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Climate Change

IEEE's Role in Bringing Technology to Meet the Challenge

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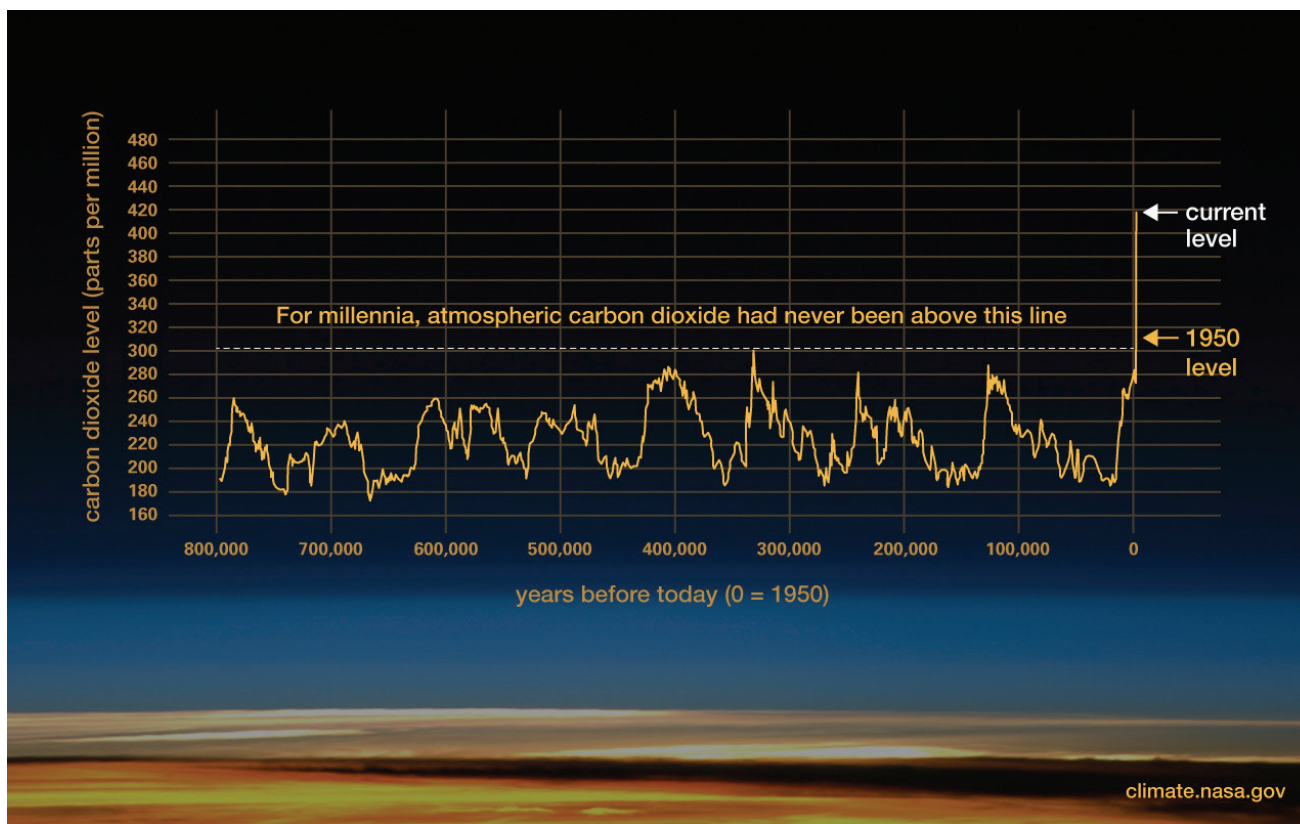
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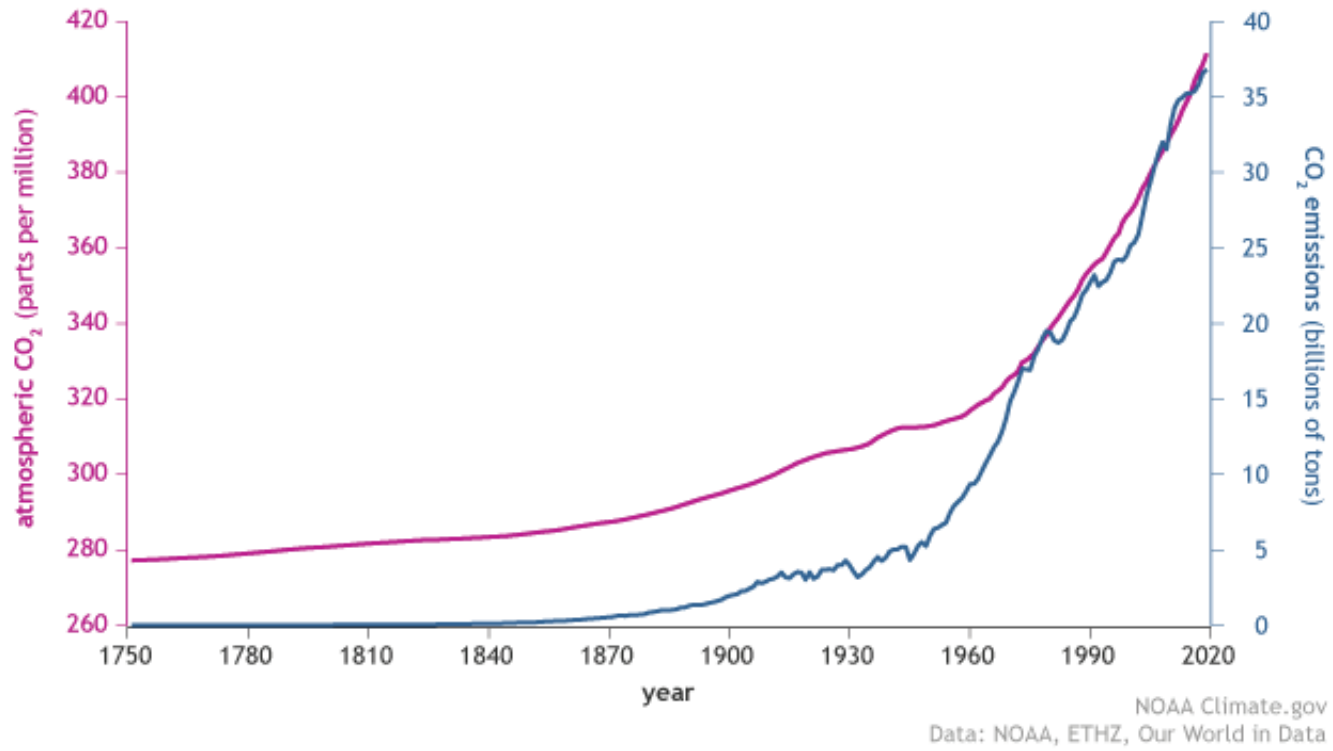
What is Carbonization ?



