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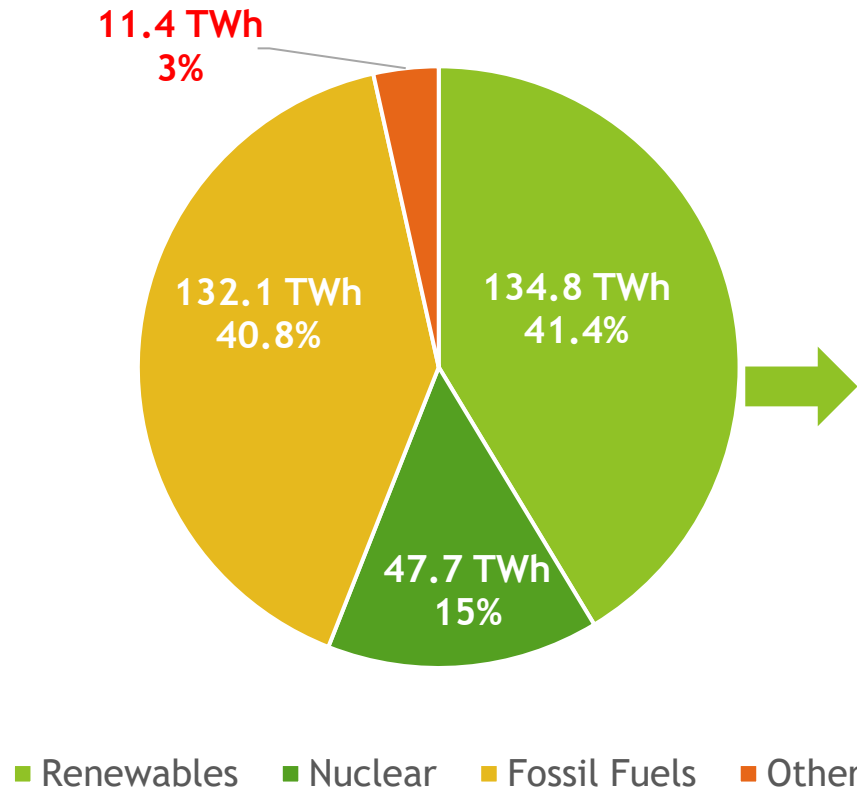
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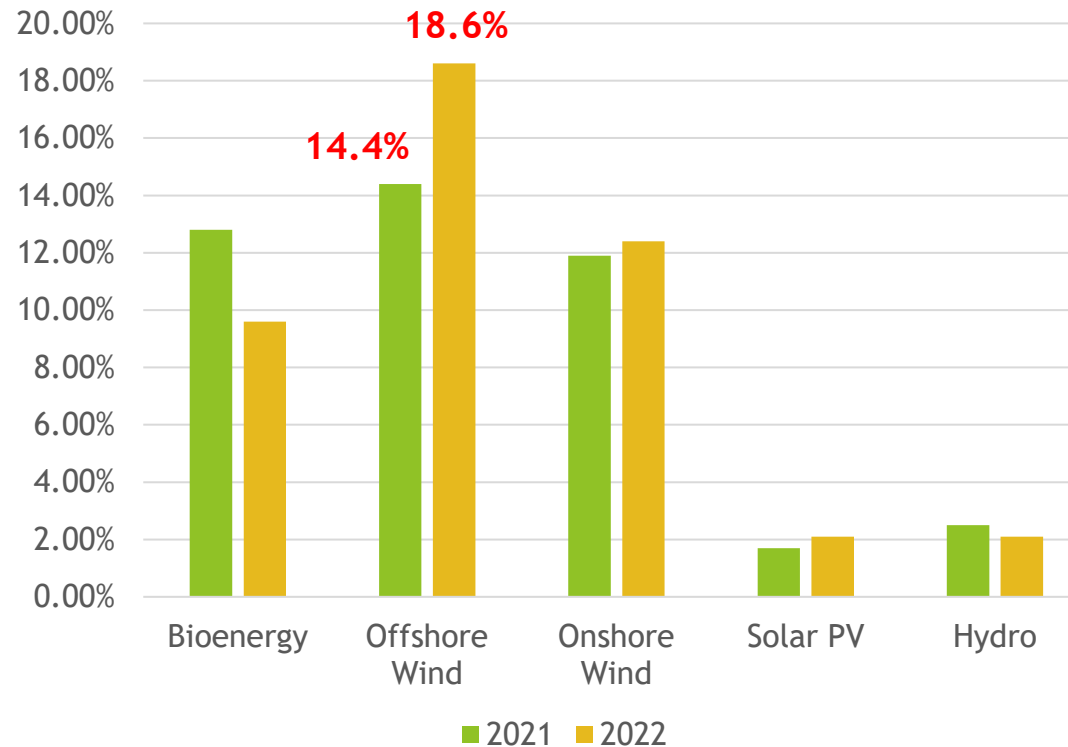
UK Energy Outlook 2022

- ▶ Energy trends in UK electricity generation were dominated by an increased record of offshore wind energy in 2022 compared to 2021.

