

# Factors that affect innovation, deployment and diffusion of energy-efficient technologies

- Case studies of Japan and iron/steel industry

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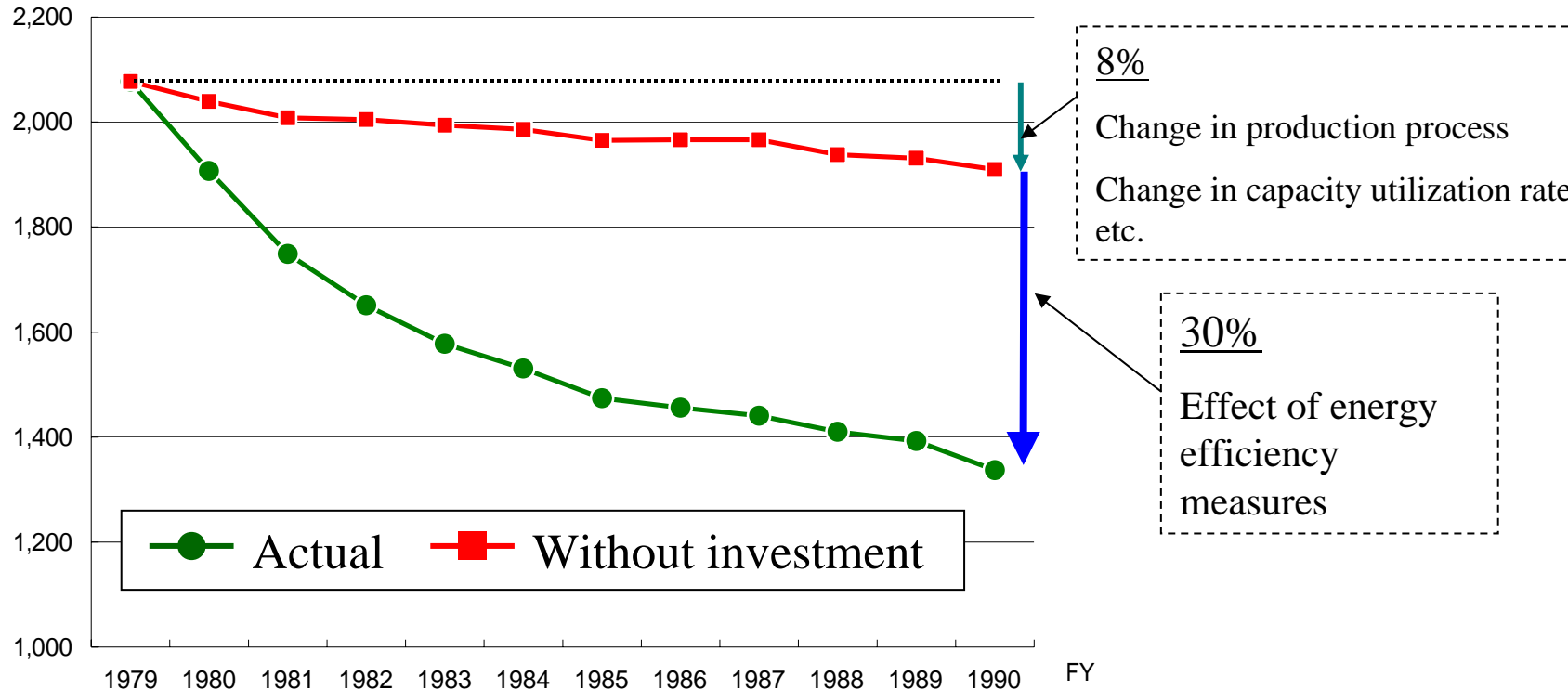
# Effects of energy efficiency measures in Japan

- macro perspective

- The energy intensity of Japanese manufacturing industry improved by 30% because of investment in energy efficiency technologies during 1980s.

