# Clean Energy: What It's All About!

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#### Preface

- Vast topic involving technology, ecology, science, politics, economics, globalization
  - With many complex inter-dependencies
- Sweep thru Clean Energy expanse
  - Illustrate innovations with real life technology examples

# Audience

- Likely seen Al Gore movie
- Aware of GHG emissions, climate change, impact on the planet & its resources
- Curious about clean tech landscape
- Exploring options to make a difference





#### **Cleantech: More with Less**

Ubiquitous Global Applications

#### CLEANTECH encompasses knowledge-based technology

products/services that:

- Provide superior performance at lower costs
- Greatly reduce or eliminate negative ecological impact
- Improve the productive and responsible use of natural resources



ENERGY: Includes Energy Generation, Storage, Infrastructure and Efficiency



TRANSPORTATION: Includes vehicles design, fuels and logistics



WATER: Includes filtration, purification, water conservation and wastewater treatment



AIR & ENVIRONMENT: Includes remediation, emission control, trading and



RECYCLING & WASTE: Includes various recycling services and waste treatment services.



MATERIALS: Includes environmental friendly nanotech, biotech, chemical materials www.cleantech.com



MANUFACTURING/INDUSTRIAL: Includes monitoring/control appliance and smart production industries



AGRICULTURE: Includes land management, natural pesticides, natural fertilizers, irrigation

#### Sustainable Energy

"A dynamic harmony between the equitable availability of energyintensive goods & services to all people and the preservation of the earth for future generations"

"Sustainable Energy" – Choosing among options

Prof. Jeff Tester et al, MIT Press





# US Energy Usage



# US Primary Energy Consumption By Source & Sector 2008 (99.2 Quad BTU)



US Annual Energy Review. DOE/EIA



#### U.S. Energy Flow Trends – 2002 Net Primary Resource Consumption ~97 Quads

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Source: Production and end-use data from Energy Information Administration, Annual Energy Review 2002. \*Net fossil-fuel electrical imports. June 2004 Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory http://eed.llnl.gov/flow

\*\*Biomass/other includes wood, waste, alcohol, geothermal, solar, and wind.

# The Epiphany

- All energy at left doesn't make it to right
- It isn't just about producing more energy
  - Renewable or conventional
- Are there efficiency opportunities in energy conversion & transmission?
- Also, there are two sides to energy equation
  - Supply & Demand
- How can usage efficiency reduce energy demand?

# Another Angle on Energy Loss



**United Technologies** 

#### Average Energy Conversion Efficiency of Primary Sources to Electricity is 33%



Primary Energy Sources	Percent Used to Generate Electricity	Typical Conversion Efficiency	Primary Energy Units Consumed per 100 Units Delivered @ Point of Use *
Coal	48.4	32	158.2
Natural Gas	19.4	43	47.1
Nuclear	21.6	35	64.4
Hydro	6.0	90	7.0
Petroleum	1.6	33	5.1
Other	3.1	20	16.2
Total	100.0		297.9

\* Includes 4.6% Transmission Loss



# US GHG Abatement Mapping Initiative

#### Annual GHG projected to increase

- From 7.2 GTons CO2e in 2005
- To 9.7 GTons CO2e in 2030 (35% increase) Among others, based on pop. increase of 70 mil
- Assertion: US could reduce GHG emissions in 2030 by 3-4.5 GTons using tested approaches and high potential emerging technologies
  - With marginal cost < \$50/Ton</p>

#### Global GHG abatement cost curve beyond business-as-usual, 2030





### Population Growth Thru History

1960       3 billion         1989       5 billion         1999       6 billion         Since 1950, we have consumed	1804 Earth population reaches 1 billion				
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Since 1950, we have consumed more resources than in all of previous history combined!	1999	999 6 billion			
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Expected to hit 9 Billion by 2050

# **Energy Consumption**



# Electricity: The Unserved World



### **Electricity Close to Home**

### **ISO** New England



#### **ISO NE Regional Profile**

- Population 14 million
- 6.5M households & businesses
- □ 300+ generators
- 8000+ miles of HV transmission lines
- 13 interconnections to electricity systems in NY & Canada
- □ 400+ participants in the marketplace
- □ \$12B annual energy market (2008)
- \$4B transmission investment since 2002; \$5B planned over next 10 years
- 6 major 345-kV projects built in 4 states

#### **ISO NE Sources**

#### New England Installed Generation Capacity by Primary Fuel Type

Summer 2008 (MW and Percent)

Total = 31,102 MW



### **ISO NE Zones**



ISO NE STATS •Baseload of 18,000 MW •All-time peak demand of 28,130 MW set Aug 2, 06 •Winter peak demand of 22,818 M W set Jan 04 •31000+ MW total supply •2000 MW demandresponse (DR)

