

INTRODUCTION TO ENERGY SOURCES AND ENERGY BALANCES

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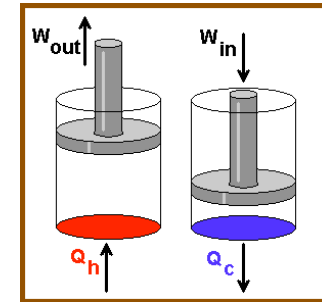
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- Primary and secondary energy
- Energy transformation/conversion
- The global energy system: sources and use
- Energy units and measures
- Energy balances

- o **What is energy?**

Can be transformed into work,
a form that can lift weight.
Heat is also energy.

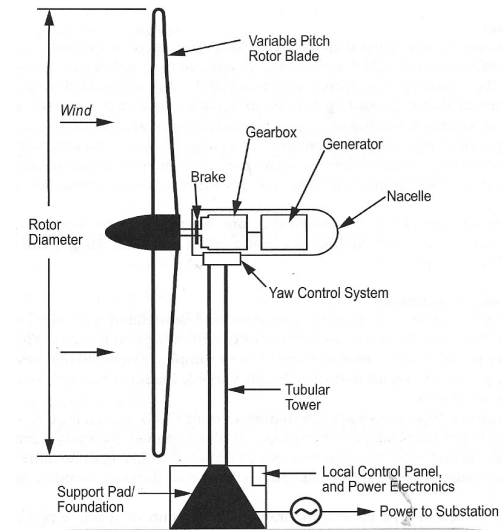
Heating a gas makes it lift a weight



The reverse is also true

- o **Important property:**

Always conserved
but can be transformed
from one form to another.



o Forms

Primary or raw

- # Oil, gas and coal; (fossil fuels or hydrocarbons),
- # The Sun: light, heat, wind
- # The Earth: biomass, geothermal, waves, fissile material.

Secondary or product

- # Fuels: gasoline, diesel, kerosene, fuel gas ..
- # Electricity
- # Thermal energy or heat

We classify energy into two types:

- “Internal or stored” energy forms:
 - thermal energy (hot vs. cold, temperature, mass)
 - chemical energy (in fuels, molecular bonds)
 - Kinetic energy (motion, speed and mass)
 - potential energy (high vs. low in gravity)
 - electrical energy (motion of charged particles)
 - electromagnetic energy (light, photons)
 - nuclear energy (atomic bond, mass to energy, MC^2)
- Energy forms that can be transferred
 - Heat (moving thermal energy from hot to cold body)
 - work (lifting weight against gravity)

