

Net-zero Transition to Address Climate Change



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Why is Climate Sustainability a Challenge?

Unprecedented Natural Disasters



Source: Craig Dearden-Phillips: Don't be a polar bear
<https://www.thirdsector.co.uk/craig-dearden-phillips-dont-polar-bear/management/article/1488091>

Africa, China and Florida, USA



Flooding in Pakistan 2022



Source: Stringer/Reuters



Source: AP.



Source: Bloomberg

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Hurricane Isabel struck the Mid-Atlantic region of the USA between 18-19 September 2003



2023 January Flooding in New Zealand



Aljazeera News, The Waiohiki Bridge is washed away in Napier. [Kerry Marshall/Getty Images]



Flash flood caused by torrential rains in Auckland area in late January 2023

Hurricane Sandy New York, New Jersey 2012



Droughts in 2022



<https://idsb.tmgrup.com.tr/ly/uploads/images/2022/07/08/217454.jpg>

The Jialing Riverbed at the confluence with the Yangtze River is exposed due to drought on 18 August 2022, in Chongqing, **China**

Dry riverbed in **Italy** (Po River) due to worst drought in 70 years, June 2022



<https://image.cnbcfm.com/>

Wildfires in the US



July 2021: The Dixie fire burned close to a million acres in **California's** Lassen county over three months and became the first fire to cross the Sierra Nevada. Photograph: Noah Berger/AP

Peaks glowing with thousands of spot fires on 13 June 2022, in Flagstaff, **Arizona**.

Rob Schumacher/The Republic



Wildfires in Europe, Summer of 2022



Southwestern **France**, July 17, 2022



Central **Portugal**, July 13, 2022



Brandenburg, **Germany**, August 2022



Greece, July 2022



Northern **Spain**, June 2022



Central **Italy**, July 2022

“The number of wildfires in 2022 in the EU have nearly quadrupled the 15-year average”

Siberia: Wildfires in June 2021



The Greenpeace Russia team has documented forest fires in the Krasnoyarsk region.

JULIA PETRENKO / GREENPEACE



In this June 16, 2021 photo, firefighters work at the scene of forest fire near Andreyevsky village outside Tyumen, western Siberia, Russia. -

