

EML 4450/EML 5451: Energy Conversion Systems I

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"The purpose of education is to bring out the best in you" Mahatma Gandhi





Course Description

This course will present the challenge of changing the global energy system so that it addresses the objective of greatly reducing the dependence on the finite fossil energy sources and move to the environmentally sustainable* energy sources. The emphasis will be on greenhouse gas emissions free energy production strategies, including renewable energy – solar, wind and biomass.

* Sustainable development: ability of humanity to ensure that it meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generation to meet their own needs





Course Objectives

- To provide an understanding of the concept of sustainable future.
- To provide critical and thorough introduction to the subject of energy, its use and its environmental effects, especially global warming.
- To provide an understanding of the role of thermodynamic principles in energy conversion.
- To introduce the major methods of direct energy conversion – thermoelectricity, photovoltaics, thermionics and fuel cells.
- To provide a survey of renewable energy systems, solar, wind and biomass.







Course Outline

- Energy systems in sustainable future
- The science of global warming
- The solar strategy
- Solar radiation characteristics
- Thermodynamic fundamentals for energy conversion systems
- Essentials of quantum physics
- Thermoelectric generators
- Photovoltaic generators
- Thermionic generators
- Fuel cells
- Other modes of direct energy conversion
- Renewable energy sources
 - Solar energy
 - Wind energy
 - Other energy
- Socio-economic assessment of energy supply systems





Text Book and References

Text Book:

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What kind of a world would you like to live in?

Peaceful

Joyful

Loving

If you think that the world is not this blissful - what are you doing about it?

your work towards sustainable energy will in some part help to achieve such a civilized world





Map of Six Basic Country Groupings



Source: Energy Information Administration, Office of Integrated Analysis and Forecasting.





Other Country Groupings

- •Annex I Countries (countries participating in the Kyoto Climate Change Protocol on Greenhouse Gas Emissions): Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, European Community, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Monaco, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, and the United Kingdom.¹
- European Union (EU): Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, and the United Kingdom.
- G8: Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia, United Kingdom, and the United States.
- North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Member Countries: Canada, Mexico, and the United States.

- •Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD): Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom, and the United States.
- •Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC): Algeria, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Libya, Nigeria, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Venezuela.
- Pacific Rim Developing Countries: Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, and Thailand.
- •Persian Gulf: Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates.





World Population



Source: United Nations (1995b); U.S. Census Bureau, International Programs Center, International Data Base and unpublished tables.







China

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Eastern Europe and the NIS



* 'Developed World" refers to North America (excluding Latin America and the Caribbean), Westem Europe, Japan, Australia, and New Zealand. Rest of Asia and Oceania refers to Asia excluding Japan, China, and India plus Oceania excluding Australia and New Zealand. NIS indicates the New Independent States of the former Soviet Union.

** Current boundaries.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, International Programs Center, International Data Base.

World Population

Population rankings of major world regions continue to shift in favor of developing regions

The Top Ten Most Populous Countries: 1950, 2002, and 2050* Less developed countries dominate the list of the world's ten most populous countries

	1950∞		2002		2050			
1.	China	1.	China	1.	India			
2.	India	2.	India	2.	China			
3.	United States	3.	United States	3.	United States			
4.	Russia	4.	Indonesia	4.	Indonesia			
5.	Japan	5.	Brazil	5.	Nigeria			
6.	Indonesia	6.	Pakistan	6.	Bangladesh			
7.	Germany	7.	Russia	7.	Pakistan			
8.	Brazil	8.	Bangladesh	8.	Brazil			
9.	United Kingdom	9.	Nigeria	9.	Congo (Kinshasa)			
10.	Italy	10.	Japan	10.	Mexico			
	Rankings of future or past top-ten countries							
11.	Bangladesh	11.	Mexico	14.	Russia			
13.	Pakistan	13.	Germany	16.	Japan			
15.	Nigeria	21.	United Kingdom	24.	Germany			
16.	Mexico	22.	Italy	29.	United Kingdom			
32.	Congo (Kinshasa)	23.	Congo (Kinshasa)	35.	Italy			

*More developed countries/less developed countries.

**Current boundaries.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, International Programs Center, International Data Base and unpublished tables.







World Population



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, International Programs Center, International Data Base and unpublished tables. The pace of global population growth is on decline To stabilize or reduce population: Increase women's health Education employment Women as equal participants in all aspects of society

Good News:







World Gross Domestic Product





Source: EIA (Energy Information Administration), International Energy Outlook 2004





Ranking

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Canada

India

979,764 691,876

	Top Ten GDP Countries				
US dollars in millions					
11,667,515					
4,623,398					
2,714,418					
2,140,898					
2,002,582					
1,672,302					
1,649,329					
991,442					
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Table 2. Top ten GDP's in terms of PPP in 2004⁸

Ranking	Economy	US dollars in trillion	GDP per capita in US \$
1	United States	11.75	40.100
2	China	7.62	5,600
3	Japan	3.75	29,400
4	India	3.32	3,100
5	Germany	2.36	28,700
6	United Kingdom	1.78	29,600
7	France	1.74	28,700
8	Italy	1.61	27,700
9	Brazil	1.49	8,100
10	Russia	1.40	9,800





