des-menages.assetdetail.3882095.html>

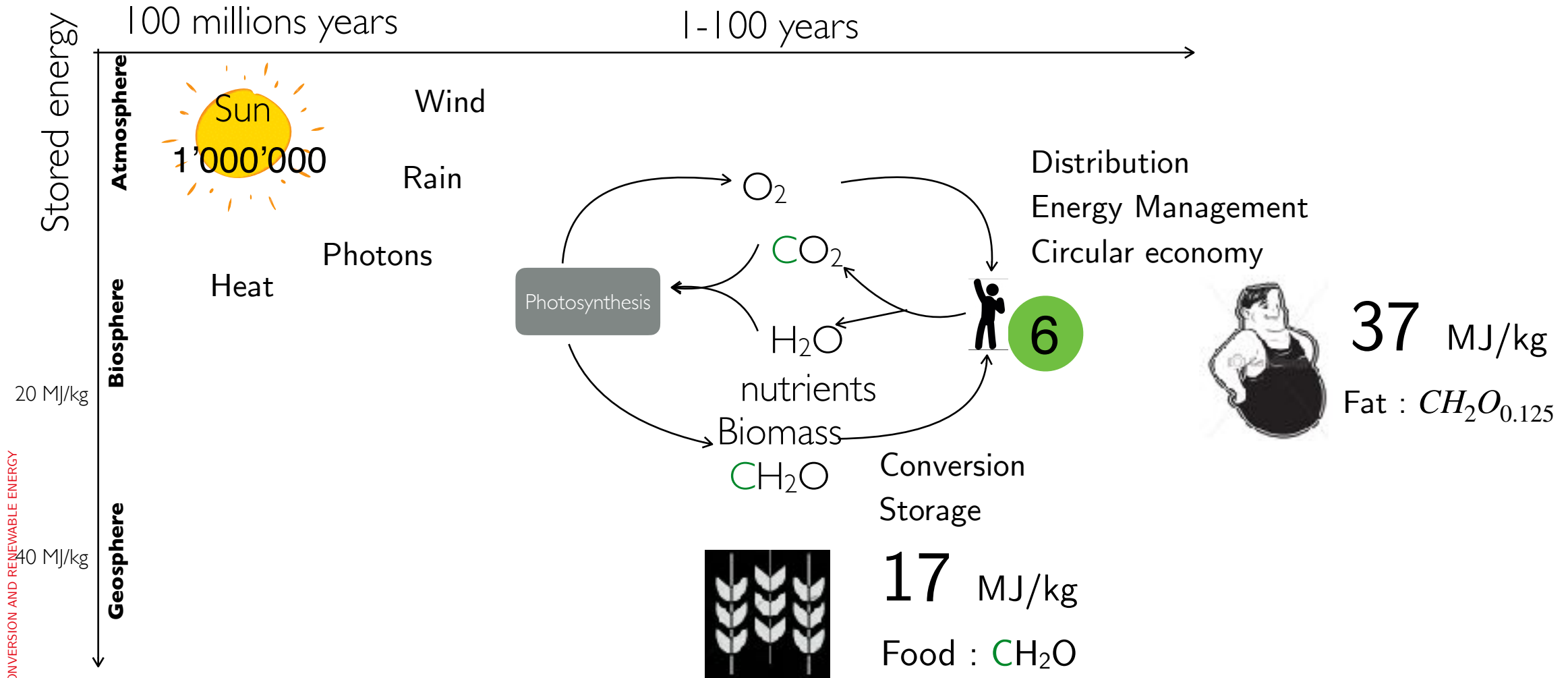


1.5 hours

Time needed for the irradiation of the sun to cover all our annual needs

6500 years

Number of years we can survive with one year of solar irradiation energy.



$$100 = 390 \text{ EJ}$$

Energy is not the problem, the problem is energy management

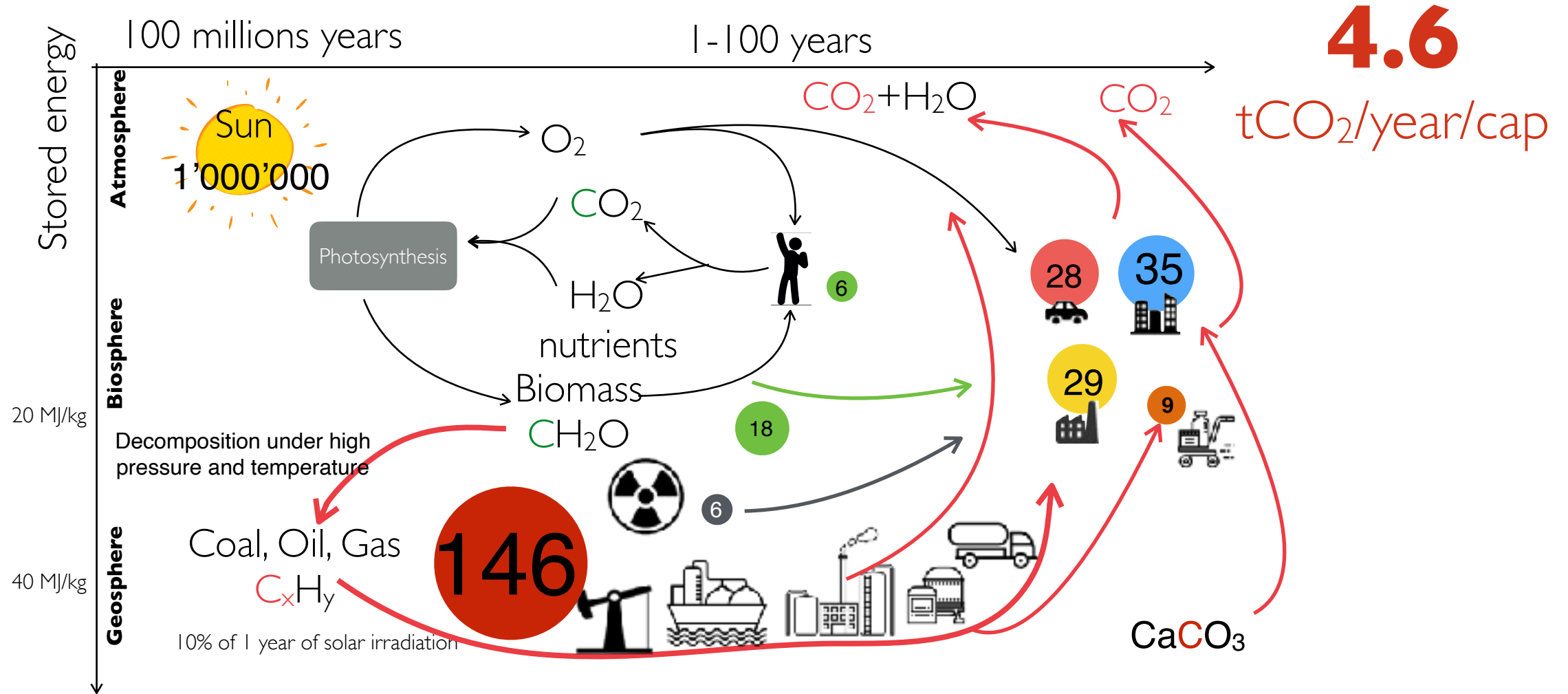
- Demand is intermittent and stochastic
- Resources are intermittent, stochastic and diverse
- High storage density at different scales is needed
- Co-production of chemical products : trees (structures) - leaves (fibers/polymers)
- Integrated supply chain
- Circular economy

“ Nothing is lost, every atom and the energy is conserved ”

“ Energy can be converted from one form to another but can not be produced “

- Provides the living comfort
 - Lightning
 - Heating/cooling
 - Food
 - Health
- Allows the fabrication of goods and products
 - Heavy industries
 - Manufacturing
- Provides mobility
 - Bikes
 - Cars
 - Trains
 - Airplanes
 - Ships
- Provides communication
 - Internet
 - Banks
 - Markets

EPFL The earth/human energy



World balance 2013

100 = 390 EJ = final energy consumption (source : iea.org)

EPFL Humans need energy ...

Food

0.25

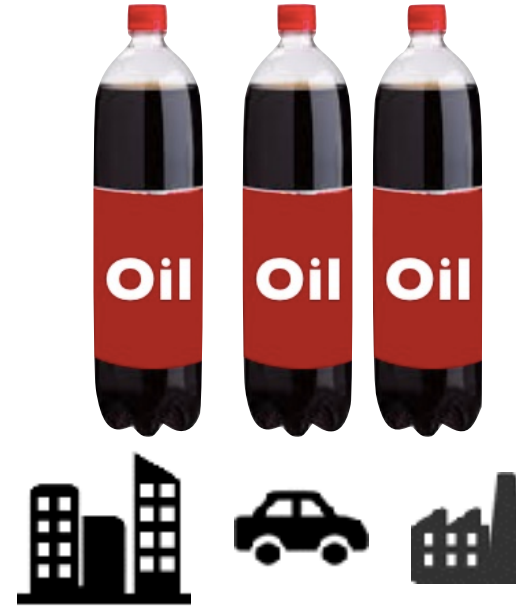
l*/day



Oil

5.5

l/day



100

l*/year

Per capita

9

CHF/day

8.5 - 12

CHF/day

Per Swiss capita

Gas : **9 - 13** cts/kWh

Electricity : **17 - 31** cts/kWh

Gasoline : **16 - 21** cts/kWh

in which 3 - 7 CHF/day for import

Poutine effect

* l = 1 l of oil equivalent = 10 kWh = 36000 MJ

http://www.bfe.admin.ch/themen/00526/00541/00542/00631/index.html?lang=fr&dossier_id=00763

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$$[kJ_p/hab/an] = \eta_e[kJ_p/kJ_e] \cdot \eta_s[kJ_e/kJ_s] \cdot e_d[kJ_s/an/m^2] \cdot d_{hab}[m^2/hab] \cdot hab[hab]$$

