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Panel Discussion on
**The Role of Thermal Science in Meeting
Societal Challenges**

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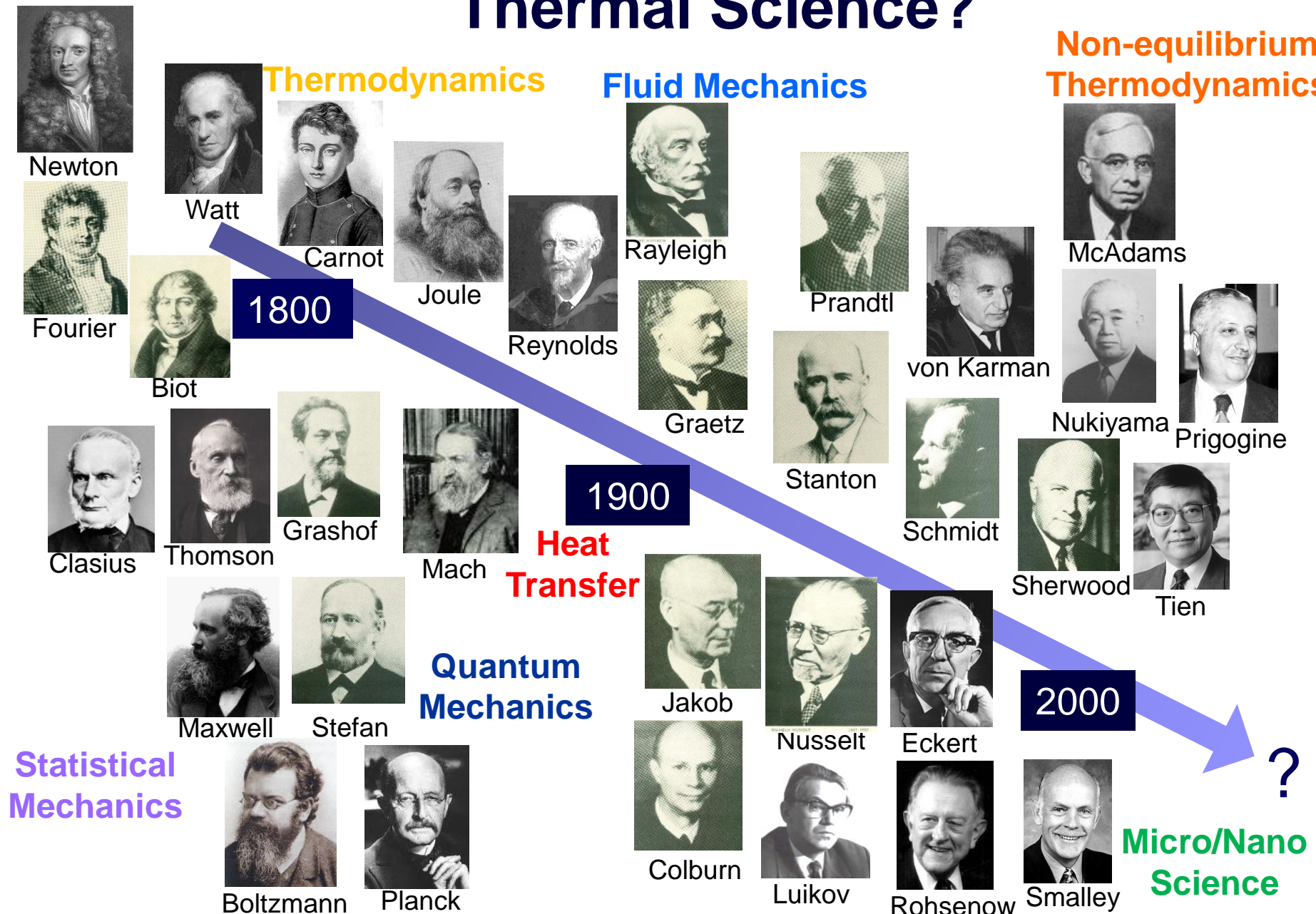
