# Symbiotic Systems for The Future of Energy, Water, and Food:

### Advanced Thinking & Manufacturing are key!

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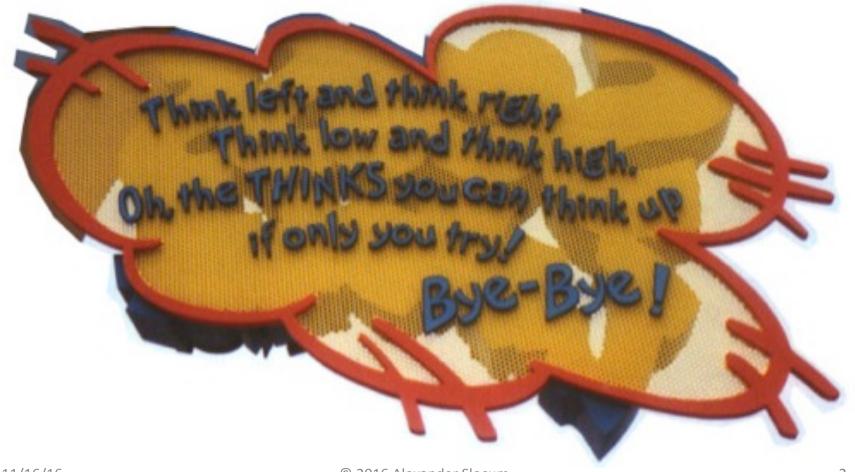
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# Dr. Seuss An inspiration for all ages for all the ages





# For the money spent on wars in the last decade we could have had >500 GW of CO2free 24/7/365 electric power!! What would the Prophets do with the next Two Trillion Dollars? YES WE CAN SAVE THE PLANET, ECONOMY, & US

We do not have to be victims of Silly Human Intransigent Thinking "LOGIC"!

# Energy is *KEY* to EVERYTHING Everything is the *KEY* to energy

- Materials can catalyze white swan events
- Automation drives down cost of renewables and storage
  - Just as cell phones enabled bypassing land lines...
  - Incremental advances will creep us to the tipping point...
- Symbiotic relationships will help create tipping points
  - Solar energy farms with energy storage, hydroponic farming
  - Offshore wind with fish farms, energy storage, uranium mining
  - Hydrocarbons with nuclear (spent fuel disposal)
  - Seawater pumped hydroelectric with reverse osmosis
  - Saving Planet with Education



Solar with Energy Storage

- CSPonD (Concentrated Solar Power on Demand)
  - Alex Slocum & Masdar Institute currently building demo machine
- Combines reception/storage in tank of molten salts
- Mirrors across hillside focus sunlight through tank aperture
- Sunlight absorbed through volume of molten salt
  - Short term: generate steam
  - Long term: supercritical CO2 cycle
- Low cost & durable
- No need for back-up power
- No expensive pumps and plumbing

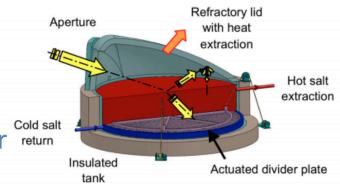
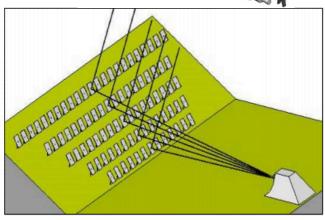


Fig. 1: Section view of CSPonD receiver

Light Collected Inside Insulated Building With Open Window

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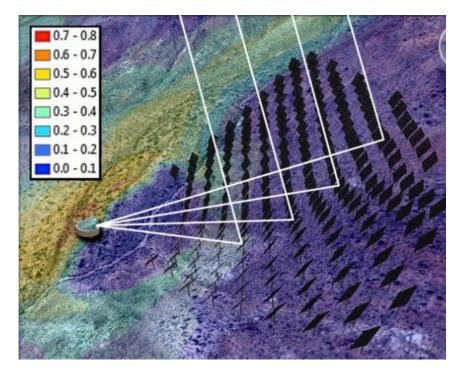


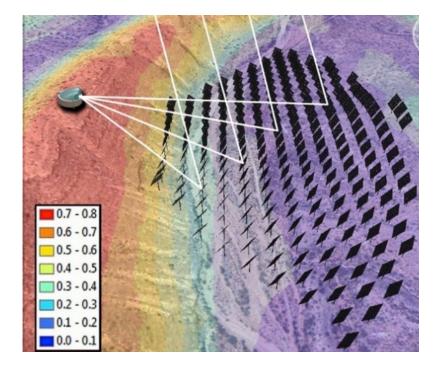
(Not to scale!)

Light Reflected From Hillside heliostat rows To CSPonD system

### Potential Conflict-Free Sites

- Use unused portions of military basis which has no development, recreation or commercial potential
  - Assume 15% of land can be utilized, 30% is covered by heliostats, a solar-to-electric efficiency of 22%, and a 24/7 average solar insolation of 200 W/m<sup>2</sup>:
    - White Sands site could provide 20 GW<sub>e</sub> of power 24/7.
    - Similar results are obtained for China Lake.