Primary energy

Extraction->resource

Conditioning

resource->distributed

Conversion

distributed->energy

Services

Energy->services

Needs

services->cap

Population
cap

4.5

3.6

2.2

2

1

20% to harvest

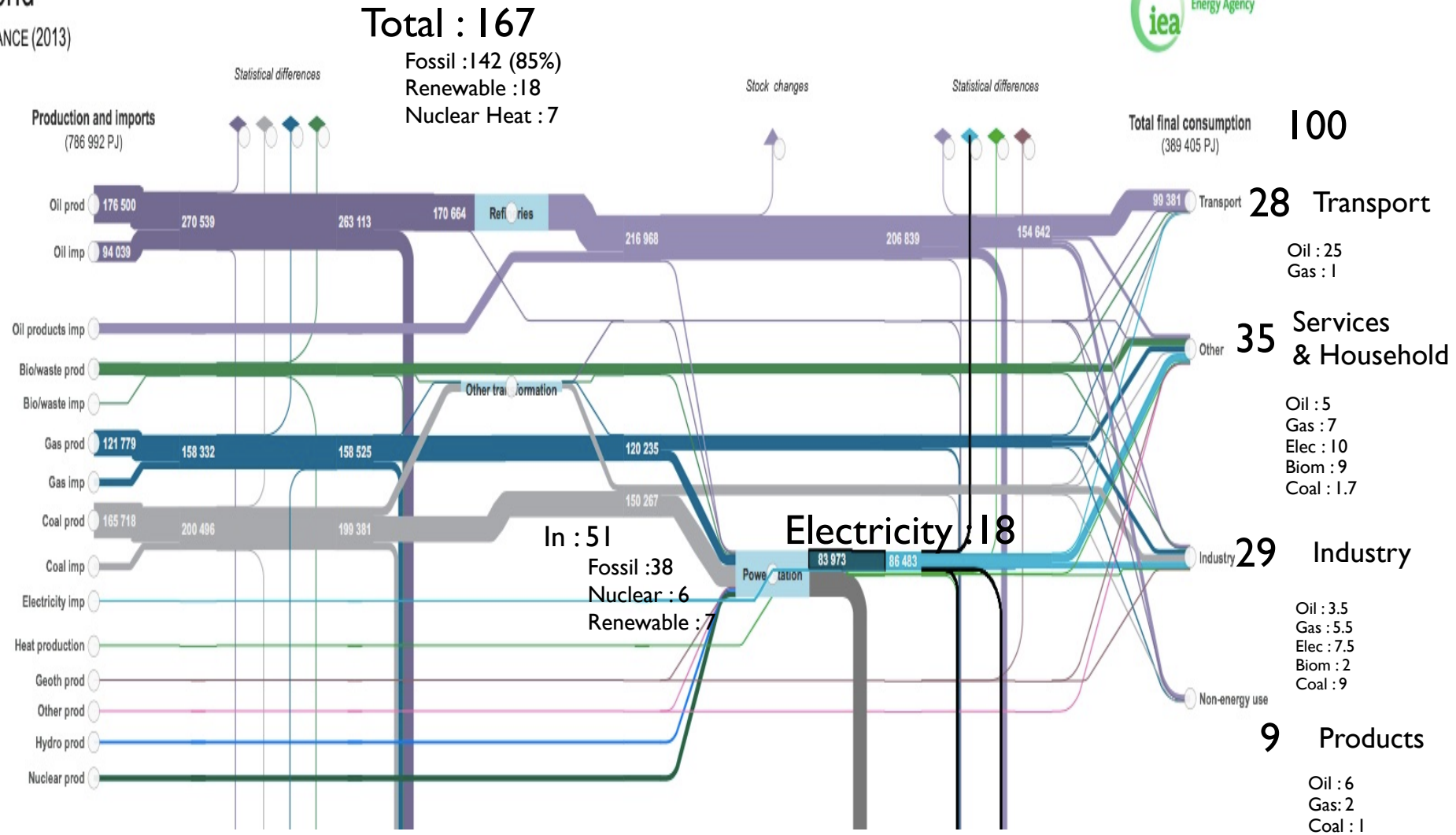
Conversion efficiency = 60%

Distribution losses = 8%

Efficiency = 50%

World
BALANCE (2013)

Petajoules ▼



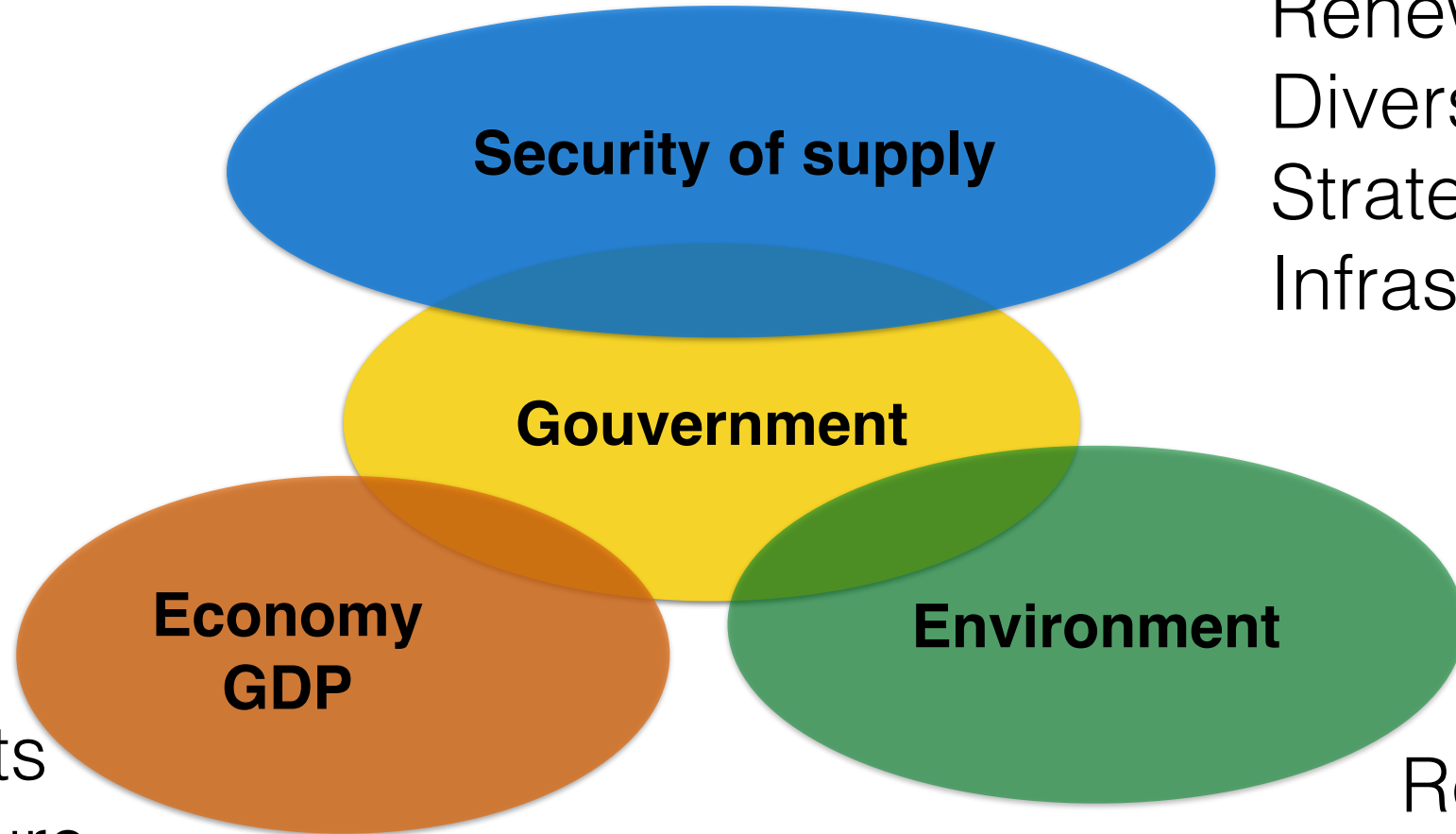
75 % of electricity is fossil based

Energy density = energy storage

	MJ/l	MJ/kg	l (equiv essence)
Diesel	37.7	44.0	0.87
Jet fuel	34.8	41.4	0.94
Chocolate	33.1	25.0	0.99
Gasoline	32.8	44.9	1.00
High grade coal	23.3	29.2	1.41
Ethanol	23.3	29.2	1.41
Methanol	17.7	21.6	1.85
Low grade coal	12.0	16.0	2.72
CNG	10.3	7.2	3.17
Compressed H2	5.6	5.9	5.83
Lithium ion battery	1.8	0.6	18.70
Ni-MH battery	0.8	0.3	41.42
Lead acid battery	0.3	0.2	95.52
Hydrodam	0.00098	0.00098	33385.12
Fission (U-235)		85'000'000	
Fusion (D-T)		3'500'000'000	
E = mc²		90'000'000'000	

Energy is not the problem, the problem is energy management

- Demand is intermittent and stochastic
- Resources are intermittent and stochastic and diverse
- High storage density at different scales is needed
 - 2 months of oil supply
- Integrated supply chains
- but fossil **CO2** is an insulation layer and is a thread to humanity



