

# **ECE 398GG – ELECTRIC VEHICLES**

## **7. *EV* Efficiency and Emission Analysis**

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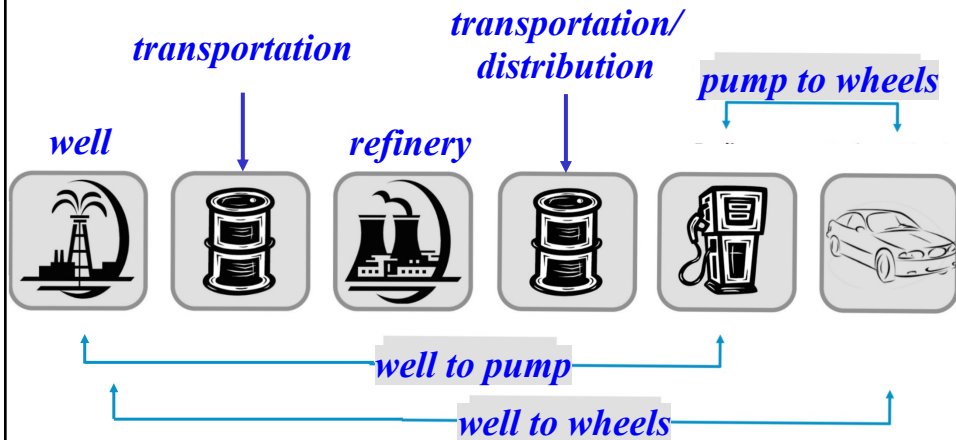
## **TOPICAL OUTLINE**

- The *well-to-wheel* process**
- EV* efficiency analysis**
- Information and data sources**
- GHG* emission assessment**
- Significance of *EV* efficiency & emission metrics**
- The role of *EVs* in decarbonization**

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## THE *WELL-TO-WHEELS* PROCESS

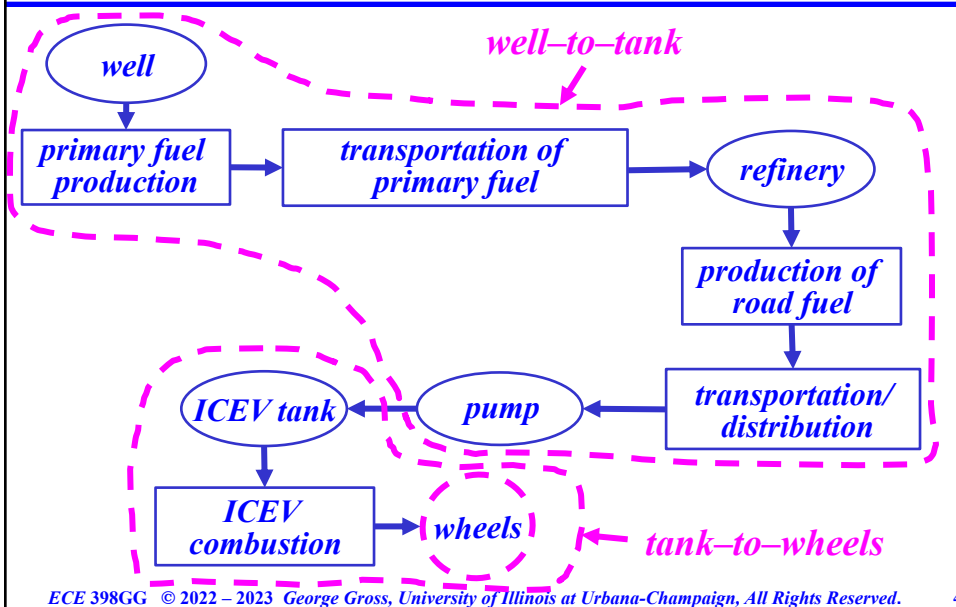


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## THE *ICEV WELL-TO-WHEELS* PROCESS



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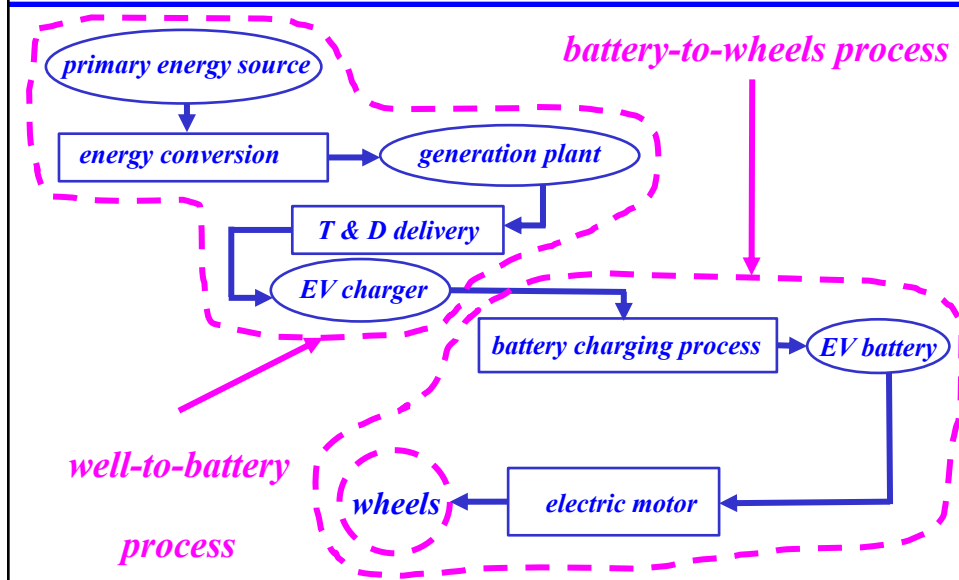
## THE *EV* EFFICIENCY ANALYSIS

- ❑ The *well-to-wheels* or *w-t-w* process comprises a sequence of subprocesses, each of which incurs a loss of energy and consequently impacts the overall efficiency of the process
- ❑ The *w-t-w* structure is typically decomposed into the two components
  - *well-to-tank* subsystem
  - *tank-to-wheels* subsystem

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## THE *EV* WELL-TO-WHEELS PROCESS



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## THE *EV* EFFICIENCY ANALYSIS

- ❑ The *w-t-w* structure was originally introduced to assess *ICEV* efficiency; the process is applied, with small modifications, to study *EV* efficiency
- ❑ For the *EV* evaluation, the *w-t-w* decomposition results in the 2 components
  - *well-to-charger* subsystem
  - *charger-to-wheels* subsystem

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## INFORMATION SOURCES AND ASSUMPTIONS

- ❑ We make detailed use of data on the energy and transportation sectors of two *US* agencies – *EPA*, the *Environmental Protection Agency* and *EIA*, the *Energy Information Administration*
- ❑ Specifically, we make use of the *EPA fuel economy* ratings of vehicles and their emissions and use the *EIA* data for the *US* generation resource mix

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## INFORMATION SOURCES AND ASSUMPTIONS

for electricity production and their associated *GHG* emissions

- ❑ We use *EPA fuel efficiency* or *FE ratings* for US-sold *EVs* in “*The 2022 EPA Automotive Trends Report*”
- ❑ Our **assumptions** for efficiency analysis are:
  - the losses in the battery *charging – discharging cycle* due to process inefficiencies are 15 %, *i.e.*, the efficiency is 85 %

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## INFORMATION SOURCES AND ASSUMPTIONS

- losses in grids are, typically, under 8 % and we use 5 % for the combined transmission/distribution grid losses incurred to deliver the electricity from a power plant to a charger
- the conversion of the primary energy source to electricity varies widely – depends both on the primary energy source and the specific generation technology

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## MANUFACTURERS AND VEHICLES WITH THE HIGHEST / LOWEST FE: 2015 – 2022

model year	highest FE (mpg) manufactural model	lowest FE (mpg) manufacture	highest FE		highest FE gasoline	
			vehicle	real- world FE in mpge	vehicle	real- world FE in mpg
2016	Mazda	Stellantis	BMW i3	121.3	Mazda 2	37
2017	Honda	Stellantis	Hyundai Ioniq	132.6	Mitsubishi Mirage	41
2018	Tesla	Stellantis	Hyundai Ioniq	132.6	Mitsubishi Mirage	41
2019	Tesla	Stellantis	Hyundai Ioniq	132.6	Mitsubishi Mirage	41
2020	Tesla	Stellantis	Tesla 3 SR+	138.6	Mitsubishi Mirage	41
2021	Tesla	Stellantis	Tesla 3 SR+	139.1	Mitsubishi Mirage	40
2022*	Tesla	Stellantis	Lucid Air	131.4	Mitsubishi Mirage	40

\* preliminary data subject to change

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## EPA MODEL YEAR 2022 EV FUEL ECONOMY METRICS

manufacturer	model	electricity consumption in kWh/100mi	FE in mpge
GM	Bolt	28	120
Nissan	Leaf 62 kWh	31	108
Tesla	Model 3 LR	26	131

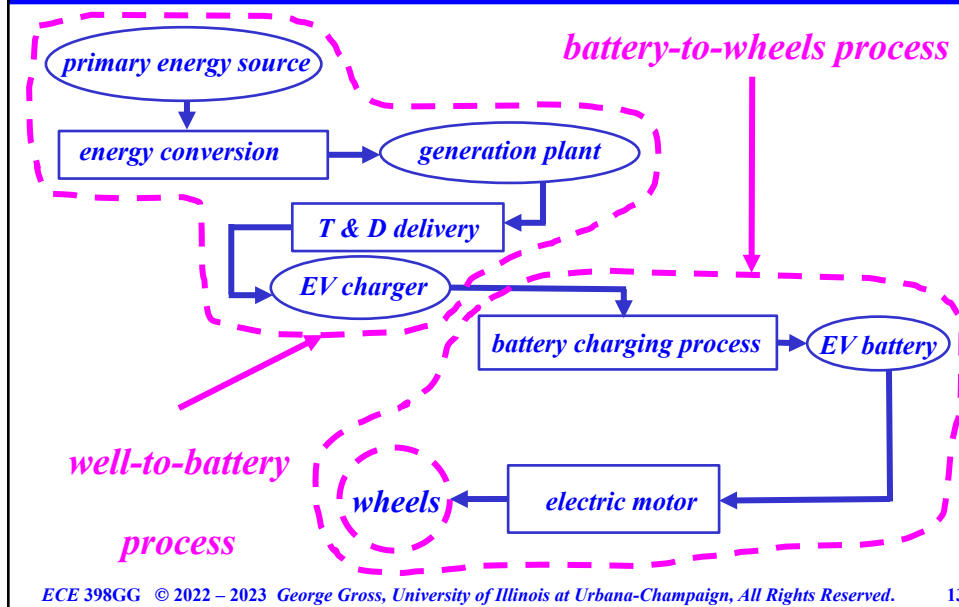
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## THE *EV WELL-TO-WHEELS* PROCESS



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## EFFICIENCY NOTIONS

- The engineering notion of efficiency is focused on the measure of two quantities
  - input
  - output
- For a given system with an input and an output



