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Where to Start? The Sustainability of Water Systems in the Global Village

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Biography



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- Reader, Queen's University Belfast
- Editor in Chief - Renewable & Sustainable Energy Reviews
- Editorial Boards - Renewable Energy & Inst. Civil Engineers Proc. Transport
- Board of Directors - Sustainable Northern Ireland
- 12 years industry - energy, transport & waste infrastructure
- BE(Hons) (1996) & PhD (2011) from University College Cork
- MScEng (1999) from Trinity College Dublin
- £2.3 million in research income
- h-index of 22 (Scopus), 19 (Web of Science) and 23 (Google Scholar)
- c. 70 peer international reviewed articles in top 10% journals
- Chartered Engineer, Fellow Engineers Ireland & Fellow UK Higher Education Authority



Abstract



- Water = complex part of natural, social & built environment
- Water = $2/3^{\text{rd}}$ cover of our planet
- Affects & influences **every** aspect of our planet = **anthropogenic activities, climate, weather, geomorphology and flora & fauna on land, in our seas, rivers and oceans and in the air**
- Used annual = 4,600 cubic km of water
- **70% in agriculture**, 20% in industry and 10% in households
- Water demand grows = typically at 1% per annum
- World's population 10.2 billion by 2050
- up by about 8 billion from today,
- **2/3 in urban areas, which will put this already endangered valuable natural resource under increased strain**

Abstract



- Water quality in water cycle continues to deteriorate in Africa, Asia, Europe, North America and Latin America
- Due to runoff of fertilisers, hydrocarbons, discarded plastics and the discharge of untreated or inadequately treated industrial & municipal wastewater....ALL RELATED TO ANTHROPOGENIC ACTIVITIES
- Climate change **models** predict that wet regions will be wetter and dry regions drier
- **Exacerbate existing pressures and create additional ones on the natural, social and built environment in terms of water shortages, further health issues and migration and economic and political strife**
- **Plenary talk = 1) aspects of these challenges, 2) examine sustainability of water systems & 3) discusses the role we can play as researchers and academics in our various fields to support and inform society to fight climate change and balance all our natural resources including water considering the Food Energy Water nexus**

Background

- Paris Agreement on Climate Change
- Prioritises finance, technology and capacity-building to deploy 'green' technologies across all sectors and industries to reduce GHG & minimises fossil fuel dependency
- Some aspects of the sustainable energy transition considering corporate social responsibility, people, the planet and profits in manufacturing



Push & Pull



bae @ 9h
Finally got my debit card! Love the blue

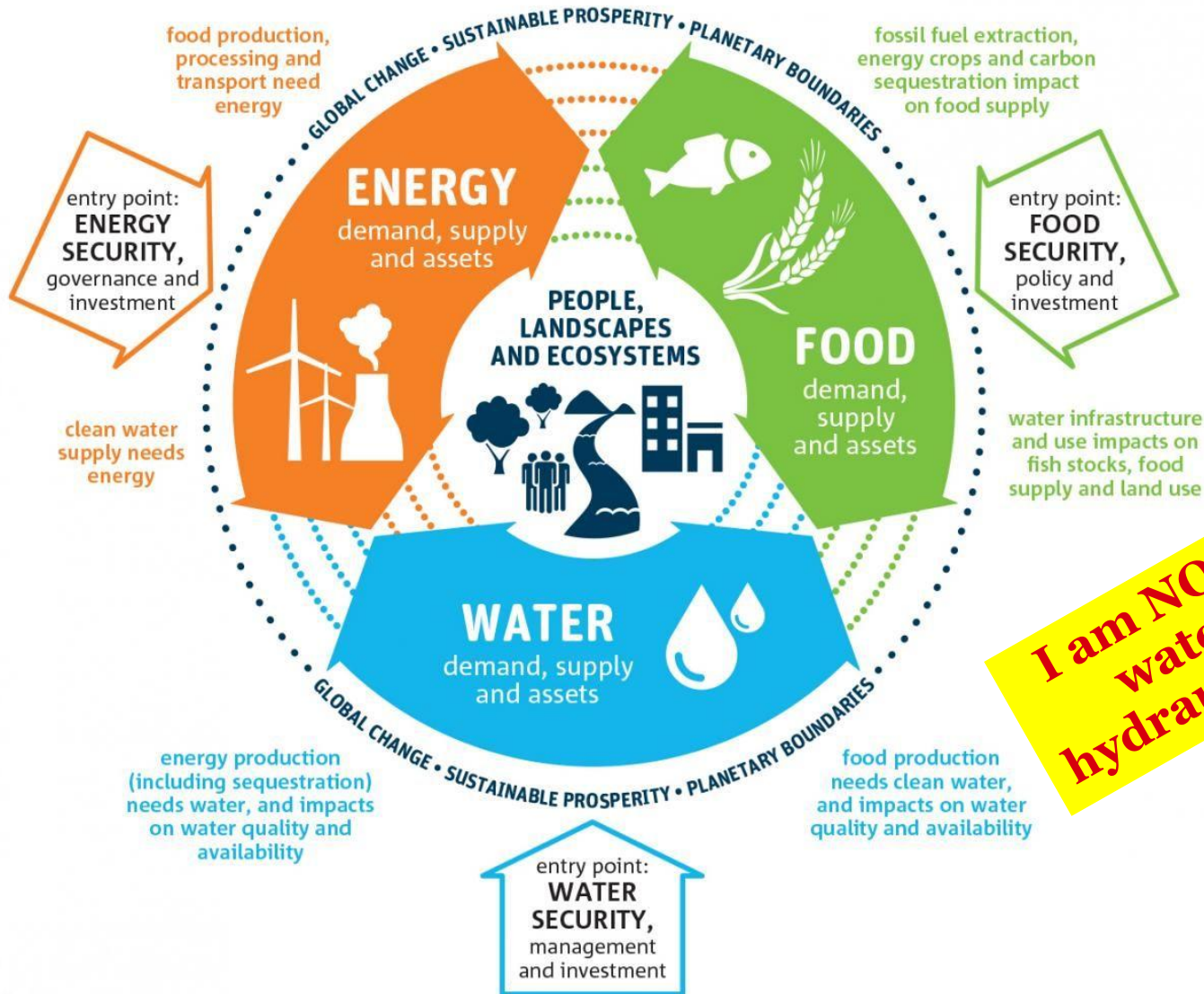


- Ever increasing demand for basic necessities of life
- Fresh air, food, sanitation, energy and water
- Drive for 'modern' technology & lifestyles
- Examples: Wi-Fi, fast cars, beauty products, paper cups, botox, fake tans etc.) by young and old alike in developed and developing countries.....
- Leading to a fast spiral of 'disposable' living
- **More and more emissions and waste and effluent entering our natural systems**

