

Present and future energy problems

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-Present basic facts

-What goes up must come down, life is cycle

-what was born will die: sun, earth, mankind, and civilization

-constant growth has no future in a limited world

bacteria doubling every half an hour in a world without constraints will occupy the solar system in one week and the universe in 11 days!

-several peaks and symmetrical cycles as Atlantic cod rise, fall and extinction

Figure 1: Cod landings for Northern Atlantic Fisheries Organization

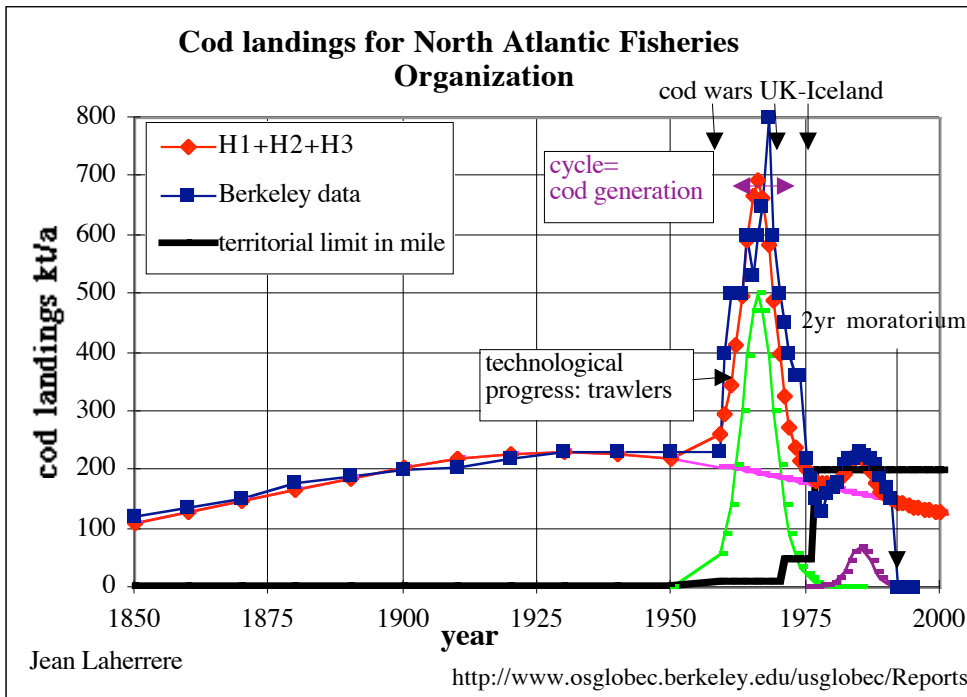
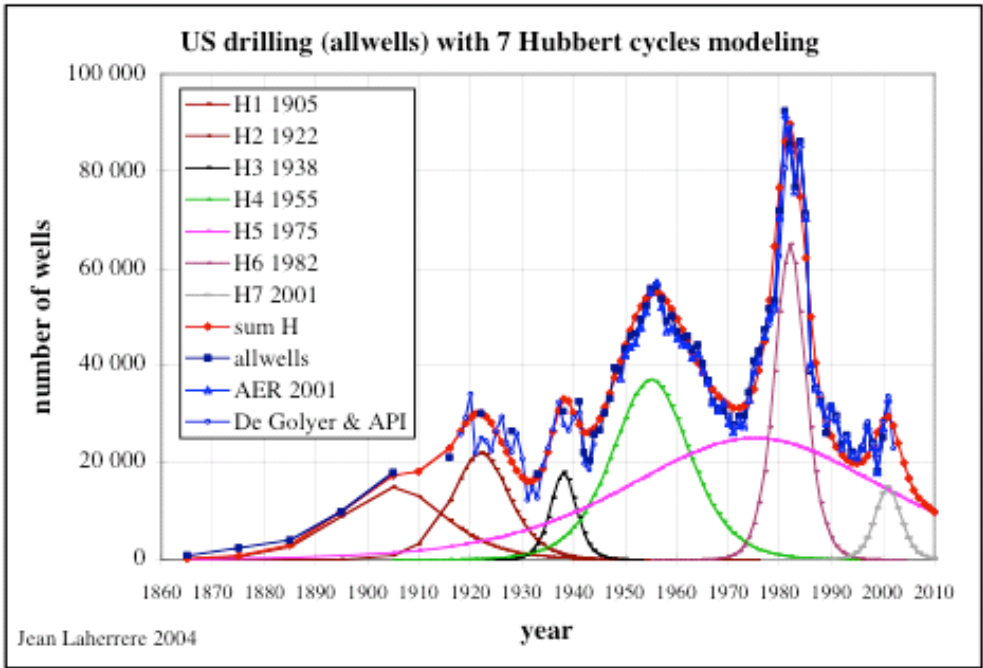
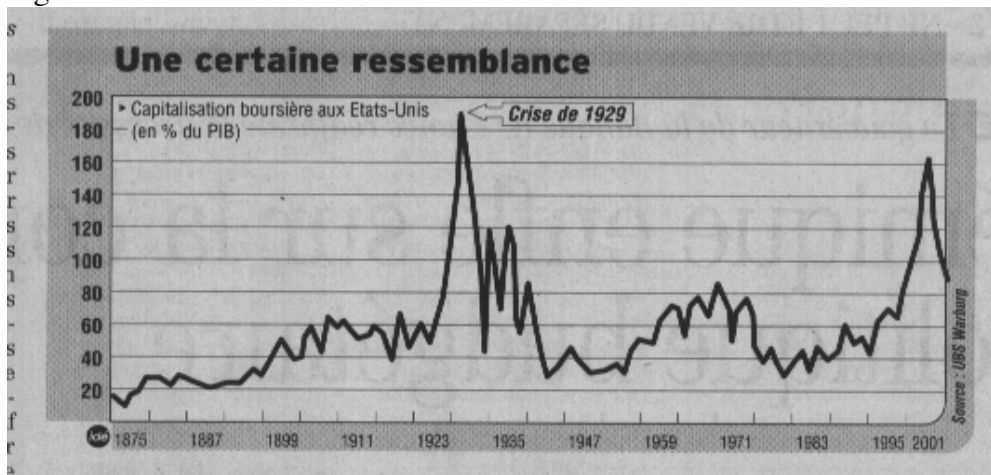


Figure 2: US drilling activity modeled with 7 cycles



The US stock market in percentage of the GDP when displayed since 1870 shows several low cycles with two peaks one in 1930 with the depression and another a little lower in 2000.

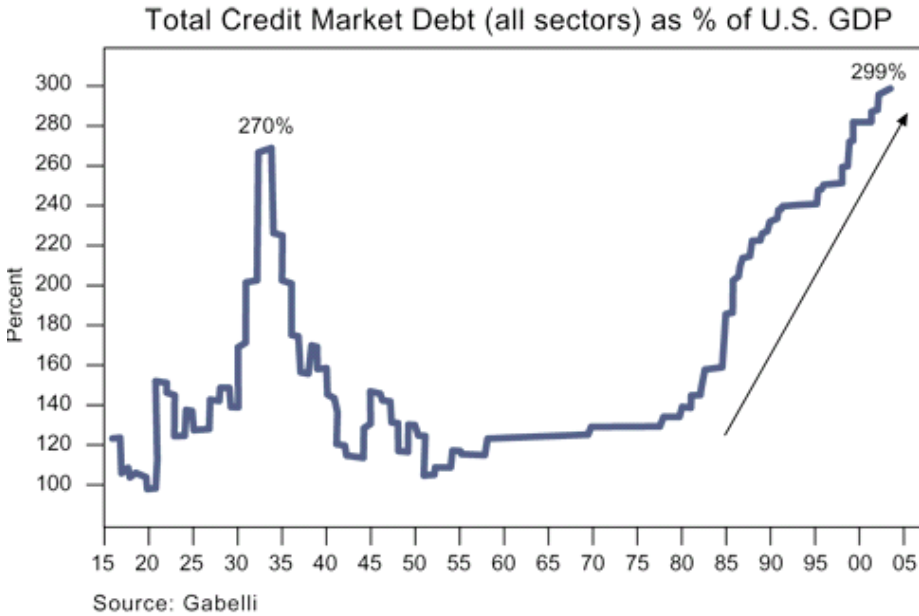
Figure 3: US stock market in % of GDP 1875-2001



(Le Figaro Economie 12-13 Octobre 2002 p11)

The US credit market debt in % of GDP shows also a rise reminding the depression of the 30s

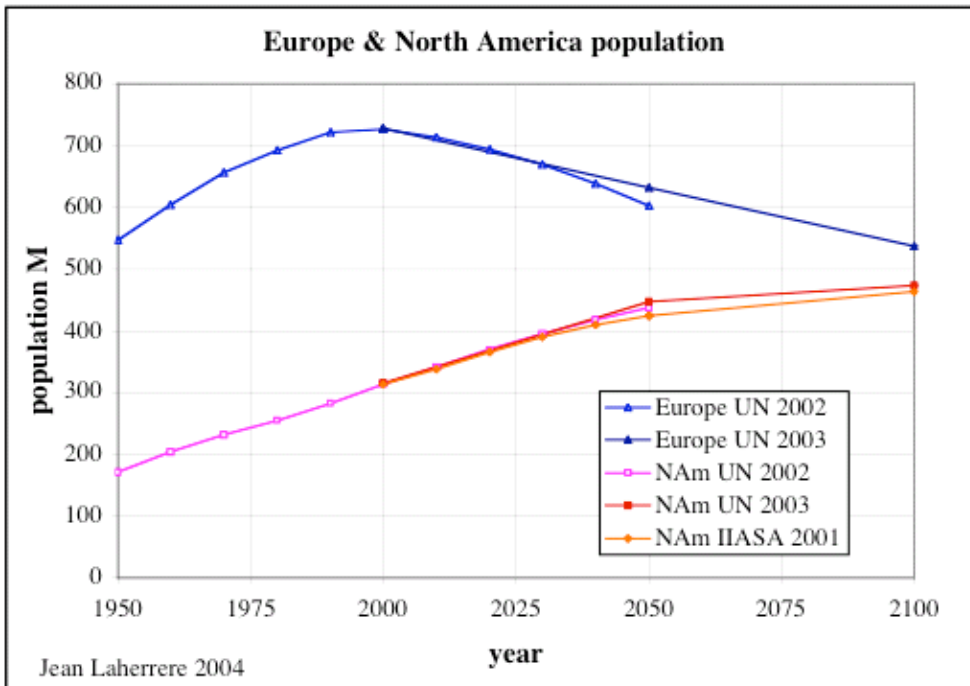
Figure 4: US total credit market debt as % of GDP



-Society of consumption and growth

-society of consumption with a culture of constant growth
 Growth is the Santa Claus of the politicians to solve all problems such as social security, retirement, but there is no “Plan B” other than the next generation will pay for our excesses
 Saint Exupery wrote: “We do not inherit the Earth from our parents, we borrow it from our children” (taken from an old proverb of India)
 -decline (or even no growth) is a politically incorrect word, even in Europe where the population is peaking now, unpleasant events are ignored.

Figure 5: Europe & North America population



-Definitions

-words such as energy, oil, reserves, conventional, reasonable, sustainable, are badly defined on purpose, in order to report what is convenient

- most debates come from lack of clear definition
- gas is gasoline for the Americans, but natural gas for the rest of the world
- the product oil is also badly defined and oil production can be either 70 Mb/d for crude, including some condensate but not NGL (Natural Gas Liquids), or 80 Mb/d for liquids (the oil demand is for liquids), or regular oil (Campbell) 60 Mb/d. Condensate (at wellhead) and NGL (at gas plants) are badly reported. The demand is almost always for liquids, but supply is often for crude oil: OPEC quotas are only for crude oil.
- as OPEC members cheat on quotas, production data is badly reported and the only reliable data on shipped oil on seas is from a scout company: Petrologistics in Geneva with spies in every harbor. Losses or thefts are not reported
- oil is reported in barrel, cubic meter or tonne, but barrel has no legal definition, except an industrial one and USDOE, in their reports, are obliged to add after the unit barrel “(42 US gallons)”, when legal liquid barrel in Texas is 31.5 US gallons
- converting oil in barrels into oil in tonnes requires knowing the density of the oil, but it is often unspecified and it varies with time for the same field.
- symbol bbl often used for barrel has no known meaning and could be a blue barrel to indicate crude oil
- wooden barrels stood in the beginning for 30 to 50 US gallons and around 1870 were replaced by 42 gallons, being millions, but none has survived.

-Energy

- energy unit is the Joule, which is also the unit for heat, work
- unit system: every country outside the US, Liberia and Bangladesh use the System International of units (SI), so there are two worlds: metric and non metric: Mars Climate Orbiter was lost because NASA sent the instructions in metric when the probe was built non-metric.
- heat can be a goal but also a nuisance, calorie is obsolete and replaced by Joule
- power is defined from energy, as one watt is one joule per second and MWh is 3.6 GJ
- energy is always conserved (energy is not created but degraded) but changes in quality (entropy increases going towards chaotic status (heat))
- only commercial energy is taken into account in most studies
- food is also energy as muscles work (human and animal) The Roman Empire was built by slaves.
- energy equivalence needs assumption and is badly explained and handled. The so-called energy mix is poorly reported. France changed conventions in 2001 and the change was drastic
- hydrogen is not energy, but a vector as electricity

-Reserves: Uncertainty is presented as certainty

- reserves represent what will be recovered in future or expected future production
- resource is what is in the ground; reserves are only a small part of resource
- reserves are always used with plural, but almost always given with one value, when they should be reported as a range
- reserves are uncertain, but many definition as the SEC rules deal with “*reasonable certainty*” (as FDA for new product) and refuses the probabilistic approach because the risk aversion of bankers and shareholders
- reserve growth occurs when reserves are reported as the minimum but not statistically when reported as mean (expected) value

-there is no worldwide reserve rule and the SEC (Securities and Exchange Commission) rules for the companies listed in the US are obsolete and different from the rest of the world, obliging to ignore probable reserves and probabilistic approach.

-uncertainty should be represented by reporting a large range with 3 values: minimum, most likely or mean, maximum), but medias and stock markets want only one value.

-uncertainty versus certainty; deterministic approach versus probabilistic approach; risk aversion.

Experts are assumed to be always right. Explorers are wrong 8 times out of ten in wildcat drilling. Managers and engineers are more risk averse than explorers.

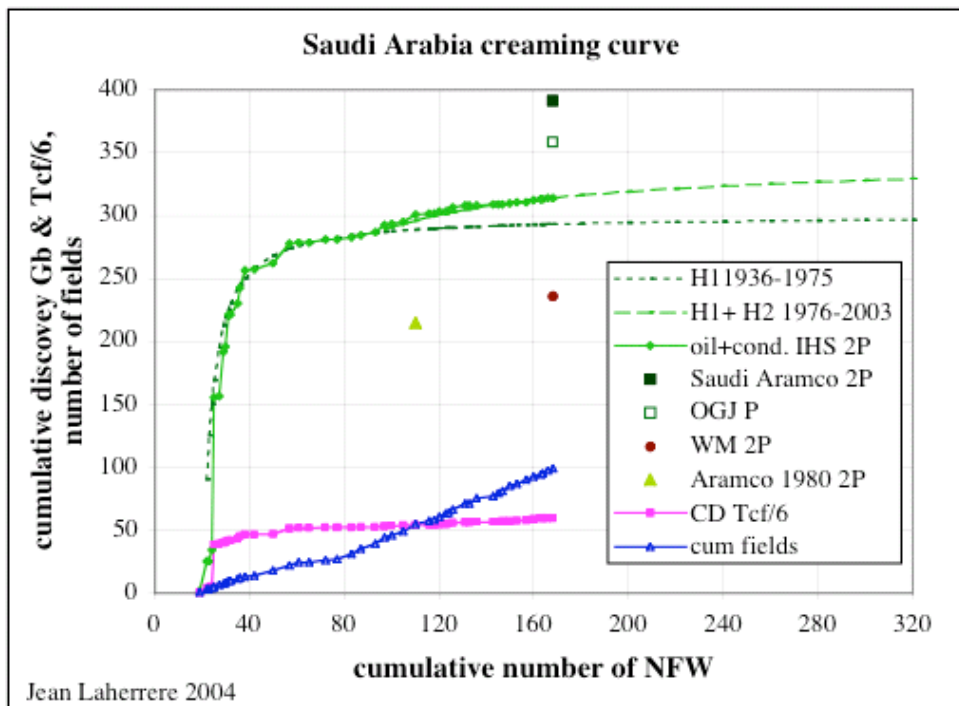
-any measure has to be reported with a number of significant digits compatible with the accuracy of the measure, but now few bother to estimate the accuracy and most reserve data are given with an unrealistic accuracy. Reporting any data with more than 2 significant digits shows that the author is incompetent.

-unequal distribution: out of more than 50 000 oil & gas fields less than 2% are giants fields (over 500 Mboe) and they retain over 75 % of the total discoveries.

-law of diminishing return = creaming curve= cumulative discoveries (mean values) versus cumulative number of New Field Wildcats = NFW

Saudi Arabia displays a poor return not by lack of exploration but of large fields

Figure 6: Saudi Arabia creaming curve



The estimates on the total discoveries 2P varies from 236 Gb (WM) to 391 Gb (Saudi Aramco).

-UNFC reserve rules issued in 1997 were never accepted by the oil industry and the new classification to gather petroleum, coal and uranium is a poor compromise, hiding under words the discrepancy between fossil fuels

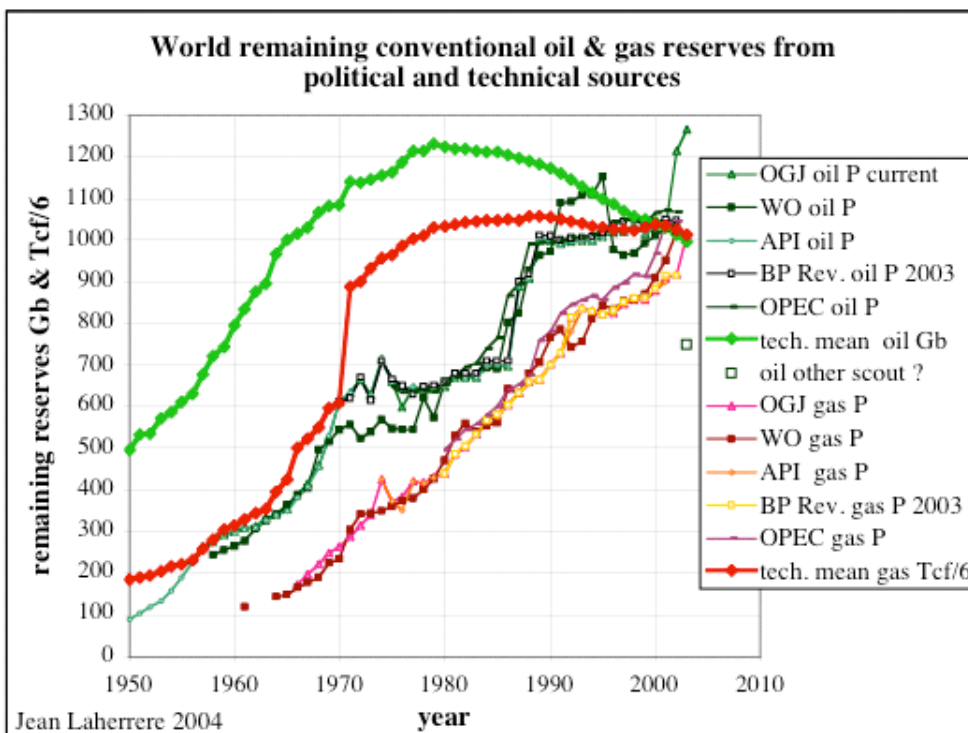
-OPEC members fight between themselves on the quotas, which are based in particular on reserves. Between 1985 and 1990 OPEC members increased their oil reserves by more than 50% and 300 Gb was added (gas reserves were not)

-publishing data is a political act and depends upon the image the author wants to give (rich in front of banker (or quotas) or poor in front of taxes). The author chooses within the large range of uncertainty the value he prefers (close to minimum or maximum). It is why reserve

definitions are numerous, ambiguous or badly used. The most flawed data come from the OPEC members because of the fight for the quotas. The so-called worldwide accepted reserve definition by SPE/WPC/AAPG is not respected and contains contradictory items (probable) -remaining reserves data from political sources (published by OPEC, BP Review, Oil and Gas Journal (OGJ), World Oil (WO)) reporting current proved reserves show an always rising trend, when the technical data (based on backdated mean (expected value) reserves reported by scout companies (IHS (former Petroconsultants) or Wood Mackenzie (WM) shows a decline since 1980. Aggregation of mean values is correct when it is not for proved values (a Monte Carlo simulation should be run).

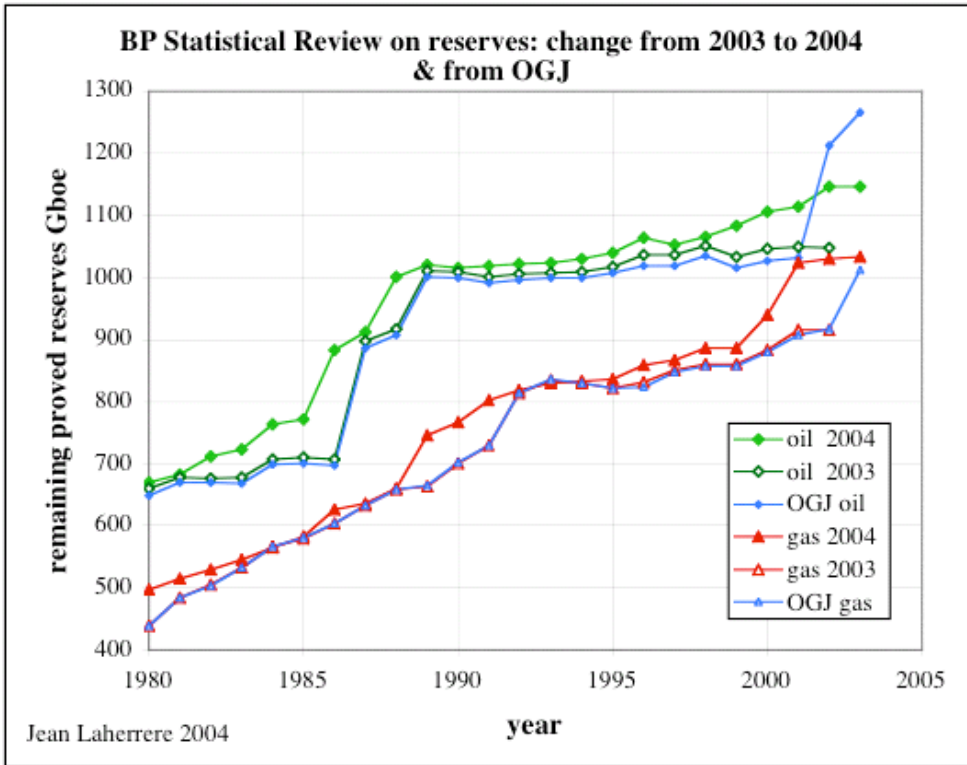
There are three worlds, the world of economists having only access to political data, believing that technology can do anything, the world of technicians having access to real data and knowing the limits of techniques and the world of managers or politicians who have to show growth to be well considered.

Figure 7: World remaining conventional oil & gas reserves from political and technical sources



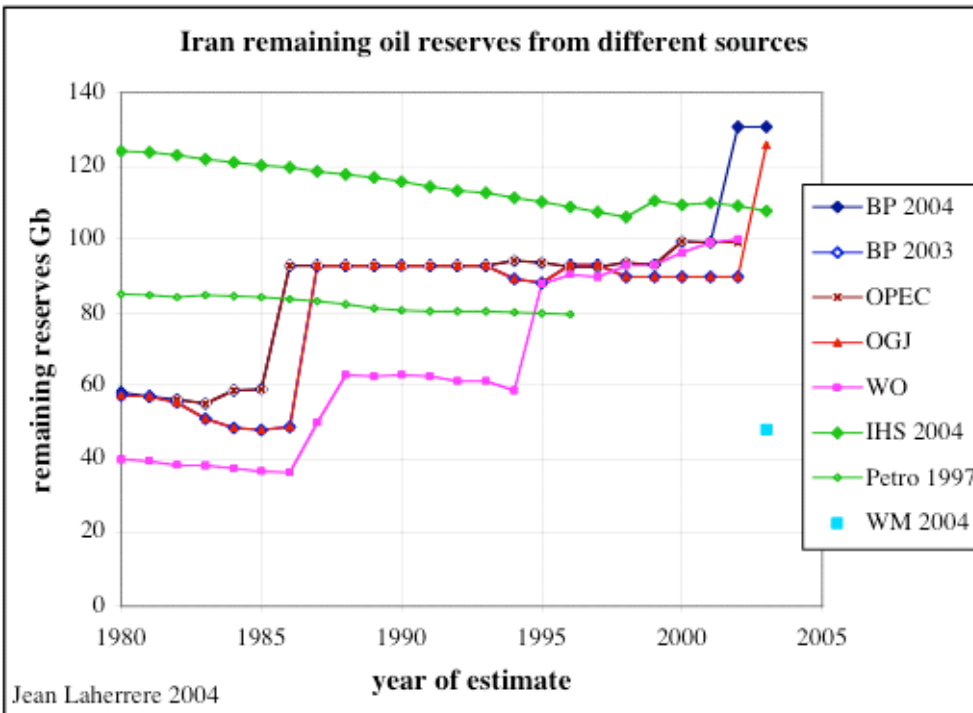
Political reserves at year end are reported by governments before the end of the year (technical studies are not done yet) as an answer to an enquiry sent by OGJ and the results are published by OGJ the last week of December as remaining proved reserves (under SEC rules, proved reserves should be estimated with oil price on December 31st, when they are not yet known!). The estimates were the current values and were never revised by OGJ whereas WO revises them for the previous year. BP Statistical Review was reporting OGJ data and not its own data on order not to upset OPEC members (they did it once in the past but were reprimanded and they do not want to do it again). These reserves up to 2003 were assumed to be conventional estimates excluding oilsands and natural gas liquids (NGL) outside US and Canada, but the production data was including these oilsands and NGL. As in 2003 OGJ included for Canada 175 Gb of reserves from the Athabasca oilsands (making Canada the second largest in front of Iraq), BP did not follow six months later. But in 2004 they include for Canada the part of the oilsands reportedly developed by the Canadians (11 Gb), and increase the previous estimate of end of 2002 by 99 Gb. But in order not to attribute this increase to 2003 discoveries, they revised their previous estimates since 1980. In fact they

backdated their increase, as for end 2002 the 2003 value was 1048 Gb against 1146 Gb for the 2004 value.



It is interesting to detail the reporting for Iran, BP has increased to follow Iran statement at 130 Gb (no wish to question it), but technical data from IHS give just over 100 Gb when WO is little less, but WM reports only about 40 Gb. The difference is large, as it is for Saudi Arabia, showing the uncertainty of the Middle East reserves

Figure 9: Iran remaining reserves from different sources



-Technology

- is technology the solution or the problem (as for cod)?
- technology is the Santa Claus of the economists, but they refuse to listen to technicians
- technology allows faster and cheaper production of conventional fields but no increase of recovery ratio. Recovery ratios vary from 3% (fractured compact reservoir) to 85% (very porous reef). Technology (or higher price) cannot change the geology of the reservoir. But for unconventional fields (extra-heavy oils, tarsands, coalbed methane or tight sands) technology (and higher price) does increase recovery.
- what is presented as new technology (3D, horizontal wells) is more than 30 years old and used widely on producing fields
- contrary to gold or copper, where economy rules the minimum economic concentration, the limit of fossil fuels are ruled by the net energy, when more energy is invested to extract a fuel than the energy return, the extraction must cease and subsidies are useless. The concentration of a conventional oilfield or gasfield is 100% oil or gas over water. Ethanol from corn is reported by Prof. Pimentel as a negative net energy. Gold can be mined at 4000 m depth, but not coal because net energy would be negative.

-Resources assessment

The most important item to deal with energy is to assess the world resources. In the past many agencies were involved but now only one, BGR in Germany, is the only agency making a complete inventory of the earth and updating it often. The WEC (World Energy Council), gathering almost every country in the world (in contrary to the limited number of countries in IEA or OPEC), reports the individual assessment by each member but does not aggregate the total by lack of homogeneity.

Remaining reserves at estimate year

BGR- Germany estimate year	reserves Gtoe		resources Gtoe	
	1997	2001	1997	2001
conventional oil	151	152	76	84
non-conventional oil	134	66	574	250
conventional natural gas	116	122	172	165
non-conventional gas	2	2	2458	1163
hard coal	341	423	3519	2486
soft brown coal	50	47	763	292
uranium	24	15	179	174
thorium	22	22	23	23

BGR displays this interesting graph of the largest fossil fuel reserve countries.

Figure 10: Remaining reserves

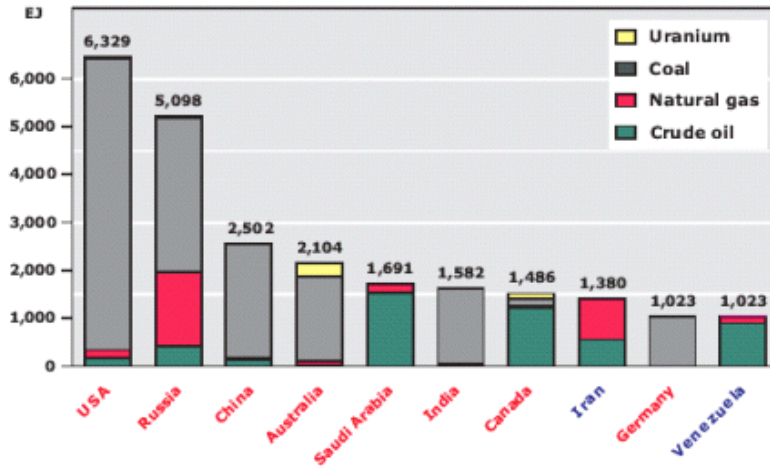


Fig. 7: Reserves of non-renewable fuels in the ten countries with the most reserves in 2001 (OPEC countries in blue)

-Future problems

-Oil

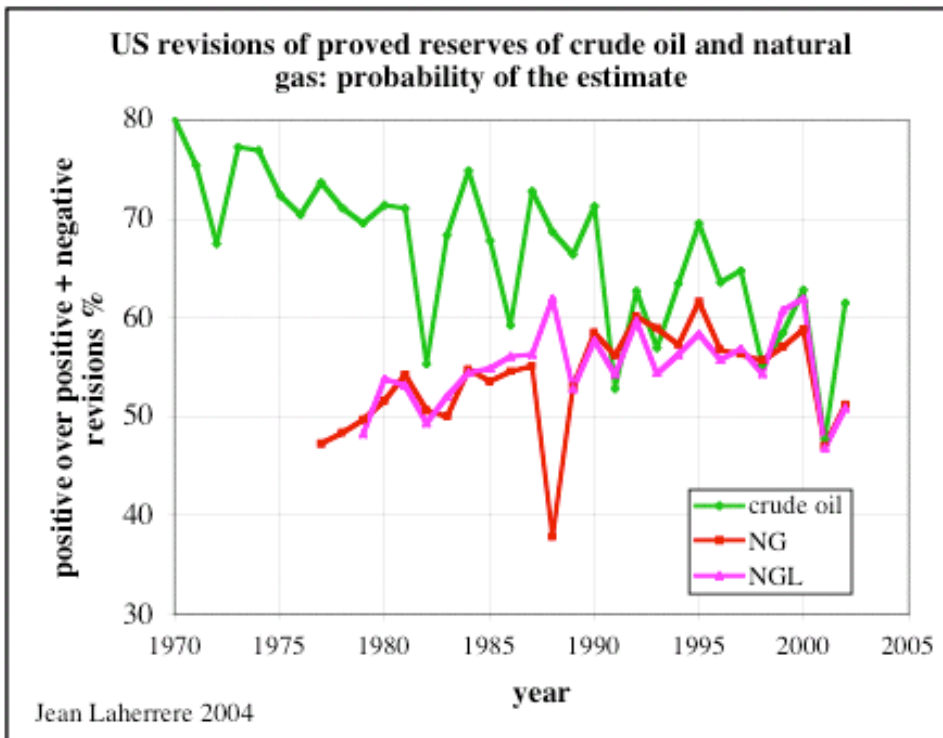
-oil reserves and probability

As said above, reserves are badly defined and estimated, since publishing reserves is a political act (in Russia it is State secret and reporting leads to 7 years jail).

