

Solar Air Heat

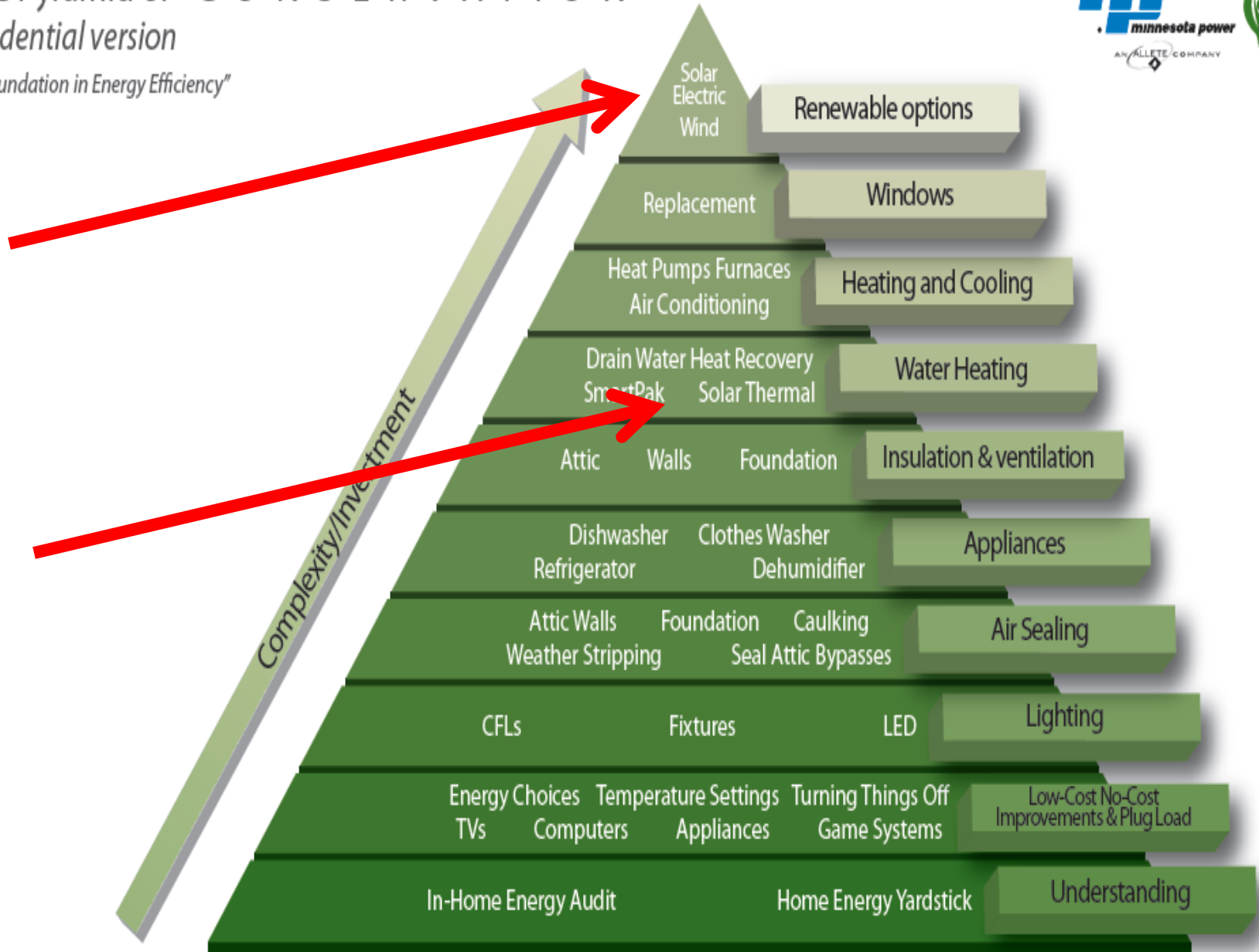


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The Pyramid of CONSERVATION

residential version

"A Foundation in Energy Efficiency"





