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# Will the Island sink, survive or thrive without fossil fuels?

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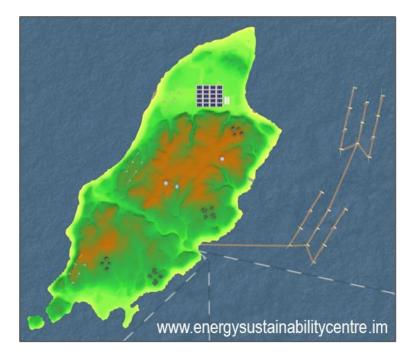


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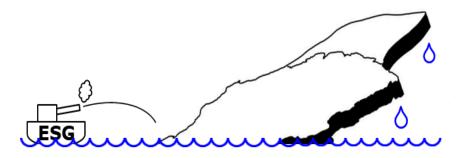




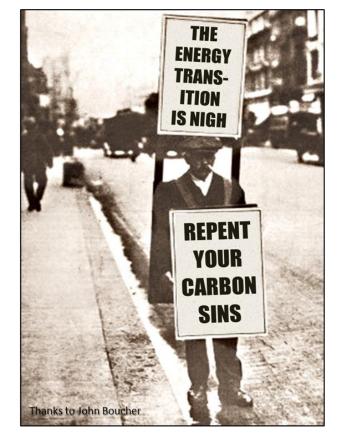
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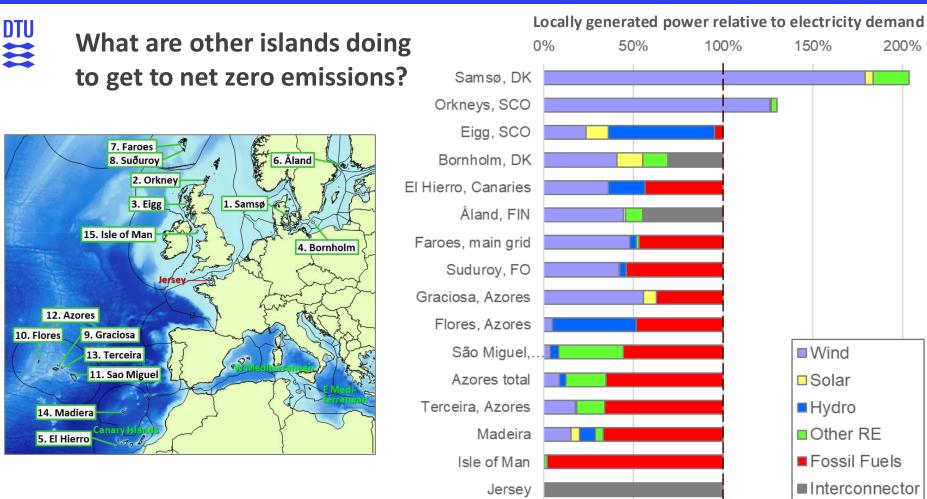
### climate change or the green transition?

 In either case how will it affect the environment, the economy and our lives?



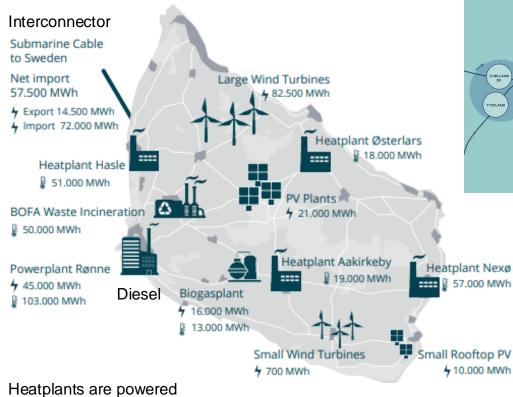


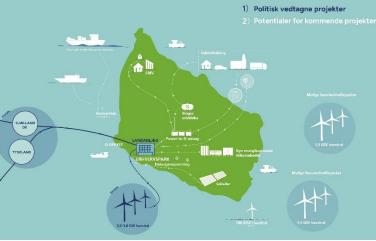






#### Bornholm power system (2022)





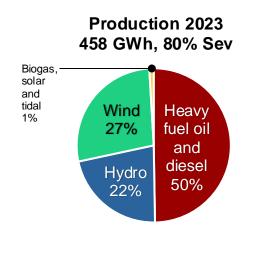
#### → Baltic Energy Island

with local straw & woodchips



#### Faroes power system

- Public-owned power company SEV
- 2014 commitment to net zero emissions 100by2030
- Expansion in wind, solar and energy storage (+ tidal)
- Suðuroy runs frequently on 100% wind after installing batteries & synchronous condenser







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### Can the Isle of Man rediscover its innovative spirit?