US proved reserves, under SEC rules (compulsory), are the quantity estimated with “reasonable certainty” to be recovered with present conditions. The definition of reasonable may vary, according to the assessor, from 51% to 99%. Under the SPE/WPC/AAPG rules (not compulsory) proved reserves are estimated to be recovered with a probability of 90%.

But from the past 25 years of USDOE of annual reports publishing the new discoveries plus the revisions of past discoveries, the simple ratio of positive revisions of past discoveries versus the negative plus positive revisions gives the probability of these proved reserves. It is obvious that the probability was for oil about 75 % in 1970 and it is now down to 55% (it was less than 50% in 2001) and for natural gas and natural gas liquids it was about 50% around 1980, it increased a little and now again back to 50%. It means that the so-called US proved reserves are now in fact proven plus probable reserves.

Figure 11: US revisions of proved oil & gas reserves giving the probability of the, estimate



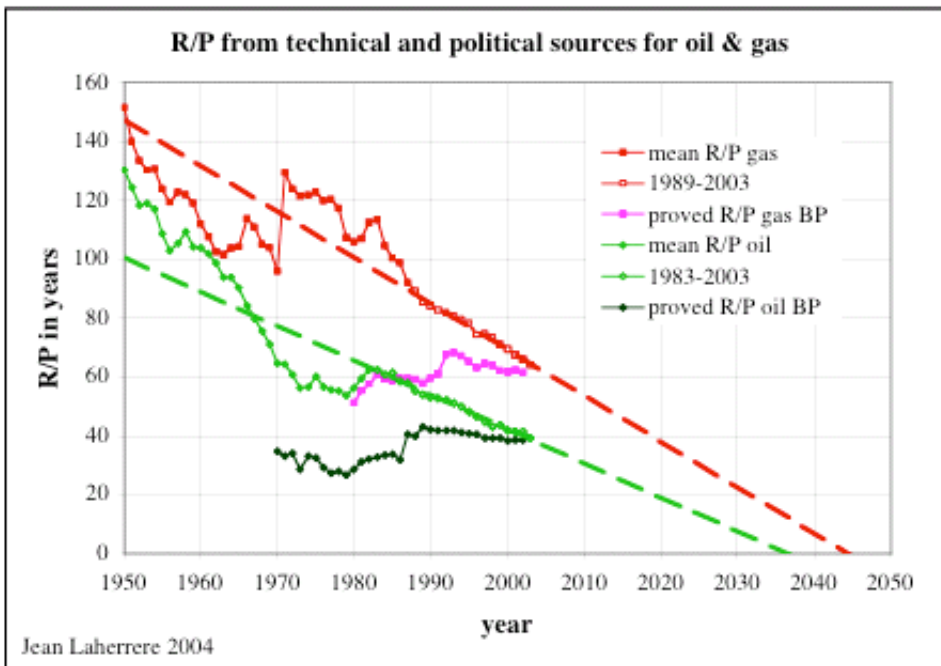
Where discoveries were large and many, producers were reporting only a part keeping the rest for leaner years. Now that discoveries are small and scarce, the largest value is reported from start.

Reserve growth was large in the US because only proved reserves were reported and probable reserves were prohibited, but in the rest of the world where reserves are reported as proved plus probable (close to mean value) reserve growth is statistically nil. (Laherrere 1996, 2004). It is likely that US reserve growth will disappear in future.

-oil production forecast

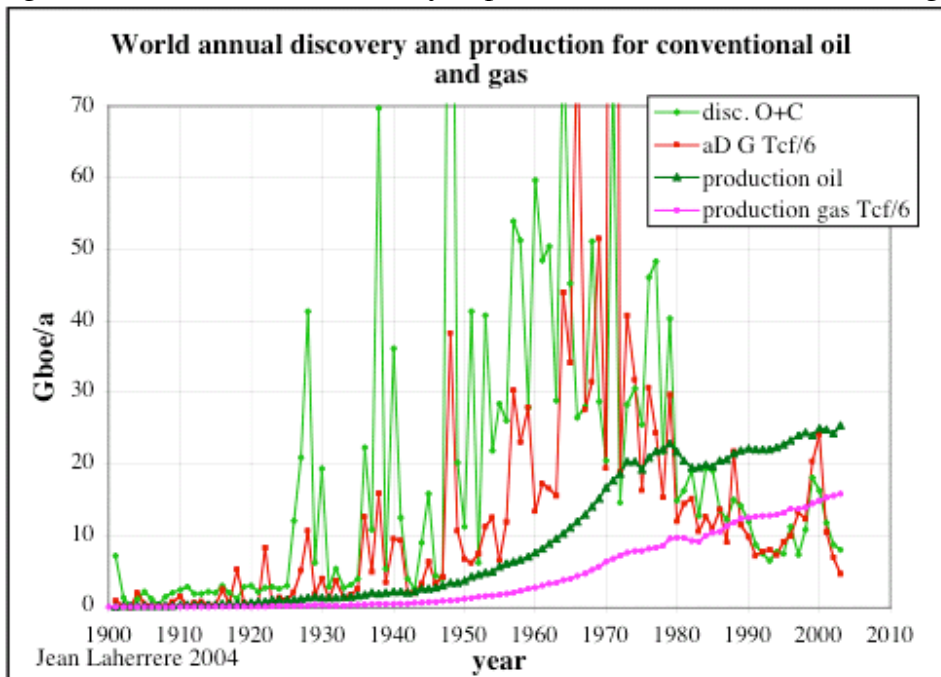
One of the most used parameter for oil future is the ratio R/P; being the remaining reserves over the present annual production given in years. It is often said that oil R/P is 40 years suggesting that there is enough oil for the next 40 years. But first production is assumed to grow and the physics of production cannot allow a constant plateau during 40 years and no production on the 41st year. For the US proved reserves, R/P has been around 10 years since 1947 where statistics start and shows that this parameter has no meaning. From world proved reserves the oil ratio is almost flat since the start of data, but from technical data it was about 120 years in 1950 and the linear extrapolation of the last 20 years gives a no reserve in 2035. Of course the ratio will change trend and should be ignored.

Figure 12: R/P from technical and political sources for oil & gas



The annual discovery (mean value) for conventional oil and gas shows large up and downs but the general trend is peaking in the 1960 s for oil and around 1971 (discovery of the largest gasfield North Dome (Qatar and Iran) for gas.

Figure 13: World annual discovery & production for conventional oil & gas

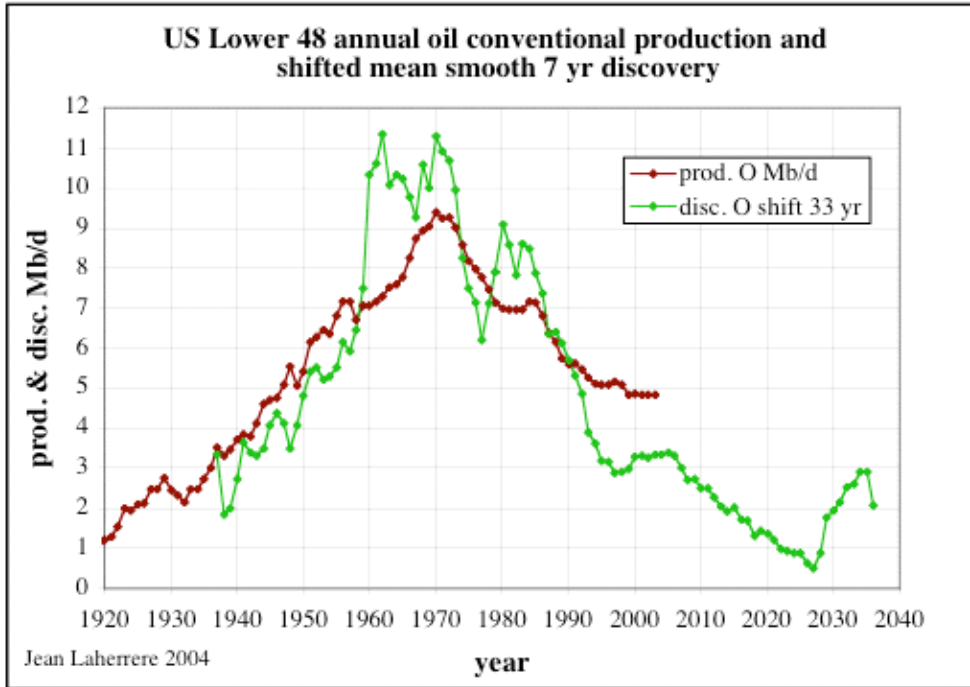


The annual oil discovery has been less than annual production since 1980 (less than half except for the small peak around 2000 (deepwater and Kashagan (Caspian) discovery), leading that remaining reserves have decreased since, as shown in our graph for technical data. For gas in average since 1980 discovery matches production, leading to a flat remaining reserves.

King Hubbert in 1956 forecasted the US oil peak for 1970, he was right as he used for ultimate a rounded value of 200 Gb and by chance he was about right. He claimed that oil production starts from zero, peaks and declines, mimicking the oil discovery pattern. The

mean US Lower 48 “mean” discovered (smoothed on a 7 years period) peaks in the 1930s, and shifted by 33 years fits fairly well the annual production. This 33-year shift allows a forecast for production by following the discovery, which is obviously down except for a rebound due to deepwater discovery for the last 10 years.

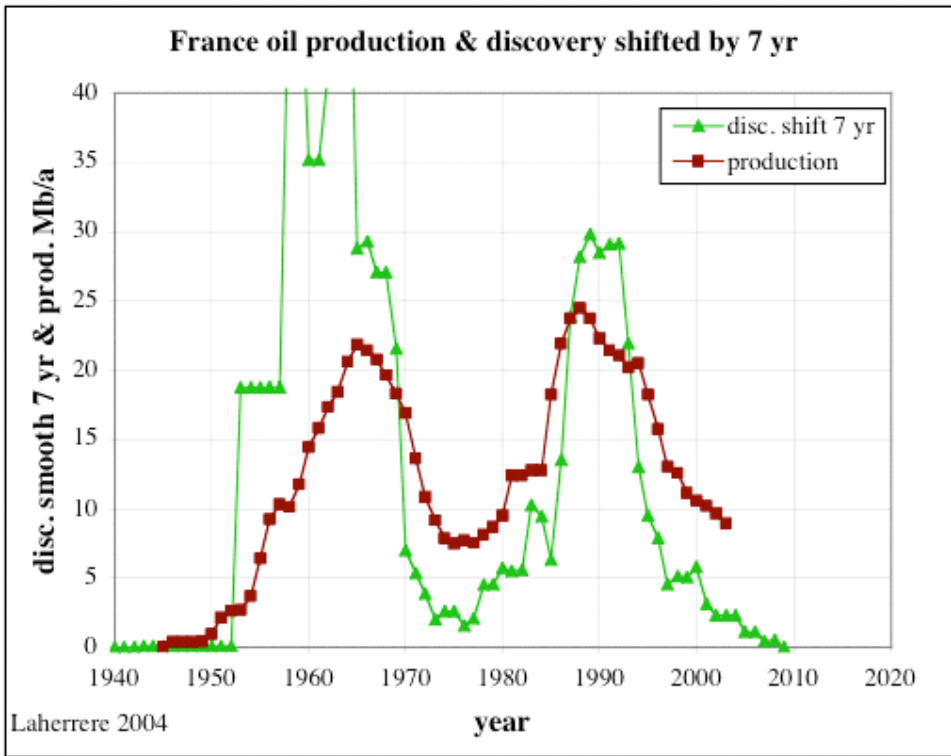
Figure 14: US Lower 48 annual production and shifted mean discovery



US production comes from more than 20 000 producers and these producers usually act independently. The Central Limit Theorem says that adding a large number of independent unsymmetrical patterns displays a symmetrical pattern (normal curve being the random curve). The US oil production is almost symmetrical and close to a normal curve except when political or economical events prevents producers to act independently (1930 = depression, 1960 = proration, 1980 = high price)

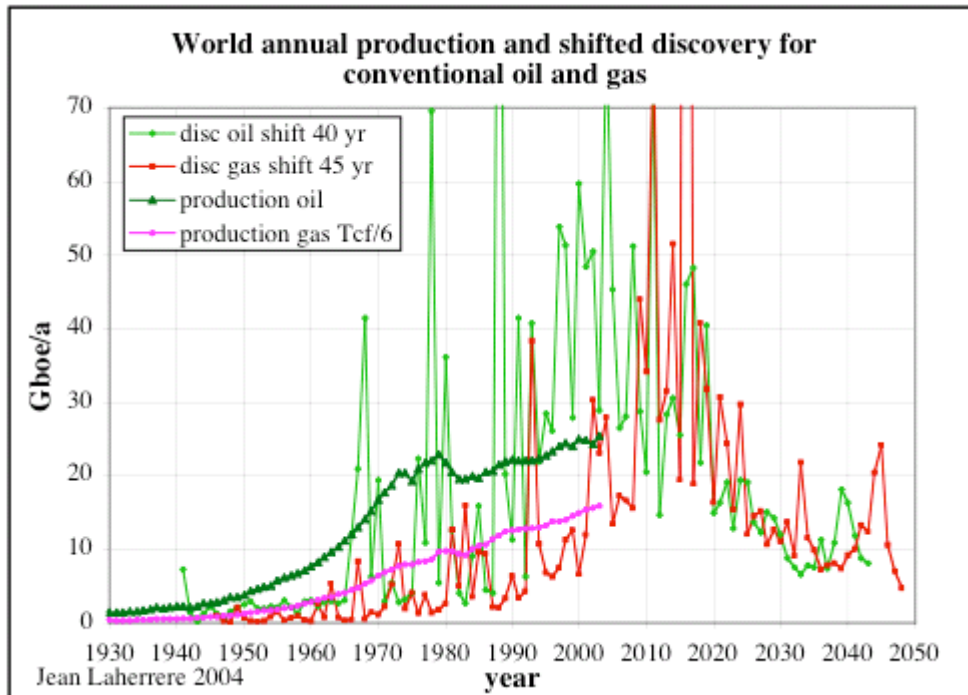
France oil discovery displays two discovery cycles as production and a shift of 7 years (France was more in needs than the US and developed as soon as possible their discoveries) that gives a good fit in peaks between discovery and production

Figure 15: France oil production and shifted discovery



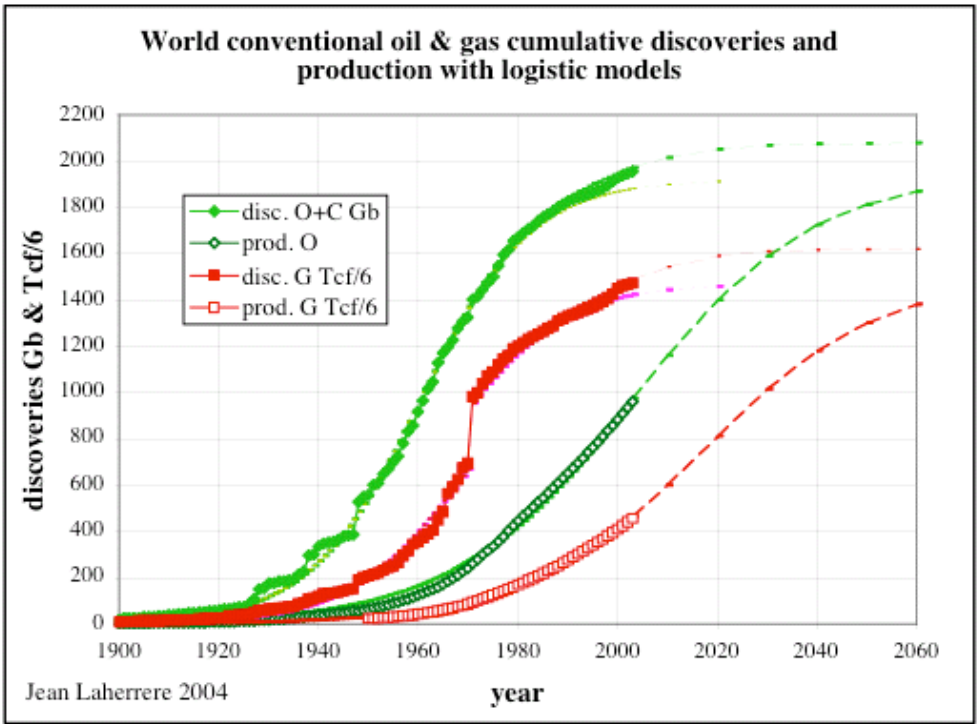
The world annual oil discovery is shifted by 40 years to try to fit production, guessing a peak in the coming 15 years and for gas by 45 years guessing a peak in the next 25 years.

Figure 16: World annual oil & gas production and shifted discovery



The world cumulative conventional oil and gas discovery is close to a logistic curve (curve of a growing population with resource constraint), tending towards an asymptote, which is called ultimate (2.1 Tb for conventional oil and 1,6 Tboe = 10 Pcf for gas); this ultimate is used to model the production curve

Figure 17: World conventional oil& gas discoveries and production with logistic models

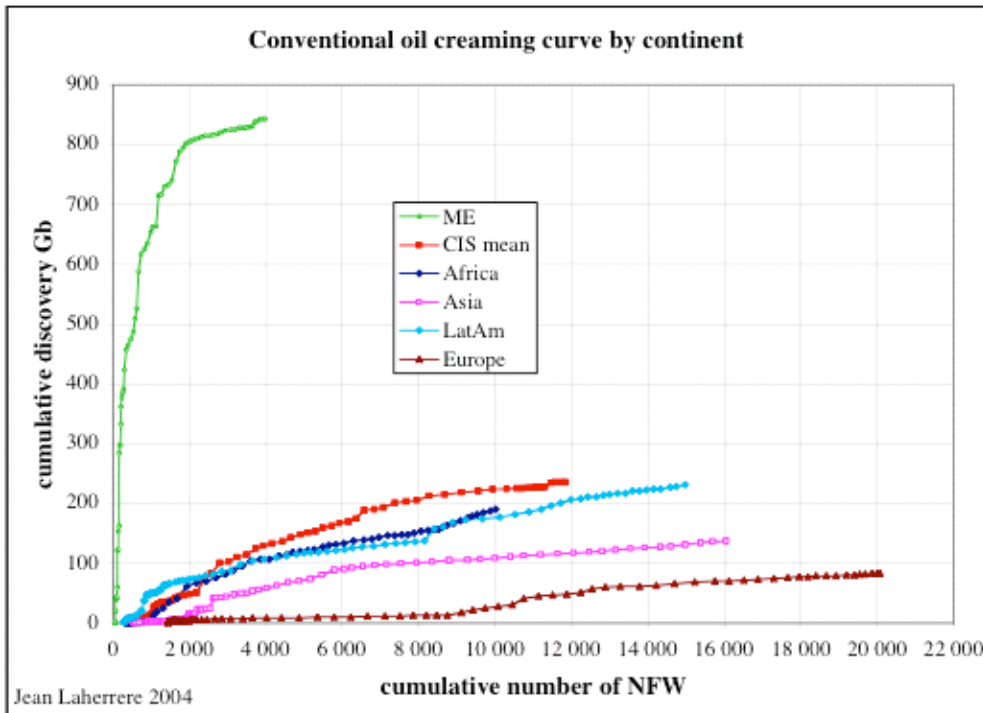


But cumulative discoveries versus time is disturbed by the stop and go of exploration (war, lack of opening, lack of funds) and it is only when they are global that these disturbances almost disappear.

-creaming curves

The best way to estimate ultimate is to draw creaming curves = cumulative discoveries (always mean) versus the cumulative number of new field wildcats (NFW).

Figure 18: Conventional oil creaming curve by continent



This graph shows the huge inequality of oil distribution where the ME has discovered more than 800 Gb with less than 4000 NFW (200 Mb/NFW) when Europe has discovered only 100 Gb with more than 20 000 NFW (5 Mb/NFW), 40 times less!

It is easy to extrapolate creaming (with several hyperbolas) to estimate the ultimate (corresponding to about the double of NFW than presently drilled).

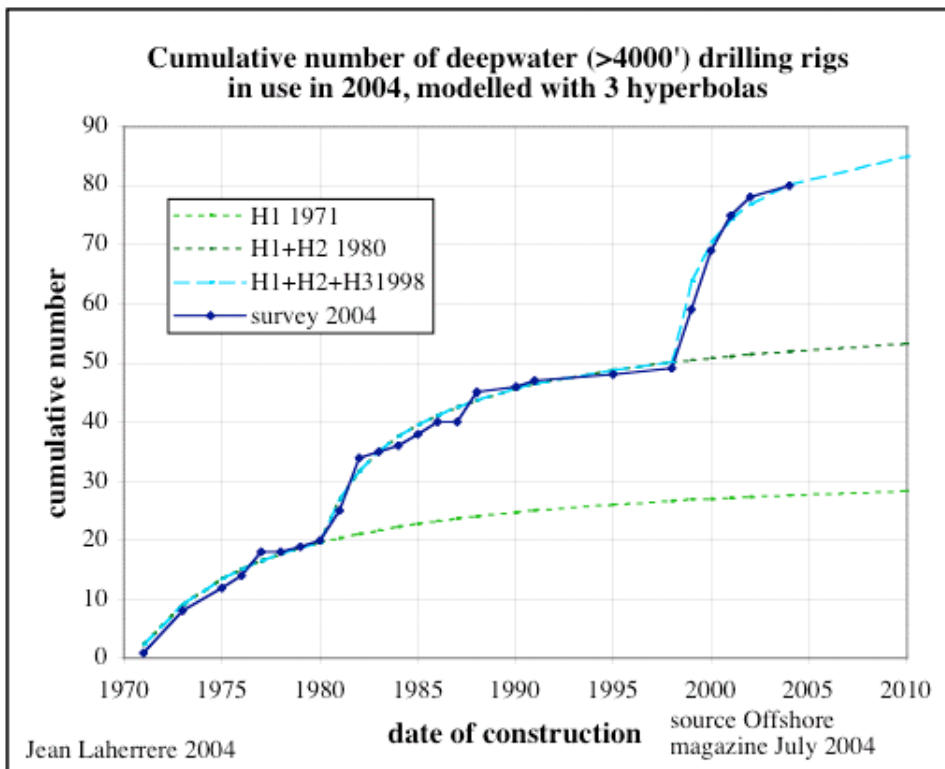
-deepwater

Deepwater is the last frontier. Its definition was first 200 m (the base of the continental shelf), now it is 400 or 500 m, even more. Large discoveries are concentrated in four countries with the same geological pattern; reservoir being sands from turbidites (sediments coming from the shelf in larger volume and short times in catastrophic event (as the slide of the Nice airport) within a diapiric tectonic (salt or shale).

Deepwater is described often as a new technology but in fact this technology started in the 70s with the dynamic positioning drillship.

The number of rigs presently in use in water, over 4000 ft, is plotted versus the date of construction and shows 3 cycles, one starting in 1971 but with negative geological results (except in the Gulf of Mexico), a second starting in 1980 with the high oil price and the last one starting in 1998 with low oil price but looking for large prospects missing onshore and in shallow water.

Figure 19: Cumulative number of deepwater drilling rigs in use in 2004, modeled with 3 hyperbolas

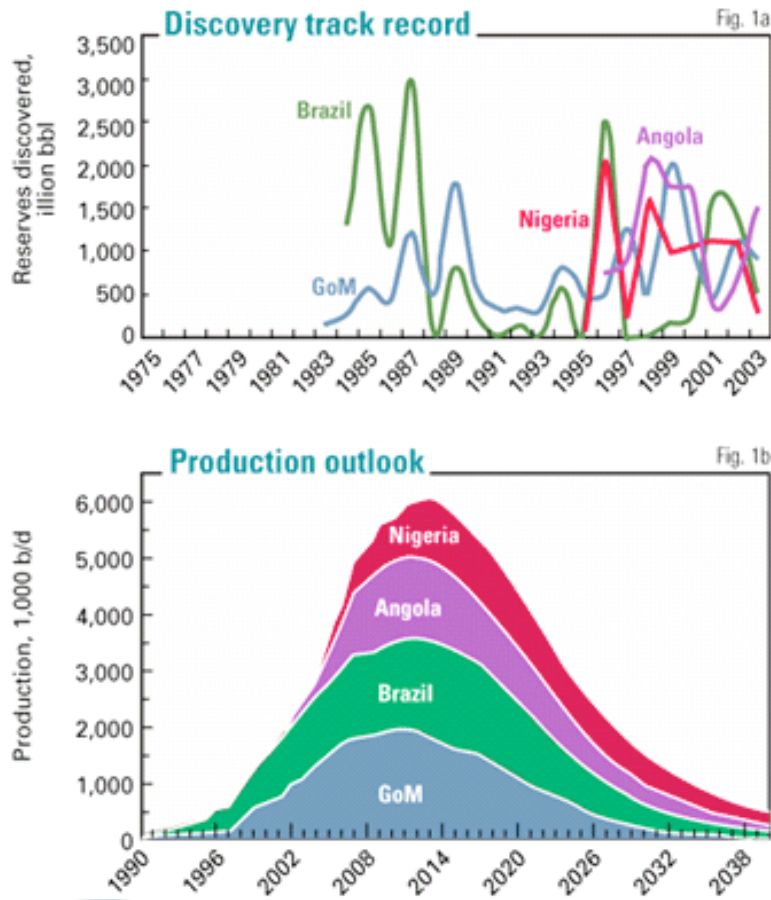


Sandra I. Merrill Lynch «Deepwater oil discovery rate may have been peaked: production peak may follow in 10 years» (OGJ 26 July 2004) displays the following graph for the four big deepwater (>500 m) producers: Gulf of Mexico, Brazil, Angola and Nigeria peaking in 2012 at 6 Mb/d

Figure 20: Deepwater oil discovery and production from Sandra

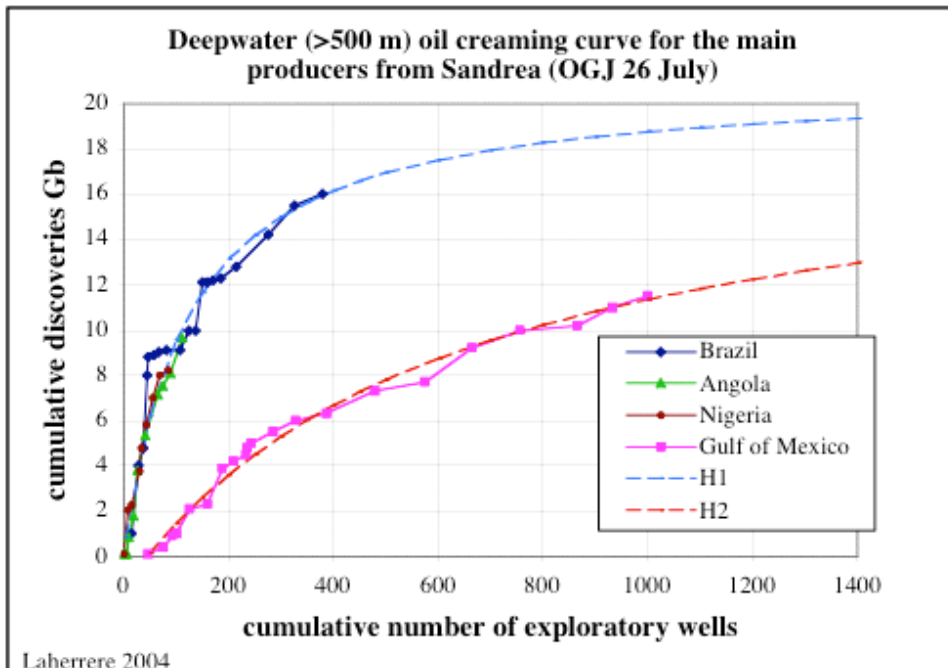
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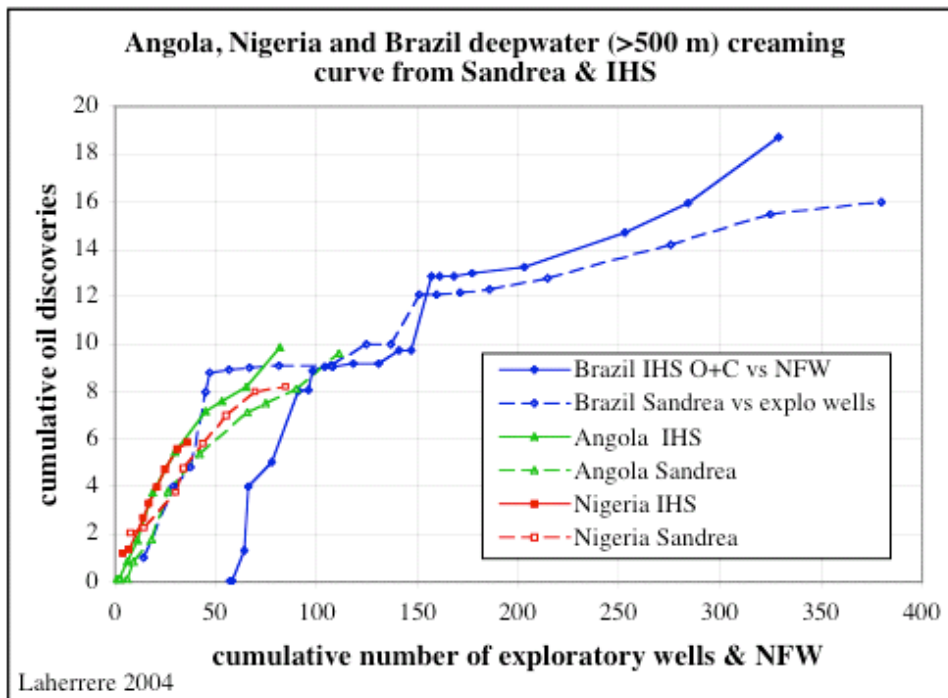
The display of the creaming curves (cumulative discoveries versus cumulative number of exploratory wells) from the data provided in this article shows that Brazil, Angola and Nigeria have the same pattern and about the same ultimate (20 Gb), when the Gulf of Mexico has a lower ultimate (15 Gb) and a less efficient return.

Figure 21: Deepwater oil creaming curves from Sandra



But the display of another source (IHS with NFW) for the discoveries of these 3 countries shows a slightly different trend for the last two years.

Figure 22: Angola, Nigeria and Brazil deepwater creaming curve from Sandrea & IHS



The quality of the data is always questionable and better data is needed, not better modeling, to estimate the ultimates.

