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The background image shows a close-up of a solar collector panel. The panel is a light blue-grey color with a grid of small rectangular cells. A vertical pipe extends upwards from the center of the panel, and a circular opening is visible at the bottom center. The sun is reflecting off the panel, creating a bright glare.

Sustainable Energy Systems

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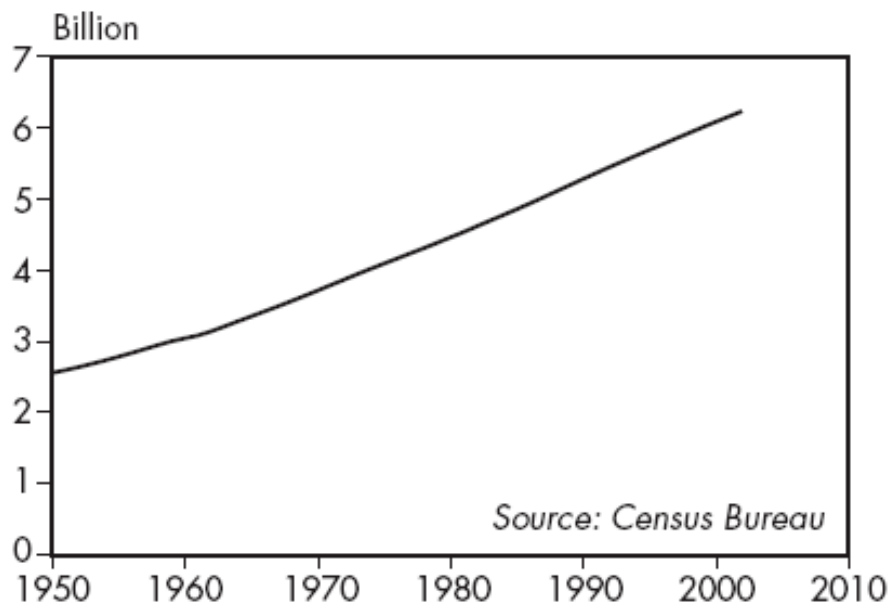
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Why Sustainable Energy Systems?

1. Limited quantity of Fossil Fuels;
2. Energy security (local instead of centralised / external systems)
3. Global warming (fossil fuel burning = carbon dioxide concentrations rising = carbon dioxide increasing the greenhouse effect = increasing average global temperatures)
4. Pollution of the environment

