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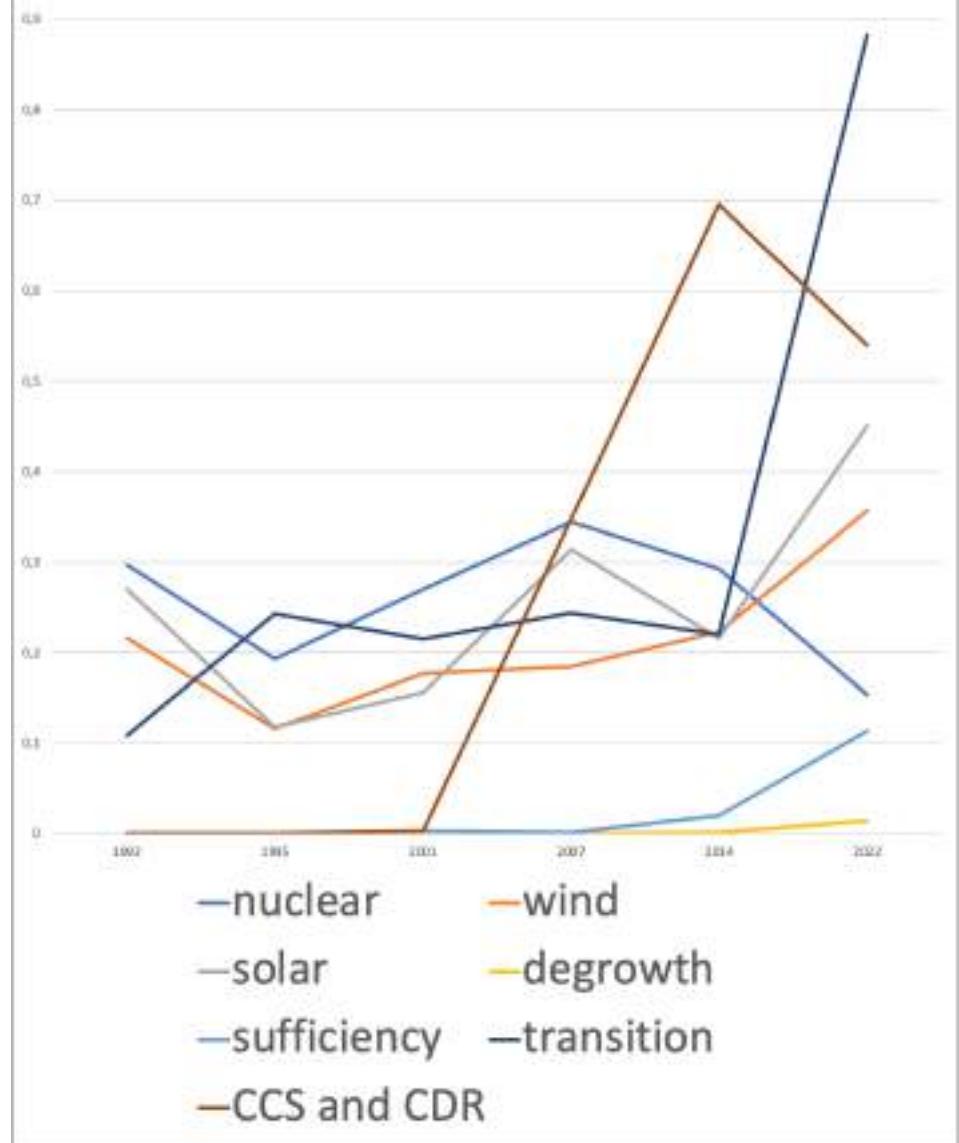
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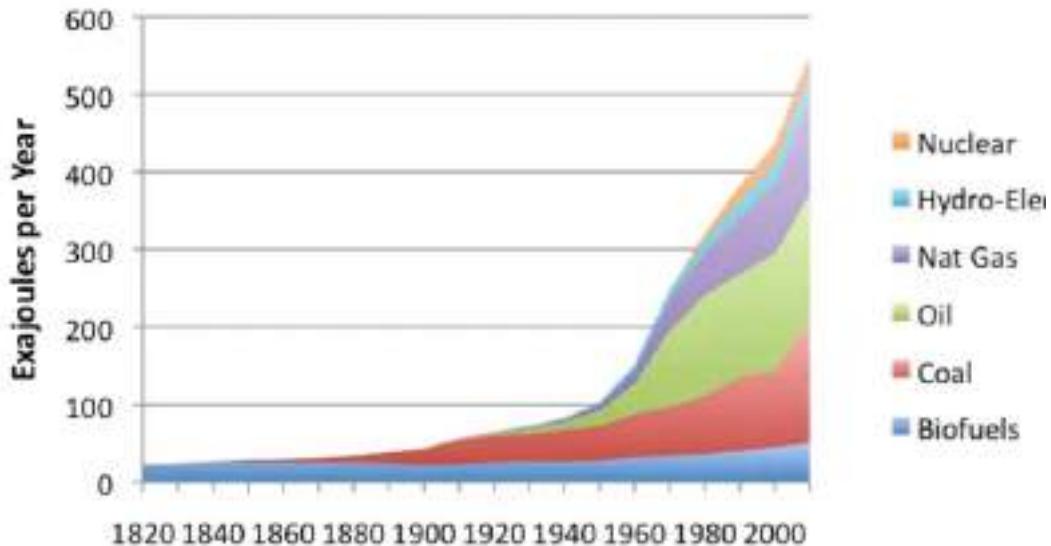
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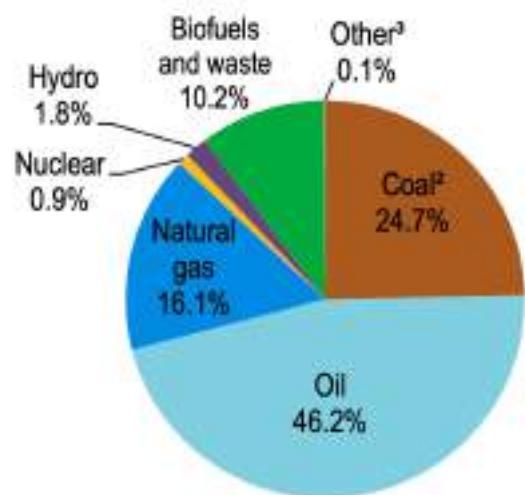
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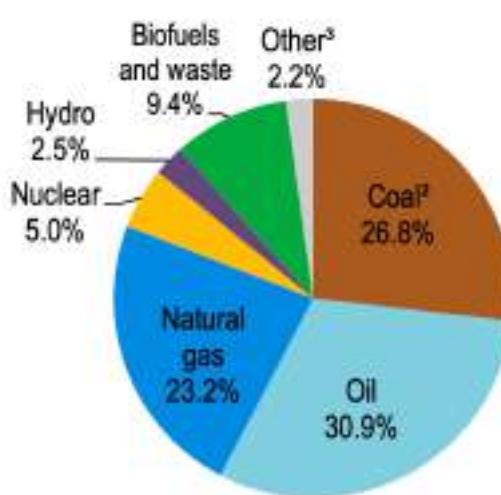
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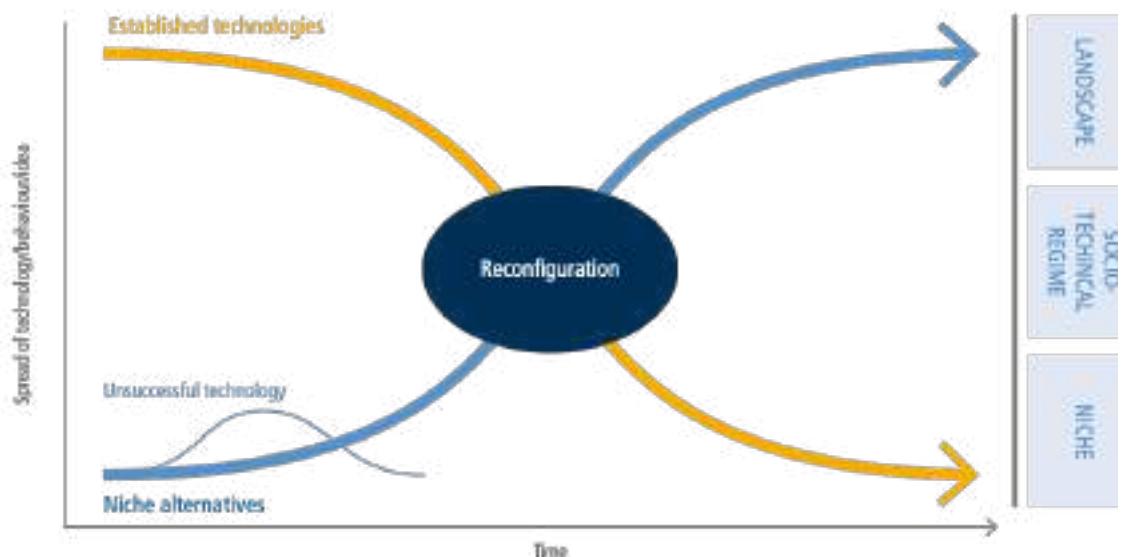
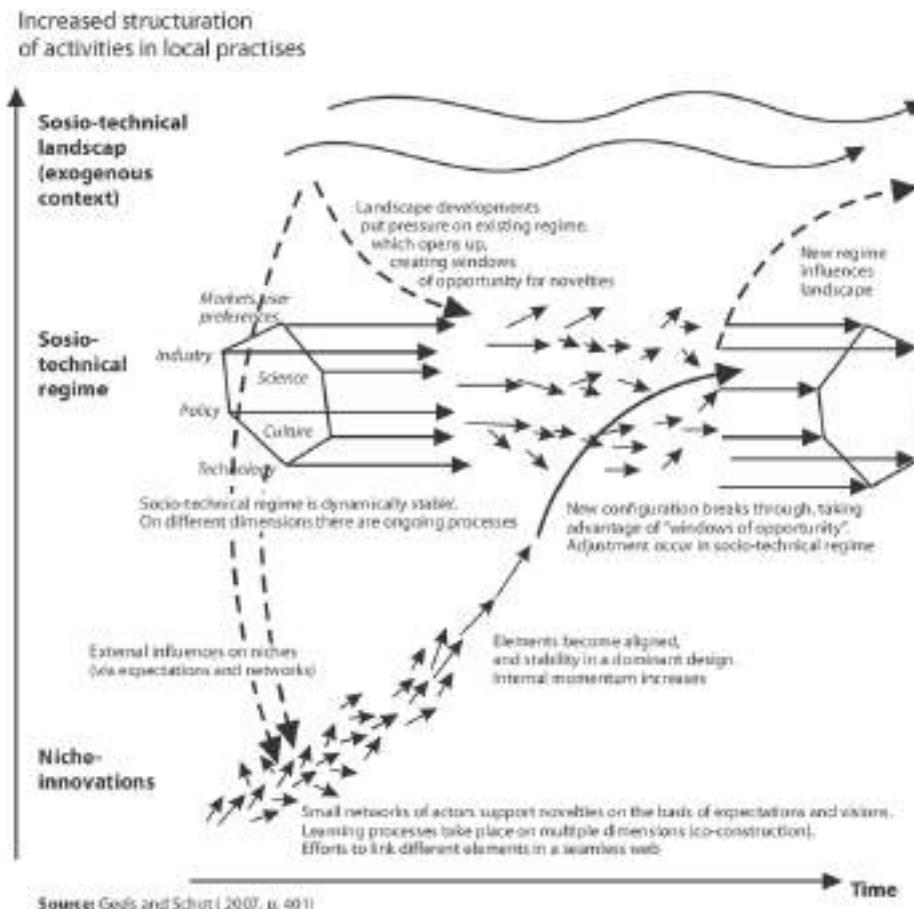


