

Will Oil Demand Peak? A Japanese View based on IEEJ Outlook

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Global energy transition in the past



19th century: Coal became dominant under Industrialization

■ 20th century: "the century of oil"

 Background factors: economic competitiveness, supply potential, convenience, technology advancement, etc.

1970s: Oil crisis and oil substitution policy

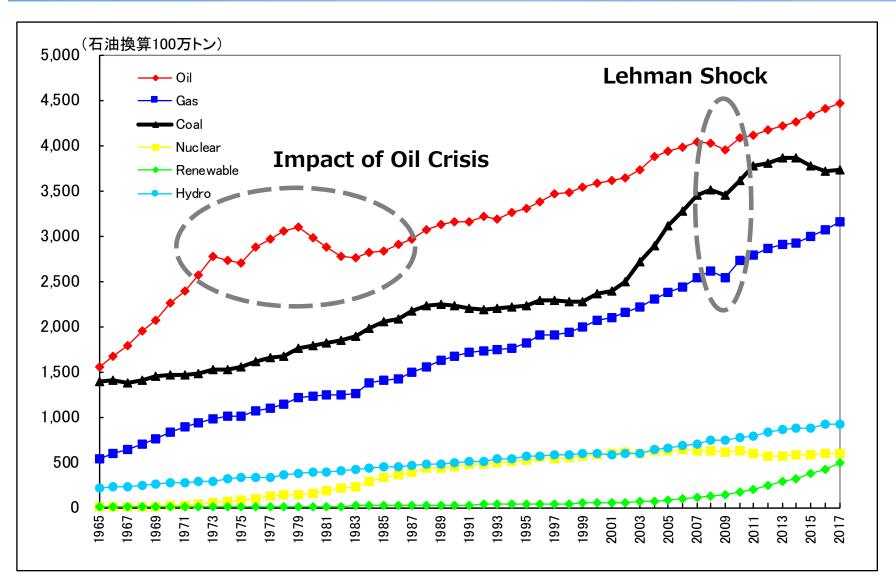
✓ Enhancement of energy security policy in OECD resulted in energy diversification (away from oil)

■ 21st century: What's next after "the century of oil"?

- ✓ Need to address environment and energy security problems
- ✓ Technology development/deployment in renewable, ZEV, etc.
- ✓ Possibility to develop new unconventional energy sources
- World energy future heavily depends on the above conditions/uncertainties

Global energy demand trajectories by source (Oil is the largest source, its trajectory kinked in the 1970s)

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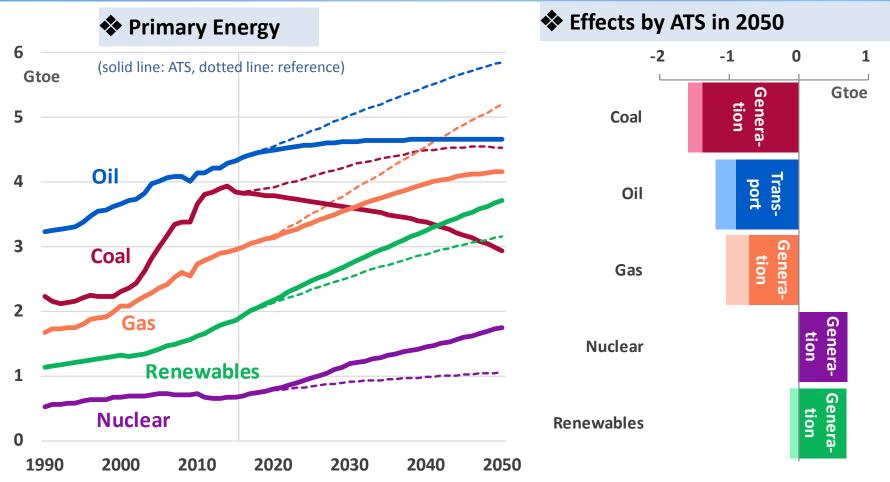


