

**COAL**

# **Coal, Peat and Derived Fuels Overview**

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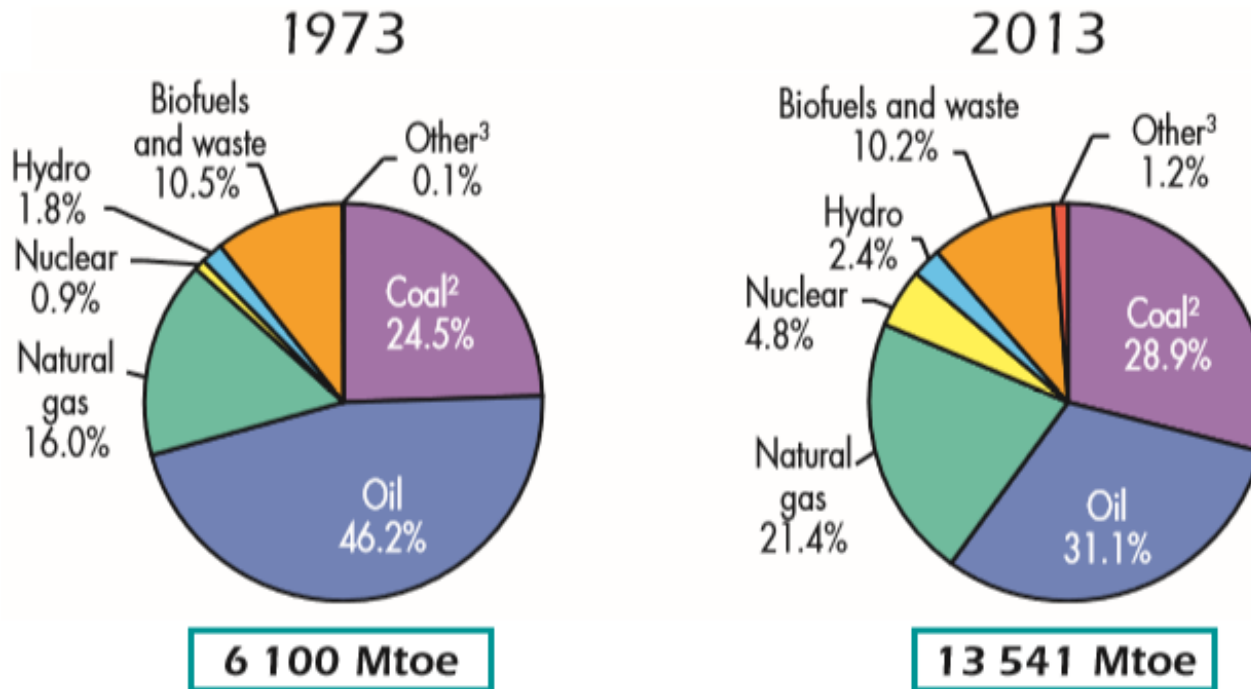


