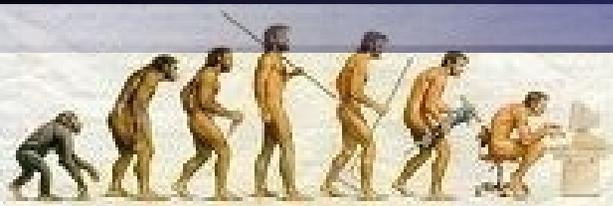


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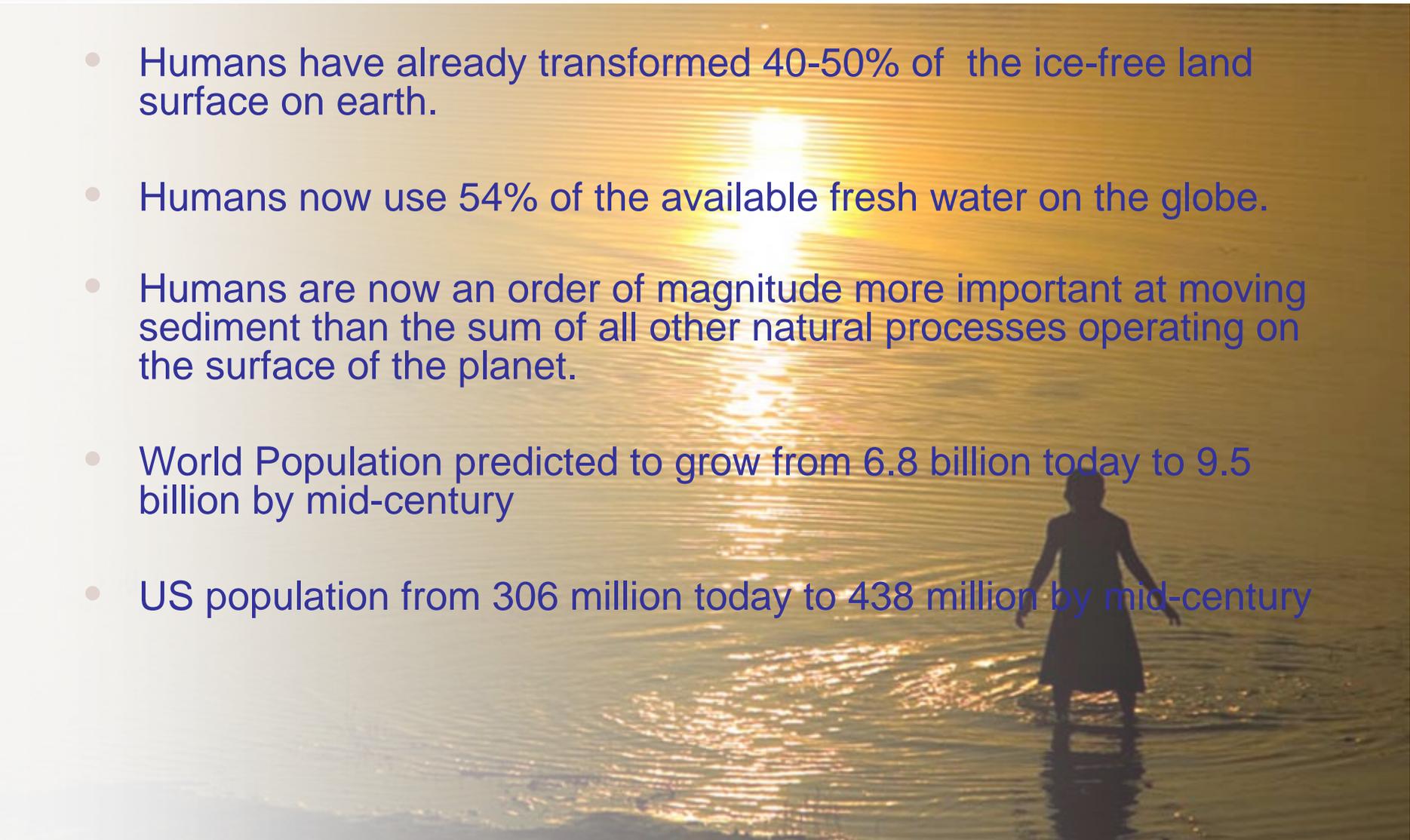
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**May 12, 2009**

# The Human Effect

- Humans have already transformed 40-50% of the ice-free land surface on earth.
- Humans now use 54% of the available fresh water on the globe.
- Humans are now an order of magnitude more important at moving sediment than the sum of all other natural processes operating on the surface of the planet.
- World Population predicted to grow from 6.8 billion today to 9.5 billion by mid-century
- US population from 306 million today to 438 million by mid-century



# Increased Demands on Resources – Globally, Nationally and Locally

**Energy**

**Minerals**

**Water**

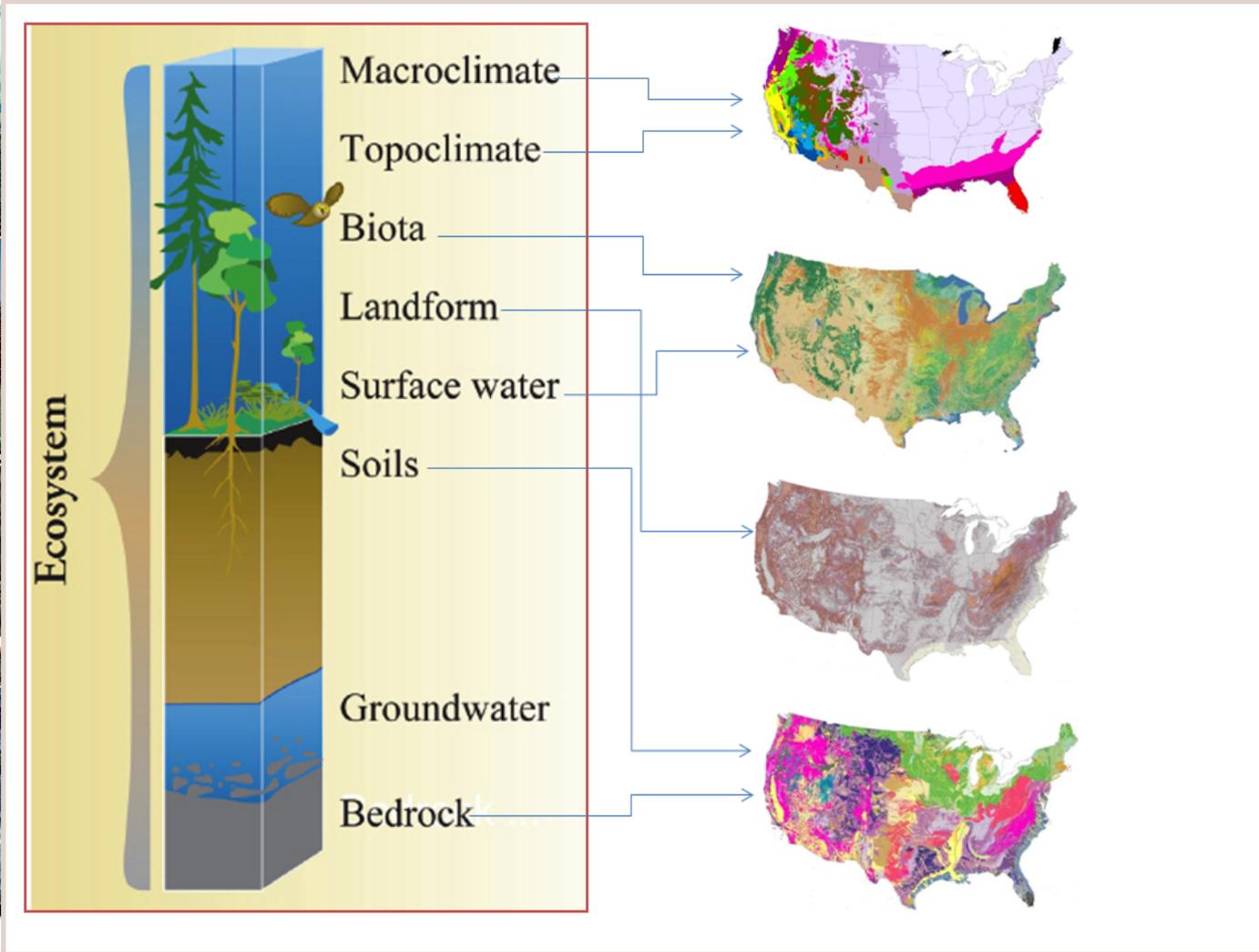
**Agriculture**

**Recreation**

**Preserved natural habitat**

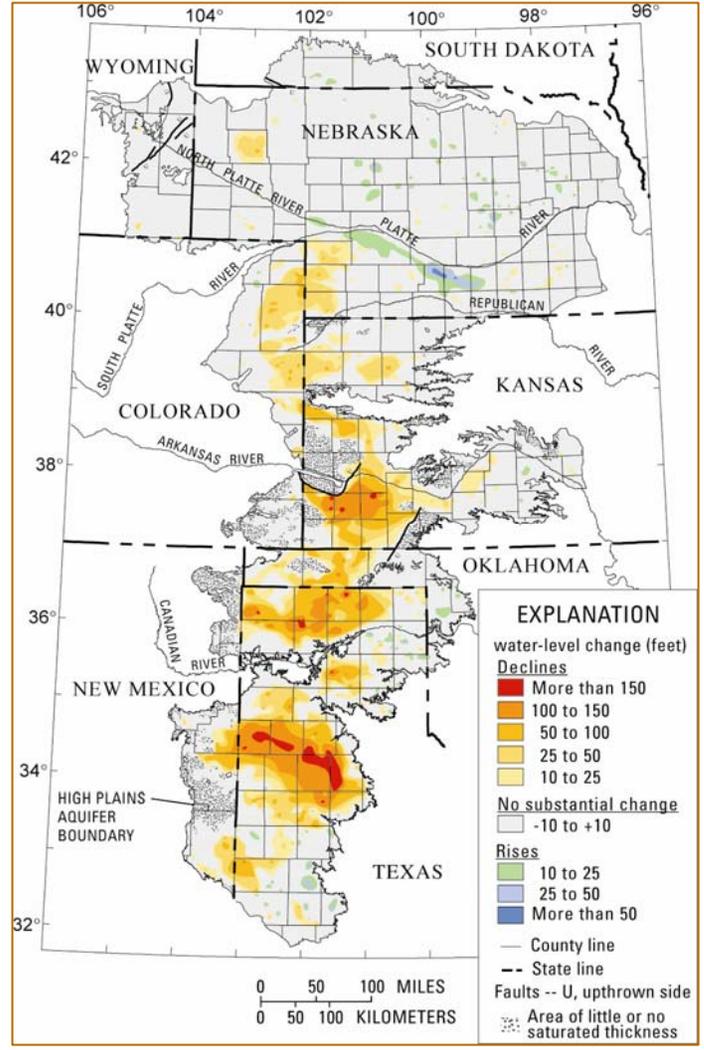
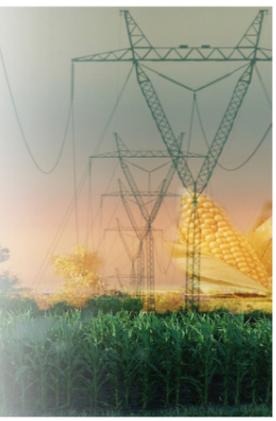
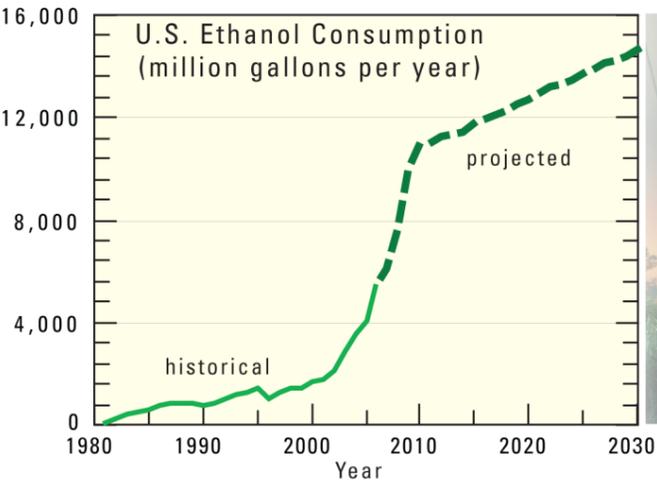
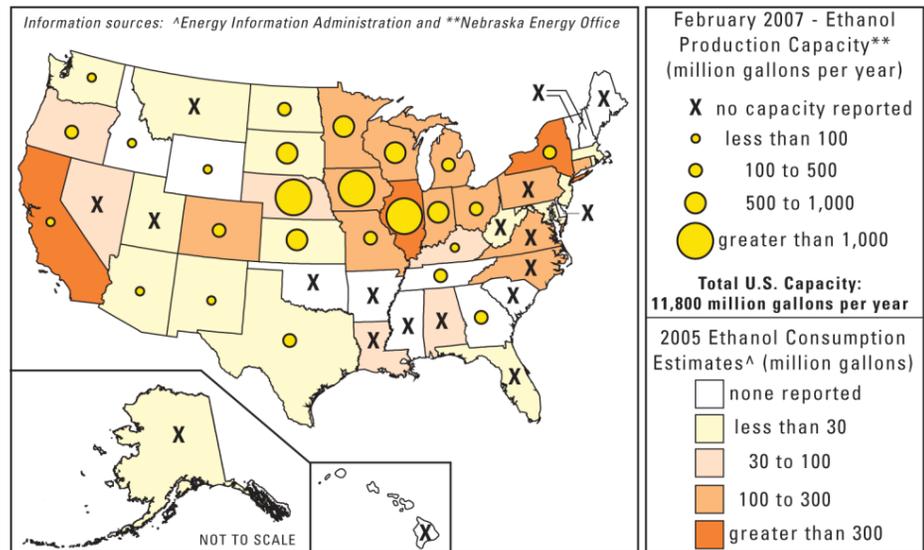