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## EFFICIENCY NOTIONS

we define efficiency, denoted by  $\eta$ , as

$$\eta \triangleq \frac{\text{output}}{\text{input}}$$

where both input and output are measured in the same units and so  $\eta$  is *unitless*

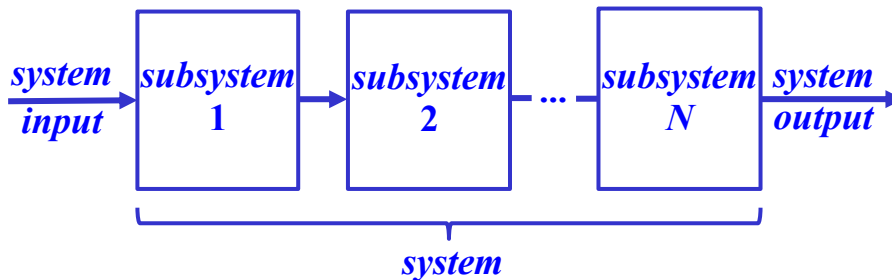
- Many engineers prefer to express efficiency in % and so

$$\eta_{\%} = \eta \times 100 \%$$

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## EFFICIENCY NOTIONS

- Systems may be complex and comprise of multiple subsystems: for example, consider a string of  $N$  subsystems connected in series

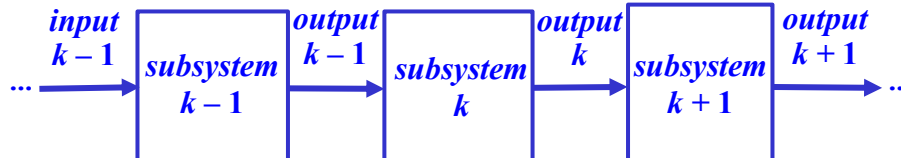


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## EFFICIENCY NOTIONS

- The relationships between two sequential subsystems  $k - 1$  and  $k$  in this system we are



readily apparent; in particular,

$$\text{output } k = \text{input } k + 1 \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, N - 1$$

## EFFICIENCY NOTIONS

or, equivalently

$$\text{input } k = \text{output } k - 1 \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

with

$$\text{input } 1 = \text{system input}$$

$$\text{output } N = \text{system output}$$

- The efficiency  $\eta_k$  of each subsystem  $k$  is given by

$$\eta_k = \frac{\text{output } k}{\text{input } k} \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

## EFFICIENCY NOTIONS

- The overall system efficiency is obtained by the application of the relations above

$$\begin{aligned}\eta_{\text{system}} &= \frac{\text{system output}}{\text{system input}} \\ &= \frac{\text{output } N}{\text{input } 1} \\ &= \frac{\text{output } N}{\text{input } N} \times \frac{\text{output } N-1}{\text{input } N-1} \times \dots \times \frac{\text{output } 1}{\text{input } 1} \\ &= \eta_1 \times \eta_2 \times \dots \times \eta_N\end{aligned}$$

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## WELL – TO – WHEELS EV EFFICIENCY ANALYSIS

- Let us consider the case of electricity supply generation by a *combined cycle natural gas (CCNG)* plant – a widely-used plant technology in the *US*
- At the well, the energy for drilling and extraction incurs losses, of say, 8.5 % of its energy content; the highly-efficient gas transport via pipelines incurs about 1.5 % loss of gas
- Therefore, the efficiency from the well to the

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## ***WELL – TO – WHEELS EV EFFICIENCY ANALYSIS***

*CCNG* generation plant is

$$91.5 \% \times 98.5 \% = 0.90$$

- A typical efficiency of a *CCNG* plant is 60 % – *i.e.*, the conversion of the caloric contents of *NG* into electricity incurs a loss of 40 %
- The electricity output by the *CCNG* is injected into the transmission grid and, subsequently, the

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## ***WELL – TO – WHEELS EV EFFICIENCY ANALYSIS***

distribution grid to supply the electricity to the charger

- The overall efficiency of the *CCNG* plant and the electricity delivery to the charger is

$$60 \% \times 95 \% = 0.57$$

*CCNG*                      *T & D*  
*plant*

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## ***WELL – TO – WHEELS*** ***EV EFFICIENCY ANALYSIS***

- Thus, a unit of energy extracted from the well is reduced upon arrival at the charger to

$$\begin{array}{rcccl} 57\% & \times & 90\% & = & 0.513, \\ \text{conversion} & & \text{well-to-} & & \\ \text{\& delivery} & & \text{CCNG} & & \end{array}$$

*i.e., the well-to-pump process efficiency is 51.3 %*

- Next, we examine the analogue of the *tank-to-wheels* process in the consumption of electricity

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## ***WELL – TO – WHEELS*** ***EV EFFICIENCY ANALYSIS***

to charge the *EV* batteries for its use to move the wheels of the *EV* through the deployment of the electric motors & drives without a transmission system or any moving parts – a far-more simple mechanism than the engine of an *ICEV*

- The highly-efficient electric motor uses the *DC* electricity from the battery, which an inverter

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## *WELL – TO – WHEELS* *EV EFFICIENCY ANALYSIS*

transforms into *AC* to convert it into kinetic energy to result in the motion of the *EV*: we assume that the *AC–DC* and the *DC–AC* transformations are done by 95-% efficient inverters; we further assume that the motor and drivetrain efficiency is 95 %

- Therefore, the overall efficiency of the *charger-to-wheels* process is

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## *WELL – TO – WHEELS* *EV EFFICIENCY ANALYSIS*

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 95\% & \times & 95\% & \times & 85\% & \times & 95\% & = & 0.729 \\
 \textit{AC-DC} & & \uparrow & & \textit{charging} & & \uparrow & & \\
 \textit{conversion} & & \textit{DC-AC} & & & & \textit{drivetrain-} & & \\
 & & \textit{conversion} & & & & \textit{motor} & & 
 \end{array}$$

- The 72.9 % efficiency is consistent with *Tesla's*

estimate of 75-% efficiency for the *charger-to-*

*wheels* process and is far higher than the average

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## ***WELL – TO – WHEELS EV EFFICIENCY ANALYSIS***

*tank-to-wheel ICEV efficiency of about 16 %*

- **We conclude that the overall *EV well-to-wheels***

**efficiency is**

$$\begin{array}{ccc} 51.3 \% & \times & 72.9 \% & = & 0.374 \\ \textit{well-to-charger} & & \uparrow & & \textit{well-to-wheels} \\ & & \textit{charger-to-wheels} & & \end{array}$$

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## ***EV EFFICIENCY METRICS***

- **The widely-used metric *mpge – miles per gallon equivalent* – measures the distance in *mi* an *EV* can travel on the energy stored in a *gallon* of gasoline**
- **We use *EPA's 33.705 kWh/gal of gasoline* for the equivalence value and determine the *EV* energy consumption to obtain the *FE* metric expressed in *kWh/100 mi* and then compute the *mpge* metric**

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## EV EFFICIENCY METRICS

- For example, for the *Nissan Leaf* 62 kWh model, the *mpge* metric value is

$$\frac{33.705 \text{ kWh} / \text{gal}}{31 \text{ kWh} / 100 \text{ mi}} = 108.7 \text{ mpge},$$

and we can compare that to the most efficient gasoline vehicle in 2021 – *Mitsubishi Mirage* at 40.1 mpg – to conclude that the *Nissan Leaf* is **over 2.5 times more efficient!**

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## EV EFFICIENCY METRICS

- The *Tesla 3 LR* electricity consumption metric of 26 kWh/100 mi may be restated as 3.85 mi/kWh, i.e., each kWh withdrawn from the battery results in the displacement of the EV a distance of 3.85 mi
- While many engineers are less than enthusiastic about the FE metric in kWh/100 mi units, the EPA is not ready to relinquish that metric

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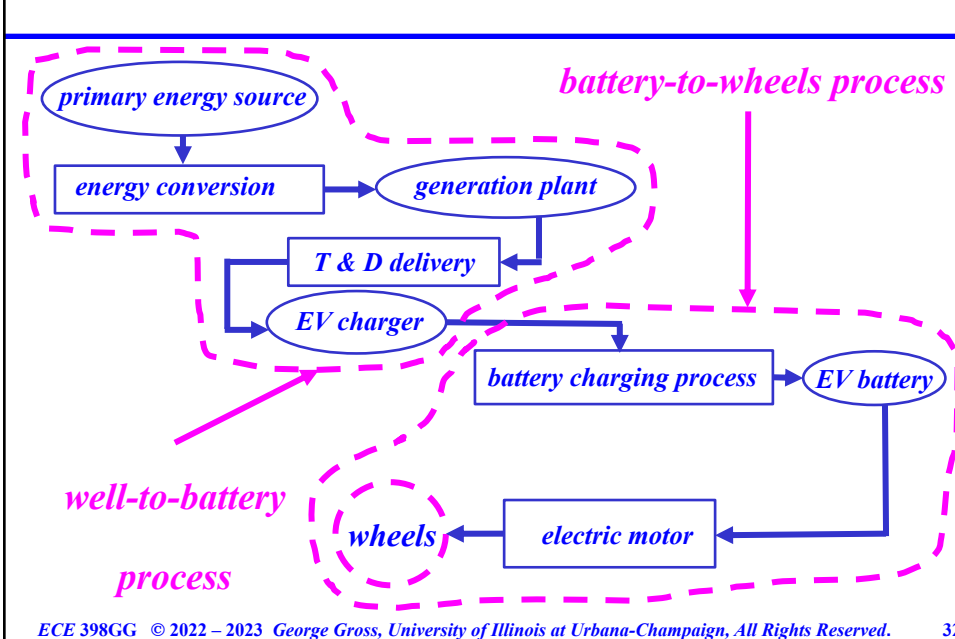
## OEM REAL-WORLD FUEL ECONOMY AND CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSION ESTIMATES: *my* 2020 – 2022

manufacturer	<i>my</i> 2020 <i>final</i>		<i>my</i> 2021 <i>final</i>		<i>my</i> 2022 <i>preliminary</i>	
	real-world FE (mpg)	real-world CO <sub>2</sub> (g/mi)	real-world FE (mpg)	real-world CO <sub>2</sub> (g/mi)	real-world FE (mpg)	real-world CO <sub>2</sub> (g/mi)
<i>BMW</i>	25.5	347	25.8	339	25.7	341
<i>Ford</i>	23.0	386	22.9	385	23.0	382
<i>GM</i>	23.0	386	21.6	414	22.2	400
<i>Honda</i>	29.1	305	28.5	312	28.3	315
<i>Hyundai</i>	28.4	312	28.5	310	29.1	302
<i>Kia</i>	27.7	320	28.7	310	28.7	305
<i>Mazda</i>	27.9	319	27.4	324	26.5	335
<i>Mercedes</i>	23.4	379	23.6	376	24.6	359
<i>Nissan</i>	27.9	317	28.6	311	28.0	316
<i>Stellantis</i>	21.3	418	21.3	417	21.6	410
<i>Subaru</i>	28.5	312	28.8	309	28.0	317
<i>Tesla</i>	119.1	0	123.9	0	121.5	0
<i>Toyota</i>	27.0	329	27.1	327	28.0	316
<i>VW</i>	24.9	354	24.7	352	27.7	306
<i>all OEMs</i>	25.4	349	25.4	347	26.4	331