UK Electricity Generation 2022

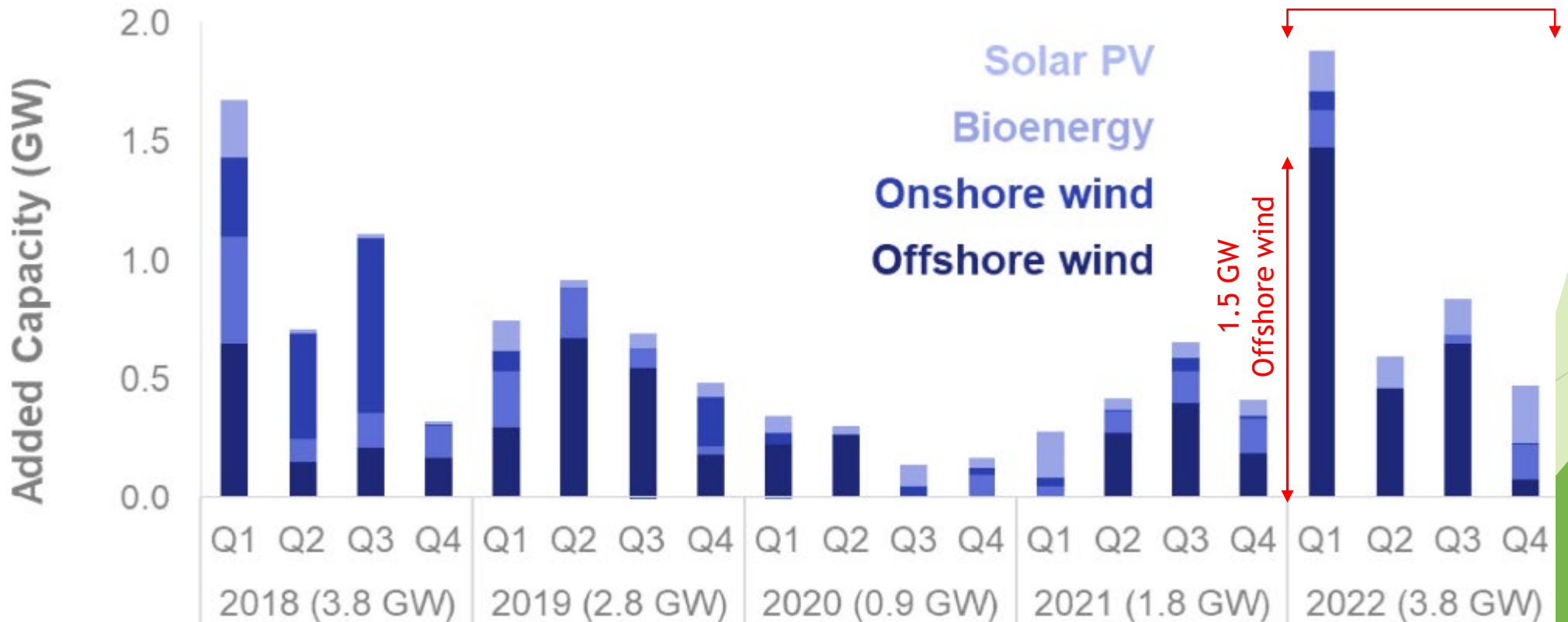


Renewables' Share from UK Electricity Generation 2021-2022



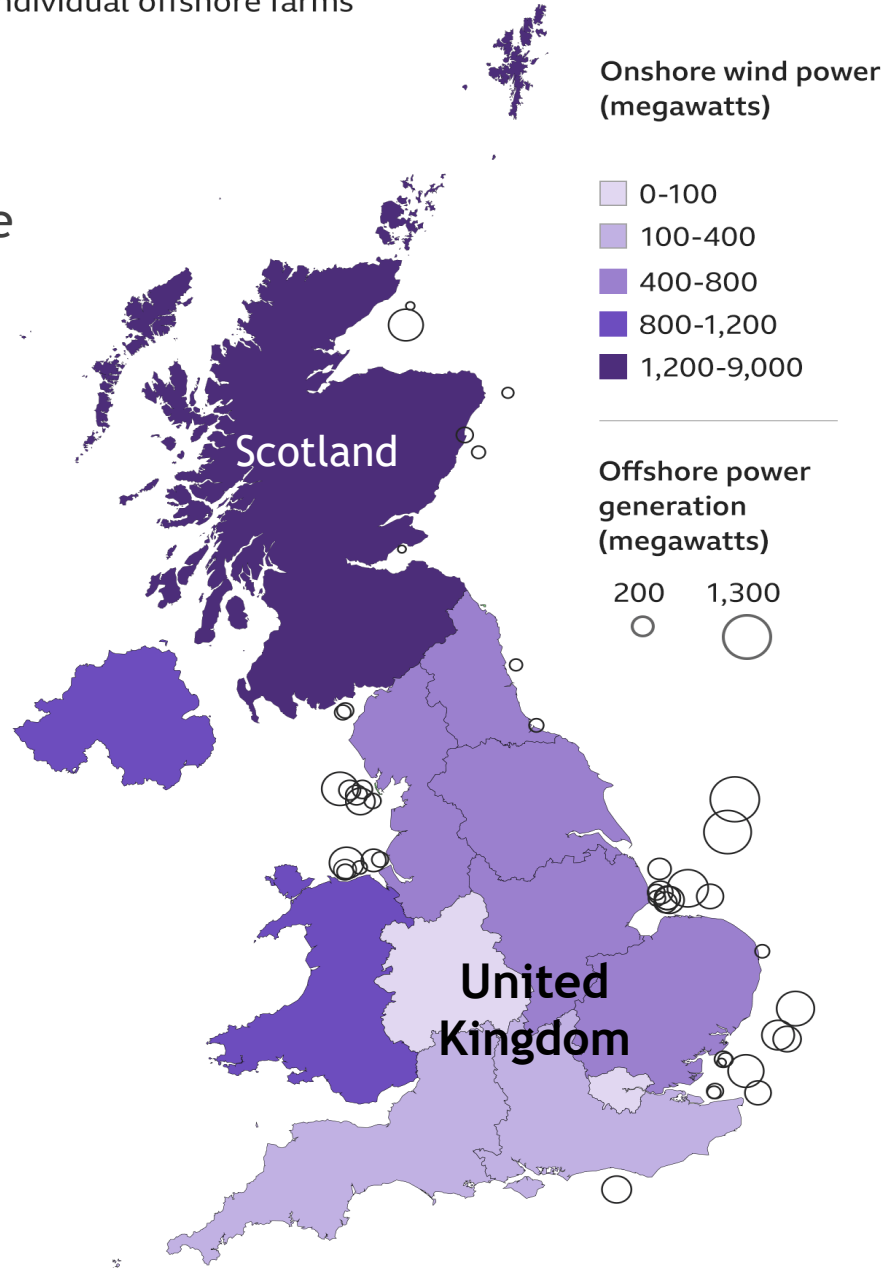
UK Energy Outlook 2022

- ▶ In the first quarter of 2022, 1.5 GW was installed in offshore wind alone.
- ▶ In total 2.7 GW in offshore wind was installed in 2022 including key sites at Moray East (1.0 GW) and Seagreen (0.3 GW) in Scotland, as well as Hornsea Two in England (1.4 GW).



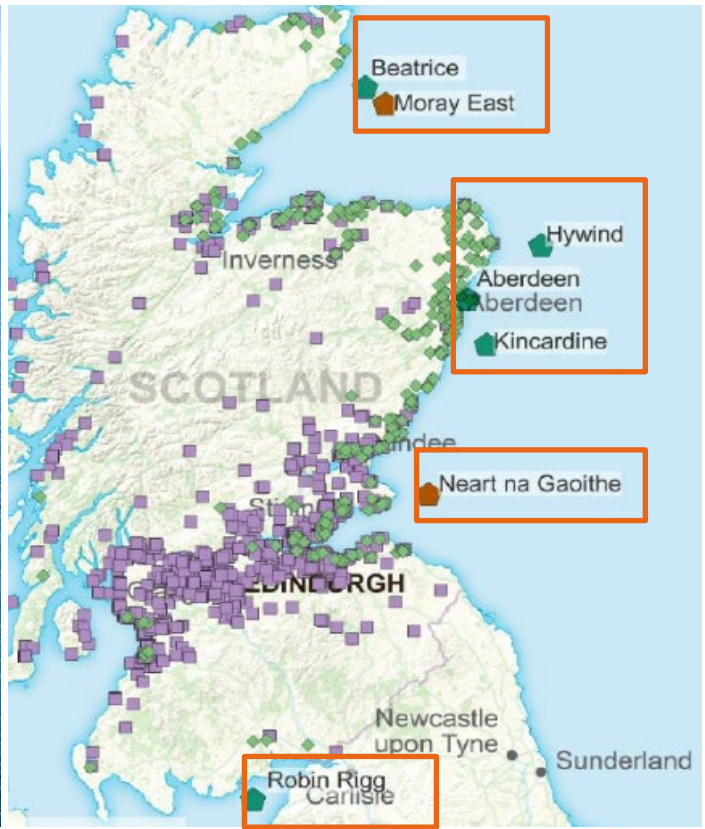
Where does the UK generate its wind power?

Current potential output in megawatts by region and by individual offshore farms



Scotland's Renewable Potential

- ▶ Onshore Wind: Currently Scotland has over 20 operational onshore windfarms with a total installed capacity of 7.3 GW.
- ▶ Offshore Wind: Scotland has six operational offshore windfarms with total installed capacity of around 9.6 GW.



Source: BEIS (2022)

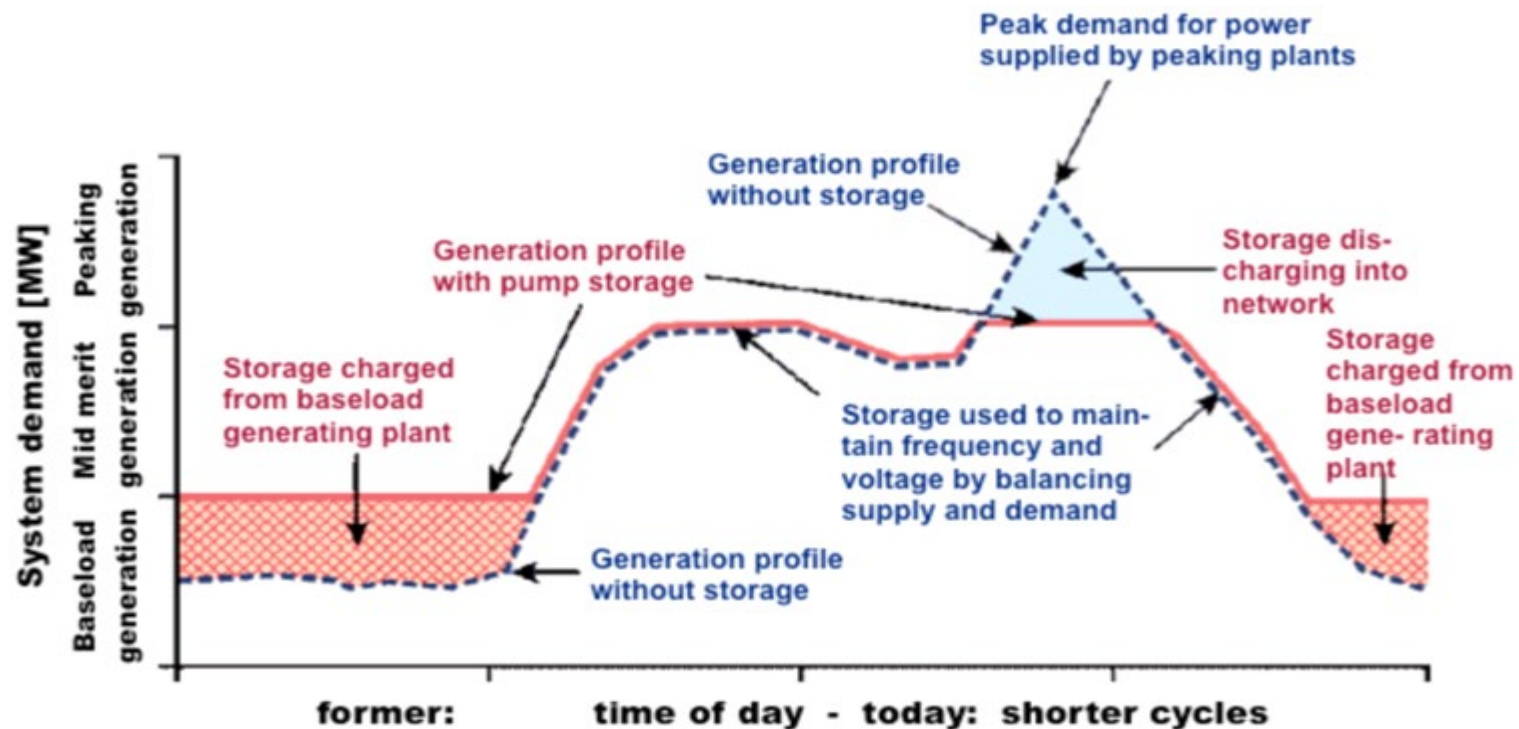
Can we Fully Exploit All Renewable Potential in Scotland??

