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## Topic

Dynamics of natural resource utilization,  
environmental impacts and technologies in  
increasing the sustainability of energy systems

## The Rio+20 Outcome

128. increasing the share of renewable energy and  
cleaner and energy-efficient technologies are  
important for sustainable development



## Outline

Thailand: Energy consumption and production situation

Potential of alternative energy and current status

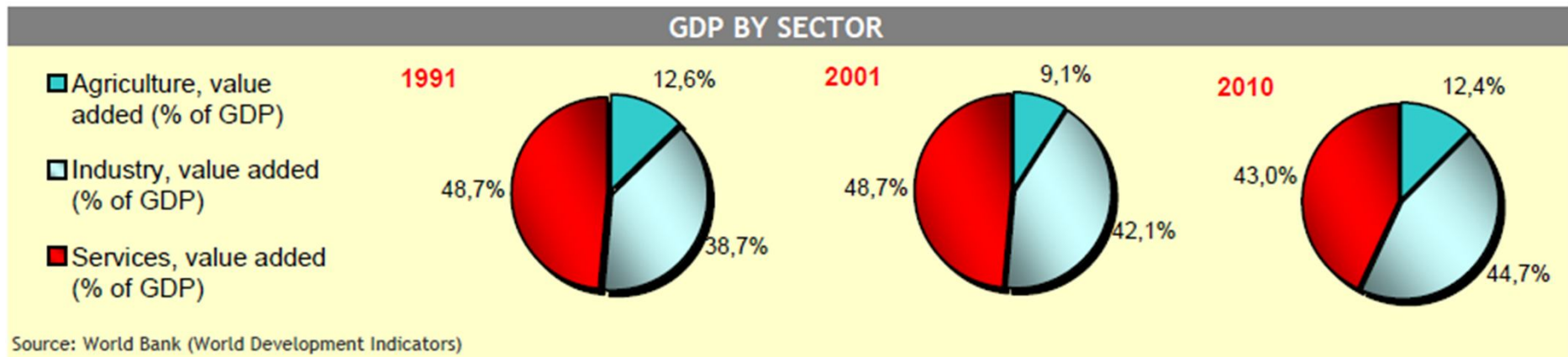
- Renewable energy resource map: solar, wind
- Current status of RE and Nuclear Energy

Towards Green Energy

- Alternative Energy Development Plan (2008-2020)
- Power Development Plan 2010 (2010-2030)



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Service industry: The country's tourism, hospitality, health care, film, broadcasting and entertainment sectors are growing

<http://www.ethailand.com/news/thai-industrial-sector-gdp-grows-considerably-in-2010-92737.html>





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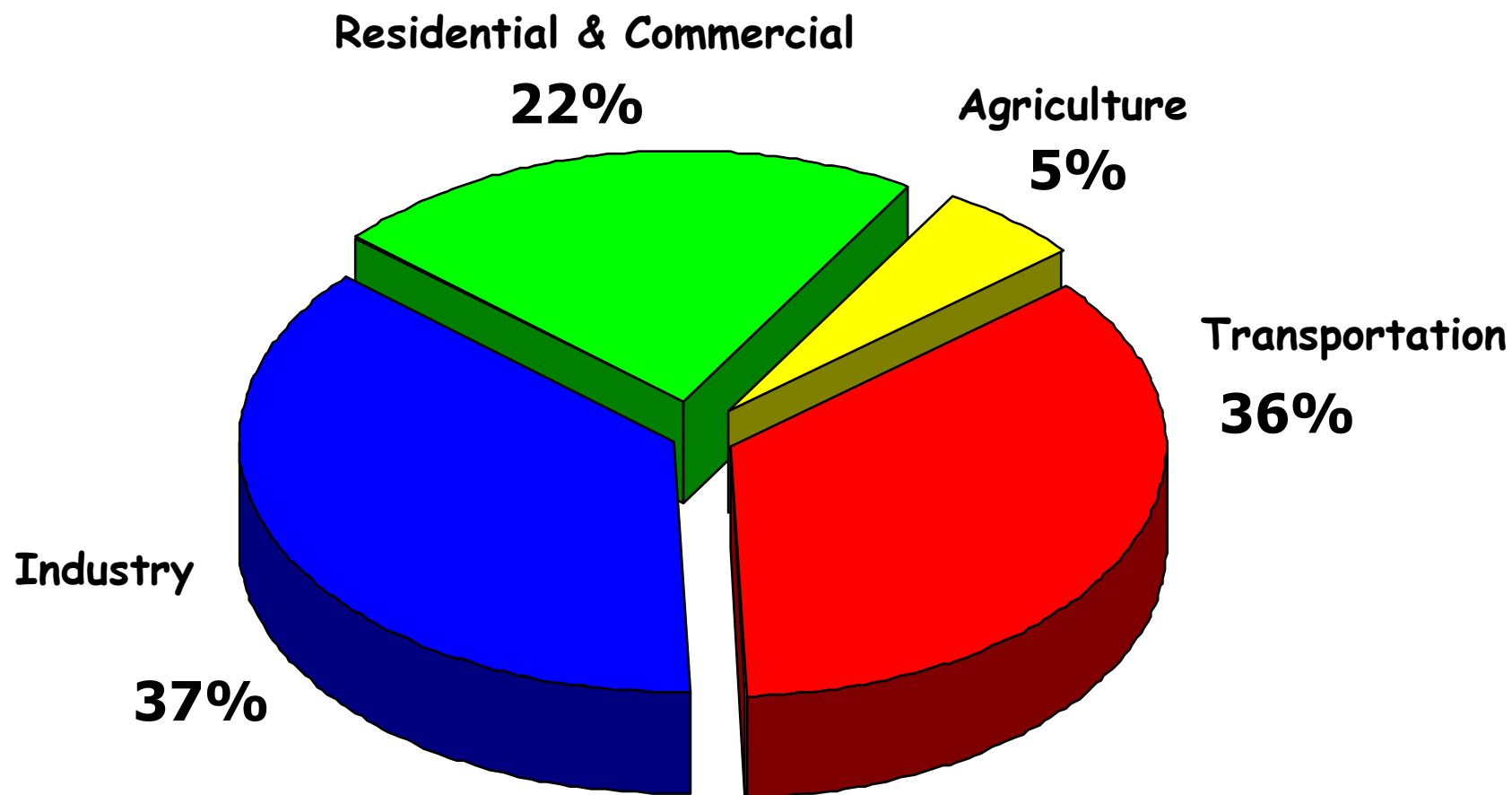
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# Current situation Energy consumption and production in Thailand



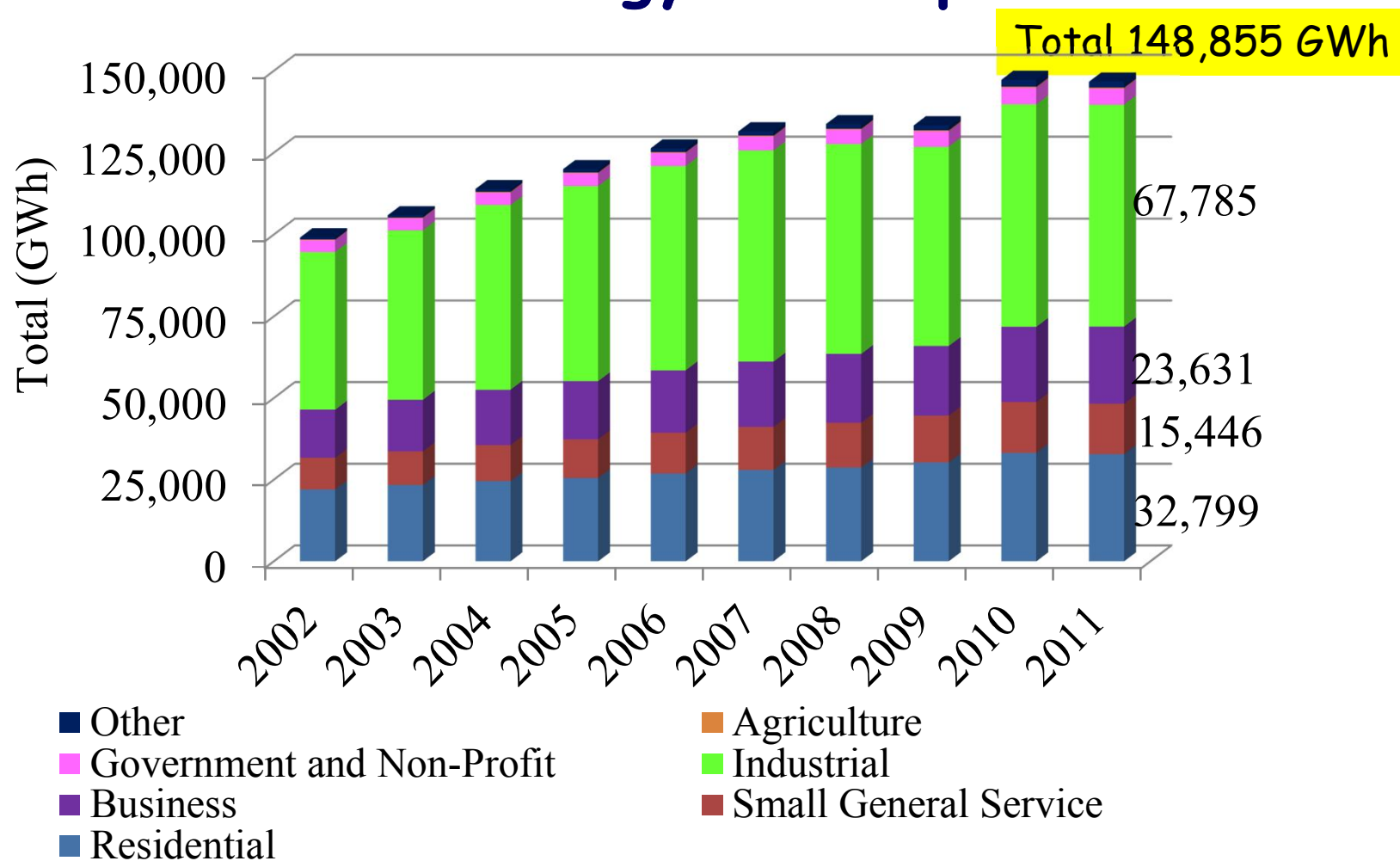
## Final energy consumption classified by sector in 2011