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## THE EV WELL-TO-WHEELS PROCESS



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## ***EV GHG EMISSION ANALYSIS***

- We have established the fact that *EVs* are very efficient means to use primary energy resources to convert them into transportation miles; next, we focus on the *EV* environmental impacts
- Unlike *ICEVs* that run on gasoline and diesel fuels and release tailpipe emissions that include  $CO_2$  produced by fuel combustion, *EVs* do not produce such emissions; but, the electricity generation required for *EV* operations is accompanied

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## ***EV GHG EMISSION ANALYSIS***

by smokestack emissions at the polluting generation plants

- We refer to the emissions associated with the *EV* electricity consumption as ***EV tailpipe emissions***
- EPA's eGRID* data indicate that the 2021 average US  $CO_2$  total output emission rate was 852.30 lb/MWh; we restate this value in metric units as 384 g/kWh

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## ***EPA IS A KEY DATA SOURCE***

- EPA has collected data on every new light-duty vehicle (LDV) model sold in the US since 1975***
- The data are obtained from either the tests performed by EPA at its National Vehicle and Fuel Emissions Laboratory in Ann Arbor, MI, or directly from the manufacturers as the results of the deployment of official EPA test procedures***

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## ***EPA IS A KEY DATA SOURCE***

- The collected data support several significant national programs: the EPA criteria pollutant and GHG standards; the Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA); the Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards; and vehicle Fuel Economy & Environment labels***
- These collected annual data sets allow EPA to provide a comprehensive analysis of the automotive industry since 1975***

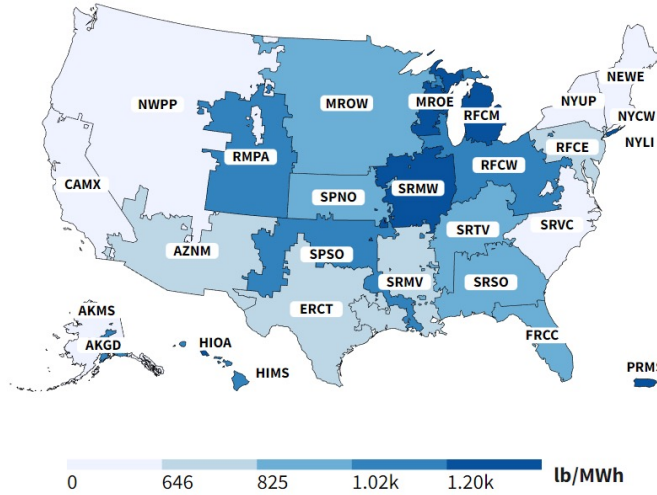
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## 2021 CO<sub>2</sub> TOTAL OUTPUT EMISSION RATE IN lb/MWh BY eGRID SUBREGIONS

US average: 852.30 lb/MWh

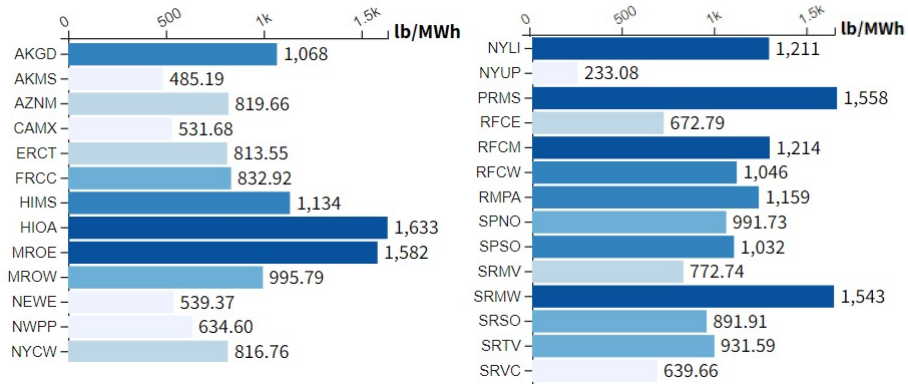


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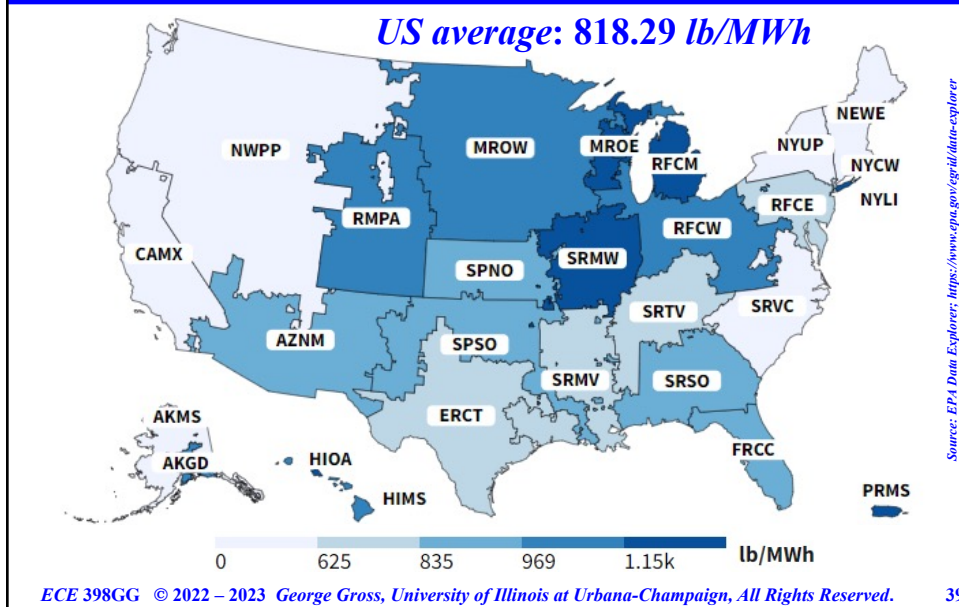


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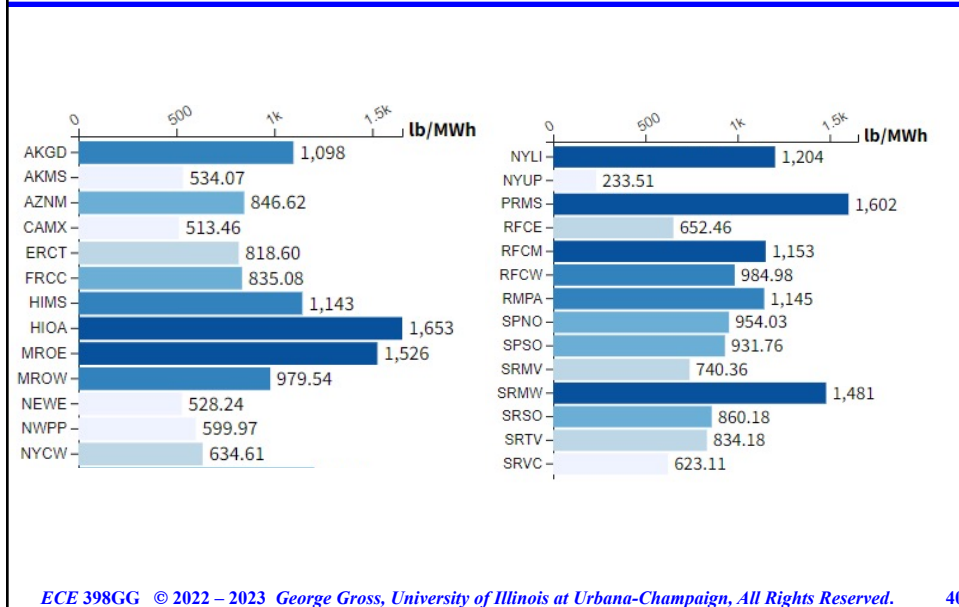
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## 2020 CO<sub>2</sub> TOTAL OUTPUT EMISSION RATE IN lb/MWh BY eGRID SUBREGIONS



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## 2020 CO<sub>2</sub> TOTAL OUTPUT EMISSION RATE IN lb/MWh BY eGRID SUBREGION



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## ***EV GHG EMISSION ANALYSIS***

- We carry out the emission evaluation on a few illustrative examples to give the students a better sense of what is involved in the analysis
- The 2021 *Tesla Model 3 LR FE* is 3.85 *mi/kWh*; at the average *US CO<sub>2</sub>* electricity emission rate, it emits

$$(384 \text{ g/kWh}) \times [(1 \text{ kWh})/(3.85 \text{ mi})] = 99.7 \text{ g/mi}$$

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## ***EV GHG EMISSION ANALYSIS***

- The *EPA* website [epa.gov/greenvehicles/greenhouse-gas-emissions-typical-passenger-vehicle#burning](https://www.epa.gov/greenvehicles/greenhouse-gas-emissions-typical-passenger-vehicle#burning) states that “every gallon of gasoline creates about 8,887 grams of *CO<sub>2</sub>*”
- We illustrate the impacts of an *ICEV* with a 25 *mpg FE* with emissions given by

$$8,887 \text{ g/gal} \times 1 \text{ gal}/25 \text{ mi} = 355 \text{ g/mi}$$

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## ***EV GHG EMISSION ANALYSIS***

and it is evident that the *Tesla* emissions are considerably lower for the same distance

- The highest *FE* for gasoline vehicles in 2021 was the *Mitsubishi Mirage* at 40 *mpg* with the emissions given by

$$8,887 \text{ g/gal} \times 1 \text{ gal}/40 \text{ mi} = 222 \text{ g/mi},$$

which are still above twice the *Tesla* emissions

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## ***EV GHG EMISSION ANALYSIS***

- We can determine the *FE* of an *ICEV* that equals *Tesla 3 LR*'s 99.7 *g/mi* emissions using the equation

$$8,887 \text{ g/gal} \times 1 \text{ gal}/x \text{ mi} = 99.7 \text{ g/mi}$$

so that

$$x = 89 \text{ mpg},$$

a value above the efficiency of any gasoline *ICEV* that ever existed

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## ***EV GHG EMISSION ANALYSIS***

- We note that the *Tesla* “pipeline emissions” value is for the average *US* – which, in fact, need not correspond to any actual *US* location
- The *eGRID* data also provide more “local” or regional values, as do the *EIA* state profiles for each *US* state; moreover, each utility publishes the *CO<sub>2</sub>* data for its service territory

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## ***EV LIFECYCLE EMISSIONS***

- In addition to the *EV* “tailpipe” emissions, there are the emissions incurred in the manufacture of both the *EV* and of the *EV* battery pack
- We may reasonably assume that the energy requirements to manufacture an *EV* and those for an *ICEV* are rather comparable
- However, the manufacture of the *EV* battery pack requires sizeable amount of energy and entails