Source: Prepared by author based on BP Statistical Review of World Energy 2018

<Advanced Technology Scenario>

Oil demand will not peak out in IEEJ's ATS



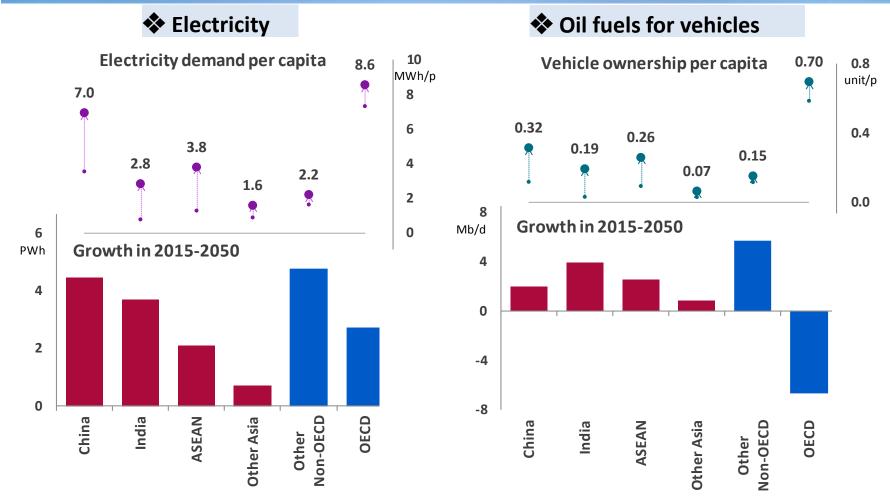


In ATS, coal starts to decline from now and is surpassed by renewable energy around 2040, due mainly to energy efficiency and the elimination of emissions in the power supply/demand sectors. Despite large decline in transportation fuels, oil does not reach a peak. Fossil fuels share of the total in 2050 is reduced to 68%, from 79% in the reference case. It is still a high level of dependence.

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Generation & Transport lead Demand Growth

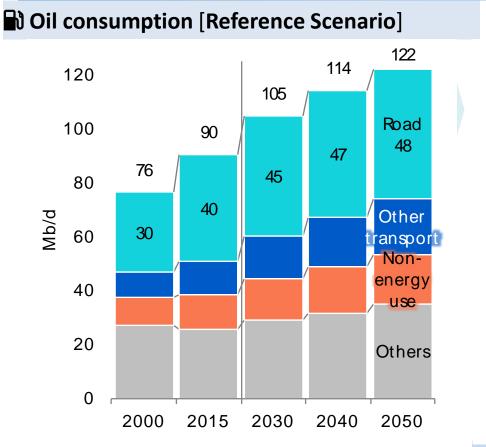


Three quarters of the growth until 2050 are for fuels for power generation and transportation. The economic development and improvements in living standards of the relatively poor and populous areas - non-OECD Asia - contribute to the global energy expansion.

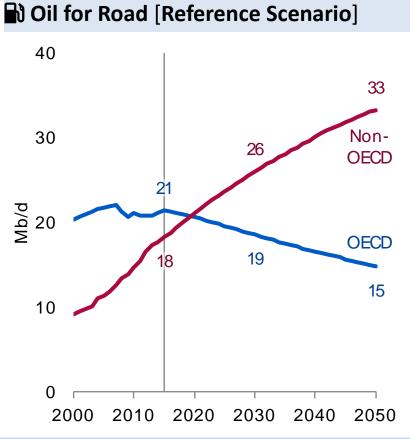
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Transport, especially cars drive oil demand



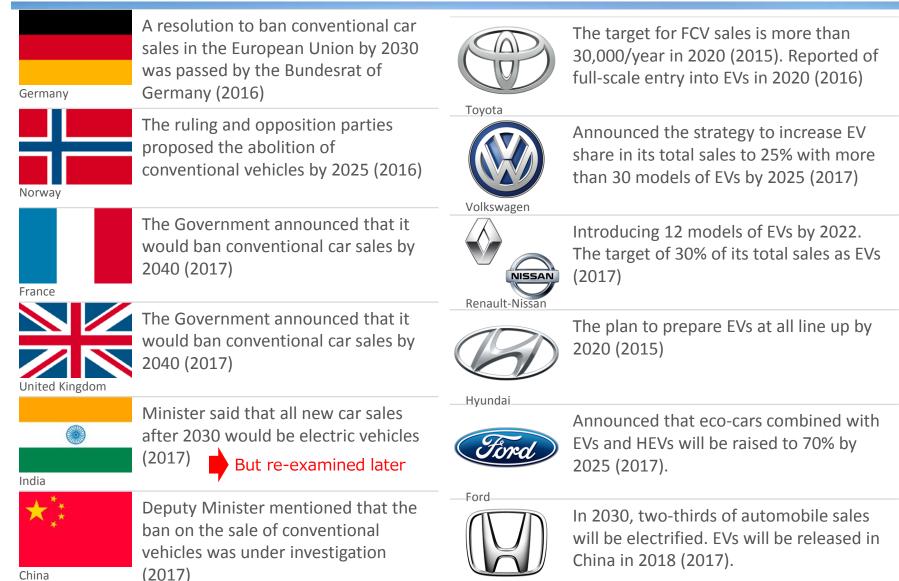
About 70% of the increases in oil consumption until 2050 is by transport and petrochemical feedstock. In particular, road transport may decide where to go.