( $10^{10}$ kcal/Index of Industrial Production (FY1995=100))

Source: Institute of Energy Economics of Japan (2005)



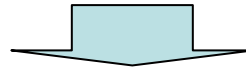
- Energy efficiency investments pays: BCR was 5.5:1  
Benefit (cost-saving during 1980s) was estimated at US\$ 170 billion  
Cost (total investment) was around US\$ 31 billion.

# Effects of energy efficiency measures in Japan

- *micro perspective (case study of a Japanese steel plant)*

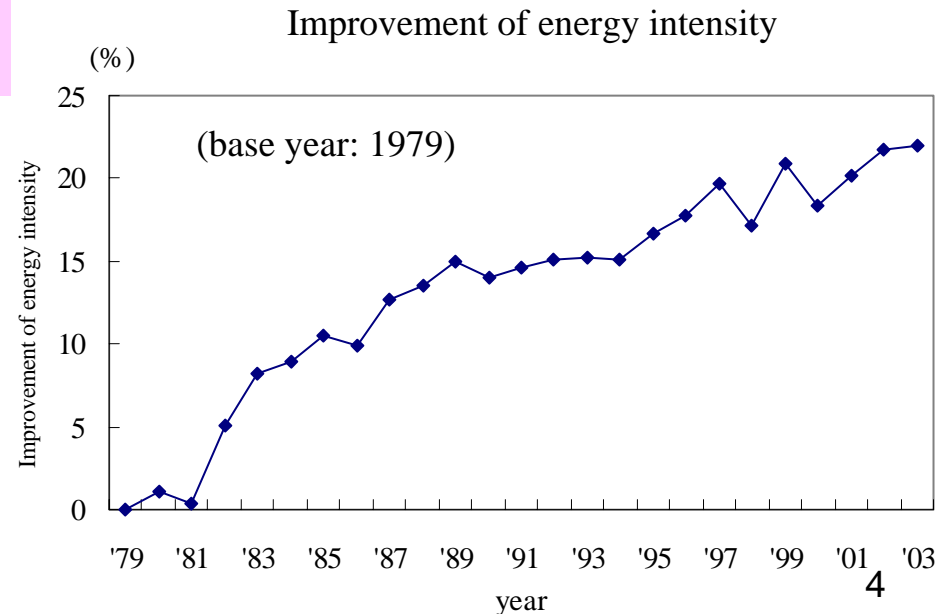
## Introduction of

- Heat/gas pressure recovery system to generate electricity  
(*Coke Dry Quenching (CDQ), Top-pressure Recovery Turbine (TRT), etc.*)
- Reduction in number of processes (*continuous casting etc*)
- Improvement in efficiency of each process
- Waste recycling (*use of plastic waste in cokes ovens, recycling of dust and sludge, etc*)