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## ***EV* LIFECYCLE EMISSIONS**

the associated emissions to supply this energy

- A reasonable estimate of the  $CO_2$  emissions in the manufacture *per kWh* of an *EV* battery pack is 150 *kg* of  $CO_2$ ; such emissions are non-recurring since the battery lasts over the *EV* lifecycle
- Consider the *Tesla Model 3 SR* battery pack with a storage capability of 54 *kWh*; the manufacture of

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## ***EV* LIFECYCLE EMISSIONS**

this battery pack entails  $CO_2$  emissions may be estimated to amount to

$$54 \text{ kWh} \times 150 \text{ kg } CO_2 / \text{kWh} = 8,100 \text{ kg } CO_2$$

- The advertised battery life of *Tesla EVs* is 300,000 *mi*; the implication is that the  $CO_2$  emissions *per mi* are

$$8,100 \text{ kg } CO_2 \div 300,000 \text{ mi} = 27 \text{ g } CO_2 / \text{mi}$$

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## ***EV* LIFECYCLE EMISSIONS**

- The incorporation of the battery manufacture emissions results in the total  $CO_2$  emissions of
$$99.7 \text{ g } CO_2 / \text{mi} + 27 \text{ g } CO_2 / \text{mi} = 126.7 \text{ g } CO_2 / \text{mi}$$
- We conclude that even with the lifecycle emissions explicitly considered, there exists no gasoline fueled *ICEV* with  $CO_2$  emissions as low as those of the *Tesla Model 3 SR*

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## **THE SIGNIFICANCE OF *EV* $CO_2$ EMISSIONS**

- The *EV*  $CO_2$  emissions including those in the battery pack manufacture are considerably below those of any *ICEV* that is manufactured today
- An *ICEV*'s fuel efficiency is set in stone once the car is manufactured and therefore, so are its  $CO_2$  emissions; an *EV* may take advantage of renewable resources to lower its  $CO_2$  emissions

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## THE SIGNIFICANCE OF *EV CO<sub>2</sub>* EMISSIONS

- ❑ As the integration of *renewable energy resources* into today's grids continues with the objective to attain deeper penetrations of those resources, the decarbonization of the electricity sector progresses in the desired direction; moreover, the incentives for solar installations are enticing more consumers to become *prosumers*

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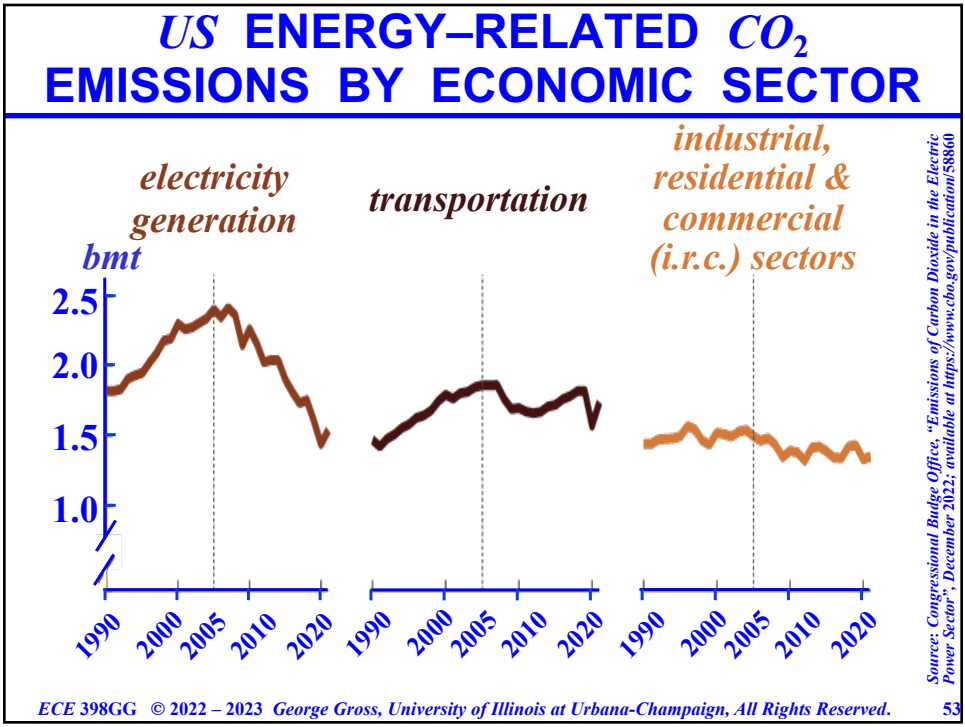
## THE SIGNIFICANCE OF *EV CO<sub>2</sub>* EMISSIONS

- ❑ *EV* charging with 100 % *renewable electricity* implies 0 g *CO<sub>2</sub>/mi* emissions by such *EVs*; moreover, the use of 100 % *renewable electricity* to produce the battery packs also results in 0 *CO<sub>2</sub>* emissions
- ❑ The broader deployment of *renewable resources* can therefore further reduce the *EV CO<sub>2</sub>* footprint; the *ICEVs*' inherent reliance on fossil fuels cannot provide such environmental improvements

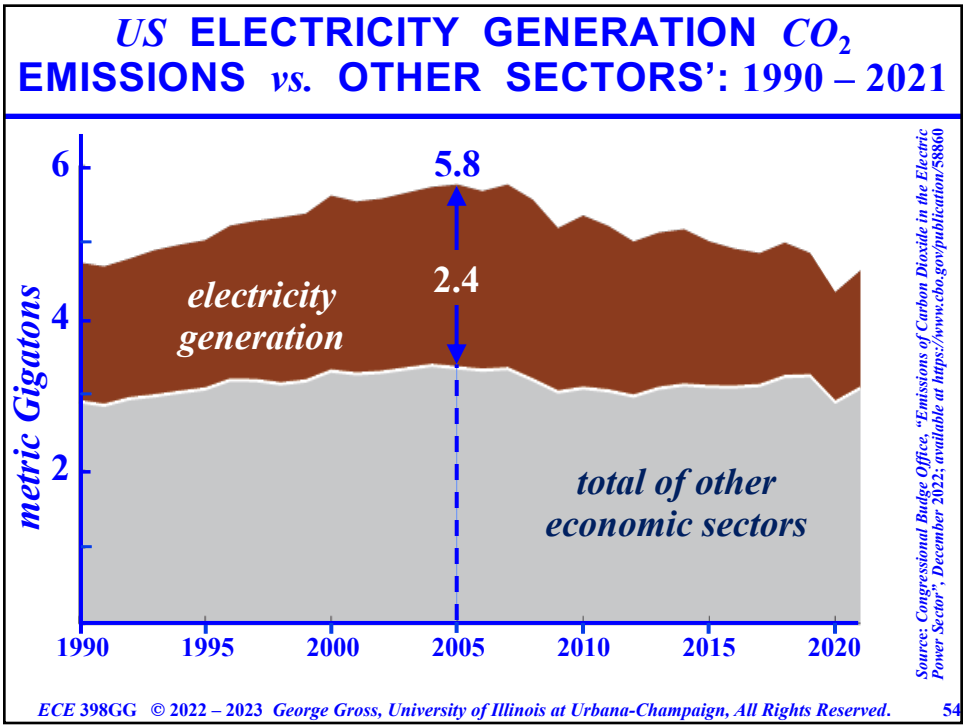
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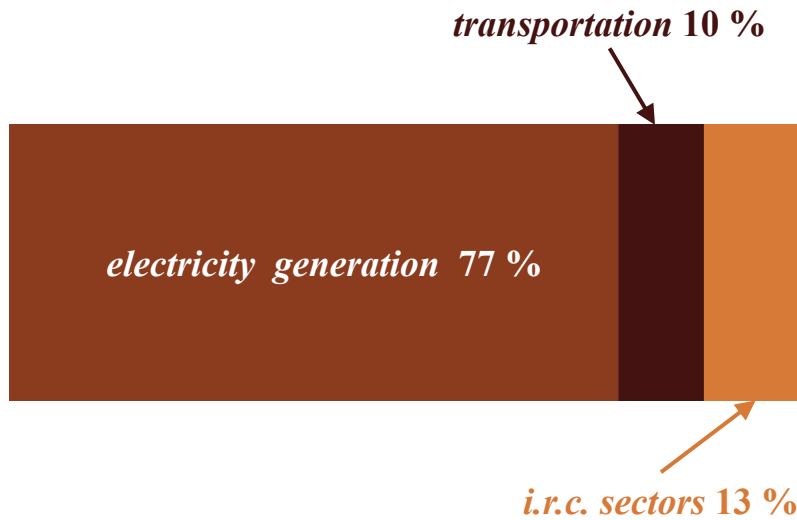


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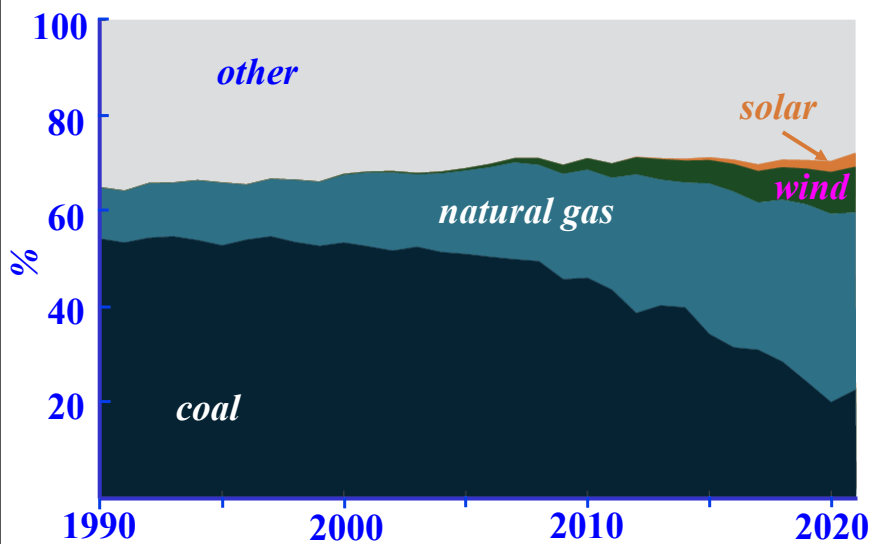
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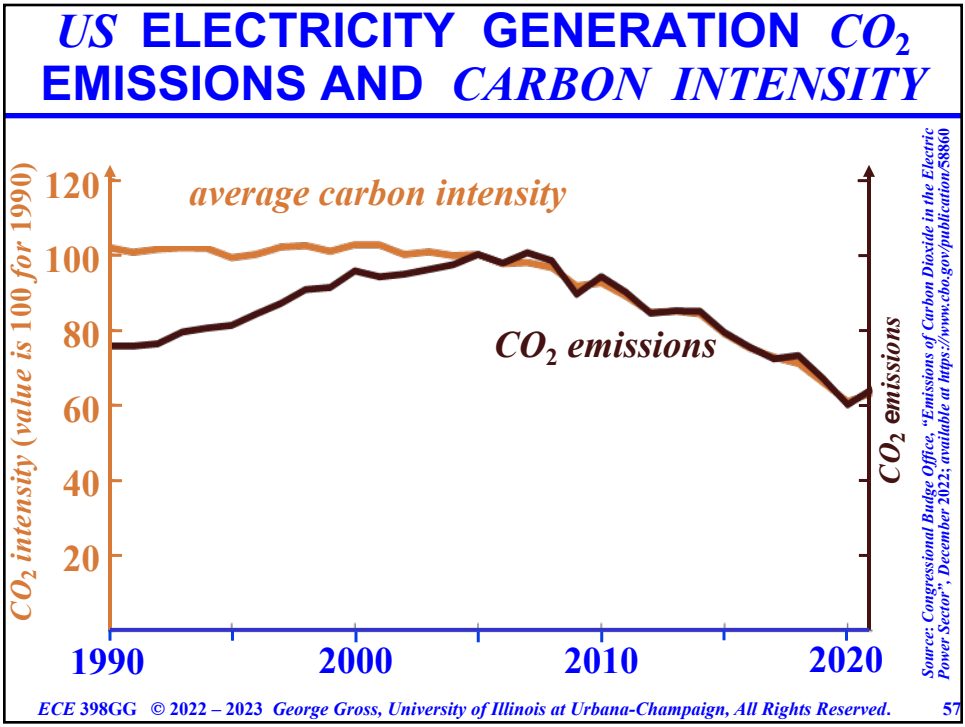


