

Sustainable Energy Systems for Communities

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Let's start with where we are now

- 6 Renewable energy trends to watch in 2019
 - Forbes.com



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Energy storage (1)

- Batteries at different scales
 - We're up to 100 MW already



Not only about batteries

- Hydro
 - Micro, pico, and pumped-storage
- Biomass
- Hydrogen
- Superconducting flywheels
- Supercapacitors
- Smart grids



Microgrids and AI (2)

- Quicker design, and better operation

Advisian (WorleyParsons Group) and XENDEE, Inc. Announce Exclusive Partnership

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LOS ANGELES--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Advisian, the global advisory and consulting business line of the WorleyParsons Group, and XENDEE, Inc., announce an exclusive agreement to design and deliver advanced distributed energy systems.

@Advisian partners with @XENDEE to provide best-in-class integrated #energy solutions.

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Advisian, WorleyParsons, and XENDEE are connecting their complementary strengths to answer the need for fast, affordable and reliable microgrid feasibility studies, and optimized, bankable energy projects.

XENDEE's award-winning team has developed an advanced toolkit for microgrid and distributed energy system design and optimization. Advisian will support roll out and scaling of the XENDEE capability worldwide, and WorleyParsons will develop and deliver complete projects. Together, they offer turnkey solutions with up to 90% reduction in time to results.

"Using the XENDEE platform, complex energy systems can be designed in hours to days rather than the industry standard of months. XENDEE designs are bankable and auditable, giving confidence in least cost, best fit, and profitability," says Advisian's Director of Smart & Distributed Energy, Tristan Jackson.



AI already for the larger (smarter) grid: Allowing for prosumers to participate

DeepMind and National Grid in AI talks to balance energy supply

Google's machine learning technology likely to better predict UK electricity demand



Madhumita Murgia and Nathalie Thomas MARCH 12, 2017

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Google's DeepMind is in discussions with the [UK's National Grid](#) to use artificial intelligence to help balance energy supply and demand in Britain.



Energy Blockchain and IoT (3)

A microgrid grows in Brooklyn — is this the future of energy?

Alec Appelbaum

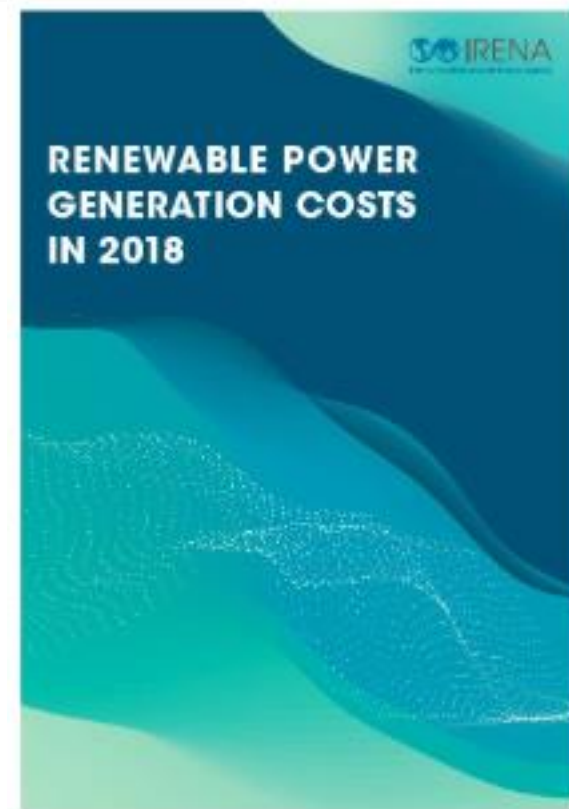
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Courtesy of L3 Energy

Grid parity and falling costs (4)

- Solar and wind have reached parity in both price and performance in many regions
 - New technologies continue to hone their competitive edge



Big commitments (5)

