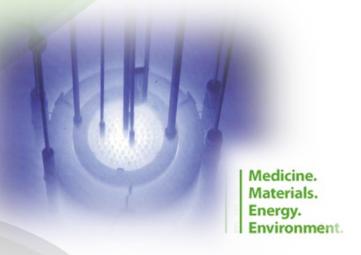


## Nuclear; the other clean energy



Neil Alexander, Executive Director



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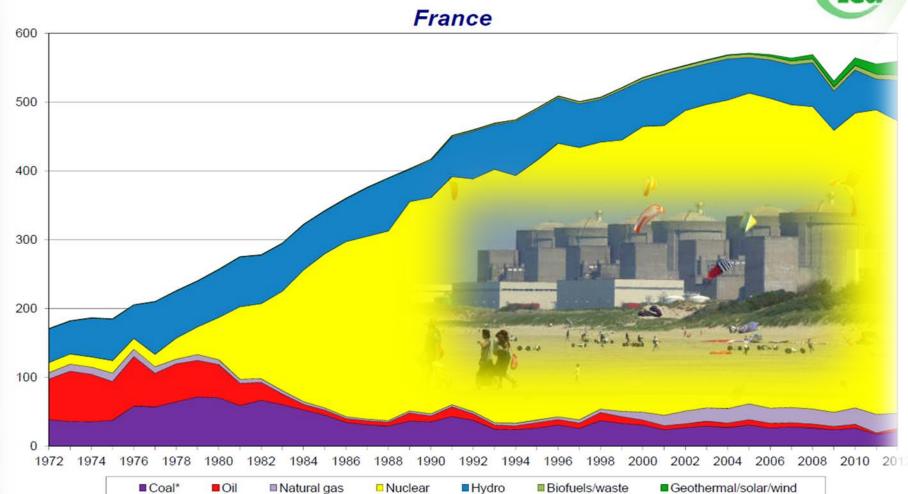






Statistics on the web: http://www.iea.org/statistics

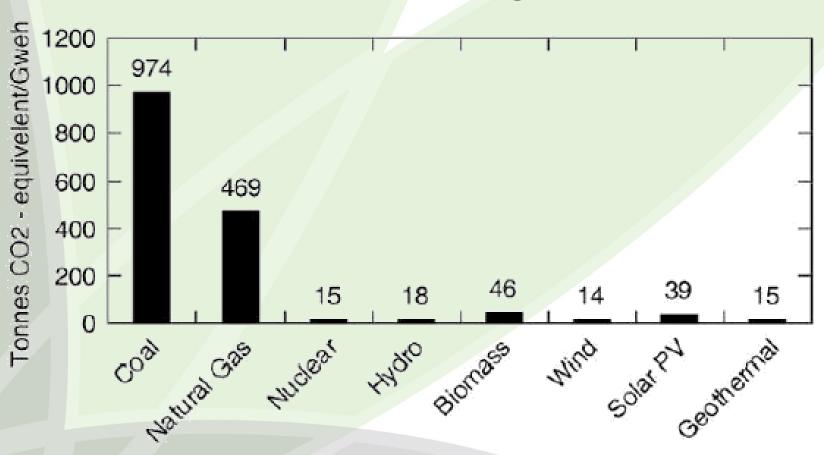
#### Electricity generation by fuel



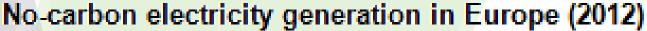
<sup>\*</sup> In this graph, peat and oil shale are aggregated with coal, when relevant.