# Sustaining Our Environment While Meeting the Future Resource Needs Requires Long Term Strategic Choices



# No Free Lunch: All New Sources of Energy Have Their Own Unique Environmental Challenges: Biomass/Water

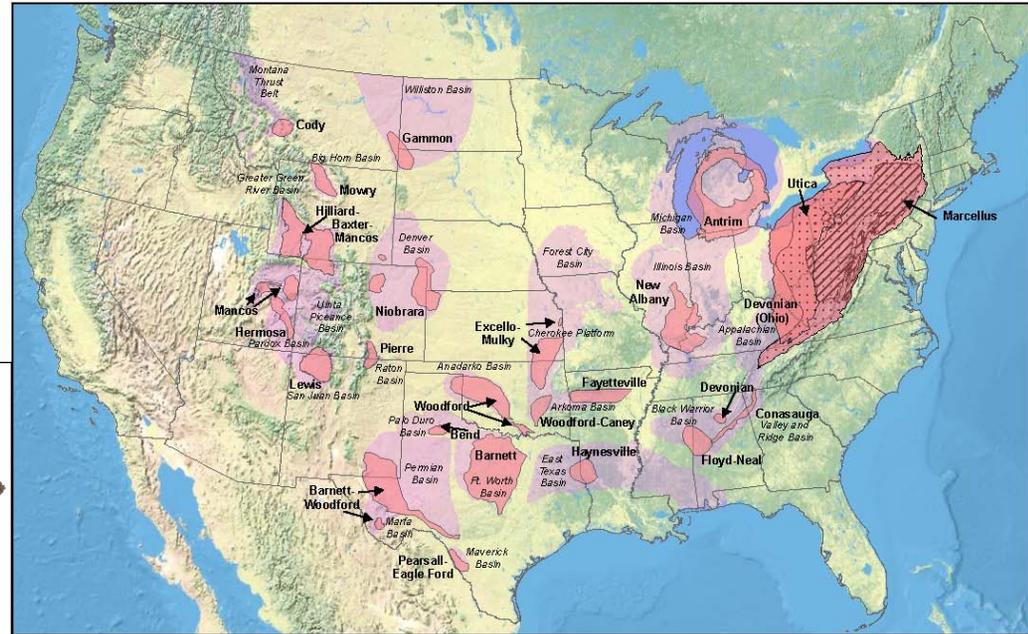
USGS/EIA



# Competing Demands For Land, Water and Energy Will Challenge Regulators and Policy Makers

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### United States Shale Gas Plays

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**Energy Information Administration**  
 Office of Oil and Gas

Shale Gas Plays  
 Basins

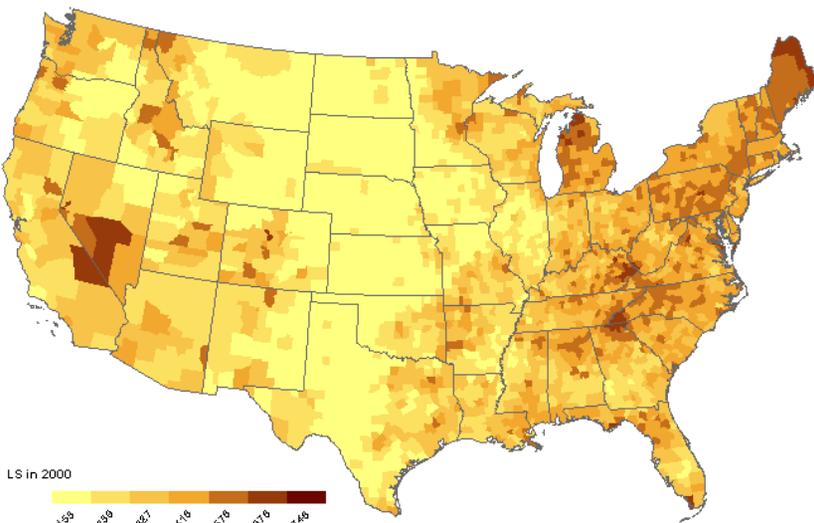
Stacked Appalachian Plays

Marcellus  
 Utica  
 Devonian (OH shale)

November 2008



### County-averaged landscape sprawl metric values



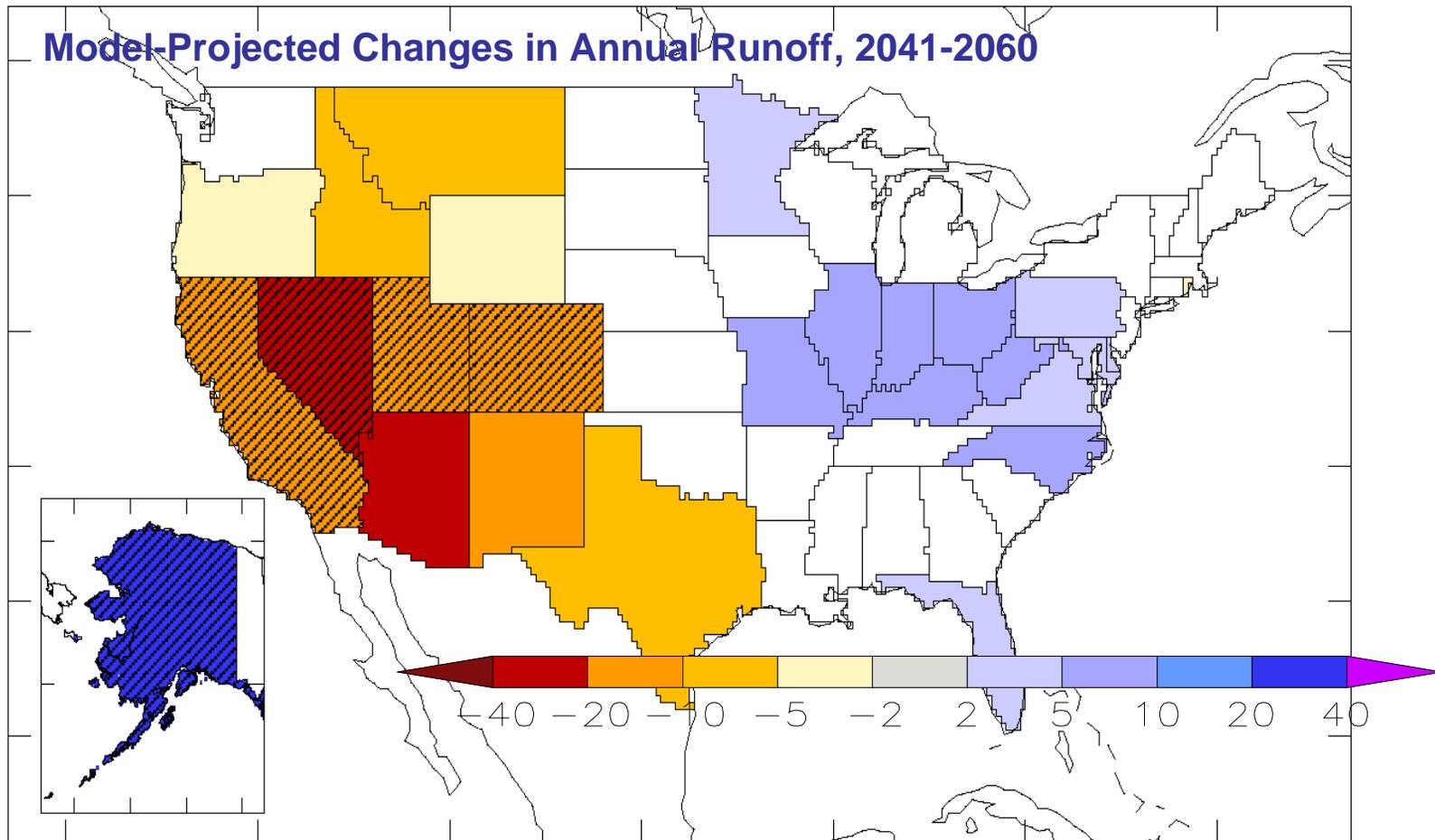
LS in 2000  
 81 - 159  
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 240 - 327  
 328 - 416  
 419 - 518  
 519 - 616  
 619 - 1146

Data source: US Census Bureau 2000 block-groups and tracts.  
 Created by David Trenbark, Colorado State University, 21 June 2004.

# The Effects of a Changing Climate Adds Additional Challenges To Resource Management

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Percentage change relative to 1900-1970 baseline. Any color indicates that >66% of models agree on sign of change; diagonal hatching indicates >90% agreement.

(After Milly, P.C.D., K.A. Dunne, A.V. Vecchia, Global pattern of trends in streamflow and water availability in a changing climate, *Nature*, 438, 347-350, 2005.)

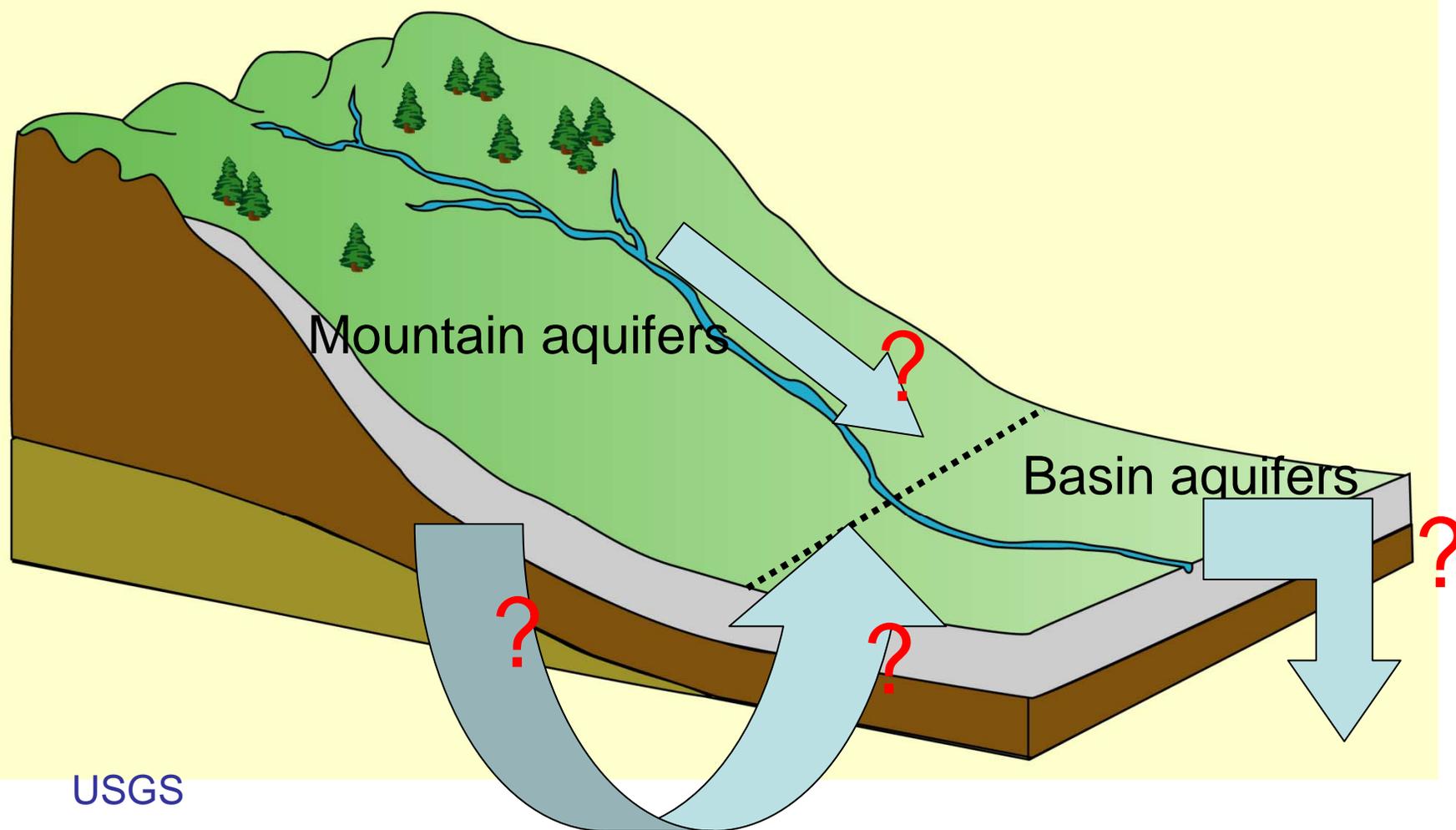
With mountain recharge at risk,

Groundwater inputs to upland streams at risk...

