

Global Electric Power Sector: Engaging with Environmental Issues

Future of Electrical Power & Energy Sectors: Sustainable Dev Goals
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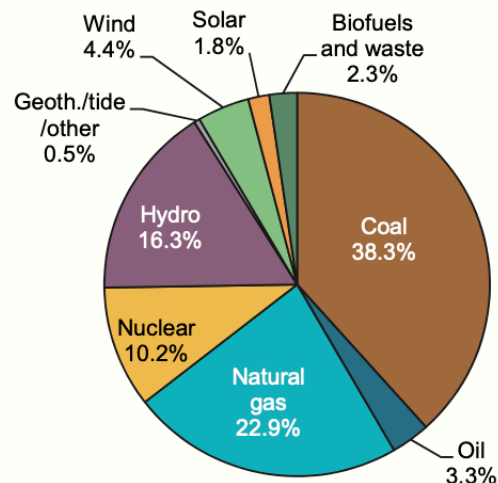
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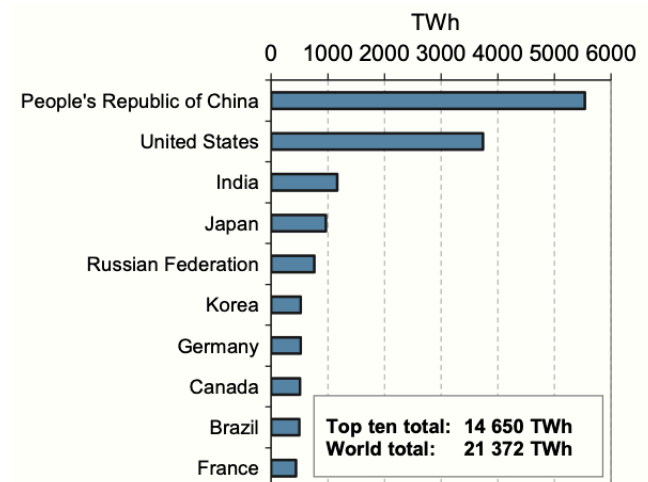


World Gross Electricity Production in 2017 by Source 25,721 TWh



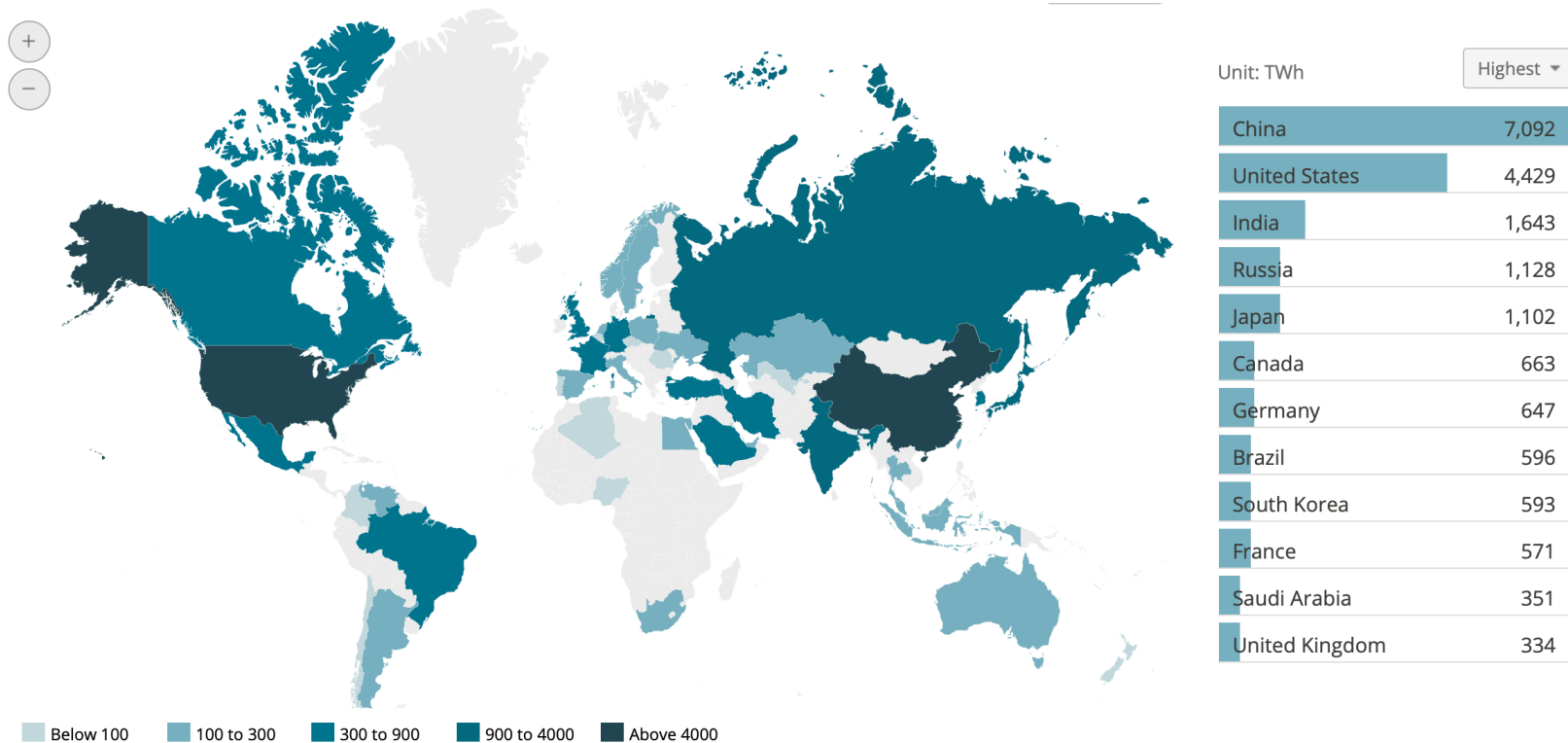
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Information Overview 2019

