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Energy Resources

- ❑ Energy may be defined as the capacity to do work.
- ❑ Both energy production and energy utilization are the indicators of a country's progress as it is a primary input for industrial operation.



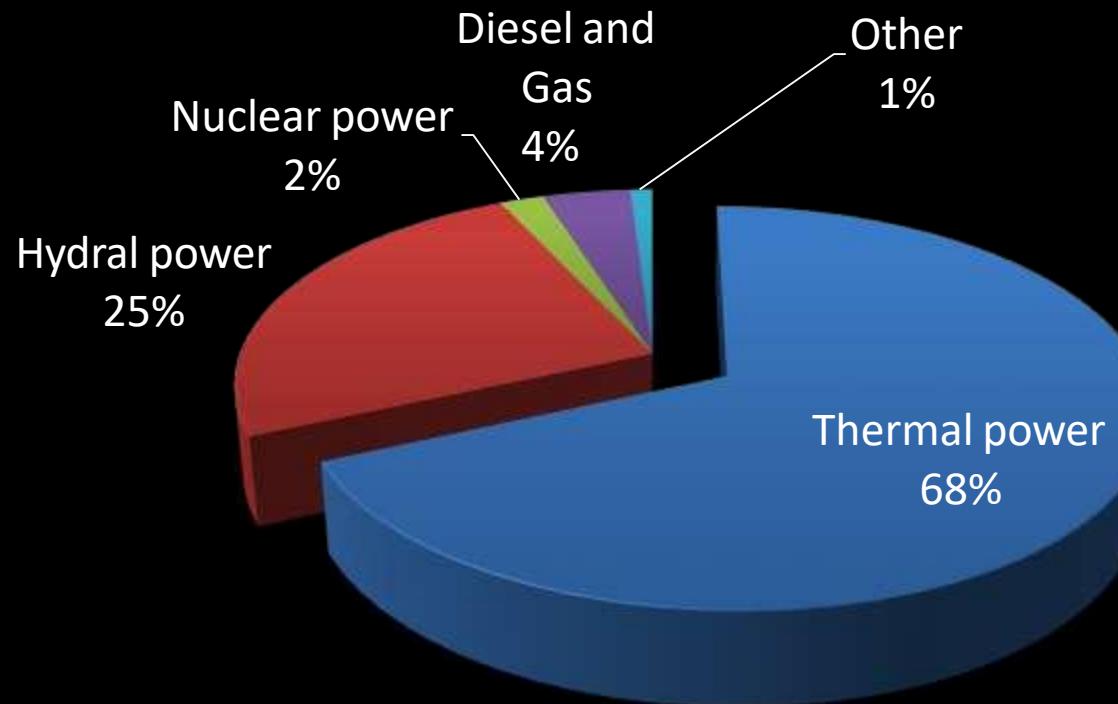
Growing energy needs

- Energy is an important input for development.
- It aims at human welfare covering household ,agricultural transport and industrial complexes.
- Due to the population explosion the demand for various forms of energy has got increased many folds.

U.S.A. and Canada constitute about 5% of the world's population but consume one fourth of global energy resources.

An average person there consumes 300 GJ (Giga Joules, equal to 60 barrels of oils) per year. By contrast, an average man in a poor country like Bhutan, Nepal or Ethiopia consumes less than 1 GJ in a year.

Types of energy consumed



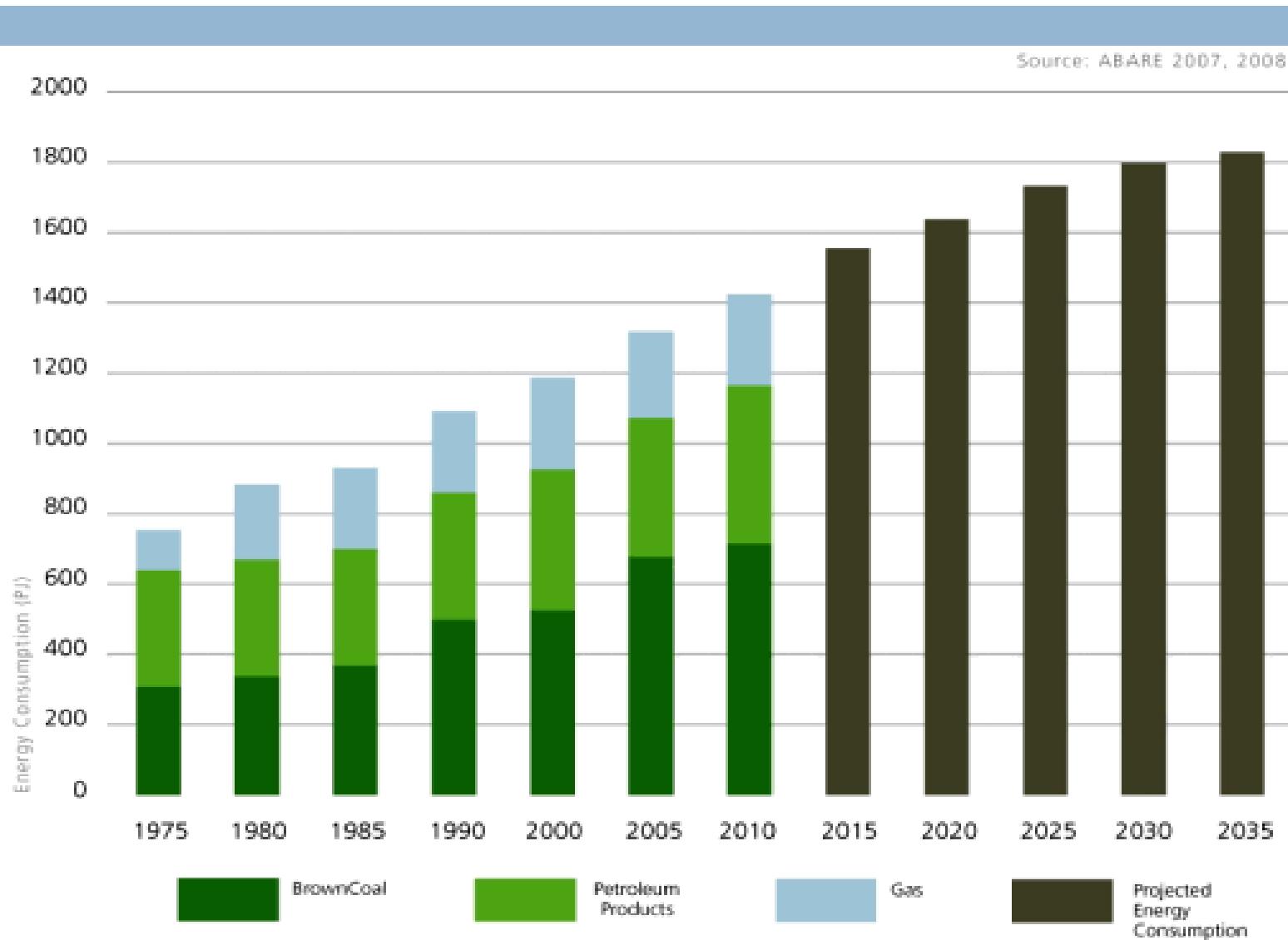
Energy demand

- Indian population is still heavily depend on traditional fuel such as firewood, animal waste and agricultural residue.
- But the share of commercial energy on the total energy demand has been increasing vastly.

