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histoire  
de l'énergie

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# Climate Change 2022

## Mitigation of Climate Change

Summary for Policymakers



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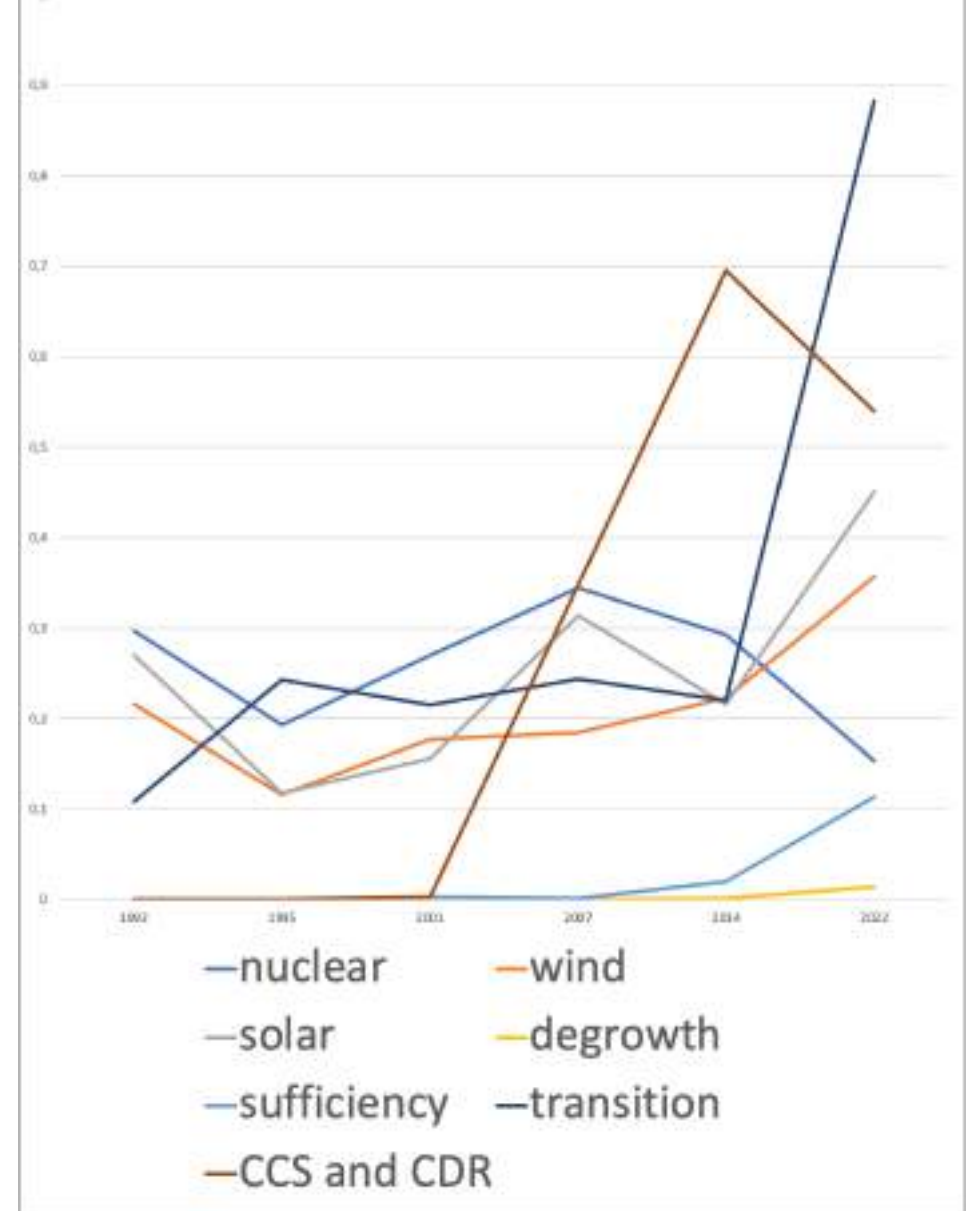
Working Group III contribution to the  
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Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change



- 2900 pages
- Transition : 2517 occurrences
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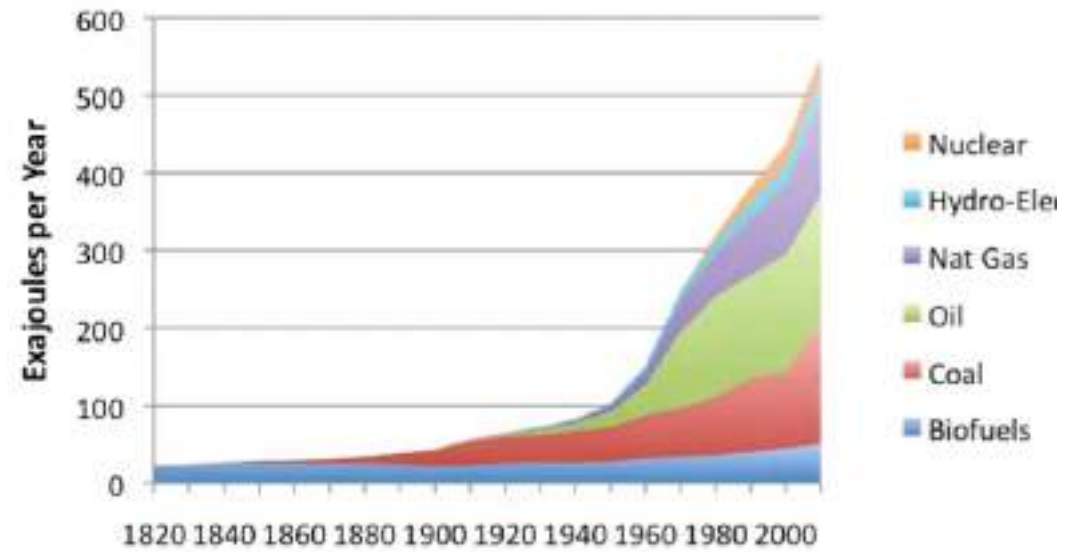
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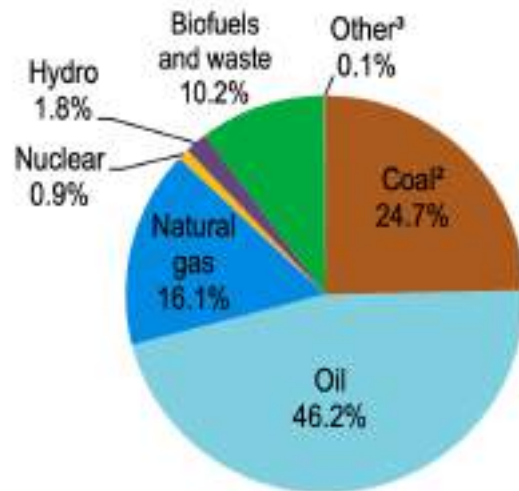




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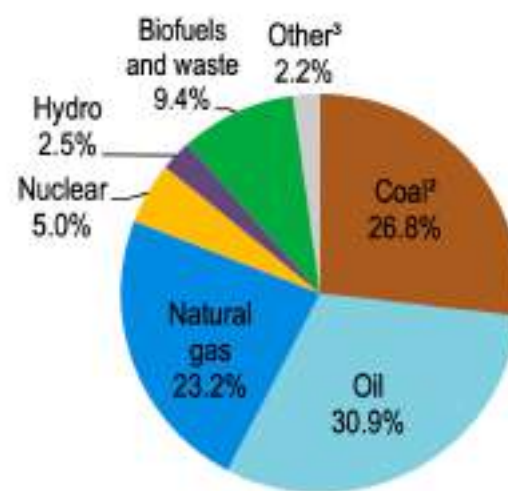


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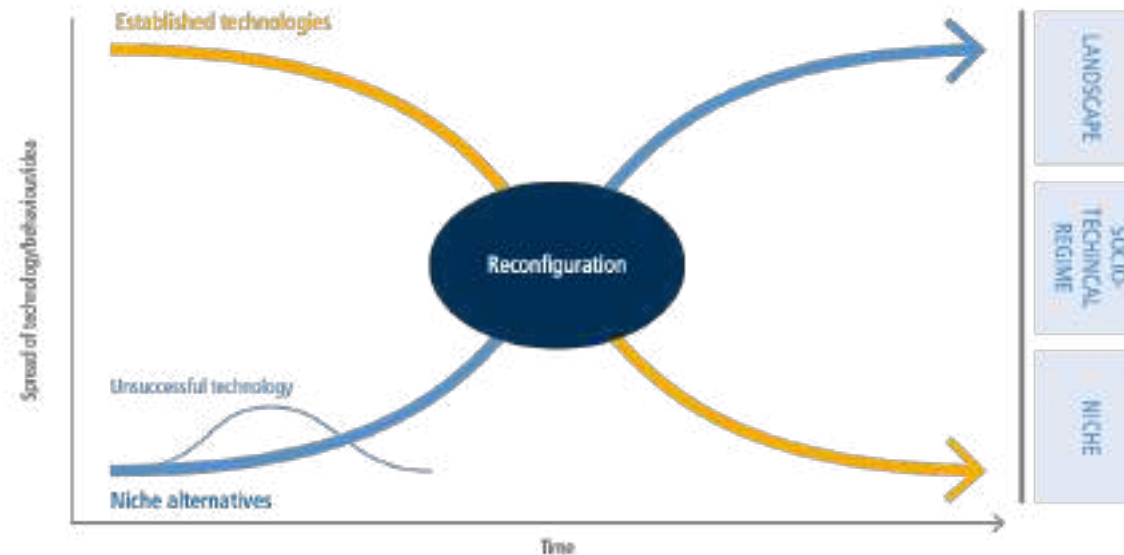
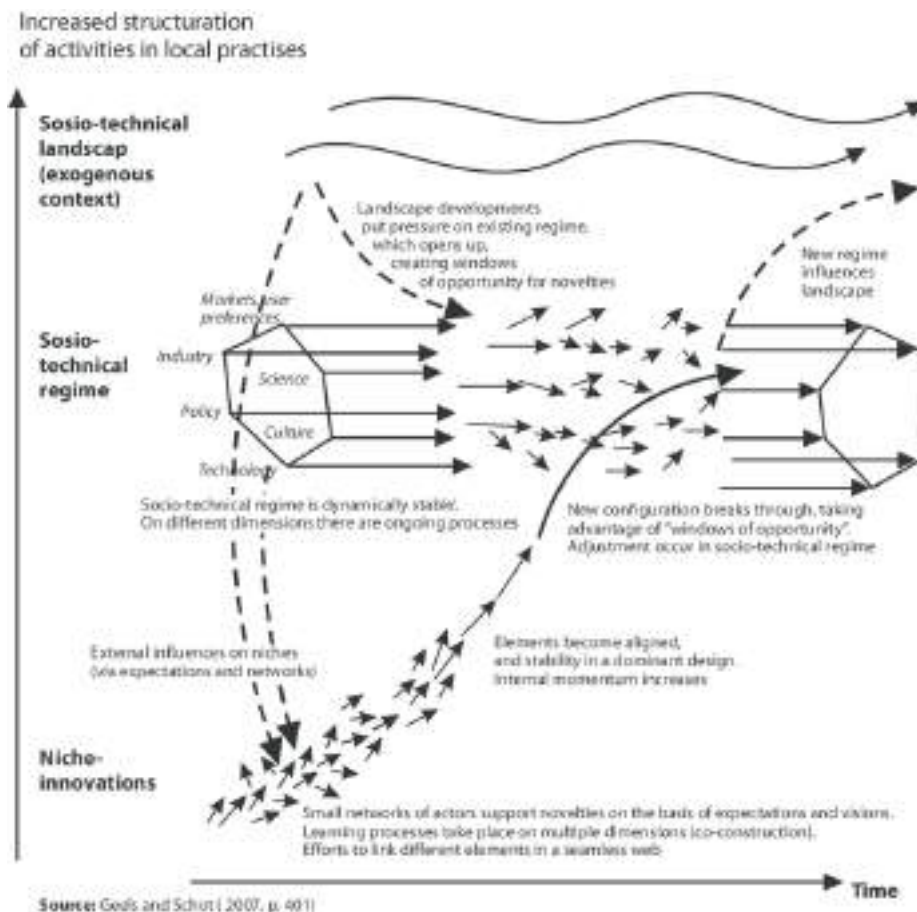


