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## A CASE STUDY ON ENERGY AND CO<sub>2</sub> INTENSITIES IN THAI FREIGHT TRANSPORT BY TRUCKS

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Thailand is heavily dependent on oil-import, accounting for more than 80% of country's demand. Transportation is a dominant end-use sector of the oil supply, where more than 70% of total petroleum products are consumed by this sector. Furthermore, it correspondingly contributes about 25% of energy-related carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) emissions. However, transportation is recognized as a main driving force for the country's economic development, particularly the freight transport, which supplies trade activities. Since the logistic cost of Thailand is relatively high comparing with other countries, e.g. Japan, Korea, Taiwan, the government has recently projected a clear target to reduce logistic cost to be 15% of GDP by next 5 years. Transportation shares even half of the country's logistic cost.


More specifically, energy efficiency improvement and CO<sub>2</sub> reduction in Thai freight transport sector is of crucial importance, and need a well-planned policy to achieve the target. However, to the best of authors' knowledge in energy conservation and GHG (Greenhouse Gas) mitigation in transport sector for Thailand, there is no available data of energy and environment efficiency indicators for freight transport, particularly for truck transport, which is a major mode of freight movement. Energy consumed for a unit of transportation activity or so-called energy intensity is useful for planning and implementing policies. For the environment aspect, CO<sub>2</sub> intensity, or CO<sub>2</sub> emitted for a unit of transport activity, can also be calculated from the GHG guideline proposed by IPCC<sup>1</sup> on fuel used in the energy intensity calculation.

This study aims to develop energy and CO<sub>2</sub> intensities of truck transport in Thailand by recourse to a case study. The proposed study would deliver essential and informative results for further studies on transportation efficiency improvement in Thailand.

<sup>1</sup> Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change—IPCC (2006), <http://www.ipcc-nggip.iges.or.jp/public/2006gl/vol2.htm>



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กรณีศึกษาด้านความเข้มข้นของการใช้พลังงานและการปลดปล่อยก๊าซคาร์บอนไดออกไซด์ของการขนส่งสินค้าด้วยรถบรรทุก