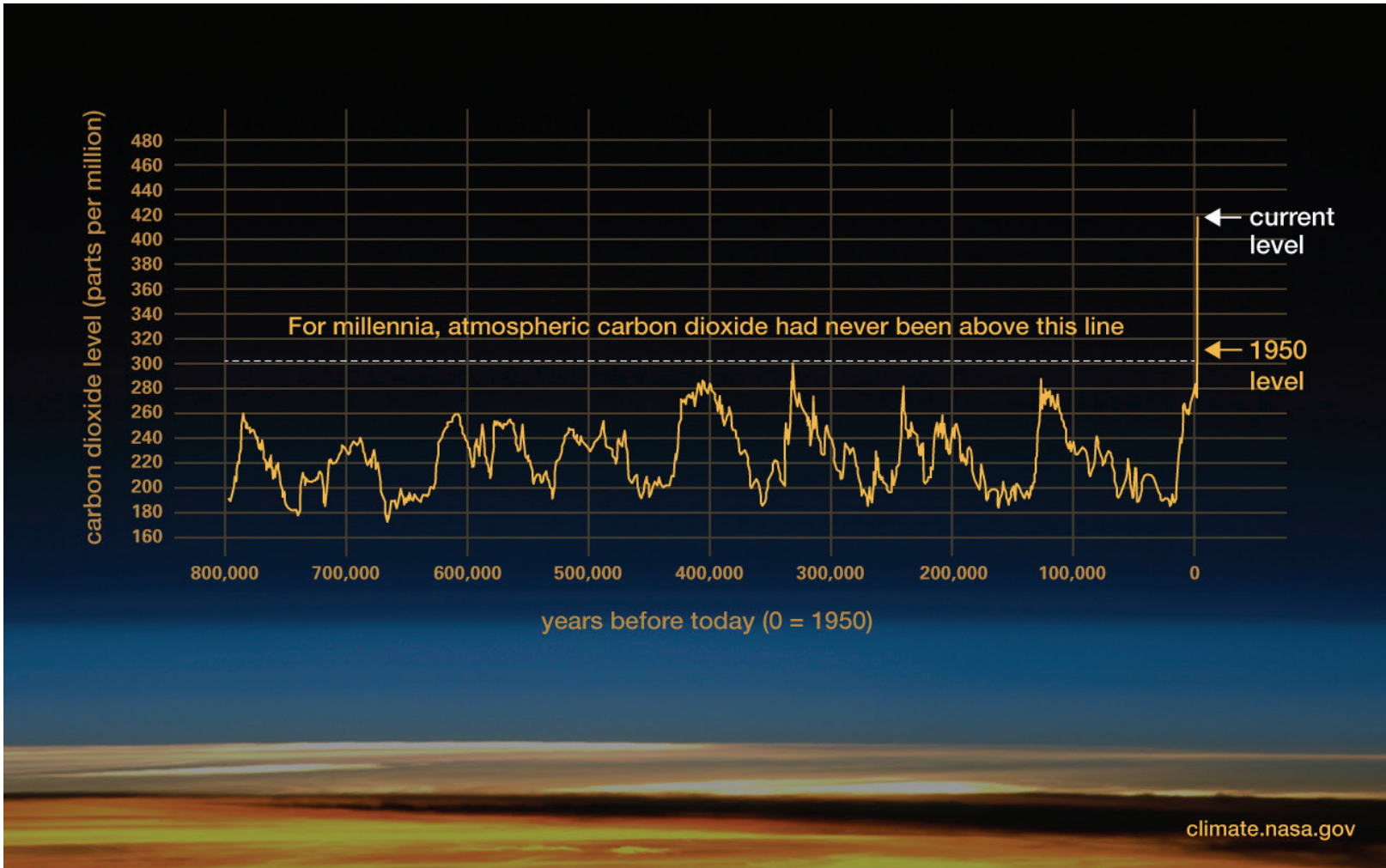
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2008 China Snowstorm