21st Century: Solar

**The Important
Role of
Solar Air Heat**



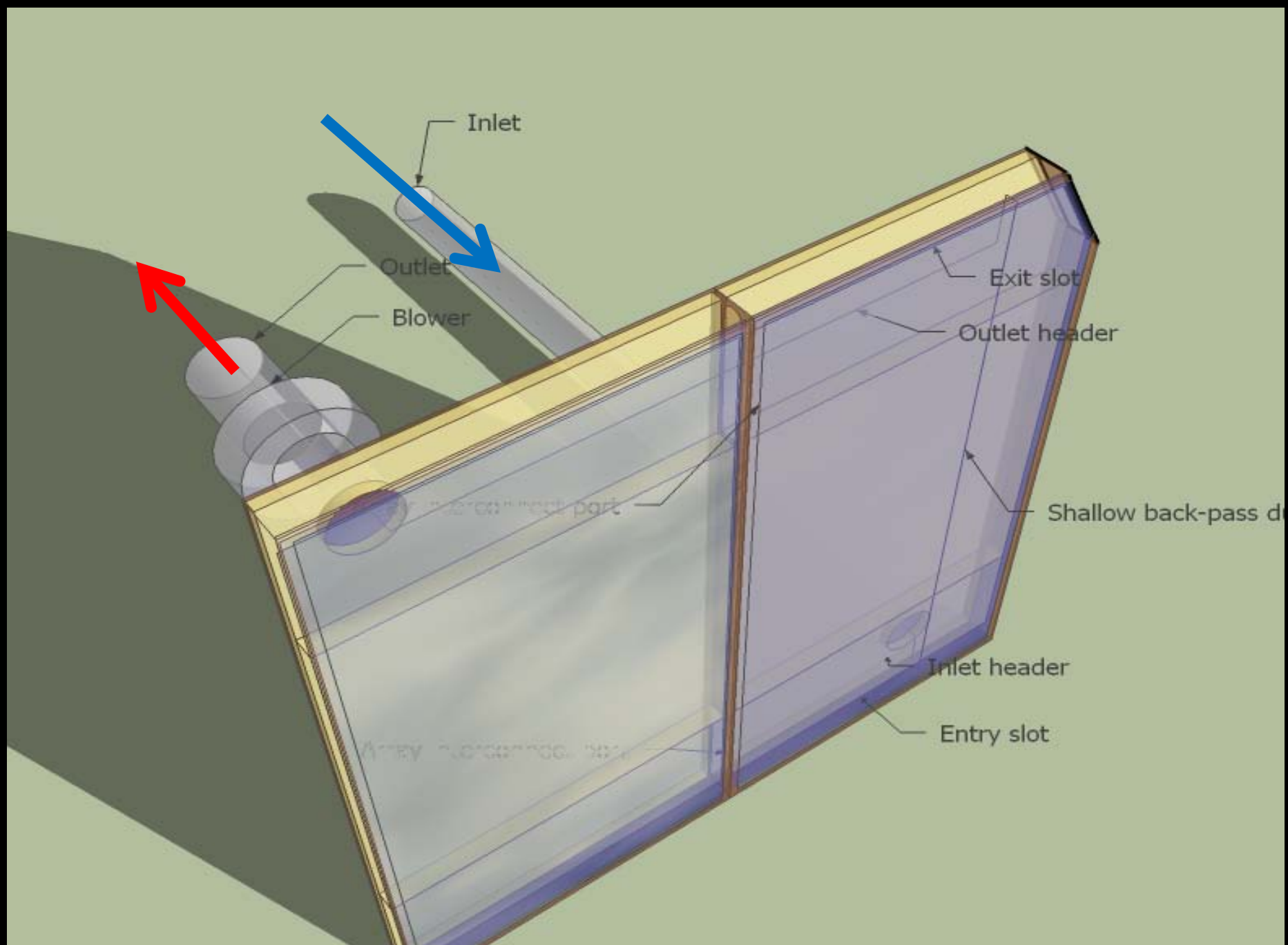
Applications for Solar Air Heat:

Agricultural

Ventilation
Make-up and
Process Heat

Space
Heating





Inlet

Outlet

Blower

Exit slot

Outlet header

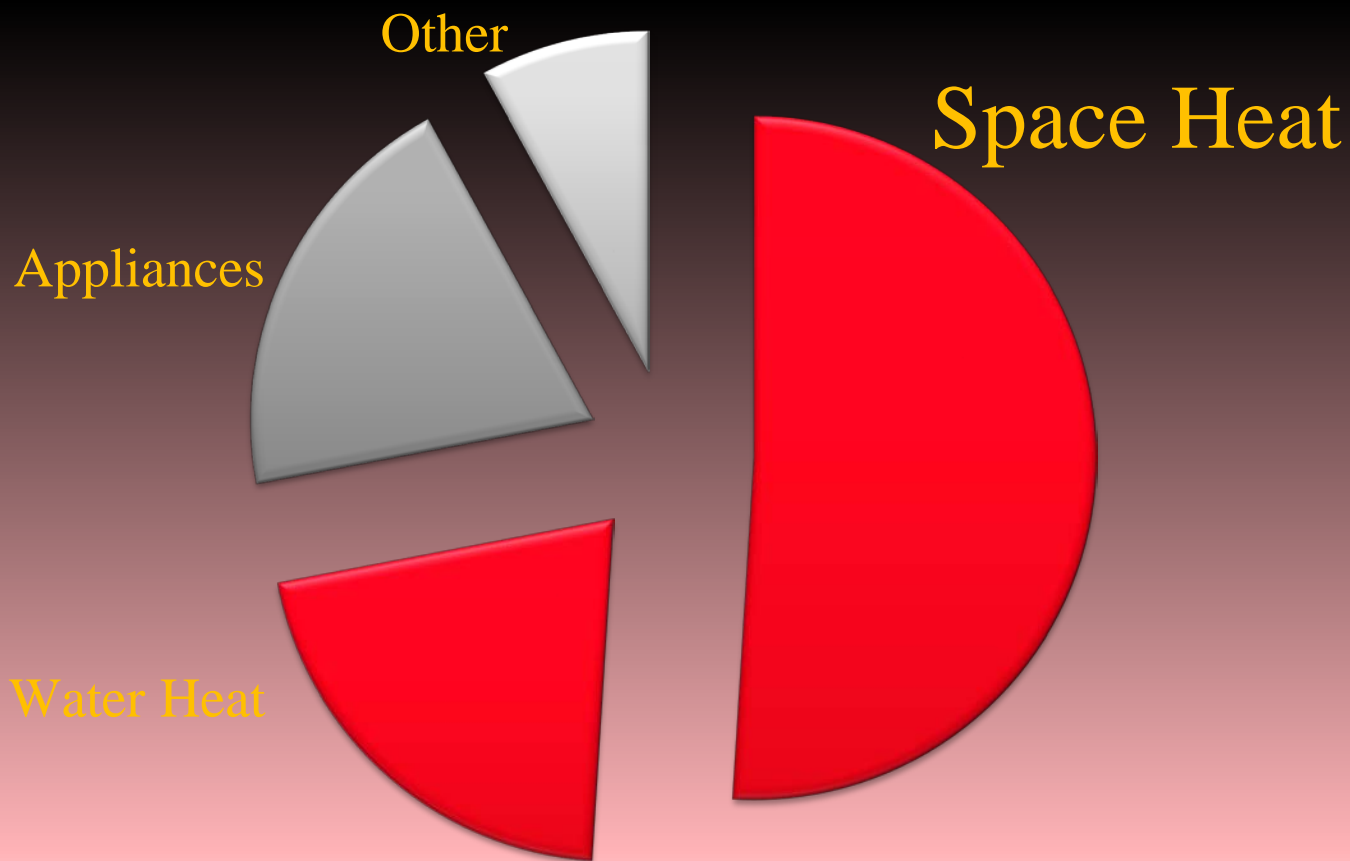
Shallow back-pass duct

Inlet header

Entry slot



Why Solar Air Heat?





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- Cost Effective
- Efficient
- Accessible
- Serviceable





ENGINEERED SYSTEMS

$$\text{Energysavings} = \sum_{\text{hour}=1}^{8760} (Q_{\text{usable}})_{\text{hour}}$$

$$Q_{\text{usable}} = \begin{cases} Q_u, & Q_u < E_L \\ E_L, & Q_u \geq E_L \end{cases}$$

$$E_L^* = \begin{cases} E_L \cdot (1 + \text{overheat}), & HDD > 0 \\ 0, & HDD = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$I_T = I_b R_b + \text{diffuse sky} + \text{diffuse ground}$$