World Gross Domestic Product

Comparison of Real GDP by Region and Country for 2001 and 2025 Converted to 1997 U.S. Dollars								
Based on Purchasing Power Parity Rates (PPP) and Market Exchange Rates (MER)								
	2001 Real GDP			Projected Real GDP, 2025				
Region	PPP	MER	PPP/MER	PPP	MER	PPP/MER		
Industrialized Countries	23,542	25,077	0.9	41,848	44,545	0.9		
United States	9,394	9,394	1.0	18,881	18,881	1.0		
Canada	823	751	1.1	1,570	1,427	1.1		
Mexico	1,062	464	2.3	2,640	1,153	2.3		
Western Europe	8,624	9,513	0.9	13,993	15,423	0.9		
United Kingdom	1,399	1,492	0.9	2,494	2,655	0.9		
France	1,448	1,601	0.9	2,384	2,629	0.9		
Germany	1,842	2,284	0.8	2,679	3,313	0.8		
Italy	1,307	1,269	1.0	2,028	1,971	1.0		
Japan	3,087	4,411	0.7	4,592	6,563	0.7		
Australia/New Zealand	734	428	1.7	1,155	674	1.7		
EE/FSU	2,137	1,022	2.1	5,593	2,680	2.1		
Former Soviet Union	1,376	632	2.2	3,709	1,710	2.2		
Eastern Europe	762	389	2.0	1,899	971	2.0		
Developing Asia	12,391	3,536	3.5	41,051	11,714	3.5		
China	6,074	1,202	5.1	25,155	4,976	5.1		
India	2,902	520	5.6	9,808	1,757	5.6		
South Korea	822	562	1.5	2,209	1,510	1.5		
Other Asia	2,756	1,253	2.2	7,569	3,471	2.2		
Middle East	1,100	584	1.9	2,608	1,389	1.9		
Turkey	410	183	2.2	1,101	492	2.2		
Central & South America	1,980	1,510	1.3	4,763	3,650	1.3		
Brazil	986	863	1.1	2,372	2,076	1.1		

Sources: Energy Information Administration, Annual Energy Outlook 2004, DOE/EIA-0383(2004) (Washington, DC, January 2004); Global Insight, Inc., World Overview (Lexington, MA, September 2003); and International Monetary Fund, "How Should We Measure Global Growth?", in World Economic Outlook: Public Debt in Emerging Markets (September 2003), pp. 18-19.



Source: EIA (Energy Information Administration), International Energy Outlook 2004





Annual Growth in World Gross Domestic Product (% per year)

	History				Projections			
Region	1977-2001	2001	2002	2003	2001-2025	2005-2010	2010-2025	
Industrialized Countries	2.7	0.9	1.5	1.7	2.4	2.6	2.4	
United States	3.0	0.3	2.4	2.3	3.0	3.2	2.8	
Canada	2.9	1.9	3.3	2.0	2.7	3.0	2.5	
Mexico	3.3	-0.3	0.9	1.5	3.9	3.6	4.4	
Western Europe	2.2	1.7	1.0	0.7	2.0	2.2	2.1	
United Kingdom	2.3	2.1	1.7	2.0	2.4	2.5	2.5	
France	2.2	2.1	1.2	0.3	2.1	2.2	2.2	
Germany	1.9	1.0	0.2	0.0	1.6	1.8	1.7	
Italy	2.2	1.7	0.4	0.3	1.9	2.1	2.0	
Japan	2.9	0.4	0.2	2.5	1.7	1.8	1.7	
Australia/New Zealand	3.1	2.5	3.7	2.6	3.0	3.0	2.9	
EE/FSU	-0.4	4.6	4.0	5.1	4.1	4.4	3.9	
Former Soviet Union	-1.0	5.9	4.8	6.1	4.2	4.5	3.8	
Eastern Europe	0.8	2.6	2.7	3.4	3.9	4.1	3.9	
Developing Countries	4.5	2.4	3.5	3.9	4.6	5.2	4.5	
Asia	6.8	3.9	5.6	5.2	5.1	5.8	4.7	
China	9.5	7.3	8.0	7.7	6.1	6.8	5.5	
India	5.2	5.6	4.3	5.8	5.2	5.4	5.1	
South Korea	6.9	3.2	6.3	2.8	4.2	5.6	3.4	
Other Asia	5.8	0.5	3.6	3.5	4.3	5.1	4.2	
Middle East	3.3	-1.7	3.3	3.9	3.7	4.0	3.6	
Turkey	3.3	-7.5	7.8	5.0	4.2	4.2	3.9	
Africa	2.7	3.2	3.0	3.3	4.0	4.5	3.9	
Central and South America	2.4	0.5	-1.2	1.1	3.7	4.1	4.2	
Brazil	2.7	1.4	1.5	0.5	3.7	3.9	4.1	
Total World	2.8	1.3	2.0	2.3	3.0	3.2	3.0	



Sources: History: Global Insight, Inc., World Overview (Lexington, MA, September 2003). Projections: Global Insight, Inc., World Overview (Lexington, MA, September 2003); and Energy Information Administration, Annual Energy Outlook 2004, DOE/EIA-0383(2004) (Washington, DC, January 2004).





World Marketed Energy Consumption









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World Marketed Energy Consumption by Region







Energy Intensity by Region









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World Primary Energy Consumption by Fuel Type







World Oil Consumption and Production



2004 Production: NY Times, 8/15/04

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Persian Gulf Oil Productive Capacity







World Oil Reserves by Country (1/1/04)





Source: "Worldwide Look at Reserves and Production."*Oil & Gas Journal*, Vol. 100, No. 49 (December 22, 2003), pp. 46-47.





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Logistic Equation





 $Q = Q_0 / (1 + \exp[-a(t - t_m)])$

 \boldsymbol{Q}_{o} :Ultimate production; \boldsymbol{t}_{m} : Year of peak production





US Cumulative Oil Production







US Annual Oil Production





Source: Prediction of world peak oil production, Seppo A. Korpela, Ohio State University, 2003



World Oil Production





Source: Prediction of world peak oil production, Seppo A. Korpela, Ohio State University, 2003





World Oil Cumulative Discovery and Production







Annual World Oil Production





Source: Prediction of world peak oil production, Seppo A. Korpela, Ohio State University, 2003



World Oil Production - Hubbert's Method



World oil production through the year 2000 is shown as heavy dots. Hubbert's method is used to obtain most likely future production. The dashed lines show the probable production rates if the ultimate discoverable oil is 1.8 trillion barrels - the lower curve or 2.1 trillion barrels - the upper curve



Source: Hubbert's Peak: The Impending World Oil Shortage, Kenneth S. Deffeyes, Princeton Univ. Press, 2001.



Estimated Duration of Crude Oil and Natural Gas Reserves





Source: The Solar Economy by Hermann Scheer, Earthscan, 2002.