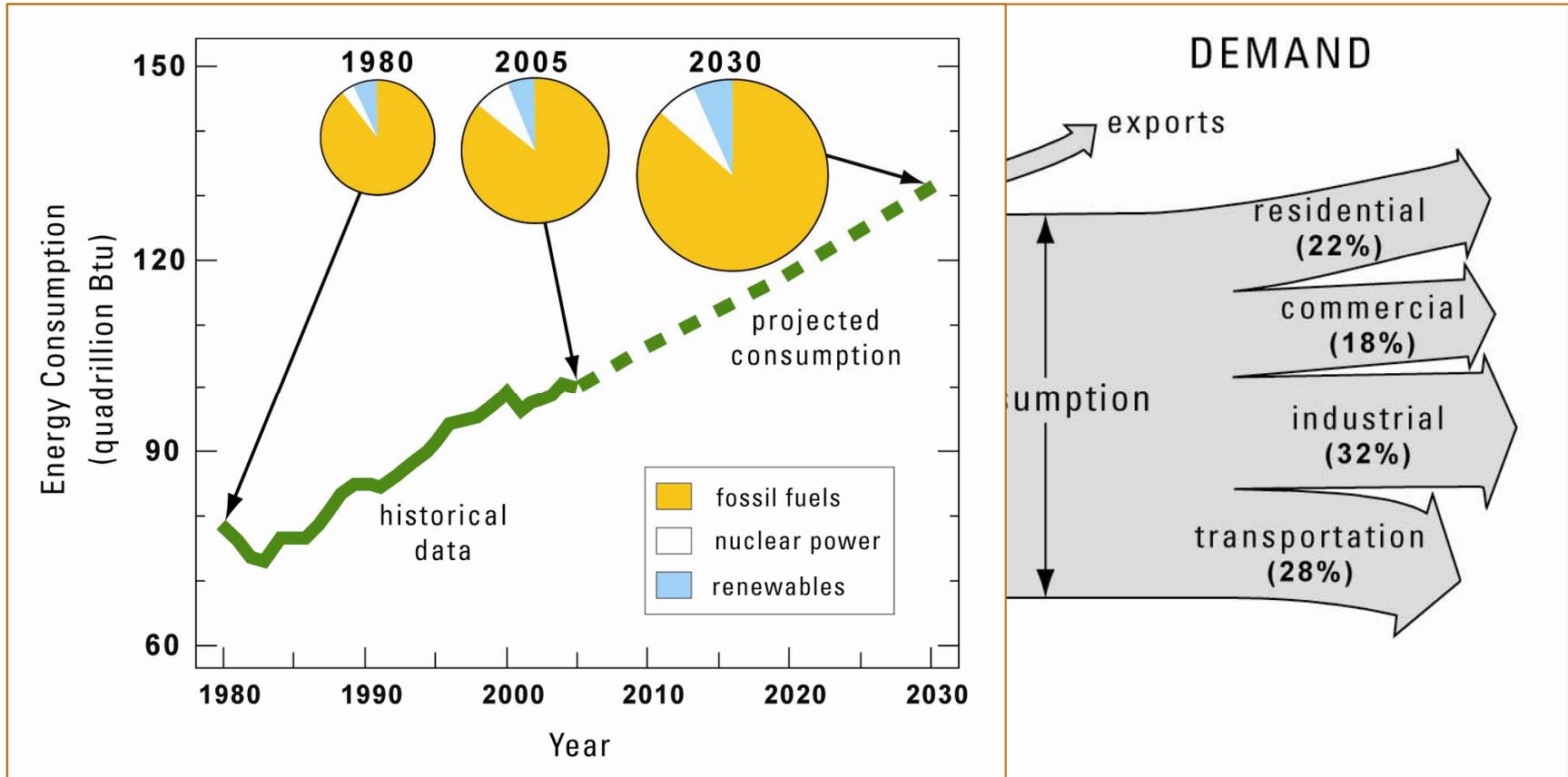
Recharge to basin aquifers across mountain fronts may also change.

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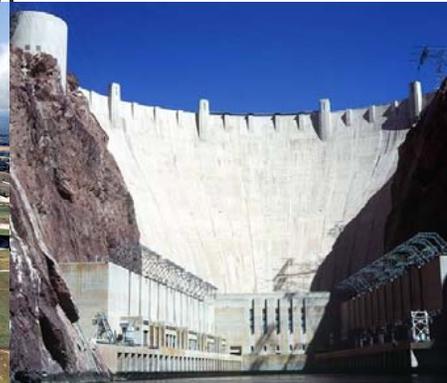
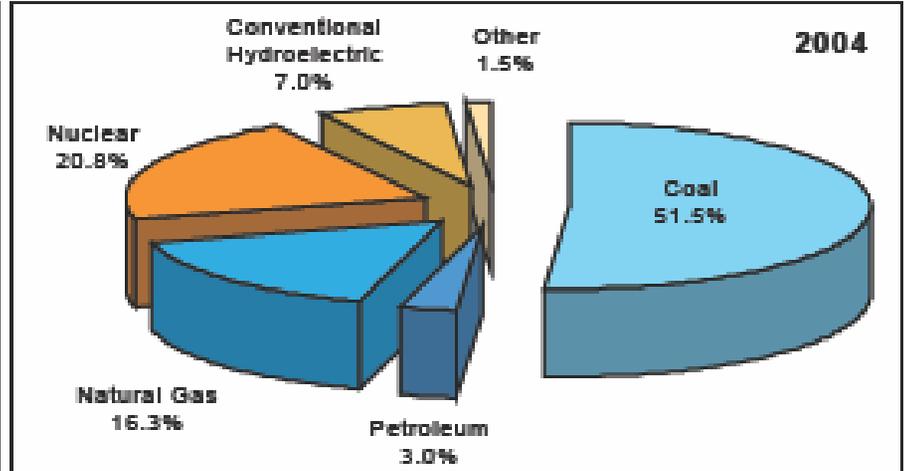
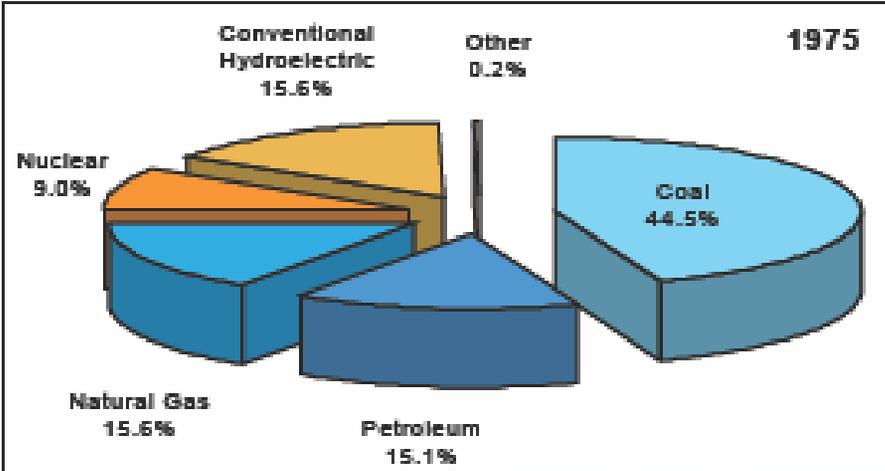


# The Energy Mix for the United States



# Large Changes Have Occurred In Fuel Sources

U.S. Electric Power Generation by Fuel Type - Years 1975 and 2004



USGS/EIA

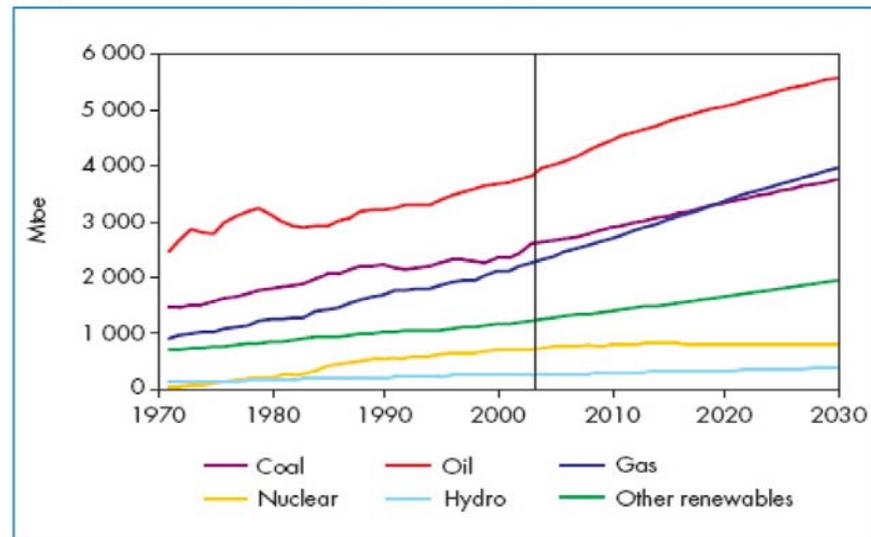
**Change in Fuel Type for Electrical Generation Over Three Decades** <sup>10</sup>

# Natural Gas is America's Resource For Enhancing Economic, Environmental and National Security



- Global competition for imported energy
- Growing population, long term economic growth heighten worldwide demand
- Environmental consequences of development, extraction, and use of other resources

