





Understanding the Energy Challenge: Science, Technology, Economics and Policy

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My Introduction to Energy Issues



Physics of Sustainable Energy: Using Energy Efficiently and Producing It Renewably APS Forum on Physics and Society, UC-Berkeley, March 1–2, 2008

The Energy Challenge Outline

- What is the energy challenge?
- Supply and demand in the U.S. and the world
- Some points of reference
- Some energy issue examples
- Closing comments and summary

WHAT IS THE ENERY CHALLENGE?

The Energy Challenge

- Energy is crucial to modern society.
- Fossil fuels are linked to climate change.
- Our current oil supply is insecure.
- Energy demand from developing economies is increasing.
- The undeveloped world needs energy.
- World population is increasing.

Energy is crucial to modern society.





From David MacKay, Sustainable Energy without the Hot Air, Fig 18.4.

Highly Recommended



"...the aim of this book is to help you figure out the numbers and do the arithmetic so that you can evaluate policies..."

> http://www.withouthotair.com/ Free pdf download - \$31.55 from Amazon

Fossil fuels are linked to climate change.

Land Surface Temperature and CO₂ Concentration Since 1850





IPCC Comparison of Models: Global Mean Surface Temperature Anomalies





Year

© PCC

2007: WG1-AR4





EXPLAINING EXTREME EVENTS OF 2013

From A Climate Perspective

Special Supplement to the Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society Vol. 95, No. 9, September 2014



Location and Type of Extreme Events in 2013



2013 Extreme Events AGW Score Card

- Influenced by AGW
 - Heat waves in Australia, Europe, China, Japan, Korea
 - Drought in Australia, New Zealand
 - North India extreme precipitation
- Not influenced or uncertain influence by AGW
 - California drought (!)
 - Northern Colorado extreme precipitation
 - South Dakota blizzard
 - Danube and Elbe basins extreme precipitation



Worldwide GHG Emissions and Energy Use (2007)



From David MacKay, Sustainable Energy without the Hot Air, Fig I.12.

CO₂ Emissions in the Top Six Emitting Countries and the EU 1990-2013



Source: EDGAR 4.2FT2010 (JRC/PBL, 2012); BP, 2013; NBS China, 2013; USGS, 2013; WSA, 2013; NOAA, 2012

Our current oil supply is insecure.

Distribution of World Conventional Oil Reserves



From S. Marshak, Earth: Portrait of a Planet

World Proven Oil Reserves by Country (2013)



"But with only 2 percent of the world's oil reserves, oil isn't enough. This country needs an allout, all-of-the-above strategy that develops every available source of American energy. A strategy that's cleaner, cheaper, and full of new jobs." President Obama, State of the Union address, January 25, 2012.

Crude Oil Prices 1861 - 2013

Crude oil prices 1861-2013

US dollars per barrel World events



BP Statistical Review of World Energy (June, 2014)

Energy demand from developing economies is increasing.

World Energy Consumption, 1990-2040



From EIA International Energy Outlook June 2013, Figure 12

Energy Consumption in the United States, China, and India, 1990-2040



From EIA International Energy Outlook presentation June 2013, slide 5

quads

World population is increasing.

U. N. Population Projection 2010 - 2100



Kaya Identity

Country and Regional Emissions Comparisons

Kaya Identity

 $Global CO_2 emissions =$

Global population× Gross world product Global population

Gross energy consumption

Gross world product

Global CO₂ emissions

Gross energy consumption

 CO_2 emissions

energy consumption

This ratio is about the fuel

energy consumption product

This ratio is about efficiency of production

product population

This ratio is about the level of development



Kaya Identity Example - World

From EIA International Energy Outlook (September, 2011) 2008 data

Global CO_2 emissions: 30.2 Gt CO_{2e} Global energy consumption 505 quads Global domestic product: \$65.8 trillion (2008 US\$) Global population 6,731 million



ENERGY SUPPLY AND DEMAND



One Reason Energy Is Hard: Many Measures Are Commonly Used

- distinguish energy from power
- very large numbers
- many use the "quad" 10¹⁵ Btu
- oil barrels or bbl (42 U.S. gal)
- coal tons (2,000 lbs) or tonnes (1,000 kg)
- natural gas 10¹² ft³ or therms (10⁵ Btu)
- electricity kWh



