

# Opportunities for Low-Carbon Electricity for Climate Change Mitigation

Distinguished Lecture, JC Bose Science Heritage Museum, Kolkata

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**IEEE YP Seminar**

### **Role of Renewables in Climate Change**

Invited Talk, IEEE Education Society YP Seminar

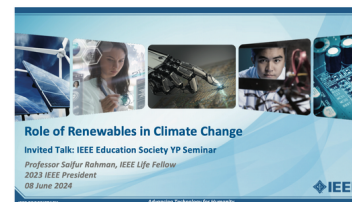
This lecture explains what carbonization is, addresses its causes and impacts. It then offers technological solutions to reduce CO2 emissions from the electric power sector which is responsible over 30% of global Carbon emissions. In order to address the reduction of carbon emissions from the electric power sector, a collaborative approach between the industrialized nation states and emerging economies is necessary. This will involve a portfolio of solutions with low-carbon generation from wind, solar, hydro and nuclear, storage, cross-border power transfer and advanced technology focusing on energy efficiency. This talk also discusses the IEEE Climate Change program and related activities.

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*"Opportunities for low-carbon electricity for Climate Change Mitigation"*



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Dear Prof. Rahman,

Greetings of the day from Sir J C Bose Science Heritage Museum, Acharya Bhaban, Sir J C Bose Trust, (a Trust founded by Bose himself in 1931).

With kind regards,

Parul Chakrabarti

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Seated (L to R): Meghnad Saha, ( Astrophysicist). Sir Jagadish Chandra Bose ( Biologist & Physicist), Jnan Chandra Ghosh ( Chemistry Electrolysis and Ionization) Standing (L to R): Snehmoy Dutt( Physicist) Satyendranath Bose( Bose Einestein theory ) Debendra Mohan Bose,( Physicist) N R Sen(Physicist & mathematician) . Jnanendra Nath Mukherjee, ( Chemistry , Colloid Chemistry) N C Nag. ( Biologist)

## First IEEE Milestones in India

### The work of J.C. Bose and C.V. Raman to be recognized

By IVAN BERGER 7 September 2012



Technological achievements in India are being honored with [IEEE Milestones in Electrical Engineering and Computing](#)

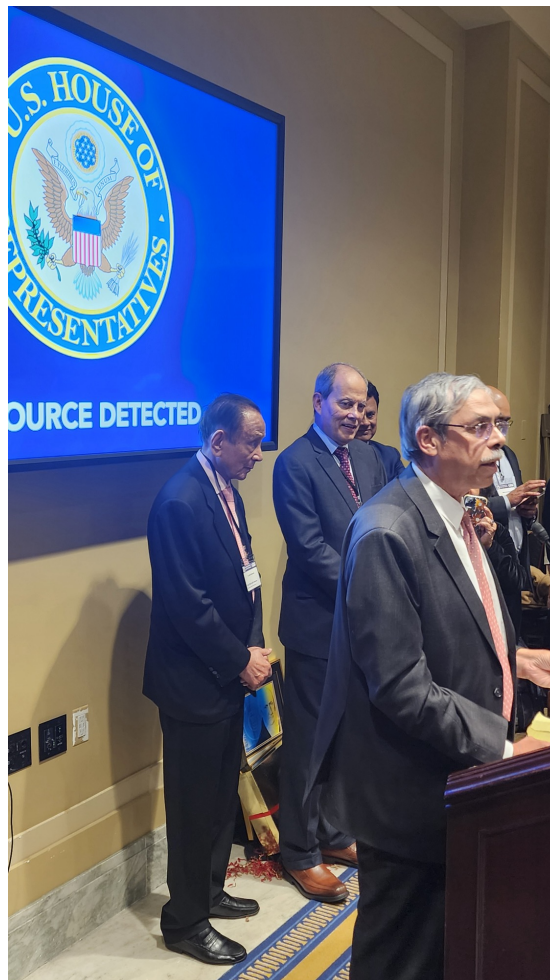
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Establishment Ceremony in  
Washington DC, USA on 12 Jan 2024





