

# Energy Situation in Poland and Efficient Use of Lignite

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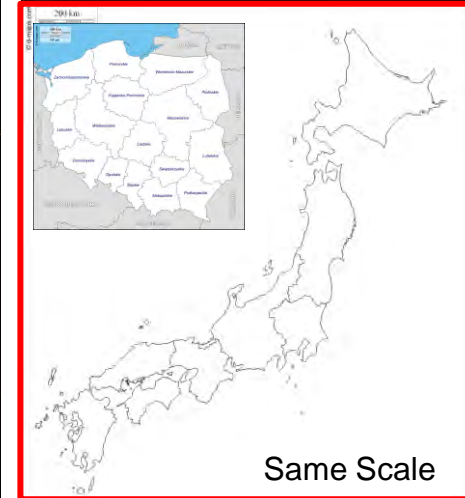
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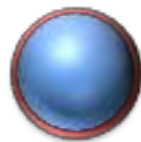
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# Where is Poland? Who are we?



- Population: 38,5 mln
- Area: 312 679 km<sup>2</sup>
- Language: Polish
- Religion: Catholic (97%)
- Capital: Warsaw
- Currency: Zloty (PLN)
- Political system:  
Constitutional democracy

Area



● Japan<sup>?</sup>  
● Poland<sup>?</sup>

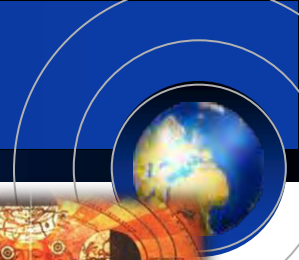
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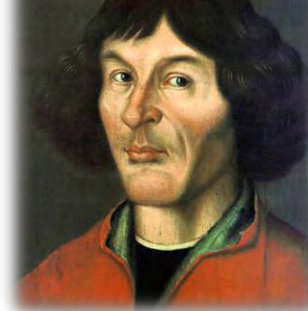
● Japan<sup>?</sup>  
● Poland<sup>?</sup>

➤ The country's name, Poland or *Polska*, is derived from the word *Polanie* (people of the fields)

# Where is Poland? Who are we?



Nicolaus Copernicus



Frédéric Chopin



Marie Curie

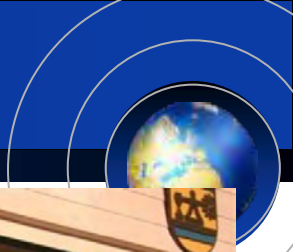


Pope John Paul II



Lech Wałęsa

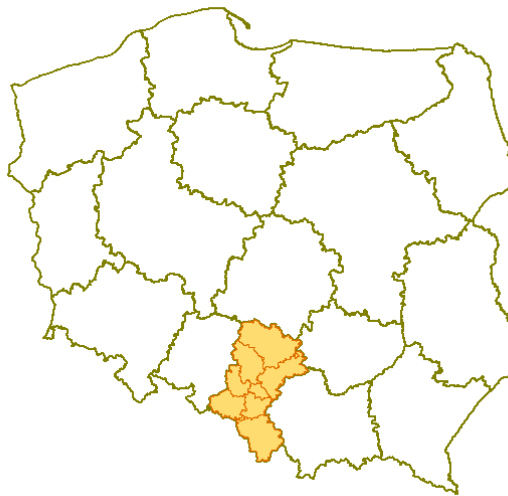
# SILESIA PROVINCE



1890, Sosnowiec, Silesia, coal mine



Celebration of St. Barbara day at AGH University (traditional miners outfit)



- First coal mine in Poland was established in Silesia Region in 17<sup>th</sup> century.
- Silesian history, industry and culture are strictly connected with mining traditions .

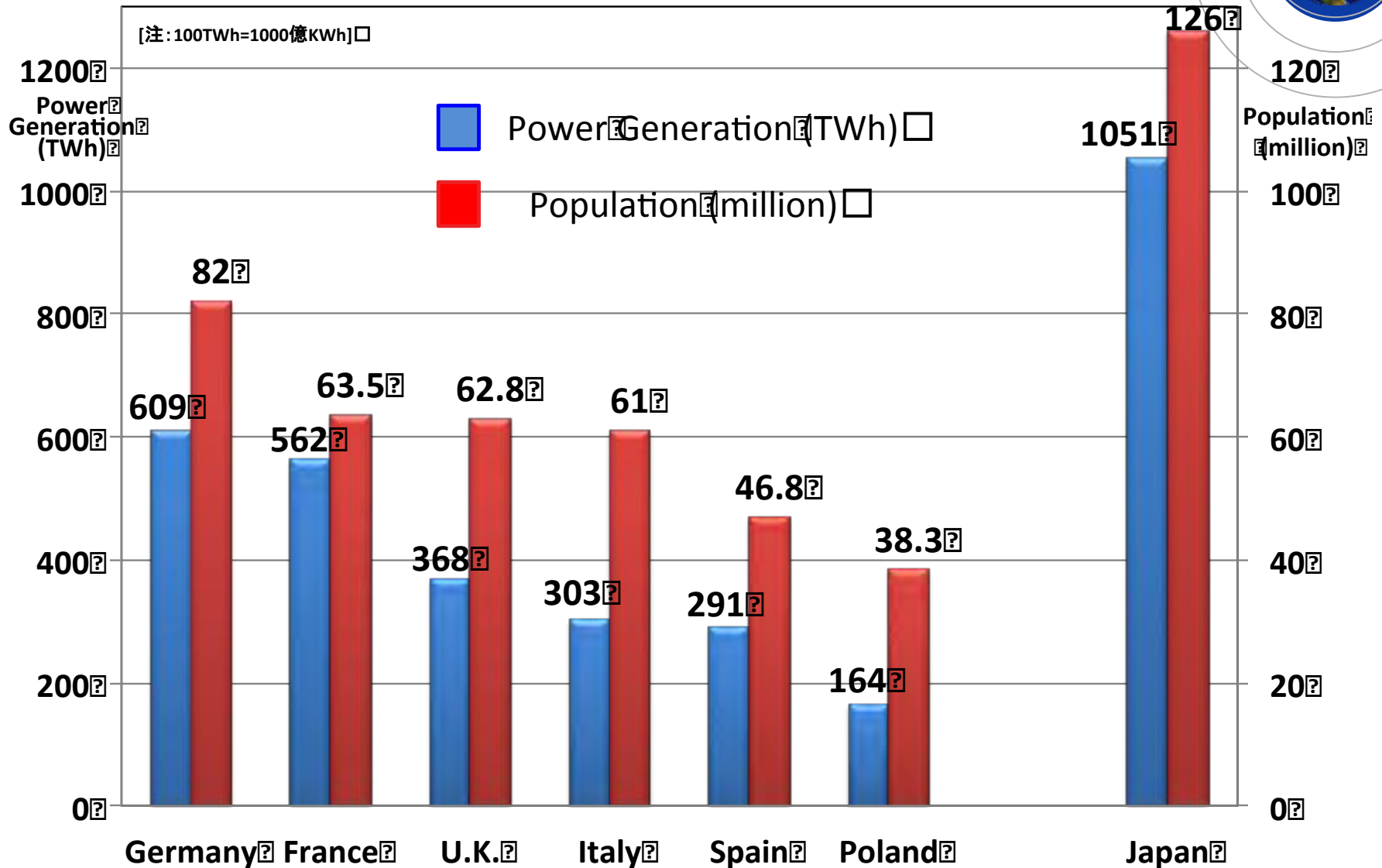
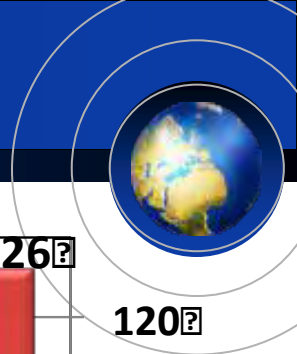


Santa Barbara, patron of miners

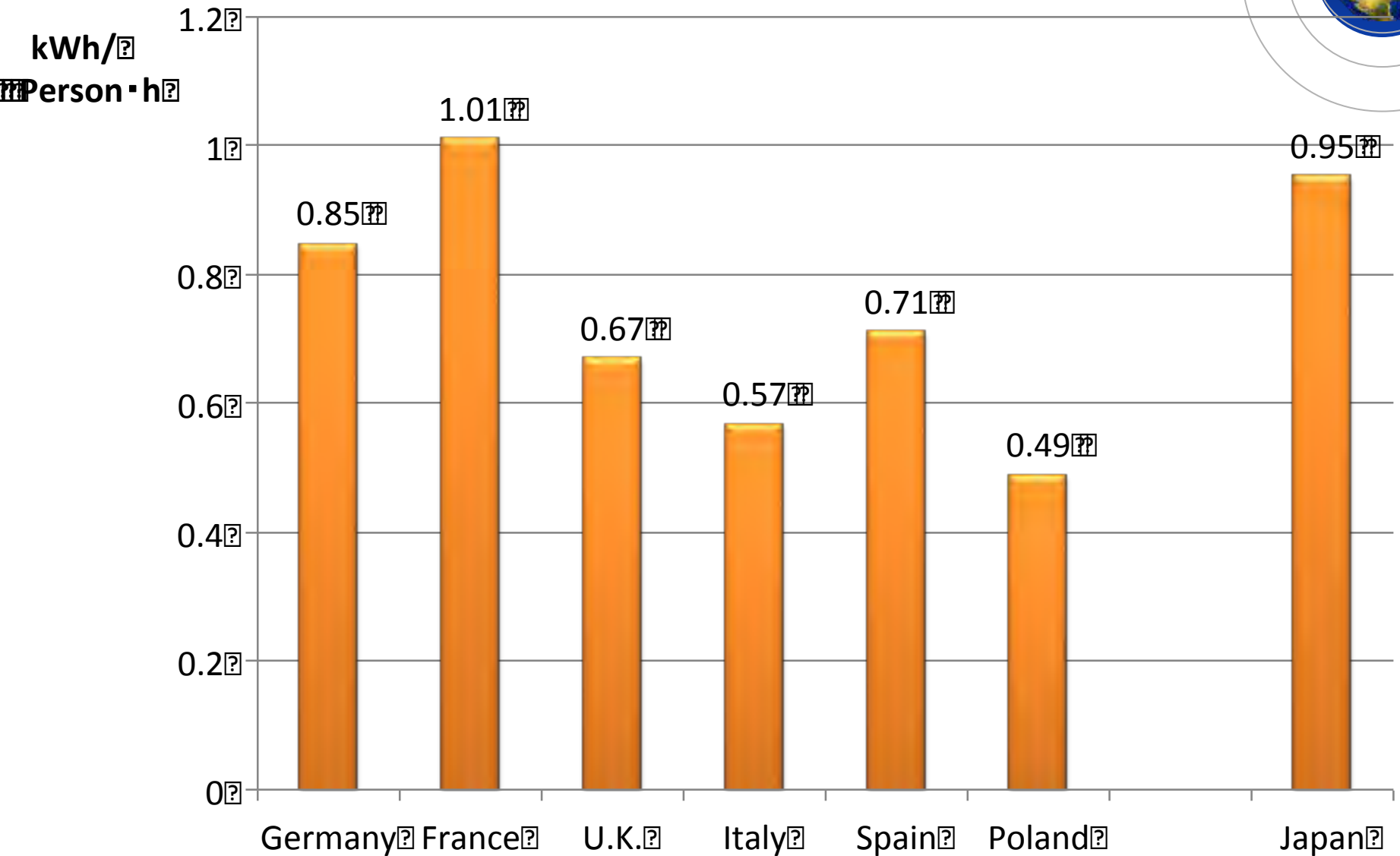


# 1. Power Generation in Europe

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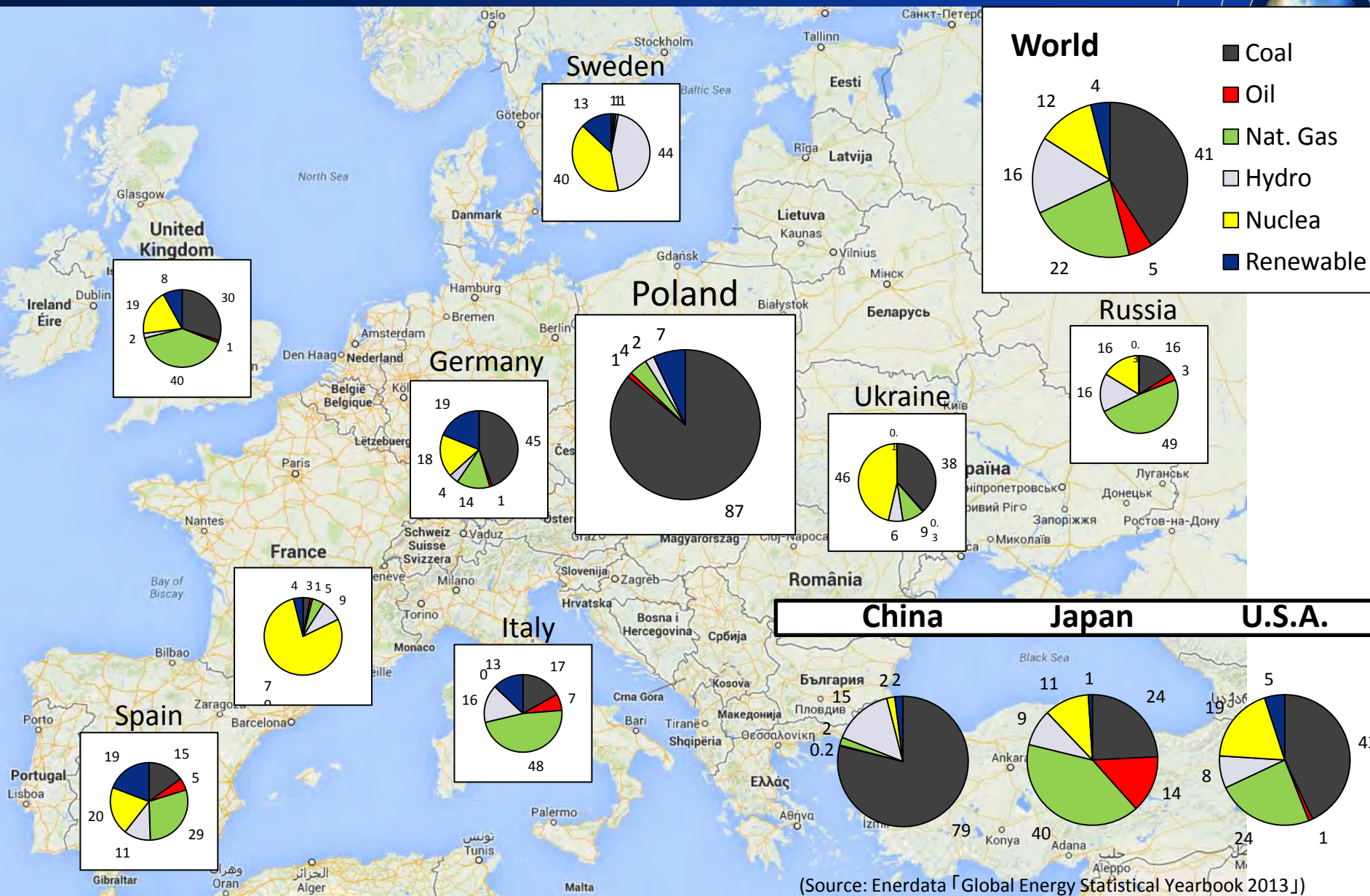


# Power Generation per capita



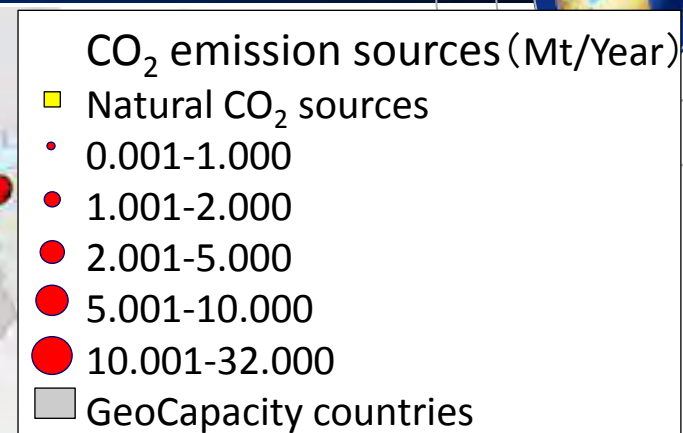
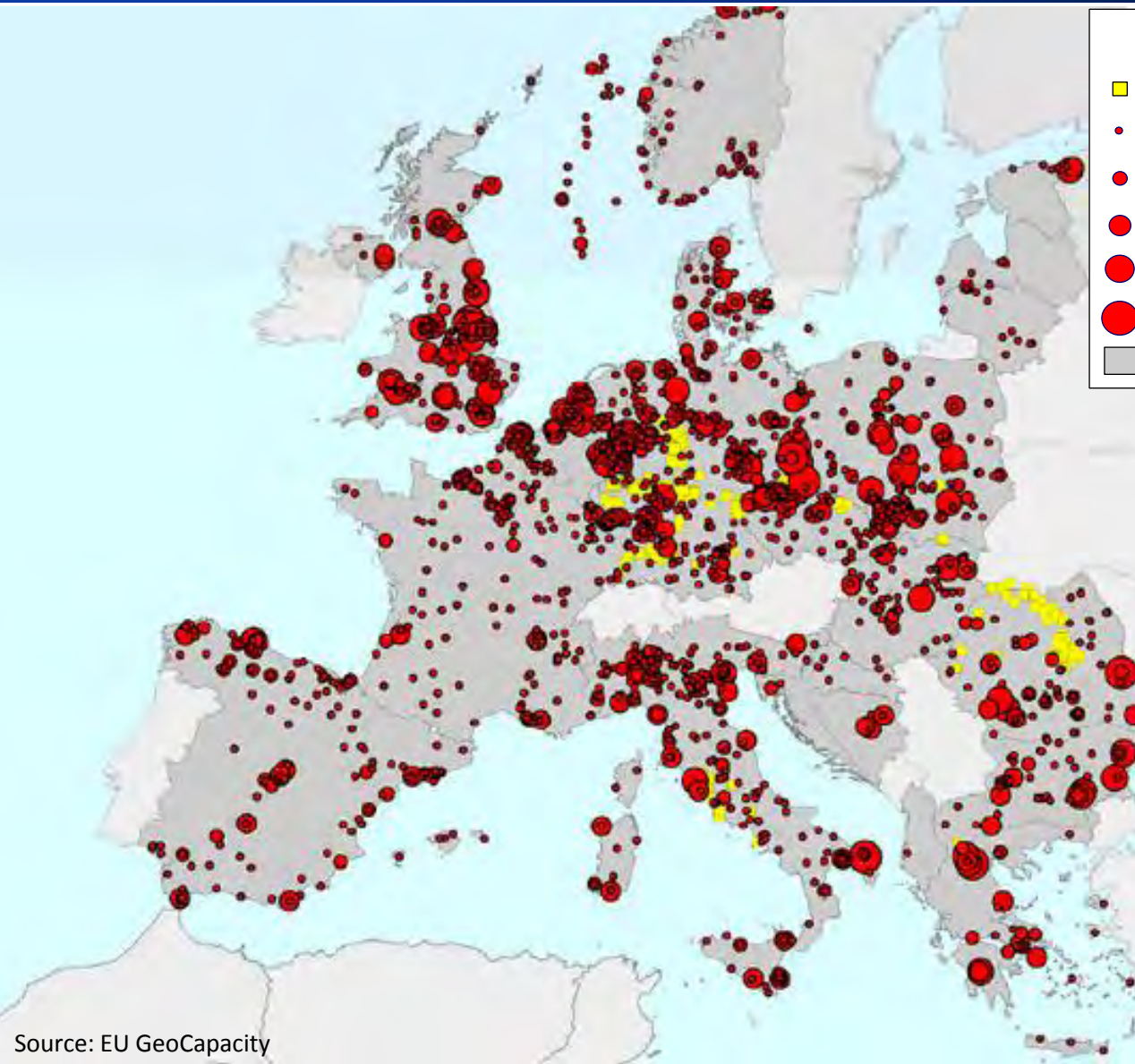
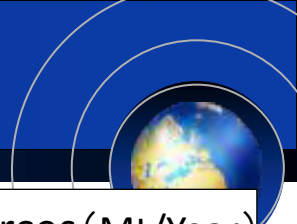


# Power Source Distribution in Europe



(Source: Enerdata 「Global Energy Statistical Yearbook 2013」)

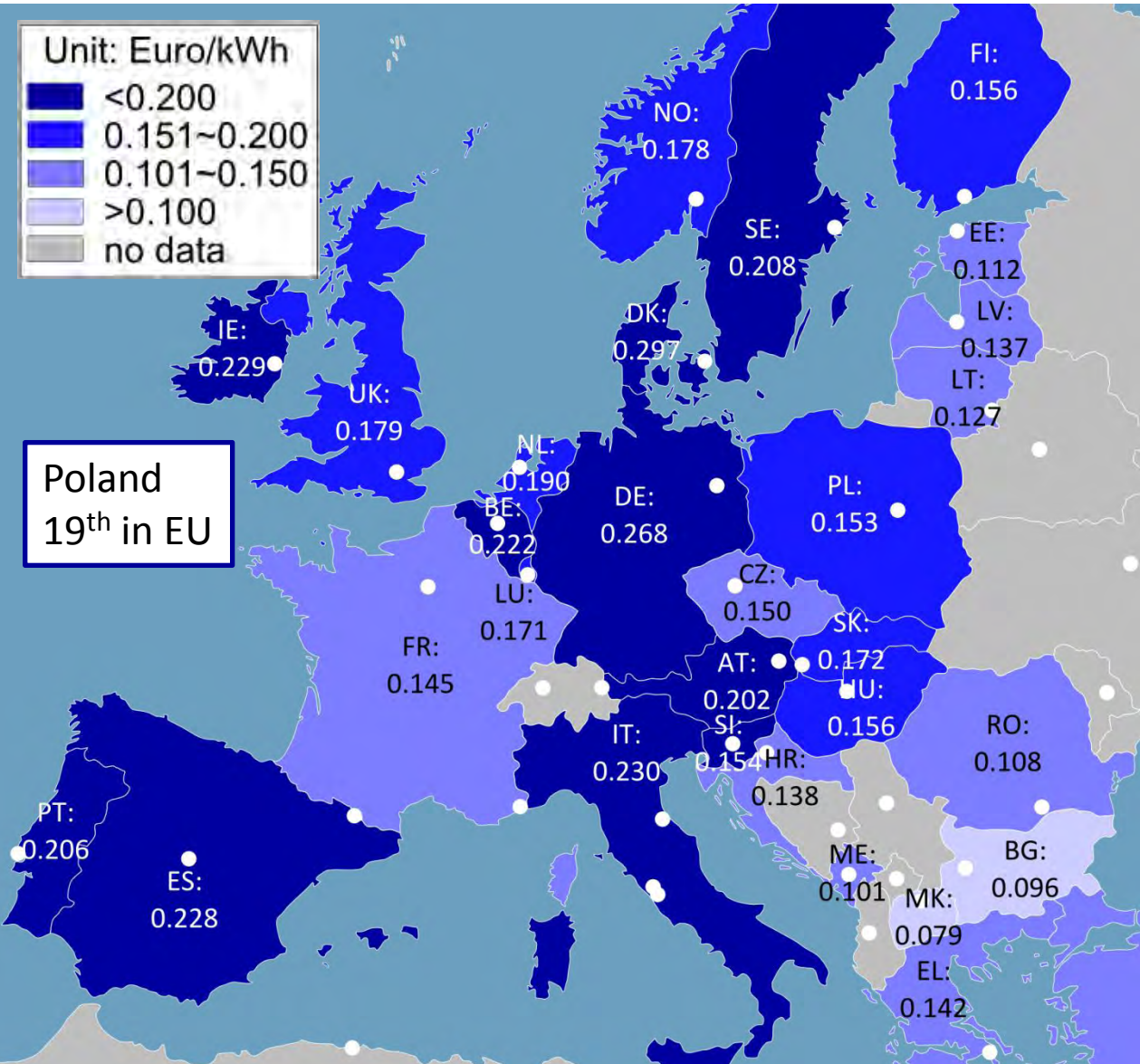
# Stationary CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions in European Countries