Weather or not we can exploit full renewable potential in Scotland depends on a number of factors: weather conditions, capacity factors and the usage of adequate energy storage systems to absorb the excess of renewable energy.



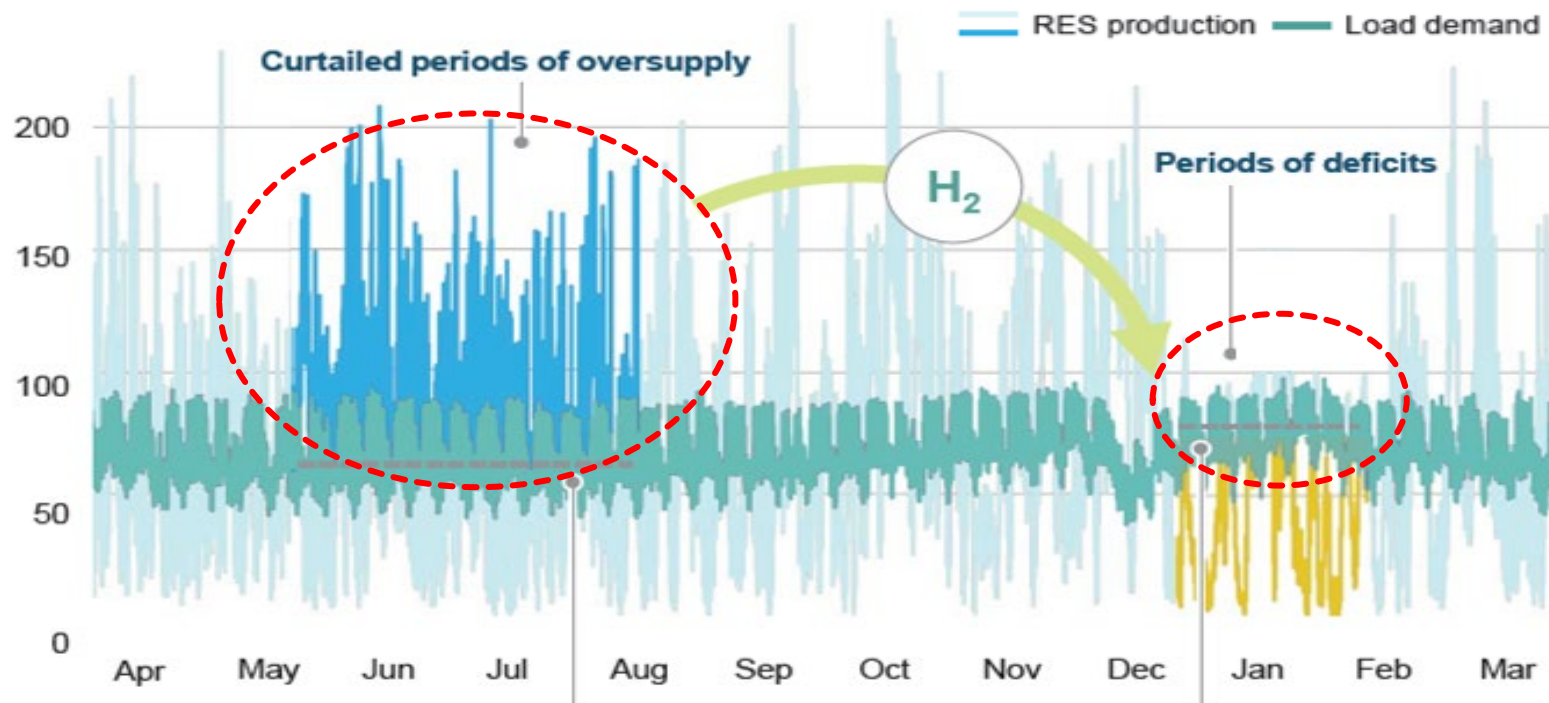
The need for Energy Storage Systems

- ▶ Renewable energy systems are subject to significant variability due to their intermittent nature.
- ▶ Integrating energy storage systems is then crucial to balance between generation and consumption and unlock the full renewable potential.



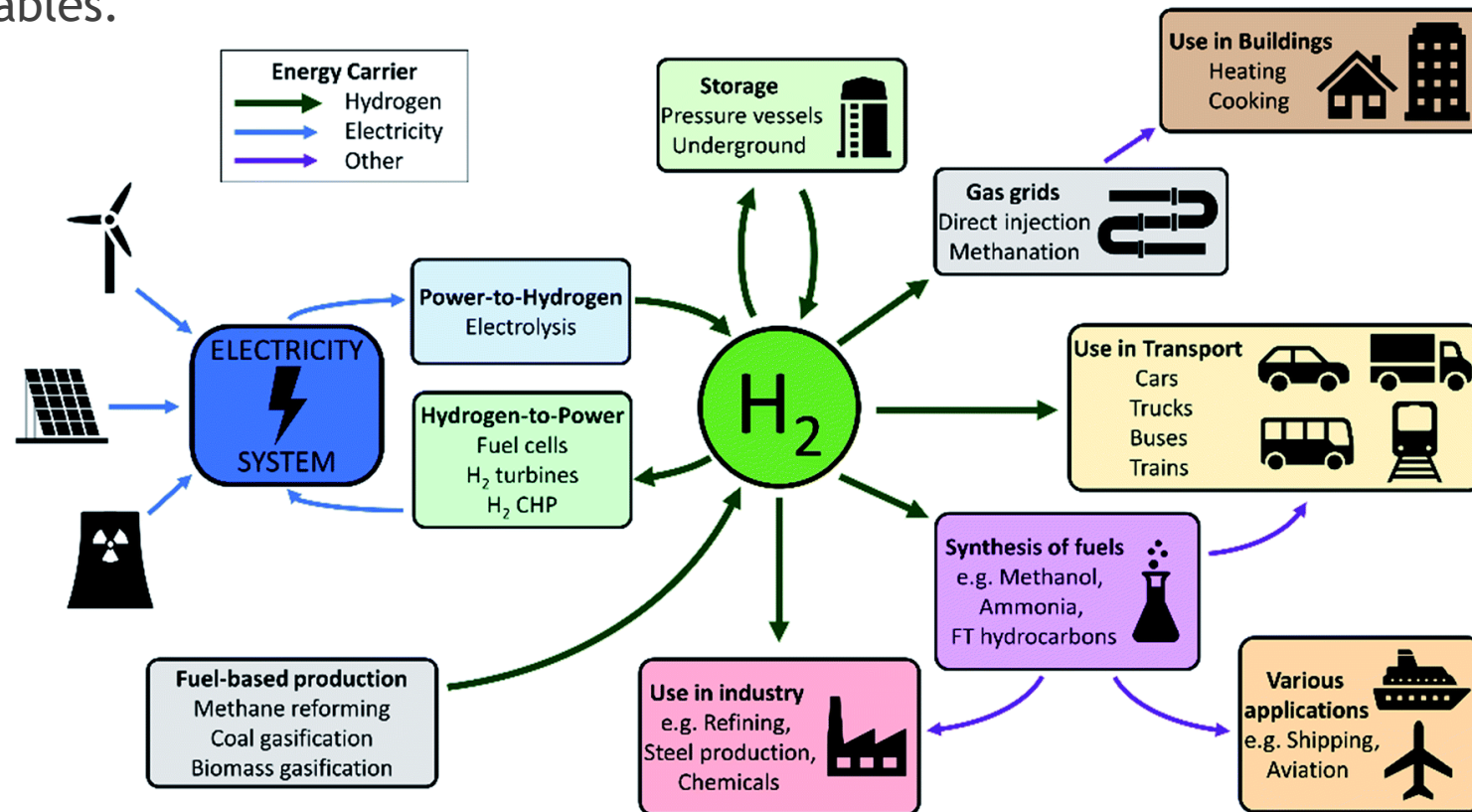
Green Hydrogen Energy Storage Systems

- ▶ H₂ is a free-carbon energy carrier that can be used to store the surplus of renewable power generation, thus allowing the large-scale integration of renewables and realizing Scotland's decarbonization goals.
- ▶ The Scottish government has recognized the potential of H₂ energy and set out a target of generating 5GW of low-carbon and renewable hydrogen by 2030.

