



## **Sustainable Development: Energy Matters**

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### **Sustainability:**

*“Human endeavour which meets the needs of the current generation without jeopardising the needs of future generations.”*

In the context of energy this can be stated as:

*“Energy that is produced and used in ways that will support long-term human development in all its social, economic, and environmental dimensions.”*

## Development:

*“An ongoing process to achieve industrialization resulting in higher gross domestic product and increased per capita consumption of commercial energy.”*

- *Increased access to education, health care, clean water, and expanded communication and transportation networks are some of the outcomes of development.*
- *Though the benefits are not necessarily evenly distributed throughout the population.*

**Energy Matters** has dual meaning:

- *The issues relating to energy, and*
- *Energy plays a role.*

Putting both parts together the title alludes to:

## Energy issues and the role of energy in sustainable development



## OUTLINE

- Energy and Development
- Global Energy Demand
- Energy Resources
- Solar Energy
- World Energy Consumption
- Environmental Degradation and Energy Use
- Energy Indicators of Development
- Energy Security and Sustainability



## 1. Energy and Development

- *“It is clear that there is some difference between ends: some ends are **energia** [energy], while others are products which are additional to the **energia**”,*  
-Aristotle, Greek Philosopher (ca 325 BC)
  - *“Fire is the best of servants, but what a master”*  
-Thomas Carlyle, British Author (1843)
  - *“Affordable energy in ample quantities is the lifeblood of the industrial societies and a prerequisite for the economic development of the others”*  
-Eugene Odum, US Physicist (2001)
- ❖ *Social, cultural and technological development*
  - ❖ *Economic development*

## 1.1. Social, Cultural, and Technological Development



- Life prior to the discovery of fire.
- Discovery of fire.
- Animal power.
- Invention of the wheel.
- Wind and tidal power.
- Use of coal and invention of the steam engine.
- Liquid fuels and invention of the internal combustion engine.
- Power generation and electrical machines.

- Third Industrial Revolution.
- Development of new and renewable sources of energy:
  - Solar, wind, tidal, geothermal, nuclear...,
- Access to “Right” energy → Prerequisite to all development initiatives:
  - Millennium Development Goals (MDG - 2015)
  - Vision 2016: Toward Prosperity for all. For example:
    - Child and mother mortality, and life-saving health services.
    - Eradication of poverty, and hunger, universal primary education.

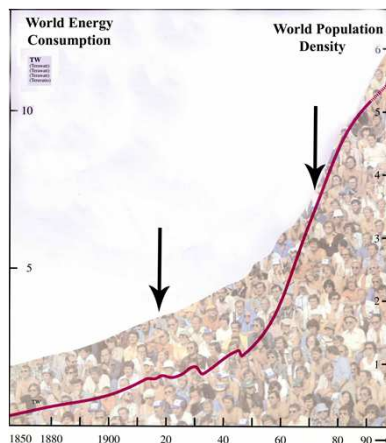
## 1.2. Economic Development

... an outcome of scientific, and technological development leading to industrial development and revenue generation which are fuelled by sources of abundant energy.

For example:

- Extraction and value added processing of raw materials.
- Production of finished products.
- Mass production of consumer and luxury goods.
- Provision of services that generate revenue or add quality to life or both.

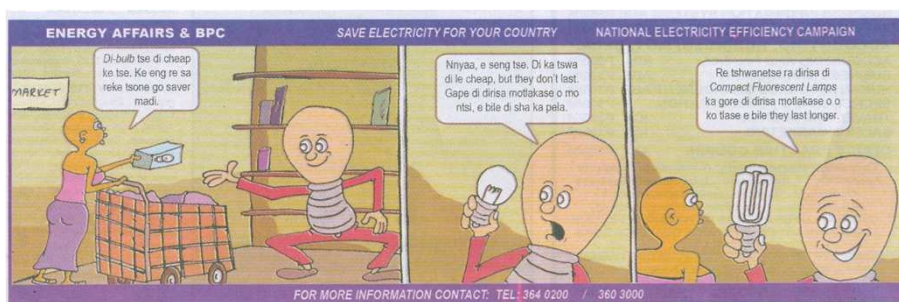
## 2. Growth in Global Energy Demand



- Basically, energy demand increases with increase in population.
- Up to early 1900s growths in population and energy demand are nearly linearly related.
- From 1900s to 1970s energy demand grew at a faster rate than the population.
- From 1970s the energy demand grew slower than the population.
- With growing demand of energy, new sources of energy are developed to meet the demand.

### 3. Energy Resources

- **Classification Scheme 1:**
  - Traditional or Low grade energy resources
  - Commercial or High grade energy resources
  
- **Classification Scheme 2:**
  - Non-renewable sources of energy
  - Renewable sources of energy