## Lifecycle Emissions for Various Electricity Generation Technologies











### percent of no-carbon generation

81% - 100%

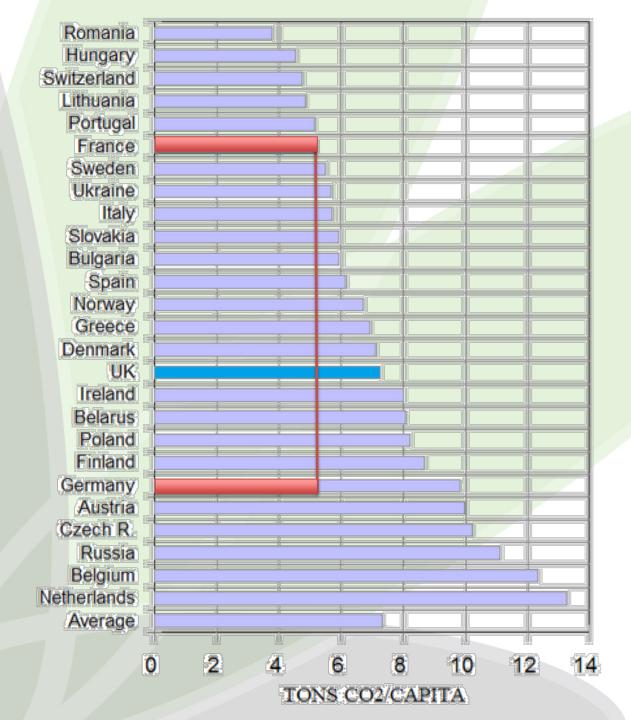
61% - 80%

41% - 60%

21% - 40%

0% - 20%

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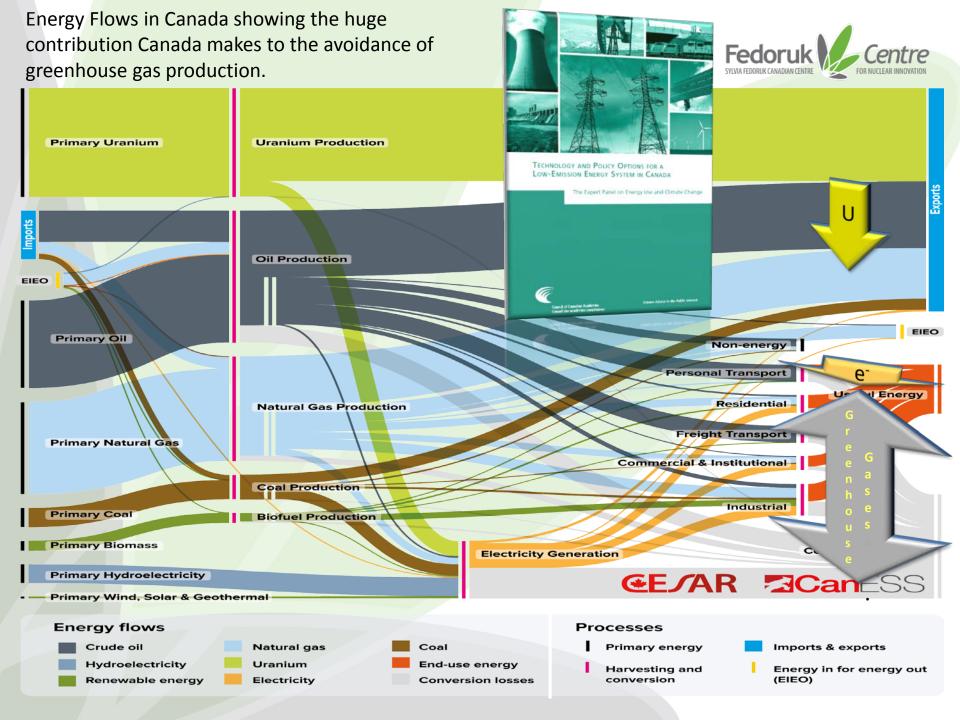












## Do we have a problem?



Global warming: 2015 and 2016 will be hottest years ever as climate change grips Earth



By Callum Paton September 14, 2015 08:53 BST



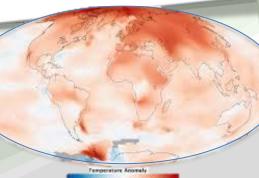






2015 and 2016 could be the hottest years on record according to the Met office, as changes to climate systems, particularly in the Pacific and the Atlantic, increase the effects of global warming. The Earth's surface temperature already looks set to break records for 2015 and is running well over the global average for 1981-2010. The predictions are in keeping with the Met office's forecast in 2014, the hottest on record, of temperatures looking set to increase.

office's forecast in 2014, the hottest on running well over the global average for warming. The Earth's surface temperal



WWF: Oceans turned into watery deserts as half of marine life wiped out in 40 years



By Sean Martin September 16, 2015 12:14 BST









Climate change, pollution and over-fishing has devastated ocean life (André Künzelmann/UFZ)

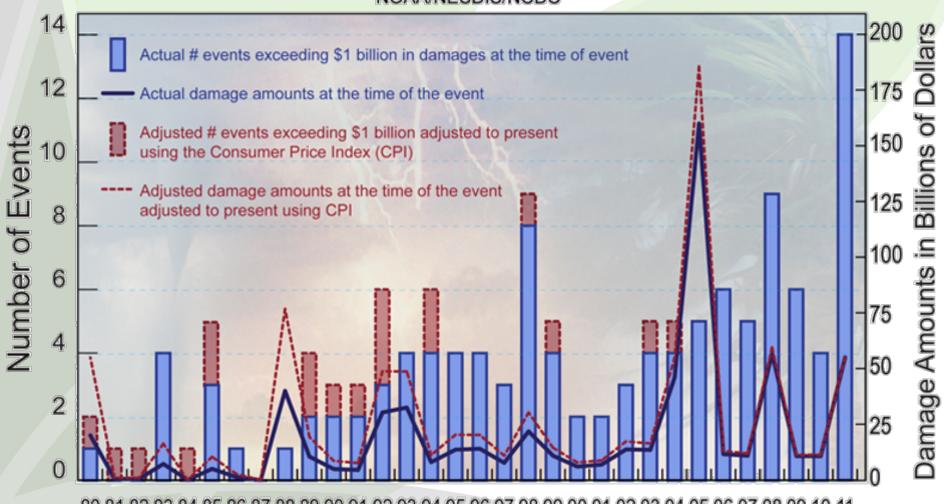
Climate change and human interference has taken its devastating toll on ocean life as 49% of marine populations have been wiped out in the past 42 years, according to a new report. The World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and Zoological Society of London study revealed that as global warming worsens and "over-exploiting fisheries" continues, the situation will only be exacerbated.

Yes we do!

