

Integrating distributed generation in urban areas: IDEpolis

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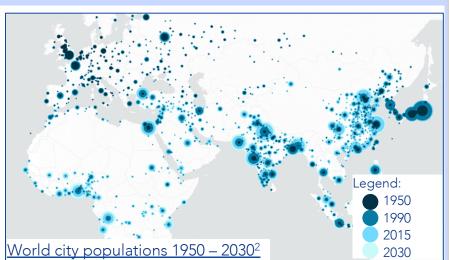


### Introduction (1/3) Urbanisation rates increase globally, as well as electricity consumption per capita, which leads to energy demand increase in urban areas

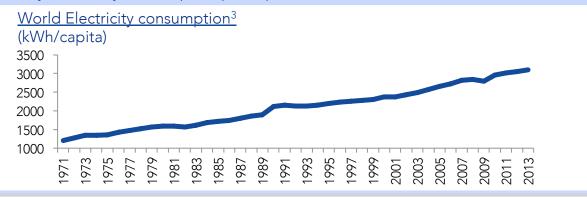
#### Urbanisation is a global trend

According to the UN<sup>1</sup>:

- Cities occupy 4% of the Earth's land area
- Cities were home to more than half of the world's population in 2016
- Cities will absorb most of the world's population increase between now and 2050



Globally, electricity consumption per capita increases



- Cities tend to absorb more and more population
- In average, people tend to consume more electricity and gather in cities
- Overall, energy in urban areas is a raising concern

1. Source: United Nations, http://www.un.org/en/development/desa/usg/statements/mr-wu/2013/12/hls-on-scsu.html

2. Source: www.citymetric.com

3. Source: the Worldbank http://data.worldbank.org/indicator/EG.USE.ELEC.KH.PC?end=2013&start=1971&view=chart

### Introduction (2/3) There is a disruption in electricity generation, which requires reconsidering the way energy is transformed

Transition from traditional heat and electricity generation model to a distributed model

- Historically:
  - Electricity generation was banned from cities because coal fired power plants caused smog
  - Heat generation in cities has always been a problem whose solution has most of the time been left to the end-user
- Today, there are clean and affordable ways to generate both heat and electricity in cities. Working as a community on energy issues makes sense! But on what basis should decisions be made?

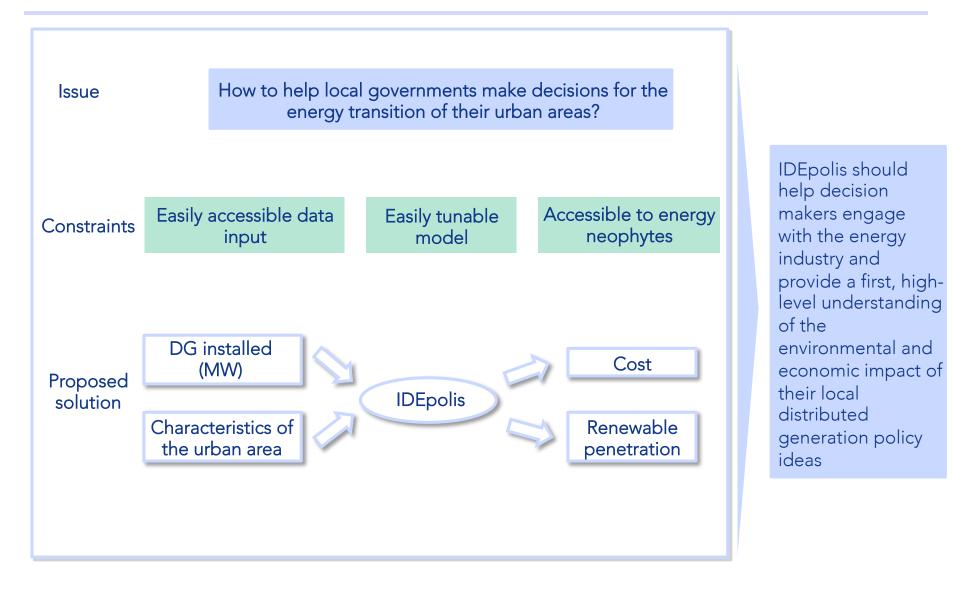
#### Advantages of distributed generation

- Increased energy security, such that cities would less rely on neighbouring regions for electricity
- Increased system resiliency, to blackouts, adverse weather or criminal/terrorist actions
- Increased over system reliability, as energy storage can provide ancillary services to support the grid
- Lower T&D losses as electricity is consumed closer to the place it is transformed
- Reduced primary energy consumption because heat can be valued locally
- Possibility to produce low carbon energy
- Potential competitiveness with centralised generation

- The model of electricity generation is changing radically
- Heat and electricity production can be better optimised in cities to achieve cheaper and cleaner energy

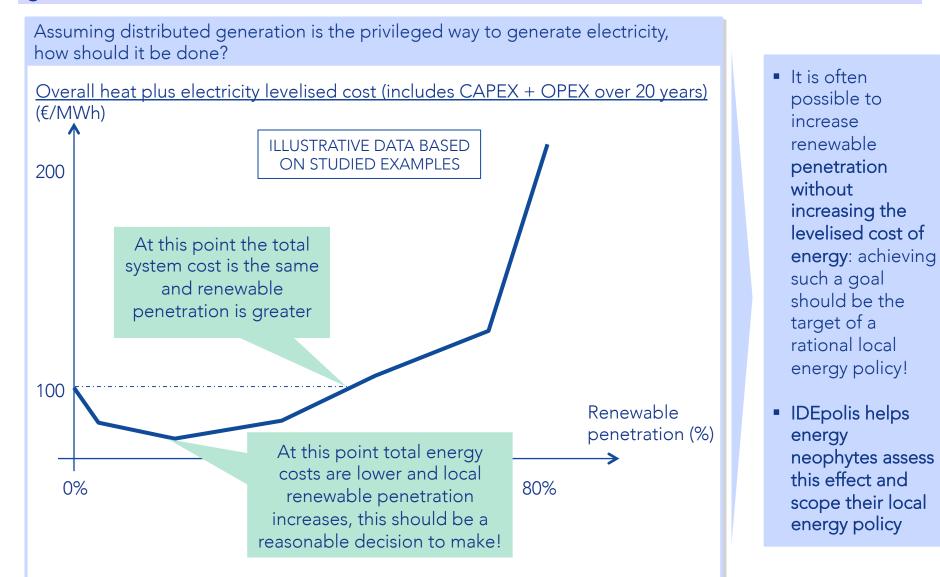
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The goal of this study is to design and implement IDEpolis, a comprehensive tool to help decision makers include distributed generation in their local policy design



Let's start with a preview of the conclusion:

IDEpolis shows that it is often possible to simultaneously decrease overall energy costs and increase renewable penetration in urban areas thanks to distributed generation



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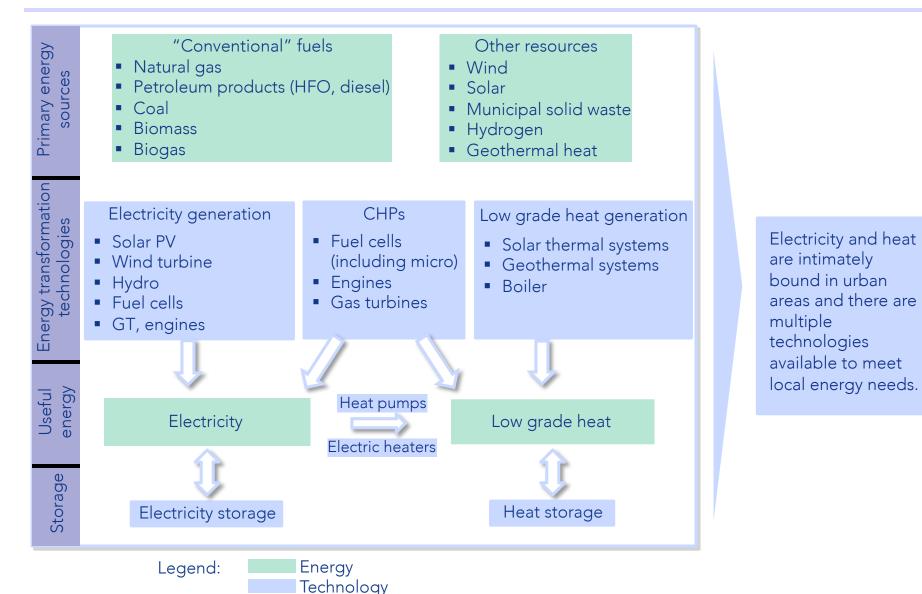
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## What resources and established technologies are available to meet urban energy needs?





