Making the Case for "Living Without Oil"



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Retirees Association January 30, 2020 John Gunton

Why? - 2 reasons How? – 2 ways (in combination) Result ?– net zero GHG emissions by 2060 -70

PEAK OIL



Dr Colin Campbell 1998 FORECAST THE ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF PEAK OIL & GAS FOUNDED IN 2000 www.peakoil.net



"the end of the Petroleum Interval will be gradual wherein no crisis point is reached, just slow change. **But especially with rising populations, and no sufficient substitutes for oil at hand, there is the possibility of a chaotic breakdown of society**" - Youngquist

The 2 Imperatives

Paris Agreement , 2015 Report published Oct 2018 IPCC Special Report On Global Warming of 1.5^oC

FIRST: The planet is running out of Oil (Hydrocarbons) SECOND: Burning Hydrocarbons at the current rate is causing runaway global warming by rising Greenhouse Gas emissions





Sources of Energy – World

BP Statistical review 2019: Consumption statistics for 2018 (percentages calculated based on total consumption of 13,864 million tonnes oil equivalent per yr)





HYDROCARBON COMBUSTION

ENERGY CONSUMING

TRANSPORTATION rail, car, marine, aircraft, truck, tractor HEATING

Steel Blast Furnaces Cement & Fertilizer Residential Buildings Commercial Buildings Waste Reduction – Biomass Petrochemical Fractionation ELECTRICITY Coal fired Oil fired

Gas fired

PETROCHEMICAL PRODUCTS

FABRICS

nylon, rayon, polyester, Orlon, Kevlar, **CARBON FIBRE & RESINS** CARBON BLACK Tyres, paints and plastics **AMMONIA** Fertilizer, explosives, mineral processing SULPHUR Fertilizer, acid, cellulose (paper/pulp) POLYETHYLENE Plastics, films, laminates OTHER Pigments, pharmaceuticals/cosmetics



"Stuff" made from Hydrocarbons: Photo: NG ~2003



Use of Oil

- World consumption ~100,000,000 bpd
- Decreasingly used to generate electrical power
- Provides 95% of world transportation needs. Convenient fuel
- 45,000,000 bpd (45% of world consumption) for transportation increasing as the developing world becomes "motorized"
- Manufacturing of plastics, artificial fibres consumes 1,250,000 bpd in US (7% of US consumption)
- Asphalt Paving? (~1,000,000 bpd in US & Europe)

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LIVING WITHOUT OIL? Part 1

TIME: 10:00am to noon University of Victoria, David Turpin Building (DTB), A Wing, Room A110 COST: \$20 for whole series Registration & Payment through Eventbrite or email <u>uvraevents@uvic.ca</u>



FEB 8: "The Role of Hydrogen and the Fuel Cell in Future Energy Transition"

Presenter: Nicolas Pocard, MChem Eng, MSc, Director, Ballard Power.

FEB 15: "Solar: Cost and Limiting Efficiency of Silicon Solar Panels"

Presenter: Tom Tiedje, BASc, MSc, PhD, FRSC, PEng, Professor ECE Dept, U.Vic.

FEB 22: "Wind Energy Opportunities: Terrestrial, offshore and airborne variants"

Presenter: Curran Crawford, BEng, SM (MIT), PhD, PEng, Professor Mech Eng, U. Vic.

FEB 29: "Cleaning BC: Wave Supplied Power in a Low-Carbon Energy System"

Presenter: Brad Buckham, PhD, PEng, Professor Mech Eng, U.Vic.



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March Saturday Speaker Series

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MAR 7: "Are Big Hydro and Run of River Resources Maximised?"

Presenter: Heather Matthews: BC Hydro Power Group. Director Generation System Operations

MAR 14: "Nuclear Re-visited - Canadian SMRs (Small Modular Reactors)"

Presenter: John Stewart, Canadian Nuclear Association , Director of Policy and Research

MAR 21: "Energy Storage and Electrification"

Presenter: BEng (Royal Military College of Canada), MASc., (UVic), Ph.D. (UVic), PEng. Professor Mech Eng

MAR 28: "Series Summary & Panel Discussion"

Moderator: Chris Kennedy, MASc, Ph.D., P.Eng., Professor and Chair, U.Vic. Panelist: Madelaine McPherson Panelist: Katya Rhodes Panelist: Robert Gifford



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Living Without Oil - References

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- Ken Deffeyes –"Hubbert's Peak"
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- Mark Bowen "Thin Ice"
- Peter Foster "The Blue-eyed Sheiks"
- Anthony Sampson "The Seven Sisters"
- Matthew Simmons "Twilight in the Desert"
- David Goodstein "Out of Gas"
- John G Howe "The End of Fossil Energy"
- Julian Darley "High Noon for Natural Gas"
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- David Yager "From Miracle to Menace"
- Paul Roberts "The End of Oil"

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"Limits to Growth was right. New research shows we're nearing collapse"

Graham Turner and Cathy Alexander







A powerful book authored by Jared Diamond published in 2005 by Penguin Revised in 2011



"The root problem leading to collapse is overpopulation & carrying capacity of the environment.

One of the main lessons to be learned from the collapses of societies ... is that a society's steep decline may begin only a decade or two after the society reaches its peak numbers, wealth, and power. ...

The reason is simple: maximum population, wealth, resource consumption, and waste production mean maximum environmental impact, approaching the limit where impact outstrips resources."

On a positive note:

Diamond gives suggestions to people who ask "What can I do as an individual?"



HUMANITY'S ECOLOGICAL FOOTPRINT

(our per capita impact on the planet's biosphere)

Earth surface area = 51 billion hectares

71% covered by oceans

14.5 billion hectares land

5.6 billion is non-productive

8.9 billion hectares productive

6.9 billion world population

2.1 hectares needed to support each person = footprint

14.5 billion hectares needed when productive area available is 8.9 billion hectares

1.6 Earths required to meet the needs of current earth population

55% over current carrying capacity (sustainable level)

1980 was when the limit was reached

http://regmorrison.edublogs.org/2012/03/05/population-debate/

ENERGY EXTRACTION ALWAYS ENTAILS A FAUSTIAN PENALTY*

Since the energy and resources consumed by our species already amounts to more than 1.6 times the bio-capacity of the entire planet, it means that we are consuming its resources 1.6 times faster than the Earth can replenish them. In economic terms, we are assetstripping our cosmic home and shrinking its carrying capacity on a daily basis. If this growth in population and energy consumption continues, by 2050 we will need the resources of two Earths, just to sustain our population at its present level of consumption. Our species will then be ecologically bankrupt and primed for a swift extinction.

