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### "Waste ... is some useful substance that we don't know how to use or we don't yet know how to use economically"

Chair, Committee on Pollution, National Academy of Sciences (1961)

## **RISING TO GLOBAL CHALLENGES** 25 Years of Industrial Ecology



## **Examples of impacts of IE**

- Guidelines behind the ISO standards for LCA
- Furthered EIO models for economy-wide env. impacts.
- MFA in Environmental Accounts of OECD countries
- UN International Resource panel reports on resource decoupling, metals, biofuels, global land use change,...
- Contribution to IPCC's 5th Assessment Report
- Standard for inventorying GHGs for cities



## **Upcoming ISIE Events**

- ISIE Americas (Bogota, May 25-27)
- Industrial Symbiosis Symp. (Mass., June 17-18)
- Gordon Conference on IE (Vermont, June 19-24)
- ISIE Asia-Pacific & SEM (Nagoya, Sept. 28-30)
- ISIE 9<sup>th</sup> Biennial (Chicago, June 25-29, 2017) www.is4ie.org



## **Today's Objective**

To explore how the science of *Industrial Ecology* can contribute to the beneficial development of the *Circular Economy*, including environmental and resource dimensions.





#### INDUSTRIAL ECOLOCY

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Carbon Footprints and Uncertainty Assessment Deinked Market Pulp Rendering Operations Agent-based Modeling for Forecasting Metal Flows In-use Copper Stocks in Manjing Life Cycle Assessment and Local Impacts of Aquaculture Carbon Pool & Biodiversity Impacts of Land Use Human Health Impact & Boundary Selection Size-Reduction of Surge Arresters Idular vs. Conventional Homes



#### The Circular Economy

A New Development Strategy in China

Zengwei Yuan, Jun Bi, and Yuichi Moriguichi

#### Progress Toward a Circular Economy in China

The Drivers (and Inhibitors) of Eco-industrial Initiative

John A. Mathews and Hao Tan

#### Towards a Circular Economy in Australian Agri-food Industry

An Application of Input-Output Oriented Approaches for Analyzing Resource Efficiency and Competitiveness Potential

Murilo Pagotto and Anthony Halog

#### How Circular is the Global Economy?

An Assessment of Material Flows, Waste Production, and Recycling in the European Union and the World in 2005

Willi Haas, Fridolin Krausmann, Dominik Wiedenhofer, and Markus Heinz



# Three categories of products / materials in the Circular Economy

- 1. Can be technically & economically reused
- 2. Can be technically reused, but not economically
- 3. Cannot be technically reused

(based on Ayres 1997, Allenby 1999)

## When is it worth remanufacturing? (Gutowski)



(Photo: C. Daniloff, MIT Press)

#### **Key Threshold for Electrification**





## Program

- 1. Systems Perspectives on CE
- 2. Secondary and Critical Raw Materials
- 3. Waste Management
- 4. Global Warming, Energy & CE





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