

# Global coal consumption and energy transitions

## Selected indicators

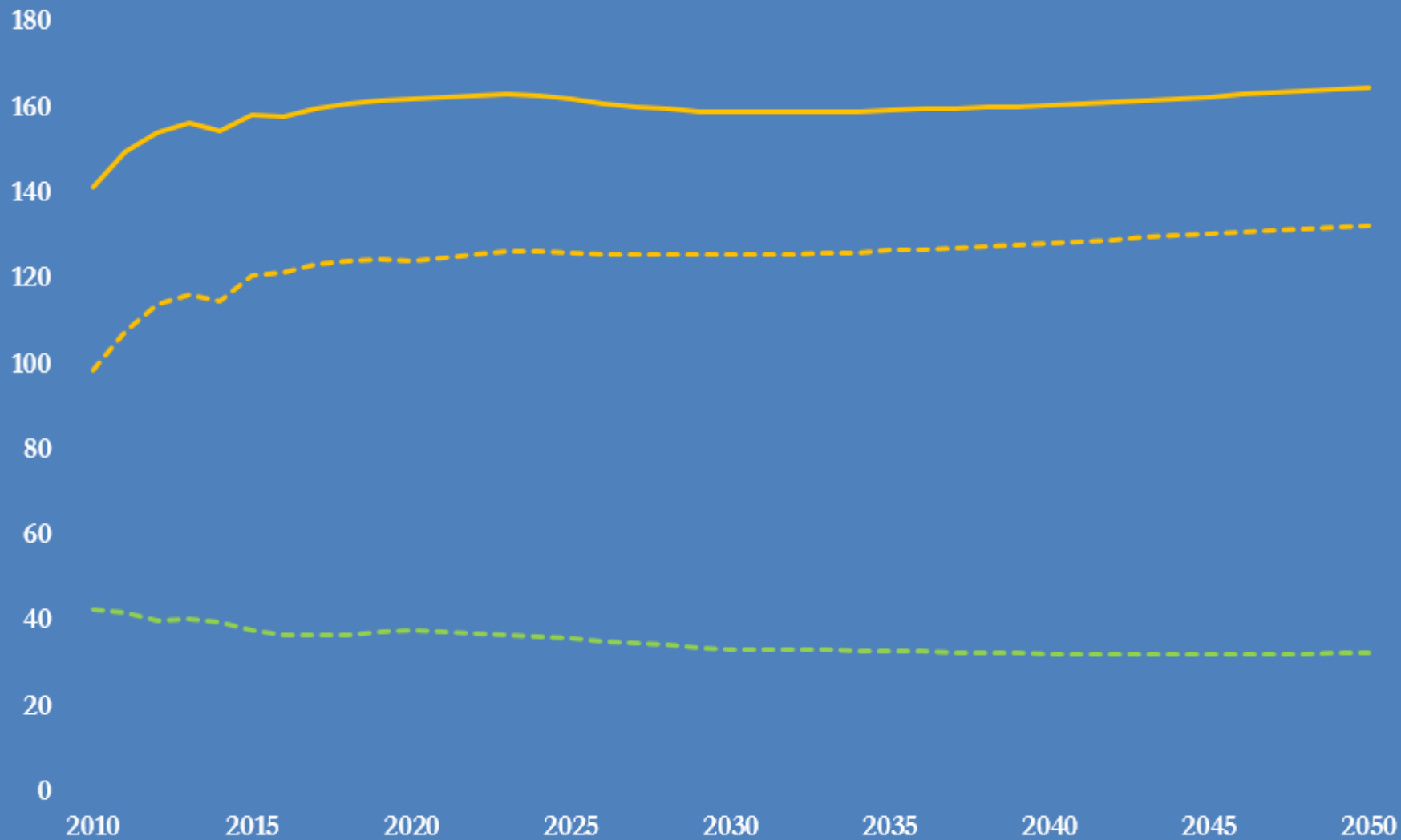
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# Global coal consumption, actual and projected, 2010-2050