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Emerging distributed technologies that are not mature enough are not taken into account in the IDEpolis model

Emerging technologies that could participate in meeting urban energy needs but are not taken into account in IDEpolis:



Piezoelectricity (Pavegen) Price unavailable





Wind tree (New wind) 11.2 €/W



Emerging technologies are not taken into account in the model because:

- Not enough capacity installed to have a track record of the electricity production
- Those products are in the developing phase and their future costs are unknown

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#### Reality check on distributed generation in urban areas: Feldheim, the German village making the case for DG

Feldheim: Case of a village surrounded by agricultural fields and exporting 99% of its electricity

80 km SW of Berlin

128 persons 15.7 km<sup>2</sup>



- Generation
  - $_{\odot}$  42 wind turbines: 81.1 MW in total

Feldheim:

- o Solar photovoltaic: 2.26 MW<sub>p</sub>
- Storage:
  - 10 MW / 10MWh battery system

#### <u>Heat</u>

- Biogas CHP plant 526kW<sub>e</sub> + 500 kW<sub>th</sub>
  - o Heat generation: 4.3 million kWh<sub>th</sub>
  - $\circ$  Electricity generation: 4million kWh<sub>e</sub>
- Backup heat generation: biomass system using waste wood: 399 kWth

- This example proves that it is possible for a village to be energy autonomous
- Moreover, 100% of the electricity produced is renewable



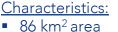


## Copenhagen chose to address heat generation with district heating networks, which increases efficiency



Copenhagen: case of an ambitious city aiming for 100% renewables by 2025





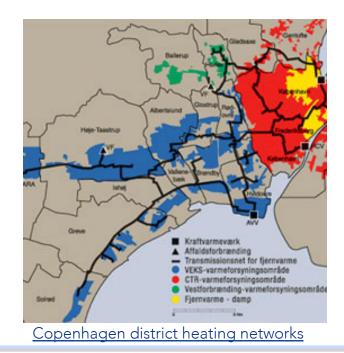
- 1.2 million people
- The city targets carbon neutrality in 2025

#### Distributed energy generation and policies:

- In 1976 Denmark implements a drastic policy in favor of CHPs
- CHPs and energy from waste plants are vastly installed, providing both electricity and heat to the city
- Exemplary district heating, supplying 97% of the city with heat. It represents 1 300km of pipes
- Public transportation as well as bike routes are vastly implemented



<u>The Middelgrunden offshore windfarm, 40MW</u> (3km outside Copenhagen)



 Copenhagen proves that CHPs for district heating bring fuel flexibility

 District heating networks are key to decarbonise efficiently cities

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#### There is a rationale to give local decision makers a high level understanding of the potential of DG in urban areas

The technologies are proven and resources are well estimated, what prevents cities from planning out their energy transition?

There are two main reasons:

- 1. It is difficult to understand and assess the energy (heat and electricity) needs of a city:
  - As opposed to countries, cities usually do not produce clear import and export data on their energy flows
  - Energy consumption is highly dependent on the climate, city activities and the inhabitants' lifestyle
  - Heat is often generated on the end user side, thus not allowing to optimise the energy system from a collective perspective
- 2. As they are very often not versed in the complexities of the energy world, ilt is difficult for decision makers to assess the impact of distributed generation:
  - On the environment in terms of local pollution as well as carbon emissions
  - On the citizens' energy bills (both gas/oil and electricity)
  - o From the perspective of energy independence
  - o On the system resilience

As energy is having more and more importance in politics, the energy industry needs to provide local decision makers with some understanding of the impact of distributed generation on their locality.  Heat and electricity generation are complex to grasp in cities, especially for decision makers that are not energy specialists

 If evaluating this impact of distributed generation is delicate for engineers, how can we expect local political decision makers to make educated choices?

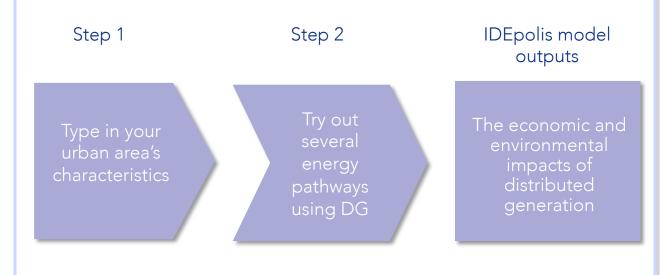
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The IDEpolis model aims at providing decision makers with a quantified view of the economic and environmental impact of DG based on easily accessible local assumptions



The IDEpolis model relies on two steps for decision makers to better apprehend energy in their urban area and assess the impact of distributed generation on the environment and on the citizens' bills



What does it take for decision makers to use the model?

- Step 1: Enter high level data on your locality
- Step 2: Choose the distributed generation technologies for the selected urban area as well as the capacity to install

The model has two main outputs for a given urban area energy system:

- The carbon content of both heat and electricity, also measured with the renewable penetration
- 2. The levelised cost of "total energy" representing the cost of both heat and electricity from a system perspective

Once the urban area characteristics are entered, IDEpolis uses a simple dashboard to display the installed capacity and its impact on the energy price



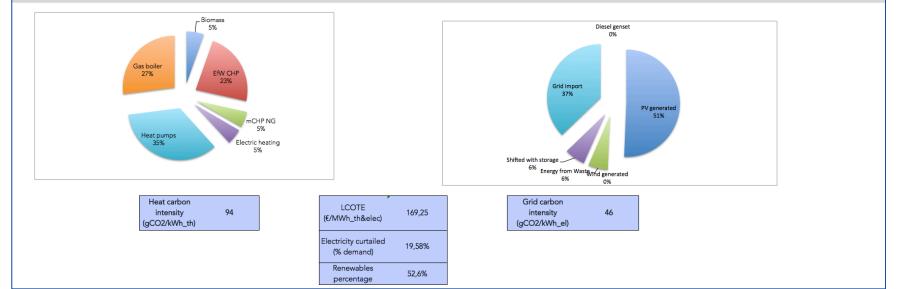
#### **IDEpolis main dashboard**

1/ Select an urban area	Paris	C Rese	t Mix			
2 200 000 Inhabitants	1 315,982 MWth average heat demand	665,23 MW average ele	ctricity demand			
2/ Design your distributed energy mix u	using the buttons or changing the numbers in blue					
HEAT GENERATION			ELECTRICITY GENERATION			
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ELECTRICITY PRODUCTION MIX

3/ Simulation results

HEAT PRODUCTION MIX



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## The model is based on simple parameters to estimate the energy needs of an urban area as well as its resources



The model uses 18 key parameters to both characterise the needs of the urban area and estimate the available resources such as municipal solid waste and solar irradiance

