

A BRIGHTER TOMORROW



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14 YEARS IN TECH

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the
**infinite
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the power of ideas
on a finite planet
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It was the **best of times**,
It was the **worst of times**

NASA

BEST OF TIMES

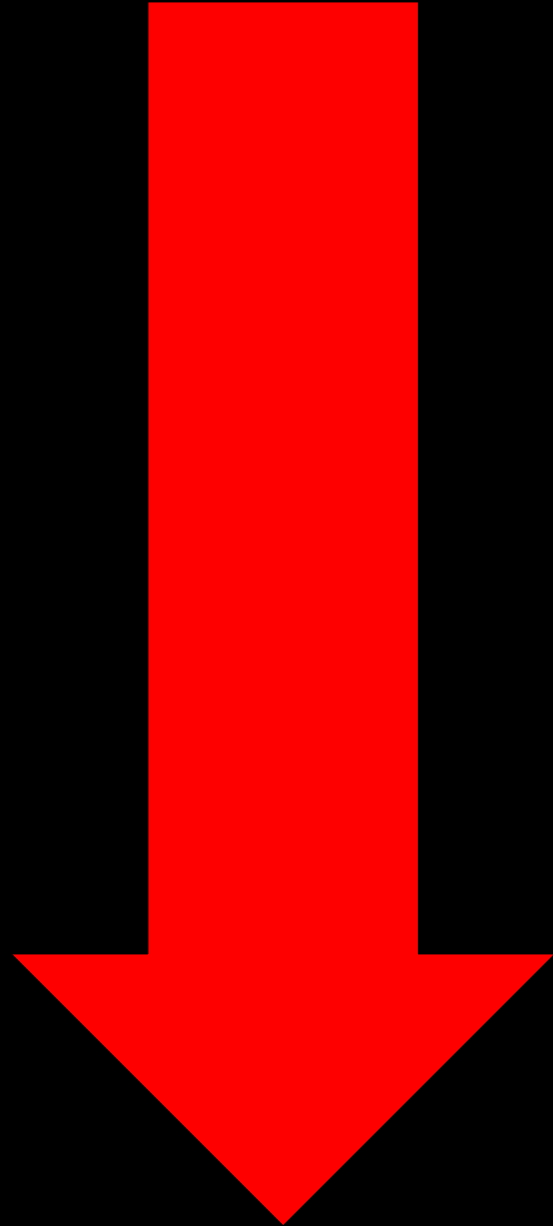
Poverty

Hunger

Infant Mortality

Warfare

Disease



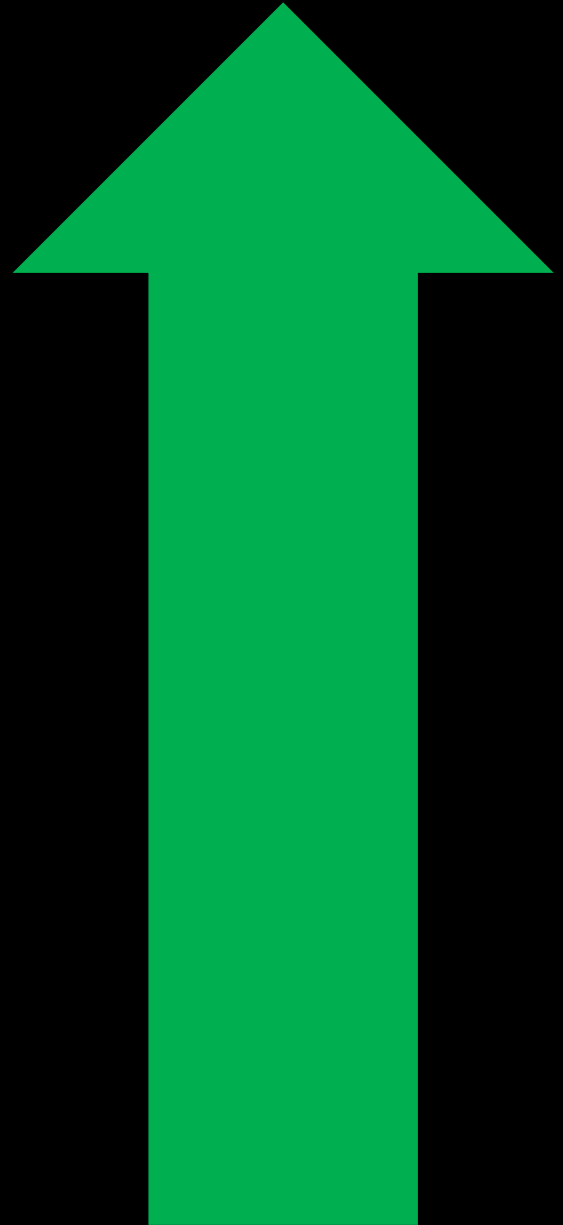
Longevity

Education

Communication

**Access to
Knowledge**

Freedom

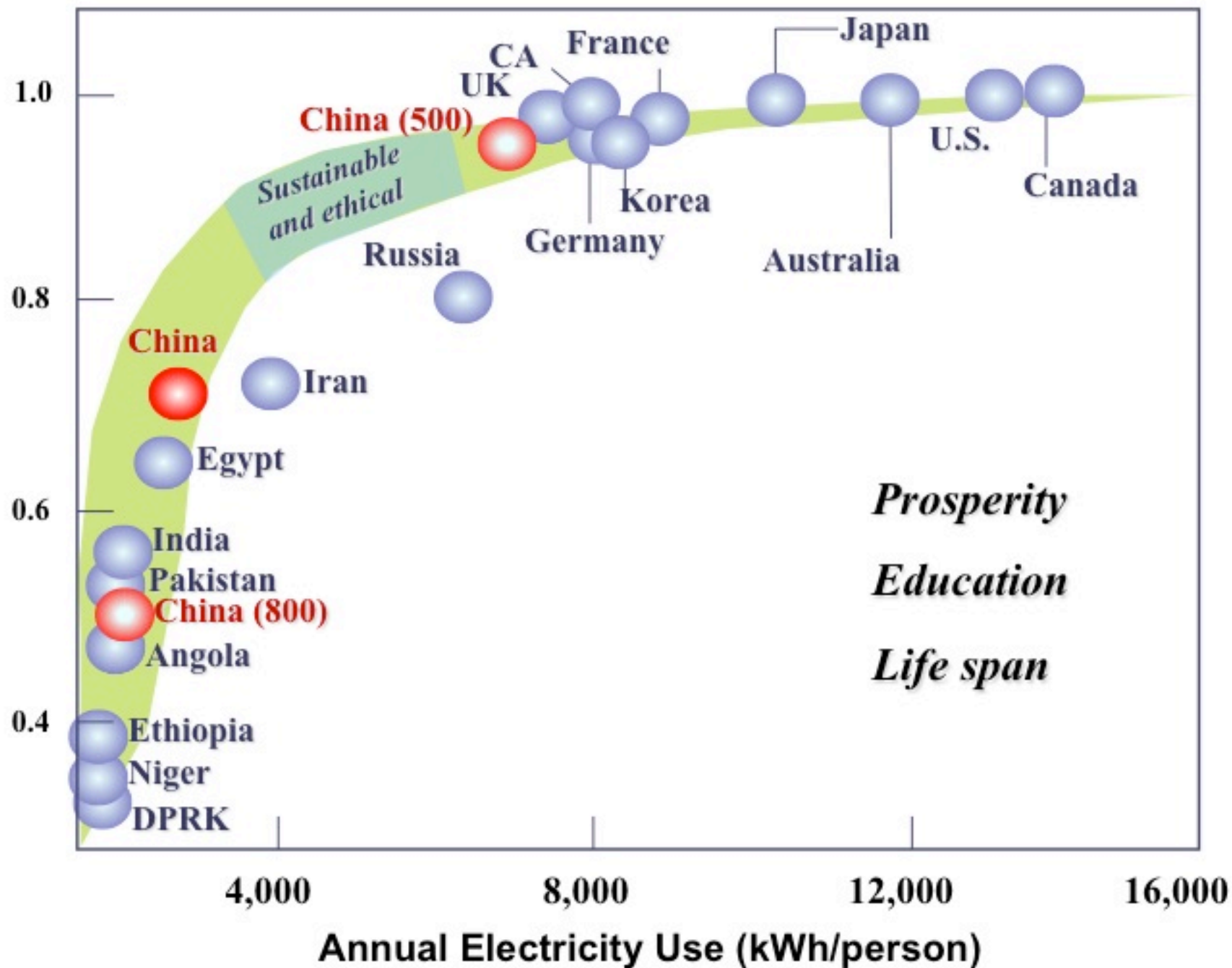






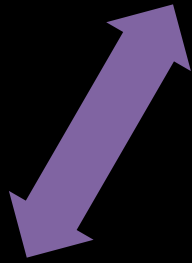
Aivaris Zukis

Human Development Index (HDI)



WORST OF TIMES

Energy

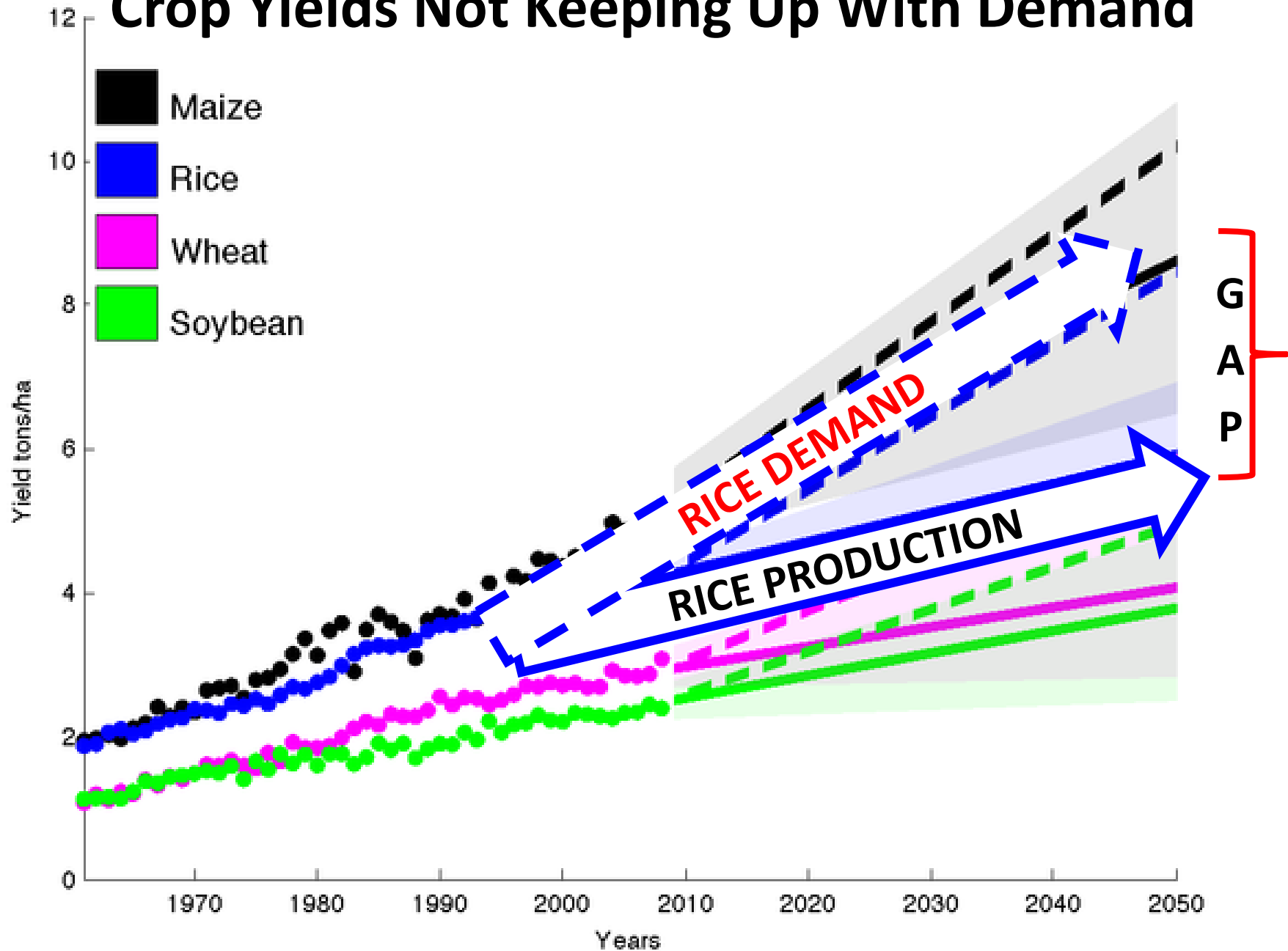


Economics



Environment

Crop Yields Not Keeping Up With Demand





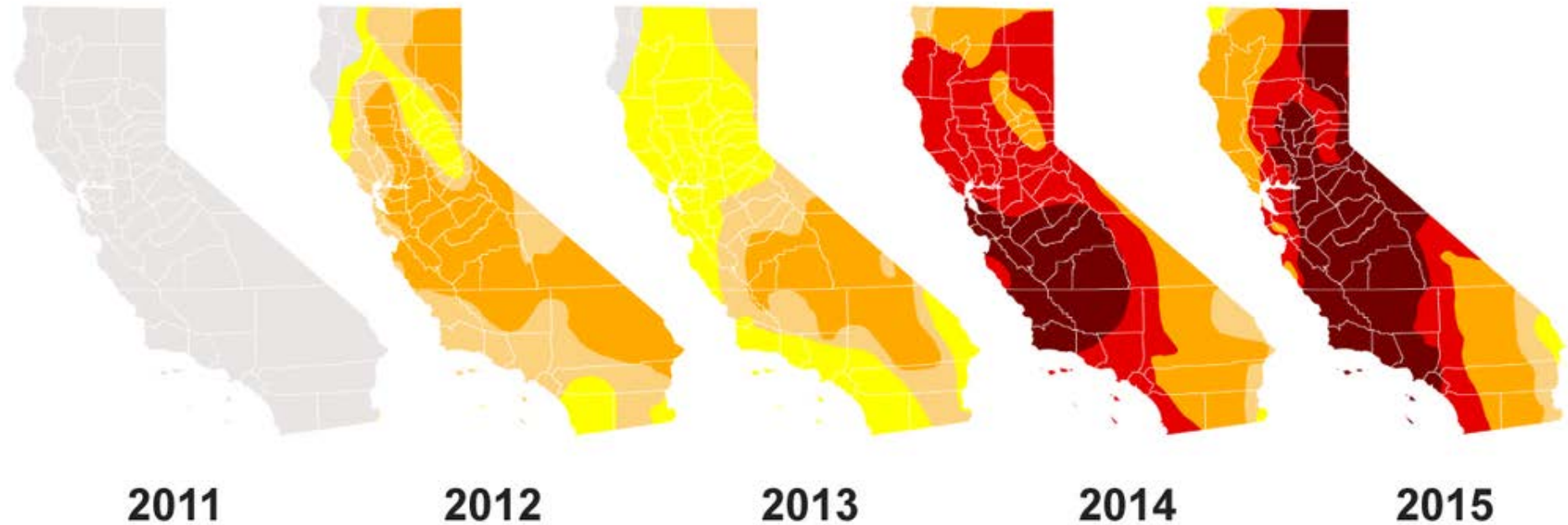


July - September, 1989



California's drought level at second week of April

Abnormally Dry Moderate Drought Severe Drought Extreme Drought Exceptional Drought



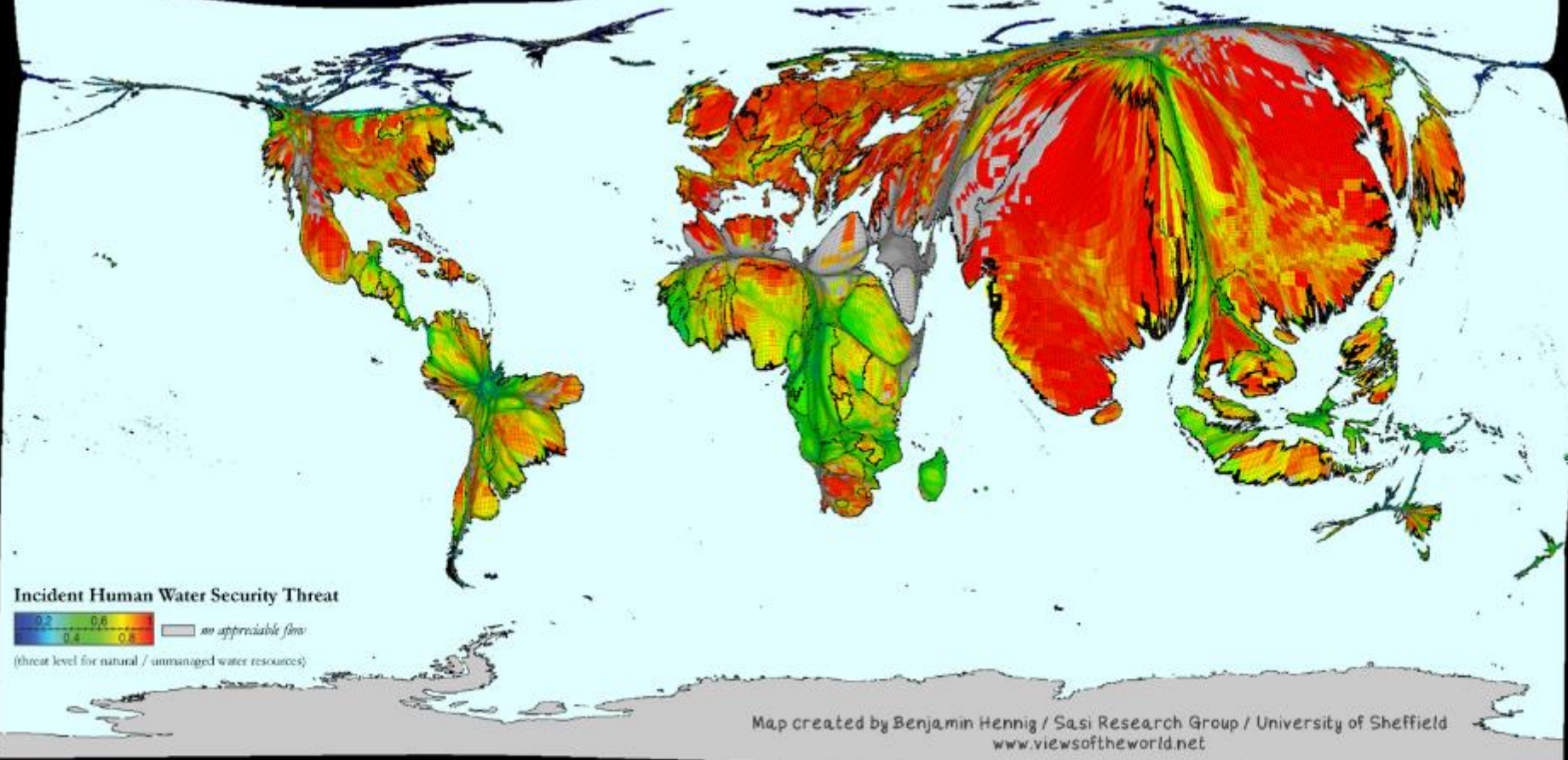
Source: U.S. Drought Monitor

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Global Water Insecurity

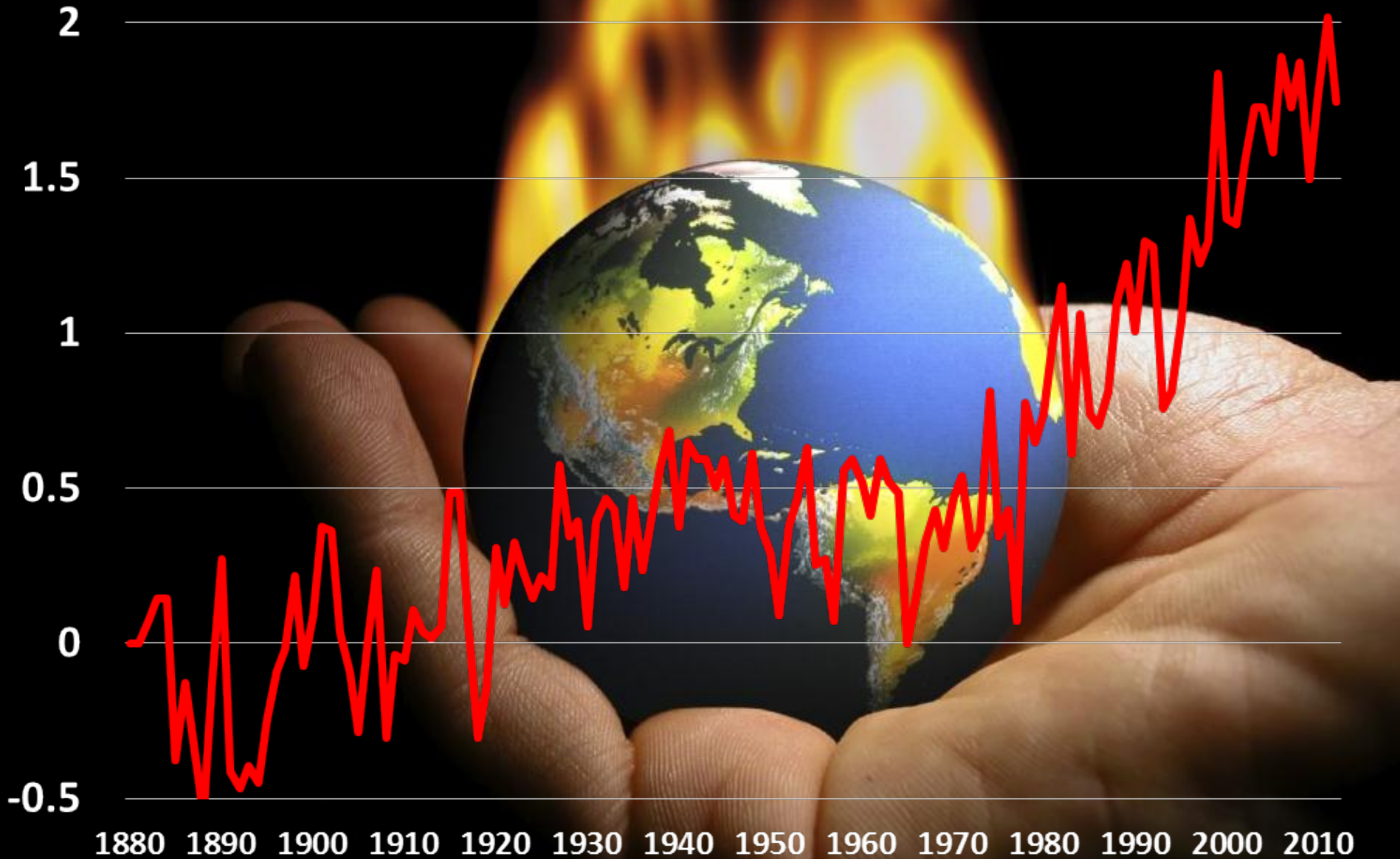


Data Source: <http://www.rivertthreat.net/data.html> - based on CJ Vörösmarty et al. Nature 467, 555-561 (2010) doi:10.1038/nature09440