Top 10 Electricity Consuming Countries in 2017 TWh



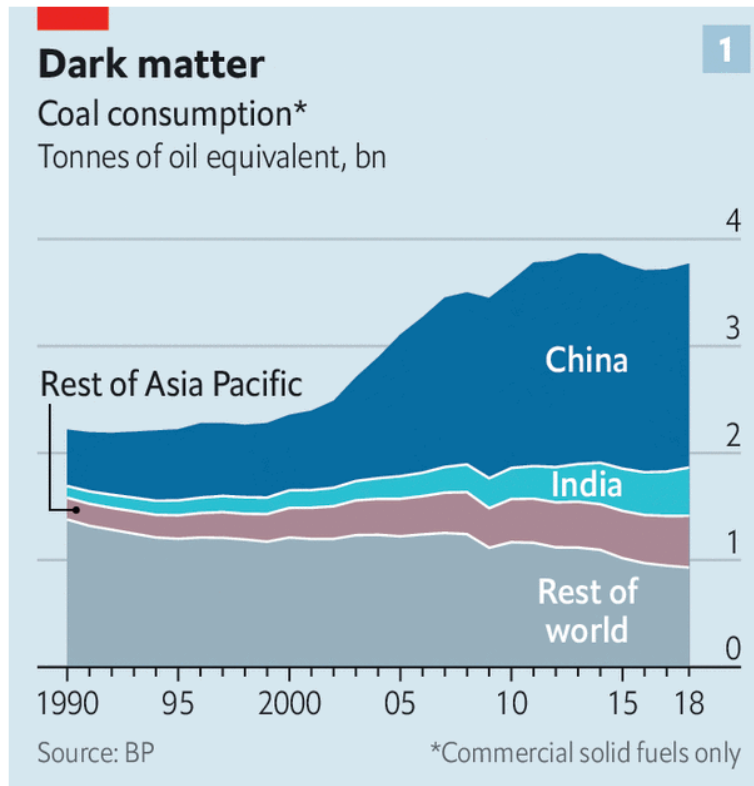
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Top Electricity Producers in 2018 (TWh)

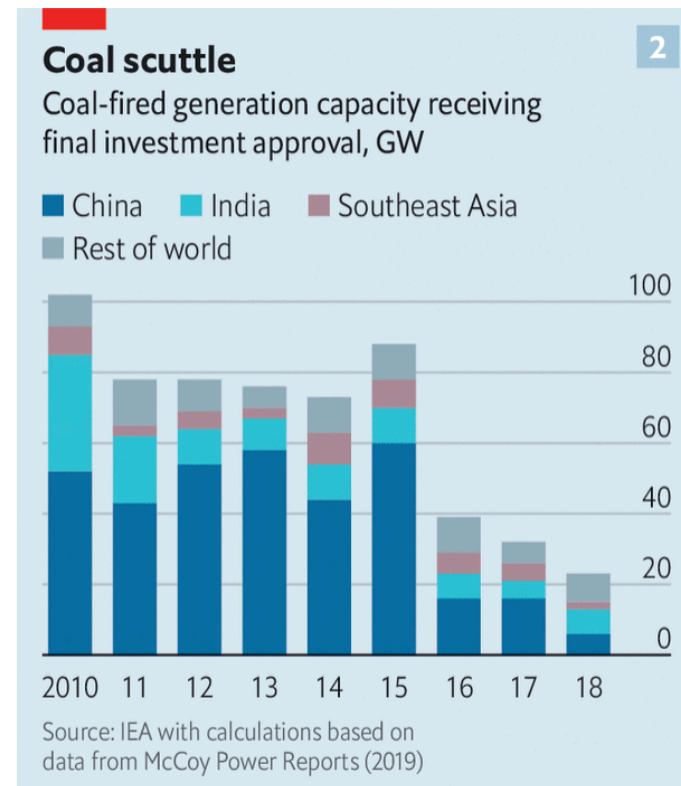


Source: Enerdata Global Energy Statistical Yearbook 2019
<https://yearbook.enerdata.net/electricity/world-electricity-production-statistics.html>

Over 75% of Global Demand for Coal Comes from Asia



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Top 20 Countries that emitted the most CO₂ in 2016

