



# Advancing California's Faster, Cheaper Path to 100% Renewable Power

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# Path to 100% Renewables for California



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# What is Path to 100%?

Path to 100% is an objective community intended to bring together thought leaders and industry experts to discover solutions, raise awareness, and create a dialogue on how to achieve an operationally and financially realistic approach towards a 100% renewable energy future.

Path to 100% is made possible by Wärtsilä, a global leader in smart technologies and complete lifecycle solutions for marine and energy markets.

# **California Study and White Paper**

California has set a target of **100% renewable** electricity by 2045.

The study establishes a new path that enables California to meet it's RPS target **5 years ahead of schedule (2040)**.

This new path provides a reliable, affordable and most importantly, environmentally friendly way to decarbonize the electricity generation.



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# Decarbonizing Electricity in California by 2045



# Agenda

- Introduction
- Path to 100% Challenges & Opportunities
- California Path to 100% results
- Policy Recommendations
- Q&A





ENERGY

### California Sets Goal Of 100 Percent Clean Electric Power By 2045

September 10, 2018 · 3:59 PM ET

By Cathy Roberts





# Xcel goal to provide 100 percent carbon-free electricity by 2050

DECEMBER 4, 2018 – 5:44PM renewable energy mandate

Xcel Energy made an ambitious announcement on Tuesday, pledging to provide 100 percent carbon-free electricity t customers by 2050.



By 2030, the Minneapolis-based utility pledges to reduce carbon emissions b



PUBLISHED

April 12, 2019

#### Dive Brief:

• Puerto Rico Gov. Ricardo Rosselló on Thursday signed into law a 100% renewable energy mandate that the hurricane-battered island must meet by 2050.

### APS to go to 100% clean energy by 2050

APS, Arizona's largest utility, has released its first-ever decarbonization goal: 100% clean energy by 2050, with a 65% by 2030 landmark. The decision is being lauded as a big step forward for a utility that just a few short years ago opposed an Arizona RPS increase.

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Energy goal for 2050: 100% renewable electricity supply New UBA study shows that electricity supplied entirely from renewable energies is realistic

Germany's electricity supply could make a complete switch to renewable energies by 2050. The technology already available on the market could make this possible even today, but it requires that electricity be used and produced very efficiently. These are the results of the Energieziel 2050: 100% Strom aus erneuerbaren Quellen [100% renewable electricity supply by 2050] study done by the Federal Environment Agency (UBA). In order to achieve this goal by 2050 UBA is calling for timely political support. "The earlier we take decisive action the more time there will be to make the necessary technological and social adaptation," says Jochen Flasbarth, President of the Federal Environment Agency. Moreover, Germany could drastically reduce its great dependence on imports of primary energy sources if electricity were produced with renewable energies only.

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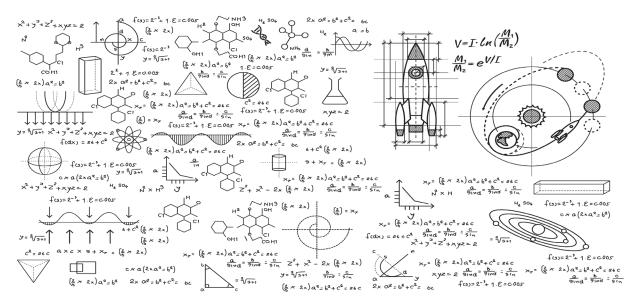
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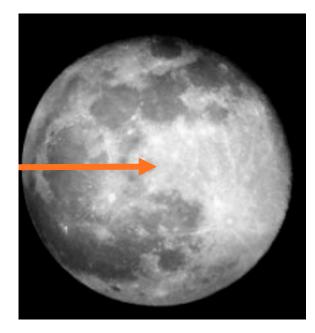
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### Go for 100% renewables....







...but we will need some of this...

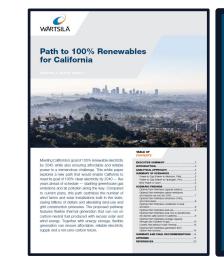


# Wärtsilä in a nutshell

# Our vision: We want to lead the world to the 100 % decarbonized energy future.

Leading power system Path-to-100 % expansion modeller (> 150)

Numerous national Path-to-100 % studies.



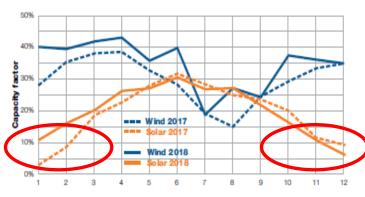
#### Wärtsilä

- Finnish company
- Turnover 5000 M€
- Personnel 19000
- 186 years young
- Engine OEM
- Flexible gas power plants and storage plants
- 75 GW of references



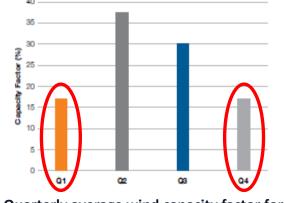
# Path to 100% reliant on <u>Seasonal</u> Solar, Wind, Hydro