17 kWh energy from Snaefell ≡ 8 hours total power for 1 Manx person

≥1500 Laxey Wheels needed to power the Island

#### Risk taken by private enterprise



### Why change?

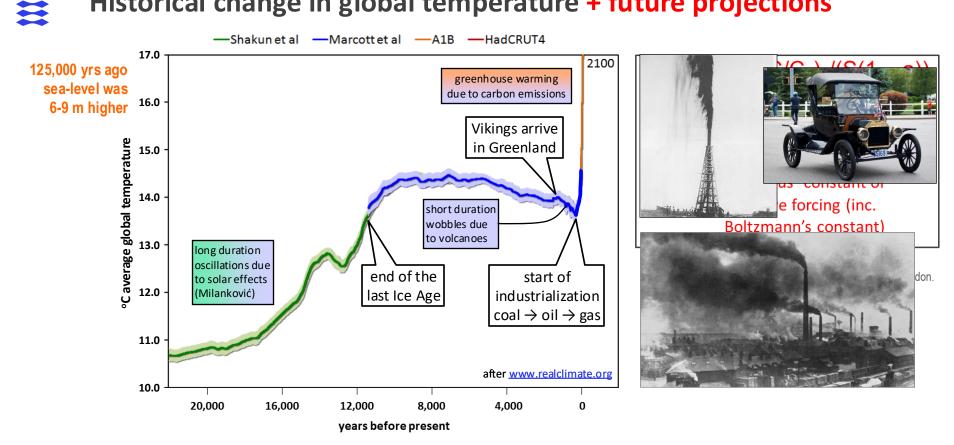


- Lifestyle of an average Manx person produces 18 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> each year
  - same volume as 54 avg houses
  - the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> absorbed by 1800 trees (~3 Ha, ~7 acres)
  - maturing forest >5x area of IOM
- Pretty bad for a biosphere!
- Error in IOM greenhouse gas inventory? www.netzero.im/resources/understanding-emissions/

