

Grand challenge Grid –challenges and opportunities for offshore wind

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



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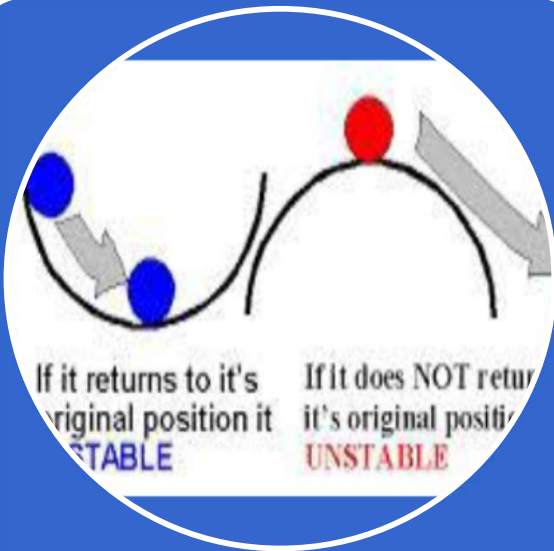
–challenges and opportunities for offshore wind

- Starting point: future where Inverter Based Resources (IBR) dominate power systems

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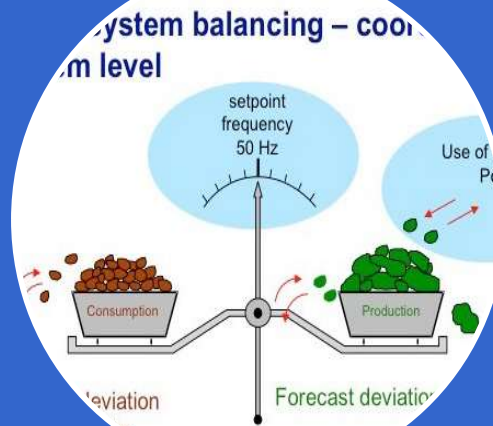
- Challenges and solutions
- Offshore wind opportunities

Challenges – short and long term



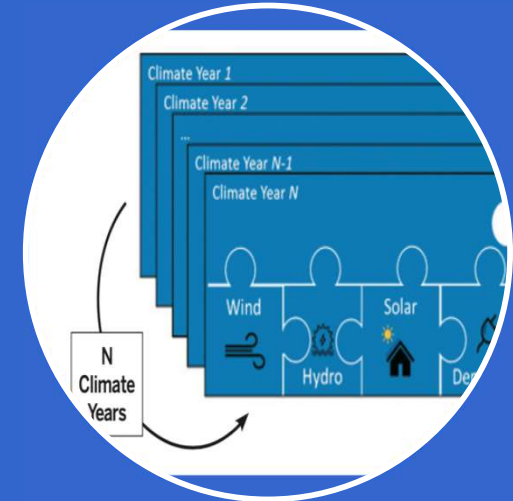
Stability

power system
resilience - disturbances
and external events;
control interactions



Short term balancing

demand and supply in
balance – flexibility



Long term balancing

increased weather
dependency, extreme
events of long wind,
solar, hydro scarcity

seconds,

minutes, hours, days

seasons/years

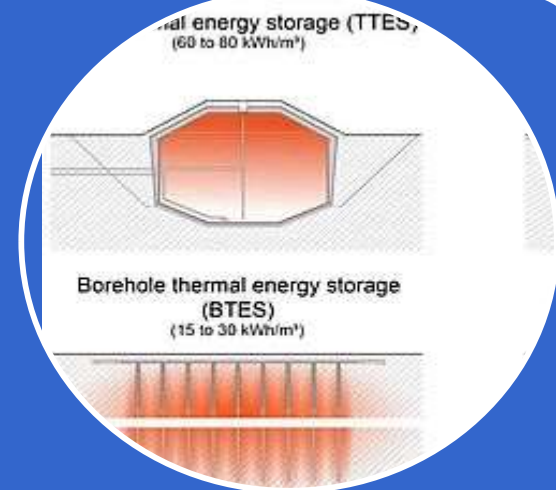
Solutions



Stability: How to operate non synchronous system?
How to get resilience from wind, solar, batteries?
exploit wider flexibility of inverters, not just replicating synchronous machine features



Short term balancing: technology solutions for flexibility are there (use demand, wind and solar and storage) - how to incentivise?