## Improvement of energy intensity: 22% (in comparison with late 1970s)

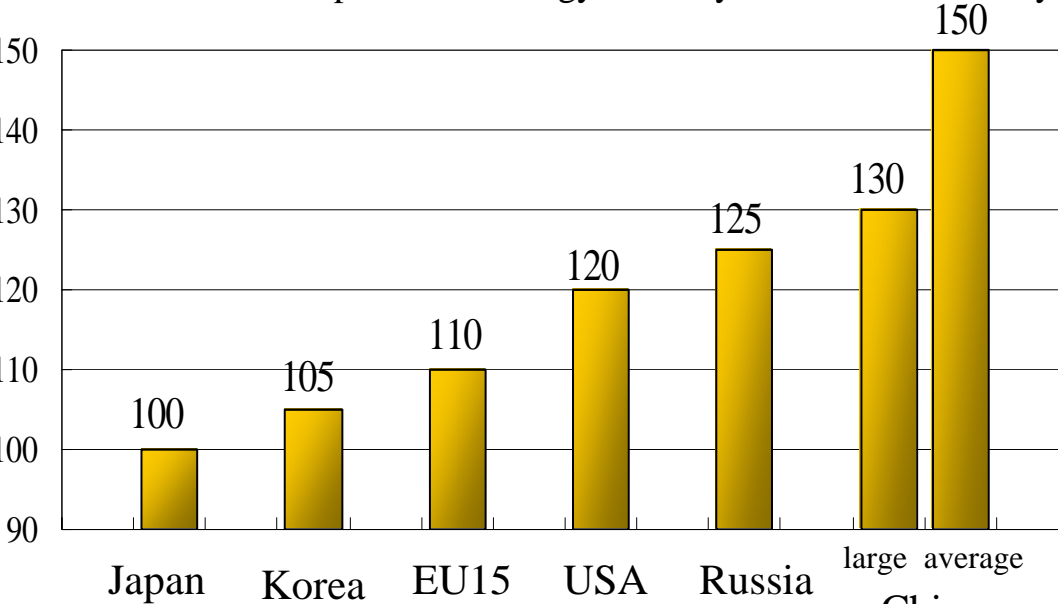
- Saving of 20% of all electricity demand  
(= saving of US\$ 80 million per year per plant)
- Reuse of more than 90% of steam
- Reuse of H<sub>2</sub> and CO in exhaust gas to generate electricity



# Energy efficiency technologies of iron/steel industry

## - Huge potential

International comparison of energy intensity of iron/steel industry



Source: Japan Iron and Steel Federation

Diffusion rate in Japan

CDQ: 90%

TRT: 100%

Potential of CO2 reduction for steel industry in China and Russia

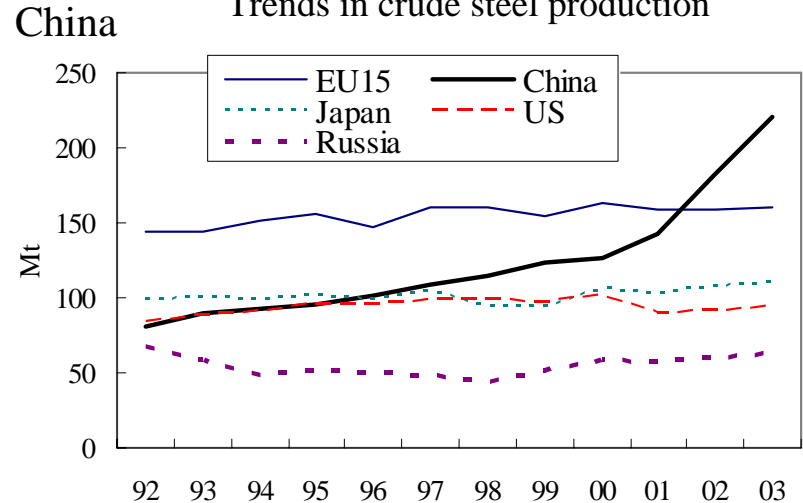
(Assuming national average energy efficiency is improved to the level of Japan)

China: 180 M tons of CO2/year

Russia: 25 M tons of CO2/year

(1% of world CO2 emissions)

Trends in crude steel production



Source: International Iron & Steel Institute

# Energy efficiency technologies of iron/steel industry

- *typical examples*

## CDQ (Coke Dry Quenching)

➤ Heat recovery system in which heated inert gas is used to generate electricity after quenching hot cokes.

### ➤ Effects of CDQ

- Energy conservation (generation of electricity)

→ CO<sub>2</sub> emission reduction

- Improvement of quality and strength of cokes

- Prevention of air pollution (SO<sub>x</sub>, dust, etc.)