#### Copenhagen, 2 July 2011 - 150 mm rain in 3 hours



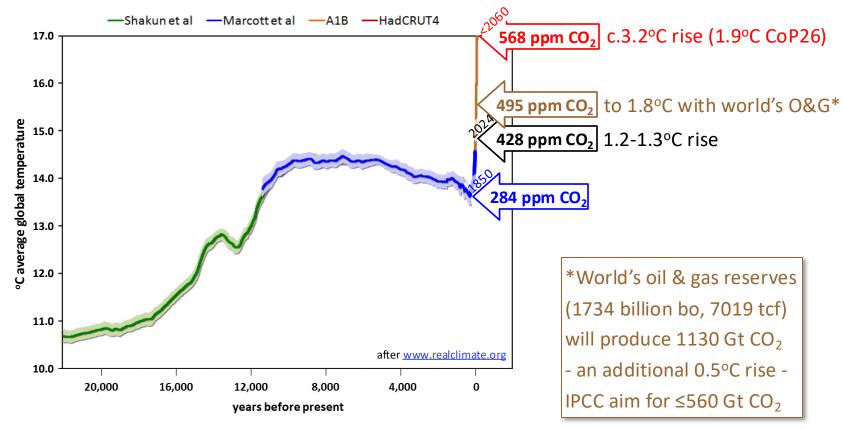
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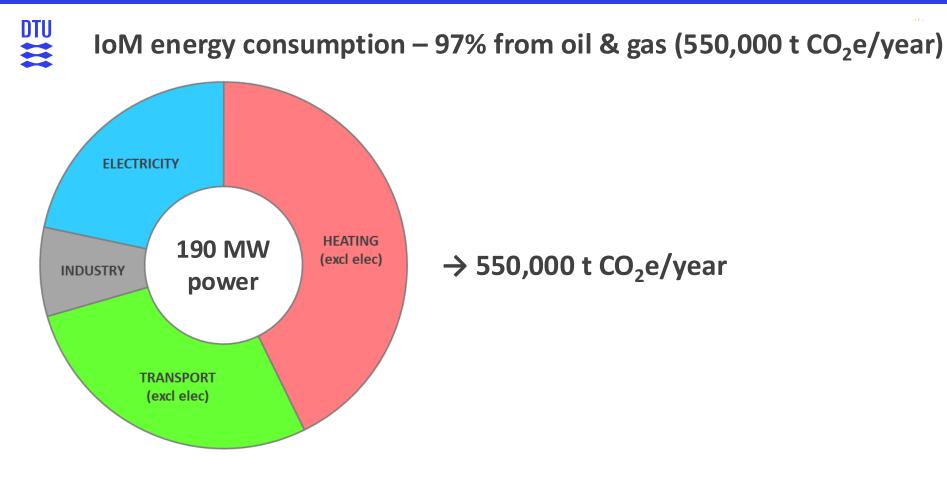
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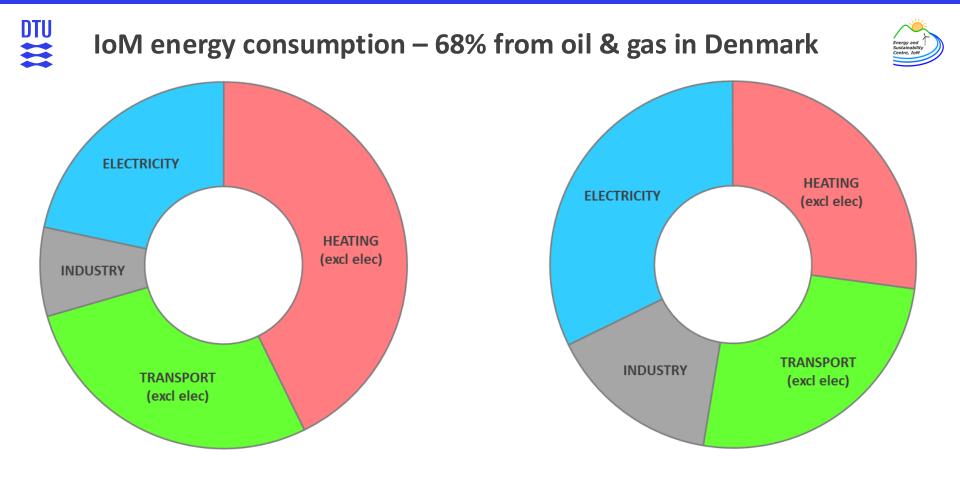
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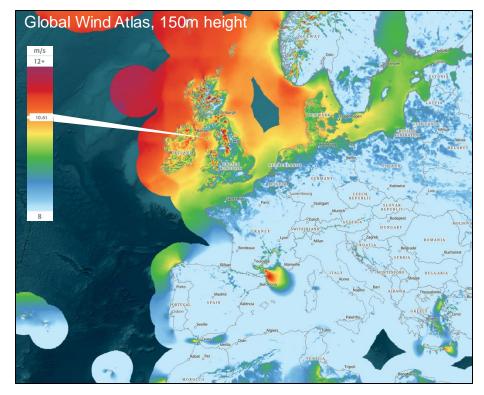


### Why Manx renewables?

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- Energy security
- Affordability
- Autonomy
- Size of resource
- Low maintenance
- Long lifespan
- Green economy
- Climate friendly

Choose clever = own resources



Beware the distractors – Paul Burgess, geothermal, gas, small reactors, bird strikes



### Can wind turbines replace fossil fuels?

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40% capacity factor



1.3 million bbl oil

- Over a period of 25 years
  - Equal electricity (900 GWh)
  - Oil: 550,000 t CO<sub>2</sub>; Wind: <15,000 t CO<sub>2</sub>
  - Oil: £90 million for fuel

#### The Burning Question: Why don't we run the island entirely on wind?

With new evidence of the value of wind power on the Isle of Man, could this natural resource meet all our needs? We asked the experts at ESC (Energy & Sustainability Centre Isle of Man) for their view.