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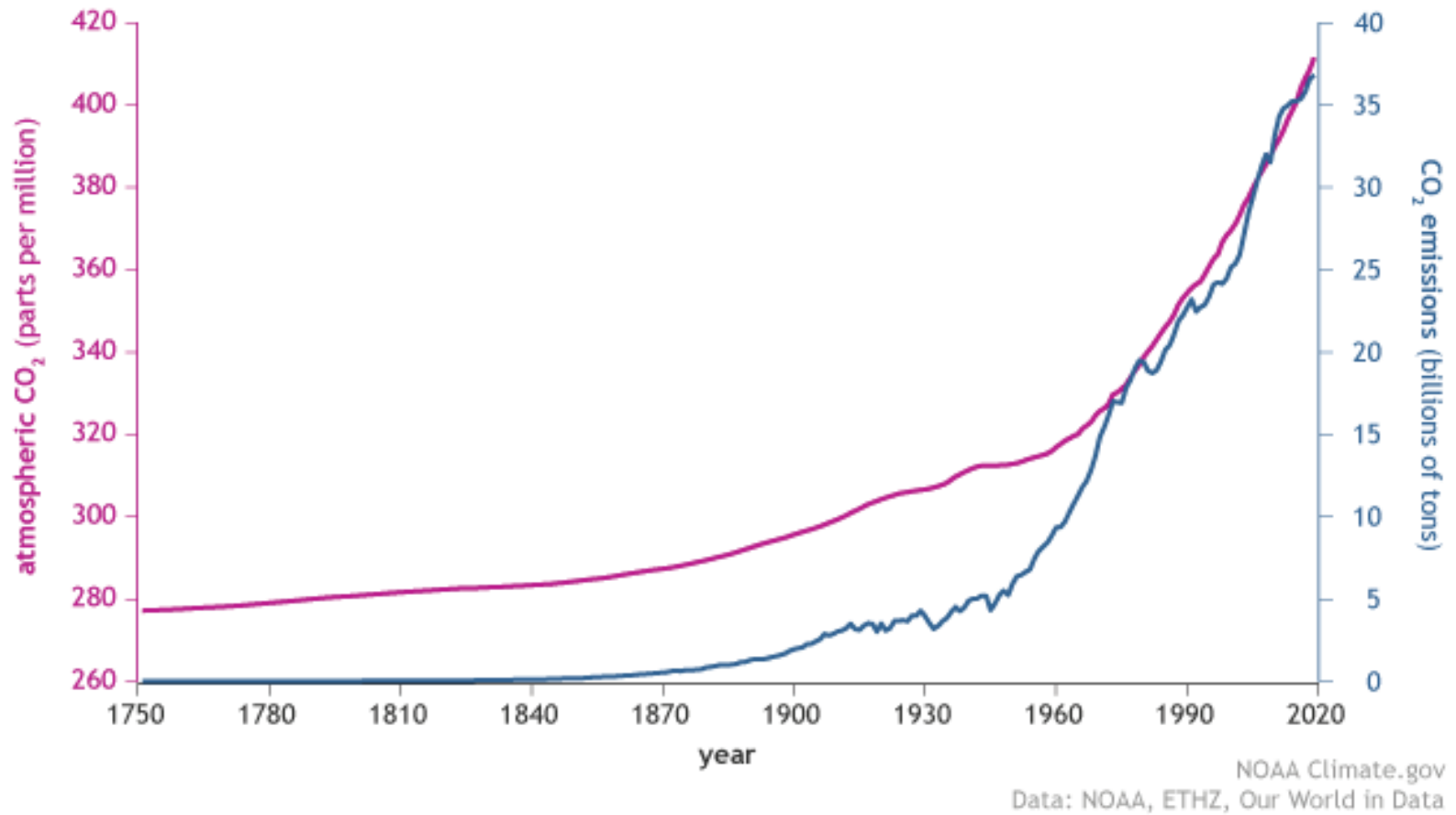
High Anthropogenic CO₂ Emissions



Source: NASA

https://climate.nasa.gov/climate_resources/24/graphic-the-relentless-rise-of-carbon-dioxide/

CO₂ in the atmosphere and annual emissions (1750-2019)



Source: State of the Planet
<https://news.climate.columbia.edu/2021/02/25/carbon-dioxide-cause-global-warming/>