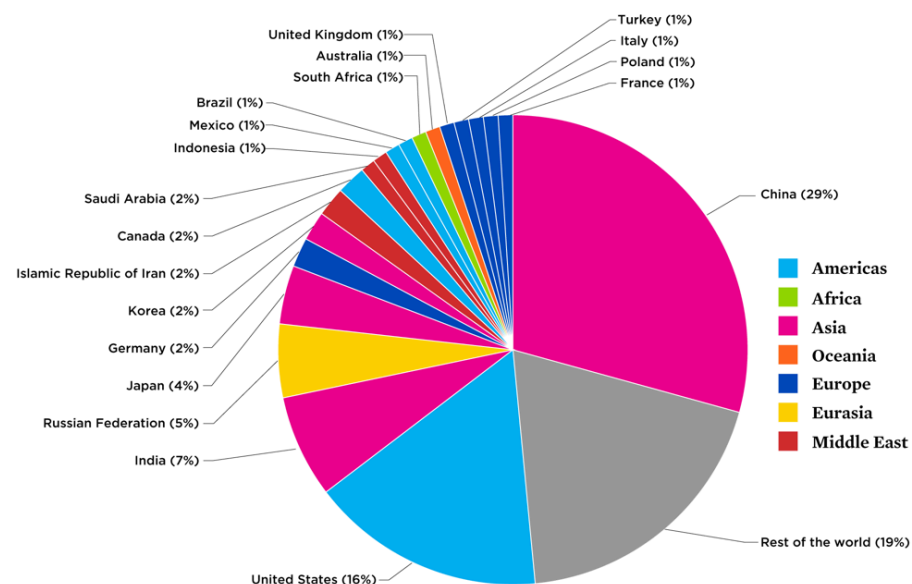
Rank	Country	CO ₂ emissions (total)
1	China	9056.8MT
2	United States	4833.1MT
3	India	2076.8MT
4	Russian Federation	1438.6MT
5	Japan	1147.1MT
6	Germany	731.6MT
7	South Korea	589.2MT
8	Islamic Republic of Iran	563.4MT
9	Canada	540.8MT
10	Saudi Arabia	527.2MT
11	Indonesia	454.9MT
12	Mexico	445.5MT
13	Brazil	416.7MT
14	South Africa	414.4MT
15	Australia	392.4MT
16	United Kingdom	371.1MT
17	Turkey	338.8MT
18	Italy	325.7MT
19	Poland	293.1MT
20	France	292.9MT

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Each Country's Share of CO₂ Emissions

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Source: Union of Concerned Scientists <https://www.ucsusa.org/resources/each-countrys-share-co2-emissions>

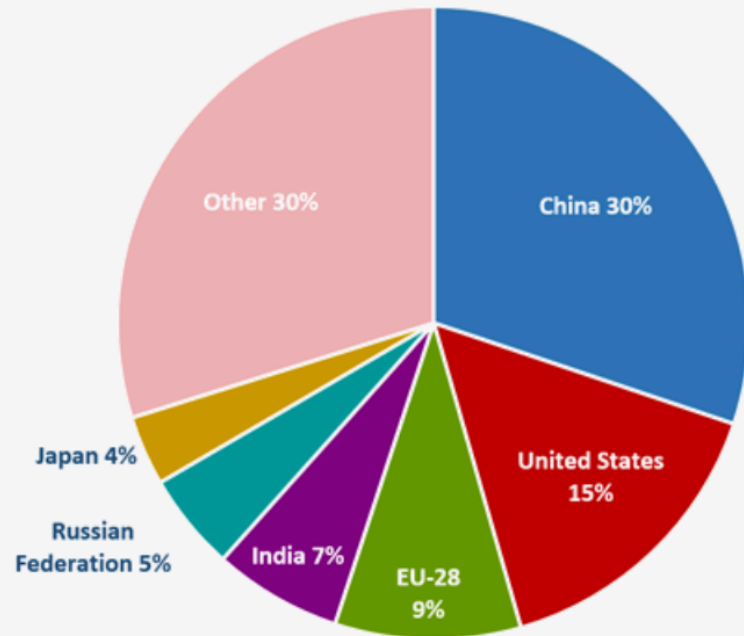


Ranking by per capita CO2 emissions 2016

Rank	Country	CO ₂ emissions (per capita)
1	Saudi Arabia	16.3T
2	Australia	16.2T
3	United States	15.0T
4	Canada	14.9T
5	South Korea	11.6T
6	Russian Federation	9.9T
7	Japan	9.0T
8	Germany	8.9T
9	Poland	7.7T
10	South Africa	7.4T
11	Islamic Republic of Iran	7.1T
12	China	6.4T
13	United Kingdom	5.6T
14	Italy	5.4T
15	France	4.5T
16	Turkey	4.2T
17	Mexico	3.6T
18	Brazil	2.0T
19	Indonesia	1.7T
20	India	1.6T

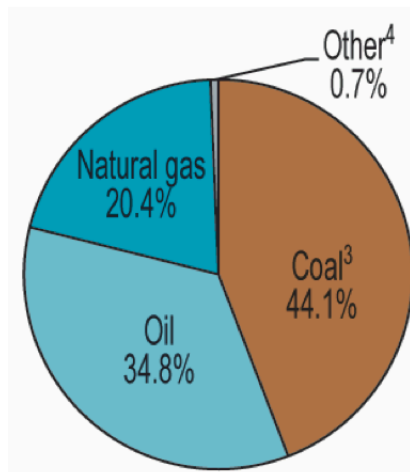
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2014 Global CO₂ Emissions from Fossil Fuel Combustion and Some Industrial Processes



