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# **Grand Challenges of Wind Energy Science – The Grid**

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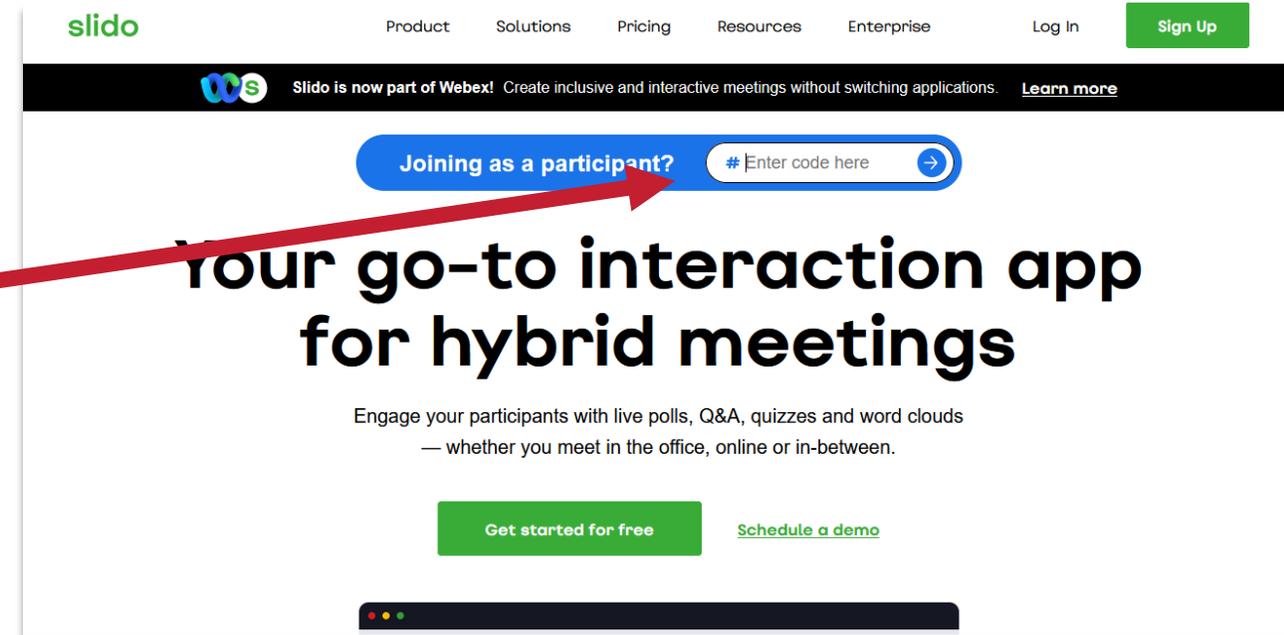
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  - 30 Sept – Transdisciplinary approaches to accelerate the wind power transition
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  - **13 Oct – Grand challenges of wind energy science – The Grid**
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# Grand Challenge 3: Grid

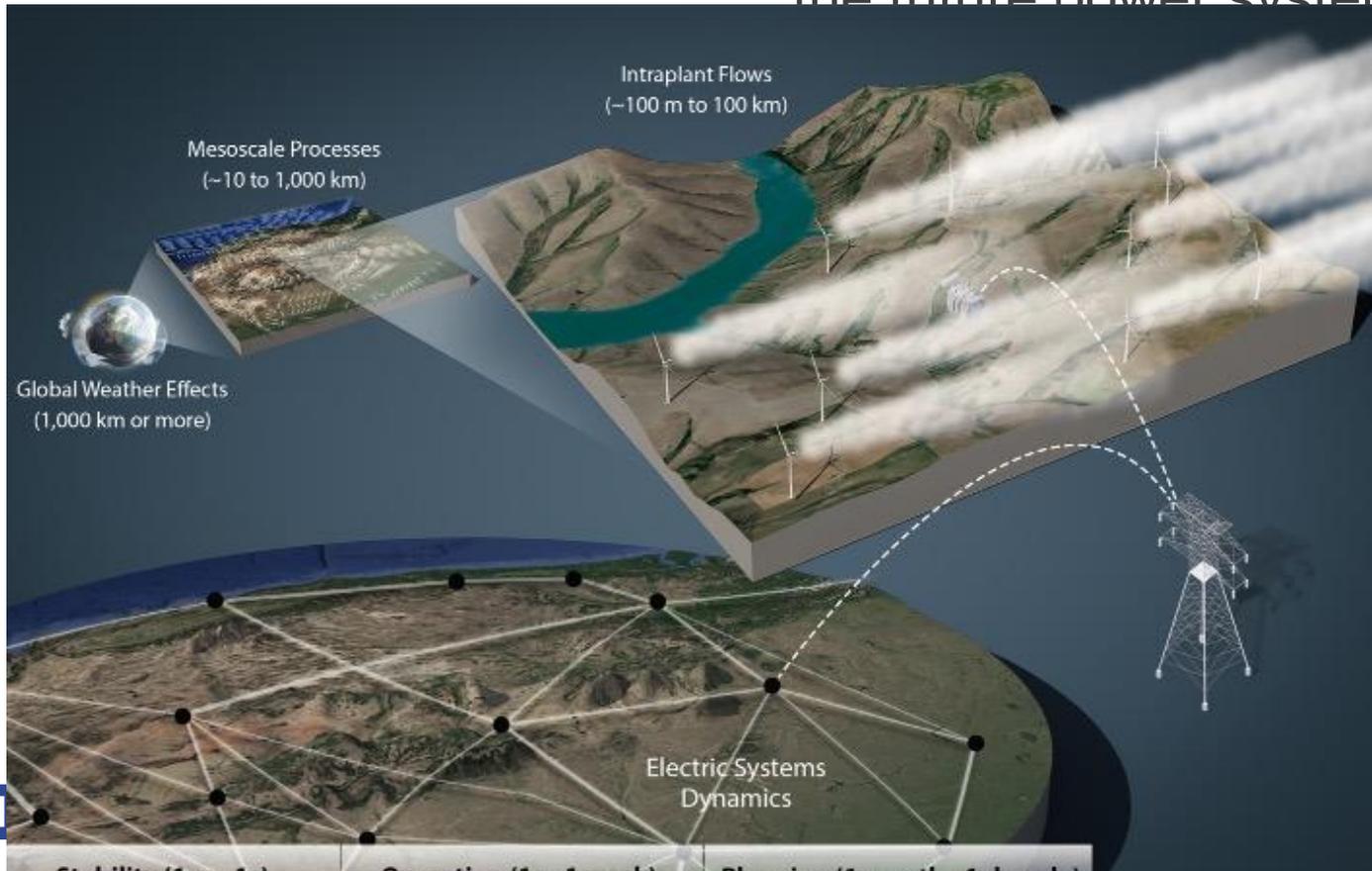
## REVIEW SUMMARY

### RENEWABLE ENERGY

#### Grand challenges in the science of wind energy

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Systems science and control of wind power plants to orchestrate wind turbine, plant, and grid formation operations to provide low cost energy, stability, resiliency, reliability and affordability in the future power system



Development of wind turbines, wind power plants, also hybrids

# Grand Challenges for Wind Energy Science

## Balancing the Future Grid

Mark O'Malley – Global Power System Transformation Consortium & Energy Systems Integration Group

Hannele Holttinen – Recognis Oy & IEA Wind Task 25

Katherine Dykes – Technical University of Denmark

Nicolaos A. Cutululis – Technical University of Denmark

Jennifer King – National Renewable Energy Laboratory



# Grid Integration Challenges and Solutions

Mark O'Malley

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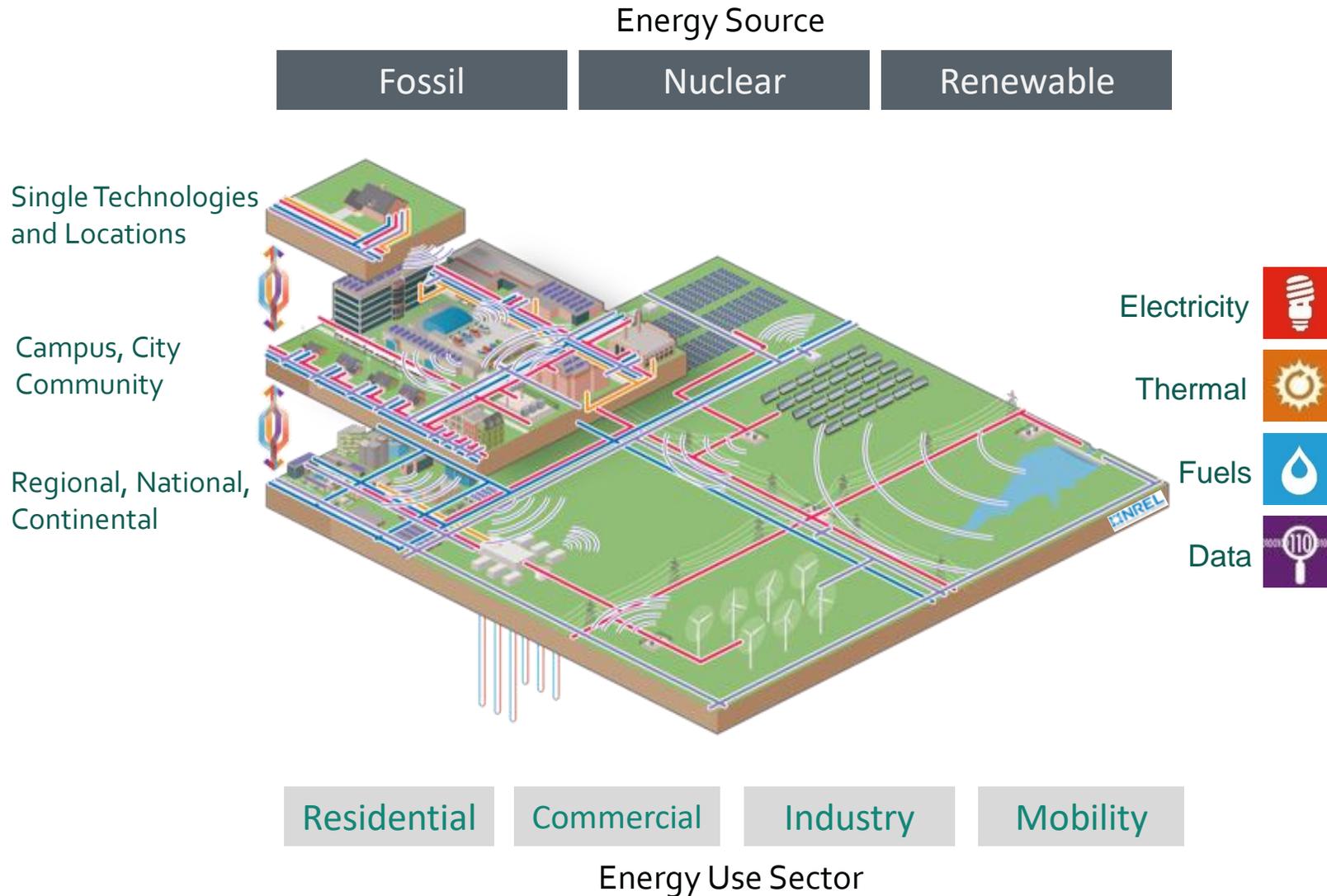
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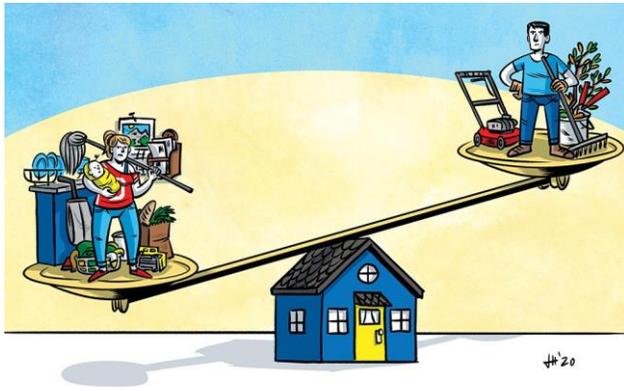


# Decarbonisation and the Integrated Energy System



## Decarbonization

- **Wind (& Solar PV)**
- **Electrification**
- Hydro
- Biomass
- Nuclear
- CCS
- Negative emissions
- etc.



# Balanced Outline



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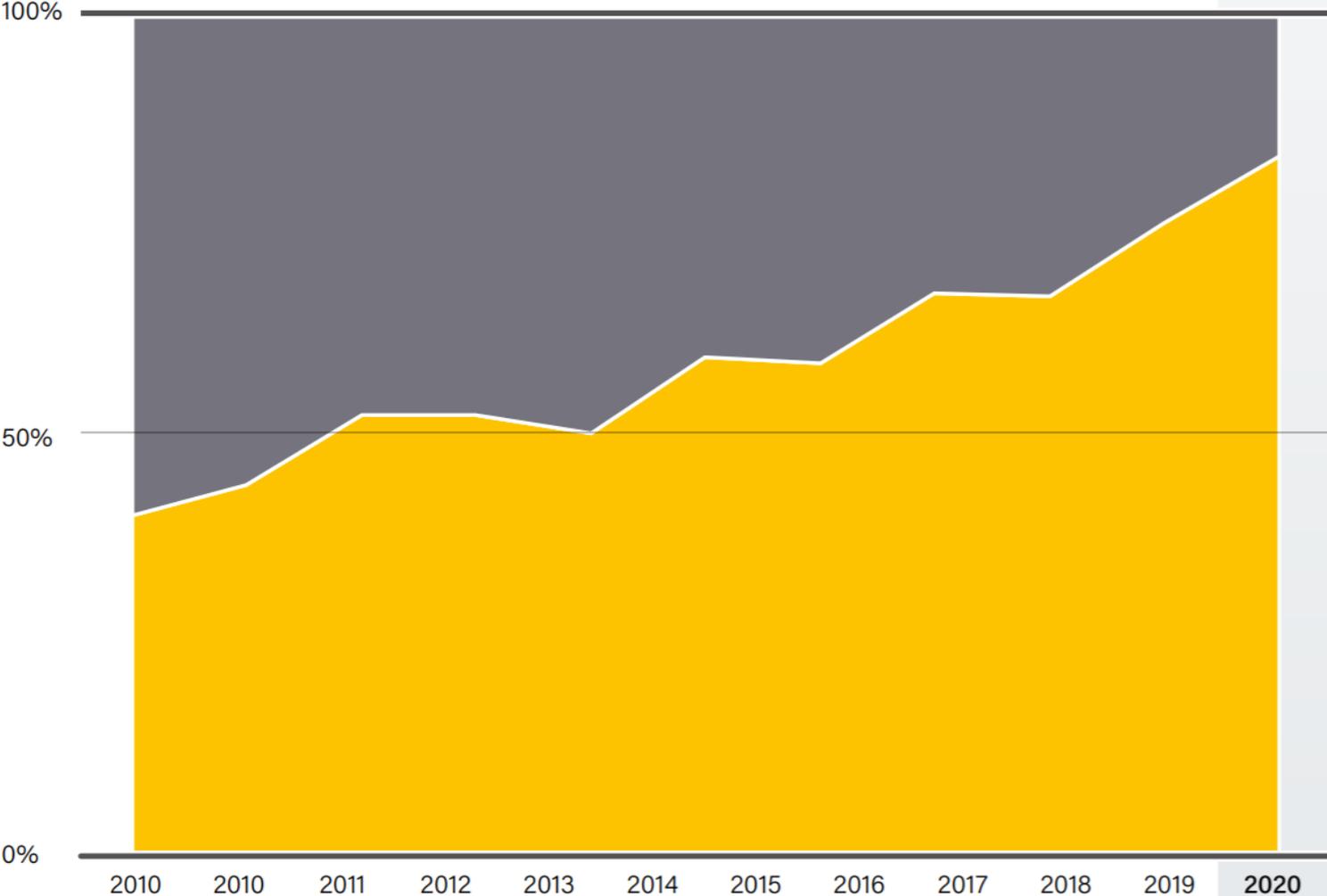
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# The trend is unstoppable – towards 100 %

Share in Additions to Global Power Capacity



**83%**  
renewables in  
net additions

■ Non-renewable share  
■ Renewable share

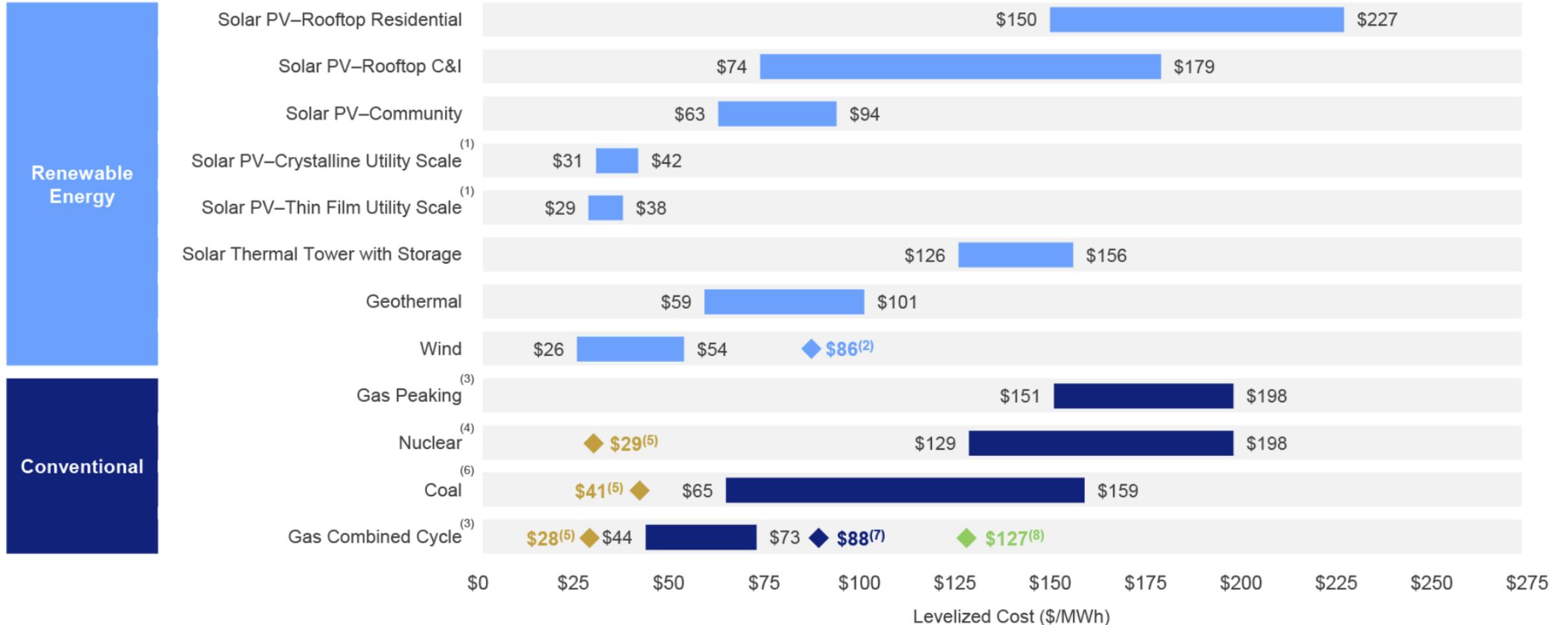


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# Low cost & clean an unbeatable combination

## Levelized Cost of Energy Comparison—Unsubsidized Analysis

Selected renewable energy generation technologies are cost-competitive with conventional generation technologies under certain circumstances



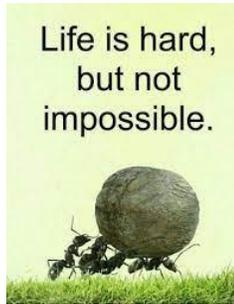
# The two extremes and the balance in between

## EDF scientific chief: A 100% renewable energy system is impossible

By Pavol Szalai | EURACTIV.sk

Jul 15, 2016

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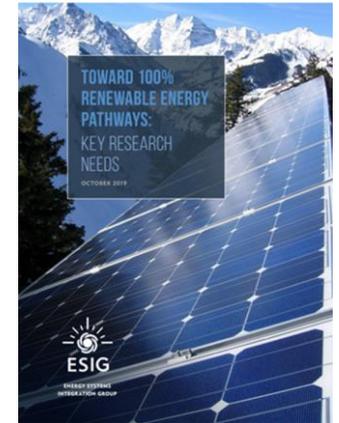


GRID OPTIMIZATION

## [Redacted] Drops Lawsuit Against Critics of His 100% Renewables Plan

The Stanford researcher didn't get what he demanded, but says he "brought the false claims to light."

JULIAN SPECTOR | FEBRUARY 26, 2018



<https://www.esig.energy/esig-releases-toward-100-renewable-energy-pathways-key-research-needs-report/>

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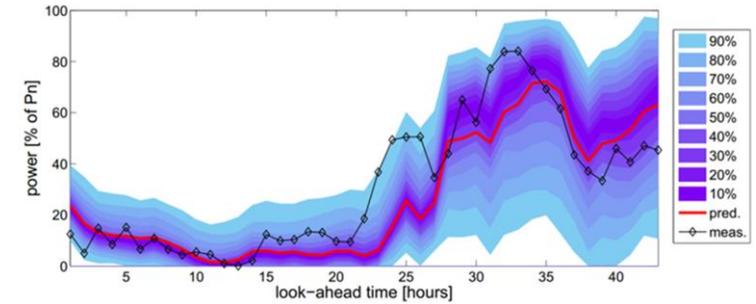
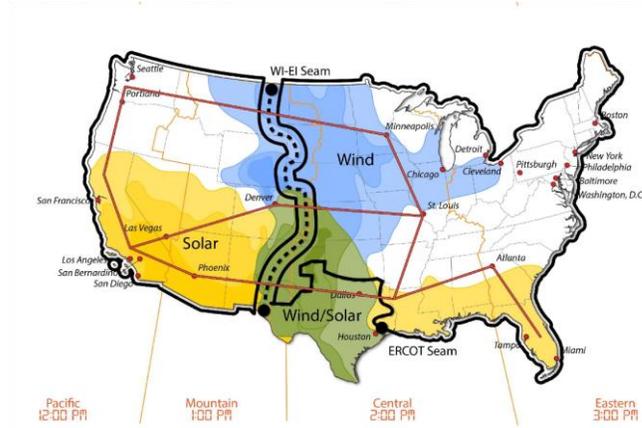
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# Summary G-PST Research Agenda

Research Program	Description	Number of Questions
<i>Inverter Design</i>	Development of capabilities, services, design methodologies and standards for IBRs.	10
<i>Tools and Methods</i>	New tools and methods required to ensure reliability, security, and stability in power systems.	9
<i>Control Room of the Future</i>	Development of new technologies and approaches for enhanced real-time visibility and analysis in power system operator control rooms.	17
<i>Planning</i>	New planning metrics, methods, and tools to capture the characteristics and influence of a changing resource mix.	15
<i>Black Start</i>	Creating new procedures for black starting and restoring a power system with high or 100% IBR penetrations.	1
<i>Services</i>	Quantifying the technical service requirements required of future power system to maintain the supply-demand balance reliably and at least cost.	7

# Characteristics of variable renewable energy resources



Pinson, P., Madsen, H., Nielsen, H., Papaefthymiou, G., and Klückl, B. From probabilistic forecasts to statistical scenarios of short-term wind power production, *Wind Energy*, volume 12, issue 1, January 2009

- Spatially disperse
- Variable and somewhat difficult to predict
- Inverter Based Resources (IBR)
- Zero marginal cost

NARIS, National Renewable Energy Laboratory

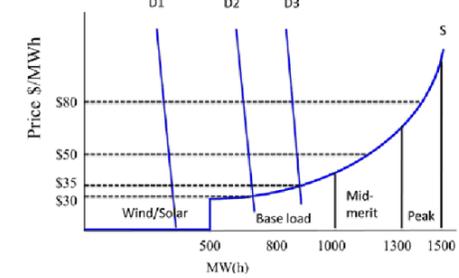
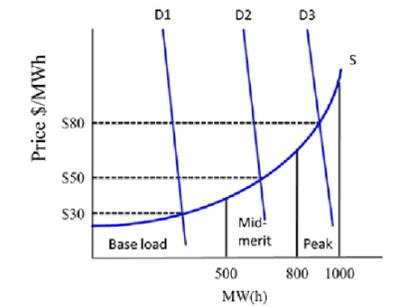
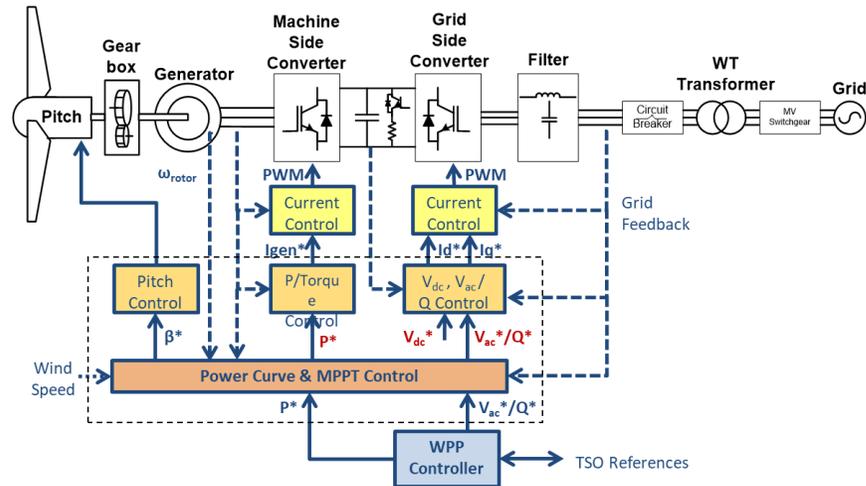


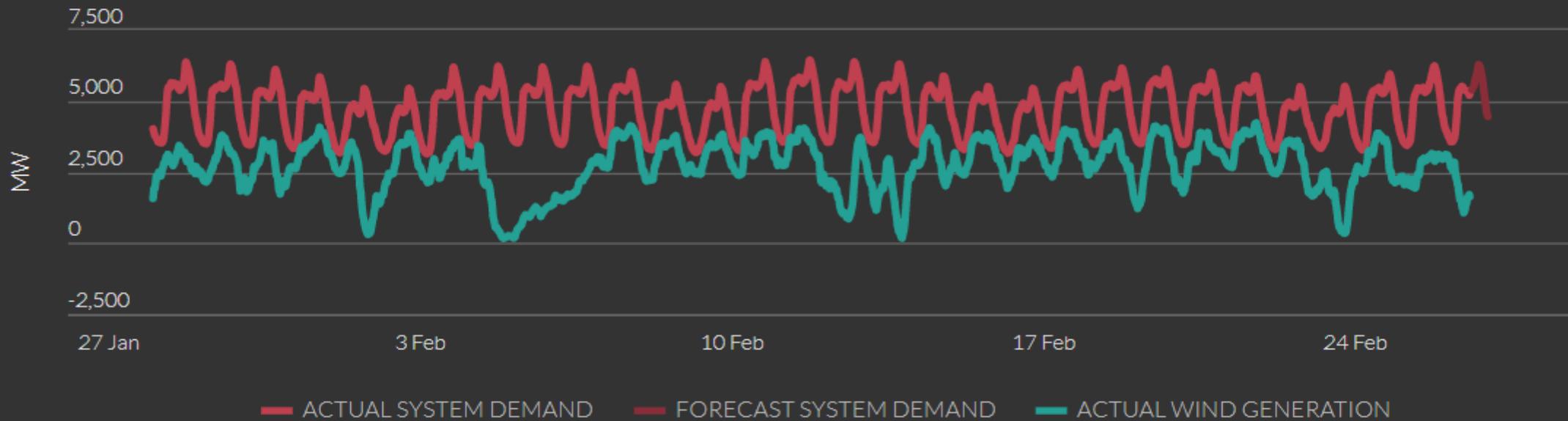
Figure 1. Impact of variable renewable generation on market prices.