CLIMATE CHANGE



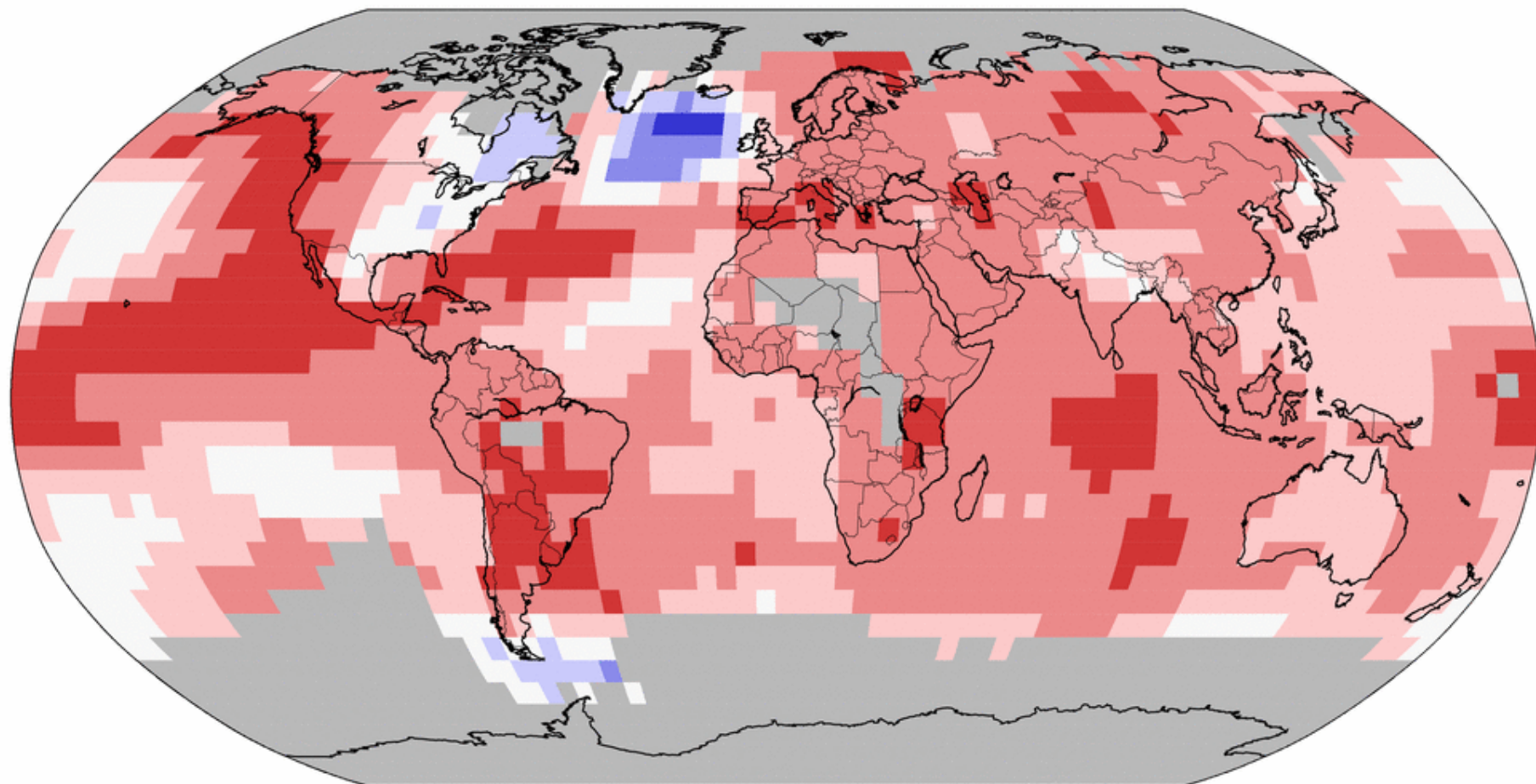
TEMPERATURE CHANGE SINCE 1880 (degrees F)



Land & Ocean Temperature Percentiles Jan–Aug 2015

NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information

Data Source: GHCN–M version 3.3.0 & ERSST version 4.0.0




**Record
Coldest**


**Much
Cooler than
Average**


**Cooler than
Average**


**Near
Average**


**Warmer than
Average**


**Much
Warmer than
Average**


**Record
Warmest**







1920





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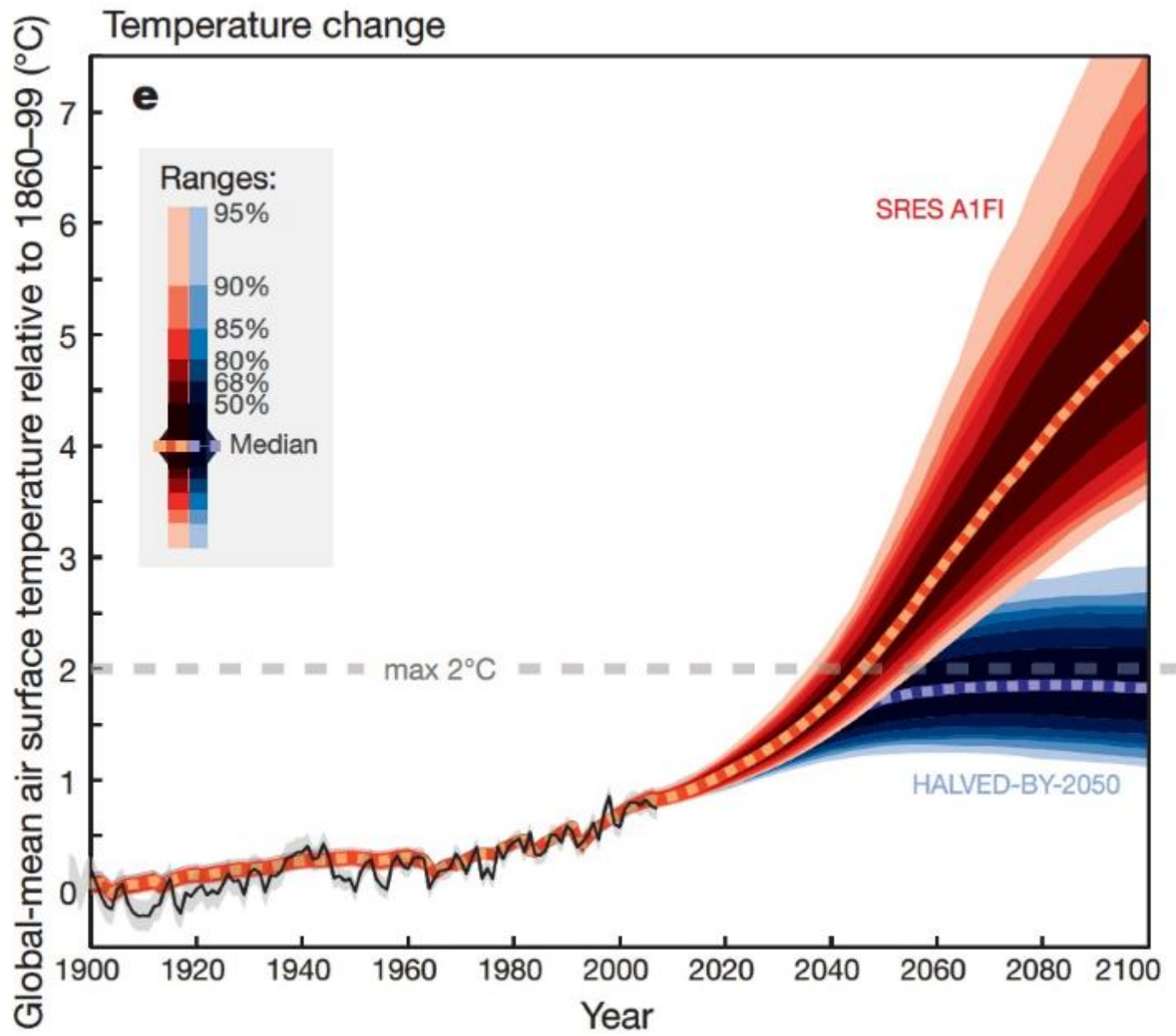


Andrey Smirnov



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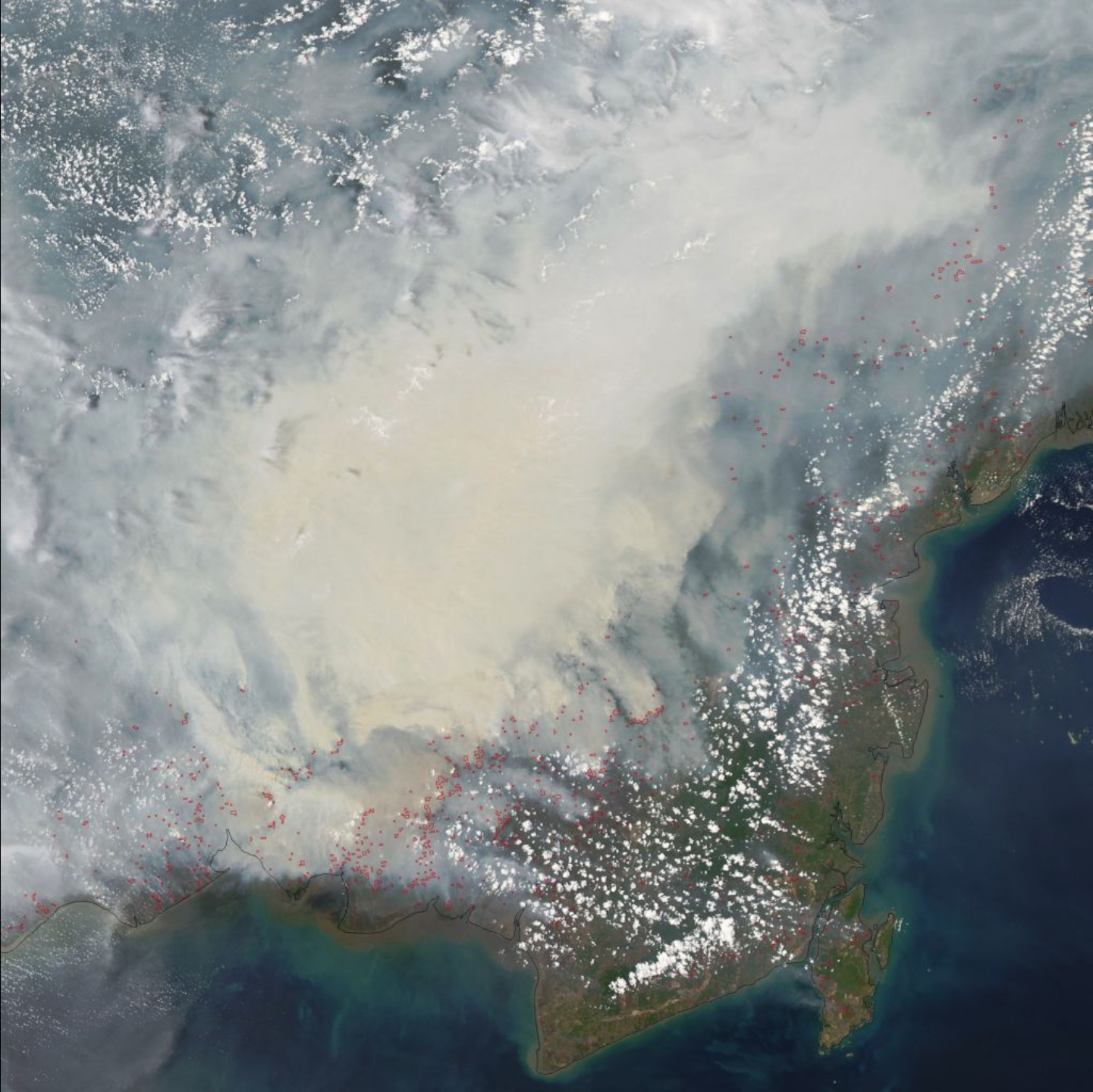


