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Fossil Fuels

HOW COAL WAS FORMED

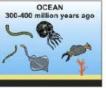
WATER 100 million years ago

SWAMP 300 million yea





PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS FORMATION



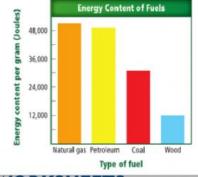






Fossil Fuel Formation: Form From the remain of ancient plants and animals that were buried and altered over millions of years.

| Petroleum | Natural Gas | > Coal |
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| Is a flammable liquid formed from a decay of ancient organisms, such as microscopic plankton and algae. | Is a gas formed when ancient organisms decayed on the seafloor and found trapped on top of petroleum. | Is a solid fossil fuel can be found in mines formed as swampy plant buried beneath sediments decayed and compacted into peat |
| Mixture of Hydrocarbons | Methane and other gaseous hydrocarbon such as propane and butane. | Mixture of hydrocarbons and other chemical compounds It's contained more impurities such as sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides. |
| Plastic - Synthetics - Cosmetics Medicines -Lubricants (grease – motor – oil) -Wax -asphalt | Cooking Heating manufacturing | Produce electricity |
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From the figure: The fuel with the greatest chemical potential energy per gram releases the greatest amount of energy.

1kg of natural gas → 50,000 joules

1Kg of petroleum → 48,000 joules

1Kg of coal → 30,000 joules

1Kg of wood → 12,000



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What happen when fossil fuels burned?

A combustion reaction occurs

Carbon and hydrogen atoms combine with oxygen to form carbon dioxide and water

CH+O₂→ CO₂+H₂O

This convert Chemical Potential energy stored in the bond between atoms into->

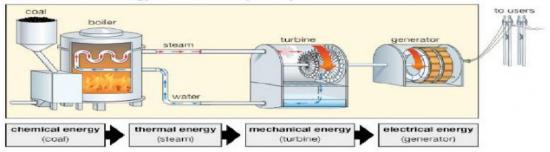
Thermal energy and light.

How is the chemical potential energy stored in fossil fuels converted to electrical energy?

Electricity: 70% of electrical energy used in US is produced by burning fossil fuels.

The process is shown below:

The conversion of energy at a coal-fired power plant



| Part of power station | What happens here? | What energy transfer happens here? |
|------------------------------|---|--|
| boiler combustion chamber | Coal is burned | Chemical energy in the coal → Thermal Energy that heats water and produces pressurized steam |
| turbine | Steam strikes the blades of the turbine and turns it around. (spin) | Thermal energy → Mechanical energy of the turbine |
| generator | An electric current produce | Mechanical energy → electrical energy that transmitted to homes, schools through power line |

Power plant efficiency:

35% of energy stored in fossil fuels is transported to homes, schools and business

65% is converted into thermal energy.

Fossil Fuels release carbon dioxide (CO2) when they are burned

Scientist think the increase in atmospheric CO2 concentration causes global warmin