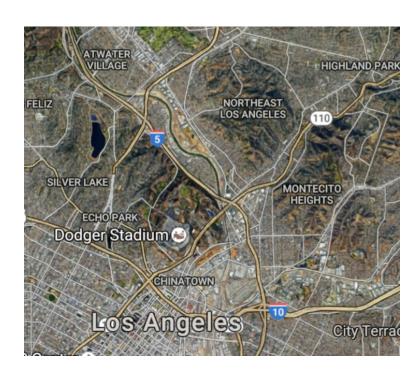


# Hillsides also great for PV!

 Less shading means potential for closer spacing and lower cost mounts

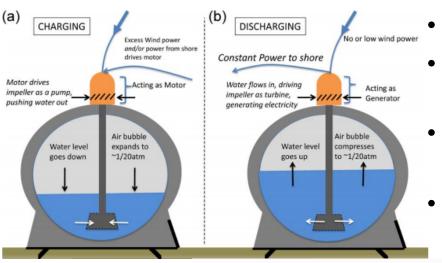
There are a lot more unused steep hillsides facing

south than flatlands

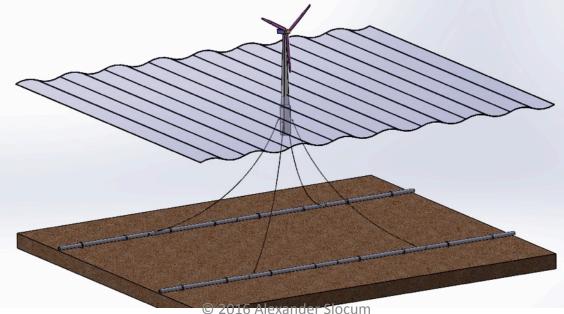




### Offshore Wind with Pumped Hydro Storage



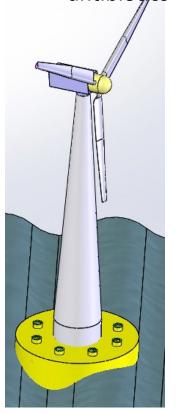
- Floating wind turbines with built-in storage
- Concrete spheres or pipes on seafloor anchor turbines and store energy
- Excess power used to pump seawater from hollow structures
- When power needed, water flow back into structure through turbine



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### Offshore Wind with Aquaculture

- Wind and Aquaculture can go hand in hand
  - Far offshore water is cleaner, less need for antibiotics

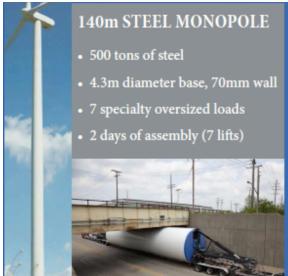


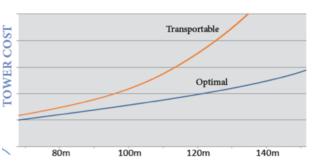
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Symbiotic System Requirements		
population served	10,000,000	
kg of fish per person per day	0.2	
average electric power per person (includes industry needs) (kW)	2	
average net electric power per offshore wind turbine (MW)	2	
Percentage of population to be covered by grand challenge	50%	
Wind Farm Parameters		
People served per wind turbine	1000	
number of wind turbines required	5,000	
ocean area per turbine (km^2)	1	
rectangle ratio (length/width)	1.6	10
ocean rectangle width (km)	56	22
ocean rectangle length (km)	89	224
wind turbines installed per day	4	
years to full installation	4	
Aquaculture System		
years to mature fish from fry to harvest	1	
kg/fish	1	
fish per person per wind turbine based pen	73	
total fish to be contained in a pen supported by a wind turbine	73000	
water volume per fish (m^3)	2	1
total volume water to be encased by wind turbine based pen (m^3)	146000	73000
diameter of spherical pen to contain fish	65	52
diameter of cylindrical tank (diameter = height) (m)	57	45
Comparison with Nuclear Power		
nuclear power plant size (MW)	2000	
equivelant number of nuclear power plants	5	

See for example: Buck, Bela H., Gesche Krause, and Harald Rosenthal. "Extensive open ocean aquaculture development within wind farms in Germany: the prospect of offshore co-management and legal constraints." Ocean & Coastal Management 47 (2004): 95-122

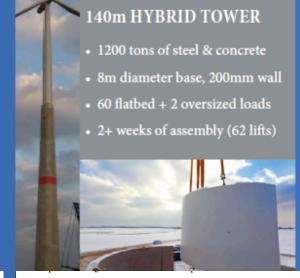
### **Lowering the Cost of Wind Energy by 10%**

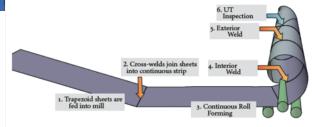
- Tall towers make class III @ 80 m sites into Class 4 sites @ 120-140m
  - Maine goes from 6 GW potential to 60 GW potential!
- Keystone Tower Systems, Inc. in-situ tapered tower manufacturing











# 140m KEYSTONE TOWER • 330 tons of steel

- 7.3m diameter base, 25mm wall
- 20 flatbed loads
- 1 day of assembly (4 lifts)



#### ON SITE SPIRAL WELDING



The pipe industry has already shown that on-site spiral welding is an attractive way to get around transportation limits. Keystone's innovations bring this technology into the wind industry, unlocking the potential of much taller towers.