RENEWABLES

Solar

Geothermal

Wind

Wave

Hydro

Solar

Primary Energy

NUCLEAR

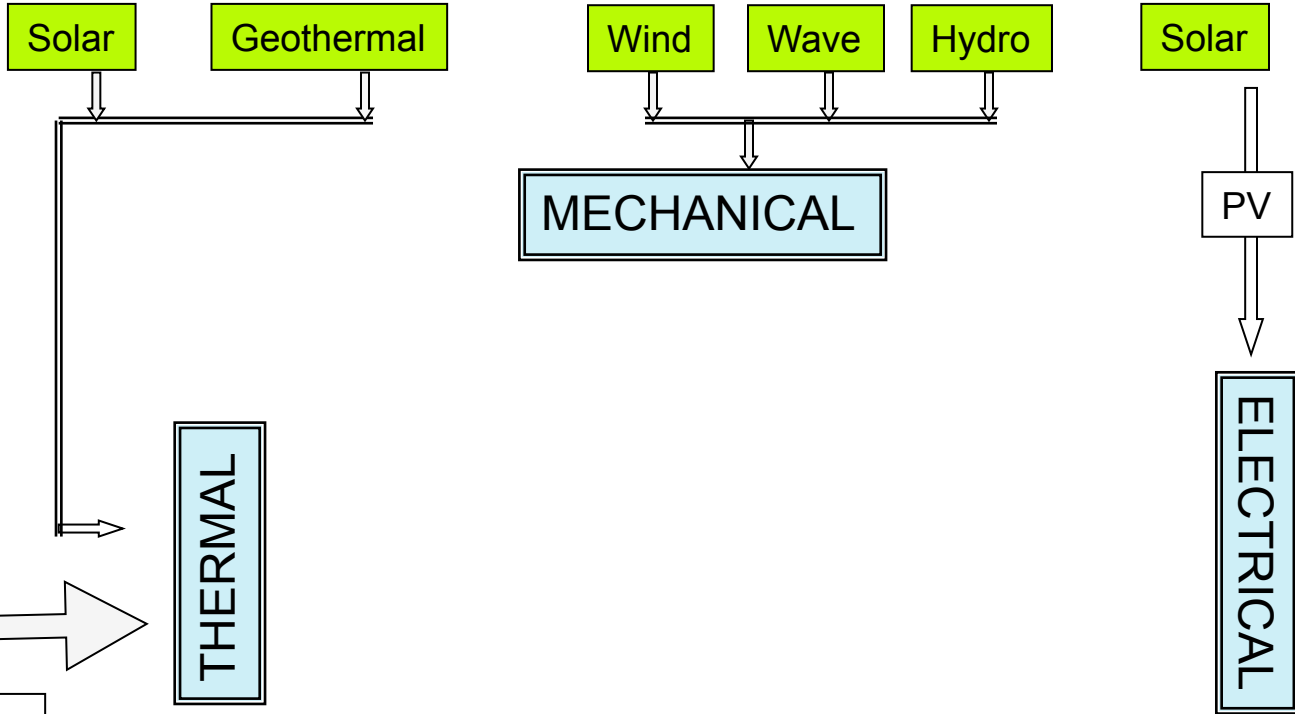
As we find it in Nature

Biomass

FOSSIL

Forms of useful Energy

RENEWABLES



That we can use

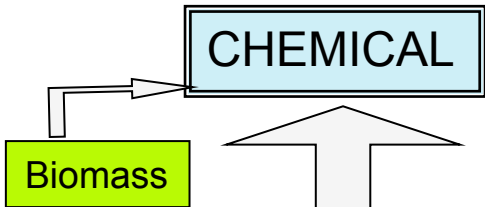
NUCLEAR

Fission
fusion

THERMAL

MECHANICAL

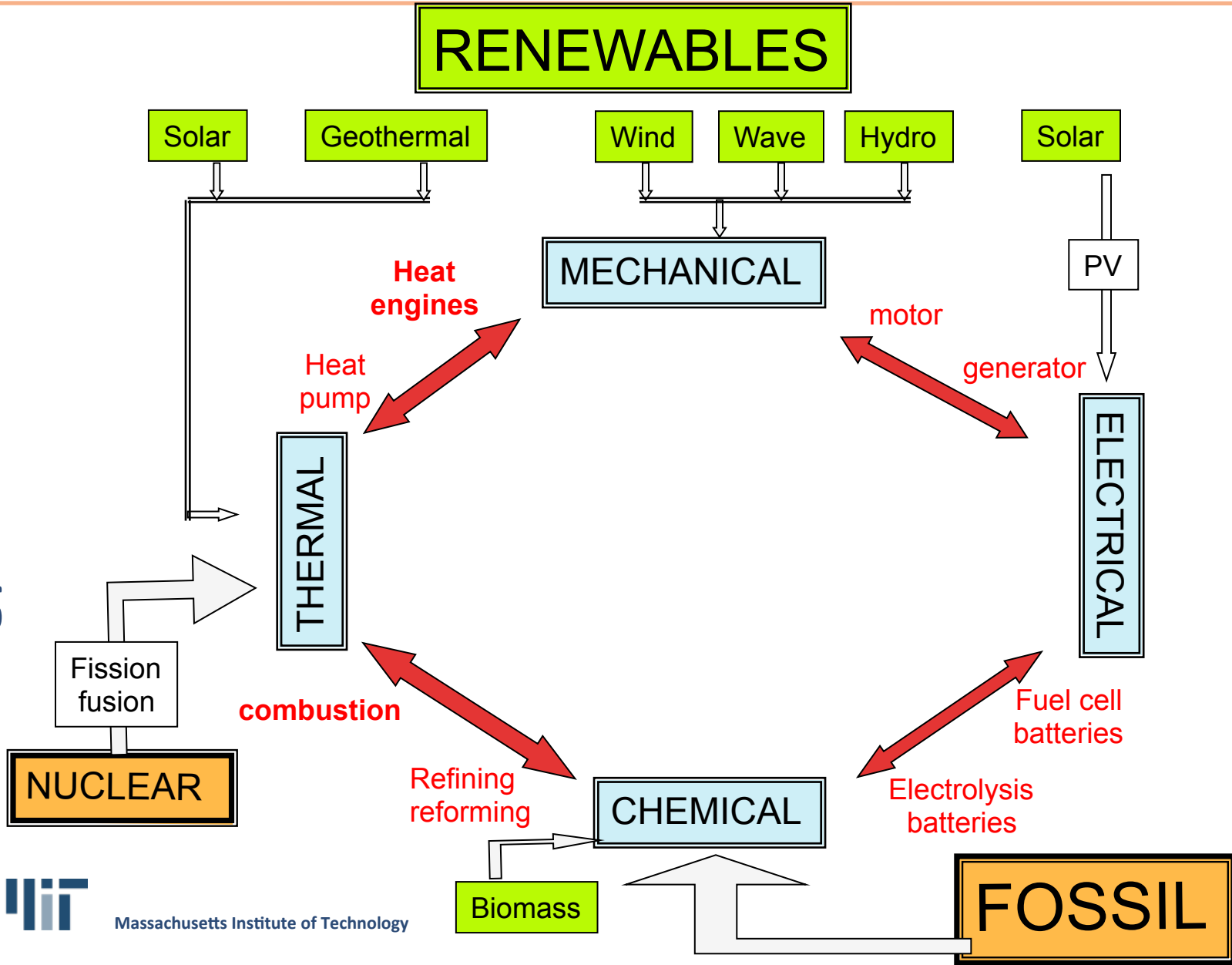
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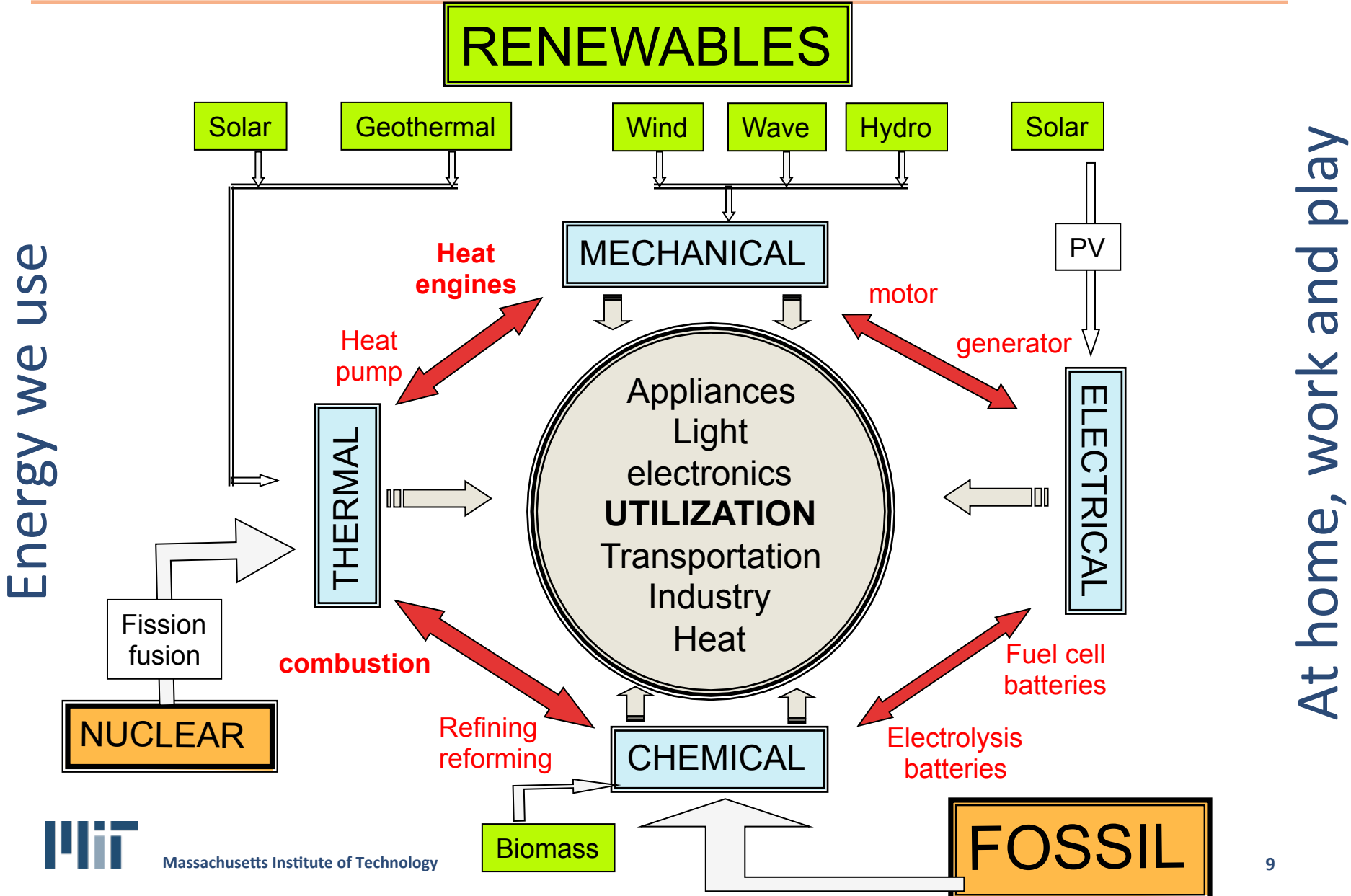


