

Centre for Fuel Studies and Research

Seminar on 'FUEL SUBSIDIES'

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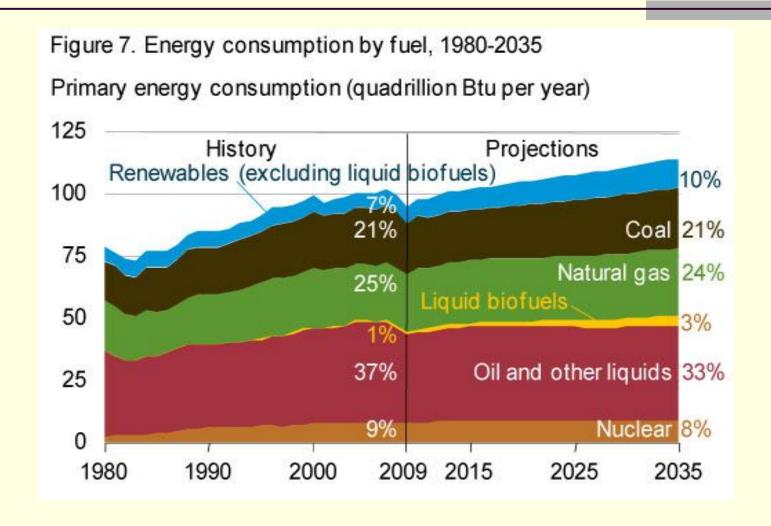
Agenda



- Role of 'Fossil Fuel' in the Energy Basket
 - World
 - India
- Challenges ahead for India
 - Energy Security and Sustainability
 - Given and Hidden Subsidies
 - Coal, Petroleum Products
 - Depleting Resource
 - Climate Change
- Some examples of hidden subsidies
 - Corporate → Free Electricity (!)
 - Diesel for private cars
 - Impact of accidents
 - Coal Life Cycle
 - Impact of Subsidies & Climate Change

World Energy Scenario

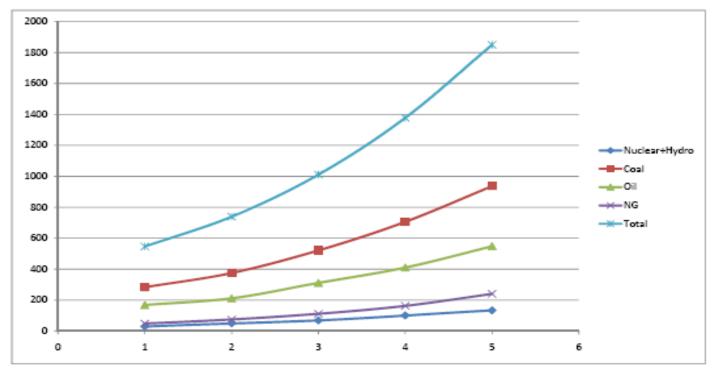








	HYDRO + NUCLEAR		COAL		OIL		NG		Total
2011-12	29	5	283	52	168	34	48	9	546
2016-17	49	7	375	50	211	33	74	10	739
2021-22	68	7	521	51	311	32	111	11	1011
2026-27	100	7	706	51	410	30	162	12	1378
2031-32	133	7	937	51	548	30	240	12	1850





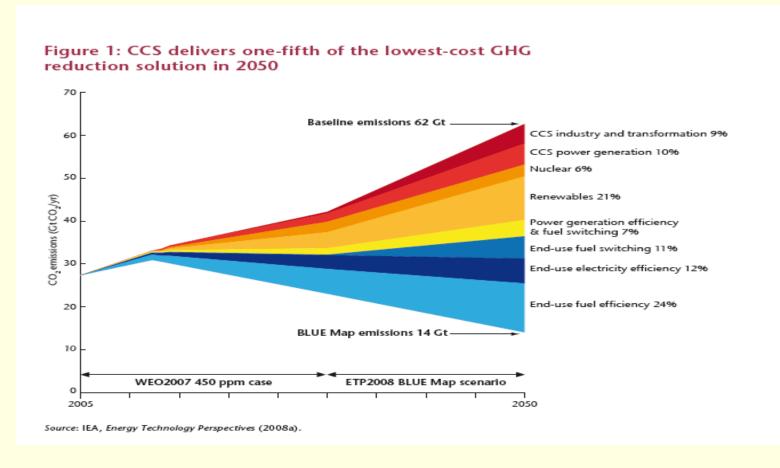
- Coal → continue to be the backbone
- Oil / Natural Gas → Marginal replacement of oil with Gas
- Nuclear / Renewable → Not significant impact
- Security / Sustainability
- Coal Reserves → to last over 100 years
 - Security not an issue



- Sustainability
 - Climate Change : CO₂ emission
 - Fossil Fuel Key to CO₂ emission
 - Present to Critical level
 - 390ppm to 450 ppm (2°C)
 - Reduction by 2030 to 2005 level and thereby to bring down further by 2050



Sustainability – Portfolio of Technology





■ Cost of CO2 control

- Clean Coal Technology
 - Efficiency, case of CO2 capture
 - IGCC, Oxy fuel
 - Retrofit Old Thermal Plants
 - Costs of CO2 Capture/Storage
 - Nuclear, Renewable
- End-use efficiency etc.
- How to meet the cost?
- Fossil Fuel Culprit ?

Hidden Subsidies – some examples



- Electricity → Coal → Corporate, Household
 - Agro sector subsidy
 - Huge losses piled up by components of SEBs
- Transport Sector
 - Diesel subsidy, mass transport, goods movement
 - Private cars using diesel?
- Costs of accidents & environment implications
 - BP's spill 20 billion dollars
 - Environmental (marine life)

Hidden Subsidy – Coal Lifestyle



- Coal Mining Utilization
 - Health
 - Pollution
 - Residue
 - Accidents
 - Estimate(Harvard Medial School)
 - 10 -100 m \$/tonne of coal
 - 2500 25000 Crores!

Sustainability at costs & How?



- Follies of yesteryears
- Fossil fuels depleting resource
 - Taxation policy
- Was climate change known?, ignored?
- Subsidy fossil fuel
 - Discourage Renewable economics
 - Should be taxed instead of subsidy (!)
- Better late than never





Upasala Glacier, South American Andes, Argentina

