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By far the greatest proportion of energy used in the developed world comes from stored energy from the sun. This energy is s

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buried and laid underground for many years. Coal is formed largely from plant material and trees

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whereas oil is formed largely from ancient living organisms. Natural gas is usually found in the same places as oil

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and has the same origins. Fossils fuels therefore can be seen as stores of energy built up over many years. Estimates vary a

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but it is clear that none of these fuels will last forever. As a consequence it is essential that over the coming decades

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alternative and more sustainable energy sources are found.ÿÿ