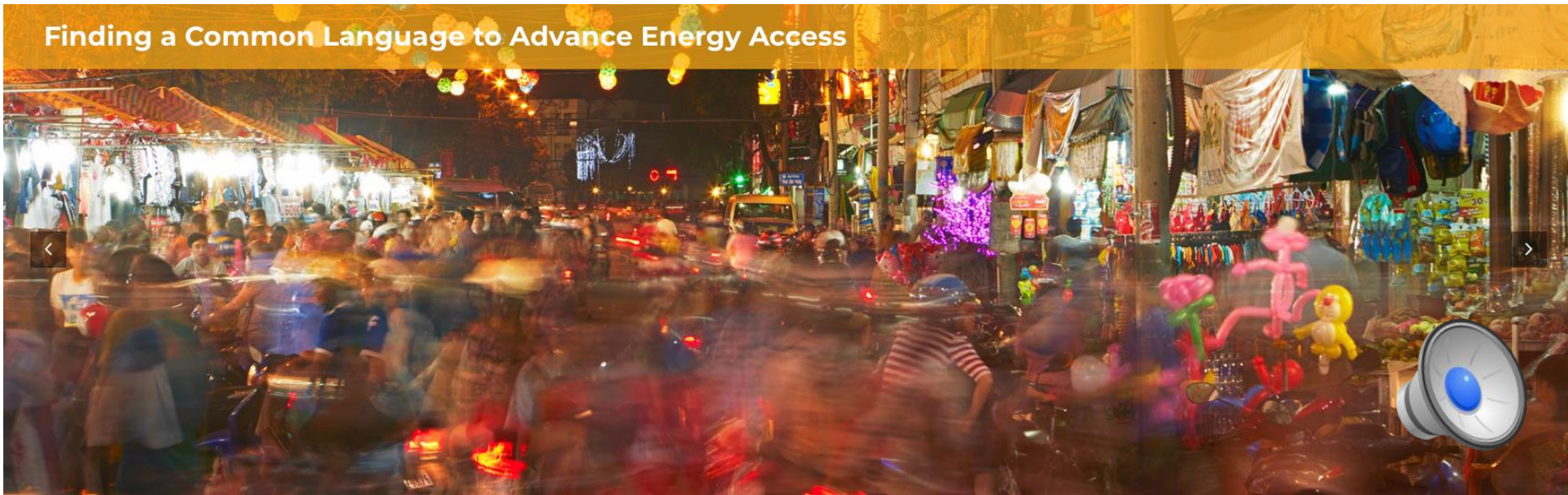
- Over 100 global cities get at least 70% of their electricity from renewables
 - Over 40 operate on 100% renewable electricity
- 158 companies have committed to transitioning to 100% renewables



Energy access advances in communities on the periphery (6)

- A billion people live without electricity
- Hundreds of millions have unreliable and prohibitively expensive energy sources
- seforall.org

