



# *What is Sustainable Manufacturing?*

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# *Outline*

1. What is Sustainable Manufacturing?
2. Historical trends for efficiency and growth
3. What engineers can do

# *1. What is Sustainable Mfg?*

- What do the experts say...
- Barriers and Challenges
- Research Agenda for Sustainable Manufacturing

# *Connecting the two scales*

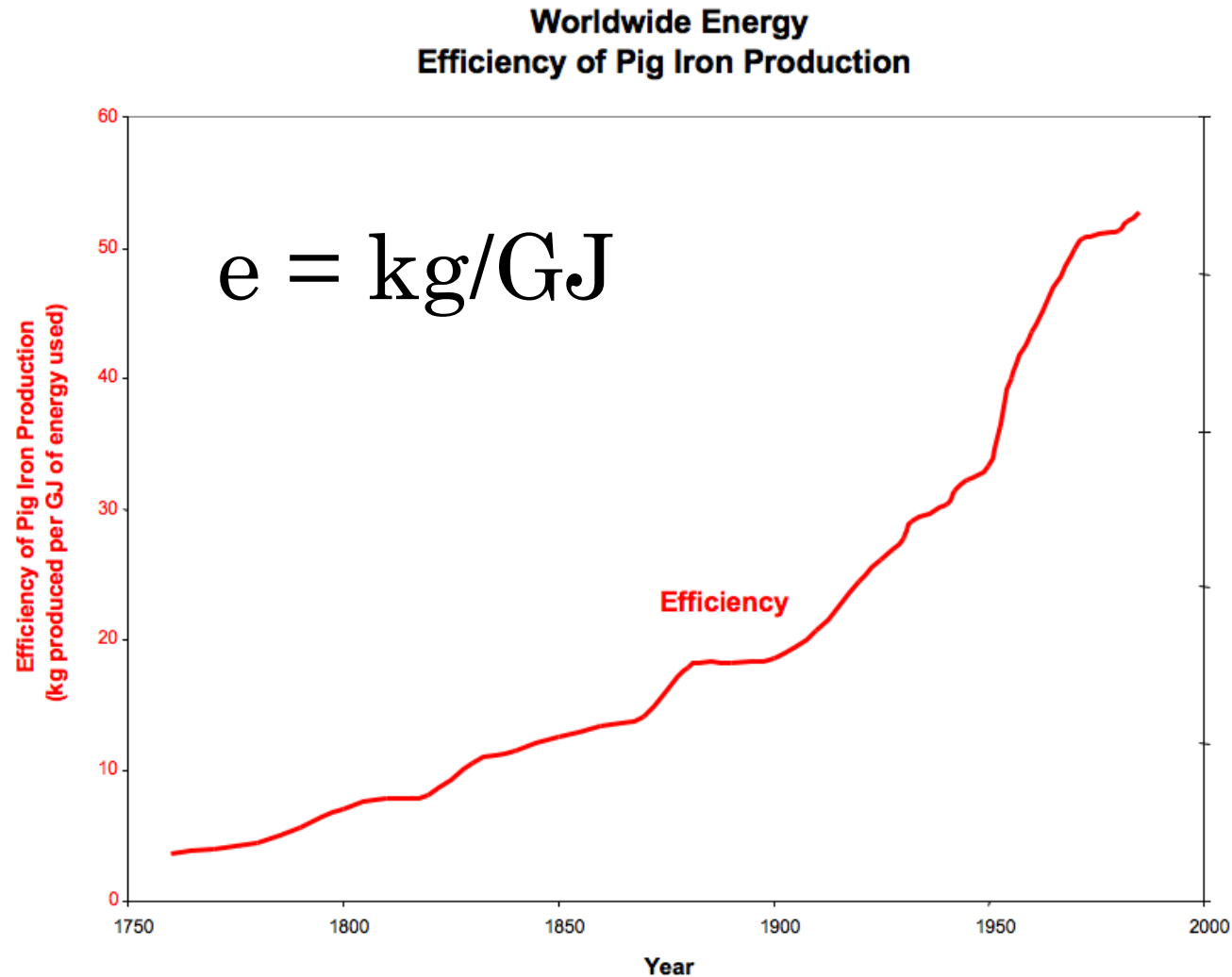


Scale of the  
Engineering action



Scale of sustainability

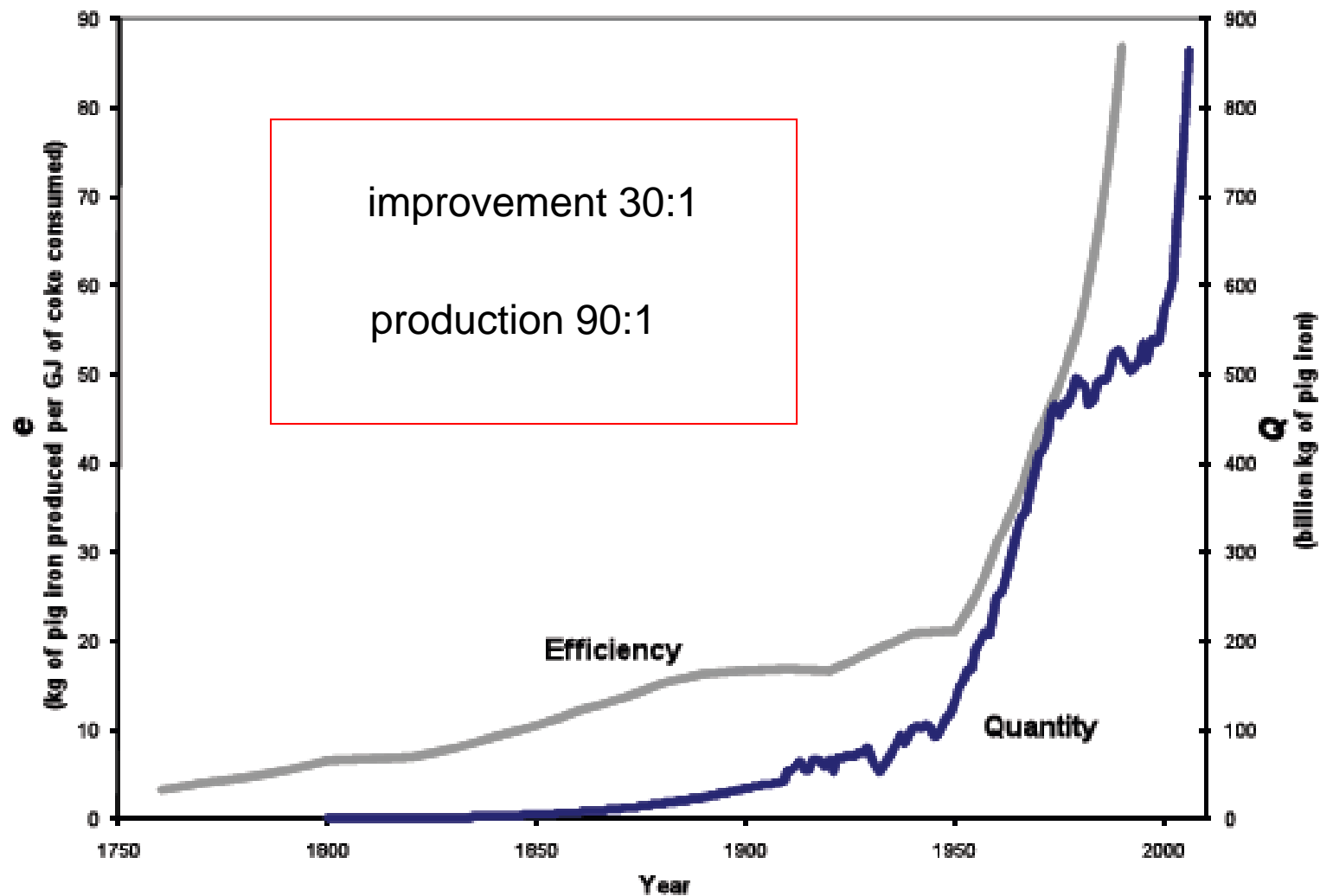
## 2. Historical pattern for energy efficiency in pig iron production