Food Energy Water Nexus

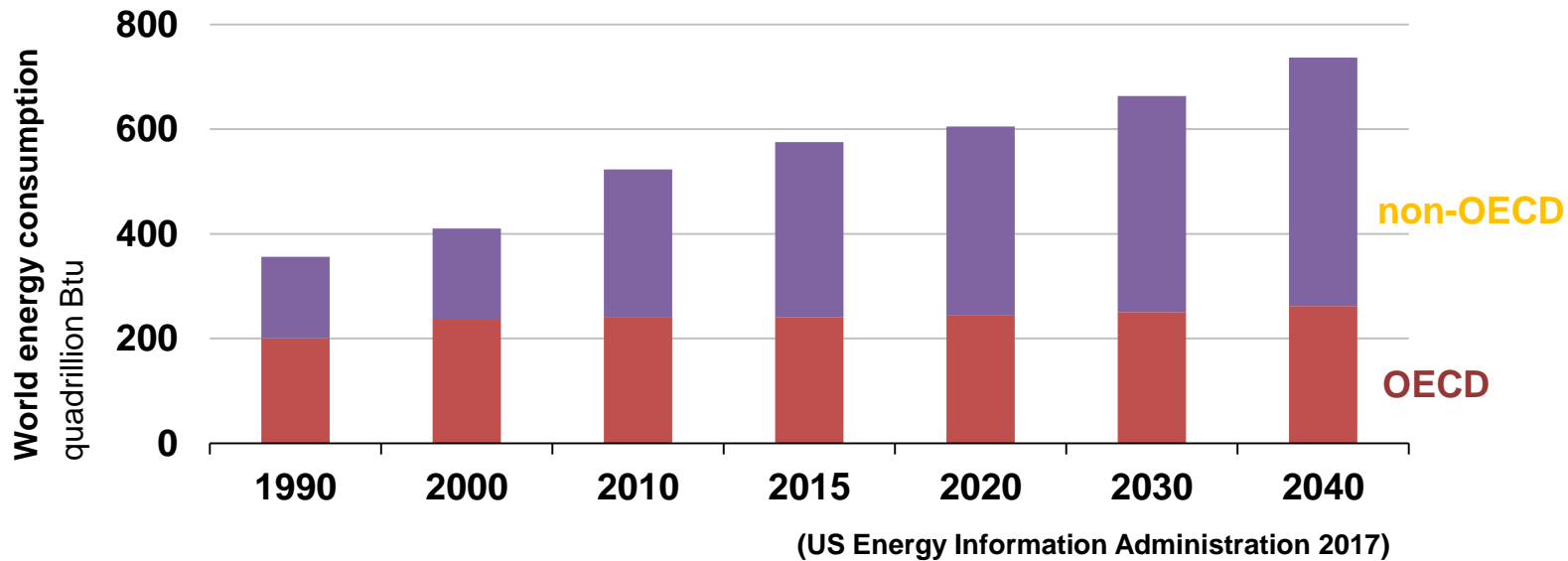


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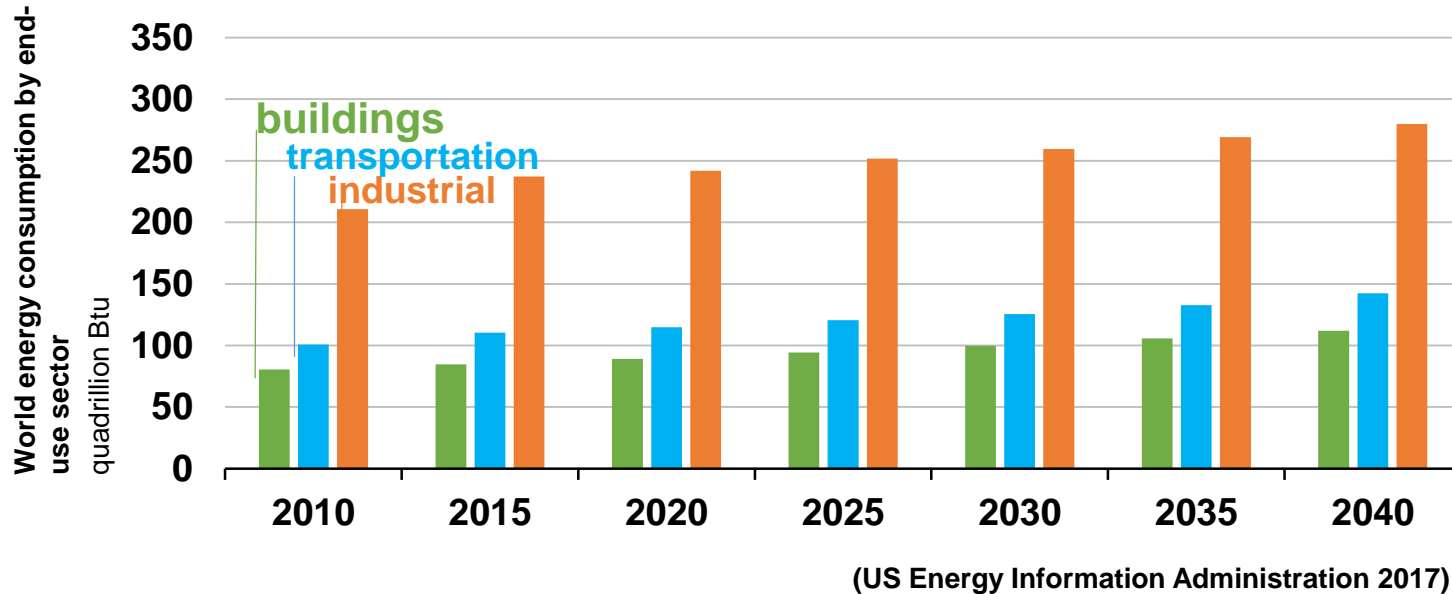
**I am NOT an expert in
water chemistry,
hydraulics or hydrology**

Global policy drivers



**World energy consumption expected to rise 28%
between 2015 and 2040**

Global policy drivers



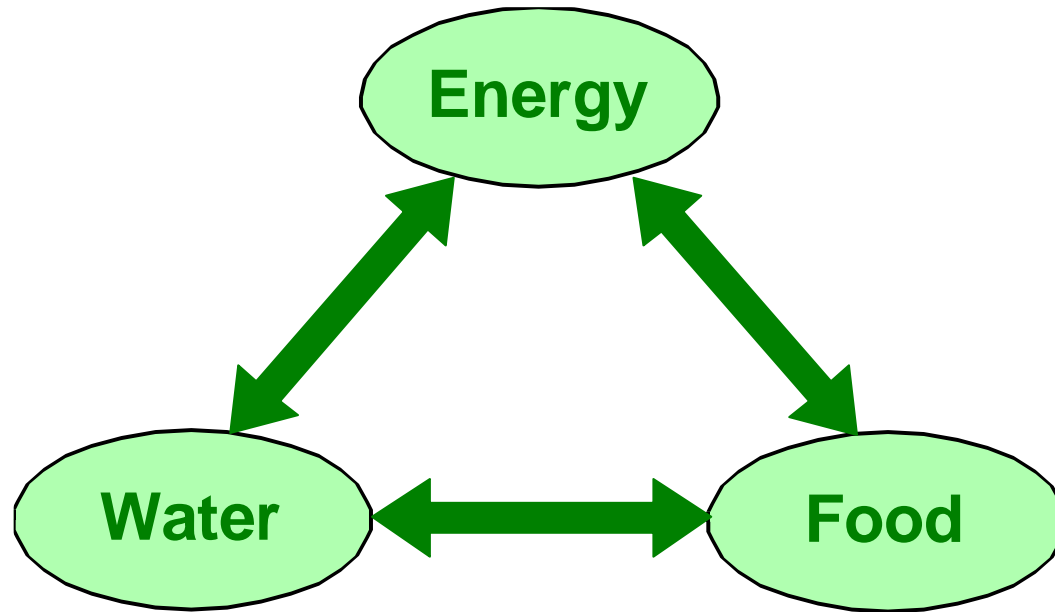
**Industrial sector accounts
for largest share energy consumption to 2040**

Energy-Water-Food Nexus

- Electricity generation consumes some 15% of global freshwater water withdrawals
- 18% of global energy is consumed for water extraction, treatment and distribution
- Food production accounts for 70% of water withdrawals and 30% of energy consumption globally
- These interrelationships among the energy, food and water (EFW) systems are known as the EFW nexus

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Energy-Water-Food Nexus

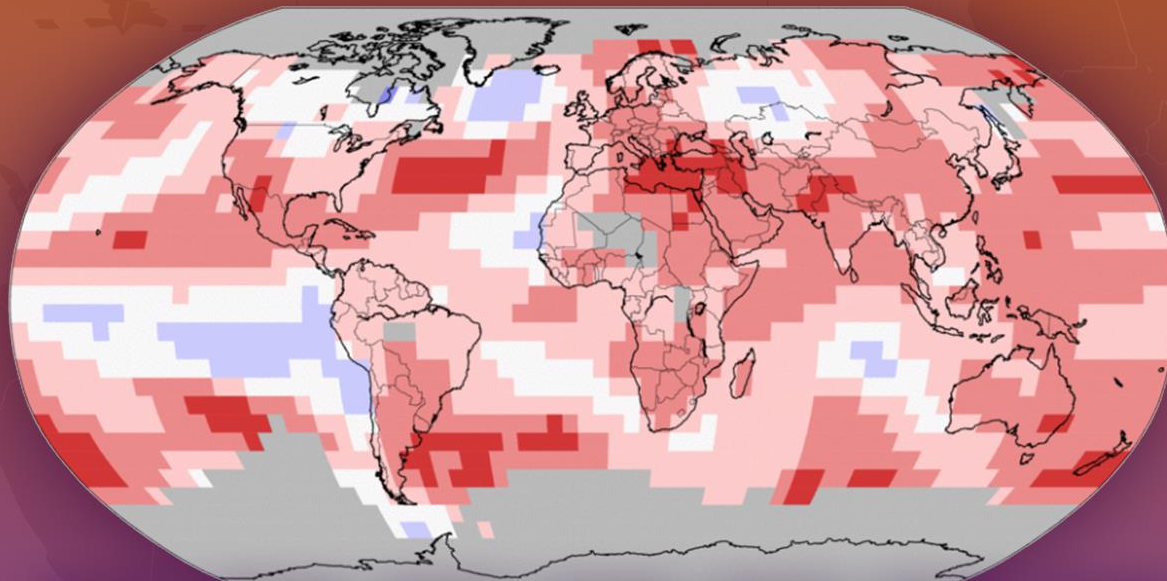


The security of the Energy-Water-Food nexus is a central challenge to the goal of sustainable development



2018 GLOBAL TEMPS

Jan-Jun Land & Ocean Temperature



**RECORD
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**MUCH
COOLER**

COOLER

**NEAR
AVERAGE**

WARMER

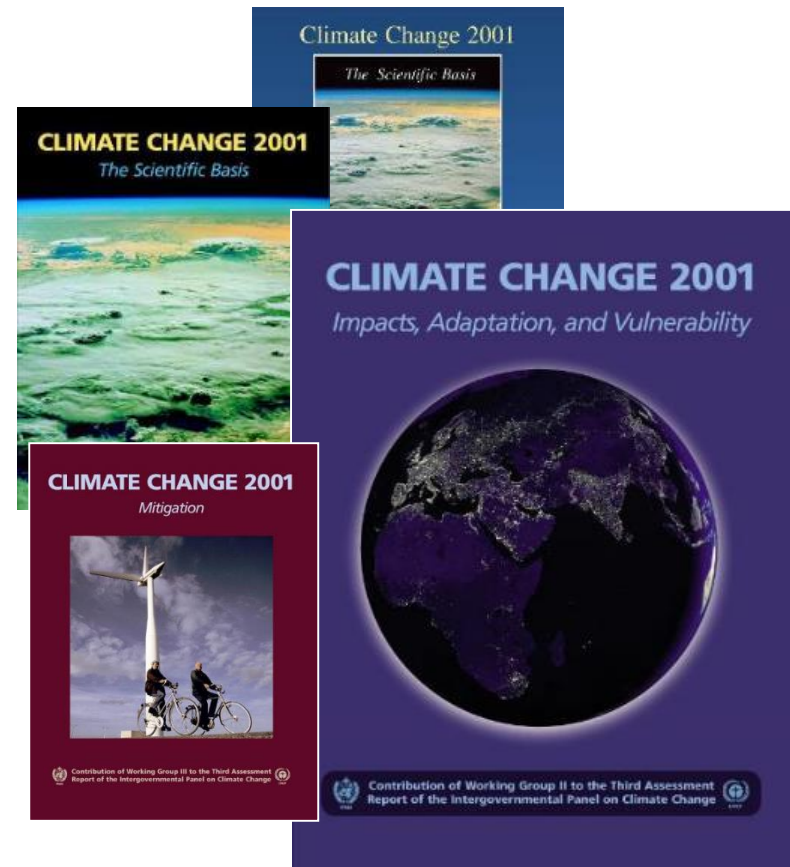
**MUCH
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**RECORD
WARMEST**

Data as of 7/18/2018
Source: NOAA/NCEI Climate at a Glance

What have done?