Long term balancing: no more fixed load paradigm, optimise a combination of peakers, storage and demand side. How to incentivise smart sector coupling with all power2X storage options?

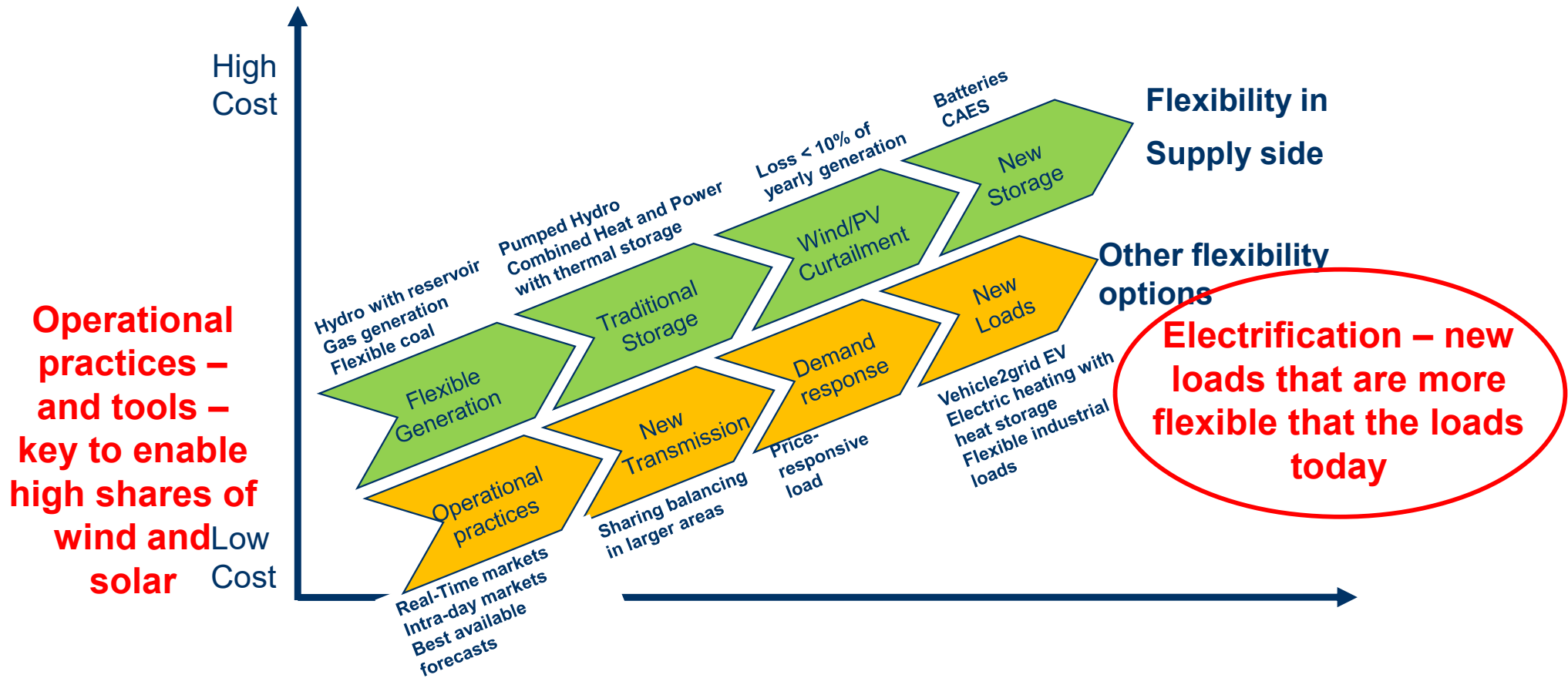
no mass
all brains

large and
fast markets

huge energy systems
power, heat, gas,...