Source: Department of Alternative Energy Development and Efficiency (DEDE)



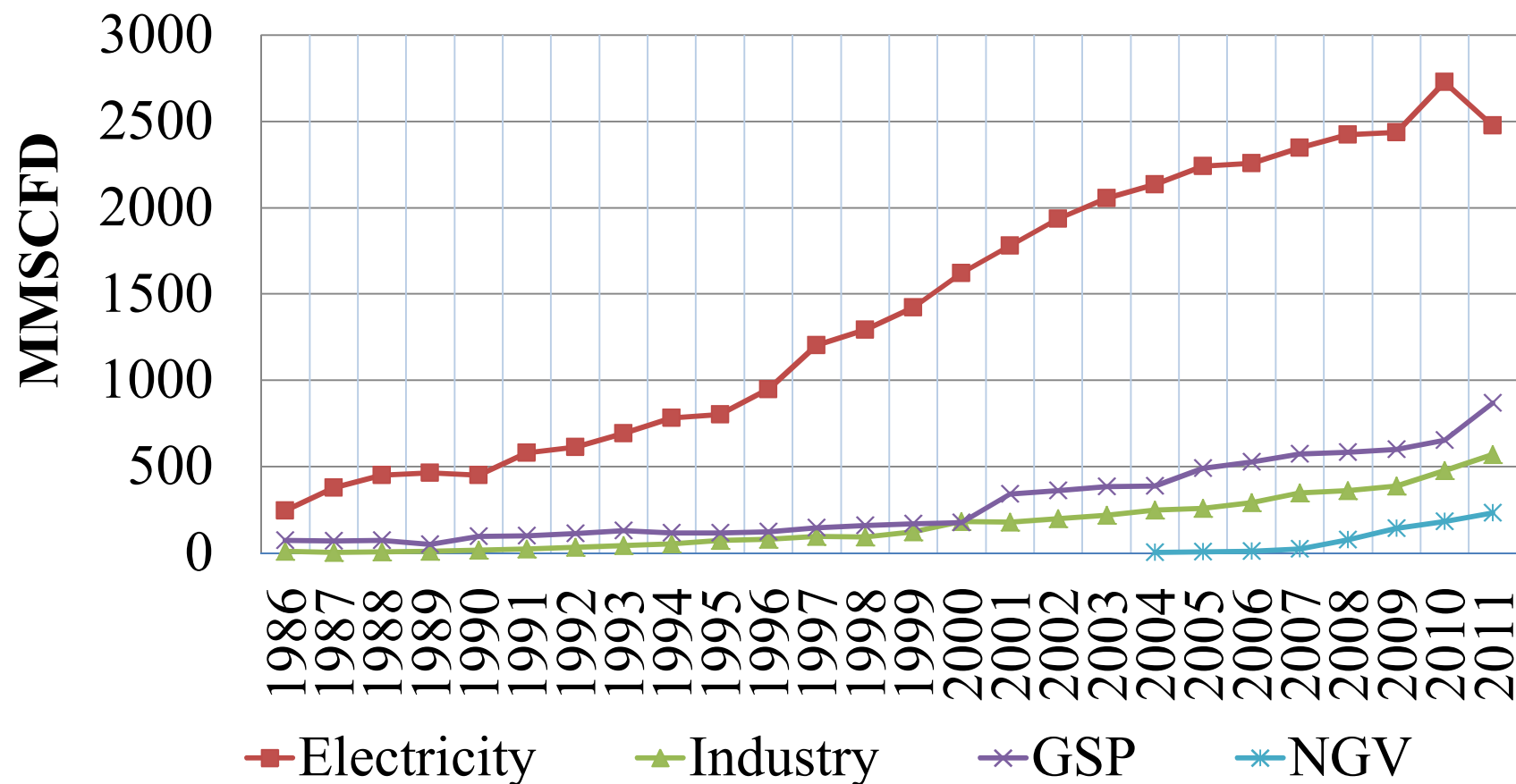
## Electric energy consumption



Source : MEA, PEA and EGAT



## Natural gas consumption

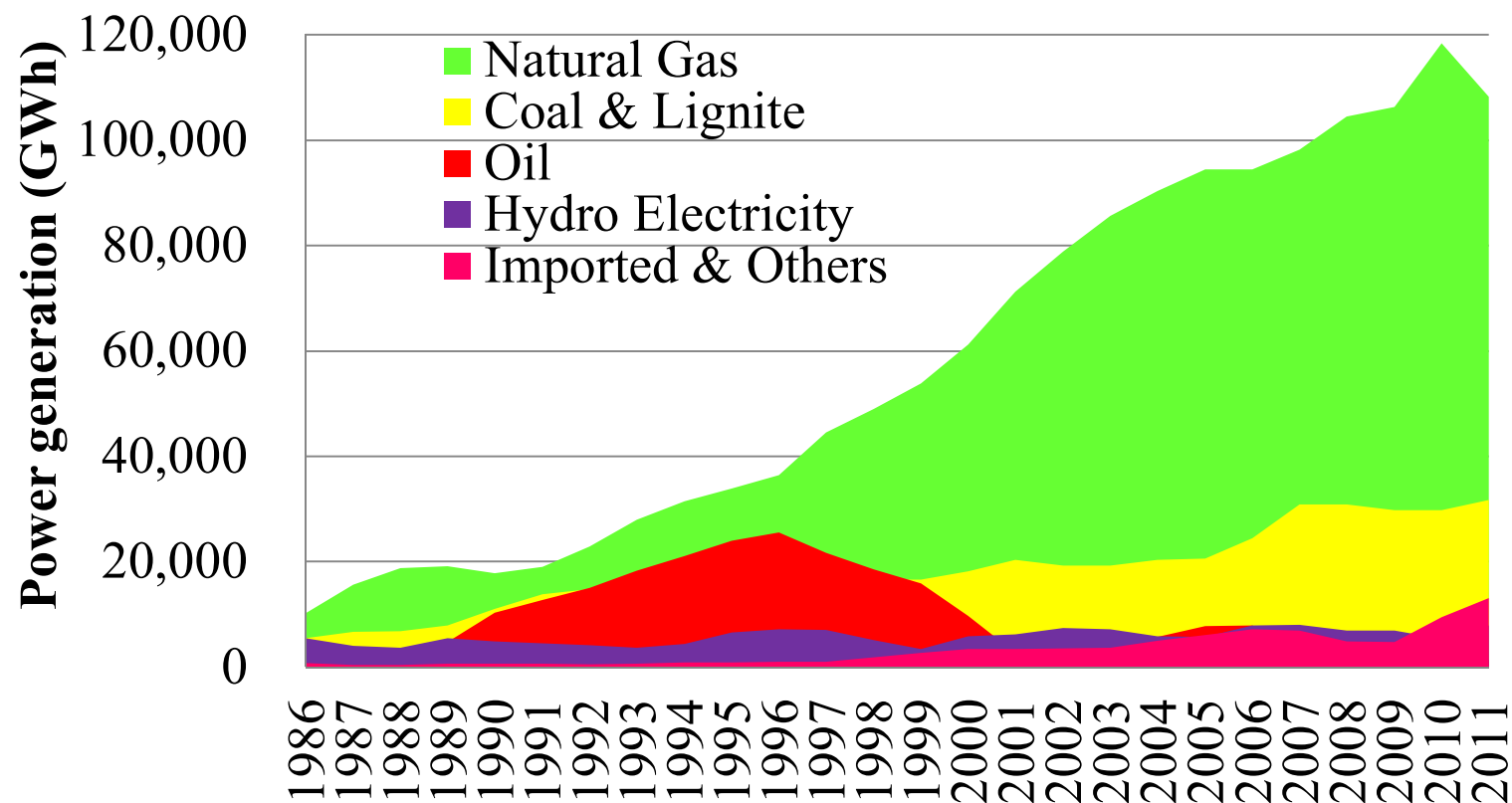


Sources: EPPO, 2012

Noted: GSP =Gas Separation Plant



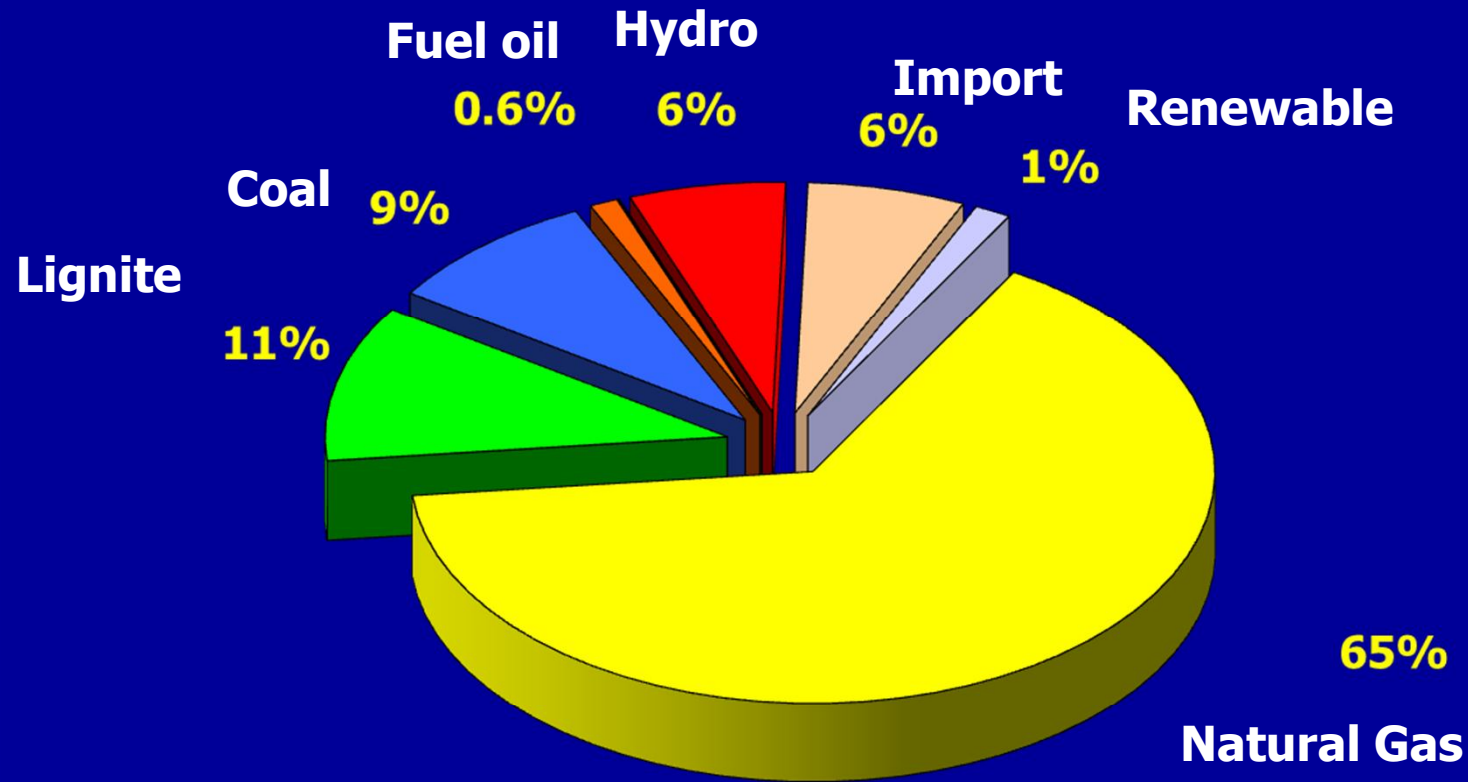
## Power generation categorized by fuel type



