

# OUR ENERGY FUTURE



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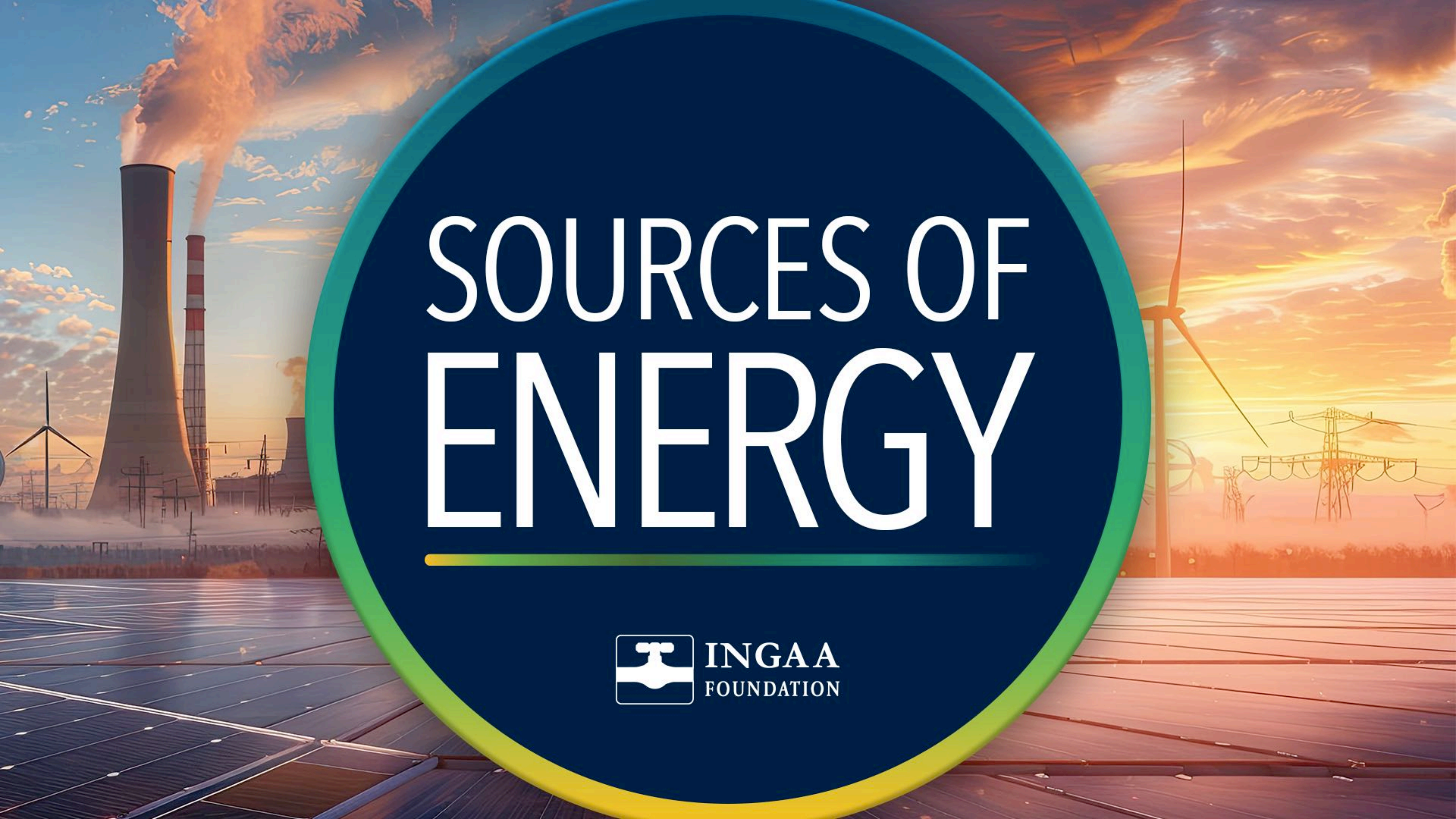


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# SOURCES OF ENERGY



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# José's morning

One example of how we use energy every day.

José woke up before sunrise because of the alarm clock. He turned on the lights in his closet, showered in warm water, put on clothes, poured cereal in a bowl and added milk from the refrigerator. He ate while watching YouTube videos, then placed the dishes in the dishwasher and turned it on. José used his electric toothbrush and fixed his hair with a hair dryer before putting on shoes and grabbing the backpack off the back of the chair. José got on the school bus for the 20-minute ride to school.

List all the ways José used energy this morning.



# José's morning

One example of how we use energy every day.

## DIRECT ENERGY USE



ALARM CLOCK



CLOSET LIGHT



HOT WATER



REFRIGERATOR



INTERNET



ELECTRIC TOOTHBRUSH



HAIR DRYER



SCHOOL BUS



SCHOOL

## INDIRECT ENERGY USE



BED



HOUSE



CLOTHES & SHOES



CEREAL, MILK & BOWL



SCREEN & BATTERY



SINK, TOOTHPASTE &  
HAIR PRODUCT



BACKPACK

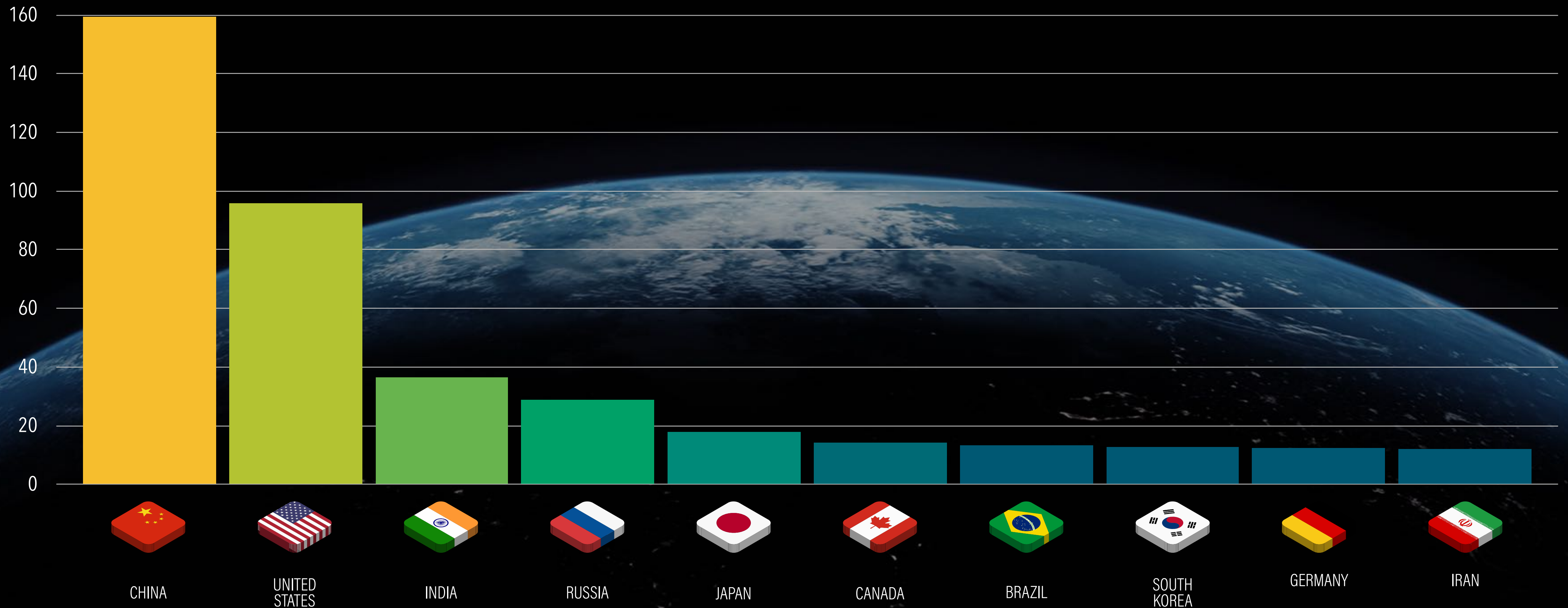


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# Which country uses the most energy?

TOP 10 BIGGEST ENERGY-CONSUMING COUNTRIES (BILLION kWh 2020)





# Some are living without access to energy

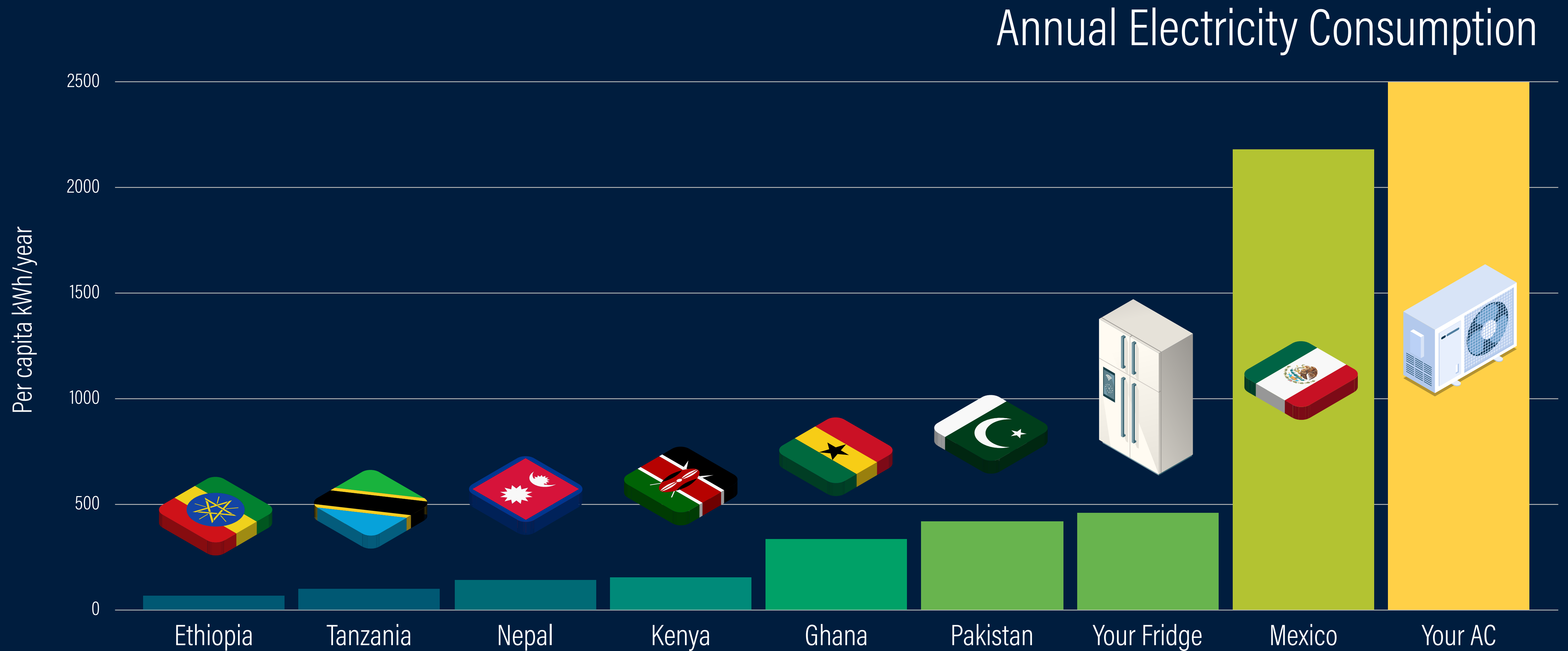
A lot of people in the world live in energy poverty.

Energy poverty is the lack of access to sustainable modern energy services and products and can be found in all conditions where there is a lack of adequate, affordable, reliable, quality, safe and environmentally sound energy services to support development.

**1** billion  
people do not  
have access  
to electricity



# Energy poverty exists globally





# Renewable energy sources

These sources of energy are virtually unlimited, but not always constant.



SOLAR



HYDRO



GEOTHERMAL



WIND

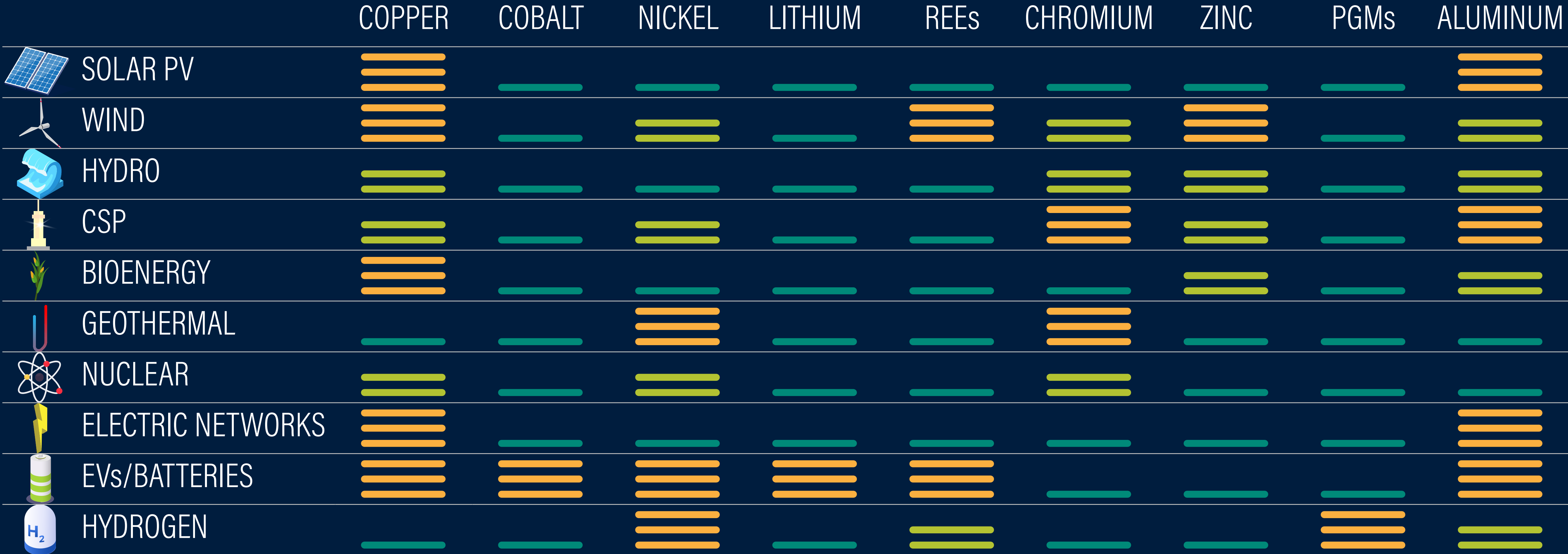


BIOMASS



# Manufacturing renewables

Critical minerals used in the manufacturing of renewable energy.





# Non-renewable energy sources

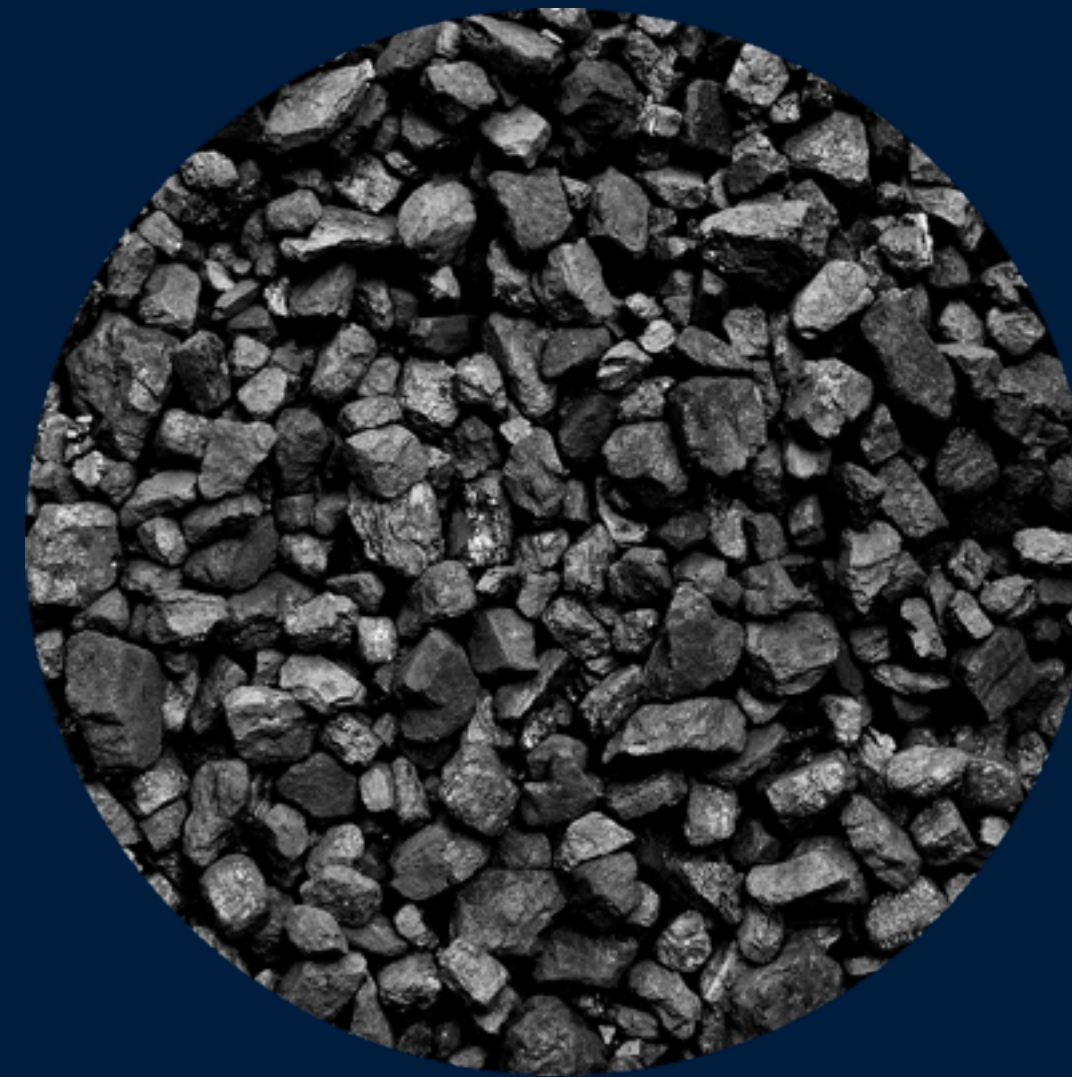
These sources of energy are constant, but limited resources.



