

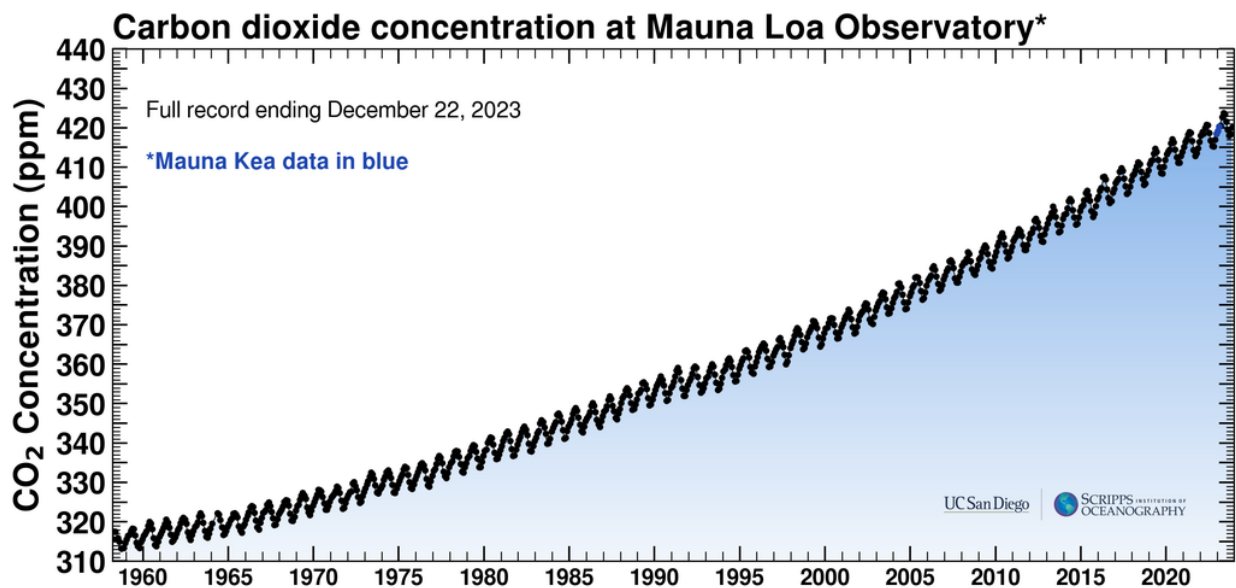
The recent COP 28 was billed as a “stock take.” I asked Bard, Google’s version of AI, what the COP 28 is estimated to have cost. Bard replied that it was too soon to tell, so I asked about cost for COP 27, and this is the response:

