

# An Integrated Zero Emission (INZEM) Energy System

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### The INZEM Energy System is a sustainable ...

low emission energy system that meets all of Canada's energy needs for over 500 years by consuming and eliminating existing stockpiles of nuclear fuel waste using walk-away safe small modular nuclear reactors

### The INZEM Energy System is transformational ...

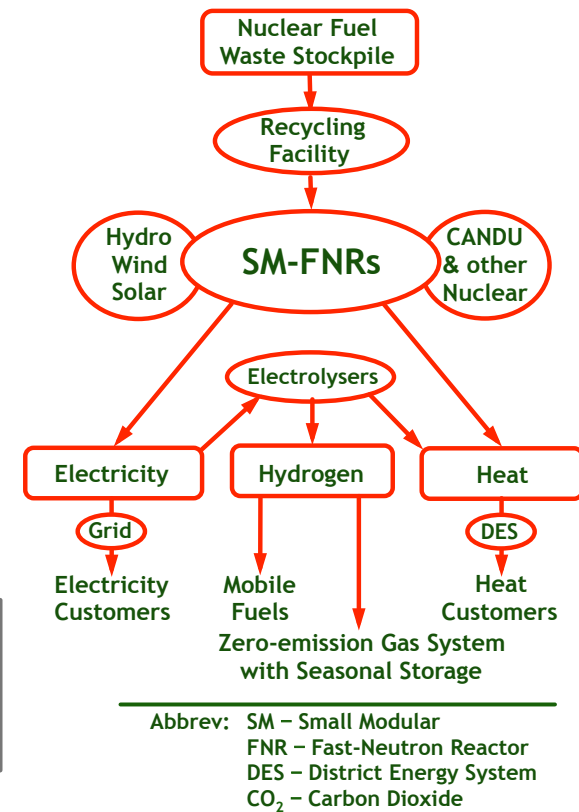
Combines economically sound electricity price reform to use all of the heat and electrical energy from safe compact fast-neutron reactors and from renewables to provide CO<sub>2</sub> free power in Canada for centuries

Surplus electricity is retained to displace fossil fuels or to produce hydrogen as stored energy.

**Key INZEM Message**

Centuries of affordable carbon-free energy  
Elimination of nuclear fuel waste  
Massive avoidance of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (over 900 billion tons by 2500)

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### ➤ INZEM Energy System Plan is ...

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| <b>Feasible</b>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✧ 30+ years FNR operating experience - sound physics and engineering</li><li>✧ Heavy lifting by nuclear power - energy when needed / climate proof</li><li>✧ Initial funding exists</li></ul>          |
| <b>Relevant</b>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✧ Entire economy free of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions</li><li>✧ Low cost surplus energy from idle generation (up to 2/3rds of total)</li><li>✧ Workable gradual transition to clean energy</li></ul>       |
| <b>Transformational</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✧ Recycles/eliminates Canada's stockpile of spent nuclear fuel waste in decades</li><li>✧ CO<sub>2</sub>-free heat &amp; electricity for 500+ years for homes, transportation &amp; industry</li></ul> |

### ➤ INZEM Energy System Plan provides ...

- ✧ 420,000 new clean-energy jobs by 2070 --- equal to fossil industry employment
- ✧ Returns of 11% on equity ... total investments increase at a manageable rate
- ✧ \$1 billion/year in investments in 2020 peaking at \$40 billion/year between 2040 & 2050
- ✧ Maintains Canada's status as energy superpower
- ✧ Leadership in clean energy, hydrogen and nuclear --- with export opportunities for goods/services
- ✧ Kudos to Canada for meeting its 2070 & 2100 international climate change commitments

