

Making the Clean Available: Breaking out of India's Chulha Trap

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Warnings

- This lecture is given from a health perspective, not an energy or climate perspective.
 - Put another way, health benefits for the poor trump slight net deviations from goals for global energy renewability and CO₂ emissions.
- It is from the perspective of India and may not apply well in Africa, etc
- It is a work in progress – new insights coming rapidly from the inversion in thinking – stay tuned

Road Map

- Very brief summary of health evidence
- And history of biomass stoves in India
- What has been done to deal with the issue
- And what has been happening outside the main establishment of clean stoves
- Proposition: are there “leap frog” options that might be transformational in bringing benefits to the poor?

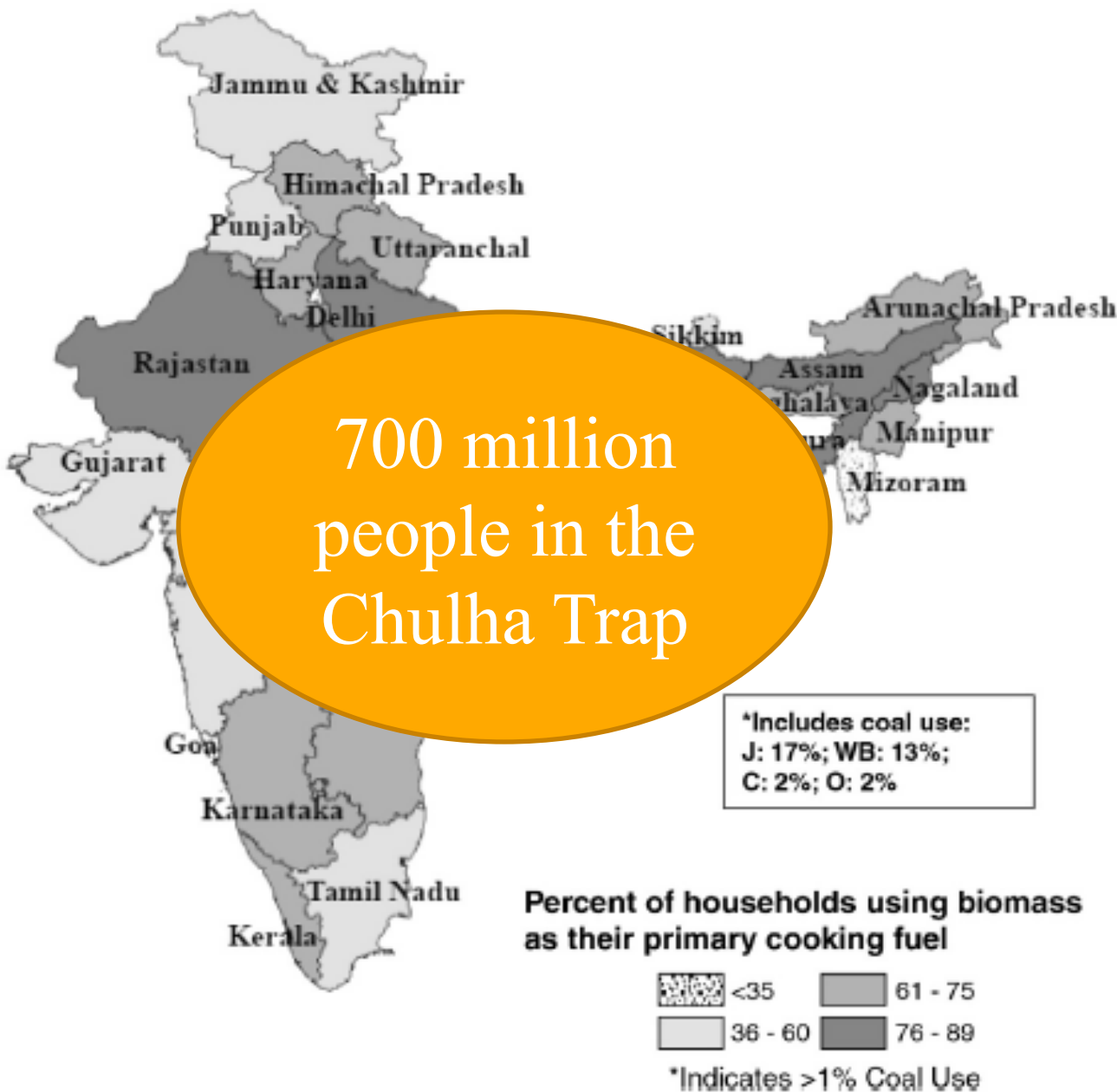


Fig. 1. Distribution by state of households using biomass or coal as their main cooking fuel in 2005. From (IIPS, 2007).

1990:
85%: 700
million people
using solid fuels

2010:
60%: 700
million people

~1980
700 million
people
in entire country

Toxic Pollutants in Biomass Fuel Smoke from Simple (poor) Combustion

- Small particles, CO, NO₂
- Hydrocarbons
 - 2+ alkenes including *isoprene* and *1,3-butadiene*
 - 2+ aromatic hydrocarbons including *benzene* and *polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons* such as *benz[a]pyrene*
- Oxygenated hydrocarbons
 - 20+ aldehydes including *formaldehyde* & *acrolein*
 - 25+ alcohols and acids such as *methanol*
 - 33+ phenols such as *catechol* & *cresol*
 - Many quinones such as *hydroquinone*
 - Semi-quinone-type and other radicals
- Chlorinated organics such as *methylene chloride* and *dioxin*

Typical chulha releases
400 cigarettes per hour
worth of smoke

Source: Naeher et al,
J Inhal Tox, 2007

First person in human history to
have her exposure measured
doing the oldest task in human history

~5000 ug/m³
during cooking
>500 ug/m³ 24-
hour

Emissions and
concentrations,
yes, but
what about
exposures?



Kheda District,
Gujarat, 1981

How much PM_{2.5} is unhealthy?

- WHO Air Quality Guidelines
 - 10 ug/m³ annual average
 - No public microenvironment, indoor or outdoor, should be more than 35 ug/m³
- National standards – annual outdoors
 - USA: 12 ug/m³
 - China: 35 ug/m³
 - India: 40 ug/m³

A comparative risk assessment of burden of disease and injury attributable to 67 risk factors and risk factor clusters in 21 regions, 1990–2010: a systematic analysis for the Global Burden of Disease Study 2010

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CRA published along with the other
GBD papers on Dec 14, 2012
in *The Lancet*

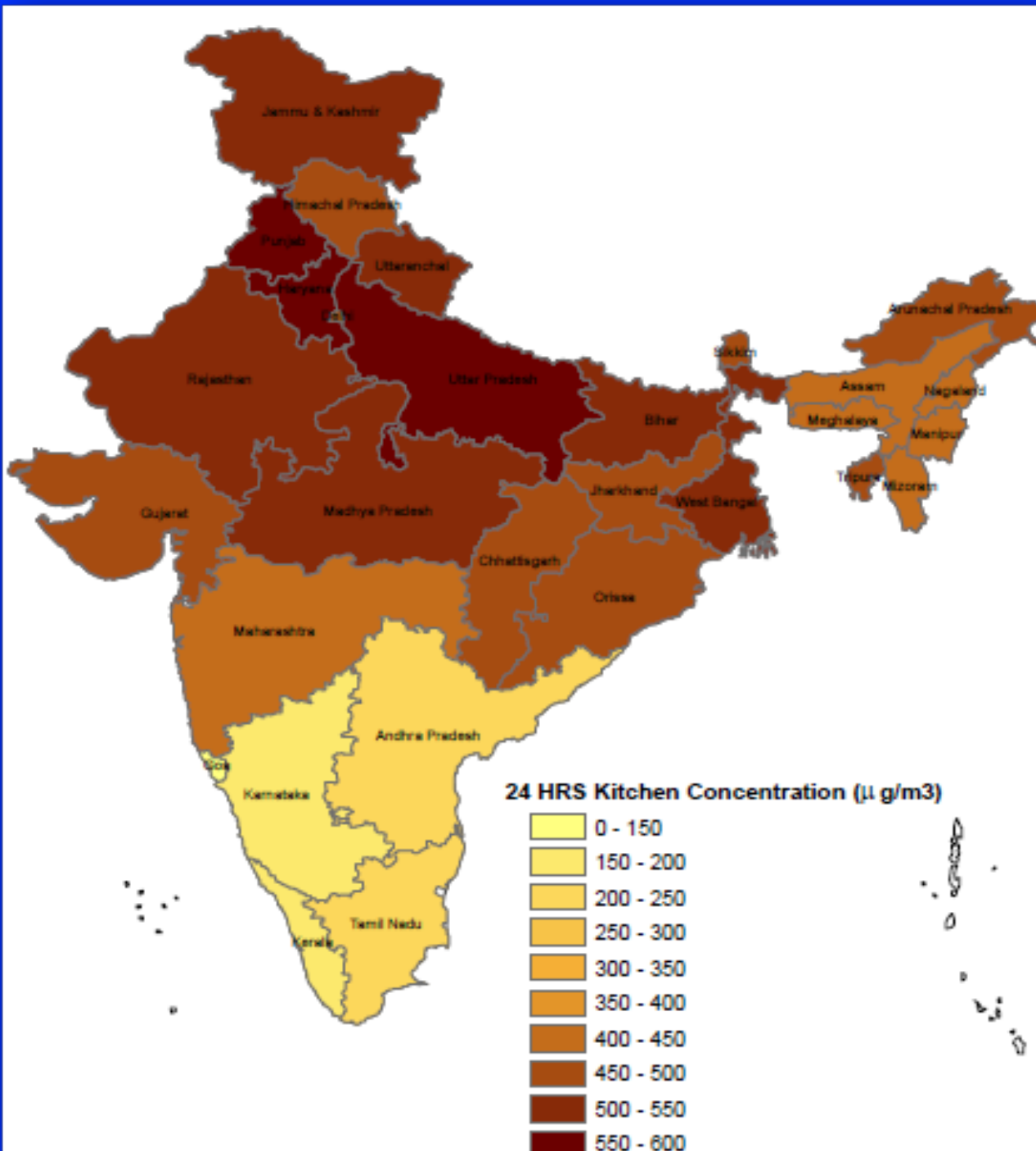
Millions Dead: How Do We Know and What Does It Mean? Methods Used in the Comparative Risk Assessment of Household Air Pollution

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Metrics

- Mortality – important, but can be misleading as it does not take age into account or years of illness/injury
 - Death at 88 years counts same as at 18, which is not appropriate
- Disability-adjusted Life Years (DALYs) lost do account for age and illness.
- GBD 2010 compares deaths against best life expectancy in world – 86 years



State-wise
estimates of
24-h kitchen
concentrations
of PM_{2.5}
in India

Solid-fuel using
households

Balakrishnan et al.
2013

ALRI/
Pneumonia

Diseases for which we have
epidemiological studies

COPD

Lung cancer
(coal)

Lung cancer
(biomass)

