





Energy perspective in a changing energy transition

Prof. Dr. Attila Aszódi, Bence Biró

Budapest University of Technology and Economics Faculty of Natural Sciences Institute of Nuclear Techniques

The 2024 Euro-CASE Annual Conference, Budapest, BME, 2024. szeptember 23.

Key facts about Hungary



- Inhabitants: 9,6 million
- Located in Central Europe
 - between West and East
- Land locked
- Area: 93 028 km²
- Mostly lowland area
- Agricultural land: ~59%

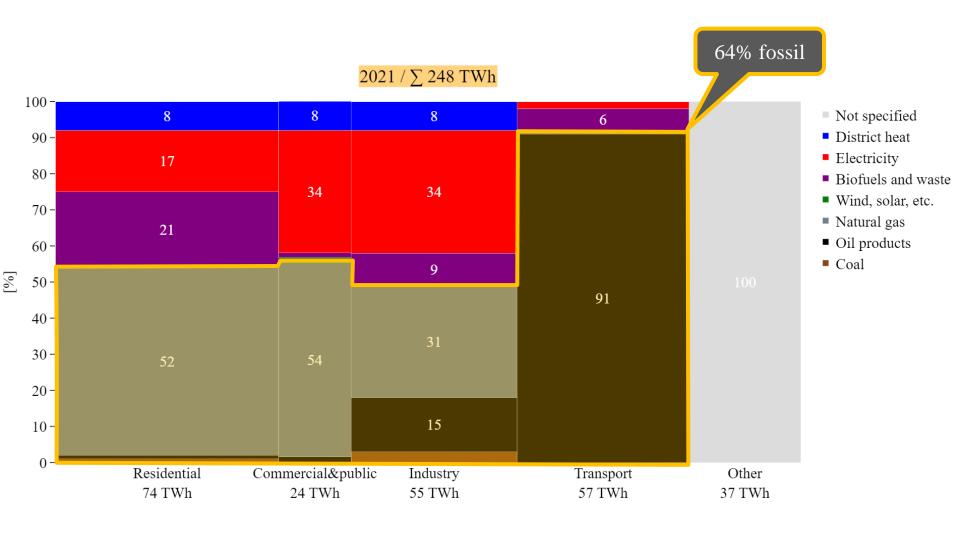
Key facts about Hungary



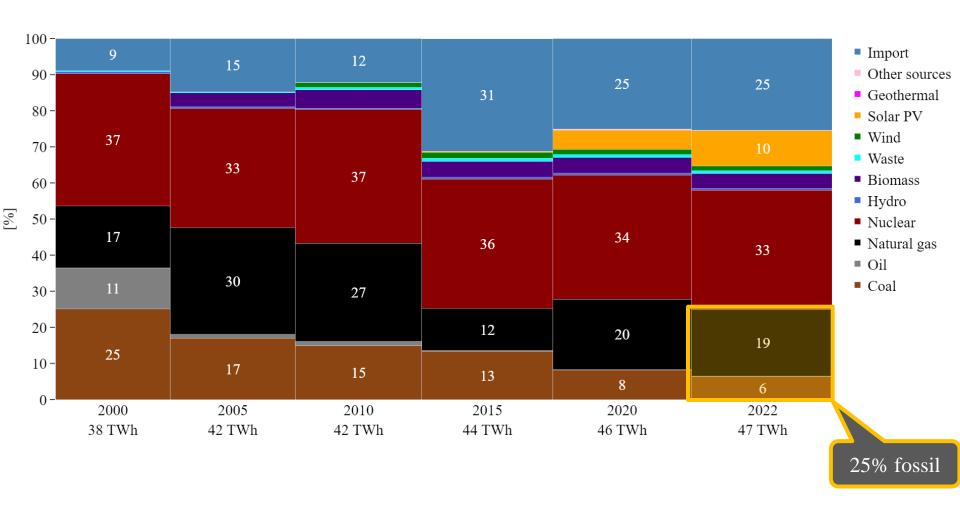
Source of picture: https://mapofeurope.com/physical-map-europe.