Wednesday 15th May 2024 5:30 pm

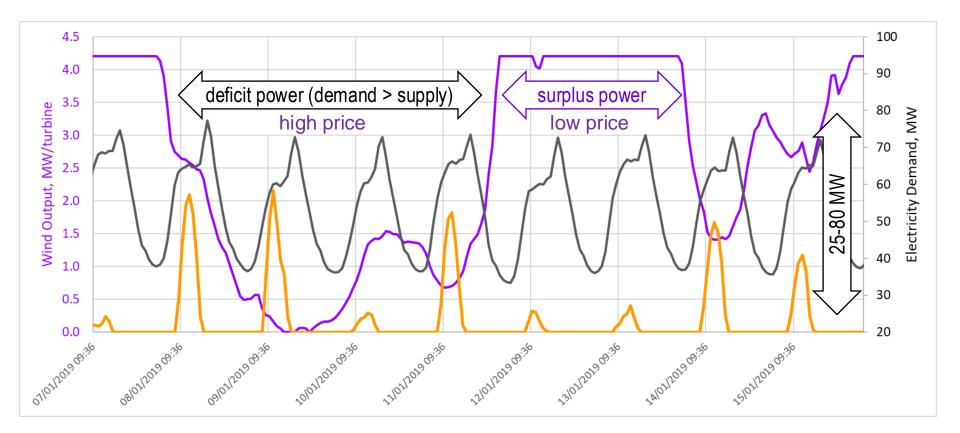




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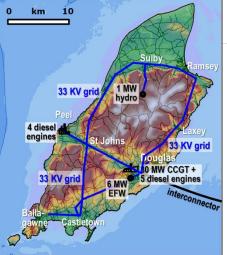
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### Supply/demand mismatch with 100 MW wind, 40 MW solar



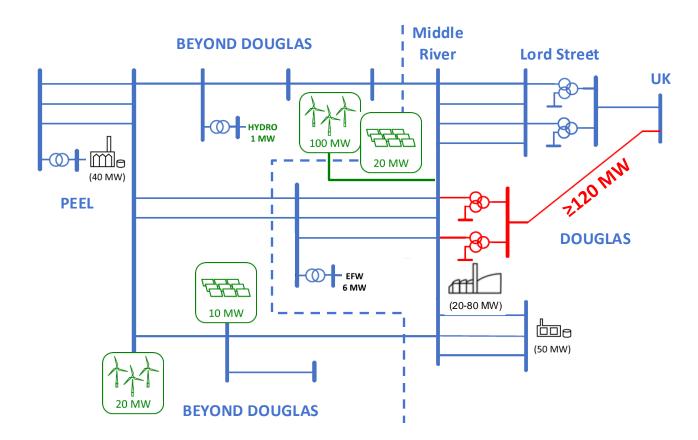
- Only 65% of renewable energy can be used when generated...
- if 120 GWh surplus is exported, 120 GWh has to be imported...
- whilst electricity grid is not built to transmit renewable energy
- hence plan to import 70% of current electricity demand



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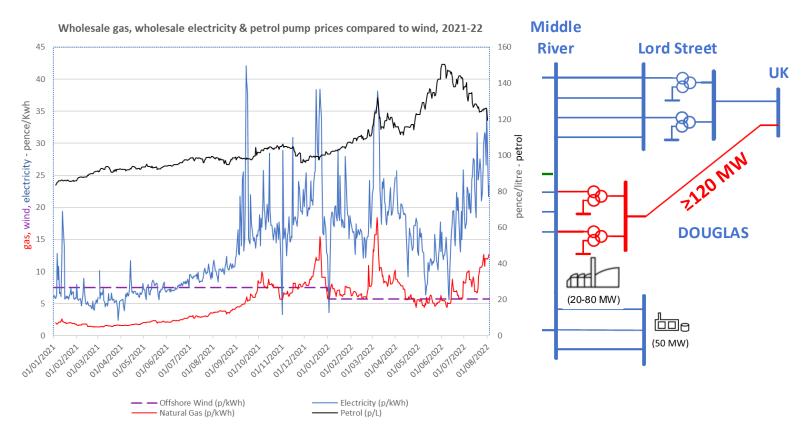




