HELE perspectives for selected countries

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Preface

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Abstract

In response to a request from the Minerals Council of Australia, the coal power fleet profiles have been determined and presented for the following countries: Bangladesh, China, India, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam. For plant currently planned, or reported as under construction post 2015 and for two recent five-year periods, the carbon dioxide emissions have been calculated for the ten countries and presented using previously reported assumptions corresponding to the three scenarios: all subcritical, "as reported" and all ultra-supercritical plant.

An inspection of the projected emissions of carbon dioxide shows that significant savings may be achieved in all cases by incorporating HELE plant over subcritical capacity. Even when comparing the "as reported" planned future coal fleet mix, relative and absolute savings may be possible in many cases, even for China which is leading the way in the use of advanced steam cycles. The most significant savings are projected for the Indian power sector where the adoption of a fully ultra-supercritical coal fleet over the planned "as reported" build profile could achieve savings of 509 Mtonnes carbon dioxide annually (over 20%). Even the Philippines' relatively modest coal fleet could achieve absolute savings of almost 30% by adopting the most efficient plant.

Acronyms and abbreviations

CFBC Circulating fluidised bed combustion

CHP Combined heat and power

HELE High efficiency, low emissions

WEPP (UDI) World Electric Power Plants Database

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1 Introduction

The Minerals Council of Australia has requested (from the IEA Clean Coal Centre) a short paper that outlines the deployment of HELE coal-fired power generation technologies over time up to 2014, under construction and planned in ten countries, and the estimated and potential impact on CO_2 emissions. The countries selected for study are: Bangladesh, China, India, Japan, Malaysia, Philippines, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam.

The methodology used for the study was as follows:

1. Coal fleet profile

Prepare coal fleet profiles for each of the ten countries listed using the latest Platt's data, processed and summarised as in the original IEA CCC HELE report (Barnes, 2014) in tabular and graphical formats.

2. For each country in turn:

For the portion of the coal fleet that is "planned or under construction post 2015", estimate annual carbon dioxide emissions from this tranche of the coal fleet using assumptions on efficiency and load factor assuming that all plant is based on the subcritical plant steam cycle. Recalculate emissions for this portion of the coal fleet but this time base the calculations on a) Currently planned steam cycle technology mix, b) Current state-of-the-art plant (ultra-supercritical plant). Repeat the above for the coal fleet plant commissioned in each of the two periods: 2005 - 2009 and 2010 - 2014.

2 Results

Data on coal-fired power generation units were abstracted from the UDI World Electric Power Plants Database (WEPP) in order to prepare a profile of each country's coal fleet, setting out the installed capacity as a function of age grouped by date of commissioning and steam cycle technology. The collated data sets are presented in tabular and graphical format. The WEPP is a global inventory of electric power generating units (Platts, 2015) and contains design data for plants of all sizes and technologies operated by regulated utilities, private power companies, and industrial autoproducers (captive power). It has been licensed by the IEA Clean Coal Centre and the base dataset interrogated for the study contains up-todate information for plants in operation, under construction, or planned as of 2015. WEPP reporting of power plant data is comprehensive, and widely used, but it should be pointed out that it is not regarded as a definitive catalogue of coal-fired power plant. The reader should note that the different steam cycle subtotals sometimes produce a figure that does not reconcile with the overall fleet size. This is primarily due to some plant being uncategorised in the Platt's database and so is "counted in" to the grand total, but is not represented in the individual steam cycle totals. Platt's claim over 95% coverage of individual countries coal fleets with the exception of China where a lower coverage is claimed. This is a consequence of the rapid transformation of China's power sector where it is reported that 1-2 new power plants are being built every week (Minchener, 2015). Chinese government policy since 2006 has been to build only

supercritical and then ultra supercritical plant for power generation, the vast majority being based on pulverised coal combustion. The only exception to this policy has been the use of subcritical pulverised coal plant for combined heat and power (CHP) applications, and the use of subcritical CFBC for burning low grade and variable quality coals, plus some waste coal. This is reflected in the database as new subcritical plant. In future, and in line with the latest policies, CHP will use supercritical steam conditions as will any CFBC sized 600MWe and over. Strong efficiency targets, which mean almost all new coal power plant will be 1000MWe ultra supercritical pulverised coal, with high efficiency and low emissions mean that Chinese carbon dioxide saving are likely to exceed those presented in this brief overview.

2.1 Coal fleet profiles

Table 1 to Table 10 and Figure 1 to Figure 10. Plant units are grouped by age and by steam cycle conditions (subcritical, supercritical and ultra-supercritical). Coal-fired plant planned or under construction post 2015 is highlighted with its own entry in each profile.

