# OCEN 201 Introduction to Ocean & Coastal Engineering

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# Why Renewable Energy

- 1 Sustainability:
  - Limited Sources of Fossil Fuel on the Earth (Oil, Coal and Natural Gas).
  - Increase demanding in Energy All Over the World.

 Environment Challenges: Pollution & CO2 Emissions

# Fossil Energy at end 2008 Energy Proved Reserves at end 2008



# Fossil Energy at end 2008



World primary energy demand will grow 45% from 2009 to 2030; 50% of this increase from China and India; China account for 40% of world coal demand and is expected to increase to 50% by 2030 (IEA World Energy)

# **Electricity Production**



# Carbon Dioxide Emissions



#### Carbon Dioxide Emissions in 2008



# **Issues of Sustainability**

# **Challenges: Resources; Energy security; Global climate change; Impact on other dimensions**



Improvement on energy efficiency and savings
Low carbon technology development to address economic, social and environmental issue
Development of Renewable Energy



# Prospect of Renewable Marine Energy

### Renewable Marine Energy

- Tidal & Currents
- Wave
- Thermal
- Wind
- Solar
- > Hydro
- > Others

In the long term marine renewable energy could meet 15 to 20% of current UK electricity demand, with 3% to 5% coming from tidal stream and the remainder from wave energy (Carbon Trust, 2005).

Figure 1: Deployment scenario for wave and tidal energy in the UK to 2020 BWEA (2006) Energy Review submission; Bond Pearce (2005) Path to Power: Stage 1 report; CCC



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# Global Marine Renewable Energy Resources

OCEAN ENERGY RESOURCE	HOW TO HARNESS THE RESOURCE	THEORETICAL RESOURCE
Tides	Potential energy associated with tides can be harnessed by building barrage or other forms of construction across an estuary.	300+ TWh/year
Waves	Kinetic and potential energy associated with ocean waves can be harnessed using modular technologies.	8,000 to 80,000 TWh/year
Tidal (Marine) Currents	Kinetic energy associated with tidal (marine) currents can be harnessed using modular systems.	800+ TWh/year
Temperature Gradients	Thermal energy due to the temperature gradient between the sea surface and deepwater can be harnessed using different Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC) processes.	10,000 TWh/year
Salinity Gradients	At the mouth of rivers where fresh water mixes with salt water, energy associated with the salinity gradient can be harnessed using pressure-retarded reverse osmosis process and associated conversion technologies.	<iea-oes 2008="" report,=""> 2,000 TWh/year</iea-oes>

# Marine Renewable Energy Resources

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**Ocean Waves:** Kinetic & potential energy associated with ocean waves can be harnessed using modular types of technologies.

**Marine Current:** Kinetic energy associated with tidal/marine currents can be harnessed using modular systems.

**Temperature Gradient:** Thermal energy due to temperature gradient between sea surface & deep-water can be harnessed using different ocean thermal energy conversion (OTEC) processes.

**Salinity Gradient:** At the mouth of rivers where fresh water mixes with saltwater, energy associated with the salinity gradient can be harnessed using a pressure retarded reverse osmosis process and associated conversion technologies.

# Salinity Gradient Energy

# **Two approaches**

# 1."Pressure Retarded Osmosis (PRO)":

relies on water molecules moving through a membrane, which is semi-permeable. When salt water is contained on one side of the membrane & fresh water is on its other side, fresh water is osmotically drawn into the salty side. This drives up the pressure in the "salty" chamber,

& the sea water can then be sent through a turbine that generates power.

(*Dr Rolf JarleAaberg* Statkraft EnergiAS, Norway 2004)



Pressure retarded osmosis (PRO)

# Salinity Gradient Energy

# 2. **"Reverse ElectroDialysis (RED)**":

In RED, a concentrated salt solution & a fresh water are brought into contact through an alternating series of anion exchange membranes (AEM) and cation exchange membranes (CEM)

The difference in chemical potential between both solutions is the driving force for this process. The chemical potential difference generates a voltage over each membrane and the overall potential of the system is the sum of the potential differences over the sum of membranes.

Reference <a href="http://mtg.tnw.utwente.nl/teaching/assign/blue/">http://mtg.tnw.utwente.nl/teaching/assign/blue/</a>

# **Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion**

# Applications

Ocean thermal energy conversion (OTEC) systems have many applications or uses. OTEC can be used to generate <u>electricity</u>, <u>desalinate water</u>, support deepwater <u>mariculture</u>, and provide <u>refrigeration and air-conditioning</u> as well as aid in crop growth and <u>mineral extraction</u>.