#### 3.1. Traditional energy sources



### 3.2. Fossil fuels (Non-renewable, Commercial)



**Solar**



**Tidal**



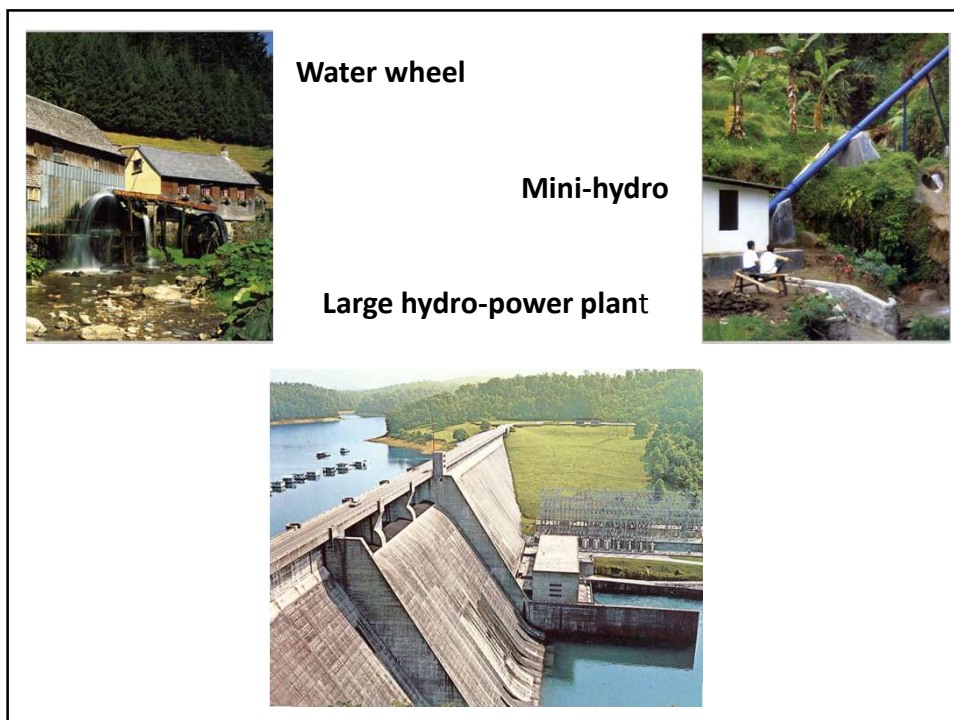
**Bio-fuel**

**Geothermal**

**Biogas**

**Wind**





### 3.4. Fuel Conversion

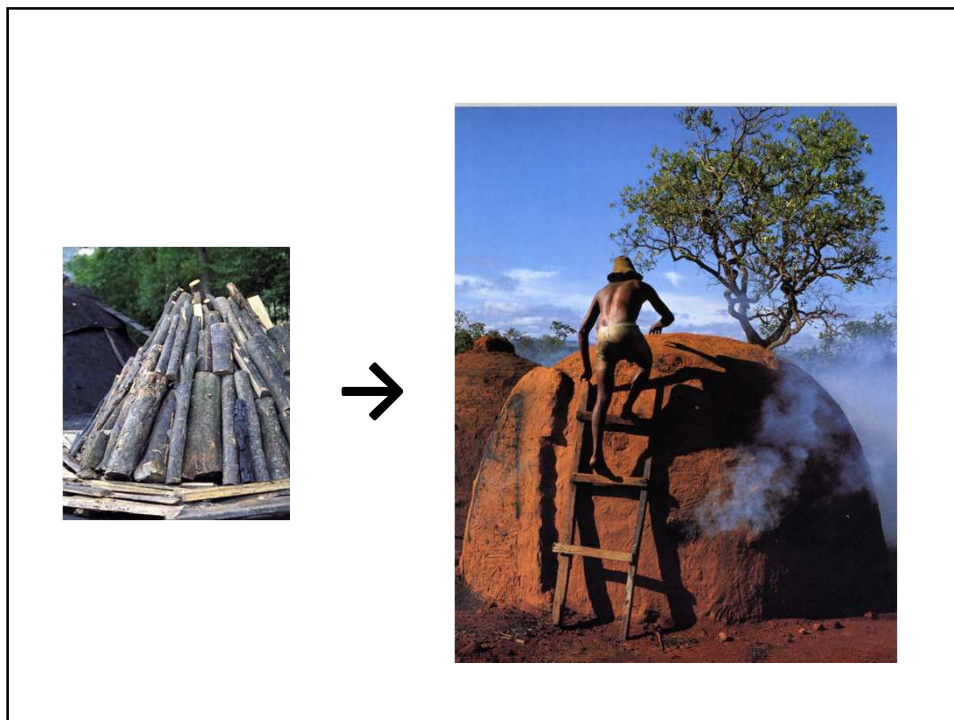
(Man made, Renewable/Non-renewable)

- Coal
- Oil
- Gas
- Nuclear
- Hydro
- Solar
- Wind
- Geothermal
- Tidal
- ....

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The complex block contains a list of energy sources, a right-pointing arrow, and a photograph of a transmission tower. The list includes Coal, Oil, Gas, Nuclear, Hydro, Solar, Wind, Geothermal, Tidal, and .... The photograph shows a steel transmission tower with power lines, set against a dramatic, purple-hued sky.



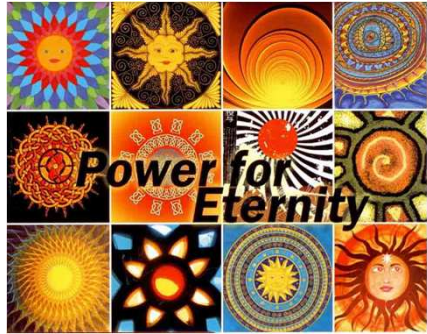


### 3.5. Other Energy Sources and Technologies

- **In use , some with large applications:**
  - Nuclear fission
  - Peat, Tight and Tar sands, Shale
  - Waste dump gas...
- **In limited use or in R & D stage:**
  - Nuclear fusion (advanced R&D)
  - Hydrogen
  - Fuel cells
  - Combined Heat and Power (CPH)
  - MHD generator ...
- **Solar has the largest potential and is the most relevant to Botswana.**
- **It is already in limited use in Botswana for:**
  - Lighting
  - Space and water heating
  - Refrigeration
  - Water pumping
  - Telecommunication
  - Broadcasting
  - Village electrification
- **This is the area of energy research to which I have contributed.**

**SOLAR →**

## 4. Solar Energy



- **Solar Technologies:**
  - Solar Thermal.
  - Solar Photovoltaic.
- **Solar Devices:**
  - Non-Concentrating
    - Fixed installation.
  - Concentrating
    - Up to 5-Sun: Single axis tracking.
    - More than five sun: Double axis tracking.

### 4.1. Central Receiver Systems (Power Towers)

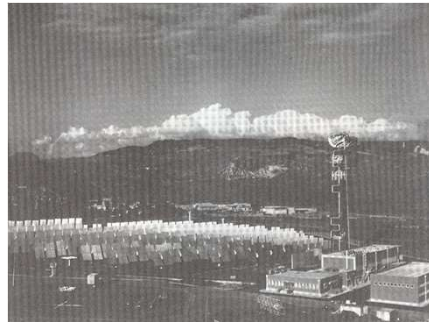


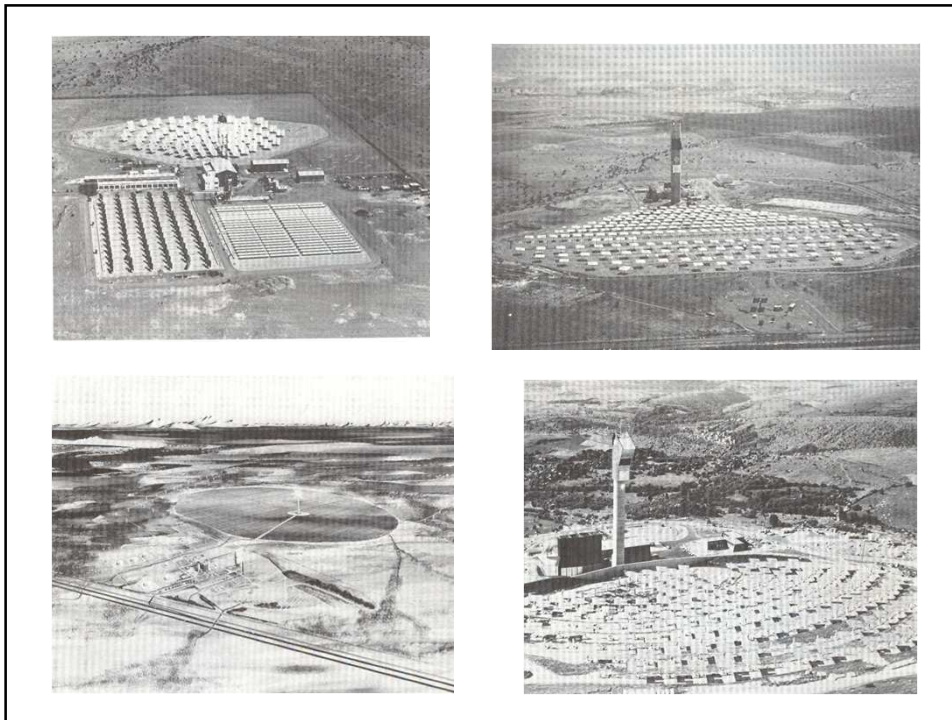
- Produce extremely high temperature heat.
- Heat is used to generate power or for metallurgy.
- Large number of large-area plane mirrors in a field of several square kilometer area reflect solar radiation on to a central receiver.
- Each plane mirror (heliostat) continuously tracks the sun to maintain focus on the receiver.
- CRSs of capacity 10MWe have been in use in many countries.