More complexity and amount of data is exploding - digitalisation

Balancing challenge: Using more of the flexibility solutions we know



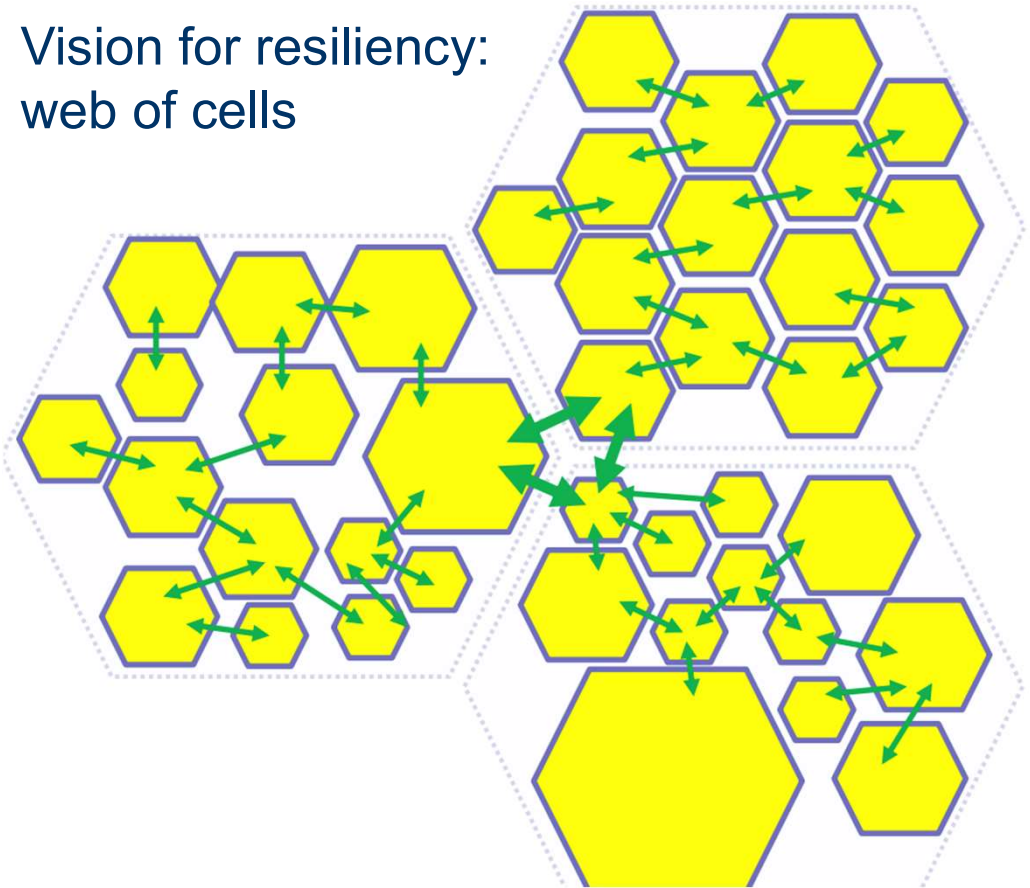
Wind and solar – and loads and electrical storage can provide the system support services provided by generators today