Country	Annual total emissions of CO <sub>2</sub> (Mt)
Germany	864
UK	555
Spain	423
Poland	325
Italy	212
Netherlands	180
Czech	128

Source: EU GeoCapacity

# Electricity Prices in Europe for Residential Euro/kWh

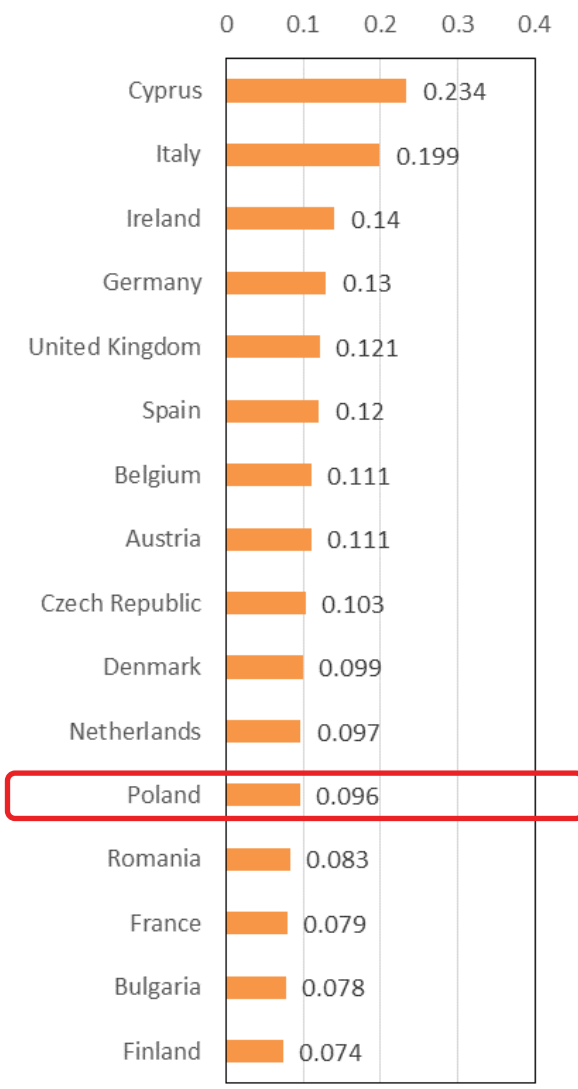
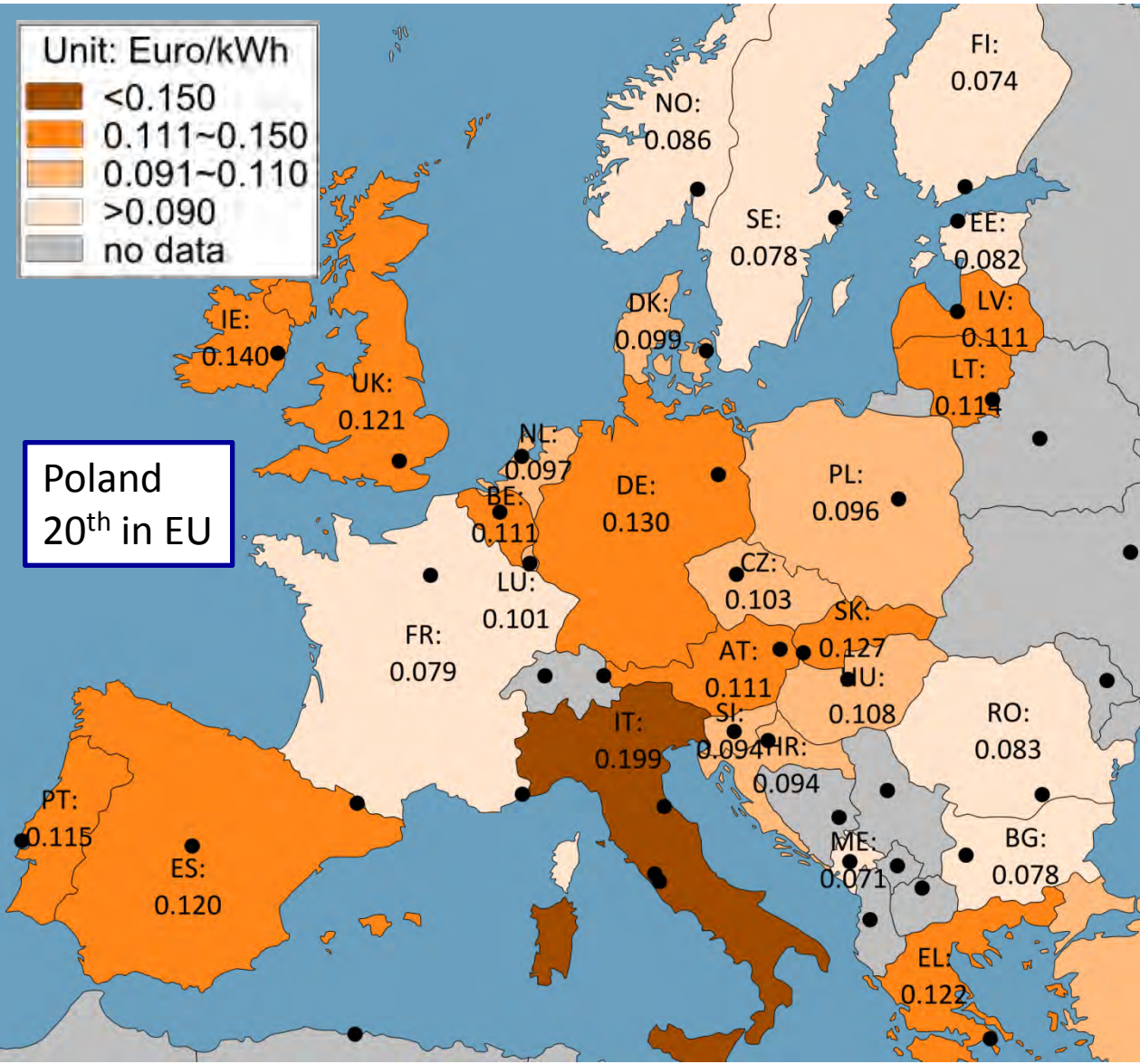
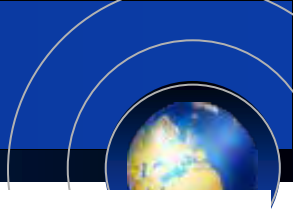


Poland  
19<sup>th</sup> in EU



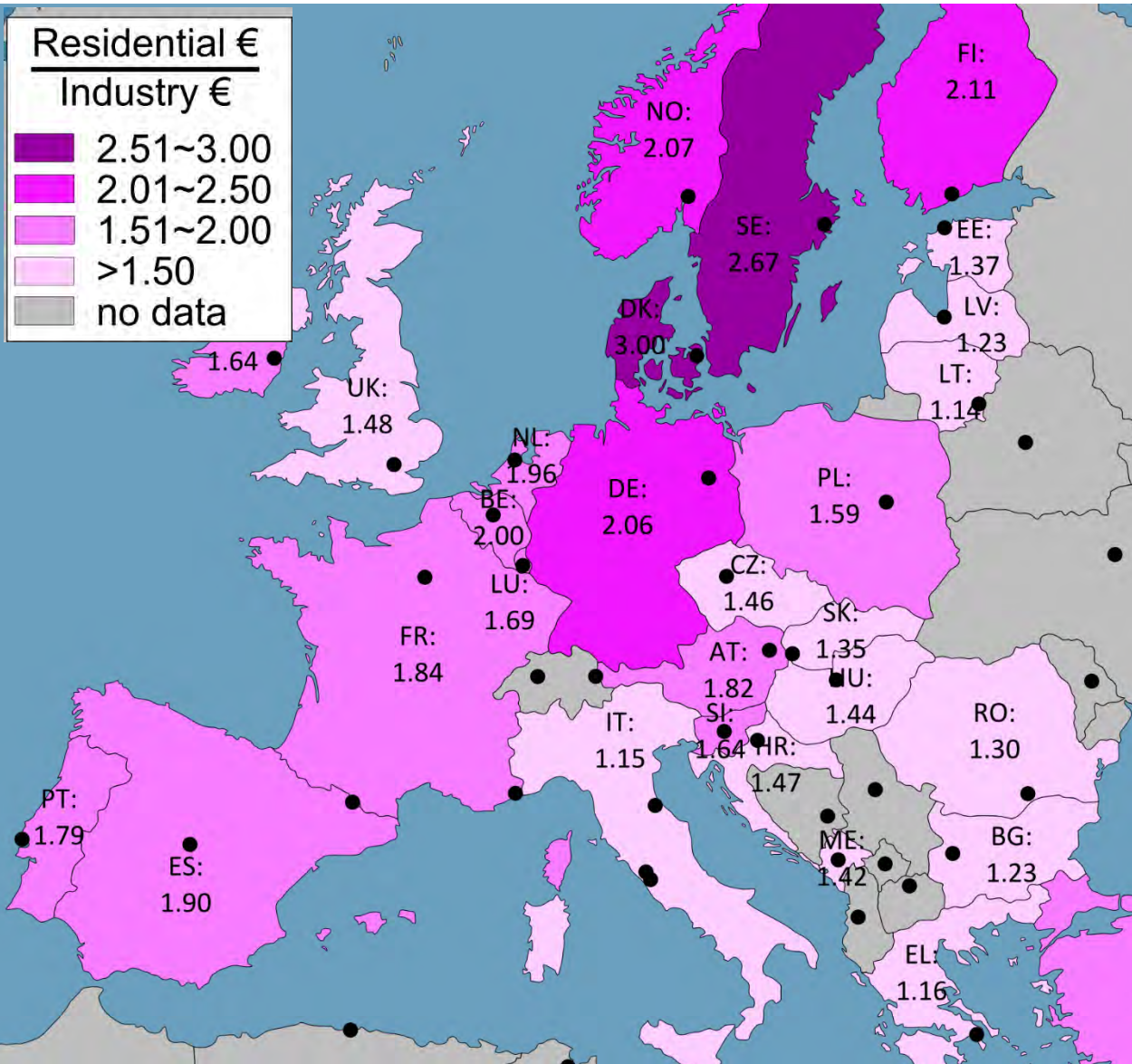
Source: Eurostat, European Commission, 2010

# Electricity Prices in Europe for Industry Euro/kWh



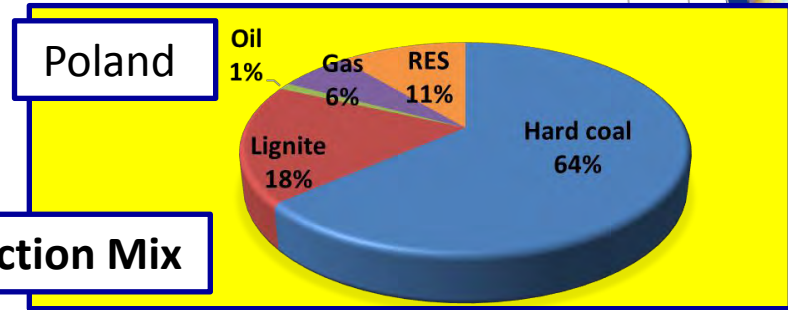
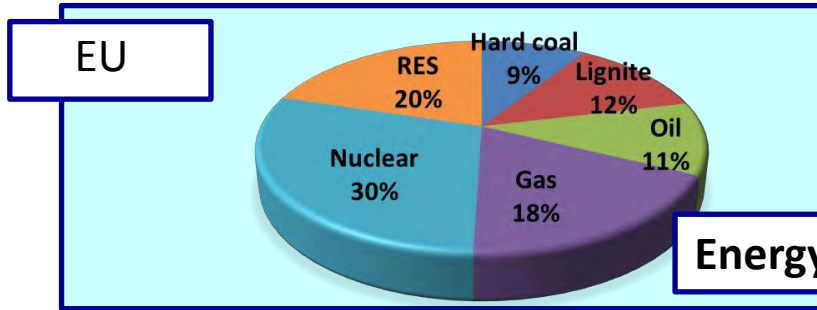
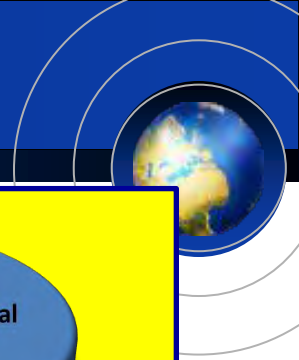
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# Ratio of the Residential Price to Industry Price



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# Domestic Primary Energy Production

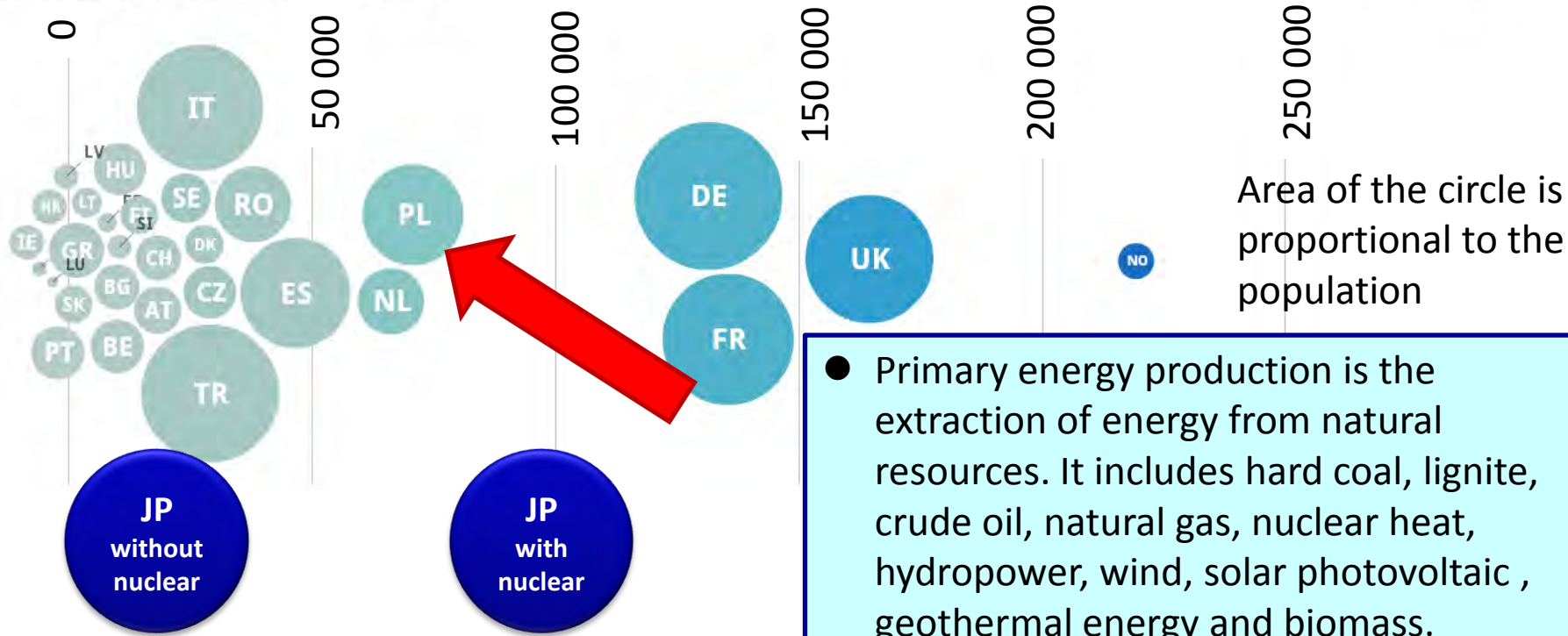


**Energy Production Mix**

## Domestic Primary Energy Production

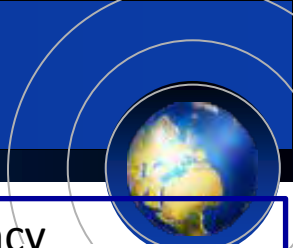
In thousands of tonnes of oil equivalent

◀ 2008 ▶



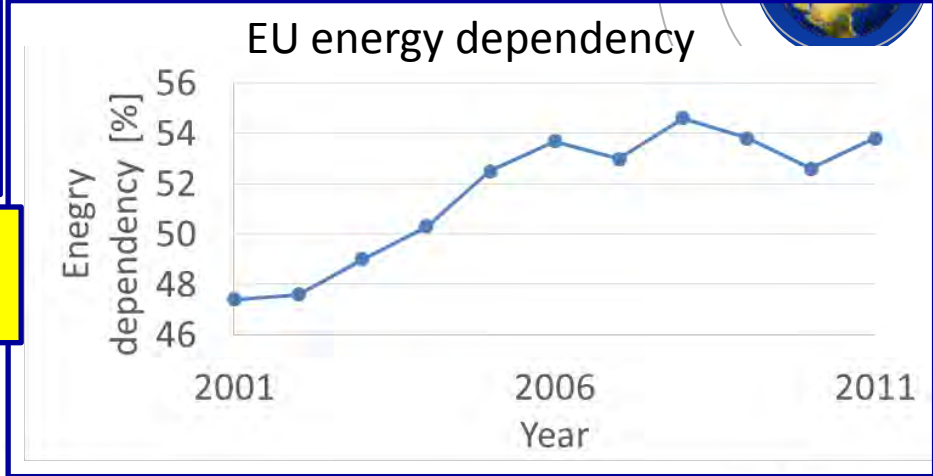
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# Energy Dependency



➤ Energy dependency shows the extent to which a country relies upon imports in order to meet its energy needs.

EU – 54.6%  
Poland – 30.6%



## Energy Dependency on Import

What proportion of gross energy consumption is from imports?



Area of the circle is proportional to the population

<http://energy.publicdata.eu/>



## 2. Power Generation and Consumption in Poland



# Where Poland stands now and where we will go?

## Polish Governmental Policy

- “Poland will continue to back coal and invest in the coal-mining industry,”
- “Poland's economy will continue to be based on coal, but in a more modern way,”
- **“The future of Polish energy is in brown and black coal, as well as shale gas,”**
- “Some wanted coal to be dispensed with, but energy independence requires not only the diversification of energy resources, but also the maximum use of one's own resources,”

D. Tusk, Polish Prime Minister,

---*The International Fair of Mining, Power Industry and Metallurgy, Katowice, 10<sup>th</sup> Sep., 2013*

**“Changing Polish Energy Mix?”**  
**“Technological innovation”**

Governmental Regulations

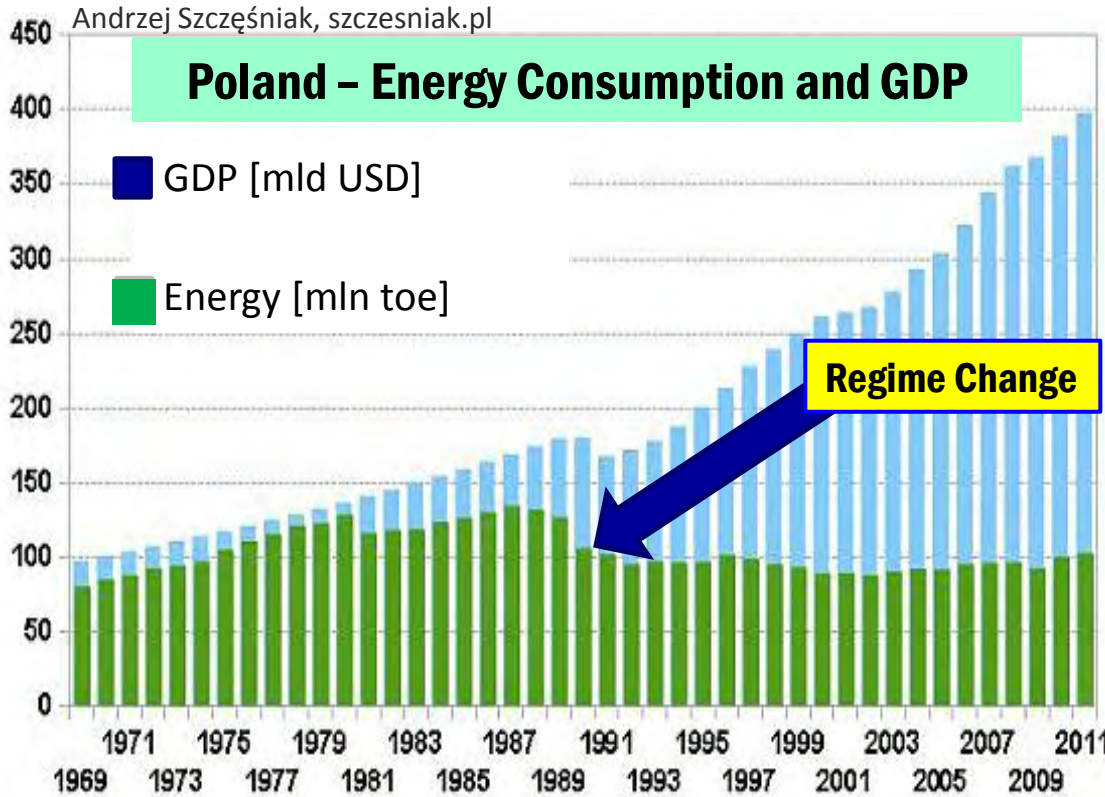
European Union Standard/Regulations

- Market Economy
- National Security
- Environmental Issues

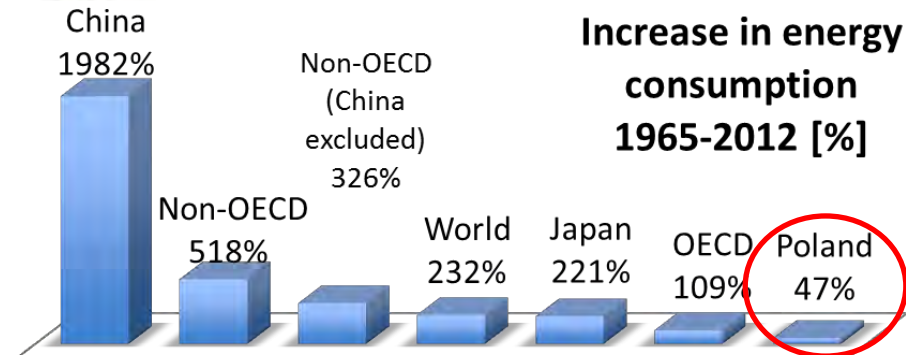
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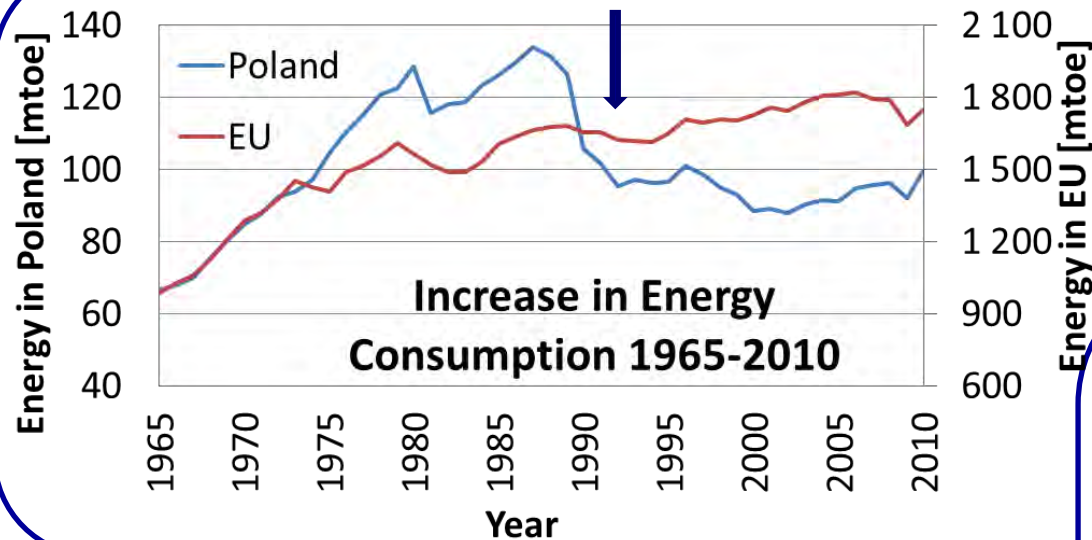
# Polish Energy Consumption and GDP