	#	Characteristic	Unit
	1	Total urban area	4 km <sup>2</sup>
	2	Population	#
General characteristics	3	People per household	#
	4	Heating degree days with a reference temp of 18°C	Degree days
	5	Ground surface available	m <sup>2</sup>
	6	Rooftop surface available	4 km <sup>2</sup>
	7	Number of commercial & industrial (C&I) customers	#
Characterising demand	8	Household average yearly electricity demand	kWh/ year
	9	C&I average yearly electricity demand	kWh/year
	10	Other constant load (street lighting, public buildings)	kWh/year
	11	Share of hot water within heat demand	%
	12	Municipal solid waste production	kg/pers/day
	13	Average summer irradiation	W/m <sup>2</sup>
	14	Average winter irradiation	W/m <sup>2</sup>
Resources / Import	15	Grid electricity carbon content	kg CO <sub>2</sub> /kWh
	16	Grid electricity price	€/kWh
	17	Natural gas price	€/kWh
	18	Diesel price	€/kWh

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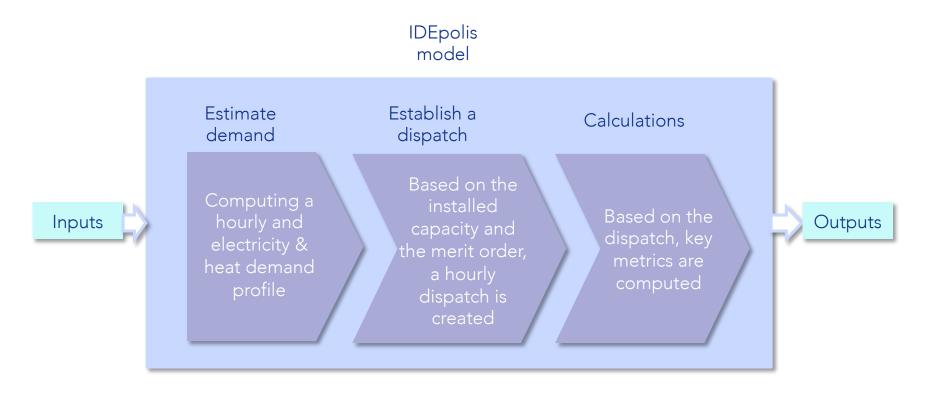
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## There are three key steps in the model to get from the input data to the key outputs



Based on the previous characteristics, the model establishes a hourly consumption profile for both heat and power during two representative weeks: summer and winter

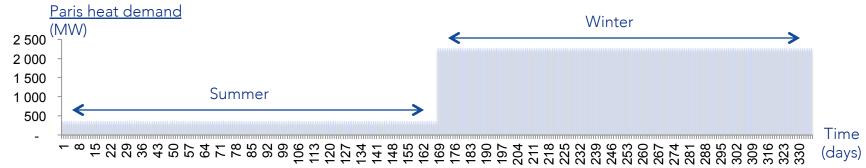


Estimating the need for heat and electricity based on the previous parameters

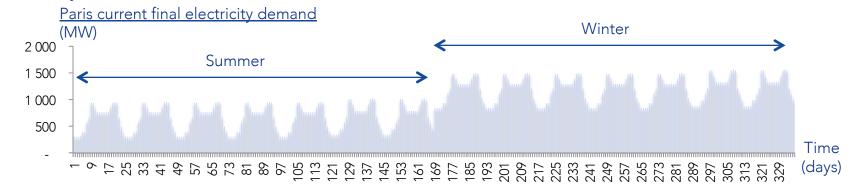
Assessing the needs of the urban area with a 1h time step and 2 seasonal weeks:

Heat demand

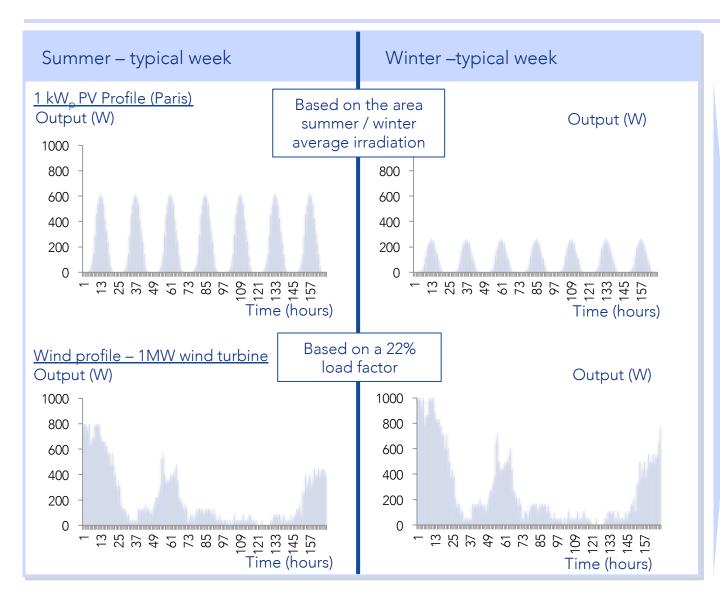
In the base case, no hourly variation is considered, but it can easily be modified if more accurate data is available



#### Electricity demand



The model integrates PV and wind profiles, that can be edited if the end user has more accurate representative data



- A typical PV profile is integrated in the model and is adapted based on local irradiance
- A wind profile is integrated in the model and can be adapted depending on the site resource

The model uses a simple merit order to dispatch both heat and power generation: it uses in priority renewable energy



Renewable heat and electricity are used in the first place and are curtailed if they exceed the demand

The general rule used in the model to build the heat and electricity merit order is that the energy inevitably produced (such as wind, PV) comes first, then controllable renewables kick in, and finally conventional sources are used.

At each time step, the energy needs as well as the resources are assessed

- Merit order for heat generation:
- 1. Energy from waste combined heat and power
- 2. Biomass boiler
- 3. Micro CHP Natural gas fired
- 4. Heat pumps
- 5. Electric heating
- 6. Individual gas boilers
- Merit order for electricity generation:
- 1. Solar PV
- 2. Wind turbine
- 3. Energy from waste power plant
- 4. Energy storage
- 5. Grid import
- 6. Distributed diesel engines

Storage use and curtailment: If in a single one hour time step, the energy produced is greater than the energy consumed:

- The excess is stored if there is a storage system,
- The energy surplus is curtailed if the storage is full (or non existent)

The merit orders built for heat and electricity generation:

- Ensure that sustainable energies have priority on the network
- Minimise the fuel costs

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Based on the installed capacity, the load and the dispatch, the model computes the penetration of renewable energy produced locally with distributed generation



What is defined as renewable energy in the model?

Renewable energy technologies ( $RE_{techno}$ ) are defined in the model as heat or electricity generation units that do not rely on fossil fuels, namely:

- Solar plants
- Energy from waste power plants
- Wind turbines
- Biomass combustion for both heat and power generation
- Energy storage (corresponding to renewable energy prevented from being curtailed) Heat pumps are included in the model but not considered as a renewable technology, however heat pumps can help decarbonise heat if electricity has a RE share.

