

LIBERATION FROM FOSSIL CAPITALISM

**Towards an Eco-Sufficient,
Just and Democratic Society**

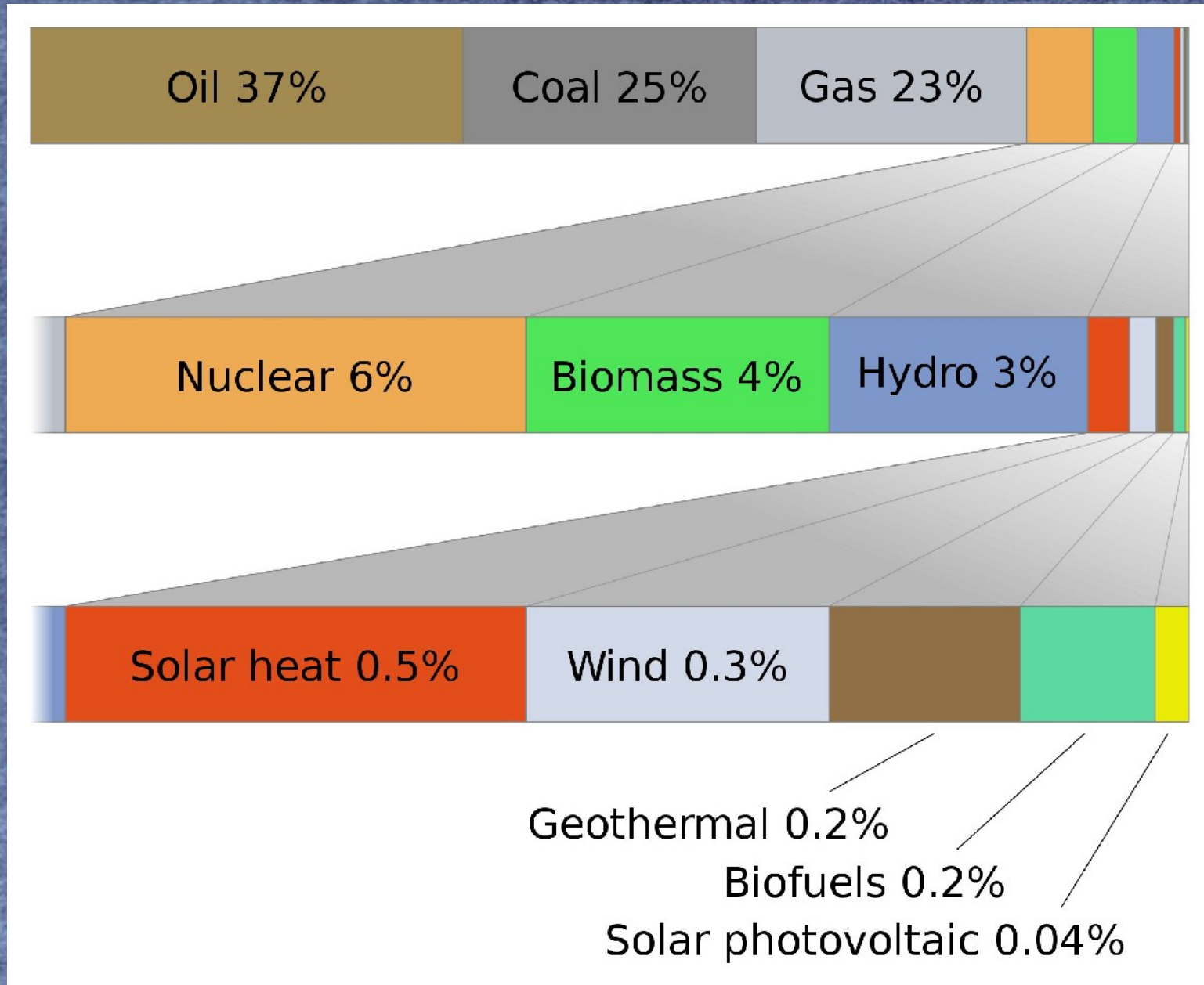
Opening note of the
Workshop by Marko Ulvila

