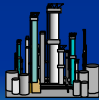


# Financing Refinery Upgrades To Reduce Sulfur in Gasoline and Diesel Fuel

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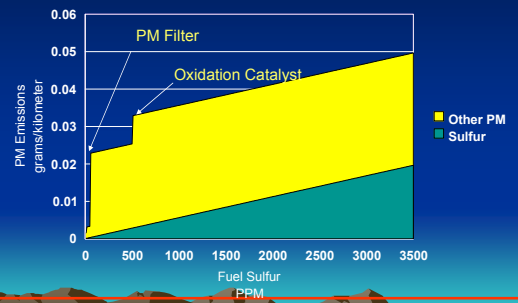
## Overview

- Why Low Sulfur Fuels
- How Sulfur Levels Can Be Reduced
- What Does It Cost
- What Benefits Result

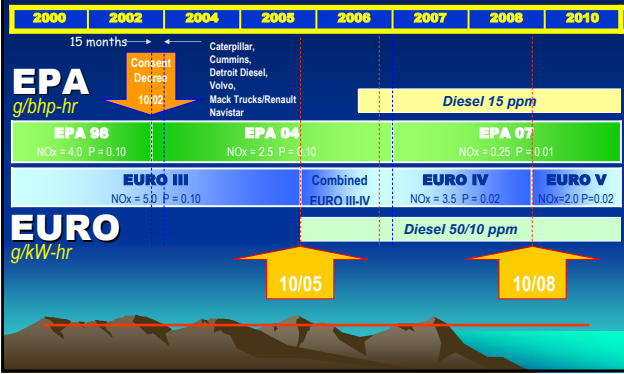
## Why Low Sulfur Fuel?

- Lowers Emissions From Existing Vehicles
  - SO<sub>2</sub> From All Vehicles
  - PM From Diesel Vehicles
  - CO, HC, NO<sub>x</sub>, Toxics From All Catalyst Vehicles
- Enables Advanced Technologies & Tight Standards For New Vehicles
- Enables Retrofit Technologies To Clean Up Existing Vehicles

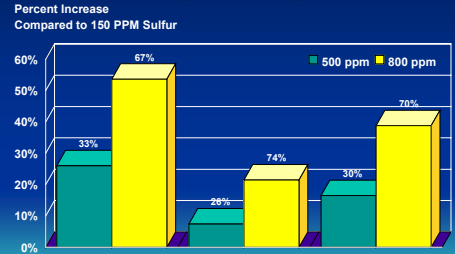
## Linkage Between Fuel Sulfur and PM Emissions



## Close Linkage Between Vehicle Emissions Standards and Fuel Sulfur Levels

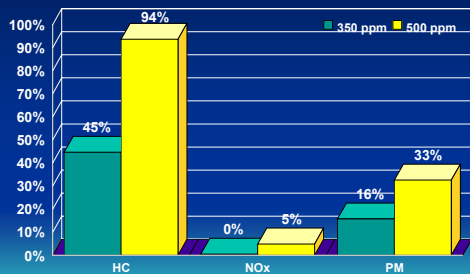


## Increase in In-Use Vehicle Emissions in Bangkok Due To Sulfur in Fuel (Gasoline)



Impact on Vehicles Meeting EURO 3 Standards

## Increase in In-Use Vehicle Emissions in Bangkok Due To Sulfur in Fuel (Diesel)

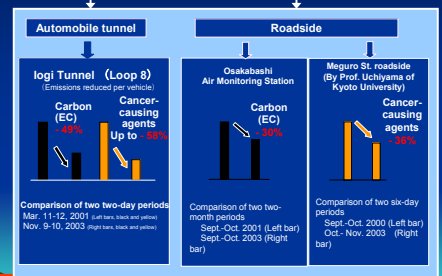


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## Metropolitan in-Use Diesel Program

Measurement results indicate that Diesel PM levels have been significantly reduced. (By the Research Institute for Environmental Protection)

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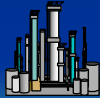


(With cooperation from the Bureau of Construction)

Source: Professor Daisho

## What a refinery does:

- Converts crude oil to usable products
- Adjusts yields to match product demand
- Adjusts qualities to meet product specifications.



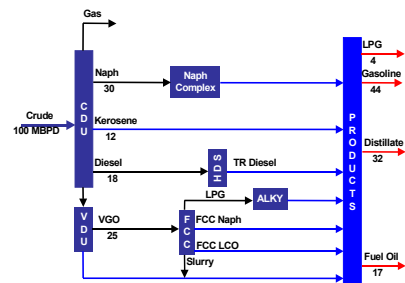
## Types of Refinery Processes

- Physical Separation Processes
  - Distillation/Fractionation
  - Extraction
- Chemical Processes
  - Cracking/Conversion
  - Combination/Reformulation
  - Hydrotreating

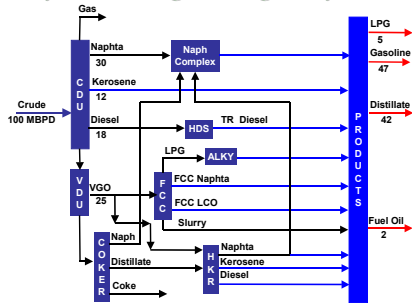
## Refinery Configuration Overview

- **Topping** – Simple crude separation, no ability to change yield and quality
- **Hydroskimming** – Simple crude separation, no ability to adjust yield. Can increase octane, lower sulfur
- **Conversion** – Yield adjustment capability and quality improvement
- **Deep Conversion** – Large yield/quality flexibility, fuel oil minimization.

