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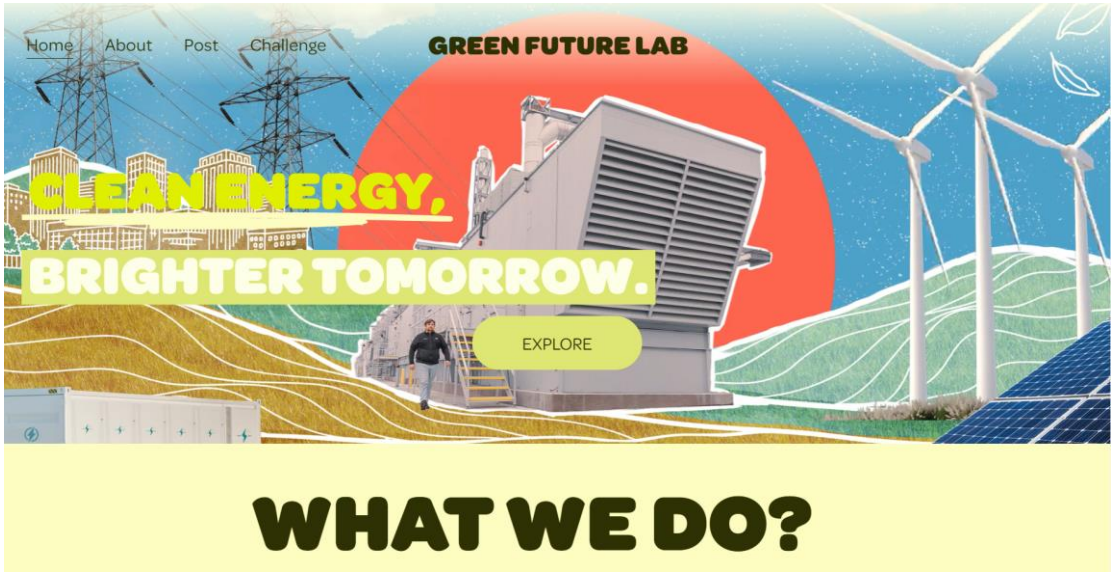

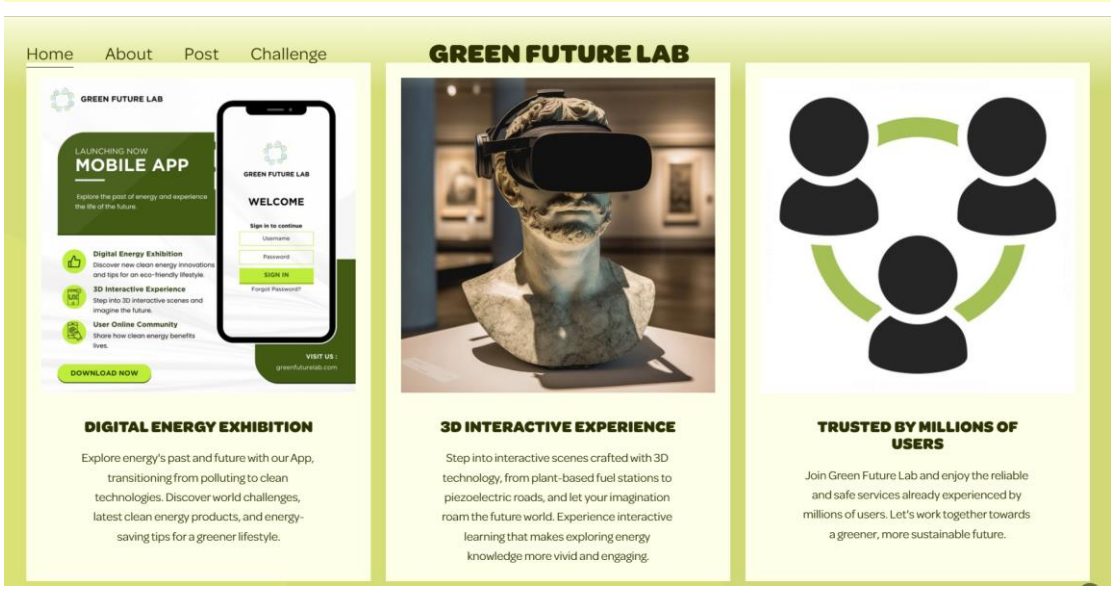

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CURRENT SITUATION

The pressing pressures brought about by the global energy crisis have been alleviated somewhat, but many signs indicate that the path ahead is still shrouded in fog. The transition to sustainable energy is accelerating, yet the volatility of energy markets, trends in technological development, geopolitical instability, and shifts in consumer behavior all fill the future with uncertainty and various concerns.