**254 EJ**

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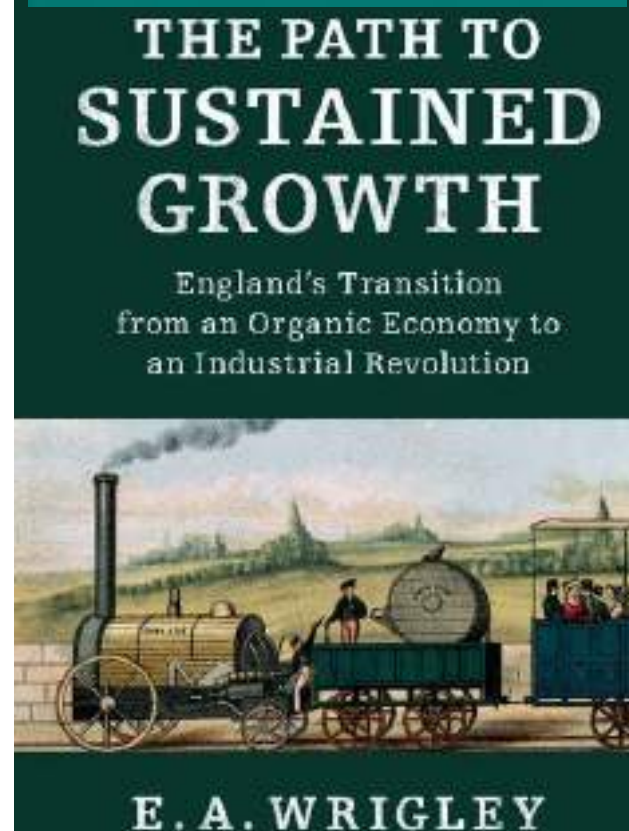
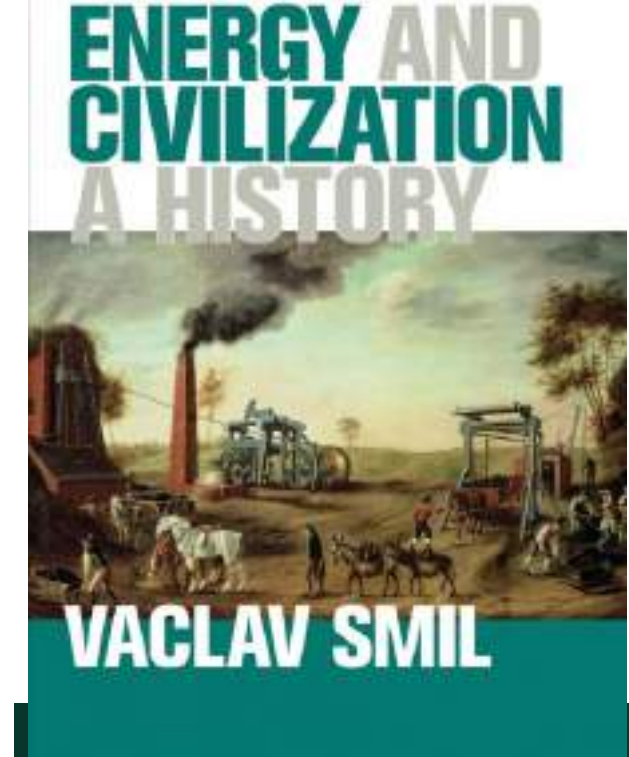
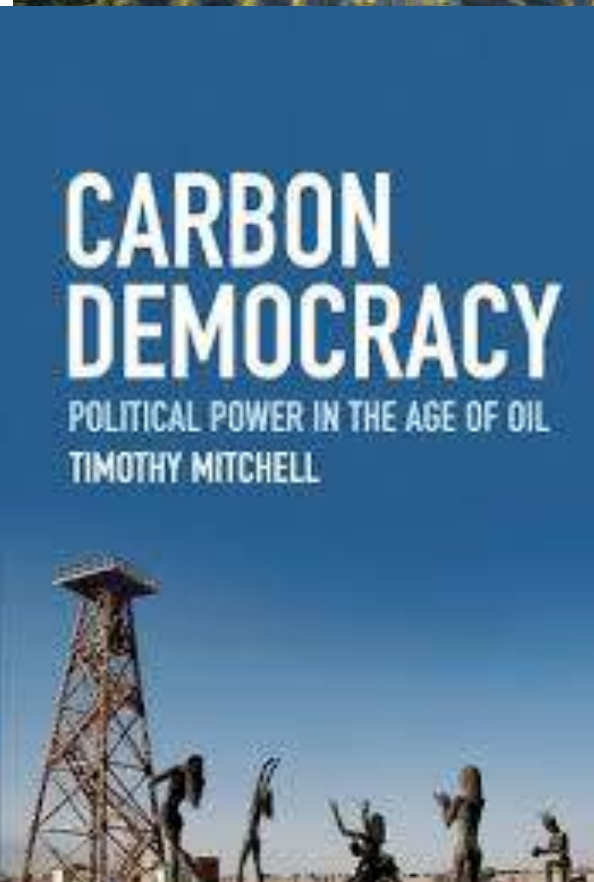
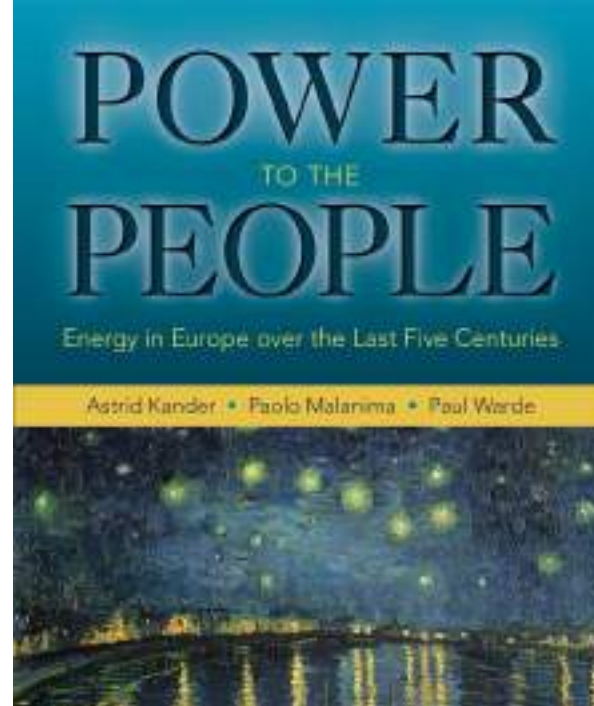
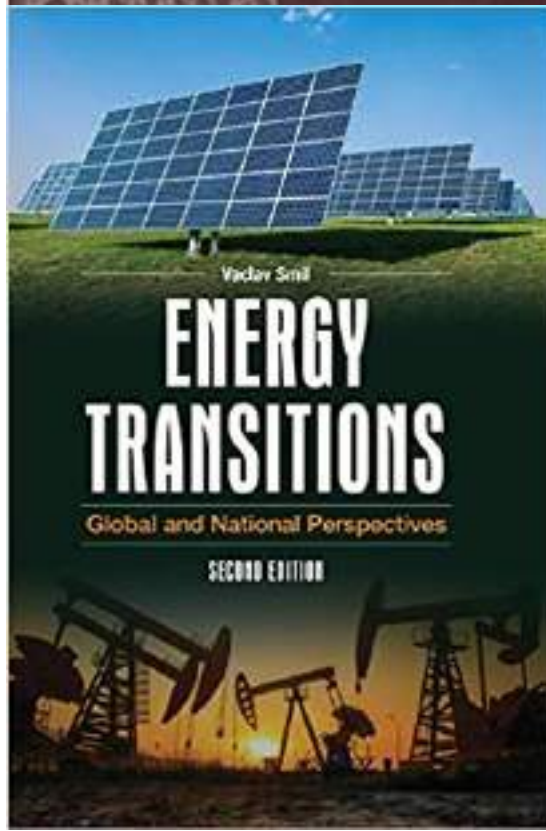
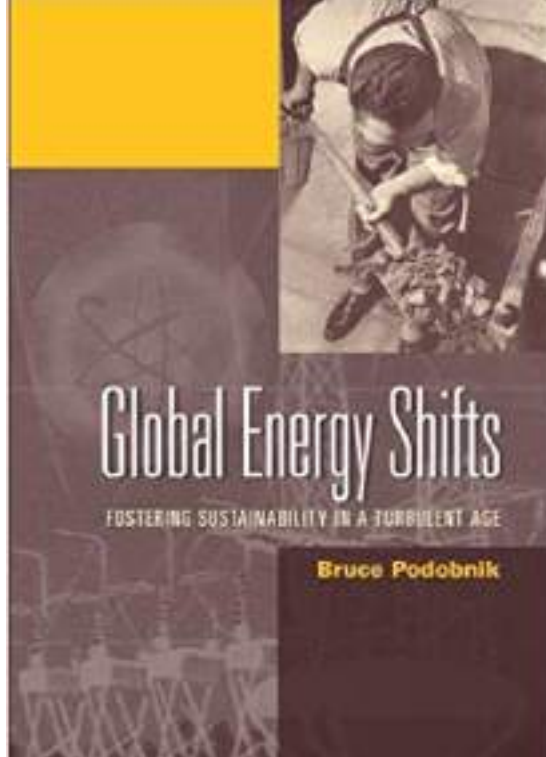


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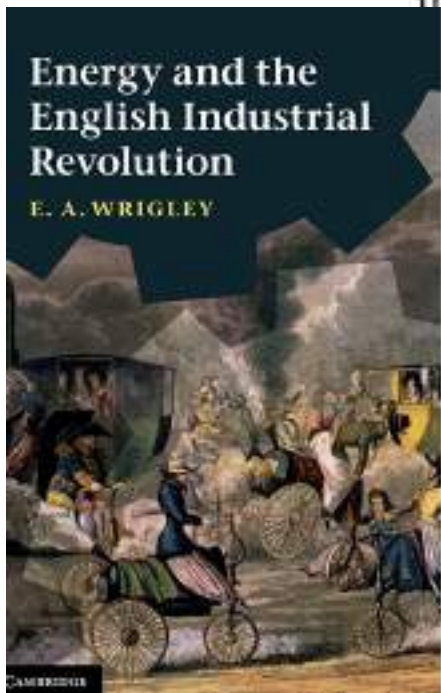
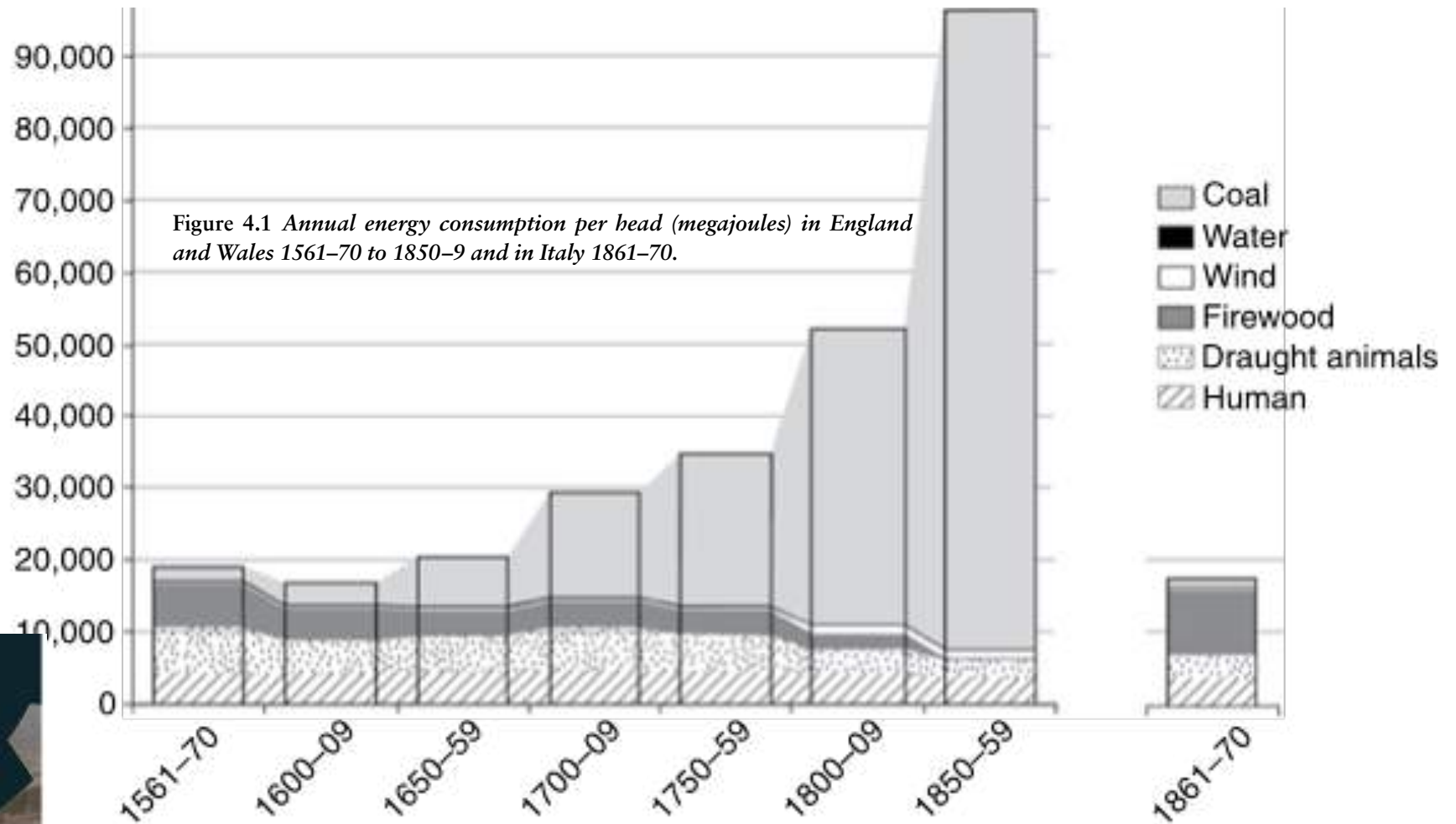