World Oil Prices



"International Energy Agency warned that if oil prices remained at \$35 a barrel, or \$10 above their 2001 levels, that would slash at least half a percentage point from world G.D.P. the next year"

NY times - August 11, 2004 - Global oil demand expected to exceed forecasts, Report says

\$45 a Barrel will reduce the world GDP by 1% from2001 levels (~ \$450 Billion)









Natural Gas Consumption by Region









World Natural Gas Reserves by Region (1/1/04)





Source: "Worldwide Look at Reserves and Production," Oil & Gas Journal, Vol. 100, No. 49, December 22, 2003, pp. 46-47





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World Coal Consumption by Region









World Recoverable Coal Reserves in 2001





World 2025 Consumption ~ 7 billion short tones/year

Coal will last at least 150 years





Summary - Fossil Fuel Future

Dwindling reserves versus worldwide growth in demand will lead to energy prices beyond consumer's ability to pay - leads to political tension and violence.

Conventional oil and gas reserves will probably be exhausted between 2030 and 2050.

Coal is the worst possible fossil fuel (most polluting of the fossil fuels and the one that produces the greatest amount of the greenhouse gas CO_2 per unit energy), but the world has at least a 150 year supply of coal.

Conclusion: Sustainable future is not possible if we continue to rely on fossil fuel for energy. Therefore, a massive and immediate shift towards renewable sources is inevitable.






Not a New Idea

"Within a few generations at most, some other energy than that of combustion of fuel must be relied upon to do a fair share of the work of the civilized world."

Robert H. Thurston - 1901 in the Smithsonian Institution annual report.





Energy Systems in Sustainable Future

Summary from Lecture 1 - Fossil Fuel Future

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Energy and Sustainability



Environment

Energy has strong relationship with three pillars of sustainable development.

Sustainability requires secure, reliable and affordable supply of energy.

Sustainable energy future is not static - it must be continuously redefined and rebalanced with new technical solutions and technologies.

Sustainability demands that we seek to change present trends.

Change the structure of energy sector, behavior in our societies and economics

Social Development In our societies and economics

Challenge: To fuel worldwide economic growth with secure and reliable energy supply without despoiling our environment





Per Capita Energy Consumption and GDP

Affluence





Source: Energy Information Administration, International Energy Annual 2000 Tables E1, B1, B2; Gross Domestic Product per capita is for 2000 in 1995 dollars.



Per Capita Energy Consumption and HDI



HDI: Human development index - a composite measure of development based indicators: life expectancy, educational level and per capita gross domestic product. Each data point corresponds to a country. Modest increase in PCEC can lead to marked improvements in the quality of life in the developing nations.





Source: Alan D. Pasternak, Global energy futures and human development: A frame work for analysis, UCRL-ID-140773, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, U.S. DOE, 2003



GDP Growth for Selected Countries



GDP growth will bring urban shift in population

India: 28% in 2000



41% in 2035



Energy Units and Conversions

BTU : the amount of heat necessary to raise one pound of water by one degree F

Joule: the force of one Newton acting through one meter

- 1 BTU=1055 J
- $1 \text{ kWh} = 3.6 \text{ x} 10^6 \text{ J}$
- 1 calorie = 4.184 J
- $1 \text{ Quad} = 10^{15} \text{ BTU}$
- 1 hp = 745.7 watts
- Energy Content of Fuels:

Coal	25 x10 ⁶ BTU/ton
Crude oil	5.6 x10 ⁶ BTU/barrel
Oil	$5.78 \times 10^6 \text{ BTU/barrel} = 1700 \text{ kWh}$
Gasoline	5.6 x10 ⁶ BTU/barrel (a barrel is 42 gallons)
Liquid Natural Gas	4.2 x10 ⁶ BTU/barrel
Natural Gas	1030 BTU/ft ³
	terra, T: 10^{12} ; giga, G = 10^9







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Rate of Change in World Energy







World Primary Energy





Source: Arthur Rosenfeld, commissioner, California Energy Commission





Role of Technology

United States Refrigerator Use v. Time





Role of Technology

Electricity Generating Capacity for 150 Million Refrigerators + Freezers in the US







Energy Usage Sectors

- Residential
- Commercial
- Industry

Iron and steel, Chemicals and petrochemicals, Cement and other industries

• Transportation

Road, Rail and aviation









- Oil
- Coal
- Natural Gas
- Nuclear
- Biomass
- Renewable Energy
 Wind, Hydro, Solar Etc.







US Primary Energy Consumption by Sector - 1999









Energy Use by Sector



Energy Consumption by Sector

China (%)	United States (%)	India (%)
40	25	27
11	40	9
3	1	2
14	13	1
29	17	58
3	4	3
	China (%) 40 11 3 14 29 3	China (%) United States (%) 40 25 11 40 3 1 14 13 29 17 3 4



1973 and 2001 Regional Shares of Total Final Consumption*





1 Mtoe: amount of energy released when one million tones of crude oil is burnt=41.868x10¹⁵ J

Source: IEA Key World Statistics - 2003





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Energy Consumption by Fuel Type



To:	נז	Gcal	Mtoe	MBtu	GWh
From:	multiply by:				
נז	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	4.1868×10⁴	10'	1	3.968×10 ⁷	11630
MBtu	1.0551×10-3	0.252	$2.52 imes10^{-8}$	1	2.931 × 10-4
GWh	3.6	860	8.6×10-5	3412	1







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Fuel Consumption by Sector





World Electricity Consumption by Sector









Retail Prices (\$) in selected Countries

Country	Heavy Fuel Oil for Industry (tonne)	Automoti ve Diesel oil (liter)	Unleaded premium (liter)	Electricity For Industry (kWh)	Electricity For Household s (kWh)	Natural gas for Industry (10 ⁷ kcal GCV*)
USA	174.48	0.380	0.381	0.0470	0.0830	176.27
France	189.70	0.665	1.033	0.0368	0.1045	187.27
Japan	219.42	0.518	0.829	0.1426	0.2144	406.4
India	309.58	0.416	0.613	0.0801	0.0388	

*GCV: Gross Caloric Value





Energy Use for Electricity Generation









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Energy Consumption for Electricity Generation