MASSACHUSETTS •45% of region's pop. •46% of electricity •Projected growth 0.7% •Peak summer demand projected growth 1.1%

# Daily Electricity Demand Curve



#### Meeting Peak Demand



# **ISO NE Day Ahead Market**



### **ISO NE Real-Time Market**



### Innovation: EnerNOC

#### Boston-based energy services co - large C & I customers

- Demand Response
- Power Efficiency Mgt
- Energy Procurement
- Carbon Tracking & Trading
- 202009: 2400 clients, 5450 sites, 3.15 GW managed



# **Demand Response Eco System**



#### **Demand Response Market**

- □ 37 GW available DR Nationwide (FERC 2008)
  - 80% Large Commercial & Industrial (C & I)
  - 3% Small & Medium C & I
  - 17% Residential

Disaggregated markets	Regulated markets
Generation separate from T & D	Vertically integrated power
Energy curtailment treated the	
same as generation	D Utility or CSP or runs DR
Open capacity markets	$\square$ CSP contracts populiated to
<ul> <li>Forward capacity</li> <li>Day ahead</li> </ul>	aggregate customer MWs
<ul> <li>Real-time</li> </ul>	Curtail x hours of v MWs per
Ancillary	year on z minutes notice
CSPs aggregate capacity bids	

# Supply-Demand Challenge

#### **Biggest Issues**

•Electricity is a real-time resource

•Demand has peaks & ebbs

#### **Ideal Solution**

Store when there is over-supply
Use when there is high demand

#### Q: How to implement grid-scale storage?

# Storage – Pumped Hydro



Total US capacity (2000): 19.5 GW

#### All possible US resources for pumped hydro locations supposedly exhausted

# Storage – Compressed Air


## Innovation: Beacon Power

- Carbon-fiber composite flywheel for short-term (15 min) energy storage
- Spins at 16000 RPM (surface speed Mach 2, or 1500 mph)
- Rotor works as motor or generator
- Participating in ISO NE market under Ancillary Services – Regulation Market to stabilize grid frequency
- Can respond within 5 seconds vs.
  5-10 mins for fossil fuel plants
- Tyngsboro, MA public co.



## Innovation: A123 Systems

- Watertown, MA MIT spin-off, founded 2001
- □ Proprietary Nanophosphate<sup>™</sup> tech built on new nanoscale materials for Li-Ion battery
- Target market: autos (HEV, PHEV, EV)
- Recent \$249M ARRA grant for new US mfg for auto batteries – likely plant in MI
- So. Cal. Edison seeking \$25M US grant to store wind power in largest-ever grid storage battery: small A123 batteries assembled in a 8000 s.f. bldg (Aug 26, 09)

# Smart Grid



National Renewable Energy Laboratory

## Smart Home

#### Vision of the Future



Bangor Hydro

### Computers & Electricity

- □ US data centers use ~3% electric power
- 10k PCs left on overnight cause
  - \$165k/yr in electric bills
  - 1380 Tons CO2 = driving a car for 2 months
- Desktops left on overnight in US waste approx. \$1.7 B with 15 MTons CO2 emitted

http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970204908604574336280116296164.html

- HW & SW solutions in place & forthcoming
- Virtualization & cloud computing being pitched as "green" solutions



#### **U.S. Renewable Energy Resources**







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## **US Solar Resource**



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### Solar PV – How It Works



# Solar PV



- Available in many forms
- □ Crystalline theoretical max efficiency ~25%
  - In production today ~14-18%
- **\Box** Thin film efficiency is ~6-11%
- Mfr's trying to lower costs through various techniques and improved conversion efficiency
- III-V semiconductor research promises 40-50% efficiency; some claim as high as 70% (??)
  - Multi-junction synthesized with 3rd & 5th periodic table group elements; e.g. GaAs, GaP, GaN, GaAlAs

http://www.altenergystocks.com/archives/solar/

## **PV Module Efficiencies**



http://www.altenergystocks.com/archives/solar/

### **Concentrated Solar Power - CSP**



#### Hot Salt

Molten salt can be used in solarpower generation to store heat until it is needed

Large mirrors focus the sun's rays on a central collection tower



Source: United Technologies

Molten salt is heated in the tower, then pumped into a storage tank



Cooled salt is returned to a second storage tank to be sent

back through the cycle The heated salt is then pumped through a steam generator



The steam is used to power an electric turbine



Graphic by Eric Anderson

## Solar PV & CSP – US Status

- □ 1,000 MW PV installed capacity
  - Cost 18-23¢/kWh
- 419 MW CSP installed capacity
  - Cost 12¢/kWh
- PV potential
  - 11-18¢/kWh by 2010
  - 5-10 ¢/kWh by 2015
- CSP potential
  - 8.5 ¢/kWh by 2010
  - 6 ¢/kWh by 2015