-World oil potential

We define conventional oil as all oilfields excluding the extra-heavy oils (density higher than water) as these oils behave differently since the accumulation is different (oil being heavier than water, there is no water-contact) and they flow slower than conventional. Investments for development are large (20 000 \$/b/d for extra-heavy oils, compared to 10 000 for deepwater, 5 000 in North Sea and 1000 onshore US). The viscosity can be so high (>10 000 centipoise)

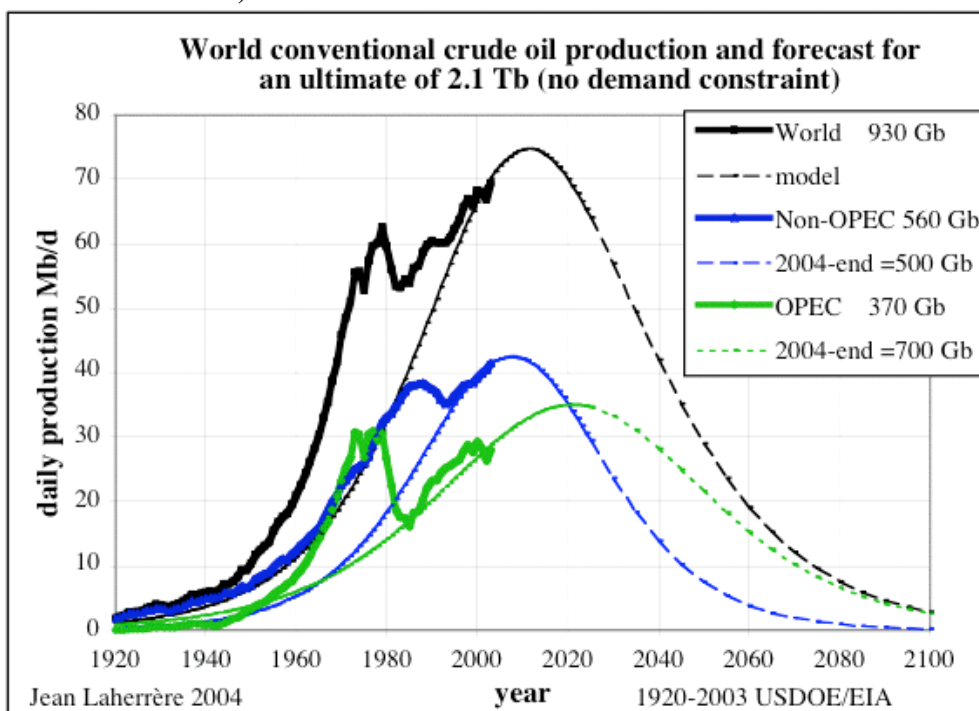
that they are called bitumen (Athabasca in Canada) and needs mining on surface to be extracted or steam in situ.

Condensates (extracted at the wellhead) are usually included into conventional oil.

Campbell has a different definition for conventional (called regular), since he excludes heavy oil (gravity less than 17 °API), polar and deepwater and regular production is presently around 60 Mb/d.

The ultimate of conventional oil (present production 70 Mb/d) is around 2.1 Tb (2100 Gb) and the world is broken down into OPEC, which is subject to quotas and not produced at full capacity (up to now!) and the Non-OPEC, which produce at full capacity. Non-OPEC is estimated to peak before 2010 and OPEC after 2010, giving a world peak around 2015 if there is no demand constraint. If demand is constrained by an economic depression, the production can go down as in 1979 and go up later, giving not a peak but a bumpy plateau.

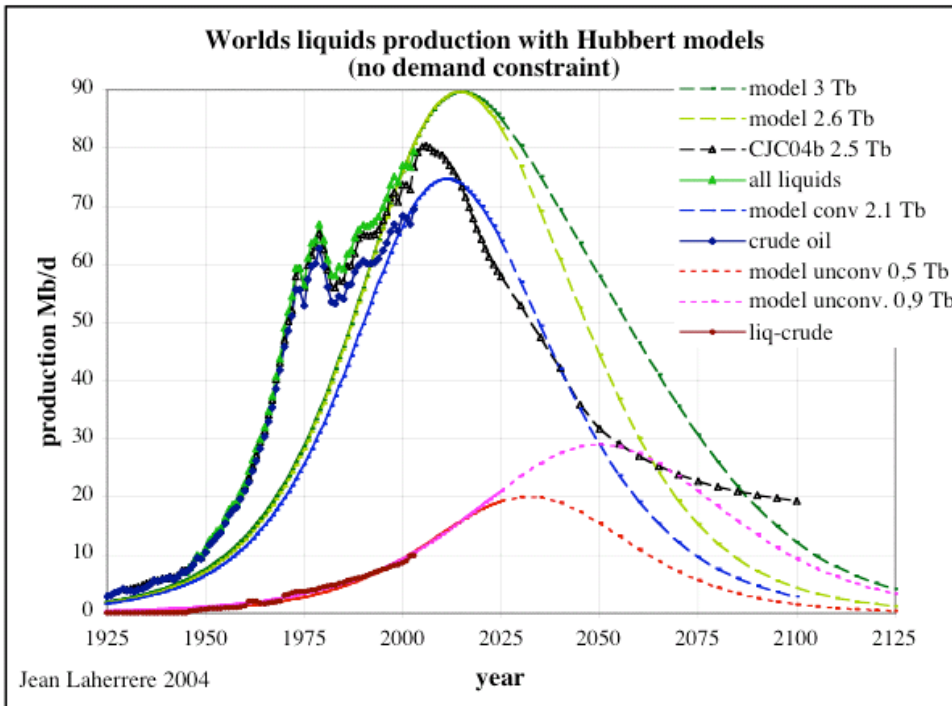
Figure 23: World conventional crude oil production and forecast for an ultimate of 2.1 Tb (no demand constraint)



The oil demand (around 80 Mb/d) includes all liquids, including conventional oil, non-conventional, natural gas liquids (extracted at gas plant, synthetic oil (from gas GTL or coal CTL or from biomass or from oil shale (almost none), and refinery gain of about 1.8 Mb/d (heavy crude is cracked or hydrogenated gaining volume).

As the oil (liquids) demand is larger (10 Mb/d) than the oil conventional we need to model this difference. Its ultimate is estimated at about 900 Gb to obtain a liquids ultimate of 3 Tb. This rounded figure shows well the uncertainty of this value (over 20%), so the only alternative has to be different and we plot also a liquid of 2,6 Tb. The non-conventional oil can peak either around 2030 or 2050 but the impact on the all liquids is small as they influence not the peak but the slope of the decline. We have plotted the Campbell scenario (2004 b) for a liquids ultimate of 2.5 Tb, but Campbell does not include refinery gains. Campbell's peak is before 2010 when we see it after 2010, but who knows? The poor quality of the data (mainly in the Middle East) prevents a better ultimate estimate and furthermore peak depends upon demand, oil price and economy, as well as political conflicts or terrorist acts.

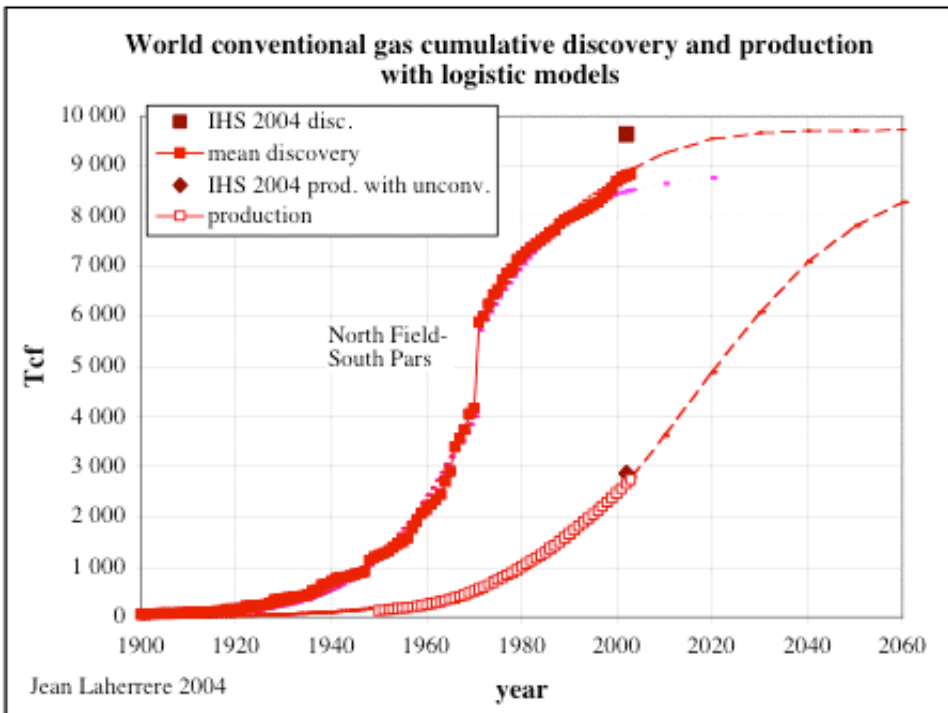
Figure 24: World liquids production (no demand constraint)



-Natural gas

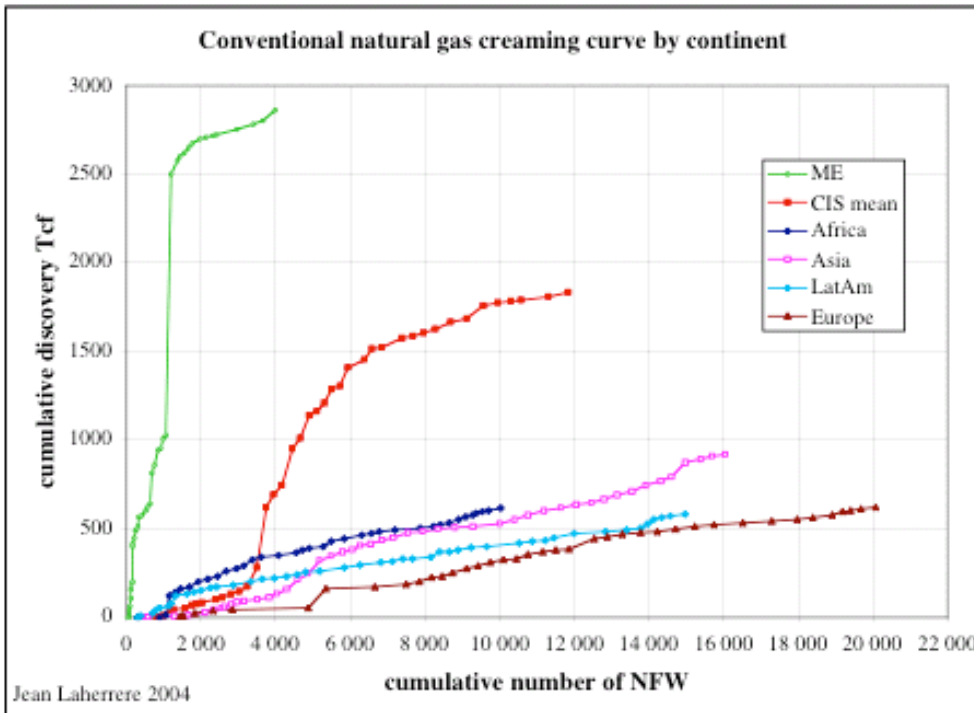
As for oil, the world cumulative conventional natural gas discovery displays a logistic pattern, but not as smoothed, since the largest gasfield North Dome (2/3 Qatar and 1/3 Iran) represents 15 % of the 10 000 Tcf ultimate, when for oil the largest oilfield Ghawar represents only 5% of the ultimate. The cumulative production can be fitted with a similar logistic curve of 10 000 Tcf ultimate.

Figure 25: World conventional gas cumulative discovery & production with logistic models



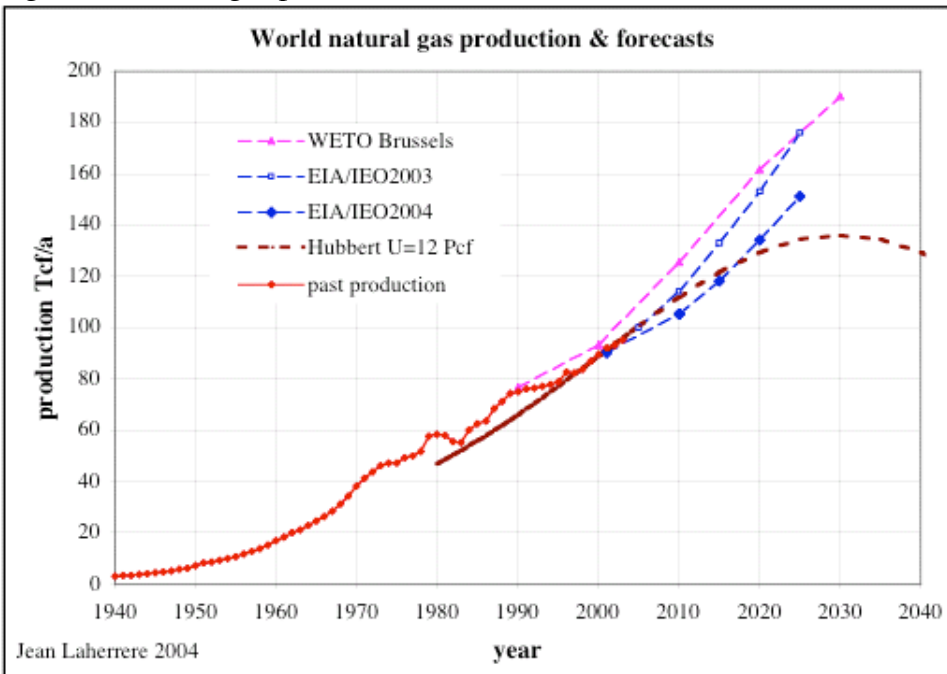
The creaming curve also shows also the great inequality of gas distribution, the ME having the largest endowment, then the FSU in between with the other continents

Figure 26: Conventional gas creaming curve by continent



The total ultimate of gas is about 12 Pcf as unconventional is about 2000 Tcf and the future production could be fitted with a Hubbert curve, showing a gas peak around 2030 at 140 Tcf/a when USDOE forecasts a higher level, but 2004 forecast is quite less (20 Tcf/a) than 2003 forecast for 2025. In Newsweek Aug.16, 2004 BP CEO states that gas consumption could grow threefold by 2050. I wonder: where this gas will come from?

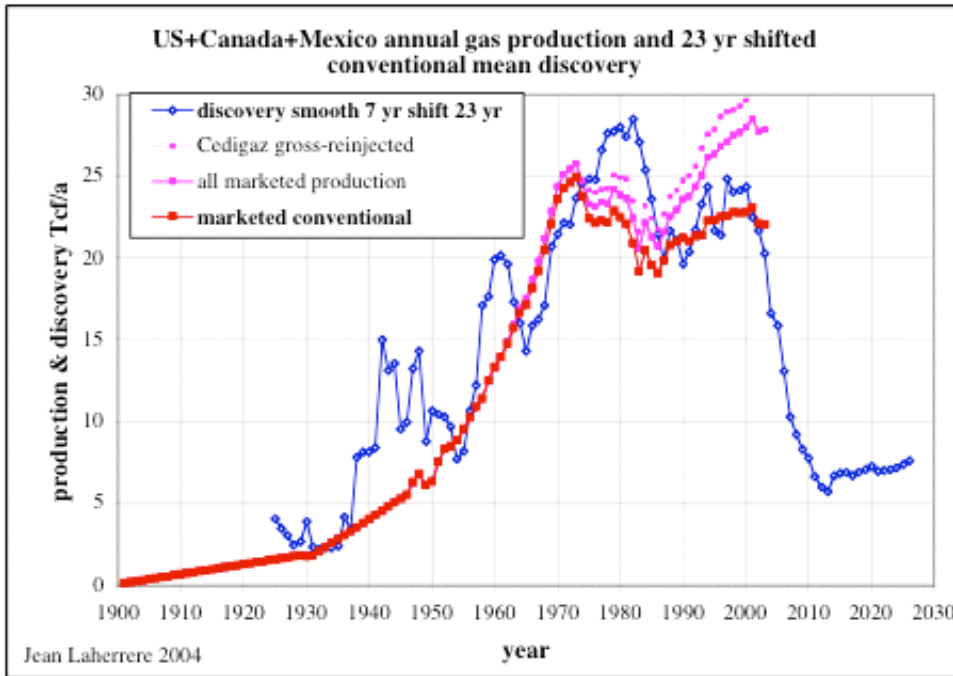
Figure 27: World gas production & forecasts



But if oil can be transported very cheaply (1 to 2 \$/b) all around the world, gas is much more expensive to transport (over 5 times) and many discoveries are still stranded, though many LNG plants were built. But shipping could be a problem if LNG volumes increase too much. Local gas shortages could occur sooner than the global oil shortage and this will start soon with North America

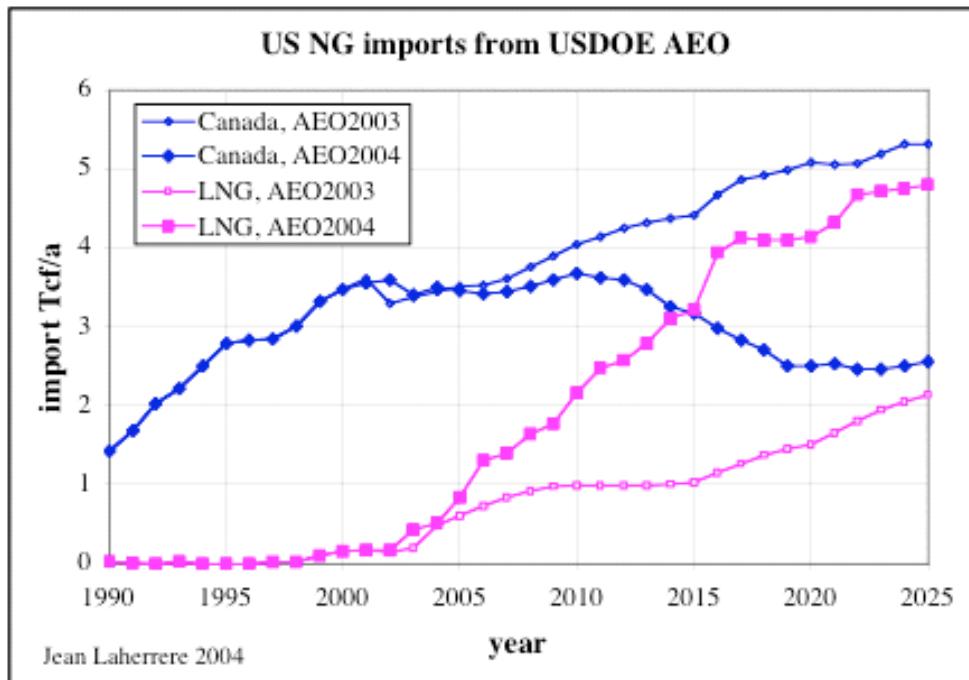
Up to now North America gas consumption was supplied locally, but production is peaking. The annual conventional natural gas discovery (smooth on 7-year period) is shifted by 23 years to fit the past annual conventional production (red curve) and it is easy to see that soon the decline will be a waterfall as claimed by Matt Simmons (ASPO Berlin 2004).

Figure 28: US+Canada+Mexico annual conventional gas production and shifted discovery



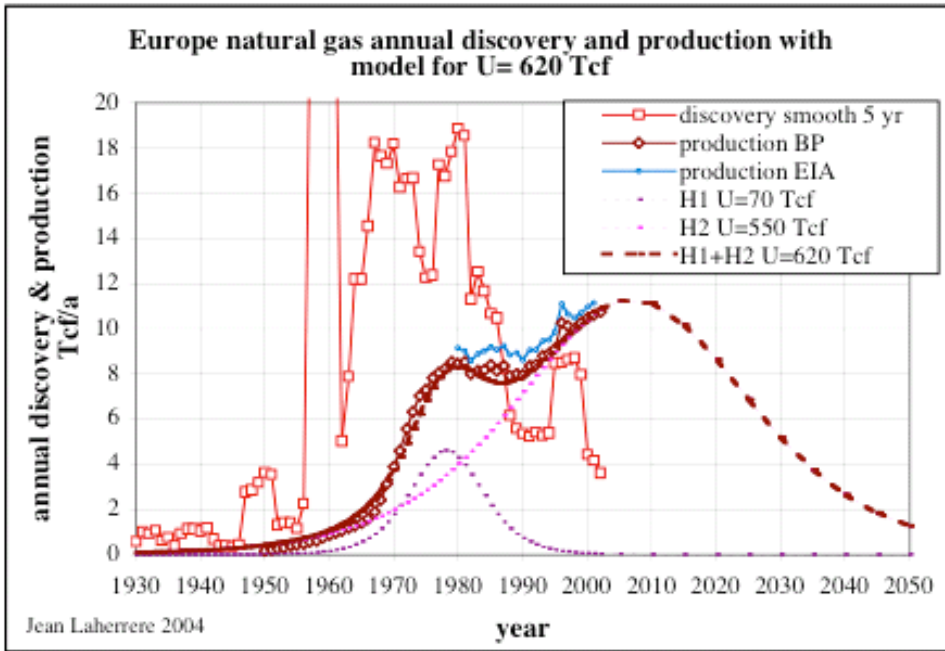
The US demand is assumed to increase by more than 20 % in 2025 and Canada was supposed to compensate for US decline, but the last USDOE 2004 forecast has doubled, compared to the 2003 forecast, the US import in 2025 and has halved the Canadian import. It is quite a change.

Figure 29: US gas imports from Canada and as NGL



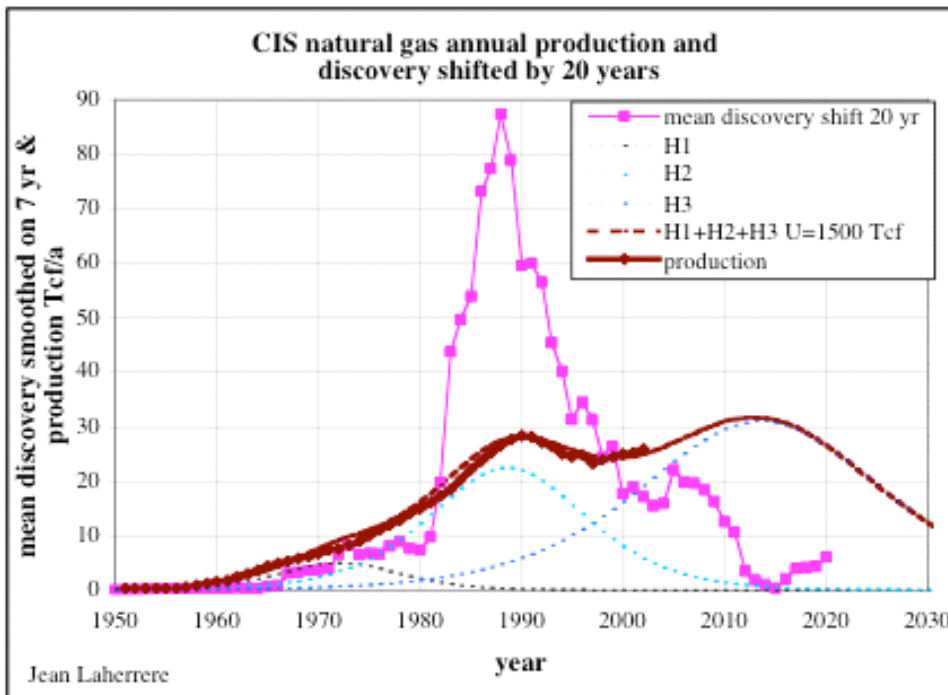
Europe gas production is peaking now and will decline after 2010 and must count on FSU and Africa

Figure 30: Europe annual gas production and discovery



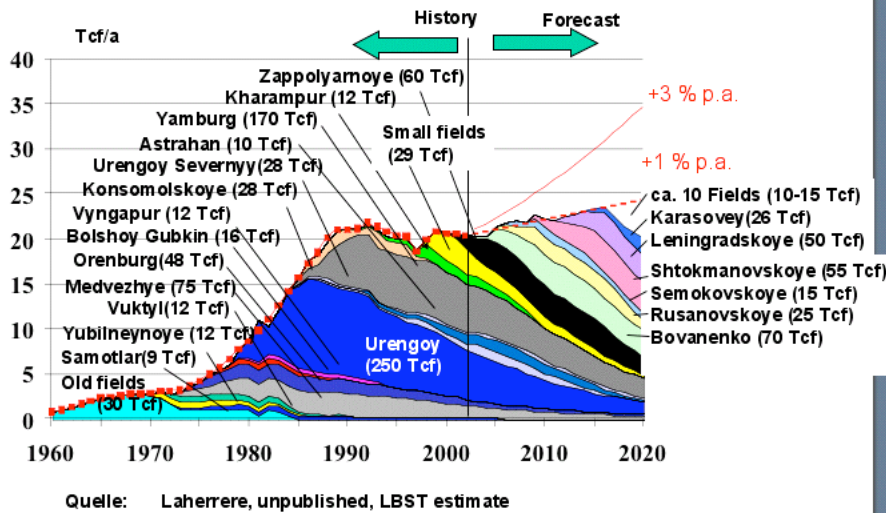
But FSU reported gas reserves are overestimated and needs to be reduced by 30 % (Laherrere 2004 ASPO & IIASA) to represent the mean value. The ultimate is about 1500 Tcf and gas production will peak at about 30 Tcf/a around 2015 and the decline will be steep.

Figure 31: FSU gas production and shifted discovery



Zittel's (LBST) graph of past and future production by field confirms this forecast
 Figure 32: Zittel Russia gas production from large fields

Russia: Gas production from large fields - Forecast



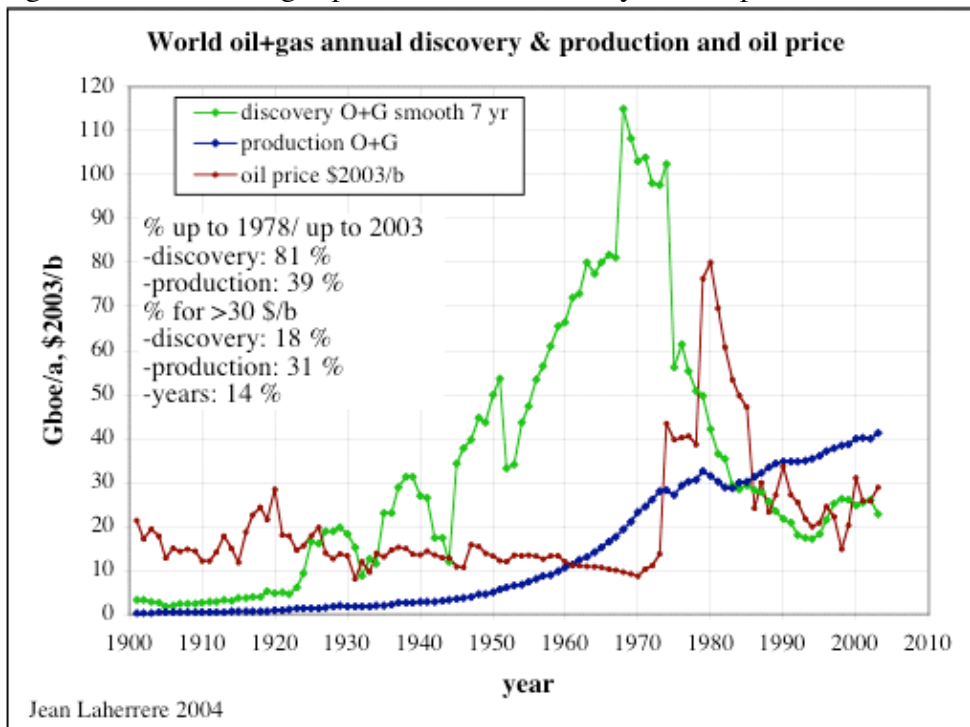
After 2020 the decline of Europe and FSU will be hardly compensated by other sources without very expensive investment.

-oil + gas

Some believe that high price leads to more discoveries, but it is not what the past shows, because the oil shock (1979) corresponds to a fall in discovery and the trough of price in 1999 corresponds to the peak of deepwater

The annual discovery of conventional oil + gas (smoothed on a 7 year period) shows that 81 % of the discovery occurs before 1979 (but only 39% of the production).

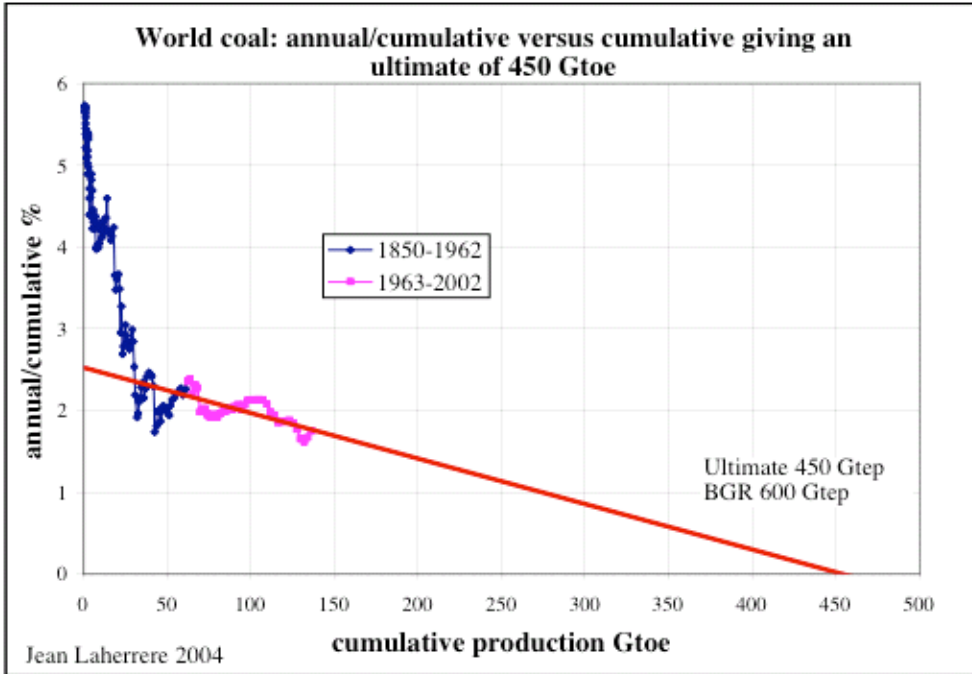
Figure 34: World oil+gas production & discovery and oil price



-Fossil Fuels

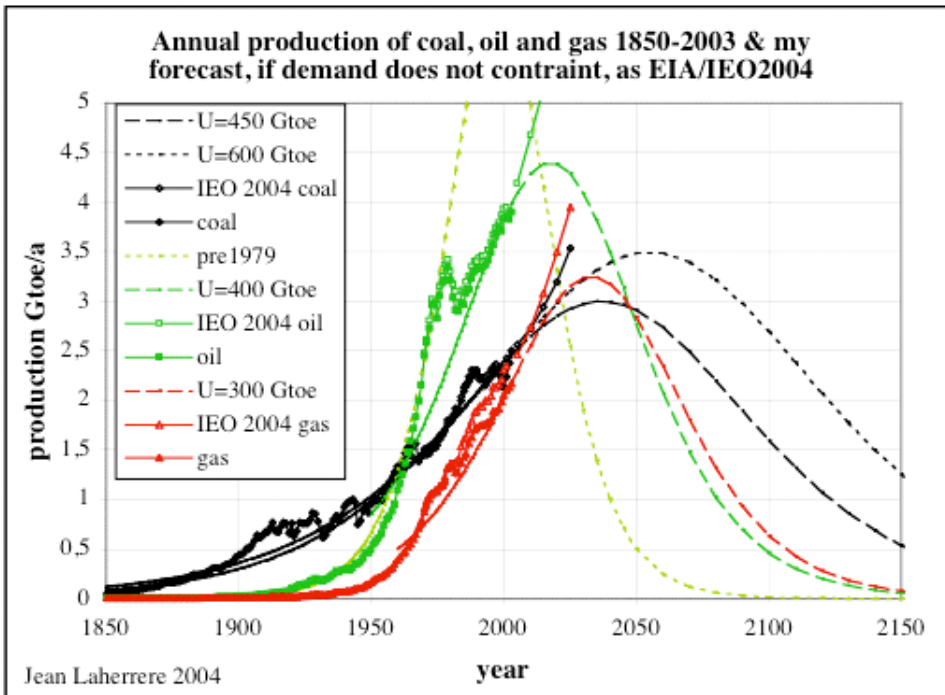
Ultimate can be estimated by extrapolating the past production (annual/cumulative versus cumulative) and for coal we have a value of 450 Gtoe compared to 600 Gtoe from the BGR 2001.