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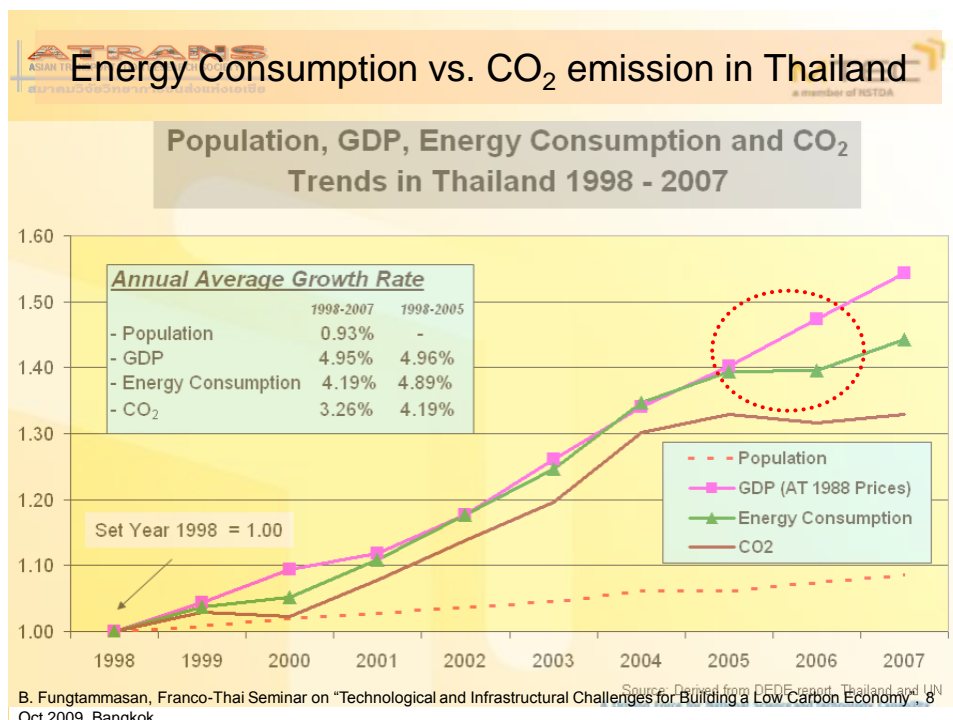
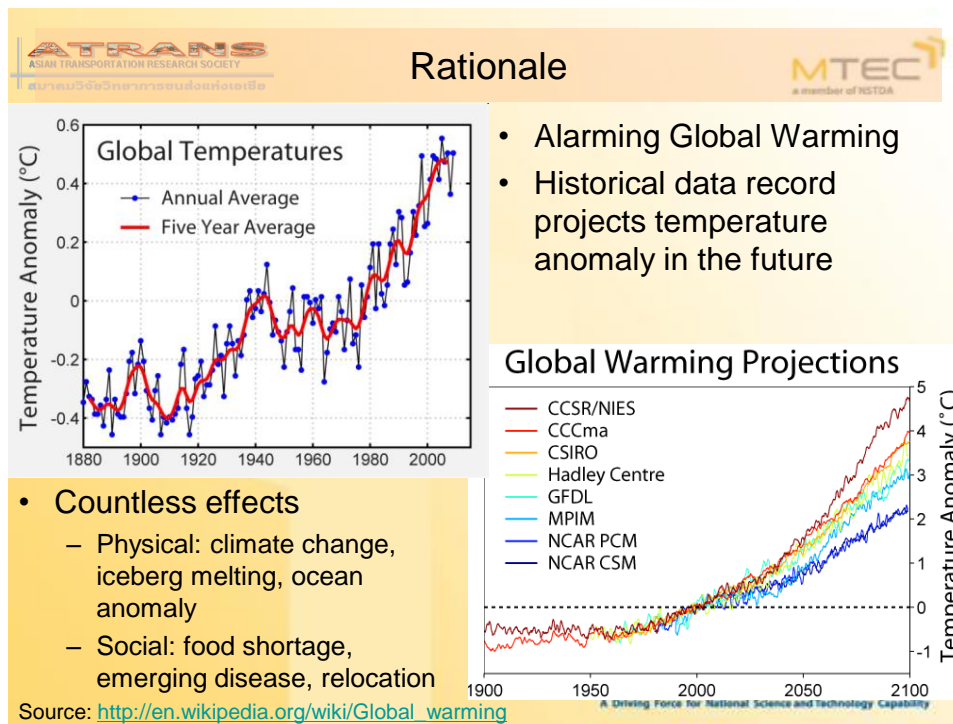
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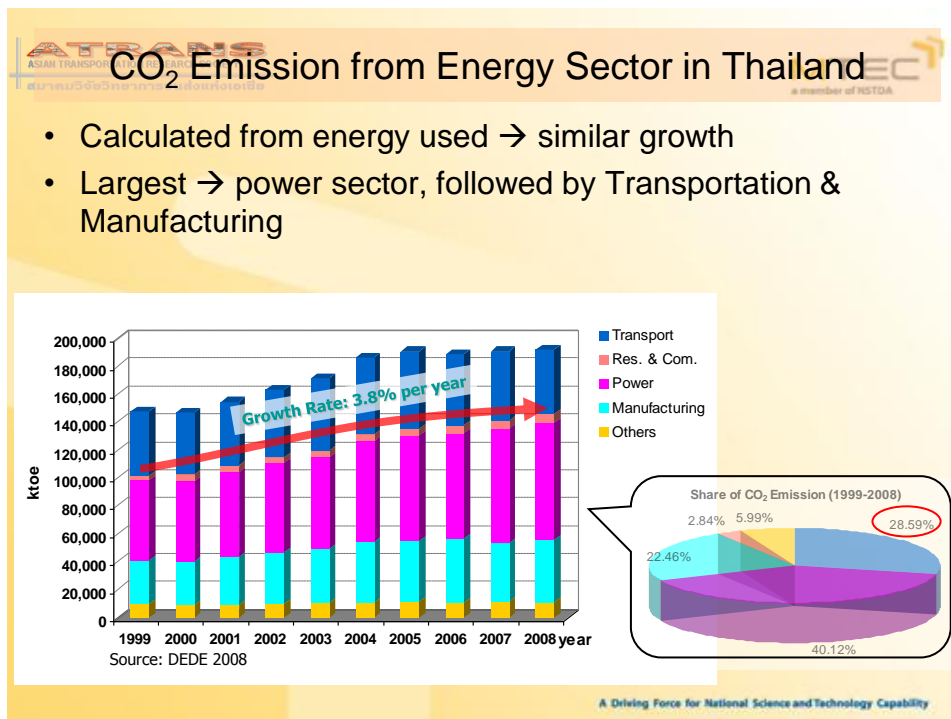
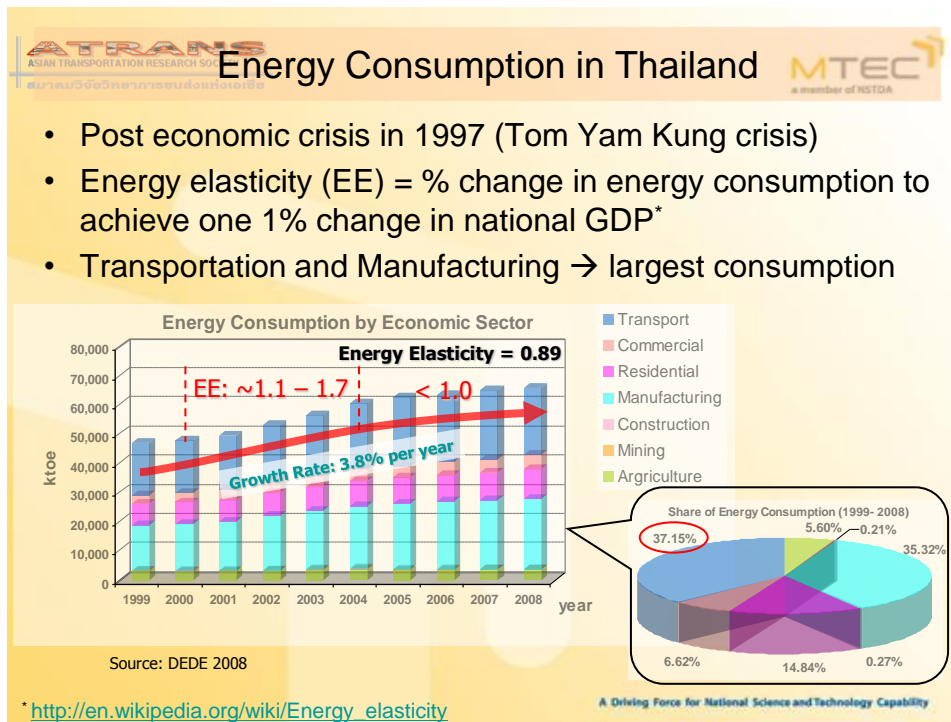
## Presentation outline


- Rationale
  - Current situation (esp. transportation sector) & prediction
    - ✓ Energy consumption vs. GHG emission
  - National Energy Efficiency Plan (2011-2030)
  - IEA figure for energy intensity
- Objective: get estimate of energy/CO<sub>2</sub> intensities in Thai freight transport
- Methodology & scope
  - Schipper's approach
  - Scope of interest
    - ✓ Macro level: country ton-km & fuel consumption in freight sector
    - ✓ Micro level: company specific
- Results & Discussion
  - Macro level analysis
    - ✓ Use energy demand modeling to estimate fuel consumption in freight
    - ✓ Use ton-km of commodities from Transport portal (Ministry of Transport)
  - Micro level analysis: LTM (Logistic Transport Management) project data
- Questions/Comments?