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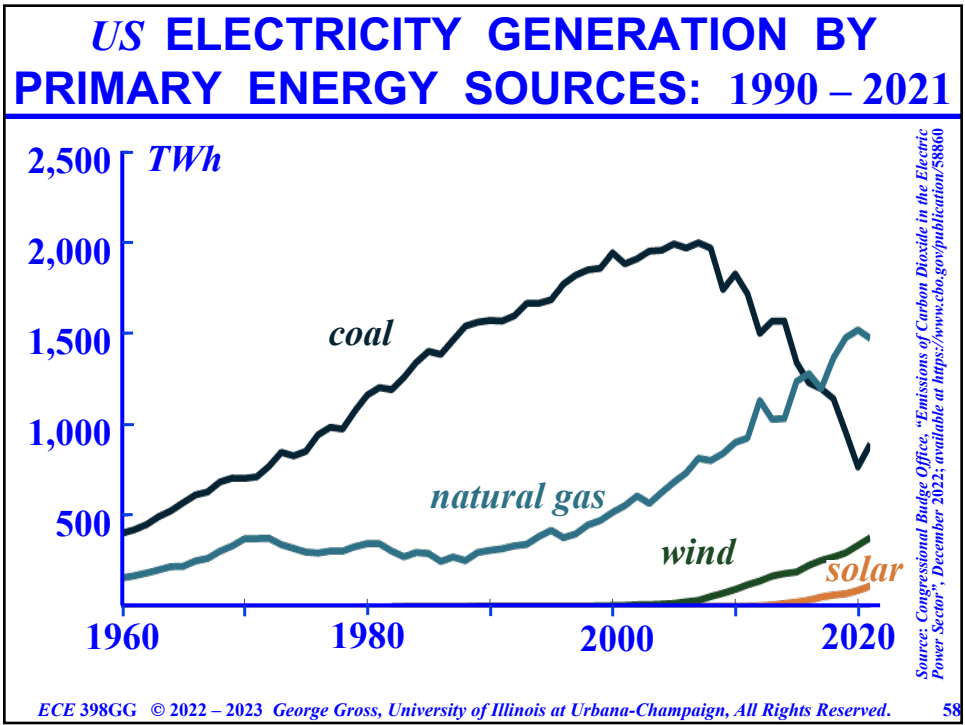
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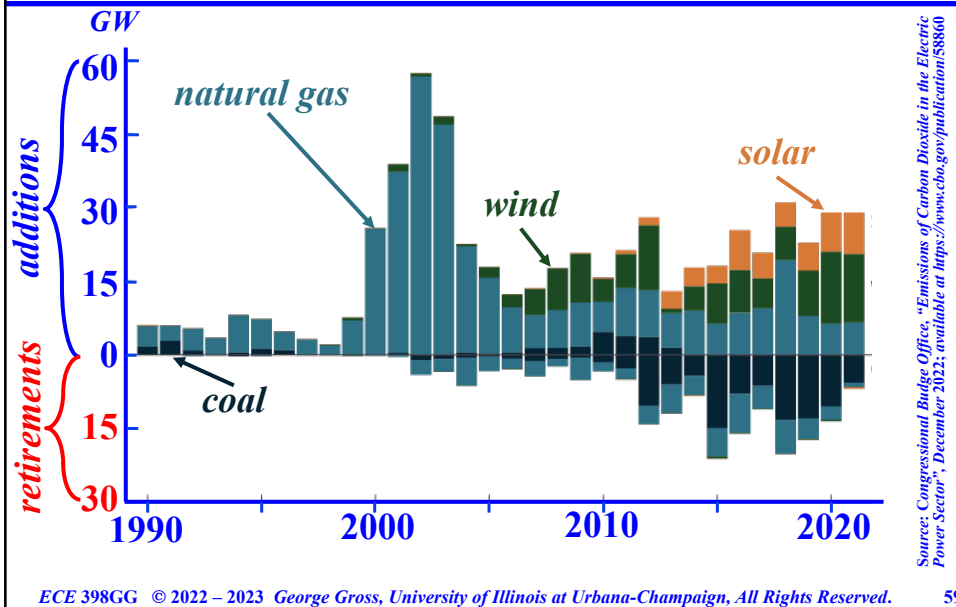