OIL



NATURAL GAS



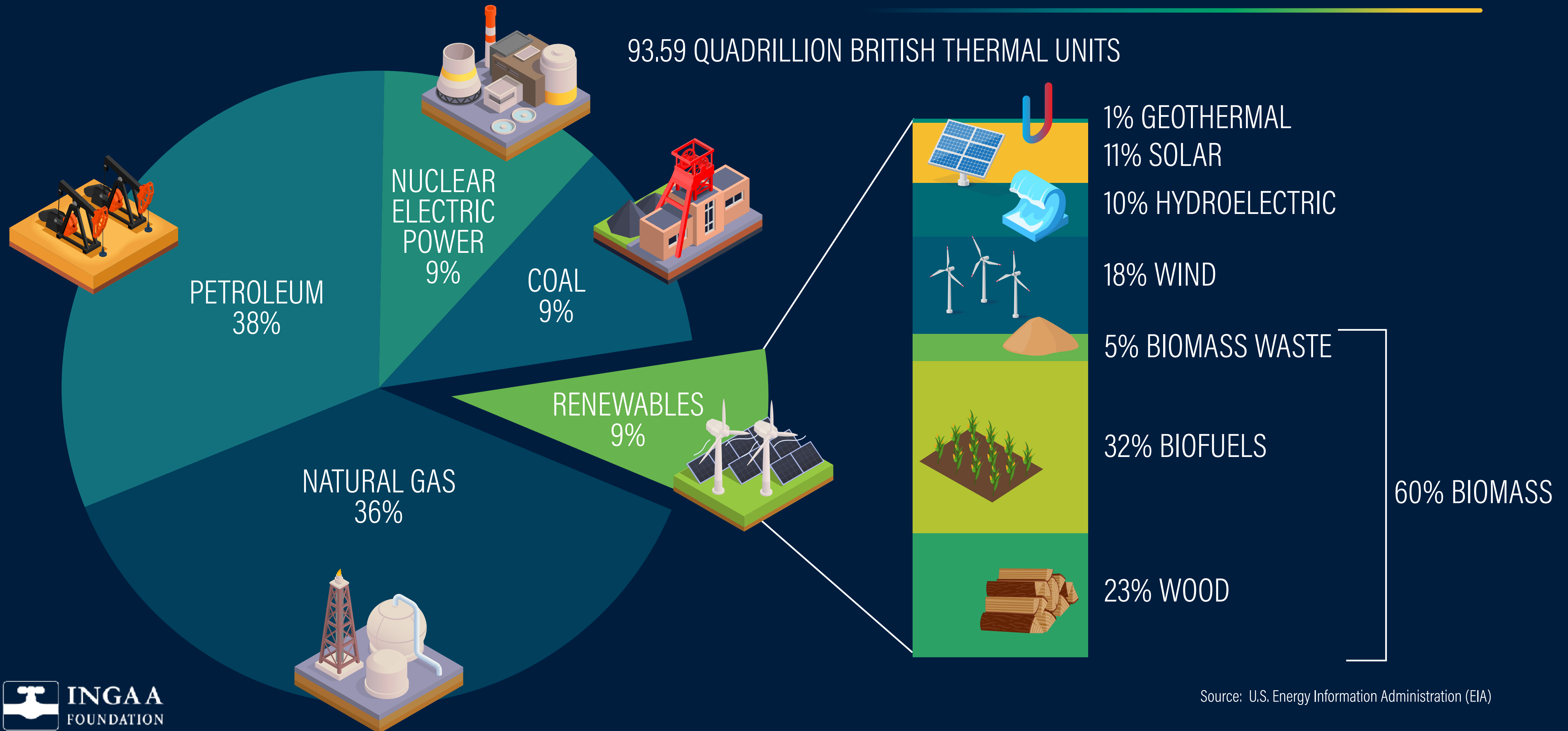
COAL



NUCLEAR



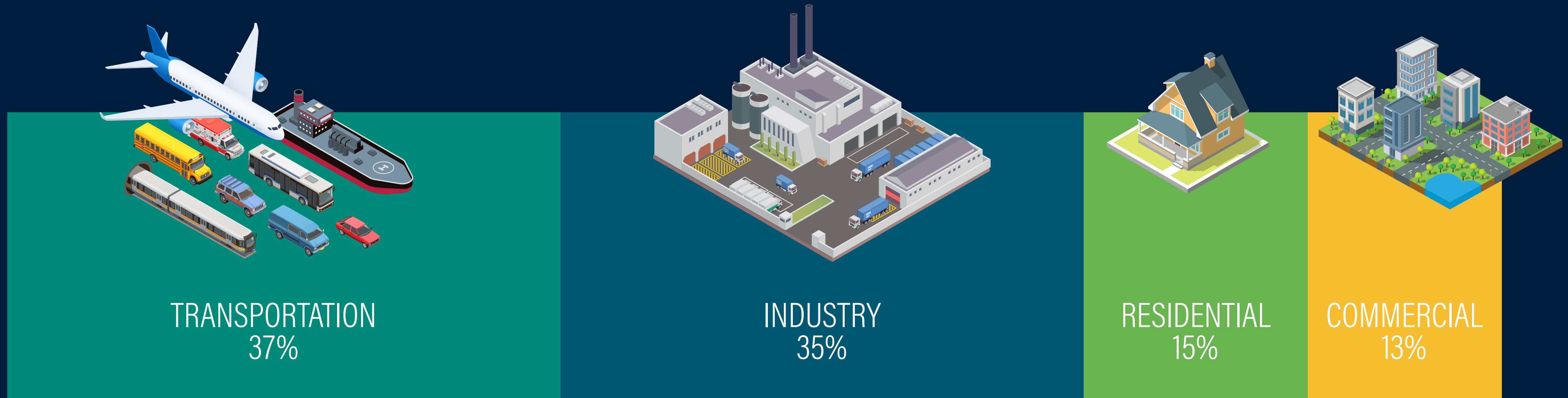
# U.S. primary energy consumption by source





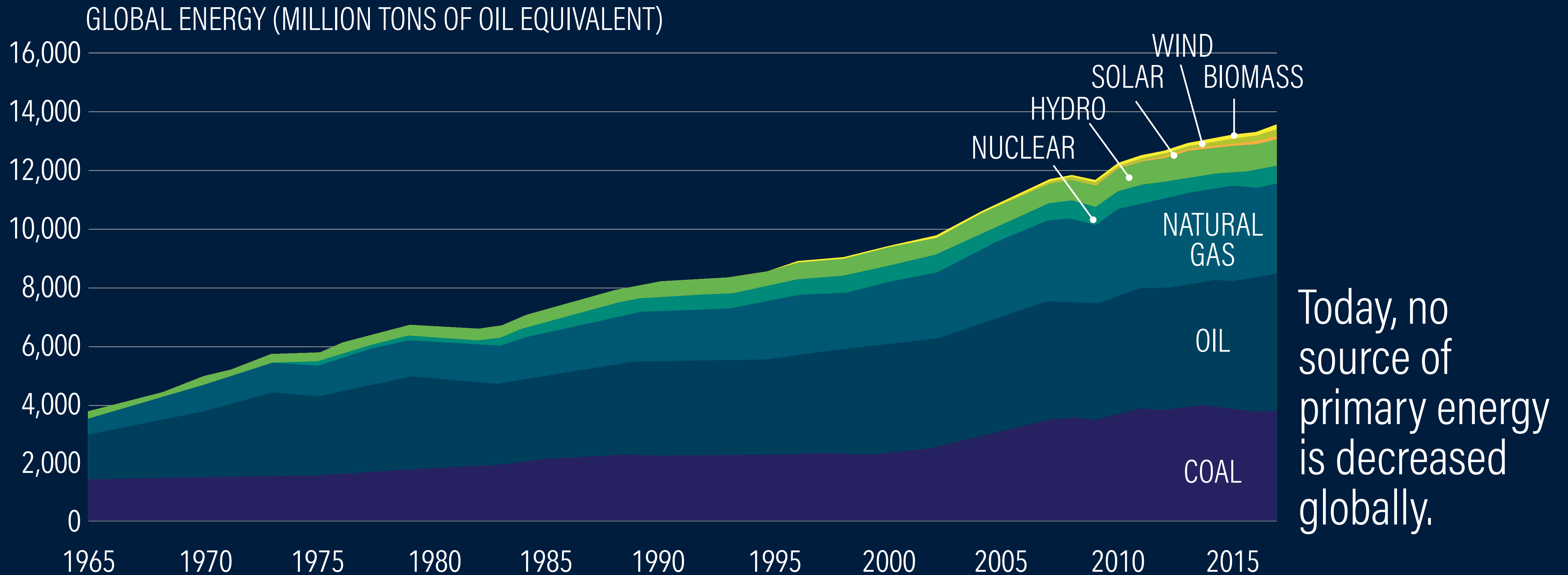
# Who uses the energy?

All of these rely on energy.



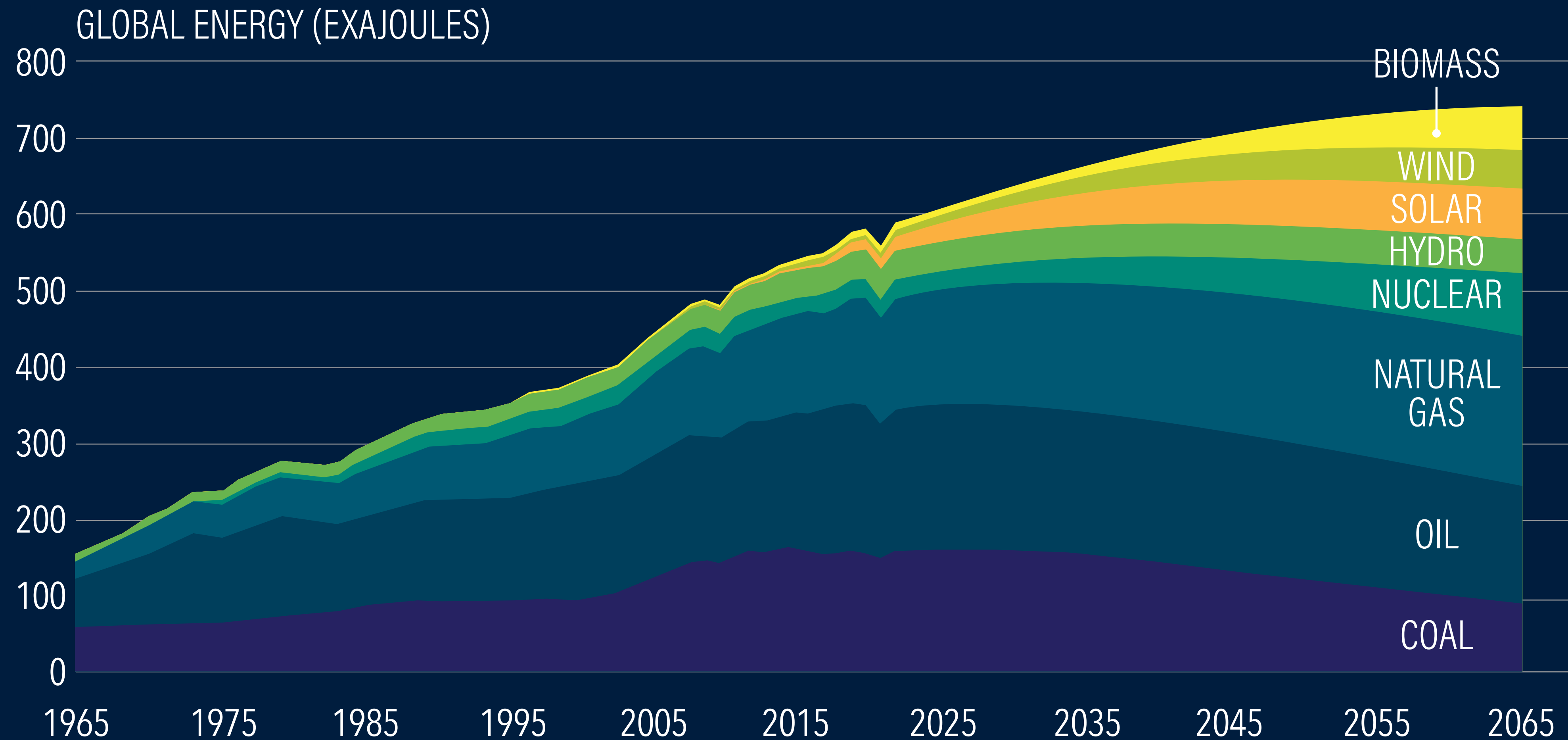


# Global energy consumption mix





# Future global energy consumption mix



A portfolio of energy sources is needed for affordable, reliable, secure energy.



# Energy in our homes

Electricity is created at power stations and delivered through power lines.

It takes all kinds of energy  
to power our lives each day.

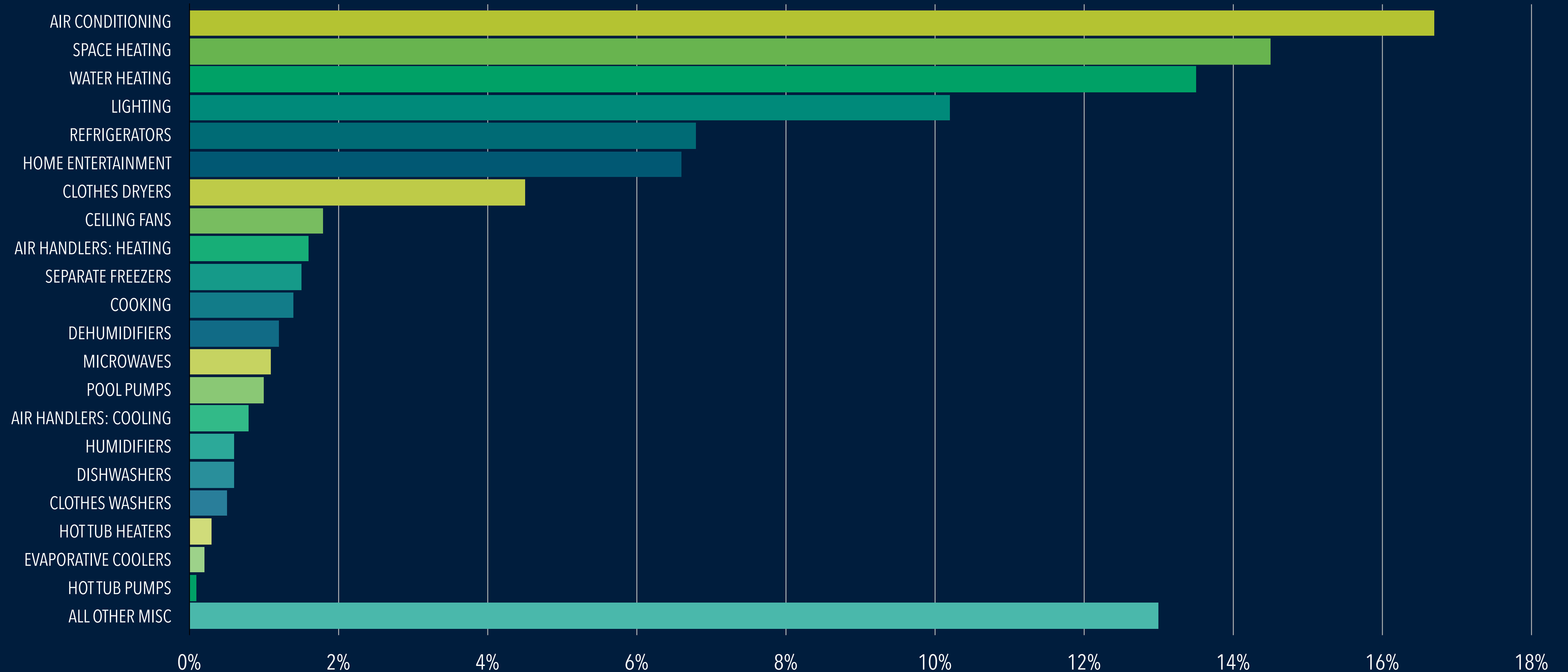


OF THE  
TOTAL ENERGY  
CONSUMED IN THE  
UNITED STATES 40% IS USED TO  
GENERATE ELECTRICITY





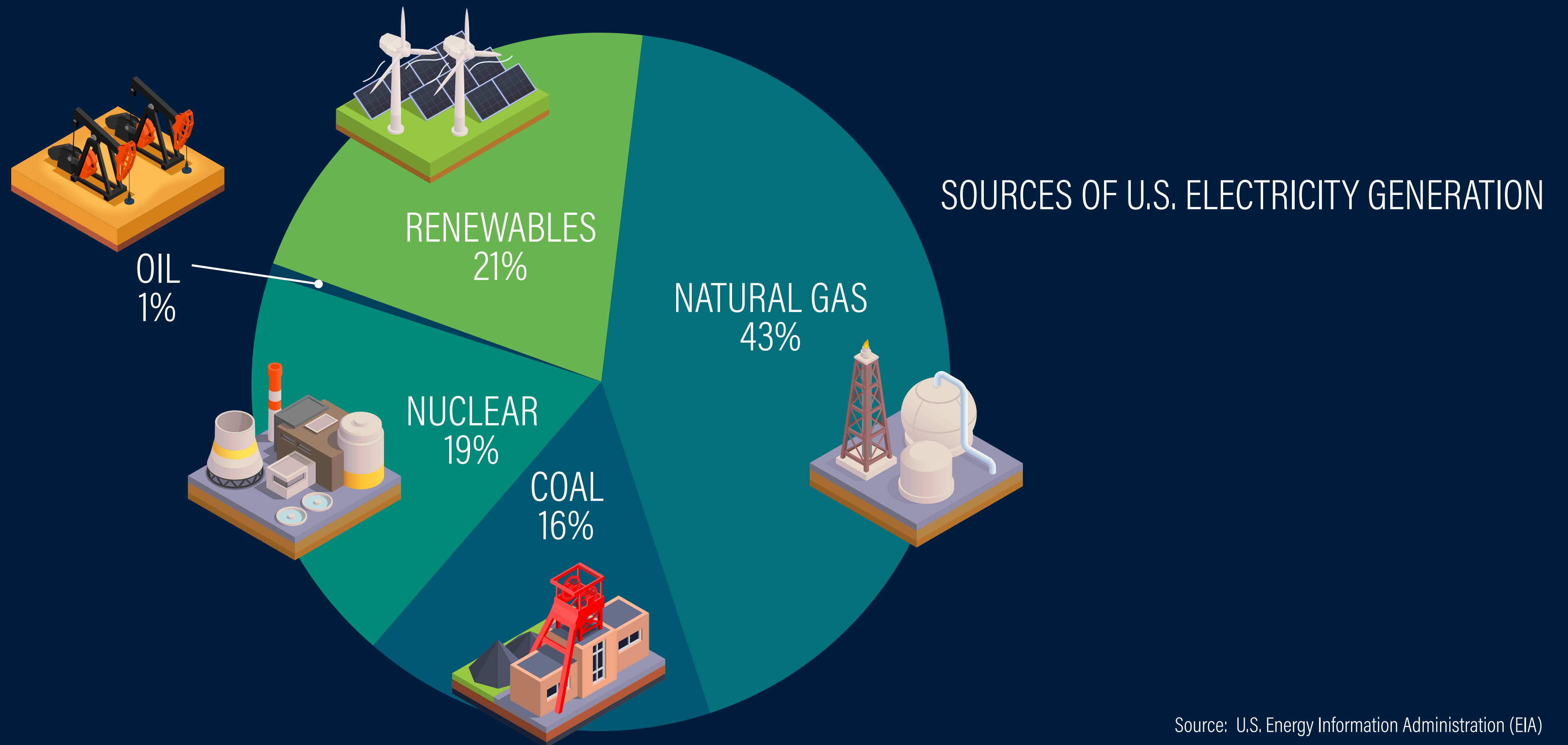
# What uses the most energy in our homes?





# America's top source for electricity generation

Natural gas generates about 43% of American electricity.

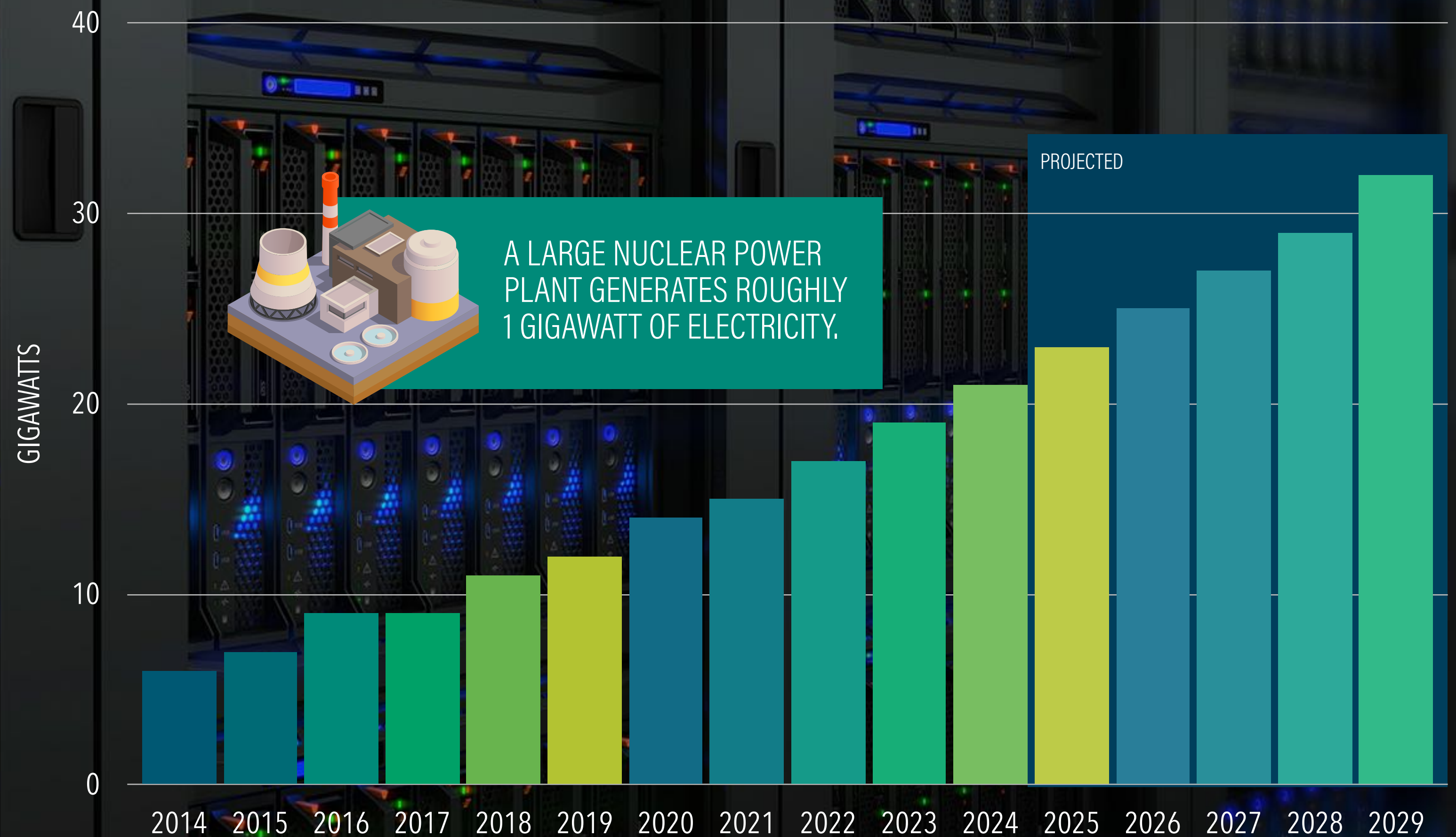




# Data centers tax the power grid

By 2026, data centers are projected to consume 6% of America's total electricity.