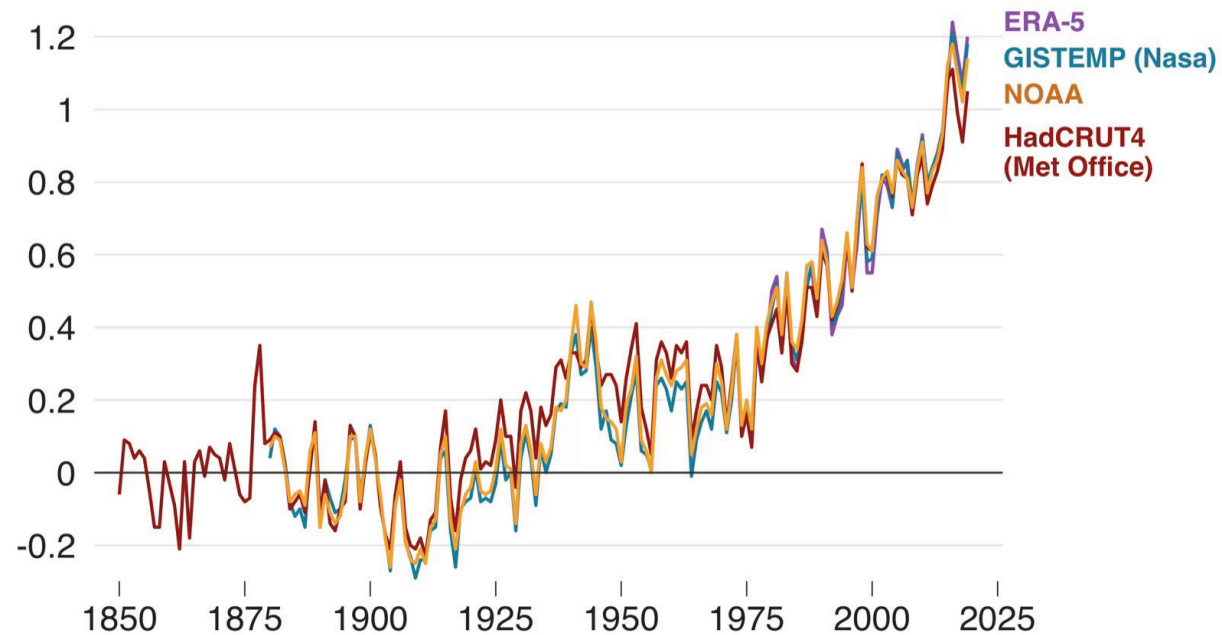
Global CO₂ Emissions Due to Fossil Fuel Use in 2021

Coal	15.3 billion tons
Natural Gas	7.5 billion tons
Oil	10.7 billion tons

Source: IEA Global Energy Review: CO₂ Emissions in 2021
<https://www.iea.org/reports/global-energy-review-co2-emissions-in-2021-22>

Temperature rise since 1850

Global mean temperature change from pre-industrial levels, °C



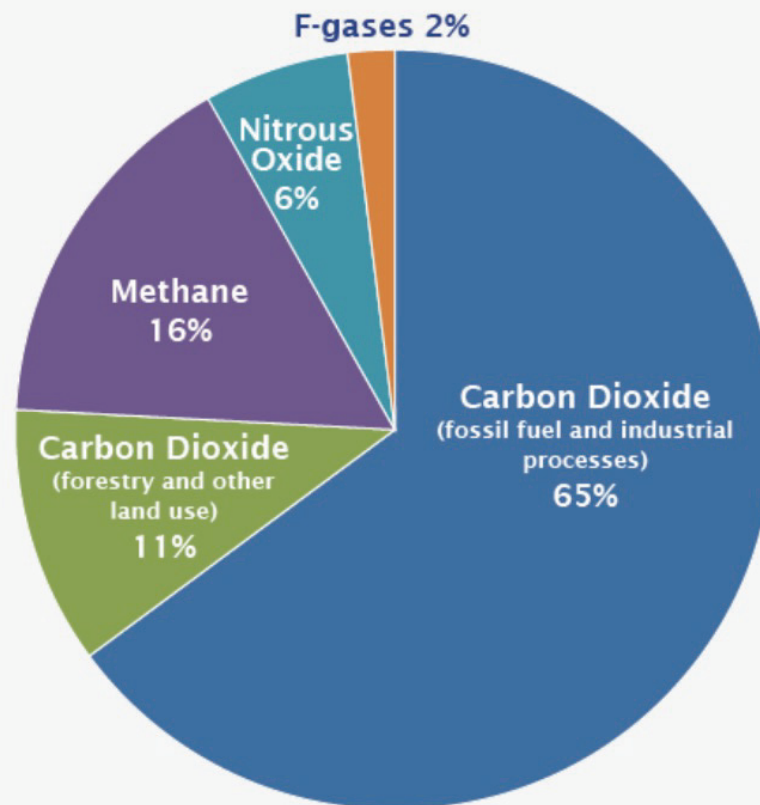
Source: Met Office

BBC

Paris Climate Accord: Limit temperature rise of 1.5 deg C
2.0 deg C rise → Point of No Return