Energy production from Solar Minimum in winter months



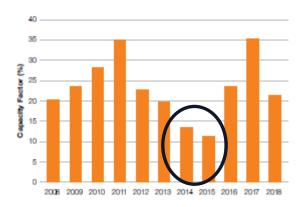
US Average Monthly Capacity Factor for Wind and Solar, 2017 & 2018. Source, US EIA

Energy production from Wind Also minimum in winter months



Quarterly average wind capacity factor for California. Source, CEC

Energy production from Hydro Minimized in drought years

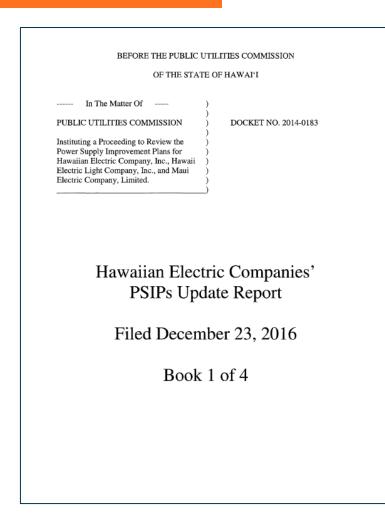


Annual hydro capacity factor for California. Source, CEC

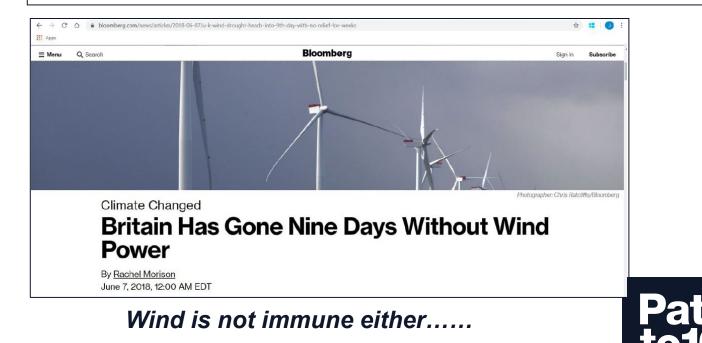
Power system must be designed for "worst case" overlay of Solar, Wind & Hydro.



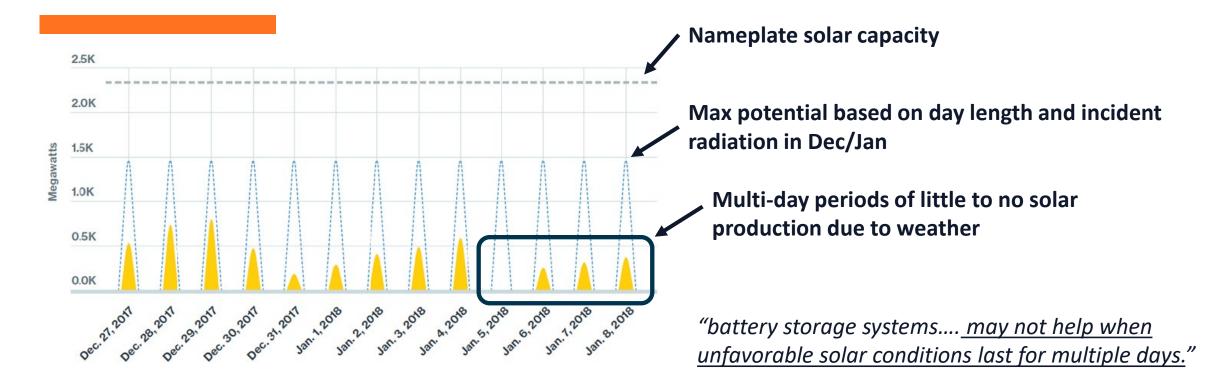
### Solar & Wind also impacted by short-term weather variations (1/3)



"Load shifting energy storage with variable renewable energy such as wind and solar can have an important role in the 100% renewable energy future. **Conventional thermal generating resources will still be required to meet the load during seasonal low renewable energy production or unpredicted weather-related events (such as the 6 weeks of consecutive rainy days in 2006).**"



# Solar & Wind also impacted by short-term weather variations (2/3)



https://www.iso-ne.com/about/what-we-do/in-depth/solar-power-in-new-england-locationsand-impact





# Solar & Wind also impacted by short-term weather variations (3/3)

Solar

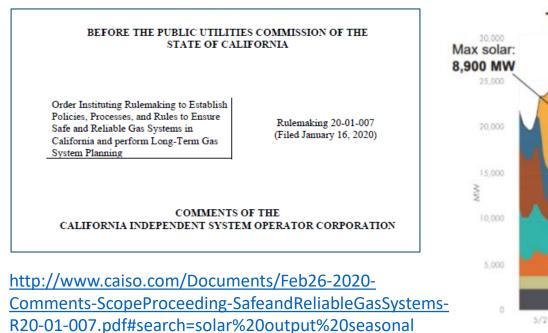
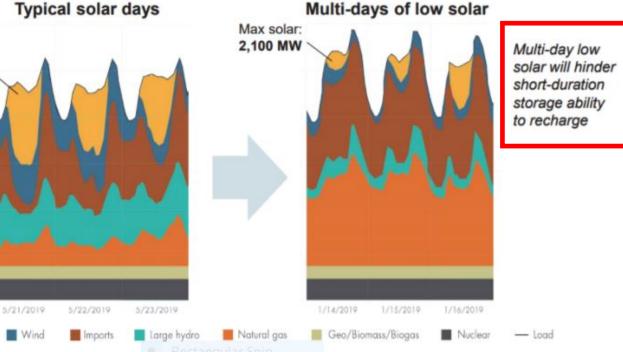