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# The importance of coal

## 1973 and 2013 fuel shares of TPES

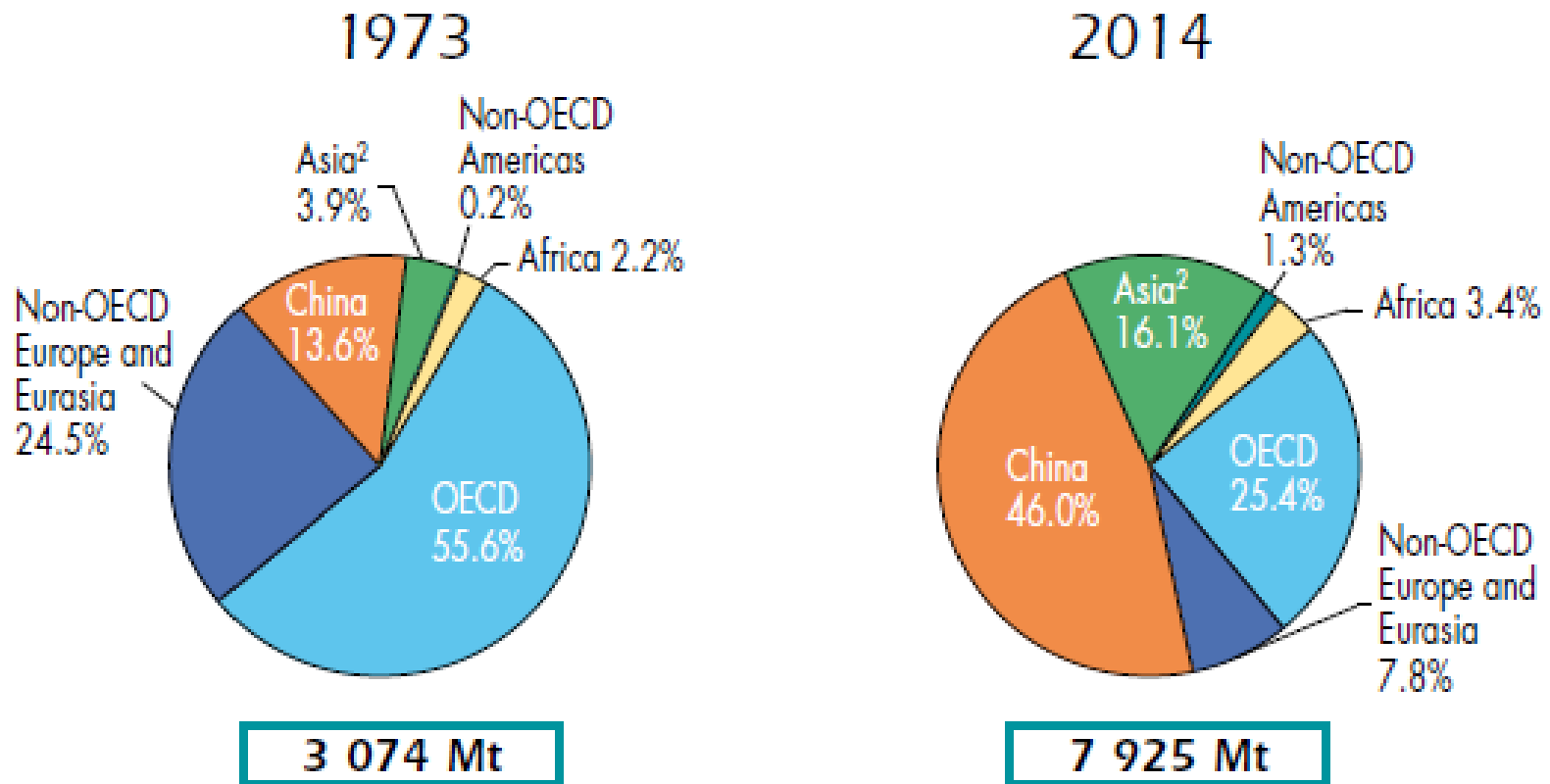


1. World includes international aviation and international marine bunkers.
2. In these graphs, peat and oil shale are aggregated with coal.
3. Includes geothermal, solar, wind, heat, etc.

- **2<sup>nd</sup> largest source of primary energy in 2013**
- **Largest source of electricity generation (41.3%)**