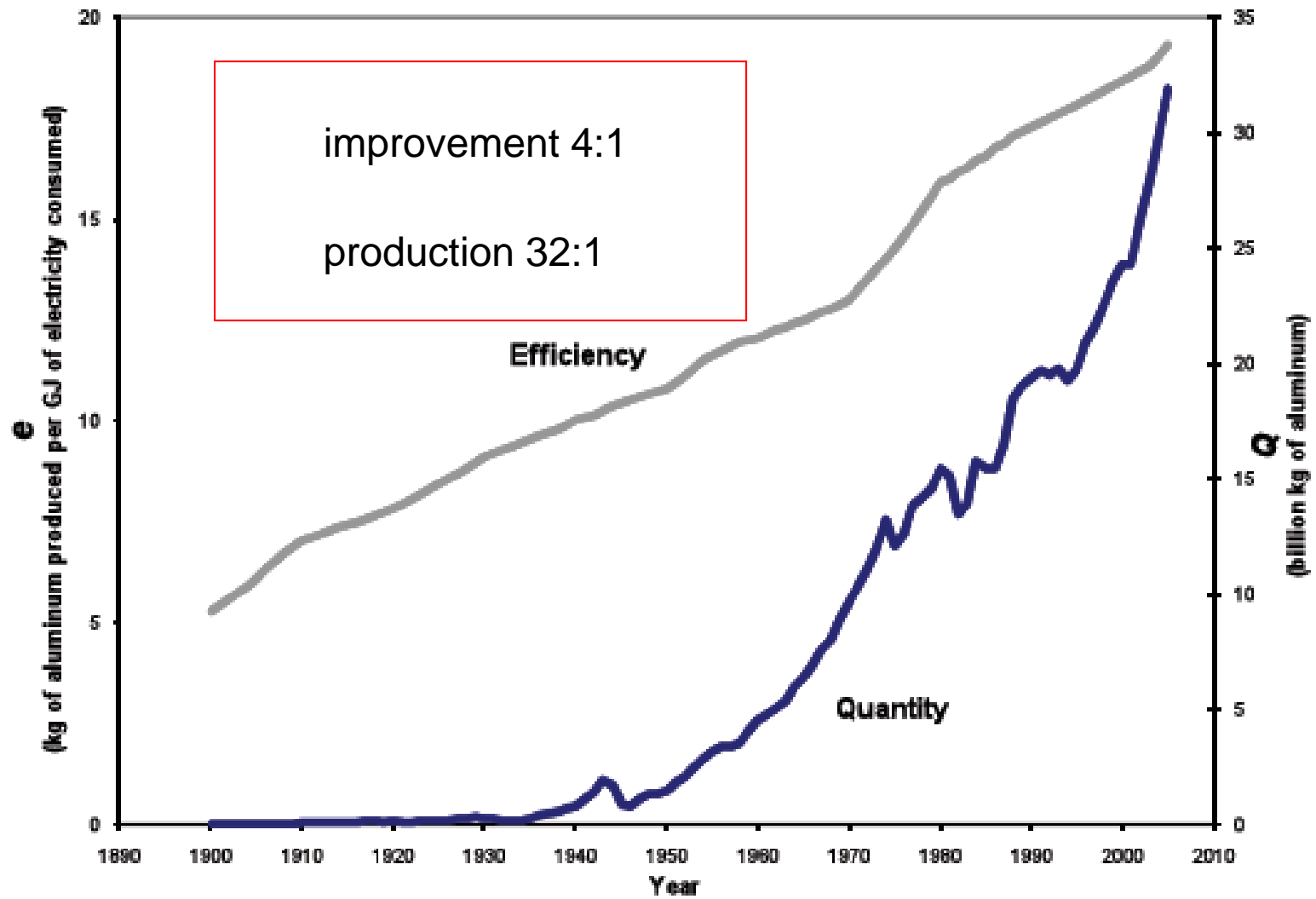
# Efficiency and Growth\*

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Boundary</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Resource</b>
Pig-Iron	<i>1800-1990</i>	World	kg pig iron	Joules of coke
Aluminum	<i>1900-2005</i>	World	kg aluminum	Joule of electricity
Nitrogen Fertilizer	<i>1915-2000</i>	World	kg Nitrogen	Joule energy
Electricity from coal	<i>1920-2007</i>	US	Joule electricity	kg coal
Electricity from Oil	<i>1920-2007</i>	US	Joule electricity	Liter of oil
Electricity from Natural gas	<i>1920-2007</i>	US	Joule electricity	m <sup>3</sup> of natural gas
Freight Rail	<i>1960-2006</i>	US	Revenue tonne- km	Liter fuel
Air Travel	<i>1960-2005</i>	US	Seat-km	Liter fuel
Motor vehicle	<i>1936-2006</i>	US	Vehicle – km	Liter fuel
Refrigeration	<i>1960-2002</i>	US	Hours refrigeration	Joule electricity