Figure 4: Low Versus Typical Solar Production Days<sup>7</sup>





# Need for long-term storage recognized

Getting to Zero Carbon Emissions in the Electric Power Sector Jesse D. Jenkins,<sup>1,\*</sup> Max Luke,<sup>2</sup> and Samuel Thernstrom<sup>3</sup>

Joule 2, 2487-2510, December 2018 Reviewed 40 studies of what it would take for "deep decarbonization", defined as 80-100% decarbonized

#### From the article...

- "Either 'firm' generation or 'seasonal storage' is needed to ensure reliability... "
- "prolonged periods of calm wind speeds lasting days to weeks during winter months.... are too long to bridge with short-duration batteries or flexible demand."
- "Power systems with high VRE penetration require sufficient capacity from reliable sources that can sustain output in any season and for long periods (weeks or longer)."



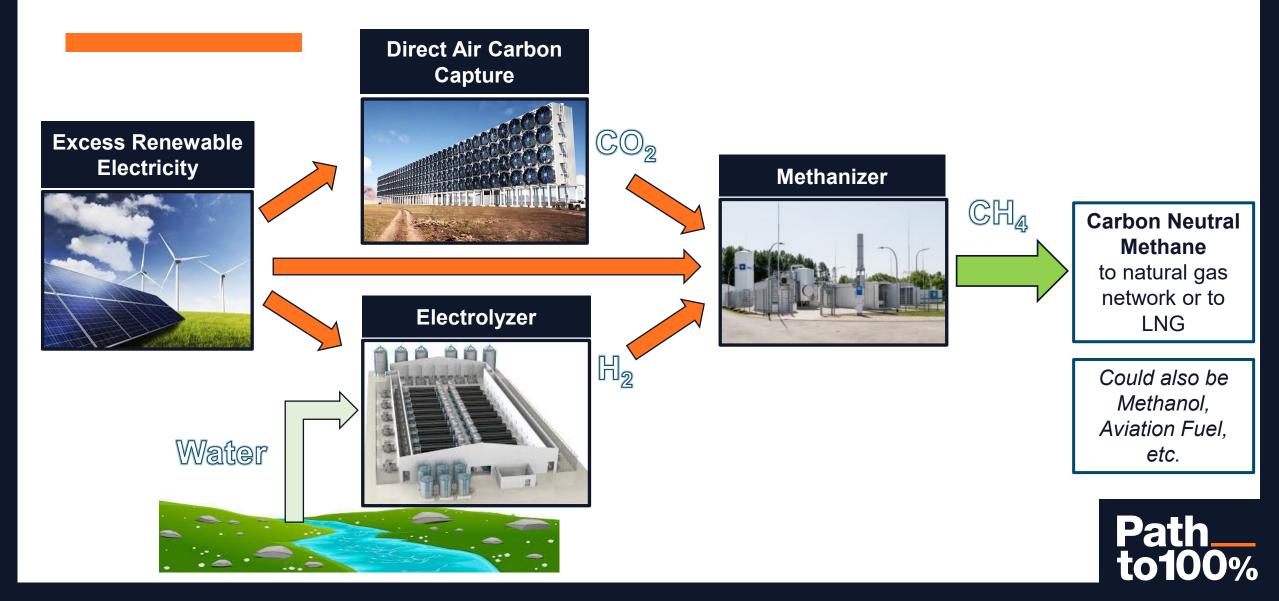
# Power to X (X = Fuel) as Long Term Renewable Energy Storage

