



# Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC)



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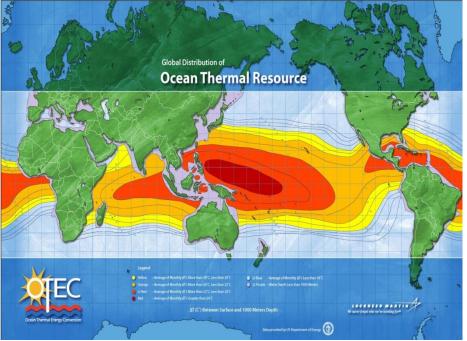
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# **Ocean Thermal Energy**

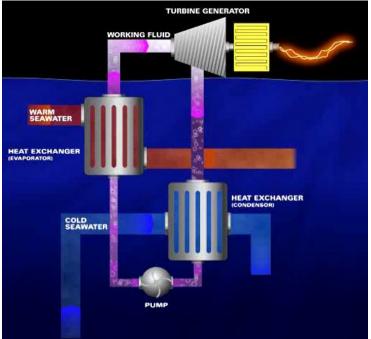
### The Resource



### ✓ Large Renewable Energy Source

- At least 3-5 Terawatts (~30% Global Energy)\*
- ✓ Energy Security
  - A Secure Energy Source
- \* A Preliminary Assessment of OTEC Resources ASME 3/2007

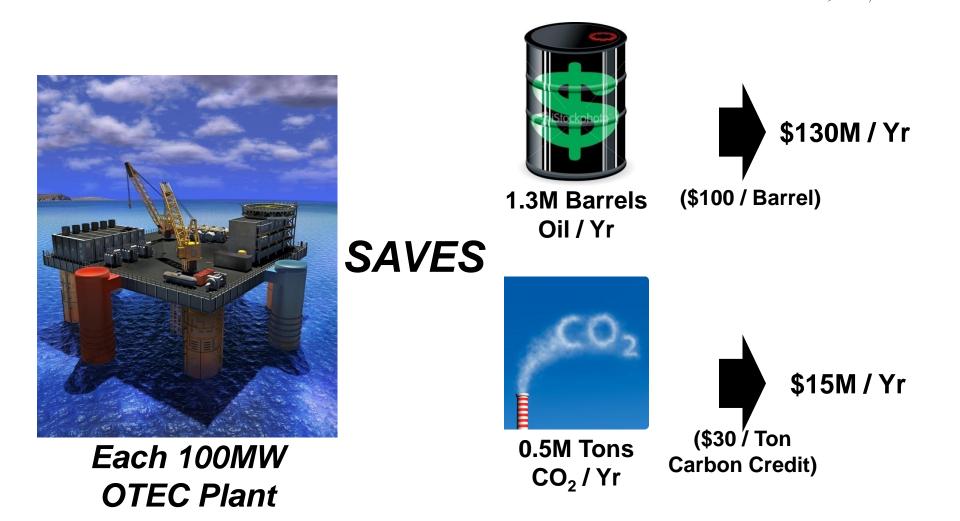
### The Process



- ✓ Base Load Power
  - Available 24/7
- ✓ Climate Friendly
  - No Emissions

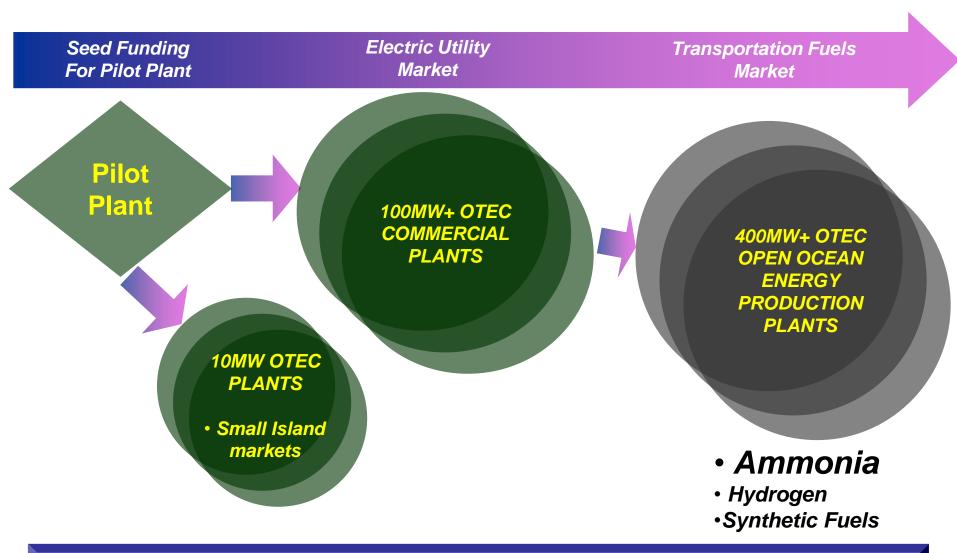
## A New Clean Renewable 24/7 Energy Source

Why OTEC?