Primary Energy Consumption by Source and Sector, 2013

(Quadrillion Btu)



Energy Flows, by Source of Energy and Energy-Consuming Sector (2013)

Estimated U.S. Energy Use in 2013: ~97.4 Quads





Source: LLNL 2014. Data is based on DOE/EIA-0035(2014-03), March, 2014. If this information or a reproduction of it is used, credit must be given to the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and the Department of Energy, under whose auspices the work was performed. Distributed electricity represents only retail electricity sales and does not include self-generation. EIA reports consumption of renewable resources (i.e., hydro, wind, geothermal and solar) for electricity in BTU-equivalent values by assuming a typical fossil fuel plant 'hee fficiency of electricity production is calculated as the total retail electricity delivered divided by the primary energy input into electricity generation. End use efficiency is estimated as 65% for the residential and commercial sectors 80% for the industrial sector, and 21% for the transportation sector. Totals may not equal sum of components due to independent rounding. LLNL-MI-410527





Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, *Electricity Power Monthly* (February 2014). Percentages based on Table 1.1 and 1.1a; preliminary data for 2013.

eia

Note: Sum of components may not equal 100% due to independent rounding.


California Electricity Generation by Source July, 2014



California RPS renewables (no large hydroelectric) 23%.

From Energy Information Agency monthly outlook, July 2014

U.S. Renewable Energy by Source (2013) Total = 8.6 quads (9%)



Renewable source

U.S. Renewable Energy Supply

quadrillion British thermal units (Btu)



Note: Hydropower excludes pumped storage generation. Liquid biofuels include ethanol and biodiesel. Other biomass includes municipal waste from biogenic sources, landfill gas, and other non-wood waste.

Source: Short-Term Energy Outlook, November 2014.

SOME POINTS OF REFERENCE

Reference point 1

Hubbert Model

"Peak Oil"





NUCLEAR ENERGY AND THE FOSSIL FUELS

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M. KING HUBBERT CHIEF CONSULTANT (GENERAL GEOLOGY)

PUBLICATION NO. 95

SHELL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION RESEARCH DIVISION HOUSTON, TEXAS JUNE 1956 To be published in

To be published in Drilling and Production Practice (1956) American Petroleum Institute



Hubbert Data 1956



Figure 2 - World production of crude oil. Figure 5 - United States production of crude oil.

Note: the rate of oil extraction in the world and in the U.S. is increasing.





Figure IO - Crude-oil production in the United States plotted on semilogarithmic scale.

Hubbert Prediction 1956



Figure 21 - Ultimate United States crude-oil production based on assumed initial reserves of 150 and 200 billion barrels.

Peak oil prediction between 1965 -1970

Hubbert Data 1956



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Oil Production Did Peak in 1973



Data from Energy Information Agency Annual Energy Outlook August 2010

Monthly U.S. Oil Production through August, 2014

Thousand Barrels



Graph from Energy Information Agency

http://www.eia.gov/dnav/pet/hist/leafhandler.ashx?n=pet&s=mcrfpus1&f=m

U.S. Shale Oil and Gas Basis Formations



Source: Energy Information Administration based on data from various published studies. Updated: May 9, 2011

U.S. Crude Oil Production



From EIA Annual Energy Outlook overview 2013, Figure 1

Reserves, Resources and Occurrences



Annual Review of Energy and Environment 22(1997)217

Fossil Fuels in Human History Hubbert Amer. J. Phys. 49(1981)1007



Reference point 2

Stabilization Wedges: Solving the Climate Problem for the Next 50 Years with Current Technologies S. Pacala and R. Socolow

> SCIENCE 305(2004)968 AUGUST 13, 2004



Present Worldwide Emissions, Business as Usual, and Flat Emission Target



Two Emissions Projections Business as Usual and 500 ppm CO₂ Peak



Stabilization Triangle - Wedges





What is a Wedge?



Wedge: a strategy to avoid 25 GtC of emissions from BAU over the next 50 years.



Some Possible Stabilization Wedges Requirements by 2055

- Efficient use of fuel: 2,000,000,000 cars @ 60 mpg
- Efficient use of electricity (25% reduction overall)
- Coal plants at 60% rather than 40% efficiency
- Replace 1,400 GW of coal with natural gas (x4)
- Add CCS to 800 GW of coal plants (3,500 Sleipners)
- Wind from 1,000,000 2 MW wind turbines (×50)
- PV from 10% efficient cells on 20,000 km² (×700)
- Replace 700 GW coal with nuclear
- Clean ethanol from 2,500,000 km² (×100 Brazil)

(x3)

From R. Socolow, "Policy and Technology for Living in a Greenhouse," 2007.