(Quadrillion Btu)						
			1	Average Annual		
Region/Country	2001	2010	2015	2020	2025	Percent Change, 2001-2025
ndustrialized Countries						
Oil	5.1	4.5	4.8	5.0	5.3	0.1
Natural Gas	14.4	18.5	21.8	25.7	29.6	3.1
Coal	32.1	34.4	35.7	37.8	(41.7)	1.1
Nuclear	21.0	22.9	23.2	23.3	21.9	0.2
Renewables	16.4	19.5	20.8	21.9	23.1	1.4
Total	89.0	99.8	106.4	113.6	121.5	1.3
Eastern Europe/Former Soviet Union						
Oil	0.9	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.1	0.6
Natural Gas	8.1	10.2	11.9	14.1	16.5	3.0
Coal	6.8	7.9	8.1	8.1	7.9	0.6
Nuclear	3.0	3.4	3.5	3.2	2.9	-0.2
Renewables	3.1	3.8	4.2	4.2	4.4	1.6
Total	21.9	26.2	28.5	30.6	32.8	1.7
Developing Countries						
Oil	6.1	9.2	9.8	10.8	10.7	2.4
Natural Gas	7.1	8.9	11.3	14.3	19.0	4.2
Coal	22.2	30.6	35.7	41.0	47.1	3.2
Nuclear	2.2	3.5	4.7	5.4	5.7	4.0
Renewables	12.0	15.4	17.5	19.7	21.9	2.5
Total	49.6	67.6	79.0	91.3	104.2	3.1
Total World						
Oil	12.2	14.5	15.5	16.7	17.0	1.4
Natural Gas	29.6	37.7	44.9	54.1	65.2	3.3
Coal.	61.1	73.0	79.5	86.9	96.7	1.9
Nuclear	26.2	29.8	31.4	31.8	30.4	0.6
Renewables	31.5	38.6	42.5	45.9	49.4	1.9
Total	160.5	193.6	213.9	235.5	258.6	2.0

Note: Totals may not equal sum of components due to independent rounding.

Sources: **2001**: Energy Information Administration (EIA), calculated by the Office of Integrated Analysis and Forecasting, based on estimates of fuel inputs for electricity generation and assumed average generation efficiencies by fuel type. **Projections:** EIA, System for the Analysis of Global Energy Markets (2004).





Energy Consumption and Generation

	India	China	USA
Population, millions	1050 <mark>(2)</mark>	1280 (1)	288 ⁽³⁾
GDP, trillion 2002\$ (ppp)	3.1 ⁽³⁾	5.4 ⁽²⁾	10.4 (1)
Total energy use, EJ	26 (4)	55 ⁽²⁾	105 (1)
Coal consumption, EJ	8 (3)	30 (1)	25 ⁽²⁾
Oil imports (net), EJ	3.3 ⁽⁹⁾	3.6 ⁽⁸⁾	23 ⁽¹⁾
Electricity generation, TWh	580 ⁽⁵⁾	1650 ⁽²⁾	4050 (1)
Electricity from coal, TWh	480 ⁽³⁾	1200 (2)	2000 (1)
C emitted in CO ₂ , MtC	265 ⁽⁵⁾	900 (2)	1640 (1)

Source: John Holdren, US-India Energy R&D Workshop, New Delhi, August, 2004





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World at Night from Space









Urban Population Growth

Table 2-1. Population of cities with 10 million inhabitants or more — 1950, 1975, 2000, and 2015 (in millions)

1950		1975		2000		2015	
City	Pop.	City	Pop.	City	Pop.	City	Pop.
1. New York	12.3	1. Tokyo	19.8	1. Tokyo	26.4	1. Tokyo	26.4
		2. New York	15.9	2. Mexico City	18.1	2. Mumbai (Bombay)	26.1
		3. Shanghai	11.4	3. Mumbai (Bombay)	18.1	3. Lagos	23.2
		4. Mexico City	11.2	4. São Paulo	17.8	4. Dhaka	21.1
		5. São Paulo	10.0	5. New York	16.6	5. São Paulo	20.4
				6. Lagos	13.4	6. Karachi	19.2
				7. Los Angeles	13.1	7. Mexico City	19.2
				8. Kolkata (Calcutta)	12.9	8. New York	17.4
				9. Shanghai	12.9	9. Jakarta	17.3
				10. Buenos Aires	12.6	10. Kolkata (Calcutta)	17.3
				11. Dhaka	12.3	11. Delhi	16.8
				12. Karachi	11.8	12. Metro Manila	14.8
				13. Delhi	11.7	13. Shanghai	14.6
				14. Jakarta	11.0	14. Los Angeles	14.1
				15. Osaka	11.0	15. Buenos Aires	14.1
				16. Metro Manila	10.9	16. Cairo	13.8
				17. Bejiing	10.8	17. Istanbul	12.5
				18. Rio de Janiero	10.6	18. Bejiing	12.3
				19. Cairo	10.6	19. Rio de Janiero	11.9
						20. Osaka	11.0
						21. Tianjin	10.7
						22. Hyderabad	10.5
						23. Bangkok	10.1

Annual increments of the world population and the urban population











Developing World

Rising net income will propel consumer demand for automobiles -Effects oil consumption



More money - more travel everywhere

Only 50% rural households have access in India



Power for all by 2012 in India



US Petroleum use in Transportation





Actual: Annual Energy Review 2000 Tbls 1.2, 5.1 and 5.12 Forecast: Annual Energy Outlook 2002 Tbls 7 and 11 Split between Autos and Lt Truck: Transportation Energy Data Book Edition 21 Tbl 2.6



US Petroleum use in Transportation Sector









World Oil Consumption







Demand for Oil in China



Rapid motorisation underpins strong oil demand growth. Net oil imports will rise from 1.7mb/d in 2001 to 9.8mb/d in 2030.

Oil imports will reach almost 10 mb/d in 2030, equivalent to US imports today.







