

Renewable Energy Mainly concerned with producing electricity from sustainable sources Biomass Fuel Cells Geothermal Hydro-electricity Solar photovoltaics (PV) Tidal Wave Wind power Onshore Offshore But can provide feedstock for Heat Transport Fuels EG5066 Energy Technologies: current issues & future directions

Renewable Energy in UK **UK Renewable Energy Production (Ktoe)** 1990 1995 2000 2005 2011 Solar Heating & PV 6.4 8.1 11.2 30.1 130 Wind & Wave 33.7 81.3 250.1 1400 8.0 Hydro - small scale 10.9 14.2 18.4 40.2 130 Hydro - large scale 436.8 401.7 418.8 386.4 425 Biomass - heat 345.8 878.4 583.7 454.3 6688 Biomass - electricity 219.0 588.7 1380.8 3083.7

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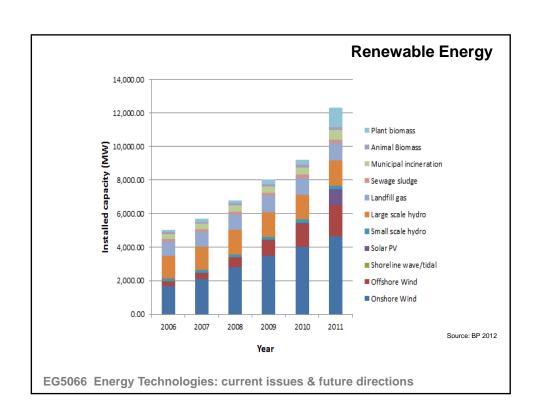
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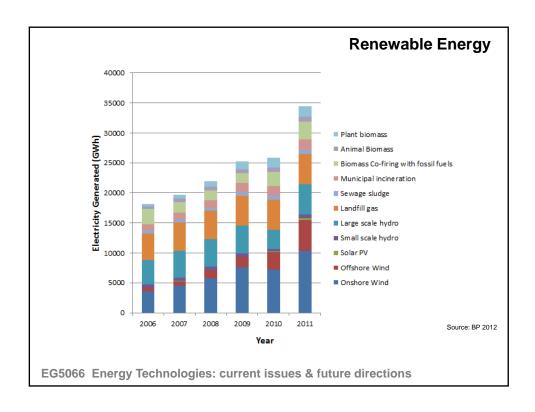
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Tidal ^r M – Moderate
Wave power ^v R – Regular
Wind power i V – Variable

Biomass

Biomass

Biomass

 Organic matter from plants or animals which can be used as a store of chemical energy to provide heat, electricity or transport fuels.

Bioenergy

The energy sources produced from the conversion of biomass

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Biofuels

- Fuels sourced from biomass which are used for transportation.
 - Biodiesel from vegetable oils (Rapeseed), algae, recycled vegetable and animal oils
 - Bioethanol from Sugarcane & Corn or ligno-cellulosic materials (Wood & Straw)
 - Biobutanol from Sugarbeet or ligno-cellulosic materials (Wood & Straw)
 - Biomethanol from synthesis gas or biogas
 - Pyrolysis Oils from range of feedstock

Differentiators

Different from other renewables

Can control the inputs through the production systems





Can produce a range of energy sources depending on conversion technology





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Sources of Biomass

Co-products

- Agriculture cereal straw
- Food processing
- Forestry harvesting co-products, mill co-products
- Seaweed processing co-products

Conventional crops for non-food use

Oil, Sugar & Starch crops (e.g. - oil seed rape, sugar cane, maize, wheat, corn, barley)

Dedicated crops

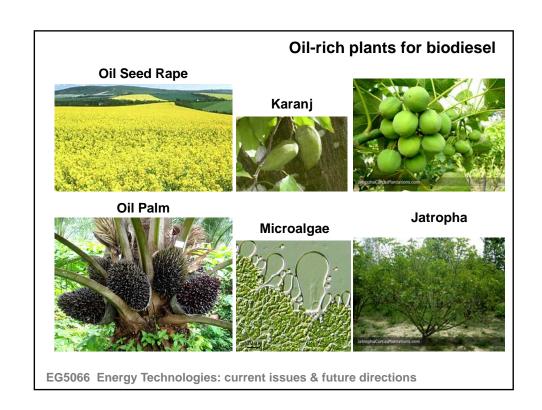
- Short rotation forestry (willow, poplar)
- Energy grasses (Switchgrass, Miscanthus)
- Macro & micro algae
- Jatropha

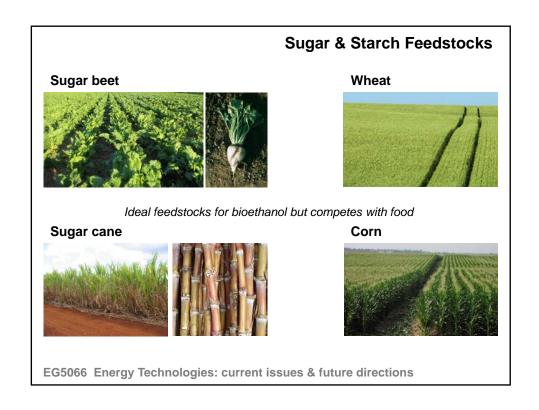
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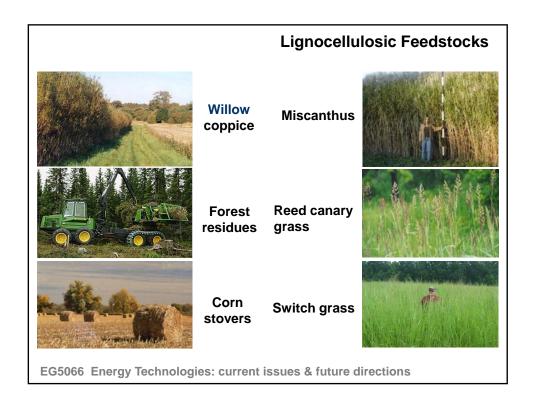
- Forest operations
 - Harvesting co-products
- Forest products industry
 - Chips & sawdust
- Agricultural operations
 - Straw
 - Bagasse
 - Animal wastes
- Restaurants
 - Old cooking oil
- Seaweed processing industry