Figure 35: World coal annual/cumulative versus cumulative production giving an ultimate of 450 Gtoe



Coal is modeled with Hubbert curve for two ultimates (450 and 600 Gtoe) as the oil for 400 Gtoe (3 Tb) and gas for 300 Gtoe (12 Pcf). Coal peak is reached in 2035 (U=450 Gtoe) & 2055 (U= 600 Gtoe), far from the reported 250-year life in most medias.

Figure 36: World annual production of coal, oil and gas with models and USDOE forecasts

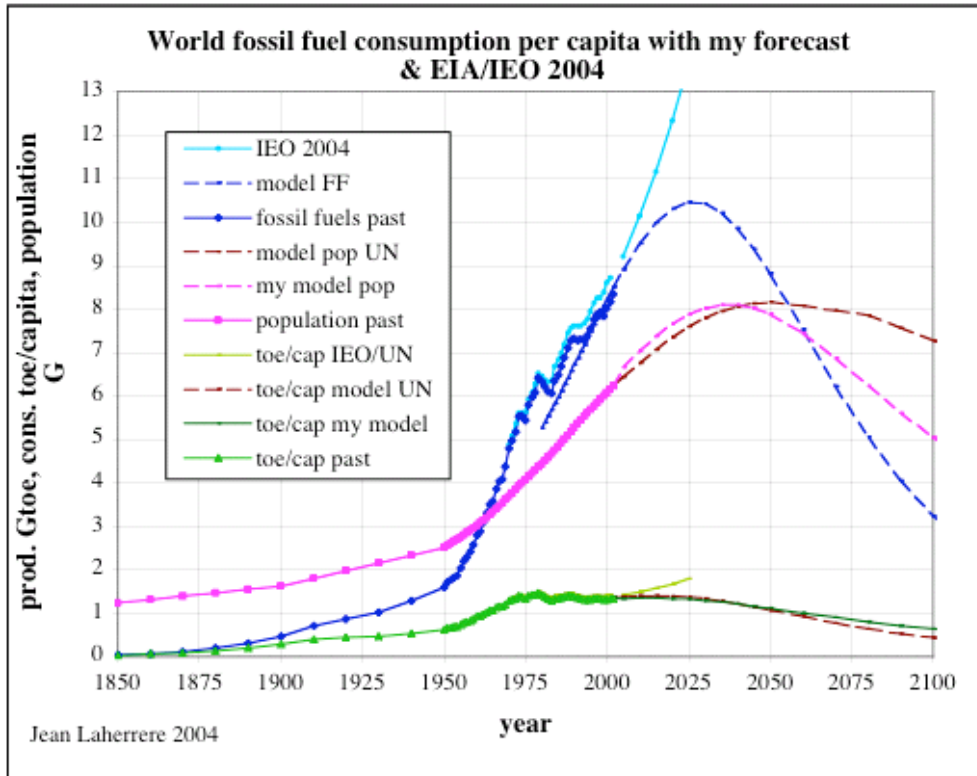


Oil peak is about 2015 (the model with two cycles of conventional and liquids minus conventional gave the same peak but a slightly different slope) with the assumption that there will be no demand constraint (no depression). Gas peak is about 2030.

The fossil fuels consumption will peak around 2025 at 10 Gtoe, but EIA/IEO 2004 forecasts a steep linear rise to over 13 Gtoe, up to the sky!

Using a population model (UN and my own) the fossil fuel consumption per capita shows that the plateau of 1.3 toe/cap from 1975 to 2003 could continue for the next 25 years, followed by a slow decline going only to 1.1 toe in 2050.

Figure 37: World fossil fuels consumption per capita with my forecast & USDOE



There is no decline of average fossil fuels per capita for the next two decades, the problem is that the growth wishes of the developing countries have to be compensated by saving from the developed country. Since North Americans consume twice more than Europeans, energy savings can be developed as they were in 1979 (France going towards nuclear and US towards small cars), in front of high energy prices forecasts

-Energy mix

-some energy figures in Mtoe

volcanic eruptions	date	energy Mtoe
Tambora	1815	20 000
Krakatoa	1883	24
St Helens	1980	20
Hiroshima bomb	1945	0,003
World oil production	2003	3 700
World primary energy	2003	10 000

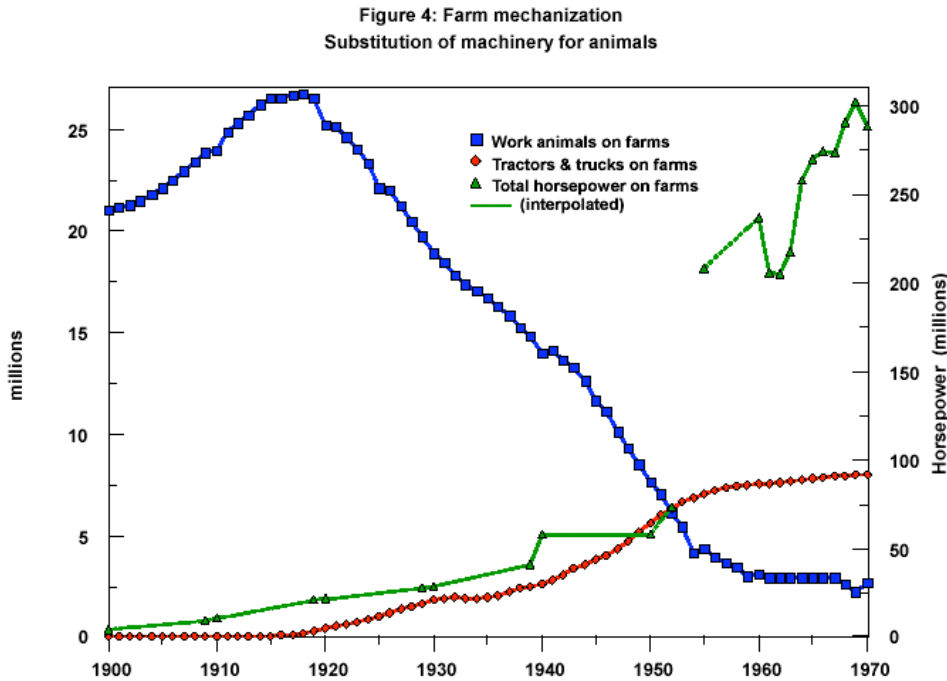
-basic human needs: air = oxygen, water, food = energy, substitute= animals, slaves (Roman Empire had 3 million slaves for 4 million free people), fuels, nuclear, solar, wind, waterpower, geothermy,

-energy mix, usually only commercial when many countries rely on non-commercial energy: wood, dung, prehistoric societies were estimated to use 0.3 toe per capita to compare to 0.5 for India and 1.7 toe/cap for the world average today

-draught animals are omitted, as horses to carry humans in a carriage when horsepower is counted in cars

In the US (Ayres et al 2002) work animals peaked during the First World War at 27 millions and declined until 1960 replaced by about 8 millions tractors.

Figure 38: US farm mechanization, substitution of machinery for animals



from Ayres et al 2002/52/EPS/CMER

-most European cities were built mainly with human muscle (coming from food) and watermills (500 000 in Europe in 1800).

-food would be added in the energy mix, but about 13 energy unit of fossil fuel is expended per energy unit of food supplied to each American (Pimentel et al 2003).

-each energy is converted into the same unit and the equivalence for electricity requires some assumptions on the efficiency. The most often used are IEA equivalence factor and France in 2001 changed its old conventions for IEA conventions. The change was drastic, mainly for final energy decreasing from 232 Mtoe down to 175 Mtoe but in percentage oil increasing from 40% to 51 %.

Consommation d'énergie primaire en 2001 (corrigée du climat)

	Nouvelle méthode		Ancienne méthode	
	Mtep	%	Mtep	%
Charbon	11,9	4,4	11,9	4,6
Pétrole	96,5	35,9	99,0	38,5
Gaz	37,2	13,8	37,2	14,5
Nucléaire	104,4	38,8	79,1	30,8
Hydraulique, éolien, photovolt.	6,8	2,5	17,7	6,9
Autres énergies renouvelables	12,2	4,5	12,1	4,7
Total	269,0	100	257,1	100

Consommation d'énergie finale en 2001 (corrigée du climat)

	Nouvelle méthode		Ancienne méthode	
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Charbon	6,8	3,9	6,8	2,9
Pétrole	89,9	51,3	92,4	39,8

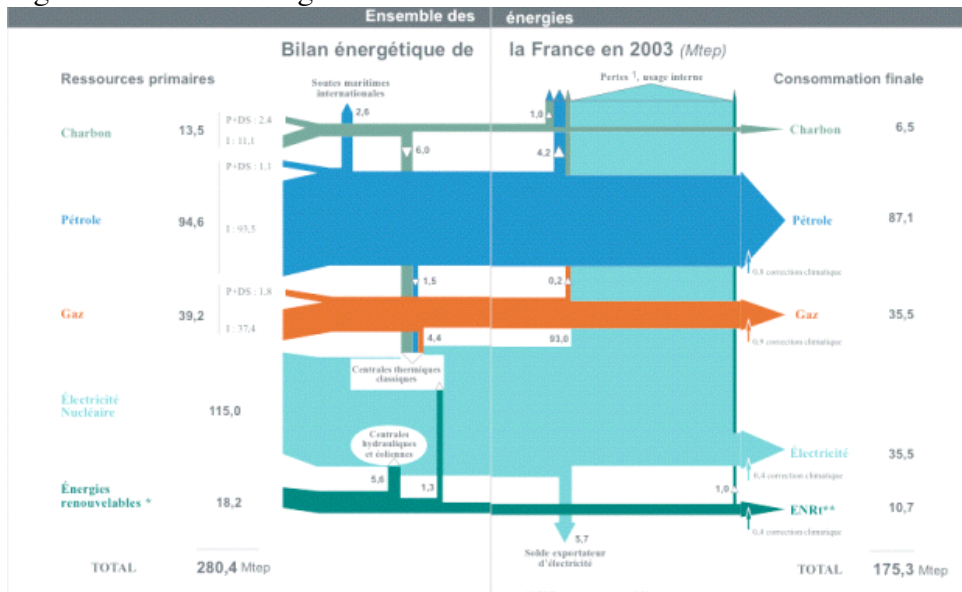
Gaz	33,4	19,0	33,3	14,4
Electricité	34,4	19,6	88,9	38,3
Energies renouvelables thermiques	10,7	6,1	10,7	4,6
Total	175,1	100	232,1	100
dont non énergétique	16,6	9,5	16,7	7,2

-loss between input (primary resources) and output final consumption)
 (as between the starting line where all equals and the arrival line where only one winner).

-energy chart for France

The loss for 2003 between primary energy (280 Mtoe) and final energy (175 Mtoe) is quite important.

Figure 39: France energetic flow in 2003 from 280 Mtoe to 175 Mtoe

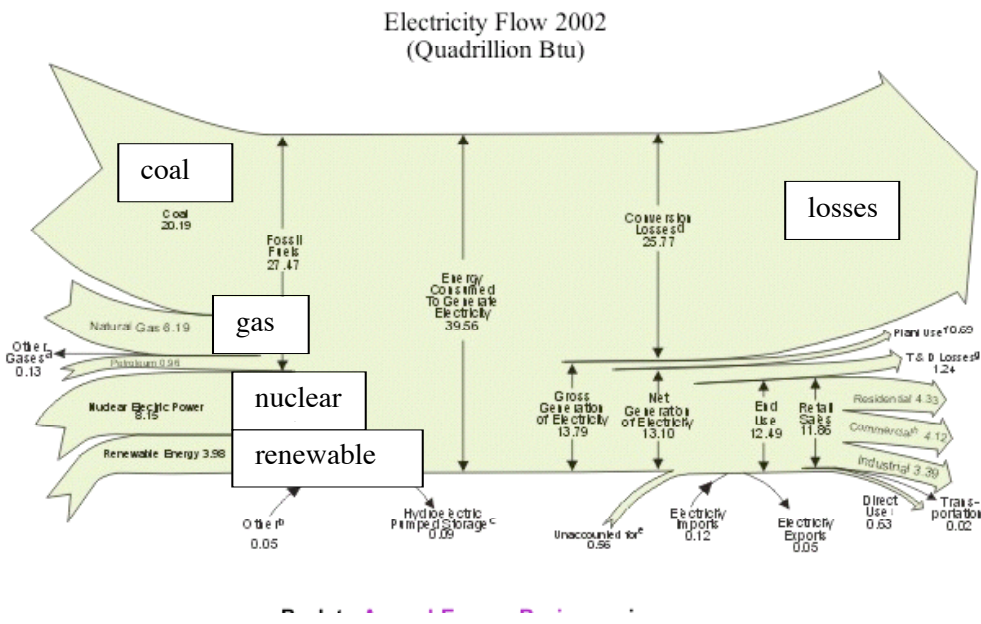


-US electricity flow: losses represent 65 %

Figure 40: US electricity flow in 2002

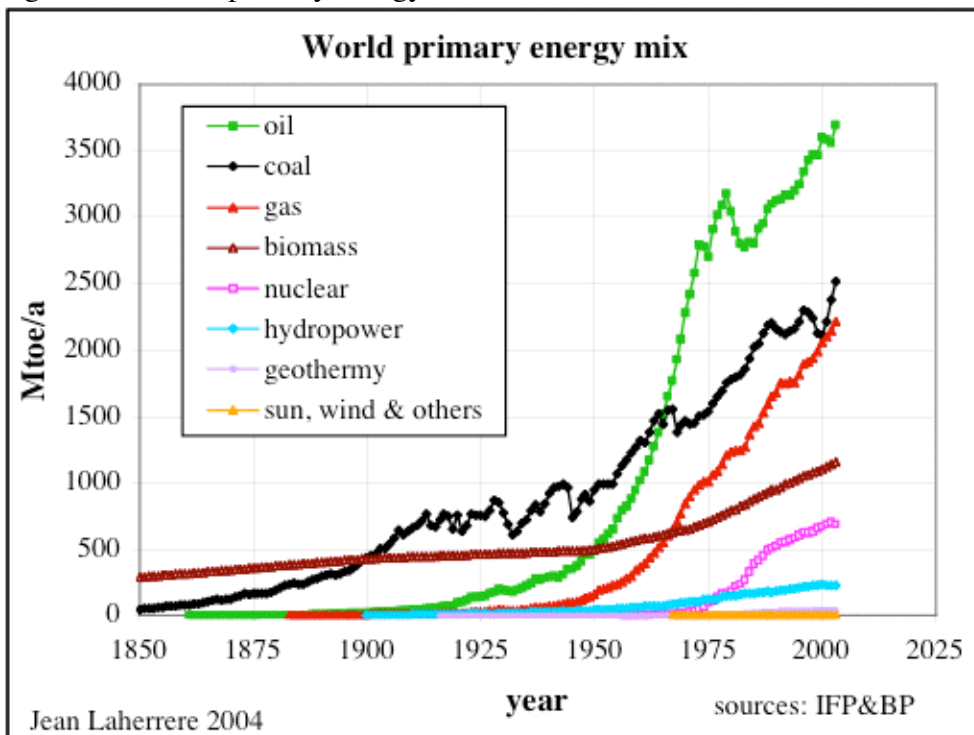
US Electricity flow 2002

Annual Energy Review 2002
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Next Update: October 2004



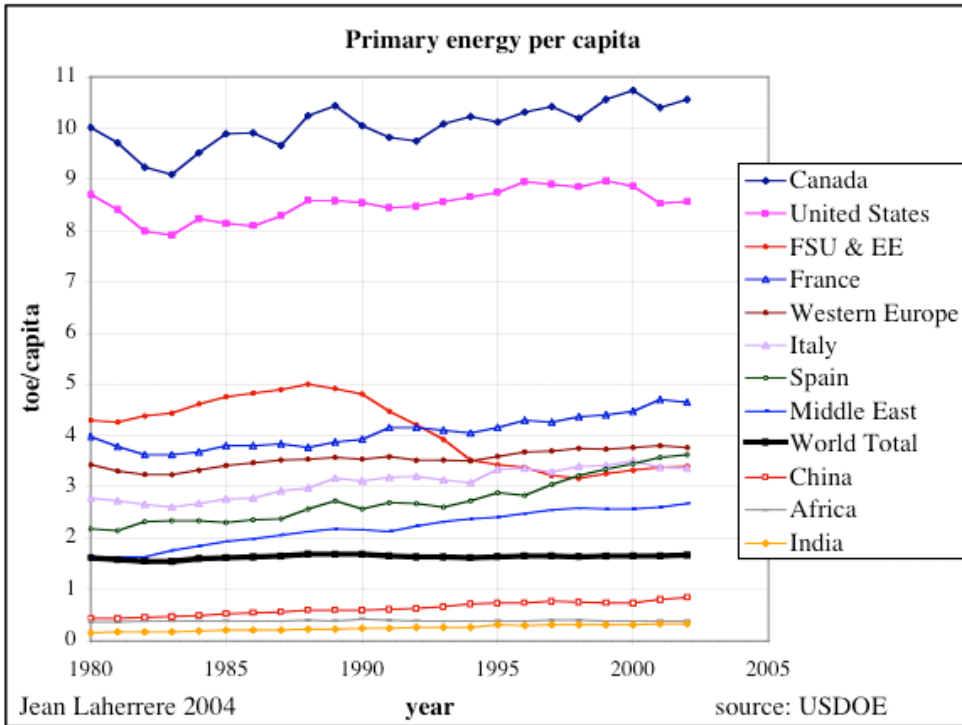
The primary energy mix displays a continuous increase for coal, a sharp increase for oil from 1950 to 1979, a significant increase of biomass after 1980, a slow increase of hydropower and insignificant amount of sun; wind and others.

Figure 41: World primary energy mix



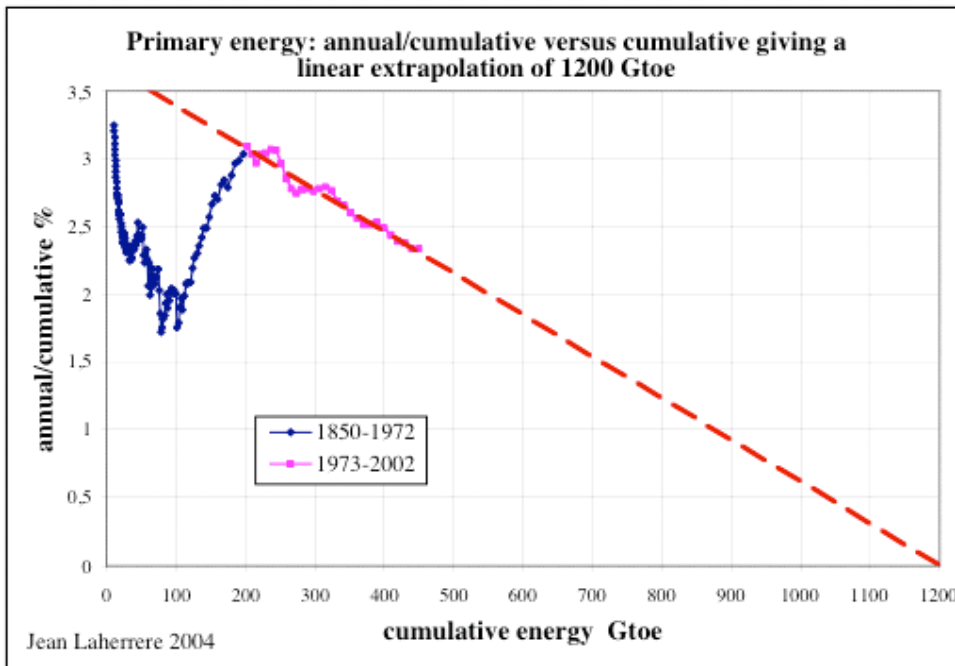
The primary energy per capita is almost constant for the world average at 1,7 toe/cap, but the range in 2002 is huge between Canadian (over 10 and up) US (8.5 and up) Europe (3,8 and up), Africa (flat 0.4), India (0.35 but up)

Figure 42: Primary energy per capita



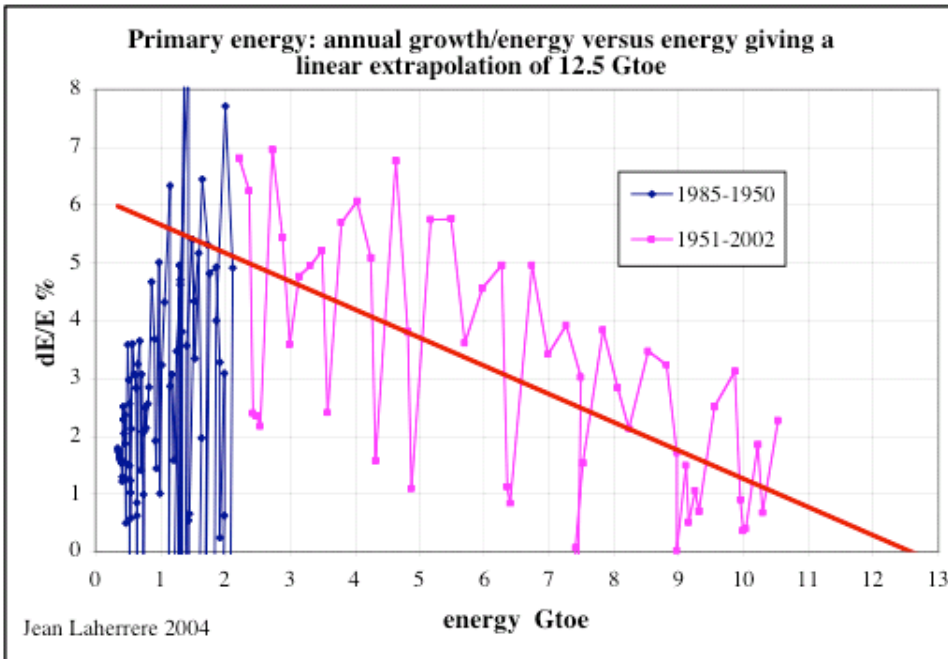
The forecast for primary energy has to be tied to the past and the display annual/cumulative versus cumulative energy shows a linear trend since 1973 towards 1200 Gtoe (no energy), meaning that the primary energy could be fitted with a Hubbert curve with an ultimate of 1200 Gtoe.

Figure 43: world primary energy annual/cumulative versus cumulative energy giving an extrapolation of 1200 Gtoe



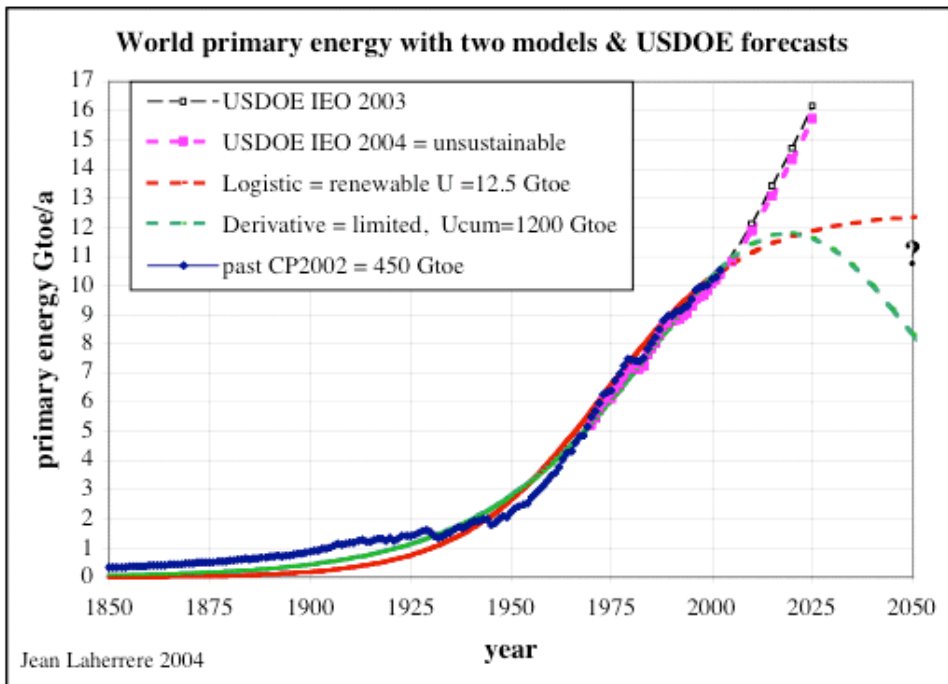
But the display of annual growth / annual energy versus annual energy shows also a linear trend (more chaotic) towards 12.5 Gtoe for no growth, meaning that the primary energy could be fitted with a logistic curve with an asymptote at 12.5 Gtoe.

Figure 44: world primary energy annual growth/energy versus energy giving an extrapolation of 12.5 Gtoe



The Hubbert and logistic models are a good fit to the past but it is unlikely to see a peak around 2025 (unless a sharp depression) and the flattening towards 12.5 Gtoe is more likely. The USDOE 2004 forecast with 16 Gtoe in 2025 is quite far from these flattening models, and as we said “what goes up must come down!” because the world population will come down this century, the fossil fuels will be lacking in few decades and the renewables are limited by space. The only uncertain future is nuclear with high potential if fusion or fast breeders become accepted by consumers.

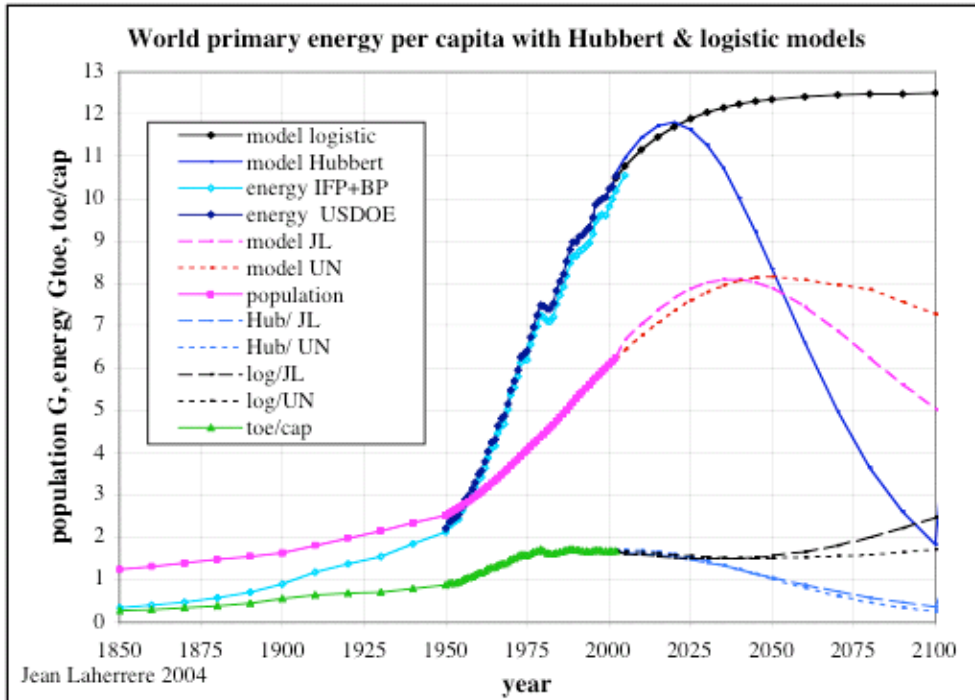
Figure 45: World primary energy with two models and USDOE forecast



The energy forecasts (Hubbert & logistic) are associated with the population forecasts (UN and mine) to obtain the primary energy per capita.

Despite the large range of the models, the energy per capita, which was flat around 1.7 toe/cap from 1975 to 2003, will stay at this level for the next 25 years for all models and will diverge only after 2025.

Figure 46: world primary energy per capita with Hubbert & logistic models

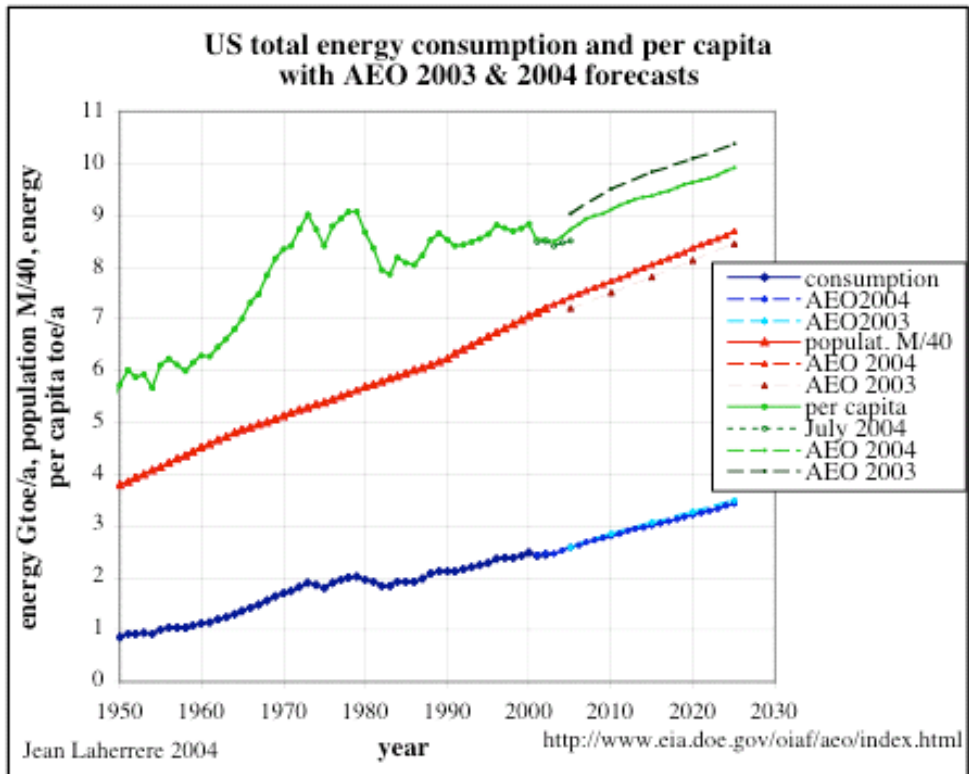


It means that for the next 25 years it is likely that the world average primary energy per capita will stay about the same and with energy savings it should be easy to manage the world. The problem will be to satisfy the wishes of developing country to increase their low level of energy. It should be possible only if developed countries and in particular North America decrease their high level of energy consumption.

The forecast by USDOE for US energy consumption per capita shows a sharp increase from 2003 to 2025 from 8.5 to 10 toe/cap, when for the past 30 years the consumption was flat.

What is the reason of such forecasted increase?