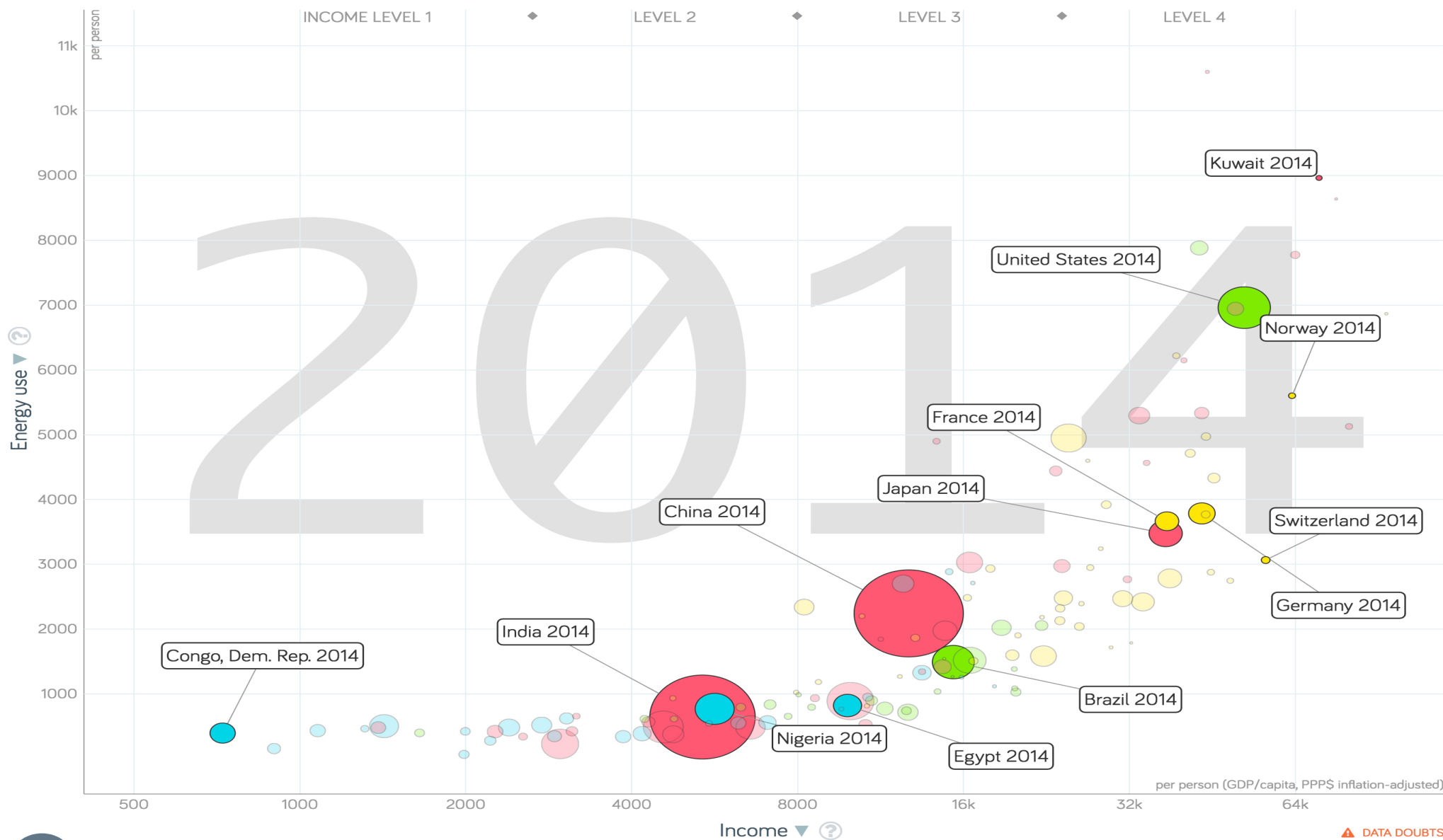
Local ressources
Renewables
Diversification
Strategic Stocks
Infrastructure

Subsidies
Investments
Infrastructure
Taxes
Cost of impact

Regulation
Taxes
Deals

- Global markets: World GDP ~72'000 milliards \$
 - Agriculture ~2'300 billions \$ /year (~3%)
 - R&D ~1'500 billions \$ /year (~2%)
 - Military ~1'750 billions \$ /year (~2.5%)
 - Education ~3'500 billions \$ /year (~5%)
 - Health ~7'200 billions \$ /year (~10.%)
 - Drugs (crime) ~1'000 billions \$ /year (~1.5%)
 - Energy ~15'-20'000 billions \$ /year (~ 20-27%)
 - Resources
 - Oil ~3'600 billions \$ /year
 - Gas ~1'300 billions \$ /year
 - Coal ~1'200 billions \$ /year

Energy use (kg Oil eq./capita) vs income



Color: World Regions

Select: Search...

- ☐ Chile
- ☐ Colombia
- ☐ Comoros
- ☐ Congo, Rep.
- ☐ Costa Rica
- ☐ Cote d'Ivoire
- ☐ Croatia
- ☐ Cuba
- ☐ Cyprus
- ☐ Czech Republic
- ☐ Denmark
- ☐ Djibouti
- ☐ Dominica
- ☐ Dominican Republic
- ☐ Ecuador
- ☐ El Salvador
- ☐ Equatorial-Guinea
- ☐ Eritrea
- ☐ Estonia
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- ☐ Fiji
- ☐ Finland
- ☐ Gabon

DESELECT

Size: Population

Zoom: 100%

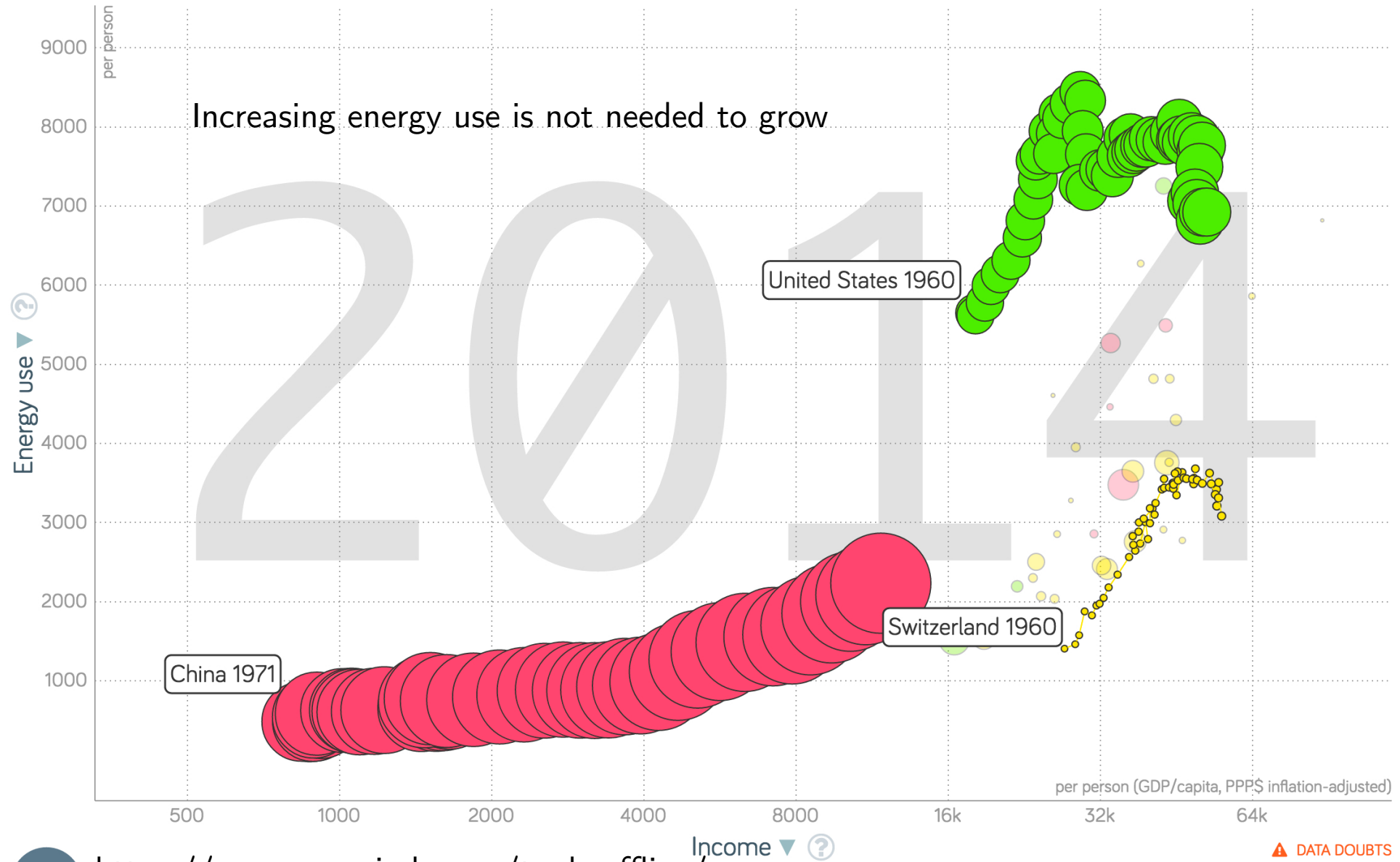
DATA DOUBTS

TRAILS LOCK OPTIONS RESTORE PRESENT



1 kg Oil eq. = 41.9 MJ

<https://www.gapminder.org/tools-offline/>



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- Energy is the engine of the society
 - Comfort, Health, Mobility, Education, Safety
- Political goals
 - Electrification, security of supply
 - Economies
- Geopolitical impacts
 - Irak, Syria (ressources, EI ?)
 - Ukraine (EU supply from Russia)
 - North Korea, Iran (nuclear)
 - Venezuela, Russia (revenue)
 - USA (security of supply)
 - Yemen/South Arabia
 - Greece vs Turkey (gas resources)

Greece slams Turkish move on gas exploration in eastern Med

Greece has slammed Turkey's move to conduct energy exploration in the eastern Mediterranean in an area Athens says overlaps its own continental shelf

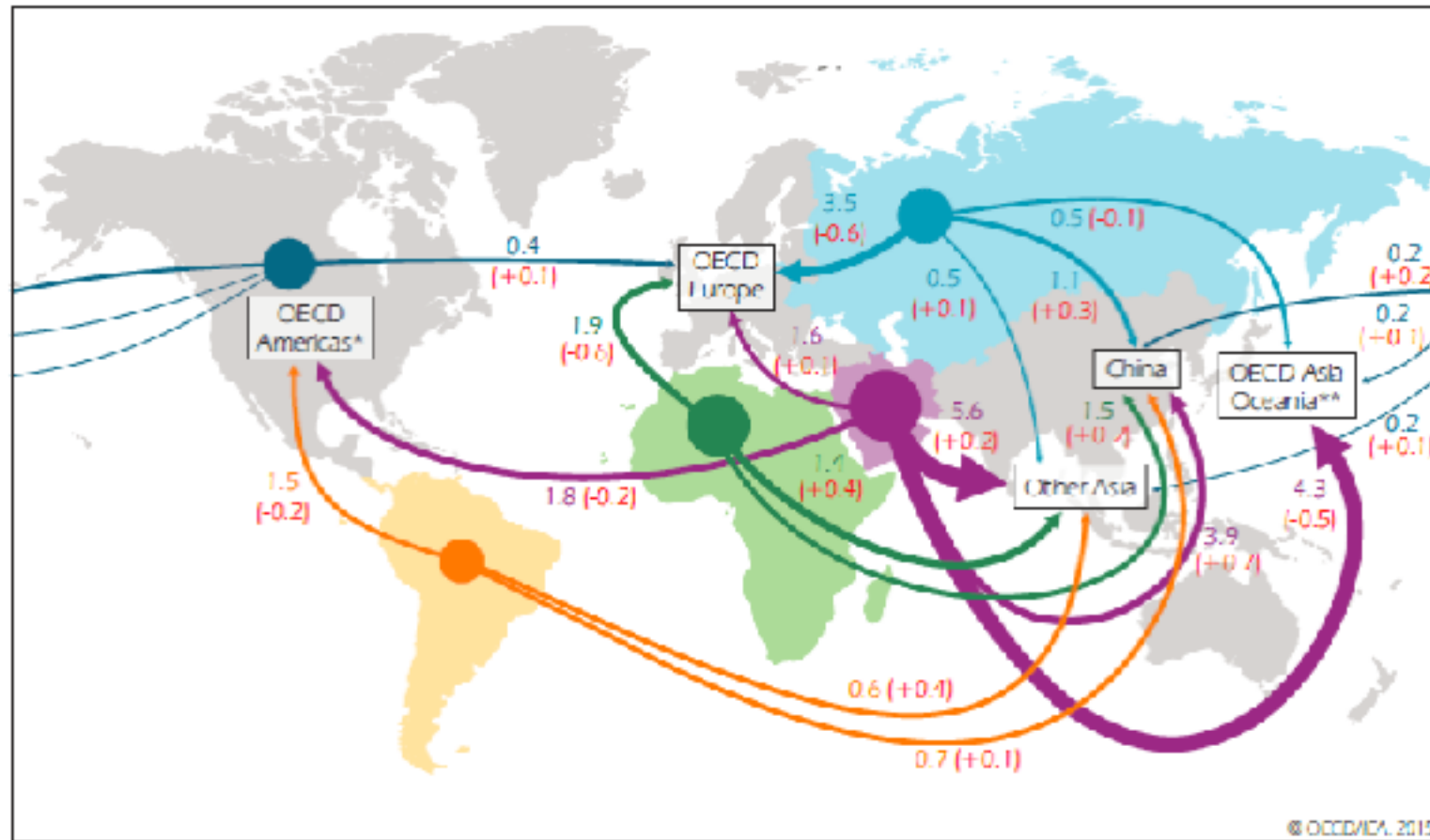
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The Associated Press