#### Billion Dollar Weather/Climate Disasters

1980 - 2011 NOAA/NESDIS/NCDC

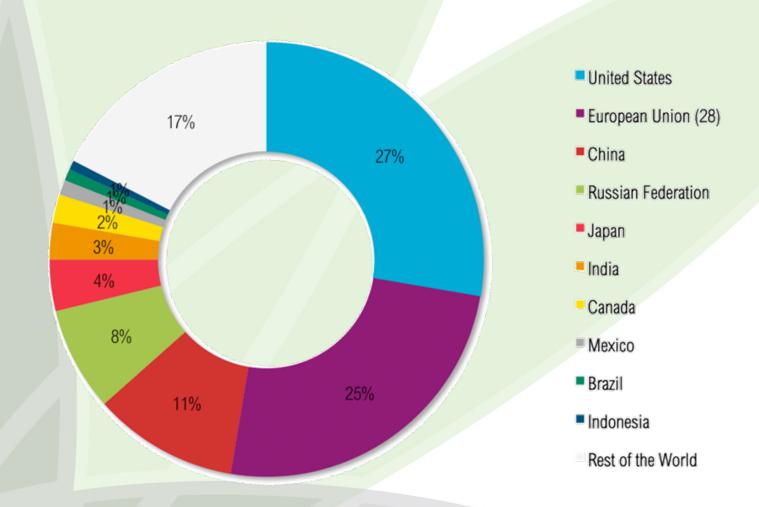




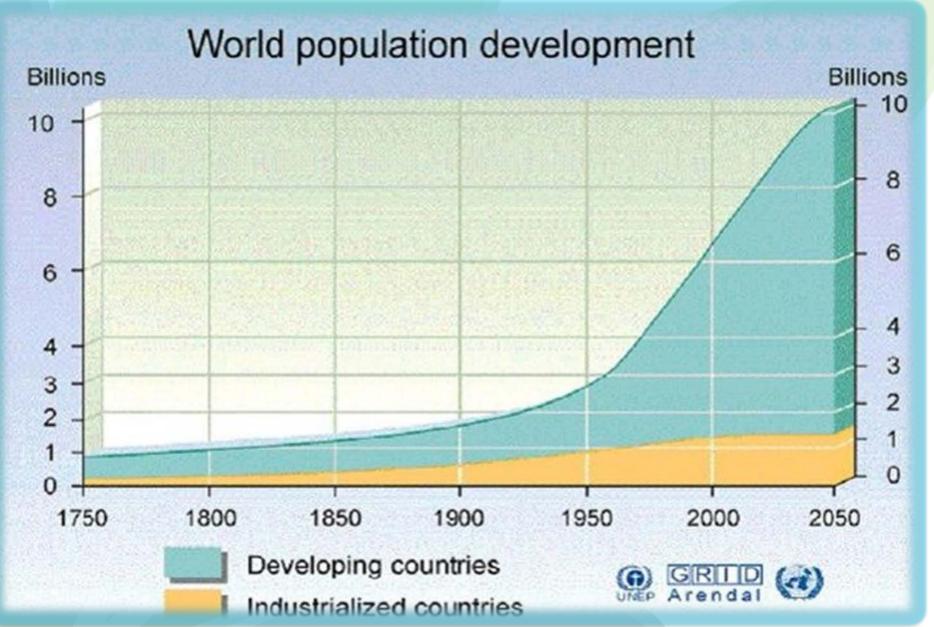
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#### Cumulative CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions 1850–2011 (% of World Total)



