



Clean energy, natural solutions



**Biomass and Waste to Energy Power with High Efficiency  
& Multi-Fuel Technology in Asia**

**OR**

**“Wisdom from Waste”**

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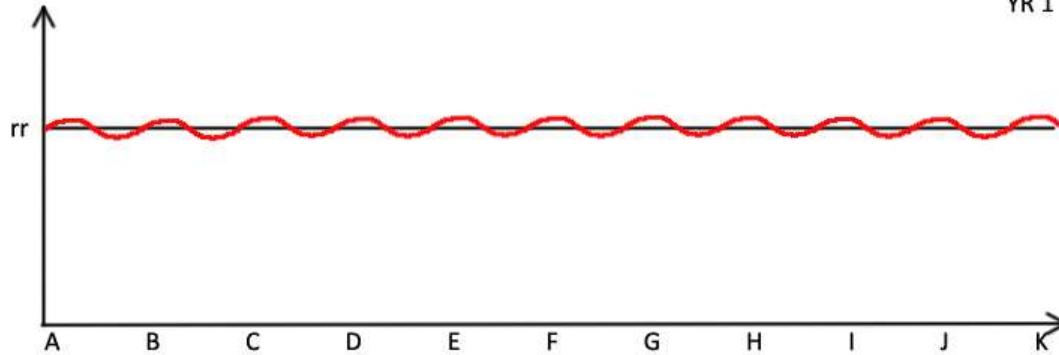
# Biomass: why bother?



# Biomass vs Solar

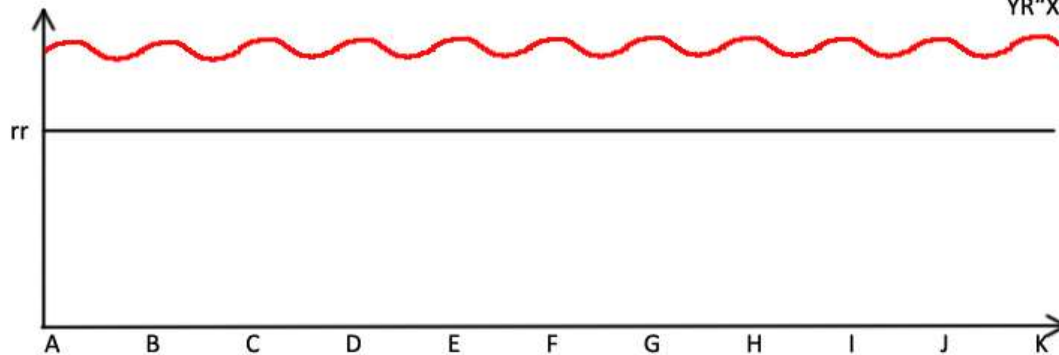
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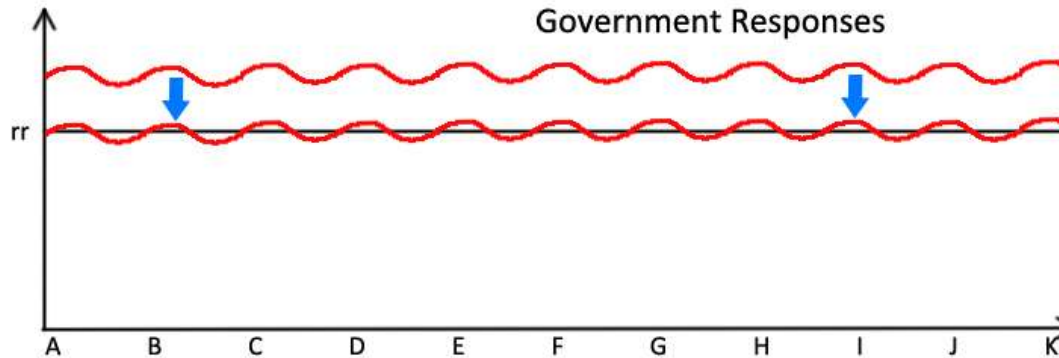