FOSSIL

Energy transformation

Among different forms





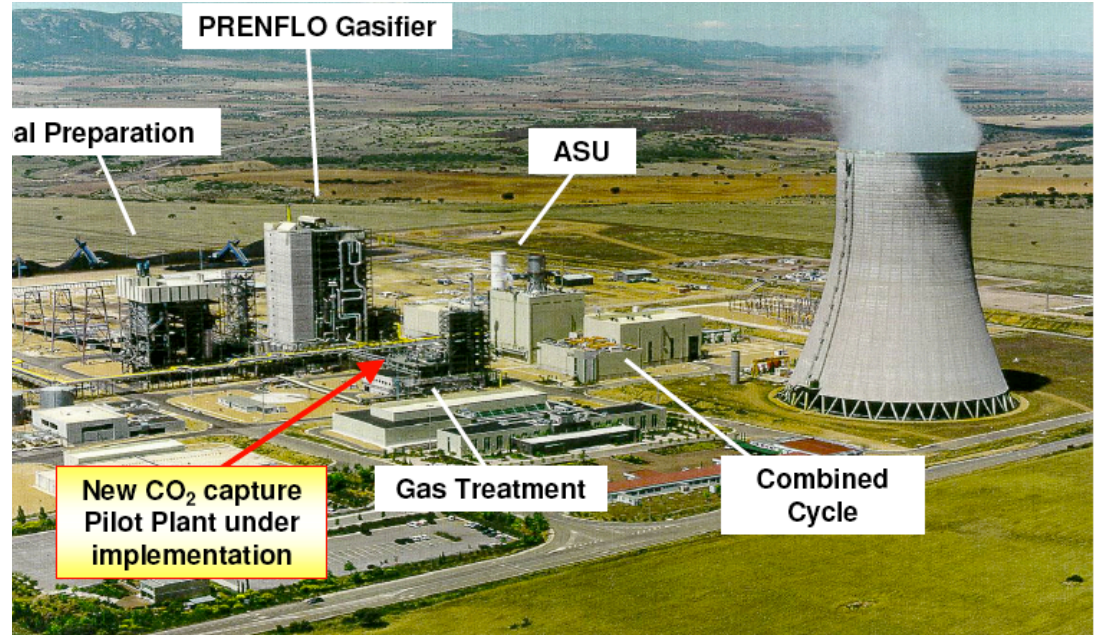
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Transformation in a power plant