Energy consumption (In India, 1990-1991)

Sector	Percentage	Coal	Oil/Natural	Electricity
Industry	51.00	69.96	13.10	17.30
Transport	23.30	9.60	88.90	1.50
Household	13.80	3.90	77.10	19.00
Agriculture	9.60	-	57.10	42.90
Others	2.30	-	29.20	70.80

Growing energy needs



Primary Energy Resources

- Renewable/Inexhaustible/Non-Conventional sources of energy.
- Example : Wood, Solar energy etc

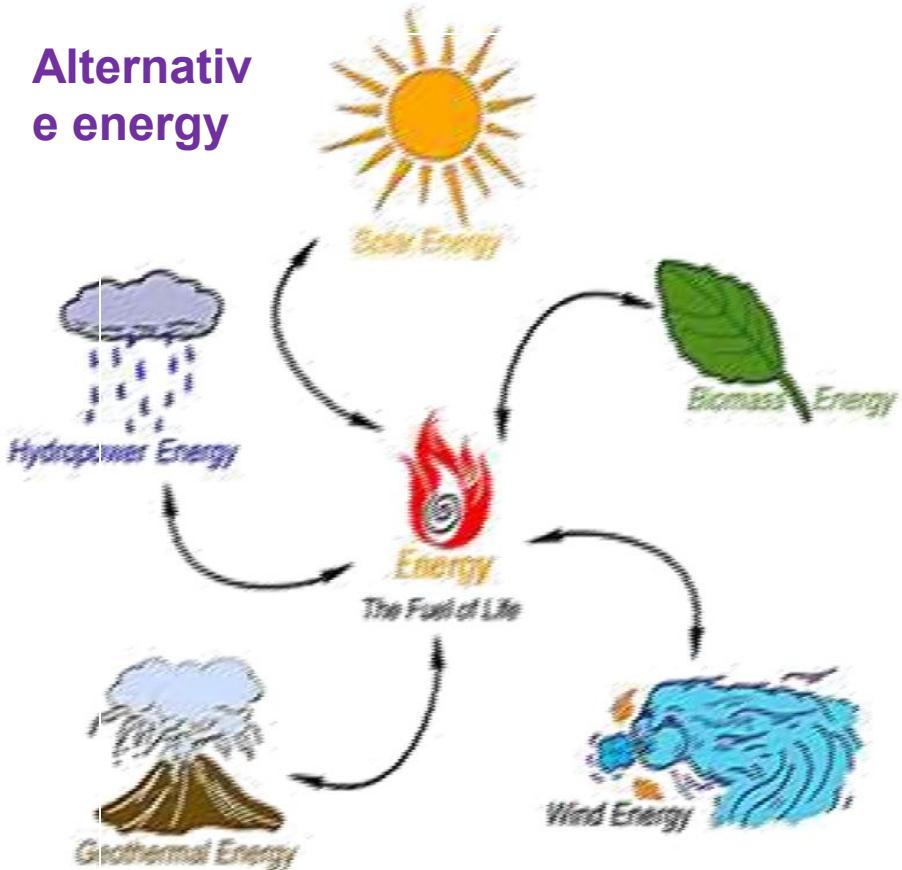
Secondary Energy Resources

- Does occur in nature but are derived from primary energy sources
- Example: Petrol, Hydrogen obtained through electrolysis of water etc.

Types of Energy

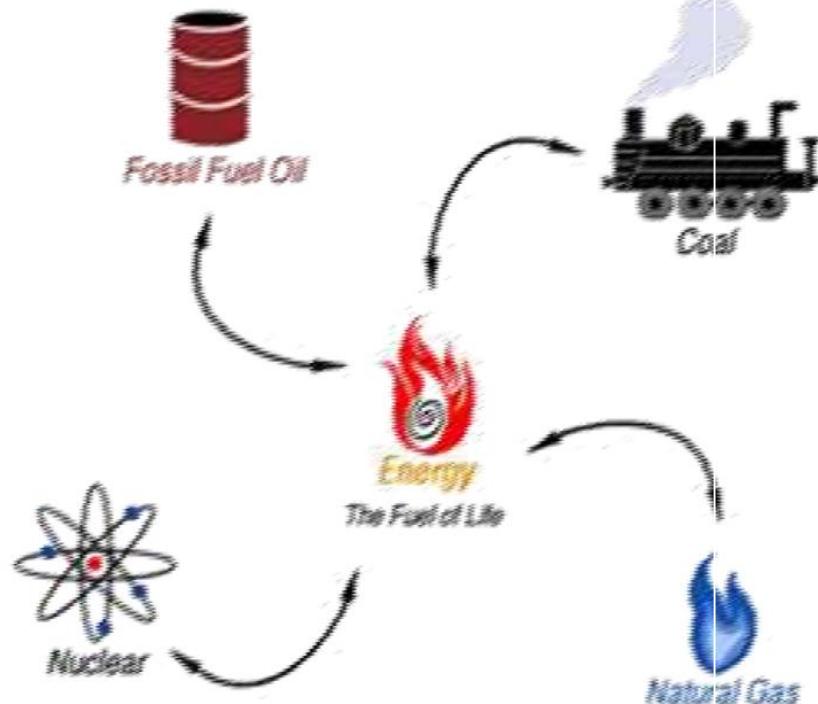
Renewable Energy

Alternative energy



Non-Renewable Energy

Energy can not regenerate it exhaustible



Renewable resource is a natural resource with the ability to reproduce through biological or natural processes and replenished with the passage of time and are inexhaustible

Solar cells (or) photovoltaic cells (or) PV cells

- Solar cells consist of a p-type semiconductor (such as Si doped with B) and n-type semi-conductor (Si doped with P).

When the solar rays fall on the top layer of p-type semiconductor, the electrons from the valence band get promoted to the conduction band and cross the p-n junction into n-type semi-conductor.

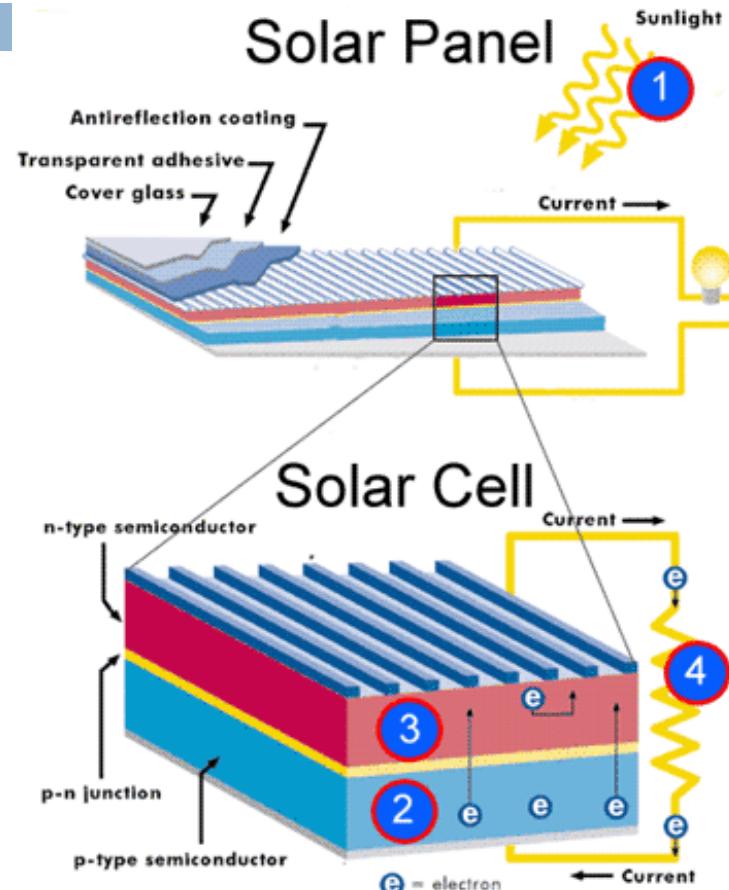
- There by potential difference between two layers is created, which causes flow of electrons (ie., an electric current)

Solar cell Uses

- Used in calculators, electronic watches. Street lights, water pumps to run radios and TVs.