Computation of the renewable distributed energy penetration (in %)

The renewable penetration is computed based on the total renewable energy produced minus the energy curtailed ( $E_{curtailed}$ ) and the energy losses in the storage systems ( $E_{losses\_storage}$ ): ( $\sum TE_{renduced\_i}$ ) -  $E_{curtailed}$  -  $E_{losses\_storage}$ 

$$RE_{penetration} = \frac{\left(\sum_{j=RE_{techno}} ID_{produced_j}\right) D_{curtailed} D_{losses_storage}}{E_{th\_demand} + E_{elec\_demand}}$$

Heat and electricity carbon intensity<sup>1</sup>

Based on plants efficiencies, the carbon content of the different fuels and the carbon content of imported electricity, the model computes two carbon intensities in  $g_{CO2}$ / kWh:

$$Heat_{carbon} = \frac{Mass_{CO_2\_produced\_for\_heat}}{E_{th\_demand}} \qquad Elec_{carbon} = \frac{Mass_{CO_2\_produced\_for\_elec}}{E_{elec\_demand}}$$

 The renewable distributed energy penetration measures the local renewable heat and electricity produced

Heat and electricity carbon intensity encompass the effects of the installed capacity on the carbon content of heat and electricity separately

1. Regarding CHPs, they are considered here to generate electricity as a by-product, hence CHP's fuel consumption is only taken into account to compute the heat carbon content. As a consequence, CHPs are considered to be reducing the electricity demand. In the carbon intensit **Copyright** © 2016 Clean Horizon Consulting

The model computes the total levelised cost of energy, a rationale metric to estimate the economic consequences of energy policies on the local community as a whole



The model reflects the cost of both heat and electricity generation from a system perspective

We define the "total energy" (written TE) production of a specific plant as the sum of heat and electricity produced over a year:

 $\mathsf{TE} \left[\mathsf{MWh/yr}\right] = \mathsf{Heat}_{\mathsf{production}} \left[\mathsf{MWh/yr}\right] + \mathsf{Electricity}_{\mathsf{production}} \left[\mathsf{MWh/yr}\right]$ 

The model computes the total discounted costs associated with heat and electricity generation over 20 years

- Capital expenditure in year 0:
  - o Payment for all commissioning of plants as well as individual heating systems
- Operational yearly costs:
  - o Electricity import costs
  - o Variable costs such as fuel costs (gas, diesel, biomass)
  - o Fixed operation and maintenance costs
  - o Other costs such as heat network costs, battery replacement after 10 years

Computing the levelised cost of total energy (LCOTE)

The levelised cost of total energy (LCOTE) reflects the cost associated with both heat and electricity production in the urban area over 20 years, and is computed as:

$$LCOTE = \frac{\sum_{j=techno} \left[ CAPEX_j + \sum_{i=1}^{20} \frac{OPEX_j}{(1+d)^i} \right]}{\sum_{i=1}^{20} \frac{\sum_{j=techno} TE_j}{(1+d)^i}}$$

Where:

- d is the discount rate (8% set as default)
- TE is the total energy defined above

- The levelised cost of total energy reflects the end users' energy bills and includes both heat and power costs.
- The levelised cost of total energy encompasses the overall system costs.
- The LCOTE enables decision makers to make rational economic decisions

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- ii. The United Kingdom

Regulatory analysis in France: distributed generation is  $a_{3}$  encouraged but PV installations require building permission  $a_{3}$ 

Policies supporting renewable distributed generation

- Commercial and industrial level:
  - Article 142 of French law of August 6<sup>th</sup> 2015, referred to as "overamortisation Macron" allows companies investing in heat or electricity production to benefit from a tax reduction of 40% of the value invested.
  - For PV installations smaller than 100 kWp the feed in tariff is 5.6 cts € /kWh.
- Residential level:
  - The national agency for the improvement of housing (ANAH) can provide subsidies depending on the end users revenues
  - Reduced VAT (5.5% instead of 20%) for renovation of existing buildings heating system. Moreover, installation costs of systems such as heat pumps, insulation, condensing boilers, or renewable source heat can benefit from a tax credit (CIDD).
  - 30% income tax credit, with the "tax credit for the energy transition" (CITE)<sup>1</sup>. This mechanism concerns insulation works, heat pumps, micro CHP, renewable energy, electric vehicle chargers, connections to heating or cooling networks
  - The feed-in tariffs in 2016 for installations smaller than 9 kW<sub>p</sub> were 24.2 cts /kWh in case PV is building integrated, and 12.7cts /kWh for roof-mounted installations<sup>2</sup>.

#### Permitting

- In case the building is shared, an agreement needs to be found with all co-owners
- Regarding permitting, the French urban code specifies in its article R.421-14 to 17 that
  installing solar panels on one's roof needs to be approved by the local government and is
  subject to building permission or a preliminary notice depending on the local urban master
  plan.
- For instance, in sight of historical monuments, a specific permitting needs to be reviewed by an architect from the "Bâtiments de France".

1. Source: https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichTexte.do;jsessionid=E1D8DAC78B26774D8FB194D89817F47C.tpdila10v\_2?cidTexte=JORFTEXT000030978561&categorieLien=id

2. Source: http://www.developpement-durable.gouv.fr/Le-credit-d-impot-transition.html

3. Source: http://www.photovoltaique.info/Aujourd-hui-arrete-du-4-mars-2011.html

 In France, distributed generation is incentivised and supported by several policies

 However, permitting for installations are very dependent on the local rules and the environment

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## Distributed heat and electricity generation is incentivised in the UK



Policies supporting renewable distributed generation

- The renewable heat incentive supports the following four technologies<sup>1</sup>: the scheme offers a tariff ranging from 5 to 20 p/kWh renewable heat over 7 years:
  - 1. Air source heat pumps
  - 2. Ground source heat pumps
  - 3. Solar thermal panels providing hot water
  - 4. Biomass boilers and pellet stoves with integrated boilers providing space heating
- Distributed generation benefits from a generation tariff:
  - Solar photovoltaic panels, FiT from 4.2 p/kWh for installations smaller than 10 kWp to 1.83 p/kWh for installations in the range of 50 to 250 kWp
    Micro CHP (smaller than 2kW) with a generation tariff of 13p/kWh

#### Permitting

- The installation of solar panels may be 'permitted development' or subject to planning permission depending on the Local Planning Authority of each area. The planning permission requirements for installing solar panels have been simplified and relaxed for most residential as well as C&I installations<sup>3</sup>.
- 1. Source: http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/grants-loans/renewables/renewable-heat-incentive
- 2. Source: http://www.fitariffs.co.uk/eligible/leve

 The UK has targeted heat to contribute to its 2020 ambition of 12% heating from renewable sources

 Permitting rules are local but tend to be simplified

<sup>3.</sup> Source: http://www.inbalance-energy.co.uk/articles/planning\_permission\_for\_solar\_photovoltaic\_systems.html



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## 4. Using IDEpolis and identifying its limits

Villages

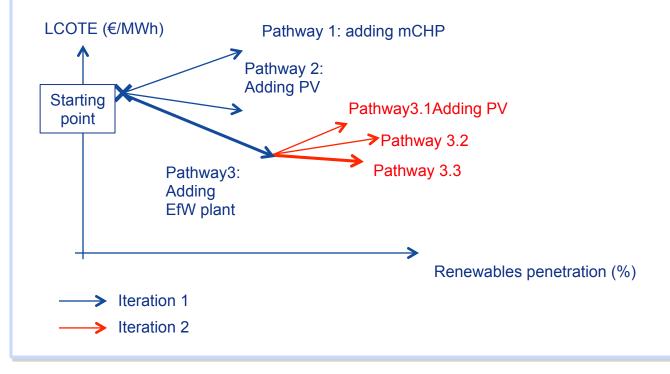
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- ii. Dense urban areas
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# The LCOTE vs local renewable penetration curves shown in this presentation were built based on the model but do not result of an optimisation, they only suggest a potential route

IDEpolis can be used to estimate the impact of an energy route

- The curves shown below are not raw output from the model, rather results from hands on simulations
- Looking at the effect of different renewables installations on the LCOTE, renewables penetration and carbon contents of both heat and electricity, a suggested route is proposed



It is possible to have an idea of an efficient pathway to both decarbonise and decrease the electricity and heat cost with IDEpolis but it requires to iterate