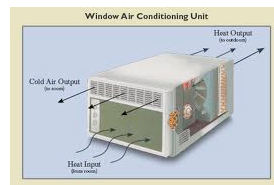
transportation



mining



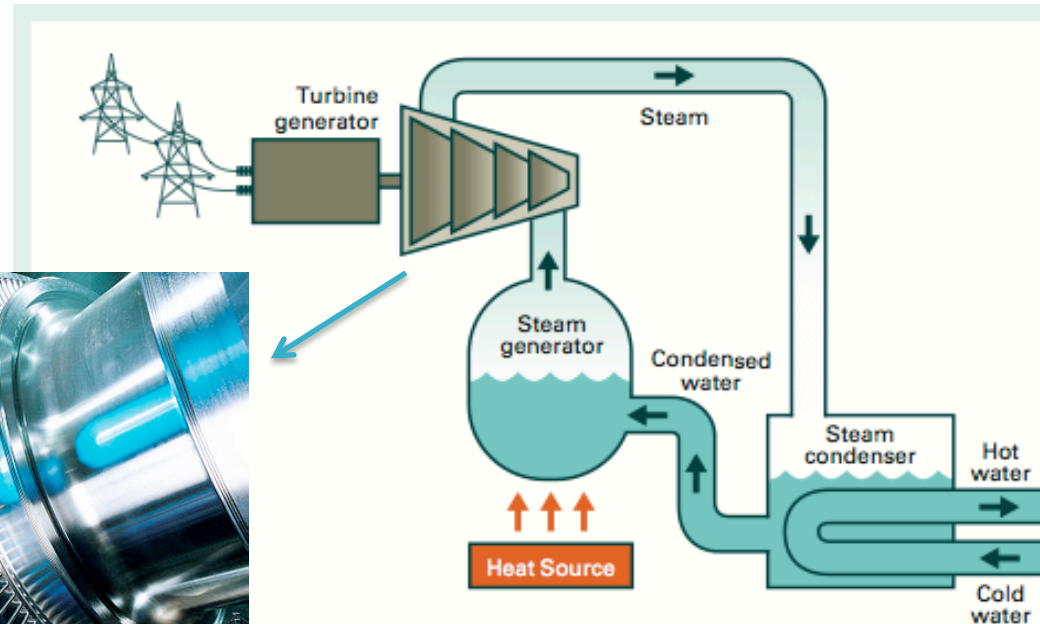
transmission



Consumption by electricity users



Inside a thermo-electric power plant, more transformations

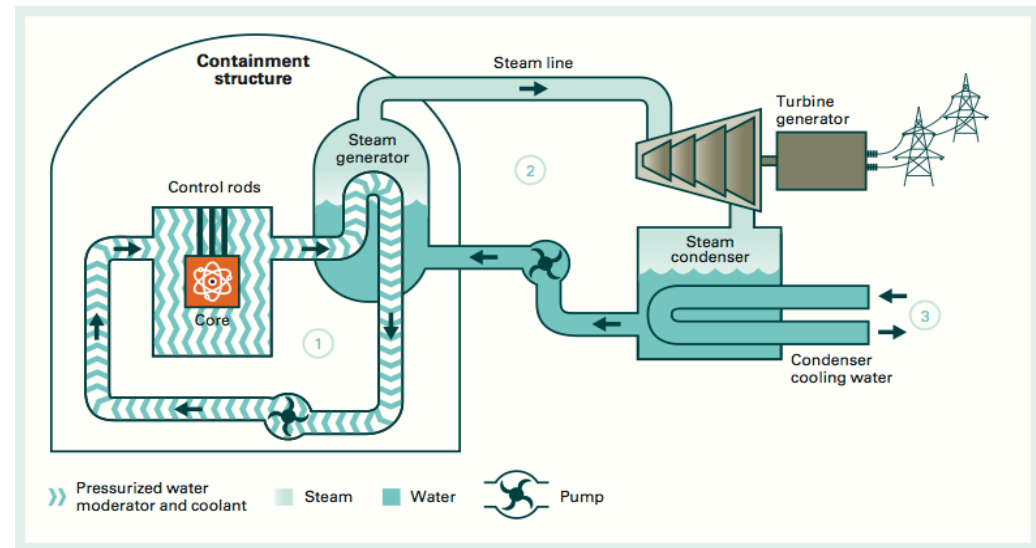
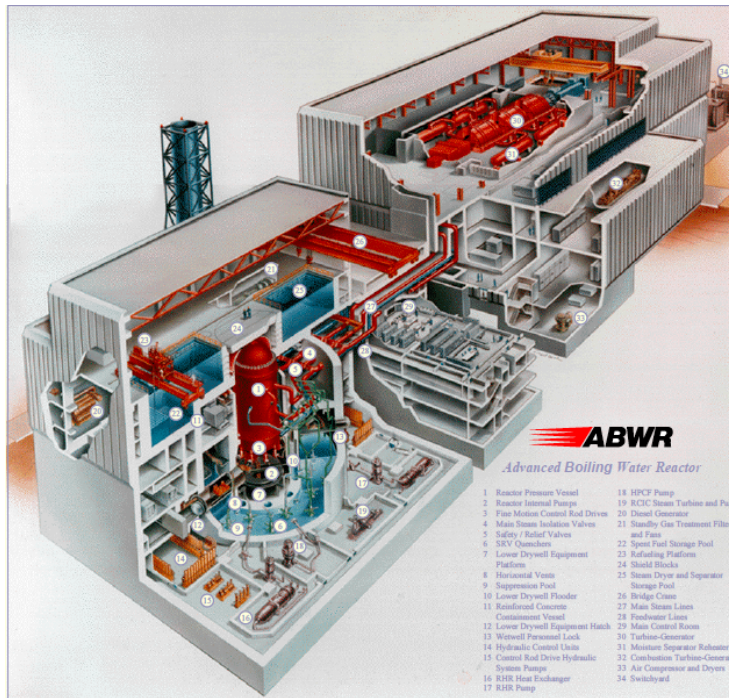


Coal
Gas
Oil

NUCLEAR PLANTS

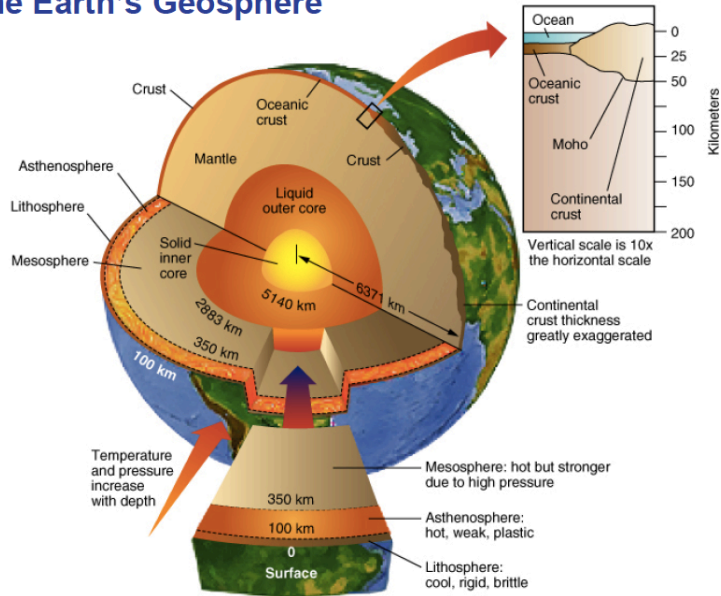
Heat engines driven by thermo-nuclear reactions

The splitting of atoms generates an enormous amount of heat by converting some of the mass according to: $E=MC^2$ and $C \sim 3 \cdot 10^8$ m/s. Splitting 1 g of fissile material generates the equivalent of burning 3 million kg of coal.