Period	All steam cycle conditions	Subcritical	Supercritical	Ultra-supercritical
Pre-1940	0	0	0	0
1940 - 49	0	0	0	0
1950-59	467	467	0	0
1960 - 69	375	375	0	0
1970 - 79	4816	4816	0	0
1980 - 89	36700	36700	0	0
1990 - 94	44555	42215	2340	0
1995 - 99	67959	65219	2740	0
2000 - 04	95496	87536	7760	0
2005 - 09	328605	192525	102490	32390
2010 - 14	259945	73859	86970	97816
Subtotal less planned	838918	503711	202300	130206
Planned or under construction post 2015	483973	64065	143950	225338
Total	1322890	567776	346250	355544

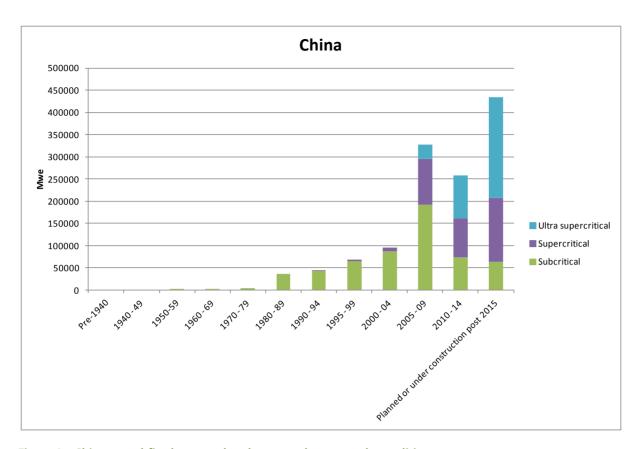


Figure 1 – Chinese coal-fired power plant by age and steam cycle conditions

Period	All steam cycle conditions	Subcritical	Supercritical	Ultra-supercritical
Pre-1940	0	0	0	0
1940 - 49	0	0	0	0
1950-59	0	0	0	0
1960 - 69	0	0	0	0
1970 - 79	0	0	0	0
1980 - 89	0	0	0	0
1990 - 94	0	0	0	0
1995 - 99	0	0	0	0
2000 - 04	0	0	0	0
2005 - 09	250	250	0	0
2010 - 14	0	0	0	0
Subtotal less planned	250	250	0	0
Planned or under construction post 2015	11866	425	0	5440
Total	12116	675	0	5440

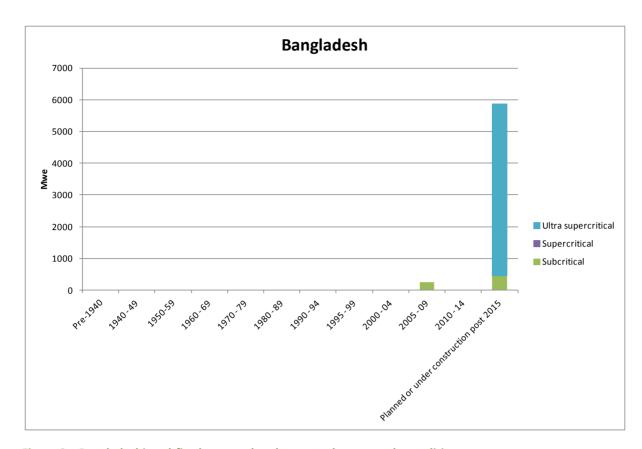


Figure 2 – Bangladeshi coal-fired power plant by age and steam cycle conditions

Period	All steam cycle	Subcritical	Supercritical	Ultra-supercritical
	conditions			
Pre-1940	6	6	0	0
1940 - 49	4	4	0	0
1950-59	58	58	0	0
1960 - 69	2999	2999	0	0
1970 - 79	7838	7838	0	0
1980 - 89	27185	27185	0	0
1990 - 94	10948	10948	0	0
1995 - 99	10695	10695	0	0
2000 - 04	7756	7756	0	0
2005 - 09	23255	23255	0	0
2010 - 14	81795	57260	24535	0
Subtotal less planned	172535	148000	24535	0
Planned or under	391698	79178	221065	16900
construction post 2015				
Total	564234	227179	245600	16900