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New York Times November 26, 2009

Obama to Go to Copenhagen With Emissions Target John M. Broder

"At the international climate meetings in Copenhagen next month, Mr. Obama will tell the delegates that the United States intends to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions 'in the range of 17 percent' below 2005 levels by 2020 and 83 percent by 2050, officials said."

CO₂ Emissions from Energy Consumption



Source: Energy Information Administration

NB: CO₂ emissions plotted. U.S. pledge is 1.2 P&S wedge. Emission reduction between 2005 and 2013 10%.

U.S. - China Announcement November 12, 2014





Energy-related carbon dioxide emissions

U.S. Energy Information Administration Short-Term Energy Outlook, January 2014



U.S. Energy Information Administration Short-Term Energy Outlook, January 2014

Coal and Natural Gas CO₂ Emissions Comparison

- Coal
 - Various grades differ in energy content and composition. Coal ~75% carbon.

 $-C+O_2 \rightarrow CO_2 @ 2.88 \text{ kWh}_{\text{th}}/\text{kg CO}_2$

- Natural gas
 - Mostly methane and other light hydrocarbons - $CH_4+3O_2 \rightarrow CO_2+2H_2O @ 5.91 kWh_{th}/kg CO_2$
- Natural gas produces half the CO₂ as coal for the same thermal energy production.

83% Reduction Goal Would Require Zero(!!!) Electricity, Transportation and Heating Emissions



From "Strategy Versus Evolution," A. Pavlak, American Scientist, Nov-Dec, 2010.



Reference point 3

The Stern Review on The Economics of Climate Change HM Treasury October, 2006



The IPCC Models the Earth-Atmosphere Energy Flux Balance



FAQ 1.1, Figure 1. Estimate of the Earth's annual and global mean energy balance. Over the long term, the amount of incoming solar radiation absorbed by the Earth and atmosphere is balanced by the Earth and atmosphere releasing the same amount of outgoing longwave radiation. About half of the incoming solar radiation is absorbed by the Earth's surface. This energy is transferred to the atmosphere by warming the air in contact with the surface (thermals), by evapotranspiration and by longwave radiation that is absorbed by clouds and greenhouse gases. The atmosphere in turn radiates longwave energy back to Earth as well as out to space. Source: Kiehl and Trenberth (1997).

The Stern Review Models the Entire World Economy for the Next 100 to 200 Years!

- Uses input from climate science models
- Predicts economic impact of business as usual
- Predicts economic cost of climate change mitigation policies
- Anticipates effects of possible adaptation strategies
- Anticipates effects of possible technological change
- Analyzes effect of carbon tax, carbon trading, or carbon regulation



- "All countries will be affected by climate change, but the poorest countries will suffer earliest and most."
- "The level [of GHG in the atmosphere] should be limited to 450-550 ppm CO_{2e}."
- "Anything higher would substantially increase risks of very harmful impacts. Anything lower would impose very high adjustment costs in the near term and might not even be feasible."



Stern report: the key points, II

- "The benefits of strong, early action considerably outweigh the costs."
- "Unabated climate change could cost the world at least 5% of GDP each year; if more dramatic predictions come to pass, the cost could be more than 20% of GDP."
- "The cost of reducing emissions could be limited to around 1% of global GDP" [Stern 2012 update 2-3%]
- "What we do now can have only a limited effect on the climate over the next 40 or 50 years, but what we do in the next 10-20 years can have a profound effect on the climate in the second half of this century."