US Imports of Whale Oil



In 1880 New York City population was 1, 206,299 people 170,000 horses excreting 1800 tonnes of manure: 15,000 dead horses removed;

https://www.quora.com/How-was-the-world-living-without-and-before-discovery-of-Crude-Oil

Campbell's Forecast (2001, 2008)



The General Depletion Picture

Campbell-Laherrère World Oil Production Estimates, 1930-2050

Scientific American ("The End of Cheap Oil?," March 1998).



US "Peak Oil" occurred in 1970 as predicted by Hubbert in 1956







Alaska (Nth Slope) Conventional Oil Production In Decline



TAPS 2 million bpd



(Source: Alaska North Slope Oil and Gas: A Promising Future or An Area in Decline?)

North Sea in Decline



World Annual Field Discovery (Reserves & Production)



THE SECOND REASON

To consider Living Without Oil

Climate Change linked to GHG Emissions

Anxiety created by this postulate is subject of May Climate Series

- 1. Proof of Global Warming
- 2. Greenhouse Gases What are they?
- 3. Carbon Cycle
- 4. Sequestration

BREAK





REG MORRISON, http://regmorrison.edublogs.org/articles/

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Temperature vs Solar Activity



In the 1970s, the consensus was that temperature fluctuations were tied to solar irradiance as this NASA data shows.

Temperature data was collected from surface stations and radiosondes.

By 1979, satellite data added to the picture and it was then realized that the rate of temperature increase was significant.




Adjustments Between Early and New Satellite Temperature Data



- Satellite measured troposphere temperature data
- Records since 1979.
- Satellite data collection has developed
- EG: Satellite orbits decay and data has to be adjusted
- 2 sources are:
 - RSS Remote Sensing Systems, Calif. UAH Univ. Alabama, Huntsville
- Comparison with data collected from surface (land) stations

Impact of El Nino, La Nina & Pinatubo 1992 Eruption on T^oC



June 1991 Eruption Mt Pinatubo, Philippines 2nd largest eruption in 20th century Emitted 42 million tonnes of CO₂ Human annual emissions 30+ billion tonnes Greater impact from sulphate aerosols





SCIENCE AND CONSENSUS

Michael Crichton (2003)

"Let's be clear: the work of science has nothing whatever to do with consensus.

Consensus is the business of politics.

Science, on the contrary, requires only one investigator who happens to be right, which means that he or she has results that are verifiable by reference to the real world.

In science consensus is irrelevant.

What is relevant is reproducible results.

The greatest scientists in history are great precisely because they broke with the consensus..."

The Causes of Global Warming – Climate Change

Subject of the May Saturday Speaker Series

- 1. Can we model climate change?
- 2. What can we learn from history?
- 3. Can we control climate change? reduce the rate of temperature increase geoengineer the climate
- 4. How can we prepare for the impacts and bear the costs of "solutions"?



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Climate Change Anxiety:



Causes, Consequences, Solutions and Costs

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TIME: 10:00am to noon University of Victoria, David Turpin Building (DTB), A Wing, May 2: "Climate Modelling",

Presenter: Dr. Johannes Feddema, Professor U.Vic

May 9: "Climate Change a Geologist's Perspective",

Presenter: Tom Gallagher, Explorationist & Researcher.

May 16: "The Importance of Oceans to Climate Change",

Presenter: Dwight Owens, ONC

May 23: "Is Geoengineering the Naloxone for our Fossil Fuel Addiction"

Presenter: Dr. Hadl Dowlatabadi, Professor UBC

May 30: "Tackling the Adaptation Imperative: International Best Practices"

Presenter: Dr. Hannah Teicher, Researcher, PICS

Evidence for (Anthropogenic Cause ?? of) Climate Change

- Global temp rise 2016 warmest on record (0.9°C since late 19 Century)
- Shrinking Ice Sheets:
 - Antarctic loss tripled in last decade 1993 -2016, Antarctic lost 126 billion tonnes
 - Greenland lost 286 billion tonnes
 - Declining Arctic sea ice
- Increasing rate of Glacial Retreat
- Decreased snow cover
- Sea Level rise 8 inches last century
- Extreme weather
- Warming Oceans top 700 m warming 0.15°C since 1969

Levitus, S.; Antonov, J.; Boyer, T.; Baranova, O.; Garcia, H.; Locarnini, R.; Mishonov, A.; Reagan, J.; Seidov, D.; Yarosh, E.; Zweng, M. (2017). NCEI ocean heat content, temperature anomalies, salinity anomalies, thermosteric sea level anomalies, halosteric sea level anomalies, and total steric sea level anomalies from 1955 to present calculated from in situ oceanographic subsurface profile data (NCEI Accession 0164586). Version 4.4. NOAA National Centers for Environmental Information. Dataset. doi:10.7289/V53F4MVP

Interpretation of Temperature Data "Causes" of Climate Change

- Ocean Circulation changes: El Nino ENSO (1yr), PDO (30 yr), La Nina,
- Solar Irradiance changes:
- Earth's changing position relative to the sun:
- Data Source Variations & Manipulations:
 - surface vs satellites,
 - radiosonde (weather balloons) vs MSU microsonde unit conversion vs thermometers
 - accuracy and precision of old vs new instruments
 - thermometer placement (urban effects)
 - proxies vs historical data continuity
 - altitude effects
 - hemispheric effects
 - Statistical distortions Mann's Hockey Stick Curve (1999)
- Greenhouse Gas Effects: Water Vapour, CO₂, CH₄ Other (aerosols, black carbon, particulates)



Milankovich Cycles (3)

Contributors to Greenhouse Gas Effect (GHGs)

United States Environmental Protection Agency. 27 June 2016. Retrieved 20 Jan. 2017.