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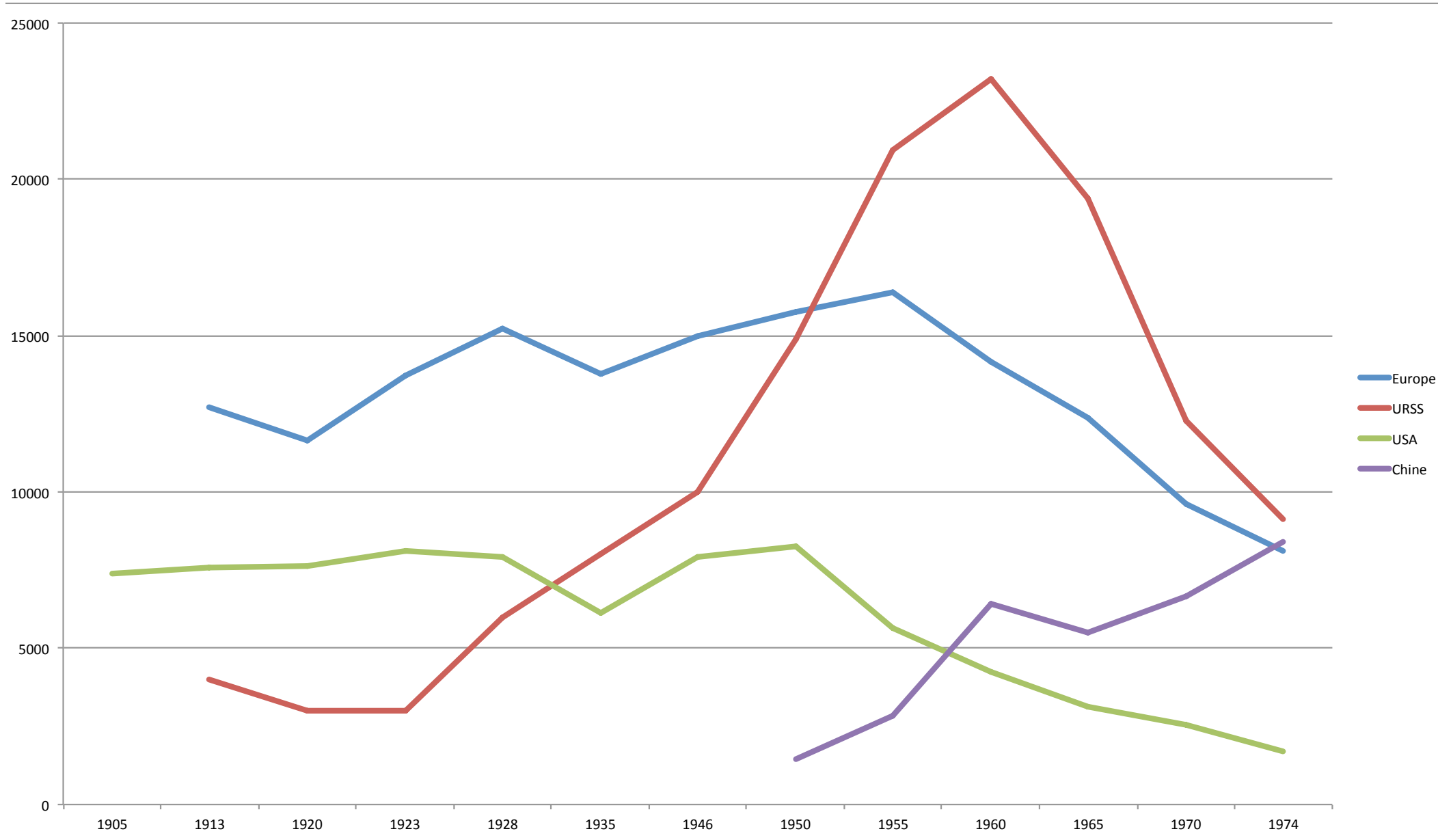
Anthony Wrigley *Energy and the Industrial Revolution*  
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**Figure 1. Consommation de bois de mines en milliers de mètres-cubes.**

Sources : FAO, *European Timber Statistics*, 1913-1950, Genève 1953 ; FAO, *Forest Products Statistics, Part II Apparent Consumption*, 1950-1975, Rome, 1975 ; J.J. MacGregor, « Timber Statistics », *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society*, vol. 116, n°3, 1953, p. 298-322 ; Forest Service, US Department of Agriculture, *Timber Resources for America's Future*, 1958 ; Robert Stone, « Wood products used by coal mines », *Forest Products Journal*, vol. 35, n°6, p. 45-52 ; Richardson, *Forestry in Communist China*, Baltimore, Johns Hopkins, 1966 p. 164.

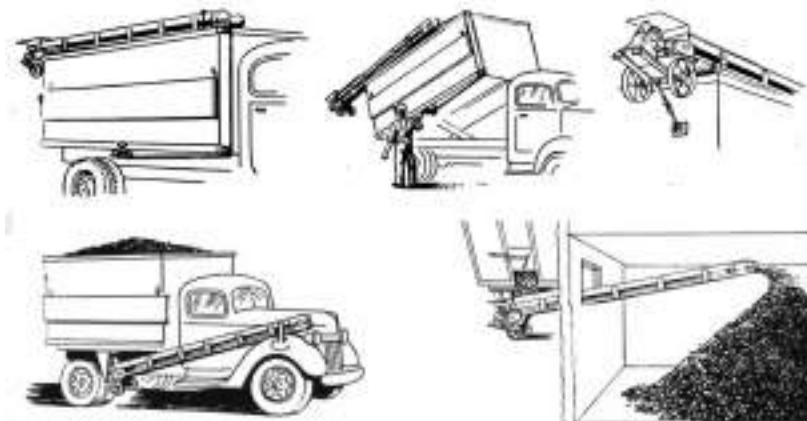


105N. Trestle over Salmon River 203 feet high 847 feet long.  
Pacific Alaska Lumber Co.