Oil Dependency

3%

Have C		USE OII			
Saudi Arabia	26%	U.S.	26%		
, Iraq	11%	Japan	7%		
Kuwait	10%	China	6%		
Iran	9%	Germany	4%		
UAE	8%	Russia	3%		
Venezuela	6°⁄0	S. Korea	3%		
Russia	5%	France	3%		
Mexico	3%	Italy	3%		
Libya	3%	Mexico	3%		
China	3%	Brazil	3%		
Nigeria	2%	Canada	3%		
U.S.	2%	India	3%		









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Summary



Immediate shift in ways to generate electricity and fuel type for transportation

Lead to reductions in coal and petroleum use







CO₂ Emissions









Energy Demand Scenarios

Transportation and Commercial energy usage are expected to increase around the world.

Transportation (especially personal) is expected to grow rapidly in developing countries and the proportion of energy in the residential sector will fall.

Electricity usage is expected to grow world wide with developing nations taking the lead.

Technology, economic conditions, energy prices and government legislation will affect the long term predictions.







Climate Change & Global Warming

Reference Books:

- 1. Global Warming by *L.D. Danny Harvey*, Prentice Hall, 2000.
- 2. Atmospheric Pollution by *Mark Z. Jacobson*, Cambridge University Press, 2002
- 3. Climate Change, 2001






Homework

- Consider a typical 2000 sq.ft home in Florida with major appliances such as 25 cu.ft refrigerator, washer, drier, air-conditioning unit along with the traditional lighting system. Estimate the annual electricity consumption in terms of kWh.
- Suggest means by which you can reduce the electricity consumption by half with out significant life style changes.







The Climate System

Components of the climate system:

- The atmosphere
- Oceans
- Biosphere
- Cryosphere (ice & snow)
- Lithosphere (Earth's crust)

External forcing:

- Sun
- Volcanic eruptions

Originating from inside the earth but they are external in a system sense - they influence but are not influenced by the climate system. They influence climate system through the injection of sulphur gases into the stratosphere which are transformed chemically into sulphate aerosols that have cooling effect on climate and through the emissions of CO_2





Global Climate System Components







The Climate System: Energy and Mass Flows

Energy and matter links the different components of the climate system. Energy flows : Solar and infrared radiation

Sensible heat

Latent heat (related to the evaporation and condensation of water vapor or freezing and melting of ice)

Transfer of momentum between the ocean and atmosphere

Mass flows: Water, carbon, sulphur and nutrients such as phosphorus and nitrate (NO_3^-)

The behavior of the climate system depends on the nature of the energy flow and mass flows change as the system changes and vice versa.

The time scales with which the system responds to changes in the mass and energy flows are important.







Layers of the Atmosphere

Tropopause

260

240

Temperature (K)



10

0

180

200

220





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12

55

265

300

1,013

Troposphere

280

ressure

(mb

Major Global Environmental issues

• Global stratospheric ozone (O₃) Reduction

(Reference: D.W. Fahey, http://www.epa.gov/ozone/science/index.html)

Global warming







Global stratospheric ozone (O₃) Reduction



Ozone is a gas that is naturally present in our atmosphere at a concentration of 12,000 ozone molecules for every billion air molecules. About 90% of all ozone molecules in the atmosphere reside in the stratosphere and the rest reside in troposphere.

While ozone molecules near the earth's surface are quite harmful to life, they however, shield the earth from harmful ultraviolet (UV) radiation. Hence, absorption of ultraviolet (UV) radiation (UV portion of the solar spectrum) by ozone is critical for sustainable life on earth.

Oxides of nitrogen (NO and NO_2) destroy ozone, primarily in the upper stratosphere.

Between 1979 and 2000, the global stratospheric ozone decreased approximately by 3.5%. These reductions are well correlated with increase in anthropogenic chlorine compounds (chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs)) in the stratosphere – hence the current ban on their utilization.



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Ozone Formation in the Atmosphere



Green plants produce oxygen using sunlight via photosynthesis

Break apart of an oxygen molecule (O_2) by ultraviolet radiation from the Sun

In the lower atmosphere (troposphere) ozone is formed in a different set of chemical reactions involving hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxide gases. Fossil fuel combustion is a primary pollution source for tropospheric ozone (bad ozone) production. It is too small and the surface production ozone does not significantly contribute to the abundance of stratospheric ozone (good ozone). In humans. Ozone exposure can reduce lung capacity.

Reduction of ozone in the lower atmosphere is desirable

Increasing ozone in stratosphere is necessary for sustainable future





Ozone Distribution over the Globe

Global Satellite Maps of Total Ozone





Total amount of ozone above the surface of Earth varies with location on time scales that range from daily to seasonal. The variations are caused by stratospheric winds and the chemical production and destruction of ozone. Total ozone is generally lowest at the equator and highest near the poles because of seasonal wind patterns in the stratosphere.

Ozone values are reported in Dobson units (DU). Typical values vary from 200 and 500 DU. A total ozone value of 500 DU is equivalent to a layer of pure ozone gas on earth's surface having a thickness of 5 mm.







Principle Steps in the Depletion of Stratospheric Ozone

Emissions Halogen source gases are emitted at Earth's surface by human activities and natural processes.

Accumulation Halogen source gases accumulate in the atmosphere and are distributed throughout the lower atmosphere by winds and other air motions.

Transport Halogen source gases are transported to the stratosphere by air motions.

Conversion

Most halogen source gases are converted in the stratosphere to reactive halogen gases in chemical reactions involving ultraviolet radiation from the Sun.

Chemical reaction

Reactive halogen gases cause chemical depletion of stratospheric total ozone over the globe except at tropical latitudes.

Polar stratospheric clouds increase ozone depletion by reactive halogen gases, causing severe ozone loss in polar regions in winter and spring.