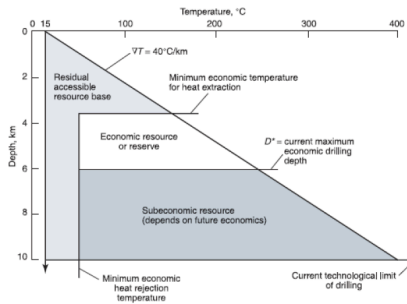
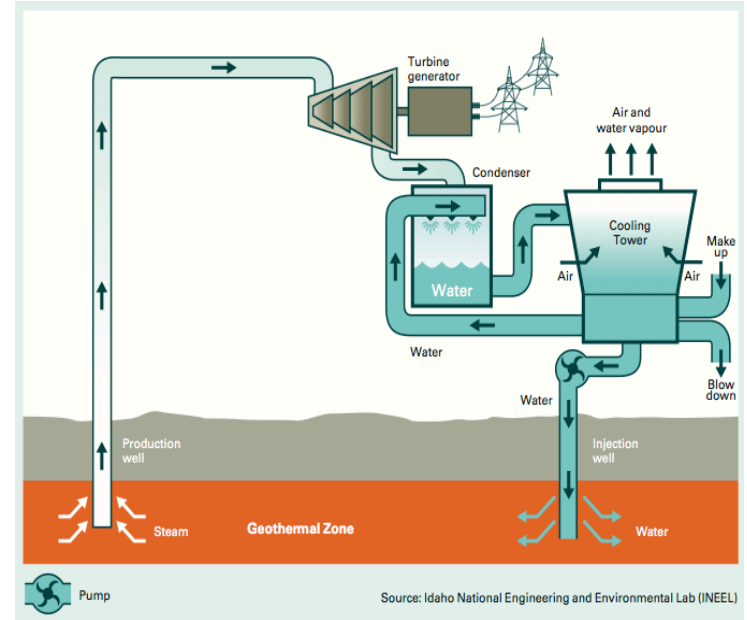


GEO THERMAL PLANTS

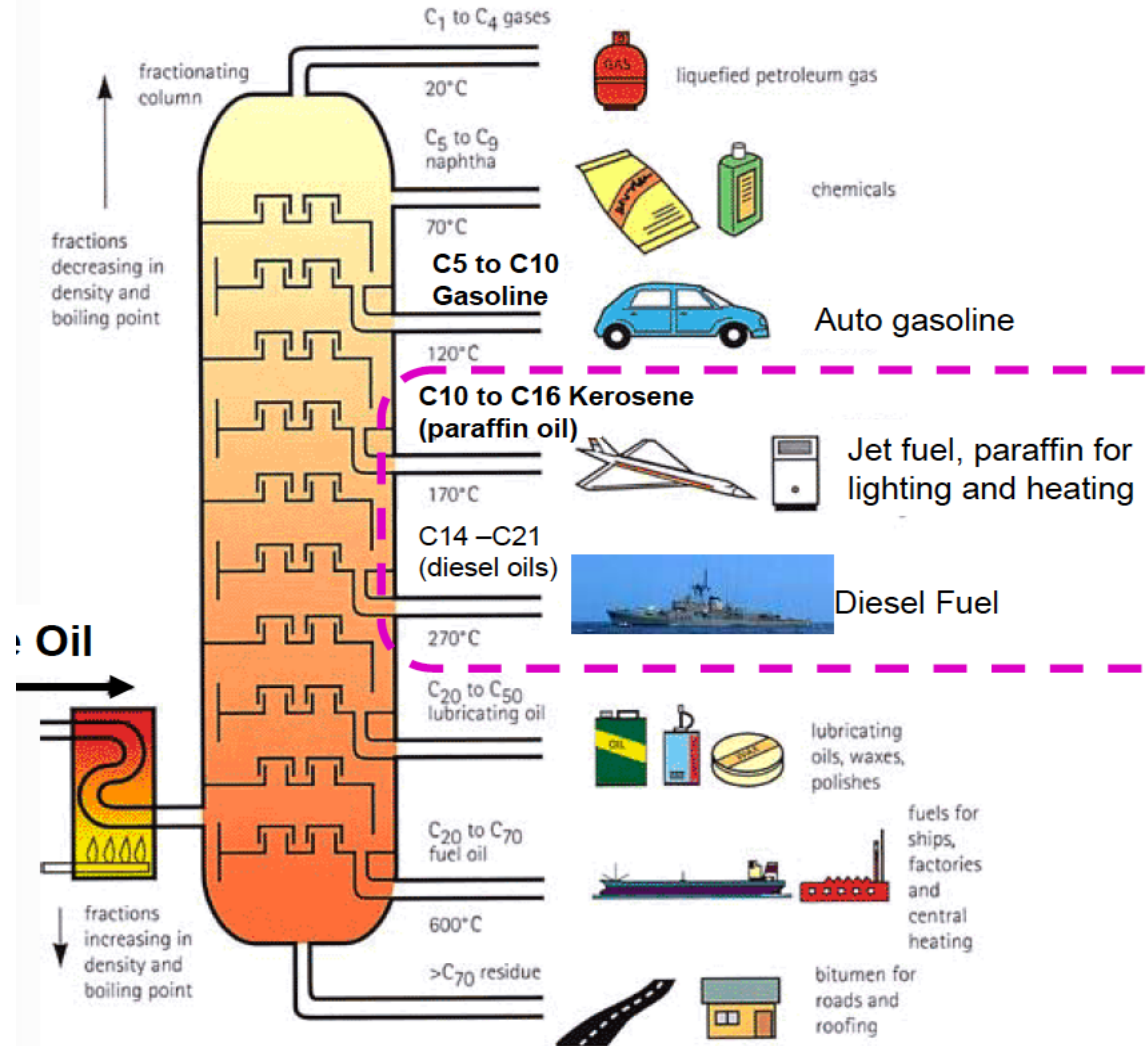
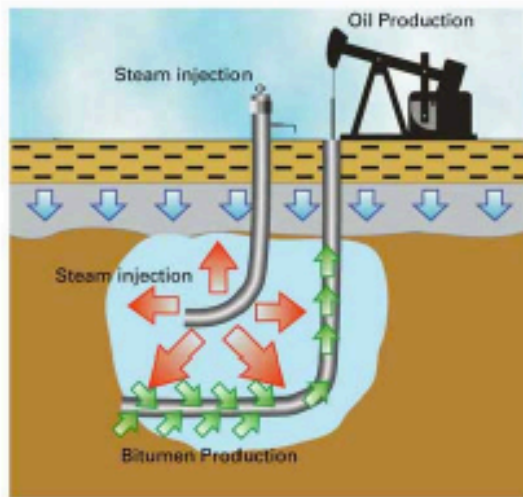
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Crude Oil Distillation and the production of fuels:



