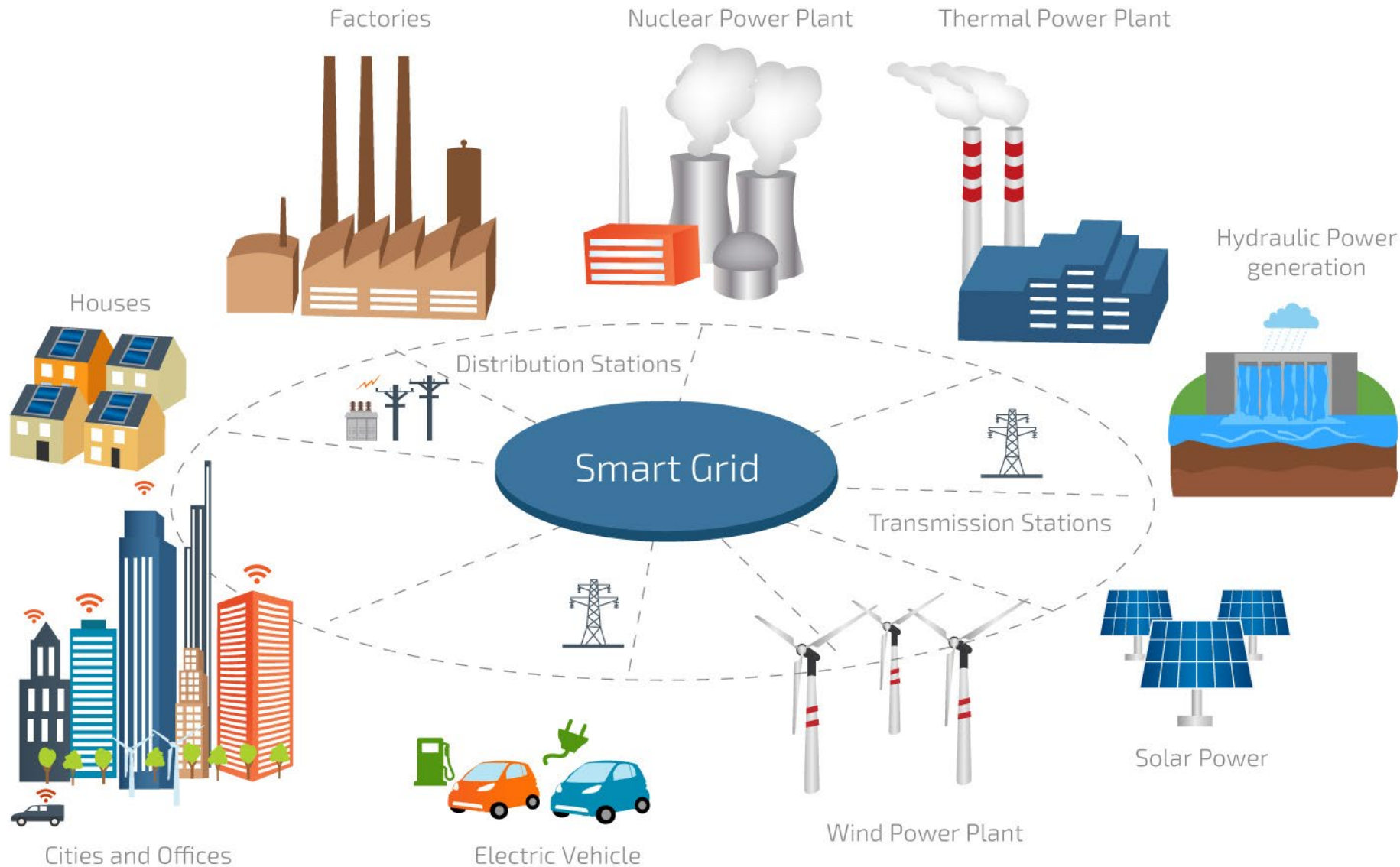
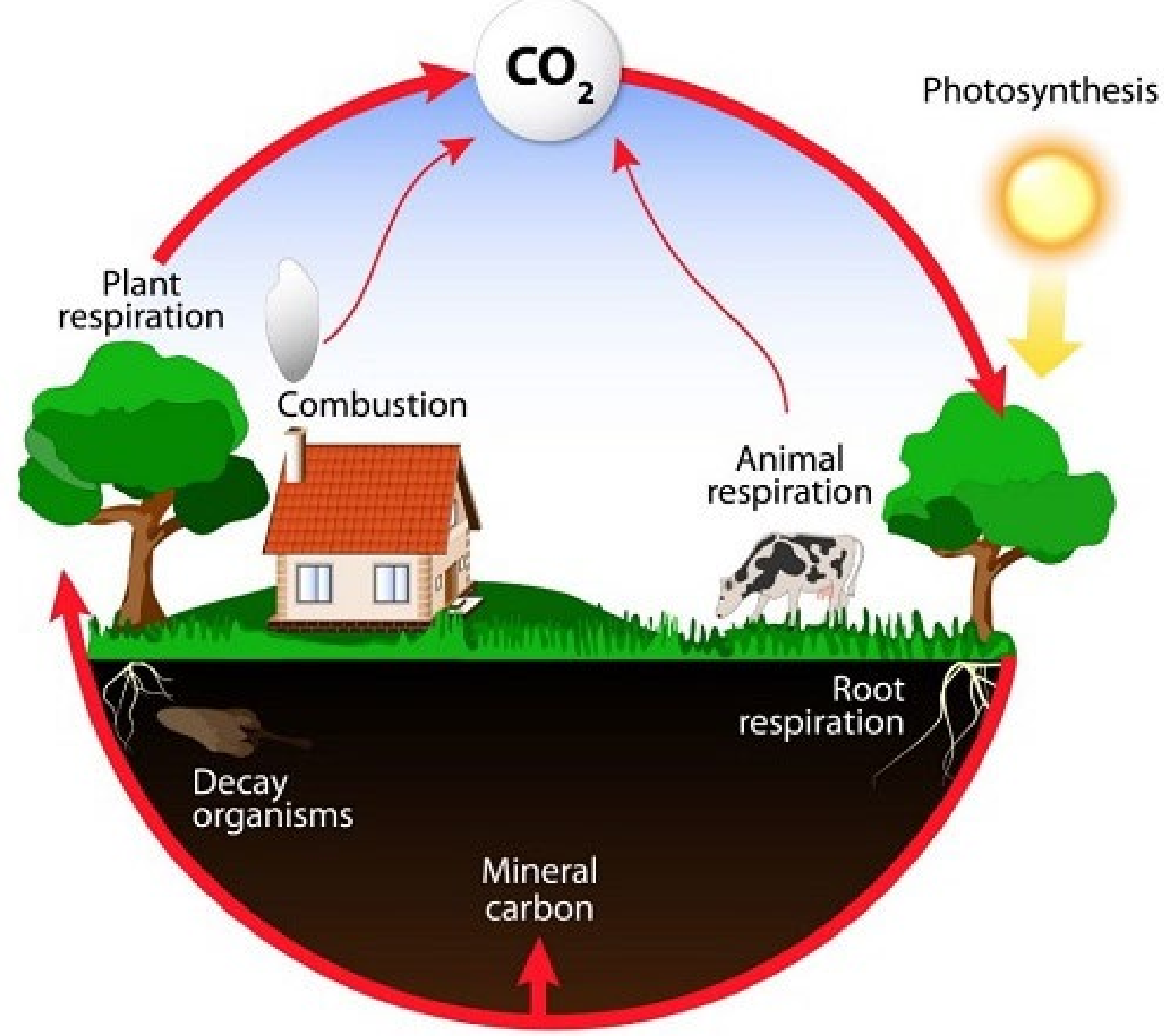


Renewable Energy and Smart Grid Technology

Energy

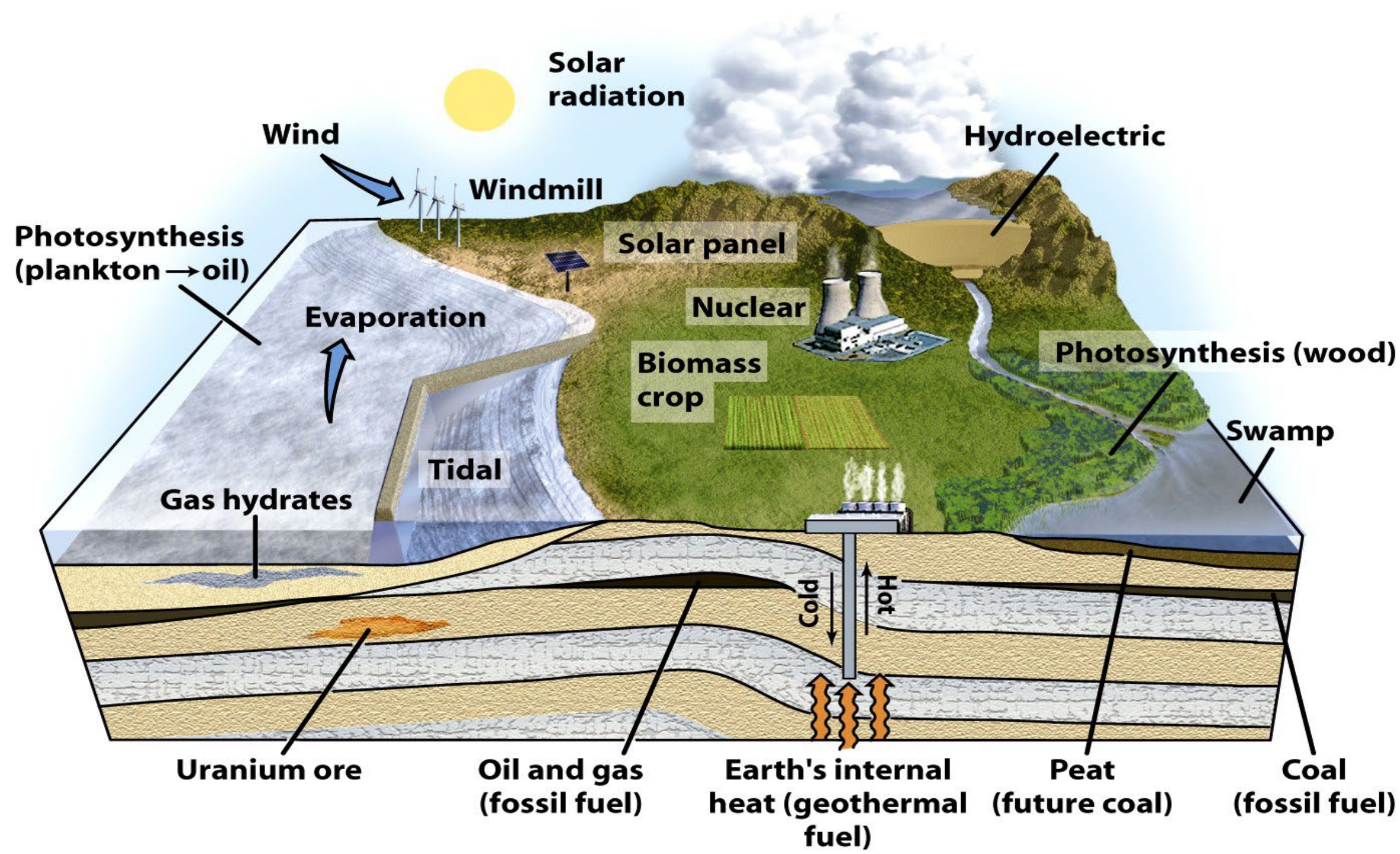


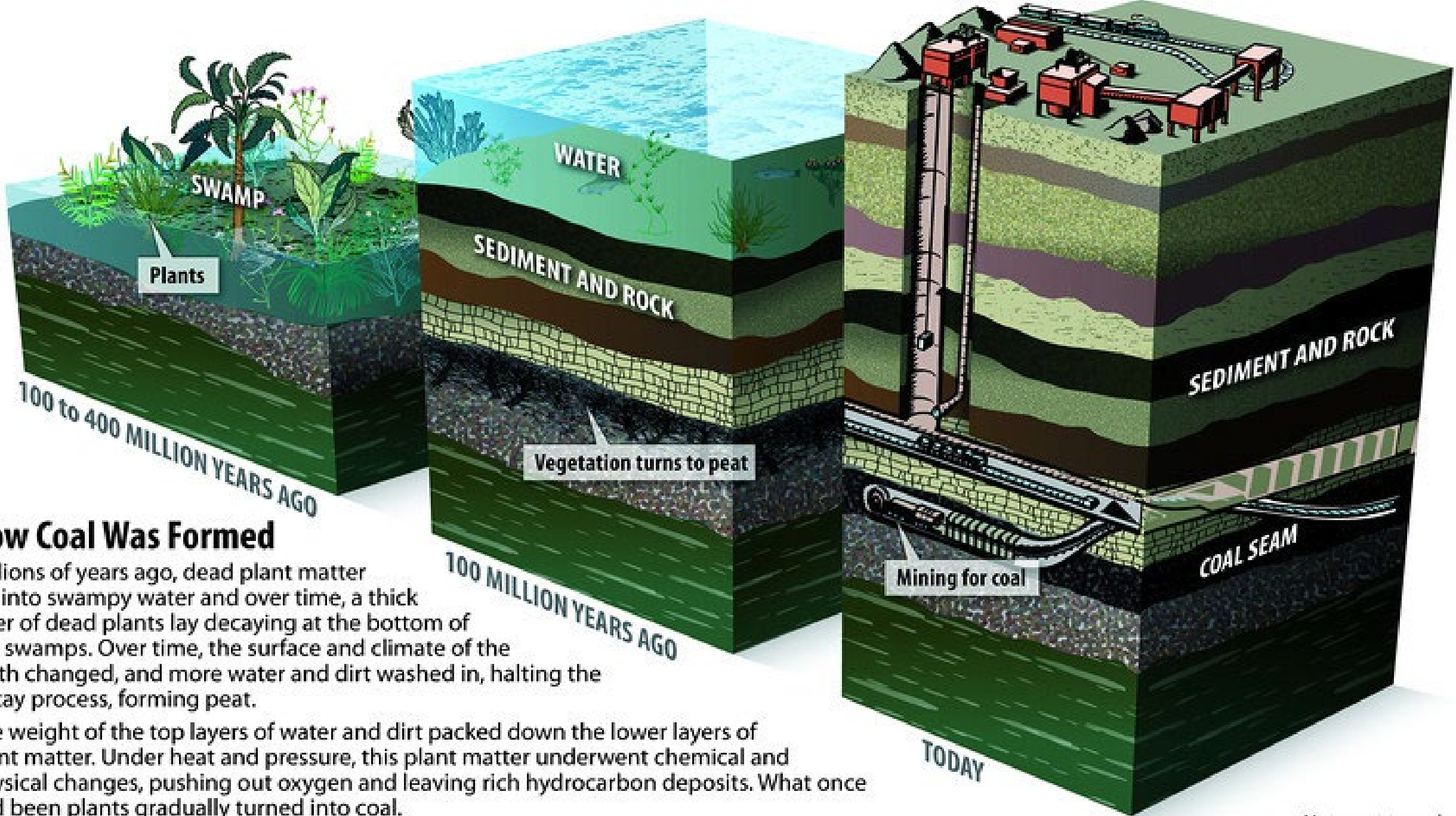


What to learn...

- Fossil fuels are linked to the Sun's energy, depositional environments, biology and geologic time.
- Heat, pressure and time convert organic material to fossil fuel.
- How fossil fuels are recovered
- Pros and cons of non renewable and renewable energy

Energy Resources





How Coal Was Formed

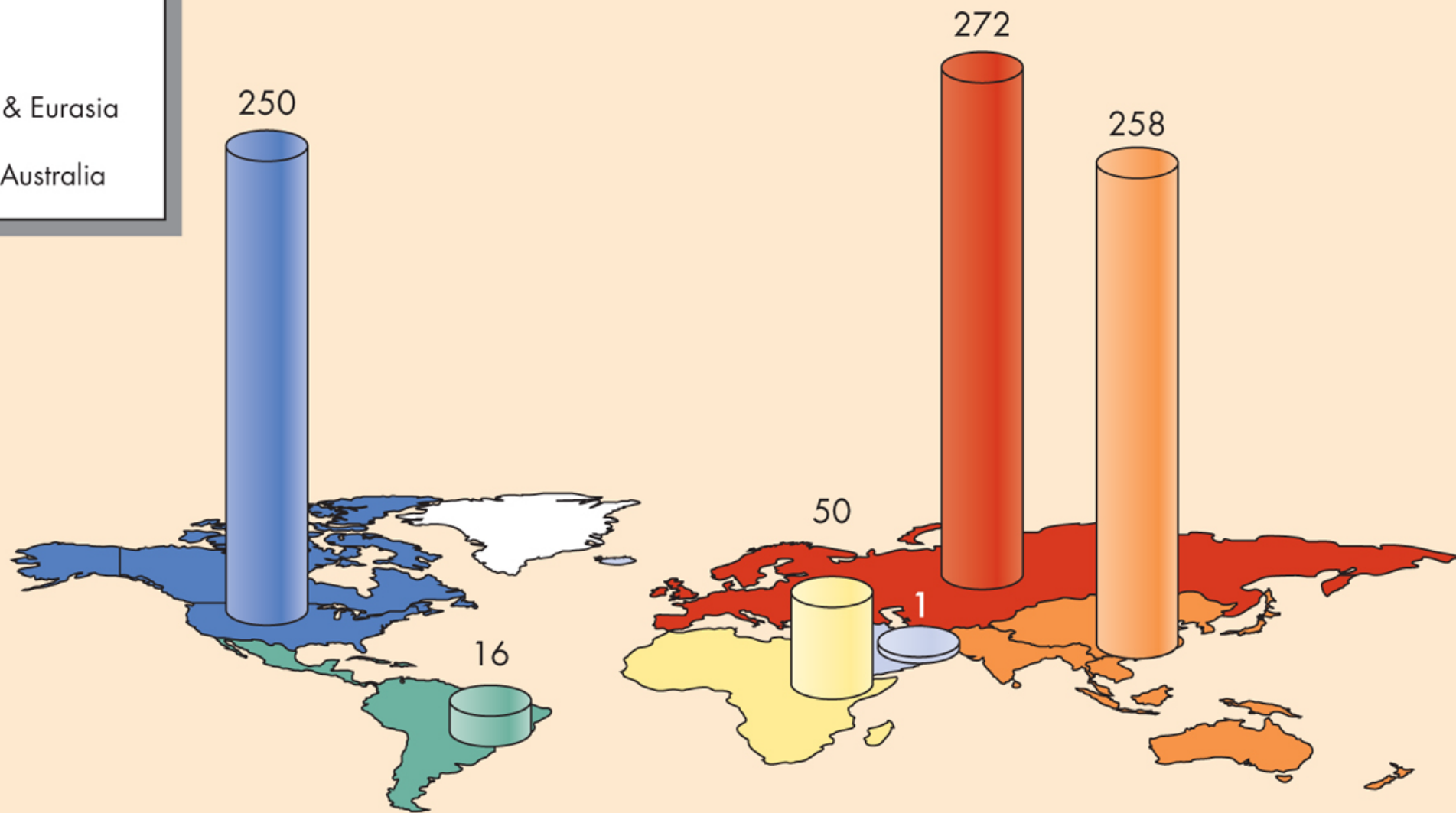
Millions of years ago, dead plant matter fell into swampy water and over time, a thick layer of dead plants lay decaying at the bottom of the swamps. Over time, the surface and climate of the Earth changed, and more water and dirt washed in, halting the decay process, forming peat.