U.S. DATA CENTER ENERGY DEMAND





# Workers in energy

How many people work to ensure you have the energy you need?

8.1 million

Americans are  
employed in the  
energy sector

300k

energy sector  
jobs added in 2022

150k

increase in women  
working in energy  
in 2022



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Source: [usafacts.org](https://usafacts.org)



# OUR FUTURE WITH NATURAL GAS



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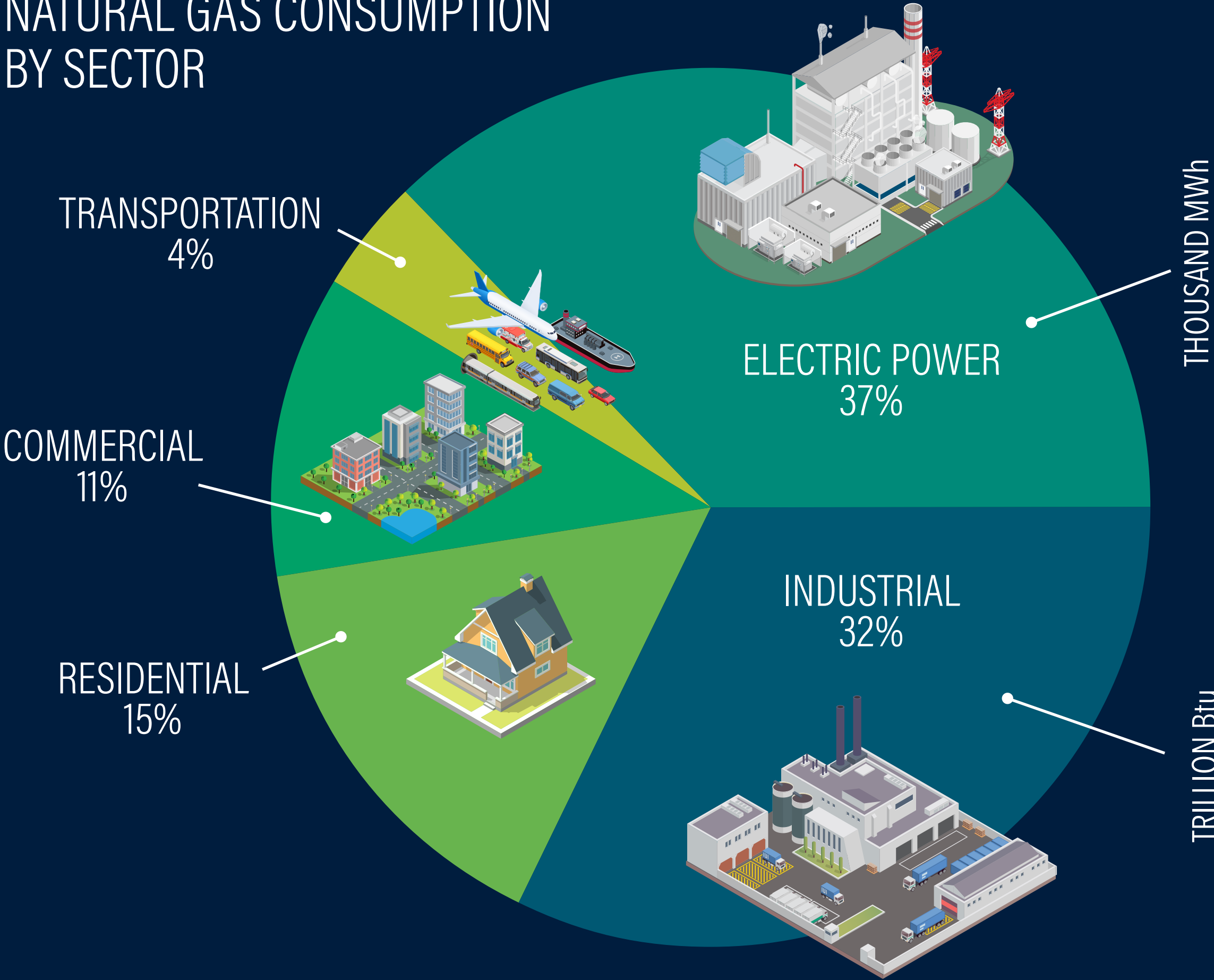


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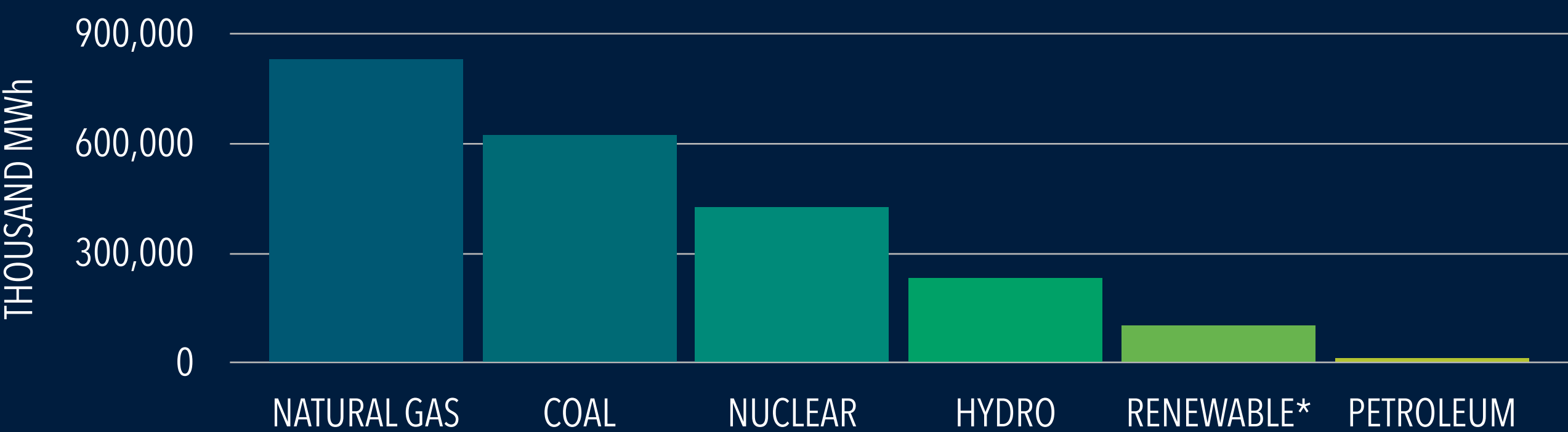


# Natural gas plays a pivotal role in our energy mix

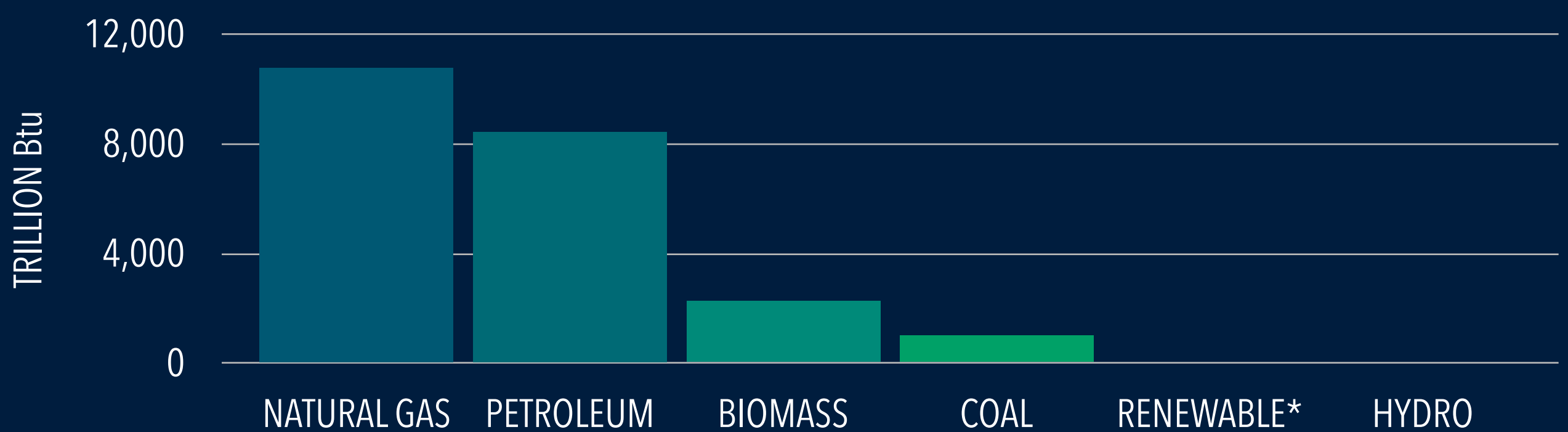
NATURAL GAS CONSUMPTION BY SECTOR



NET GENERATION BY ENERGY SOURCE



INDUSTRIAL SECTOR ENERGY CONSUMPTION



\*Non-hydro, non-biomass renewables

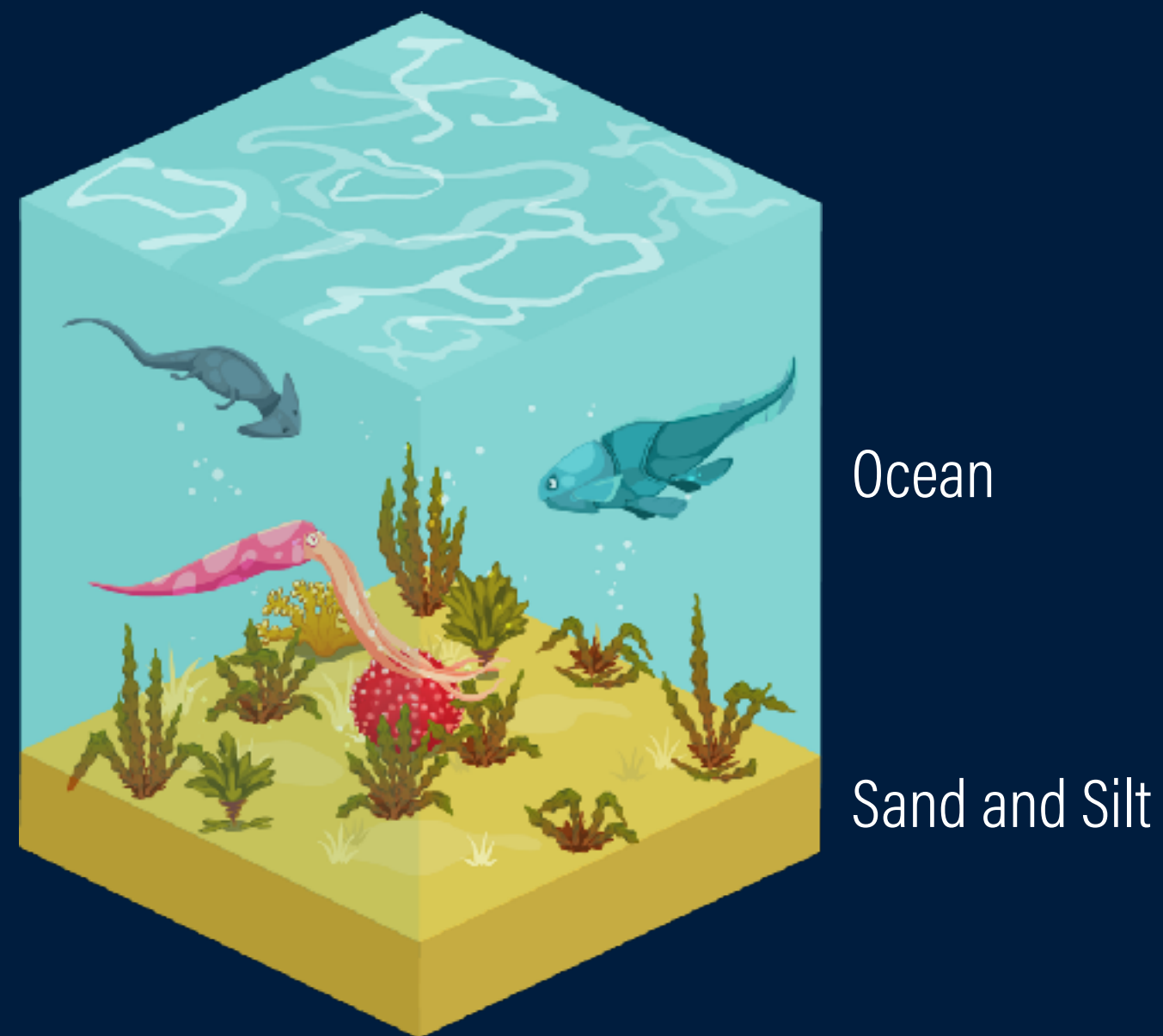
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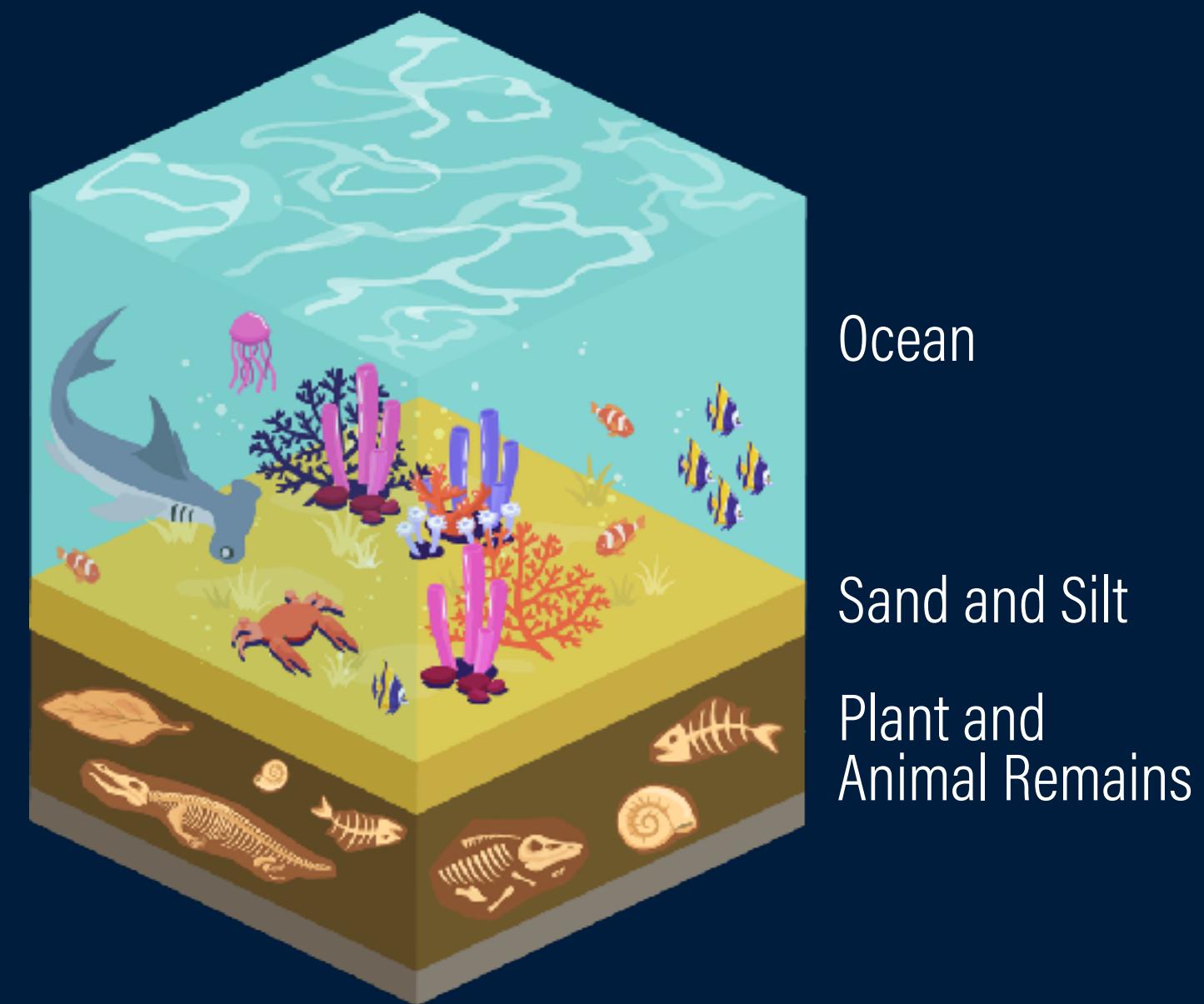
# How is natural gas formed?

Natural gas is what we call a fossil fuel.

