OUR FUTURE

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Perceptions

Exploration – Dead

•Alternative Sources
Replacing Fossil Fuels

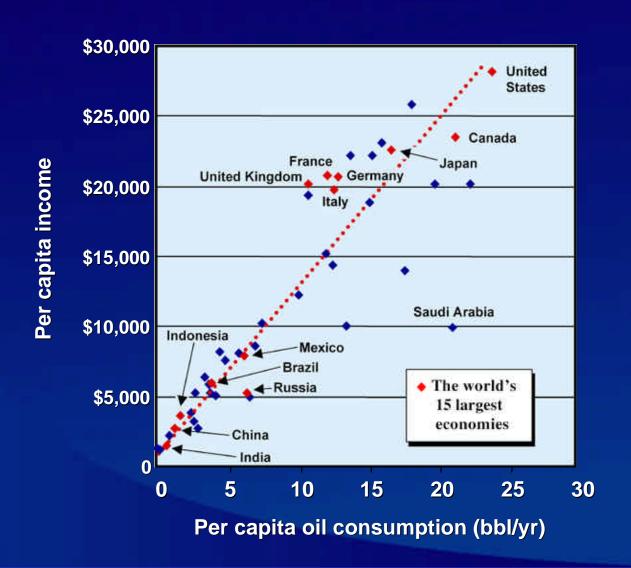
Running Out of Fossil Fuels

Key Questions:

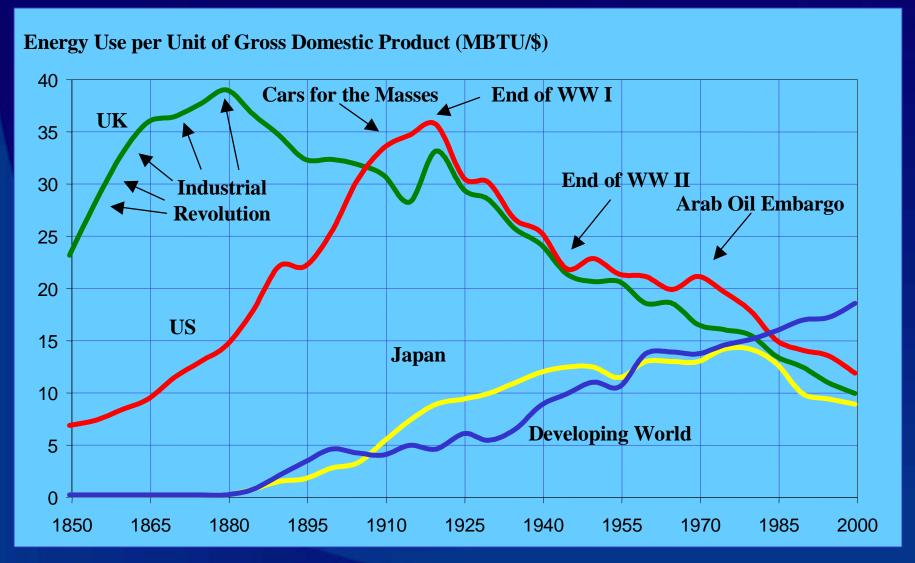
•What will be the primary **ENERGY SOURCE** in the future?

•Who is going to be looking for NEW reserves in the future?

Energy Consumption as an Indicator of the Wealth of Nations



Energy Consumption per Dollar of GDP



Will Our Pattern of Energy Use Change?

Current Worldwide Consumption:

•Oil 40%

•Natural Gas 24%

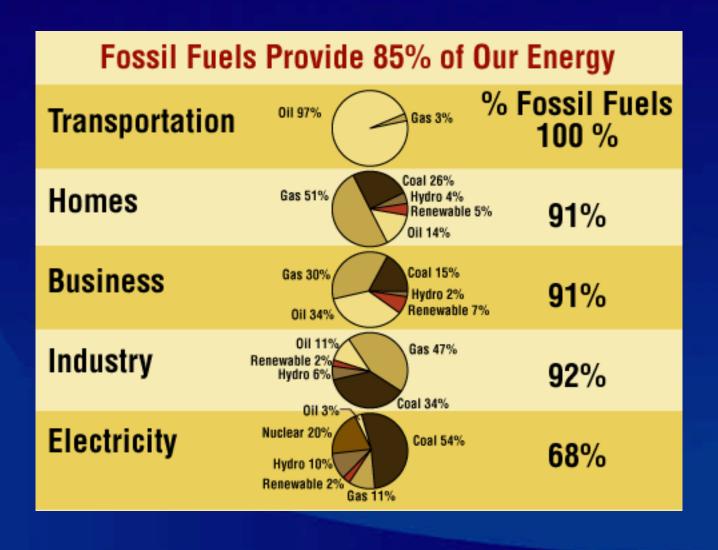
•Coal 22%

•Nuclear 7%

•Renewables 7%

- •We rely on hydrocarbons today and "alternative sources" provide for only a small part of our needs
- Economics and Technology will determine the future