# Consumption changes over time

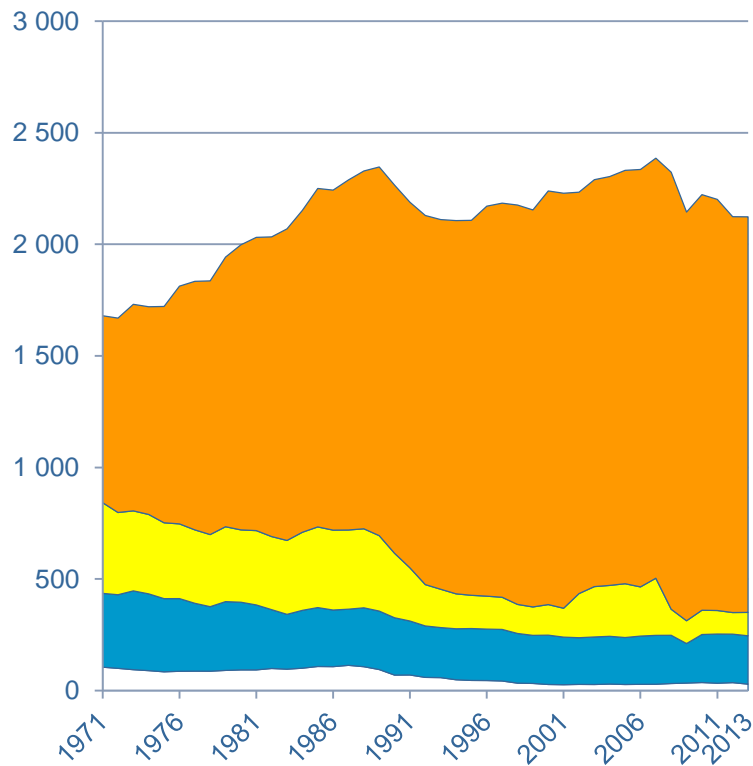
## 1973 and 2014 regional shares of coal<sup>1</sup> production



1. Includes steam coal, coking coal, lignite and recovered coal.  
 2. Asia excludes China.

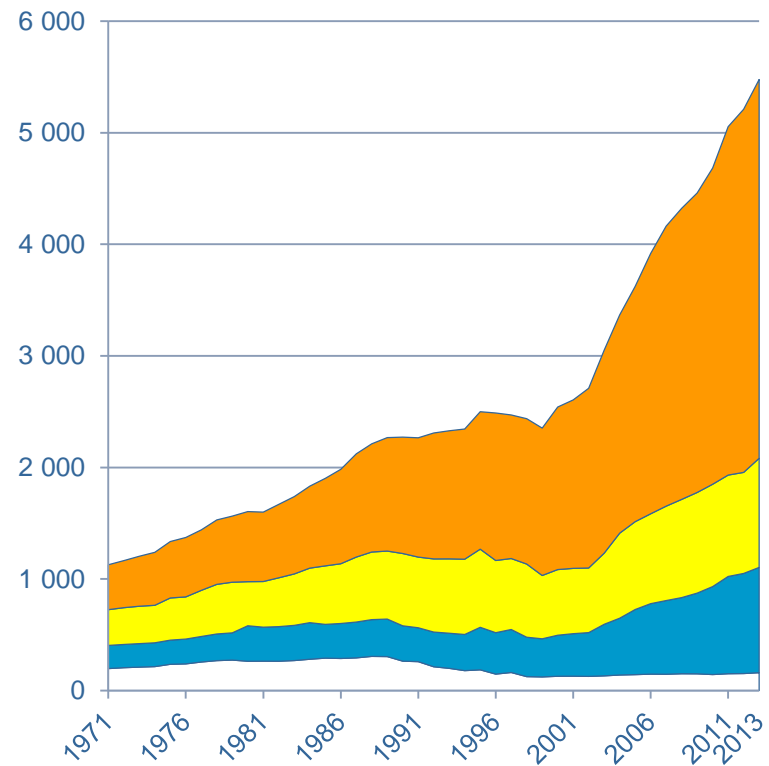
## Total coal (million tonnes)

### OECD



Residential 
  Iron and steel 
  Other 
  Electricity/heat

### Non-OECD



Residential 
  Iron and steel 
  Other 
  Electricity/heat




# The importance of coal

- **Abundant, cheap with low technology barriers**
- **Used for power generation, iron and steel production and cement manufacture**
- **Energy security can be enhanced with coal-to-liquids, gas or chemicals**

**But:**

- **Environmental concerns: largest CO<sub>2</sub> emission per unit of energy among conventional energy sources**
  - **Potential for development and deployment of clean coal technologies such as carbon capture and storage**