### ON SITE SPIRAL WELDING ENABLES LARGE DIAMETER TALL TOWERS

• 100+ tons of steel saved per tower by increasing diameter

- Standard trucks reduce shipping costs by over 80%
- Larger tower sections enable fewer flanges and lifts
- Larger base flange reduces foundation costs by 20%
- Thinner walls allow use of lower cost steel coil rather than plate
- Locally manufactured towers may satisfy local content requirements

2. Towers are spiral welded at the wind farm

Installation of internals

3. Tall towers

are erected

Blasting and painting

Door and flange welding

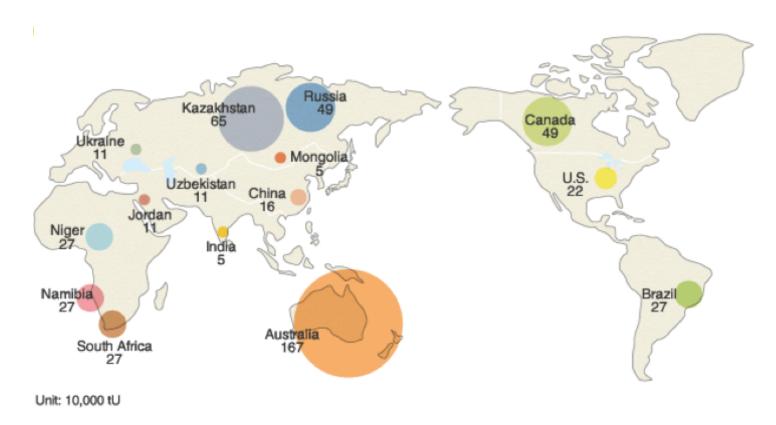
Tower spiral welding

1. Steel is shipped as flat sheets

#### ON-SITE SPIRAL WELDING BY THE NUMBERS

- Can be deployed at a new site in just three weeks
- Deployment justified for projects with as few as 5 towers
- Only 2 acres (1 ha) required for setup (smaller than a laydown yard)
- The mobile facility is staffed by a crew of just 30
- · Towers can be produced and erected at a rate of one a day

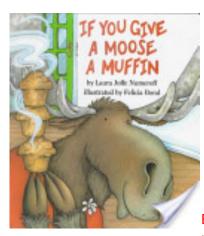
# Problem (opportunity!)



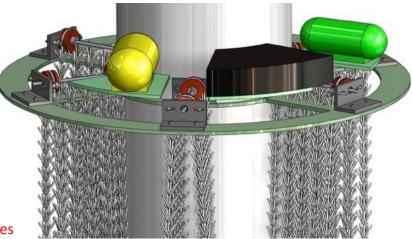
- Global conventional reserves of uranium = 7.6 M tonnes, could be depleted in ~100 years [OECD, 2014]
- Uranium present in the ocean at 3-3.3μg/L [Oguma et al., 2011] = 4.5 B tonnes and ~1,000 X that on land

# Offshore Wind with U Mining

- Nuclear power is a critical part of clean energy future
  - Nothing else carbon-free can provide such baseload power
  - BUT only 100 years of terrestrial uranium left
- Uranium is in ocean water in form of uranyl ions: 3-3.3μg/L
  - 4.5 billion tonnes, 1000X conventional reserves'
  - Polyethylene adsorption materials make it economical to get the uranium IF we design the right machine...
  - Symbiotic: Offshore wind turbine + extractor = ©
- The answer my friend, is blowing in the wind....



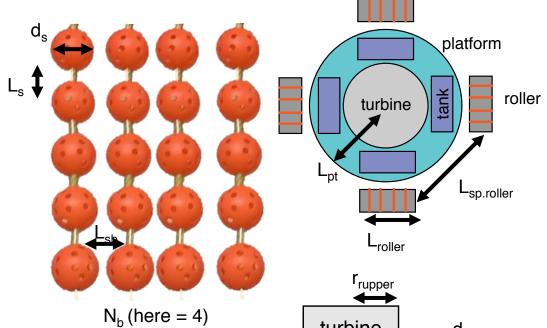
BIG challenges require a Moosesized approach!