Finding a Common Language to Advance Energy Access



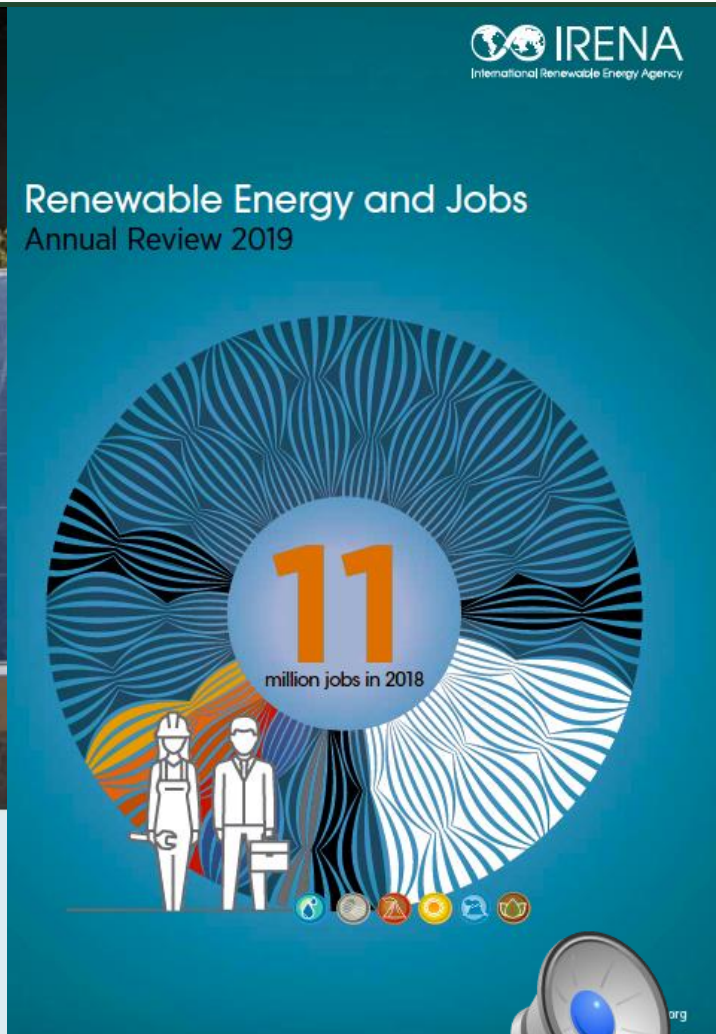
Transition trends are all opportunities for resilient communities



Our Technology

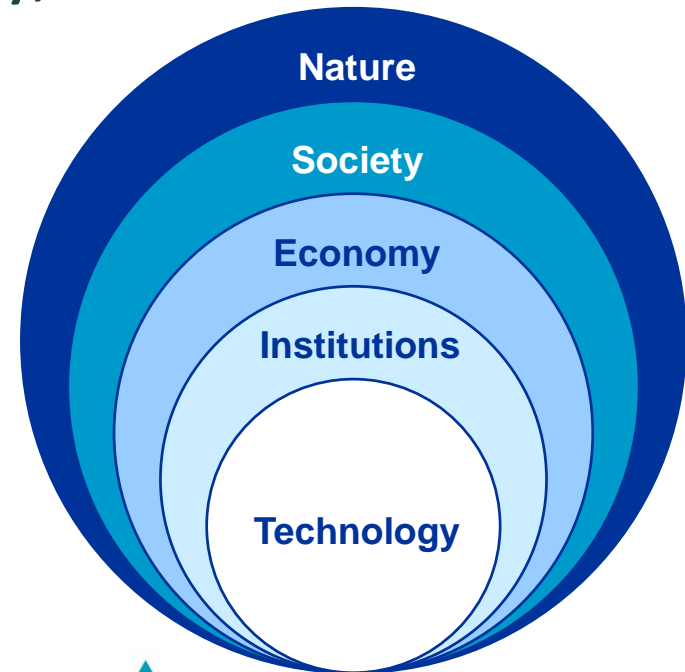
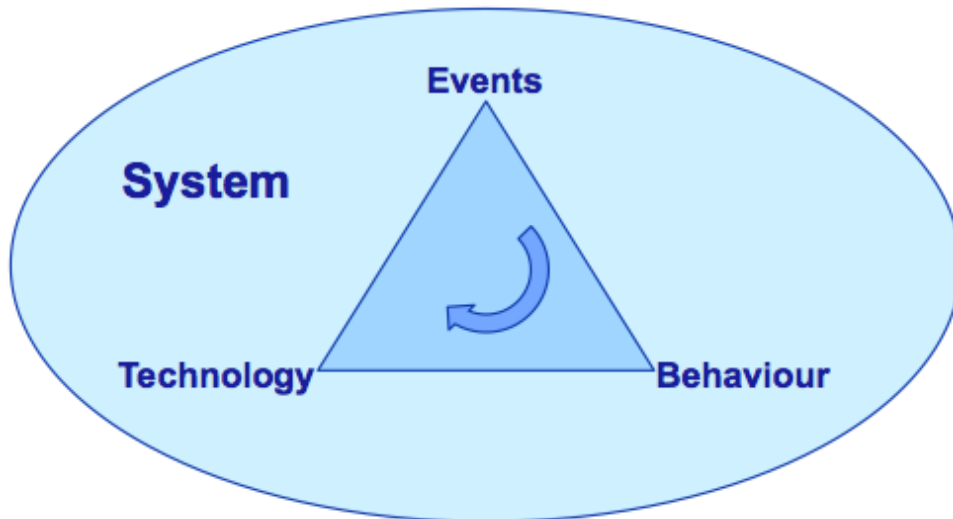
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IEEE Smart Village values innovation to drive efficient power, education, and entrepreneurial endeavors. From transportable solar panels, to remote Internet access methods, a wide range of technologies are needed to empower a village.



