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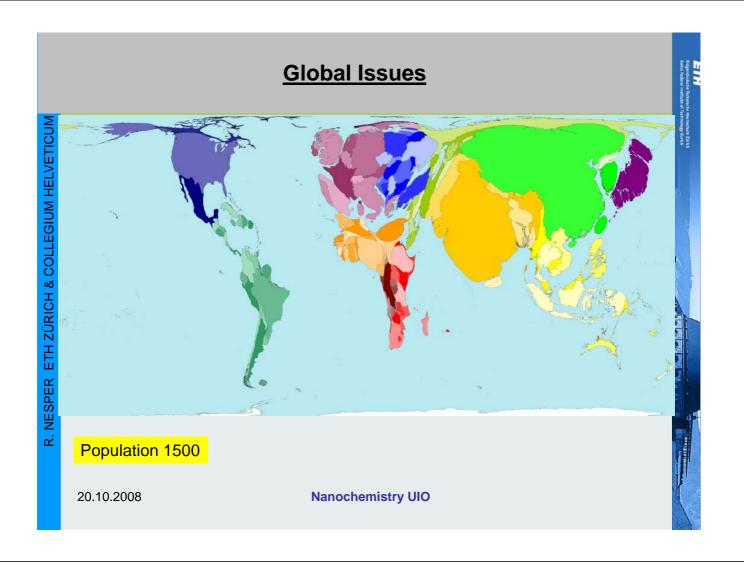
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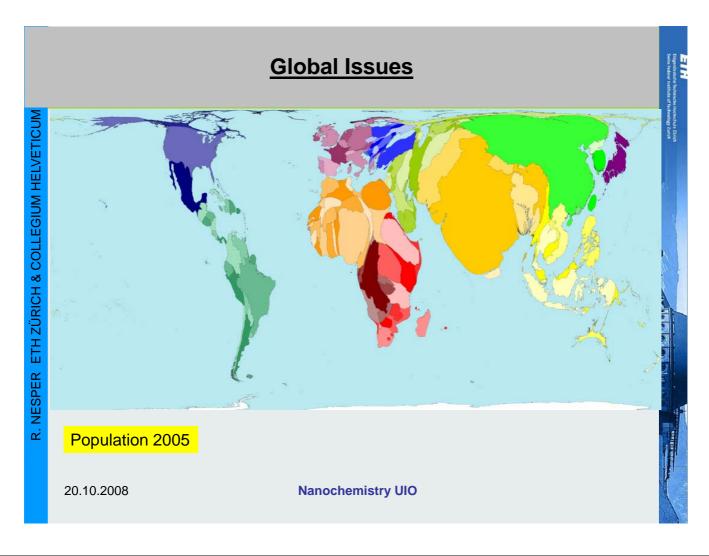
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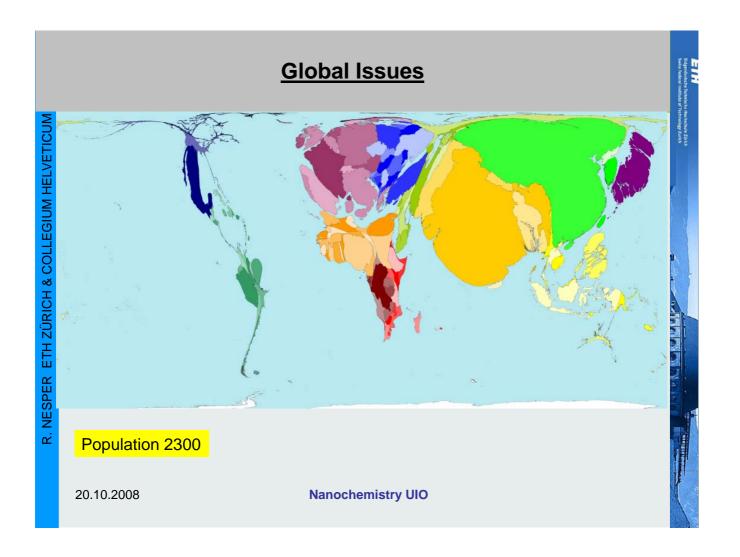
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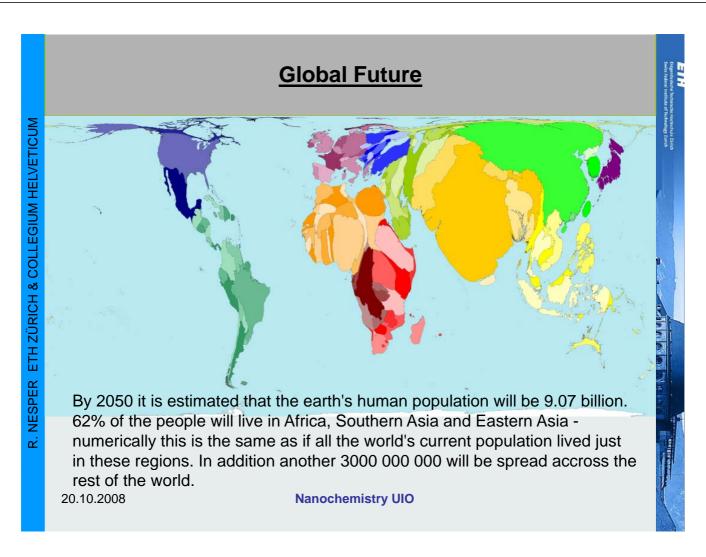
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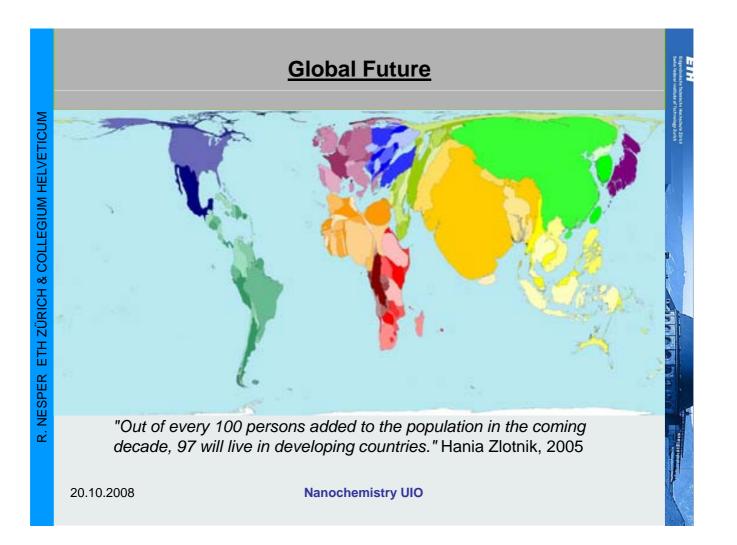
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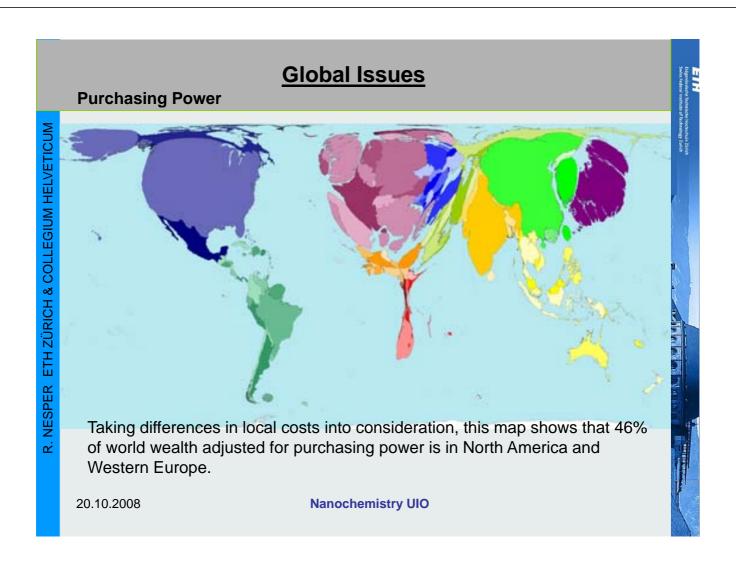