Barbara H. Hensley, Seattle









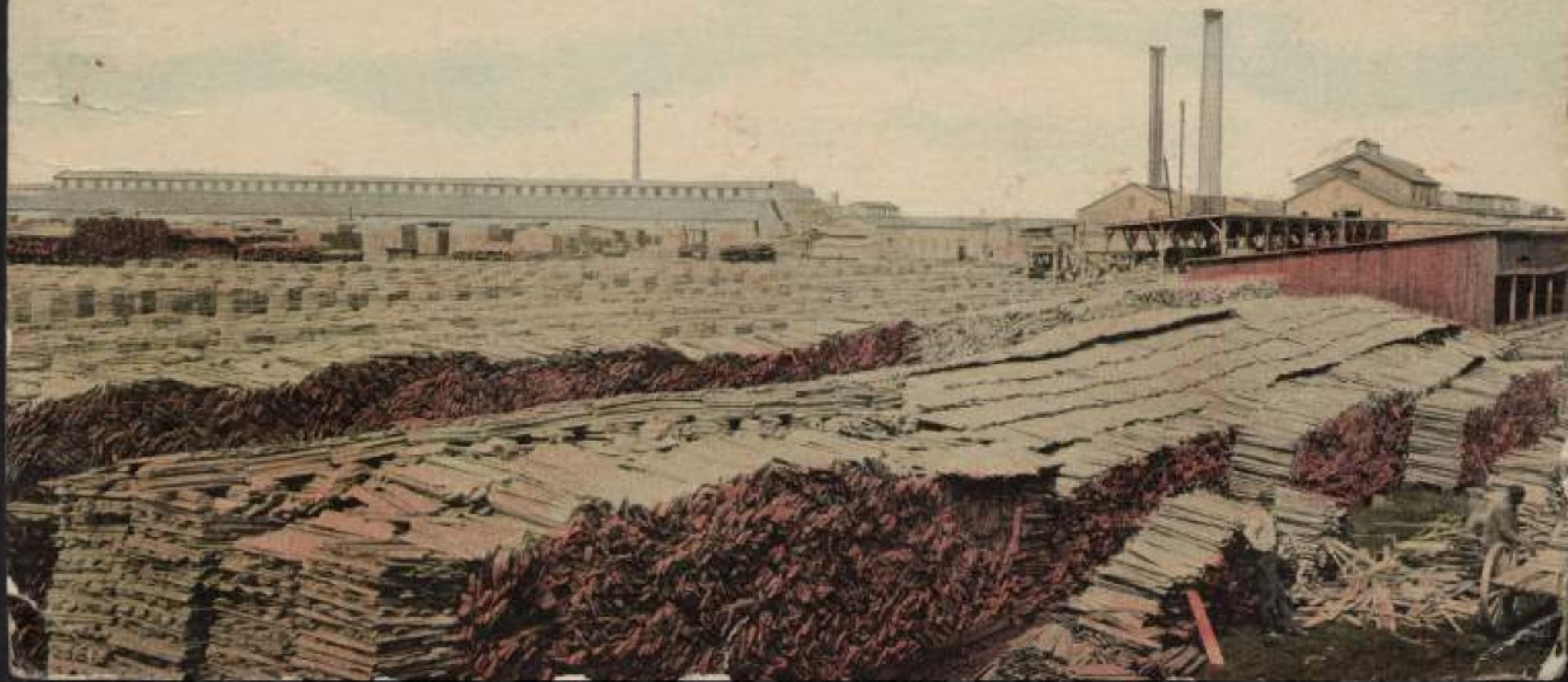




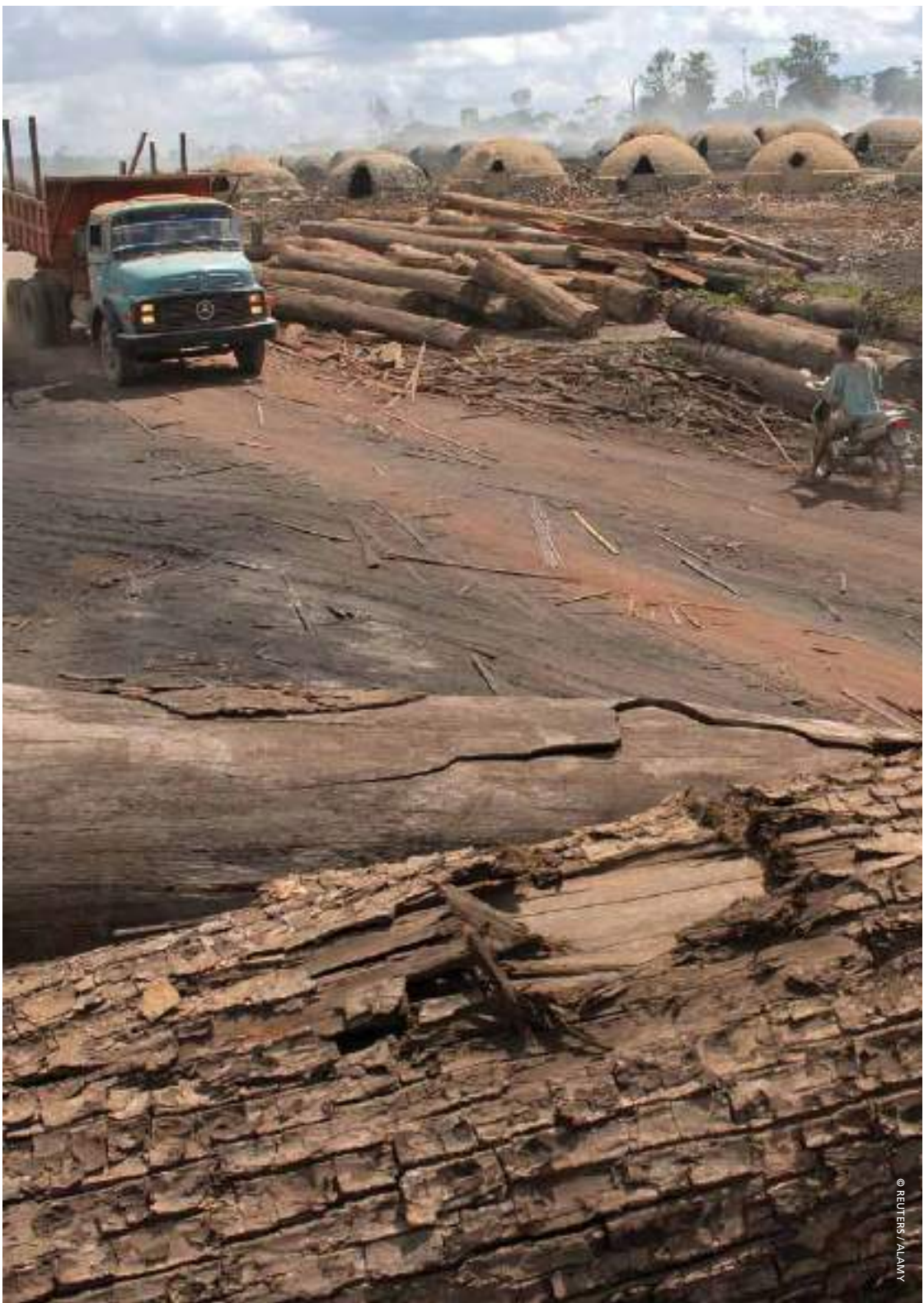


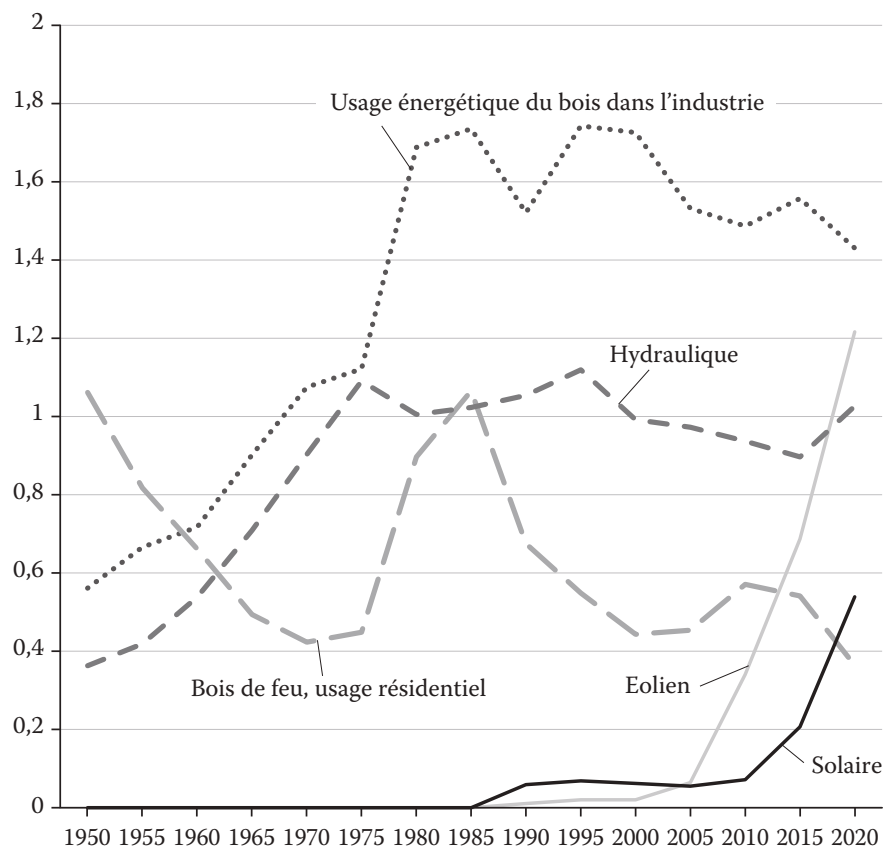


Interstate Cooperage Co., Belhaven, N. C.

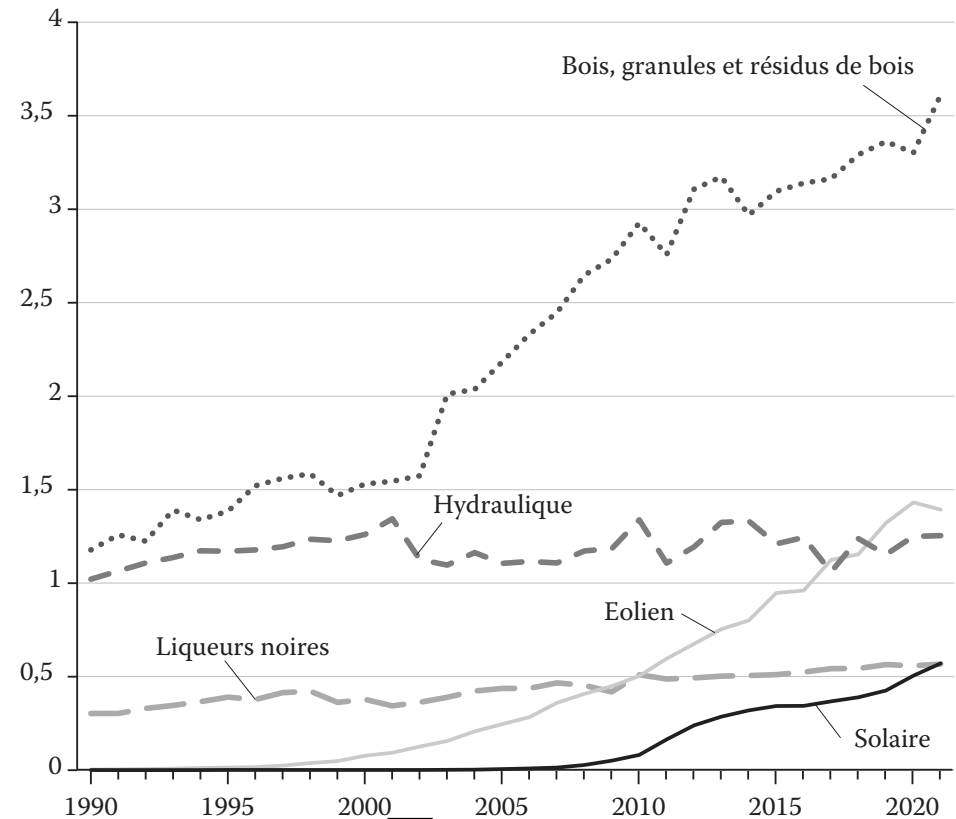








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**Europe**



Énergies renouvelables  
en millions de térajoules  
(énergie primaire).





# Transition énergétique : une généalogie

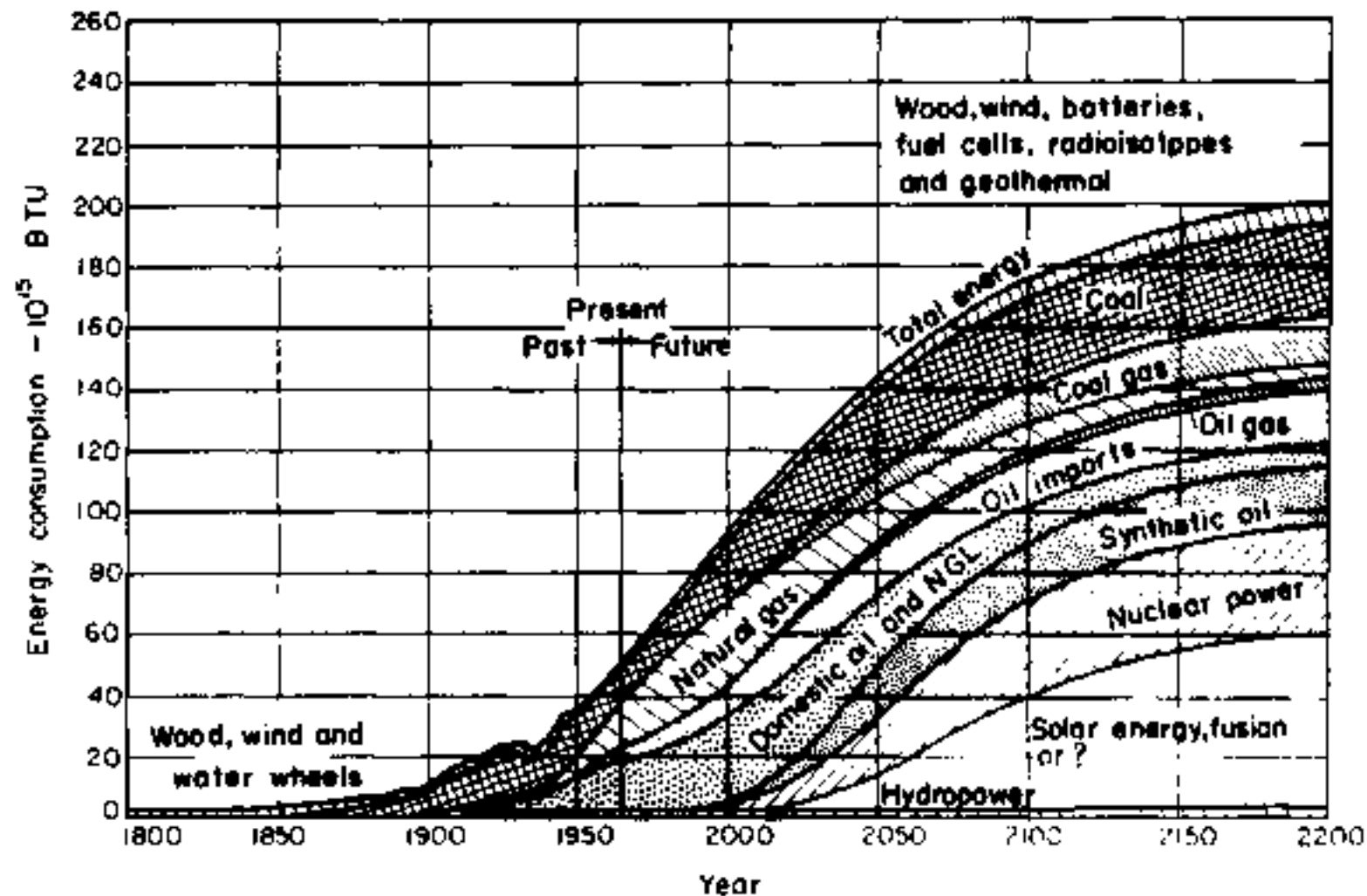


Fig. 1. Energy sources in the United States.