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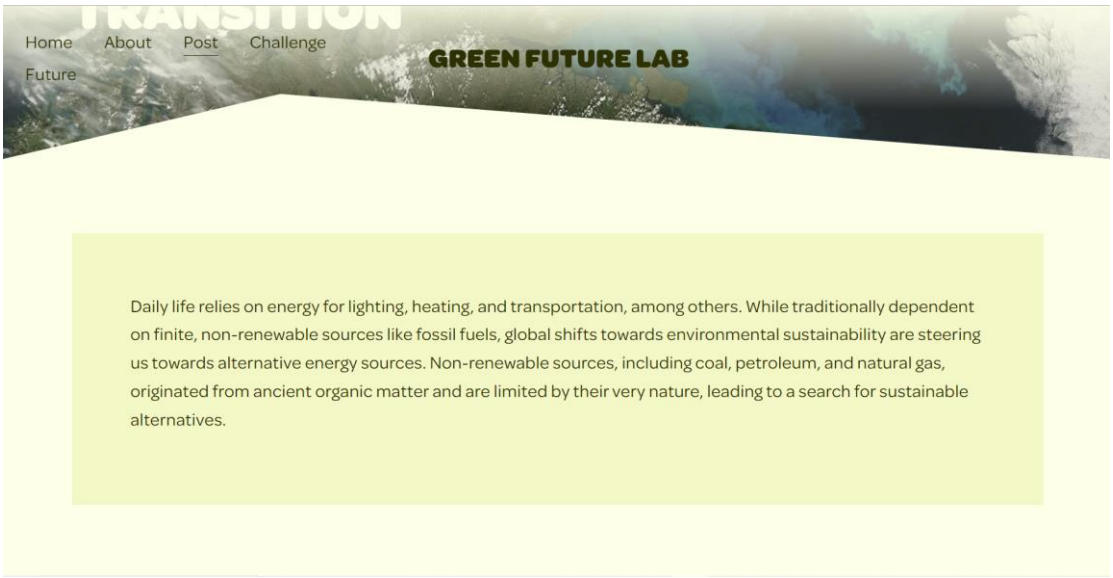
Navigating the energy transition



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Natural Gas

stored in underground reservoirs and considered a "cleaner" fossil fuel, is primarily methane, a potent greenhouse gas. Despite its relatively cleaner image, its extraction and usage pose environmental and health concerns, including methane leaks worsening climate change, air and potential groundwater pollution, and geological risks.

Nuclear Power

from decaying elements like uranium, provides a low greenhouse gas alternative but has risks. It demands substantial energy to produce, and its radioactive waste poses long-term health threats. Concerns stem from accidents like Chernobyl and Fukushima, demonstrating the risks of radioactive contamination and enduring ecological harm.

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Solar energy

a leading renewable source, captures sunlight to generate electricity and heat, key to transitioning towards sustainable, eco-friendly energy. It offers a clean alternative to non-renewable sources, emphasizing its production process, benefits, and advantages.

Wind energy

Wind energy utilizes wind to produce electricity, serving as a key renewable resource. Wind spins turbine blades, which drive a generator to produce electricity. It's central to the shift towards cleaner, renewable energy, highlighting its production, benefits, and advantages over non-renewable sources.

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Hydroelectric energy

Hydroelectric energy, among the oldest renewables, generates electricity through water flow. It leverages the gravitational force of falling or flowing water for power, offering a clean, reliable, and cost-effective energy solution. This overview covers its production, benefits, and advantages over non-renewable sources.

Biomass energy

Biomass energy comes from organic materials like plant matter and animal waste. Since discovering fire, humans have used biomass for heating and cooking. Now, it's used to generate electricity, produce heat, and create biofuels, showcasing its sophisticated applications, benefits, and advantages compared to non-renewable sources.

Geothermal energy

Geothermal energy taps into Earth's internal heat to produce electricity and heating. It's sustainable,

Challenges

Air Pollution

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Air Pollution

Climate change, driven by rising global carbon dioxide emissions, poses serious environmental and health risks. In 2018, 87% of the 36.6 billion tons of greenhouse gases emitted globally were from energy production. Air pollutants, including carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, volatile organic compounds, and particulate matter, contribute to various health issues, from respiratory diseases to cancer. Ground-level ozone, a secondary pollutant, further exacerbates health problems, especially in vulnerable populations.

Emissions originate from multiple sources: industrial processes, transportation, energy production and consumption, and household activities, releasing significant pollutants like carbon dioxide and nitrogen oxides. Additionally, agricultural practices and livestock contribute to nitrous oxide and methane emissions, while landfilling and incineration release greenhouse gases, impacting the environment and well-being.