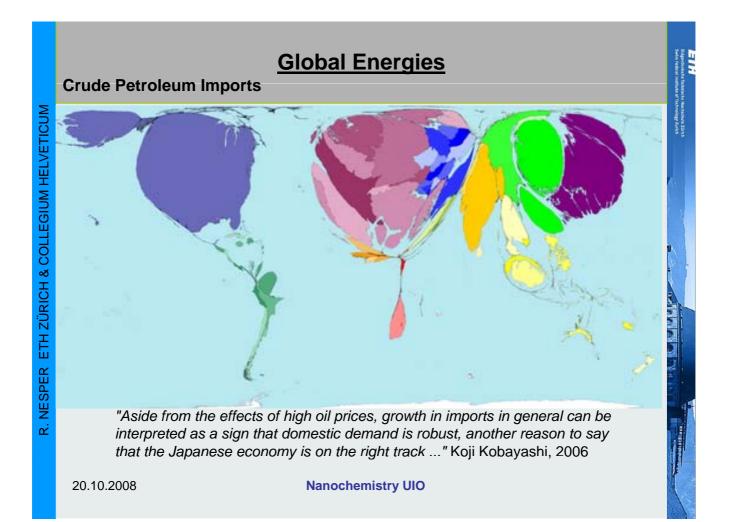


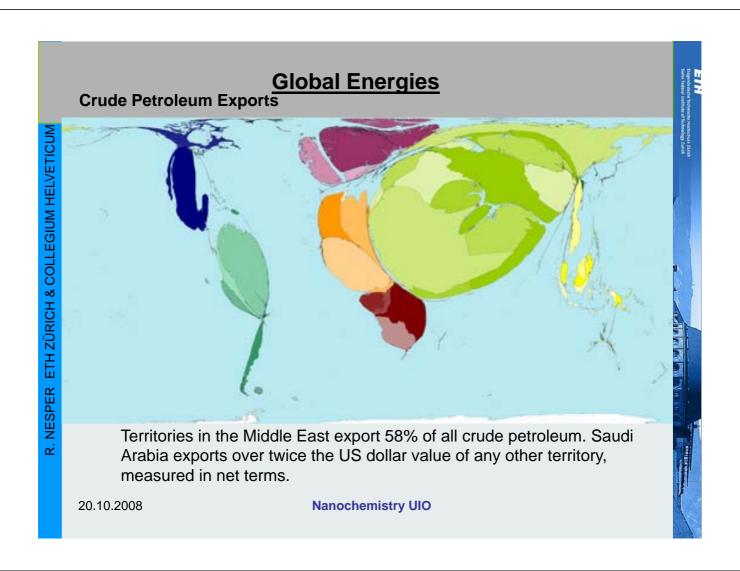


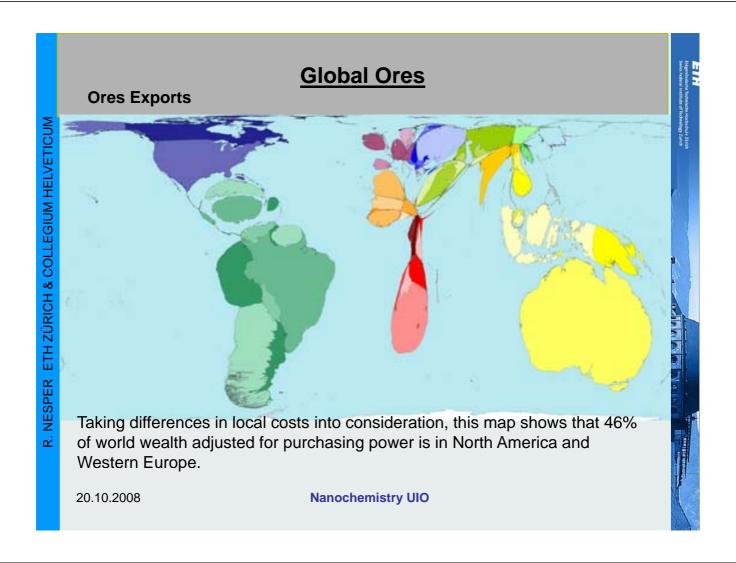


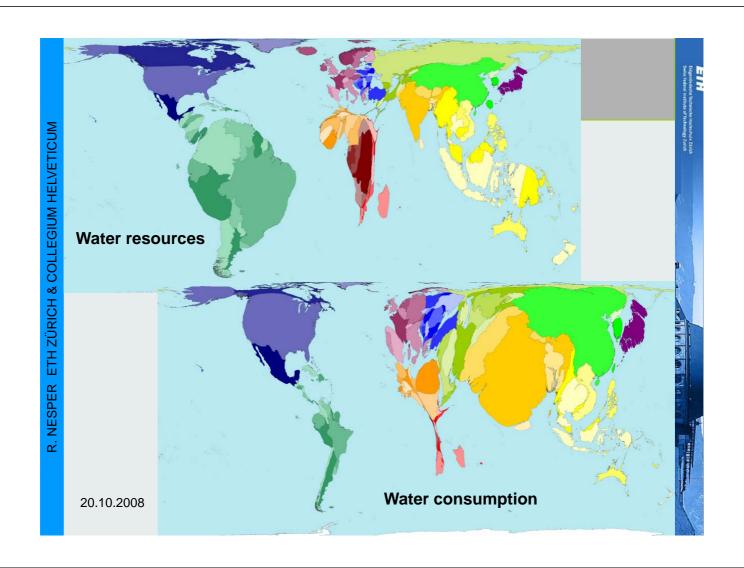




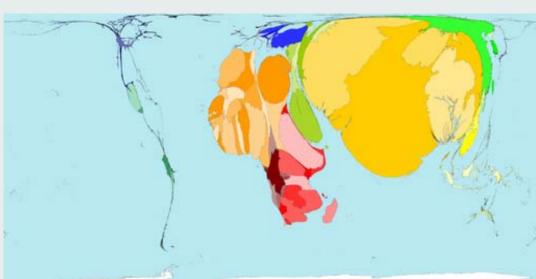








Illiterate Young Women

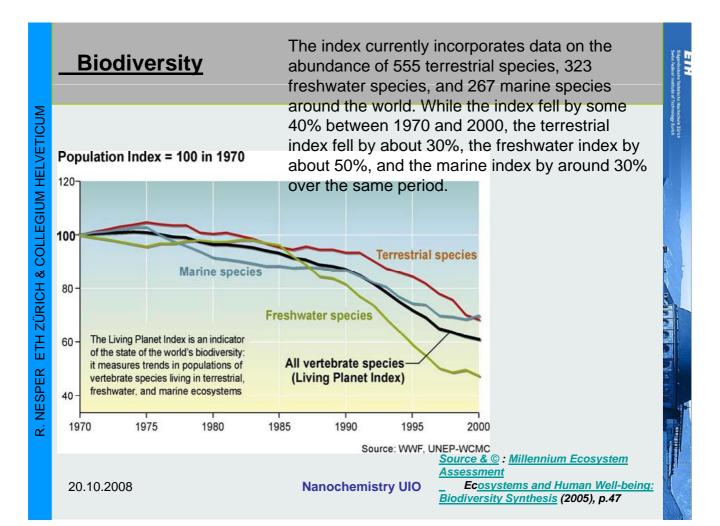


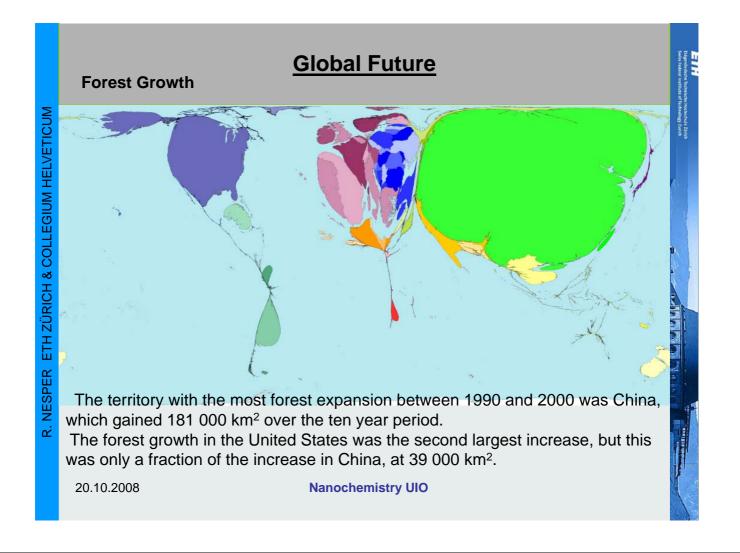