Energy and Power Units

All forms of energy (thermal, mechanical, electrical, chemical ..) are measured in **Joules**, but also in calories, British thermal unit (Btu), Watt hour, tons of oil equivalent (Toe), and other units. The units are related.

A **Joule** (the modern and universally used unit) is the amount of thermal energy required to raise the temperature of one g of water by 0.24 °C.

Or to lift a small apple (100 g) upwards by 1 m.

10 Joules are needed to lift the weight of 1 kg by 1 m.

Joule = Netwon.meter = kg . m/s². m

Calorie = 4.184 joules (J) (heat required to raise 1 gm of water by 1 °C)

1 Wh = 3600 Ws = 3.6 kJ (kilo J) (lights a 60 W lamp for 60 s or 1 min)

1 kWh = 3600 kJ = 3.6 MJ (Mega J)

1 BTU = 1.054 kJ

1 TOE (tonne of oil equivalent) = 42 GJ (42 10^9 J) (42Giga J)

= 1000 kg (or 1000 liters oil = 7.4 barrel oil) (heat released by burning that much oil)

Human 2000 kcal/day ~ 10 MJ/day (10 candy bars!)

~ 100 J/s or 100 W

One person consumes the same amount of energy per second as a 100 W lamp (W is a unit of power)

Power is rate of energy consumption, measured in $W = J/s$

1 kg of gasoline \sim 50 MJ (varies).

also called the heating value or the calorific value of the fuel.
It is the amount of heat generated by burning one kg of fuel.

1 kg of coal \sim 30 MJ (varies with coal quality)

1 kg of wood \sim 15 MJ (varies with type and moisture)





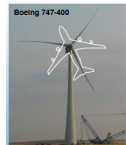


These are also measured per unit volume.

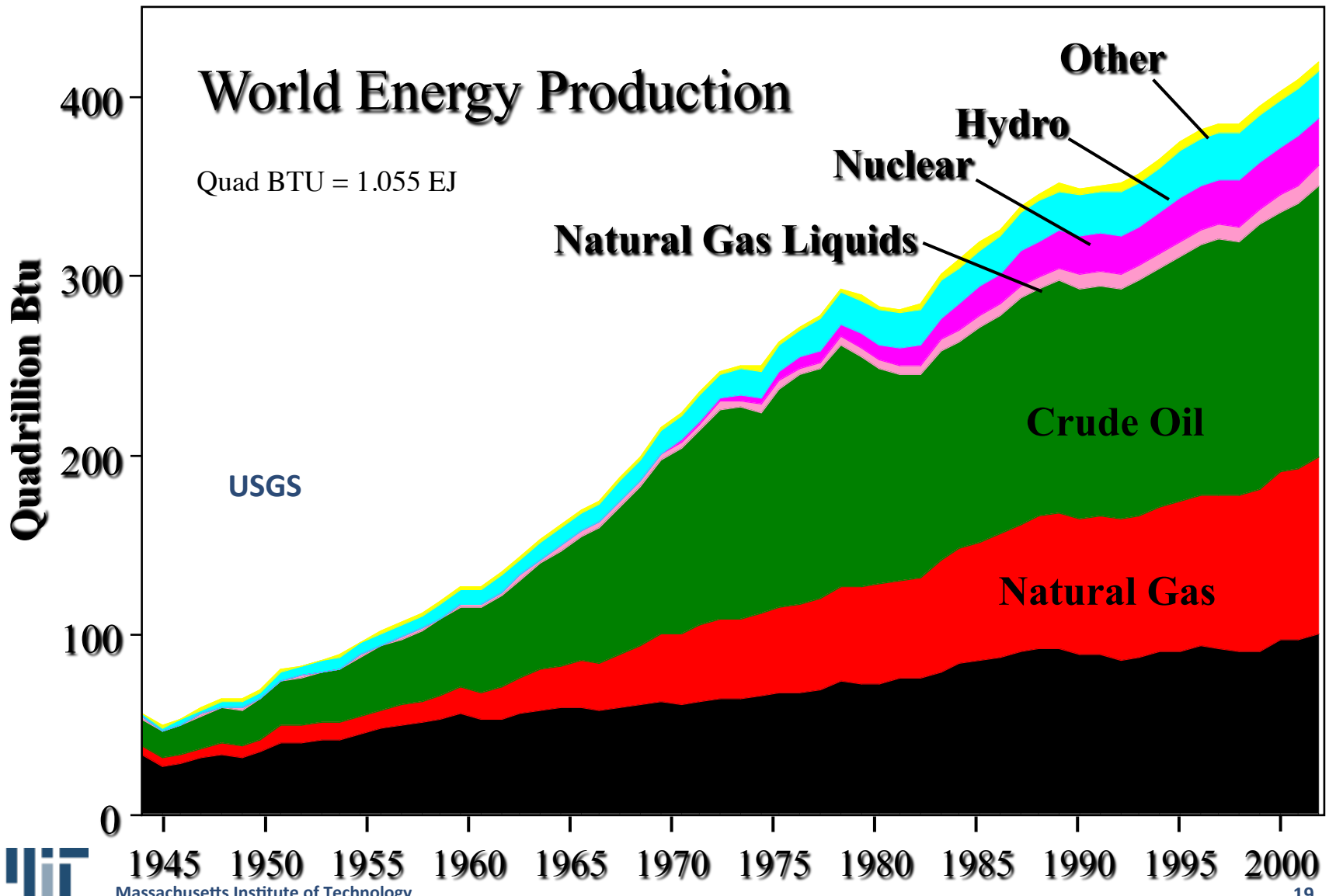
The density of gasoline is \sim 900 kg/m³,

