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THE WORLD ENERGY SYSTEM – AN INTRODUCTION

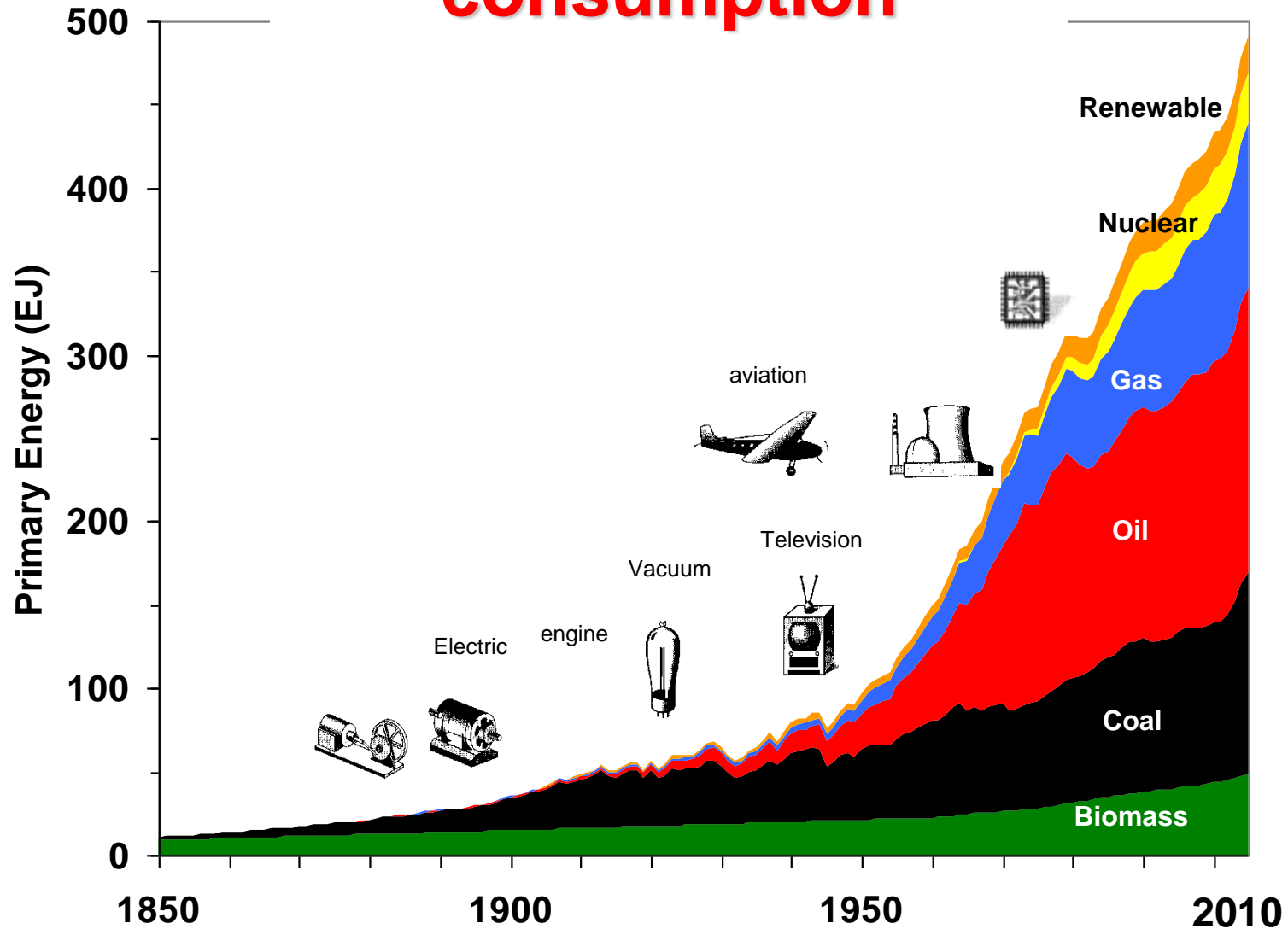
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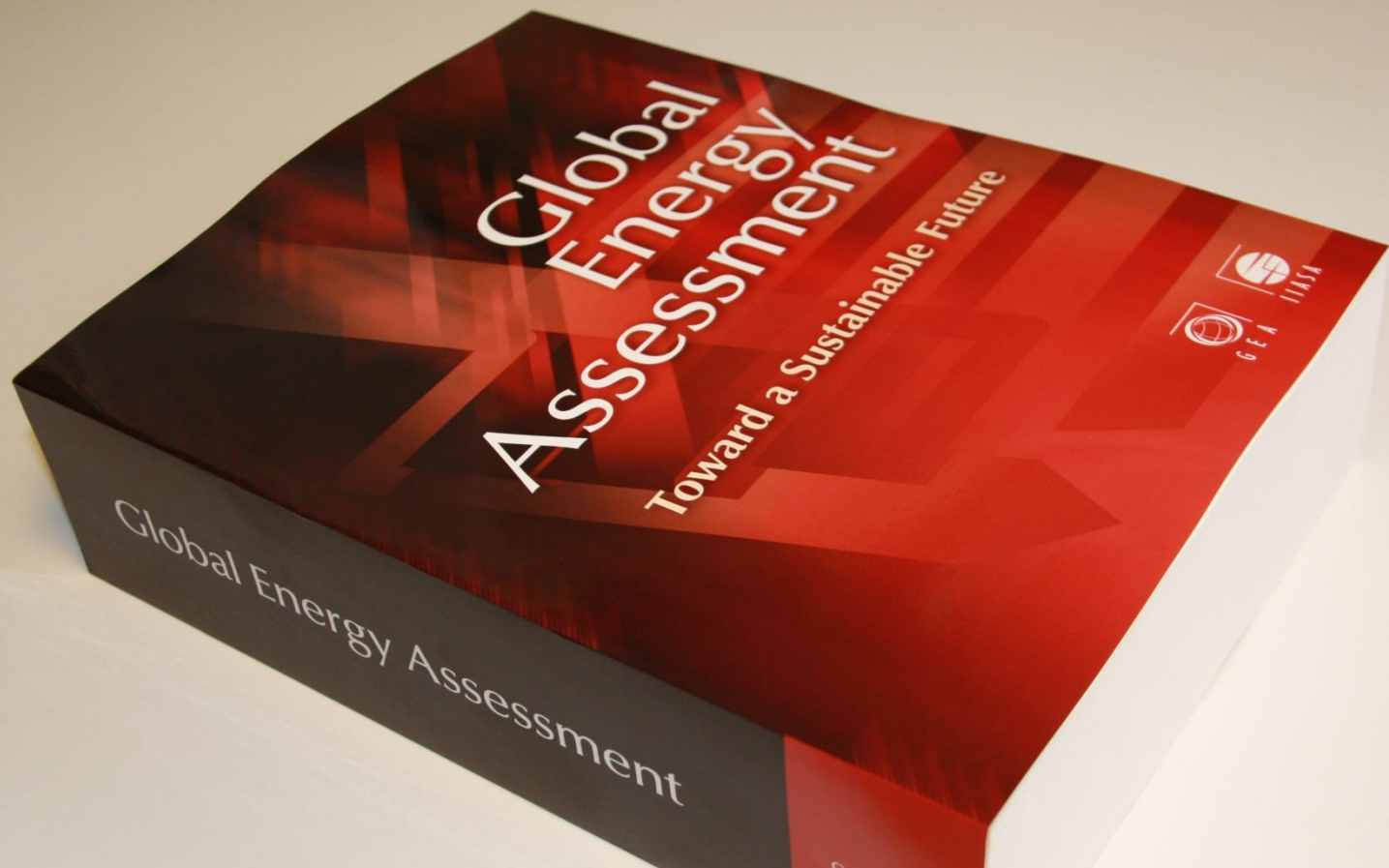
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World Primary Energy consumption

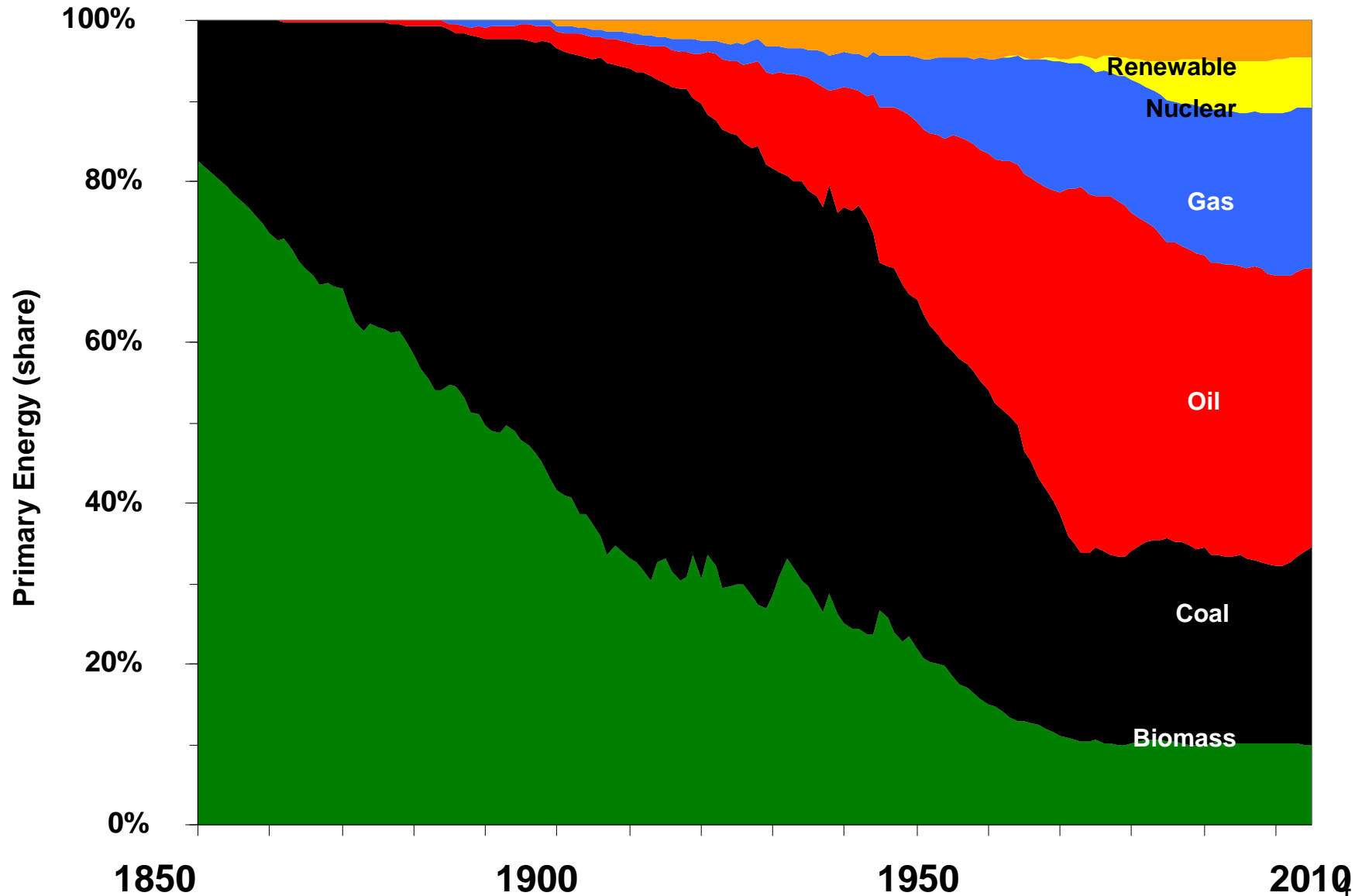


Source: GEA (2012)