### One of the most talked about forms of long-term energy storage is power-to-fuels

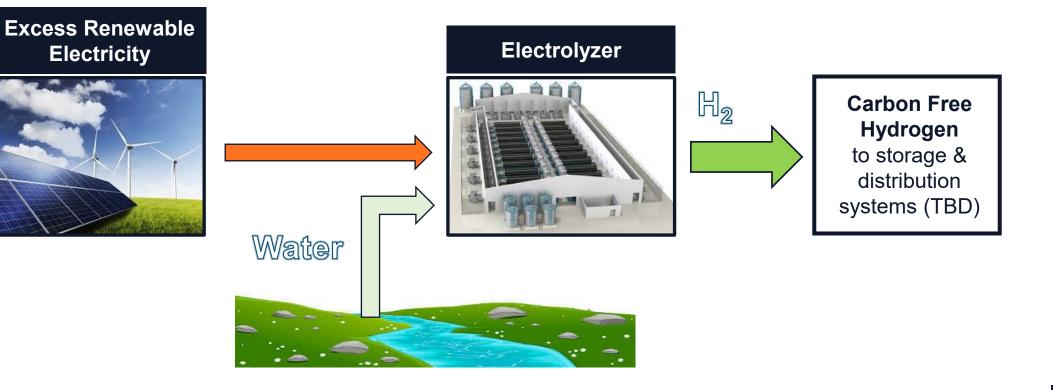
- Excess solar & wind stored as chemical potential in a fuel
- Considered necessary for industry sectors difficult to electrify/decarbonize
- Collectively referred to as "Power to X", or PtX for short
  - X = methane  $\rightarrow$  PtM
  - X = hydrogen  $\rightarrow$  PtH



# Power-to-Methane (PtM) fuel production process



Power-to-Hydrogen (PtH) fuel production process





# P2X – Major action on the markets









- Maersk Carbon emissions to zero by 2050 via carbon-neutral fuels
- British Airways to offset Carbon emissions from 2020, IAG invests in sustainable aviation fuels<sup>1)</sup>
- Rotterdam airport pilots direct air capture for aviation fuel
- Lufthansa pilots synthetic Kerosene production <sup>2)</sup>
- Carbon Recycling International (CRI) first CO2-To-Methanol Plant in China to produce 180,000 tons of Methanol and LNG annually
- Carbon Engineering building a 1 million ton/day in Texas USA for Occidental Petroleum, start date 2021
- Shell, Neste, Wärtsilä, Finnair, St1, Kemira, Finnsementti and LUT university build an industrial pilot project for P2X fuels at Joutseno, Finland

The only possible way to achieve the so much needed decarbonisation in our industry is by fully transforming to new carbon-neutral fuels and supply chains.

German gas industry targets 5 GW of power-to-gas capacity in five years

Søren Toft, Chief Operating Officer of Maersk

AGREEMENT SIGNED FOR CRI'S FIRST CO2-TO-METHANOL

# Decarbonizing Electricity in California by 2045

### Background....

- California's Current Plan by 2045 is highly reliant on renewables and storage
- Wartsila's White Paper outlines an *Optimal Path* for California to reach its RPS goals earlier than targeted, with lower costs and improved security of supply





# California Power System Expansion Modelling 2020 - 2045

#### Modelling approach

Wärtsilä is a leading in modelling power systems with high share of renewables



High-performance energy system simulation software



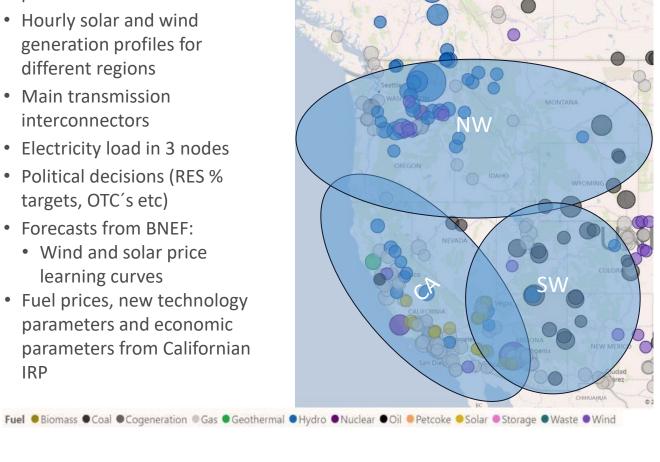
Wärtsilä model is based on the same model used by CAISO to support 2019 IRP

#### **PLEXOS** engineers the optimum Path to 100 % decarbonized power system for California!



#### PLEXOS<sup>(TM)</sup> Inputs

- All Western USA power plants (> 1200 units) with full parameterization
- Hourly solar and wind generation profiles for different regions
- Main transmission interconnectors
- Electricity load in 3 nodes
- Political decisions (RES % targets, OTC's etc)
- Forecasts from BNEF:
  - Wind and solar price learning curves
- Fuel prices, new technology parameters and economic parameters from Californian IRP



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# Scenario assumptions

#### Old gas power plants retire at the age of 35 years

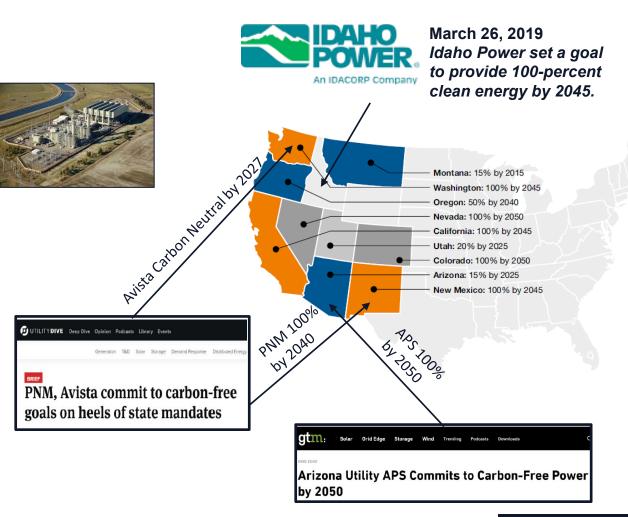
• Average retirement age of CCGT's in the USA 27 years