Map 3.1 Crude exports in 2020 and growth in 2014-20 for key trade routes



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Note: Excludes intra-regional trade.

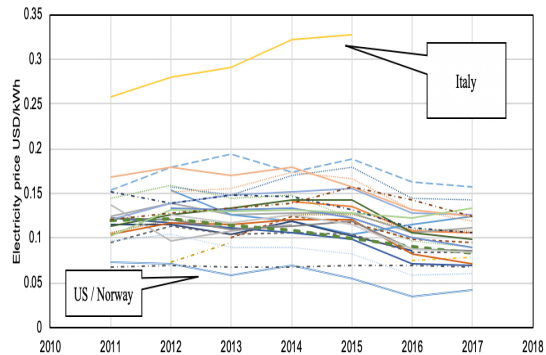
* Includes Chile.

** Includes Israel. The statistical data for Israel are supplied by and under the responsibility of the relevant Israeli authorities. The use of such data by the OECD and/or the IEA is without prejudice to the status of the Golan Heights, East Jerusalem and Israeli settlements in the West Bank under the terms of international law.

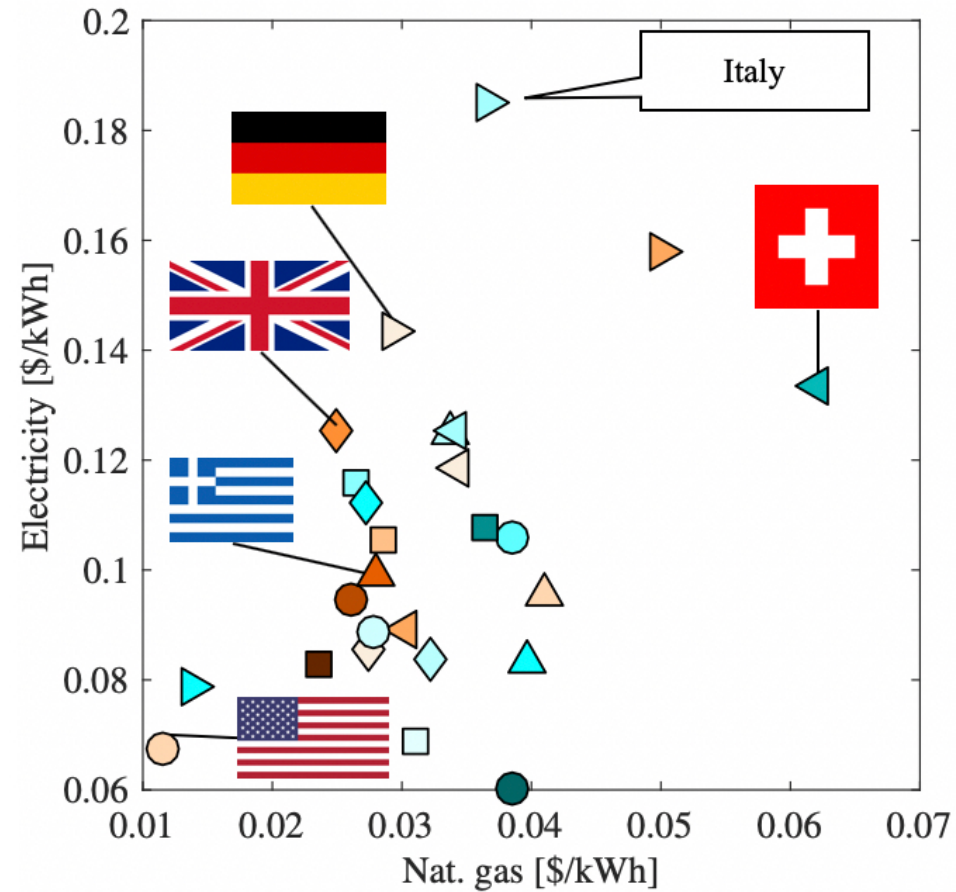


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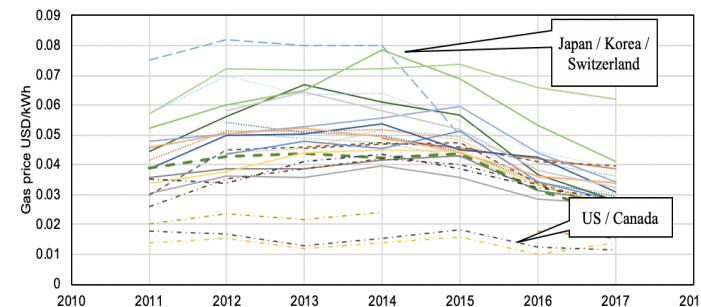
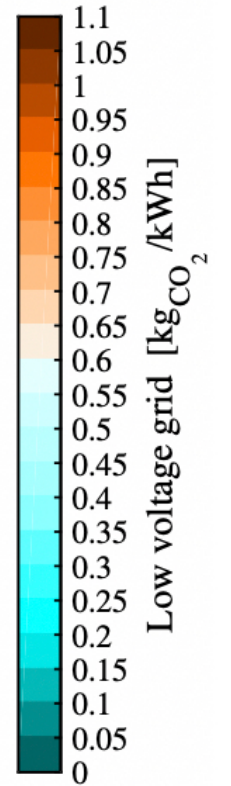
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Poland $i = 6.3\%$, $\tau = 0.089$
 Estonia $i = 5.1\%$, $\tau = 0.081$
 Greece $i = 6.6\%$, $\tau = 0.091$
 United Kingdom $i = 4.4\%$, $\tau = 0.076$
 Japan $i = 1.5\%$, $\tau = 0.058$
 Czech Republic $i = 4.7\%$, $\tau = 0.078$
 Turkey $i = 13.7\%$, $\tau = 0.148$
 United States $i = 3.3\%$, $\tau = 0.069$
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 Netherlands $i = 2.3\%$, $\tau = 0.063$
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 Ireland $i = 3.3\%$, $\tau = 0.069$
 Luxembourg $i = 0.0\%$, $\tau = \text{NaN}$
 Hungary $i = 4.8\%$, $\tau = 0.079$
 Slovak Republic $i = 3.2\%$, $\tau = 0.068$
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 Italy $i = 5.1\%$, $\tau = 0.081$
 Portugal $i = 5.5\%$, $\tau = 0.084$
 Spain $i = 9.4\%$, $\tau = 0.113$
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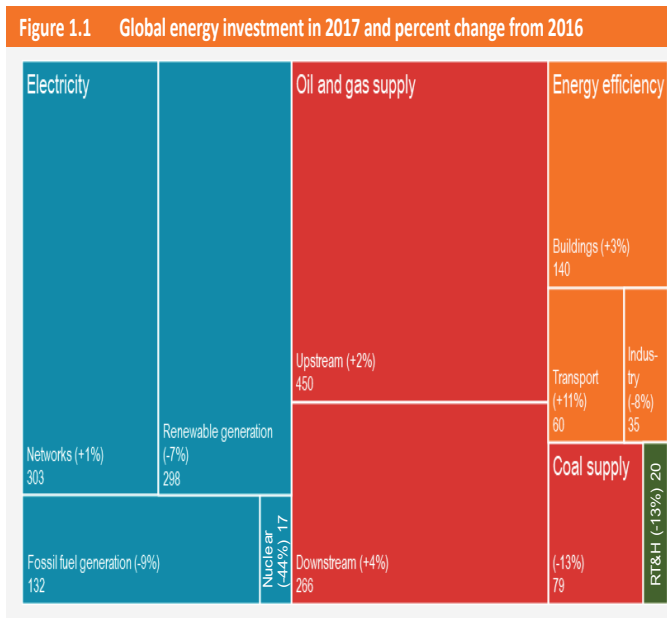
Source: A.S. Wallerand, Thesis EPFL 2018

Do we have the money ?