ENERGY ISSUES EXAMPLES

Energy Economics




Source Energy Information Agency Annual Energy Outlook 2011





Source Energy Information Agency Annual Energy Outlook 2011

ENERGY ISSUES EXAMPLES Ethanol

Corn Harvested Acres 2013

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Federal Renewable Fuel Standards Mandate Ethanol Usage



RFS 2: Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007

136 billion gallons

Corn Ethanol Issues

- Positive (?) energy benefit [yes]
- Reduction (?) of direct greenhouse gas emissions [yes]
- Increase of greenhouse gas emissions due to indirect land use change [LULUC]
- Food versus fuel [controversial]



Corn Solar Conversion Efficiency

- Illinois average corn production = 150 bu / a / y
- Corn to ethanol conversion = 2.77 gal / bu
- Ethanol energy content = 84,300 BTU / gal
- Gasoline energy content = 125,000 BTU / gal
- Corn solar energy conversion efficiency = 0.31 W / m²
- Illinois average solar insolation = 195 W / m²

Alternative Fuel Stock Miscanthus at University of Illinois Experimental Plot



From D. MacKay Sustainable Energy without the Hot Air, Figure 6.10

INEOS BIO Vero Beach, FL Cellulosic Ethanol Plant



Capital cost 130M\$ Design nameplate capacity 8 Mgal/y Operation began July, 2014

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Renewable Energy Wind and Others



Renewable Resources and Technologies



In 2013 U.S. average electrical power generation was 410 GW.

U.S. on-shore wind resource map







U.S. off-shore wind resource map



U.S. Department of Energy National Renewable Energy Laboratory

Figure 2. U.S. offshore wind speed estimates at 90-m height

From DOE National Offshore Wind Strategy February 2011



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From DOE EERE 2013 Wind Technologies Market Report (August, 2014)

U.S. Source of Electric Generation 1950-2010



from DOE EIA Annual Energy Outlook 2011, Table 8.2a



State RPS Policies and Non-Binding Renewable Energy Goals



From DOE EERE 2013 Wind Technologies Market Report (August, 2014)

Existing High Voltage Transmission



Variability and Intermittency

Example of Solar Insolation Variability and Wide Area Aggregation



NB: No solar power before 6 AM and after 7 PM on May 4, 2004.

DOE Atmospheric Radiation Measurement at Southern Great Plains site

Bonneville Power Authority Wind Projects



Bonneville Power Authority 2013 Wind Power 5 Minute Average



date/time



Wind Power Interconnection Regions Study



Red dots indicate existing wind farms



2009 Wind Power Duration Curve (one hour resolution)



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Energy Storage

Motivation for Energy Storage

- Energy demand varies on many time scales – daily, weekly, seasonally
- Energy supply, especially solar and wind, also varies on various time scales
- Energy storage decouples supply and demand
- Energy storage provides peak capacity without additional equipment



DOE Global Energy Storage Database U.S. Operational Storage 1 – 4 Hours and 1 – 10 MW





U.S. Storage Statistics

- total storage = 28.4 GW (operational and planned)
- total generation capacity (2011) 1,051 GW
- storage / total = 2.7%
- fossil / total = 74.6%
- hydro + nuclear / total = 19.5%
- non-hydro renewables / total = 5.9 %





A-Courtright, B-Supply Tunnel, C-Turbine, D-Generator, E-Transformer, F-Wishon, G-Surge Chamber, H-Elevator

From Manho Yeung, Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Compressed Air Energy Storage





PowerSouth McIntosh, Alabama110 MW CAES facility.

Required Storage Volume to Generate 300 MW (12 Hours Pumping, 12 Hours Generation)

0.28 million m³ of Compressed Air



7 million m³ of Water



From Dr. Chris Bullough ALSTOM Power Technology Centre

Battery Energy Density



From Thackeray et al., Energy Environ. Sci. 5(2012)7854

ENERGY ISSUES EXAMPLE

Efficiency and Conservation



U.S. Individual and Household Energy Consumption (2005)



Individual and household energy consumption is 38.0% of U.S. total energy consumption.

From G. T. Gardner and P. C. Stern, Environment, December 2009, Table 1.

Efficiency Successes in Appliances



Source: A. Rosenfeld, California Energy Commission; S. Nadel, ACEEE, in ECEEE 2003 Summer Study, www.eceee.org



Efficiency in Lighting

GOODBYE, WATTS. Hello, LUMENS.

THE NEW WAY TO SHOP FOR LIGHT

ENERGYSAVERS.GOV



from http://www.energysavers.gov/images/lumens_education_mallposter.jpg
100 W Light Bulb Equivalent

- Incandescent 100 W
- Halogen 50 W
- Compact fluorescent 26 W
- LED 13 W

Suppose all 112 million U.S. households replaced one 100 W incandescent light bulb with an LED light bulb. At four hours per day usage, a savings of 14 TWh per year would be obtained, compared to total electricity usage of 4,100 TWh per year. One light bulb change is 0.3% effect.