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**National Energy Efficiency Plan (2011-2030)**





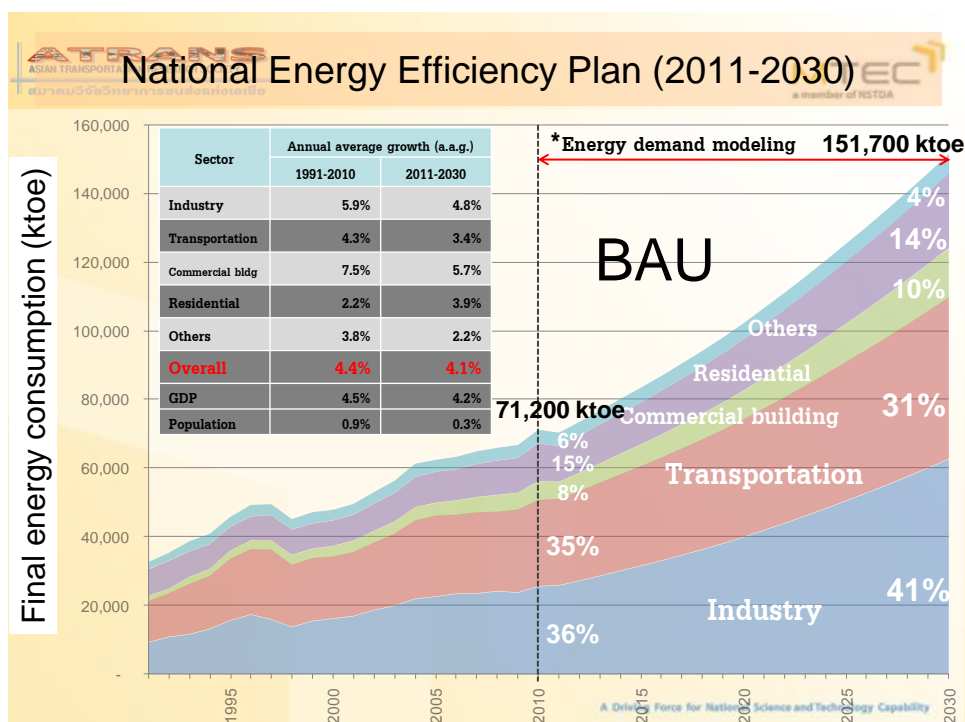
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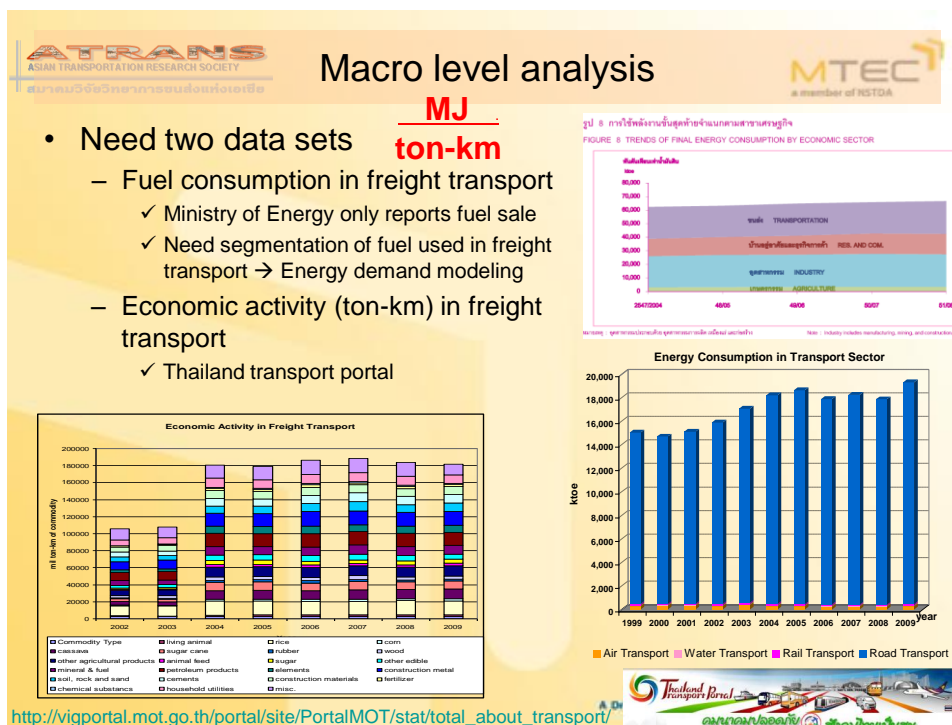
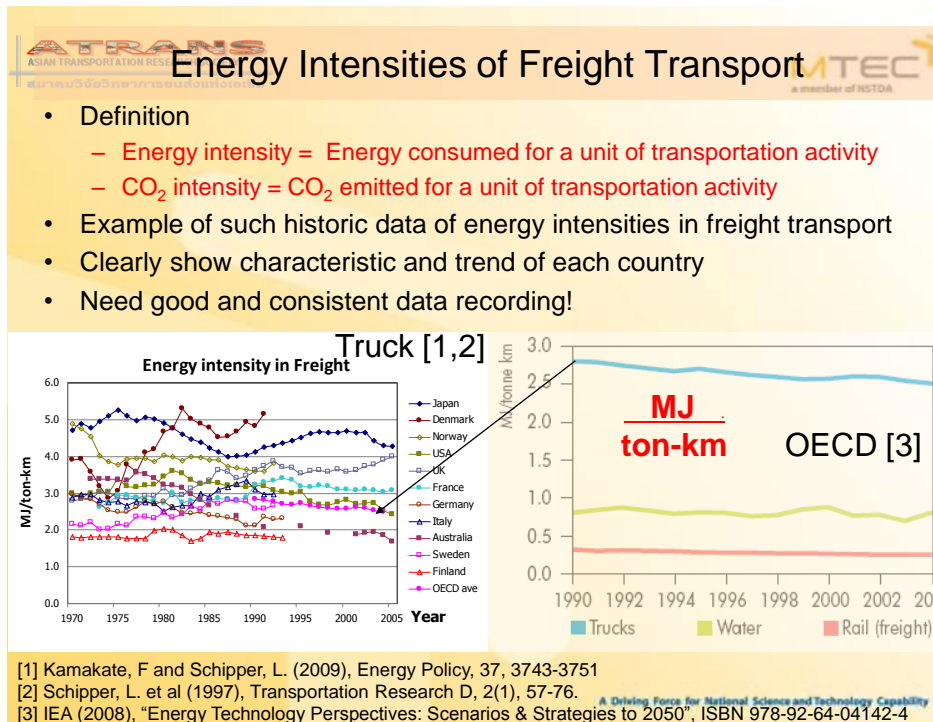
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- Highlights
  - Reduce energy intensity by 25% in 2030 (base year 2005)
  - Reduce final energy consumption by 20% in 2030 (~30,000 ktoe)
  - Highest potential for EE plan
    - ✓ Transportation (13,300 ktoe)
    - ✓ Industry (11,300 ktoe)
  - Reduce energy elasticity from 0.98 to 0.7 within 20 years
  - Net results
    - ✓ Total energy conservation of 14,500 ktoe/year (272 billion THB/year)
    - ✓ Total CO<sub>2</sub> reduction of 48 mtpa
  - Both mandatory and volunteer measures
    - ✓ Standard offer program (SOP)
    - ✓ Energy Efficiency Resource Standard (EERS)