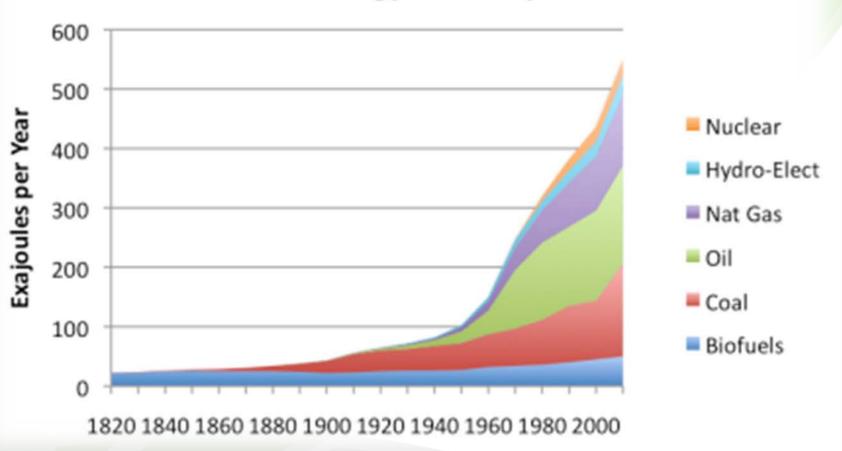






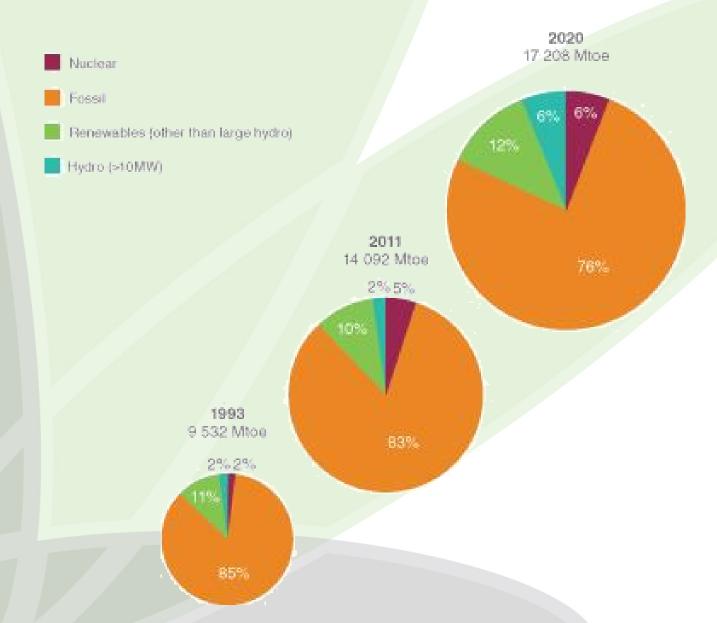


## **World Energy Consumption**

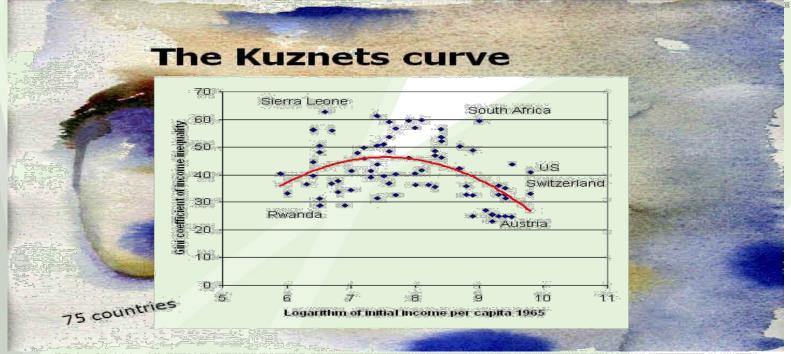


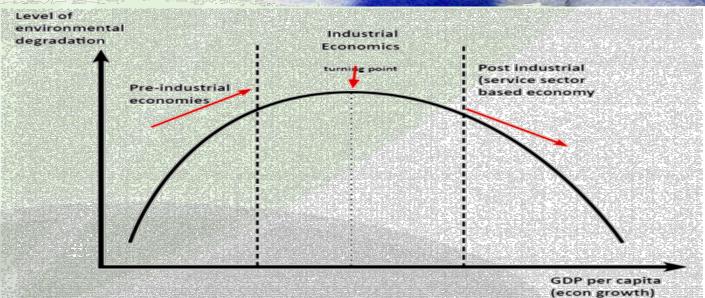
#### Energy by source history and projected.



















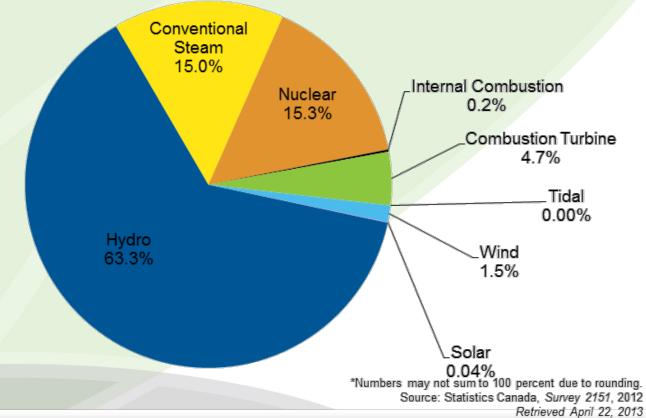






# Electricity Generation in Canada by Fuel Type, 2012

Total Electricity Generated in Canada, 2012 = 594.9 TWh



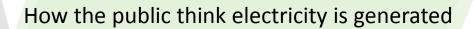












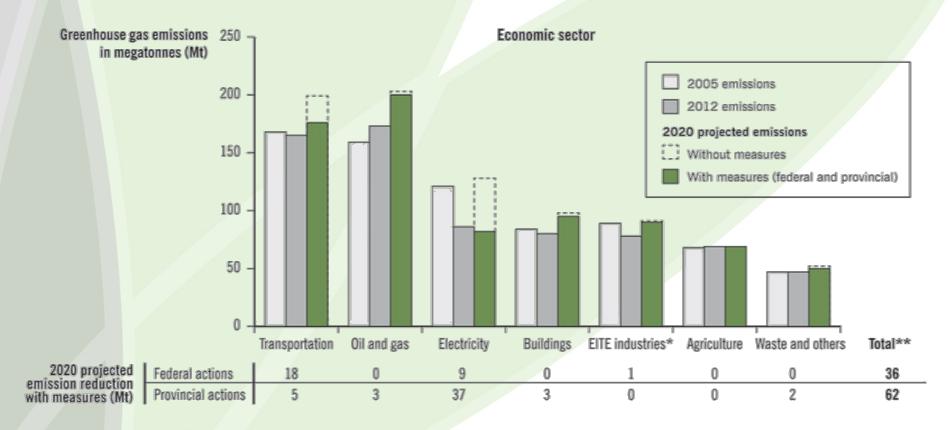






#### CANADA'S GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

Current federal measures are projected to have little effect on Canada's emissions by 2020.