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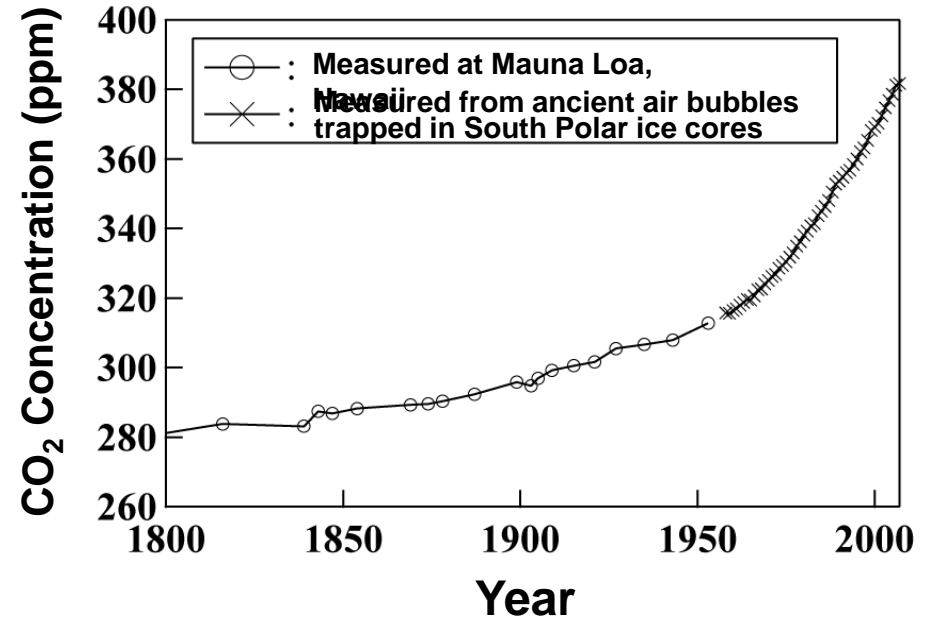
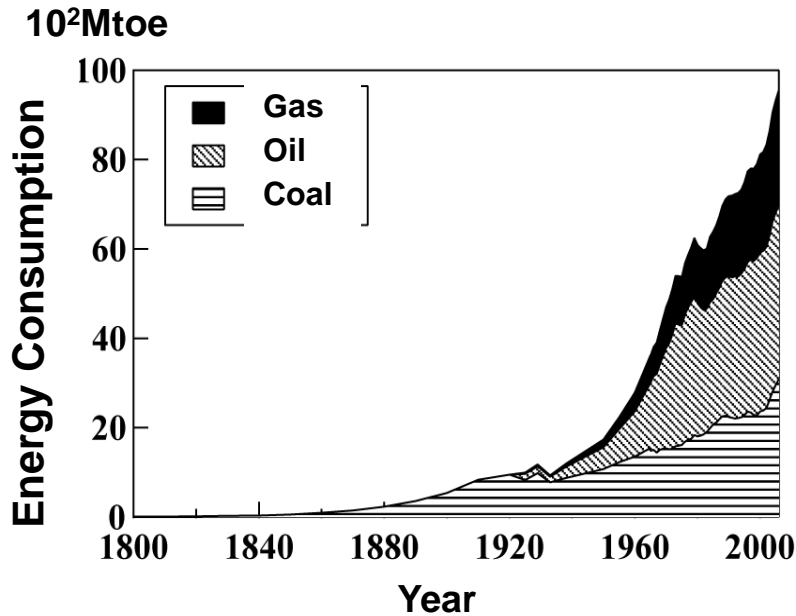
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What Is Our Role Beyond the History of Thermal Science?