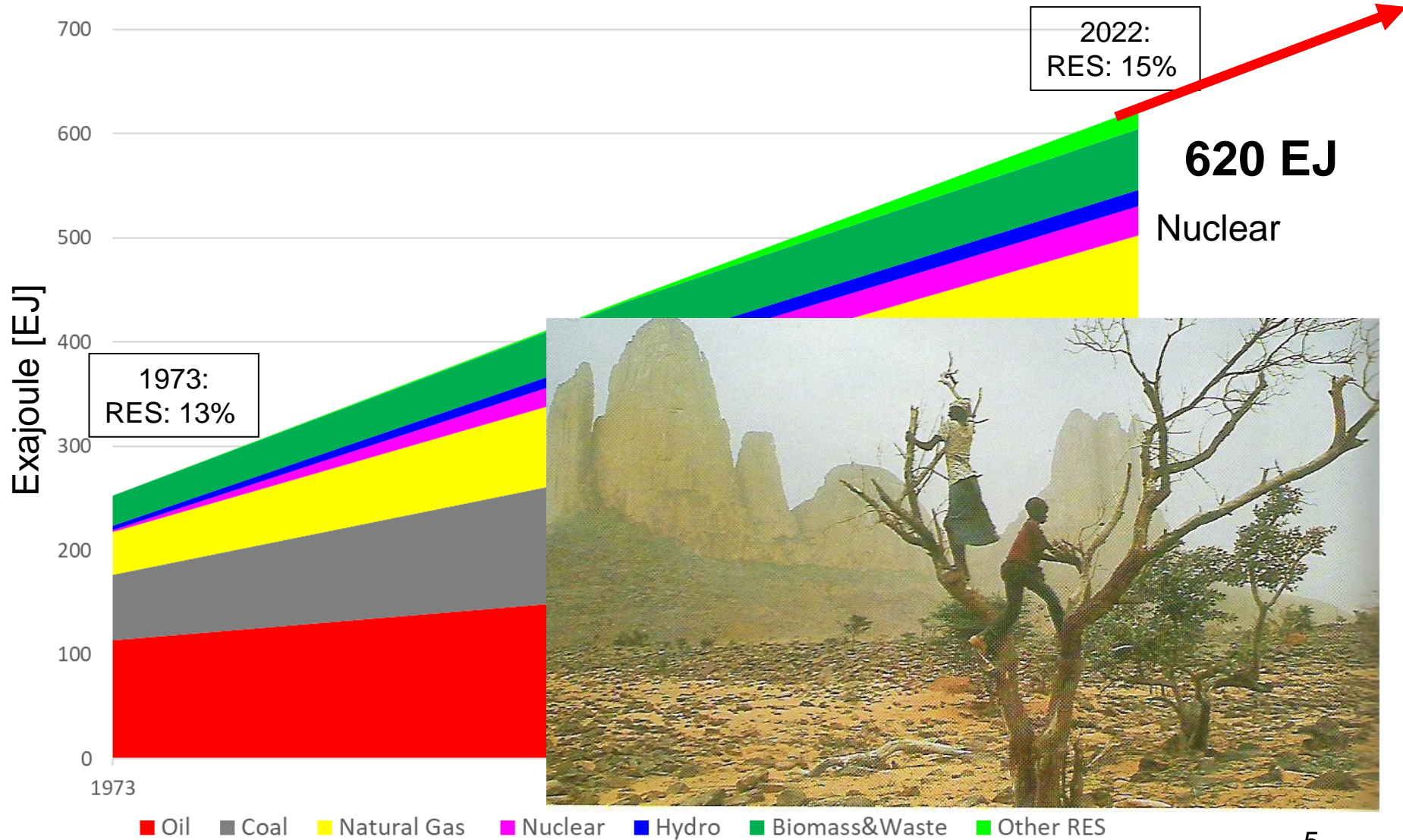
- **Total Effort: 300 Authors; 200 Reviewers
> 6 years >> 6m € and >> 100 p-years**

Shares of PE world-wide



Source: GEA (2012)

WORLD-WIDE TREND IN PRIMARY ENERGY



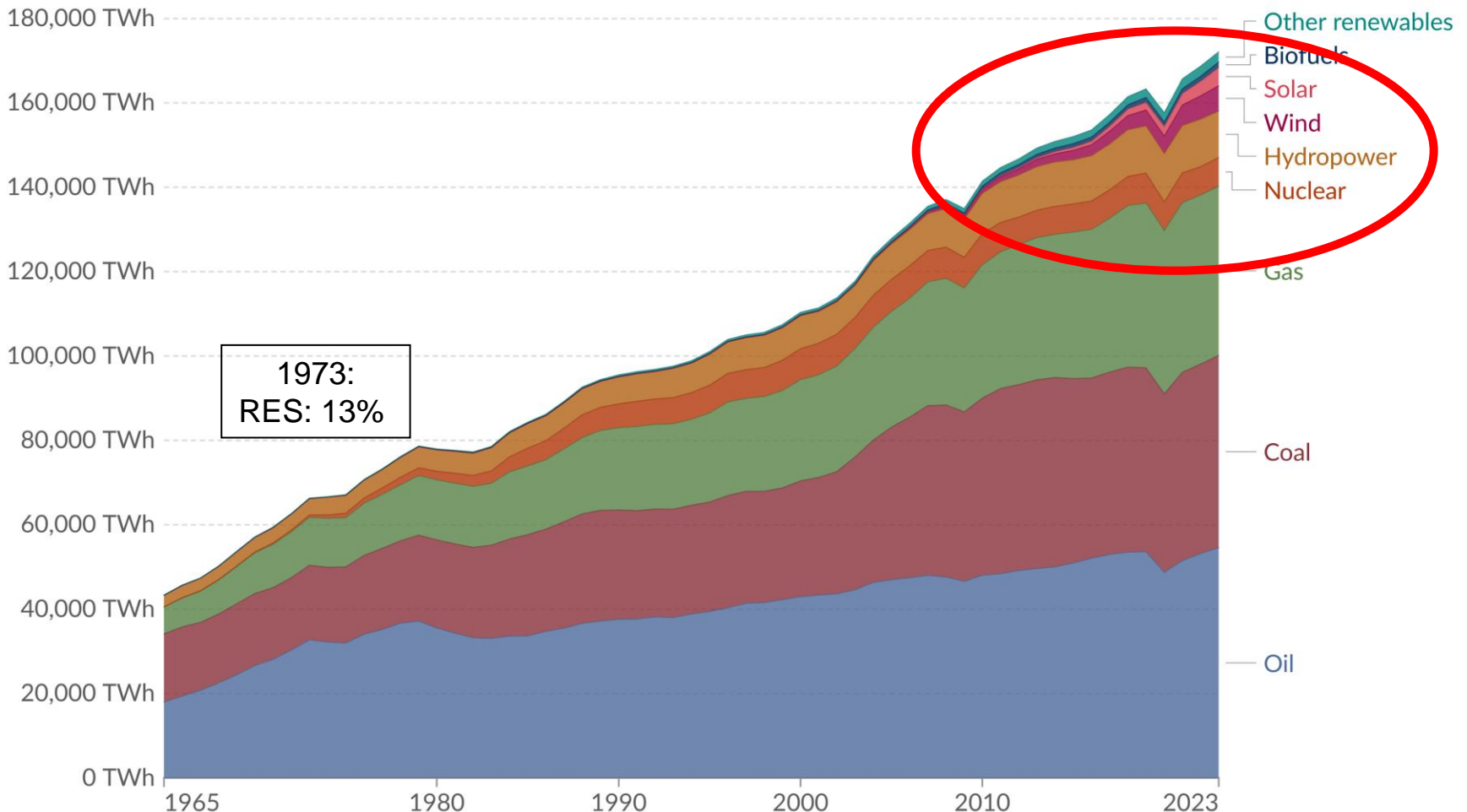
Source: IEA (2024)

WORLD-WIDE TREND IN PRIMARY ENERGY

Energy consumption by source, world

Measured in terms of primary energy¹ using the substitution method².

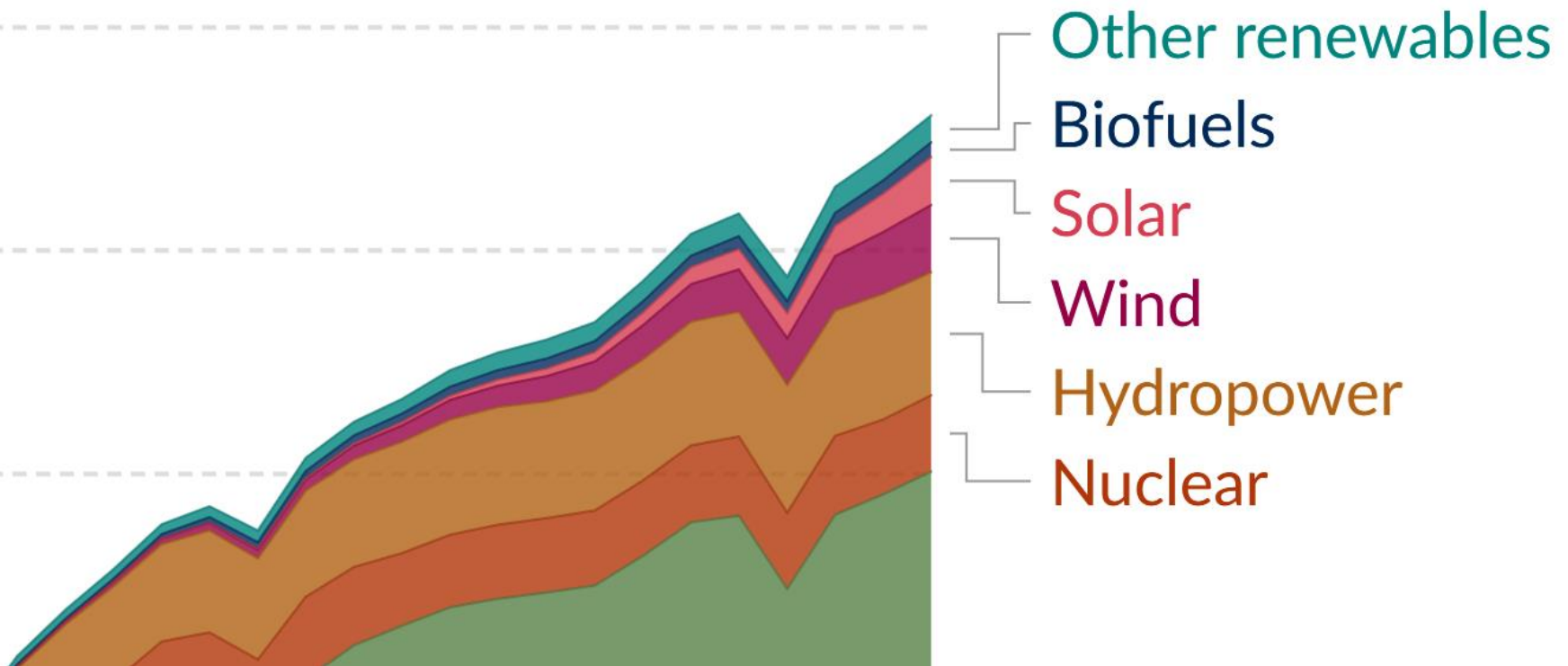
2023:
RES: 21%



Data source: Energy Institute - Statistical Review of World Energy (2024)

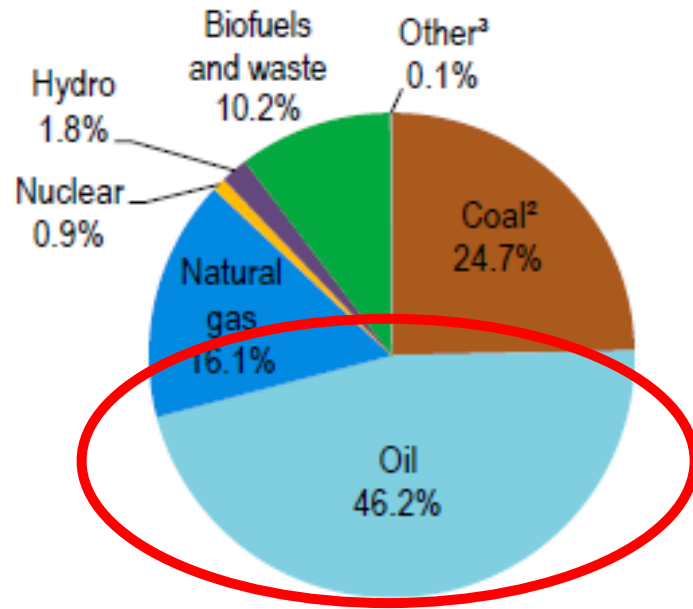
Note: "Other renewables" include geothermal, biomass, and waste energy.

