

# **Contribution to the International Chokei Review Commission (ICRC)**

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- **Interim Report (IR) recognizes current economic disadvantage of plutonium**
- **but IR systematically biases analysis in favor of plutonium option**

**Example: IR vastly overstates impact of plutonium on “energy security”**

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## **Case Study France**

### **Nuclear power plants provide**

- 78% of electricity
- 42% of commercial primary energy
- < 18% of final energy (> 70% from gas, coal)

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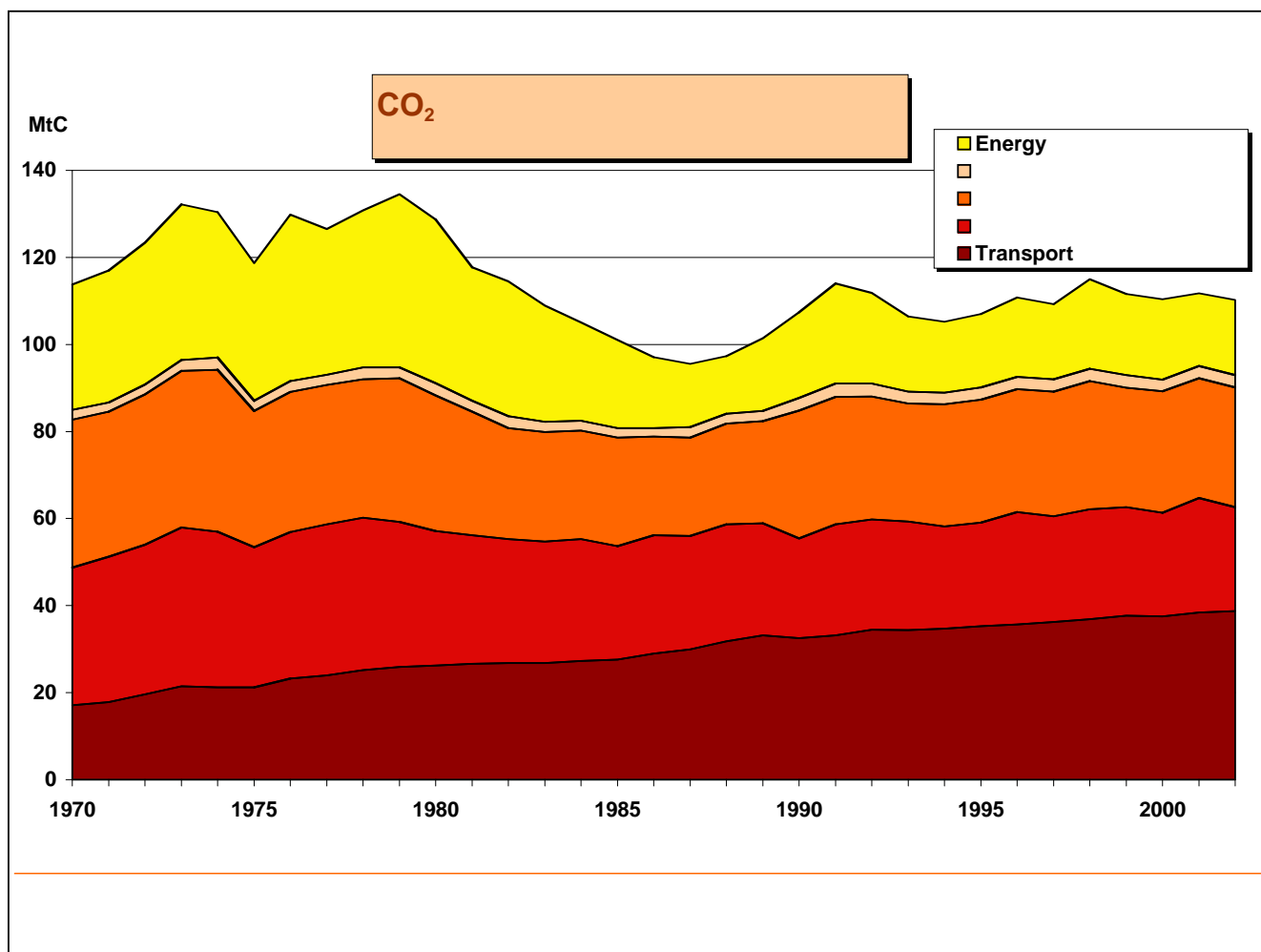
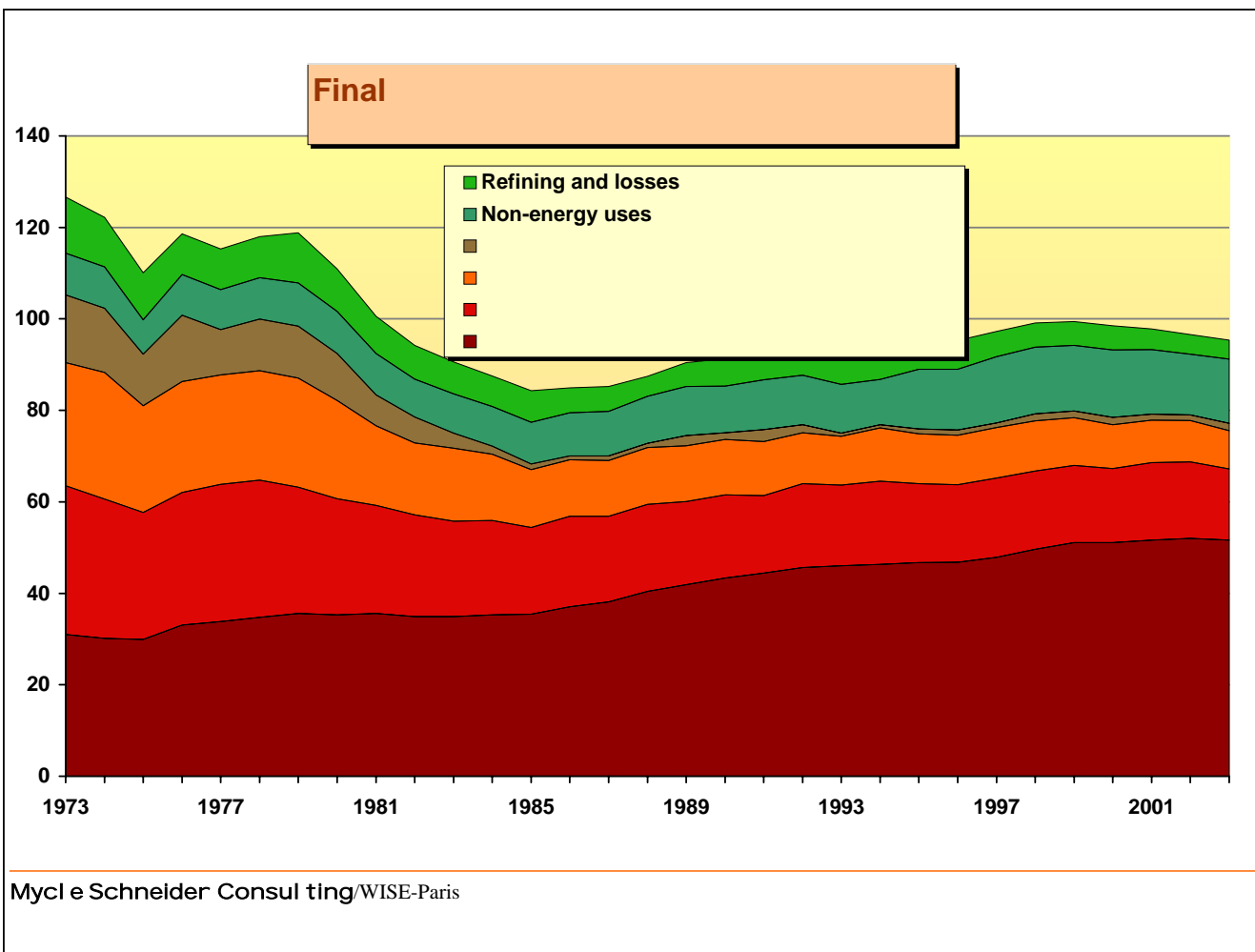
## **Case Study France**

- **Plutonium provides**
  - < 10% of electricity
  - < 4% of primary energy
  - < 2% of final energy
- 25 years to absorb (< current Japanese stockpile)
- Plutonium owner allocates a zero value

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## **Conclusion**

- Heavily biased evaluation not credible  
→ Rethink methodology of analysis
- Lack of response to external review will undermine quality of policy guidance  
→ Redefine role of independent experts
- A debate that does not allow for all participating parties to influence its outcome is not democratic risks to sacrifice collective benefit to state interest or corporate profit  
→ Reform decision-making process



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