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Key Note:

On Some Controversies on Future Sources of the Electric Energy

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Distinguished Professor at Louisiana State University, USA Titled Professor of Technological Sciences of Poland I have the honor to present this Key Note not because of my expertiese on new sources of electric energy or future energy systems I do not have such expertiese

> I have an expertiese only in the energy transfer in electrical systems and improvement of this transfer effectiveness

I developed the most advanced power theory known as Currents' Physical Components (CPC) – based Power Theory of Electrical Systems

It provides theoretical fundamentals for compensation of the most sophisticated electrical loads

> It is the only power theory which has such capabilities

An example of such a present-day load: AC arc furnace

Line currents: 625 kA



S = 750 MVA

Such an arc furnace has the power comparable with one million population city Its current is not only distorted, but also asymmetrical and random Power factor: $\lambda \sim 0.42$ Annual bill for energy ~ 500 Million \$

Being involved in investigations on the electric energy transfer

I am only an observer of the closely adjacent field of electrical engineering which is the subject of this conference:

new sources of electric energy and future power systems

These observations raise a number of questions I would like to share with you

After the Fukushima disaster:

According to German nuclear experts:

All nuclear power plants in Germany should be closed

According to United States nuclear experts:

The nuclear power plants are the safest, the cheapest and the least affecting the environment and US should build 31 new nuclear power plants

Can experts be credible if they draw such drastically opposite conclusions ? Such opinions, of extremely influential experts affect the price of the electric energy therefore, are crucial for the development of new sources of electric energy Two power plants in Baton Rouge, USA



Some agents

that affect the cost of electric energy:

- Availability in a paricular place
 - Cost of harvesting
 - Controlability of production
- Impact upon the natural environment
 - Safety of harvesting
- Impact upon the food crop production
 - Earth foot print
 - Continuity of supply
 - Immunity for terrorist attacks

Measures

that could enable classification of energy sources according to these agents of course, do not exist In the lack of measures that could enable classification of energy sources as to its cost

> decisions on the selection and the development of sources of electric energy

> > are highly subjective and affected by media

It seems that just media are the main factor in decission processes on the development of the sources of electric energy

but who is hidden behind media ????

Governments? Politicians? Corporations? Obsessed amateurs? Journalists looking for an attention?

> Maybe, All of them, but for sure, not scientists

The same applies to other issues crucial for the development of sources of electric energy

One of them is the public opinion that concentration of the carbon dioxide in the Earth atmosphere is responsible for global warming



In the majority observation intervals temperature changes first, CO2 changes later

An example of another common view:

In the public opinion humen activity is responsible for global warming



Glabal temperature changes in jumps, but humen global activity increases continously

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Public opinion: No Nuclear – go to wind energy

If not a nuclear plant, let us go to a wind farm?



Needed: 500 x 455/80 = 2840 generators

Baton Rouge River Band

nuclear plant

P = 1500 MW

Equivalent to:

Wind farm with 2840 x 3 MW generators

Needed: (How much??) - Steel,

- Energy, - Water - Space, - Human resources

	Earth foot print:	
1		31
	Life expectations:	
80 years	-	20 years



Even if we have a wind farm, we need a reliable source of electric energy



In developed countries, approximately 80% are industrial loads, often very sensitive for the energy supply continuity

AC arc furnace is an example of such a load with line currents: 625 kA



Energy sources with the power variability of wind farms are, of course, beyond any consideration for that



In USA, because of the public oposition

for 50 years, instead of developing nuclear plants, the electric energy is mainly (~50%) produced in coal driven power plants A comment on safety of electric energy production

from the United States perspective:

Electric energy production:Nuclear: 18%Coal: 50%

Death accidents:

0 (Whole history)

in coal mines: ~30/year

Death number caused by emission of poisonous gases and microparticles ??

In public, media-driven, opinion:

Nuclear power plants are dangerous

Conventional power plants are safe

A confusion, amplified by media as to direction of development of major sources of electric energy and its predicted costs

affect the power systems development in particular, implementation of research results on Micro-Grids

Observation:

On IEEE Explore are reported 3300 journal papers on Micro-Grids

In United States is operated: ONE Micro-Grid !!

Conclusions

In my opinion, development of electrical sources of energy

is strongly affected by media

Reduction of media influence upon this development would be very beneficial for earth economy

> Unbiased, genuine research on merits of various sources of electric energy is needed for that