World Energy  
Consumption by  
Source



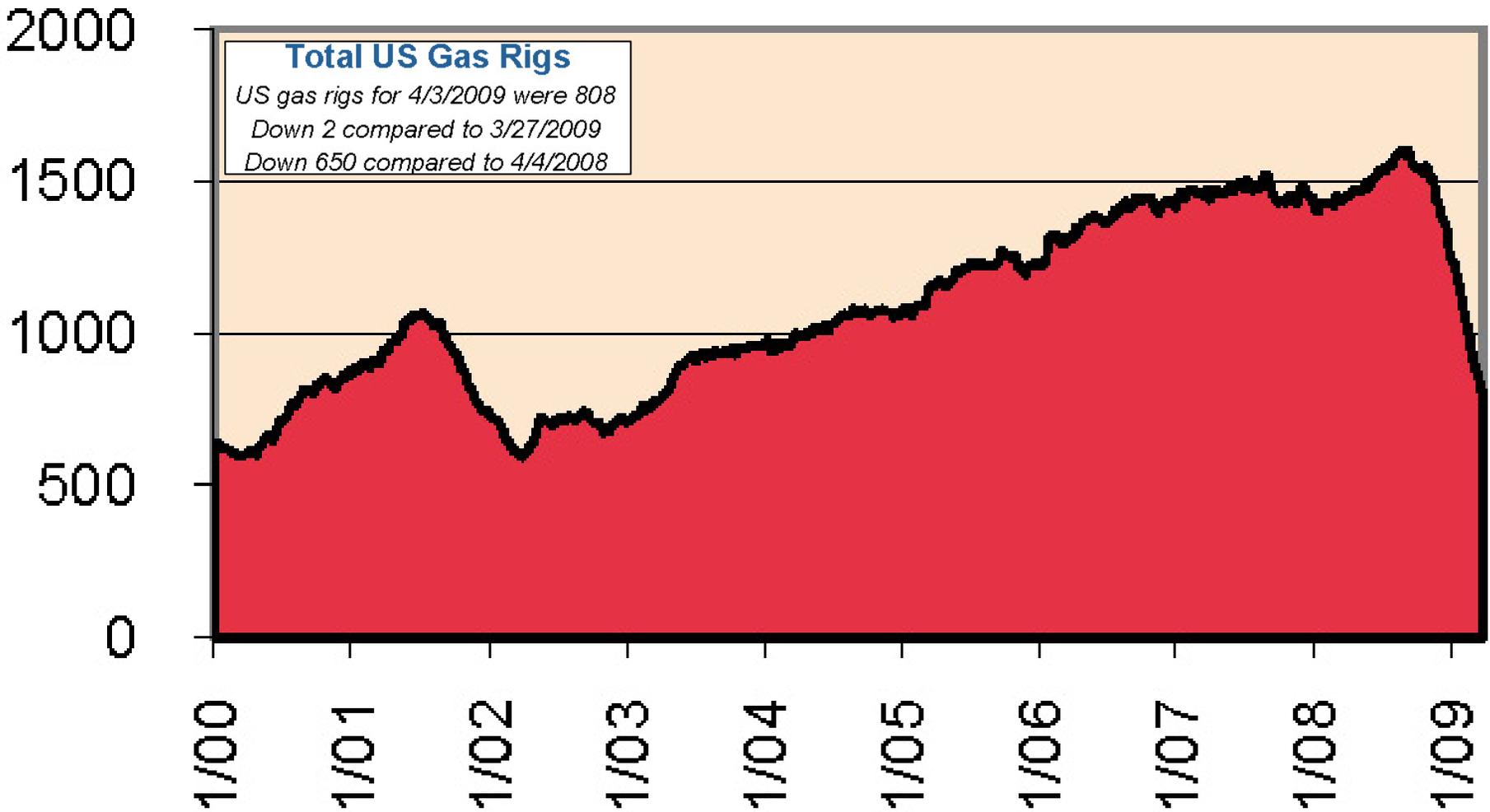
# *Petroleum and the USA*

## *Today*



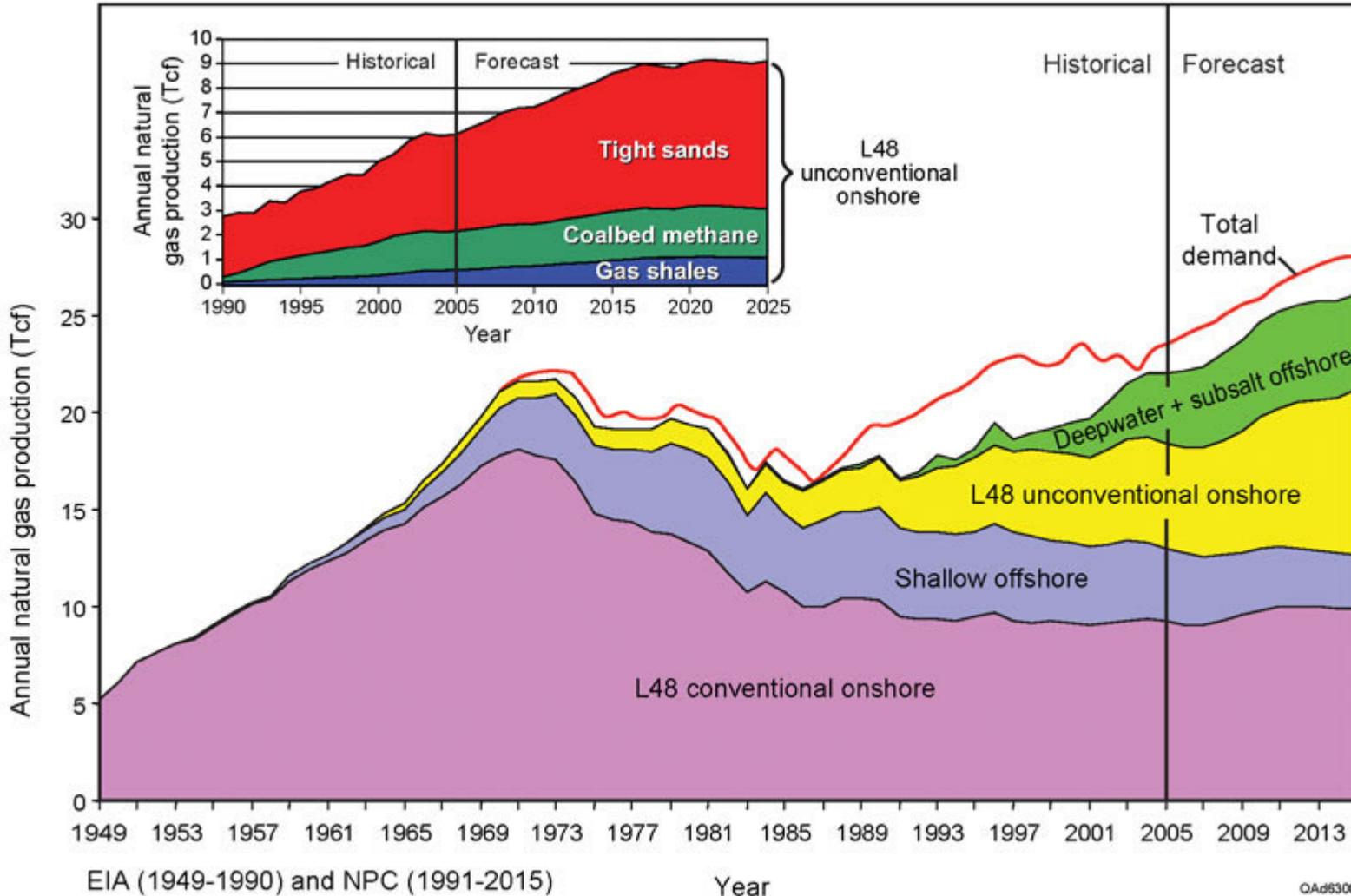
- How have things changed recently?
  - Global economic downturn with associated rapid decline in oil and gas prices and drilling
  - Rapid expansion of unconventional gas supplies in USA
  - Policy shift limiting access to federal lands for non-renewable energy production?
  - Increased likelihood of carbon regulation
  - First authoritative Arctic oil and gas assessment

# U.S. Gas Well Drilling down 45% in Last Year



Source: Baker Hughes

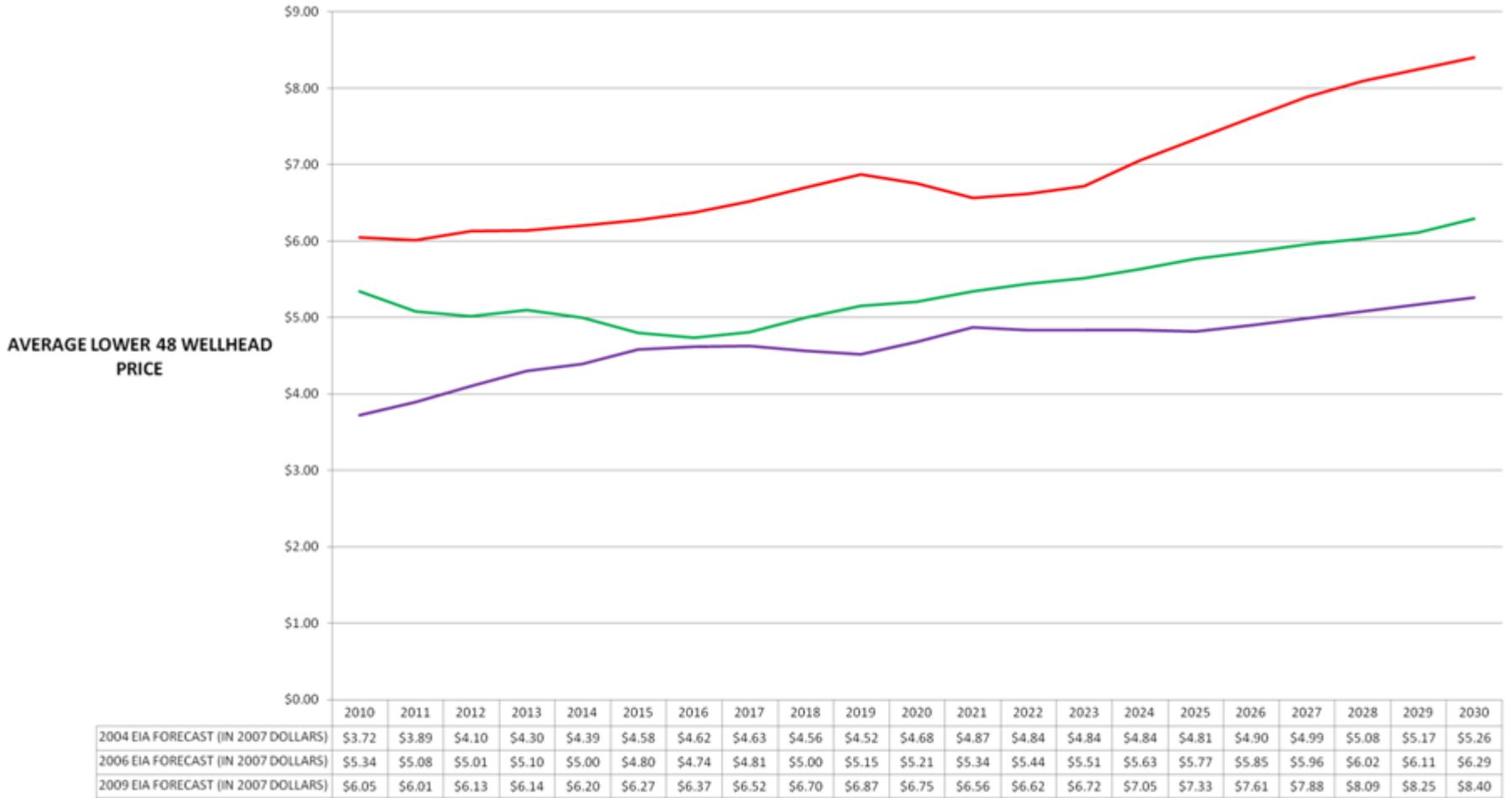
# Domestic Production Increasing Due in Large Part to Unconventional Gas



# More Recent EIA Price Forecasts for Gas Predict Higher Long-term Prices for Natural Gas in the U.S.

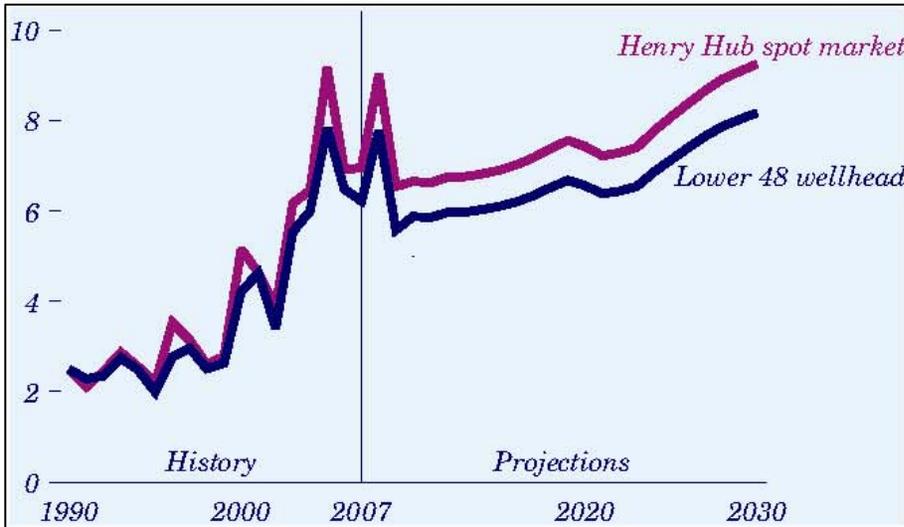


**EIA FORECASTED NATURAL GAS PRICES**

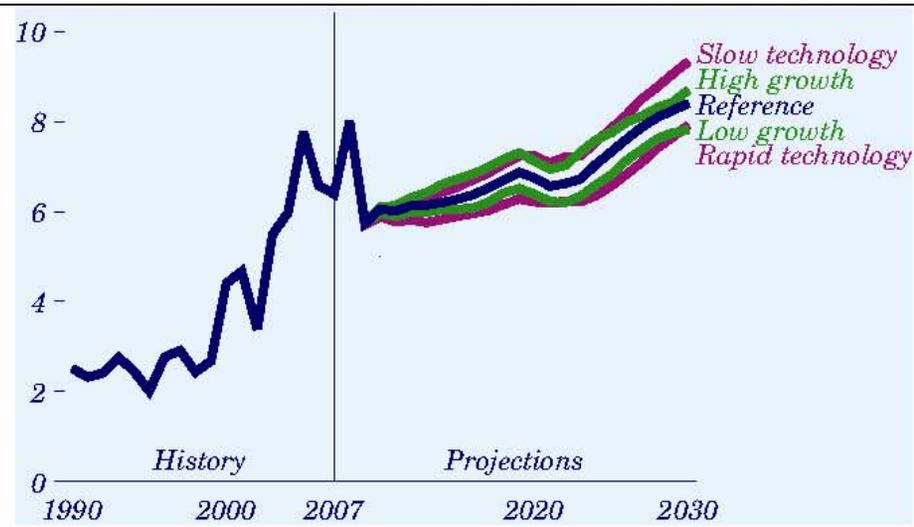


— 2004 EIA FORECAST (IN 2007 DOLLARS)      — 2006 EIA FORECAST (IN 2007 DOLLARS)      — 2009 EIA FORECAST (IN 2007 DOLLARS)

## 2009 EIA Forecasts for Natural Gas Prices Accounts for Growth of Unconventional Gas Resources



Lower 48 wellhead and Henry Hub Spot market prices for natural gas, 1990-2030 (2007 dollars per million Btu)

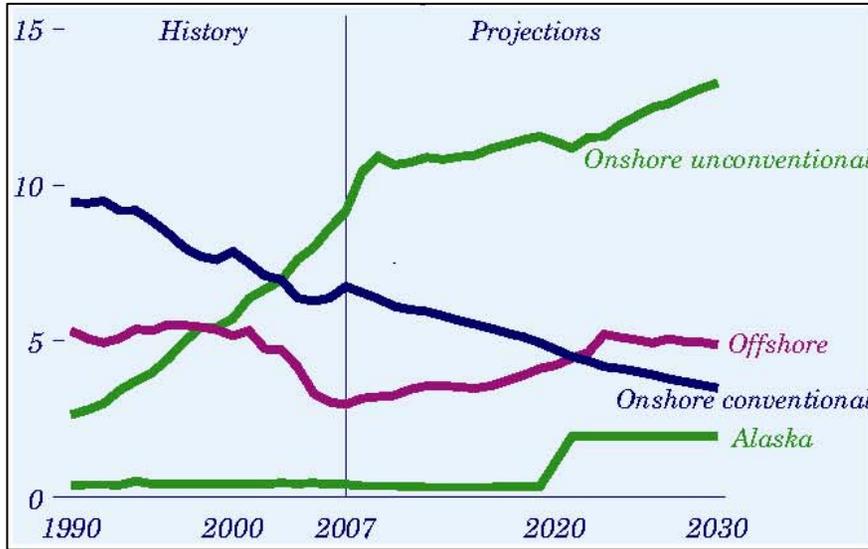


Lower 48 wellhead natural gas prices in five cases, 1990-2030 (2007 dollars per thousand cubic feet)