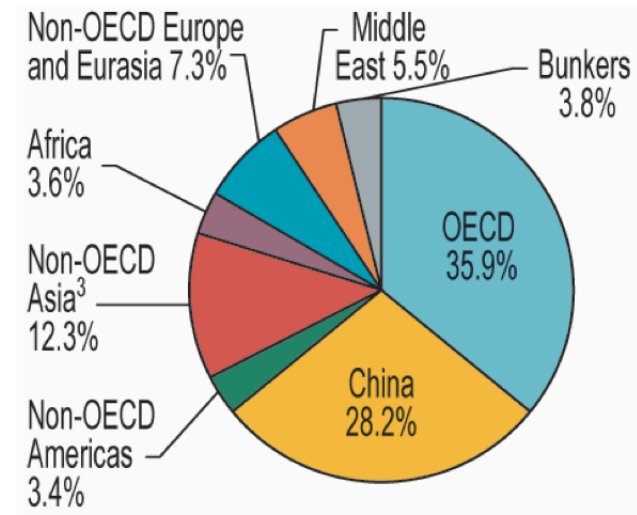
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Global CO₂ Emissions from Fuel Combustion
by Fuel Type - 2016



32 316 Mt of CO₂

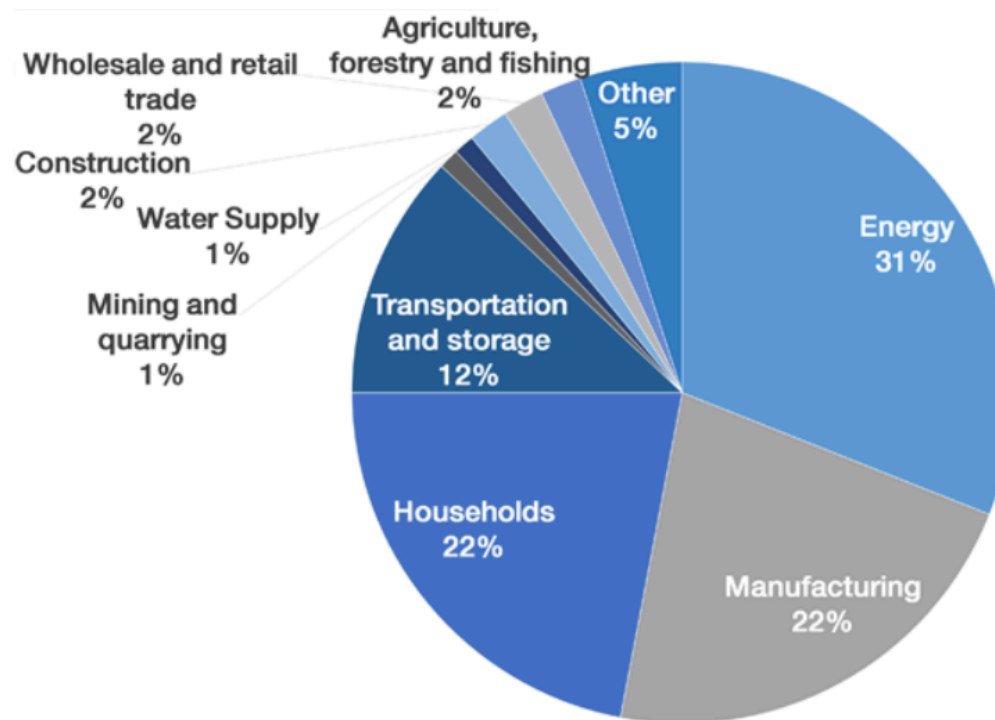
Global CO₂ Emissions from Fuel Combustion
By Region - 2016



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Source: IEA Key World Energy Statistics 2018

Sources of CO2 Emissions in Europe 2015



Source: OECD Environmental Statistics

Changes in Generation Mix in China

Year	Hydro/Solar/Wind (%)	Thermal (%)
2001	25.56	73.47
2016	33.80	63.77
2018	37.00	60.00
2030	52.00	42.00

China will start to reduce its CO2 emissions beginning in 2030

Anthropogenic Carbon Emissions (2000)

- Electric Power Plants (33%)
- Transportation (33%)
- Direct Industrial Use (20%)
- Residential & Commercial Use (12%)



Six Greenhouse Gases

Carbon dioxide (CO₂)

Methane (CH₄)

Nitrous oxide (N₂O)

Hydro fluorocarbons (HFCs)

Per fluorocarbons (PFCs)

Sulphur hexafluoride (SF₆)