- **Internationally:**
 - Created an international scientific assessment
 - Negotiated an international treaty
 - Committed most of the industrialized world to mandatory reductions in GHG emissions
- **USA:**
 - Refused to submit international treaty for ratification
 - Proposed voluntary programs to reduce GHG intensity, lowering rate of growth of emissions
- **Non-government:**
 - Corporate, regional, local, faith-based initiatives



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**Important dudes with
the bright colourful pin
on their jacket label!**

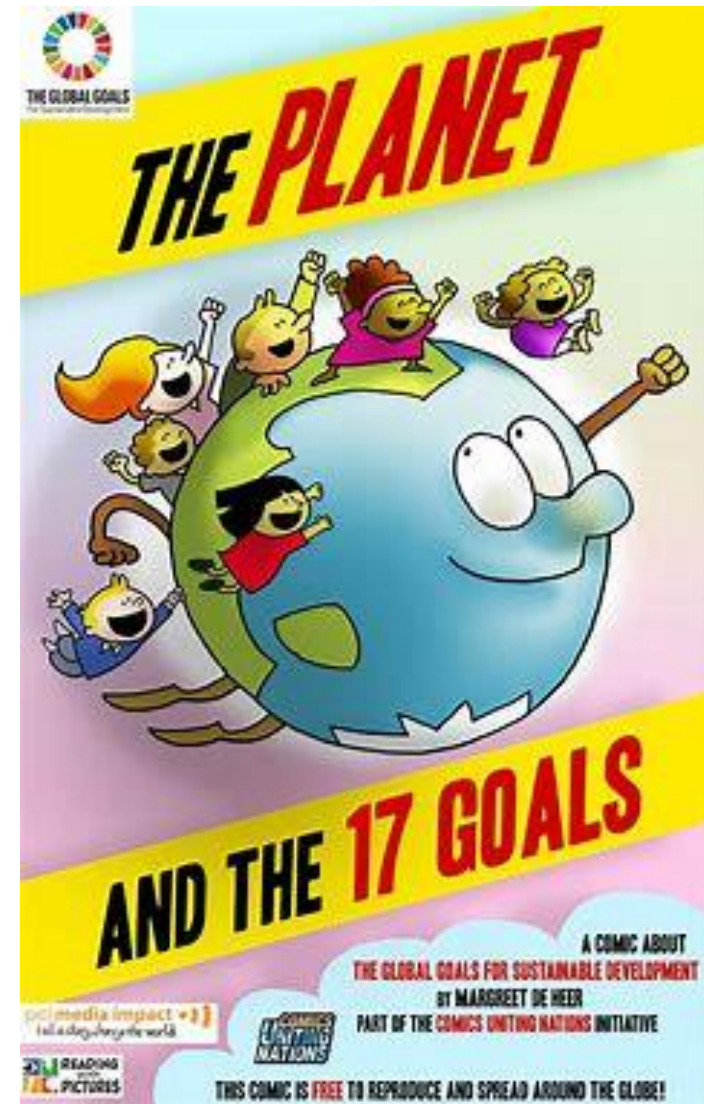
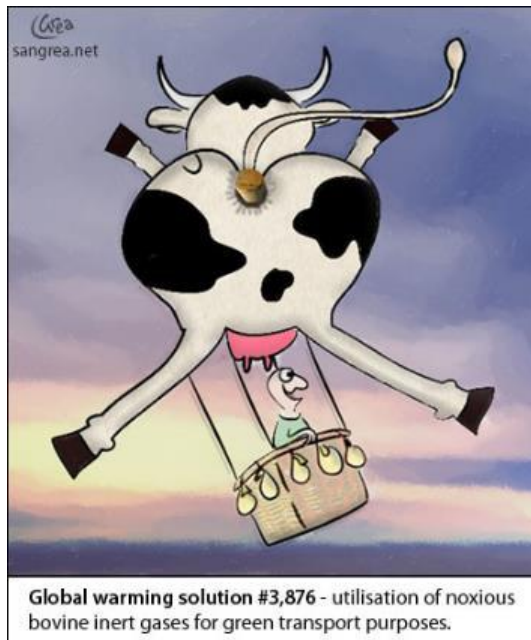
2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

- adopted by **all 191 United Nations Member States in 2015**
- provides a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet
- 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

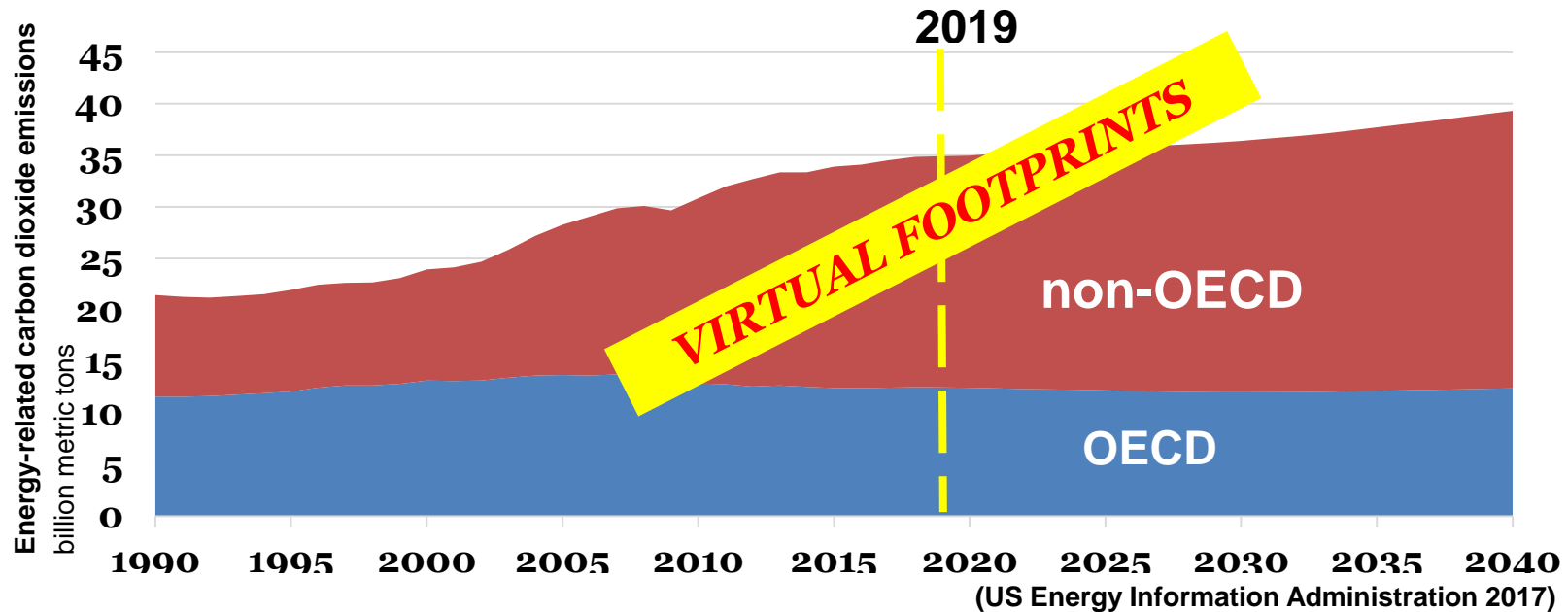
Humour in Scepticism

There are three primary goals of sustainable development:

1. minimize the depletion of natural resources,
2. create development without causing further harm to the environment,
3. provide methods for retrofitting existing developments .



Global policy drivers



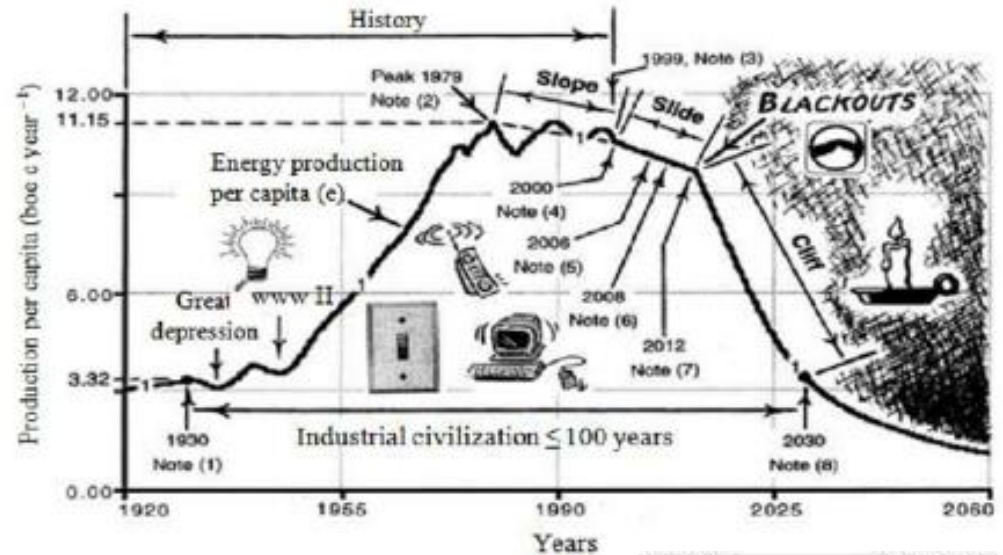
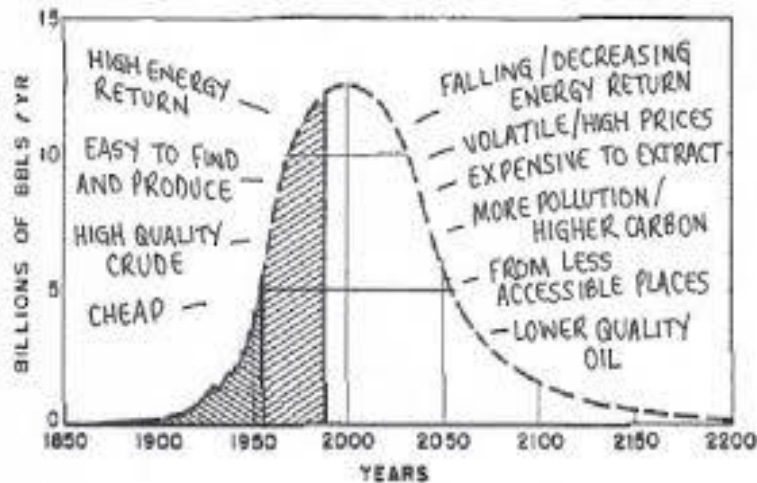
CO₂ emissions increasing globally as non-OECD countries 'develop'

Policies....everyone has one!

- Development policy
- Technology policy
- Information policy
- Energy policy
- Economic policy
- Foreign policy



Peaks.....!