### 10MW Power Tower, Barstow, California, USA.



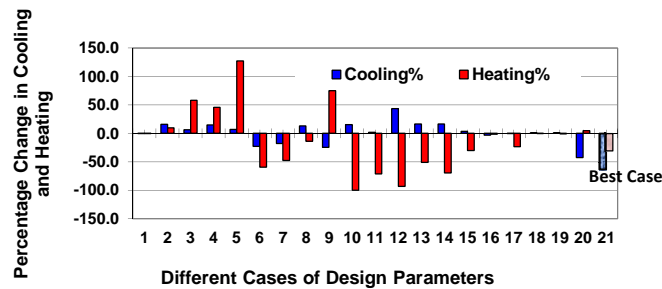
- Capacity 10 MW.
- It has 1818 heliostats.
- Each heliostat: 39.3 sq. m.
- Tower height is 80 m.
- Heat is stored in:
  - 6798 tons of rock + Heat transfer oil .
- Plant can run at 7 MW power for up to 4 hr. from the stored heat.





## 4.2. Passive solar architecture

- Optimum use of solar energy is made for natural lighting and for improved indoor thermal comfort by:
  - controlled direct solar gain,
  - selective absorption of solar energy, and
  - controlled release of absorbed energy.
- Some design considerations are: Building orientation; window area and placement; exterior surface colour; choice of building materials.
- Result is: Improved indoor thermal comfort without the use of A/C devices and natural day-lighting with no or a small extra cost of construction → Overall saving in energy.
- Buildings have been constructed in Botswana , for example the BOTEC Headquarters in Gaborone.

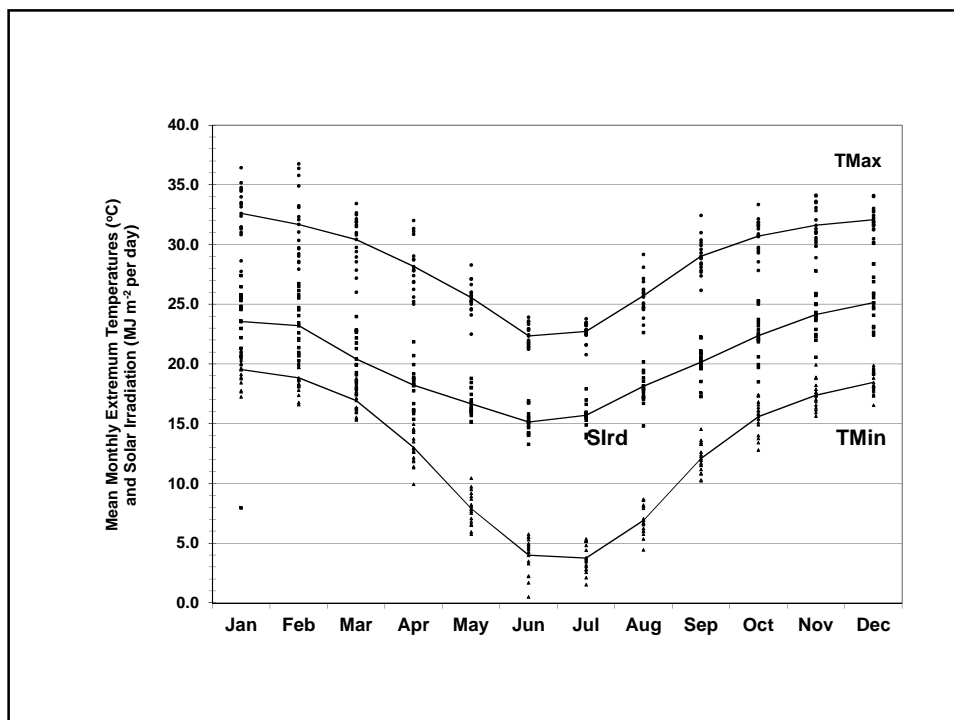


### Best Case Scenario:

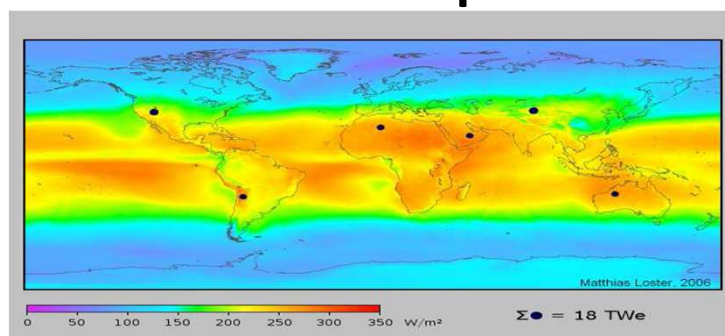
- 60% energy saving in winter heating load.
- 30% energy saving in summer cooling load.
- Vastly improved indoor temperatures without the use of space conditioning (*not shown here*).

## 4.3. Solar Radiation Simulation

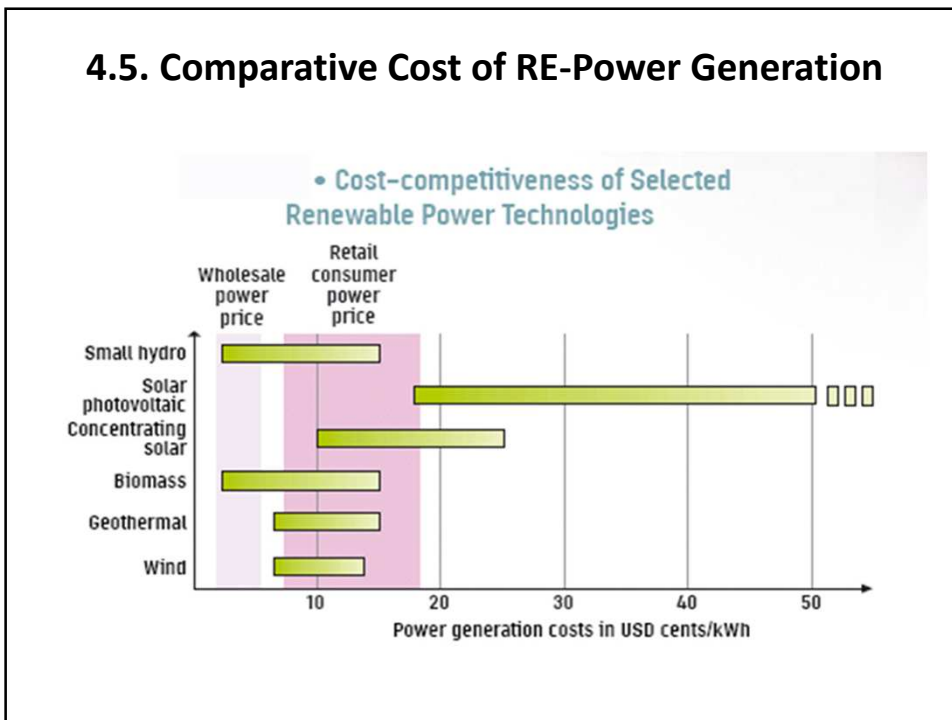
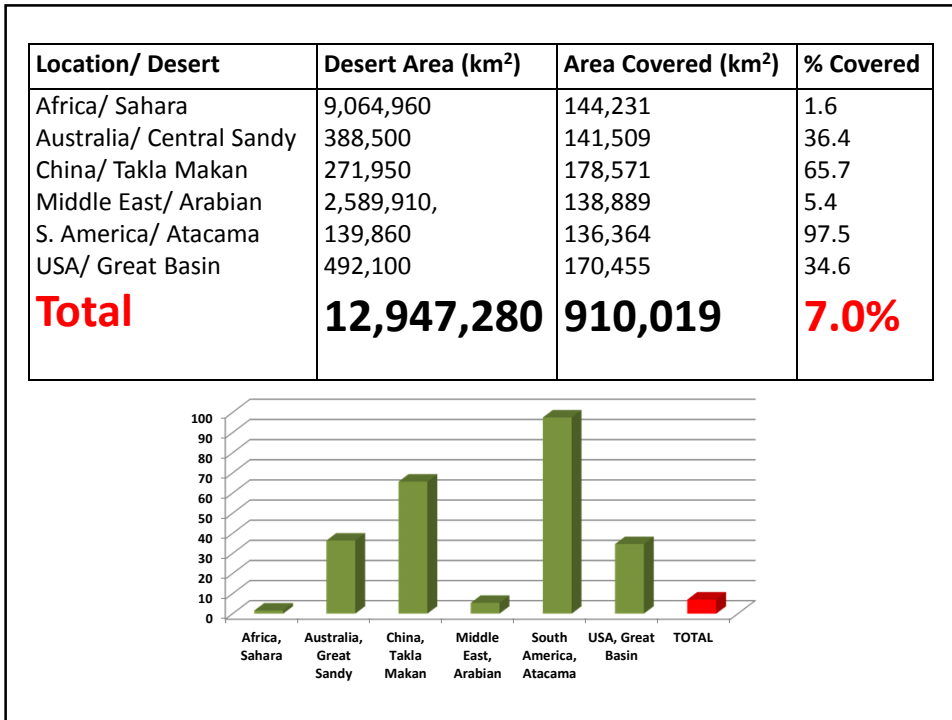
- Solar radiation data is essential for sizing of solar systems for specific application.
- Where measured data is not available, one either uses data from a climatically identical location, or generates it by simulation and modeling.
- Solar radiation modeling for Botswana has been done by myself and collaborators within the FoS. Modeling techniques developed are available in published literature. These include:
  - Atmospheric transmittance models.
  - Monovariate ARIMA models.
  - Bivariate models correlating extremum temperatures and solar radiation, and sunshine duration and solar radiation.
- Measured data shown in the next slide is the basis for the extremum temperatures and solar radiation models.