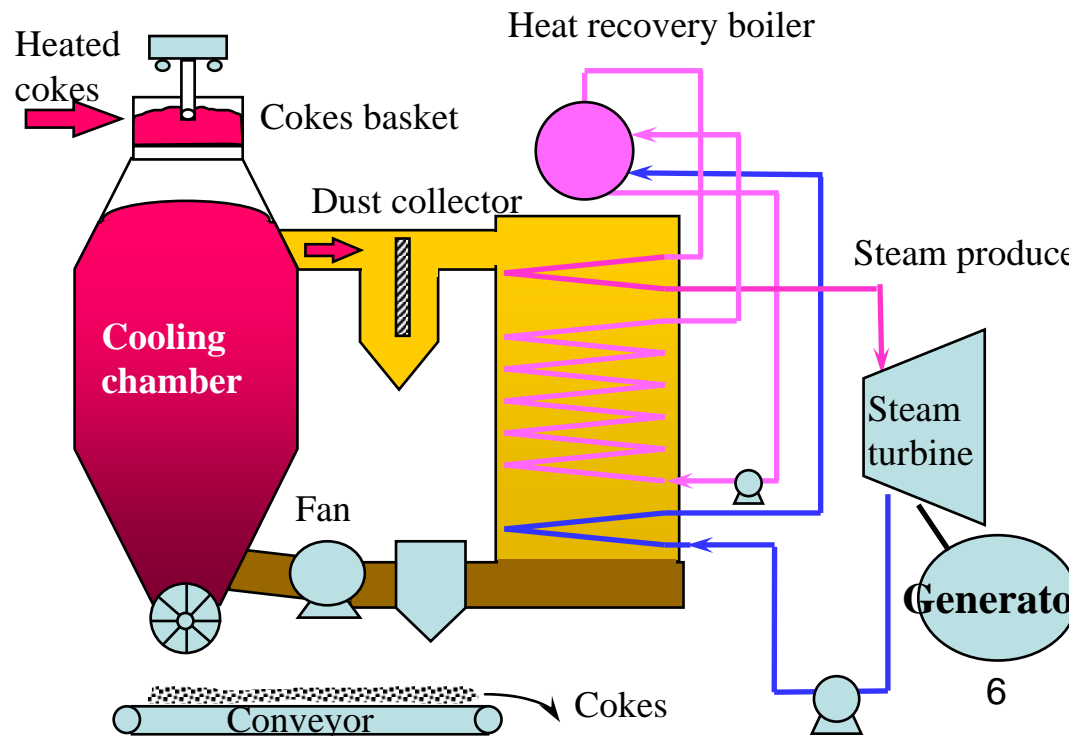
- Reduction in usage of water

### ➤ Cost of installation

US\$ 20-40 million

### ➤ Payback period

3-5 years (model case in China)