# Ireland Feb 2020

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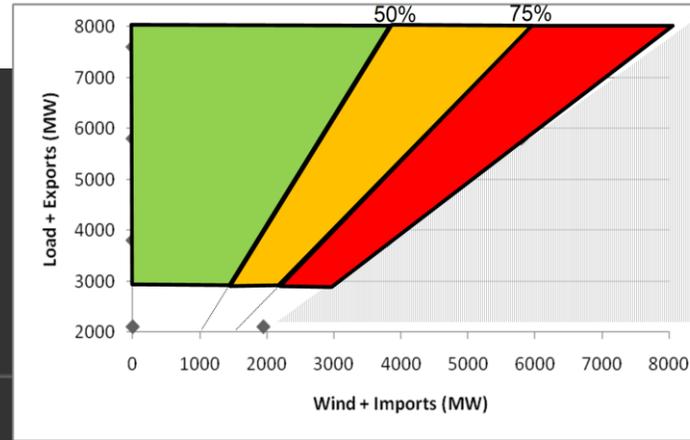
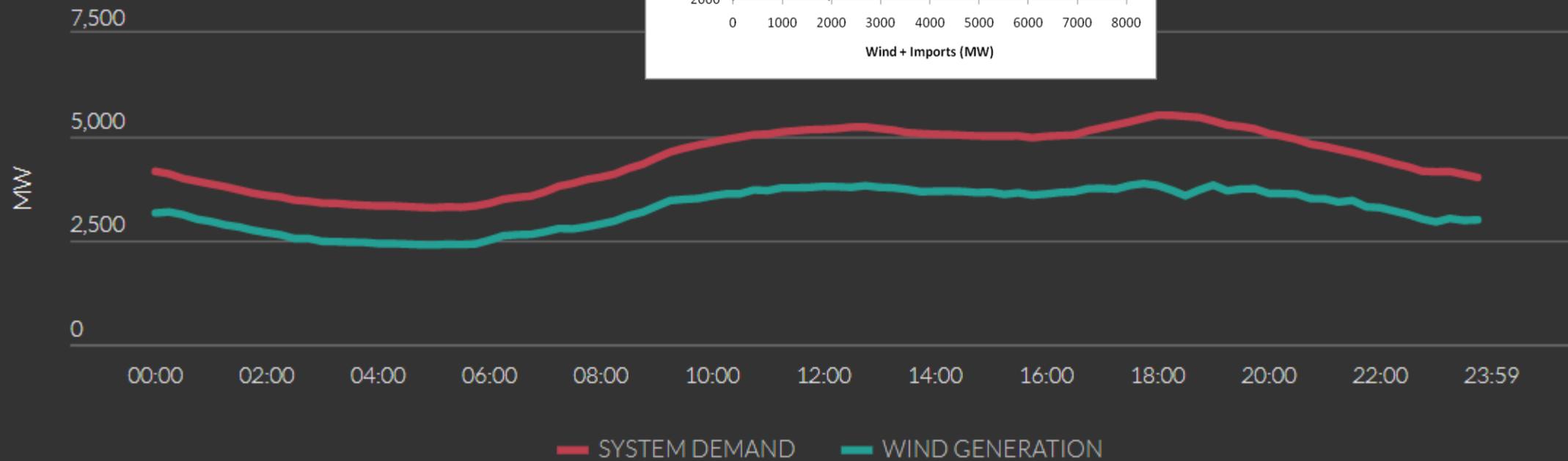
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# Ireland 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020

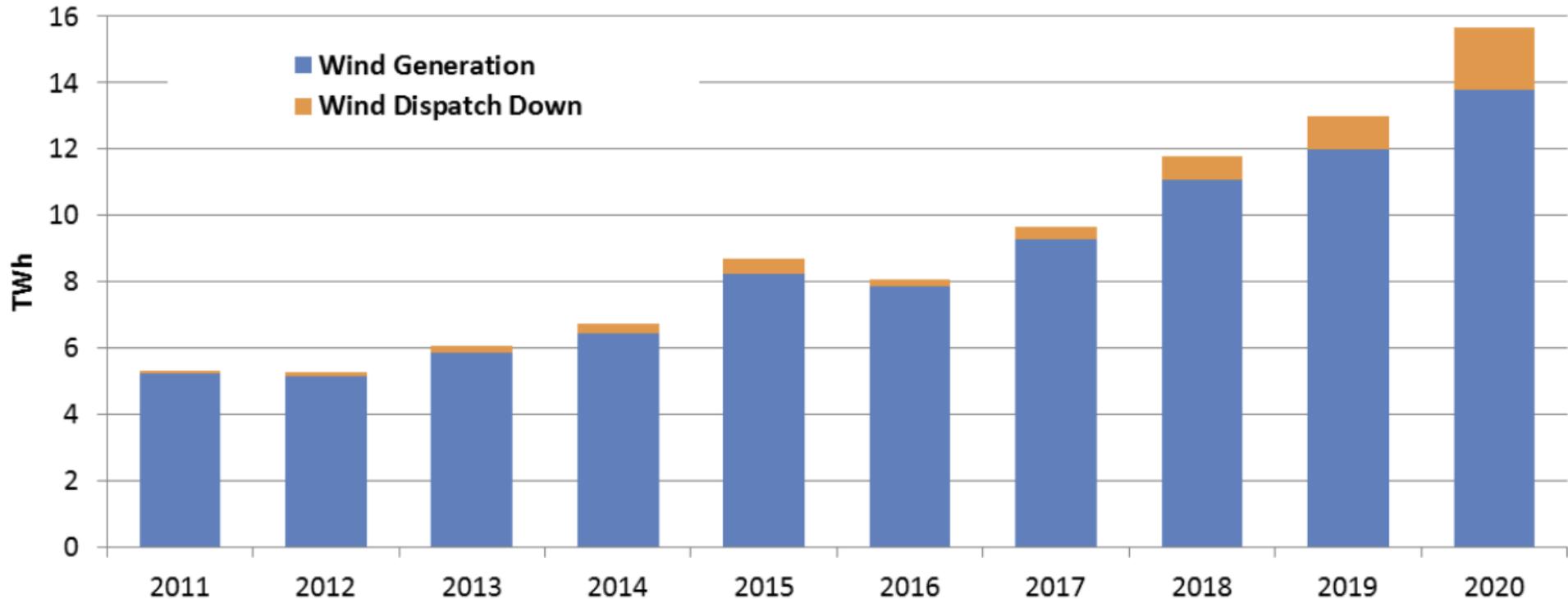
## System Demand & Wind Generation



$$\text{SNSP} = \frac{\text{Wind + Imports}}{\text{Demand + Exports}}$$

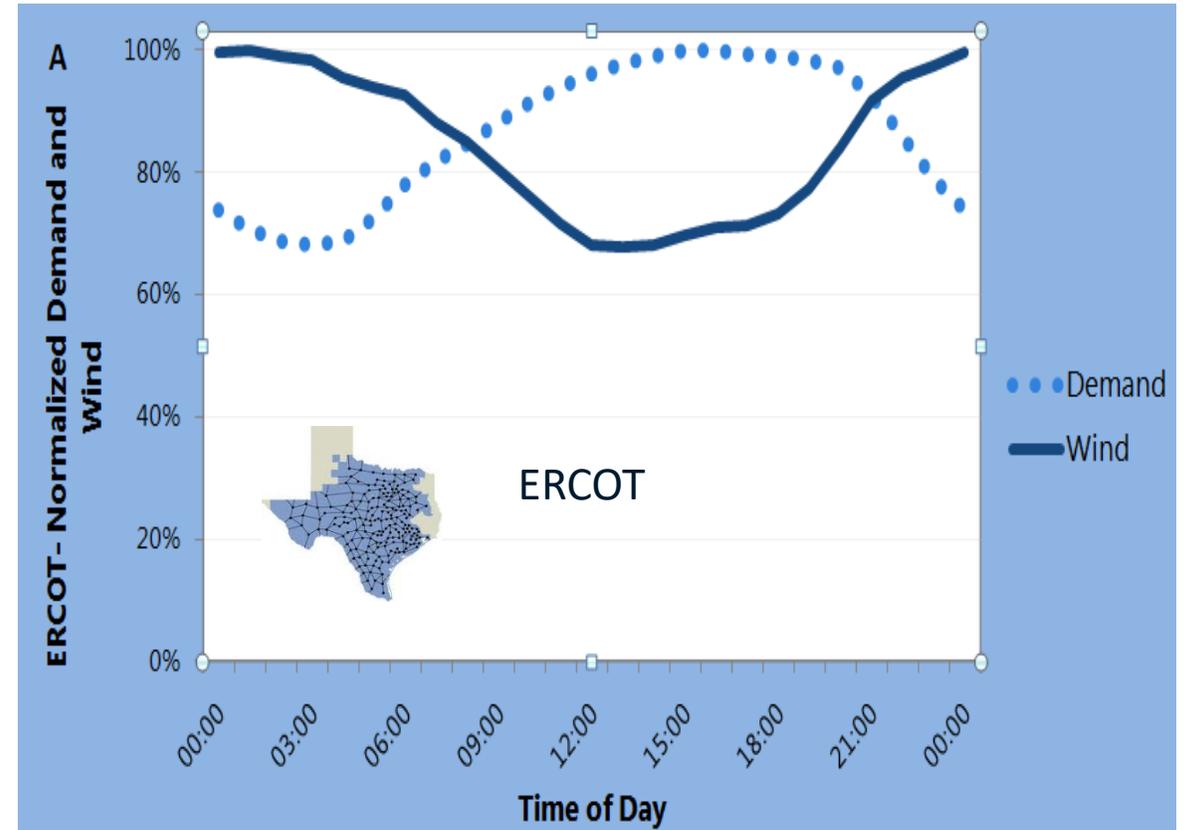
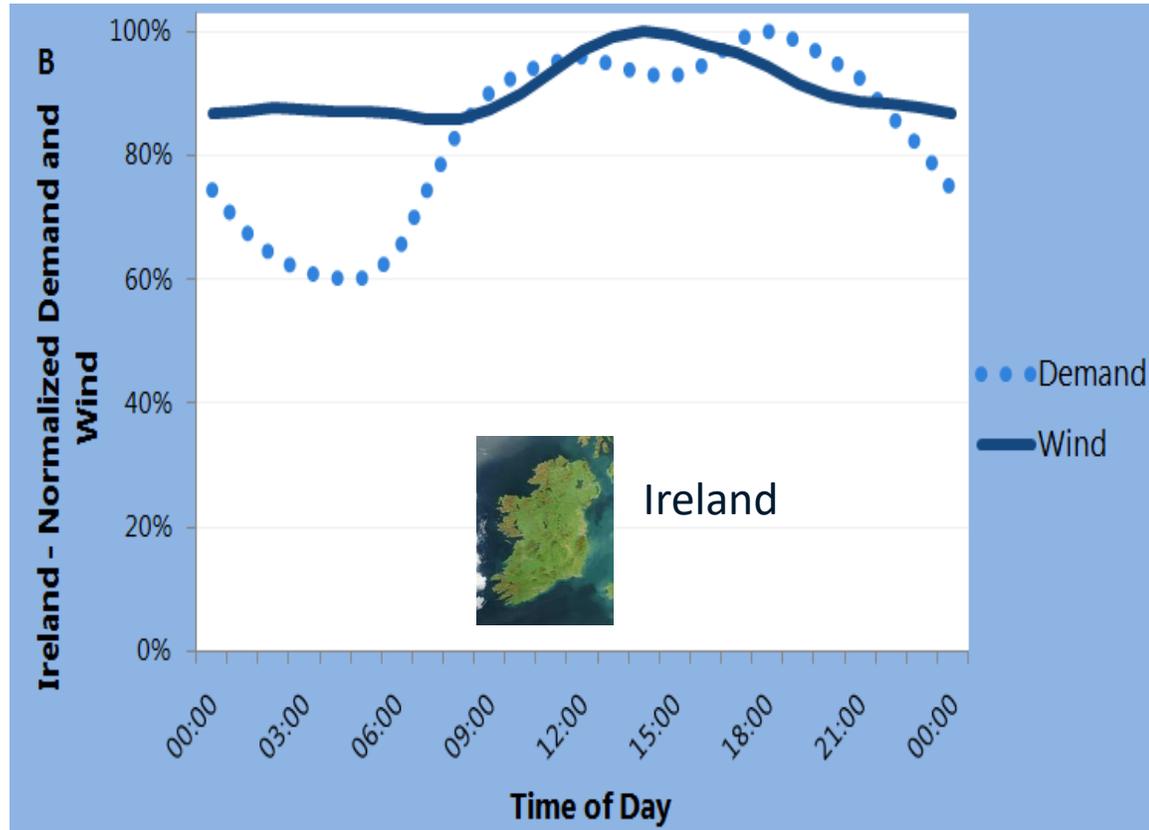
# Dispatch down increases the LCOE of wind

## All Island Wind Generation and Dispatch Down Volumes



**Figure 1:** All Island Annual Wind Generation and Dispatch Down Volumes

# Every system is different



# Integrated design & operation of wind and other grid technologies

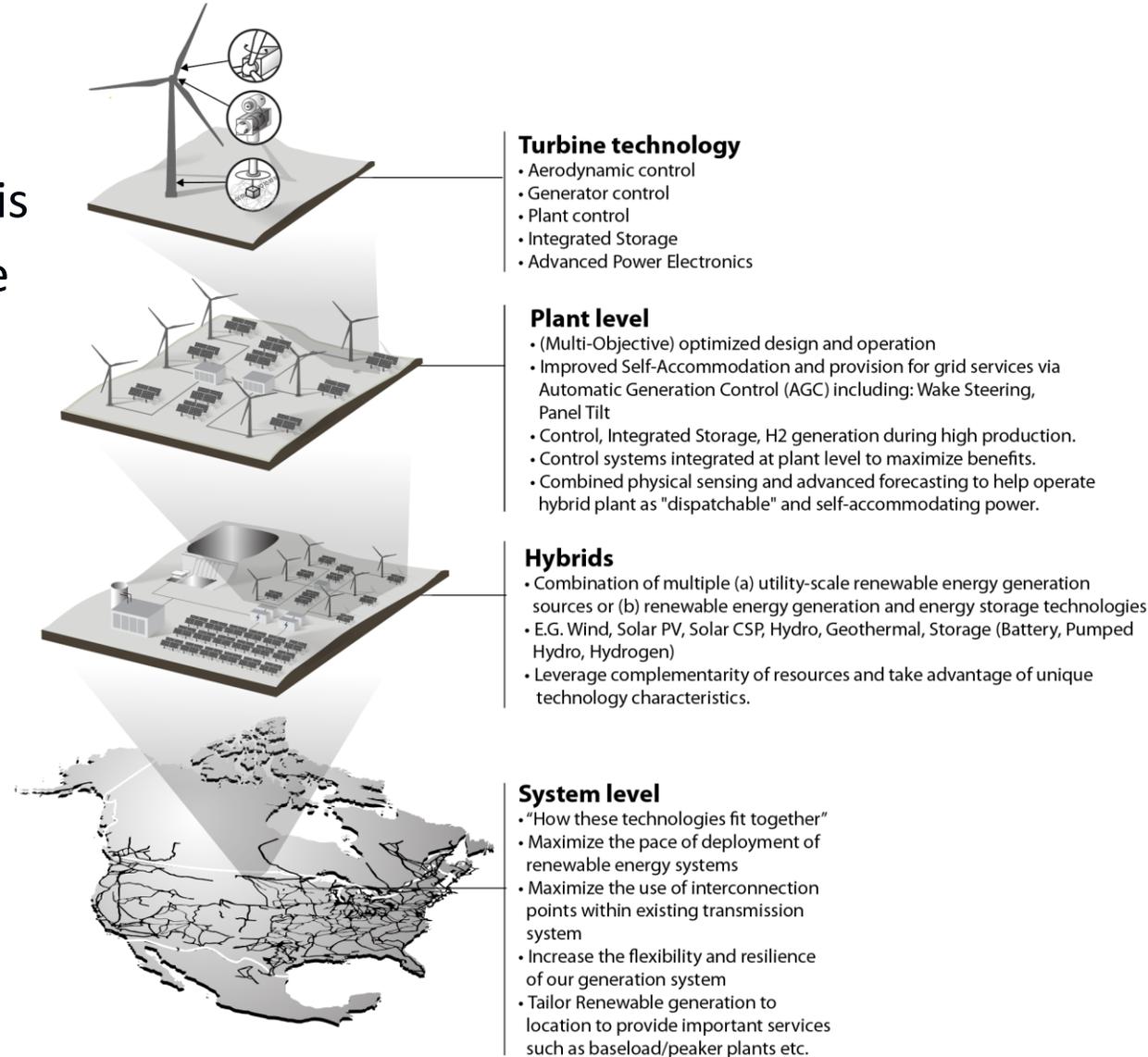
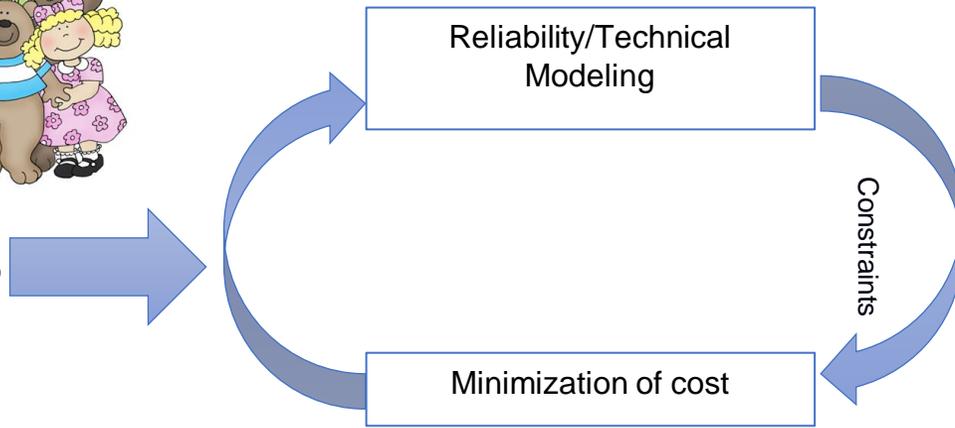
## Cost effective Reliability of the Grid

The fundamental objective of an electricity system is to cost-effectively maintain supply-demand balance reliably at all locations and at all times.



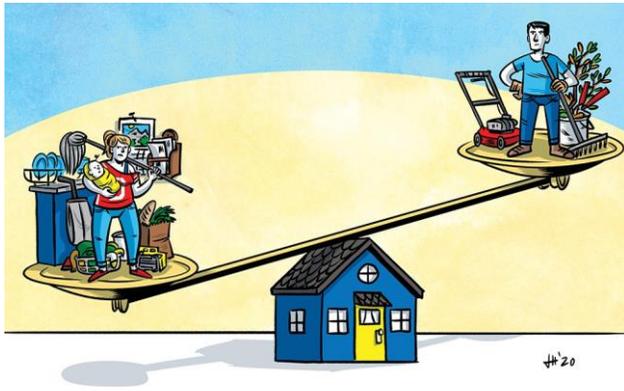
### Cost reliability trade off

Towards 100 %



## Summary

- It is no longer a purely LCOE challenge
- Balancing the grid with increased wind ( & solar PV) is a critical challenge
- This can be done anywhere in the system including within the wind technology
- There are “best” places to do it and “best” is system specific
- It is an “integrated” problem and we will explore some of these challenges below



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# Grand Challenges – grid and system options

IEA TCP WIND Task 25: Design and Operation of Energy Systems with Large Amounts of Variable Generation



**Hannele Holttinen, Operating Agent Task25**

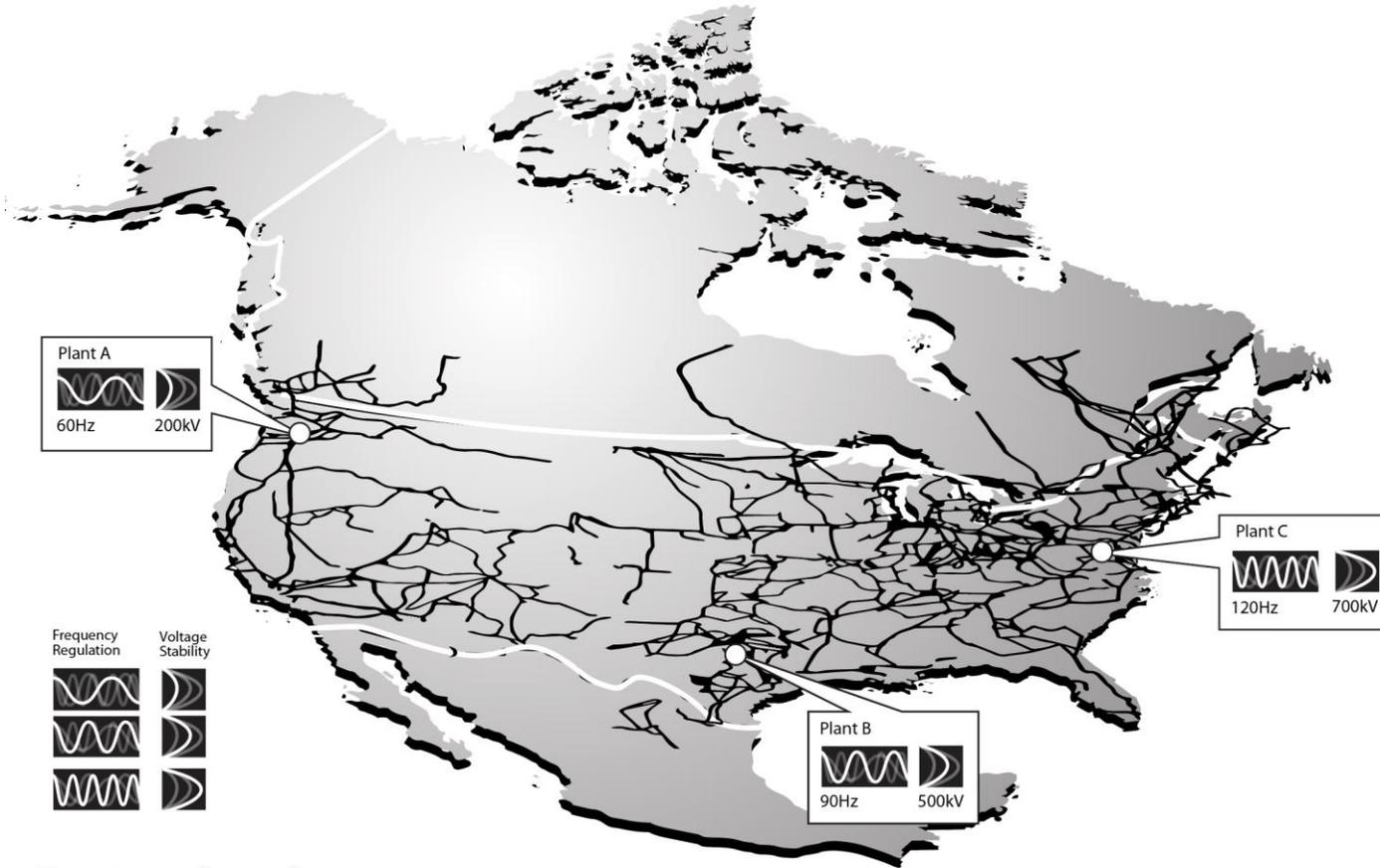
Partner, Recognis Oy

NAWEA, 13<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2021



**iea wind**

# What if grid/system evolved to take variable generation



## System level

- “How these technologies fit together”
- Maximize the pace of deployment of renewable energy systems
- Maximize the use of interconnection points within existing transmission system
- Increase the flexibility and resilience of our generation system
- Tailor Renewable generation to location to provide important services such as base-load/peaker plants etc.

## Contents

### Challenges

- Stability
- Balancing and
- Adequacy

### Solutions

- Transmission
- Storage
- Demand flexibility
- Generation (thermal, wind, solar PV etc.)

# Stability challenge – and solutions

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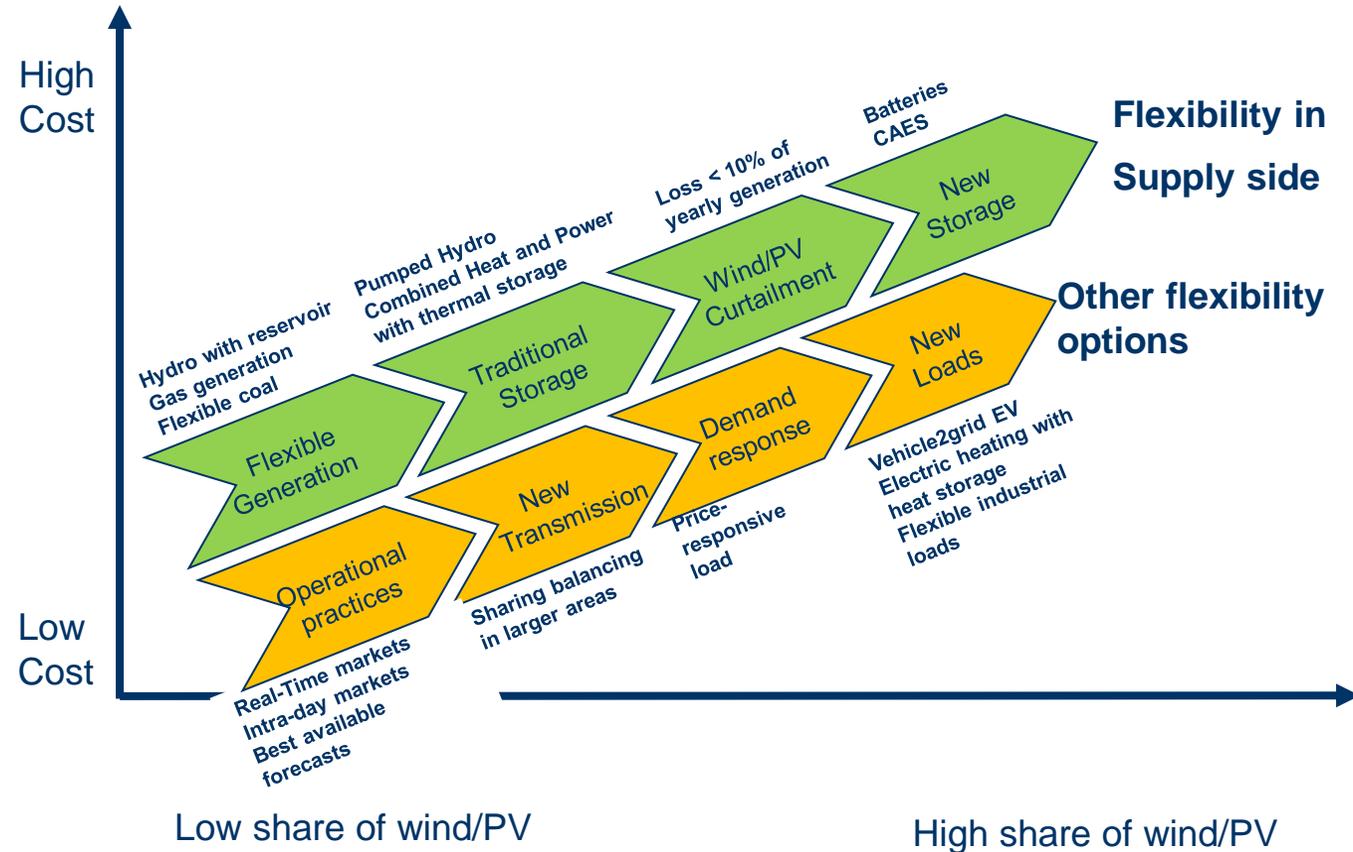


Challenge: maintaining inertia, minimum fault level requirements, system strength, voltage stability, without synchronous machines running

Going towards 100% renewables:  
new paradigm for non synchronous  
system operation?