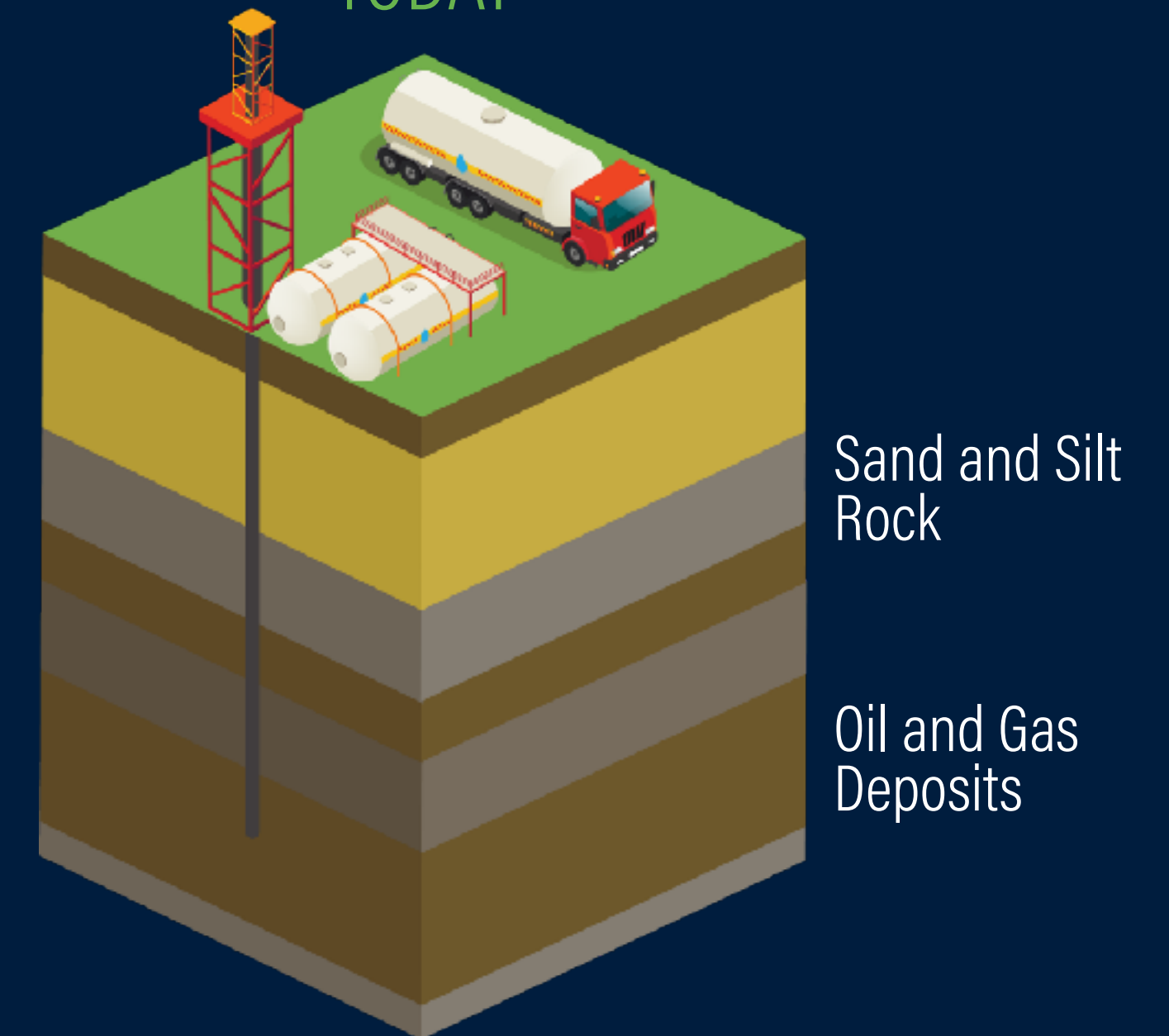
300-400 MILLION YEARS AGO



50-100 MILLION YEARS AGO



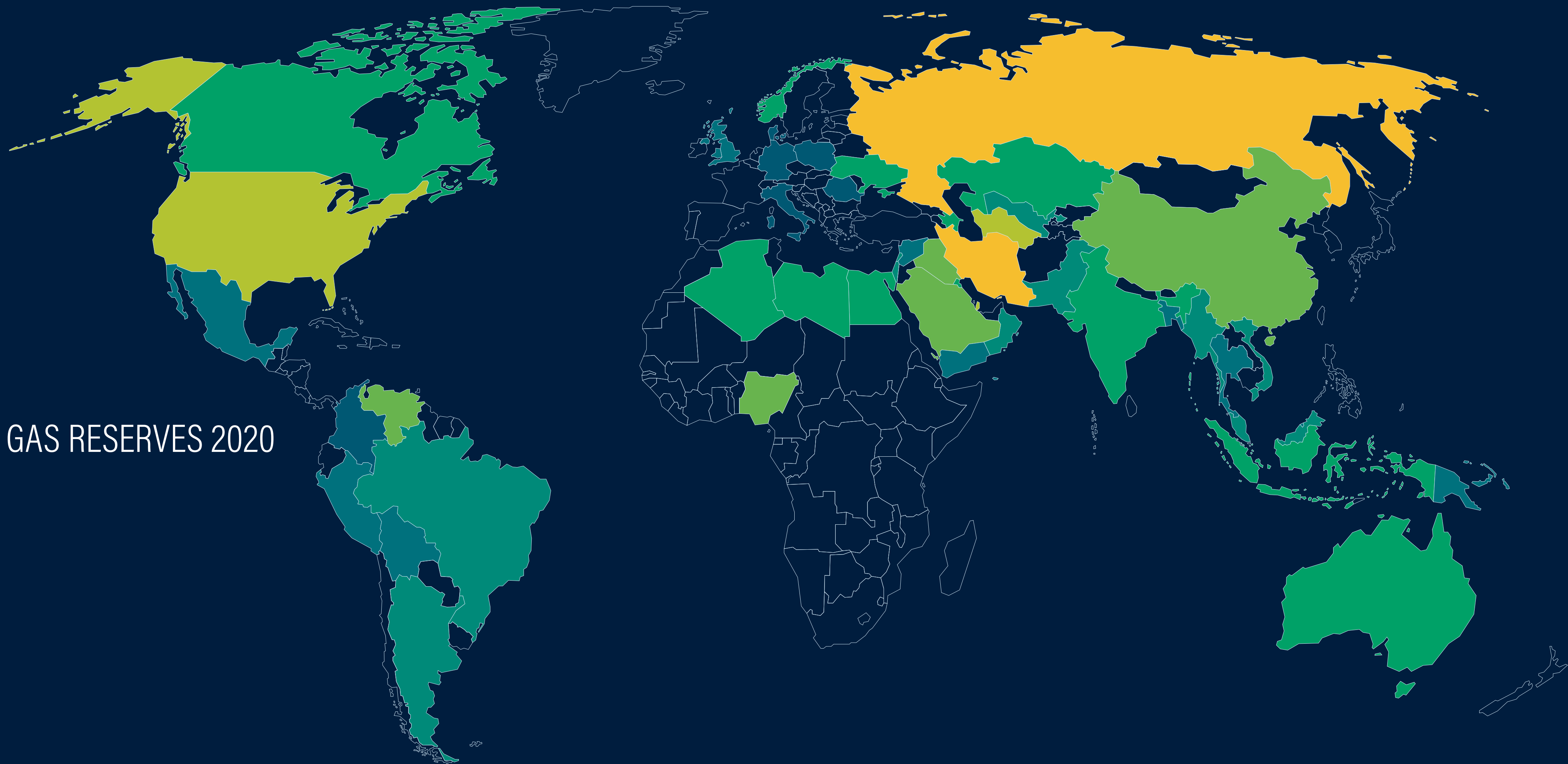
TODAY





# Where do we find natural gas today?

NATURAL GAS RESERVES 2020



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No data

0 m<sup>3</sup>

100 billion m<sup>3</sup>

300 billion m<sup>3</sup>

1 trillion m<sup>3</sup>

3 trillion m<sup>3</sup>

10 trillion m<sup>3</sup>

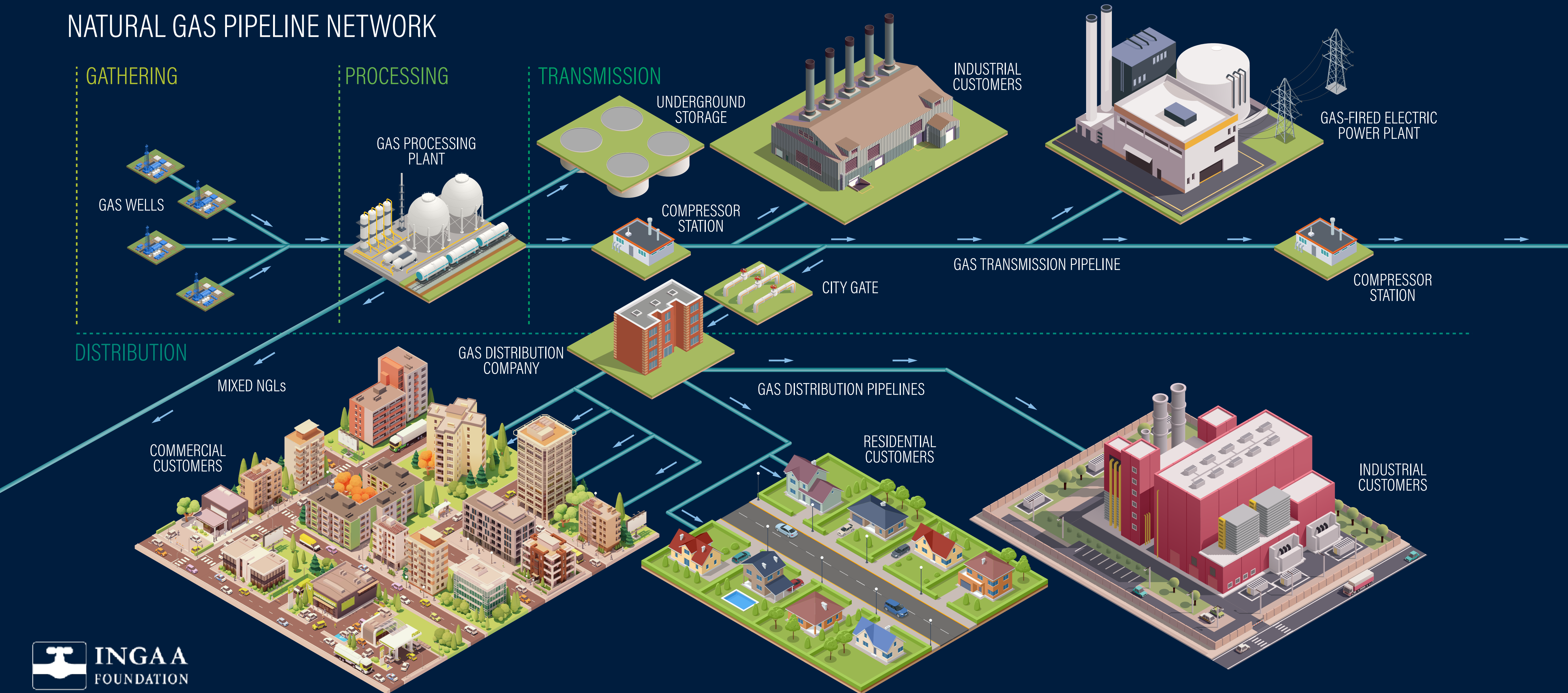
30 trillion m<sup>3</sup>

100 trillion m<sup>3</sup>



# The journey of natural gas

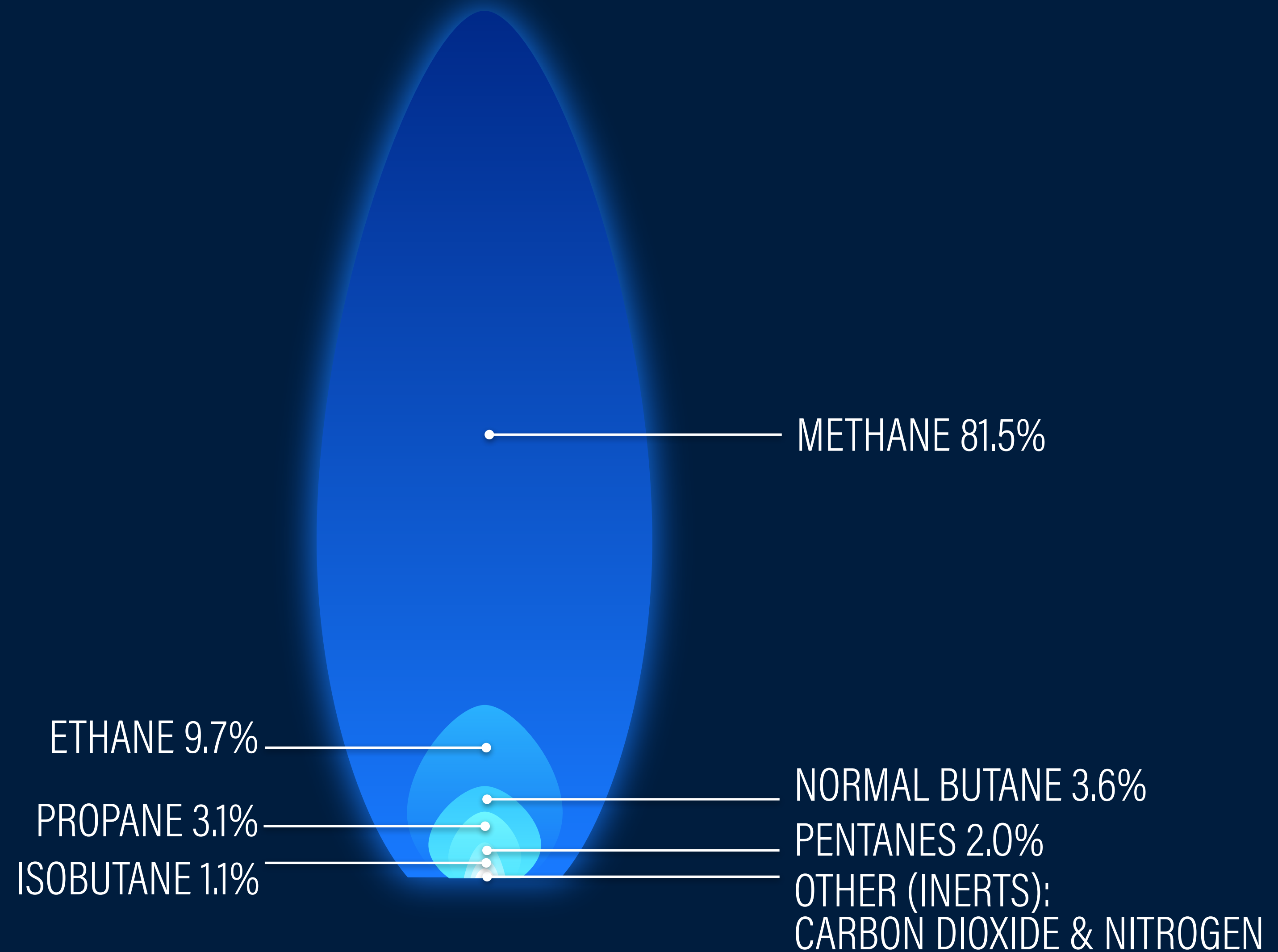
## NATURAL GAS PIPELINE NETWORK





# What exactly is natural gas?

Pipeline quality gas is natural gas that has been processed to remove impurities and contaminants, ensuring it meets specific standards for transportation through pipelines.





# Natural gas is important to our daily lives

Natural gas  
accounts for about

**36%**

of the energy used  
in the United States

Natural gas  
accounts for about

**24%**

of the world's total  
energy consumption

More than

**60%**

of U.S. homes use  
natural gas



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# Products made with natural gas

Some examples of the products we use every day.



FERTILIZER



GOLF BALLS



MOBILE PHONES



PAINTBRUSHES



PHARMACEUTICALS



TIRES



TOOTHPASTE



WATER BOTTLES

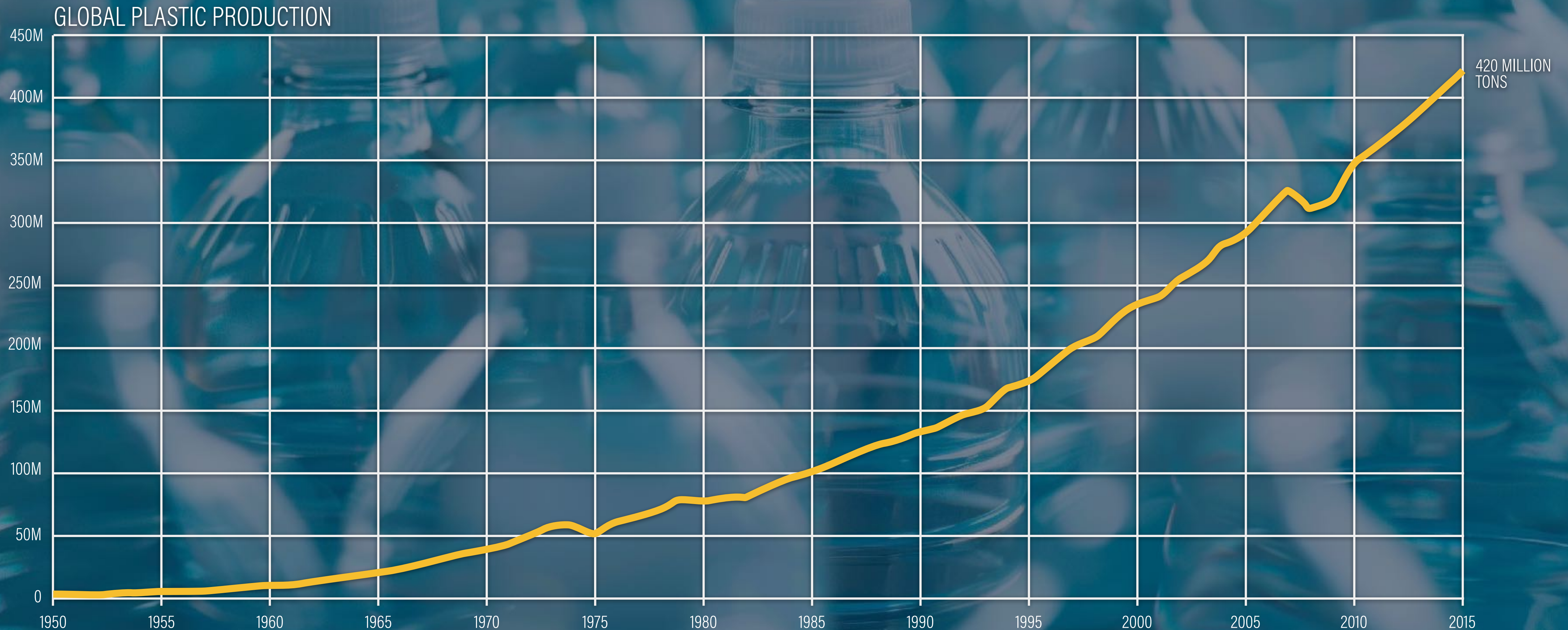


RENEWABLES COMPONENTS



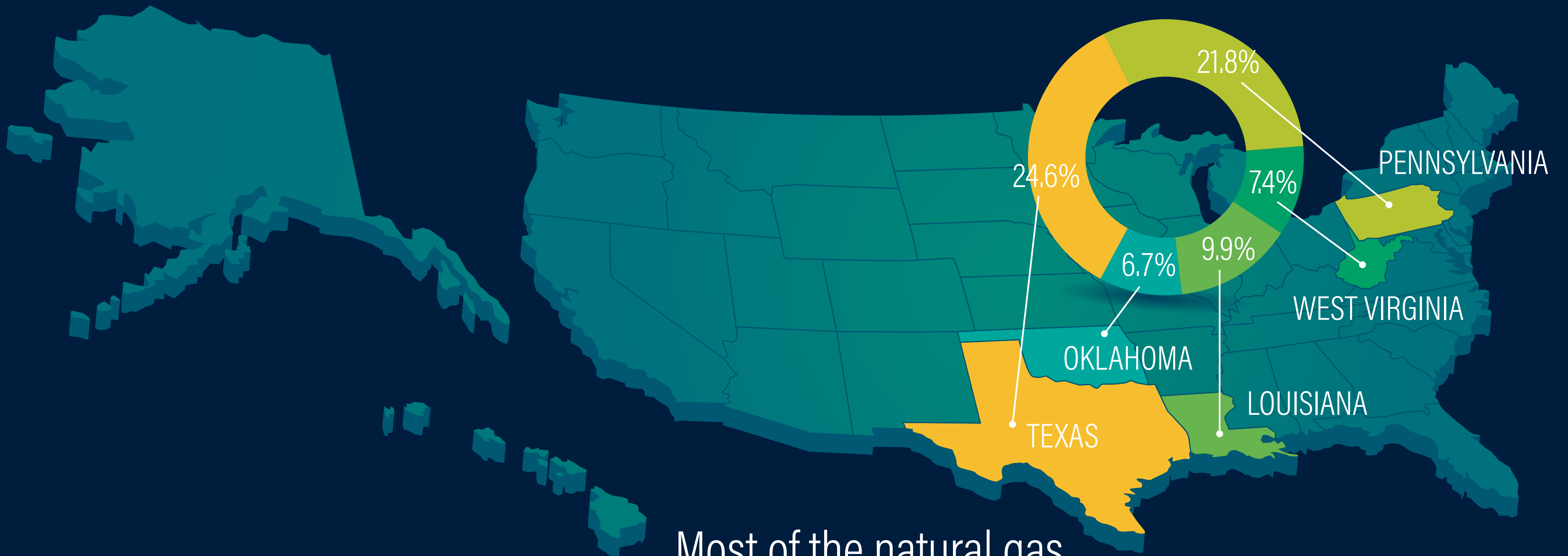
# Natural gas is used to produce plastics

This helps provide some of the materials needed for solar and wind energy.