Solar Battery

- When a large number of solar cells are connected in series it form a solar battery.
- Solar battery produce more electricity which is enough to run water pump, to run street-light, etc.,
- They are used in remote areas where conventional electricity supply is a problem.

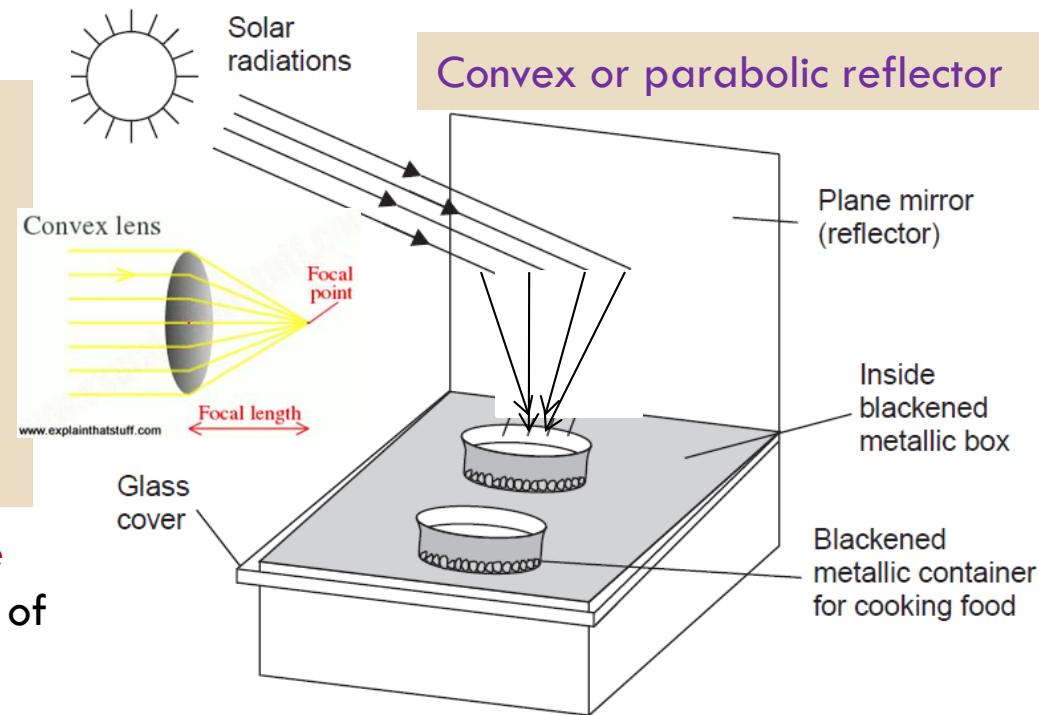


Solar Energy

Solar cooker: Solar cookers make use of solar heat by reflecting the solar radiations using a mirror directly on to a glass sheet which covers the black insulated box within which the raw food is kept

Solar water heater: It consists of an **insulated box painted black** from inside and having a **glass lid** to receive and store solar heat. Inside the box it has **black painted copper coil** through which cold water is made to flow in, which gets heated and flows out into a storage tank.

Solar furnace: Here **thousands of small plane mirrors** are arranged in **convex reflectors**, all of which collect the solar heat and produce as high a temperature as **3000°C**.

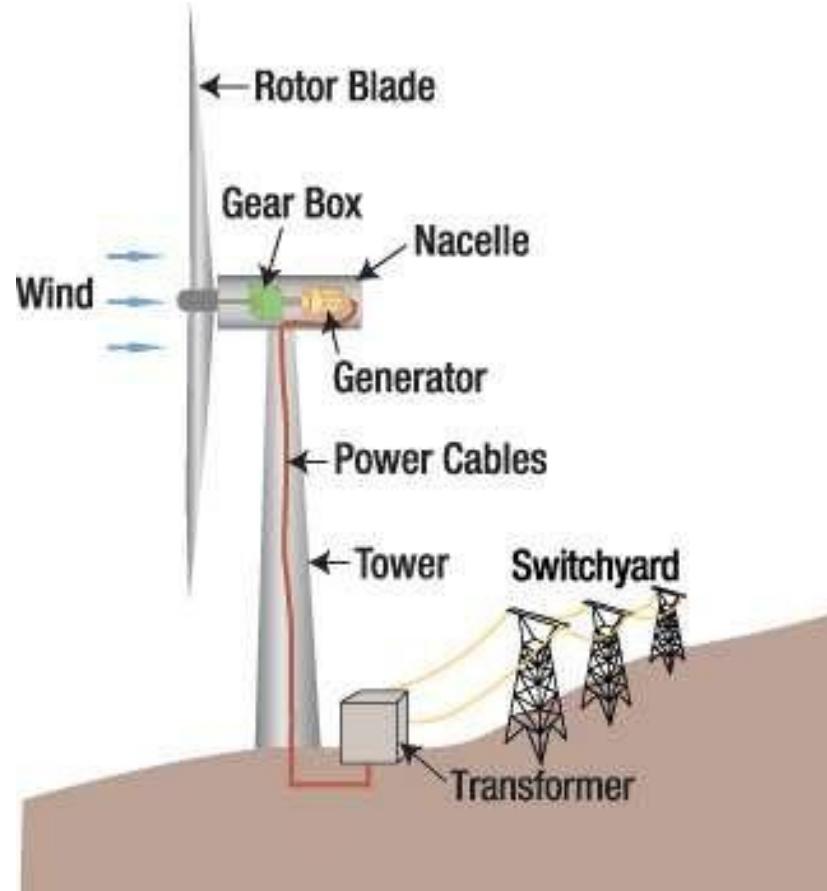


vi) **Solar power plant:** Solar energy is harnessed on a large scale by using convex reflectors which cause boiling of water to produce steam. The steam turbine drives a generator to produce electricity. A solar power plant (50 K Watt capacity) has been installed at Gurgaon, Haryana.

Wind energy

- **Rotor blades** - capture wind's energy and convert it to rotational energy of shaft
- **Shaft** - transfers rotational energy into generator
- **Nacelle** - casing that holds the gear box
- the **gearbox** includes the **generator** which uses rotational energy of shaft to generate electricity.
- **Brakes**- stop rotation of shaft in case of power overload or system failure.
- **Tower** - supports rotor and nacelle and lifts entire setup to higher elevation where blades can safely clear the ground
- **Electrical equipment** - carries electricity from generator down through tower and controls many safety elements of turbine.