OK, did you get it? Dogs and cats living together (nicely) => oil, wind, nuclear all from the oceans...it CAN be done

# Full Scale Design

Parameter	Value
Shell diameter, d <sub>s</sub>	0.25 m
Spacing between shells, $L_{\rm s}$	0.05 m
Spacing between ball-chain lengths on a roller, L <sub>sb</sub>	0.05 m
Number of rollers, N <sub>roller</sub>	4
Number of ball-chain lengths per roller, $N_{\rm b}$	10
Number of shells changed by half the roller, $N_{s,roller}$	6
Rail diameter, d <sub>rail</sub>	0.15 m
Spacing between rollers, L <sub>sp,roller</sub>	2 m
Upper radius of turbine, r <sub>upper</sub>	3.2 m



turbine

 $\mathbf{d}_{\text{roller}}$ 

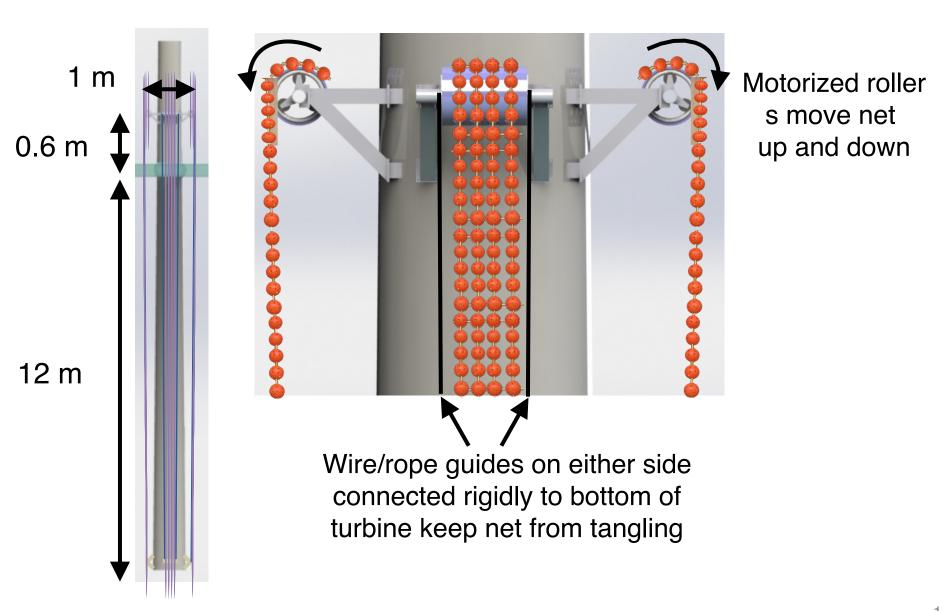
tank

platform

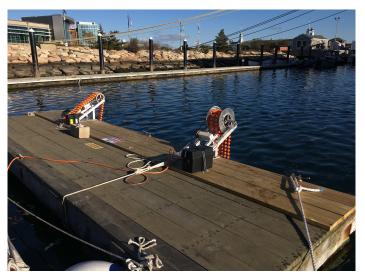
roller

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Parameter	Equation	Value
Roller diameter, d <sub>roller</sub>	$d_{roller} = \frac{\sqrt{d_s^2 + L_s^2 - 2d_s L_s \cos(\alpha)}}{2\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2N_{roller}}\right)}$	1.15 m
Geometry angle, α	$\alpha = \pi \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2N_{s,roller}} \right)$	2.88 rad
Roller length, L <sub>roller</sub>	$L_{roller} = N_b(d_s + L_{sb}) + L_{sb} + 2d_{rail}$	3.35 m
Platform length, L <sub>pt</sub>	$L_{pt} = \frac{N_{roller} \left(L_{roller} + L_{sp,roller}\right)}{2\pi} - r_{upper}$	0.2 m

# 1/10<sup>th</sup> Scale Prototype



# 1/10<sup>th</sup> Scale Prototype – Adsorbent Deployment











# Hydrocarbons with SNF storage

- Oil got us into this mess and it can get us out...
  - Can the oil industry can be the savior of the planet?

 Deep geographical formation mapping and deep drilling technology leaders

- Deep Borehole Disposal
  - Bore deep horizontal holes near each reactor
  - Drop spent fuel in, curved hole to slow it down...

New drilling technology make it possible

3000	3000
240	240
30	30
21600	21600
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3,000	3,000
4	4
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5,000	5,000
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Introducing the PowerDrive Orbit rotary steerable system-

# Fish Propellors

He knew there would be a problem with the

seals... ©



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ABSTRACT

Embodiments include ball piston steering devices and methods for use of ball piston devices. In one aspect a ball piston steering device includes a sleeve in fluid communication with a fluid source and a ball received within the sleeve. The ball is movable within the sleeve between a recessed position and an extended position.