**FIGURE 1: Pig Iron Production (Q) and the Efficiency of Pig Iron Smelting (e) (World) <sup>a</sup>**

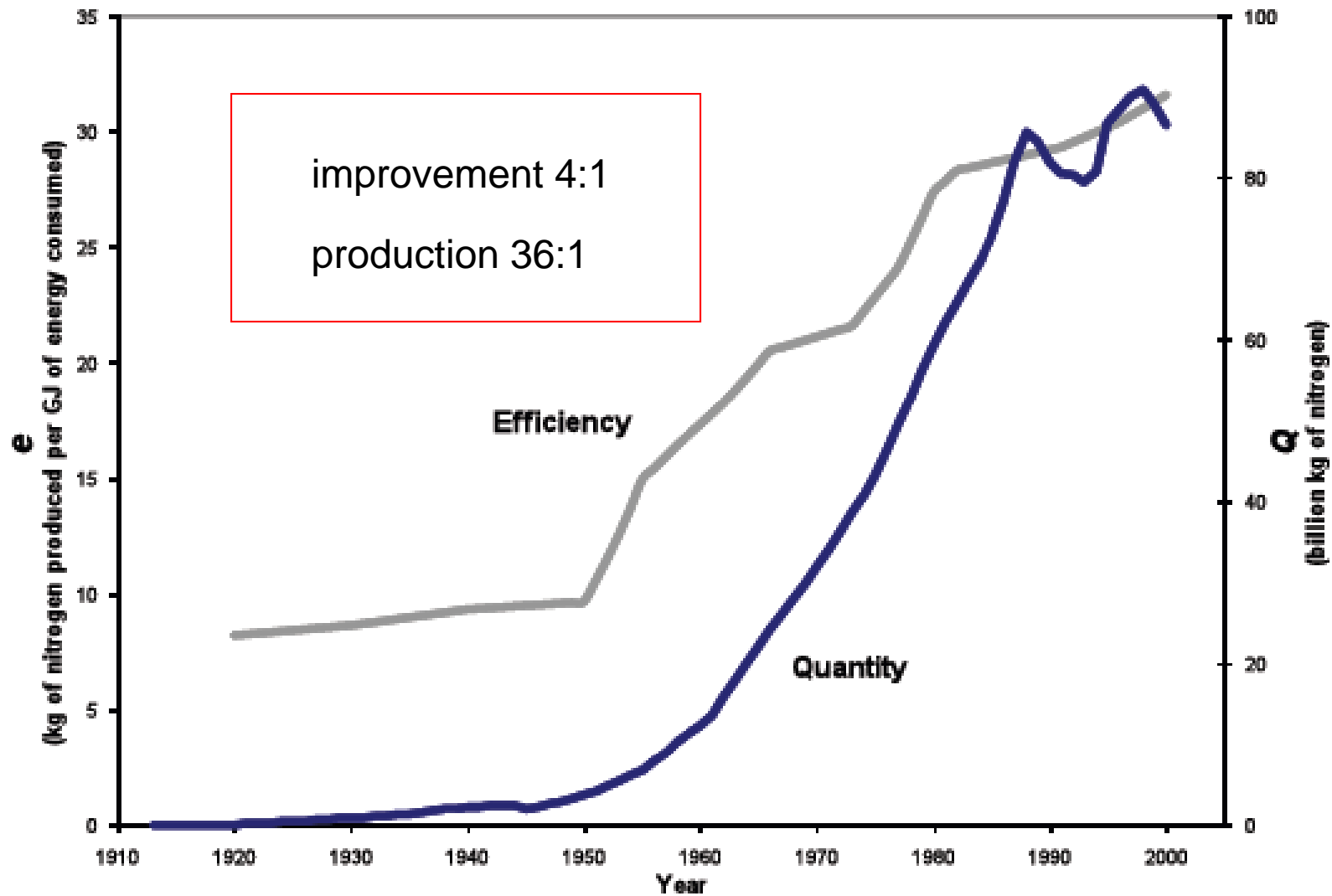


**FIGURE 2: Primary Aluminum Production ( $Q$ ) and the Efficiency of Aluminum Smelting ( $e$ ) (World) <sup>b</sup>**





**FIGURE 3: Nitrogen Fertilizer Production (Q) and the Efficiency of the Haber-Bosch Process (e) (World) <sup>c</sup>**