- Inhabitants: 9,6 million
- Located in Central Europe
 - between West and East
- Land locked
- Area: 93 028 km²
- Mostly lowland area
- Agricultural land: ~59%
- Highest point:
 - > Kékes 1 014 m
- Lowest point:
 - > Tisza River 78 m
- Mean elevation: 143 m
- The Carpathian Basin is surrounded by mountains
 - Limited hydro power,
 - limited wind power resources

Final energy consumption in Hungary

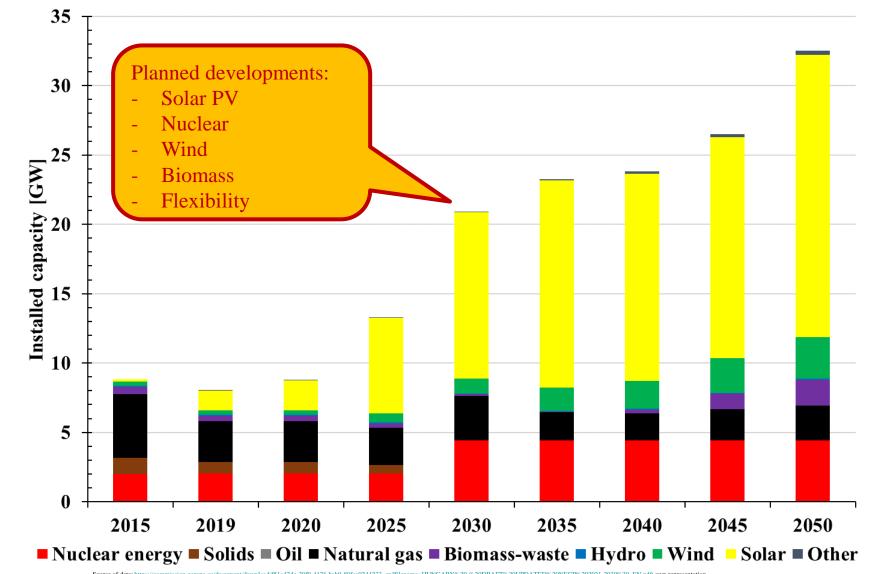


Electricity mix in Hungary

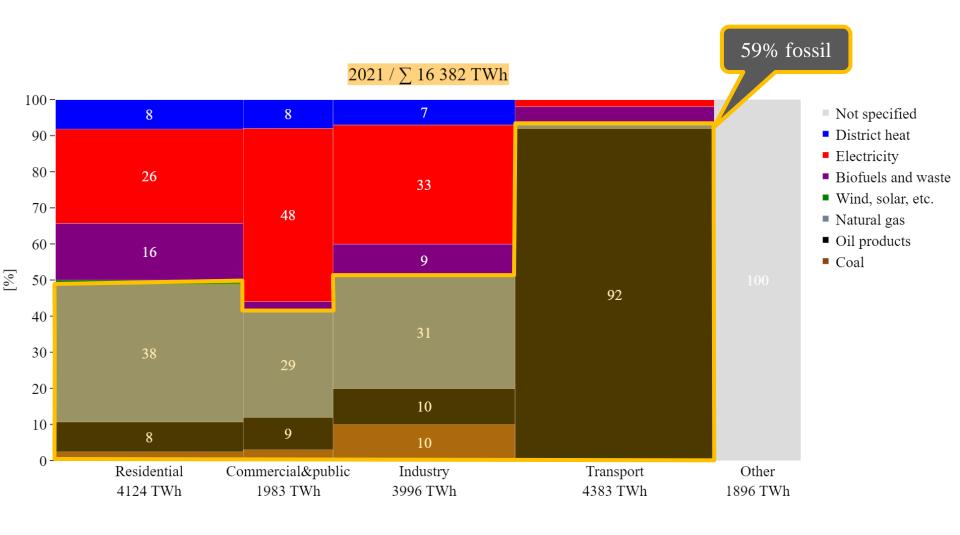


Future electricity mix in Hungary

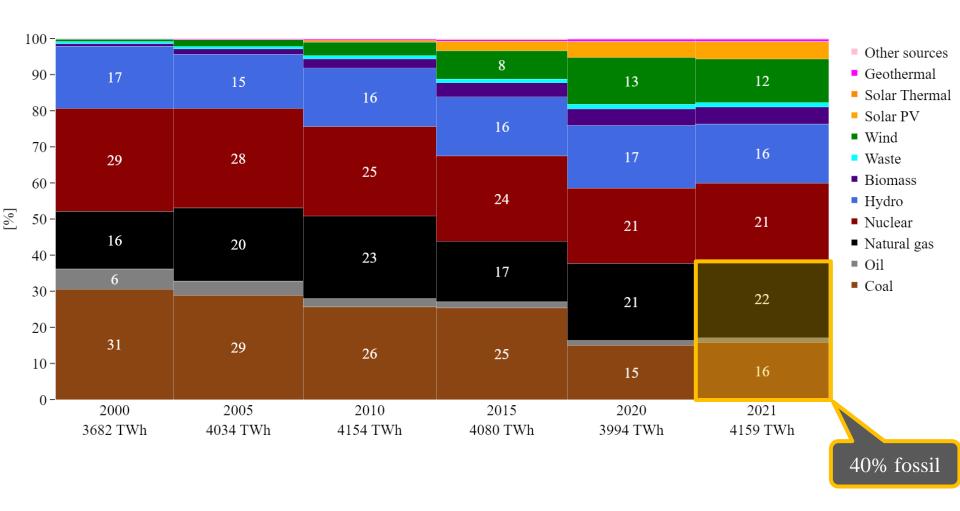
Installed capacity of electricity generating plants in Hungary