SOURCE : EGAT



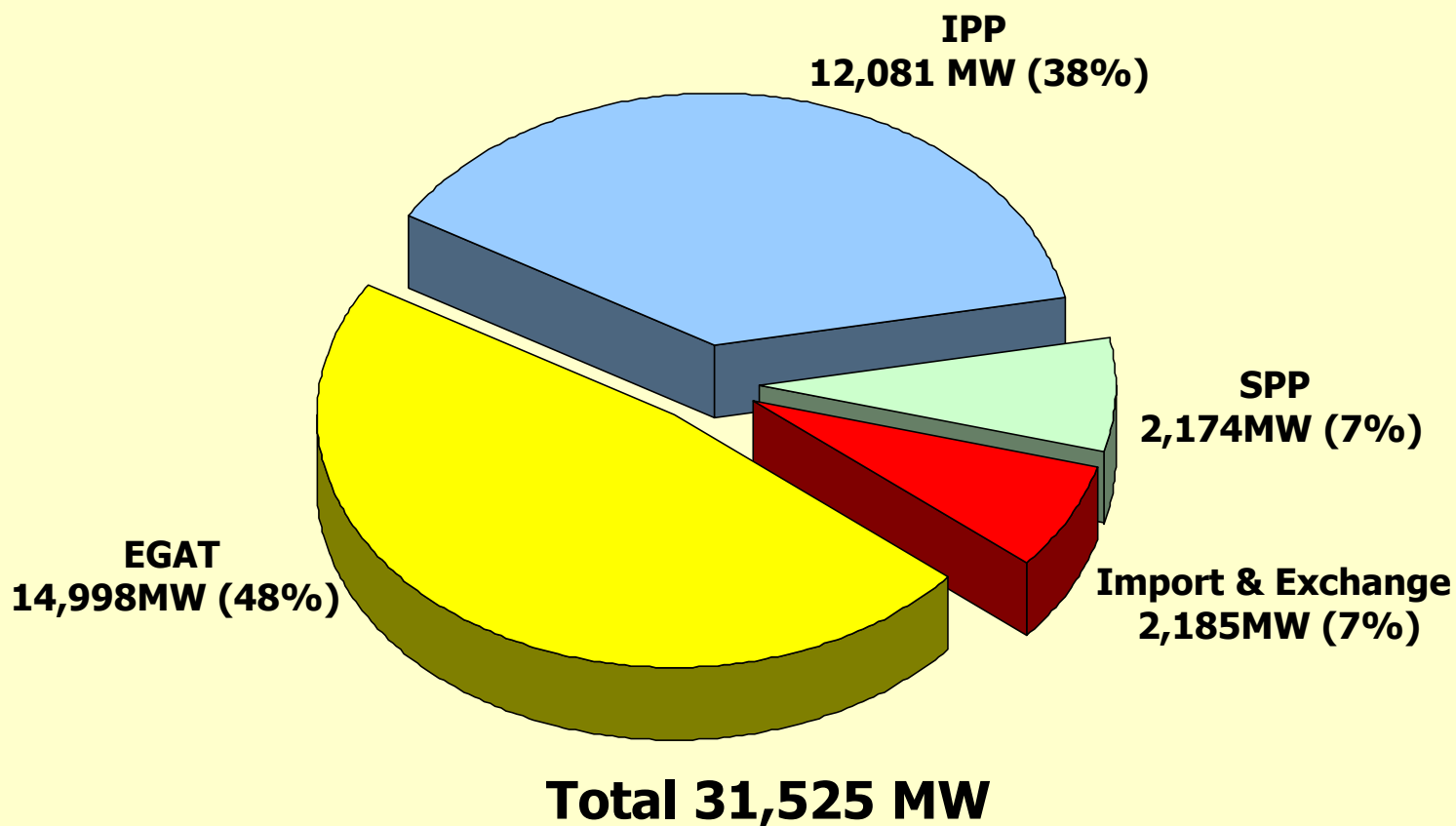
## Share of Power Generation by Fuel Type June 2012



**Sources:** EPPO (Energy Policy and Planning Office), Ministry of Energy, Thailand, 2012

# *Installed Generating Capacity*

## *June 2012*



**Sources:** EPPO (Energy Policy and Planning Office), Ministry of Energy, Thailand, 2012



The private power producer selling electricity to EGAT divided into three categories;

1. VSPP=Very Small Power Producer

The generating capacity is less than 10 MW

2. SPP =Small Power Producer

The generating capacity is between 10 and 90 MW

3. IPP =Independent Power Producer

The generating capacity is more than 90 MW

EGAT = Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand

DEDE = Department of Alternative Energy Development and Efficiency



## Residential and transportation sectors





## Building

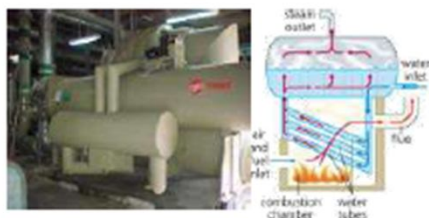
- The implementation of the energy conservation strategies e.g. building energy code and high efficient appliances



## Energy Efficiency Measures

### Mandate & Regulation

- ❑ Building Energy Code
- ❑ Energy ISO



### Financial Schemes

- ❑ Energy Finance
- ❑ Revolving Fund
- ❑ ESCO FUND



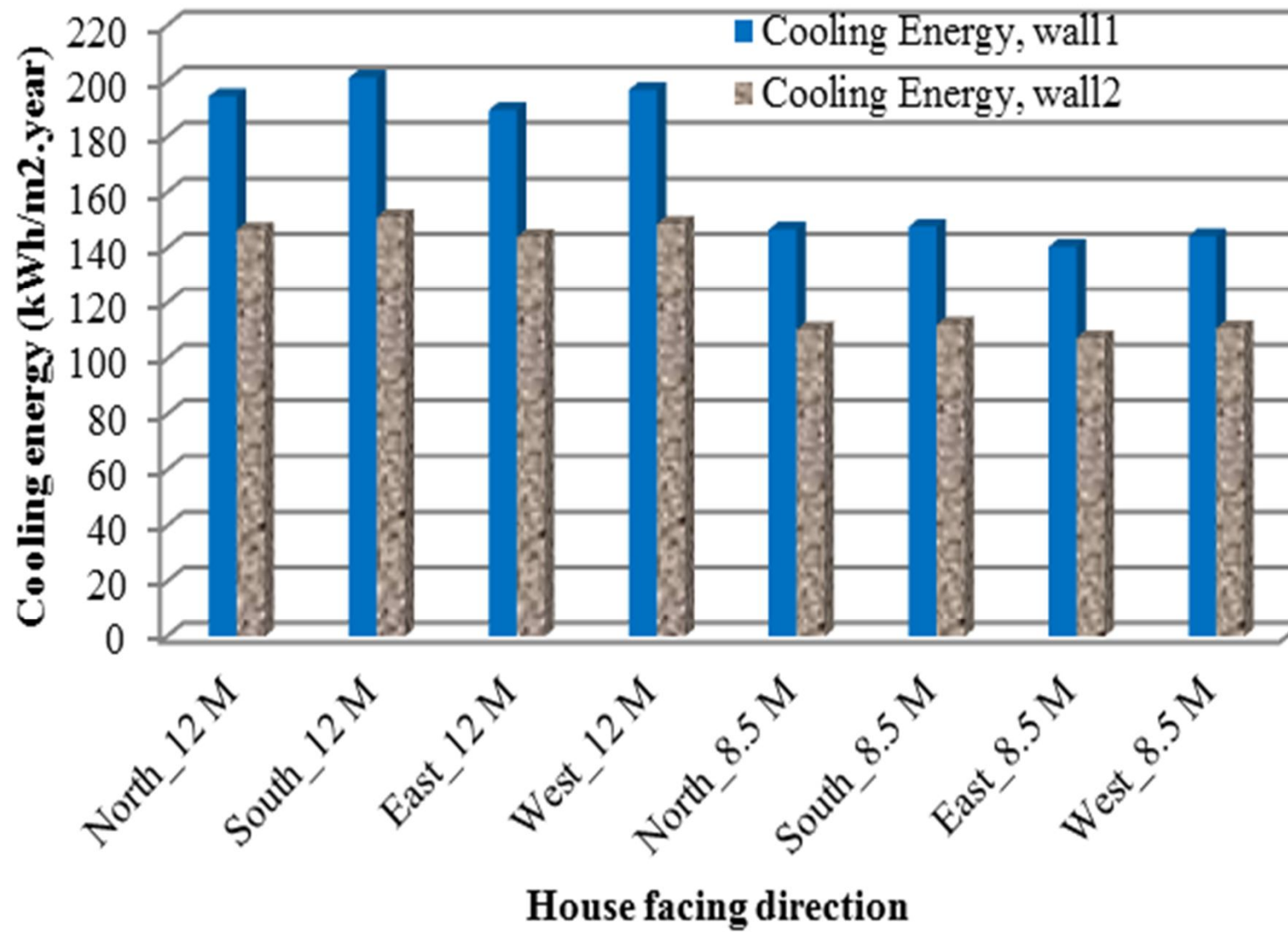
### Social Events

- ❑ Standards and Labeling
- ❑ AC Cleaning
- ❑ Light Bulbs



## A case study on low cost house

- Building energy code began in 1992: The Energy Conservation Promotion Act (ECP Act)
- Energy conservation for designed buildings started since 1995
- Space cooling, electrical appliances and lighting are the main end use
- Number of houses started installing air conditioning systems increase rapidly





- The influential parameters on the cooling energy demand: operation period of air conditioning unit and building envelope



Mechanical equipment  
HVAC and Renewable energy  
e.g. evaporative cooler, fan, PV etc.  
lighting etc.