Cataracts

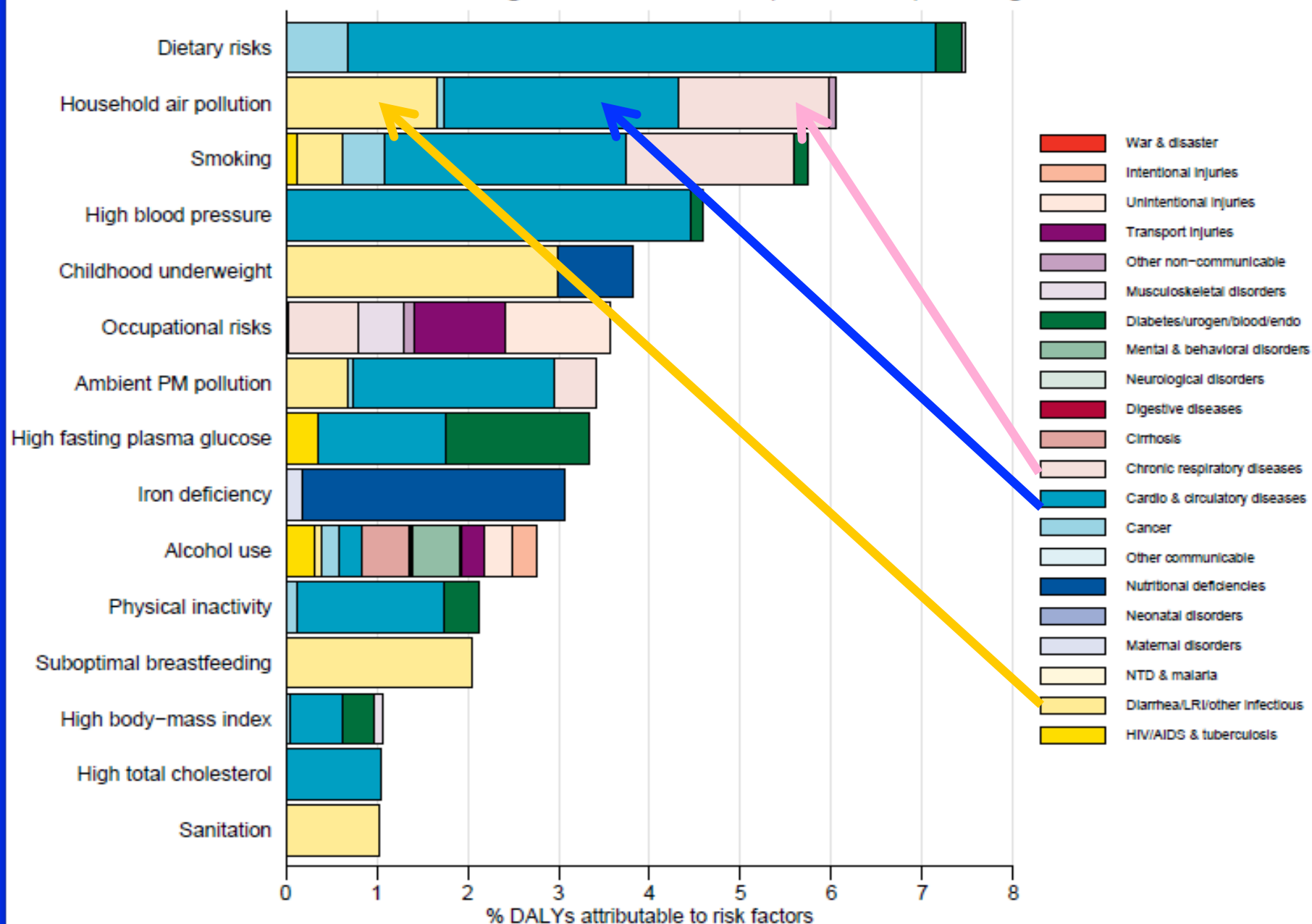
Ischemic
heart disease

Stroke



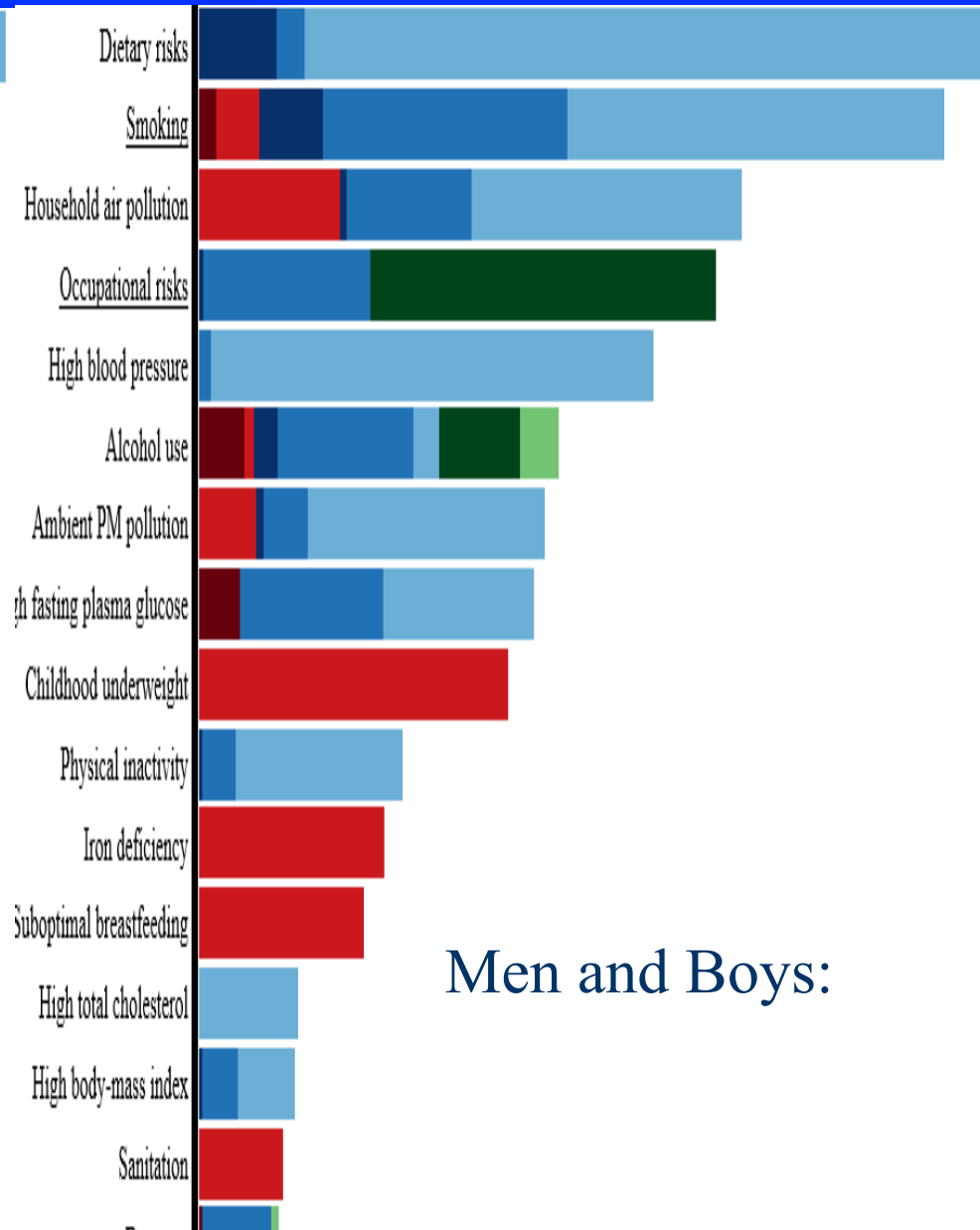
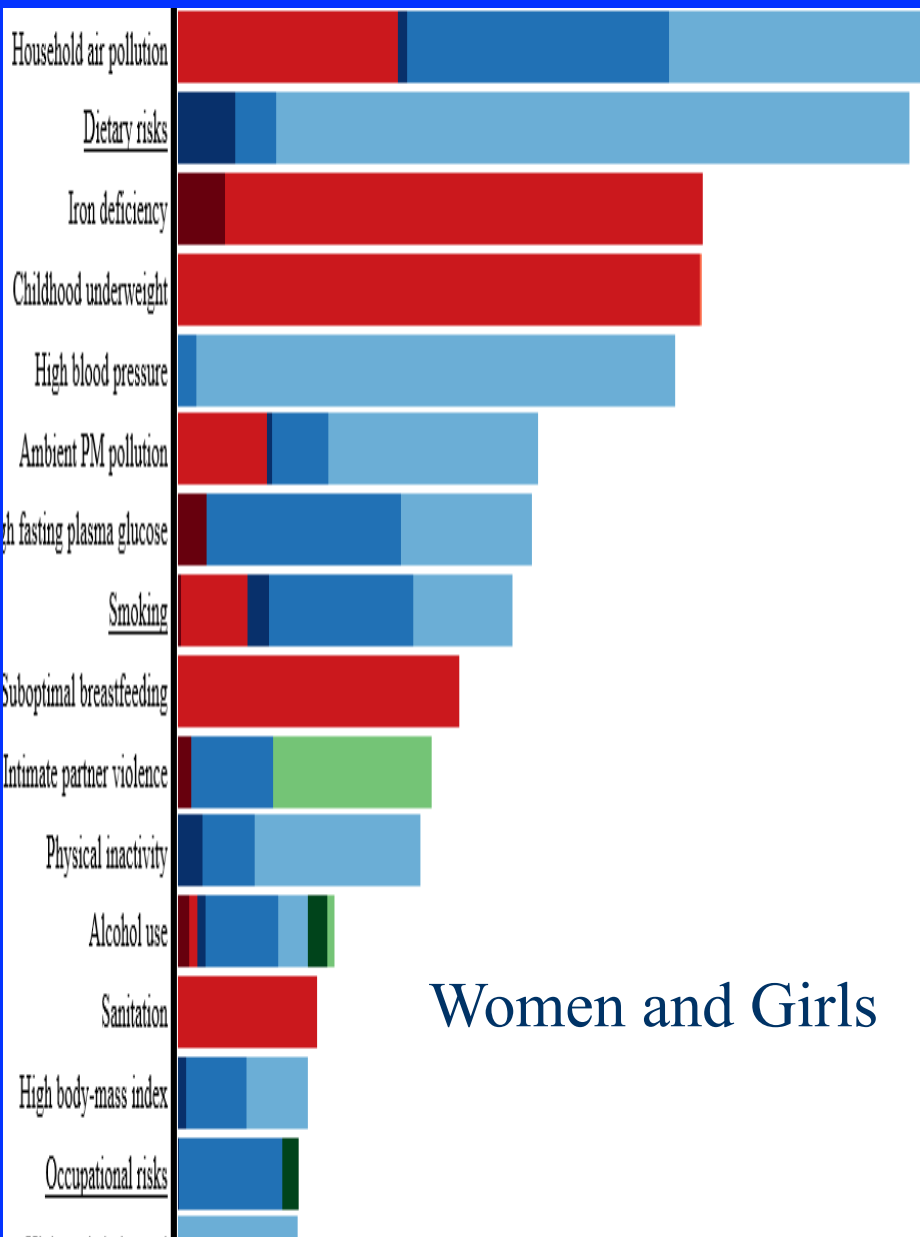
These diseases are included in the
2010 Comparative Risk Assessment (released in 2012)

Burden of disease attributable to 15 leading risk factors in 2010, expressed as a percentage of India DALYs



Top 15 causes of ill-health in India (GBD/CRA 2010)

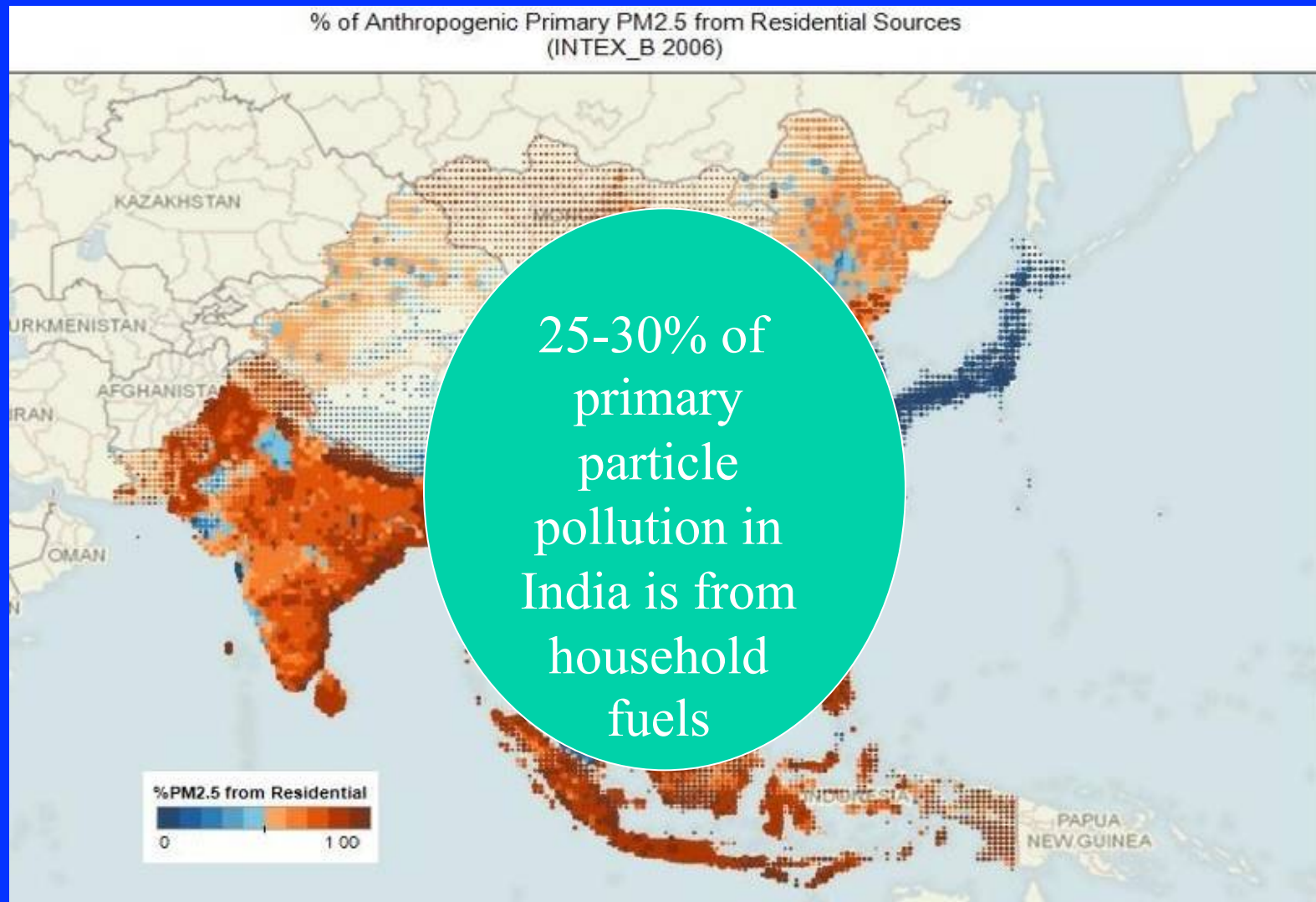
HAP Total: ~1,000,000 premature deaths annually



Framing.