- Grid sources of synchronous inertia (i.e. synchronous condensers) and reactive/active power management (STATCOMs, FACTs, HVDC VSC,..)
- Use wind and solar, loads and electrical storage for system support services provided by generators today. Grid forming technology.
- Speed up frequency response

# Balancing challenge: Using all the flexibility solutions we know



# Flexibility sources will compete, and complement (short/long term flexibility)



- Generation
  - Thermal power: retrofits to increase flexibility, options to link with heat storage
  - Hydro power: pumped hydro for short and medium term storage, large reservoirs enable also long term storage
  - Wind and solar, through smart curtailments
- Storage
  - Batteries provide short-term balancing over one to few hours
- Demand response
  - Short-term flexibility from existing loads
  - longer-term flexibility from Power2X loads

How much these options are needed is system specific – and how much transmission can be increased

# Operational practices matter

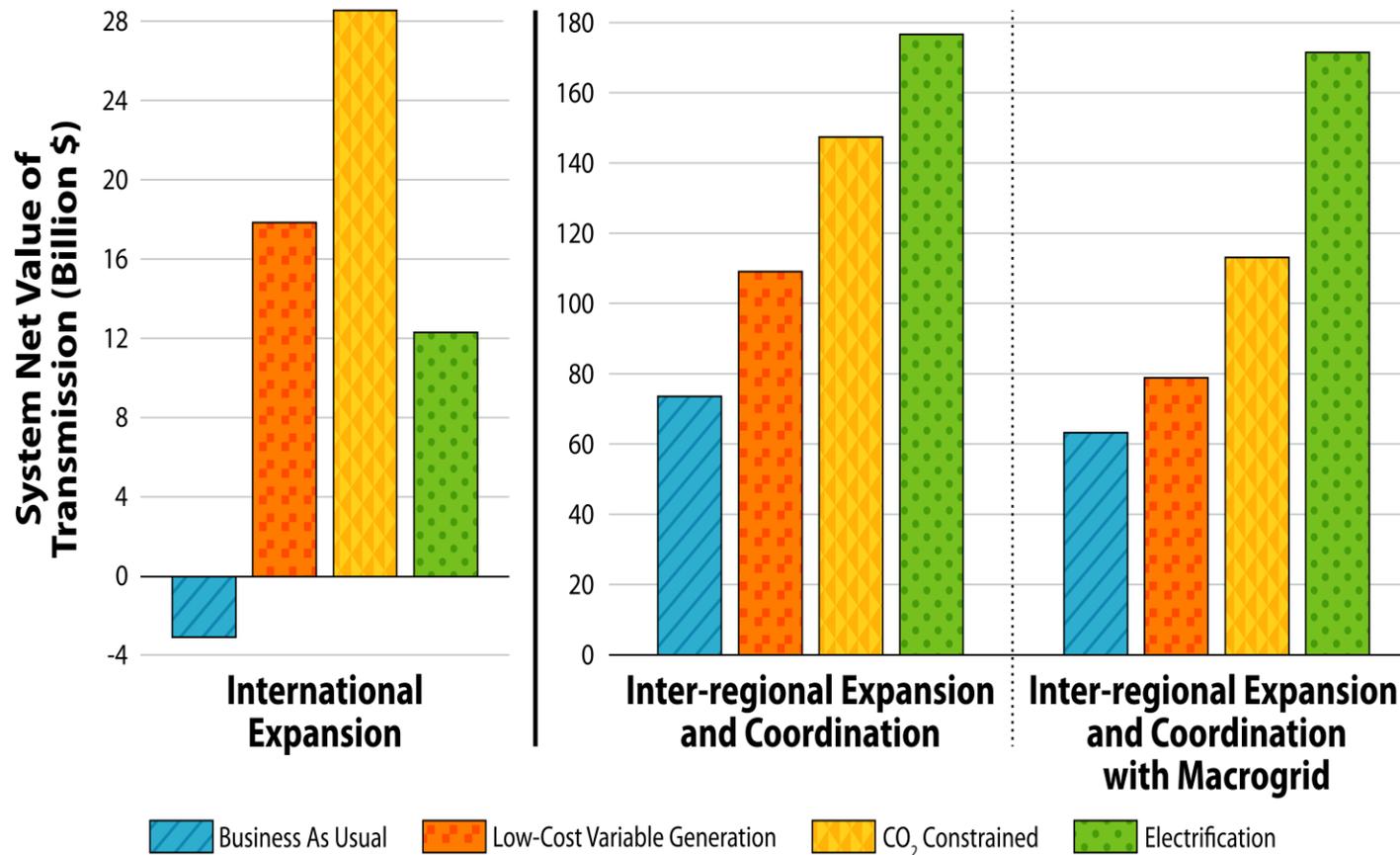


- Sharing balancing – larger areas
- Faster operation – trend towards dynamic reserve setting closer to real time, and probabilistic methods
- Congestion management
  - Use existing grid to its limits: Setting security margins with stochastic weather forecasts; Dynamic line ratings; Advanced power flow control; Topology optimisation
- TSO-DSO coordination
  - Flexibility from distributed resources while ensuring secure operation of DS



Example of grid investments to active and reactive power management in Italy (DTR = dynamic transmission rating). (Terna)

# With more wind (and solar) deployment, inter-regional coordination and expansion are more beneficial



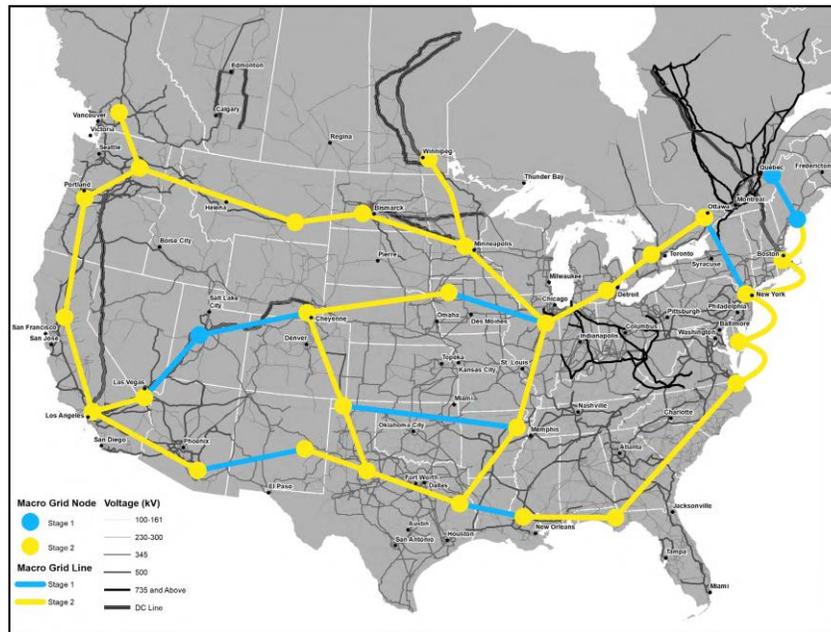
Continent-wide net value of transmission expansion for the four scenarios in the NARIS study.

Source: Brinkman et al., 2021. The North American Renewable Integration Study: A U.S. Perspective. Golden, CO: National Renewable Energy Laboratory. NREL/TP-6A20-79224. <https://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy21osti/79224.pdf>

# Transmission planning



- Regional transmission planning
  - Macro-grid discussions in US
  - Enhance existing corridors in Europe



Conceptual macro-grid to unite the US power systems.

Source: ESIG. 2021. Transmission Planning for 100% Clean Electricity. <https://www.esig.energy/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Transmission-Planning-White-Paper.pdf>



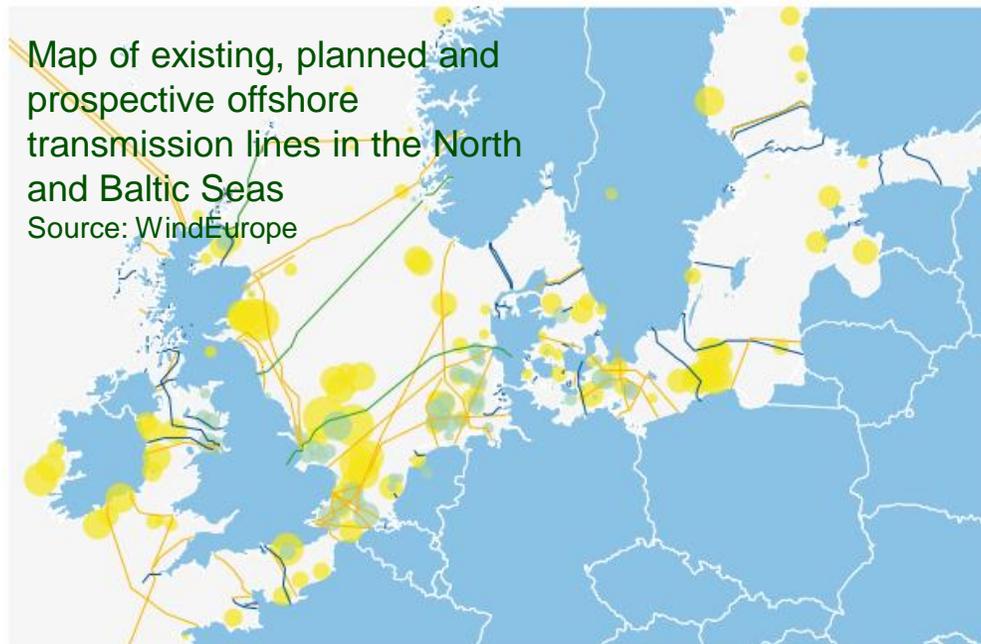
Europe-wide grid architecture for a low-carbon future, as identified by a recent ENTSO-E ten year network development plan (TYNDP).

Source: "Completing the Map 2020 – Power System Needs in 2030 and 2040; <https://tyndp.entsoe.eu/>.

# Offshore grids



- Meshed grids, hubs, and energy islands
  - HVDC technology improvements to increase cost effectiveness, reliability, and land-based grid support
  - multi-vendor interoperability



## INTERCONNECTORS

- In operation
- Under construction
- In development / planning

## WIND FARMS

- In operation
- In development / planning



North Sea Wind Power Hub joint initiative started by system operators TenneT TSO B.V. (Netherlands), Energinet (Denmark), and TenneT TSO GmbH (Germany), with transmission interconnectors (left), Energy Island concept (middle) and the option of increased regional interconnection (right).

# Technology development of transmission

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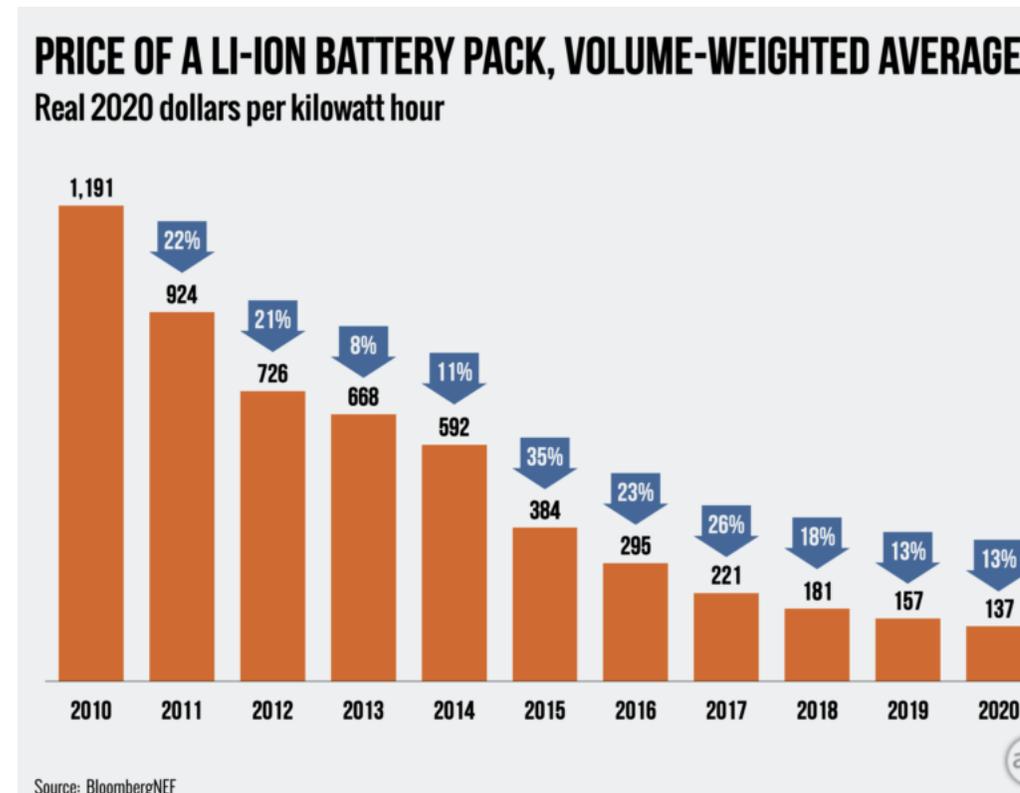


- macro-grids and offshore grids: how we plan and operate the “hybrid AC/DC systems”
- new technology development
  - high temperature conductor
  - low-cost, high-capacity underground transmission cables
  - superconducting

# Storage opportunities



- Cost reductions trend looks promising
- more types of storage than just batteries, important for longer duration storage

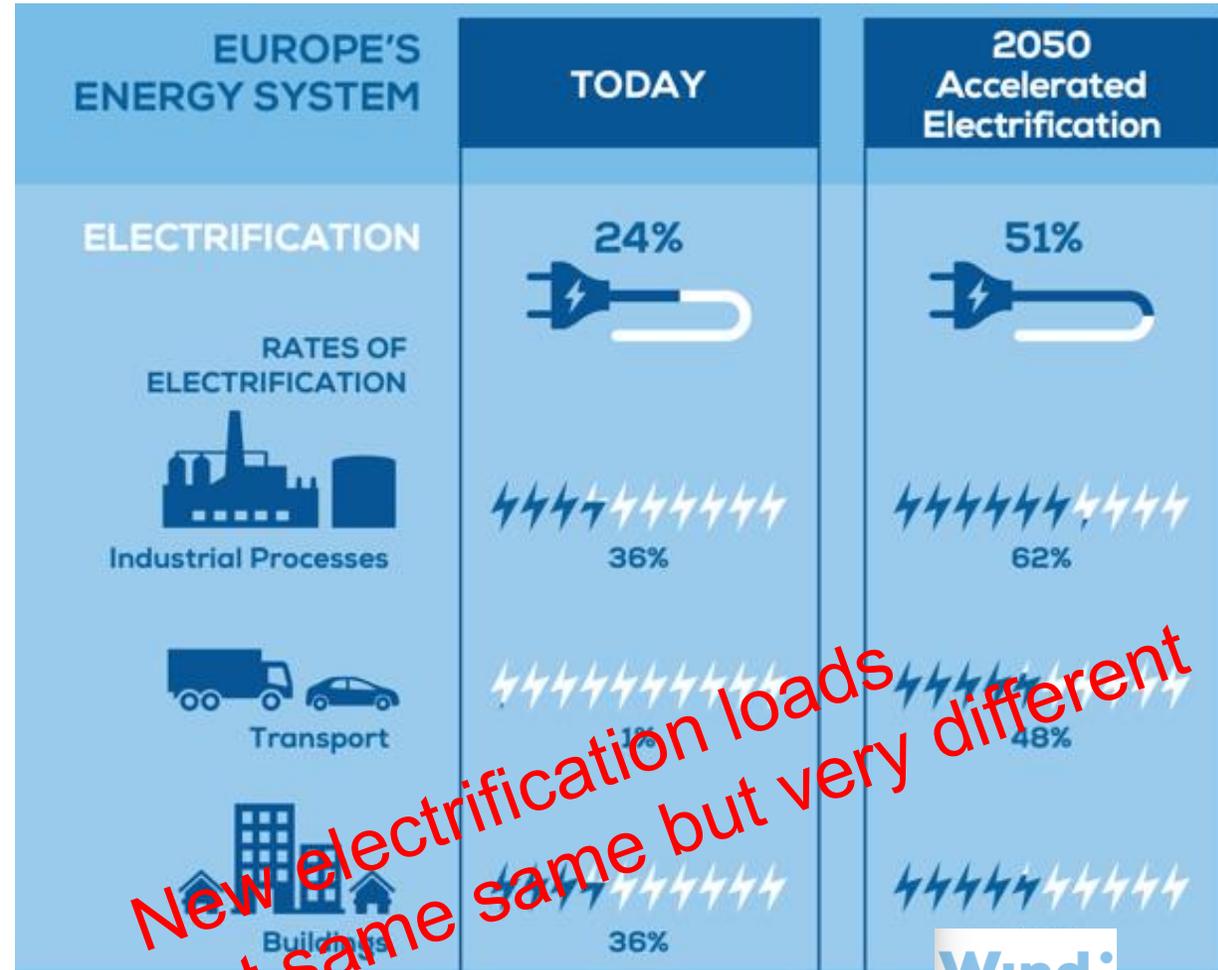




# Energy transition - opportunities



- **Load transition:** changing the fixed load paradigm. What if we can dispatch load to the generation available?
- Seasonal thermal storage; electrolyser loads



*New electrification loads not same but very different*

# Long term flexibility challenge

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- Traditionally build gas turbines for back up – use as peakers <math><1000\text{h/a}</math>
  - With wind/solar dominating, this will be expensive.
- Two other pathways possible:
  - Load becomes flexible – also in weeks time scale, electrolysers for power2X, thermal storages for heat etc
  - Electric storage becomes very cheap, and new seasonal options for storage developed
- Probably a mix of these three?

# Need for research

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- Stability: better understanding, which requires improved simulation tools and generator models and better predictive tools and metrics
- System operation: agile market rules to make revenue from solutions that are optimal for the system – also taking benefits from local trade
- Adequacy: new methods to optimise the varying generation and flexible loads (from LOLP metrics)

Not all challenges need to be tackled by wind power plants  
- but there are a lot of opportunities for wind power plants to support the future grid

# Thank you!



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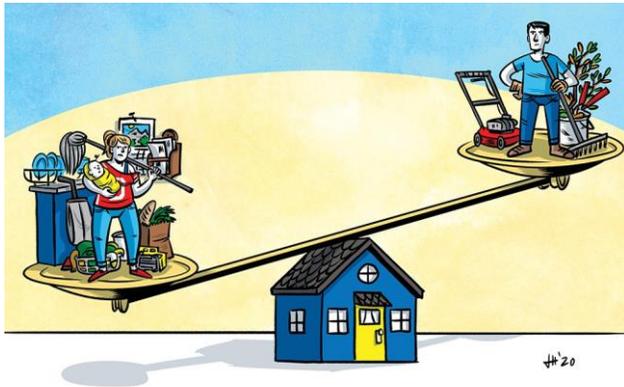


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# *Value-based Wind Turbine and Farm Optimization of Design and Operation*

Katherine Dykes, DTU Wind Energy  
(along with input from many others from DTU Wind Energy and beyond)

NAWEA 2021 Online Webinar  
October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021

# Outline

- LCOE based optimization for wind energy applications (traditional objectives)
- Objectives for wind energy optimization beyond LCOE
- Value-based optimization for wind energy applications (new objectives)

# How do we use optimization to increase competitiveness of wind by reducing LCOE?

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Wind Farm Design, Operation and Control Past and Present

# Wind Plant Optimization

## *Background and Motivation*

- Complexity of wind farms:
  - Many disciplines – aerodynamics, structures, electrical, etc
  - Many stakeholders – supply chain, developers, financiers, environmentalists, communities
  - Long time scales – operation over several decades
  - Large scope – activity within a single component to interaction of turbines within the plant to interaction of plant with the grid

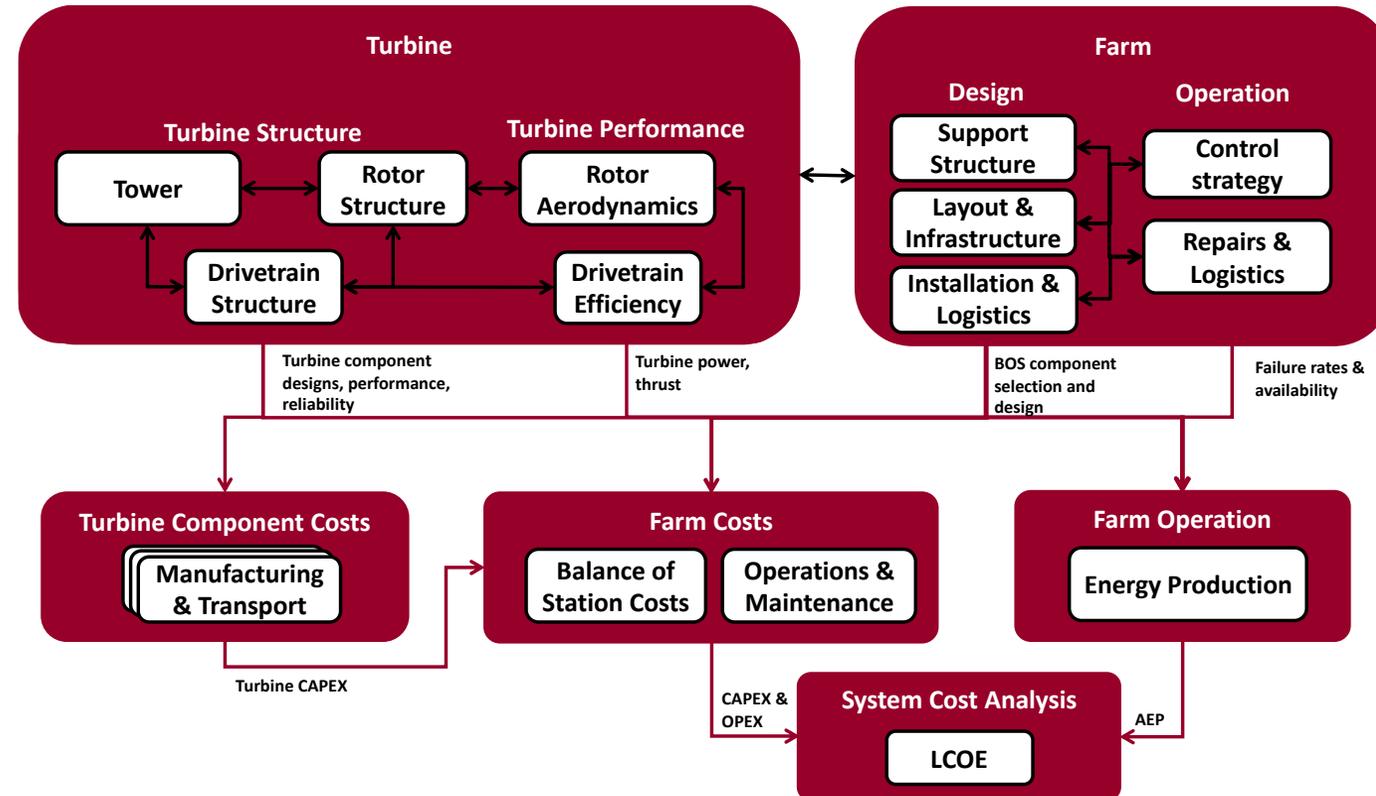


- With such a complex dynamically coupled system, how do we evaluate how changes will affect overall *system* performance and cost?