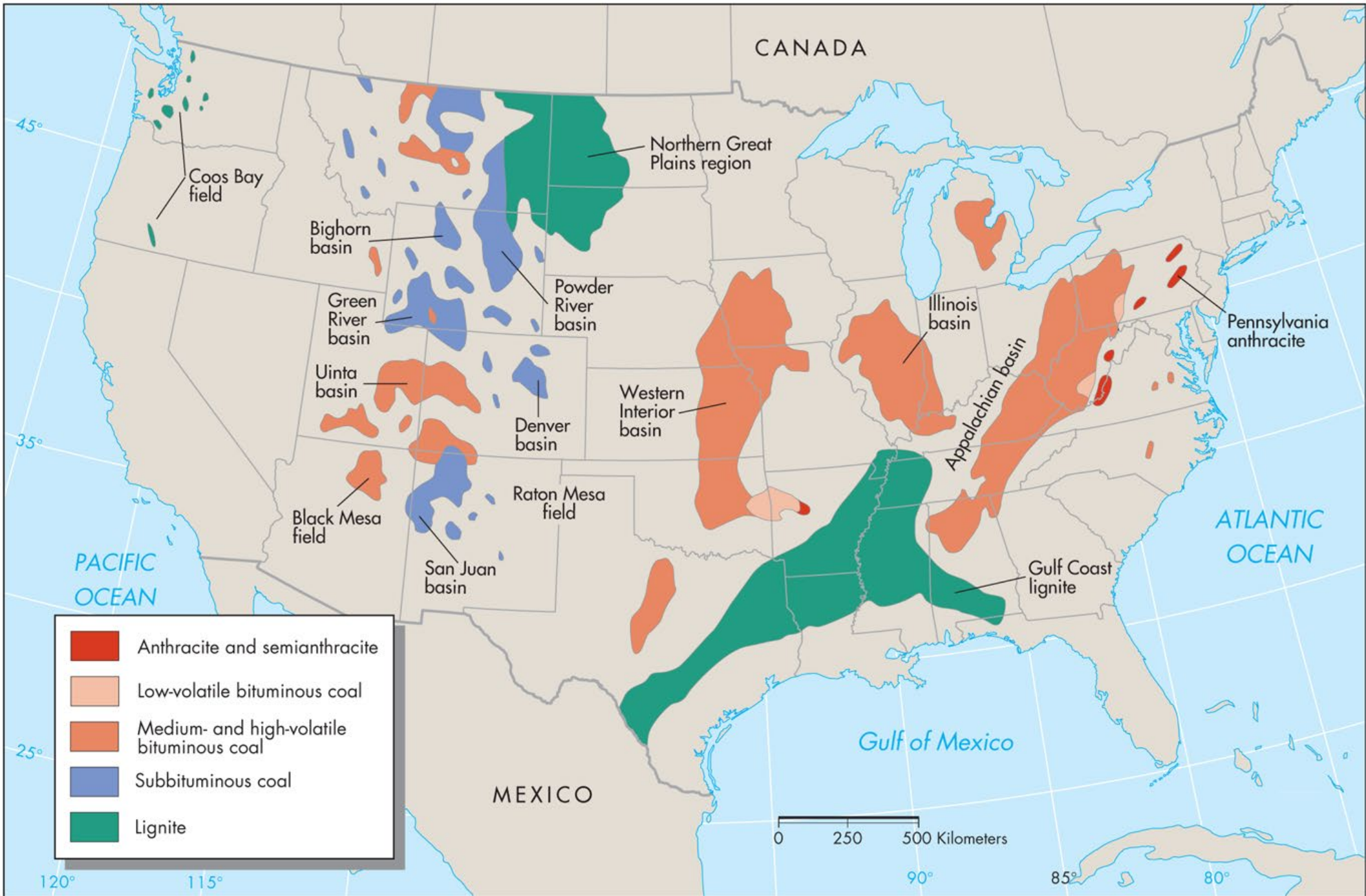
The weight of the top layers of water and dirt packed down the lower layers of plant matter. Under heat and pressure, this plant matter underwent chemical and physical changes, pushing out oxygen and leaving rich hydrocarbon deposits. What once had been plants gradually turned into coal.

Coal can be found deep underground (as shown in this graphic), or it can be found near the surface.

Note: not to scale

Billions of tons





Iowa Coal

- Sub-Bituminous to Bituminous
- High ash and sulfur content (FeS_2)
 - Ash results from sediment (impurities) that were washed into the swamps

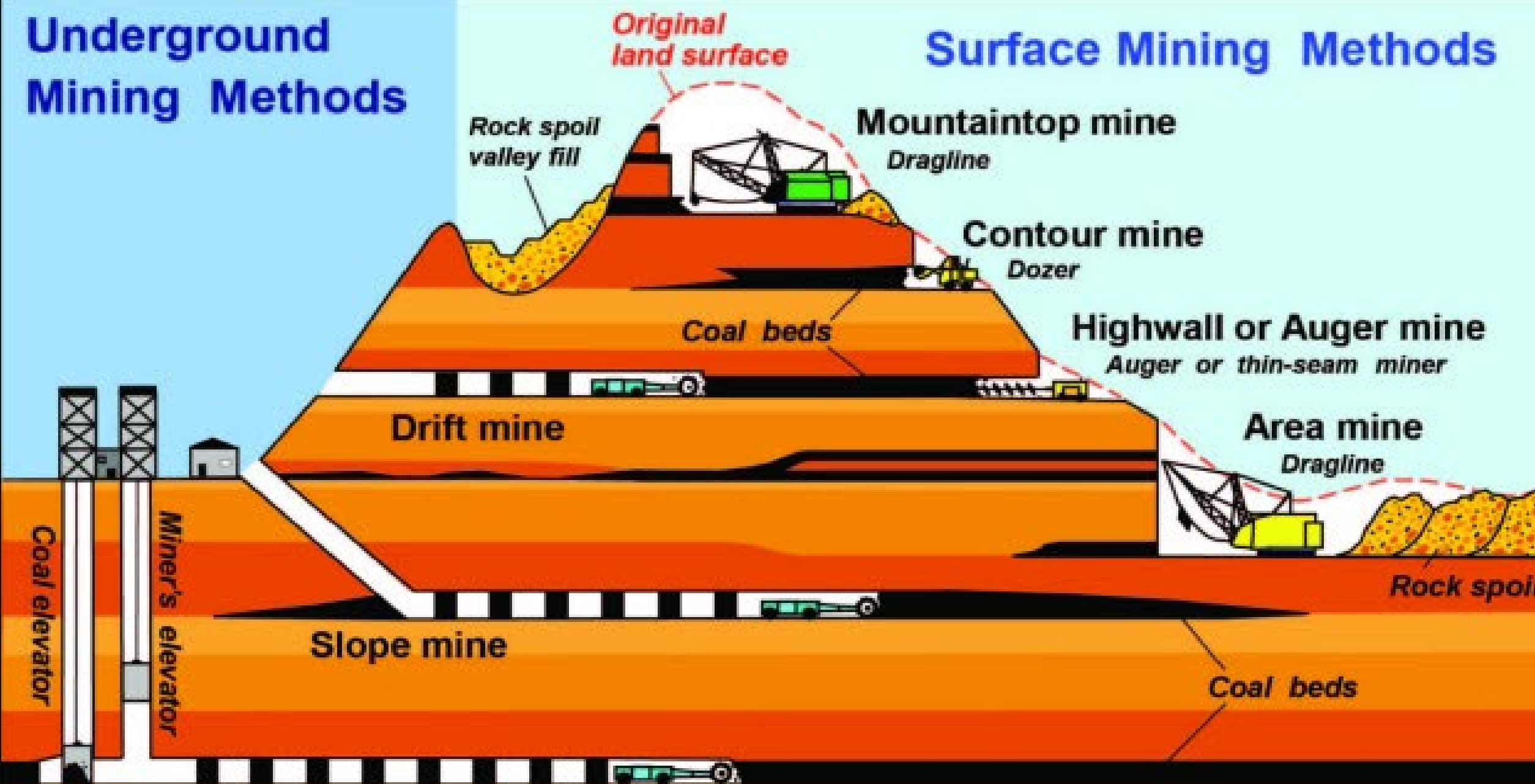


Ottumwa Coal Palace 1890



Underground Mining Methods

Surface Mining Methods



Shaft mine

Slope mine

Drift mine

Coal beds

Highwall or Auger mine

Auger or thin-seam miner

Area mine

Dragline

Rock spoil

Contour mine

Dozer

Mountaintop mine

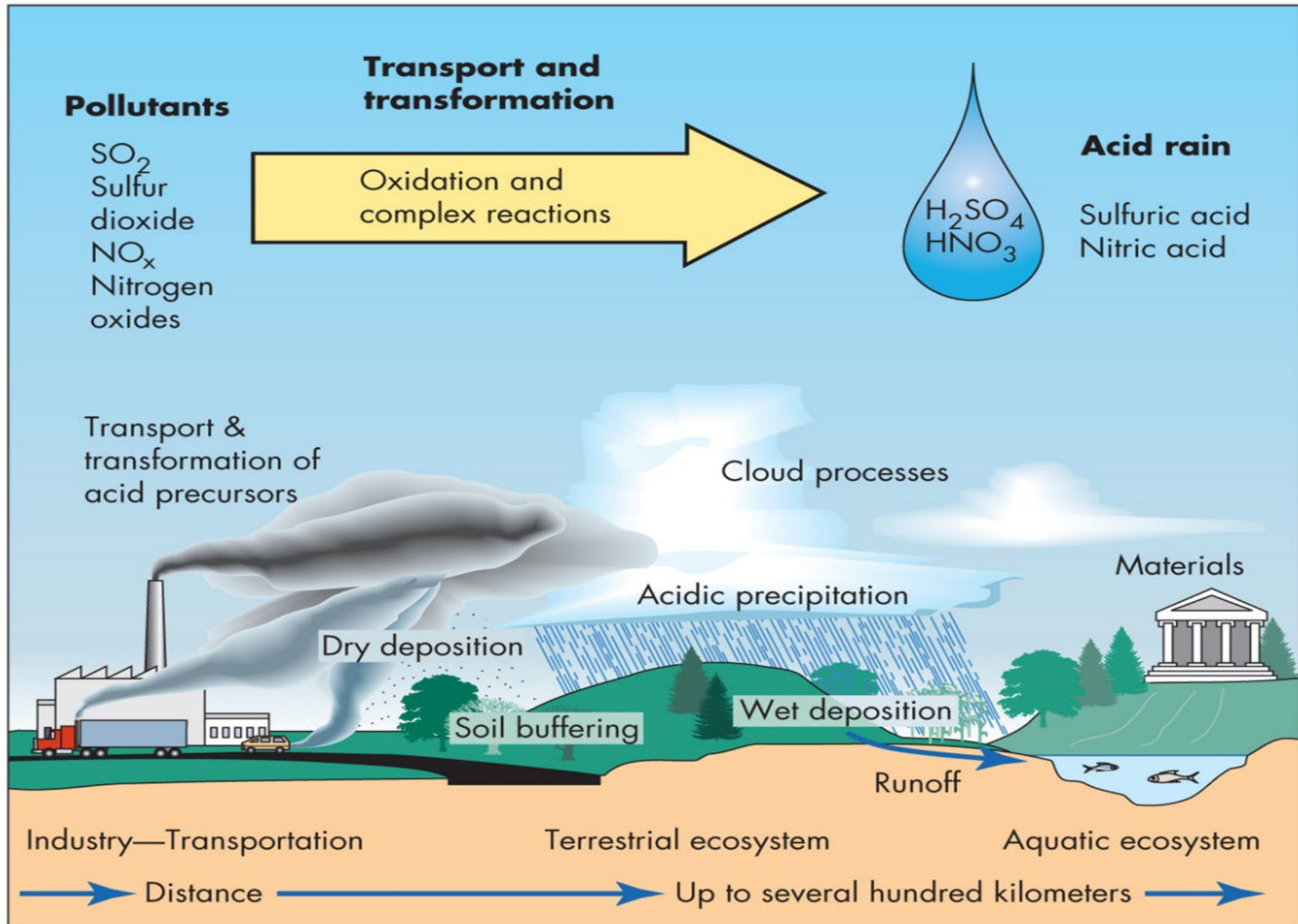
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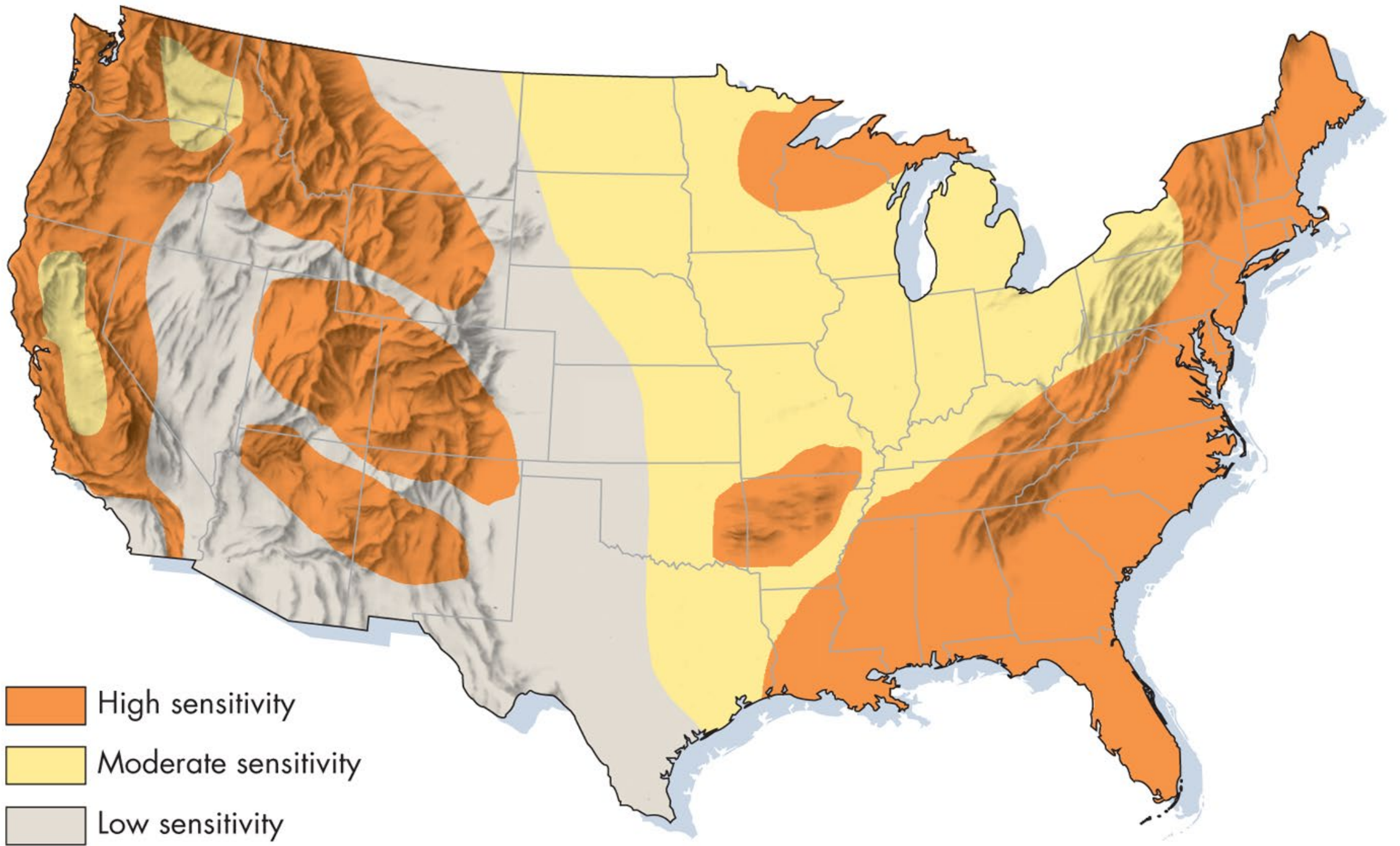
Rock spoil valley fill

Original land surface

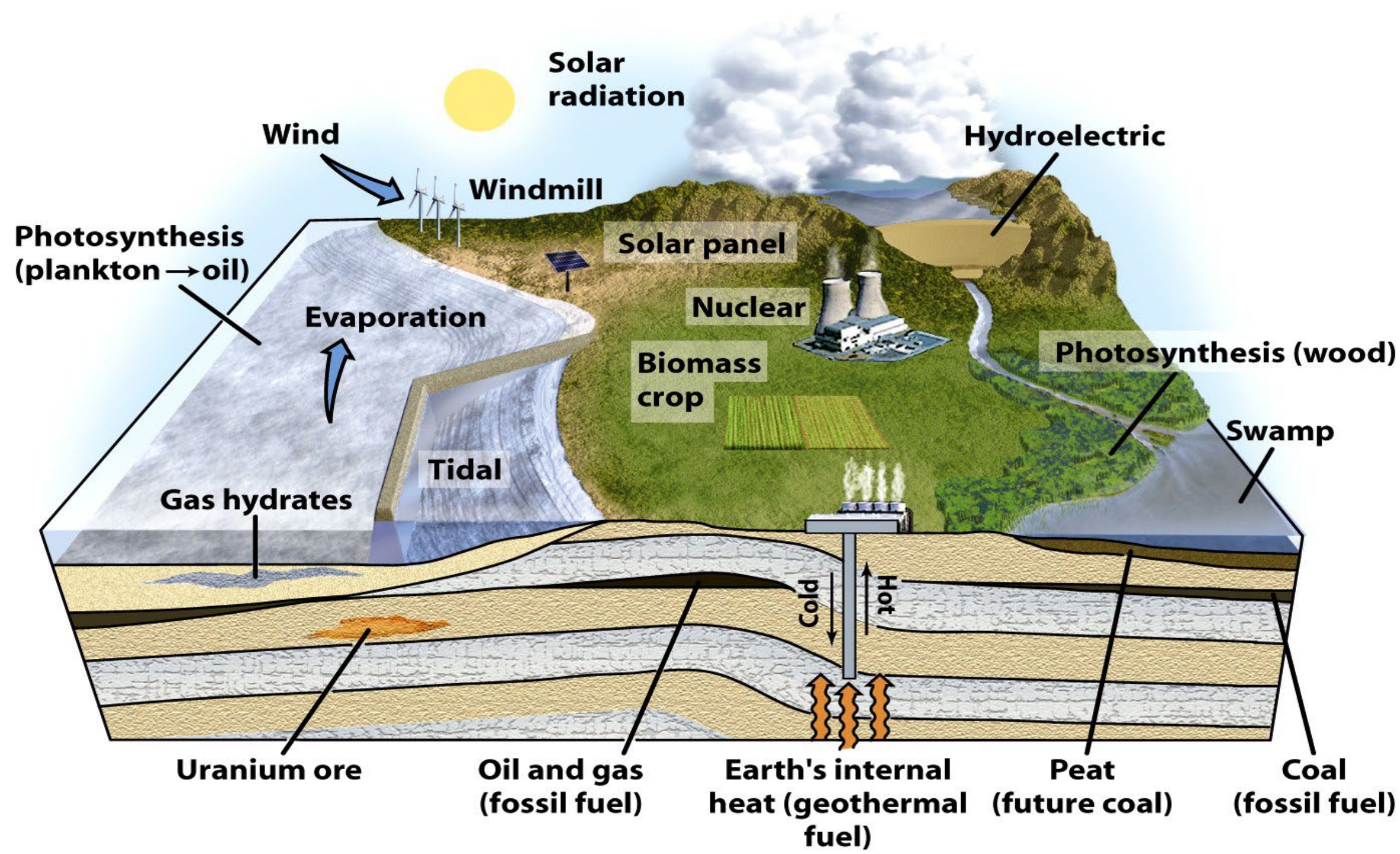
Reclamation







Energy Resources

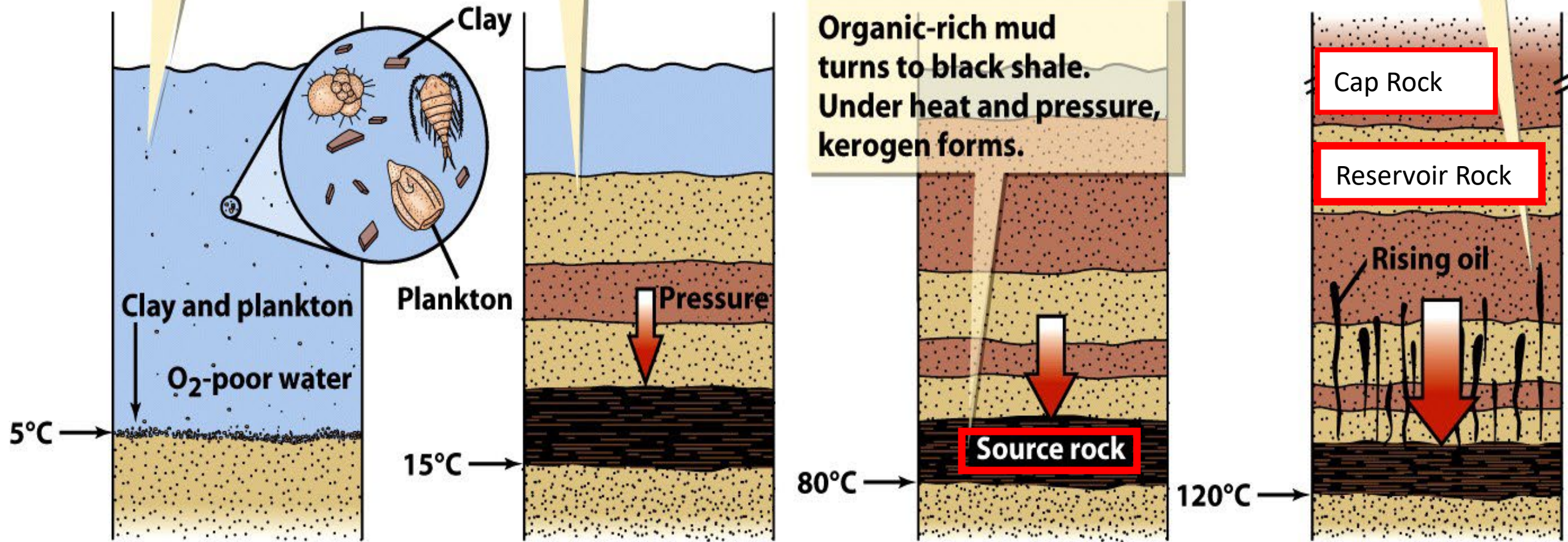


Plankton and clay floating in water sink and accumulate.