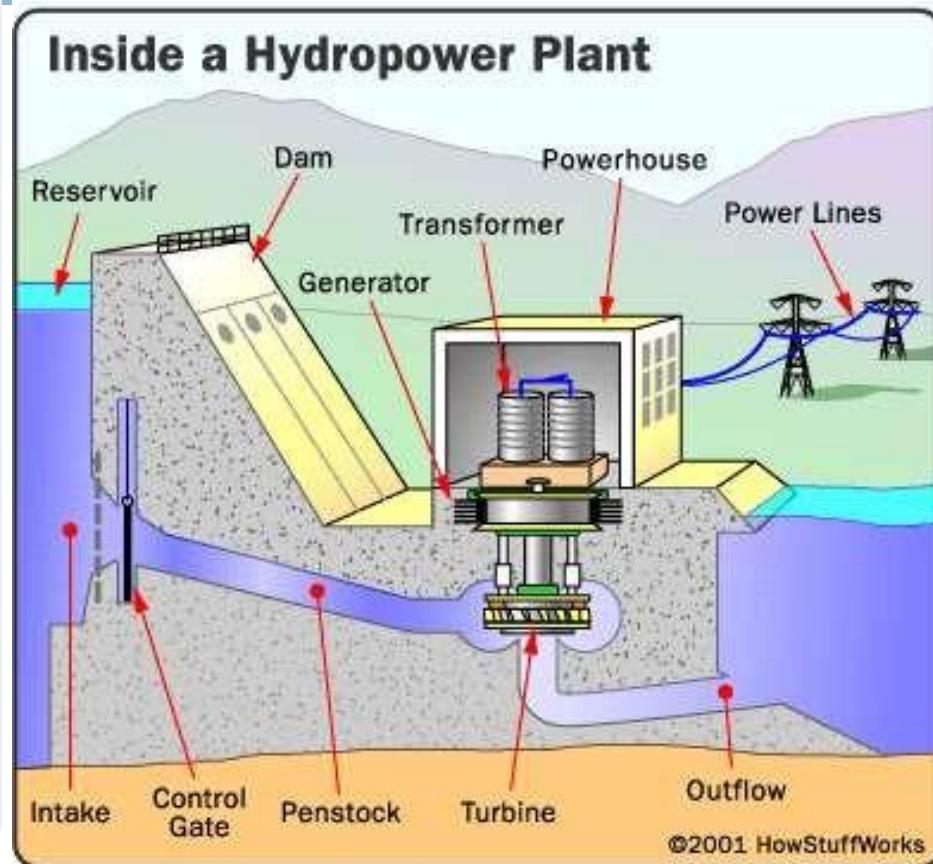
The minimum wind speed required is 15 km/h



The wind power potential of India is estimated to be about 20,000 MW, while at present we are generating about 1020 MW.

Hydro power

- **An intake:** to divert water from the water course.
- **penstock pipe** to convey the water to the turbine.
- **Powerhouse:** in which the turbine and generator convert the water's energy into electricity.
- **Outflow:** through which the water is released back to the river or stream.
- **Underground cables or overhead lines:** to transmit the electricity to its point of use. These must be short enough to minimize 'voltage drop.'



The hydropower potential of India is estimated to be about 4×10^{11} KW-hours.



The Victoria Dam

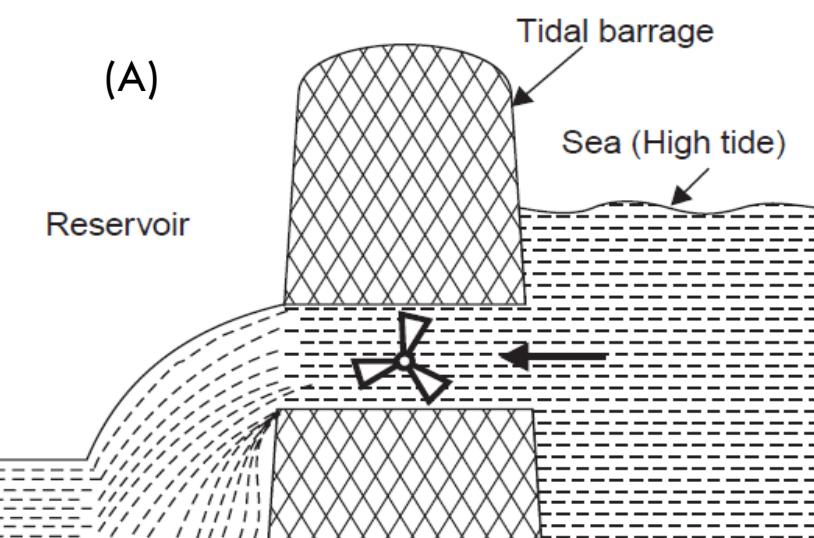


The Upper Kotmale Hydro Power Plant



Tidal Energy

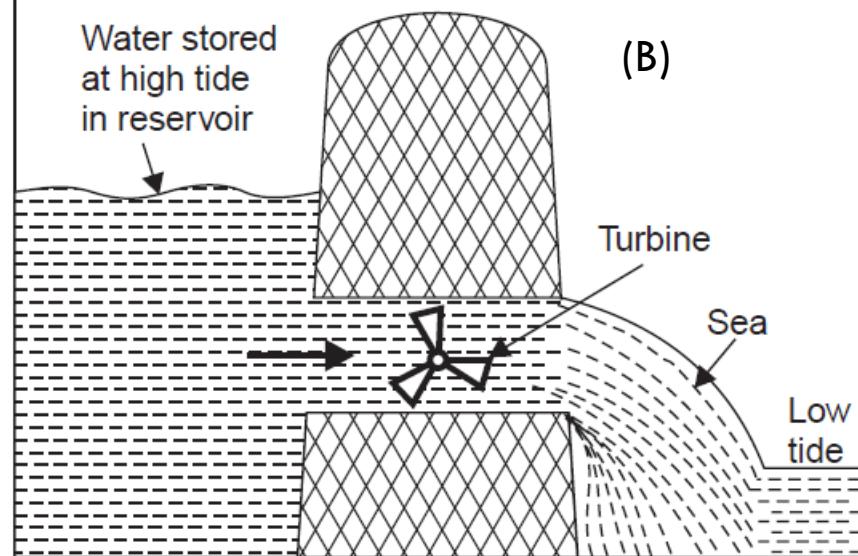
(A)



(A) During high tide, the sea-water flows into the reservoir of the barrage and turns the turbine, which in turn produces electricity by rotating the generators.

A difference of several meters is required between the height of high and low tide to spin the turbines. The tidal energy can be harnessed by constructing a tidal barrage.

(B)



(B) During low tide, when the sea-level is low, the sea water stored in the barrage reservoir flows out into the sea and again turns the turbines