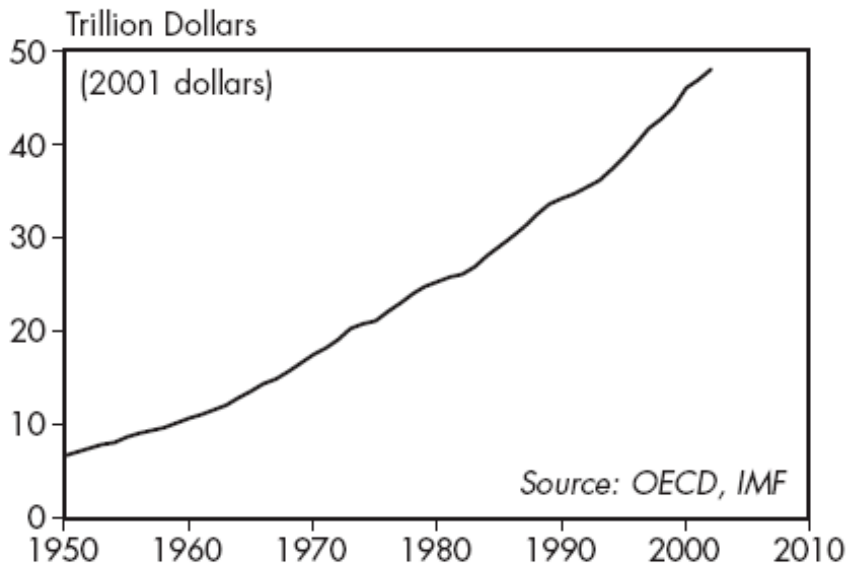
World population

Source: World Watch Institute



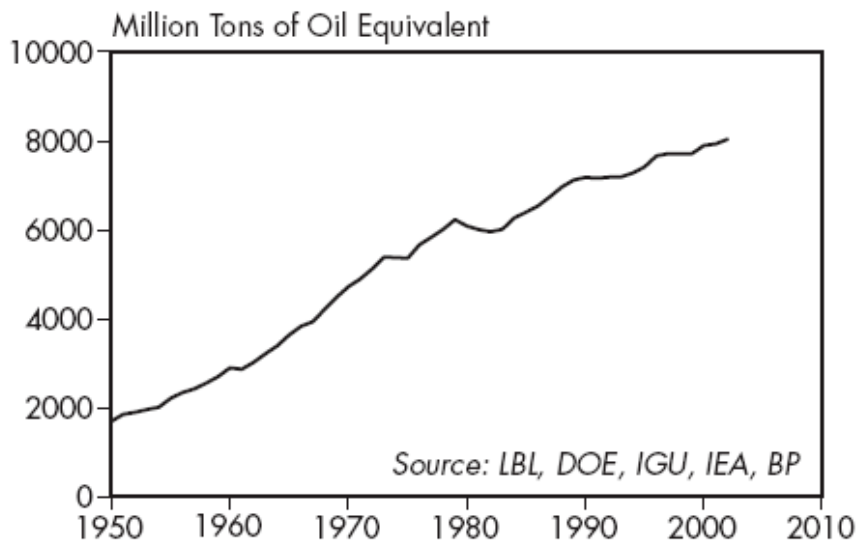
Gross World Product

Source: World Watch Institute



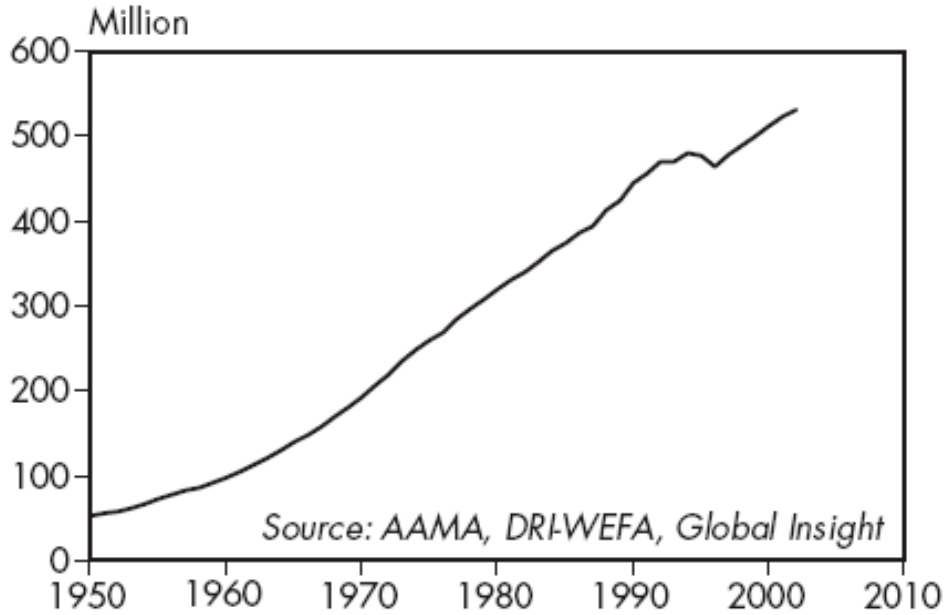
World fossil fuel consumption

Source: World Watch Institute



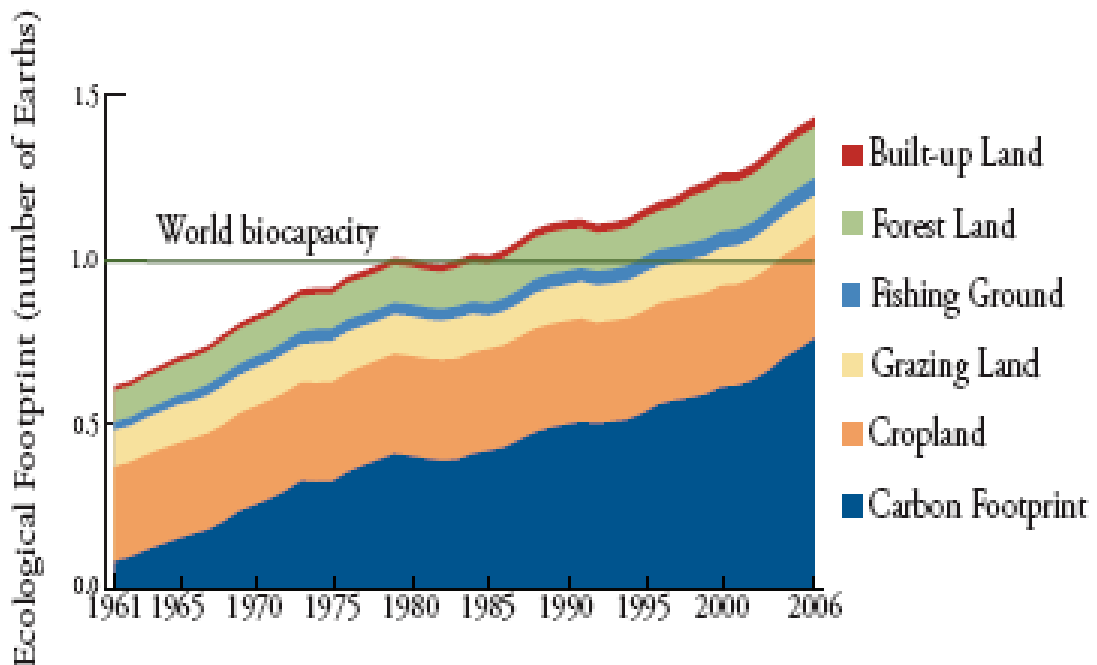