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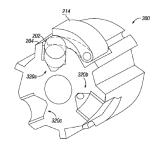
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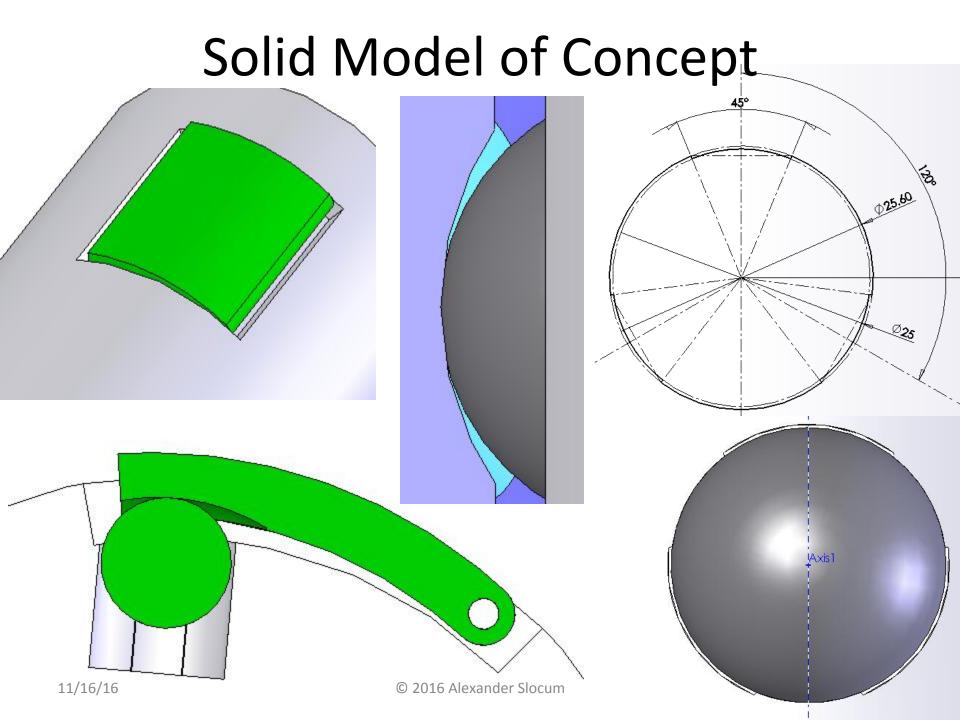
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17 Claims, 6 Drawing Sheets



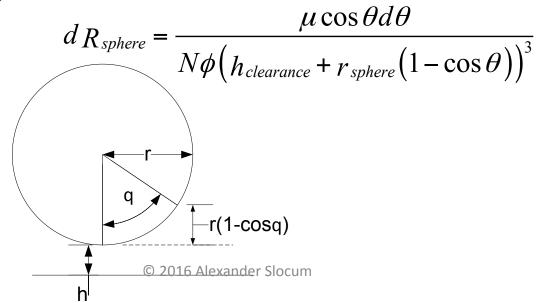


# **Design Calculations**

- Flow is not fully developed, but assume each axial differential slice dx through flow path of fluid through the current piston hole and around the ball are governed by laminar flow model
- The differential flow resistance through the hole and around the ball are thus:

$$dR_{hole} = \frac{8\mu dx}{\pi r_{hole}^4}$$

thus: 
$$dR_{hole} = \frac{8\mu dx}{\pi r_{hole}^4}$$
 
$$dR_{sphere} = \frac{\cos\theta d\theta}{\left(h_{clearance} + r_{sphere}(1 - \cos\theta)\right)^3}$$
 with fluid viscosity  $\mu$  and N recesses each of angle  $\phi$ :



# **Design Calculations**

- The preliminary analysis indicates the design is feasible
  - Next step conduct bench level experiments
    - Indicates the as-built design should be measured
    - The flow calculations appear to be way too high in absolute

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mu terms, CFD ne	EUE 4.015	viscosity (water =	0.001 newton s	second/m²)				
Baseline (current piston)								
dh	0.004	4	hole diameter	(m, mm)				
Lh	0.0025	2.5	hole length (m	, mm)				
Rhole	5968310		"capillary" resi	stance (ass	umes fully c	leveloped flo	ow)	
Nball	3	number of ball pis	tons					
Rr	0.015	15	radius ball (m,	mm)				
theta	1.0472	60	theta, angle (ra	adians, deg	rees) over v	vhich integra	ate	
h	0.000285557	0.29	groove gap de	pth (m, mm	)			
phi	1.3090	75	groove angle (	radians, de	grees)			
N	3	number of ball sup	porting lands					
philand		45	land angle (de	grees)				
Rball	17904683							
Rballs	5968228							
Ratio resistance of N balls/piston hole resistance	1.00	make flow resistar	nce past balls e	qual to flow	resistance	through pist	ton center h	ole
Areaball	0.000707	707	Ball cross sect	tion area (m	^2, mm^2)			
Pressure	5000000	50	735	(Pa, atm, p	si)			
Fpball	3534	794	Force per ball	piston (N, It	of)			
Fptotal	10603	2383	Total force from	m ball pistor	ns (N, lbf)			
Flow	0.838	50266	m^3/sec, lpm					

# **Experimental Apparatus**

 The aluminum test parts were made and a standard steel ball was held in place with a setscrew

The aluminum test parts were glued into the bottom or Erlenmeyer flasks

(tops cut Off)









# **Experiments and Results**

- The video ball\_piston\_tests.mpg (53MB) shows the tests where blue food-colored water was allowed to run from both test cylinders at the same time
  - The ball piston model was about 10% faster
  - Good results given the 1<sup>st</sup> order analysis
- Working with the Schlumberger team created to make this idea into a product... 6 years later a new product for reliability in drilling long hot deep horizontal bores became a reality...