# Energy efficiency technologies of iron/steel industry

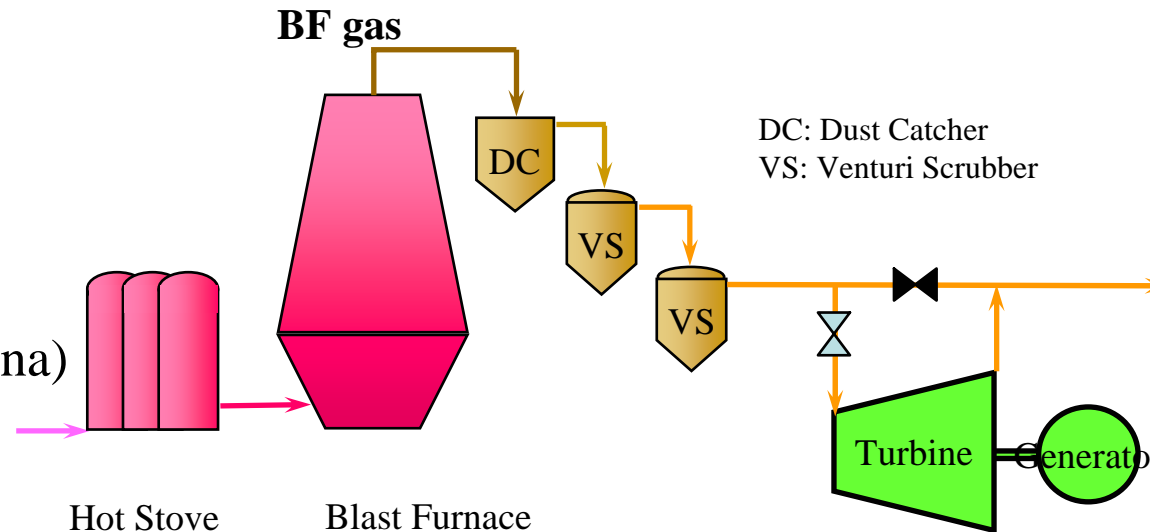
## - typical examples

### TRT (Top-pressure Recovery Turbine)

- Turbine generator system using the pressure of gas generated in blast furnaces
- Effects of TRT
  - Energy conservation (generation of electricity from conventionally wasted gas)
  - CO<sub>2</sub> emission reduction

- Cost of installation  
US\$ 20-30 million

- Payback period  
4-5 years (model case in China)