- Not called “indoor” because stove smoke enters atmosphere to become part of general outdoor air pollution (OAP)
- HAP contributes about 13% to OAP globally, but much more in some countries
- ~25% in India
- Thus, part of the burden of disease due to OAP is attributable to cooking fuels in households

%PM_{2.5} from “Residential” Emissions from INTEX_B



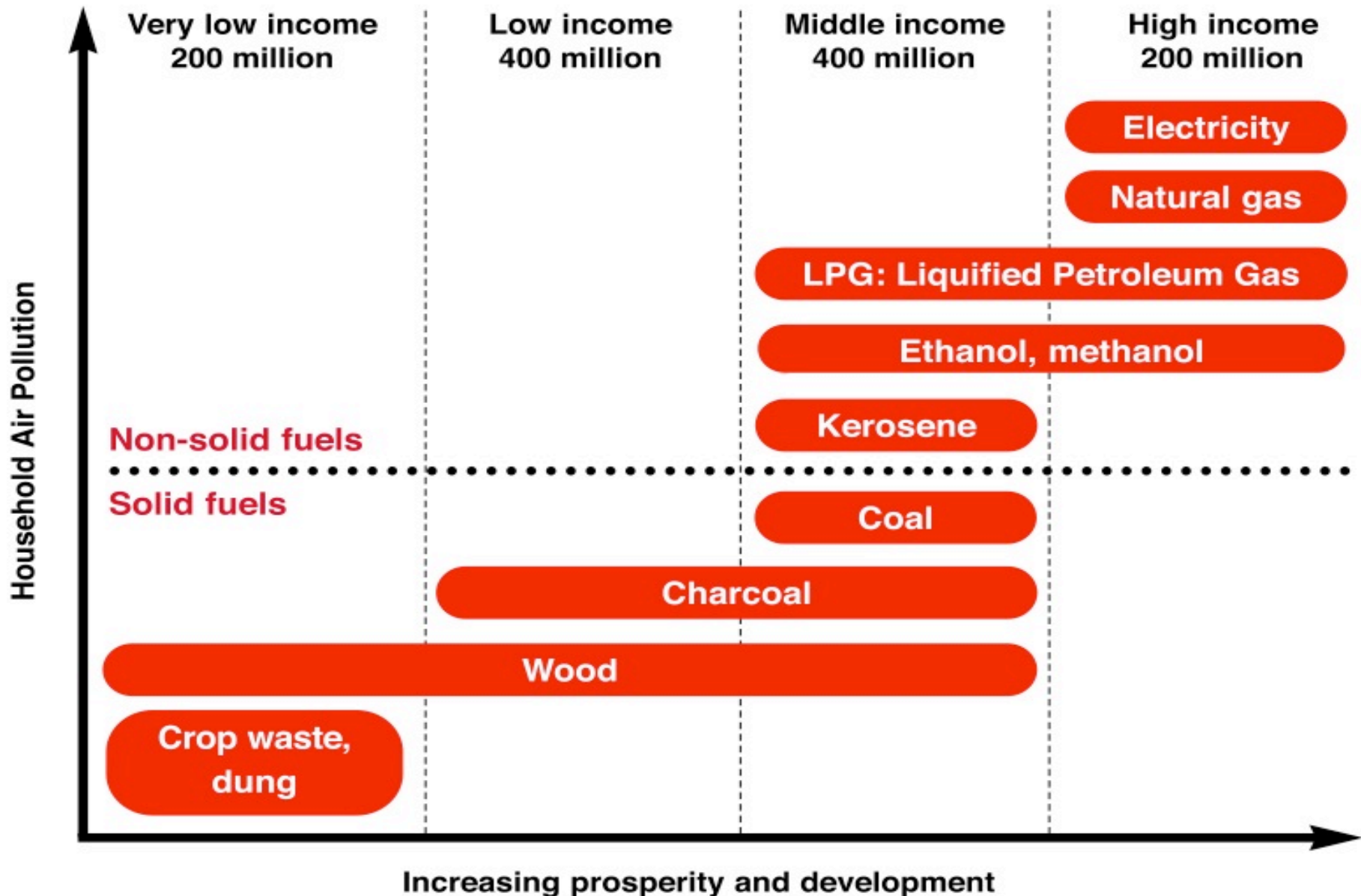
Source: Asian Emission Inventory for NASA INTEX_B 2006 (accessed 2010)

Chafe, 2010

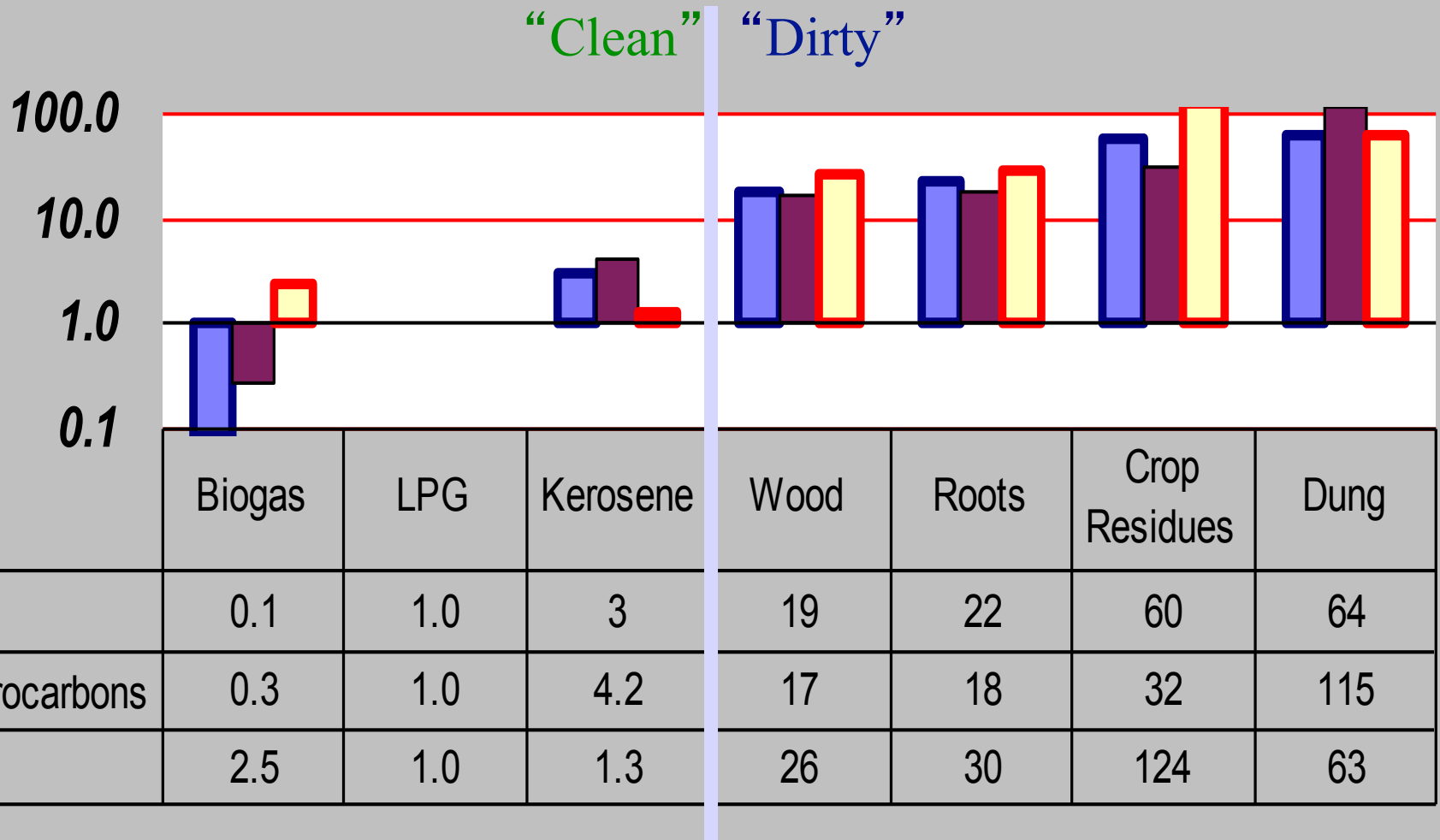
Summary

- One of the top risk factors in the world for ill-health.
- Biggest impact in adults --3 million premature deaths (two-thirds the DALYs)
- Still important for children ~500,000 deaths (one-third the DALYs)
- One million total premature deaths in India
- Biggest single risk factor of any kind for Indian women and girls
- Important source of outdoor air pollution
- Impact going down slowly because background health conditions improving
- Actual number of people affected is not going down