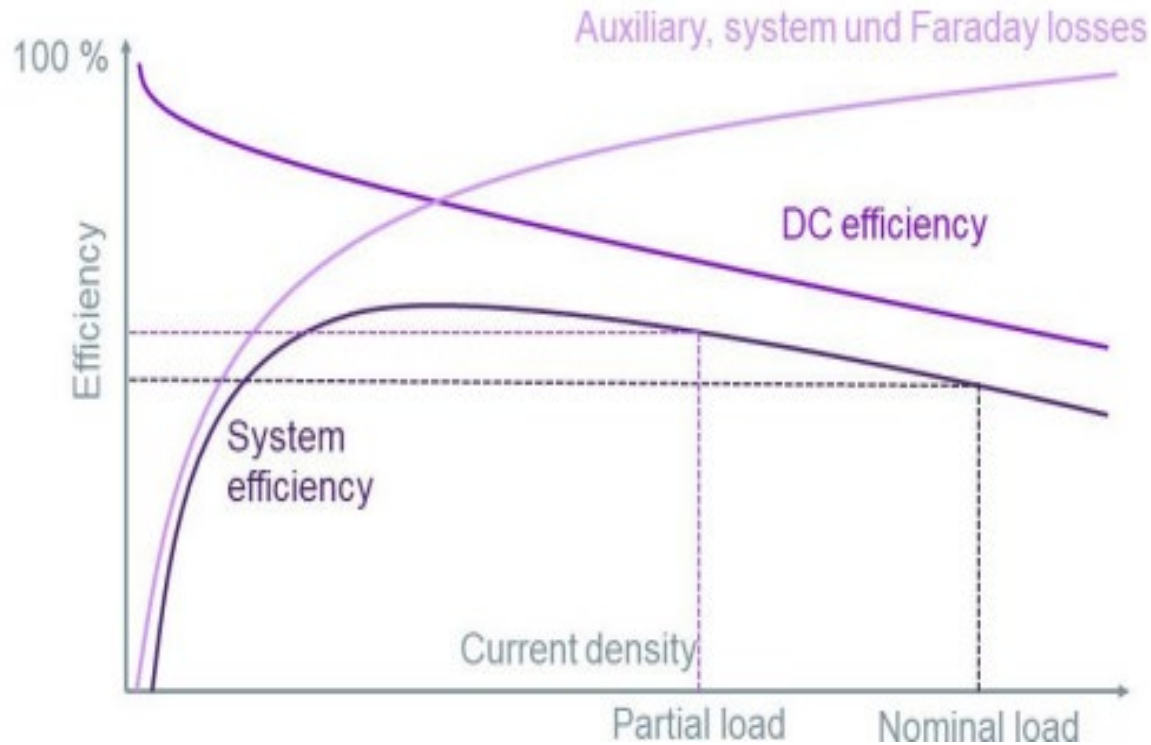


Why Hydrogen?

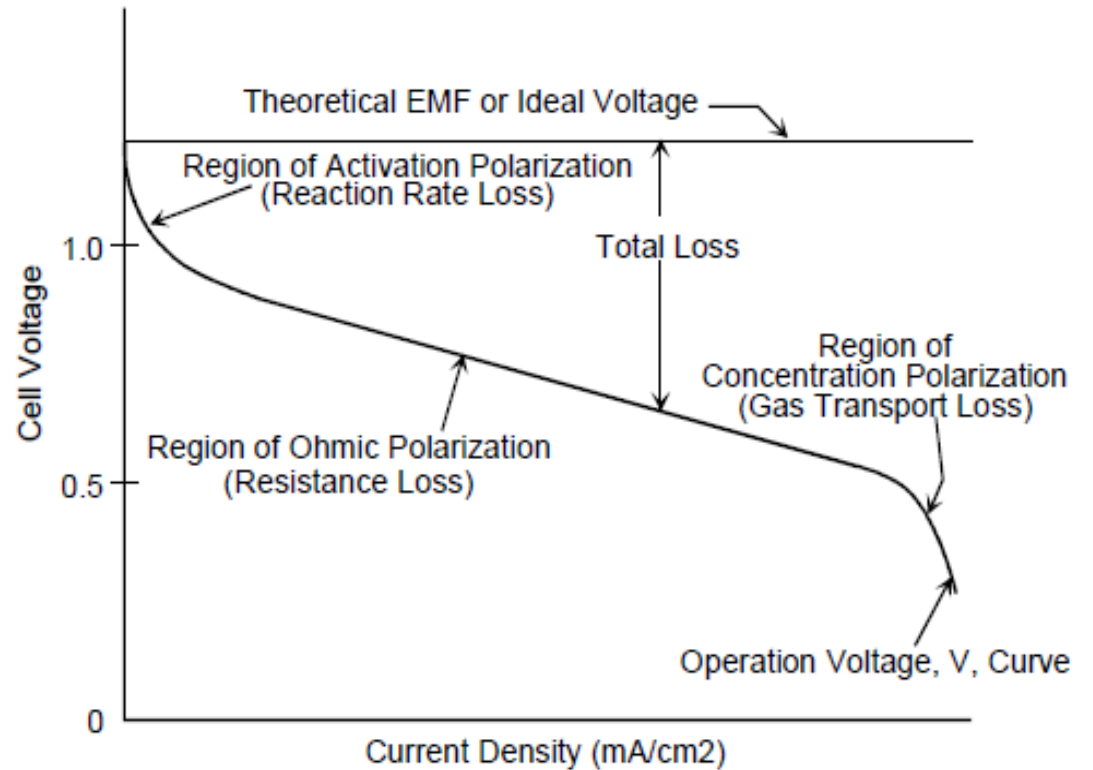
- ▶ H2 is versatile and offers greater flexibility in decarbonizing the energy supply chain by providing multiple energy stream revenues: electricity, heat and fuel.
- ▶ H2 is distinguished from other storage alternatives by its large-scale storage capacity and long-term storage capability, being ideally suitable for seasonal storage of renewables.