US Consumption Similar to Worldwide Pattern



The New Energy Economy

- Wood (1800s)
- Coal
- Oil
- Natural Gas
- Hydrogen (envisioned)

Carbon content:
High

Medium

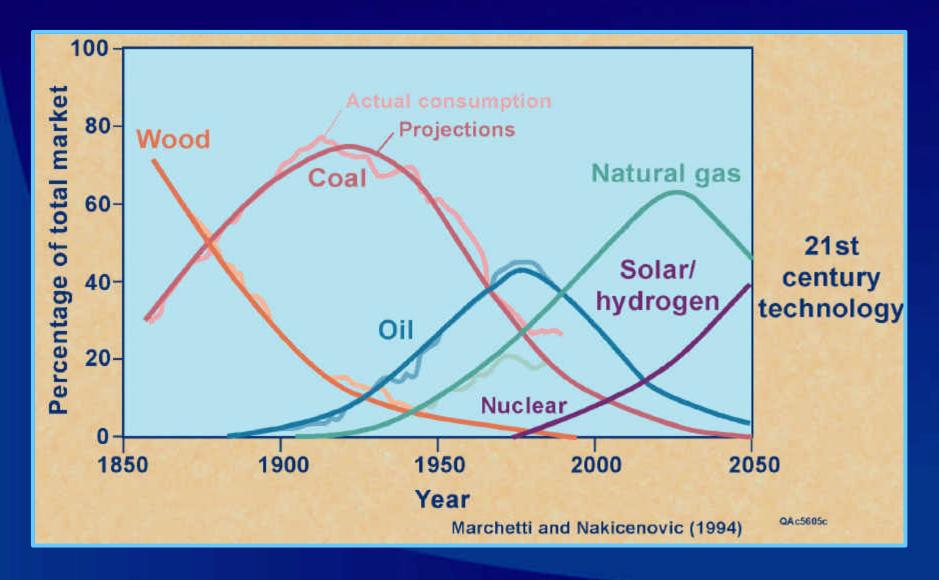
Low
(Zero)

Increasing:

- Cleanliness
- Energy intensity
- Technological sophistication

The emerging "hydrogen economy" better characterized as a "fuel cell economy" that will run on natural gas--i.e. a "natural gas economy"

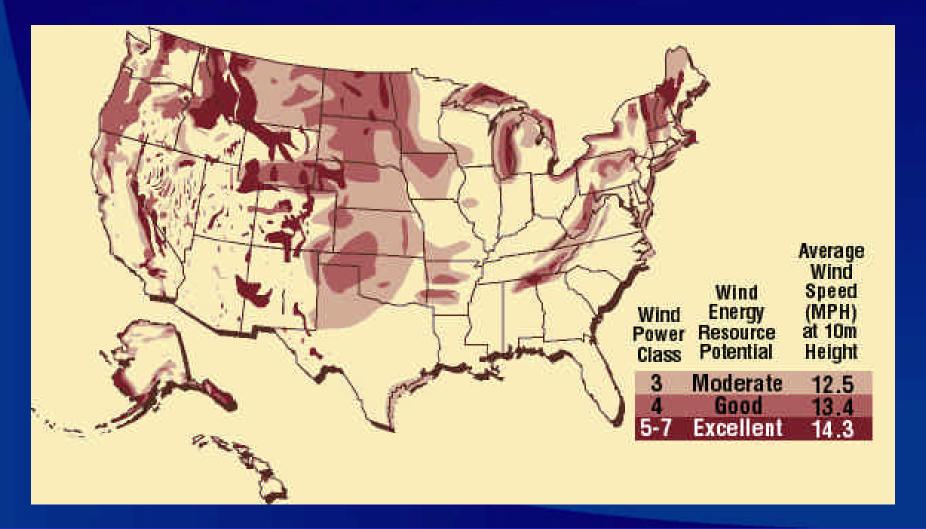
Energy Sources Through Time



Wind Energy

- The most frequently mentioned renewable source of energy is wind power.
- The critical problem with wind power is the overwhelming dependence on geography.