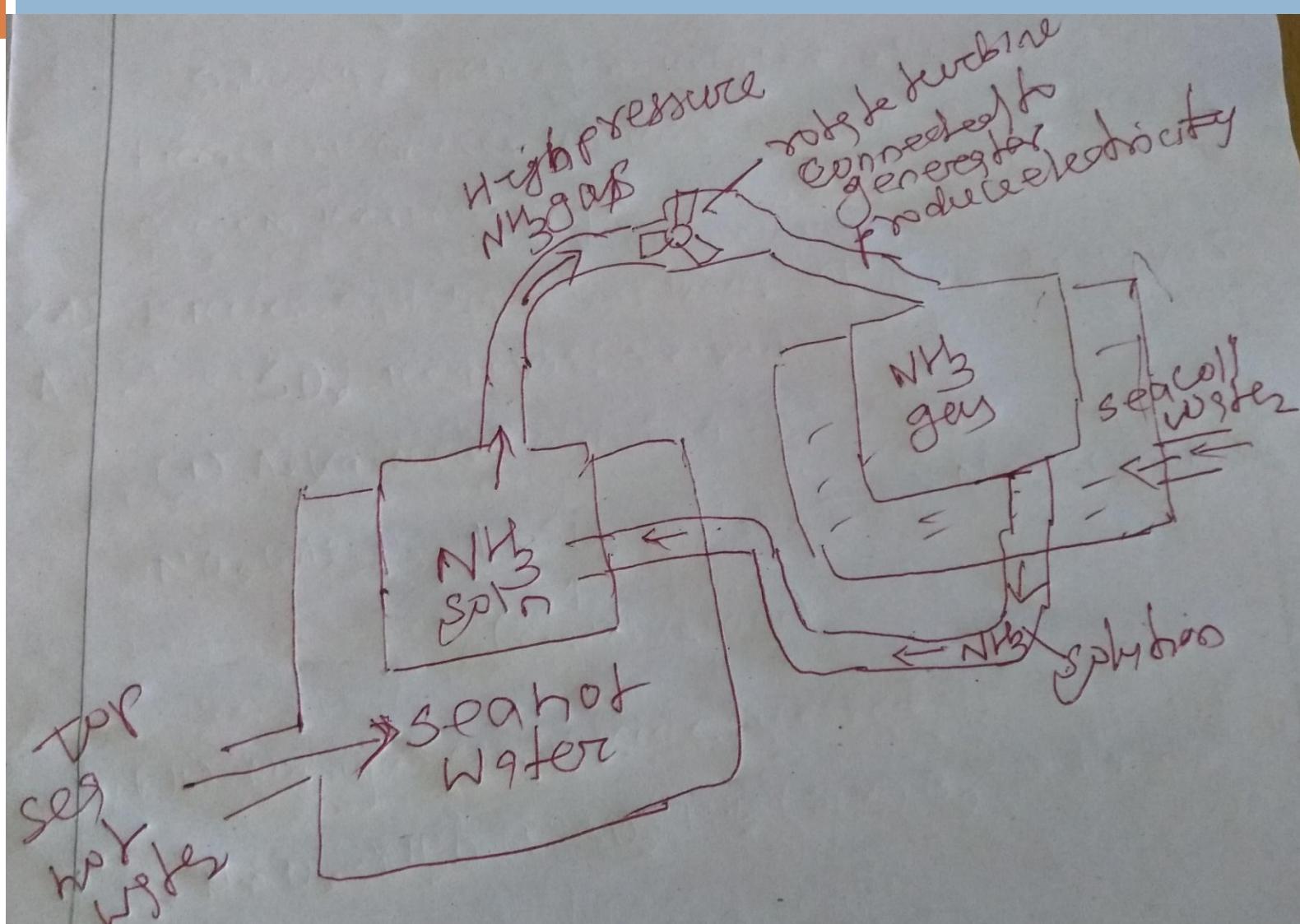
Tidal Energy

- The bay of Fundy Canada having 17-18 m high tides has a potential of 5,000 MW of power generation.
- In India Gulf of Cambay, Gulf of Kutch and the Sunder bans deltas are the tidal power sites.

Ocean thermal energy

- The energy available due to the difference in temperature of water at the **surface of the tropical oceans** and at **deeper levels** is called Ocean Thermal Energy. Minimum difference of 20°C needed
- The warm surface water of ocean is used to **boil a liquid like ammonia**.
- The high pressure NH₃ vapours of the liquid formed by boiling are then used to **turn the turbine** of a generator and produce electricity.
- The colder water from the deeper **oceans** is pumped to cool and **condense the vapours into liquid**.
- Thus, the process keeps on going in cycle continuously for 24 hours a day.

Ocean thermal energy



Geothermal energy

- **Geothermal energy:** The energy harnessed from the hot rocks present inside the earth is called geothermal energy.
- High temperature, high pressure steam fields exist below the earth's surface in many places may be due to **fission of radioactive material naturally present in the rocks.**
- In some places, the **steam or the hot water comes** out of the ground naturally through cracks in the form of natural geysers as in Manikaran, Kullu and Sohana, Haryana.
- Artificially drill a hole up to the hot rocks and by putting a pipe in it make the steam or hot water gush out through the pipe at high pressure which turns the turbine of a generator to produce electricity.

In USA and New Zealand, there are several geothermal plants working successfully.

Geo-thermal Energy

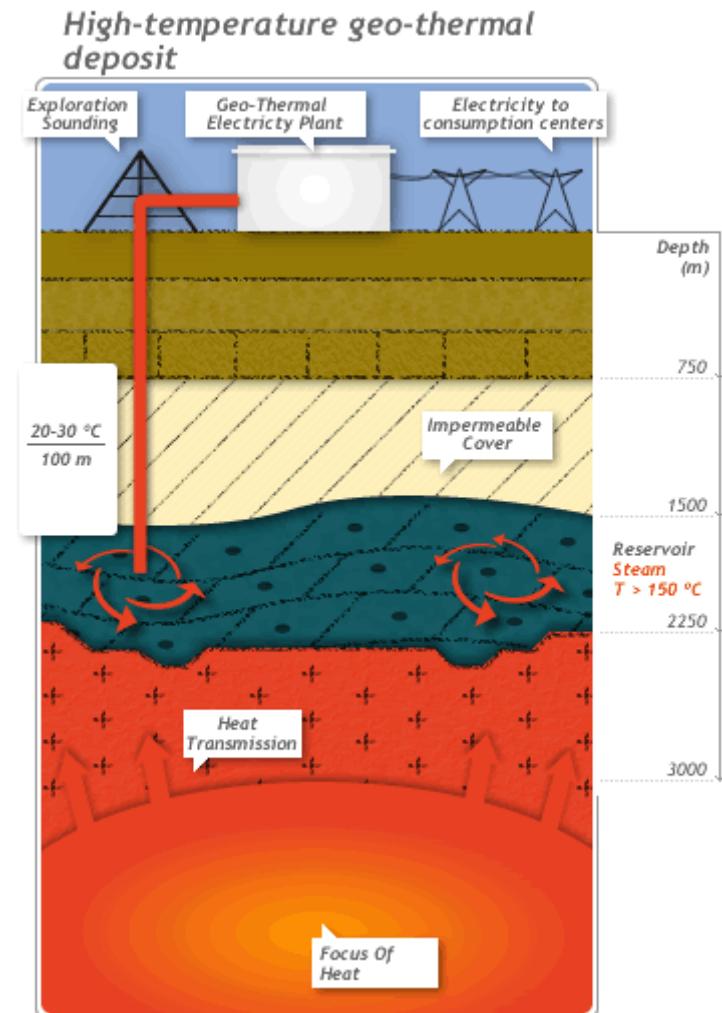
- Temperature of the earth increases at a rate of 20-75°C per km, when we move down the earth surface.
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- The energy harnessed from the high temperature present inside the earth is called geothermal energy.

Natural geysers

- In some places, the hot water (or) steam comes out of the ground through cracks naturally in the form

Artificial geysers

- In some places, we can artificially drill a hole up to the hot region and by sending a pipe in it, we can make the hot water or steam to rush out through the pipe with very high pressure.
- Thus, the hot water (or) steam coming out from the natural (or) artificial geysers is allowed to rotate the turbine of a generator to produce electricity.