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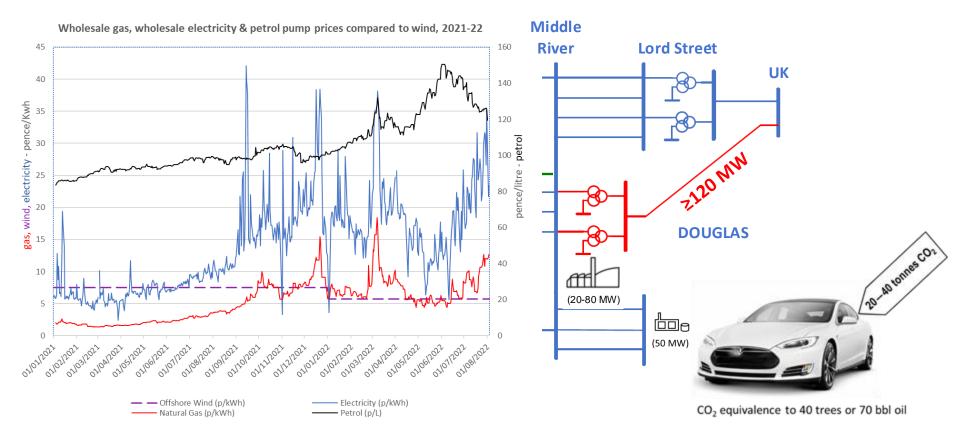




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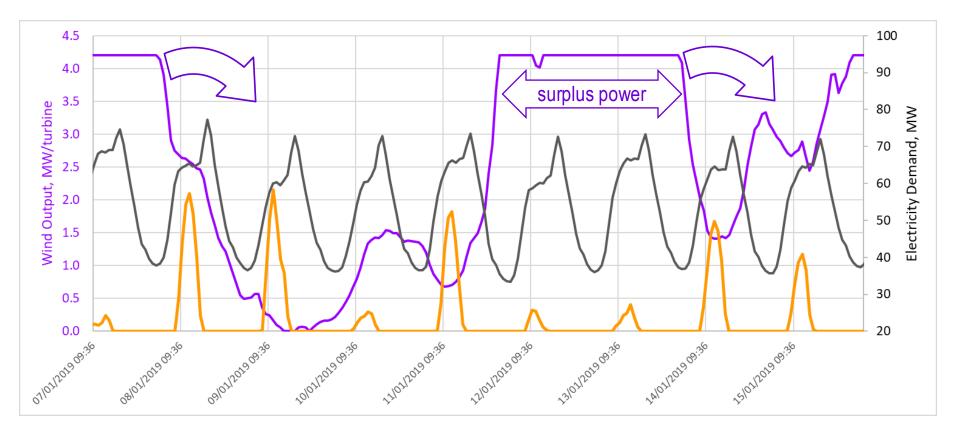
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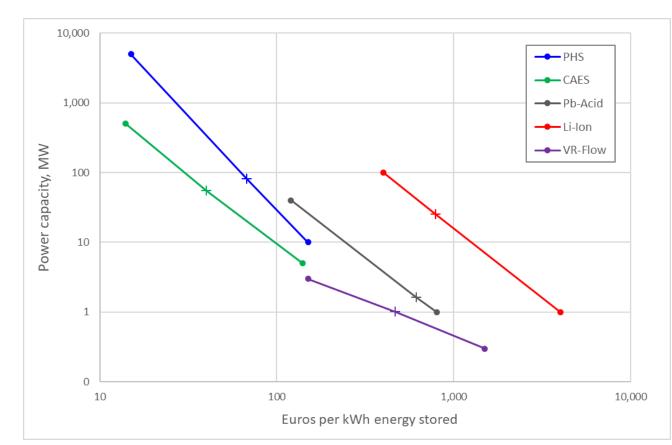
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### **Energy storage options – power versus cost per kWh**





Pumped Hydro Storage Compressed Air Storage Lead Acid Batteries Lithium Ion Batteries Flow Batteries



### Turlough Hill – Ireland's main energy storage facility since 1974





292 MW for 6 hrs,
286m head, 6 turbines
2.6 million m<sup>3</sup> water
75% roundtrip efficiency
DKK 1.9 billion motoday

Currently working with 4 islands on pumped hydro storage solutions



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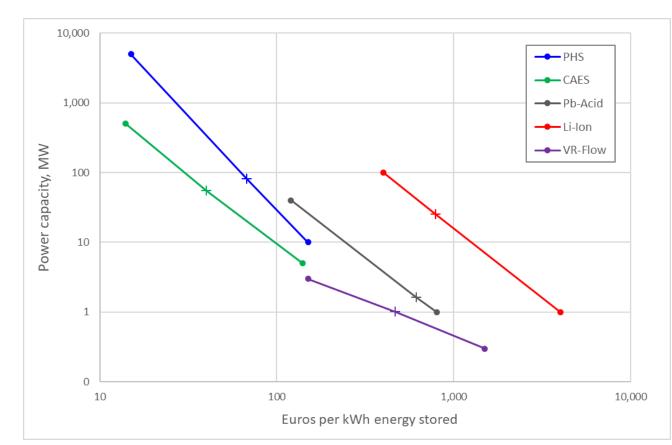