The most 'extra' female illiteracy in the Middle East is in Yemen; in Eastern Europe it is in Turkey; in Asia Pacific it is in Indonesia; in South America it is in Guatemala; and in North America it is in the United States.

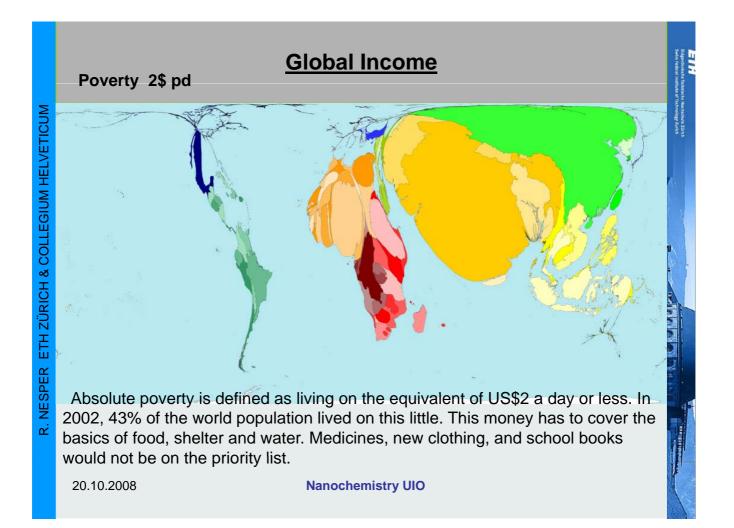
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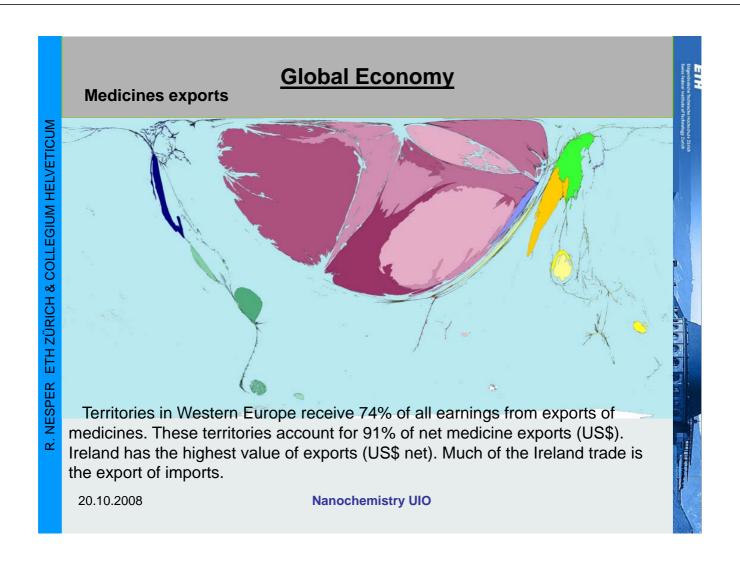