The heating value of gasoline is 55.6 kJ/m³ = 55.6 MJ/liter
= 210 MJ/gallon (gallon = 3.785 liter) (about 200 candy bars)

Power Rating of Different Machines

Human 2000 kcal/day \sim 10 MJ/day \sim 100 W (J/s) = 0.1 kW

Horse	0.75 kW			
Human running	0.5 kW			
Car	150 kW			
Truck	300 kW			
Plane	10 MW (50 kN thrust)			
Rocket	1 GW			
Power plant	1 GW			
Large wind mill	2-3 MW			
Human heart	2 W			
Cell phone	1-2 W			
Laptop	10 W			



The Consumption

~ 10^{21} J/y, 85% fossil fuels

World

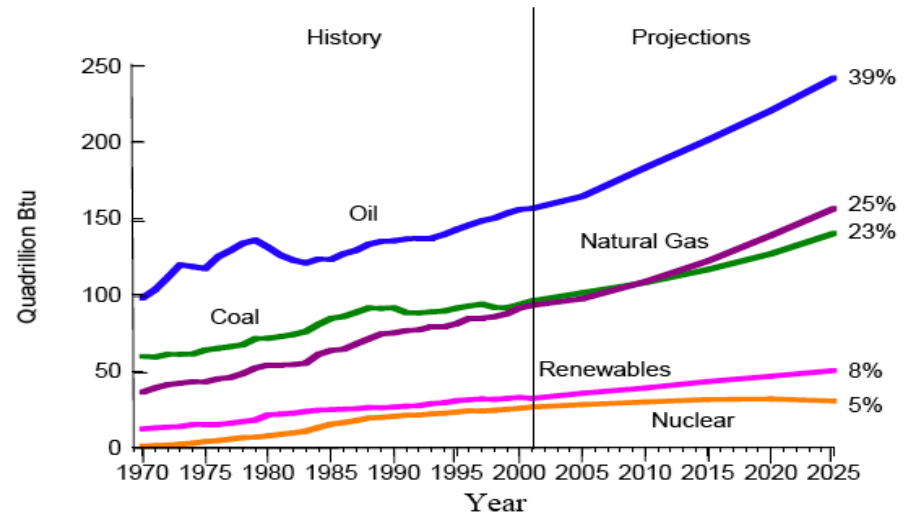
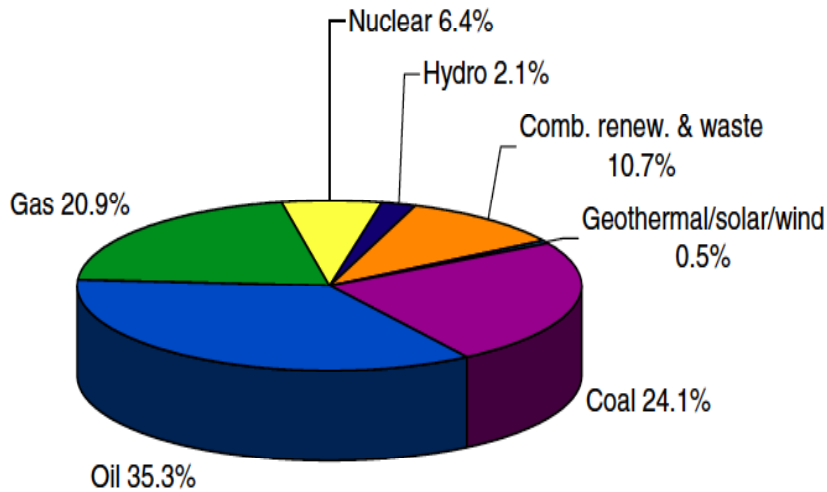
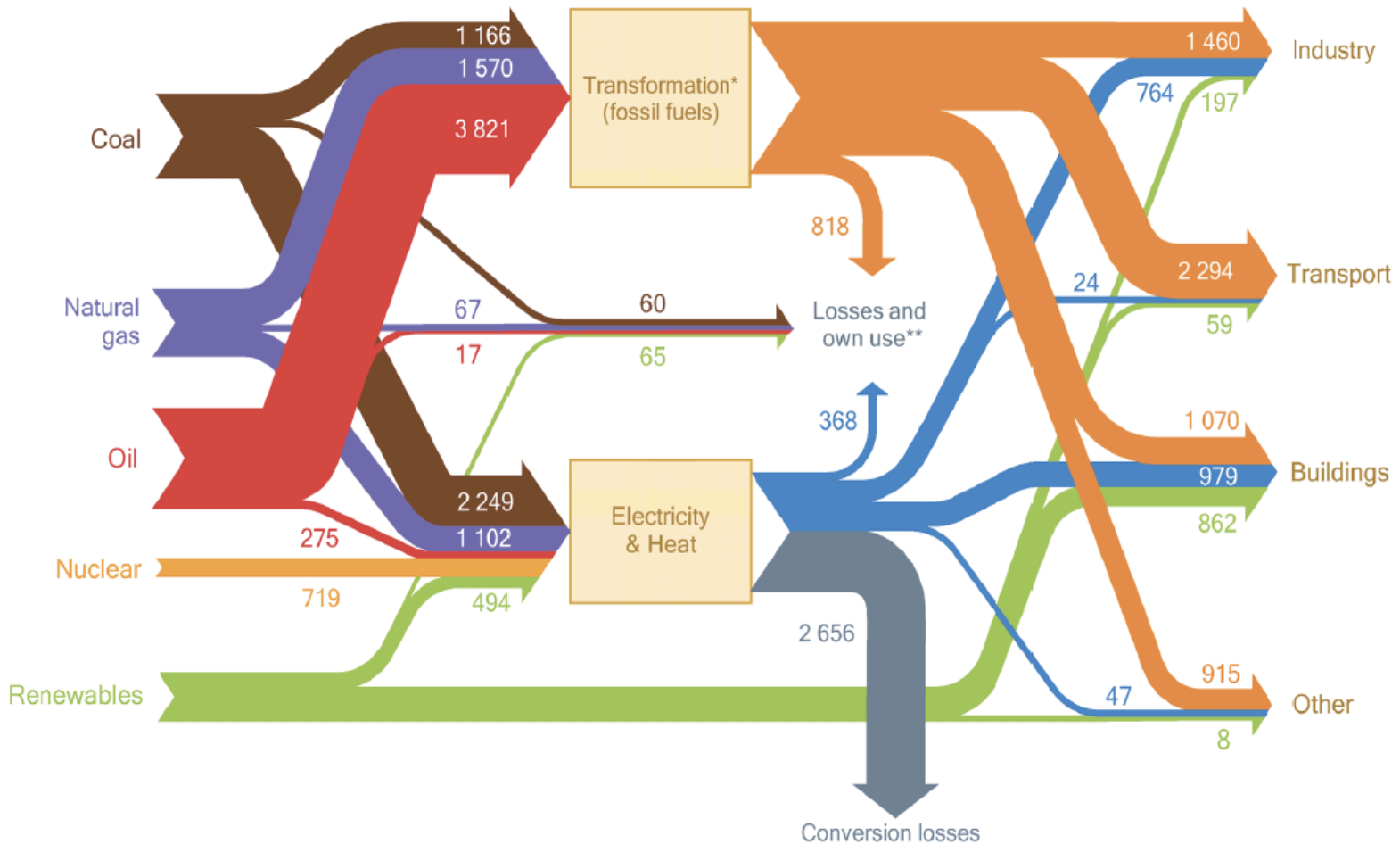