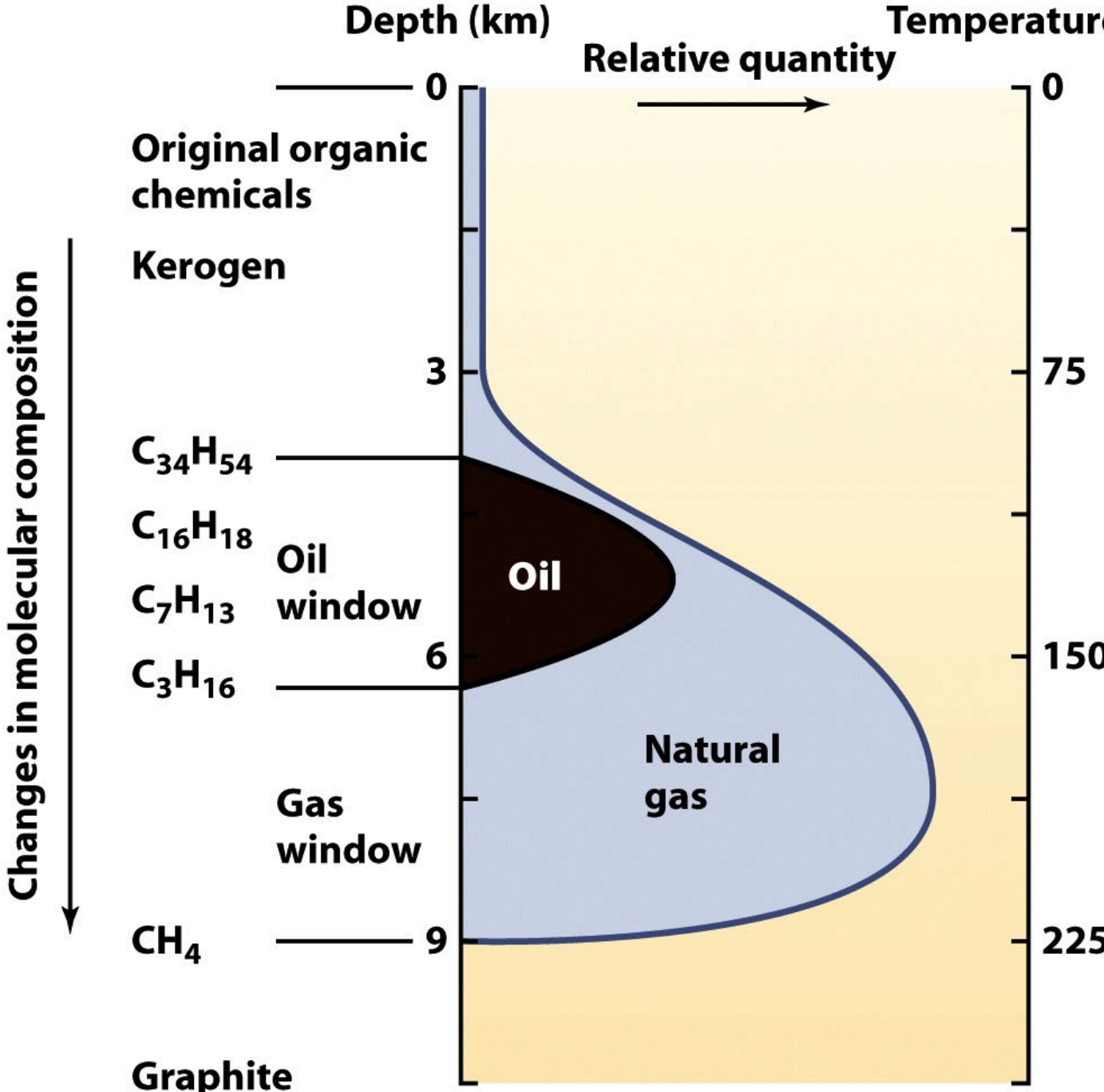
More sediment accumulates over plankton-rich layer and compresses it.

As temperature increases, kerogen turns to oil. The oil rises.

Organic-rich mud turns to black shale. Under heat and pressure, kerogen forms.



Time



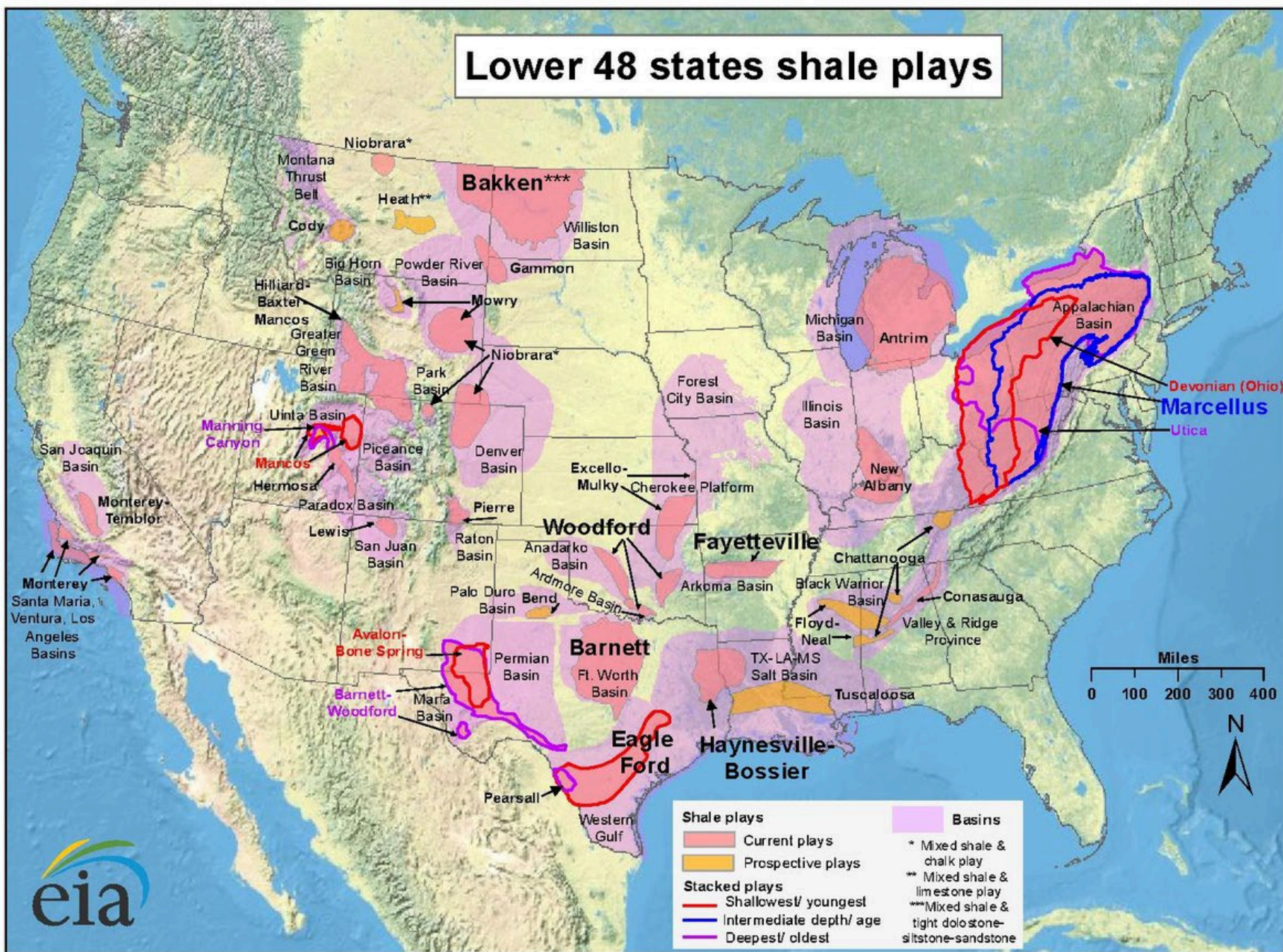
Coal window

- Oil window
 - Depth 4 to 6 km
 - Temp. 125 to 160 C

- Natural gas window
 - Depth 6 to 9 km
 - 150 to 225 C

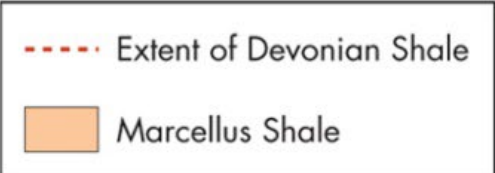
Lower 48 states shale plays

Gas

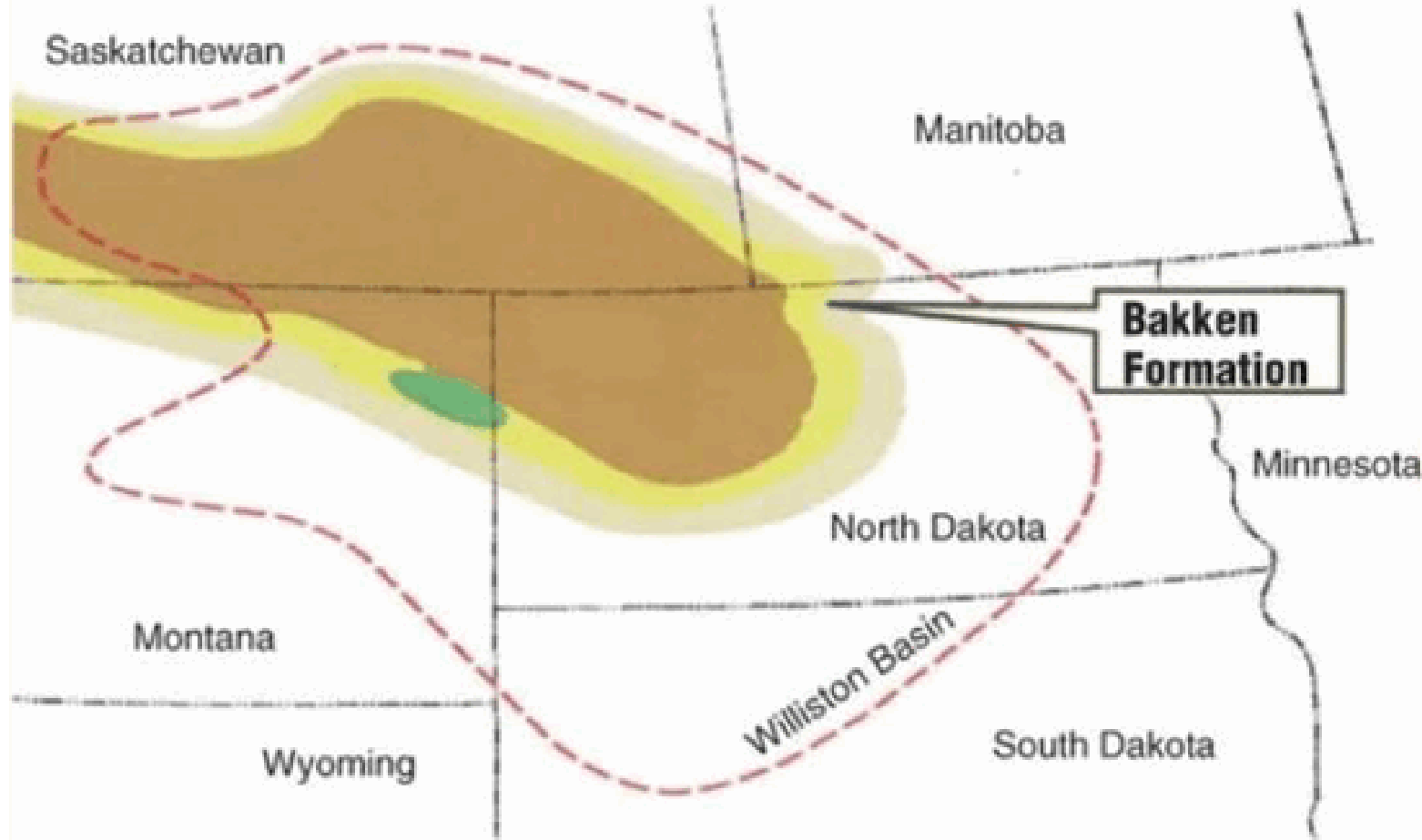


Source: Energy Information Administration based on data from various published studies

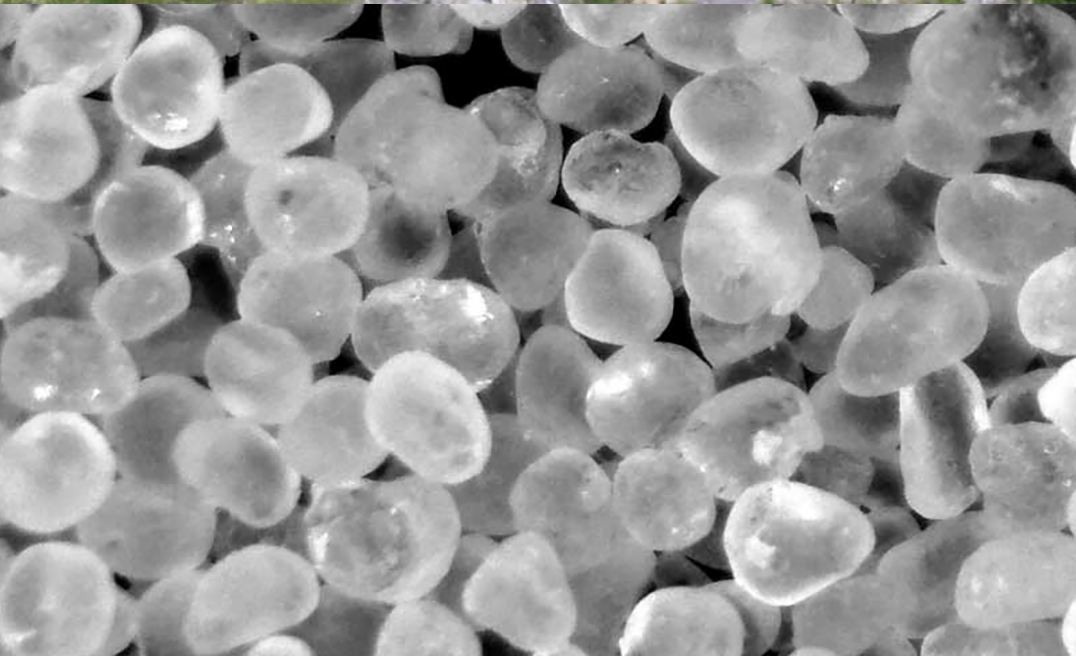
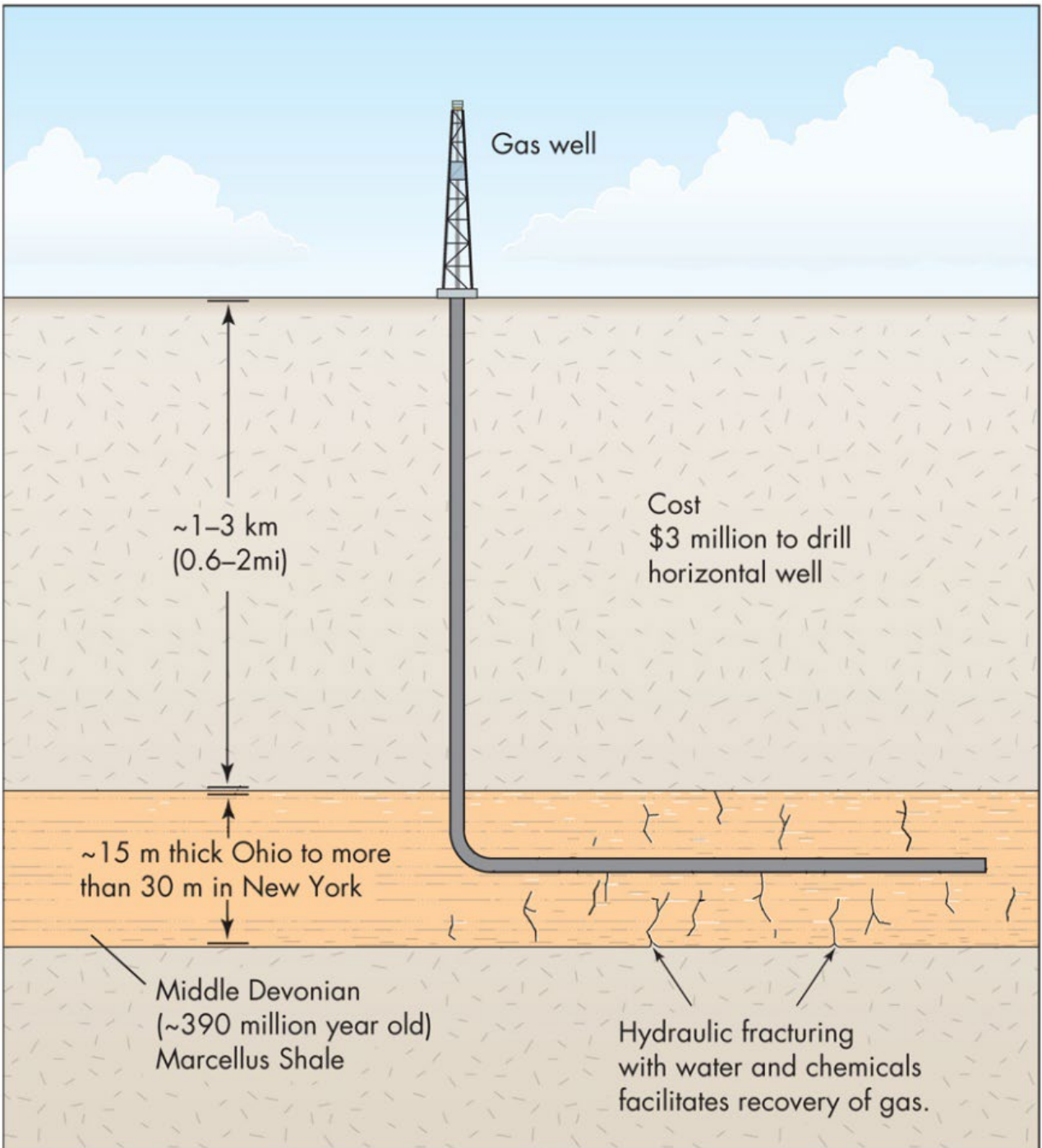




The Bakken Formation was deposited in the more central and deeper portion of the Williston Basin.



Source: USGS



Roughly 200 tanker trucks deliver water for the fracturing process.

A pumper truck injects a mix of sand, water and chemicals into the well.

Natural gas flows out of well.

Recovered water is stored in open pits, then taken to a treatment plant.

Storage tanks

Natural gas is piped to market.

0 Feet

Water table

Well

Pit

1,000

Hydraulic Fracturing

Hydraulic fracturing, or "fracing," involves the injection of more than a million gallons of water, sand and chemicals at high pressure down and across into horizontally drilled wells as far as 10,000 feet below the surface. The pressurized mixture causes the rock layer, in this case the Marcellus Shale, to crack. These fissures are held open by the sand particles so that natural gas from the shale can flow up the well.

2,000

3,000

4,000

5,000

6,000

7,000

Sand keeps fissures open

Natural gas flows from fissures into well

Shale

Fissure

Well

Mixture of water, sand and chemical agents

Well turns horizontal

Marcellus Shale

Fissures

The shale is fractured by the pressure inside the well.