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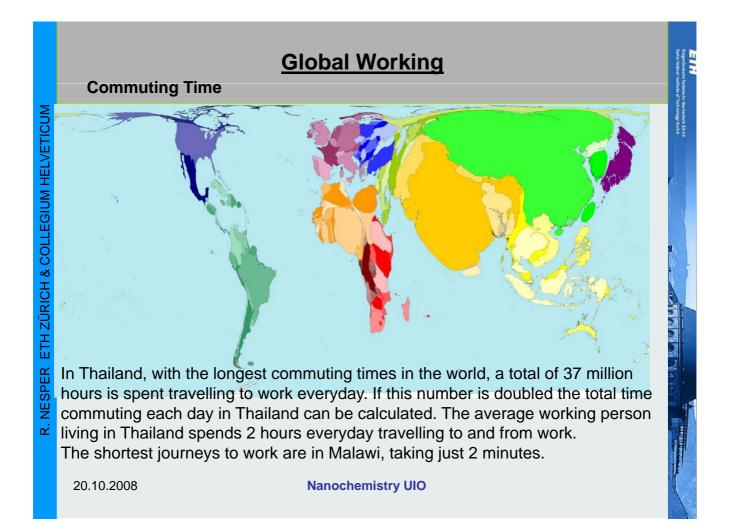
Net forest losses of all territories between 1990 and 2000 are, 31% in South America, and 21% in Asia Pacific. Worldwide, territories with net forest loss lost 1.33 million km² of forest over this ten year period. Despite this, South America was the region with the largest forested area in the world in 2000.