# LCOE: A Gold Standard in Innovation and Technology Evaluation

- LCOE is complex and involves a large scope and timeframe with many sub-systems and disciplines including both physical and cost modelling of the system
- Significant couplings
  - E.g. farm layout → support structures, collection system, energy production
  - E.g. control strategy → energy production, reliability
- LCOE depends on the resource, technology, site design, local conditions and more

$$LCOE = \frac{CAPEX * FCR + OPEX}{AEP}$$



# Historical Wind Plant Optimization (2000 – 2015)

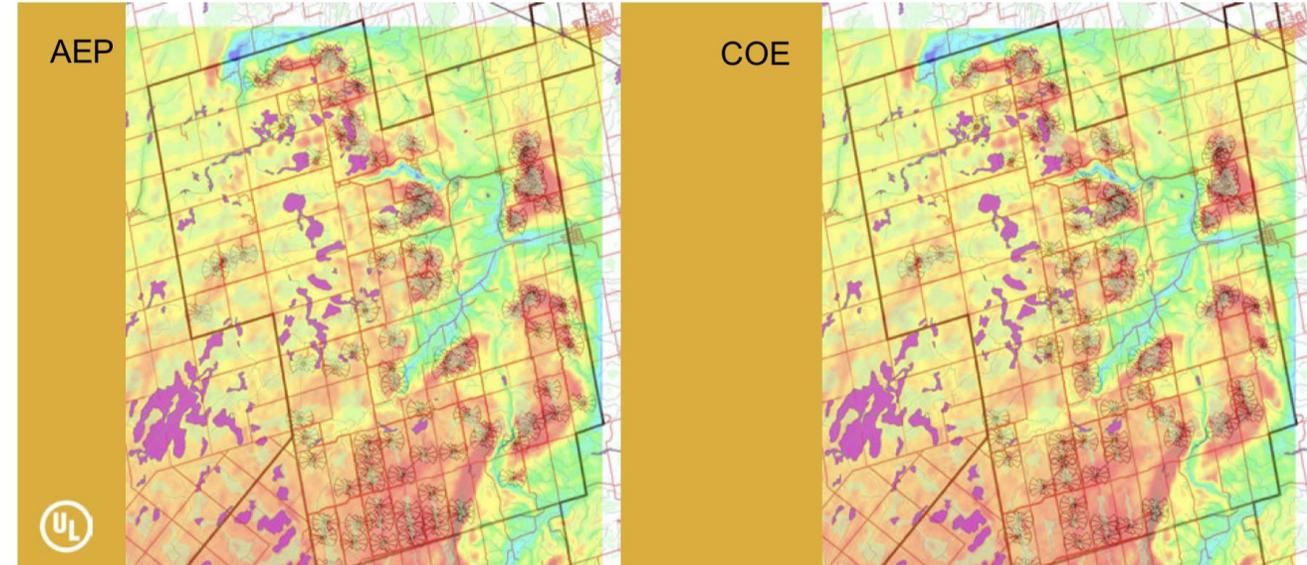
## *From AEP to LCOE*

- Slowly built trust in optimization with research and industry experience
- AEP optimization insufficient but cost models are cumbersome
- Compromise: simple models for major cost elements (electrical and road infrastructure)

### Results



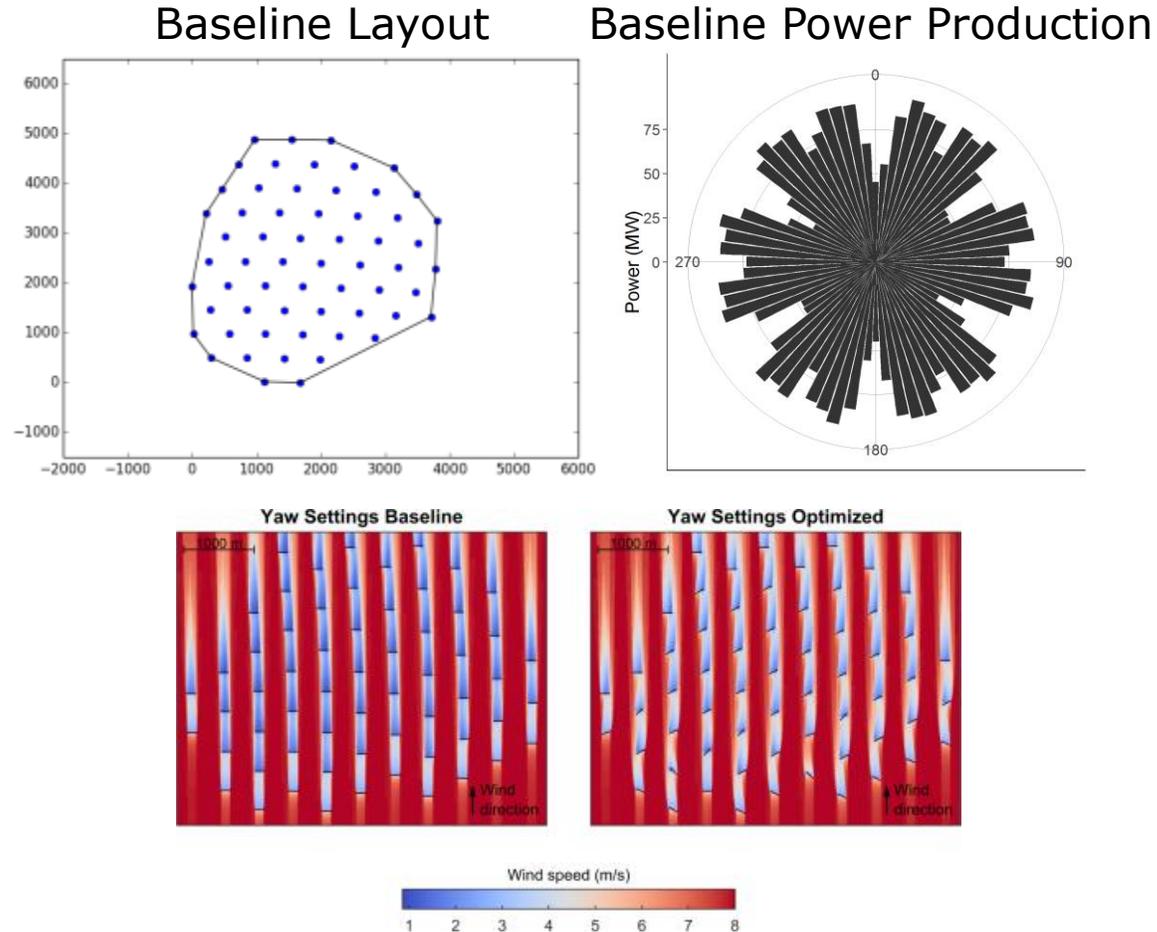
Objective Function	Net Energy [GW]	BOP Cost [\$]	LCOE [\$/MW]
AEP	1101 100%	51 100%	38.49 100%
COE	1096 99.6%	46 90.2%	38.3 99.5%
IRR	1094 99.4%	46 90.2%	38.38 99.7%





# Recent Wind Plant Optimization *Control strategies*

- As control paradigm shifts from turbine to plant, so do opportunities to consider plant control strategies in the upfront design process



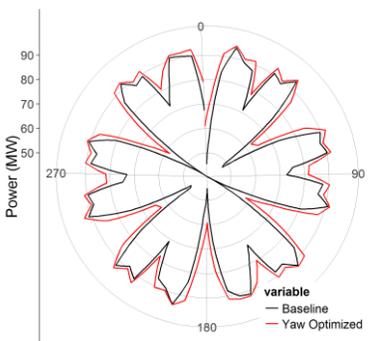
- Baseline:** fixed (original) positions, turbines all yawed in mean wind direction
- Optimized yaw:** fixed (original) positions, turbines optimally yawed for each wind direction
- Optimized location:** position optimized, turbines all yawed in mean wind direction
- Combined optimization:** simultaneously optimized position and yaw for each wind direction.

# Recent Wind Plant Optimization *Control strategies*

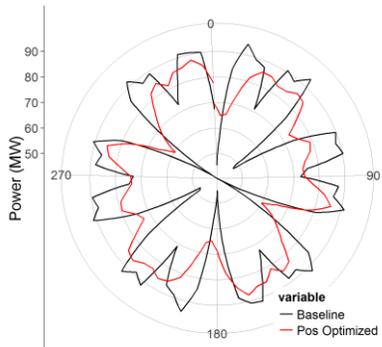
- Considering wake steering strategies in the design process can increase AEP, reduce costs, or both

	Baseline	YawOpt	PosOpt	Combined
Mean power (MW)	78.86	84.91	78.86	78.84
Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	14.53	14.53	12.45	8.96
Power density (W/m <sup>2</sup> )	5.43	5.84	6.33	8.80
AEP(GWh)	1040.3	1094 (+5.2%)	1055.8 (+1.5%)	1095 (+5.3%)

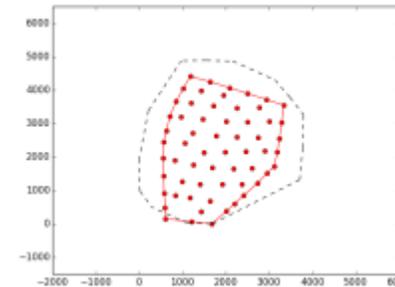
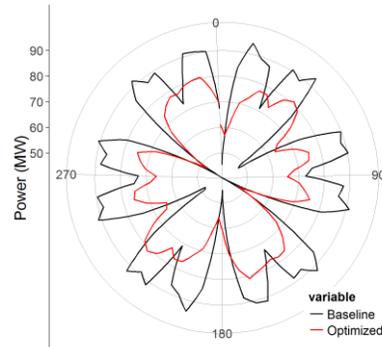
Yaw Optimized



Position Optimized



Combined



*Final versus initial layout perimeter with higher power density*

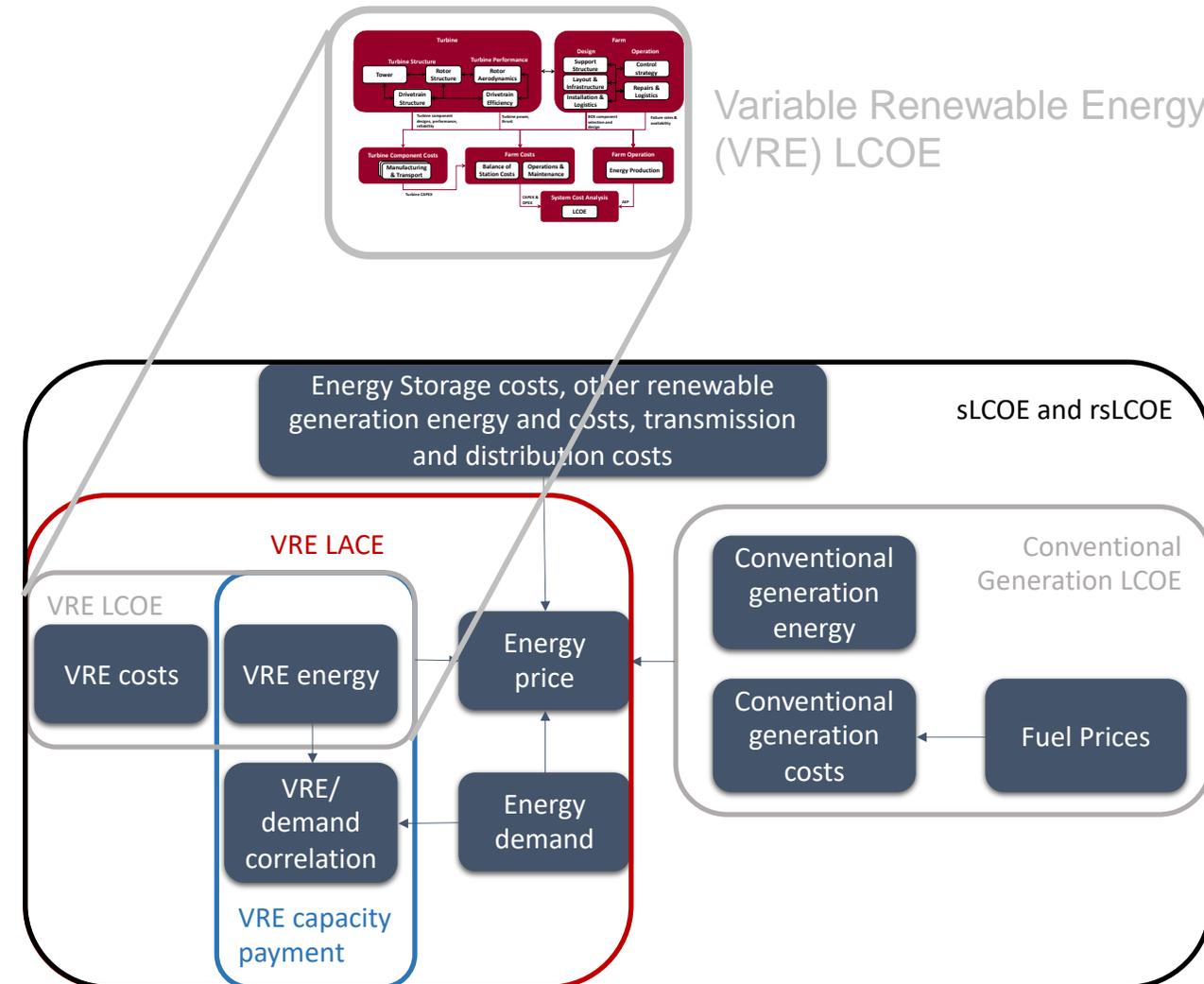
# How do we rethink wind farm design and operation to beyond LCOE?

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Wind Farm Design, Operation and Control for the Future

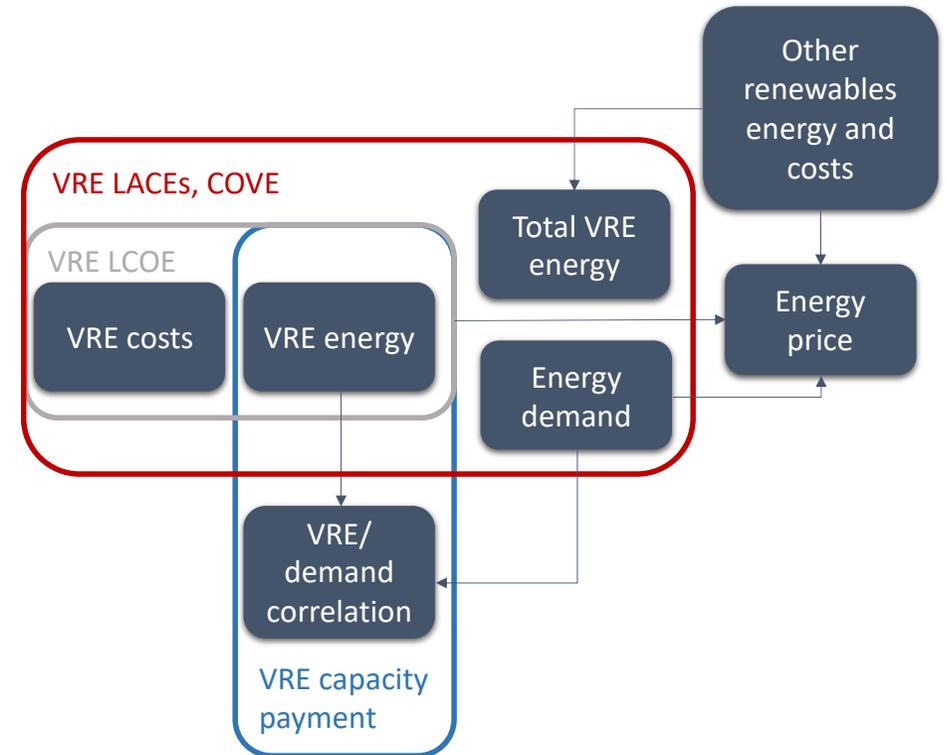
# From LCOE to Beyond LCOE

- LCOE is complex, but going *Beyond* LCOE adds further complexity:
  - Time-varying revenues from markets – that also evolve over time
  - System context in terms of generation mix, transmission infrastructure, demand profile
  - Evolving policy and regulatory context
  - Effects of uncertainties from many sources
- Can move to metrics such as System LCOE (sLCOE)



# From sLCOE to COVE

- sLCOE is difficult to assess:
  - Heterogeneous: generation mix, transmission infrastructure, demand elasticity, storage, sector-coupling, etc
  - Uncertain: system technical, market and regulatory characteristics evolve over time
- Use statistical / surrogate models to address system complexity (and explicitly address uncertainty if you can)
- Cost of Valued Energy (COVE) is a statistical model relating revenue to share of wind in an energy system



# Metrics for Beyond LCOE system design and operation

LCOE-world metrics	Beyond-LCOE-world metrics
AEP	Levelized Revenue of Energy (LROE) <sup>1</sup>
LCOE	COVE <sup>2</sup>
Capacity Factor (CF)	Capacity Value

- Analogues of traditional LCOE-world metrics can be made in the new Beyond-LCOE-world
- Metrics from each column will push wind and renewable machine and plant design, operation and control optimization in different directions

<sup>1</sup>Philipp Beiter, Lena Kitzing, Paul Spitsen, Miriam Noonan, Volker Berkhout, Yuka Kikuchi, "Toward global comparability in renewable energy procurement," *Joule*, 2021, ISSN 2542-4351, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.joule.2021.04.017>.

<sup>2</sup>Simpson J, Loth E and Dykes K 2020 Cost of valued energy for design of renewable energy systems *Renewable Energy* 153 290 – 300 ISSN 0960-1481

# How do value objectives affect wind project design and operation?

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Beyond LCOE Metrics

# Wind/Renewable Energy Project Life-Cycle



- Turbine design
- Innovation concepts (hardware and control)

- Storage
- Power-to-x
- Additional energy technologies
- Turbine type(s)

- Capacity of each generation and storage asset
- Electrical system topology

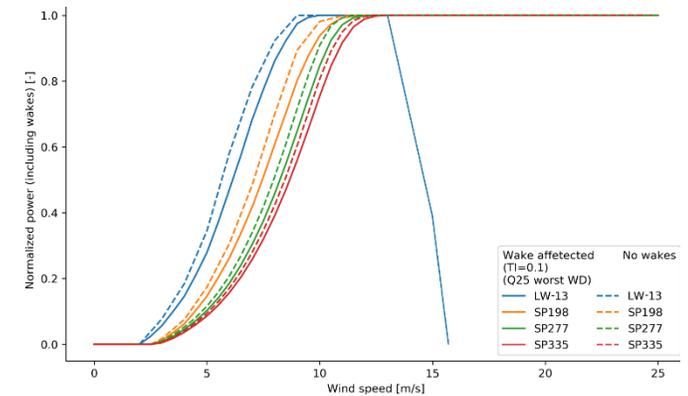
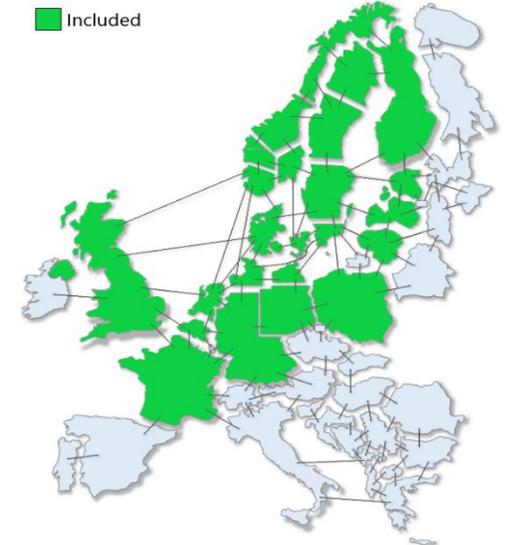
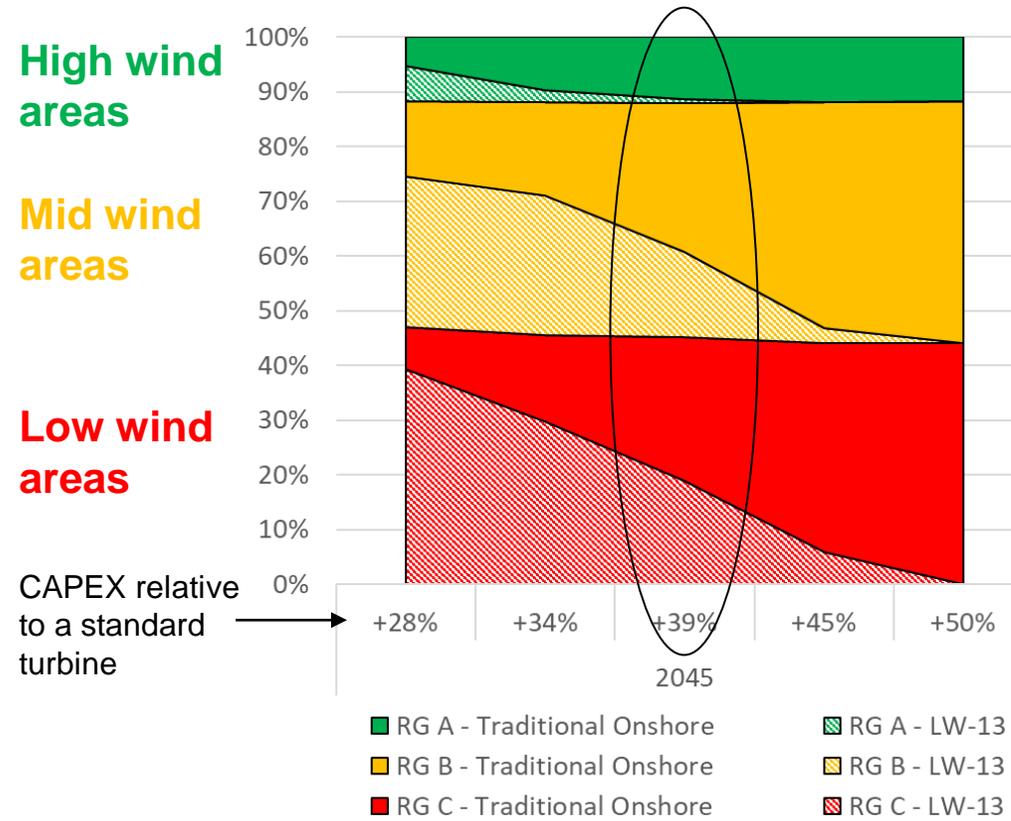
- Detailed site layout
- Detailed collection and balance of system design

- Lifetime operation of the project balancing revenues and costs

# Beyond LCOE Case Study: Technology Design / Innovation



- **LowWind (LW) turbine**
- High generation at low wind speeds
- Lower cut-off lowers CAPEX
- High market share if CAPEX < 40 % higher compared to traditional turbine
- Also reduces transmission expansion needs



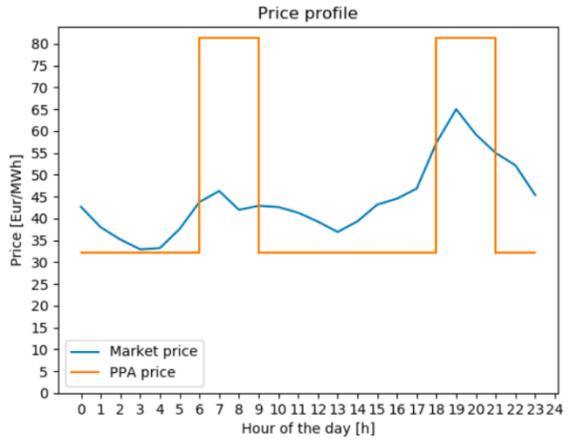
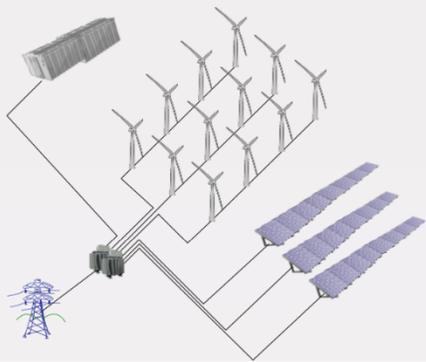
# Beyond LCOE Case Study: Technology Selection and Sizing



## Sizing of Wind-Solar-Storage Hybrid Power Plant

Case Study – Indian Peak Power Plant

Grid Connection (contracted capacity) = 300 MW



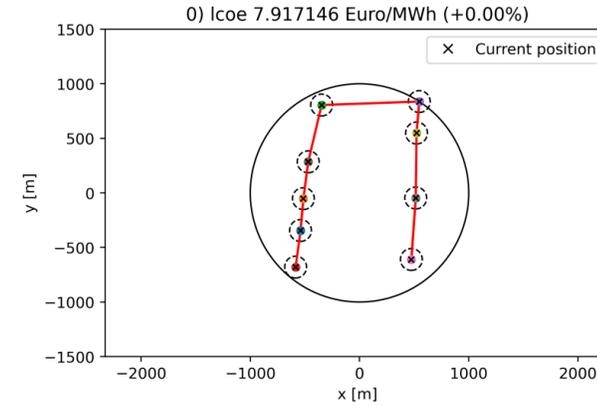
	Solar Contracted capacity	Wind Contracted capacity	Wind Solar Optimized	<b>Optimal Solution</b>	Unit
Wind	-	300	129	171	MW
Solar	300	-	347	378	MW
Battery energy	-	-	-	271	MWh
Battery power	-	-	-	83	MW
Potential wind-solar energy at nominal capacity	617	775	1047	1219	GWh
HPP Annual energy production	617	775	1026	1199	GWh
Capacity factor	23	29	39	46	%
Full load hours	2057	2584	3421	3997	Hours
Total curtailment	0	0	21	20	GWh
Potential wind-solar energy curtailed	0	0	2	2	%
LCOE	29	38	32	39	EUR/MWh
NPV	37	36	72	82	MEUR

Alessandra Cossu "Optimal sizing of hybrid power plant" *Master Thesis, DTU Wind Energy, 2020*

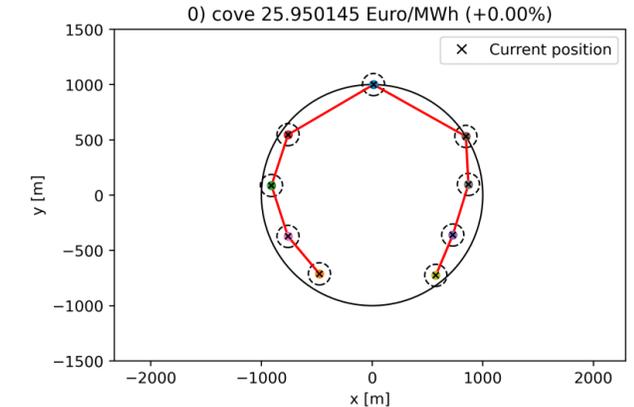
# Beyond LCOE Case Study: Site Physical Design



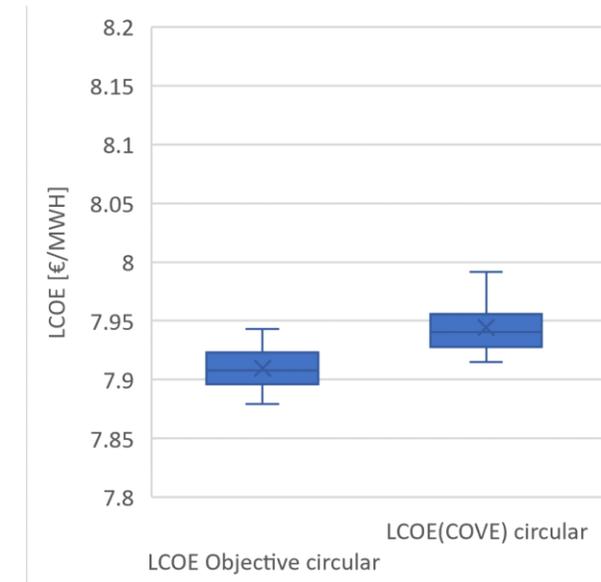
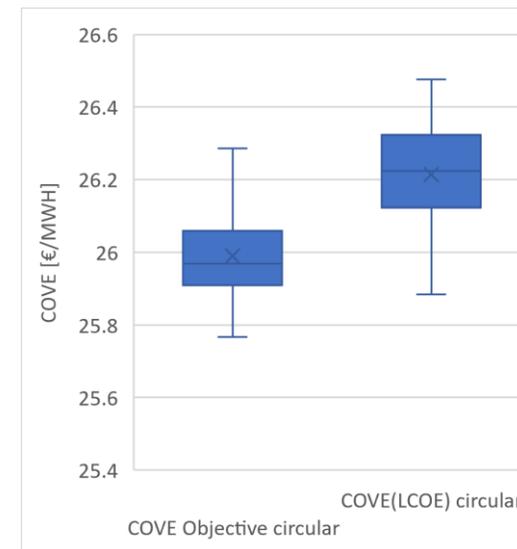
- How does selection of AEP versus LROE, LCOE versus COVE affect the design of a wind farm?
- IEA Wind Task 37 Reference Site designed for each objective:
  - Metrics drive designs systematically in different ways
  - Value based objective more heavily favor larger turbine spacings despite impact to balance of system costs



(a) Main pattern representative



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Wawrzyniak, S. J. Optimization of wind farm layout design for value-based and profitability-based objectives, MS Thesis, DTU Wind Energy, 2021.

