The Four Dimensional Product: *Integration Over Time is the Only Way to Understand Sustainability*

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I Save Time by Using Fossil Fuels





I Repair Things





















Return Shareholder Value

I can't waste money and time at work

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Which is more sustainable?

plastic









streaming





physical media



Which is more sustainable?

8 hours









Which is more sustainable?

A meat-eater in a Prius



A vegan in a Hummer



Sustainability is Unsustainable?



http://imgs.xkcd.com/comics/sustainable.png



Metaphor for Sustainability





Ordered











Sustainable?





Is this Cup Sustainable?



Sustainable is not an intrinsic property of a material! You can't know by just looking.





How about this one?



Life Cycle Assessment



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Signs of Hope





This polypropylene cup uses 15% less plastic and creates 45% fewer carbon emissions than a cup made from PEL









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Chemical Industry Snapshot





What Unhealthy Looks Like



Unhealthy



Recent Industry History









Recent Industry History





Live Long and Prosper







Ethane Price Now Tracks Gas





Impact of Low Gas Prices



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Economic Impact of Shale Gas

637,000

Permanent NEW jobs by 2023 throughout the U.S. economy from \$81 billion in new chemical industry output

\$243 billion

Permanent NEW U.S. economic output by 2020 from \$81 billion in new chemical industry output

Based on \$100 billion in potential U.S. chemical investment announced as of February 2014





Cane to Polyethylene



Fully-integrated facility in Brazil Utilizes state-of-the-art Dow polymerization catalysis





Chemicals and Energy





Financial Way of Looking At Benefit





Why Not Sustainability?



Misconceptions Demean Advances





Fresh Water Production





Energy-efficient DOW FILMTEC[™] Water Treatment Membranes yield savings on water purification



Process	Operating Energy Consumption (Kwh/m ³)	Customer Energy Savings 2005-2015 (Barrels of Oil-eq)		
Multi Stage Flash (MSF)	13.5 - 25.5	242 million		
Multi Effect Distillation (MED)	6.5 – 11	82 million		
Reverse Osmosis	3 - 3.5			



RO Cartridge Benefit





54.5 mpg



Carbon Fiber Benefit





Importance of Recycle CF production assembly, molding material recovery steel or resin production steel 15 33 virgin CFRTS 13 23 198 recyle CFRTS 10 13 10 virgin CFRTP 10 13 132 recycle CFRTP 10 5 Suzuki, Tetsuya, and Jun Takahashi. "Prediction of energy intensity of carbon fiber reinforced plastics for mass-produced passenger cars." In Proceedings of 9th Japan International SAMPE Symposium, pp. 14-19. 2005. 50 100 150 250 200 Energy Intensity (MJ/kg)

Packaging Addresses Global Challenges

Flexible packaging helps increase shelf life

Using only a few grams of flexible plastic packaging extends the shelf life of a cucumber by more than three times.

High-Tech Packaging Growth

LCA Studies on Packaging

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Stand-up pouch packaging reduces waste and brings energy savings

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		Impact per 100 oz Cereal			
Package Type	Contents	Landfill Discard s* (g)	Process GHG** (kg CO ² Eq)	Total Energy** (MJ)	
Paperboard and HDPE Liner	11 oz	380.0	.861	12.1	
Stand-Up Pouch	12 oz	117.5	.265	9.25	

Reduction	vs Box
Landfill Discards	68%
GHG	69%
Energy	23%

Beverage Packaging

- The flexible beverage pouch:
 - \bullet Consumes $1\!\!\!/_2$ the energy of the closest alternative
 - Generates 75% less emissions than the closest alternative¹
 - Significantly reduces greenhouse gases released and energy consumed in transport of unfilled packages from converter to filling operation

Beverage Packaging	Product Weight	Package Weight	Product/ Packaging Ratio	Pkg. Weight per 100g Product	MSW Landfill per 100g product	Energy Consumption MJ/8 oz	Emissions Kg CO ₂ e/ 8 oz
Glass Bottle and Metal Cap	8 ounces (236 g)	198.4g	1:1	83.9 g	54.5 g	3.36	0.29
Plastic PET Bottle and Cap	12 ounces (340 g)	22.7 g	10:1	9.6 g	6.0 g	3.00	0.18
Aluminum Can	8 ounces (236 g)	11.3 g	21:1	4.7 g	2.4 g	.99	0.08
Stand-up Flexible Pouch	24 ounces (680 g)	5.7 g	35:1	2.8 g	2.8 g	.45	0.02

Flexible Packaging Examples

greenerpackage.com

Packaging Satisfaction

% who say packaging is important to overall product satisfaction

Embodied Fossil Energy

Food Packaging

Modern agriculture is the use of land to convert petroleum into food.

Al Bartlett

40 kWh/kg ~22% wasted

Pimentel and Pimentel, 2003

FAO, 2012

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Per Capita Energy Use

Two Carbon Flavors

Questions?

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