Indian Population in 2010

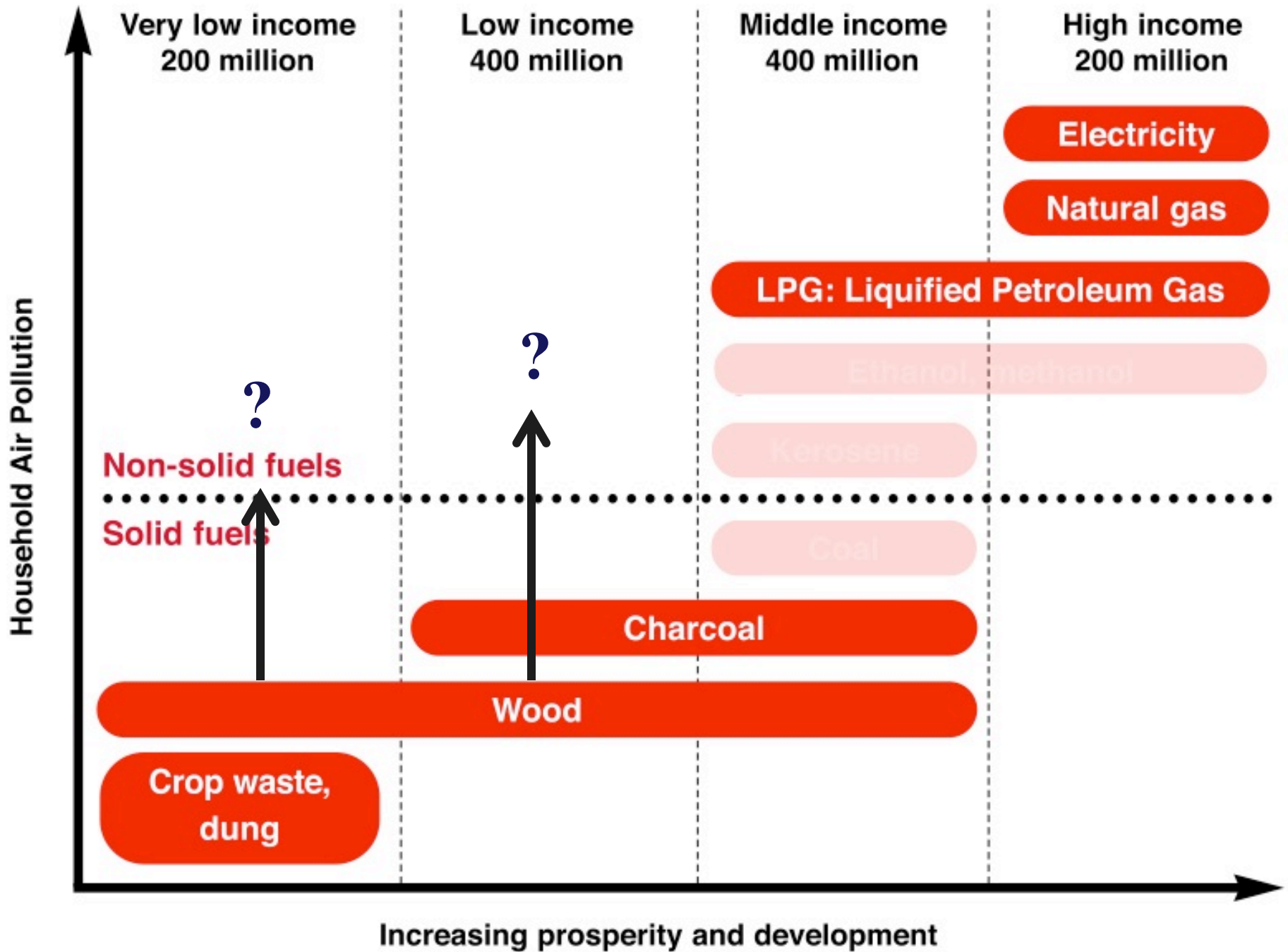


The Energy Ladder: Relative Pollutant Emissions Per Meal



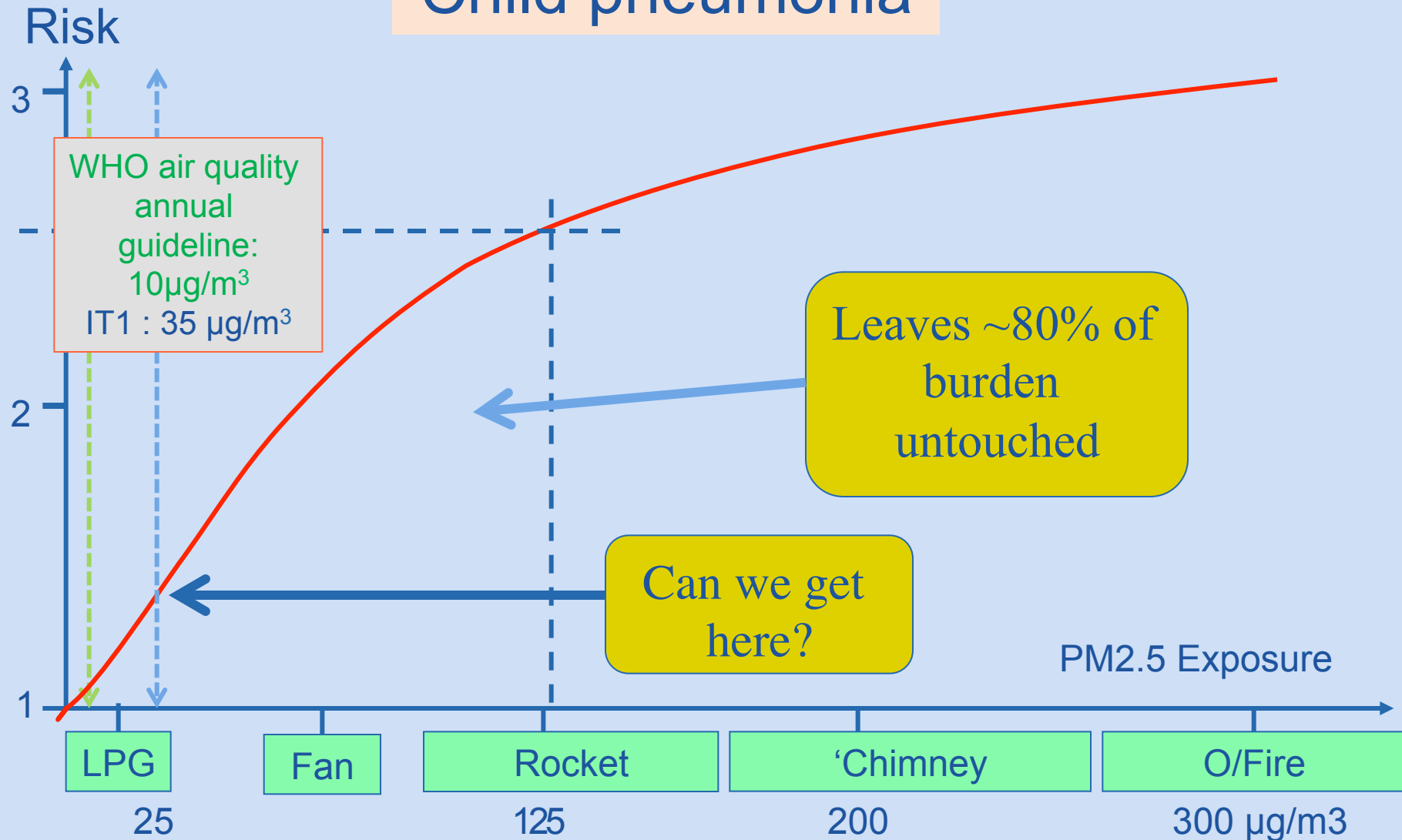
Smith, et al., 2005

■ CO
 ■ Hydrocarbons
 ■ PM



Exposure-response relationship

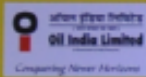
Child pneumonia



How close to clean enough?

- New WHO Indoor Air Quality Guidelines will be about 0.9 mg/min PM_{2.5} to protect ~80% of households at AQG-IT₁, 35 ug/m³
- Cleanest biomass blower stove tested by the USEPA is about 8 times more polluting in lab.
- But does not achieve this over time in the field
- Need to push harder to find ways to make biomass burn cleanly in inexpensive devices

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Secretary Vivek Rae

- Doubled the number of new LPG distributors planned for this year
- By adjusting requirements
- 1400 instead of 700 hundred
- Each with 5000 customers
- ~20 million more people

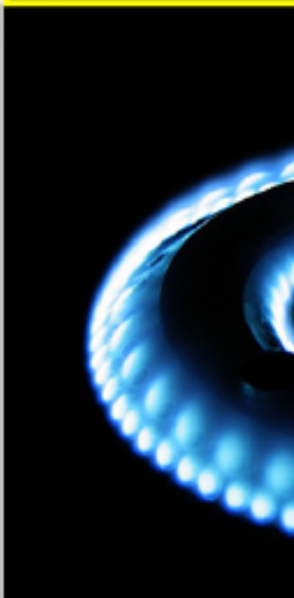
Porous radiant burners → Porous medium combustion

- ✓ Flameless combustion
- ✓ Based on radiant heat transfer

Up to 25% more efficient

High heat flux
for low calorific value fuels

Conventional L

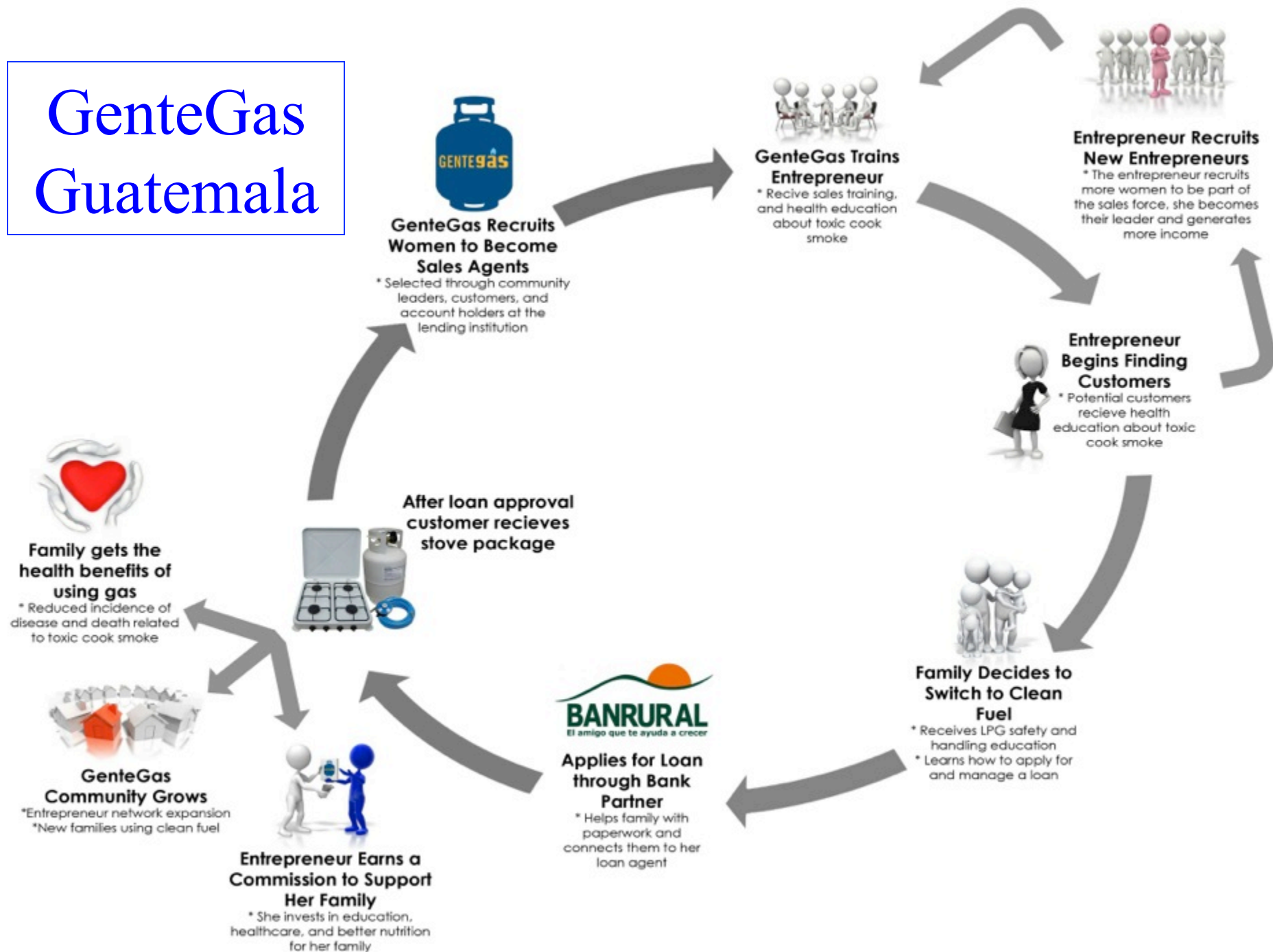


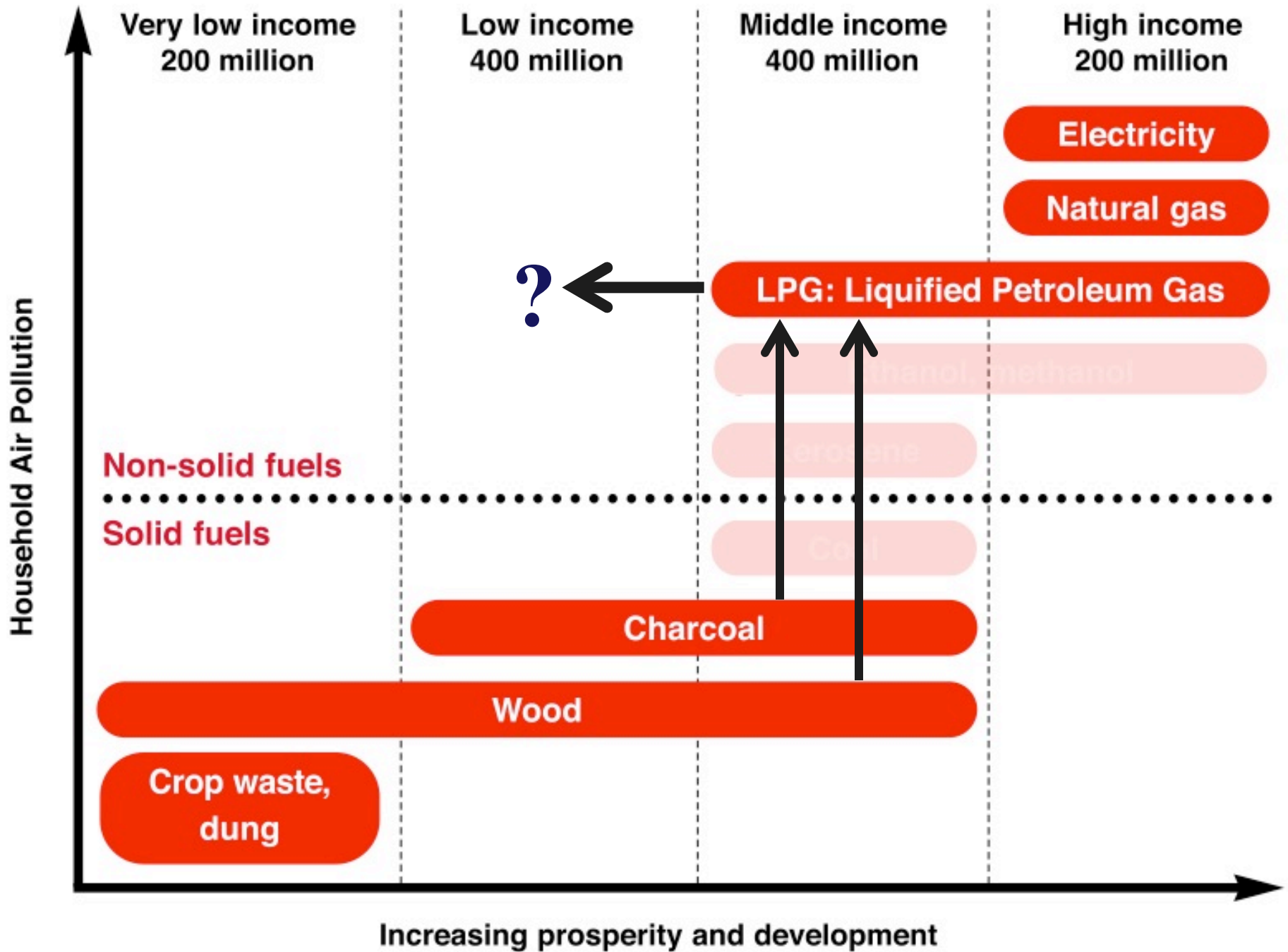
Efficient pots → lower costs →
more usage → less pollution