Leon P. Gaucher, « Energy Requirements of the future », *Solar Energy*, 1972, vol. 14, p. 5-10.



Atomic malthusians

# Harrison Brown





Figure 2. Artist's conception of an agro-industrial complex of the future, in which the energy of the atom is used to transform an arid desert region into productive farms and cities by supplying water, fertilizer, industrial chemicals, metals, etc. The usable portion of the earth's surface could be more than doubled in this way.



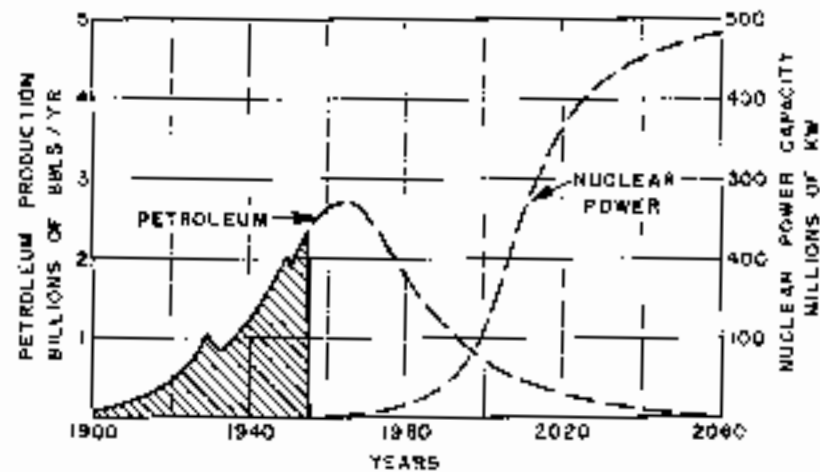


Figure 29 Concurrent decline of petroleum production and rise of production of nuclear power in the United States. Growth rate of 10 percent per year for nuclear power is assumed; actual rate may be twice this amount.

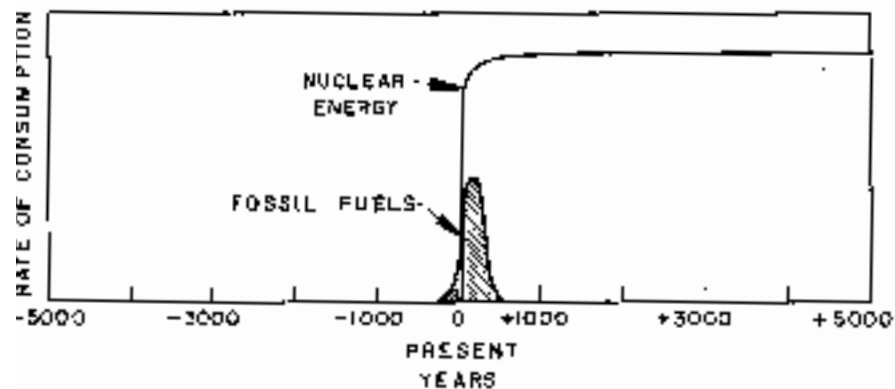
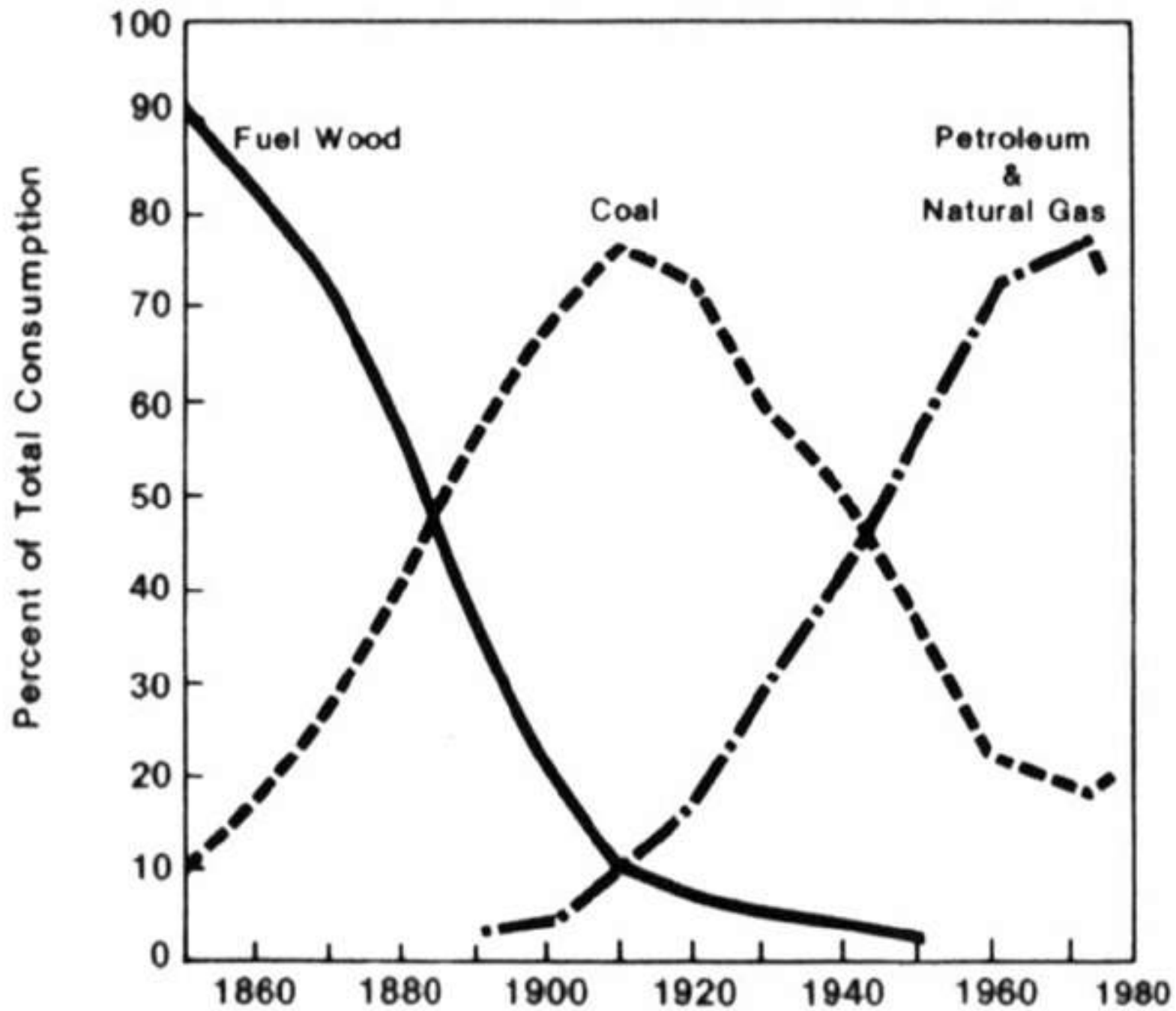


Figure 30 - Relative magnitudes of possible fossil fuel and nuclear energy consumption seen in time perspective of minus to plus 5000 years.

Marion K. Hubbert, « Nuclear Energy and the Fossil Fuels », Shell Development Company, n°95, 1956.

