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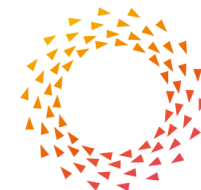
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Global solar investment to be higher than coal, gas and nuclear combined in 2017

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Robin Whitlock

Declining project costs are driving investment towards renewables as the industry continues to transition to more decentralised and intelligent energy systems, finds a report by **Frost & Sullivan**.



The report, by Frost & Sullivan's Energy & Environment team, examines the continued rise of renewable energy systems around the world. Global Power Industry Outlook, 2017, a new analysis from Frost & Sullivan's **Power Generation** Growth Partnership Service programme, examines power market trends, including installed capacity, investment, and regional growth across coal-fired, gas-fired, nuclear, hydro, solar PV, wind and biomass power.

Prices for both solar and wind continue to decline enabling a boom in investment in renewable energy at the expense of traditional power generation. Lower project costs and continued regulatory support for renewable energy in key markets will see global renewable power investment reach \$243.1 billion in 2017, with solar photovoltaic (PV) the fastest growing segment, followed by wind power. By 2020, non-hydro renewables will account for 65 percent of global power investment.

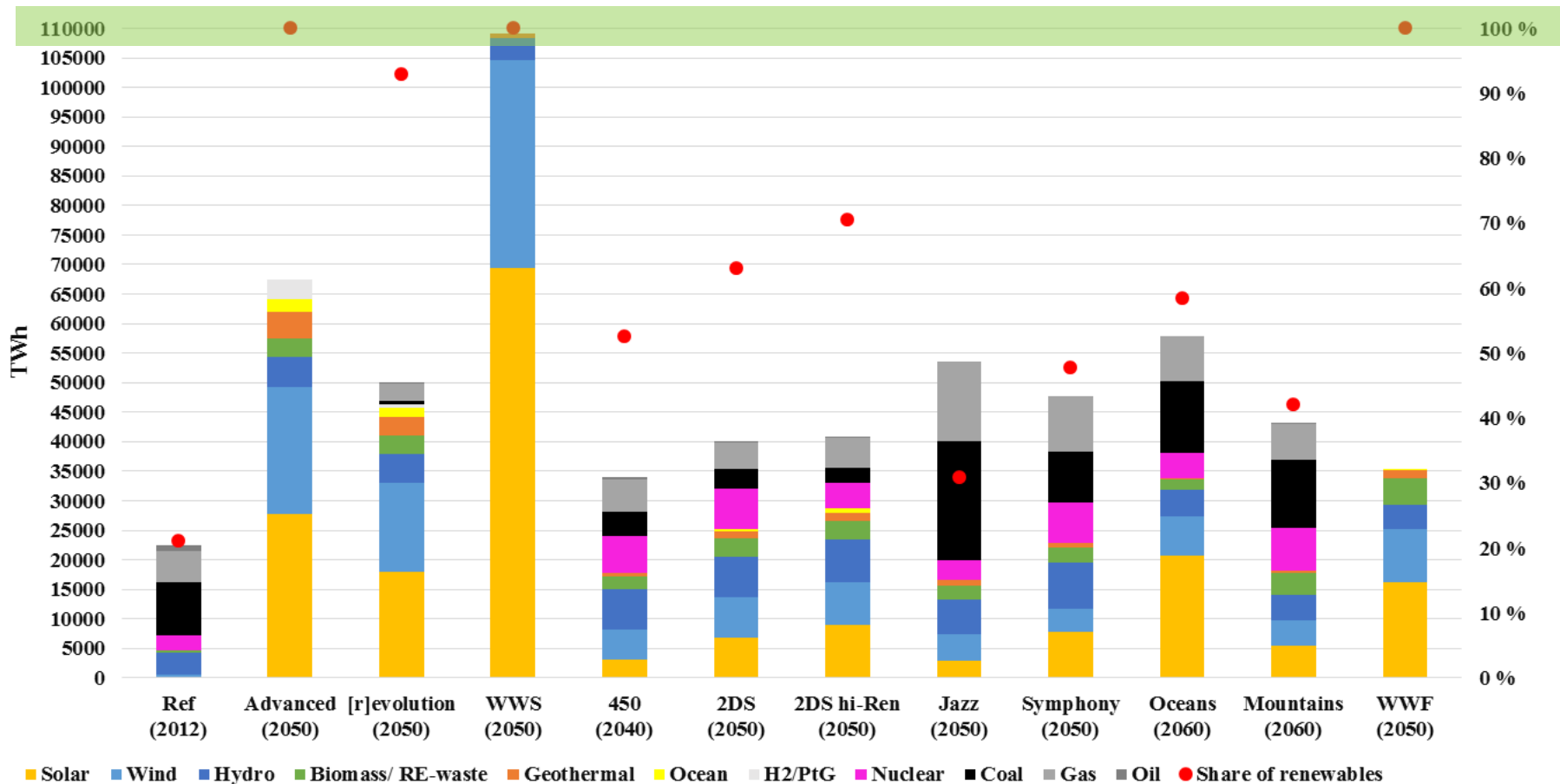
Comments:

- Most global energy scenarios do not yet see that reality
- LUT results clearly indicate a solar century and PV as the key energy technology
- Europe will follow that global trend, despite of good wind (and weak policies)



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Global Energy Scenarios: Selected Overview



Key insights:

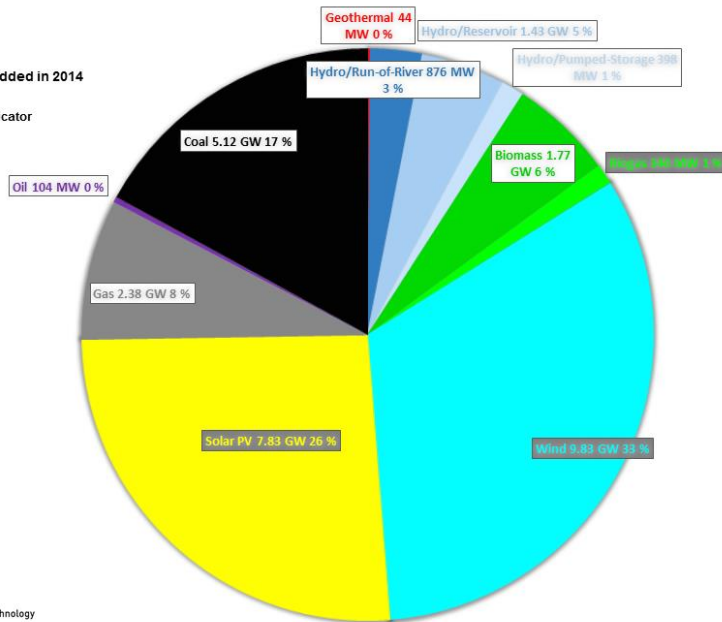
- 100% RE: Greenpeace, WWF, Jacobson et al.: demand strongly deviates, PV and wind dominated, no hourly resolution
- IEA, WEC, Shell: not COP21 compatible, high nuclear shares, low solar shares, no hourly resolution

Current status of the power plant mix



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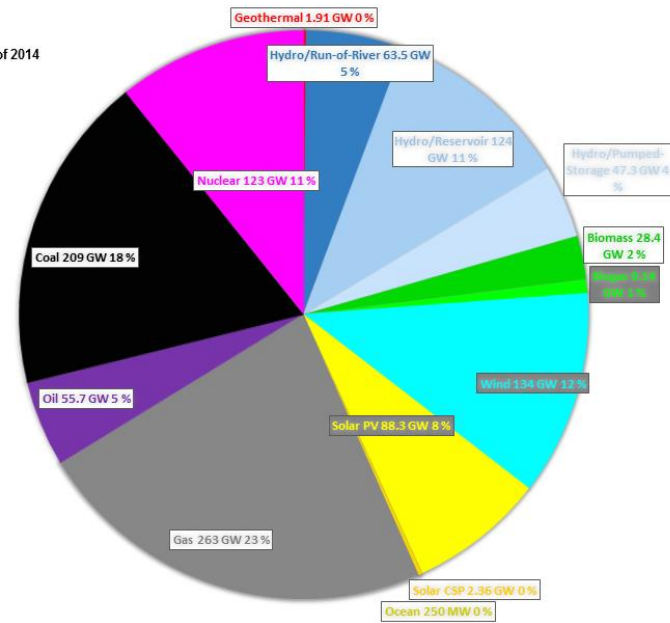
Total Capacity added in 2014
30.1 GW
Sustainability Indicator
80 %



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Total Capacity by end of 2014
1150 GW
Sustainability Indicator
19 %



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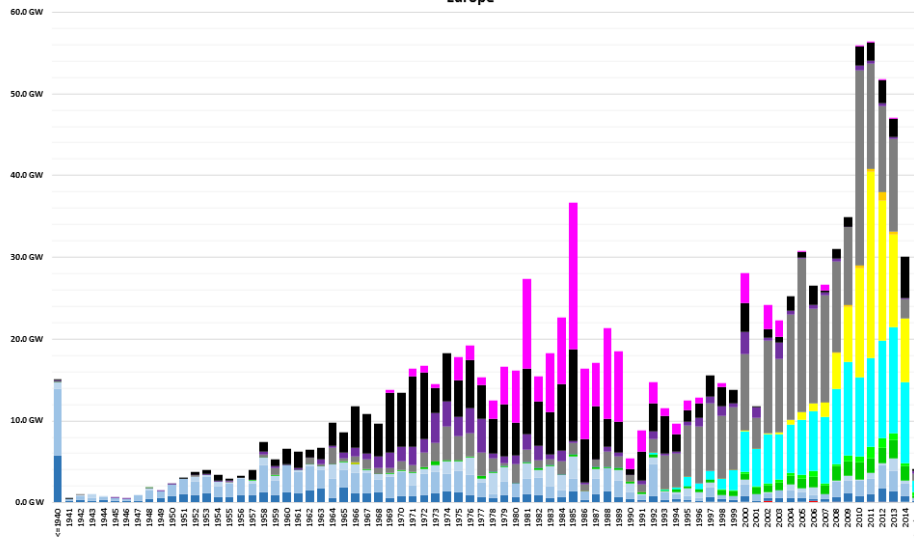
- new installations dominated by renewables
- nuclear as niche technology for years
- still some new coal capacities
- overall trend very positive

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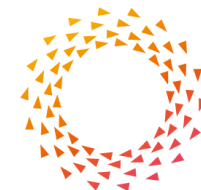
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Total active power plant capacity added per year still active by 2014



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LUT Energy System Model

Full system



Renewable energy sources

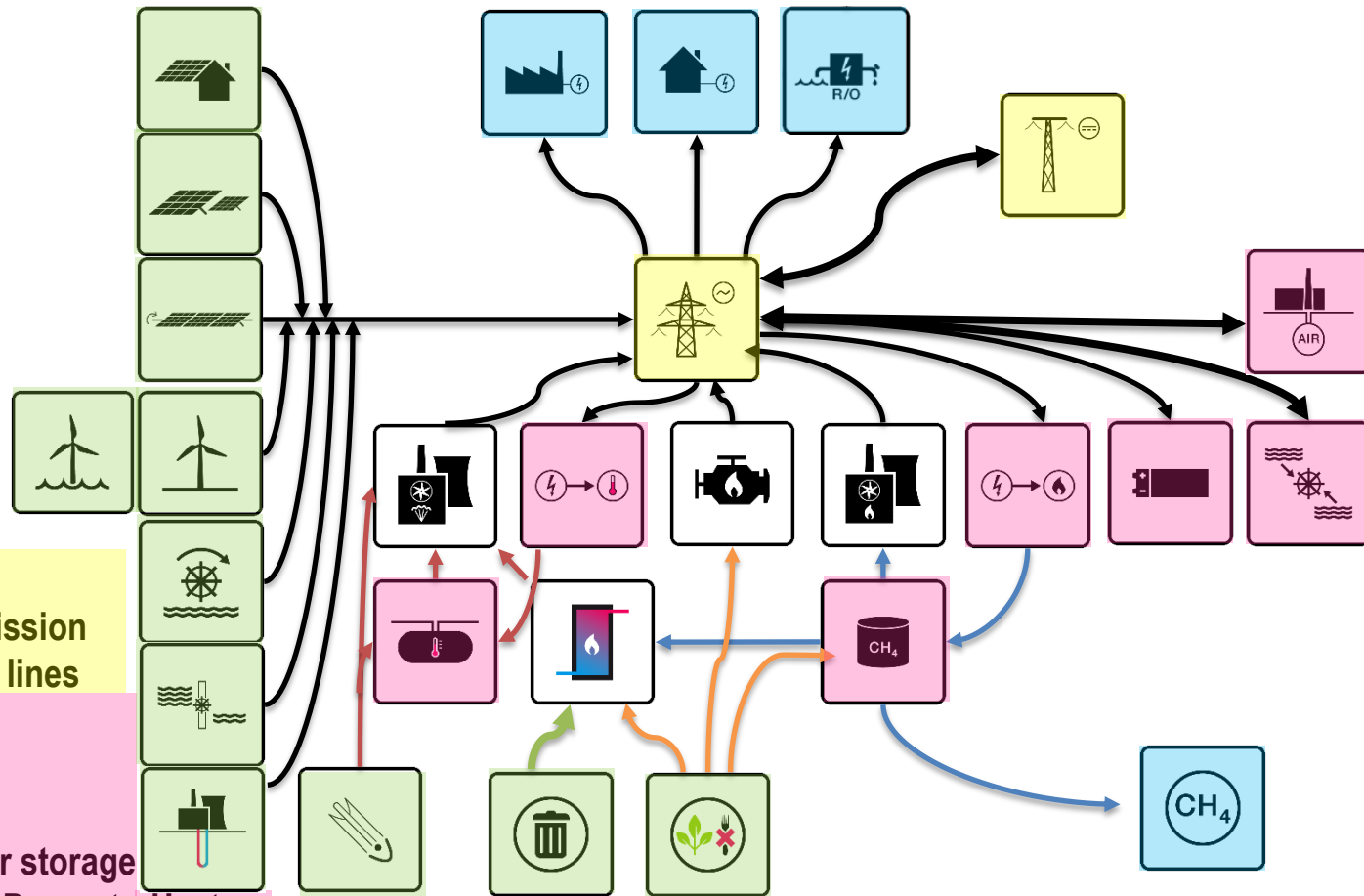
- PV rooftop (RES, COM, IND)
- PV ground-mounted
- PV single-axis tracking
- Wind onshore/ offshore
- Hydro run-of-river
- Hydro dam
- Geothermal energy
- CSP
- Waste-to-energy
- Biogas
- Biomass

Electricity transmission

- node-internal AC transmission
- interconnected by HVDC lines

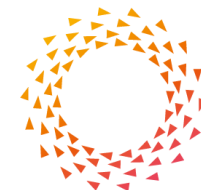
Storage options

- Batteries
- Pumped hydro storage
- Adiabatic compressed air storage
- Thermal energy storage, Power-to-Heat
- Gas storage based on Power-to-Gas
 - Water electrolysis
 - Methanation
 - CO₂ from air
 - Gas storage



Energy Demand

- Electricity
- Water Desalination
- Industrial Gas



Definition of an optimally structured energy system based on 100% RE supply

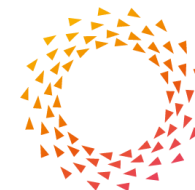
- optimal set of technologies, best adapted to the availability of the regions' resources,
- optimal mix of capacities for all technologies and world structured into 145 sub-regions globally,
- optimal operation modes for every element of the energy system,
- least cost energy supply for the given constraints.