World passenger car fleet

Source: World Watch Institute



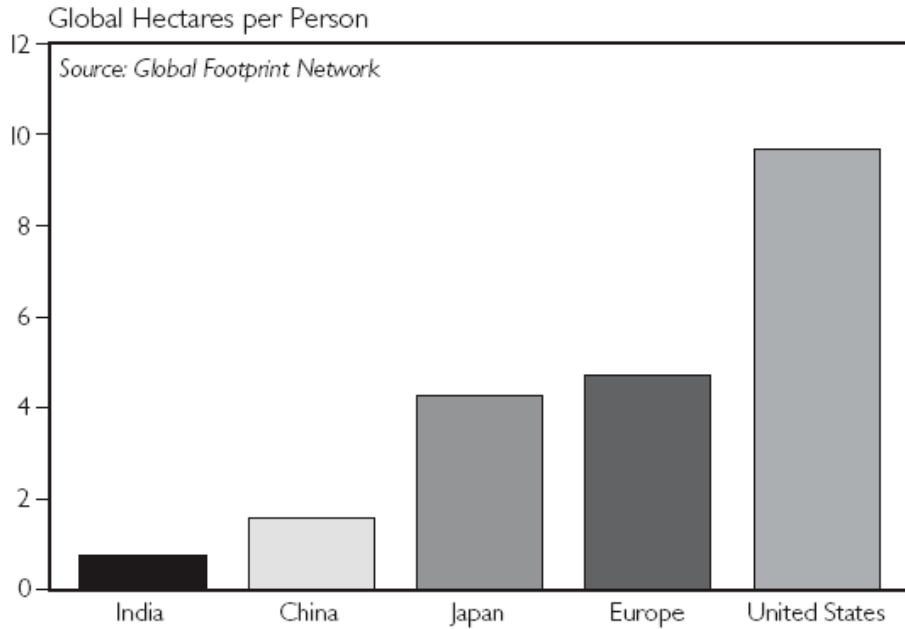
Global Footprint

Source: Global Footprint Network

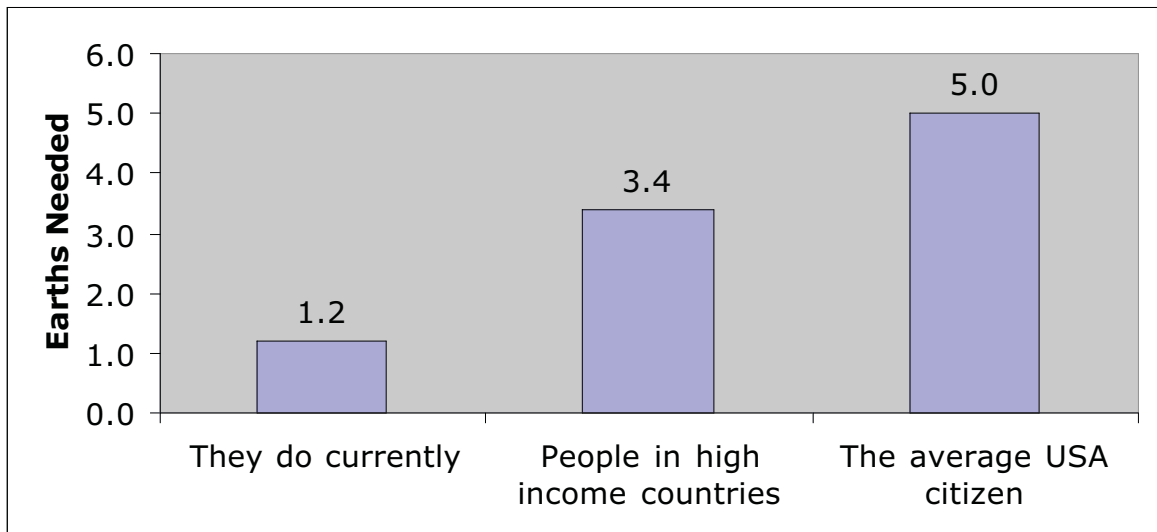


Global Hectares per person

Source: World Watch Institute



Number of earths needed if everyone consumed like. . .