## Tsurui Mura, a Japanese village looking at renewable energy generation



Distributed energy generation currently installed in the village





#### **Electricity:**

- 6 MW PV in construction
- 6 MWh of energy storage in construction

#### <u>Heat:</u>

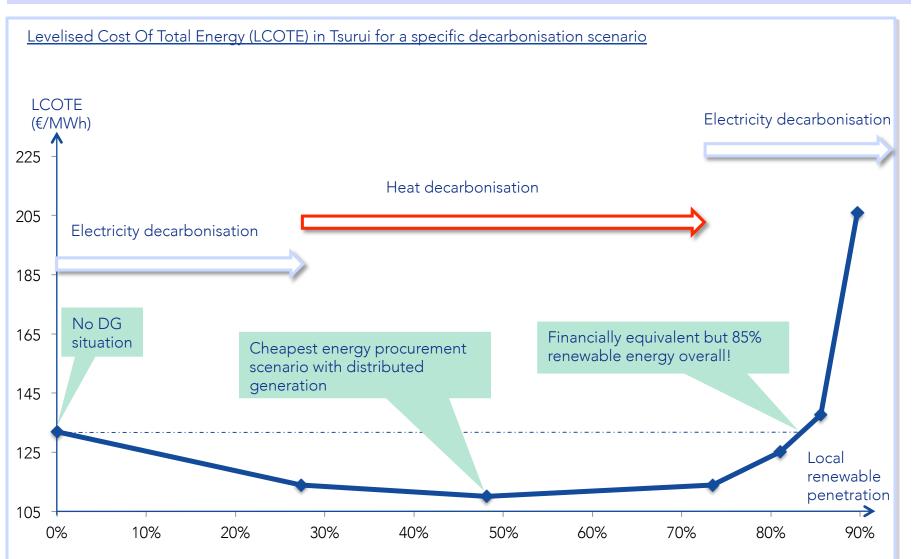
- High gas price, twice as much as in Europe
- No district heating network
- 500kW biogasification of manure scheduled for 2017, the production will be injected in the natural gas network, hence contributing to decarbonise indirectly heat



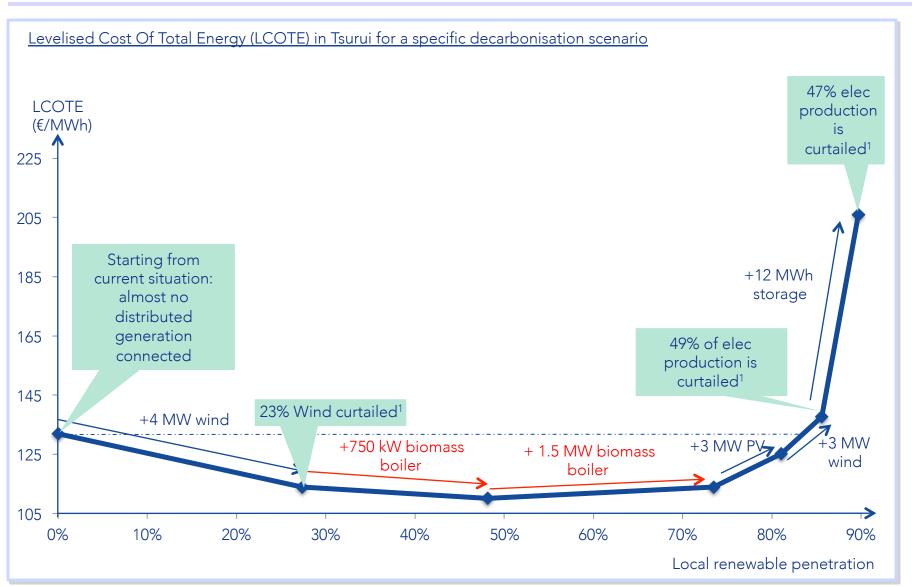
<u>Map: the village of Tsurui</u>

- Tsurui Mura is investigating pathways to decarbonise its energy
- The village is dense enough to have a heat network

Tsurui Mura – one energy pathway with IDEpolis What can be achieved with distributed generation, and at what cost?



### Tsurui Mura – one energy pathway with IDEpolis What the proposed decarbonisation route implies in terms of capacity installed

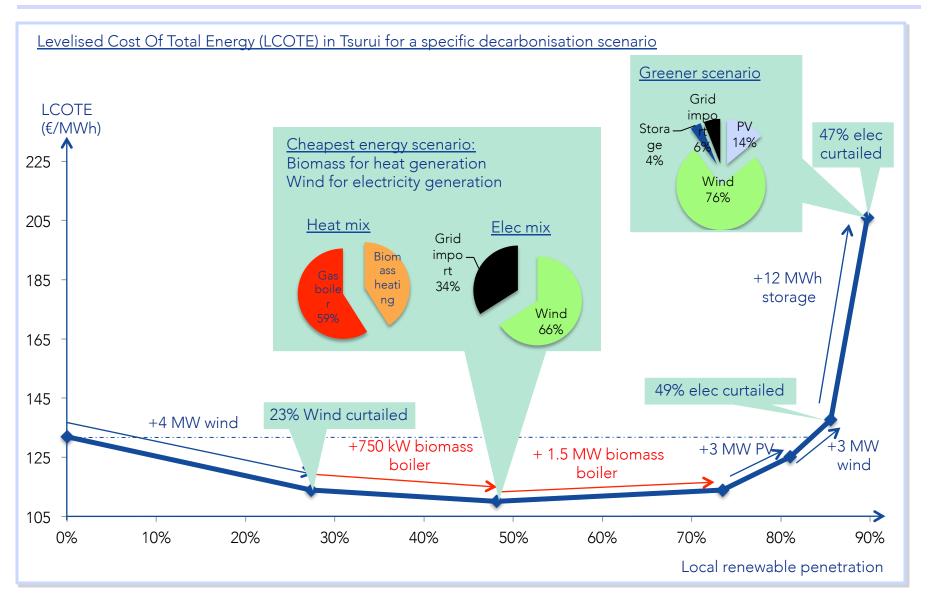


1. Curtailment here refers to the fact that the power output of renewables needs to be reduced because it is in excess Copyright © 2016 Clean Horizon Consulting

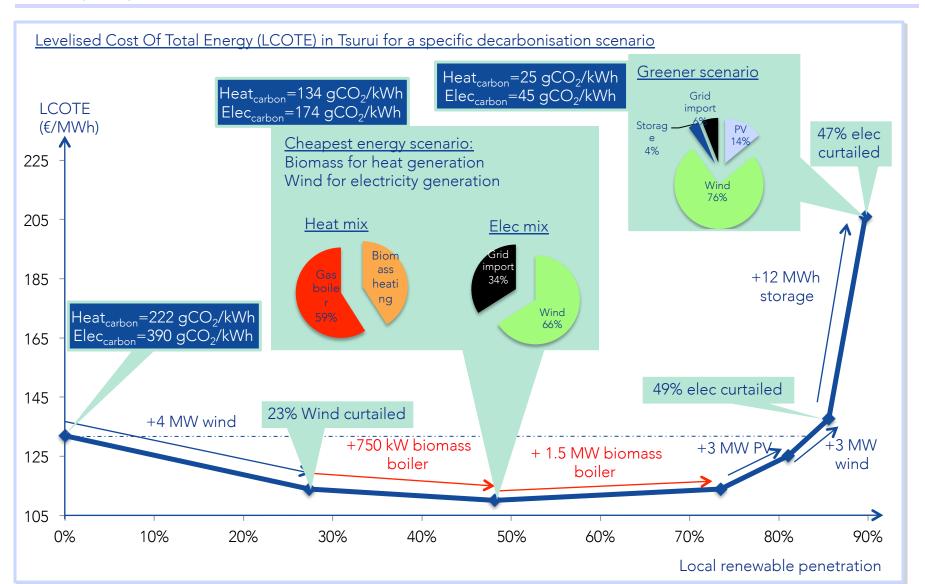
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#### Tsurui Mura – one energy pathway with IDEpolis Snapshots of the heat and electricity mix on the proposed route to decarbonisation