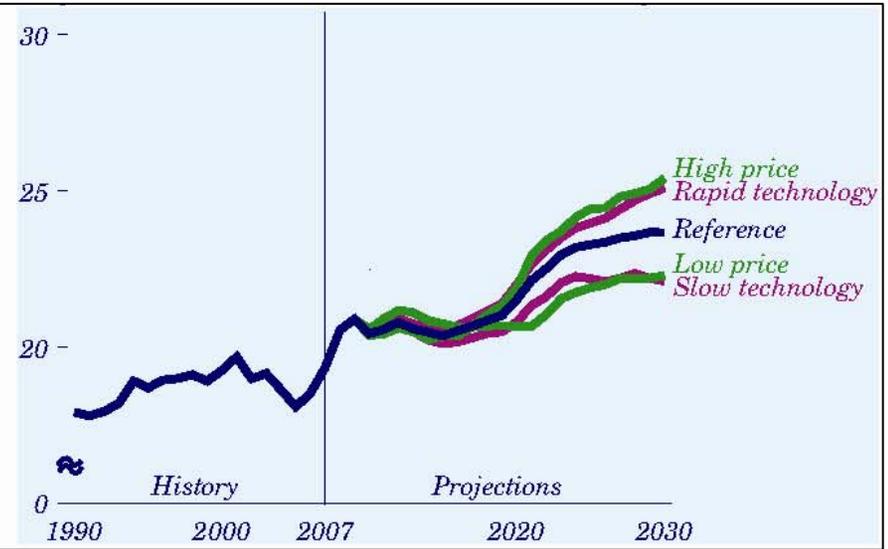
# Both Lower 48 Unconventional and Alaska North Slope Gas are Needed for America's Future



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Natural gas production by source, (1990-2030 9trillion cubic feet)



Total U.S. natural gas production in five cases, 1990-2030 (trillion cubic feet)

Source: EIA Annual Energy Outlook 2009

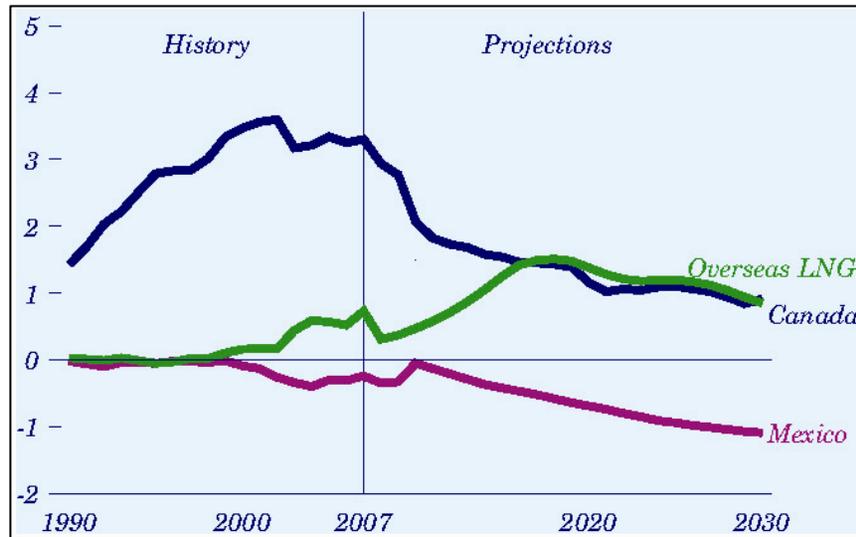
# Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) Imports Current and Forecast Volumes



LNG import volumes have experienced little net change since the legislature approved the AGIA license

## Total US LNG Import Volumes

July 2008: 31,019 mmcf  
December 2008: 30,708 mmcf



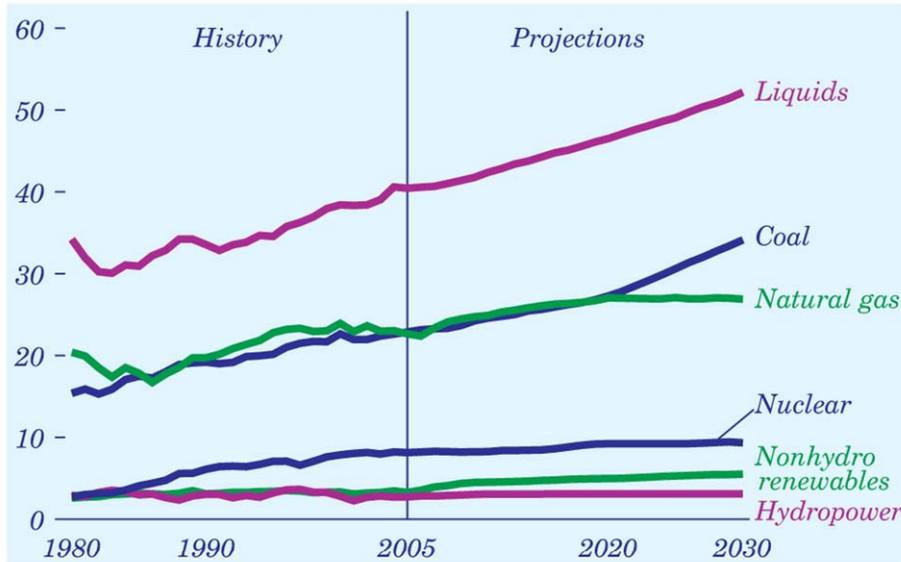
Net U.S. imports of natural gas by source,  
1990-2030 (trillion cubic feet)

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## United States Energy Consumption by Fuel



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## Carbon Emissions

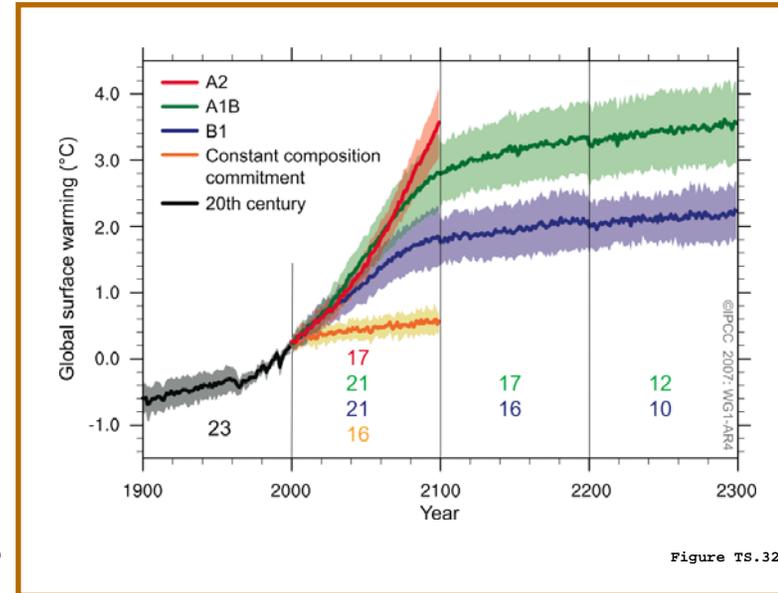
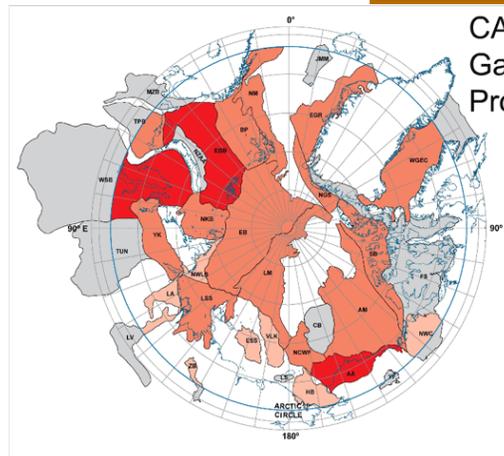


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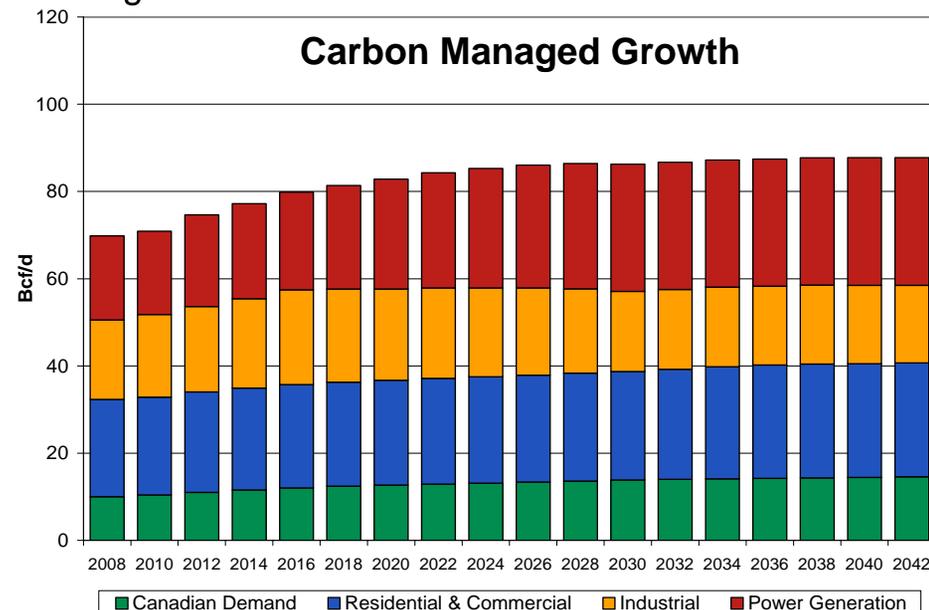
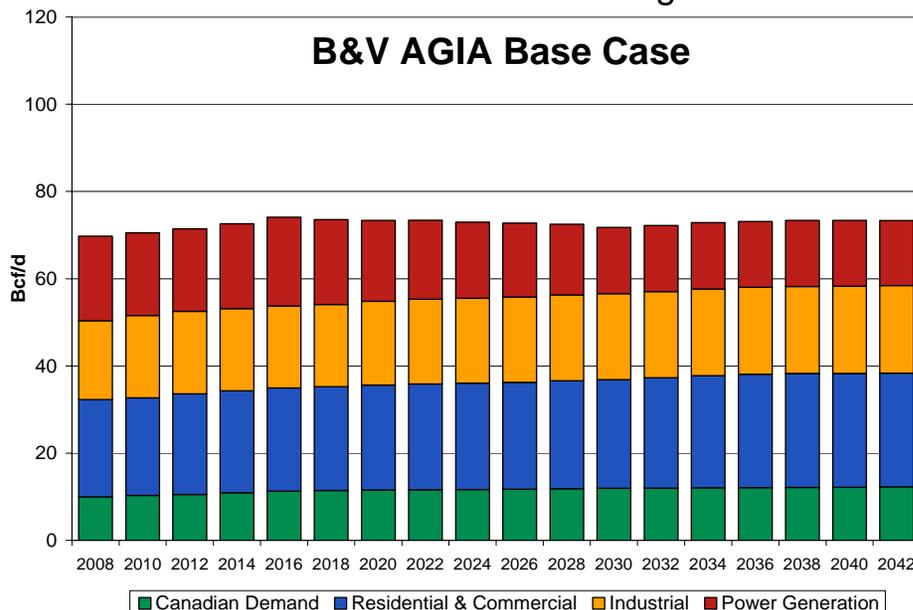
# Impact of Carbon Regulation on Natural Gas Demand



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## In a Carbon Managed Growth case, demand is 14 Bcf/d more than the B&V AGIA Base Case

- Policies and legislations designed to curb Green House Gas could reduce dispatch and construction of coal-fired generation facilities in favor of natural gas fired facilities, resulting in demand increase from the power sector in the US
- All resources, including renewables, nuclear and IGCC with CCS and gas fired combined cycles are all needed to meet electric demand growth. Gas demand from the power sector will grow from 19 Bcf/d in 2008 to 29 Bcf/d by 2030, with a CAGR of 2%
- Total demand in US lower 48 states is 12.1 Bcf/d higher than BV's AGIA Base Case by 2042. Canada demand is 2.3 Bcf/d higher in the Carbon Managed Growth case



