

An aerial photograph of the Palos Verdes Peninsula in Rhode Island. The image shows a large, historic estate with a prominent yellow building and a green golf course. The peninsula is surrounded by blue water with rocky shorelines. In the background, a long bridge spans a body of water, and a city is visible on the horizon. The text "Alternative Energy Plan for Anderson, Rhode Island" is overlaid in white.

# Alternative Energy Plan for Anderson, Rhode Island

Palos Verdes Peninsula  
Team 4 (9th/10th)

# Introduction and Overview

- Background
- Alternative Energy Options
  - OTEC
  - Offshore Wind/Solar (wind lens)
- Energy Storage Systems
- Risk Assessment and Mitigation
- Economic Considerations and Timeline
- Conclusions

# Background on Anderson (Based on Providence)

- Avg wind speed: 10.4 mph
- Coastal city
- Average residential electricity consumption is 7200 kWh/year





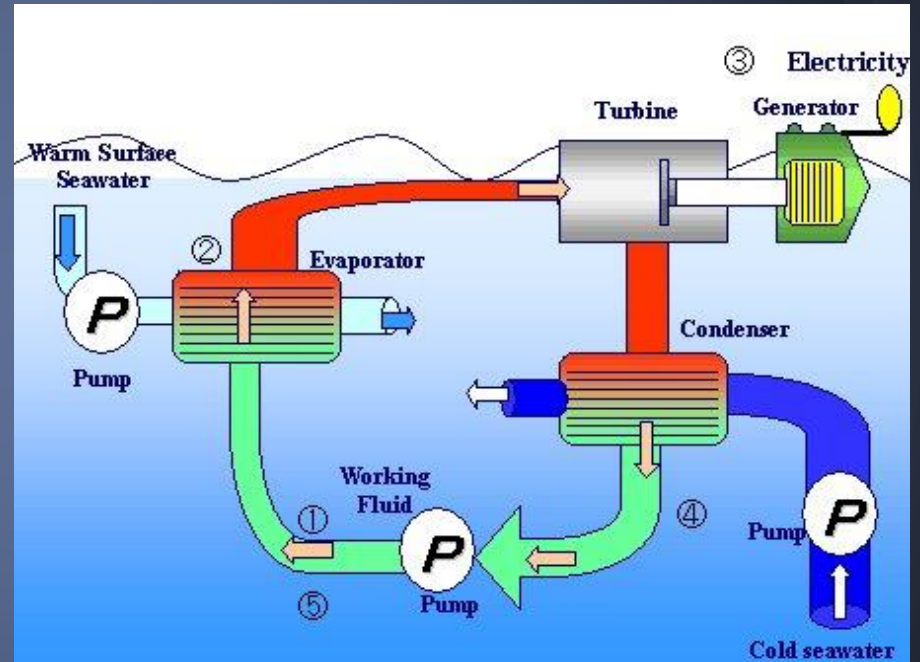
# Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC)

- Land-based, closed cycle
- 10 MW plant can supply 12,200 houses



# OTEC cont.

- Working fluid continuously evaporates, then condenses to run turbine
- Solar heating of working fluid increases efficiency by 25%



# OTEC Effects on Economy, Environment, and Society

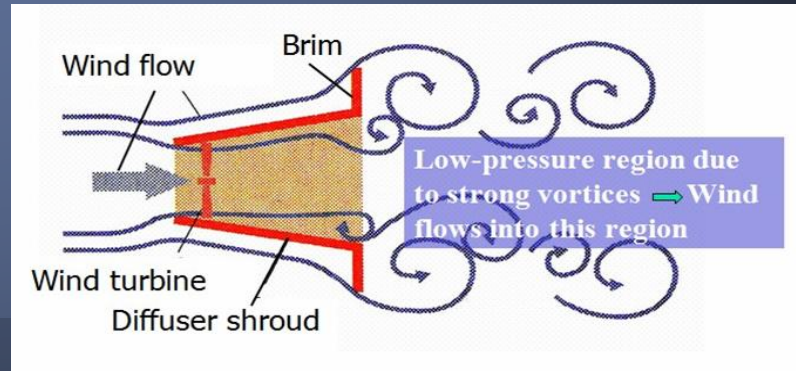
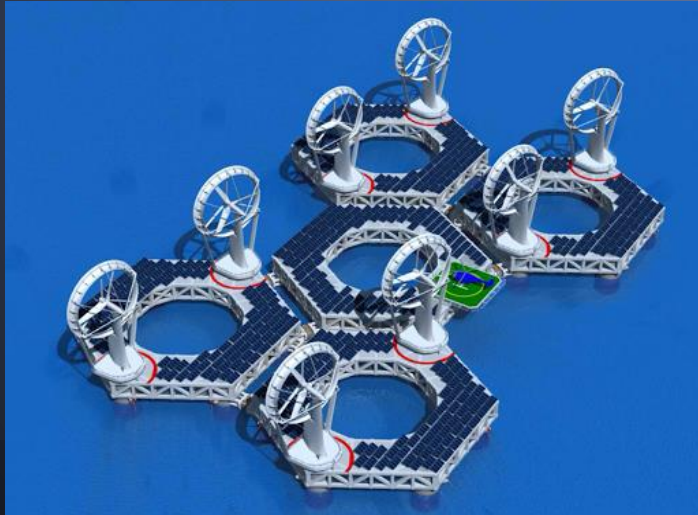
- Profit for economy from unlimited resource
- Creates jobs through maintenance needs
- Impingement on marine life
- Occupies coastal area
- Noise Pollution