Input data

- historical weather data for: solar irradiation, wind speed and hydro precipitation
- available sustainable resources for biomass and geothermal energy
- synthesized power load data
- non-energetic industrial gas and water desalination demand
- efficiency/ yield characteristics of RE plants
- efficiency of energy conversion processes
- capex, opex, lifetime for all energy resources
- min and max capacity limits for all RE resources
- nodes and interconnections configuration

LUT Energy System model, key features

- linear optimization model
- hourly resolution
- multi-node approach
- flexibility and expandability
- enables energy transition modeling
- overnight scenarios
- energy transition scenarios in 5-year steps



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LUT Energy System Model

publications peer-reviewed

• Examples of research with LUT energy model published in peer-reviewed journals (10 in total)

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KEYWORDS
PV demand; battery demand; energy transition scenario; hourly resolution; 100% renewable energy

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1. MOTIVATION

The two key resources for very large scale renewable energy (RE) harvesting are the wind resource and the direct solar resource. The two major solar technologies are solar photovoltaics (PV) and concentrating solar thermal power (CSP), although the future cost competitiveness of CSP is more and more questioned [7]. Solar PV is the fastest growing energy technology in the world [8] and reached a level of 50 GW of new capacity added annually. Financial renewable energy experts expect installations to grow to 80 GW annually (2020), 143 GW (2030) and 206 GW (2040) [7]. The International Energy Agency (IEA) lags behind by projecting annual installations of 37.1 GW (2013–2020), 32.6 GW (2020–2025), 33.6 GW (2025–2030), 34.4 GW (2030–2035) and 33.2 GW (2035–2040) in its New Policies Scenario [9,10], which is not only in

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Can Australia Power the Energy-Hungry Asia with Renewable Energy?

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Abstract: The Paris Agreement points out that countries need to shift away from the existing fossil-fuel-based energy system to limit the average temperature rise to 1.5 or 2 °C. A cost-optimal 100% renewable energy based system is simulated for East Asia for the year 2030, covering demand by power, desalination, and industrial gas sectors on an hourly basis for an entire year. East Asia was divided into 20 sub-regions and four different scenarios were set up based on the level of high voltage grid connection, and additional demand sectors: power, desalination, industrial gas, and a renewable-energy-based synthetic natural gas (RE-SNG) trading between regions. The integrated RE-SNG scenario gives the lowest cost of electricity (€52/MWh) and the lowest total annual cost of the system. Results contradict the notion that long-distance power lines could be beneficial to utilize the abundant solar and wind resources in Australia for East Asia. However, Australia could become a liquefaction hub for exporting RE-SNG to Asia and a 100% renewable energy system could be a reality in East Asia with the cost assumptions used. This may also be more cost-competitive than nuclear and fossil fuel carbon capture and storage alternatives.

Keywords: East Asia; Australia; 100% renewable energy; power-to-gas; synthetic natural gas; grid integration; system optimization; economics

1. Introduction

In December 2015, the annual Conference of Parties (COP) 21 held in Paris, also known as the Paris Agreement [1] was an action-driven event with several concrete achievements [2]. The conference presented several political and business leaders with the opportunity to take the critical decisions needed to keep the average global temperature rise to no more than 1.5 or 2 °C, which finally requires net zero greenhouse gas emissions shortly after the middle of this century [1]. According to Schellnhuber et al. [3], the 2 °C limit is economically achievable due to rapidly falling costs of renewable energy, particularly solar PV, but is constrained by politics. It is observed that change is happening in energy supply for a lot of countries, but this needs to happen faster. The region of interest for this research is East Asia, which is comprised of Northeast Asia and Southeast Asia, the latter including Australia and New Zealand.

Energy is a key driver for social and economic development, particularly in developing countries where many people have no access to basic forms of energy. Many developing countries have programs to electrify the non-electrified population and at the same time maintain a high level of economic development. Thus, the demand for electricity is growing very fast, particularly in East Asia. According to Taggart [4], leading up to 2050, East Asia—comprised of China, Japan, the ASEAN states, and Australia—will become the world's largest economy. To keep up with economic development and improve living conditions, there will be a rapid increase in energy needs, which will put our climate at risk, as the energy sector is one of the main sources of greenhouse gas

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North-East Asian Super Grid for 100% renewable energy supply: Optimal mix of energy technologies for electricity, gas and heat supply options

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In order to define a cost optimal 100% renewable energy system, an hourly resolved model has been created based on linear optimization of energy system parameters under given constraints. The model is comprised of five scenarios for 100% renewable energy power systems in North-East Asia with different high voltage direct current transmission grid development levels, including industrial gas demand and additional energy security. Renewables can supply enough energy to cover the estimated electricity and gas demands of the area in the year 2030 and deliver more than 2000 TW h₀ of heat on a cost competitive level of 84 €/MWh₀ for electricity. Further, this can be accomplished for a synthetic natural gas price at the 2013 Japanese electricity market gas import price level and at no additional generation costs for the available heat. The total area system cost could reach 69.4 €/MWh₀ if only the electricity sector is taken into account. In this system about 20% of the energy is exchanged between the 13 regions, reflecting a rather decentralized character which is supplied 27% by stored energy. The major storage technologies are batteries for daily storage and power-to-gas for seasonal storage. Prosumers are likely to play a significant role due to favourable economics. A highly resilient energy system with very high energy security standards would increase the electricity cost by 23% to 85.6 €/MWh₀. The results clearly show that a 100% renewable energy based system is feasible and lower in cost than nuclear energy and fossil carbon capture and storage alternatives.

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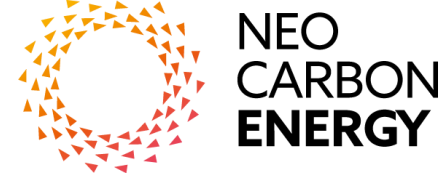
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Fast economic growth in the North-East Asian region provoked an extensive rise in electricity demand, based mainly on fossil fuel utilization, in the last decades [1]. Increasing ecological and social problems are caused by the fossil fuel based energy system, including increased anthropogenic pressure on nature in general [2] and an ongoing destruction of ecosystems all around the world [3]. This anthropogenic pressure leads in particular to climate change [4], which will have a dramatic negative impact on the economy on a global scale, as concluded by Stern [5]. Harmful and costly consequences of coal-based air pollution [6] have to be further taken into account for the full societal cost of energy supply. These issues drive the idea for a renewable energy (RE) based system development up to 100% RE [7] and the discussion of its competitiveness on a global scale [8] and in a rather distributed manner [9]. It is feasible that RE based systems can decrease the anthropological footprint [10] in particular since the most important RE technologies

show a continued strong growth and the large majority of countries in the world have introduced respective policies [11]. Scenarios of energy systems based on very high shares of RE had been already discussed for several countries and regions. Connolly and Mathiesen [12] showed for the case of Ireland in a hourly modeling that 100% RE is technically feasible and economic affordable. Henning and Palzer [13] discussed that a 100% RE system for the sectors electricity and heat is technically doable and the cost are comparable to the current energy system, also based on hourly resolution. Theußers and Lund [14] pointed out that energy efficiency measures in the electricity and heat sector can even generate positive synergies for 100% RE for the example of Denmark. Critz et al. [15] emphasized that demand response measures help to integrate a high penetration of renewables into the existing system and that it can reduce the overall cost for the case of Hawaii. Huber et al. [16] found on the case of the ASEAN region that a well balanced mix of renewable resources and a geographic integration of a larger region is required for balancing high shares of RE. Komoto et al. [17] proposed very large scale solar photovoltaic power plants for North-East Asia pointing out that excellent renewable resources of a large unpopulated region, such as the Gobi desert, can be utilized for a very large region by applying a

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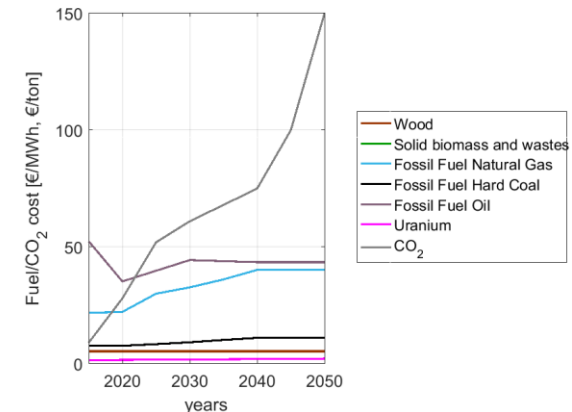
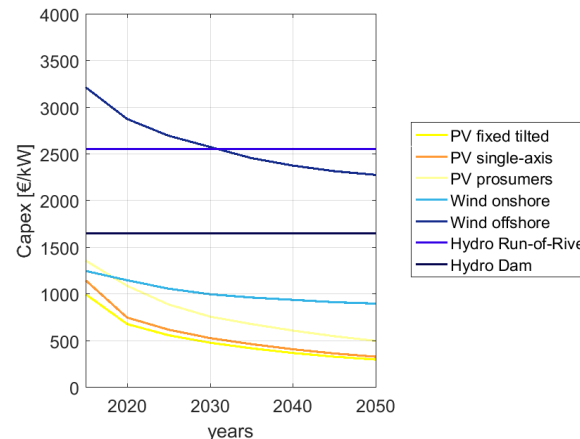
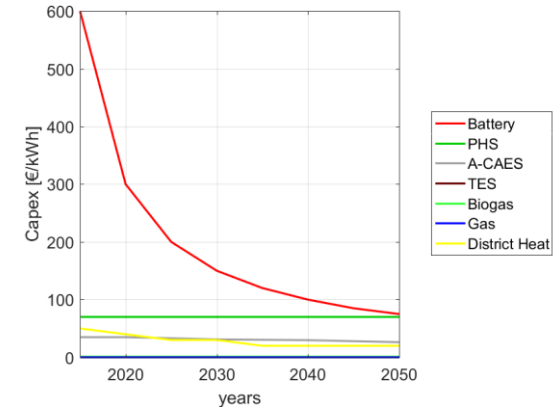
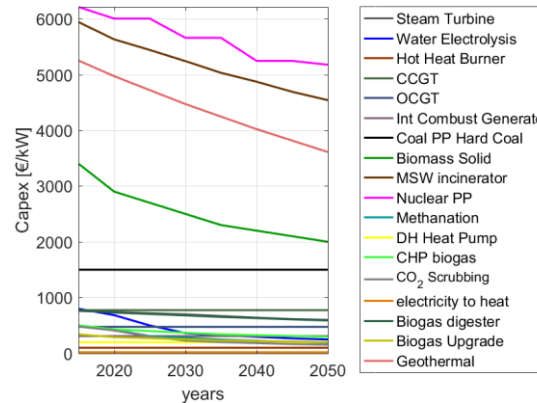


LUT Energy System Model

Data – Financial Assumptions



- Capex variation based on learning curves
- Least cost power plant capacities based on
 - Cost
 - Efficiency of generation and storage
 - Power to energy ratio of storage
 - Available resource
- WACC is set to 7% for all years
- Fuel costs
 - 47.3 €/MWh_{th} for oil (~100 USD/bbl in 2020 and ~+2.1%/a)
 - 22.2 €/MWh_{th} for gas (in 2020 and ~+3.0%/a)