Compound	Formula	Concentration in atmosphere (ppm)	Contribution (%)	Why is little attention paid to water vapour (clouds), aerosols?	
Water vapor and clouds	H ₂ O	10—50,000 ^(A) (1 — 5%)	36-72%	 ^(A) Water vapor strongly varies locally ^(B) The concentration in stratosphere. About 90% of the ozone in Earth's atmosphere is contained in the stratosphere. 	
Carbon dioxide	CO ₂	~400 (0.04%)	9–26%	1 molecule CO_2 in	
Methane	CH ₄	~1.8	4–9%	$(N_2 \& O_2)$	
Ozone	0 ₃	2-8 ^(B)	3–7%	1 molecule CH_4 in 555,000 molecules of air ($N_2 \& O_2$)	

- Water Vapor & Aerosols
 Chapter 7 Clouds & Aerosols
 IPCC WG1 AR5
 Clouds and aerosols continue to contribute the largest uncertainty to estimates and interpretations of the Earth's changing energy budget.
- The quantification of cloud and convective effects in models, and of aerosol-cloud interactions, continues to be a challenge. Climate models are incorporating more of the relevant processes than at the time of AR4, but confidence in the representation of these processes remains weak
- Clouds are known to affect temperature and rainfall distribution both spatially and temporarily: condensation nuclei/ice crystals
- Aerosols have a similar major impact on radiative forcing: black carbon & sulphate (Volcanos)

Global greenhouse gas emissions, per type of gas and source, including LULUCF



Source: EDGAR v4.3.2 (EC-JRC/PBL 2017); Houghton and Nassikas (2017); GFED 4.1s (2017)

CO₂ vs Population

- Breathing (exhalation) 4% is CO₂ (ref: Biotopics)
- Annual contribution is 1000 lbs CO₂/person
- Population (ref: Geohive)
- 1 tonne C=3.67 tonnes CO₂
- 1.04 x 3.67 = 3.8 billion tonnes CO₂ pa

Conclusion

Breath from global population contains >10% of carbon dioxide emitted each year & growing as population increases.

YR	Pop Billions	HC emissions GtC/yr	Breath emissions GtC/yr
1950	2.56		0.35
1980	4.45	4.05	0.61
1990	5.29	5.07	0.72
2000	6.08	6.80	0.83
2010	6.85	8.56	0.93
2020	7.60	9.5	1.04
2050	9.54		1.30

Carbon dioxide emissions by sector, World

Carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions by sector, measured in tonnes per year.





Source: UN Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) CC BY

Carbon Dioxide Emission by Region and by fuel Type

https://ourworldindata.org/co2-and-other-greenhouse-gas-emissions



Source: Global Carbon Project (GCP); CDIAC

CC BY

Note: The difference between the global estimate and the sum of national totals is labeled "Statistical differences". CC BY

- Carbon is the foundation of life
- Produces 85 90% of the energy we consume
- 4th most abundant element in universe
- From diamonds to graphite (hardest to softest)
- Carbon cycle

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• Earth's Carbon stores (in billions tonnes)







- 15,000,000, Source of Fossil Fuels including **hydrates** (4,500 in known FF reserves) Kerogen
 - Type 2 (lipids plankton, animal), liquid & gas source rocks through thermogenic decay: Marine
 - Type 3 (cellulose, lignins, humic plant), gas producing source rocks through bacteriogenic & thermogenic decav
- 65,000,000 EG. limestones, dolomites, marble, carbonatites : Ca/MgCO₃ Rocks
- Soil Humus
- Biota
- Ocean in solution
- Ocean in reefs
- 875 (3,210 billion tonnes as CO₂ or 410 ppm: 1 ppm = 7.2 billion tonnes CO₂ • Atmosphere
- Earth Carbon Flux (annually in billions tonnes)
 - (0.38 billion tonnes CO₂) not well established • Volcanos emit 0.084
 - Litterfall atmosphere
 - Ocean- atmosphere
 - Anthropogenic

- 1,600 570
- $38,000 (HCO_3^{-}) + (Ca^{2+})^{-}$

60

80

9.5

6,000

Coccolithophore Phytoplankton photosynthesis CO $_2$ + Ca²⁺ = Chalk Kilometre thick ocean floor ooze covers 35% of ocean



- - (220 billion tonnes CO_2)
 - (293 billion tonnes CO_2)

 $(35 + billion tonnes CO_2)$

These are the BIG 3 Note relatively small anthropogenic contribution

Carbon Stores (orange) & Annual Flux (red) in Petagrams





CO₂

- Colorless, odorless but NOT a pollutant
- Essential to life
- 50 –100 tonnes of CO₂ per lifetime of auto
- If unchecked by 2050 would be >2x pre-industry level
- Avge American generates (20 tonnes per yr) 2x CO₂ produced by Japanese & Europeans
- Is there a saturation level (cap) between atmosphere and hydrosphere and biosphere?



Impact of Burning Fossil Fuels on CO₂ Content of Atmosphere •Atmosphere holds 875 billion tons of Carbon as CO_2 (410 ppm) •Oceans hold 39,000+ billion tons of Carbon as dissolved CO_2 •Burning fossil fuels adds ~9 billion tons per year of Carbon as CO₂ (~1% atmos) •Approx 1 billion tons of Carbon exhaled annually by world population •Can human emission of 9.5+ billion tons per year of Carbon be recycled by natural processes or will it increase the atmospheric content and lead to unstoppable global warming?

- •Are there other causes of global warming?
- •Could it be that we are about to cool to another period of glaciation?

•Does warming promote plant/tree growth and to an CO₂ increase? Which comes first?

Temperature of Planet Earth



Various researchers: references available on request Holocene Climate Optimum – warm period 12,000 – 2000 BP