'Peak oil' = Marion King Hubbert's peak curve theory. It illustrates that at some point in time oil production will peak such that demand will exceed supply.

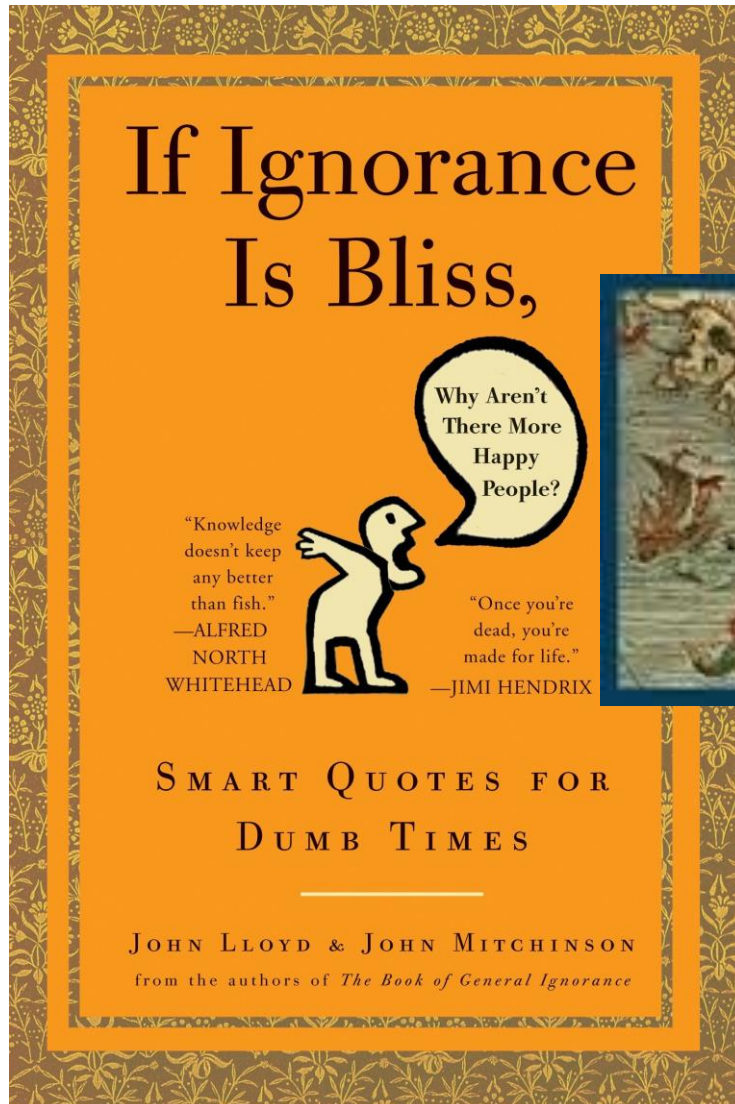
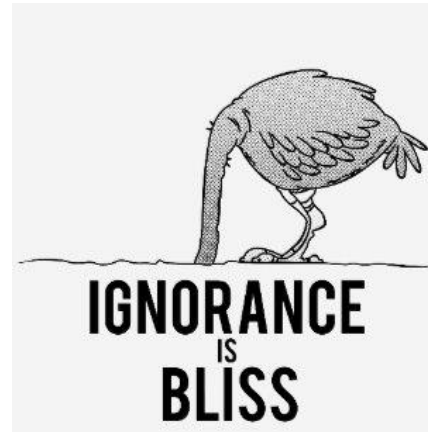
Olduvai Theory (per capita energy production) = life expectancy for the Industrial Civilization is less than or equal to 100 years, between the years 1930 to 2030 (Duncan, 2001).



Models & models



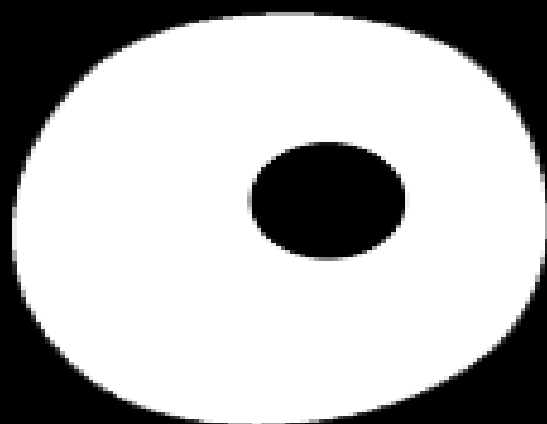
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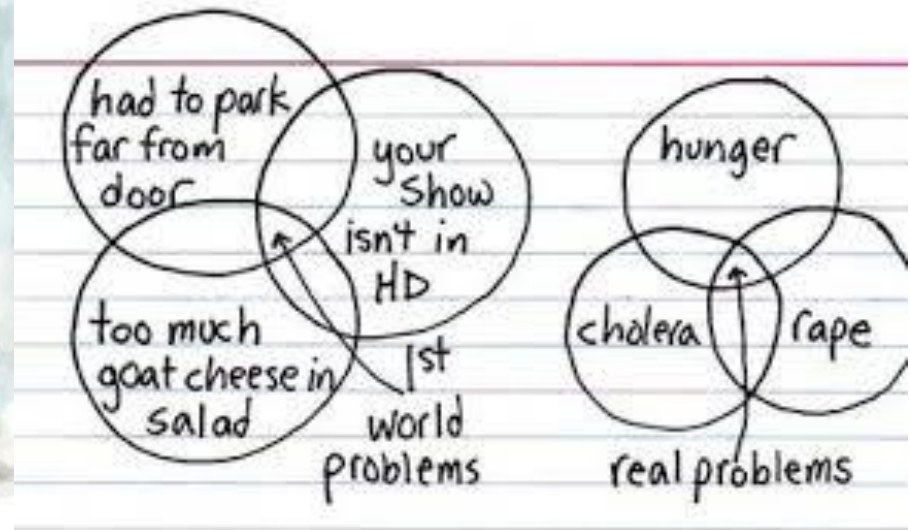
Be OPEN
Be critical
No model is infallible = inform
NO WITCH HUNT

Energy technology plan..ssssh...1001%RE?