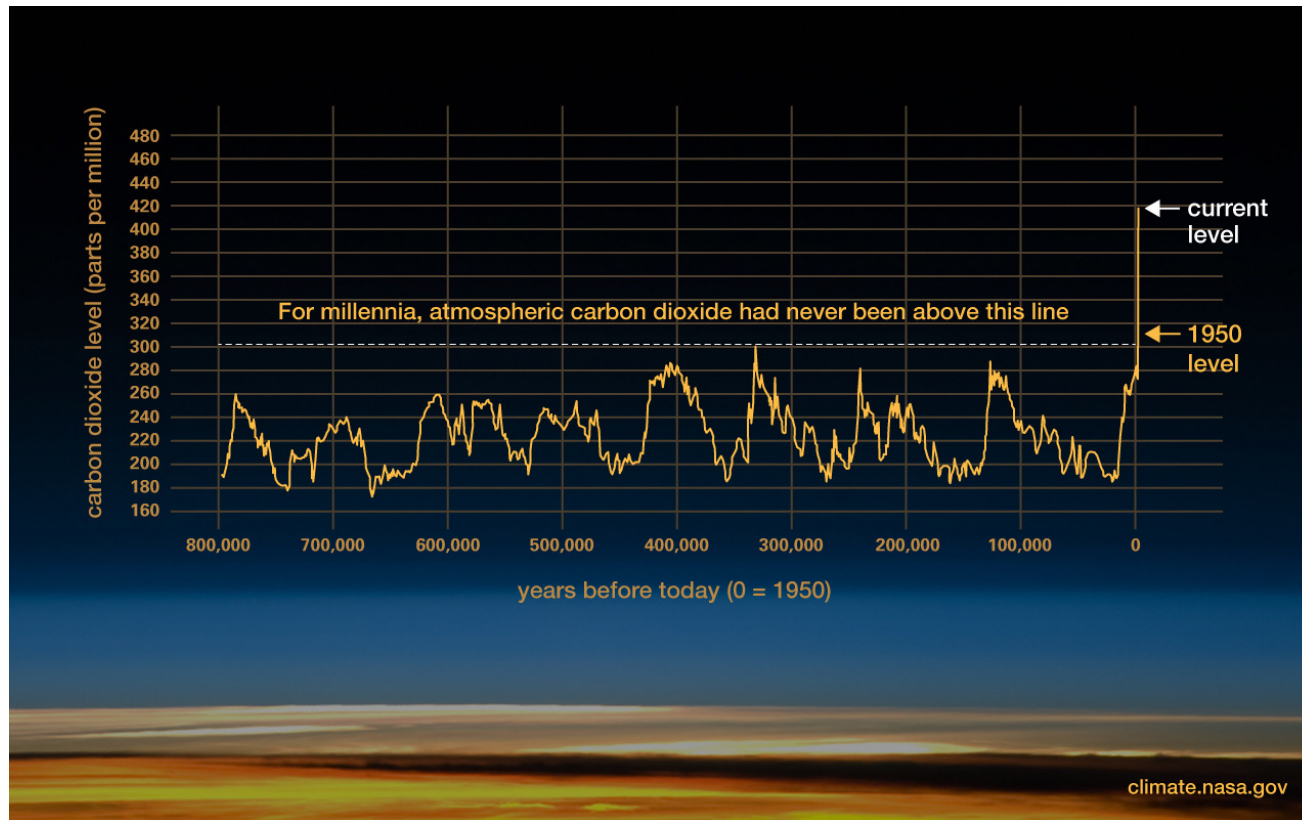








## What is Carbonization?

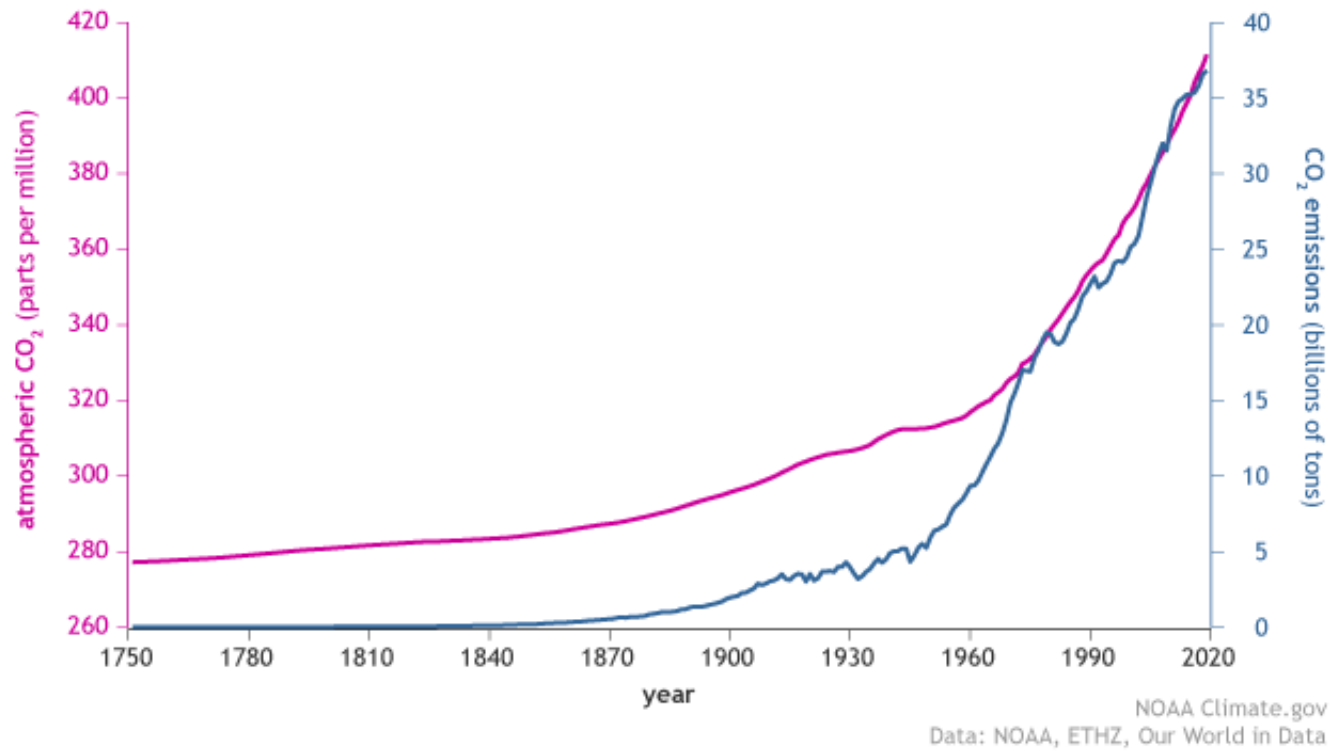


Source: NASA

[https://climate.nasa.gov/climate\\_resources/24/graphic-the-relentless-rise-of-carbon-dioxide/](https://climate.nasa.gov/climate_resources/24/graphic-the-relentless-rise-of-carbon-dioxide/)