- Global average temperatures were probably warmer than now. While temperatures in the Northern Hemisphere were warmer than average during the summers, the Tropics and parts of the Southern Hemisphere were colder than average
- North Pole increases of up to 4 °C (in one study, winter warming of 3 to 9 °C and summer of 2 to 6 °C in northern central Siberia).
- Western Arctic show clear evidence for conditions warmer than now. At 16 sites, quantitative estimates show local temperatures were on average 1.6±0.8 °C higher than now. Research indicates the Arctic had less sea ice than the present. Arctic Coastal Plain in Alaska, there are indications of summer temperatures 2–3 °C warmer than present.
- Northwestern Europe experienced warming, but there was cooling in Southern Europe. The average temperature change
 declined rapidly with latitude. No change in mean temperature is reported at low and middle latitudes.
- Northwestern North America had peak warmth from 11,000 to 9,000 years ago, and the Laurentide Ice Sheet still chilled the continent.
- Northeastern North America experienced peak warming 4,000 years later.
- Central Asia current desert regions were extensively forested due to higher rainfall and the warm temperate forest belts in China and Japan were extended northwards.
- Tropical reefs show temperature increases of less than 1 °C; the tropical ocean surface at the Great Barrier Reef about 5350 years ago was 1 °C warmer and enriched in ¹⁸O by 0.5 per mil relative to modern seawater.
- African Humid Period, 12,000 and 6,000 years BP, Africa was much wetter. This was caused by a strengthening of the African monsoon by changes in summer radiation, resulting from long-term variations in the Earth's orbit around the Sun. "Green Sahara" was dotted with numerous lakes, containing typical African lake crocodile and hippopotamus fauna. Humans played a role in altering the vegetation structure of North Africa at some point after 8,000 years ago, when they introduced domesticated animals. Leading to the rapid transition to the arid conditions found in many locations in the Sahara. Transitions into and out of the wet period occurred within decades, not the previously-thought extended periods.
- Southern Hemisphere (New Zealand and Antarctica), the warmest period during the Holocene appears to have been roughly 10,500 to 8,000 years ago, immediately following the end of the last ice age. By 6,000 years ago, the time normally associated with the Holocene Climatic Optimum in the Northern Hemisphere, they had reached temperatures similar to present ones, and they did not participate in the temperature changes of the north.

The History of Biodiversity & Atmospheric Carbon Dioxide from the start of Preserved Life on Earth (Phanerozoic 542 million years)

Direct determination of past carbon dioxide levels relies primarily on the interpretation of carbon isotopic ratios in fossilized soils (paleosols) or the shells of phytoplankton and through interpretation of stomatal density in fossil plants. Each of these is subject to substantial systematic uncertainty. (Robert A Rohde)





(Graphs by Robert Simmon, using data from Lüthi et al., 2008, and Jouzel et al., 2007.

CO₂ CCS (Carbon Capture Sequestration)



Weyburn – Midale CO₂ Storage, Saskatchewan

- Launched 2000
- CO₂ from Beulah, North Dakota (Dakota Gasification Company coal)
- 8500 tonnes per day CO_2 , compressed, liquified pipelined 320kms to Weyburn
- Injected with water 1500 m underground:
- 2000 tonnes per day Midale
- 6500 tonnes per day Weyburn
- Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR)
- 8,000 cu. Ft of CO₂ increases oil production by 2 to 3 barrels
- All injected and recycled CO₂ will remain safely stored underground



CO₂ Sequestration - Geology

Storage Option Global Capacity

Estimate of # Sites Required

Depleted gas fields 690 Depleted oil fields/CO₂-EOR 120* Deep saline aquifers 400 - 10 000 Unmineable coal seams 40

*= 4000 Weyburn/Midale projects (10yr life)



CO₂ Sequestration - Ocean

Storage Option Global Capacity Gt CO₂ ??

- Unknown capacity
- What are risks?



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oman drilling project



Scientific Drilling in the Samail Ophiolite, Sultanate of Oman

Started December 1, 2016 15 holes at 6 sites Core samples of oceanic crust & mantle peridotite

Olivine – rich rocks commonly found in ocean floor assemblages, are known to chemically combine CO_2 and form the mineral magnesite MgCO₃ Considered a possible means of CO_2 sequestration. Under evaluation offshore BC.... Dwight Owens, ONC.



Plastics: Sequestering Carbon

- Plastics and other goods produced from oil and gas by-products a means of sequestering carbon.
- ✓ Feel good about buying and using these products.

REVIEW: The 2 Imperatives

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BREAK



- Oil 1950 –1970
- Oil (average)
- Coal
- Gas
- Biomass Biofuels
- Wind
- Solar PV
- Solar CSP
- Hydro
- Wave
- Tidal
- Nuclear
- Geothermal
- Hydrogen



Shale oil Increasingly costly **Energy Delivered Energy Required to Deliver that Energy** (Source of data varies) Ratio = 1 Breakeven Ratio = 5 + is considered worthwhile given uncertainty in calculation **EROEI** is energy returned on energy invested

Energy Delivered

EROEI =

Energy Required to Deliver that Energy

Points to Consider

EROEI declines over time (eg. Oil is increasingly more difficult to produce)

EROEI increases over time (eg. Solar, efficiencies in scale and production technologies)

EROEI needs to consider amortization where capital infrastructure is required, (refining, pipelining)

EROEI needs to consider life of service and replacement costs

EROEI needs to consider full cost of materials and processes required:

Biofuels – fertilizer, fuel for tractors fuel for refining, addition of denurants (pentanes plus)

Solar – mining, shipping and processing of materials...silica, rare earths, metals

Hydrogen - mining, shipping and processing of membrane materials & availability of electricity

Wind – carbon fibre, steel & turbine construction

Hydro – dam construction



Nicolas Pocard from Ballard Power looks at Hydrogen and the Fuel Cell on Feb 8



Challenges

- A 1999 University of California study revealed that more than 3,000 gallons of gaseous hydrogen is necessary to produce the same energy as a gallon of gasoline. (http://darwin.bio.uci.edu/~sustain/global/sensem/Forrest98.htm).
- Compressed gaseous hydrogen is highly explosive.
- Liquid hydrogen comes close to equaling gasoline's energy but it is so cold, it fractures the metals used in fuel systems.
- Hydrogen production is problematic

Tom Tiedje of IESVIC talks about Solar Panels on February 15th

354 MW San Bernardino Cty Cal

photovoltaics vs solar thermal



Crescent Dune 110 MW, Tonopah, Las Vegas Nevada Focus sun energy to melt salt. Completed in 2015 but mothballed in 2019

Curran Crawford of IESVIC will address Wind Energy Opportunities on February 22nd


Brad Buckham of IESVIC will discuss Wave Supplied power on February 29th

Annual average wave power in kW per metre of crest width



PART 2 in MARCH

- Heather Matthews of BC Hydro will talk about hydro supplied power meeting BC's demand for electricity
- John Stewart of the Canadian Nuclear Association will fly in from Ottawa to introduce developments in nuclear energy
- Andrew Rowe of IESVic will talk about batteries and storage
- We will conclude with a panel discussion on March 28th with experts from UVic. moderated by Chris Kennedy, Chair of Civil Engineering.