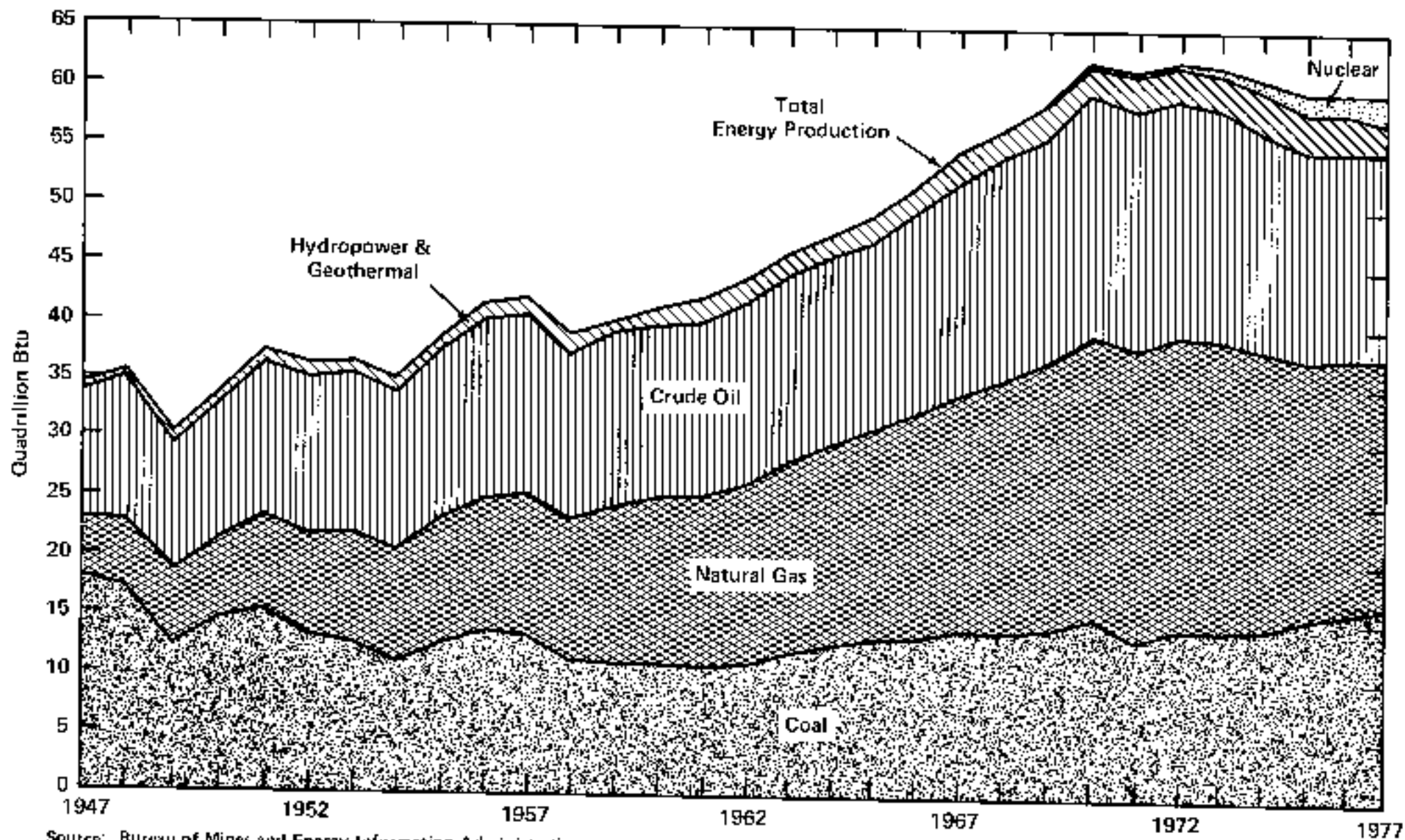




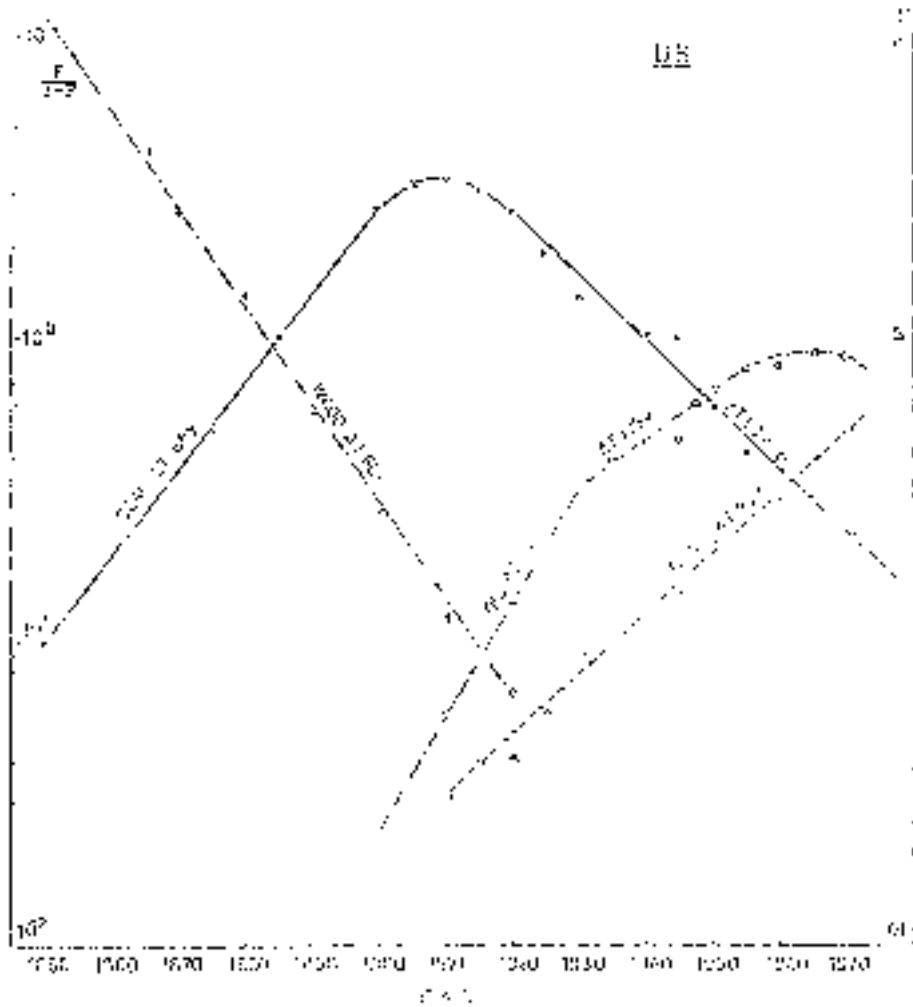
*US National Energy Plan, 1977*



## Energy Production by Primary Energy Type



# Marchetti, IIASA, 1975



# Avion a hydrogene : une utopie des années 1970

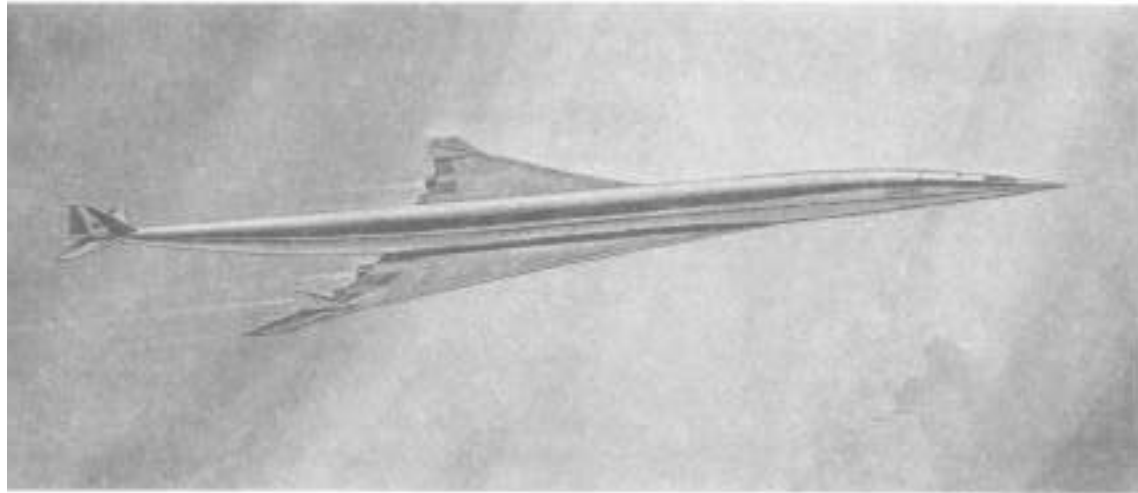


Fig. 8. Alternative design of H<sub>2</sub> turbojet passenger aircraft.

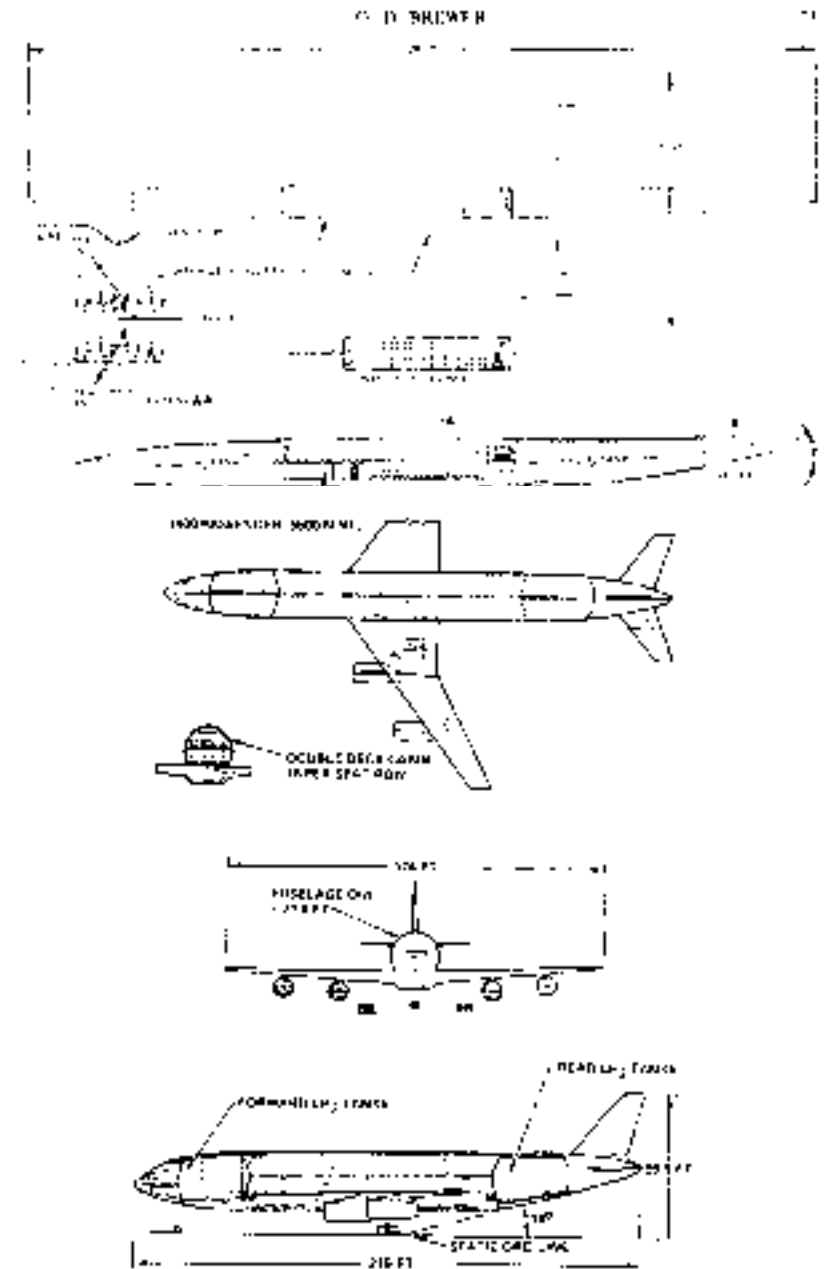
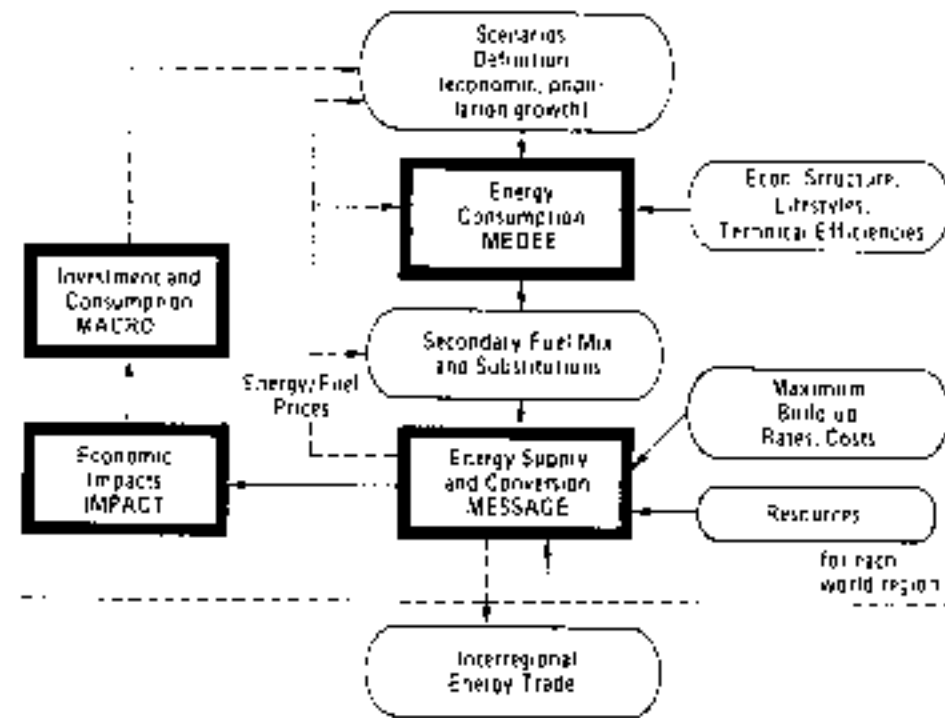


Fig. 10. General arrangement: 2 H<sub>2</sub> turbojet passenger transport aircraft.



# Cesare Marchetti, critique des scénarios du IIASA

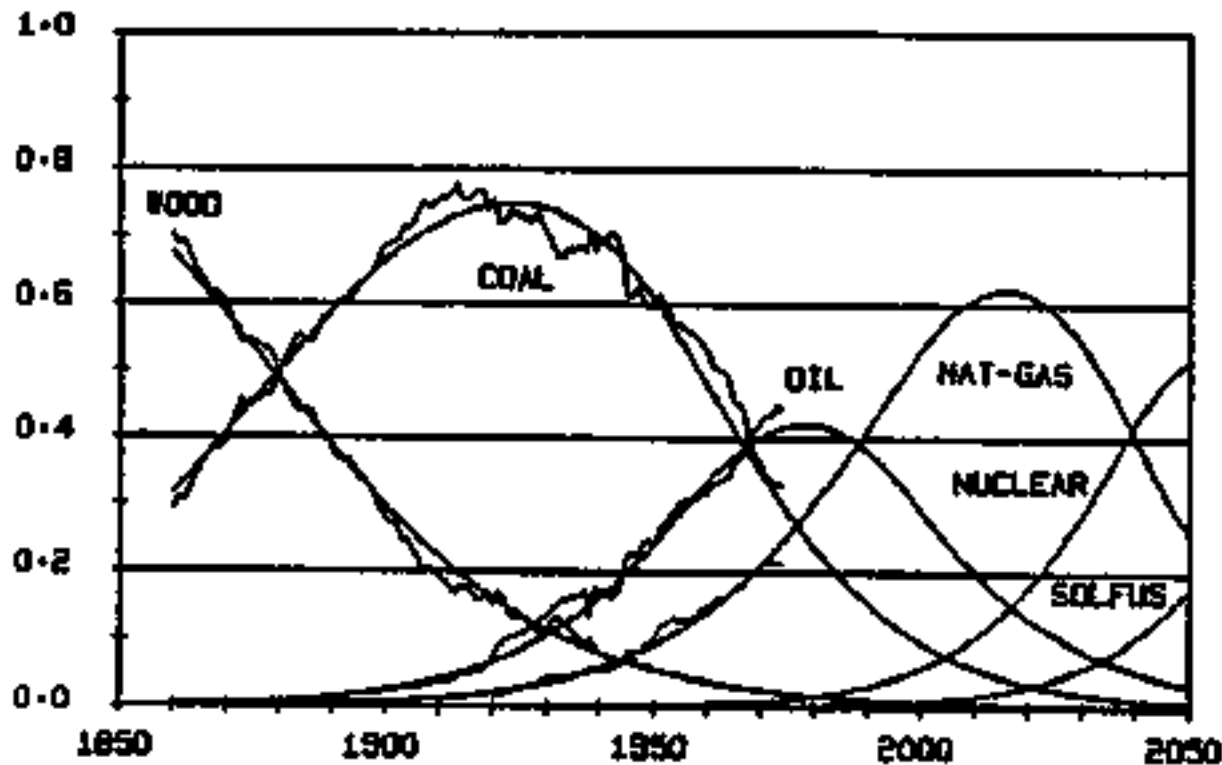


***« Don't forget the system, the system will not forget you! »***  
**Cesare Marchetti 1975**

## Cesare Marchetti, 1975

« The whole destiny of an energy source seems to be completely predetermined in the first childhood