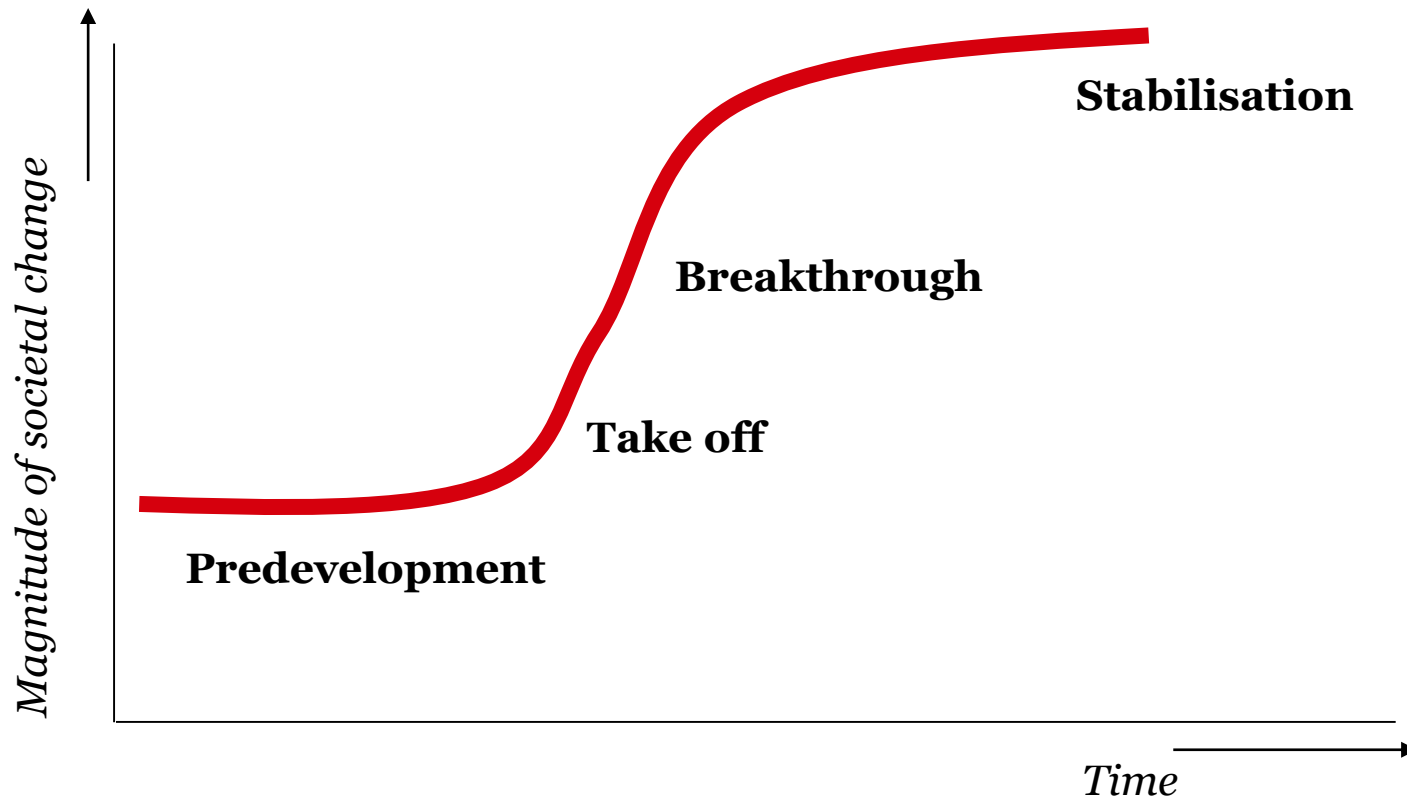




Balance v. instant gratification

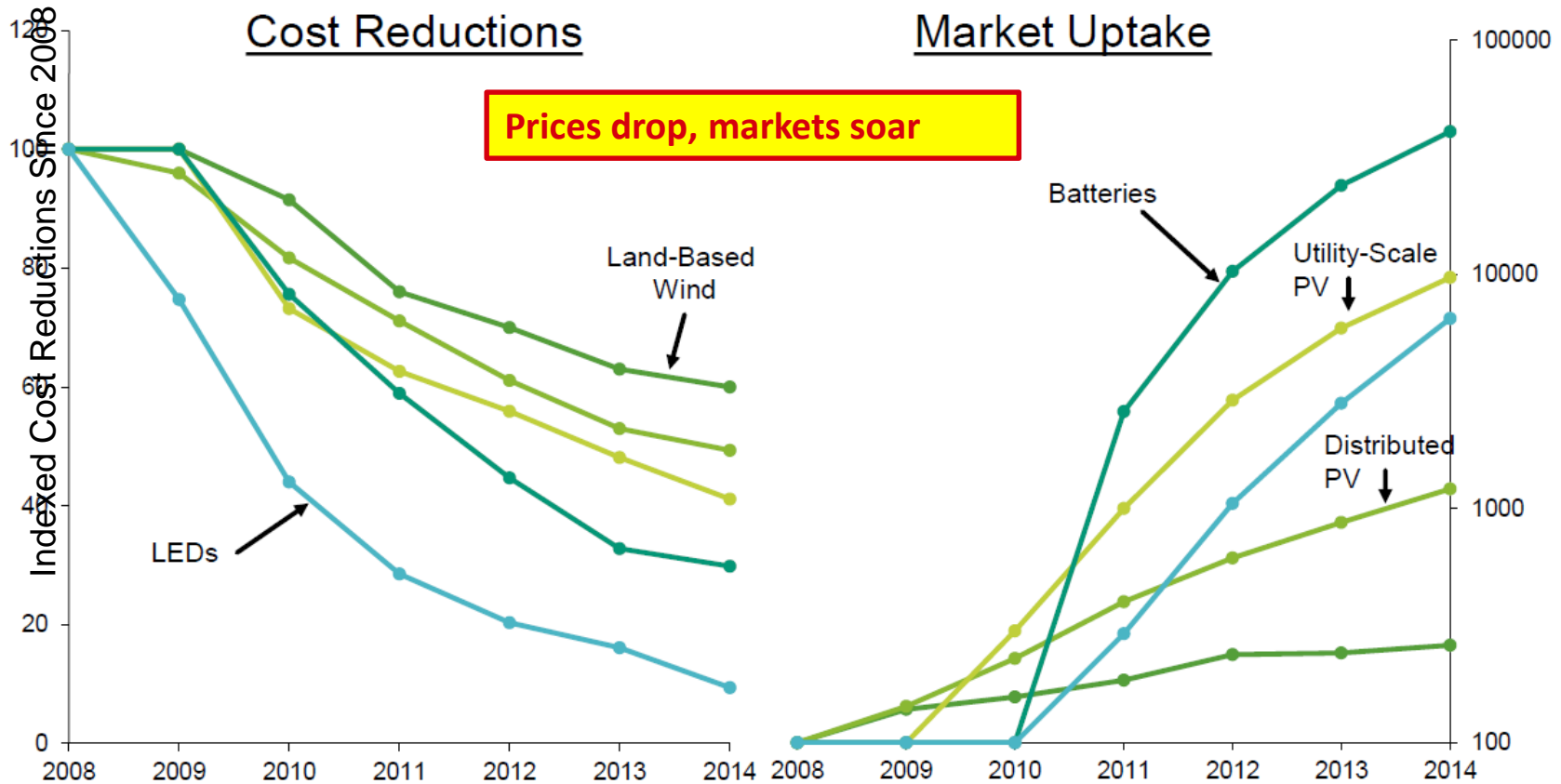


Transition phases



(Rotmans, Kemp & van Asselt 2001)