## Conversion Refinery Catalytic Cracking (FCC)



## Deep Conversion Refinery Catalytic Cracking, Coking & Hydrocracking



## Diesel Hydrodesulfurization (HDS)

- Standard Diesel HDS:
  - Sulfur is catalytically removed in the presence of hydrogen
- Deep HDS
  - Higher activity catalyst and catalyst volume
  - More hydrogen consumed
  - High severity, high pressure operation
  - Loss of diesel yield

## Fluid Catalytic Cracking (FCC)

- Vacuum and coker gasoil feeds
- Makes gasoline out of vacuum gasoil (a stream heavier than diesel).
- Using intense heat (about 1,000 deg F), low pressure and a powdered catalyst, the cat cracker converts heavy fractions into smaller gasoline molecules
- Product streams typically have high sulfur content

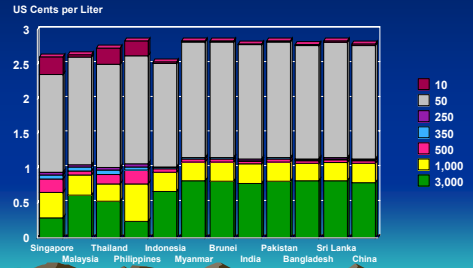
## Hydrocracking

- Similar and preferably lighter feeds than cat cracking
- More flexible. Can optionally maximize gasoline, jet or diesel
- Uses a different catalyst, much greater pressure than FCC and a lot of hydrogen
- Products have minimal sulfur

## Clean Gasoline Quality Changes Severe sulfur reduction

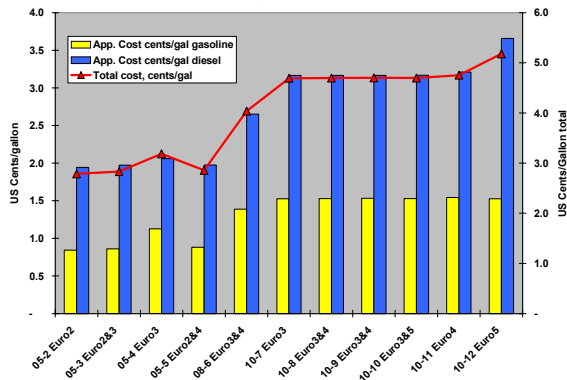
- Hydrotreat naphthas and FCC gasoline
  - Higher capital expenditure. Some octane loss.
- Desulfurize FCC feed
  - Higher capital cost.

## Cost of Reducing Sulfur in Diesel Fuel in Asia (High Sulfur Crude)

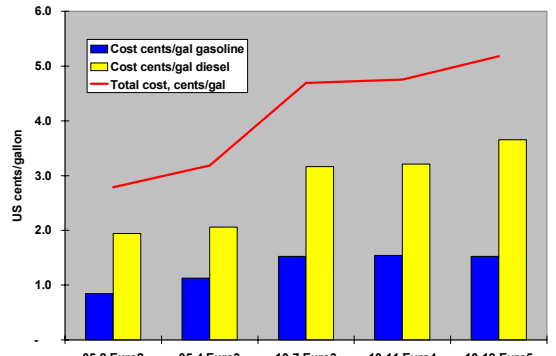


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## Gasoline and Diesel Reformulation Costs in China by Scenario



## Gasoline and Diesel Reformulation Costs in China

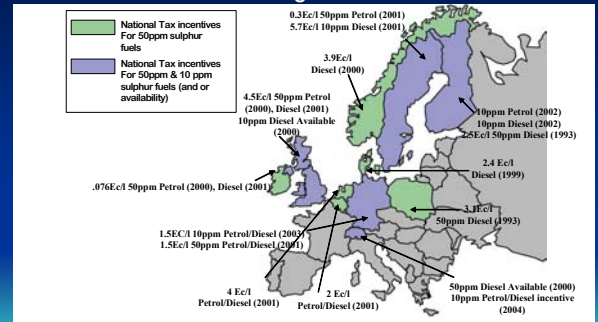


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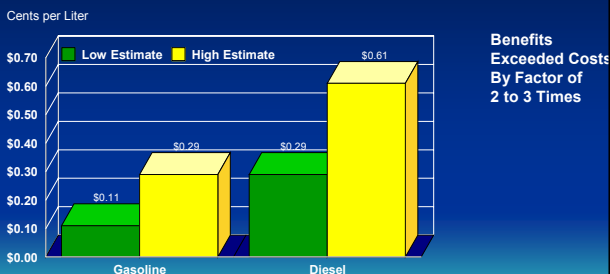
## Costs for China