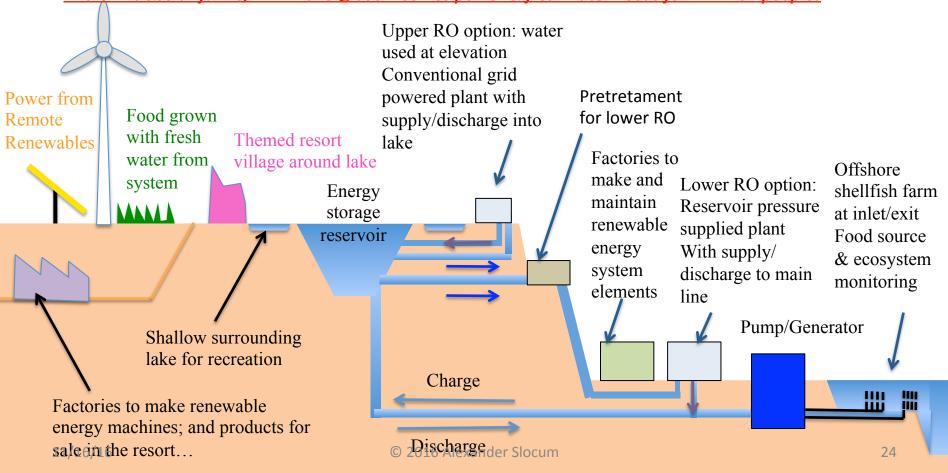




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# IPHROS: Integrated Pumped Hydro Reverse Osmosis System Supplying renewable energy, fresh water, and jobs for an entire region

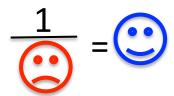
- Intelligent design ☺: Pumped Hydro Head = 500-700 m, = RO desal head
  - http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2213138816300492
- Many drought stricken coastal regions have mountains near coast
- 20m<sup>3</sup> water => 2kWe, 1 m<sup>3</sup> => 500l freshwater
  - Brine out-flow from RO plant is readily diluted by the output from the turbine
- With wind&solar farms, 1 km² lake @600m serves power & freshwater needs for 1 million people!



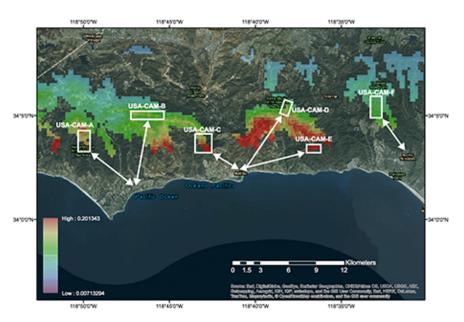


# **IPHROS: Key Parameters**

- One million people can be served by every 1 km<sup>2</sup> of pumped seawater lake at > 500m asl
- To provide the ideal daily power (2 kW) and freshwater (500l) needs of a person requires:
  - 20 m<sup>3</sup> seawater for storing energy from solar and wind farms
  - 1 m³ of seawater for RO plant
    - Brine gets diluted 30:1 by seawater output from power turbine
- Energy system needed: Peak (6000 MW solar & wind + 3000 MW pumped storage) => 2000 MW 24/7
- New economy <=> good jobs!:
  - Solar and wind farms
    - Factories to make solar and wind energy machines, installation, maintenance
      - Jordan's Ma'an region has world's best silica for making solar cells!
  - PHROS system: Tunnels, earthworks, pumped hydro plant, grid
  - Resort & theme park: Construction, operation, supporting infrastructure
    - Hotels, restaurants, shops, manufacturing (souvenirs!), agriculture, transportation...
- Cost: \$5 / Watt installed power for the renewable energy, storage, RO systems
  - 1 million people @ 2kW/person => \$10 billion
    - Much of the tech equipment can be bought from hi tech economies that could finance the project
  - Amount Germany will spend on refugees in 2016-17: \$50 billion
  - Amount US will spend on armaments in 2016-2017: > \$100 billion
- Jordan: Working with the world to make the Middle East