# Coal classification

Fuel	Type	Reporting unit	Expected calorific value (kJ/kg, MJ/ton)	GCV estimation	
Coking coal	Fossil fuels	kt	 25000 - 33000	≈ NCV + 5%	
Anthracite		kt		22000 - 29000	≈ NCV + 5%
Other bituminous coal		kt		22000 - 29000	≈ NCV + 5%
Sub-bituminous coal		kt		16000 - 24000	≈ NCV + 5%
Lignite		kt		5000 - 18000	≈ NCV + 5%
Peat		kt		7000 - 13000	≈ NCV + 5%
Oil Shale		kt		2500 - 12000	≈ NCV + 5%
Coal tar	Derived solid products	kt	 30000 - 44000	≈ NCV + 5%	
Patent fuel		kt		25000 - 32000	≈ NCV + 5%
Coke oven coke		kt		24000 - 32000	≈ NCV
Gas coke		kt		24000 - 32000	≈ NCV + 5%
BKB		kt		15000 - 21000	≈ NCV + 5%
Peat products		kt		8000 - 14000	≈ NCV + 5%
Gas works gas	Manufactured gases	TJ	 15000 - 22000	≈ NCV + 10%	
Coke oven gas		TJ		15000 - 22000	≈ NCV + 10%
Blast furnace gas		TJ		2000 - 4000	≈ NCV
Other recovered gases		TJ		2000 - 20000	≈ NCV

- **Primary coal classification by physical and chemical characteristics**
  - **Generally, the higher the carbon content, the higher the rank**

<b>Coking coal</b>	<b>Hard Coal</b>	<b>Metallurgical Coal</b>
<b>Anthracite</b>		<b>Steam Coal</b>
<b>Other bituminous coal</b>		
<b>Sub-bituminous coal</b>	<b>Brown Coal</b>	
<b>Lignite</b>		
<b>Peat</b>		
<b>Oil shale and oil sands</b>		



## ■ Peat

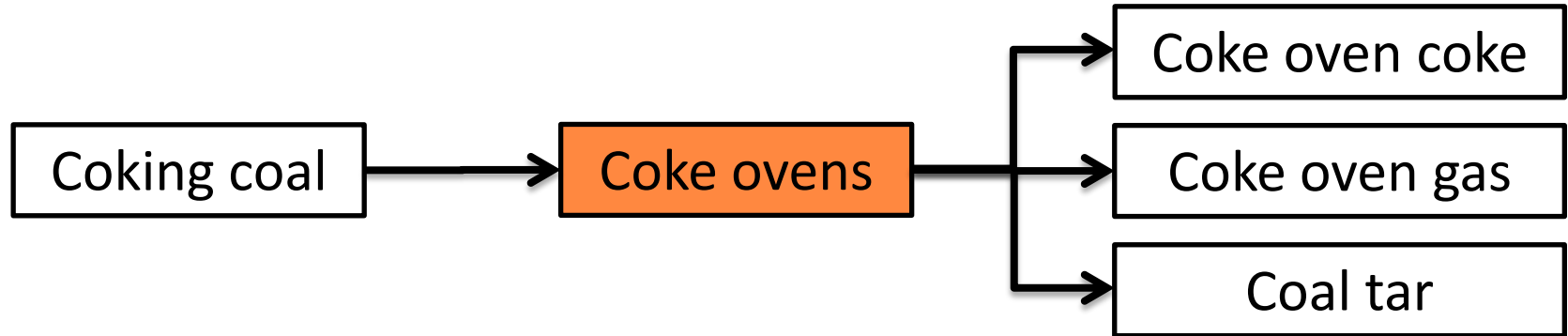
- Solid fossil fuel, often a precursor to coal, particularly lignite

## ■ Oil shale and oil sands

- Sedimentary rock which contains organic matter in the form of kerogen, a precursor of petroleum
- **Oil shale** may be burned directly or processed by heating to extract shale oil
- **Shale oil** should be reported in the oil questionnaire

- **Transformation sector: includes fuels used for conversion of energy (coal to electricity) or for the transformation to derived energy products (coke ovens)**
- **The largest consumption of coal is in electricity and heat generation**
- **There are several transformation processes unique to the coal sector**