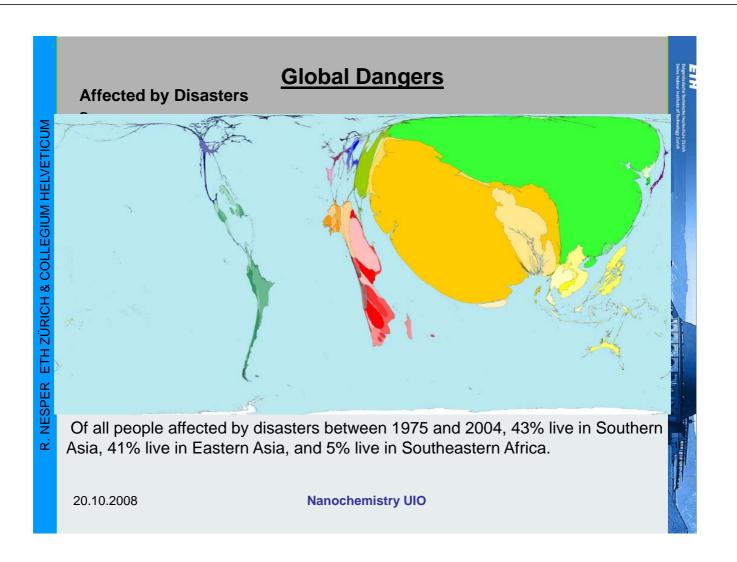












Saudi saying:

"My father rode a camel.

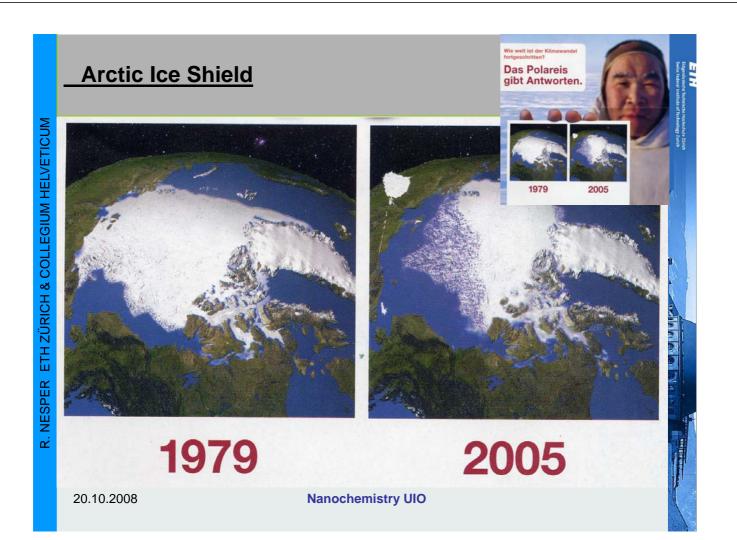
I drive a car.