<http://www.eppo.go.th/encon/ee-20yrs/ee-20yr-final.pdf>
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## Energy demand modeling




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- End-use approach
  - Energy demand in road transport sector is calculated from a product of three important driving factors; total number of vehicle stock, average travel distance of vehicle and fuel consumption rate of vehicle.

$$ED_t = \sum_i^n \sum_j^m VS_{i,j,t} \times FAVKT_{i,j,t} \times FAFE_{i,j,t}$$


Where  $ED_t$  is the total **energy demand** in year  $t$  (MJ),  
 $VS_{i,j,t}$  is the total **stock of vehicle** type  $i$  which use fuel type  $j$  in year  $t$  (vehicles),  
 $FAVKT_{i,j,t}$  is the fleet average annual **vehicle kilometer of travel** of fuel type  $j$  for vehicle type  $i$  in year  $t$  (kilometer), and  
 $FAFE_{i,j,t}$  is the fleet average on-road **fuel economy** of the fuel type  $j$  for vehicle type  $i$  in year  $t$  (MJ per kilometer).

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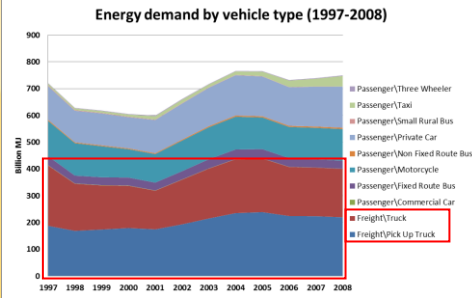
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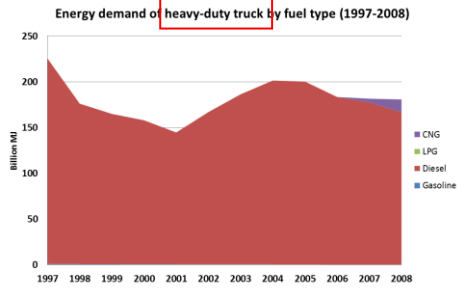
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- Results of energy demand by vehicle type (1997-2008)
- Energy demand of heavy-duty truck by fuel type (1997-2008)