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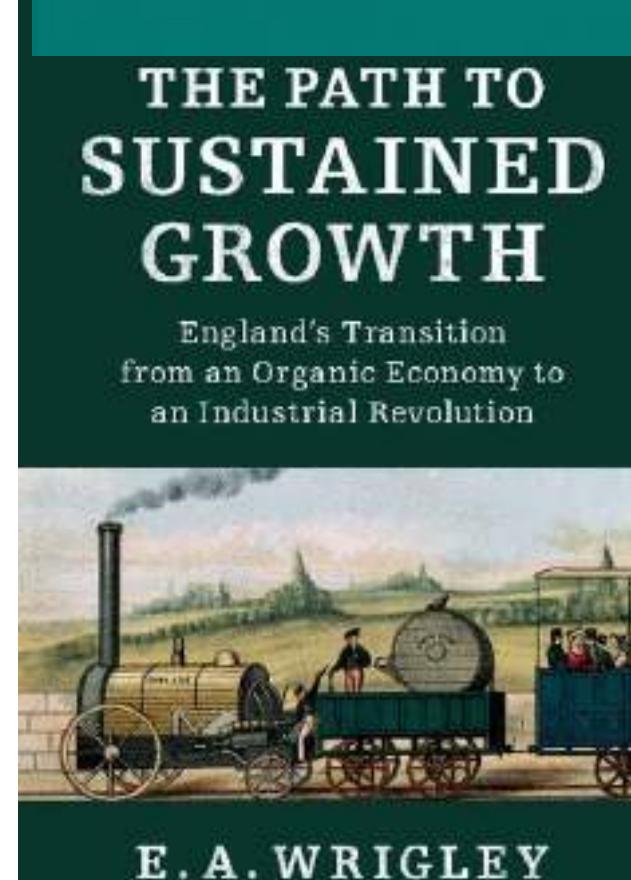
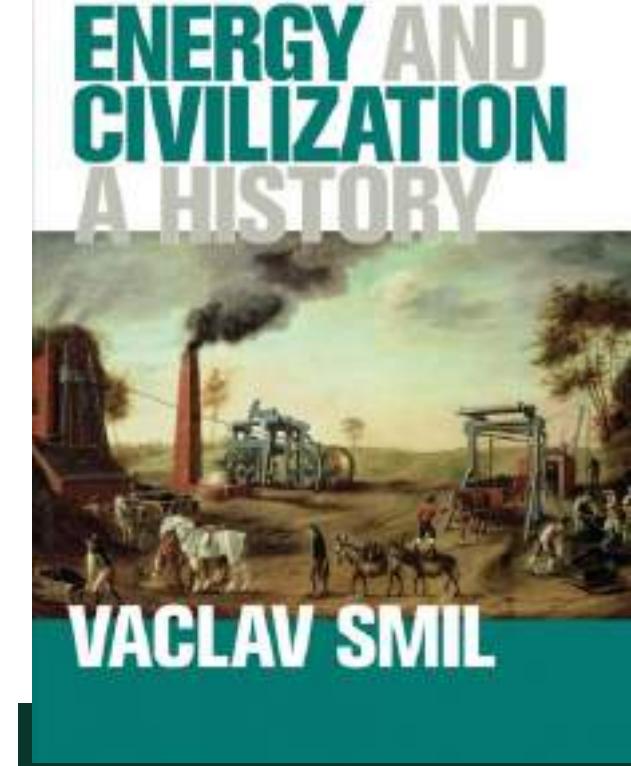
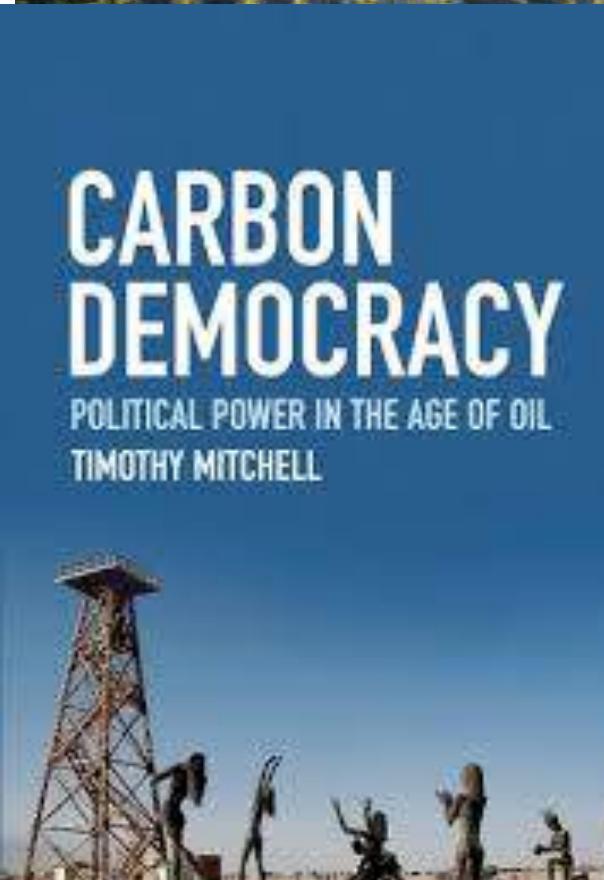
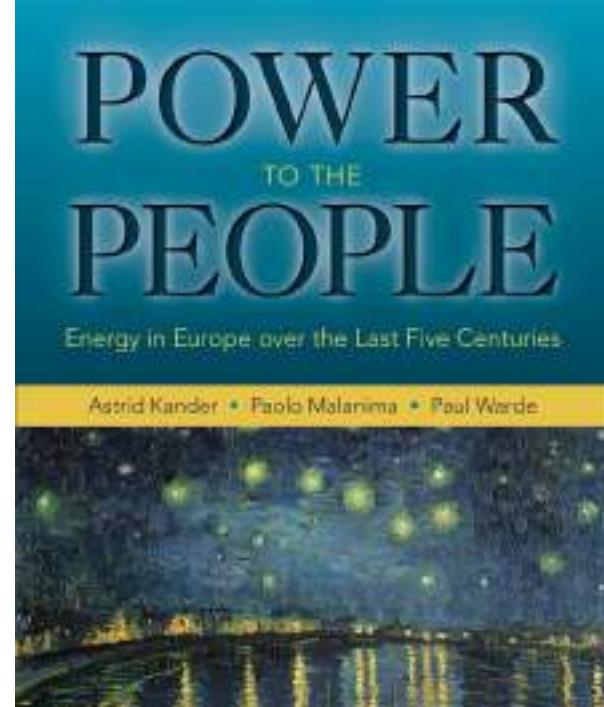
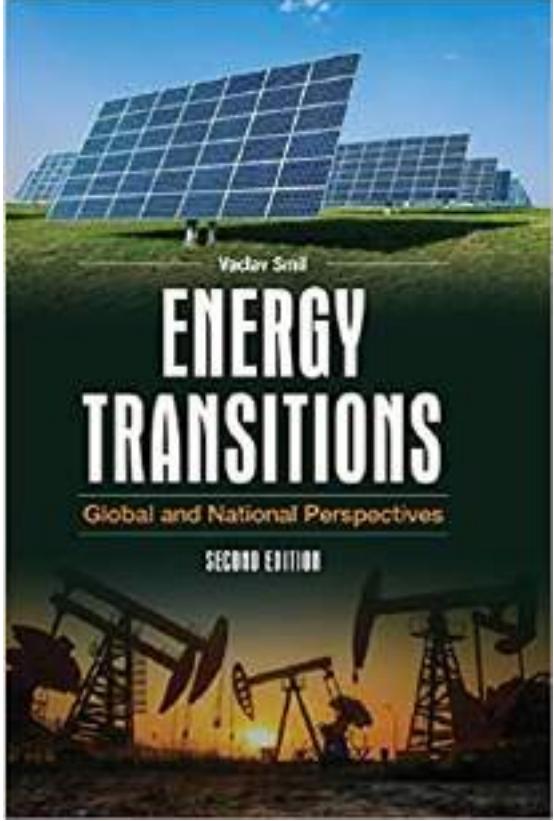
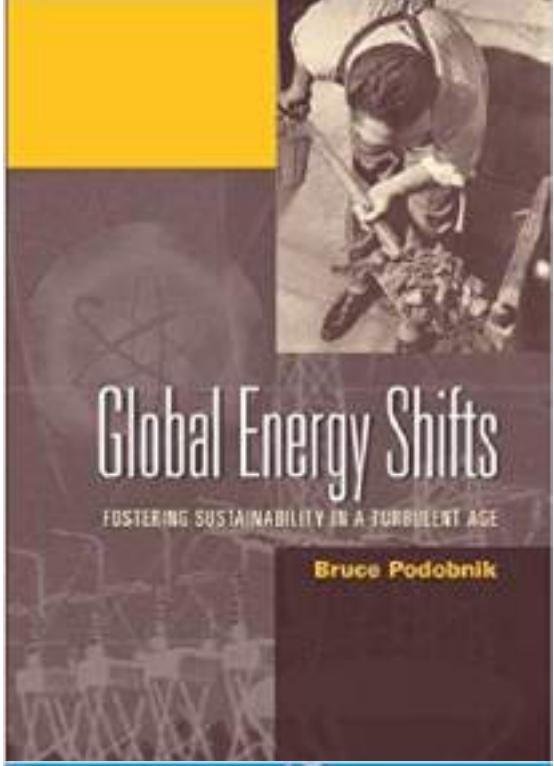
254 EJ

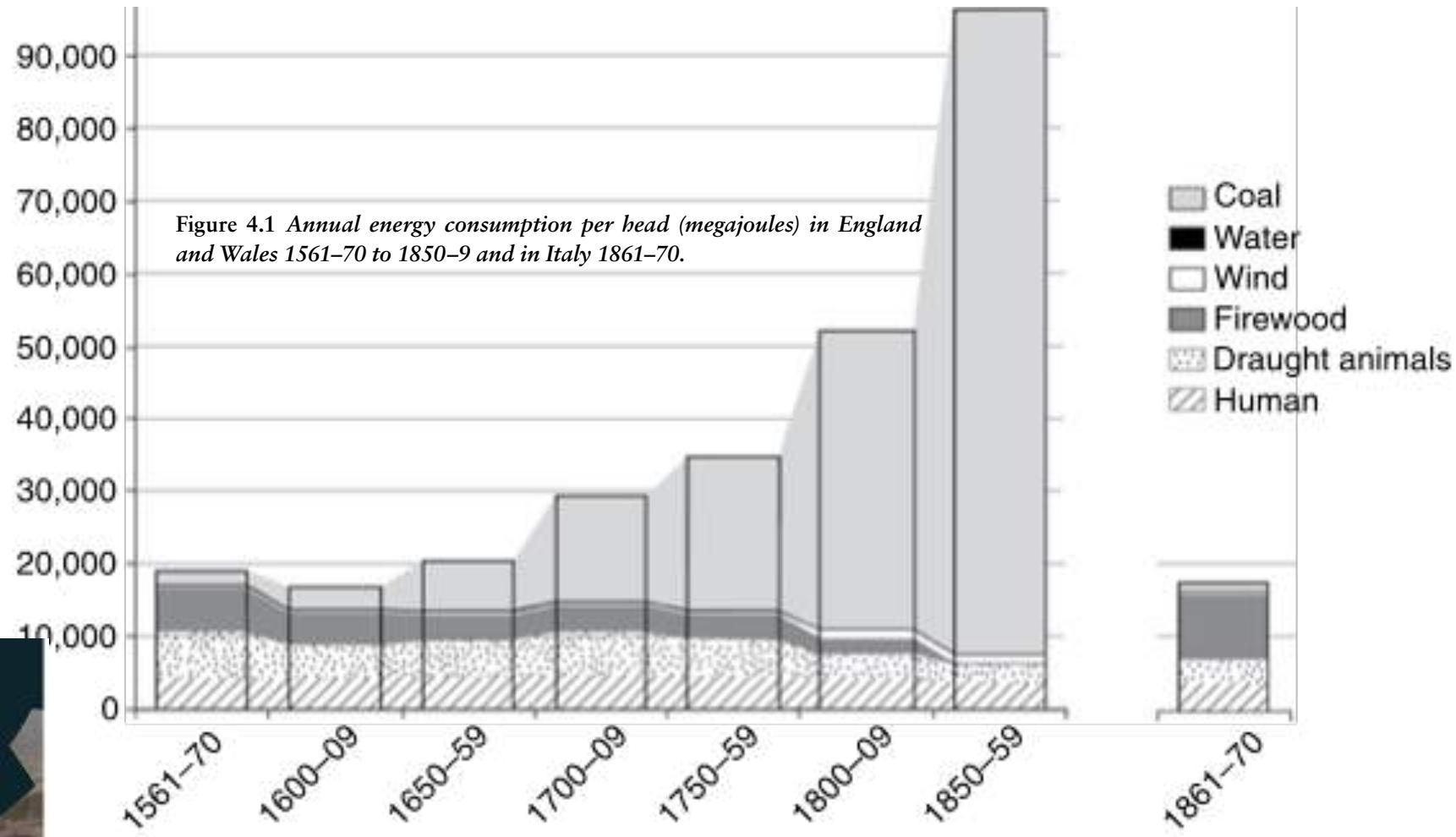
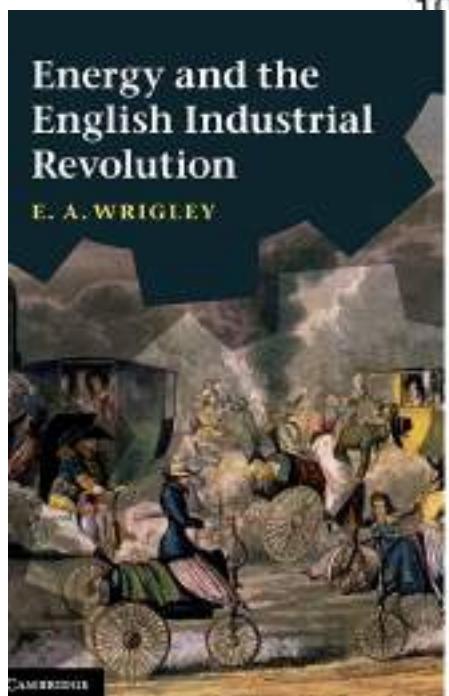
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Anthony Wrigley *Energy and the Industrial Revolution*
(based on the data collected by Paul Warde)