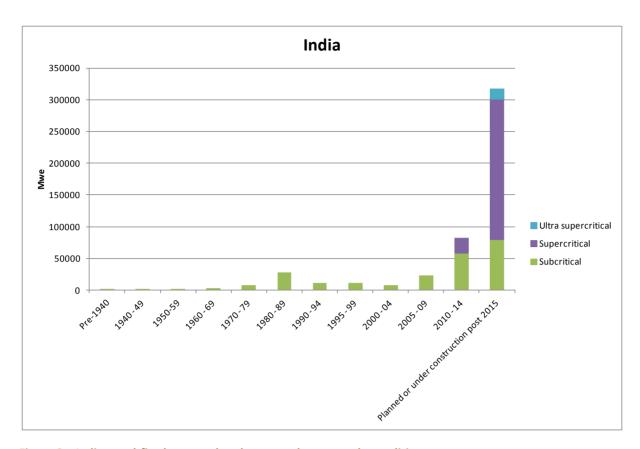


Figure 3 – Indian coal-fired power plant by age and steam cycle conditions

Period	All steam cycle conditions	Subcritical	Supercritical	Ultra-supercritical
Pre-1940	0	0	0	0
1940 - 49	0	0	0	0
1950-59	75	75	0	0
1960 - 69	1990	1990	0	0
1970 - 79	2625	2625	0	0
1980 - 89	6561	1961	4600	0
1990 - 94	6436	636	4500	1300
1995 - 99	7903	1003	3200	3700
2000 - 04	13488	1798	3790	7900
2005 - 09	2129	1022	507	600
2010 - 14	2516	16	0	2500
Subtotal less planned	43722	11125	16597	16000
Planned or under construction post 2015	11116	826	400	7290
Total	54838	11951	16997	23290

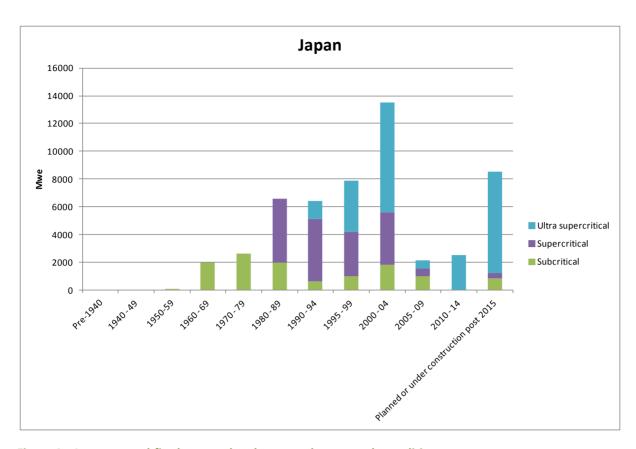


Figure 4 – Japanese coal-fired power plant by age and steam cycle conditions

Table 5 Malaysian coal-fired power plant by age and steam cycle conditions (MWe)					
Period	All steam cycle conditions	Subcritical	Supercritical	Ultra-supercritical	
Pre-1940	0	0	0	0	
1940 - 49	0	0	0	0	
1950-59	0	0	0	0	
1960 - 69	0	0	0	0	
1970 - 79	0	0	0	0	
1980 - 89	600	600	0	0	
1990 - 94	0	0	0	0	
1995 - 99	100	100	0	0	
2000 - 04	3210	3210	0	0	
2005 - 09	4019	4019	0	0	
2010 - 14	0	0	0	0	
Subtotal less planned	7929	7929	0	0	
Planned or under construction post 2015	6880	1800	1000	4080	
Total	14809	9729	1000	4080	

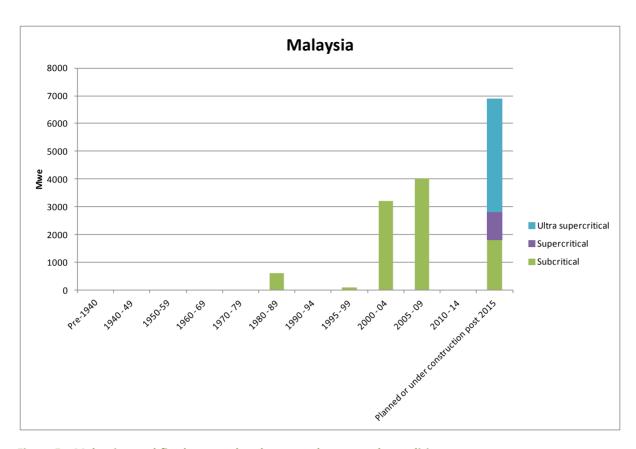


Figure 5 – Malaysian coal-fired power plant by age and steam cycle conditions

Table 6 Philippine coa	Table 6 Philippine coal-fired power plant by age and steam cycle conditions (MWe)					
Period	All steam cycle conditions	Subcritical	Supercritical	Ultra-supercritical		
Pre-1940	0	0	0	0		
1940 - 49	0	0	0	0		
1950-59	0	0	0	0		
1960 - 69	15	15	0	0		
1970 - 79	26	26	0	0		
1980 - 89	472	472	0	0		
1990 - 94	0	0	0	0		
1995 - 99	2989	2989	0	0		
2000 - 04	511	511	0	0		
2005 - 09	308	308	0	0		
2010 - 14	1298	1298	0	0		
Subtotal less planned	5619	5619	0	0		
Planned or under construction post 2015	13589	12789	500	0		
Total	19208	18408	500	0		