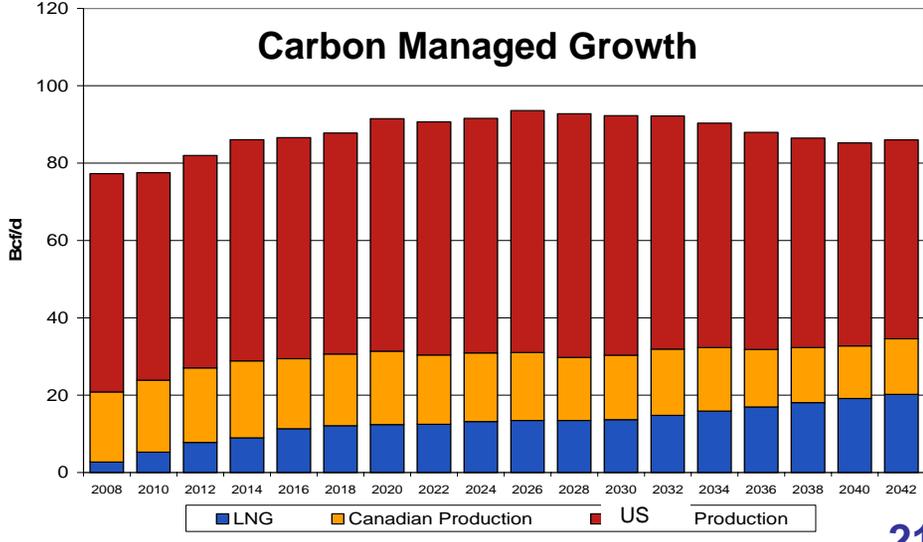
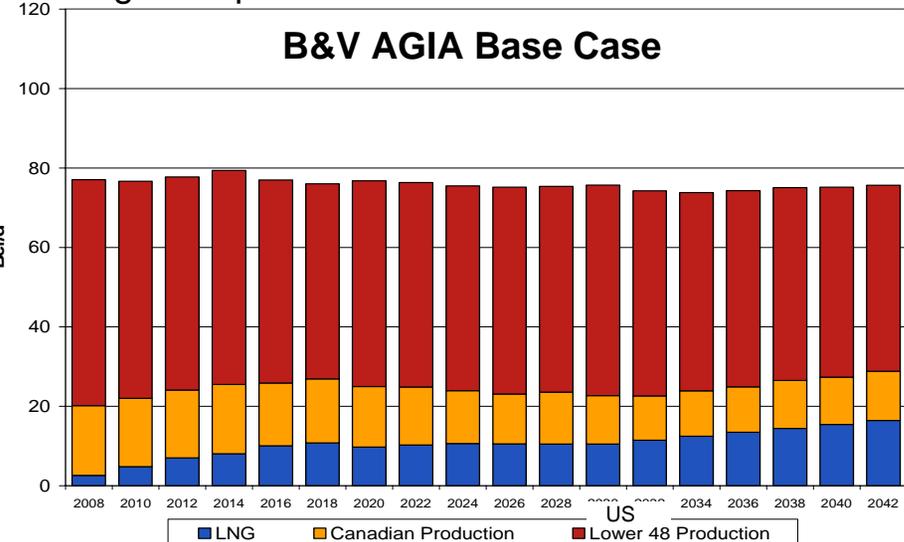
Source: Black & Veatch Analysis

# Multiple Different Sources of Natural Gas will be Needed to Meet Lower 48 Demand Growth



## Additional LNG imports and more unconventional productions from the US is necessary in order to meet the lower 48 demand growth

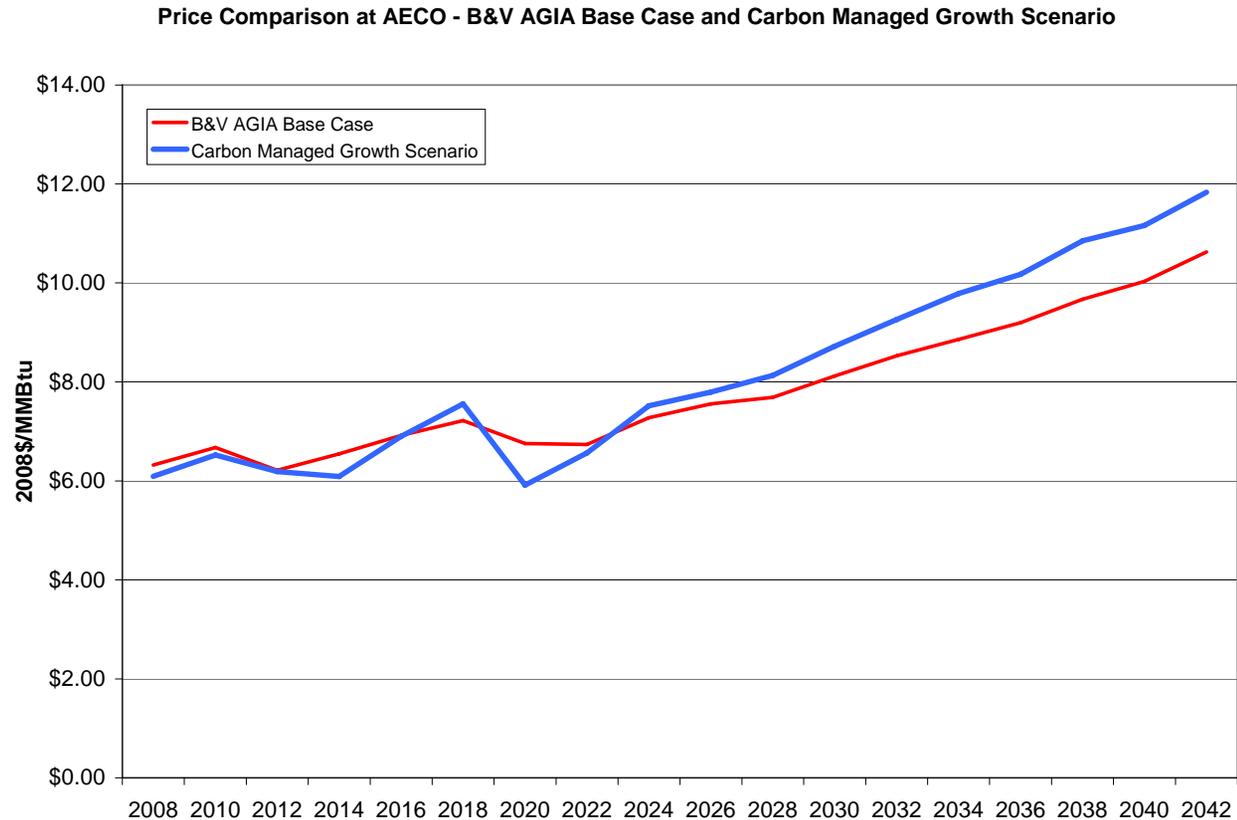
- Additional LNG imports will be needed to meet the demand growth; 6.4 Bcf/d by 2042 in the Carbon Managed Growth scenario
- US Production will average 58.3 Bcf/d from 2022-2042 in the Carbon Managed Growth case, which will be 7.8 Bcf/d higher than the B&V AGIA Base Case. Recent developments in shale discoveries in Haynesville and Marcellus indicate greater production potentials from these unconventional resources. The production growth can be considered as a proxy.
- Canadian production continues to decline in both cases. In the Carbon Managed Growth case, Canadian production is 3.7 Bcf/d higher than in the B&V AGIA Base Case, which may approximately reflect the growth potential in the Canadian shales



Source: Black & Veatch Analysis

# Impact of Carbon Regulation on AECO Price Forecasts

- The Carbon Managed Growth case has sufficient supplies from North America to meet the high demand from both unconventional production and slightly higher additional LNG volumes
- North American gas price is projected to have a higher price path than in the AGIA base case



# Route of Proposed Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline

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# *Estimated Break-Even Costs for Lower 48 Shale Gas and Alaska North Slope Onshore Gas*

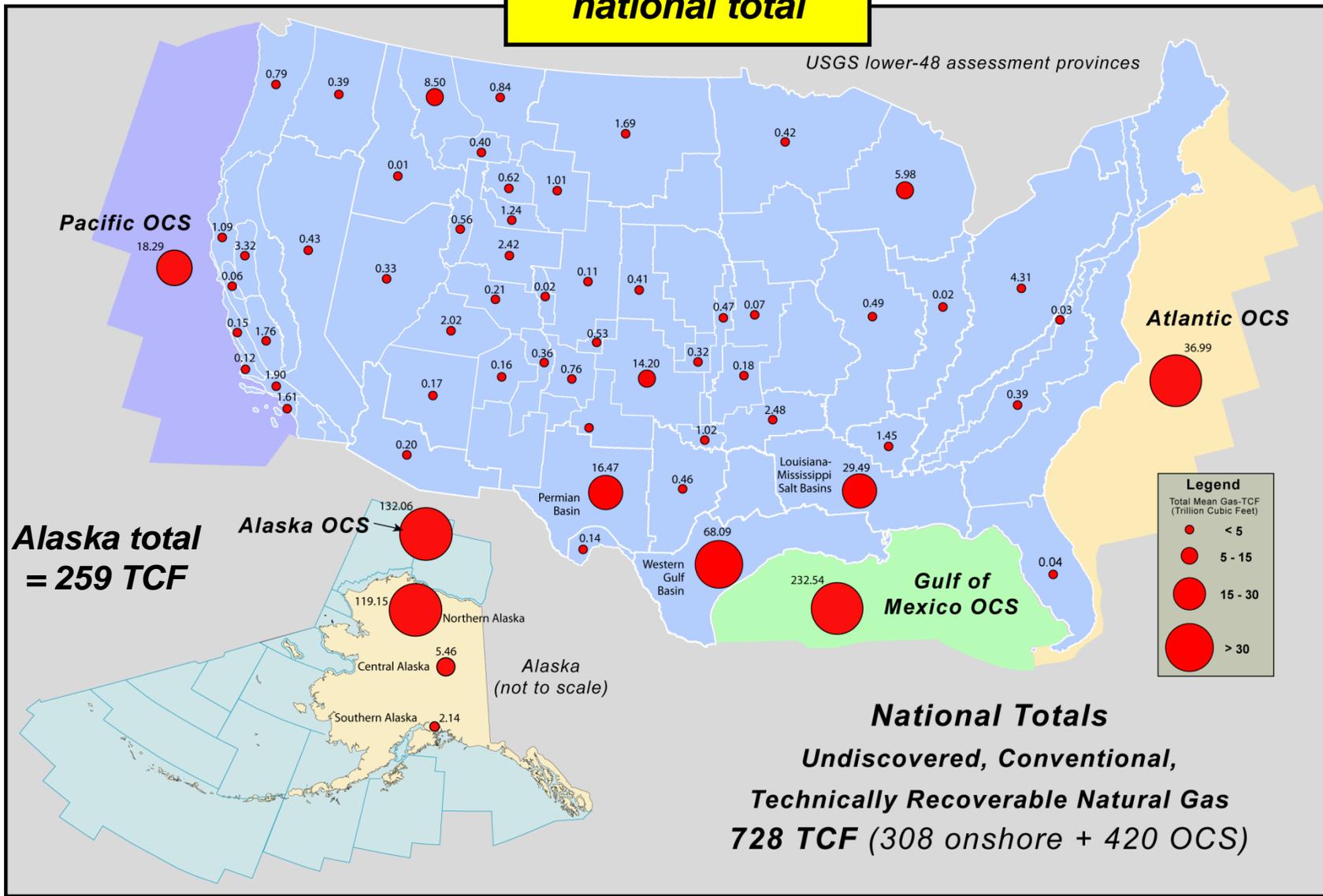


- Onshore North Slope Gas (at AECO Hub)  
\$3.00 - \$4.25  
(USGS, AGIA Finding)
- Lower 48 Shale Gas (NYMEX)  
Lowest - \$4.20  
Medium - \$6.64  
Highest - \$11.50  
(Bank of America)
- Today's lower drilling and steel costs and future technological development enhance economics of BOTH