A Map of Average Wind Power in the United States



Solar Energy

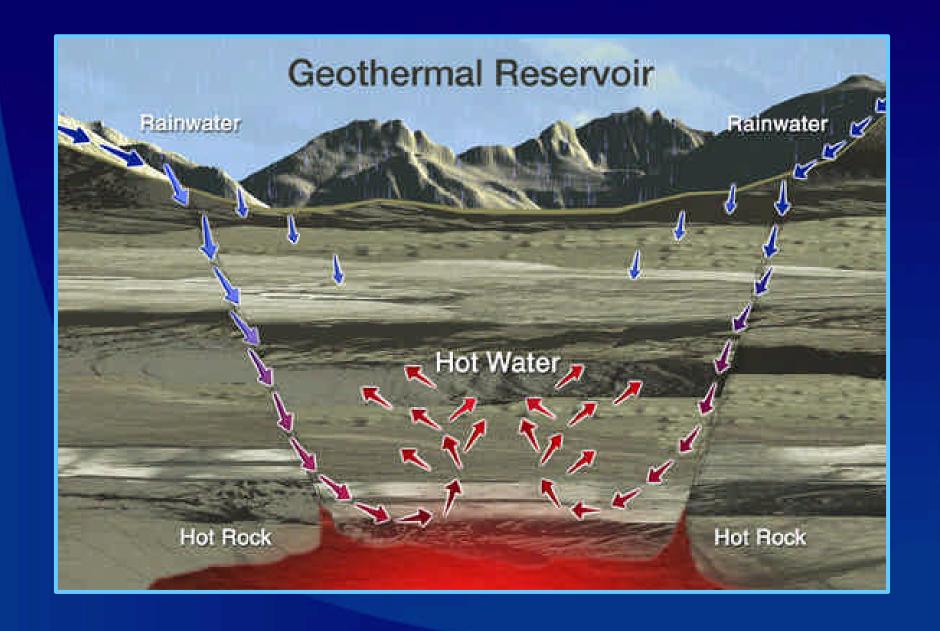
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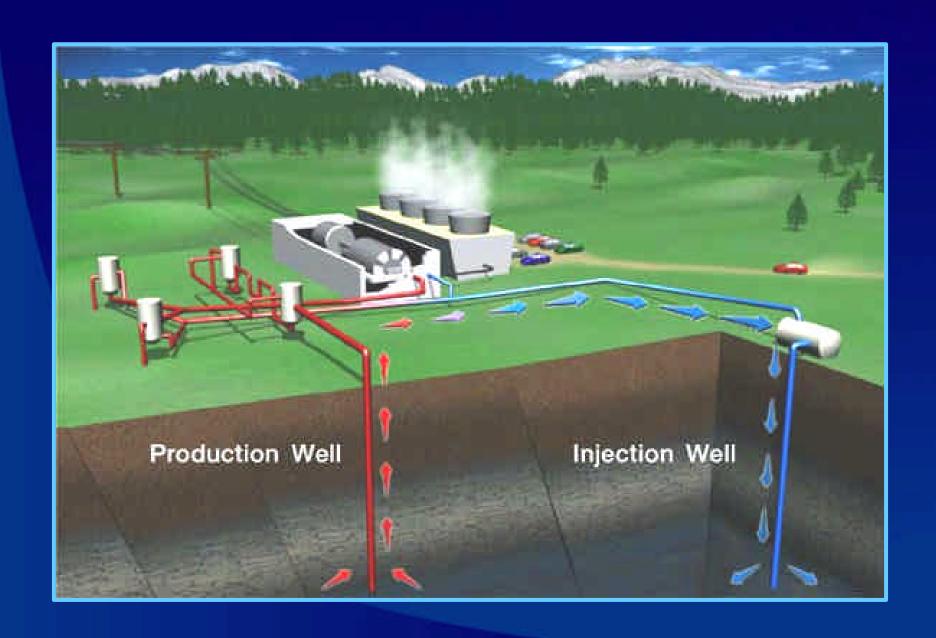
- Two types of solar energy have been envisioned, direct thermal uses for homes and office buildings, and power generation. The first is obvious; the second is far more complex and challenging.
- Highly diffuse form of energy.