Geraldine Garcon Juncas



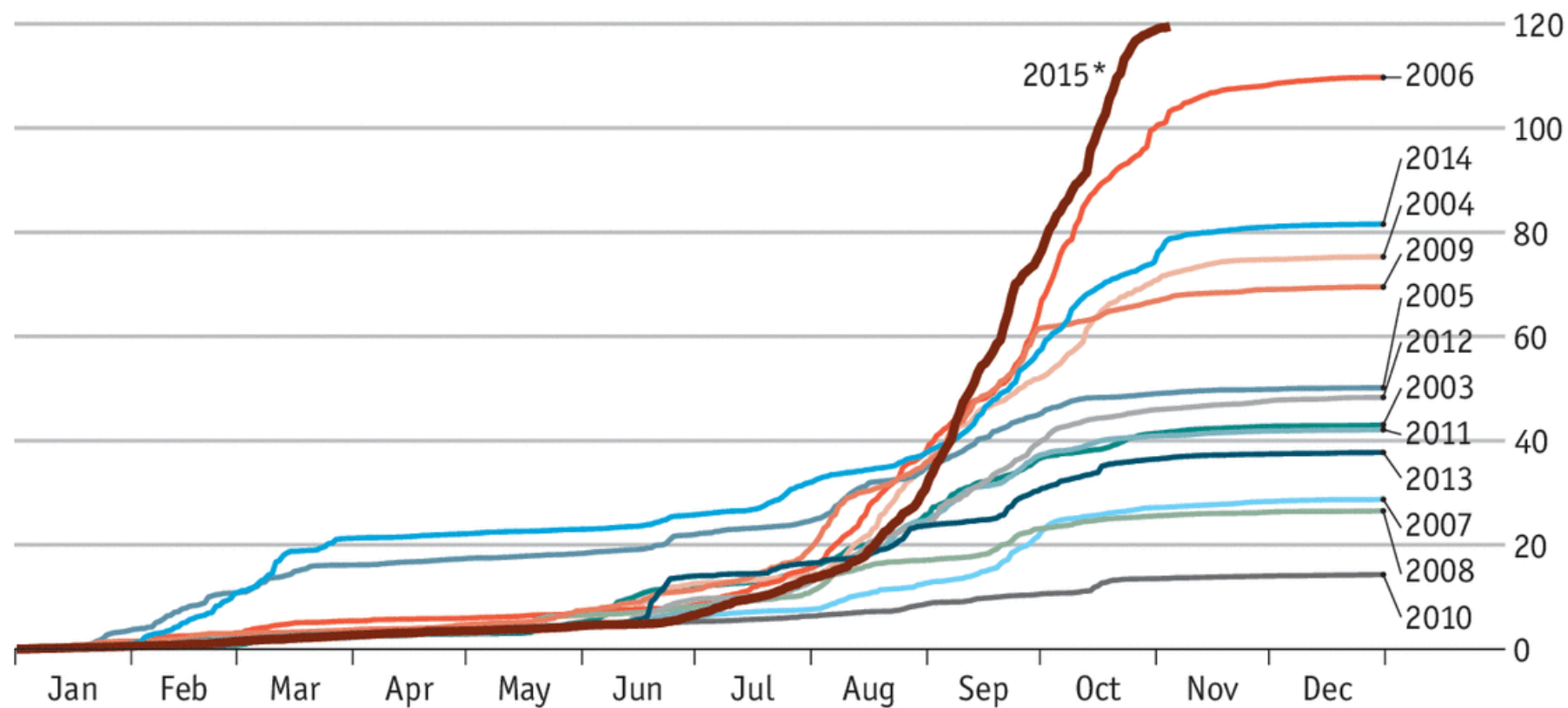






Flaming October

Indonesia, cumulative number of active fire detections per year, '000

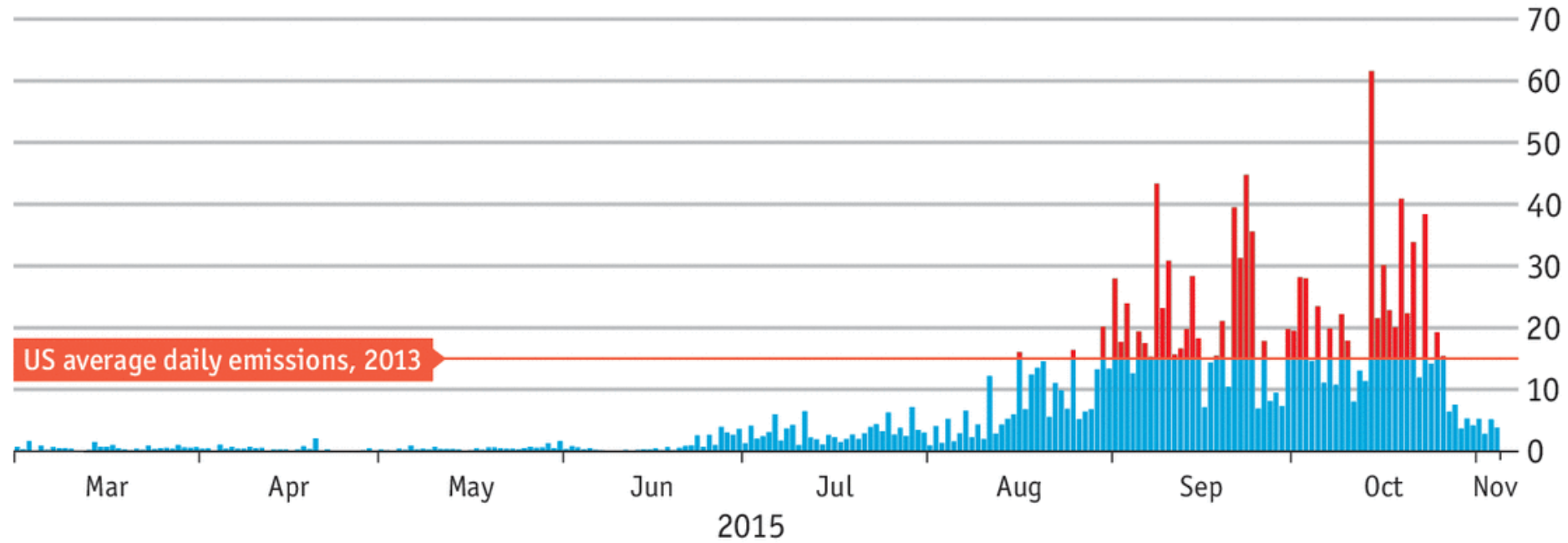


Source: Guido Van der Werf, NASA

*To November 4th

Up in smoke

Daily emissions from Indonesian fires, m tonnes CO₂ equivalent

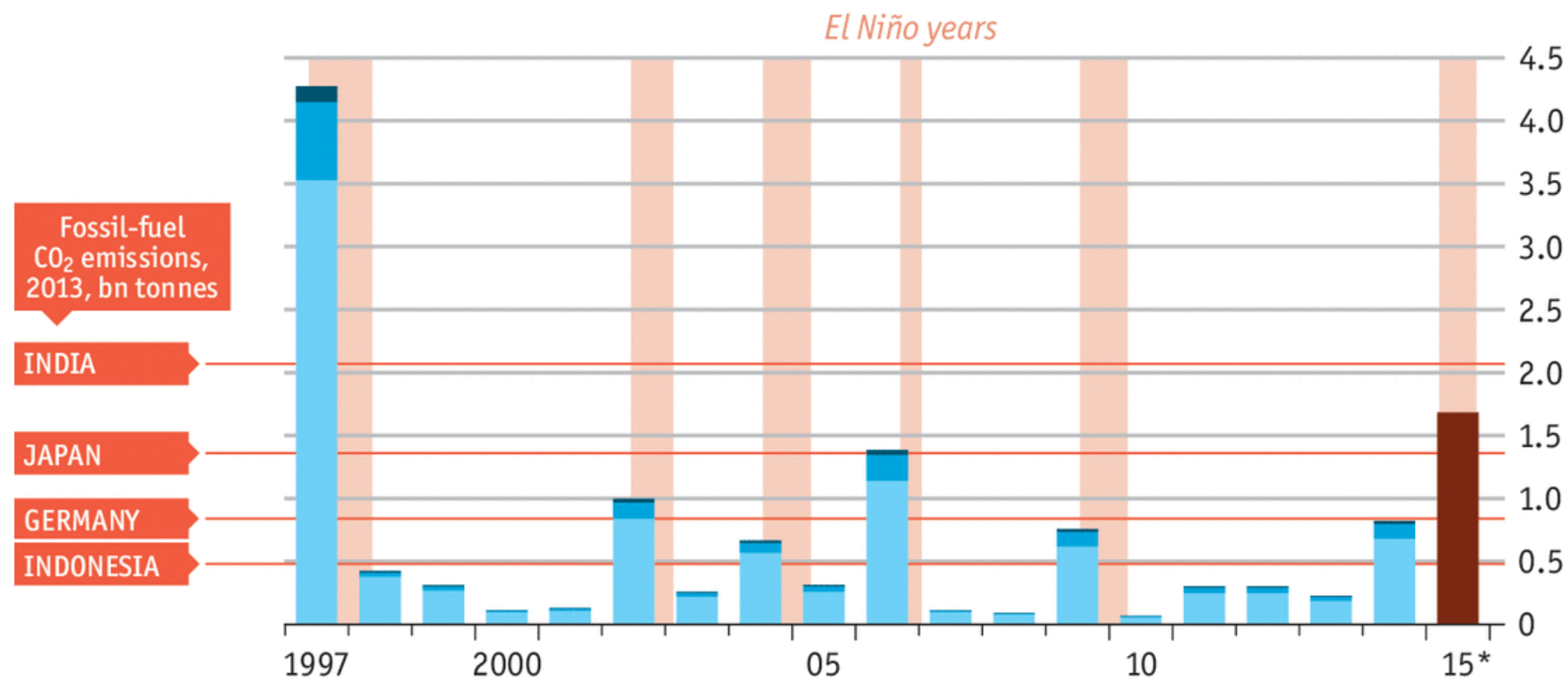


Sources: Guido van der Werf; WRI

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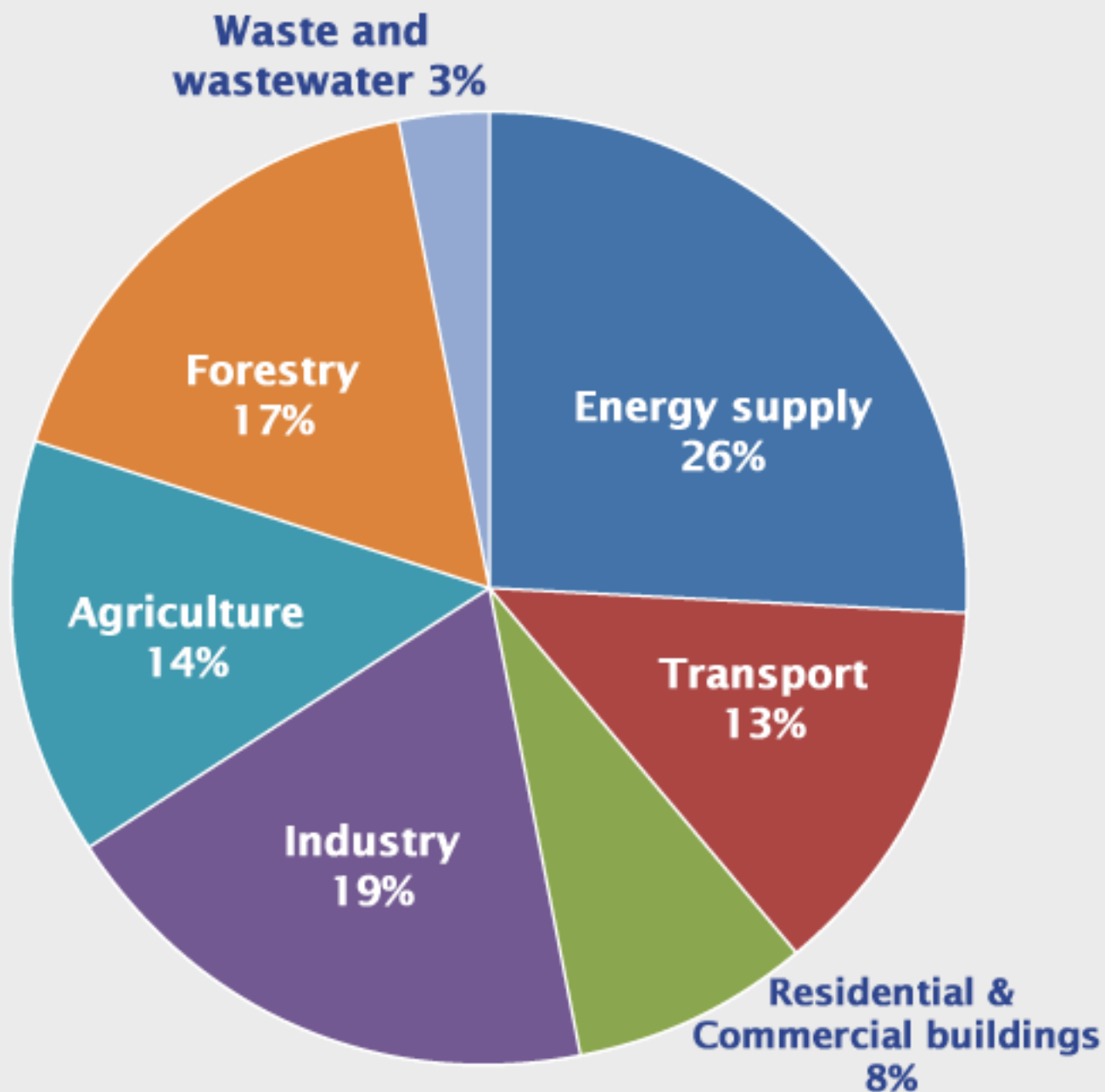
Emissions from Indonesian fires

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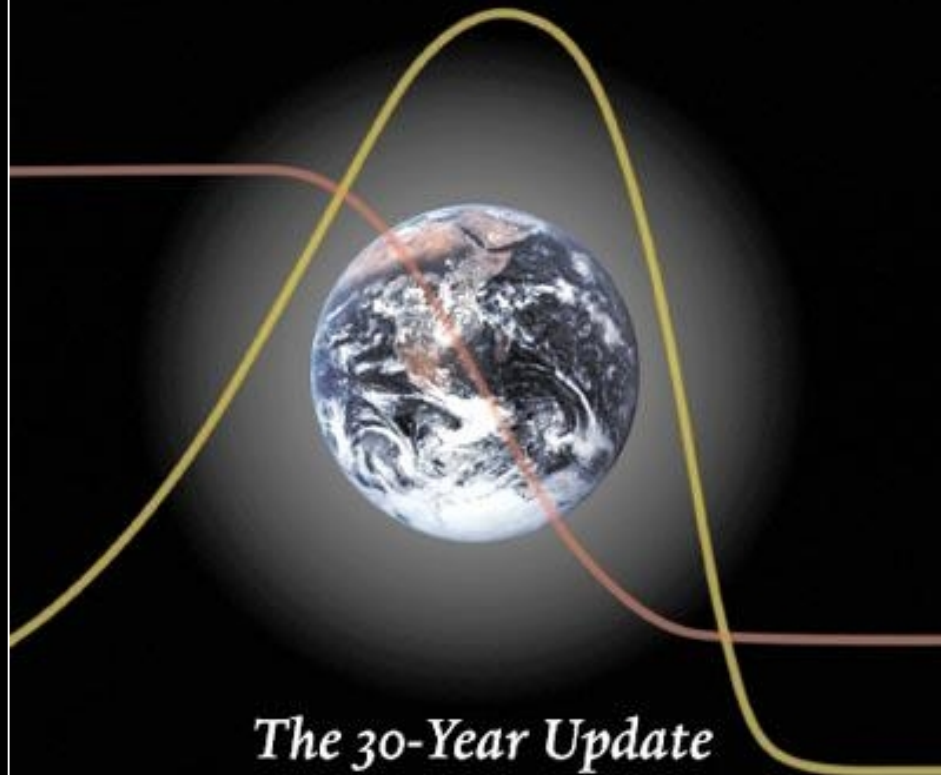
*To Nov 4th, total emissions





← Rock
Hard Place →

LIMITS TO GROWTH



The 30-Year Update

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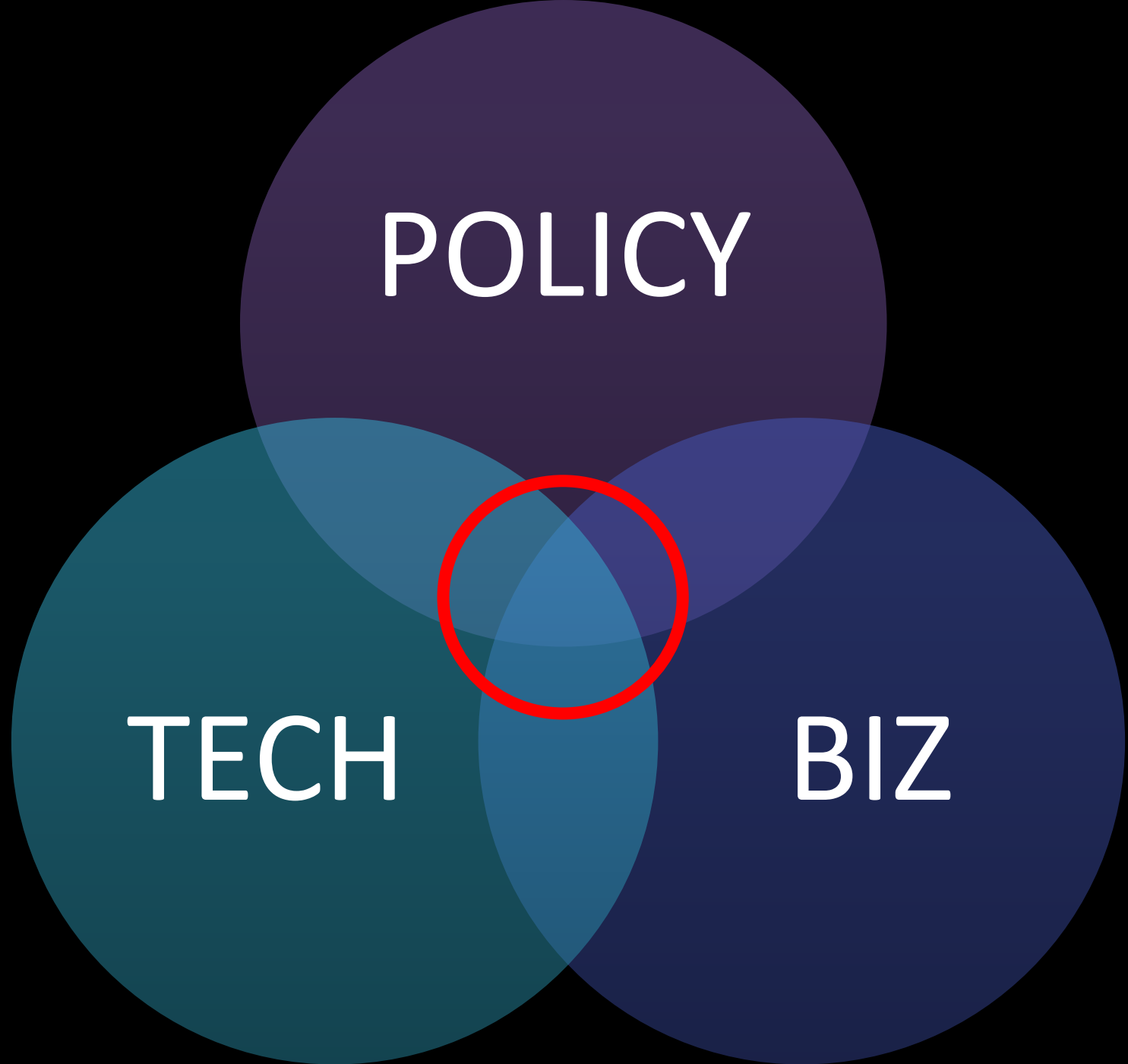




Brent Durken

OVERCOME CHALLENGES
BEFORE

INNOVATING



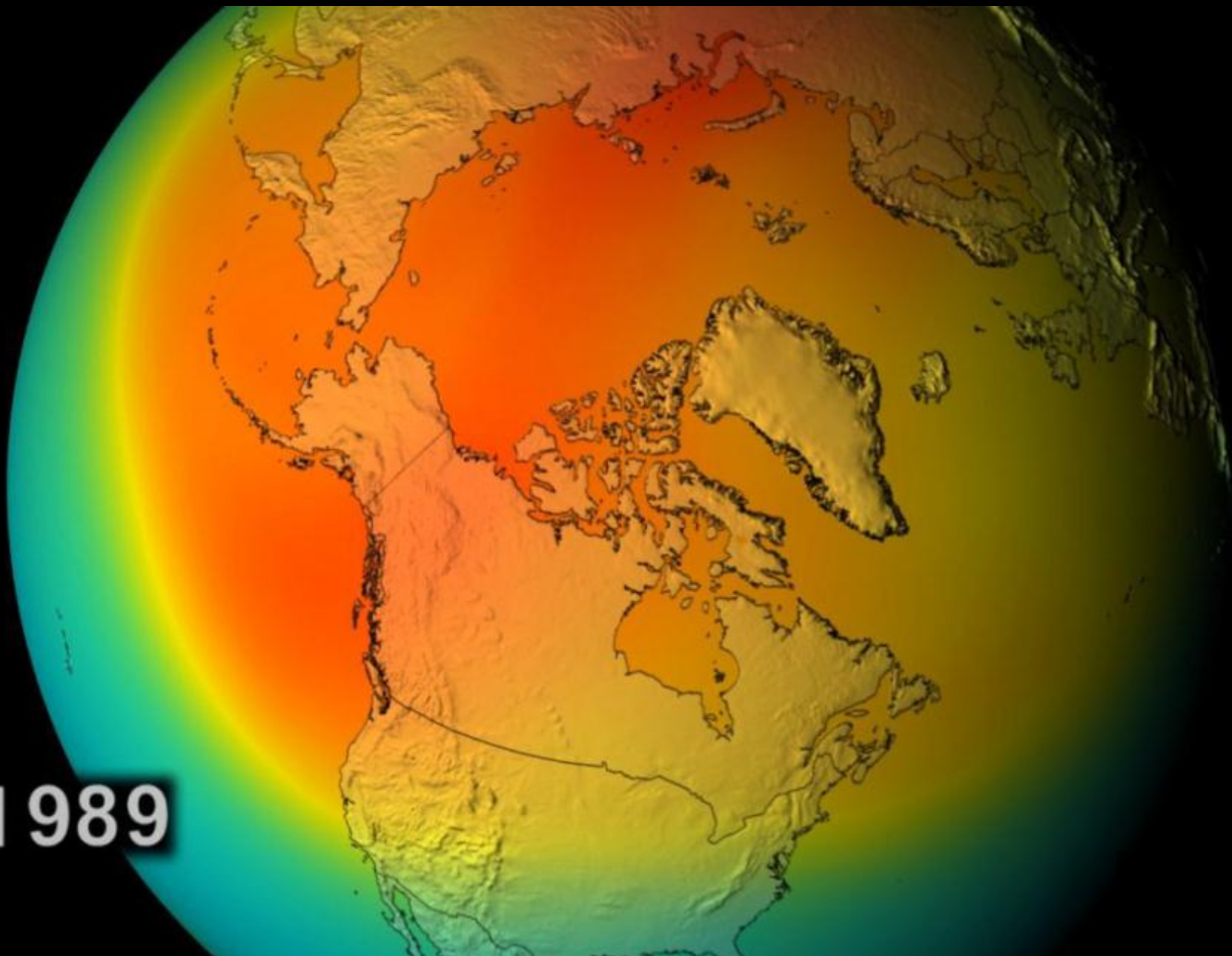
SMOG IN NEW YORK CITY, 1966

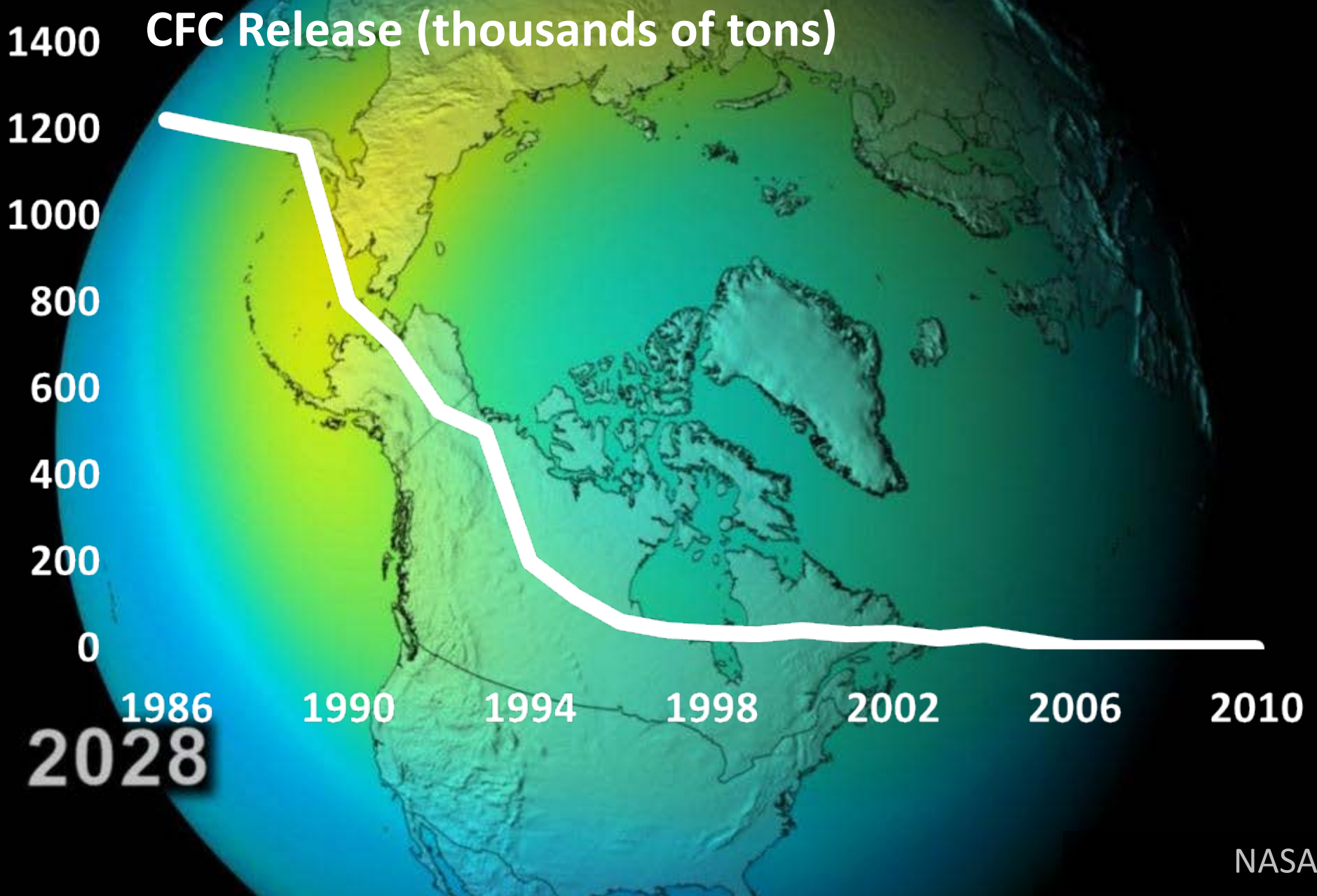




1989

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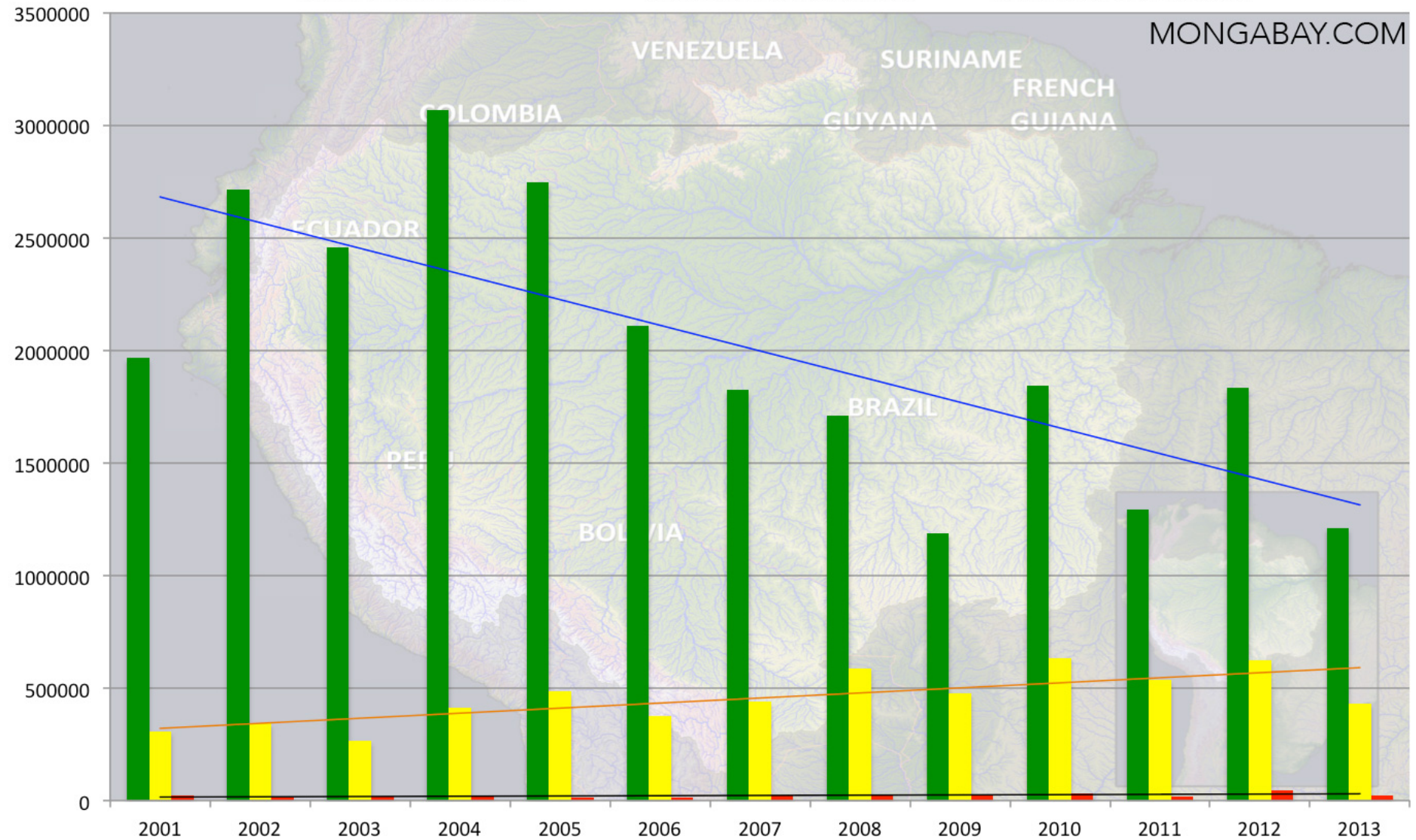




Forest loss in the Amazon region, 2001-2013 (ha)

■ Brazilian Amazon ■ Non-Brazilian Amazon ■ Venezuela & Guianas
— Linear (Brazilian Amazon) — Linear (Non-Brazilian Amazon) — Linear (Venezuela & Guianas)

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Lead

Benzene

Sulfur Dioxide

Acid Rain

Water Pollution

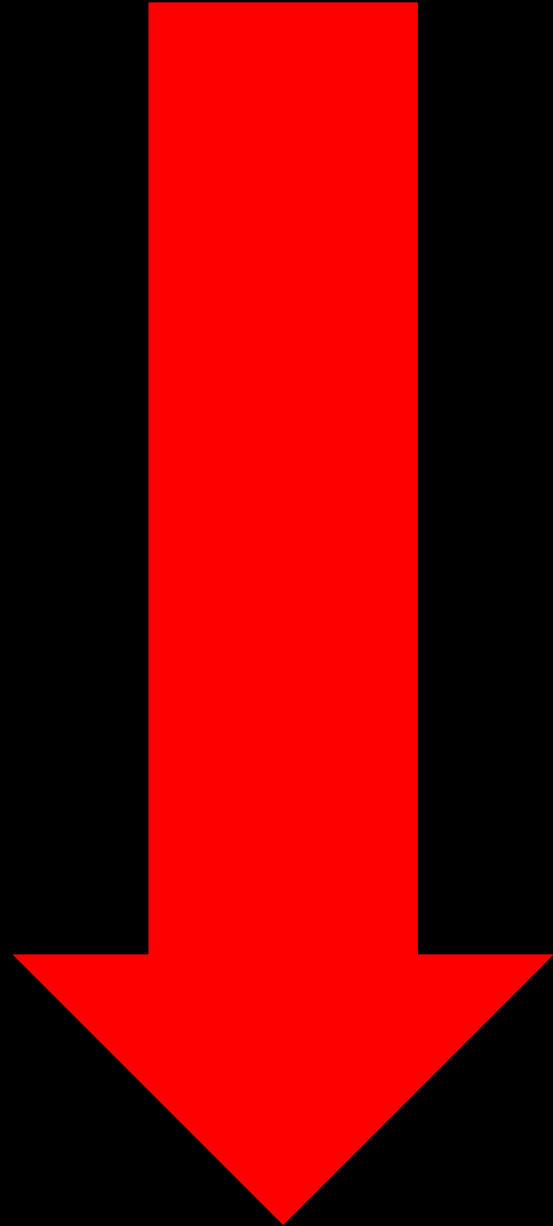
Smog

Particulates

Asbestos

CFCs

...



