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# Next Generation Power Systems for the New Digital Era

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## **Independent Power Corporation PLC**





- British Power Developer
- 30-Year Track Record
- 10 GW of Ownership / Operatorship



Karaganda GRES II
608 MW Coal
Second largest coal fired plant in Kazakhstan



Guaracachi
O&M > 500 MW of gas-fired capacity in Bolivia
Installation of new OCGT and CCGT capacity > 300 MW



Chaco
90 MW OCGT
BPs aeroderivative fleet for a gas field Bulo Bulo, Bolivia







Newcastle Cogeneration 18 MW CHP Syn Gas First IPP in South Africa, KwaZulu Natal



Al Hamra I 45 MW OCGT

First aeroderivative GTs in Ras Al Khaimah, UAE, built on fasttrack



Energia del Sur
134 MW CCGT
First CAF forward sale
agreement for CERs in
Argentina



## **How AI is Reshaping Power Demand**





IPC is reshaping its portfolio to deliver reliable, sustainable energy for a new generation of power users.

- Al drives innovation and optimisation
- ➤ Al is the fastest-growing electricity consumer
- Power intensity of AI doubles approximately every 18 months
- > Challenges:
  - → Grid Infrastructure bottlenecks
  - → Power generation constraints
  - → Regulatory and Permitting delays











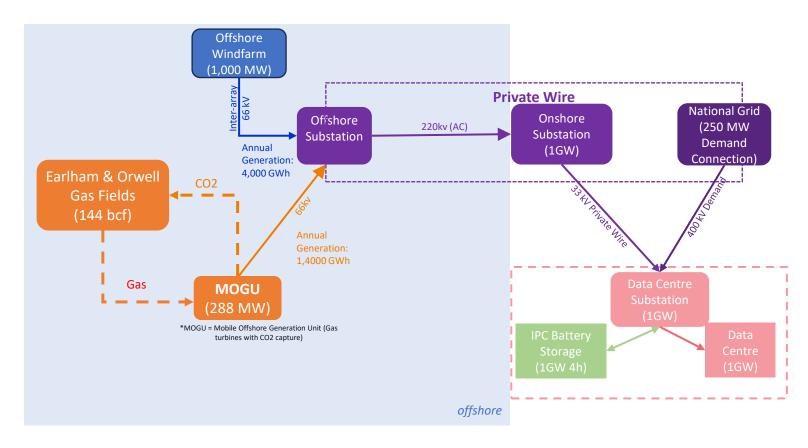


### **Our Vision: Behind the Meter Generation**





- Behind the Meter Generation advantages:
  - Independent from grid stress
  - Control electricity costs
  - Added flexible
  - Holistic Design
  - Carbon-conscious strategy







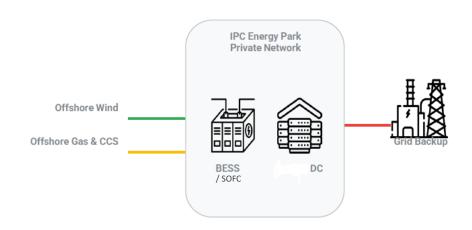
## **Integrated Hybrid Systems**





#### Optimised Hybrid Energy Mix

- > ~70% Renewable (Offshore wind)
- ~30% Dispatchable (Gas turbines peaking + Fuel cells base)
- Battery storage for second-by-second balancing
- + Smarter Load Shifting (Al helping Al)



#### > Hybrid generation strategy:

- > At IPC, we take integration to the next level. Our vision combines multiple technologies into a single, optimised system:
- Together, these layers create resilient, low-carbon, and commercially viable systems capable of powering demanding applications like large-scale data centres.
- > Essentially, hybrid systems make energy delivery faster, more cost-effective, smarter, and more dependable.
- Power Management & Control is essential for implementing hybrid systems as performance depends heavily on power-sharing strategies.



## **Example of Offshore Gas & Wind Integration**

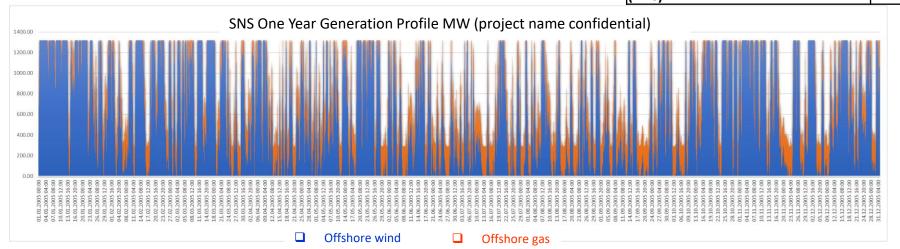




- Hybrid & Co-Location Concept:
  - Shared grid connection and substation
  - Optimised capex & opex
  - Higher transmission asset utilisation: from ~45% to up to 75%