**Potential For New Energy Resource** 

## **OTEC** Vision



### OTEC is Poised to be a Global Energy Resource

## **Getting a Feel for an OTEC Plant**



### **10MW Pilot Plant**

### SYSTEM PARAMETERS

Cold Water Intake Velocity:2.6 m/sCold Water Flow:4,200 gallon / secWarm Water Intake Depth:20 mWarm Water Intake Velocity:0.15 m/sWater Discharge Depth:50 mWarm Water Flow:6,100 gallon / secHeat Exchangers:16 – 2,5m x 2.5m x 10m

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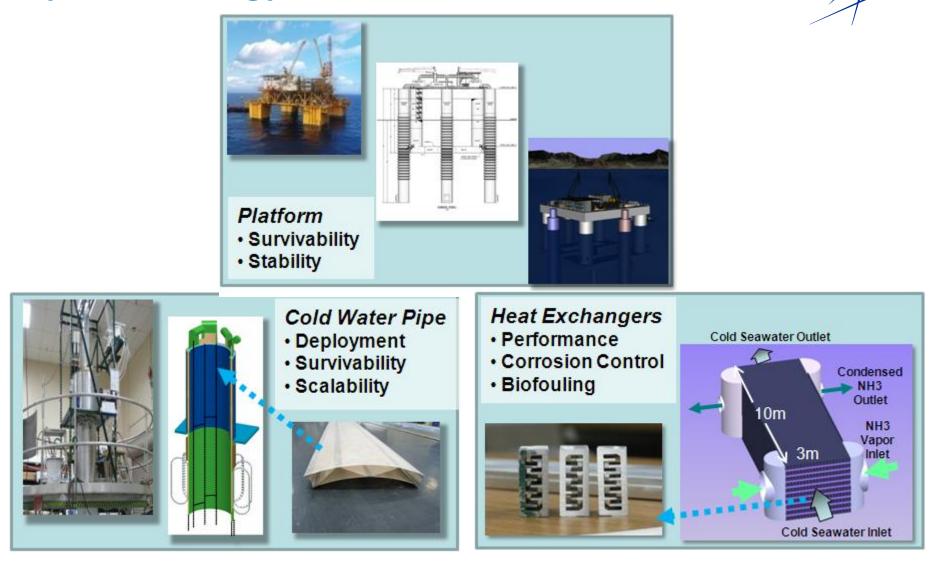
55m x 55m platform hull

9m diameter x 80m long OTEC power modules

4m diameter x 1000m long Cold Water Pipe

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## Key Technology Focus Areas



# **OTEC Platform – Semi-Submersible**





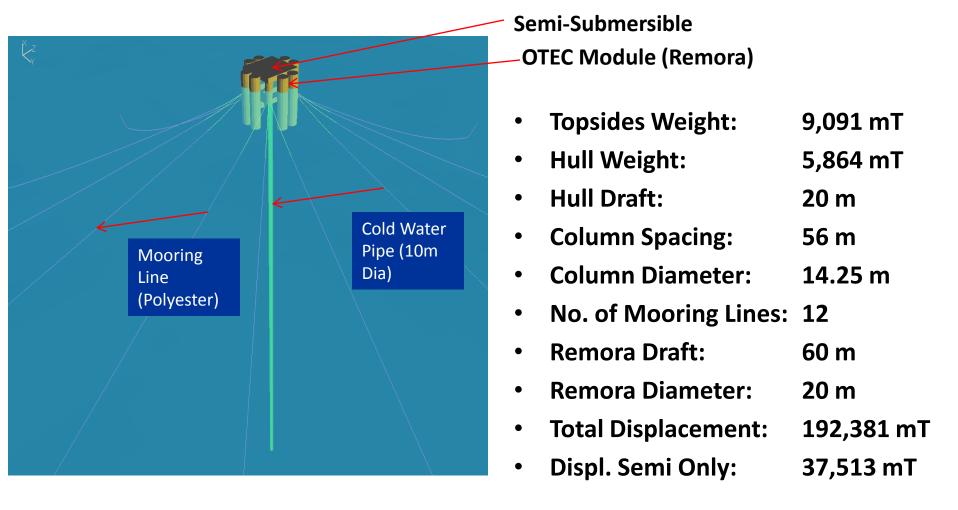
- Based on oil-field practice
- Low motion enables CWP fabrication on-site
- Ideal for CWP & Undersea Power Cable support
- Large deck area
- Accommodates removable power modules (Remoras)