Demand Response: energy transition is also load transition

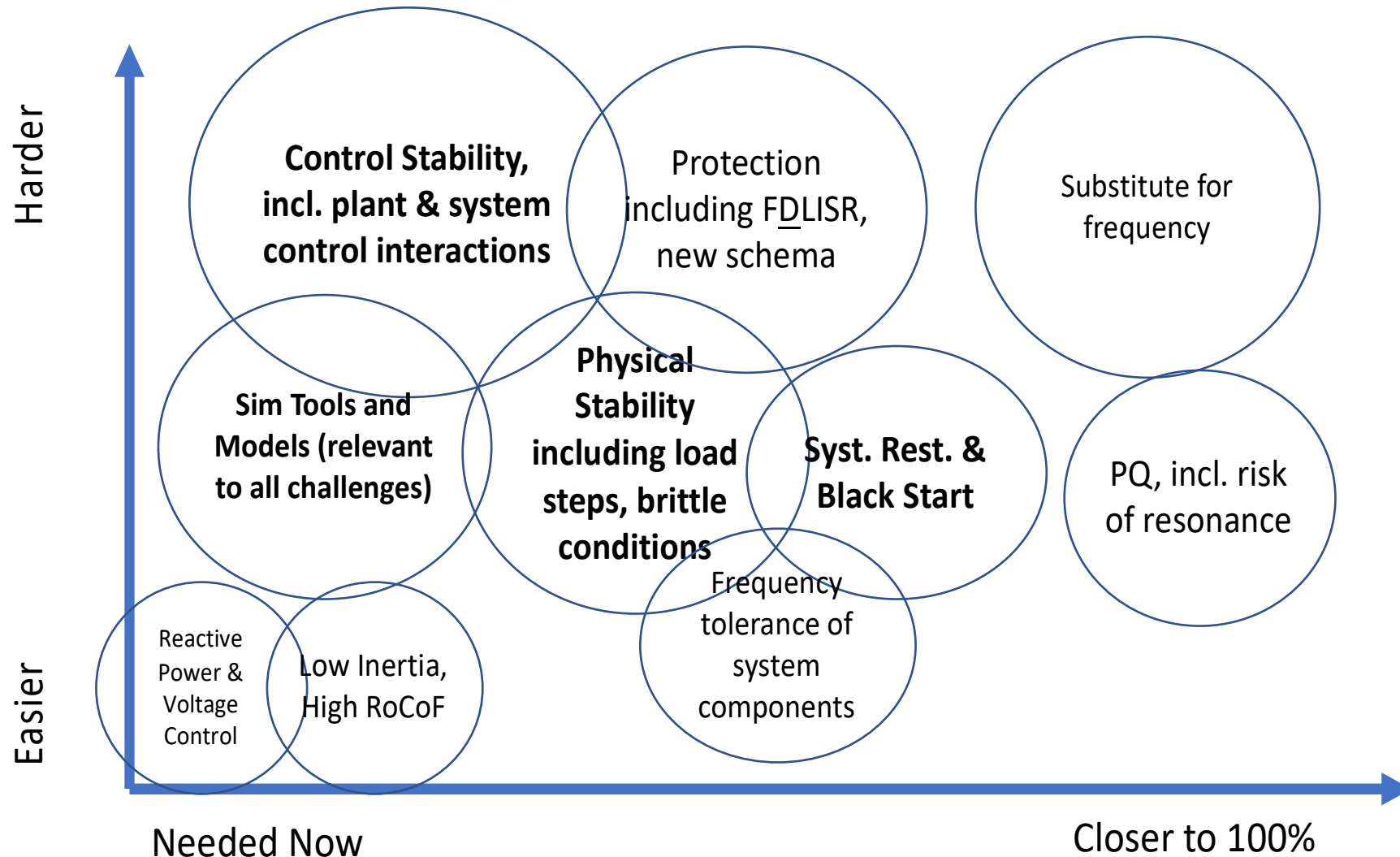


- Smart grids and digitalization for short term flex: enabling distributed resources, prosumers. AI, HEMS, BEMS responding to local and system wide price signals
- P2X can offer also longer term flexibility: changing the fixed load paradigm LOLP



Vision: dispatch loads for available generation

Stability – new paradigm of operating non synchronously



FDLISR fault detection, location, isolation and recover;
RoCoF Rate of Change of Frequency
PQ Power Quality

Holttinen et al. 2020 System Impact Studies for Near 100% Renewable Energy Systems Dominated by Inverter Based Variable Generation <https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/9246271>

G-PST looking for reliability and resilience, new paradigms for system operation and planning

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Power system operator focused view on challenges

- enough services to ensure reliability and resilience

Current chicken and egg problem for IBR Grid forming: Which comes first, the requirement for a capability or the capability itself?

