South Africa's {electrical} energy mix

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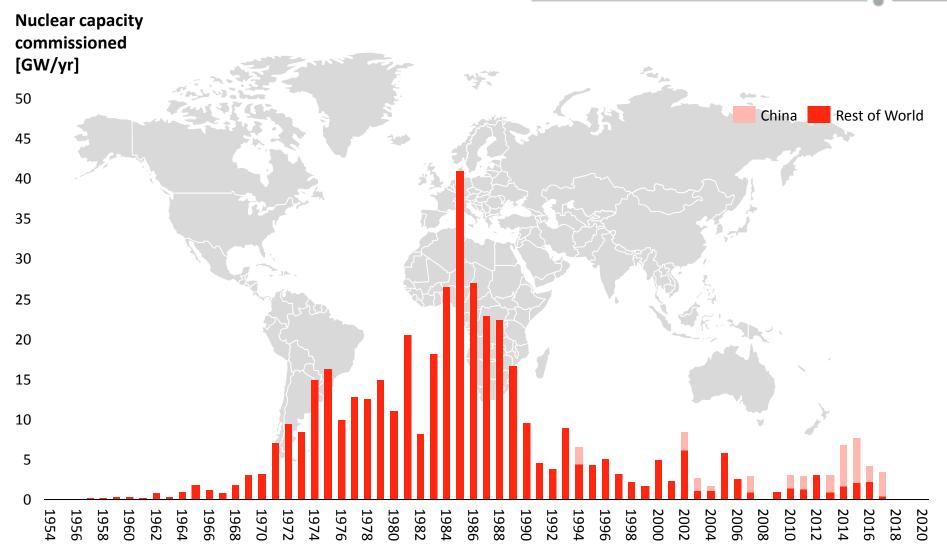
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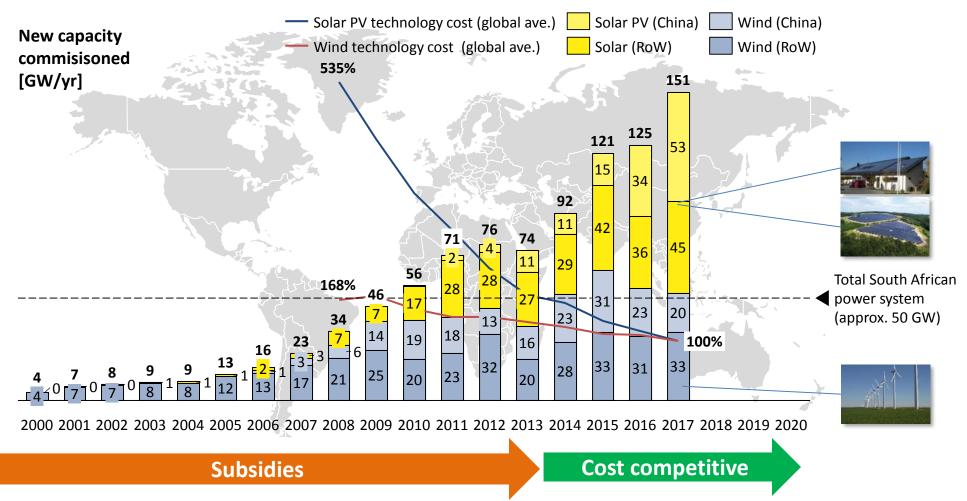
World: Last decade, more than half of new nuclear capacity came from China (likely to continue)

Nuclear capacity commissioned – China vs Rest of World (1954-2016)