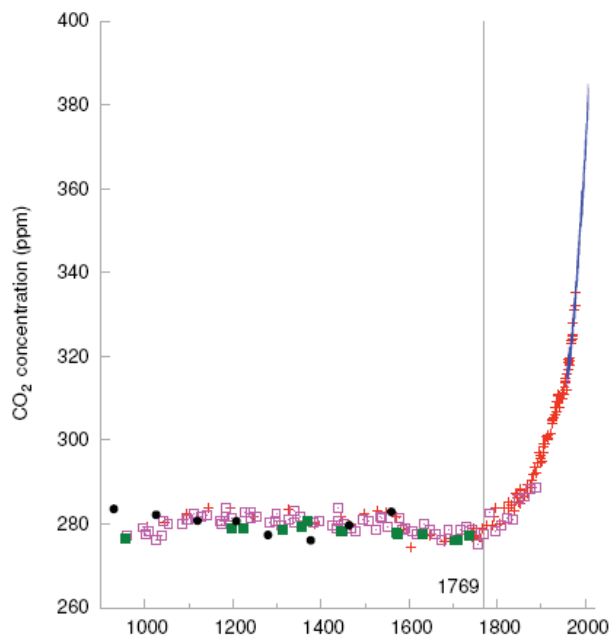


Not to speak of...the water crisis.....



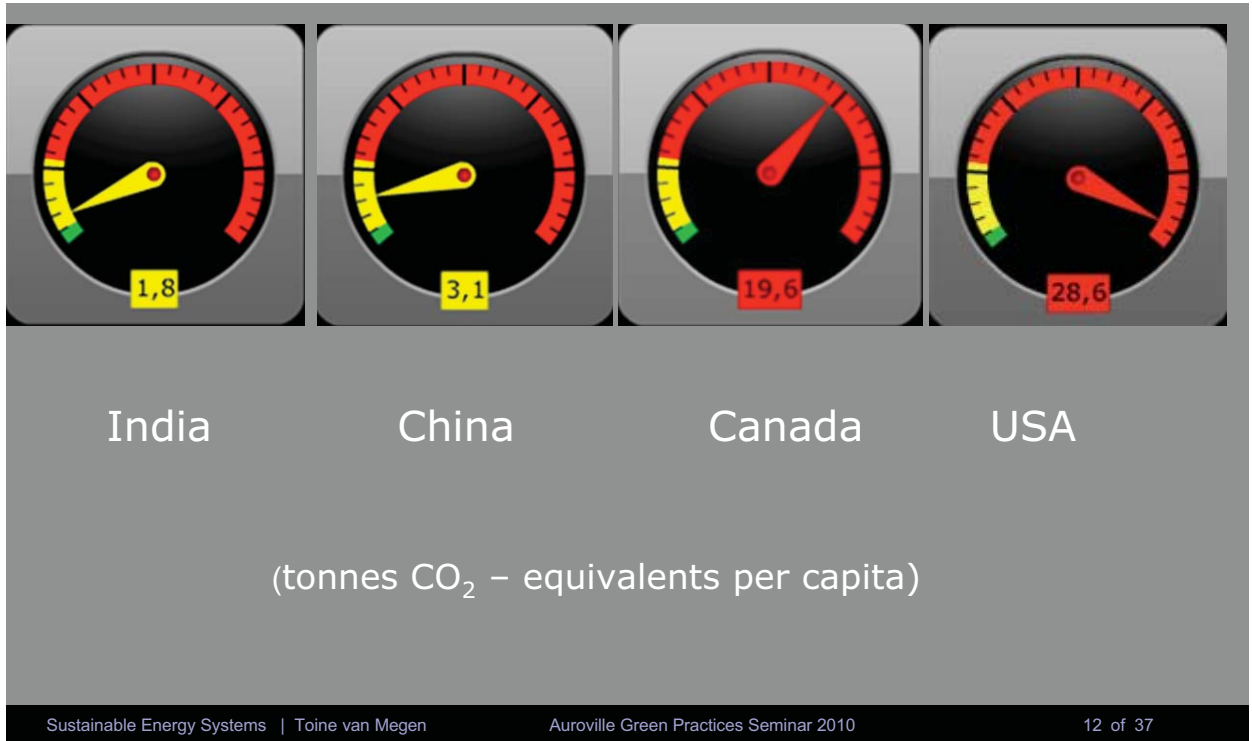
Carbon dioxide (CO₂) concentrations (in parts per million) for the last 1100 years

