# The Current Energy Transition

### Hydrogen, Energy Storage, CCUS, Critical Minerals

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# Summary

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# Kansas Geological Survey

- "A research and service unit of the University of Kansas"
- ~120 employees + students
- Operates under statute to investigate resources of Kansas
- Provides scientific research and remains neutral on policy
- Our research must be relevant to Kansas
  - Groundwater/surface water
  - Economic geology (Oil, Gas, Helium, Injection, Sand/Gravel, Limestone, Salt, Coal, Lead-Zinc)
  - Carbon capture/use/storage; Energy Storage
  - Geological mapping and geographic data
  - Induced seismicity and shallow geophysics





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- Education:
  - PhD, MS, University of Michigan
  - BS Geology / BA Classics, U Iowa
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  - Kansas Geological Survey (3.5y)
  - Iowa State University (6y)
  - ExxonMobil (4y)
  - U Iowa Water Plant (4 y)
- Expertise:
  - Traditional and Transitional Energy
  - Limestones
  - 3D Printing



### Fuel diversity has changed over time

### 2020 EIA Actual



#### ExxonMobil Energy Outlook 2009

### 50% Growth in Energy Usage by 2050



### Banning combustion engines



### Early retirement of coal assets

BUSINESS

#### Zimmer coal-fired plant near Cincinnati to close five years early

Mark Williams The Columbus Dispatch

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View Comments



### Evergy to close coal-fired power plant just outside of Lawrence



### What we don't want to happen



### ~1900, New York City, drowning in manure



### Transitions in History—Lighting



# "Grand Ball Given by the Whales..."

"... in honor of the discovery of the Oil Wells in Pennsylvania."

#### VANITY FAIR.

[APRIL 20, 1861.



### **Energy Transition Has Key Technologies**

Hydrogen Economy		Energy Storage		Carbon Capture, Use, and Storage		Critical Minerals
•	Can be burned with natural gas	<ul> <li>Manages variable production of power from</li> </ul>	•	Gets CO <sub>2</sub> out of the atmosphere	•	Required for high tech manufacturing (e.g., solar panels,
•	Transport fuel	renewables <b>and</b> fossil generators	•	Prolongs investments in		wind turbines, electronics, screens)
J	industrial uses	Network benefits		plants	•	Complex to refine







### **Current Fuel Cycle**



Emits carbon to the atmosphere 🔛

### Carbon Capture System

Works for large sources of carbon emissions, like industrial facilities 🙂



# The Hydrogen System

### Works for

### Large sources (like industrial facilities) 💮 Small sources (like cars) 🕒



AND we can do other stuff with the hydrogen!

# Hydrogen Economy

# Hydrogen Production Today

Currently 99% of 10 MMT in the U.S. supplied by fossil fuels – least cost

- 96% by SMR
- 3% by gasification
- 1% by electrolysis

#### 70 MMT generated globally

- 76% by SMR
- 22% by gasification
- 2% by electrolysis

Small fraction includes CCUS Economics dominates generation mix



### The Hydrogen Economy

Coal	Black
Lignite	Brown
Fossil Fuel with Carbon Emission	Gray
Fossil Fuel with Carbon Capture	Blue
Renewables	Green
Nuclear	Pink

### Linde Runs Hydrogen Network in Texas

- Salt cavern storage with 40 million m<sup>3</sup> working capacity (1.4 Bcf)
- 350-mile pipeline from Texas City, TX, to Lake Charles, LA
- Connects 50 customers
- 600 mscf/d rate





#### Gulf Coast Hydrogen Pipeline

### Legislative issues around Hydrogen

- Permitting underground storage
  - Caverns
  - Pore Space

• Water usage

Carbon storage issues



# Energy Storage

## We already do oil & coal storage

### US Strategic Petroleum Reserve



### Coal piles at coal power plants



### We already do natural gas storage



### Energy storage solves problems

...associated with variable power production



### Pumped Storage Hydropower



### Compressed Air Energy Storage (CAES)



### CAES operating for 30+ years in USA

#### McIntosh, Alabama, since 1991



#### Huntorf, Germany, since 1978



### We already do storage of refined products

# 368 active wells (~750 total)73 million barrels storage



### Salt Storage is broadly available



### Legislative issues around Energy Storage

- Permitting/zoning storage
  - Cavern (underground)
  - Pore space (underground)
  - Pumped hydro (surface)