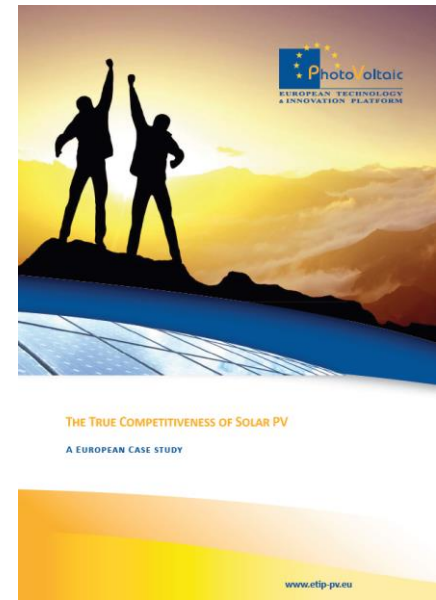
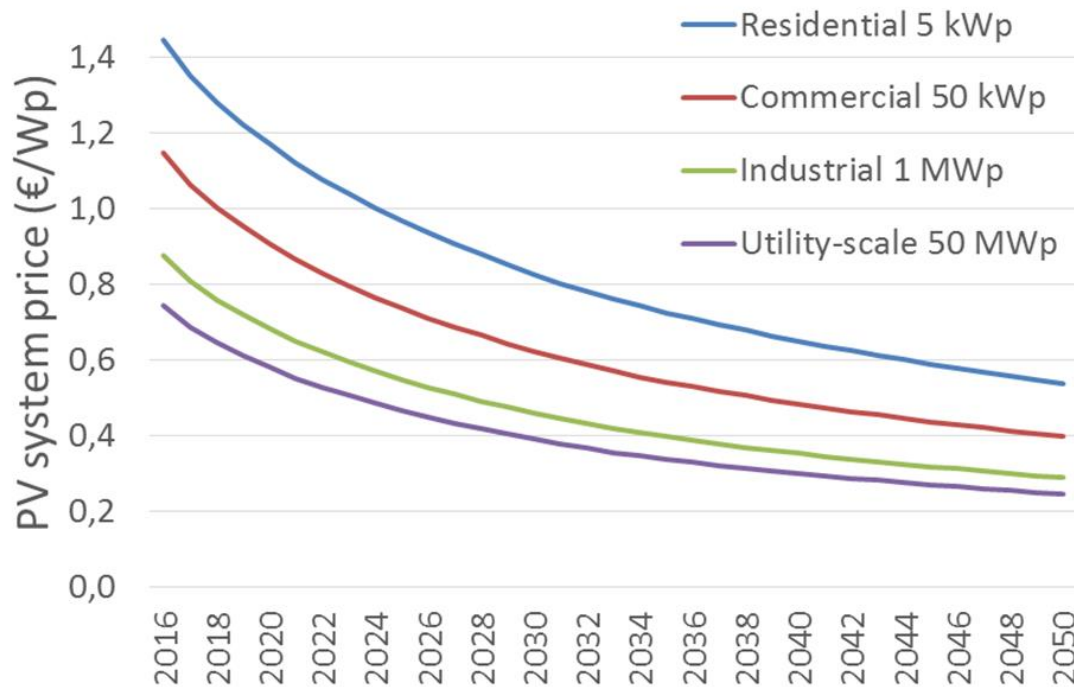


Variation in capex from 2015 – 2050 for all power plant components utilised by model. Detailed capex, fixed opex, efficiency and power to energy ratio numbers are presented at end of slide set



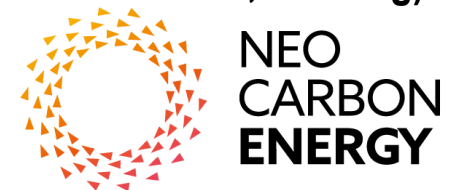
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Data – Financial Assumptions: PV update

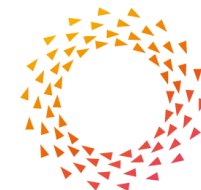


source: [ETIP-PV, 2017. The True Competitiveness of Solar PV – A European Case Study](#)

- capex variation based on learning curves, market growth
- PV capex has been continuously too high in own work during the last 10 years
- PV most important in energy transition scenarios, hence very good capex understanding required
- now split into 5 types of PV segments (rooftop RES/ COM/ IND, ground-mounted fixed, tracking)

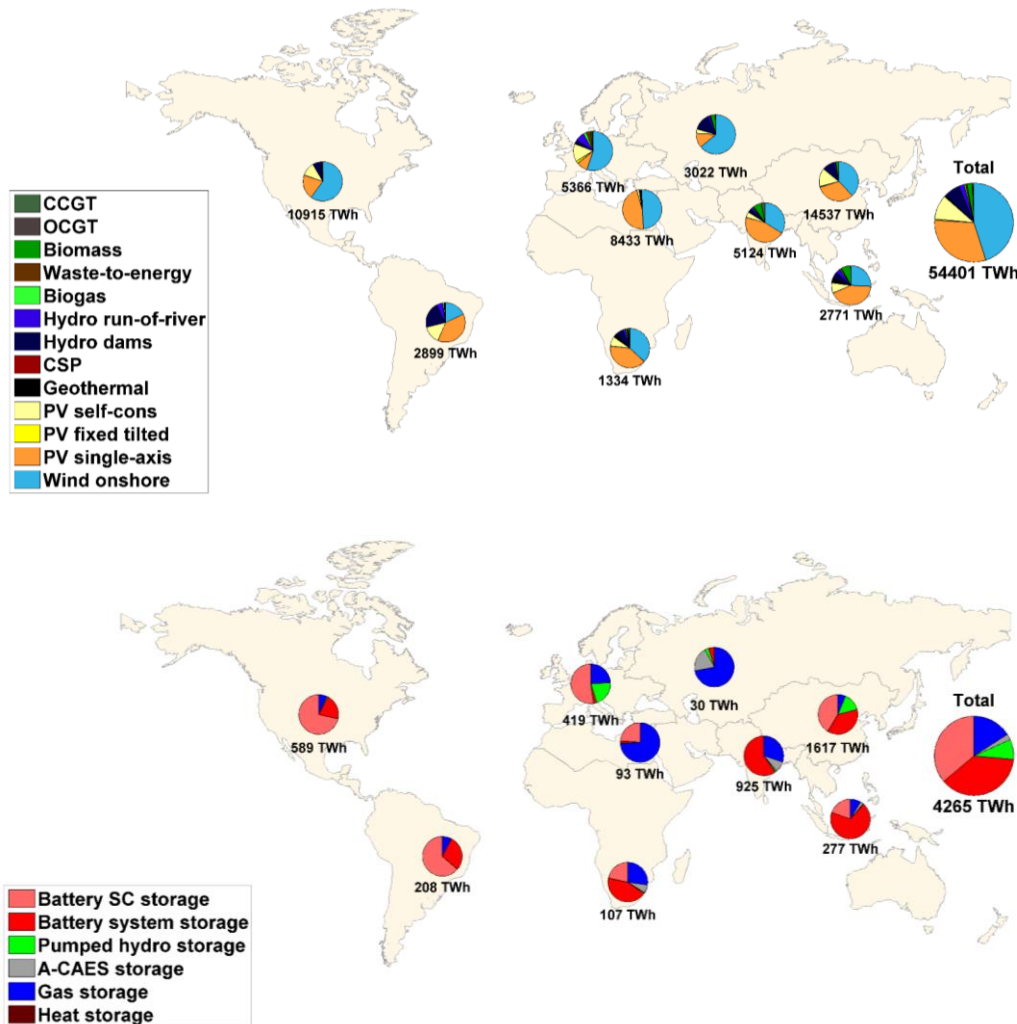


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Results: Global view for Overnight 2030



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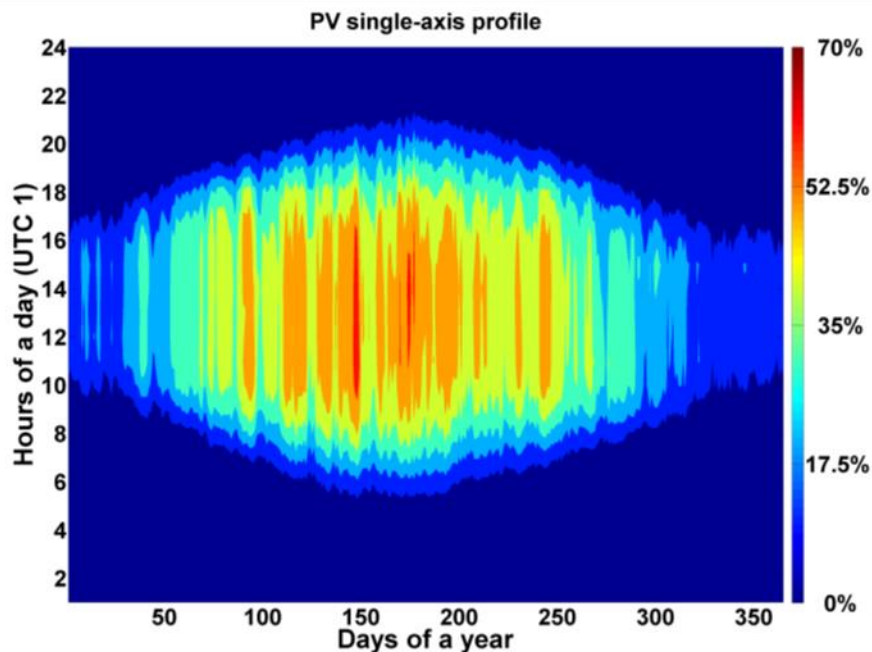
Scenarios assumptions

Generation profile (area integrated) for Europe



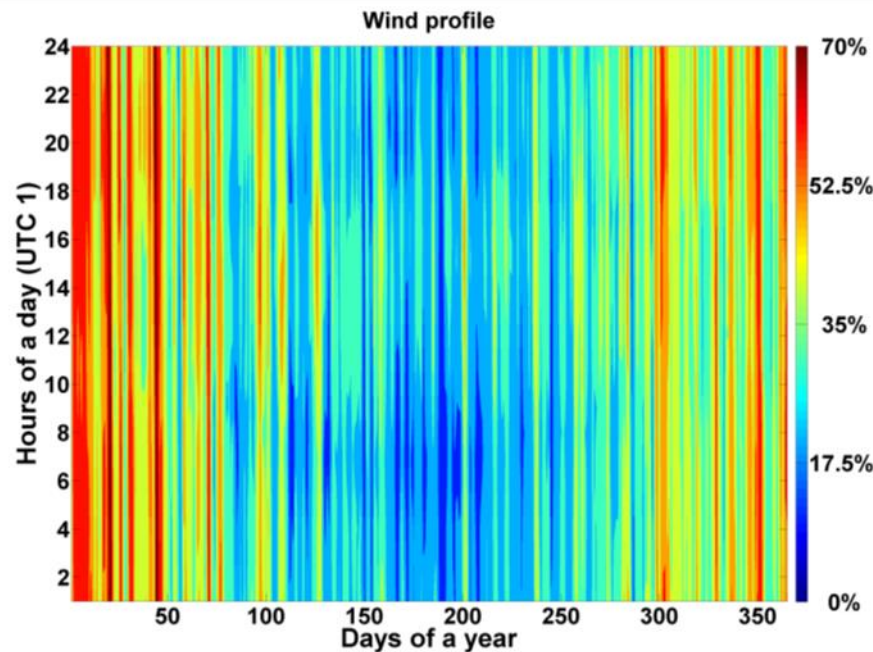
PV generation profile

Aggregated area profile computed using earlier presented weighed average rule.



Wind onshore generation profile

Aggregated area profile computed using earlier presented weighed average rule.



Key insights:

- seasonal complementary of PV and wind

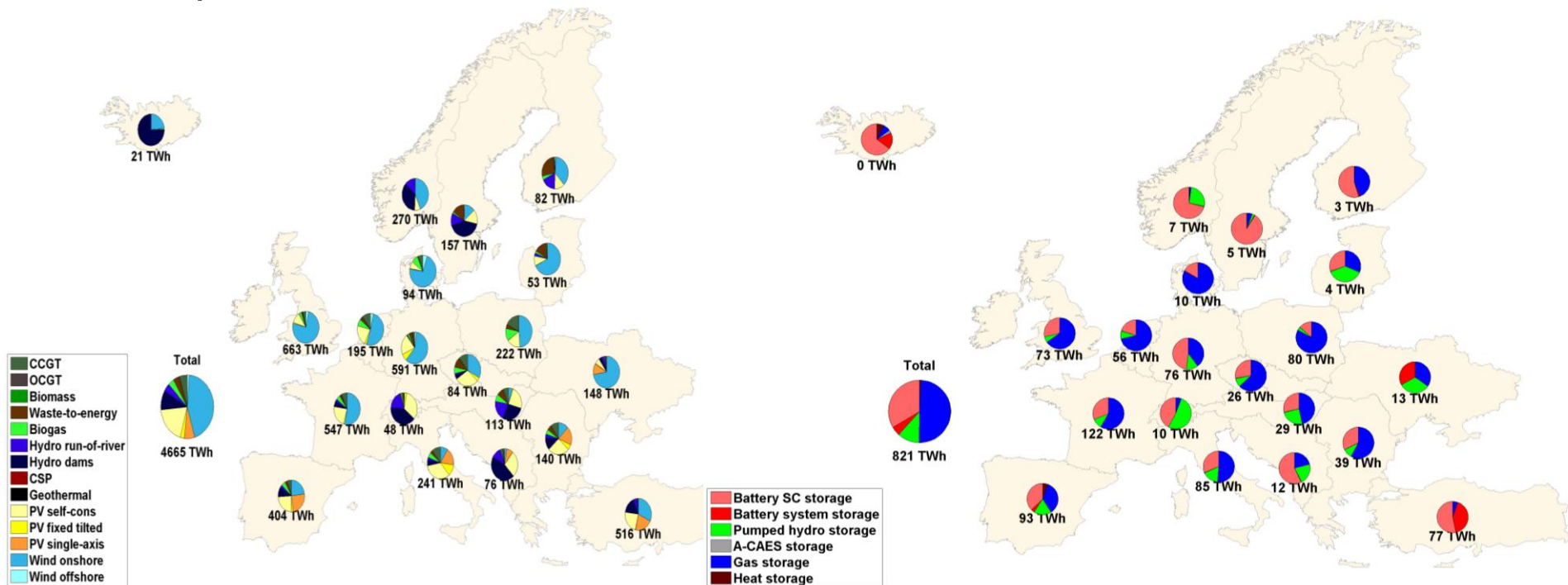


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Results

Regions Electricity Generation and Storage (year 2030) – area-wide open trade

Area-wide open trade



Key insights:

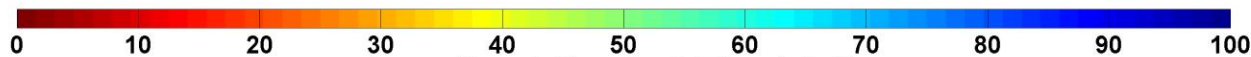
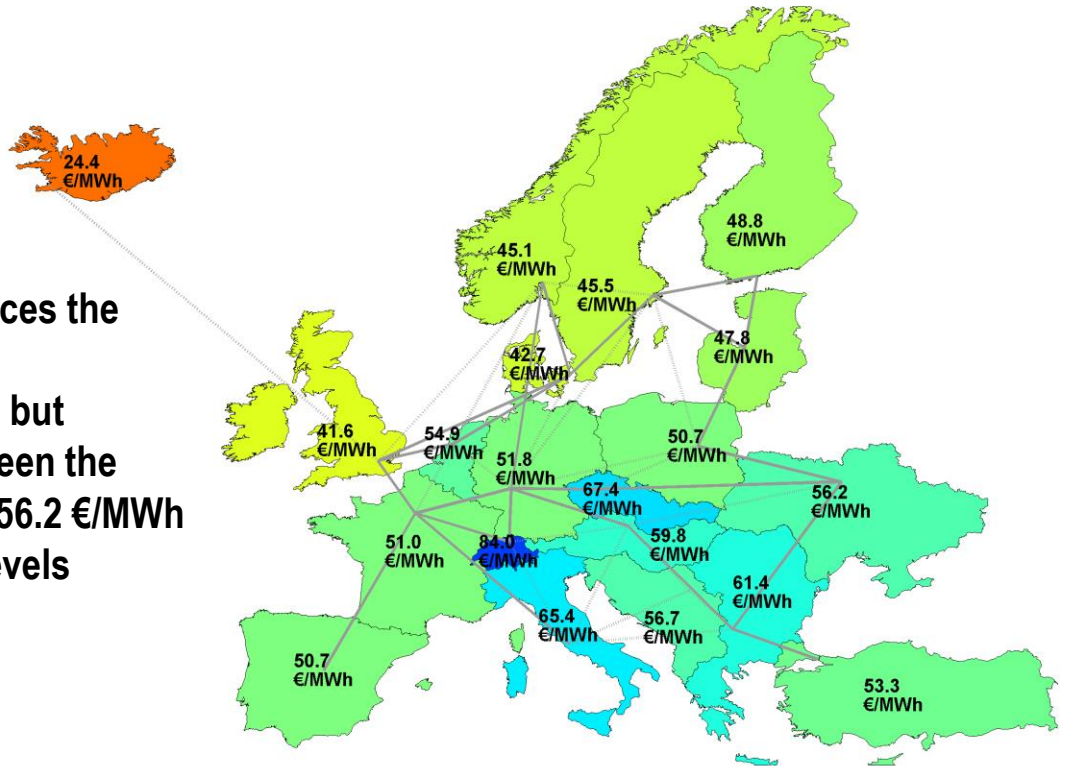
- significant role of hydropower generation in Nordic countries, Austria, Switzerland, Balkan East, Turkey
- solar PV represents approximately 29% of total energy generation
- >50% wind share in Baltic, Germany, Benelux, Denmark, British Isles, France, Ukraine
- wind has largest role in total generation across regions (48-50%)
- existing PHS storage plays significant role
- relative share of prosumer batteries increases in integration scenario in several regions

Results

Total LCOE (year 2030) – Area-wide open trade total

Levelized Cost of Electricity (generation, curtailment, storage and transmission)

Average LCOE: 51.4 €/MWh



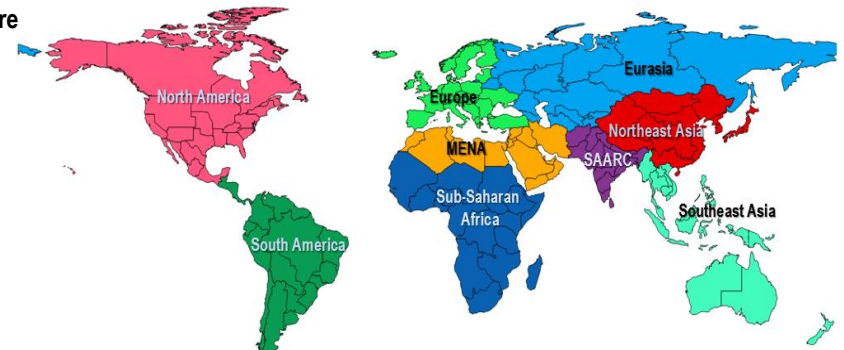
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Overview on World's Regions: Overnight 2030

Regions	LCOE region-wide [€/MWh]	LCOE area-wide [€/MWh]	Integration benefit ** [%]	Storage * [%]	Regional grid trade* [%]	Curtailement [%]	PV prosumers* [%]	PV system * [%]	Wind * [%]	Biomass * [%]	Hydro* [%]
Northeast Asia	63	56	6.0%	7%	10%	5%	16.4%	35.4%	40.9%	2.9%	11.6%
Southeast Asia	67	64	9.5%	8%	3%	3%	7.2%	36.8%	22.0%	22.9%	7.6%
India/ SAARC	72	67	5.9%	22%	23%	3%	6.2%	43.5%	32.1%	10.9%	5.4%
Eurasia	63	53	23.2%	<1%	13%	3%	3.8%	9.9%	58.1%	13.0%	15.4%
Europe	56	51	11.2%	7%	16%	3%	18.1%	11.1%	51.7%	6.4%	14.1%
MENA	61	55	10.8%	<1%	10%	5%	1.8%	46.4%	48.4%	1.3%	1.1%
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North America	63	53	10.1%	1%	24%	4%	11.0%	19.8%	58.4%	3.7%	6.8%
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* Integrated scenario, supply share
** annualised costs, results from older simulation

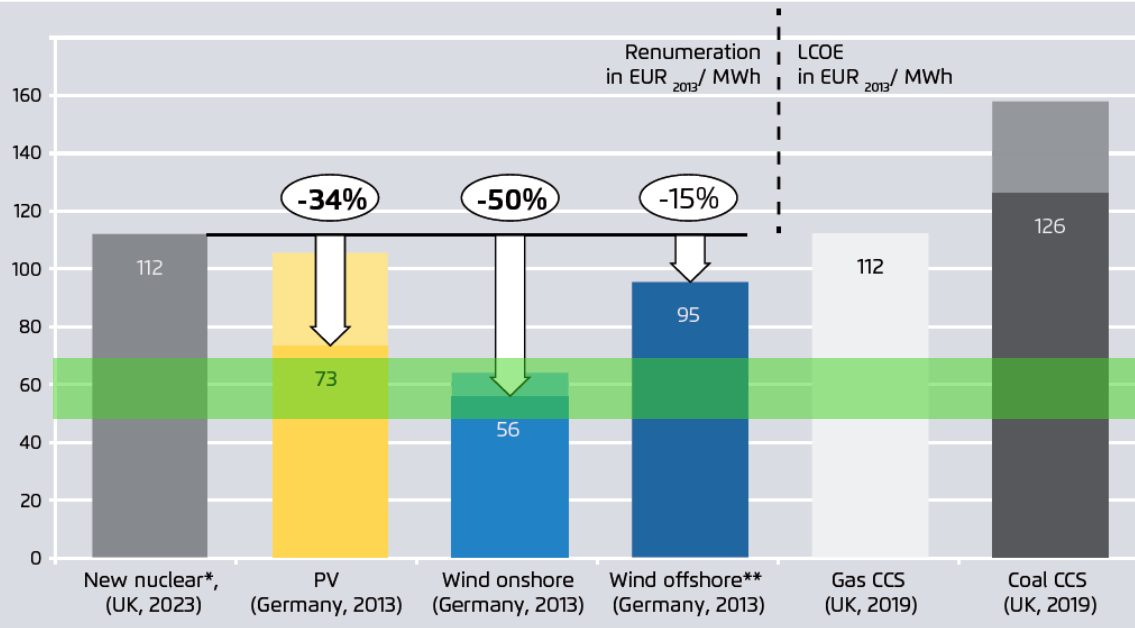


Key insights:

- **100% RE is highly competitive**
- **least cost for high match of seasonal supply and demand**
- **PV share typically around 40% (range 15-51%)**
- **hydro and biomass limited the more sectors are integrated**
- **flexibility options limit storage to 10% and it will further decrease with heat and mobility sector integration**
- **most generation locally within sub-regions (grids 3-24%)**

Cost comparison of 'cleantech' solutions

Comparison of average remuneration for new nuclear power, PV, wind and the levelized cost of electricity for gas/coal CCS



Preliminary NCE results clearly indicate 100% RE systems cost about 55-70 €/MWh for 2030 cost assumptions on comparable basis

source: [Breyer Ch., Bogdanov D., et al., 2017. On the Role of Solar Photovoltaics in Global Energy Transition Scenarios, Progress in Photovoltaics](#)

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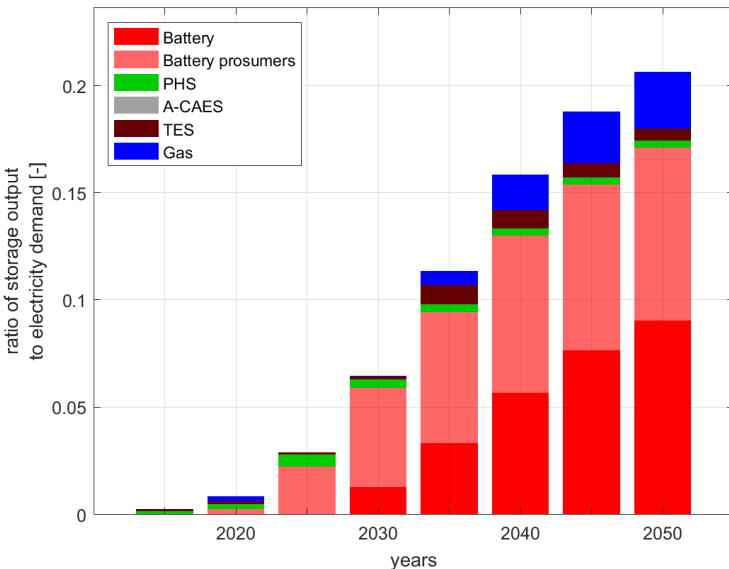
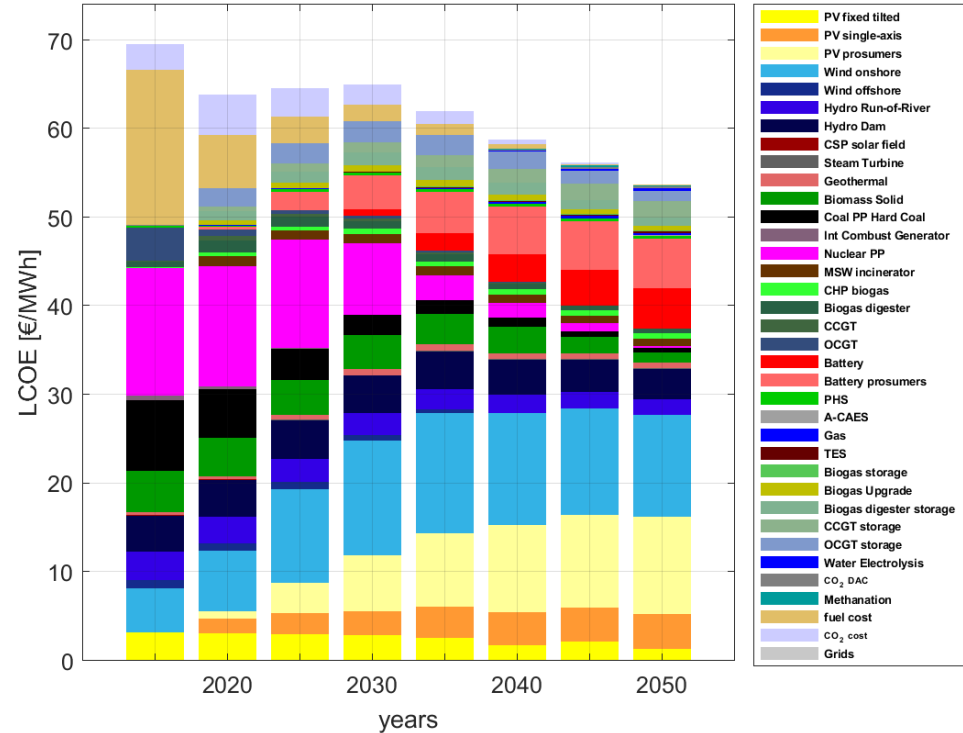
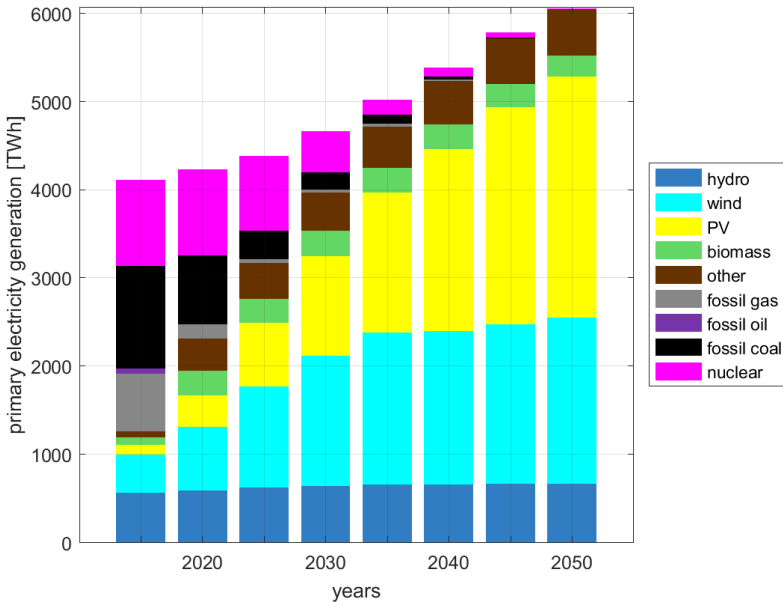
- PV-Wind-Gas is the least cost option
- nuclear and coal-CCS are too expensive
- nuclear and coal-CCS are high risk technologies
- 100% RE systems are highly cost competitive