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#### Tsurui Mura – one energy pathway with IDEpolis Evolution of the heat and electricity carbon contents along the proposed route



## Structure of the study



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Paris has a good potential for cleaner heat due to a well developed heat network, and has not exploited its rooftop potential for solar energy collection



Paris: a compact city aiming at providing 25% of its primary energy consumption from renewables in 2020

**Biofuels** 

Coal

16%

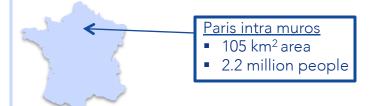
Biomass

10%

Gas (CHP

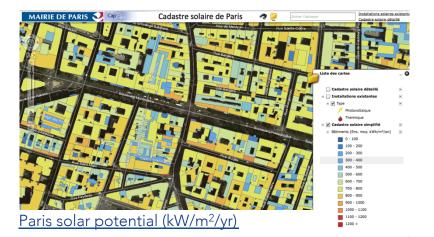
and boilers)

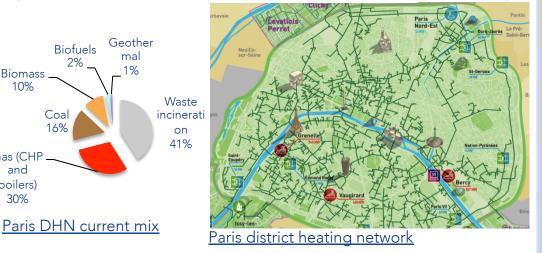
30%



#### Electricity:

- The "Ile de France", to which Paris belongs, produces less than 10% of the electricity it consumes.
- 50% of this local electricity production comes from gas CHP generation.
- Currently, 27 000 m<sup>2</sup> of roofs (out of the existing 31 million m<sup>2,</sup> so less than 1%) are used for solar panels, equivalent to 3.3 MW<sub>p</sub> of capacity installed.





Heating:

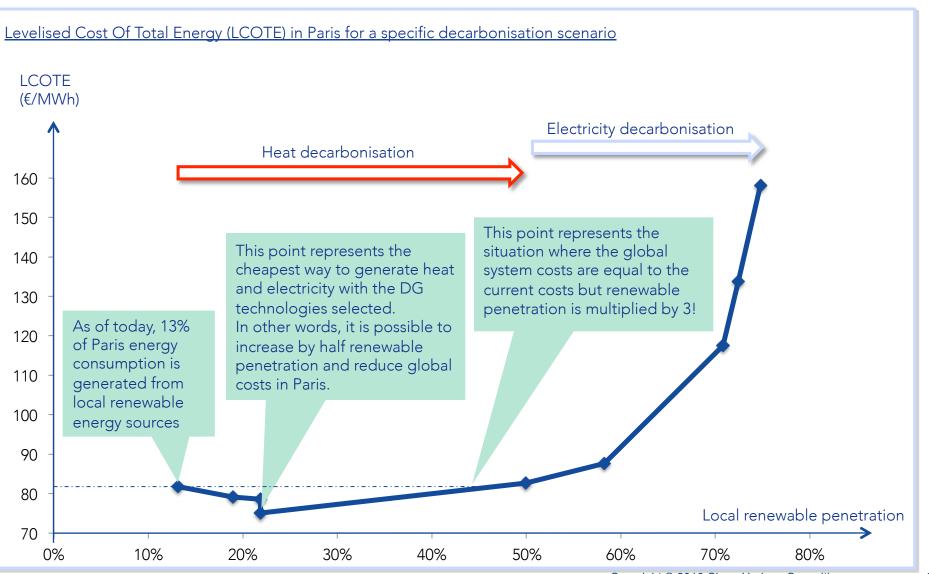
The district heating network is managed by CPCU

- Covers 1/4<sup>th</sup> of the heating needs of the town<sup>1</sup>
- Gathers 4.3 GW of heat generation
- 480 km of heat distribution network
- 50% renewable heat production

1. Source: CPCU-Marc Barrier / "Au 1er janvier 2016, le réseau de chaleur de Paris sera majoritairement d'origine renouvelable" - DHCNews

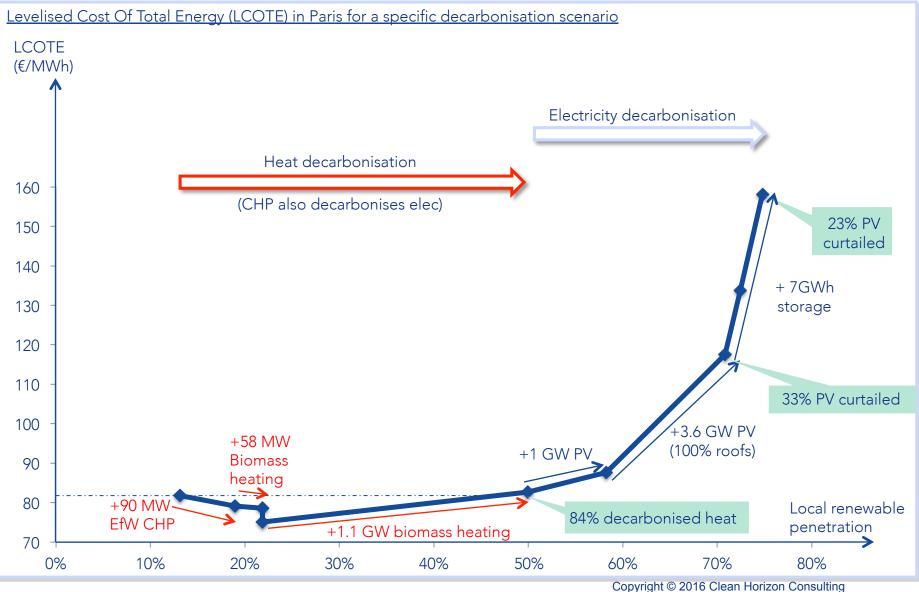
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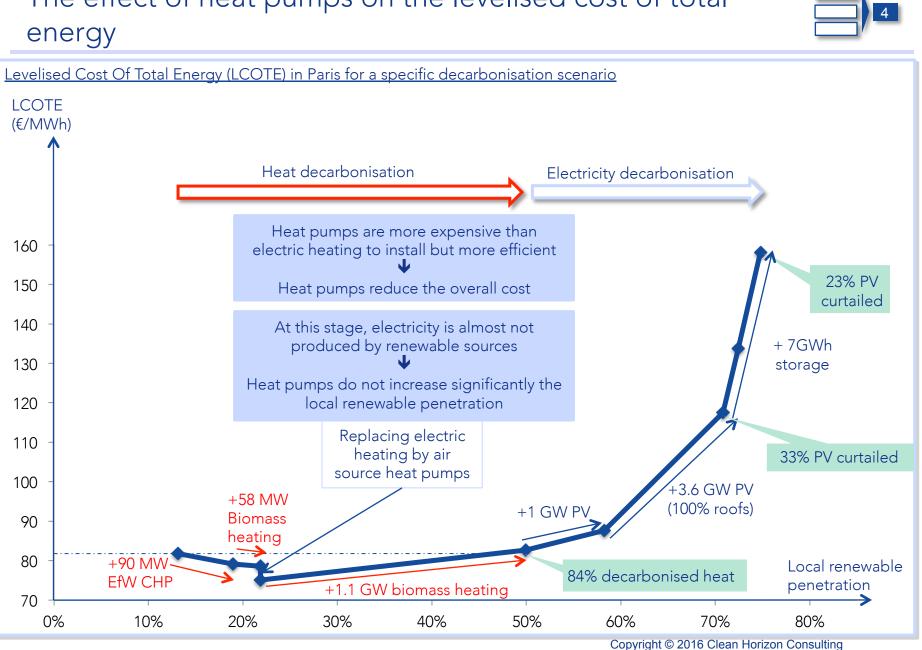