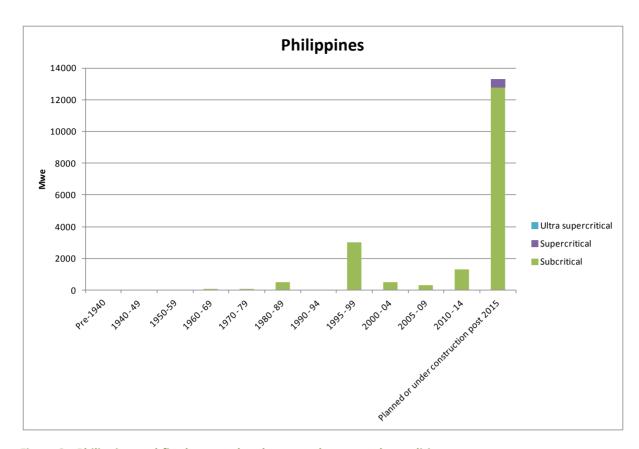


Figure 6 – Philippine coal-fired power plant by age and steam cycle conditions

Table 7 South Korean coal-fired power plant by age and steam cycle conditions (MWe)					
Period	All steam cycle conditions	Subcritical	Supercritical	Ultra-supercritical	
Pre-1940	0	0	0	0	
1940 - 49	0	0	0	0	
1950-59	0	0	0	0	
1960 - 69	80	80	0	0	
1970 - 79	1520	1520	0	0	
1980 - 89	2613	2613	0	0	
1990 - 94	3514	1514	2000	0	
1995 - 99	6758	758	6000	0	
2000 - 04	4675	75	4600	0	
2005 - 09	6915	100	0	6815	
2010 - 14	2467	727	1740	0	
Subtotal less planned	28542	7387	14340	6815	
Planned or under construction post 2015	17618	1288	1290	15040	
Total	46161	8675	15630	21855	

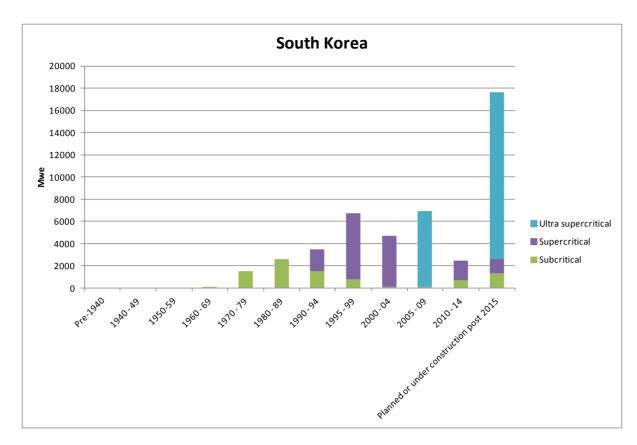


Figure 7 – South Korean coal-fired power plant by age and steam cycle conditions

Table 8 Taiwanese coal-fired power plant by age and steam cycle conditions (MWe)					
Period	All steam cycle conditions	Subcritical	Supercritical	Ultra-supercritical	
Pre-1940	0	0	0	0	
1940 - 49	0	0	0	0	
1950-59	0	0	0	0	
1960 - 69	1044	1044	0	0	
1970 - 79	1930	1930	0	0	
1980 - 89	2400	2400	0	0	
1990 - 94	2839	2839	0	0	
1995 - 99	3946	2746	1200	0	
2000 - 04	5452	2452	3000	0	
2005 - 09	1100	1100	0	0	
2010 - 14	50	50	0	0	
Subtotal less planned	18762	14562	4200	0	
Planned or under construction post 2015	16940	0	0	8800	
Total	35702	14562	4200	8800	