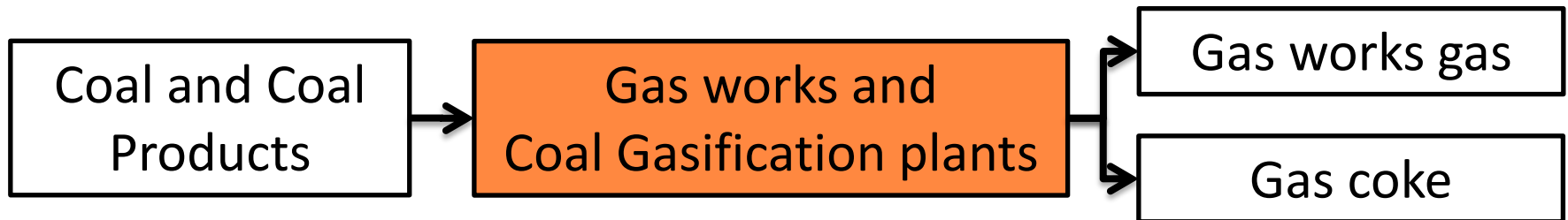
## ■ Coke ovens



## ■ Blast furnace



## ■ Gas works and coal gasification plants



- **Patent fuel: manufactured from hard coal fines with binding agent**
- **BKB or Brown coal briquettes: composite fuel manufactured from brown coal without binding agent**
- **Coal liquefaction (coal-to-liquid) plants utilize coal to create liquid fuels (diesel, naphtha, etc.).**
  - **The liquid fuels production must be reported in the *Oil questionnaire***
- **Peat products: products such as peat briquettes derived directly or indirectly from peat**

# Reporting coal data

Country	Anthracite	
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Indigenous production	1	0
Underground production	2	0
Surface production	3	0
From other sources	4	0
Total imports (Balance)	5	0
Total exports (Balance)	6	0
International marine bunkers	7	0
Stock changes (National territory)	8	0
Inland consumption (Calculated)	9	0

Country	Anthracite	
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Albania	1	0
Algeria	2	0
Argentina	3	0
Armenia	4	0
Australia	5	0
Austria	6	0
Azerbaijan	7	0

Country	Anthracite	
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Albania	1	0
Armenia	2	0
Australia	3	0
Austria	4	0
Azerbaijan	5	0
Belarus	6	0
Belgium	7	0
Bosnia and Herzegovina	8	0

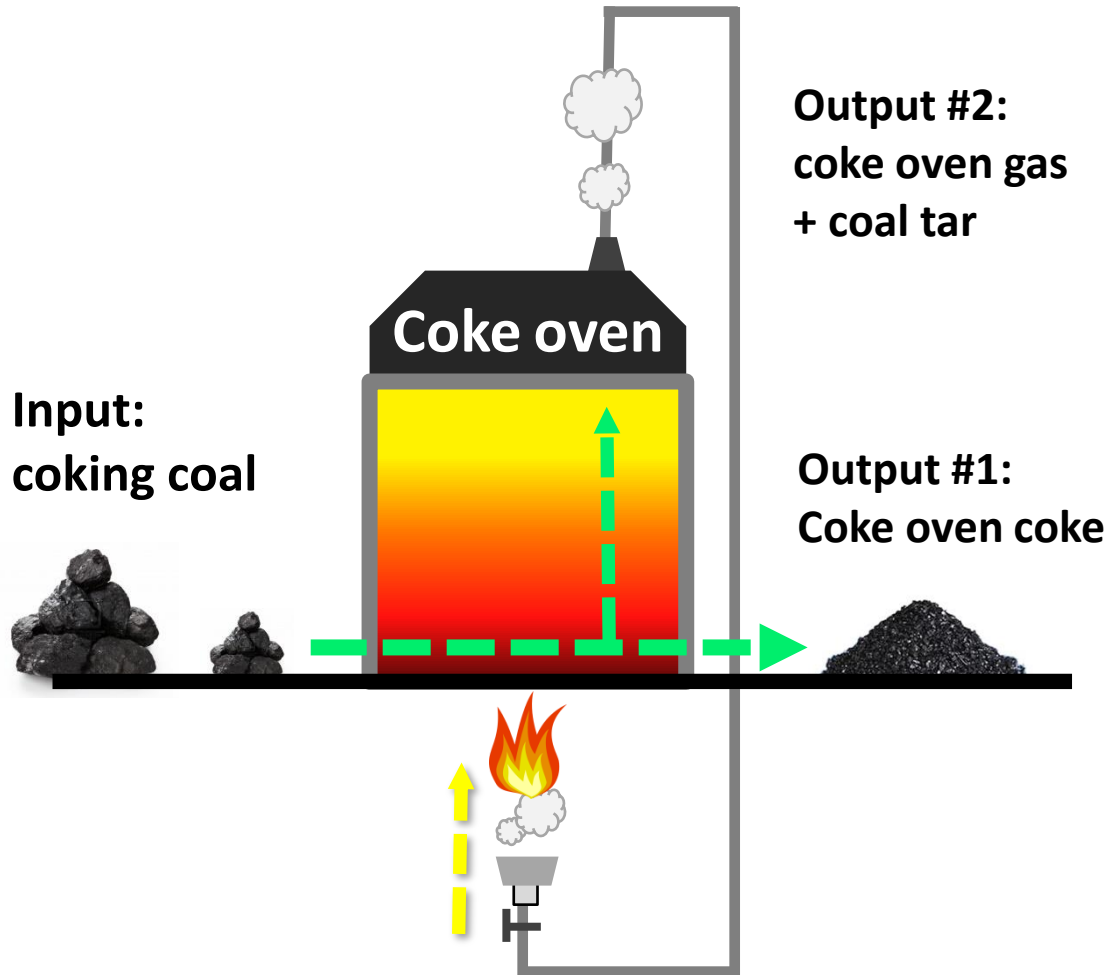
Country	Anthracite	
	MJ/tonne	
	A	
<b>4</b>		
Production	gross	0
	net	0
Imports	gross	0
	net	0
Exports	gross	0
	net	0