“The war to feed humanity is over...
Billions will die”

EB A Sierra Club-Ballantine Book 95¢
POPULATION CONTROL OR
THE POPULATION BOMB?

THE POPULATION BOMB

WHILE YOU ARE READING THESE WORDS
FOUR PEOPLE WILL HAVE DIED FROM
STARVATION. MOST OF THEM CHILDREN.

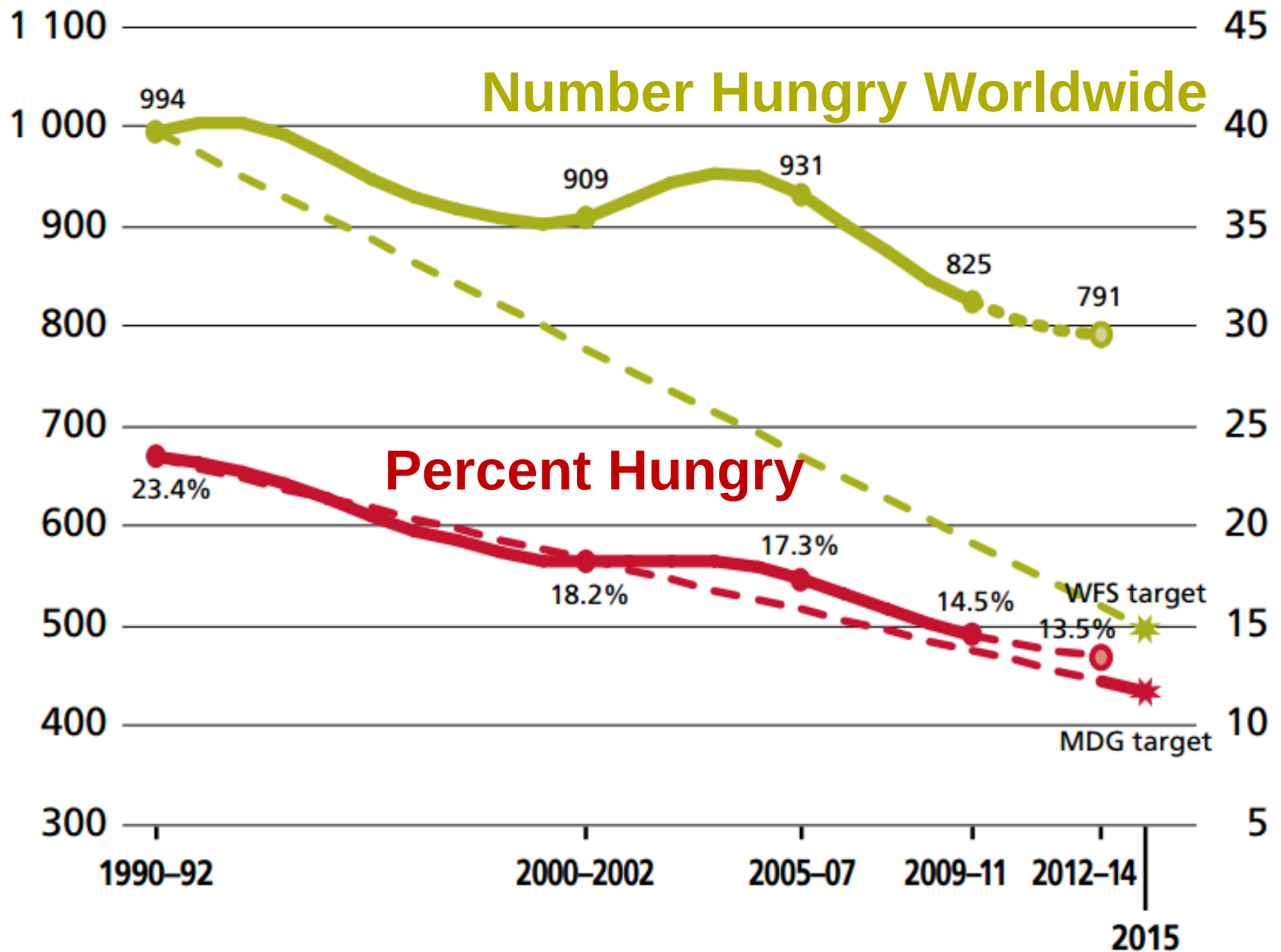
DR. PAUL R. EHRLICH



Foreword by David Brower—
Executive Director, Sierra Club

Millions

Percentage



Worldwide Grain Production

Billions of Tons

3.0

2.0

1.0

0.0

1961 1966 1971 1976 1981 1986 1991 1996 2001 2006 2011





LIFETIME CHILDREN PER WOMAN



POPULATION (millions)

10,000
9,000
8,000
7,000
6,000
5,000
4,000
3,000
2,000
1,000
-

1950 1970 1990 2010 2030 2050 2070 2090 2110 2130 2150



ON THE HORIZON





WORLD CLIMATE SUMMIT

PARIS, FRANCE, 2015

PARIS CLIMAT 2015

Obama Outlines Ambitious Plan to Cut Greenhouse Gases



Christopher Gregory/The New York Times

Obama Unveils Climate Change Plan: At Georgetown University on Tuesday, the president outlined steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and combat global warming through a series of executive actions.

By **MARK LANDLER** and **JOHN M. BRODER**

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China to cut coal use, shut polluters, in bid to clear the air

BY DAVID STANWAY

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Vehicles past apartment blocks during rush hour in Beijing July 11, 2013.

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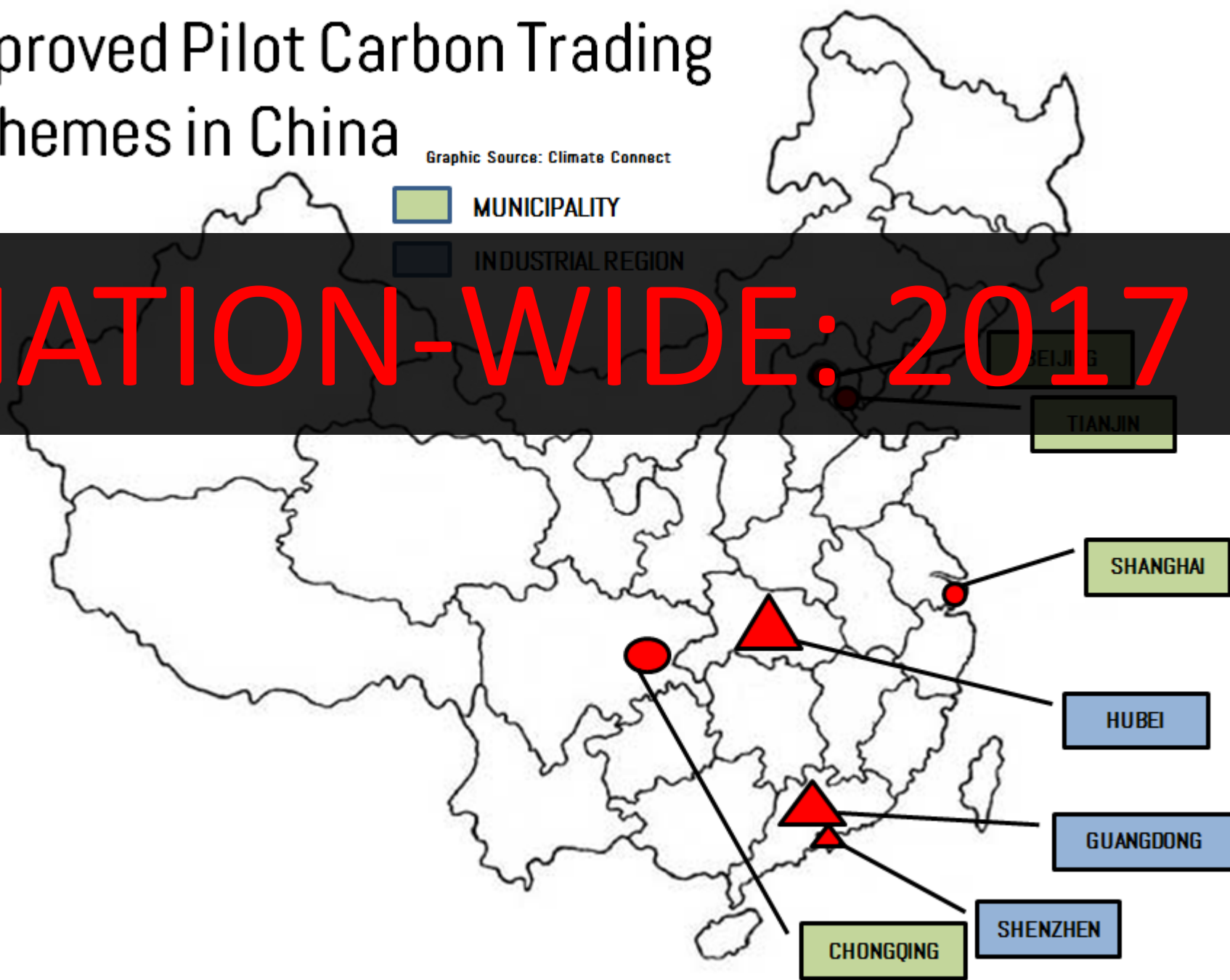
Approved Pilot Carbon Trading Schemes in China

Graphic Source: Climate Connect

MUNICIPALITY

INDUSTRIAL REGION

NATION-WIDE: 2017



UN-REDD

PROGRAMME



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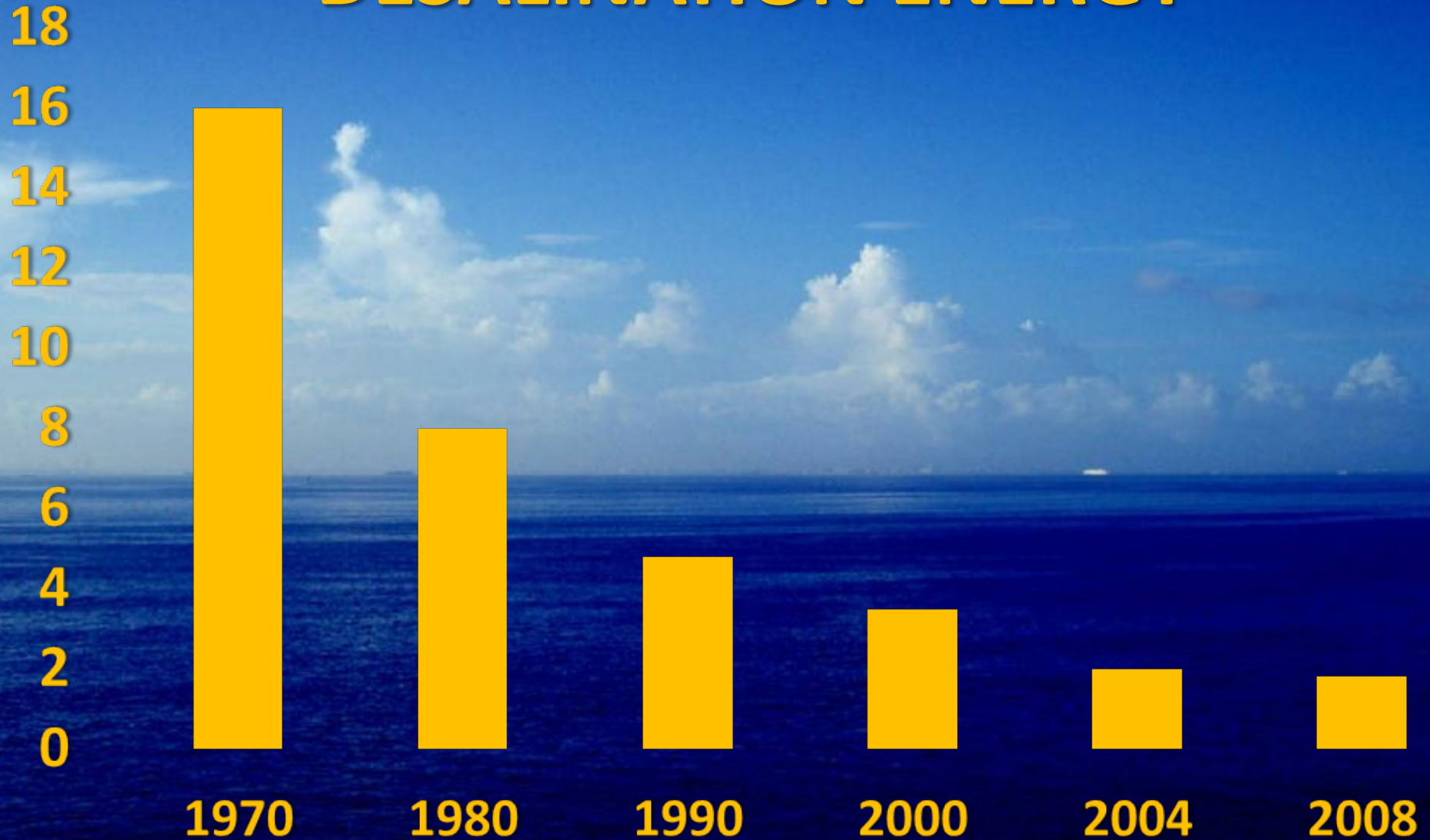
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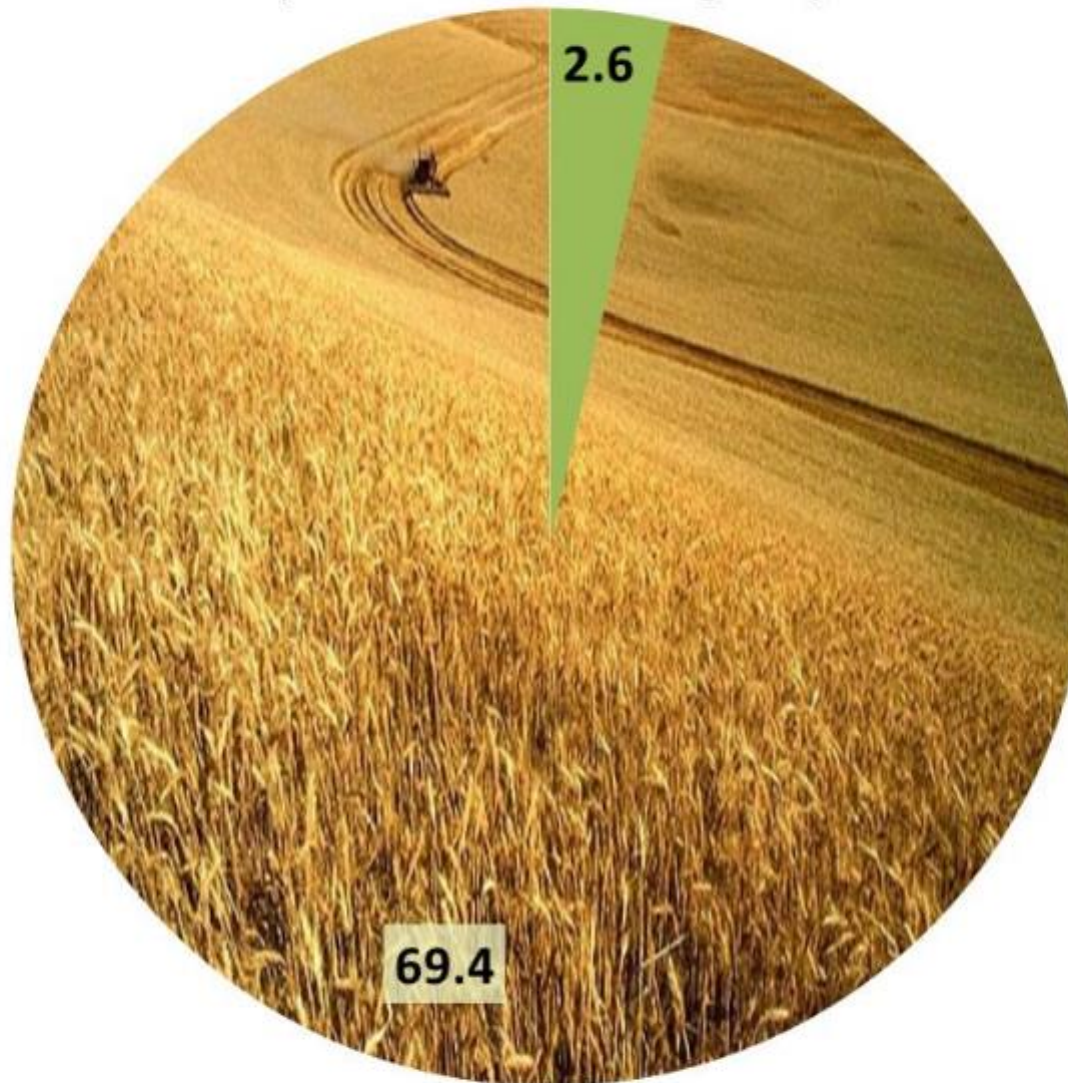
DESALINATION ENERGY





Global Food Production - Today vs Possible

(billions of tons of grain)