These trends go unscathed through wars,  
wild oscillations in energy prices and depressions »



SIMPLE SUBSTITUTION MODEL

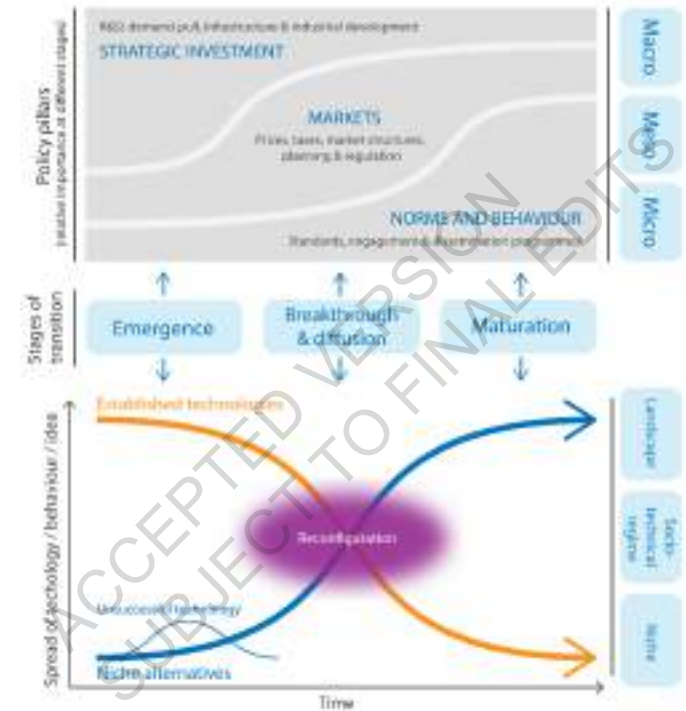
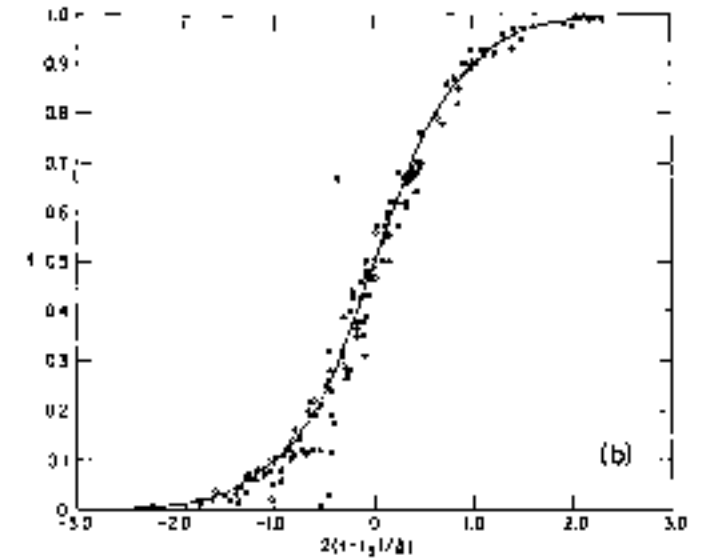


Figure 1.6: Transition dynamics: levels, policies and processes

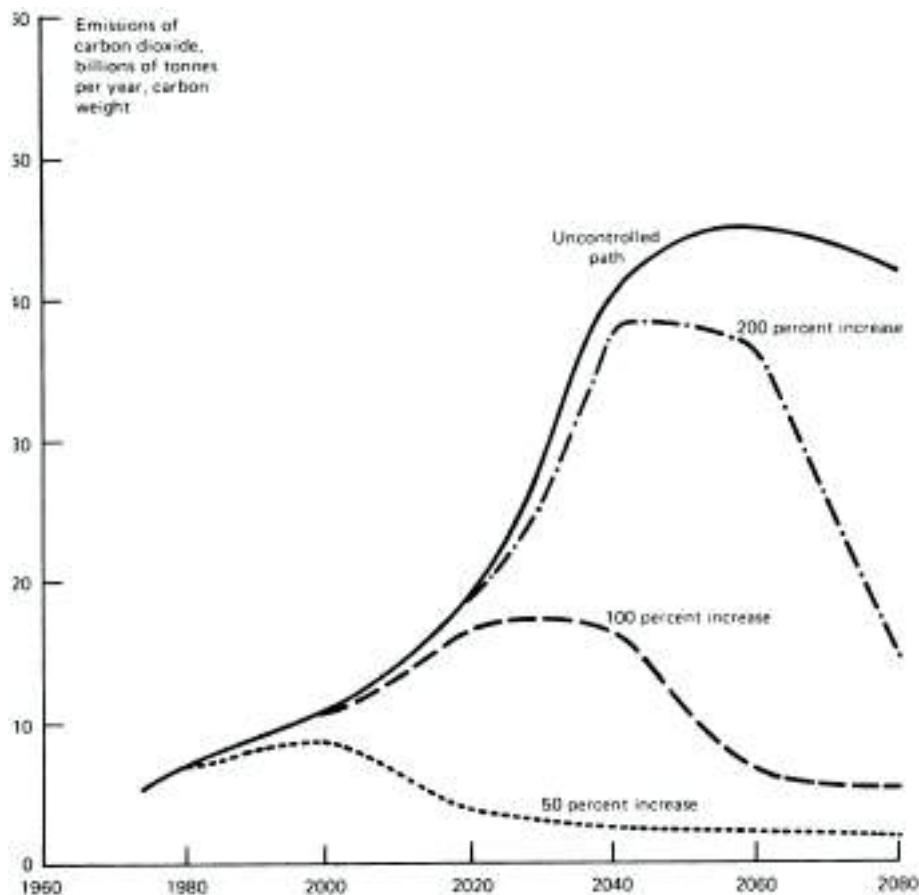
# « We have to think climate as a resource »

Robert White, « Climate at the Millenium », World Climate Conference, 1979, p. 5.

William D. Nordhaus, « The Allocation of Energy Resources », *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*, vol. 3, 1973, p. 529-576

William Nordhaus, « Can We Control Carbon Dioxide? », IIASA Working Paper, WP-75-63, 1975, p. 34.

Alan S. Manne, « waiting for the breeder », IIASA Research Report, RR-74-5, 1974.





FEW PEOPLE DOUBT THAT THE WORLD HAS ENTERED AN ENERGY TRANSITION AWAY FROM DEPENDENCE UPON FOSSIL FUELS AND TOWARD SOME MIX OF RENEWABLE RESOURCES THAT WILL NOT POSE PROBLEMS OF CO<sub>2</sub> ACCUMULATION. THE QUESTION IS HOW DO WE GET FROM HERE TO THERE WHILE PRESERVING THE HEALTH OF OUR POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUPPORT SYSTEMS. WHAT I WILL DO IN THE REMAINDER

THE IIASA STUDY CONCLUDES THAT TO MAKE A SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION FROM FOSSIL FUELS TO AN ENERGY SYSTEM BASED ON RENEWABLE RESOURCES, THE WORLD ECONOMY MUST EXPAND ITS PRODUCTIVE POWERS. IT MUST EXPAND IN ALL DIMENSIONS, BUT, MOST IMPORTANTLY, IN THE NEW KNOWLEDGE AND HUMAN SKILL THAT ENLARGE THE TECHNOLOGICAL BASE. FOR SUCH KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL, MORE THAN BRUTE CAPITAL, IS WHAT ENABLES SOCIETIES IN THIS AGE TO USE THE SAME OR EVEN FEWER RESOURCES TO PRODUCE MORE.

THE IIASA STRATEGY FOR INVENTING THAT FUTURE RESEMBLES THE ONE I HAVE SUGGESTED: A STRATEGY FIRST, OF GRADUAL TRANSITION FROM CLEAN, HIGH QUALITY RESOURCES--NATURAL GAS AND OIL--TO DIRTIER UNCONVENTIONAL FOSSIL RESOURCES. THE STUDY ALSO TAKES NOTE OF THE CO<sub>2</sub> ISSUE, RECOMMENDING THAT SOCIETY INCORPORATE SUFFICIENT NON-FOSSIL OPTIONS IN THE ENERGY SUPPLY SYSTEM SO AS TO ALLOW EXPANSION OF THAT BASE, IF NECESSARY, AS THE EFFECTS OF CARBON DIOXIDE BECOME BETTER QUANTIFIABLE THROUGH FURTHER RESEARCH.

FUELS. FORTUNATELY, THESE CONDITIONS GIVE SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING A LOT OF ROOM TO MANEUVER. IT APPEARS WE STILL HAVE TIME TO GENERATE THE WEALTH AND KNOWLEDGE WE WILL NEED TO INVENT THE TRANSITION TO A STABLE ENERGY SYSTEM.



**Edward David  
« Inventing the  
future,  
Energy and the CO<sub>2</sub>  
problem »  
Exxon, 1982.**

**OK : play the technology card!**



**John Sununu**



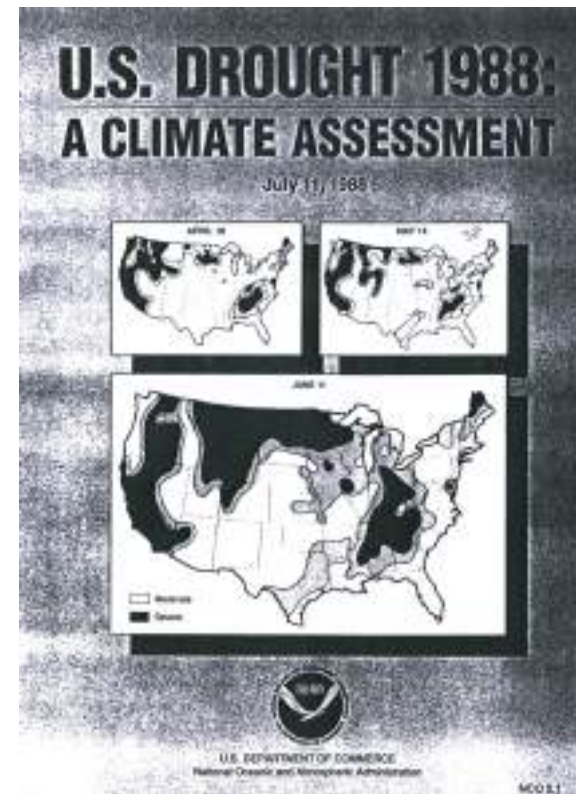
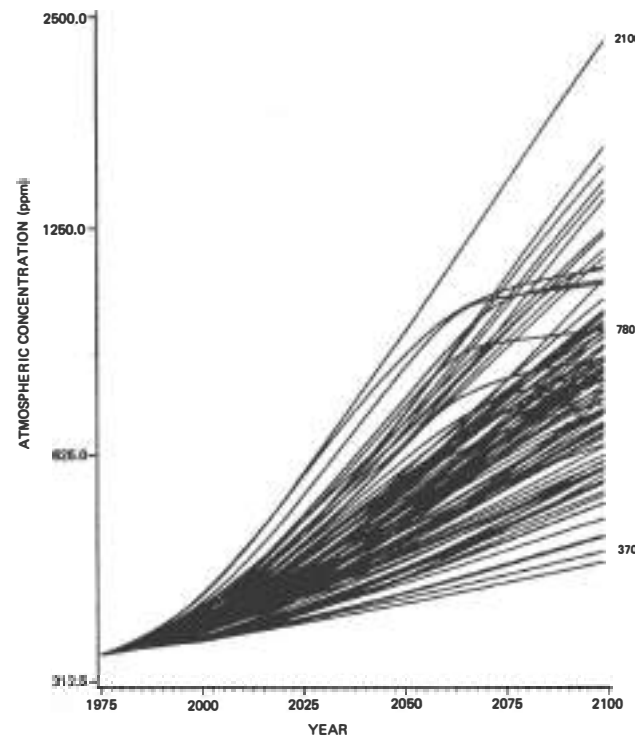
**Robert Reinstein**