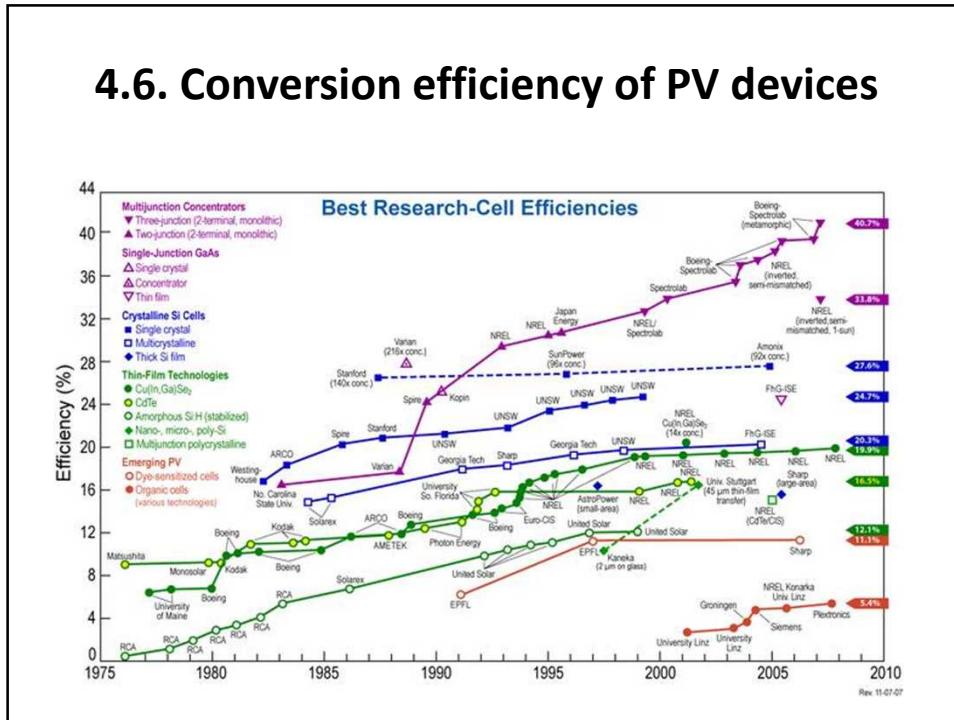
## 4.4. Global solar potential



8% efficient PV devices covering 7% of total desert area at six locations in the figure → will produce 13,567 Mtoe electricity → more than the total world energy consumption in 2006 (11,741 Mtoe)



## 4.6. Conversion efficiency of PV devices

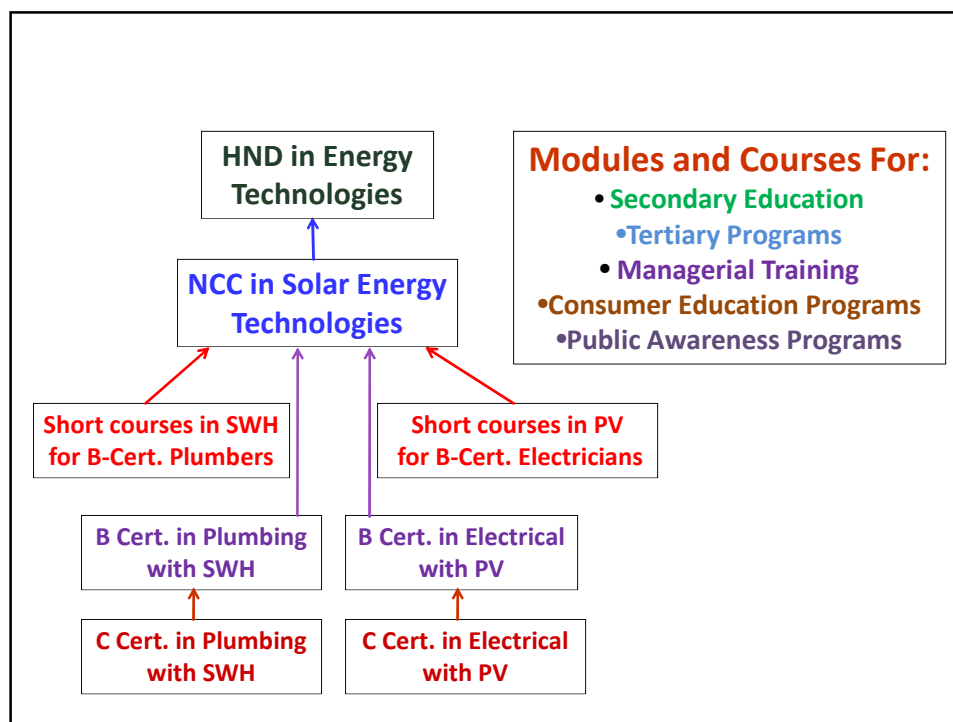


Silicon solar panel manufactured by trisulfide using an ink jet process recently demonstrated an 18 percent conversion efficiency. Photo courtesy of Knowledge.

**Plastic Solar Cells**

**Hybrid Solar Cells**



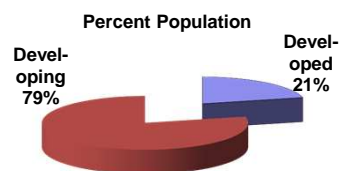


#### 4.9. Solar energy research before joining UB

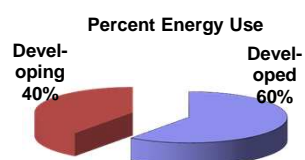
- Silicon single crystal growth for solar cells by CZ method, *(NPL, Delhi)*.
  - Technology was transferred to Poona Semiconductors Ltd. and received royalties.
- Growth of directionally frozen polycrystalline silicon for solar cells, *(NPL, Delhi)*.
- Fabrication and testing of Si solar cells, *(NPL, Delhi)*.
- Single axis, clock-work, solar tracker *(BITS, Pilani)*.
  - Work recognized by Rolex Spirit of Enterprise Awards – 1981.
- Theoretical studies of diffusion and purification mechanisms in directionally frozen polycrystalline silicon for solar cells, *(UNZA, Lusaka)*.