quadrillion British thermal units

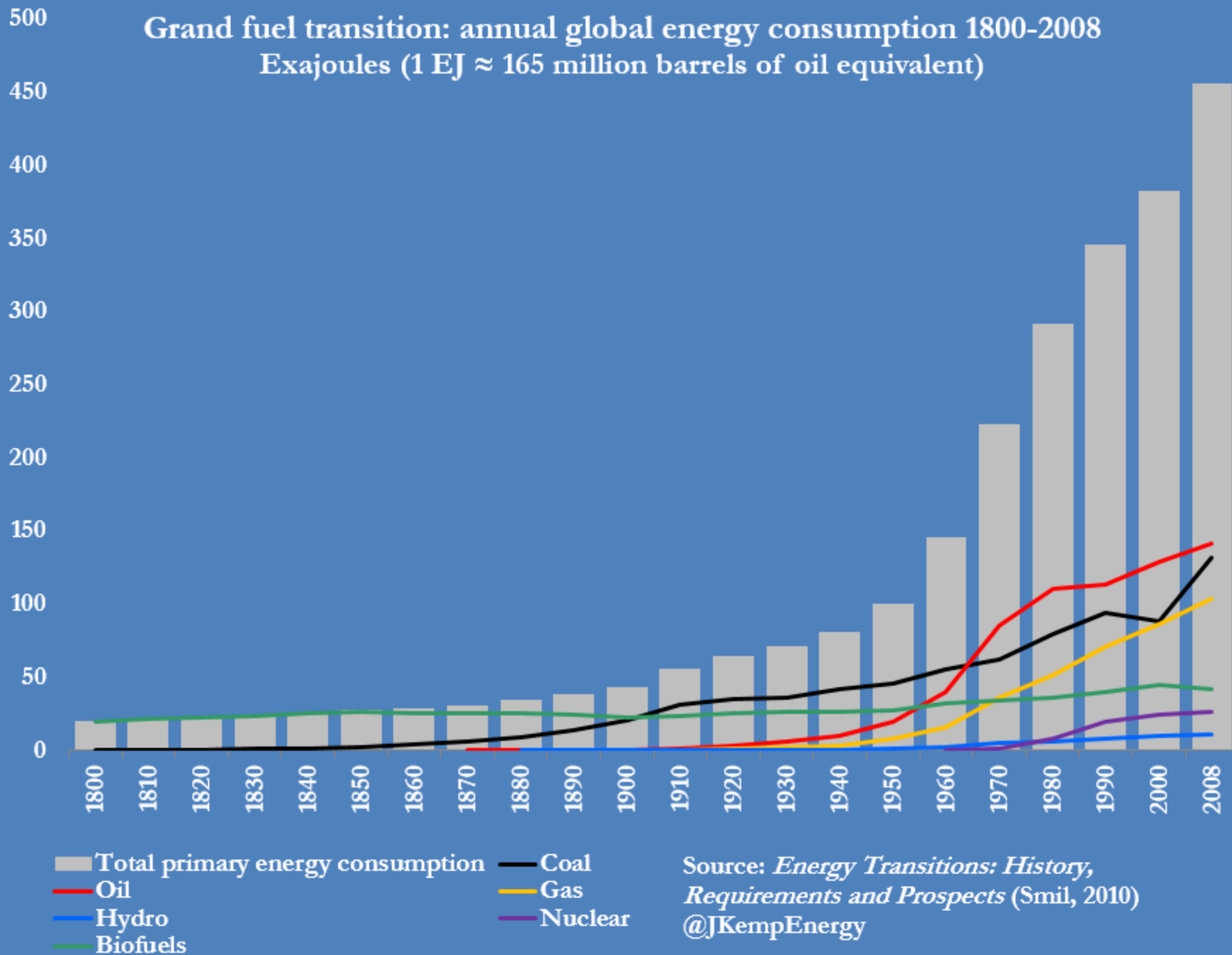


--- OECD  
--- Non-OECD  
— World total

