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What role for renewables and storage?

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## What role do renewables play in keeping warming to 1.5°C?

Insights and lessons from the IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C

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IPCC SR15

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## **Necessity of reductions in 1.5°C compatible pathways**

1.5°C carbon

budget

REMAINING 420-580 GtCO<sub>2</sub>

> 2200 ±320 GtCO<sub>2</sub> EMITTED until 2017 by human activities



Billion tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>/yr

50

2010

2020

2040

2050

2060

2070

2080

2090

2100

Source: IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C

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### What does this mean for the energy system?

- I. Improve energy efficiency Limiting final energy demand in 2050 to +20 to -10% rel. to 2010 levels
- II. Electrify energy end use (mobility, buildings, industry)
- III. Decarbonize the power sector (carbon-intensity of electricity about zero or negative in 2050)
- IV. Substitute residual fossil fuels with low-carbon options (e.g. bio-based fuels for transport)

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### What does 1.5°C mean for electricity from renewables?

#### **Renewables** supply

- about 25% of electricity in 2020
- about 55% of electricity in 2030 (range: 45-65%)
- more than 75% of electricity in 2050 (range: 70-85%)

#### Wind and solar supply

- less than 5% of electricity in 2020
- about 10% of electricity in 2030 (range: 5-15%)
- about 20% of electricity in 2050 (range: 15-35%)

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## What role for electricity storage?

#### Wind and solar supply

- about 20% of electricity in 2050 (range: 15-35%)
- but full range up to 60%

If achieved

- with mainly wind: less than 5% of peak demand
- with mainly solar: up to 20% of peak demand

Strong upscaling of (variable) renewables required, and depending on strategy also a lot of storage

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## Scaling up renewables to meet the climate challenge: An energy system dominated by wind and solar: How can it work?

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### Wind Force 10 – Global Wind Energy Outlook

#### **Outline of Scenarios**

IEA – NPS – central IEA/WEO scenario based on existing policies and those likely to be enacted

GWEC Moderate – bottom up scenario built on existing short-term market forecast

2.0° - wind component of soon-to-be-published scenario from UTS/Kyoto/DLR/Melbourne

1.5° - wind component of soon-to-be-published scenario from UTS/Kyoto/DLR/Melbourne



#### **Global Cumulative New Wind Power Capacity**



| Cumulative Capacity                     |         | 2015    | 2017    | 2020    | 2030      | 2040      | 2050       |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Wind market growth - NPS 2017           |         |         |         |         |           |           |            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | [MW]    | 432,680 | 539,137 | 640,002 | 1,069,418 | 1,488,201 | 1,874,235  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | [TWh/a] | 868     | 1,302   | 1,643   | 3,878     | 6,465     | 9,327      |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wind market growth - GWEC Moderate 2018 |         |         |         |         |           |           |            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | [MW]    | 432,680 | 539,137 | 713,308 | 1,347,031 | 1,825,513 | 2,387,529  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | [TWh/a] | 868     | 1,324   | 1,750   | 3,540     | 4,797     | 6,274      |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wind market growth - 2.0°C              |         |         |         |         |           |           |            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | [MW]    | 432,680 | 539,137 | 717,674 | 2,603,614 | 5,758,927 | 7,939,614  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | [TWh/a] | 868     | 1,324   | 1,760   | 6,842     | 15,134    | 20,865     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wind market growth - 1.5°C              |         |         |         |         |           |           |            |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | [MW]    | 432,680 | 539,137 | 736,652 | 3,871,484 | 8,213,553 | 11,110,858 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | [TWh/a] | 868     | 1,324   | 1,807   | 10,174    | 21,585    | 29,199     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |         |         |         |         |           |           |            |  |  |  |  |  |  |





|   |     | 2015 | 2017 | 2020 | 2030 | 2040 | 2050 |
|---|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Wind market growth - NPS 2017   |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Wind power penetration of Worlds electricity in % -<br>Reference<br>Wind power penetration of Worlds electricity in % - | [%] | 4%   | 5%   | 6%   | 8%   | 9%   | 10%  |
| UTS/DLR (High Electrification)  | [%] | 4%   | 5%   | 6%   | 8%   | 8%   | 7%   |
| Wind market growth - GWEC Moderate 2018   |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Wind power penetration of Worlds electricity in % -<br>Reference  | [%] | 4%   | 5%   | 6%   | 10%  | 11%  | 13%  |
| Wind power penetration of Worlds electricity in % -<br>UTS/DLR (High Electrification)                                   | [%] | 4%   | 5%   | 6%   | 10%  | 9%   | 10%  |
| Wind market growth - 2.0°C  |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Wind power penetration of Worlds electricity in % - (High Electrification - accelerated)                                | [%] | 4%   | 5%   | 7%   | 19%  | 28%  | 32%  |
| UTS/DLR (High Electrification)  | [%] | 4%   | 5%   | 6%   | 19%  | 29%  | 32%  |
| Wind market growth - 1.5°C  |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Wind power penetration of Worlds electricity in % - (High   |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| Electrification)  | [%] | 4%   | 5%   | 7%   | 28%  | 42%  | 44%  |
| Wind power penetration of Worlds electricity in % -<br>UTS/DLR (High Electrification - accelerated)                     | [%] | 4%   | 5%   | 7%   | 28%  | 39%  | 45%  |