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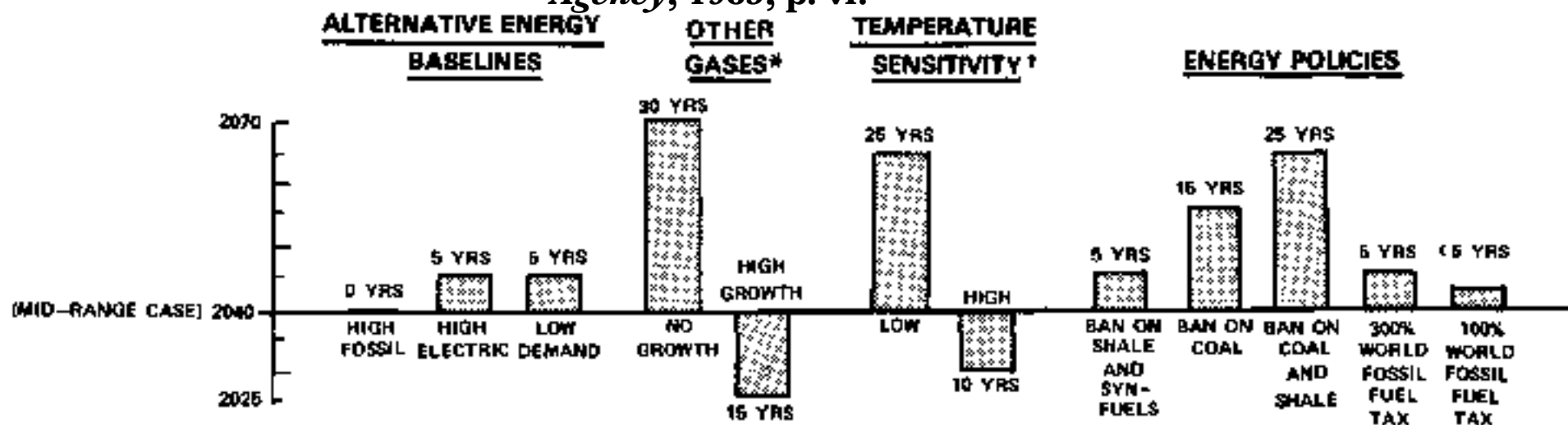
# LIVING WITH CLIMATIC CHANGE Phase II

A SUMMARY REPORT FROM A SYMPOSIUM AND WORKSHOP HELD BY THE MITRE CORPORATION  
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Stephen Siedel et Dale Kayes, « Can De Delay A Greenhouse Warming? », *Environmental Protection Agency*, 1983, p. vi.

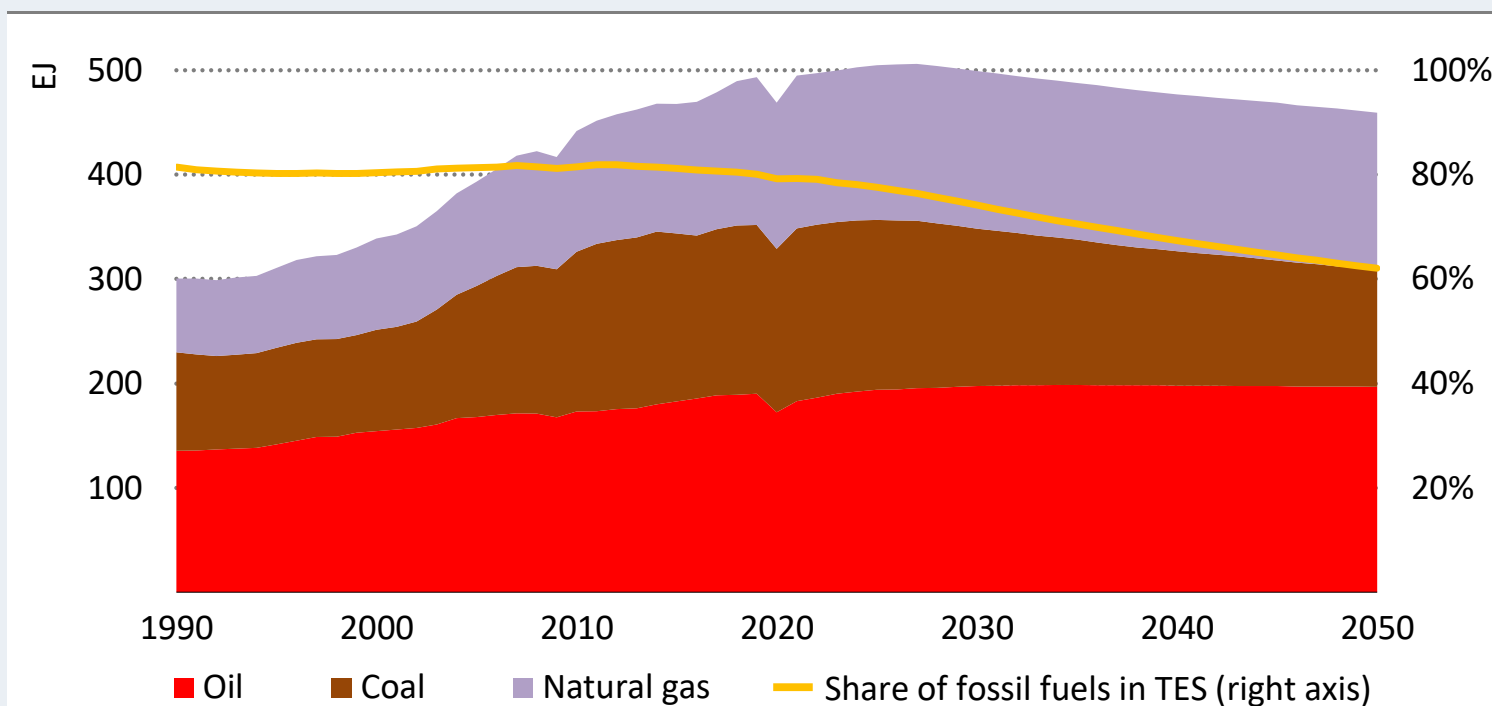




## Box 1.2 ▶ Era of fossil fuel growth may soon be over

The Stated Policies Scenario in this *Outlook* is the first *WEO* scenario based on prevailing policy settings that sees global demand for each of the fossil fuels exhibit a peak or plateau. Coal demand peaks within the next few years, natural gas demand reaches a plateau by the end of the decade, and oil demand reaches a high point in the mid-2030s before falling. The result is that total demand for fossil fuels declines steadily from the mid-2020s by around 2 exajoules (EJ) (equivalent to 1 million barrels of oil equivalent per day [mboe/d]) every year on average to 2050 (Figure 1.9).

**Figure 1.9 ▶ Fossil fuel demand in the STEPS, 1990-2050**

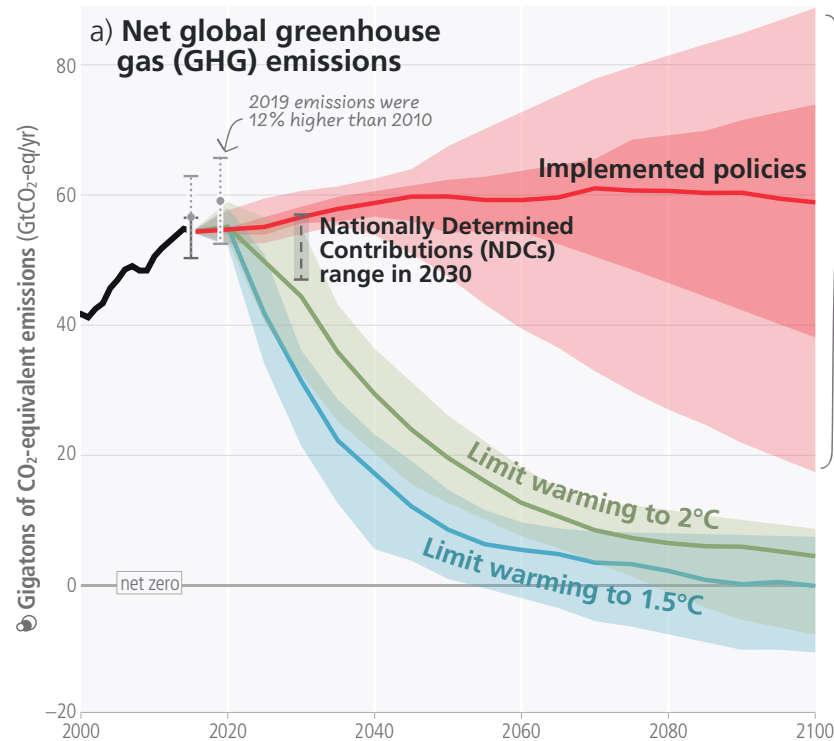


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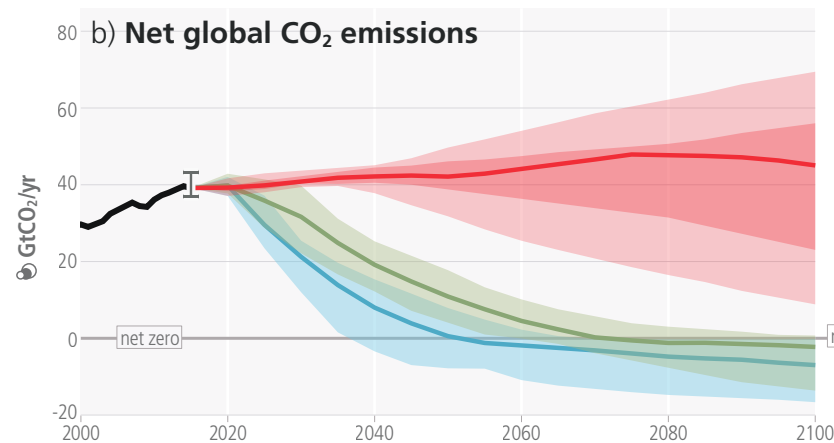
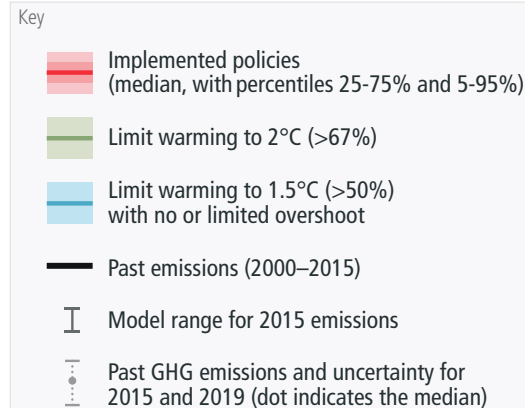
*Total fossil fuel use sees a definitive peak for the first time in this year's STEPS. The share of fossil fuels in the energy mix falls to around 60% in 2050, a clear break from past trends*

# Limiting warming to 1.5°C and 2°C involves rapid, deep and in most cases immediate greenhouse gas emission reductions

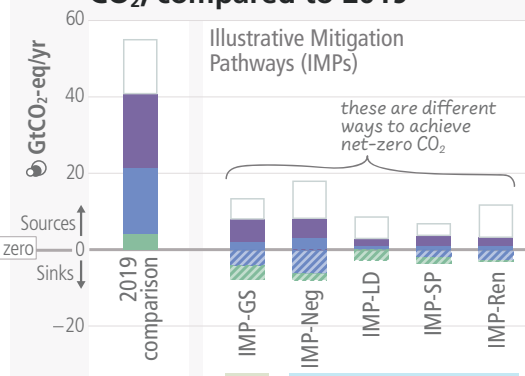
Net zero CO<sub>2</sub> and net zero GHG emissions can be achieved through strong reductions across all sectors



Implemented policies result in projected emissions that lead to warming of 3.2°C, with a range of 2.2°C to 3.5°C (medium confidence)



## e) Greenhouse gas emissions by sector at the time of net zero CO<sub>2</sub>, compared to 2019





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