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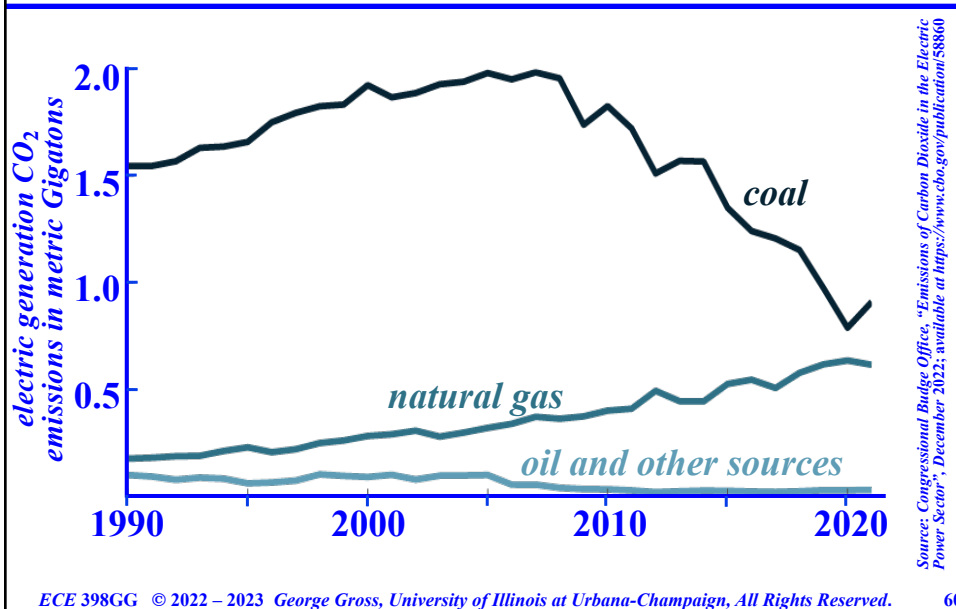
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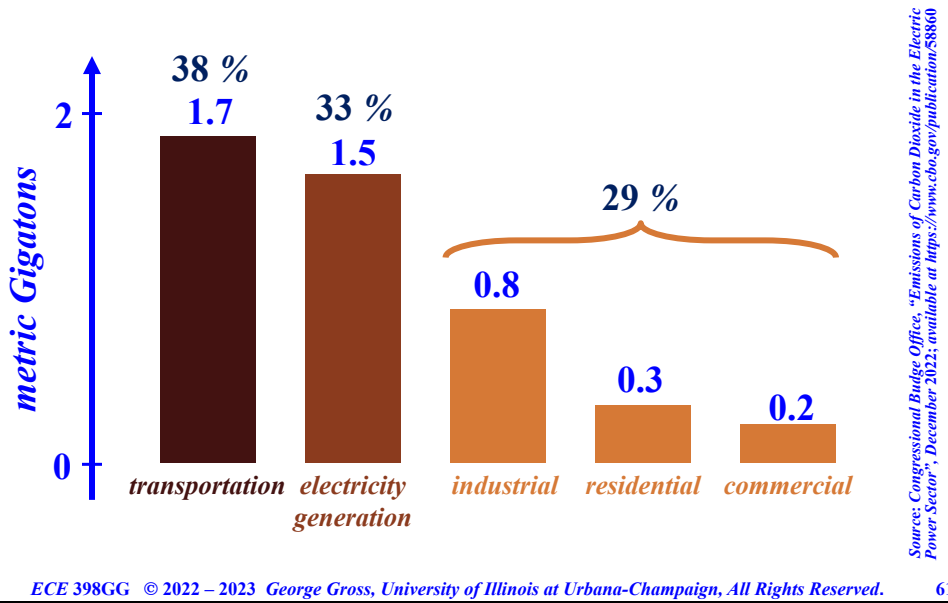
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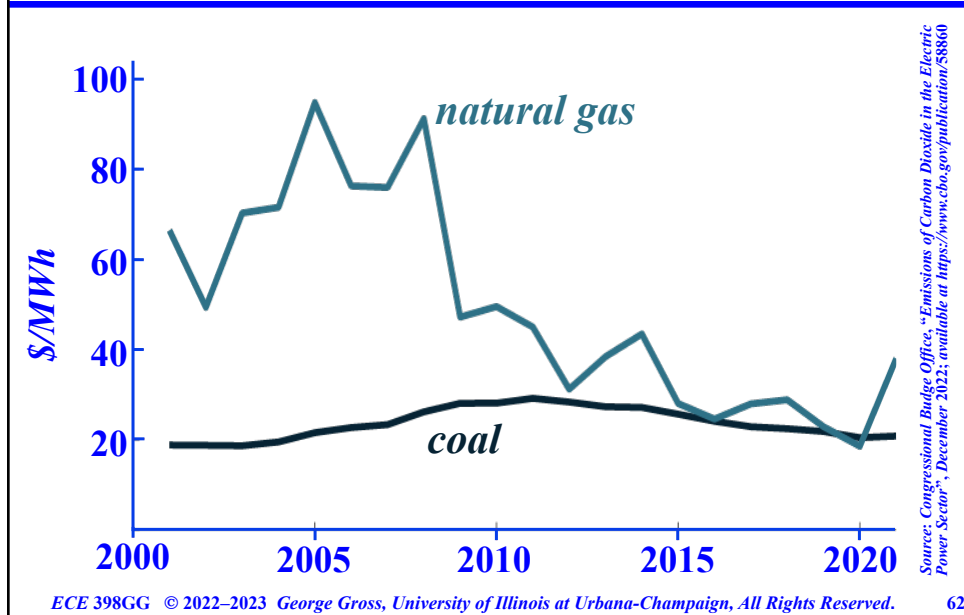
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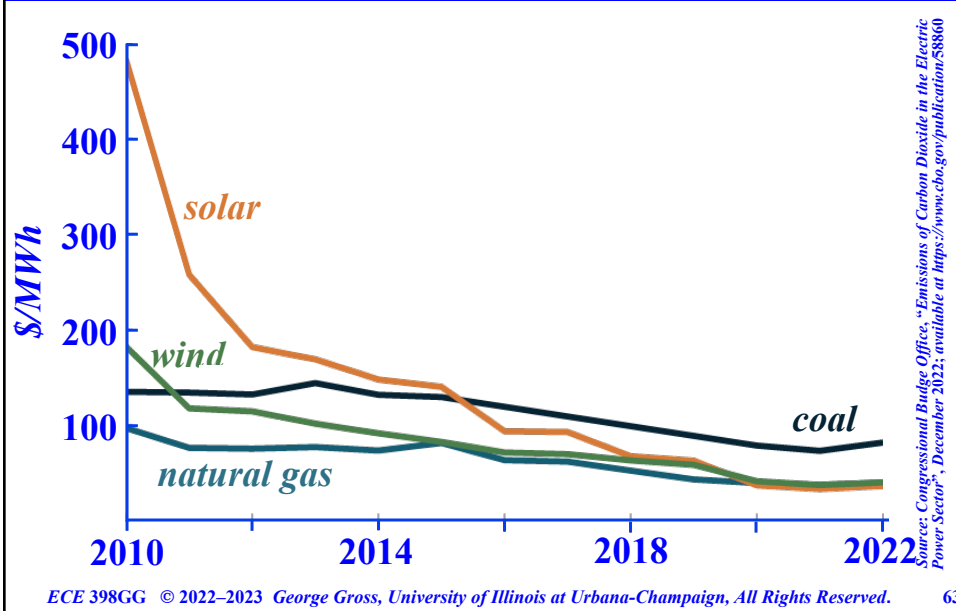
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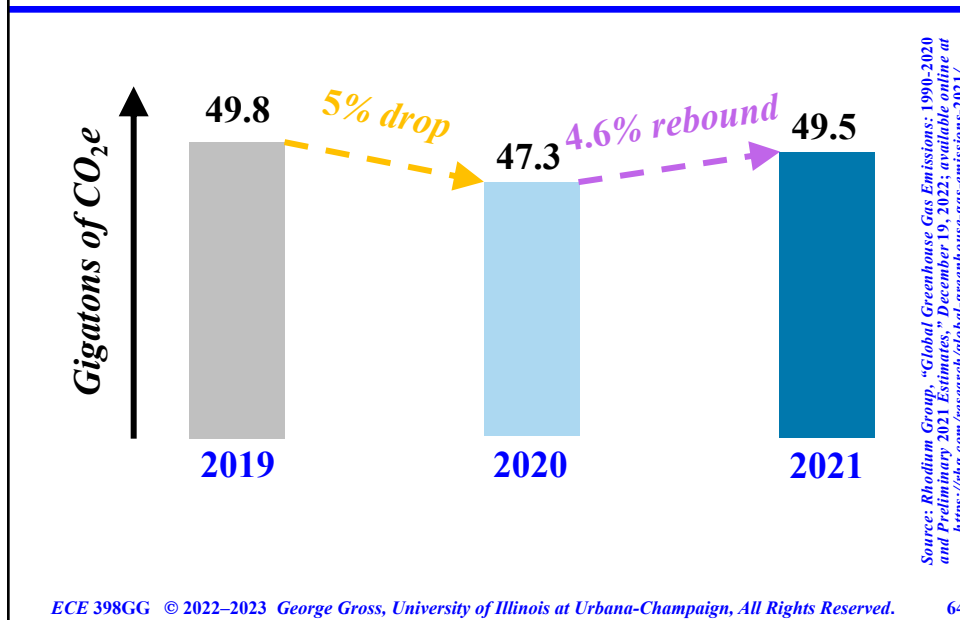
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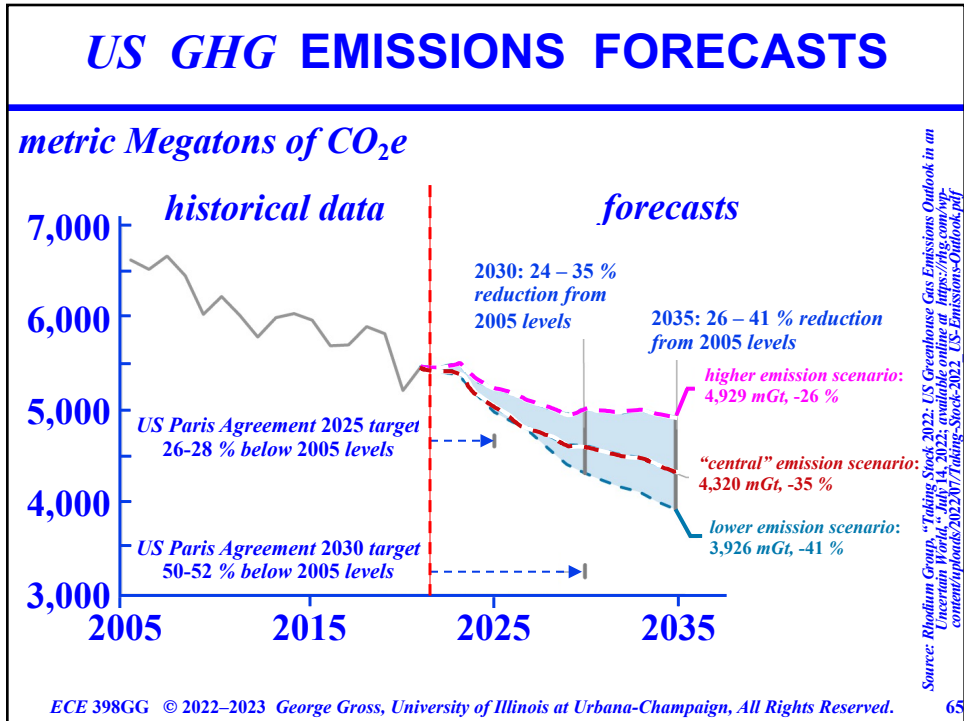
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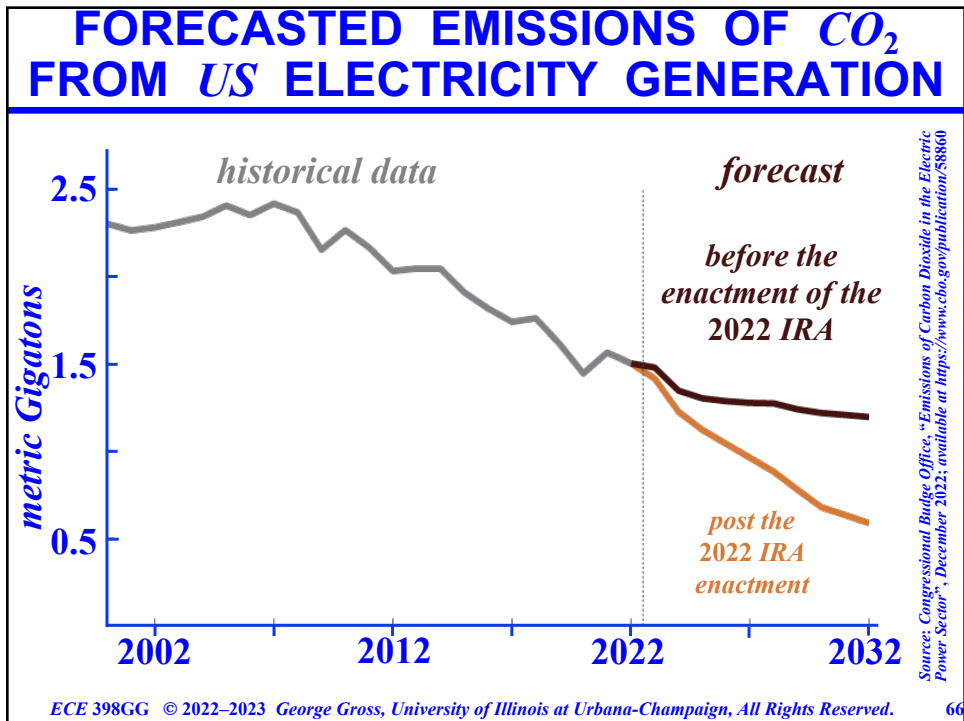


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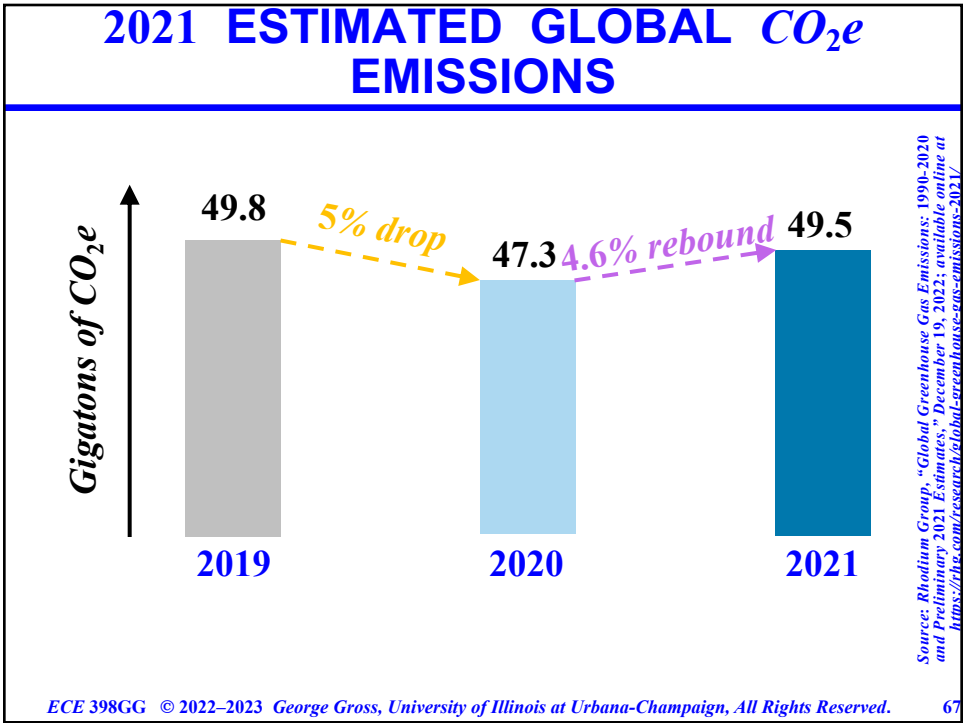