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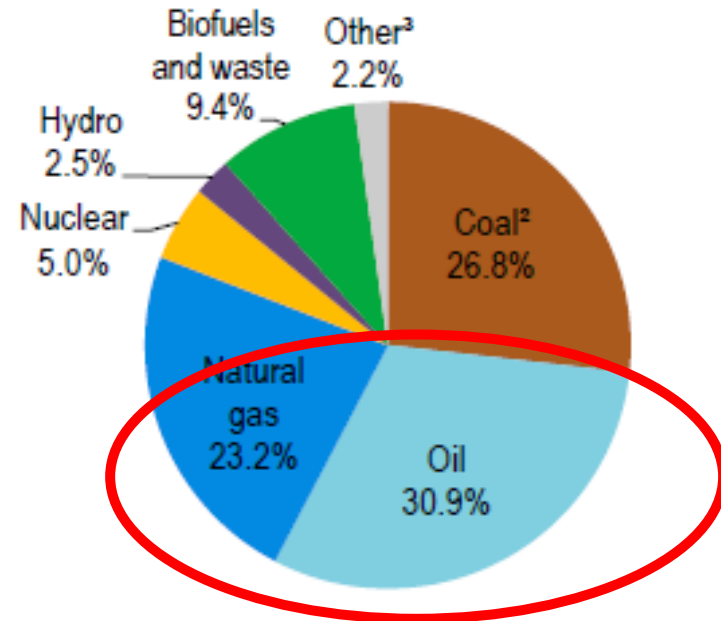
World: Primary energy

1973



254 EJ

2021

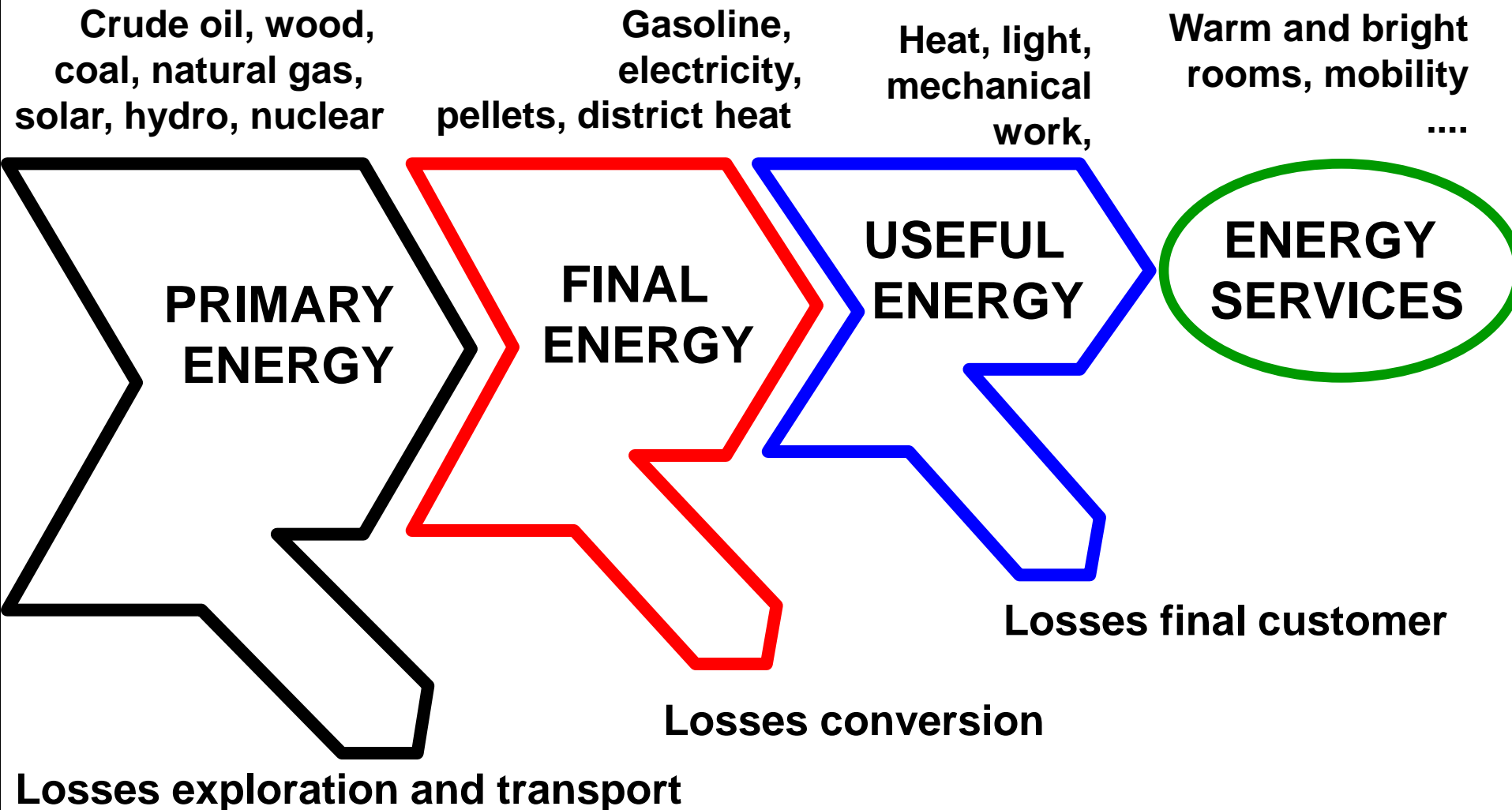


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Source: IEA 2023

- **Total primary energy demand more than doubled between 1973 and 2021;**
- **Share Oil down (more than -30%!), Gas up, Coal up!**

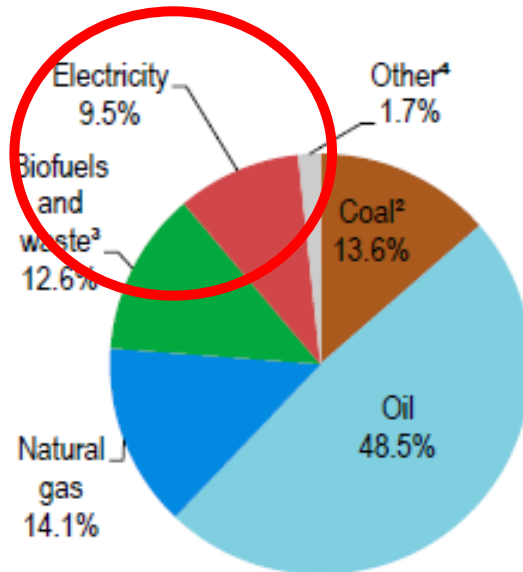
Categories of energy:



World: Final energy

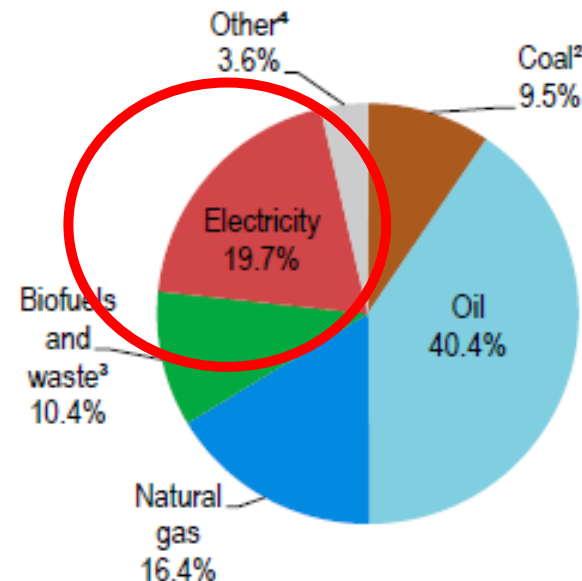
Share of world total final consumption by source, 1973 and 2021

1973



194 EJ

2021

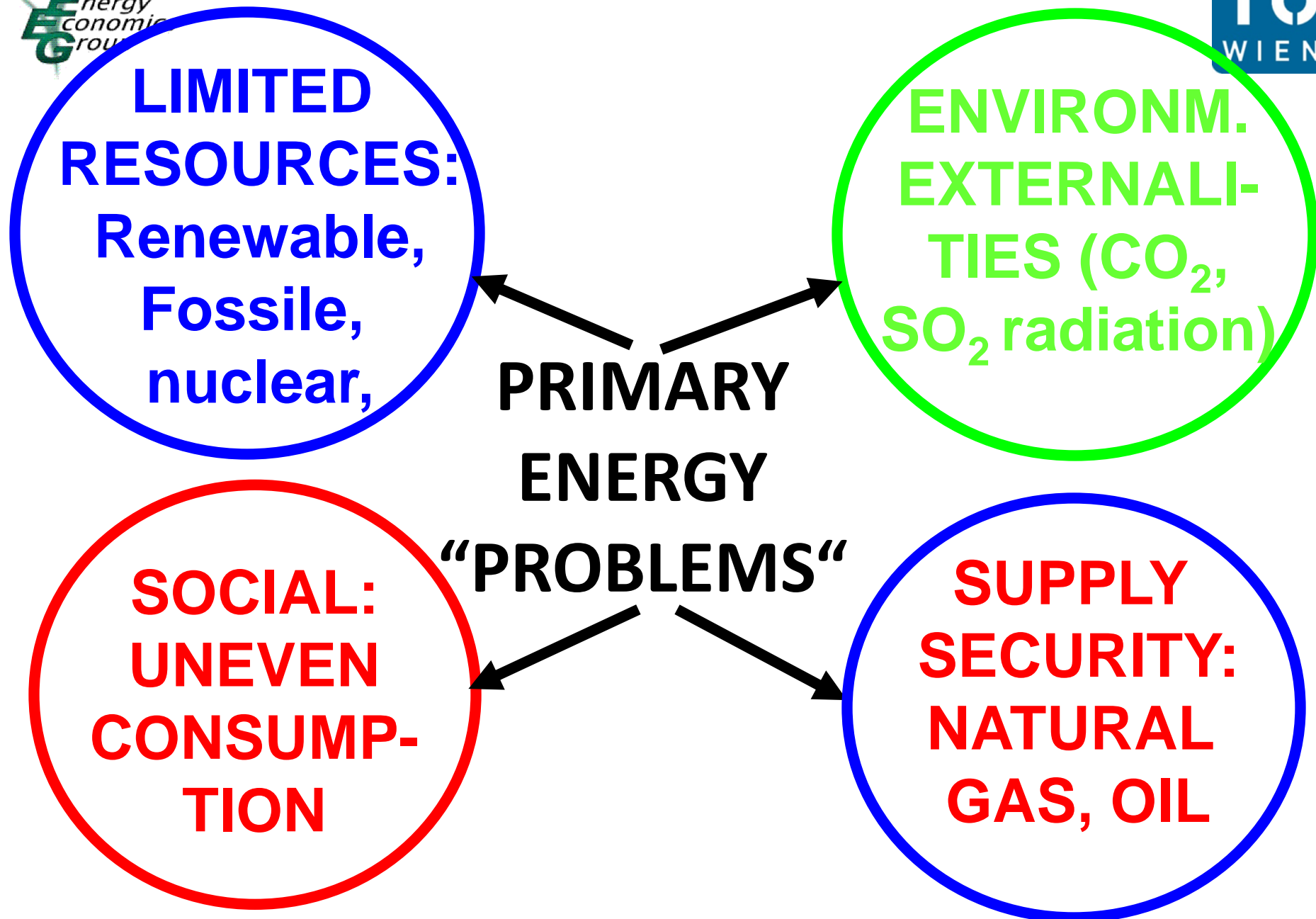


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Source: IEA 2021

- The **share** of electricity increases continuously:
In 2021 twice of 1973
- Share of oil decreased from 48% to 40%