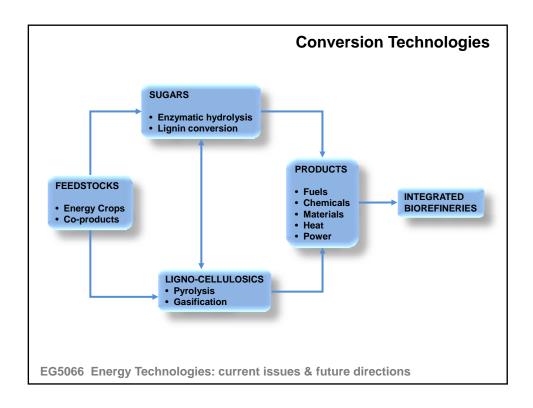


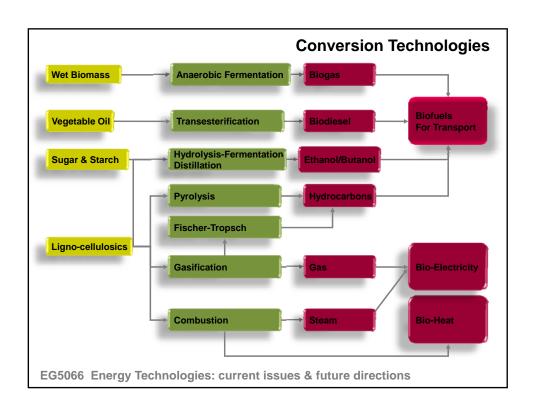


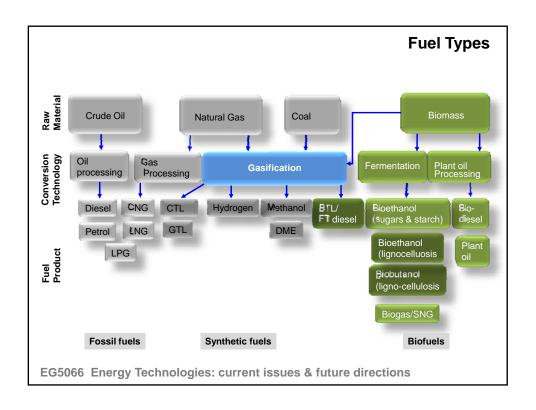


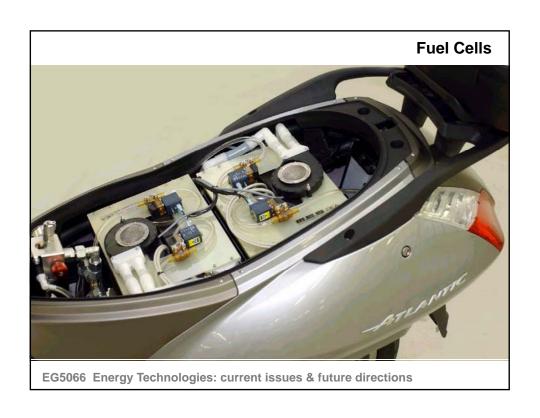




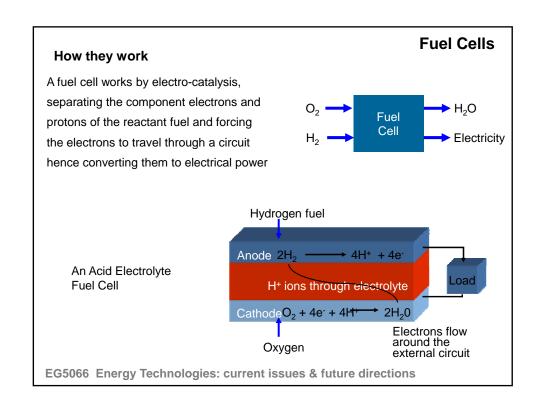








- Produces electricity from the electrochemical reaction between hydrogen and oxygen
- Similar to electrolysis, but in reverse
- Gases such as hydrogen or oxygen pumped in, DC electricity output
- Only by-product water
- Voltage from one cell low (0.8 volts) so use multiple cells
- Potential applications:
 - Battery replacement
 - Residential scale CHP
 - Vehicles



				Fuel Cells
F	ive	Main Types of Fuel C	ell	
		Туре	Abbreviation	Operating Temperature
	Low Temp	Alkaline	AFC	60 − 250 °C
		Polymer	PEMFC	80 - 120 °C
		Phosphoric Acid	PAFC	150 − 220 °C
	dwe	Molten Carbonate	MCFC	600 – 700 °C
	High Temp	Solid Oxide	SOFC	600 – 1000 °C
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Low Temperature Fuel Cells

- Require relatively pure supply of hydrogen as fuel
 - AFCs sensitive to CO₂
 - PEMFCs sensitive to CO
- Incorporate precious metal electro-catalysts to improve performance
- Have fast start-up times
- Available commercially (AFC, PAFC) approaching commercialisation (PEMFC)



http://www.nasa.gov/

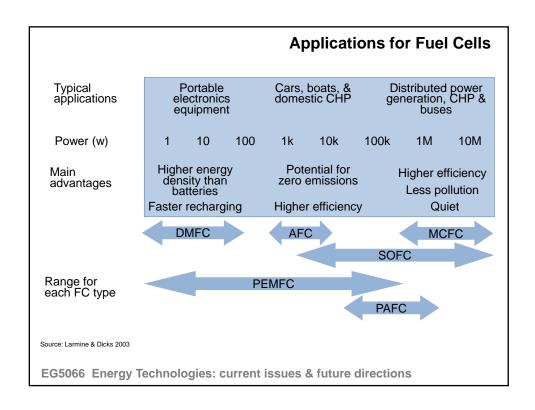
High Temperature Fuel Cells

- Have fuel flexibility can operate on a range of hydrocarbon fuels
- Increased operating temperature reduces need for expensive electro-catalysts
- Generate heat and suited for CHP
- Slow start up times
- Require expensive materials



http://www.doitpoms.ac.uk

- Reliability and durability concerns, due to high temperatures
- Suitable for integration with gas turbines
- Further from commercialisation but demonstrations working



Fuel cells have two fundamental flaws that prevent rapid development of the technology:

- Slow reaction rate, leading to low currents & power
- Hydrogen is not readily available, or easily stored

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Geothermal Energy

Heat content of the Earth:

- 12.6 x 10²⁴ MJ
- 5.4 x 10²¹ MJ stored in crust

The deeper you go, the hotter it gets Average geothermal gradient $2.5-3.0^{\circ}\text{C}$ per 100m

Big variation around the world, hottest at edge of tectonic plates

- Ranks 4th in World alternative energy league table
- Biomass
- Hydro
- Wind
- Geothermal



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Geothermal

Installed Geothermal Capacity (MWe)

	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010
Iceland	44.6	50.0	170.0	322.0	575.0
Indonesia	144.8	310.0	589.5	797.0	1197.0
Italy	545.0	632.0	785.0	790.0	843.0
Japan	214.6	414.0	546.9	535.3	536.0
Mexico	700.0	753.0	755.0	953.0	958.0
New Zealand	283.2	286.0	437.0	435.0	628.0
Philippines	891.0	1227.0	1909.0	1931.0	1904.0
USA	2774.6	2816.0	2228.0	2544.0	3093.0
World	5832.0	687.0	7974.0	9064.0	10717.0

Geothermal Energy

Lardarello Geothermal Plant - Italy

First exploited in 1904

Dry steam plant

Now generates 790 MW







1904

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Geothermal Energy

Three main technologies

Geothermal Electricity Production	Generating electricity from the earth's heat
Geothermal Direct Use	Producing heat directly from hot water within the earth
Geothermal Heat Pumps	Using the shallow ground to heat and cool buildings

Geothermal Electricity

Geothermal Electricity Production

Three types of geothermal power plants

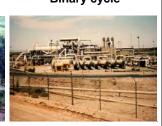
Dry steam



Binary cycle







The Geysers, California

Otake, Japan

Nevada, USA

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Geothermal Direct Use

Wet steam or warm water used for:

- Industrial
- Domestic
- Leisure (balneology)
- District heating schemes

New Zealand



Geothermal Energy



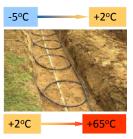
Main applications in Iceland, Italy, Japan & New Zealand

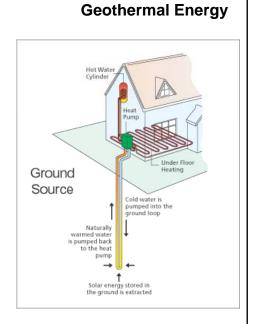
In Europe often exploit low temperature resources in sedimentary basins -Paris and Southampton

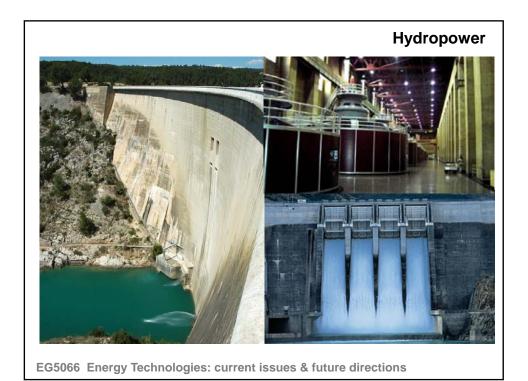
Geothermal Heat Pumps

The ground a couple of metres deep has a nearly constant temperature of around $10 - 16^{\circ}C$

Relies on heat transfer by conduction from the walls of the bore hole or pipe







History

- Hydropower used since ancient times to grind flour and perform others tasks
- 1770s, Bernard Forest de Belidor, a French engineer, published Architecture Hydraulique and described vertical- and horizontal-axis hydraulic machines.
- Late 19th century, electrical generator developed which could be coupled with hydraulics
- 1878 the world's first house to be powered with hydroelectricity
 - Cragside, Northumberland
- 1881 Schoellkopf Power station near Niagara Falls starts generating electricity
- 2010 16% of global electricity production

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Hydro

Conventional







Hoover Dam

- Most hydroelectric power comes from potential energy of dammed water driving a water turbine and generator.
- Power extracted depends on the volume and on the difference in height between the source and the waters outflow – the "Head"
- Amount of potential energy is proportional to the head.

Pumped storage Pumped-Storage Plant Visitors Center Pumped-Storage Plant Proverplant Chamber Ffestiniog Pumped Storage Scheme in N Wales Can generate 360 MW within 60 seconds of demand rising Produces electricity to supply high peak demands by moving water between reservoirs at different elevations When demand is low excess capacity used to pump water to a higher reservoir When demand high water released to lower reservoir through a turbine

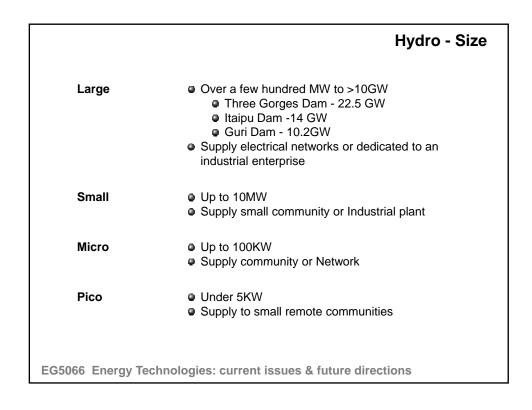
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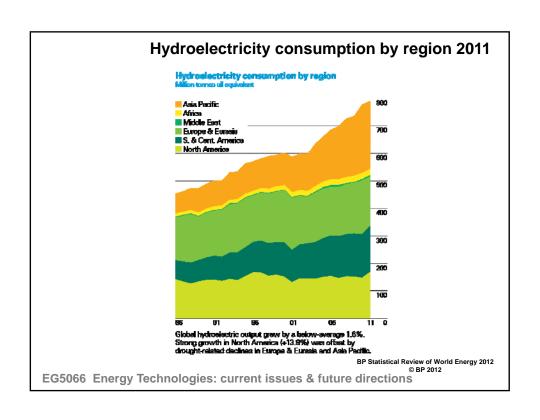
Hydro

Run-of-the-river



 Hydroelectric stations with smaller reservoir capacities, where it is not possible to store water





Hydroelectricity consumption by region (TWh)

	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010
N America	423.8	521.4	616.3	669.5	650.5
S & Cent America	66.2	200.2	363.3	551.4	743.5
Europe & Eurasia	486.3	658.0	734.6	859.5	867.8
Middle East	3.4	9.9	8.5	8.1	21.9
Africa	25.0	47.5	58.8	77.6	101.5
Asia Pacific	185.7	275.0	406.7	531.0	1096.5
World	1190.5	1711.9	2188.6	2697.6	3442.4