Passive system  
Thermal comfort  
e.g. natural ventilation, day lighting etc.

Building design  
Cut down building heat gain  
e.g. insulation, construction material, efficient appliances etc.



## Transportation solution

- Public transportation systems must be implemented since it provide high potential of reducing both energy requirements and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- Need good policy to control the number of cars run in the city and the tax



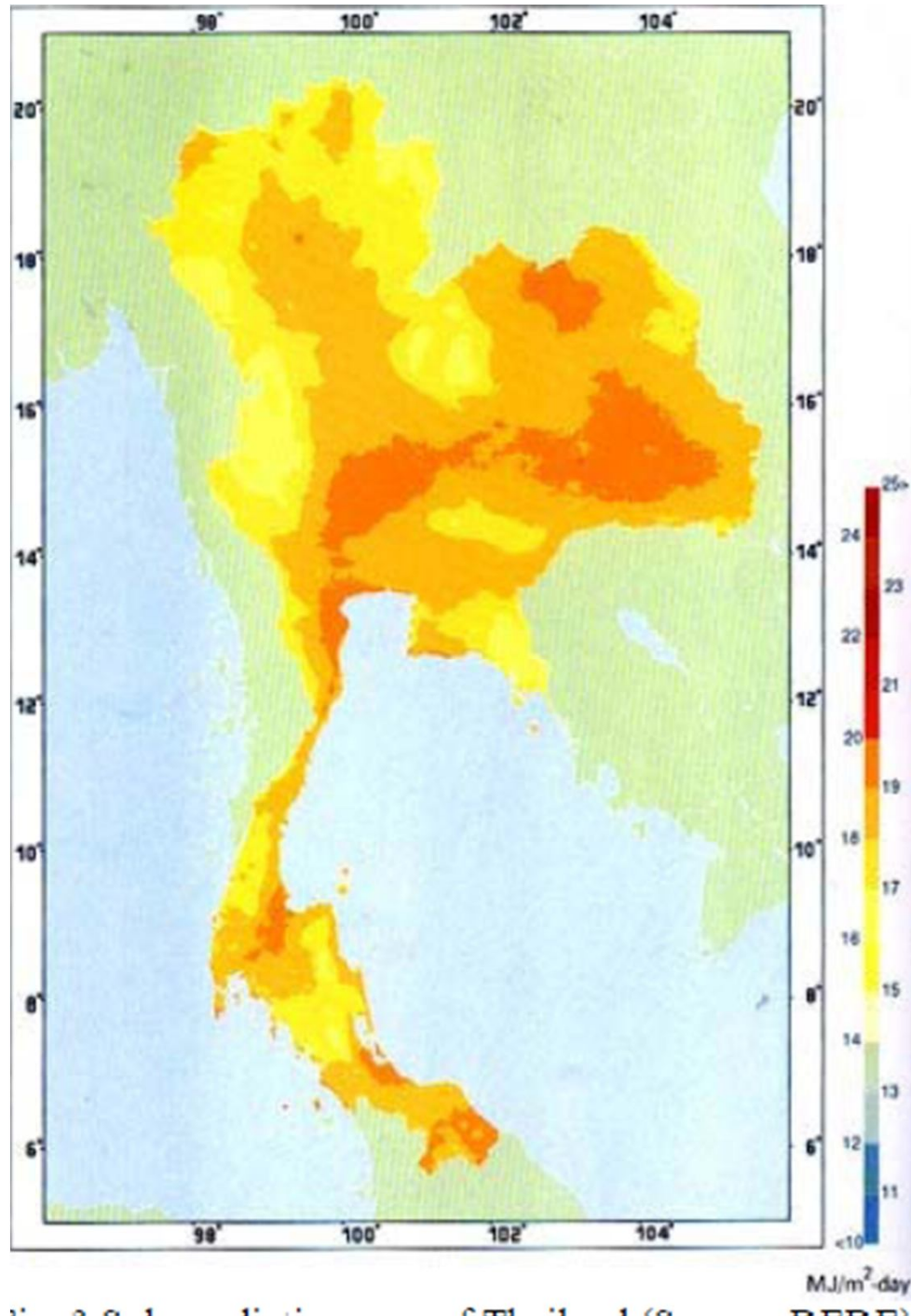
# Alternative energy and Current status





## Electricity Adder

Renewable Energy Technology/Fuel	2007-2008 Adder Rate (THB/kWh)	2009 Adder Rate (THB/kWh)	2010 Adder Rate (THB/kWh)	Special Adder for Diesel Replacement (THB/kWh)	Special Adder for Three Southernmost Provinces (THB/kWh)	Support Duration (Years from COD)
<b>1. Biomass</b>						
- Installed Capacity $\leq$ 1 MW	0.30	0.50	0.50	1.00	1.00	7
- Installed Capacity > 1 MW	0.30	0.30	0.30	1.00	1.00	7
<b>2. Biogas</b>						
- Installed Capacity $\leq$ 1 MW	0.30	0.50	0.50	1.00	1.00	7
- Installed Capacity > 1 MW	0.30	0.30	0.30	1.00	1.00	7
<b>3. Waste (MSW and Industrial Waste, excluding Hazardous Waste and Organic Waste)</b>						
- Landfill or Digestion Process	2.50	2.50	2.50	1.00	1.00	7
- Thermal Process	2.50	3.50	3.50	1.00	1.00	7
<b>4. Wind</b>						
- Installed Capacity $\leq$ 50 kW	3.50	4.50	4.50	1.50	1.50	10
- Installed Capacity > 50 kW	3.50	3.50	3.50	1.50	1.50	10
<b>5. Small/Microhydro</b>						
- Installed Capacity 50 - $\leq$ 200 kW	0.40	0.80	0.80	1.00	1.00	7
- Installed Capacity < 50 kW	0.80	1.50	1.50	1.00	1.00	7
<b>6. Solar</b>	8.00	8.00	6.50	1.50	1.50	10

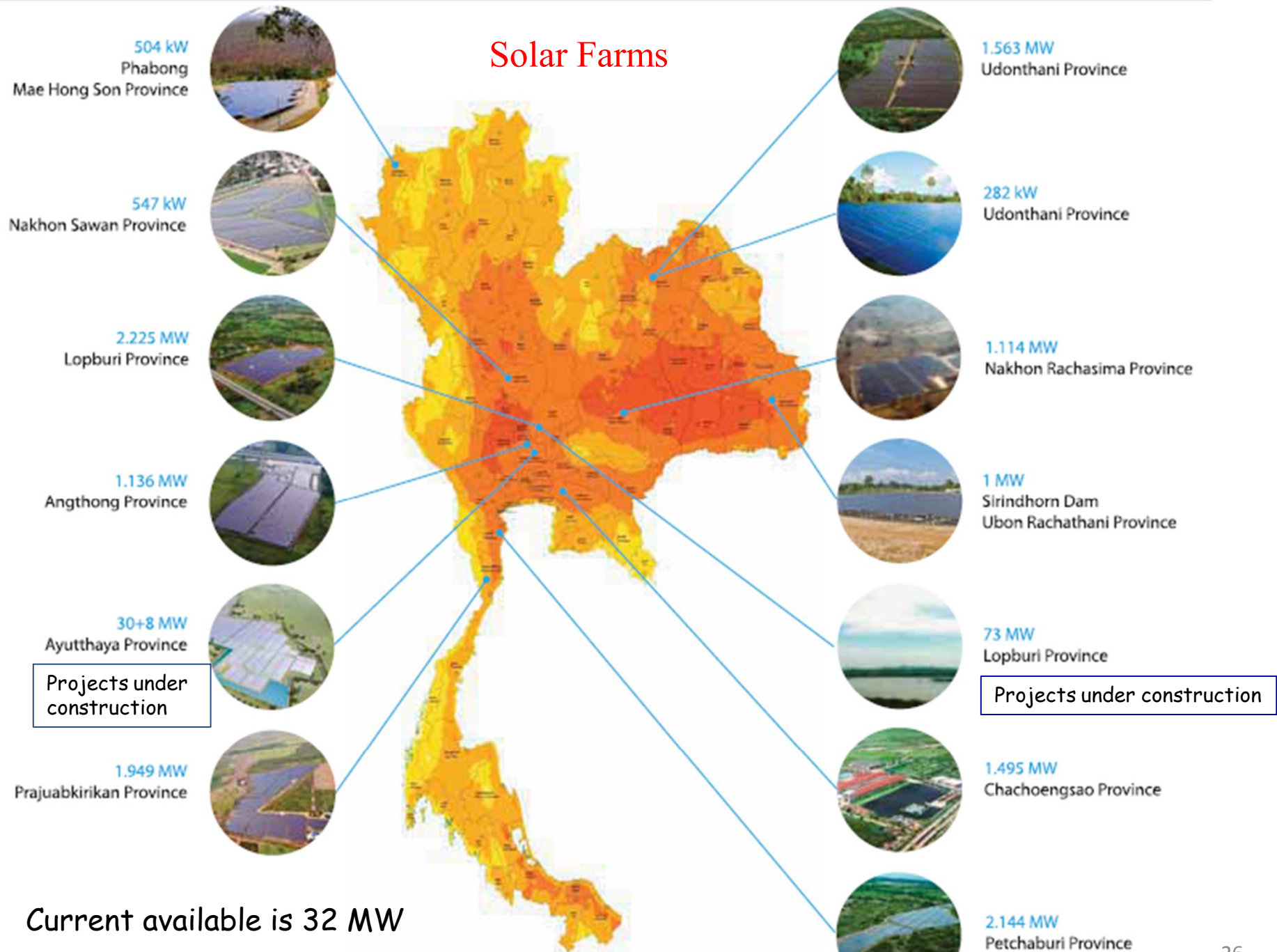


## Solar Electricity

- High solar intensity range between 15 and 20 MJ/m<sup>2</sup>.day
- Solar electricity use in rural health station since 1976
- Current capacity 32 MW
- 15 years AEDP targets 500 MW in 2022

Solar radiation map (DEDE)

## Solar Farms



Current available is 32 MW





### The challenge of PV power plant

The PV industry in Thailand greatly relies on imported components such as modules and supportive materials which is about 70% - 80% of the total investment.