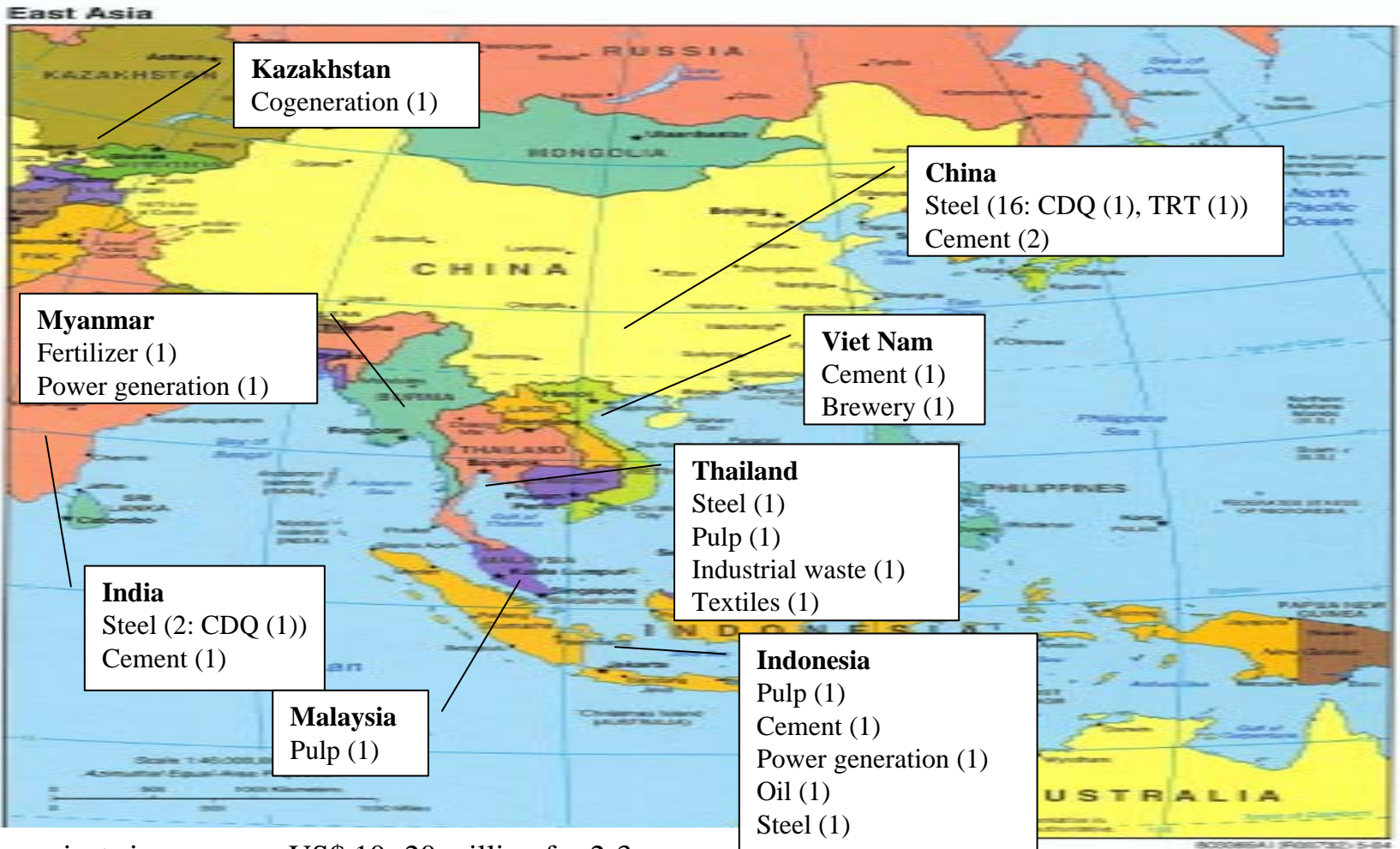


Among many energy efficiency technologies, CDQ & TRT were selected because of their energy-saving potential, ease of installation, etc. by experts in the steel/iron industry

# Factors that affect diffusion of energy efficiency technologies

## - demonstration projects

- The Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry has implemented 36 projects since 1993 and contributed to the diffusion of **energy efficiency technologies** in the Asian region.



\*Average project size: approx. US\$ 10 -20 million for 2-3 years



# Factors that affect diffusion of energy efficiency technologies

## *-case study of CDQ in China*

- Demonstration project at a steel plant in Beijing to install CDQ

Period: 1997-2001

Budget: ¥ 2.97 billion (US\$ 28 million)

Site: Shougang Corporation, No.1 Cokes Oven

Technical support: Nippon Steel Corporation

Energy conservation: 24,700 toe/year

CO<sub>2</sub> emission reduction: 68,300 t-CO<sub>2</sub>/year



- Follow-up program of the demonstration project (on-site seminars, operational advice, etc.)

- A joint venture between Chinese and Japanese steel companies (Oct 2003) to design, produce and sell CDQ and other energy conservation facilities



8 CDQ will be installed in China because of this demonstration project

# Keys for success – in case of CDQ

Local steel manufacturers tend to choose investment to increase production capacity rather than energy efficiency improvement, but this can be changed by:

## (1) Local industry awareness

- Energy-saving effect
- Co-benefits such as better air quality (very visible in CDQ)

## (2) Initial cost reduction through localization

- IPR may become barriers to localization
- Local competitor

## (3) Host Government's environmental policy

- 10<sup>th</sup> 5-year National Plan in China (target of diffusion rate of CDQ: 60% by 2005)
- Pressure from local governments (air quality, water usage, etc.)

# Lessons learned

- Enormous potential: (not confined to iron and steel sector)  
By exploring these opportunities, a win-win situation can be created: energy security, lower energy cost, better air quality, higher competitiveness, etc. This is clear from Japan's experience.
- North-South collaboration: especially,
  - Host Governments' policy on Environment and IPR protection
  - Local industry's awareness
  - CDM can accelerate technology transfer (next slide)
- Sectoral focus:  
Bilateral and multilateral cooperation should have a sectoral focus which would enable us to enhance technology transfer by clearly identifying technology needs and energy-saving opportunities.

## Lessons learned

- *promotion of CDM activities in energy efficiency field*

- CDM should be designed to facilitate technology transfer by providing business incentives for investment in *energy efficient technologies*.
- Such CDM projects would contribute best to sustainable development in developing countries.

Usually energy efficient project pays in a long run.

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- Turning from perfectionism to “learning by doing” (chicken and egg)

<GOJ's initiative>

The GOJ has been holding workshops, seminars and establishing WGs for energy efficiency etc. by CDM experts to identify challenges.

*Thank you for your attention!*