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, *International Energy Outlook 2017*  
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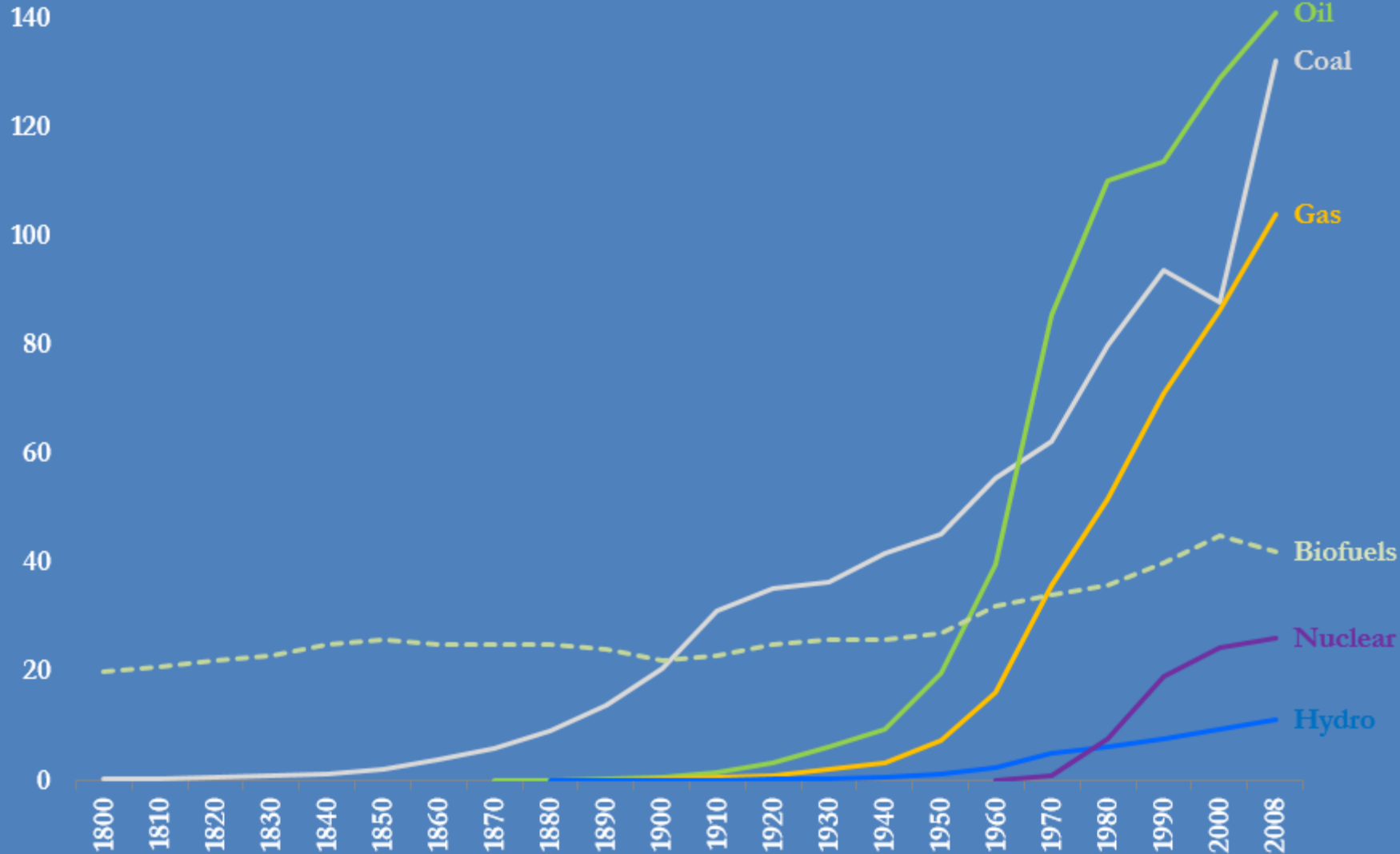
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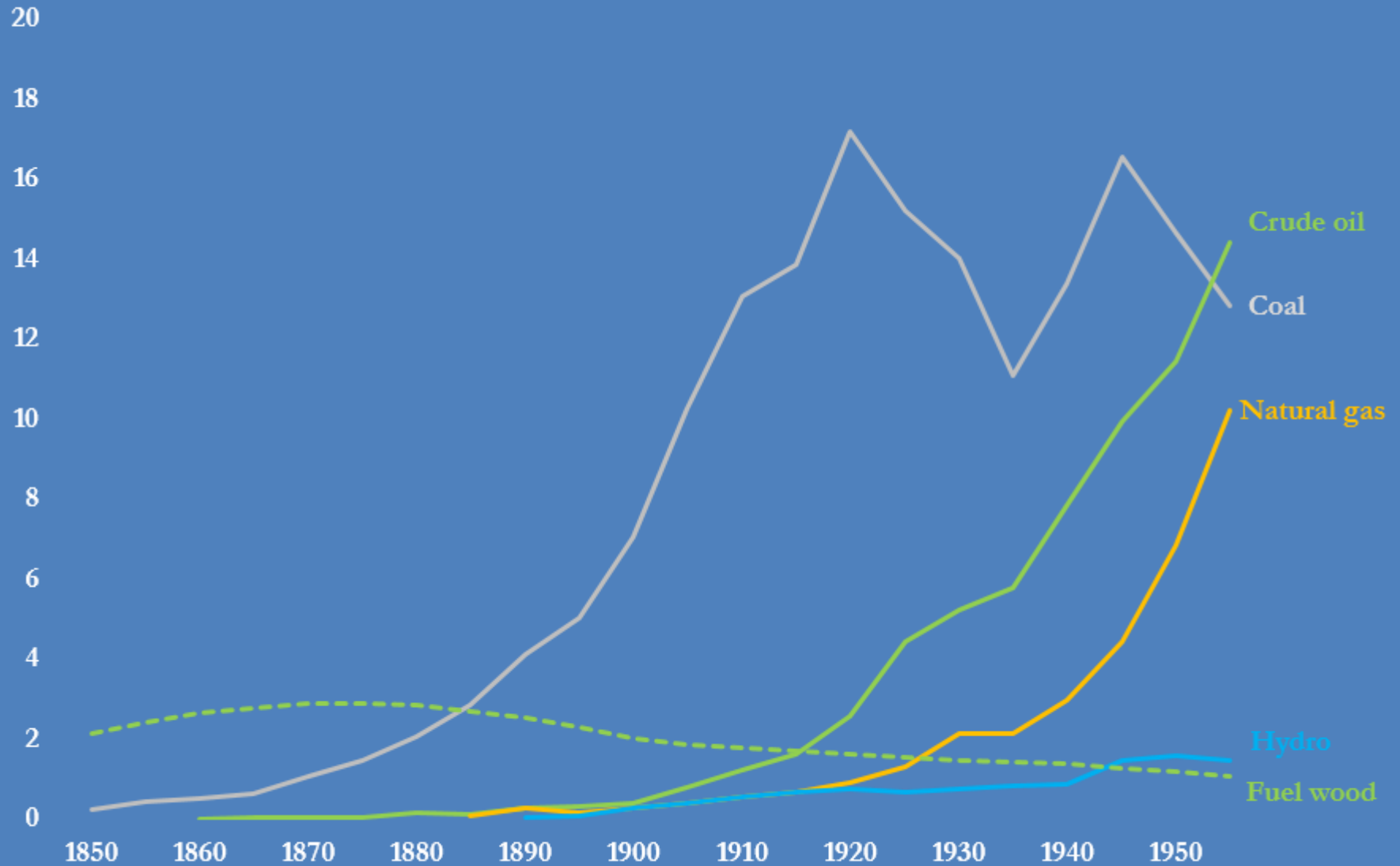