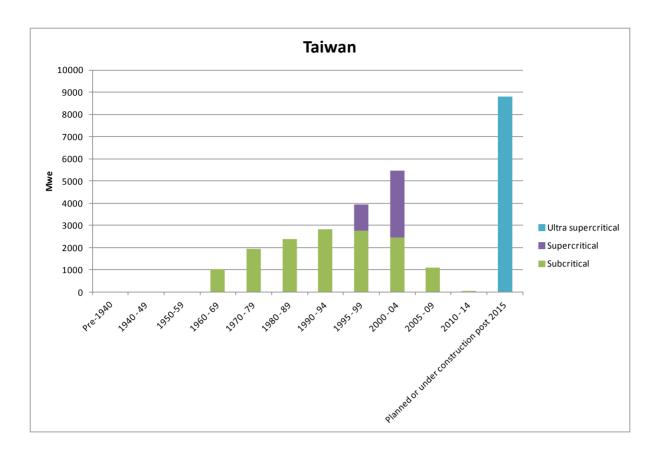


Figure 8 – Taiwanese coal-fired power plant by age and steam cycle conditions

Table 9 Thai coal-fire	Table 9 Thai coal-fired power plant by age and steam cycle conditions (MWe)						
Period	All steam cycle conditions	Subcritical	Supercritical	Ultra-supercritical			
Pre-1940	0	0	0	0			
1940 - 49	0	0	0	0			
1950-59	0	0	0	0			
1960 - 69	0	0	0	0			
1970 - 79	0	0	0	0			
1980 - 89	624	624	0	0			
1990 - 94	1405	1405	0	0			
1995 - 99	1283	1283	0	0			
2000 - 04	0	0	0	0			
2005 - 09	1517	1517	0	0			
2010 - 14	827	127	700	0			
Subtotal less planned	5656	4956	700	0			
Planned or under construction post 2015	7760	560	600	600			
Total	13416	5516	1300	600			

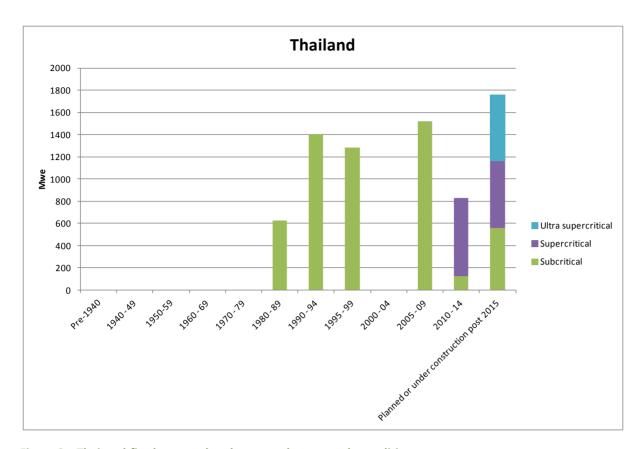


Figure 9 – Thai coal-fired power plant by age and steam cycle conditions

Table 10 Vietnamese coal-fired power plant by age and steam cycle conditions (MWe)					
Period	All steam cycle conditions	Subcritical	Supercritical	Ultra-supercritical	
Pre-1940	0	0	0	0	
1940 - 49	0	0	0	0	
1950-59	0	0	0	0	
1960 - 69	55	55	0	0	
1970 - 79	275	275	0	0	
1980 - 89	468	468	0	0	
1990 - 94	0	0	0	0	
1995 - 99	0	0	0	0	
2000 - 04	700	700	0	0	
2005 - 09	620	620	0	0	
2010 - 14	5004	3760	1244	0	
Subtotal less planned	7122	5878	1244	0	
Planned or under construction post 2015	48800	11264	19136	1200	
Total	55922	17142	20380	1200	

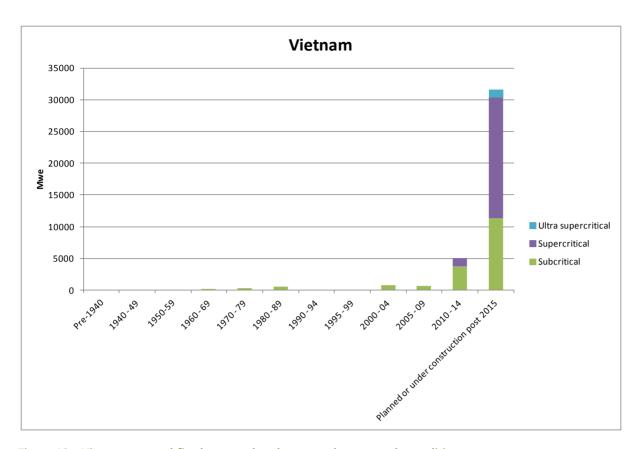


Figure 10 – Vietnamese coal-fired power plant by age and steam cycle conditions

2.2 Potential carbon dioxide emissions for plant planned, or under construction, post 2015 under three scenarios

In order to estimate the emissions of carbon dioxide from the planned plant, assumptions were made on the likely efficiency and load factor of these plants. These assumptions are those set out in Figure 2 of the original IEA CCC HELE report (Barnes, 2014) which is reproduced below.

Assumptions: An 800 MWe power station boiler burning hard coal and operating at a capacity factor of 80%. The unit will generate 6TWh electricity annually and emit the following quantities of carbon dioxide, depending on its steam cycle conditions and corresponding efficiency (LHV, net).