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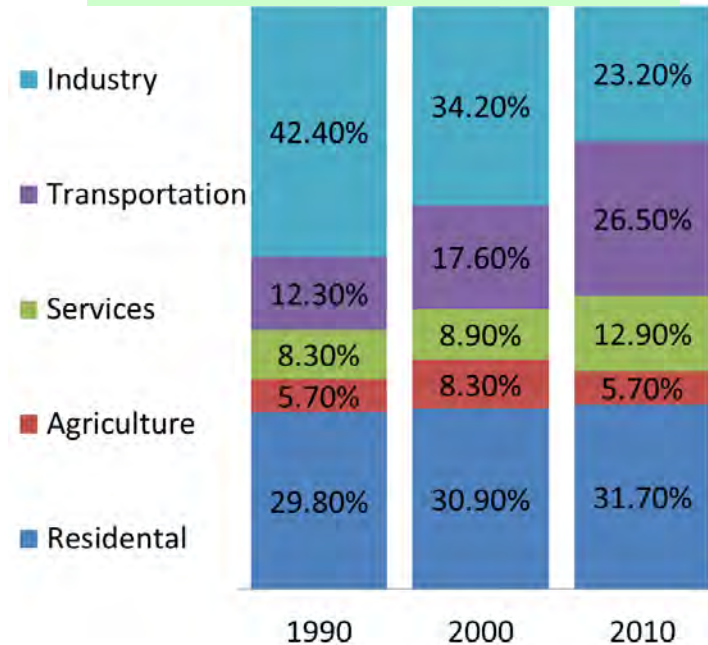


# Polish Energy Consumption Trend

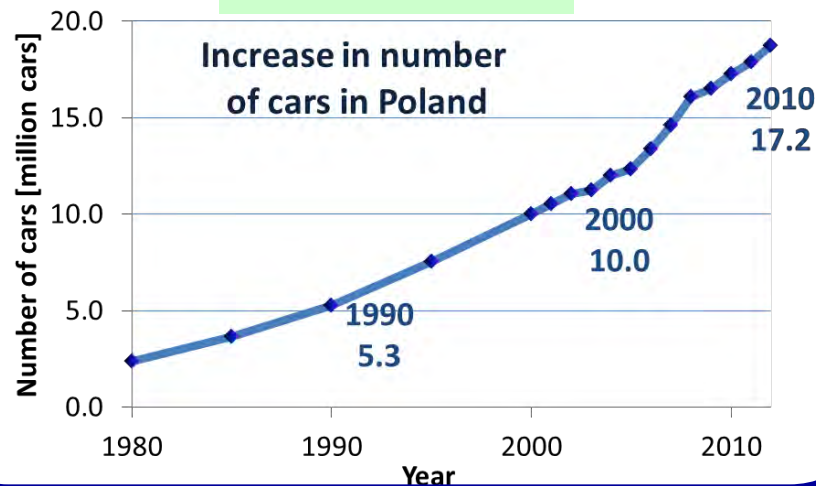


## Energy Consumption in Poland and Europe

## Polish Energy Consumption by Sectors

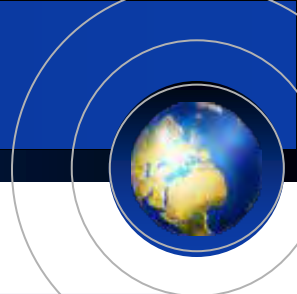


## Number of Cars

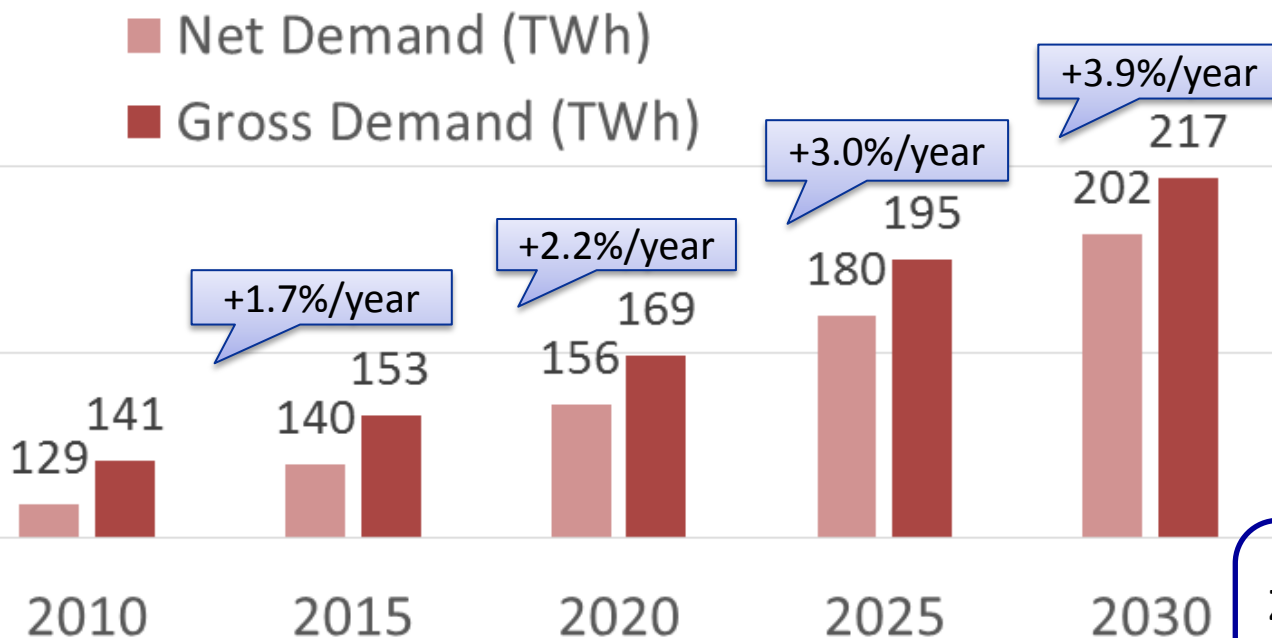


BP, GUS

# Polish Electricity Demand Forecast



## Electricity Demand Forecast



### Assumptions:

- Increasing energy efficiency
- Security of energy system
- Introduction of Nuclear
- Development of RES
- Environment preservation

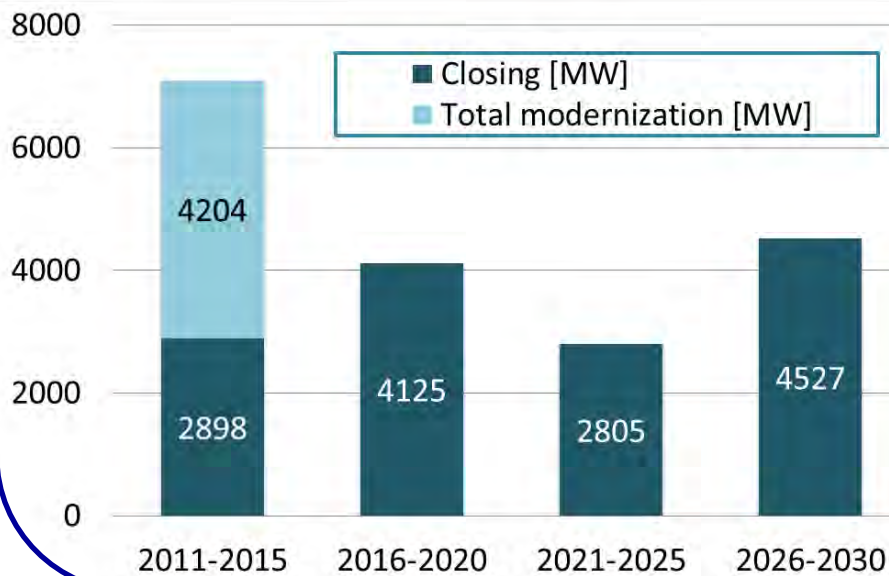
Zero energy economic growth  
Reducing the energy intensity

Ministry of Economy

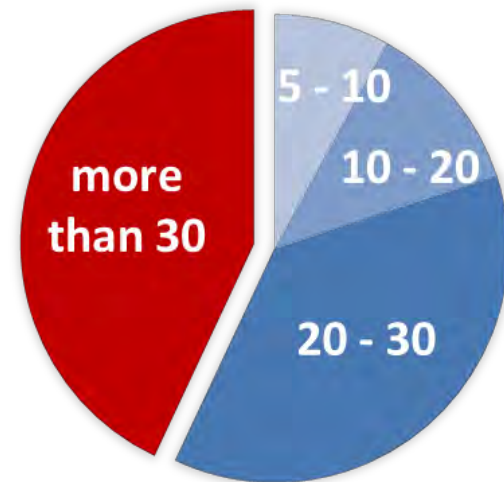
# Aged Plants and Units planned to be closed



## Units Planned to be closed (MW)



## Age of Polish Power Generation Units (years)



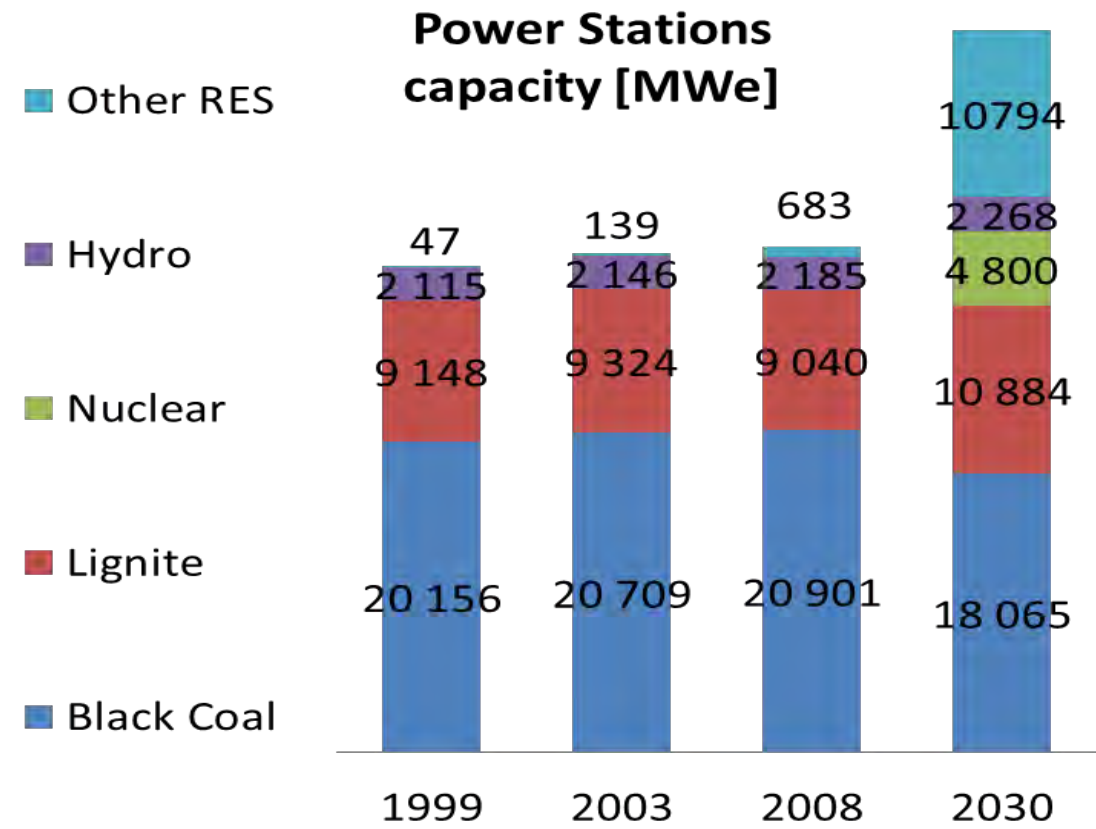
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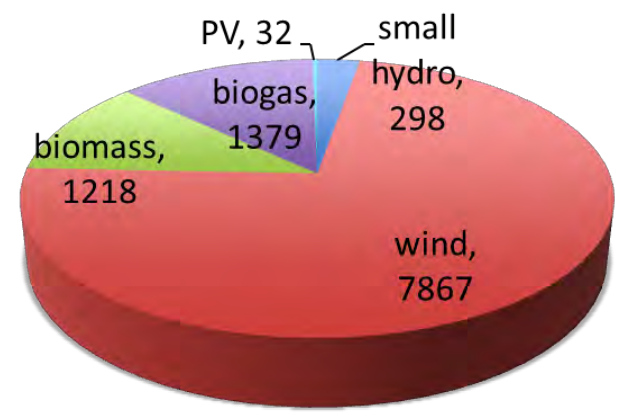
# Power Generation in Poland



	1999	2003	2008	2030
<b>Total Installed Capacity [MWe]</b>	34 260	35 419	35 599	51 412
<b>Max Power Demand [MWe]</b>	22 821	23 454	25 121	



## Renewables in 2030

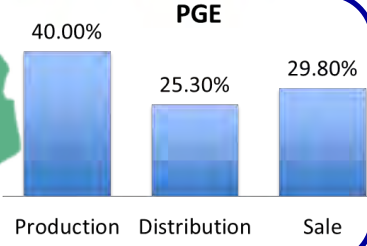
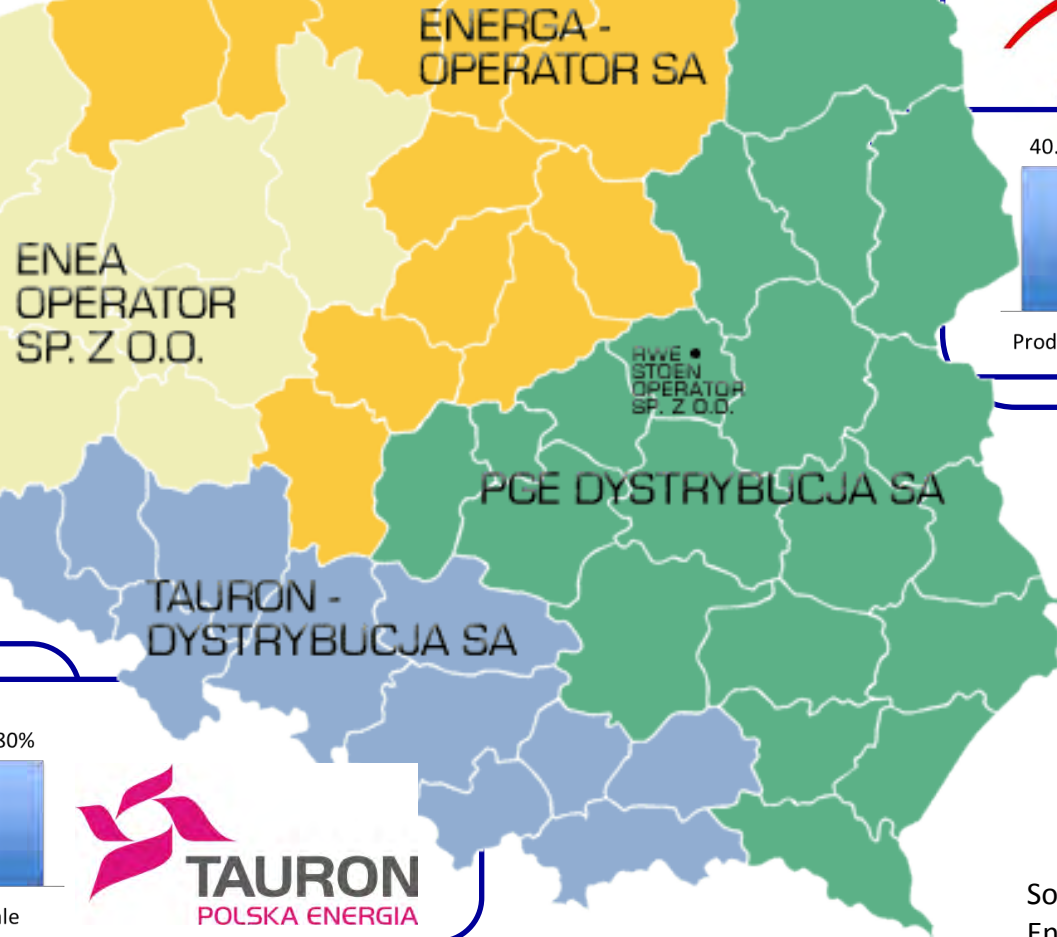
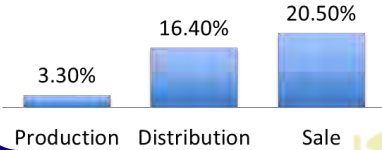


Instytut na rzecz Ekorozwoju, URE, ARE, Ministry of Economy

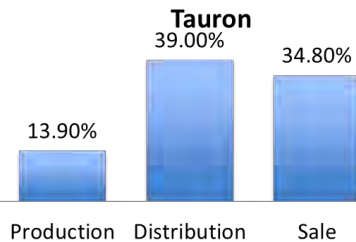
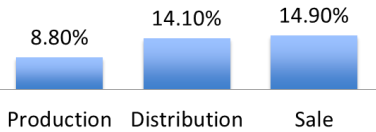
# Power Companies in Poland



Energa



Enea



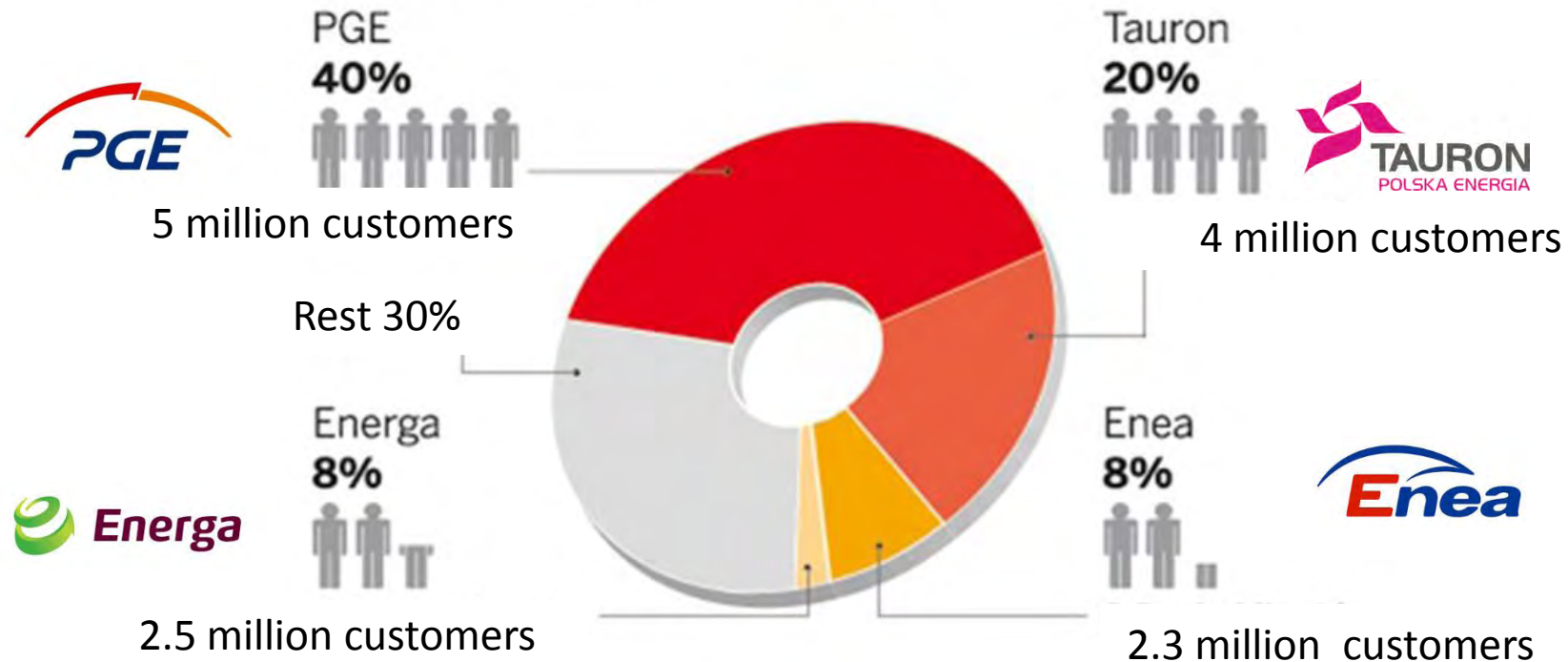
Source: Agencja Rynku Energii SA, Energa

# Share of Energy Market in Poland



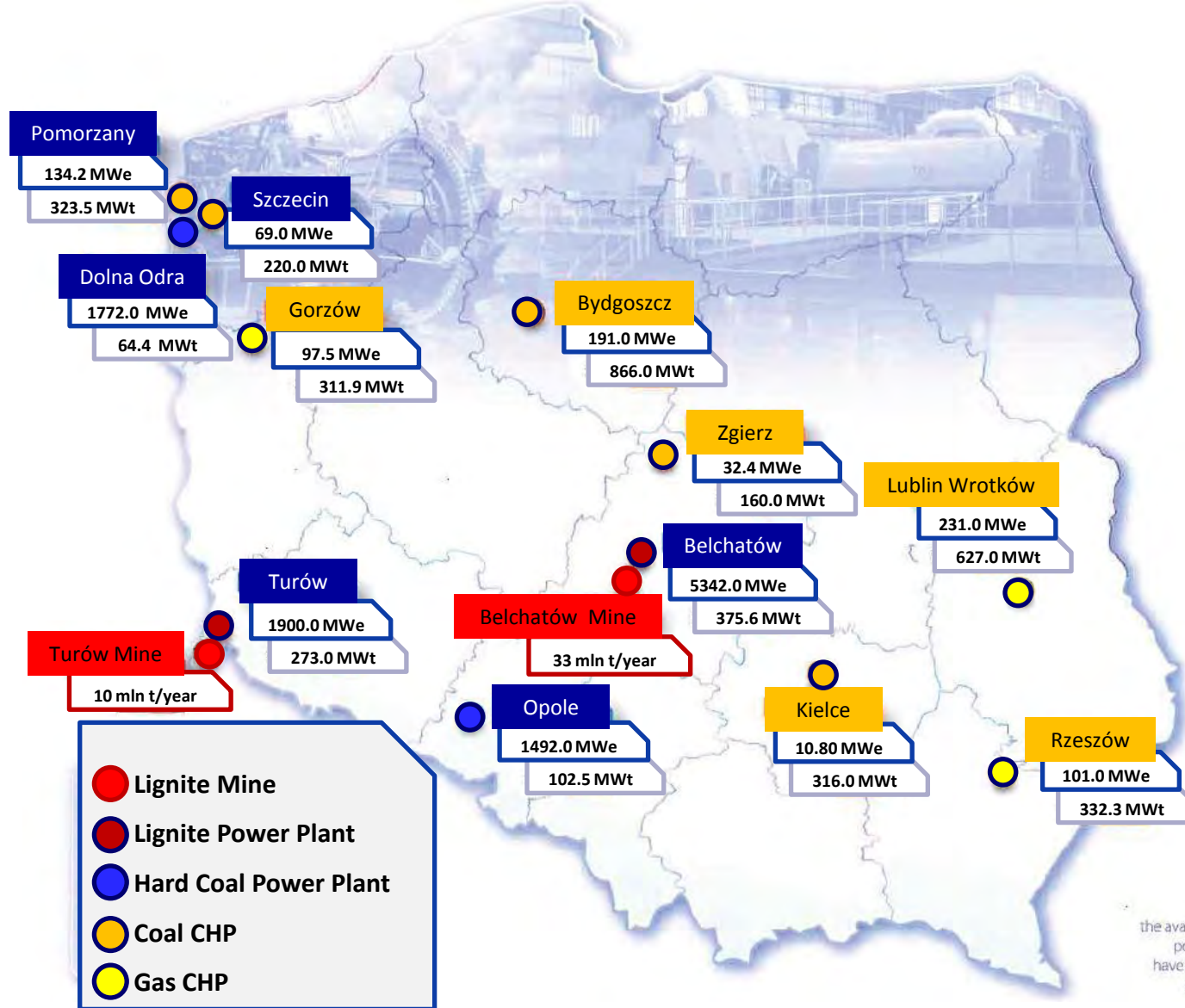
- PGE is the largest power generating company in Poland and the power production, which is about 40% of the country.