My son flies a jet airplane.

His son will ride a camel."

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Climate change: Uncharted waters?

BBC News Online environment correspondent

As part of Planet Under Pressure, a BBC News series

facing humanity, Alex Kirby explores the implications

By David Shukman

roar that echoes around the mountains.

looking at some of the biggest environmental problems

Greenland ice-melt 'speeding up'

BBC environment and science correspondent in Greenlar

First you hear a savage cracking sound, next the rolling (

Then as the icebergs rip away from the margin of the ice

By Alex Kirby

of climate change.

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of global warming boulders are break Data from a US space agency

Greenland Greenland melt 'speeding up' glacier sol The meltdown of

Greenland's ice sheet is The gigantic Iluliss speeding up, satellite has become a clos measurements show.

evidence of a dran (Nasa) satellite show that the rate of ice melting. melting rate has accelerated since 2004.



If the ice cap were to

• Sea rise could be 'catastrophic'

By Paul Rincon

BBC News science reporter

Earth could be headed for catastrophic sea level rise in the next few centuries if greenhouse gases continue



New worrisome cracks in Greenland ice

Northern Arctic area had seemed immune from global warming

ted 7:31 p.m. ET Aug. 21, 2008

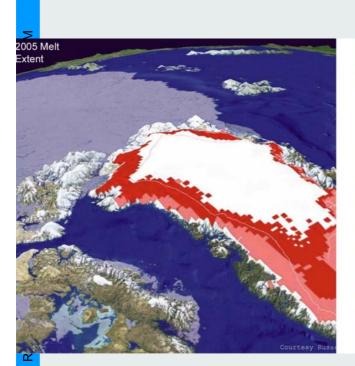
WASHINGTON - In northern Greenland, a part of the Arctic that had seemed immune from global warming, new satellite images show a growing giant crack and an 11-square-mile chunk of ice hemorrhaging off a major glacier, scientists said Thursday.

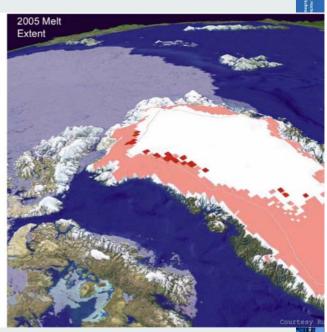
sheet they plunge into the grey waters of the Atlantic wil And that's led the university professor who spotted the wounds in the massive Petermann



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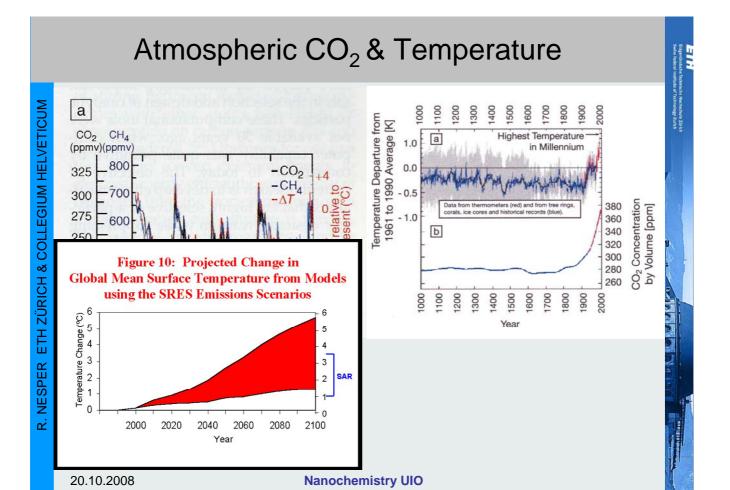
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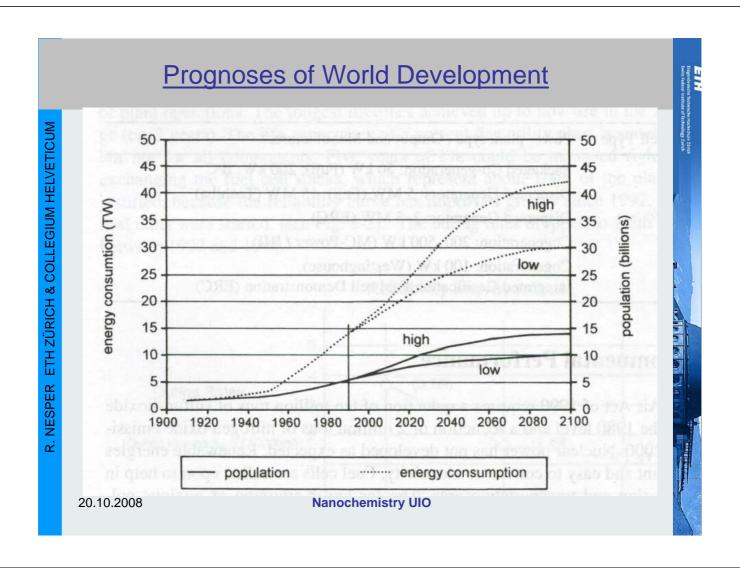