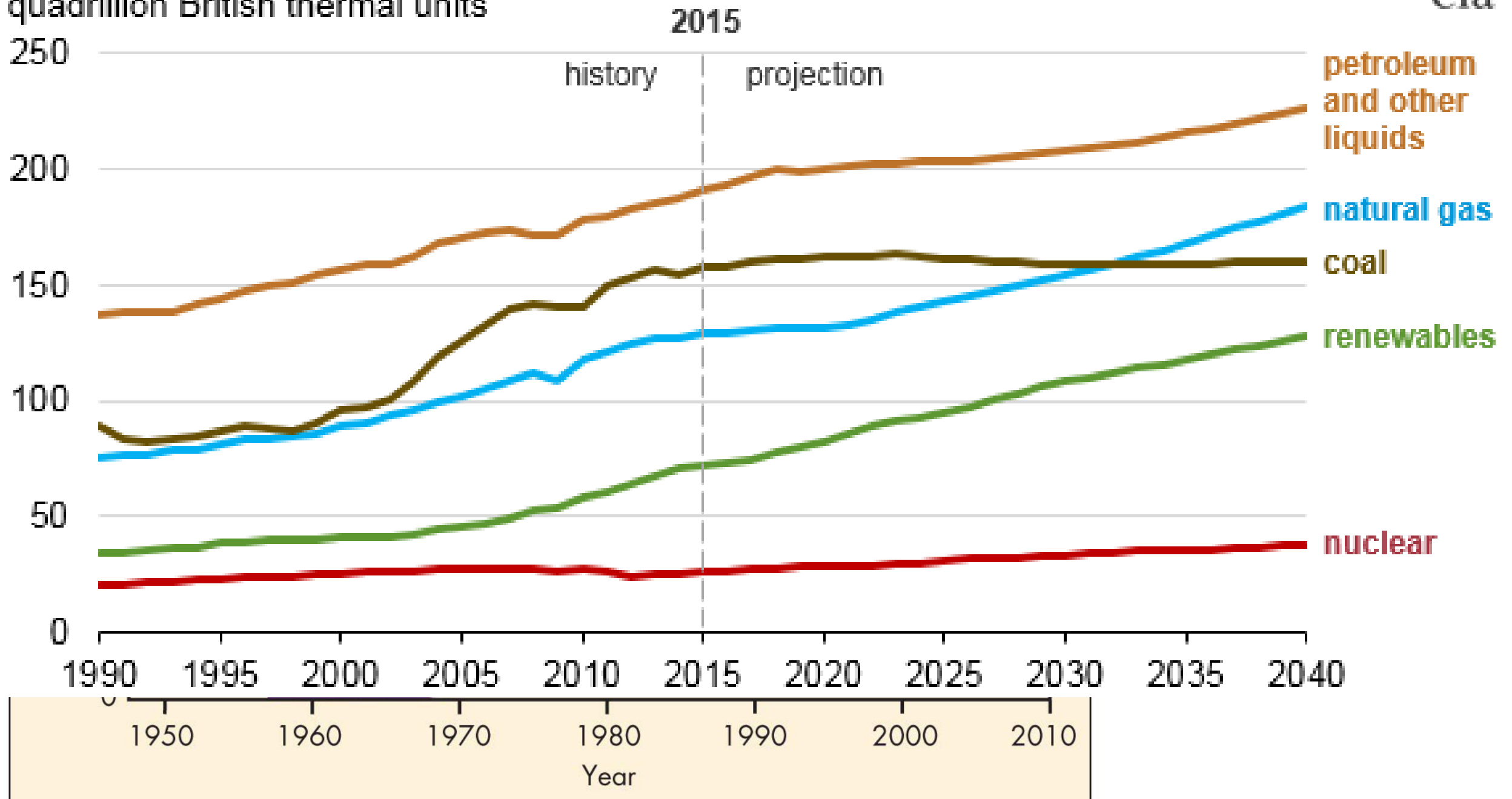
Hydraulic Fracturing 'Fracing'

Energy Transition

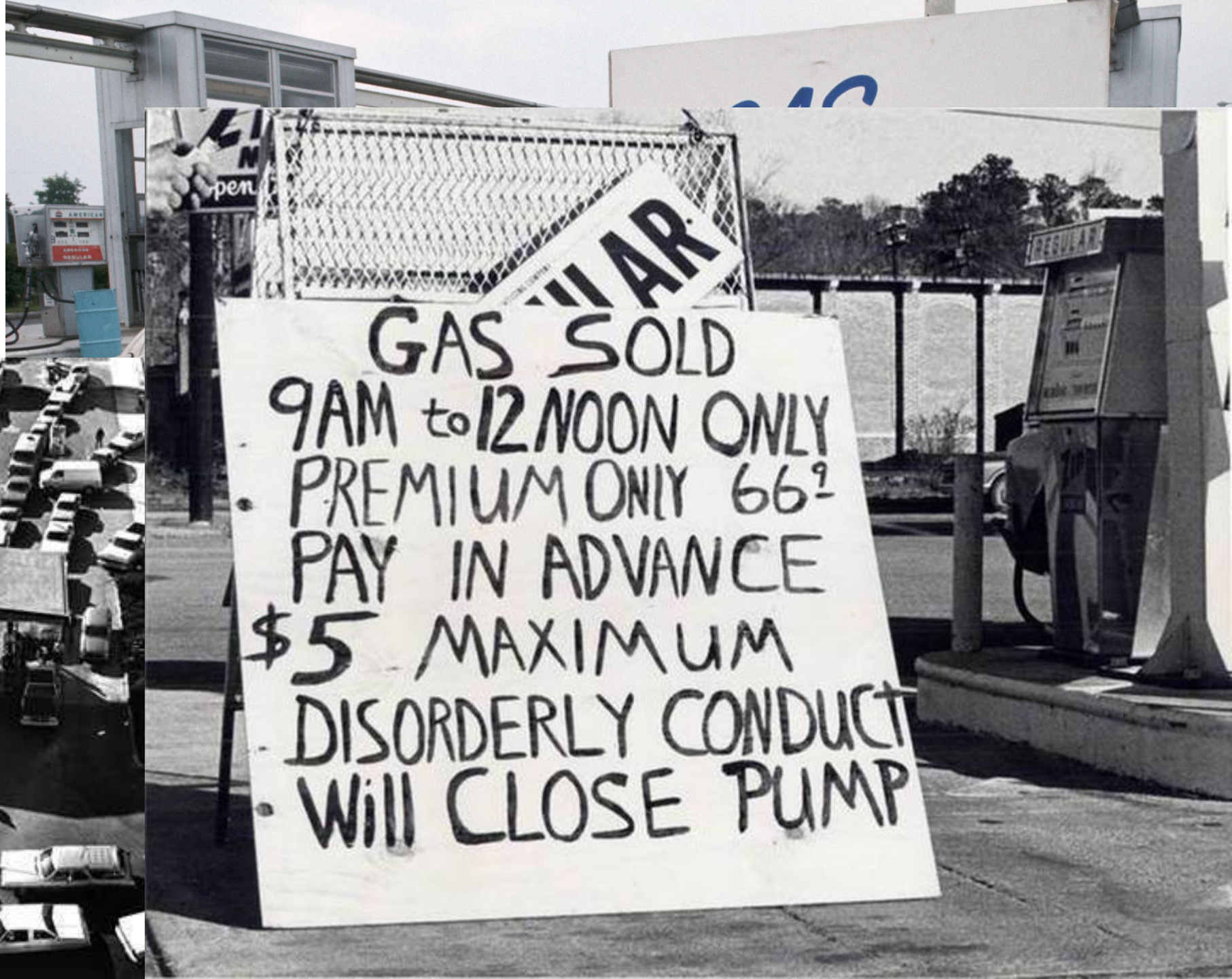
Part 2

World energy consumption by energy source (1990-2040)

quadrillion British thermal units



1974

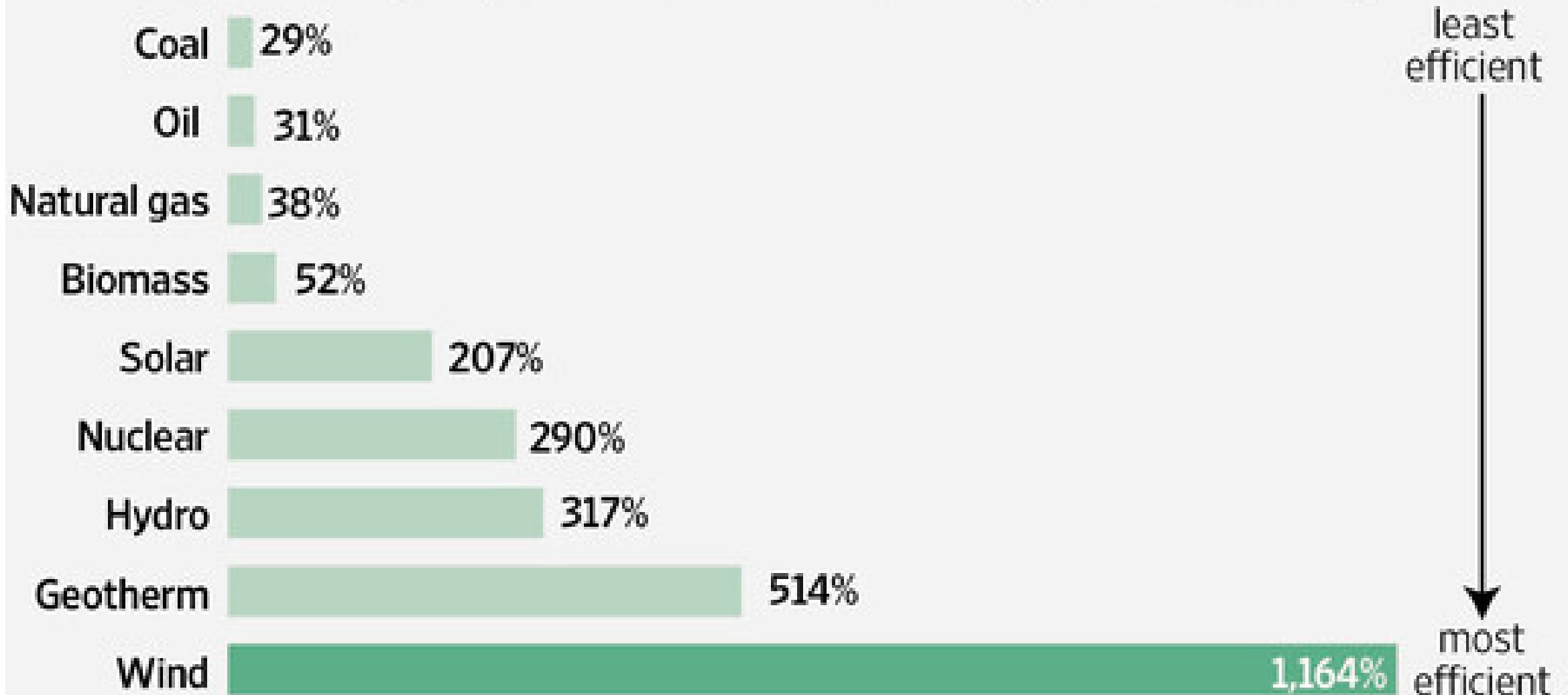


Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)

- 1960 - Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela
- Qatar (1961), Indonesia (1962), Libya (1962), the United Arab Emirates (1967), Algeria (1969), Nigeria (1971), Ecuador (1973), Gabon (1975), Angola (2007), Equatorial Guinea (2017) and Congo (2018)
- Mission 'Coordinate and unify the petroleum policies of its member countries and ensure the stabilization of oil markets, in order to secure an efficient, economic and regular supply of petroleum to consumers, a steady income to producers, and a fair return on capital for those investing in the petroleum industry'

Energy Efficiency

Percentage of energy input retained when converting fuel to electricity

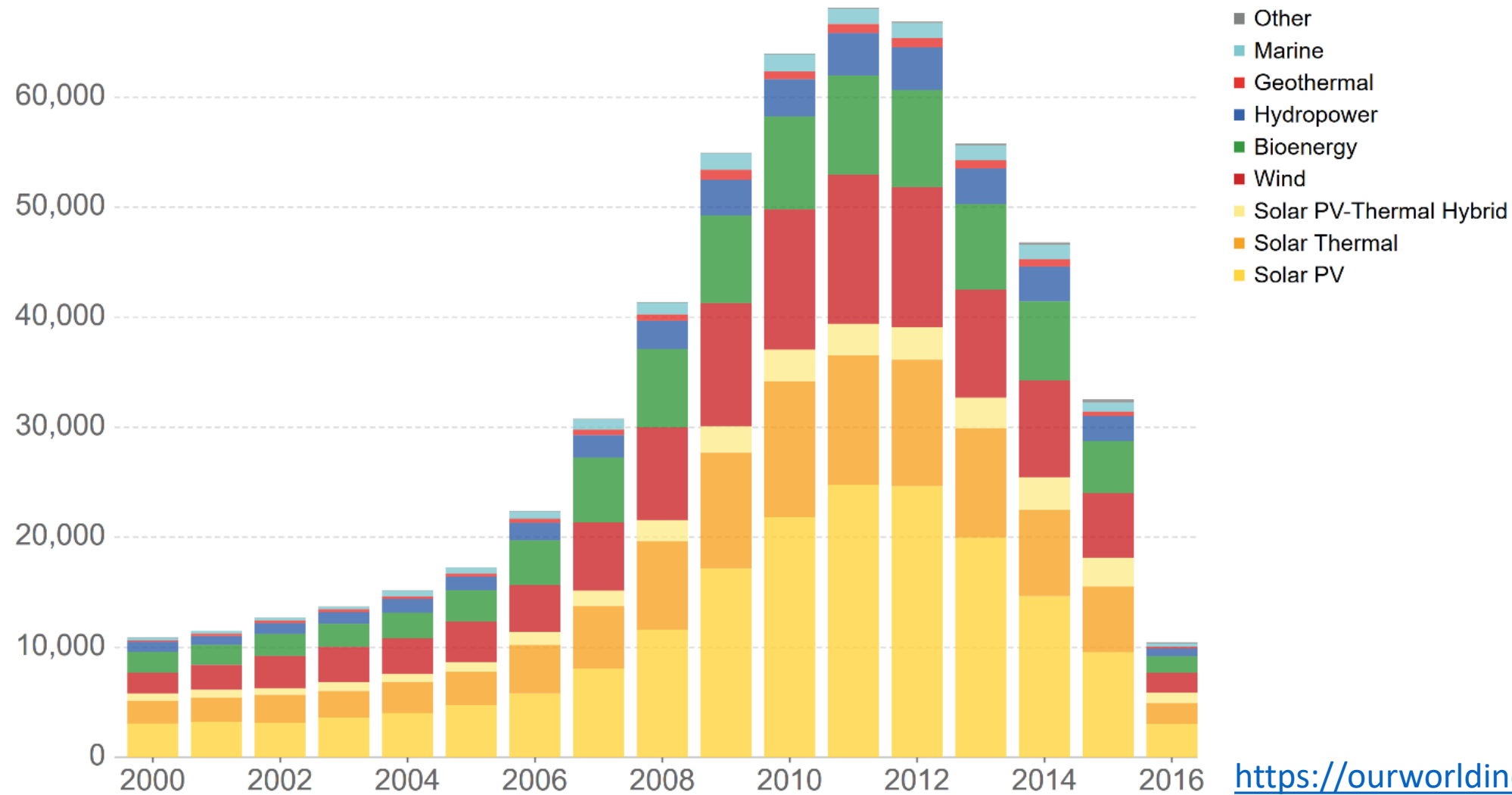


Source: Energy Points

The Wall Street Journal

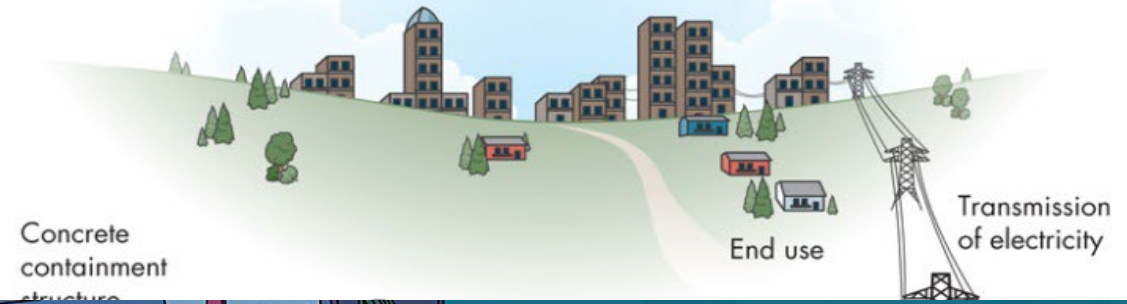
Number of patents filed for renewable energy technologies, World

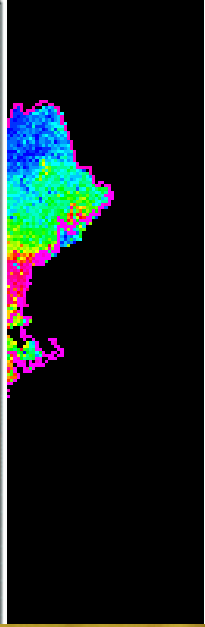
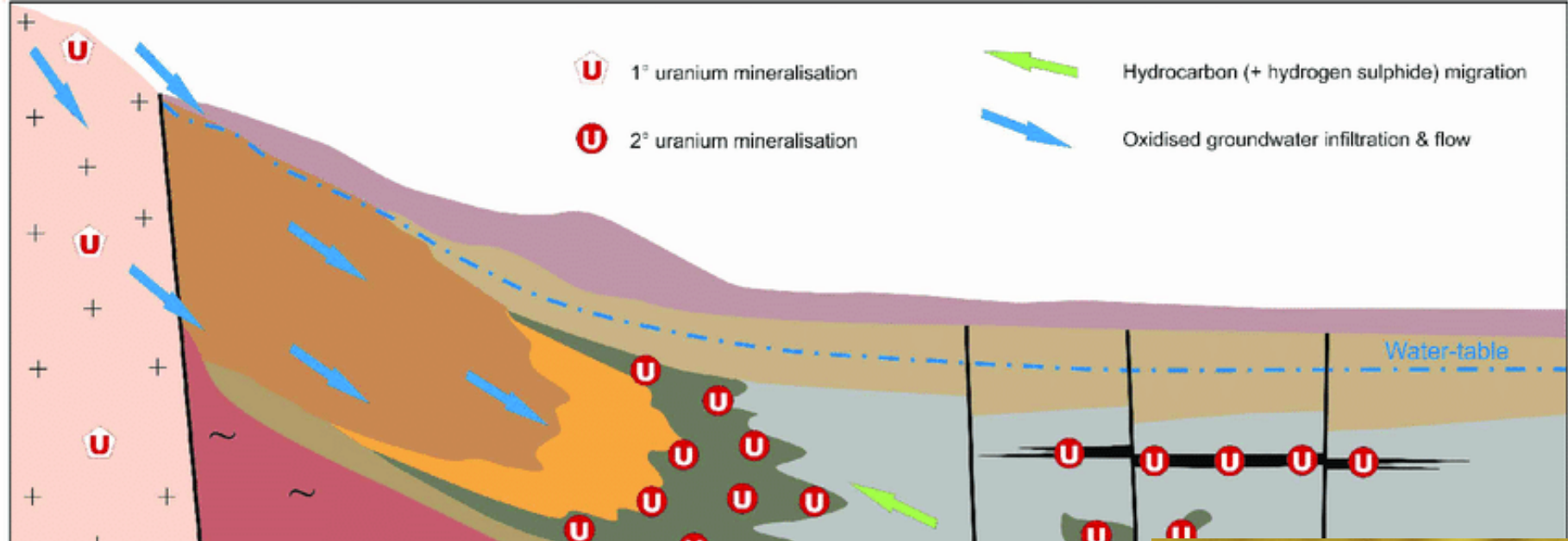
Global number of patents filed under each renewable technology category per year. Note that figures for 2014-16 may be subject to a time lag; processing times of patent applications vary and some patents submitted over this period may not yet be recorded in statistics. These figures will be updated with time if additional patent applications are recorded.