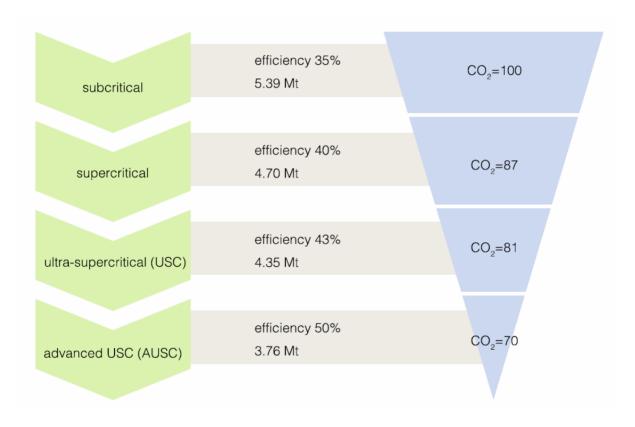


Figure 11 – The impact of HELE technologies on emissions of carbon dioxide

The plant planned, or under construction post 2015, and that reported for the periods 2004 – 2009 and 2009 – 2014 for the ten countries is summarised in Table 11 below. A significant proportion of the plant reported in Platts, post 2015, is uncategorised and so this has been assigned to one of the steam cycle groupings by choosing the cycle that features most prominently in the individual country plans (e.g. ultrasupercritical for China, supercritical for Indian etc.). The revised country data are set out in Table 12. Emissions of carbon dioxide were then calculated using the emission factors from Figure 11 and are summarised in Table 13 to and Figure 12 and Figure 13.

Table 11 Plant planned, or under construction post 2015 plant by country and steam cycle conditions (MWe)					
Country	Subcritical	Supercritical	Ultra-supercritical	Unassigned	
China	64065	143950	225338	50620	
Bangladesh	425	0	5440	6001	
India	79178	221065	16900	74555	
Japan	826	400	7290	2600	
Malaysia	1800	1000	4080	0	
Philippines	12789	500	0	300	
South Korea	1288	1290	15040	0	
Taiwan	0	0	8800	8140	
Thailand	560	600	600	6000	
Vietnam	11264	19136	1200	17200	

Table 12 Revised capacities after allocating unassigned plant post 2015 (MWe)					
Country	Subcritical	Supercritical	Ultra-supercritical	Total	
China	64065	143950	275958	483973	
Bangladesh	425	0	11441	11866	
India	79178	295620	16900	391698	
Japan	826	400	9890	11116	
Malaysia	1800	1000	4080	6880	
Philippines	13089	500	0	13589	
South Korea	1288	1290	15040	17618	
Taiwan	0	0	16940	16940	
Thailand	560	600	6600	7760	
Vietnam	11264	36336	1200	48800	

If planned capacity is:	All subcritical	As reported	All ultra-supercritical	Total planned
China	3261	2574	2275	capacity (MWe) 483973
Bangladesh	80	57	56	11866
India	2639	2350	1841	391698
Japan	75	54	52	11116
Malaysia	46	37	32	6880
Philippines	92	91	64	13589
South Korea	119	87	83	17618
Taiwan	114	80	80	16940
Thailand	52	38	36	7760
Vietnam	329	295	229	48800

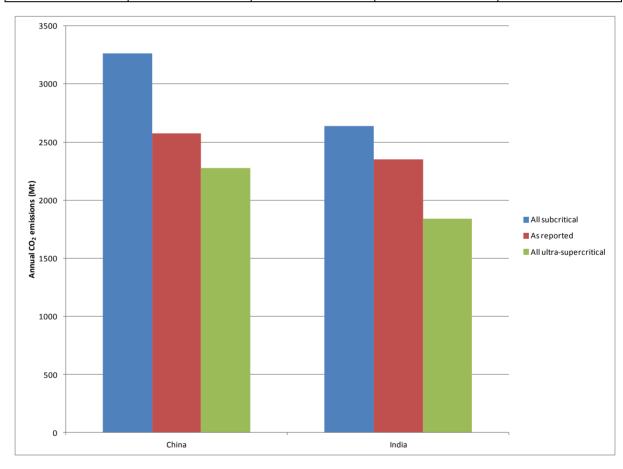


Figure 12 – Projected annual carbon dioxide emissions, China and India, by steam cycle (M tonnes)