## 5. World Energy Consumption

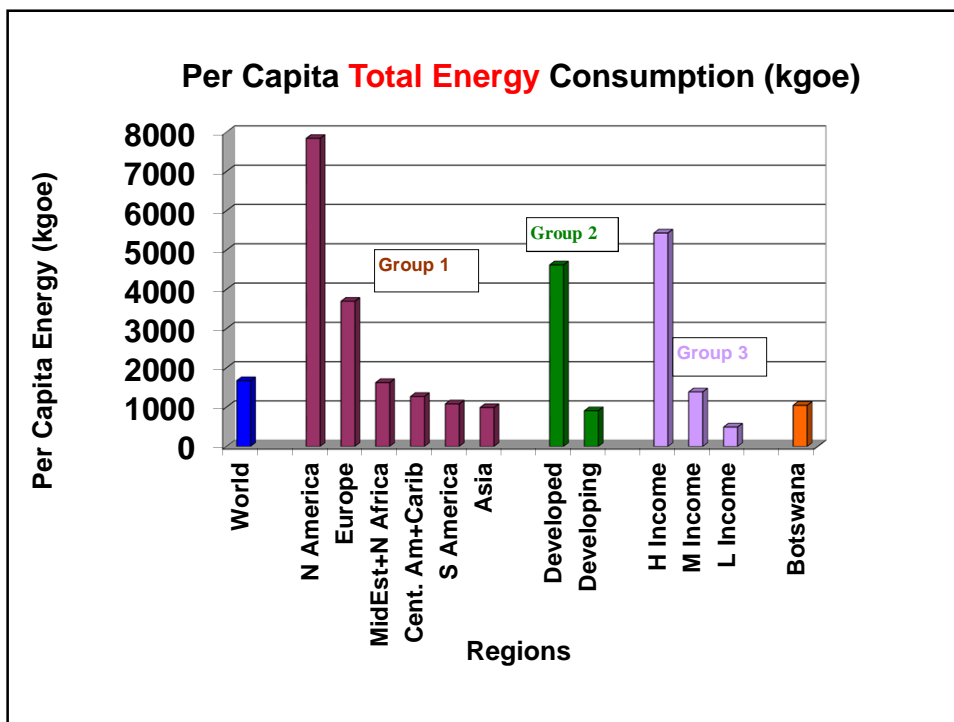
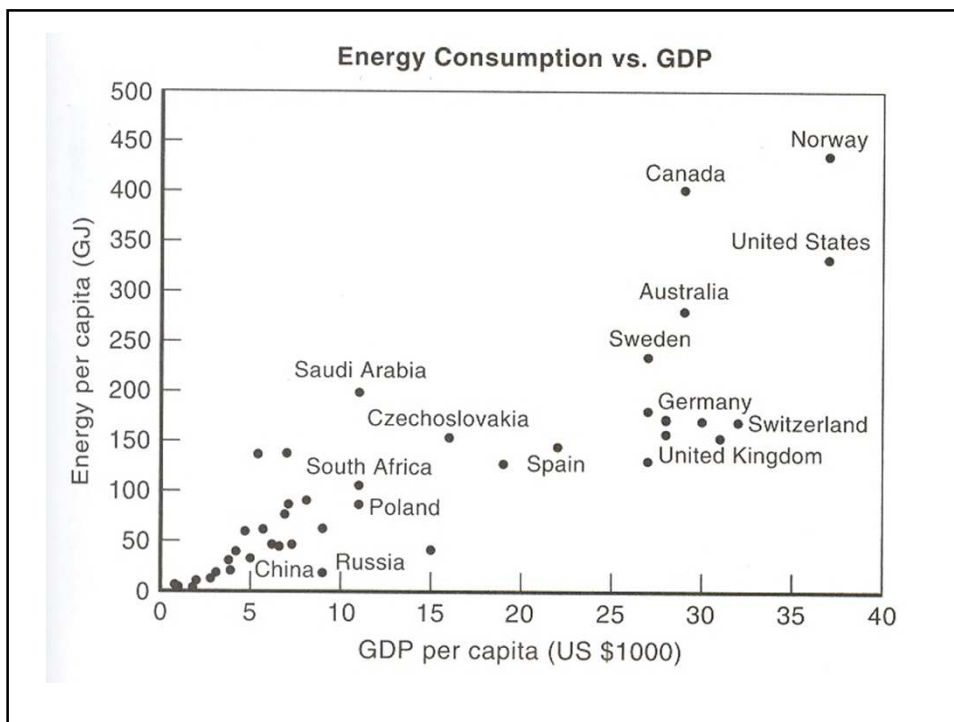
- Variations in total and per capita energy consumption, energy mix, sector wise energy usage, and energy intensity are analyzed.
- Industrialized countries consume significantly more energy than the less developed and developing countries.

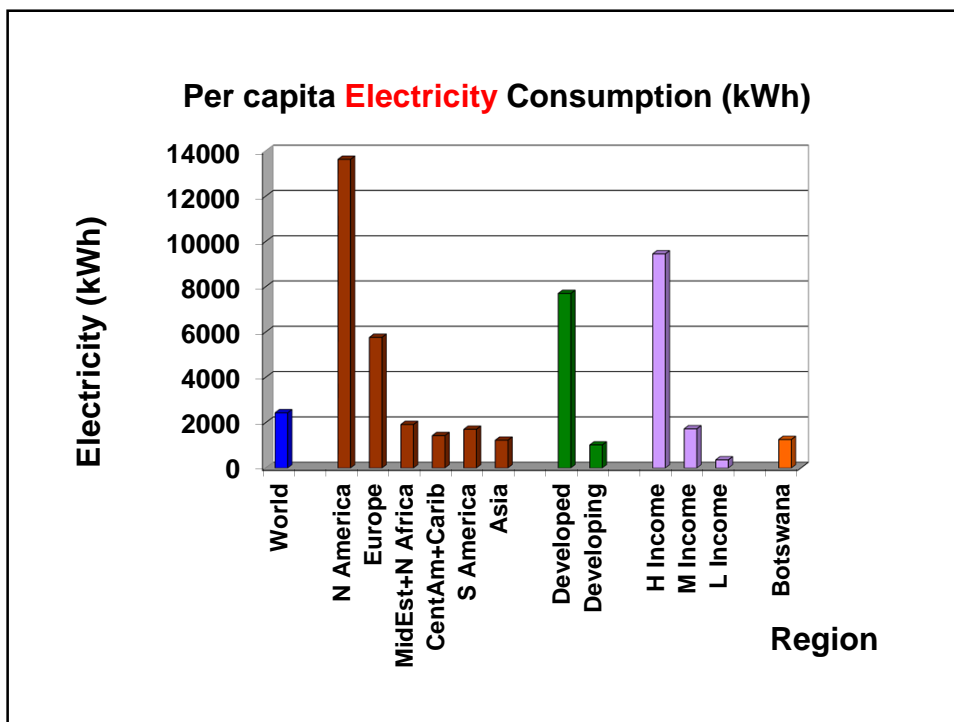
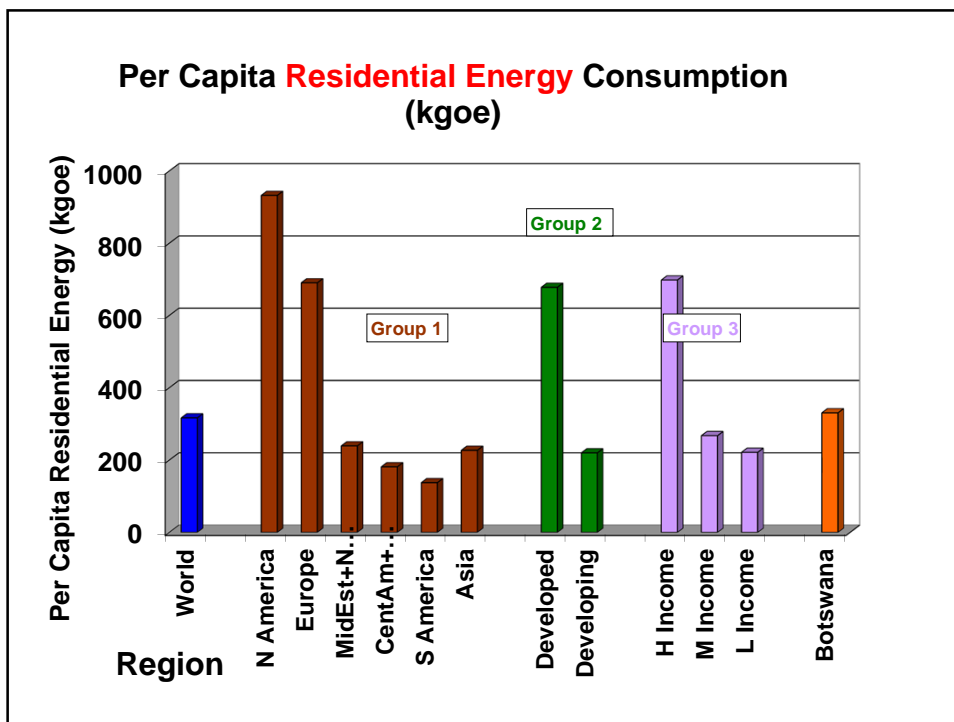