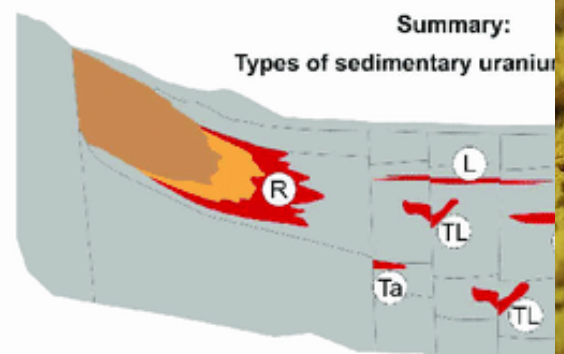
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Nuclear Energy

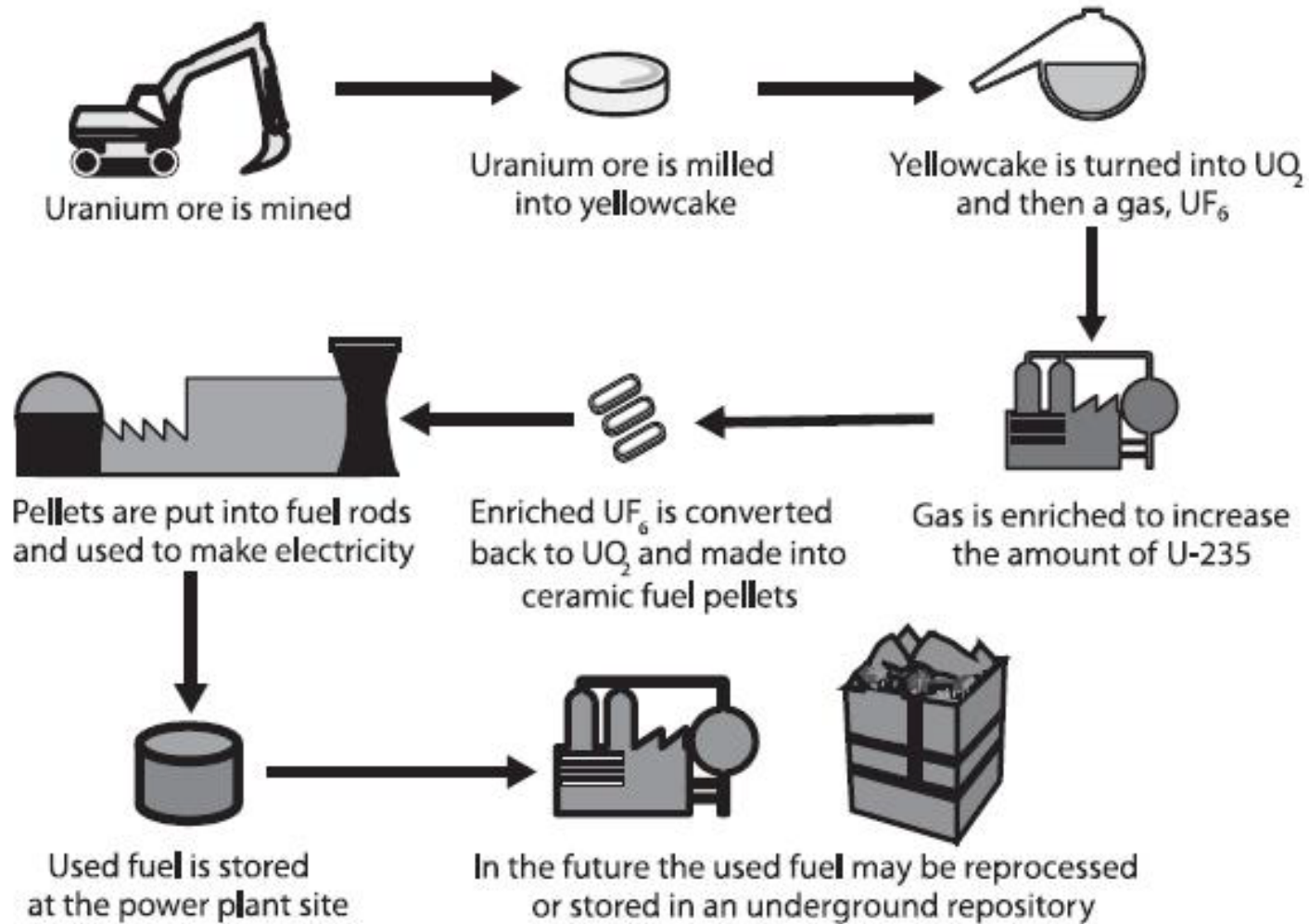




- Surficial, alluvial apron
- Upper, confining claystone
- Reduced sandstone containing lignite / coal
- Hematitic sandstone
- Goethitic sandstone
- Uranium ore envelope
- Lower, claystone aquitard
- Reduced sandstone
- Uranium ore envelope
- Undiff. crystalline basement
- Uraniferous granite



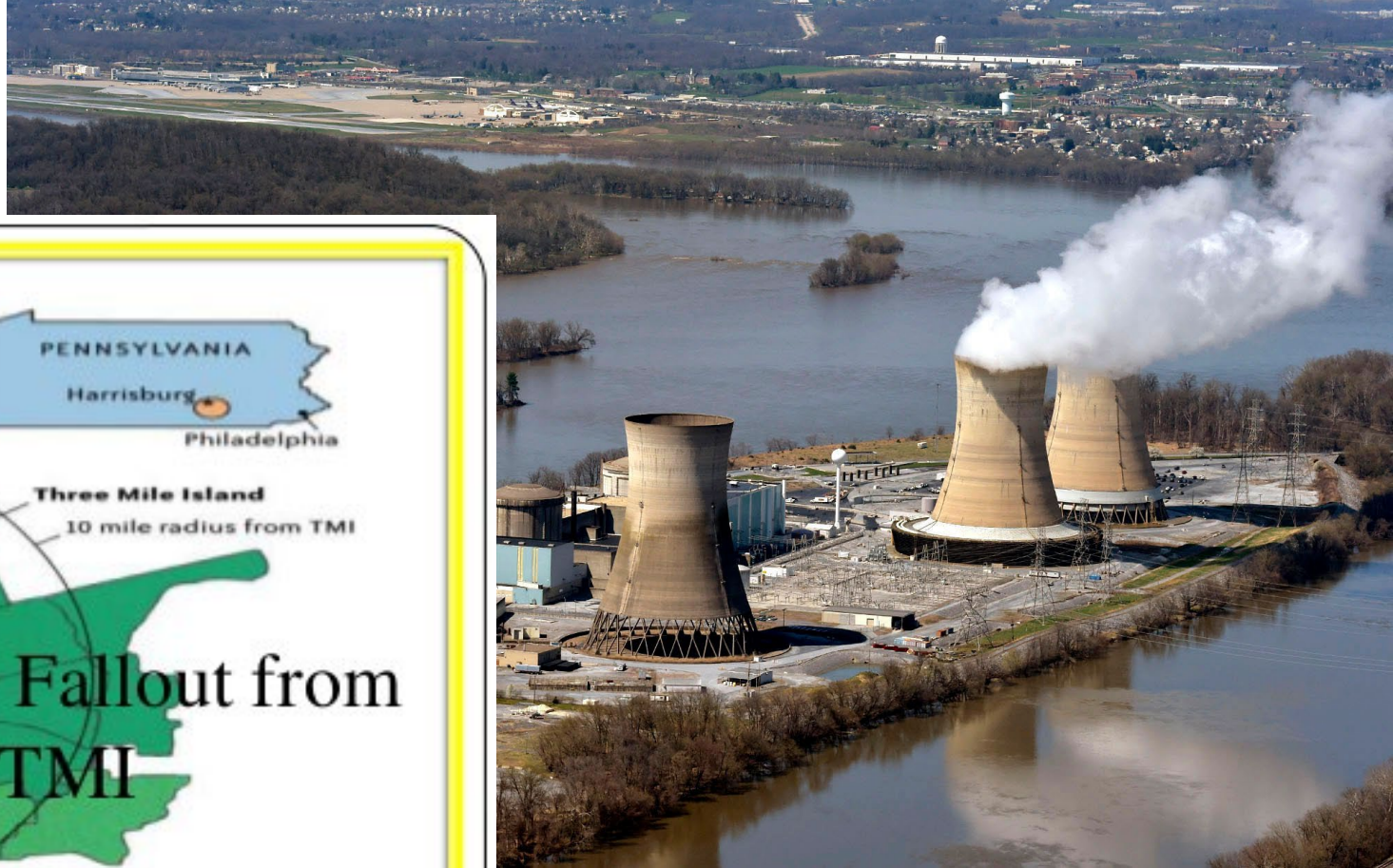
Uranium Fuel Cycle



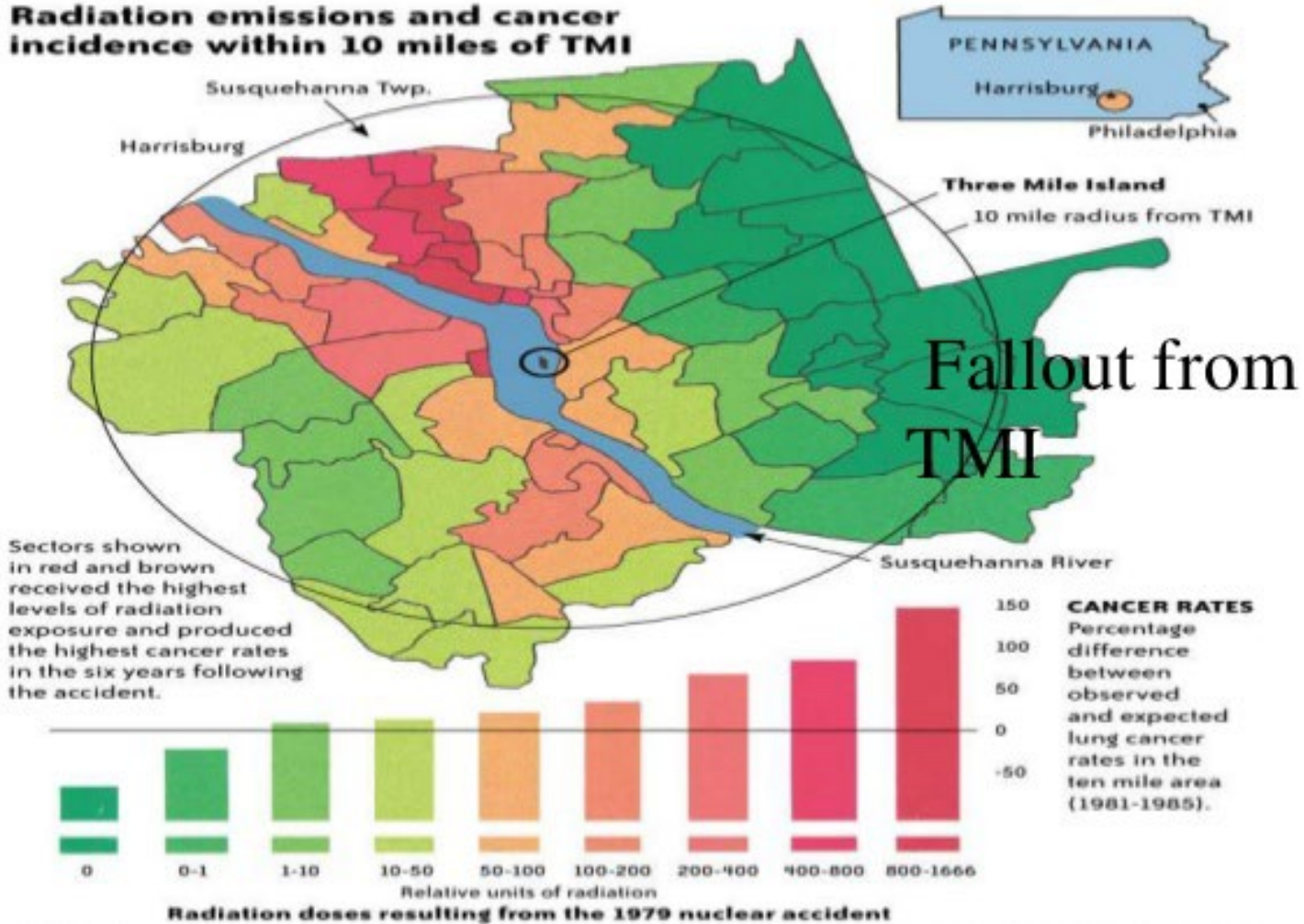
Isotope	Half-Life (Years)
U-234	2.455×10^5
U-235	7.038×10^8
U-238	4.468×10^9



Three Mile Island



Radiation emissions and cancer incidence within 10 miles of TMI

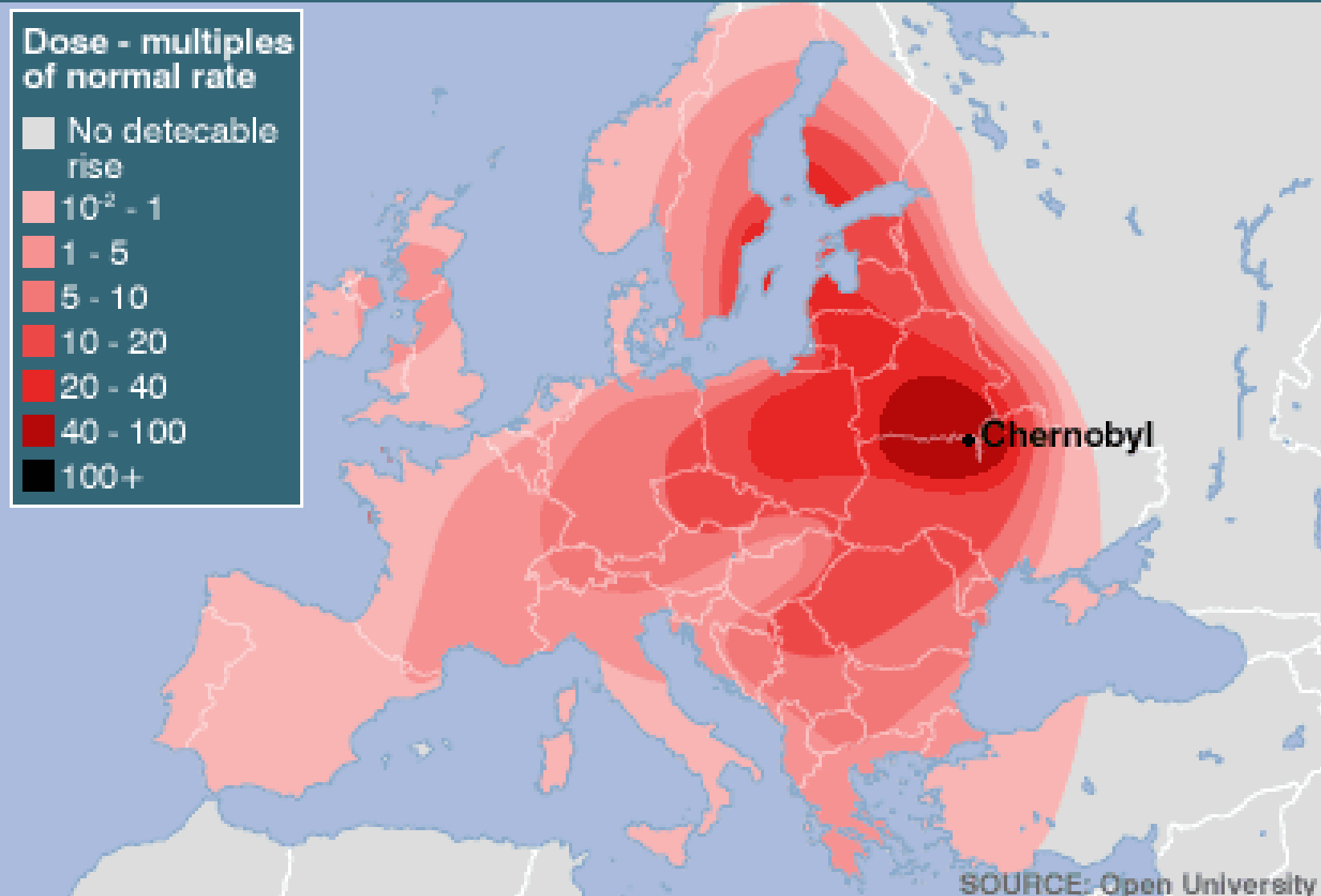


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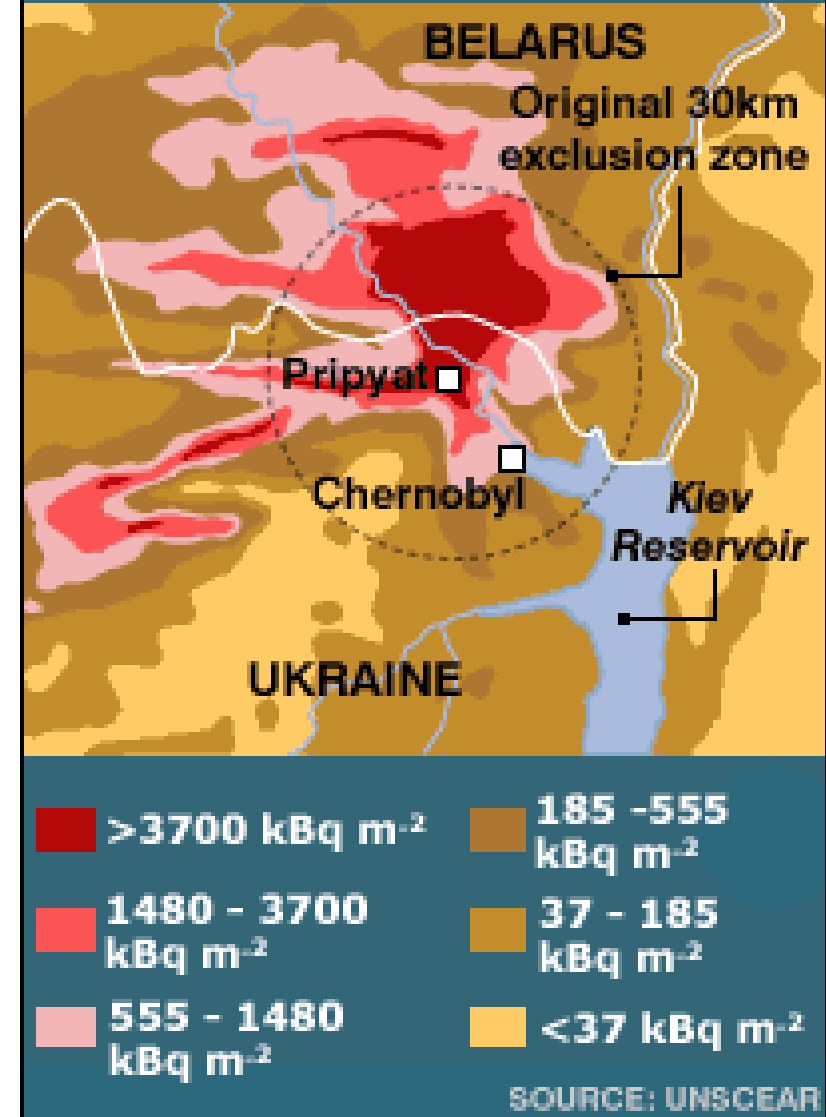
Chernobyl



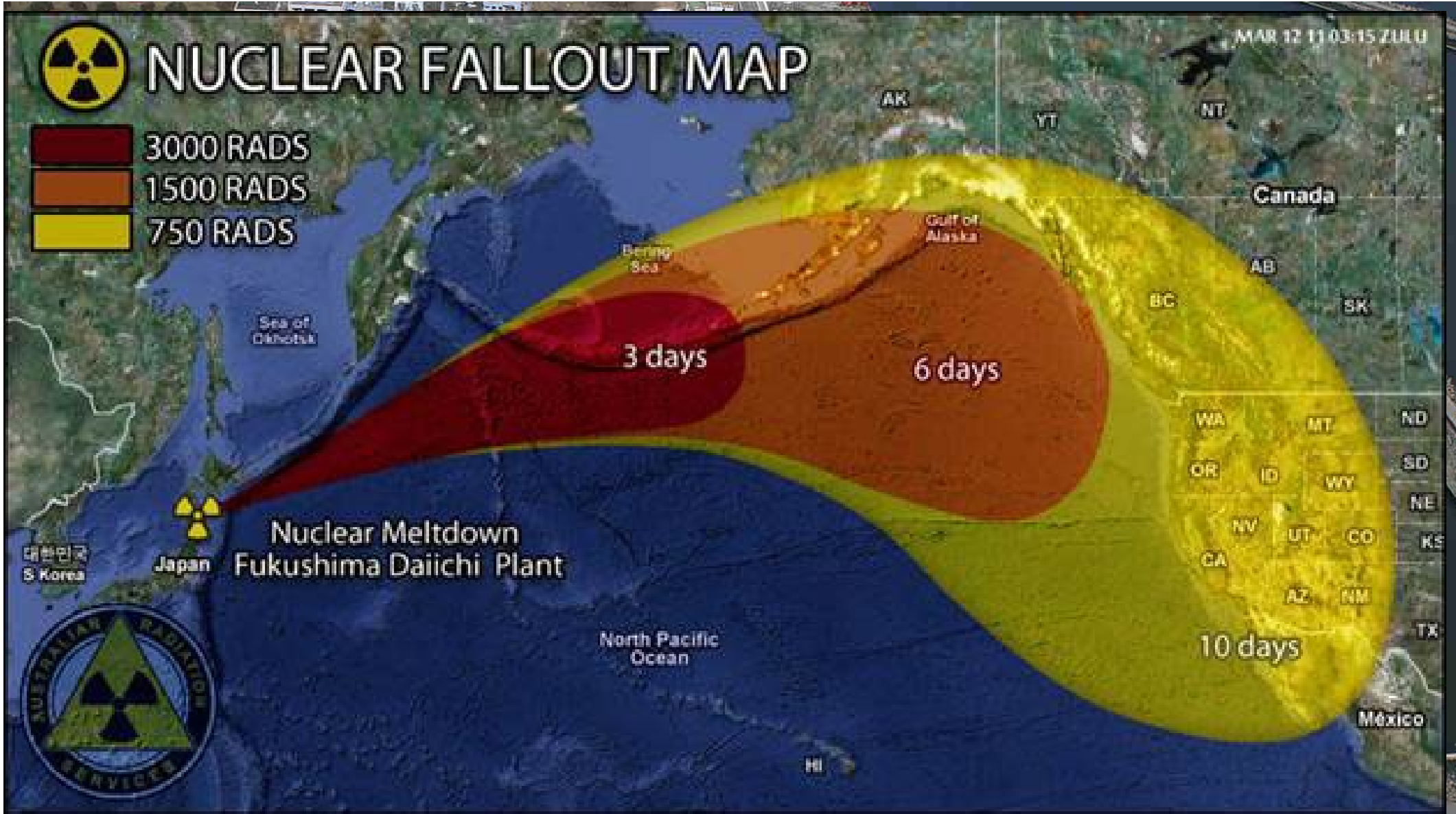
INCREASED RADIATION DOSE ACROSS EUROPE - 3 MAY 1986