We do not have a presenter on the two remaining renewable energy sources **Geothermal or Biomass/Biofuels** so I will say a few words now

Geothermal Summary 2 Types

- Electrical power generation from steam/binary is:
 - expensive,
 - unpredictable,
 - unreliable &
 - very site specific
 - EROEI <6

HIGH Geothermal gradient required

- "Ground-Source": does not produce electricity
 - Heat exchangers to extract heat from circulating warm water
 - Individual home vs community projects
 - EG: 3 projects
 - Finland
 - Idaho
 - Okotoks

NORMAL Geothermal gradient required

Geothermal Energy





- Water hot enough to boil to produce steam & drive turbine to produce electricity
- 3 high grade fields
 - Lardarello Italy
 - 1st electricity 1904, 127 MWe by 1942: still operating
 - Geysers, California, dry steam
 - wells drilled by 1921, now installed capacity 1517 MW. 20+ plants
 - Wairakei, NZ
 - plant opened 1958
- Medium grade "deposits" water will boil but reservoir cools
- Reservoir depletes unpredictably over time declining in pressure and temperature
- Minerals precipitate and clog pipes



GEOTHERMAL GRADIENT

Geothermal gradient is the rate of increasing temperature with respect to increasing depth in the Earth's interior.

Away from tectonic plate boundaries, it is about 25 °C per km of depth in most of the world.



Earth's Crust Temperature Profile at Different Locations







	Capacity	Capacity	Capacity	Share of
Country	(MW)	(MW)	(MW)	national
	2007	2013	2018	generation(%)
USA	2687	3389	3591	0.3
Philippines	1969.7	1894	1868	27.0
Indonesia	992	1333	1948	3.7
Mexico	953	980	951	3.0
	471.6	895	1005	14.5
Current capacity is insignificant 14.3 GW geothermal vs 4700 GW fossil fuel	810.5	901	944	1.5
	421.2	664	755	30.0
Кепуа	128.8	215	676	51.0
Japan	535.2	537	542	0.1
Turkey	38	163	1200	0.3
Costa Rica	162.5	208		14.0
El Salvador	204.4	204		25.0
Nicaragua	79	97		9.9
Total	9,731.9	11,765	14,369	—
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HAWAIIAN HOTSPOT







Puna Geothermal Ventures (subsidiary of Ormat), Hawaii 38 MW electrical plant – opened 1993

- Plans to replace ten older units with two new ones.
- Increase the capacity of the plant by 8 MW to total of 46 MW,
- Currently shut down since the volcanic eruption.
- Full capacity expected by the end of the 2nd Qtr 2020.
- 11 wells 2 3,000 m deep Hawaii (Big Island) power plants (2017)







Source of Electrical Power Hawaii – Big island

Hawaii (Big Island) estimated monthly electricity generation (Jan 2014-Dec 2016) thousand megawatthours



Binary Geothermal

- Water "boils" fluid with lower boiling point, drives turbine
- Isobutane boils at 11°F
- Mammoth Lake plant, California
- Produces equivalent of 3 million Bbls of oil over its life
- Equivalent of the amount of oil US imports in a morning!
- 15 MW Binary Plant (by Ormat or Mitsubishi) requires 75°C (examples in Nevada, USA)



GROUND SOURCE HEAT Finnish energy company, St1 Otaniemi, Espoo, Finland https://www.st1.eu/

- The plant will be the world's deepest geothermal heat production plant, which will produce heat completely without emissions.
- The first 6.4 kilometre-deep geothermal heat well was completed last year.
- The second well drilled to a depth of 3.3 kilometres is awaiting the results of water stimulation modelling. The drilling plan for the remaining part of the second well has been determined according to modelling and the actual drilling will be completed in 2020,





District Heat: Not Electricity generation

Ground Source District Heating: First in USA Boise Idaho Capitol Building





Drake Landing, Okotoks, Alberta



The first of its kind in North America, DLSC is heated by a district system designed to **store abundant solar energy underground during the summer months and distribute the energy to each home for space heating needs during winter months**. The system is unprecedented in the World, fulfilling 95% of each home's space heating requirements from solar energy and resulting in less dependency on limited fossil fuels.

Is BIOMASS part of the solution?

- 3 products, burn for heat, methane from decay, liquids biofuels
- Sinks or Stores: Sequestering carbon: planting harvesting vs preservation
- Sources include wood, animal waste, seaweed, peat, agricultural crops & waste, garbage
- Deforestation in Bangladesh & Haiti where trees used for fuel
- India burns 200 million tonnes cow dung per year
- 2.4 billion rely on biomass for cooking and heating, with an expected increase to 2.6 billion by 2030.
- Biomass provides 13% of world energy needs how sustainable is this vis a vis wood supply in areas where it is used and pollution from inefficient burning

BIOFUELS: Ethanol C₂H₆O & Biodiesel

FEEDSTOCK:

Liquids can be produced from any organic matter:

coal, gas, grain (corn), sugar, soy beans, animal waste

Fischer-Tropsch a chemical refining process developed in 1926 in Germany: other related distillation – refining processes

ETHANOL (Corn)

- Ethanol EROEI=0.84 1.65. 1 acre of corn = 328 gals ethanol (subtract: tractor fuel, fertilizer, distillation fuel use).
- Ethanol contains approx. 34% less energy per unit volume than gasoline, and therefore in theory, burning pure ethanol (80,000 BTUs per gallon) in a vehicle reduces miles per US gallon 34%, given the same fuel economy, compared to burning pure gasoline (124,000 BTUs per gallon)
- Would require all continental US to grow the corn to meet the needs of US autos.
- Unlike gasoline, pure ethanol is nontoxic and biodegradable, and it quickly breaks down into harmless substances if spilled.
- Chemical <u>denaturants</u> are added to ethanol to make fuel ethanol, and many of the denaturants are toxic (pentanes plus)

BIODIESEL (Soy & Canola)

- Biodiesel is produced from soy beans, canola, animal fats and palm tree oil
- on combustion produces more NOX than petroleum diesel
- World's major consumer of SOY beans is China (as feedstock for animals pigs): Liquids are a bi-product
- Does replacing petroleum-based fuel with biodiesel cut greenhouse emissions?

CONTROVERSIAL

- Land clearing
- Significant subsidies provided to farmers
- At the end of the day, combustion of any liquid biofuel produces CO₂.
- Planting crops (Soy, Canola, Corn) will temporarily sequester CO₂
- Are we any further ahead?