These complementary products make OTEC systems attractive to industry and island Communities.

http://www.nrel.gov/otec/applications.html



# **Current Status of Ocean Energy Technologies**

#### Phases in Ocean Energy Technologies



It typically takes 5 to 10 years for a technology to progress from concept-only to deployment of a long-term prototype

#### Technologies

# Technology Development Status



## **Country Participation in OE Development**



## Classification of Wave Energy Conversion Technologies







### Classification of Wave Energy Conversion Technologies

### Examples

1. Attenuator ----- Pelamis <u>Pelamis Offshore Wave Energy in Portugal</u> <u>http://www.alternative-energy-news.info/pelamis-offshore-wave-energy-portugal/</u>

2.Point Absorber ----- Power Buoy (OPT) http://www.oceanpowertechnologies.com/tech.htm

3.Oscillating Wave Surge Converter http://www.emec.org.uk/wave\_energy\_devices.asp

4.Oscillating Wave Column (OWC) ----- (compress the air, near the shore line) http://www.daedalus.gr/OWCsimulation2.html

5.Overtopping Devise ----- Wave Dragon http://www.wavedragon.net/index.php?option=com\_content&task=view&id=6 &Itemid=5

# Wave Devices in Deployment



Power Buoy, OPT



AWS Ocean Energy



Oyster, Aquamarine Power



Pelamis Wave Power 20



LIMPET, Wavegen



Wave Dragon

### Classification of Wave Energy Conversion Technologies

## Examples

6. Aquamarine Power----- Oyster

http://www.aquamarinepower.com/technologies/ http://trendsupdates.com/theoyster-aquamarine-powers-answer-for-clean-energy-demands/

7. AWS Ocean Energy

http://www.awsocean.com/PageProducer.aspx

8. Wavegen ----- LIMPET

http://www.wavegen.co.uk/what\_we\_offer\_limpet.htm

Technologies

# Classification of Tide Energy Conversion Technologies

#### Horizontal Axis Turbine



#### Oscillating Hydrofoil

#### Vertical Axis Turbine п



#### Venturi Effect





Others

# Tidal Devices in Deployment



SeaGen, MCT Ltd





Uldolmok Helical Turbine, KORDI

Lunar Energy





Stingray, EB



# **Classification of Tide Energy Conversion Technologies**

- 1. The European Marine Energy Center Ltd. http://www.emec.org.uk/index.asp
- 2. Seagen MCT Ltd http://www.alternative-energynews.info/seagen-tidal-power-installation/
- 3. Uldolmok Helical Turbine, KORDI (see Korea\_tide\_energy)
- 4. Stingray, EB http://www.bwea.com/marine/devices.html
- 5. Lunar Energy Ltd. http://www.lunarenergy.co.uk/
- 6. Openhydro Group http://www.snopud.com/PowerSupply/tidal/tidalbg/tidalopenhydr o.ashx?p=1511

#### **Technologies**

# Tidal Range(Barrage) Energy Technologies

- ✓ Using the water level difference btw inside and outside of the basin
- ✓ Generation methods :
  - One way (ebb, flood)
  - Two way









Low tide

High tide

Low tide



: Sea water level : Basin water level

High tide

Time

### Sihwa Tidal Barrage Power Plant

#### Site Conditions

- ✓ Mean tidal range : 5.6m
- ✓ Basin area : 43km2(MSL)
- ✓ Capacity : 254MW
- ✓ Estimated annual output : 553GWh
- ✓ One-way flood generation



- ✓ Sea dyke of 12.7km completed in 1994
- ✓ Proposed as a counter measure to lake water pollution in 1997
- ✓ Feasibility study in 2002
- ✓ Plant construction 2004 to 2010





### Offshore Fixed Wind Farms (in Coastal Water)

•Typical wind farm made up of several wind turbines.

Number can range from as little as one or two to as many as 80.

•Each turbine depending on size and design can produce several Mega watts at peak power output.

•Some wind farms that are in constructions right now are set to produce 500MW of power using as many as 140 turbines.

That's enough energy to power 125K average households.



### Offshore Fixed Wind Farm

Mostly located in shallow in shallow water areas relatively close to shore. This is because water depth and wave height are two factors that greatly increase the cost of these wind turbines.



# Offshore Fixed Wind Farm



**OWEC Jacket Foundation at Beatrice Offshore Wind Project** 

**Titan (tripod) Foundation:** 

## Foundations of Fixed Wind Farm



Loads Analysis of a Floating Offshore Wind Turbine Using Fully Coupled Simulation\* Jason M. Jonkman and Marshall L. Buhl Jr.

# Foundations of Fixed Wind Farm



http://www.technologyreview.com/energy/20500/?a=f http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/8235456.stm

# Offshore Floating Wind Farms (far away from shore)



# Offshore Floating Wind Farms



#### **Hywind Prototype:Installation:**

# Offshore Floating Wind Farms



**Hywind Prototype:** 



# Offshore Floating Wind Farms



WindFloat Schematic:



**SWAY Concept (from offshore wind.net)** 

# Offshore Floating Wind Farms

Wind power: the floating wind turbine



Wind power: the floating wind turbine prototype in Brindisi harbour in December 2007