• Monitoring for leakage, subsidence

• Effects on power rates



Carbon Capture/Use/Storage

### Carbon Capture/Use/Storage



AAPG Explorer

### CO<sub>2</sub> can be captured from sources



#### **Power Plants**





#### Cement Plants



# CO<sub>2</sub> Sources in Lower 48



# CO<sub>2</sub> can be captured from the air

- Can be located at best storage sites (no pipelines needed!)
- Currently, operates best in hot places



# Advanced farming uses CO<sub>2</sub>

- Plants grow better with more CO<sub>2</sub>
- Indoor farming can take advantage of CO<sub>2</sub> to increase production



# Chemical plants can use CO<sub>2</sub>



## Concrete can use CO<sub>2</sub>

- Adding CO<sub>2</sub> to concrete makes concrete stronger
- It combines with calcium in the concrete to make limestone within the concrete





# Old oil & gas fields can use/store CO<sub>2</sub>

- Existing infrastructure
- Geology tends to be well known
- Increase production



### Deep saltwater aquifers can store CO<sub>2</sub>

- Water is too salty to drink
- Fewer wells penetrate the caprock than in an oil or gas field
- More widely available than oil and gas fields



# Basalt can store CO<sub>2</sub>

• Carbon mixes with calcium to make limestone

Limestone

• Solid storage





### Storage risks



Hou et al., 2014

Müller et al., 2021

### Carbon Landscape in Kansas



Holubnyak et al., 2018

# Pipelines can transport CO<sub>2</sub>

### Which route **minimizes**...

- Cost of materials
- Cost of labor
- Environmental impact
- Eminent Domain use

### While maximizing...

- Sources
- Sinks







#### Potential New Carbon Dioxide Pipelines

- Northern Collector Trunk
   Southern Collector Trunk
- Permian Basin Trunk
   Wyoming Trunk

Edwards and Celia, 2018

### Legislative issues around CCUS

- Primacy in Permitting
  - Currently a 2-3 year EPA process
- Eminent domain for pipelines
- Unitization
- Pore space ownership
- Long-term liability
- Monitoring



# Critical Minerals

### "Critical Minerals" Drive Modern Technology









Super-Alloys and Magnets



# Energy Act of 2020 CM Definition

Critical minerals are defined as" essential to the economic or national security

- i. supply chain of which is vulnerable to disruption
- ii. serve an essential function in the manufacturing of a product



#### Does not include...

- i. fuel minerals
- ii. water, ice, snow
- iii. sand, gravel, stone, pumice, clay

### US relies on imported Critical Minerals

NET IMPORT RELIANCE	7
BERYLLIUM	14%
MAGNESIUM	47%
GERMANIUM	50%
LITHIUM	50%
TUNGSTEN	50%
ZIRCONIUM	50%
ALUMINUM	61%
PLATINUM-GROUP METALS	68%
CHROMIUM	69%
COBALT	72%
TIN	75%
BARITE	75%
TELLURIUM	75%
RHENIUM	80%
ANTIMONY	85%
TITANIUM	91%

Alloying agent in aerospace and defense	
Furnace linings for manufacturing steel	
Fiber optics, night vision applications	
Batteries	
Used in wear-resistant metals	
High-temperature ceramics production	
Used in almost all sectors of the economy	
Catalytic agents	
Stainless steel, other alloys	
Rechargeable batteries, superalloys	
Coatings and alloys for steel	
Cement and petroleum industries	
Steelmaking, solar cells	
Lead-free gasoline, superalloys	
Batteries, flame retardants	
White pigment, metal alloys	

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6.	Used in medical and atomic research
%	Used for titanium alloys
%	Used in research and development
%	Aluminum manufacturing, gasoline, uranium fuel
%	Integrated circuits, optical devices (e.g. LEDs)
196	Lubricants, batteries, fuel cells
196	LCD screens
1%	Steelmaking
%	Steel alloys
%	Batteries, electronics
%	Research and development in electronics
%	Alloys, fuel cells
%	Pyrotechnics, ceramic magnets
196	Electronic components (e.g. capacitors)

### DOE CoreCM Initiative





Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Number: DE-FOA-0002364 FOA Type: Modification 000002 CFDA Number: 81.089

### Legislative issues around Critical Minerals

• Permitting new mines, reopening old ones

Water usage

- Recycling
  - Legacy mining wastes
  - Electronics waste



### Latin Lesson Time



#### For more information, contact your State Geologist!



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