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### **Sustainable Utilization of Materials & Energy**

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# SUSTAINABLE UTILIZATION OF MATERIALS & ENERGY



- The Fundamentals
- Overview: Materials
- Overview: Energy
- Responsible Use of Materials & Energy: The Circular Economy
- Industrial Ecology: Principles & Practices
- Live Interactions





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# Atoms, Molecules & Compounds ATOMS

#### MOLECULES

COMPOUNDS







• **Principles of Bonding** THE CHEMICAL BOND

#### THE PHYSICAL BOND



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Chemical Reactions

#### **Example:** <u>COMBUSTION</u>

 $CH_4(g) + 2O_2(g) \rightarrow CO_2(g) + 2H_2O(g) + heat$ 

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# • HOW FAR, HOW FAST? THERMODYNAMICS





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# The Thermodynamic Laws







### • **Types of Materials** ORGANIC

#### **INORGANIC**



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# • Some Organic Materials Biopolymers

#### Synthetic polymers



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#### **MATERIALS**



# • Some Inorganic Materials Metallic compounds

Composite compounds

Ceramic compounds





Nano-materials







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How is energy typically, produced, delivered & used?











#### ■ Chalillo ■ Mollejon ■ Vaca ■ Hydro Maya

#### St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands September 2017

# **RESPONSIBLE USE OF MATERIALS & ENERGY**







- Energy Balance: Identify all energy inputs including energy to operate equipment and energy content of raw material.
  What fraction of the input energy is "recovered" in process outputs?
- Material Balances: Account for the fate of all the raw material inputs such as air, water, etc. in the process.
  What portion of the materials entering the process is contained at the exit stage?
- **Technical Feasibility Esssentials:** Identify the thermodynamic and kinetic performance limits of the process and the degree to which the available technology hardware provides safe and reliable operation.
  - Scale at which performance has been suitably proven
  - Technology readiness levels
  - Supporting Infrastructure
  - Project Location
  - Timescale
- Environmental Considerations: Identify the current and future effect of the process on the local land, water and air resources and the economic cost of environmental protection, as well as the potential cost of clean-up and restoration, where necessary.
  - Local Pollutants
  - GHG Balance



#### **Energy Hierarchy**

#### **Avoiding Unnecessary Energy Use**

Re-organise systems so that energy use can be reduced to the minimum, for example by designing buildings to be warmed by the sun, using natural light and ventilation, or enabling people to get access to the amenities they want with fewer and shorter car journeys.



#### Use Energy more Efficiently

Finding ways of getting more benefit per unit of energy, for example by using higher efficiency appliances, generating heat and power together or insulating buildings better to retain heat.



#### Use Renewable Energy

Switch to less damaging low-carbon energy sources, especially renewables, for example solar and wind power, energy crops or hydro.



# **INDUSTRIAL ECOLOGY**



#### A Case Example



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#### Impact of demand response on a daily load curve

World Energy Outlook 2017

Without demand side response

With demand side response



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# **INDUSTRIAL ECOLOGY**

Significant attention paid to resource efficiency, with focus on local resource use

- RECYCLED & REUSED CONTENT
- NATURAL & RENEWABLE MATERIAL & ENERGY
- RESOURCE-EFFICIENT PROCESS
- LOCAL CONTENT







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### **QUESTIONS**





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"For the things we have to learn before we can do them, we learn by doing them." -Aristotle



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