# Neighboring states fully decarbonize their power systems by 2045

 Fossil balancing power will not be available from the neighbors in 2045

#### Hydrogen

- Hydrogen versions of thermal technologies available by
  the time renewable fuels become economically viable
- Power plant price levels (\$/kW) & performance similar as natural gas (methane) versions
- Hydrogen distribution & storage infrastructure costs not included





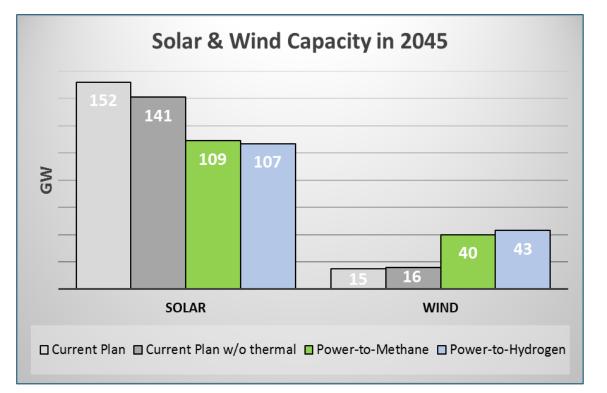
### Scenarios

Current Plan	Current Plan w/o thermal	Optimal Path (PtM)	Optimal Path (PtH)
<ul> <li>OTC retirement delayed to 2026+</li> <li>Limited repowering with thermal</li> <li>100% of retail sales carbon-neutral by 2045</li> <li>~ 8% of generation can still be fossil-thermal (to cover grid losses)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>OTC retirement delayed to 2026+</li> <li>NO repowering with thermal</li> <li>Only solar, wind &amp; traditional storage allowed</li> <li>Carbon-neutral by 2045</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>OTC retirement 2023</li> <li>OTC's repowered with optimal capacity mix</li> <li>RPS commitments met by 2040 (5 years early)</li> <li>Carbon-neutral by 2045</li> <li>Requires allowance of Power-to-Methane (PtM)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>OTC retirement 2023</li> <li>OTC's repowered with optimal capacity mix</li> <li>RPS commitments met by 2040 (5 years early)</li> <li>Carbon-neutral by 2045</li> <li>Requires allowance of Power-to-Hydrogen (PtH)</li> </ul>

Long term capacity optimization, technology & capacity choices, costs etc. determined by PLEXOS software

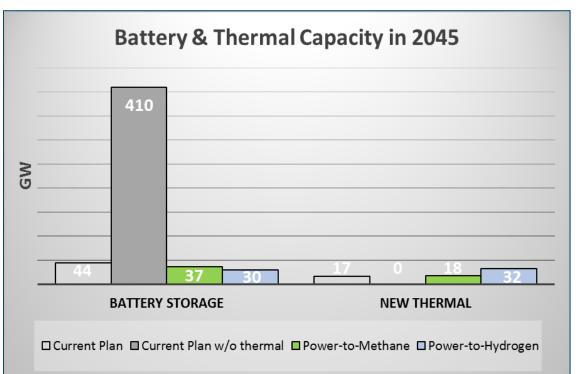


# Study results - capacity additions by 2045



*Optimal Path* = less solar, more wind than current plan(s)

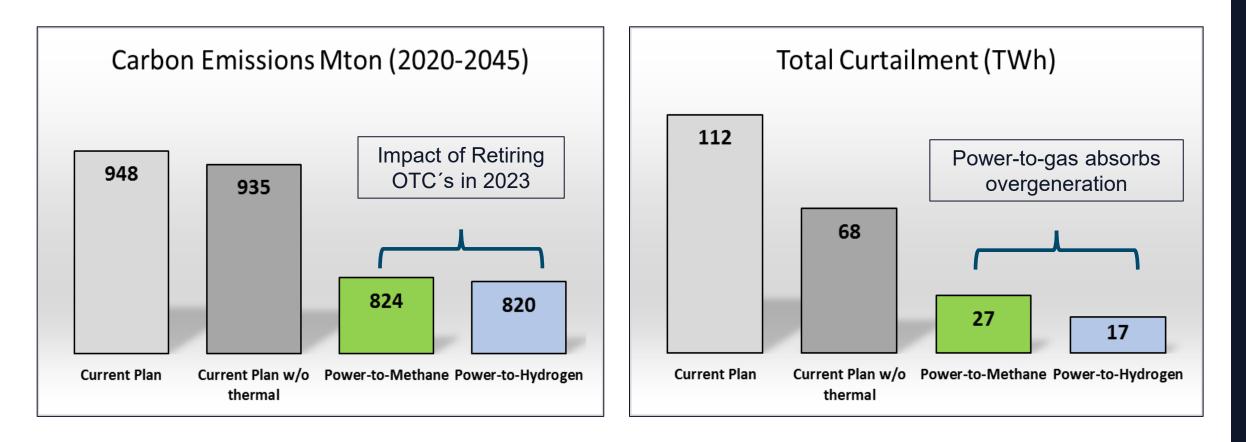
*Optimal Path (PtM)* contains 10 GW of PtM capacity *Optimal Path (PtH)* contains 20 GW of PtH capacity