2015 fossil spendings world wide

1.0 US\$

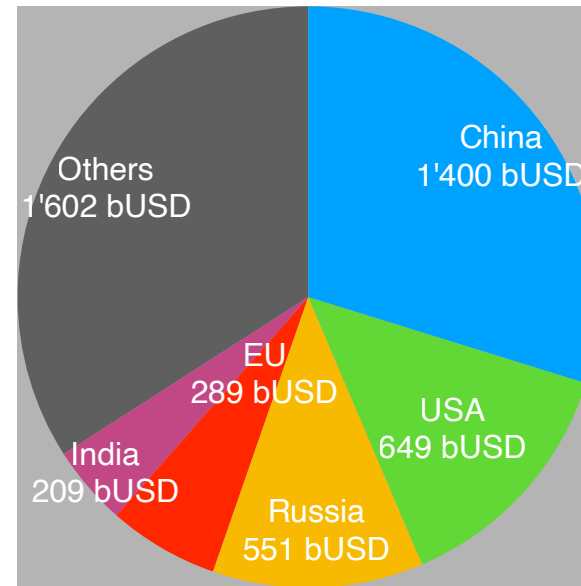
Investment by industry
1'800
bUS\$/year (2017)



World energy investment 2018 [IEA.org](https://www.iea.org)

2.5 US\$

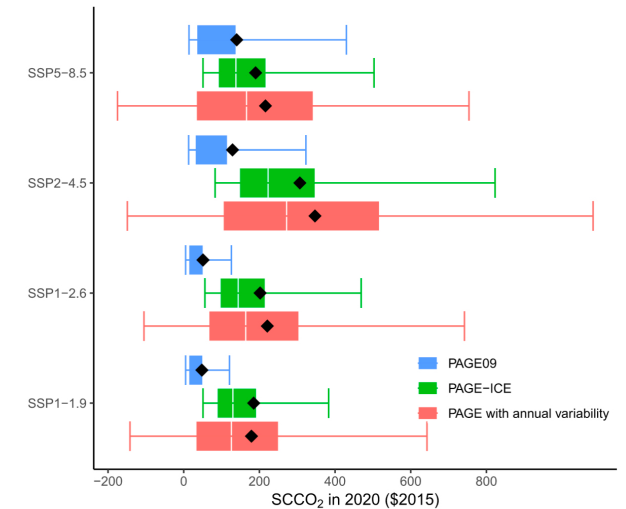
Subsidies by countries
4'700
bUS\$/year (2015)



World energy subsidies 2015 [imf.org](https://www.imf.org)

4.0 US\$

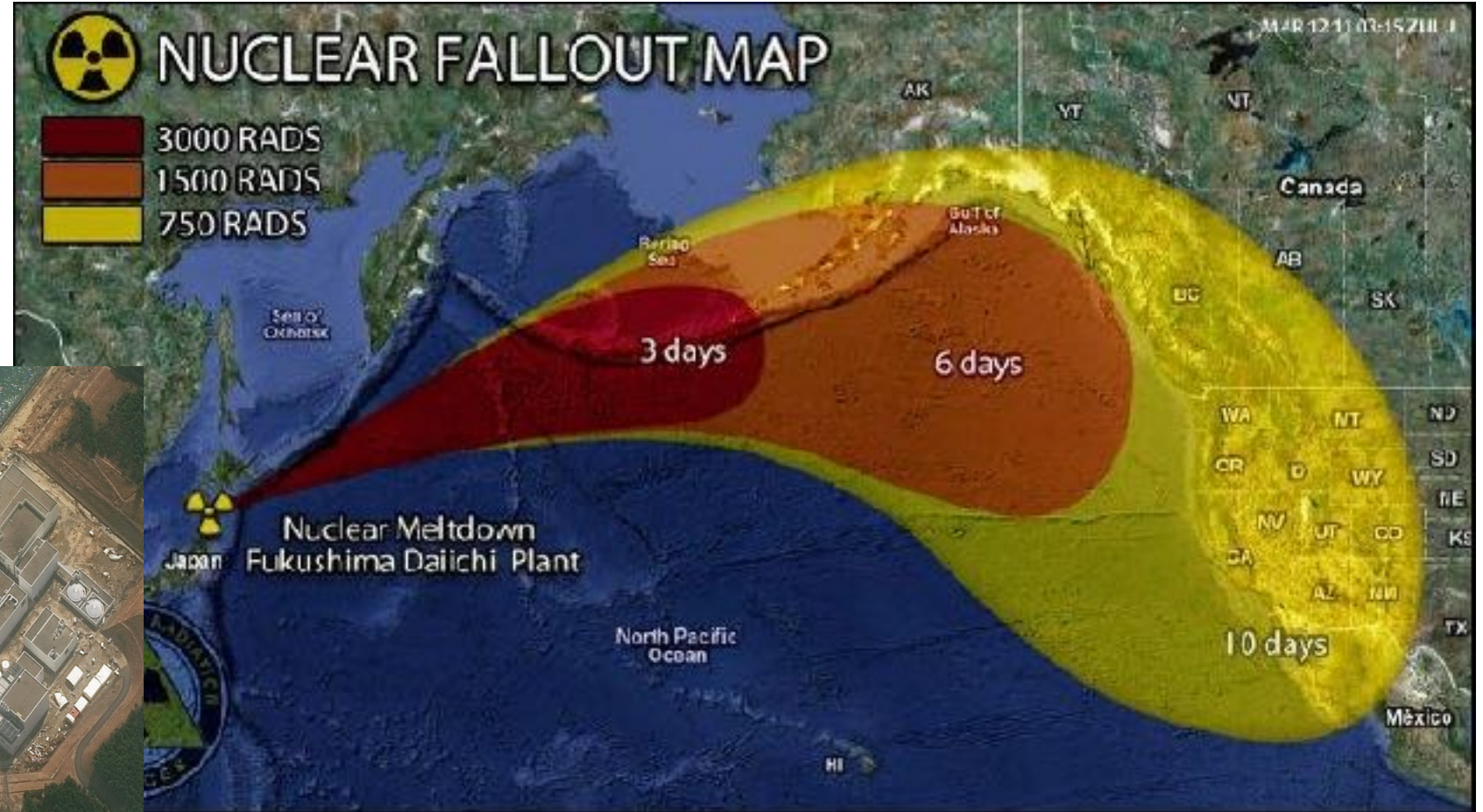
Social/Repair
7'200
bUS\$/year (2015)
repairing the damages



200 USD/t CO₂

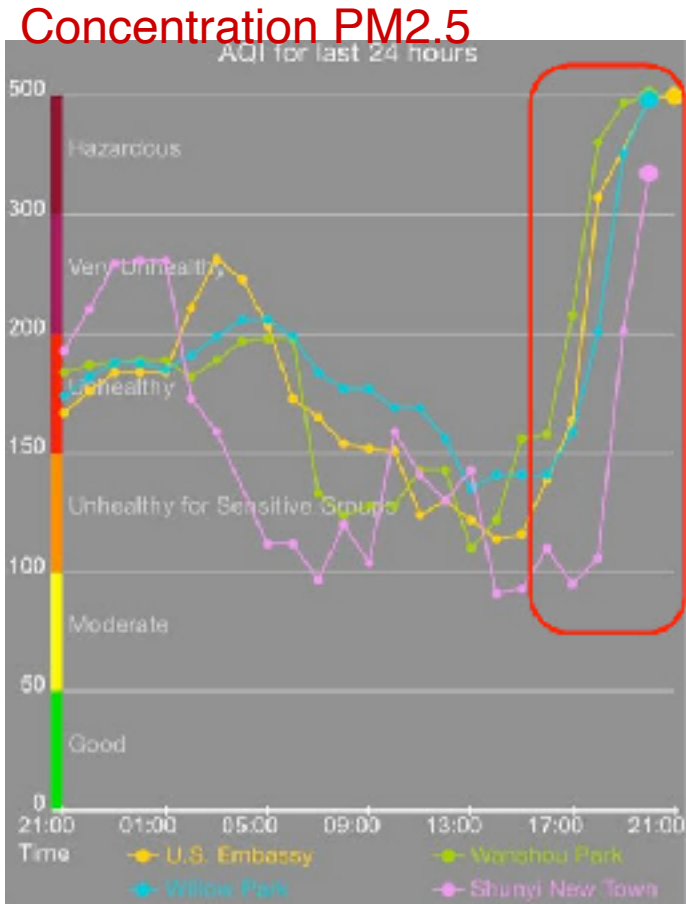
Jarmo S Kikstra et al 2021 Environ. Res. Lett. 16

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- An aerial photograph of the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant site. The image shows the damaged reactor buildings, which are partially collapsed and emitting large plumes of white steam or smoke. The site is surrounded by a body of water, likely the Pacific Ocean, and a large area of land that appears to be a mix of dirt, debris, and some vegetation. The overall scene depicts the aftermath of the 2011 earthquake and tsunami.



- 2011 : Fukushima accident
 - Switzerland, Germany defining new policy :
The energy transition (Energiewende)
- 2015 - Climate change
 - 195/196 countries signed the Paris agreement (COP 21) to limit earth temperature increase to 1.5°C





theguardian.com, Tuesday 25 February 2014 - *Chinese scientists have warned that the country's toxic air pollution is now so bad that it resembles a nuclear winter, slowing photosynthesis in plants – and potentially wreaking havoc on the country's food supply.*

Marcellus field (US)