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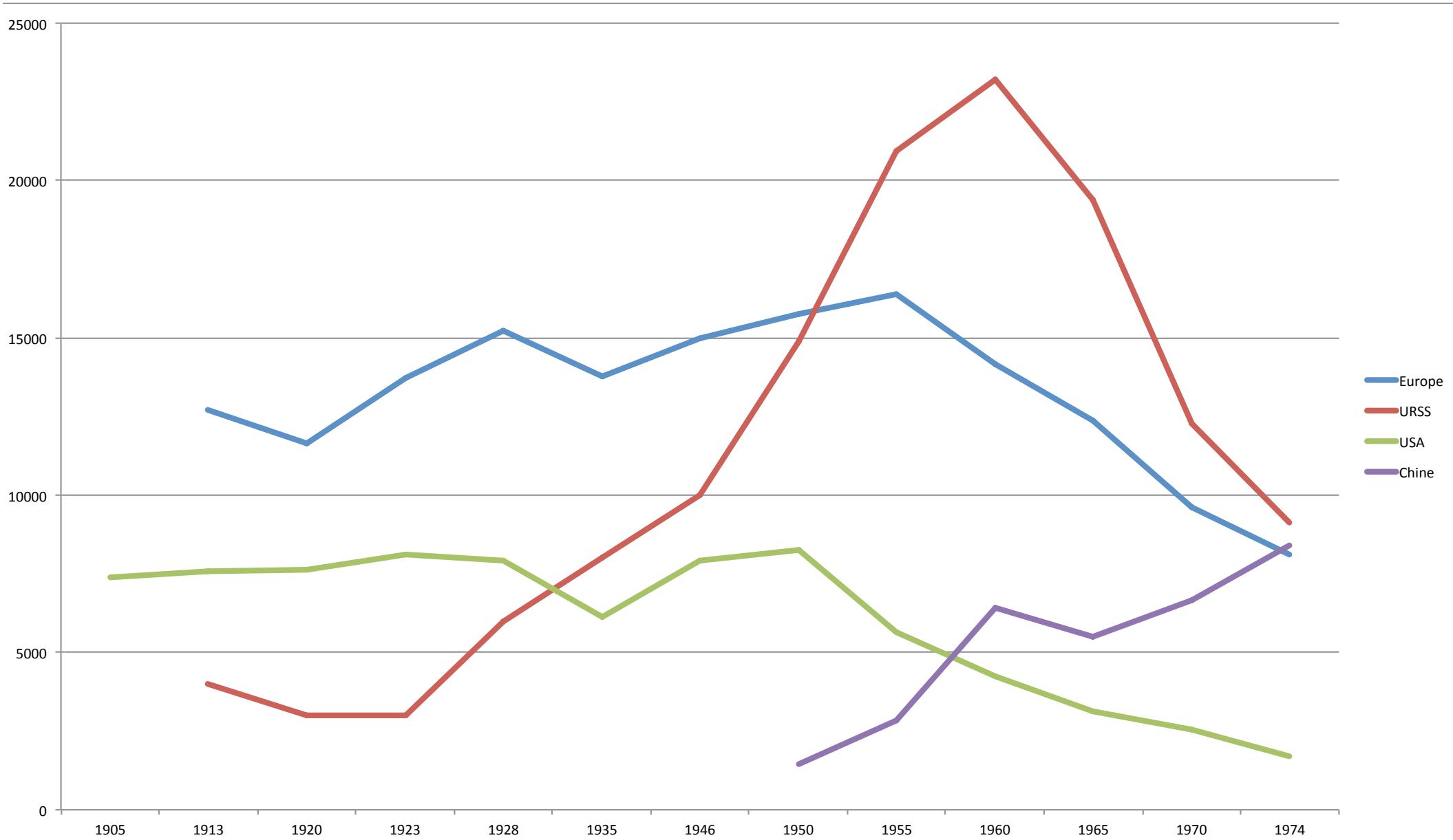


Figure 1. Consommation de bois de mines en milliers de mètres-cubes.

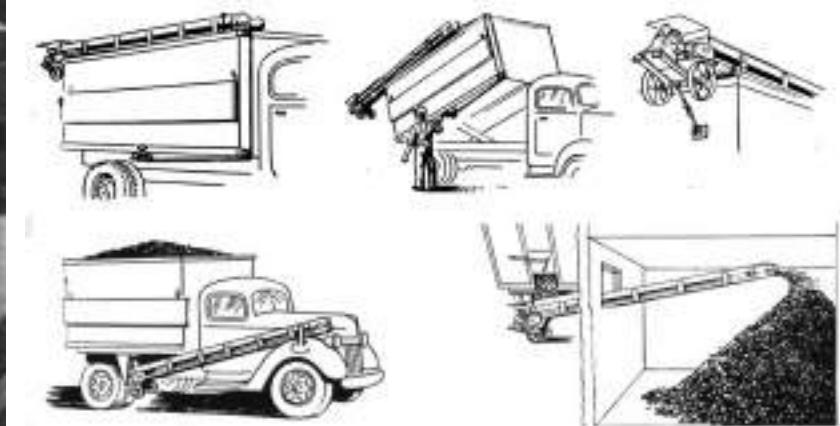
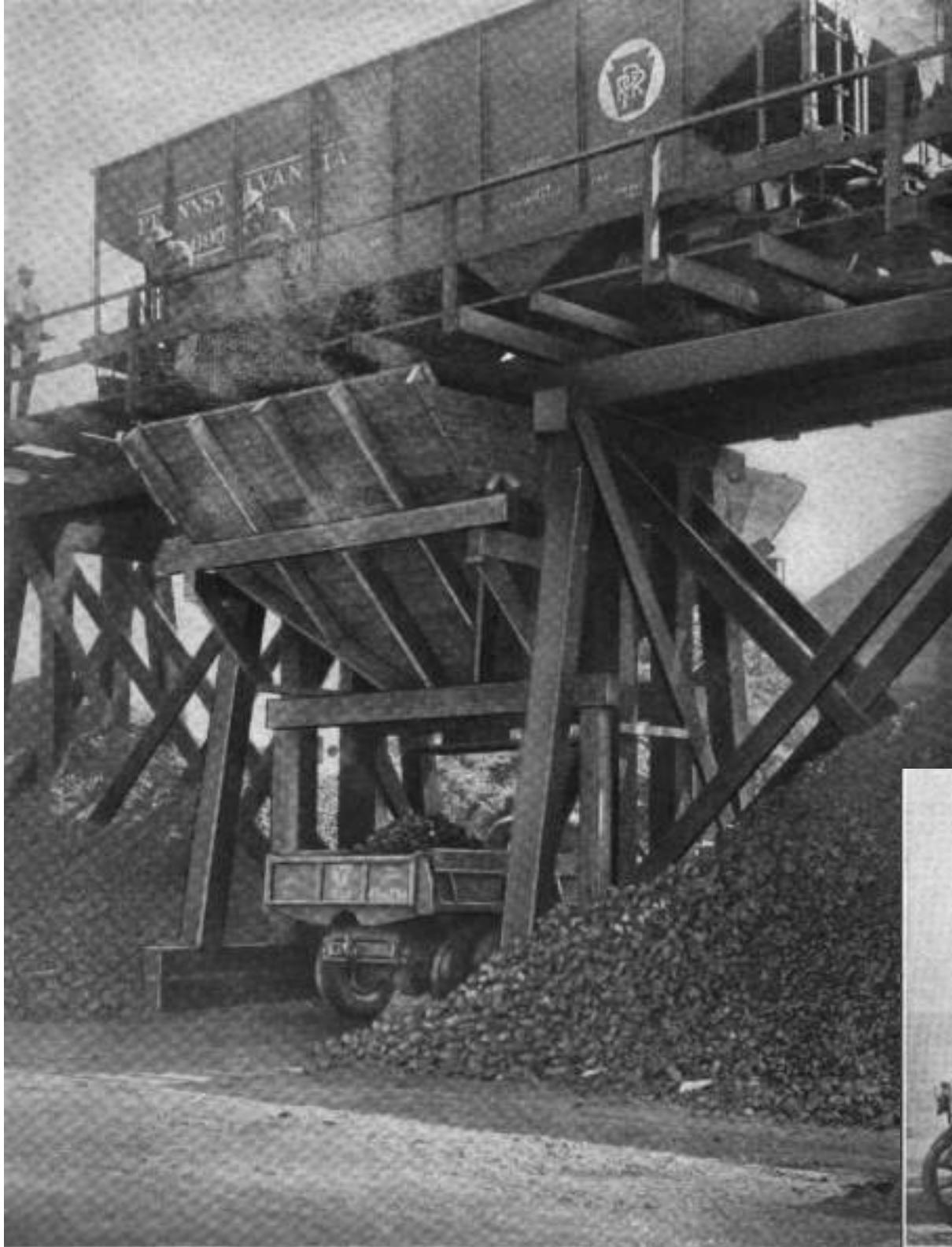
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105N. Trestle over Bear River 202 feet high 47 feet long
Superior Steel Lumber Co.