Source: David JC MacKay

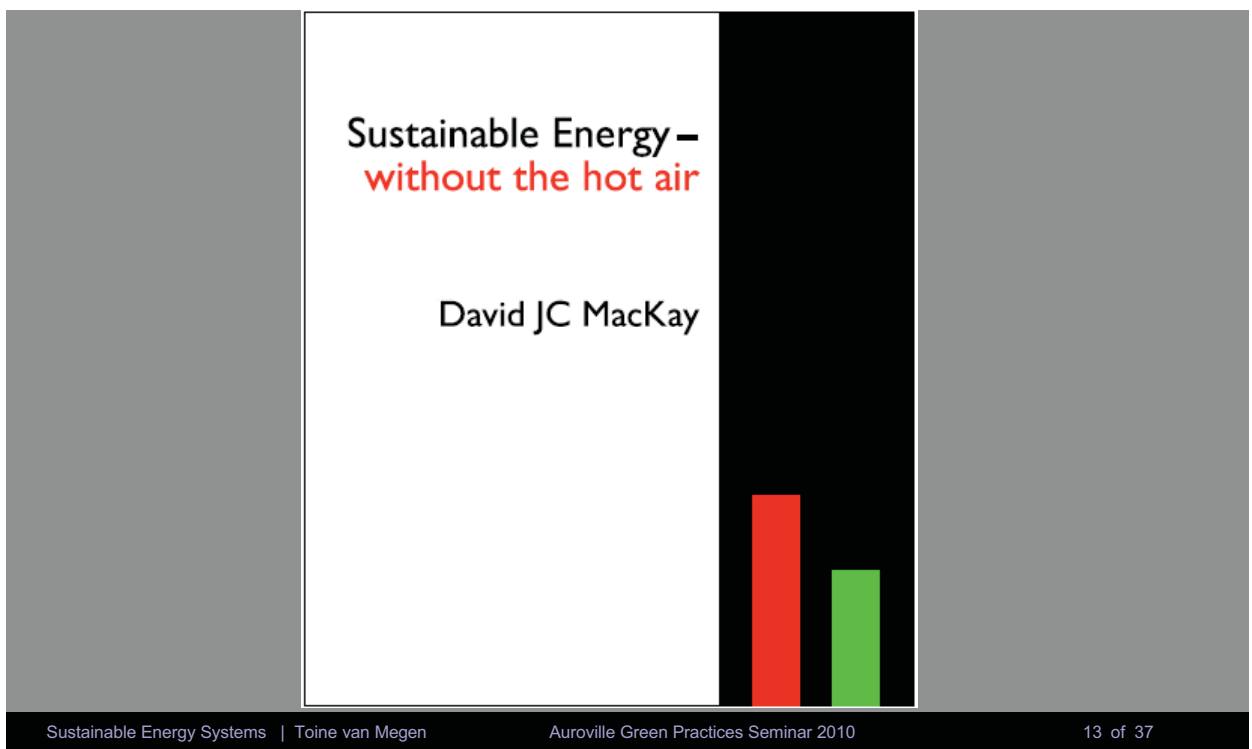


Carbon Footprints

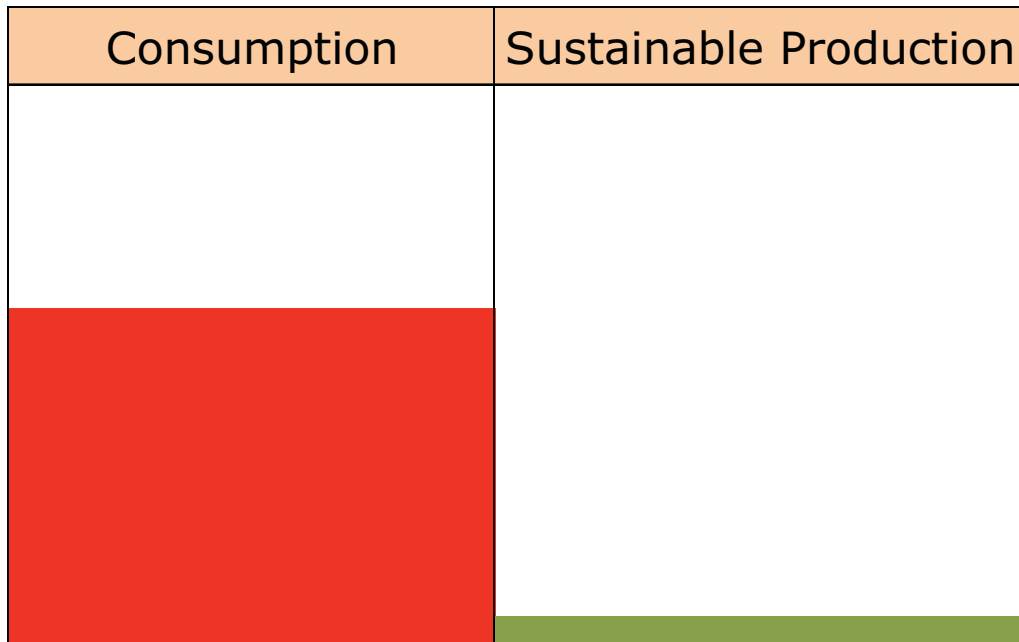
Source: www.carbonfootprintofnations.com / Norwegian University of Science and Technology