Land occupation
7-10 years of exploitation

Eau de Fracking

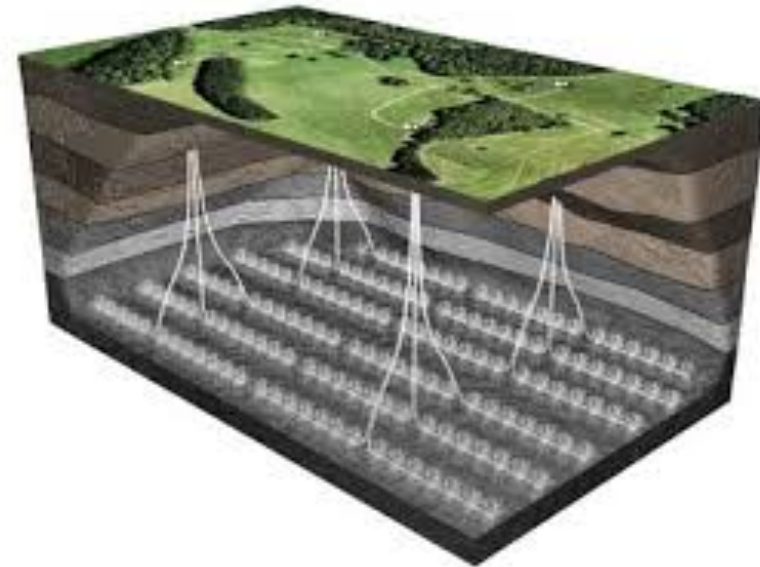


Waste mineralised water

Leakage in the aquifer

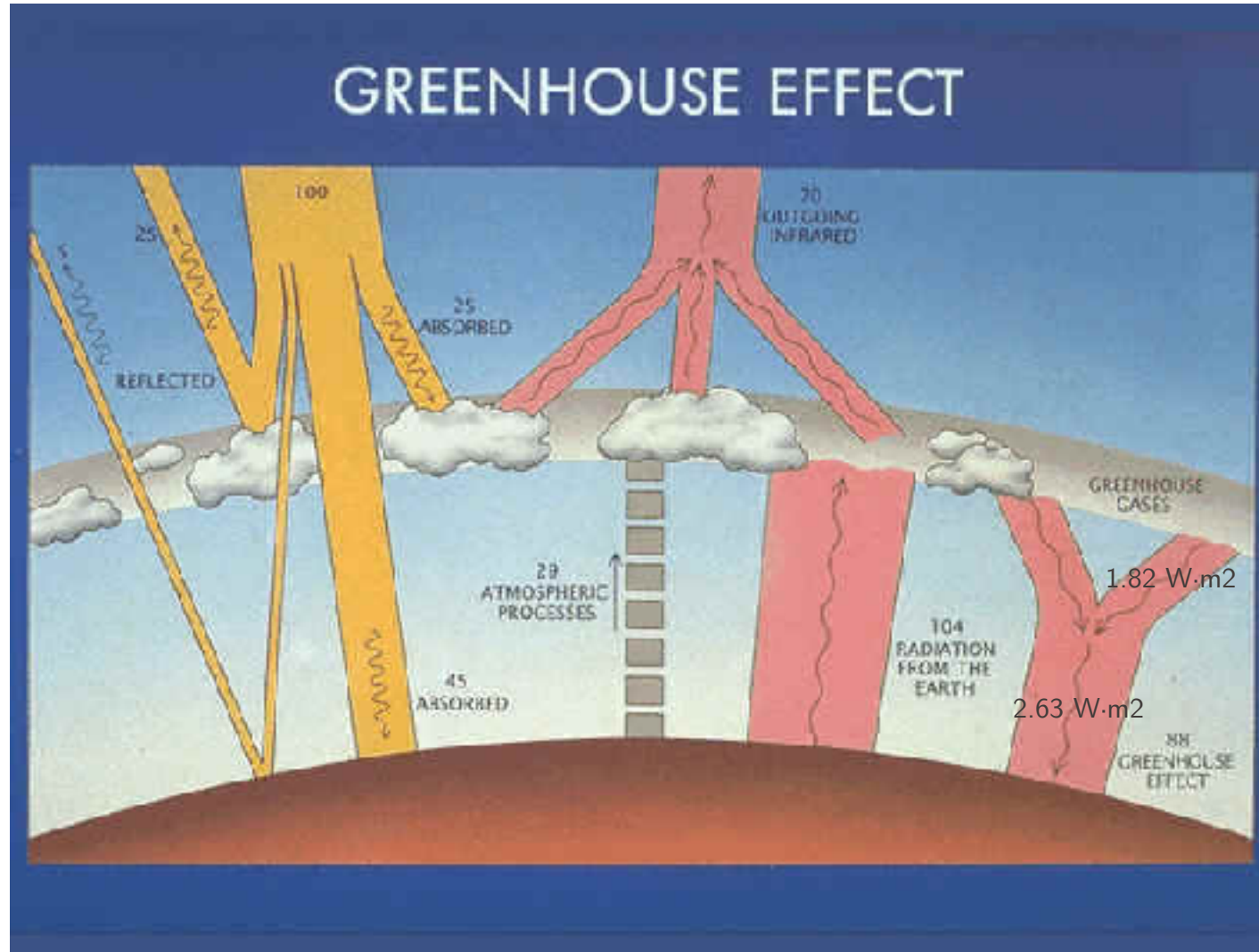


Leakage in the atmosphere



Under ground ? -> Earthquake

- Greenhouse gases = insulation
- CO₂ by human activities
 - 1850 : 290 ppm
 - 1960 : 316 ppm
 - 2000 : 369 ppm
 - 2020 : 414 ppm
 - 2023 : 420 ppm
 - 2024 : 424 ppm



Without the greenhouse effect we would not have liquid water on our planet.

ftp://aftp.cmdl.noaa.gov/products/trends/co2/co2_mm_mlo.txt

SCIENTIFIC EXPLANATION : CO₂ AND GREENHOUSE EFFECT

1896

Svante Arrhenius' 1896 Paper

Prof. S. Arrhenius on the *Influence of Carbonic Acid in the Air upon the Temperature of the Ground.*

Philosophical Magazine and Journal of Science
Series 5, Volume 41, April 1896, pages 237-276.

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LONDON, EDINBURGH, AND DUBLIN
PHILOSOPHICAL MAGAZINE
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[FIFTH SERIES.]
APRIL 1896.

XXXI. *On the Influence of Carbonic Acid in the Air upon the Temperature of the Ground.* By Prof. SVANTE ARRHENIUS*.

I. *Introduction: Observations of Langley on Atmospheric Absorption.*

A GREAT deal has been written on the influence of the absorption of the atmosphere upon the climate. Tyndall† in particular has pointed out the enormous importance of this question. To him it was chiefly the diurnal and annual variations of the temperature that were lessened by this circumstance. Another side of the question, that has long attracted the attention of physicists, is this: Is the mean temperature of the ground in any way influenced by the presence of heat-absorbing gases in the atmosphere? Fourier‡ maintained that the atmosphere acts like the glass of a hot-house, because it lets through the light rays of the sun but retains the dark rays from the ground. This idea was elaborated by Pouillet§; and Langley was by some of his researches led to the view, that "the temperature of the earth under direct sunshine, even though our atmosphere were present as now, would probably fall to -200°C , if that atmosphere did not possess the quality of selective

* Extract from a paper presented to the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, 11th December, 1895. Communicated by the Author.

† *Heat as Mode of Motion*, 2nd ed. p. 435 (London, 1835).

‡ *Mém. de l'Ac. R. d. Sci. de l'Inst. de France*, t. vii. 1827.

§ *Comptes rendus*, t. vii. p. 41 (1838).

Phil. Mag. S. 5. Vol. 41. No. 251. April 1896.

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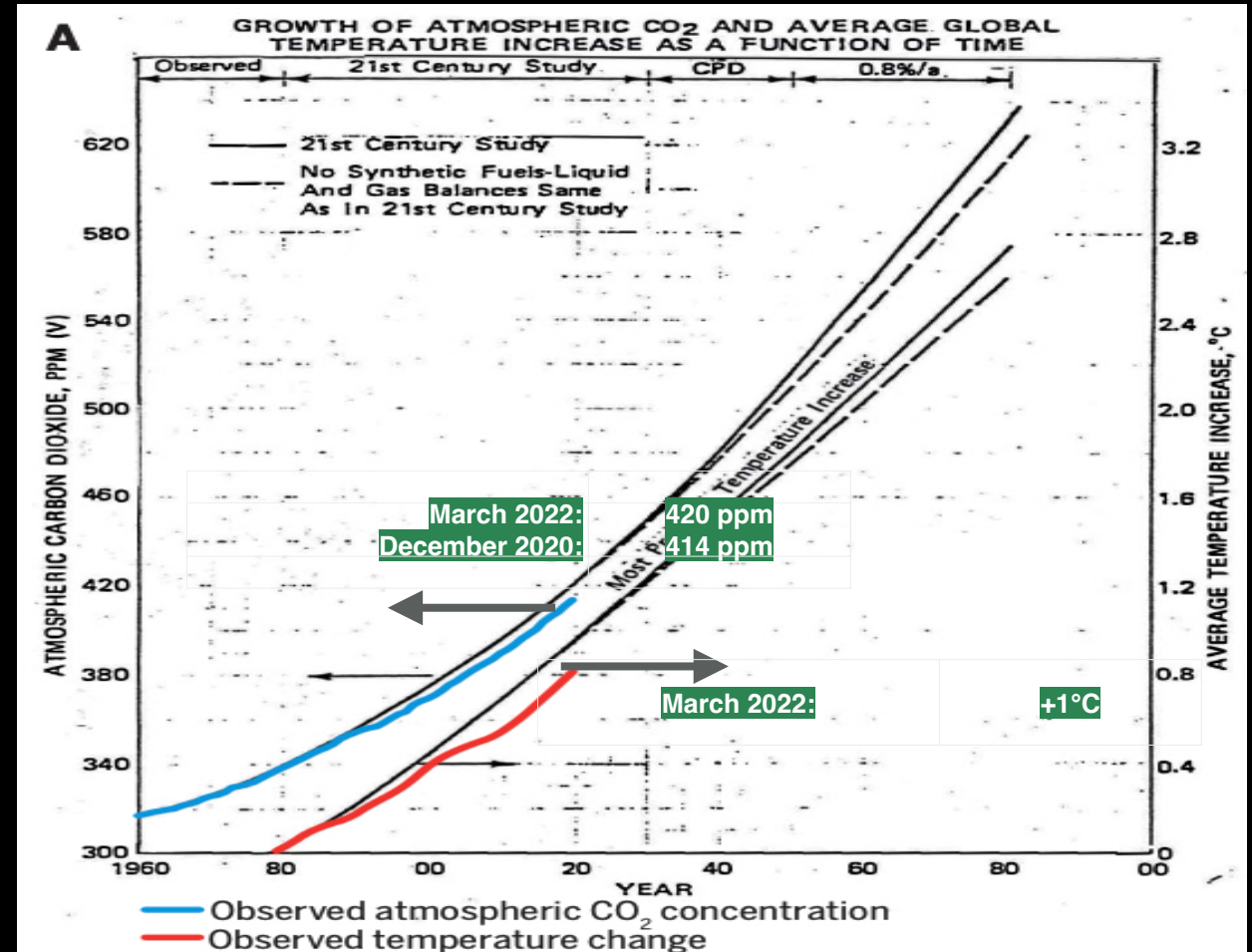


2x CO₂ in the atmosphere,
T goes up by 5⁰ C
Later refined his calculation
to include *feedbacks* to get 2.1⁰ C

1982 : INDUSTRY ESTIMATES ITS IMPACT

■ Exxon study (1982)