Removal

Air containing **reactive halogen gases** returns to the troposphere and these gases are removed from the air by moisture in clouds and rain. Halogen source gases: Manufactured gases containing chlorine (CFC's) or bromine

Table Q7-1. Atmospheric lifetimes, emissions, and Ozone Depletion Potentials of halogen source gases.^a

Halogen Source Gas	Lifetime (years)	Global Emissions in 2000 (gigagrams per year) ^b	Ozone Depletion Potential (ODP)
Chlorine			
CFC-12	100	130-160	1
CFC-113	85	10-25	1
CFC-11	45	70-110	1
Carbon	26	70-90	0.73
tetrachloride			
HCFCs	1-26	340-370	0.02-0.12
Methyl chloroform	ı 5	~20	0.12
Methyl chloride	1.3	3000-4000	0.02
Bromine			
Halon-1301	65	~3	12
Halon-1211	16	~10	б
Methyl bromide	0.7	160-200	0.38
Very short-lived	Less	c	c
gases	than 1		

a Includes both human activities and natural sources.

b 1 gigagram = 10⁹ grams = 1000 metric tons.

No reliable estimate available.





Ozone Hole

Antarctic Ozone Hole



Figure Q11-1. Antarctic "ozone hole." Total ozone values are shown for high southern latitudes as measured by a satellite instrument. The dark regions over the Antarctic continent show the severe ozone depletion now found in every spring. Minimum values of total ozone inside the ozone hole are close to 100 Dobson units (DU) compared with normal springtime values of about 300 DU (see *Q4*). In late spring or early summer (November-December) the ozone hole disappears as ozone-depleted air is displaced and diluted by ozone-rich air from outside the ozone hole.









2003 Ozone Hole

A polar stratospheric cloud appears above Australia's Mawson Antarctic base this undated handout picture. in Australian scientists warn the ozone hole over the ice continent could grow to a record size in 2003 due to colder stratospheric temperatures, which result in the formation of clouds, that convert inert man-made gases into ozone destroying chemicals. (Reuters - Handout - August 22,2003)

Ozone is a protective layer in the atmosphere that shields the Earth from the sun's rays, in particular ultraviolet-B radiation that can cause skin cancer, cataracts and can harm marine life. In 2000, NASA said the ozone hole expanded to a record 10.9 million square miles, three times the size of Australia or the United States, excluding Alaska.











Past and Future of Atmospheric Halogen Source Gases



Figure Q16-1. Halogen source gas changes. The rise in effective stratospheric chlorine values in the 20th century has slowed and reversed in the last decade (top panel). Effective chlorine values combine the measured or projected abundances of chlorine-containing gases with those of brominecontaining gases in a way that properly accounts for the greater effectiveness of bromine in depleting stratospheric ozone. As effective chlorine decreases in the 21st century, the potential for ozone depletion from halogen gases will also decrease. The decrease in effective chlorine values is a result of reductions in individual halogen source gas emissions. The emissions decreased because of the Montreal Protocol, which restricts production and consumption of manufactured halogen gases. The changes in the atmospheric abundance of individual gases are shown in the lower panels using a combination of direct atmospheric measurements, estimates of historical abundance, and future projections of abundance. The increases of CFCs, along with those of CCl, and CH₃CCl₃, have either slowed significantly or reversed in the last decade. HCFCs, which are being used as CFC substitutes, will continue to increase in the coming decades. Some halon abundances will also grow in the future while current halon reserves are being depleted. Smaller relative decreases are expected for CH₃Br in response to restrictions because it has substantial natural sources. CH₂CI has large natural sources and is not regulated under the Montreal Protocol. (See Figure Q7-1 for chemical names and formulas. The unit "parts per trillion" is defined in the caption of Figure Q7-1.)





Ozone Depletion & Climate Change



Ozone is a "greenhouse gas" along with carbon dioxide (CO_2) , methane (CH_4) and nitrous oxide (N_2O) . The accumulation of these gases changes the radiative balance (between the incoming solar radiation and outgoing infrared radiation) of Earth's atmosphere.

Greenhouse gases generally change the balance by absorbing outgoing radiation, leading to a warming at Earth's surface.

The change in earth's radiative balance is called radiative forcing of climate change.







Global Mean Energy Balance









Ozone Depletion & Climate Change

Figure Q18-1. Climate change from atmospheric gas changes. Human activities since 1750 have caused increases in the abundances of several long-lived gases, changing the radiative balance of Earth's atmosphere. These gases, known as "greenhouse gases," result in radiative forcings, which can lead to climate change. The largest radiative forcings come from carbon dioxide, followed by methane, tropospheric ozone, the halogen-containing gases (see Figure Q7-1), and nitrous oxide. Ozone increases in the troposphere result from pollution associated with human activities. All these forcings are positive, which leads to a warming of Earth's surface. In contrast, stratospheric ozone depletion represents a small negative forcing, which leads to

Radiative Forcing of Climate Change from Atmospheric Gas Changes (1750-2000)



cooling of Earth's surface. In the coming decades, halogen gas abundances and stratospheric ozone depletion are expected to be reduced along with their associated radiative forcings. The link between these two forcing terms is an important aspect of the radiative forcing of climate change.

Recovery of global ozone

Changes in stratospheric and tropospheric ozone represent radiative forcing of climate change.

Certain changes in Earth's climate could affect the future of the ozone layer.







Natural Greenhouse Effect

Warming of the Earth's lower atmosphere due to natural gases that transmit the Sun's visible radiation, but absorb and reemit the Earth's thermal-IR radiation.

The atmosphere allows a large percentage of the rays of visible light from the Sun to reach the Earth's surface and heat it.

A part of this energy is reradiated by the Earth's surface in the form of long-wave infrared radiation, much of which is absorbed by molecules of carbon dioxide and water vapor in the atmosphere and which is reflected back to the surface as heat.

The trapping of this infrared radiation causes the Earth's surface and lower atmospheric layers to warm to a higher temperature than would otherwise be the case.

Without this greenhouse heating, the Earth's average temperature would be only about 255 K, about 18K below the freezing temperature of water and would not support most life on Earth.

Owing to the rise in atmospheric carbon dioxide caused by modern industrial societies' widespread combustion of fossil fuels (coal, oil, and natural gas), the greenhouse effect on Earth may be intensified and long-term climatic changes may result.







