

# Sustainable Energy

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# Agenda

- Global Warming
- Renewable Energy
  - Solar
  - Wind
  - Biofuels
  - Geothermal
- Smoothing renewables with Storage & Smart Grid
- Energy storage
- Locating renewable-energy collection in U.S.
- International renewable-energy progress
- 200-300 miles electric cars
- Fast trains

# Causes of Global Warming Too many people is basic cause!



#### We need renewable electrical energy & electric transport!



### U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions in 2014



CO<sub>2</sub> resides in atmosphere 85% in 10 years, 34% in 100 years & 13% in 1000 years. 93% of Global Warming heat resides in oceans to be released into atmosphere!

# Effects of Global Warming

- Severe droughts due to high evaporation
- Severe floods due to huge downpours
- Forest fires increase due to droughts.
- Mudslides due to dried bare land and downpours.
- Severe destructive storms (e.g., hurricanes, tornados, high winds, huge snows)
- Rising sea levels
- Acidification of oceans
- Food and water shortages
- Human migrations and survival wars (E.g. Syria!)
- Ecosystems shifting northward and upward (mountains)
- Species extinctions
- Feedbacks leading to increased Global Warming

#### **<u>2005-2010 Drought in Syria</u>** was a major factor in the rebellion.



This is one of the reasons the U.S. military is studying global warming.

# Dangerous Global Warming Feedbacks

- High temperature increases moisture in the air, a powerful greenhouse gas. It doubles the temperature increase of CO<sub>2</sub>.
- Forest fires due to droughts stop trees' intake of carbon dioxide and add heat to the atmosphere.
- Sea ice melting increases sea area and, thus, solar-energy absorption by a factor of ~6.
- Sea ice melting increases sea waves that break up ice causing it to melt faster.
- Rising sea level increases water surface to absorb solar energy more than covered land by a factor of ~3.
- Rising Arctic temperature causes tundra to release bound carbon dioxide and methane into the air.
- Rising ocean temperature causes bottom methane structures to release methane into the air. (More later)

#### El Niño increases global warming & La Niña decreases global warming.





This graph shows the average of a set of temperature simulations for the 20th century (black line), followed by projected temperatures for the 21st century based on three greenhouse gas emissions scenarios (colored lines).



#### https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Effects of global warming

#### Energy-related $CO_2$ emissions by region for temp < 2°C. Global $CO_2$ emissions fall to less than 9 Gigatonnes in 2050.



Need to reduce coal, crude-oil and natural-gas extraction for energy by about 1/4<sup>th</sup> less than current values.

# The blue star is necessary coal extraction in 2050 to keep temperature to < 2°C.



### The **blue star** is necessary crude-oil extraction in 2050 to keep temperature to < 2°C.



# The blue star is necessary natural-gas extraction in 2050 to keep temperature to < 2°C.



#### Global Carbon-Dioxide Emissions (1 tonne = 1.102 ton)



# Renewable/Sustainable Energy

### • Solar

- Distributed solar photovoltaic (PV) (roofs, parking covers & community/business solar farms)
- Centralized PV (power-company solar farms)
- Thermal (solar hot water, <u>parabolic trough</u>, <u>solar</u>
   <u>tower</u> & <u>thermal storage</u>)
- Wind farms (onshore & offshore)
- Geothermal (power and storage)
- Storage
  - Batteries, including used electric-cars' (BEV) batteries
  - Thermal (e.g., <u>molten salts</u>, earth)
  - <u>Ice storage for air conditioning</u>
- <u>MicroGrids</u> and <u>Smart Grid</u> for electricity
- Biofuels (biodiesel, ethanol, <u>methanol</u>)

# MicroGrids and Smart Gr

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- MicroGrids are smaller, self-contained grids with their own sources of power preferably distributed renewable sour
- MicroGrids operate independently an conjunction with a regional & main Sr
- When there is an outage of a MicroGrid, it is automatically disconnected from a regional grid and the main Smart Grid.
- Electrical energy is created closer to its usage, cutting down on transmission losses.

What about Hvdroelectric Dams? Hydroelectric is not environmental friendly!

- Dams silt with time, reducing the volume.
- Dams kill trees that absorb CO<sub>2</sub>.
- Dams take land out of food production.
- Dams destroy ecosystems & emit methane.
- Global Warming causes oscillations between droughts and floods.