- How do grid operators know what they could require? What drives manufacturers to invest in new technology?

Manufacturers have no clear specifications or demand to develop GFM technology

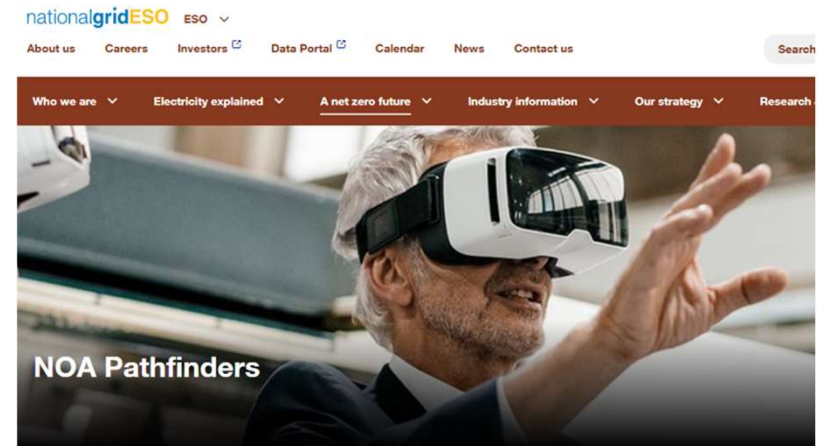
Grid operators find it challenging to require functionalities from IBRs that are not widely available

Manufacturers see shrinking market volumes

IBR developers will only build to requirements or market incentives

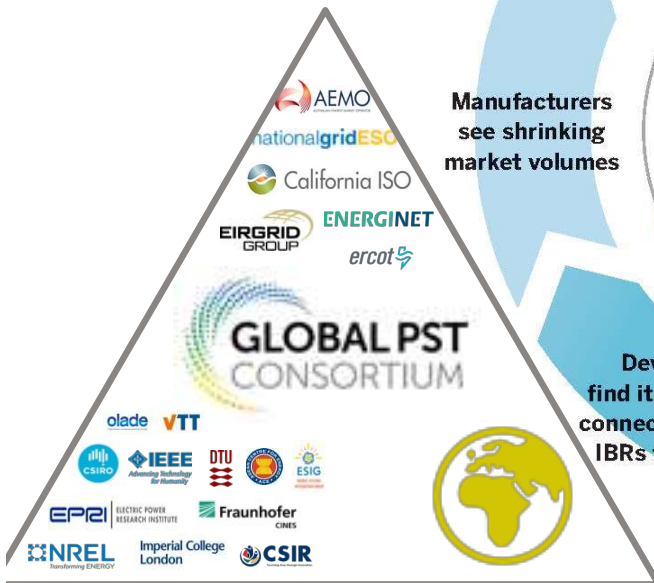
Developers find it difficult to connect additional IBRs to the grid

The grid experiences operational constraints



A tender process for new services needed in high-IBR power system, to gain experience and understanding of new technologies available to provide these services

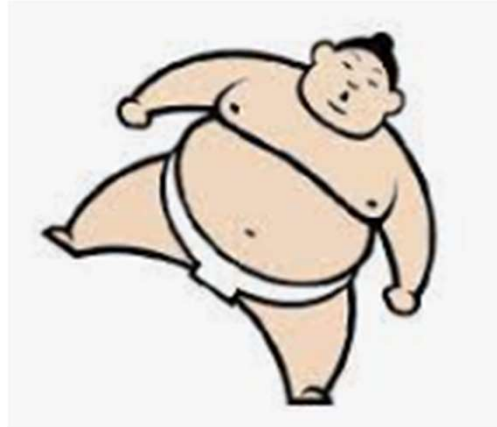
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The superpowers of future power systems



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controls



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How can offshore wind help?