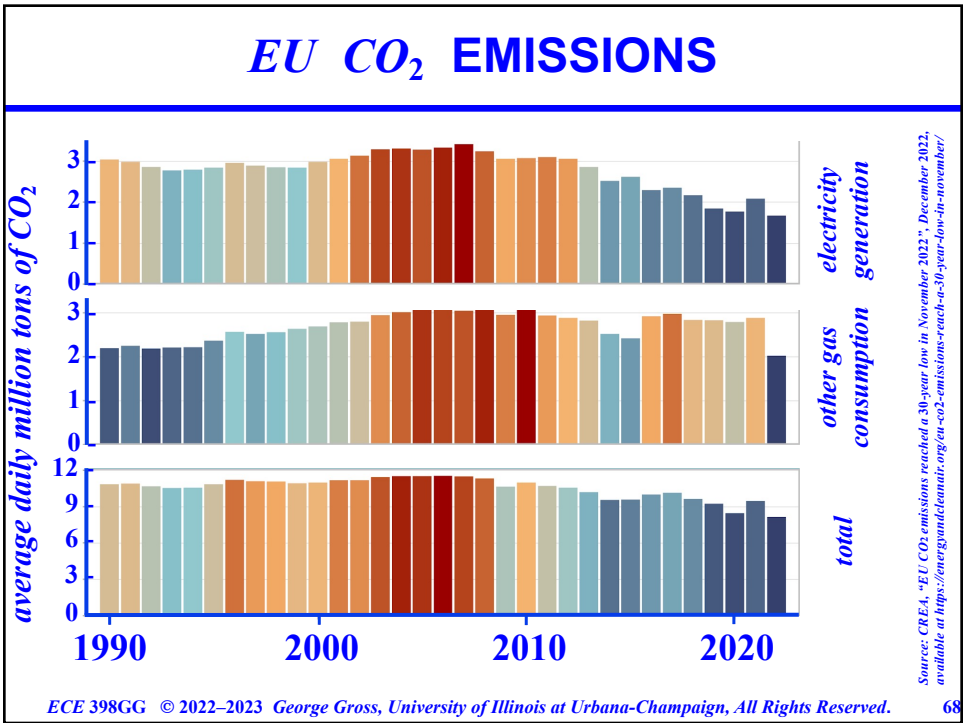
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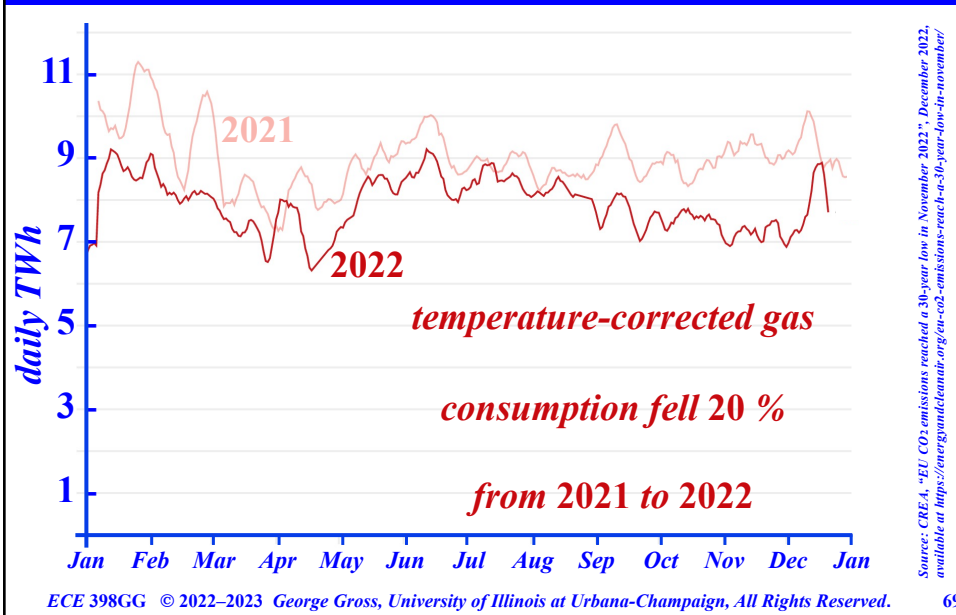


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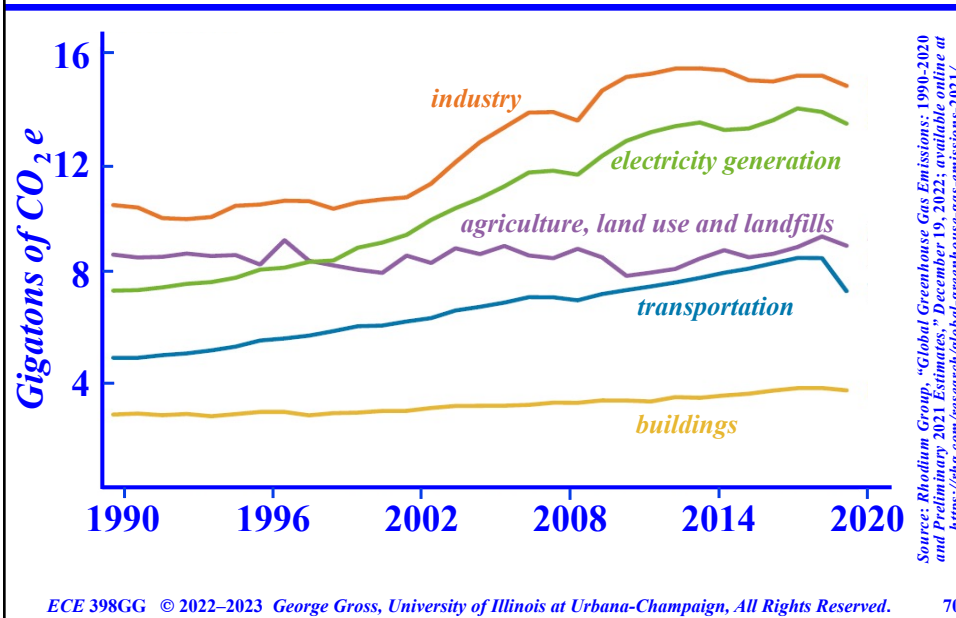
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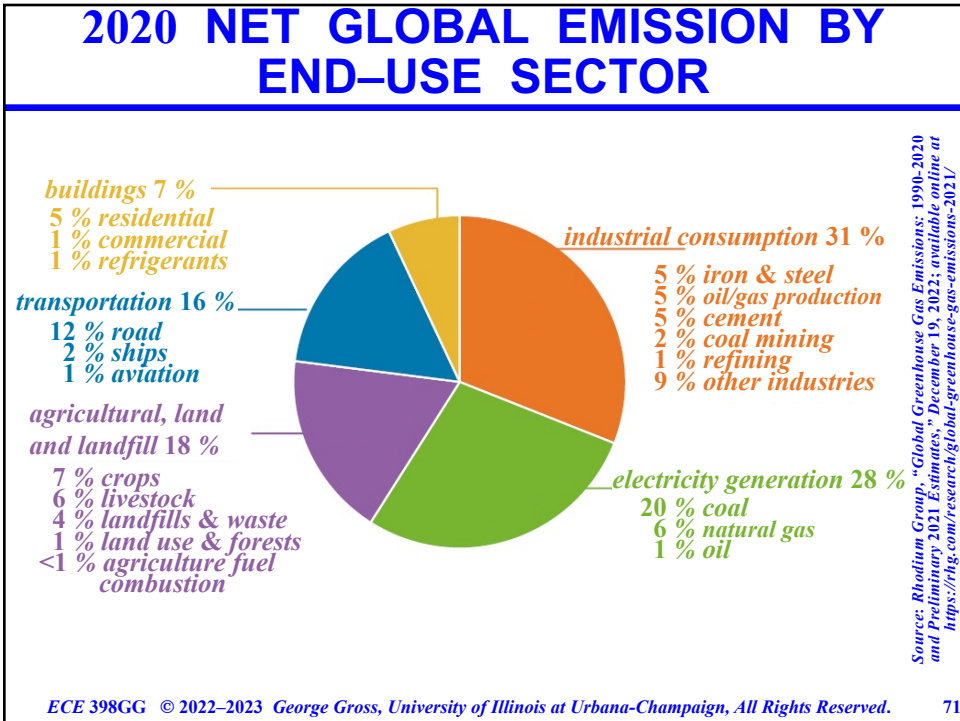


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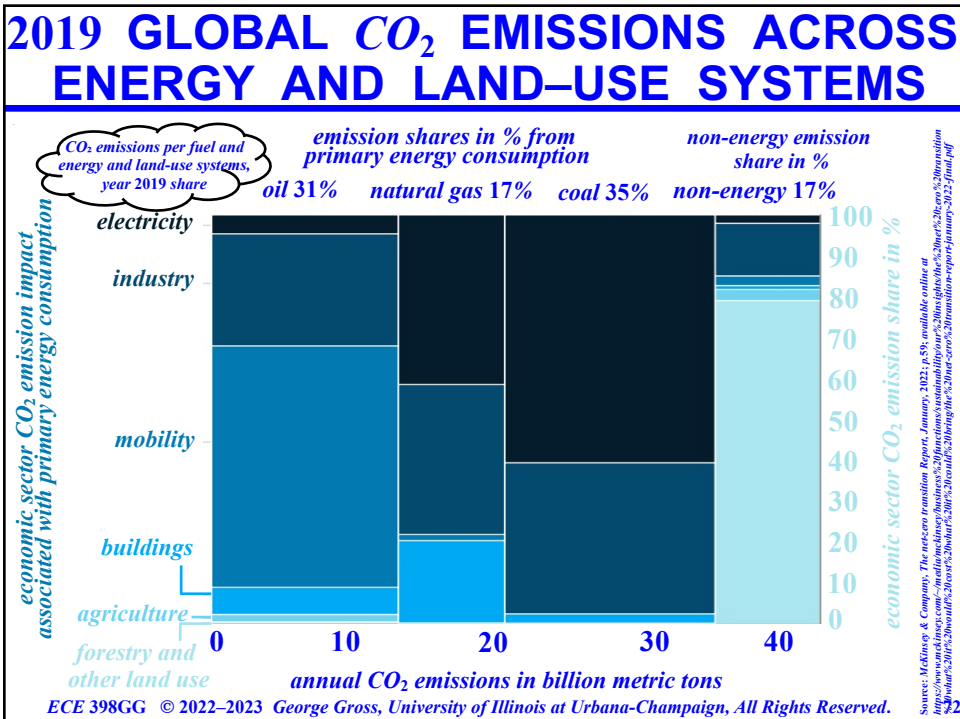
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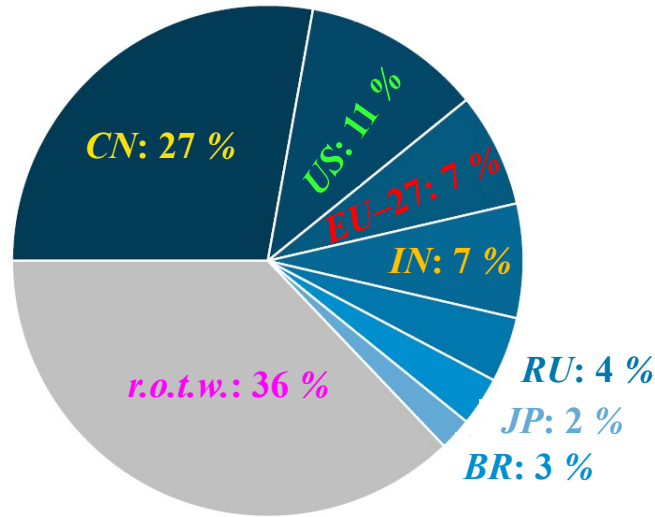


