

Energy transition catalyst



What are the technical, regulatory and economical innovations required to foster storage projects development & deployment ?

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French, independant, creating value at all steps





Solar PV assets developer & owner

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### Agrivoltaic plants developer and pilot

### **Storage projects & tech developer**

- ✓ Storage dedicated to RES integration
- ✓ Energy Management System
- ✓ Optimizing operational value

### Full value-chain operator

- ✓ Renewable energy direct markerter
- ✓ Flexible asset manager
- ✓ Local renewable energy supplier



# Sun'R trajectory

Technology incubator to fully integrate Renewables







## Storage is a must have of the energy transition but field deployments are still scarce

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How will storage units create sustainable value ? Couple with RES to supply energy & services to the system





How will storage units create sustainable value ? Be suitable for a broad diversity of services

### 4 main technical challenges for storage





Fully integrate to the grid to facilitate network operation and defer investement



Capacity to provide any kind of product & service the system needs



Fulfill with environmental requirements to avoid wariness



# Storage also faces regulatory challenges

Down to the definition, but value distribution is at stake

Define storage



- Often taken into account as both a generation & a consumption unit, storage is more than just that
- Hence, it is expected to be **<u>countercyclical</u>**

Prove the value of local storage for the distribution grid



- Analyzing the impact of storage on grid constraints requires advanced modelling but now is accessible
- ► The benefits should be measurable and the value be shared (Art. 199 LTECV)
- Even Transmission could benefit from "virtual lines" based on storage

Create a win-win business model for both storage and grid



Assess the current and future techno-economic value of territorial storage
One alternative could be to time-stamp GOs to differentiate time-value of RES generation and give storage the unique capacity to change this time-stamp

Make sure the appropriate price signals are sent by the markets



Storage can capture value from different markets (arbitrage, balancing, capacity, etc.)

Price signals must be coherent function-wise AND time-wise (short term vs long term)



Storage projects become storage units, but their business model is still very unstable

The storage industry is still driven by demonstration of test & learn



- ✓ UK tenders have allowed many units to be installed, but revenues are decreasing after the first contracted period.
- Hence, in a very uncertain market, electrochemical batteries, with shorter payback, are strongly favored against pumped-hydro storage
- ✓ The need for storage, due to RES variability, is long term, so we have to find business models for long term infrastructure investments
- One economical tool has successfully been tested in Switzerland : contracts for difference based on spread & margin instead of revenues



Sun'R Smart Energy outlook for sustainable storage in the continental EU

- Together with European countries, France has to consider decentralized and highly flexible storage units deployment
- Small pumped hydro storage (PHS) provides a positive solution for long lasting (> 40 years) needs
  - Both for technical needs (supply & demand balance, frequency reserve, local network management, etc.)
  - And economical challenges (RES generation time-shifting to reach sales opportunities)
- ✓ It is a reasonable risk to invest in such storage units
- Yet, siting, dimensioning and operations management must be supported by tailor-made modeling and decision making tools





Relevance of storage Where should it be localized ?







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