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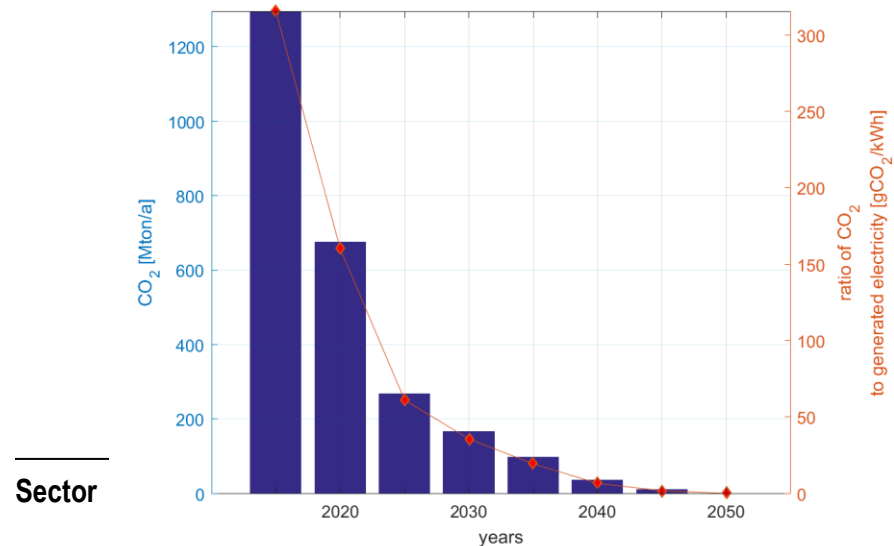
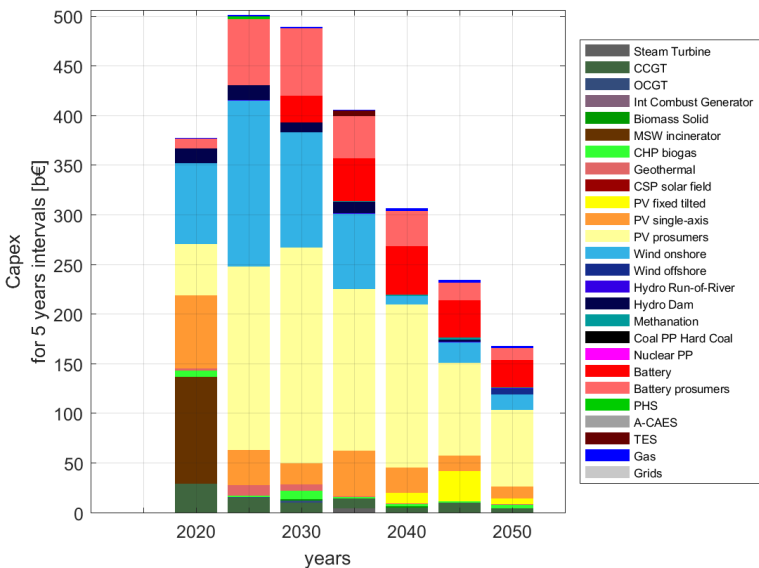
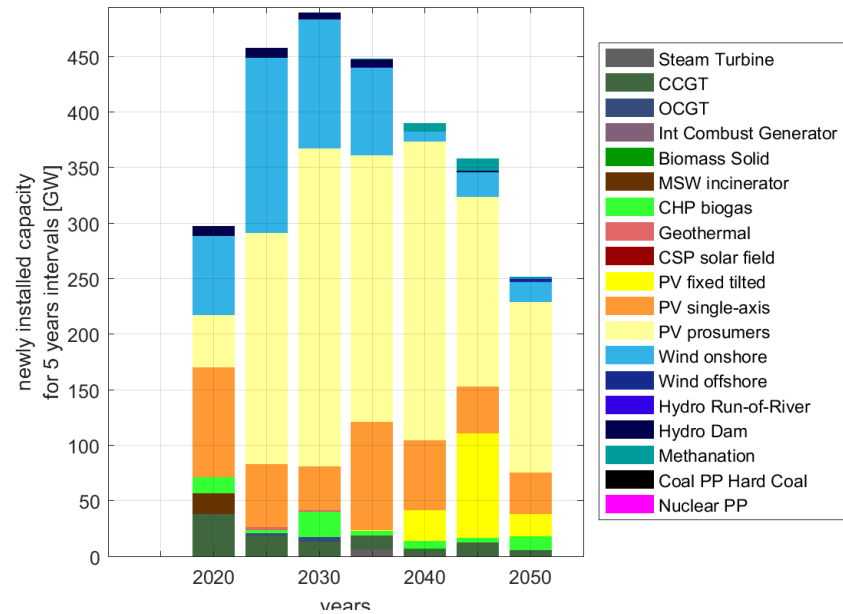
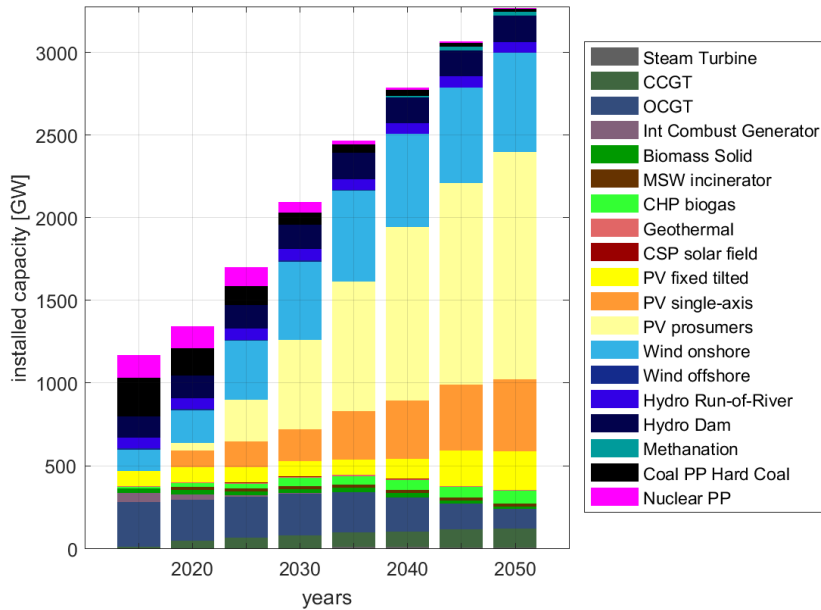
Energy Transition Modeling: Europe



Key insights:

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- results here are for Europe (in limits of IS, PT, TR, UA, EE, FI)
- LCOE decline on energy system level driven by wind/PV + battery
- beyond 2030 solar PV grows much more than wind energy
- wind and PV + battery finally run the system more and more
- solar PV supply share in 2050 at about 45% as least cost
- capacities in 2050: solar PV of ~2000 GWp and wind of ~600 GW
- LCOE of 54 €/MWh are further reduced to 46 €/MWh for 2050 cost

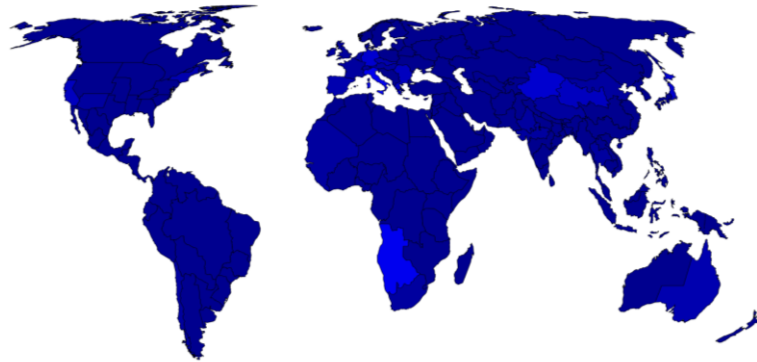
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Energy Transition Modeling: Global and Europe

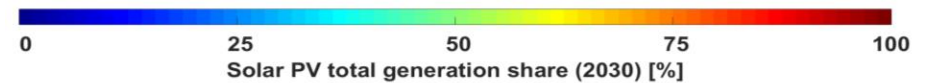
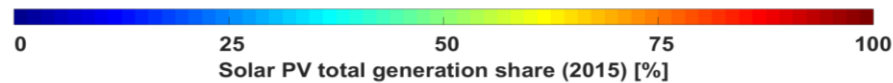
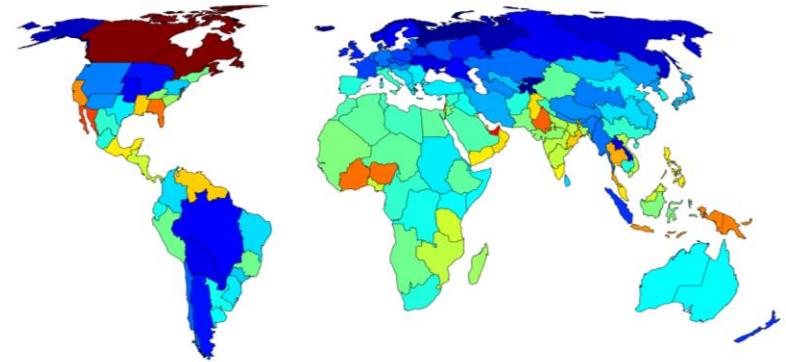
Solar PV total generation share (2015)
(Total)

average for region: 1.0 %

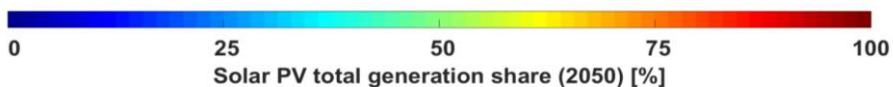
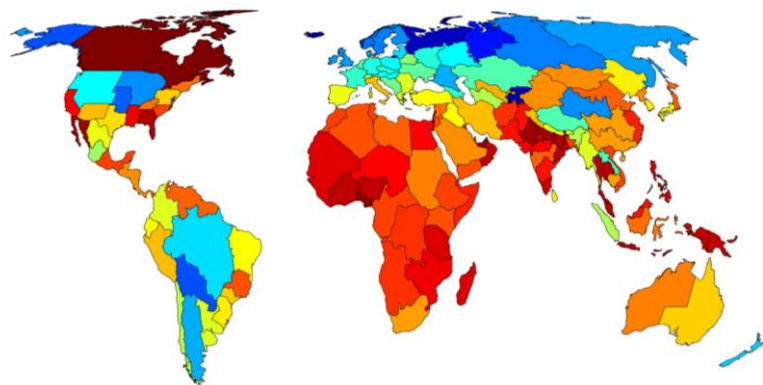


Solar PV total generation share (2030)
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average for region: 70.3%

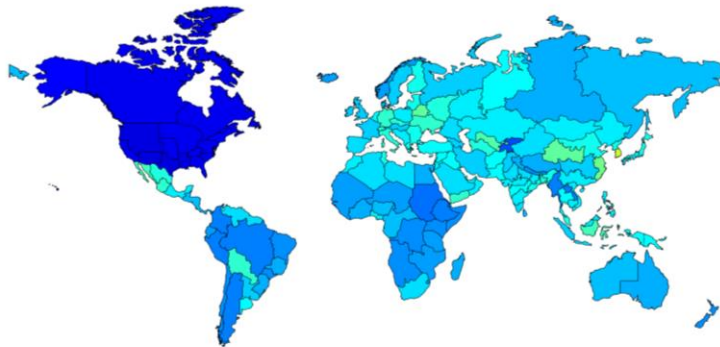


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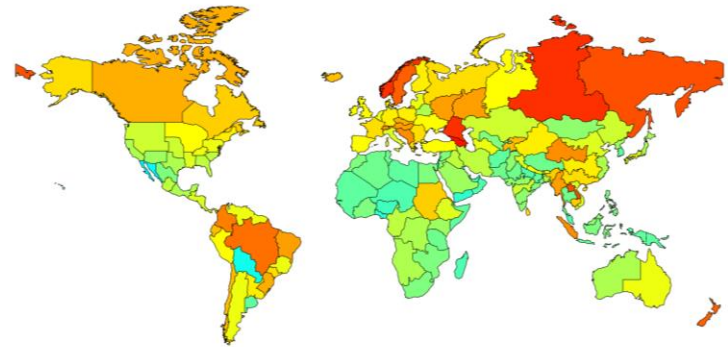
- 1.0% electricity share by 2015
- Strong growth till 2030 would be possible
- By 2050 solar PV could be the dominating source of electricity
- Canada is still in progress for simulations
- Countries in the Sun Belt would be almost fully dominated by solar PV, e.g. Africa, India, Southeast Asia, Central America
- Regions of strong seasons and excellent wind show lower PV values, as well as the few hydro power and geothermal regions
- solar PV supply share in 2050 at about 70% (!!)

Energy Transition Modeling: Global and Europe

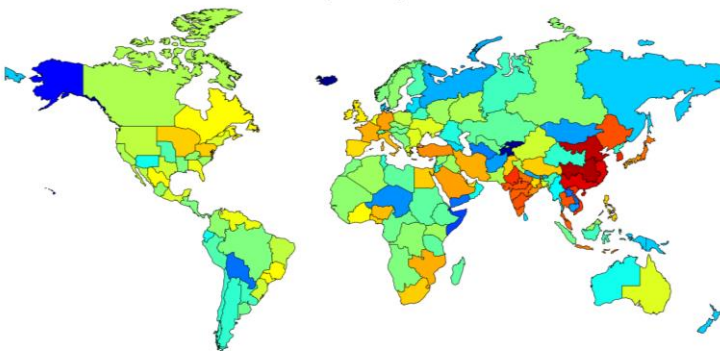
Total LCOE (2050) average for region: 48.5 €/MWh



Ratio of LCOE primary to LCOE total (2050) average for region: 60.0 %



Solar PV total capacity (2050) (Total) total for region: 21766 GW



Key insights:

- Total LCOE by 2050 around 50 €/MWh (incl. generation, storage, curtailment, some grid cost)
- 60% ratio of primary generation cost to total LCOE
- Total PV installed capacity around 22 TWp (ONLY for today's power sector)

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WELCOME TO THE INTERNET OF ENERGY!

This is the visualisation tool for the simulation of a global 100% renewable electricity system! The simulations have been carried out by the Solar Economy group at Lappeenranta University of Technology LUT within the Neo-Carbon Energy* project. With this tool one can explore for every hour of the year how a fully renewable electricity system would operate. The energy future is amazing!