## Share in Power Generation by Polish Companies





# PGE Group



# PGE Gornictwo i Energetyka Konwencjonalna SA



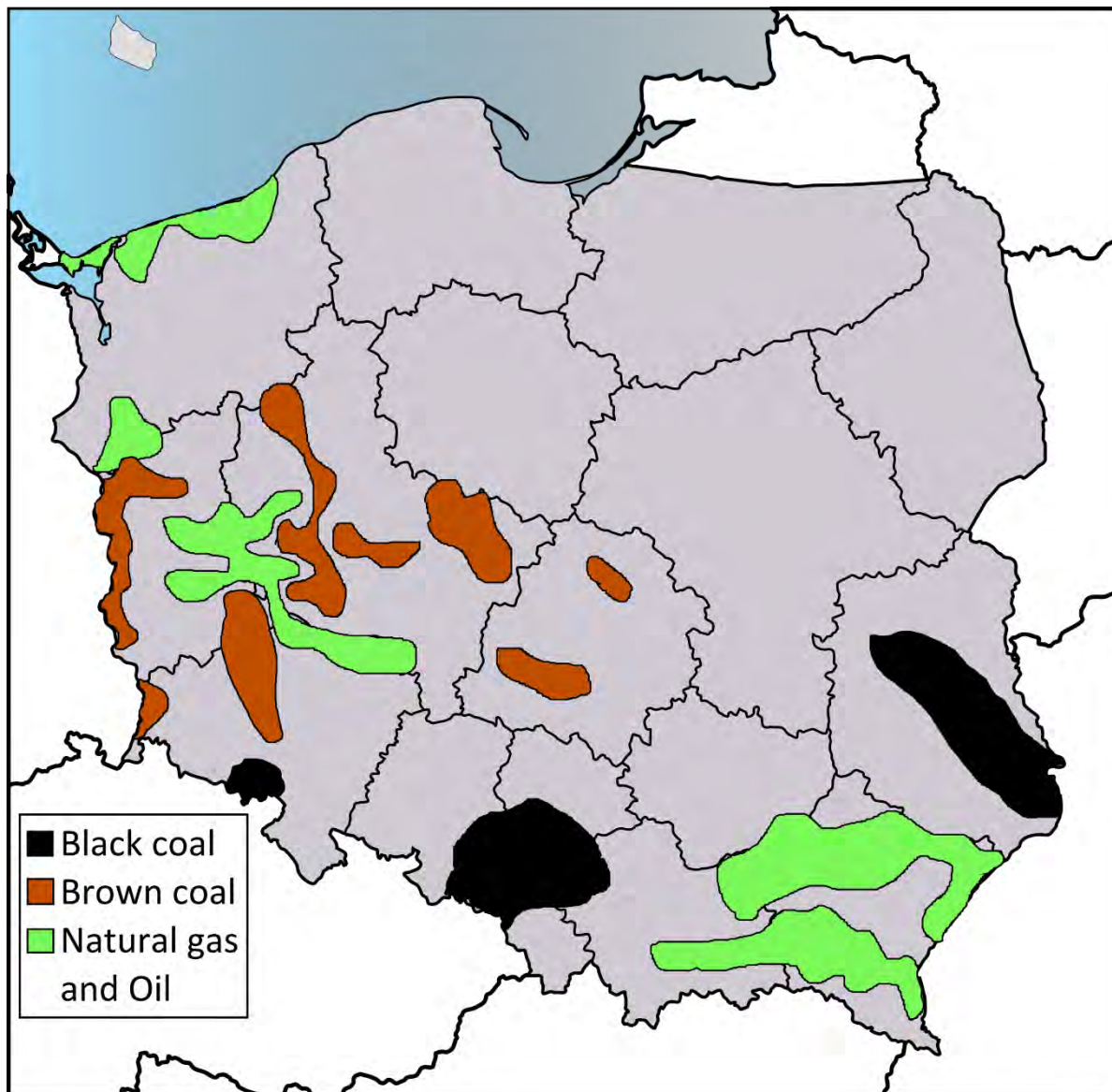
1. Largest power company in Poland, and supplies about 40% of whole Polish demand. 62% of the stock is held by the Government.
2. Total power generating capacity is 12.2GW and power generation is 52.7 TWh and heat supply is 6.1 GWth. Employees: 19,000.
3. Lignite mining is 43.2 million tonnes and share in Poland is 79%.
4. Lignite fired Belchatow Power Station is the largest power station in Poland and supplies about 20% of Polish power. Generating cost is Euro 38/MWh.
5. Total generating capacity of Belchatow Power Station is 5,342MW. Old units are of same design and started operation constructed between 1981 and 1988.
6. New unit, Unit No.14, is a 858MW supercritical pressure unit and started operation on October 1<sup>st</sup> , 2011.
7. Distribution of Fuels in PGE in 2012:

Lignite: 62.29%  
Hard Coal: 24.11%  
Natural gas: 3.25%  
Biomass: 3.12%



# 3. Coal Resources in Poland

# Resources of Poland: Black Coal, Brown Coal, Natural Gas and Oil



## Coal Resources and Reserves

	Resources	Reserves
Black Coal	44.2 Gt	16.9 Gt
Lignite	60.0 Gt	14.9 Gt

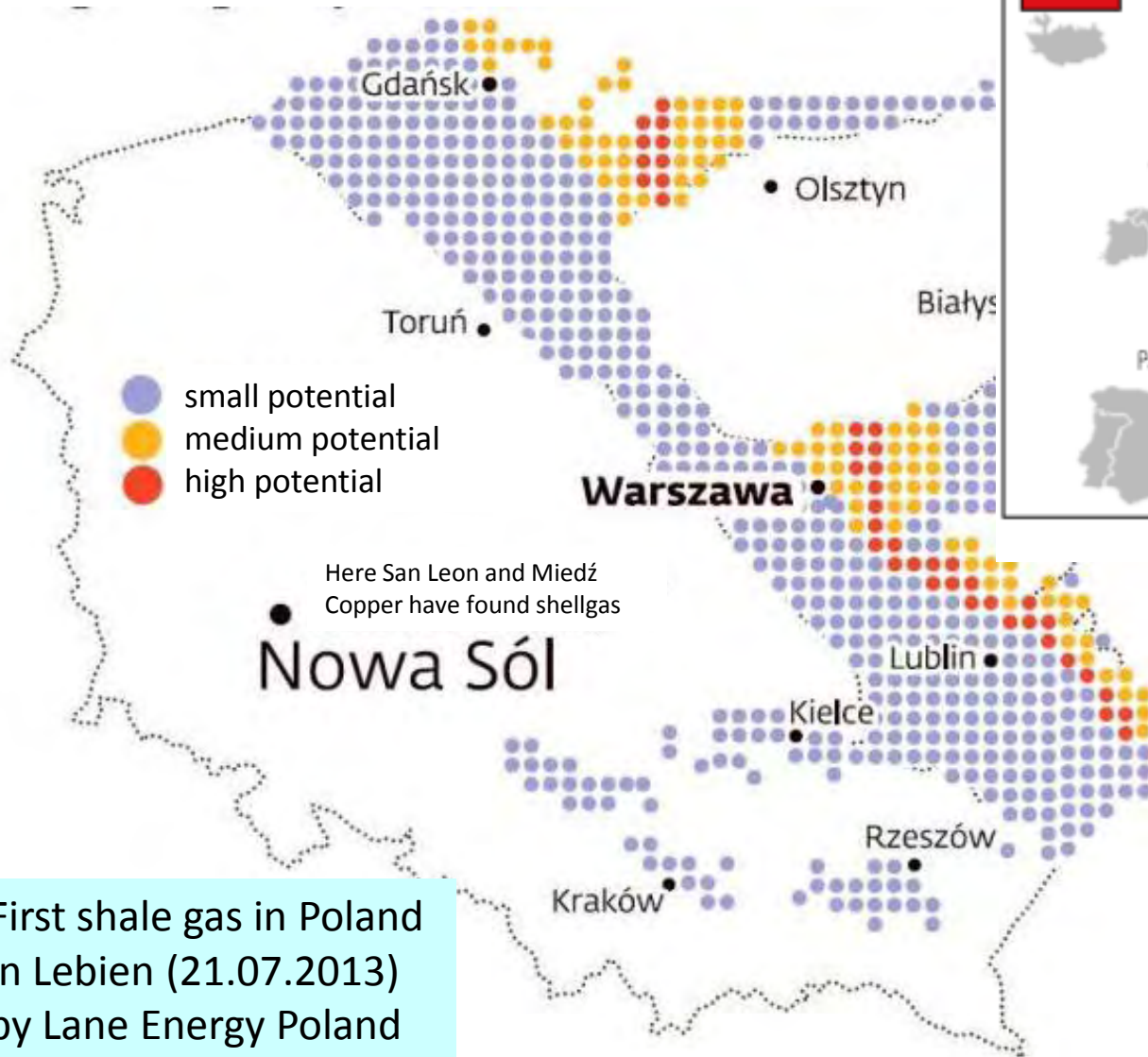
## Annual Coal Production

	Production/year (saleable output)
Black Coal	76.6 Mt
Lignite	56.3 Mt

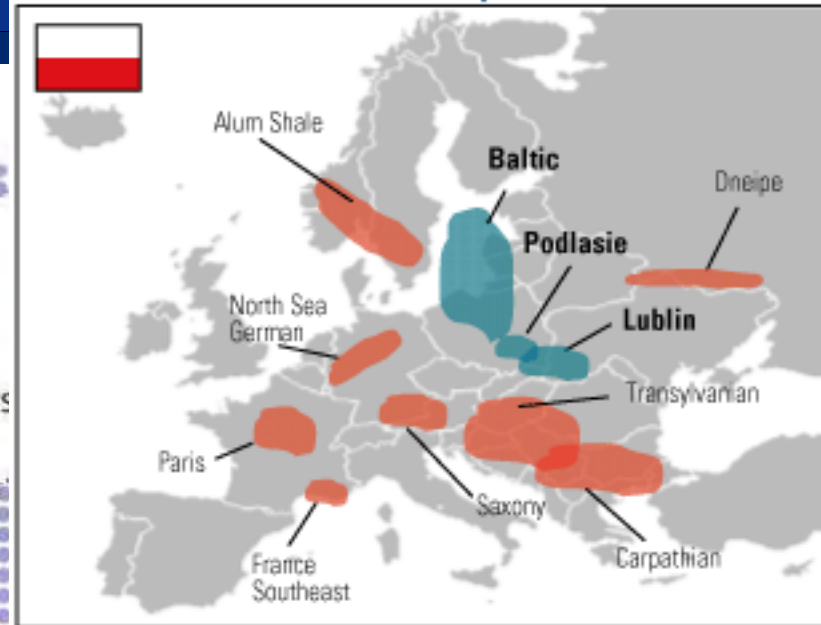
## Employment in Coal Industry

	Person
Black Coal	114 100
Lignite	16 300

# Shale-gas in Poland



## Potential Shale Basins in Europe



Source: EIA, Morgan Stanley Research

In 2012 Polish resources were estimated for 346-768 mld m<sup>3</sup> (minimal estimation – 38mld m<sup>3</sup> and maximal 1.92bln m<sup>3</sup>)

First shale gas in Poland in Lebien (21.07.2013) by Lane Energy Poland (ConocoPhillips)

DGP, EIA, PwC



# 4. Lignite and Its Efficient Use

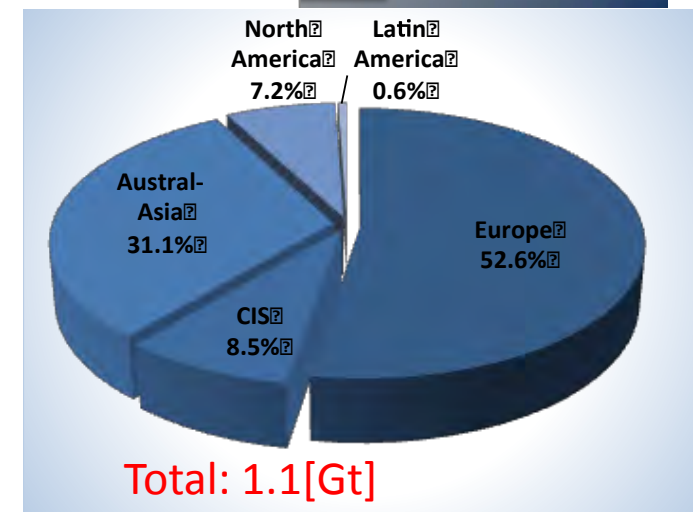
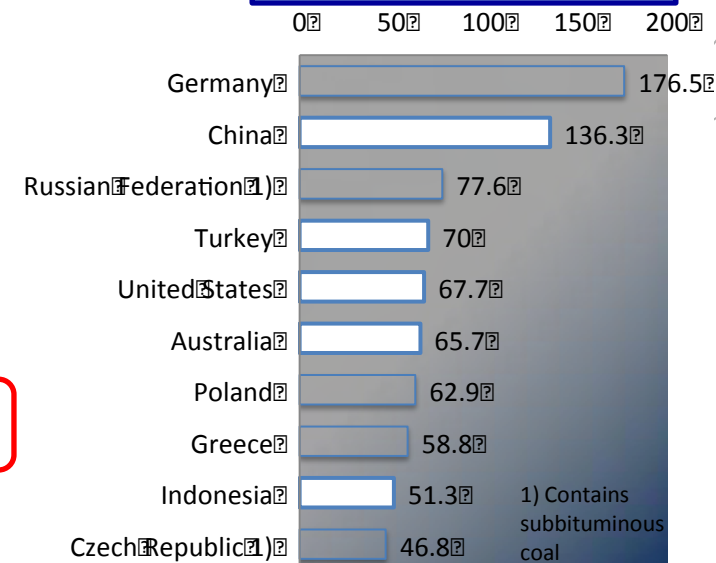
# Dependence on Coal and Lignite in Europe

## Coal and Lignite Power Generation (MWh-%)

Country	Lignite	Black coal	Total
Germany	25	20	45
Poland	31	56	87
Greece	57	0	57
Romania	39	8	47
Czech	51	8	59
Serbia	69	0	69
Turkey	17	9	26

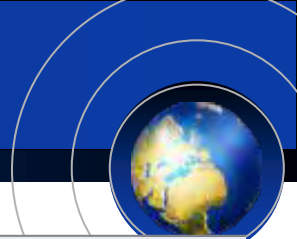
\* Data for 2010, Source: European Association for Coal and Lignite "EURACOAL"

## Lignite Production

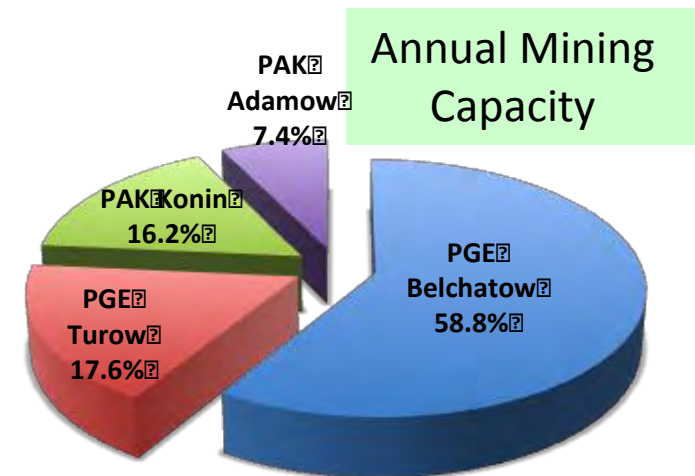
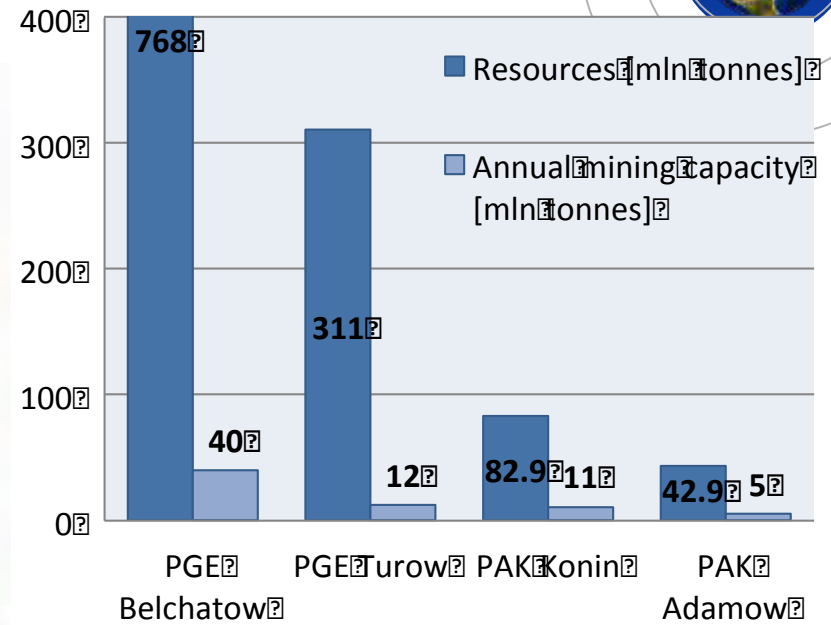


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# Lignite Mines in Poland



Lignite resources  
 Deposits under exploitation

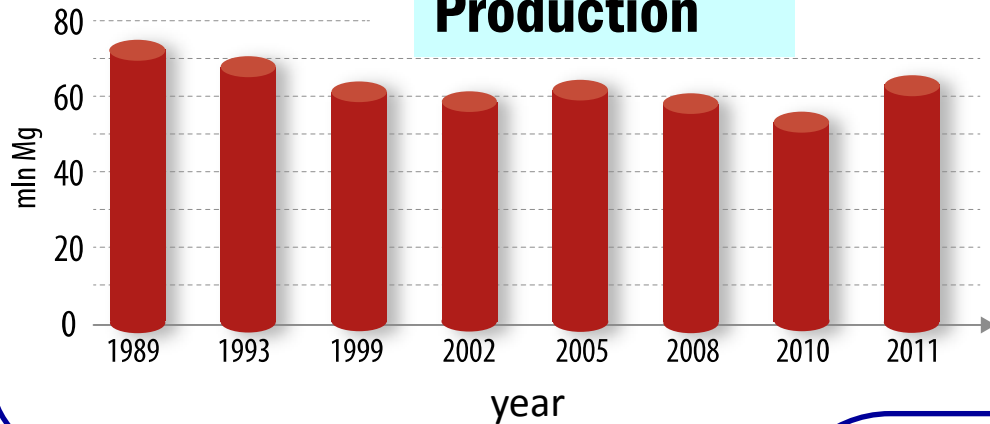




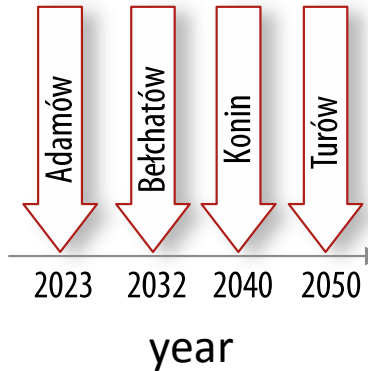
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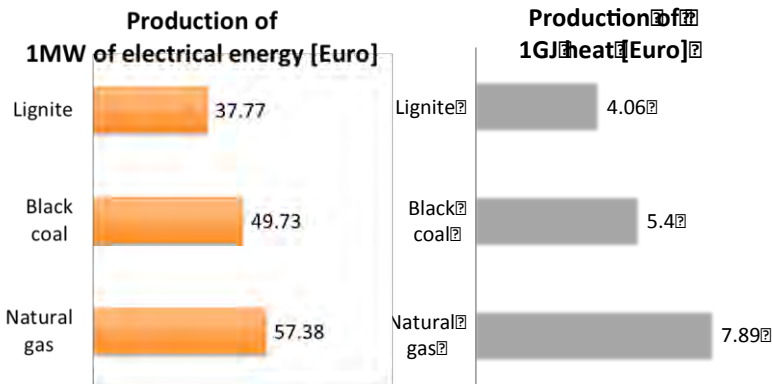
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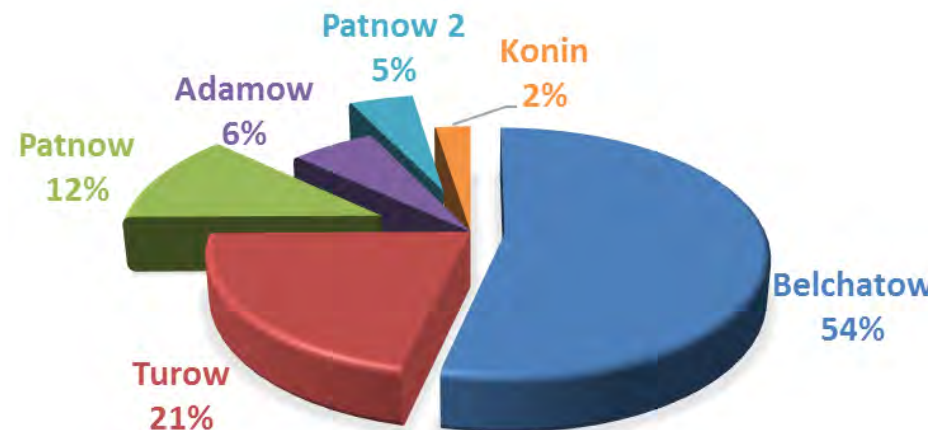
## Completion Year



