Renewable Energy





Renewable Energy Technologies Hydro **Biomass** Geothermal Wind Solar heating and thermal electric Photovoltaic (PV) Ocean tidal and tidal current Ocean wave Ocean thermal electric

Renewable Energy Characteristics

Ubiquity of energy sources

Low intensity of energy fluxes captured compared with conventional systems

Random, intermittent nature of energy fluxes

High capital cost per unit of power output compared with conventional sources

Figures of Merit for Optimizing Renewable Energy Systems

Effectiveness – fraction of renewable resource that is collectable by the system

9%

2.6%

0.34%

0.15%

0.25%

3.8%

0.39% 0.16%

0.077%

0.0039%

0.00078%

0.061%

Capacity factor – long-term average power output/rated power output

trillion kilowatthours 12 10 Other Geothermal Solar 8 Wind 6 4 Hydropower 2 0, 2012 2020 2035 2040 2025 2030 eia

Figure 5-4. World net electricity generation from renewable power by fuel, 2012-40

Top Countries with Installed Renewable Electricity by Technology (2013)



Sources: REN 21

*Grid-connected only

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Global Renewable Energy Development | December 2014



Note: Sum of components may not equal total because of independent rounding. Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, *Monthly Energy Review*, Table 1.3 and 10.1, April 2019, preliminary data

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U.S. Renewable Energy Supply



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U.S. energy consumption by energy source, 2018

Geothermal Energy





Breakdown of Geothermal Electricity Production









World Geothermal Sources



TABLE 8.1 | TOP GEOTHERMALELECTRICITY-PRODUCING COUNTRIES

Country	Percentage of electricity from geothermal resources	Annual geothermal electricity generation (TWh)	
Kenya	47	2.9	
Iceland	32	5.2	
New Zealand	18	7.0	
Costa Rica	18	1.5	
Philippines	17	9.6	
California	6.1	12	
Indonesia	4.9	9.6	
Mexico	2.6	6.1	
Italy	2.0	5.7	
Turkey	1.6	3.2	
United States	0.4	17	
Japan	0.3	2.7	
World	0.4	0.4 74	

US Geothermal Sources



Types of Geothermal Energy Systems













Current World Geothermal Power Generation



To put the above numbers into perspective, recall that Seabrook nuclear plant is a 1000 MW plant and for Massachusetts there was ~1200 MW of coal-fired power plant capacity.

Environmental impact

- The thermal efficiency of geothermal electric plants is low, around 10-23%
- Fluids drawn from the deep earth carry a mixture of gases, CO₂, H₂S, CH₄ and NH₃. These contribute to global warming and noxious smells if released.
- Hot water from geothermal sources may hold in solution trace amounts of toxic chemicals, such as mercury, arsenic, boron, antimony, and salt.
- Plant construction can adversely affect land stability.
- Enhanced geothermal systems can trigger earthquakes as part of hydraulic fracturing.
- Capital costs tend to be high.
- Drilling accounts for over half the costs and exploration of deep resources entails significant risks.
- Subsidence

Ocean power utilization and potential





Equilibrium Tidal Theory – Earth Uniformly Covered with Water







Spring and Neap Tides Phases of the Moon Diurnal vs Semi-diurnal tides



Dynamical Tidal Theory

Development of Amphidromic Circulation

Tidal crests move in a counter-clockwise pattern around the basins of the northern hemisphere.

These rotary waves revolve around a fixed NODE (which experiences no tidal fluctuation-an amphidromic point).

The resulting circulation is called an amphidromic system.







- Corange circles are lines connecting points which experience the same tidal range.
 - The lines form irregular circles which are concentric about the node.
 Tidal range increases outward from the node.
- Amphidromic systems rotate clockwise in the southern hemisphere and counterclockwise in the northern hemisphere because of the difference in the direction of Coriolis deflection.
- Irregular coastlines distort the rotary motion.
- Actual tide expressed at any location is a composite of 65 different tidal components.

Small-Amplitude Wave Theory (4)

• Gravity waves may be classified by the water depth in which they travel. The classifications are made according to the magnitude of d/L and the resulting limiting values taken by the function tanh(kd):

classification	d/L	kd	tanh(kd)
Deep water	> 1/2	$>\pi$	≈1
Transitional	1/25 to 1/2	$1/4$ to π	tanh(kd)
Shallow water	< 1/25	< 1/4	≈kd

- In deep water, tanh(kd) approaches unity, Eqs. (2) and (3) reduce to $C_0 = \sqrt{\frac{gL_0}{2\pi}} = \frac{L_0}{T} = \frac{g}{\omega} \qquad (4)$
- When the relative water depth becomes shallow, Eq.(2) can be simplified to

 $C_0 = \sqrt{gd} \tag{5}$

Tides are shallow water waves.



Natural Period of Standing Waves



Potential Tidal Energy



Tidal Barrage Energy Calculations

R = range (height) of tide (in m) A = area of tidal pool (in km²) m = mass of water $g = 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2 = \text{gravitational constant}$ $\rho = 1025 \text{ kg/m}^3 = \text{density of seawater}$ $\eta \approx 0.33 = \text{capacity factor (20-35\%)}$ $E = \eta mgR / 2 = \eta (\rho AR)gR / 2$ $E = 1397\eta R^2 A \quad \text{kWh per tidal cycle}$

Assuming 706 tidal cycles per year (12 hrs 24 min per cycle) $E_{yr} = 0.997 \times 10^6 \eta R^2 A$





P = power generated (Watts)

 C_P = turbine efficiency

 ρ = density of seawater (1025 kg/m³

A = sweep area of the turbine (m²)

V= velocity of the flow







Wave power How the AquaBuoy wave energy converter works: Cutaway view -Eureka 2 The pump 1015 80) compresses 1 Each seawater, which San Francisco turns a turbine buoy and generates contains Planned electricity. a pump location: 21/2 that rises miles west of and falls Eureka with the 3 The waves. Power electricity is output: Up transmitted to 2 megato shore through an watts. One underwater megawatt cable. can power 750 homes. Source: Finavera Renewables

Energy from Waves

Wave Power Calculations

 H_s^2 = Significant wave height – 4x *rms* water elevation (m) T_e = avg time between upward movements across mean (s) P = Power in kW per meter of wave crest length

$$P = \frac{H_s^2 T_e}{2}$$

<u>Example</u>: $H_s^2 = 3m$ and $T_e = 10s$

$$P = \frac{H_s^2 T_e}{2} = \frac{3^2 \times 10}{2} = 45 \frac{kW}{m}$$

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