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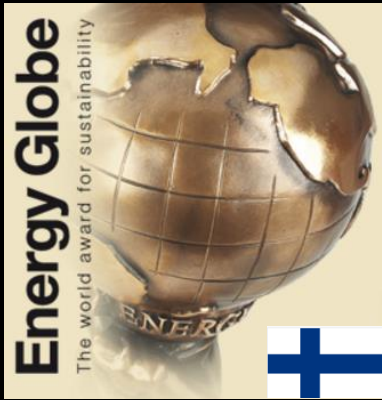
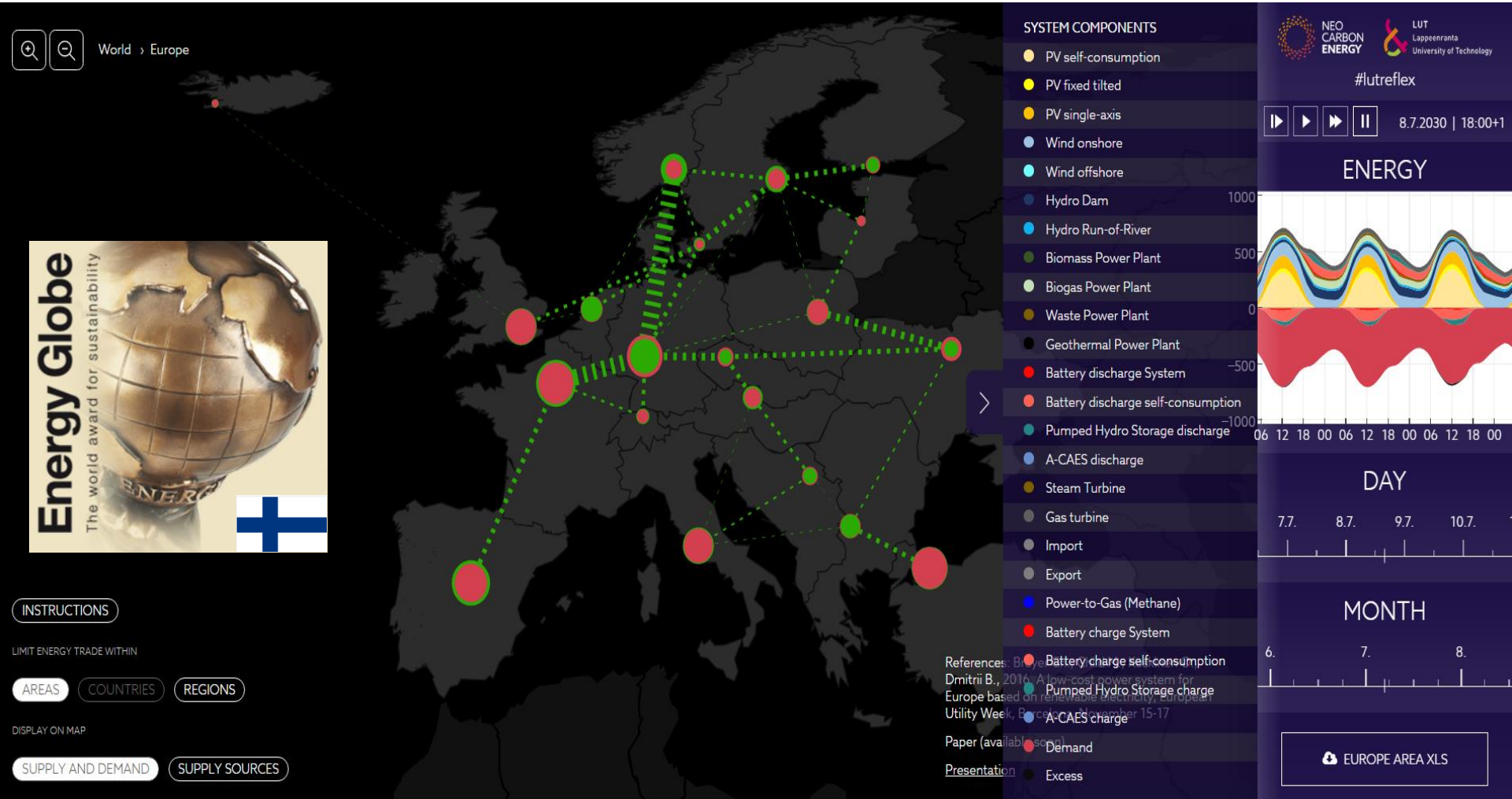
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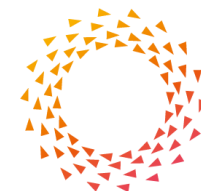


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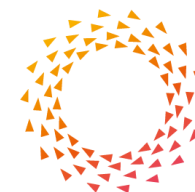


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- Sector integration and Energy Union further decreases the cost
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- Seasonal variations are the key reason for keeping wind energy in the system
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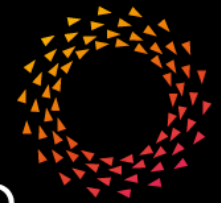
Personal note:

- Policy failures caused the loss of almost all European manufacturing capacities for the number 1 global energy technology in this century
- This unacceptable status has to be fixed, asap.



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Thank you for your attention and to the team!



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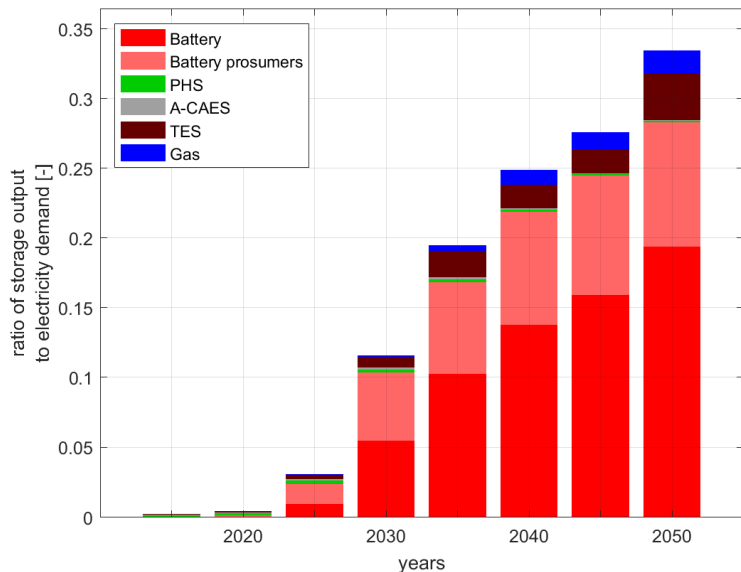
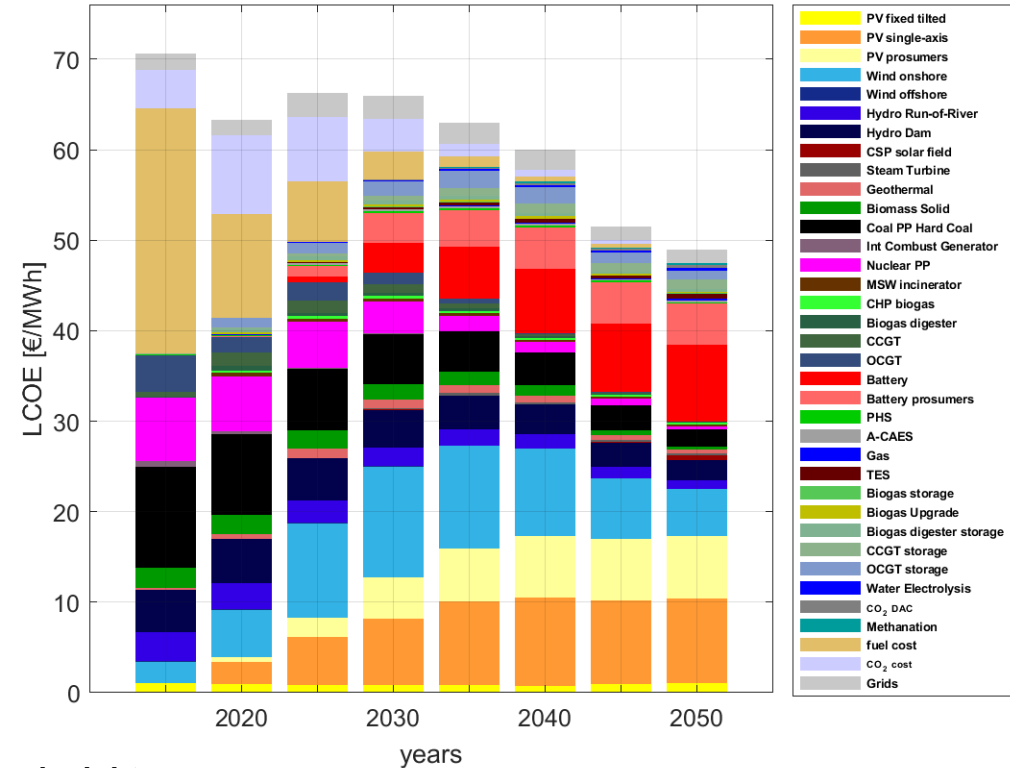
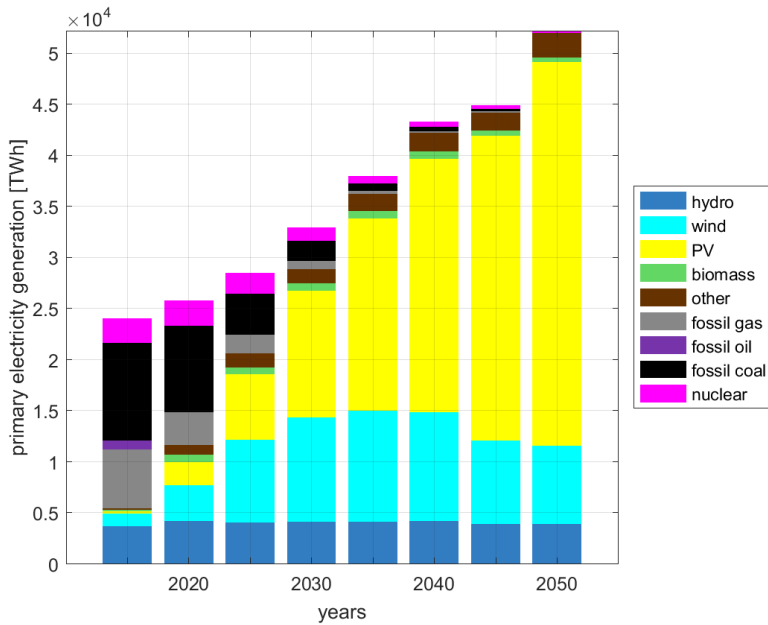
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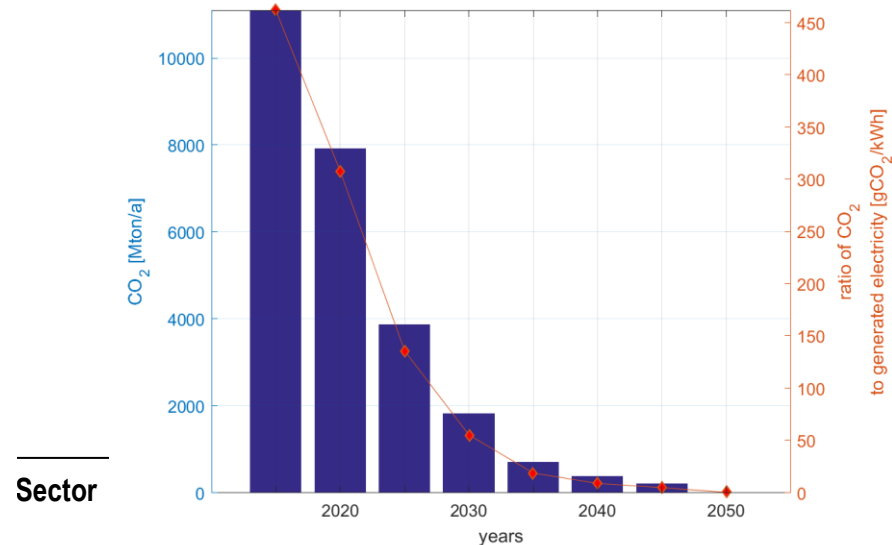
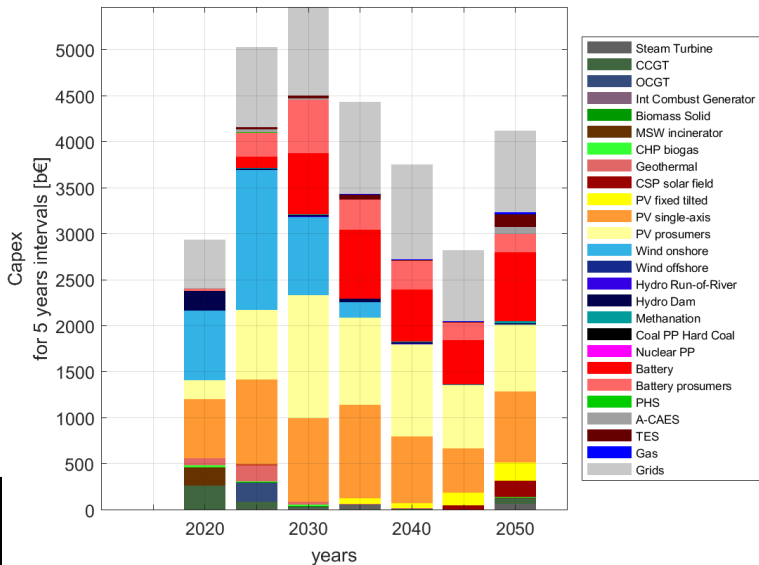
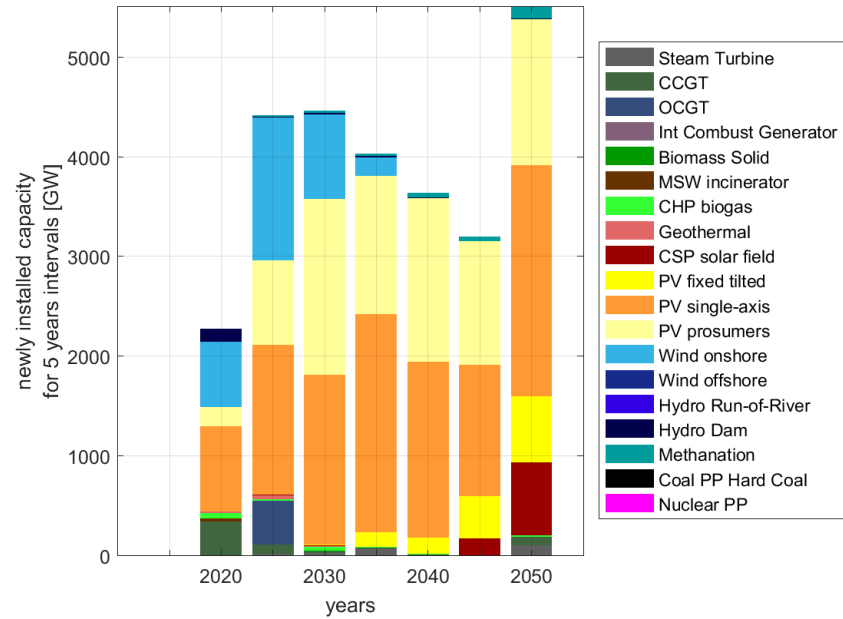
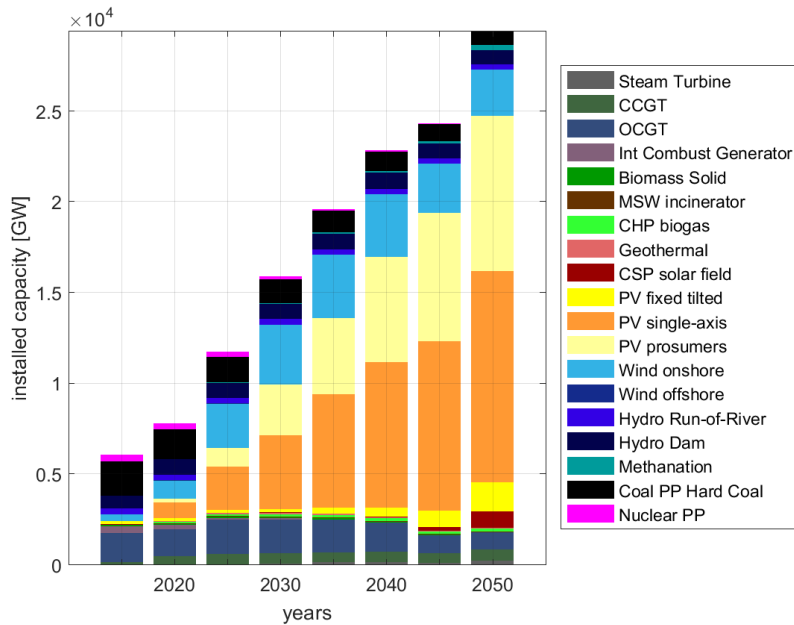