John Wesley Smith

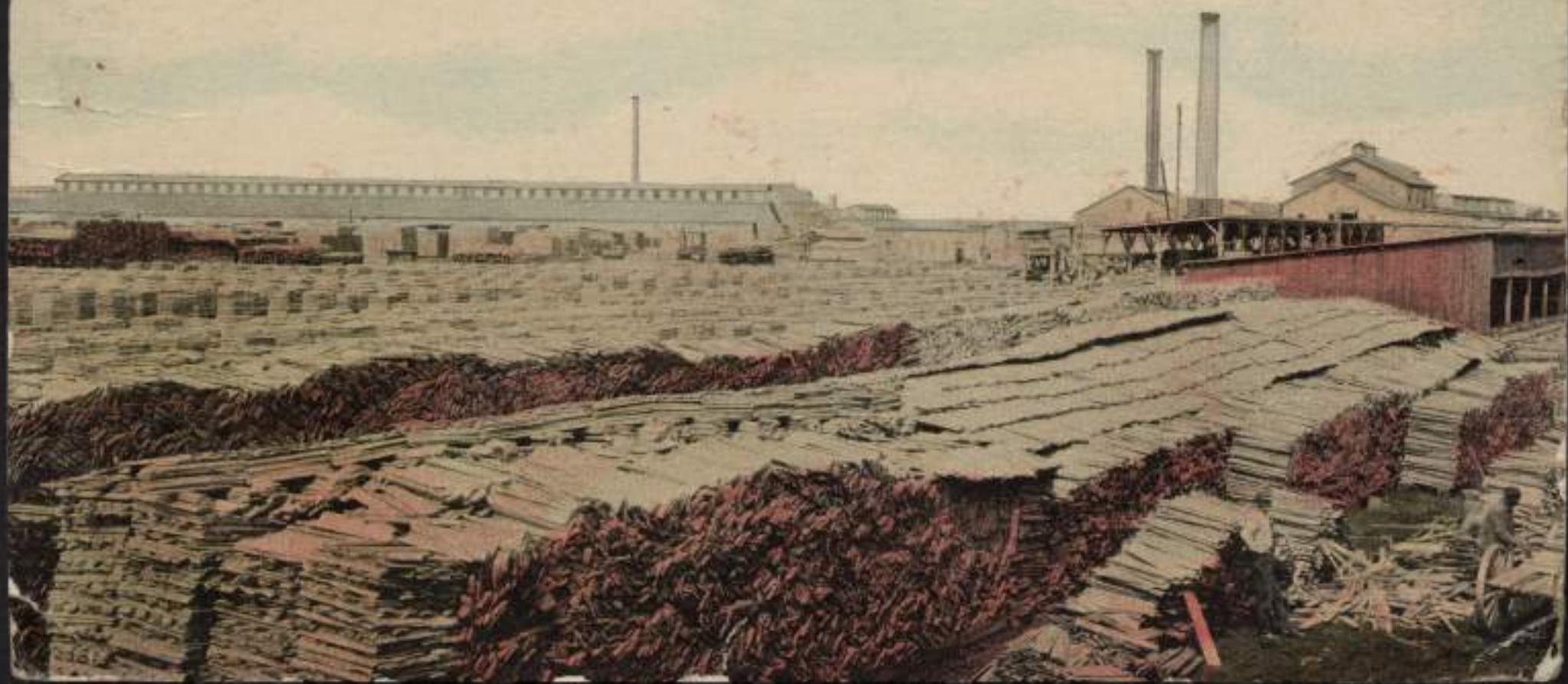




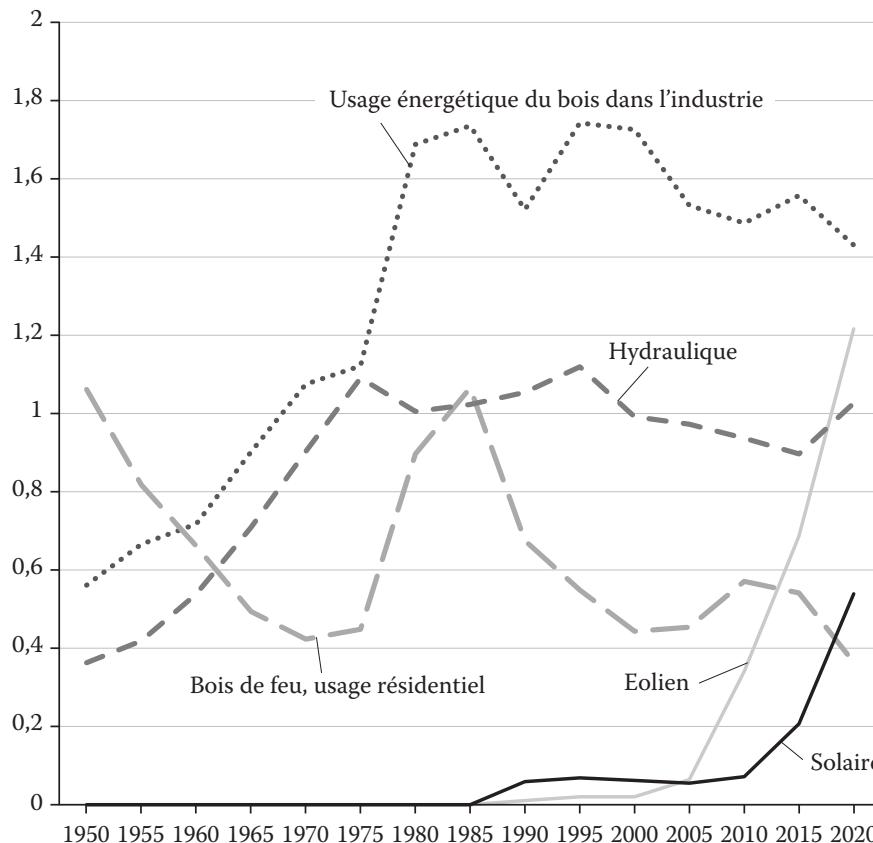




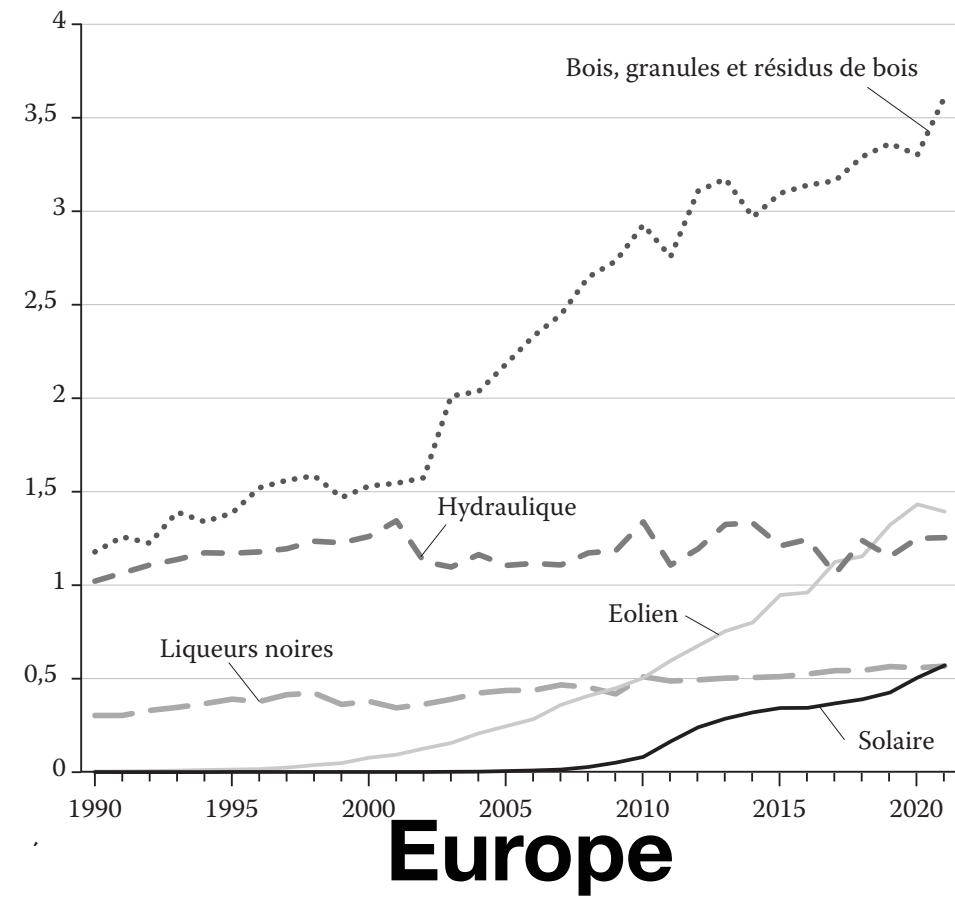
Interstate Cooperage Co., Belhaven, N. C.







Etats-Unis



Europe

Énergies renouvelables
en millions de térajoules
(énergie primaire).



Transition énergétique : une généalogie

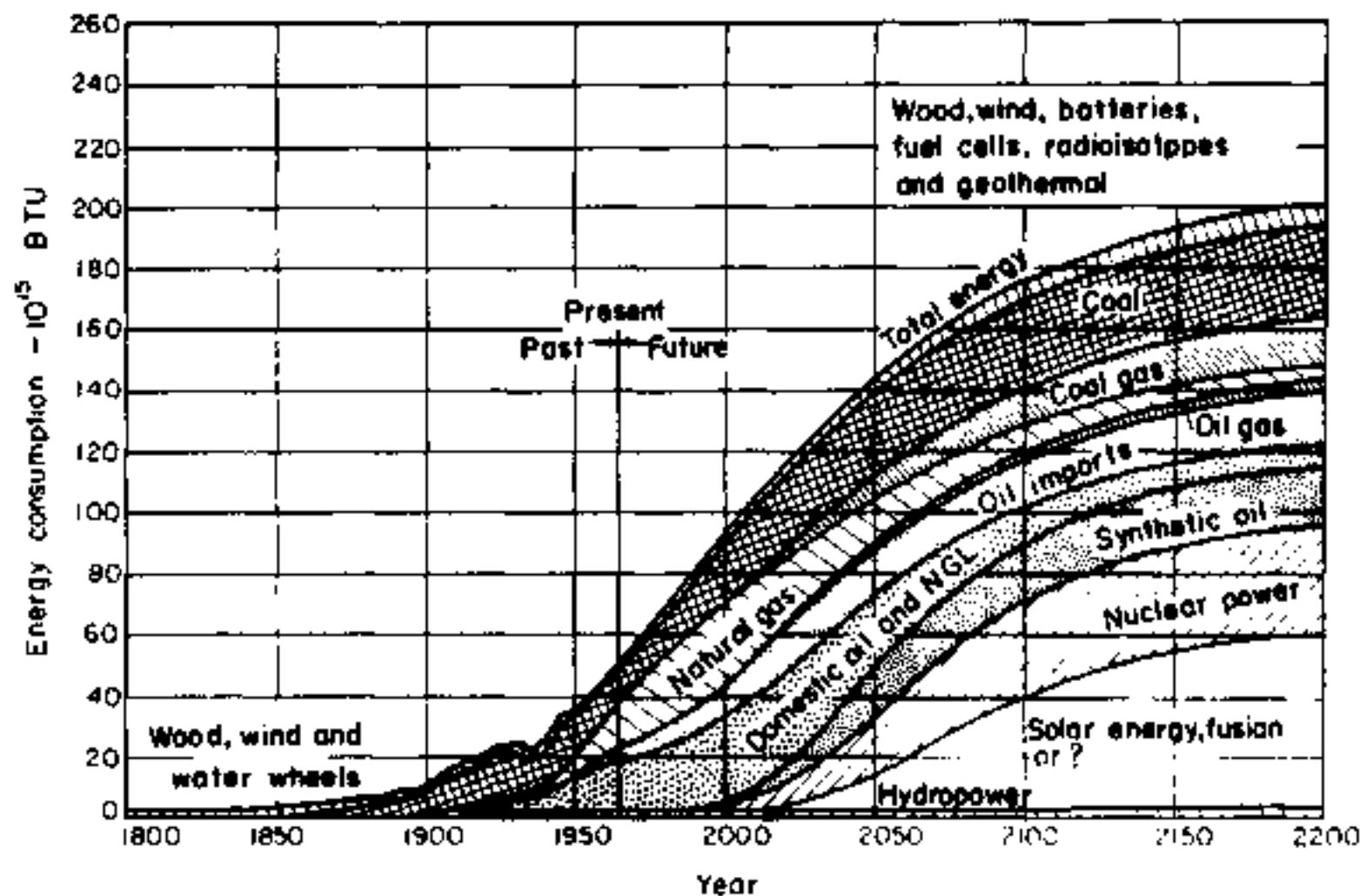
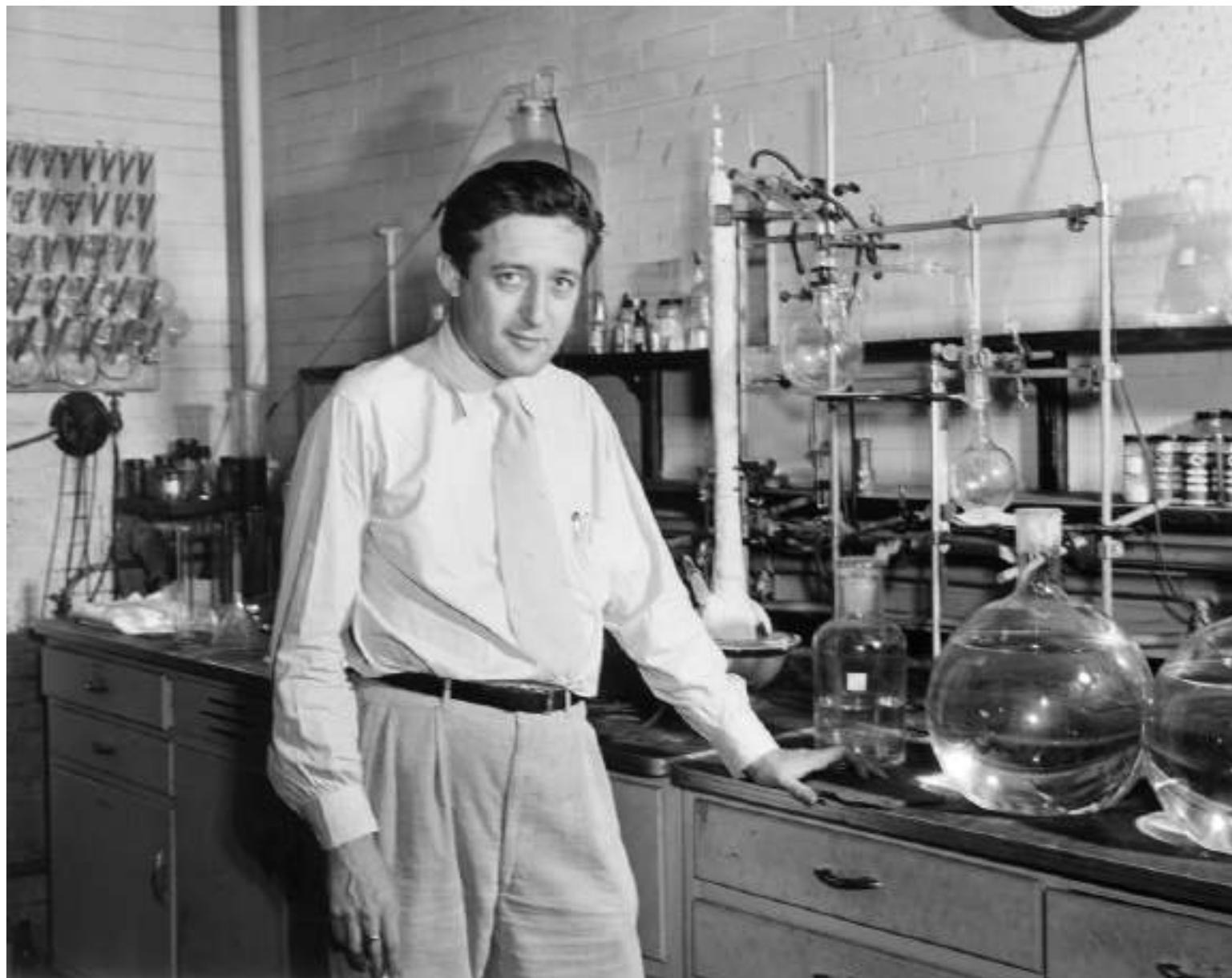


Fig. 1. Energy sources in the United States.

