

# ENN's Energy Strategy towards a Climate-Neutral World

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# **Energy Trend**

### Renewable energy use continues to increase as demand for other fuels declines.



### Energy consumption by major countries in 2021 (percentage)



# NEW ENERGY CHALLENGE

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Established in 1989, ENN Group is a Chinese conglomerate committed to establishing modern energy systems and improving quality of life.

**Employees**:

45,000+

In-House Institutes

★ Energy Research Institute
 ★ Digital Research Institute
 ★ Institute of Life S&T

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 ★ ENC Digital Technology 新智认知(603869.SH)
 ★ Tibet Tourism 西藏旅游(600749.SH)

# **Business Landscape**



Industrial Intelligent Ecological Operation Platform

Focus on the major concerns of all industries-"safety, energy, carbon, quality"

# **Business Landscape**

Hebei Baoding Smart City Project Langfang Lonkong Economic Zone Smart City Project Tianjin Binhai New Area IoT-based Industrial Park

Digital Intelligence

Energy business coverage 21 provinces in China Urban energy projects 52 Residential users 25.83 million Industrial users 202,400 Total annual sales of natural gas 37.2 billion cubic meters



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Mongolia—— Coal Gasification Demo Projects

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Shanghai, Langfang—— Micro-combustion engine manufacturing base



Zhoushan, Zhejiang— LNG receiving station Life related business coverage 5 provinces in China Scenic areas 7 Tourist routes 3 Cruises 24 Real estate projects 12



Langfang, Hebei—— Theaters, Hotels, Real estate projects







Beihai, Guangxi—— Tourism







# **ENN Energy Research Institute (EERI)**

Team

500+ Researchers

- Founded in 2006
- ENN's innovation engine
- Committed to address humanity's energy challenges

#### Partners



### NETL Tsinghua University Peking University

### **Intellectual Properties**

Applied Patents 2200+ Issued patents 1600+

### **Innovation Platforms**

State Key Laboratory for Coal-based Low Carbon Energy International Scientific and Technological Collaboration Base Post-Doctoral and Academician Work Station

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### From Low-Carbon to Carbon-Free: Future Energy Trends

#### Human activities are the primary cause of global warming.

- 1. From 1850 to 2015, atmospheric CO2 concentrations reached 400 ppm, leading to an average global temperature increase of 1  $^{\circ}\mathrm{C}$  and a sea level rise of 12 cm.
- 2. Since the industrial revolution, CO2 from fossil fuel

combustion was the primary contributor to global warming.



Data Source: 2014 Climate Change Synthesis Report, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change ( IPCC )

#### Low-carbon and carbon-free energy is fundamental to addressing climate change

A global average temperature increase of 2 °C will cause disasters that may significantly impact food and drinking water supplies, threatening human lives.
 To ensure a temperature increase of less than 2 °C, greenhouse gas concentration must not exceed **450ppm**, zero emission and carbon-free energy is mandatory. China promises to reach a peak CO2 emission value where non-fossil based energy will take 20% of all power generation.



# Energy 1.0: (2006-2017)

We achieved multiple innovations and scientific breakthroughs in coalbased low-carbon energy systems, the Ubiquitous Energy Internet (UEI) and advanced environmental protection technologies.



### **Coal-Based Clean Energy Technology:**

To optimize energy structure and reduce emissions:

- ✓ Catalytic Coal Gasification to Methane
- ✓ Coal Hydrogasification
- ✓ Underground Coal Gasification
- ✓ Supercritical Coal Gasification

### **Ubiquitous Energy Internet (UEI):**

To reduce energy consumption and improve energy efficiency

### **Clean Coal Gasification**

### Coal →Natural Gas+ Chemicals+ High Value-added Products

### Suitable for different types of coal in different regions



### **Clean Coal Gasification**



Key technologies: dense phase transport with high pressure  $H_2$ ; high temperature  $H_2$ - $O_2$  nozzle technology; entrained flow bed gasifier configuration; char dry cooling and transport technology

# **Ubiquitous Energy Network**

UE network enables optimal supply and demand matching, efficient energy conversion, low investment capital and low-cost energy utilization.