FROM MIRACLE To Menace

Alberta, A Carbon Story



Alberta's massive carbon resources have supported Alberta and Canada financially

"Decarbonizing the industrial and energy complex will require the largest financial disruption in history, affecting everyone and everything."

Last 8 years NET TRANSFERS

Alberta has paid\$180 billionOntario has paid\$45 billion vBC has paid\$18 billionQuebec received\$476 billionNova Scotia received\$306 billionNB received\$203 billionManitoba received\$175 billionNewf & Lab received\$172 billion

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GDP Contribution (Stats Can 2017)

O & G Extraction

Mining

Vehicle parts

Vehicle manufacturing

Aerospace

Pulp Paper

\$101 billion

\$22.2 billion

\$8.8 billion

\$6.5 billion \$7.6 billion

\$4.7 billion

Direct Jobs CERI 2022 est. 650,000 providing \$40 billion in taxes

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Alberta's Industrial (petrochemical) and Energy Complex – Carbon-based Products

- Alberta creates 47% of Canada's chemicals (Chem. Ind. Assoc. Can)
- 45,000 direct and indirect jobs
 - Exports valued at \$8.4 billion in 2017 A refined barrel of oil yields 20 gals gasoline 11 gals diesel 4 gals jet fuel 2 gals bunker fuel 6 gals asphalt, lubricant, waxes

petrochemical feedstock + natural gas liquids

Fabrics: nylon, rayon, polyester, Orlon, Kevlar, carbon fibre, "rubber tires" Ammonia from NG: fertilizer, explosives, mineral processing Sulphur from NG: fertilizer, acid, cellulose (paper/pulp) Polyethylene and plastics: Pigments, pharmaceuticals/cosmetics

Forecasting and Data Sources

IPCC Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (UN)

Paris Climate Accord 2015

33 climate conferences 6 major agreements. Eg. Kyoto, Copenhagen, Paris

- EIA Energy Information Administration (US)
- IEA International Energy Agency (OECD) 38 countries

IRENAInternational Renewable Energy Agency

BP Worldwide annual statistics on energy consumption and production

SHELL Worldwide independent forecaster and modeler of consumption patterns

Sources of Data: IEA, EIA, BP

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Conclusion

At a time when society is increasing its demands for an accelerated transition to a low carbon energy system, the energy data for 2018 paint a worrying picture, with both energy demand and carbon emissions growing at the fastest rates seen for years.

As I explained, in a statistical sense, it's possible to explain this acceleration in terms of a combination of weather-related effects and an unwinding of cyclical movements in China's pattern of growth. What is less clear is how much comfort we can take from this explanation.

What does seem fairly clear is that the underlying picture is one in which the actual pace of progress is falling well short of the accelerated transition envisaged by the Paris climate goals.

Last year's developments sound yet another warning alarm that the world is on an unsustainable path.





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Global energy consumption increased by 2.9% in 2018. Growth was the strongest since 2010 and almost double the 10-year average. The demand for all fuels increased but growth was particularly strong in the case of gas (168 mtoe, accounting for 43% of the global increase) and renewables (71 mtoe, 18% of the global increase). In the OECD, energy demand increased by 82 mtoe on the back of strong gas demand growth (70 mtoe). In the non-OECD, energy demand growth (308 mtoe) was more evenly distributed with gas (98 mtoe), coal (85 mtoe) and oil (47 mtoe) accounting for most of the growth.





Gas production and consumption registered record-high volumetric increases in 2018. Production increased by 5.2%, the highest rate since 2010 and more than double the 10-year average growth rate of 2.3%. US (86 bcm) and Russia (34 bcm) accounted for almost two thirds of global growth. Similarly, gas consumption increased by 5.3%, with the US (78 bcm) registering the strongest growth on record. China also saw above-average growth of 17.7% (43 bcm).

Coal: Production by region Million tonnes oil equivalent

Coal: Consumption by region

Million tonnes oil equivalent



Global coal production increased by 4.3% in 2018, significantly above the 10-year average of 1.3%. Production growth was concentrated in Asia Pacific (163 mtoe) with China accounting for half of global growth and Indonesian production up by 51 mtoe. Coal consumption increased by 1.4% in 2018, the fastest growth since 2013. Growth was again driven by Asia Pacific (71 Mtoe), and particularly by India (36 Mtoe). This region now accounts for over three quarters of global consumption, while 10 years ago it represented two thirds.



Nuclear energy consumption by region Million tonnes oil equivalent

Hydroelectricity consumption by region Million tonnes oil equivalent

Nuclear consumption increased by 2.4% in 2018. China (10 mtoe) accounted for almost three quarters of global growth. In fact, nuclear consumption in China has more than quadrupled in the last 10 years. The largest declines were recorded in South Korea (-3 mtoe) and Belgium (-3 mtoe). World hydroelectric consumption rose by 3.1%, slightly above the 10-year average (2.8%). China (8 mtoe) and Brazil (4 mtoe) posted the largest contributions. Asia

Pacific's global share has increased significantly in recent years: in 2018 Asia Pacific accounted for 41% of global consumption, 20 years ago it accounted for only 20%.

Renewables consumption by region

Million tonnes oil equivalent

Renewables generation by source Terawatt-hours

Renewable energy in power generation (excluding hydro) increased by 14% in 2018, slightly below 10-year average growth (16%). However, its increase in energy terms (71 mtoe) was slightly below the record-breaking increase of 2017. China accounted for 45% of global growth and its consumption has increased 20-fold in the last 10 years.

Wind (142 TWh) contributed more to renewable generation growth than solar (131 TWh). Wind has accounted for around 50% of renewables generation in the last few years. Solar has constantly increased its share and now represents 24%, 13 percentage points higher than in 2013.

Annual additions to Electricity Generating Capacity

BP Data shows

Last 20 years Growth in the production and consumption of energy

Can we expect to slow or stop this growth? Can we change how we produce energy? Can we offset the products of combustion by sequestering C? SKY...Shell's proposala pathway for the rest of the century THE CONCLUSION
Delivering Sky will be challenging. Achieving longterm public goals requires long-term public policy to initiate and guide developments that the private sector will need to deliver and the public will need to choose or accept.



www.shell.com/skyscenario.

SKY recognizes that a simple extension of current efforts is insufficient.