# The world's largest producer of natural gas

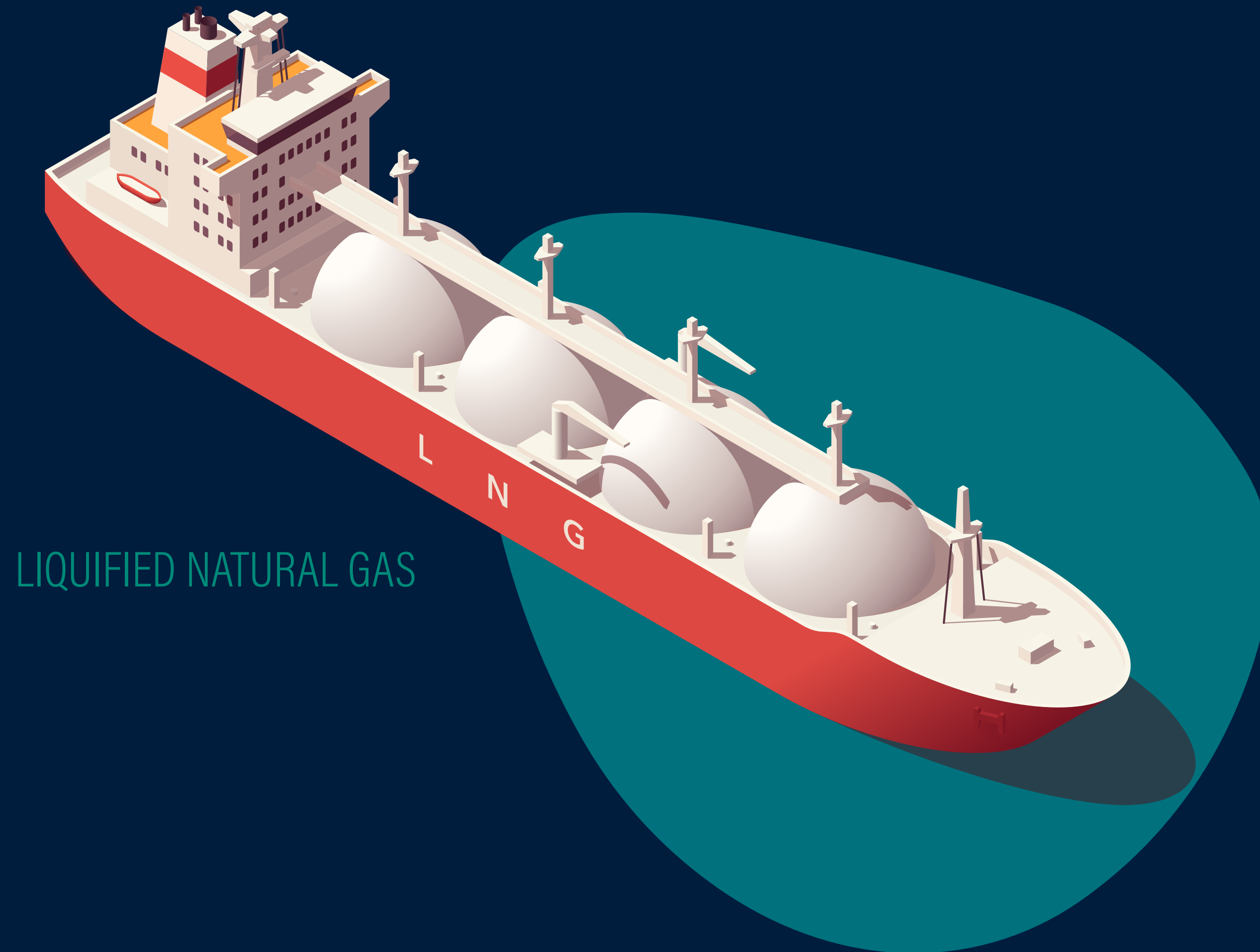


Most of the natural gas  
used in the U.S. is produced in the U.S.



# What's America's role with natural gas?

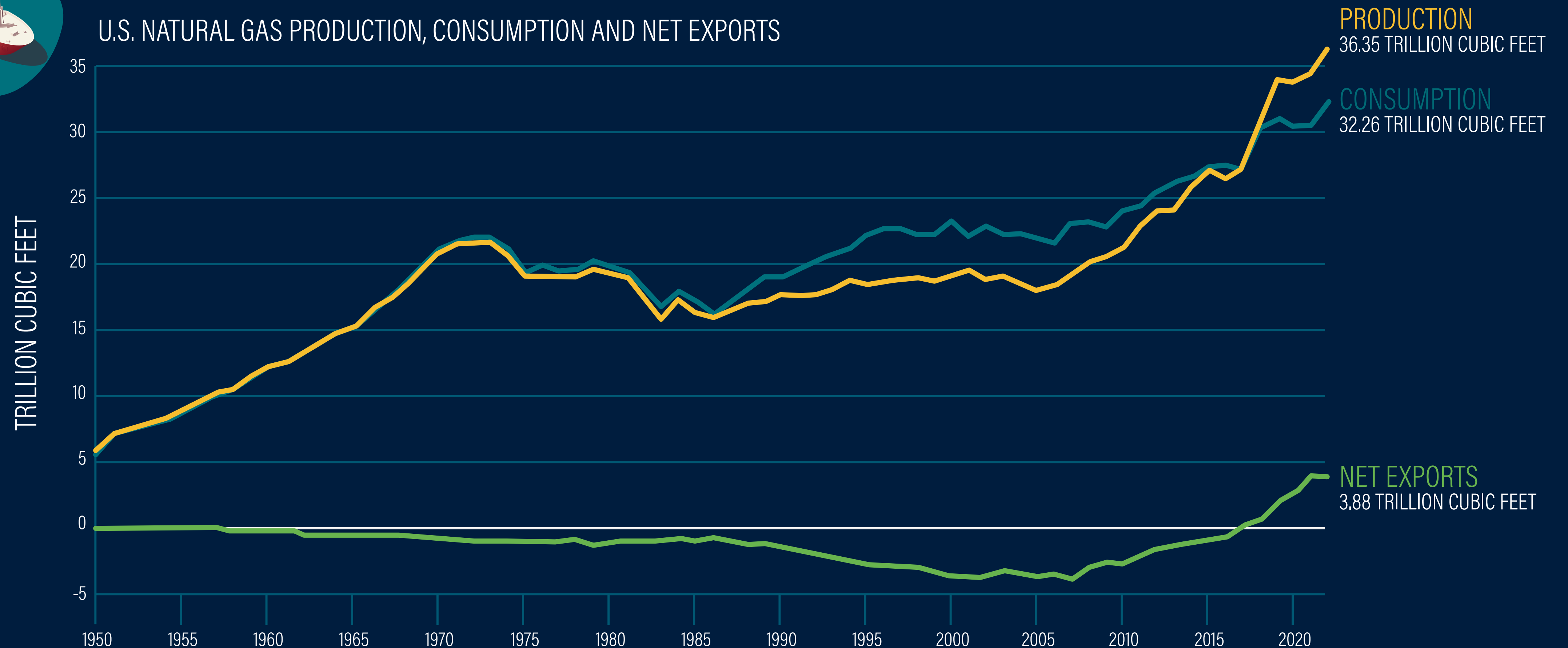
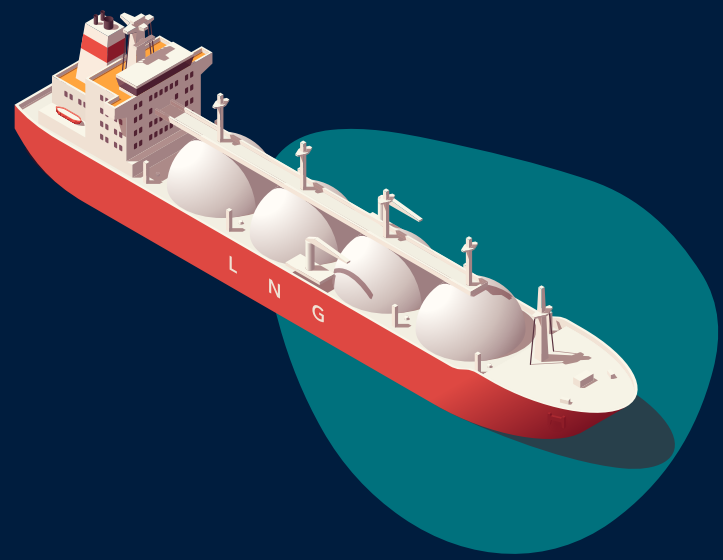
The United States is one of the top exporters of LNG in the world.





# LNG export capacity has continued to grow

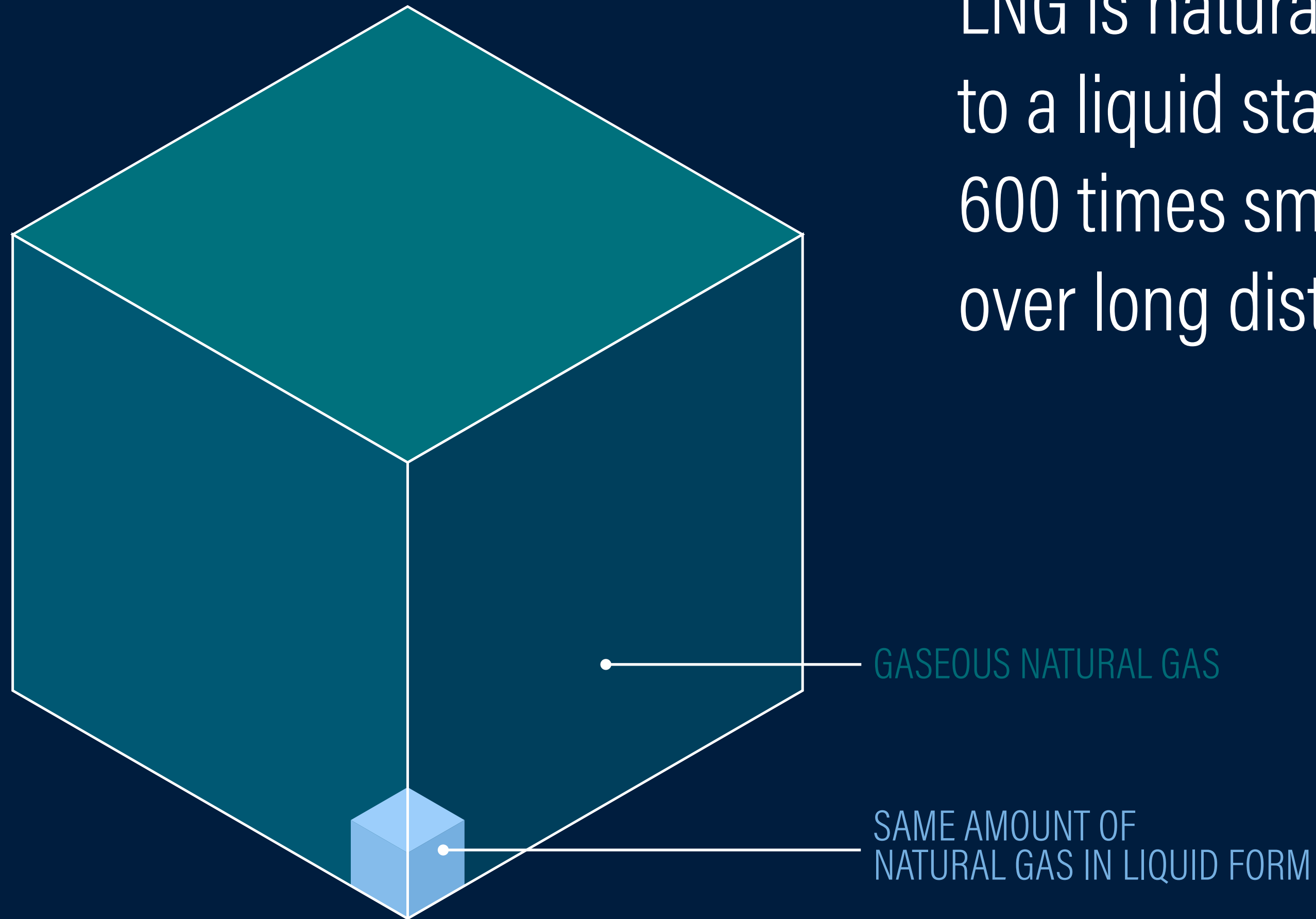
LNG exports have exceeded pipeline exports since 2021.





# Why liquify natural gas?

LNG is natural gas that has been cooled to a liquid state, making its volume about 600 times smaller and easier to transport over long distances.





# Key benefits of natural gas



AFFORDABLE



RELIABLE



ECONOMIC DRIVER



NATIONAL SECURITY



VERSATILE



CLEANER-BURNING



# Natural gas complements renewable energy

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The importance of natural gas is expected to grow as countries transition to lower-carbon energy.





# HOW PIPELINES CONNECT US

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# Natural gas pipelines in the U.S.

America's unseen energy highways.



There are 2.6 million miles of natural gas pipelines in the U.S.



# Pipelines move energy more efficiently

Safely delivering trillions of cubic feet of natural gas.

It would take a constant line of tanker trucks, about **750 per day**, loading up and moving out **every two minutes**, **24 hours a day, seven days a week**, to move the volume of even a modest pipeline.



# Quick history of pipelines

An innovation that has been part of our energy system for centuries.



2,500 YEARS AGO  
Ancient Chinese use bamboo pipes to transport natural gas.



1792  
Scottish inventor William Murdoch created the first gas distribution network in Europe to light his home.



1817  
Baltimore becomes the first American city to install gas street lighting using a pipeline network along the city's streets.



1848  
There was an effort to light the U.S. Capitol with natural gas, including a six-foot-wide natural gas lantern on the dome.



1930s  
Technological advancements make it possible to extract natural gas and to transport it through large pipes, bringing natural gas to more areas.



TODAY  
Technology improves pipes with better steel, better ways to install pipelines and the ability to continually analyze pipelines in the ground.



# Deciding where a pipeline goes

Many factors determine the route of a pipeline.



Engaging with and listening to community members.



Finding routes to avoid highly populated, environmentally sensitive or culturally significant areas.



Following existing routes when possible to minimize environmental or community impacts.

Pipeline planners avoid impacting rivers or lakes by tunneling deep beneath them with horizontal directional drilling (HDD).

Land disturbance for pipeline construction is temporary. Crews work to restore land to its previous state with the exception of markers to identify the location of a pipeline.

HORIZONTAL DIRECTIONAL DRILL



WATER

100 FT



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# Pipelines are the safest way to deliver energy

Regulators and operators work together to keep pipelines safe.

Pipelines make  
up less than

**.01%**

of all transportation  
accidents in the U.S.

The steel used for pipelines must be certified and meet industry and federal government quality standards for toughness and strength.



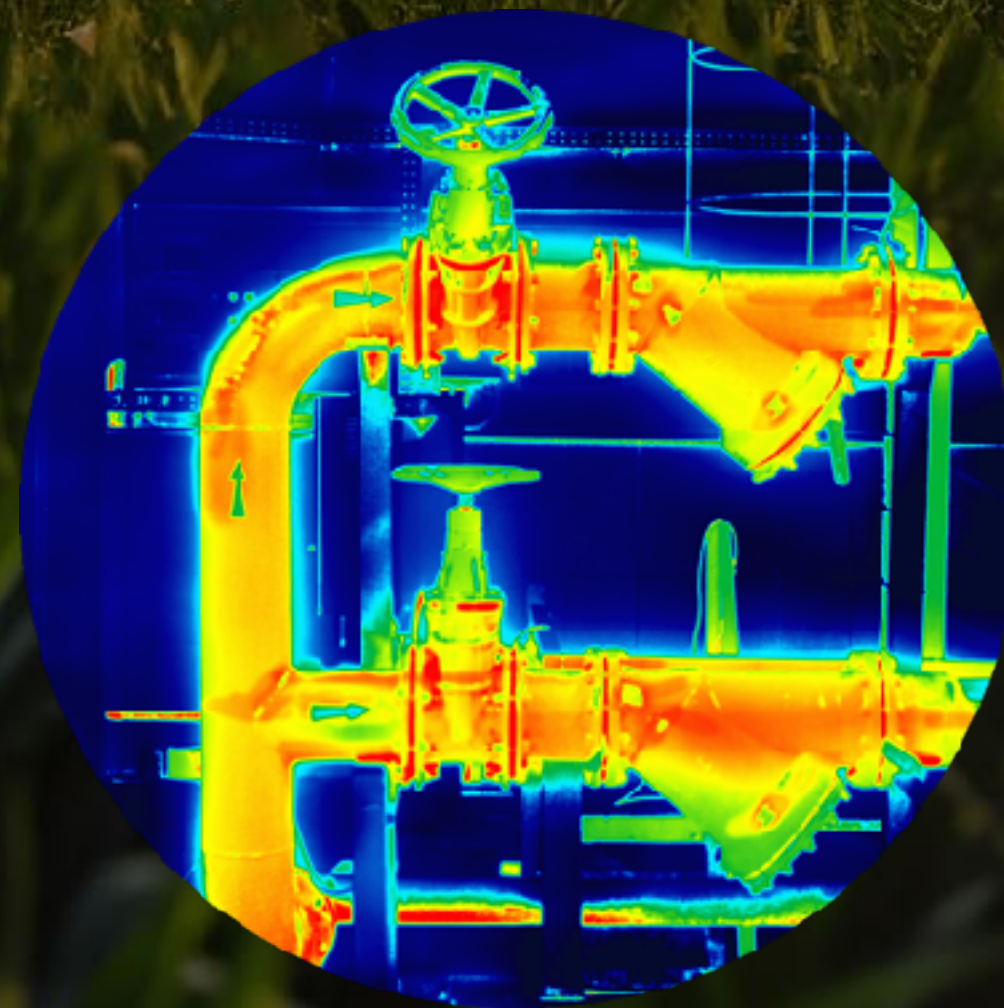
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# The technology that keeps pipelines safe

## PIPELINE MONITORING TECHNOLOGIES

Real-time sensors, AI-powered diagnostics and drones ensure early detection of leaks, corrosion or other pipeline issues, long before they would become dangerous.



Technologies like infrared cameras and laser-based systems help detect leaks before they become hazardous.



In emergencies, smart technology can automatically and instantly stop gas flow to prevent accidents.



# Pipelines benefit communities

Providing affordable fuel, jobs and millions in tax revenue.



POWERING  
OUR LIVES



SUPPORTING  
OUR FARMS



MANUFACTURING OUR PRODUCTS



GETTING US WHERE WE WANT TO GO



PROVIDING  
ENERGY SECURITY



# New pipelines are needed

Low-carbon energy solutions depend on new pipeline networks.

Approximately

16k

miles of CO<sub>2</sub>  
transmission lines  
are needed by 2050

More than

50k

miles of CO<sub>2</sub>  
lateral lines could  
be needed by 2050

67k

miles of hydrogen  
transmission lines  
could be needed  
by 2050

500k

miles of hydrogen  
customer lateral lines  
could be needed  
by 2050



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# New pipelines create new jobs

Pipelines create hundreds of thousands of good-paying jobs across the U.S.

A single major pipeline project can create:

42,000

jobs paying more than

\$2 billion

in salaries for workers and their families



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IS OUR TOP  
PRIORITY



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# Industry safeguards help prevent accidents

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Call 811, the national  
call-before-you-dig hotline.



# Commitment to keeping workers safe

Wearable technology like smart helmets or vests can help fulfill a variety of safety functions:



TRACK WORKER  
LOCATIONS



MONITOR VITAL SIGNS  
IN HAZARDOUS OR  
REMOTE LOCATIONS



ALERT WORKERS  
TO POSSIBLE  
DANGERS



# ENERGY CAREERS FOR THE FUTURE



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# Energy careers in natural gas

The natural gas industry offers a unique, rewarding pathway.

**4** million  
U.S. jobs are  
supported by  
this industry

**1.9** million  
projected job  
opportunities to be  
available by 2035

**\$50k**  
higher average pay  
than the national  
average



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Sources: [empoweringamerica.org](https://empoweringamerica.org) and [api.org](https://api.org)



# Natural gas careers

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Which career is not a part of the natural gas industry?

- A. Land Surveyor
- B. Engineer
- C. Environmental Specialist
- D. IT Analyst
- E. Construction Professional



# STEM careers in natural gas

For those interested in pursuing a college degree in STEM-related fields.