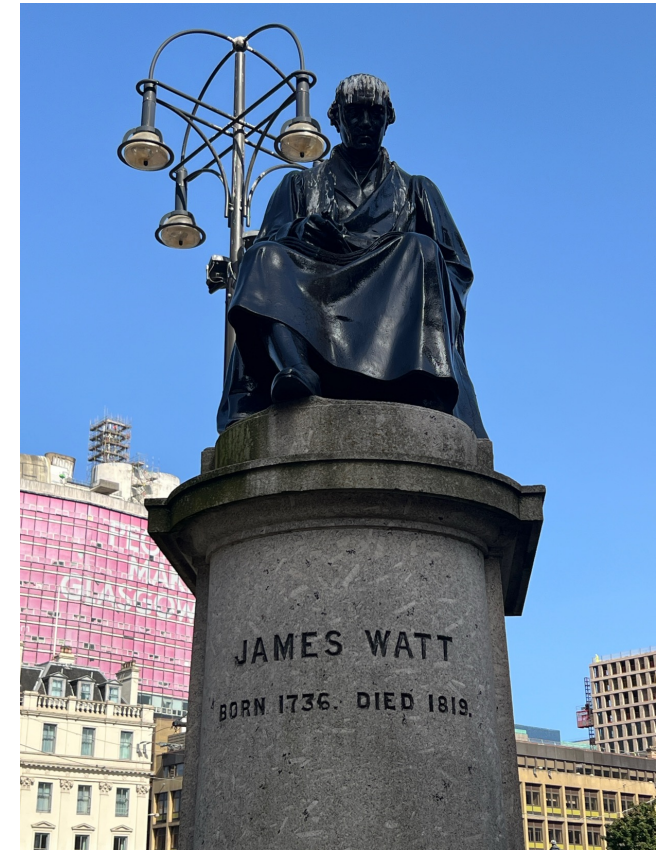


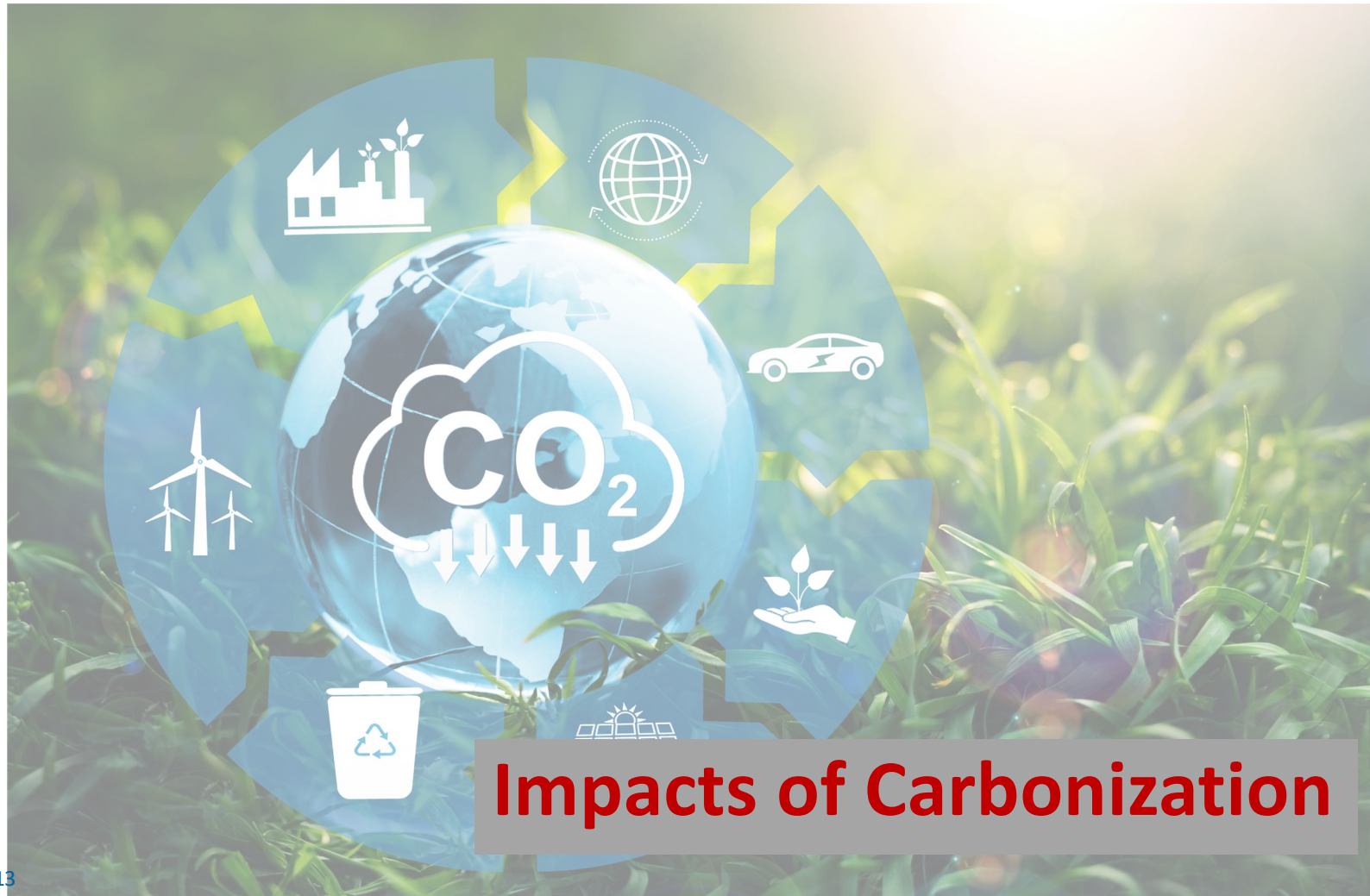
CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere and annual emissions (1750-2019)