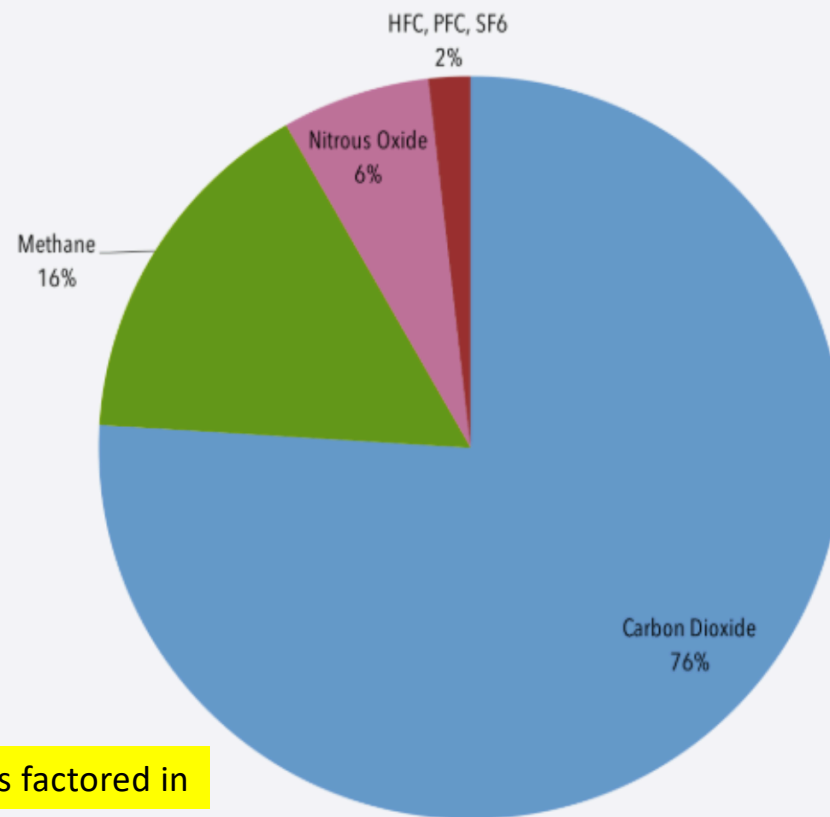
1997 CO₂ emissions from fossil fuels and cement production: 30.4 billion tons

2018 CO₂ emissions from fossil fuels and cement production: 41.1 billion tons

Global Warming Potential (GWP) of Greenhouse Gases

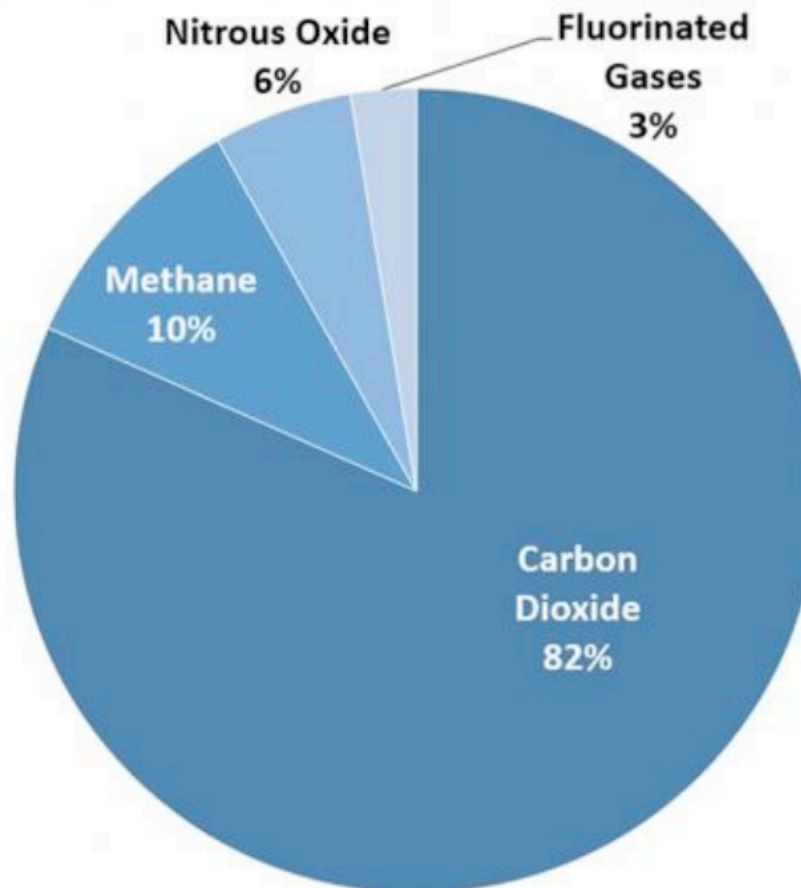
Carbon dioxide (CO ₂):	1
Methane (CH ₄):	28
Nitrous oxide (N ₂ O):	265
Hydro fluorocarbons (HFCs):	138
Per fluorocarbons (PFCs):	6,630
Sulphur hexafluoride (SF ₆):	23,500
<i>(over 100-year time scale)</i>	