#### **Notional 100 MW Hull Configuration** (2008) LATFORM DECK (SHEET 2 •Hull is semi-submersible NODULE OTEC Power Modules are PONTOON LEVEL (SHEET 3) Separate, detachable units SHORE CABLE -MOORING CHAINST called "Remoras" 20m DIA CONDENSER MODULE 20m DIA CONDENSE MODULE 14.25m DM COLUMN **Outboard Profile** BALLAST BALLAST 20m DIA EVAPORATOR MODULE COLD WATER Semi-Submersible 20m DIA CONDENSER MODULE 20m DIA EVAPORATOR MODULE Hull 4.25m DI COLUNN 14.25m DJA COLUMN BALLAST BALLAST ONIA TANK AMMONIA TANK (250.000 GAL) 20m DIA EVAPORATOR 20m DIA EVAPORATOR MODULE 20m DIA CONDENSER 20m DIA CONDENSER MODULE ANNONA TUNE PONTOON LEVEL PLAN 20m DIA EVAPORATOR 20m DIA EVAPORATOR MODULE **Pontoon Level Deck OTEC** Power Modules, "Remoras" 20m DIA CONDENSE MODULE 20m DIA CONCENSE MODULE

(HX, Pumps)

# 100MW Platform and Cold Water Pipe (Commercial Platform)



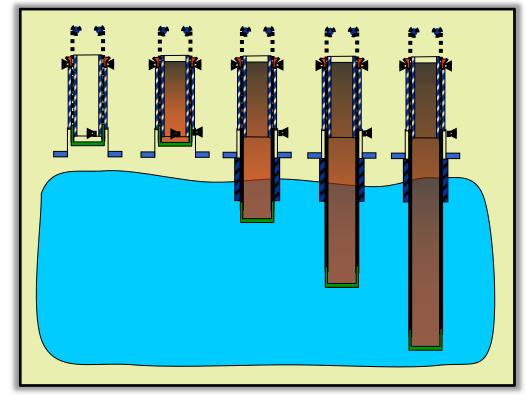


# The OTEC Cold Water Pipe (CWP)



# The Pipe

## In-Situ Fabrication



# **Cold Water Pipe Parameters**

• 10MW Pipe 4m x 1,000m

• 100MW Pipe 10m x 1,000m

Fabrication on Platform Eliminates Major CWP Deployment Risk

## **CWP** Progress





Shear Key & Pipe Core Assembly



Fabric Dispensing & Guidance System

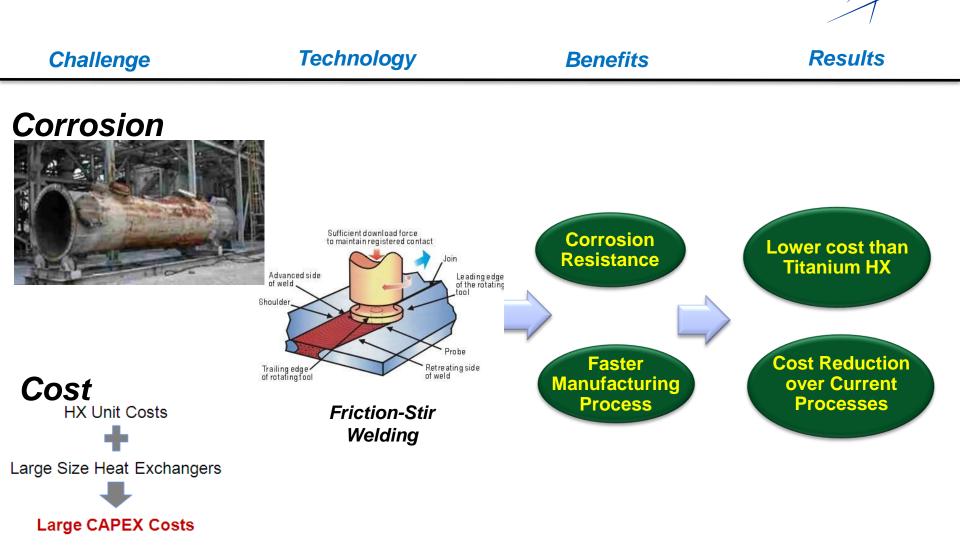




Pipe Molding Region

### **DOE Cooperative Agreement Successfully Completed**

# **Aluminum HX Challenges in OTEC**



Addressing the Key OTEC HX Cost Drivers

## Hx Test Facilities

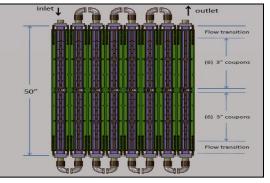


Thermal Duty Capacity: 10-50 kW Fluid Flow: 1-6 liters/sec Temperatures: 5-8C and 24-30C Working Fluid: R410A

Small Turbine Installed to Generate Power

Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority Energy & Ocean Resources & Technology