- Costs ranged from 2.8 to 3.2 c/g inclusive in 2005, 4.04 c/g in 2008, 4.7 c/g in 2010 except for EURO5 5.2 c/g.
- Diesel costs were roughly twice gasoline costs.
- Costs are well within acceptable parameters by US and European standards.
- Benefits may include emissions, fleet maintenance, fuel harmonization, ability to export

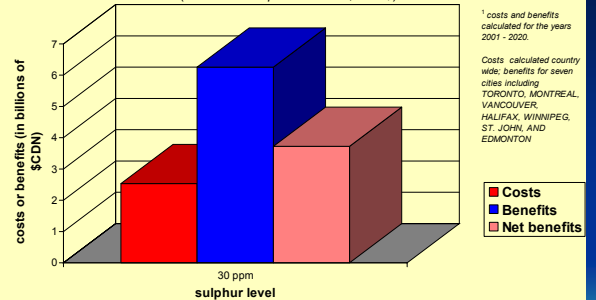
## European Tax Incentives Schemes To Encourage Low Sulfur Fuels



## EU Estimate of Costs to Reduce Sulfur From 50 ppm to 10 ppm

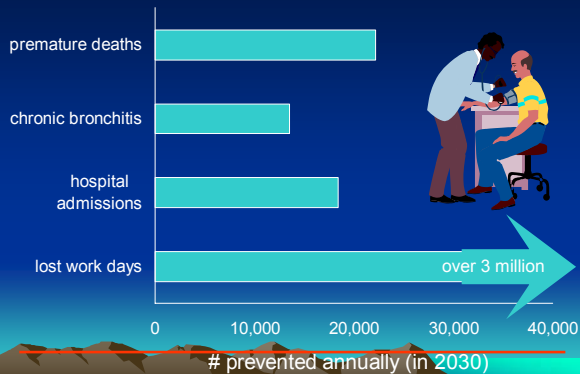


## Costs and benefits of reduced-sulfur gasoline<sup>1</sup> (in terms of net present value : 1994\$)

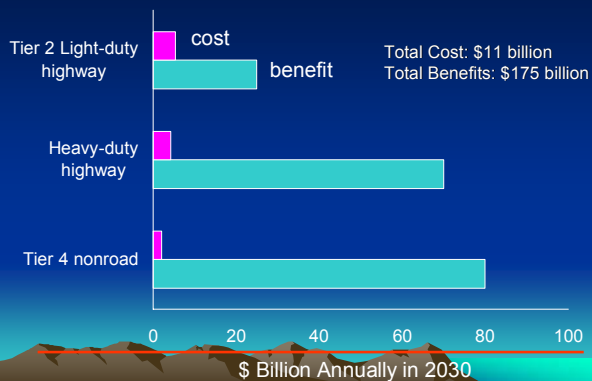


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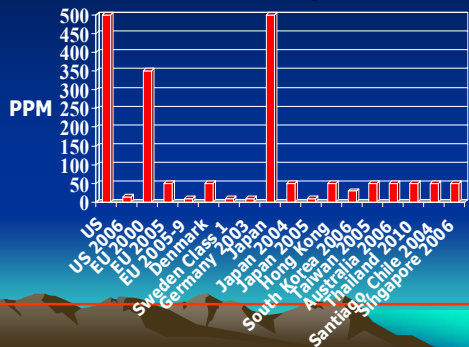
## Benefits of Clean Fuel and Vehicle Programs in USA



## Costs & Benefits of Clean Fuels and Vehicles



## Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel Is Spreading



## Conclusion

- Fuel Quality Is an Integral Part of a Complete Emission Control System for Both Gasoline- and Diesel-Powered Vehicles
- Fuel Sulfur Adversely Effects All Catalyst-Based Emission Control Technology and Needs to Be Reduced
- Using a Systems Approach with Ultra-Low Sulfur Fuel Combined with Advanced Engine Designs and Advanced Emission Control Technology, Cars, Trucks, and Buses Will Emit 99% Less Pollution As Compared to Vehicles in the 1960s



Fuel Sulfur Content:  
The Lower, the Better

## Conclusion (continued)

- Introducing Low Sulfur Gasoline Fuel Will Immediately Improve the Emission Control Performance of Existing Catalyst-Equipped Vehicles
- Introducing Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel Will Enable Existing Engines to be Retrofitted with Advanced Control Technology



## Conclusion (continued)

- Refinery Technology To Produce Low Sulfur Fuel is Well Understood and Advancing
- Cost are a few cents per gallon To go to Near Zero Sulfur Levels
- Every Available Study Indicates Benefits Will Far Outweigh Costs
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