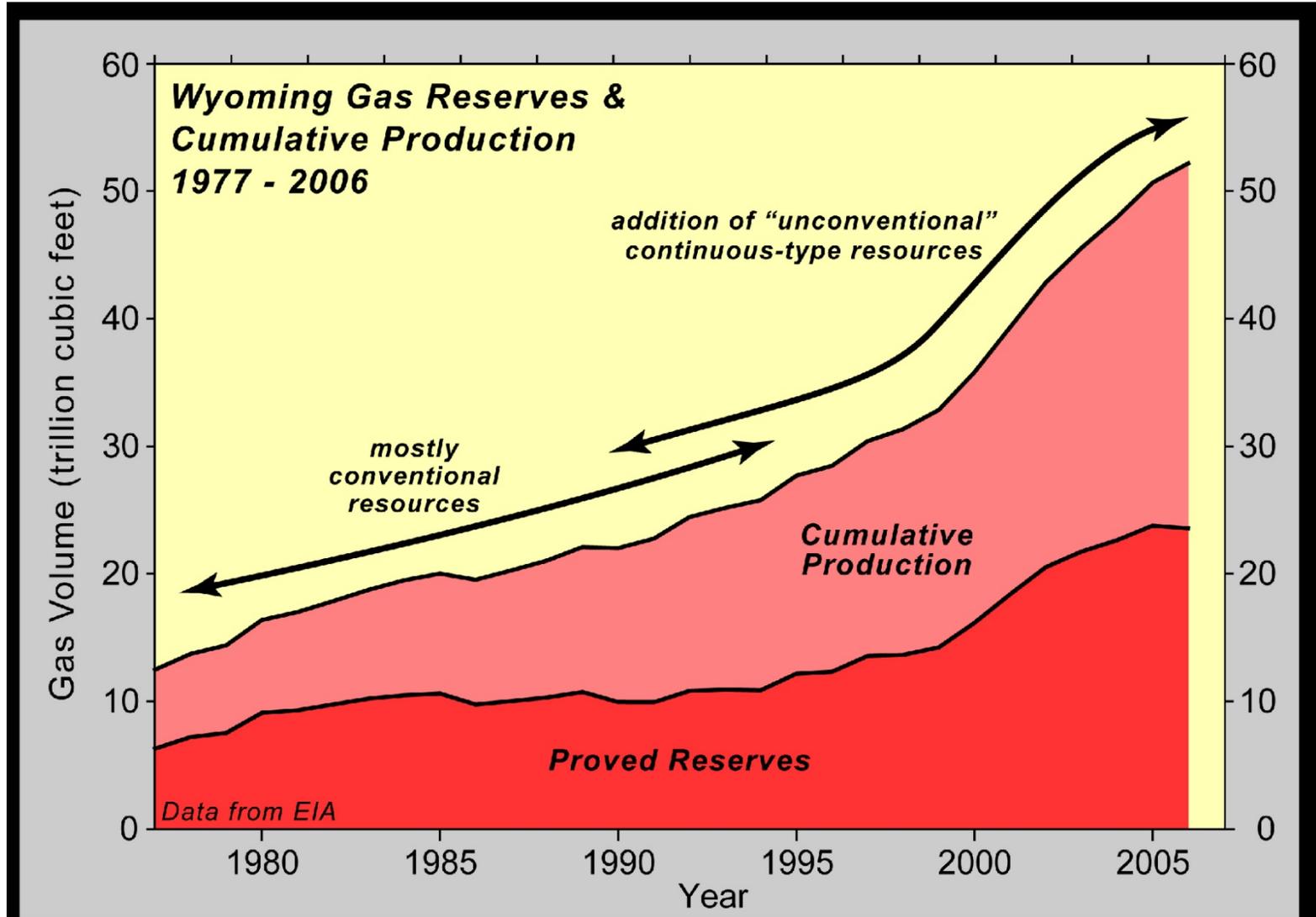
# Undiscovered, Conventional Gas Resources of the U.S.

**Alaska resources = 36% of national total**



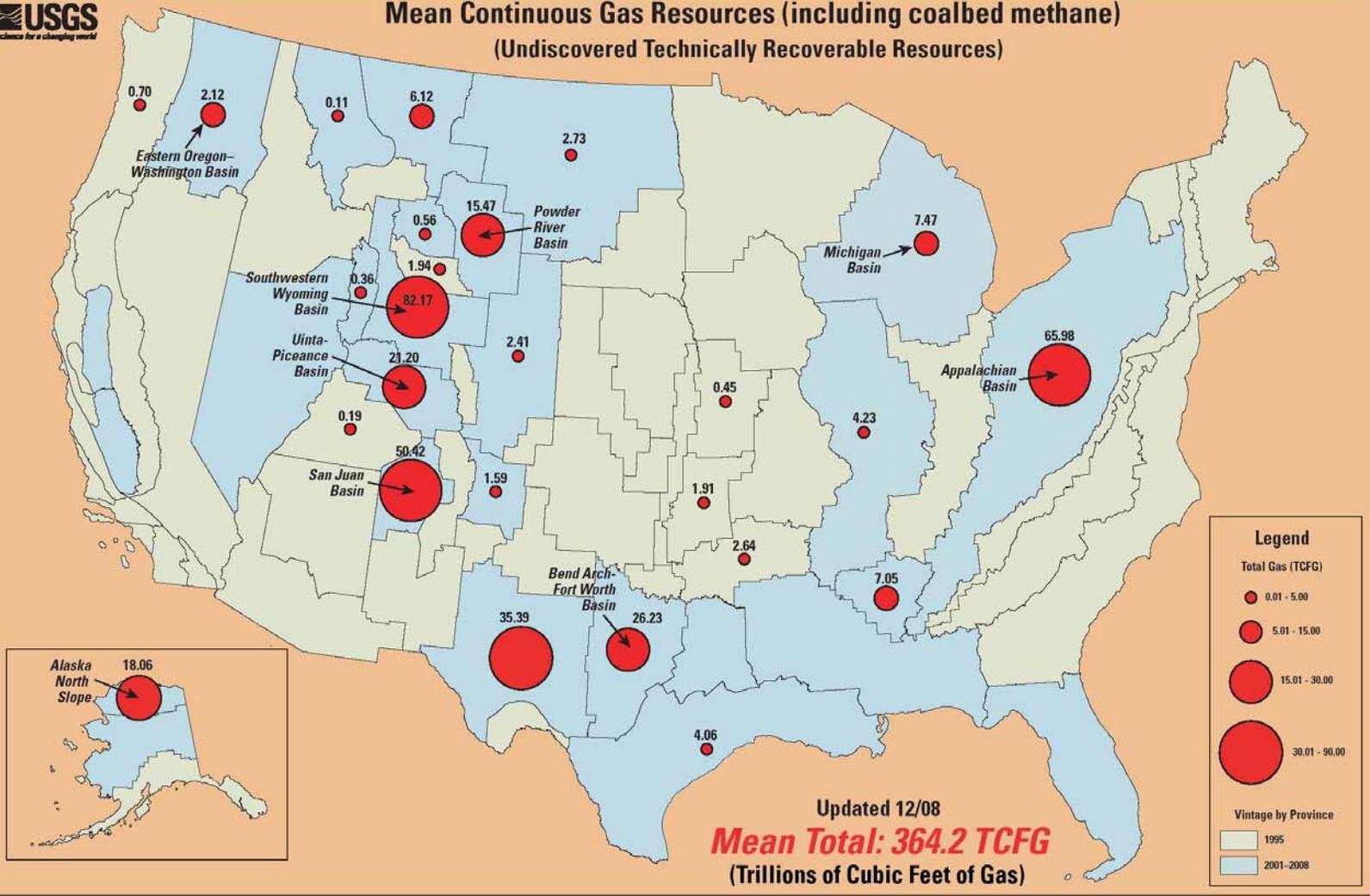
# Wyoming Gas Reserves & Production History

Courtesy of USGS





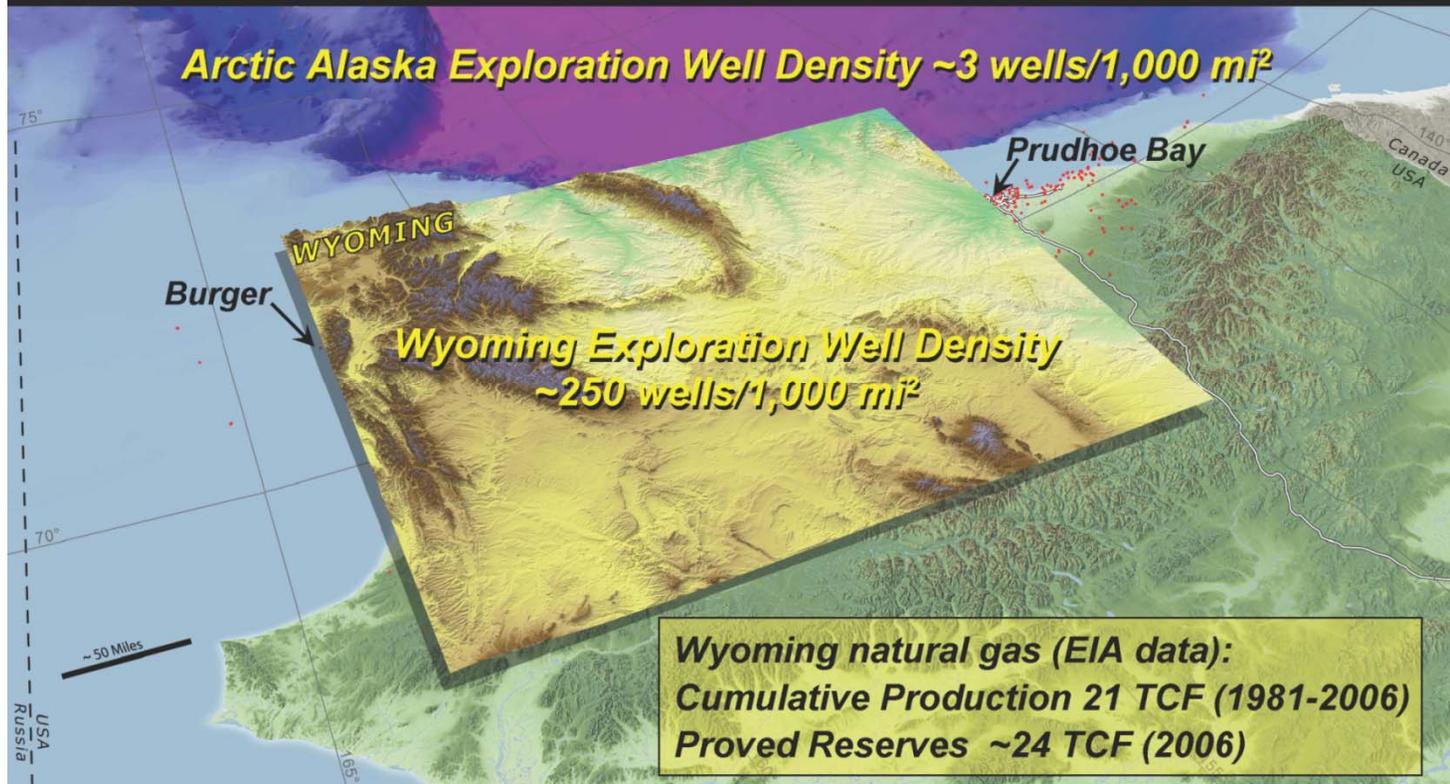
### Mean Continuous Gas Resources (including coalbed methane) (Undiscovered Technically Recoverable Resources)



# Alaska's North Slope is Very Under-Explored

## Arctic Alaska Exploration Maturity

- Prospective area onshore & offshore shelves ~ 150,000 mi<sup>2</sup> (~400,000 km<sup>2</sup>)
- Fewer than 500 exploration wells (red dots)

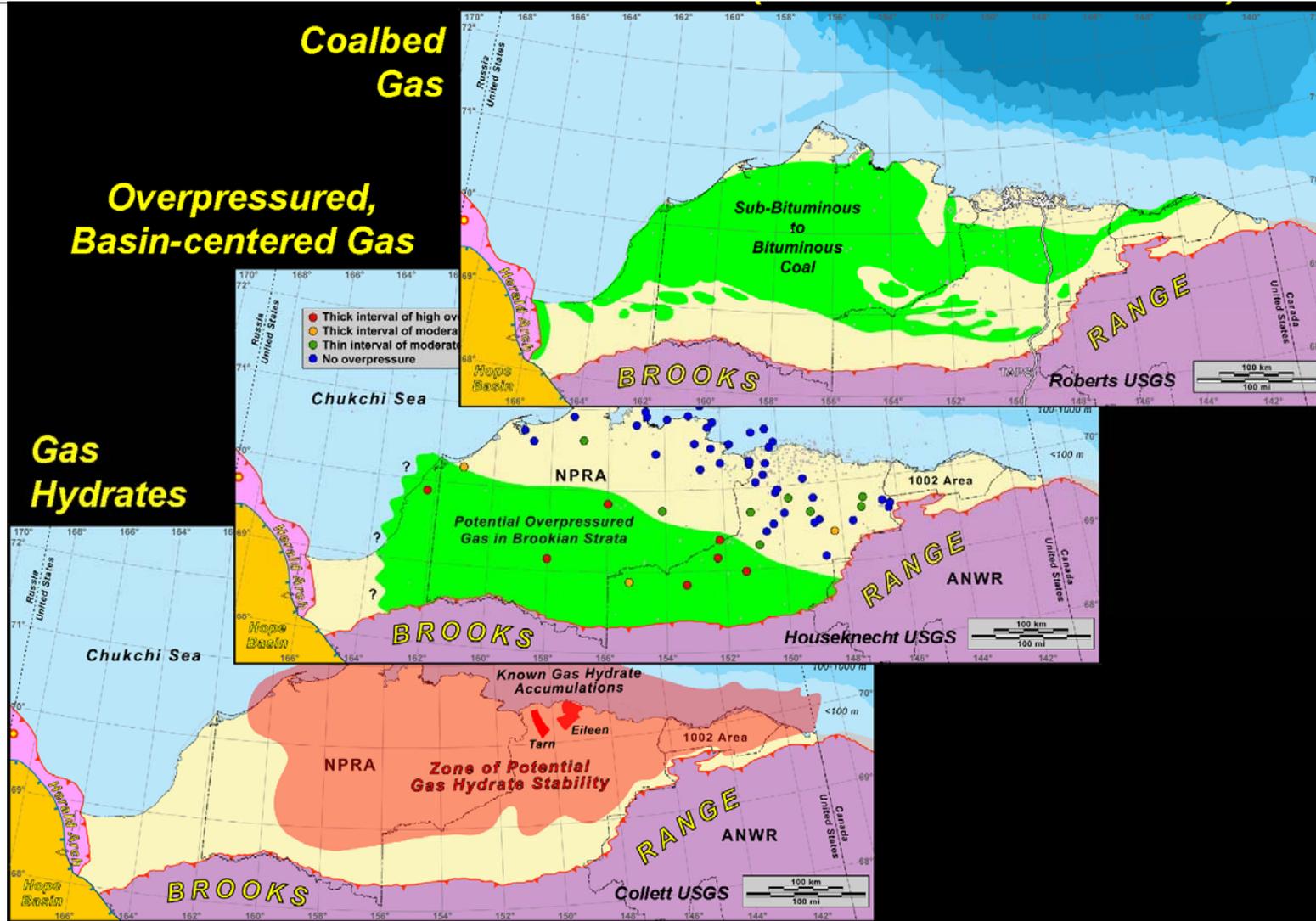


- Entire state of Wyoming ~100,000 mi<sup>2</sup> (~250,000 km<sup>2</sup>)
- Petroleum-prospective area ~75,000 mi<sup>2</sup> (~250,000 km<sup>2</sup>)
- ~19,371 exploration wells