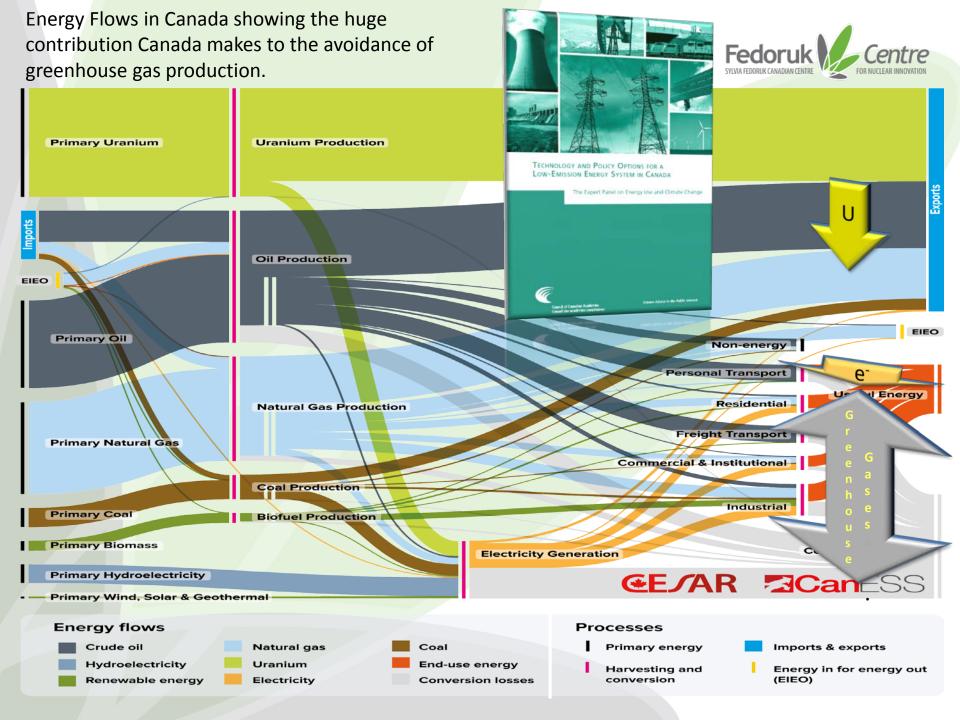


<sup>\*</sup>EITE: emission-intensive trade-exposed industries \*\* Total emission reductions also include cross-cutting measures, which are estimated to be 8 Mt at the federal level, and 13 Mt at the provincial level. Cross-cutting measures are measures that affect more than one sector, such as the federal eco-efficiency programs or British Columbia's carbon tax.

#### Canadian CO2 production

















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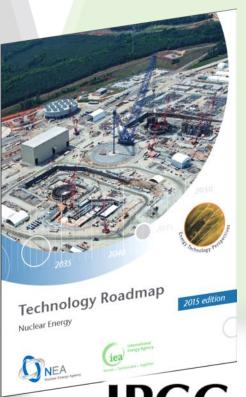
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#### **Key findings:**

- · Nuclear power is the largest source of low-carbon electricity in OECD countries and second at global level. Nuclear can play a key role in lowering emissions from the power sector, while improving security of energy supply, supporting fuel diversity and providing large-scale electricity at stable production costs.
- In the 2D scenario, global installed capacity would need to more than double from current levels of 396 GW to reach 930 GW in 2050, with nuclear power representing 17% of global electricity production.







"The life cycle GHG emissions per kWh from nuclear power plants are two orders of magnitude lower **IINEP** than those of fossil-fuelled electricity generation and comparable to most renewables ... Hence it is an effective GHG mitigation option, especially by way of investments in the lifetime extension of existing plants."



Image courtesy of CNN

MIT Atmospheric Scientist Kerry Emanuel-along with climate and energy scientists James Hansen, Ken Caldeira, and Tom Wigley -released an open letter Sunday calling on world leaders to support development of safer nuclear power systems.

"... there is no credible path to climate stabilization that does not include a substantial role for nuclear power."



#### 5 reasons why we are backing Hinkley Point C

First published:

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Climate change international action and UK energy security

5 reasons why we are backing Hinkley Point C, as part of our plan to tackle a legacy of underinvestment in the UK's energy infrastructure and build a system fit for the 21st century.



- ✓ Only proven continuous power low carbon technology
- Jobs
- Cost competitive
- Achieves climate change objectives

12 March 2016

- · New nuclear is the only proven low carbon technology that can provide continuous power, irrespective of whether the wind is blowing and the sun is shining, giving hardworking families and businesses year-round
- · Hinkley will give a boost to our energy supply and our economy, bringing in billions of pounds of investment into the UK and creating 25,000 jobs during construction. This is about British security and British jobs.
- · Hinkley will power close to six million homes, twice as many as the whole of London, for nearly 60 years, providing 7% of UK electricity. There is no question that new-nuclear is cost competitive. Offshore wind cleared at over £110 / MWh in the last auction for renewables. New gas could cost around £65 / MWh and new-nuclear has all the advantages of providing low carbon, baseload power for decades. In addition, we're getting 60 years of power from Hinkley but we're only paying for 35.
- · Hinkley will be safe. It will need to comply with the UK's robust nuclear regulations (overseen by the independent Office for Nuclear Regulation) - one of the most stringent and safest in the world.
- · Hinkley will be a significant step forward in our transition to a low-carbon future, a milestone in our efforts to reduce emissions and to meet our climate change commitments in the most cost-effective way.