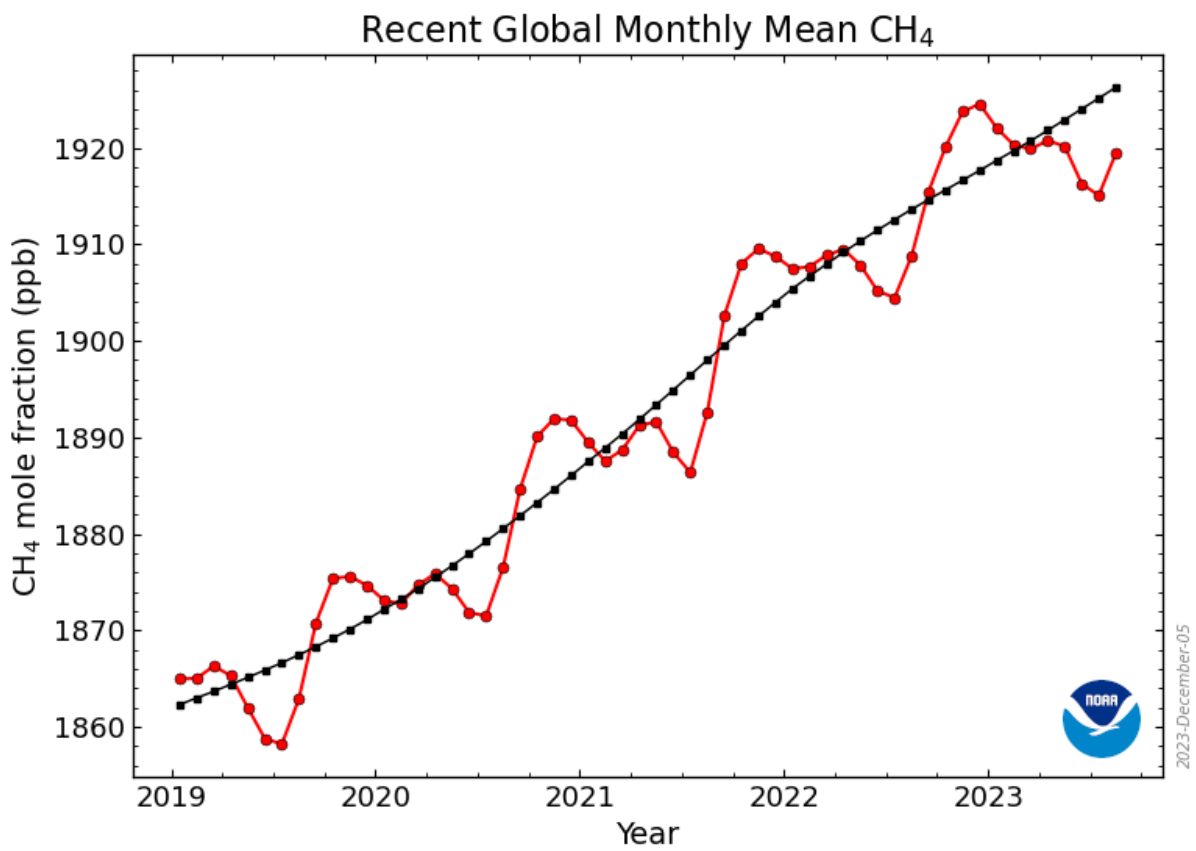
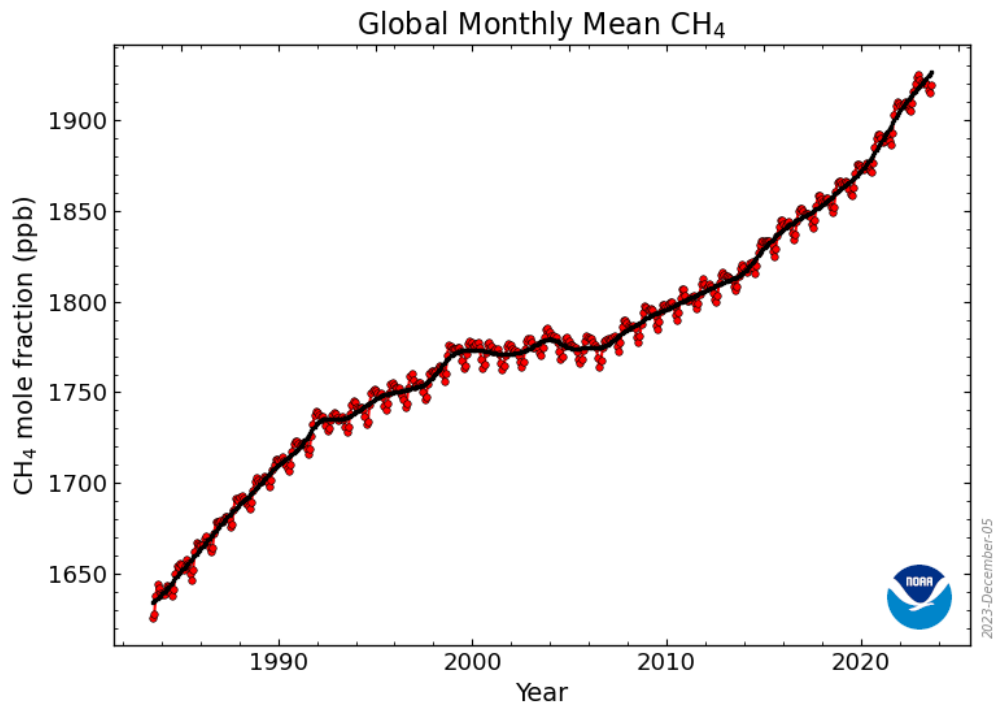
“While a precise figure is challenging to pinpoint, it's safe to say COP 27’s total cost likely falls within the range of hundreds of millions to several billion dollars. This range considers official budgets, host country investments, and participant expenses.”