   <sup>\*\$200-million</sup> damage
- Oroville Dam, CA example:







Oroville Dam Overflow 13 February 2017

# Leveling of U.S. Electricity Usage



# What about Nuclear Energy?



# What about Jobs?







# **U.S. Energy Jobs**



### **Renewable-Energy U.S. States**



### **Renewable-Energy-Increase U.S. States**



# Solar Energy

# Negawatts before Solar-PV Kilowatts

- Insulation, including attics and crawl space
- Programmable thermostats
- Passive solar (new buildings)
- <u>LED lighting</u>
- <u>Efficient windows</u>
- High-efficiency heat pumps (<u>mini-splits</u> new or upgrades)
- Electric cars (2/3<sup>rd</sup> negawatts compared to gasoline cars)

Energy = kilo-watt-hours = kWh Power = Energy/time = kilo-watts = kW \$6.97 for 4 @ Home Depot Warm light (2700 K) Daylight (5000 K)



## **Roper House Example**



Installation of 28 solar panels (7.7 kW) had a much larger effect that other changes. 2016: Solar = 56% of usage; BEV used 16% of collected solar.

# **Solar Energy**



### Falling Prices (\$/watt) of U.S. Residential Solar PV



### Roper 7.7-kW system: \$3.70/watt in 2014-2015. After 30% federal tax credit: \$2.59.

# Growth of Solar PV in U.S.



#### **3 Megawatts Sun-Tracking Solar Farm in Bedford VA**



This is possible because Bedford has its own electric power company. **Most places** In Virginia are not allowed to do this by state law that allows only APCO or Dominion to provide their power.

However, Bedford does not allow net metering for individual buildings as APCO does grudgingly.





Salem, Virginia has its own power company. It allows net metering and receives power from the Veterans Hospital's 2.3-MW array and the **Roanoke Valley** Wine's 1.02-MW array.

#### Installed PV in watts per capita




#### Global electricity-generating capacity

See supplementary materials for data sources.



#### PV module experience curve

Historically, module prices have decreased as a function of cumulative global shipments (blue dots reflect historical data, red dots reflect extrapolated prices for 1 TW and 8 TW based on the historical trend line). See supplementary materials for data sources.



## World Solar-Energy Potential (PetaWattHours = 10<sup>12</sup> kilowatt-hours)

- World energy consumption = ~150 PWh
- Solar energy potential = ~6,950 PWh
- Solar/Consumption = 6950/150 = ~46
- S/C projected for 2050 = ~30
- S/C projected for 2100 = ~22
- S/C will probably be >1 for hundreds of years.

# Area to be covered by solar cells to provide world's 2013 energy consumption @ 8% efficiency.



#### U.S.: Solar Needed = ~0.5% of land Cars use (parking & roads) = ~1.6% of land

Matulias Loster, 2000



#### Wind Energy



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## **U.S. Wind-Power Potential**

- 10,500 GW (10.5 TW) in contiguous U.S.
- 37 petawatt-hours/year = 9 times larger than current U.S. consumption (Pwatts = 1,000,000 Gwatts)
- Also large wind resources in Alaska & Hawaii



#### U.S. cumulative wind and hydro energy capacity, 1900-2016



#### Wind Farms in U.S.



#### TOP STATES 2016 Wind Power

%





Wind power projects in lowa
Operating

Output Construction

2016: 31% of electricity

#### Wind Farms in Oklahoma (3<sup>rd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>)

#### **Oklahoma Operating and Proposed Wind Farms** February 2014 Grant Wind Harper County wind projectHarper County wind project ackwell Wind Beaver County wind project (SPP) alo Bear Wind Kay County Wind KODE Novus Wind 2 Novus I Centernial Wind Energy Center Sleeping Bear Wind Chisholm View Wind Oklahoma Wind Energy Center Balko Wind Pawnee County wind project Benton County wind project OU Spirit Wind Keenan Wind II Ellis County wind project My home county Crossroads Wind Dewey County wind project **Ellis County** Wind Canadian Hills Weatherford Wind Energy Center Big Smile at Dempsey Ridge Win Minco 3 Wind Beckham County wind projectRed Hills Wind FarmMinco 2 Wind ÷ Minco I Wind Washita County wind projectRocky Ridge Wind Blue Canyon Wind VI Legend Blue Canvon Wind V e Canvon Wind II Blue Canyon Wind Farm Oklahoma counties Comanche County wind project Origin Wind Energy Plains Wind farms buckle Wind Status Operating Under Construction Proposed 2015: 23% of electricity

#### Wind Power Lines in Texas (1<sup>st</sup>,7<sup>th</sup>)



#### Wind Facilities in West Virginia & Virginia



327 turbines in 2014. 1.84% of electricity in 2016.