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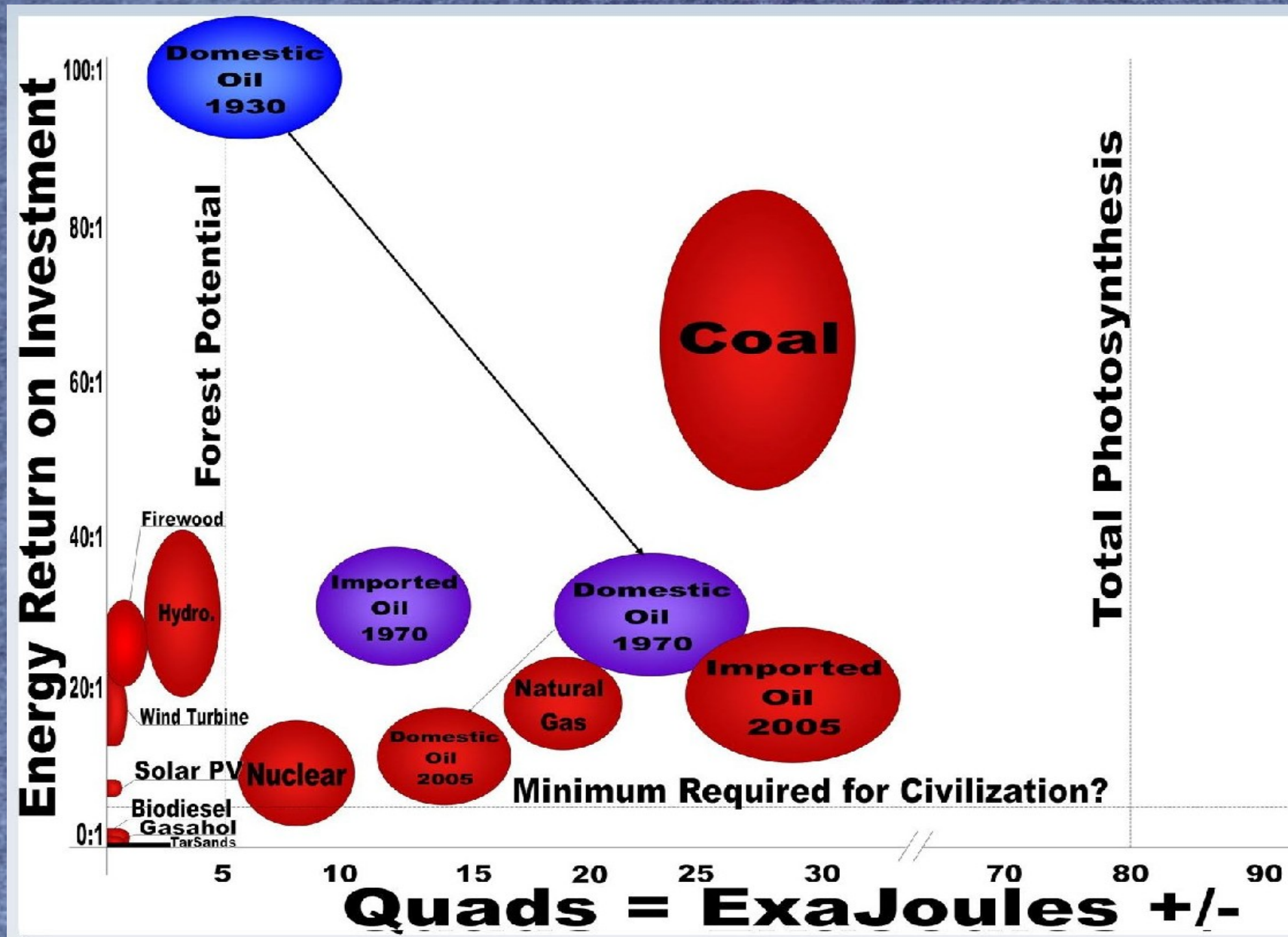
Workshop Programme

- Opening by the moderator: Marko Ulvila, FoE Finland
- Presentations:
 - Timothy DiMuzio, University of Helsinki
 - Emma Kari, Member of the Helsinki City Council
 - Anita Kelles, co-chair, Attac Finland
- Invited Comments: Peter Victor, Teivo Teivainen
- Discussion
 - *Organisers: Left Forum and FoE Finland*