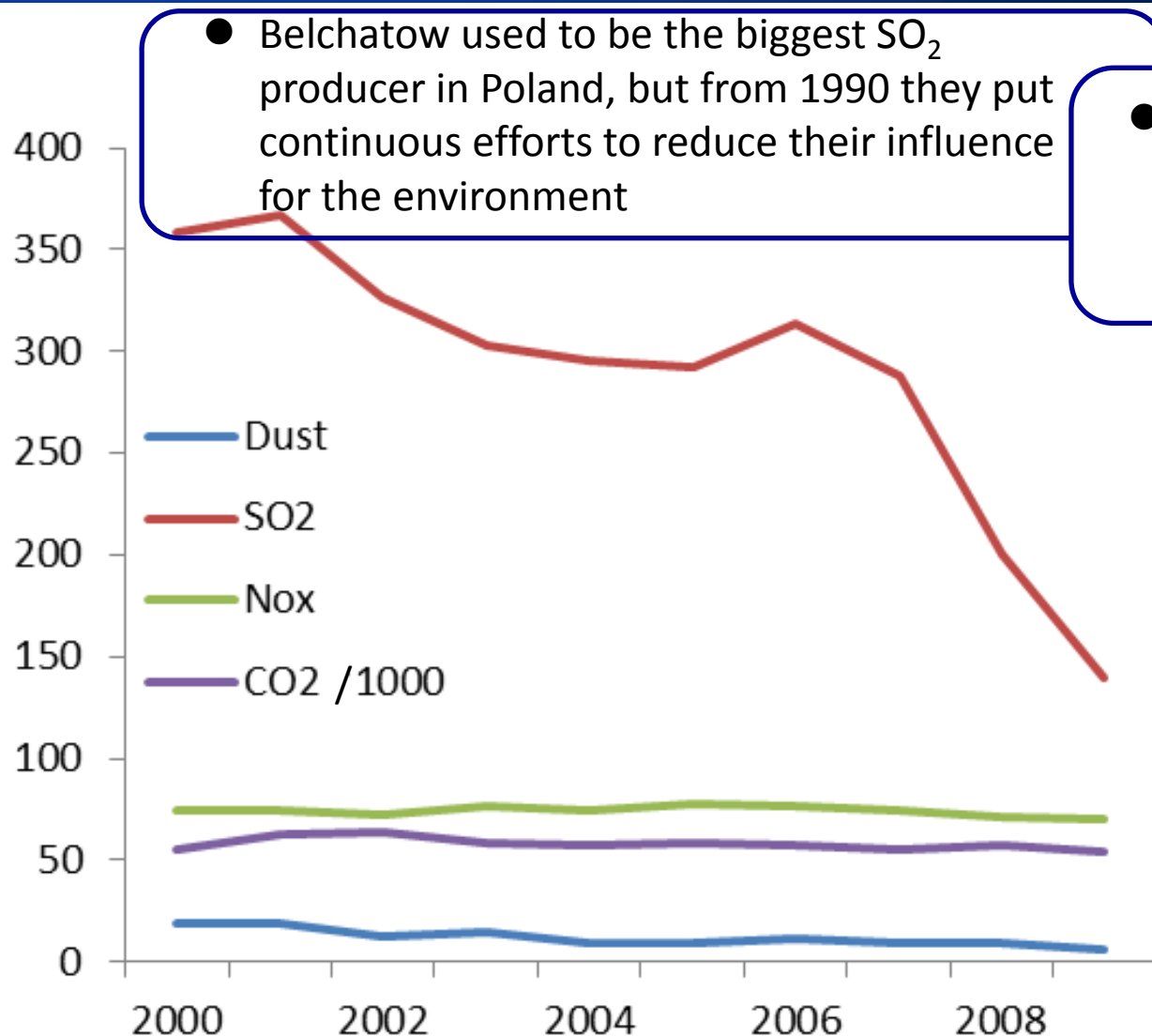
## Price of electricity



## Share of Different Lignite Power Plants in Power Production



# Total emissions generated by the production of electricity from lignite [Gg]



● Belchatow used to be the biggest SO<sub>2</sub> producer in Poland, but from 1990 they put continuous efforts to reduce their influence for the environment

● Modernization of Belchatow Units – reduction SO<sub>2</sub> emissions from 402 000t to 60 000t (1990-2007)

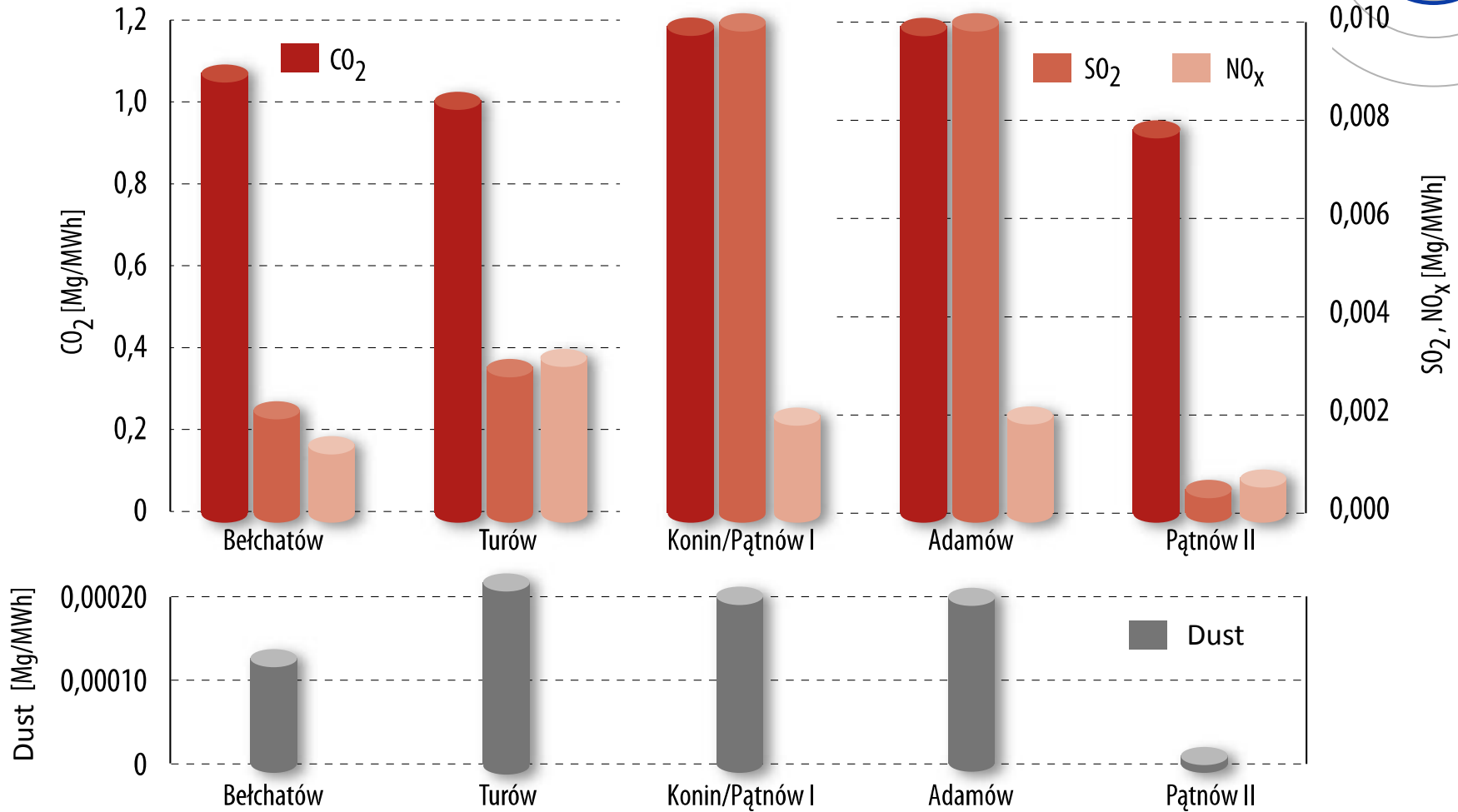
● From 2016 the new EU regulations: 200 mg SO<sub>2</sub>/Nm<sup>3</sup>

● Until 2015 all units in Belchaow will have low – emission burners

● **Continues efforts to minimize influence for natural environment**

Agencja Rynku Energii 2010, PGE SA, ZE PAK SA

# The Emissions from Each Local Lignite Source



# Belchatow Lignite Mine



KWB Belchatow  
<http://www.kwb.pl>

# Belchatow Lignite Mine and Power Station



New Unit No. 14

Old 12 Units

# Belchatow Power Station



## New Unit

- 858MW
- Steam Press.: 26.6/5.5MPa
- Steam Temp.: 550/580°C
- Annual Lignite Consumption: 7.0 million tonnes

## Old Units

- 12 Units of 380MW – total 4.6 GW
- Steam temp.: 540/540°C
- Each unit is under modernization one by one.



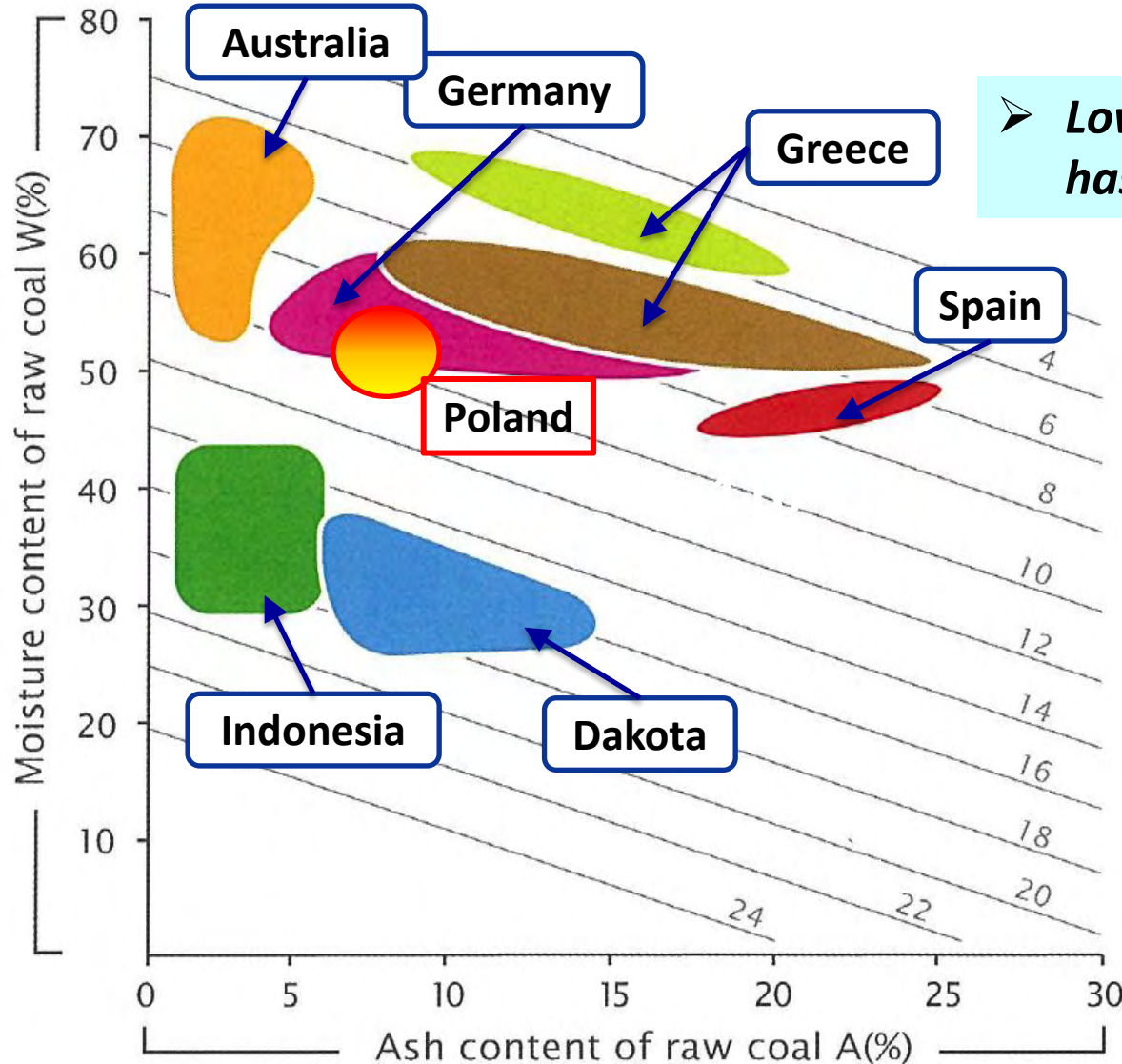
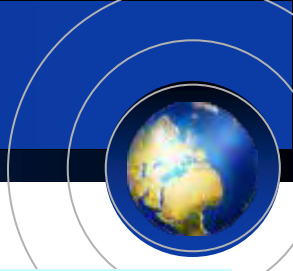
# Details of Belchatow Lignite Mine



1. On December 9<sup>th</sup> , 1960 lignite seam with 127m thickness was discovered.
2. On January 1<sup>st</sup> , 1975 power plant was started construction.
3. Largest lignite mine in Poland and one of the largest in Europe; shares about **50% of whole Polish lignite production**.
4. Three fields: "**Belchatow**", "**Szczercow**" and "**Kamiensk**".
5. Belchatow lignite is **about 20 million** years old

6. Thickness of the Overburden: **200m**
7. Thickness of lignite seam: **120 – 150m**
8. Mining capacity is **38.5 million tons of coal a year** (with an average overburden removal of 100-120 million m<sup>3</sup>).
9. Recoverable reserve: 830 million tonnes and the total coal resources are approximately **1,930 million tonnes**
10. Average heating value (LHV): **7.6-8.1 MJ/kg**
11. Mining completion schedule: **2038**

# Low Rank Coals



➤ *Low rank coal is the coal which has low calorific value*

Increasing moisture content  
↓  
Decreasing Calorific Value

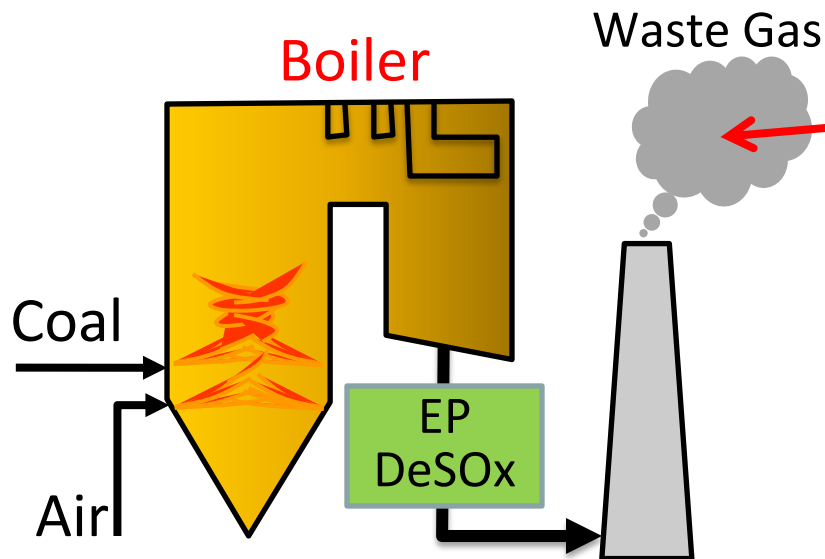
Increasing ash content  
↓  
Decreasing Calorific Value

- Orange: Latrobe Valley
- Green: Megalopolis Greece
- Brown: Ptolemais Greece
- Pink: Neurath D, Germany
- Red: Puentes Spain
- Blue: Dakota Texas U.S.A
- Green: Indonesian Low Bank
- Diagonal line: Net Specific Energy=2MJ/Kg

Source: Allardice Consulting Ltd



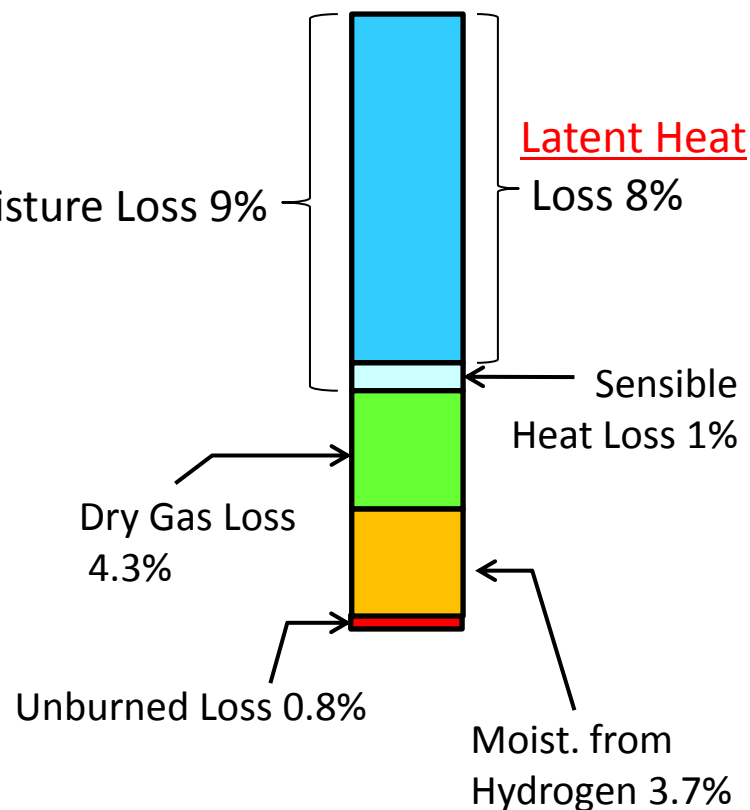
# High heat loss due to high moisture content



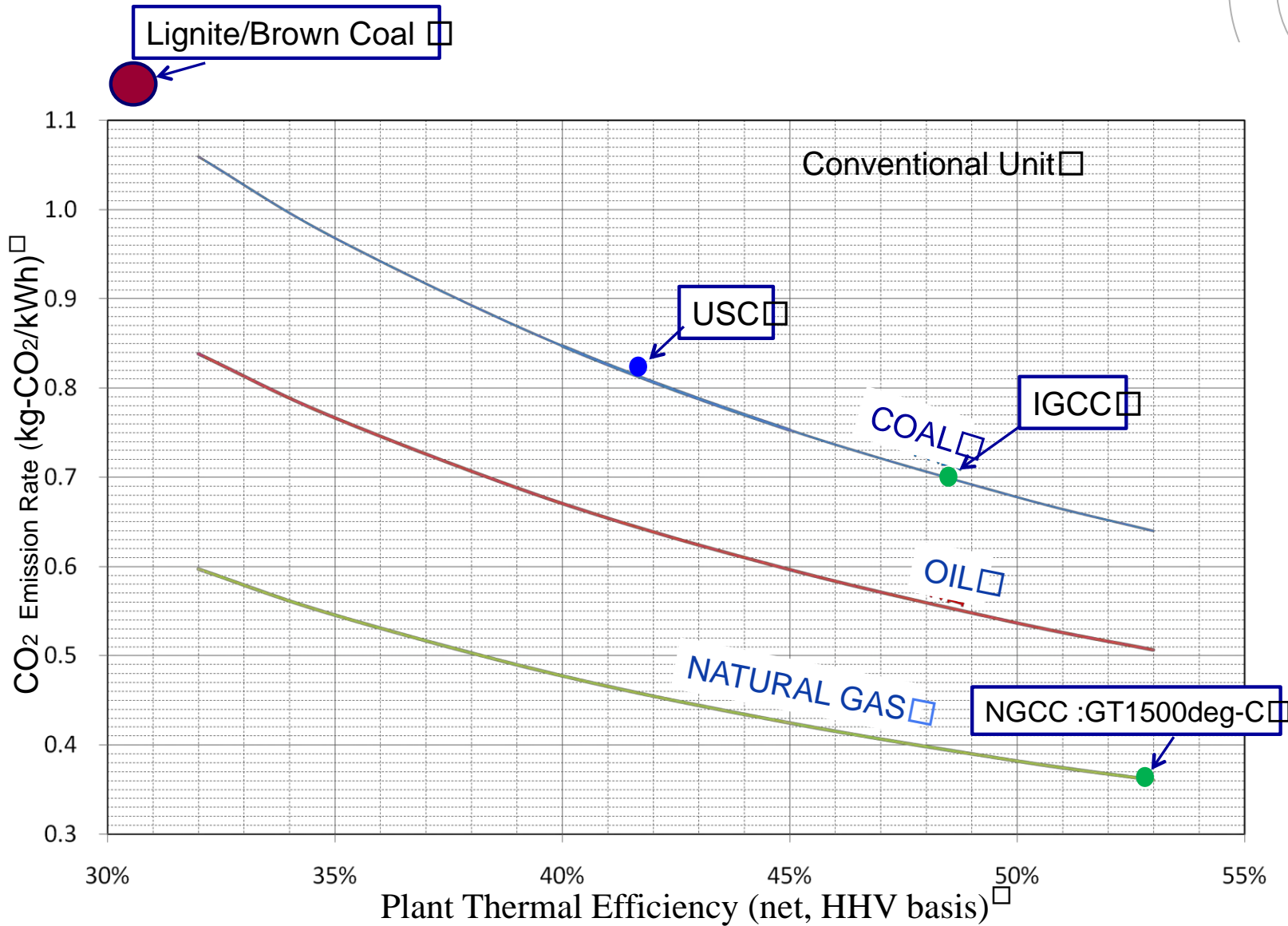
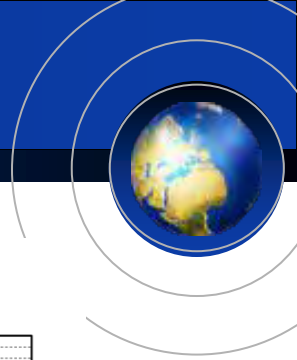
Latent heat of water is never recovered!