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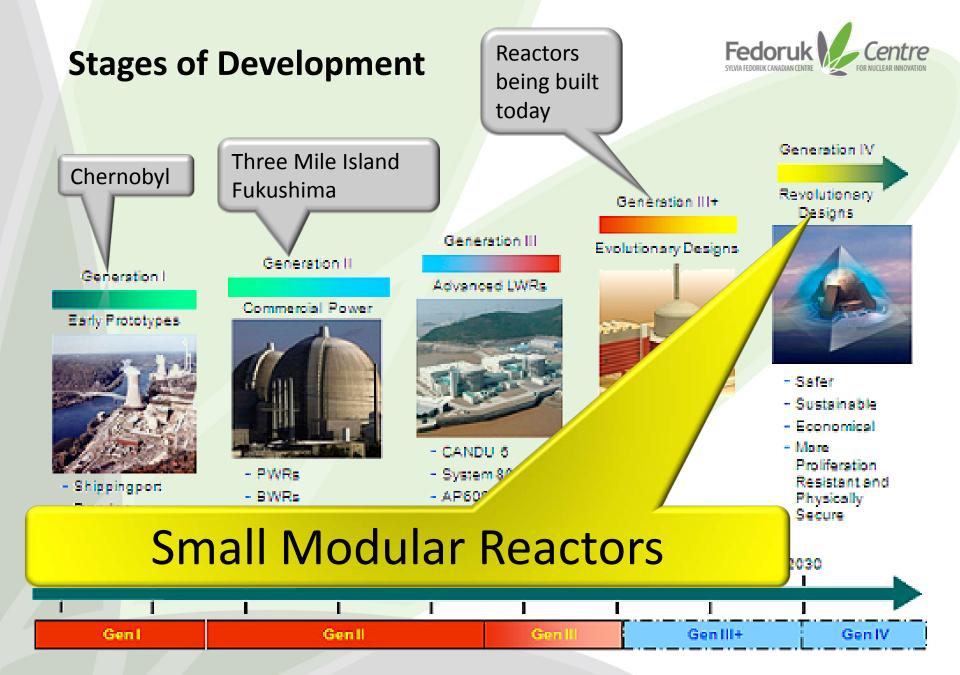




3 February 2016 — News story

#### World's largest offshore wind farm to be built in the UK

DONG Energy confirms a positive Final Investment Decision for Hornsea One offshore windfarm off the coast of Grimsby in Northern England







**Based in Corealis Oregon** – but supply chain not established yet

**Thermal capacity** – 160 MWt

**Electrical capacity** – > 50MWe (gross)

Capacity factor – >95 percent

**Dimensions** – 80' x 15' cylindrical containment vessel module containing reactor and steam generator

Weight - ~ 650 tons as shipped from fabrication shop

Transportation – Barge, truck or train

**Cost** – Numerous advantages due to simplicity, off-the-shelf standard items, modular design, shorter construction times, <\$5,000/KW

**Fuel** – Standard LWR fuel in 17 x 17 configuration, each assembly 2 meters (~ 6 ft) in length; 24-month refueling cycle with fuel enriched less than 4.95 percent







- Montreal registered
- Triso fuelled High Temperature Gas (helium) Cooled Reactor
- 10MWe per unit
- Fuel remains intact at highest temperature if all coolant lost

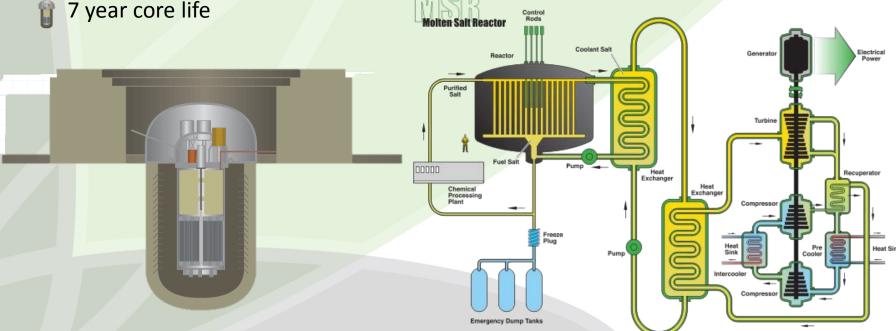
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# **TERRESTRIAL**

- Mississauga HQ
- Integrated Molten Salt Reactor
- Scaleable 80-600MWth
- **Atmospheric Pressure**
- 7 year core life

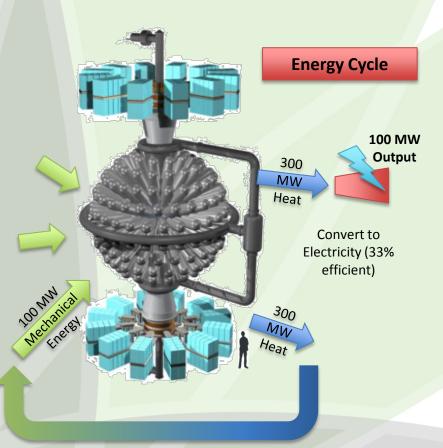


Aircraft Reactor Experiment ORNL





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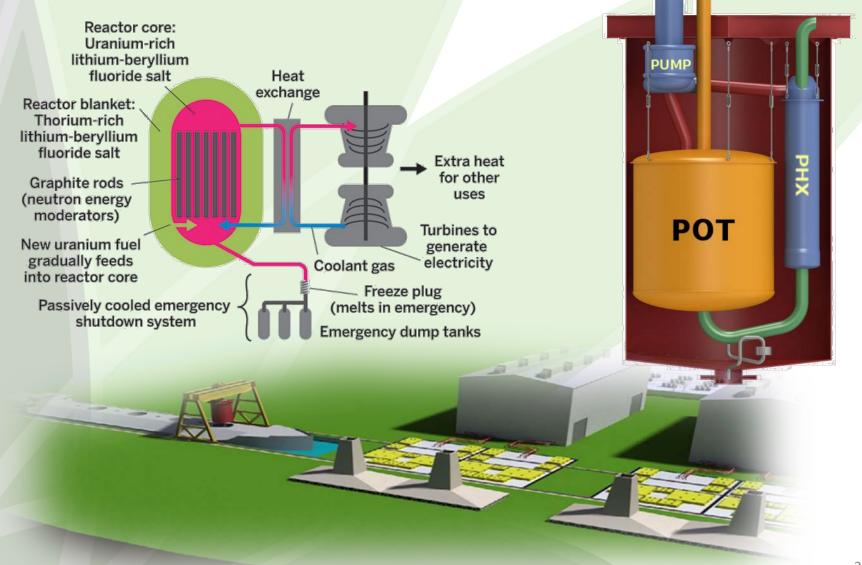