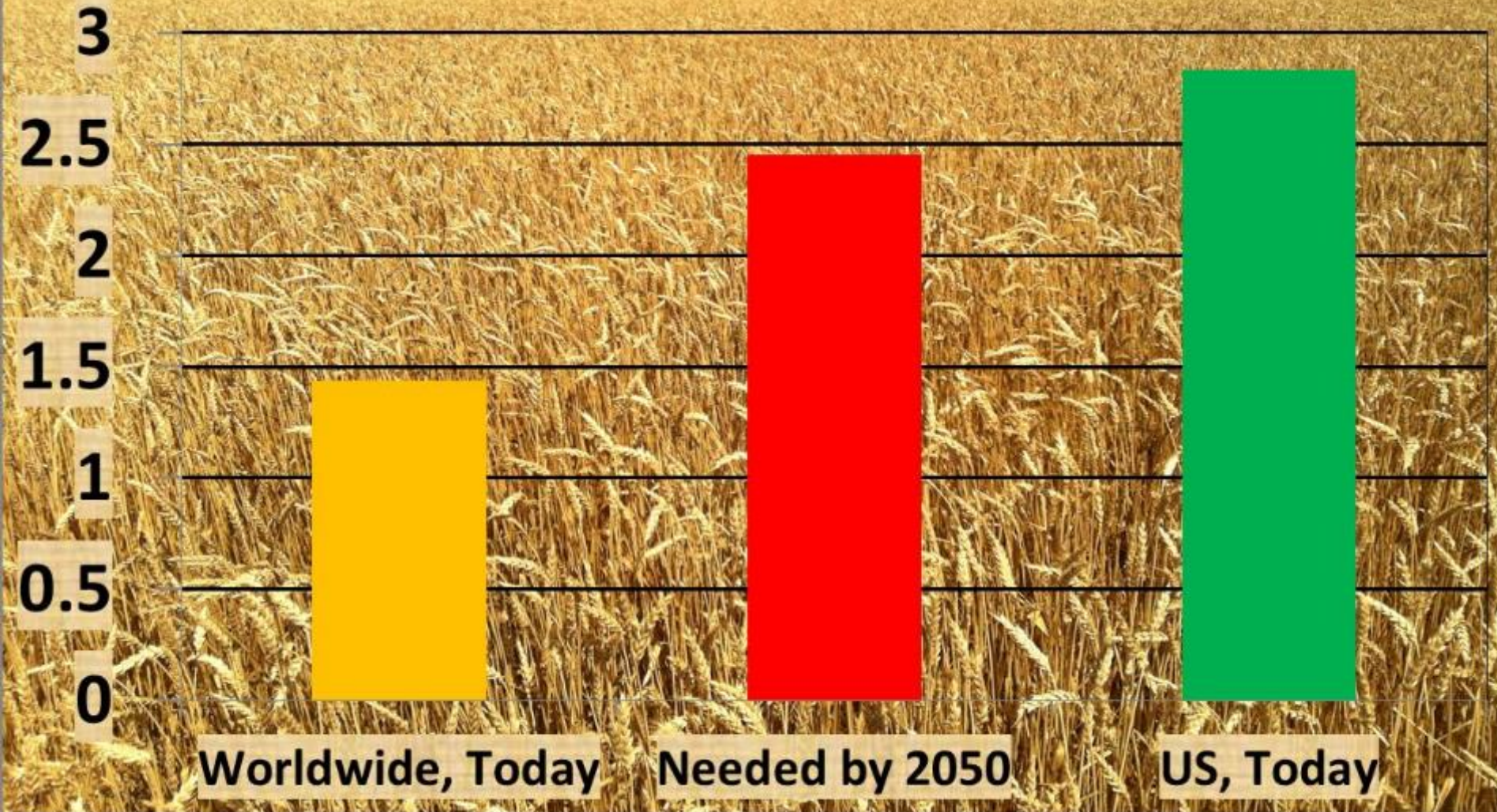
■ Current Grain Production

■ Possible Grain Production

Source: International Food Policy Research Institute

Food Production

Tons of Grain Per Acre





USDA



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USDA

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10,000 x



1 Day of Humanity's Energy Use =

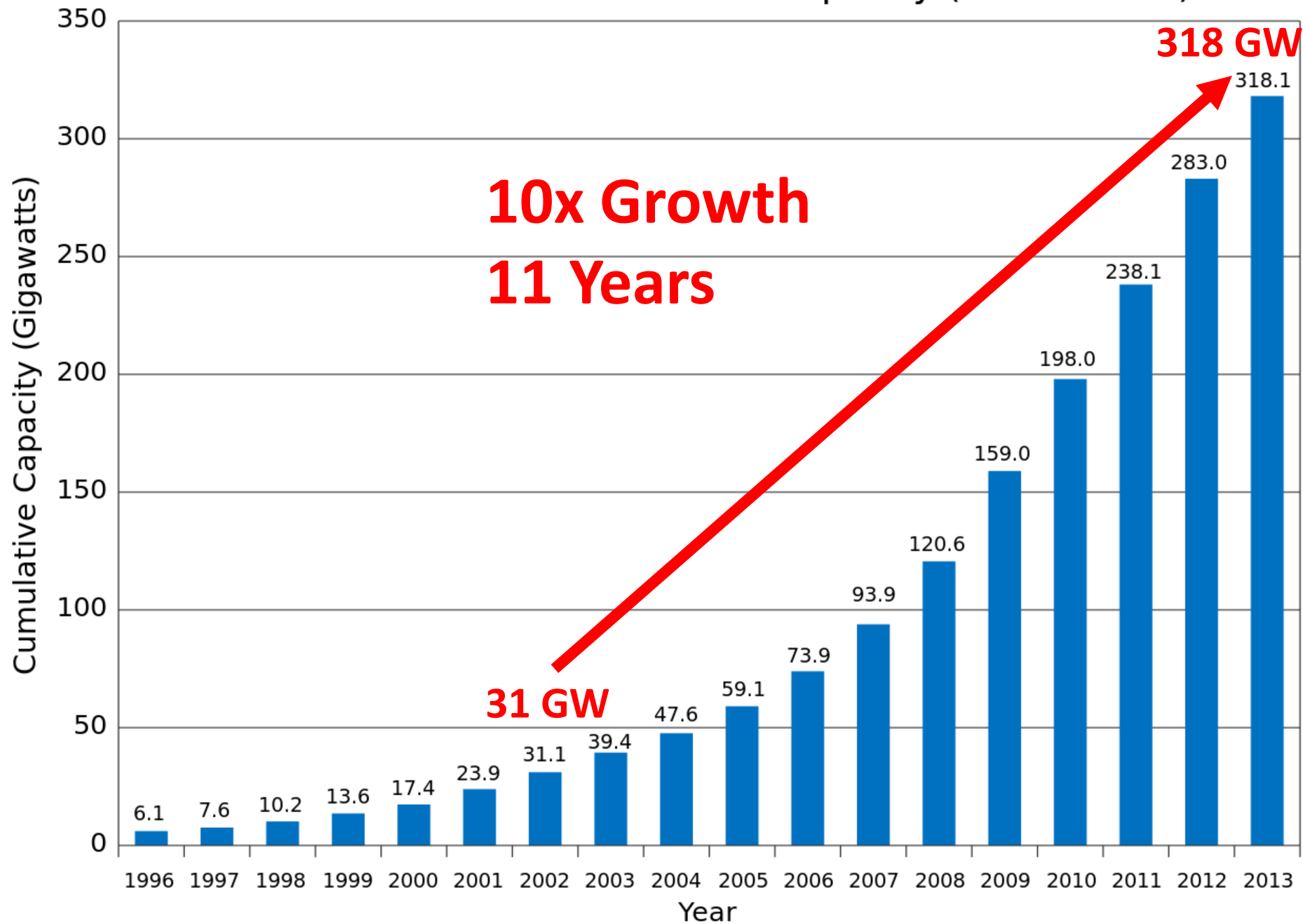
10 Seconds of Sunlight

1 Year of Humanity's Energy Use =

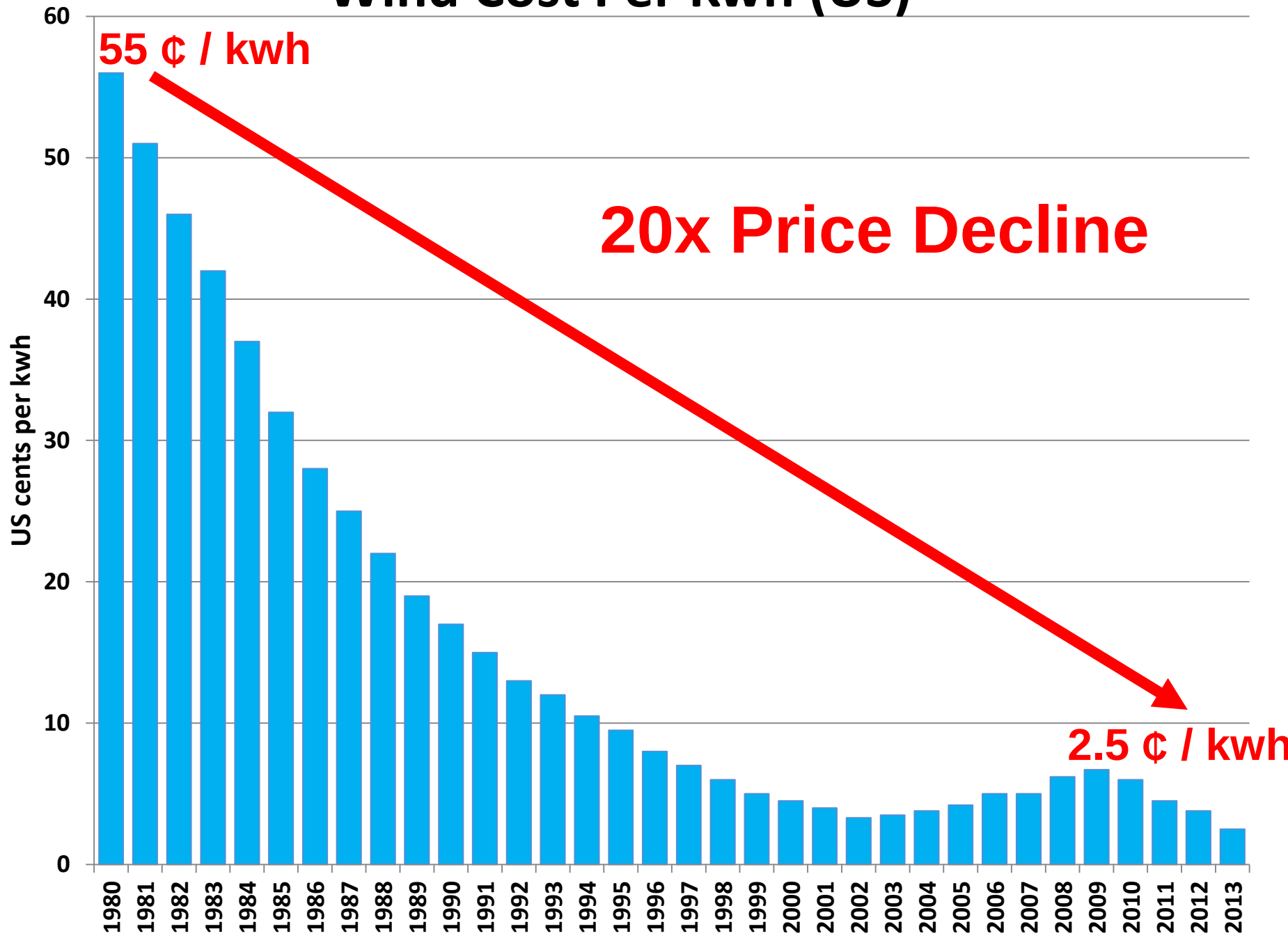
1 Hour of Sunlight



Global Wind Power Cumulative Capacity (Data:GWEC)



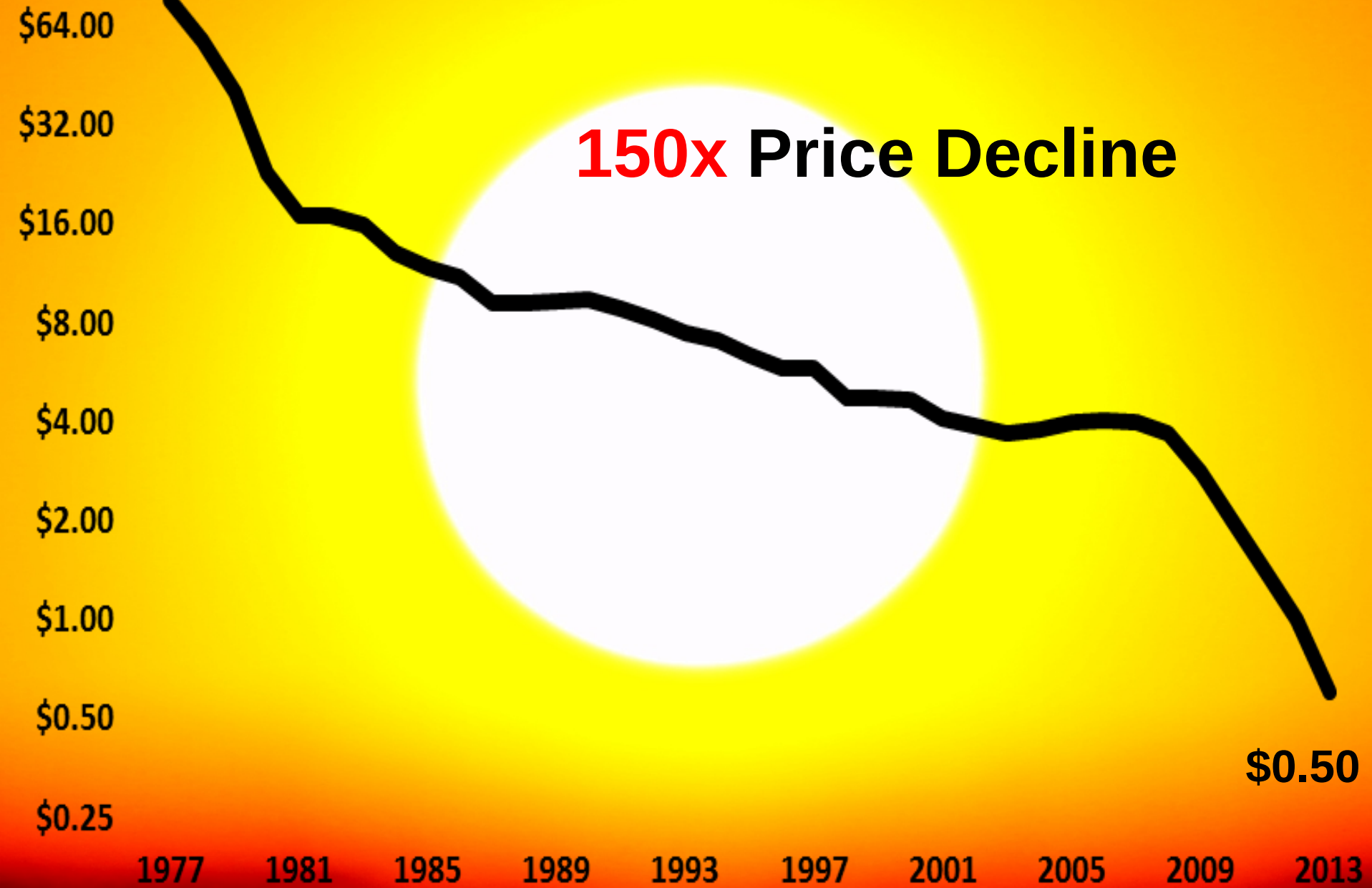
Wind Cost Per Kwh (US)

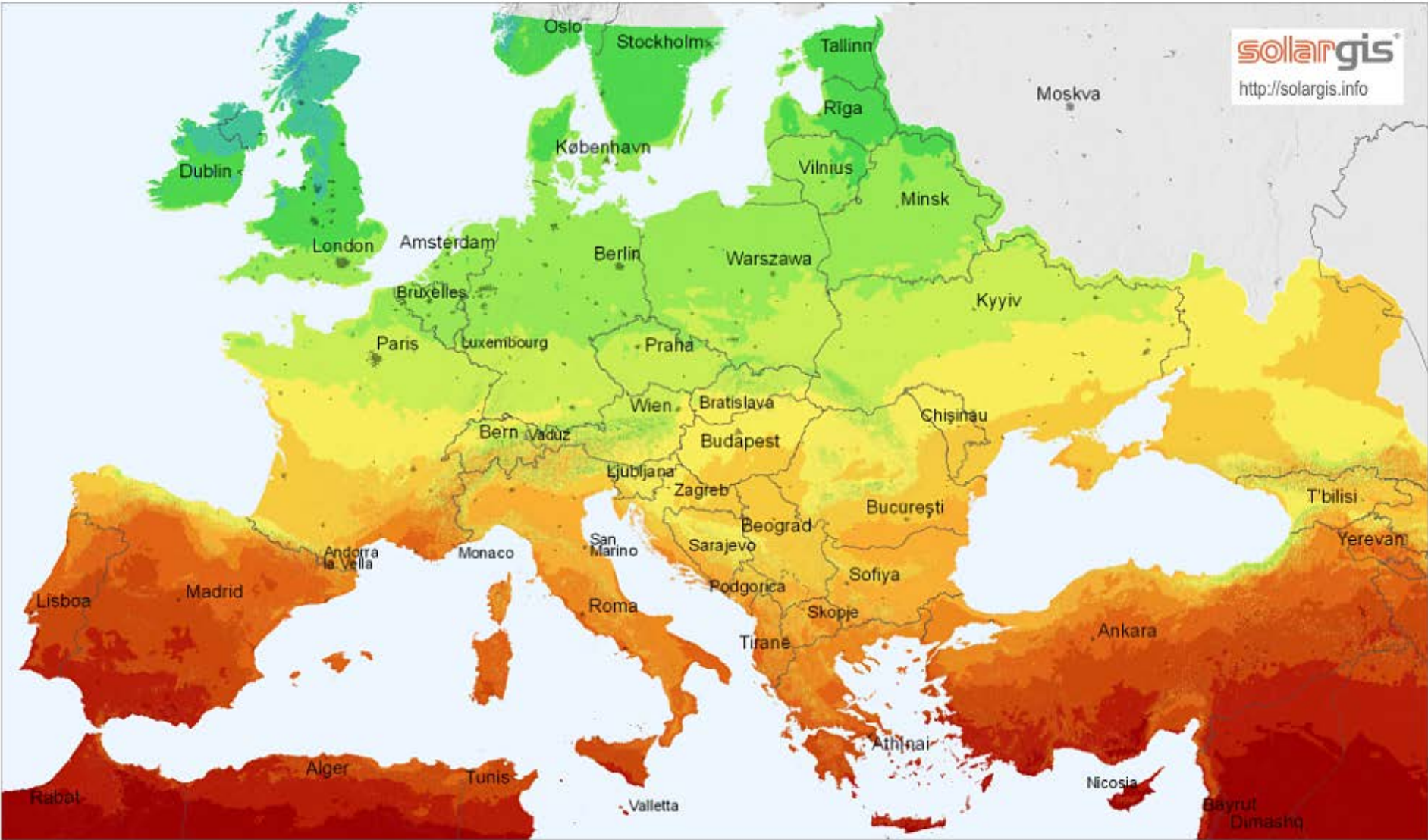


Cost of Solar Power

\$77.00

150x Price Decline





Average annual sum (4/2004 - 3/2010)