Figure 47: US energy consumption & per capita, as population



-energetic intensity per dollar GDP

Many reports are studying in great details the energetic intensity, which is the primary energy per GDP dollar. But it is a poor parameter as GDP is manipulated as in the US with hedonic factors; or China, or Russia during the 90s where barter were the rules. GDP represents the expenditures and not the wealth of a country.

See the chapter on US economy

On easiest way to see the energy use is to look at the lights during the night on satellites pictures: see the chapter (Laherrere 2004 Quimper).

-Population

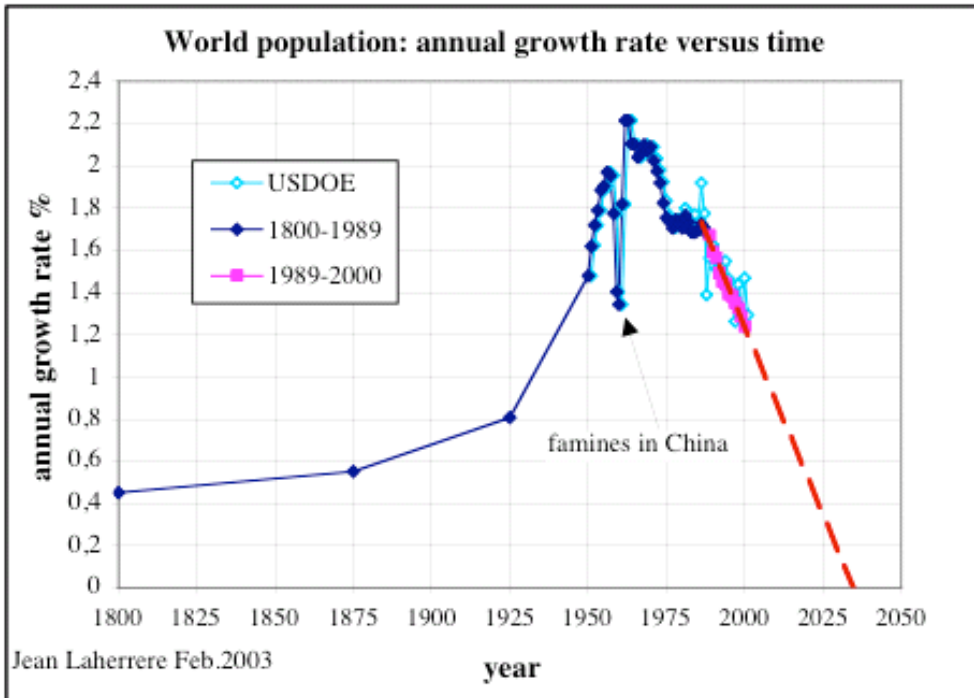
Energy per capita is more important for the consumer than global energy and population data and forecast are needed.

If oil and gas data is badly reported, it is the same for population, since population, as reserves, indicates strength. In 1990 the UN reported Nigeria with 120 millions and the following census showed that this value was overestimated by 30%.

It was announced on all the medias that the sixth billion child was born on October 12, 1999. It is a joke. It is as the English Bible for centuries was giving the birth of Earth estimated in 1650 by Bishop Ussher as Sunday Oct. 23 4004 BC at noon. They don't have any idea of the accuracy of their estimates or it is just a political misinformation. The accuracy on population even with census is over 3% and many countries have no census.

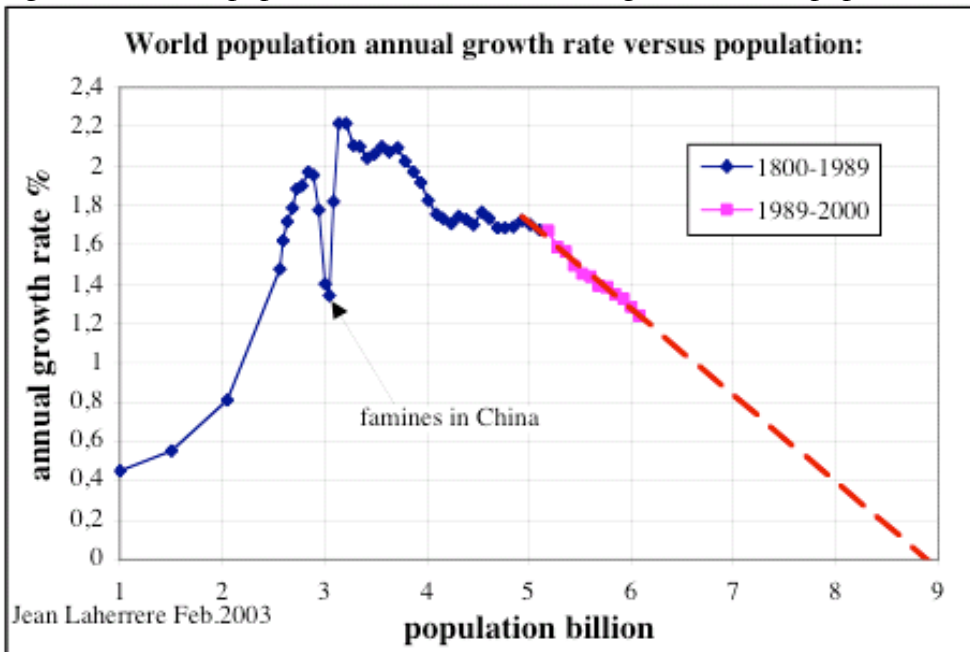
Modeling world population implies studying the annual growth rate versus time, which shows a linear trend from 1988 to 2000 extrapolation to no growth in 2035.

Figure 48: World population 1800-2000 annual growth versus time



The annual growth rate versus population shows a linear trend (1988-2000) extrapolated to no growth at 8.8 billion.

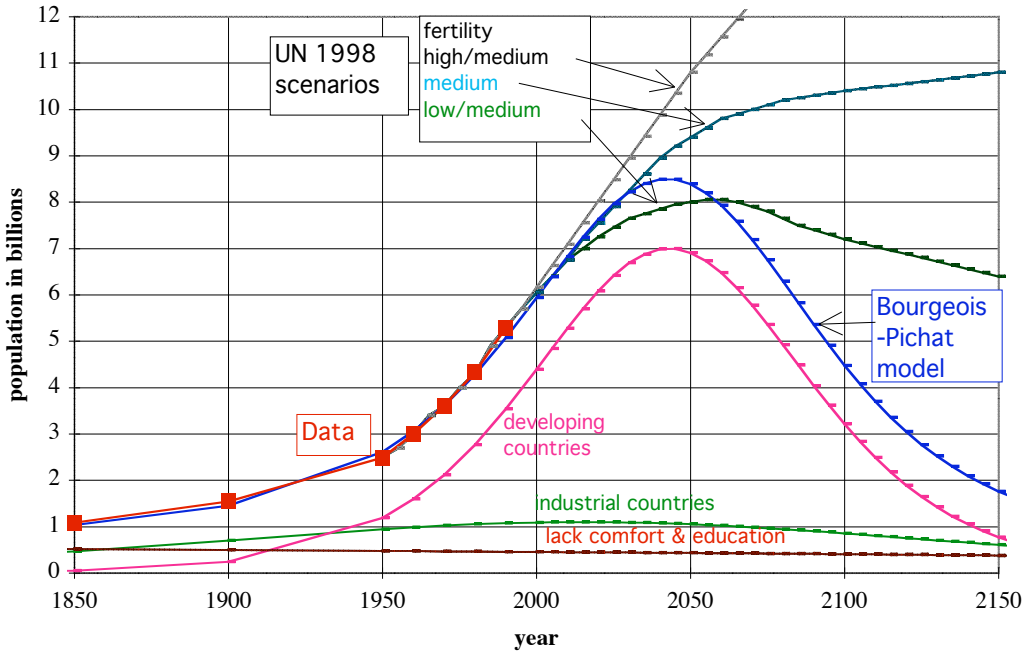
Figure 49: World population 1800-2000: annual growth versus population



Bourgeois-Pichat head of the INED (Institut National d'Etudes Demographiques) in 1988 modeled the world population with two symmetrical curves, one for the industrial countries and one for the developing countries. In 1999, I used 3 cycles adding a lack of education and no comfort countries in order not to go to complete extinction

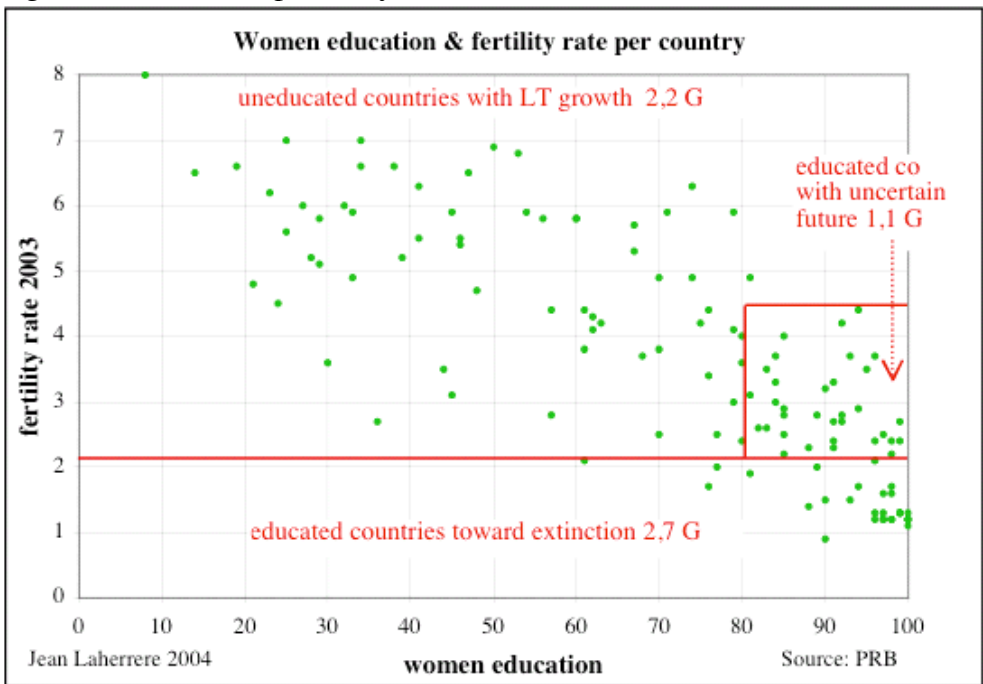
Figure 50: World population forecast in 1999

World population modeled with 3 cycles compared to 1998 UN scenarios



Every population forecast is based mainly on the fertility rate, but this rate is badly measured (data from INED and from CIA disagree) and even not reported in some troubled countries such as Somalia, where USCB reports figures with 4 decimals!

The correlation between fertility rate and education of the women is fairly strong
 Figure 51: relationship fertility rate and women education

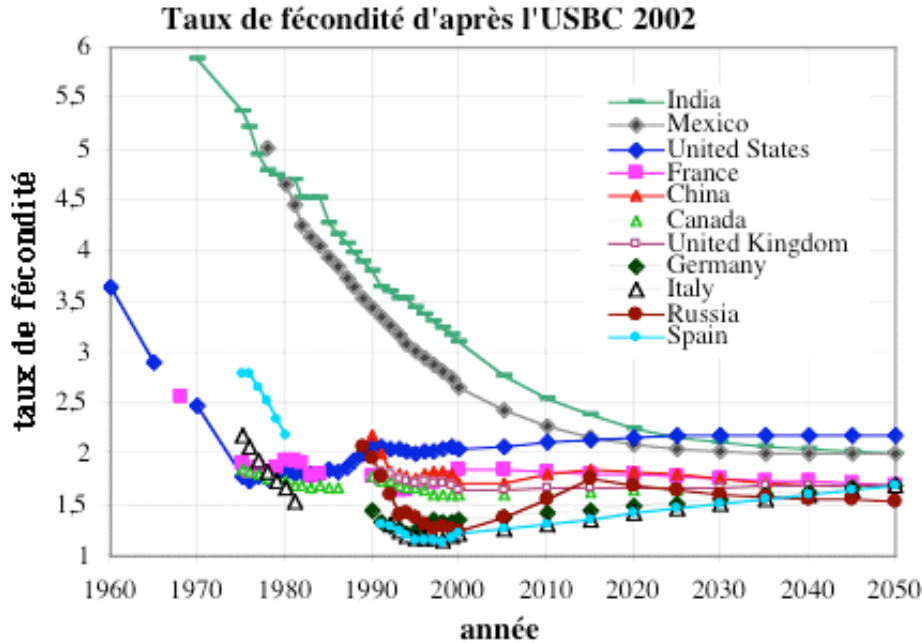


The 58 educated countries totaling 2.7 G or 45 % of the world population, which have a fertility rate less than the replacement rate, have no future, going toward extinction if women do not change their behavior of freedom and choice (having only no more than two children

and after what to go back to work or outside house). Developing countries imitate developed countries and have decreasing fertility rate. But a certain number of countries that are opposed to women education have a high fertility rate which is not decreasing (as Somalia, Niger, Yemen) and they will in the long term (two centuries) be the majority on earth when western civilization has disappeared.

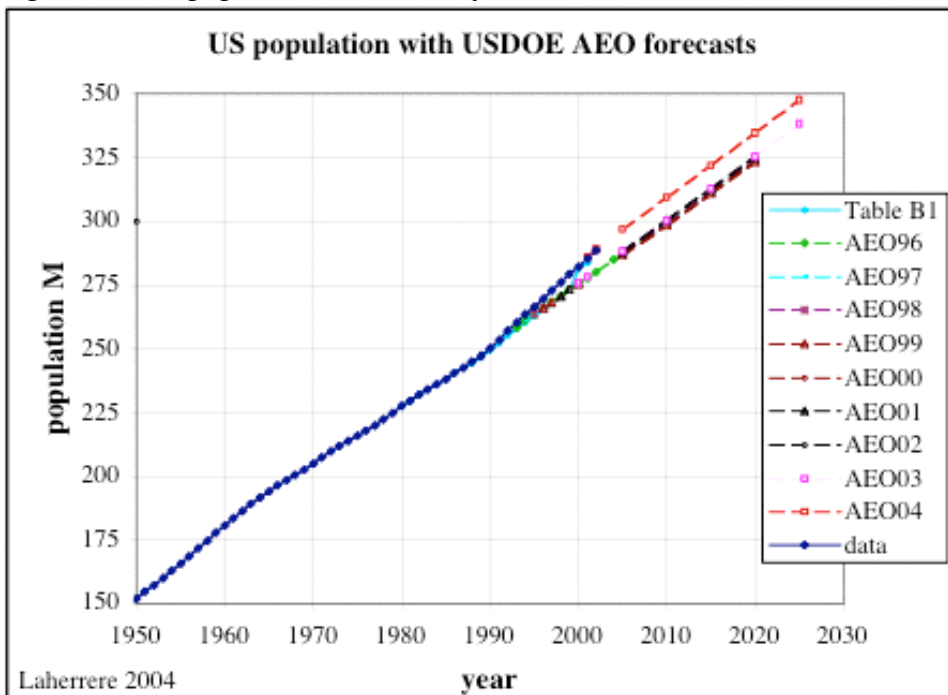
In order to show their power, US forecast that in 2050 US women will be more fertile than India or Mexico women.

Figure 52: Fertility rate forecasts by USCB (Census Bureau)



But in fact the US is growing mainly from immigration
 USDOE forecasts on population were until 2003 in line with the trend before 1990, but in 2004 they realized that the trend has changed for a higher value.

Figure 53: US population forecasts by USDOE



The plot annual growth rate versus population shows a linear trend from 1991 to 2003 toward 440 million.

Figure 54 US population: annual growth versus population

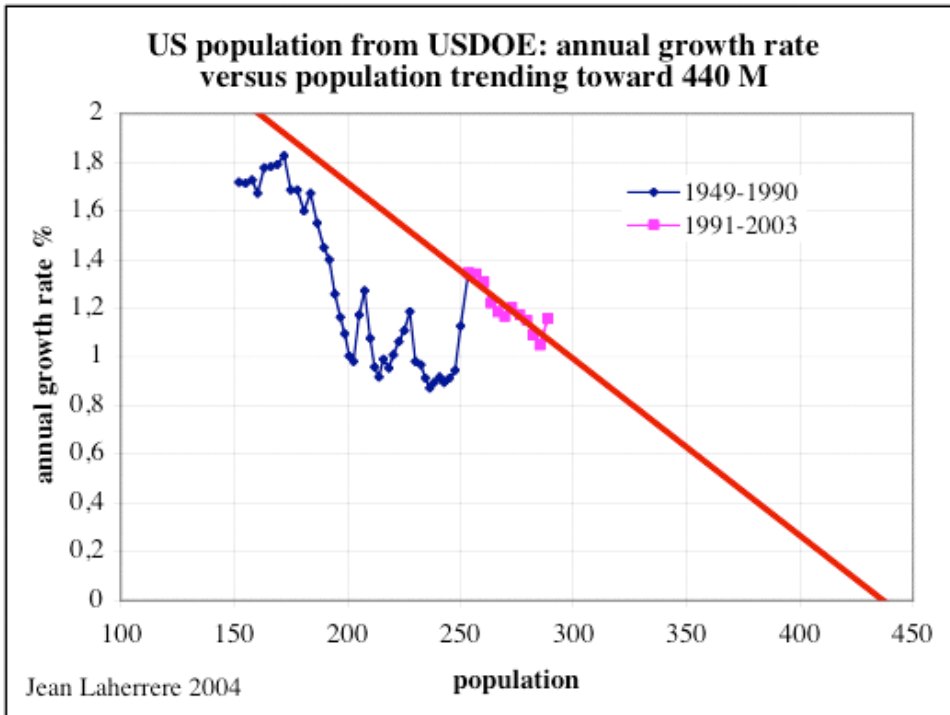
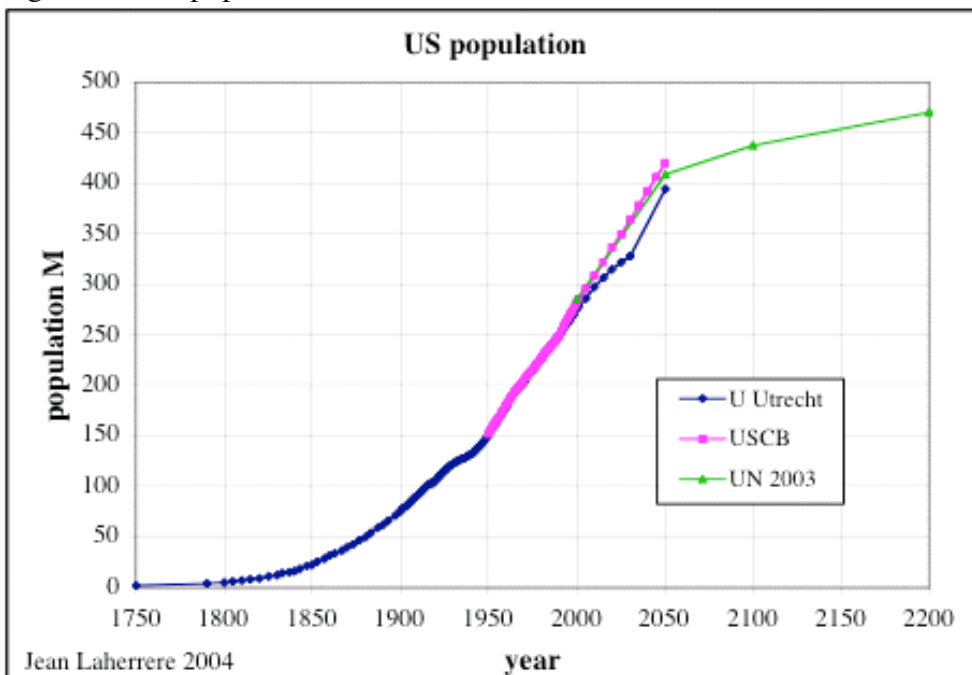
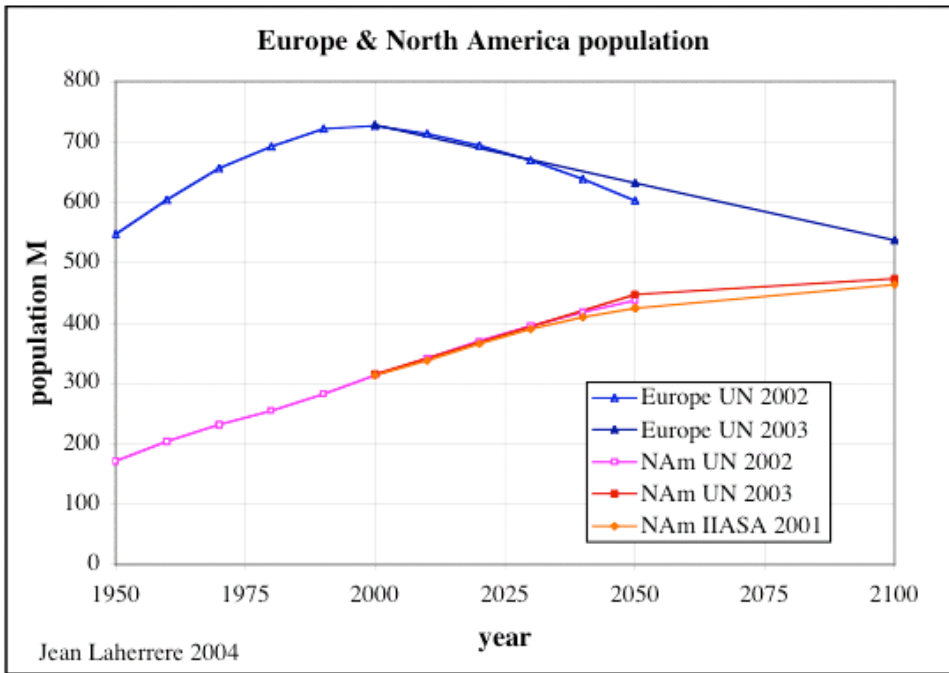


Figure 55: US population and several forecasts



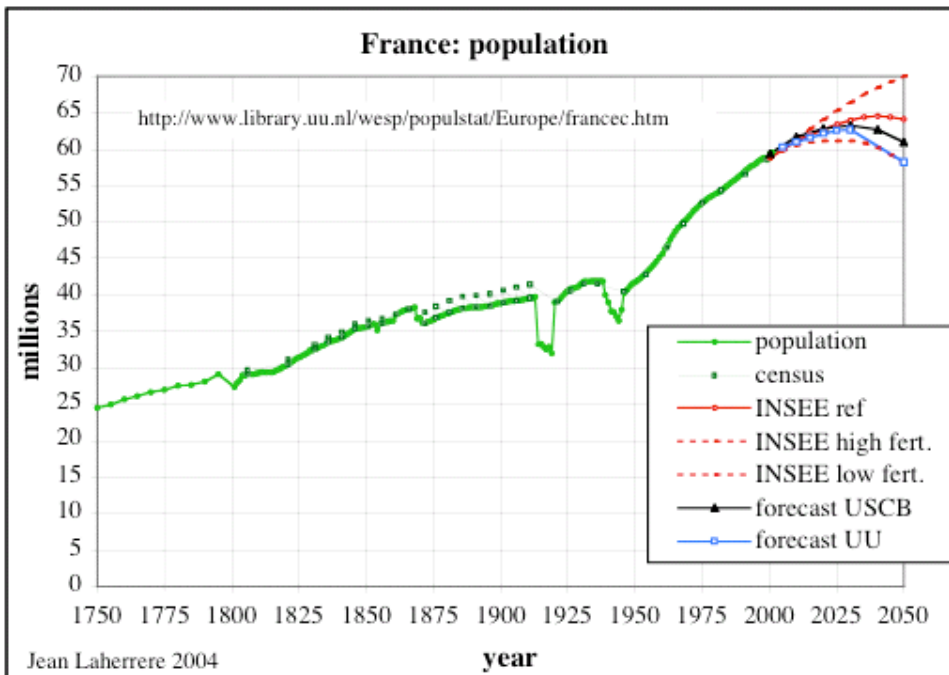
UN reports that Europe population has peaked in 2000 and will decrease by 100 million in 2050, when North America is still on the increase in 2100

Figure 56: Europe and North America population forecasts



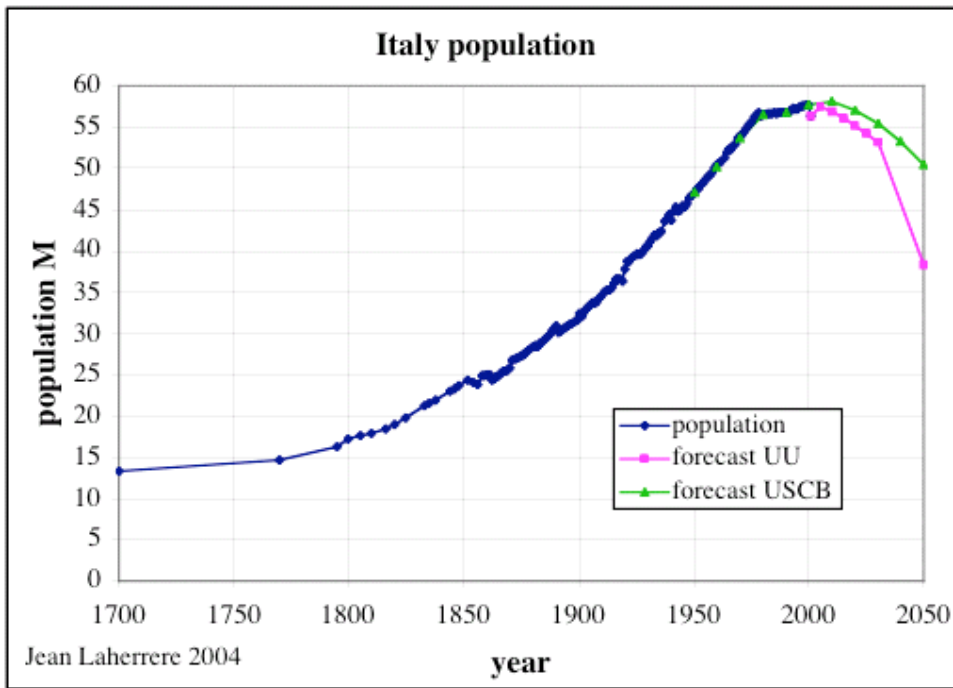
France will peak around 2025 according to forecasts of the Utrecht University, that of INSEE, or USCB (Census Bureau)

Figure 57: France population

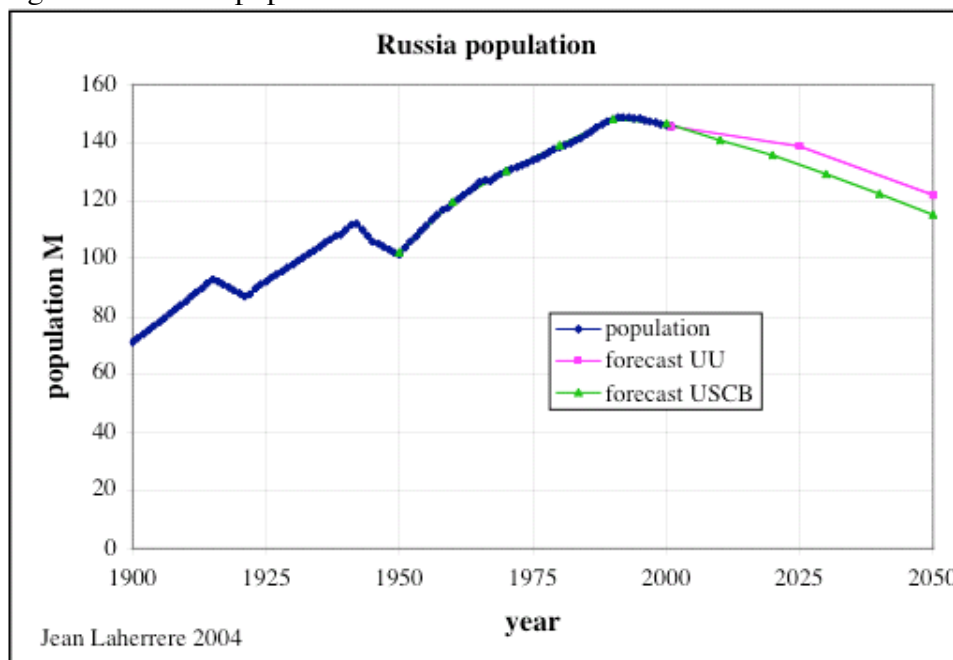


Italy is peaking and will decrease by 10 million in 2050

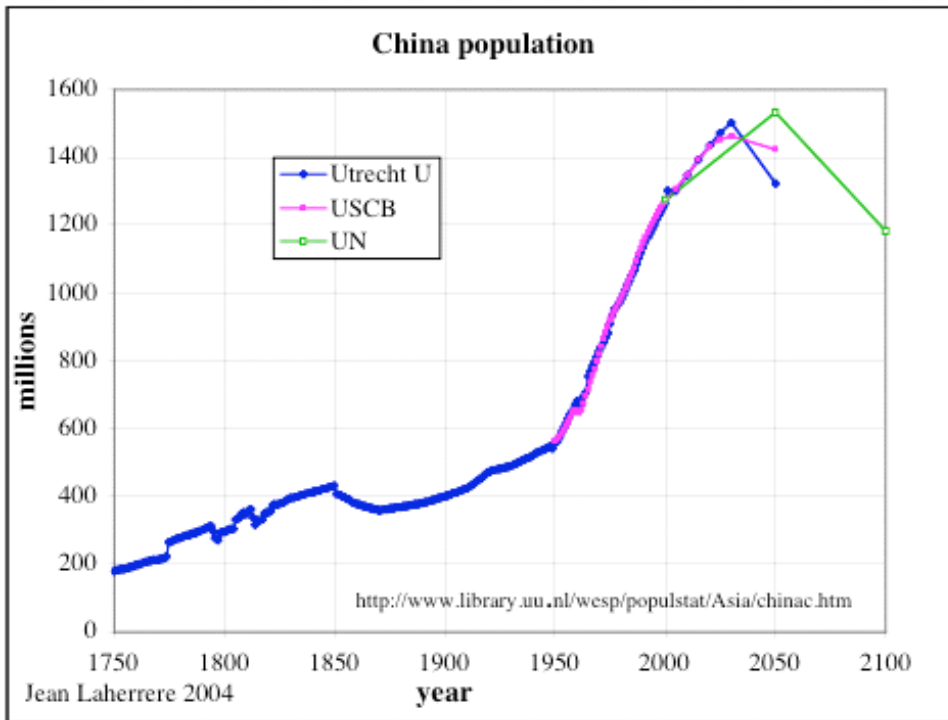
Figure 58: Italy population



Russia has peaked in 1990 and will have lost 30 million by 2050
Figure 59: Russia population

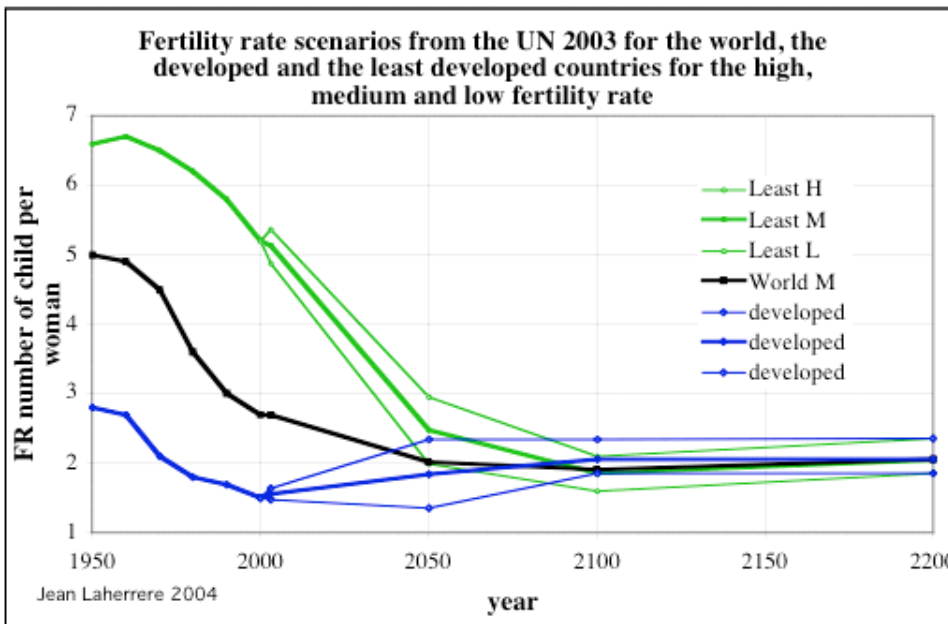


China will peak between 2025-2050 and decline by more than 300 M by 2100
Figure 60: China population



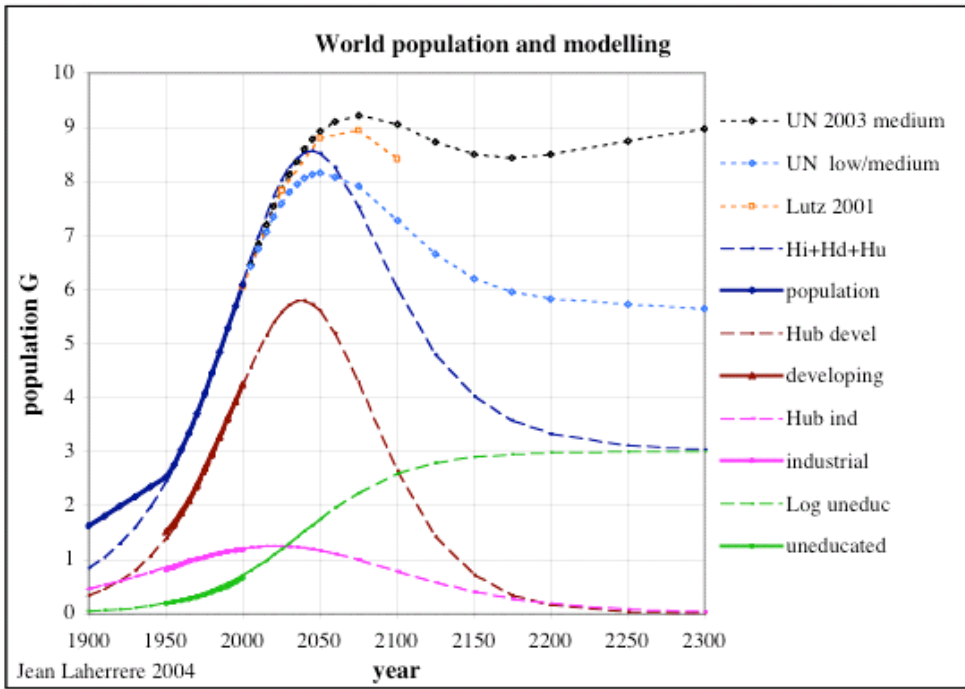
The UN in their last world forecast (Dec. 2003) for 2300, in order to justify their goal of equality assume that in 2300 all countries will have the same fertility rate at replacement value in order to have a constant population of 9 billion. It is plain wishful thinking and to do so they are obliged to place the fertility rate of developed countries in 2100 under the rate of the least developed countries, which is completely unrealistic, but political.