### **UE Projects Across China**



Economic and Technological \* National Demonstration Project of \* National Demonstration Project of Development Zone of Langfang Sino-German Ecopark in Qingdao Economic and Technological

Development Zone of Wenzhou



★ The First UEI Demonstration Project in China Micro-Grid UEI Demonstration Project in Langfang



★ National Green and Ecological Demonstration Area Economic& technological Development Zone of Zhaoqing



★Data Center Alliance and Green Grid 5A Certified
Cloud Computing Center of Tencent

# **Energy Transition to Carbon Neutrality (Energy 2.0)**



### **Research Areas**

To Embrace a Carbon-free Future with Disruptive Innovations



# Energy 2.0 — Fusion

Fusion is a nuclear reaction in which some light nucleus fuse with some other light nucleus, while releasing abundant amounts of energy.





# **EXL-50 Proof-of – Principle Experimental Platform**



Parameters	Technical Goals
Plasma Current I <sub>p</sub>	500 kA
Toroidal Field $B_T$	0.46 T
Major Radius R	0.58 m
Minor Radius a	0.41 m
Elongation k	1.8-2.2
Triangularity δ	0.1-0.4
Plasma Density	10 <sup>19</sup> m <sup>-3</sup>
Ion Temperature T <sub>i</sub>	1 keV
Pulse Length t <sub>d</sub>	5 s

ENN has designed and built the first medium-scale Spherical Tokamak experimental device EXL-50. On August 8, 2019, the first solenoid-free plasma discharge was produced on "EXL-50 ".

# **EXL-50 Proof-of – Principle Experimental Platform**



# **ENN Compact Fusion Timeline**

Conc	luct Scientific Feas	ibility <b>S</b>	Study Addres	s Engine	ering Challenges	Improve Cost Effectiveness
	Phase I: Screening &evalu (2-4yrs)	ation	Phase II: Physics validation (10-12yrs)	Ph on Pro (!	ase III: oject demonstrati 5-8yrs)	Phase IV: on Industrial Demonstration (5-8yrs)
2	<ul> <li>Create technology roadmap</li> <li>Investigate confinement concepts</li> <li>Conduct experiments on small and medium-sized fusion devices</li> <li>Build a multidisciplinary team</li> </ul>	2022	<ul> <li>Theory validation on experimental platforms</li> <li>Develop key skills</li> <li>Collaborate with experts around the world to solve challenging technical problems</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Continue to tackle technical issues</li> <li>Develop power generation solutions</li> </ul>	Achieve cost-effective power generation
	• Identity Key technical problems					22

### **Explore P-11B Fusion based on Spherical Tokamak**



### **Deep Geothermal Energy**

Geothermal heat is a renewable energy resource from deep within the Earth's core caused by radioactive material decay and is transferred by molten magma and intense pressures to crust.

Predicted by BP, geo-thermal will weight 3rd of all energy consumptions globally in 2050



# Enhanced Geothermal & Carbon-capture System (EGCS):

- ✓ Deep geothermal energy (300°C-450°C)
- ✓ At depth of 3km-10km
- ✓ Medium: supercritical CO<sub>2</sub>



# **Deep Geothermal Energy**

### **Resource exploration and site selection**

- Developed fractures monitoring and imaging technology
- Site selection and evaluation techniques for the formation of hot dry rocks
- Regional tectonics and geothermal geology;
- High temperature geothermal geophysical exploration



### Advanced energy drilling

- The first energy drilling laboratory in China
- 9 types of steam plasma torch prototype
- Steam plasma torch 50KW, 200hours







**Micro-seismic monitoring** 

### **Deep Geothermal Energy**

### High temperature rock true-triaxial lab

- 300°C×100MPa (up to 400°C)
- Rock mechanical characteristics, fracturing mechanism, tools, materials and CO2 geological storage under high temperature and pressure



- To increase the complexity of the fracture system, fractures are generally segmented.
- ENN is the first company capable of offering high temperature temporary blocking agent (150°C, 180°C, 200°C, 250°C, 300°C)



### **Advanced Energy Materials**

Main research areas:

**High Temperature Superconducting Technology** 

**Thermoelectric Materials** 

**Fusion Materials** 

**Cathode Materials** 

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# High Temperature Superconducting Technology

ENN focuses on the research of high-temperature superconducting magnet technology for fusion, including large-scale high-temperature superconducting magnet coil technology, compact central solenoid technology, cable and conductor technology, coil internal and inter-cable joint technology, quench detection and protection technology, etc.