Abbreviation: CO<sub>2</sub> – Carbon dioxide FNR – Fast-neutron reactor

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ENABLERS	BARRIERS	MITIGATION
Nuclear fuel recycling facility FNR deployment	Federal policy to bury waste Public fear of nuclear power	Policy change to recycle used fuel Use walk-away safe FNRs, outreach
Electrolyser deployment	Cost of electrolysers	Green funding support for hydrogen
District energy system deployment	Lack of regulations & standards	Develop regulations & standards
Electricity price reform (see box) Carbon price at \$200/tonne CO <sub>2</sub>	Provincial electricity price policies Public resistance	Policy Change - energy at marginal price Education on benefits of no carbon
Energy infrastructure easements Support from fossil fuel sector Skilled workers and teams	Competition with other utilities Stranded assets if change too rapid Lack of appropriate skills	Allow all utilities to buy DESs Incentivize fossil sector to participate Education, skill-based immigration

### Electricity Price Reform

- Historically the cost of generating electricity was dominated by the price of fuel (coal, gas) for each kWh. It was logical therefore to charge the customer primarily for each kWh used.
- Non-carbon electricity generation is dominated by the fixed cost of the generating plant. Fuel being virtually “free”, the retail price structure has not changed to reflect this.
- Electricity price reform should make surplus non-carbon electricity available for fossil fuel displacement at its marginal cost of less than 2 cents/kWh instead of exporting it at low prices or discarding it.

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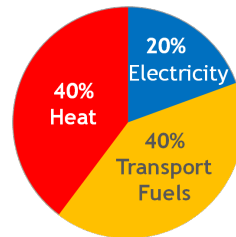
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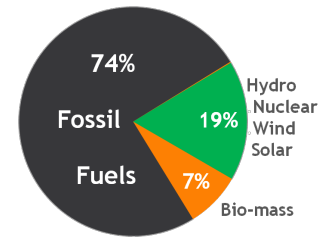
**BACKGROUND: Canadian Economy-Wide Emissions and Commitments**

➤ Present emissions	722 Million tons (2015)
➤ Environ. Canada's (bus. as usual) projection	742 Million tons (2030)
➤ Canada's national commitment	523 Million tons (2030)
➤ Canada's COP21 Paris commitment	122 Million tons (2050)
➤ Canada's G7 commitment	61 Million tons (2100) [no fossil energy]

**Canadian Energy Use**



**Canadian Energy Sources**



**The INZEM Energy System can affordably reduce emissions 20% per decade**

- Electricity can be made non-emitting → with a marginal cost less than fossil fuels
- Affordable path to zero emissions in energy → use non-emitting surplus electricity as well as waste heat from nuclear electricity production

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## BACKGROUND: Generation Technologies Available Today for Carbon-Free Energy

Technology	Energy Output	Challenges in Increased Use
Hydroelectric	24/7	Limited supply, local environmental concerns
Wind turbines	Intermittent	Carbon backup, carbon-free backup is expensive
Solar panels	Intermittent	Carbon backup, carbon-free backup is expensive
Bio-mass	24/7	Limited supply, local environmental concerns
Fusion reactors	not ready	More than 50 years into the future
Fission reactors	24/7	See box below

### Small Modular Fast-Neutron Reactors (FNRs)

- Developed as comprehensively safe power plants
- Consume nuclear fuel waste
- Uses fuel efficiently, up to 100% (extends fuel supply)
- Proven walk-away safe and operate at low pressures
- Can be located close to loads to utilize waste heat
- Lower up front investment, mass production in factories to eliminate cost/schedule risk

### Existing Large Centralized Reactors

- Developed from navy requirements not civilian needs
- Produce large amounts of long lived wastes
- Uses fuel inefficiently (less than 1% consumed)
- Not walk-away safe, pumped cooling must be maintained
- Approval challenges, sites are long distance from loads
- Large up front investment, cost/schedule risk

**FNRs demonstrated they cannot melt down due to failure of cooling, power or control rods  
FNRs are a key component of a low emission affordable energy system**

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**FNR Safety**

The type of FNR envisioned for deployment has been shown to be walk-away safe during extensive testing under severe failure challenges, each time shutting down to a safe temperature without power and without human or automated intervention.

Such FNRs would not have incurred accidents like Fukushima, Three-Mile-Island, or even Chernobyl.