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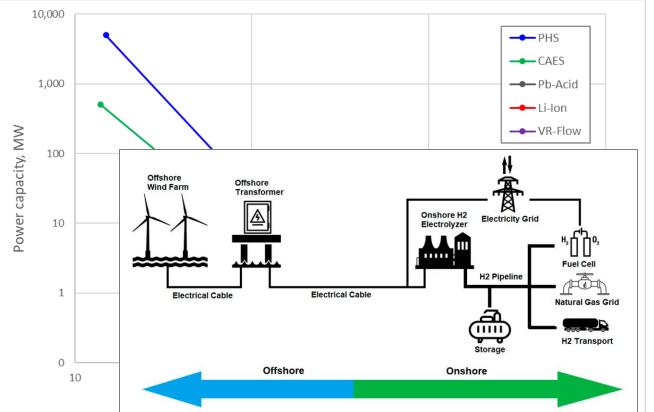


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 $\mathsf{Electrolysis} \rightarrow \mathsf{Hydrogen}$ 



### Variations in power can destabilise frequency & voltage





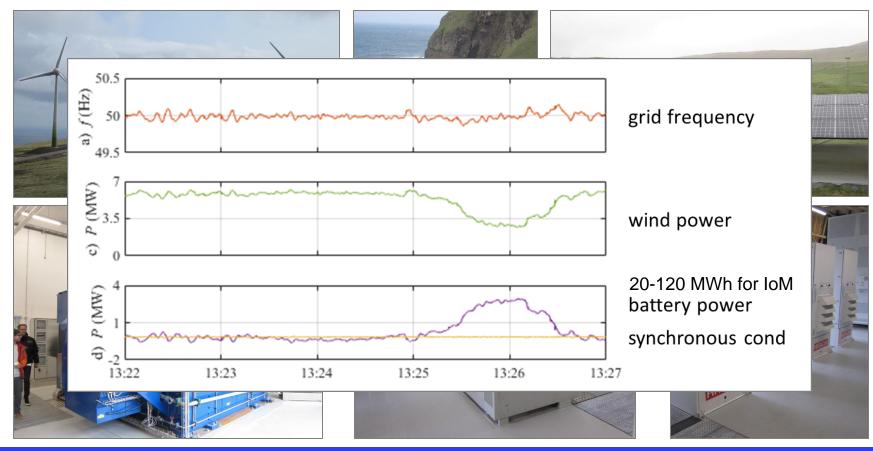


## Stabilised with batteries + electronics (+/- synchronous machine)







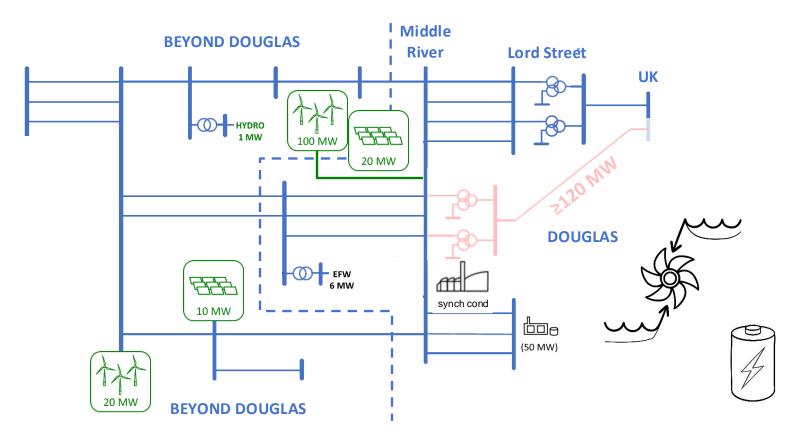


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### IOM grid needs upgrading for wind & solar

