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Electricity, Renewables and Storage

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Two recent trends in British electricity:

The Rise of Wind





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How much CO₂ does wind power save?

What does this depend upon?



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Generation in Great Britain

13-19 December 2014







6-12 August 2016





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GB Fuel Prices



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- Coal prices fell 24% from £9.70 to £7.40 per MWh
- Gas prices fell 39% from £20.70 to £12.70 per MWh
- Carbon prices more than doubled from £6.90 to £22.60 per tonne CO₂
- Wind capacity doubled from 7.3 to 14.7 GW
- Output rose from 17.6 to 30.6 TWh
- Solar PV capacity grew six-fold from 1.7 to 10.4 GW
- Output rose from 1.2 to 9.6 TWh
- Biomass capacity tripled from 0.7 to 2.1 GW
- Coal capacity almost halved from 27.2 to 15.0 GW
- Electricity demand fell 7% from 319 to 297 TWh

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Emissions of CO₂: changes relative to 2016

What if *X* had not changed after 2012?





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Emissions of CO₂: changes relative to 2012

What if only X had changed after 2012?





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Renewables and the electricity market



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Demand and Supply

Prices reflect Marginal Costs





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Source: Green and Staffell, Oxrep, 2016



Demand and Supply

The merit order effect







Capacity and Load



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Generators' Load Factors

UK-wide, including Northern Ireland





Capacity and Peak Demand

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GB Fuel & Electricity Prices



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A volatile market



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A Low-Carbon Christmas



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Renewables in a Power Market

Part One: Killing your market

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Load duration curve for GB

2011 demand and weather





































Load duration curve for GB







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PV and Relative Prices

Great Britain, May-July



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Output-weighted prices



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Renewables in a Power Market

Part Two: Killing the market?

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Supply and Demand





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A volatile market



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Power Market with Renewable and Thermal plant

- Model dispatch and prices over a year
- Thought experiment for future capacities
 - 15 GW onshore wind
 - 50 GW offshore wind
 - 15 GW solar PV
- Gas-fired CCGT and Peaking plants (OCGT)

• Some demand response



A simulated future





Demand





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A simulated future













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A barrier to renewables?

Relative revenues by type of plant







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Adding a little storage

Highest and lowest prices eliminated

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• GB, 2030 with endogenous generation capacity







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Price-duration curves

• GB, 2030 with endogenous generation capacity





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Renewables in an Energy Market

How storage changes price-setting, if there's enough of it

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A volatile market



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A less volatile market



Source: Energinet.dk



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Supply and Demand



Finn's bathtub, from Forsund (2007) Hydropower Economics, Springer



Reservoir Levels





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Richard's bath-tub

Storage with generation





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The maximum amount of storage is limited by its energy capacity (horizontal arrow)



A simulated future

Energy Market: Week 7 of "2010"



Demand



A simulated future







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A simulated future

Power Market: Week 7 of "2010"





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A simulated future

Power Market: Week 44 of "2010"





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Stored Energy Levels

8760 hours of "2010"

—Peaking Storage





Stored Energy Levels

8760 hours of "2010"





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Storage flows and prices

Week 47 of "2010"







Revenues by type of plant



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A storage-renewable market

18 TWh or more in "2010"





15 TWh capacity in "2010"





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Beyond the power market

What else can storage do?

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My model is too simple

- I have ignored:
 - Real-time balancing
 - Uncertainty
 - Transmission constraints
 - Distribution constraints
 - Inertia

- Storage can provide:
 - Balancing energy
 - Reserve
 - T-constraint relief
 - D-constraint relief
 - Fast response





It's profitable to be charged more



Source: Teng, F. and G. Strbac (2016), "Business Cases for energy storage with multiple service provision" *J. Mod. Power Syst. Clean Energy* DOI 10.1007/s40565-016-0244-1

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multi-service provision by storage

Arbitrage

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Energy Storage: hitting CO2 targets of 100 g/kWh in 2030 and 25 g/kWh in 2050



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Change in installed capacity if 20 GW of storage added







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Option value

✓ Providing flexibility to deal with uncertainty

What about the competition for energy storage?

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Cost effectiveness of alternative technology options are system specific

Comprehensive whole-system analysis carried out: (1) Assessing the performance and cost targets for alternative flexible technologies (2) Understanding the competitiveness and synergies between alternative flexible technologies

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Key findings

- Significant role of ES in facilitating cost effective transition to low carbon energy system
- Cost-efficient deployment of new ES in the UK in 2030 may reach nearly 20 GW if it is available at low cost; however, DSR represents a key competitor that could limit the business case for ES
- ES can provide a range of system services such as balancing, security of supply (local and national level), managing uncertainties (option value)
- We need regulations and market rules that capture the value of as many of these as possible

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- Participants to develop the skills to <u>expand corporate</u> <u>renewable power use in India</u> and collaborate on solutions to overcome obstacles
- Selected case studies and industry guest speakers

Why Are We Doing This Course?

1. <u>Corporate renewable procurement is growing</u> in various parts of the world, thanks to a strong economic case

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- 2. Policy push in India, ambitious 175GW total / 40GW rooftop target
- 3. <u>Strong interest from industry and involvement of local partners</u> (CII)

Practical Details





- Starts: 12 November 2018
- <u>Participants</u>: 30 from diverse occupations, <u>including regulators</u>
 "Senior enough to matter, junior enough to have time to participate"
- **<u>Commitment required</u>**: ~5 hours per week over 4 weeks
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