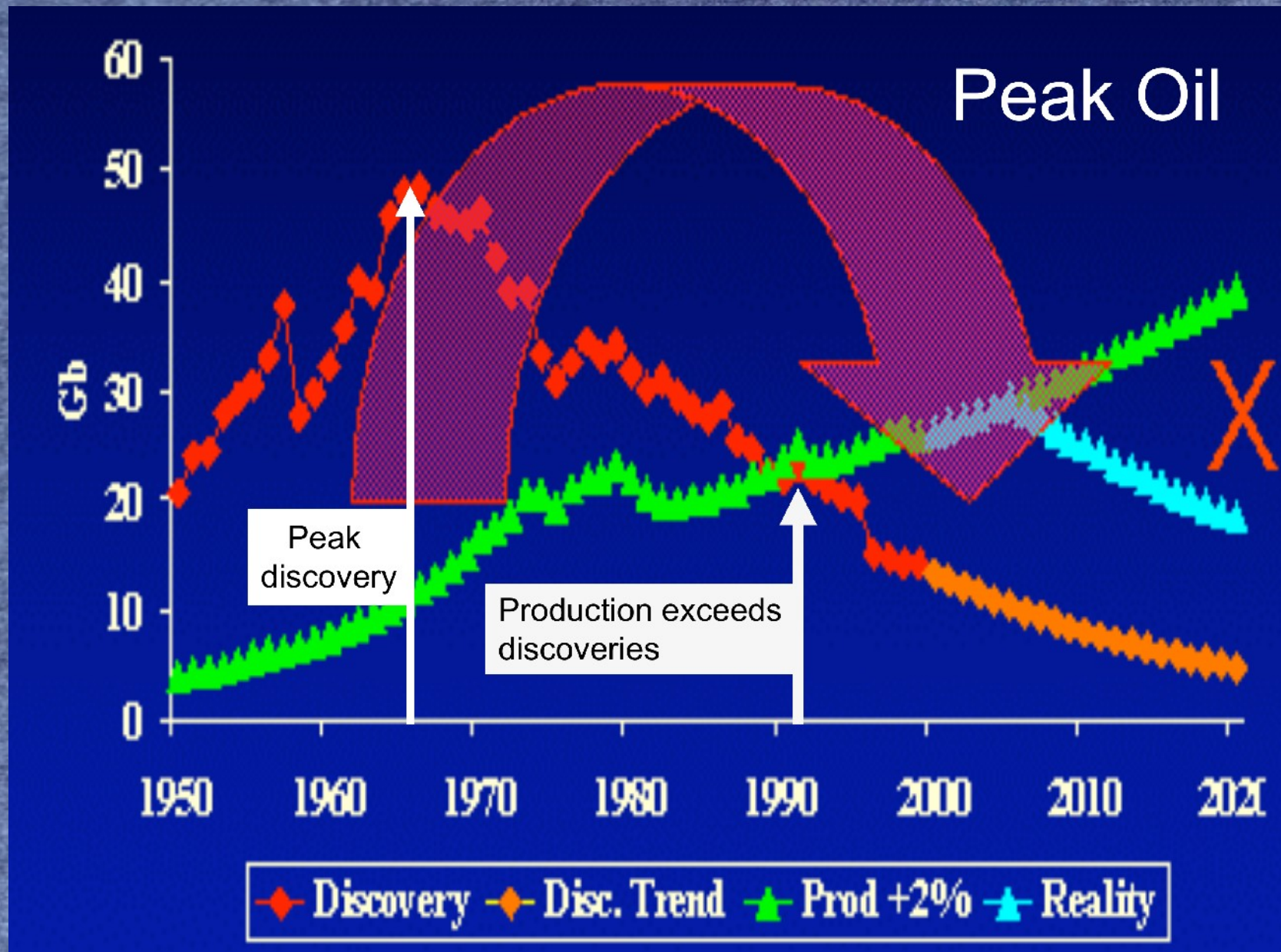
Fossil energy: scale



Fossil energy: quality (eroei)



Fossil energy: peak oil



Capitalism

- Social relations => hierarchy, exploitation
- Relations with rest of the nature => exploitation
- => ruined environment, gross inequality
- => oppressive system for accumulation
- Great success because it delivers 'progress' in terms of population and wealth (built on fossil energy)
- Now we are at an end of an era. Choice is ours:
 - Barbarism
 - Eco-sufficient, just and democratic future

Liberation

- **The process of striving to achieve equal rights and status** (wiktionary)
- **Eco-sufficiency:** Liberation from greed, de-linking status from material possessions. Satisfaction, good life, happiness.
- **Justice:** Liberation from hierarchies. Equality in all spheres of life. Redistribution.
- **Democracy:** Liberation from plutocracy, bureaucracy, technocracy. Direct, comprehensive, economic, ecological, radical, participatory democracy.

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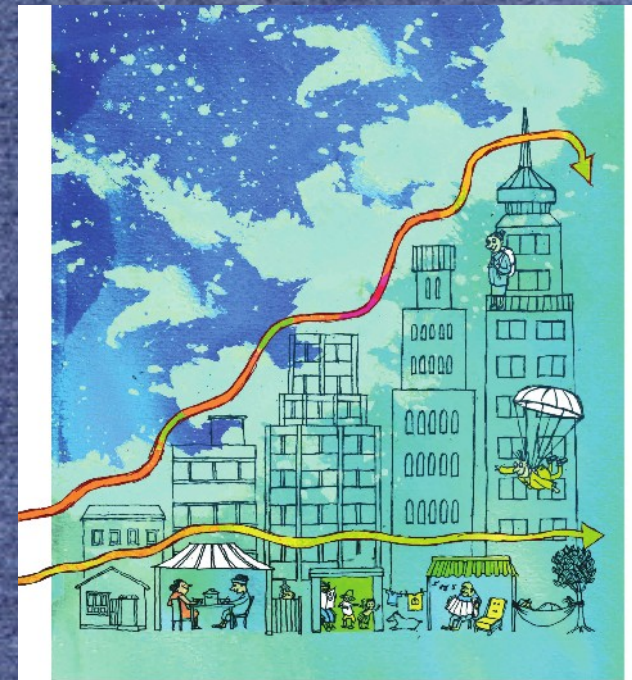
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