Systems perspective

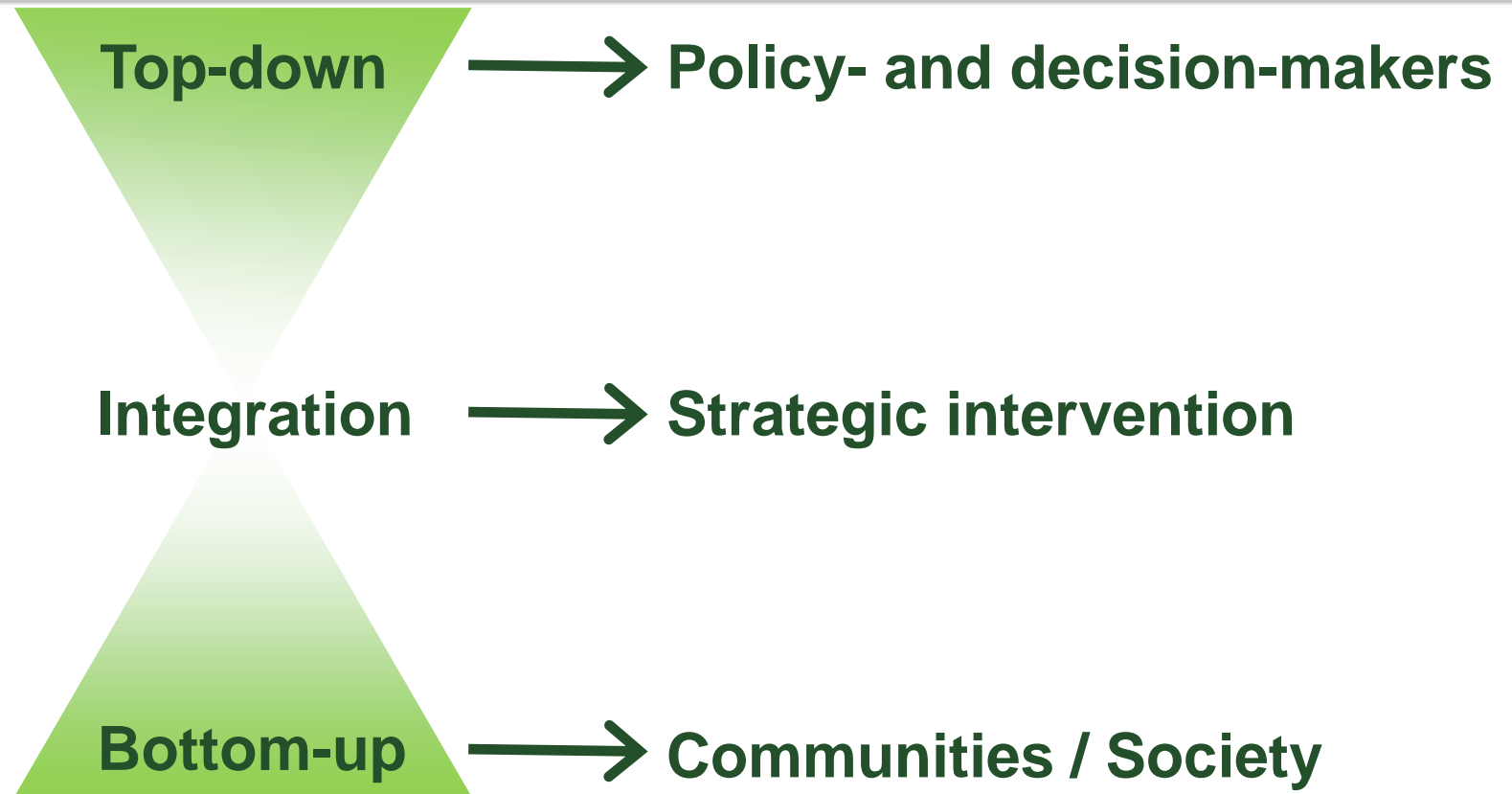
- **Transdisciplinarity** covering a range of engineering, sustainability, and scientific principles