## ENGINEER

Salary range:  
\$78K-\$130K\*



## ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST

Salary range:  
\$79K-\$133K



## CAD (COMPUTER- AIDED DESIGN) TECHNICIAN

Salary range:  
\$63K-\$98K



## GIS (GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS) ANALYST

Salary range:  
\$66K-\$83K



## PROJECT MANAGER

Salary range:  
\$89K-\$172K



## IT ANALYST / INFORMATION SECURITY ANALYST

Salary range:  
\$120K-\$182K



# Career opportunities with no prior experience

For those interested in heading directly into the workforce after high school.



## PIPELINE CONTROLLER

Salary range:  
\$42-\$57 per hour



## LAND SURVEYOR

Salary range:  
Field Surveyor  
\$22-\$45 per hour

Salary range:  
Office Surveyor  
\$30-\$50 per hour



## NATURAL GAS TECHNICIAN

Salary range:  
\$24-\$50 per hour



## INSPECTOR

Salary range:  
\$22-\$35 per hour



## CONSTRUCTION PROFESSIONAL

Salary range:  
\$16-\$43 per hour\*



## WELDER

Salary range:  
\$24-\$35 per hour



# Career opportunities you might not expect

They play crucial roles in supplying reliable energy and shaping our clean-energy future.



ACCOUNTANT



ATTORNEY



HR PROFESSIONAL



TRUCK DRIVER



OFFICE MANAGER



DATA ANALYST



COMMUNICATIONS  
MANAGER



REAL ESTATE  
AGENT



GOVERNMENT  
AFFAIRS SPECIALIST



PUBLIC RELATIONS  
SPECIALIST












HEALTH & SAFETY  
SPECIALIST



SALES  
REPRESENTATIVE



# The benefits of a career in natural gas

-  Competitive pay
-  Long, stable career
-  Opportunities for travel
-  Comprehensive healthcare coverage
-  Excellent commitment to safety
-  Meaningful and important work
-  Diversity, equity and inclusion
-  Career growth and advancement opportunities
-  Variety of career pathways



# The natural gas industry is evolving

Energy demands, environmental concerns and new technology are creating change.

## ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

AI helps optimize systems, predict maintenance needs and enhance safety.



## RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS

Focuses on converting waste from sources like landfills, dairy farms and poultry farms into "BioGas." This BioGas can be used for transportation, electricity and even hydrogen production.





# THE PATH TO A CLEANER ENERGY FUTURE



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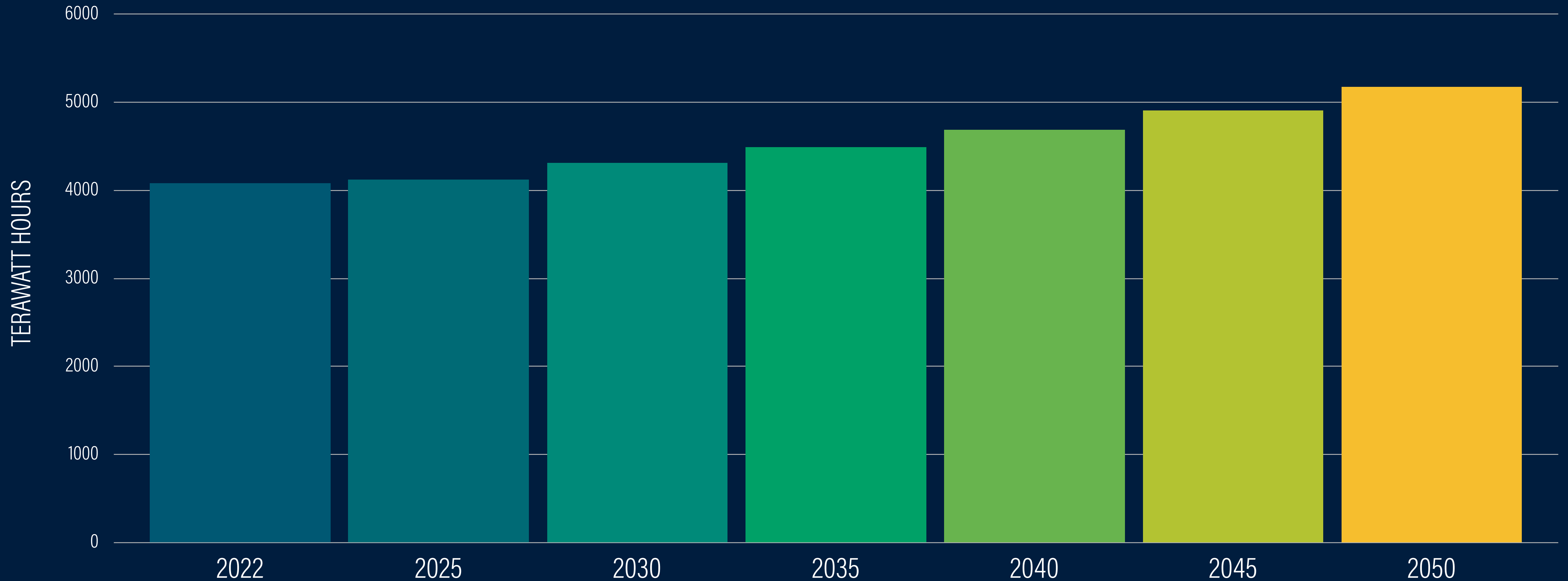


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# The demand for energy keeps rising

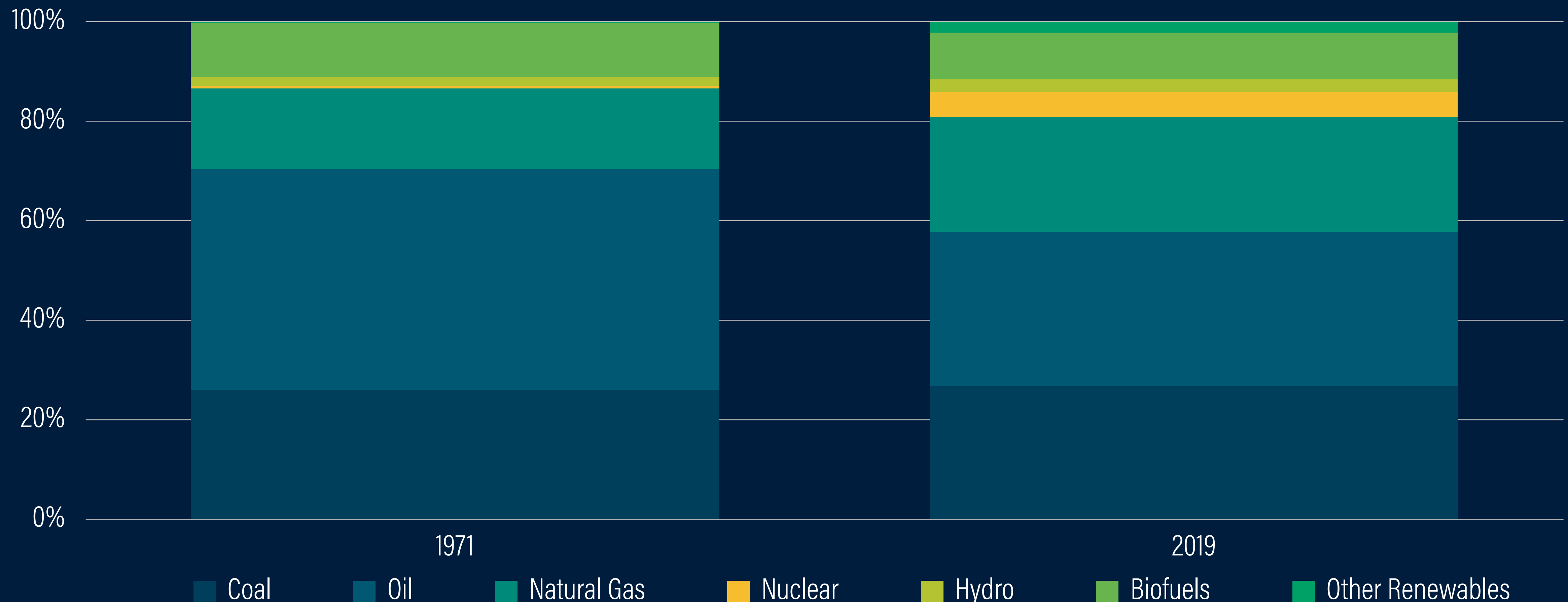
Projected electricity use in the United States.





# Non-renewable sources still dominate global energy

Renewable sources are growing, but non-renewables still make up 80% of global energy use.





# Natural gas complements renewables

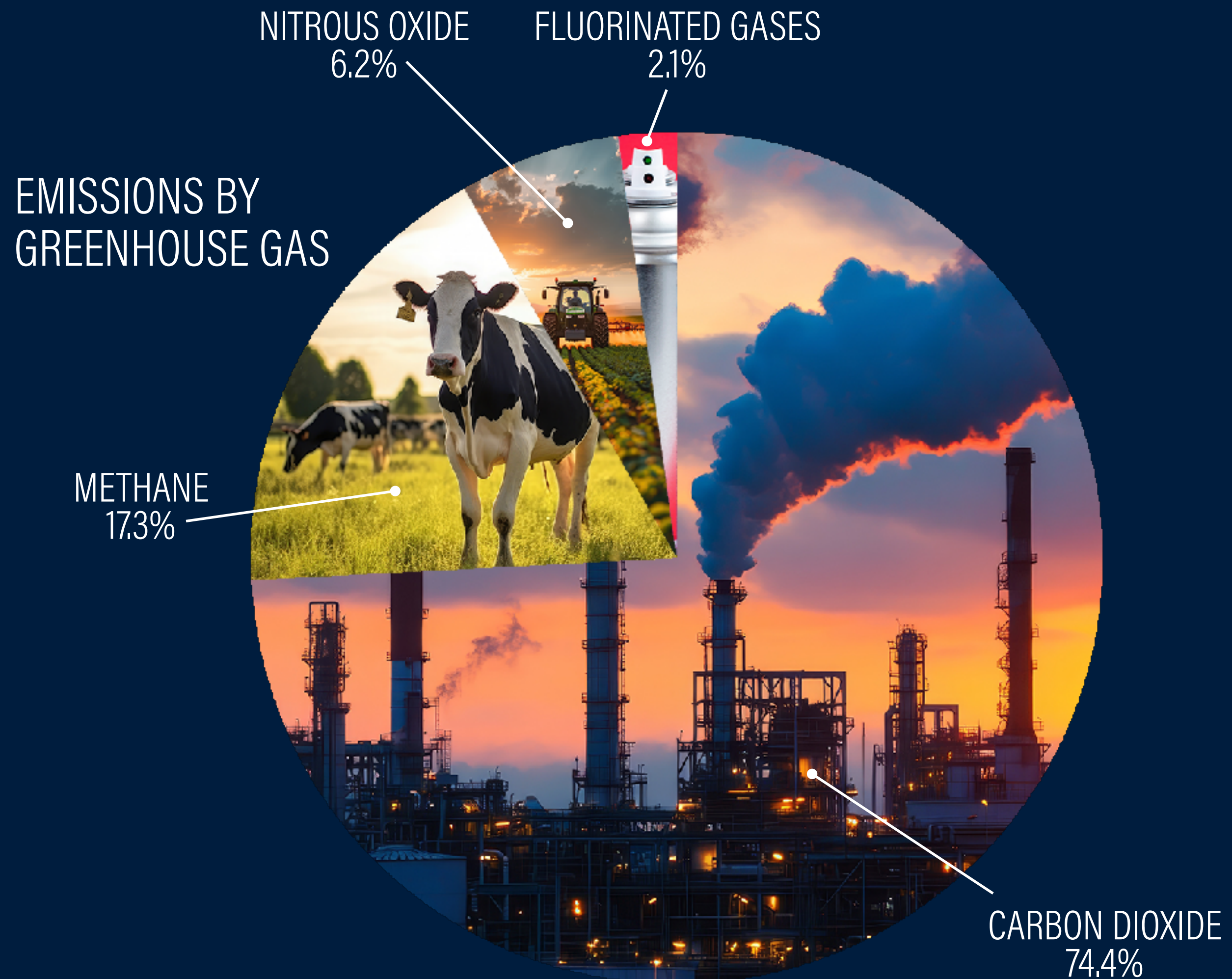
Natural gas-fired power plants can be turned on and off quickly to meet peak electricity demand, balancing intermittent renewable sources.



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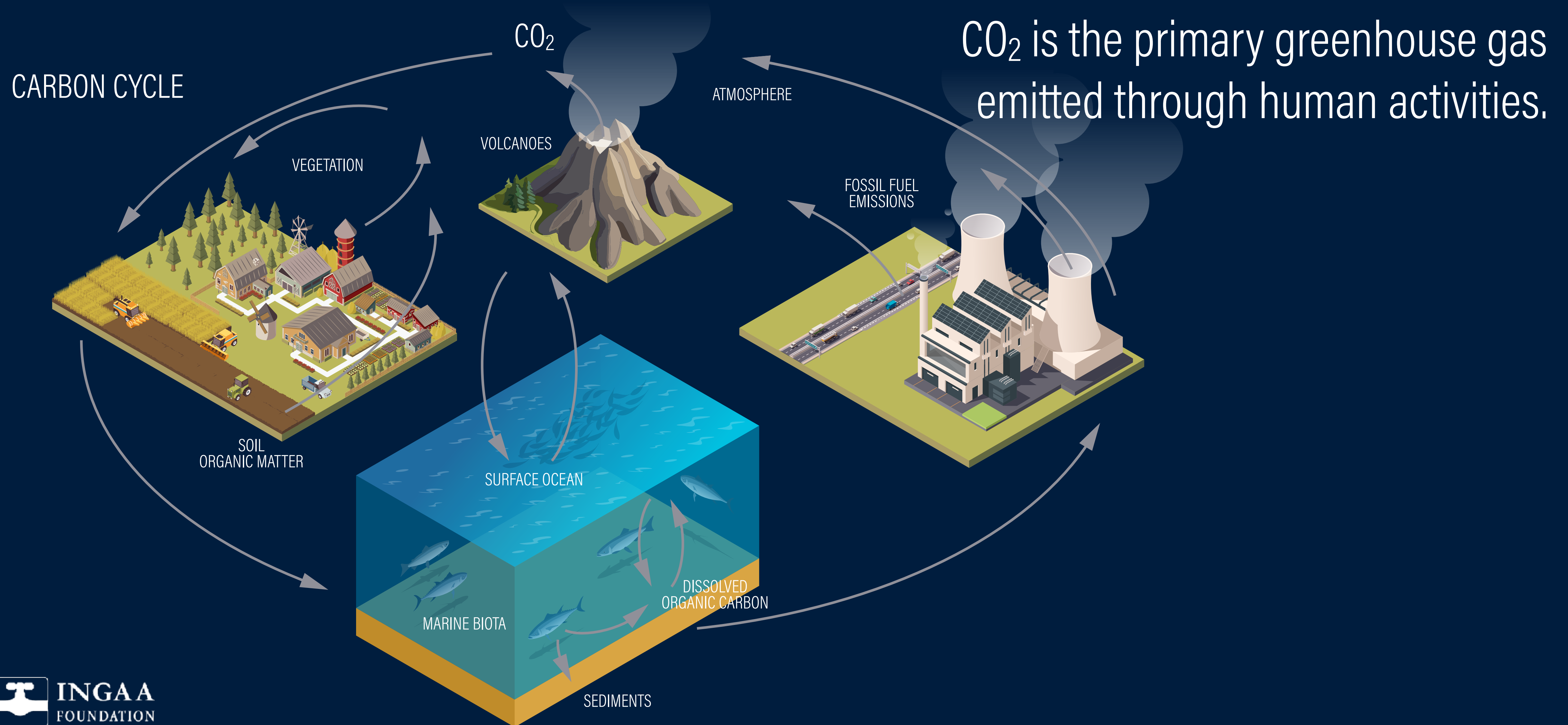
# Current emissions challenges



These gases lead to what is called the 'greenhouse effect' which is the phenomenon whereby the presence of these gases in Earth's atmosphere traps more heat from solar radiation.



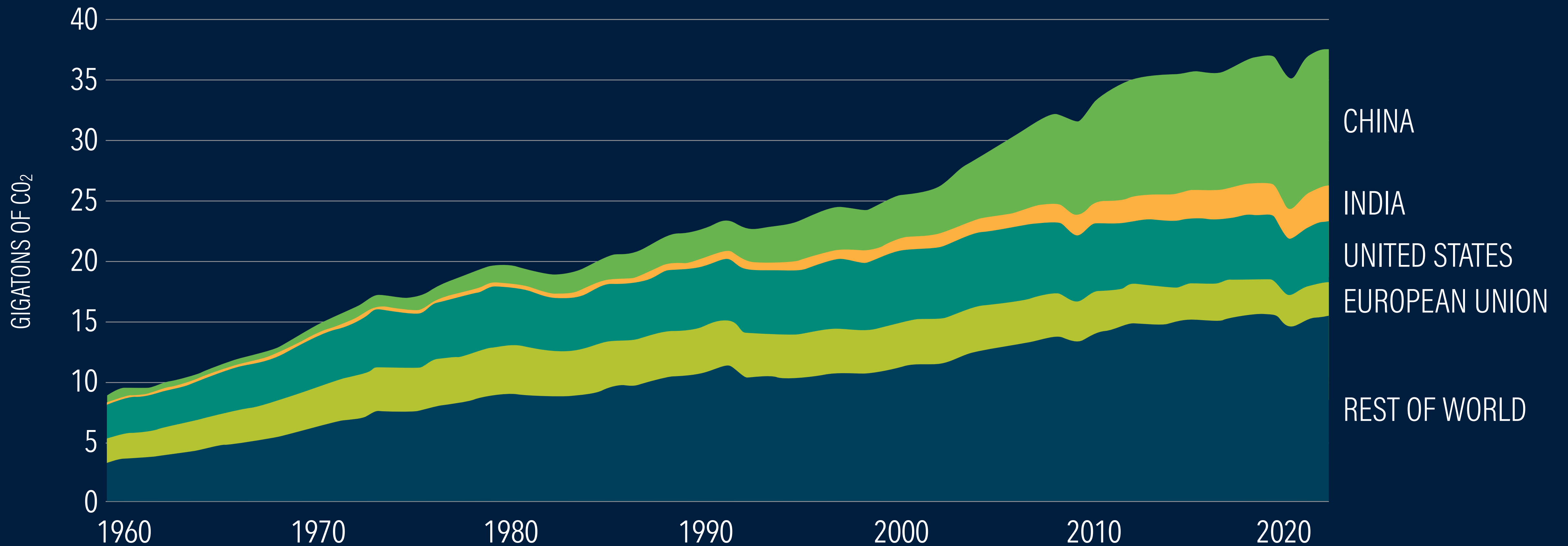
# What exactly is CO<sub>2</sub>?





# Global increase in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

The rate of increase of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions has slowed over the past decade.





# Industry solutions to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

Innovations align with the global push for decarbonization.