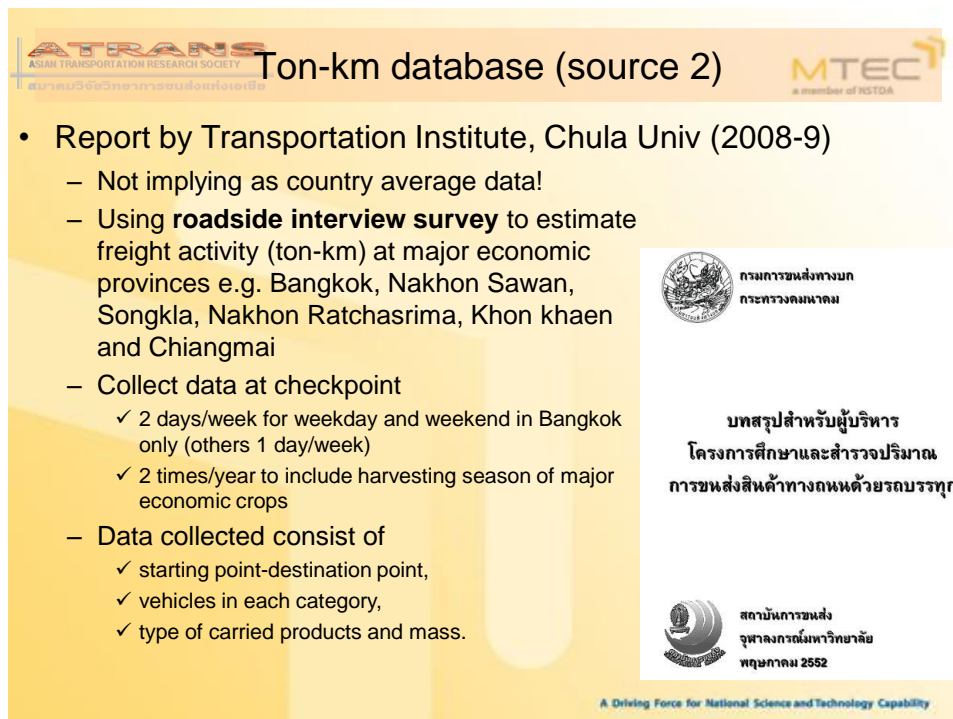
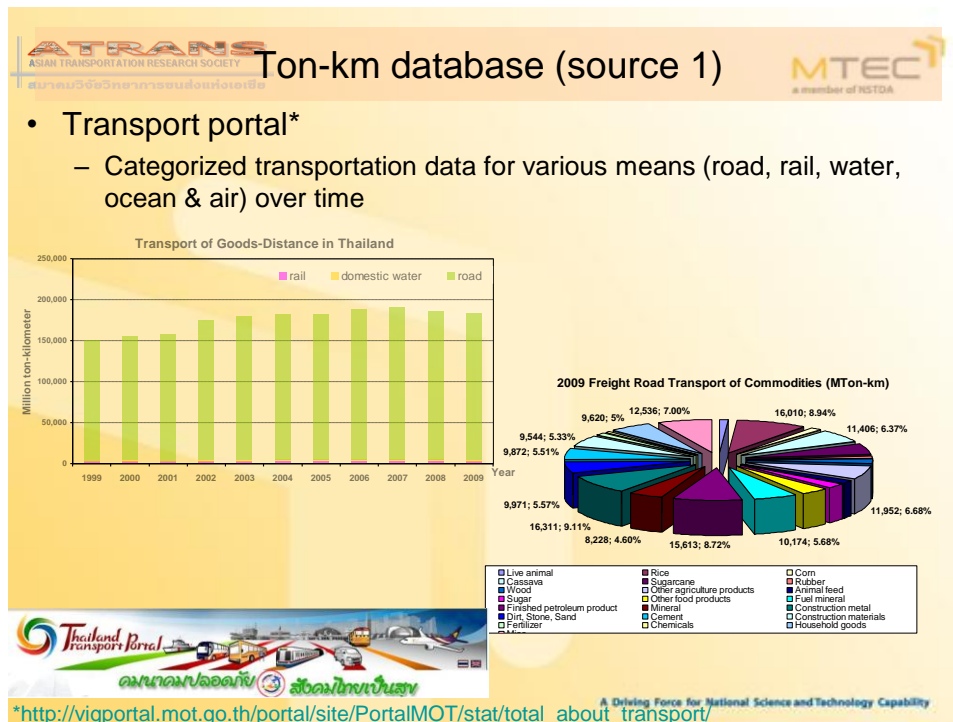
**Energy demand by vehicle type (1997-2008)**

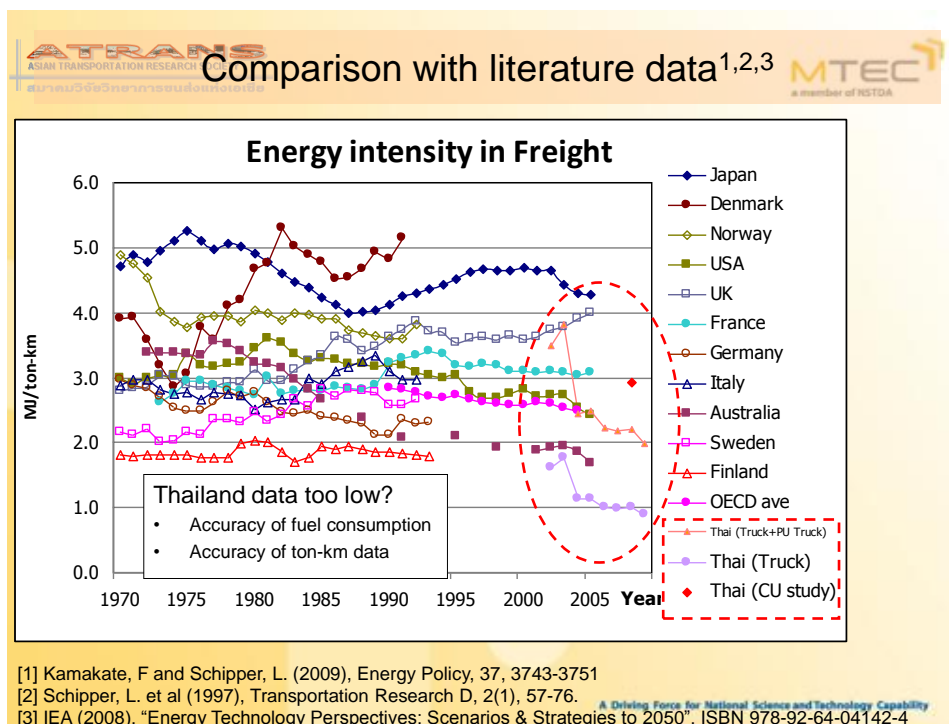


**Energy demand of heavy-duty truck by fuel type (1997-2008)**



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**Micro level analysis**

- Case study from LTM\* project with detailed info on
  - Vehicle characteristics: type, age
  - Weight of commodities carried
  - Distances traveled
  - Fuel consumed: diesel, CNG
- Analyzed data from
  - 12 participating logistic companies
  - 10 vehicle types:
    - ✓ trailer (24, 22, 20, 18, 10 wheels)
    - ✓ semi-trailer (22, 18 wheels)
    - ✓ truck (12, 10 wheels)
  - Various energy saving mechanisms
    - ✓ Radial tire, GPS, transmission improvement
  - Total of 216 vehicles database