CAESIUM DEPOSITION



Fukushima, Japan



Radiation and the human body

In microsieverts μSv

Effects

800,000 - 16,000,000

Radiation dose of first responders to Chernobyl

Above 7,000,000

Instant radiation dose - vomiting, internal bleeding, death within 2 weeks

3,000,000

50% chance of dying within 60 days if untreated

680,000

Highest dose received by a worker at 2011 Fukushima disaster

350,000

Approx dose rate if you lived in Chernobyl's "Red Forest" area for one year

20,000

Annual limit for nuclear workers in Europe

10,000

Instant radiation from a whole body CT scan

100

Annual natural background radiation in US

1000

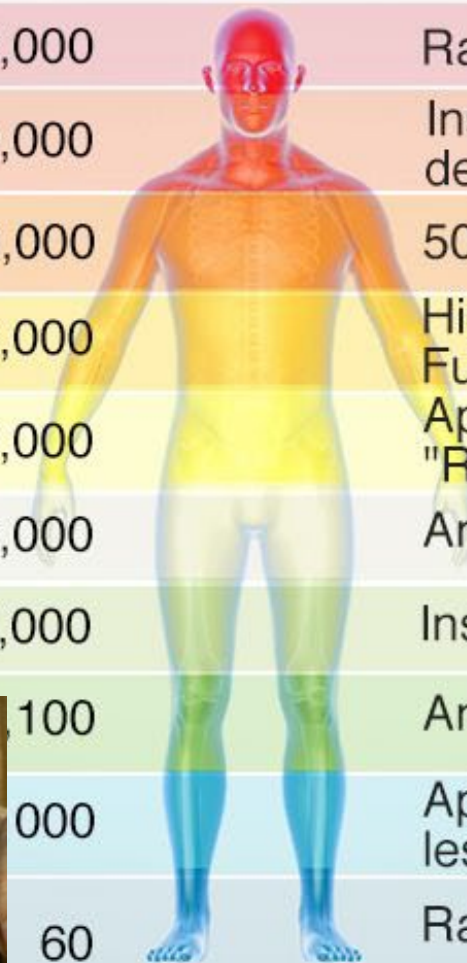
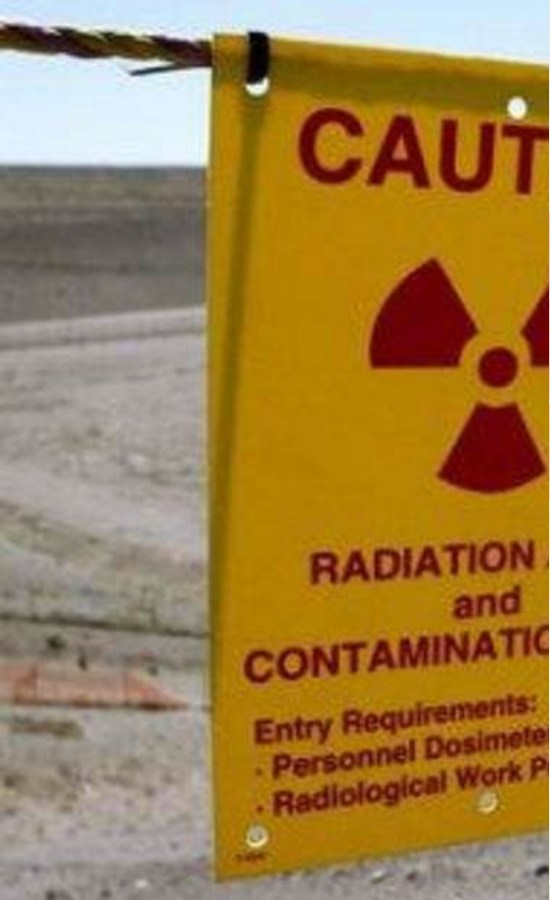
Approx annual dose above natural background in the less contaminated parts of Chernobyl Exclusion Zone

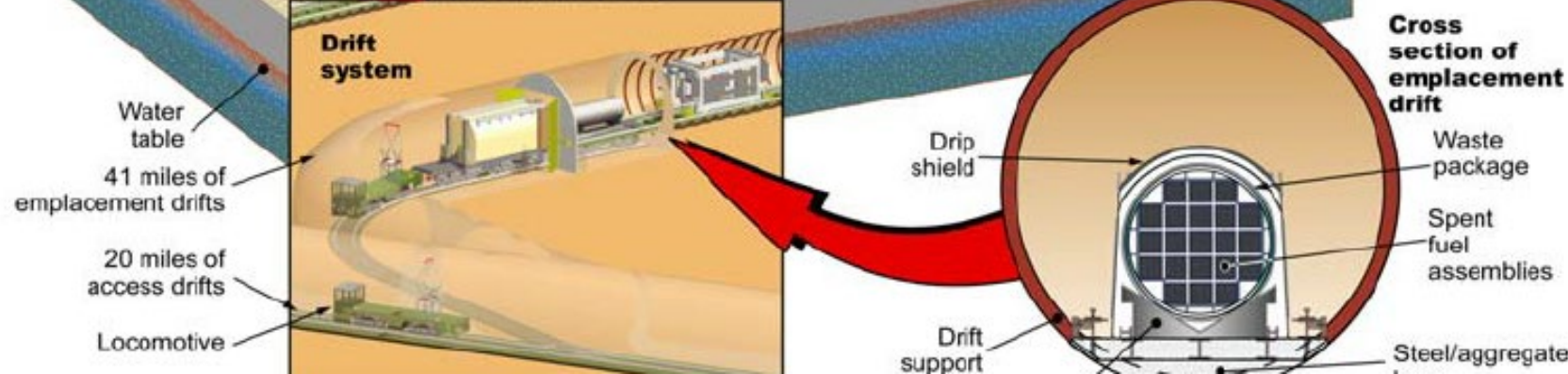
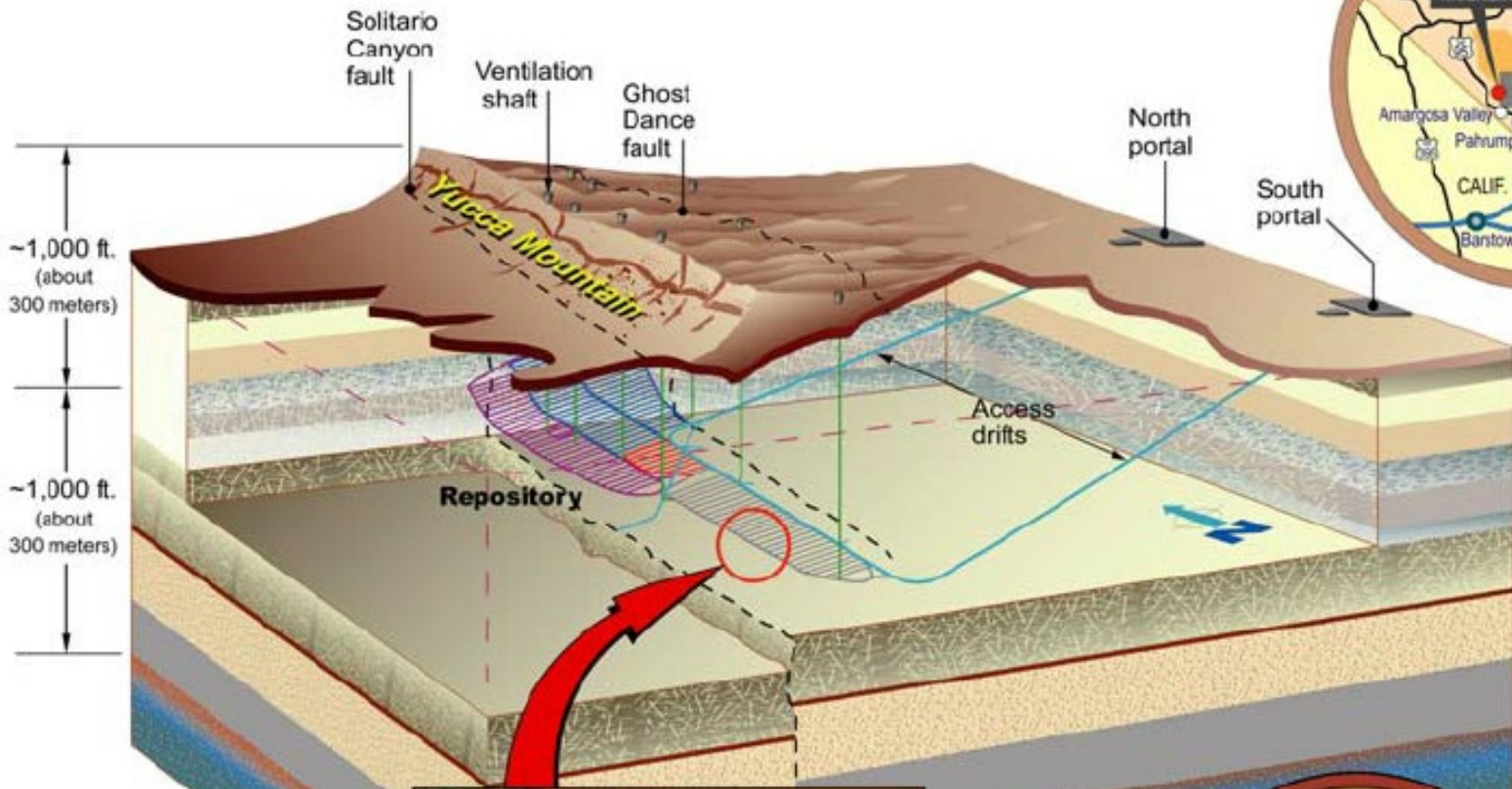
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Radiation dose from a London to Los Angeles flight

For purposes, not to scale

Source: Nuclear Energy Agency, American Nuclear Society, Prof. J.T. Smith School of Environmental Sciences, University of Portsmouth





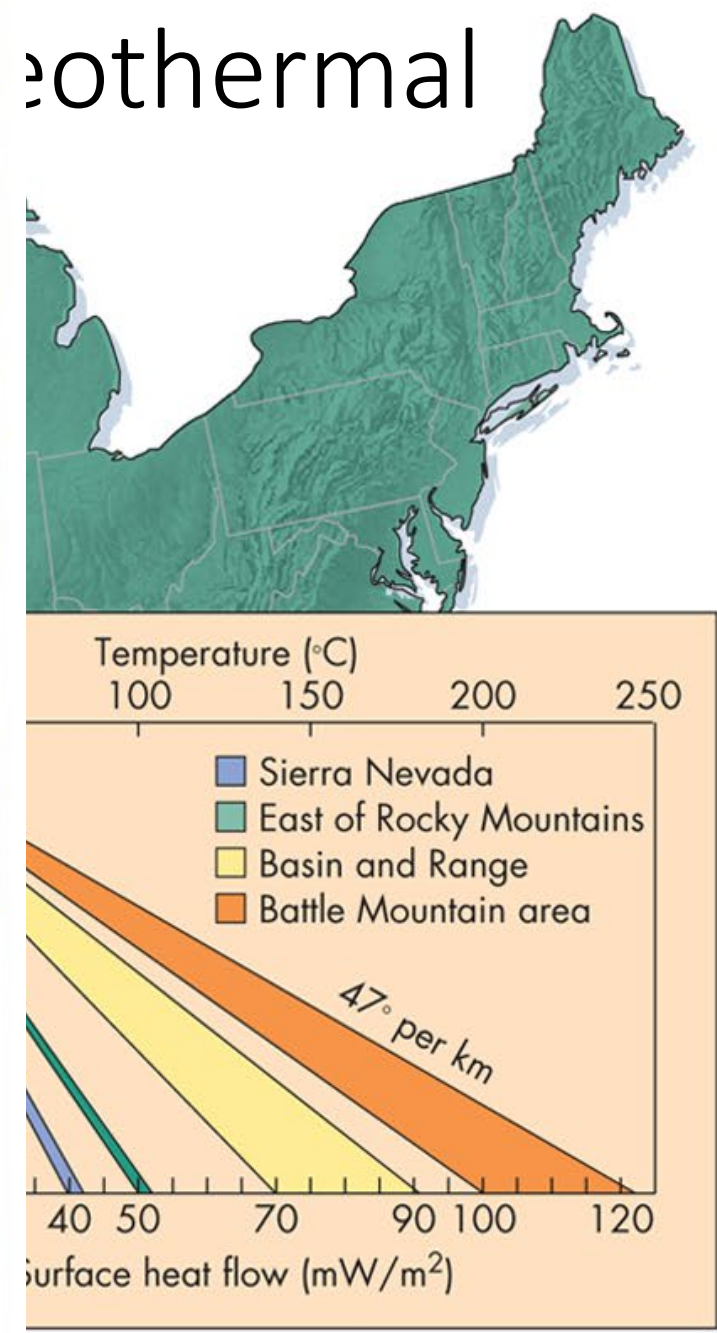
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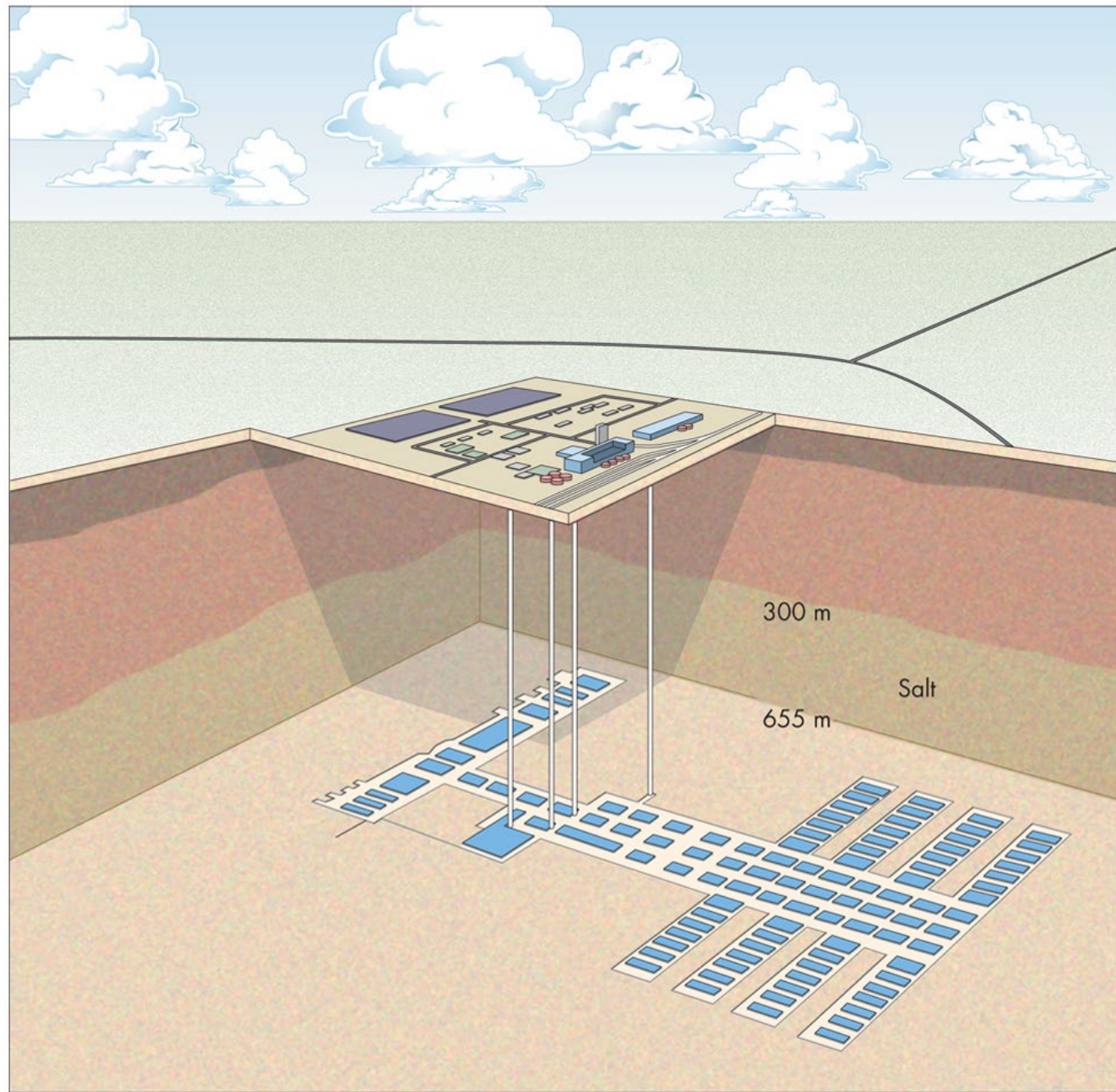
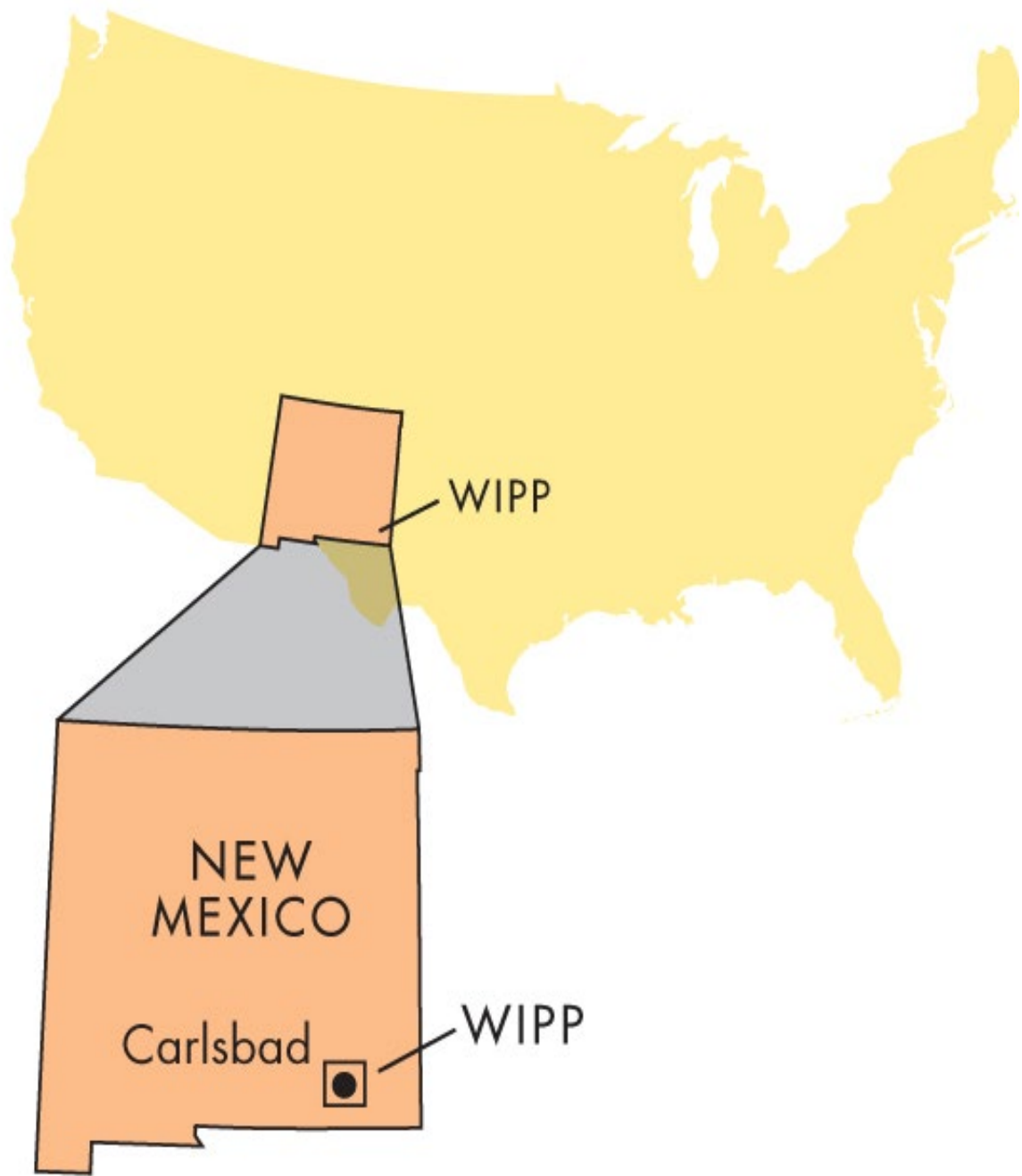