A breakthrough high tech
Turbo Pot



GenteGas Guatemala





Story of Two States

Gujarat: 1981-2013 →

Kerala: 2005-2013 →

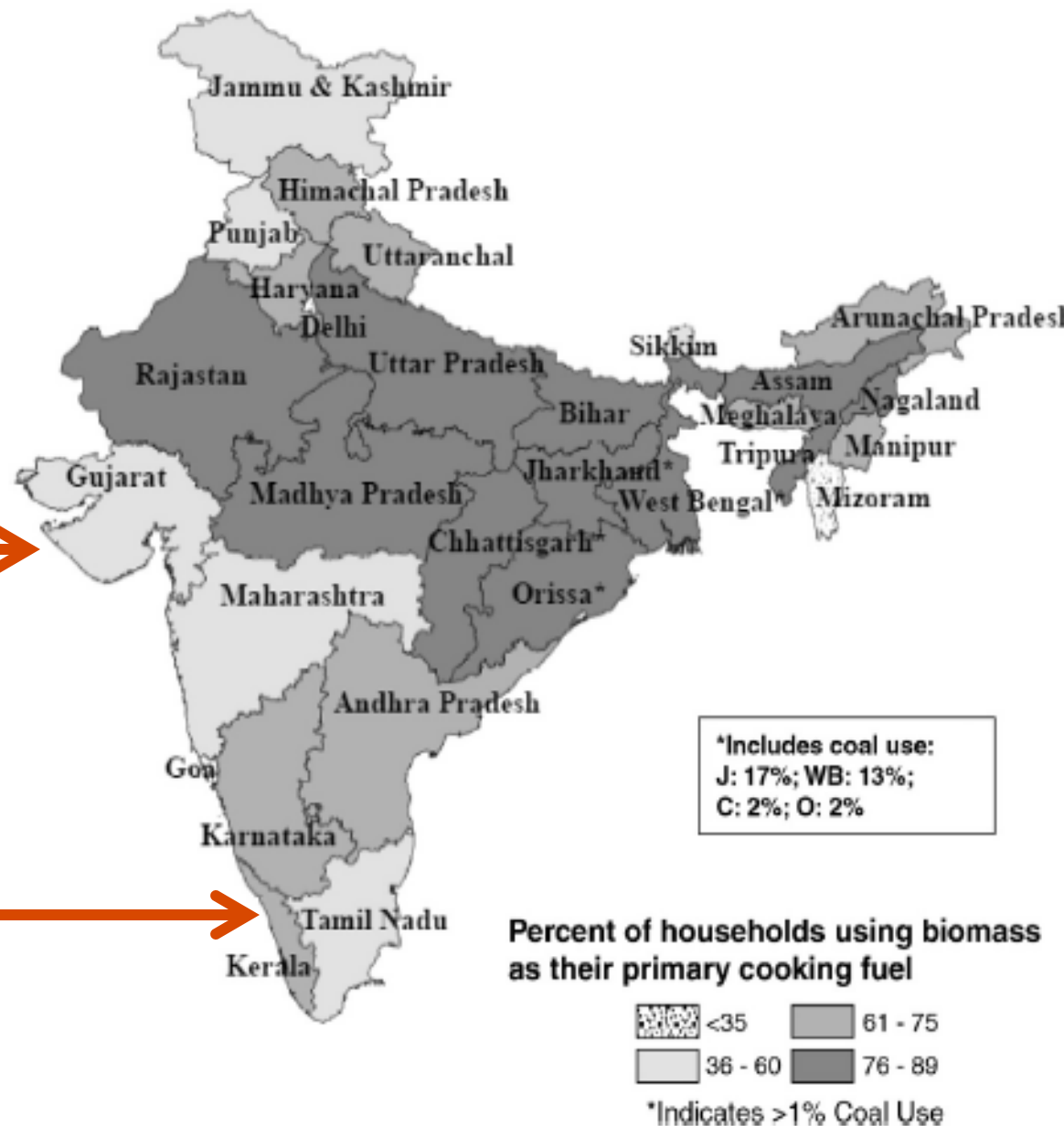


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In the 1980s, the first link to air pollution science

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AIR POLLUTION AND RURAL BIOMASS FUELS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES: A PILOT VILLAGE STUDY IN INDIA AND IMPLICATIONS FOR RESEARCH AND POLICY

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First person in human history to
have her exposure measured
doing the oldest task in human history



Kheda District,
Gujarat, 1981



Field Team, Gujarat, 1981



Diwaliben, October 2013

Gujarati Villages since 1981

- Reliable electricity
- Piped water
- Cell phones
- Satellite TV
- Pucca schools
- More pucca houses and roads
- But still using chulhas

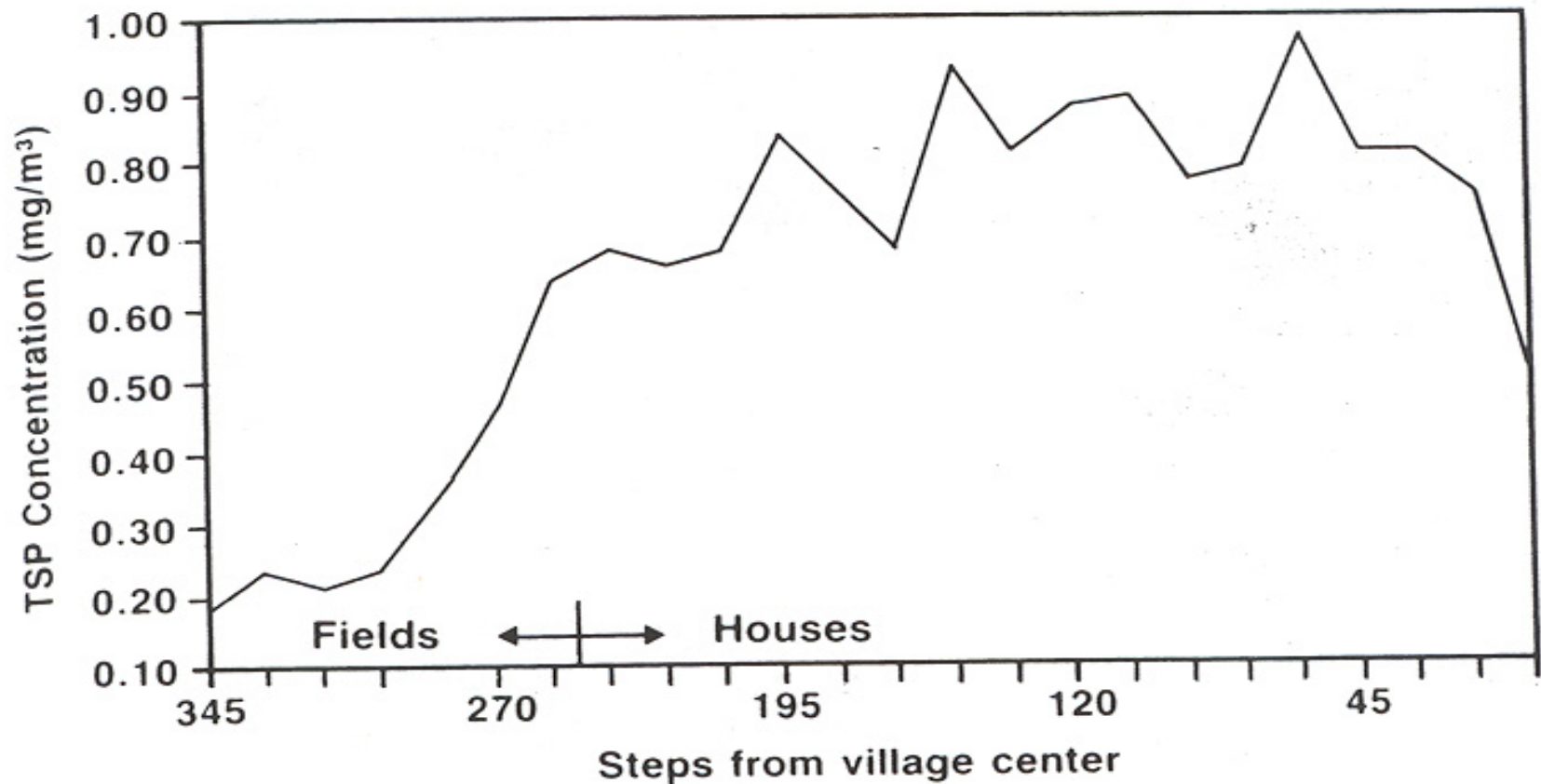
Assessment of “Improved Stoves”

Table 10. Exposure and fuel use variations due to cookstove type*

	Smokeless	Regular	Pit
TSP (mg m^{-3})			
Mean	4.6	6.4	6.2
Standard deviation	(2.9)	(4.6)	(1.9)
a.m. (mean)	3.0	4.7	7.1
p.m. (mean)	5.8	7.7	5.3

Smith, et al., 1983

Neighborhood Pollution in an Indian Village



Measurement of Neighborhood Pollution

Table 5. TSP and BaP measurements: ambient levels

Village	Height (m)	Time at start	Duration (minutes)	TSP mg m^{-3}
Meghva	2.5	7:00 p.m.	—	1.48
Denapura	2.5	6:40 p.m.	58	1.14
Denapura	2.5	6:40 p.m.	50	0.50
Rampura	3.5	6:23 p.m.	50	2.5
Rampura	1.5	5:50 p.m.	51	2.5
Vallabh Vidyanagar*	1.5	5:55 p.m.	150	0.6

* Semi-urban area.

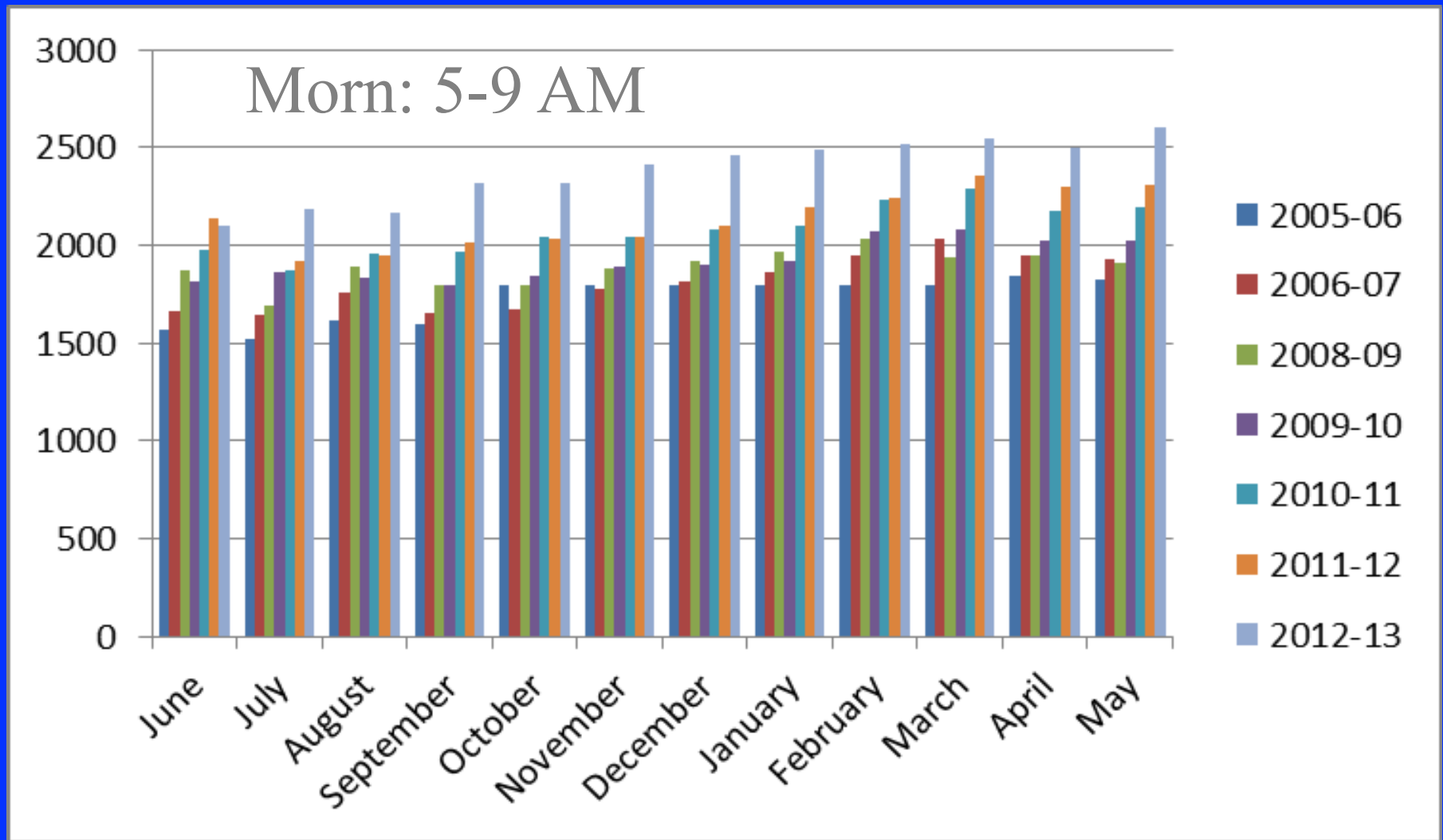
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Kerala story

- Like most of India, Kerala has had an electric peak in early evenings
- Starting after mid decade, however, Kerala started experiencing a fast-growing morning peak as well
- Reason: massive sales of induction cookstoves (ICs) were shifting demand
- Experience is that once a woman is used to an IC, she does not want to go back.