I could have saved everyone a lot of money and effort by providing the following charts as a shortcut to taking stock.

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*Latest CO₂ reading: **421.89 ppm**





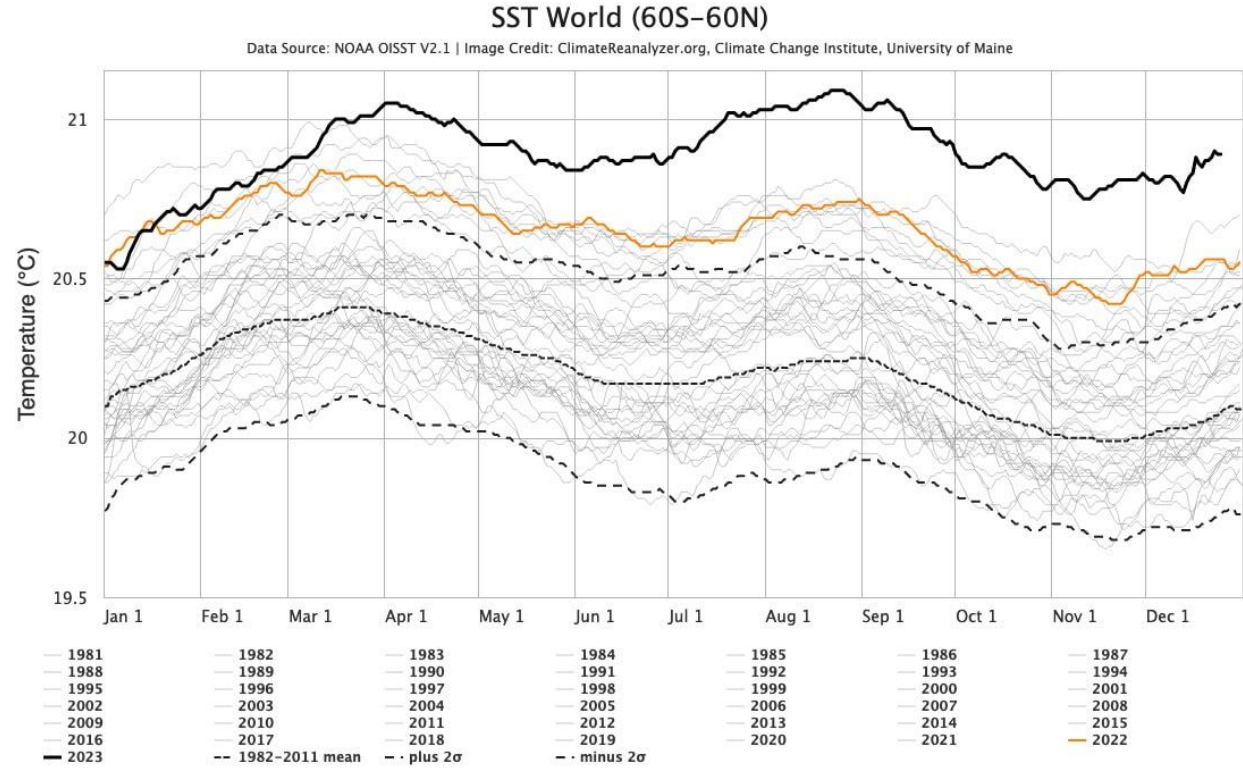
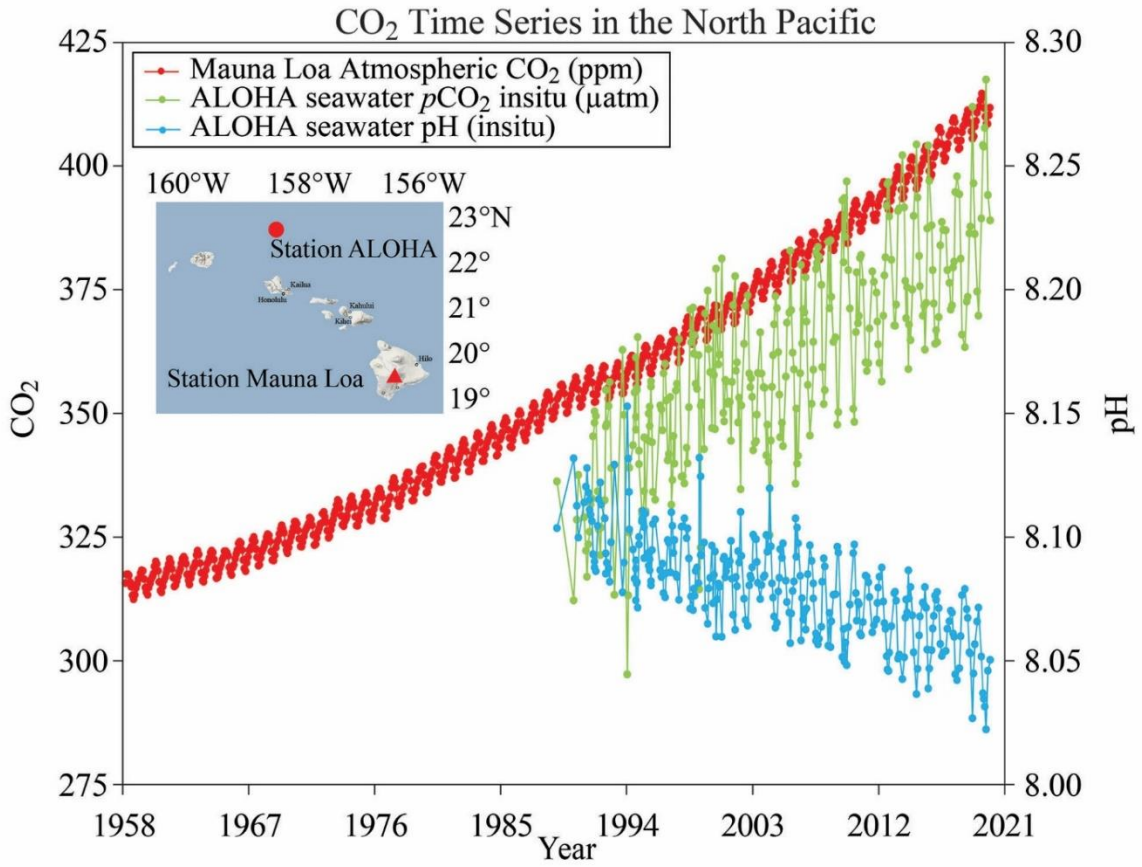
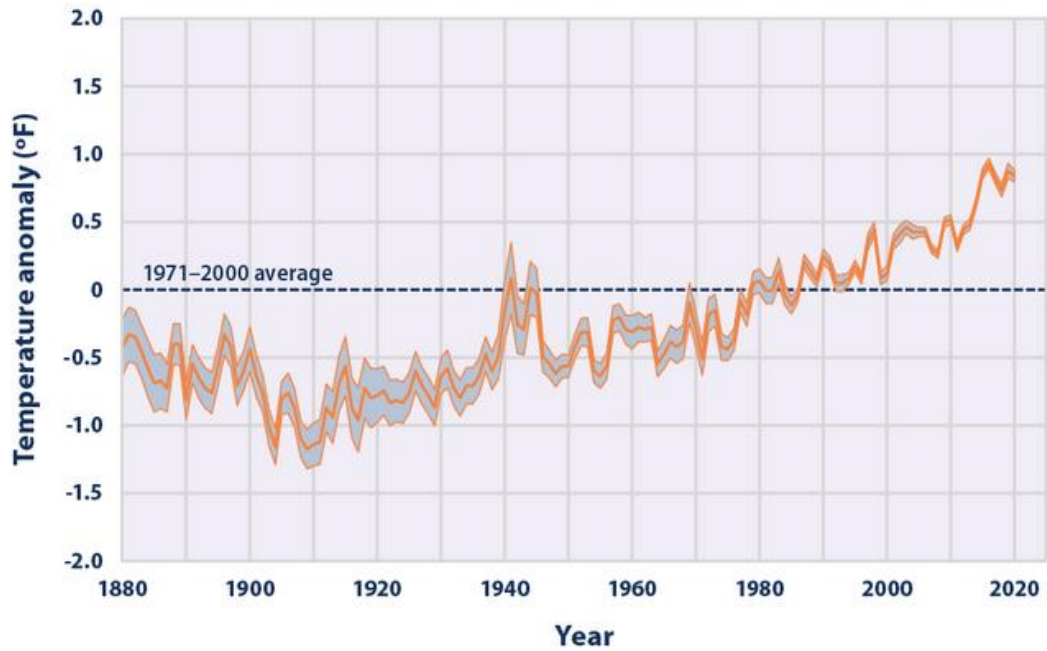