## Birds Killed by Energy Systems



## **Rocky Forge Wind Farm**

- First Virginia Wind Farm
- In rural Botetourt Co. on private land
- Adjacent to existing high-voltage power line
- Power for ~20,000 homes
- 25 ~75-MegaWatts turbines
- ~550-feet tall
- ~150 construction jobs
- ~7 maintenance jobs
- \$20-\$25 million in taxes



### **Clean Line Energy Project**

NW Oklahoma Wind Farms to Memphis TN TVA High-Voltage DC Power Line 720 miles \$2.5 Billion



#### **Grain Belt Express Clean Line**

SW Kansas Wind Farms to Indiana High-Voltage DC Power Line 780 miles \$2 Billion



## Offshore Wind (OSW)

- 1991: World's first offshore wind farm Denmark
- >3,000 offshore wind turbines in >80 locations
- U.S. could have 4 x electricity used from OSW.
- Two types
  - Continental shelf rigidly attached to sea floor
  - Deep water cabled to sea floor
- Shore electrical stations should plan for sealevel rise!

## **Atlantic Wind Connection Project**



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- Northern New Jersey to Southern Virginia in 3 phases over 10 years
- Reduce variability of wind energy.
- Provide fast transport of all electrical energy.
- Wind farms 10 miles off coast out of land sight.
- Phase 1: <u>New Jersey Energy Link</u>
- Phase 2: <u>DelMarVa Energy Link</u> (3 gigawatts, 1 million homes)
- Phase 3: <u>Bay Link</u>
- Total: 6 gigawatts, 2 million homes
- Thousands of construction jobs
- Improving reliability and resiliency of grid

## **Trident Winds Project**



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- ~25 miles offshore of central California
- ~100 6-megawatts wind turbines in deep water
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> miles apart on 40,000 acres
- Turbines moored by cables at ~3,000-ft water depth
- Floating electricity substation
- Underwater cables to shore
- Completion planned by 2025

### **Trident Winds Project**



Left turbines on continental shelf; right turbines cabled to ocean floor.

#### World Cumulative Installed Wind Power 2000-2015







#### **U.S. Electricity Projection (GWhours)**



## U.S. Reduced Grid CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions



## **Fuels for Transportation**

- Gasoline and diesel
- Propane and Natural gas
- Biofuels
  - Ethanol from corn
  - Ethanol from cellulose
  - Biodiesel from crops (soy beans, canola, palm oil, etc.)
  - Biodiesel from algae and bacteria
- Electricity (solar, wind, natural gas, coal, uranium & biowaste)
- Small nuclear reactors (for large ships)



#### **Global Ethanol and Biodiesel**



1-gallon = 3.785 litres






#### Wind-Energy(Gwatts)/Population(billions) 500 450 400 350 300 250 U.S. has some catching up to do! 200 150 100 50 0 Germany china spain Hally France Bratil \* Canada SA

## **Renewable Electric Energy by Country**

- Italy: 38% in 2014
- **Spain**: 30% in 2010
- Germany: 30% in 2014
- **U.S.**: 17% in 2016
- Australia: Plans for 23% by 2020
- **U.K.**: Plans 15% by 2020
- Brazil: Plans for 42% by 2023
- Mexico: Plans for 35% by 2025

#### **World Electricity Sources**



**Power generation capacity additions (GW)** 

## **Monopoly Power Company & Renewables**

- Require monopoly power companies to provide incentives for increasing energy efficiency (negawatts) of house and commercial buildings.
- Require power companies to provide incentives for increasing solar PV at homes and commercial locations.
- Require power companies to increase the % of renewable power each year, including customers' renewable power.

## **Smoothing Renewables**

- Wind farms connected over a continent
- Wind farms connected along a long coast
- Large solar farms connected over a continent
- Community solar farms connected to microgrids
- Buildings and parking lots with solar PV connected to microgrids
- Smart microgrids, regional grids & national grid
- Energy Storage

## **Storage for Renewable Energy**

- Solar PV and wind energy storage
  - New and used lithium-ion batteries
  - Large-scale liquid-flow batteries
  - Generate hydrogen to power fuel cells in buildings
  - Electric-car's batteries when cars are not being used (V2H & V2G)
- Solar Thermal
  - Molten salts
  - geothermal



## **Example Solar/Storage Systems**

• <u>Kauai, Hawaii</u>

#### Battery storage is the linchpin

of solar-PV and wind energy.