However, oil consumption by cars in OECD is decreasing, and it will be less than non-OECD around 2020. Non-OECD accounts for all future increases. <Peak Oil-Demand Analysis>



The time for car electrification has come?



Honda

ZEVs 100% share in new car sales in 2050

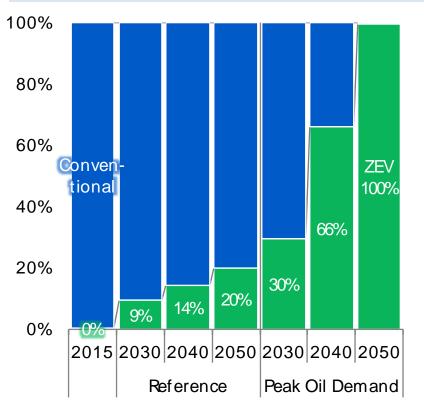
Assumption of new car sales

Car ownership

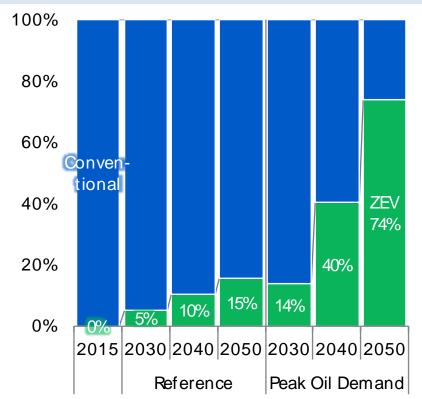
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Expectation on penetration speed of ZEVs varies a lot. In the Peak Oil Demand Case, 30% and 100% of global new car (passenger and freight) sales are assumed to be ZEVs in 2030 and in 2050, respectively.

Sensitivity analysis of energy supply and demand was conducted assuming that the electricity demand increased by the ZEVs will be met by thermal power generation.



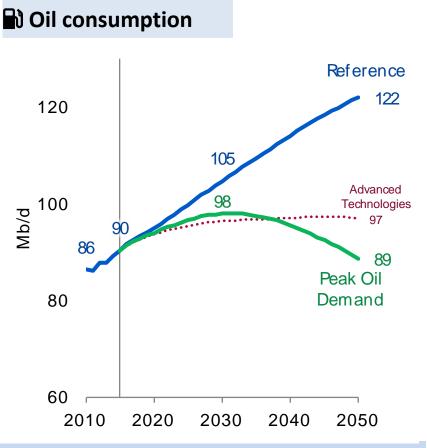
Note: ZEV consists of plug-in hybrid vehicles, electric vehicles and fuel cell vehicles



<Peak Oil Demand Case>

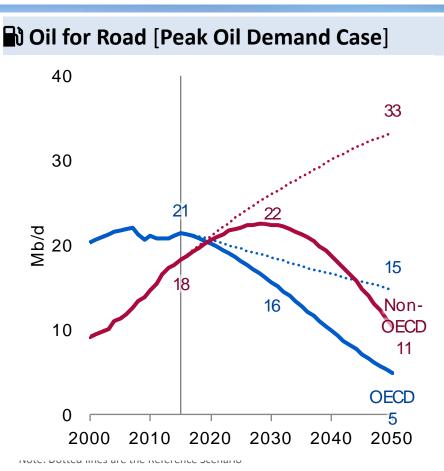
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Oil demand peaks by rapid penetration of ZEVs



In the Peak Oil Demand Case, oil consumption hits a peak of 98 Mb/d around 2030 then declines. The reduction from the Reference Scenario is 7 Mb/d and 33 Mb/d in 2030 and in 2050, respectively.