Figure 1. Places in the home where insulation should be applied

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Which Little Piggy Insulated Best?

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TABLE 11.1. R-Values of building materials

	R _{Eng}	
Wood siding shingles	0.9	
Stucco, 1 cm	0.1	
Plywood, 1 cm	0.5	0.5 for 1 cm
Softwood, 1 cm	0.5	
Concrete block, 30 cm (12")	1.3	
Brick/cm	0.1	0.1 for 1 cm
Gypsumboard, 1 cm	0.3	
Hardwood floor, 1 cm	0.3	
Carpet	0.6	
Asphalt roof shingles	0.5	
Wood roof shingles	1.0	
Insulation, 10 cm $(4'')$	13	
Insulation, 15 cm (6")	19	
Polystyrene, 1 cm	2.0	
Polyurethane, 1 cm	2.5	
Gas-filled panels, 2.5 cm (1")	14	
Gas-filled panels, 10 cm (4")	28–56	
Straw bale, 40 cm (16")	33-50	1.0 for 1 cm
Glass, 3 mm (0.12")	0.03	
Convection	0.2-1	
Radiation	1ε	

Efficiency in Windows



Ideal Window from Energy Efficiency Point of View



From Stephen Selkowitz APS Conference, Berkeley, March 2008

ENERGY ISSUES EXAMPLE

Transportation

U.S. Transportation Sector



From APS Energy Future Think Efficiency (September, 2008)

Where Does The Energy Go?



Source: www.fueleconomy.gov

Largest losses are in the engine.

From APS Energy Future Think Efficiency (September, 2008)

Energy Storage for EV

- lead acid
- NiMH
- lithium ion
- gasoline

0.34 MJ/I (0.17 MJ/kg) 0.79 MJ/I (0.29 MJ/kg) 1.8 MJ/I (0.80 MJ/kg) 36 MJ/I (46 MJ/kg)

Nissan Leaf Electric Vehicle (EV)









$$Compare EV to CV$$

$$MPGe_{fuel-to-wheel} = \left[\frac{miles}{Wh}\right] \times U_{gasoline} \times \varepsilon_{electricity}$$

$$= \left(\frac{100 \, miles}{34 \, kWh} \times \frac{33.7 \, kWh}{gal}\right) \times 0.303$$

$$= 99 \, mpg \times 0.303 = 30 \, mpg \quad (EV)$$

$$MPGe_{fuel-to-wheel} = MPGe_{tank-to-wheel} \times \varepsilon_{gasoline}$$

$$= 30 \, mpg \times 0.830 = 25 \, mpg \quad (CV)$$

ABOUT TEN TAKE-AWAY THOUGHTS FROM UNDERSTANDING THE ENERGY CHALLENGE

The gift and curse of fossil fuels can be and will be with us for many decades.





Natural gas will replace coal in electricity generation. It could replace oil in transportation. It continues the use of fossil fuels.



Climate change is happening. More climate change will happen with business as usual.





The U.S. is isolated in its opinion on climate change.





50 years

An impossible task is only very, very difficult.

Wedge: a strategy to avoid 25 GtC of emissions from BAU over the next 50 years.

Intermittency and variability of renewables must be addressed either by energy storage or baseload.



Source FERC EQR





Significant conservation and efficiency are both possible and desirable.



Regulation and standards often work.



Fuel efficient transportation needed to reduce oil consumption.



An incentive is needed for markets to address the energy challenge, preferably a carbon tax.





The Renaissance of nuclear power is still in the dark ages.





If not in my backyard, where?





Some new technologies may succeed.



In <u>Sustainable Energy - without the hot air</u>, David MacKay admonishes us that we stop saying "no" to everything, and we must start say "yes" to something.

I would admonish us that we have to start saying "yes" to enough.



"Would you tell me, please, which way I ought to go from here?" asked Alice. "*That depends a good deal on where you want to get to*," said the Cat.

"I don't much care where," said Alice.

"Then it doesn't matter which way you go", said the Cat.

"...so long as I get SOMEWHERE!" Alice added as an explanation.

"Oh, you're sure to do that!..." said the Cat.