**Why Nuclear? Insights on Emissions & Costs: Ontario's success / Germany's failure**

	<u>Ontario</u>	<u>Germany</u>
2005 Emissions	210 grams CO <sub>2</sub> per kWh	690 grams CO <sub>2</sub> per kWh
2015 Emissions	51 grams CO <sub>2</sub> per kWh	535 grams CO <sub>2</sub> per kWh
Change in Emissions	- 76 %	- 11 %
<b>2015 Electricity Price</b>	<b>14 CDN cents per kWh</b>	<b>47 CDN cents per kWh</b>

<b>Reasons for Success – Ontario</b>	<b>Reasons for Failure - Germany</b>
Eliminated coal	Eliminated nuclear
Added wind + solar + nuclear	Added wind + solar
Added natural gas for renewable backup	Added coal + natural gas for renewable backup
Engineering guided energy policy decisions	Fear of nuclear guided energy policy decisions

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## Energy Integration Among Sectors Ensures Affordability

Zero-emission surplus electricity at marginal cost is cheaper than fossil fuels  
 Surpluses are exchanged between sectors or stored as carbon-free hydrogen for later use

## INZEM Overall Energy Optimization --- minimizes waste / lowers costs

	Electricity		Heat	Hydrogen	Synthetic fuels
Time of Use	Continuous	Daytime Peak	Continuous (steam/hot water)	Anytime	Anytime
Optimum source	Nuclear RoR hydro	Solar Dam hydro	Nuclear	Wind Surplus electricity	Bio-mass + Hydrogen

**Trade-offs** | location sensitive

- Urban areas: served mainly by electricity grid, DES and zero-emission gas distribution system
- Rural areas: served mainly by electricity grid, hydrogen and synthetic liquid fuels
- Off-grid areas : individual treatment depending on population density & road, rail or air access

## INZEM Phased-In: Reduces stranded fossil fuel assets and social disruption

Phase 1: Surplus electricity      Phase 2: FNR and DES deployment      Phase 3: Synthetic liquid fuels  
 2070 to 2100 climate change targets can be achieved without economic or social disruption.

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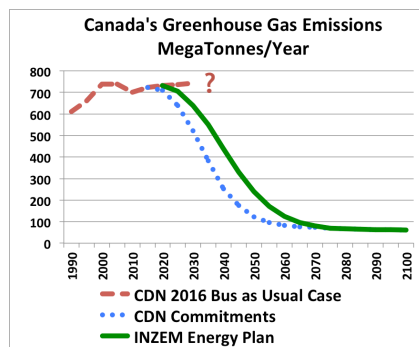
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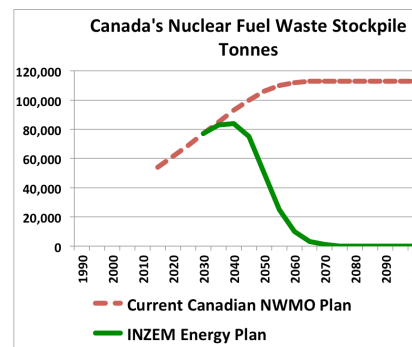
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## INZEM BENEFITS compared to Current Federal/Provincial Energy Policy Approach

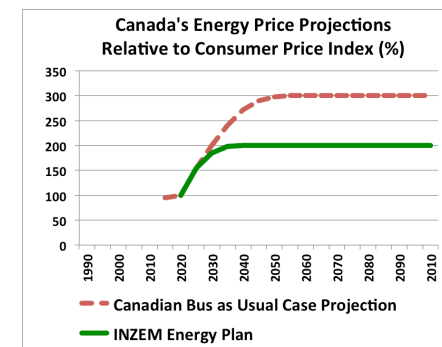
### Very Low Emissions



### No Nuclear Waste Legacy



### Lower Overall Energy Costs



## Carbon Price 75% Lower than Current Canadian/Provincial Energy Policy Approach

- Rising \$20/yr from 2019 to \$200/tonne CO<sub>2</sub> ( instead of \$800/tonne CO<sub>2</sub>, ref: Strapolec Study 2016 )
- Regulations will be needed to complete fossil fuel phase-out in later years.