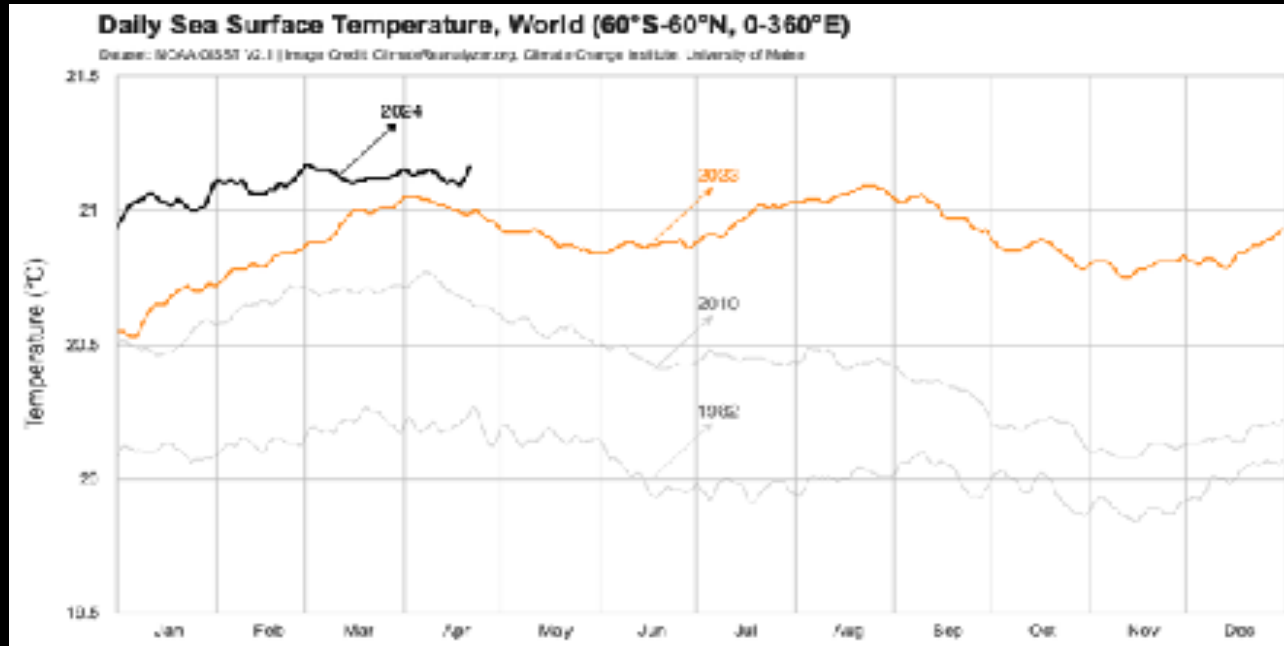
Exxon's private prediction of the future growth of carbon dioxide levels (left axis) and global temperature relative to 1982 (right axis). Elsewhere in its report, Exxon noted that the most widely accepted science at the time indicated that doubling carbon dioxide levels would cause a global warming of 3°C. Illustration: 1982 Exxon internal briefing document



EPFL Greenhouse gas effect : climate change

Ocean's temperature
90% of the imbalance

Consequences
Mai 2024



India : 52 °C

Brasil
Floods

Pakistan : 55°C



CO₂ IS A REAL THREAD !

+ 2°C

In Switzerland

+200 \$/t CO₂

Costs to you

Floodings



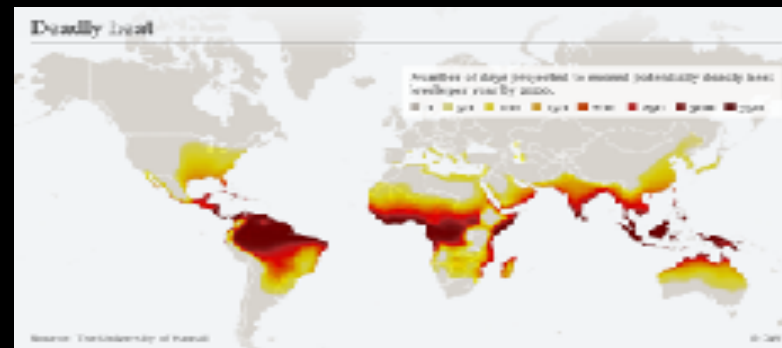
Fires and Droughts



Youth Revolution



and scientists...

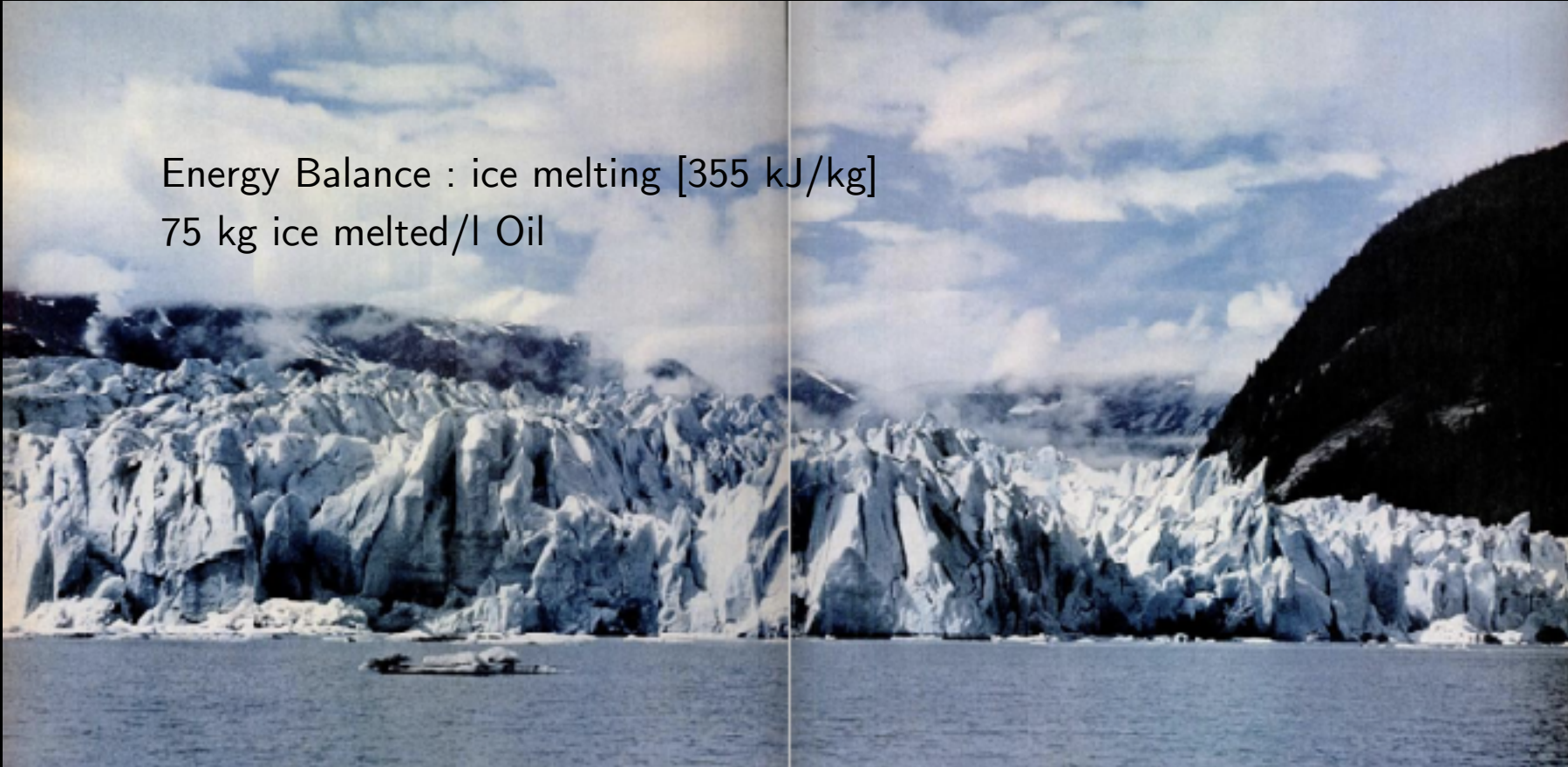


Migration

Zones in the world where the temperature is higher than the cooling temperature of the body

IN BEGINNING (1960) THE MAN WAS PROUD OF HIS DISCOVERY

Energy Balance : ice melting [355 kJ/kg]
75 kg ice melted/l Oil



THIS GLACIER, ALASKA, IS A RIVER OF ICE UNTHAWING 70 SQUARE MILES. YET THE PETROLEUM ENERGY HUMBLE SUPPLIES AMERICA CONSUMES AT A RATE OF 7 MILLION TONS A DAY!

EACH DAY HUMBLE SUPPLIES ENOUGH *ENERGY* TO MELT 7 MILLION TONS OF GLACIER!

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Énergie sous drapeaux d'acier



IN REALITY

- From 1970-2021 : climate change
 - 7 kg glacier melted / kg CO₂
 - 18.8 kg / litre d'essence
 - 1 kg / km (6l/100 km car)



La grotte de glace s'est probablement effondrée dans la nuit de lundi à mardi.
Arollabla