#### Flagship hybrid project in Southern North Sea

	MW	GWh	Grid Export Capacity
Grid Export Limit (A)	1320	11,563	100%
Offshore Wind Generation (B)	1380	5,762	49.8%
"Spare capacity" in grid connection (A-B)		5,801	
Offshore Gas Max generation (C)	288	1,590	13.8%
Offshore Wind + Gas Generation (B+C)		7,352	63.6%





## **Example of Integrated Hybrid System**



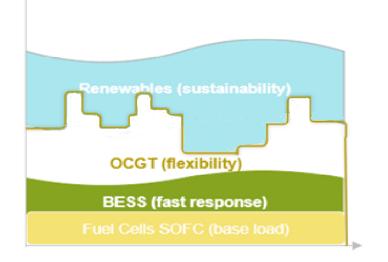


#### No Reserve

Parameter	Value	Comment
PeakLoad	650 MW	Data centre peak
Offshore Wind Capacity	$0.70 \times 650 = 455 \text{MW}$	Primary energy source
Fuel Cell Capacity	$0.10 \times 650 = 65 \text{MW}$	Must run $\geq$ 30% of 65 MW $\rightarrow$ 19.5 MW minimum
Gas-Fired Capacity	$0.20 \times 650 = 130 \text{MW}$	Flexible dispatch
BESS	$650 \text{MW} \times 2 \text{h} = 1,300 \text{MWh}$	High-power battery, energy-shifting
Dispatch Priority	1. Wind $\rightarrow$ 2. BESS $\rightarrow$ 3. Fuel cells $\rightarrow$ 4. Gas	Maximize renewables, then battery, then fuel cells, lastly gas

#### Dispatch logic:

- Wind always used first; any shortfall met by BESS (if SOC > 0) →
- 2.  $\rightarrow$  Fuel cells run at least at minimum 30% load (19.5 MW), can ramp up if needed  $\rightarrow$
- 3.  $\rightarrow$  Gas fills any remaining gap (with minimum load of 40%)  $\rightarrow$
- → BESS charges only from surplus wind (if load < wind + min fuel cells).</li>





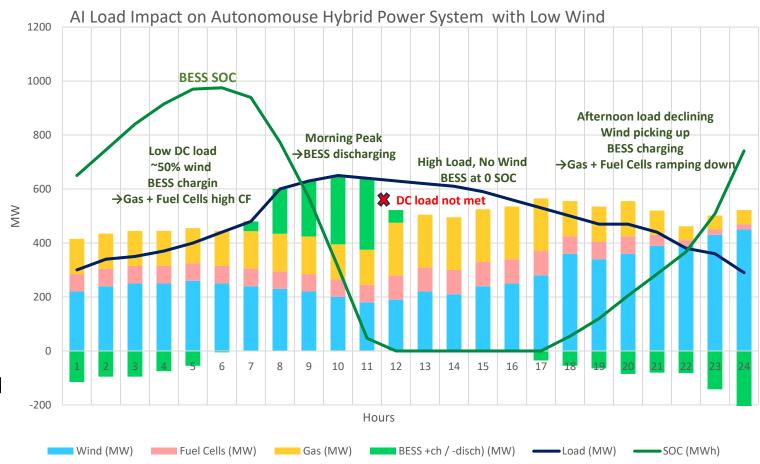


## **Integrated Hybrid System - No Reserve**





24-Hour Dispatch Profile



#### Conclusion:

Not enough redundancy designed for extended wind calm periods.



## **Integrated Hybrid System - 12-hour back-up**





To achieve 12 hour back-uupin low-carbon design we implement hybrid approach combining additional redundancy with fuel cells, gas and BESS, and operational strategies like load shifting or partial curtailment for non-critical loads.

✓ Balances reliability especially for grid isolated data centres

✓ Mixture of low carbon

✓ Bridges calm periods > 4 h

Cons

✓ High CAPEX
✓ Added OPEX

Pros

Parameter Value Notes

Peak load 650 MW Data centre

Offshore wind capacity 455 MW nominal Can drop to 0 MW for worst-case scenario

Fuel cells capacity 65 MW Must-run ≥ 30% (19.5 MW)

Gas-fired capacity 195 MW Increased to ensure 12 h backup with BESS

BESS 650 MW x 7 h duration = 4,550 MWh Sized to cover wind outage

Dispatch priority 1. Wind  $\rightarrow$  2. BESS  $\rightarrow$  3. Fuel cells  $\rightarrow$  4. Gas Minimize carbon



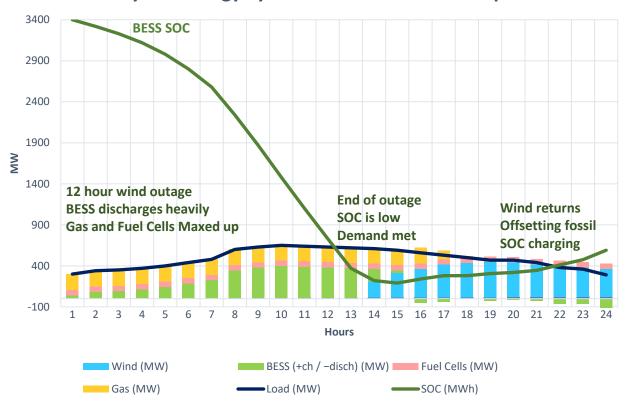


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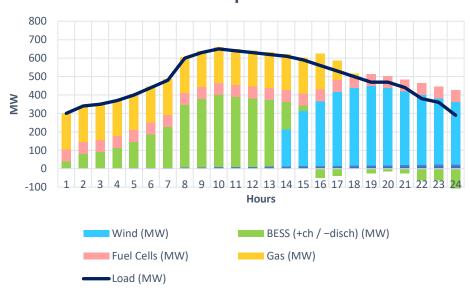