Growth and Expansion on Our Planet



During the 20th Century:

- World population from 1.65 to 6.1 x10⁹ (3.7 times)
- Energy consumption from 0.5 to 9 Btoe (19 times)
- CO₂ concentration from 300 to 380 ppm (400 ppm in 2013)

Global Trends and Social Wish in the 21st Century

- **Technology breakthrough, innovation, and globalization** leading to rapid changes in industrial structures and social systems
 - Nano, bio and information technologies
 - High-speed digital communication, massive transportation
 - Personalized health/medical care, smart energy, ubiquitous finance
 - Economy of scale to economy of satisfaction
- Social wish for “**Sustainable Development**” that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their need
 - *Our Common Future* (Brundtland Report) (UNEP, 1987)

Science in Society and Science for Society

- *Declaration on Science and the Use of Scientific Knowledge* adopted by the World Conference on Science (ICSU), Budapest, 1 July 1999
 1. Science for knowledge; knowledge for progress
 2. Science for peace
 3. Science for development
 4. **Science in society and science for society**

- *Social Contract for Science* proposed by J. Lubchenco (Science, 1998):

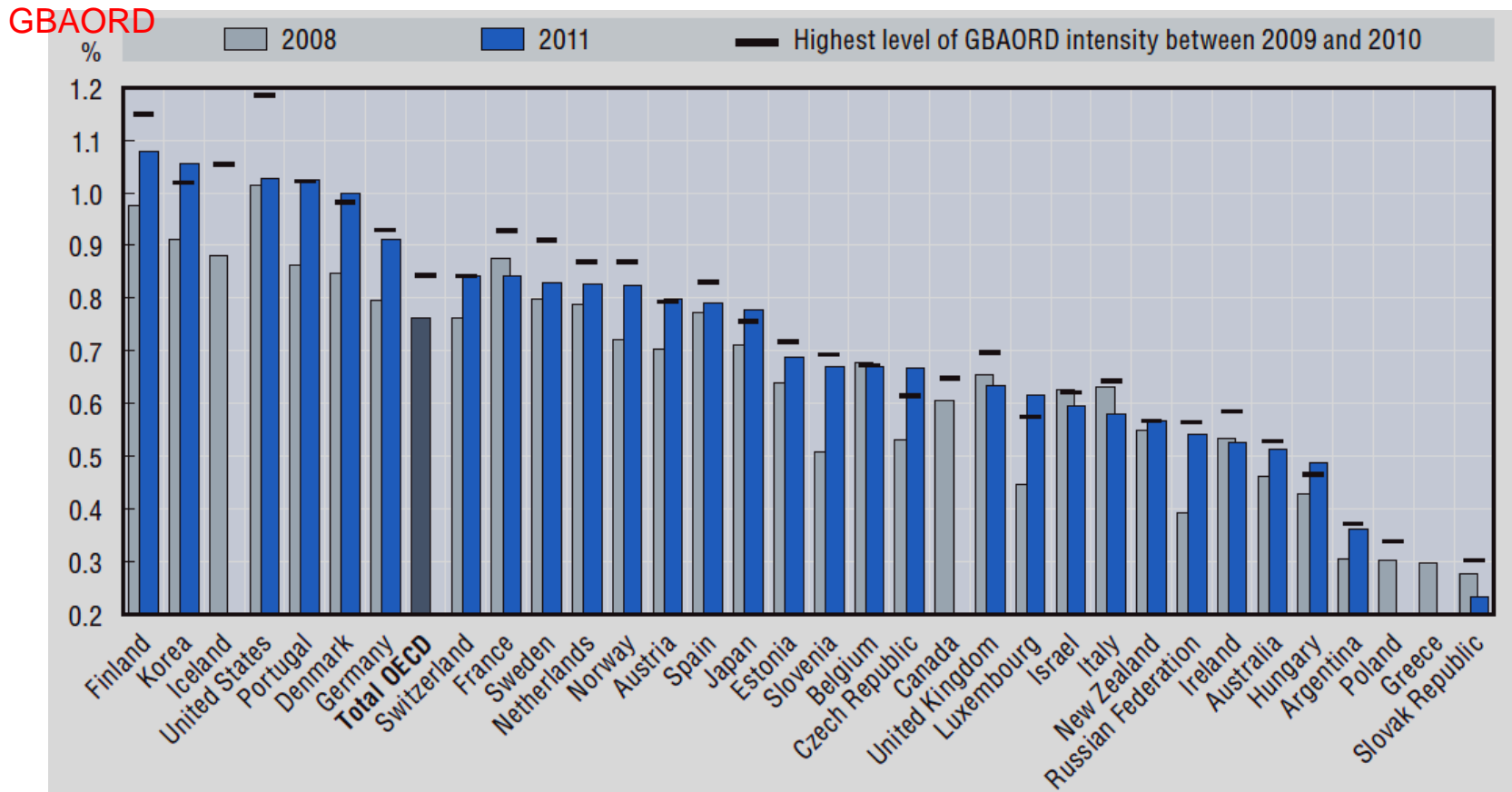