Average Daily Solar Radiation in the United States

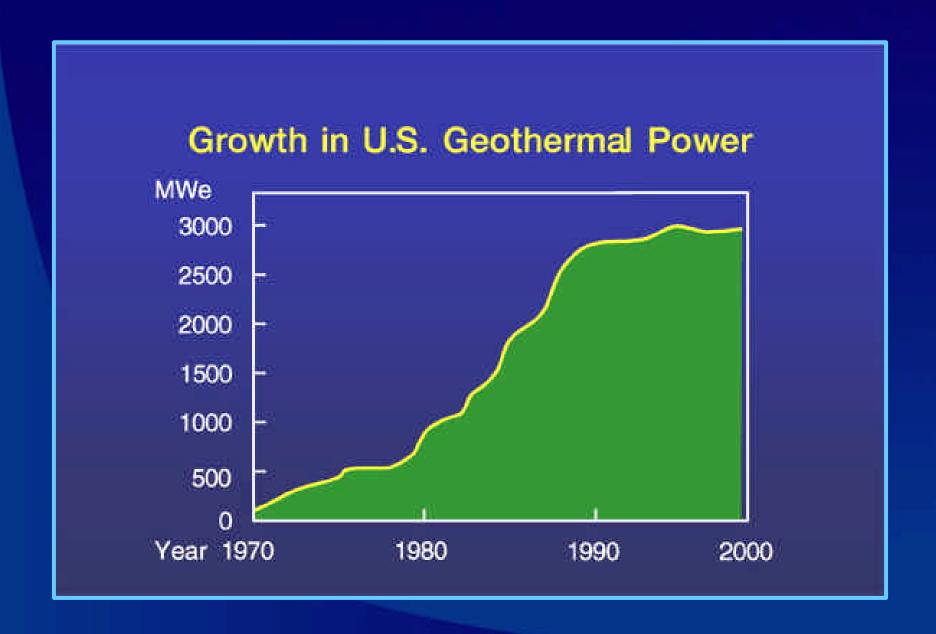


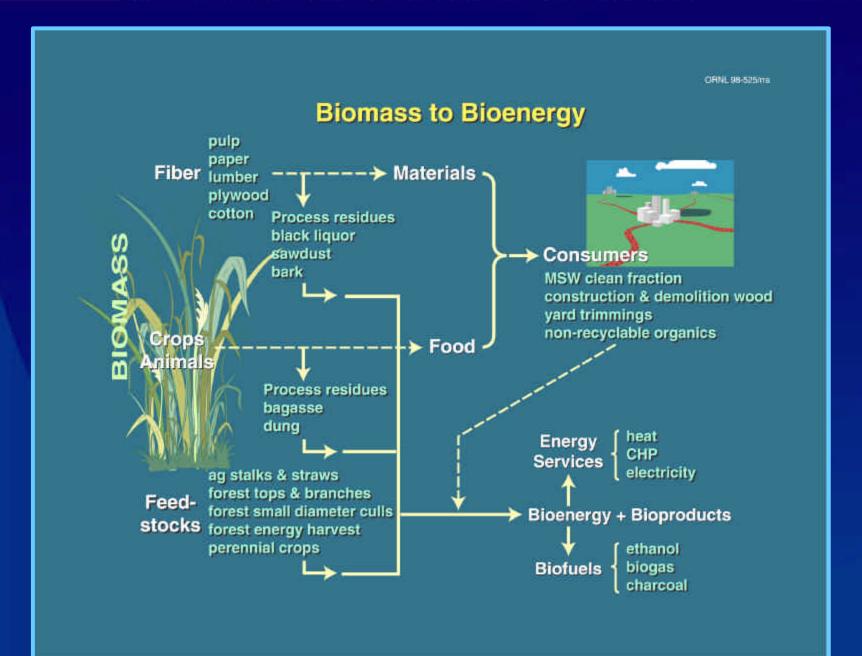
Geothermal Energy





U.S. Geothermal Potential Geothermal Heat Pumps **Direct Uses** Power Plants and Direct Uses