Source: State of the Planet

<https://news.climate.columbia.edu/2021/02/25/carbon-dioxide-cause-global-warming/>



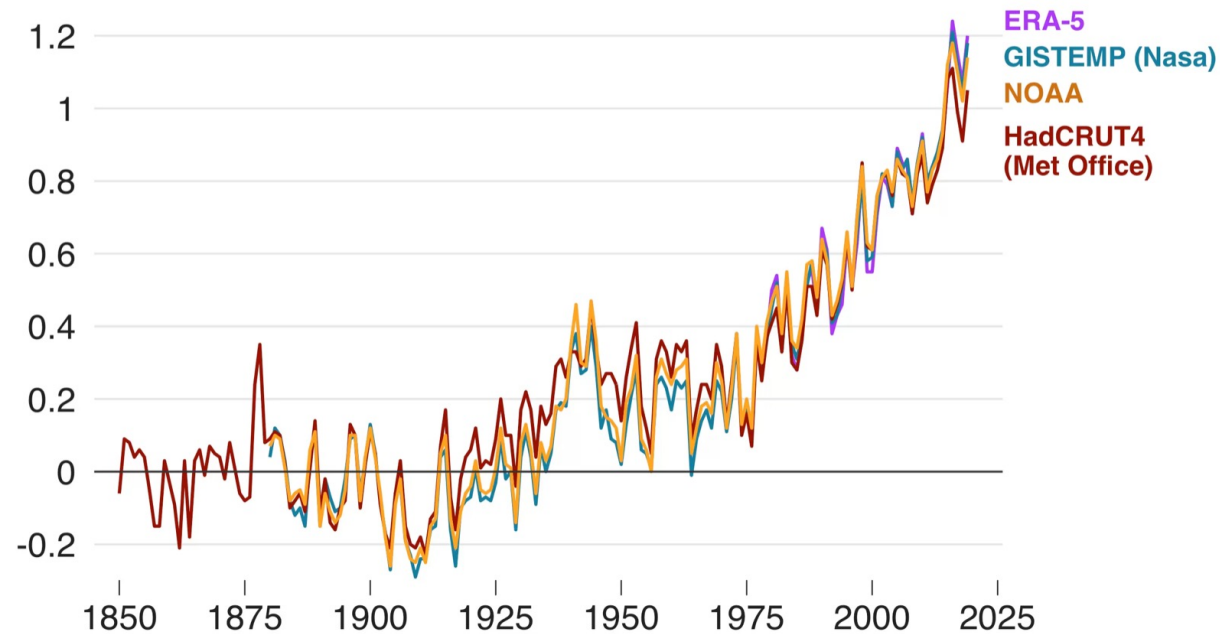


## Impacts of Carbonization



## Temperature rise since 1850

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



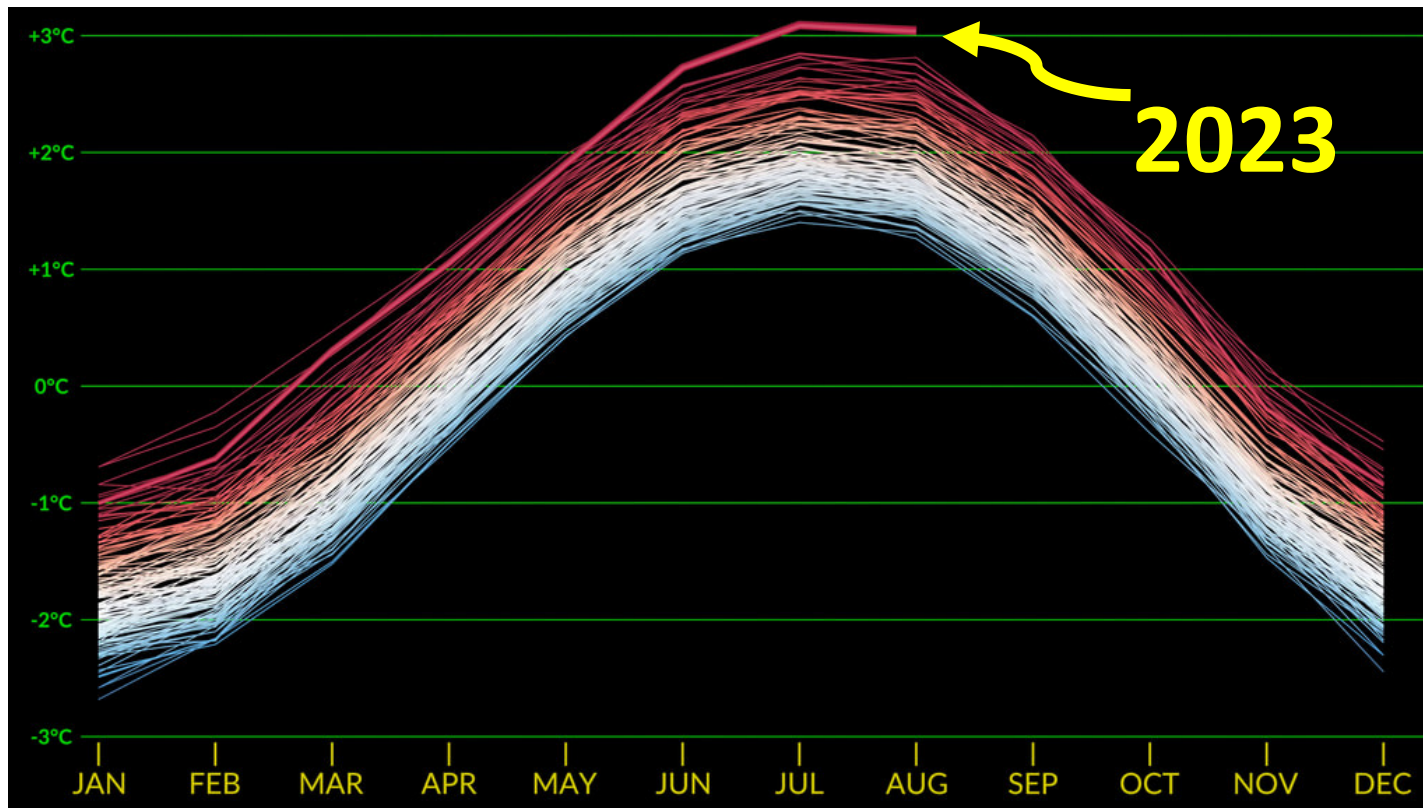
Source: Met Office

BBC

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

Temperature rise target is below 1.5. More than 2.0°C Point of No Return





Monthly temperature anomalies from 1880 to August 2023 measured with respect to the baseline period 1951-1980.

This graph includes the seasonal cycle showing that June 2023, July 2023, and August 2023 were each consecutively the warmest month on record.





# Climate-change Impacts



# Heat Wave in Delhi – May 2024



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# Flooding in Libya



Thousands of Lives Lost

# Greece



A vehicle crosses a flooded road in the city of Volos, central Greece  
(AFP via Getty Images) Sept 2023



Cars in a flooded road in the city of Volos, central Greece  
(AFP via Getty Images) Sept 2023



# Droughts in 2022



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