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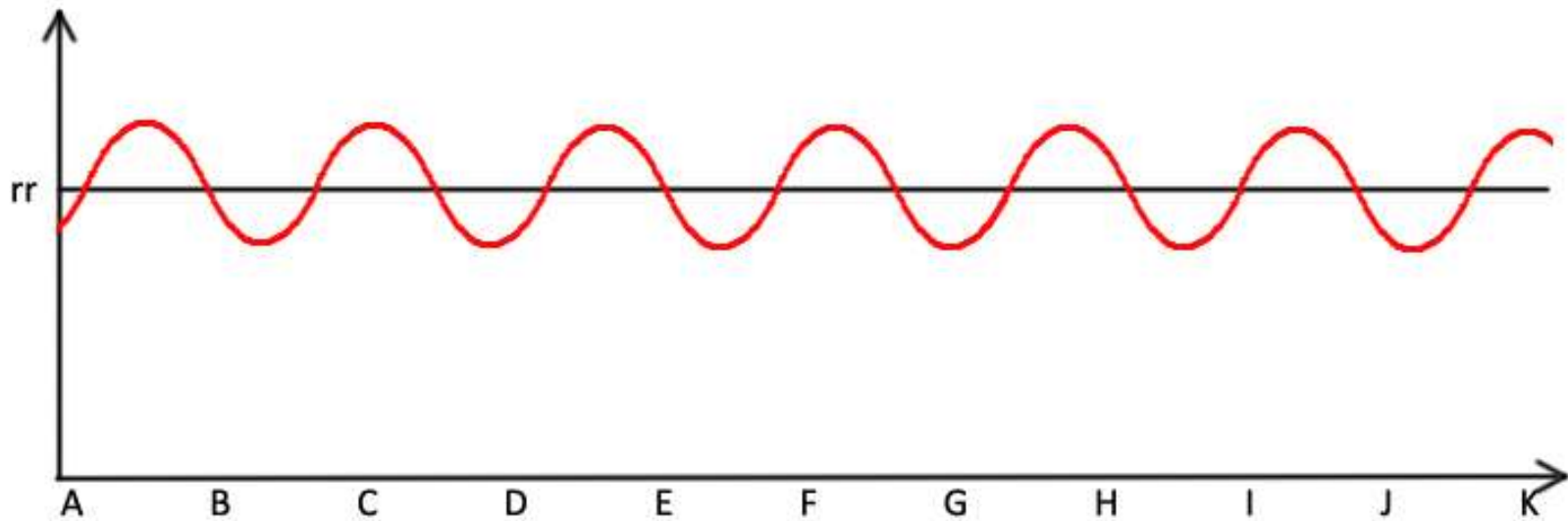
VARIATION: Solar Plant Returns  
Government Responses



Depreciation = Circa 85% of costs

\*rr = Required rate of return

### VARIATION: Biomass Returns



Depreciation = 15% - 20% of costs

# Biomass power is difficult

- ✓ Biomass fuels are complex and messy
- ✓ Potentially huge losses
- ✓ Technology doesn't work
- ✓ Plants are small, distributed power
- ✓ Difficult to finance
- ✓ Does not sit well with "Old Asia"



# Is this the same for WtE?

- Easier – and yet more difficult - than biomass
- Get paid to take waste
- But power lies with fuel collectors
- Somewhat easier to finance
- MSW is more complex and corrosive
- Distributed power – but scaleable



# So really, why bother?

Align yourself with long term Government policy

- Food security
- Social redistribution of wealth
- Environment

# Learning from the China biomass experience



Early development  
3 pilot projects

2 x CFB      Projects failed

Modifications to technology. Mass deployment from big utilities. Rapid growth

Many plants failed  
Unsustainable economics

1 x HPHT      Successful operation

30+ power plants built and successful operation

Declining profitability but still viable



Overall, loss of confidence in industry by Big 5 and investors

Smart operators have worked out why plants fail and are planning for the future.



# Learning from the China experience

In the beginning....

- The first pilot plant relied extensively on imported technology and expertise
  - Progressive Government policies were in place
  - Financial institutions initially supportive
- Initial euphoria led to rapid growth of the industry and the ‘land grab’ of licenses.

# Where did it go wrong?

- ‘Underinvestment’ in feasibility studies, engineering studies, technical studies
- Limited understanding of profit and loss drivers
- Short term focus
- Existing fossil fuel industry structure struggled to adapt to the differences
- Resulted in a period of declining profitability, power plant failure and a loss of confidence in the industry
- NOW: Better understanding of the basics, capital costs reduction, cost of ownership focus.

# What is the current situation in China?

- Mistakes are still being made, but some smart operators are emerging
- Biomass: Greater clarity in direction for future fuel supply – straw growing; wood declining. We are seeing clear differentiation
- MSW: Still in the land grab phase. Limited differentiation. Now it is coming to Thailand.

# SEA- Getting the basics right

- Invest more initially to get it right
- Focus on maximum fuel flexibility
- Focus on availability, focus on efficiency
- Focus on total cost of ownership, not just the cost of purchase
- Plan for the future: Identify and back the long term trends
- Competition rarely declines, so fuel prices will go up

Thank you for your attention