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#### **Hydroelectric Energy**

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## **Hydro Generation**

- A clean renewable energy using the power of water to produce electricity.
- Resource is the product of rainfall, catchments area, and vertical head
- A power resource that has evolved with technology for centuries
- Simple, well understood conversion of potential energy into mechanical and then electrical power





#### **World Energy Consumption by 2050**

(P. Boisson, ENERGIE 2010-2020, CGP 1998)

Developing Countries population from 4.6 billions in en 1995 to 8.1 in 2050 Industrialized Countries : from 1.15 to 1.14 Billion



**Renewable energy** has dominated the history of humanity

Before 19th century : wood, water, wind, animal traction, slaves 19th century : coal, steam 20th century : oil, gas, hydropower, nuclear, renewables,



Can we go back to renewable energy?

And have power when you need it, and not when it is available

#### **Annual Solar Energy And Hydro comes from solar**



#### **Hydroelectricity Worlwide**



### **World Hydro Potential**



### **Dams in the World**

#### LARGE DAMS % GEOGRAPHICAL REGION



# **Dams in the World**

LEADER'S COUNTRIES IN NUMBER OF LARGE DAMS



# **Dams in the World**

- 60.000 Large Dams
- 1 Million Little Dams
- Total Capacity: 9.000 km3



# Large dams Types of dams

Gravity dams,

Arch dams

Arc –gravity dam,

multiple-arch buttress dam.

Embankments dams,

Rock-fill dams

Eath Fill dams

Concrete-face rock-fill dams

#### Arch dams



 $\checkmark$  The arch dams are generally concrete dams whose curved shape allows a transfer of the thrust forces of the water on the rocky banks of the valley.



Barrage de Punt dal Gall (Suisse/Italie)

#### Homogeneous earth dams



Homogeneous earth dams are embankment dikes made up of a single loose material sufficiently impermeable to ensure both waterproofness and resistance



#### Dam of MATEMALE

# Hydropower and dams

- Three Gorges Dam in China
- -Itaipu,
- -Great Inga in DRC Congo
- -The micropower plant of Toubkal Morroco
  - Hydropower : Another great potential for competitive RE
  - Advantages disadvantages,
  - Adaptation to each site and innovation
  - Very capital-intensive
  - Environmental and social acceptability

# Three Gorges dam







## China The new Xiluodu Dam,

The new Xiluodu Dam, a 278-meter-high arch dam, has been linked to a 13,860 MW hydroelectric power plant since 2014,

second largest hydro dam in China after the Three Gorges Dam 180,000 people were displaced

China has, by far, the largest hydroelectric potential in the world.

#### **The Itaipu Dam**

on the Parana River generates 14 GW and supplied 93% of the energy consumed by Paraguay and 20% of that consumed by Brazil as of 2005



## Egypt Aswan Temple of Abou Simbel





Planche VI.2 - Temple d'Abou Simbel (en cours de déplacement)



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Fig. 6.05 - Déplacement des temples d'Abou Simbel : vue en coupe.

#### **Inga** (Congo River) the biggest potential in the world



A summary of the potentials and difficulties of major African projects: INGA, 44000 MW, study of HV-DC transmission to Egypt and RSA, at a relatively low cost, competitive with nuclear and gas, even including long-distance transport.

### **Hydroelectric Resources of DRC**



## **Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam**

The **Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam** on the Blue Nile river in Ethiopia, currently under construction.

At 6,450 MW, the dam will be the largest hydroelectric power plant in Africa when completed, as well as the 7th largest in the world.

The gravity dam will be 175 m tall.

# Cameroon Nachtigal Dam

# 420 MW, 1.1 Billion € of total project cost

#### On the Sanaga river



# Nachtigal Hydro Power Company

Cameroonian limited company established in July 2016; 40% EDFI– 30% International Finance Corporation – 30% Cameroonian State) ; total cost of 1.1 billion euros; nonrecourse project finance

420 MW, 1.1 Billion € of total project, O&M during 35 years, located 65 km north-east of Yaoundé, including 15 meter high roller-compacted concrete dams over a total length of 2,000 meters, a 3.3km long headrace channel, a power plant with seven generating units (420 MW), a 50km long 225kV transmission line;

#### Small Hydro The Toubkal Micro hydro plant



Cameraman of Moroccan TV Dounya

Pelton Turbine 5 KW



# The debate: the benefits and drawbacks of dams

Irrigation for food production, by irrigating land that would otherwise be desert.

Dams for a cheap and sustainable energy

Hydroelectric energy production generate electricity from a renewable source with very few CO2 emissions.

Unlike wind or solar energy, hydro energy can be stored (in reservoirs) in order to generate electricity when needed, simply by opening the gates. It is the most competitive form of power storage,

# The difficult process of gaining acceptance for dams today

Dams also have downsides:

conflicts of use, risk of breach, Social aspects, the displacement of local populations, arousing opposition.

Impacts on environment biodiversity, Strong oppositions in democratic countries, Controversy, NGO opposing dams since the 1990 s, World Bank and World Commission on Dams, Complexity in the decision making process

A multidiciplinary approach is necessary

# Acceptance must be found at every level, global and local

- The local level is now more important than it used to be, with less central government control, and more local power devolved to "civil society".
- A Multicriteria environmental assessment is necessary. In addition to the three classic criteria of technical, economic and financial feasibility, dam projects must now meet a fourth, very demanding, criterion: that of their acceptance by the public and by elected representatives.
- Dam promoters must act as mediators and educators in order to win acceptance. Special care must be taken with vulnerable ethnic groups.

#### Thank you for your attention

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