Convert to Mechanical Energy (33% efficient)

- Modular 100 MWe power plant
- Heat converted to electricity with a straightforward steam turbine
- Capital cost of plant: ~\$1,900/kW
  - Fuel only \$0.00001/kWh
  - Limited fuel use each year: deuterium (18 kg/yr) & lithium (60 kg/yr)
- Levelized cost: ~\$0.07/kWh
- Balance of plant similar to coal generation

## ThorCon Power







## **Electricity Generating Plants**



56% have Capacities below 50 Mwe

20% Less than 1 MWe

#### **Community Energy Units**

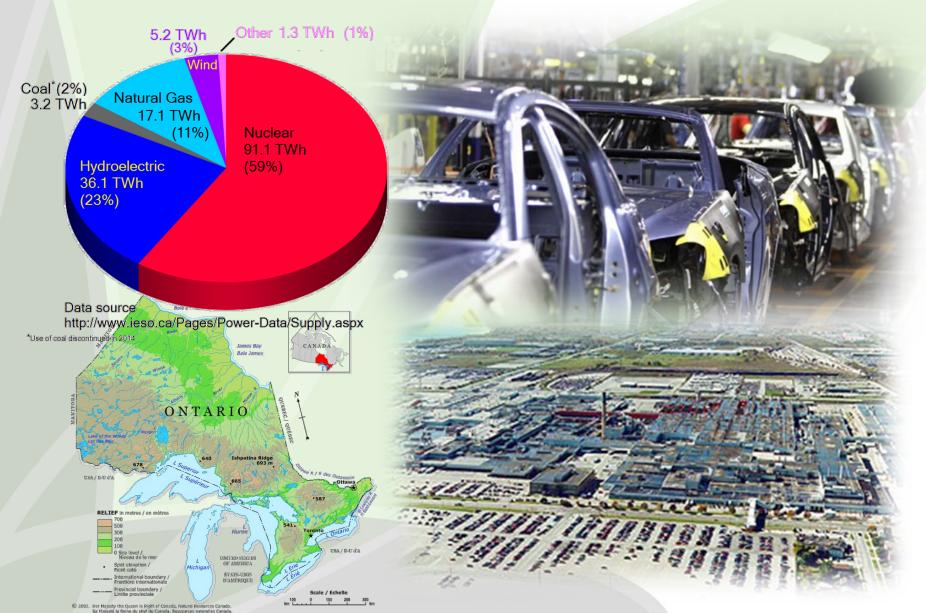






### An economy built on Nuclear power





# The 4 wins for Canada





True Climate change leadership



A real contribution to developing nations



A new "knowledge economy" with massive export potential



Increased sales of natural resources.

### Overall Impression of Nuclear Power in Saskatchewan

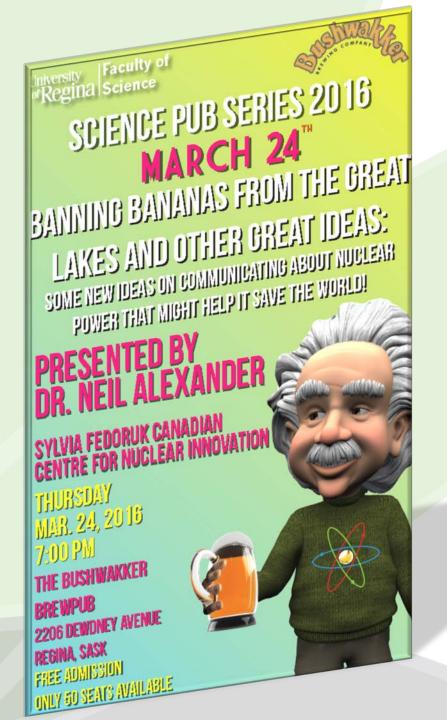
Percentage of those expressing an opinion