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Strategic approach



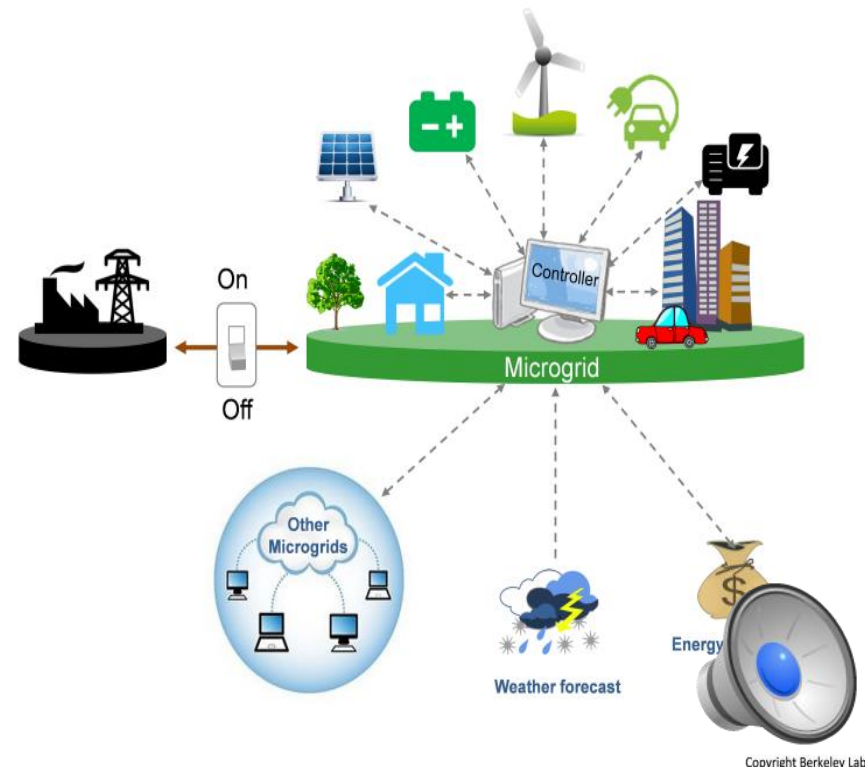
Case study: Microgrids

- A distinct, small-scale, resilient power grid that provides a platform for the integration of DERs and loads, and facilitates the use of DRPs

- But...