## Significant Investments in Energy Infrastructure (Double Current Fossil Fuel Investments)

- \$1 billion/year in 2020 peaking at \$40 billion/year between 2040 & 2050

## Significant New Jobs in Clean Energy Sector (Comparable to Fossil Fuel Sector Now)

- 420,000 direct and indirect support jobs by 2070

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<u>Financial (#1):</u>	New Capital Investments to 2070 Billions \$s	New Revenue in 2070 Billions \$s	Net Income in 2070 Billions \$s	Rate of Return On Equity (projected)
Electrical Grid (#2)	890	125	25	11%
Hydrogen Electrolysers	65	17	4	15%
DES (Thermal Energy)	(#3) 135	52	4	7%
<b>TOTALS (in 2020 \$s)</b>	<b>1,090</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>11%</b>

#1 - Financials based on typical utility investment practices (eg: 65% debt/35% equity)

#2 - Includes FNRs, fuel recycling facility and electrical transmission and distribution investments

#3 - Portion of capital costs may form part of property development charges in some municipalities.

## Funding Sources:

- Early stage commercialization (fuel recycling, FNRs, electrolysers)
  - Federal grants, subsidies and guarantees to lower risk for private investors
  - Carbon price income used to support development of higher cost zero-emission technologies
  - Repurposing nuclear fuel waste management trust fund for fuel recycling instead of burial
- Commercial Deployment:
  - 25% Developers, 75% other parties (infrastructure and commercial banks, etc.) to build projects
  - Sold to owners/operators at operational in-service date
  - Projected 11% per year ROE for FNR owners after in-service date
  - Debt and/or equity funding from pension/sovereign funds, insurance co., public markets
  - Municipal property development charges for district energy systems

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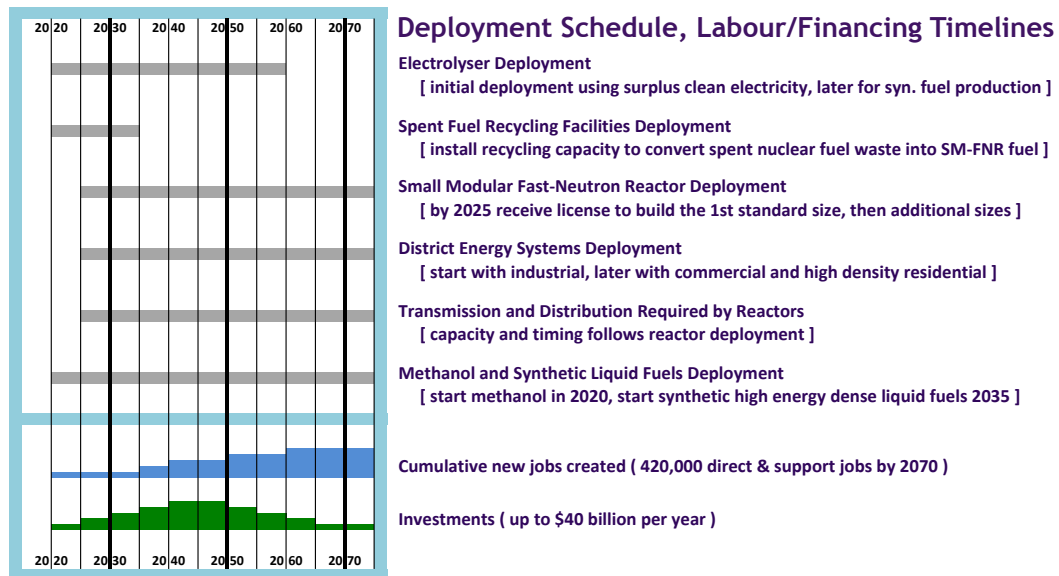
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- Canada's international commitments met by 2070
- Peak investment rate of \$40 billion per year between 2040-2050
- Start of synthetic liquid fuels production by 2035
- First fast-neutron reactor & district energy system starts up before 2030
- License for first small modular fast-neutron reactor before 2025
- First electrolyser, recycling facility, methanol plant started by 2020