Performance of Renewable Hydrogen Energy Storage Systems

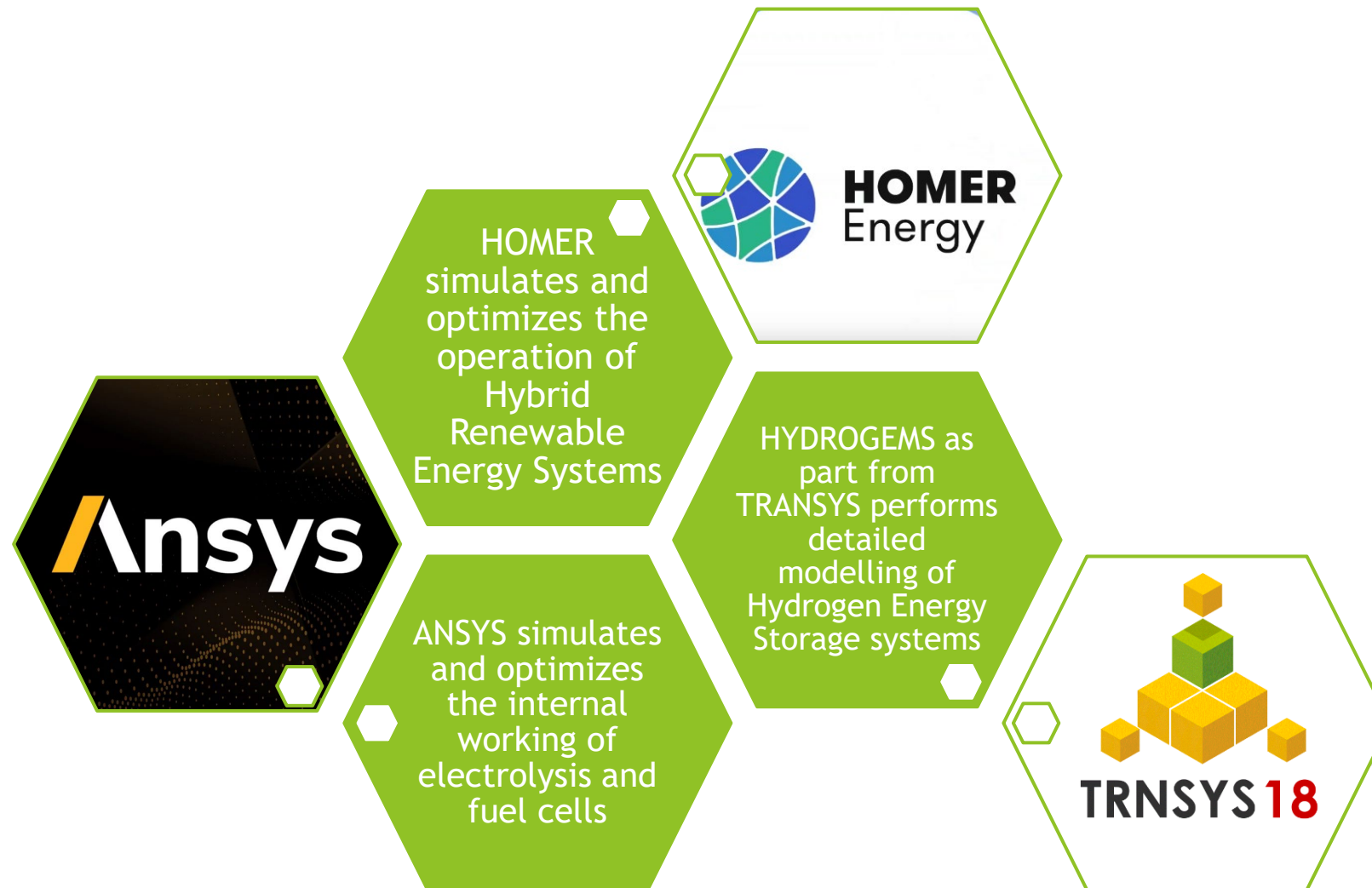


Electrolysis Efficiency with increased load operation

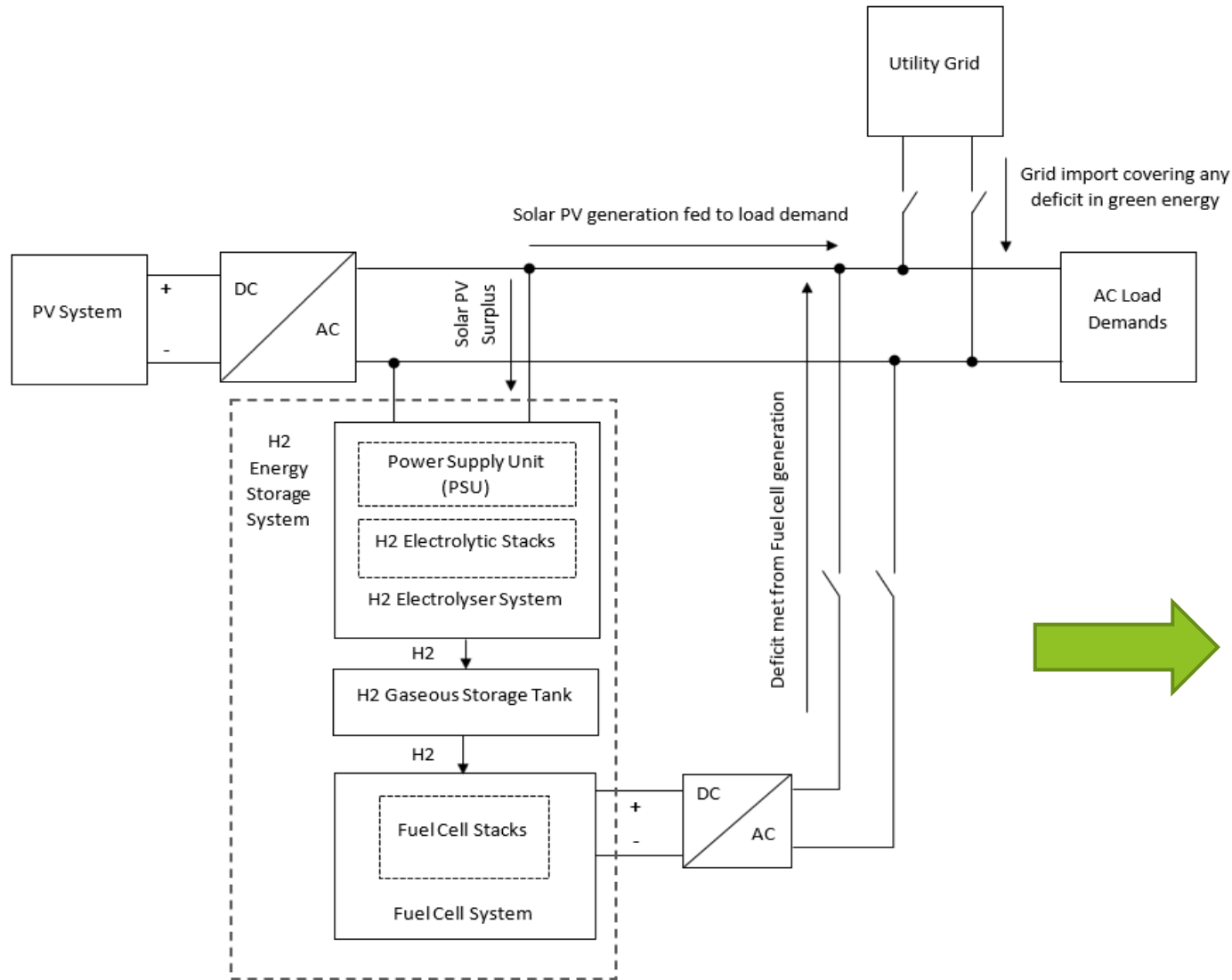


Actual Fuel Cell Voltage/Current Characteristics

Commercially-available Tools for Modelling Renewable Hydrogen Energy Storage Systems



Developing a Precise Dynamic Model for Sizing and Simulating Hybrid Solar Hydrogen Energy Storage (HSHES) Systems

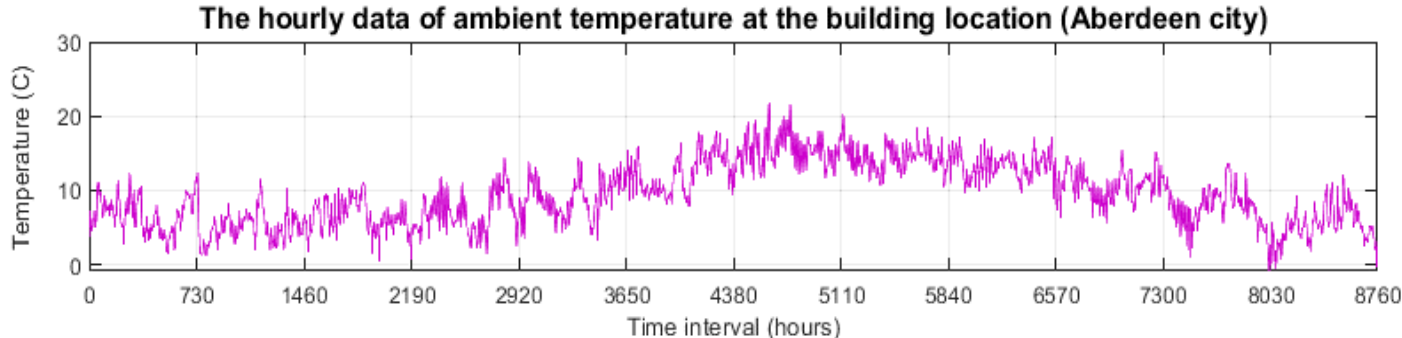
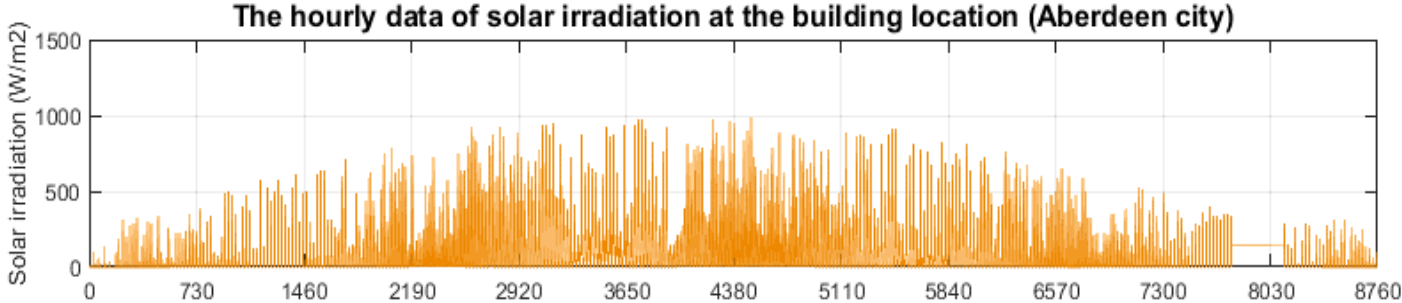
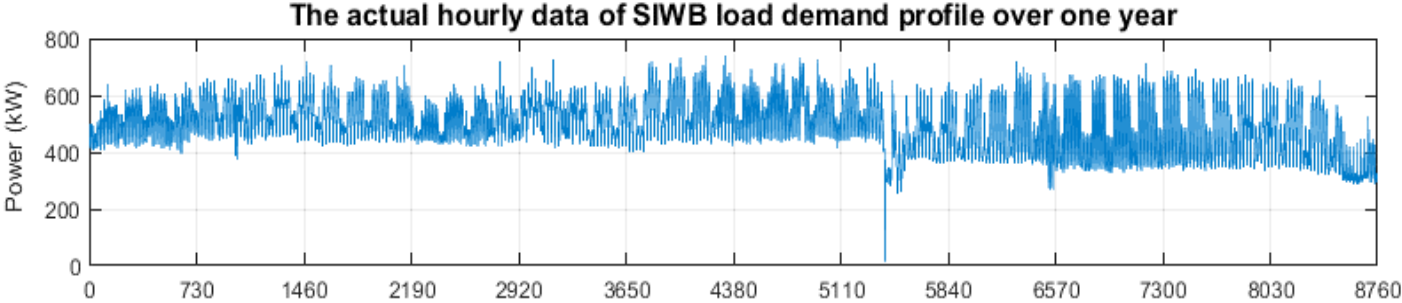


PV System Model

Electrolyser Model

Hydrogen Storage and Fuel Cell Model

Case Study: The Sir Ian Wood Building (SIWB) - Robert Gordon University (RGU)