## Uruguay-to 100% in 10 years

#### Before 2013:

Approx. 2000 MW of peak power consumption. Annual demand of 11,000 GWh, from:

1500 MW Hydro.80 MW fuel oil reciprocating engines.215 MW steam turbines (today are being dismantled)500 MW a set of gas turbines (fuelled basically with diesel).

**2007** : UTE installed 17 wind measurement stations throughout the country.

2008: New policy from government to promote RE

**2009:** Government resolution 354/2009, establishes tax benefits for NCR Energy.

**2010** These policies became State Policy with the agreement of all political parties. Most important: simplicity!!

**2010:** First tender for 150 MW of wind power, PPA mode, average price: 84 USD/MWh.

**2011**: 2nd. and 3rd. Tender, PPA mode, contracts for 800 MW are signed, with an average price of 63.5 USD/MWh.

**2013**: UTE signed contracts for 275 MW in 6 wind farms

2014: 3 PPAs were duplicated: 150 MW were added.

Small wind farms (less than 10 MW each) to the

spot market, total: approx. 70 MW.

Today: 1505 MW of wind and 100% RE power!

2017 fue un gran año para las renovables en Uruguay, como lo muestra la gráfica

#### Uruguay Generación de Energía Eléctrica 2017

100% renovable GWh por fuente

> 59% hydro 31.2% wind 7.5% biomass 2.1% solar pv



## South Africa:

all least-cost model scenarios pick mostly solar and wind with no new coal or nuclear

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### Conclusions

Until very recently, storage technologies were at or near the bottom of the list of options to integrate large quantities of VRE. Still not an issue in existing high penetration markets (Denmark, Spain, Portugal, Ireland, Uruguay, Iowa), but it will come sooner or later...

Question: Which storage technologies will reach market readiness and in what order?

Batteries – followed wind/pv model: European/N.American tech + Chinese volume = competitiveness. Not only transport, but utility scale (i.a. Tesla S.A.) and wind/solar/storage hybrids.

Will others (heat, power to gas, power to liquids, etc.) follow the same model?

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NGOs:

CAN, CEEW, FER, GACC, GFSE, Greenpeace International, ICLEI, ISEP, MFC, SLoCaT, REI, WCRE, WFC, WRI, WWF

#### **Industry Associations:**

ARE, ACORE, ALER, APREN, CREIA, CEC, EREF, GOGLA, GSC, GWEC, IREF, IGA, IHA, RES4MED, WBA, WWEA



Science & Academia: Fundacion Bariloche, IIASA, ISES, NREL, SANEDI, TERI

#### International Organisations: ADB, APERC, ECREEE, EC, GEF, IEA, IEC, IRENA, RCREEE, UNDP, UN Environment, UNIDO, World Bank

#### Governments:

Afghanistan, Brazil, Denmark, Germany, India, Mexico, South Africa, Spain, UAE, USA

#### A global multi stakeholder network dedicated to the rapid uptake of renewable energy.



Global levelised cost of electricity from utility-scale renewable power generation technologies, 2010-2017



IRENA, Renewable Power Generation Costs in 2017

Share of Electricity Generation from Variable Renewable Energy, Top 10 Countries, 2017



REN21 RENEWABLES 2018 GLOBAL STATUS REPORT

Renewable electricity – the renewable energy success story



#### WE CONSUME THE MOST ENERGY FOR HEATING, COOLING, AND TRANSPORT

Modern Renewable Energy in Final Energy Use by Sector, 2015



- In 2017, renewable electricity was the second largest source of renewable heat, following modern bioenergy
- District heating covers 11% of space and water heating needs globally

What is the role of electricity and storage to advance the renewable uptake in heating and transport ?

#### Electrification of the heating sector

Drivers for electrification

- Reduced cost of PV, wind and heatpumps
- abundance of renewable power and VRE
- Electricity is more 'mobile' than thermal energy carriers (district heating only covers 11% of space and water heating needs globally)
- Electricity can facilitate efficiency in heat, e.g. by changing the 'quality' of heat (low, medium, high temperature) or cogeneration

"The **electrification of the heating sector** will continue and will lead to an almost complete electrification."