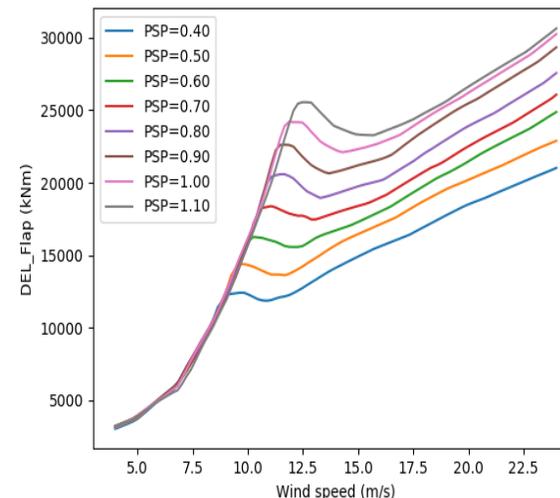
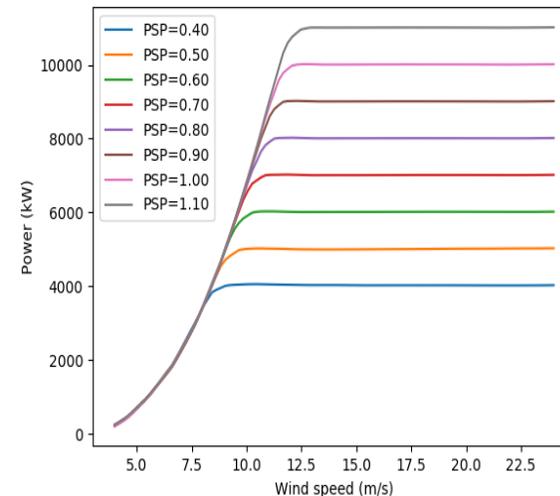
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# Beyond LCOE Case Study: Operation



Optimization of turbine operation balancing revenue and reliability:

- Optimization of a single turbine operational setpoints (Power boosting and de-rating) under Damage Equivalent Load (DEL) constraints
- Unconstrained optimization results in full derating under negative prices and full power boosting under positive prices
- Constrained trades-off power-boosting / higher loads for high electricity prices with derating / lower loads at negative and low prices



Constrained / Unconstrained	Site	Base Revenue (DKK/hour)	Avg. Optimised Revenue	Avg. Rev Imp (%)	Max. Optimised Revenue	Max. Rev Imp (%)	Min. Optimised Revenue	Std. dev. of Opt. Revenue	Std. dev. of Opt. Revenue (%)	Successful Opt Runs (out of 100)
Constrained	Bovling	1,119	1.0217	<b>2.535</b>	1.0273	<b>3.031</b>	1.0123	0.00275	0.2690%	33
	Made_3	1,115	1.0297		1.0333		1.0226	0.00269	0.2614%	39
	Vestermæs_1	1,153	1.0246		1.0303		1.0174	0.00347	0.3387%	78
Unconstrained	Bovling	1,119	1.0481	<b>4.663</b>	1.0497	<b>4.835</b>	1.0442	0.00092	0.0879%	100
	Made_3	1,115	1.0498		1.0514		1.0471	0.00087	0.0831%	100
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Thorsen, A. *Wind Turbine Operational Strategies for Increasing Value of Energy*, MS Thesis, DTU Wind Energy, 2020.

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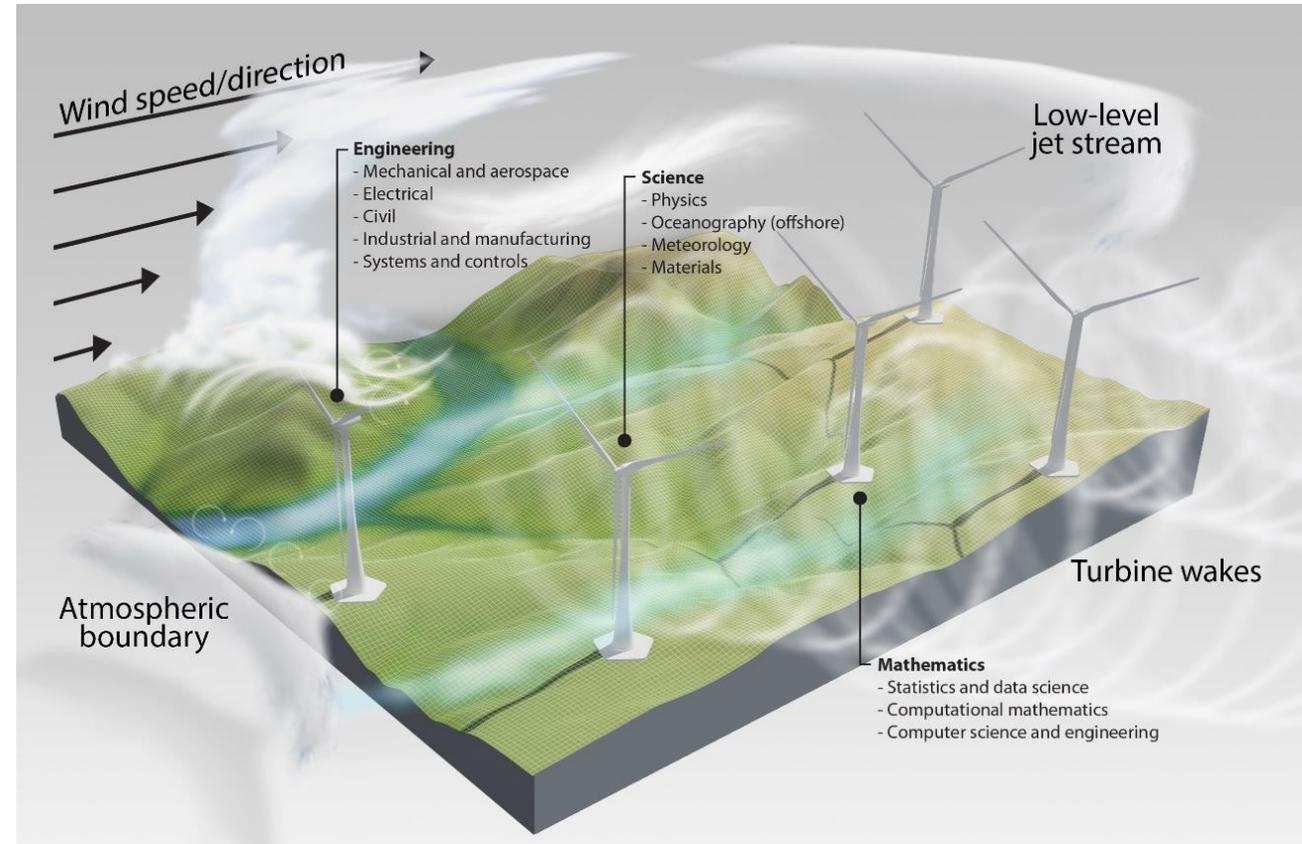
# Where do we go from here?

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Summary and Outlook

# What's needed?

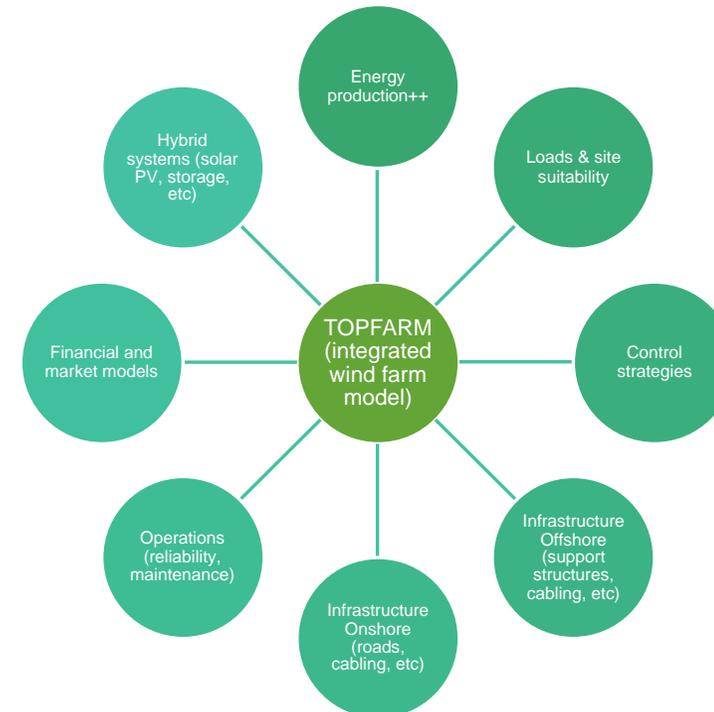
- There remains a **great deal of work to drive Wind Power** to its full potential
- Much of the need is in **fundamental knowledge that can catalyze subsequent innovations** in the public and private sectors
- **A lot of work is needed!** Metrics / design objective development, application in wind farm turbine and farm R&D, design and operation, investigation of new innovations, optimization techniques and more!



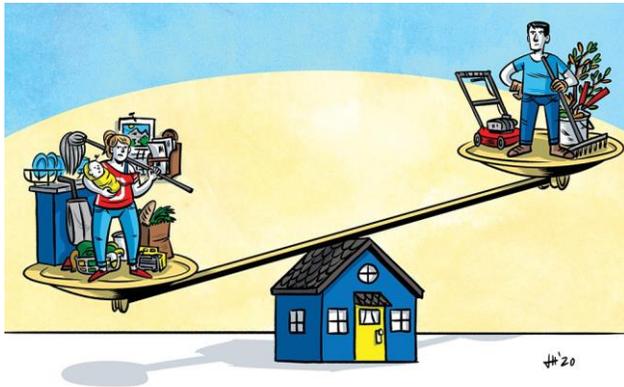
# Thank You

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TOPFARM :DTU Wind Energy software platform for optimization of wind farm and renewable energy park design and operational strategies in both onshore and offshore applications



<https://github.com/DTUWindEnergy/TOPFARM>



# Balanced Outline



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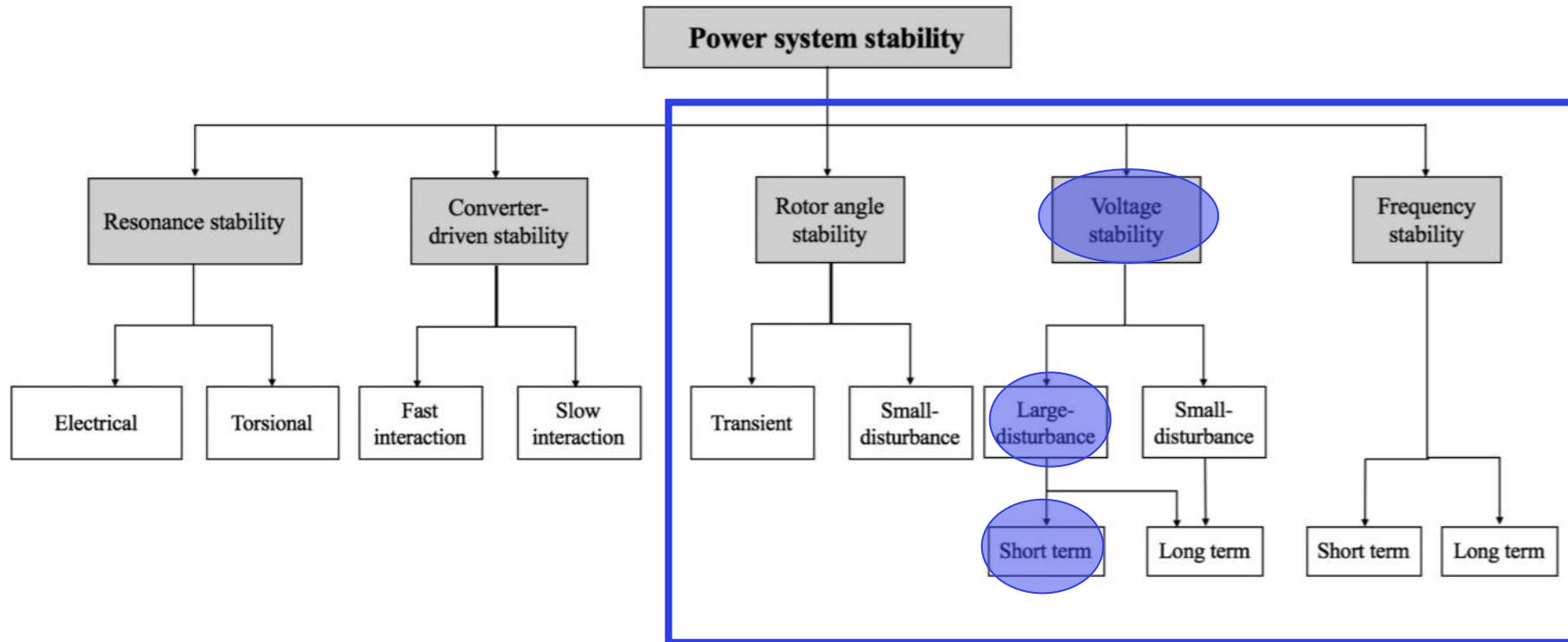
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# Grand Challenges for Grid Integration – stability

# Stability in power systems

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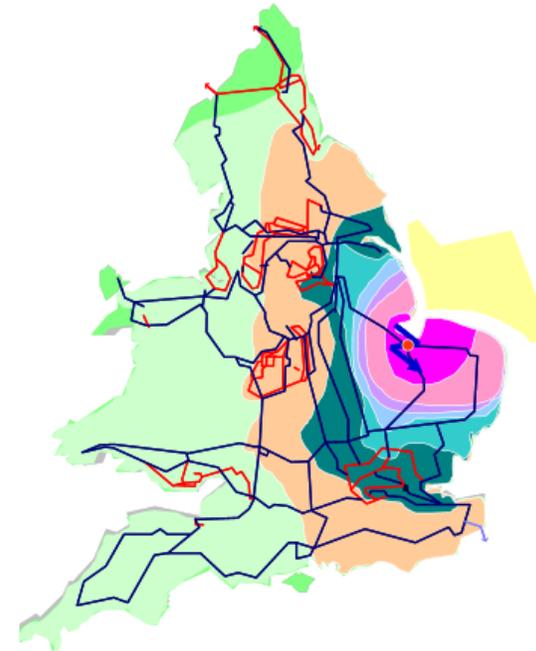
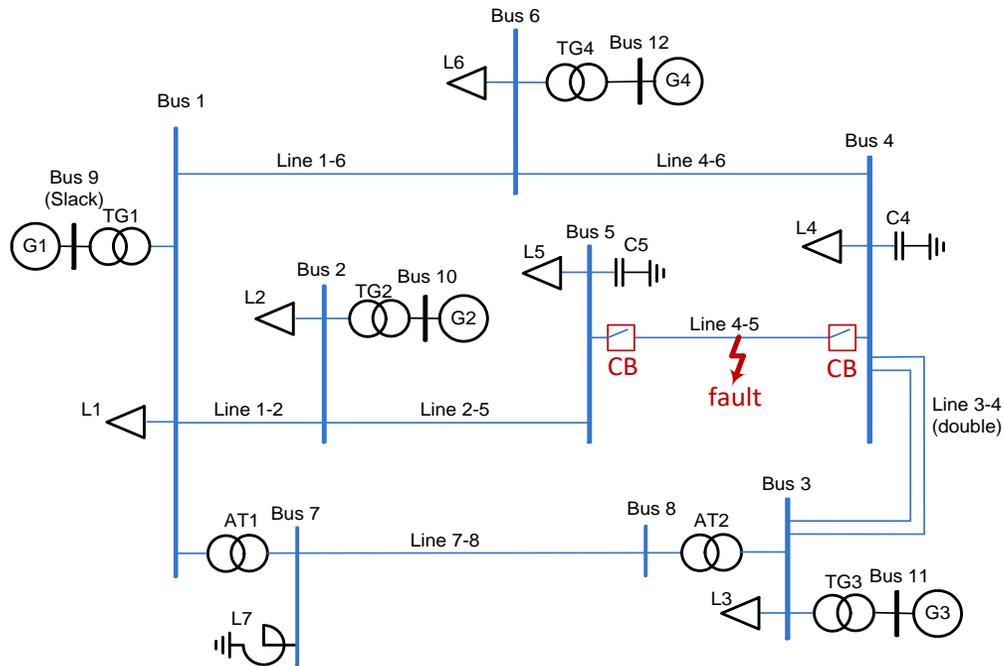
Fault ride through (FRT)

Requirements and specifications usually defined in grid codes

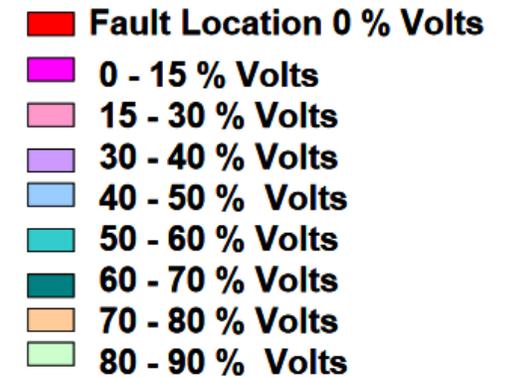
# Fault ride-through (FRT)

- Power system protection relays (overcurrent, differential, distance) → detect the fault
- Circuit breakers (CBs) clear the fault → disconnect the faulted sections

## FRT – Regional voltage collapse (England)



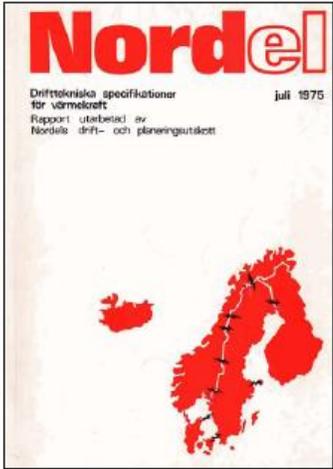
3 phase fault a Walpole 400 kV substation



**Securely cleared fault** within e.g. 100 milliseconds

**Facilities (generators) should *survive* (i.e. ride-through) the fault & inject *fault* current...!!!**

# Control – FRT requirements *through time*



- 1975

**Technical Operation Specifications for Thermal Plants:**  
Plants should be able to withstand a ‘deep voltage transient’

- early 1990s

**Recommendations for wind power:**

FRT not mentioned **minor attention – not considered important**

- late 1990s

Stay connected (fault ride through – FRT) **as wind share increases**

- 2003-2007

**Grid codes for large scale wind power:**

Reactive current injection **to avoid voltage collapse & help protection**

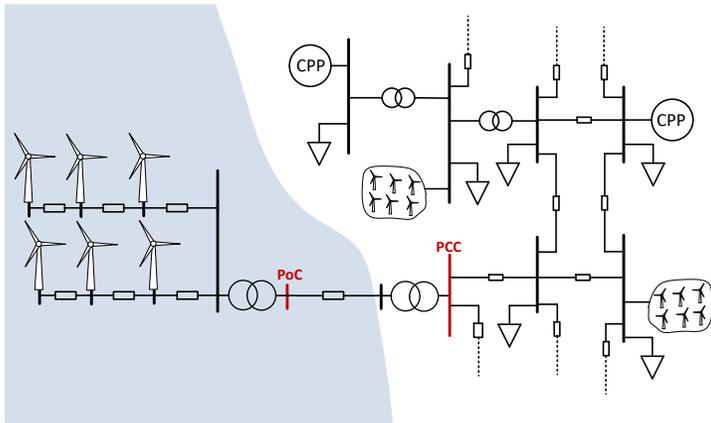
- 2008-2010

**Grid codes for large scale wind power:**

Post-fault P ramp-up **to avoid frequency collapse**

- 2015

Negative sequence current **to balance and detect asymmetrical faults**

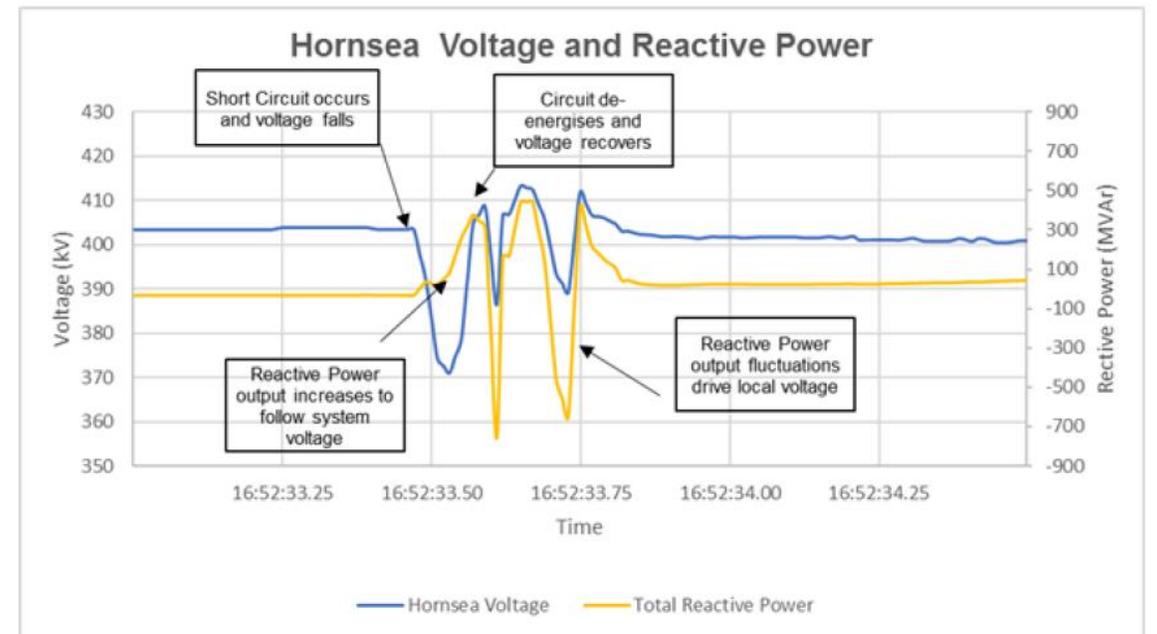
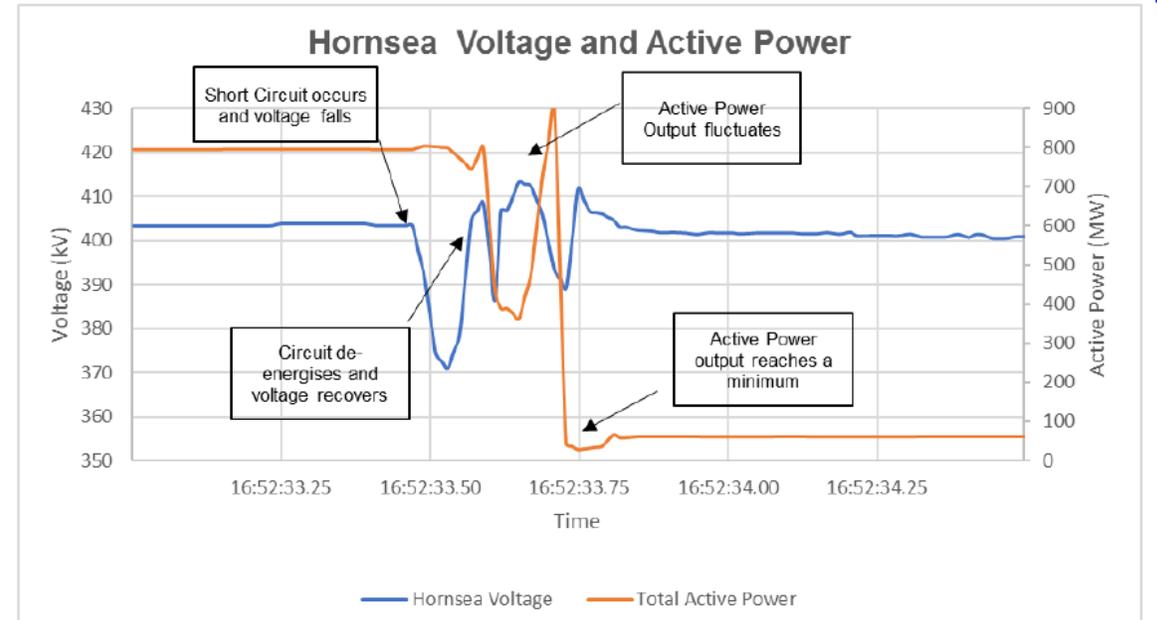
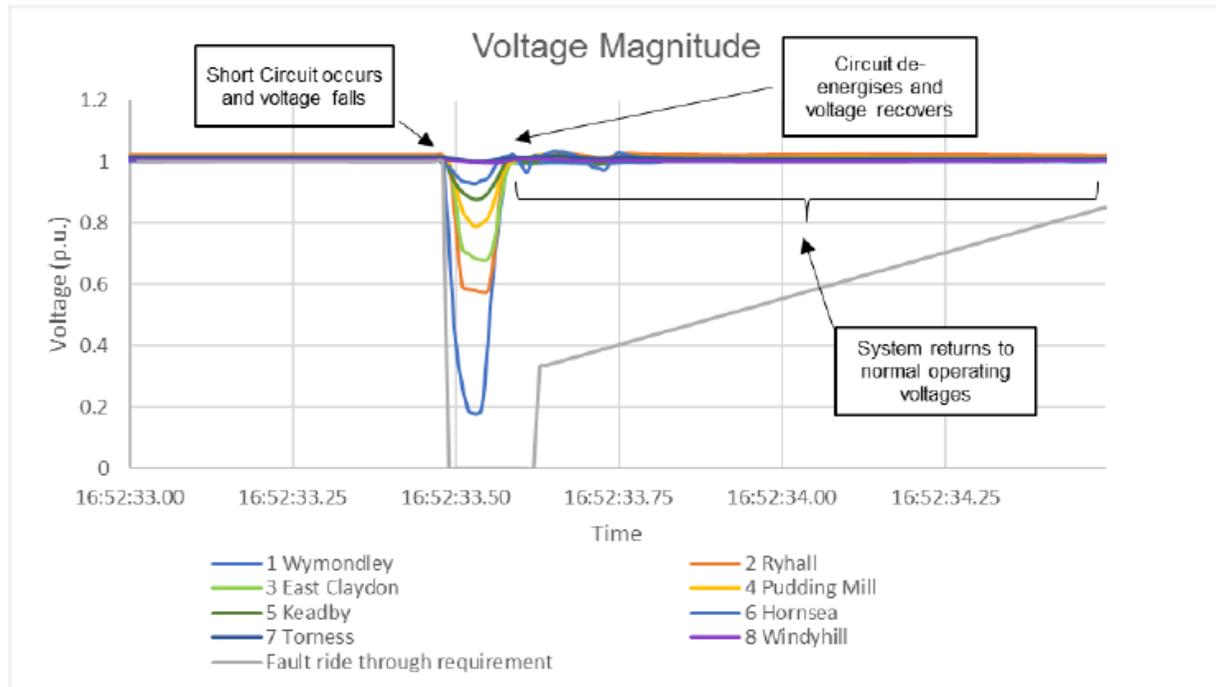


Wind power has been successfully performing FRT  
for many years

however...