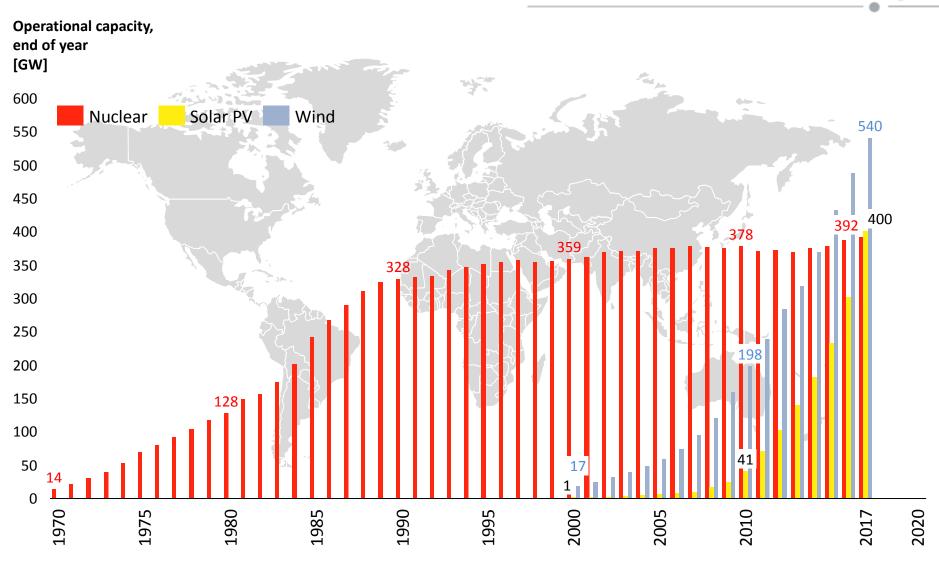
Sources: World Nuclear Association - Reactor database (2016), CSIR analysis

World: Significant cost reductions materialised in the last 5-8 years with China leading in both more recently



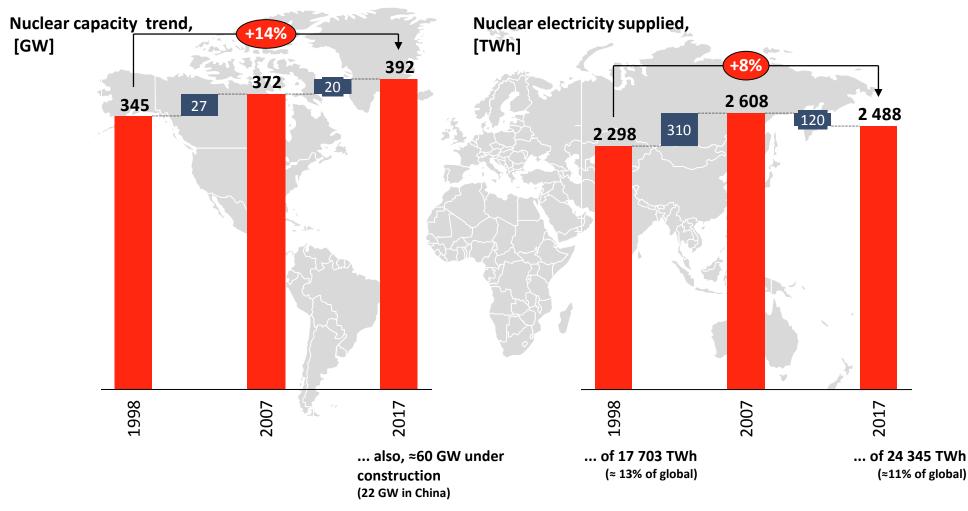
After 1970-1990 ramp-up, nuclear capacity remained relatively stable whilst other technologies have grown considerably since 2000

Global installed capacity end of year for nuclear, wind and solar PV (1970-2016) in GW (net)