### California: Malibu & San Clemente



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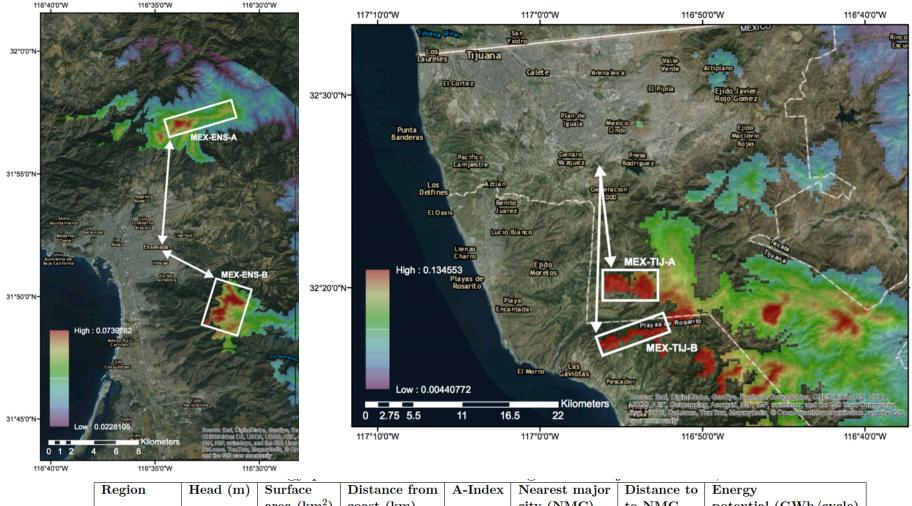
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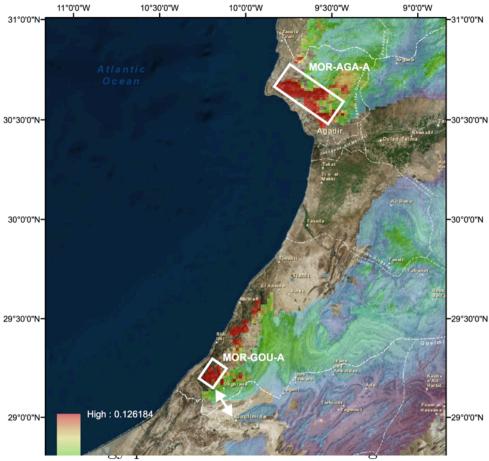
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Region	Head (m)	Surface	Distance from	A-Index	Nearest major	Distance to	Energy
		area $(km^2)$	coast (km)		city (NMC)	to NMC	potential (GWh/cycle)
USA-CAM-A	612	2.9	5.2	0.112	Malibu	5.9	119
USA-CAM-B	684	2.2	7.7	0.089	Malibu	8.8	101
USA-CAM-C	528	1.7	4.3	0.123	Malibu	3.3	59
USA-CAM-D	678	0.9	6.9	0.098	Malibu	8	42
USA-CAM-E	518	1.3	2.7	0.192	Malibu	8	44
USA-CAM-F	545	2.4	7.2	0.076	Pacific Palisades	7.9	89
USA-CAS-A	505	0.5	4.1	0.123	San Clemente	14	17
USA-CAS-B	552	2.8	13.3	0.042	San Clemente	20	104

### Mexico: Ensenada & Tijuana



Region	Head (m)	Surface	Distance from	A-Index	Nearest major	Distance to	Energy
	, ,	area (km²)	coast (km)		city (NMC)	to NMC	potential (GWh/cycle)
MEX-ENS-A	886	3.5	15	0.059	Ensenada	9.2	119
MEX-ENS-B	636	2.7	9.6	0.066	Ensenada	7.6	101
MEX-TIJ-A	567	14.5	12.7	0.045	Tijuana	12.8	483
MEX-TIJ-B	542	10.7	8.2	0.066	Tijuana	18.8	388

### Morocco



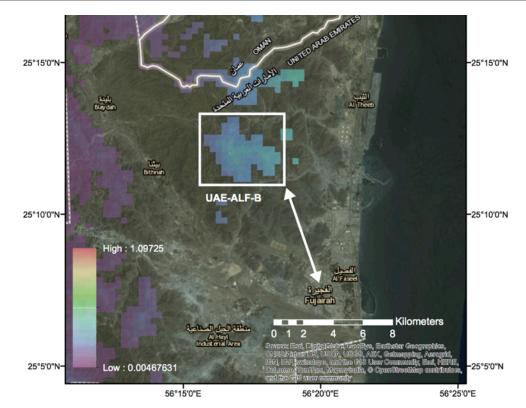
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		area (km <sup>2</sup> )	coast (km)		city (NMC)	to NMC	potential (GWh/cycle)
MOR-AGA-A	687	292	13	0.053	Agadir	3.9	13503
MOR-GUO-A	582	112	13	0.044	Guolimim	27	4380



# **UAE**



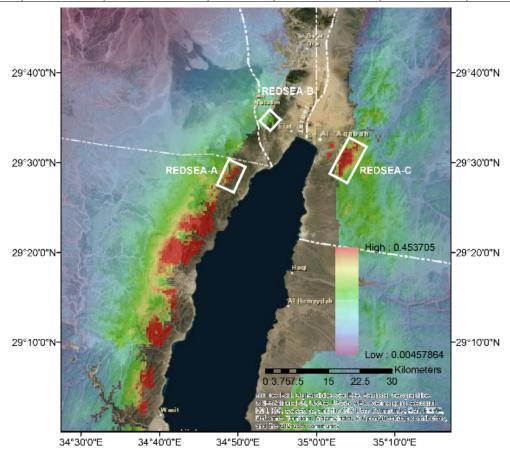
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UAE-ALF-A	529	0.64	2.8	0.186	Khor Fakkan	2.7	23
UAE-ALF-B	619	12.8	8.5	0.073	Fujairah	7.3	533