#### **Hybrid Energy System with 12-hour back-up**



#### Hybrid Energy System with 12-hour backup





## **Tier 3 & Tier 4 Redundancy Requirements**

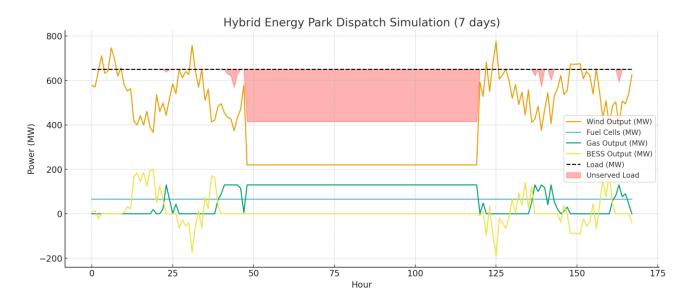
> 7-day simulation for proposed mix (70 % offshore wind, 10 % fuel cells, 20 % gas, plus 200 MW BESS) assuming:

Wind output: Highly variable, with a 3-day calm period dropping to ~20 % of installed capacity.

Fuel cells: Constant 65 MW.

Gas Turbines: 195 MW, dispatched fully during wind shortfall.

BESS: 650 MW x 7 h duration = 4,550 MWh used to smooth ramps and short-term deficits.

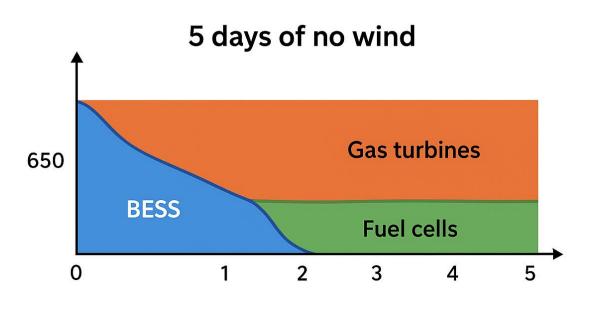


→ Unserved load: Peaks at 235 MW during the calm period; total unserved energy over 7 days is ~17.300 MWh.

Conclusion: Even with gas and BESS, multi-day calm events cannot be fully covered. The system relies on partial curtailment unless more firm capacity is added.



## **Tier 3 & Tier 4 Redundancy Requirements Served**



#### Solution:

- Additional gas/fuel cell capacity to cover ~ 80% of peak load
- 2. Longer duration BESS with spare capacity
- Load shifting to smoothen out load and make use of available power sources

Component	<b>Unit Capacity</b>	<u>Units (N+1)</u>	<u>Total Power</u>
Fuel Cells	65 MW	2	130 MW
<u>Gas Turbines</u>	<u>195 MW</u>	2	390 MW
<u>BESS</u>	650 MW (>4 hr)	10%	715 MW

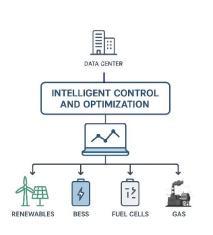


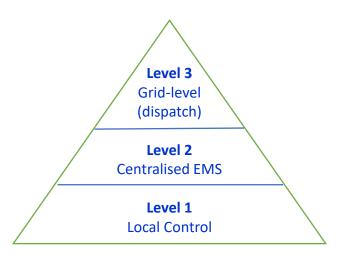
## **Intelligent Control and Optimisation**





- Managing these hybrid systems requires advanced controls. That's where the Al-driven centralised dispatch system comes in.
- It monitors generation, load, and maintenance in real-time, optimising efficiency, extending asset life, and reducing stress on equipment.
- $\triangleright$  Essentially, it operates as an autonomous, islanded power system  $\rightarrow$  smart, reliable, and fully integrated.







## **Closing: From Vision to Implementation**





- What's exciting is that all this technology exists today.
- The challenge isn't technical feasibility. It's bringing the right mindset, partnerships, and forward-thinking customers together to implement it.
- Data centres, for example, are already embracing decentralised, hybrid power systems, combining reliability, flexibility, and sustainability in ways traditional grids can't match.
- At IPC, we're bridging proven power generation expertise with cutting-edge, hybrid technologies to deliver resilient, low-carbon systems at scale.
- We're eager to collaborate with partners who share this vision and want to make next-generation power a reality.









## THANK YOU