Biomass Energy

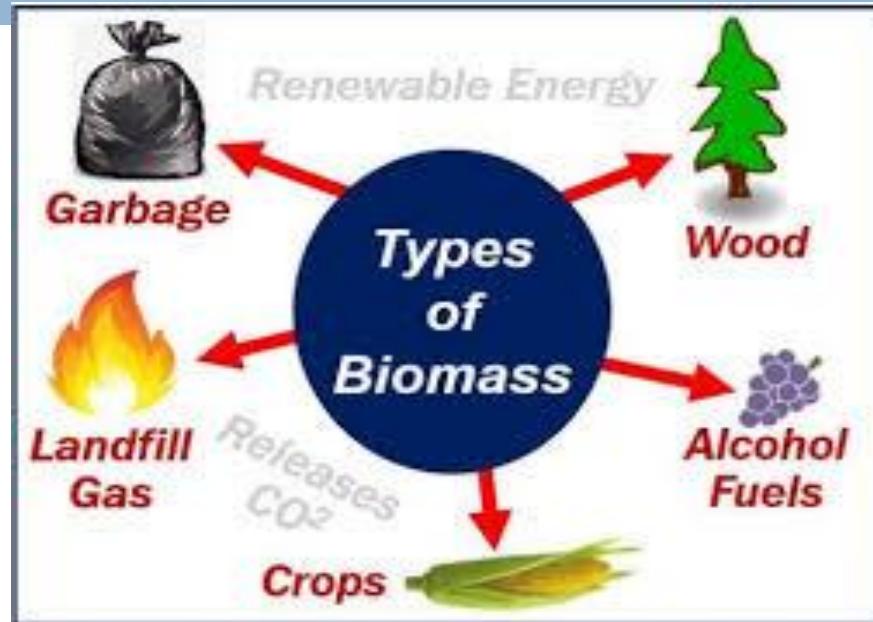
Biomass is the organic matter produced by the plants or animals which include wood, crop residues, cattle dung, manure, sewage, agricultural wastes etc.

Biomass energy Types

(a)Energy Plantations:

- Solar energy is trapped by green plants through photosynthesis and converted into biomass energy.
- Fast growing trees like cottonwood, and Leucaena (Bada chakunda), non-woody crop plants like sugarcane, sweet sorghum and sugar beet, and carbohydrate rich potato, cereal etc. are some of the important energy plantations.

They may produce energy either by burning directly or converted into fuels by fermentation.



Petro-crops

- (b) **Petro-crops:** Certain latex-containing plants like Euphorbias and oil palms are rich in hydrocarbons and can yield an oil like substance under high temperature and pressure.
- This oily material may be burned in diesel engines directly or may be refined to form gasoline.
- These plants are popularly known as petro-crops.

Gasoline:paraffins, naphthenes, aromatics and olefins



Biomass Energy

- **(c) Agricultural and Urban Waste biomass:** Crop residues, bagasse (sugarcane residues), coconut shells, peanut hulls, cotton stalks etc. produce energy by burning.
- Animal dung, fishery and poultry waste and even human refuse are examples of biomass energy
- In Brazil 30 % of electricity is obtained from burning bagasse.
- In rural India, animal dung cakes burnt to produce heat.

Biogas Energy

- Biogas is produced by anaerobic degradation of animal wastes, food waste etc

Anaerobic treatment is a biological process carried out in the absence of O_2 for the stabilization of organic materials by conversion to CH_4 and inorganic end-products such as CO_2 and NH_3

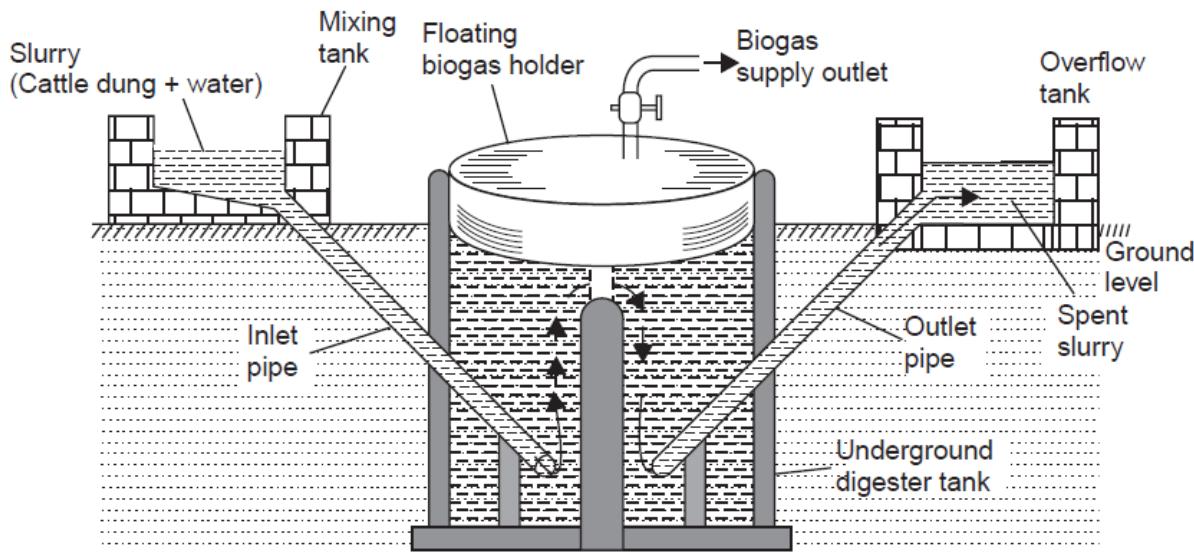


Fig. 2.5.5. Floating gas holder type biogas plant.

Anaerobic microbes
With favorable Temp , pH



Biofuels Energy

- Biomass (sugarcane) can be fermented (Yeast) to alcohols like ethanol and methanol which can be used as fuels, as compared to petrol its calorific value is less
- Gasohol (mixture of ethanol and gasoline) is a common fuel used in Brazil and Zimbabwe and start trial in India Kanpur.
- Methanol too is a clean, non-polluting fuel. Methanol can be easily obtained from woody plants and ethanol from grain-based or sugar-containing plants by fermentation (Yeast)

Hydrogen Energy

- Highest calorific value, hydrogen can serve as an excellent fuel. Moreover, it is non-polluting
- (i) **Thermal dissociation:** of water (at 3000°K or above) hydrogen (H_2) is produced.
- (iii) **Electrolytic method:** dissociates water into hydrogen (H_2) and oxygen by making a current flow through it.
- (iv) **Photocatalytic methods:** of water involves breakdown of water in the presence of sun light to and semiconductor photocatalyst release hydrogen.
- However, hydrogen is highly inflammable and explosive in nature. Hence, safe handling is required for using H_2 as a fuel. Also, it is difficult to store and transport.

Coal

- Coal is the most abundant fossil fuel in the world.
- **Formation:** The ancient plants along the banks of rivers and swamps were buried naturally or earth quake into the soil and due to the heat and pressure gradually got converted into peat and coal over millions of years of time.

Types

- Anthracite (hard coal), bituminous (Soft coal) and lignite (brown coal).
- Anthracite coal has maximum carbon (90%) and calorific value (8700 kcal/kg.)
- Bituminous, lignite and peat contain 80, 70 and 60% carbon, respectively.
- At the present rate of usage, the coal reserves are likely to last for another 65 years.

India has about 5% of world's coal

Petroleum

- It is the lifeline of global economy. About $\frac{1}{4}$ th of the oil reserves are in Saudi Arabia.
- At the present rate of usage, the world's crude oil reserves are estimated to get exhausted in just 40 years
- Purified and refined by the process of fractional distillation, obtain petroleum gas, kerosene, petrol, diesel, fuel oil, lubricating oil, paraffin wax, asphalt, plastic etc.
- Petroleum is a cleaner fuel as compared to coal as it burns completely and leaves no residue.