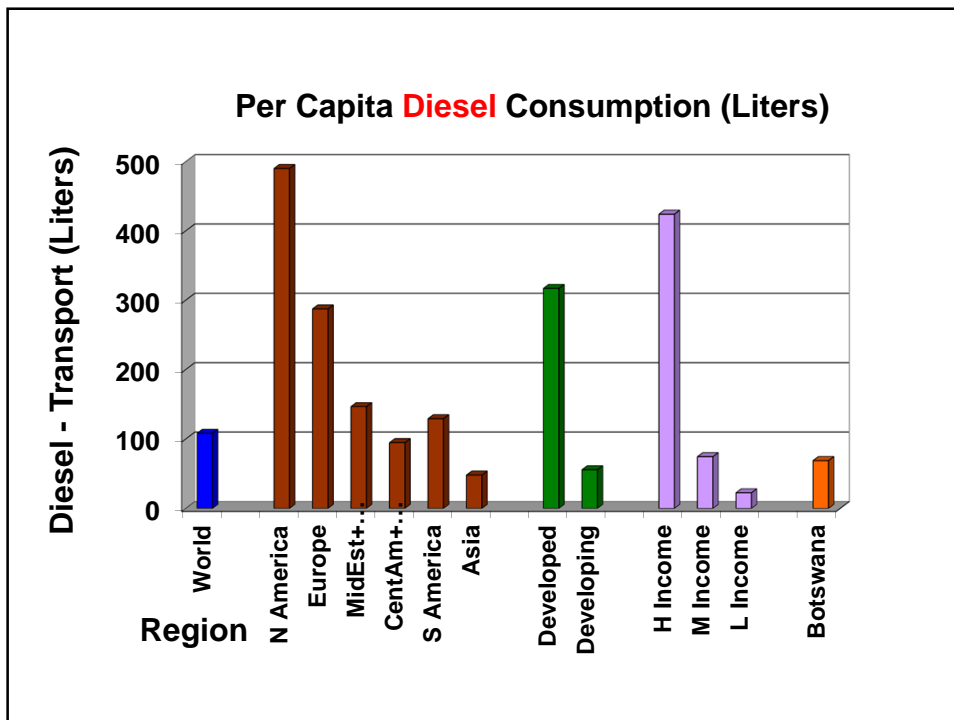
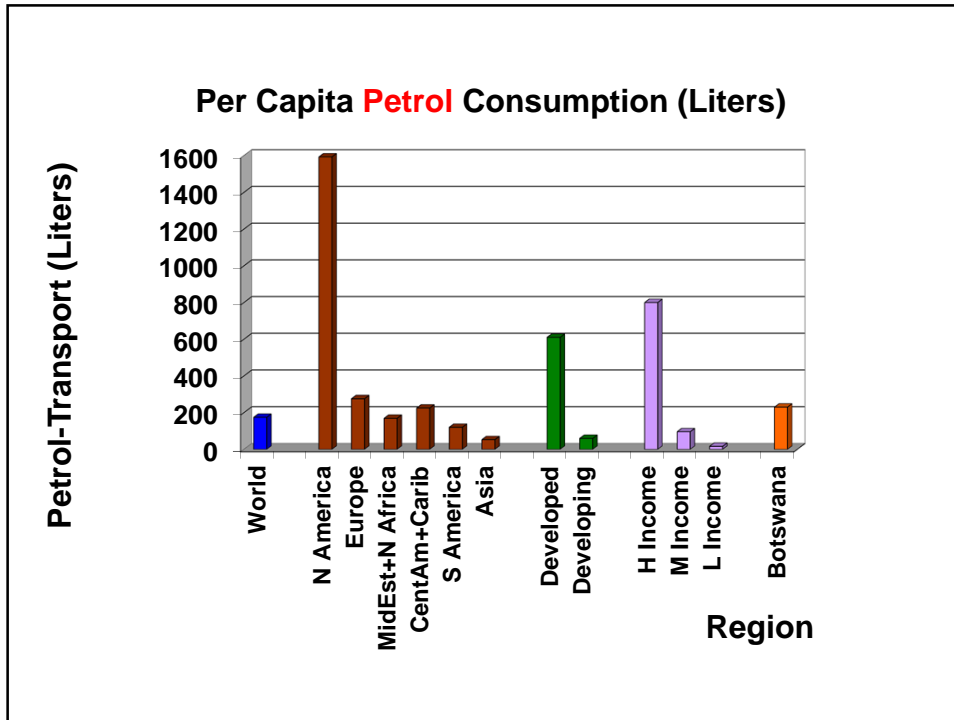
- Developed countries with 21% of the world population consume 60% of world energy.