- 55,000 Tesla solar panels (13 MegaWatts)
- 272 Tesla PowerPacks (52 MegaWattHours & 13 MegaWatts)
- 50 acres of land
- \$0.139 per kiloWattHour
- Southern California Edison
  - 400 Tesla PowerPacks (80 MWh & 20 MW)
  - Charged off-peak to provide power on-peak.
  - Largest battery storage so far
- AES Energy Storage 120-MWh station for San Diego Gas & Electric (world's largest)(\$1/watt)





## Kauai Hawaii PV & Storage



#### **Solar Thermal Storage and District Loop**







# What are best locations for factories?

- Cover the southwest, centralwest & southeast US with solar farms.
- Cover the three coasts with offshore wind farms designed for future sea-level rise.
- Cover Great Lakes with wind farms.
- Cover the central US with wind farms.
- Locate battery storage across US.
- Locate energy-intensive factories in areas of wind & solar farms.

#### Top 10 Cities With Most Solar Potential



GWh per year



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What are best locations for population?

**Stimulate population** location in northwest coastal, central & central-east U.S. for moderate precipitation and temperature nearest as possible to renewable energy sources.

## Summary

- Must quit burning fossil fuels.
  - Causes global warming.
  - Extraction will decline after about 2040.
- Must make buildings highly energy efficient.
- Must speed up creating infrastructure for renewable energy.
  - Solar PV and thermal
  - Wind farms onshore and offshore
- Must move transportation to electric quickly.
  - Electric cars
  - Fast trains across continent
  - Hydrogen-electric & biodiesel trucks, ships & planes

#### Energy-related $CO_2$ emissions by region for temp < 2°C. Global $CO_2$ emissions fall to less than 9 Gigatonnes in 2050.





Suppose there were a coal moratorium, which may be underway, that reduced the coal peak to one-fourth of the case if all reserves were burned.





## Future Power (TW = 10<sup>12</sup> watts)

- Assume World kW/c (now 3.42 kW/c) to be eventually 5 kW/c after all fossil fuels are no longer being burned for energy.
- Assume sources will be divided 2 kW/c for solar,
  2 kW/c for wind and 1 kW/c for biofuels.
- If population levels off at **10 billion people**, the total power would be **50 terrawatts (TW)**.
- The division for sources would be 20 TW for solar, 20 TW for wind and 10 TW for biofuels.
- At current doubling rates it would take over 150 years; so we need to cut by one-quarter the doubling rates. Cut final population to 5 billion?

## **Far Future**

- Without global warming the global temperature would be dropping the Earth into the **next** ~100,000-years ice age.
- After fossil fuels are gone, the temperature drop into the next major ice age may be faster than it would have been without global warming.
- If a nuclear war, say between Pakistan and India, occurs or a large asteroid collides with the Earth, a "nuclear winter" may cause global cooling for a decade or longer and may trigger the next ice age.
- Should we be storing the carbon dioxide due to burning fossil fuels to release it later to slow down the entry into the next ice age?

## What We Must Do!

- Provide free birth control world wide.
- Build a fast electric train and bus system.
- Move to electric cars and fast charging stations.
- Move to biodiesel or fuel-cell trucks.
- Cover all appropriate parking lots and building roofs with solar panels.
- Build solar farms near communities.
- Cover the Midwest, Offshore and Great Lakes with wind farms.
- Build microgrids all over the U.S.
- Build smart high-power electric transmission lines.
- Locate industries where solar and wind are strongest.

## 200-300-Miles Mid-Size BEVs

HEV = Hybrid Electric, PHEV = Plug-in Hybrid Electric, BEV = Battery Electric

- Chevrolet Bolt EV (2017, 238-miles range)
- Nissan ? (2018, >200-miles range)
- Tesla Model 3 (2018, >215-miles range)
- Ford Model E (2019, >200-miles range)
- VW ? (2019, >200-miles range)(diesel controversy promised)
- Audi SUV EV (2019, >200-miles range)
- Volvo ? (?, >200-miles range)

#### **Exponential Fit to Plug-ins (BEVs & PHEVs)**



# Reasonable Prediction when all Cars will be Plug-ins (BEVs & PHEVs)



## **Autonomous Vehicles (AV)**

- Audi: AV by 2017
- Tesla: AV by 2018
- **Google**: AV by 2018
- VW: AV by 2019
- Nissan: AV by 2020
- Ford: AV by 2020
- **GM**: AV by 2020
- Toyota: AV by 2020
- **BMW**: AV in 2021
- Worldwide: AV in 2025
- Uber: Driverless by 2030
- IEEE: 75% AV by 2040

Automation could replace 1.7 million American truck drivers in the next decade.