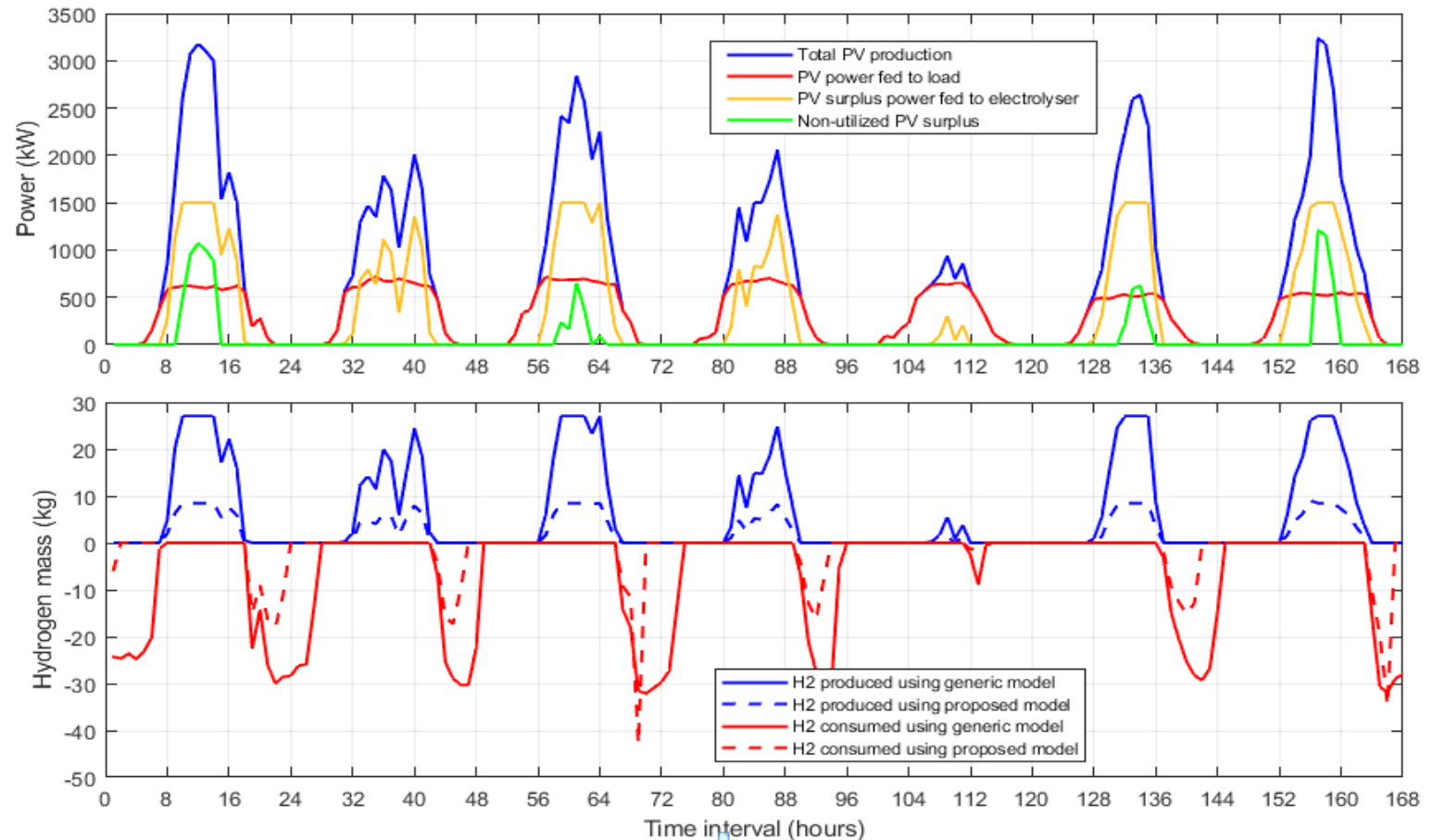
Parameter	Rating
Average Demand	497.2 kW
Peak Demand	738 kW
Total Annual Demand	4.36 GW

Results of the Developed Model

- Sizing Results of the proposed HSHES System for SIWB

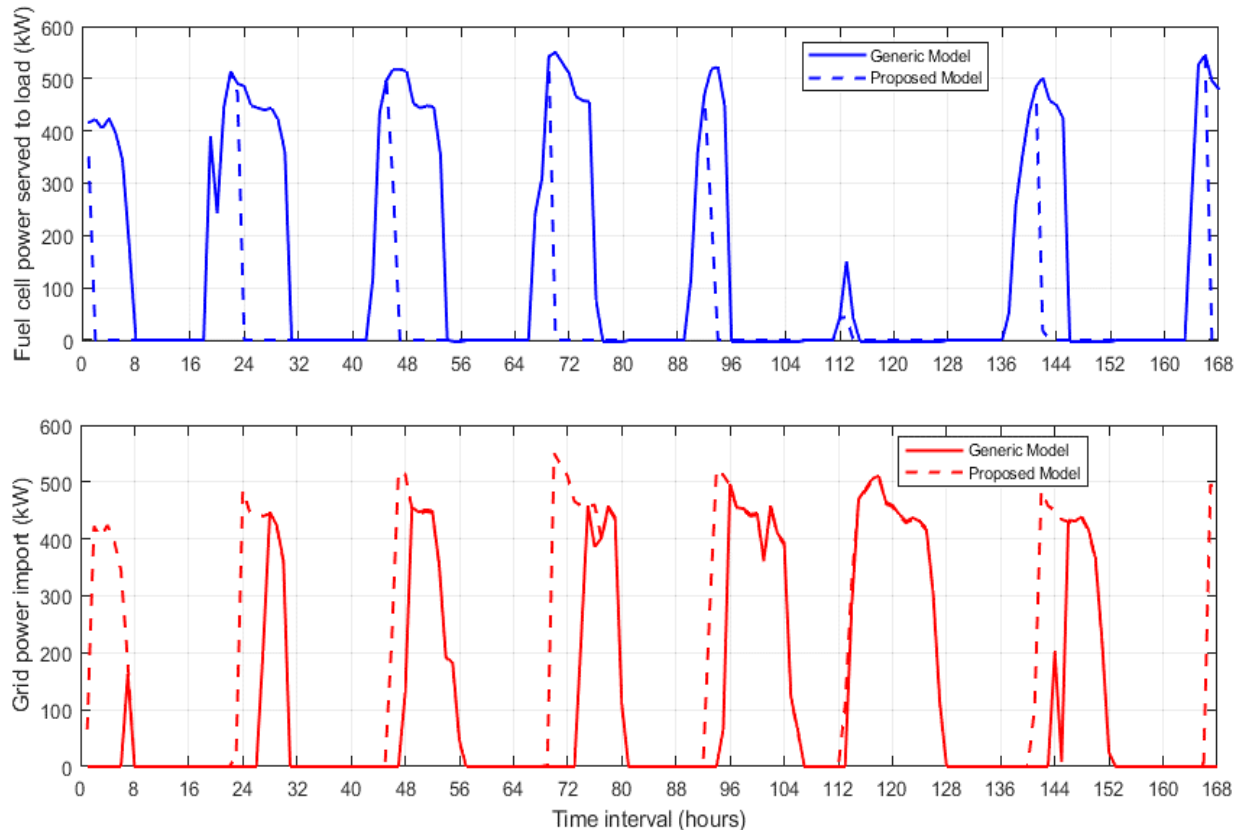
Component	Sized Capacity
PV System	4.15 MW
Electrolyser	1.5 MW
Pressurized H2 Storage Tank	106 kg
H2 gas Cylinder Volume	7.21 m ³
H2 Target Pressure	175 bar
Fuel Cell	600 kW

- Simulation Results of the hourly PV production, H2 production and H2 consumption by the sized HSHES System over one summer week