**Current plan** w/o thermal requires 10-fold larger Battery Storage capacity for system reliability (reserve margin)

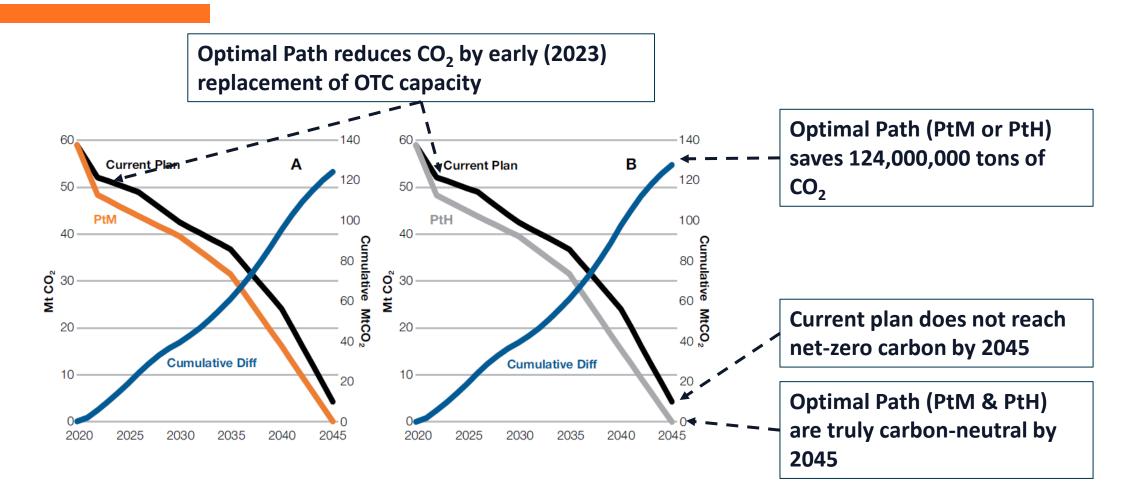


# Cumulative carbon emissions and Solar & Wind curtailment (2045)



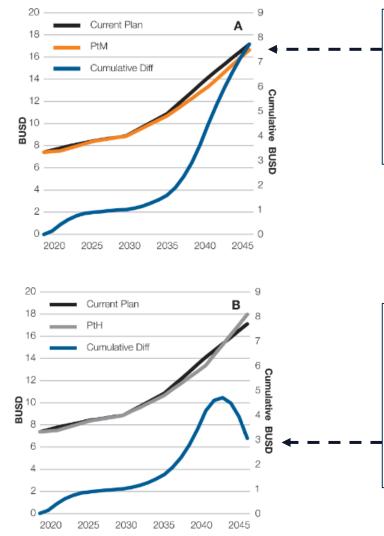


# Carbon Reductions across Horizon (2020-2045)





# Cost Reductions across Horizon (2020-2045)



**Optimal Path (PtM) saves 8 BUSD over Current Plan** 

Includes cost of

- 10 GW of Power-to-Methane equipment
- 18 GW of new thermal capacity (+ 14 GW existing)

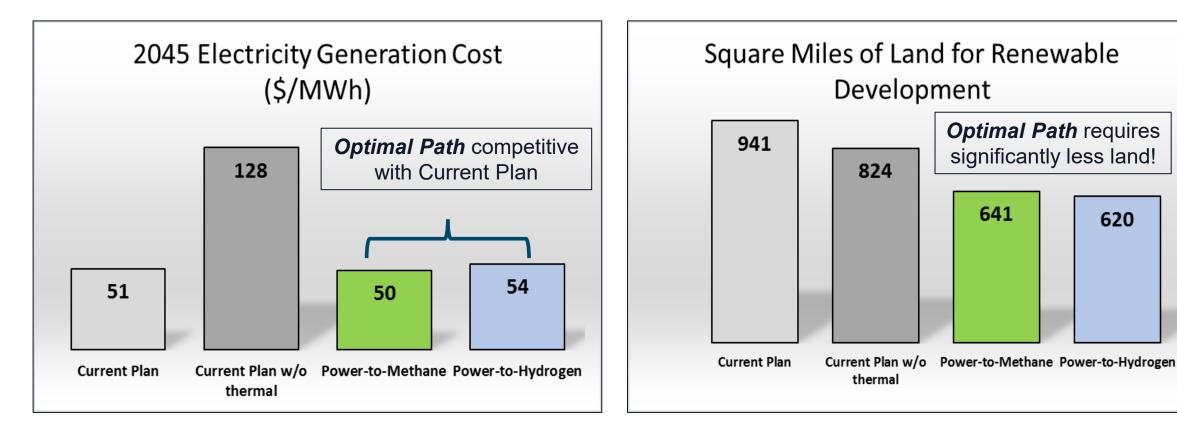
**Optimal Path (PtH) saves 3 BUSD over Current Plan** 