What can be done to improve the situation?

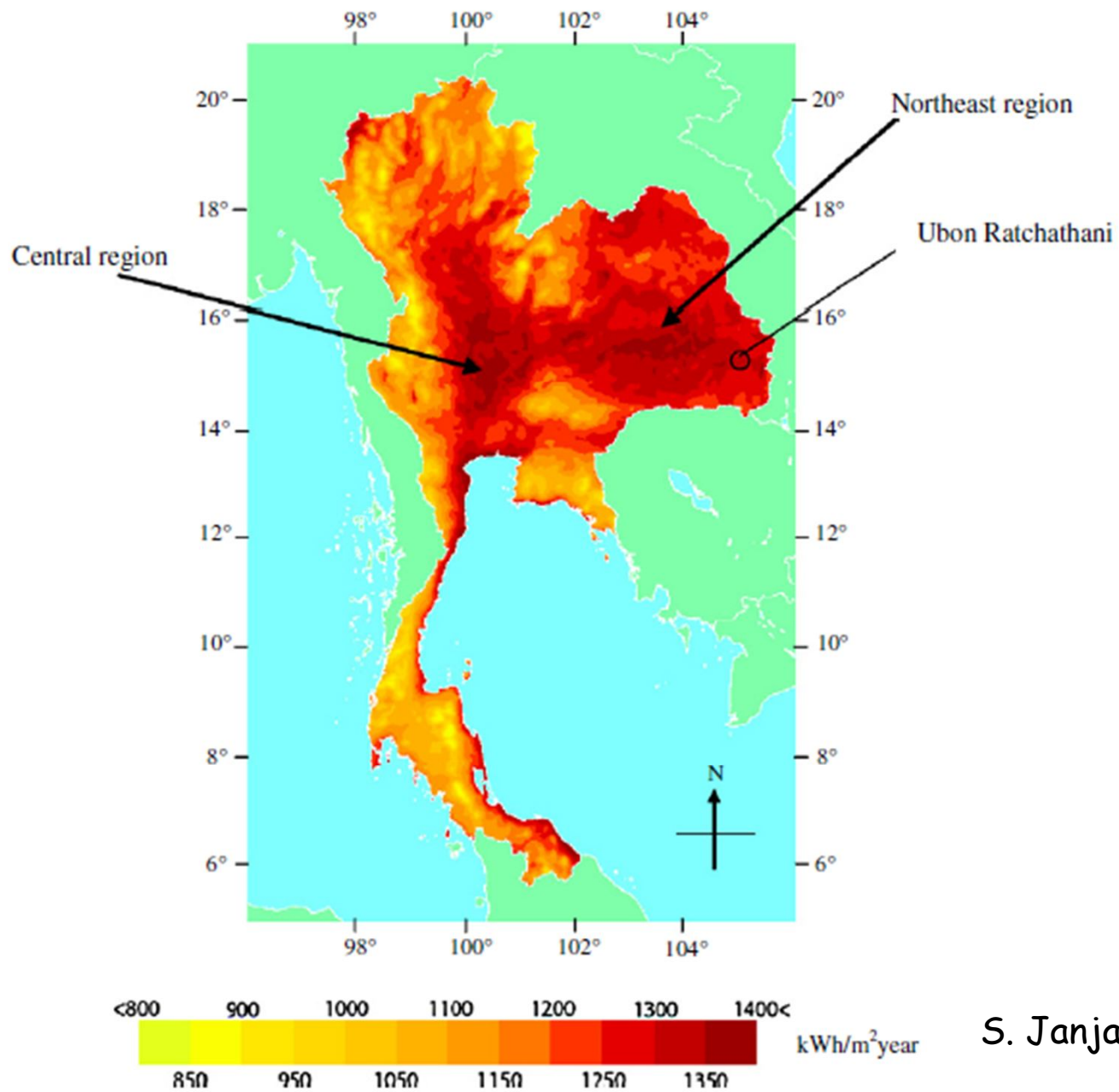
Would having own PV factory speed up the PV power production?



### Solar thermal energy

- Main applications: Solar hot water system and Food drying
- Potential to solar thermal power generation e.g. CSP (Concentrating Solar Power) system on going research projects
- Currently, thermal energy capacity is 0.5 ktoe
- 15 years AEDP targets 38 ktoe in 2022

Source: Sawangphol and Pharino, 2011



S. Janjai et al (2011)

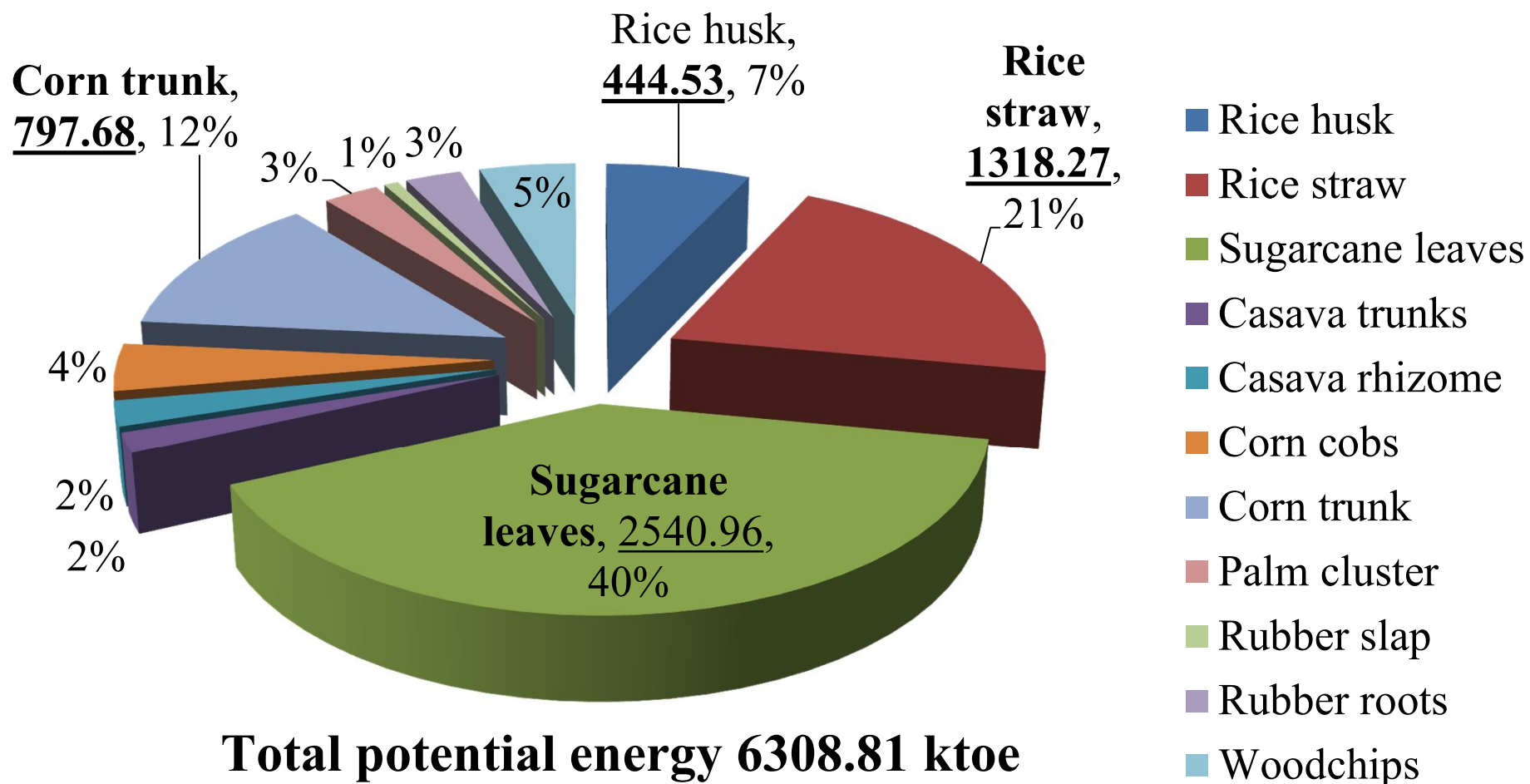
A map of Thailand showing geographical distribution of year sum of direct normal irradiation.