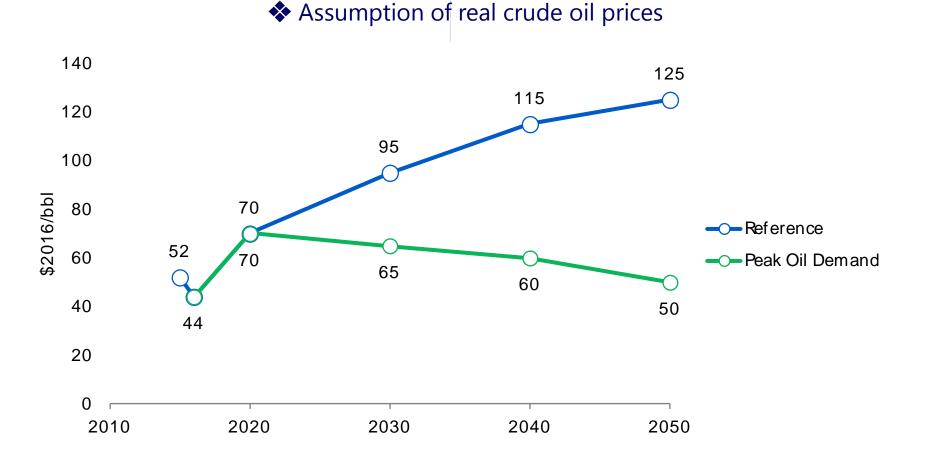
Source: "IEEJ Outlook 2018" (IEEJ, October 2017)



Oil consumption by cars in Non-OECD, which continues to increase rapidly in the Reference Scenario, also declines from around 2030. It is as much as one third of the Reference Scenario in 2050. <Peak Oil Demand Case>

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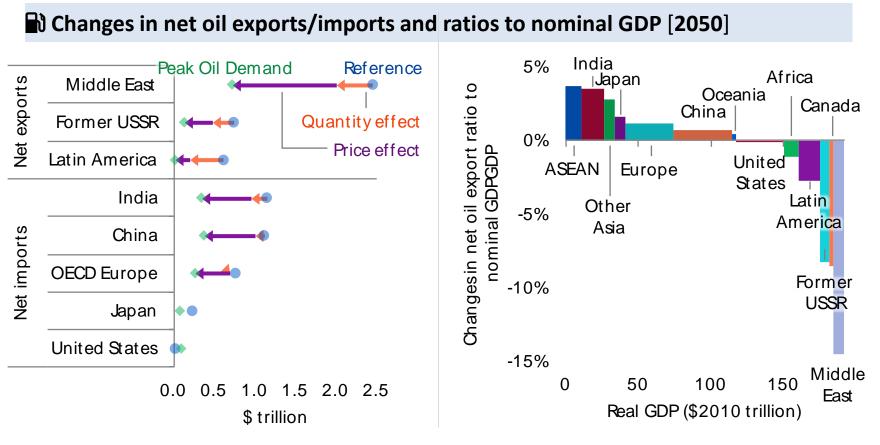
Peak oil demand may result in lower oil price



Assuming that the supply and demand relaxation will result in a decline in international oil prices. In the Peak Oil Demand Case, the prices begin to decline after the 2020s and fall to \$50/bbl in 2050.



Economic impacts of peak oil demand



Note. Europe excludes the former soviet offion

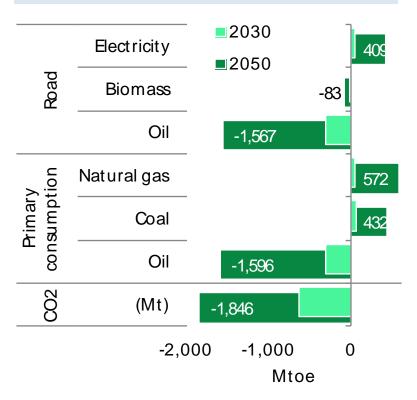
Although the Middle East obtains the relative gain, its net oil export decreases of \$1.6 trillion or 13% of nominal GDP is significant. On the other hand, the most benefiting country from net oil import decreases is India, the second largest oil consumer, followed by China, which has more car fleet than in any other countries. The United States has little impact despite of its consumption scale since it is almost oil self-sufficient.