Final energy consumption in Europe

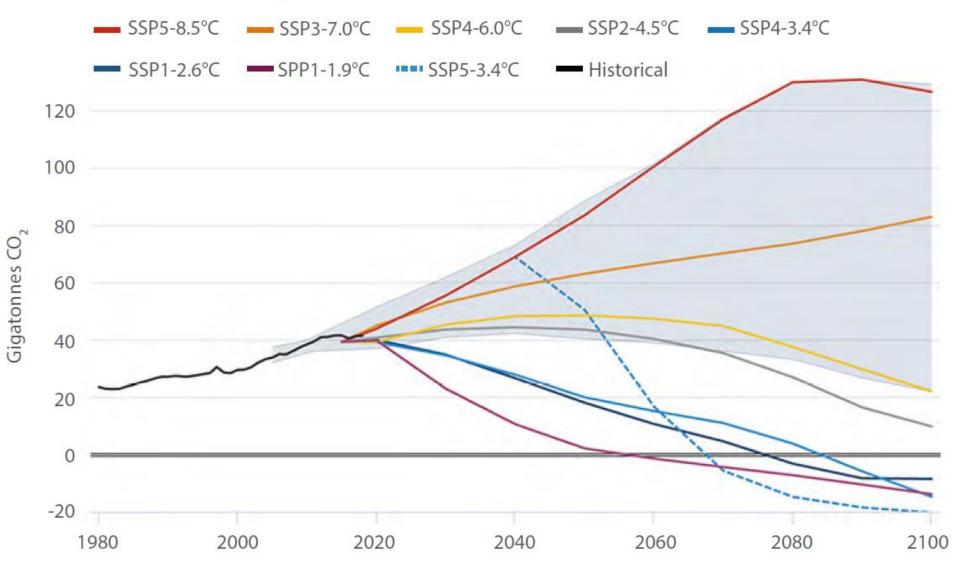


Electricity mix in Europe



IPCC scenarios – CO₂ emissions

Figure 1. Temperature outcomes for various emissions futures



Environment is one pillar of Sustainability

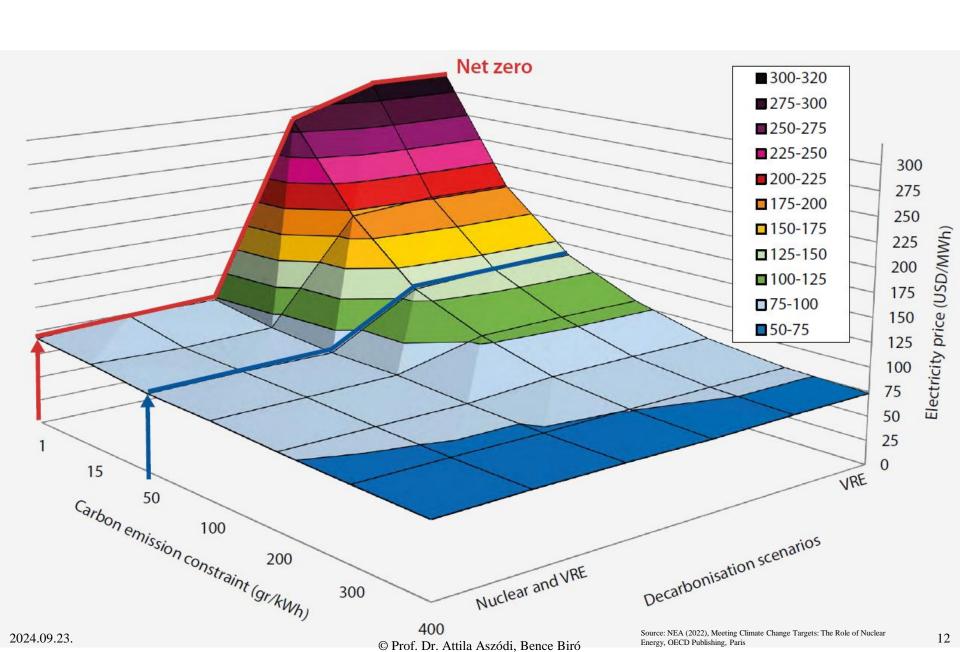


filmfoto / Getty Images

"Green" does not necessarily mean sustainable!