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

Atomic malthusians

Harrison Brown



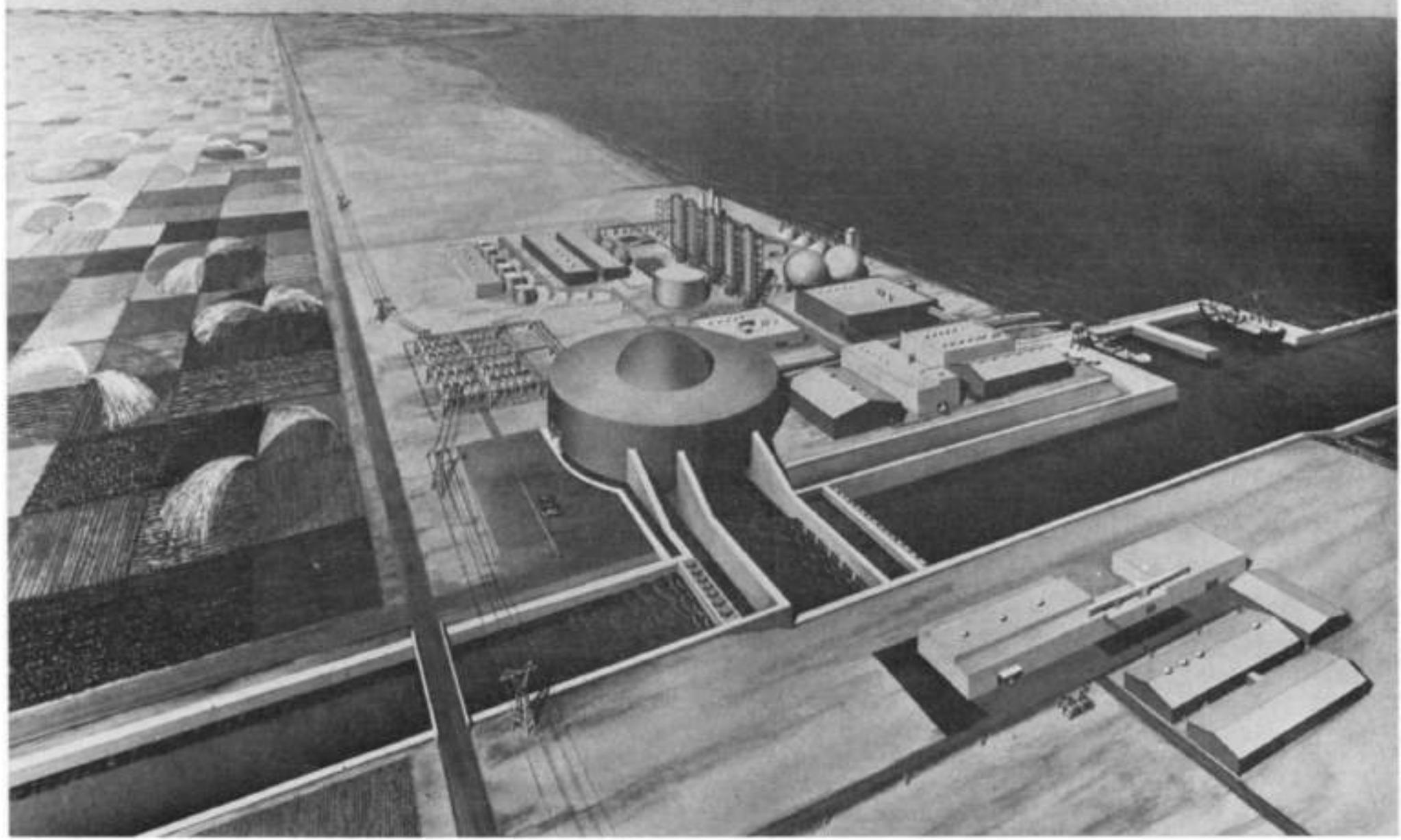


Figure 2. Artist's conception of an agro-industrial complex of the future, in which the energy of the atom is used to transform an arid desert region into productive farms and cities by supplying water, fertilizer, industrial chemicals, metals, etc. The usable portion of the earth's surface could be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

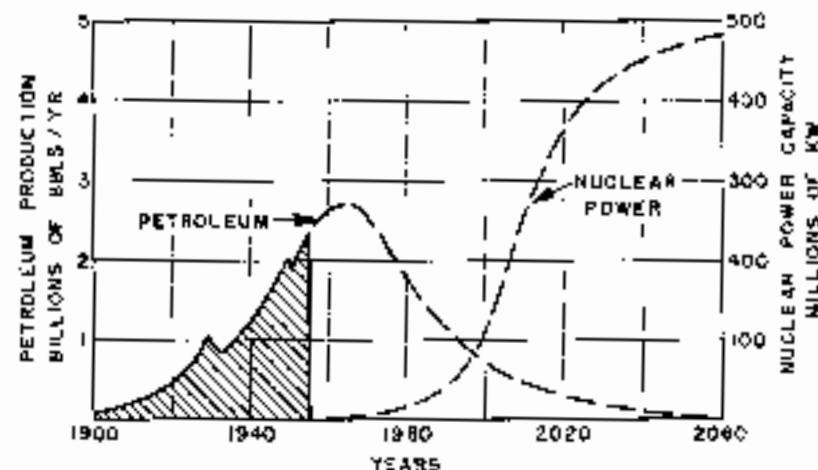


Figure 29. Concurrent decline of petroleum production and rise of production of nuclear power in the United States. Growth rate of 10 percent per year for nuclear power is assumed; actual rate may be twice this amount.

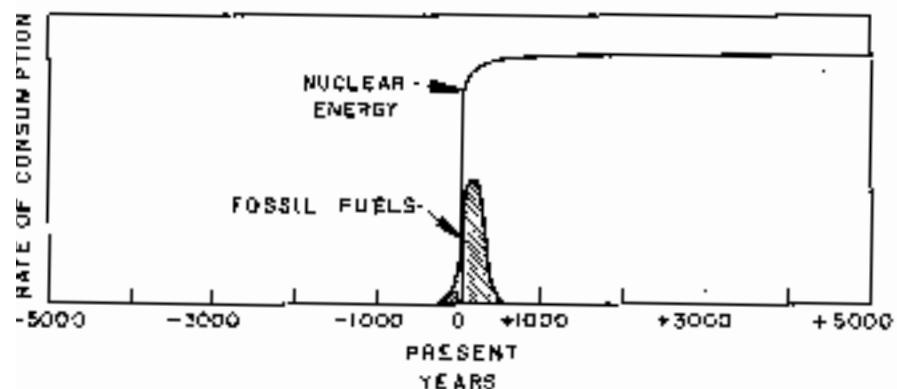
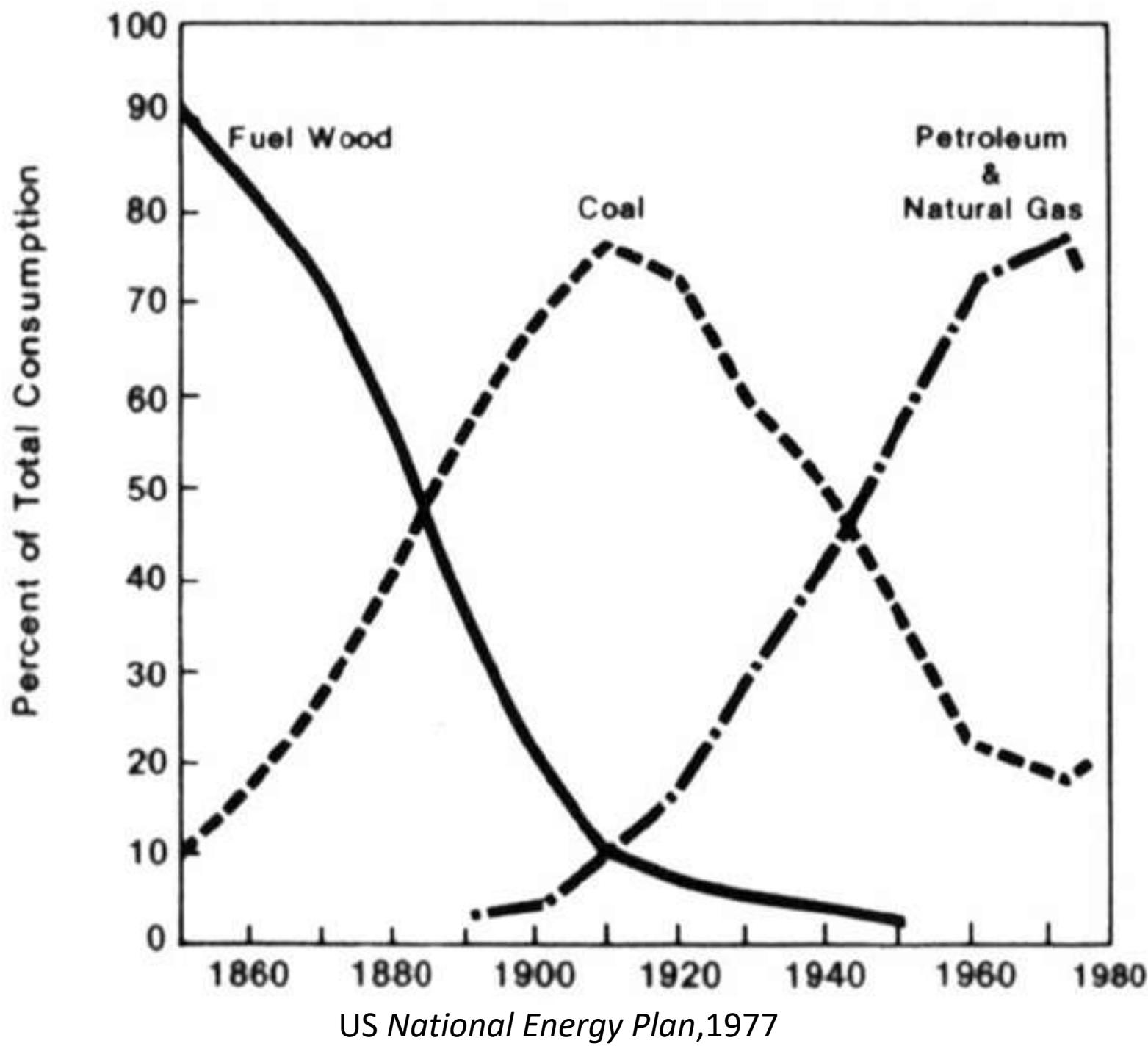


Fig. 30 - Relative magnitudes of possible fossil fuel and nuclear energy consumption over in time perspective of minus to plus 5000 years.