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Temporal Resolution in Global Scenarios

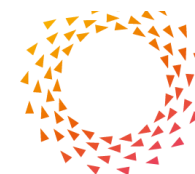
Table 1. Energy storage in global scenarios.

Study (year)	Energy storage assessment	Temporal resolution	Remarks	Type of study
IEA WEO Special (2015)	Total demand of 400 GW by 2050. Increasing level of variable renewables requires conventional power plants, energy storage and demand response.	Yearly*	Renewable share in primary energy grows from 1% (2013) to 5% (2030), excl. hydro and bio. Energy storage could alleviate transmission constraints. Solar and wind power are given an availability factor based on hourly generation and load profiles. *Power generation curve based on hourly data	Report [21]
BP Energy Outlook 2035 (2015)	-	1+ years	Intermittency seen as constraint for RE growth	Report [28]
Statoil Energy Perspectives (2015)	Intermittency of solar and wind power is overcome with energy storage, smart-grids and natural gas turbines	1+ years	10% RE (excl. hydro and bio) in primary energy in 2040	Report [31]
Troendle (2014)	Europe 150 TWh (3.8% of the el. demand), Australia 13 TWh (4.9%), South America 45 TWh (4.3%), North America 113.8 TWh (2.2%), New Zealand 2.4 TWh (5.4%), Asia 172 TWh (1.9%), Africa 35.7 TWh (5.6%)	Hourly	100% renewable el. system, Europe 70/30 PV/Wind power ratio, 10% excess production capacity results in 50% storage reduction	Dissert. [23]
Plessman et al. (2014)	RPM 1960 TWh, Thermal energy storage 73.6 TWh, Battery 1.5 TWh	Hourly	100% renewable el. system with 2020 cost and 2010 demand basis, 50/50 PV/Wind power ratio	Article [22]
ExxonMobil The Outlook for Energy 2040 (2014)	-	1+ years	Gas-fired power plants seen necessary back-up for wind and solar	Report [29]
MIT Energy and Climate Outlook 2050 (2014)	-	1+ years	Fossil fuels and nuclear account for 91% of primary energy in 2050	Report [27]
IEA-PVPS (2013)	On-grid storage can be faster than grid reinforcement, thus essential for completing a VLS-PV project in time	1+ years	PV and VLS-PV provide 22 – 25% of global primary energy need in 2100. PV capacity 133 TW in 2100, of which 50% is VLS.	Book [33]
Shell New Lens (2013)	H2 infrastructure for storing and transporting energy implemented after 2020	1+ years	Primarily reformed from gas, by 2060 60% of passenger cars use electricity and H2 as fuel	Report [36]
WEC World Energy Scenarios (2013)	Storage seen as solution to intermittency of RE	Seasonal and day-night	26% renewable el. generation in 2050 (symphony scenario, excl. hydro and bio)	Report [32]
Aboumahboub (2012)	Restricted grid scenario: 60 TWh energy storage or 130 TWh in case costs are reduced 40%	Hourly**	Near 100% renewable share in el. sector 2050, 60 – 80% of produced el. inter-regionally transported. Storage can reduce transcontinental transmission capacity from total of 10 TW to 7 TW. **The total year is represented by 6-13 weeks	Dissert. [24]
IIASA GEA (2012)	Storage one solution for accommodating over 20 – 50% renewable el. generation	5 years	30 – 75% share of RE in primary energy by 2050, in some regions over 90%	Report [10]
SEI Global Scenarios (2012)	Storage will be key to achieve high renewable el. penetration	Yearly	28% RE share in primary energy in 2050 (excl. hydro and bio)	Report [34]

Key insights:

- no global report exists in full hourly resolution
- all kinds of flexibility cannot be modelled without proper temporal resolution:
 - resource complementarity
 - supply side management
 - demand side management
 - grids
 - storage
 - sector coupling
- three global energy system modeling publications had hourly resolution: two dissertations and the first article of Plessman & Breyer et al.
- having no detailed global scenario in proper temporal resolution is a major failure of the energy system modeling community in discussing the climate change mitigation options

source: [Koskinen O. and Breyer Ch., 2016. Energy Storage in Global and Transcontinental Energy Scenarios: A Critical Review, Energy Procedia, 99, 53-63](#)

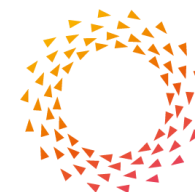


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100% RE Scenarios: Country to Global

Listed by Heard et al., 2017. Burden of proof: A comprehensive review of the feasibility of 100% renewable-electricity systems, RSER

Mason et al. [9,104]	2010, 2013	J	New Zealand
Australian Energy Market Operator (1) [8]	2013	R	Australia (NEM-only)
Australian Energy Market Operator (2) [8]	2013	R	Australia (NEM-only)
Jacobson et al. [112]	2015	J	USA
Wright and Hearps [60]	2010	R	Australia (total)
Fthenakis et al. [133]	2009	J	USA
Allen et al. [27]	2013	R	UK
Connolly et al. [19]	2011, 2014	J	Ireland
Fernandes and Ferreira [119]	2014	J	Portugal
Krajacic et al. [20]	2011	J	Portugal
Esteban et al. [17]	2012	J	Japan
Budischak et al. [118]	2013	J	USA - PJM Interconnection
Elliston et al. [22]	2013	J	Australia (NEM-only)
Lund and Mathiesen [16]	2009	J	Denmark
Cosic et al. [11]	2012	J	Macedonia
Elliston et al. [75]	2012	J	Australia (NEM-only)
Jacobsen et al. [18]	2013	J	USA - New York State
Price Waterhouse Coopers [10]	2010	R	Europe and North Africa
European Renewable Energy Council [26]	2010	R	EU27
ClimateWorks [116]	2014	R	Australia
World Wildlife Fund [108]	2011	R	Global
Jacobsen and Delucchi [24,25]	2011	J	Global
Jacobson et al. [113]	2014	J	California
Greenpeace (Teske et al.) [15]	2012, 2015	R,J	Global



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Missing in Heard et al., 2017:

Blakers et al.	2012	J	Southeast Asia & Australia	Oyewo et al.	2017	C	Nigeria
Huber et al.	2015	J	ASEAN	Caldera et al.	2016	C	Saudi Arabia
Bussar et al.	2014, 2015	J	EU-MENA	Aghahosseini et al.	2016	C	Iran
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Rasmussen et al.	2012	J	Europe	Gulagi et al.	2017	C	India
ECF	2010	R	Europe & North Africa	Lu et al.	2017	J	Australia
Czisch	2005	D	Europe, North Africa	Gils & Simon	2017	J	Canary Islands
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Matthew & Patrick	2010	R	Australia	UBA	2014	R	Germany, Europe
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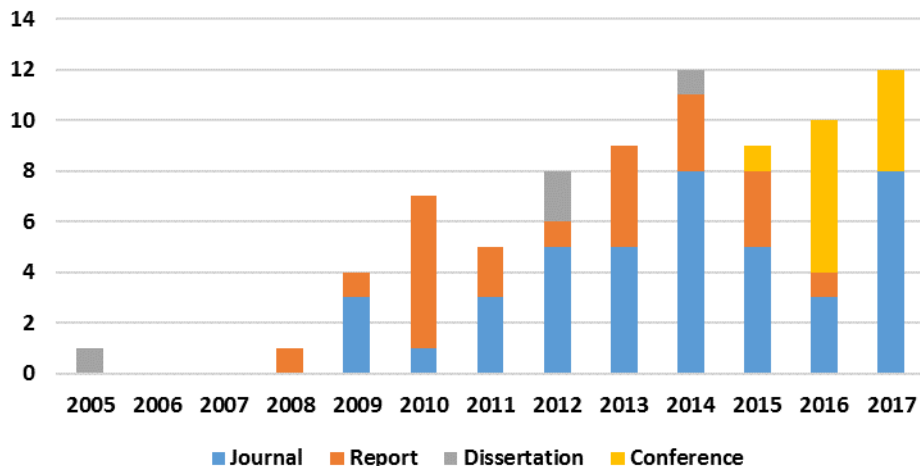
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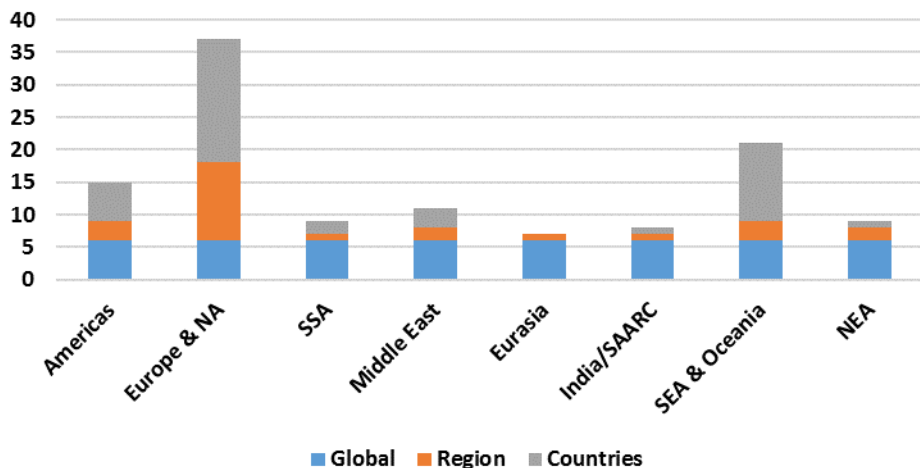
100% RE for countries, regions - LUT database



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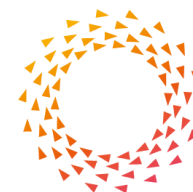
- rather new field of research
- several papers are expected to miss
- good coverage in journals
- not much research on global level
- most major world regions are not yet covered
- Europe seems to be understood best (region and country-wise)
- Australia shows highest country records (10)
- most countries are still 'terra incognita'

World Regions and Level of Detail



Special comments:

- Jacobson et al. produce country results, but non-hourly analysis leads to respective results
- Breyer et al. are currently working on 145 regions, aggregated to 92 countries in full hourly resolution and energy transition in 5-year steps for 100% RE in 2050 for power sector



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Batteries and EVs – Very high dynamics