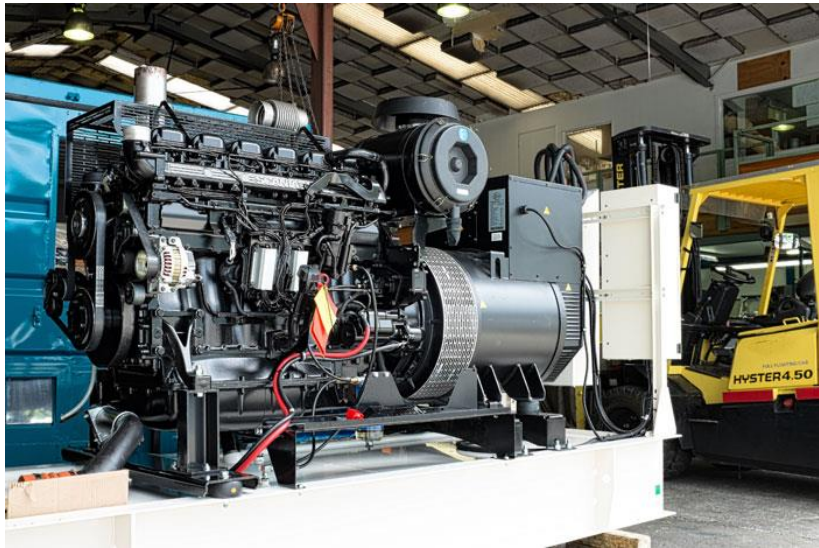


- It must be sized optimally



Case study: Stewart Island

- Provide a cost-effective, environmentally-friendly, sustainable solution for the transformation of the Stewart Island's fossil fuel-based energy economy into a 100 percent renewable energy economy



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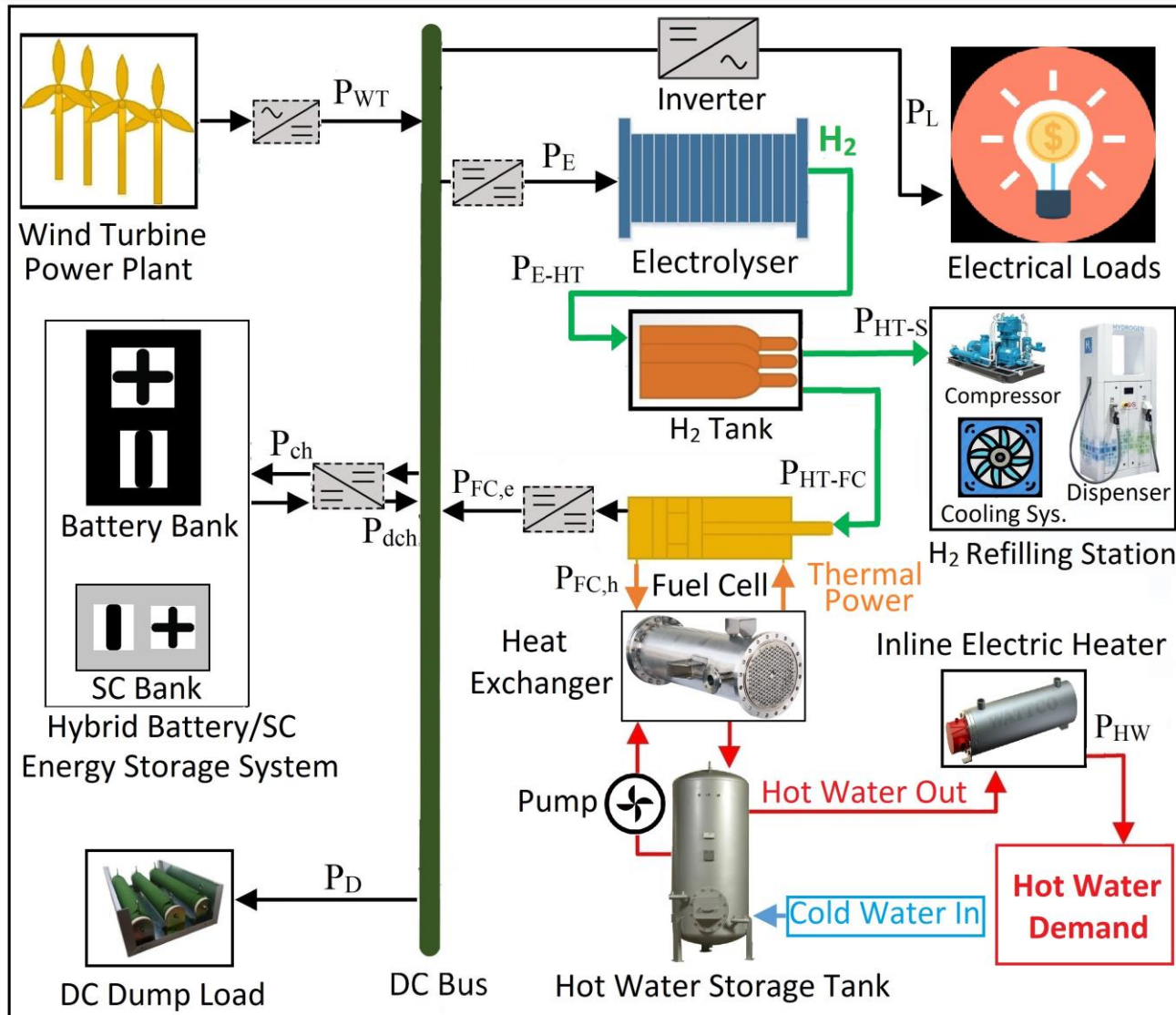