Other Energy Sources

China's Magnetic-Levitation Train



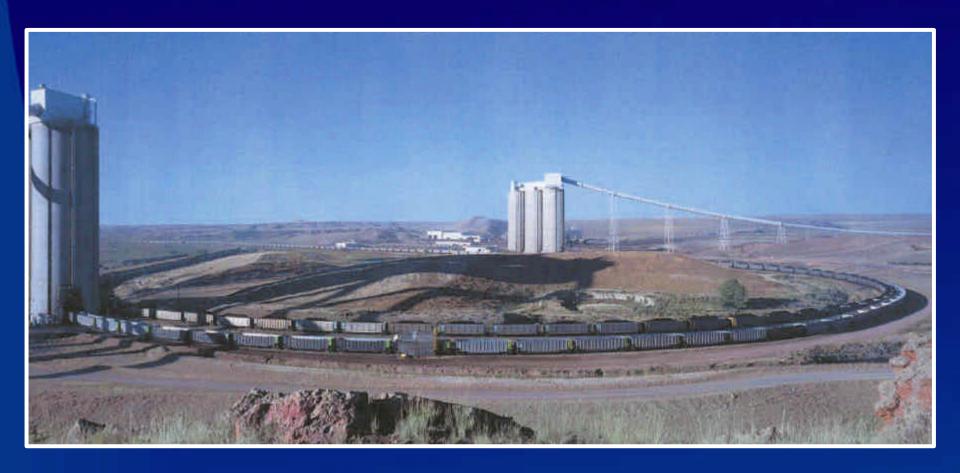
Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant



South Texas Nuclear Power Plant



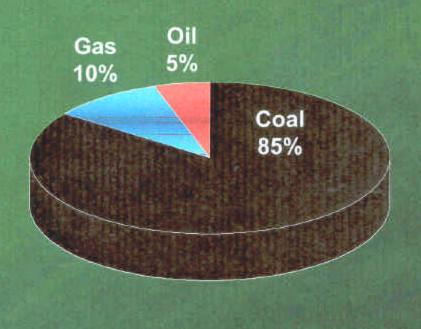
Coal is America's Most Abundant Energy Source



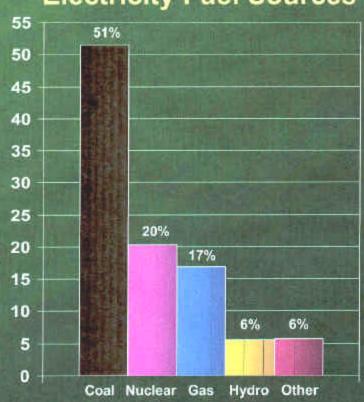
Peabody's 75 Million Ton-Per-Year North Antelope Rochelle Mine

Coal & Gas: 95% of U.S. Resources, 68% of Electricity

U.S. Fuel Resources



Electricity Fuel Sources



Ultimately recoverable demonstrated reserves on Btu basis.

Source: USGS, National Assessment of United States Oil & Gas Resources; U.S. Coal Reserves; Energy Information Administration Monthly Energy Review, March 2002, calendar year 2001 data.

Hydrogen is Everywhere

- But it has to be Extracted from Fossil Fuels (Natural Gas) or water
- In short, you need Energy to get Energy

"Making Hydrogen with fossil fuels and Nuclear Power is like making a nicotine patch that's carcinogenic"

-- Dan Becker - Sierra Club

Fuel Cell Coleman Powermate "Air Gen"





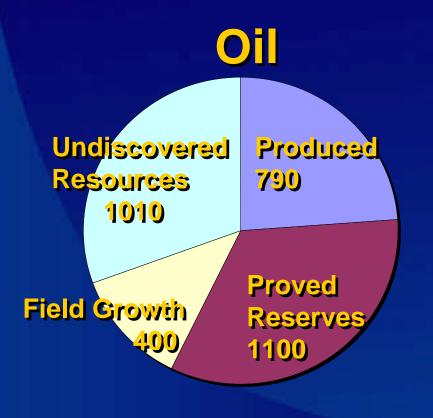
Is the World Running out of Oil and Gas?

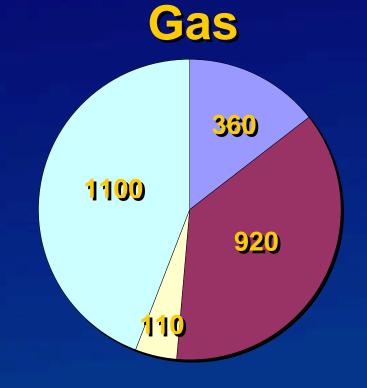
From "known sources" alone, the world may have 8 to 9 decades of oil and gas available

There are reasons to suggest that this time frame is too conservative

World's Ultimate Recovery of Oil and Natural Gas (1997)

(Billions of Barrels or equivalent)





3,300

2,490

Does the world have enough resources?