CARBON CAPTURE,  
UTILIZATION AND STORAGE



RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS



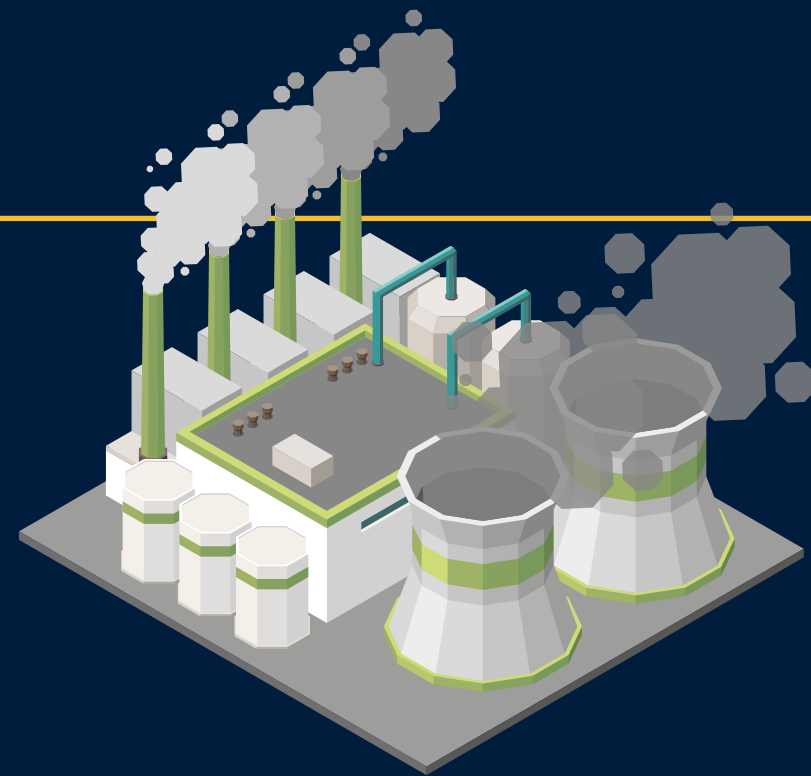
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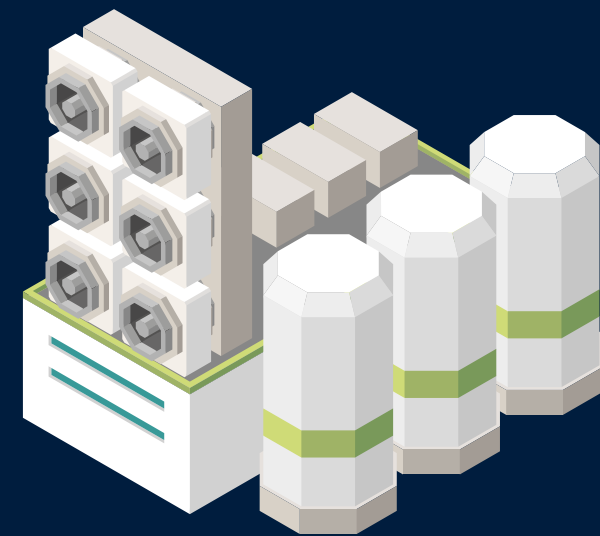
# Carbon capture, utilization and storage

Technology can reduce the carbon footprint of natural gas.

## Capture



POINT SOURCE CAPTURE

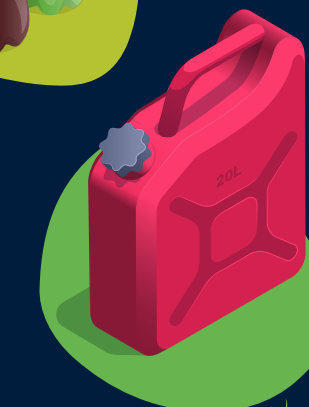


DIRECT AIR CAPTURE

## Repurposing



FIZZY BEVERAGES



FUELS



FOODS

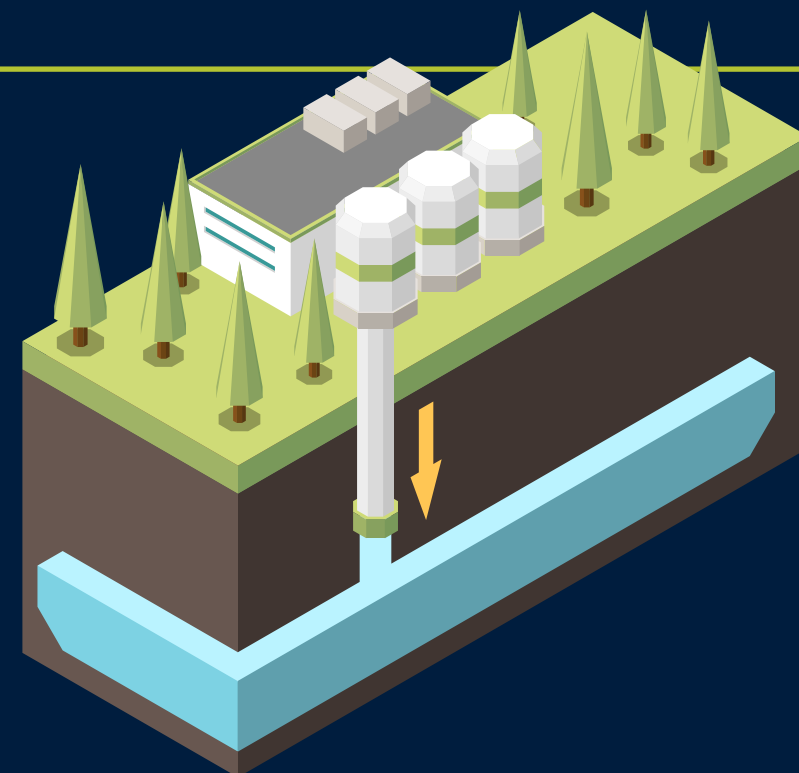


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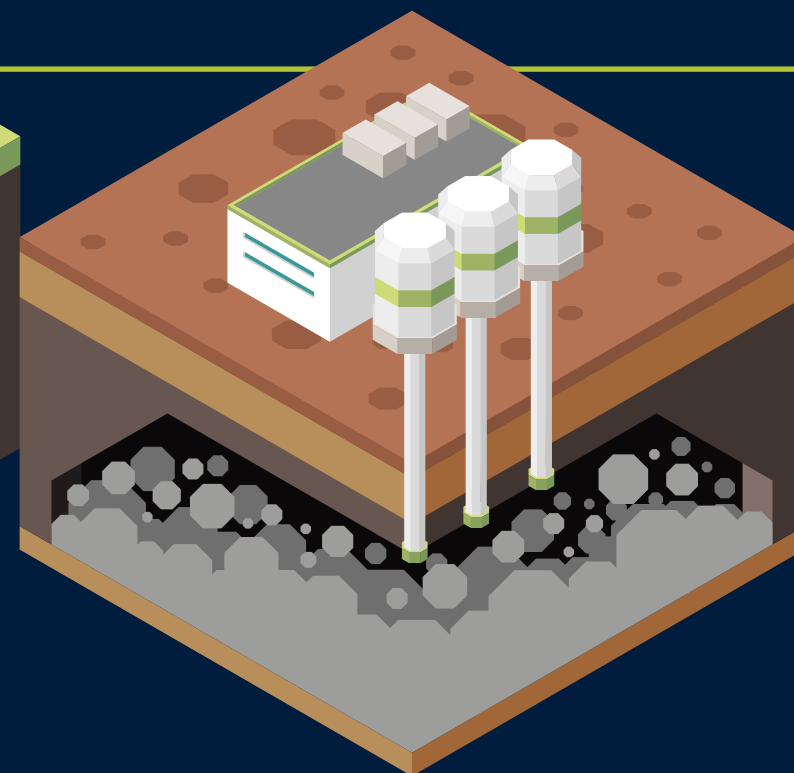


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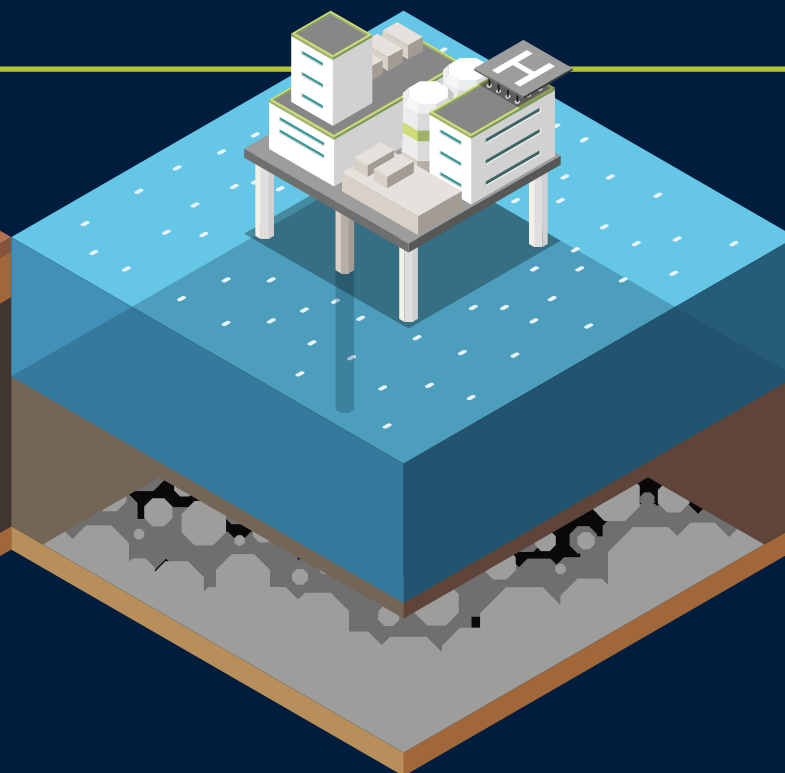
## Storage



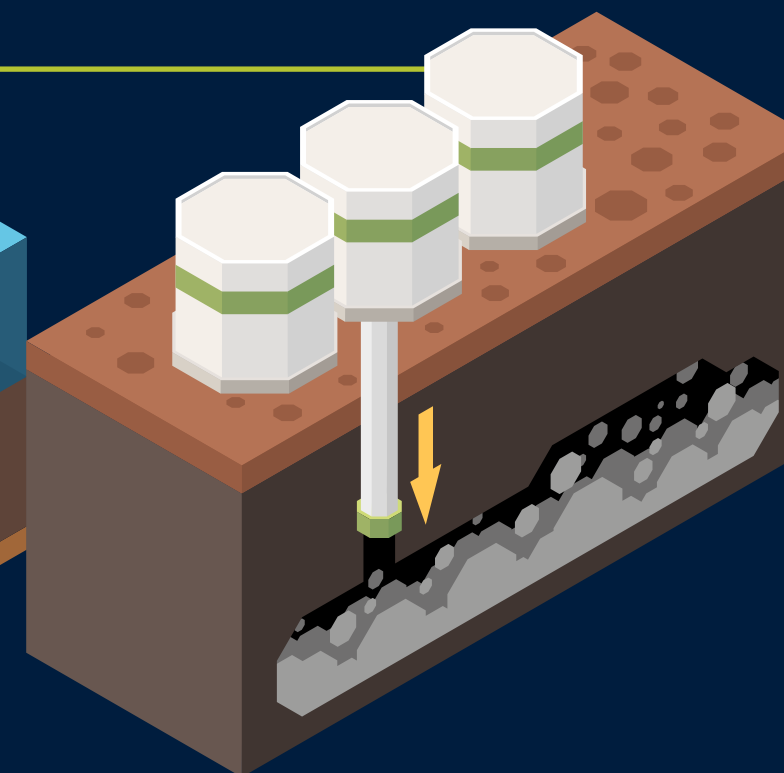
SALINE FORMATIONS



UNMINEABLE COAL SEAMS



ENHANCED OIL RECOVERY



DEPLETED OIL & GAS RESERVES



# What is Renewable Natural Gas (RNG)?

RNG is chemically identical to natural gas but has a much lower carbon footprint.

1. **Collect** organic waste from various sources



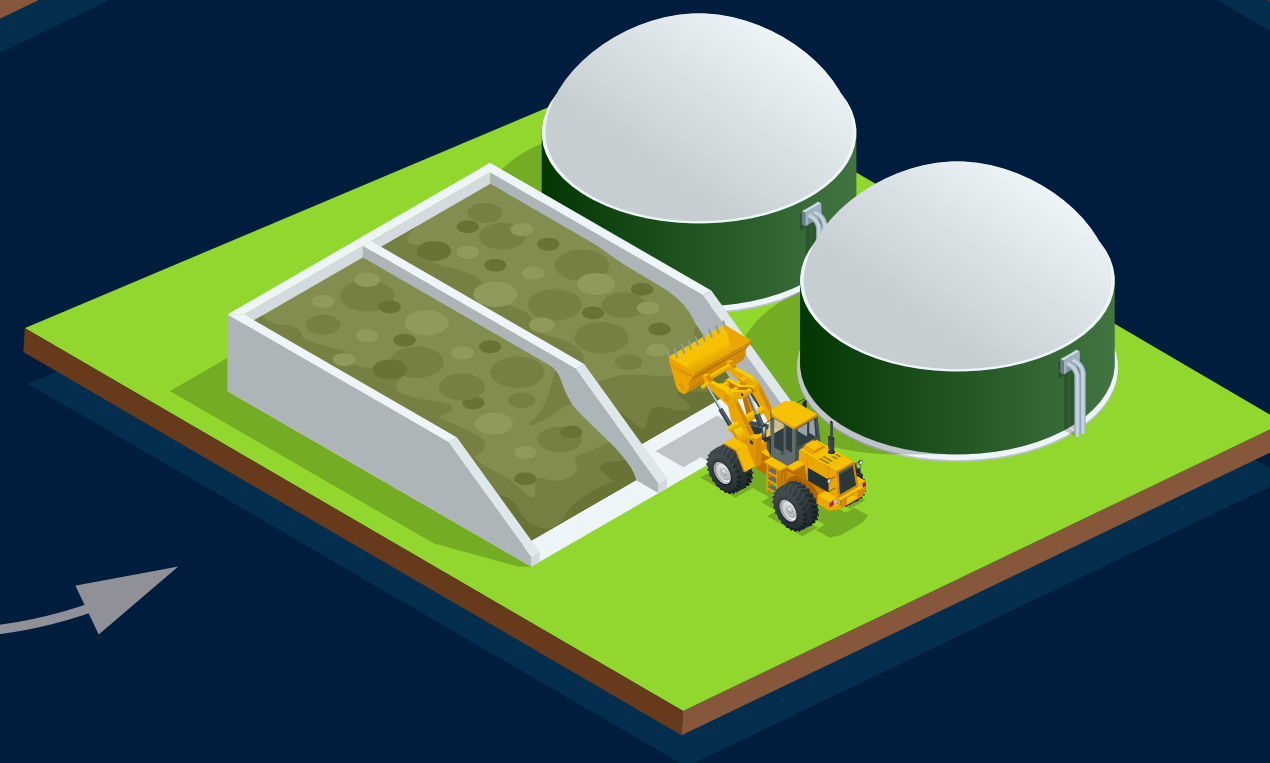
3. **Clean** and condition biogas for use in existing infrastructure and appliances



4. **Consume** in homes, businesses and transportation



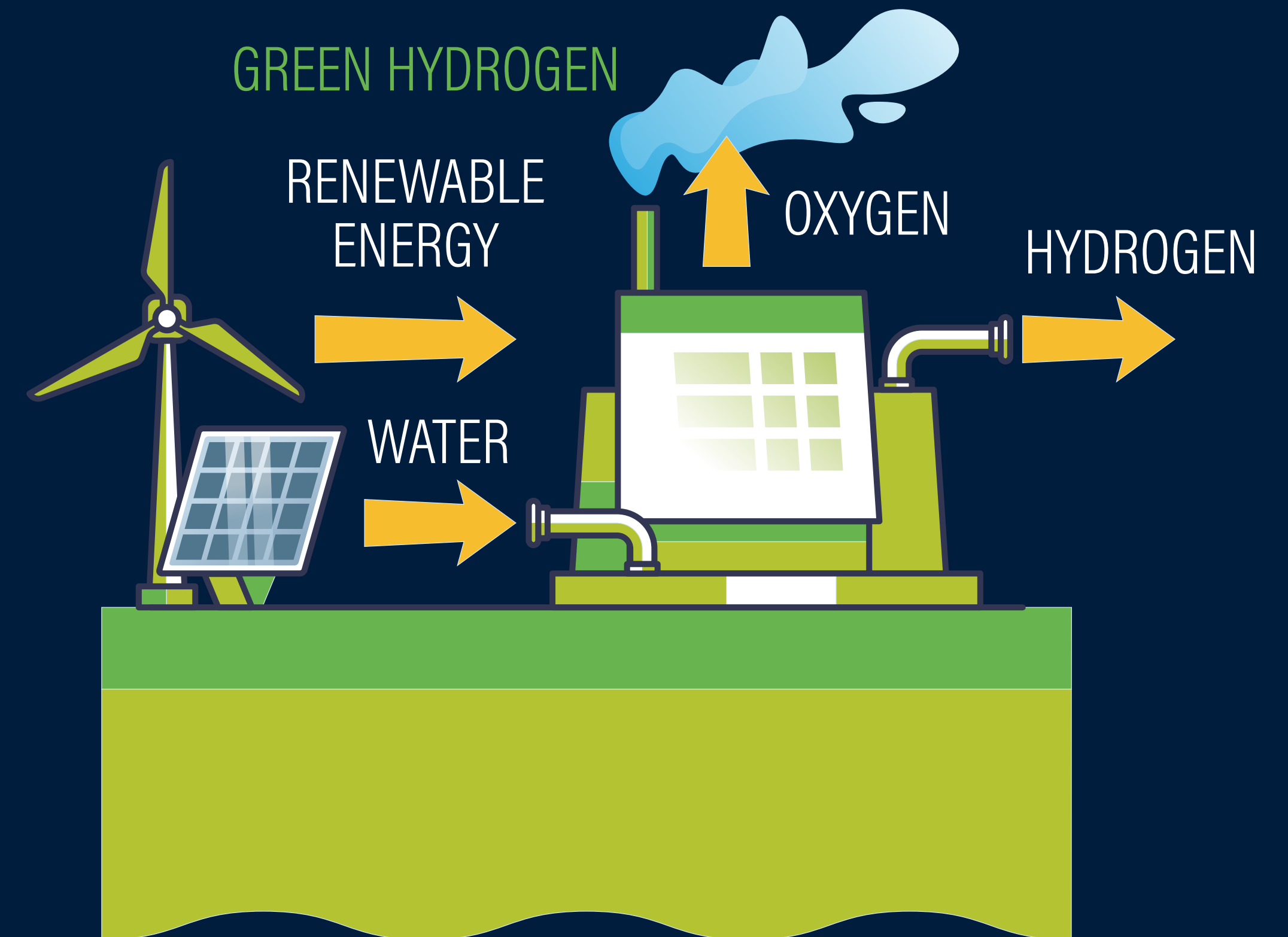
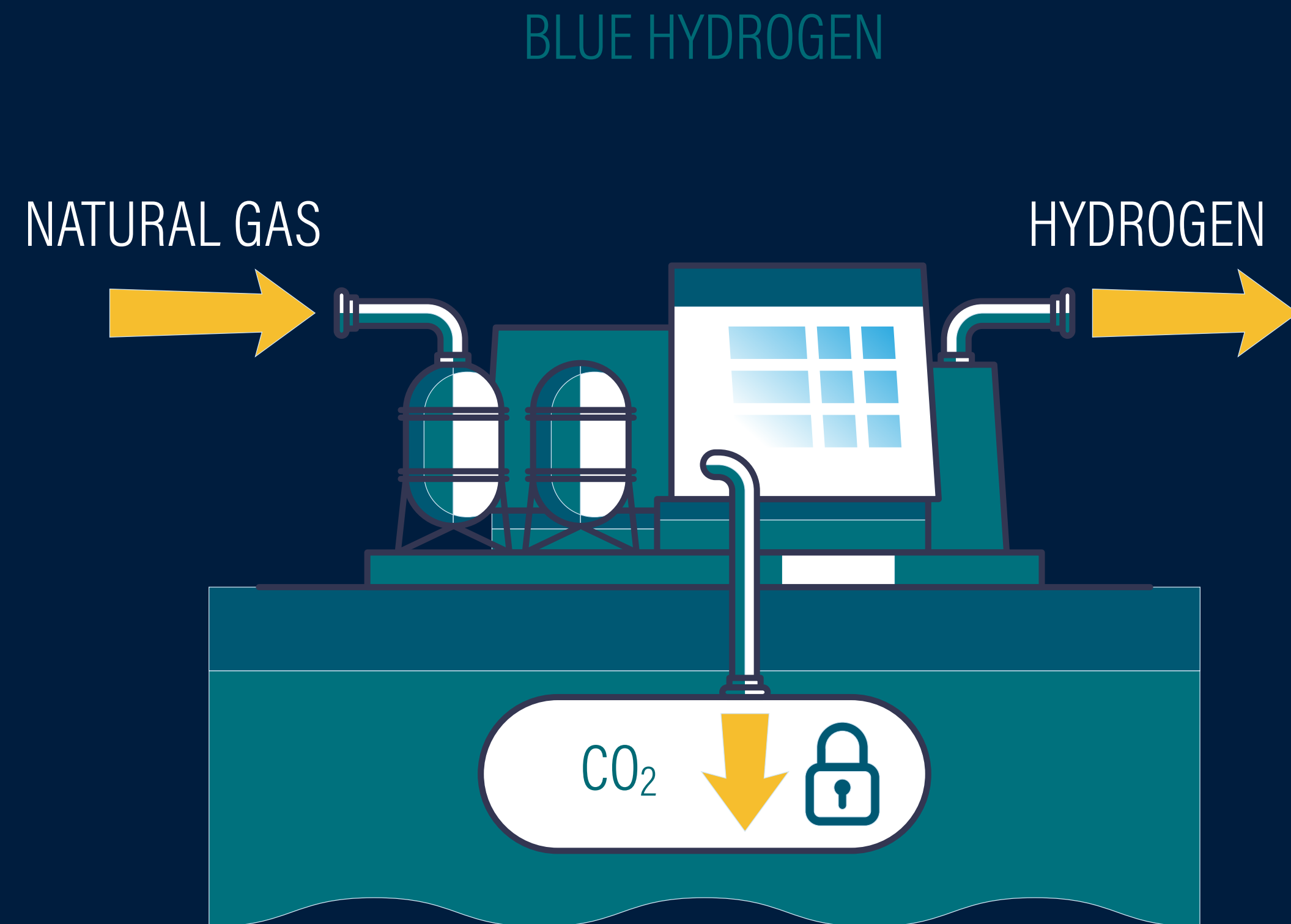
2. **Capture** greenhouse gases from organic waste





# Hydrogen is a promising new fuel

When produced using natural gas, it's known as "blue hydrogen".