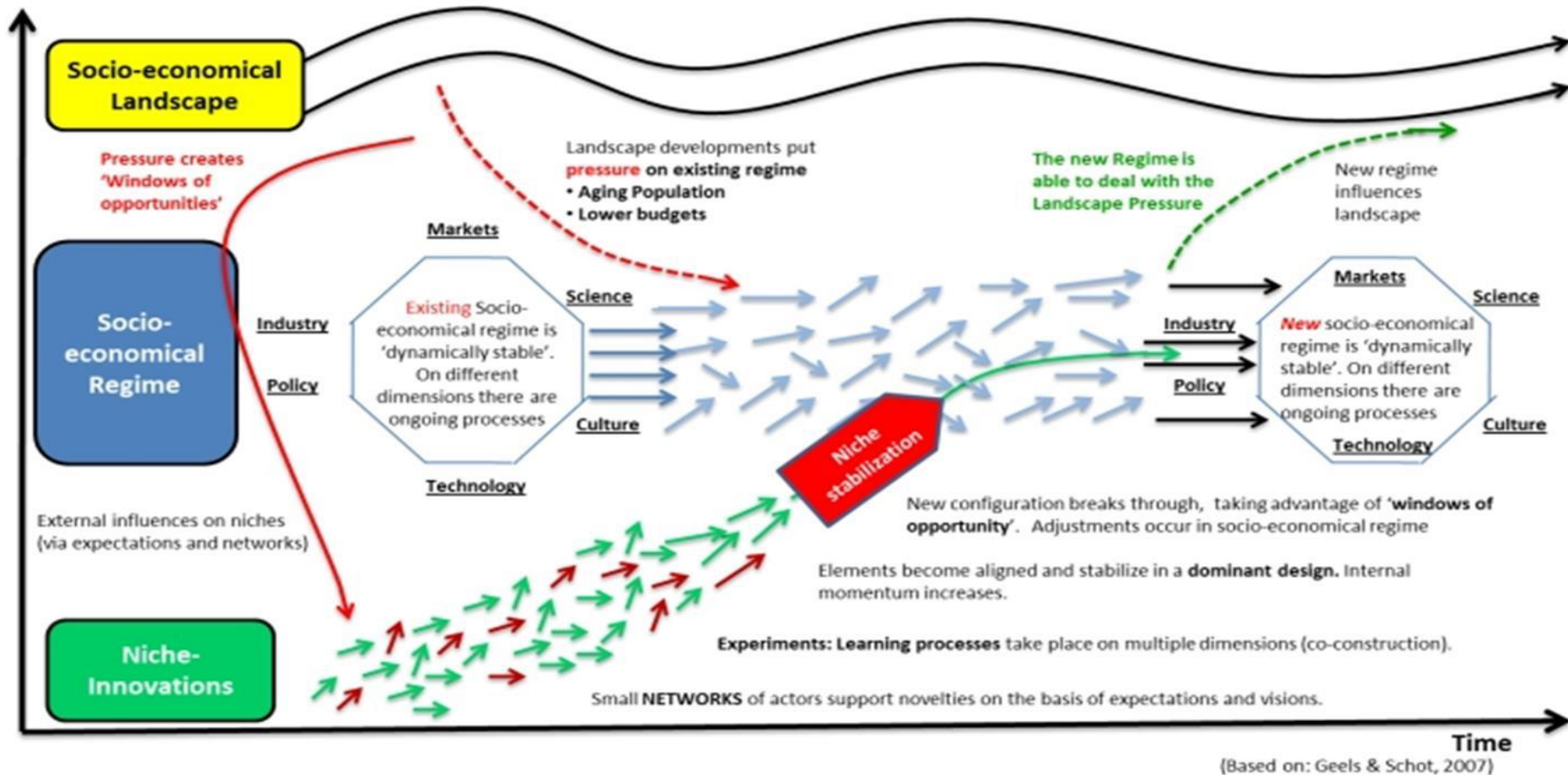
Technology, markets & uptake

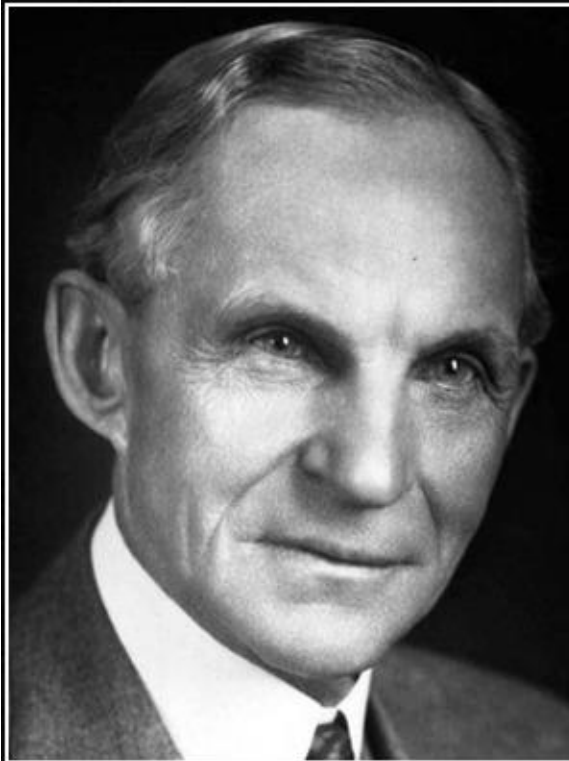


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Transition phases

Increasing structuration
of activities in local
practices



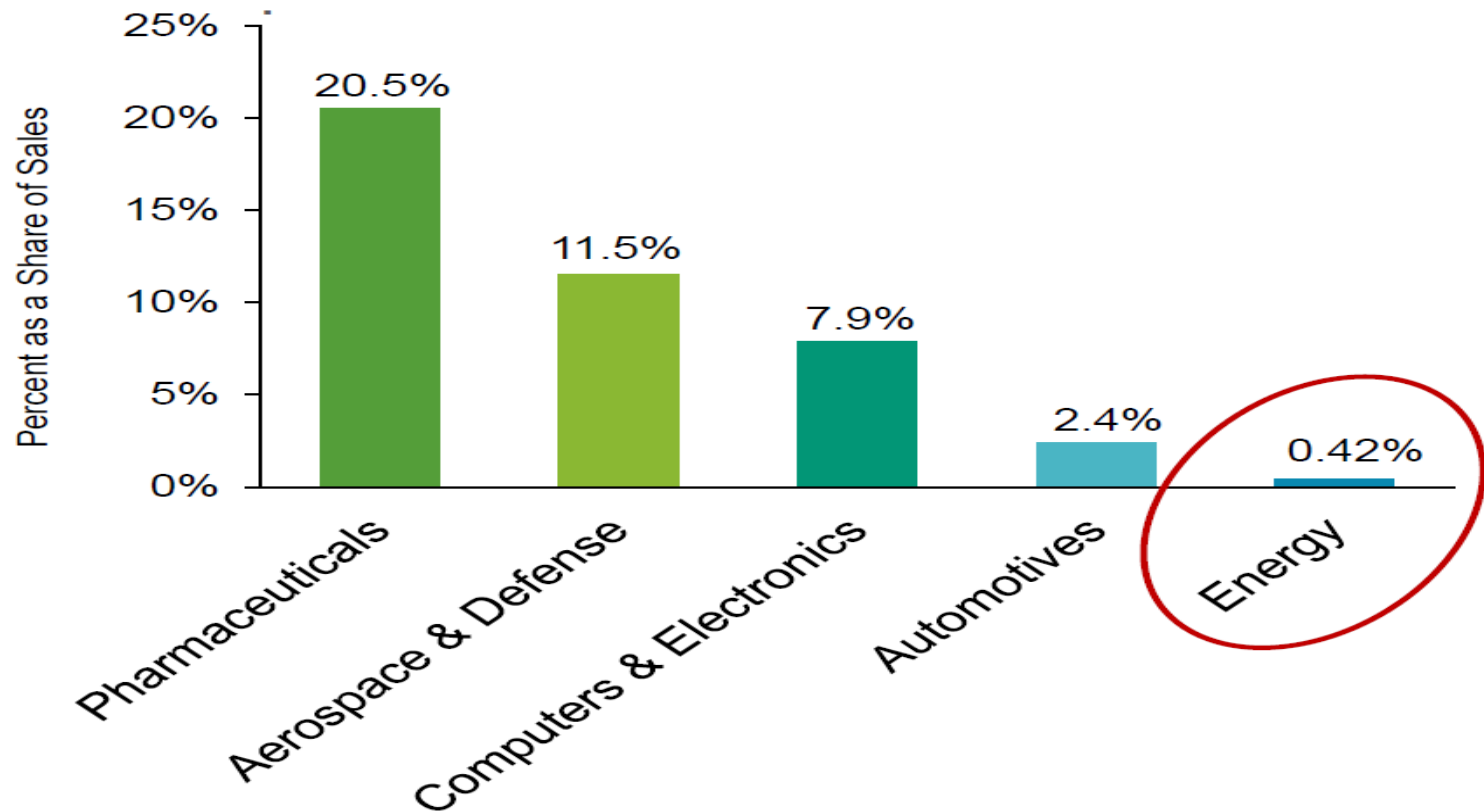


Ideas are of themselves
extraordinarily valuable, but an idea
is just an idea. Almost anyone can
think up an idea. The thing that
counts is developing it into a
practical product.

— Henry Ford —

AZ QUOTES

Total Private Sector R&D Spending % as a Share of Sales



Source: Bill Gates, "Energy Innovation: Why We Need It and How to Get It," <https://www.gatesnotes.com/Energy/Energy-Innovation>

Source: American Energy Innovation Council

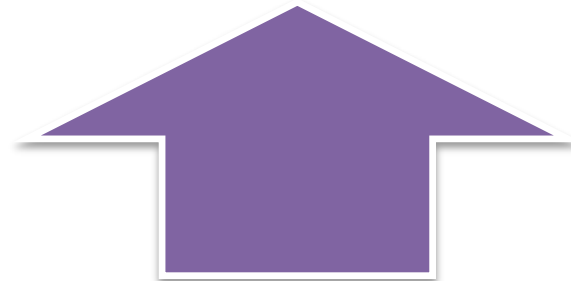
Sectoral energy system transition - *Innovation & abandonment*



Governance of the abandonment of
socio-technical systems: fading out,
termination, deconstruction



Governance of socio-technical
systems: a matter of progress &
innovation



Choices



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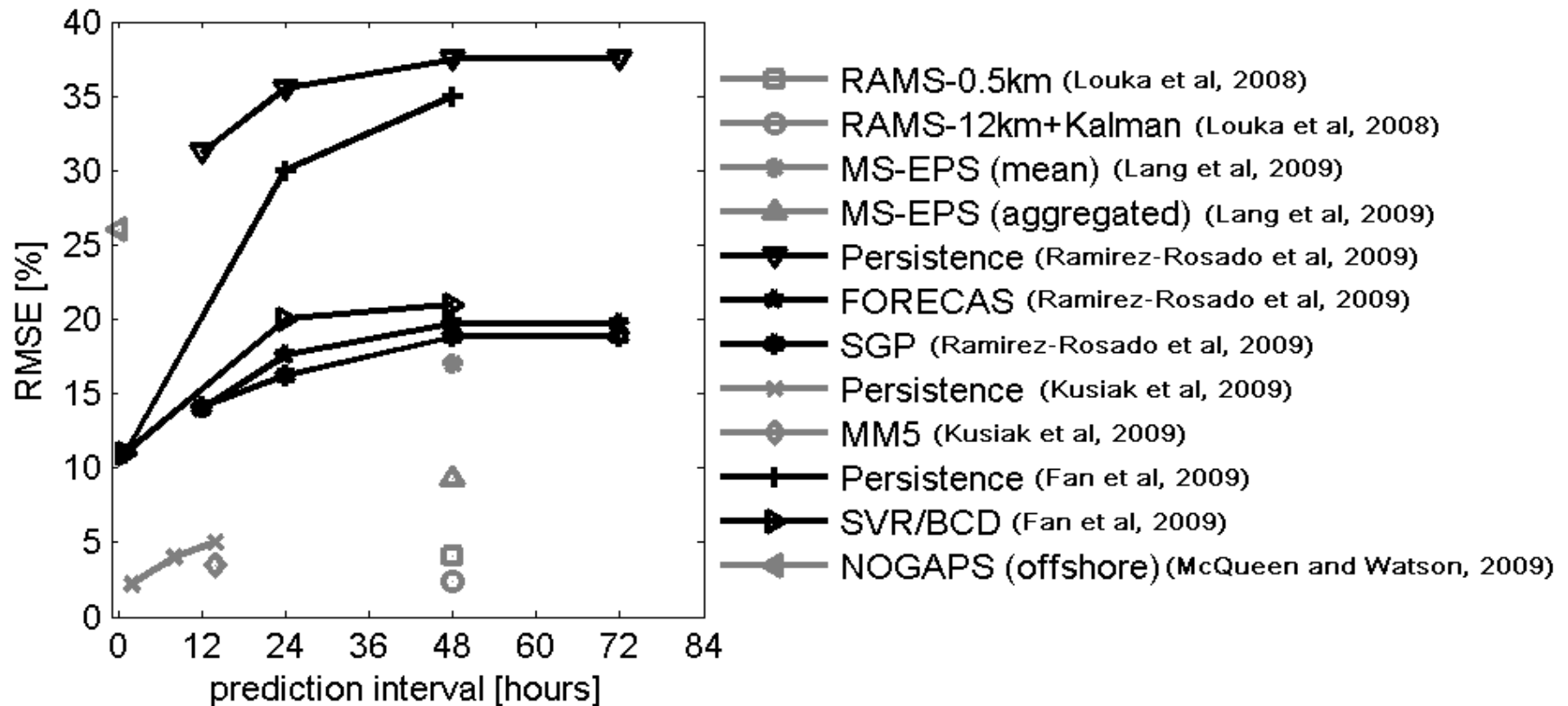


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Forecasting



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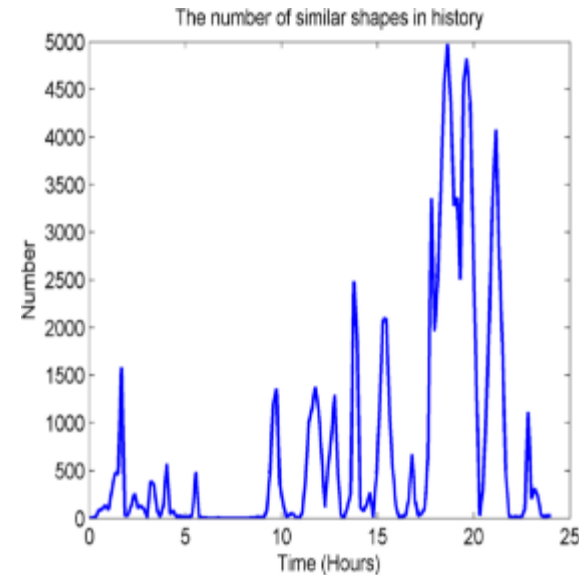
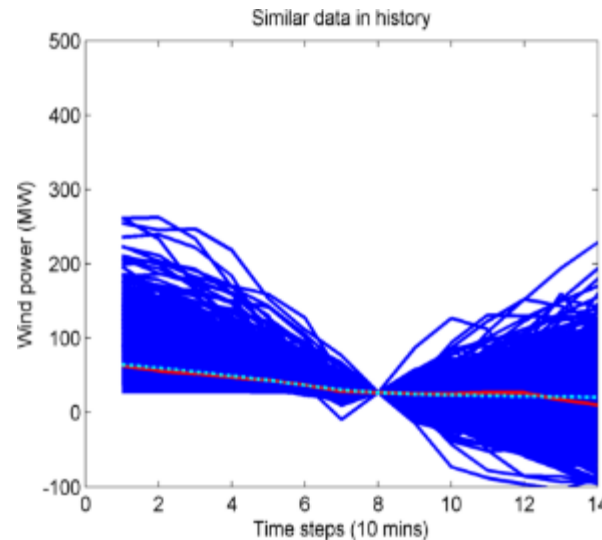
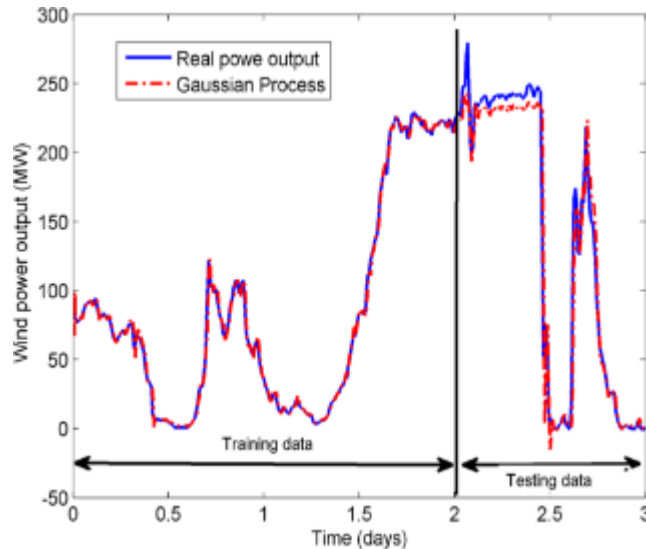