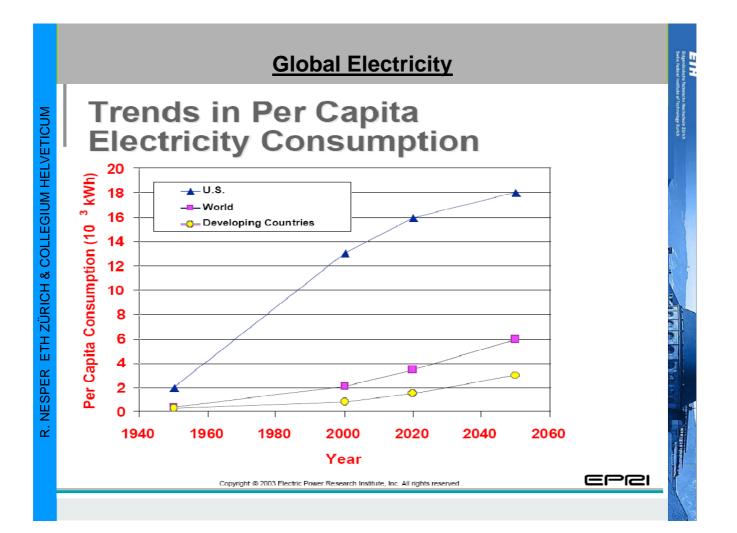


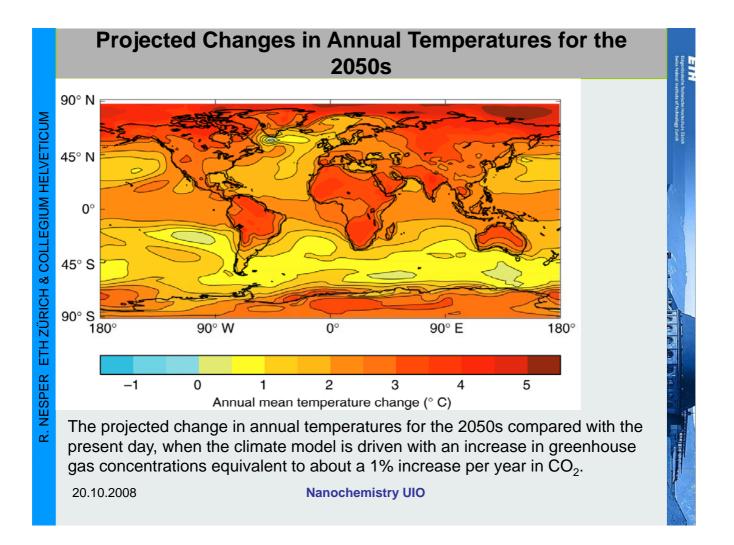
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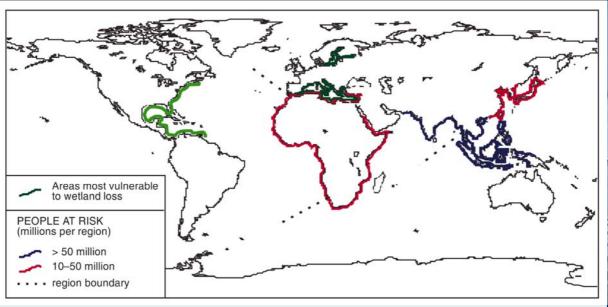












When the Labrador Ice shield melted about 8000 years ago, there was a see level rise by 6-8m! Complete melting of the Greenland ice shield is expected to lead to + 6m!

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Distinctions Among Four Social Conditions Annual **GNP/capita**

Global R&D, global investment, global peace, global technologies

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Education, recreation, the environment, intergenerational investment

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Basic Quality of Life

Literacy, life expectancy, sanitation, infant mortality, physical security, social security

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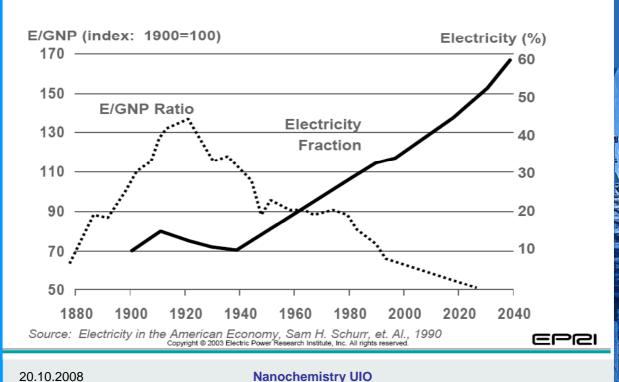
Food, water, shelter, minimal health services

Annual kWh/capita

Source: Chauncey Starr

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Increasing Energy Efficiency



Efficiency of Power Delivery

- The issue of Transmission Line losses and reliability is related to the limits of the conductor itself.
- The power that can be carried is related to the temperature of the conductor.
- It sags as its temperature rises; the limit is determined by the possibility of its arcing to ground.
- This is a nanotechnology opportunity



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• This is a much more difficult topic, because the efficiencies are very specific to the end use.