Kerala Morning Peak (MW)



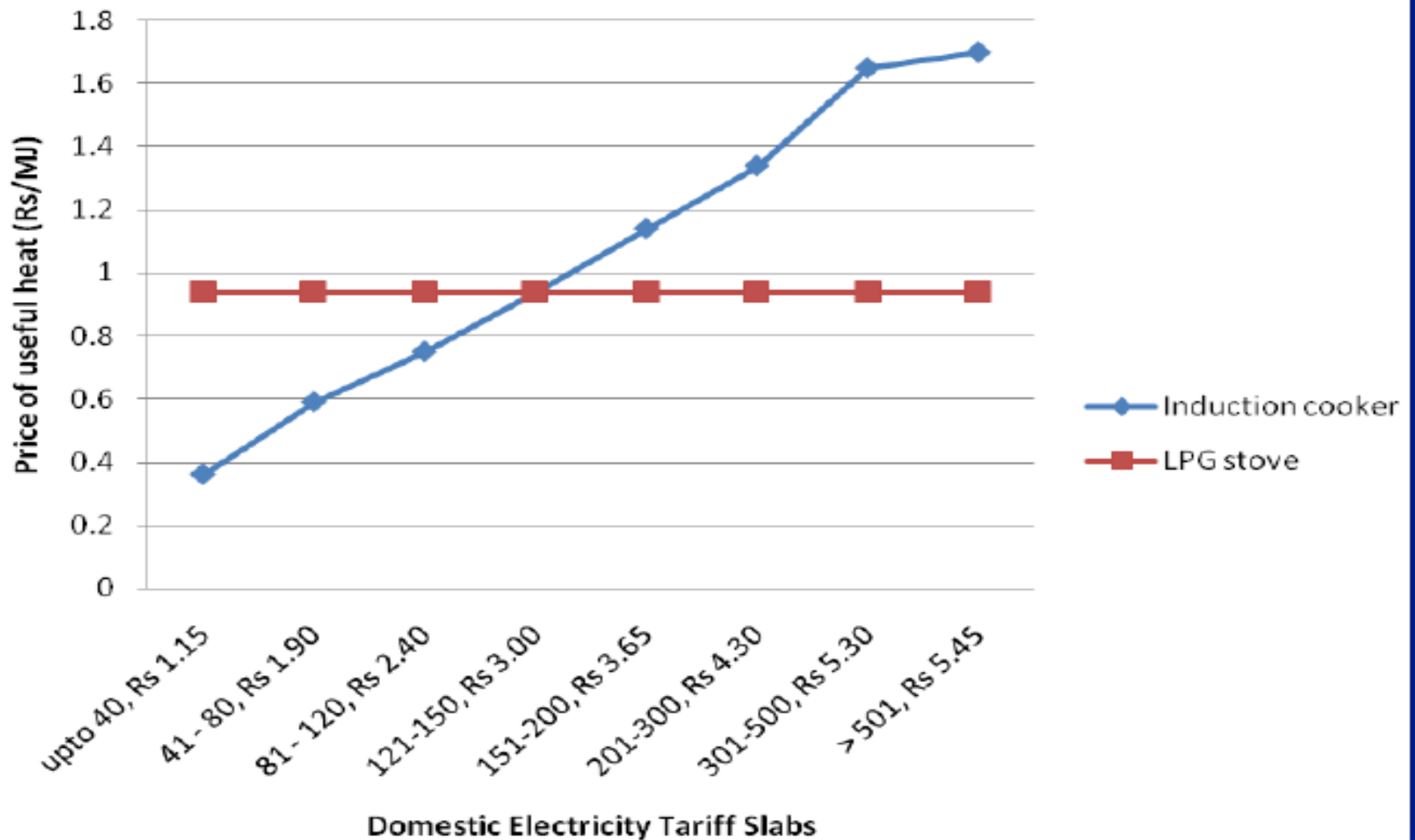
Evening Peak growing at 5.5%; Morning at 8%

KSEB, 2013

<i>Fuel</i>	<i>Calorific valeur (kJ/kg)</i>	<i>Cost (Rs/kg)</i>	<i>System</i>	<i>Thermal Efficiency (% average)</i>	<i>Price of useful heat energy (Rs/MJ)</i>
Fuel wood	12540	4	Ordinary cook stove	8	3.99
	12540	4	Improved cook stove	22	1.45
Kerosene	43116	25.0	Nutan wick stove	60	0.97
LPG	45837	29.3	Efficient stove	68	0.94
Electricity	3600	3.0	Induction cooker	89	0.94
	3600	3.0	Electric hot plate	66	1.26

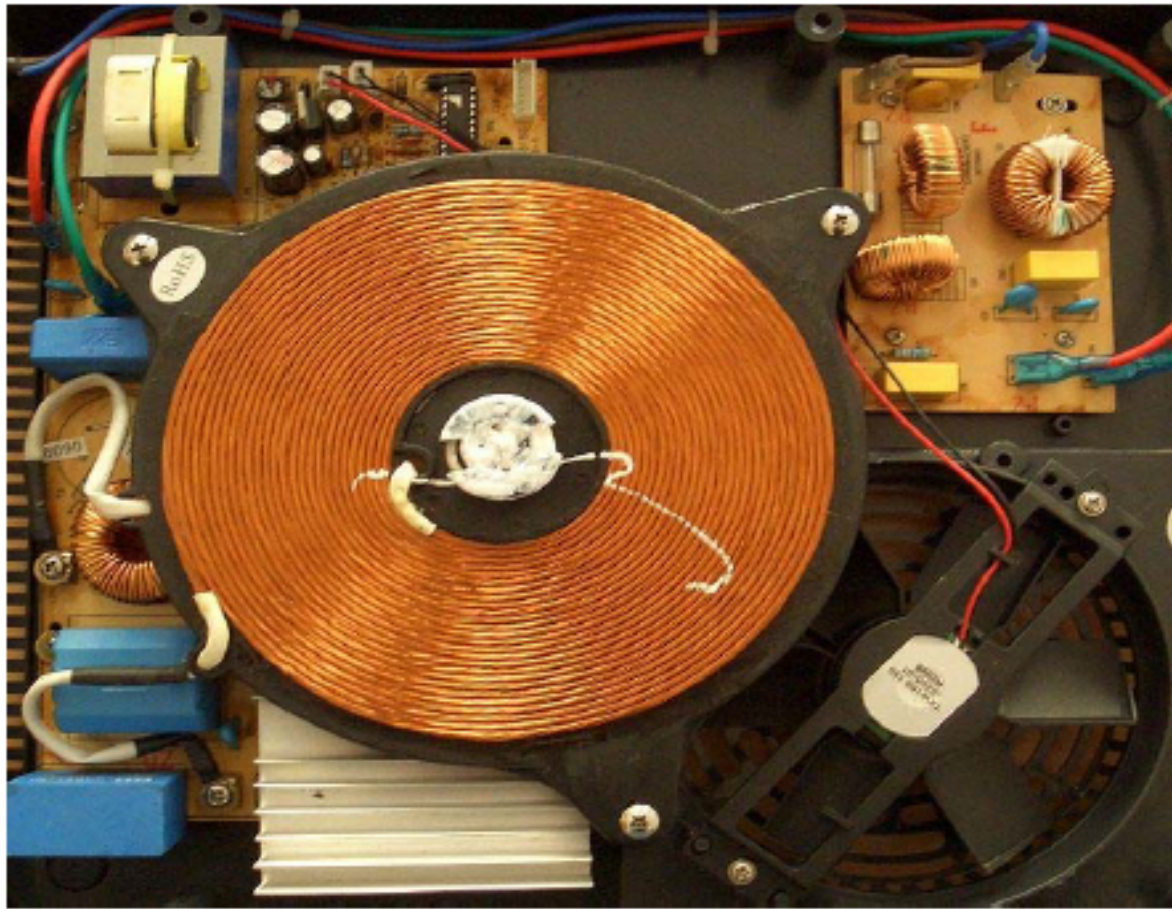
Kerala Energy Management Centre, 2011

Comparative cost



What is an induction cookstove?

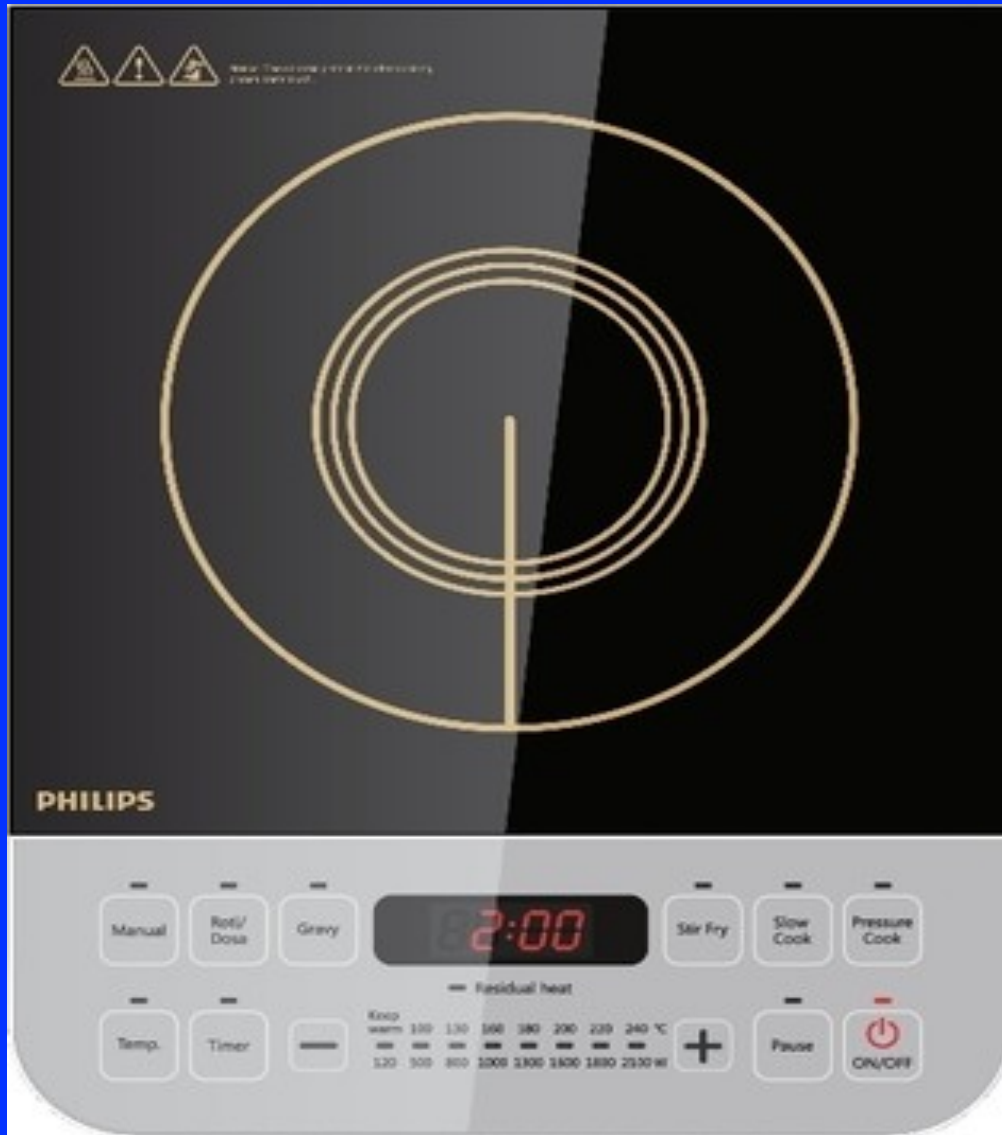
- Electric, yes, but
- Entirely different technology from traditional electric stoves – high frequency magnetic field induces heat in pot alone
- More efficient ~90% instead of ~60%
- Faster cooking $>1.5x$
- Safer – surface is warm but does not burn or cause fires
- Long-lived, easy to clean, sophisticated controls if desired



Electromagnetic Induction: Electromagnetic induction is the production of an electric current across a conductor moving through a magnetic field. Induction heating is the process of heating an electrically conducting object (usually a metal) by electromagnetic induction, where eddy currents are generated within the metal and resistance leads to heating of the metal. Induction cooker

uses induction heating to directly heat a cooking vessel. To be used on an induction cooktop, a cooking vessel must be made of a ferromagnetic metal. In an induction cooker, a coil of copper wire is placed underneath the cooking pot. An alternating electric current flows through the coil, which produces an oscillating magnetic field. This field induces an electric current in the pot. As a result, the body of the cooking pot will be heated quickly on its own, which will in turn cook the food inside.