** Other includes Solar, Geothermal, Wind



The Key Energy Challenges



**Energy
Access**



Climate Change



**Energy
Security**



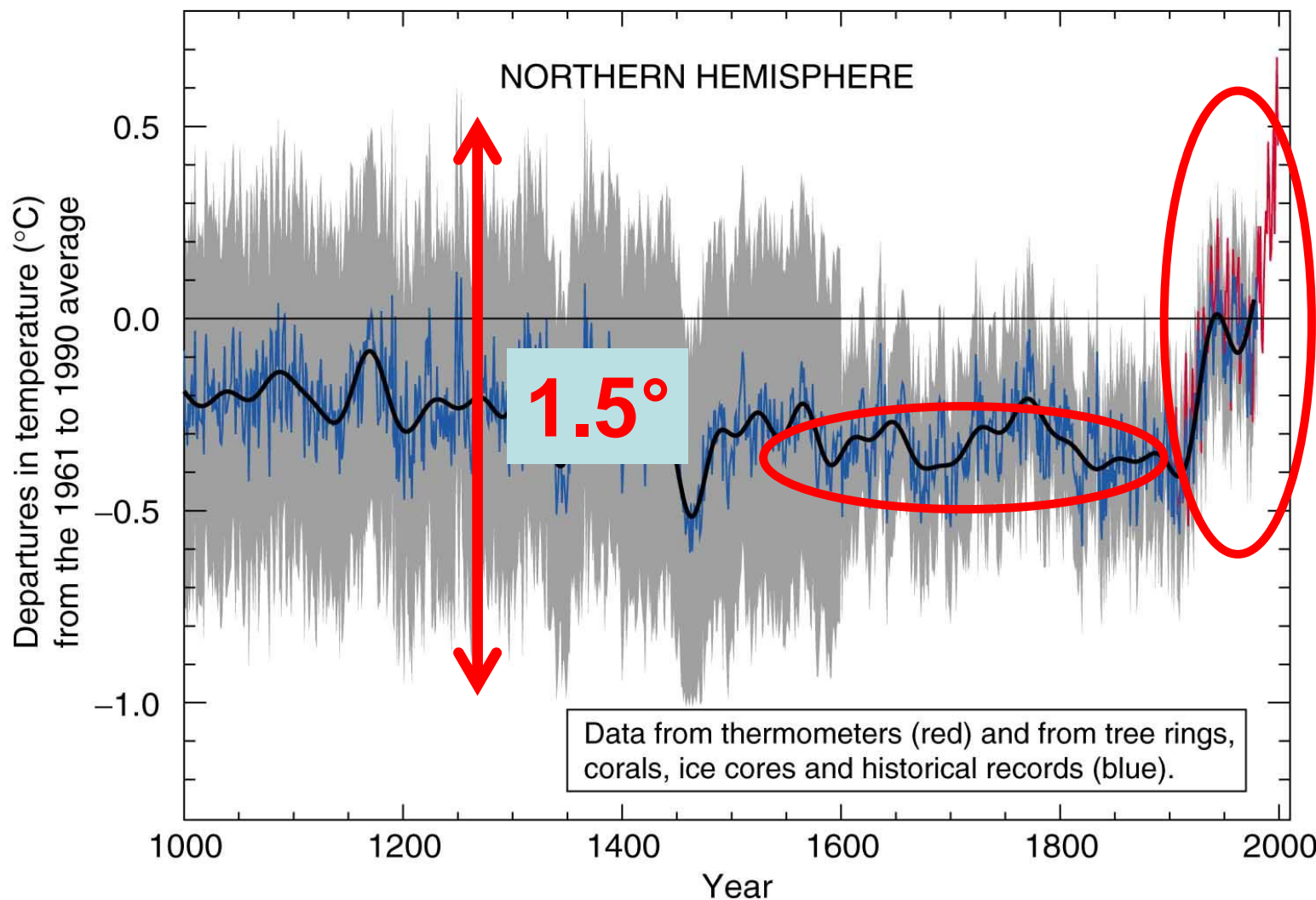
**Air Pollution
Health Impacts**

Wood for Cooking



Source: Modi, 2011 and Yumkella, 2013

Long-term Variations of Earth's Surface temperature in the past 1000 years

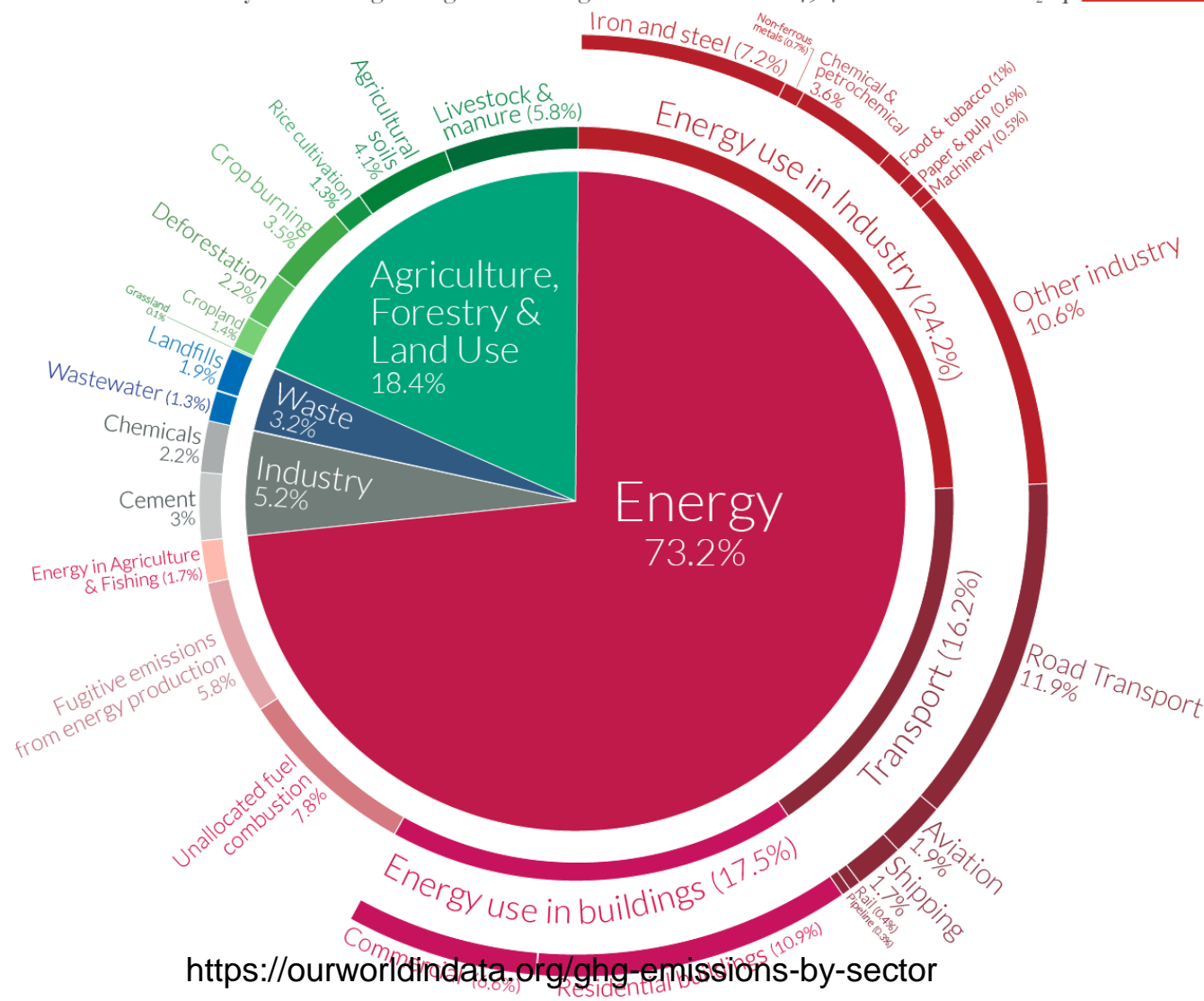


What does energy contribute to Global Warming?

Global greenhouse gas emissions by sector

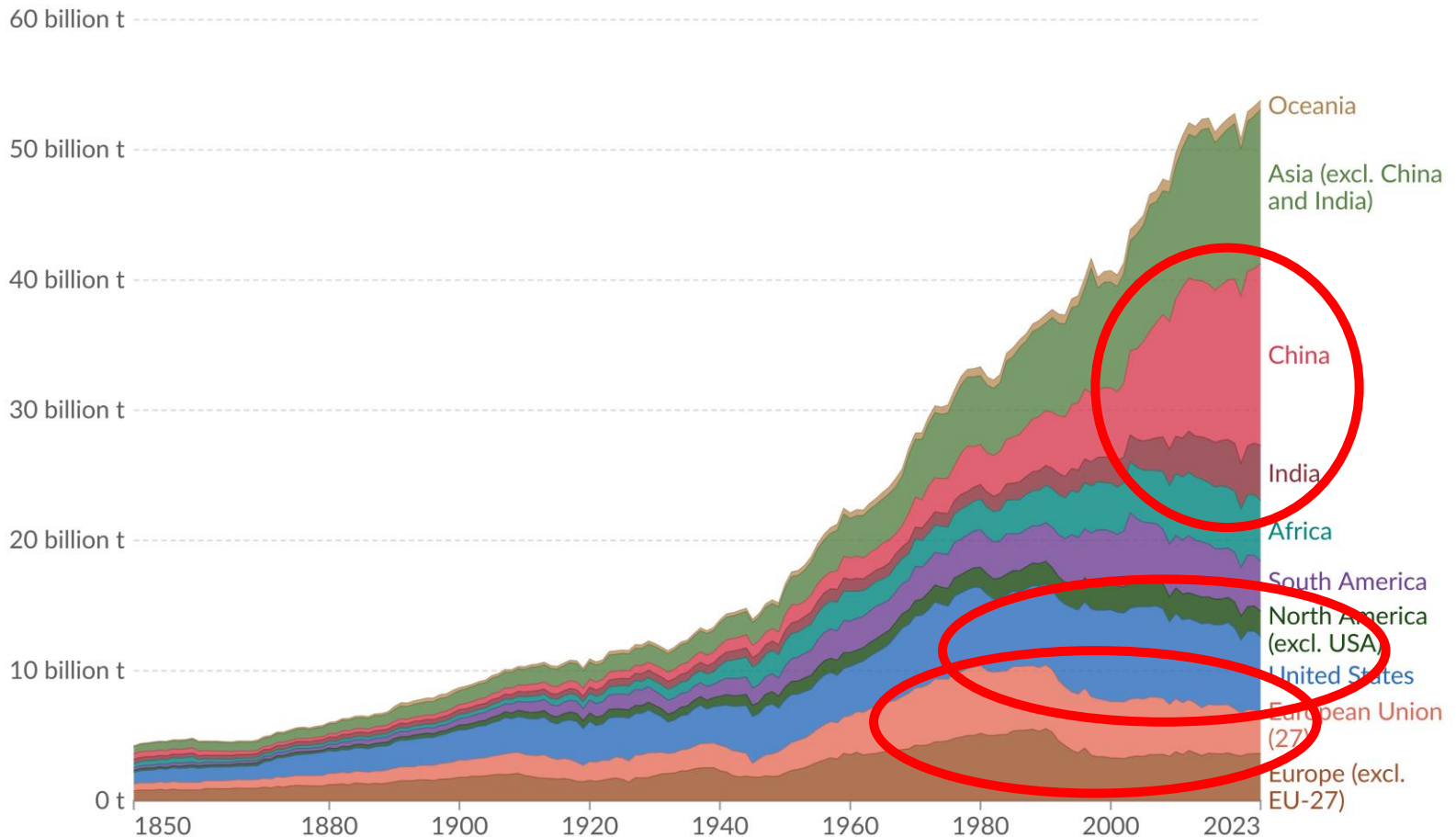
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This is shown for the year 2016 – global greenhouse gas emissions were 49.4 billion tonnes CO₂eq.



Annual greenhouse gas emissions by world region, 1850 to 2023

Greenhouse gas emissions¹ include carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide from all sources, including land-use change. They are measured in tonnes of carbon dioxide-equivalents² over a 100-year timescale.