Figure 4. World marketed energy consumption by source⁹

Energy Information
 Administration, EIA 2007

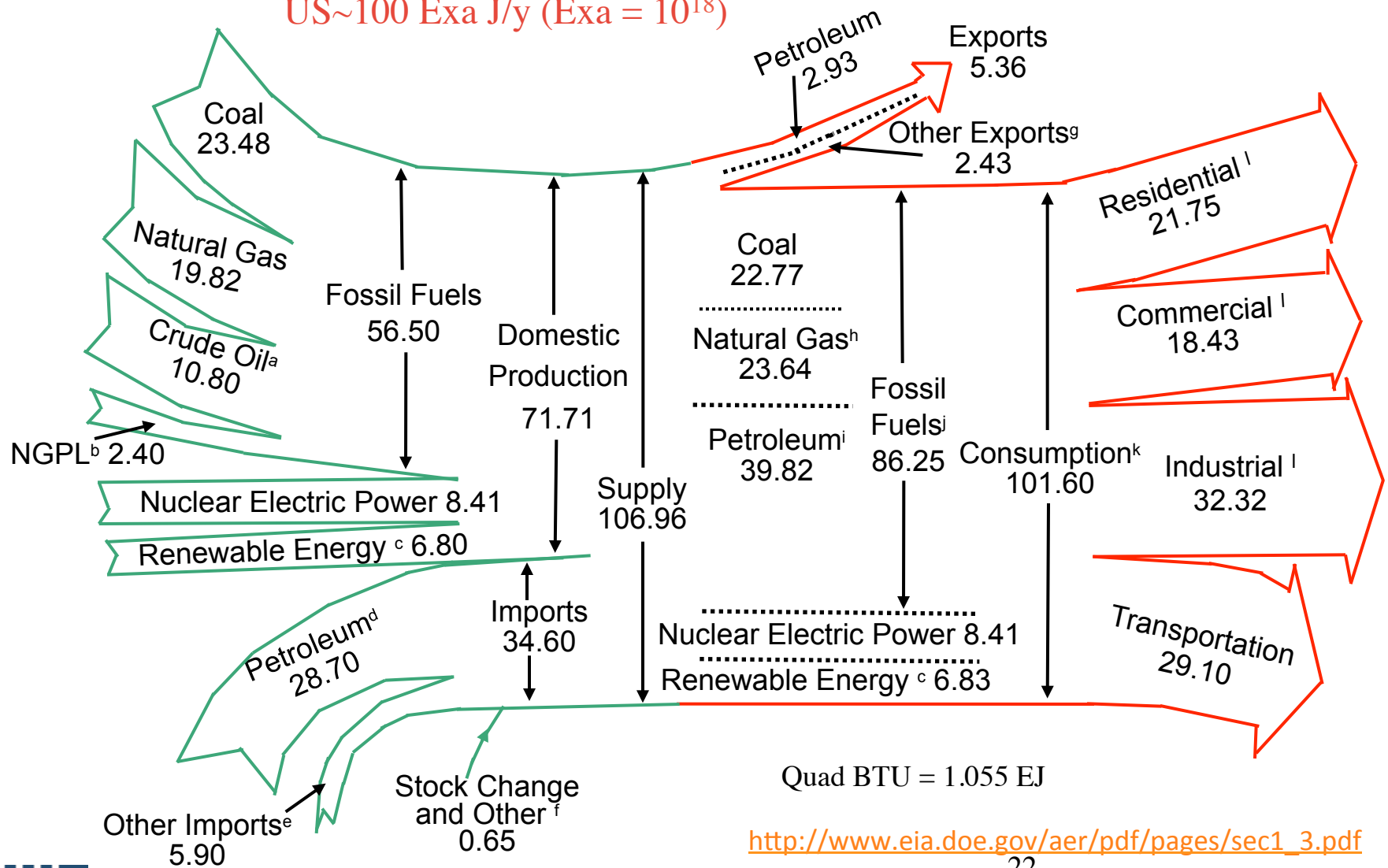
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* Transformation of fossil fuels from primary energy into a form that can be used in the final consuming sectors. ** Includes losses and fuel consumed in oil and gas production, transformation losses and own use, generation lost or consumed in the process of electricity production, and transmission and distribution losses.

US ~100 Exa J/y (Exa = 10^{18})



Quad BTU = 1.055 EJ

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