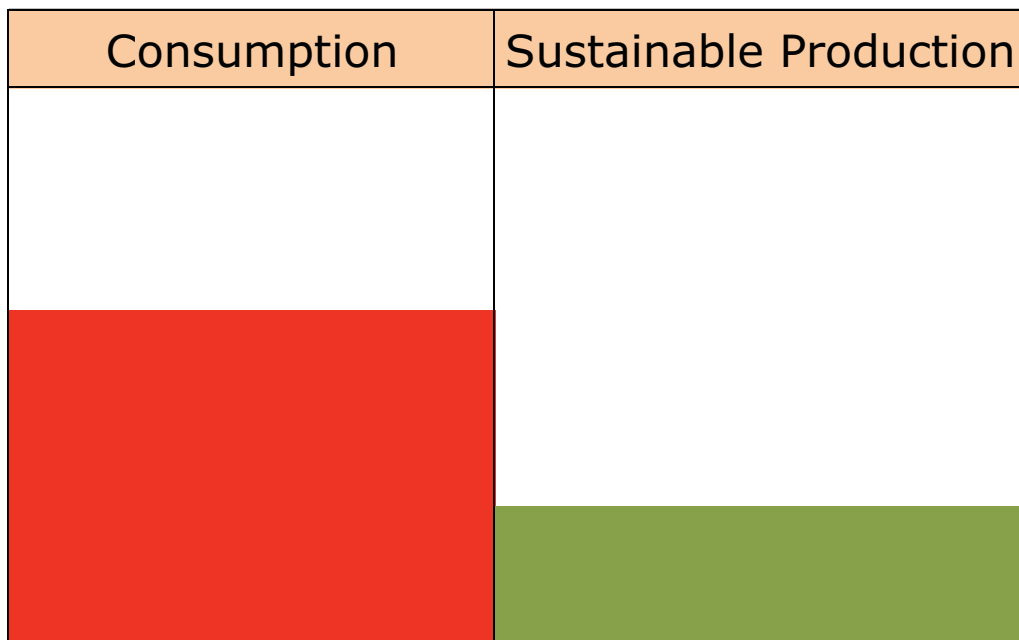
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Consumption	Sustainable Production
[Red shaded area]	[Green shaded area]

Power (W) and Energy (Wh)

One kilowatt = 1000 watt (watt is a unit to measure power named after James Watt)

One kilowatt-hour (kWh) = 1000 watt used for one hour or 250 W for 4 hours or 100 watt for 10 hours etc. (kWh is unit to measure energy. Energy = power x time)

One kilowatt-hour is also known as “one unit” in the context of electricity meter readings

For the calculations we use kWh per person per day (kWh / p / d)

