## **OTEC**

# **Development History**

- US OTEC program initiated in 1973 leading to a demonstration of 1 MWe floating OTEC-1 plant.
- Designs of large scale 100 MW to 400 MW OTEC plants.
- Heat exchanger, fouling mitigation and material development at Argonne National Lab.
- On-going OTEC development at Natural Energy Laboratory of Hawaii Authority (NELHA)
- The recent focus on small landbased and floating OTEC plants for the island market.



Argonne Test Facility

## **OTEC** for

## the Island Market

- Power and water producing OTEC plants in responses to potential rise of seawater level.
- Deployment of the first commercial OTEC plant in the near future.



**Ocean Thermal Gradient Resource** 

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Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC) Plantship for Production of Ammonia, Methanol & Desalinated Water



## **Methanol Production**

- Conversion of captured CO<sub>2</sub> to methanol using OTEC produced hydrogen.
- Captured CO<sub>2</sub> transported from coastal utility and industrial plants.
- Captured CO<sub>2</sub> from Off-shore Oil and Gas Production.



40-MWe Shelf Mounted OTEC Plant



Floating OTEC Plant

## Ammonia Production

- Hydrogen production from electrolyzing of fresh water.
- Hydrogen-based Haber-Bosch process for ammonia productions.
- Alternate new energy-efficient solid-state process of ammonia synthesis.



Ship-Shape Floating OTEC Plant



OTEC-1 Pilot Plant off the Coast of Hawaii

## Seawater Desalination

- OTEC Hybrid cycle for coproduction of power and desalinated water.
- At-sea production of desalinated water using OTEC power and RO membranes.
- Competitive global market for water-scarcity regions.





Hybrid-OTEC Cycle