EXPLANATION
Heat flow, in milliwatts per square meter

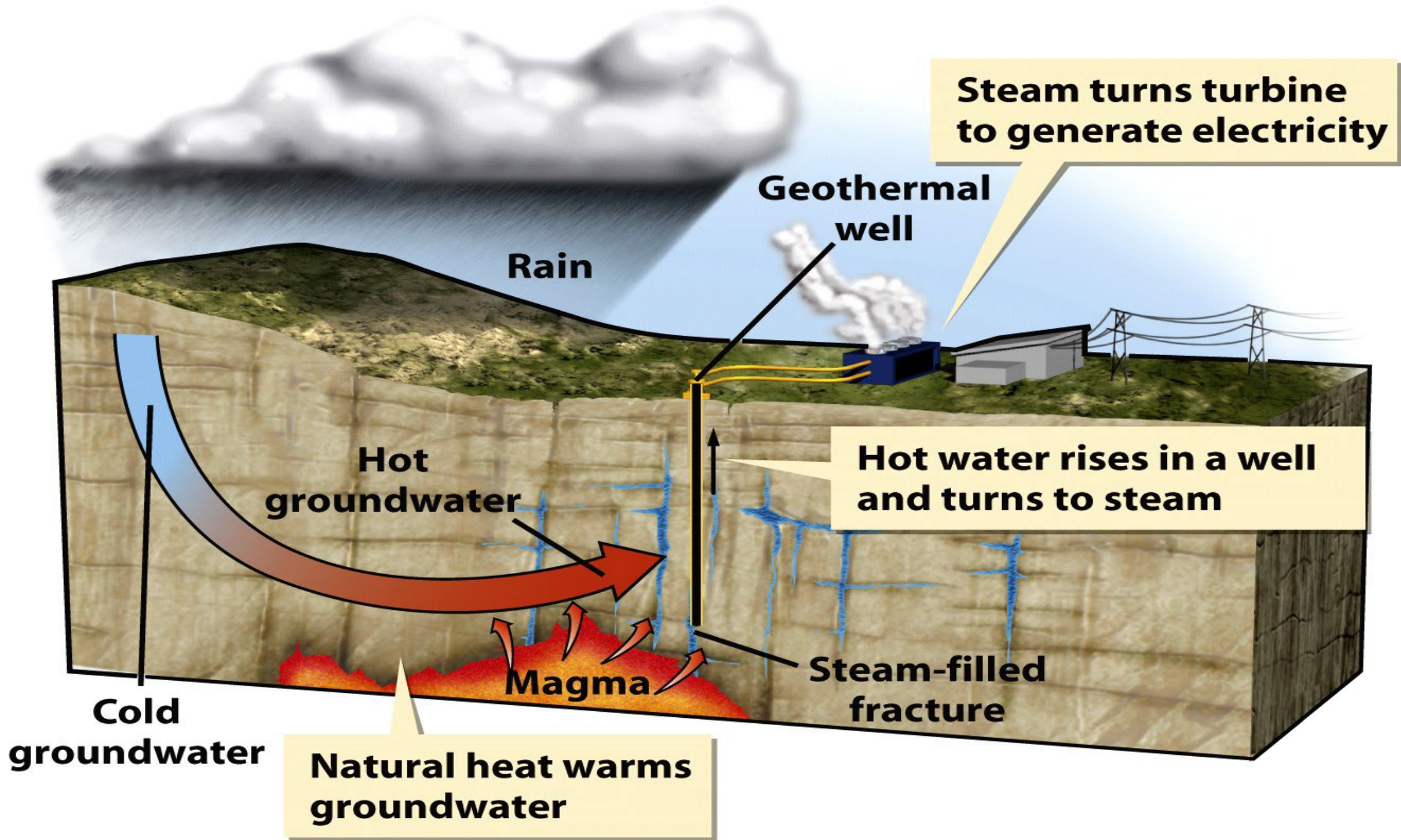
- Less than 40
- From 40 to 60
- From 60 to 100
- Greater than 100
- Power plant location

Geothermal

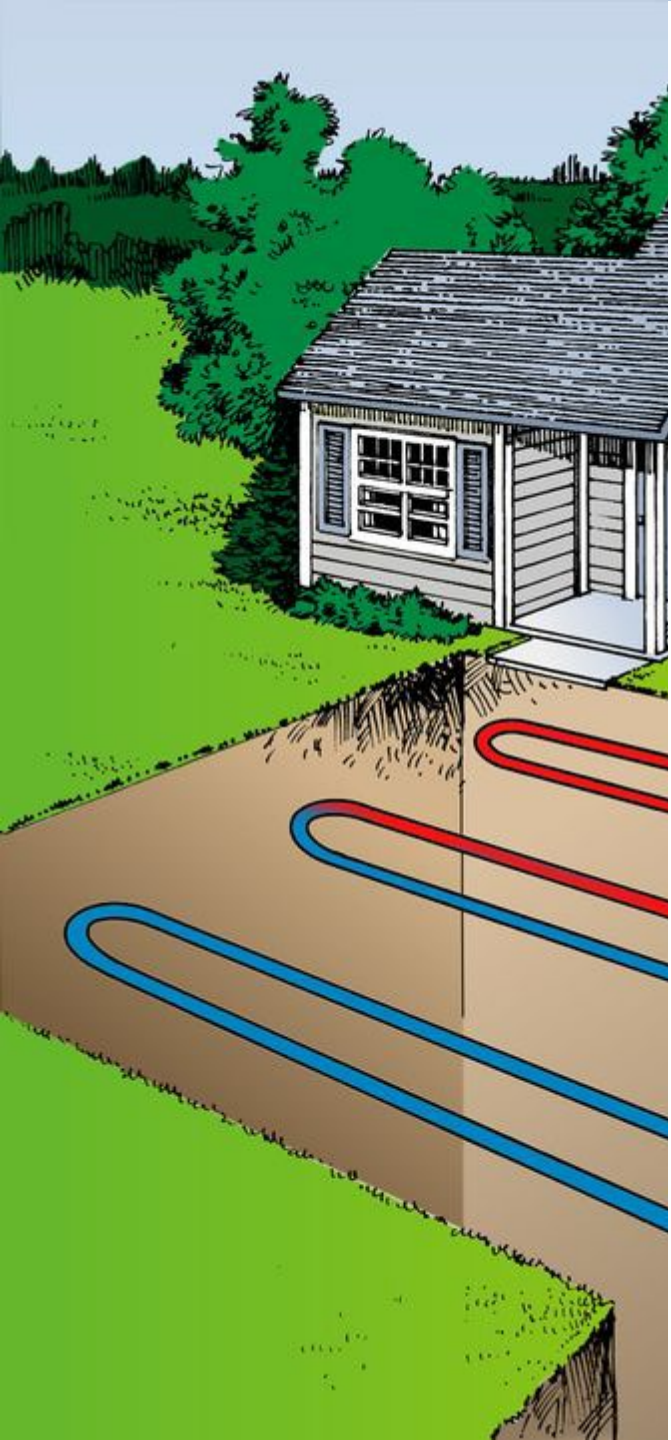




Renewable energies

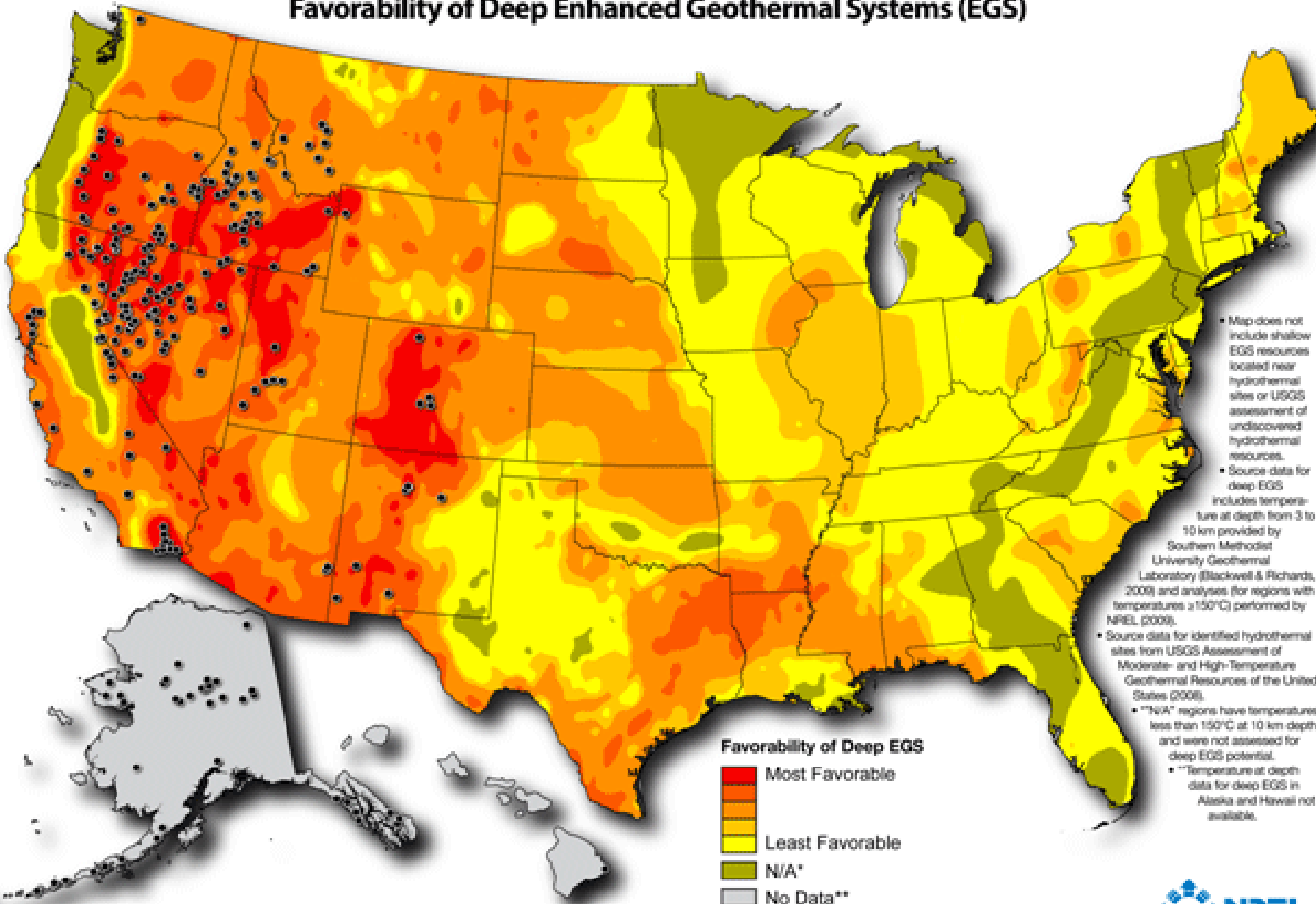






Geothermal Resource of the United States

Locations of Identified Hydrothermal Sites and Favorability of Deep Enhanced Geothermal Systems (EGS)



Favorability of Deep EGS

- Most Favorable
- Favorable
- Least Favorable
- N/A*
- No Data**

● Identified Hydrothermal Site (≥ 90°C)

- Map does not include shallow EGS resources located near hydrothermal sites or USGS assessment of undiscovered hydrothermal resources.
- Source data for deep EGS includes temperature at depth from 3 to 10 km provided by Southern Methodist University Geothermal Laboratory (Blackwell & Richards, 2008) and analyses (for regions with temperatures ≥ 150°C) performed by NREL (2009).
- Source data for identified hydrothermal sites from USGS Assessment of Moderate- and High-Temperature Geothermal Resources of the United States (2008).
- *N/A* regions have temperatures less than 150°C at 10 km depth and were not assessed for deep EGS potential.
- **Temperature at depth data for deep EGS in Alaska and Hawaii not available.

This map was produced by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory for the US Department of Energy. October 13, 2009 Author: Billy J. Roberts



Geothermal issues – Open vs. Closed systems

- Water use and contamination
- Air contamination
- Land use
- Emissions – Climate change

<https://www.ucsusa.org/resources/environmental-impacts-geothermal-energy>

PROS AND CONS of geothermal energy

PROS

Reliable source
of power



Small land footprint



Usable for large and
small-scale installations



CONS

Location dependent



High initial costs

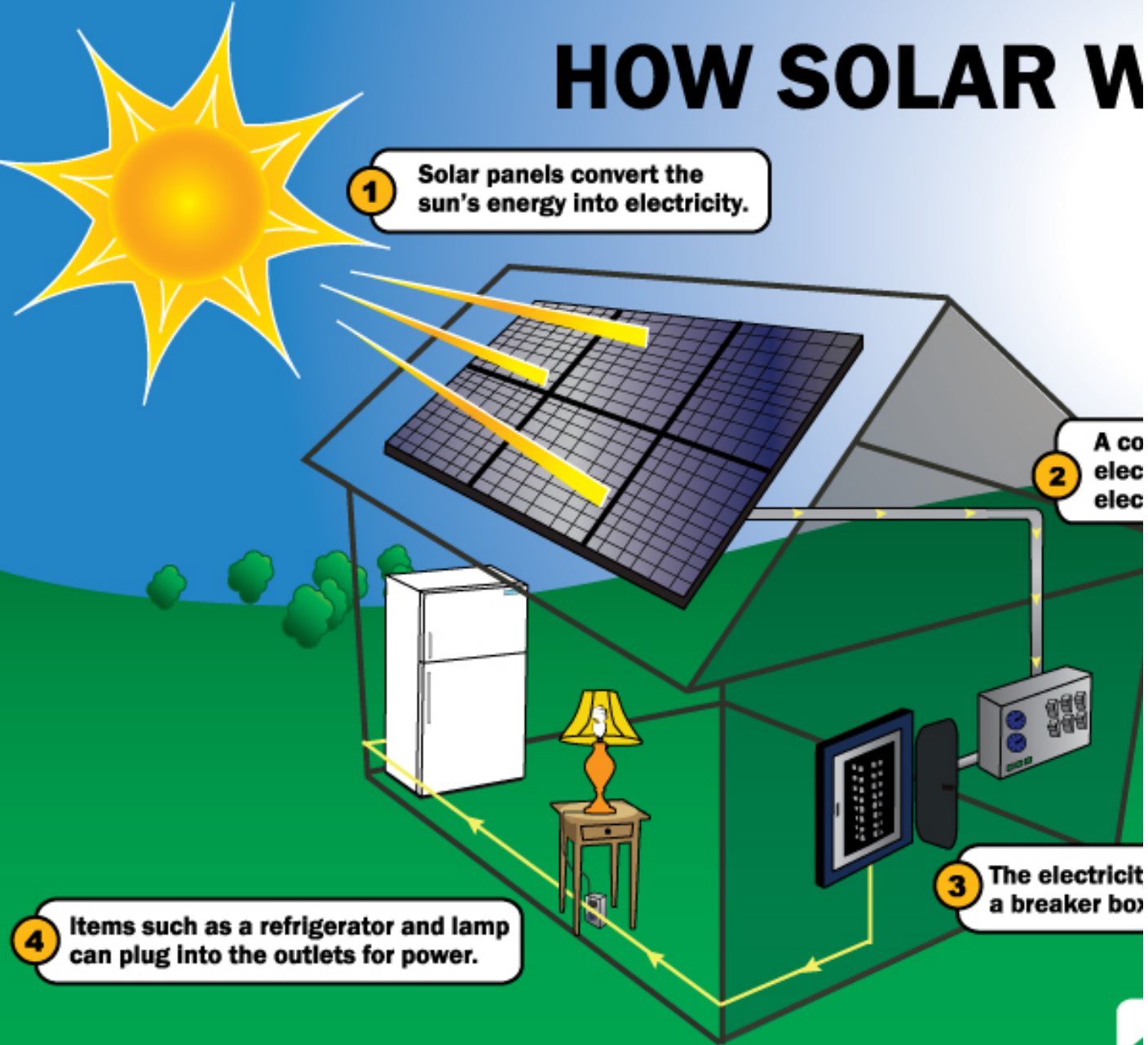


Surface instability



HOW SOLAR WORKS

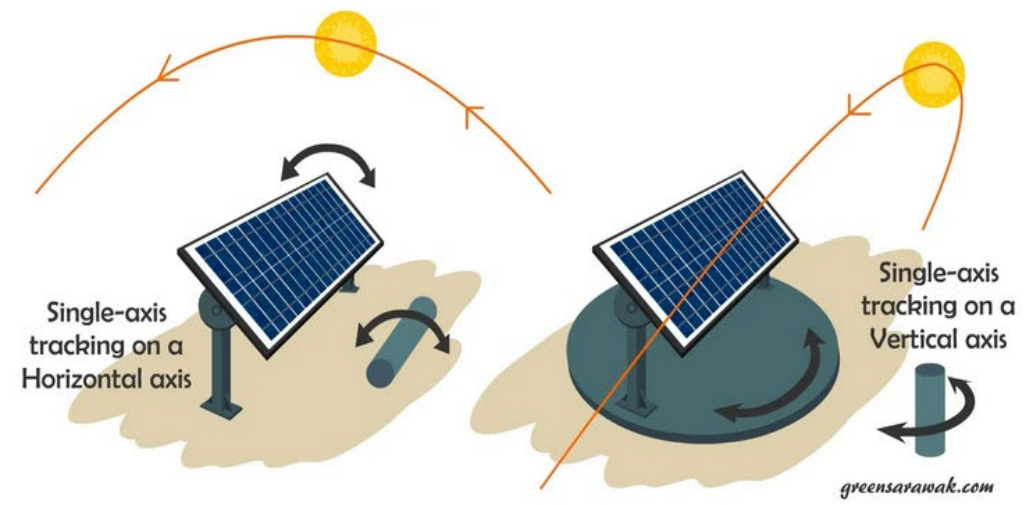
1 Solar panels convert the sun's energy into electricity.



2 A central breaker box distributes electricity to various outlets in the house.

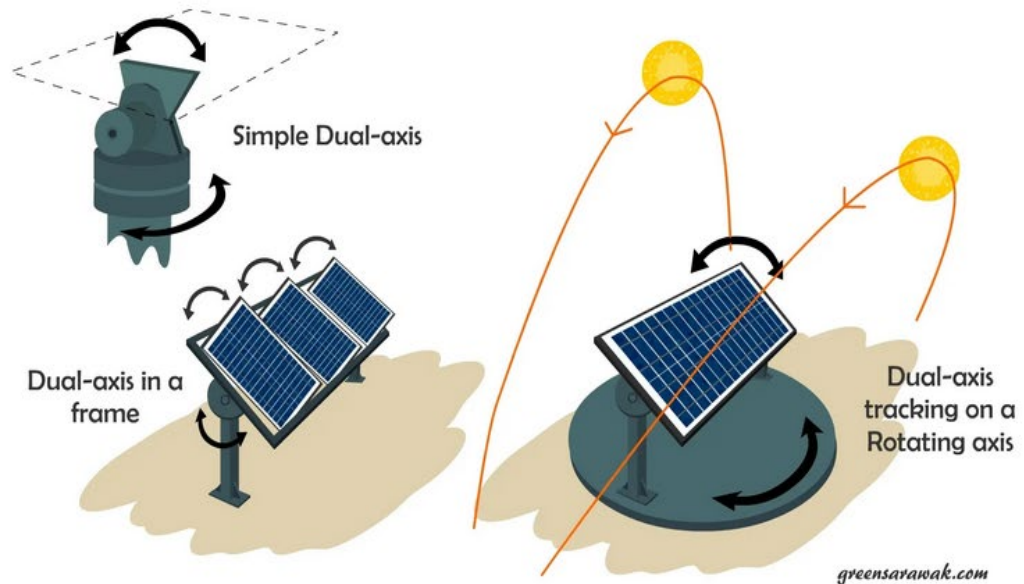
4 Items such as a refrigerator and lamp can plug into the outlets for power.