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$$\eta = \max\left(0, F_R \tau \alpha - F_R U_L \cdot \left[\frac{T_i - T_a}{I_T}\right]\right)$$

$$E_B = b0 + b1^* \cdot \max(0, b2 - T_a)$$



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Residential Examples



Case Study: Commercial High Mass Building





Case Study 2: Commercial High Mass Building



80% Efficient Propane Furnace

6400 Sq Ft. w/ 16' Ceilings

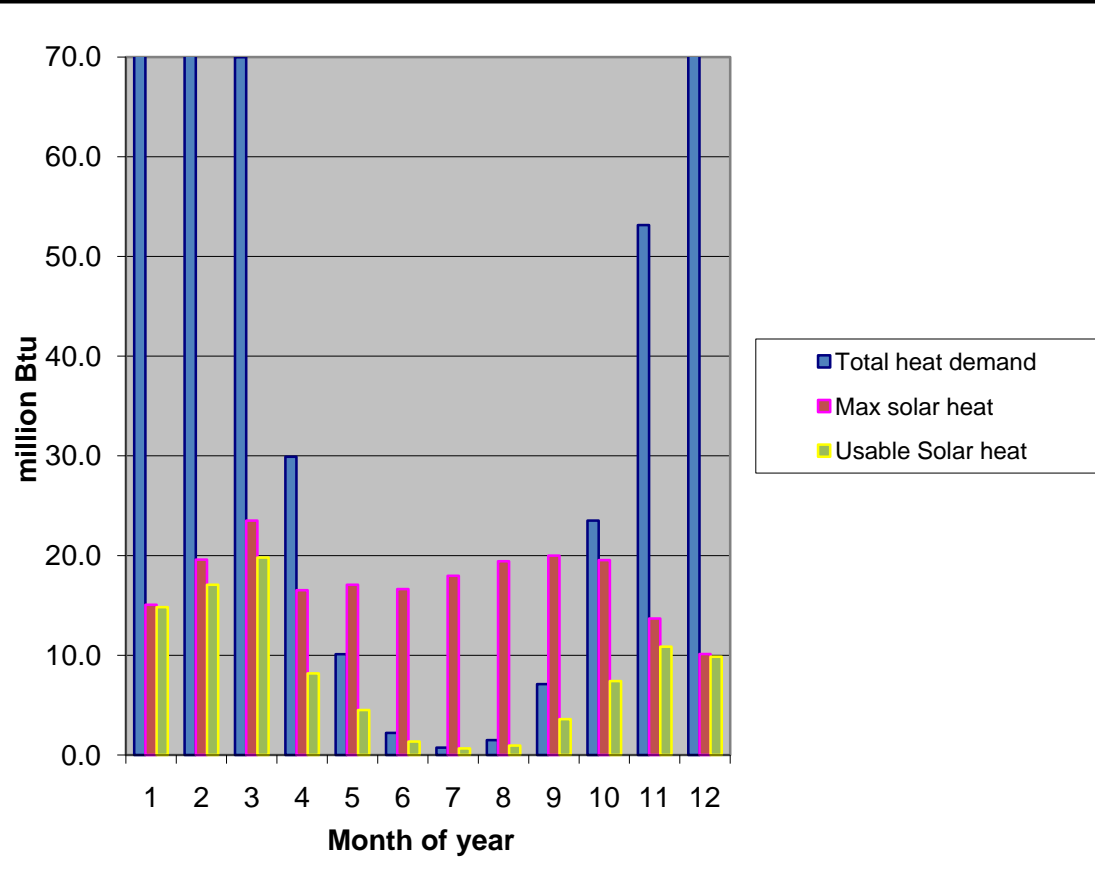
Quality construction – good envelope

25– 4x10 High Quality Collectors

- 21% solar fraction
- 99.1 mmBtus produced by solar
- 123.9 mmBtus saved
- Installed cost - \$45,000
- Payback of 11 years against propane
- Payback of 17 years against natural gas