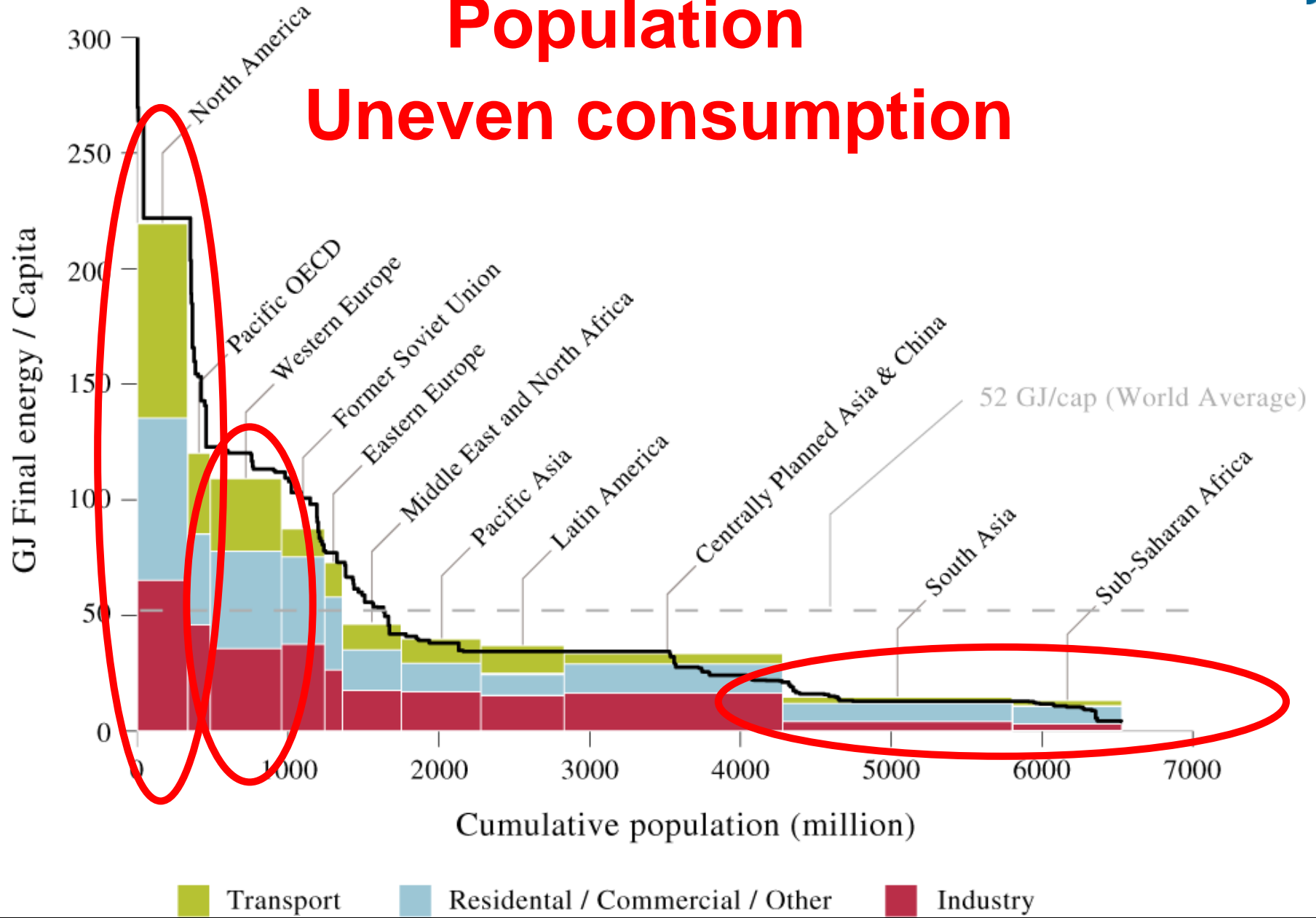


Data source: Jones et al. (2024)

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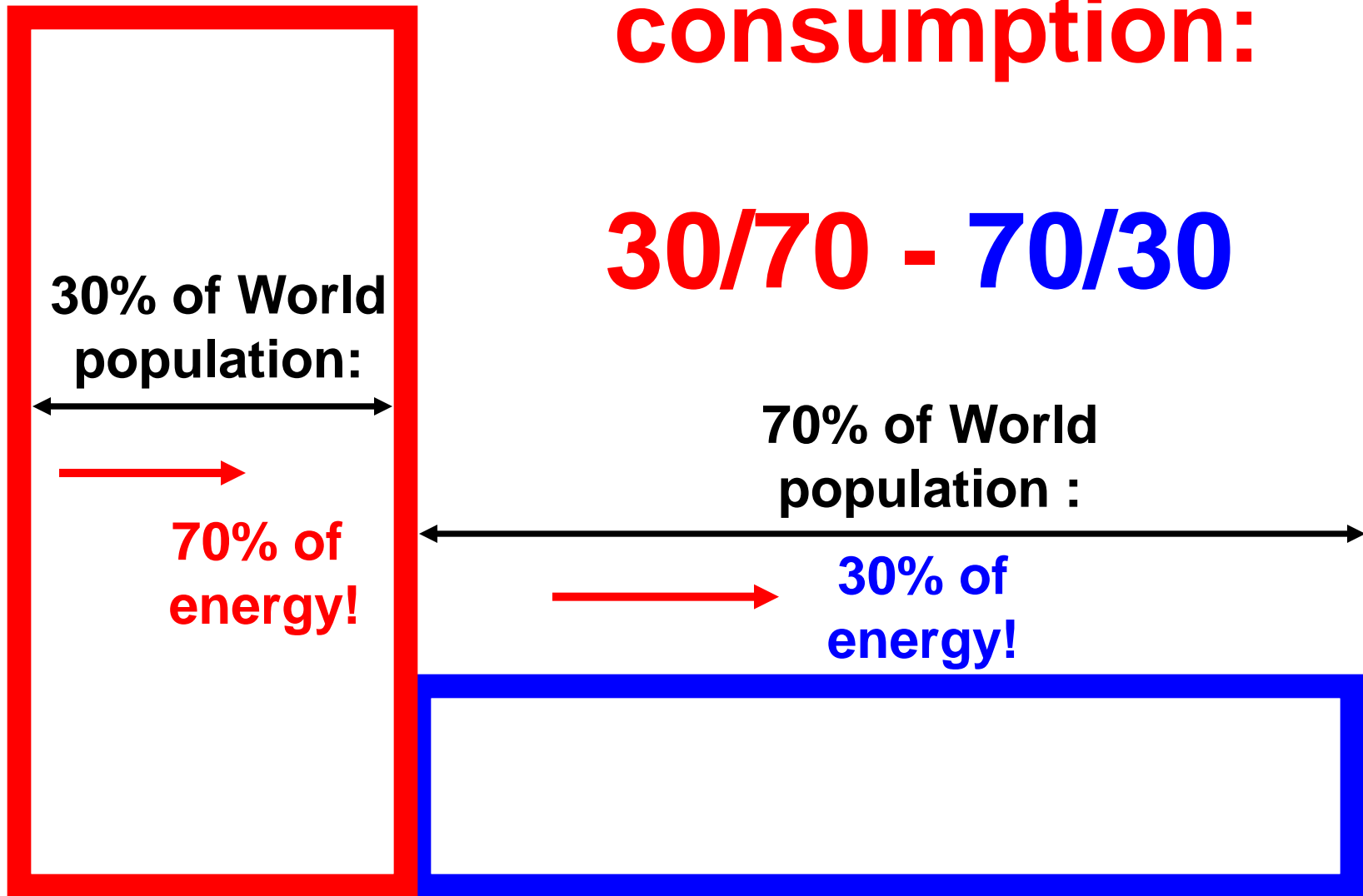
Per Capita Final Energy & Population

Uneven consumption



Uneven consumption:

30/70 - 70/30



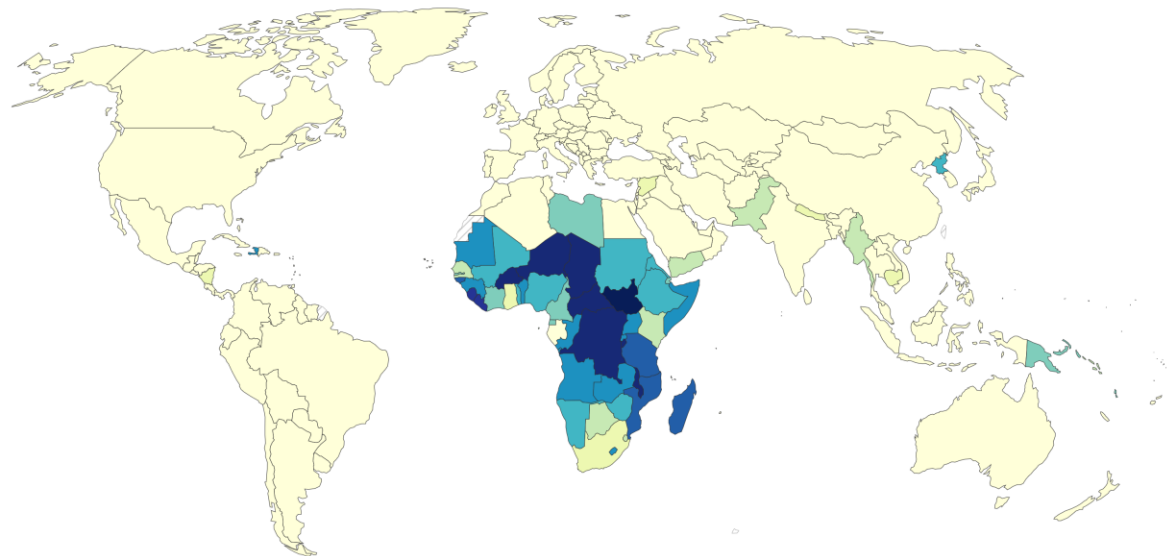
- **The issue of SEA: Sustainable energy access for all ? SDG ... ?**



Electricity access, 2020

Share of the population with access to electricity. The definition used in international statistics adopts a very low cutoff for what it means to 'have access to electricity'. It is defined as having an electricity source that can provide very basic lighting, and charge a phone or power a radio for 4 hours per day.