# Alaska's Unconventional Gas Resources (continuous resources)

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# Alaska North Slope Natural Gas Hydrate Assessment Results



[BCFG, billion cubic feet of gas. MMBNGL, million barrels of natural gas liquids. Results shown are fully risked estimates. F95 represents a 95-percent chance of at least the amount tabulated; other fractiles are defined similarly. Fractiles are additive, assuming perfect positive correlations. NGL, natural gas liquids; TPS, total petroleum system; AU, assessment unit.]

Total Petroleum System and Assessment Unit	Field Type	Total Undiscovered Resources							
		Gas (BCFG)				NGL (MMBNGL)			
		F95	F50	F5	Mean	F95	F50	F5	Mean
<b>Northern Alaska Gas Hydrate TPS</b>									
Sagavanirktok Formation Gas Hydrate AU	<b>Gas</b>	6,285	19,490	37,791	20,567	0	0	0	0
Tuluvak-Schrader Bluff-Prince Creek Formations Gas Hydrate AU	<b>Gas</b>	8,173	26,532	51,814	28,003	0	0	0	0
Nanushuk Formation Gas Hydrate AU	<b>Gas</b>	10,775	35,008	68,226	36,857	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Undiscovered Resources</b>		<b>25,233</b>	<b>81,030</b>	<b>157,831</b>	<b>85,427</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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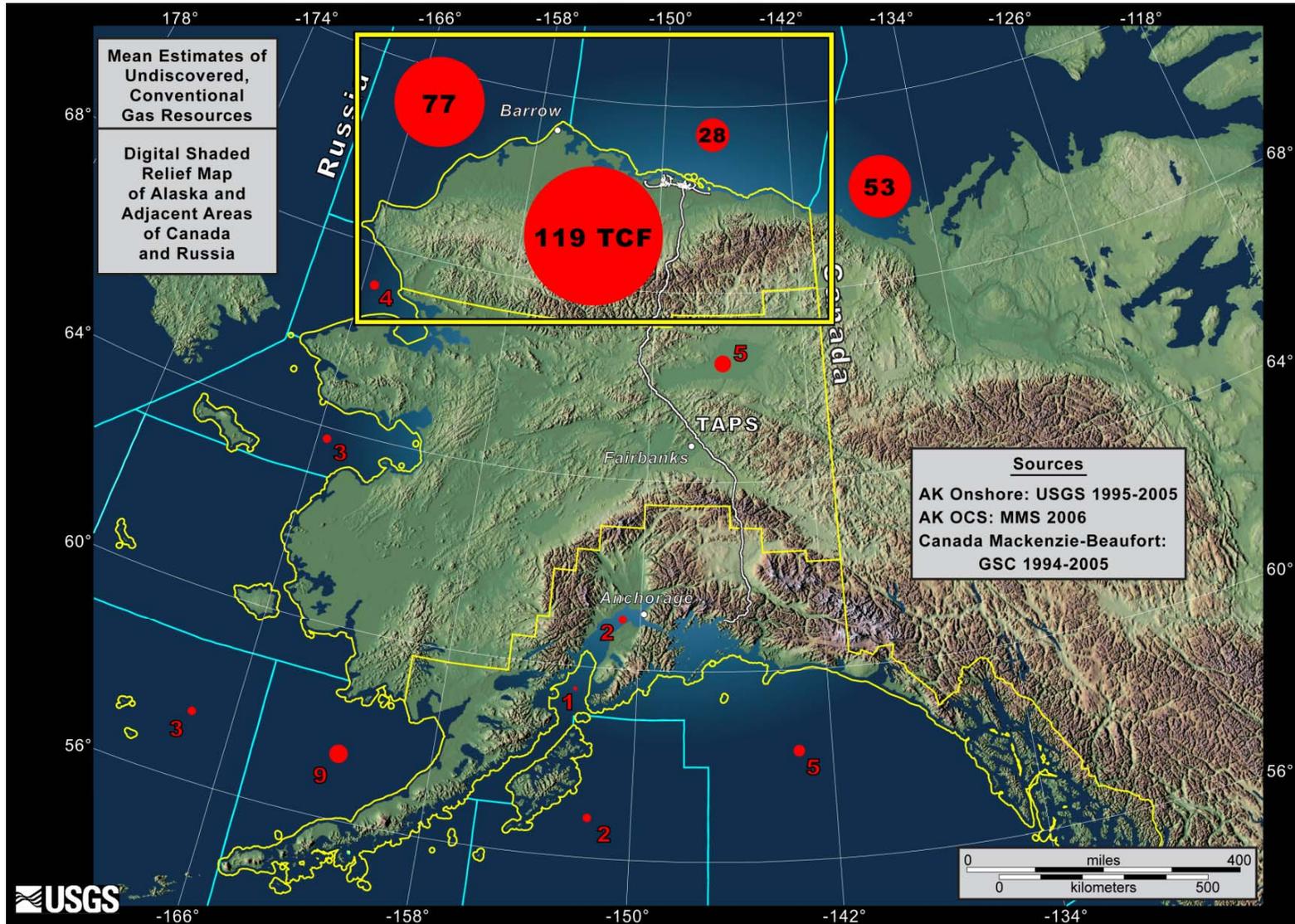
*Atigun Gorge North Slope Alaska – Along the Gasline Route*

Photo taken by David Houseknecht USGS

# Undiscovered Conventional Gas Potential

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# Potential for Undiscovered Petroleum in Arctic Alaska

USGS /MMS



## Mean Estimates of Undiscovered, *Conventional* Natural Gas in Arctic Alaska (trillion cubic feet)

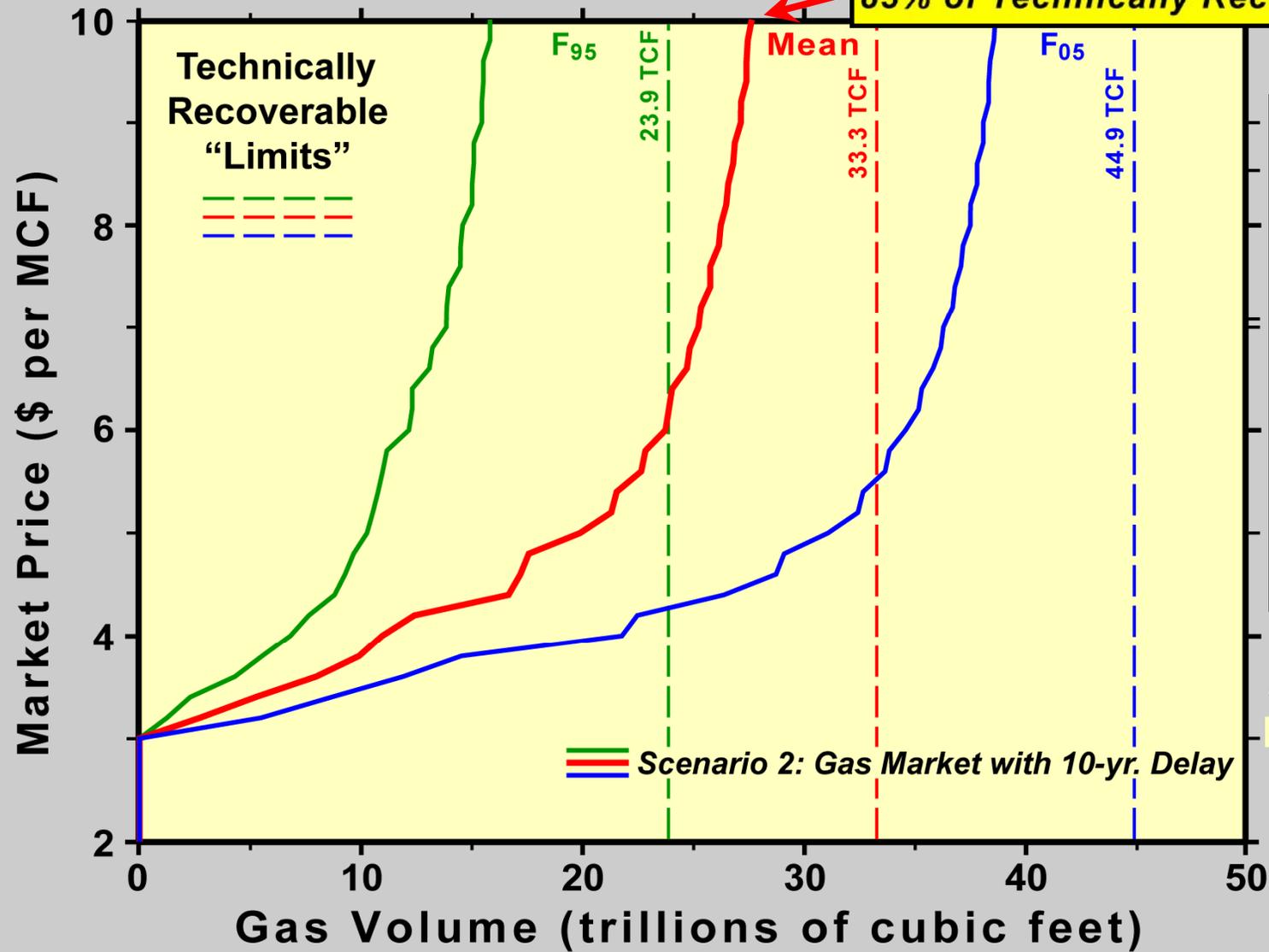
	Non-Associated Gas	Associated Gas	Total Gas
<b><i>Onshore &amp; State Offshore Areas (USGS estimates)</i></b>			
<b>NPRA</b>	<b>61.35</b>	<b>11.68</b>	<b>73.03</b>
<b>Central North Slope</b>	<b>33.32</b>	<b>4.20</b>	<b>37.52</b>
<b>ANWR, 1002 Area</b>	<b>3.84</b>	<b>4.76</b>	<b>8.60</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>98.51</b>	<b>20.64</b>	<b>119.15</b>
<b><i>Federal Offshore Areas (MMS estimates)</i></b>			
<b>Chukchi Shelf</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>76.77</b>
<b>Beaufort Shelf</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>27.65</b>
<b>Hope Basin</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>3.77</b>
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>na</b>	<b>108.19</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>227.34</b>

# Central North Slope Economically Recoverable Gas

USGS

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83% of Technically Recoverable Gas



Market Price (\$/MCF)	Economically Recoverable Gas (trillion cubic feet)
	Sc. 2
2	0
3	0
4	10.9
5	19.9
6	23.7
7	25.2
8	26.2
9	27.1
10	27.6

Based on mean estimates of technically recoverable oil resources

Scenario 1 - No Gas Market

# North Slope Gas Potential

DOE



Location	Estimate of undiscovered technically recoverable conventional natural gas	Estimate of economically recoverable* natural gas reserves
	(Trillion Cubic Feet) Mean	(Trillion Cubic Feet) Mean
National Petroleum Reserve, Alaska	73.0	31.0
Central North Slope, State Lands	37.5	33.3
ANWR 1002 area	8.6	1.0
<b>TOTAL Onshore Potential</b>	<b>119 TCF</b>	<b>66.3 TCF</b>
Chukchi Sea	76.8	50.0
Beaufort Sea	27.7	21.0
Hope Basin ?		3.8
<b>TOTAL Offshore Potential</b>	<b>108 TCF</b>	<b>71.0 TCF</b>
<b>TOTAL TCF</b>	<b>227 TCF</b>	<b>137.3</b>

Data Sources: Regional Resource Assessments from the U.S. Geological Survey, <http://energy.usgs.gov/alaska/> and Minerals Management Service <http://www.mms.gov/alaska/re/reports/2006Asmt/>

\*NETL This study did not include Hope Basin.