Figure 1. Sea Surface Temperature

Figure 2. Change in Sea Surface Temperature

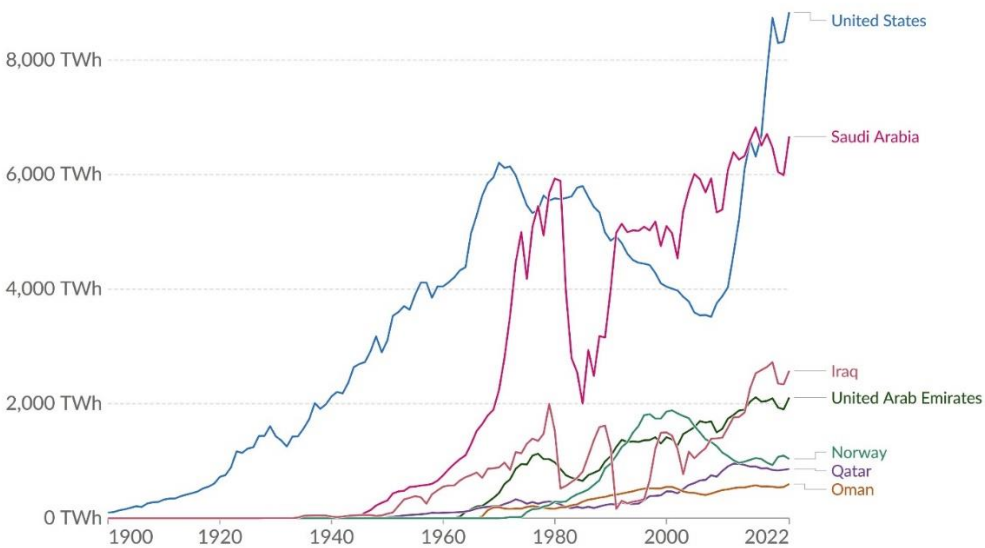
Figure 1. Average Global Sea Surface Temperature, 1880–2020



Oil production

Measured in terawatt-hours.