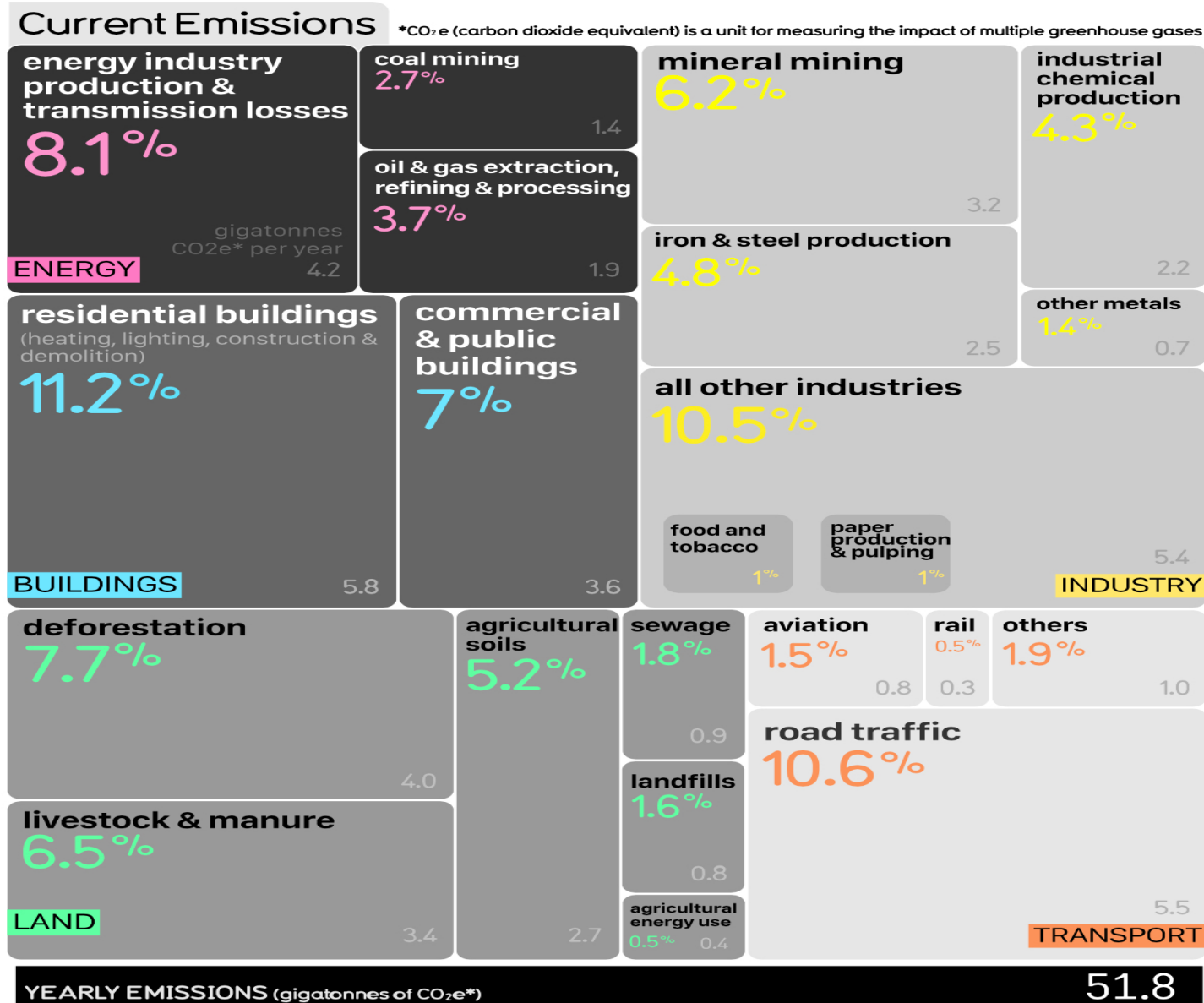
Human activities related

36.5

GT CO₂/y

48%

remains in the atmosphere



EPFL CO2 emissions of one Swiss citizen

In Switzerland



15

kg/day/cap



47%

36%

17%



41

kg/day/cap

2

kg/day/cap



Outside Switzerland

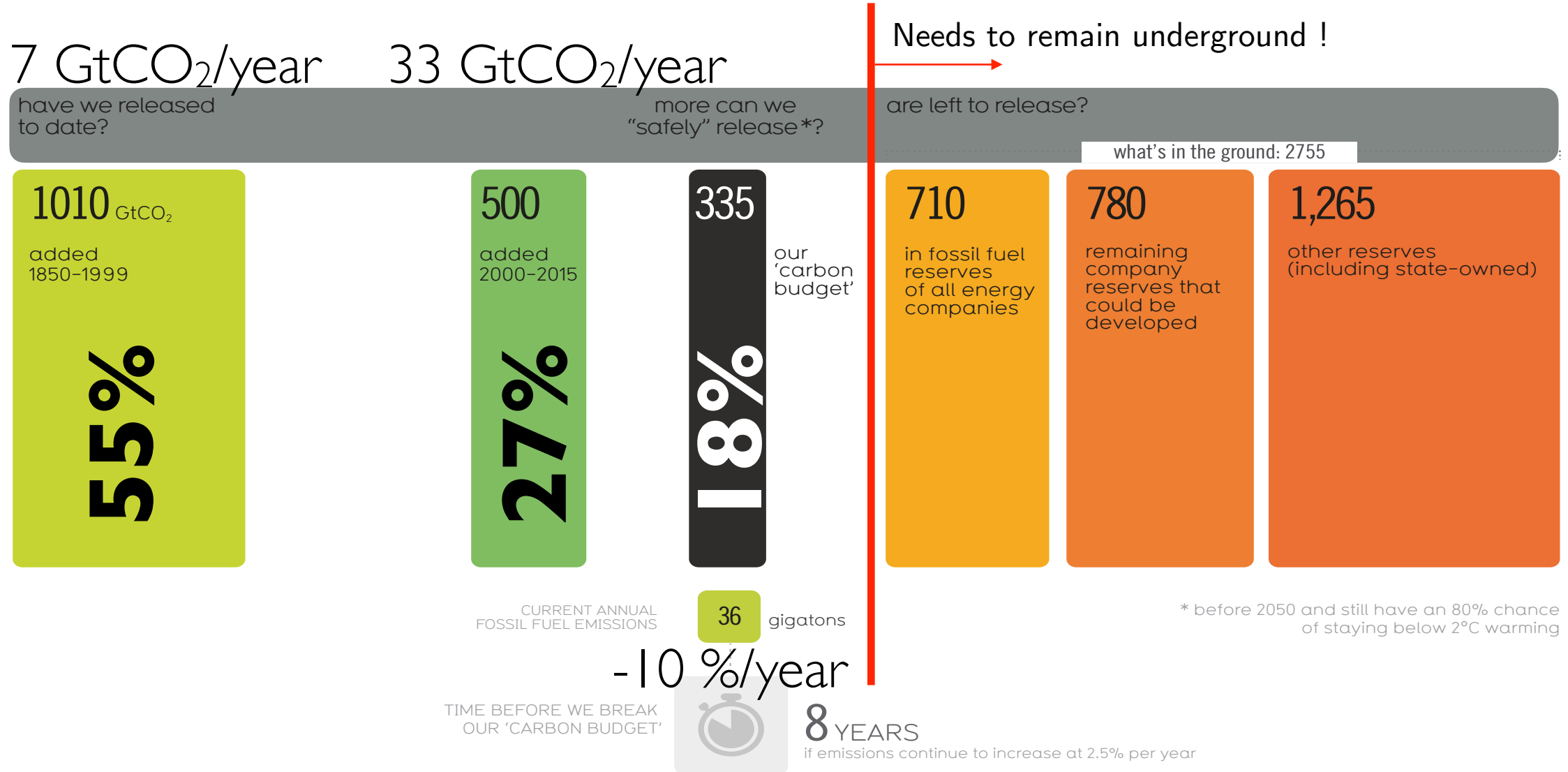
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kg/day/cap



EPFL The world carbon emissions and its budget

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Our challenge : Engineering the Efficiency for a Net-Zero future

Fossil resources

From where-When-How much - At which cost ?

Renewable resources

Where-When-How much ?

Circularity

Waste to products
CO₂ to products
Waste to energy

Waste-Water-Energy

Investments

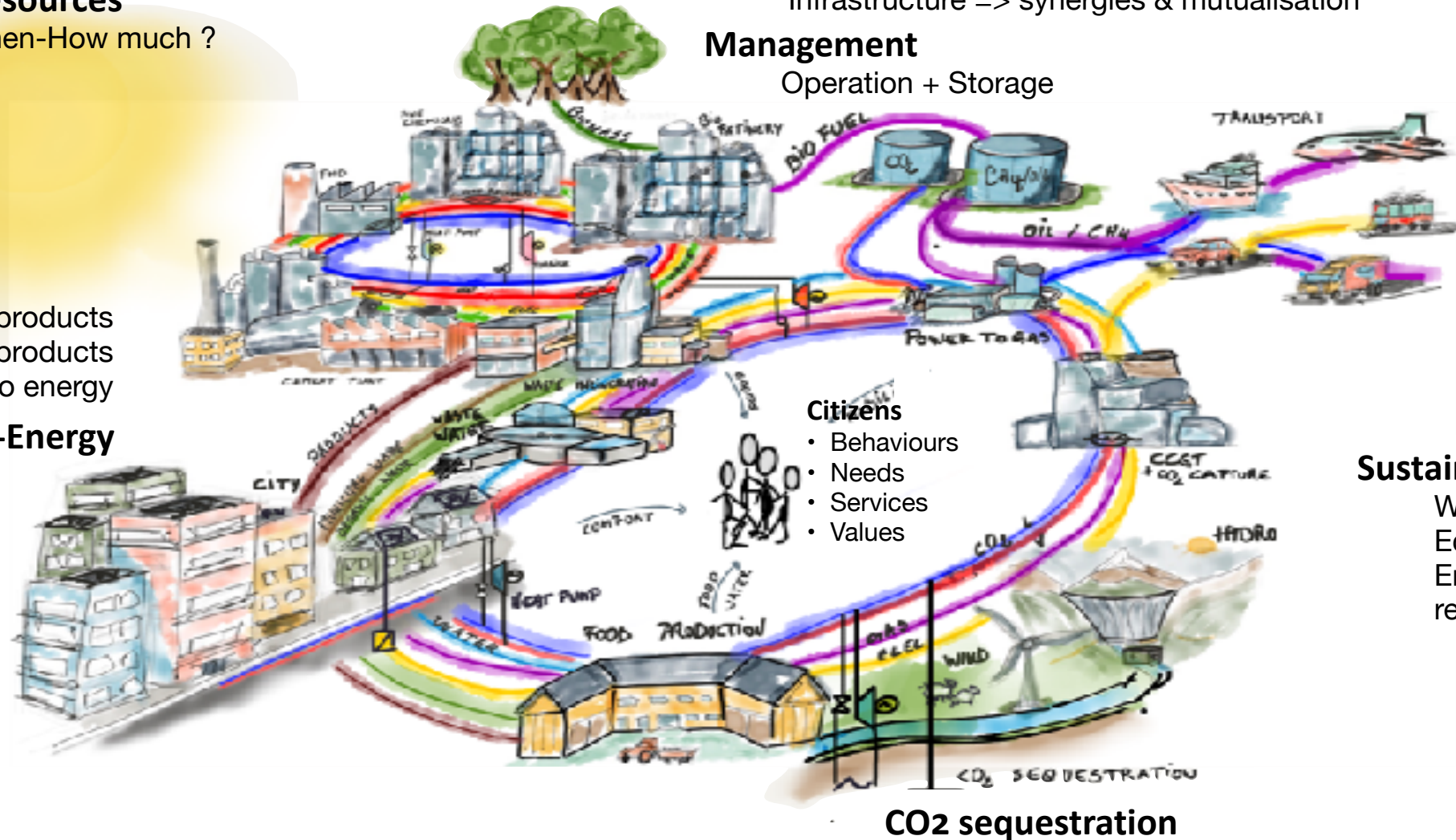
(New) Technologies
sizes : conversion and storage
Infrastructure => synergies & mutualisation

Management

Operation + Storage

Demand

Products
Services
Security of supply



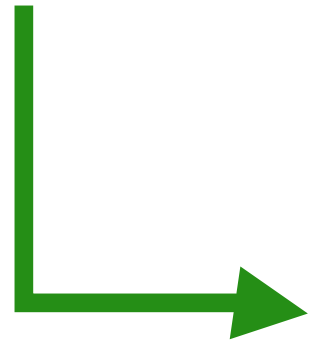
Sustainability metrics

Wealth
Economy
Environment
resiliency

CO2 sequestration



From Fossil resources
to Renewable resources



Conversion
(New) Technologies
Management
Storage

CO2 capture and sequestration

Sustainability metrics
Economy
Environmental
Social

Demand
Products
Services
Security of supply