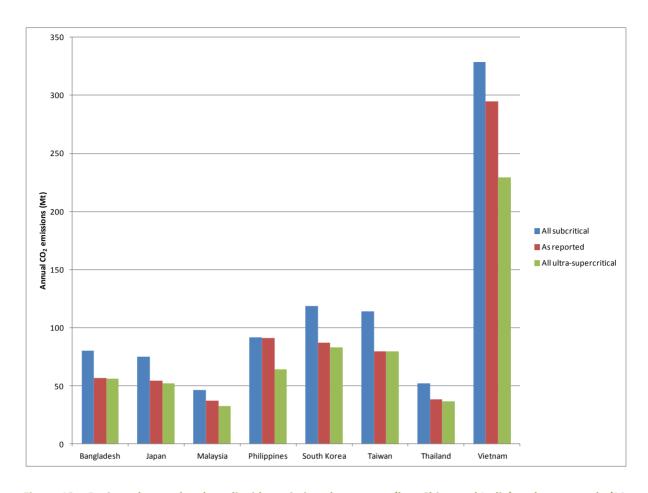


Figure 13 – Projected annual carbon dioxide emissions by country (less China and India) and steam cycle (M tonnes)

The exercise was then repeated for each country focussing on plant reported for the two five year periods 2005 – 2009 and 2010 – 2014. The fleet profiles are summarised in Table 14 and the estimated carbon dioxide emissions in Table 15 and Table 16 and Figure 14 to Figure 17. A small amount of unassigned plant has been included in the appropriate steam cycle total using the assumptions outlined earlier.

Table 14 Coal fleet profiles 2004 – 2009, and 2010 - 2014 by country and steam cycle conditions (MWe)					
Country (Period)	Subcritical	Supercritical	Ultra-supercritical	Total	
China (2005-2009)	192525	102490	33590	328605	
China (2010-2014)	73859	86970	99116	259945	
Bangladesh (2006-2009)	250	0	0	250	
Bangladesh (2010-2014)	0	0	0	0	
India (2005-2009)	23255	0	0	23255	
India (2010-2014)	57260	24535	0	81795	
Japan (2005-2009)	1022	507	600	2129	
Japan (2010-2014)	16	0	2500	2516	
Malaysia (2005-2009)	4019	0	0	4019	

Malaysia (2010-2014)	0	0	0	0
Philippines (2005-2009)	308	0	0	308
Philippines (2010-2014)	1298	0	0	1298
South Korea (2005-2009)	100	0	6815	6915
South Korea (2010-2014)	727	1740	0	2467
Taiwan (2005-2009)	1100	0	0	1100
Taiwan (2010-2014)	50	0	0	50
Thailand (2005-2009)	1517	0	0	1517
Thailand (2010-2014)	127	700	0	827
Vietnam (2005-2009)	620	0	0	620
Vietnam (2010-2014)	3760	1244	0	5004

Table 15 Estimated annual carbon dioxide emissions by country and steam cycle 2005 – 2009 (M tonnes)					
If planned capacity is:	All subcritical	As reported	All ultra-supercritical	Total fleet capacity (MWe)	
China	2214	2057	1544	328605	
India	157	157	109	23255	
Bangladesh	2	2	1	250	
Japan	14	13	10	2129	
Malaysia	27	27	19	4019	
Philippines	2	2	1	308	
South Korea	47	33	33	6915	
Taiwan	7	7	5	1100	
Thailand	10	10	7	1517	
Vietnam	4	4	3	620	

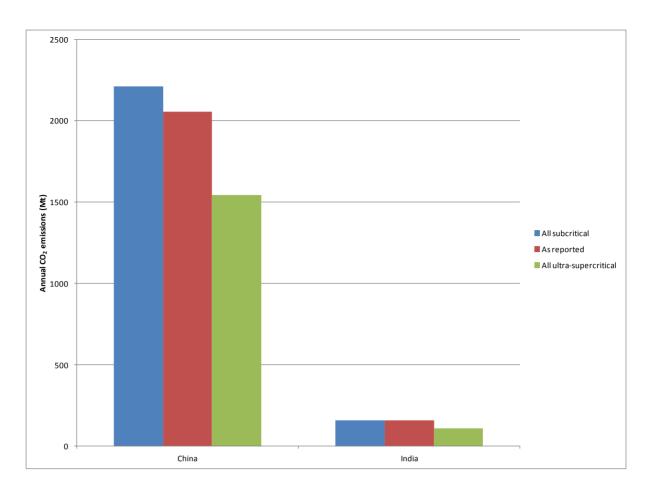


Figure 14 – Estimated annual carbon dioxide emissions, China and India, by steam cycle 2005 – 2009 (M tonnes)