Each day the world consumes:

- •78 million barrels of oil
- •275 bcf of gas (47 million barrels oil equivalent)

At current consumption levels, from Proved Reserves and Field Growth alone

- Oil supply can last for 53 years
- •and Gas supply for 60 years

If even half the "undiscovered resources" are eventually converted to "proven reserves," oil can last for 71 years and gas for 92 years

Potential in "Unconventional" Resources

Although "Heavy Oil" and "Tar Sands" have been included In "Resources" in the past, new technology and current economics are moving large volumes to "Reserves"

- In 2002, Oil and Gas Journal added 175 billion barrels to Canadian reserves from Athabascan sands.
 Canada now has more reserves than Iraq.
- The Orinoco heavy sands in Venezuela may also have as much oil as the Canadian sands

Suncor Energy

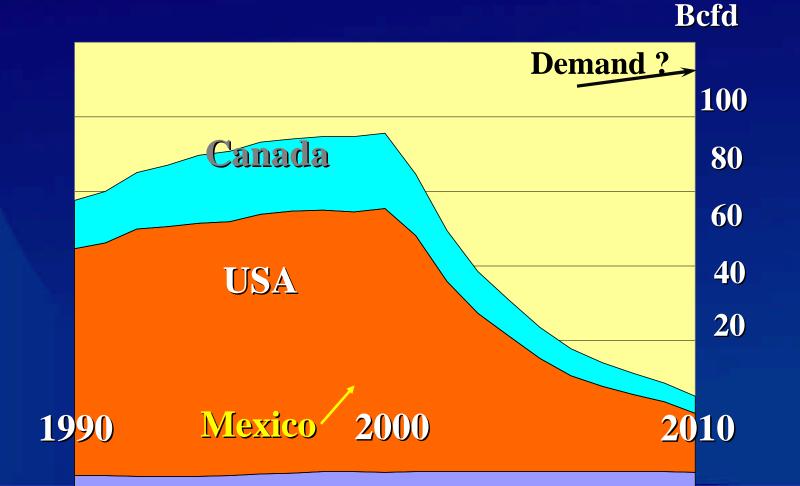


NATURAL GAS PROVED RESERVES Year End 2000 (trillion cubic feet)

Country	Amount	% of Total
Russia	1,700	32.1
Iran	812	15.3
Qatar	394	7.4
Saudi Arabia	214	4.0
U.A.E.	212	4.0
United States	167	3.2
Algeria	160	3.0
Venezuela	147	2.8
Nigeria	124	2.3
Iraq	110	2.1
Turkmenistan	101	1.9
Malaysia	82	1.5
All others	<u>1,081</u>	<u>20.4</u>
Total	5,304	100.0

Source: BP Statistical Review of World Energy, June 2001.

N. America Gas Supply Without Any Drilling or Development



Various Forecasts of U.S. Natural Gas Consumption

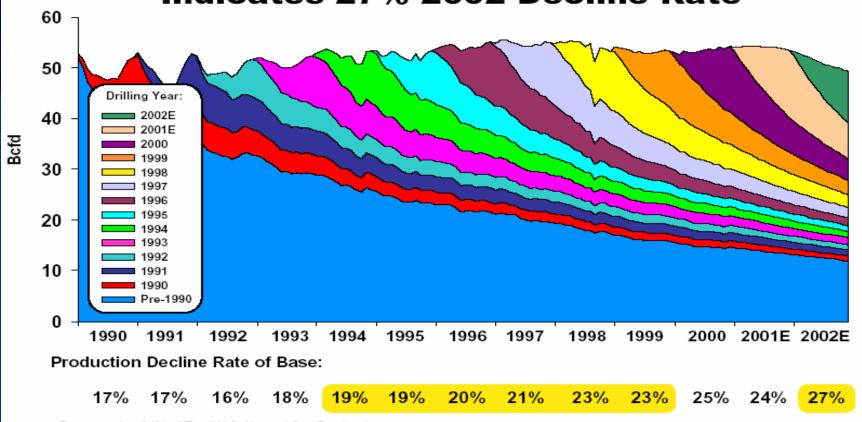
	1999	2000	2003	2008	2010	2015	
NPC/DOE	21.5 59	22.1	Tcf Bcfd		27.7	30.6 82	"Low"
CERA	21.5 59				30.0 82		"Mid"
Bernard		21.9 60		30.0 82			
El Paso		21.9 60	"p	 lus 25 Bs" 	31.0 85		
Duke	21.5 59	"200,000 :	megawatts of ne the next 12 y	l lew generation ov years"	ver 32.0 88		
Economides/ Oligney		21.9 60	26.5 72.5		32.9 90		"High"
Simmons		21.9 60			40.0 146		

Age of Energy Gases

- Natural gas will rise toward global predominance of the energy markets.
- It will provide a natural transition to the hydrogen economy.
- Hydrogen-based economy will provide for environmentally sustainable economic growth.