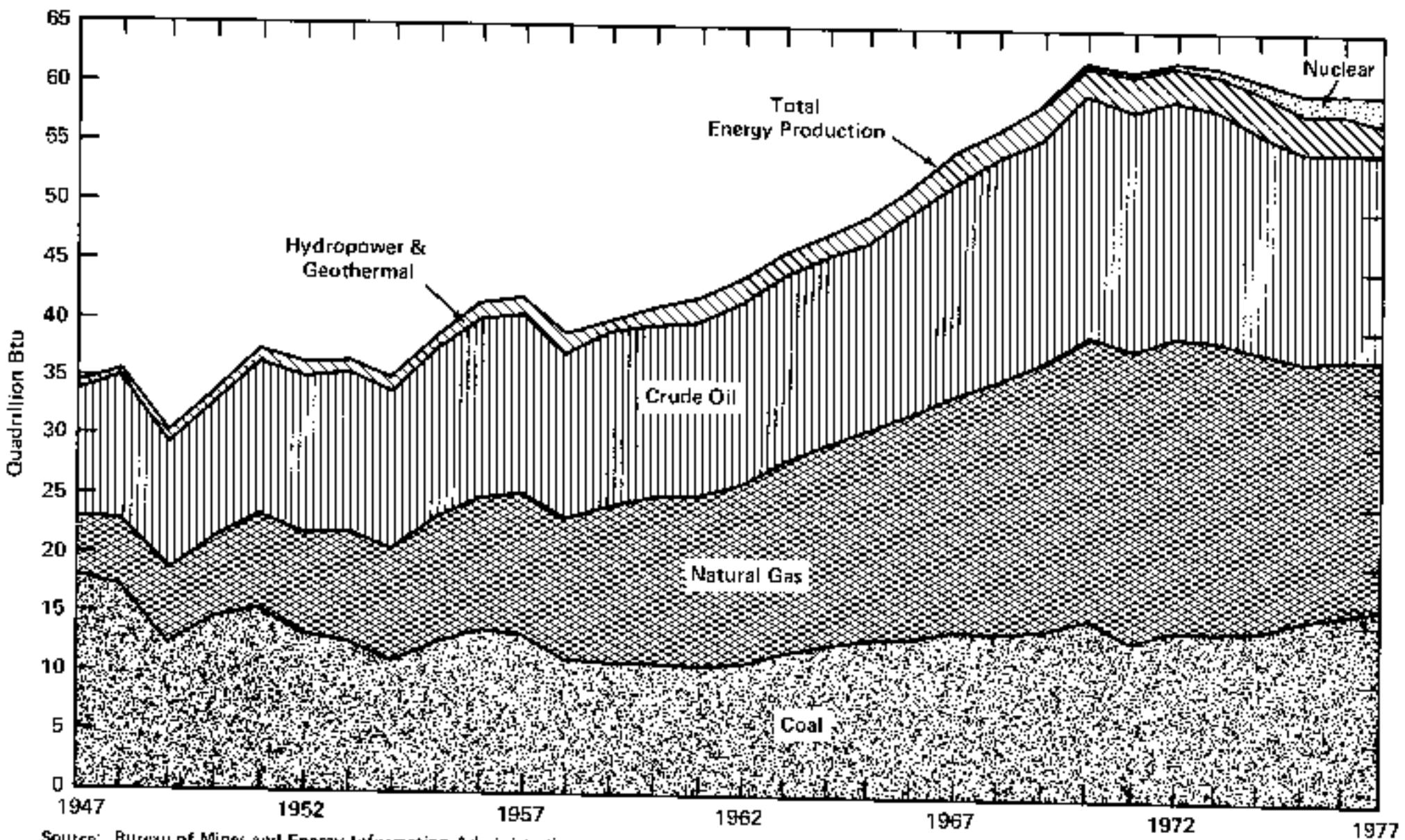
Marion K. Hubbert, « Nuclear Energy and the Fossil Fuels », Shell Development Company, n°95, 1956.



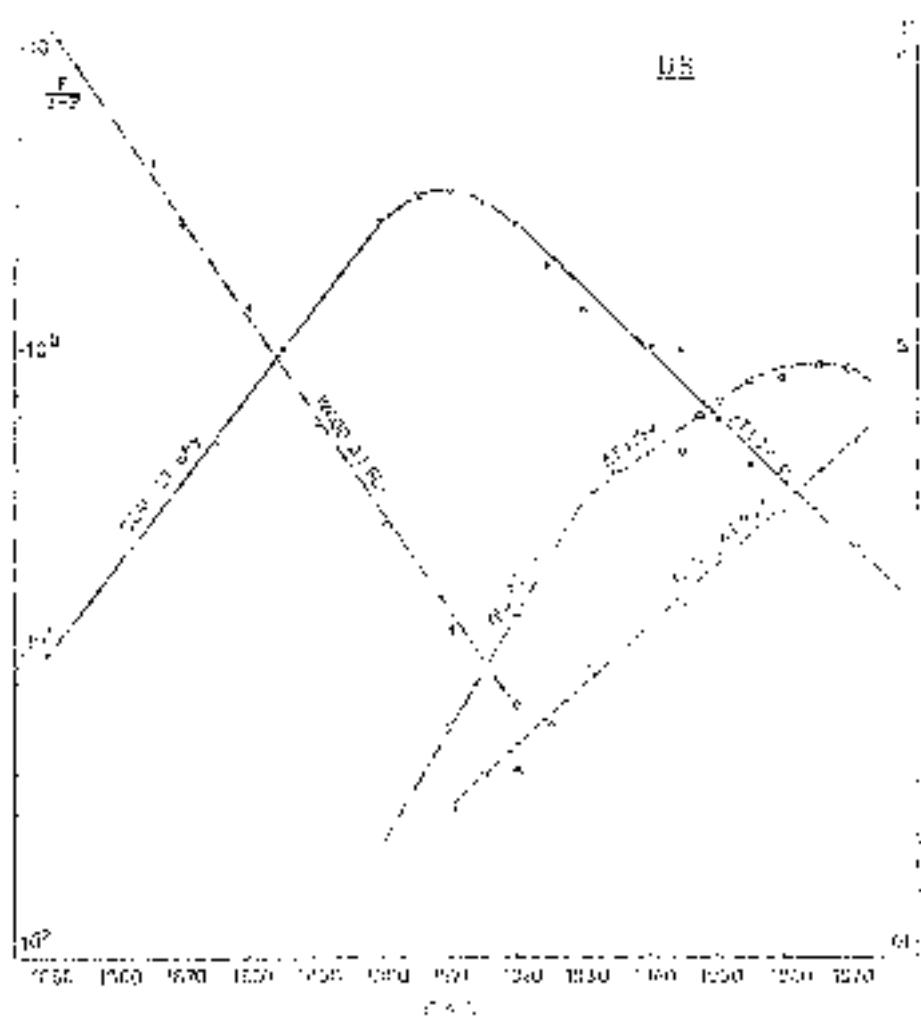


US National Energy Plan, 1977

Energy Production by Primary Energy Type



Marchetti, IIASA, 1975



Avion à hydrogène : une utopie des années 1970

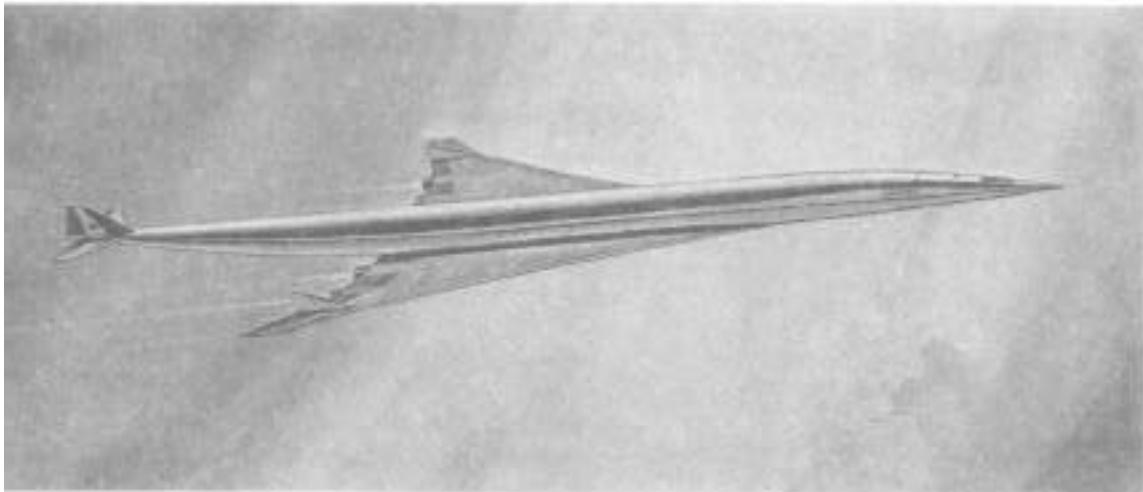


FIG. 9. Boeing 747 aircraft in flight.

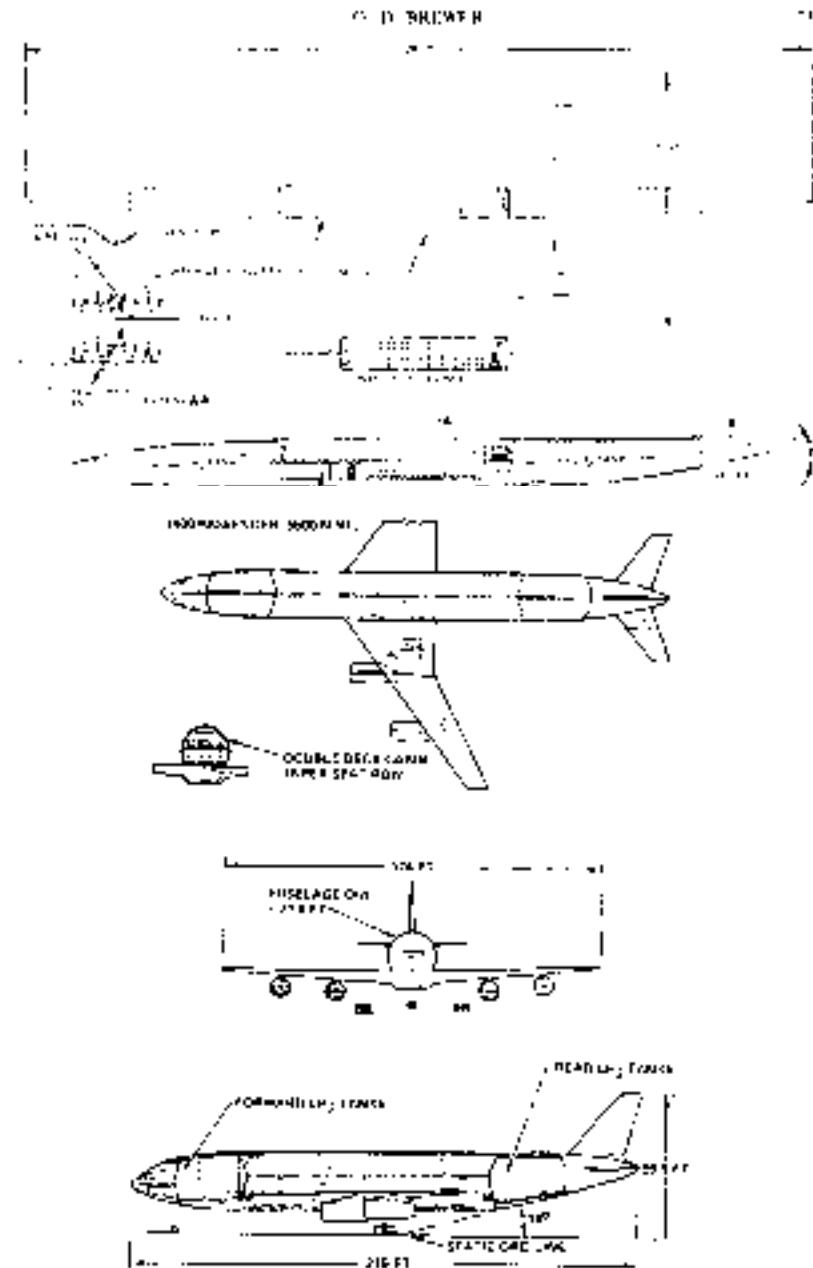
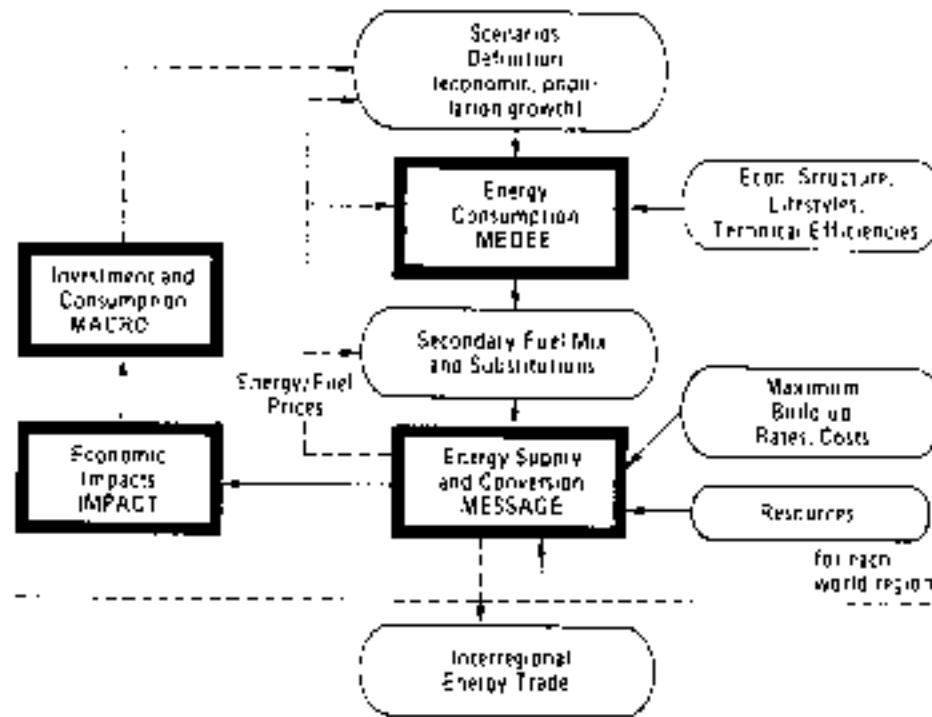


FIG. 10. General arrangement: 2 H, 216 passenger transport aircraft.