Total energy emitted by the Sun:

$$4\pi R_P^2 F_P$$

Total energy emitted by the Sun per unit time passing through a sphere of radius R_{es} (Earth-Sun distance): $4 \pi R_{\rho s}^2 F_s = 4 \pi R_{\rho}^2 F_p$

Incoming Solar Radiation

Sun emits radiation with an effective temperature of about $T_P = 5785$ K (photosphere temperature)

The energy flux (watts/ m²) emitted by the Sun (Stefan-Boltzmann law):

$$F_P = \mathcal{E}_P \sigma_B T_P^4$$

we emissivity = 1 5.67 x 10⁻⁸ W m⁻² K⁻⁴

$$F_{s} = \left(\frac{R_{P}}{R_{S}}\right)^{2} \sigma_{B} T_{P}^{4}$$

 $F_{S} = 1,365 W/m^{2}$

Solar constant







Incoming Solar Radiation

Taking into account the cross-sectional area of the Earth and the Earth's albedo (A_e), the total energy per unit time absorbed by the Earth in a simple energy balance model:

 $E_{in} = F_{S} (1 - A_{e}) (\pi R_{e}^{2})$ $R_{e} = 6.378 \times 10^{6} m$

Table 12.1. Solar Albedos and Thermal-IR Emissivities for Several Surface Types

Surface Type	Albedo (Fraction)	Emissivity (Fraction)
Earth and atmosphere	0.3	0.90-0.98
Liquid water	0.05-0.2	0.92-0.96
Fresh snow	0.7-0.9	0.82-0.995
Old snow	0.35-0.65	0.82
Thick clouds	0.3-0.9	0.25-1.0
Thin clouds	0.2-0.7	0.1-0.9
Sea ice	0.25-0.4	0.96
Soil	0.05-0.2	0.9–0.98
Grass	0.16-0.26	0.9–0.95
Desert	0.20-0.40	0.84-0.91
Forest	0.10-0.25	0.95-0.97
Concrete	0.1-0.35	0.71-0.9







Outgoing Thermal-IR Radiation

The energy flux emitted by the earth: $E_{out} = \varepsilon_e \sigma_B T_e^4 (4 \pi R_e^2)$

The globally averaged emissivity of Earth = $0.9 \sim 0.98$ (assumed as one)

Equilibrium temperature of the Earth's surface $= T_e$

Equilibrium Temperature of the Earth:

Incoming solar radiation = outgoing thermal-IR radiation

$$T_e = \left[\frac{F_s(1-A_e)}{4\varepsilon_e\sigma_B}\right]^{\frac{1}{4}}$$

 $F_{S} = 1365 \text{ W/m}^{2}; A_{e} = 0.3$ $T_{e} = 254.8 \text{ K}$







Natural Greenhouse Effect & Global warming

Equilibrium temperature of the Earth = 255 K

Actual globally averaged near-surface air temperature: 288 K

The difference of 33 K is attributed to the presence of atmosphere that is transparent to most incoming solar radiation but selectively absorbs a portion of the outgoing thermal-IR radiation.

Some of the absorbed radiation is reemitted back to the surface, warming the surface.

The resulting 33 K increase over the equilibrium temperature of the earth is called the *natural greenhouse effect*

Global warming is the increase in Earth's temperature above the natural greenhouse effect temperature as a result of the emission of anthropogenic greenhouse gases and particulate black carbon.







Natural Greenhouse Effect & Global warming

Table 12.3. Estimated Percentages of Natural Greenhouse Effect and Global Warming						
Temperature Changes Due to Greenhouse Gases and Particulate Black Carbon						
since the mid-1800s						
Compound Name	Formula	Current Total Tropospheric Mixing Ratio (ppmv) or Loading (Tg)	Natural Percentage of Current Total Mixing Ratio or Loading	Anthropogenic Percentage of Current Total Mixing Ratio or Loading	Percentage of Natural Greenhouse Effect Temperature Change Due to Component	Percentage of Global Warming Temperature Change Due to Component
Water vapor	H ₂ O(g)	10,000	>99	<1	88.9	0
Carbon dioxide	CO ₂ (g)	370	75.7	24.3	7.5	48.6
Carbon dioxide Black carbon (BC)	CO ₂ (g) C(s)	370 0.15–0.3 Tg	75.7 10	24.3 90	7.5 0.2	48.6 16.4
Carbon dioxide Black carbon (BC) Methanc	CO ₂ (g) C(s) CH ₄ (g)	370 0.15–0.3 Tg 1.8	75.7 10 39	24.3 90 61	7.5 0.2 0.5	48.6 16.4 14.0
Carbon dioxide Black carbon (BC) Methanc Ozone	CO ₂ (g) C(s) CH ₄ (g) O ₃ (g)	370 0.15–0.3 Tg 1.8 0.02–0.07	75.7 10 39 50-100	24.3 90 61 0–50	7.5 0.2 0.5 1.1	48.6 16.4 14.0 11.9
Carbon dioxide Black carbon (BC) Methanc Ozone Nitrous oxide	CO ₂ (g) C(s) CH ₄ (g) O ₃ (g) N ₂ O(g)	370 0.15-0.3 Tg 1.8 0.02-0.07 0.314	75.7 10 39 50-100 87.6	24.3 90 61 0-50 12.4	7.5 0.2 0.5 1.1 1.5	48.6 16.4 14.0 11.9 4.2
Carbon dioxide Black carbon (BC) Methanc Ozone Nitrous oxide Methyl chloride	$CO_2(g)$ C(s) $CH_4(g)$ $O_3(g)$ $N_2O(g)$ $CH_3CI(g)$	370 0.15-0.3 Tg 1.8 0.02-0.07 0.314 0.0006	75.7 10 39 50-100 87.6 100	24.3 90 61 0-50 12.4 0	7.5 0.2 0.5 1.1 1.5 0.3	48.6 16.4 14.0 11.9 4.2 0
Carbon dioxide Black carbon (BC) Methanc Ozone Nitrous oxide Methyl chloride CFC-11	$CO_2(g)$ C(s) $CH_4(g)$ $O_3(g)$ $N_2O(g)$ $CH_3CI(g)$ $CFCI_3(g)$	370 0.15-0.3 Tg 1.8 0.02-0.07 0.314 0.0006 0.00027	75.7 10 39 50-100 87.6 100 0	24.3 90 61 0-50 12.4 0 100	7.5 0.2 0.5 1.1 1.5 0.3 0	48.6 16.4 14.0 11.9 4.2 0 1.8
Carbon dioxide Black carbon (BC) Methanc Ozone Nitrous oxide Methyl chloride CFC-11 CFC-12	$CO_2(g)$ C(s) $CH_4(g)$ $O_3(g)$ $N_2O(g)$ $CH_3CI(g)$ $CFCI_3(g)$ $CF_2CI_2(g)$	370 0.15-0.3 Tg 1.8 0.02-0.07 0.314 0.0006 0.00027 0.00054	75.7 10 39 50-100 87.6 100 0 0	24.3 90 61 0-50 12.4 0 100 100	7.5 0.2 0.5 1.1 1.5 0.3 0 0	48.6 16.4 14.0 11.9 4.2 0 1.8 4.2
Carbon dioxide Black carbon (BC) Methanc Ozone Nitrous oxide Methyl chloride CFC-11 CFC-12 HCFC-22	$CO_2(g)$ C(s) $CH_4(g)$ $O_3(g)$ $N_2O(g)$ $CH_3CI(g)$ $CFCI_3(g)$ $CF_2CI_2(g)$ $CF_2CI_2(g)$	370 0.15-0.3 Tg 1.8 0.02-0.07 0.314 0.0006 0.00027 0.00054 0.00013	75.7 10 39 50-100 87.6 100 0 0 0	24.3 90 61 0-50 12.4 0 100 100 100	7.5 0.2 0.5 1.1 1.5 0.3 0 0 0 0	48.6 16.4 14.0 11.9 4.2 0 1.8 4.2 0.6















