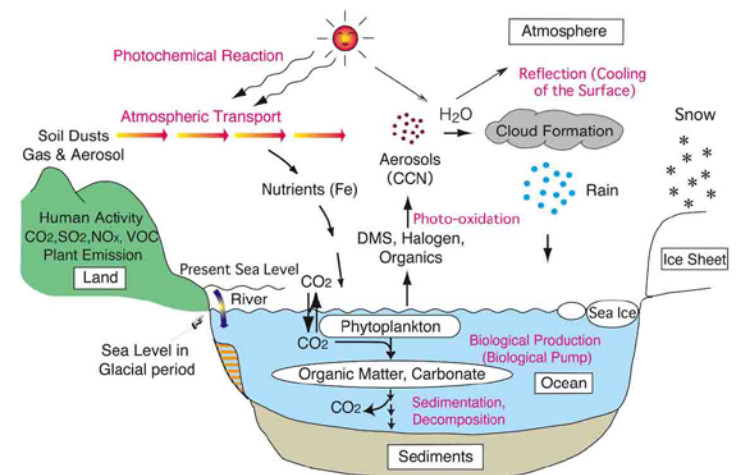


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new concept



confusion



comprehension

academic life



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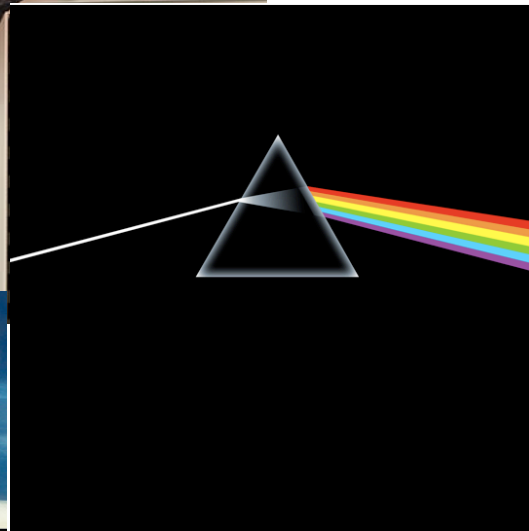
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- 1980 – early 1990's
 - Exploration geochemistry ('the biomarkers era')
- Second part of 90's
 - near extinction of geochemists in the industry
- Very late 90's – early 2000's
 - Years of redefinition
 - Where can geochemists contribute?
 - Can we integrate?
 - Are we useful?
- 2000-2010 ('Production geochemistry era')
 - New areas for geochemists
 - Increasing demand
- >2010
 - Golden Era
 - Back to basics (Unconventionals)
 - New applications



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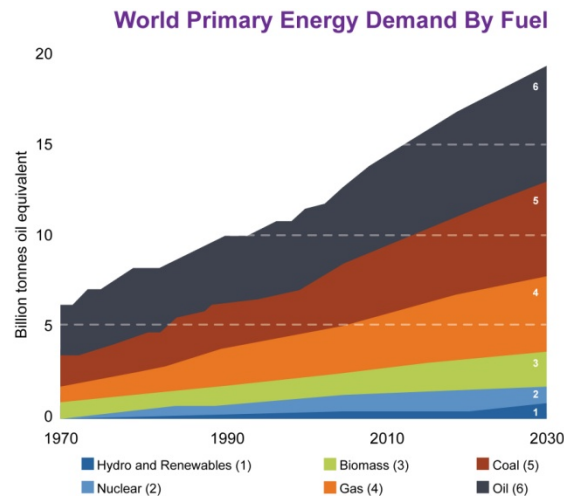
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Personal perspective on technology and work in an oil company

Despite my training as a geologist and organic geochemist, I really did not know what to expect when I first joined the oil industry, working for one of the major players. My postdoctoral research in Bristol on the preservation of animal cuticles and human remains in the fossil record impressed my future employer more than my PhD thesis on coal and kerogen, and this played an important part in my decision to join ‘the business’ and leave ‘academia’. It took 12 months for me to realize that what they wanted was my ability to work ‘outside the box’ and tackle new avenues of research using ‘traditional’ (geochemical) knowledge.



The oil industry is still a cyclical business: funding for research and development has its ups and downs. R&D funding can be increased one year and cut the next. The process varies between companies, and experiences differ. Yet, regardless of 'thin' or 'fat' years, cutting-edge technology is being developed and implemented, and it is fun to be instrumental in this process.



Source: International Energy Agency, World Energy Outlook 2006



Some Key Points

- It doesn't matter Geochemist or GeoChemist – each has its + & -
- None expects from you to know the 'business'
- Everyone expects from you to think out of the box, be innovative and 'adventurous'
- Think INTEGRATION and APPLICATION
- Be open minded to 'unknown'
- Be mobile!
- Some business sense doesn't hurt...
- ...so doesn't hurt to speak English 😊

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