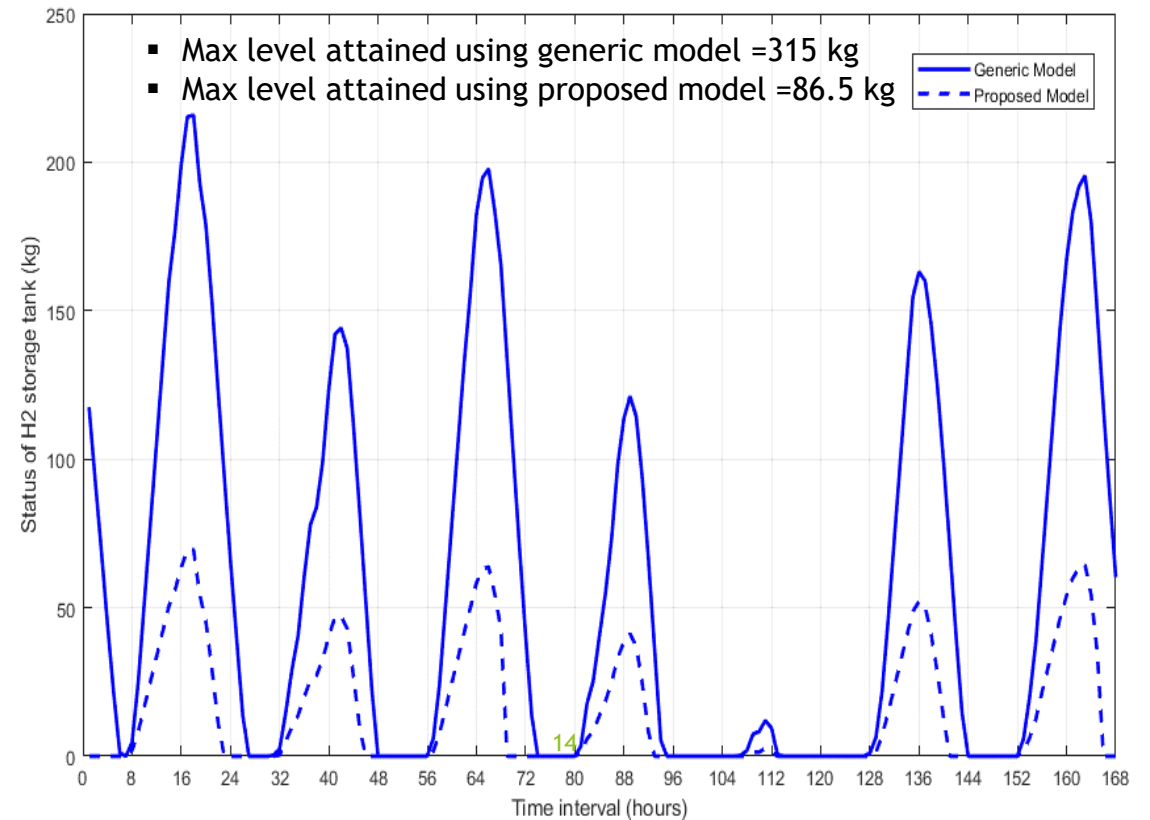


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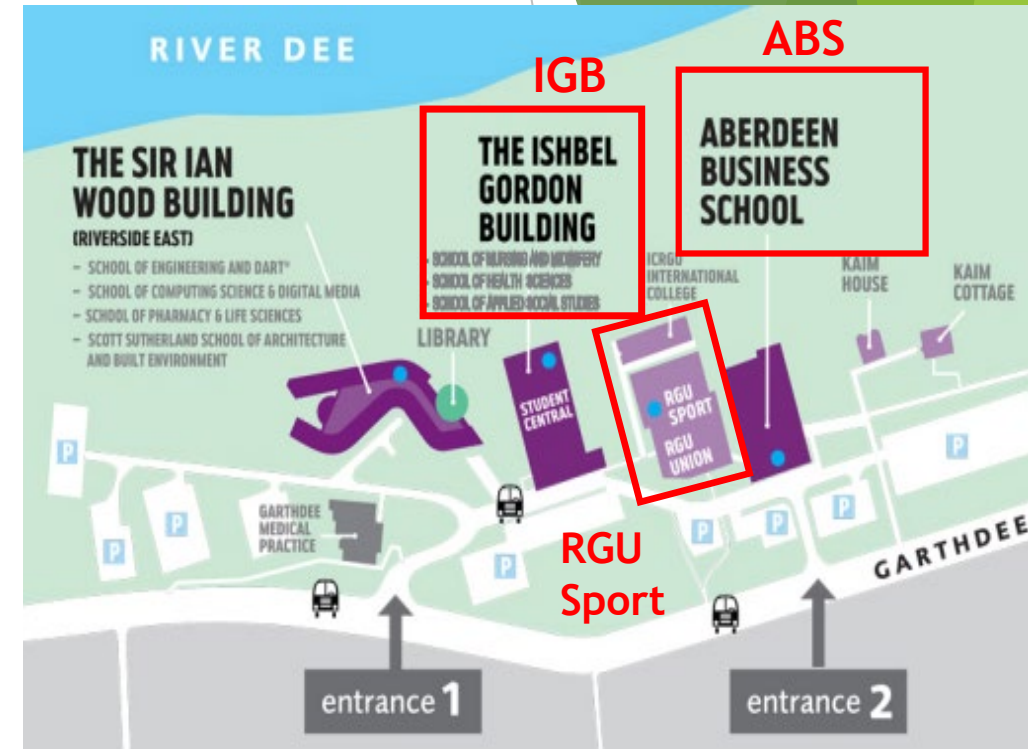
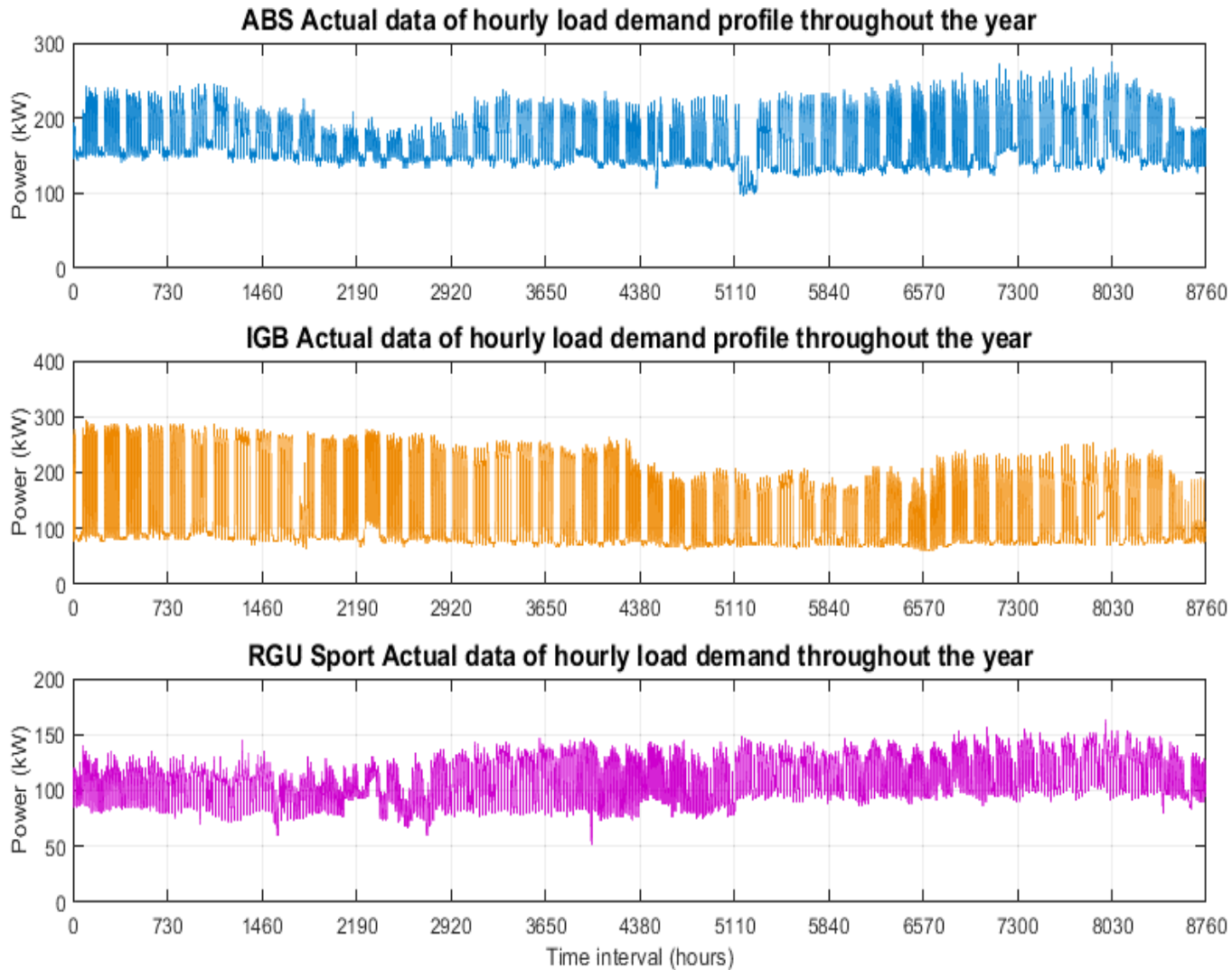
Simulation Results of the hourly power served to the load from the fuel cell and utility grid by the sized HSHES system over one summer week



Simulation Results of the hourly status of Pressurized Hydrogen Storage Tank level over one summer week