# A recent event in UK 9<sup>th</sup> of August 2019

- Due to harsh weather, fault(s) occurred



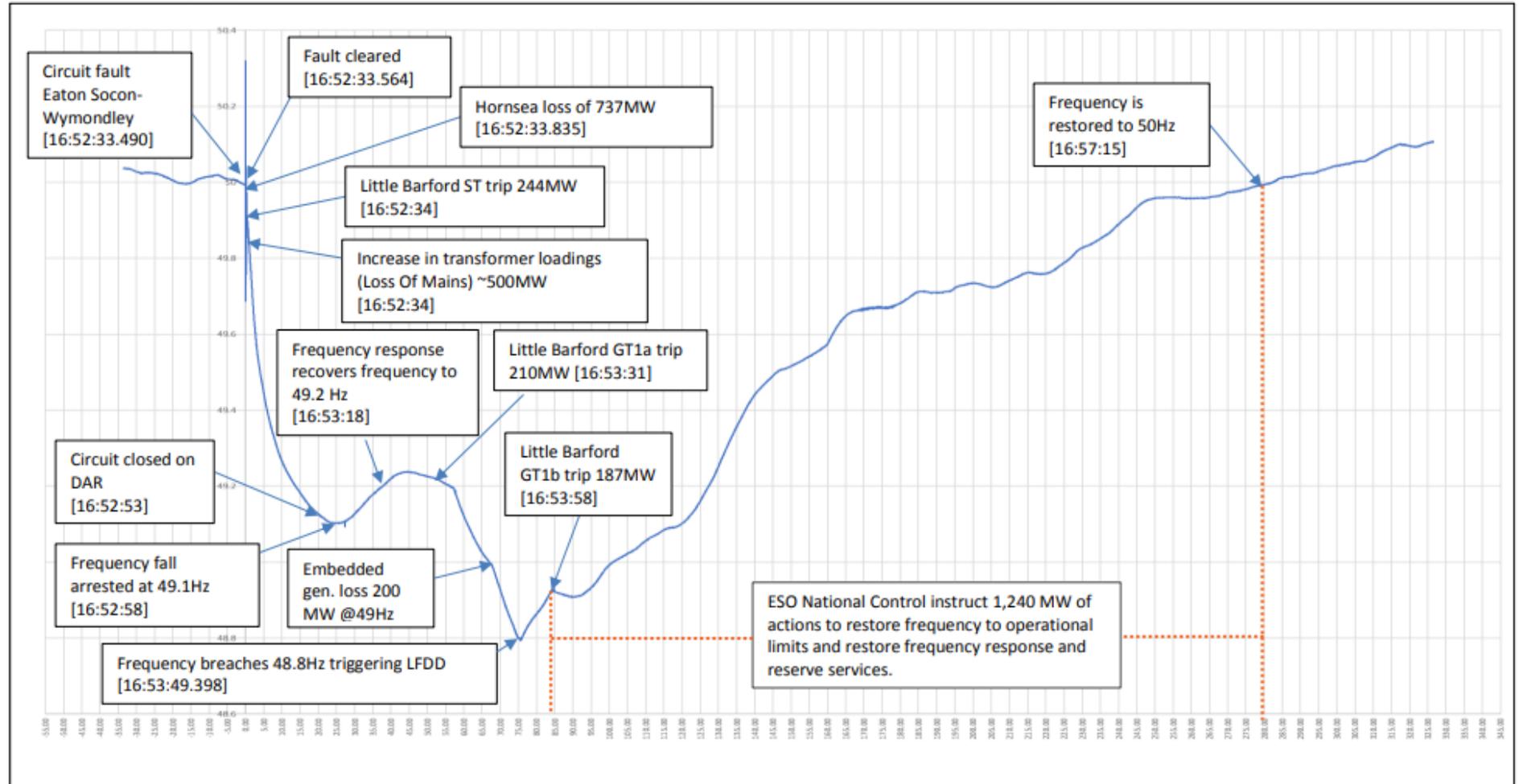
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# A recent event in UK

## 9<sup>th</sup> of August 2019

- Post-fault
  - Trippings
  - Frequency drop
  - Load shedding



[https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/system/files/docs/2019/09/eso\\_technical\\_report\\_-\\_final.pdf](https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/system/files/docs/2019/09/eso_technical_report_-_final.pdf)

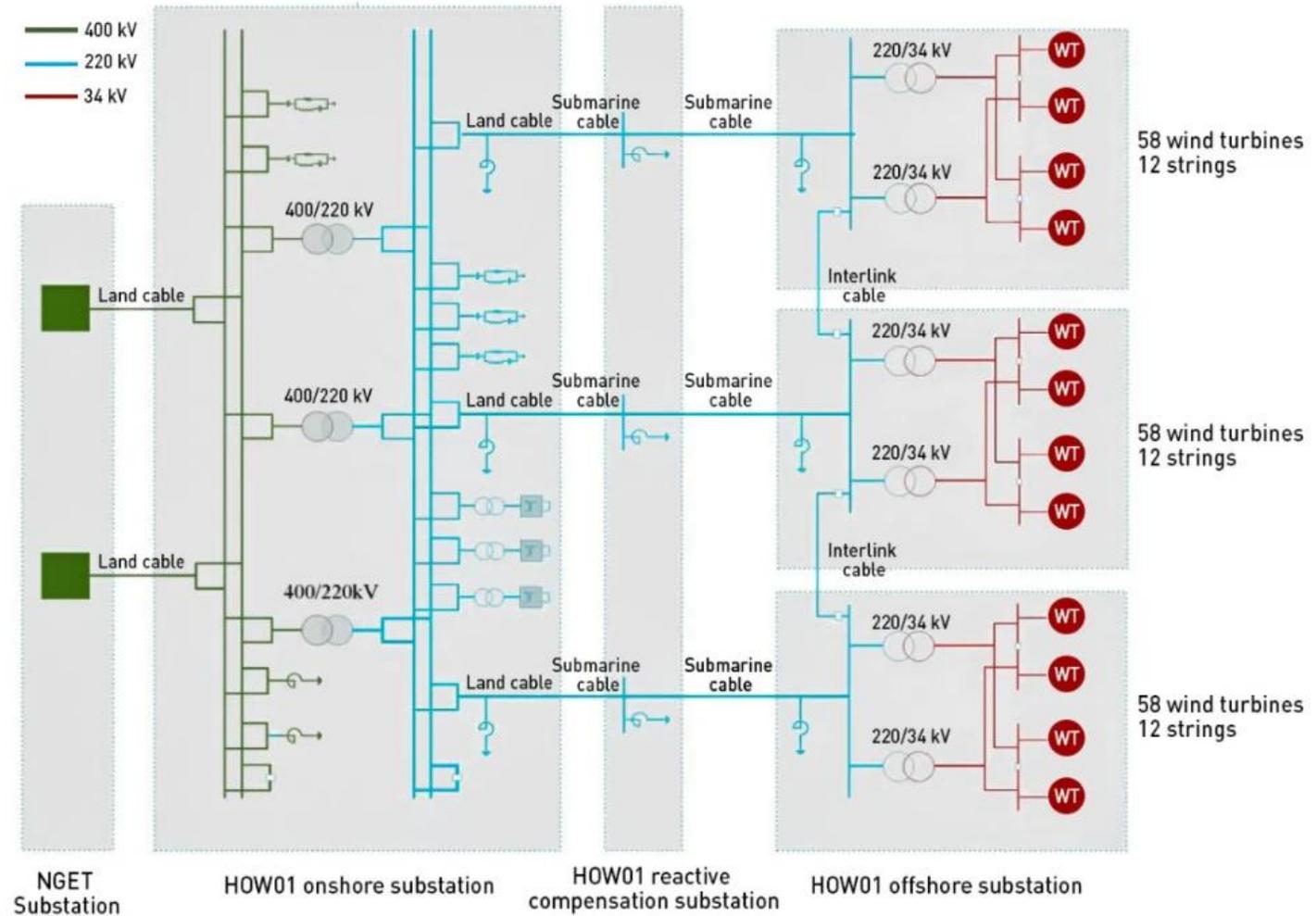
## Why this happened?

*The wind turbine settings were standard settings from the manufacturer. During the incident, the turbine **controllers** reacted **incorrectly** due to an insufficiently damped **electrical resonance** in the sub-synchronous frequency range, so that the local Hornsea voltage dropped and the turbines shut themselves down.*

# Hornsea ONE WPP

## Hornsea ONE WPP:

- 174 WTs X 7.0 MW → 1.218 MW
- Three clusters (58 WTs each, 12 strings)
- Export cables of app. 170-190 km
- Interlink cables
- Mid-point compensation (extra platform)
- Compensation units:
  - Passive - shunt reactors
  - Active – STATCOM
- Filters: C-type

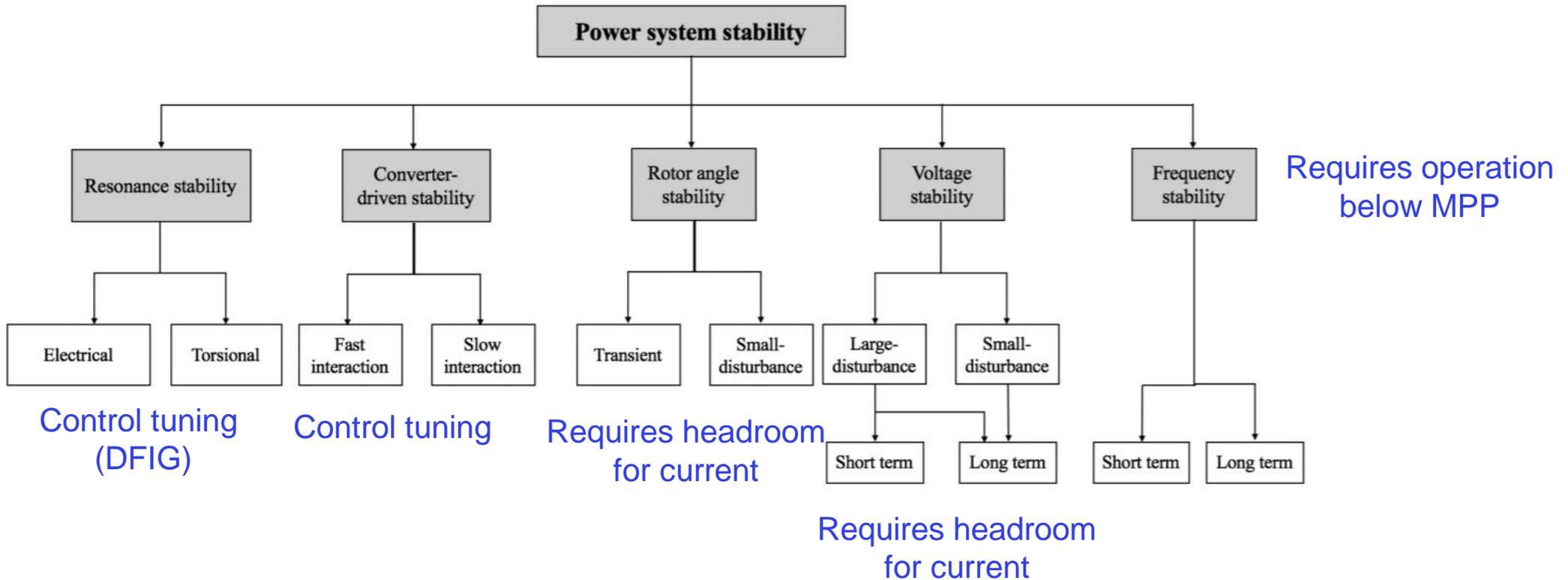


Source: Active Filtering in a Large-Scale STATCOM for the Integration of Offshore Wind Power - Lehmann et al

# Stability in power systems – can wind contribute?

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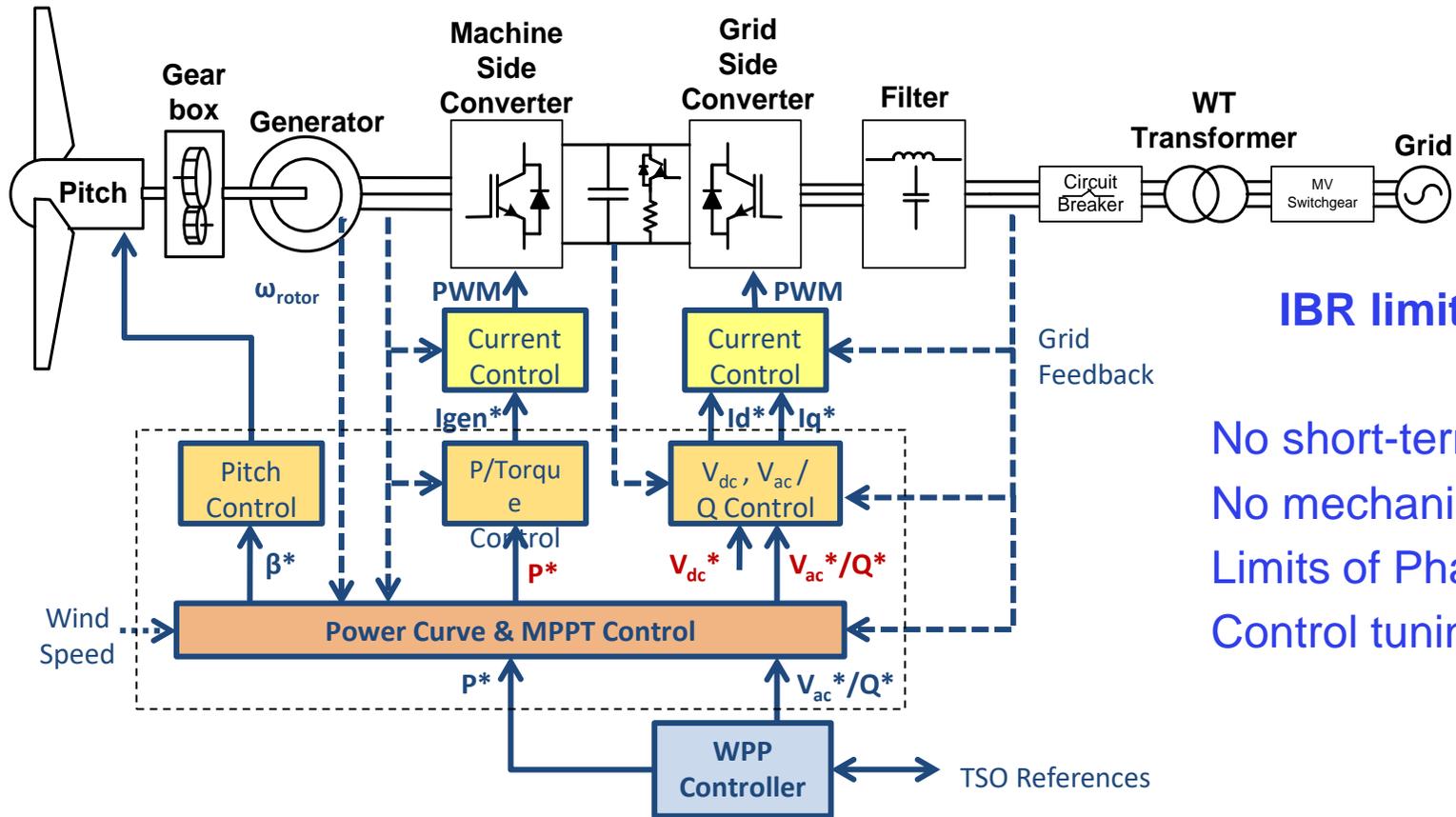
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# Wind power – limitations in providing services

VRE limitations

Power & energy availability



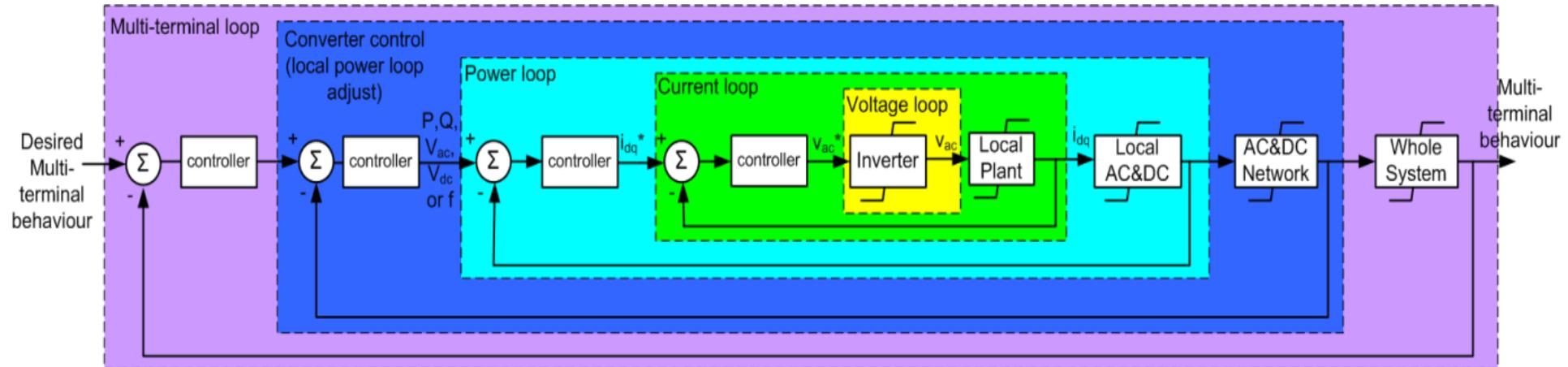
IBR limitations

No short-term rating  
 No mechanical inertia  
 Limits of Phase-Lock Control tuning

# Converters - limits of control speed

*“...all brains,  
no mass”*

- Different control levels must be partitioned: typically 4-10x difference in speed
- IGBT switching limited to 1 to 20 kHz range
- Walking down the control levels, this sets limits on subordinate control loops speeds
- Also need to avoid key other frequencies (e.g. 50Hz)

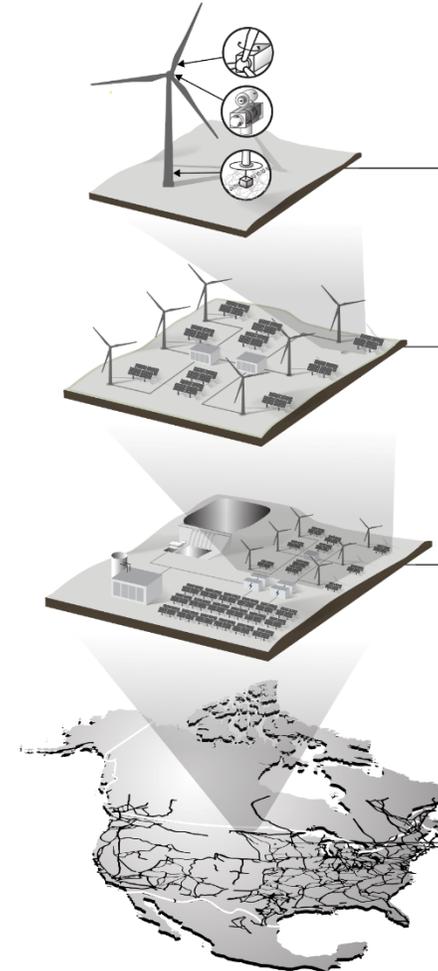


# How can we overcome the limitations?

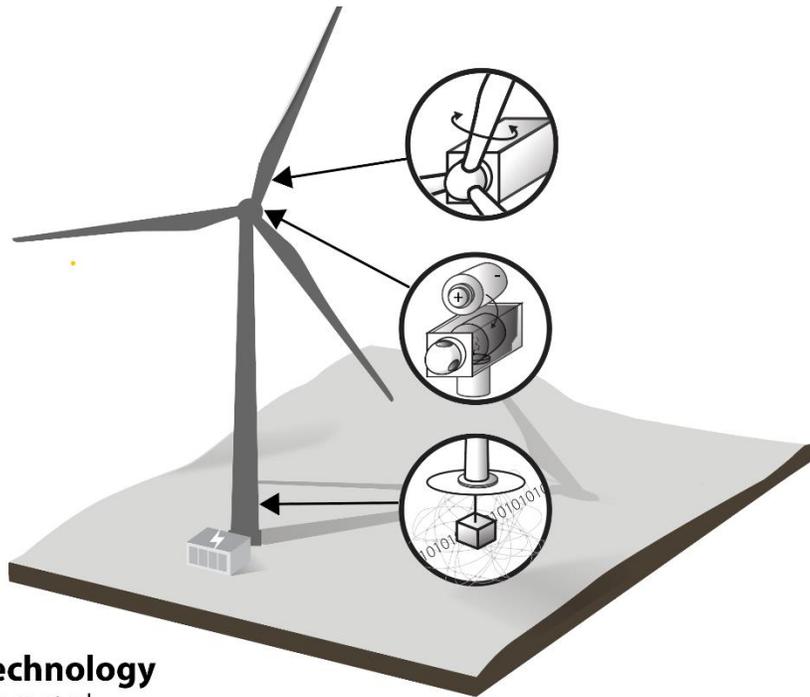
## By teaming up!

Wind power can not address all the challenges alone

...but together with other RES or grid assets can significantly improve performance



# Wind turbine level



## Turbine technology

- Aerodynamic control
- Generator control
- Plant control
- Integrated Storage
- Advanced Power Electronics

Integrating storage in the DC link or at the transformer side could address the power availability

...but probably not energy availability

# Plant or hybrid



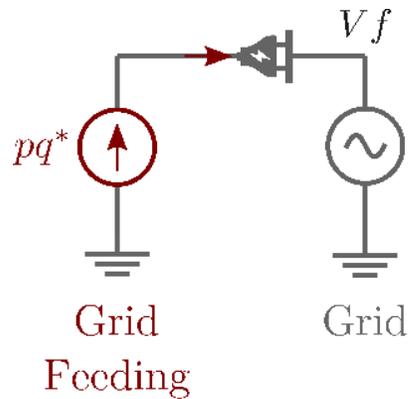
Integrating storage and/or other RES would address the power & energy availability

The control becomes more complex, and control interactions may appear

Energy management systems needed

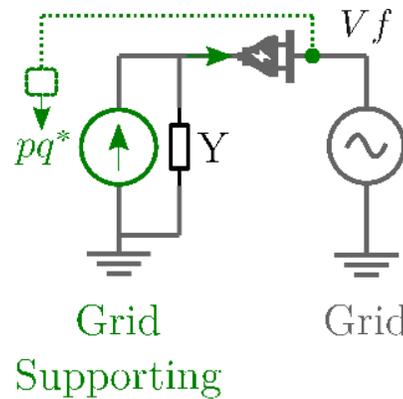
# Wind turbines/plants control

First generation



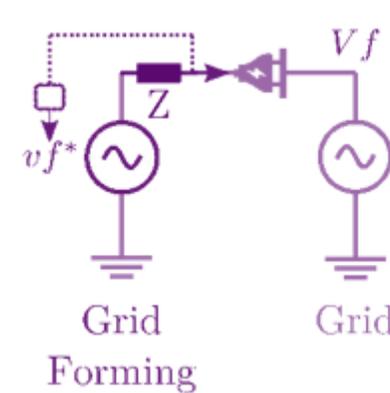
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- Ability of controlling P & Q
- Needs energized and strong grid
- Minor contribution to system stability

Second generation



- (still) Focus on MPPT
- Ability of controlling P & Q
- **Support F & V**
- Needs energized and (strong) grid
- Increased contribution to system stability

Next generation



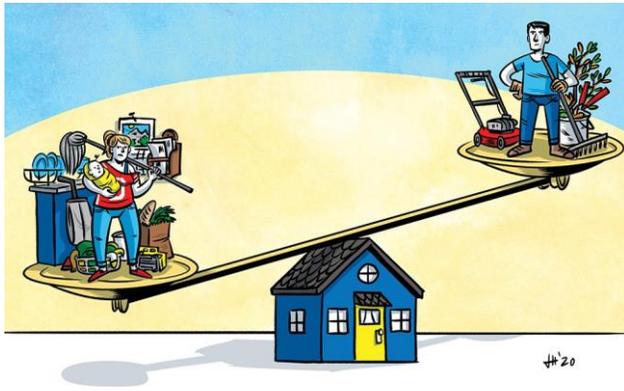
- (maybe) MPPT, more “on demand”
- Ability of controlling P & Q
- **Create F & V**
- ~~Needs energized and strong grid~~
- Major contribution to system stability

# Main messages

- Wind turbines/plants are very performant generators with very high controllability and have been contributing to system stability for some time now
- They can develop into the back-bone (forming the grid) generators of Europe's net-zero power grid...but doing so may require changes in the technology, hardware and software
- Integrated design & operation needed!
- Understanding better the system needs and technology boundaries is required

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**Main Risks/Challenges:** Adding large interstate & interregional transmission capacity has historically been a significant risk to renewable energy project development.

**Strategic Opportunity:** Transition renewables to a *Dispatchable* renewable generation source to fully use the existing grid distribution infrastructure, minimize additional transmission capacity expansion, and **provide ancillary grid services not currently available**





**Technical Approach:** Couple renewable sources & energy storage to meet the domestic energy demand across timescales and sectors with minimal required capacity reserves

**Our Working Premise:** We can meet the 100% goal by 2035 with minimal new transmission, minimize the strategic risk and achieve the Presidents Goal

As we prepare for a future of 100% renewable energy...

Hybrid plants will have to play a crucial role in providing services across a **range of timescales (sub-seconds to day-ahead)**.



How do we design hybrid plants with such capabilities?

“Design for Operation”



Objective: Develop **modeling** and **optimization** techniques to design, operate, and analyze hybrid power plants for grid services across a range of timescales from sub-second to day-ahead services.



Innovation: Understand and exploit the dynamic interactions of technologies across timescales to design disruptive hybrid energy systems.



# What is a Hybrid System?

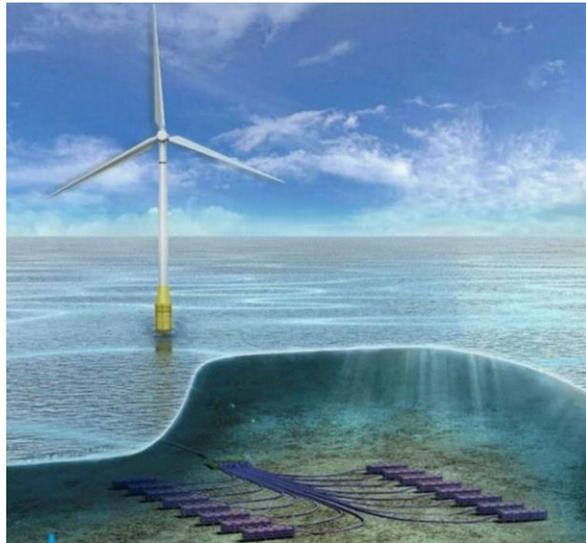
Combinations of *mature* technologies can provide services needed to reach goal

Adding solar to existing onshore wind  
(Maximize current interconnects)



Easy win – add 30+ GW of solar to wind in next few years  
\*Major hold up is policy

Offshore Wind + Storage



Enables long term storage and grid-independent utility scale energy systems.