## Biomass

- Agricultural residues 61 Mton/year but only about one-third is used



Source: Sawangphol and Pharino, 2011



## Biomass (Cont.)

- The other two main sources of biomass: forest industry and residential sector
- Power generation capacity 1751 MW: 632 MW (rice husk), 106 MW (bagasse), 32 MW (wood residue) [OERC, 2010]
- 15 years AEDP targets of 3700 MW in 2022



## Biomass (Cont.)

- Current biomass thermal is 3017 ktoe and 15 years AEDP targets 6760 ktoe in 2022

Source: Sawangphol and Pharino, 2011



## Biomass challenges

- Post-harvest management is required for high moisture content agricultural residues
- Distribution of residues area concern with collecting and fuel for transportation
- **Biomass fuel should be in short distance to the power plant**



### Bio gas

- Bio gas produced from anaerobic digestion or fermentation process
- Materials: biomass, manure, sewage, municipal waste and energy crops
- Power capacity of industrial waste water and pig manure are 74.96 MW and 97 MW, respectively [OERC, 2010]
- 15 years AEDP targets of 120 MW in 2022





### Municipal Solid Waste

- MSW comprises of food waste (41-61 %), paper (4-25%) and plastic (3.6-28%)  
[Chiemchaisri et.al., 2007]
- Current power generation from of MSW is 5.6 MW  
15 years AEDP targets of 160 MW in 2022
- Current MSW thermal is 1.09 ktoe and  
15 years AEDP targets 35 ktoe in 2022



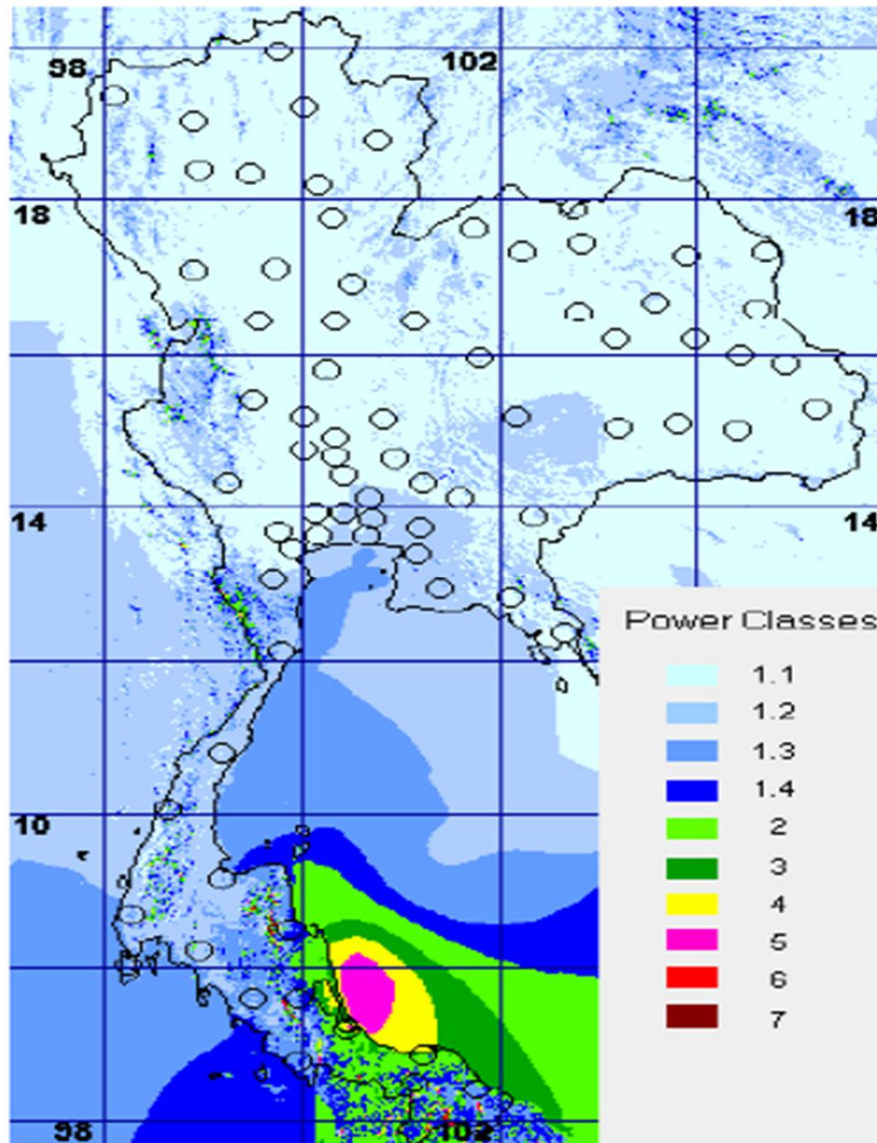
### Hydro power

- Potential hydro power: 700 MW, existing: 56 MW [EPPO, 2010]
- 15 years AEDP targets of 324 MW in 2022



## Challenge: Hydro power

- Only small hydro power plant could be built because of less impact on land use and living style of community
- Limited number of plant in the future



## Wind energy

- An average wind speed is rather low and normally less than 4 m/s
- High potential of wind along the coastlines in the Southern region
- Wind power capacity is 0.38 MW [OERC, 2010]
- 15 years AEDP targets of 800 MW in 2022

Wind map  
(DEDE)

**Table 1-1 Classes of wind power density at 10 m and 50 m<sup>(a)</sup>.**

Wind Power Class <sup>*</sup>	10 m (33 ft)		50 m (164 ft)	
	Wind Power Density (W/m <sup>2</sup> )	Speed <sup>(b)</sup> m/s (mph)	Wind Power Density (W/m <sup>2</sup> )	Speed <sup>(b)</sup> m/s (mph)
1	0	0	0	0
2	100	4.4 (9.8)	200	5.6 (12.5)
3	150	5.1 (11.5)	300	6.4 (14.3)
4	200	5.6 (12.5)	400	7.0 (15.7)
5	250	6.0 (13.4)	500	7.5 (16.8)
6	300	6.4 (14.3)	600	8.0 (17.9)
	400	7.0 (15.7)	800	8.8 (19.7)
7	1000	9.4 (21.1)	2000	11.9 (26.6)

<http://rredc.nrel.gov/wind/pubs/atlas/tables/1-1T.html>

(a) Vertical extrapolation of wind speed based on the 1/7 power law

(b) Mean wind speed is based on Rayleigh speed distribution of equivalent mean wind power density

Ex. Wind Power Class = 3: range between 150 W/m<sup>2</sup> and 200 W/m<sup>2</sup>





### Challenge: Wind power

- Wind power technology in domestic require development to achieve higher efficiency
- Imported technologies are costly and must be modified for tropical weather and low wind speed.

- ❖ Substantial investment on the research in wind turbine, component parts and an establishment of wind farm is a key to achieve the goal.
- ❖ Good driving policy from the government



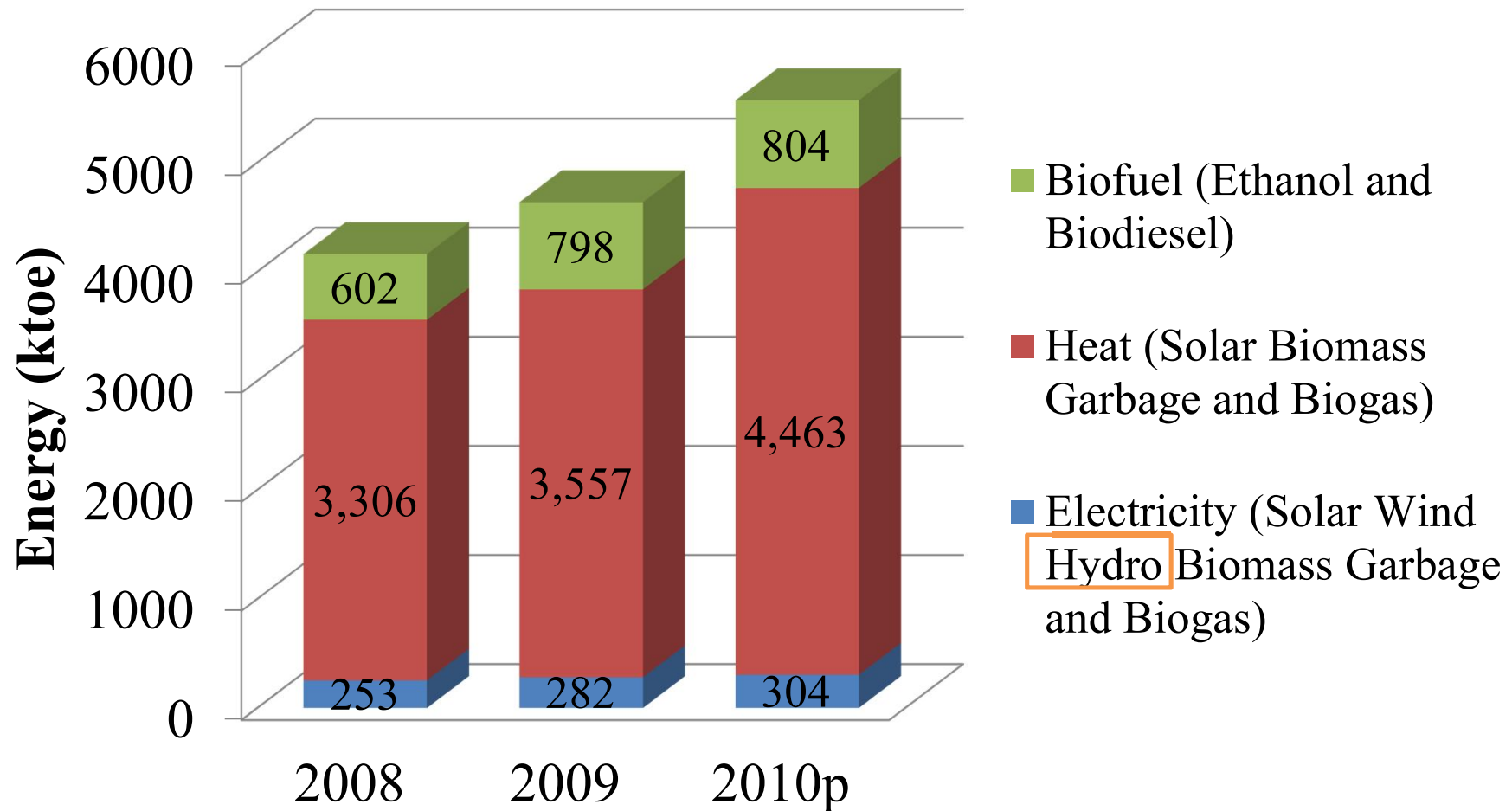


## Geo thermal

- A 300 kW binary cycle geothermal power plant at Fang district (EGAT)
- Waste hot water is used for drying agricultural products
- Only one geothermal site in Northern part of Thailand considered significant
- This type of energy has limited potential in Thailand

Source: Sawangphol and Pharino, 2011

# Current status of Renewable energy utilization



Percentage of alternative energy consumption is  
6.3% (2008), 7% (2009), 7.8% (2010)



## Nuclear energy

History of nuclear power project in Thailand (Patchimpattapong, 2010)

**1966 EGAT proposed Nuclear Power Plant (NPP) project**

1967 Government appointed the Nuclear Sub-Committee to conduct feasibility study and site selection

**1970 Government approved Ao Phai in Chonburi Province as NPP site**

1972 Government approved a 600 MWe BWR reactor for the project

1974 EGAT reserved nuclear fuel with Energy Research and Development Administration (ERDA), U.S.

1976 EGAT proposed to call for bidding

**1978 Government postponed the project indefinitely**

1982-1991 EGAT carried out site survey and selection

1993-1994 Parliament Energy Commission studied nuclear power generation

1992-1995 EGAT and NEWJEC Inc., Japan coperformed initial environmental exam and site evaluation


**1996 Cabinet appointed Committee to conduct study on economic and infrastructure for NPP project**



**2010 Government approved PDP-2010 plan, 5 nuclear power plants with capacity of 1000MW each. The first one shall be start operate in 2020**

**2011 Government postpone the construction plan for the first nuclear power plant to the next three years**

Nuclear Power Development Schedule	
Year	Phase
2007	Preliminary
2008-2010	Pre-Project Activities
2011-2013	Project Implementation
2014-2019	Construction
2020	Operation

 **Postpone**

The tsunami in Japan in 2011 has caused the global public concern on the safety of the nuclear power plant.