How to recover "Latent heat" and prevent losses

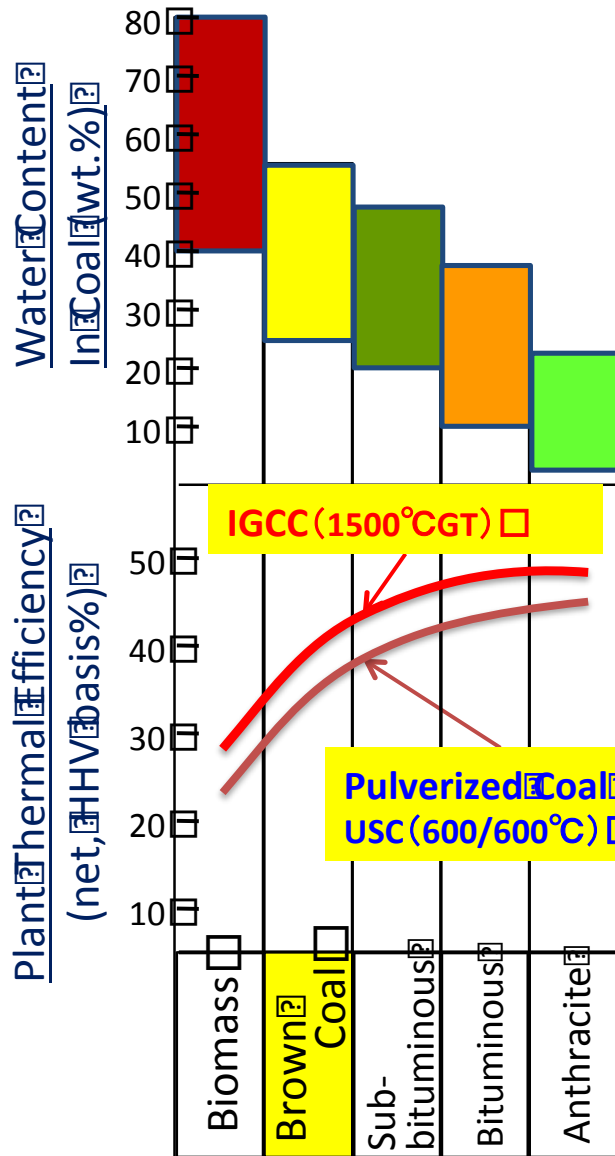
- ① To lower flue gas temperature below dew point
- ② Remove moisture by drying with minimum heat loss



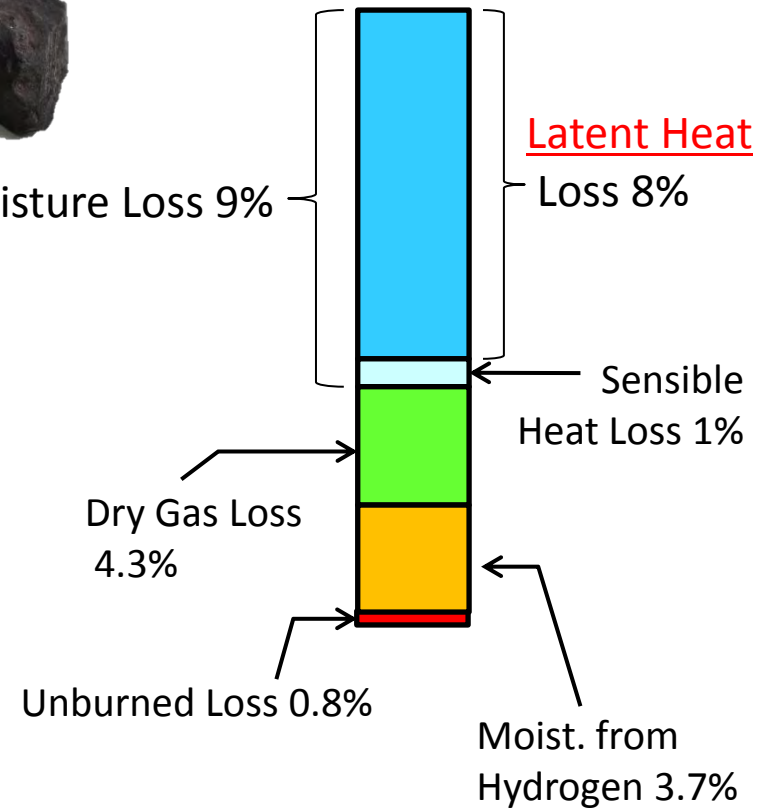
# Emission of CO<sub>2</sub> for various fuels



# Water content in Lignite and Plant Efficiency



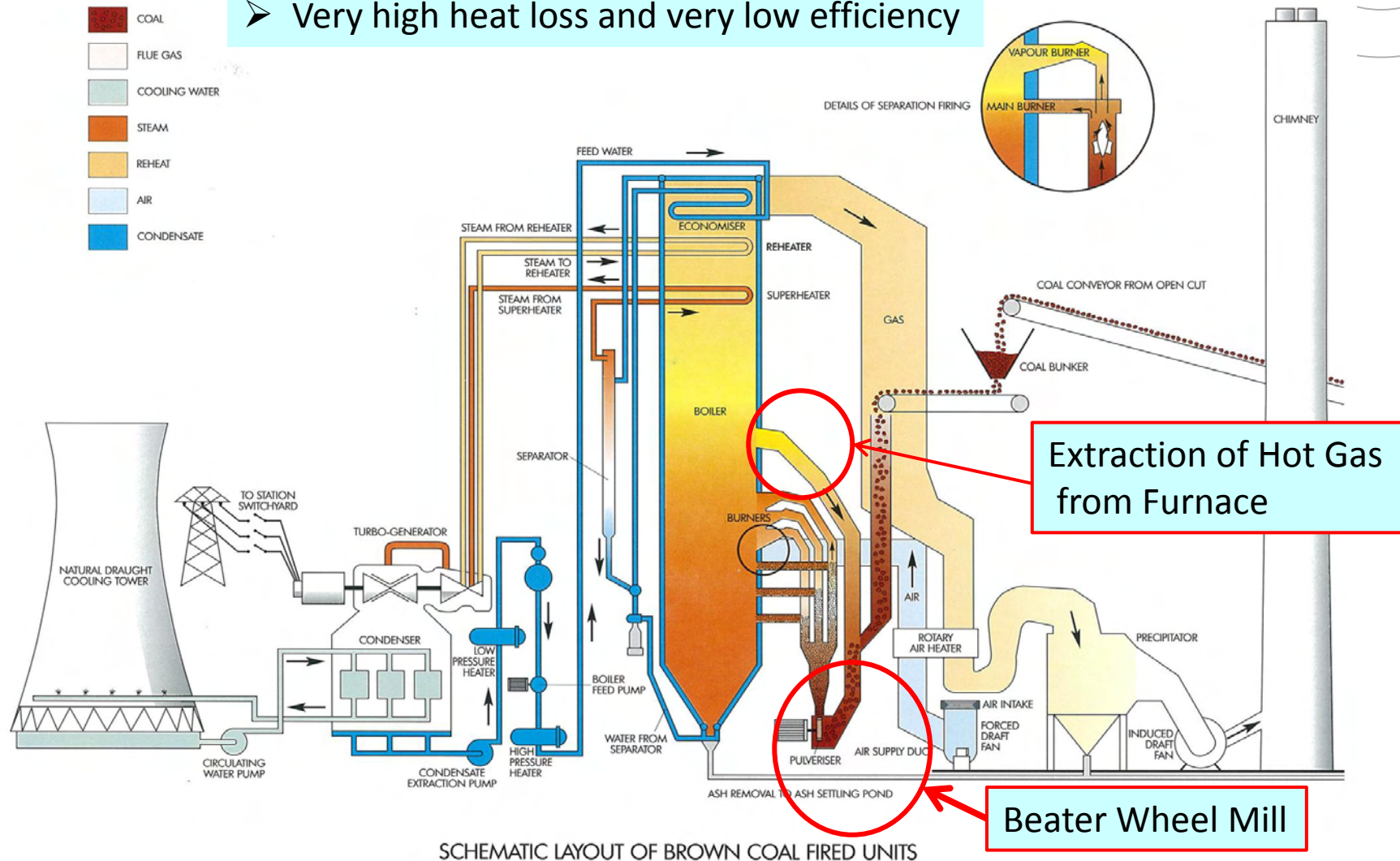
➤ Why the efficiency of brown coal is so low?



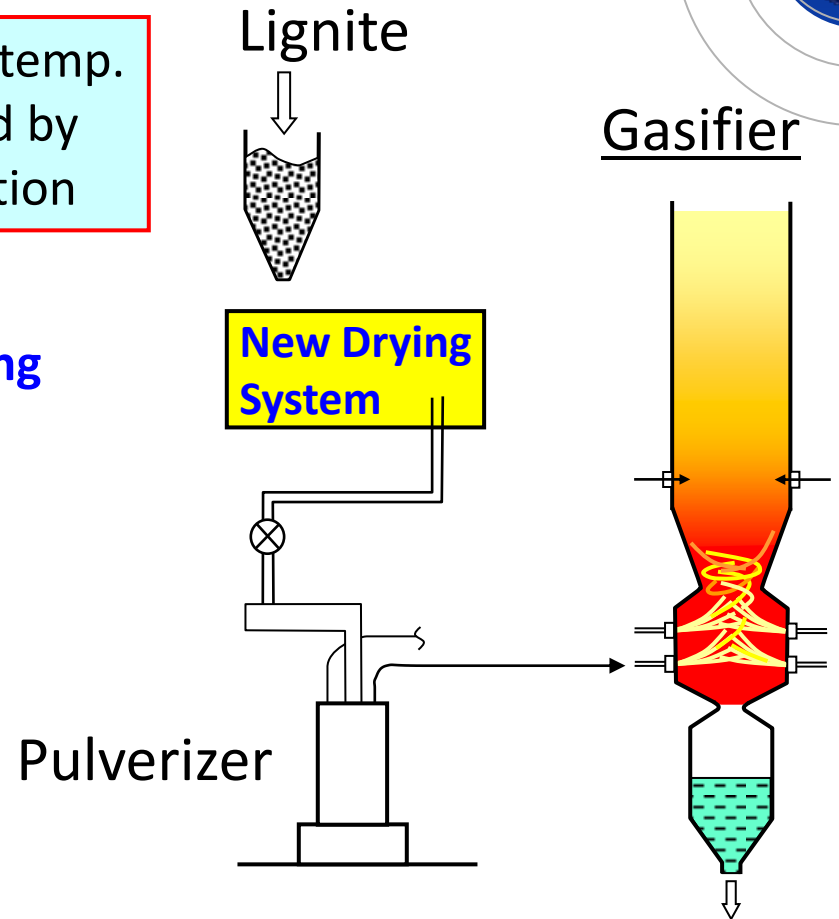
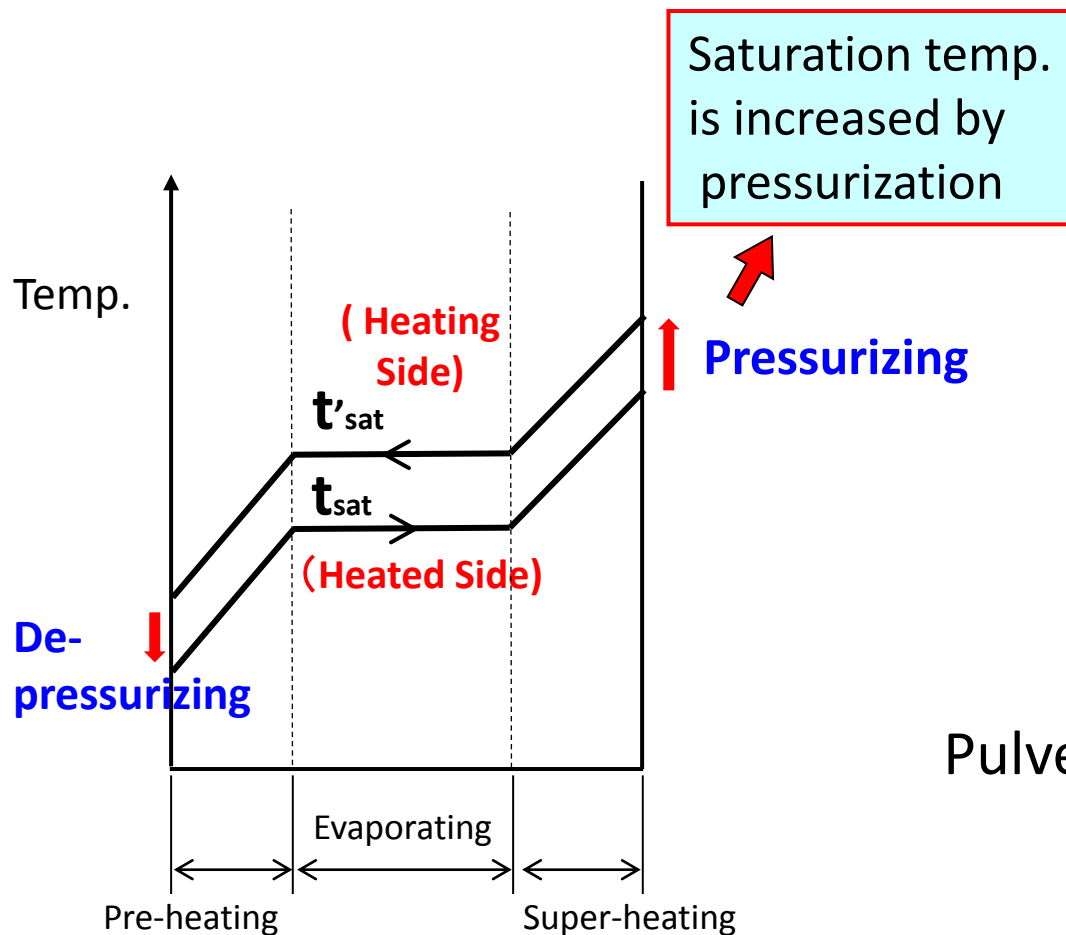
# Conventional Lignite Fired Plant



- Tall, large furnace and Beater Wheel Mills
- Very high heat loss and very low efficiency

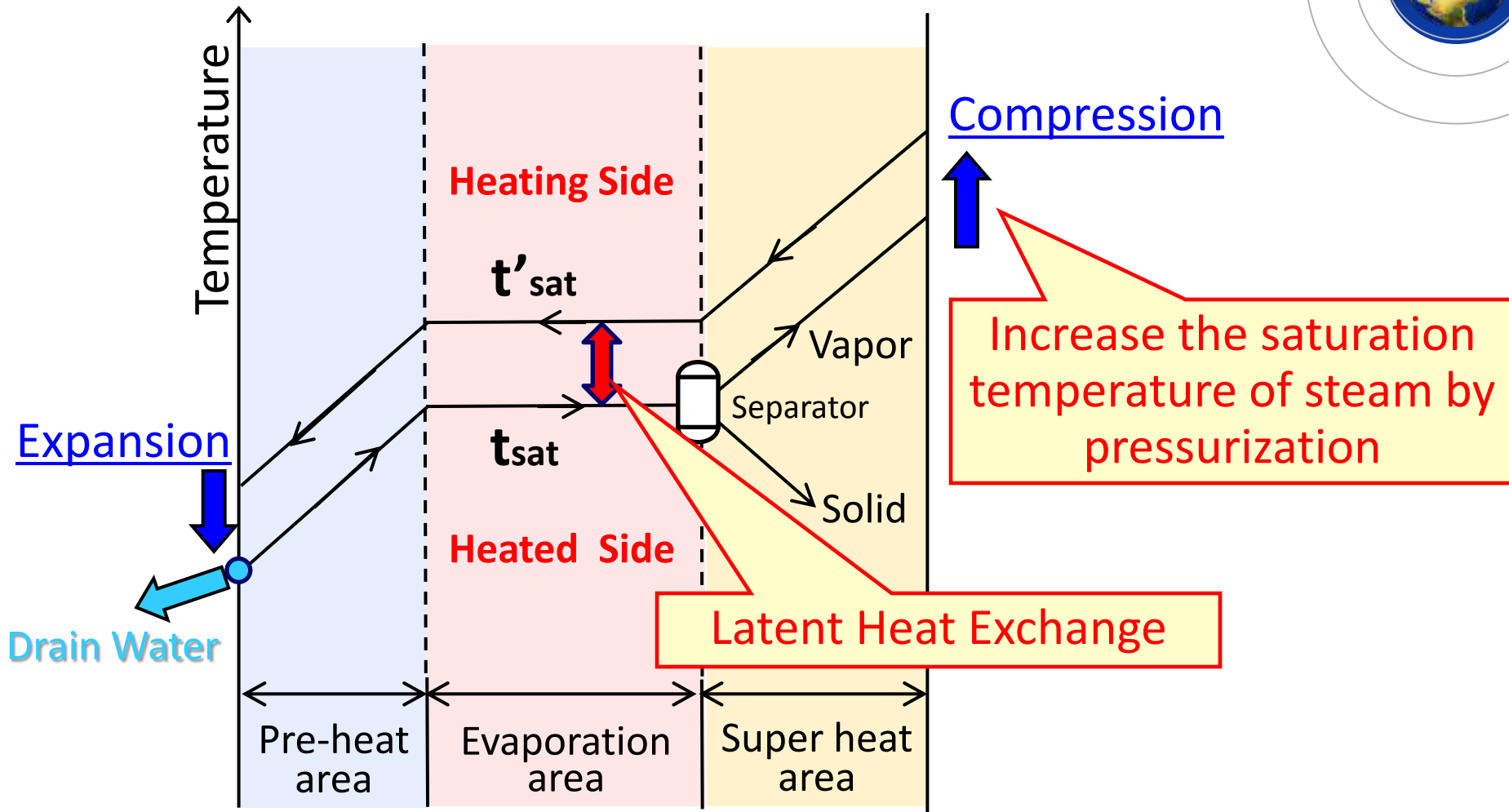


# Innovative Drying System for Lignite



**Moisture : 50%→20% Heating energy is decreased by 80%!**

# Drying by Self-heat Recuperation

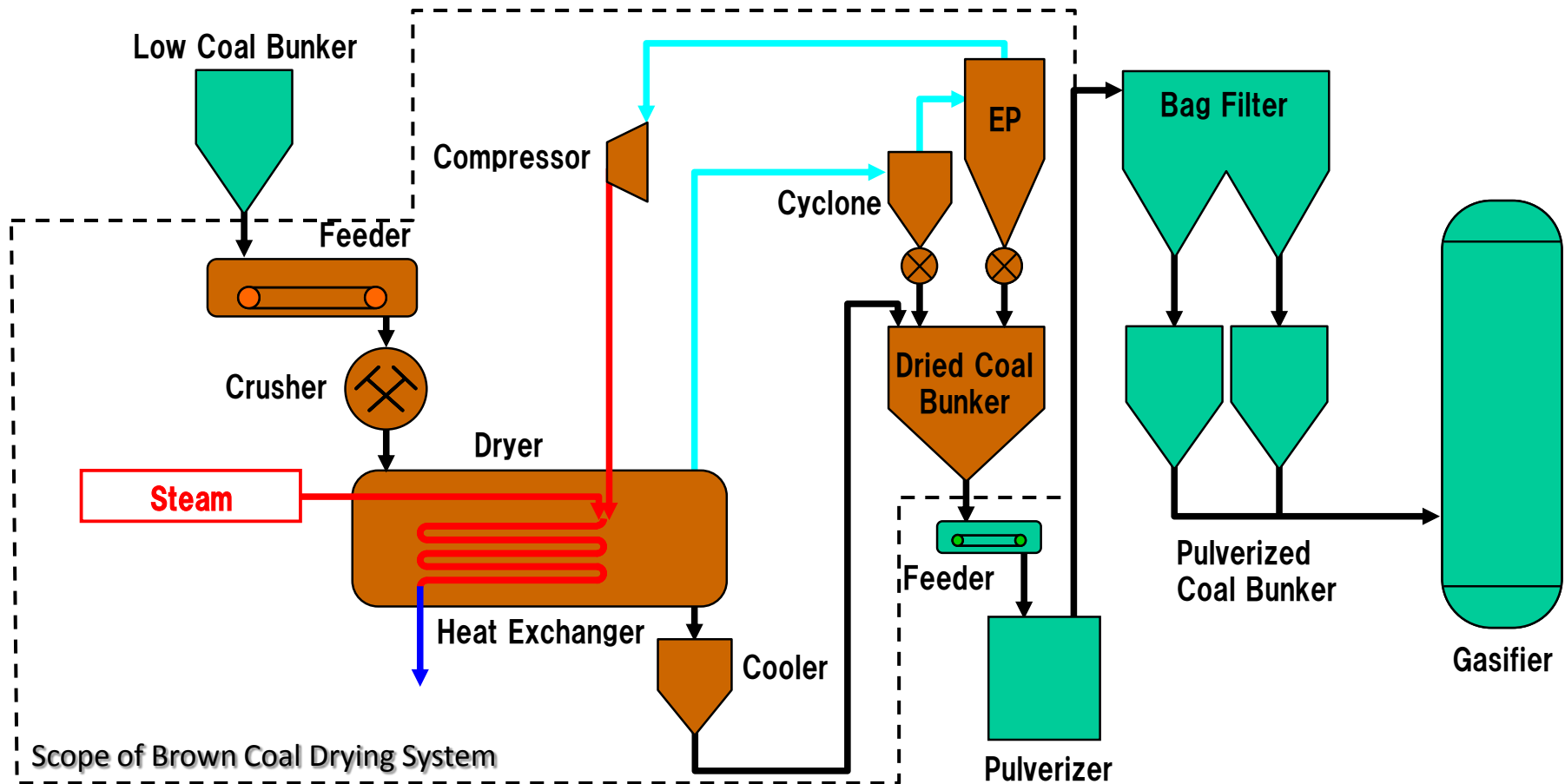


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# Superheated Steam Fluidized Bed Lignite Drying System



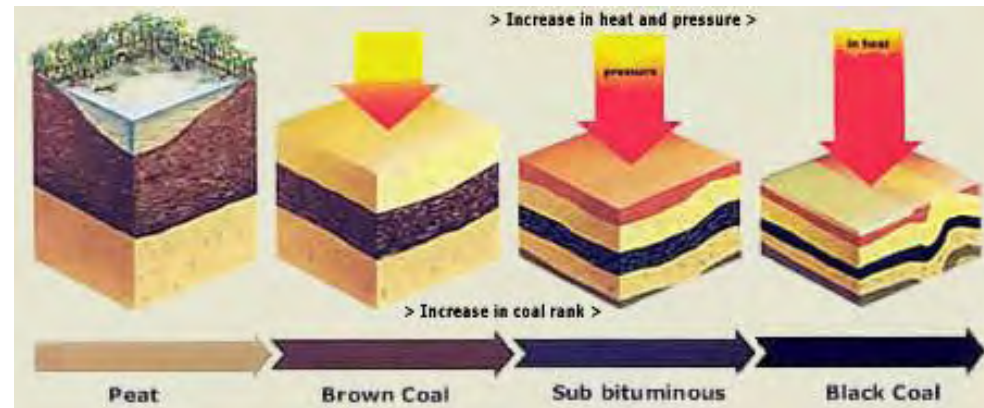
- High Efficient Brown Coal Drying System by recovering latent heat from evaporated steam.
- If combined with IGCC, generation efficiency will be improved up to 50%  
⇒ Reducing CO<sub>2</sub> Emission by 40%.