Anthracite	Fossil fuels
Coking coal	
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Sub-bituminous coal	
Lignite	
Peat	
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Coke oven coke	
Gas coke	
Coal tar	
BKB	
Peat products	Manufactured gases
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Coke oven gas	
Blast furnace gas	
Other recovered gases	

**4 Tables**

**17 products**

# Reporting coal data



**Fuels transformed into another energy form**



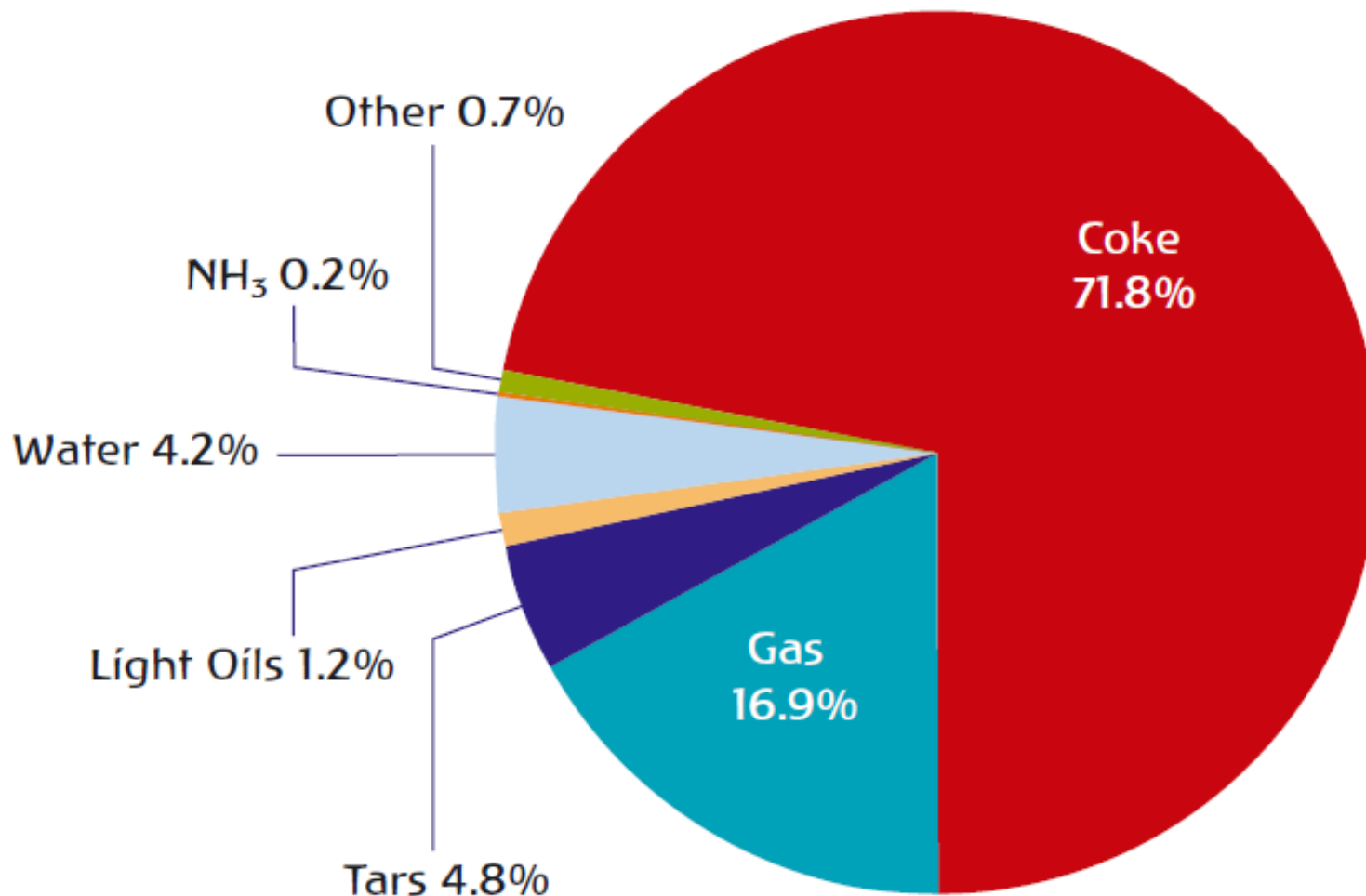
**Transformation**

**Fuels consumed to support operations**



**Energy industry  
Own-use**