US DOE, IEA

## Solar Future

#### PV innovations continuing

- PV prices expected to drop to "grid parity" over the next 3-7 years – depending on who you believe
  - Competitive Gas/Oil prices the wildcard
- Hybrid systems may make a push
  - Get the most out of the solar energy in terms of electricity, heat and light

### Reaching For The Sun: DeserTec

- Sustainable energy for EU
- Energy, water and jobs for MENA
- €400B to progressively build solar thermal plants in MENA
  - €350B for power plants over 16900 km<sup>2</sup>
  - €50B for transmission lines
  - Goal
    - □ Up and running by 2019
    - Complete in 2050
  - Provide 15% to 25% of Europe's electricity

## DeserTec Concept



# DeserTec Technologies



## Wind

#### Very cost effective when wind available

#### Today's Status in U.S.

- 25,300 MW installed capacity
- Cost 6-9¢/kWh at good wind sites\*

#### DOE Cost Goals

- 3.6¢/kWh, onshore at low wind sites by 2012
- 7¢/kWh, offshore in shallow water by 2014

#### Long Term Potential

20% of the nation's electricity supply





#### Innovation: American Superconductor



## Geothermal



•Utility-scale requires very deep drilling

•US biggest global producer with ~6000 MWe

•Iceland has 440 MWe

•Residential plants can be very effective, but high capital cost

#### Geothermal

#### Today's Status in U.S.

- 2,800 MWe installed, 500 MWe new contracts, 3000 MWe under development
- Cost 5-8¢/kWh with no PTC
- Capacity factor typically > 90%, base load power

#### DOE Cost Goals:

- <5¢/kWh, for typical hydrothermal sites
- 5¢/kWh, for enhanced geothermal systems with mature technology



#### Long Term Potential:

 Recent MIT Analysis shows potential for 100,000 MW installed Enhanced Geothermal Power systems by 2050, cost-competitive with coalpowered generation

#### **NREL Research Thrusts:**

- Analysis to define the technology path to commercialization of Enhanced Geothermal Systems
- Low temperature conversion cycles
- Better performing, lower cost components
- Innovative materials

#### **Biofuels**

#### Current Biofuels Status in U.S.

- Biodiesei 171 companies; 2.2 billion gallons/yr capacity1
  - Corn ethanol
    - 174 commercial plants2
    - 10.8 billion gal/yr. capacity2
    - Additional 2.4 billion gal/yr planned or under construction
  - Cellulosic ethanol (current technology)
    - Projected commercial cost ~\$3.50/gge

#### Key DOE Goals

- 2012 goal: cellulosic ethanol \$1.33/ETOH gallon or ~\$1.99/gge
- 2022 goal: 36B gal Renewable Fuel; 21B gal "Advanced Renewable Fuel" – 2007 Energy Independence and Security Act
- 2030 goal: 60 billion gal ethanol (30% of 2004 gasoline)

#### **NREL Research Thrusts**

- · The biorefinery and cellulosic ethanol
- Solutions to under-utilized waste residues
- Energy crops
- New biofuels

Updated February 2009 Sources: 1- National Biodiesel Board 2 - Renewable Fuels Association, all other Information based on DOE and USDA sources







### A Word On Water & Other Resources

- Water supply quickly becoming major issue in many parts of the world
- Water-related energy/yr in California
  - 19% of state's electricity
  - 30% of natural gas
  - 88 B gallons of diesel

California Energy Commission, Nov 2005

## Innovation: AEB

- Advanced Electron Beam: <u>www.aeb.com</u>
- □ Wilmington, MA
- Working on in-line sterilization of PET bottles using new gen electron beam wand
- Saves electricity, water and/or materials



# Innovation: Aspen Aerogels

- Nanomaterial insulation, with 97% volume as trapped air
- Cryogel for Low temps
- Pyrogel for High temps
- 2-5 times thinner than competitive products
- Environmentally friendly
- Northboro, MA



## Some Opportunity Areas

#### Energy storage

- For instance, lower cost, highly efficient battery storage for PHEV or EV
- Harnessing waste heat
- Energy efficiency, demand reduction
- Industrial waste water treatment & harvesting
- Lower cost/Watt PV
- Low cost, efficient geothermal drilling

Thank You

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### Resources: Chris Jordan

- I attended the first Greener Gadgets conf in NYC in Feb 2008
- Worth watching video of Chris Jordan's address:
  - Blip TV
  - YouTube
- Chris has other material on YouTube as well

# Servers & Electricity



# Daily Electricity Demand Curve



# BIPV (Building Integrated)



## Solar Thermal – Air or Water



## Solar Hybrid – Many Variations



100 kW PV/Thermal system (25 kW PV + 75 kW thermal) at Concordia University in Montreal, Canada

# Solar Hybrid Lighting