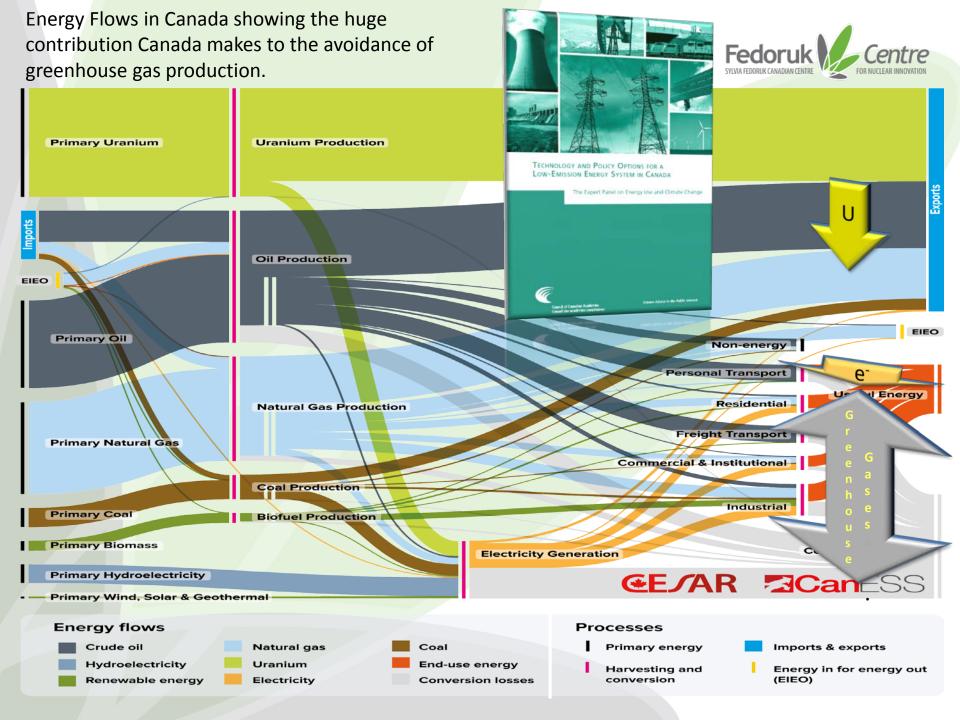


Mainly Negative Mainly Positive

**Entirely Positive** 

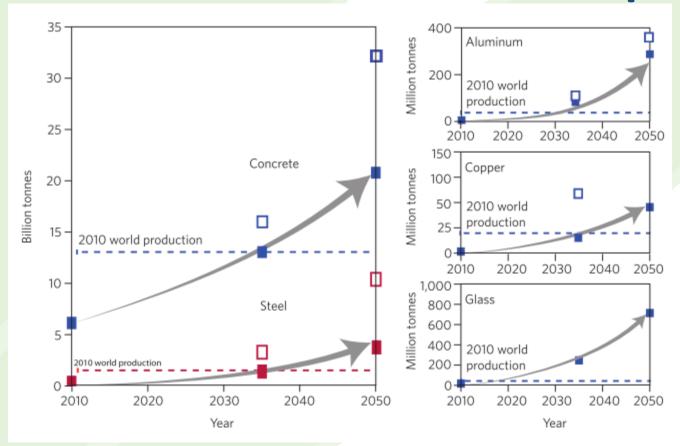








# Renewable: Non-renewable inputs



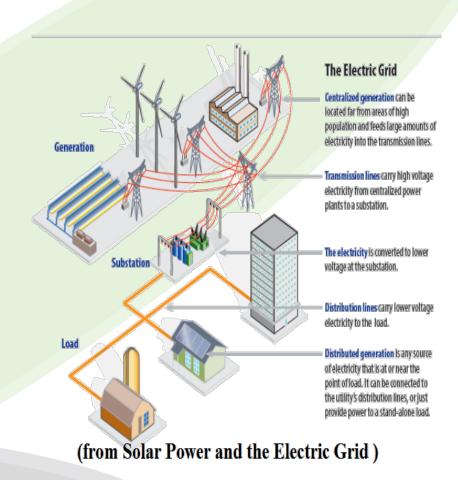
Vidal, Goffé and Arndt (2013)



### Sustainable

### Balance between criteria:

- ✓ Environmental impacts across lifecycle
- ✓ Economic growth
- ✓ Safety, health and wellbeing
- √ Social acceptance
- ✓ Global development



# Sustainable = Diverse





NEI, 2015

# It's not easy being clean

















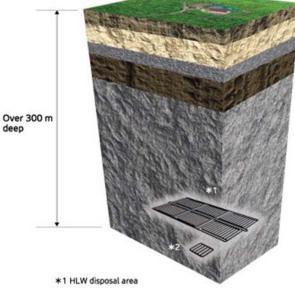












\*2 TRU waste disposal area

### Who wouldn't want to be green?







# Renewable: time scale



England 90 % forest in 1000 BC



England <17 % forest in AD 1500



Easter Island



# Renewable: Other environmental impacts



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## Clean, Green and Renewable are adjectives

Sustainable is an objective

### **Mental Associations**





cancer as

a malignant growth or tur uncontrolled cell division

growth or tumor.





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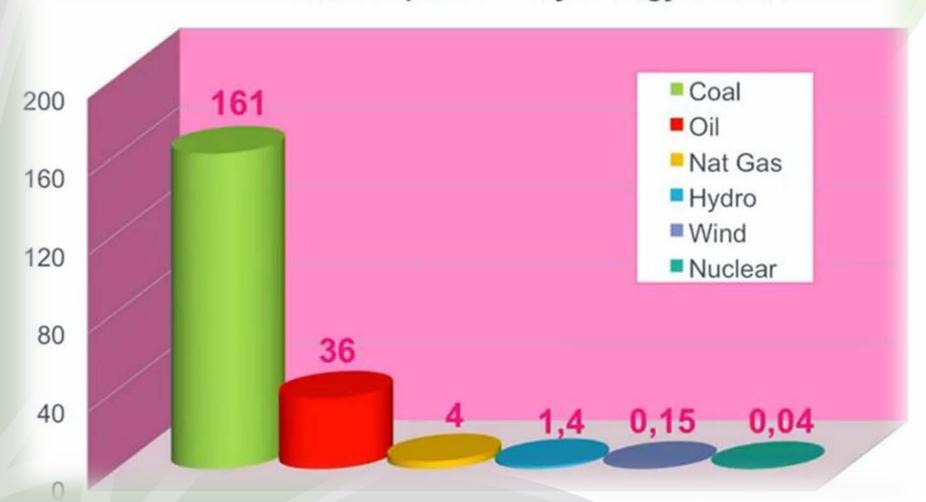
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