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2023

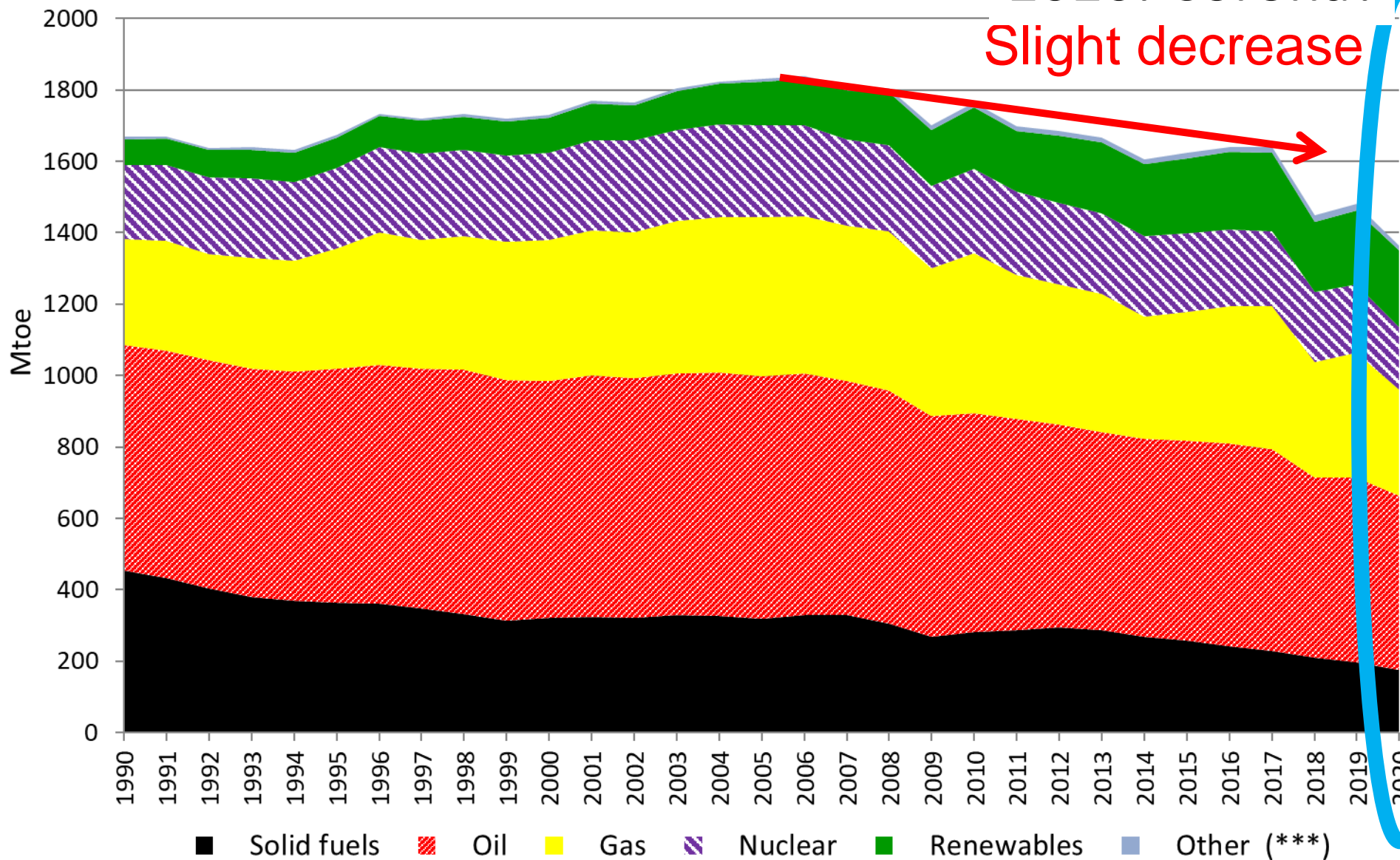
Energy

Primary energy in Europe

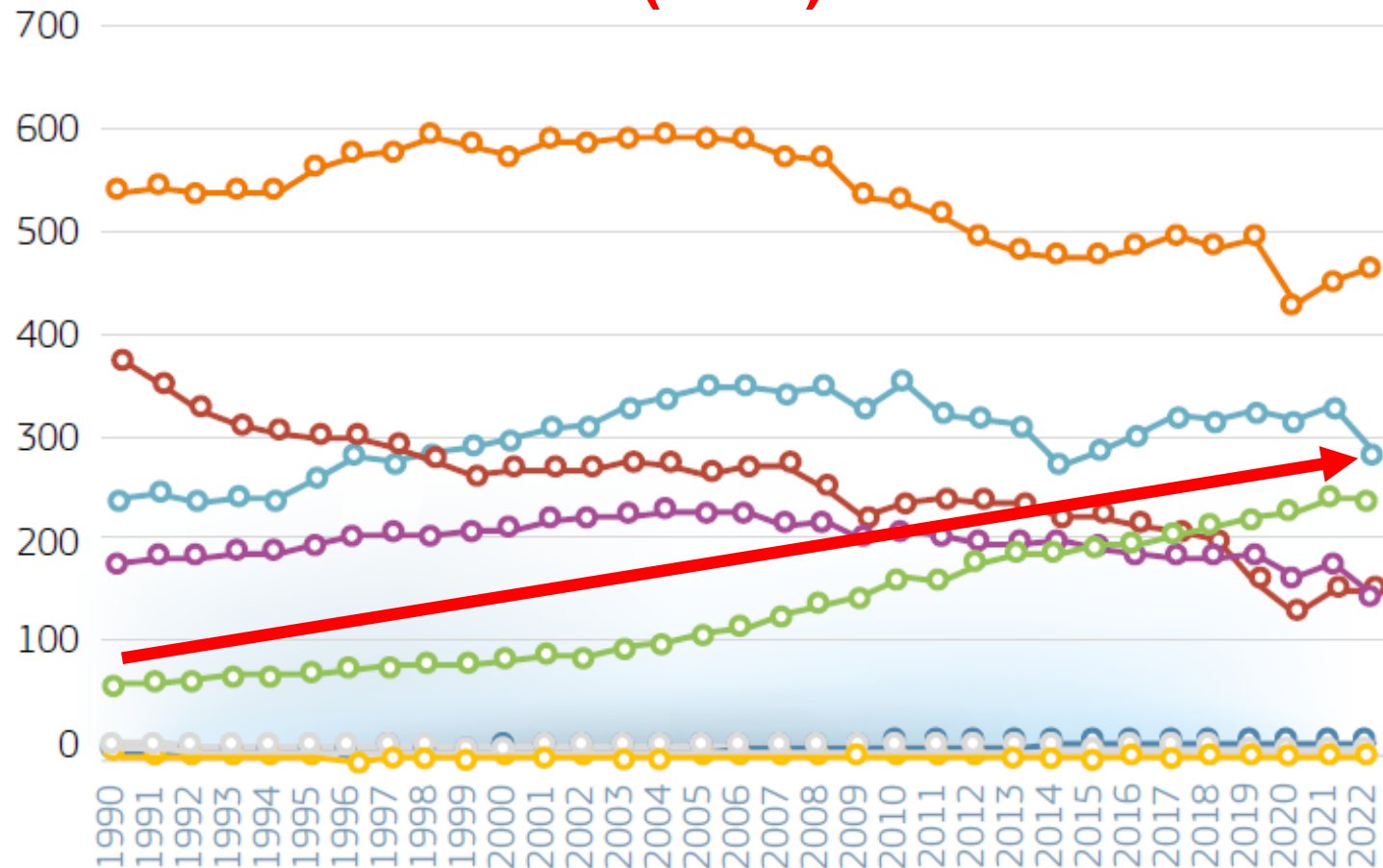
Primary energy consumption EU-28

2020: Corona?

Slight decrease



EU-27: Gross inland energy consumption (Mtoe)



Oil and petroleum products

Natural gas

Solid fossil fuels

Renewables and biofuels

Nuclear

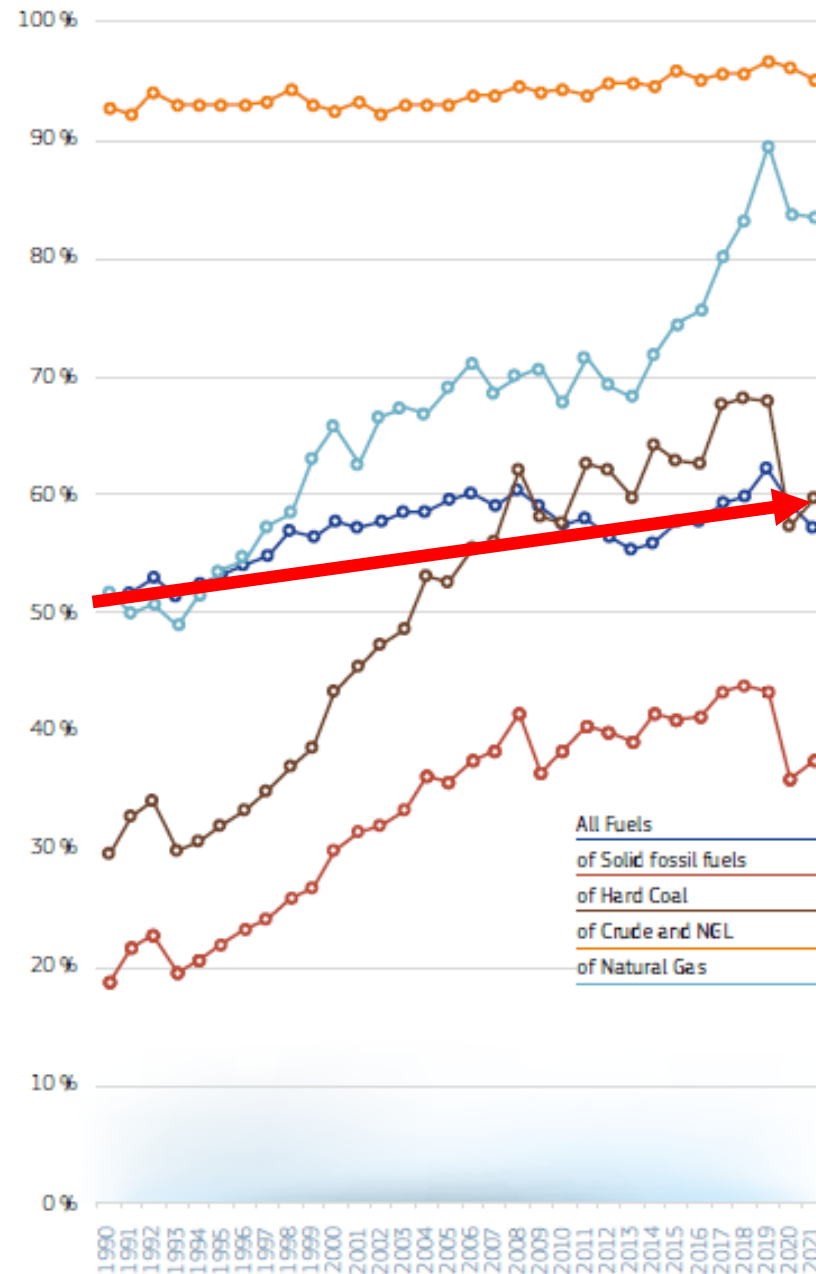
Waste, non-renewable

Electricity

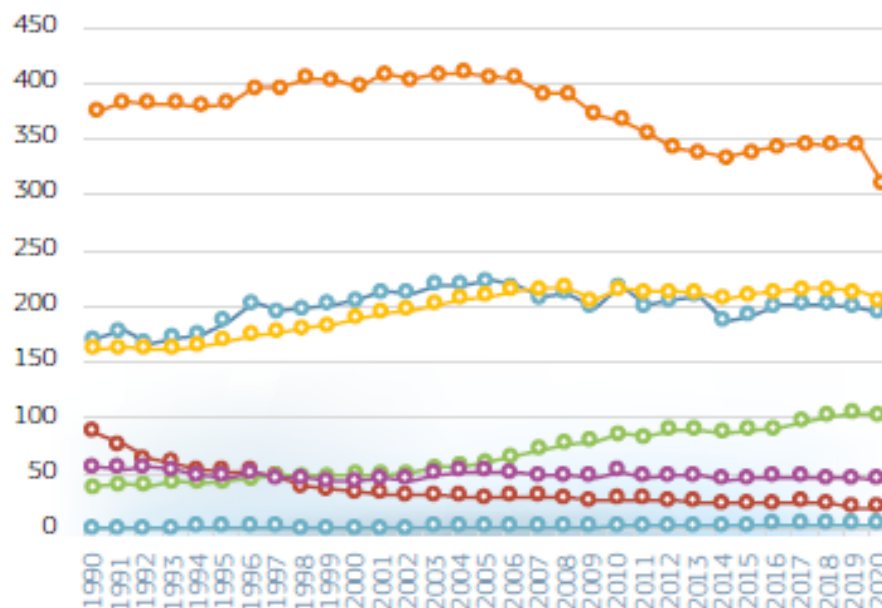
Others*

2.3.2 Import Dependency by Fuel

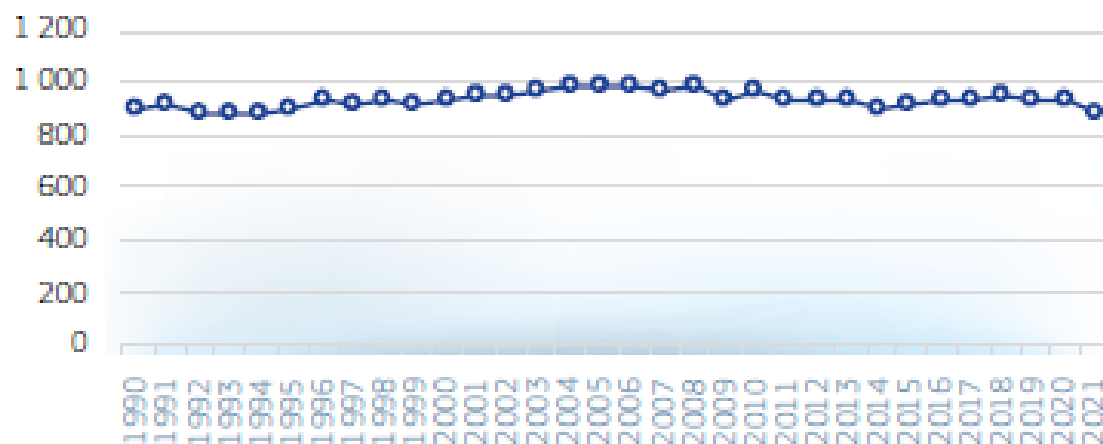
EU27_2020 – IMPORTS FROM EXTRA-EU – 1990-2021 (%)



Final energy EU-27

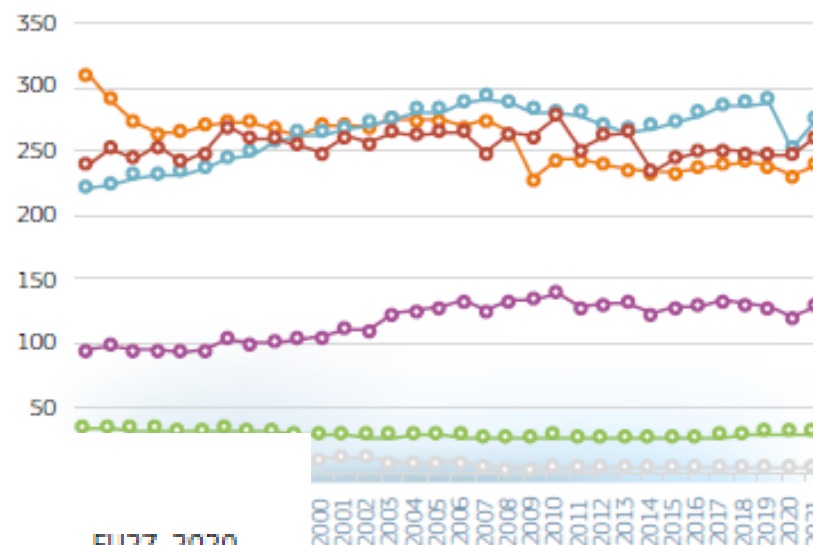


FINAL ENERGY CONSUMPTION – TOTAL –
1990-2021 (Mtoe)



2.5.3 Final Energy Consumption

BY SECTOR – EU27_2020 – 1990-2021 (Mtoe)