The OTEC plant on Kume Island

# Offshore Wind and Solar

- Wind lens
- 2-3 times more effective
- 85 million kWh/year can power 12,000 households (1 farm)





# Economy, Environment, and Society

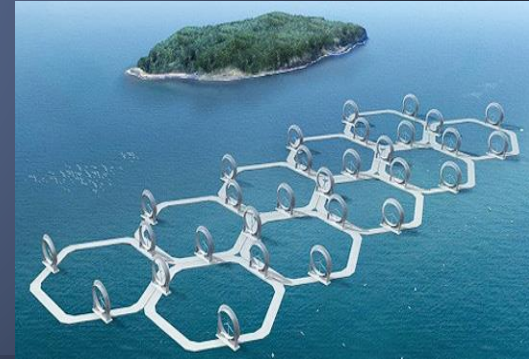
- aquafarming/aquaculture
- local farmers
- purchasing food



- Net to prevent bird collision



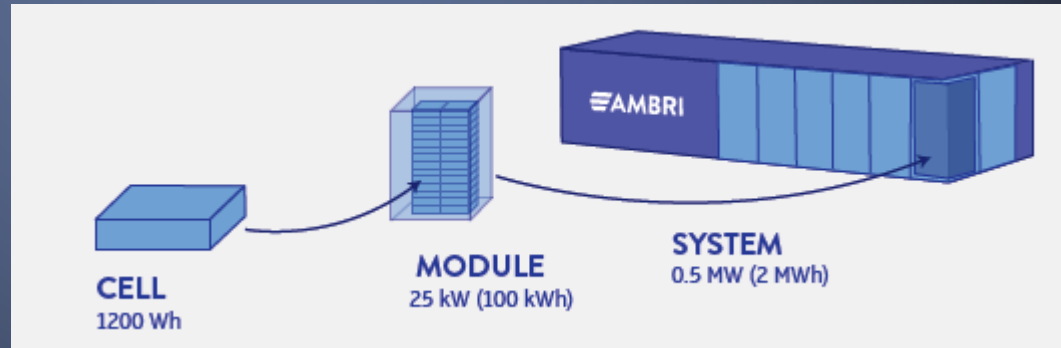
- Extremely quiet and safe
- Effective use of space





# Energy Storage With Liquid Metal Batteries (LMB's)

- Molten lithium (Anode), lead, antimony (Cathode)
- ½ of the cost to store energy (\$500 for a kWh)
- Cheap maintenance
- 1 Ambri Core = 200 kWh
- Long life span



# Risk Assessment and Mitigation

- Wind solar power more reliable
- OTEC maintenance to minimize impact on environment



# Risk Assessment cont.

- Amorphous solar panels in case of system failures
- Western Europe
- New technologies unproven





# Economic Considerations

- OTEC plant: \$40 million over four years
- Energy Cost: 7 cents/kWh
- Offshore wind/solar: \$12.2 million per 10 hexagon units
- Amorphous Solar cells: \$250 per sq. meter

# Timeline

Amorphous solar panels installed for energy use until a centralized system is created

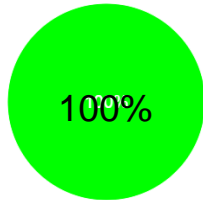
Offshore wind and solar facilities operational

OTEC Plant Operational

System is fully operational and prepared for any other natural disaster

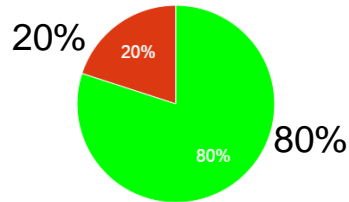


Before Year 1



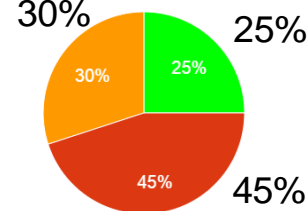
Onshore Amorphous Solar

Year 2



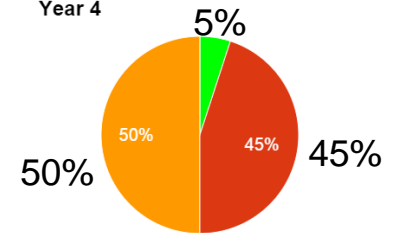
Offshore (Wind lens)

Year 3



OTEC

Year 4



# Conclusions

- OTEC
  - Utilizes the ocean's huge reservoir of heat energy
  - Low environmental harms
- Offshore wind and solar
  - 2-3 times more efficient
  - Compact energy gathering





# Offshore Wind and Solar Implementation Plan

- 18m hexagon floating body, 30  
1,670 kW wind lens turbines and  
1.5kW solar panels
- 12.2 million dollars, 85 million  
kWh/year = annual power  
consumption of approx. 23,600  
households
- 2 years to build

# Wind Lens Study

- K. Toshimitsu, H. Kikugawa, K. Sato and T. Sato, "Experimental Investigation of Performance of the Wind Turbine with the Flanged-Diffuser Shroud in Sinusoidally Oscillating and Fluctuating Velocity Flows," *Open Journal of Fluid Dynamics*, Vol. 2 No. 4A, 2012, pp. 215-221. doi: [10.4236/ojfd.2012.24A024](https://doi.org/10.4236/ojfd.2012.24A024).