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Possible multiple energy carrier grid



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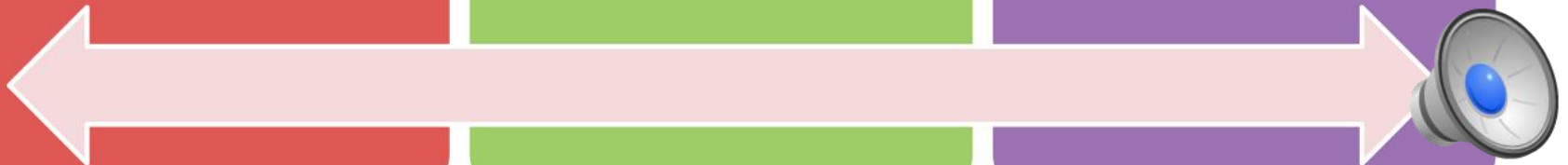
Fuel Cell: high energy density, but low power density



Battery: intermediary level of both energy and power densities



Super-Capacitor: high power density, but low energy density



The costs

Component	Rated capacity				Efficiency [%]	Lifetime [years]
WT	100 kW	\$120k/unit	\$100k/unit	\$4.6k/unit/year	N/A	20
SC modules	3.23 Wh	\$32/module	\$32/module	\$0.5/module/year	95	10
Battery packs	7.5 kWh	\$630/pack	\$600/pack	20/pack/year	90	12
Electrolyser	generic	\$1k/kW	\$1k/kW	\$20/kW/year	60	15
H ₂ reservoir	generic	\$470/kg	\$470/kg	\$9/kg/year	98	20
Fuel cell	generic	\$1.1k/kW	\$0.9k/kW	\$28/kW/year	50	5
Heat exchanger	generic	\$100/kW	\$90/kW	\$2/kW/year	90	15
Hot water tank	generic	\$0.5/L	\$0.3/L	\$0/L/year	96	15
Inline electric heater	generic	\$1k/kW	\$1k/kW	\$8/kW/year	97	15
H ₂ refilling station	generic	\$6k/kg H ₂ /h	\$5k/kg H ₂ /h	\$180/kg H ₂ /h/year	95	20
Electric loads' inverter	generic	\$350/kW	\$300/kW	\$7/kW/year	90	15



Verification of cost-effectiveness

- Levelised cost of electricity = NZ\$0.20/kWh
 - Existing electricity tariff = 0.26/kWh
- Levelised cost of hydrogen = NZ\$6.97/kg H₂
 - NZ\$8.91/kg H₂ to NZ\$14/kg H₂
- Levelised cost of hot water = NZ\$0.0091/L
 - NZ\$0.0077/L to NZ\$2.8/L



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