Hybrid Gaussian approach



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- Hybrid Gaussian Process (GP) combining both similar historical data patterns and recent wind generation data to improve the accuracy of very short-term forecasting results, much faster than normal GP
- GP and hybrid GP models applied to predict the wind power generation of a wind farm of Ireland on November 8th 2006 when ramping event, spikes, and uncommon trend all occurred

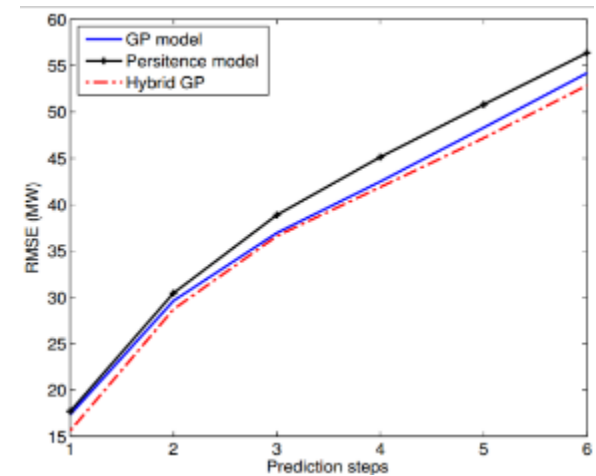
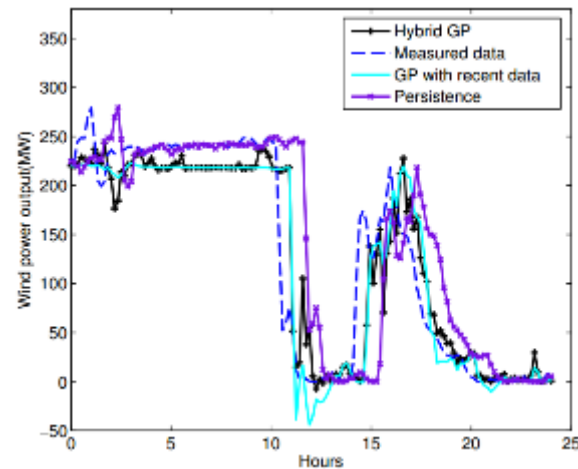
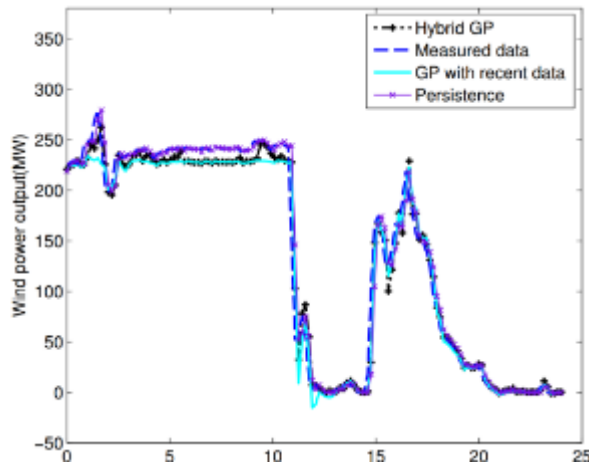


- Current state vector and its trend (red line) fit well with the mean value of similar vectors and their mean trend (the green dashed line), showing that the similar data could reflect the current trend of wind power, which is a proof of the rationality of the statistical similar pattern theory

Hybrid Gaussian approach



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Methods	1	2	3	4	5	6
Standard GP	17.3	29.6	36.9	42.5	48.3	54.2
Hybrid GP	15.6	28.7	36.6	41.9	47.2	52.9
Persistence	17.7	30.5	38.9	45.1	50.8	56.4
Skill Score	11.7%	5.7%	5.8%	7.2%	7.1%	6.2%

Congestion v Curtailment



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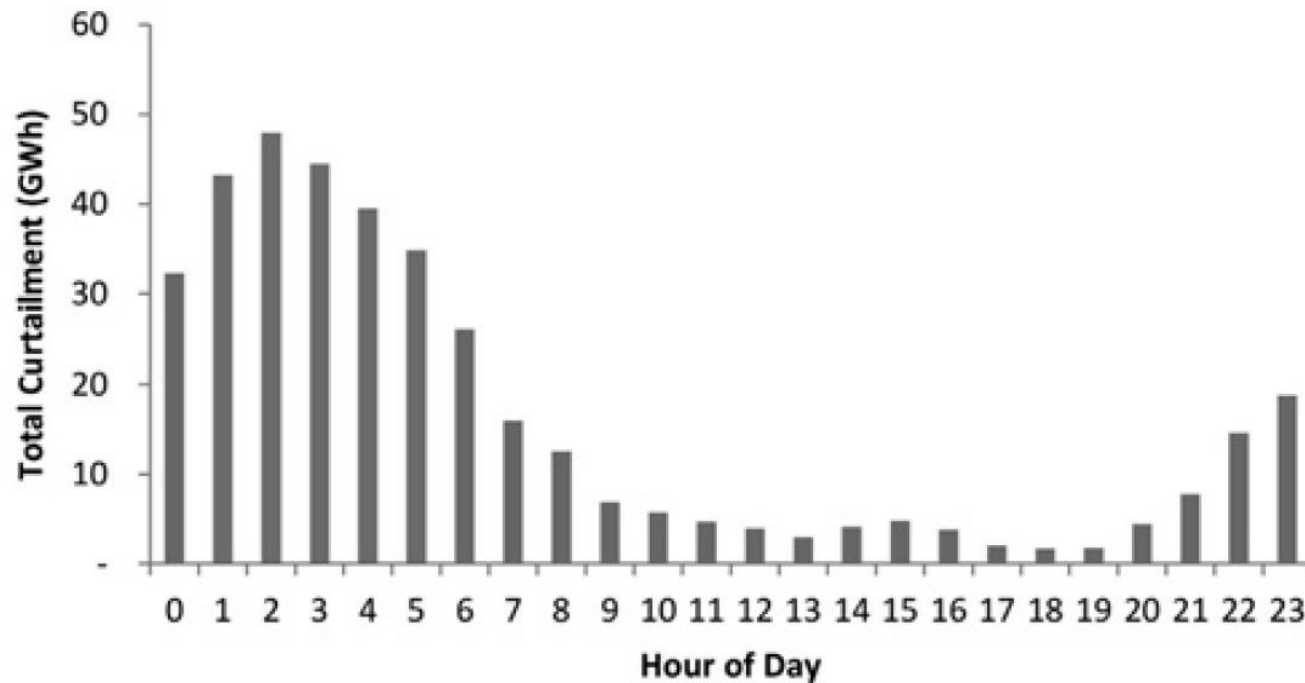


Fig. 2 *Total curtailment by hour 2020*

“Integrator technologies”



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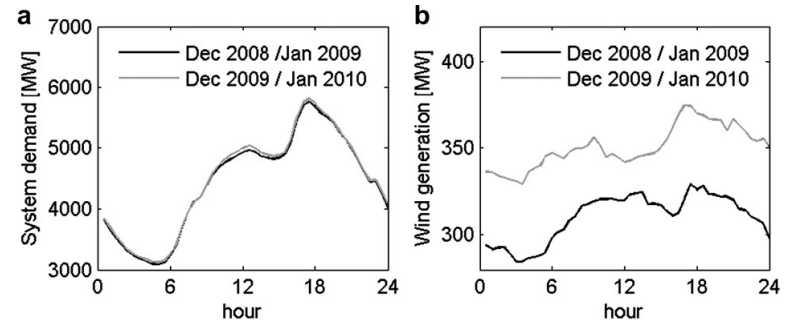
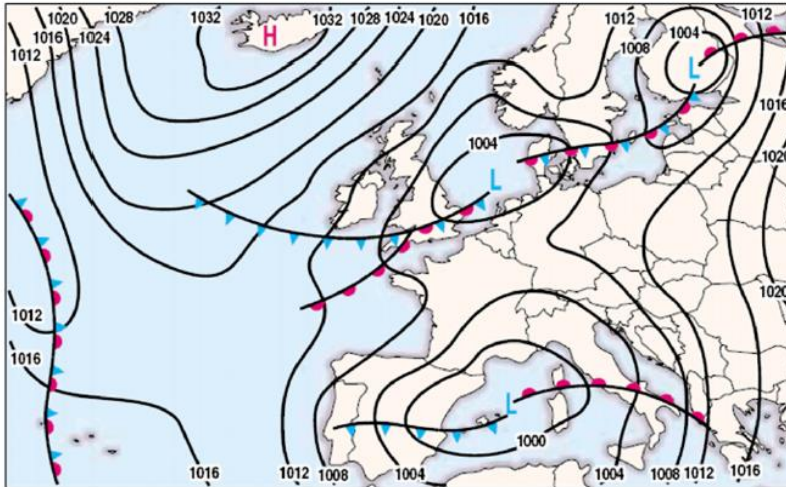


Fig. 6. Daily average profiles of (a) system demand and (b) wind generation from the study period in and 2010.

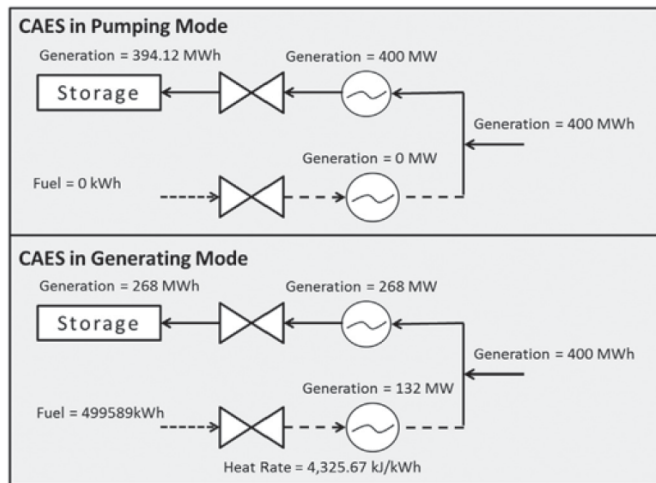


Fig. 2. CAES unit in SEM_2020 model.