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



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

<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**.  
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”**

[Source: CNN according to Copernicus, EU Earth observation program](#)



# Siberia: Wildfires in June 2020 and 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 Andreysky village outside Tyumen, western Siberia, Russia. -  
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# Opportunities of Decarbonization in the Electric Power Supply Industry

Source: IEEE Spectrum, Jan 2023



## Reduce Carbon Emissions

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

# Customers Controlling Buildings Optimized for Savings

## Measured energy savings across deployments

**20%** HVAC Energy Savings

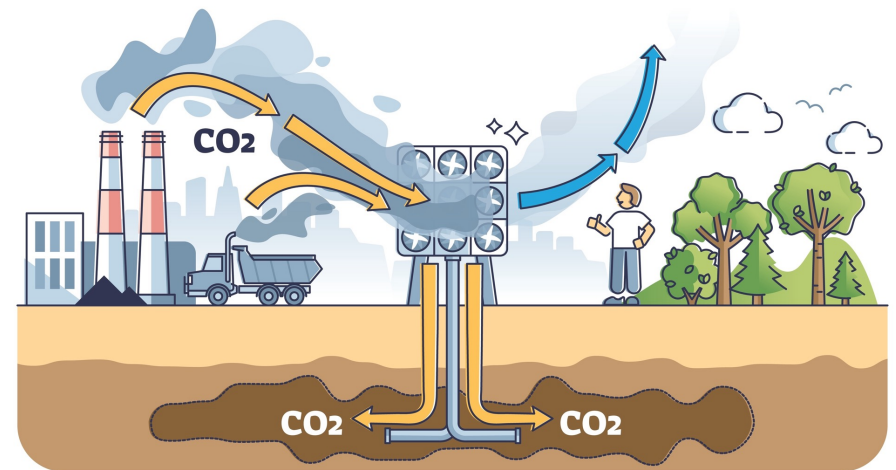
**25%** Lighting Energy Savings

**Occupant satisfaction:** spaces controlled by a building automation systems are more comfortable due to more consistent temperature profiles and healthier air quality through consistent monitoring of environmental factors (CO<sub>2</sub> levels, PM 2.5).