**LTS fusion device** 

#### Advantage:

With the same fusion power, the volume of the HTS device is significantly smaller than that of the LTS device.



**HTS fusion device** 



HTS conductor, joint



HTS magnet test platform



HTS coil



HTS fusion device

# **Fusion Materials**

# Wall conditioning and fueling technique

We focus on suppression of impurity and recycling reduction, while explore fueling technology for Hydrogen-Boron reaction. Our boronization technology provides a guarantee for EXL-50 experiments, while boron particles injection technique fosters the promotion of plasma parameters



EXL-50 wall after boronization

### **Plasma-facing material**

The mechanism of plasma-wall interaction process is key to solve the fusion materials issue. We conduct research on PWI and develop new materials for fusion reaction based on the Plasma linear device.



**PWI** equipment

### Boron nuclear target

We use magnetron sputtering method in PVD and CVD equipment to prepare nano-scale to micro-scale self-supporting boron targets, which has been used in hydrogen-boron fusion physics verification experiment.



Boron target fabrication equipment

### Thermoelectric Materials

ENN is the first enterprise in China to develop thermoelectric technology at medium/high temperature (400~600 °C).



#### **Advantages**

- Direct conversion of thermal ٠ energy and electric energy
- All solid, no noise, fast ٠ response, no moving parts and harmful working medium , multiple heat sources

#### Ability

- Full process preparation and test
  - Customers include energy, vehicle and other scientific research institutes

#### Application

- Space probe power
- Deep sea exploration • power
- Industrial waste heat power generation
- Automobile exhaust • power generation
- Island power
- Refrigeration



35 30

≥ 25



• 600℃ • 550°C

500°℃

400℃

### **Cathode Materials**

The service life of cathode materials used in high-temperature steam plasma torches(at 200 kW) has reached 370 hours.



3D model of plasma torch

#### Characteristics

- Heat and hot electron emission obtained
- Low electron work function, high oxidation resistance, low evaporation, good thermal conductivity and conductivity.

#### Ability

- Full process preparation and research of cathode materials, good at powder metallurgy and refractory metal smelting
- Strong process stability, long service life, strong electron emission ability and high arc stability



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### Application

- Deep geothermal drilling
- Hazardous waste treatment
- Plasma cutting
- Plasma spraying
- Refractory metal smelting
- Preparation of nanomaterials



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# **Open Innovation**

Innovation and collaboration is in our DNA. In partnership with preeminent universities, research institutes, governments and companies, we proactively seek ways to make a significant and sustainable impact.





### **Global R&D Trends - Openness and Innovation**

### Taking the StreetScooter company as an example



# **Key Technologies Readiness Assessment**

**TRL** of high temperature superconducting magnets

Ba	<b>asic Scientific Researc</b> (Research institutes)	h	<ul> <li>Core Technology</li> <li>(Can be applied across industries)</li> </ul>	Mature Supporting Technology (market)
Strip Processing	Stress Fatigue	Accurate Modeling	Superconducting Cables and	Vacuum Refrigeration
AC Loss	Antimagnetic Properties	Induced Eddy Current	Connectors	Power Supply
Critical Temperature	Thermal Properties	Critical Current		Mechanical Support
Dynamic Loss	Electromagnetic Measurement	Quench Analysis and Protection	Coil Winding	Status Monitoring
Transient Analysis	New Superconducting Material	Finite Element Calculation		Hardware Test
	material	Skin Effect		Software Support
Independent	Technology			
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# **Build a Resource Ecosystem**



### Manufacturing Ecosystem

- Strip
- Cable
- Conductor/connector
- Feeder
- Low temperature
- Vacuum/pump
- Power Supply
- Screen/Dewar
- Support system

Develop procurement plans according to demand time and integrate systems













# **Conferences**& Events











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