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\*LTM = Logistic and Transport Management, [http://www.ltmthailand.net/home\\_project.php](http://www.ltmthailand.net/home_project.php)

**รถพ่วง 22 ล้อ (Trailer)**

**รถพ่วง 18 ล้อ (Trailer)**

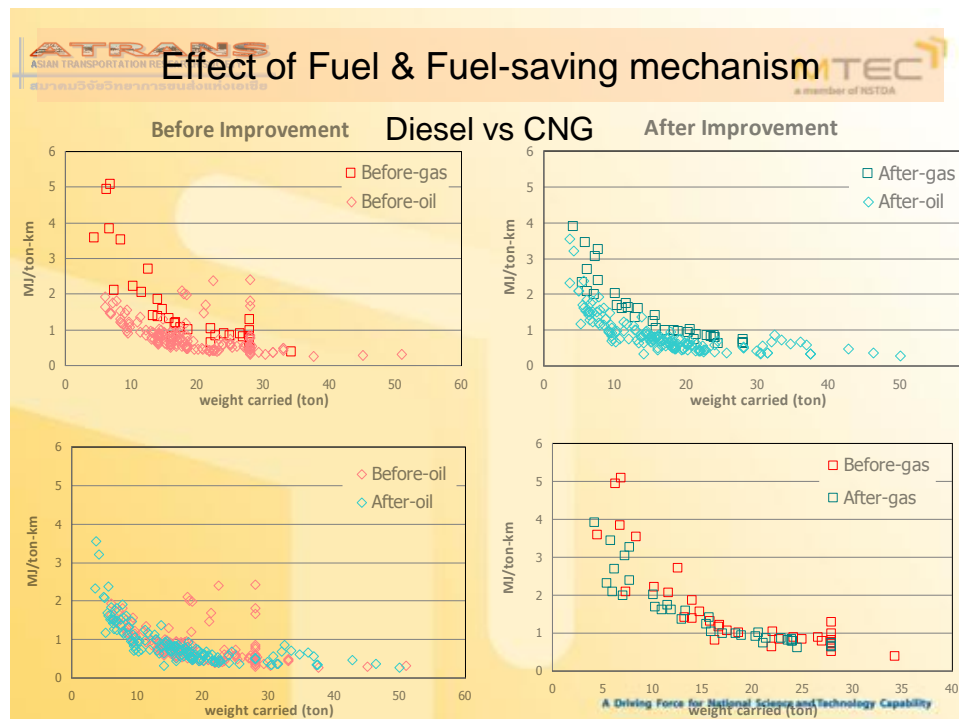
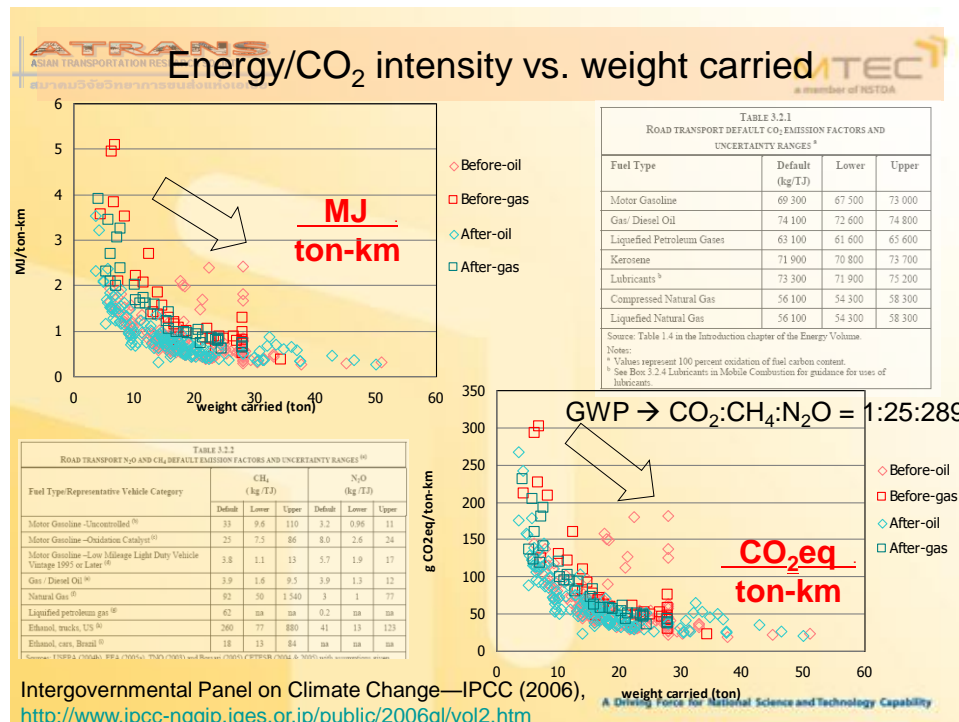
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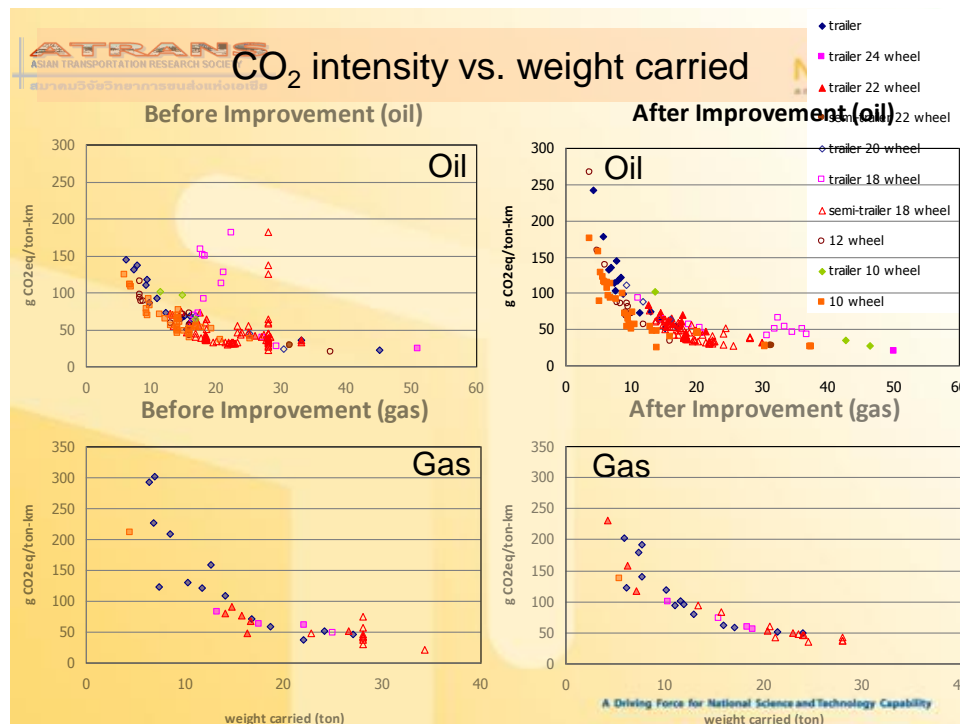
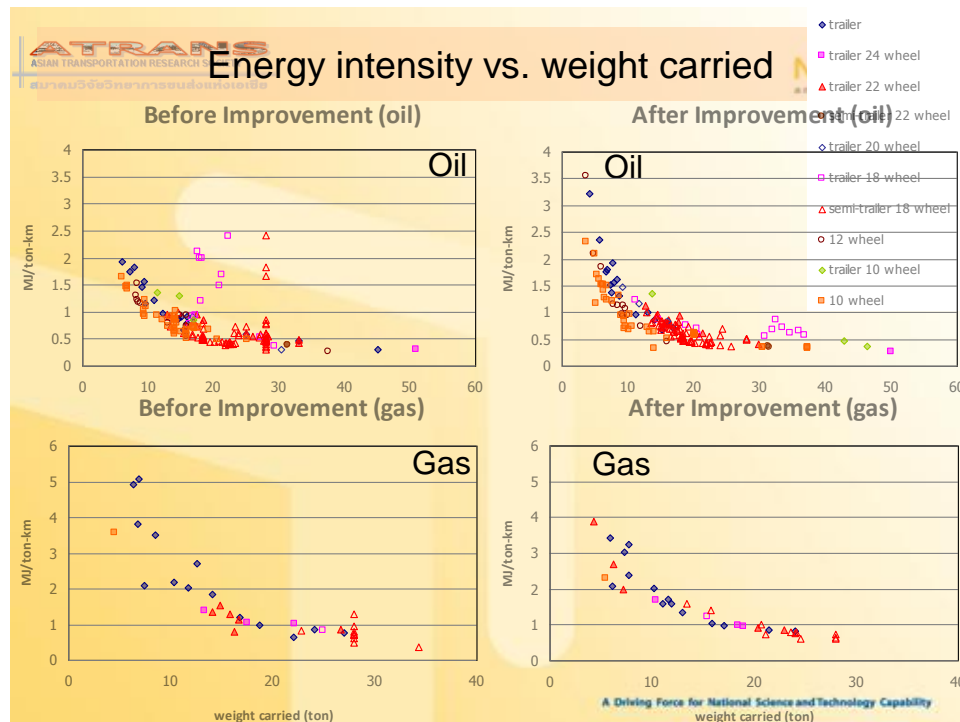