Wind-solar-storage  
(Greenfield)



Optimal design for a highly customized system to achieve different services.

# Beyond Traditional Variable-Generation Renewable Energy Plants

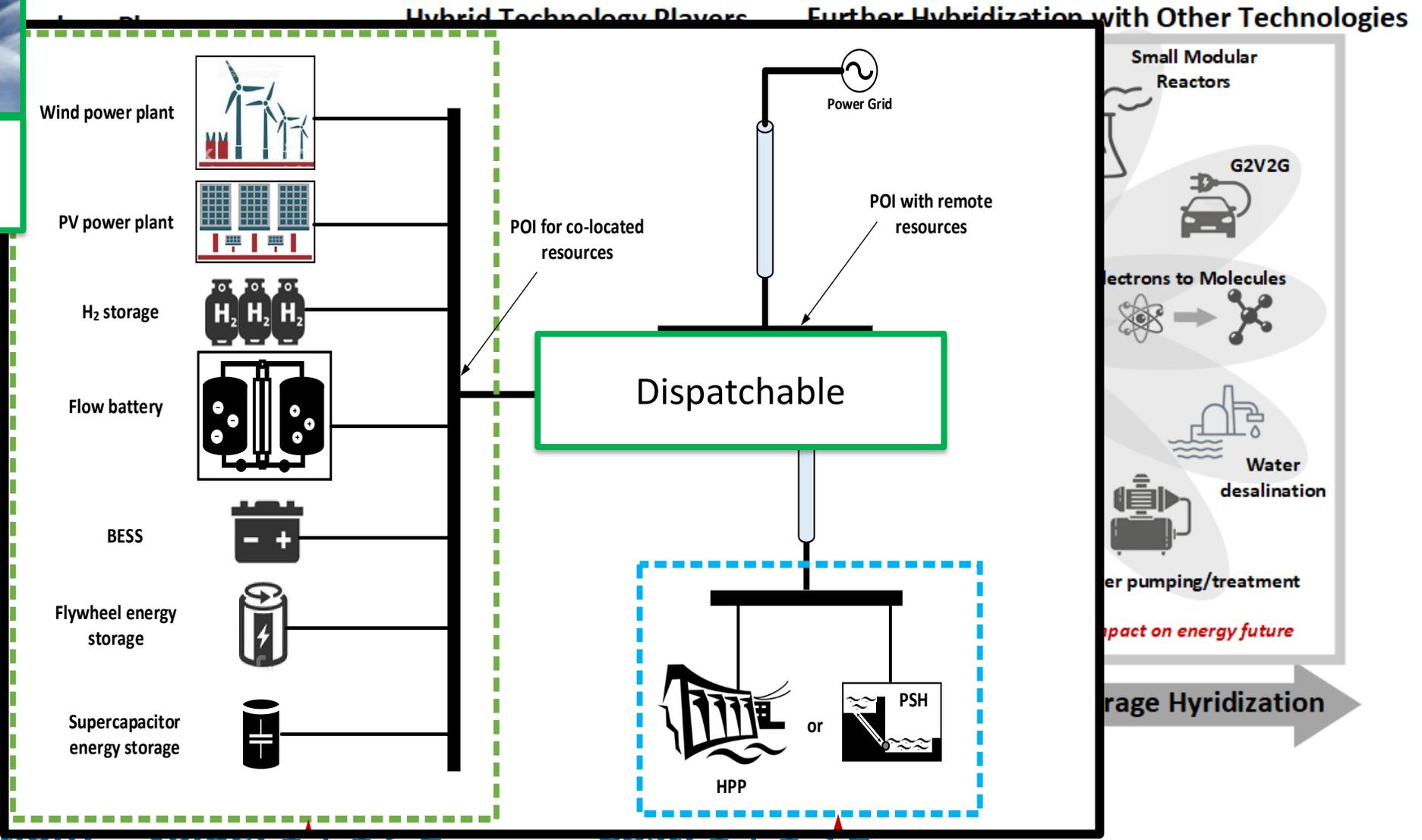


Generation



Traditional Plants

Evolution of Variable Renewable Energy

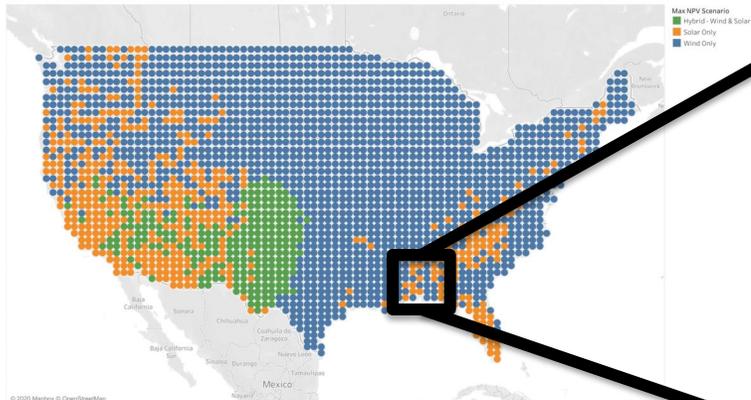


Why hybridization?

# Facilitate Large-Scale Deployment of Hybrids

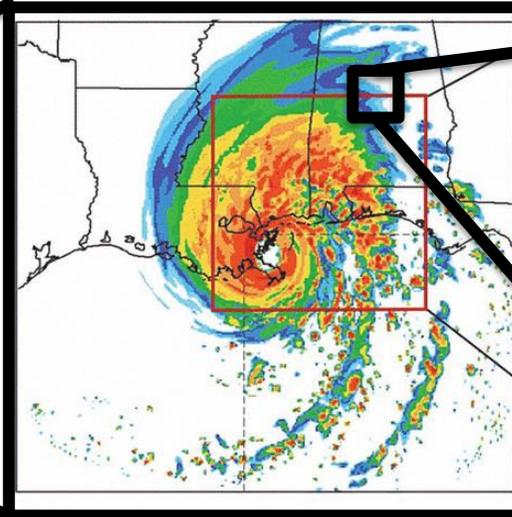
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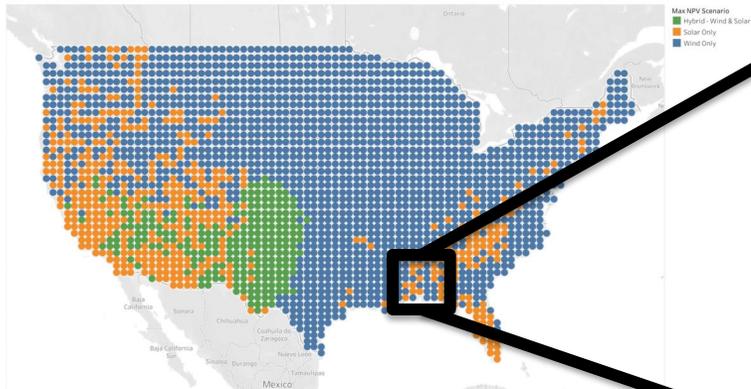
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# System and Plant Level Design and Control

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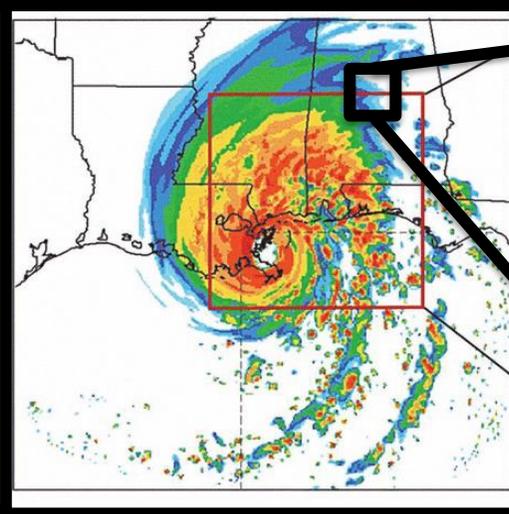
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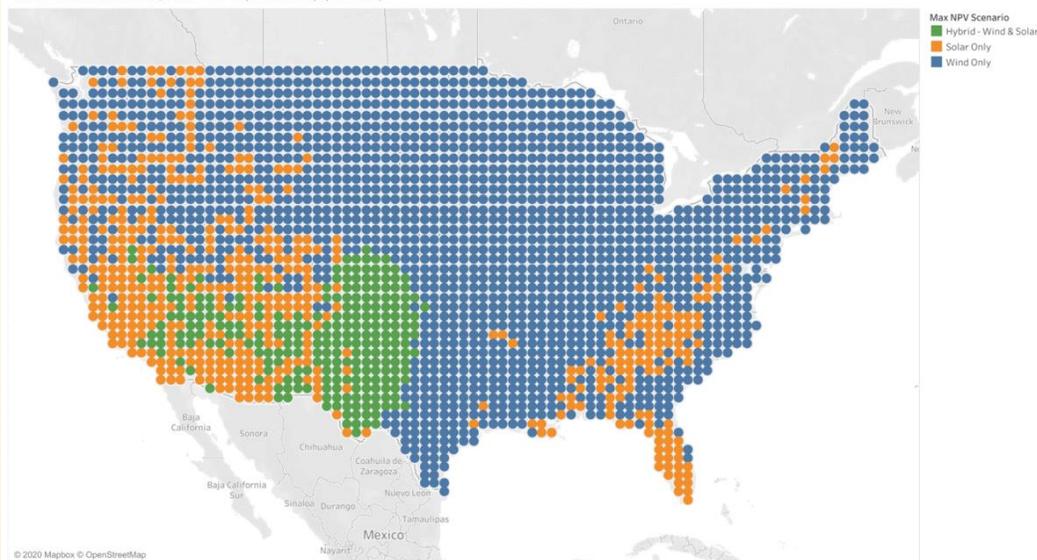
# Wind-Based Hybrids

## Analysis

Where to build co-located hybrid plants?

- Resources are complementary
- Overbuild (Ex: 200MW plant at 100MW interconnect)
- Include storage

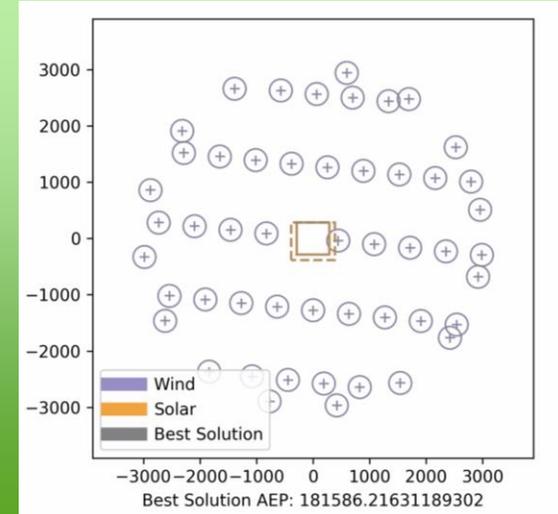
Wind Vs. Solar Vs. Hybrid - NPV (\$-Million) (Sc PPA)



Strong solar during day and strong wind at night

## Optimization

Optimize hybrid plants down to the *component* levels



## Intelligent Controller

- **Wind-solar-storage** dispatch algorithms developed in HOPP
- Operation of plants down to the **1-minute timescale (R&D efforts to go to sub-second)**
- Improve performance of hybrid power plants by **> 5%**

# Control Functions

## Optimization

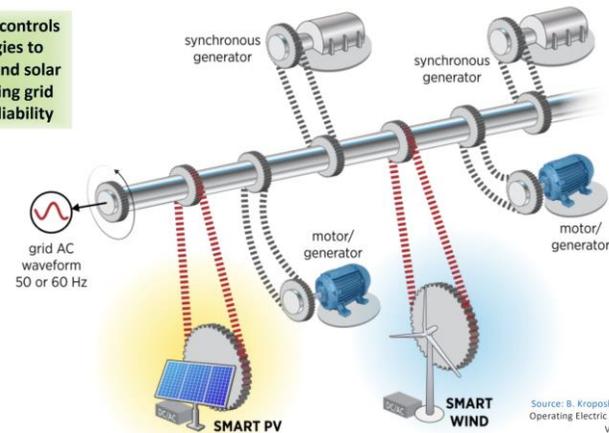
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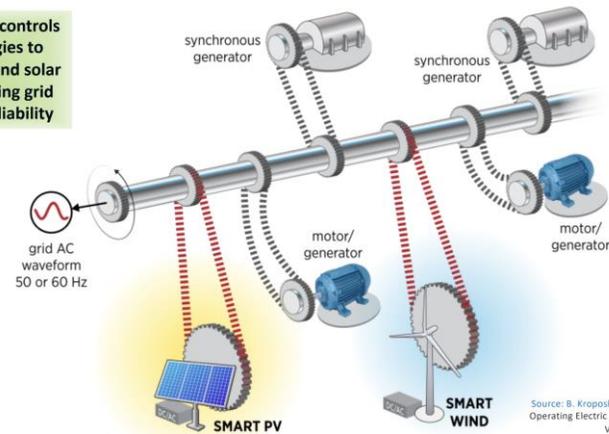
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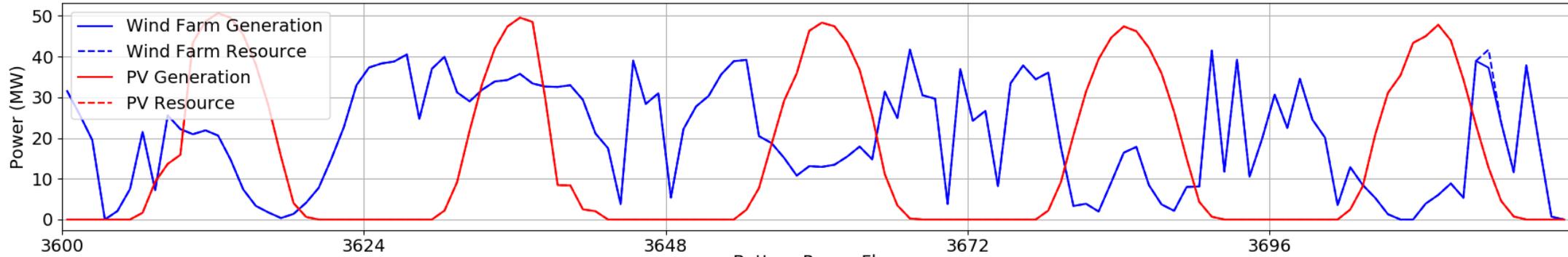


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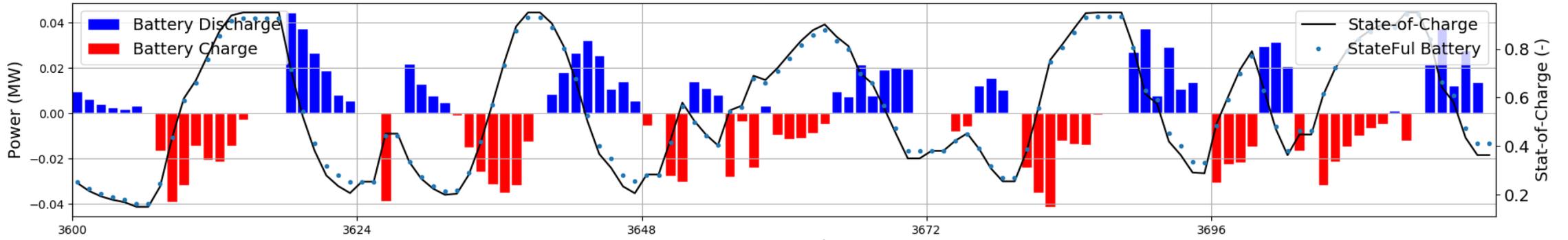


# Detailed Battery Dispatch Optimization

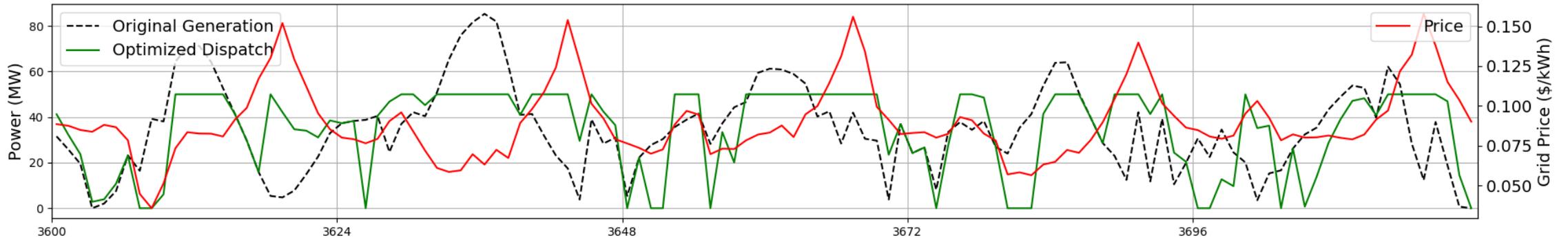
Generation Resources



Battery Power Flow



Net Generation



# Design Plants to Provide a Range of Services

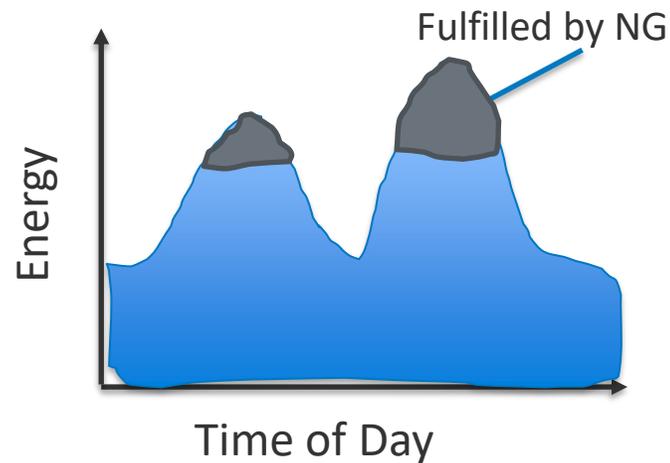
Each will require different designs and operational strategies

## Firm Power



Hybrids can replace coal and natural gas to provide local baseload.

## Time Dependent Power



Guaranteed power at the most vulnerable parts of the day

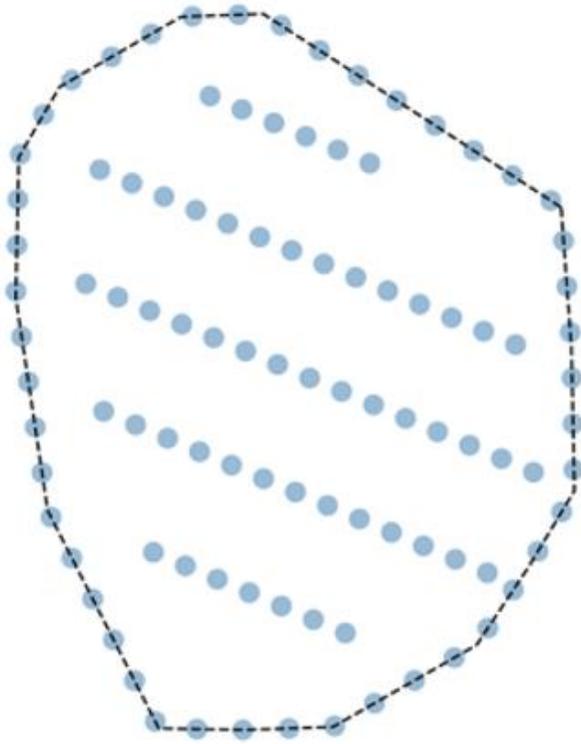
## Grid Services



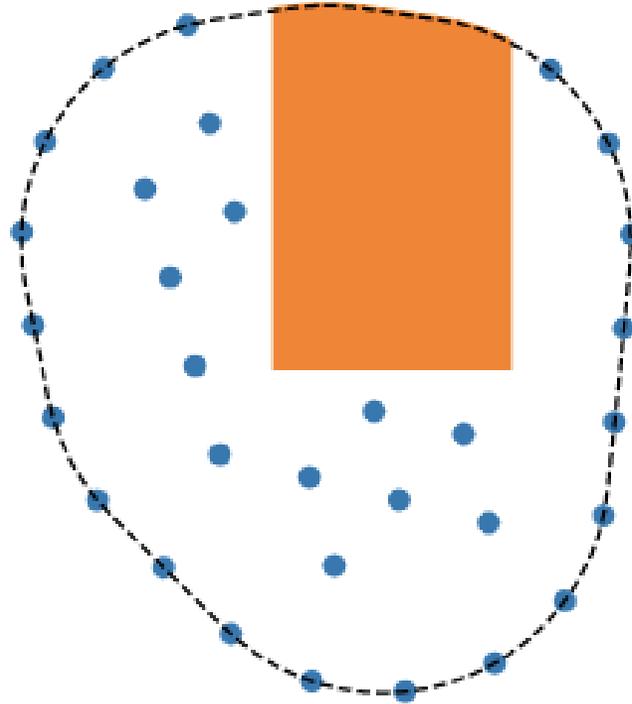
Frequency response  
Active generation control  
Ramping up/down  
Bulk energy

# Problem Setup to Enable Multi-Timescale Hybrids

Boundary-grid for wind



Single rectangle for solar

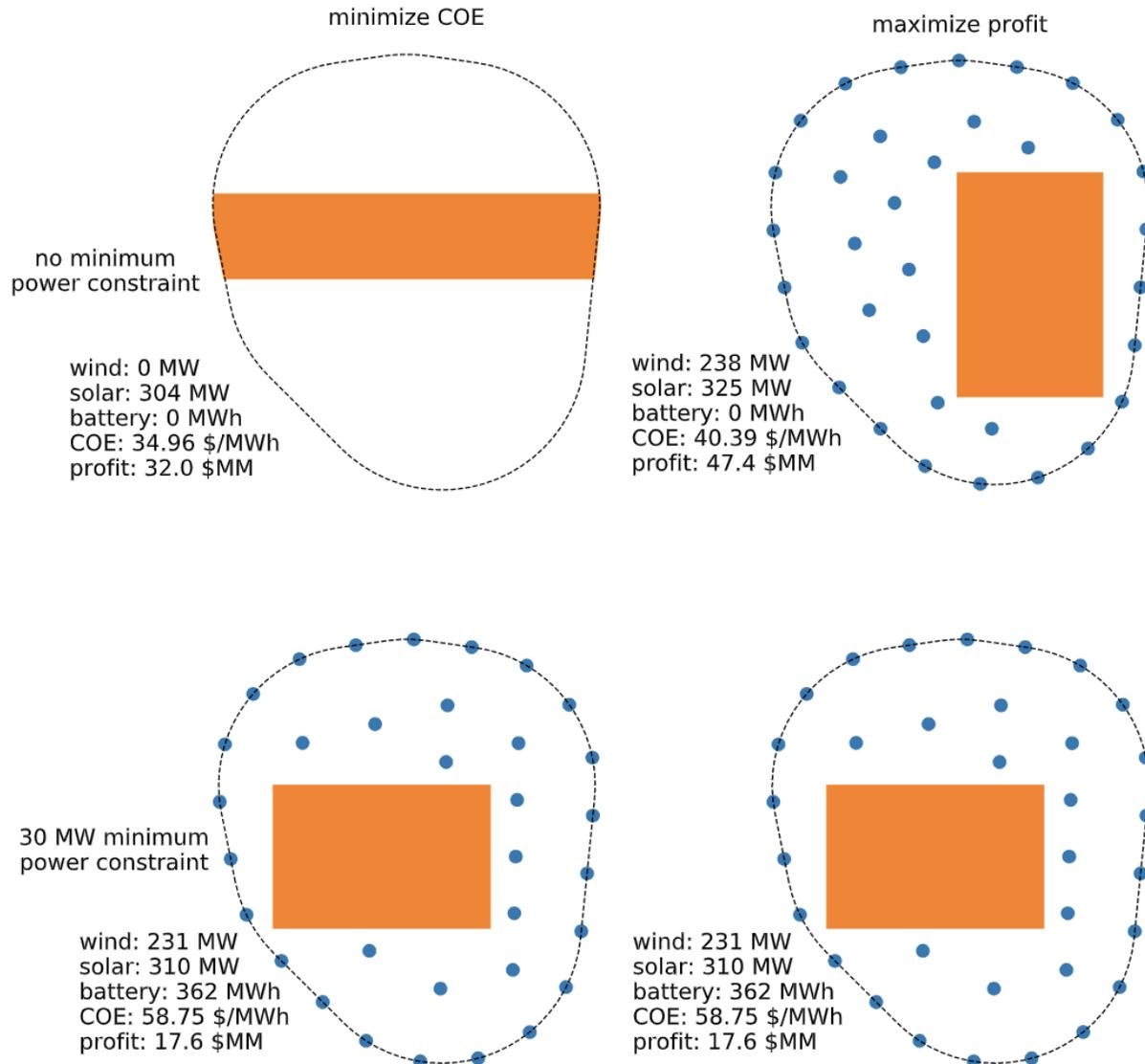


16 total design variables

	design variable
wind	number of boundary turbines
	boundary turbine start location
	number of grid rows
	number of grid columns
	grid row spacing
	grid column spacing
	grid shear
	grid rotation
	grid center x
	grid center y
grid boundary setback	
solar	array center x
	array center y
	array height
	array width
battery	battery storage capacity

Lead: PJ Stanley

# Different Objective Functions



- Highly dependent on resource available
- Highly dependent on objective function
- Need optimization approaches that handle multiple timescales
- Challenging design problem that requires knowledge of the control strategy.