Sky presents a possible pathway to achieving a balance between anthropogenic emissions by sources and removals by sinks of GHGs.

The target is net zero emissions by 2070

WELL BELOW 2°C: THE PARIS AMBITION

The December 2015 Paris Agreement on climate change is a remarkable document offering a pragmatic blueprint for resolving one of the toughest issues society faces.



Shell Renewables

- 1 of 5 core divisions (\$100 million/yr budget)
- Established 1997
- Renewables will supply 50% by 2050
- Proponent of decarbonization direct path to renewables supported by gas in medium term: 2 businesses.....
- Shell Solar
 - 2 plants Camarillo (Cal), Gelsenkirchen (Germany)
 - Total PV cell annual output 75 mW
- Shell WindEnergy
 - Current capacity 240 mW worldwide
 - Targets 2000 mW by end 2005

CHALLENGES AHEAD FOR SKY Because we need energy for just about everything we make and do, achieving Sky essentially involves re-wiring the whole

Because we need energy for just about everything we make and do, achieving Sky essentially involves re-wiring the whole global economy to reach net-zero emissions in just 50 years. We face some major challenges.

- Population growth, development, new energy services, and the extended use of existing services will all contribute to
 energy demand growth. Demand growth can potentially be slowed through rapid efficiency gains, but efficiency tends
 to lower the cost of energy services, leading to increasing consumption by consumers a double-edged sword.
- A stark reality of the early 21st century is the lack of a clear development pathway for an emerging economy that doesn't include coal. Coal is a relatively easy resource to make use of and offers a great deal, including electricity, heating, chemicals, and, very importantly, smelting to make iron. It remains an important energy resource.
- Some progressive regions may need to consider net-zero emissions as an objective for the 2050s, in part to balance countries that arrive at this point much later in the century. But net-zero emissions in almost any industrial economy is a tough ask due to the current lack of low-carbon substitutes for, e.g. aviation, shipping, road freight, cement manufacture, some chemicals processes, smelting and glass manufacture. Energy-dense portable fuels will be a continuing need.
- Wind and solar power can grow rapidly, but produce electricity which makes up less than 20% of final energy
 consumption today. Major contributions to decarbonisation and increased efficiency require deep electrification of the
 economy, but electrification has been slow and its market share is currently growing at only 2%-points per decade,
 which needs to triple.
- Some promising low-carbon technologies are currently stalled, with hydrogen, perhaps, being the most notable example. Progress in biofuels technology and Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) have also been slower than originally anticipated.

Achieving net-zero emissions in just 50 years leaves no margin for interruption, stalled technologies, delayed deployment, policy indecision, or national back-tracking. Rather, **it requires a broad process that is embraced by societies and led by public policy.**

A SCENARIO FOR SUCCESS

THE VISION: The route to net-zero emissions by 2070 is increased electrification –

- the increasing replacement of direct fossil fuel use (such as gasoline for mobility) by electricity and perhaps by hydrogen (air travel).
- Electricity exceeds 50% of end-use energy consumption, five times the size of that seen in 2017.
- Fossil fuels are effectively absent from power generation with solar starting to dominate.
- Electrification begins most clearly in the transport system through intergovernmental initiatives and pledges by countries and cities to **phase out internal combustion engine passenger cars**.
 - As early as 2030, more than half of global car sales are electric,
 - Extending to all cars by 2050
 - Electrifying rail corridors in Nth America. China, Europe and Japan are far ahead.
- Biomass generation has emerged, linked with CCS to offer an important carbon sink. CCS is a huge challenge!
- Government-led carbon pricing emerges in Sky as a suite of taxes, levies, and market mechanisms. By 2030, a common understanding is reached between governments as to the appropriate level of the cost of emissions.

GLOBAL END ENERGY-USE CONSUMPTION



Note: In Sky, deep electrification occurs across the energy system, but molecules remain an important energy carrier.

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Source: Shell analysis, Sky Scenario.
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By the middle of the century the energy mix is starting to look very different, with solar the dominant primary energy supply source by around 2055. Energy system CO₂ emissions peak in the mid-2020s at around 35 Gt, and fall sharply thereafter.

- Efficiency improves continuously.
- biofuels play a critical role in Sky (Biofuels increasingly supplement the fossil liquid fuelmix: This needs discussion.)
- Coal declines rapidly with the peak already behind us but coal remains important in various processes with CCS applied to manage CO₂ emissions
- 10,000 CCS plants are built compared with fewer than 50 today
- Hydrogen also emerges as an important fuel in the 2030s, although not until after 2050 for heavy industry.
- For **fossil fuels** in Sky, the first clear signs of the transition emerge in the 2020s;
- Oil demand peaks at 83 million barrels per day and begins to decline by the 2030s.
- By 2070, however, oil production remains at **50 million barrels per day**, albeit declining, due to the broad swathe of services that it still supplies.
- Net zero deforestation requires Re foresting an area size of Brazil
- Natural gas plays an important early role in supplanting coal in power generation and backing up renewable energy intermittency. Demand then falls after 2040.
- Sky <u>does not</u> contemplate significant growth in **nuclear** energy (5% to 11%) Why is that?

THE EVOLVING ENERGY SYSTEM CO2 BALANCE IN SKY

2020

Today, most CO_2 is emitted to the atmosphere, with the CO_2 in the bioenergy system also returned to the atmosphere.

Bioenergy production and use 6.7 Gt

Photosynthesis 6.7 Gt Net emissions 35.2 Gt Materials 2.6 Gt <u>ш</u> 37.8 Gt Fossil fuels

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In Sky, government-led carbon pricing emerges as a suite of taxes, levies, and market mechanisms.



In Sky, Global implementation of carbon pricing by governments is complete by the late 2030s, with all systems then achieving a credible limit to deter emissions. In Sky, carbon pricing.

- speeds up the adoption of CCS for large emitters: Construction of central CCS plants eg. Petrocemical complexes
- 2. Drives the deployment of netnegative technologies like bioenergy with CCS. **?? What does this mean??**
- 3. Carbon pricing encourages emissions reduction across the whole economy, especially through improving energy efficiency, thus generating significant shifts in consumer and producer behaviour. **Proven to be the case in**

Sweden. What should governments do with increase revenues??

- 1. Return \$ to consumers?
- 2. Create a pool of \$ for technology development?
- 3. Other?