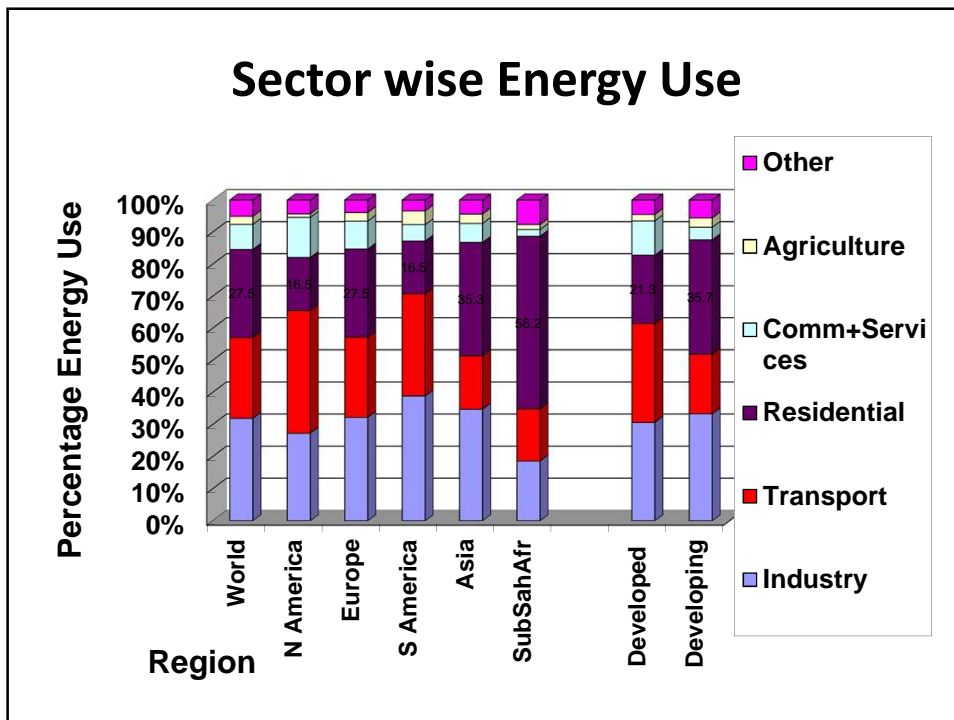
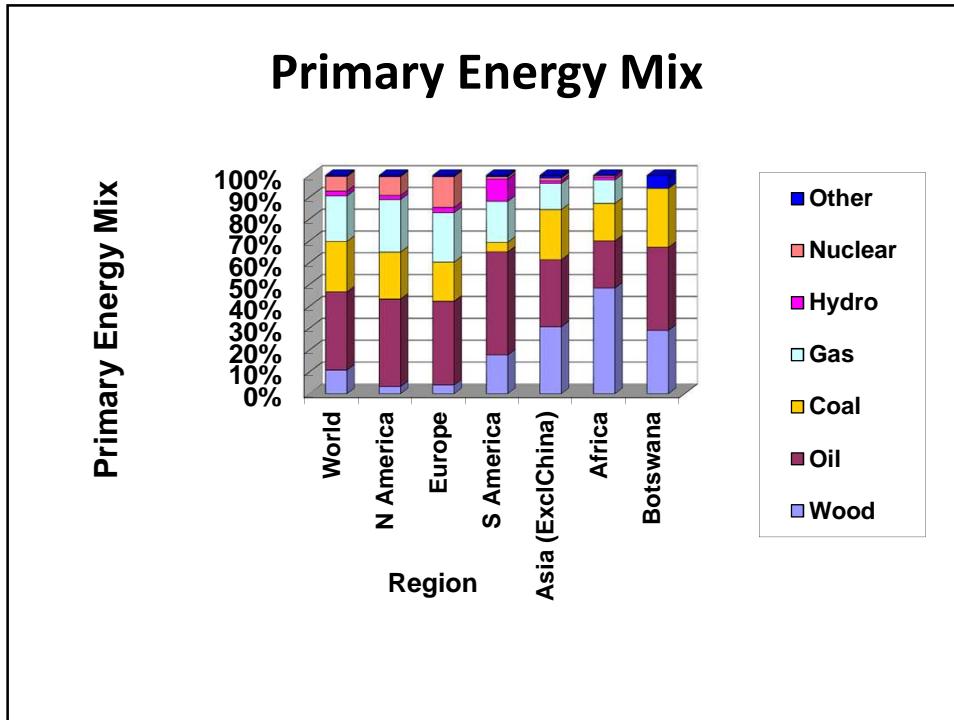


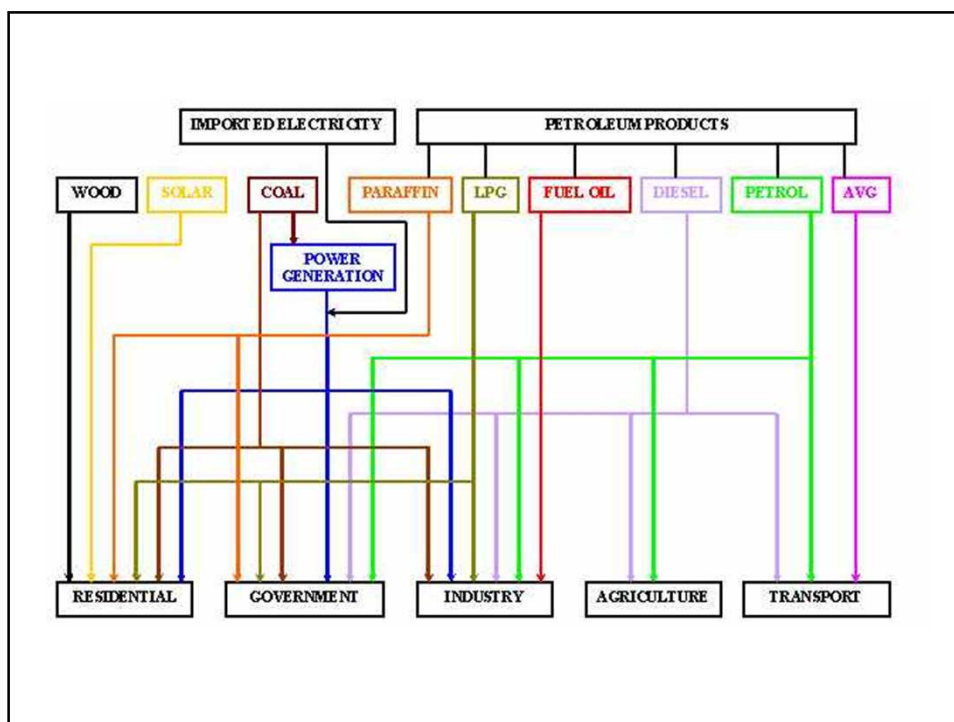
- Developing countries with 79% of world population consume only 40% of world energy.