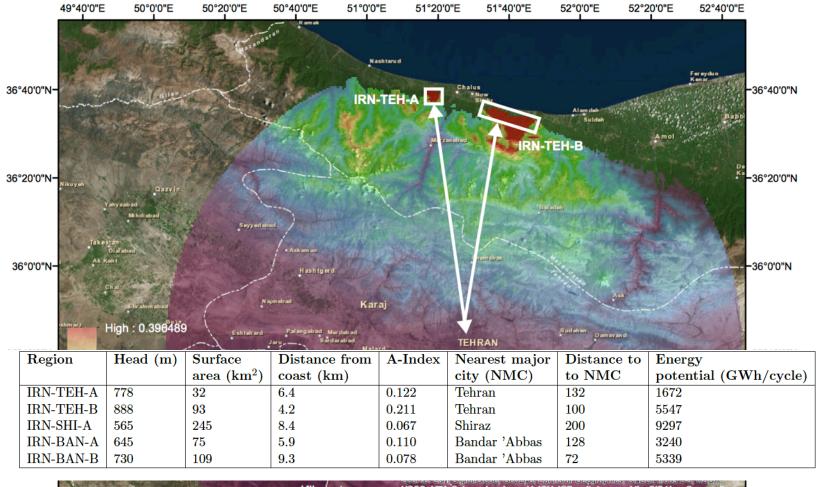
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# **Northern Red Sea**

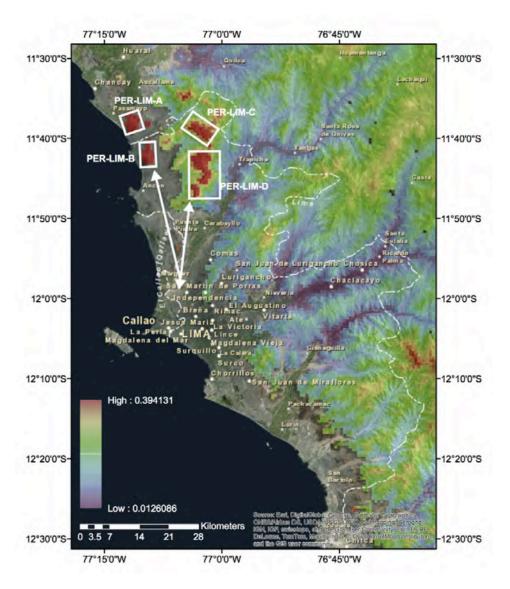
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Region	Head (m)	Surface	Distance from	A-Index	Nearest major	Distance to	Energy
		area (km²)	coast (km)		city (NMC)	to NMC	potential (GWh/cycle)
REDSEA-A	573	12	5.5	0.105	Taba	6.67	13503
REDSEA-B	560	3.8	7.2	0.0.078	Eilat	3.62	4380
REDSEA-C	817	32	8	0.102	Aqaba	5.11	13503



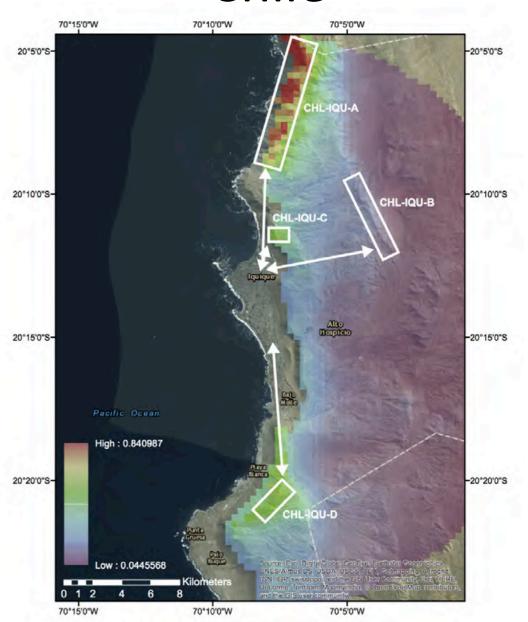
### Iran



### Peru

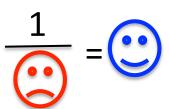


# Chile



### Its time We Put The World First

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The most important calculations are those that will save nations, Like building wind plantations, instead of more gas stations, And seeking new destinations in space, is complicated, The Earth is worth saving from troubles that we created, It's time to double efforts, in land, water and sky, It's time to come together, it's time to solarize, The answer is blowing in the wind and flowing in the water, The polar caps are melting, sea levels are on a rise, Surprised that super storms still haven't opened our eyes, Some scientist theorize, and politicians decide, That man is not at fault, so they gamble with our lives, Let's get off the sidelines and show we're not psychotics, Insane, awaiting change from the same planned periodic, Debates with fate at stake, of our consequent generations, Reversing the complications, requires more impatience, No time to be wasted, this fight is not symbolic, A catastrophic plight, or relationship symbiotic... Decide... It's Time...

Action, no longer passive, too massive to stagnate,
Reaction, we seize the moment, accelerate to create,
With force, remove mobs from desperate situations,
Renewed energy jobs, will lay the foundations,
Question, research, guess, test, analyze with a passion,
'Cause building what we create, is the prevalent high fashion,
Our fate's in our control, so let's stand hands united,
The only way we'll fold, is in a world divided

O 2016 Alexander Slocum
It's time we all put the World First

### The Future Is Ours!

- Engineering is a blend of science and statistics with which managers and politicians paint our future
- We are all responsible for the canvas of life
  - We CAN work together to create a beautiful future for the planet and all its lifeforms



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