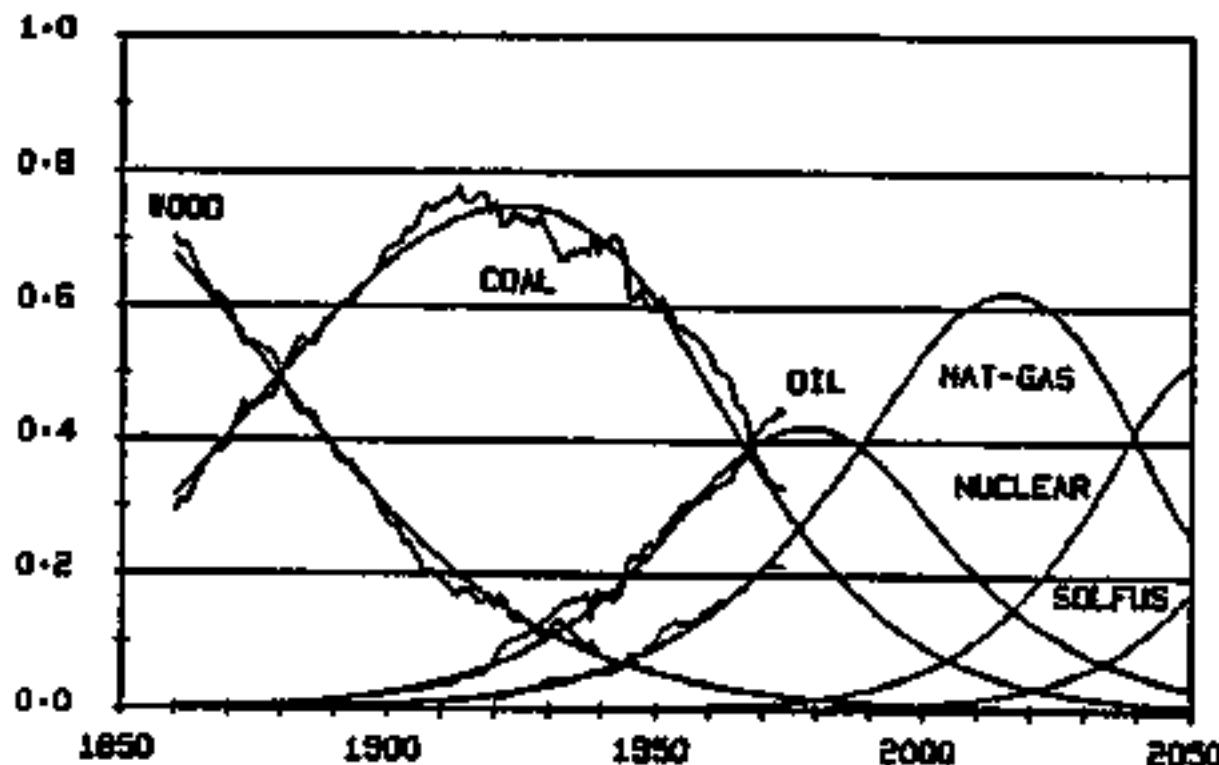
Cesare Marchetti, critique des scénarios du IIASA



« 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

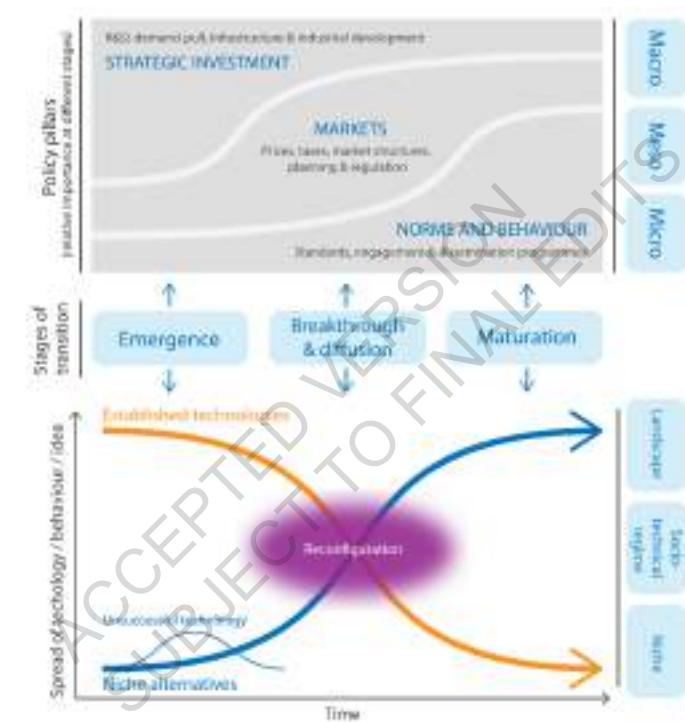
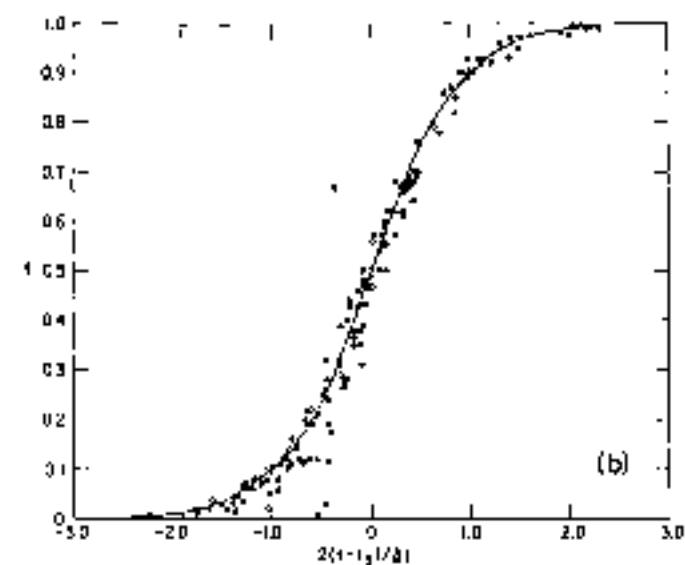


Figure 1.6: Transition dynamics: levels, policies and processes

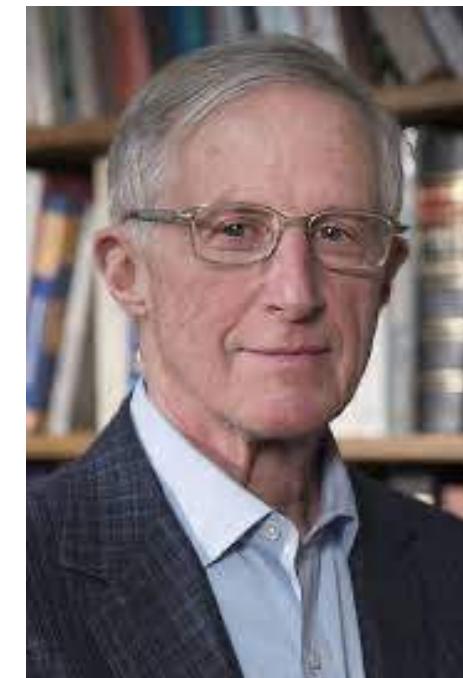
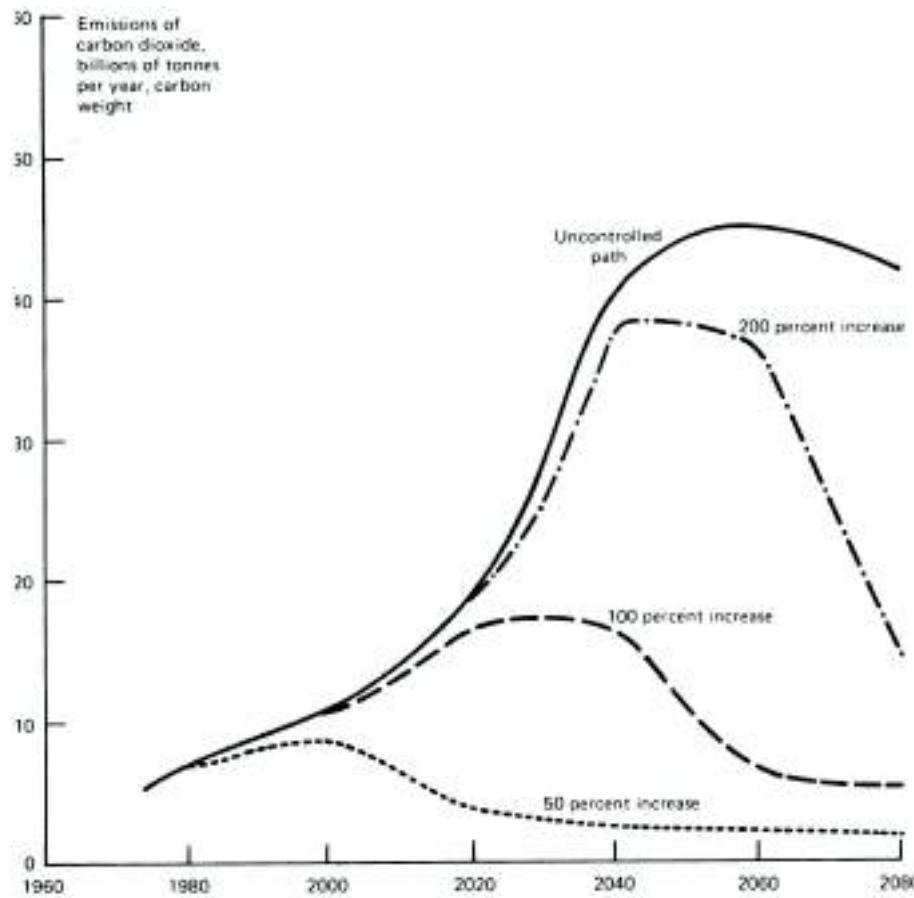
« We have to think climate as a resource »

Robert White, « Climate at the Millennium », 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 CO₂ 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 IASA 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 IASA 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 CO₂ 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 CO₂
problem »
Exxon, 1982.

OK : play the technology card!