# Importance of Drying Lignite



- Lignite is one of the most important natural resources domestically obtained in Poland.
- More than 30% of power generation depends on lignite.
- Polish lignite has moisture content about 50%, so heat loss due to moisture is so great
- And the heat loss can be as much as 10%. This lowers thermal efficiency of power plants .
- Accordingly CO<sub>2</sub> emission per KWh is so high as 1.0 kg/KWh one of the highest in European coal fired power stations.
- By drying lignite before combustion we can reduce the heat loss nearly half.
- Superheated steam drying in fluidized bed is considered to be most efficient drying system, theoretically.



Source: Rio Tinto Coal Australia







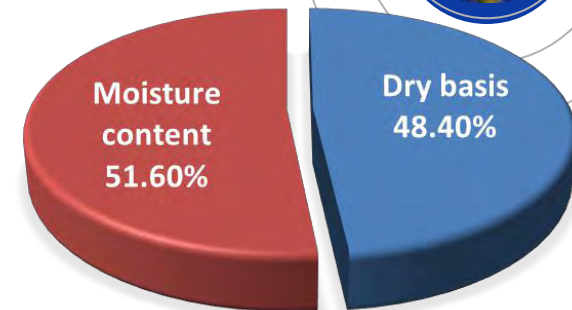
# 5. Features of Polish Lignite

# Analysis of Belchatow Lignite



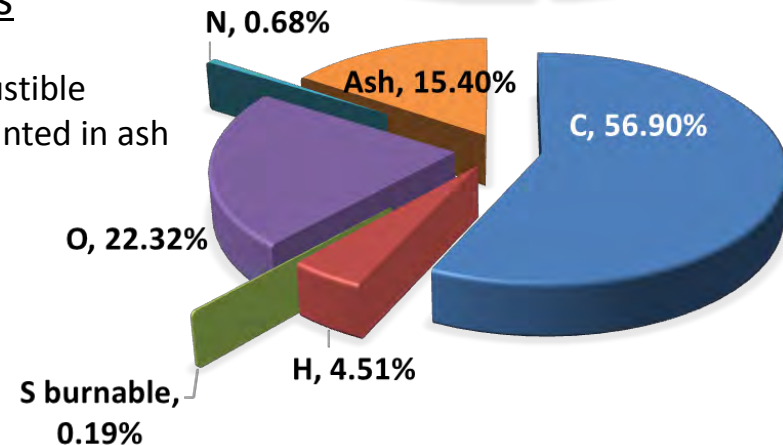
Item		Unit	Value	
Total Moisture		wt%	51.6	
Surface Moisture		wt%	43.0	
Proximate Analysis (Air-dried base)	Moisture	wt%	14.6	
	Fixed Carbon		29.6	
	Volatile Matter		42.6	
	Ash		13.2	
	HHV	MJ/kg	19.08	
		Kcal/kg	4.560	
Elemental Analysis (Moisture-free)	C		56.9	
	H		4.51	
	S	Total	wt%	1.30
		Combustible		0.19
		Incombustible		1.11
	O		22.32	
	N		0.68	
Ash		15.4		

## As received basis

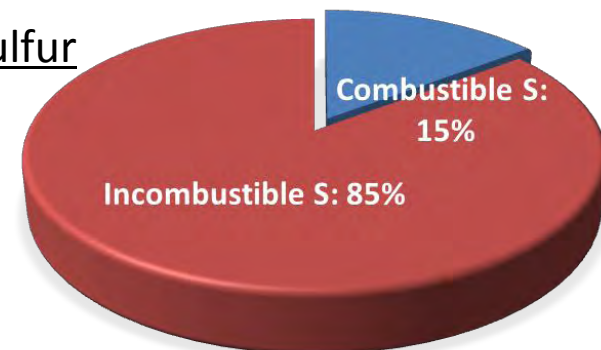


## Dry basis

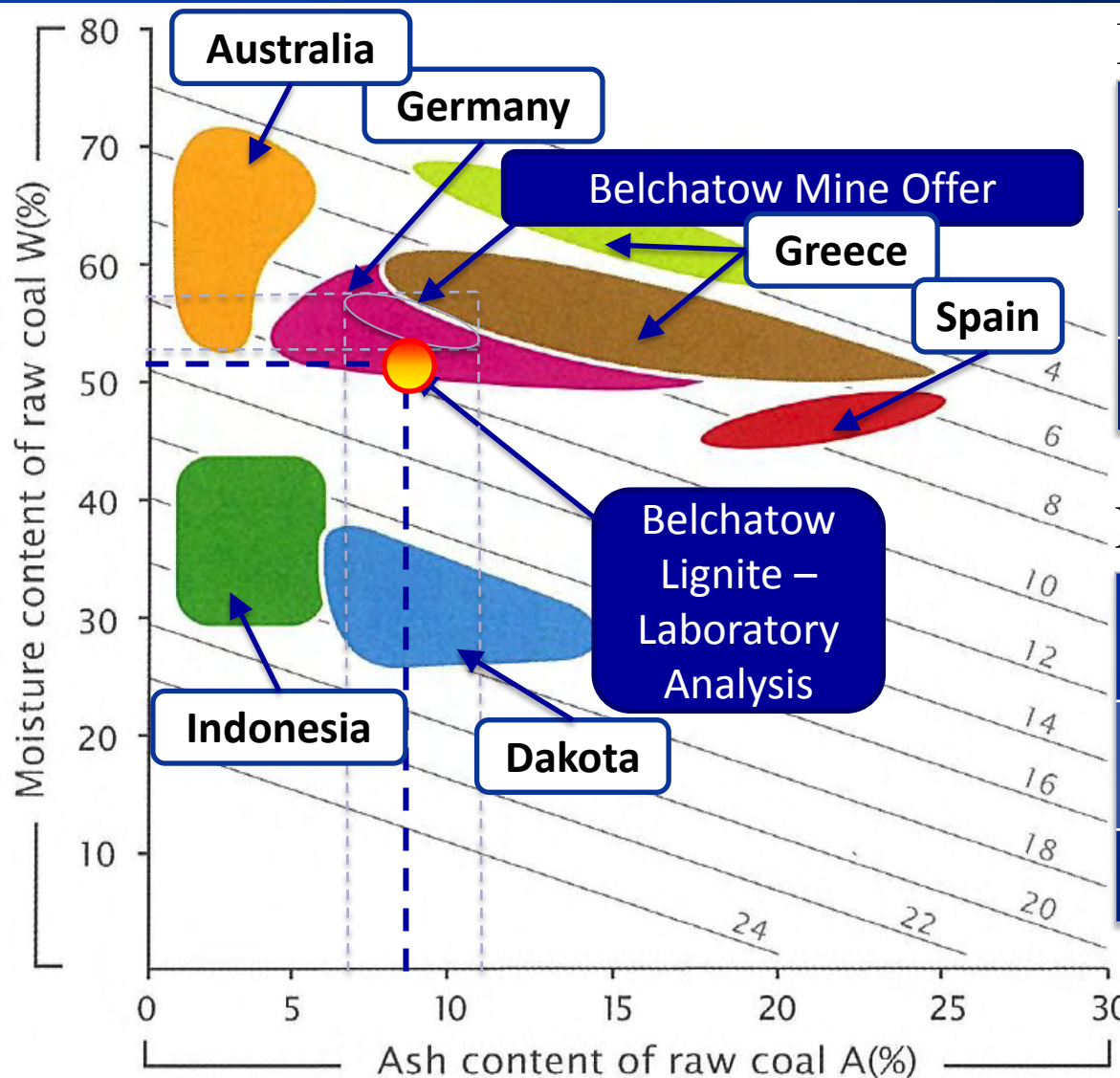
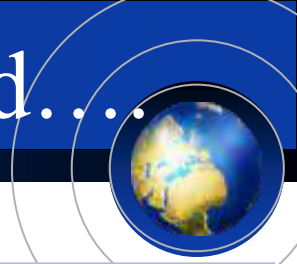
\*Incombustible sulfur counted in ash content



## Composition of sulfur



# Where the Belchatow Lignite is located...



## Mine Offer

Calorific value (LHV)	7.6 – 8.1 MJ/kg
Natural moisture	53 - 58%
Ash content	6,5 – 11%

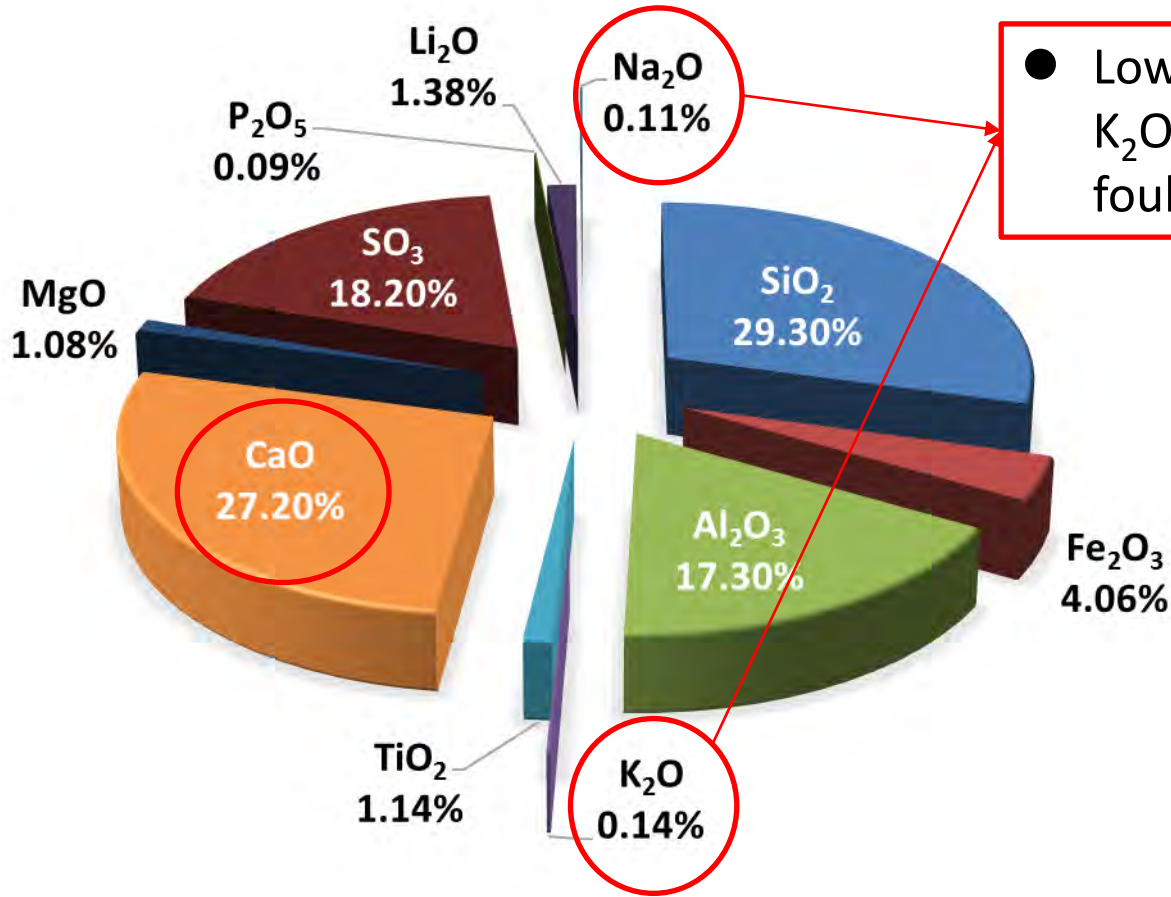
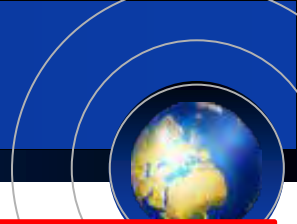
## Laboratory Analysis

Calorific value (LHV)	9.82 MJ/kg
Natural moisture	51.60%
Ash content	8.78%

- Latrobe Valley
- Megalopolis Greece
- Ptolemais Greece
- Neurath D, Germany
- Puentes Spain
- Dakota Texas U.S.A
- Indonesian Low Bank
- Net Specific Energy=2MJ/Kg

Source: Allardice Consulting Ltd

# Ash Composition



- Low composition of Na<sub>2</sub>O and K<sub>2</sub>O decreases the occurrence of fouling in the heating surfaces

- *The composition and properties of the ash are the significant factors deciding of the usability of the lignite for different purposes.*

# Ash Fusibility



## Ash Melting Temperatures of Belchatow Lignite

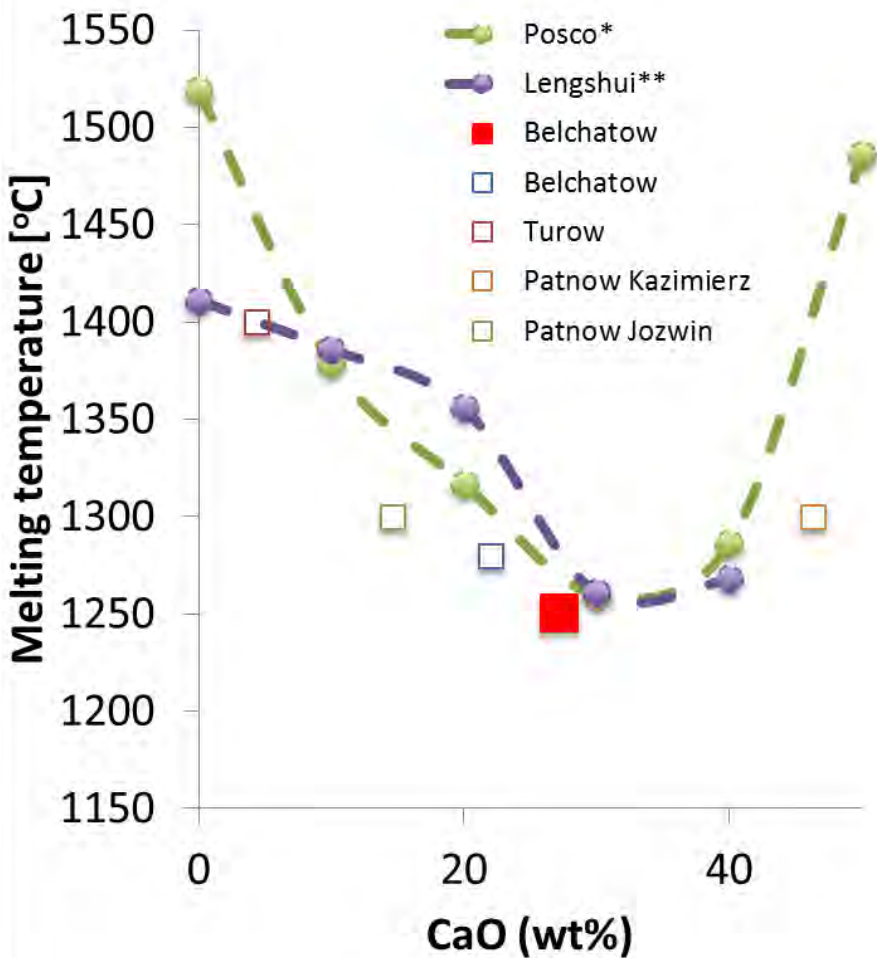
	ASTM	DIN
Initial deformation temperature (EP/IDT) [°C]	1205	1230
Softening temperature (/ST) [°C]	1235	-
Hemispherical temperature (SP/HT) [°C]	1240	1245
Fluid temperature (FP/FT) [°C]	1250	1250

ASTM D1857 (Oxidizing Atmosphere)

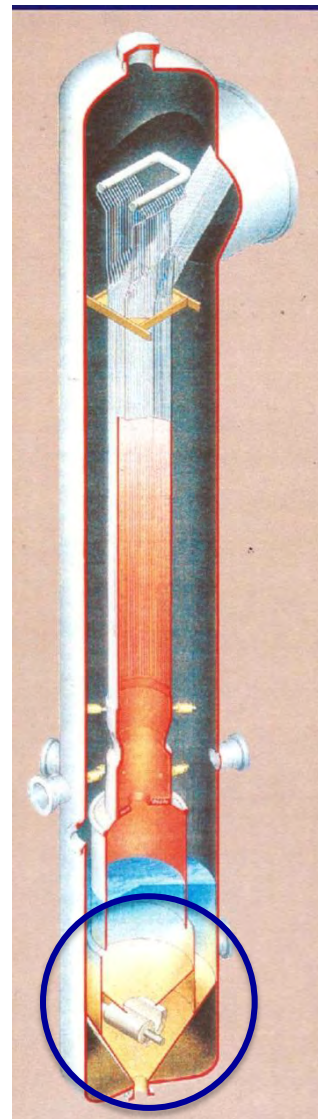
DIN 51730 (Reducing Atmosphere)

- *Low ash melting temperature*
- *Very short range between Softening and Fluid temperatures*
- *Very stable temperatures from the analyses in both of oxidizing and reducing atmospheric conditions*

# Ash Fusion Temperature



\* Hyun-Taek K., Han-jin B.; *A prediction of coal ash slagging under the gasification condition*, American Chemical Society of Fuel Chemistry  
 \*\* Y. Jun, C. Donglin, T. Hualong, P. Xiaochong; *Experimental Investigation On the Effects of CaO on Coal-Ash Slagging on Refractory Boards*, 2009 International Conference on Energy and Environment Technology

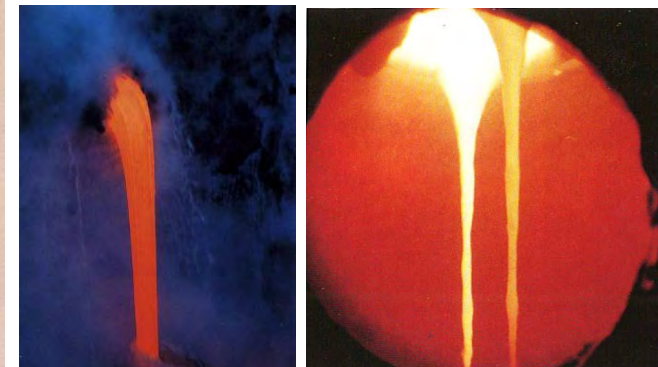


CaO content is the most significant factor to the ash fusion temperature

Belchatow lignite:

- Ash melting temperature: **1250°C**
- CaO content: **27.2%**

*For the furnace or combustor design, the ash fusion temperature is especially important.*



# Smooth Slag Removal is the key.....

## Flow of Molten Slag

➤ Low Ash Fusion Temp. provides smooth molten ash flow

➤ Continuous disposal of molten slag is necessary for stable continuous operation of entrained flow gasifier!





## ➤ *Why IGCC is advantageous to use brown coal?*

### 1. Scale-up merit

➔ Capacity increase formula :

▪ IGCC : Capacity  $\propto D^3$

▪ Conventional boiler & turbine : Capacity  $\propto D^2$

### 2. Low ash melting point

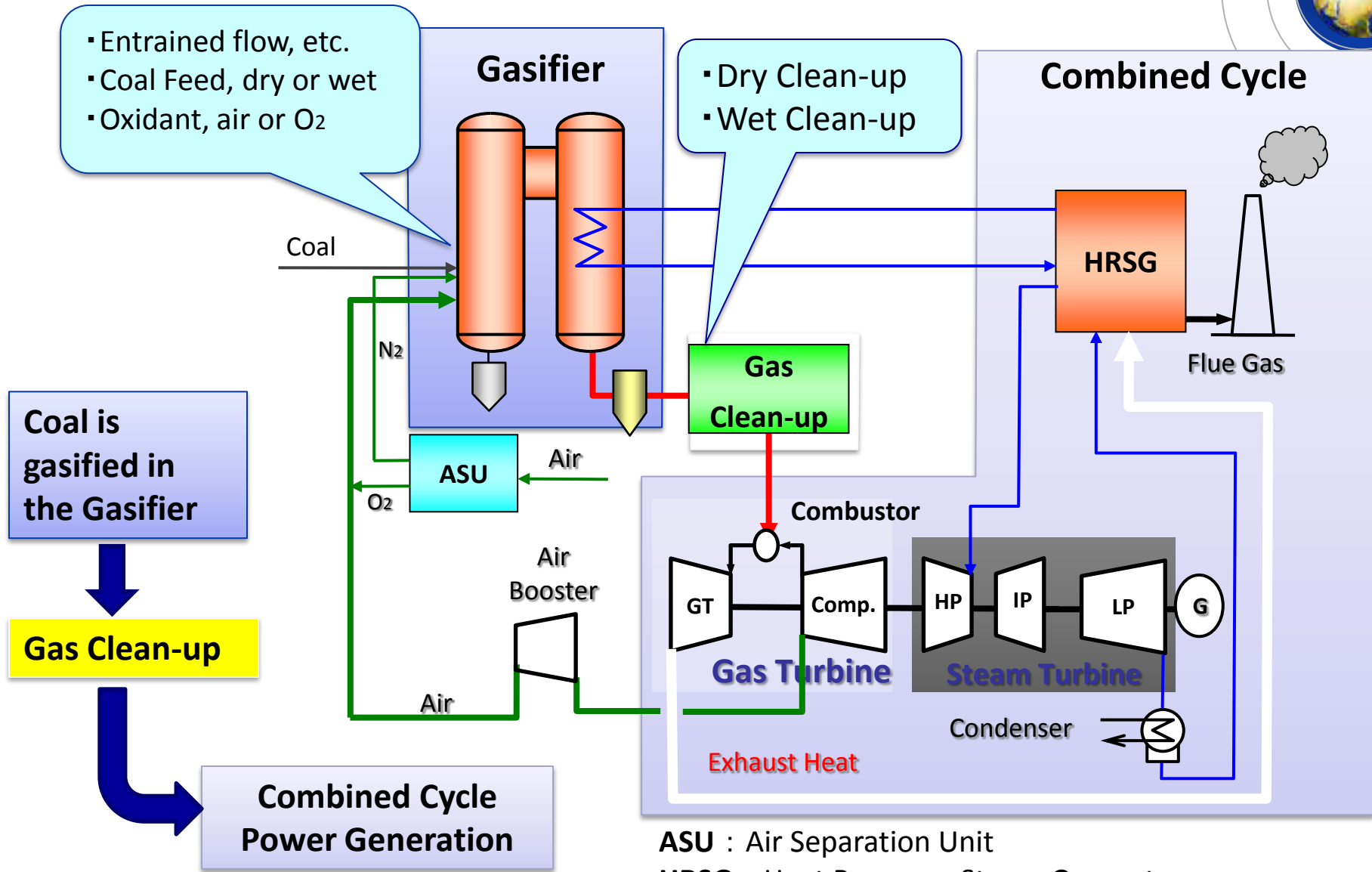
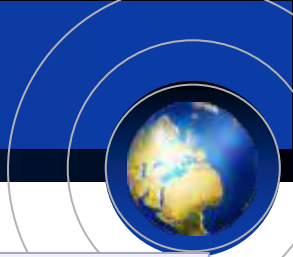
➔ Easy slag removal in high temperature gasification