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Key countries

Largest Hydroelectricity Producers 2009

	Annual Production (TWh)*	Installed Capacity (GW)	Capacity Factor	% Total Capacity
China	652.05	196.79	0.37	22.25
Canada	369.5	88.974	0.59	61.12
Brazil	363.8	69.080	0.56	85.56
USA	250.6	79.511	0.42	5.74
Russia	167.0	45.000	0.42	17.64
Norway	140.5	27.528	0.49	98.25
India	115.6	33.600	0.43	15.80
Venezuela	86.0	14.622	0.67	69.20
Japan	69.2	27.229	0.37	7.21
Sweden	65.5	16.209	0.46	44.34

Largest hydroelectric power stations

Name	Country	Year of completion	Total Capacity (MW)	Max Ann Electricity Production (TW-hour)	Area flooded (km²)
Three Gorges	China	2012	22,500	84.4	632
Itaipu	Brazil/Paraguay	1984-1991- 2003	14,000	94.7	1,350
Guri	Venezuela	1986	10,200	53.4	4,250
Tucurui	Brazil	1984	8,370	41.4	3,014
Grand Coulee	USA	1942/1980	6,890	20	324
Krasnoyarskaya	Russia	1972	6,000	20.4	2,000

There are 50 hydroelectricity stations with capacities >2000MW

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Solar Timeline

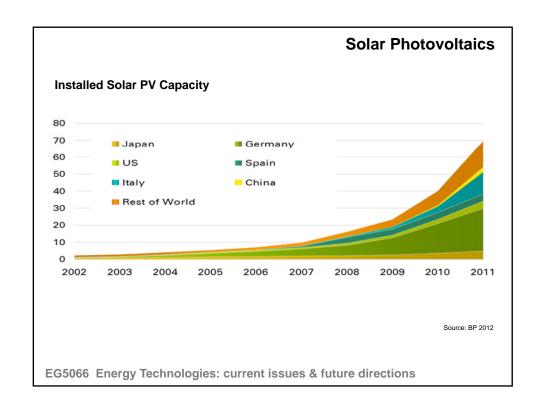
400 BC	Greeks oriented houses to make most of sun in winter
1767	Horace-Benedict de Saussure invented First Solar Collector using 3 layers of glass to absorb solar energy
1839	Becquerel – light shining on an electrode submerged in conductive solution creates an electric current
1860	Auguste Mouchet – worked on solar motor to make France independent of fossil fuels
1865	Auguste Mouchet created solar powered steam engine
1873	Willoughby Smith discovered photoconductivity of selenium
1876	William Adams & Richard Day discovered that illuminating a junction between selenium and platinum gave a PV effect
1883	Charles Fritz built first true PV cell – made from selenium wafers and 2% efficient

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Solar Photovoltaics

Installed Solar PV (kW)

	1994 (kW)	2004	2010 (GW)
North America	68130	397266	2.5
Western Europe	51934	1006912	29.3
Germany	12440	794000	17.0
Spain	5660	3700	3.8
RoW	43771	1195069	3.2
Japan	31240	1131991	3.6
World	163835	1195069	40.0



Photovoltaics

World PV Installed	Capacity (GW peak)
2005	5.4
2006	7.0
2007	9.4
2008	15.7
2009	22.9
2010	39.7
2011	67.4

5 Leading countries account for ~74% installed capacity in 2011:

- Germany
- Spain
- Japan
- Italy
- USA

Photovoltaic Installed Capacity

	Total MWp 2010	Off-grid	On-grid
World	39778		
EU	29328	154.4	29173
Germany	17370	50	17320
Japan	3618	98.8	3519
Spain	3808	21.1	3787
Italy	3478	13.5	3465
USA	2534	440	2094

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Solar Photovoltaics

- The direct conversion of solar radiation into electricity by the interaction of light with the electrons in a semi-conductor device or cell
- Operate at 10% efficiency
- Costs have fallen substantially over last 25 years
- Most schemes too small to generate the minimum of 0.5MWh a month to qualify for a ROC
- Vast arrays are required to make a significant impact
 - 1000 MW plant @10% efficiency would cover 10km²

Solar Photovoltaics

Passive Solar

Converts solar radiation into heat by means of the building structure itself. The building envelope is the absorber and the building structure the heat store

Solar Thermal Heat Utilisation Solar collectors convert solar radiation into heat to heat swimming pools, provide space heating and domestic hot water

Solar Thermal Power Plants Power plants which convert solar radiation to heat which in turn is converted to mechanical energy and then electrical energy. Two main types: concentrating

and no-concentrating systems

Photovoltaic Power Generation

Solar energy is directly converted into electrical

energy

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PV in Buildings

- Building-integrated photovoltaics (BIPV)
- Array incorporated into roof or walls
- Power output usually kW peak





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Concentrated Solar Power

CSP - concentrated solar power

- → Uses mirrors or lenses to concentrate large area of sunlight onto a small area
- → Used to heat up a working fluid
- Drives a steam turbine to generate electricity



19.9 MW Gemasolar Plant, Spain

Photovoltaics

The sun provides about 100,000 Terawatts (TW) each year World energy consumption is 15TW

Photovoltaics Conversion of solar energy directly into

electricity in a solid state device

Photovoltaic cell Mainly silicon, the second most

abundant element

Process Generated electrons are transferred between different

bands (from valence to conductor bands) within the material thus building up a voltage between the 2

electrodes

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Photovoltaic effect Discovered by French physicist

Edmund Becquerel in 1839 Conducted experiments with

"wet cell" battery

Found that battery voltage increased when its silver plates were exposed to sunlight

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Photovoltaics

First PV effect in solid substance Adams & Day demonstrated variations in electrical properties of selenium when

exposed to light (1877)

Breakthrough in development of semi-conductors – non metallic materials such as germanium and

silicon



Doping Tiny particles of impurities such

as boron and phosphorous diffused into the silicon

First demonstration 1954 in Bell Labs

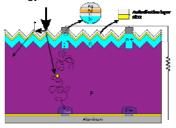
First application 1958 – Vanguard 1 space satellite