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Acid Rain

Acid rain is precipitation with elevated acidity levels, indicated by a pH value below 5.0. It results from both natural sources and primarily from emissions of sulfur dioxide (SO_2) and nitrogen oxides (NO_x) produced during the combustion of fossil fuels. When released from power plants and other sources, these gases react with water, oxygen, and other chemicals in the atmosphere, forming various acidic compounds that lead to acid rain. The ecological impact of acid rain is most evident in aquatic environments such as streams, lakes, and marshes, and it also contributes to slower forest growth, injury, or death. Dry deposition of acid rain and acidic particles corrodes metals like bronze, ages paints, and weathers stone materials such as marble and limestone.

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Inaccessible Energy

Achieving net-zero emissions will be one of the greatest challenges in the years to come. However, low-carbon emitting nations struggle to access energy. In extremely impoverished countries, people have very low carbon emissions mainly because they lack access to modern energy and technology. In countries where per capita gross domestic product is below $25,000, most people lack access to electricity and clean cooking fuels. Without access to modern energy for cooking and heating, people rely on solid fuels—primarily wood, along with dung and crop waste. As a result, indoor air pollution becomes the leading risk factor for premature death, causing approximately 1.6 million deaths annually.

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Technology

Several factors indicate that the transition to renewable energy is taking longer and is more complex than expected. While demand for fossil fuels is projected to peak soon, the outlook remains uncertain. One immediate challenge is accelerating the construction pace of new clean energy projects. Many emerging and developing economies must increase their investments in energy transition by more than five times before 2030 to meet the requirements for net-zero emissions by 2050. Alongside reducing greenhouse gas emissions, continuous efforts are needed to eradicate energy poverty. Diversification and innovation are crucial in managing clean energy technologies and finding affordable, safe, and sustainable alternatives to fossil fuels on a large scale.

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FUTURE APPLICATIONS OF RENEWABLE ENERGY

Gravity batteries

This battery is capable of storing a large amount of potential energy for use during peak hours. The system uses renewable energy during the day to suspend a weight on a high axis, and at night allows the weight to be lowered, generating electricity through the motion of the cables, in the same way as a pendulum-driven floor clock! The proof-of-concept demonstration generated approximately 250kW of energy, enough to power 750 homes. The storage of this energy is cheaper and more

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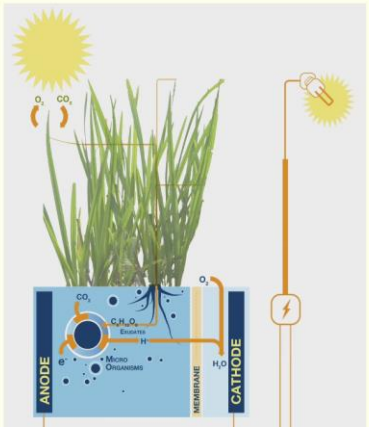
Plant Microbial Fuel Cells (PMFCs)

Plant Microbial Fuel Cells (PMFCs) harness microorganisms in soil or water that break down organic matter, releasing electrons. By placing electrodes in this environment, we capture these electrons through a chemical process: at the anode, microorganisms generate electrons by oxidizing organic waste; at the cathode, these electrons are collected to produce water. This flow of electrons generates electricity, which can be used immediately or stored. PMFCs turn natural processes into a green energy source, offering a sustainable way to power devices or charge electric vehicles.



Amidst technological progress and the surge in sustainable energy demand, integrating this technology into charging station operations is practical. Traditional stations rely on the grid, generating considerable CO2 emissions. However, plant-based charging stations offer a stable, safe power source that can leverage local biological resources, reducing transportation-induced energy loss and costs, achieving self-sufficiency. This shift to renewable, low-pollution

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Energy Harvesting Roads (EHR)

Energy Harvesting Roads (EHR) transform the motion of vehicles into power. Imagine every vehicle in motion not just traveling, but also generating energy. Under the road, special devices capture this energy from the vehicle's movement, using the pressure of tires or vibrations from the road. These devices could be made from materials that generate electricity when pressed, or systems that harness the shake of vehicles. As cars pass over, these gadgets convert the movement into electrical energy. This energy is then used for practical purposes, like lighting up street lamps or powering traffic signals. It could even help charge electric vehicles. So, vehicles in motion are not just moving but also contributing to a greener, smarter road system.

Energy Harvesting Roads (EHR) introduce an innovative way to generate sustainable energy by converting the kinetic energy from vehicle movement into electrical power, reducing our reliance on fossil fuels. Over time, EHR not only has the potential to lower energy costs but also to open up new revenue streams, such as charging fees for electric vehicle charging services. The development of EHR require fresh technical solutions and expertise, fueling technological innovation and creating job opportunities in related fields. This approach presents a forward-thinking method to harness energy, promising both economic and environmental benefits.