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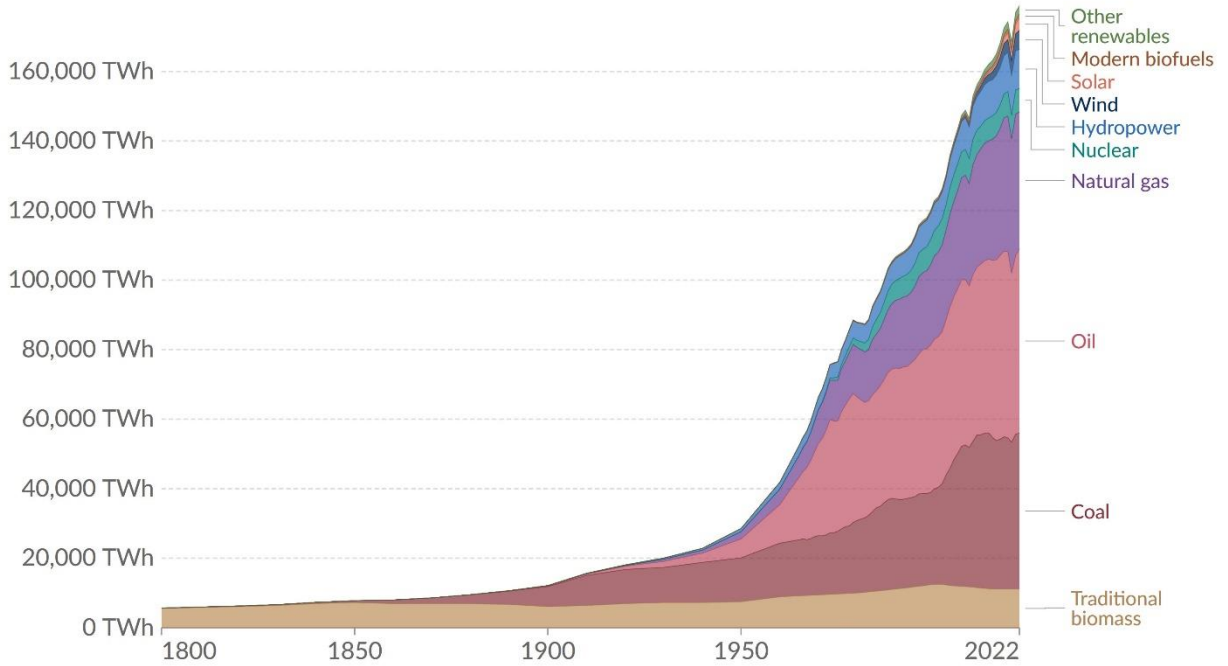


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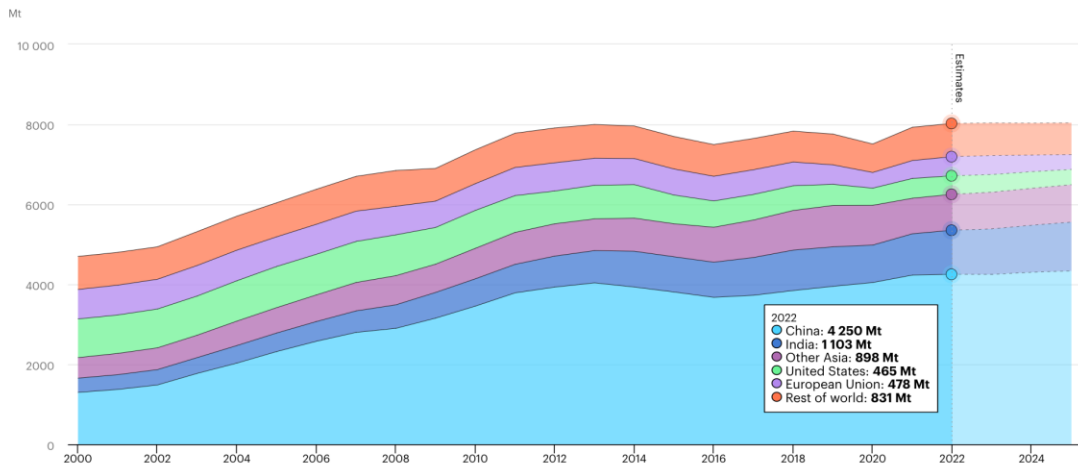
Global primary energy consumption by source



Primary energy¹ is based on the substitution method² and measured in terawatt-hours³.



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