### 3. CCS advantage

➔ Easy and efficient removal of CO<sub>2</sub> in compressed fuel gas



# IGCC System



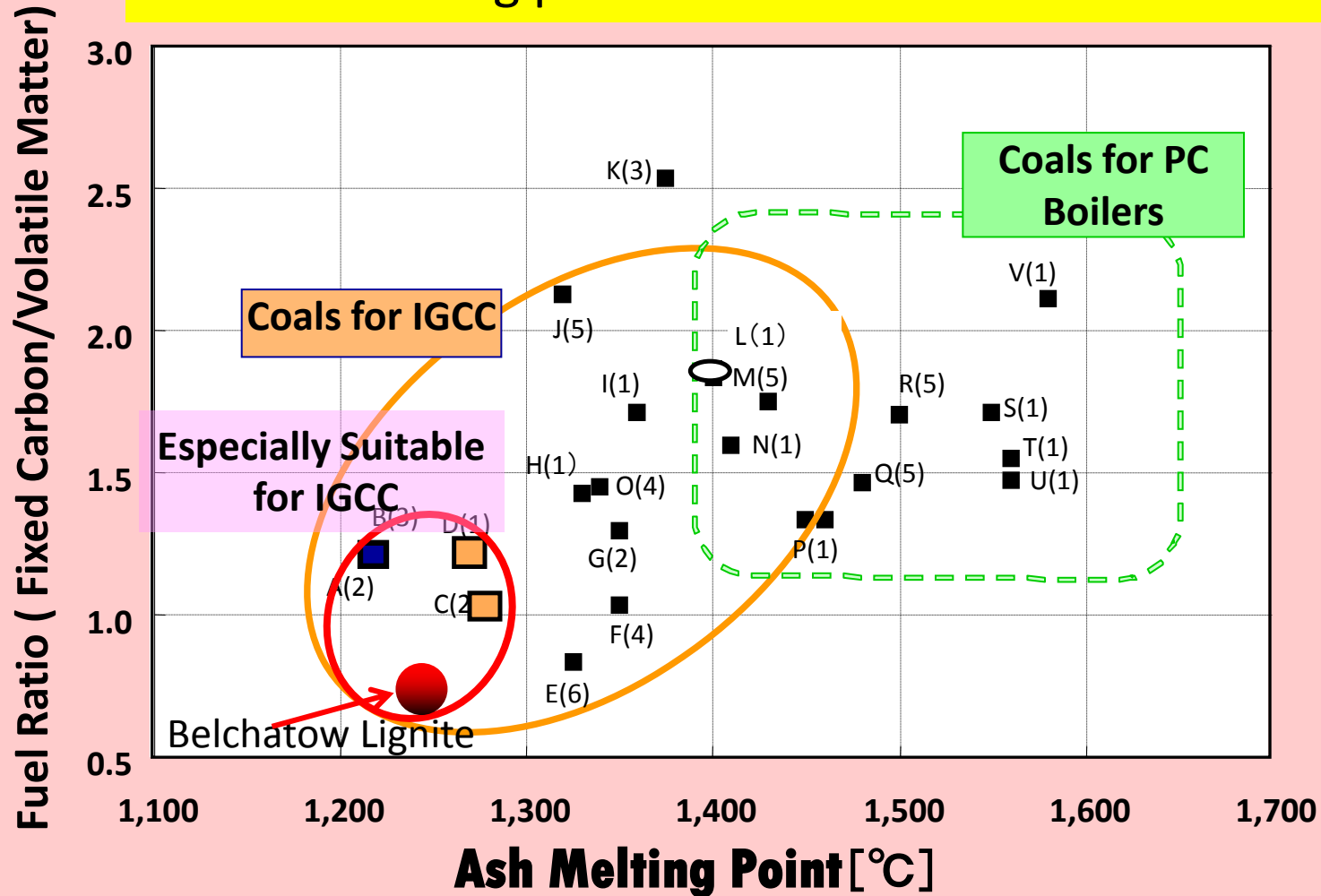
ASU : Air Separation Unit

HRSG : Heat Recovery Steam Generator

# Coals for Pulverized Coal and IGCC



Low ash melting point coals are suitable for IGCC!



Note : 1: Australia 2: USA 3: China 4: Indonesia 5: South Africa 6: Japan

# Property of Lignite: Advantage and Disadvantage



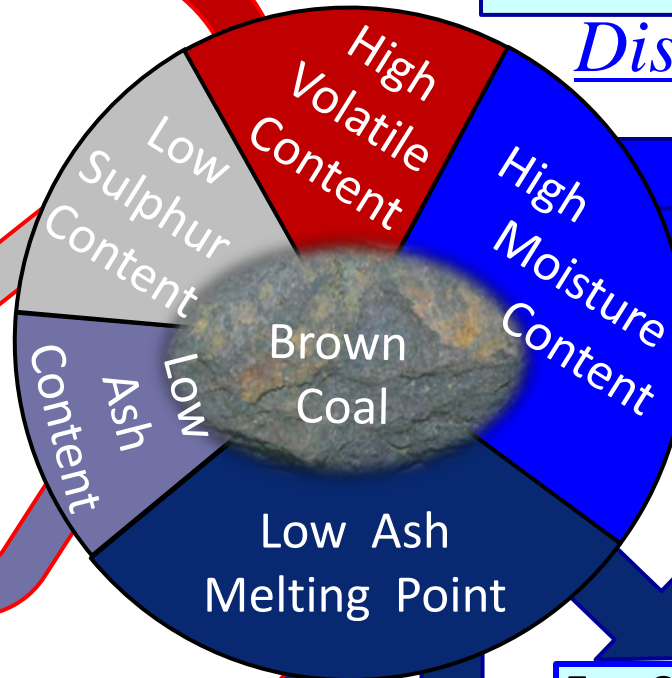
## Advantages

➤ Easy Gasification

➤ Low SOx Emission  
➤ Small Sulphur Removal Equipment

➤ Small Ash Disposal system

For Entrained Flow Gasification  
➤ Low Viscosity of Molten Slag and Easy Removal



➤ High heat losses and resulting low thermal efficiency

## Disadvantages

Before Drying

After Drying

➤ Spontaneous Ignition Problem during Storage and Transportation

For Conventional Boilers  
➤ Excessive Accumulated Slag Deposit on Furnace Walls  
→ Furnace Slagging Problem

For Fluidized Bed Combustion  
➤ Agglomeration and Clogging in bed



## 6. Cooperation between Poland and Japan

# AGH and UT cooperation



Cooperation between AGH University of Science and Technology and Institute of Industrial Science, UT was started on **8<sup>th</sup> May 2013**.



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- Department of Fundamental Research in Energy Engineering
- ◆ Faculty of Energy and Fuels



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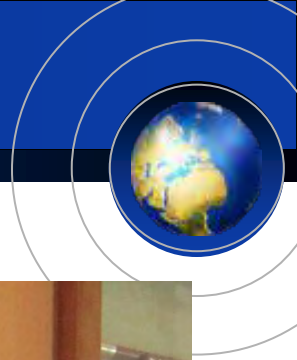
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# Agreement Signing Ceremony



Agreement between AGH and UT signing ceremony on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2013.  
In presence of Mr. Cyryl Kozaczewski, Polish Ambassador to Japan

# AGH and UT Cooperation

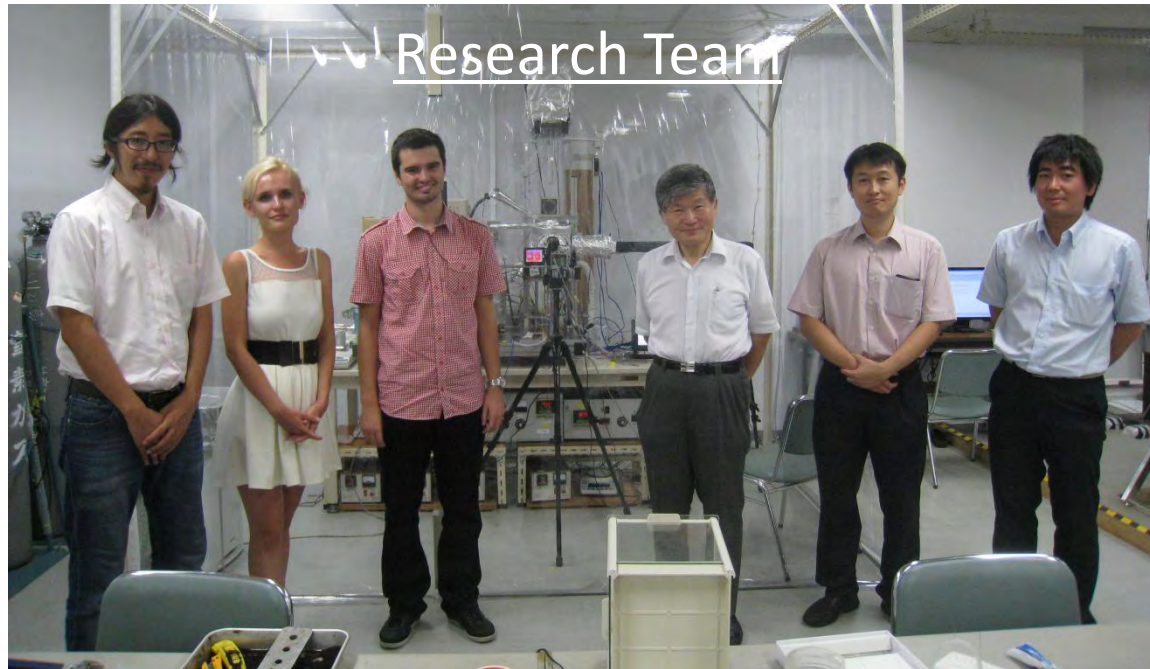


Prof. Y. Nakano, Director general of IIS, UT and  
Prof. T. Szmuc, Vice Rector of AGH



Prof. S. Kaneko and Prof. T. Szmuc, Vice  
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# Fundamental Drying Test of Lignite



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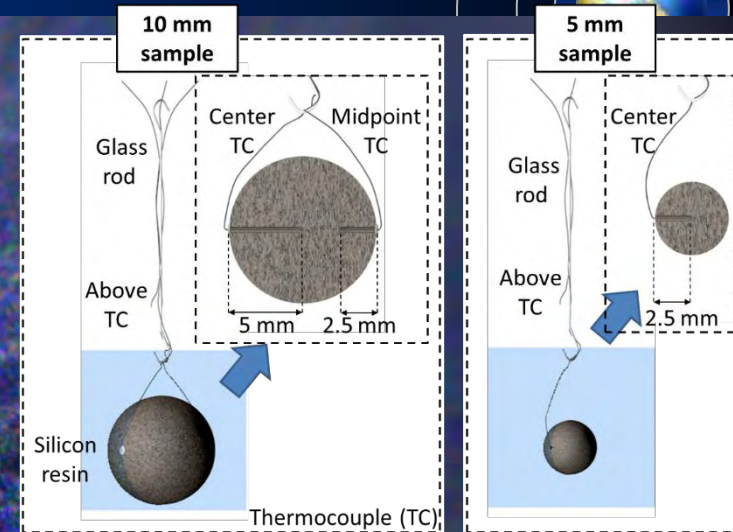


## Experimental Facility:

Advanced Energy Conversion Engineering, Institute of Industrial Science, the University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan



# Test Sample

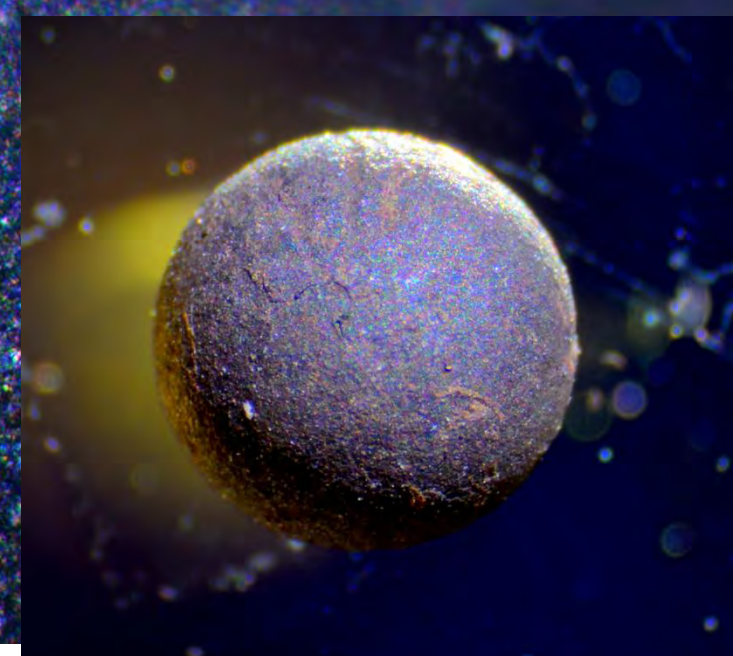


Two types of samples were investigated:

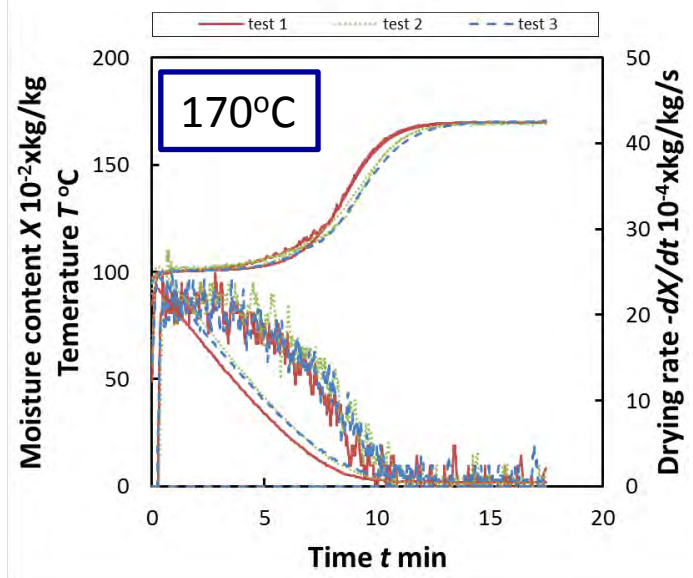
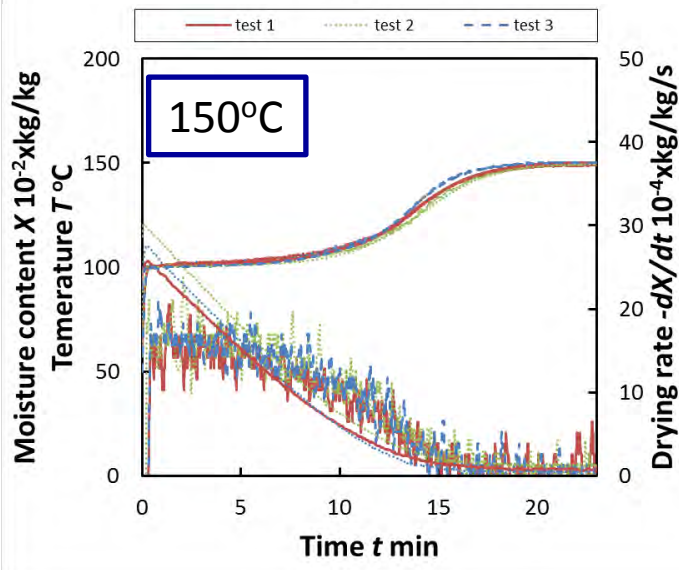
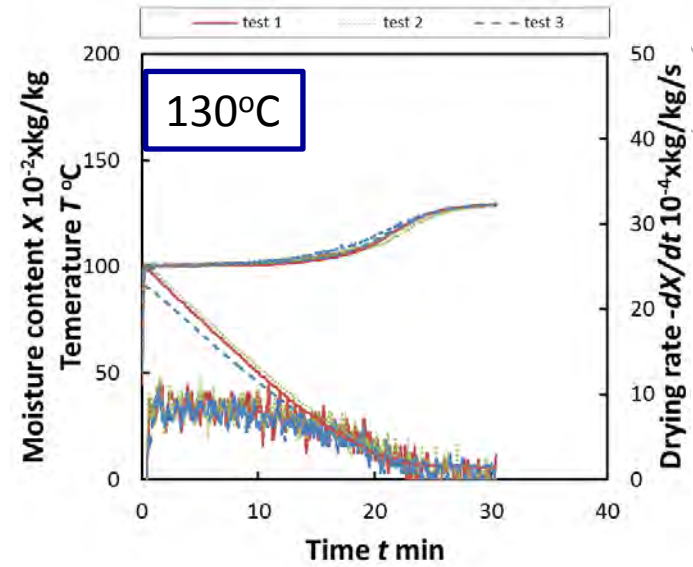
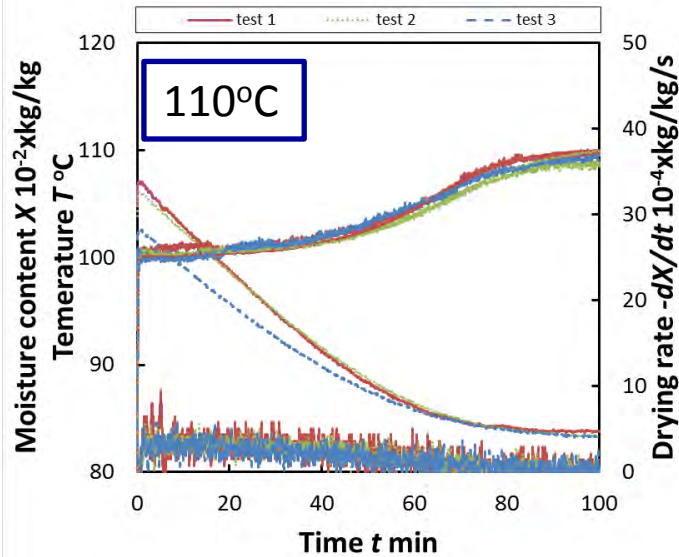
- 10 mm  $\phi$  sample
- 5 mm  $\phi$  sample

In four different drying temperatures:

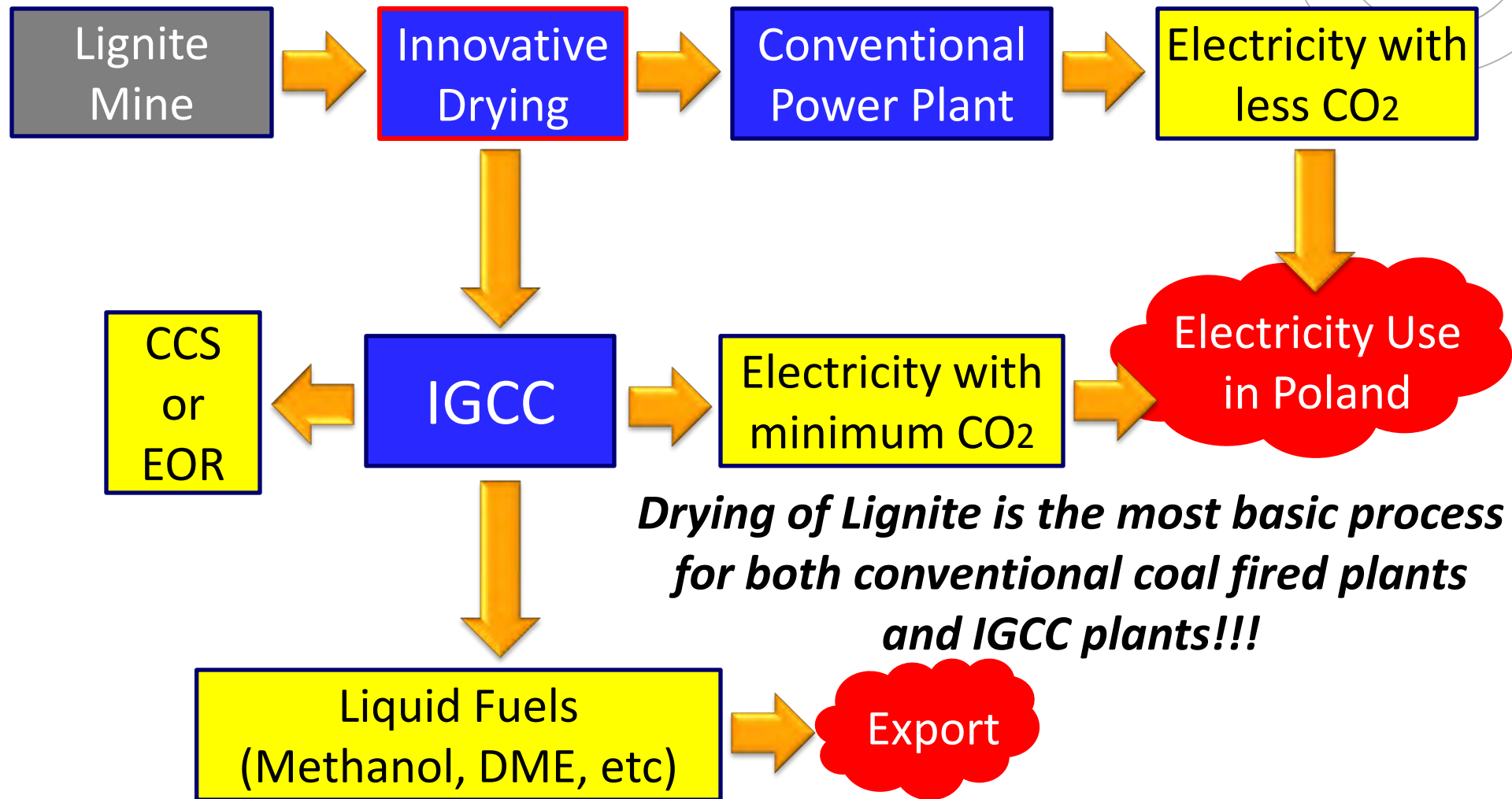
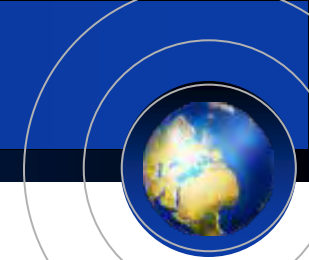
- 110°C
- 130°C
- 150°C
- 160°C



# Drying characteristics of 5mm sample



# Industrial Application of Lignite



***Drying of Lignite is the most basic process for both conventional coal fired plants and IGCC plants!!!***

*Thank you very much for your kind attention!*

*Wishing for further cooperation  
between Poland and Japan*