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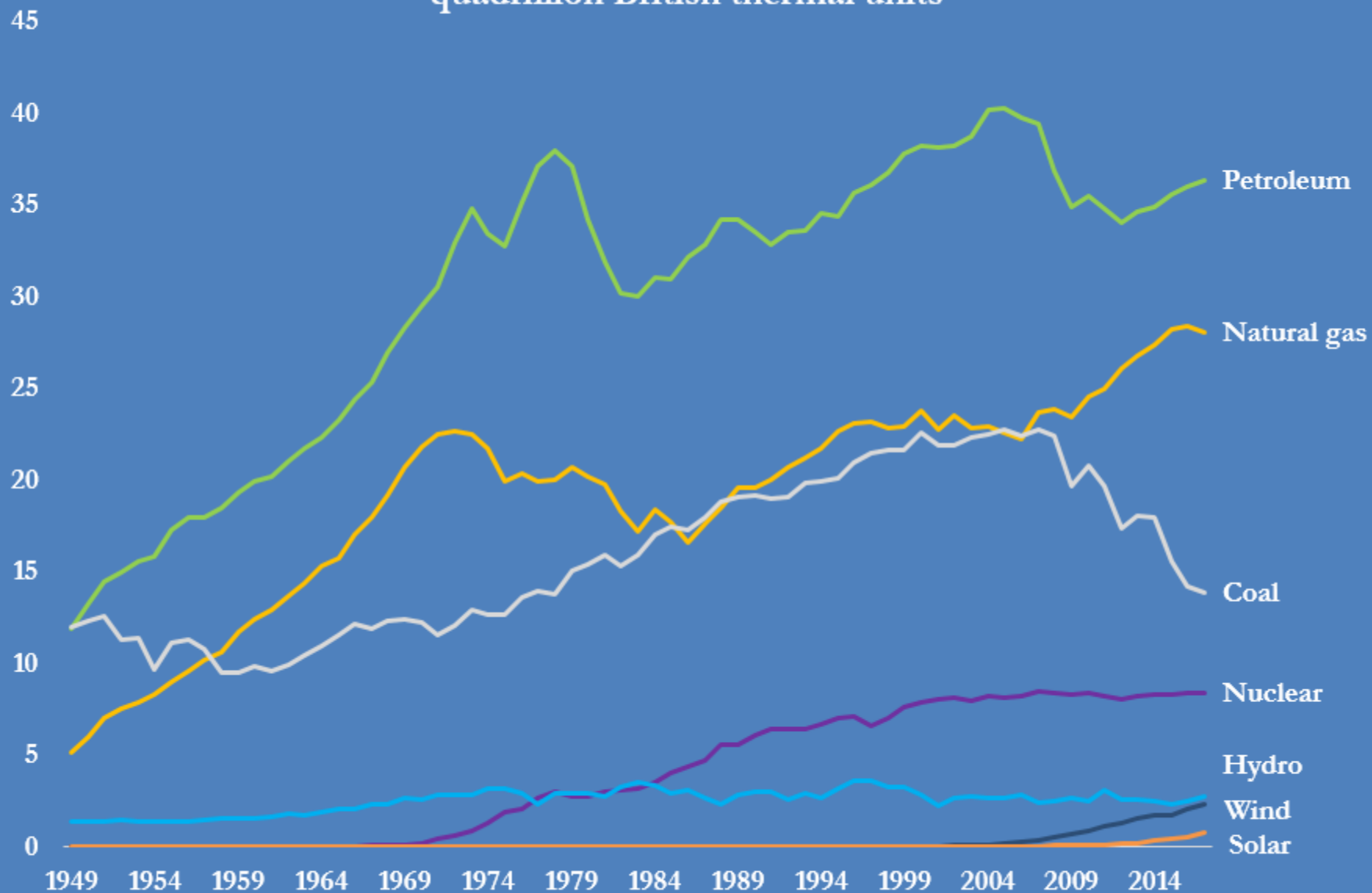
# U.S. primary energy consumption 1850-1955