Liquefied Petroleum Gas

- **Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG):** Butane, propane and ethane.
- The petroleum gas is easily converted to liquid form under pressure as LPG.
- Ethyl mercaptan, added to LPG to check leakage
- Oil fields in India are located at Digboi (Assam), Gujarat Plains and Bombay High, offshore areas in deltaic coasts of Gadavari, Krishna, Kaveri and Mahanadi.

Natural gas

- It is mainly composed of methane (95%) with small amounts of propane and ethane.
- Natural gas deposits mostly accompany oil deposits because it has been formed by decomposing dead animals and plants buried under the earth.
- Natural gas is the cleanest fossil fuel. transported through pipelines easily. It has a high calorific value of about 50KJ/gm and burns without any smoke.
- **World Reservoirs:** Russia (40%), Iran (14%) and USA (7%).
- **India:** Tripura, Jaisalmer, Off-shore area of Mumbai and the Krishna Godavari Delta.
- It is used as a fuel in thermal power plants for generating electricity.
- It is used as a source of hydrogen gas in fertilizer industry and as a source of carbon in tyre industry.

Nuclear energy

Nuclear Fission:

- Nuclear energy is known for its high destructive power as evidenced from nuclear weapons.

Nuclear Fission: nucleus of certain isotopes with large mass numbers are split into lighter nuclei on bombardment by neutrons and a large amount of energy is released through a chain reaction as shown

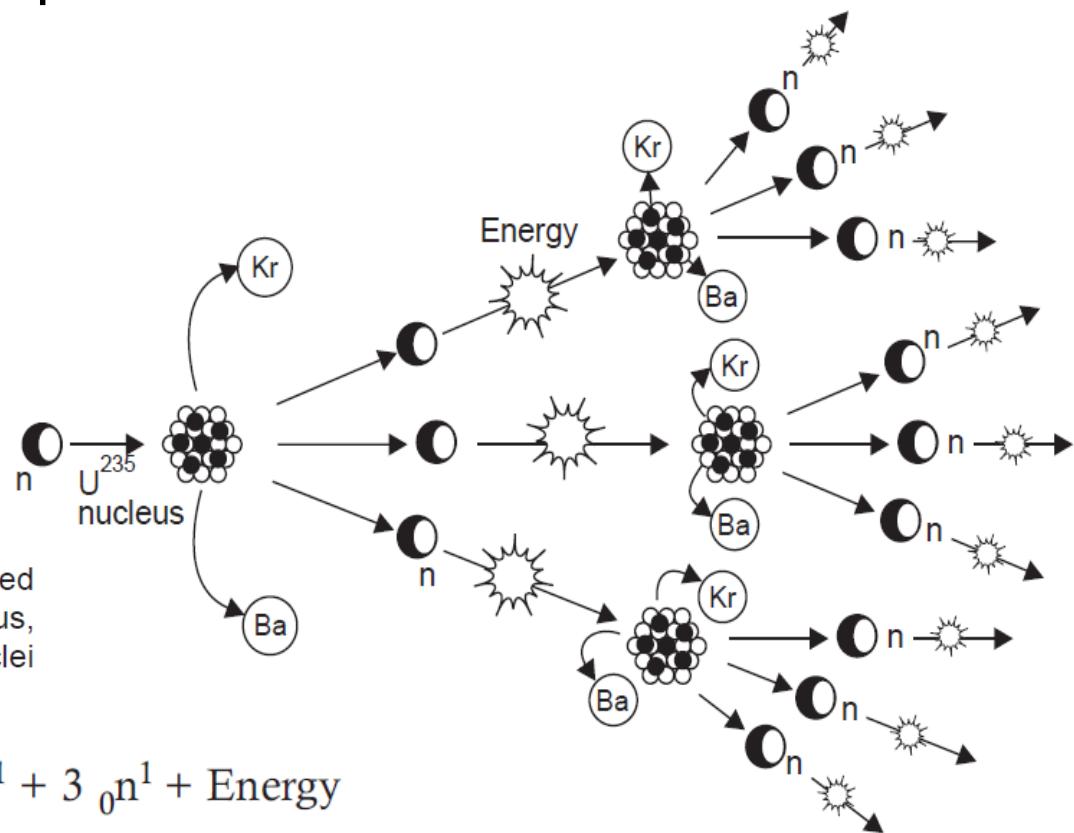
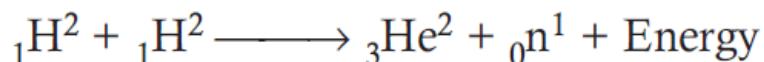


Fig. 2.5.7. (a) Nuclear fission—a chain reaction initiated by one neutron that bombards a Uranium (U^{235}) nucleus, releasing a huge quantity of energy, two smaller nuclei (Ba , Kr) and 3 neutrons.

Nuclear fusion

(ii) **Nuclear fusion:** Here two isotopes of a light element are forced together at extremely high temperatures (1 billion °C) until they fuse to form a heavier nucleus releasing enormous energy in the process.



One neutron and a huge amount of energy.

$$E = MC^2$$

$$1.674927471 \times 10^{-27} \times (3 \times 10^8)^2$$

It is difficult to initiate the process but it releases more energy than nuclear fission.

There are four nuclear power stations with an installed capacity of 2005 MW.

These are located at Tarapur (Maharashtra), Rana Pratap Sagar near Kota (Rajasthan), Kalpakkam (Tamil Nadu) and Narora (U.P.).

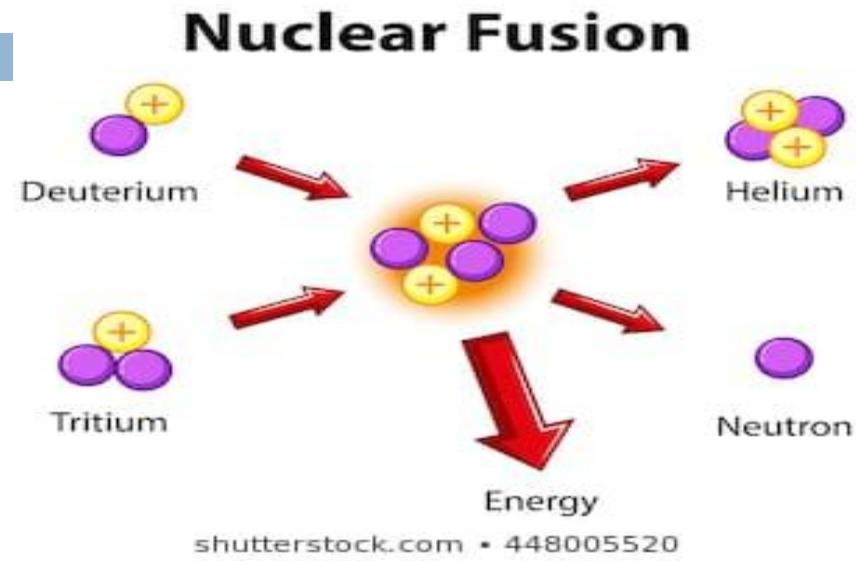


Fig. 2.5.7. (b) Nuclear fusion reaction between two hydrogen-2 nuclei, which take place at a very high temperature of 1 billion °C; one neutron and one fusion nucleus of helium-3 is formed along with a huge amount of energy.