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Photovoltaics

How a solar cell works:

- Photons hit solar panel and absorbed by semi-conducting materials, e.g. silicon
- Electrons knocked loose from their atoms:
 - Electrons flow through the material to produce electricity
 - Composition of semi-conductor means that electrons only move in one direction
- An array converts solar energy into direct current electricity



PV efficiency Percentage of solar energy falling on its surface that is converted into electrical energy In laboratory ~ 24% Commercially available units ~ 17% Single conventional PV cells gives 1.5 watts Groups of cells connected together to form modules Modules mounted side by side to give arrays Cell Module Array EG5066 Energy Technologies: current issues & future directions

Materials

- Have different efficiencies and costs
- Must match available spectrum
- Can use multiple physical configurations to take advantage of different light absorption and charge separation mechanism
 - Monocrystalline silicon
 - Polycrystalline silicon
 - Amorphous silicon
 - Cadmium telluride
 - Copper indium selenide/sulphide
 - Thin film layers
 - Organic dyes
 - Organic polymers
 - Nanocrystals used as quantum dots

		Solar PV Power Plants	(50MW
PV power station	Country	DC Peak Power (MWp)	Year
Agua Caliente Solar Project	USA	>200 (397 when complete)	
Charanka Solar Park	India	214	2012
Golmud Solar Park	China	200	2011
Sarna PV plant	Canada	97	2010
Montalto di Castro	Italy	84.2	2010
Finsterwalde Solar park	Germany	80.7	2010
Okhotnykovo Solar Park	Ukraine	80	2011
Solarpark Senftenberg	Germany	78	2011
Lieberose PV Park	Germany	71.8	
Rovigo PV Plant	Italy	70	2010
Olmedilla PV Park	Spain	60	2008
Strasskirchen Solar Park	Germany	54	
Puertollano PV Park	Spain	50	2008

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Solar PV Power Plants



Lieberose 70.8 MW PV Park 900,000 solar panels



Senftenberg 78 MW PV Plant 330,000 PV modules Plans to expand to 148MW

Waldpolenz 52 MWp Solar Park – uses 550,000 CdTe thin film PV panels

Development of Photovoltaic Cells

1st Generation

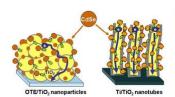
- Single crystal
- Polycrystalline (silicon)

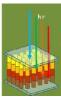
2nd Generation

- Amorphous Si
- Thin film Si
- Culn(Ga)Se₂ (copper indium gallium selenide), CdTe (cadmium telluride)
- Dye-sensitized nano-crystalline Cells (DSC)
- Organic PV

3rd Generation

- Multi-gap tandem cells
- Hot electron converters
- Carrier multiplication cells
- Mid-band PV
- Quantum Dot Solar Cells





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Marine Energy Fig. 5066 Energy Technologies: current issues & future directions

Marine Energy

Types of Marine Energy

- Thermal Energy from the sun's heat:
 - Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion
- Mechanical Energy from the tides and waves:
 - Tidal barrages
 - Tidal lagoons
 - Tidal fences
 - Tidal stream devices
 - Wave energy devices
- Osmotic Power
- Tides are driven by the gravitational pull of the moon
- Waves driven primarily by the wind











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Marine Energy

Potential of Ocean Energy

Form	Capacity (GW)	Annual Generation (TW.h)
Osmotic Power	20	2,000
Ocean Thermal Energy	1,000	10,000
Tidal Power	90	800
Wave Power	1,000 - 9,000	8,000 - 80,000

Theoretical potential 4 - 18 ToE

Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion

Concept first proposed in 1881 and first plant built at Matanzas Bay, Cuba in 1930 using a low pressure turbine – 22kW output

Operates on the concept of heat engine:

- A device placed between a high temperature reservoir and a low temperature reservoir
- As heat flows from one to other the engine extracts some of the heat in the form of work



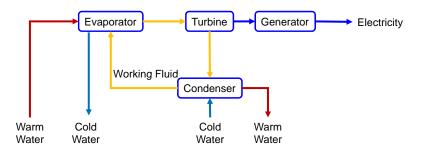


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Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion

To convert thermal gradient into electrical energy:

- Warm water used to heat and vaporize a liquid ("working fluid")
- Working fluid develops pressure as it evaporates
- Expanding vapour runs through turbine-generator
- Vapour condensed back to water and discharged back to ocean



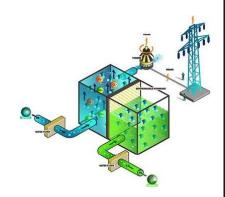
Osmotic Power

Osmotic power or Salinity Gradient Power

Energy available from the difference in salt concentration between sea and river water

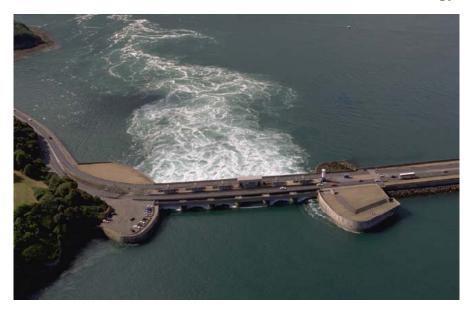
Two practical methods, both rely on osmosis with ion specific membranes:

- Reverse electro-dialysis (RED) being developed in Netherlands
- Pressure retarded osmosis (PRO) being developed in Norway



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Tidal Energy



Tidal Barrages

- Limited number of sites on global scale where tidal range is sufficient to justify investment
- Need tidal range of at least 5m
- La Rance in France built 1961 1966. Still running, generates 240MW
- Bay of Fundy Nova Scotia generates 20MW
- Bay of Kisalaya Guba, Murmansk, Russia generates 1.7MW
- Jiang Xia, East China Sea generates 3.2MW



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Tidal Barrages

Station	Country	Size (MW)	Start Year
Annapolis Royal	Canada	20	1984
Jiangxia	China	3.2	1980
Kisalaya Guba	Russia	1.7	2004
La Rance	France	240	1966
Sihwa Lake	S Korea	254*	2011
Incheon	S Korea	1320**	2017