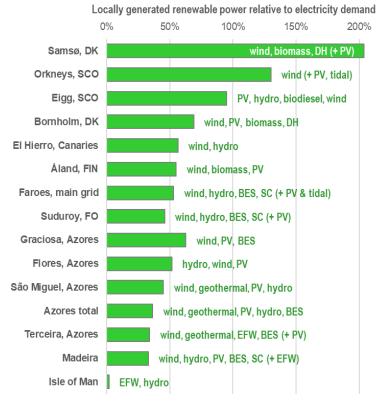


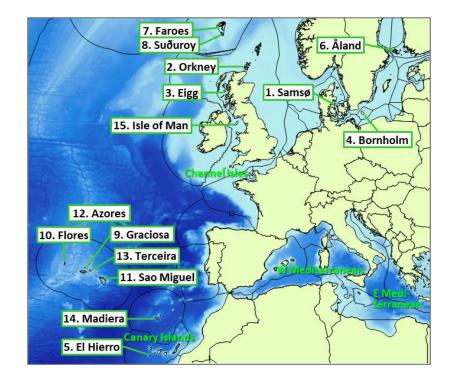




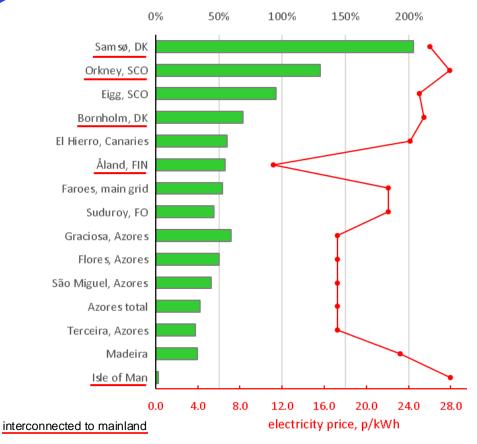
### How do investments in renewables affect electricity prices?

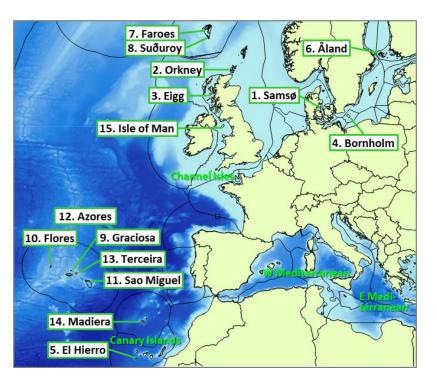






### Locally generated power + price

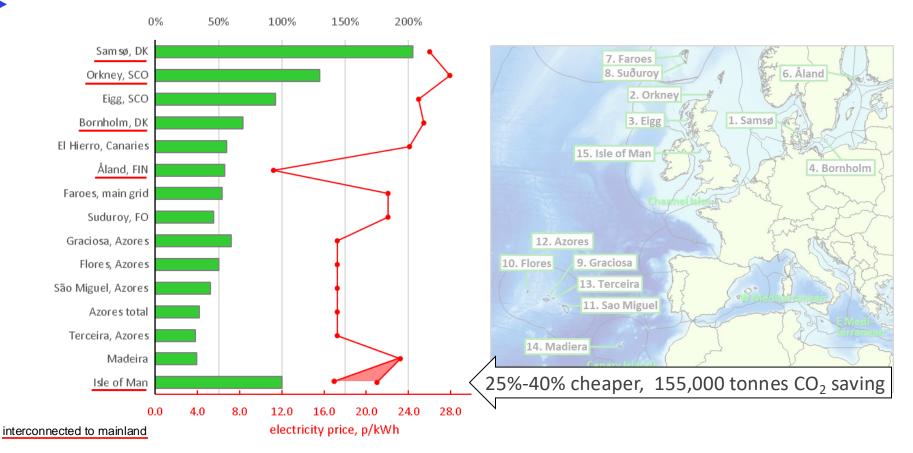




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### Isle of Man EnergyPLAN model – 100 MW wind + 40 MW PV + BES



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- Issues:
  - Skills gap
  - Habits (heat)
  - Reluctance to change (e.g. car)
  - Vested interests (fossil fuels)
  - Engage farmers (& check landuse emissions)



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- Develop the model, decide the rules, **build the infrastructure** & welcome investors
- Don't forget heating & transport (75% of power) need joined-up strategy
- Done right, all will benefit & the economy will flourish... without 100,000 residents
- IoM efforts are important lead by example, feel proud, save money, feel secure
- Release of Island Power App



with Imogen Bhogal at Gaiety Theatre on 7 Nov