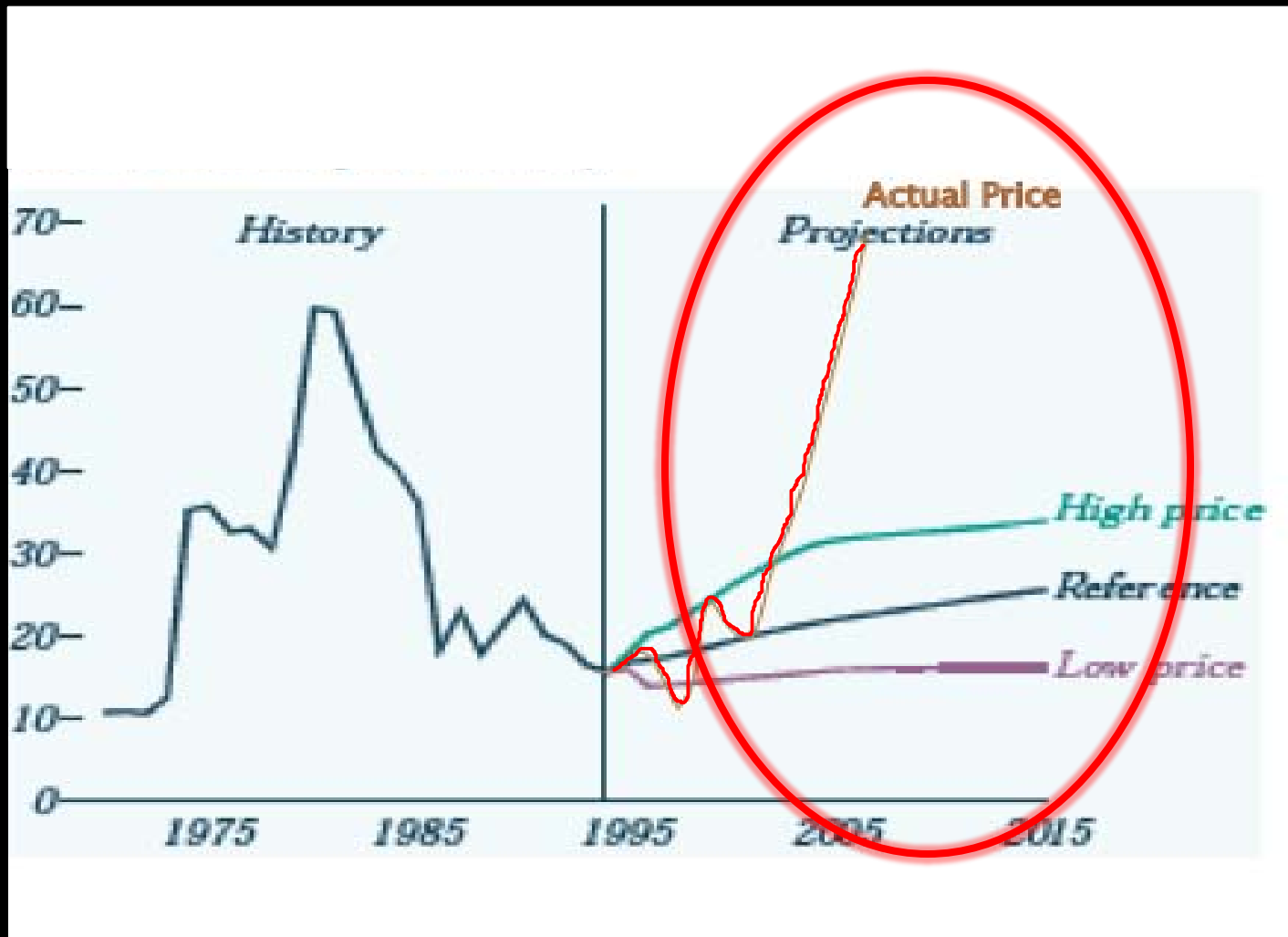


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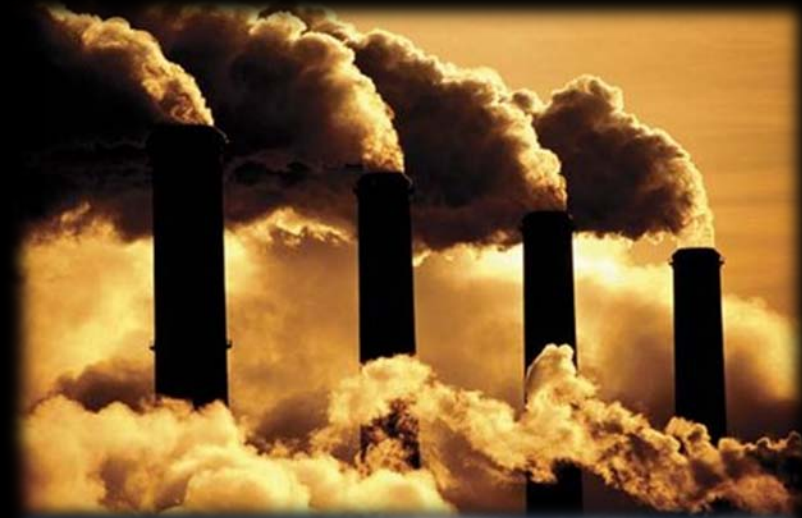


Future Heating Costs





Greenhouse Gas Emission Reductions



Residential and Commercial Space Heating Accounts for 40% of CO₂ Emissions!





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