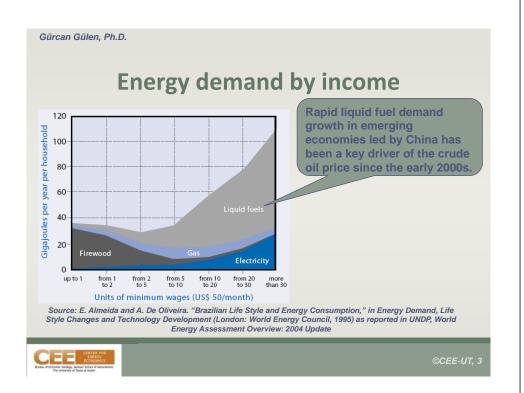


Some stylized facts

- Greater GDP ⇔ more energy consumption.
- Greater GDP per capita more energy consumption per capita.
- As countries get richer, energy intensity declines because economy transitions: agricultural → industrial → services



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Energy poverty

- ~1.4 billion with no access to electricity
 - IEA base case: ~1.2 billion in 2030
- ~2.7 billion relying on traditional biomass
 - IEA base case: ~2.8 billion in 2030
- 28% electrification, 80% biomass in Sub-Saharan Africa (excluding South Africa)
- South Asia is the second biggest challenge



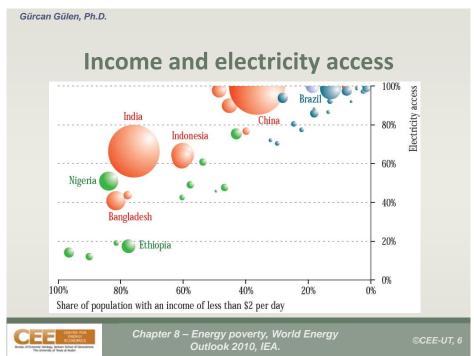
Chapter 8 – Energy poverty, World Energy Outlook 2010. IEA.

Implications of energy poverty

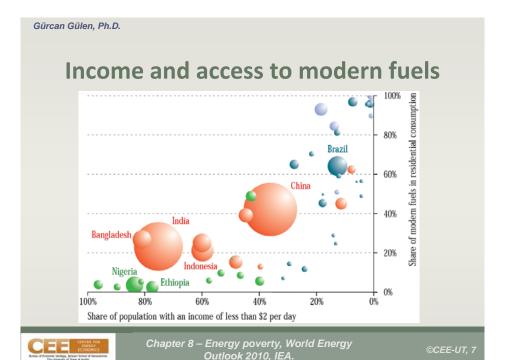
- Economic poverty
- Increased illiteracy
- Decreased life expectancy
 - Water-borne diseases
 - Indoor air pollution
- Environmental degradation
 - Deforestation
 - Pollution (e.g., diesel generators)

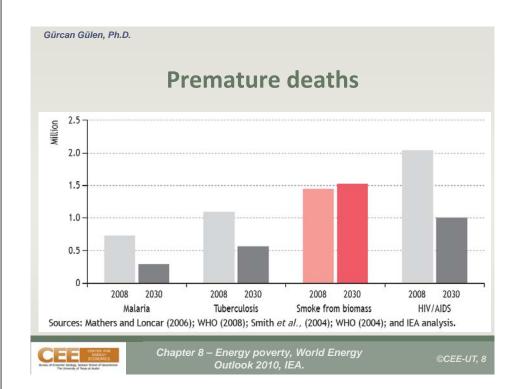


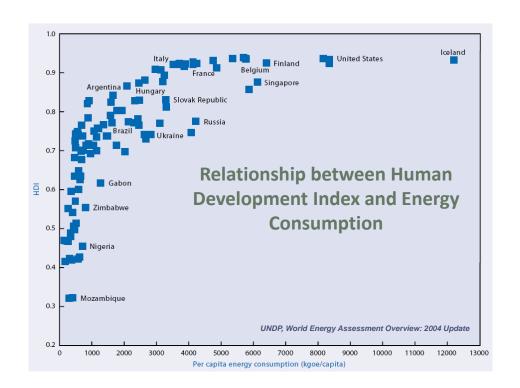
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What can be done?

- Electrification
 - Central generation for urban areas (more efficient and reliable)
 - Distributed generation for rural areas (more fitting for wind, solar, mini hydro)
- Modern fuels indoors
 - Cleaner burning stoves for biomass or coal
 - Switching to gaseous fuels (e.g., LPG)



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What can be done?

- Remove subsidies on fuels and electricity
 - IEA: \$312 billion of fuel subsidies in 2009 v \$77 billion per year until 2015 and \$36 billion per year during 2015-2030 to end energy poverty
- Focus on private sector delivery of energy services
- Smart urbanization
- Move away from subsistence farming

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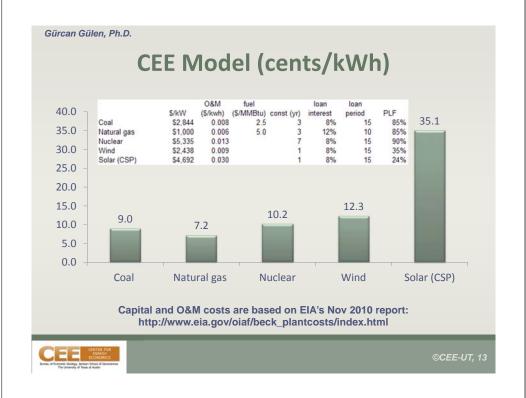
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Energy realities we can't wish away

- Alternatives are far away from the scale needed to replace conventional fuels.
- They are more expensive than conventional technologies.
- Integration problems (e.g., intermittency, scalability limits, inability to communicate with existing infrastructure, impact on other fuels).





Energy content & efficiency

- Coal: 24-30 MJ/kg and 35-45% conversion efficiency
- Natural gas (methane): ~55 MJ/kg and 55-60% conversion efficiency (CC)
- Natural uranium: ~560 MJ/kg
- Reactor-grade uranium: ~3,700 MJ/kg and 30-35% conversion efficiency



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