OTEC Power Cycles and Auxiliary Uses

Desalinated water and Ammonia Production

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Path Forward

Five-Step Commercialization Goals

- 1. Global displacement of petroleum-based fuels (diesel and fuel oil) for power generation specifically in the island market
- 2. At-sea production of desalinated water for regions of critical water shortages
- 3. Displacement of carbon-based production of fertilizer ammonia
- 4. Hydrogen supply to allow economic processing of heavy crude oils and upgrading oil sands
- 5. Ammonia-fuel-based distributed energy to displace natural-gas for power generation

Energy-Water Nexus





Alternate energy sources (nuclear hydrogen, ethanol, oil sand) have high consumption of fresh water

Ocean-thermal only energy source that can co-produce power and desalinated water

Cost of water

Plant Utilization 79	920 hr/y
Production 2.64	mgpd
Electric rate 0.060	\$/kWh
Bidder	2005\$
Туре	SWRO
Total Installed Costs (TIC), \$	13,565,350
Annual Costs	
Depreciation over 10 years, \$	1,356,535
Electric Power, kW	2900
Costs, \$	1,378,080
Membrane Replacement, \$	453,150
Catridge Filters, \$	68,900
Chemicals, \$	259,700
Maintenance & Parts, \$	265,000
Operating Labor, \$	238,500
Total Annual Cost, \$	4,019,865
Cost of Water, \$/m3	1.22
\$/KGPD	4.61

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Technology Status OTEC Desalinated Water Production

Hybrid Cycle

- Land-based plants shown to be competitive to SWRO for the island market
- Possible option OTEC to operate land-based OTEC desalination plants
- On-Board Reverse Osmosis (RO) is an option for <u>at-sea</u>
 - production of desalinated water

OTEC Plantships for Ammonia Production

- Ammonia is being considered as the hydrogen carrier for renewable energy sources – wind, remote PV, and OTEC
- Global impact of OTEC Plantships Four Strategic Regions



Ammonia Imports to the USA



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Ammonia Cost FOB Tampa, FL



Displacement of carbon-based feed stocks and energy for production of ammonia as fertilizer

- World ammonia production ~ 140 million metric ton /yr (31,000 cf /MT)
 - Equivalent NG consumption ~ 4,340 billion cubic feet (bcf) /yr
- US ammonia consumption ~ 16 million metric ton /yr (~ 50% imported)
 - Equivalent NG consumption of 496 bcf /yr; (LNG imports of 652 bcf in 2004; projected 1080 bcf in 2010)
- NG-based cost of ammonia:
 - Capital \$1.6 billion for a typical 4,000 MTD (CEP-Aug07, Plant Startup 2010)
 - \$109 /MT Capital @ 10% IRR + \$174 /MT @NG cost \$5.6/kcf (Henry Hub Aug07) = \$283 /MT + O&M costs
 - (No credit taken for byproducts CO2, methanol, sulfur)

Ammonia-fueled distributed energy generation to displace natural-gas fueled power generation

Illustration using California (2006):

- Power generation: instate 78%; import 22%
- NG-based power 42% of 78%
- NG (2005) consumption:
 - Instate 873 million cfd (7.5%)
 - Import 10,895 million cfd (92.5%)
- Power generation from NG (2006):
 - 107,000 GWh of 230,000 GWh total
 - 3,000 million cfd of NG at 33% thermal efficiency
- 12,000 MW of OTEC Power
 - Twelve 1,000 MWe OTEC Plantship Systems
- Significant impact on water supply



Sources: 2003: Derived from Energy Information Administration (EIA), International Energy Annual 2003 (May-July 2005), web site www.eia.doe.gov/iea/. Projections: EIA, System for the Analysis of Global Energy Markets (2006).

Technology Status

- Haber-Bosch is commercial ammonia synthesis process hydrocarbon as feedstock
- Innovative solid-state ammonia synthesis process has been proposed with significantly improved energy efficiency