Renewable Energies

Hydrogen

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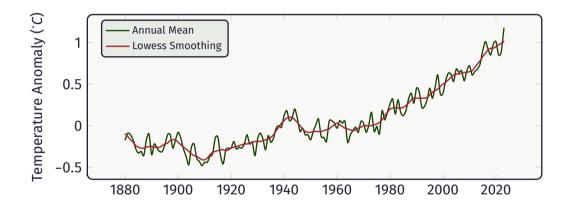


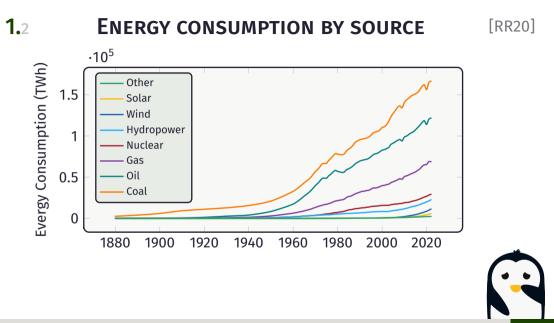
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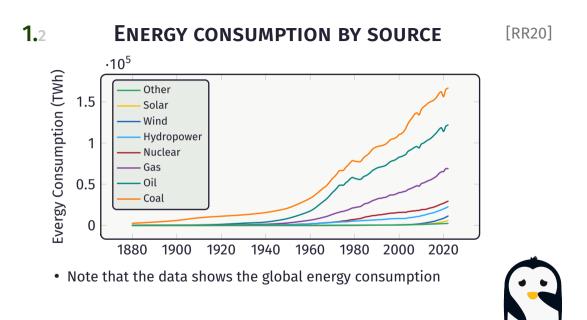
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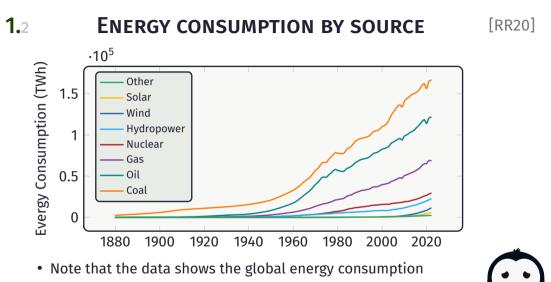
1.1 GLOBAL WARMING

[Tea24; Len+19]









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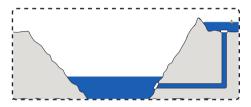
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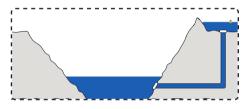
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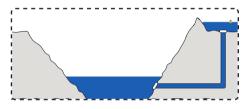


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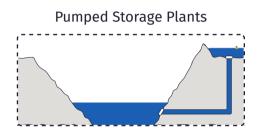


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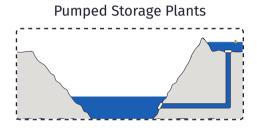
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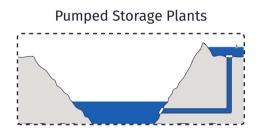
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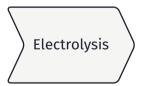
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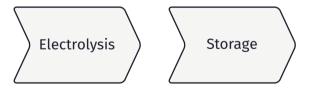
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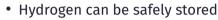
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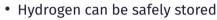
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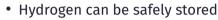


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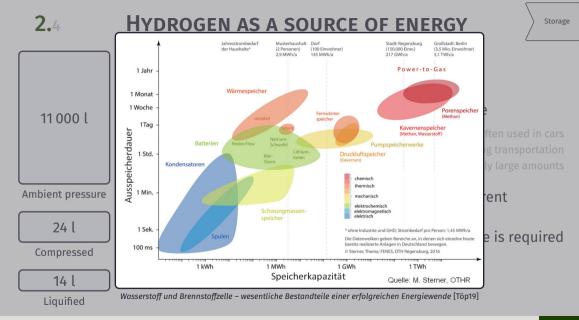


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- In this process, roughly 60% of the energy is converted into electricity [Nor]

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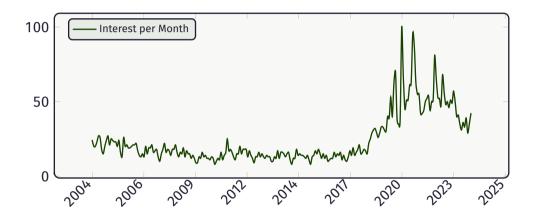








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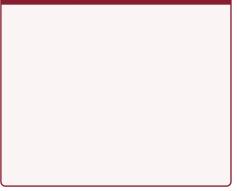


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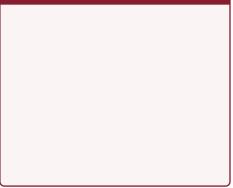


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