^{* 10} x 25.4 bulb turbines

^{** 44} x 30MW turbines

Tidal Barrages

Drawbacks

- High capital costs for initial construction
- Limited number of potential sites only 6 identified:
- Potential for negative environmental impacts
 - Water quality
 - Estuarine feeding areas for birds and other animals
 - Passage of migratory fish
- Local tides changed only slightly at La Rance barrage, environmental impact negligible.
- Very little is understood about how altering the tides can affect incredibly complex aquatic and shoreline ecosystems





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Tidal Stream

TIDAL STREAM

- Tidal stream turbines look like wind turbines
- Arrayed under water like wind farms
- Work best where coastal currents run at 2 3m/sec
- Generate 4 13 kW/m²
- 14m current turbine generates as much electricity as a 60m diam wind turbine
- Ideal locations close to shore (1km) and in depths of 20 – 30m
- Tidal currents are predictable and reliable





Scotrenewables SR250

Tidal Stream

Most common types:

- Horizontal axis turbine (axial flow turbine)
- Vertical axis turbines (cross flow turbine)





Andriz Hydro Hammerfest HS1000 - 1 MW

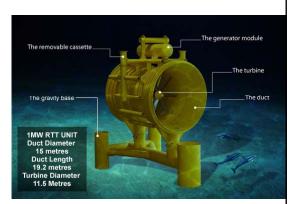
Wave rotor

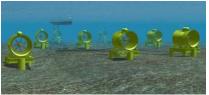
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Tidal Stream

Lunar Energy

Fully submerged ducted turbine with the power conversion system inserted in a slot in the duct as a cassette





Tidal Stream

Marine Current Turbines

SeaGen

- Two horizontal axis rotors and power trains (gearbox & generator)
- Each rotor rated at 500kW
- Attached to supporting monopile by a cross arm
- Monopile has integrated lifting mechanism to lift rotors and power trains out of the water for maintenance



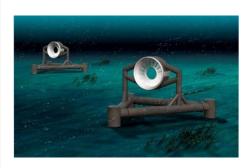
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Open Hydro

250kw device tested at EMEC

Next steps:

- 1MW for Bay of Fundy & Channel Islands
- 10 turbines for 4MW off Brittany





Tidal Stream



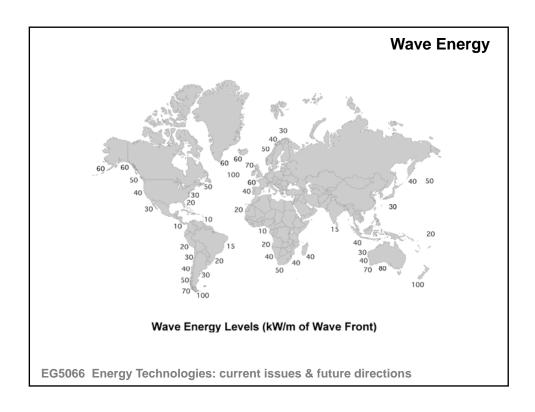
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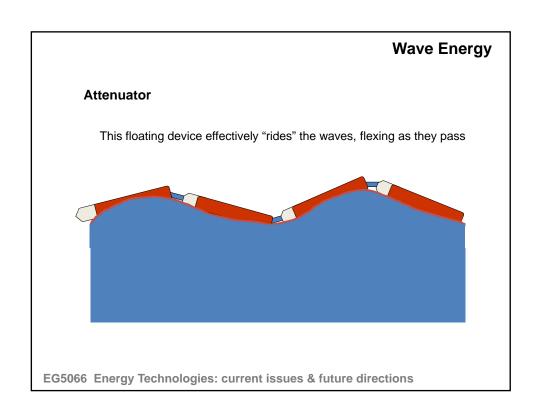
- Wave power devices extract energy directly from the surface waves or from pressure fluctuations below the surface
- Estimates put global electricity generating capacity at 1 10TW 2000TWh/y
- Or as low as 0.3TW still 3x installed capacity of wind power
- Waves are more reliable than wind and 800x more dense
- When the wind blows waves are created they continue for up to 6 hours after wind stops

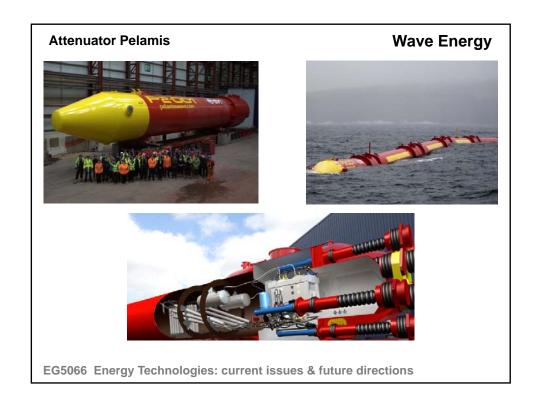
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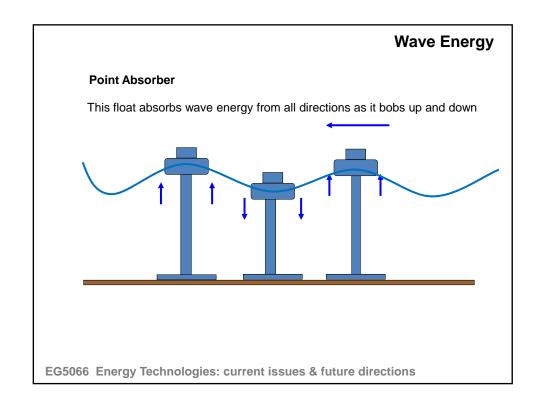
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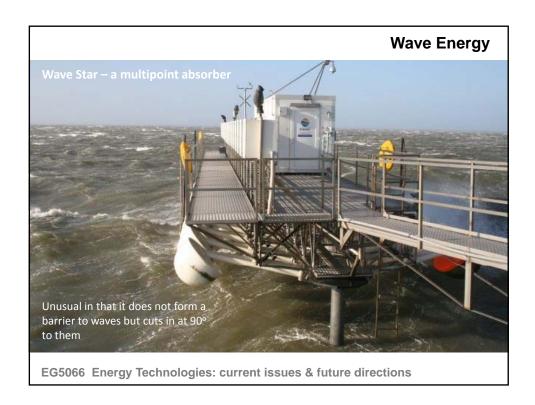
- First patent for wave device in 1799 but never constructed
- There are some 50 different types being developed currently
- Fall into 6 main types:
 - Attenuator e.g. Pelamis
 - Point Absorber e.g. Wave Star
 - Oscillating wave surge converter e.g. Oyster
 - Oscillating Water Column e.g. Limpet
 - Overtopping Device e.g. Sea Dragon
 - Submerged pressure differential e.g. CETO
- Cannot be harvested everywhere wave rich countries:
 - Western coast of Scotland
 - Northern Canada
 - Southern Africa
 - Australia
 - NE and NW coasts of USA