Figure 61: UN scenarios on fertility rate



My last forecast for population is peaking around 2050 (educated countries will almost disappear in 2200), not far from UN low/medium case, when IIASA (Lutz) peak is for 2075.

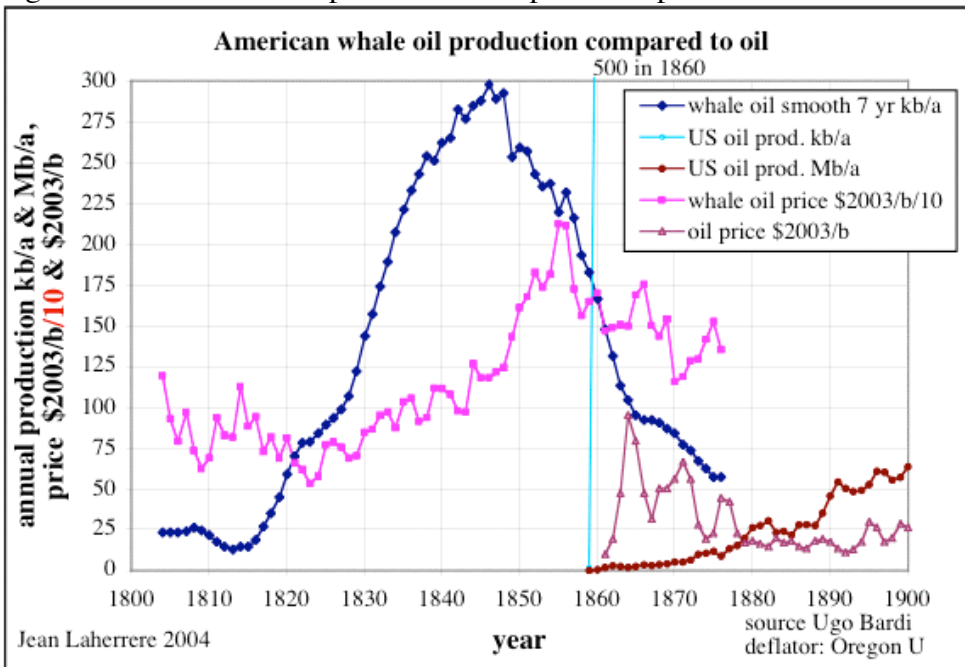
Figure 62: World population and forecasts



-Price

Before the first commercial oil discovery in 1859, whale oil was expensive, peaking in the US at 2000 \$2003/b in 1855, as the whale oil US production displayed a good Hubbert curve (Bardi 2004) and price went up after the peak, then declined when oil production started to be significant, but being in 1875 30 times more expensive than oil.

Figure 63a: US whale oil production and price compared to oil 1800-1900



The world oil price in 2003 \$ started close to 80 \$/b in 1870 and went down to 10 \$/b in 1970, then raised to 80 \$/b in 1979 to go down to about 20 \$/b before the present 40 \$/b

Figure 63b: World oil price 1860-2003

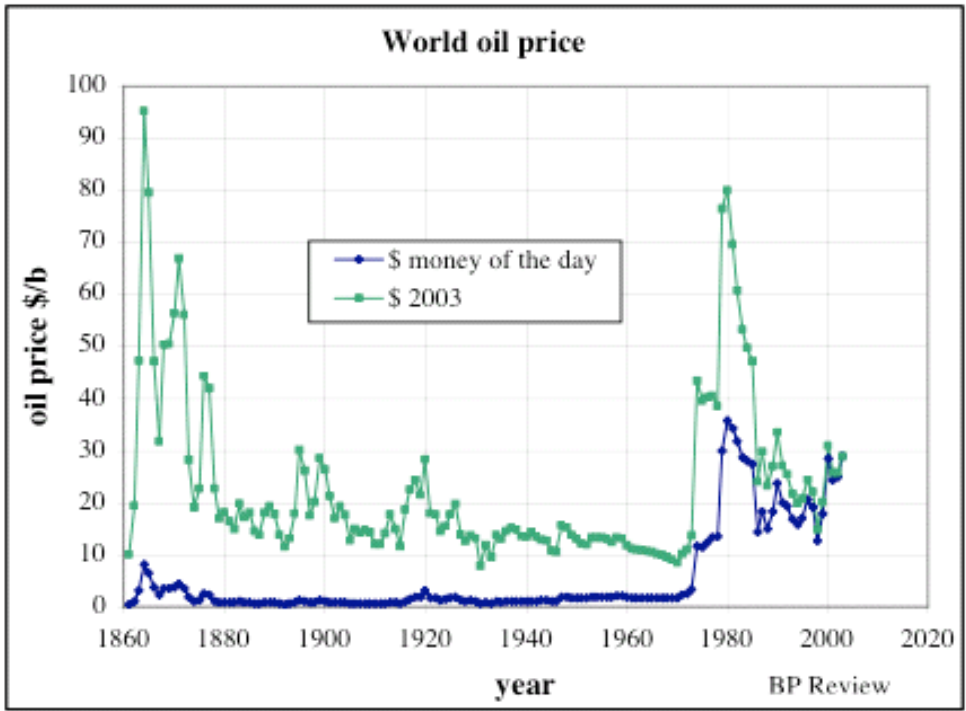
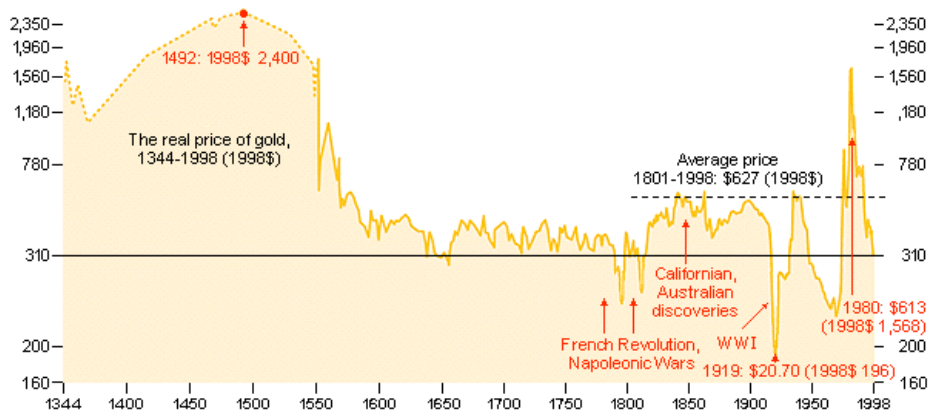


Figure 64: Gold price 1344-1998
Gold displays also a large range of variation

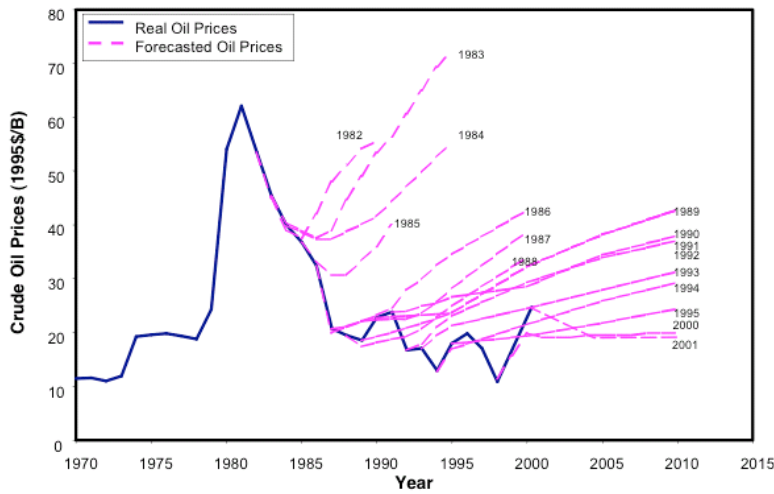


Oil price forecasts were always wrong and follow, as the height of gown, a fashion trend: up and down.

From 1982 to 1994 fashion was for high growth, but since 1995 rather flat lines.

Figure 65: USDOE/EIA oil price forecasts 1982-2001 and actual price

Comparison of Actual Oil Prices With EIA Oil Price Forecasts



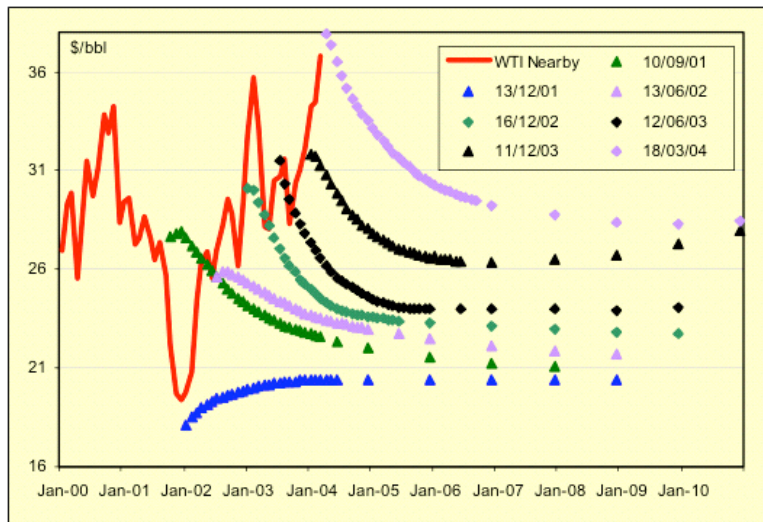
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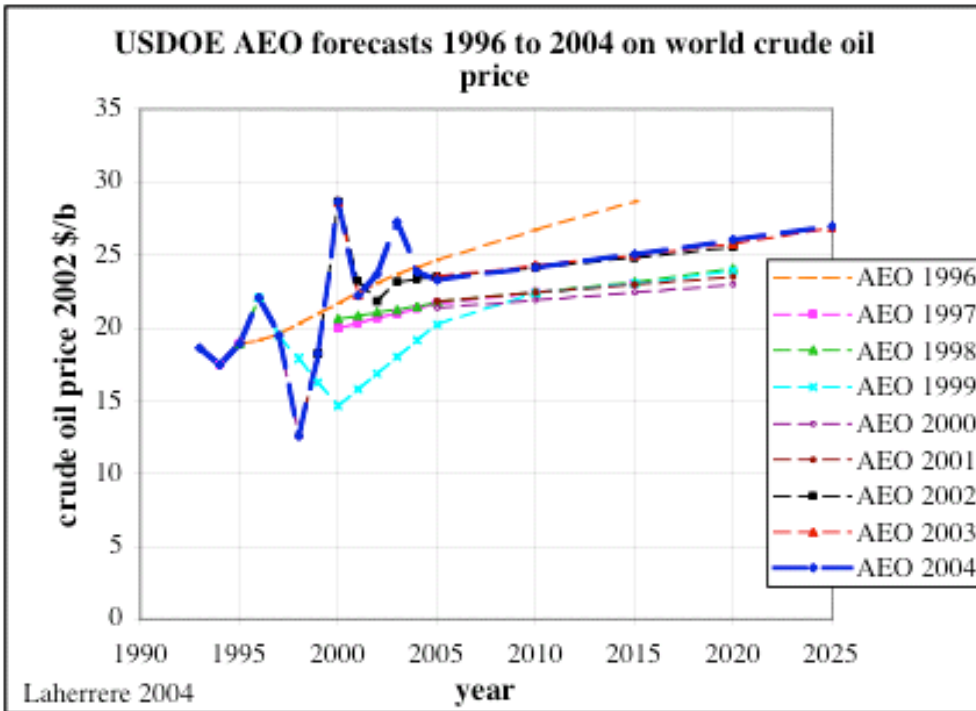
From 2002 to now, the fashion was for falling towards less than 30 \$/b in 2010 for CGES.
Figure 66: CGES oil prices and forecasts 2001-2004

Figure 1: Oil prices & forward curves 2000-04

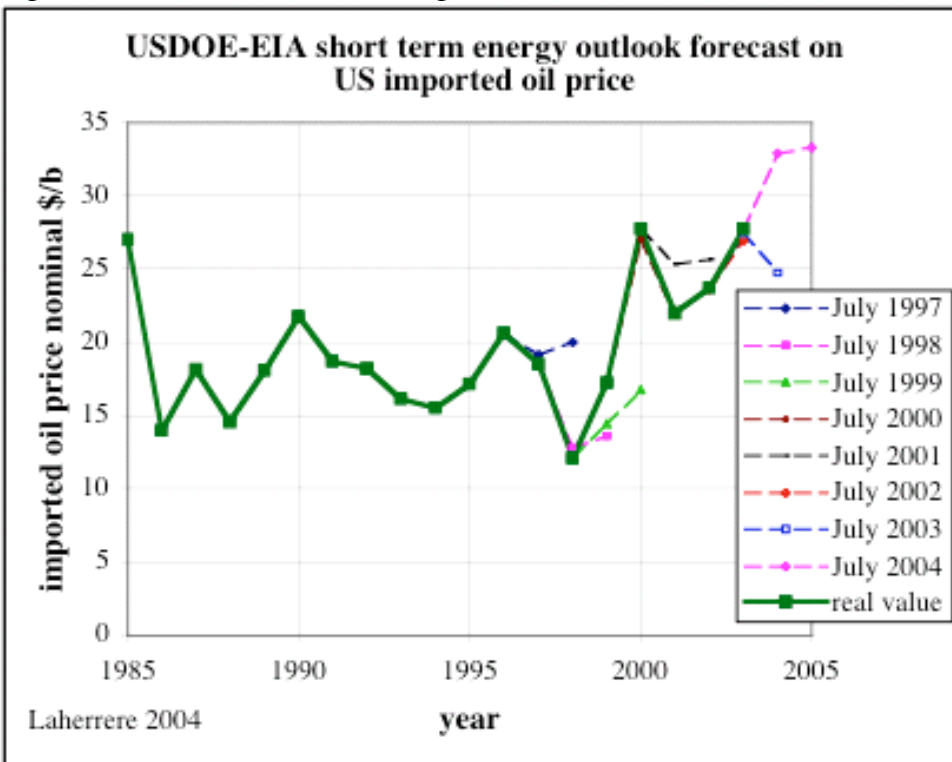


USDOE long-term forecasts from 1996 to 2004 have been all for a slow rise up to 2025 but less than 30 \$/b. The present >40 \$/b is far from their forecasts!

Figure 67: USDOE long-term oil price forecasts 1996-2004



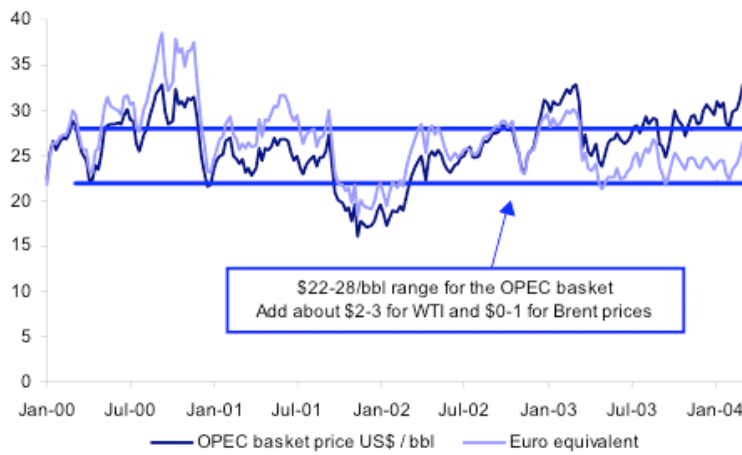
The short-term USDOE forecast is more chaotic
 Figure 68: USDOE short-term oil price forecasts 1997-2004



The OPEC 22-28 \$/b mechanism has worked well in the past to stabilize the oil market and OPEC was not thanked enough for that. But when euro rose last year the mechanism was converted to stay in the euro range. And now the mechanism does not work anymore, for there is no spare capacity left to play on quotas.

Figure 69: Oil price in \$ & euro 2000-2004

Oil price continues to exceed the OPEC market basket range



Source: Deutsche Bank estimates

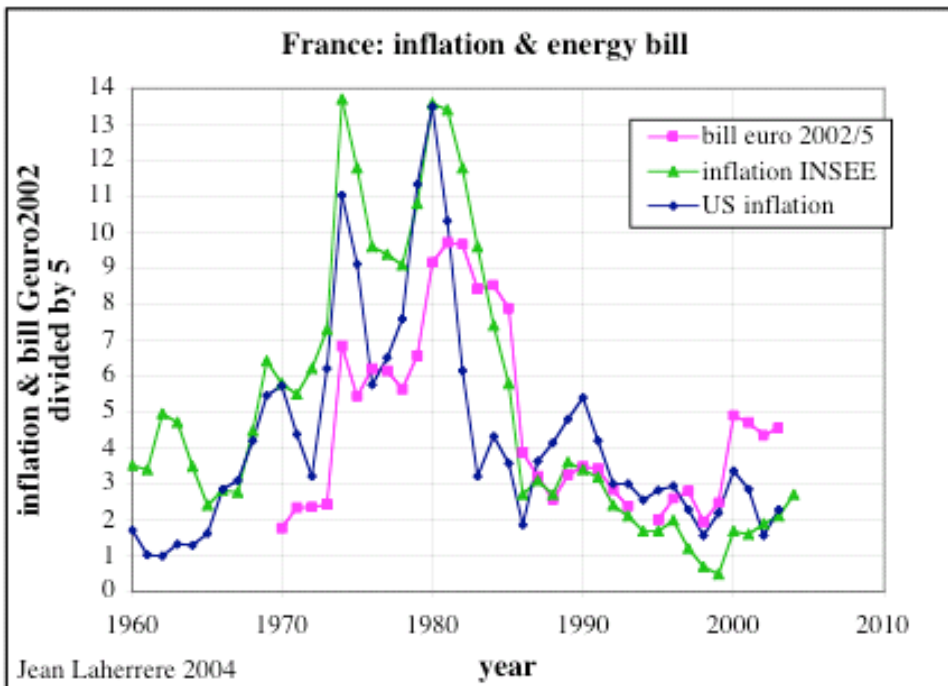
I refuse to forecast oil price, except to say that the cheap oil is gone

-Economy

-energy bill and inflation or unemployment

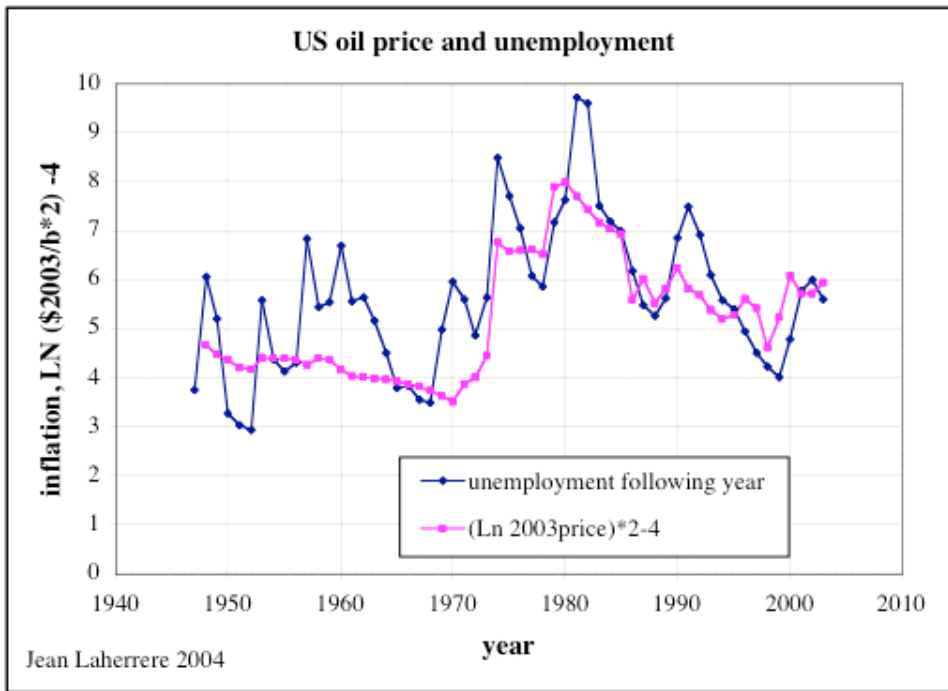
There is a good fit for France between the energy bill and inflation

Figure 70: France energy bill and inflation



In the US there is a good fit between oil price (log scale) and unemployment the following year

Figure 71: US oil price and unemployment



-GDP

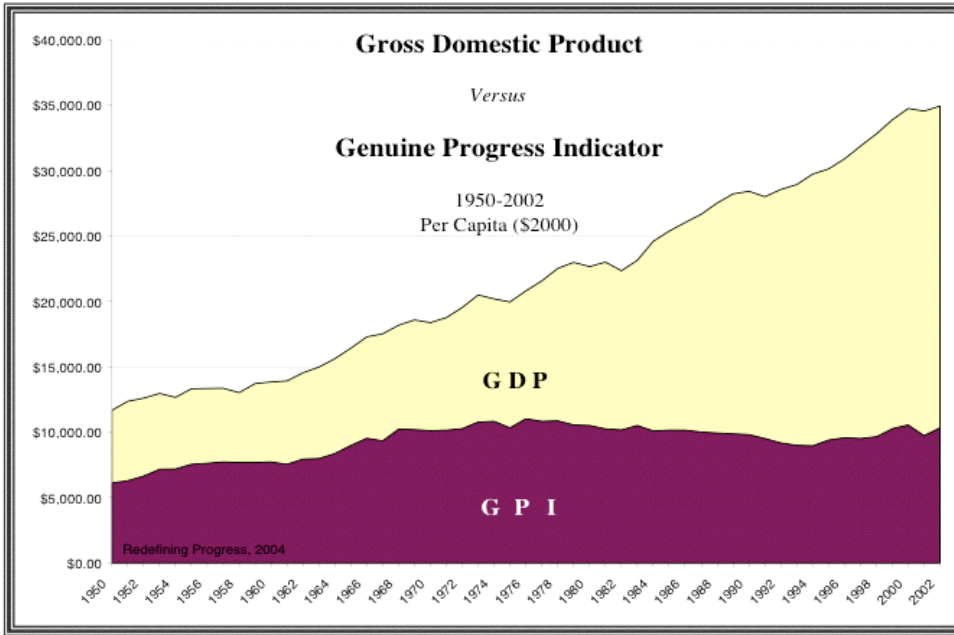
GDP is manipulated with several deflators (in particular the hedonic factor adding extra hundred of G\$ for computer and software) into the so-called chained dollars: see Grandfather economic report <http://mwhodges.home.att.net/statistic-wizardry.htm>
 GDP represent expenditures and not the wealth of a country. The more catastrophes, wars, drugs, pollution and higher the GDP will be.

There are many indexes to measure wealth and good life (UN, UK) but they are ignored because governments, which can manipulate the GDP, refer to it in order to be judged on economic growth. New Scientist (2003) reported that the most happy countries are Nigeria, Mexico and Venezuela and the least Russia, Armenia and Romania from a World values survey in 65 countries, showing that GDP is not involved in happiness.

Almost all forecasts are based on a constant growth of GDP.

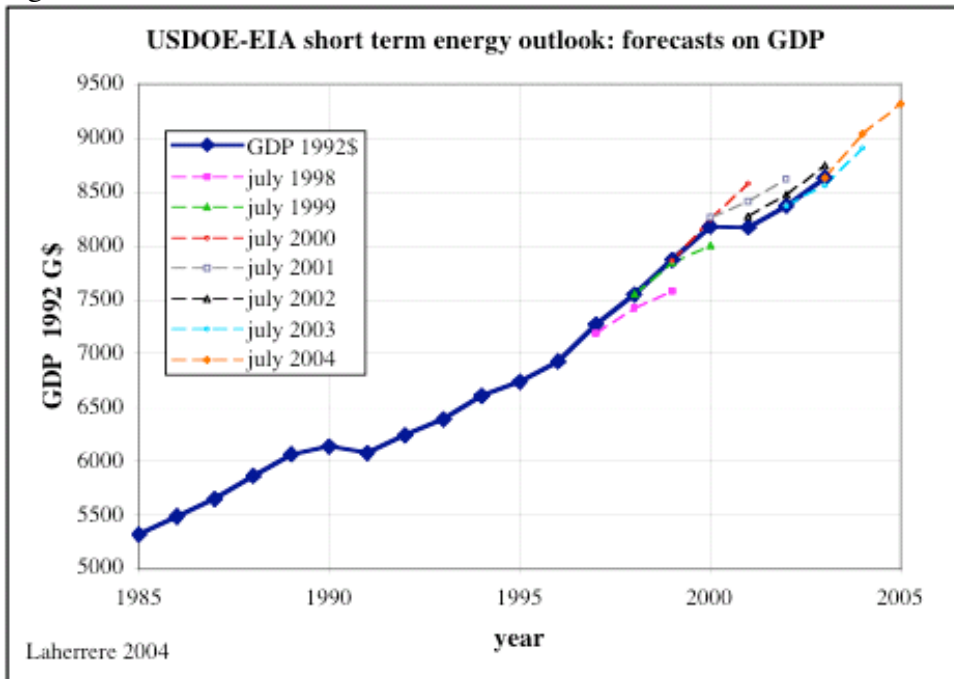
Redefining Progress published for the US a Genuine Progress Indicator, which shows a peak around 1976, and then a slow decline when GDP is increasing.

Figure 72: US GDP and Genuine Progress Indicator



The short-term forecast of USDOE for GDP is mainly off marks.