# Additional Benefits of Hybrids

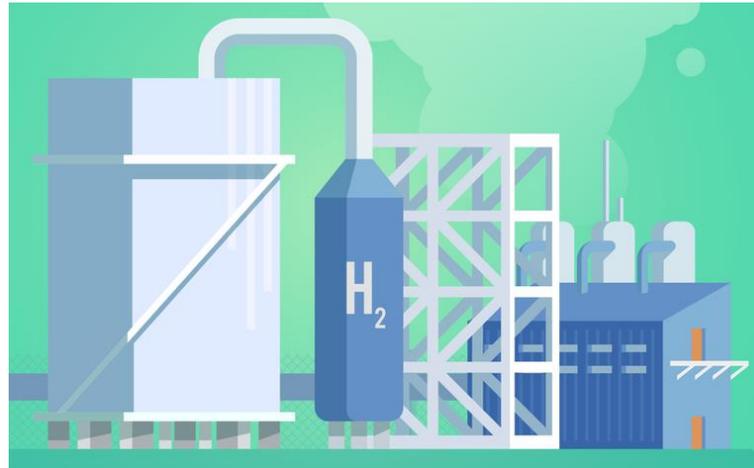
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# End to End Analysis

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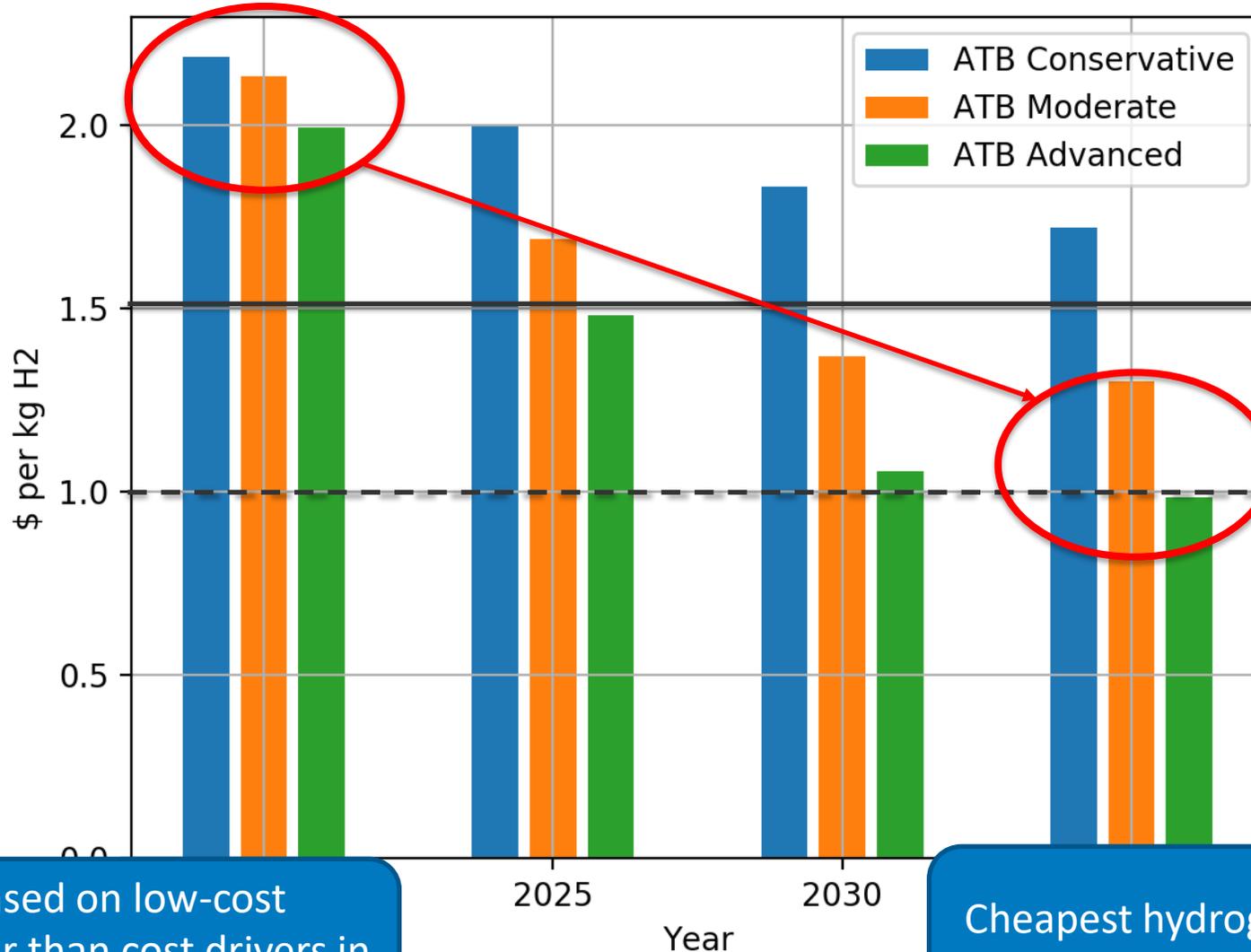
System Size

REopt: optimization systems; optimization technologies



Today, \$2/kg H2  
With current investments

Future, <\$1/kg H2  
With research investments



Hydrogen

End-to-end analysis  
analysis.



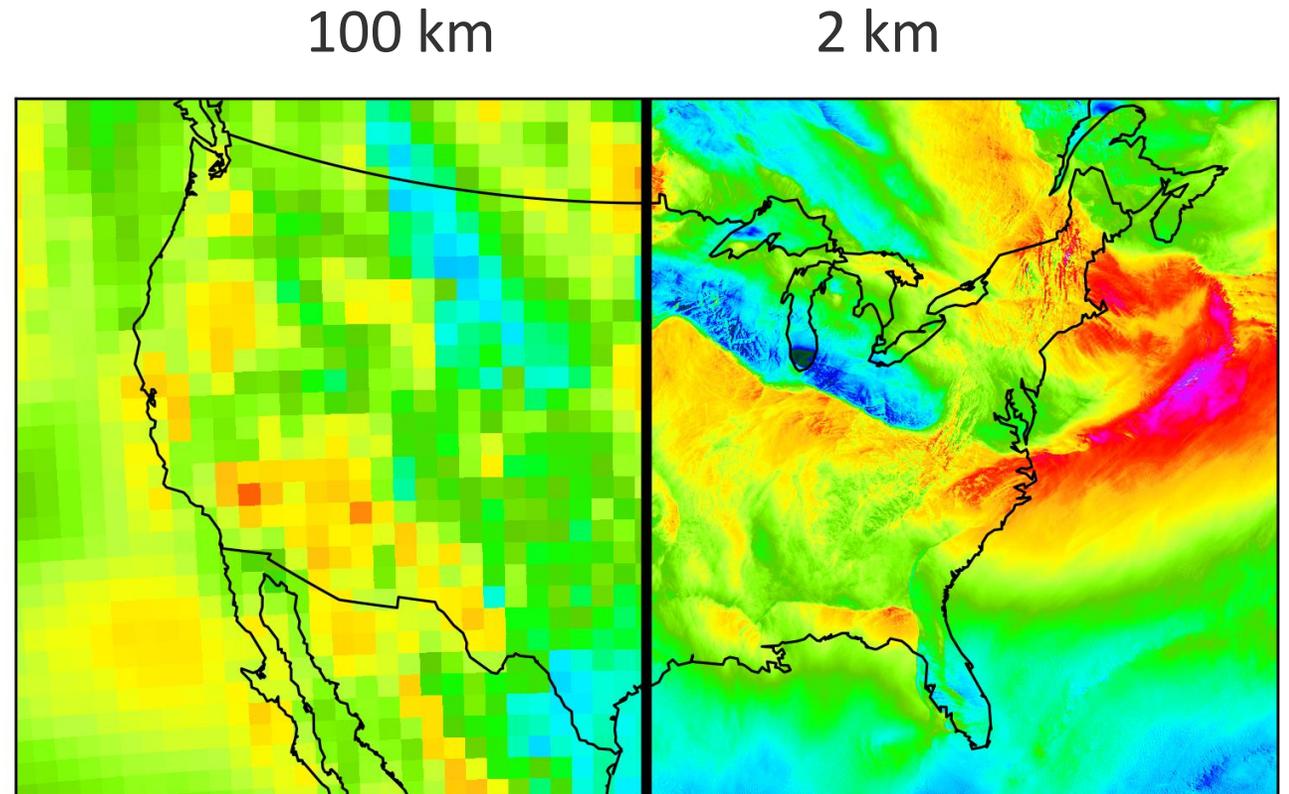
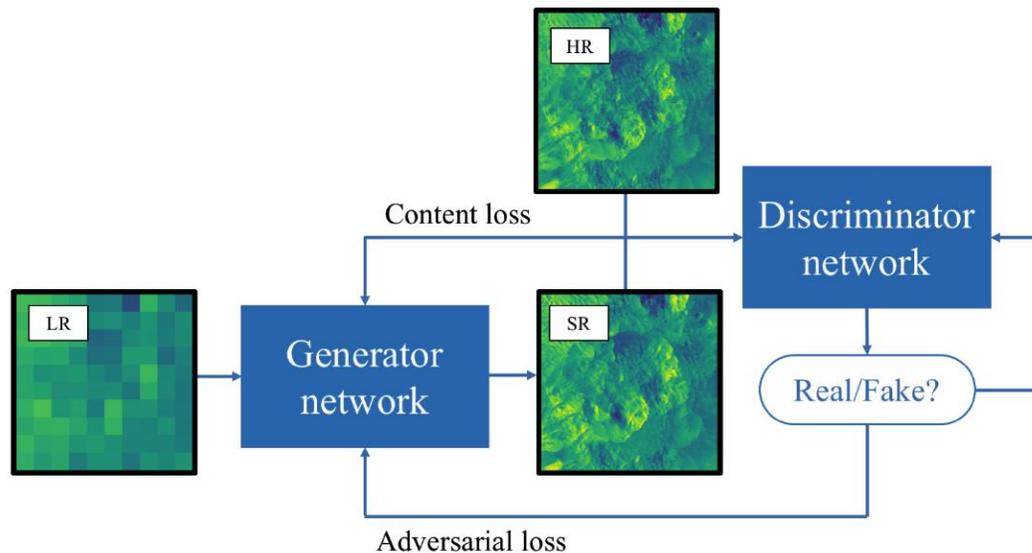
Analysis based on low-cost electricity rather than cost drivers in electrolyzer (Iowa scenario)

Cheapest hydrogen is around \$1/kg  
Can drive down batteries deployed

# Analysis with Deep Learning Capabilities: Climate Downscaling Challenge

Climate models are typically run at  $\sim 100\text{km}$  resolution, but  $\sim 2\text{ km}$  resolution is required for renewable energy resource assessments.

De-risk investments in changing climate scenarios



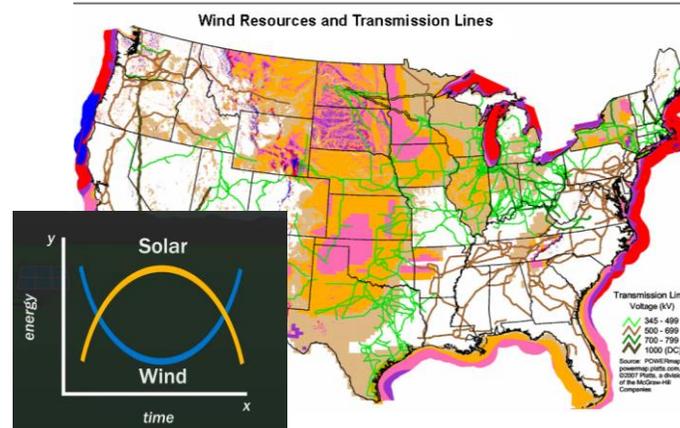
# Wind will play a major role

Path to Ultra-low-cost electricity



Through new technology innovations

Utilities are moving in this direction



Asking for developers to add hybrid plants

Wind Innovations will drive the development of hybrids



Offshore, tall towers, etc.

# Research Needs – System Design

Modeling, analysis, and optimization of **offshore wind systems**

**Design of conversion services**, including H<sub>2</sub>, NH<sub>3</sub>, methanol, liquid RE fuels for the transportation sector such as aviation and marine, and heat to electricity

Framework to assess the viability of the **design of disruptive technologies** such as electrolyzers and turbines, AC vs. DC shared electronics, etc.

Develop **large-scale, discrete optimization techniques** to handle a diverse set of design variables

**Demonstrate** the value proposition of designing and operating an optimal wind-based hybrid plant with a large industry player

# Research Needs – Intelligent Controller

Determine **different objectives** and corresponding designs that need to be developed and solved for wind-based hybrid power plants.

**Integrate state-of-the-art** forecasting for wind and solar, and integrate forecasting techniques across a range of timescales.

Develop **resilience-based controllers** for wind-based hybrid plants operating in a region.

Advanced coordinated controls of connected technologies that incorporate **atmospheric effects** and technology interactions

Integrate controller with design to **minimize storage across a region.**

# Research Needs – AI/ML

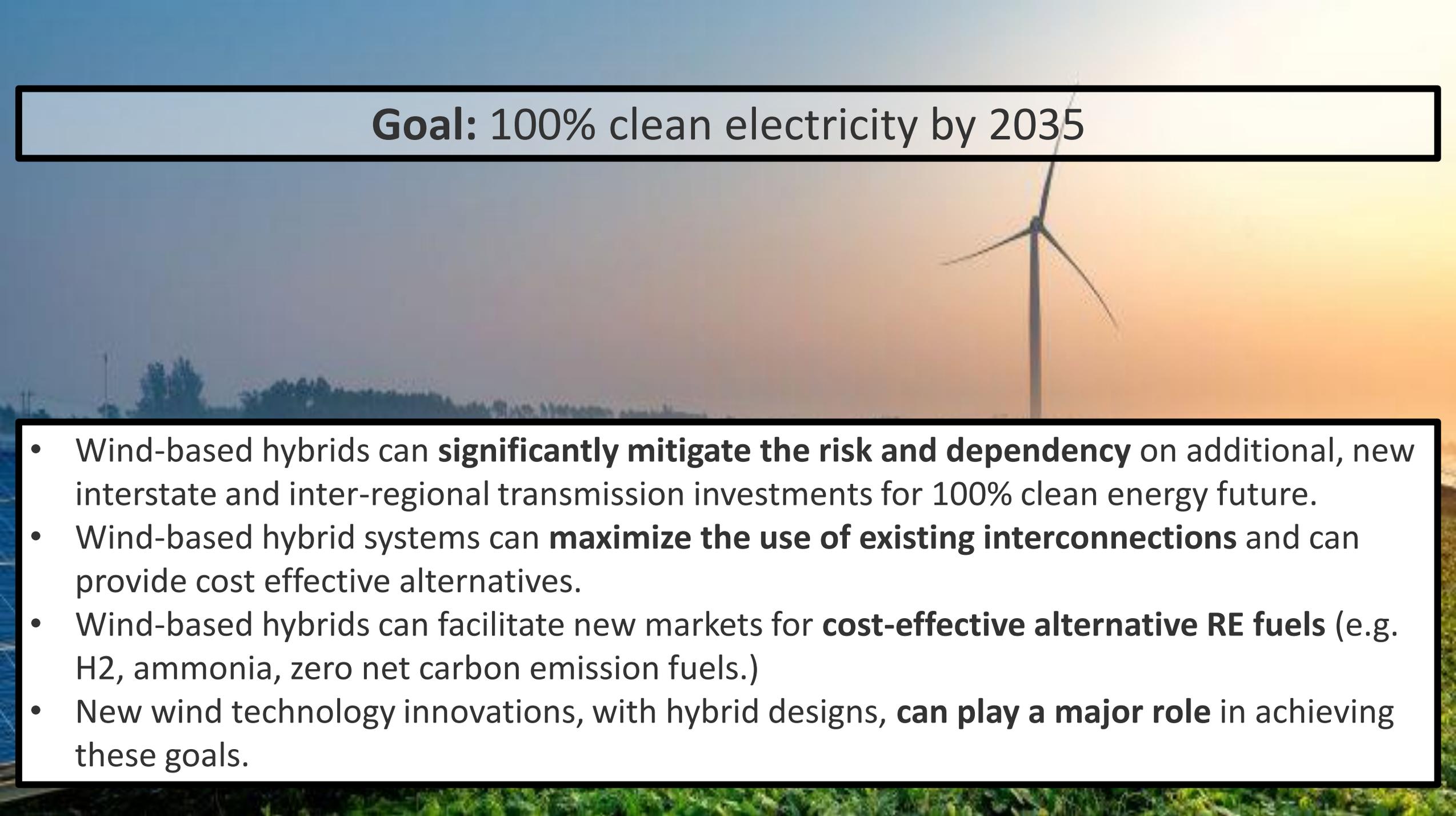
Open-source dispatchable wind plant **intelligent controller**

Design AI/ML controllers for improving dispatchability.

**Validation** of the dispatchable wind plant using the ARIES campus

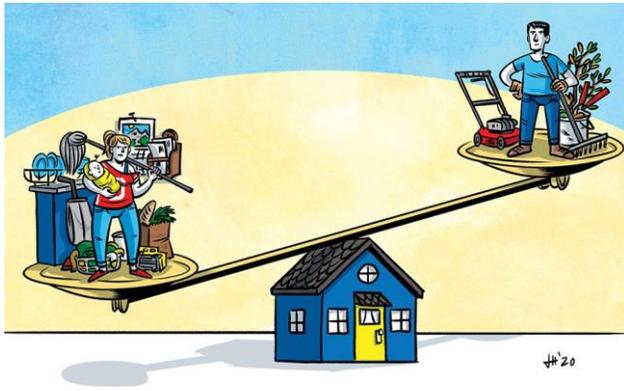
**Open-source data** to accelerate validation of models and dispatchable wind controllers

**Data-driven AI/ML solutions** to design and control problems that can be deployed to edge devices co-located with dispatchable wind plants



## Goal: 100% clean electricity by 2035

- Wind-based hybrids can **significantly mitigate the risk and dependency** on additional, new interstate and inter-regional transmission investments for 100% clean energy future.
- Wind-based hybrid systems can **maximize the use of existing interconnections** and can provide cost effective alternatives.
- Wind-based hybrids can facilitate new markets for **cost-effective alternative RE fuels** (e.g. H<sub>2</sub>, ammonia, zero net carbon emission fuels.)
- New wind technology innovations, with hybrid designs, **can play a major role** in achieving these goals.



# Balanced Outline



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Setting the Scene – Mark O’Malley



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Grid & System Options – Accommodating Wind  
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Optimisation of Wind Power – Maximising its Value  
– Katherine Dykes



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Stability – Wind Power Playing its Part – Nicolaos A.  
Cutululis



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Hybrids – To Benefit Wind and the System – Jennifer  
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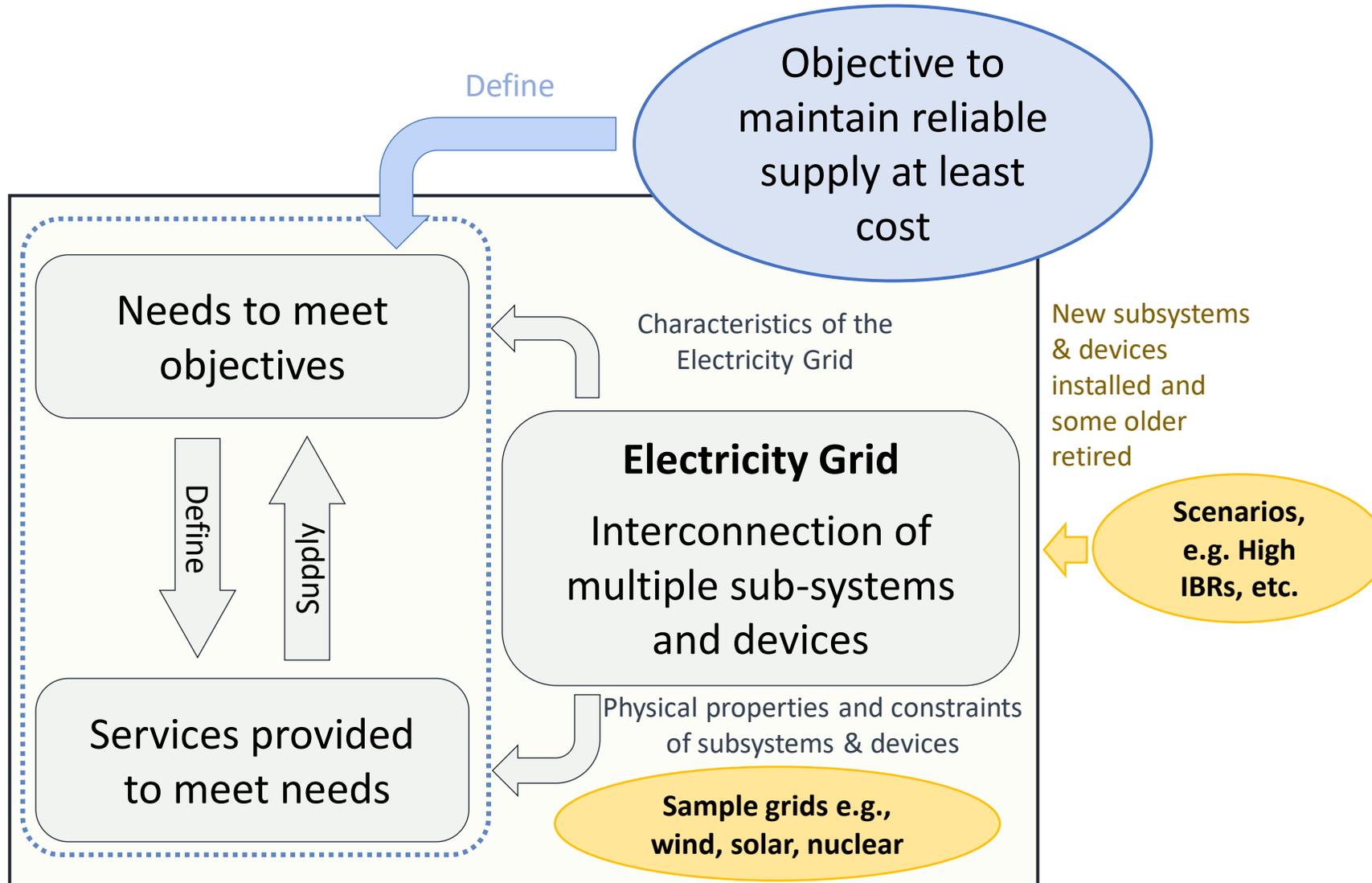
# Summary G-PST Research Agenda

Research Program	Description	Number of Questions
<i>Inverter Design</i>	Development of capabilities, services, design methodologies and standards for IBRs.	10
<i>Tools and Methods</i>	New tools and methods required to ensure reliability, security, and stability in power systems.	9
<i>Control Room of the Future</i>	Development of new technologies and approaches for enhanced real-time visibility and analysis in power system operator control rooms.	17
<i>Planning</i>	New planning metrics, methods, and tools to capture the characteristics and influence of a changing resource mix.	15
<i>Black Start</i>	Creating new procedures for black starting and restoring a power system with high or 100% IBR penetrations.	1
<i>Services</i>	Quantifying the technical service requirements required of future power system to maintain the supply-demand balance reliably and at least cost.	7

## Wrap up and Conclusions – Based on the SLIDO Questions & presentations

- Every system is different & it is a moving target
- Risk is a very important aspect of all this
- Wind is just one part of a rapidly changing energy system – we (the broader energy research community) need to look at this holistically
- Nobody can solve all these questions team work globally and disciplinary is required
- The value “services” based approach is replacing a cost based approach
- Time scales are important – we are looking at all timescales
- Different Objectives – System, Wind etc.
- Solution Space is getting bigger - Energy System
- Policy, regulation etc. are and can be important drivers

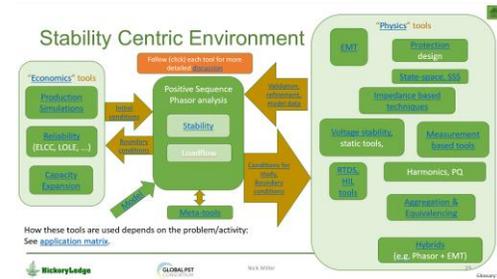
# Defining Needs & Services



**clear signal to the market/manufacturers to what is needed and enables efficient operation of the electricity grid by the system operator.**

- Robust and economic across all systems/scenarios
- Across all time scales milliseconds to seasons
- Forward looking
- Non-discriminatory
- etc.

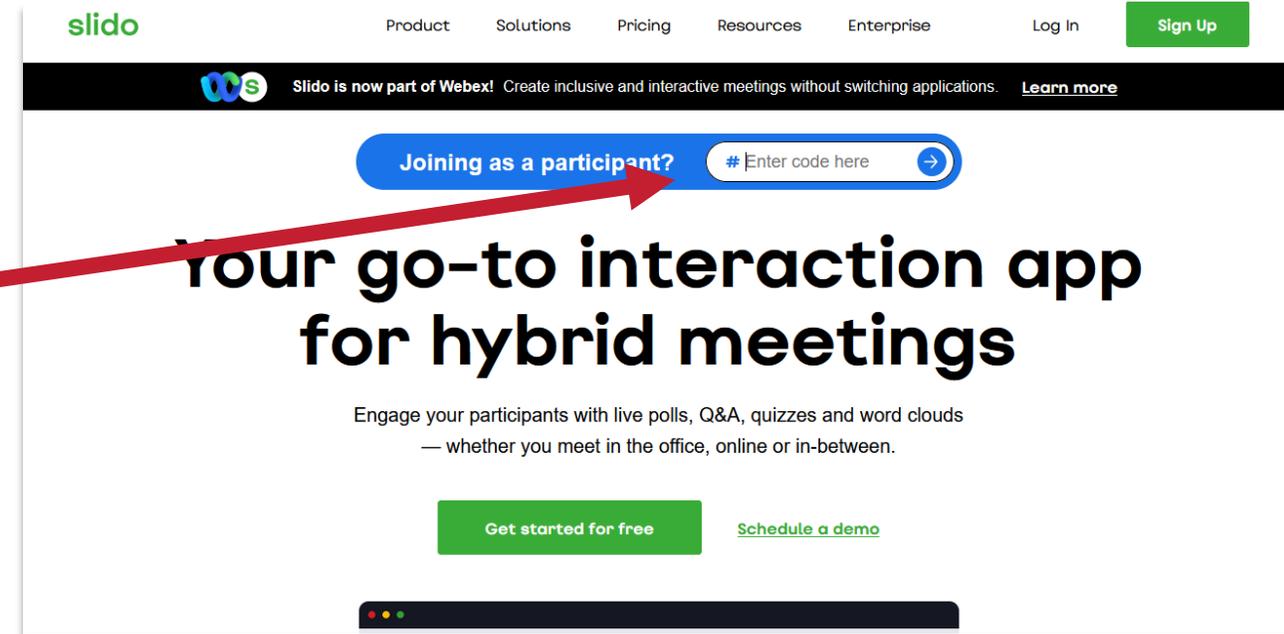
# What is changing and why take a services perspective



- IBRs replacing synchronous machines changing the needs and service capabilities
- IBRs are not the only change – the resources “behind” the IBRs are also changing – wind, solar, storage, distributed etc.
- Taking a “services” approach is generic and avoids technology specific solutions
- Need a rigorous holistic approach
- To get the full benefits of the new technologies this is where the focus should be otherwise, we will end up just mimicking what we already have

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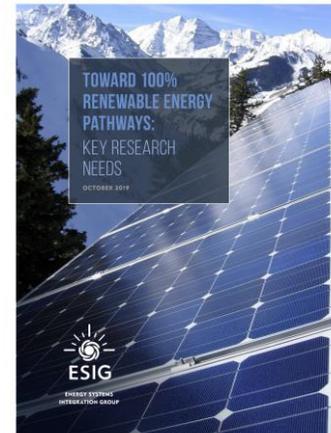
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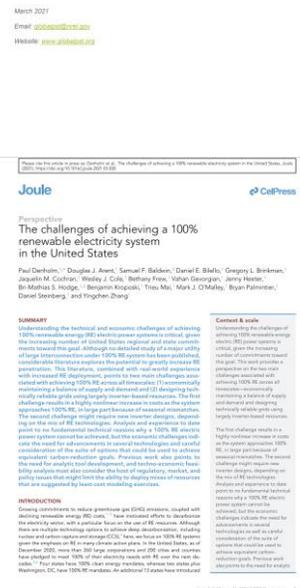
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