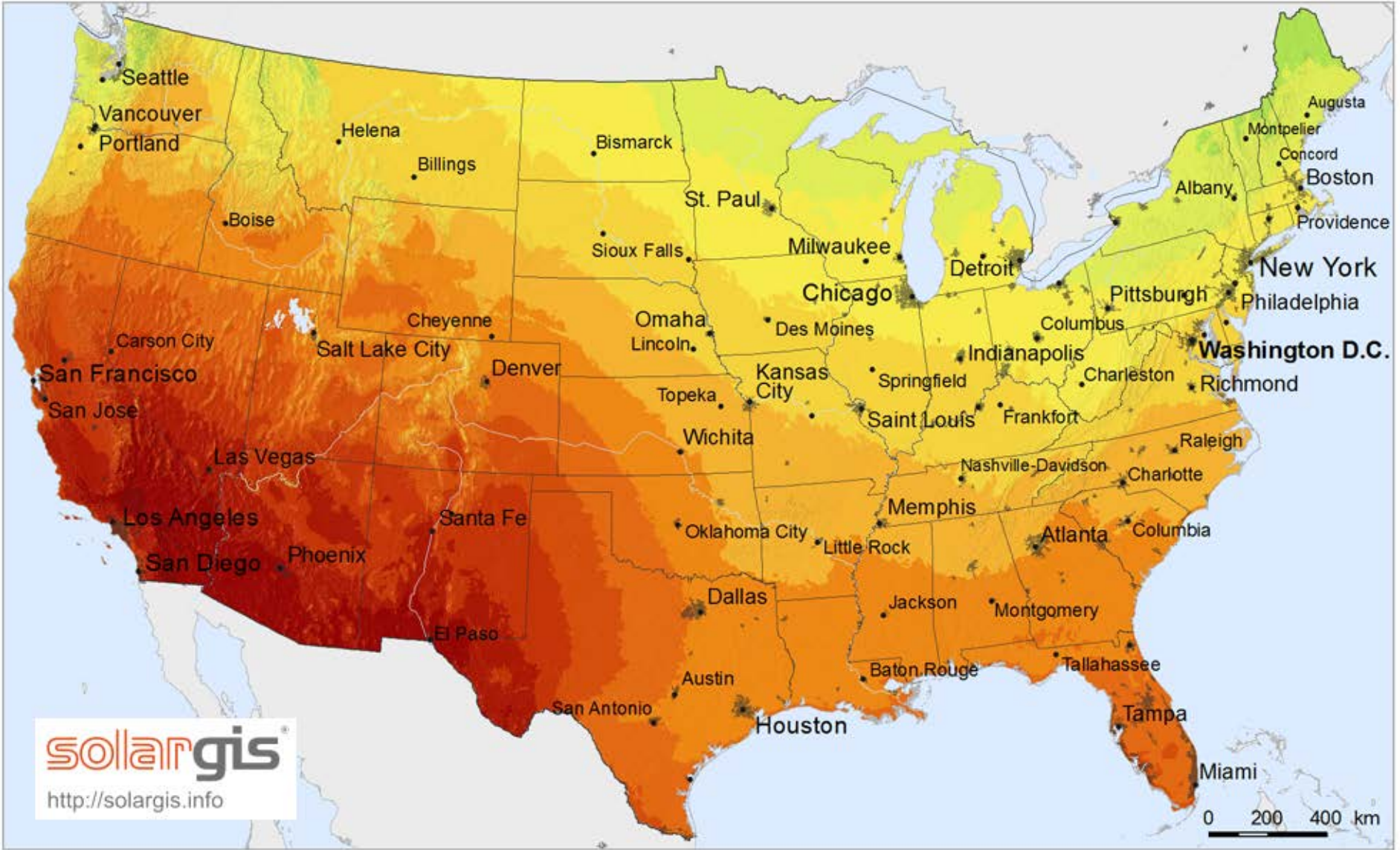


< 700 900 1100 1300 1500 1700 1900 > kWh/m²

0 250 500 km

Global Horizontal Irradiation

USA Mainlands

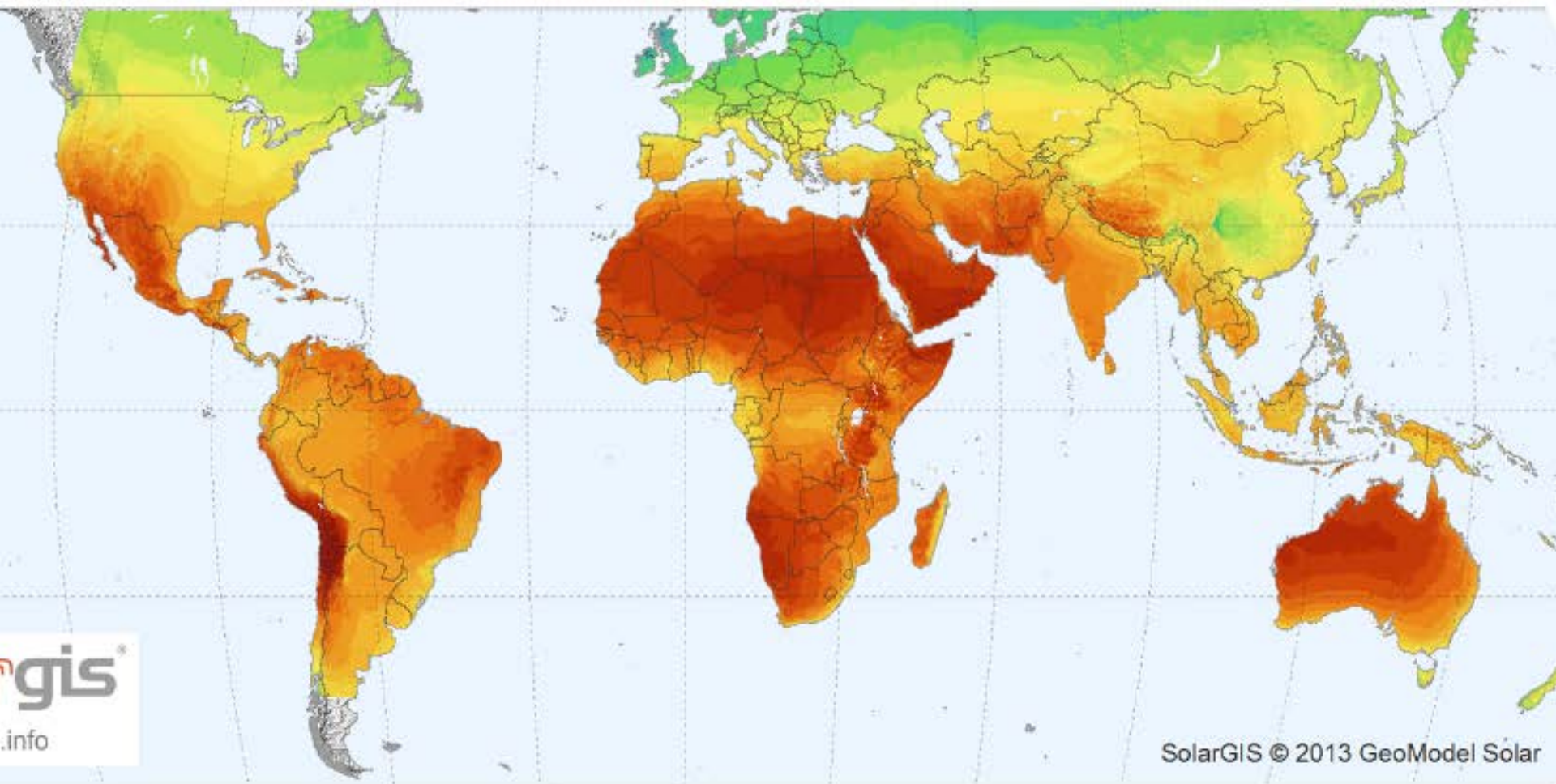


Average annual sum, period 1999-2011

SolarGIS © 2013 GeoModel Solar



MAP OF GLOBAL HORIZONTAL IRRADIATION



First Solar: Luz del Norte, Chile: 162MW, Unsubsidized



XINJIANG – TURPAN PREFECTURE

1,000 MW SOLAR PROJECT



Sambhar Ultra: Rajasthan India: 4 **GW**, Unsubsidized



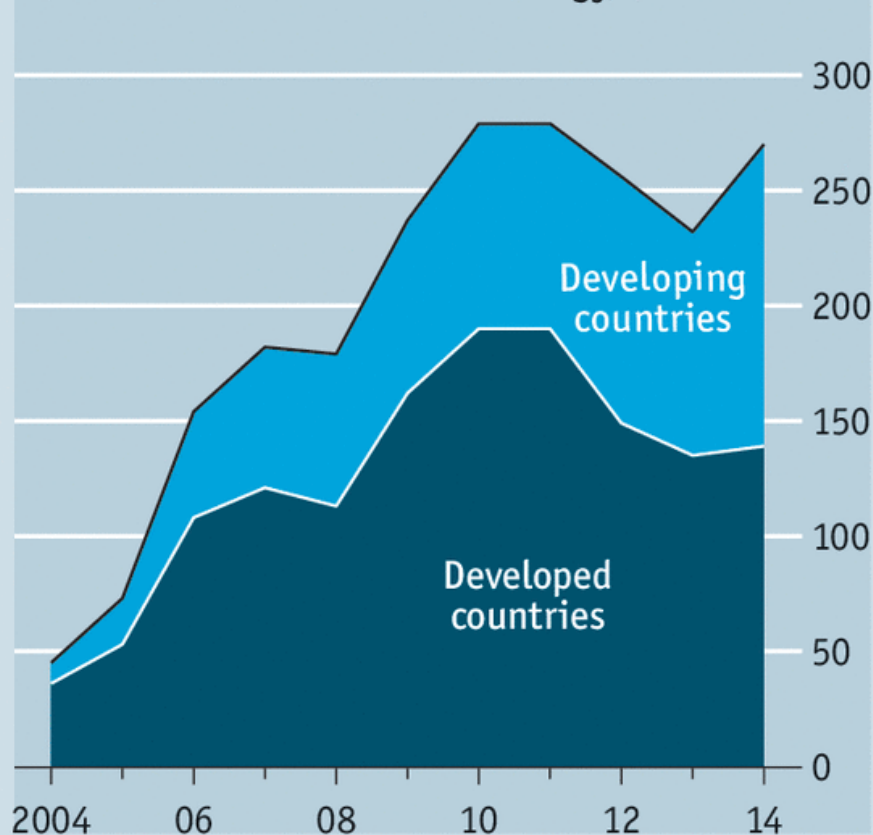
First Solar: Macho Springs: 50MW @ 5.7 cents per kwh

NextEra: 4.2 cents per kwh in New Mexico



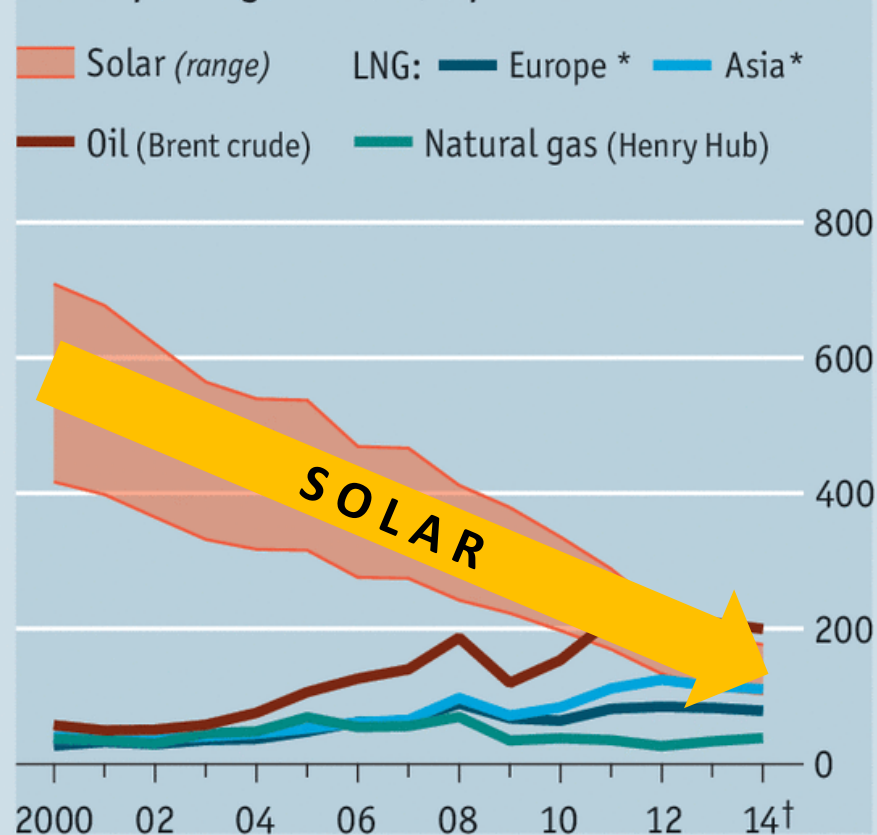
Sunny outlook

New investment in renewable energy, \$bn



Sources: UNEP, Bloomberg New Energy Finance; IHS Energy

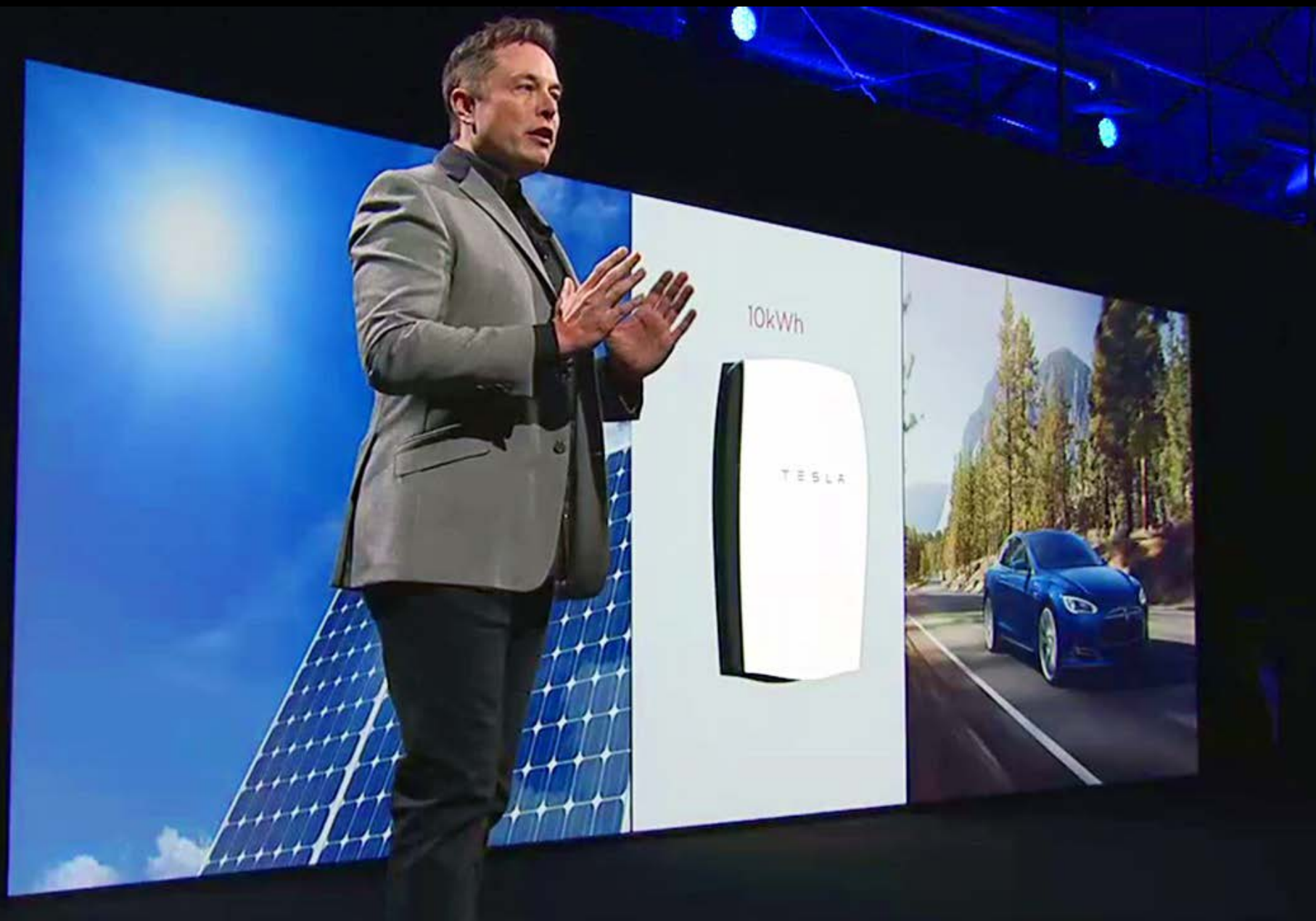
Cost of power generation, \$ per MWh



*Long-term contract price †To November

ENERGY STORAGE





LOWER COST

HIGHER DENSITY



CHEAPER ENERGY



“Renewables are now **deflationary** to energy prices.” - UBS

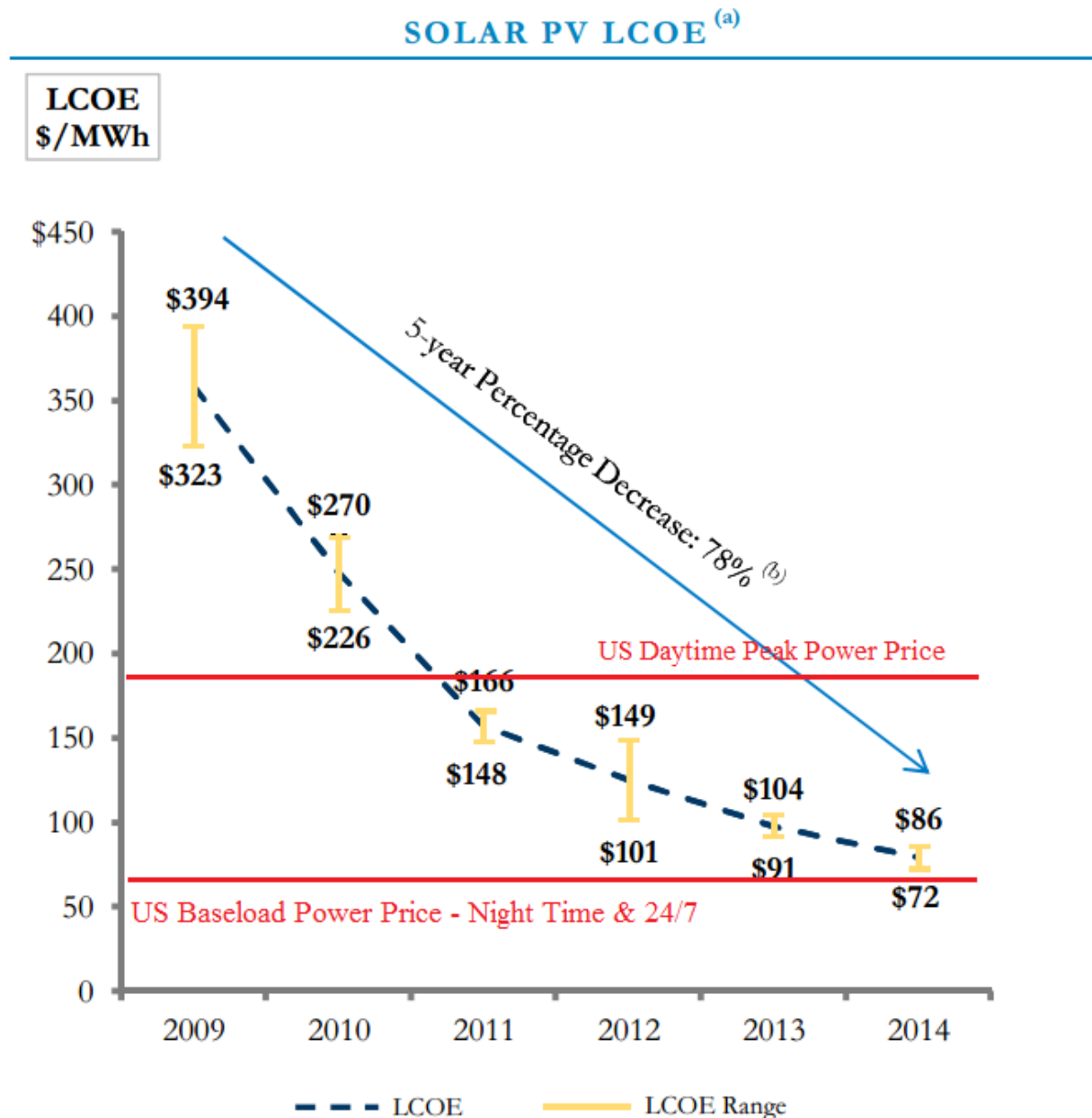
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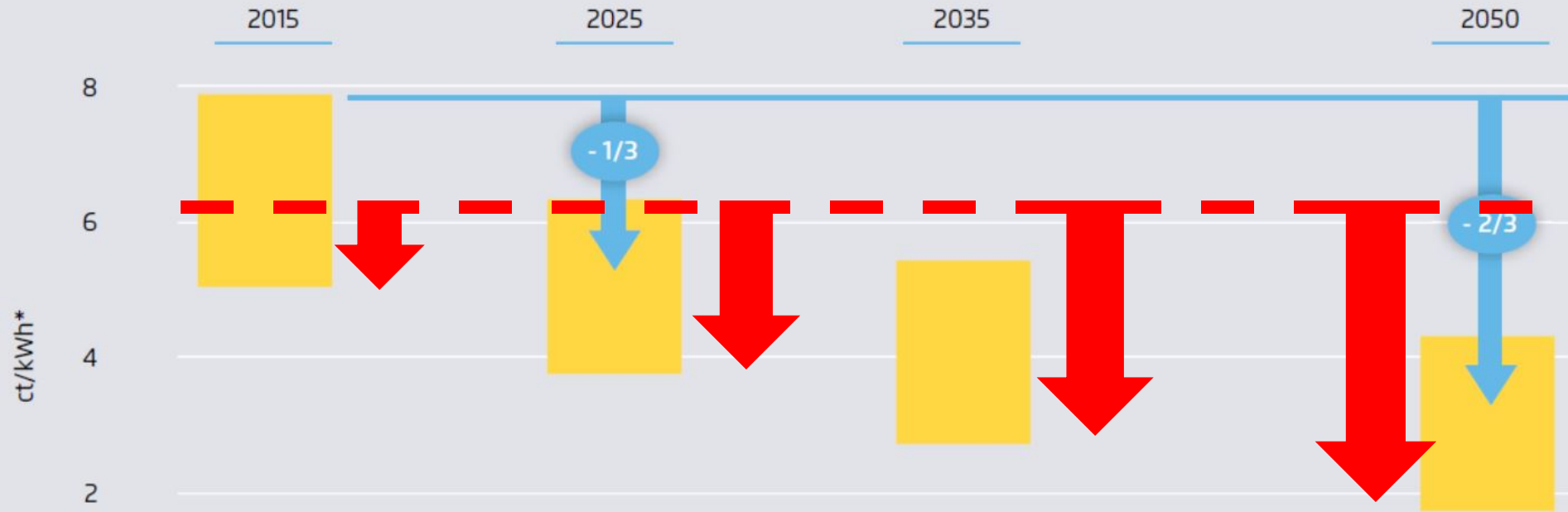
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SOLAR DROPPING BELOW GRID PRICES



Fraunhofer ISE Projection

Cost of electricity from new solar power plants in Southern and Central Europe

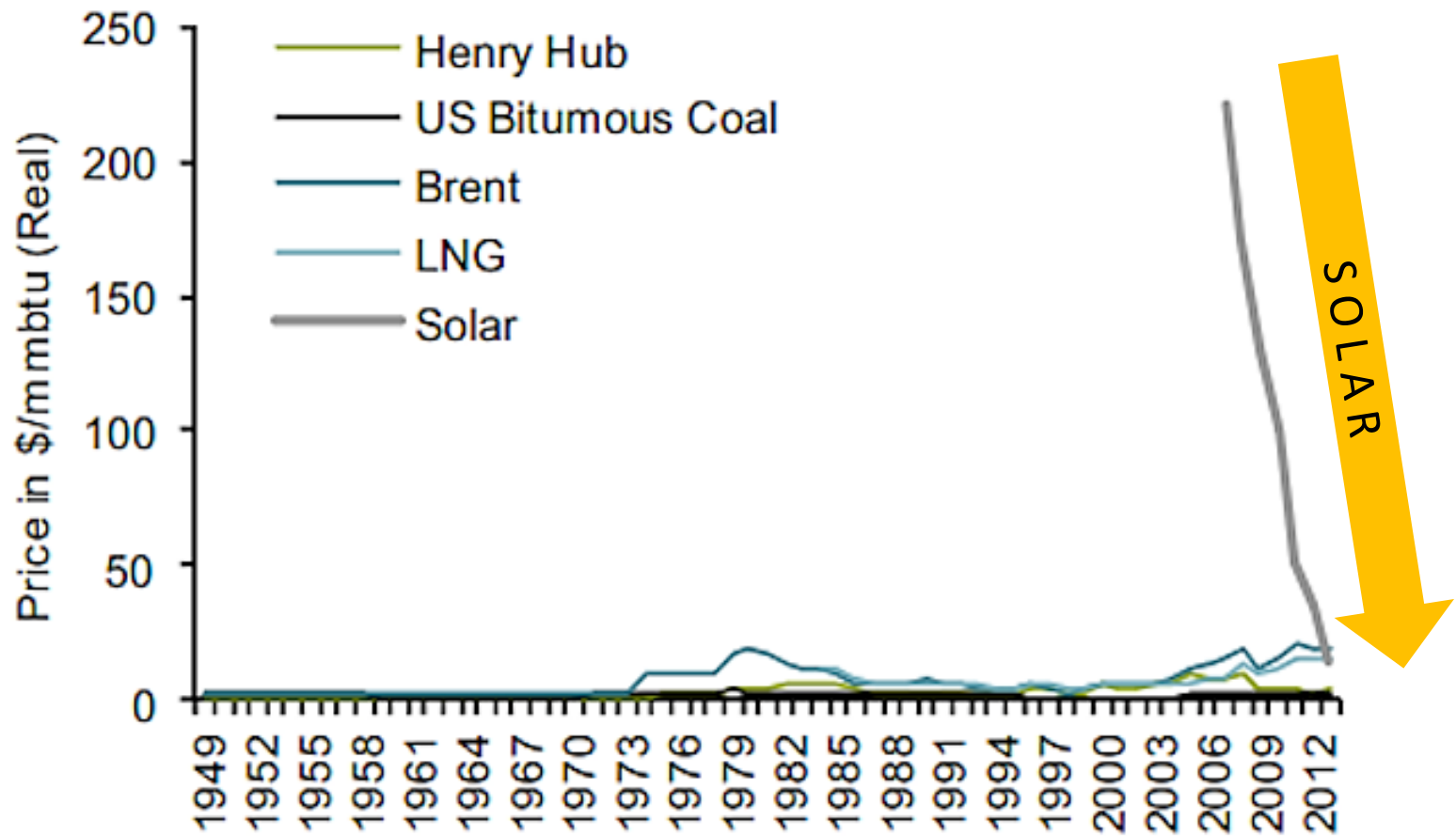


* Real values in EUR 2014; bandwidth represent different scenarios of market, technology and cost development, as well as power plant location between south of Germany (1190 kWh/kWp/y) and south of Spain (1680 kWh/kWp/y); assuming 5% (real) weighted average cost of capital.