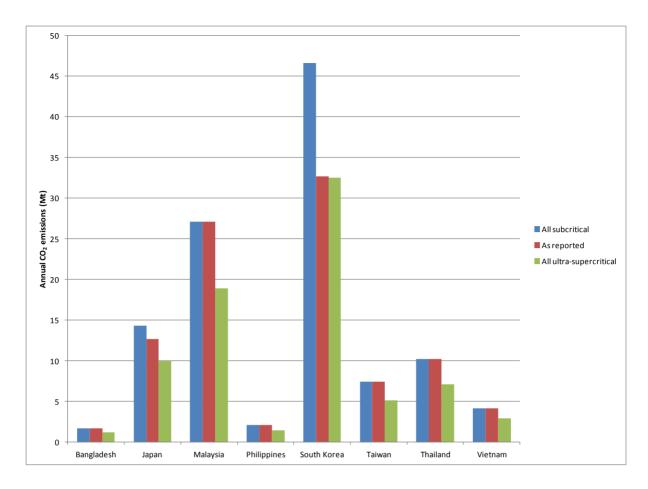


Figure 15 – Estimated annual carbon dioxide emissions by country (less China and India) and steam cycle 2005 – 2009 (M tonnes)

Table 16 Estimated annual carbon dioxide emissions by country and steam cycle 2010 – 2014 (M tonnes)					
If planned capacity is:	All subcritical	As reported	All ultra-supercritical	Total fleet capacity (MWe)	
China	1751	1474	1222	259945	
India	551	530	384	81795	
Bangladesh	0	0	0	0	
Japan	17	12	12	2516	
Malaysia	0	0	0	0	
Philippines	9	9	6	1298	
South Korea	17	15	12	2467	
Taiwan	0	0	0	50	
Thailand	6	5	4	827	
Vietnam	34	33	24	5004	

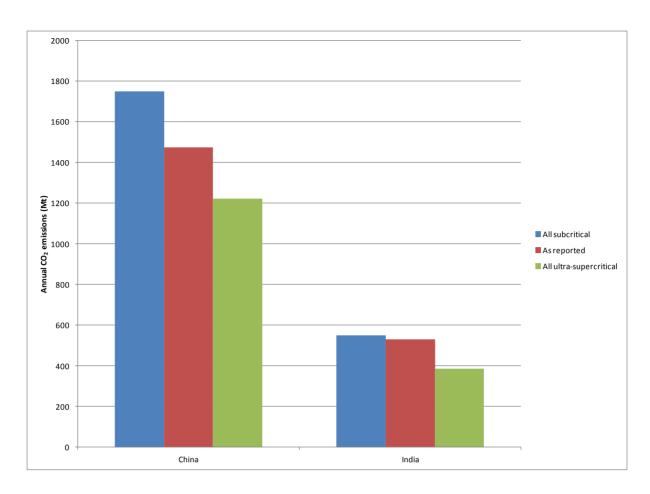


Figure 16 – Estimated annual carbon dioxide emissions, China and India, by steam cycle 2010 – 20014 (M tonnes)

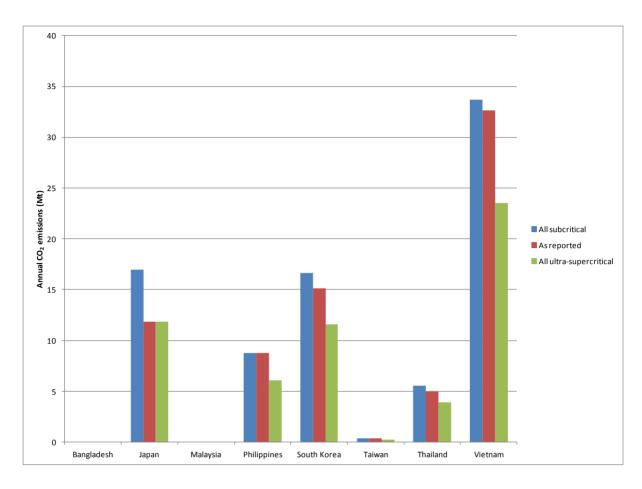


Figure 17 – Estimated annual carbon dioxide emissions by country (less China and India) and steam cycle 2010 – 20014 (M tonnes)

3 Comments

An inspection of the projected emissions of carbon dioxide shows that significant savings may be achieved in all cases by incorporating HELE plant over subcritical capacity. Even when comparing the "as reported" planned future coal fleet mix (post 2015), relative and absolute savings may be possible in many cases, even for China which is leading the way in the use of advanced steam cycles. The most significant savings are projected for the Indian power sector where the adoption of a fully ultrasupercritical coal fleet over the planned "as reported" build profile could achieve savings of 509 Mtonnes carbon dioxide annually (over 20%). Even the Philippines' relatively modest coal fleet could achieve absolute savings of almost 30% by adopting the most efficient plant.

The assumptions used in this short study are considered adequate for the comparison of relative emissions from the ten countries studied, but for more detailed analysis it is recommended that a more complete study is undertaken of the scope and depth of "Upgrading the efficiency of the world's coal fleet to reduce CO_2 emissions" (Barnes, 2014).

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