## Carbon Capture & Storage Systems (CCS)

- ▶ Can help ensure that emissions created during the energy generation phase will not be emitted into the atmosphere
- ▶ These technologies have the potential to significantly reduce carbon emissions in energy systems across the board





# Hydrogen and Storage Solutions

*Optimize renewable energy solutions for integration into energy grids*



- ▶ Low-carbon hydrogen will help emerging economies to meet climate goals in and of itself
  - Provide for diverse energy portfolios
  - Improving resilience
  - Lowering costs
- ▶ Storage solutions serve as optimizers for other renewable energy solutions
  - Ensure that electricity generated during off-peak hours does not go to waste

# Renewable Energy Integration

*Whitelee Windfarm, Glasgow, Scotland*



# Kenya School of Monetary Studies, Nairobi





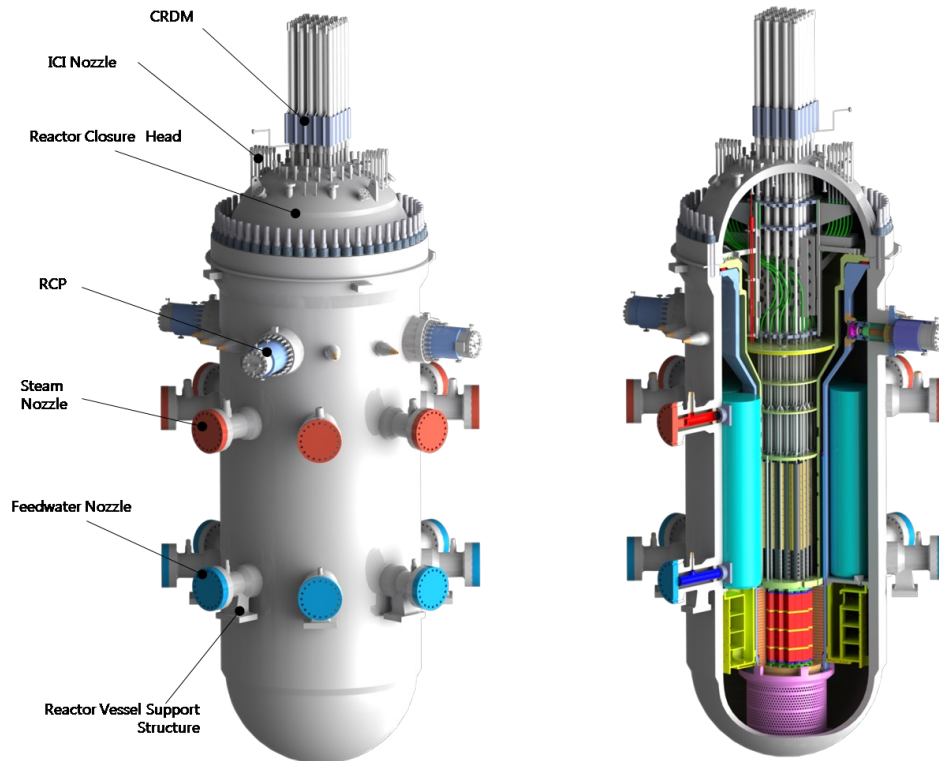
# Advanced Nuclear Technologies

*Diverse solutions to address climate change*

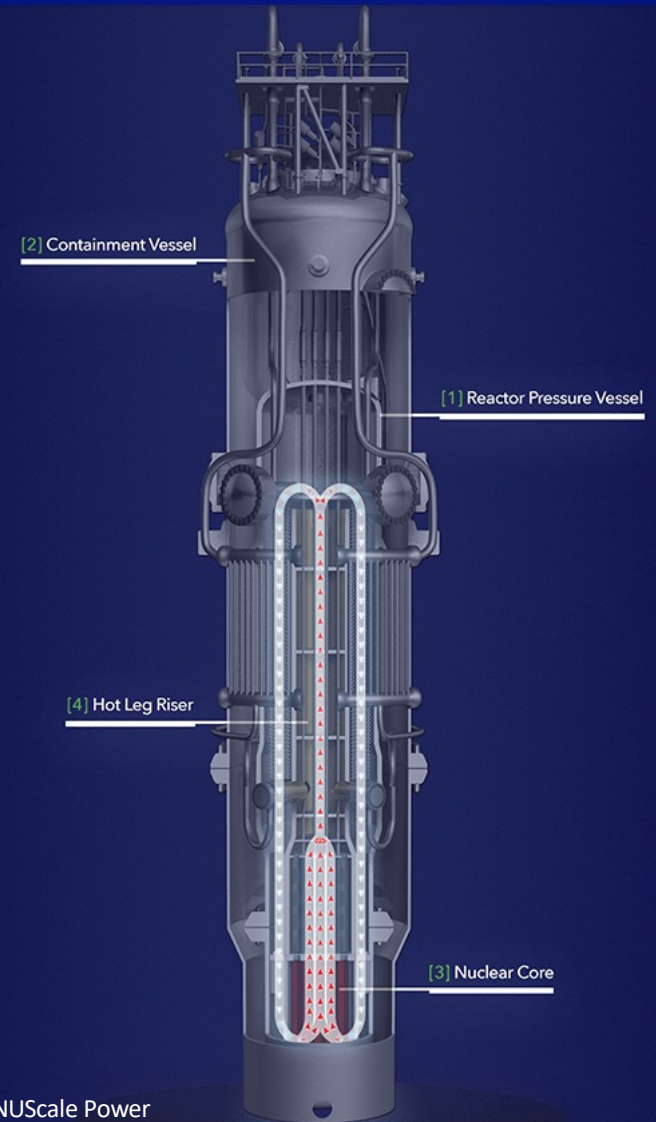
- ▶ Advanced nuclear technologies, such as small modular reactors (SMRs), can play a role
  - Smaller and can be built more quickly than more traditional nuclear reactors
- ▶ Ramping up the development of SMRs can help to produce energy when and where needed
- ▶ This energy could be integrated into existing power grids
  - helping to provide improved resiliency while simultaneously reducing emissions