# Average annual $\Delta Q/Q$ versus average annual $\Delta e/e$

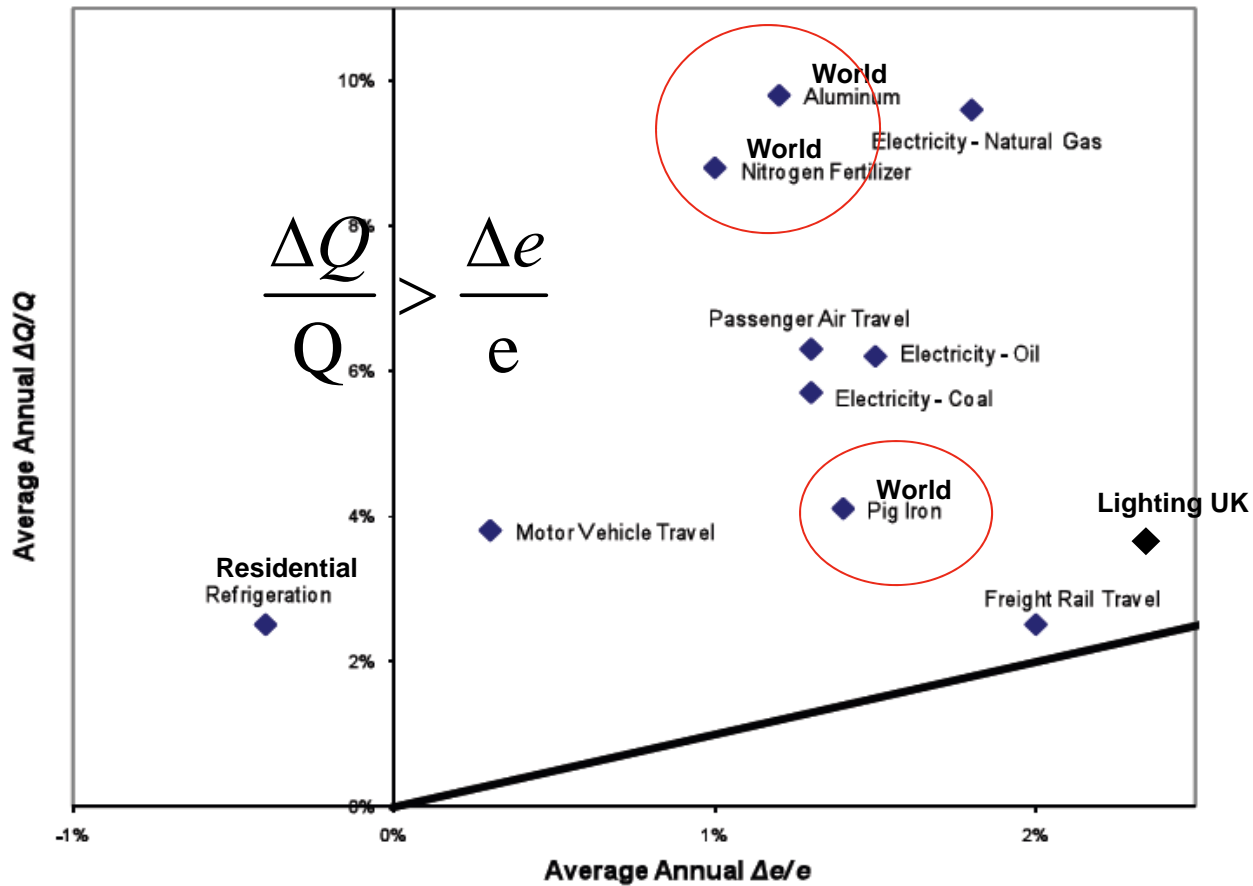


Figure 11: Average annual  $\Delta Q/Q$  versus average annual  $\Delta e/e$  for ten activities. The solid diagonal line is the line of constant resource consumption, representing the condition in which the average annual  $\Delta e/e$  is equal to the average annual  $\Delta Q/Q$ .