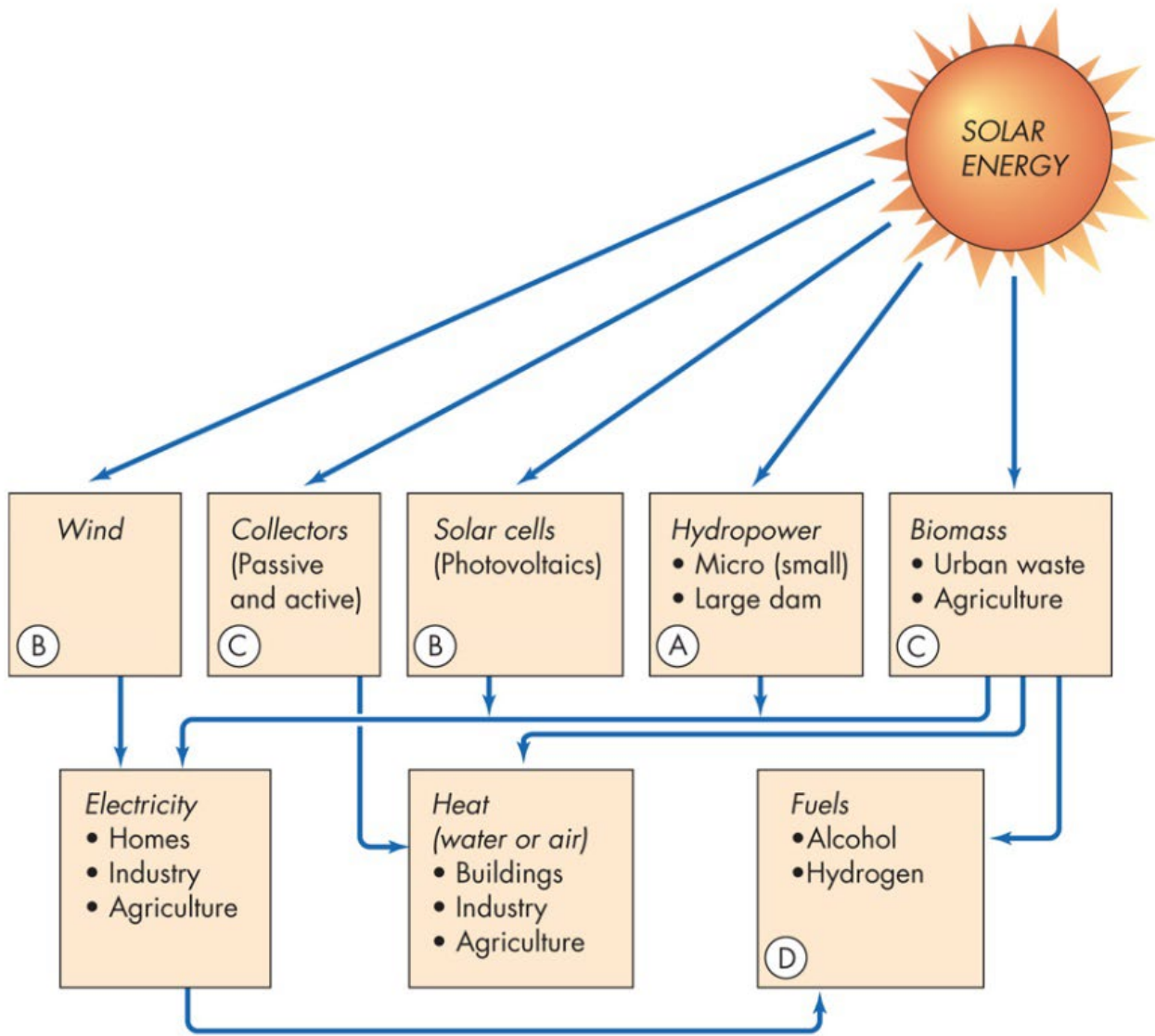
3 The electricity flows through a breaker box to various outlets in the house.



Dual axis solar tracker

This tracker not only tracks the sun as it moves east to west, but also follows it as it moves from north to south. Two axis trackers are more common among residential and small commercial solar projects that have limited space, so they can produce enough power to meet their energy needs.





- (A) Produces most electricity from renewable solar energy
- (B) Rapidly growing, strong potential; wind and solar are growing at 30% per year!
- (C) Used today; important energy source
- (D) Potentially a very important fuel to transition from fossil fuels





Tengger Desert Solar Park – 1500MW – China



Solar

- Resources - REEs
- Battery storage

Pros

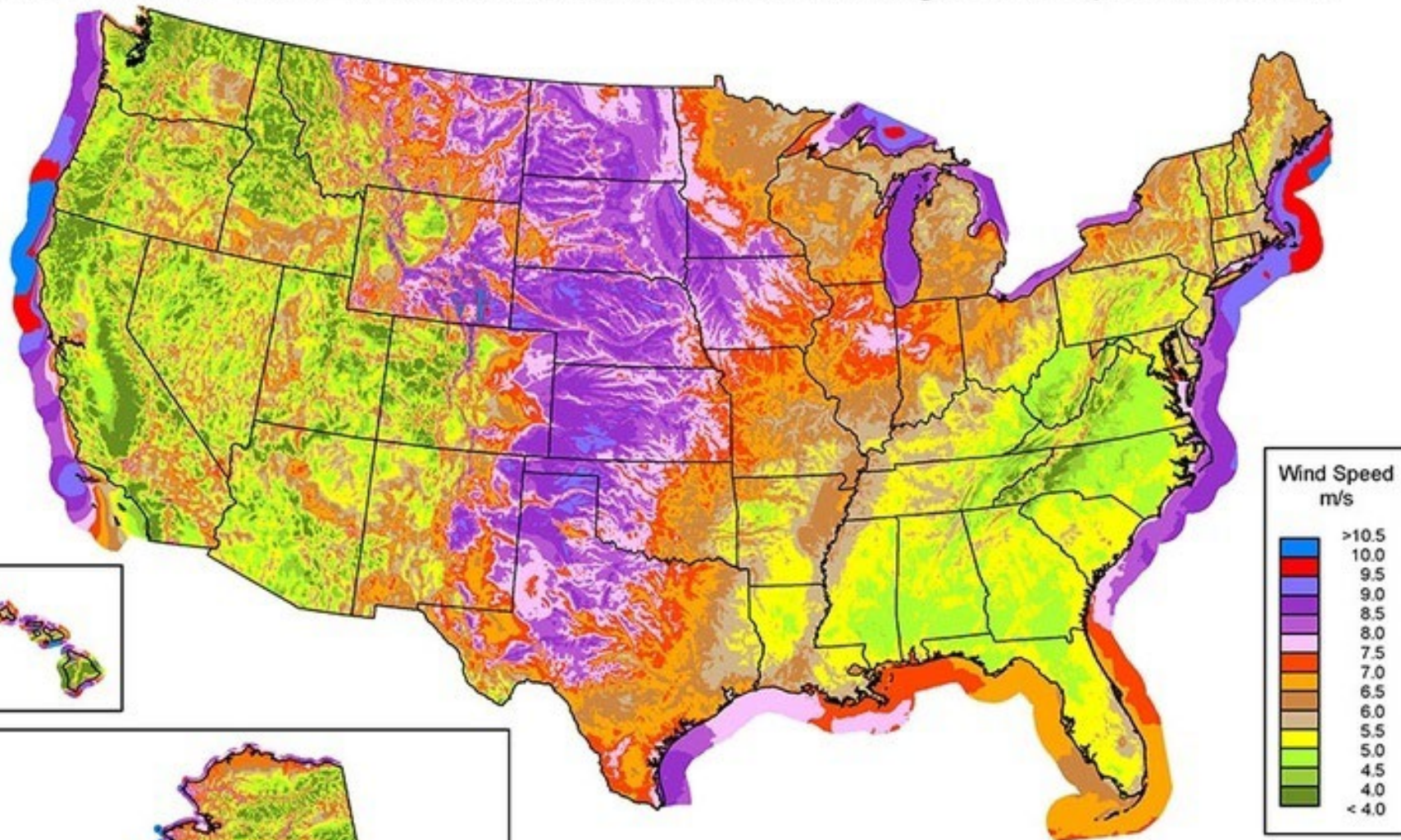
Free electricity
Freedom from rising utility rates
Adds value to your home
Lots of financing options available
Ease of use
Freedom Forever customers get
additional piece of mind



Cons

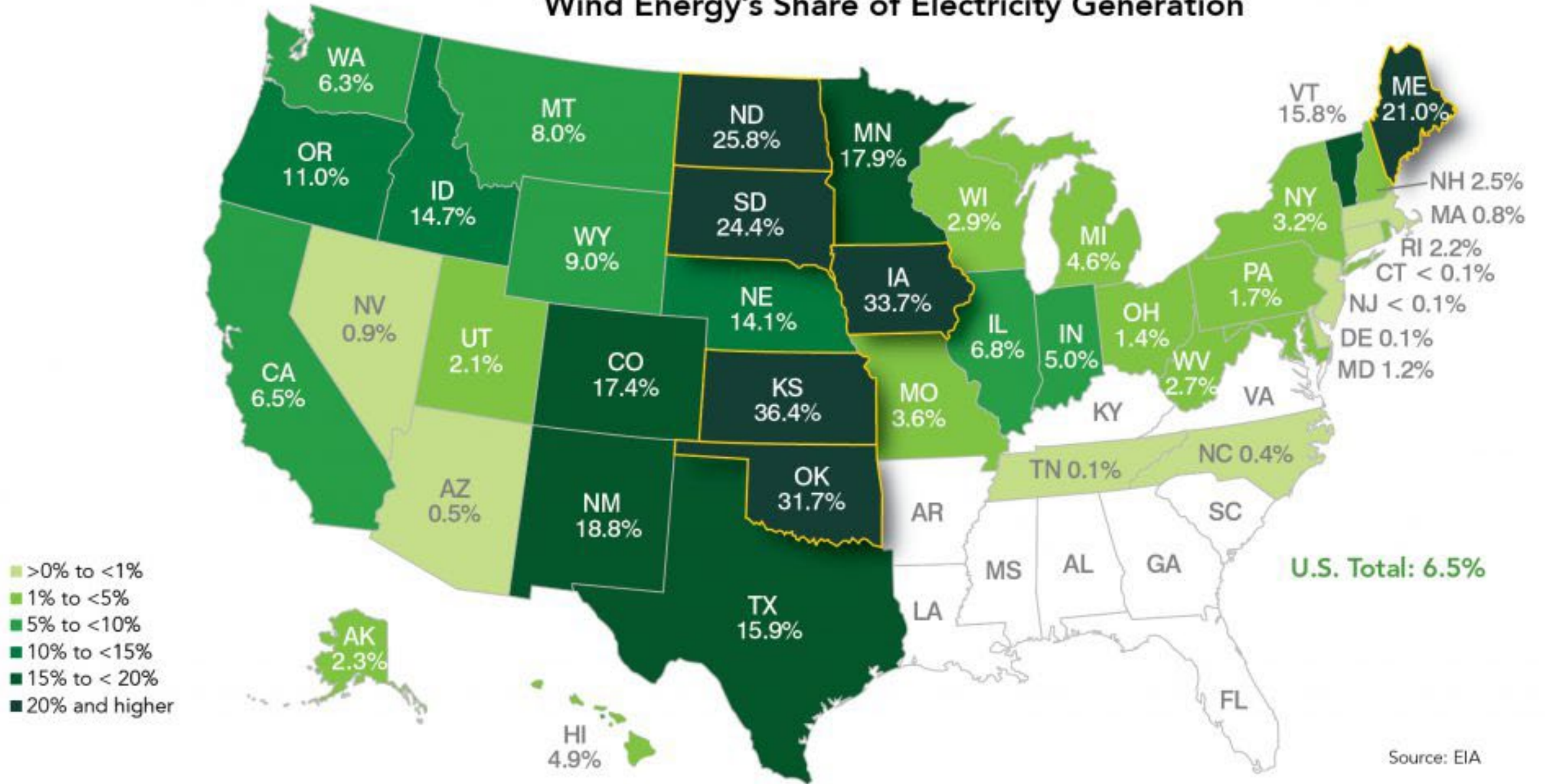
High upfront investment
Space requirements
Solar systems are hard to move

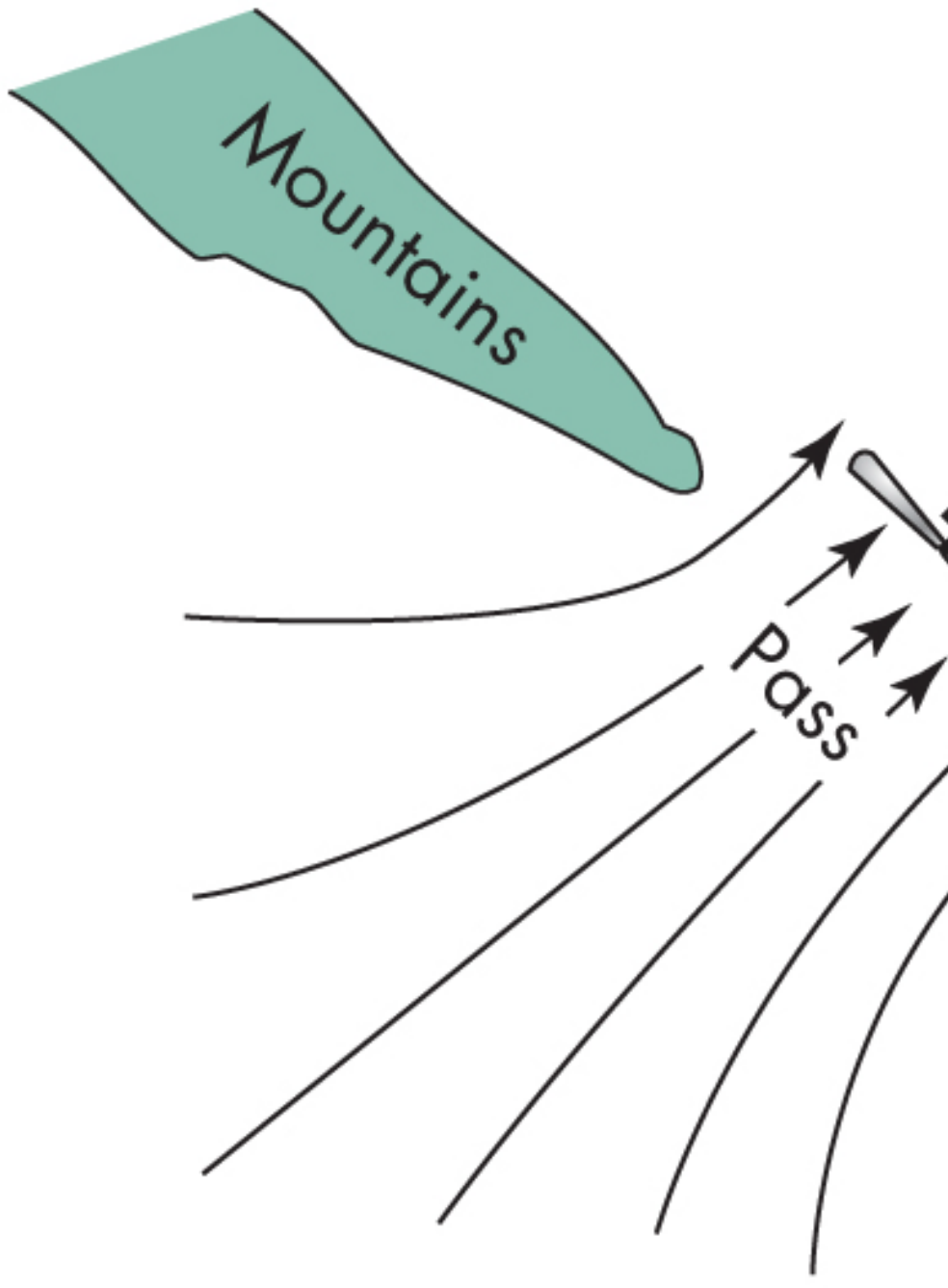
United States - Land-Based and Offshore Annual Average Wind Speed at 100 m



Source: Wind resource estimates developed by AWS Truepower, LLC. Web: <http://www.awstruepower.com>. Map developed by NREL. Spatial resolution of wind resource data: 2.0 km. Projection: Albers Equal Area WGS84.

Wind Energy's Share of Electricity Generation





Wind



PROS AND CONS of wind energy

PROS

Renewable & clean
source of energy



Low operating costs



Efficient use of
land space



CONS

Resources and
Recycling?



Intermittent



Noise and
visual pollution



Some adverse
environmental impact

Tama County farmer sues to stop new wind turbine projects



SAY

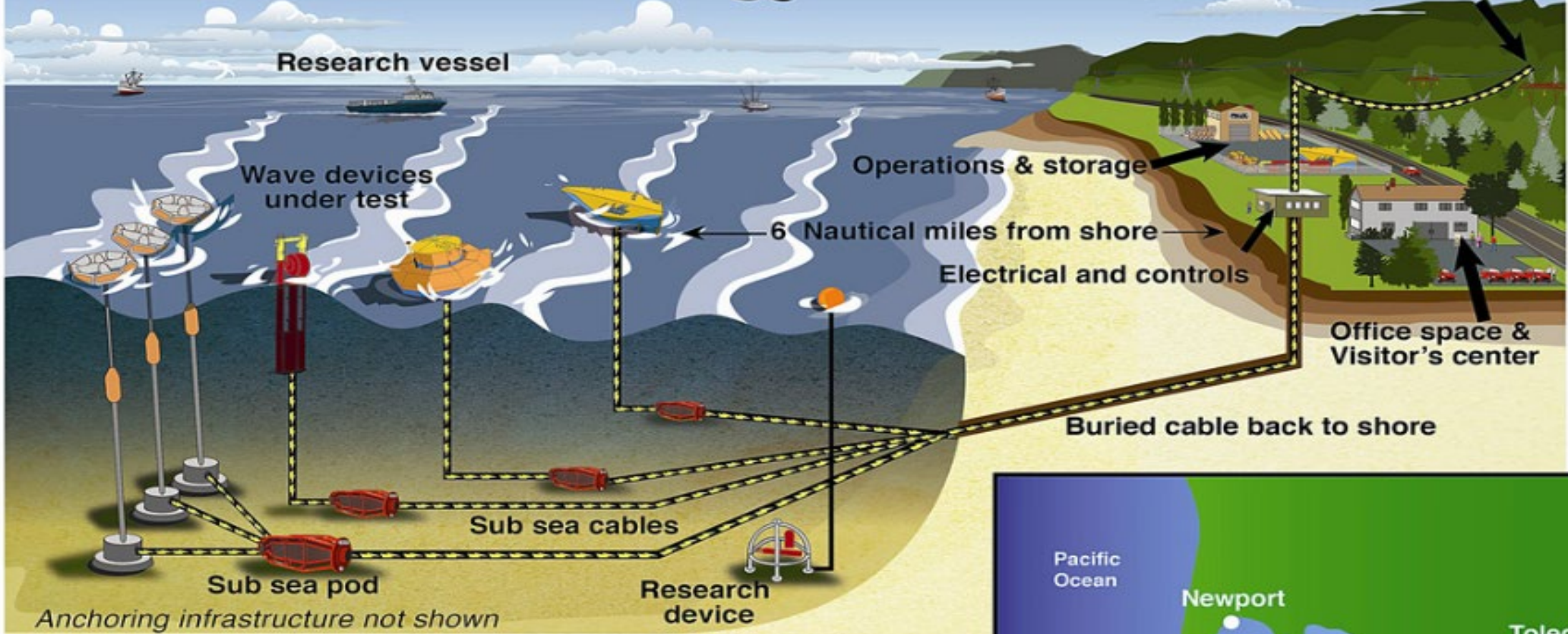
NO



 @ Tama County Against Turbines

- <https://iowacapitaldispatch.com/2022/07/11/tama-county-farmer-sues-to-stop-new-wind-turbine-projects>

Pacific Marine Energy Center





PROS AND CONS of hydropower

PROS

Renewable
source of energy



Pairs well with
other renewables



Can meet peak
electricity demand



CONS

Some adverse
environmental impact



Expensive up-front



Lack of
available reservoirs