Source: <https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-51111176>

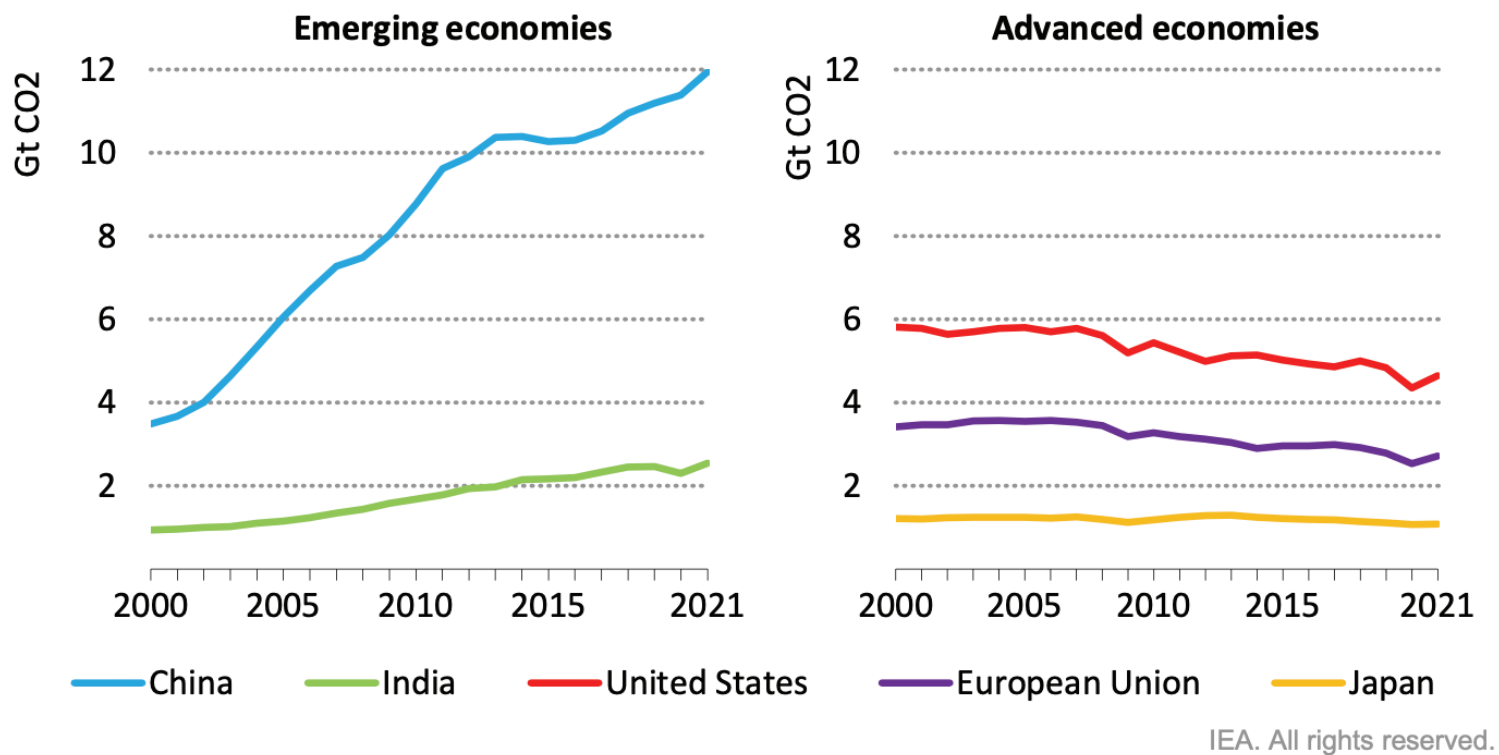
Global Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Gas



Source:

<https://www.epa.gov/ghgemissions/global-greenhouse-gas-emissions-data>

CO2 emissions in selected emerging and advanced economies, 2000-2021



Source: IEA Global Energy Review: CO2 Emissions in 2021
<https://www.iea.org/reports/global-energy-review-co2-emissions-in-2021-2>

How Do We Address This Problem?