Energy Consumption

Source: David JC MacKay -in kWh/p/d



Cars 40

Air travel 30

Lighting 4

Gadgets 5



Appliances 37

Food 15

Goods 60

Public 4

Renewable Energy Generation

-in kWh/p/d



Photo-voltaic 50

Solar thermal 13

Solar biomass 24



Hydro 1.5

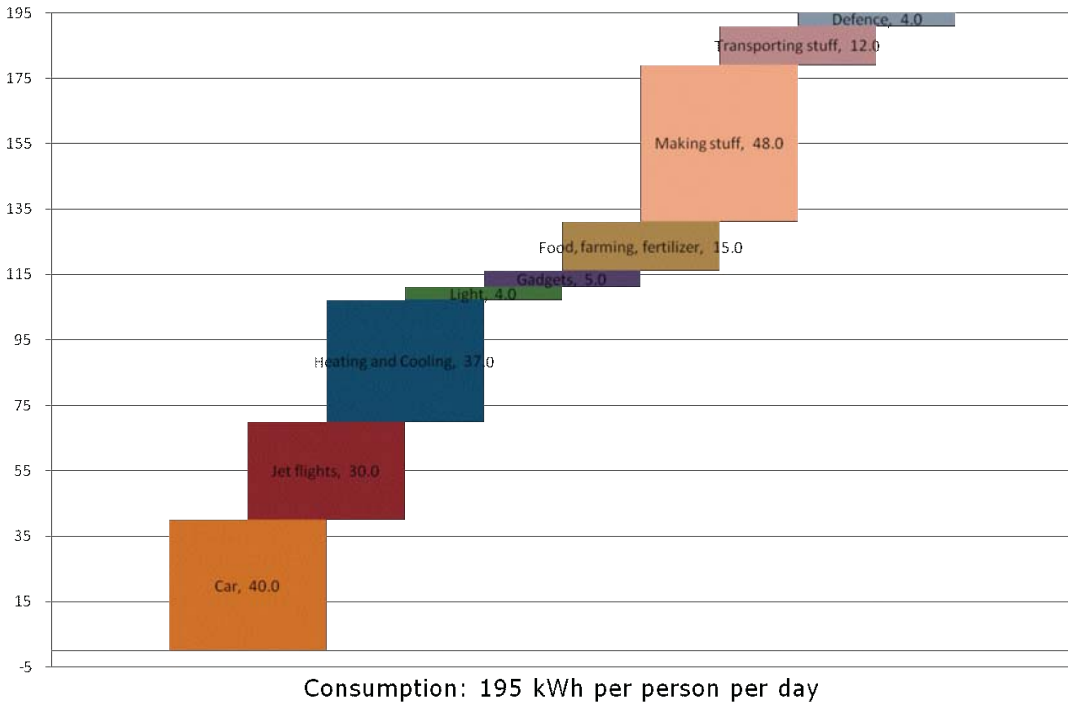
Offshore wind 48

Waves/tides 15

Wind 20

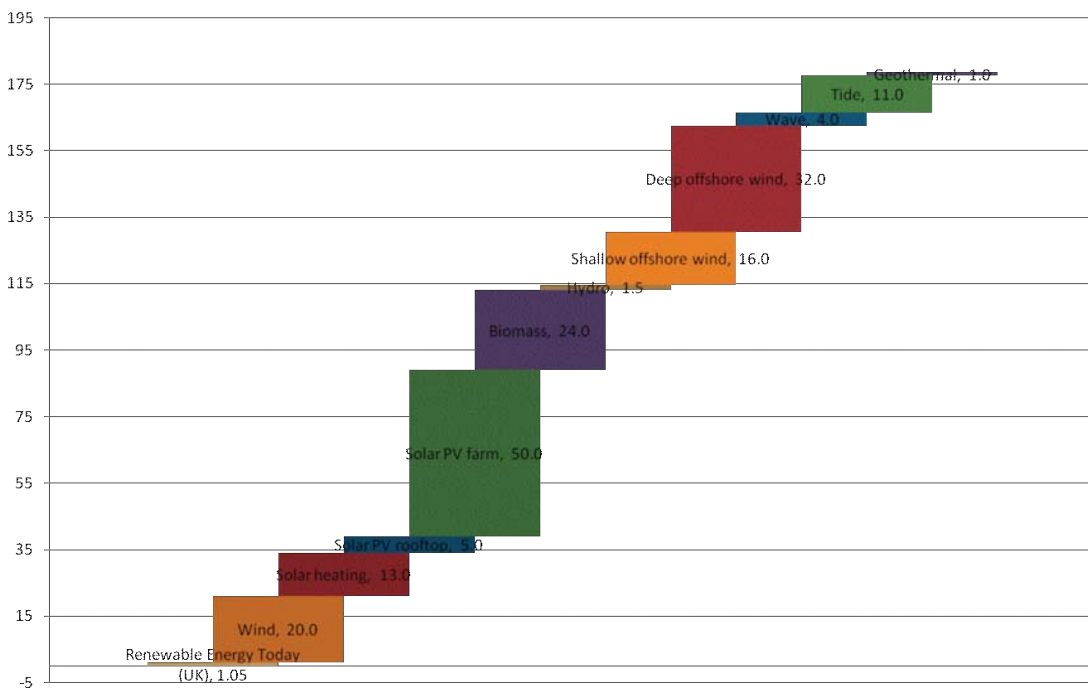
Energy Consumption stacked up

Source: David JC MacKay

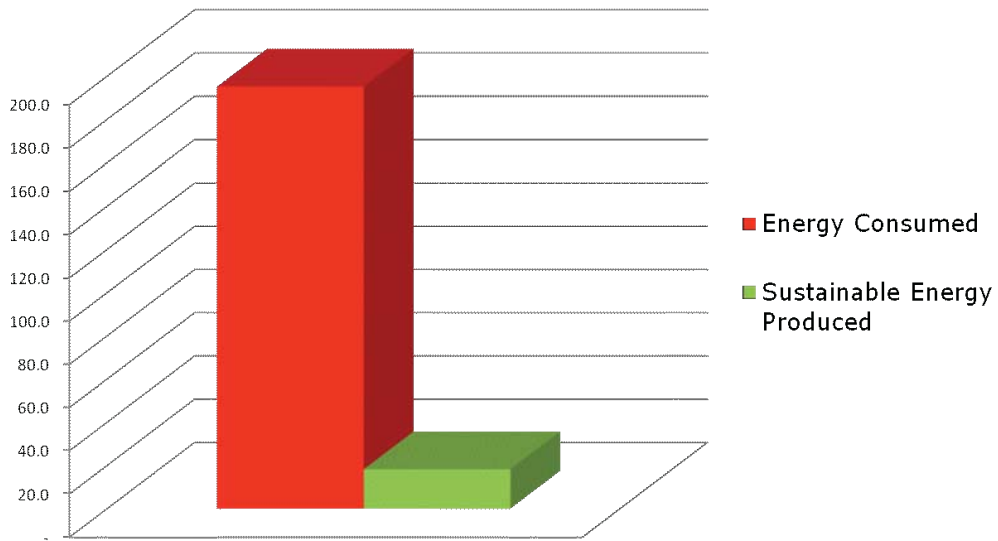


Renewable Energy Production stacked up

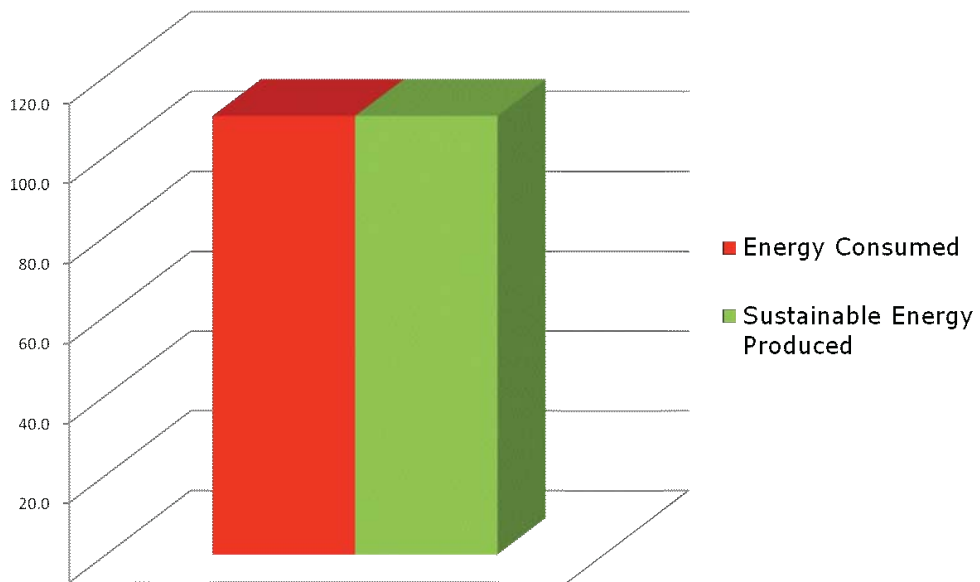
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The Energy Balance – Realistic (now)

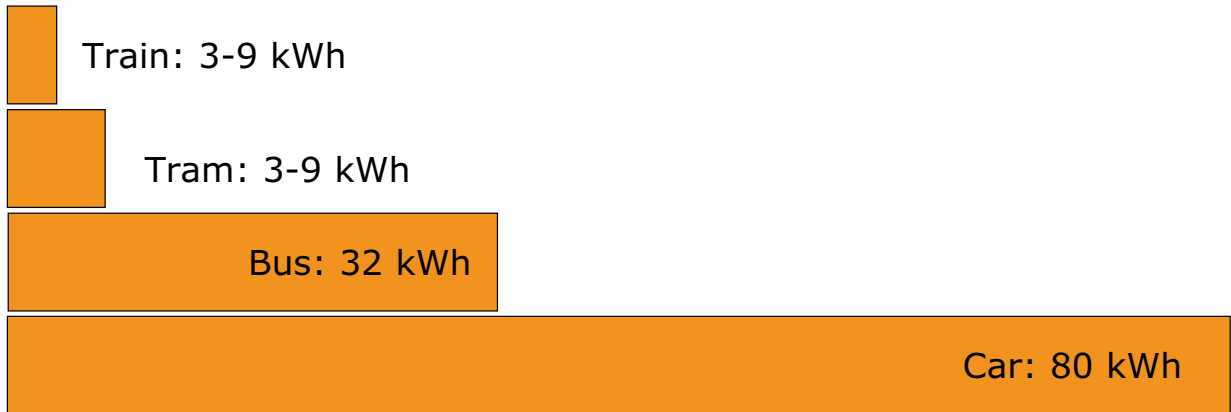


How to get there?



Energy Efficiency and Mobility

Source: David JC MacKay per passenger/100km



Better Heating and Cooling



Insulation of buildings

Heat pumps

Change your thermostat settings

Designing Green Buildings

Courtesy: Mcd Berl, Bangalore

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MW-size Solar Plants

Seville, Spain: 31 MW



Rooftop solar – in a big way



Renewable Energy installations will have to become...



Country – size...

Renewable Energy in Auroville








Auroville Energy Vision (draft)

In Auroville energy will be consumed as a means to achieve a higher level of collective consciousness rather than for the fulfillment of personal desires and comforts.

Auroville will be a township that consumes energy only from sustainable energy sources.

To the extent that Auroville uses energy from non-sustainable sources for the building of the town, surplus sustainable energy shall be produced to compensate for such consumption.

A change of consciousness and the transformation of matter are essential to achieve ultimate integral sustainability.



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