Offshore wind and hydrogen capacity expansion: An energy system modeling challenge

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## Why do we need hydrogen?



GRAVIMETRIC ENERGY DENSITY VERSATILE

STORABLE



#### **Research Goals**

# Understand the role of hydrogen in an energy system with high shares of VRES

- Curtailment vs. electrolyser capacity
- Battery vs. hydrogen storage
- Power lines vs. hydrogen pipelines



# **Energy System Optimization**





# **Model Characteristics**

- Deterministic
- Generation and transmission planning until 2050
- Sector-coupled model
- 47 nodes



# **Requirement #1: Spatial Granularity**



- 20 clustered offshore wind farms [1]
- Radial wind connection
- Updated offshore wind capacity factors [2]

[1] EMODnet Human Activities portal, EMODnet, <u>https://emodnet.ec.europa.eu/en/human-activities</u> [2] Project Memo: Hourly wind and solar energy time series from Reanalysis dataset, SINTEF Energi, https://sintef.brage.unit.no/sintefxmlui/bitstream/handle/11250/2468143/AN%20171263\_Hourly%20wind%20and%20solar%20power%20timeseries.pdf?sequence=1



## **Requirement #2: Temporal Granularity**















# **Time-Series Aggregation**



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# **Methodological Challenges**

- 1 Uncertain and volatile nature of wind energy
- 2 Modeling long-term and short-term dynamics



## **Results #1**







#### **Results #2**





# Conclusion

#### Findings

• Hydrogen can help with the integration of offshore wind

#### **Further Steps**

- Meshed grid representation
- Hydrogen network optimization
- Inclusion of short-term dynamics