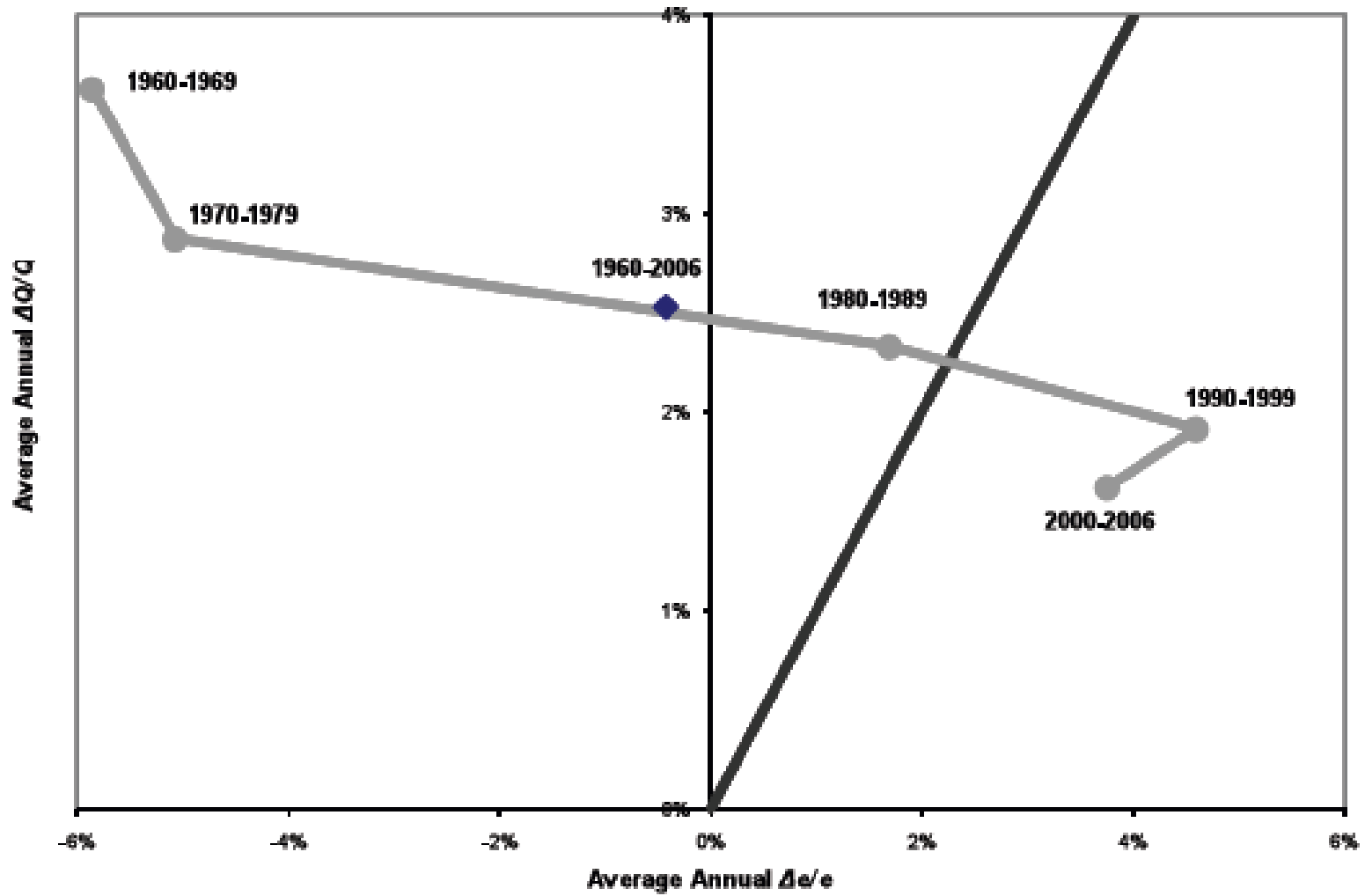
# *What is going on?*

- Human Behavior -  
People do what they want to do.
  - Consumers want to satisfy their needs and to procreate
  - Producers want to make a profit and expand their market share

## *However,*

- *Examples when efficiency outpaced demand*
  - pig iron 1970 – 1989
  - freight rail travel 1980 – 1989
  - passenger air *almost* 1970 – 1979  
*and almost again* 2000 – 2007
  - passenger autos *came close* 1980 - 1989
  - refrigeration 1990 - 2006

**FIGURE 18: Average Annual  $\Delta Q/Q$  versus Average Annual  $\Delta e/e$  for Refrigeration (US data)<sup>h</sup>**



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### *3. What Engineers Can Do*

1. After all, we are engineers...
2. New Analysis Models & Data
3. Make Sustainability Fun

# *We are engineers..*

- The “existence proof”

Vs

- Business as Usual (BAU)