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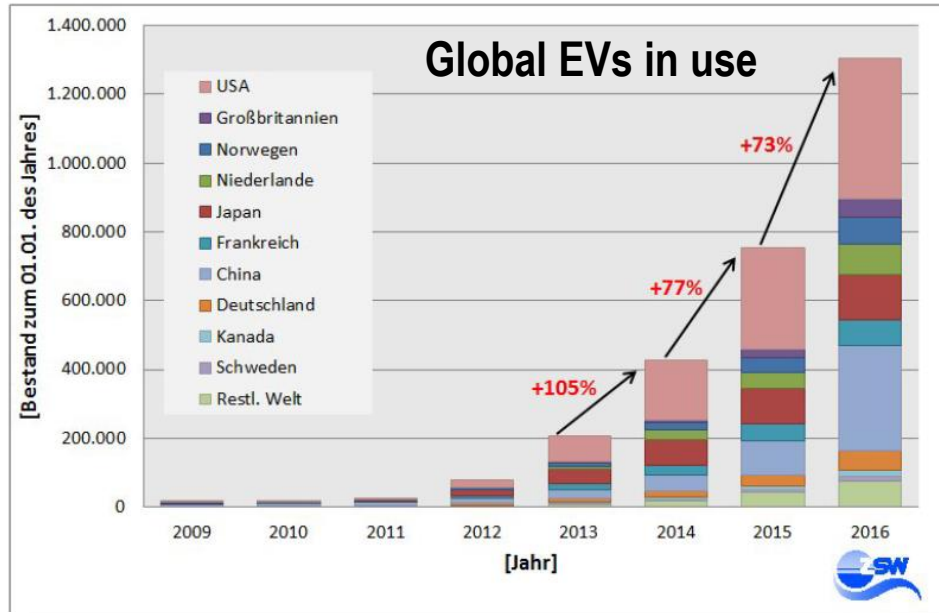
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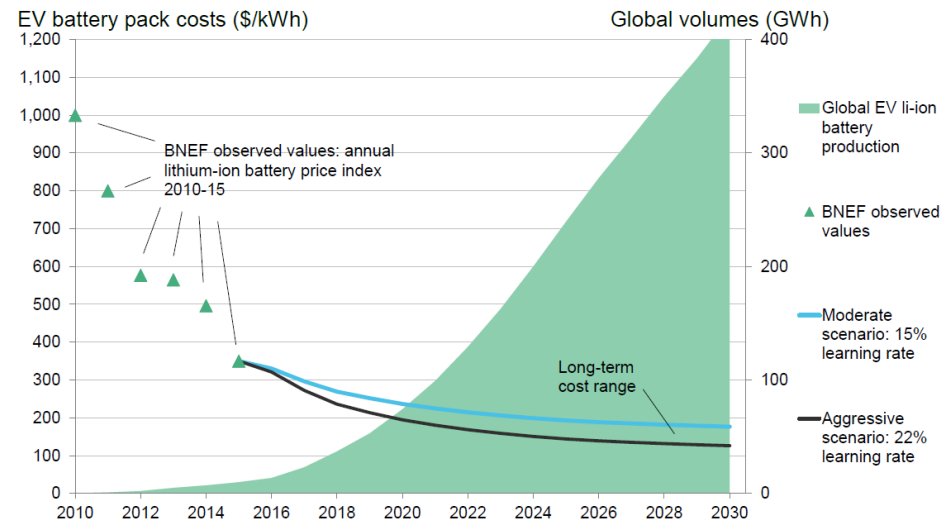
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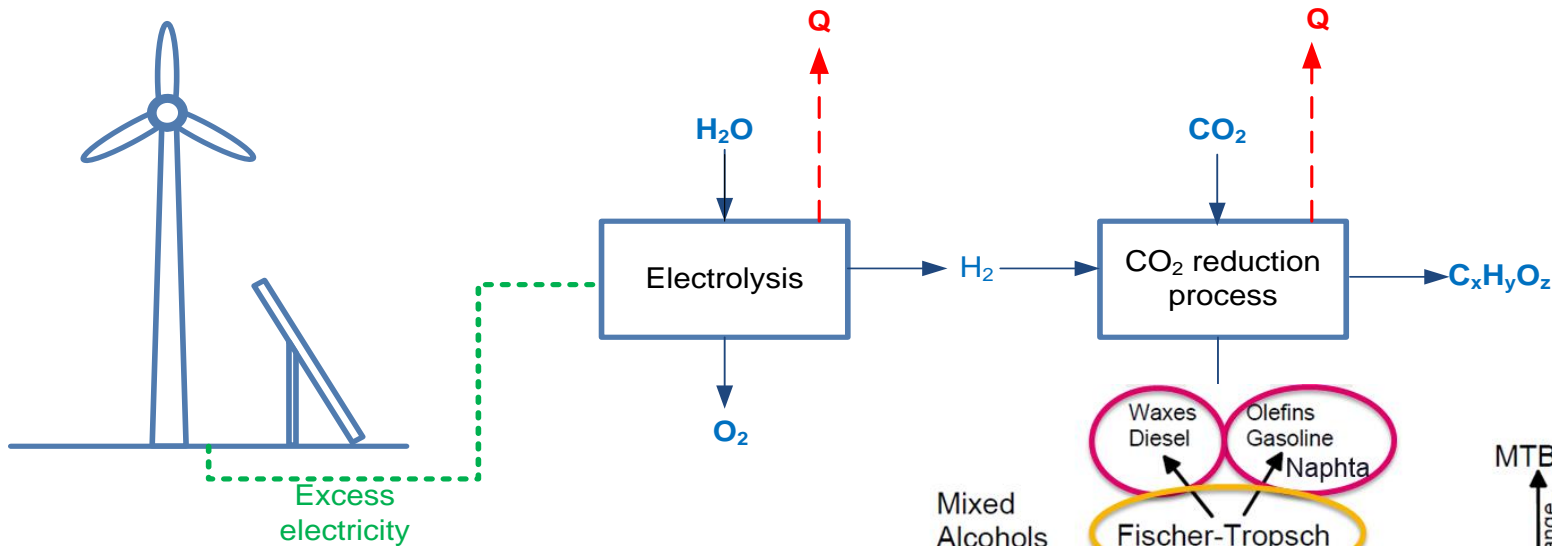


Key insights:

- Batteries convert PV into flexible 24/7 technology
- Batteries show same high learning rates as PV
- Highly module technology – phone to storage plant
- Extremely fast mobility revolution (fusion of renewables, modularity, digitalization, less complex)
- high growth rates – fast cost decline
- least cost mobility solution from 2025 onwards
- Key reason for collapse of western oil majors
- 3rd key enabling technology for survival of humankind

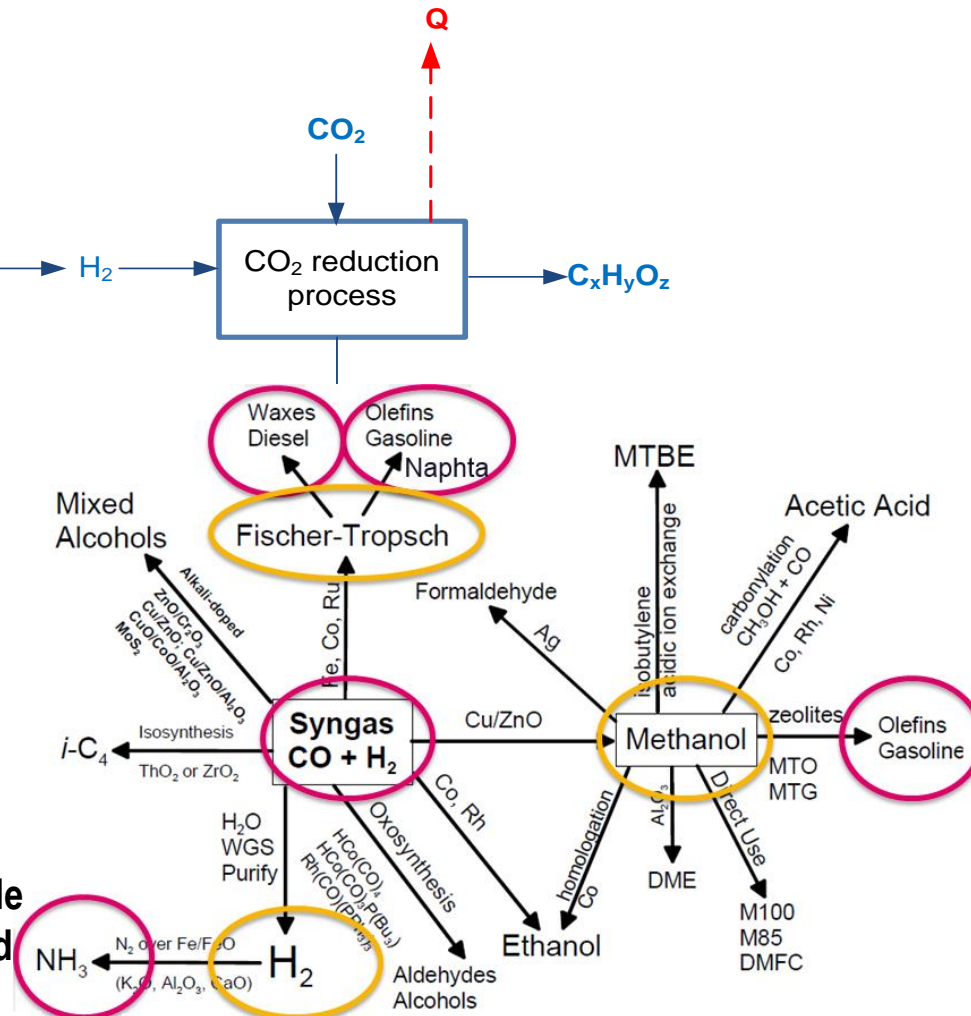


Power-to-X – covering hydrocarbon demand



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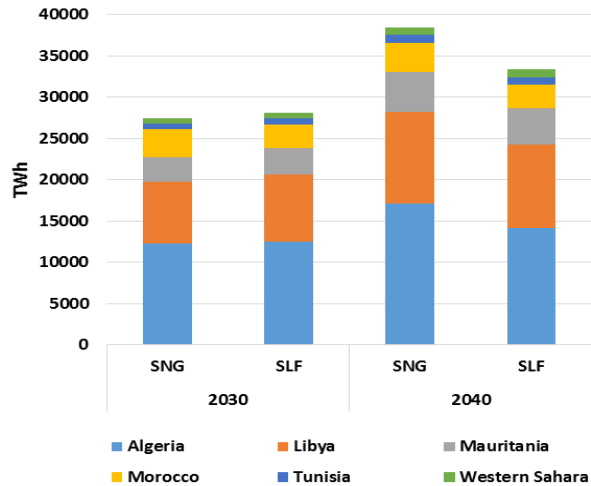
- PtX enables sustainable production of hydrocarbons
- Ingredients: electricity, water, air
- w/o PtX COP21 agreement would be wishful thinking
- Profitability from 2030 onwards
- Flexible seasonal storage option
- Global hydrocarbon downstream infrastructure usable
- Most difficult sectors to decarbonise can be managed with PtX (aviation, chemistry, agriculture, ect.)
- 4th key enabling technology for survival of humankind



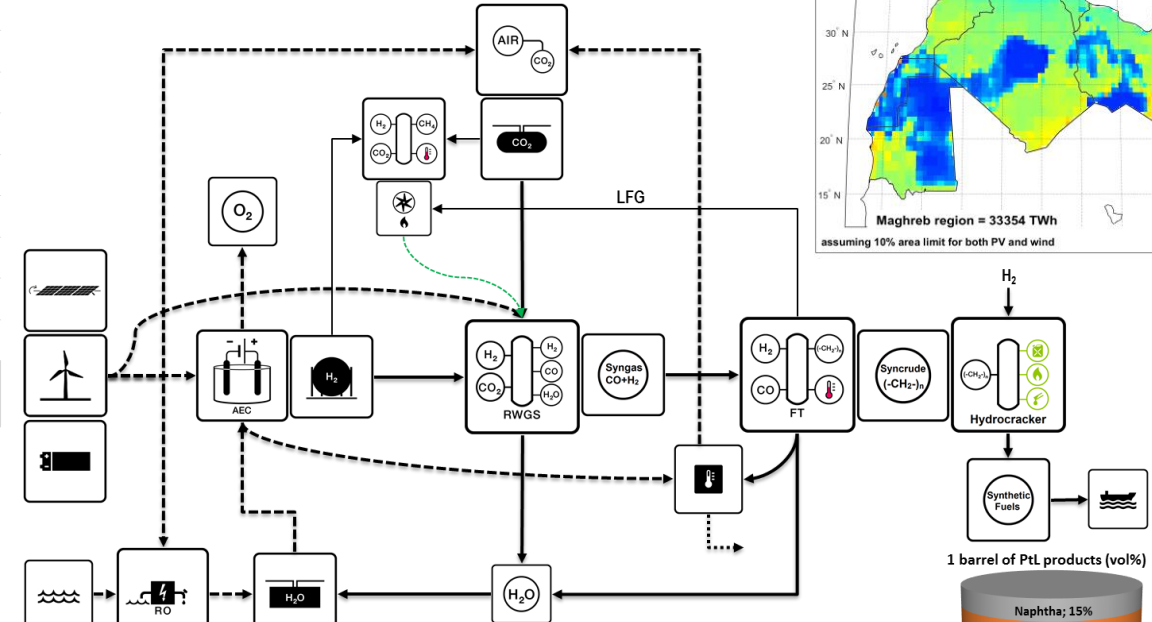
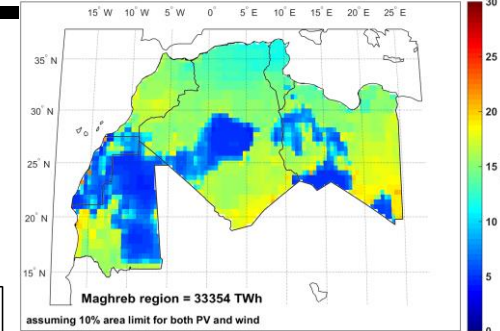
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Synfuels production in Maghreb

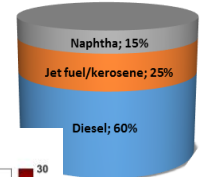
Optimal annual generation potential



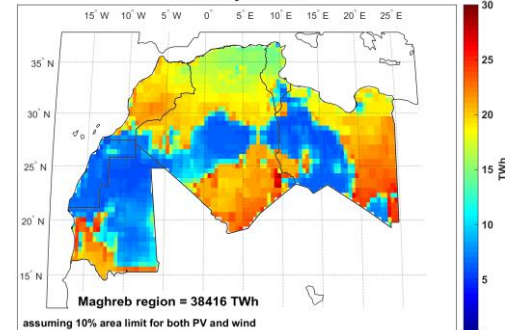
Optimal PtL annual generation potential for cost year 2040



1 barrel of PtL products (vol%)



Optimal PtG annual generation potential for cost year 2040



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Hybrid PV-Wind & Battery

Power-to-Gas

SNG Liquefaction

LNG Shipping

LNG Regasification