# Small Modular Reactors (SMR)



20m tall, 2.7m dia. 590 tons LWR  
4.95% enrichment. 50 – 60 MWe



Source: NUScale Power

# Cross-Border Energy Transfer

## *No Transition without Transmission*

- ▶ As we are in this fight together, our solutions should be collaborative to secure better outcomes for all countries, regardless of location
- ▶ The International Energy Agency (IEA) has identified three main modes of cross-border energy integration:
  - Bilateral
  - Multilateral
  - Unified







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**Clean-Tech Solutions for Climate Sustainability**



# IEEE's Climate Change Program

# Climate Change

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**IEEE:** Enabling Innovation and Technology Solutions

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Climate Change in the News

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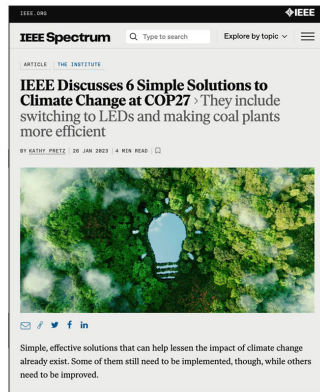
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# Ecosystem for IEEE's Climate Sustainability Work

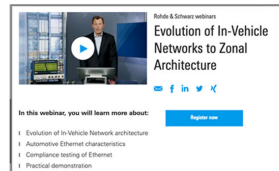
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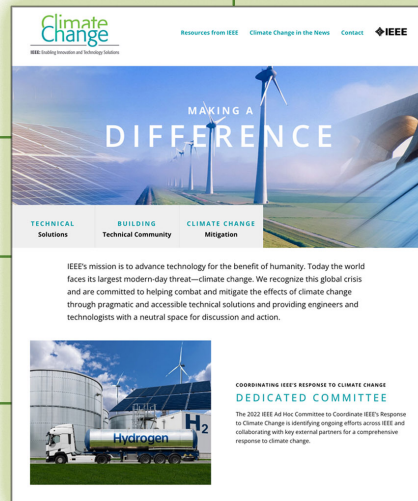
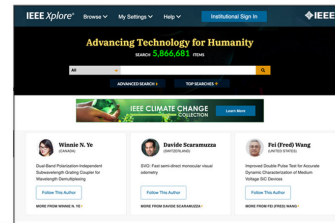
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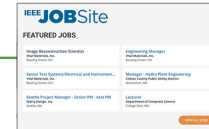
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**Xplore:** Engineers to Follow; Journal Watch Articles (free); Climate Change Articles



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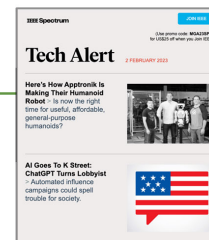
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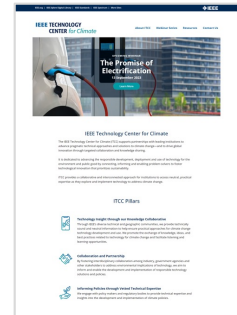
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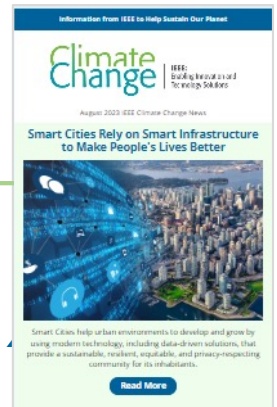
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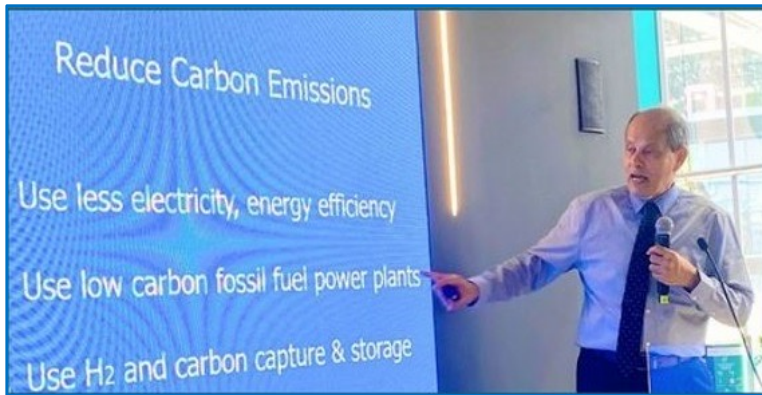
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December 5th - 11:00am