Driving to net-zero - costs

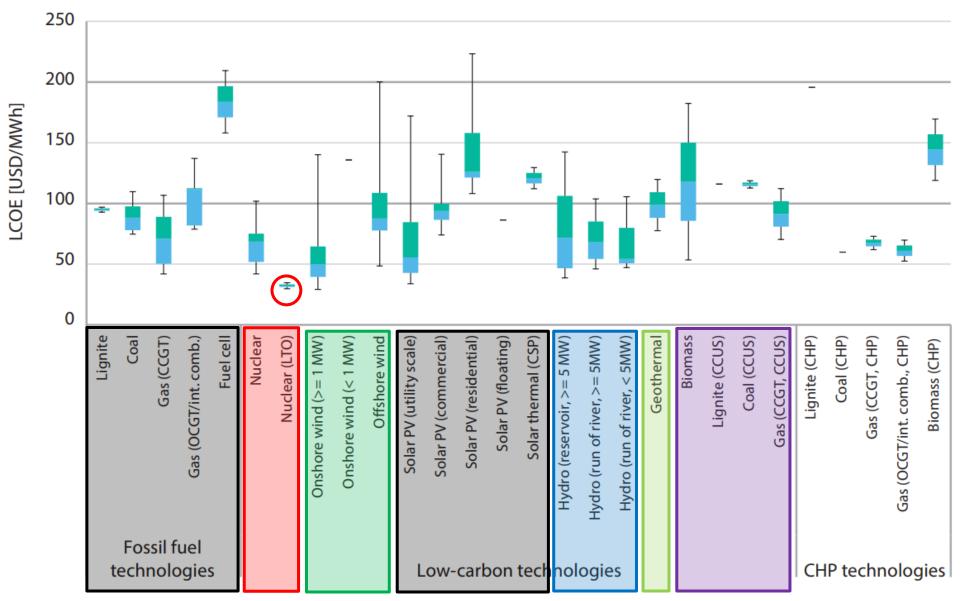


Carbon neutral solutions

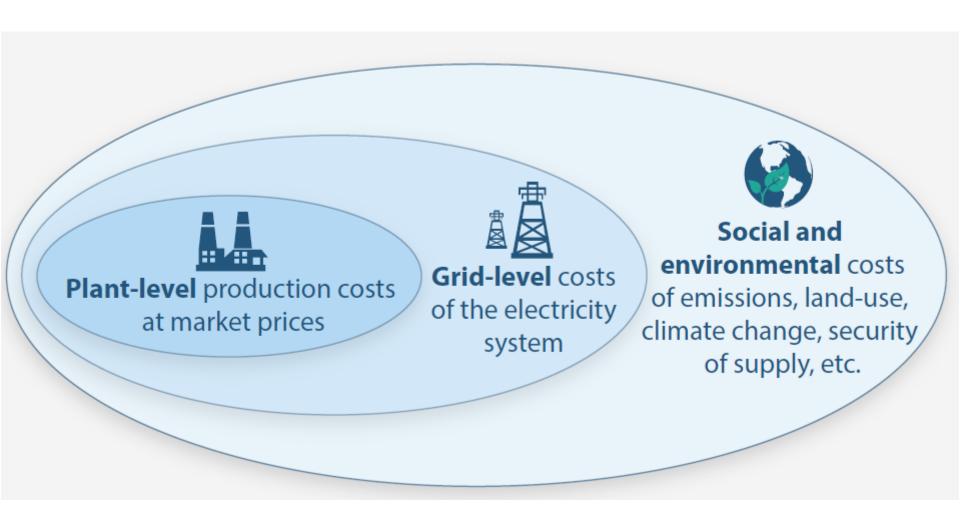
Hydro	Batteries	Long-term storage	Smart grids
Wind	Nuclear long- term operation (LTO)	Hybrid nuclear- energy systems	Demand side management
Solar PV	Large-scale Generation III nuclear	Small modular reactors (SMRs)	Energy efficiency
Biomass	Nuclear hydrogen	Nuclear heat	Behavioural changes
Synthetic fuels	Zero emission transport	Clean heat	Carbon Capture Utilisation and Storage CCUS

13

Levelised cost of electricity - LCOE



System costs of electricity supply



15

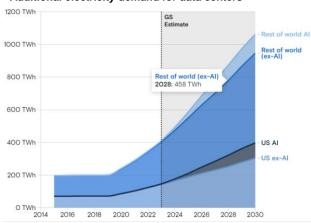
Summary of energy perspectives

- Only **engineering and innovative technologies** can resolve the problems we face.
- Stable and secure energy supply is fundamental prerequisite of developed societies.
- Sustainability \neq renewable or "green".
- Pillars of sustainability: environmental, social and economic.
- Sustainable engineering solutions must be **affordable**.
- Electricity will dominate energy supply.
- Future: nuclear + renewables + storage.
- The new energy system is heavily data-driven.
- At the same time, the **data-driven economy** itself leads to an increase in electricity demand.



Source: https://www.unssc.org/news-and-insights/blog/sustainable development-what-there-know-and-why-should-we-care

Additional electricity demand for data centers



Source: https://www.goldmansachs.com/pdfs/insights/pages/generational-growth-aidata-centers-and-the-coming-us-power-surge/report.pdf

Acknowledgements

- The research is part of project no. BME-NVA-02, implemented with the support provided by the Ministry of Innovation and Technology of Hungary from the National Research, Development and Innovation Fund, financed under the **TKP2021** funding scheme.
- The research was also funded by the Sustainable Development and Technologies National Programme of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (**FFT NP FTA**).



17