Source: NASA

https://climate.nasa.gov/climate_resources/24/graphic-the-relentless-rise-of-carbon-dioxide/

CO₂ in the atmosphere and annual emissions (1750-2019)



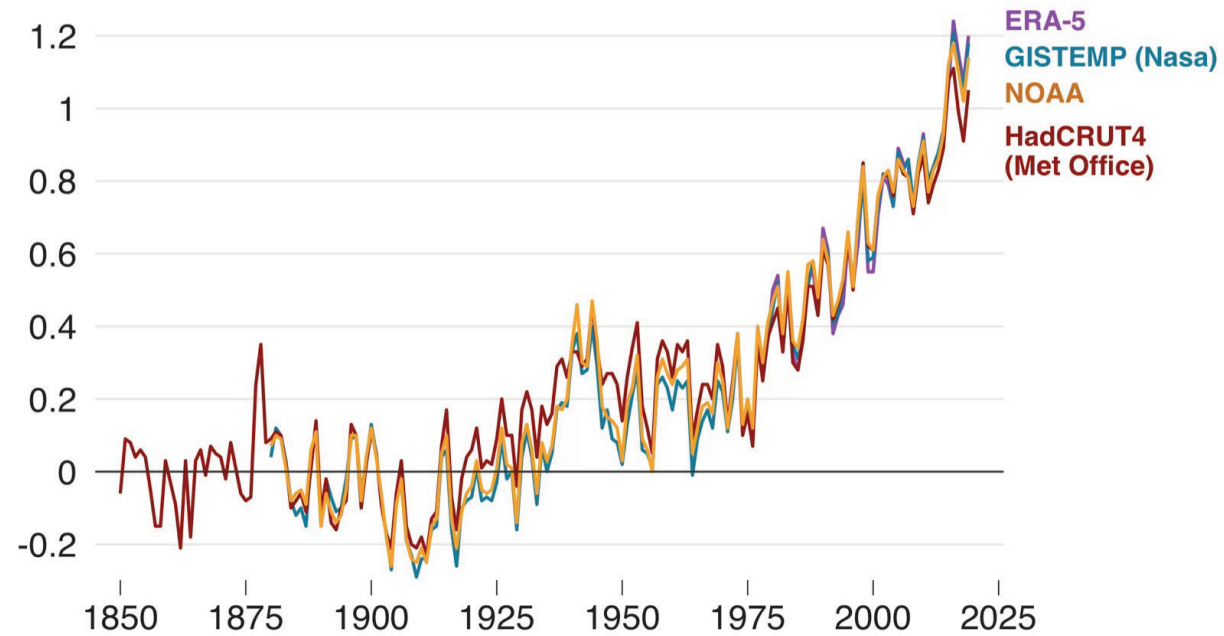
Source: State of the Planet

<https://news.climate.columbia.edu/2021/02/25/carbon-dioxide-cause-global-warming/>

Impacts of Carbonization

Temperature rise since 1850

Global mean temperature change from pre-industrial levels, °C



Source: Met Office

BBC

Source: <https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-51111176>

Temperature rise of 1.5 – 2.0 °C = Point of No Return

Visible Impacts of Climate Change

Florida, China and Africa





Hurricane Isabel struck the Mid-Atlantic region of USA between Sept. 18-19, 2003.