John Sununu



Robert Reinstein

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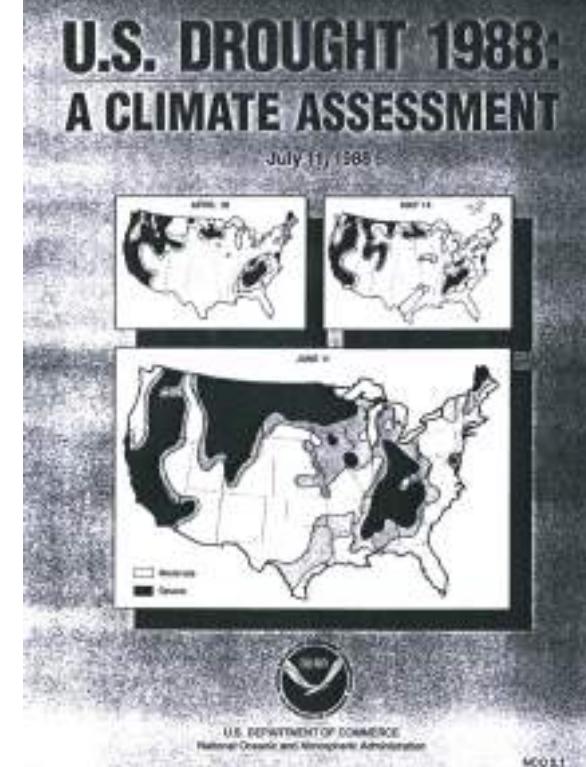
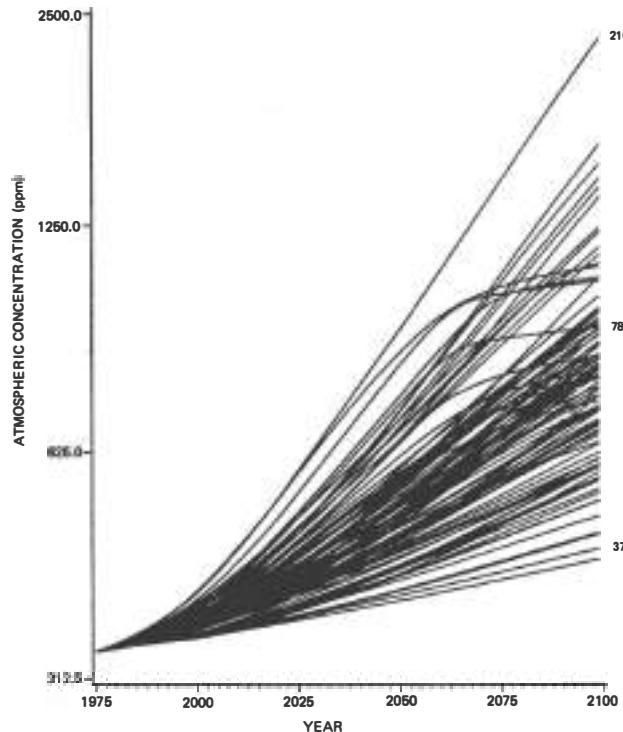
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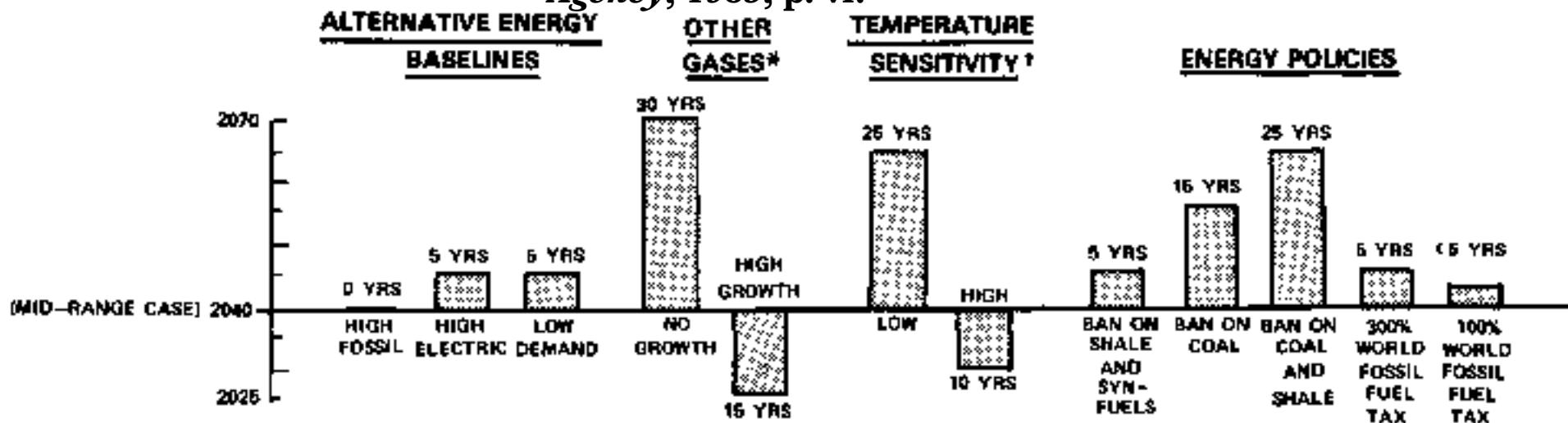
A SUMMARY REPORT FROM A
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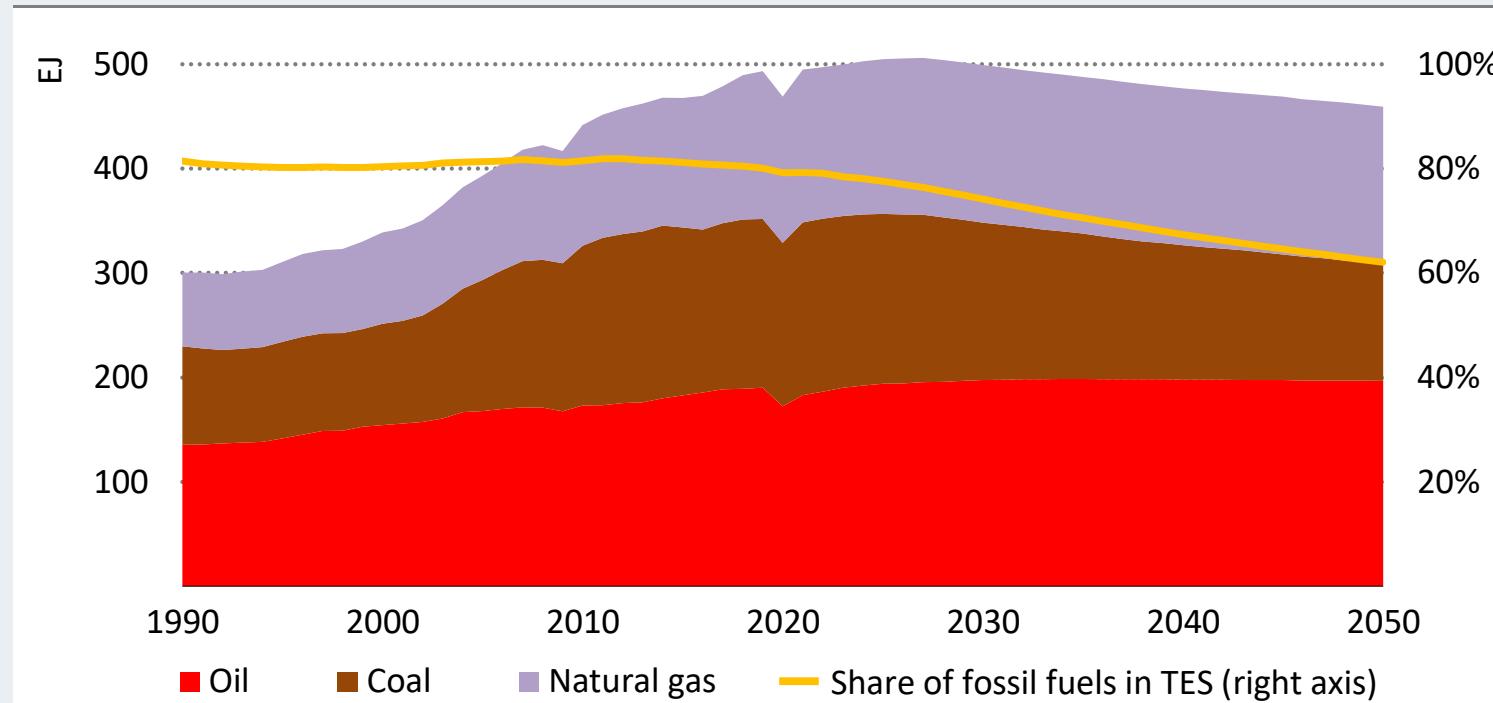
Changement de date d'un réchauffement de +2°C.
Stephen Siedel et Dale Kayes, « Can We Delay A
Greenhouse Warming? », *Environmental Protection
Agency*, 1983, p. vi.



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

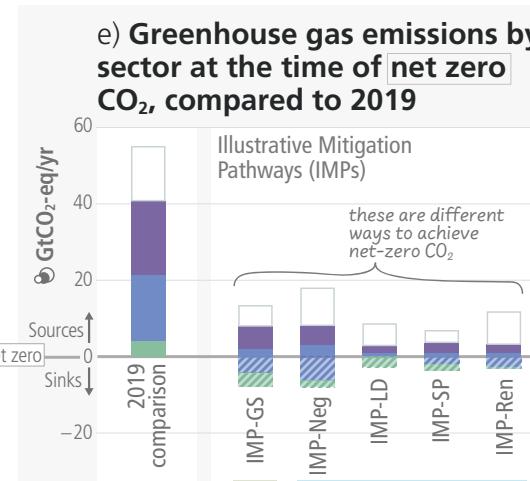
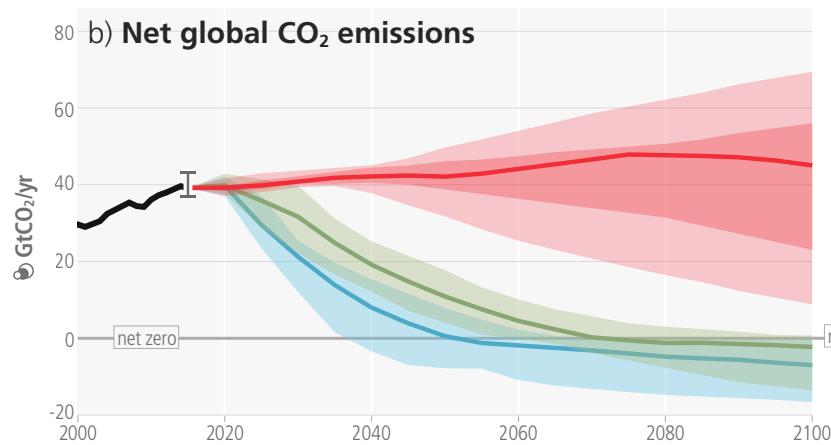
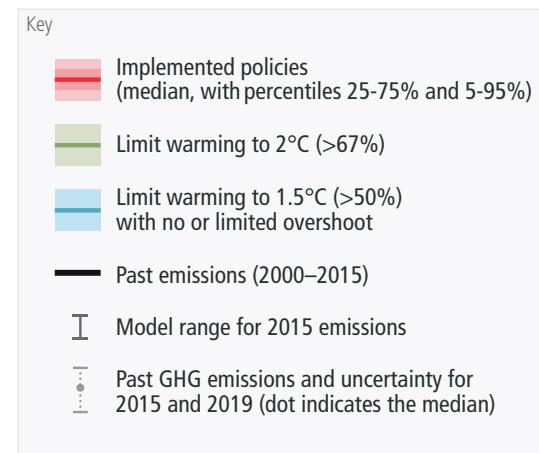
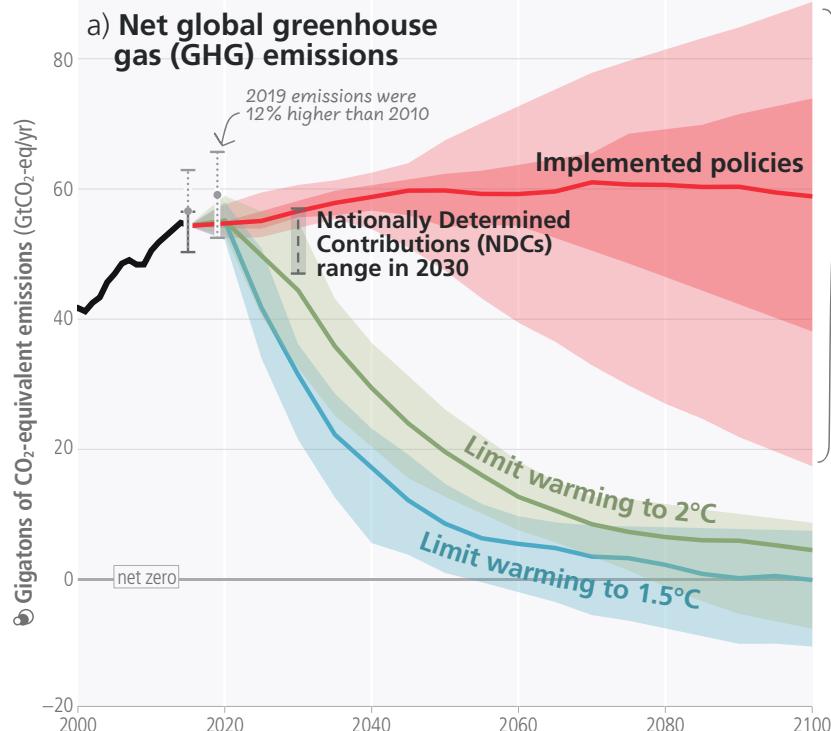


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Total fossil fuel use sees a definitive peak for the first time in this year's STEPS. The share of fossil fuels in the energy mix falls to around 60% in 2050, a clear break from past trends

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

Net zero CO₂ and net zero GHG emissions can be achieved through strong reductions across all sectors





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