EU27_2020

Agriculture and Fishing
Transport

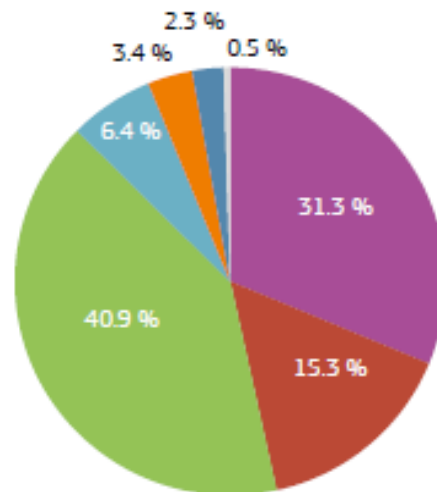
Services
Others

Primary Energy EU-28: origin of resources

Indigenous:

Total = 597.6 Mtoe

Nuclear
Solid fossil fuels
Renewables and biofuels
Natural gas
Oil and petroleum products
Wastes, non-renewable
Peat, oil shale and oil sands



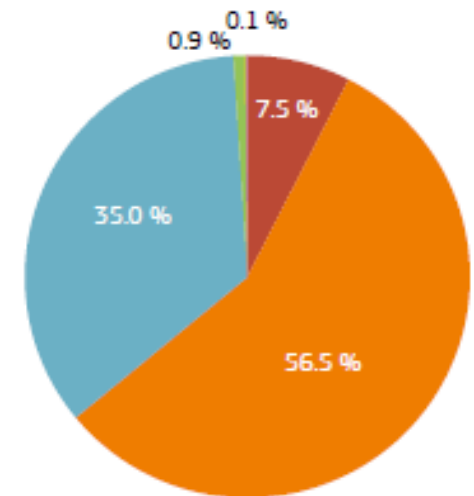
Total 2021: ca. 600 Mtoe

Imports:

BY FUEL – EU27_2020 – 2021

Total = 793 Mtoe

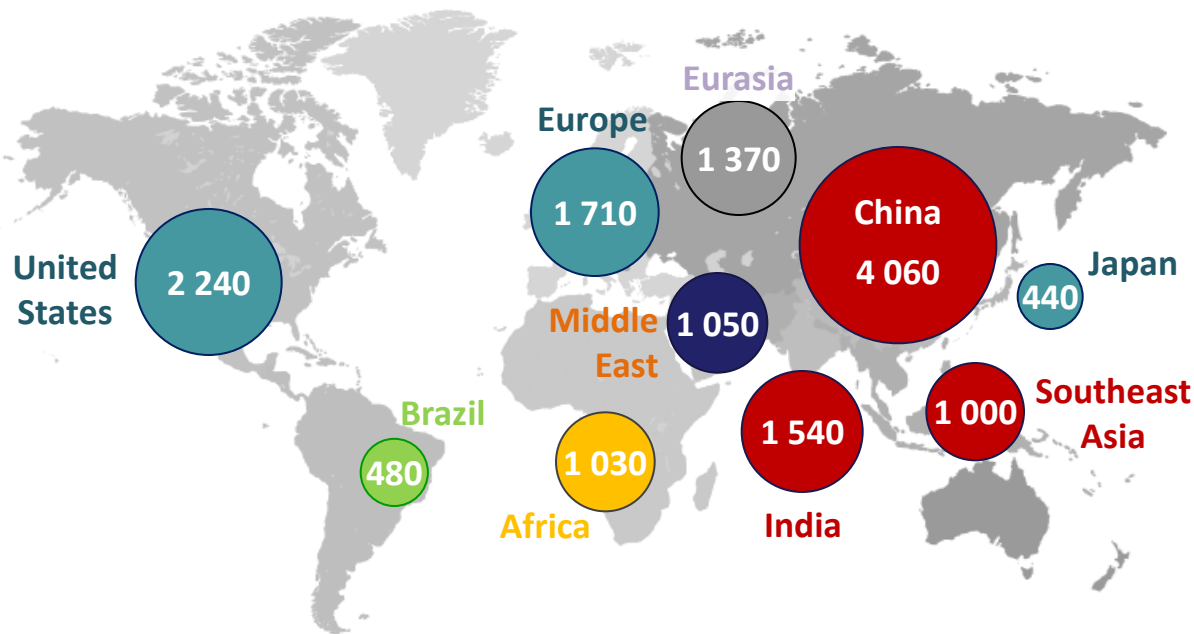
Solid fossil fuels
Oil and petroleum products
Natural gas
Renewables and biofuels
Electricity
Heat
Waste, non-renewable



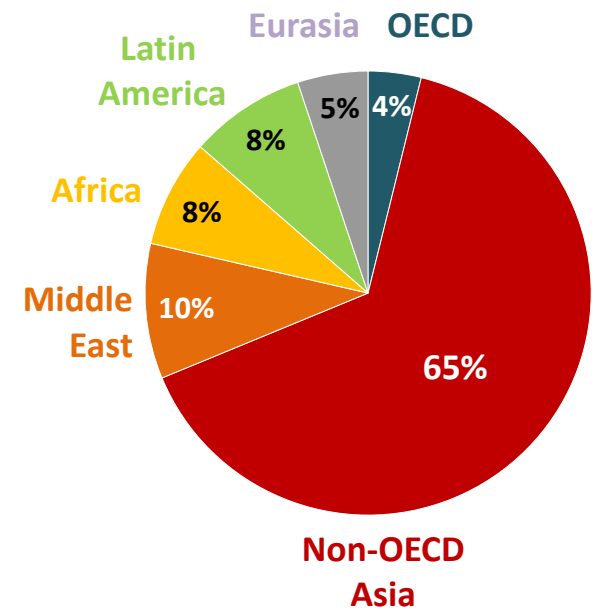
Total 2021: ca. 800 Mtoe

WEO: The engine of energy demand growth moves to South Asia

Primary energy demand, 2035 (Mtoe)



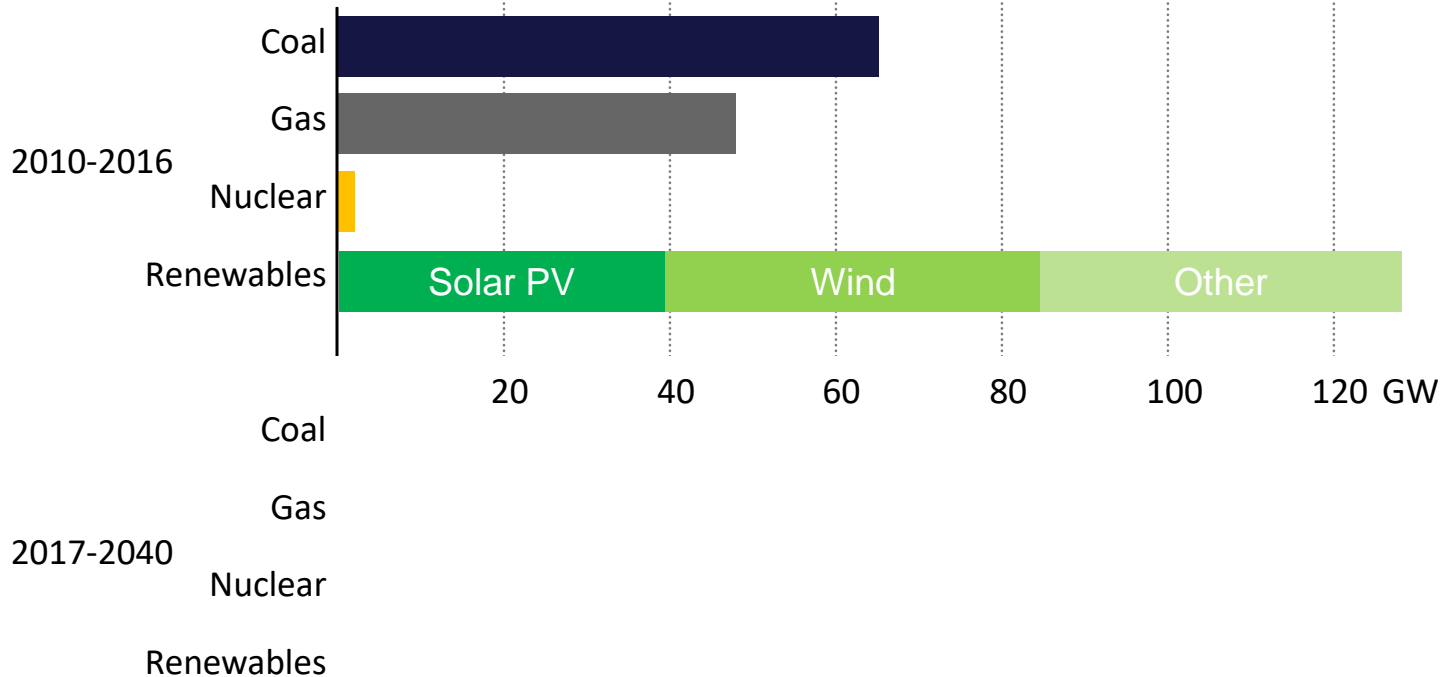
Share of global growth 2012-2035



China is the main driver of increasing energy demand in the current decade, but India takes over in the 2020s as the principal source of growth

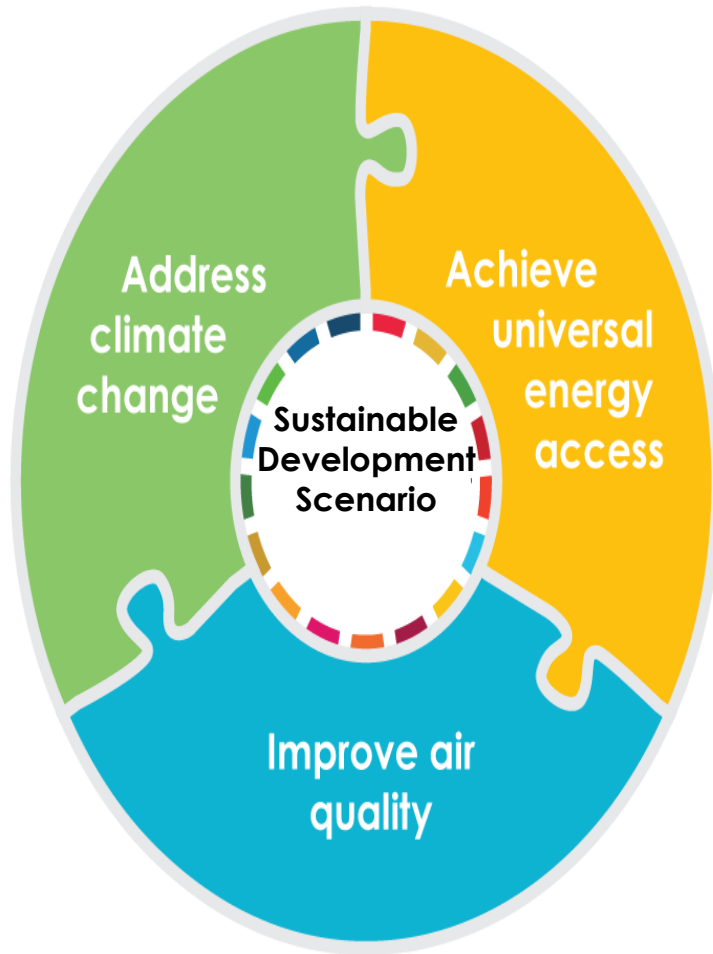
Solar PV forges ahead in the global power mix

Global average annual net capacity additions by type

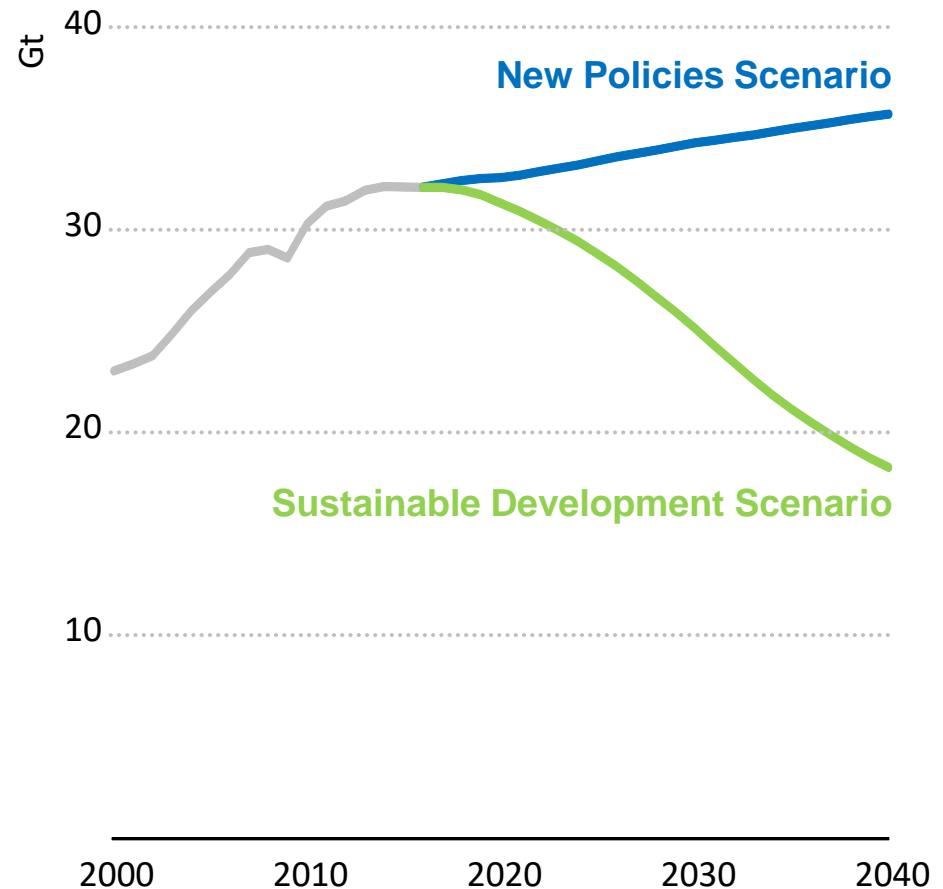


China, India & the US lead the charge for solar PV, while Europe is a frontrunner for onshore & offshore wind: rising shares of solar & wind require more flexibility to match power demand & supply