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Mitigation

Slow down the impact

Adaptation

Take action to live with it

Climate Resilience

Prepare to recover quickly

Mitigation will allow time to adapt by developing new technologies, best practices and policy formulation

What is the Role of the Technologist?

Develop and Promote Universally
Applicable Cleantech Solutions
for Climate Sustainability

Navigating the tension between industrialized nations and emerging economies for global decarbonization efforts requires a diverse portfolio of solutions for low-carbon generation, storage and demand side management with advanced technology focusing on energy efficiency.

To more efficiently facilitate the global shift towards renewable energy adoption, the following six areas should be our priority.

Reduce Carbon Emissions from Electricity Production



Reduce Carbon Emissions

1. Use less electricity, energy efficiency
2. Use low carbon fossil fuel power plants
3. Use H₂ & other storage technologies
4. Promote more renewables
5. Accept some nuclear
6. Promote cross-border power transfer

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The banner features a composite image of renewable energy sources: solar panels on the left, a row of wind turbines in the center, and a dam with water flowing through its arches on the right. The text "MAKING A DIFFERENCE" is overlaid in the center. Below the banner are three light gray boxes with text, and an email address on the right.

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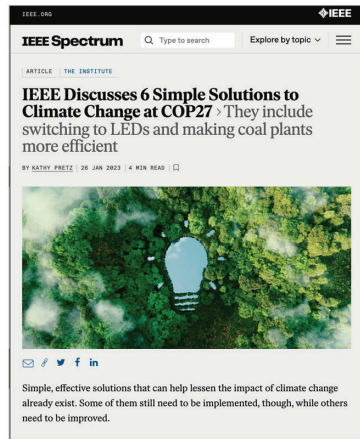
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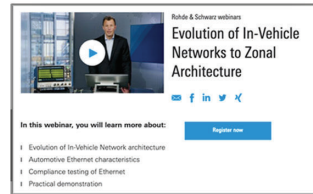
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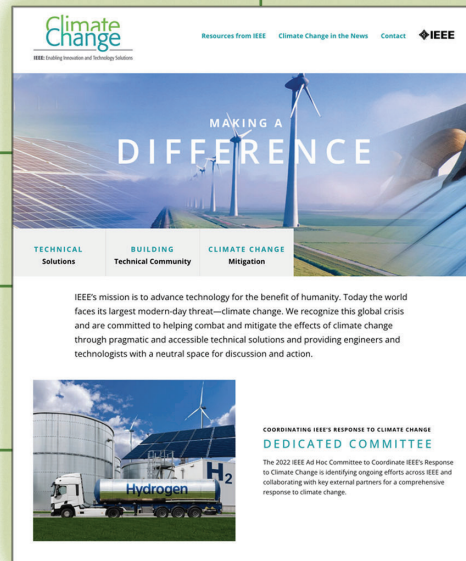
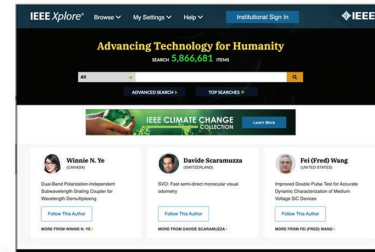
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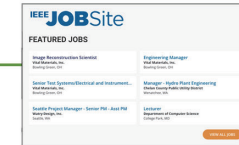
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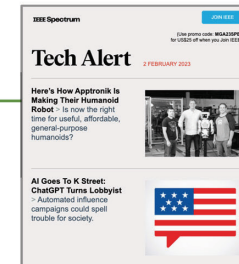
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