Flooding in Pakistan – August 2022



Source: <https://www.npr.org/sections/pictureshow/2022/08/30/1119979965/pakistan-floods-monsoon-climate>



Source: <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/09/07/briefing/climate-change-heat-waves-us-europe.html>



China





Hurricane Sandy

New York, New Jersey 2012



Droughts in 2022



Dry river bed in **Italy** (Po River) due to worst drought in 70 years, June 2022

<https://idsb.tmgrup.com.tr/ly/uploads/images/2022/07/08/217454.jpg>

The Jialing Riverbed at the confluence with the Yangtze River is exposed due to drought on August 18, 2022 in Chongqing, **China**.



<https://image.cnbcfm.com/>

Wildfires in the US



July 2021 - The Dixie fire burned close to a million acres in **California's** Lassen county over three months and became the first fire to cross the Sierra Nevada. Photograph: Noah Berger/AP

Peaks glowing with thousands of spot fires on June 13, 2022 in Flagstaff, **Arizona**.
Schumacher/The Republic



Wildfires in Europe - Summer of 2022



Southwestern France, July 17, 2022



Central Portugal, July 13, 2022



Brandenburg, Germany, August 2022



Greece, July 2022



Northern Spain, June 2022



Central Italy, July 2022

“The number of wildfires in 2022 in the EU have nearly quadrupled the 15-year average”

[Source: CNN according to Copernicus, EU Earth observation program](#)

Siberia: Wildfires in June 2020 and June 2021



The Greenpeace Russia team has documented forest fires in the Krasnoyarsk region.
JULIA PETRENKO / GREENPEACE



In this June 16, 2021 photo, firefighters work at the scene of forest fire near Andreyevsky village outside Tyumen, western Siberia, Russia. -
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2008 China Snowstorm





Source: Craig Dearden-Phillips: Don't be a polar bear
<https://www.thirdsector.co.uk/craig-dearden-phillips-dont-polar-bear/management/article/1488091>

Electrification to Reduce Fossil Fuel Use



Electric Vehicle



Heat Pump as opposed to
oil/gas furnace

Reduce Carbon Emissions from Electricity Production



Reduce Carbon Emissions

1. Use less electricity, energy efficiency
2. Use low carbon fossil fuel power plants
3. Use H₂ & other storage technologies
4. Promote more renewables
5. Accept some nuclear
6. Promote cross-border power transfer

IEEE at UN Climate Change Conference



Global Alliance of Universities on Climate



Presentation at GAUC



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 **ENERGY TRANSITION EDUCATION NETWORK**  **IRENA at COP27**

Speakers at the IRENA Panel



IEEE's Role in Education/Training/Research

Energy Transition Education Network





United Nations
Framework Convention on
Climate Change

COP27
SHARM EL-SHEIKH
EGYPT 2022

The global engineering view: Delivering an equitable,
sustainable and low carbon resilient world

November 10, 2022 / 11:30 – 13:00 am Egypt time (GMT + 2) / 10:30 – 12:00 CET (GMT + 1)



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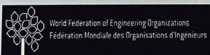
This is a Side Event organized by the World Federation of Engineering Organizations (WFEO) in collaboration with the Engineering Institute of Canada (EIC) and IEEE.

The speakers will cover the following topics:

- Exploring the engineering role in building climate resilience of cities and reducing risk for local communities,
- Understanding decarbonization through the lens of both industrialized and emerging economies, utilizing low carbon energy solutions,
- Showcasing the importance of women and future leaders.

The event will take place in the Akhenaten room.

The event is organized by:



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Energy Day (15 Nov 2022) at COP27



Collaboration with Industry



Webinar: Uniting to Tackle Climate Change Through Electrification

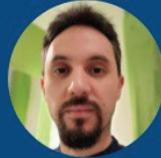
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So, What is the bottom line?

- Efforts in the electric power sector by replacing fossil fuel with renewables and nuclear will help
- But if emission from the transportation sector continues to rise, the power sector contributions will not be enough
- Large scale Electric Vehicle deployment will help, but question remains – how will the EV be powered



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<https://climate-change.ieee.org>



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