Includes cost of

- 20 GW of Power-to-Hydrogen equipment
- 32 GW of new thermal capacity
- Hydrogen infra costs excluded



# Electricity generation cost and land use



Current Path does not provide carbon-free electricity in 2045 *Current Path w/o thermal* provides highly expensive power

Land costs are excluded in this study

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**Optimal Path** requires

significantly less land!

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Development

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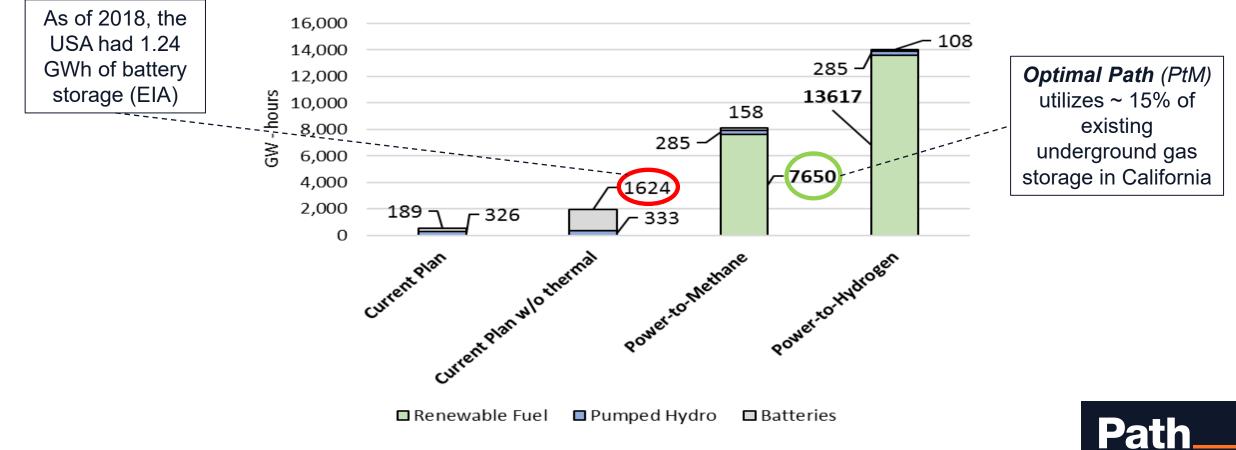
thermal



# Energy Storage by scenario

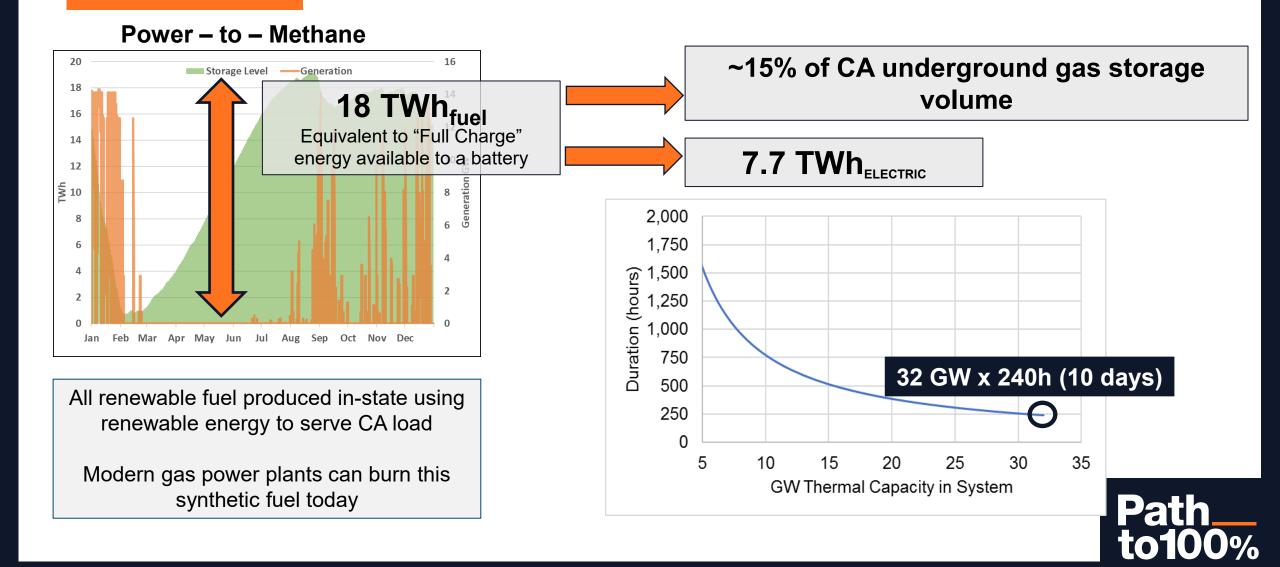
#### Pumped hydro is in every scenario serving same purposes as batteries (<12 hr duration)