Global Manmade Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Gas, 2015



Concentrations factored in

U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions in 2017



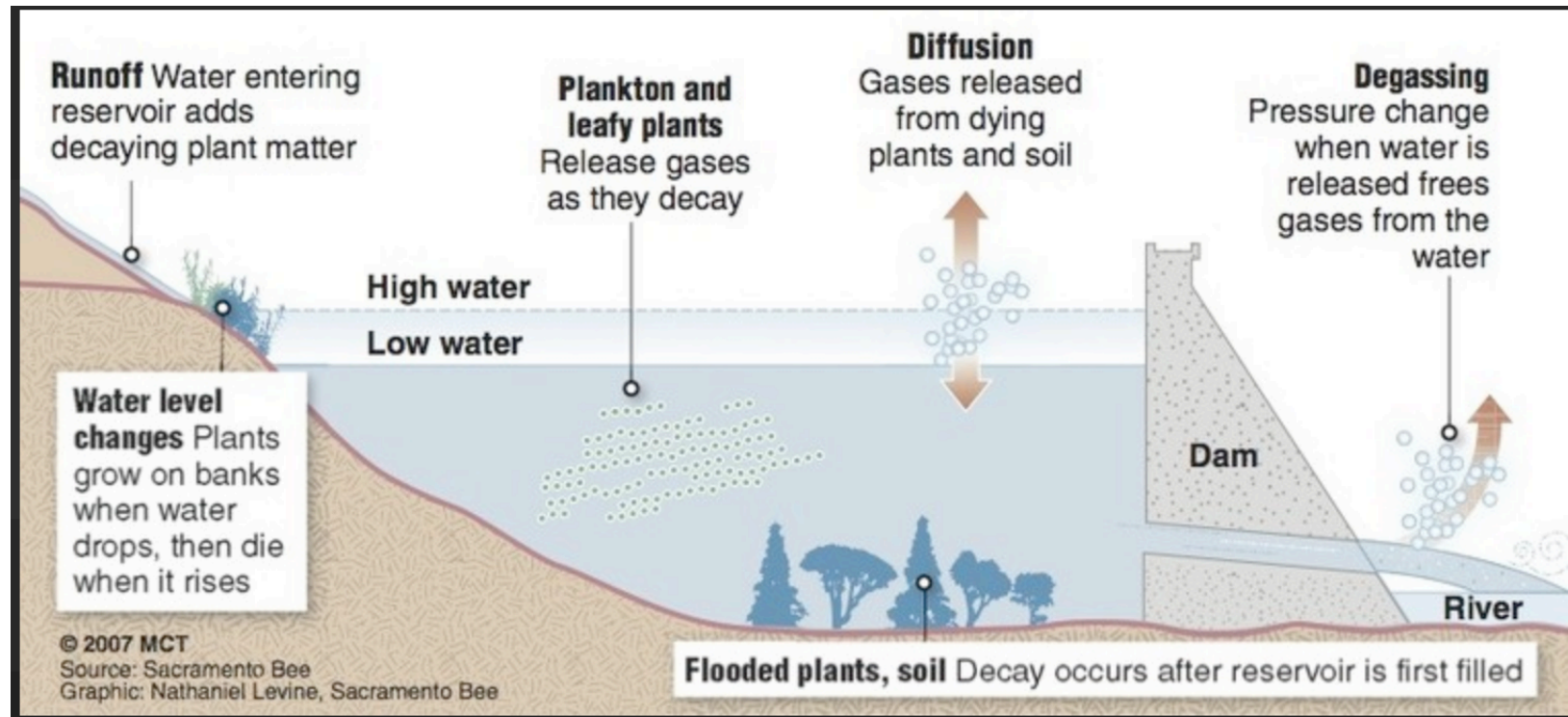
Sources of atmospheric methane

- (1) Natural wetlands;
- (2) Paddy rice fields;
- (3) Emission from livestock production systems;
- (4) Biomass burning (including forest fires);
- (5) Anaerobic decomposition of organic waste in landfills;
- (6) Fossil methane emission during the exploration and transport of fossil fuels.

Emission Characteristics of Power Plants in the US (grams/kWhr)

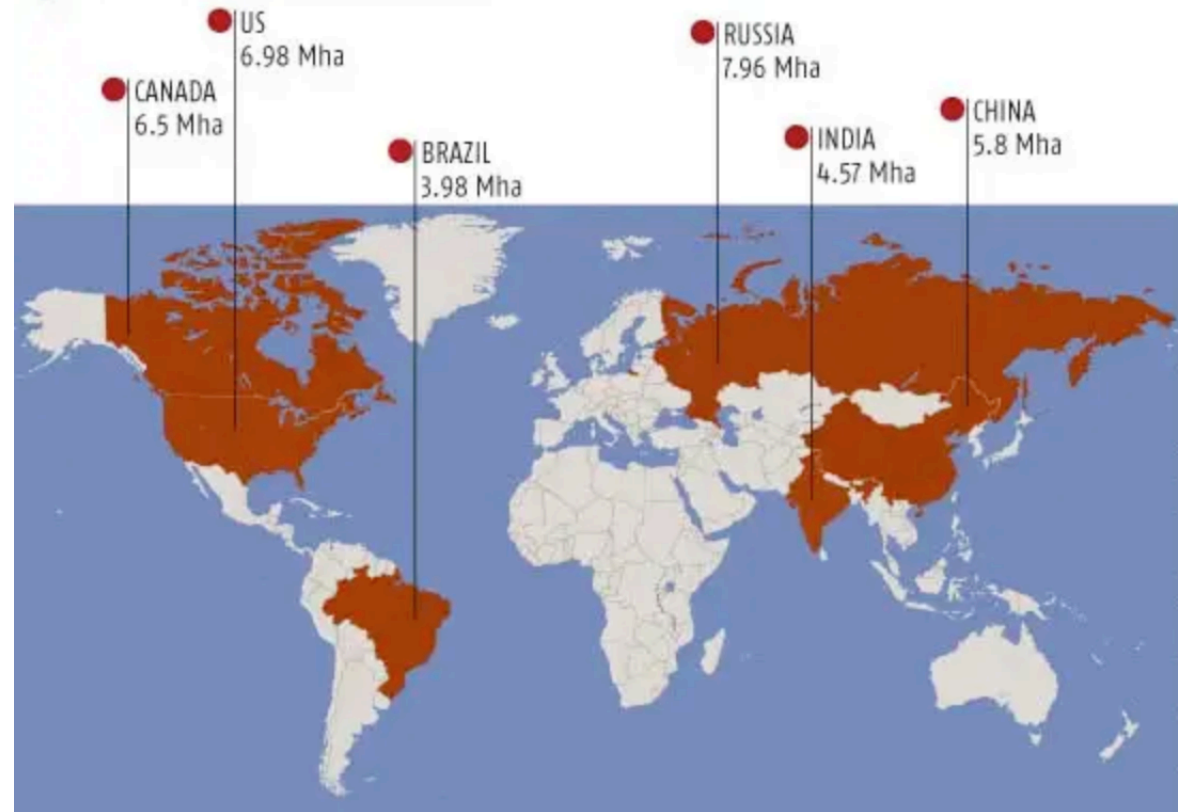
Plant Type	NO _x	SO ₂	CO ₂
Gas	2.32	0.004	490
Oil	2.02	5.08	781
Coal	3.54	9.26	1090