**REN21** Renewables Global Futures Report

#### There is a lack of reliable data on renewable energy heating

#### Storage in the heat sector

- Providing flexibility
- Matching supply and demand
  - Electric grid
  - Thermal demand
  - Quality of heating/cooling (LT, MT, HT)
- Thermal energy storage is 50-100 times cheaper than electricity storage
- Storage provides a support function to energy efficiency

National Sector-Specific Targets for Share of Renewable Energy by a Specific Year, by Sector, in Place at End-2017



#### Need to increase policy attention on heating to drawn on the potential for better integration

#### Electrification trends in transport

Global Passenger Electric Vehicle Market (including PHEVs), 2012-2017





- Rail and light rail
- EVs on the road: +70% compared to 2016, but only 1% of light vehicle market
- **Potential** to create a new market for renewable energy and facilitate the integration of higher shares of VRE

#### Energy Security = Mobillity Security





IRENA-IEA-REN21, Renewable Energy Policies in a Time of Transition

Renewable electricity-based mobility vs Electric mobility

# How can we pioneer systemic **DEEDS R** innovation for renewable energy and storage?

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COP24 side event «Renewable energy and storage», 7 December 2018, Katowice





## Report of the High-Level Panel of the European Decarbonisation Pathways Initiative





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## Two key challenges: climate neutrality and the systemic change needed for that

deeply integrated zero-carbon energy system

socio-economic change
awareness
citizen engagement
governance and planning
regulation and policies
markets
business models
jobs

Source: HLP report of EDPI, 2018



zero-carbon electrons, pumped storage, batteries, vehicle-to-grid

**zero-carbon 'molecules'** power-to-x

**zero-carbon heat** daily and seasonal heat storage

#### **RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS**

## Social innovation is more than acceptance



## Interest of households in buying solar PV in Switzerland



Source: University of St. Gallen, 2018

## Motivation to purchase PV storage with policy support in Germany



Source: ISEA & RWTH Aachen, 2018



## How can we pioneer a systemic innovation for *model* rapid decarbonization?

Polluted metropolitan area?



Conventional agricultural area?



Mining-industrial complex?



**Transition super-labs** – very-large-territory initiatives of real-life transition to zero-carbon economy

- Co-design the transition with research, businesses, administration, and civil society
- > Implement, monitor, revise, and then scale it up

Source: HLP report of EDPI, 2018





## How can we pioneer systemic innovation for renewable energy and storage?





- Deeply integrated zero-carbon energy system needs zerocarbon electrons, zero-carbon 'molecules,' zero-carbon heat, and various types of storage
- Systemic innovation goes beyond technology and acceptance, it is a social and economic change too
- Transition super-labs could be an 'instrument' for real-life systemic innovation

Source: HLP report of EDPI, 2018



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#### Thank you!

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## What are the potential co-benefits of and pathways for growth in renewables, energy storage, and fuel cells?



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## Storage is not a green silver bullet.

Our group has shown that using storage for energy energy arbitrage increases  $CO_2$ ,  $NO_x$  and  $SO_2$  emissions almost everywhere in the US (Hittinger & **Azevedo**, 2015)

CO<sub>2</sub> emissions intensity from storage energy arbitrage operations



Hittinger, E. S. and Azevedo, I. M. L. Environmental Science and Technology, 2015, 49(5), pp. 3203–3210.

## Wind and solar displace storage-induced emissions

- Renewables displace storage-induced emissions, depending on location and operation (Hittinger & Azevedo, 2017)
- 0.1–18 MW of wind power required to offset emissions induced by 100 MW storage



 1–67 MW of solar power required to offset emissions



 Increasing storage efficiency reduces amount renewables



Hittinger, E. and Azevedo, I. M. L. Environmental Science and Technology, 2017, 51(21), pp. 12988–12997.

## Fuel cells' continuous power can balance renewables

- We elicited 27 experts' assessments of solid oxide fuel cell (SOFC) cost and performance, and conducted a follow-up workshop on market viability
- Performance **trajectory**? .
- How to reduce cost?
  - Favorable markets?



2035

Year

0.4

0.0

2020











## Storage, renewables, and fuel cells: Opportunities

- Bulk energy storage is may be economical and allows for the integration of renewables but could induce U.S. electricity system emissions
- Improving storage efficiency could significantly reduce emissions
- Scaling-up wind and solar offsets storage-induced emissions; 0.1–18 MW of wind and 1–67 MW of solar required to offset emissions for 100 MW storage
- Fuel cells could provide clean, continuous, distributed generation to balance renewables, and fuel cells can operate on H<sub>2</sub> generated by renewables
- Fuel cell cost could decline to \$1,000/kW by 2035, material costs significant

Thank you!

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