Recently, Germany has planed to replace nuclear power plant by using renewable energy resource within 2022 (according to the news).

"Germany introduced a plan in 2011 to phase-out nuclear energy gradually, following the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear disaster in Japan. Around eight nuclear reactors were closed immediately, reducing nuclear generation in Germany from 133.01 Terawatt-hours (TWh) in 2010 to 102.31 TWh. In 2011, the country's installed capacities for wind and solar technologies were 29,264.8 Megawatts (MW) and 24,870 MW respectively, accounting for an impressive cumulative share of 32% of the energy mix. However, the anticipated loss of more nuclear power has prompted Germany to focus on increasing their renewable energy technologies further."

<http://www.utilityproducts.com/news/2012/08/21/germany-s-nuclear-free-smart-grid-future.html>





## Towards Green Growth



## The Alternative Energy Development Plan, Ministry of Energy

- To increase the role of renewable energy to 20.3 % of the final energy consumption in 2022.
- The share of renewable energy in power generation is expecting at 5,608 MW or 2.4 % by the year 2022

# Renewable Energy Targets (2008-2022)

Type of Energy	Potential MW	existing MW	2008 - 2011		2012 - 2016		2017 - 2022	
Electricity			MW	ktoe	MW	ktoe	MW	ktoe
Solar	50,000	32	55	6	95	11	500	56
Wind Energy	1,600	1	115	13	375	42	800	89
Hydro Power	700	56	165	43	281	73	324	85
Biomass	4,400	1,610	2,800	1,463	3,220	1,682	3,700	1,933
Biogas	190	46	60	27	90	40	120	54
Municipal Solid Waste	400	5	78	35	130	58	160	96
Hydrogen			0	0	0	0	4	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,750</b>	<b>3,273</b>	<b>1,587</b>	<b>4,191</b>	<b>1,907</b>	<b>5,608</b>	<b>2,313</b>
Thermal	ktoe	ktoe		ktoe				ktoe
Solar Thermal	154	1		5				38
Biomass	7,400	2,781		3,660		5,000		6,760
Biogas	600	224		470		540		600
Municipal Solid Waste		1		15		24		35
<b>Total</b>		<b>3,007</b>		<b>4,150</b>		<b>5,582</b>		<b>7,433</b>
Biofuel	m lt/d	m lt/d	m lt/d	ktoe	m lt/d	ktoe	m lt/d	ktoe
Ethanol	3.00	1.24	3.00	805	6.20	1,686	9.00	2,447
Biodiesel	4.20	1.56	3.00	950	3.64	1,145	4.50	1,415
Hydrogen			0	0	0	0	0.1 mill kg/d	124
<b>Total</b>			<b>6.00</b>	<b>1,755</b>	<b>9.84</b>	<b>2,831</b>	<b>13.50</b>	<b>3,986</b>
Total Energy Consumption		66,248		70,300		81,500		97,300
Total Energy from R E (ktoe)		4,237		7,492		10,319		13,709
<b>Renewable Energy Ratio</b>		<b>6.4%</b>		<b>10.6%</b>		<b>12.7%</b>		<b>14.1%</b>
NGV (mmscfd - ktoe)		108.1	393.0	3,469	596	5,260	690	6,090
<b>Total Energy from RE + NGV (ktoe)</b>				<b>10,961</b>		<b>15,579</b>		<b>19,799</b>
<b>Alternative Energy Raio</b>				<b>15.6%</b>		<b>19.1%</b>		<b>20.3%</b>

The cumulative target



# Power Development Plan 2010 EGAT

## PDP 2010

### 1. System Reliability

- Reserve Margin

Talking about > 20% of total generating capacity

- Power Purchase from Neighbouring Countries

Max. 38% from 4 countries



## PDP 2010 (cont.)

### 2. Clean Energy and Efficient Utilization

- Demand Side Management (DSM)

Energy conservation, market mechanism and consumer behavior e.g efficiency "No.5 Label"

- Electricity Generation from Renewable Energy

Follow AEDP to 2022, not less than 5% for VSPP after 2020

2009: 753 MW

2022: 4803 MW

2030: 6101 MW

- Electricity Generation with Cogeneration System

2009: 1962 MW

2030: 9139 MW

- Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction

2010: 0.482 kg CO<sub>2</sub> / kWh ; 2030 : 0.368 kg CO<sub>2</sub> / kWh



### Note for Clean Coal Power Plant

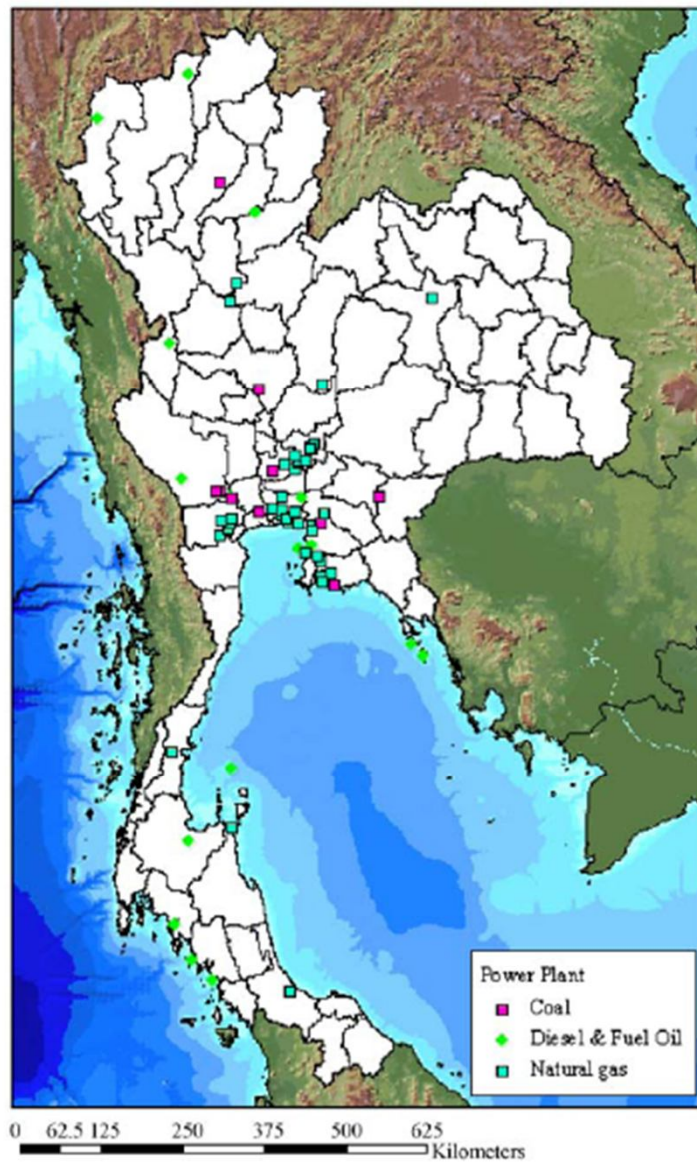
Similarly to nuclear power plant, coal-fired power plants are low production cost.

With difficulties on location, greenhouse gas emission and public acceptance

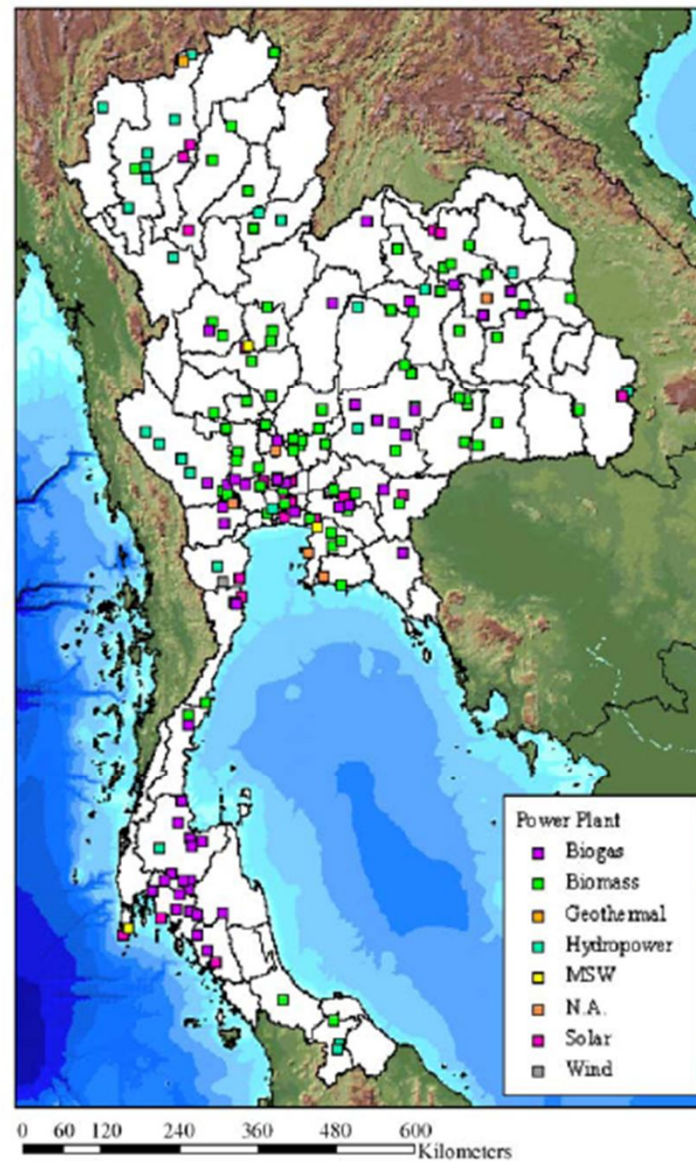
Despite Supercritical or Ultra-supercritical technologies with bituminous fuel and FGD equipment