IN SKY, HYDROGEN EMERGES AS A MATERIAL ENERGY CARRIER AFTER 2040, PRIMARILY FOR INDUSTRY AND TRANSPORT



This is a huge bet! To supply 25% of transportation needs by 2100

> Nicolas Pocard's talk on February 8th

Note: By 2100, hydrogen supplies a quarter of all transport energy demand and over 10% of industrial energy

Source: Shell analysts

BATTERY COSTS FALL RAPIDLY IN SKY, IN PART DUE TO GOVERNMENT FUNDING OF NEW TECHNOLOGIES





THE FUEL MIX FOR PASSENGER VEHICLES SHIFTS RAPIDLY IN SKY, WITH ELECTRICITY DOMINATING BY 2070 AND LIQUID FUELS NEARLY HALVING FROM 2020 TO 2050

PEAK COAL USE IS BEHIND US IN **SIKY**, WITH TOTAL CONSUMPTION FALLING RAPIDLY FROM THE EARLY 2030s ONWARDS



Source: Shell analysis, IEA (historical data)

THE ELECTRICITY MIX SHIFTS HEAVILY TO SOLAR THROUGH THE CENTURY



Source: Shell analysis, IEA (historical data)

ELECTRICITY IN THE 21st CENTURY

Today, global electricity demand stands at some **22,000** terrawatt hours (TWh) per year. In **Sky** it rises to around **100,000** TWh per year during the second half of the century, or the **addition** of about **1,400** TWh of generation **per year** from now on.

As a reference, when complete, the 3.3 GW Hinkley Point nuclear power station being constructed in the UK will add about 29 TWh, so this pace of development is equivalent to some **50 giant power stations globally each year, or one additional such facility per week.**

Global gener TWh added TWh. What are \$ and energy costs of mining, processing and fabricating materials to supply solar panels and wind turbines?

So, new solar and wind are not yet close to meeting additional generation demand. Although both are rising quickly, thermal power stations will continue to be needed to at least mid-century.

These thermal power stations should NOT be coal powered and in this transition period, we must look towards natural gas and nuclear

CAN WE "LIVE WITHOUT OIL"?



Source: Shell analysis

Closing Statements "LIVING WITHOUT OIL"?

Imperative 1

In my opinion we will never run out of hydrocarbons (oil, gas or coal). The commodities will become increasingly more costly to produce whether from fossil fuels or biofuels. Hydrocarbons from either source release GHGs upon combustion..

Combustion of hydrocarbons is essential to human existence. There are no substitutes for petrochemical products or ways to produce fertilizer, steel & cement without hydrocarbons. We cannot construct roads and highways. There is no alternative way to power aircraft. We cannot live without oil.

Imperative 2

The Paris Ambition set by IPCC is to achieve "Net zero emissions of GHGs by 2070" but it doesn't say how. Shell maps out a PATHWAY called SKY showing us how the Paris Ambition can be achieved. This will be by reducing consumption through increased use of renewables and sequestering emissions of hydrocarbons we do have to burn. It gives us some hope and optimism for the future.

There is much wrong with SKY but it is worthy of discussion and debate. If we accept the climate modelling as "settled science" and we believe in the premise that GHG emissions are causing global warming, can we look at past actions taken by mankind that have had an impact on the atmosphere and climate?

Nitrogen (Haber-Bosch) and Ozone Montreal Protocol. Both resulted in the award of Nobel Prizes.

What are the threats?

- CCS expectations are unrealistic
- Reliance on biofuels to replace fossil fuels: implausible & unnecessary
- Huge investment in electrification infrastructure
- Reliability of electrical supply (base load) given reliance on solar & wind
- Change in behavior unrealistic eg: stay at home tourism
- Hydrogen extremely challenging
- Nuclear underestimated as a potential transitional solution
- Is the science really settled?
- Are the models reliable: could they have under-estimated or over-estimated?
- Are countries prepared to meet their targets?

Nitrogen – fertilizer & explosives production

A message of successful geoengineering and the need for huge natural gas supplies to produce hydrogen

I want to encourage you to read Oliver Morton's book "The Planet Remade" (2016): specifically Chapter 7 simply titled "Nitrogen".

It describes the Haber- Bosch process of fixing nitrogen discovered by 2 German scientists in 1919.

- High temp stream of N_2 and H_2 over a catalyst.
- Hydrogen sourced from natural gas (3 to 5% of world NG supply: 1 to 2% of world energy supply)

The planet was running out of food. Natural sources of fixed nitrogen were being depleted (lake nitrates of Chile and guano deposits). Ammonia was in high demand making explosives.

The Haber-Bosch process is the best example of climate geoengineering taking a key constituent of the atmosphere (nitrogen), fixing it with hydrogen and saving the planet. Feeding the rapidly growing population. 3 Nobel prizes awarded. Can we and should we find a similar chemical process for fixing CO₂?

Demand grew from 500,000 tonnes in 1940s to 200+ million tonnes annually (10% used to produce biofuels) of ammonium nitrate /urea.

Not without problems: algae blooms, burning biofuels producing NO_{χ} , N_2O etc.



ec.europa.eu/eurostat

What Can We Do?

Canada contributes 1.6% of CO_2 emissions and 0.5% world population. No significant change if we disappeared

- Eliminate destination tourism
- Prohibit all recreational travel not accessible by foot, bicycle, horse, canoe, sailboat or electric vehicle.
- If you care, stay at home!
- UN World Tourism estimates 5% of total emission come from far-away tourism (transportation accounts for 75%, accommodations 20%)
- Air travel (IATA, 2018)
 - 4.4 billion travelled by air on 38 million flights (2018)
 - 12% business, 88% tourism
 - Air travel doubled in 15 yrs due to cheap flights & rising income
 - 2.2 billion barrels of jet fuel requires 22 billion barrels oil (6% of world production)
 - 22 x Alberta's annual oil sands output
 - Commercial airliners emit 905 million tonnes CO₂ (2018)
 - 1 return trans Atlantic trip = CO_2 emitted by 80 Tanzanians in 1 year
 - 80% of world population never set foot on an airplane
- World's 314 Cruise ships burn 3 billion barrels oil annually moving 27 million people (2018)
- 47 new cruise ships ordered for delivery 2019 -27 (cruisecritic.com)

To Limit Warming to 1.5°C: Can it be Done??



IPCC Special Report On Global Warming of 1.5°C