AB ALLIANCE BERNSTEIN

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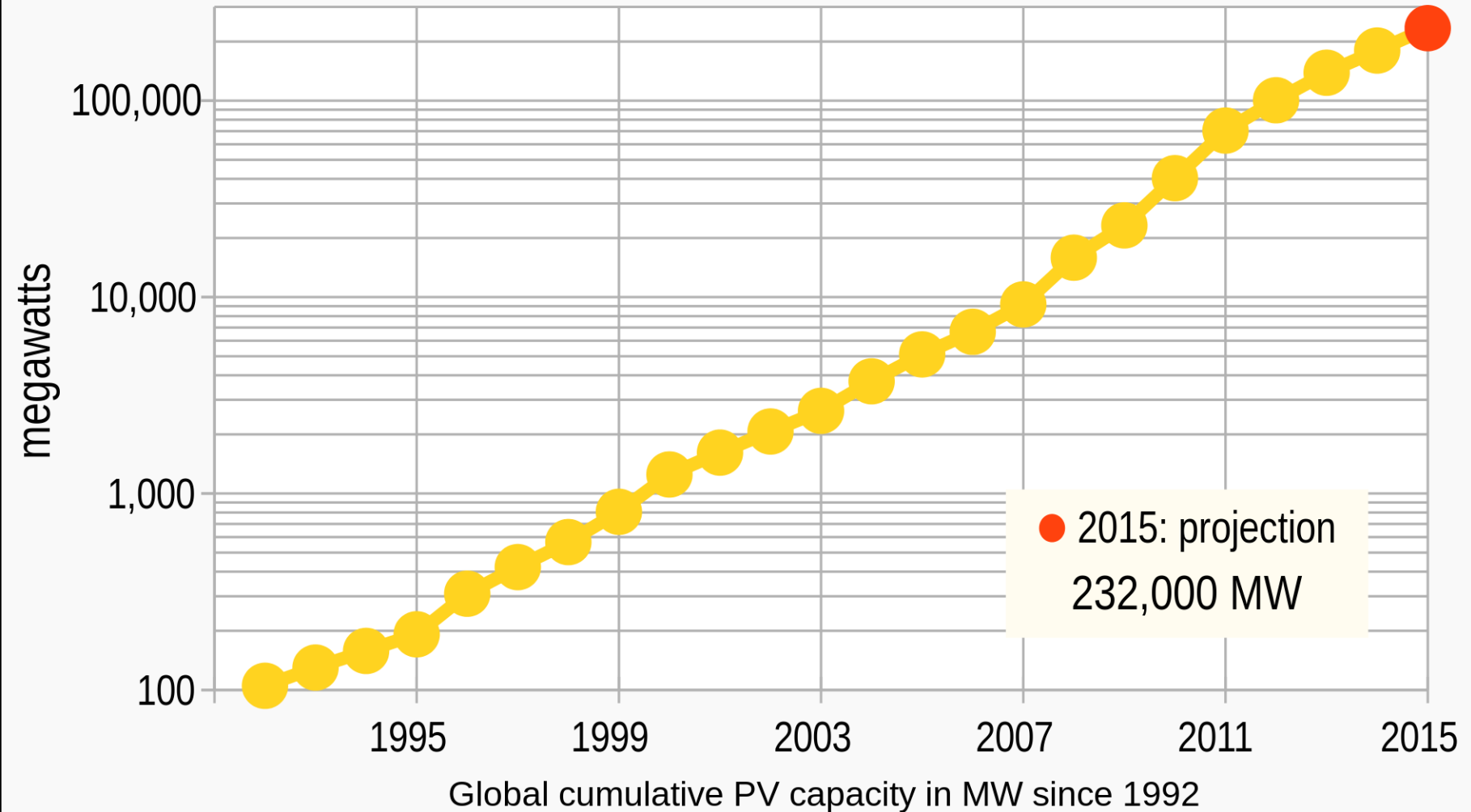
Welcome to the Terrordome... \$/MMBTU by Energy Type



Source: EIA, CIA, World Bank, Bernstein analysis

MAJOR CHALLENGES

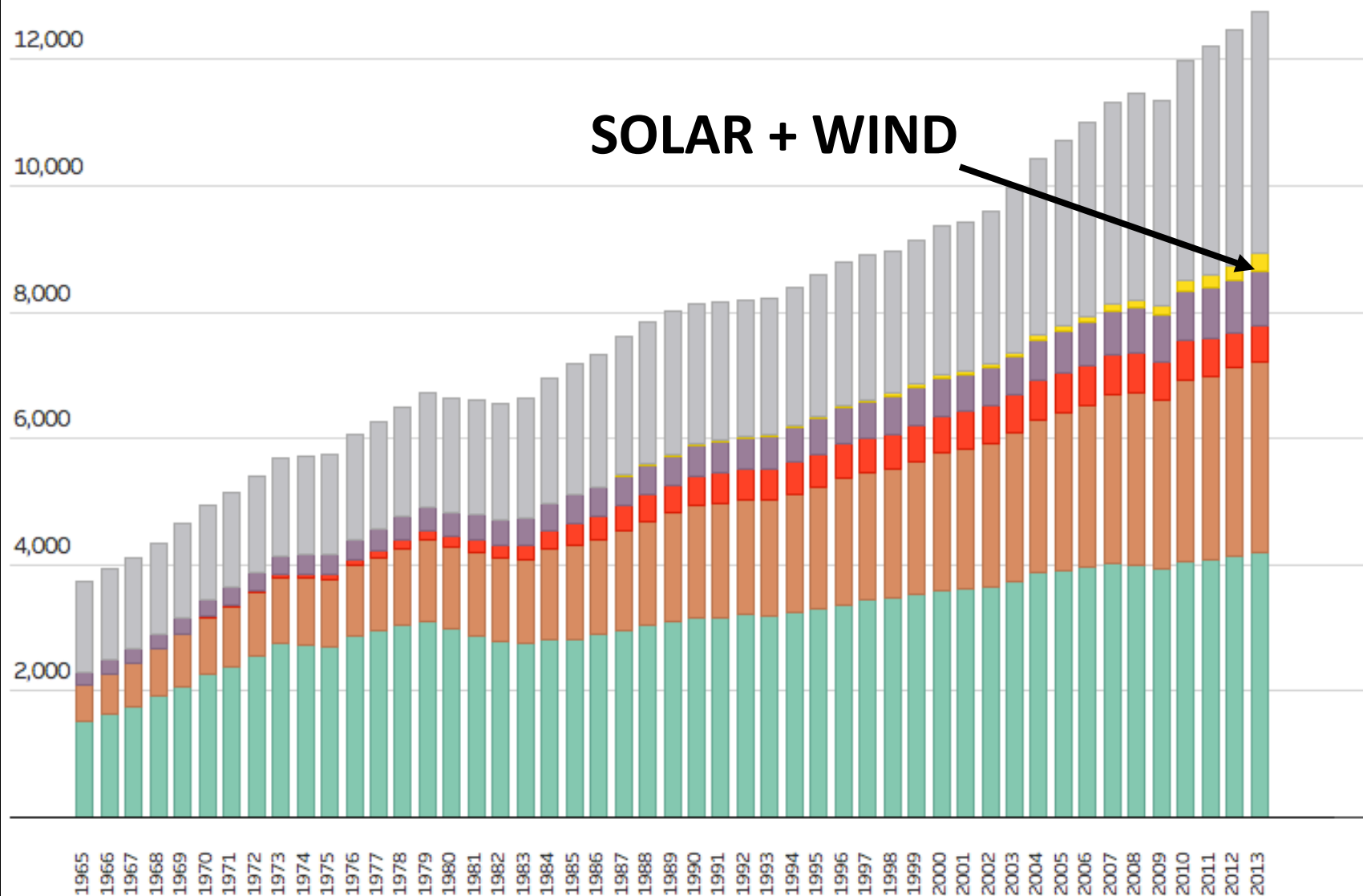
SOLAR GROWTH



Global energy use by source

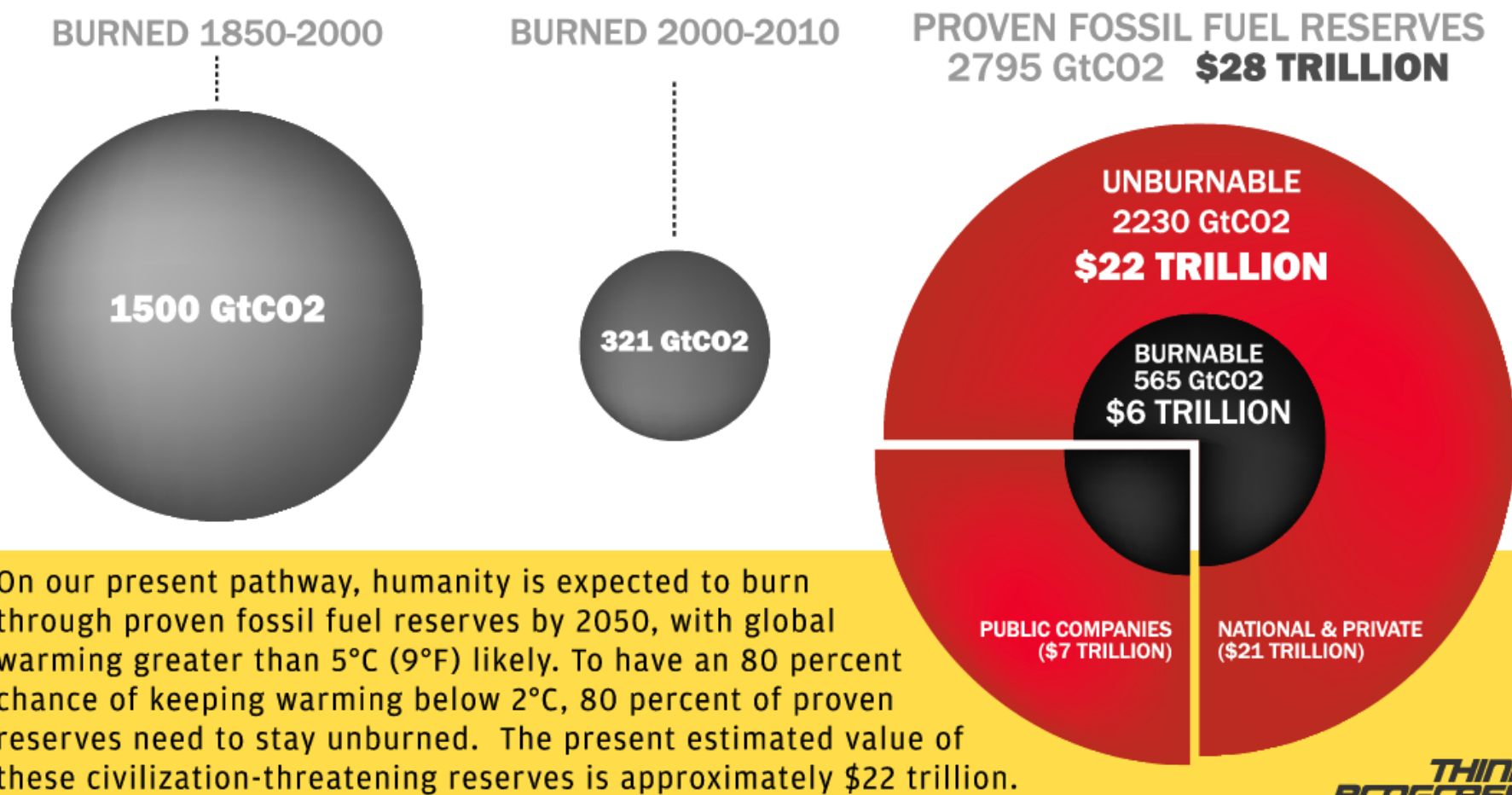
In million tons of oil equivalent

Oil Natural gas Nuclear Hydroelectricity Renewables Coal



Source: BP Statistical Review of Energy 2014

THE **\$22 TRILLION** CARBON BUBBLE

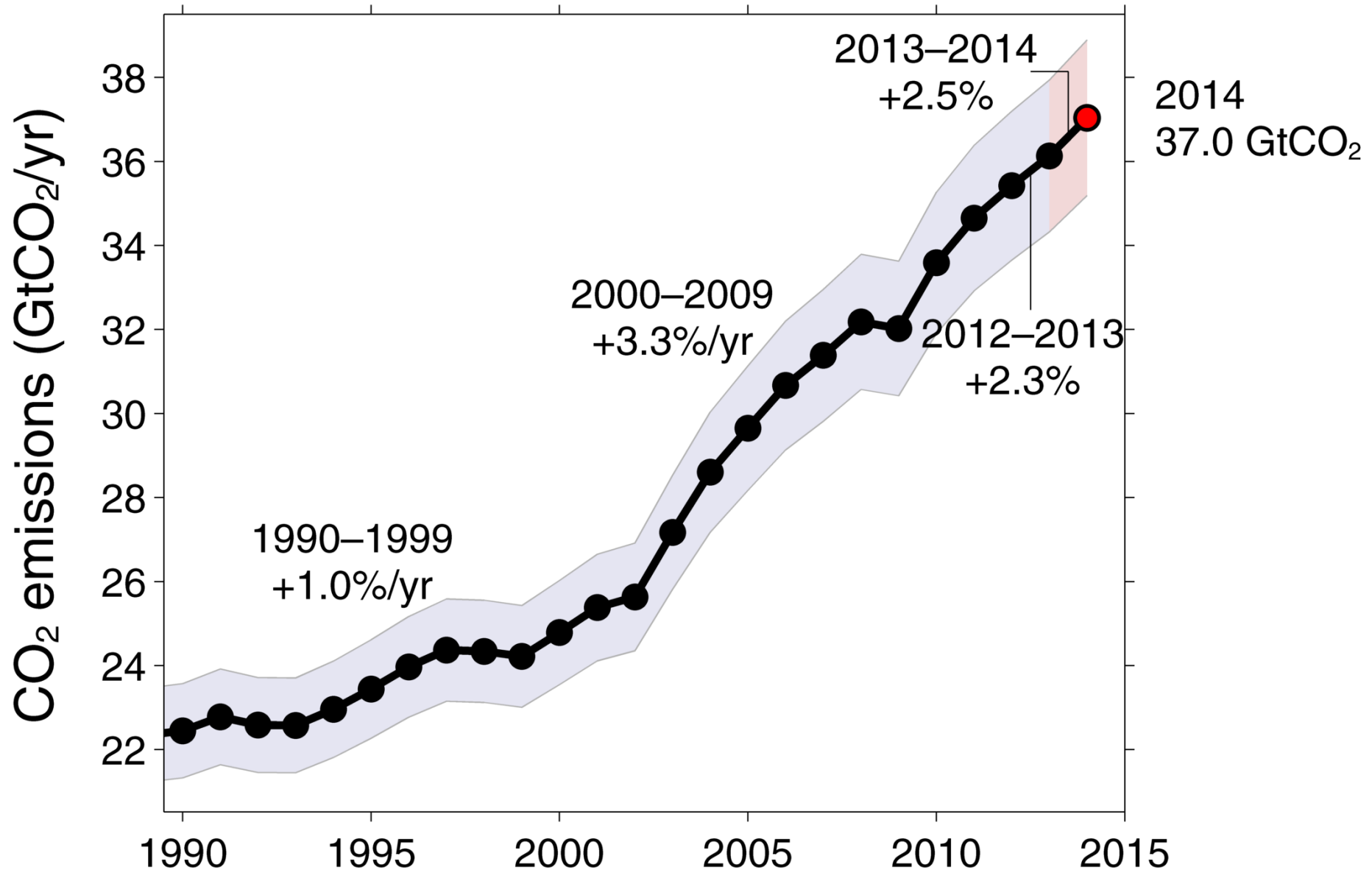


**THINK
PROGRESS**

Sources: Meinshausen et al. 2009; Allen et al. 2009; Sokolov et al. 2009; Carbon Tracker Initiative 2011. Carbon reserves as of the start of 2011; since then approximately 50 gigatons of carbon dioxide have been burned. Total fossil reserves are projected to be four times larger than proven reserves, and exploration for new reserves continues.

CARBON EMISSIONS STILL RISING

Data: CDIAC/GCP



SUNK COST



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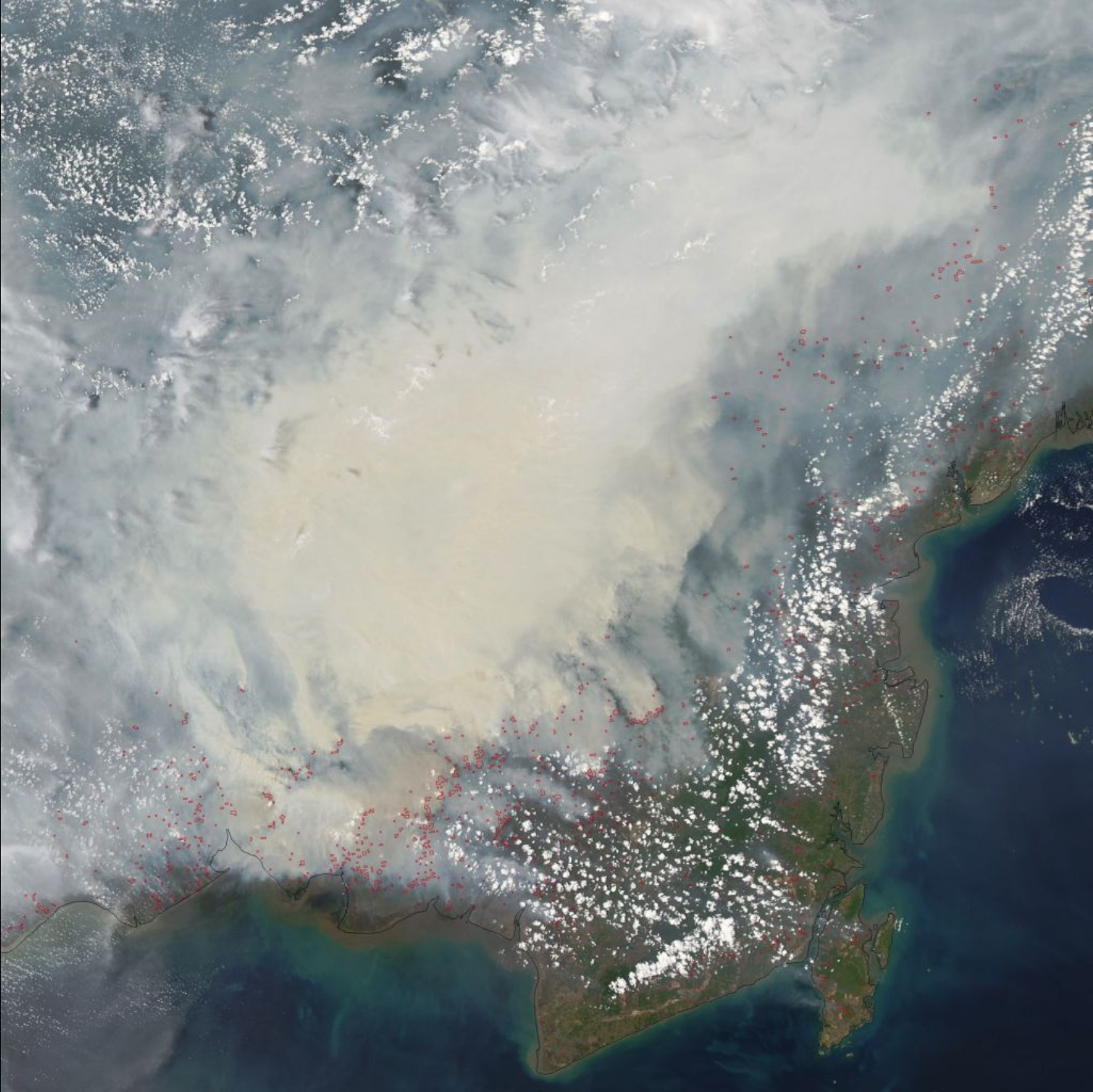