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Impacts of oil demand peak on primary energy, etc.

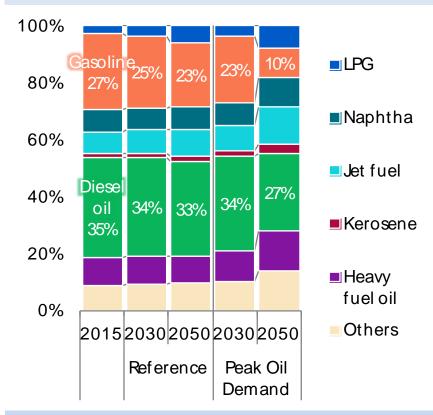


Changes in consumption (from the Reference Scenario)



Whilst oil consumption declines, electricity demand by ZEVs increases fuel consumption for power generation. Both natural gas and coal exceed oil in the late 2030s. Since then, natural gas is the largest energy source.

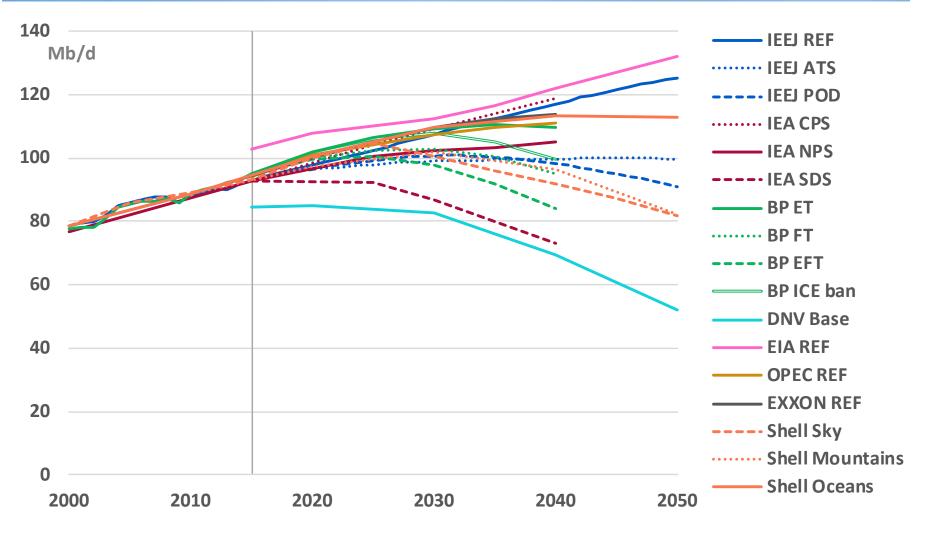
Composition of petroleum products consumption



Gasoline reduces its share to 10% in 2050. Share of diesel oil is not smaller than gasoline because diesel oil has other uses, but it is 8 points lower than today.



Oil demand projections differ greatly



*EIA figures include bio fuels, GTL, etc. DNV figures exclude NGLs.

Source: Prepared by Shigeru Suehiro, IEEJ (May 2018)

Implication of Peak Oil Demand



- The Peak Oil Demand Case shows that oil consumption can turn into a decline in the not too distant future in some circumstances.
- ✓ However, the feasibility of this Case can be said to be extremely challenging because the penetration of ZEVs is far greater than that in the "Advanced Technologies Scenario," in which a bottom-up approach to the maximum implementation of advanced technologies is adopted. Rather, it can be interpreted that oil consumption may not be easily reduced.

...and then

- It should not be overlooked that oil is required even in 2050 in the Peak Oil Demand Case on a scale that does not differ from today.
- If the supply investment becomes insufficient due to excessive pessimism in the future, it can trigger the switching from oil to other energy threatening energy security.

- The rising dependence on the Middle East crude oil will increase geopolitical risk for stable supply.
- Although it is reasonable the Governments in the Middle East cut public investment and subsidies to reduce the budget deficit coping with low oil price, it is difficult to deny the possibility of increasing social anxiety and worsening situation in the region.
- The role of consuming countries continues to be important as well as producing countries' own efforts. Support the efforts represented by Saudi Arabia "Saudi Vision 2030" is needed.