Accelerating US Decline Rates





^{*} Representing 94% of Total U.S. Natural Gas Production
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Unconventional Gas Classification

- Tight Gas Sands
- Coalbed Methane
- Devonian Shale
- Natural Gas Hydrates

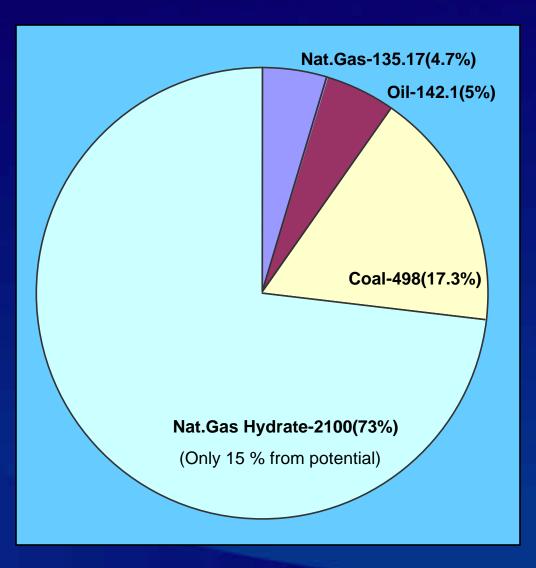
The first three are produced today. Natural gas hydrates, with perhaps the largest volume in place form a considerable future challenge.

Gas Hydrate Resource May Extend the Supply for a Very Long Time

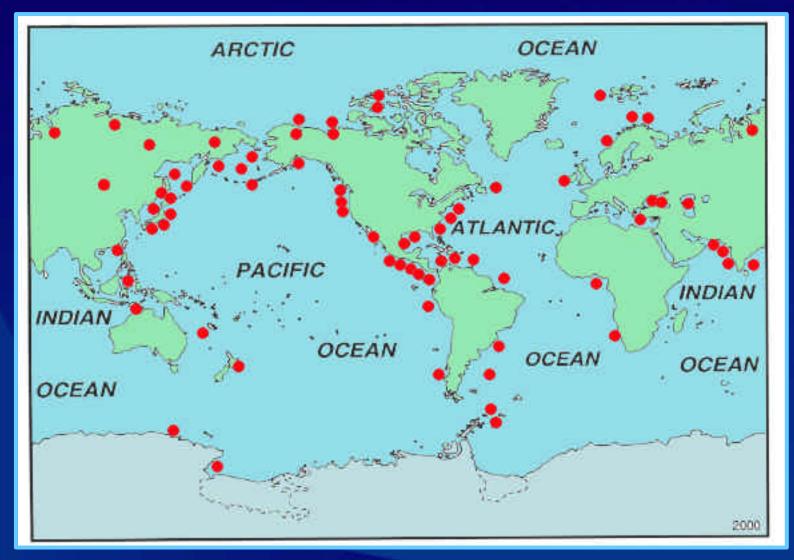
•World's resource of gas hydrates may be as much as **700,000** trillion cubic feet. Production technology does not yet exist but no reason to believe that it would not be there in 25 to 30 years

But it is never too early to plan for transition.....

