



The greatest threat to our planet is the belief that someone else will save it.
- Robert Swan



Transportation Share of total U.S. energy consumption by end-use sectors, 2019 Total = 100.2 quadrillion British thermal units commercial industrial residential Total U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions 21% by Economic Sector in 2018 Agriculture transportation Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Monthly Energy Review, Table 2.1, April 2020, preliminary data Commercial & Residential 12% **Transportation** Large energy consumption 28% Large Greenhouse Gas Industry emissions Electricity 27%



Electric Vehicles

- Energy-Efficient
- Zero Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Totally Green?

- Manufacturing
 - □ Li-ion batteries
- Charging
 - Power grid

Litium Ion Batteries

"Without radical changes, the batteries which power green vehicles will continue to be tainted by human rights abuses "



Kumi Naidoo, Amnesty
 International's Secretary General

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- Pros
 - High efficiency
 - Portable
 - Recyclable
- Cons
 - Cobalt Mining
 - Power Grid



A Deeper Look...

Cobalt Mining

Lithium Cobalt Oxide Cathode highly conductive without compromising stability









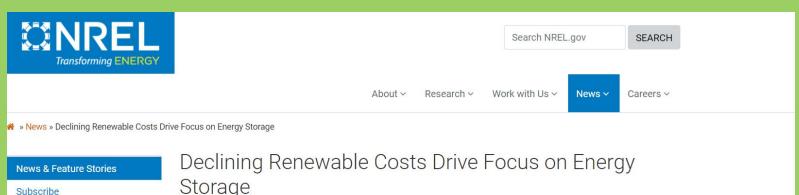
Mining in the Democratic Republic of Congo - Ethical Concerns



Power Grid

- Distributes power from electricity generation facilities to consumers
- 85% of electricity by nuclear power, coal, oil, and natural gas





Storage

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446 Billion KWh

of energy were generated using renewables in 2019



Common Methods of Energy Storage

Batteries

- ← Li-ion, flow, lead-acid, sodium
- Potential support of the Grid
- Compact compared to Energy Stored
- Portable or permanent

Mechanical

Force for energy storage

Thermal

- Heating and Cooling
- Latent Heat Storage (LHS)
 - Physical transformation
- Sensible Heat Storage (SHS)
 - No physical transformation

Pumped Hydro Power

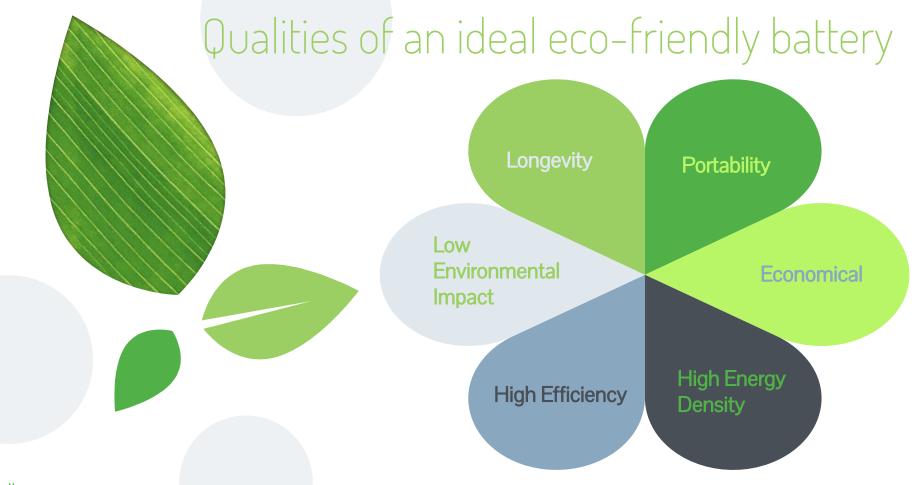
- → 95% of energy storage
- Hold and Releasing Water
- Large Footprint

Flywheels

→ High Power

Short Duration

Mechanical Rotors





Green energy needs green storage



This presentation was inspired by a design challenge I participated in during Summer 2020 titled "Mitigating Climate Change through Innovative Energy Storage Applications"

Thanks!

ANY QUESTIONS?



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