Dozens of Models on Indian Market



Phillips Induction
Stove for India

Functions include

Roti/chapati

Pressure cooker

Stir fry

Milk simmering

Etc

Induction Cooktop Market in India 2012-2016

Published: March 2013
Infiniti Research Limited

35.4% per year growth
predicted: 2012-2016

Factor of nearly
five increase!

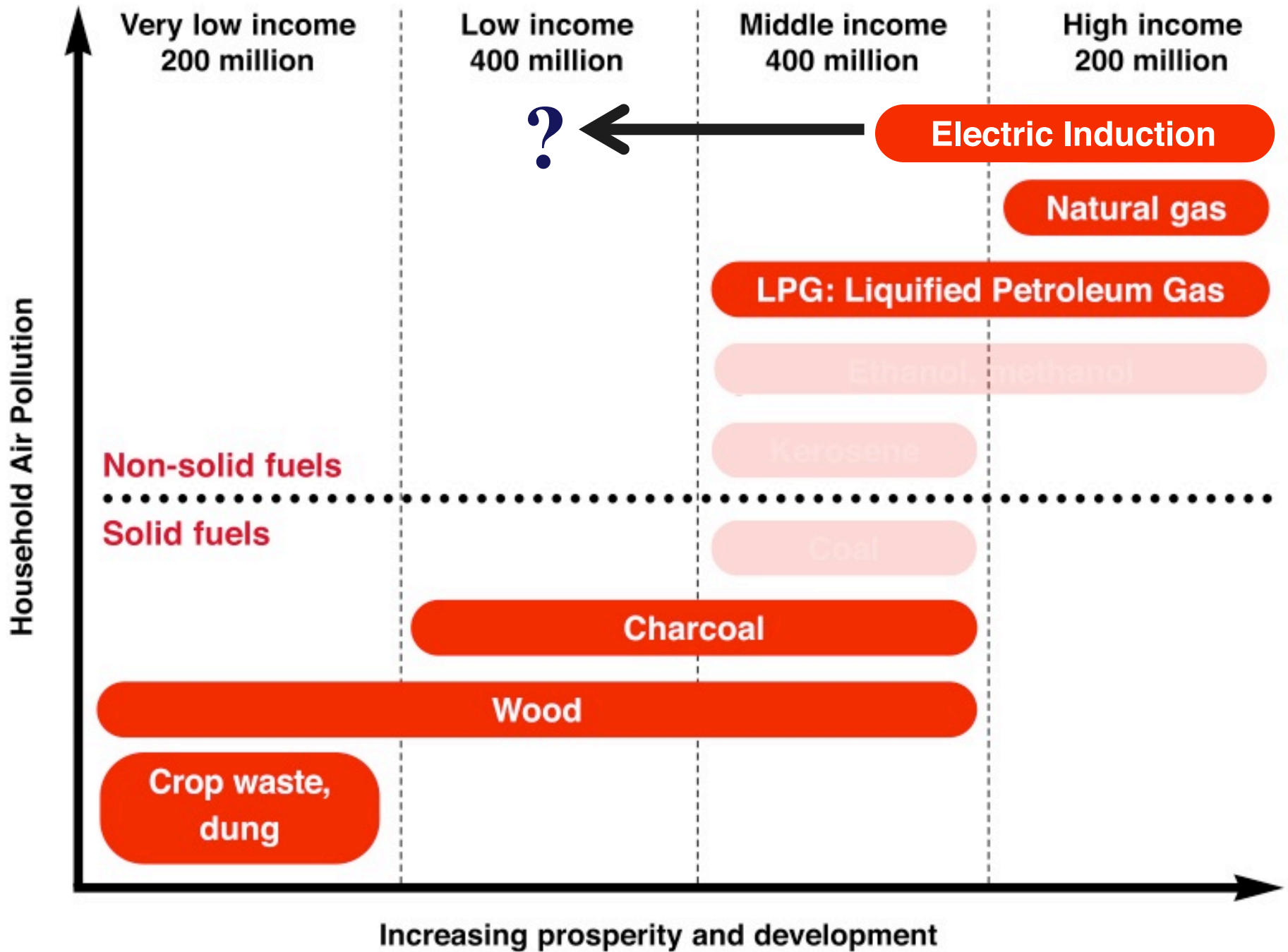
- Bajaj Electrical Ltd.
- Compton Greaves Ltd.
- Eurolux
- Glen Appliances Pvt. Ltd.
- Inalsa
- Jaipan Industries Ltd.
- Kenwood Ltd.
- Khaitan Electrical Ltd
- Morphy Richards
- Panasonic Corp.
- Phillips
- Preethi Kitchen Appliances, Ltd.
- Sunflame
- TTK Prestige Ltd.**
- Usha International Ltd.
- Westinghouse

Flying off the shelves in China



Considerations

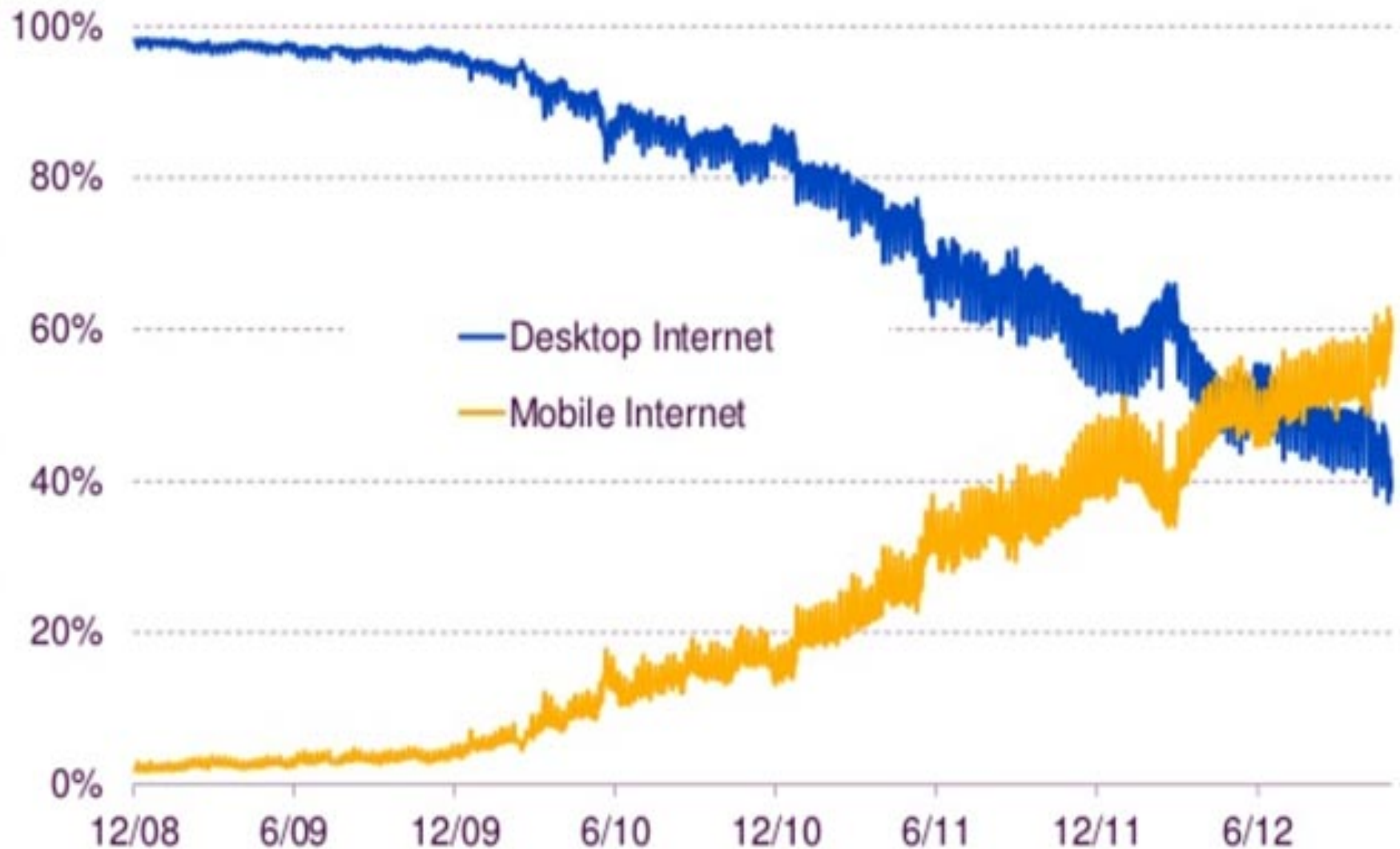
- Power reliable in major cities and 2-3 full states and on the march nationally.
- Cooking would add serious additional demand, but at great benefit, and not large compared to need in general
 - E.g., for 100M households, 50 GWe peak during addition of needed 200+ in next decades
- PV microgrids are proliferating in India to supply villages without power
 - Technically doable to provide sufficient power for induction cooking, but economics uncertain



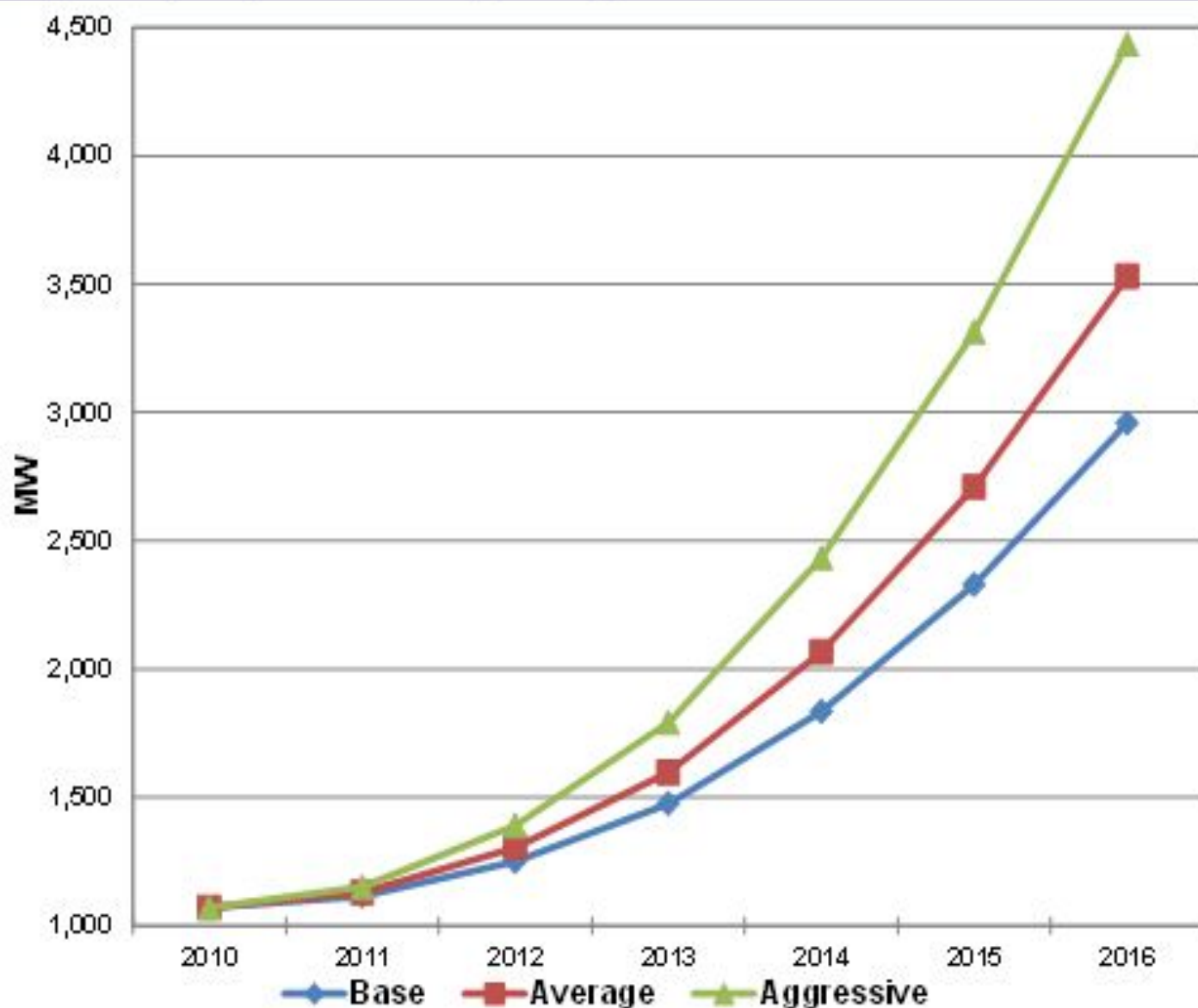
Leapfrog Technologies

- Cell phones
- Satellite TV dishes
- Smart phones
- PV microgrids

India Internet Traffic by Type, Desktop vs. Mobile, 12/08 – 11/12



Planned Microgrid Capacity, Base, Average & Aggressive Scenarios, World Markets: 2010-2016