Stability

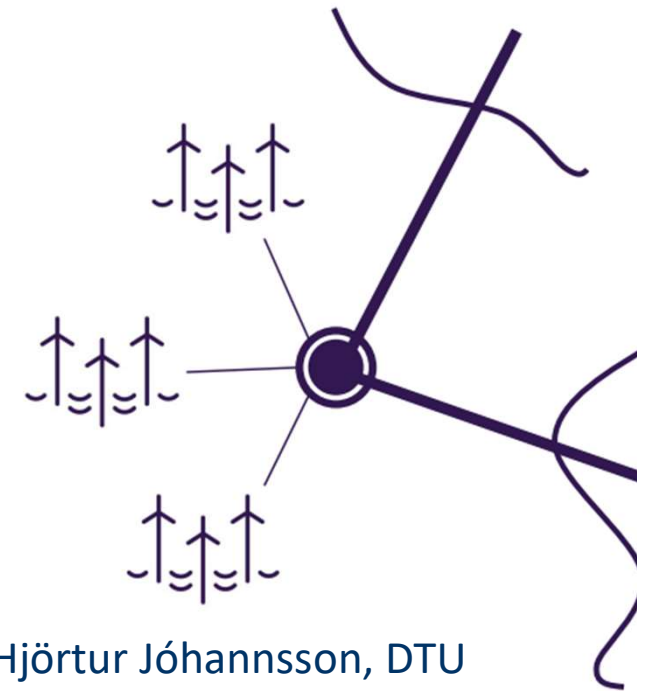


- Opportunities: offshore wind power plants options to provide grid forming support
 - Turbine and plant level
 - HVDC converters
 - Storage and electrolyzers
- Optimising, cost and reliability, where to provide the services?
- Challenge:
 - control interactions in power system
 - Offshore grids non synchronous operation

Short term flexibility



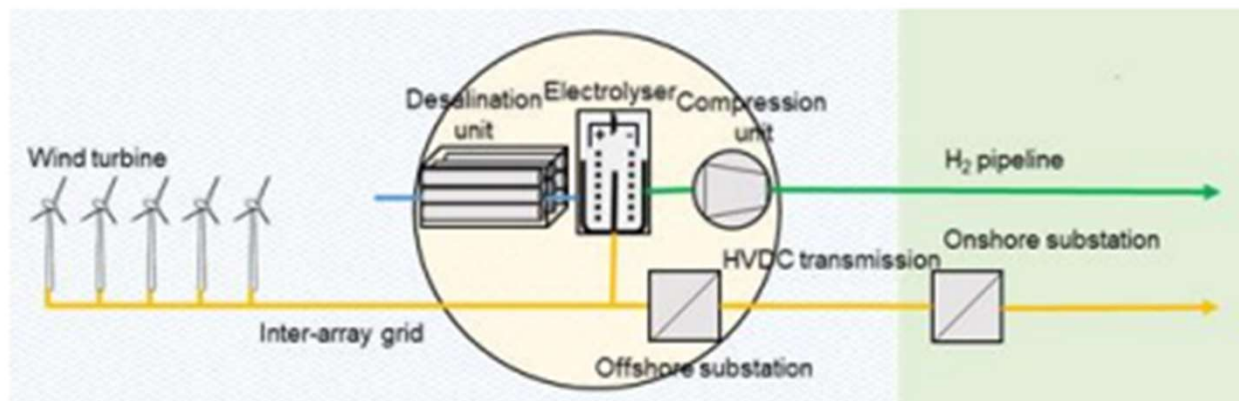
- Frequency control, balancing services
 - Day ahead and intraday markets
 - Real time (balancing) markets
 - Fast and well complying frequency control services
- Interconnectors as an enabler
- Optimising, market design
 - to minimise curtailments when providing balancing
 - to maximise value



Long term flexibility



- Power 2 X coupling at offshore wind power plants, and energy hubs
 - Surplus energy to e-fuels and other hydrogen derivatives, at sea
 - Scarcity situations, generate electricity to demand on shore
- Optimise for long term flexibility?