Nuclear reactor

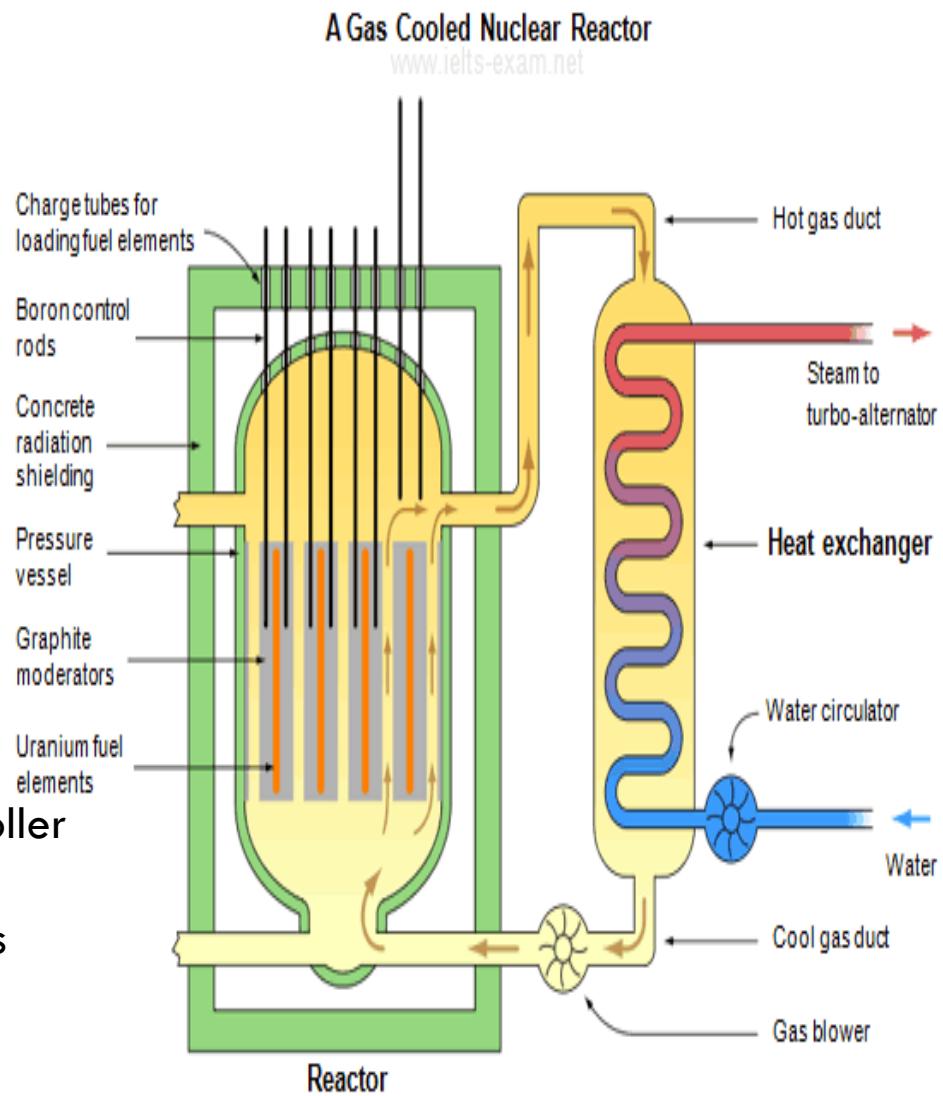
- If each neutron releases two more neutrons, then the number of fissions doubles each generation. In that case, in 10 generations there are 1,024 fissions and in 80 generations about 6×10^{23} (a mole) fissions.
- **A nuclear reactor** is a device in which nuclear chain reactions are initiated, controlled, and sustained at a steady rate,

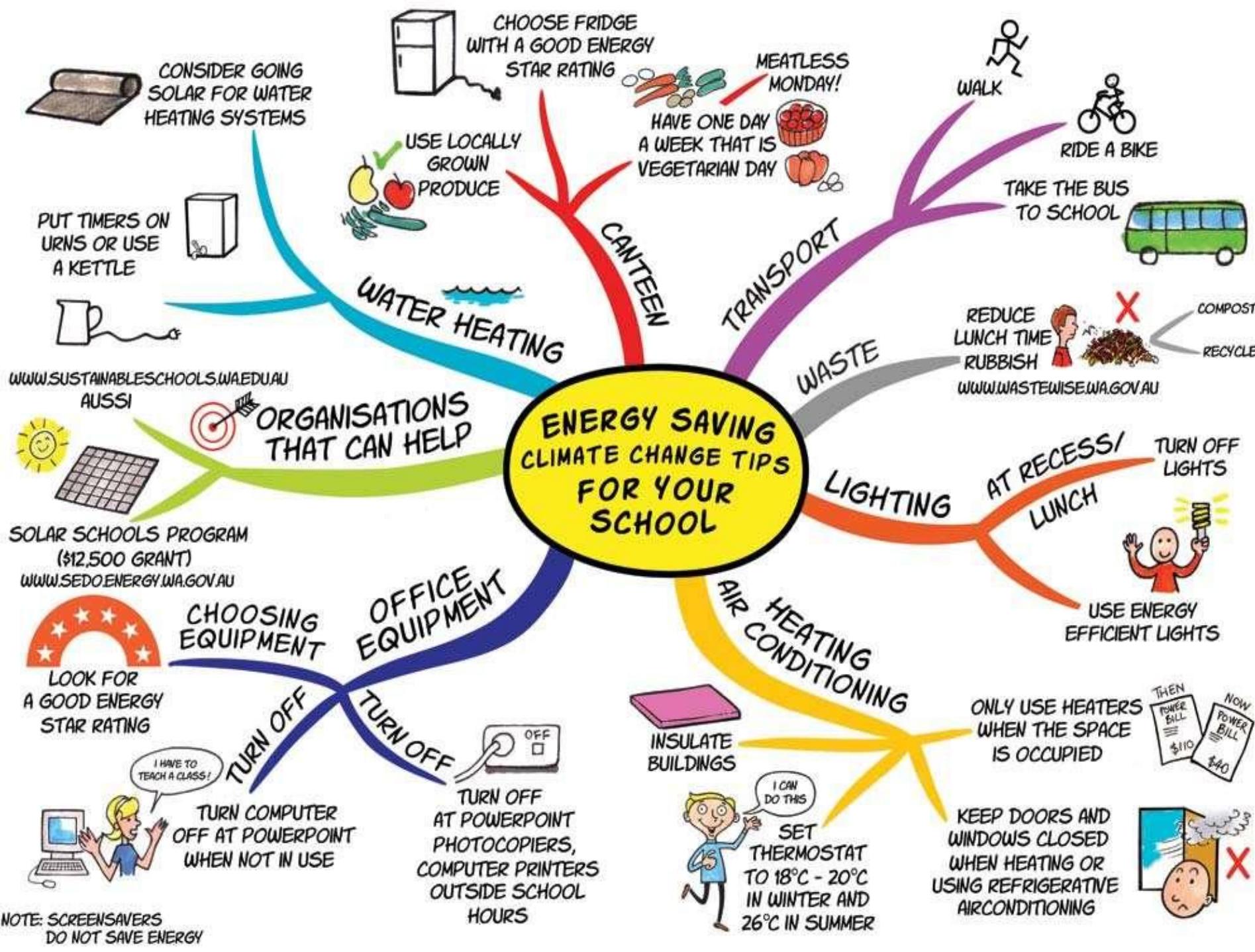
Nuclear bomb, in which the chain reaction occurs in a fraction of a second and is uncontrolled causing an explosion.

Graphite: slow down the neutron and controller is to control the number of neutron

Boron: capable of absorbing many neutrons and control fission

Lead: molten lead or **lead-bismuth eutectic** coolant also absorb alfa, beta and gamma radiation







Thank you