Greenhouse Gases from Hydroelectricity



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Countries with large surface areas of dammed water will lose out if greenhouse gas rules change
(figures show areas in millions of hectares)



Hydroelectricity is not Emission Free

One kWhr of **coal-based** electricity releases **1090 gm of CO₂**

One kWhr of **hydro-based** electricity releases **225 gm of CO₂** equivalent

One litre of **gasoline** releases **3.00 kg of CO₂** from manufacture to consumption in a vehicle

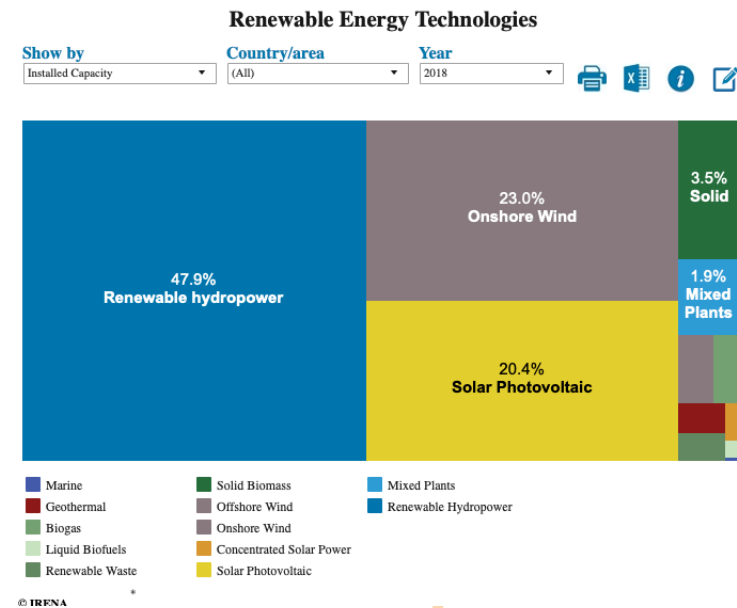
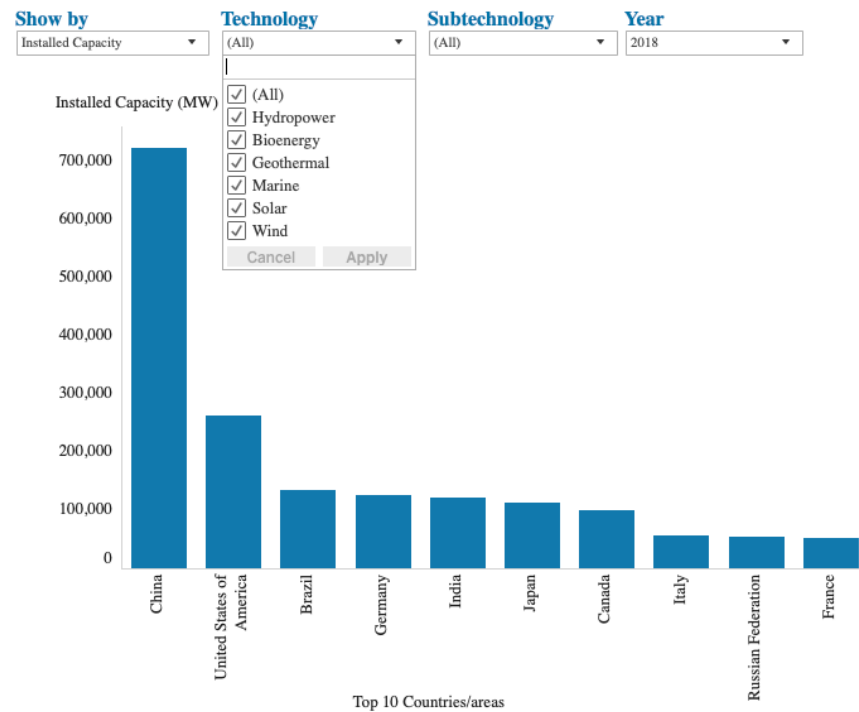