Figure 73: USDOE GDP short-term forecasts

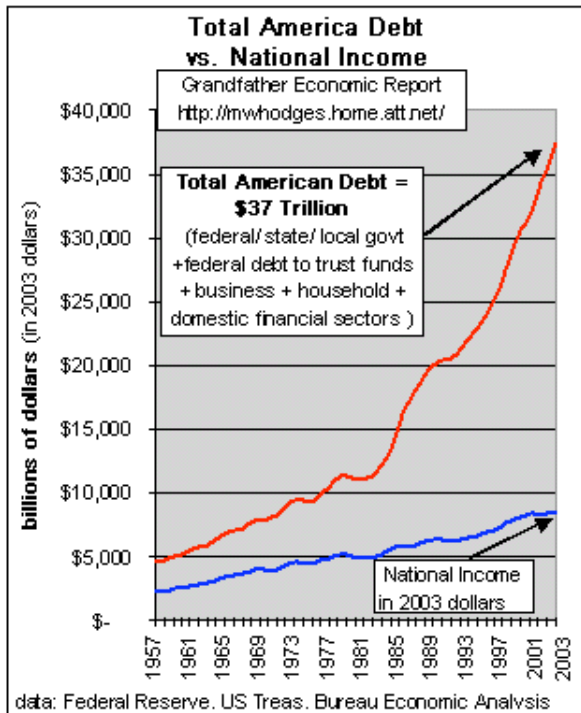


-US economy

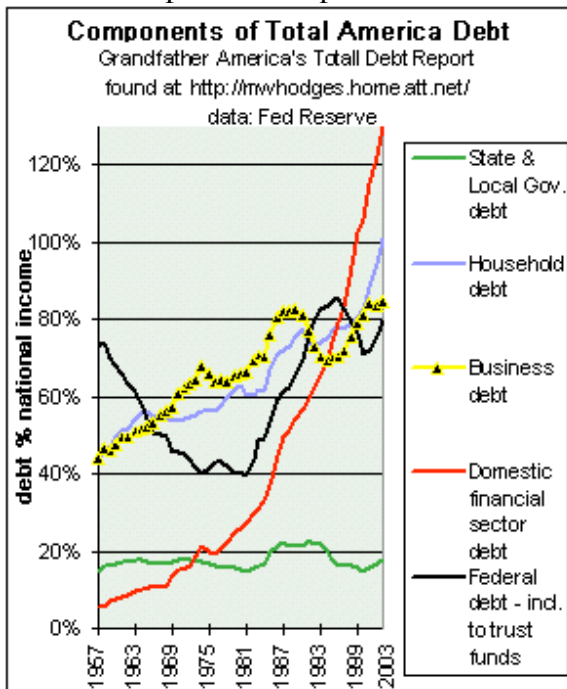
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12 graphs of interest

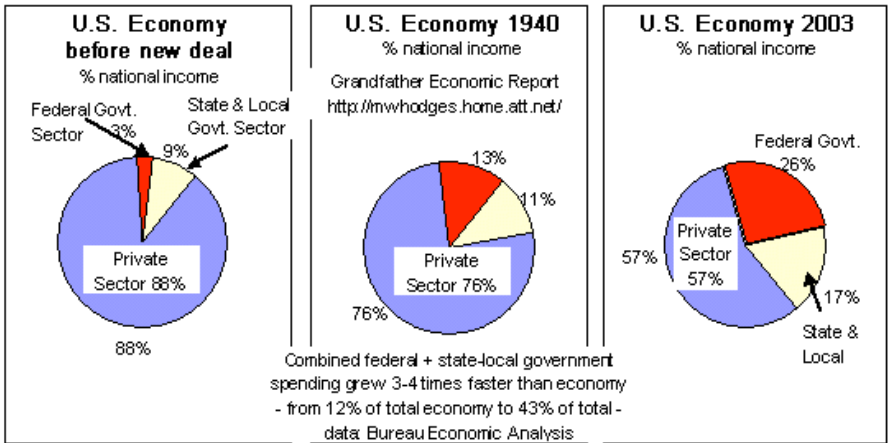
Total US debt grows much more than income



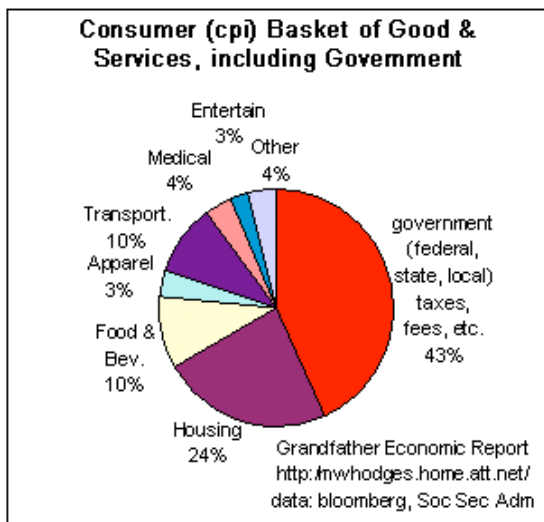
The most important component is the domestic debt



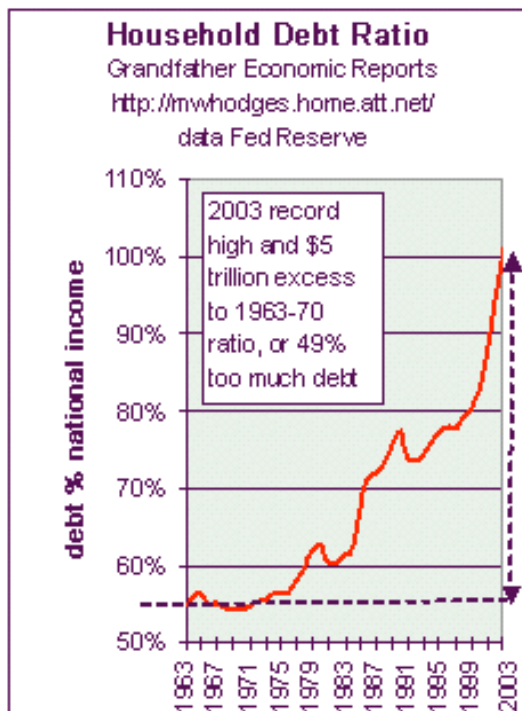
Private sector % of national income in US economy decreases from 88% to 57%



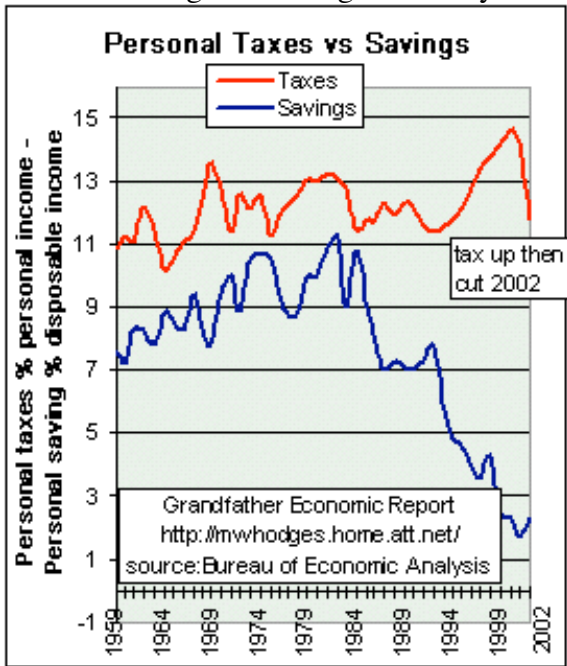
Government take is 43 % of the consumer basket



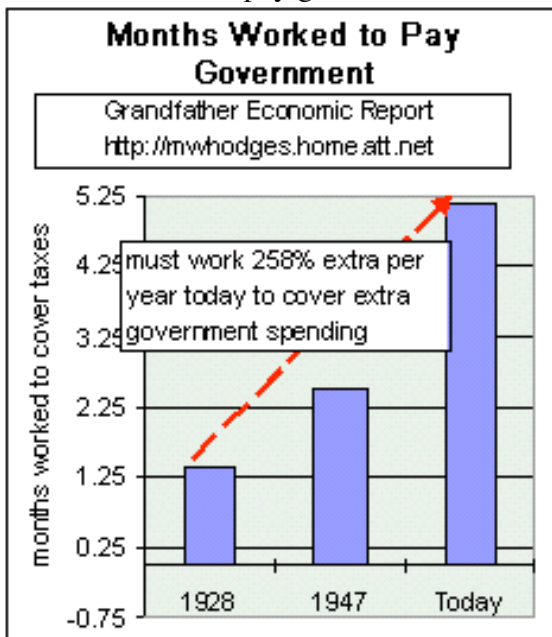
Household debt has increased to 100% of national income



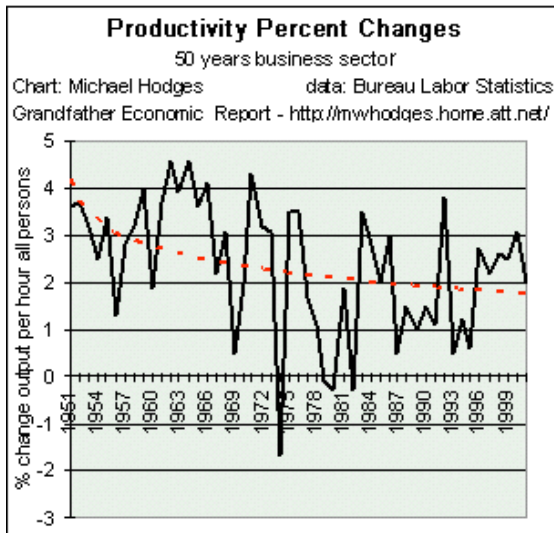
Personal savings are falling drastically



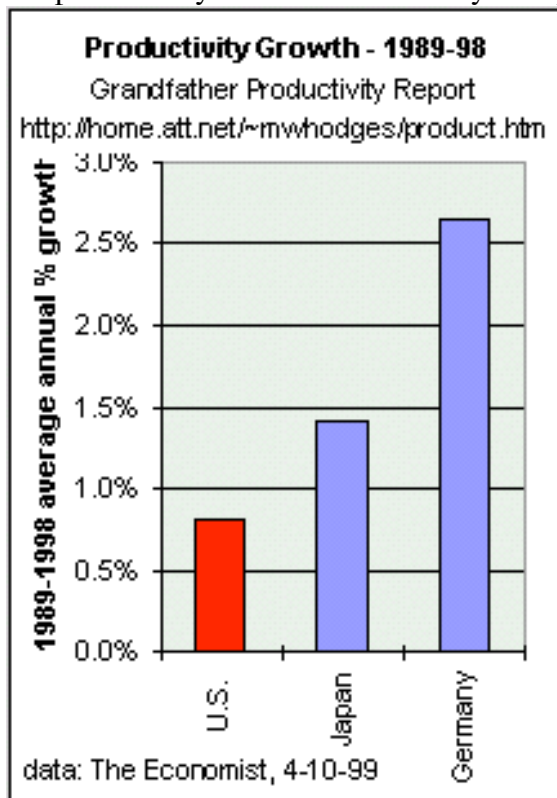
Months worked to pay government has increased from 1.3 to 5.2 months



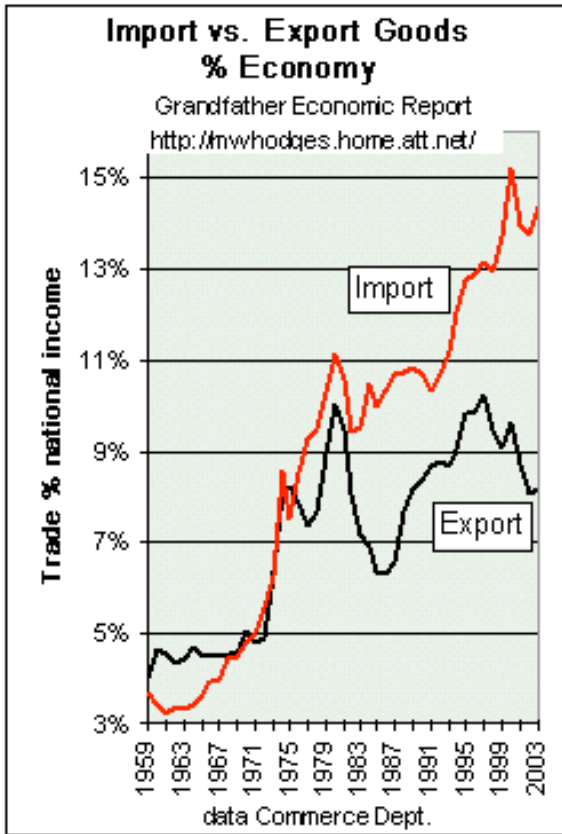
Business productivity is going down



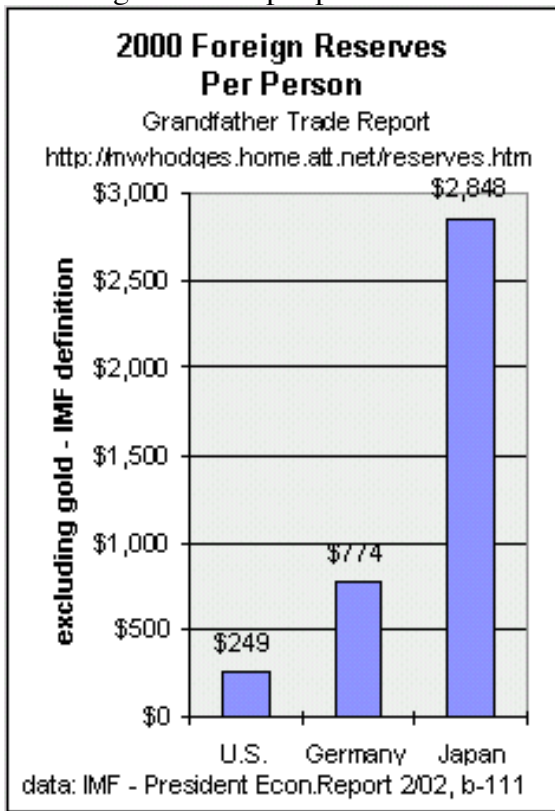
US productivity is less than Germany or Japan



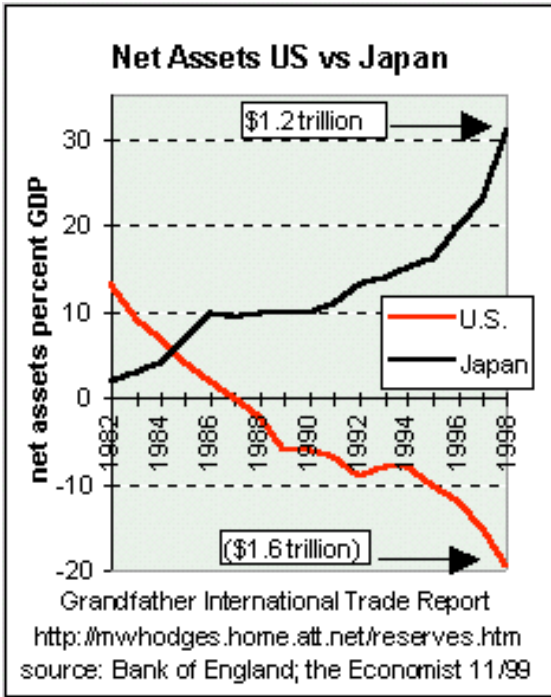
Imports are rising and exports falling



US foreign reserves per person is 10 times less than in Japan



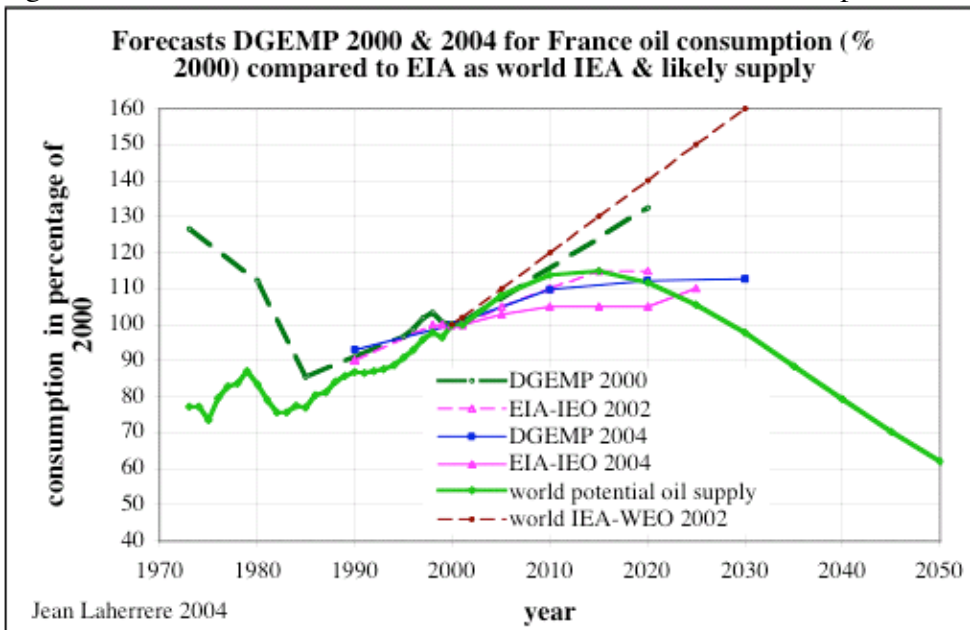
Nets assets are minus 20% GDP in US and plus 30% in Japan



-France consumption

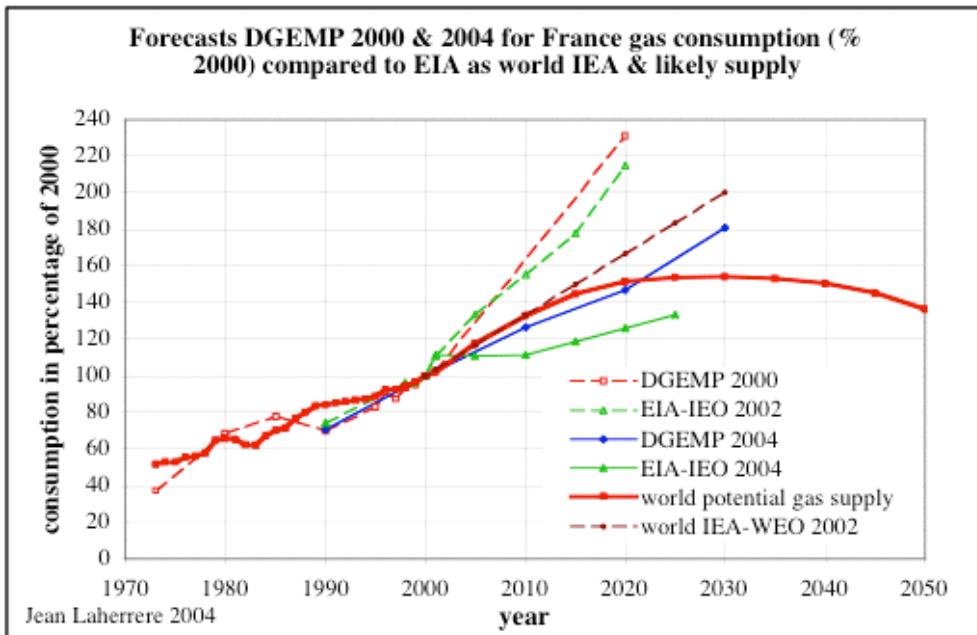
The forecast by the French Industry ministry (DGEMP) for France oil consumption was in 2000 based on IEA worldviews, but far from our worldviews, but in 2004 their forecast was in sharp decrease, more likely because they follow USDOE 2004

Figure 74: DGEMP forecasts 2000 & 2004 for France oil consumption as % of 2000



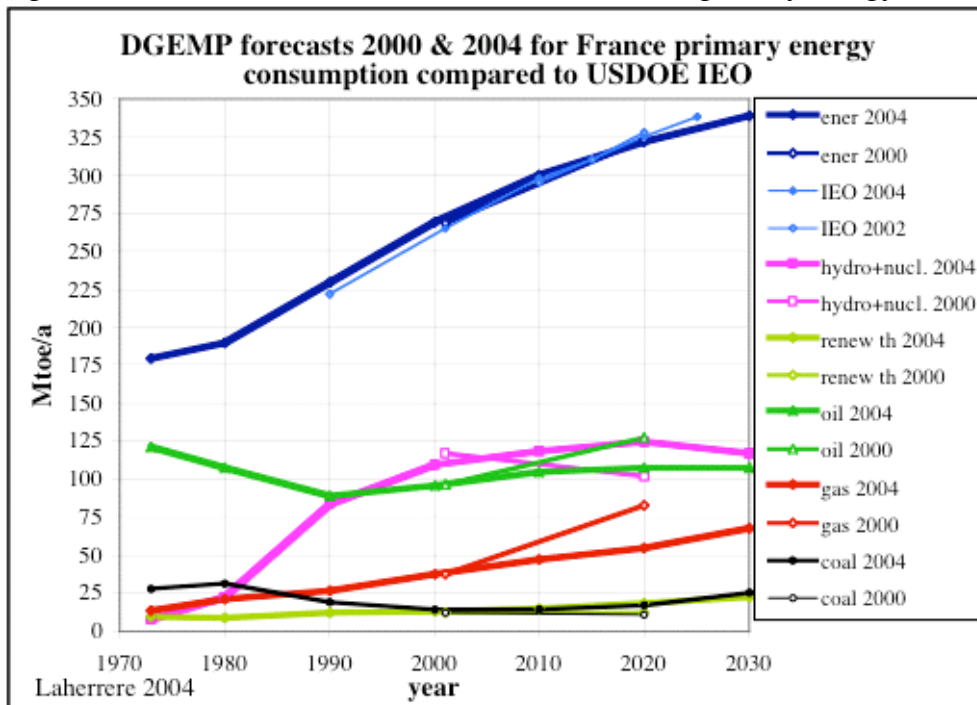
DGEMP forecasts for France gas consumption were very high in 2000, yet close to USDOE 2002, but they were reduced sharply in 2004, though less than USDOE 2004

Figure 75: DGEMP forecasts 2000 & 2004 for France gas consumption as % 2000



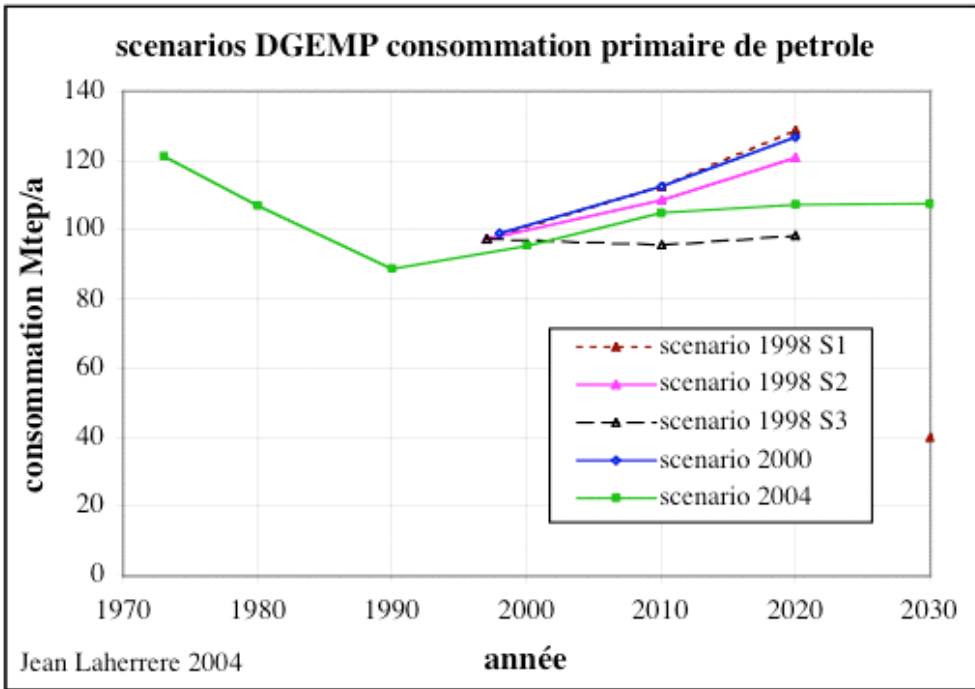
Change of forecasts are more interesting than their values and DGEMP forecasts show little change for the France primary energy from 2000 to 2004, in fact they sharply reduce gas, a little less oil, but increase coal and nuclear (but hide the change by lumping nuclear to hydropower).

Figure 76: DGEMP forecasts 2000 & 2004 for France primary energy



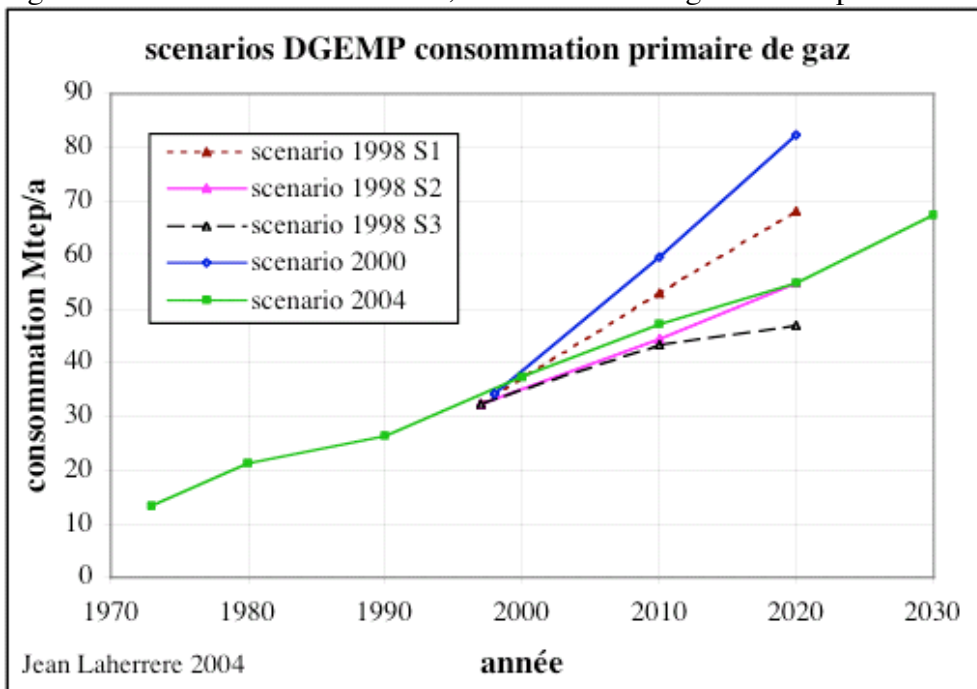
The comparison between DGEMP forecasts in 1998, 2000 and 2004, shows for oil consumption that the 3 scenarios of 1998 (S1, S2 & S3) showing a large range were abandoned for just one in 1999 which now looks wild and that the 2004 one is more reasonable being not far from S3.

Figure 77: DGEMP forecasts 1998, 2000 & 2004 for oil consumption



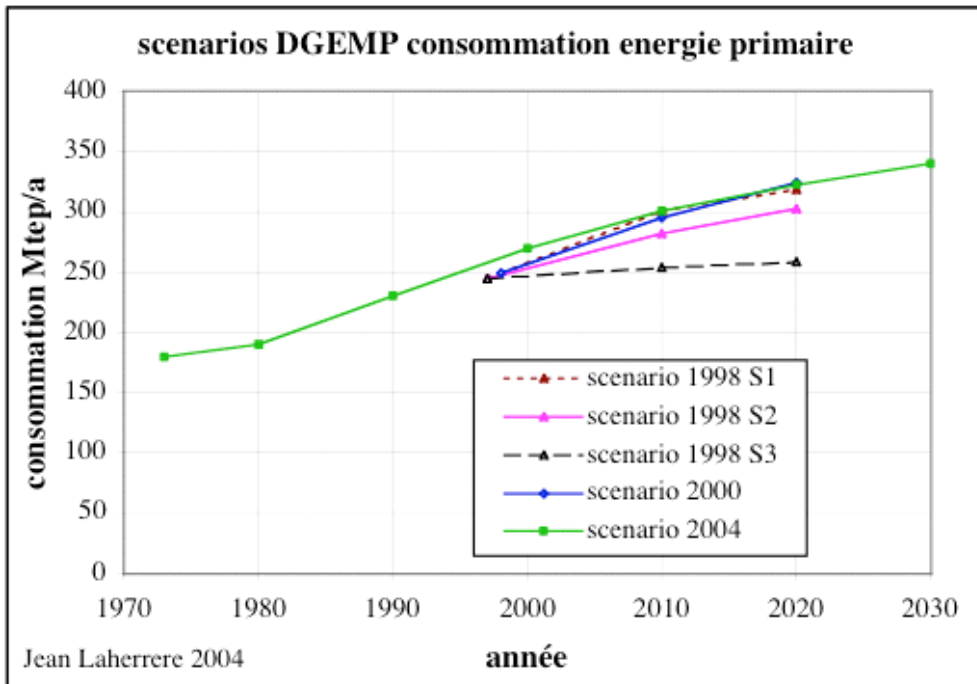
For gas 2004 is close to S2

Figure 78: DGEMP forecasts 1998, 2000 & 2004 for gas consumption



For global energy, 2004 is close to S1, showing that the 1998 views were completely heterogeneous from 2004 views.

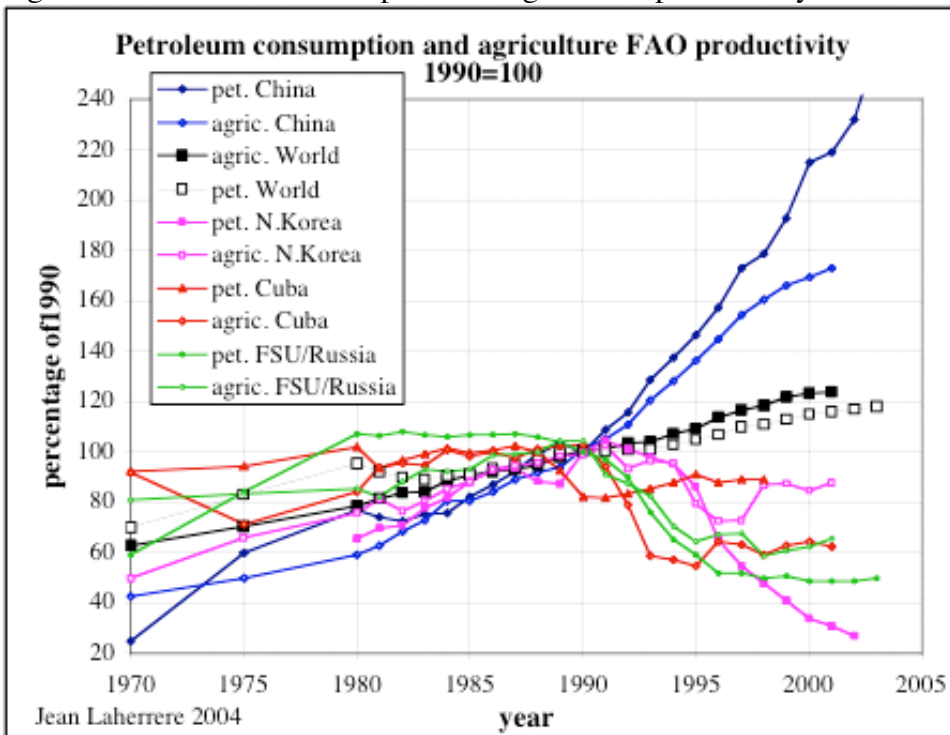
Figure 79: DGEMP forecasts 1998, 2000 & 2004 for primary energy



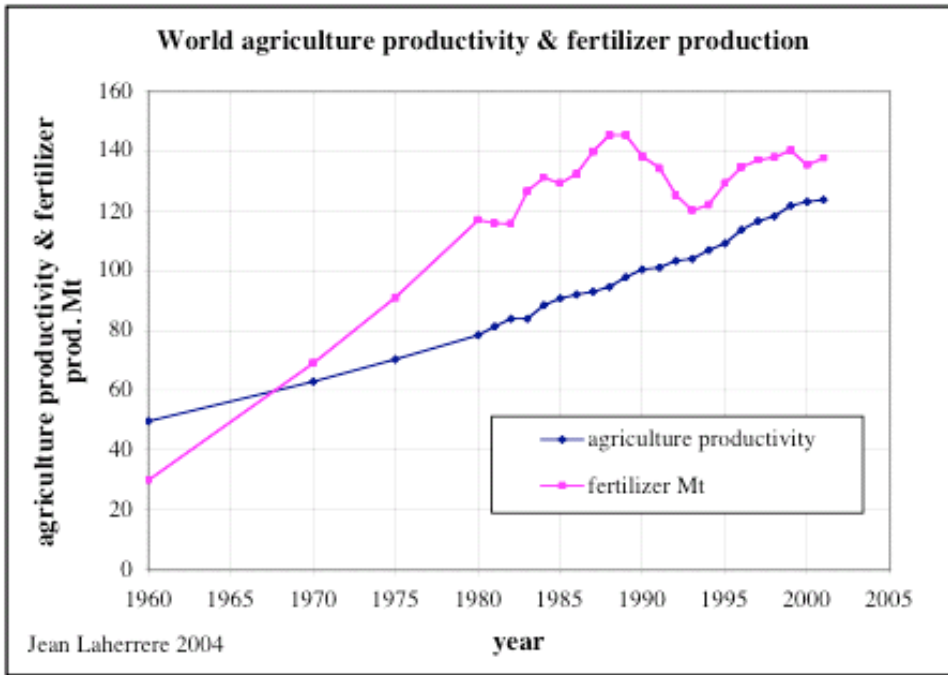
-Agriculture

Agriculture is described now as a way to convert oil into food (Bartlett) when in the 60s BP at Lavera was trying to convert oil into food. Agriculture depends so much upon oil (fertilizer, pesticide, tractor, irrigation) that oil shortage means immediately food shortage, as it was in Cuba when oil imports from Russia were cut (or North Korea). Petroleum consumption correlates fairly well with agriculture productivity.