# Opportunities for Efficiency

Heavy Industry



Housing



- Buildings
- Transport
- Mfg

Autos



$$\eta = \frac{\text{services delivered}}{\text{resources used}}$$

# *The Existence Proof\**

Integrated Steel Mill  
19MJ/kg



\*Passivhaus  
15kWh/m2



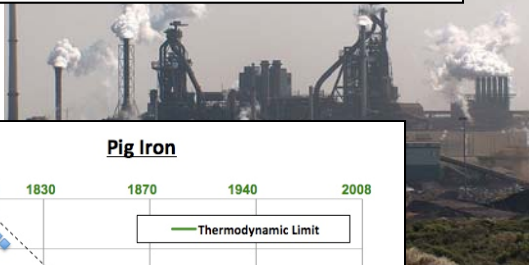
■ Buildings  
■ Transport  
■ Mfg

\*VW XL1  
260 mpg

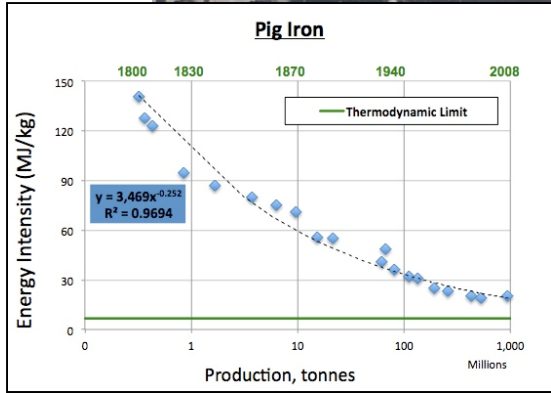


# Improvement Ratios

Integrated Steel Mill  
2:1



Heating  
8:1



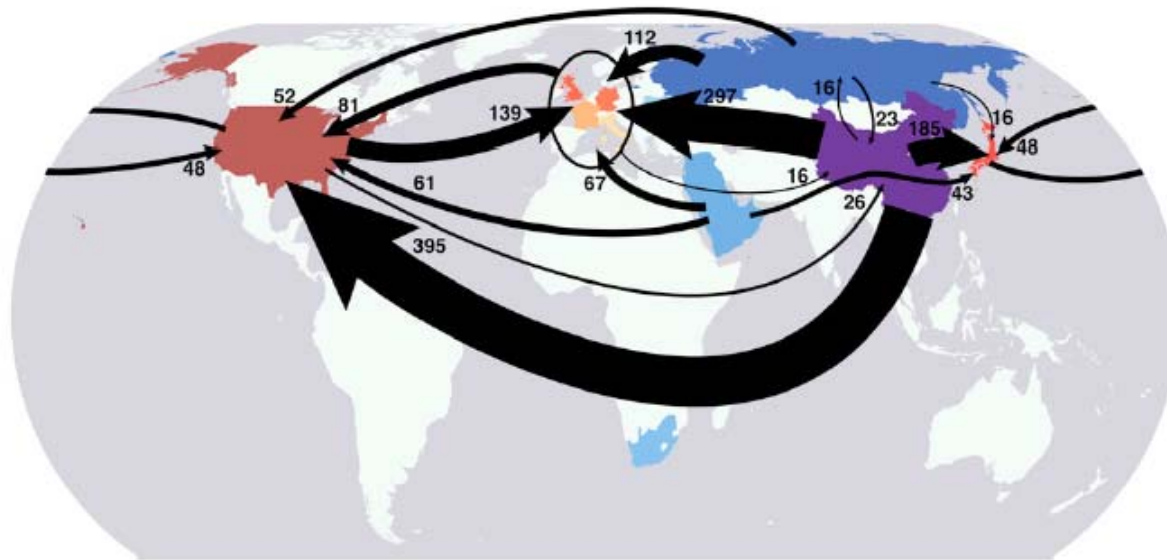
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Mileage  
8:1



# *New Analytical Tools*

- Global Flows of Energy & Materials
- Multiregional Input/Output Models
- Consequential Life Cycle Assessment



# *Make Sustainability Fun*

- New designs
- New business models
- Societal change to accommodate these changes