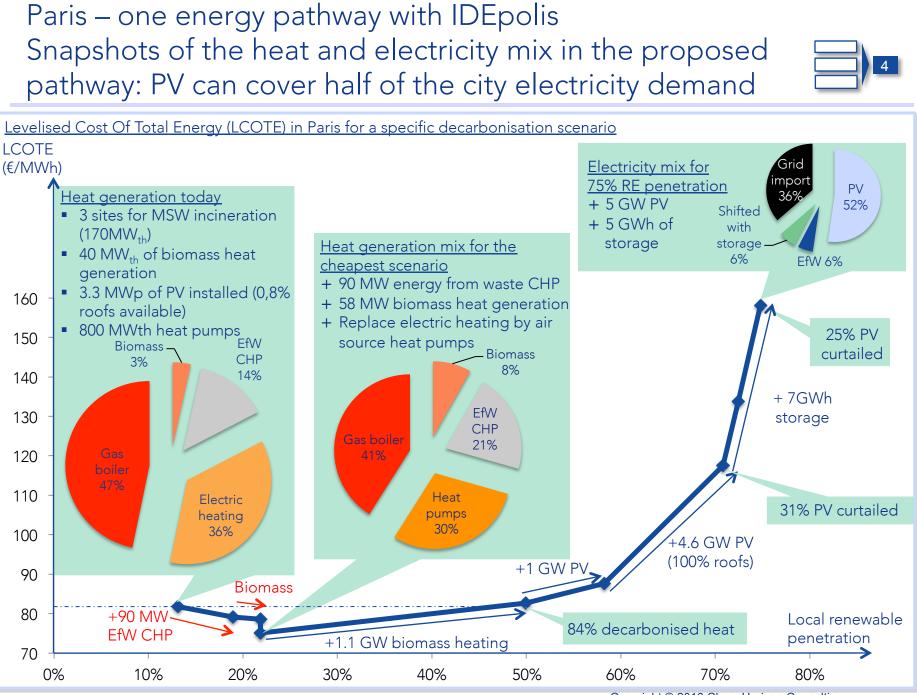
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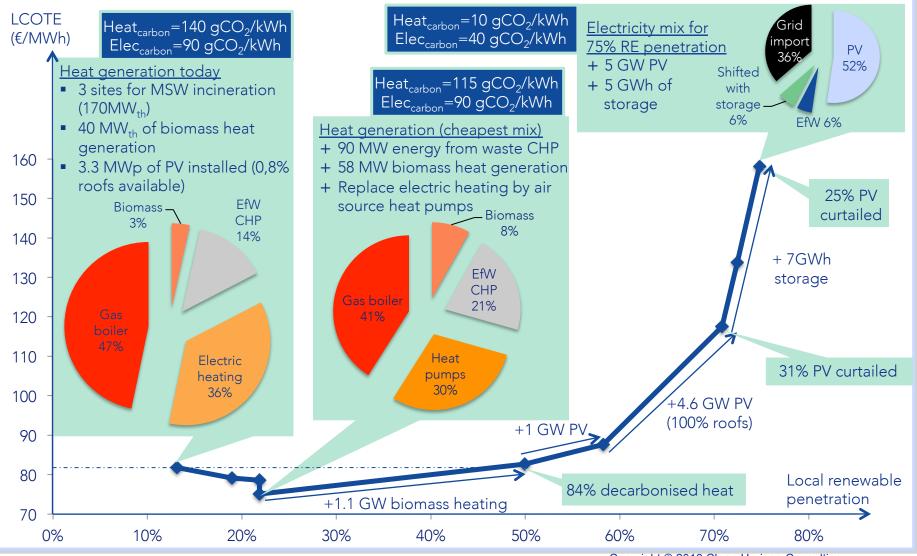
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Levelised Cost Of Total Energy (LCOTE) in Paris for a specific decarbonisation scenario



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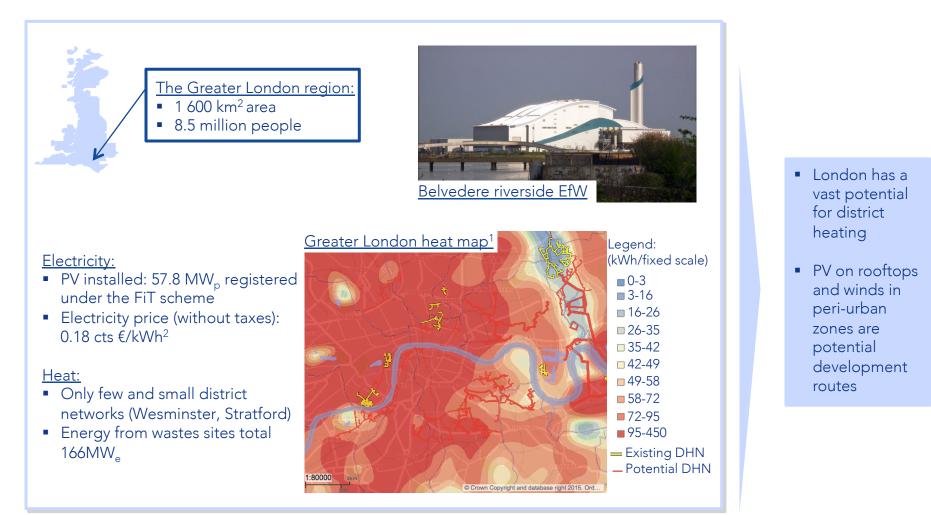
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The Greater London does currently not have much heat networks, and little distributed renewable electricity generation