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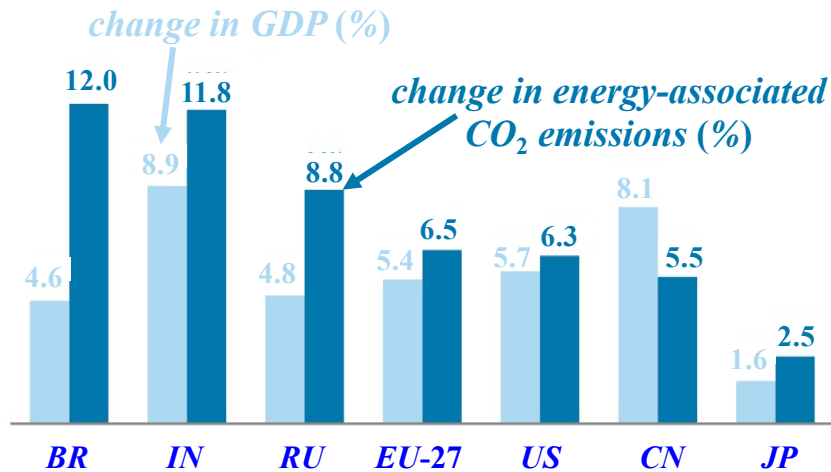
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## GROWTH IN 2021 ENERGY CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS AND GDP BY COUNTRY



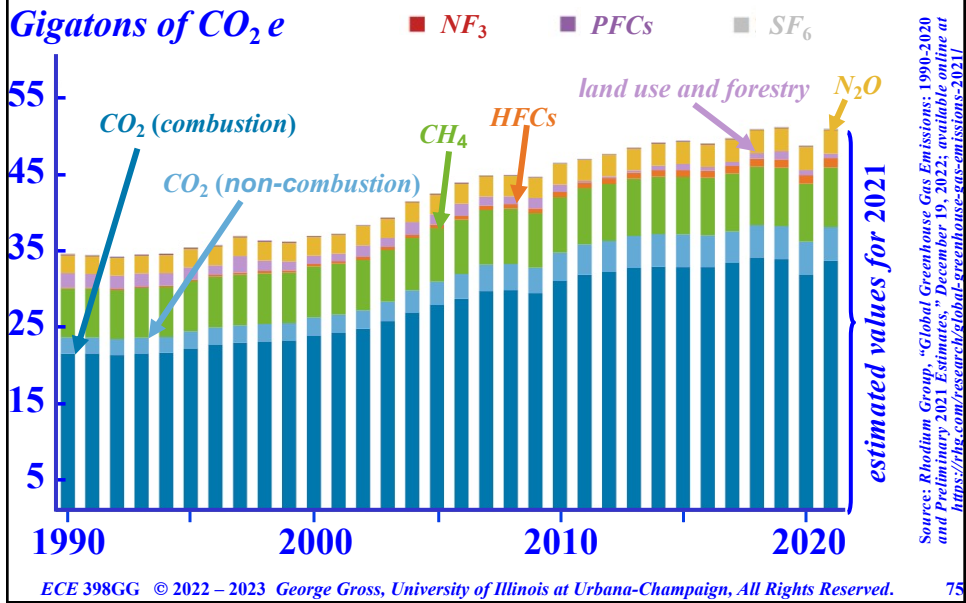
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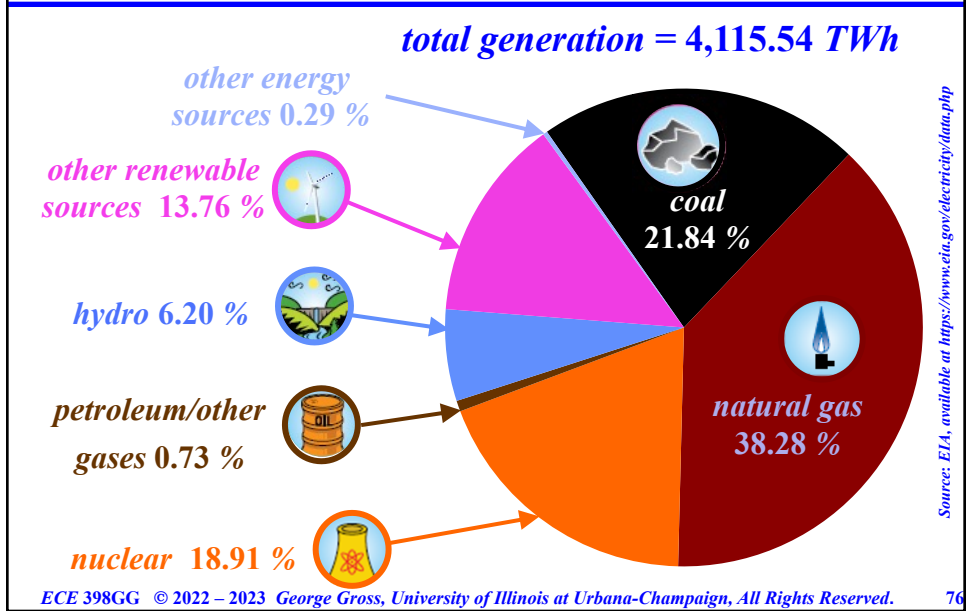
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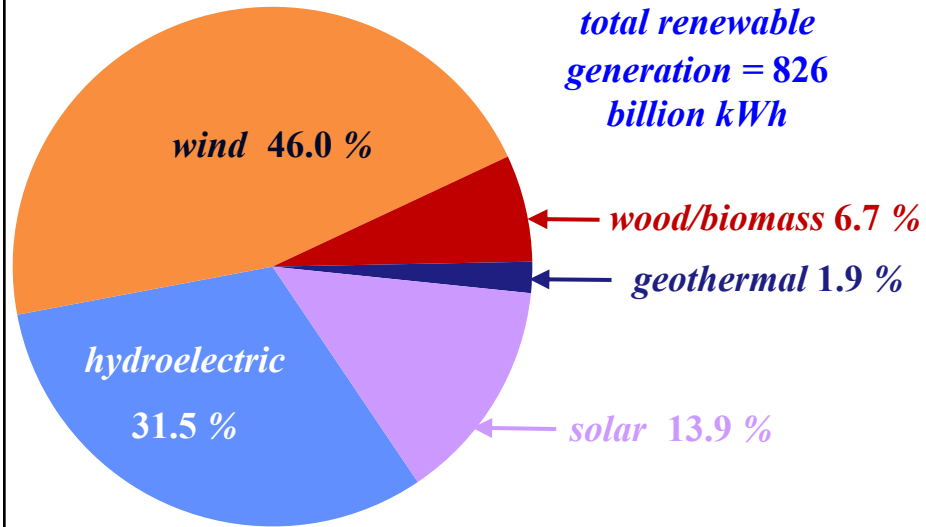
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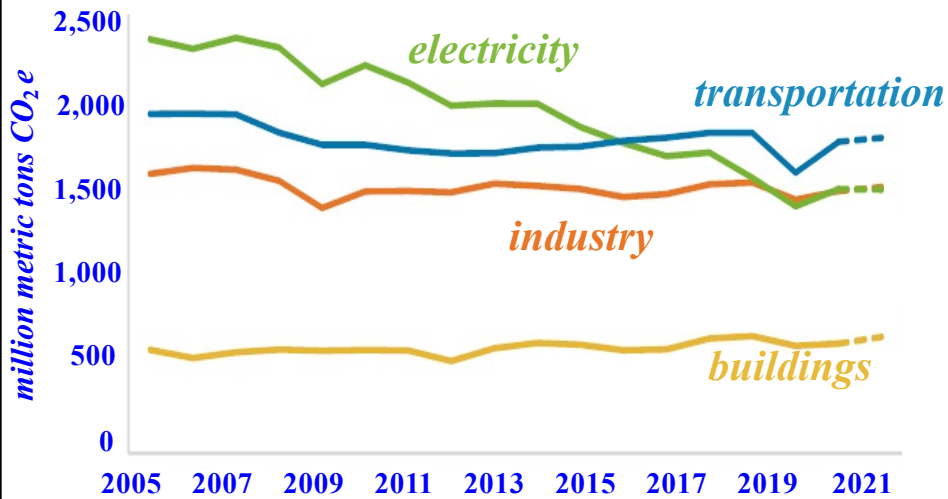
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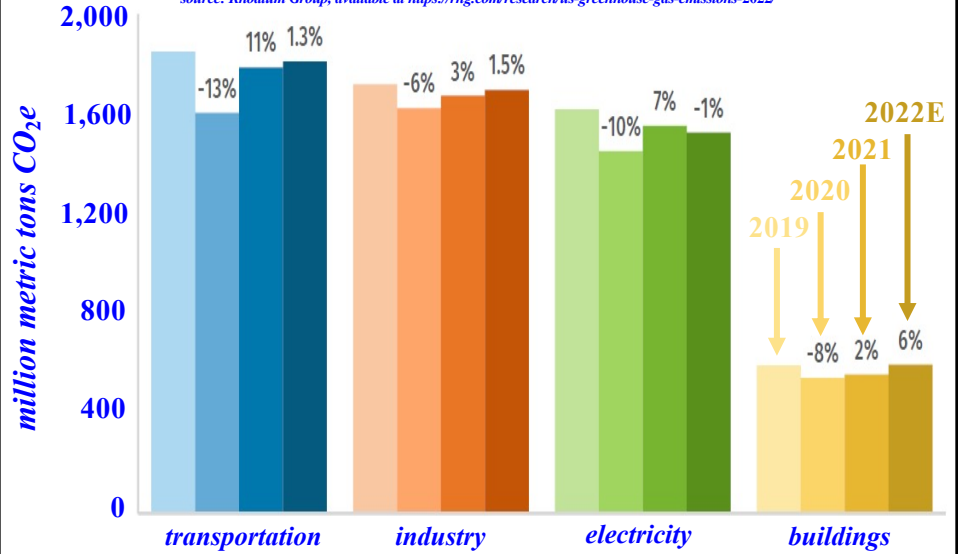
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