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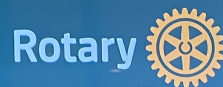
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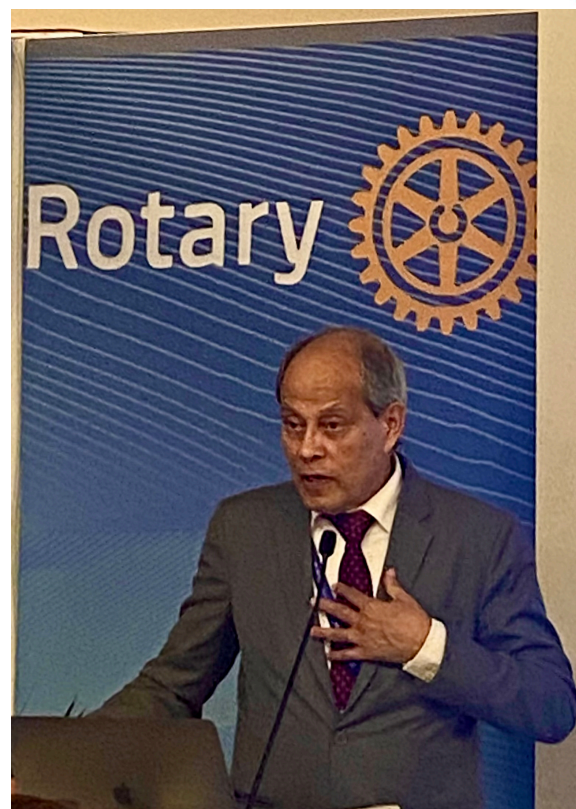
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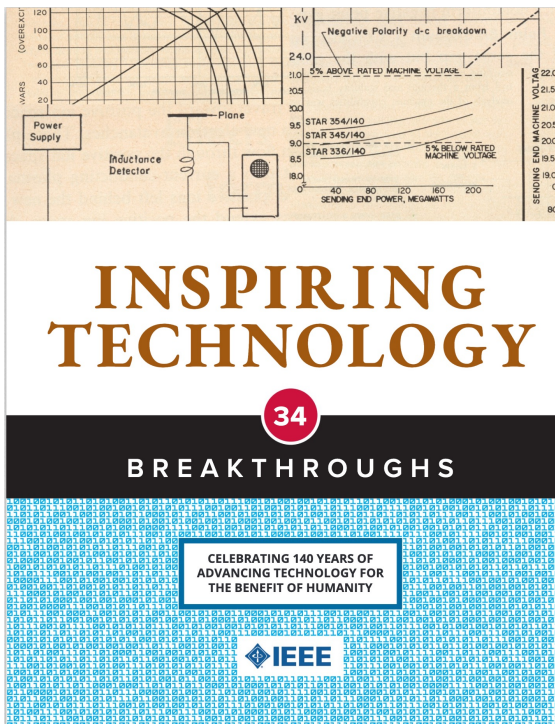


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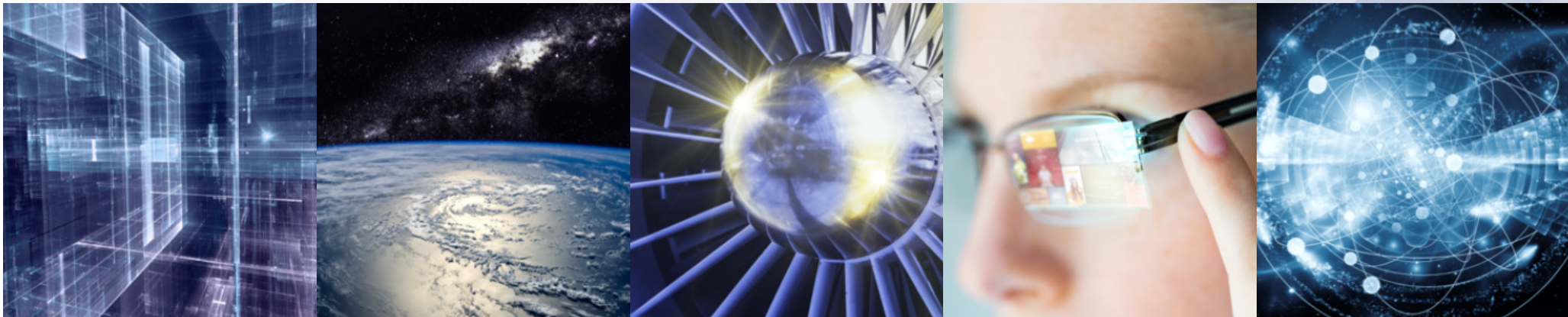


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