Clean coal power plants were the last priority in new planting for PDP 2010





(a) Conventional Fuel Source: OERC |



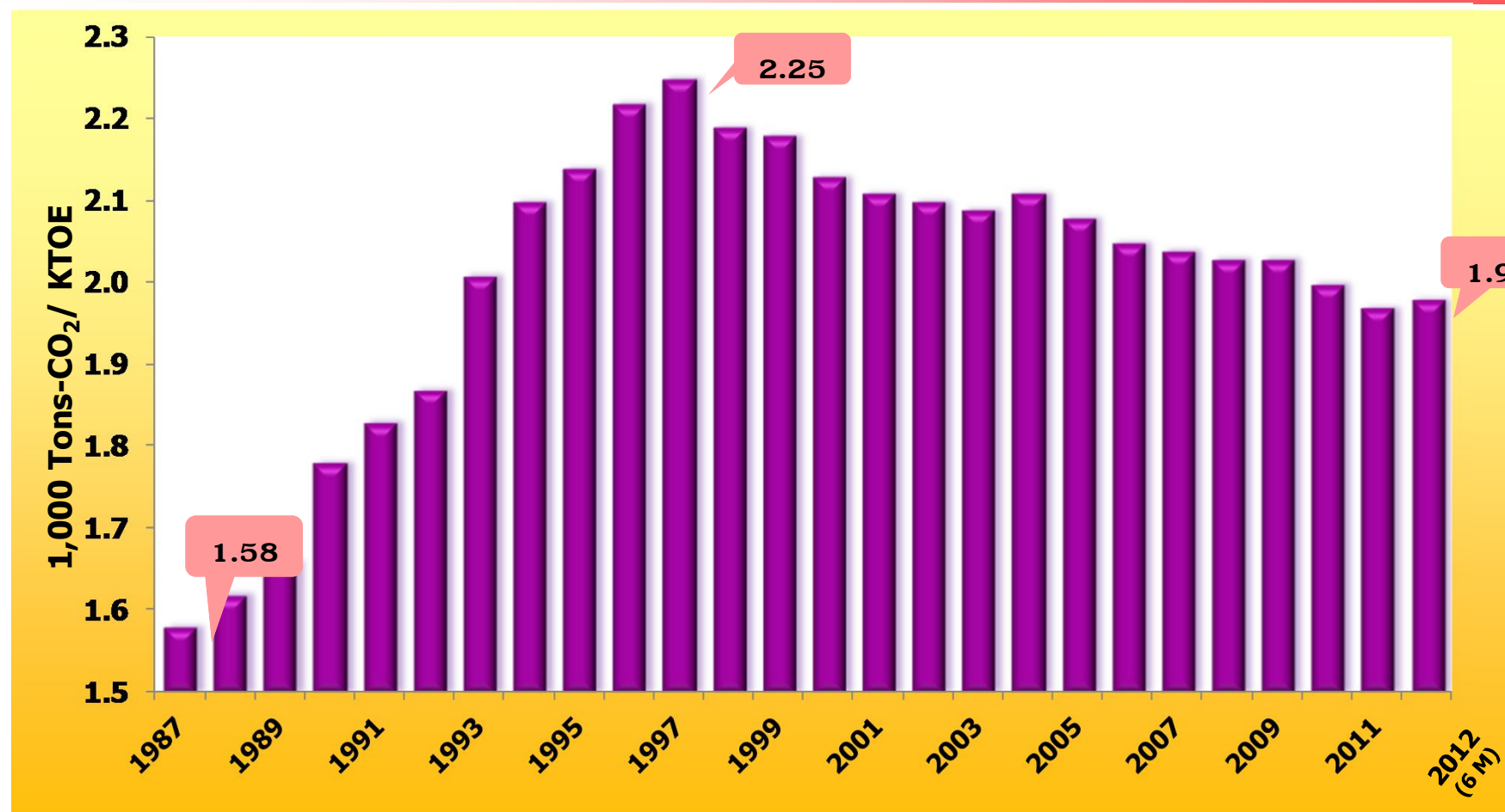
(b) Non-conventional Fuel Source: EPP0

**Distribution of power plant in Thailand:** (Sawangphol and Pharino,2011)



## Carbon emission

# CO<sub>2</sub> Emission per Primary Energy Consumption



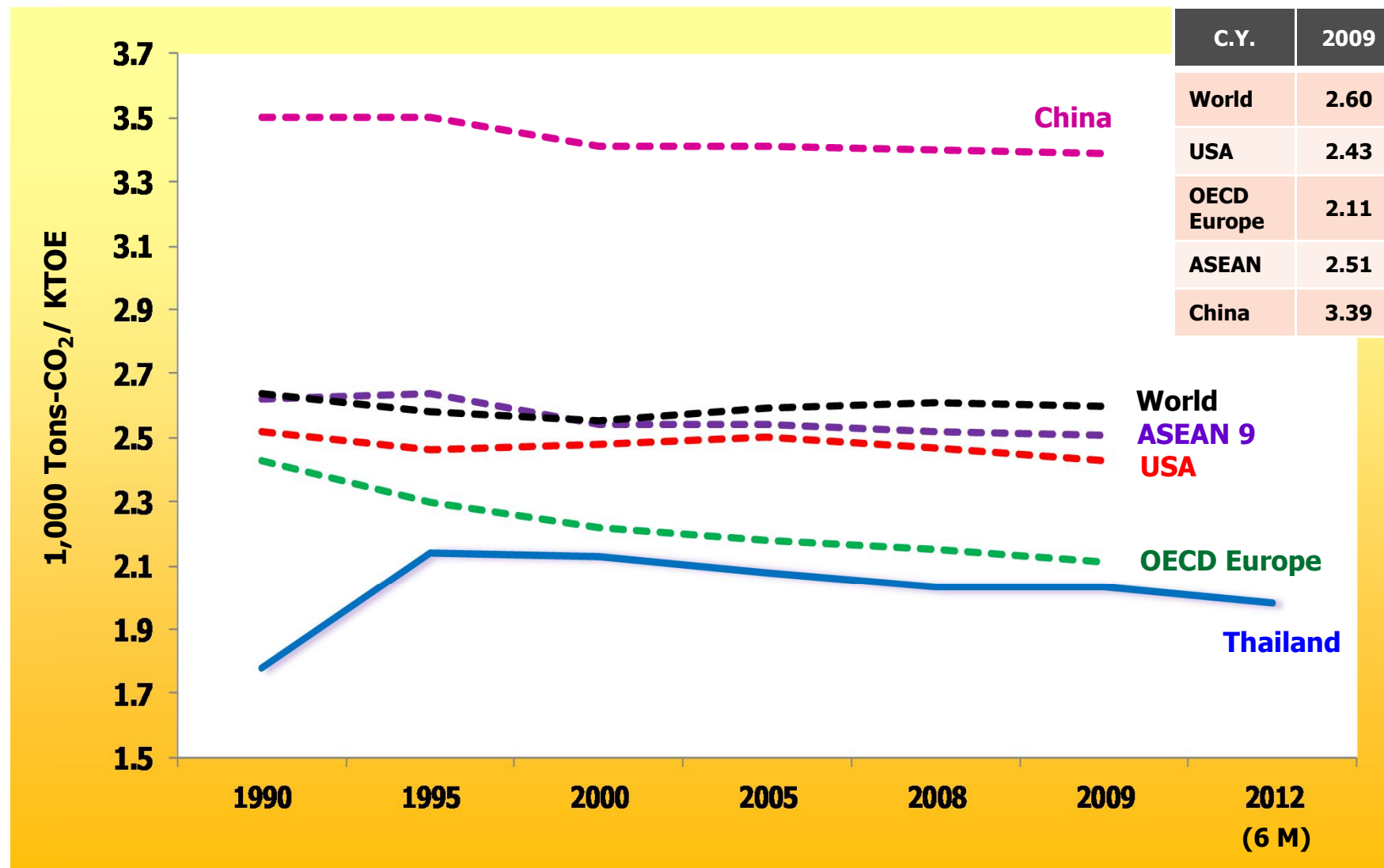
NRE Included in Primary Energy Consumption

Unit : 1,000 Tons-CO<sub>2</sub>/KTOE

Year	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
CO <sub>2</sub>	1.58	1.62	1.66	1.78	1.83	1.87	2.01	2.1	2.14	2.22	2.25	2.19	2.18
Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012 (6 M)
CO <sub>2</sub>	2.13	2.11	2.10	2.09	2.11	2.08	2.05	2.04	2.03	2.03	2.00	1.97	1.98

Source : Thailand data from EPPO-Emission Database System ; International data from EDMC, Japan 2012

# International CO<sub>2</sub> Emission per Consumption



Source : Thailand data from EPPO-Emission Database System ; International data from EDMC, Japan 2012



## Keys to succeed Sustainability Energy Development

- The collaboration with R&D organization, the technologies transformation from Developed countries highly benefit to enhance institution on energy efficiency and sustainability





## Keys to succeed Sustainability Energy Development (cont.)

- Investment, cost of establishing on renewable energy production is high; hence, the subsidy from government is essential
- As equally important the encouragement to private sector to take an investment on renewable power plant





## summary

- Natural gas is the main natural resource utilization in power generation.
- Great potential for renewable resources: solar energy and biomass



- The government of Thailand has an ambitious on green energy as the Alternative Development Energy Plan (ADEP) targets 20.3% of the final energy consumption in 2022



## Keys to sustainable energy development

Policy, government subsidy, investment from private sectors, internationally collaboration to enhance the strength of institution and transform technologies



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