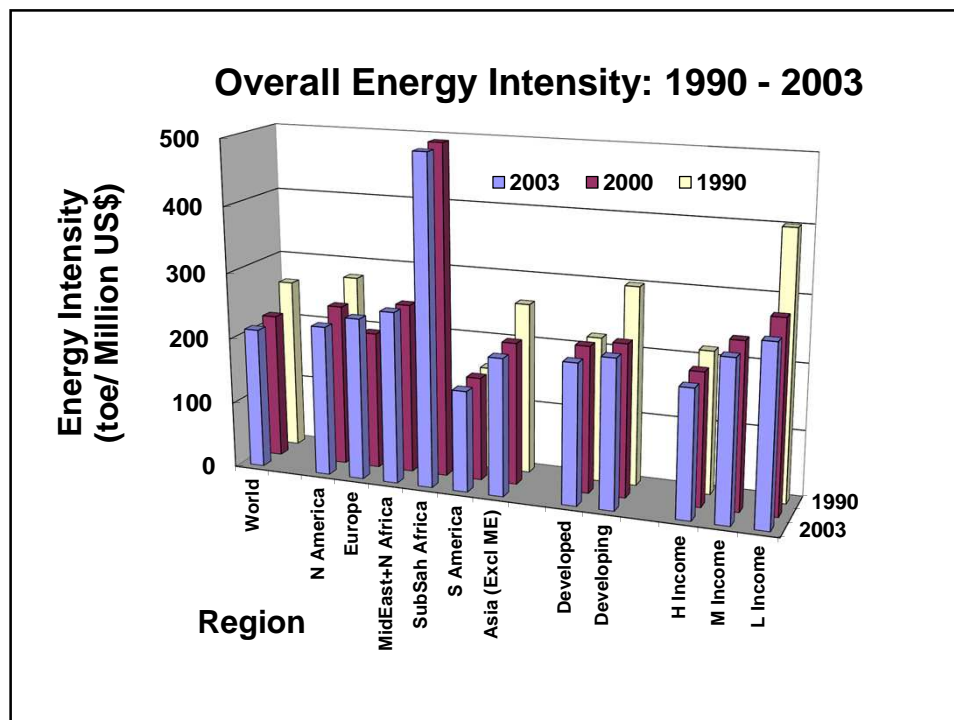




## 5.4. Energy Intensity

**Energy Intensity** → Energy used to generate one unit of GDP in products and services.

- It depends on the sector, namely Industry, Agriculture, Services etc.
- However, from the overall energy intensity we can get a general view of how effectively the energy is used.



## 6. Environmental Degradation and Energy Use

- World Energy → 80% Fossil Fuels + 10% biomass. → Degradation of air, land and water.
- **Atmospheric Pollution:**
  - ✓ **Green House Gases: About 68% of world wide GHG are energy generated.**
    - Carbon dioxide
    - Carbon monoxide
    - Oxides of nitrogen
    - Methane
  - ✓ **Non GHG Emissions:**
    - Oxides of sulfur
    - Lead and mercury
- Suspended particles.
- Volatile Organic compounds
- **Water pollution:**
  - Acid Rain
  - Pollution of Ocean
  - Surface and ground water pollution.
- **Land Degradation:**
  - Deforestation
  - Desertification
  - Acid rain leaching
  - Waste disposal
- **Radioactive Pollution**





## 7. Energy Indicators of Development

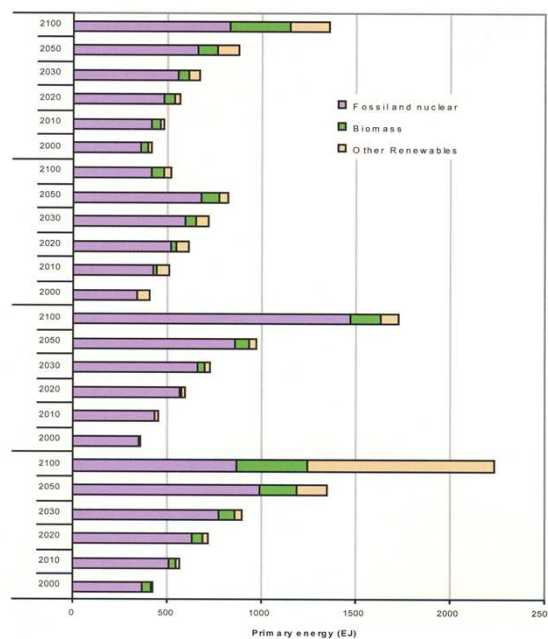
- Social and cultural development results in increased energy consumption.
- Population and industrial growth demand increased energy supply.
- To support industrial growth more commercial energy sources need to be supplied, and infrastructure for their distribution must be expanded.
- Affluent societies consume more energy from commercial sources to support their luxury life style.
- Usage of a large quantity of traditional energy indicates that a large proportion of the population is underdeveloped, remote, and rural and have an inadequate energy infrastructure.

- Demographic shift from rural to urban population results in greater demand for energy, and the demand shifts from traditional to commercial energy sources.
- Energy intensity shows how efficiently energy is deployed in various sectors of the economy, and how successful the energy conservation initiatives are.
- Increased consumption of fossil fuels leads to increased environmental degradation. Appropriate measures must be put in place to minimize their use and maximize environmental protection while sustaining development.

## 8. Energy Security and Sustainability.

- Present Energy Consumption comprises of:
  - 17% Electricity.
  - 44% Low temperature heat.
  - 10% High temperature industrial heat.
  - 29% Transport fuels.
- About 2 Billion people worldwide have no energy services.
- Another 2 Billion have inadequate and unreliable energy services.
- **Energy Poverty** prevails predominantly in developing and underdeveloped countries.

- There is an uneven distribution of the predominantly used energy sources (the fossil fuels) amongst the countries of the world.
- As developing countries embark on development, their energy demand will grow at a faster rate than that of the developed countries, and a large fraction of it should be supplied by commercial sources.
- The graph in the next slide gives 4 scenarios of energy demand projections up to 2100 considering various combinations of assumptions, namely:
  - Population, and industrial growth.
  - Technological development
  - Resource availability
  - Environmental pressure ...



- From the graph we note that:
  - Energy demand shall continue to grow (obvious).
  - Fossil fuels shall continue to play an important role in the world energy mix.
  - The contribution of renewable energy technologies shall also increase.
- Considering all these factors, countries will have to meet the increasing demand of energy with a mix of sources that may not be available within their borders.
- Under these circumstance one cannot talk of self sufficiency in energy, rather energy security and sustainability shall be the guiding factors.
- Energy security of not only the developing countries but also of the developed countries could be threatened.

- **Possible Threats to Energy Security:**
  - Instability and conflicts in regions where energy sources are concentrated (Oil, Gas and Coal).
  - Using energy supply as a weapon of negotiation/war.
  - Military actions to secure energy supply.
  - Natural calamities affecting energy production and supply.
  - Breakdown in the energy production and supply chain.
  - Inadequate investment in the energy production and distribution sector.
  - Terrorist threats targeting energy production and supply sector.
  - Market volatility.

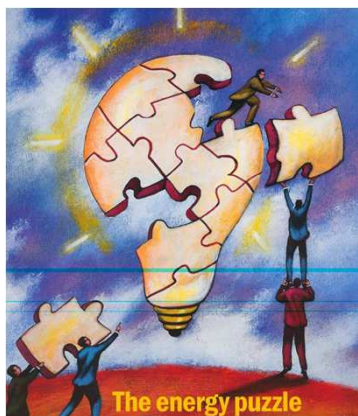
- **In order to counter these threats, and to attain energy security/ sustainability, countries must:**
  - Increase domestic production and rely as much as possible on indigenous sources.
  - Diversify the energy mix so as not to depend heavily on any one source and on energy import.
  - Hold 90 days reserve of imports in the previous year, and in case of disruption of 7% or more in supply, share reserves with IEA member countries. (IEA).
  - Strong regional cooperation in energy must be forged through trade treaties and infrastructure linkages.
  - Energy conservation and efficiency must be continually improved to make that last drop go an extra mile.

**Since fossil fuels shall continue to dominate, and as the fuel prices shall soar with reserve depletion + demand:**

- ✓ Old reserves which were uneconomic to mine shall become economically viable and shall be reopened.
- ✓ Will have to go deeper, farther and to more remote locations in search or new reserves.
- ✓ Less used unconventional sources like peat, tar and tight sands and shale shall have to be exploited fully.

**If we do not act wisely, the future shall be:**





- Energy is a very complex multidisciplinary field, like a 3-dimensional jig-saw puzzle.
- This evening we could glimpse only a few pieces of the puzzle, which revealed only a small corner of the picture.
- Many more pieces still remain hidden from view.
- However, in the interest of time we must move on to the last, but my very pleasant duty of Acknowledgements and Thank you's: →

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