## Hybrids, PHEVs & BEVs LLI Course 2017-2018 Fall Semester

- <u>Hybrid-Electric Cars</u> (HEV) Example: Toyota Prius
- <u>Plug-in Hybrid-Electric Cars</u> (PHEV)
  Example: Chevrolet Volt
- <u>Battery-Electric Cars</u> (BEV) Example: Chevrolet Bolt EV
- Instructor: L. David Roper



#### Maglev in Shanghai China

- First magnetic levitation
- 19 miles track
- 267 mph max. speed

#### Harmony CRH 380A

- Beijing Shanghai, China
- 819 miles track
- 236 mph max. speed





#### AGV Italo

- Napoli Milano, Italy
- 359 miles track
- 224 mph max. speed

### Siemens Velaro E/AVS 103

- Barcelona- Madrid, Spain
- 624 miles track
- 217 mph max. speed





#### • Talgo 350 (T350)

- Madrid Lleida, Spain
- 286 miles track
- 227 mph max. speed

#### E5 Series Shinkansen Haya





#### Japan's Shinkansen started in 1964, 1,717 miles, 150-250 mph





#### Alstom Euroduplex

- Rhine & Rhone LGV line
- Many miles track
- 199 mph max. speed

#### TGV Duplex

- Paris Marseille, France
- 482 miles track
- 193 mph max. speed





#### Netherlands trains started running on 100% wind energy in 2017!

#### • ETR 500 Frecciarossa

- Rome Milan
- 359 miles track
- 224 mph max. speed

#### • THSR 700T

- Taipei Kaohsiung, Taiwan
- 225 miles track
- 186 mph max. speed





## Where are U.S. fast trains?!!

## Amtrak's Acela Express

- Washington DC Boston MA
- 456 miles track
- 150 mph maximum
- 68 mph actual !



# Existing miles of high-speed railChinaEuropeJapanU.S.?6,9174,6991,717456milesmilesmilesmiles

## **California High-Speed Rail**

- San Francisco/Sacramento San Diego
- 800 miles track
- 220 mph top speed
- Phase 1 SF- LA 520 miles
- Phase 1 finished in 2029
- Phase 2 uncertain



Locations of planned California High-Speed Rail route and stations. Phase I: blue; Phase II: gold. The separate XpressWest system is shown in cyan. Station and route locations are approximate in some cases.

## Florida High-Speed Rail

- Orlando Miami
- 235 miles track
- 81 mph average speed
- 125 mph top speed
- 2017 finish



## **Texas High-Speed Rail**

- Dallas Houston
- 240 miles track
- 205 mph top speed
- 2021 finish



#### **Cover commercial buildings with Solar PV.**



#### **Cover parking lots with Solar PV.**



And fast-charging stations for BEVs and PHEVs.

#### Cover all new house roofs with Solar PV.



# Add Solar PV to old homes after increasing energy efficiency.



#### **Roper House**

#### Community Solar PV Forbidden in Virginia!!



#### Build solar farms on mountain-top-removal sites!!

#### **Build Wind Farms in Coal Fields**



## **Tesla Solar System**

• Solar glass roof tiles (98% of standard efficiency)



- Powerwall-2 battery storage (13.5-kWh)
- Electric car (Tesla Model S, X or 3)







44"x29"x5.5" 264.4 lb 13.5-kWh 7-kW peak 5-kW continuous

**PowerWall 2** 

## Quotes

- Anthropocene or Capitalocene? Nature, History, and the Crisis of Capitalism by Jason W. Moore
  - "Multiple planetary boundaries are now being crossed or soon will be."
  - "Crises are not easily understood by those who live through them."

#### • Jay Enslee, Governor of Washington

 - "We are the first generation to feel the sting of climate change, and the last generation to do something about it."

## Quotes

- This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. The Climate by Naomi Klein
  - "…a crisis we have been studiously ignoring is hitting us in the face – and we are doubling down on the stuff that is causing the crisis in the first place."
  - "...there is a very high chance that our children will spend a great deal of their lives fleeing and recovering from vicious storms and extreme droughts."
  - "...we have not done the things that are necessary to lower emissions because those things fundamentally conflict with deregulated capitalism."