Two major uses are refrigeration and lighting.

- Refrigeration. In 1975, a typical refrigerator used about 1750 kWh/year; in 2000 the figure was 500 kWh/year
- Lighting consumes some 20% of the U.S. electricity output. Incandescent lights have an efficiency of 5 – 6%. Fluorescent lights achieve perhaps 25%. LEDs may achieve 50%.



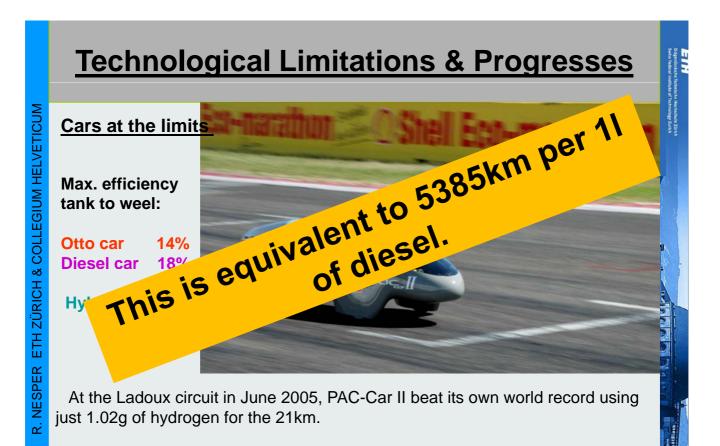
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Efficiency of End Use

- Both of these examples of improvements have been going on for years, with largely conventional evolutionary developments.
- However, nanotechnology is now presenting us with the possibility of major leaps forward: the developments in quantum dot LEDs for lighting, and the potential improvement in thermoelectric devices as a result of quantum effects on the transport properties.

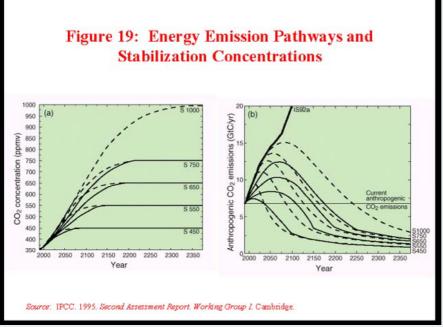




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CO₂ - Models



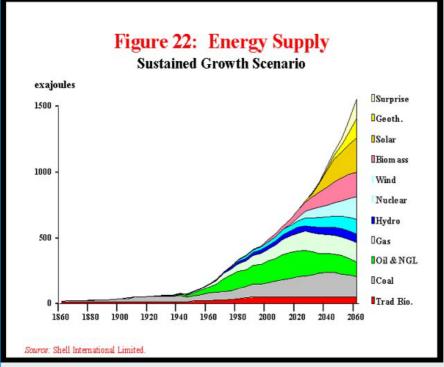
two different pathways for stabilizing carbon dioxide concentrations for each stabilization level between 450ppm and 750ppm and one for 1000ppm. The figure clearly shows that for any of these stabilization levels emissions must be lower than IS92a (often called the business-as-usual scenario) within the next few decades.

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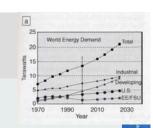


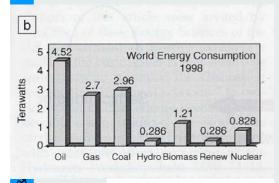
Non-fossil energy sources (solar, wind, modern biomass, hydropower, geothermal and nuclear) could account for as much as half of all energy produced by the middle of this century

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The Energy Problem Energy, Atmosphere and Climate





"To give all 10 billion people on the planet the level of energy prosperity we in the developed world are used to, a couple of kilowatt-hours per person, we would need to generate 60 terawatts around the planet the equivalent of 900 million barrels of oil per day." "At some point, almost certainly within this decade, we will peak in the amount of oil that is produced worldwide."

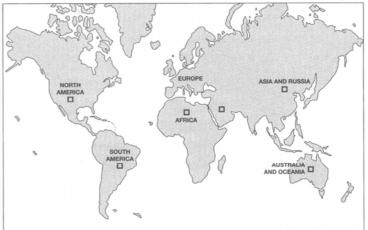


Figure 3. Solar cell land area requirements in which the six boxes (100 km on a side), located in areas of high solar radiation, can each provide 3.3 terawatts of electrical power to a total of ~20 terawatts of electrical power. Courtesy of Nate Lewis of the California Institute of Technology.

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