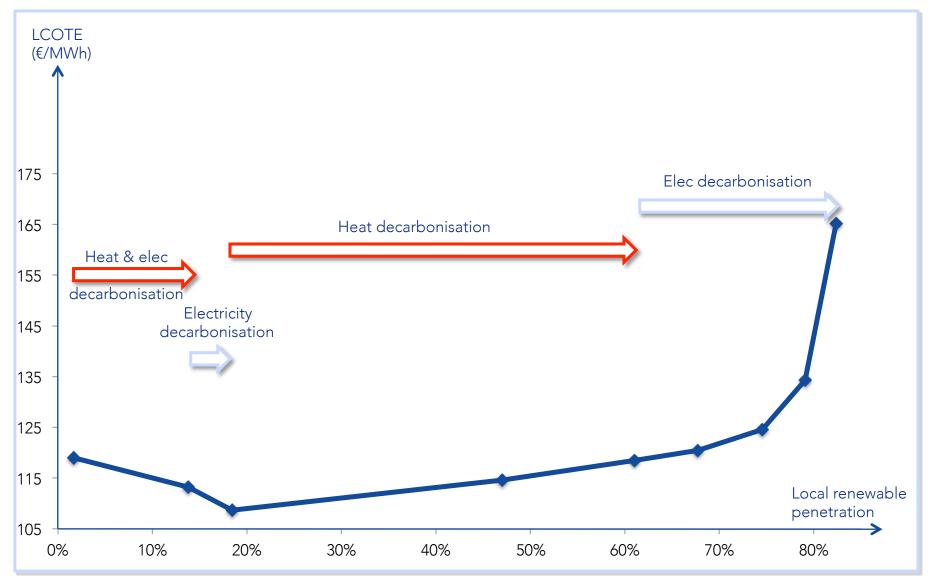
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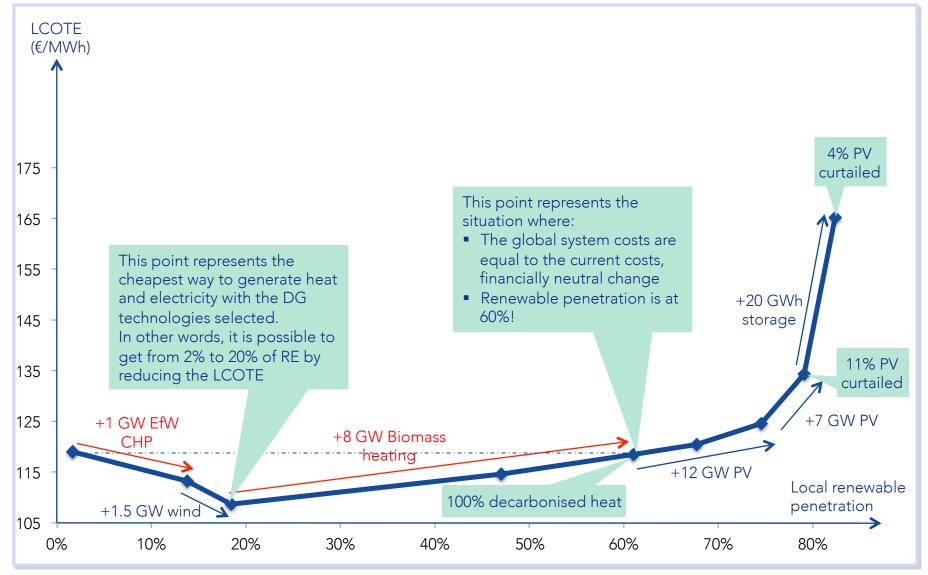
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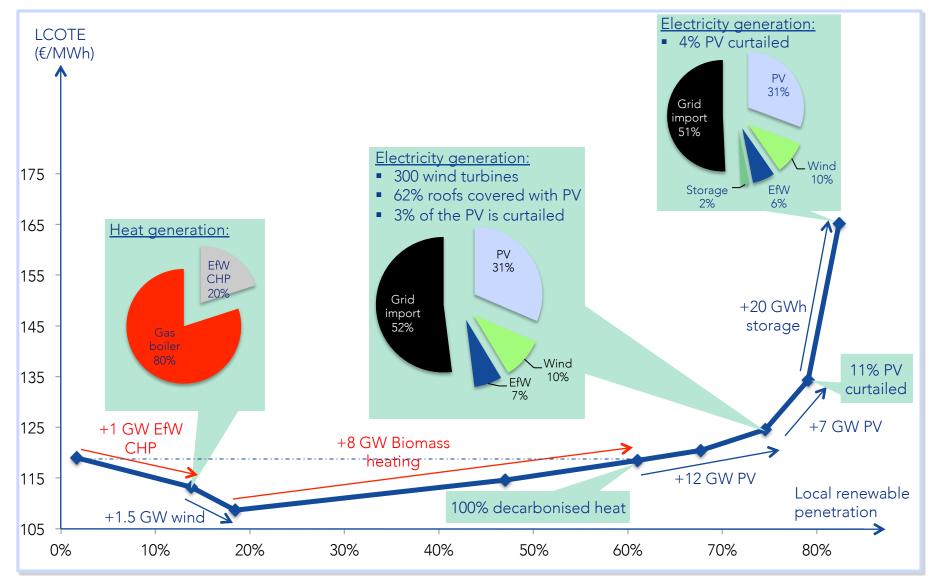




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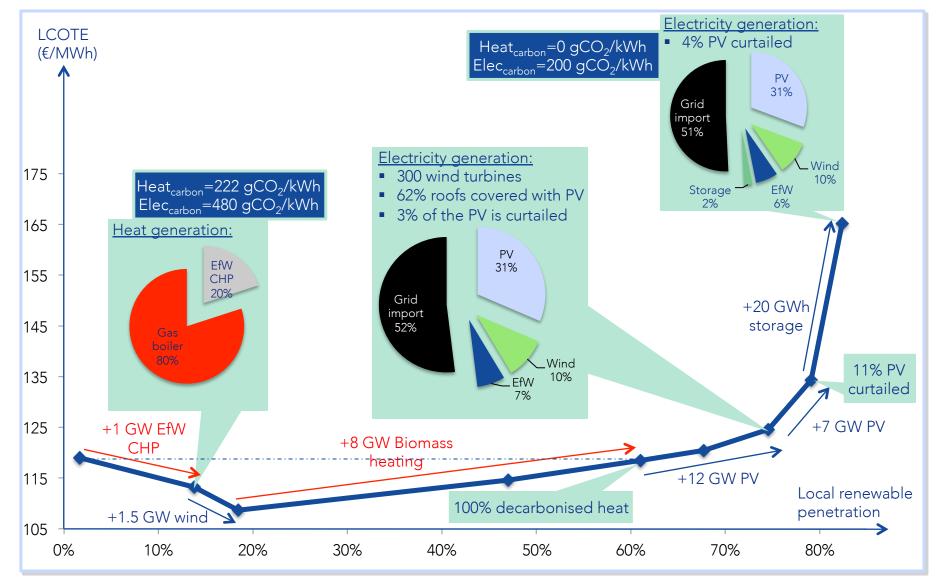


Greater London – one energy pathway with IDEpolis Covering most of the roofs with PV could provide a third of the electricity demand



Greater London – one energy pathway with IDEpolis The carbon content of electricity can be more than halved, heat can be carbon neutral with waste and biomass





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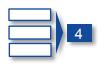


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# The model has inherent limits, which need to be kept in mind while using it



The model uses rough assumptions and should only be a starting point

- The model assumes that each urban area is independent in terms of energy policy, purchase and production
- → This energy "autonomy" is not representative of how the heat and electricity generation costs are dispatched today.

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The model uses by default standard technologies and generic generation profiles:

- Wind and solar resources as well as potential are based on estimations
- Costs vary depending on the location, specially for district heating networks
- → Further studies should be led depending on the location

The results might not match local constraints

In Tsurui Mura, it appears that the wind turbines technology used by default in the model cannot match with local constraints such as typhoons and earthquakes

→ The 'default technologies' are the most common and the user should make sure they are adapted to the local specific constraints

Intermittent renewable put grid stability at risk, this stability is not assessed here

Reaching a certain level of intermittent renewable generation, the grid stability is jeopardised, a dynamic stability study would be required to better understand the impact of renewables on reserve requirements and frequency

ightarrow The model is only a static, high-level and first order analysis

- The model assumes that each urban area is responsible for its electricity
- Local constraints are not represented in the model
- The results should only be referred to as a high level analysis that could lead to further analysis and initiate discussions with energy professionals

#### Conclusion Decision makers can now engage discussions with the energy industry by assessing the impact of DG with IDEpolis

Heat generation in cities can represent a large share of energy use

- In the case studies that are considered in this document, which are all in relatively similar climate conditions, heat decarbonisation is often a cost effective solution.
- Heat and electricity needs intertwine, CHPs represent an interesting solution to produce both heat and electricity locally

IDEpolis, a tool to help urban areas in their energy transition

- Local empowerment: IDEpolis gives results that allow decision-makers to draw regulatory directions based on economic factors and available resources.
- IDEpolis highlights the trade off between levelised cost of total energy and renewable penetration

The model can be adapted to deal with cities future challenges

- EVs deployment in cities is about to grow rapidly in urban areas:
  - Fast charging stations deployment will increase the stress on the networks
  - Vehicle to grid technology will be key to provide flexibility
- The energy demand profiles and average consumption can be changed in the model to account for Evs consumption

- Heat has a significant importance in cities and should not be overlooked
- IDEpolis is a hands-on and holistic model to help decision makers engage with the energy industry to integrate distributed generation in their localities

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