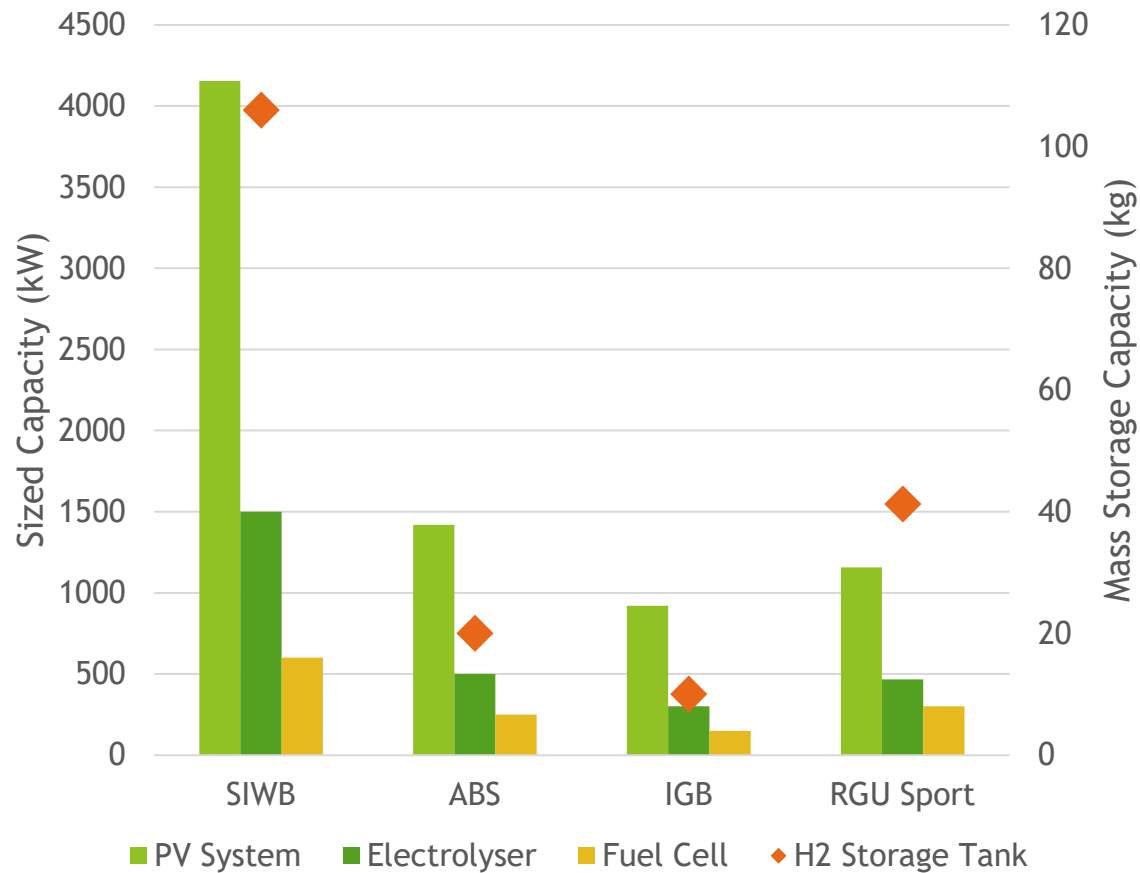
Applying the Developed Model on Other RGU Buildings



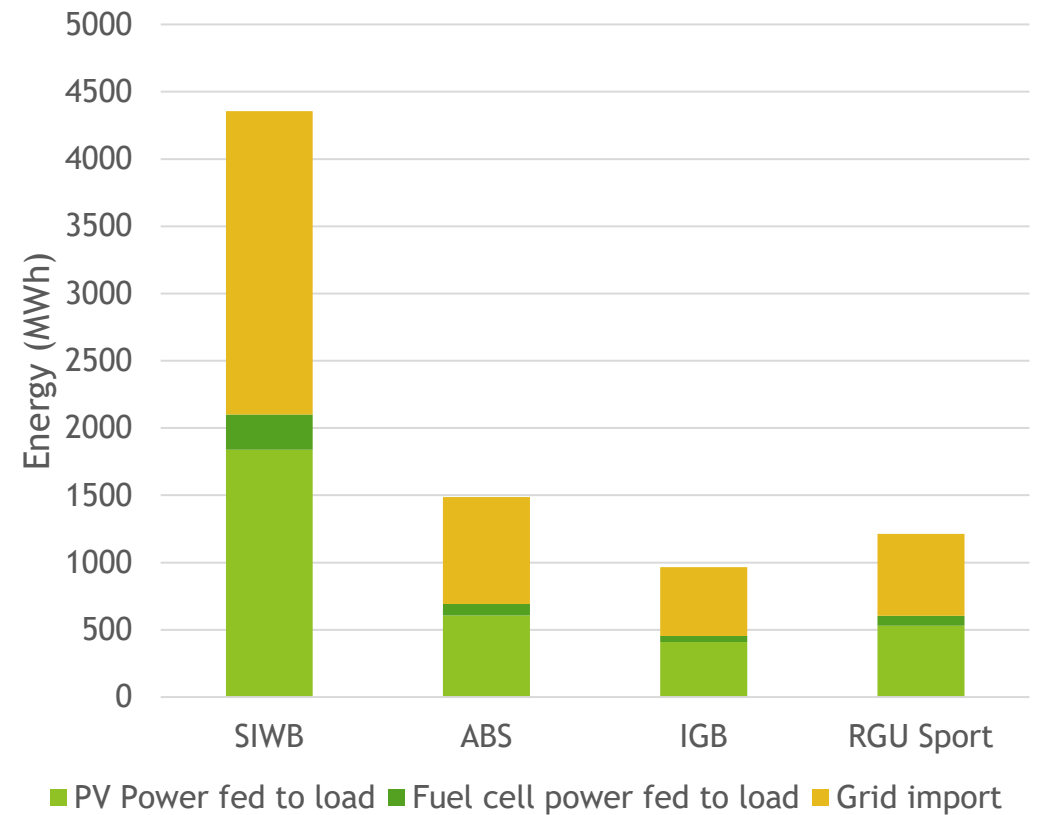
Parameter	ABS	IGB	RGU Sport
Average Demand (kW)	170	138.4	110.2
Peak Demand (kW)	273.8	293.2	162.8
Total Annual Demand (GW)	1.487	1.212	0.965

Sizing and Power Flow Results for Other RGU Buildings

The Developed Model Sizing Results



The Developed Model Annual Power Flow Results



Developing a Graphical User Interface (GUI) Tool for Sizing and Simulating HSHES System for any grid-connected Building

Data input

Import hourly data of solar irradiation (W/m2) Import hourly data of ambient temperature (C) Import hourly data of load demand (kW)

Solar_data.xlsx C:\Program Files\MATLAB\F temp_data.xlsx C:\Program Files\MATLAB\R load_data.xlsx C:\Program Files\MATLAB\

Sizing Feature

Sizing the components of the proposed PV-H2 System

PV System (kW) 4155

Electrolyser System (kW) 1500

Fuel Cell System (kW) 600

H2 gaseous storage capacity (kg) 106.2

H2 gas cylinder volume (m3) 7.21

H2 gas target pressure (bar) 175

Analysis of the System Annual Power Flow

Simulation of PV-H2 system annual operation

Monthly operation Jan Plot

Weekly operation summer Run

Results of the system annual power flow

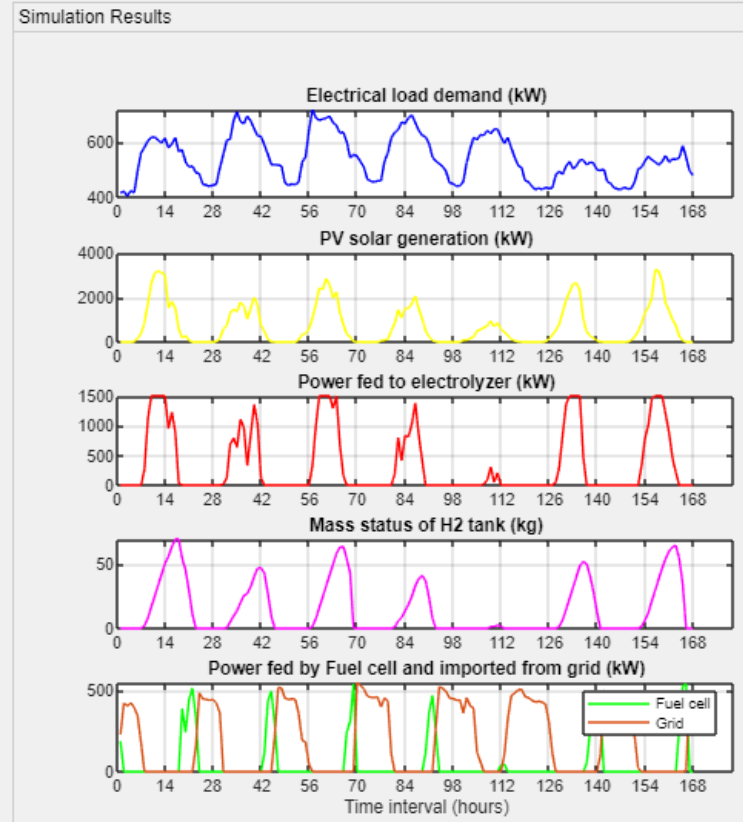
Annual PV Energy fed to load (MWh) 1840

Annual PV Energy fed to electrolyser (MWh) 1619

Annual Fuel cell Energy fed to load (MWh) 260.5

Annual Grid import requirement (MWh) 2255

Annual non-utilized PV excess (MWh) 181.3



Simulation Feature

Conclusion

- ▶ For unlocking the full renewable potential through implementing hydrogen energy storage solutions, we developed a model for sizing and simulating Real-World dynamic operation of Hybrid Solar Hydrogen Energy Storage (HSHES) Systems within grid-connected buildings.
- ▶ The developed model enables sizing the capacity of HSHES system components and modelling the dynamic behavior of electrolysers running back intermittent solar energy production while emulating the electrochemical behavior of fuel cell systems in response to load demand requirements.
- ▶ The developed model has been implemented on a group of grid-connected buildings and results have shown around 47-50% of green energy supply has been provided to load demands from the sized HSHES systems.
- ▶ A novel Graphical User Interface (GUI) is under development to achieve around 50% carbon reduction for any grid-connected building.

Thank You
Any Questions'