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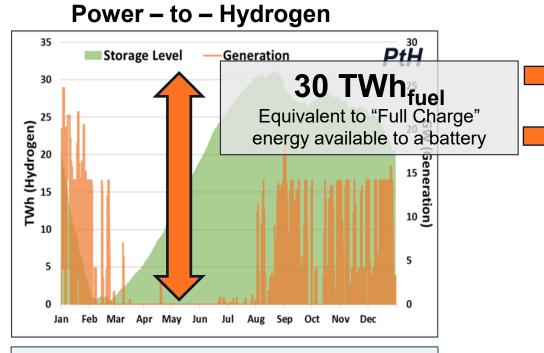


Energy Storage in 2045

### Renewable Fuels turn the thermal fleet into a giant distributed "battery"



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All renewable fuel produced in-state using renewable energy to serve CA load

Modern gas fired generators can burn partial hydrogen today, all major OEMs committed to 100% hydrogen versions

### ~75% of CA underground gas storage

**volume** (assuming hydrogen requires ~ 3x volume relative to methane for same energy content)

12.8 TWh<sub>ELECTRIC</sub>

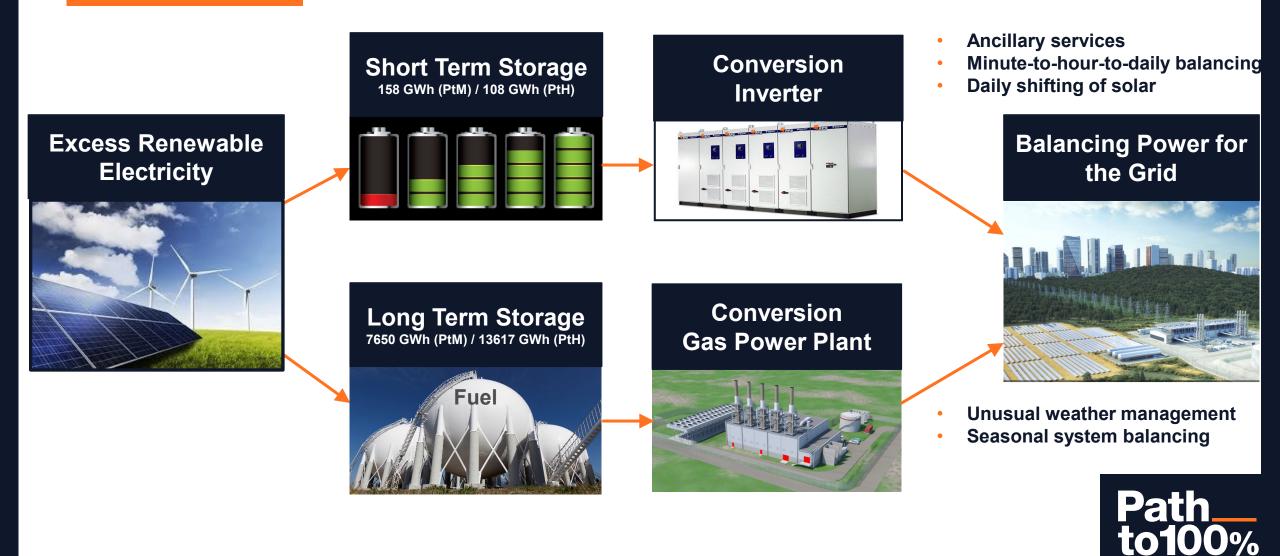
32 GW x 427 h (17 days)

NOTE: Storage sizes for PtM (10 days) and PtH (17 days) are the economic optimum as determined by PLEXOS<sup>™</sup> simulations and taking seasonality into account.

Longer durations may be needed pending weather analysis for CA to determine longest possible "weather event" compromising solar or wind.



# P2G - New approach to electricity storage



### Key takeaways



### **1.** Optimal path outlined in the study is the best path to 100 % for California

- Faster, complete decarbonization
- More efficient use of solar, wind and battery storage
- Less land required for development
- Lower cost for ratepayers
- Maximized security of supply with dispatchable thermal fleet

#### 2. Power to Gas (Methane or Hydrogen) is a key ingredient of the optimal, clean power system

- Enables construction of highly efficient, 100 % Carbon Neutral power system
- Optimal Path can be entered now as first year's actions are the same for PtM and PtH renewable fuel choice can be made later!

#### 3. Policy recommendations for California, to enter the Optimal Path to 100 %:

- Recognition of Renewable Fuels (including renewably sourced Methane and Hydrogen) as "renewable" for RPS compliance purposes
- Maintain OTC 2023 retirement dates; add necessary flexible gas generation to the power system to enable those retirements
- Add optimal proportions of Renewables, Traditional Storage and Flexible Thermal, to enable the transition to 100% clean energy





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