STI Policy Movement in Japan

- Major issues such as recovery and rebuilding, future energy plan, deindustrialization, aging with declining population, sovereign debt, economic crisis after **2011 Great East Japan Earthquake**



- **4th Science and Technology Basic Plan (rev. 2011)**
 - Restoration and reconstruction
 - Green innovation, Life innovation
 - Issue-driven R&D strategy
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 - S&T budget for FY2013 ~ ¥4.6T (US\$46B) (+25%)

Research Funding as a % of GDP for 2008-11



GBAORD: Government budget appropriations or outlays for R&D as a % of GDP

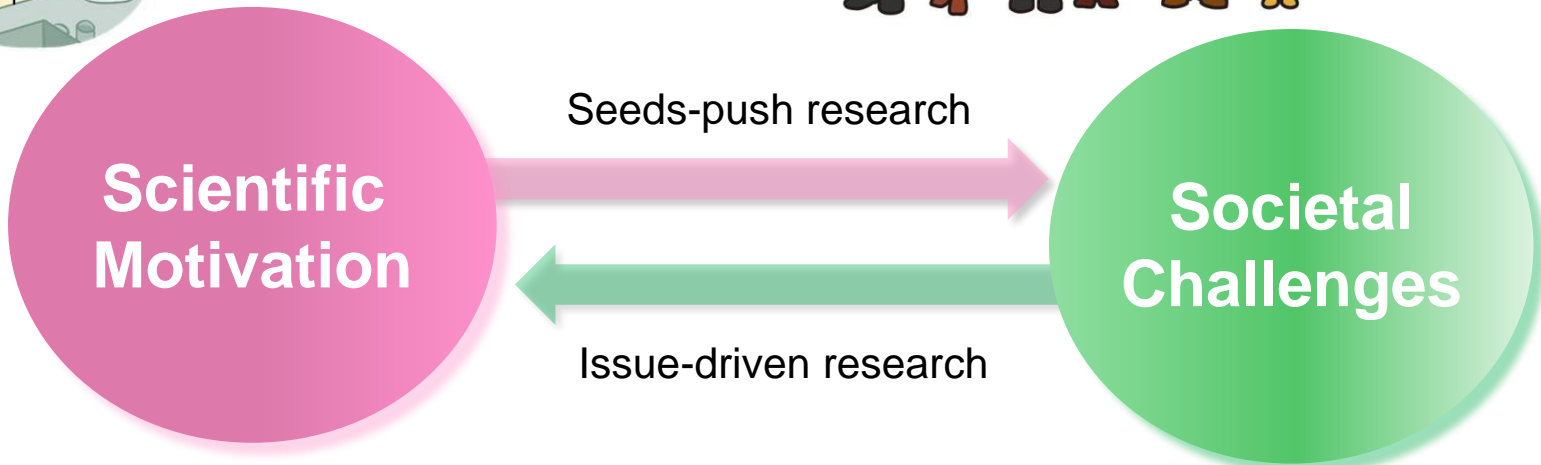
Seeds-push vs Issue-driven Research (Bottom-up vs Top-down)



Scientific research in most cases driven by scientist's curiosity



Society wants fulfillment of their wishes



- How to effectively link science to innovation, economic growth and social welfare

Important Questions

- Roles of scientists and engineers of thermal science in resolving various **societal issues** and enabling further **societal development**?
- How research themes and schemes to be designed in order to meet societal challenges, while keeping spontaneous **motivation of researchers in issue-driven (top-down) research**?