## ■ Typical mass yields from coke ovens



- **Calorific values of coal products may differ for different flows such as:**

- **Production**
- **Imports**
- **Exports**

**Domestic supply**

Statistical difference on an energy basis

- **Used in Coke Ovens**
- **Used in Blast Furnaces**
- **Used in main Activity Plants**
- **Used in Industry**
- **For Other Uses**

**Total demand**



## ■ Coal washing

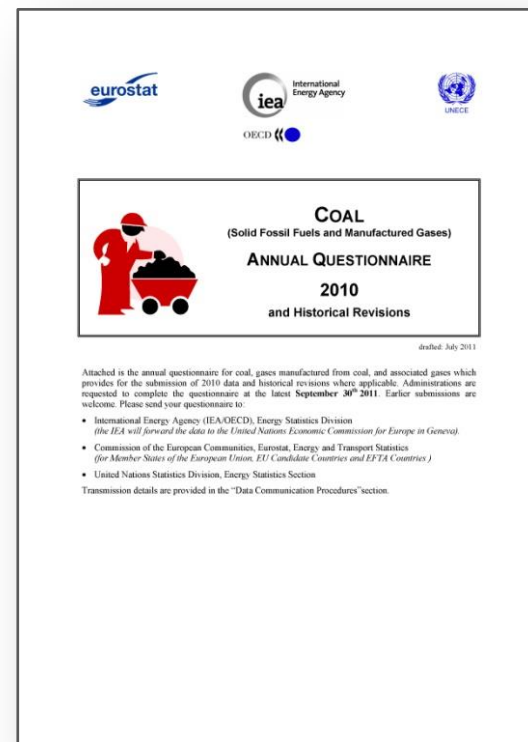
- ◆ Removes ash & impurities
- ◆ Improves quality and price
- ◆ Reduces emissions