A new strategy for energy & sustainable development

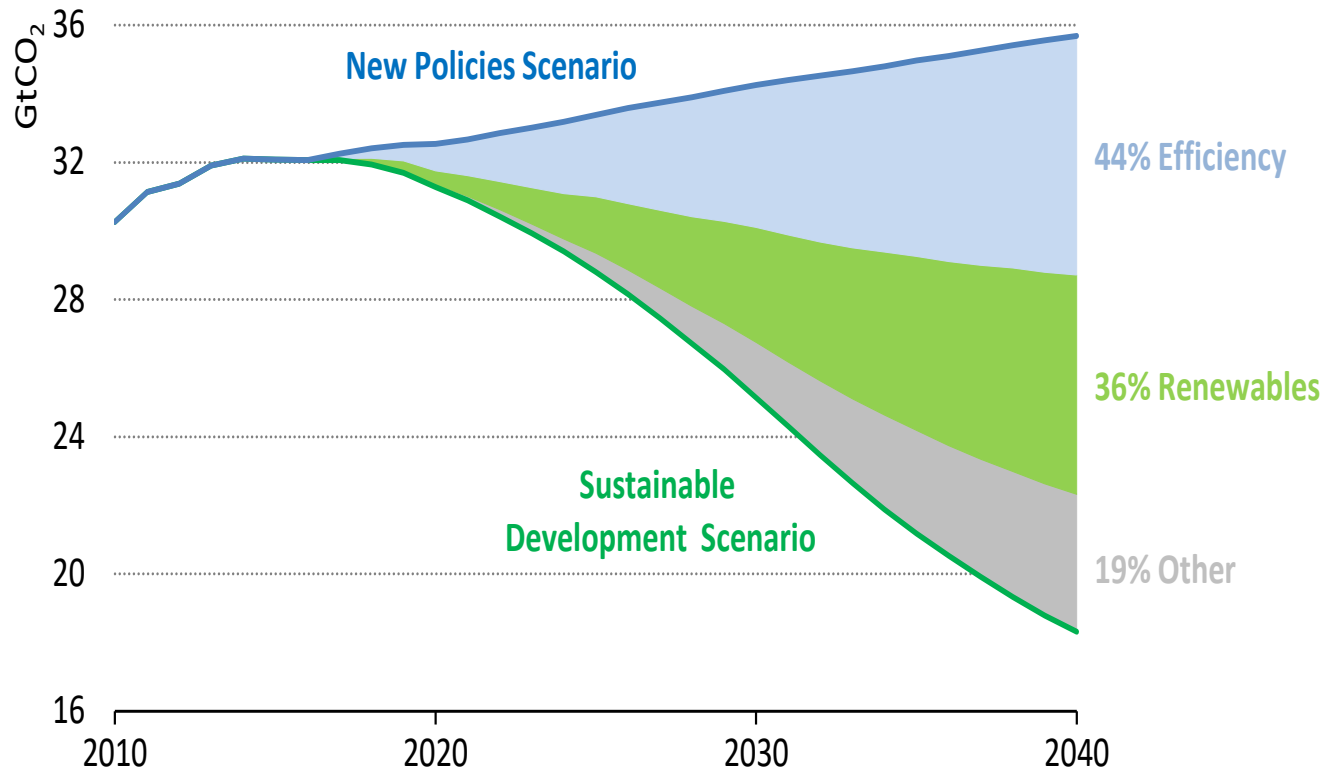


Global CO₂ emissions by scenario



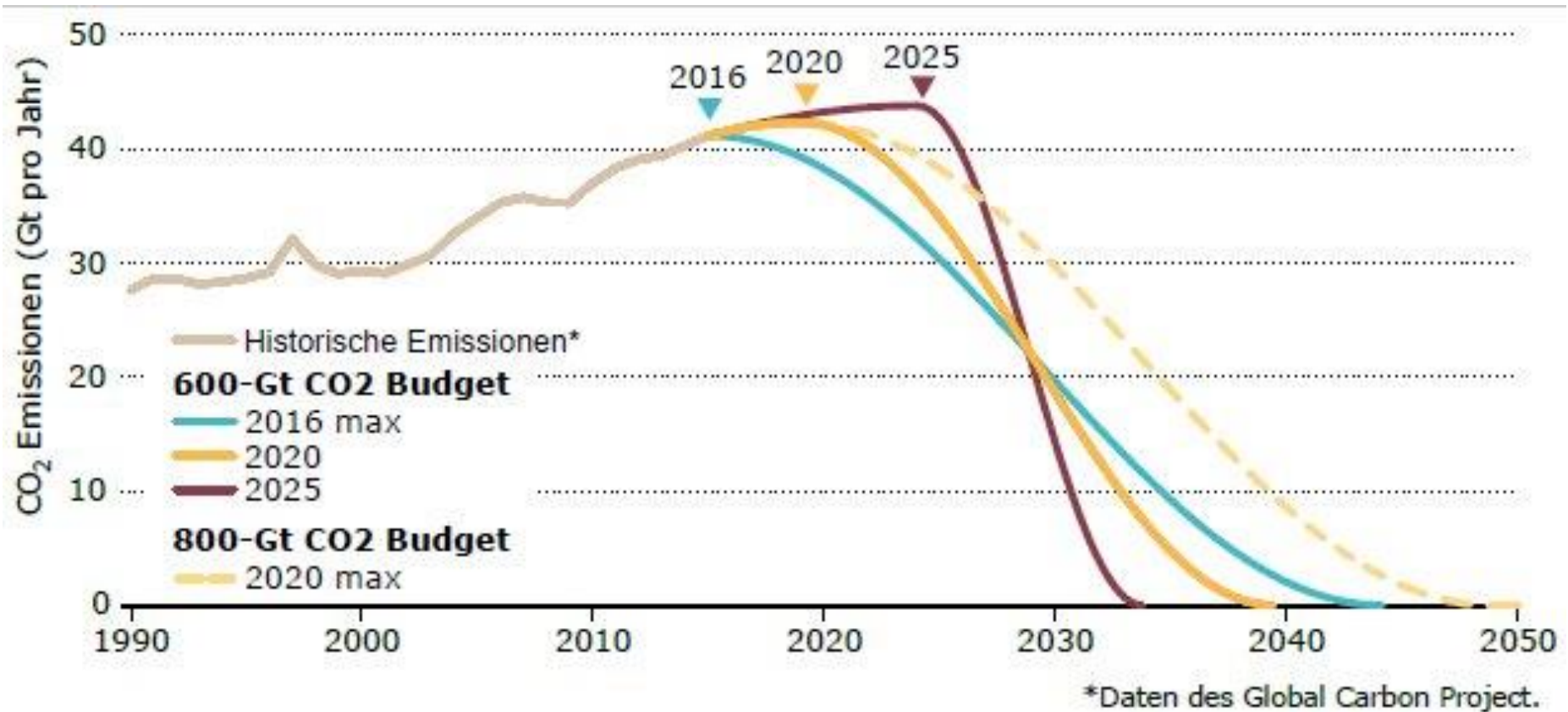
The Sustainable Development Scenario reduces CO₂ emissions in line with the objectives of the Paris Agreement, while also tackling air pollution and achieving universal energy access

Global energy-related CO₂ emissions abatement and key contributions in the SDS



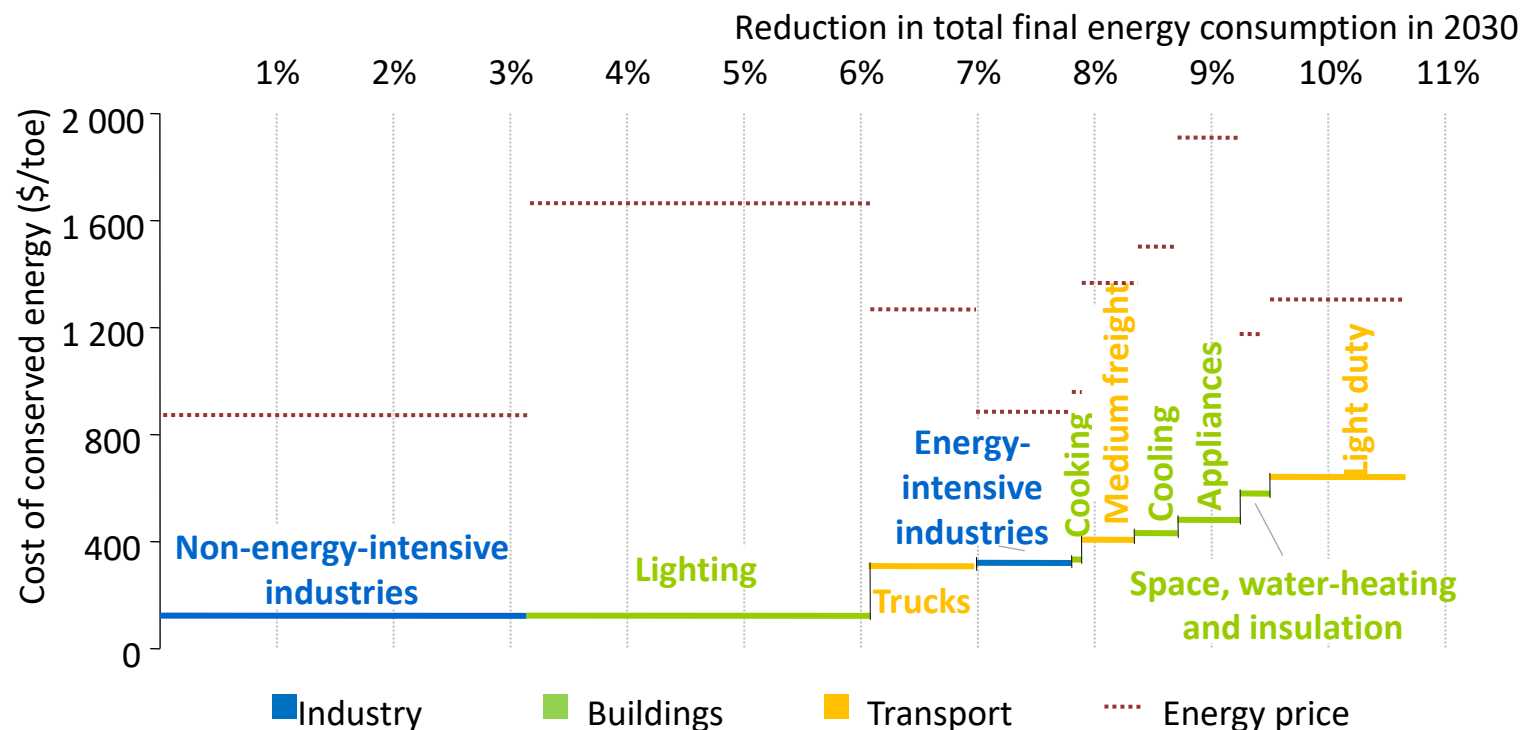
Energy efficiency and renewables are the two key abatement measures in the New Policies and Sustainable Development Scenarios

Scenarios CO2 budgets



Saving more energy is not necessarily expensive

Cost of conserved energy of the untapped global energy efficiency potential, 2030



On average, the cost of conserved energy of efficiency measures beyond the New Policies Scenario is only one-fifth of the respective energy price