# Understanding the source of emissions

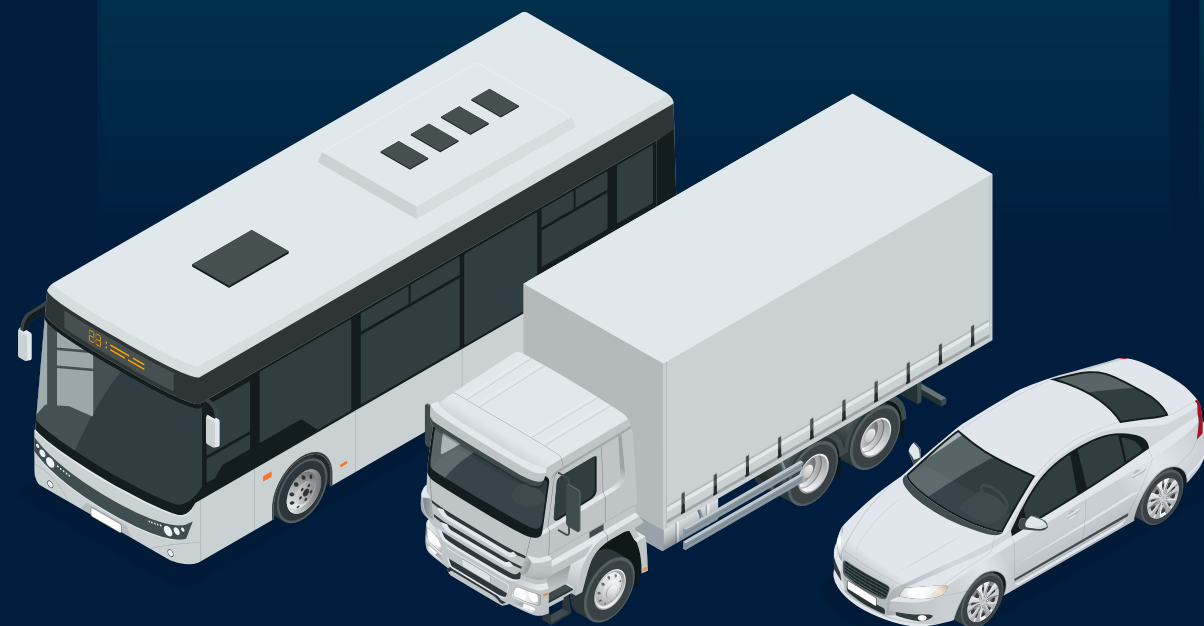
The three scopes are a way of categorizing the different kinds of emissions.

## Scope 1

### Direct emissions

Emissions from sources a company owns or controls directly.

Burning fuel in a company's non-electric vehicle fleet is an example of scope 1 direct emissions.

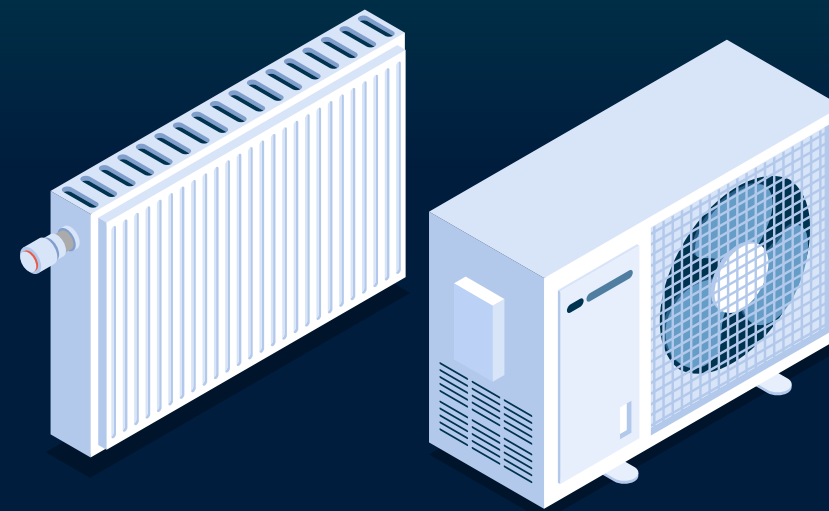


## Scope 2

### Indirect emissions

Emissions that are a consequence of a company's activities but occur from sources not owned or controlled by the company.

Emissions created by producing the energy used by a company, like electricity, is an example of scope 2 indirect emissions.



## Scope 3

### Indirect emissions

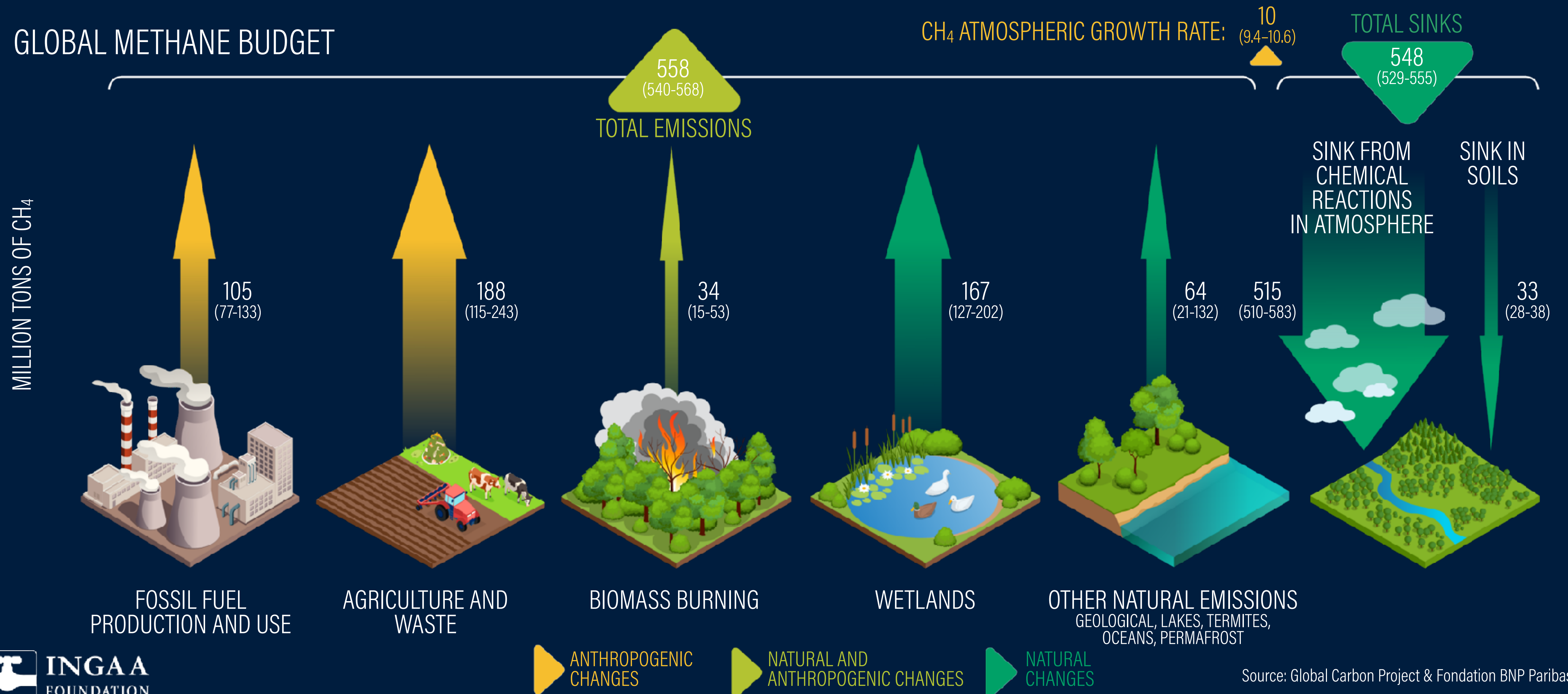
Emissions created by a company's activities that are not covered by scope 1 or 2, like buying, using and disposing of goods from suppliers, are an example of scope 3 indirect emissions.





# What exactly is methane?

CH<sub>4</sub> is a primary component of natural gas and is emitted from a variety of sources.

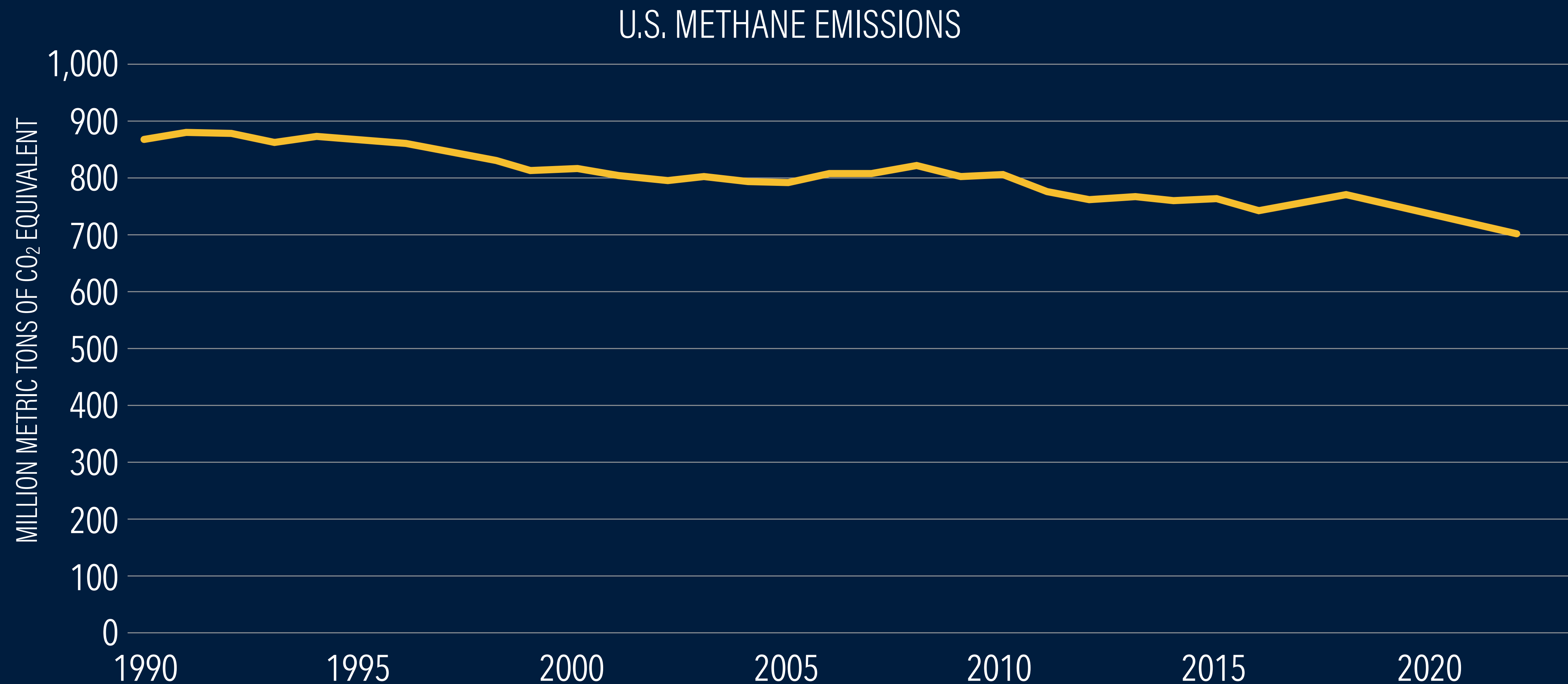


Source: Global Carbon Project & Fondation BNP Paribas



# Controlling methane emissions

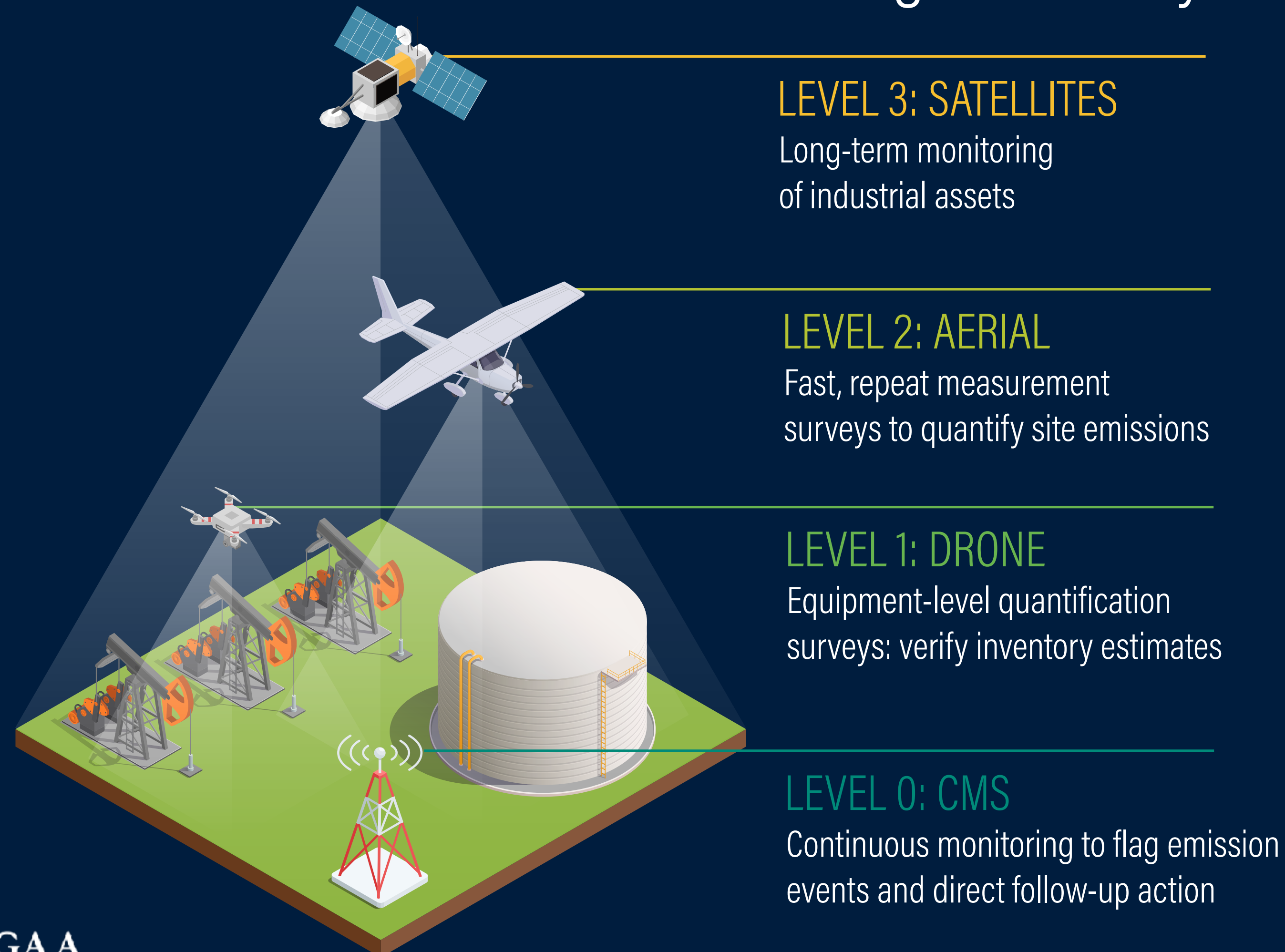
Methane emissions in the U.S. decreased by 19% between 1990 and 2022.





# Helping to reduce methane emissions

The natural gas industry is focused on reducing emissions.



MULTI-SCALE MEASUREMENTS  
TO ASSESS EMISSIONS



# What does net zero mean?

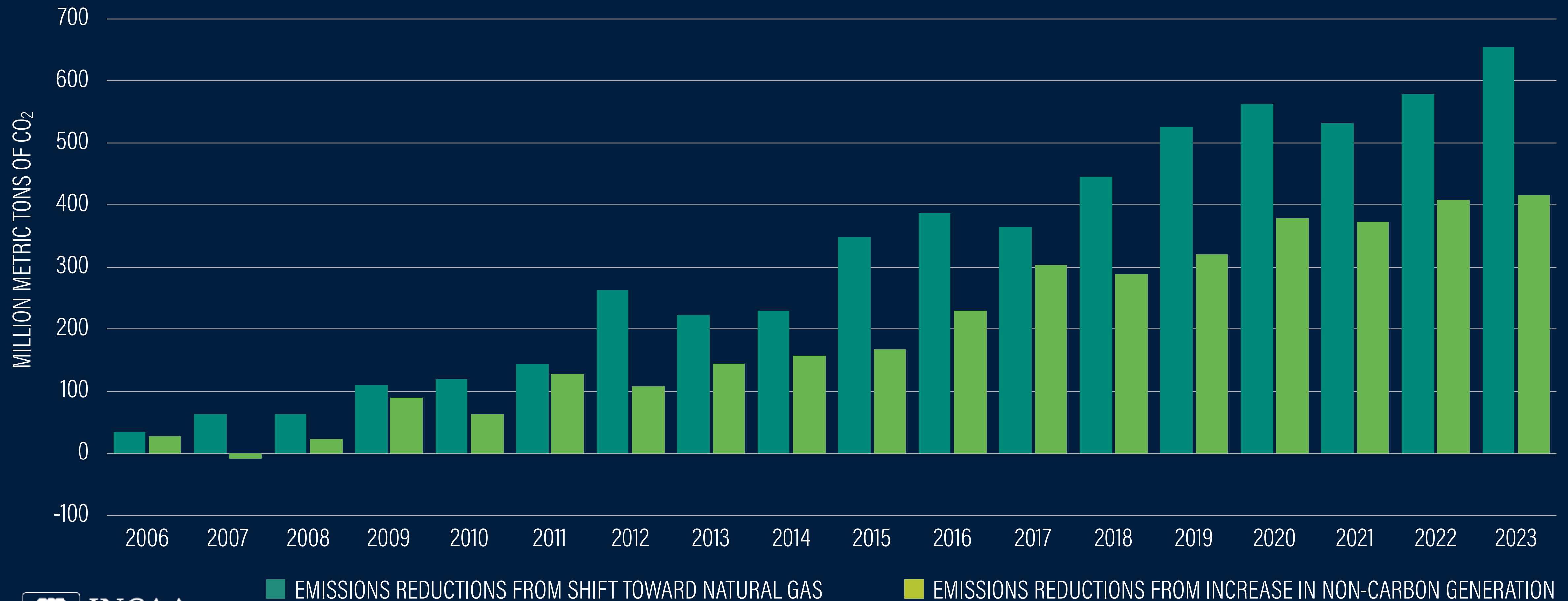
It's balancing the amount of greenhouse gases added and removed from the atmosphere.

Action taken to limit emissions in the next decade will be critical to the future.



# U.S. natural gas is helping reduce emissions

Natural gas will be essential to achieve a net-zero emissions future.





# A partner in building a cleaner future

Natural gas will play a vital role in meeting energy demands, reducing emissions and supporting renewables.