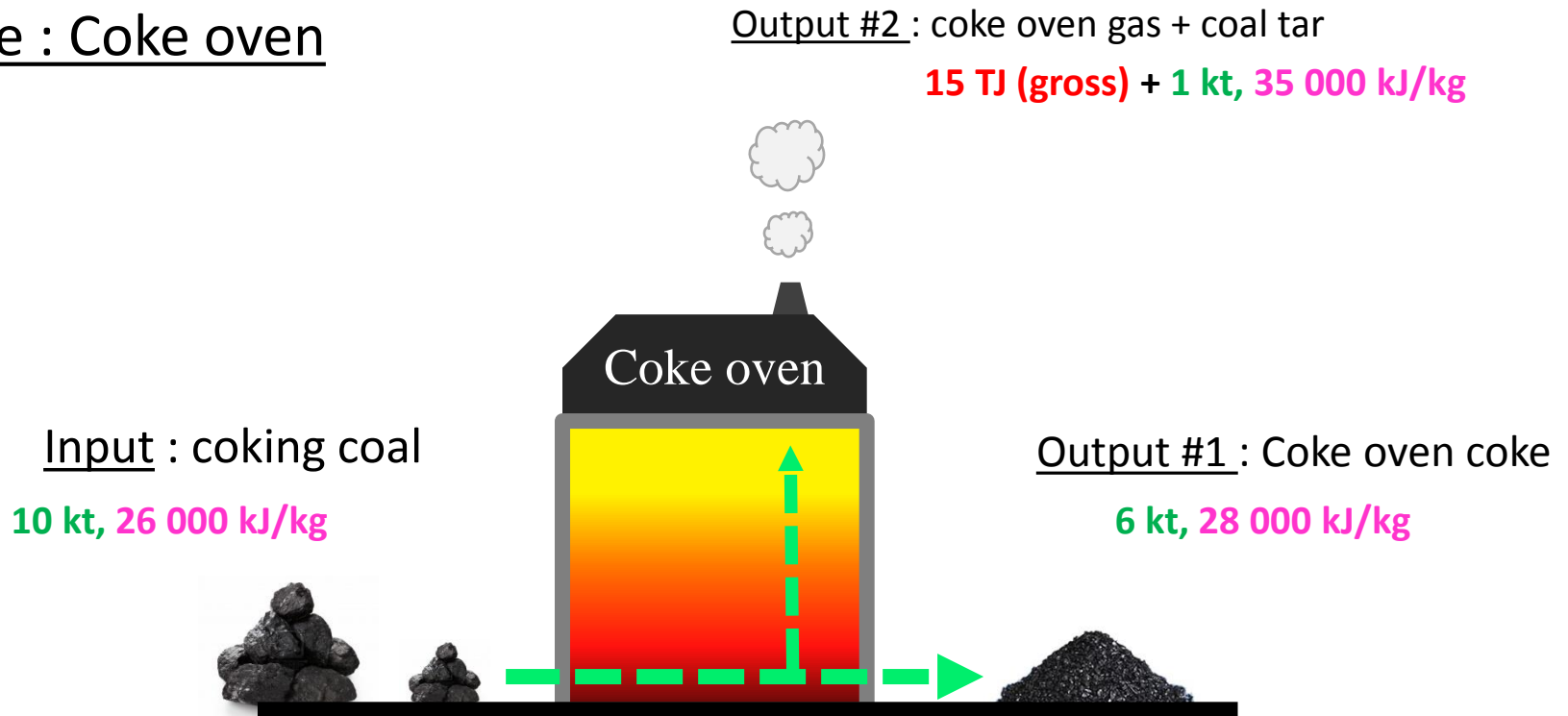
- Coal washing can significantly affect both the physical amount of coal available and its calorific value
- It is therefore very important to know when the quantity of coal and its NCV are measured
- Measuring these values just before a quantity of coal enters a transformation process is essential as only then the efficiency of the transformation process can be accurately calculated!

## ■ Data quality checks:

- Numbers (sums, signs, etc.)
- Statistical differences
- Time series consistency
- Calorific values
- Transformation efficiency
- Comparison between tables
- Physical vs. energy content balance
- Comparison with other questionnaires
- Data are complete and tell the correct story
- Comparison with secondary and partner sources



## Example : Coke oven



$$\text{Efficiency} = \frac{15 * 0.9 + 1 * 35 + 6 * 28}{10 * 26} = 83\%$$



**Thank you**

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