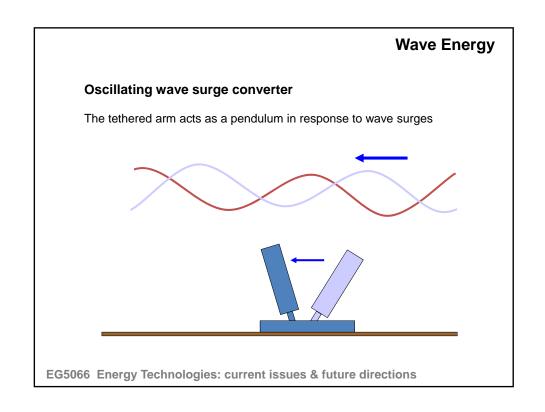


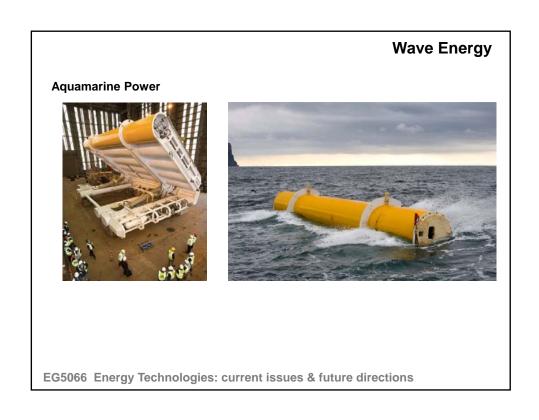


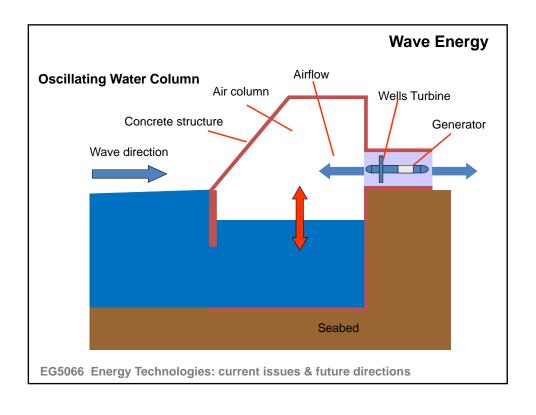












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Wavegen - Limpet

Land Installed Marine Powered Energy Transformer







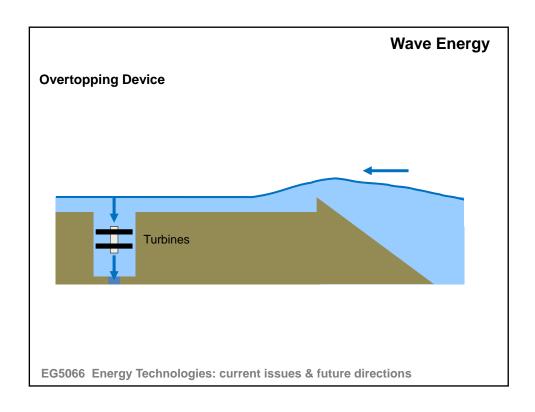
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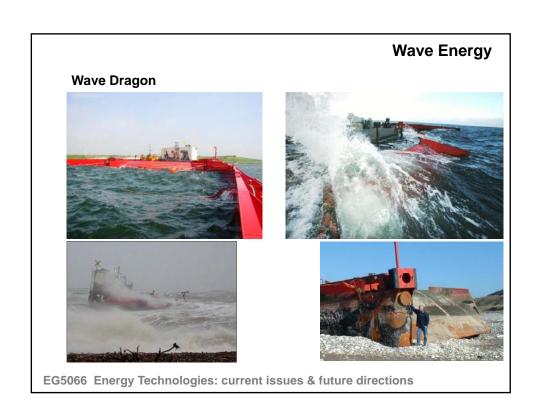
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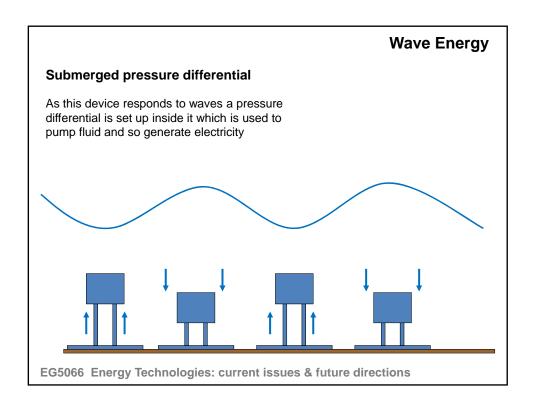
Energetech wave powered generator off the coast at Port Kembla NSW Australia.

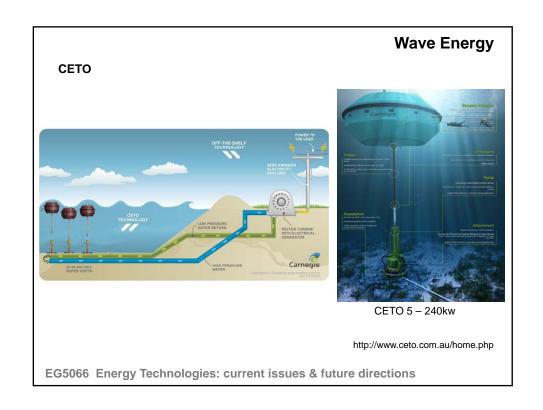
- Based on Oscillating water column.
- Power take off located at the focus of a parabolic-shaped wave deflector