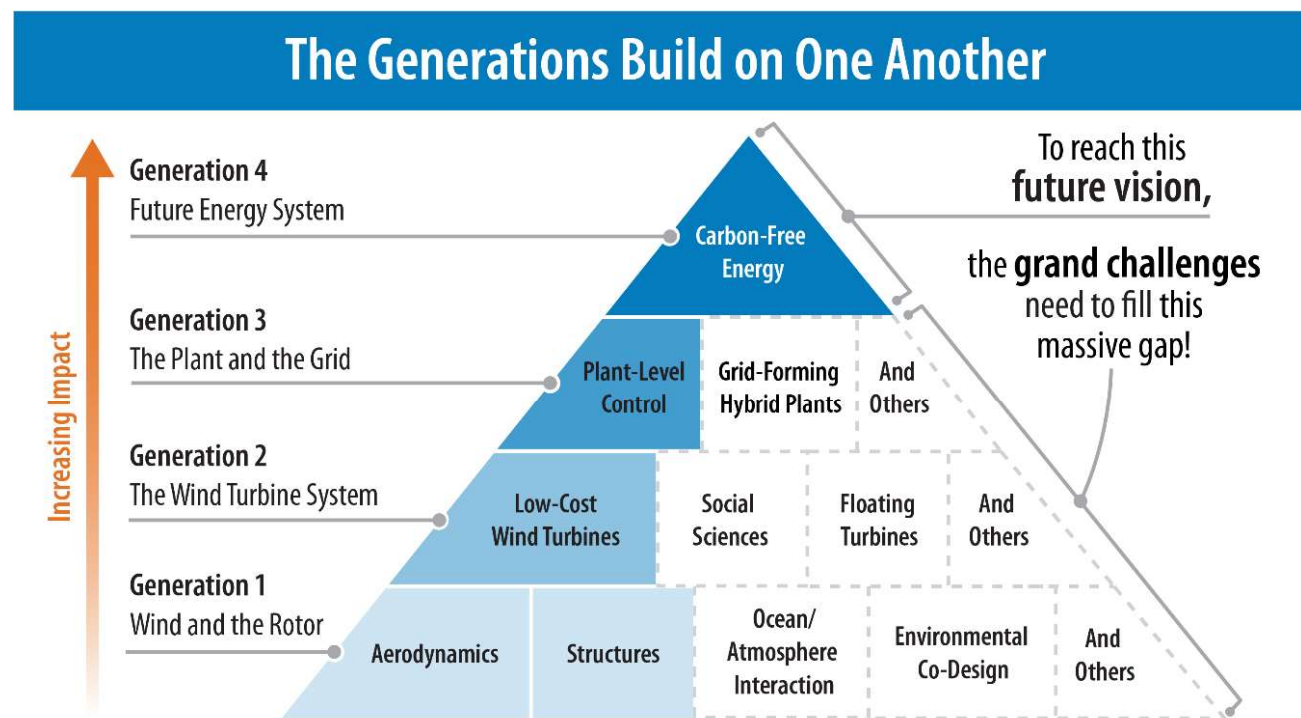
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- Securing 8 fundamental needs for power systems:
 - Energy and Capacity adequacy
 - Technical ancillary services: Frequency, Voltage, Angle stability, Protection, Damping, Restoration

Wind power plants can provide most needs/services

- For some storage is required – this makes other options more cost effective
- Plant level and hybrids give more opportunities
- Offshore grids and HVDC opportunities



Thank you!



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