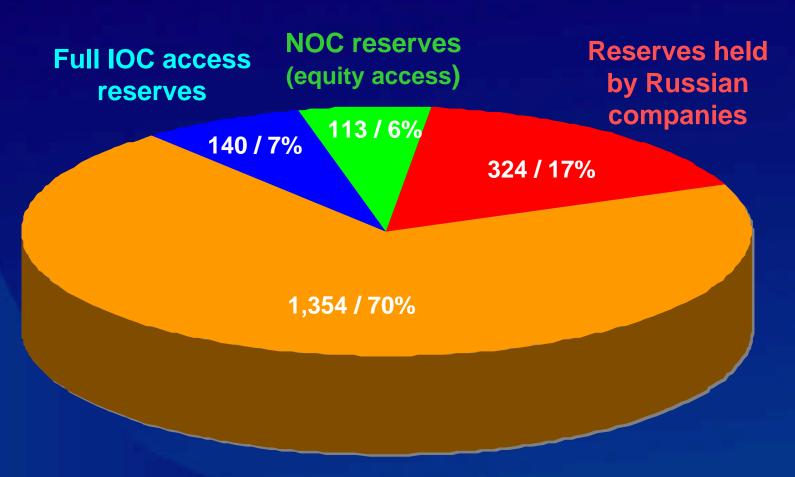
Resources of Mineral Energy



Map of discovered gas hydrate deposits

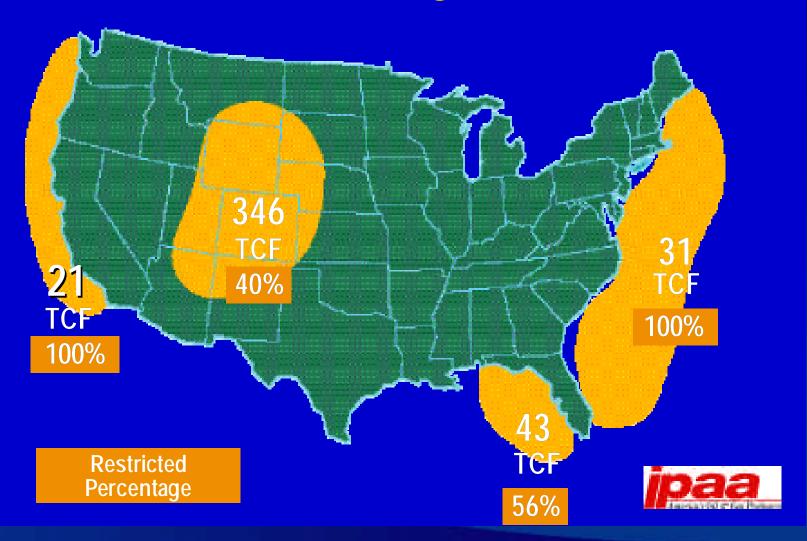


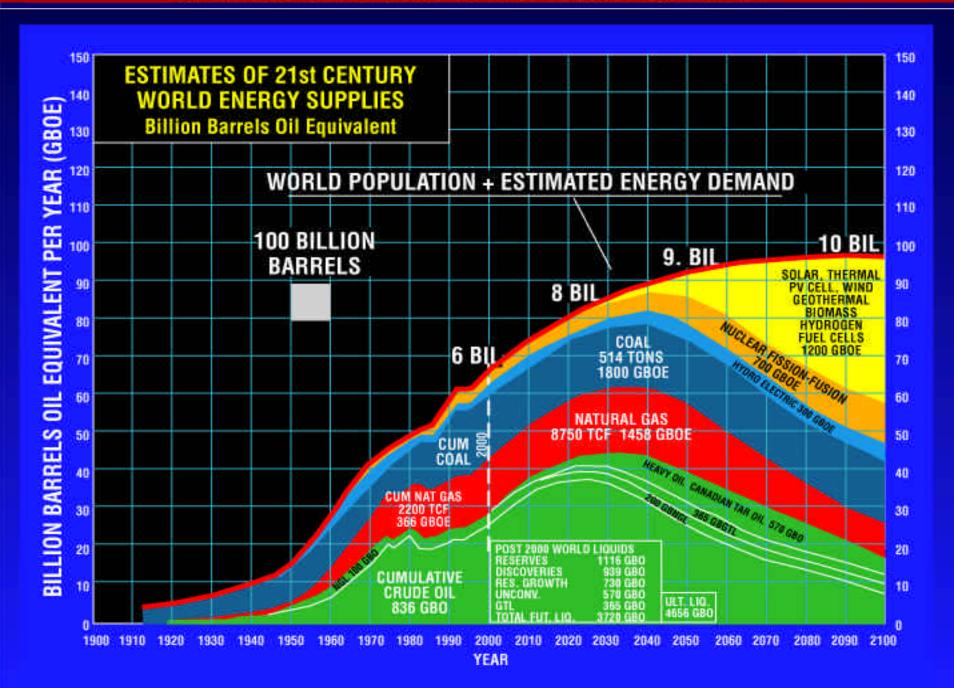
Access to Oil & Gas Reserves Constrained



NOC Reserves (no equity access)

Resource Estimates - Restricted Areas Estimated Percentage Restricted





AAPG's Role through Year 2100

- Lifelong partnership with members
- Ethics must be a pillar of behavior for members
- Promote exploration and production technology improvements for natural gas
- Teach combining business with science
- Ongoing collaboration with sister societies

Conclusions:

- •What will be the primary **ENERGY SOURCE** in the future?
 - Answer: Hydrocarbons for a long time

- •Who is going to be looking for NEW reserves in the future?
 - Answer: You and I for as long as we want to work