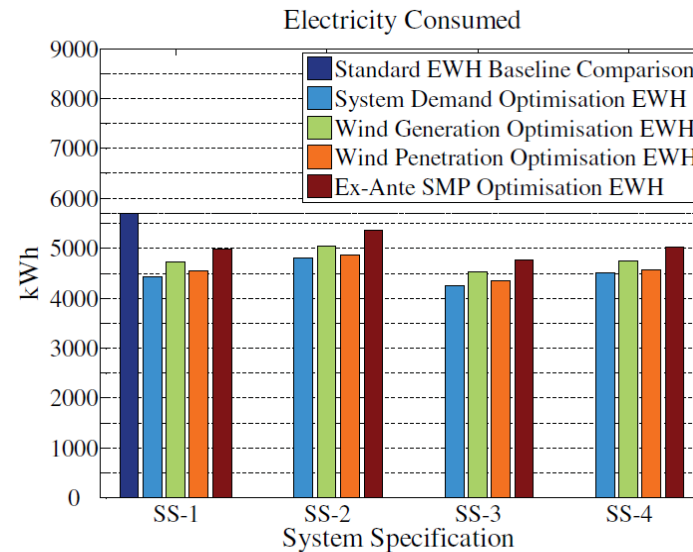


Fig. 8. Electricity consumed over a 12 month period.

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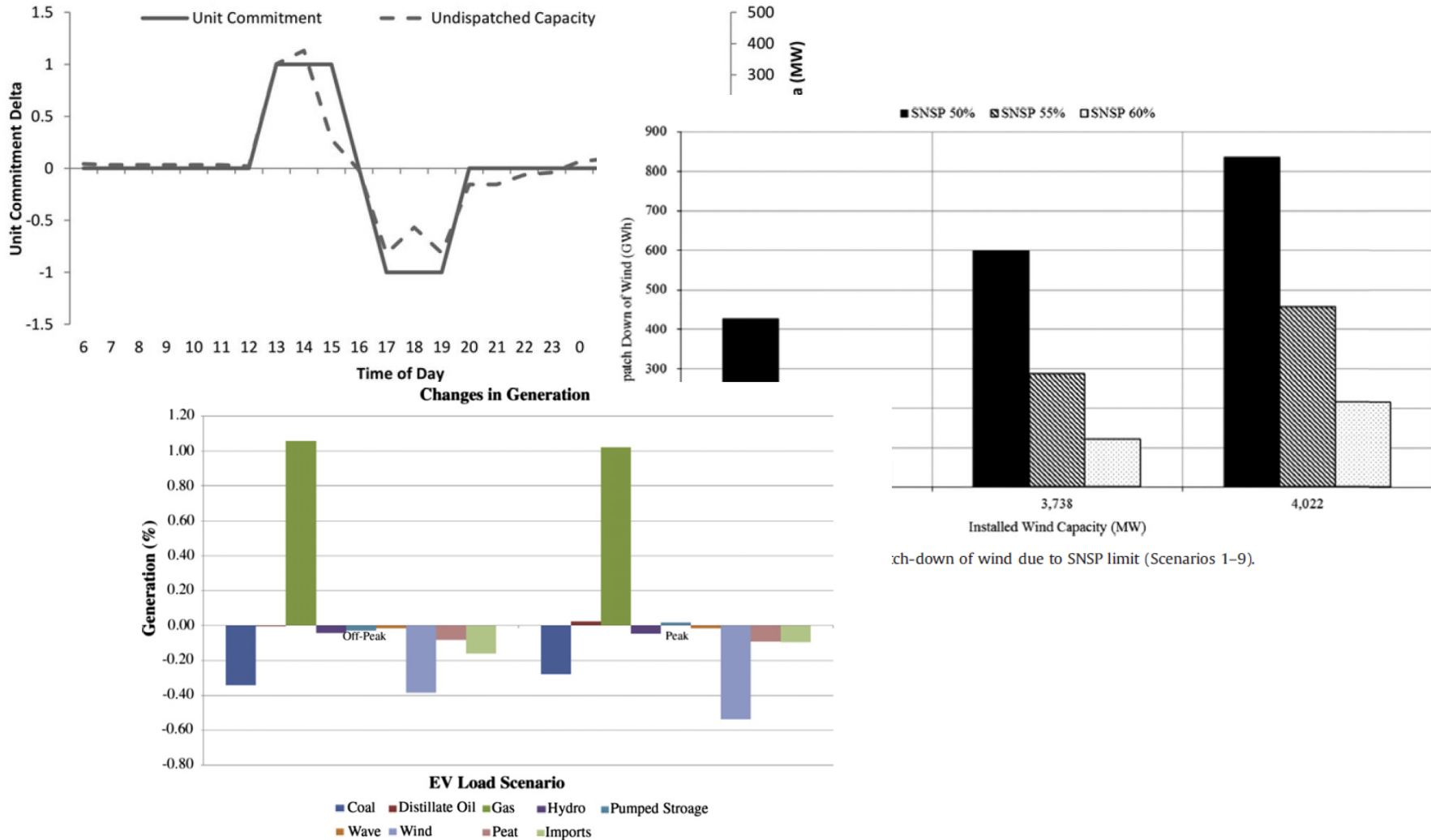


Fig. 7. Comparison of peak and off-peak EV charging scenarios.



Review of Non-intrusive Load Monitoring Methods in Distribution Networks to optimise renewable energy integration

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energy, power
& intelligent control

A state of the art techno-economic review of distributed and embedded energy storage

- Researcher: Neil McIlwaine, School of Electronics, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science
- Supervisors: Dr. A. Foley
Prof. D.J. Morrow
- Background: Power generation 35 years



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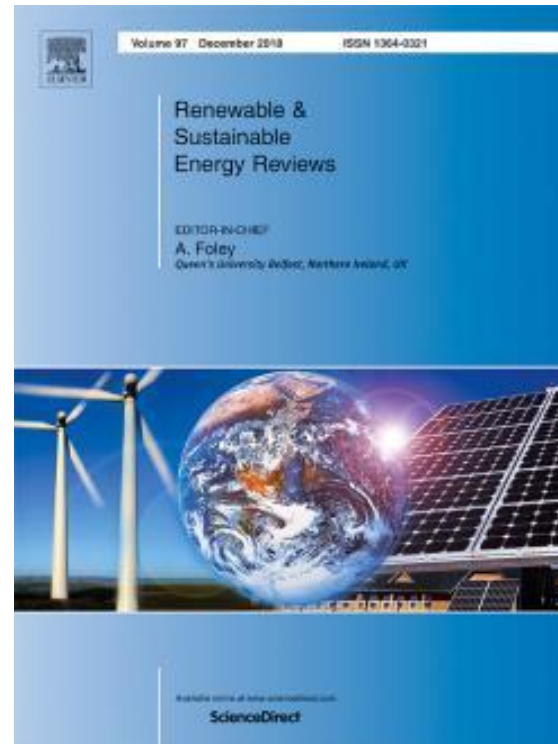
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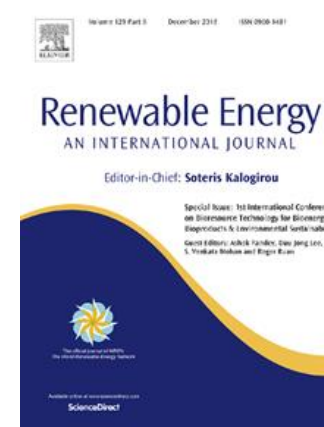
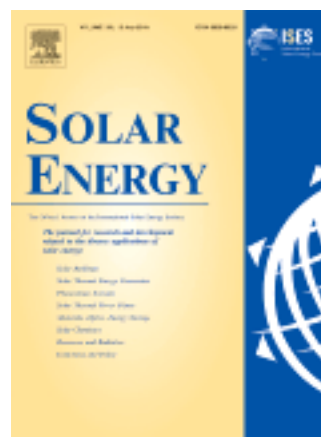


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- Renewable and sustainable energy is no longer a niche sector of novel technologies.
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- **We are an interconnected world, and need interconnected solutions.**





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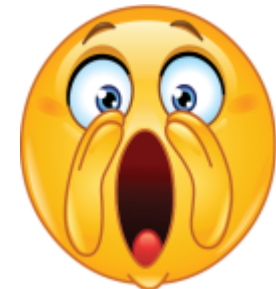
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Themes

- Applications - buildings, industry & transport
- Energy resources
- Environment
- Education
- Systems
- Sustainability
- Techno-socio-economic aspects
- Utilization

*provided the link to
renewable and sustainable energy
is clear & thoroughly examined*



Who is the audience & audience?



Audience?

The core of the audience is:

- Academics and researchers
- Engineers
- Economists and the Finance community
- Technology manufacturers and companies developing renewable energy solutions

Also, those with a keen interest in the scale up of renewable energy:

- NGOs & Associations
- Governments
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Even if you don't stay in research, you can still be a core part of the audience!

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‘Visiting researcher’ opportunities!

- Group : 6 PhD students (3 as 1st, 3 as Co, plus 2 positions to fill), 6 masters & 1 Postdoctoral researcher (50%)
- Alumni: 6 PhD, 30 masters & 3 Postdoctoral researchers
- Visiting researcher: Strathclyde University, Tsinghua University, Energy Systems Institute of Russian Academy of Sciences

Collaborators

- Tsinghua University, Energy Systems Institute, MIT, UMass Amherst, Strathclyde, Cardiff University, Warwick University, Harbin Institute of Technology, Chongqing University, Oxford University, University College Cork, University College Dublin & colleagues across EU via Smart cities cost action e.g. Richard Dawson, Monica Salvia, Oliver Heinrich, Diana Riecken etc.

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