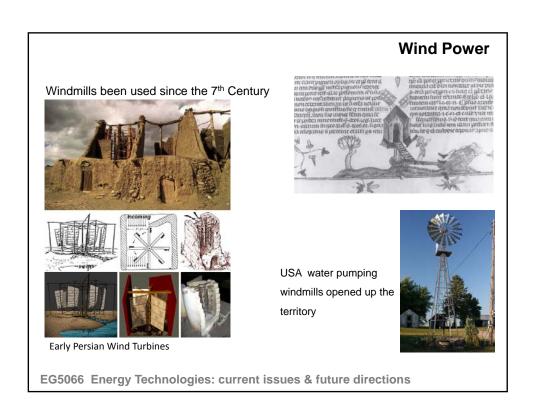












Wind Power

Scotland 1887: James Blyth windpower experiments, patent in 1891



USA1887-1900 Charles Bush uses windpower to produce electricity



Denmark 1890s Poul La Cour built first wind turbine to generate electricity - used to electrolyse water to produce hydrogen for gas lights in the local school



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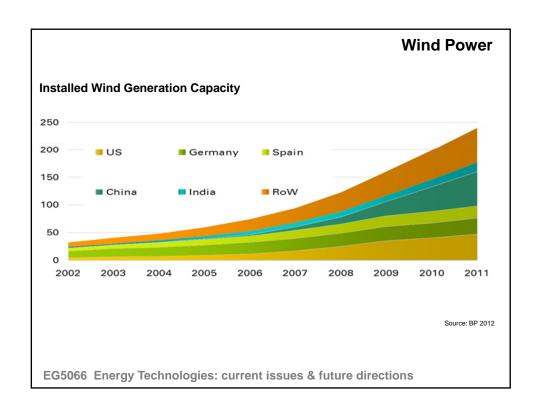
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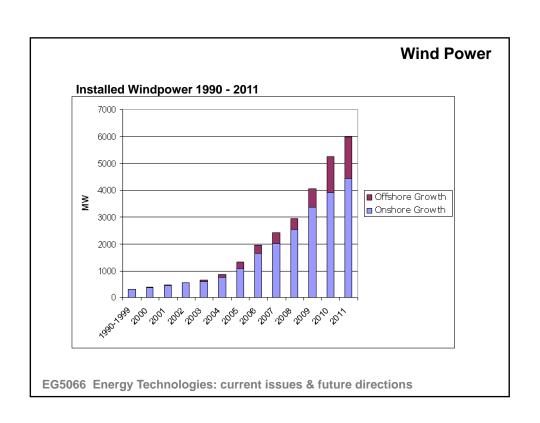
Total global economically extractable wind power:

- 72TW cf 15TW current consumption
- 72TW equivalent to 54,000 MTOE
- Practical limit set by economics and environmental issues

Global Capacity 2011:

- 238 GW 273GW expected by end 2012
- Produced 430TWh (2.5% of electricity)
- 83 countries have commercial wind farms
- Denmark 28%
- Ireland 14%
- Portugal 19%
- Spain 16%
- Germany 8%





Wind Power

Rank	Country	Installed Capacity (GW)			
		2005	2007	2009	2011
1	USA	9.1	16.8	35.2	46.9
2	Germany	18.4	22.2	25.8	29.0
3	China	1.3	5.9	25.1	62.7
4	Spain	10.0	15.1	19.1	21.7
5	India	4.4	7.9	10.9	16.1
8	UK	1.4	2.4	4.1	6.5
	World	59.0	93.9	157.9	238.4

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Horizontal axis wind turbines

The shaft from the blades to the generator is horizontal, so the blades rotate vertically. The tall tower means the turbine can use higher wind speeds found higher up - near the ground, friction reduces the speed of the wind. They need a mechanism to keep the blades pointing into the wind



Vertical axis wind turbines

The shaft from the blades to the generating equipment is vertical, and the blades go round it horizontally. This means that the generator and/or gearbox can be placed at the bottom, near the ground, so the tower doesn't need to support it, and that the turbine doesn't need to be pointed into the wind







Potential in UK

UK's annual demand for electricity ~350TWh/y

UK's wind technical potential ~ 1000TWh/y

However, accessible/economic potential - 150TWh/y

- Onshore 50 TWh/y
- Offshore 100TWh/y
- 600 5MW turbines replaces 1000 MW conventional generation
- Would meet 27% of Scottish peak electricity demand



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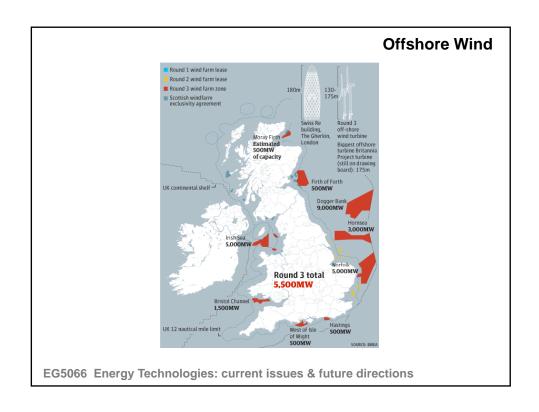
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Wind energy in UK September 2012	
Operational Wind farms	357
Turbines Sept 2012	3873
Onshore installed capacity end 2012	5028 MW
Offshore installed capacity end 2012	2372
Total installed capacity Sept 2012	6858

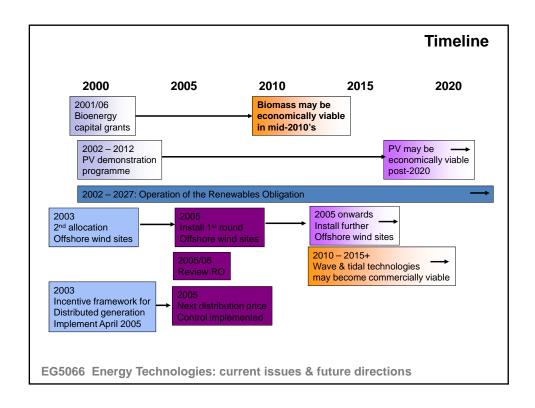
Offshore Wind farms		
Round 1	11 projects	1.1 GW
Round 2	15 projects	7.2 GW
Rounds 1 & 2 extensions		2GW
Round 3		32.2 GW
Scottish Territorial Waters	5 projects	25 GW projected











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Hydro ^m	C – Continuous
Solar v	I – Intermittent
Tidal ^r	M – Moderate
Wave power v	R – Regular
Wind power i	V – Variable