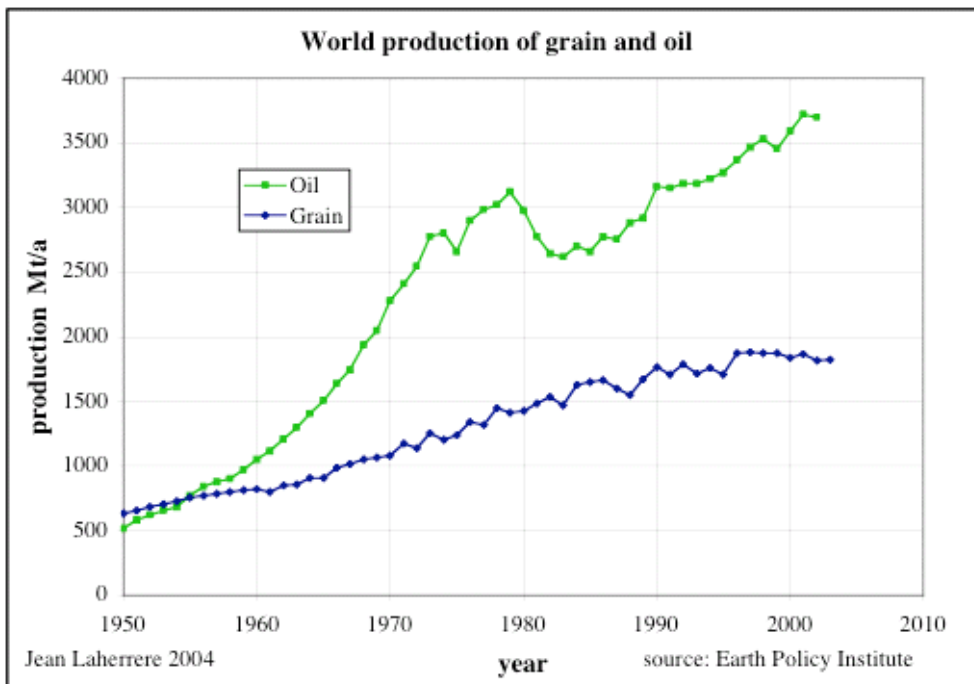
Figure 80: Petroleum consumption and agriculture productivity 1990=100



World agriculture productivity has grown with the fertilizer production
Figure 81: World agriculture productivity and fertilizer production



World grain production has risen as well as oil production
 Figure 82: World production of grain and oil

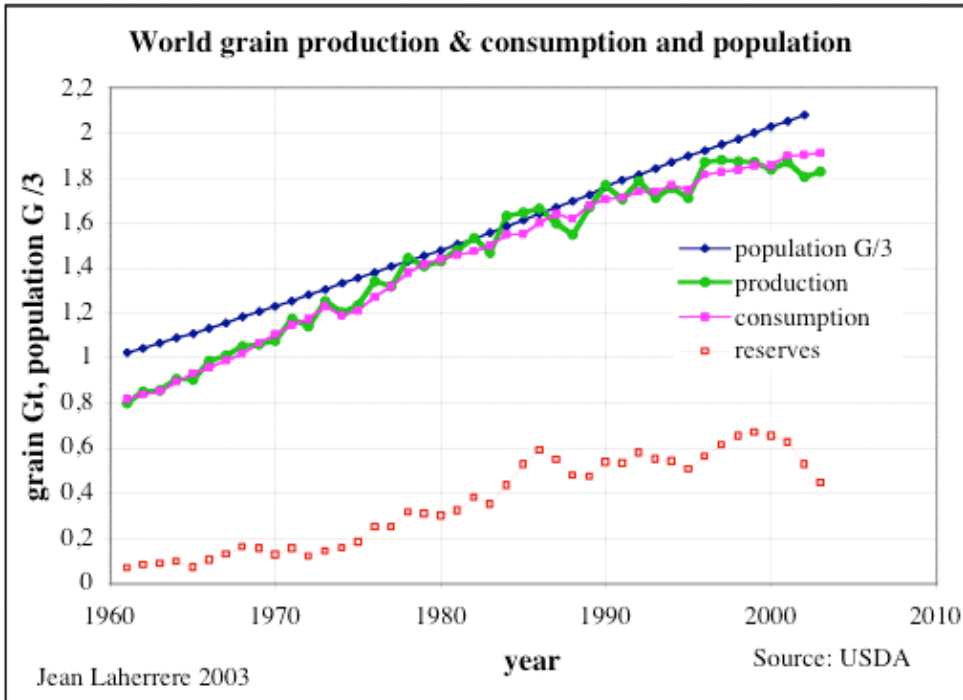


Food is transported all around the world at a very low cost. I was always surprised during the last few years to find at the supermarket all year around onions from Tasmania (and garlic from Argentina), since Tasmania is more than 20 000 km away, Australian farmers have a similar life level to us (no aborigines in Tasmania!) and there is no shortage of onions in France at any period. Food travels in average 2000 km. It is why there are so many trucks on the road and it is a waste of energy.

World grain production is leveling, now that the limits (productivity, soil, irrigation, fossil aquifers) have been reached. Production and consumption increased more than population

before 1985, but less after. Now consumption is larger than production and reserves are declining.

Figure 83: World grain production, consumption, reserves and population

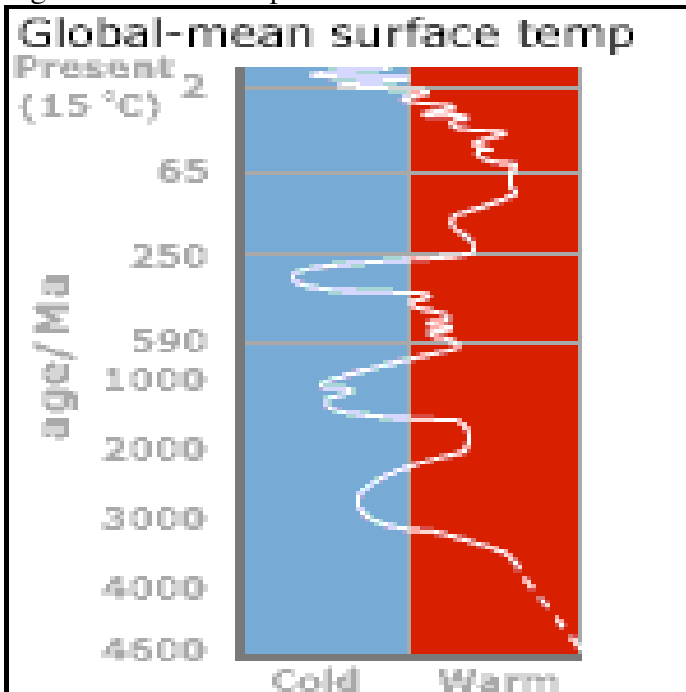


It seems that world grain peak will come sooner than oil peak

-Global warming

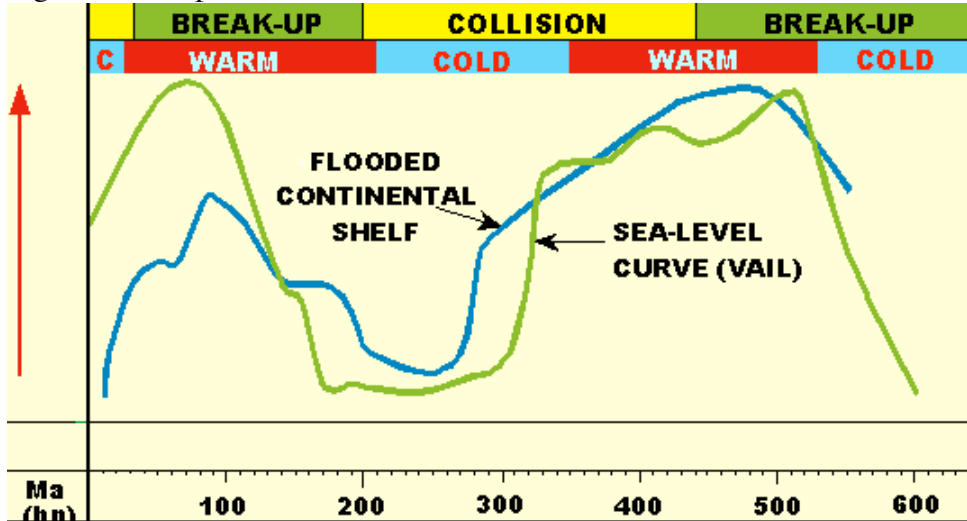
We are presently in an interglacial period within a glaciation which started two million years ago. From the birth of Earth, temperature has been most of time warmer than now.

Figure 84: Earth temperature since birth



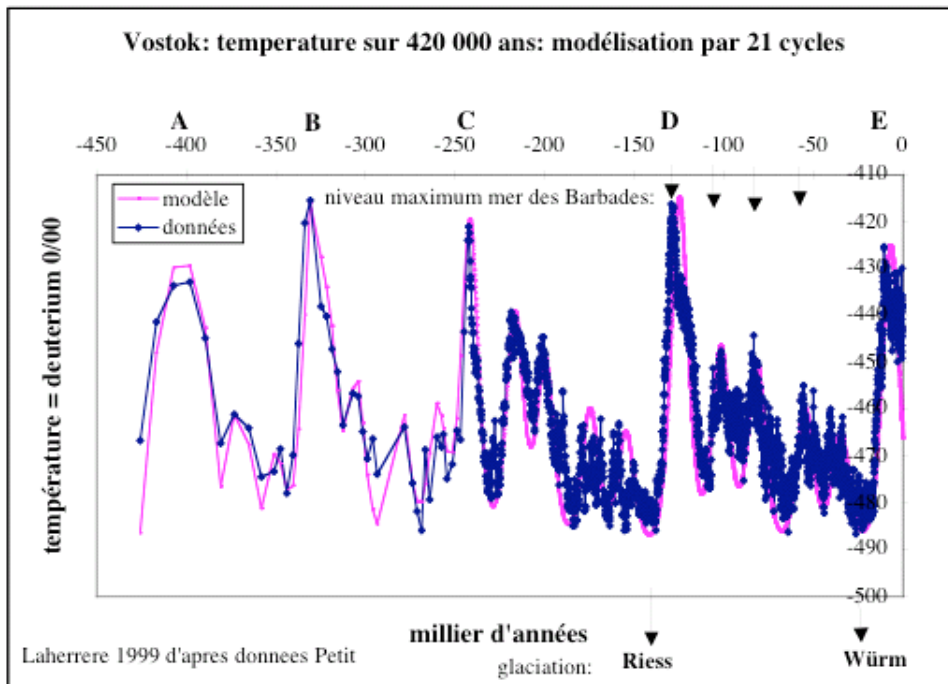
15 000 years ago during glaciation, water level was 120 m lower, but during Cretaceous time water level was much higher than now.

Figure 85: temperature, continent drift and water level since 600 Ma



The previous glaciation was 300 millions years before, as glaciations depend upon the presence of continents at (or around) poles and because of continent drift, there was no continent at the poles during Cretaceous time. For 420 000 years the interglacial periods have been in minority and we are going toward a new glaciation where New York will be again covered by ice and Paris by permafrost!

Figure 86: temperature measured at Vostok over 420 000 years



These temperature variations depend mainly upon the Earth insolation, which varies with three astronomic parameters (Milankovich): orbit eccentricity around the Sun, angle of tilting and date of perihelion.

There is a relationship between temperature, CO2 and methane. But CO2 change seems to happen later than temperature change.

Figure 86: temperature, CO2 & CH4 at Vostok

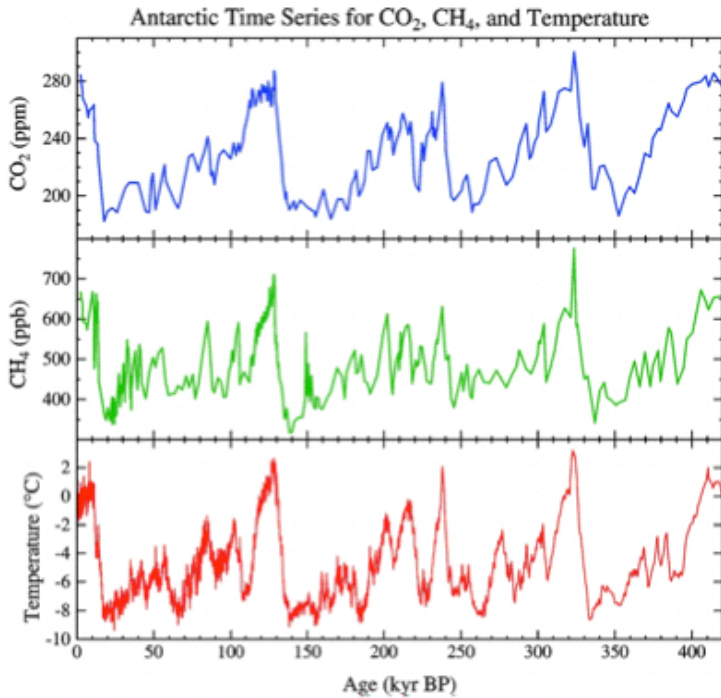
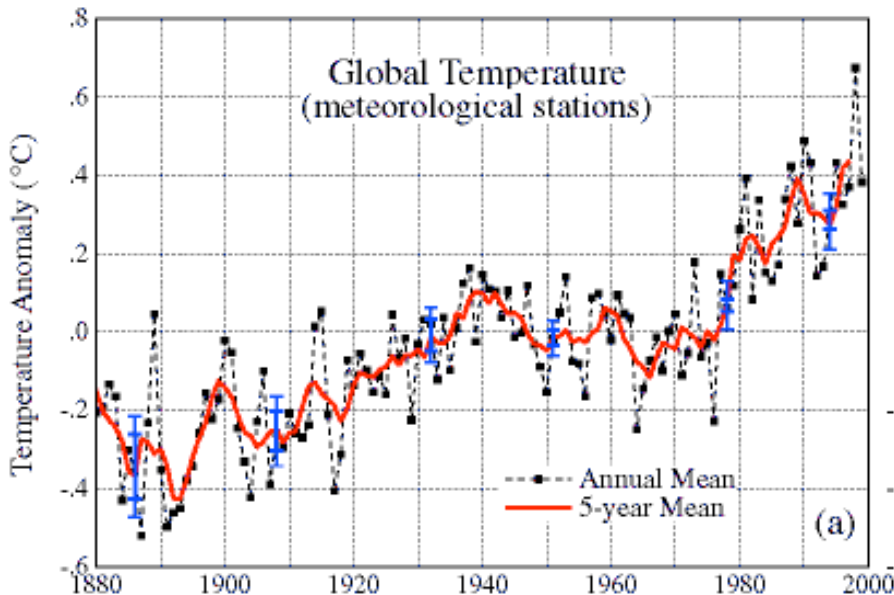


Figure 2. Record of atmospheric temperature, CO₂ and CH₄ extracted from Antarctic ice core by Petit et al. (Nature, 399, 429, 1999)

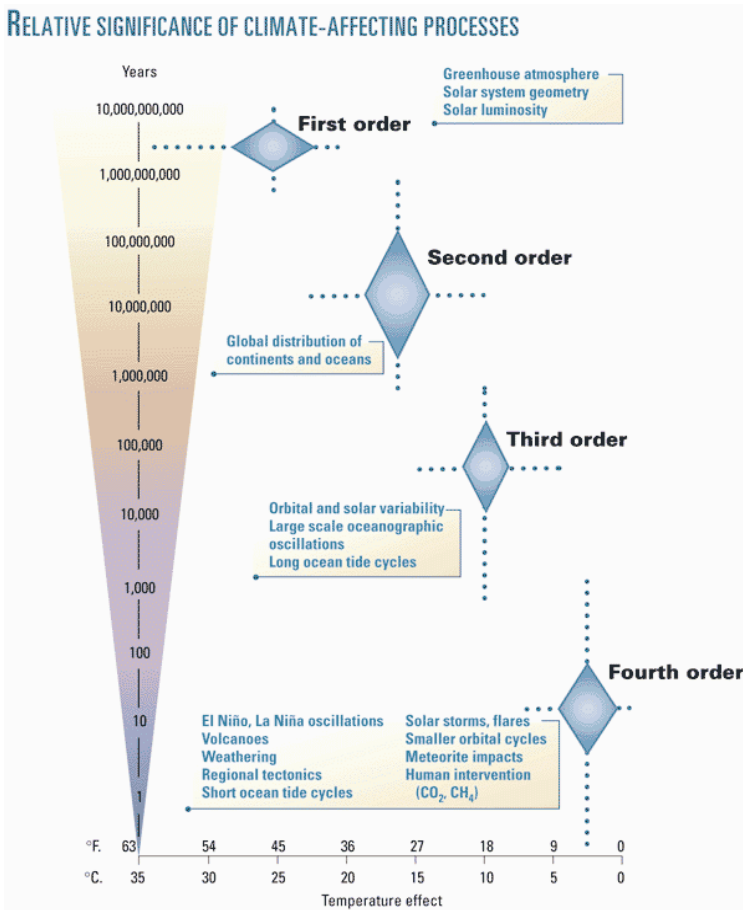
CO₂ (life being about a century) rises with temperature with a lag of several hundred years, because of rising ocean temperature (life about a millennium) cannot dissolve as much CO₂. World temperatures measured at meteorological stations (close to towns or airports) show since 1880 lows and highs. From 1940-1975 temperature was down by minus 0.5 °C and global cooling was feared (J.M. Cavada on TV in 1975)

Figure 87: world temperature since 1880



Human activities have an impact on climate, but it is small compared to natural events; astronomical (sun and earth, continent drift, ocean cycle).

Figure 88: Human emissions are of the 4th order in climate change



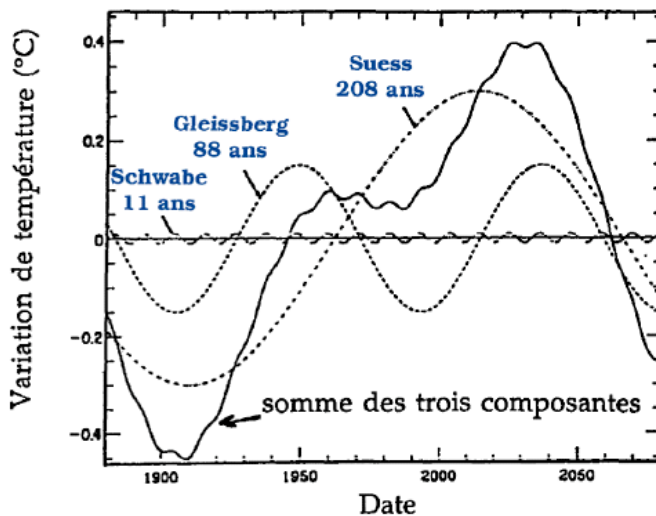
Sun activity (solar spots and magnetic bursts) has to be added to the Milankovich astronomic parameters, and can be modeled with cycles of several decades:

-Nesme-Ribes E., Thuillier G. 2000 "Histoire solaire et climatique" editions Belin-Pour la science

Sun impact seems to be unfortunately positive until 2030 ,but for 1940-1975, it was negative and it has compensated the human emissions.

Figure 89: sun impact on climate 1880-2080

Climate and Solar Cycles Possible Effect



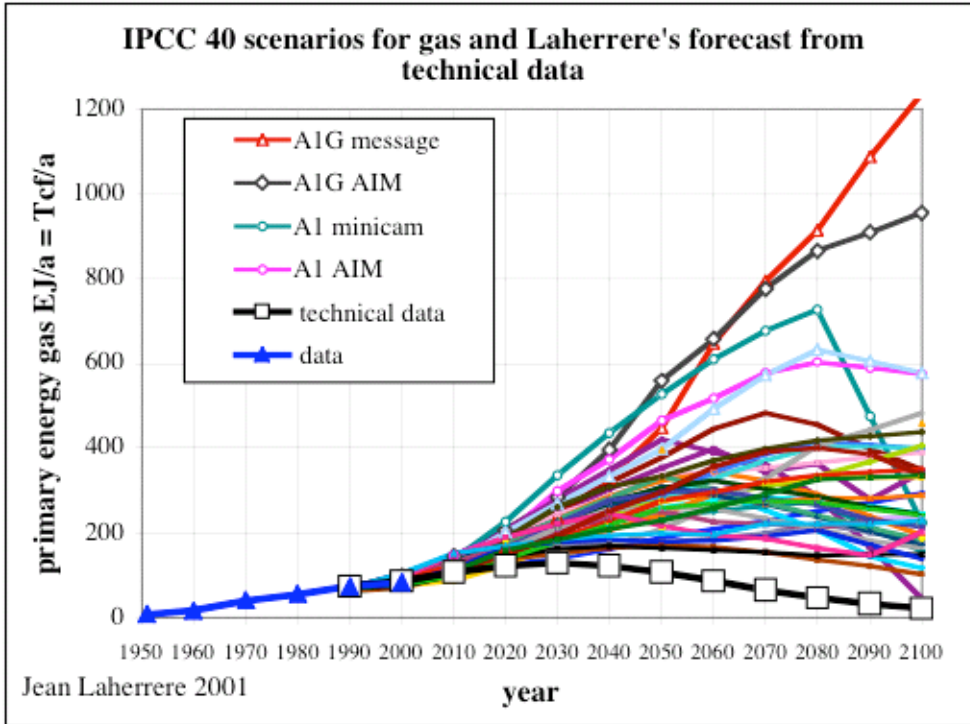
Damon & Jirikowic (1992)

Greenhouse effect is due at 90% to water vapor i.e. clouds which are neglected by IPCC, in particular with the relationship clouds and cosmic rays due to solar bursts.
 Oceans contain 50 to 65 times more CO₂ than atmosphere.

Half of the CO₂ disappear in an unknown sink.

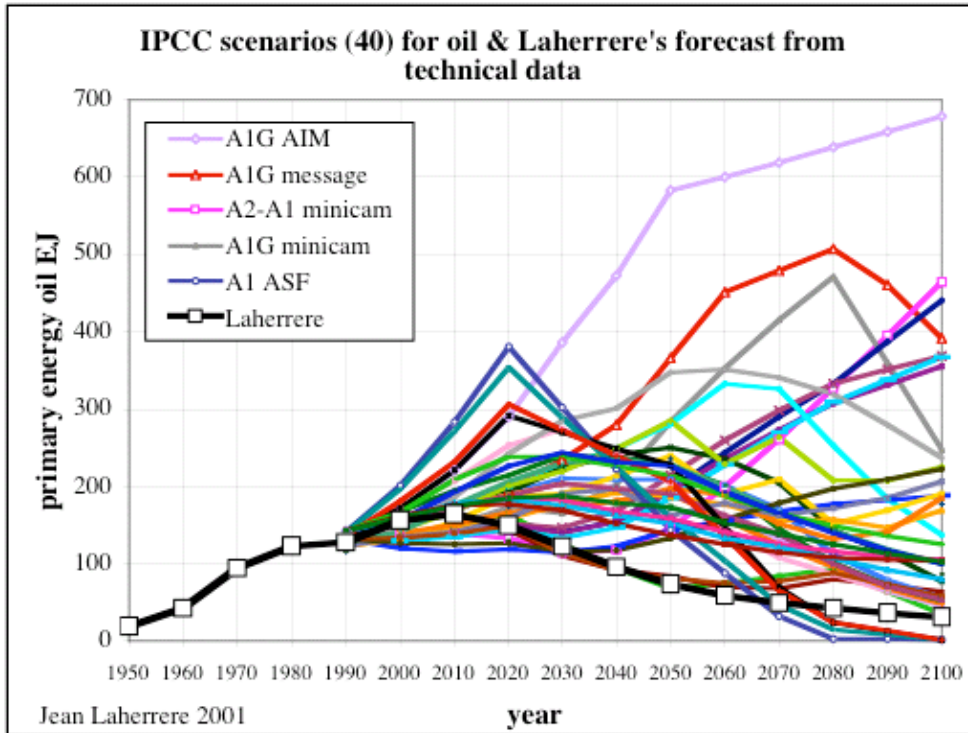
The IPCC 2000 third report (used by Kyoto Protocol) is based on 40 scenarios of energetic consumptions done by academic scientists (IIASA) with little knowledge of industrial realities IIASA forecasts a «Methane age» based on a huge potential of oceanic methane hydrate, but the last estimate (Soloviev 2000, Milkov 2004) divides the old estimates by a hundred!
 The huge range of IIASA gas scenarios (based on theoretical concepts) is outside of my forecast based on technical data

Figure 90: IIASA scenarios (IPCC report) for gas consumption compared to mine

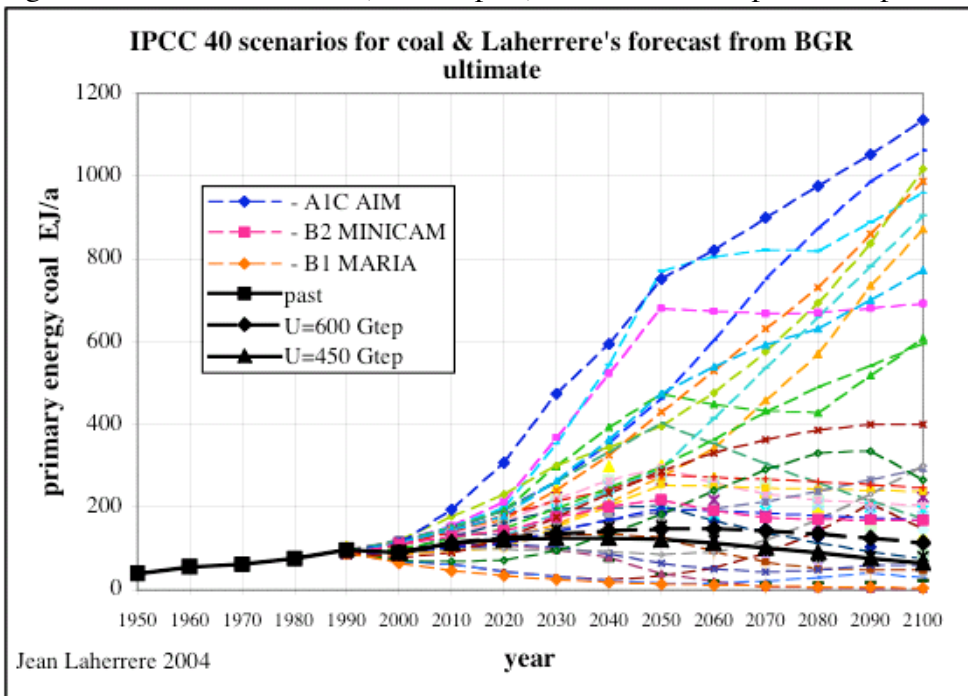


It is about the same for the oil scenario

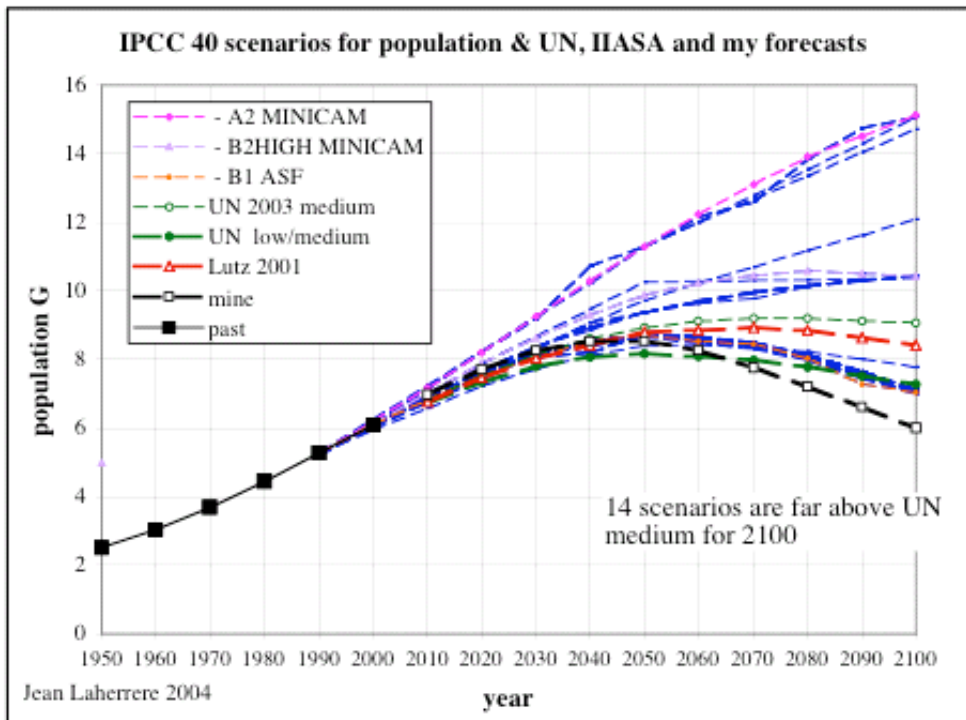
Figure 91: IIASA scenarios (IPCC report) for oil consumption compared to mine



And also for most scenarios for coal compared to the forecast from BGR ultimate
 Figure 92: IIASA scenarios (IPCC report) for coal consumption compared to mine



and also for population where 40% of the scenarios for 2100 are well above the UN medium forecast (always reduced later on)
 Figure 93: IIASA scenarios (IPCC report) for population compared to UN; IIASA (Lutz) and my forecast



It seems that the 2007 IPCC fourth report will be based on the same obsolete scenarios!

-Conclusions

- what is born will peak and later die, there is no example of the contrary
- any natural event can be modeled fairly well with several symmetrical cycles
- constant growth has no future in a limited world
- forecasting production requires good data on the past and good geological assessment of the resources
- reserve uncertainty is large because of the geological complexity and the very limited amount of measures (wells and seismic cover few % of the field area). Reserves are accurately known only when the field is abandoned
- publishing production, reserves and population data is a political act because it depends upon the image the author wants to give and he chooses within the large range of uncertainty the value he prefers (where he puts many decimals!)
- quality of data is poor, like the definition of the product, because of its political implication, and very few wish to improve it because of confidentiality and competition
- as long as the OPEC members will fight for quotas (as long as spare capacity will exist), data will not improve.
- oil production mimics oil discovery with a certain lag (7 to 50 years), but is constrained also by demand and the first oil peak of 1979 was due to lower demand in front of high oil price expectancy.
- US discovery peaked in the 30s and US oil production peaked in 1970. World oil discovery peaked in the 60s and production could peak in the next decade or so
- the coming oil peak could be in fact a bumpy plateau if economic depression constraints the demand and delays the peak
- world gas peak will come later than oil peak but a gas shortage could occur soon in North America because local production is declining and LNG could not be brought within enough volume by lack of ships and terminals.

- coal resources seem to be less than reported by lack of good inventory and good definition; coal could peak much sooner than expected
- fossil fuels will peak around 2030, but the production per capita, which was flat for the last 25 years, will stay flat for the next 25 years, and the problem is sharing this limited energy between rich and poor countries.
- primary energy extrapolation of the past (10 Gtoe in 2003) leads to models of either peaking or flattening at 12.5 Gtoe
- high-energy price is the best solution to save energy and save future demand problems
- societies of endless consumption and growth have to change behavior soon
- limits in water, agriculture and fishery will likely occur sooner than for fossil fuels
- educated countries have no future with fertility rate less than replacement
- oil and gas IIASA scenarios of IPCC last report are unrealistic, making IPCC conclusions unreliable

More graphs and papers are on the site www.oilcrisis.com/laherrere

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