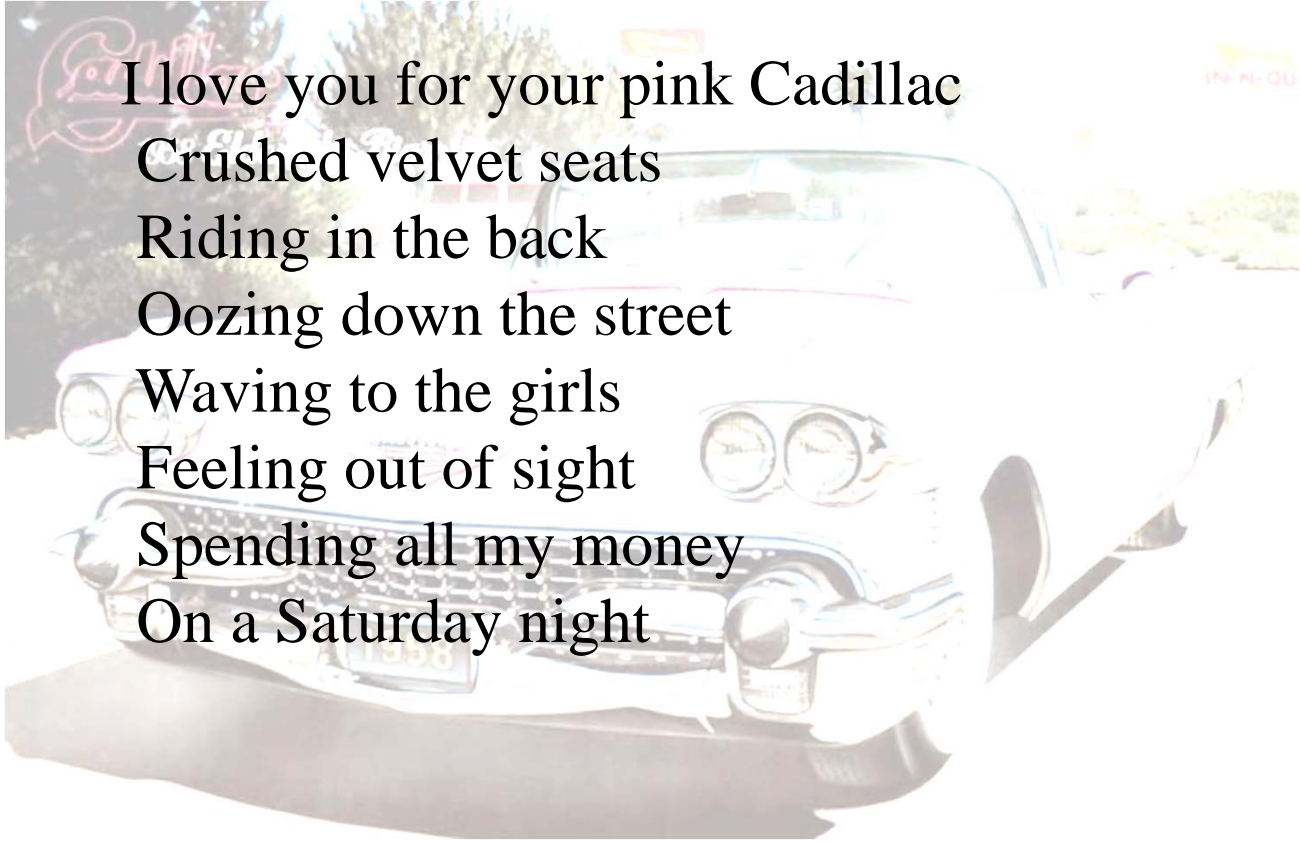


# Pink Cadillac by Bruce Springsteen



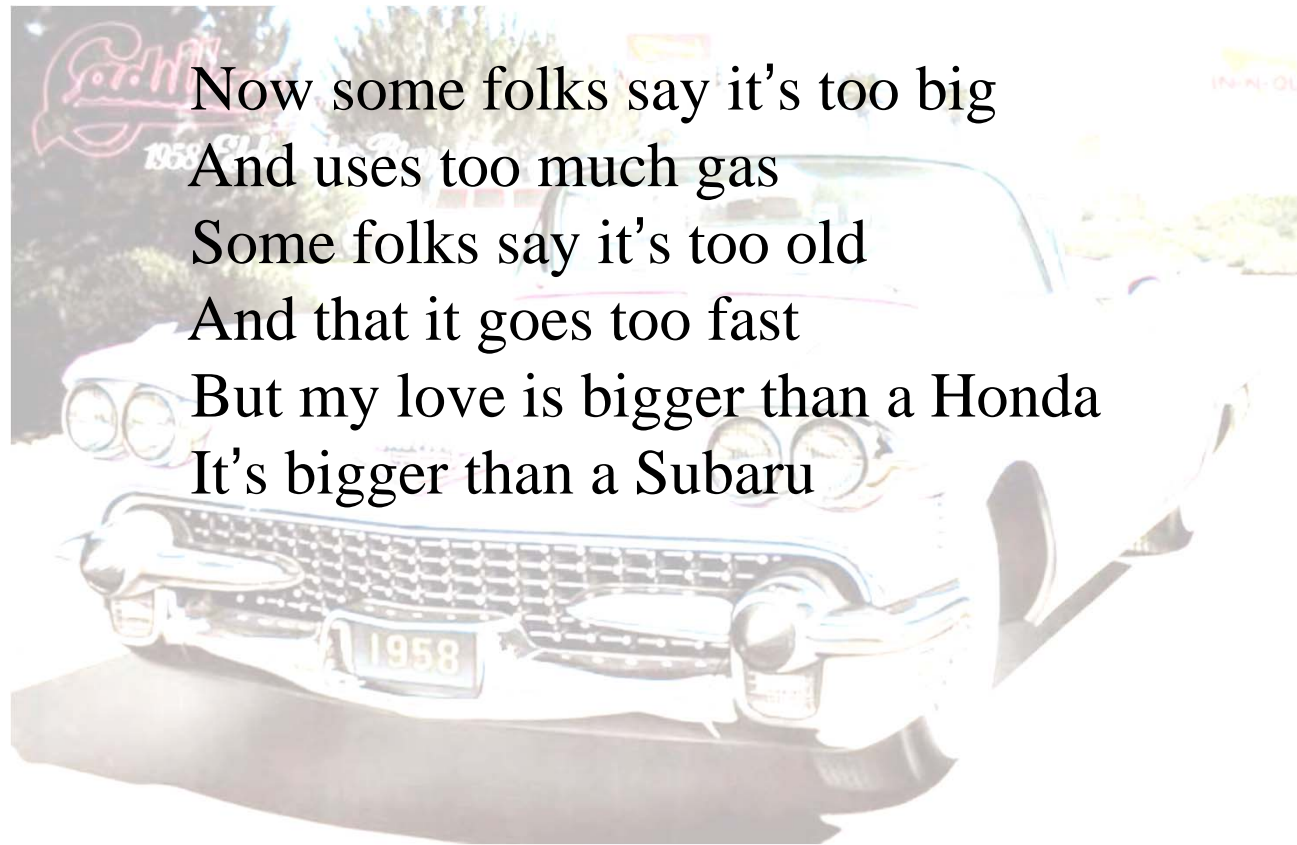


# The Desire

A vintage pink Cadillac car is shown from a front-three-quarter view. The car is parked on a street at night. In the background, there is a neon sign that says "Pink Cadillac" in a cursive font. The car has a license plate that reads "2388". The car is a classic model with a prominent chrome grille and dual round headlights on each side. The overall scene is dimly lit, with the neon sign providing the primary light source.

I love you for your pink Cadillac  
Crushed velvet seats  
Riding in the back  
Oozing down the street  
Waving to the girls  
Feeling out of sight  
Spending all my money  
On a Saturday night