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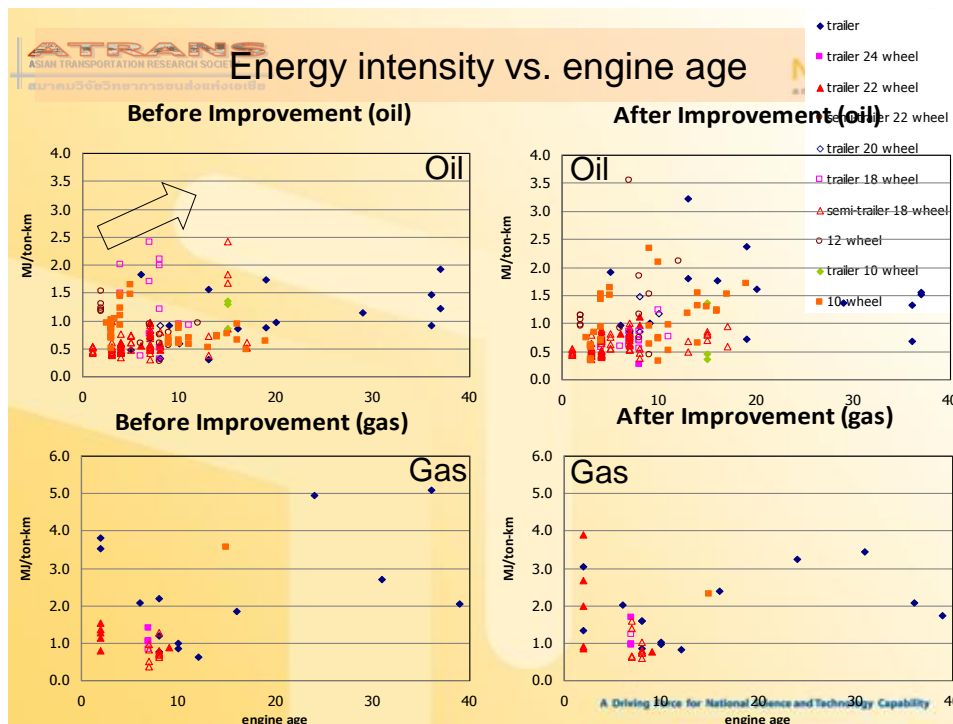
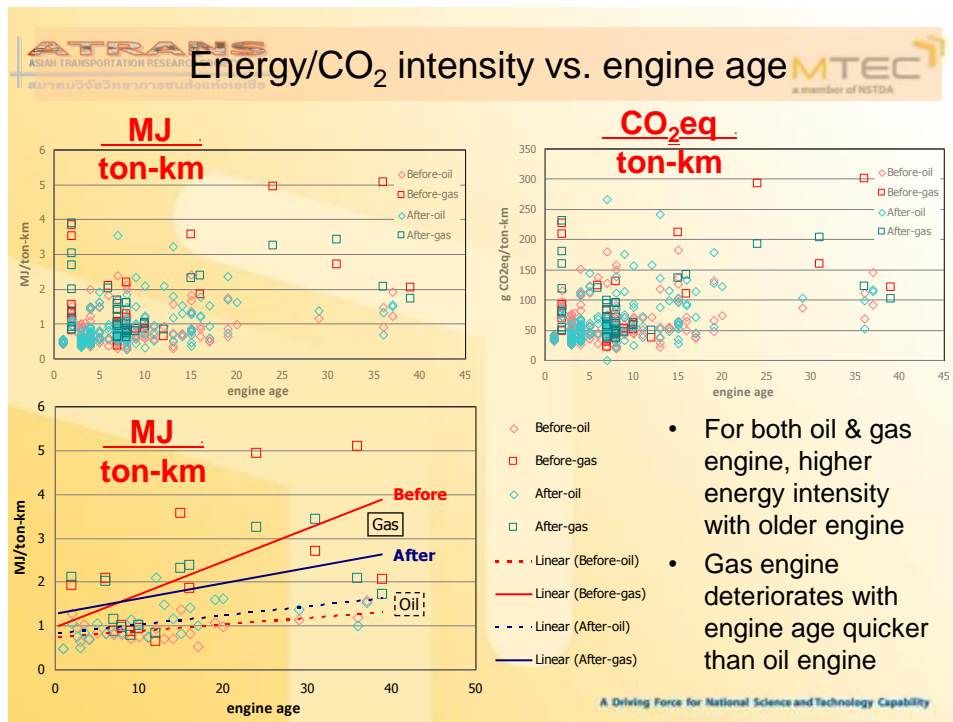
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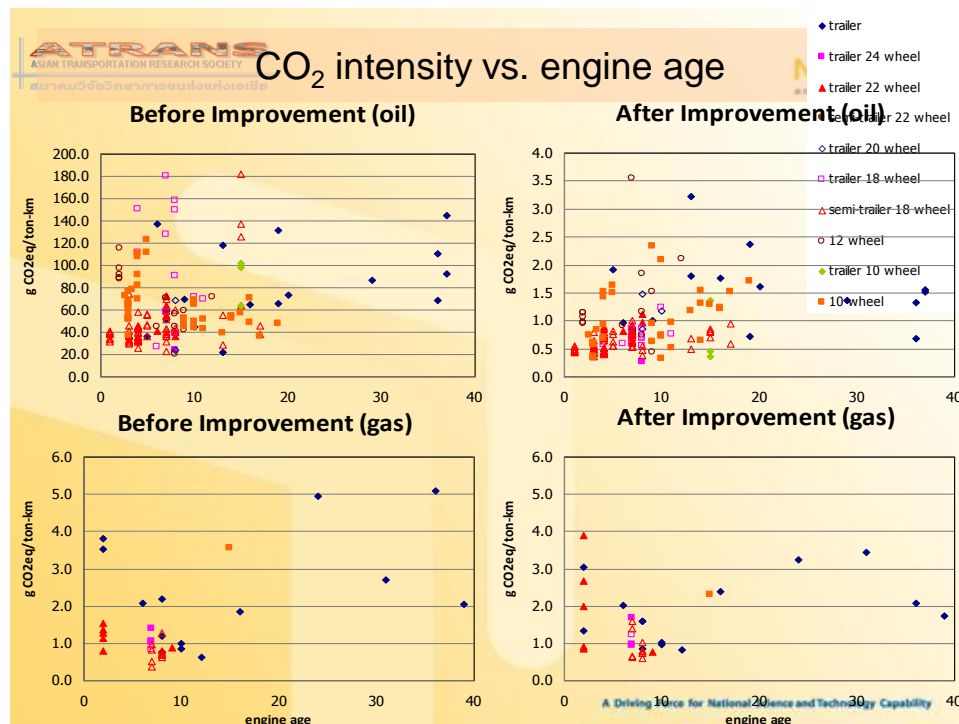












**Conclusions**

- Energy/CO<sub>2</sub> intensities are crucial parameter for monitoring and goal setting
- Macro analysis
  - Need consistent proper data recording: fuel consumed for transporting goods & economic freight activity (ton-km)
  - Current fuel consumption in transportation needs segmentation for people vs. freight
- Micro analysis
  - Less energy intensity (MJ/ton-km) for
    - ✓ larger weight carried
    - ✓ diesel than CNG due to higher efficient CI engine for diesel (rather than SI engine for CNG)
    - ✓ newer engine
  - Potential for improving energy intensity in freight (truck) transport via various mechanisms
- Offers some baseline figures for energy intensity in Thai freight transport by truck

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