**Corrosion Tests With Various Alloys Ongoing At NELHA** 

Fluid Flow :100-500 liters/sec 900m Deep and Surface Seawater Working Fluid: Ammonia

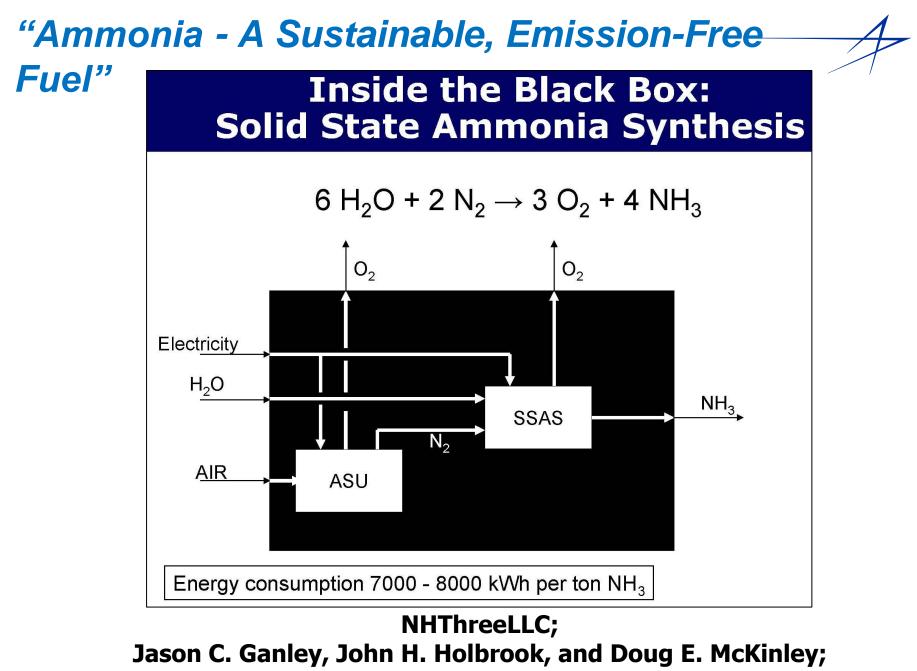
**Thermal Duty Capacity : 1-4 MW** 

### **Capacity to Test 3 HX Pairs**

**Corrosion Testing** Underway the Past 2 Years

## **Business Observations**

- Large Scale OTEC plants (100MW greater) are cost competitive in markets highly dependent on petroleum for electrical generation by 2020
- OTEC is long-term large opportunity
- OTEC CAPEX costs will decrease over time and capacity will increase – opening other markets
- Other factors which might increase OTEC competitiveness
  - GHG penalties
  - Premiums for clean, renewable, baseload stable power
  - Investment and Production credits



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## **Incredibly Simplistic View**



SSAS	8,000	kWh per ton	
MW	100	500	1,000
h/day	24	24	24
MWh/day	2,400	12,000	24,000
MWh/ton NH3	8	8	8
Ton NH3/day	300	1,500	3,000
Ton NH3/year	109,500	547,500	1,095,000

# **Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC)**

### **Features**

- Standard Rankine cycle technology
- Scalable up to 500MWe or more
- Deployable over large geographic area
- OTEC can produce fresh water
- Can provide energy carriers and other products

## **Benefits**

- ✓ Reliable, base load power for utilities.
- ✓Nonpolluting
- ✓ Can create ~ 3,425 jobs / 100 MW plant
- ✓Export technology
- ✓Will not compete for water resources
- Avoid visual impacts with offshore locations
- ✓ Does not crowd out valuable land uses
- ✓ Solves many critical energy challenges



## **OTEC Has Significant Benefits as a Clean Energy Solution**