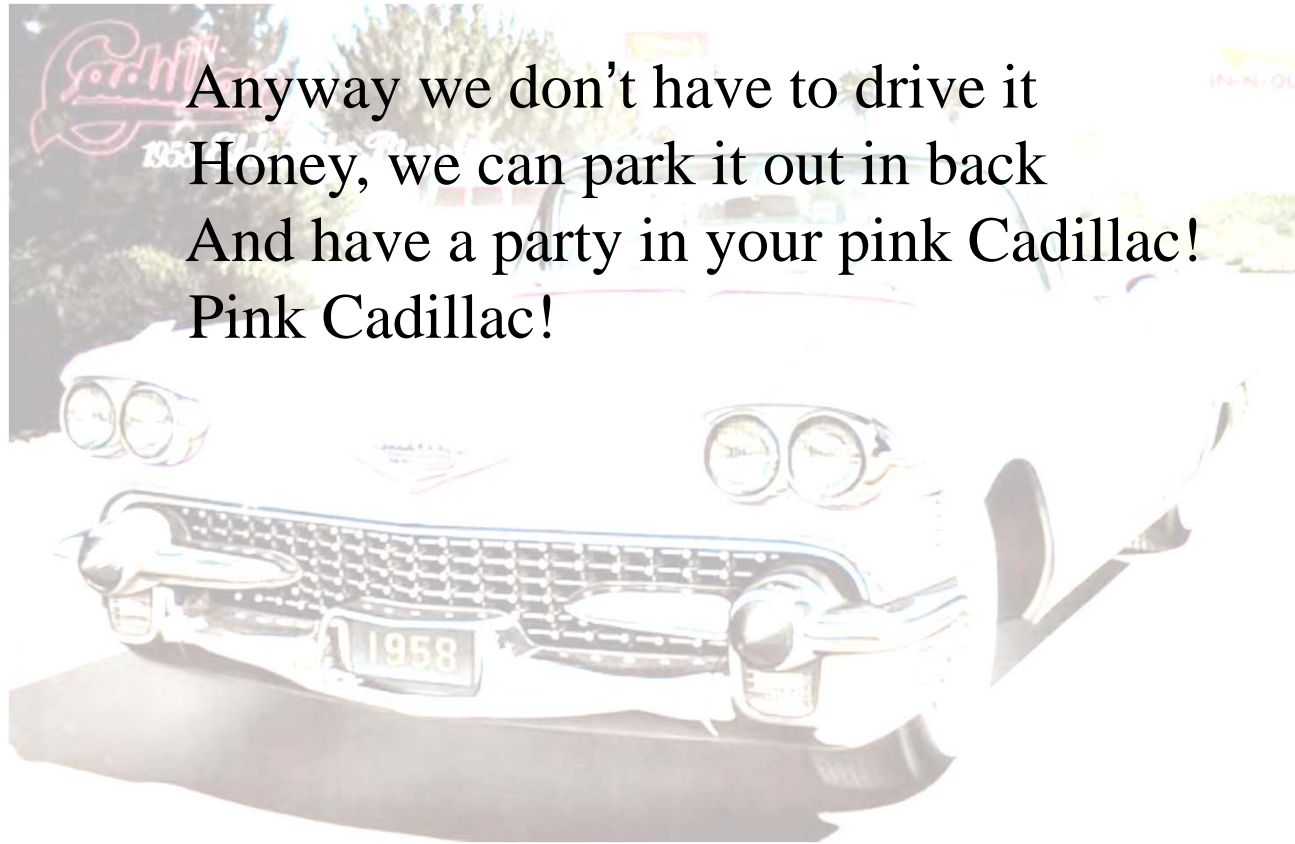
# The Conflict



Now some folks say it's too big  
And uses too much gas  
Some folks say it's too old  
And that it goes too fast  
But my love is bigger than a Honda  
It's bigger than a Subaru

# The Resolution

Anyway we don't have to drive it  
Honey, we can park it out in back  
And have a party in your pink Cadillac!  
Pink Cadillac!

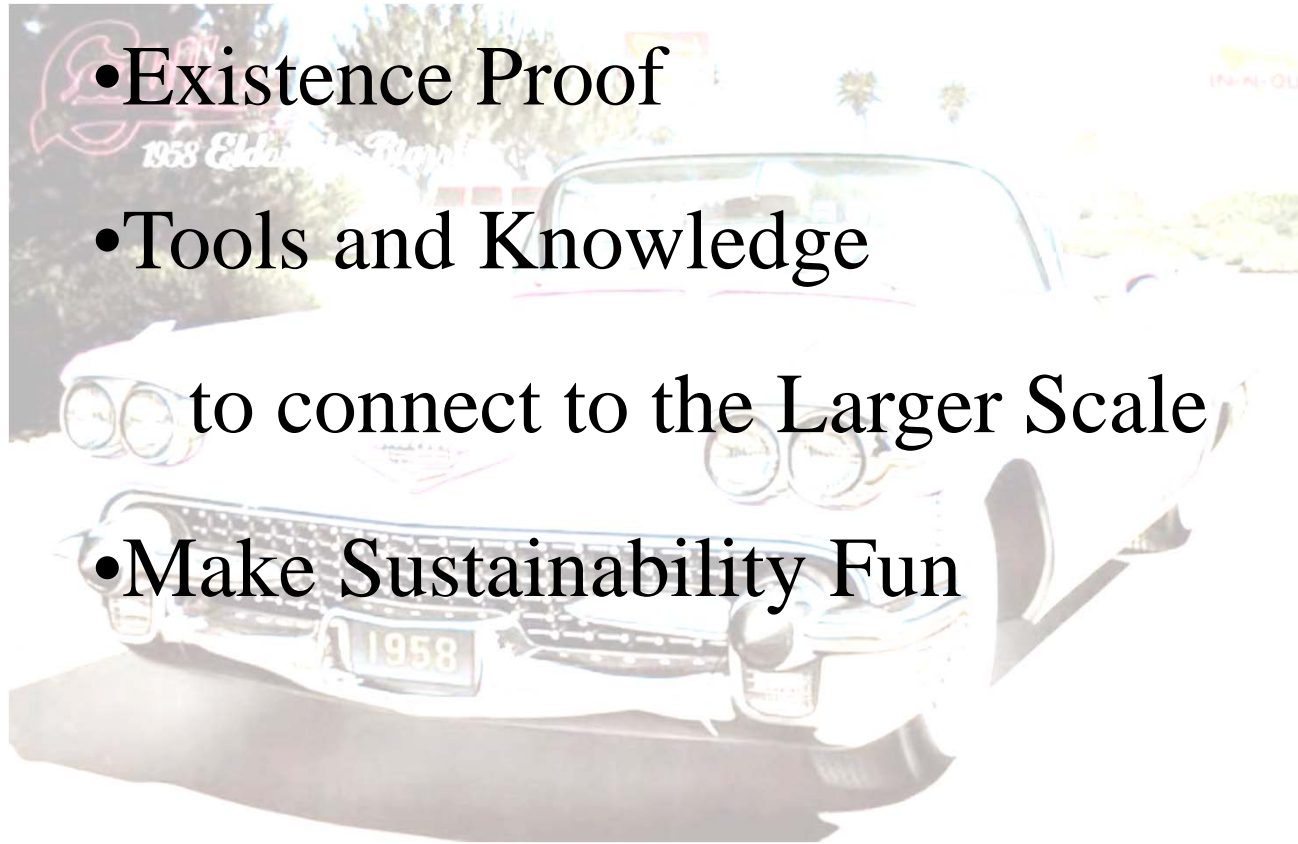


# What Engineers Can Do

- Existence Proof
- Tools and Knowledge

to connect to the Larger Scale

- Make Sustainability Fun



# Thank You