(Source: Pike Research)

Questions for consideration

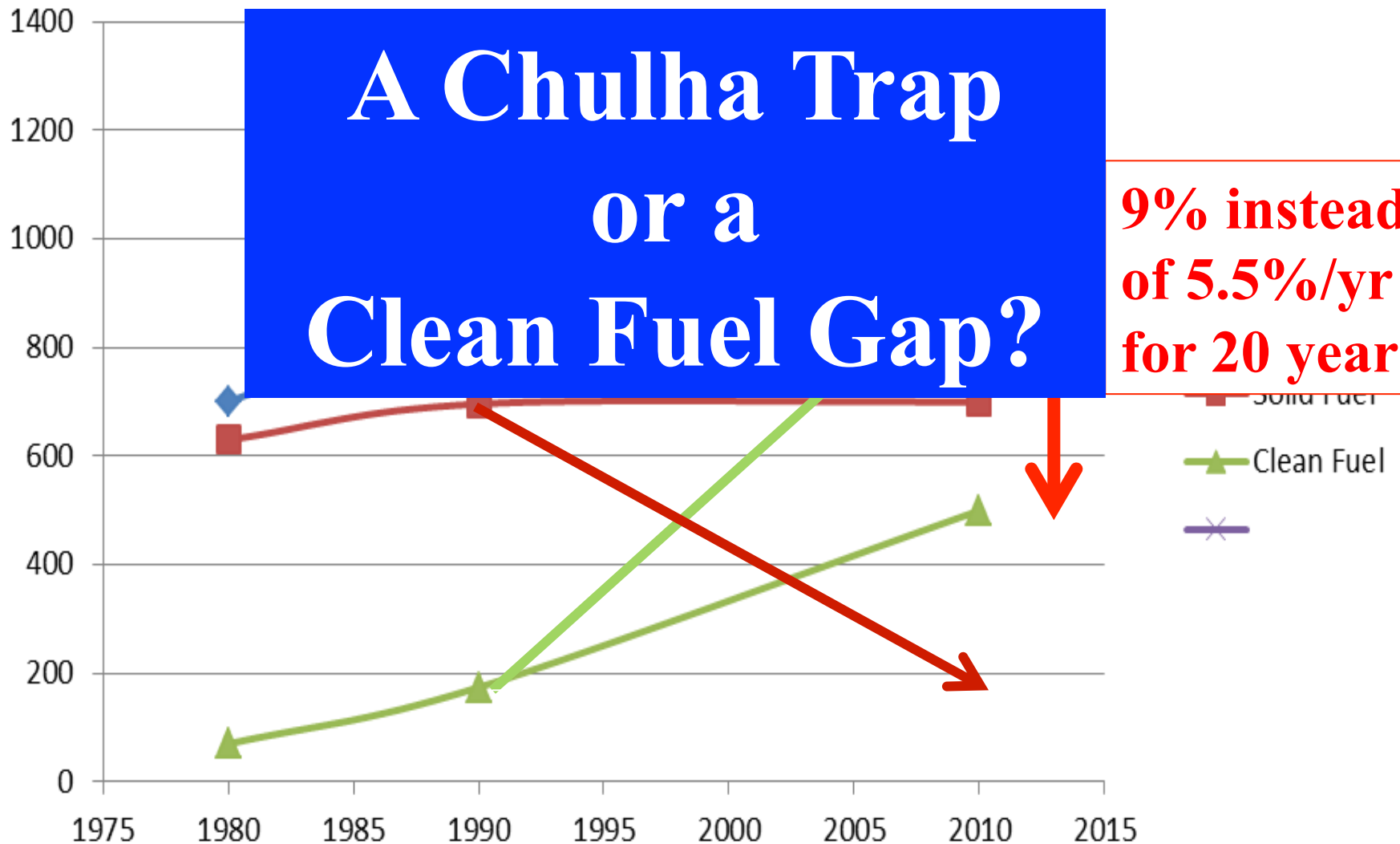
- What are the full benefits of reliable electricity?
- Is there a leapfrog cooking technology that would
 - Be clean, efficient, and safe
 - Sufficiently transformational to “sell itself” and rapidly take over the market

India: What If?

Millions

**A Chulha Trap
or a
Clean Fuel Gap?**

**9% instead
of 5.5%/yr
for 20 years**



Expensive?

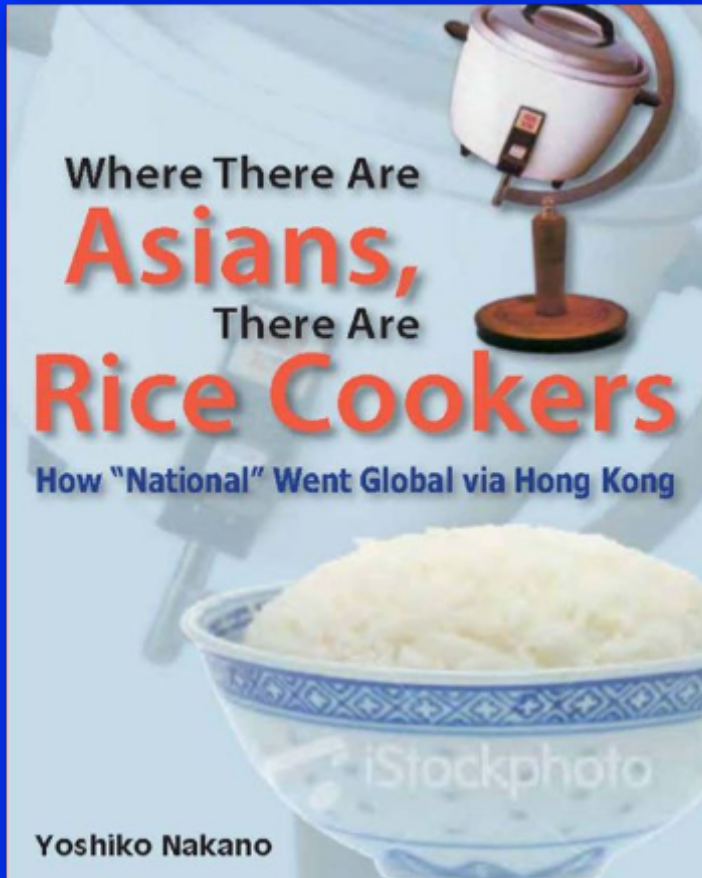
- Total funds would be large, but
- Even if fully paid by the government
 - Stove/canister and \$15/mo LPG
 - Reduce PM_{2.5} to 30 ug/m³
- Cost per DALY saved would be on the order of \$1000.
- This is considered “very cost-effective” by WHO criteria for India (based on one annual GDP/cap per DALY) .

New Partners in India

- Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
 - First MOH in world to take on reducing HAP as a major goal. First meeting of steering committee next week to design program
- Ministry of Petroleum/Natural Gas
 - MOP/NG considering expansion of LPG as a health priority, potentially in conjunction with MOH. First meeting next week
- Ministry of Power:
 - working to bring them on board through the Bureau of Energy Efficiency

Leapfrog lessons from the past

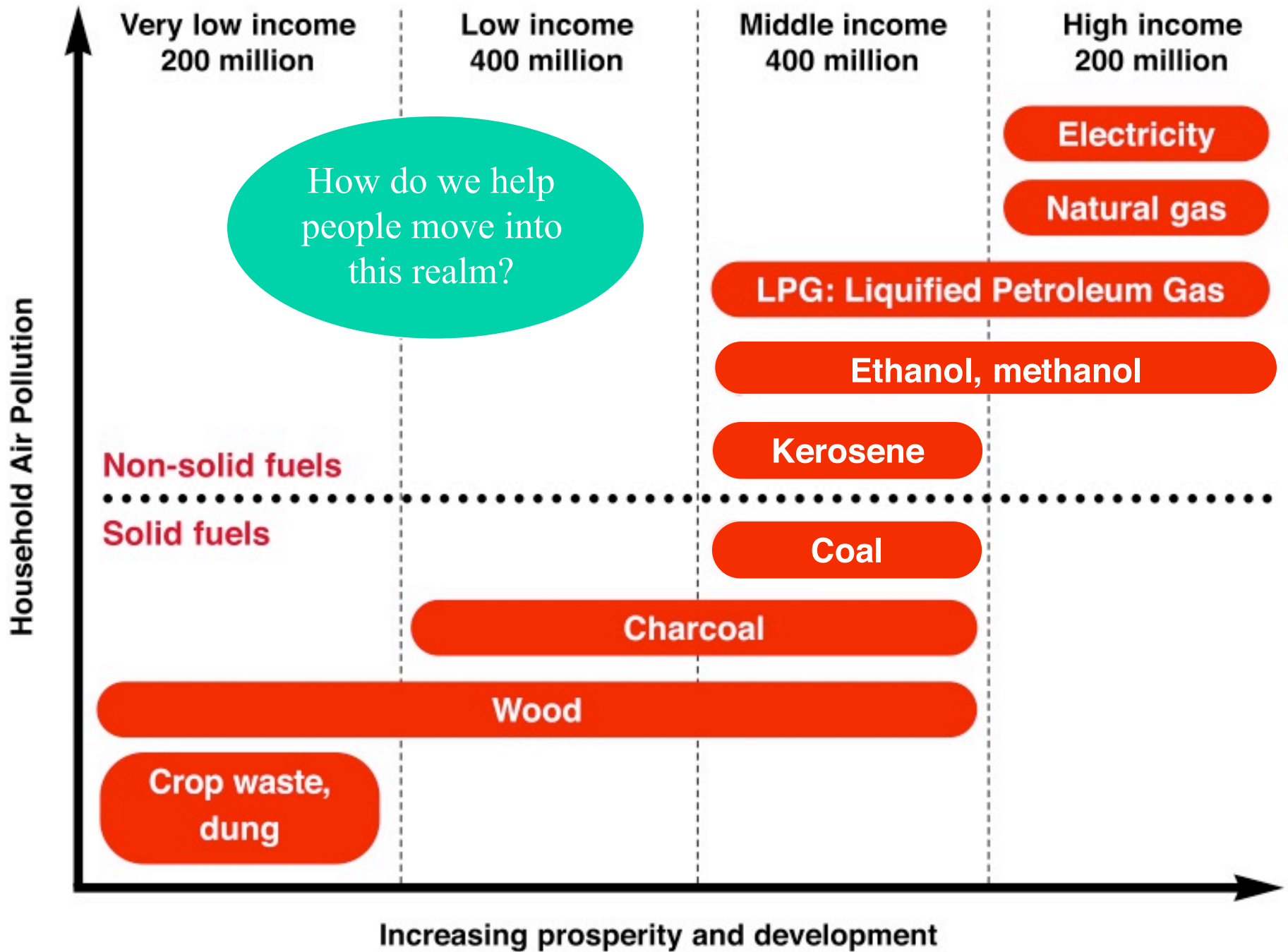
Rice Cooker History



HK University Press, 2010

Highlights

- Invented in Japan: 1955
- 90%+ households in <9 years
- Went global via Hong Kong in 1960s
- ~100 million a year now
- Careful adaption to every market
- 3rd largest fortune in HK from this industry



Bottom line

–In addition to continuing to try to

Make the available clean

–Shouldn't we also try harder to

Make the clean available?

Many thanks

Publications and
presentations on website
– easiest to just
“google” Kirk R. Smith