Reduce Carbon Emissions from Electricity Production



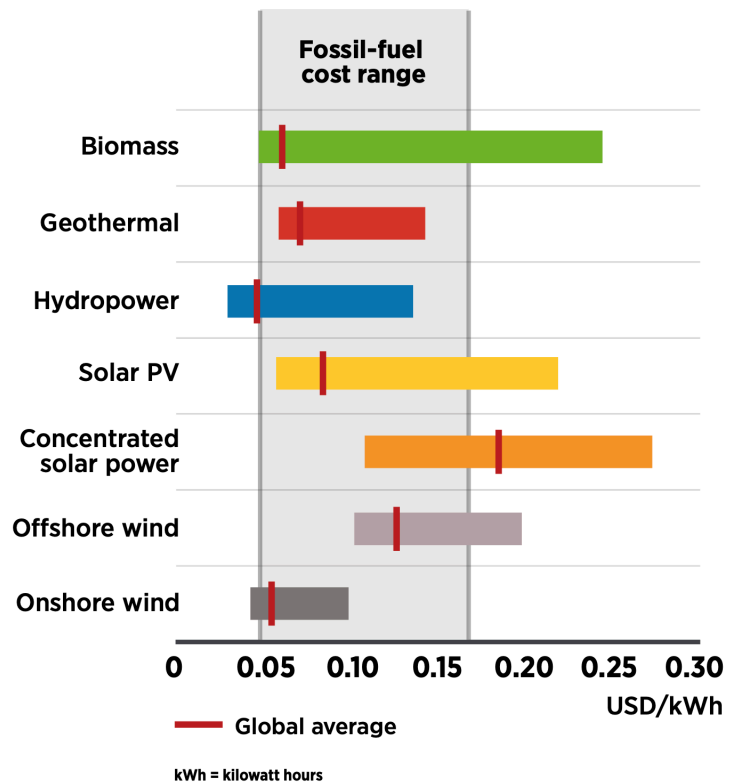
- (1) Use less electricity
- (2) Use less fuel to produce electricity
- (3) Produce more electricity from renewables & nuclear

Top Ten Countries Total Installed Renewable Energy Capacity in 2018



Source: International Renewable Energy Agency IRENA <https://www.irena.org/Statistics/>

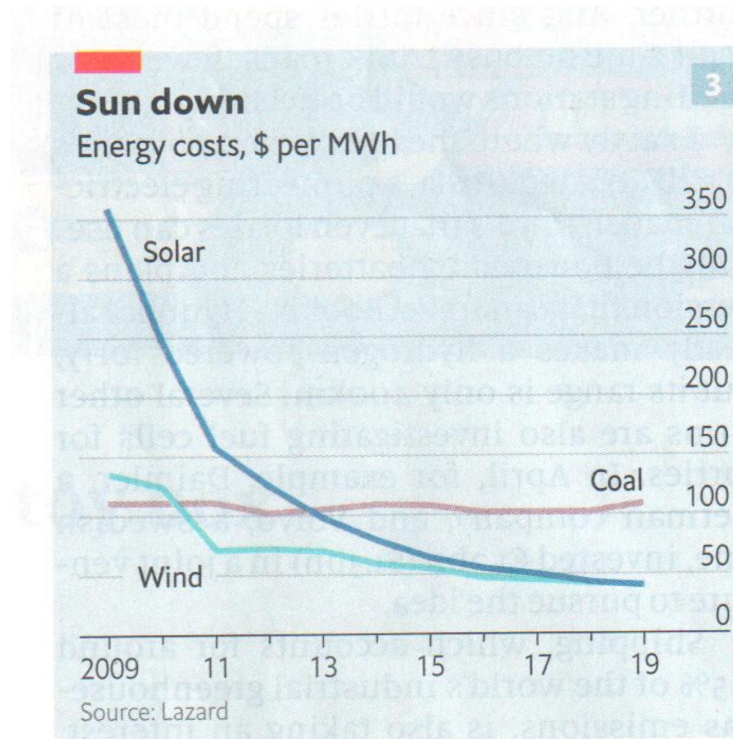
Renewable power generation has reached a competitive tipping point



» Renewable power generation costs in 2018

Source: People, Planet and Prosperity:
Raising Climate Ambitions Through
Renewables, IRENA 2019

Electricity Costs: Coal vs Wind/Solar



Source: Economist: 04 July 2020

So, What is the bottom line?

- Efforts in the electric power sector by replacing fossil fuel with renewables and nuclear will help
- But if emission from the transportation sector continues to rise, the power sector contributions will not be enough
- Large scale Electric Vehicle deployment will help, but question remains – how will the EV be powered



Message to the Young Generation



Focus on what you can do to reduce the Carbon Footprint

Don't ask why others are not doing their part

Show them what can be done

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