Climate & Atmospheric History of the Past 420,000 years





Ref: Climate and atmospheric history of the past 420,000 years from the Vostok ice core, Antarctica, J.R. Petit et.al, Nature, 399, 3, June 1999, 429 - 436.





Climate & Atmospheric History of the Past 420,000 years

Salient Observations:

Climate has almost always been in state of change with stable bounds.

 $\rm CO_2$ and $\rm CH_4$ concentrations changes are similar for each 100 kyr glacial cycle. They are strongly correlated with Antarctic temperatures.

The bounds (lowest and highest values) of major transitions are associated with glacial and interglacial transitions. *(Milankovitch cycles - caused by gravitational attraction between planets of the solar system and Earth due to changes in the eccentricity of the Earth's orbit, obliquity of the Earth's axis and precession of the Earth's axis of rotation.)*

Bounds of CO₂ : 180 to 280 - 300 ppmv

Bounds of CH_4 : 350 to 650-770 ppbv

Present day levels:

 CO_2 : ~ 365 - 385^{*} ppmv; CH_4 : ~1,700 ppbv



The data supports the idea that greenhouse gases have contributed significantly to the glacial-interglacial change.

* 2004 data, Greenhouse gas jumps spurs global warming fears. Reuters, October 11, 2004; 2ppm per year for the last two years as opposed to 1.5 ppm per year recent trend.









Year



Fossil fuel burning and cement production

CO₂ Concentrations





GHG's Concentrations







Global Temperature Change







Annual Mean Change of the Temperature





At the time of CO₂ doubling





Global Carbon Cycle









Global Carbon Equation

Atmospheric increase = Emissions from fossil fuels+Net emissions from changes in land use-Oceanic uptake-Missing carbon sink

3.2 $(\pm 0.2)=6.3 (\pm 0.4)+2.2 (\pm 0.8)-2.4 (\pm 0.7)-2.9 (\pm 1.1)$ in PgC One Pg (pentagram) = one billion metric tones= 10^{12} kg









World Energy-Related CO₂ Emissions









World Energy-Related CO₂ Emissions by Fossil Fuel Type









World CO₂ Emissions

Average CO₂ emissions per unit primary energy consumed



In 1998, the US released 5.4 tonnes of carbon per capita, European countries averaged around 1.9 tonnes and Africa emitted 0.3 tonnes.

CO₂ Emissions from Fossil fuel combustion (Gg) - 2002 % Change from 1990 USA 6,175,900 16%

Germany	875,600	-13%
China	334,200	39%
India	104,000	72%







BBC News: September 1, 2004

Governments should consider setting lower targets for levels of CO2 in the atmosphere and investigate ways to extract surplus amounts of the greenhouse gas from circulation, say climate scientists.

Before the industrial revolution, the level of CO2 in the atmosphere was around 280 parts per million by volume (ppmv) but that has risen to around 380ppmv due to our burning of fossil fuels.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change is focusing its efforts on emission scenarios that lead to concentrations of no less than 450ppmv while the UK government is working towards a concentration target of around double pre-industrial levels, at 550ppmv.

If concentrations stabilize at 550ppmv, the corresponding global average temperature rise brought about by the greenhouse effect could still be as high as 5.5C, sufficient to melt the Greenland Ice Sheet and prompt a rise in sea level of six meters.



Scientists have watched as the melting of Greenland's ice has accelerated







Summary

The renewed look at the Sustainable Energy results from two irrefutable reasons:

The supplies of fossil and mineral resources are limited.

The process in which these resources are used in energy services damage and even destroy those limited planetary resources on which our lives depend: water, land and atmosphere.

We are becoming a culture of amnesia and strategically dependent on fossil energy.

Strategy: Energy from solar sources - Solar Strategy






Signs from Earth*

"Carbon Dioxide Levels Rise; Oceans Warm; Glaciers Melt; sea Level Rises,; Ice Shelves Collapse; Droughts Linger; Precipitation Increases; Winter looses its Bite; Spring Arrives Earlier; Autumn Comes Later; Habitats Change; Birds Nest Earlier; Coral Reefs Bleach; Snowpacks Decline; Coastline Erode: Temperatures Spike at High Altitudes"

Not a belief but a scientific Fact