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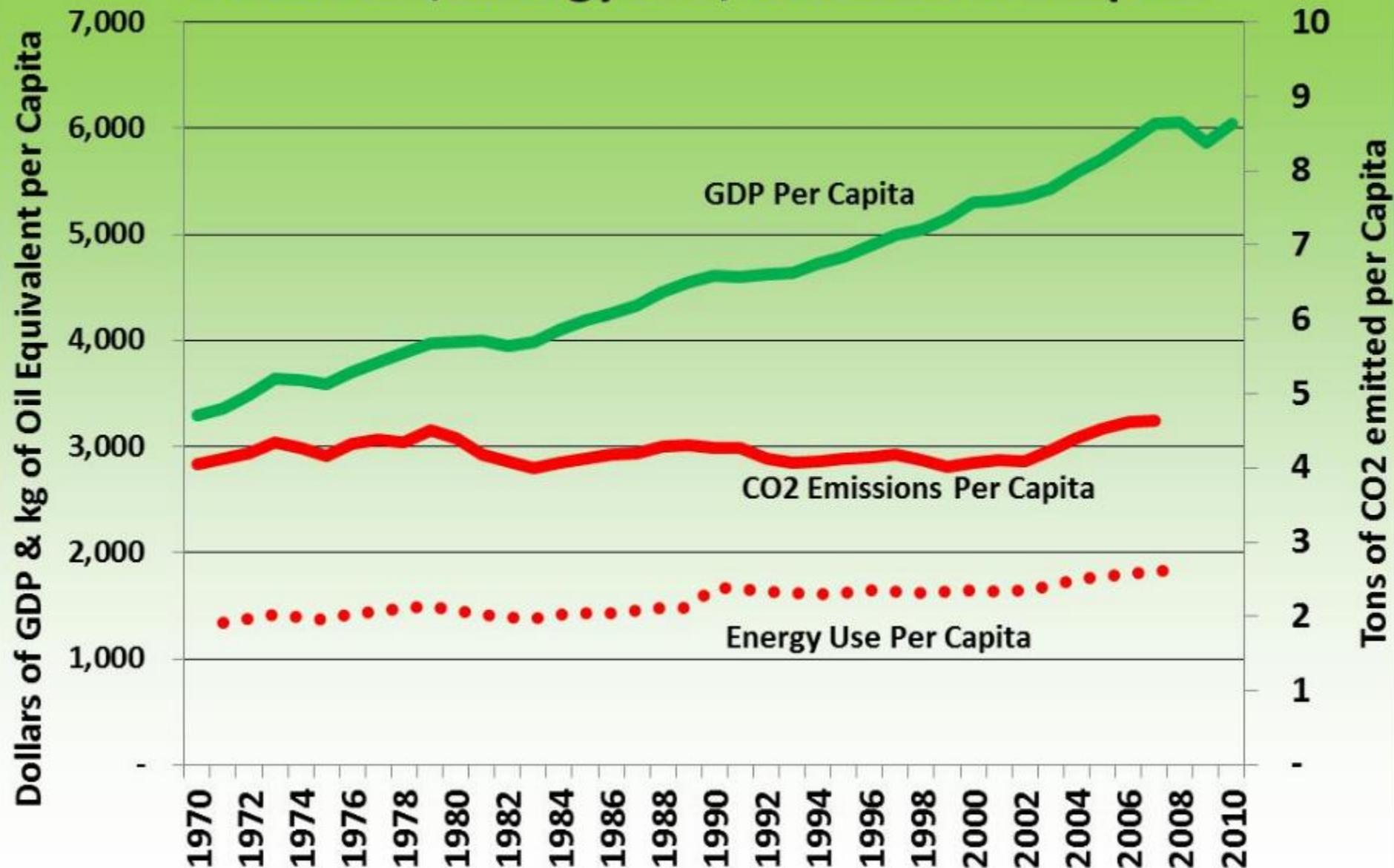


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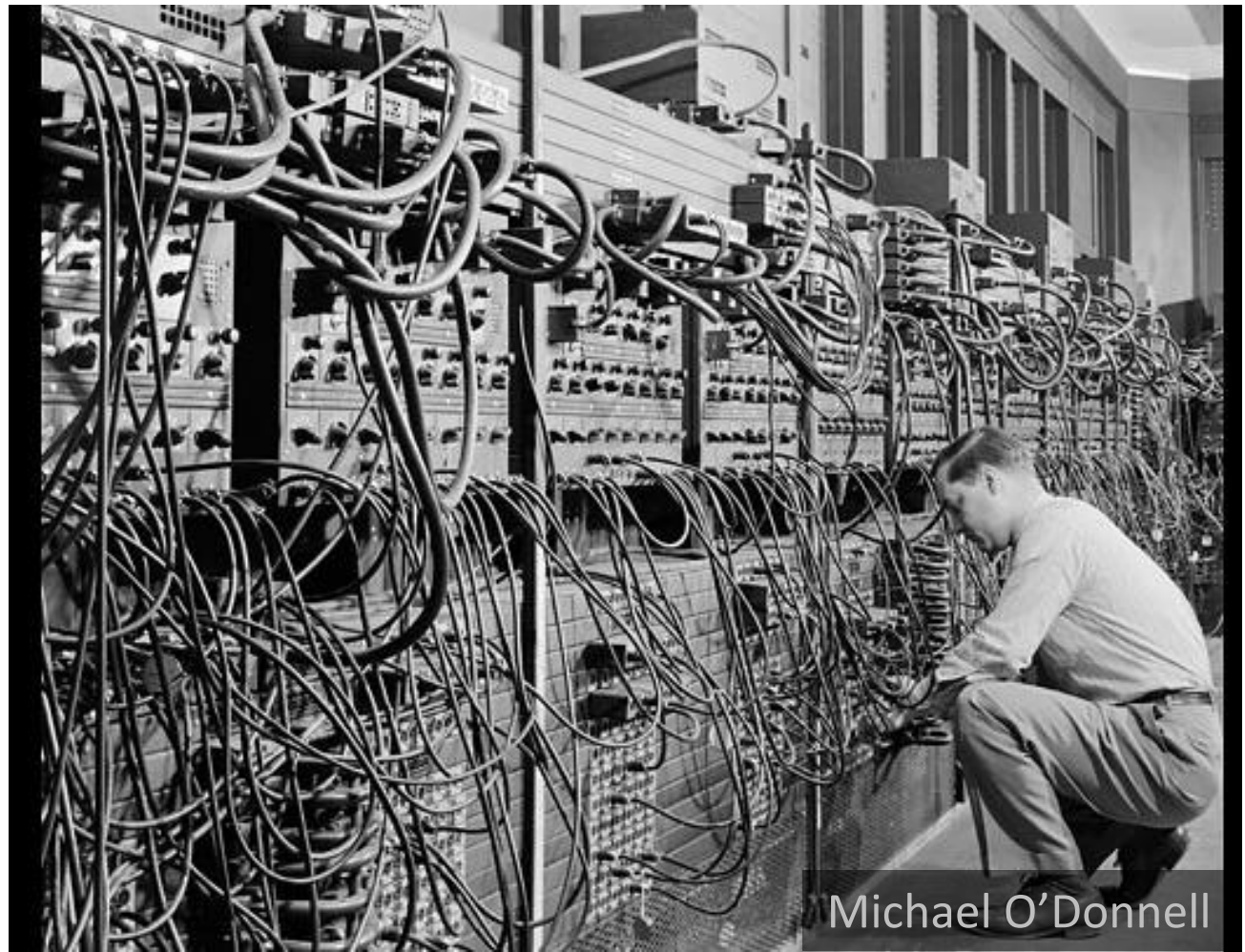
BUT THEY'RE SOLVABLE

ONE KEY RESOURCE

World GDP, Energy Use, and CO2 Per Capita



Source: World Bank



Michael O'Donnell



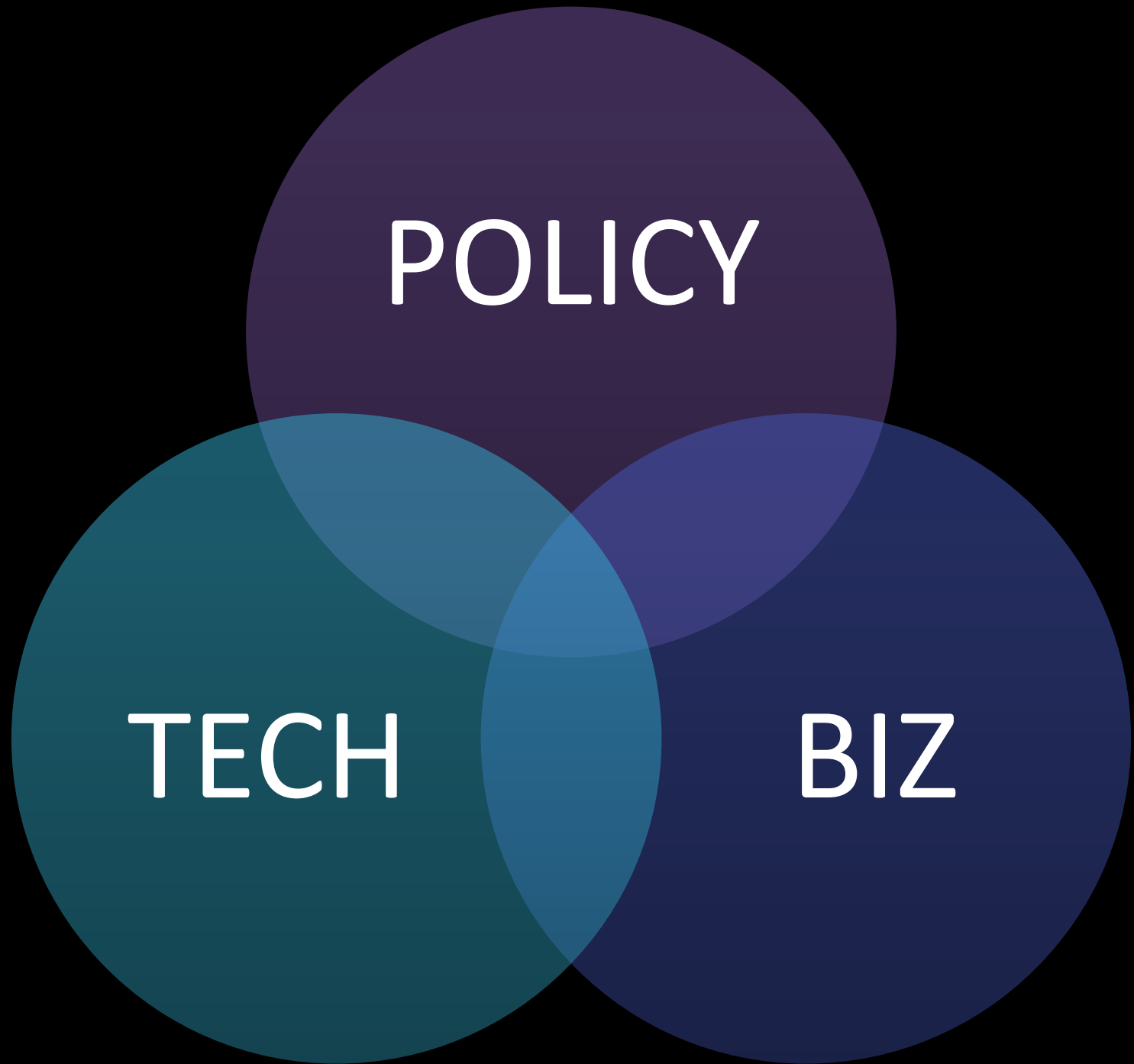
**WE'RE IN
A RACE**

DESTRUCTION

VS

INNOVATION

WHAT CAN WE DO?



POLICY

TECH

BIZ



TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION

\$77.00

\$64.00

\$32.00

\$16.00

\$8.00

\$4.00

\$2.00

\$1.00

\$0.50

\$0.25

150x Price Decline

\$0.50

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1981

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1989

1993

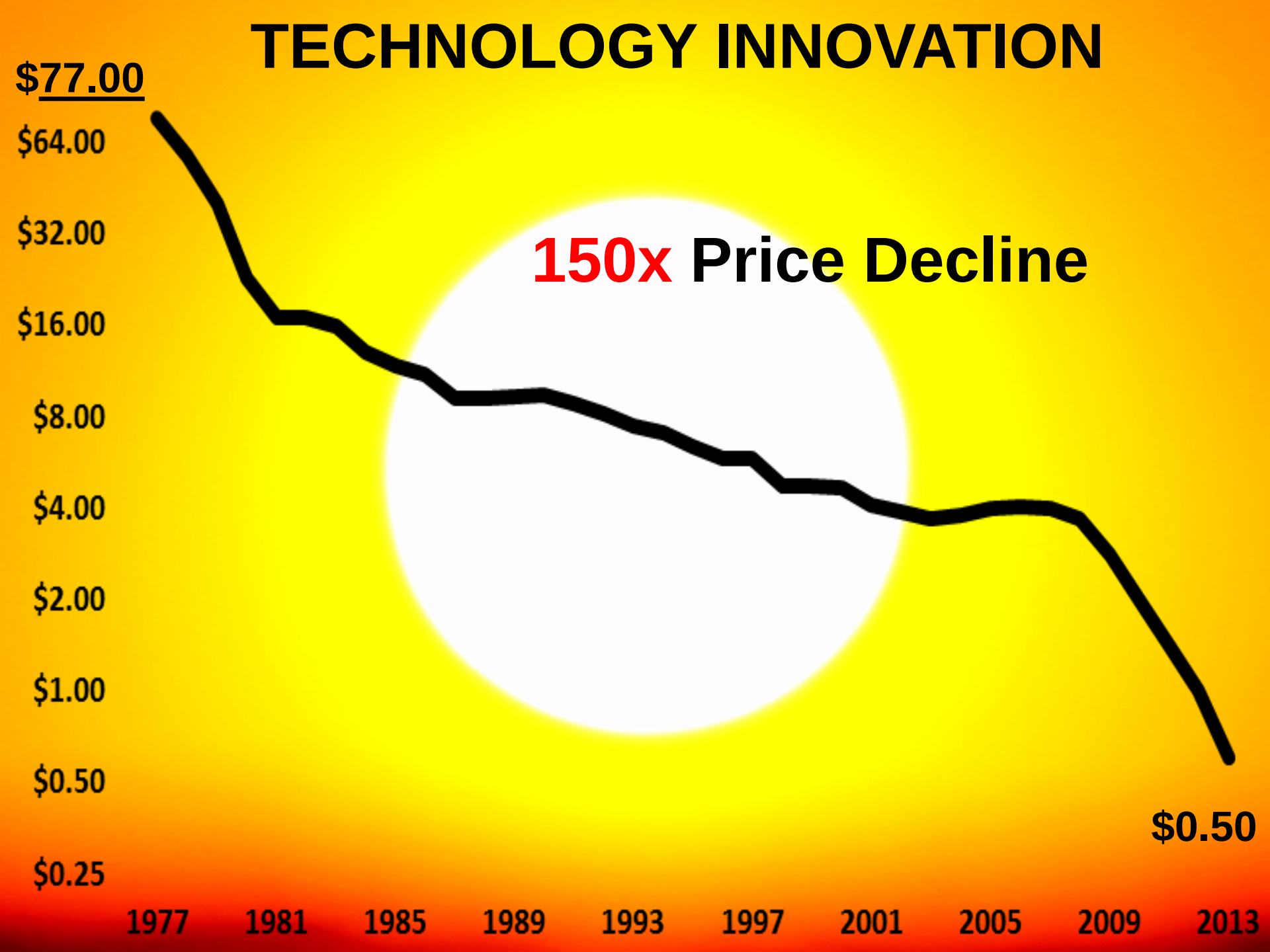
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2001

2005

2009

2013



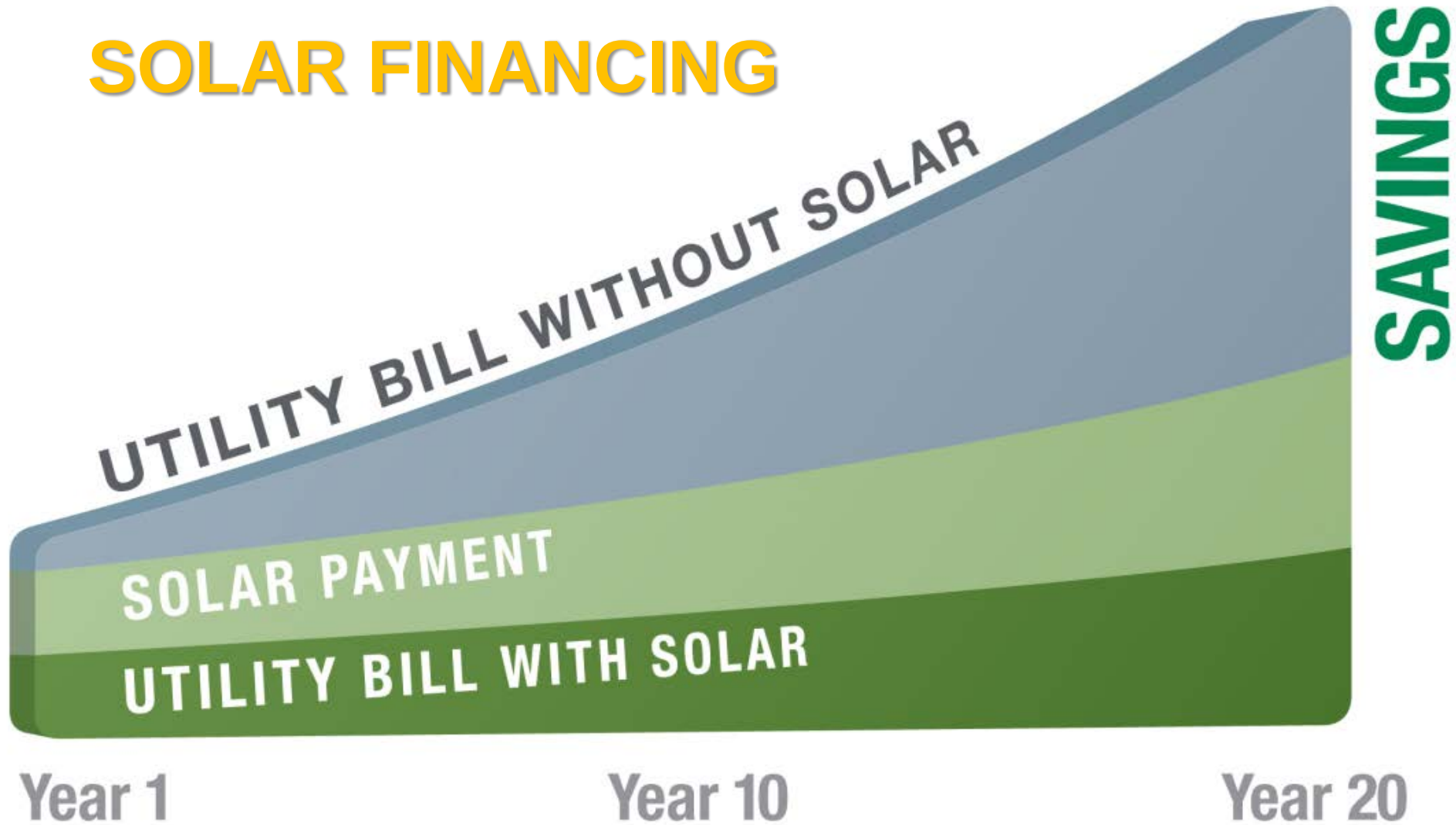
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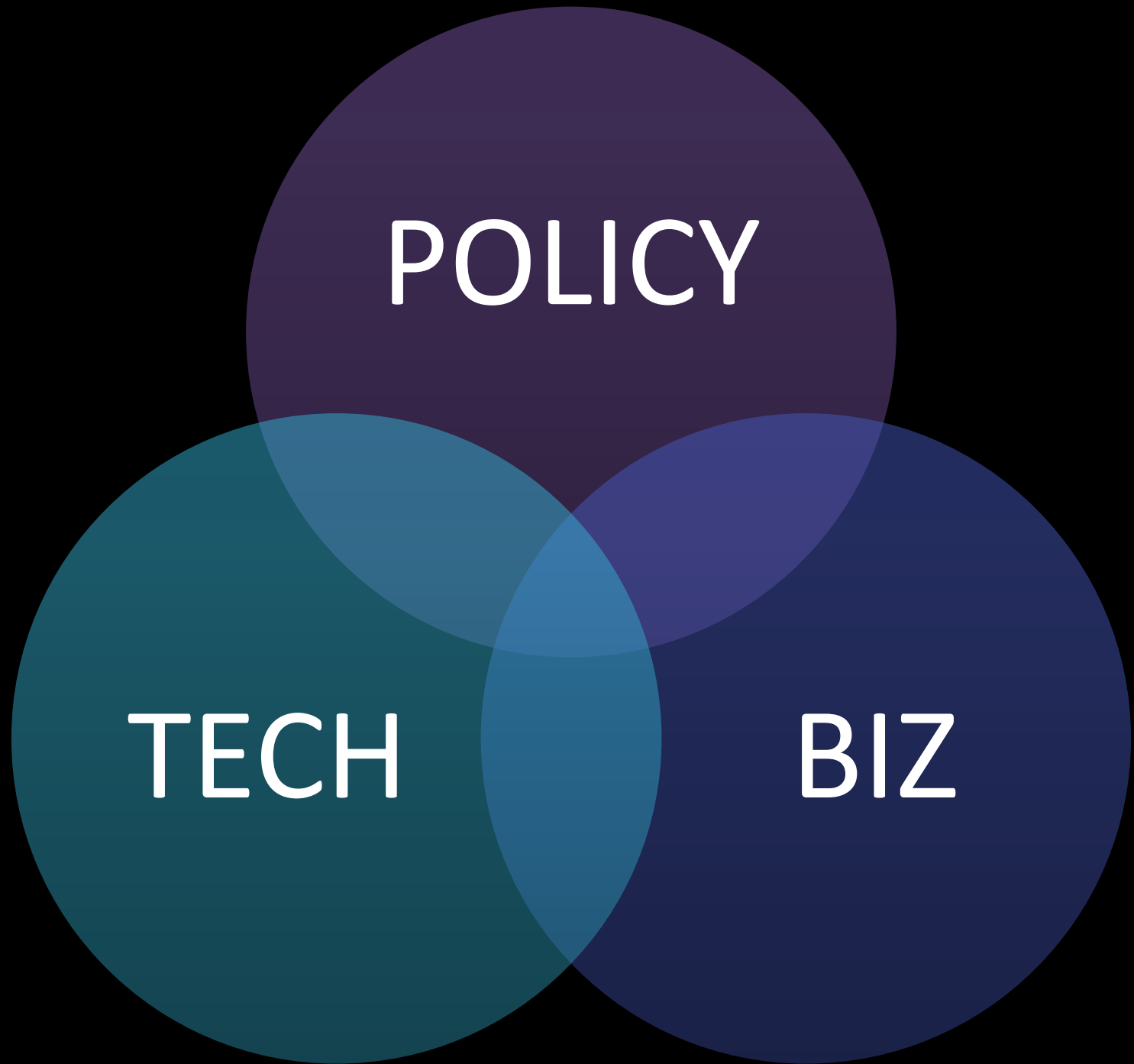




BUSINESS MODEL INNOVATION

SOLAR FINANCING





POLICY

TECH

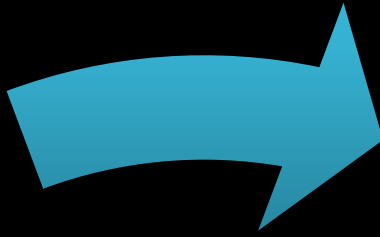
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KEEP HOPE

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Crisis

危機

Danger

Opportunity





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the
**infinite
resource**

the power of ideas
on a finite planet

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