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Source: "Energy in the American economy 1850-1975", Resources for the Future, 1960  
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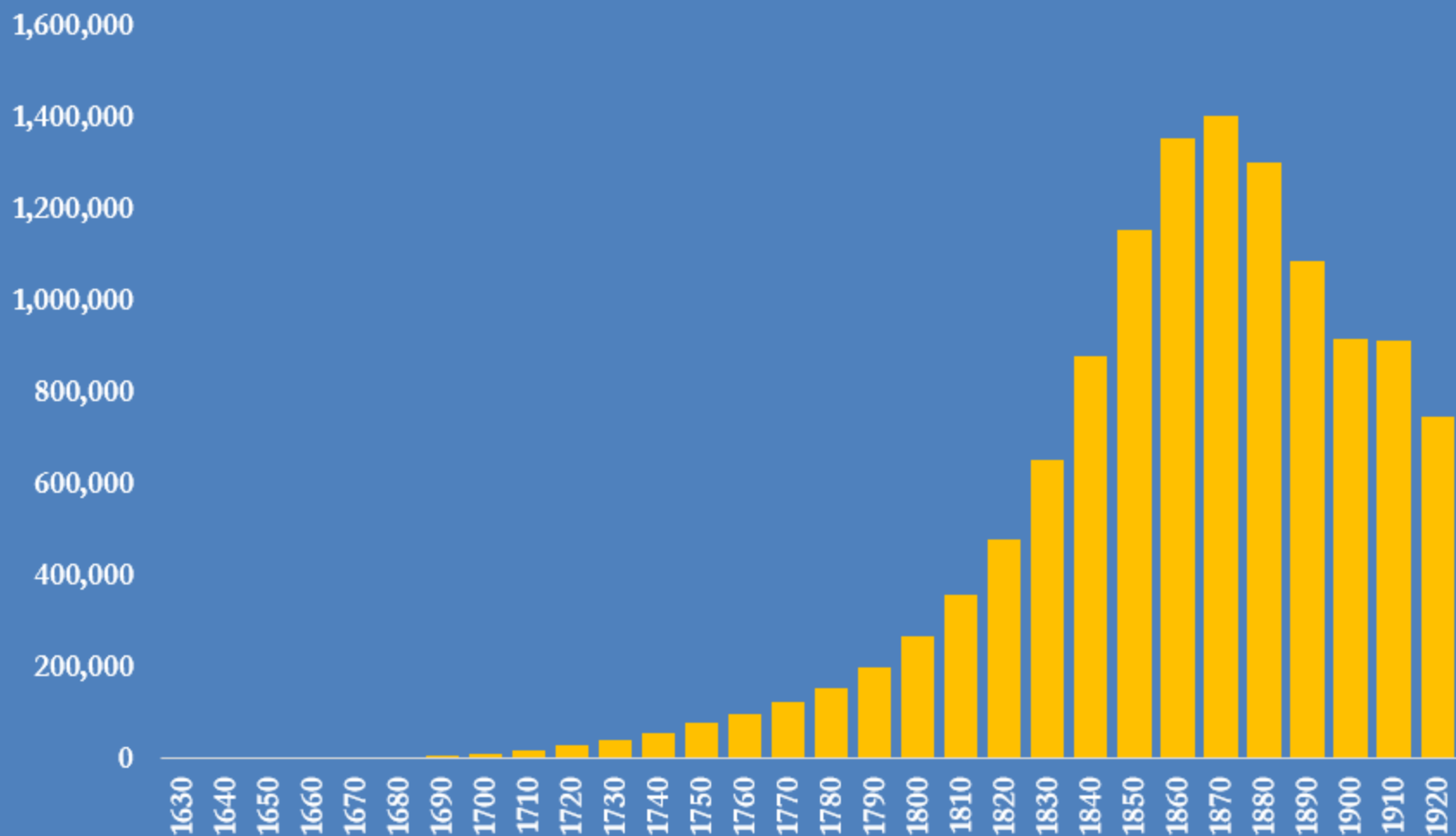
## U.S. primary energy consumption, 1949-2017 quadrillion British thermal units



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, *Annual Energy Outlook 2018*

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## Fuel wood consumption in the United States, 1630-1930 thousand cords (4'x4'x8'), by decade



Source: "Fuel Wood used in the United States, 1630-1930", Reynolds and Pierson, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Circular No. 641, 1942

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