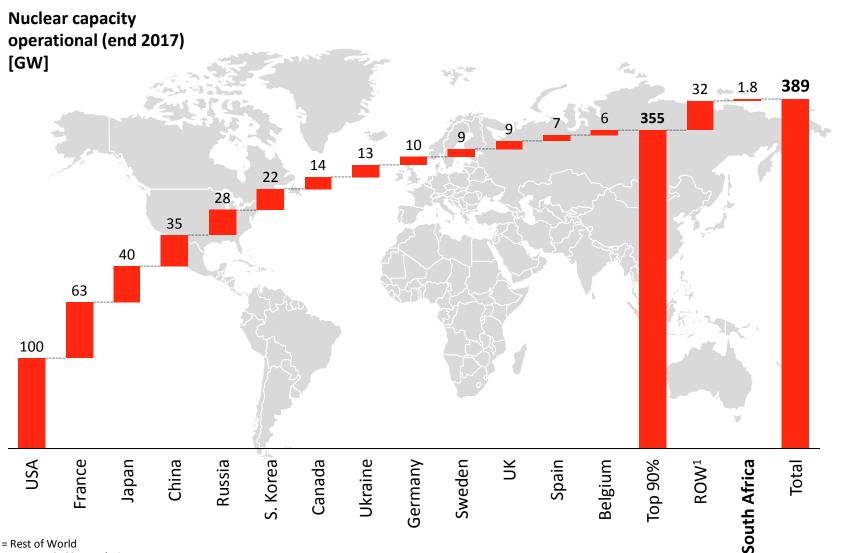
Sources: World Nuclear Association – Reactor database; IEA PVPS; GWEC; CSIR analysis

Operating nuclear capacity has grown 14% in the last two decades globally whilst electricity supplied has grown 8%



13 of the 30 nuclear-power countries host 90% of all nuclear capacity coming to just under 400 GW – RSA at 1.8 GW

Operational nuclear net capacity (2017)



¹ ROW = Rest of World Sources: IAEA PRIS, CSIR analysis

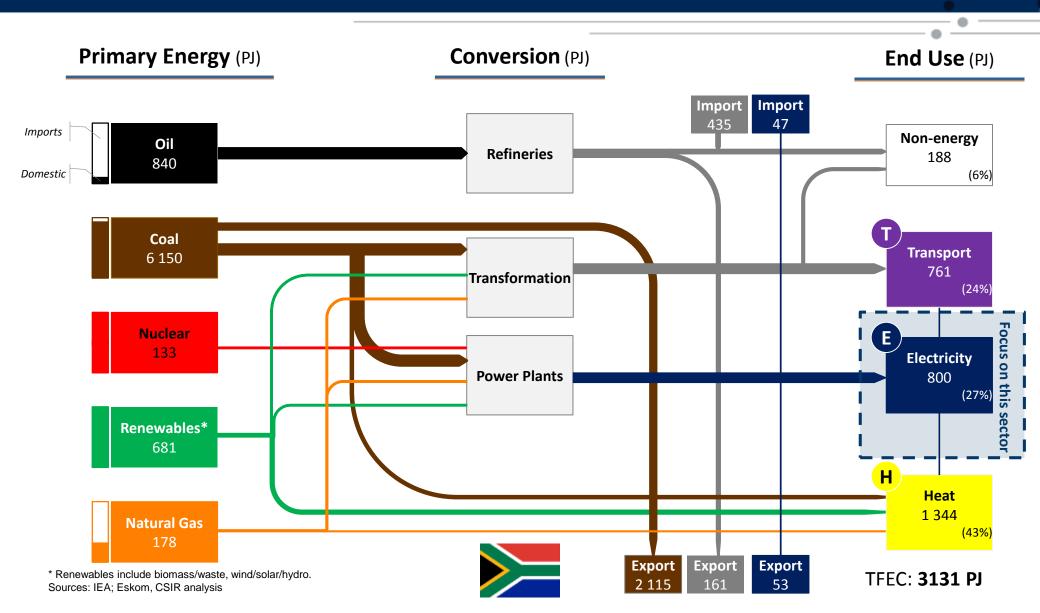
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Focus will be on electricity sector only – end-use is 25% transport, <u>25% electricity</u> and 50% heating/cooling

Simplified energy-flow diagram (Sankey diagram) for South Africa in 2015 (PJ)



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Last promulgated IRP is IRP 2010, update currently ongoing (IRP 2016) and newer version due August 2018

The enforceable IRP in South Africa is still the IRP 2010 as promulgated in 2011

A number of changes since (primarily demand forecast and confirmation of technology cost decreases)

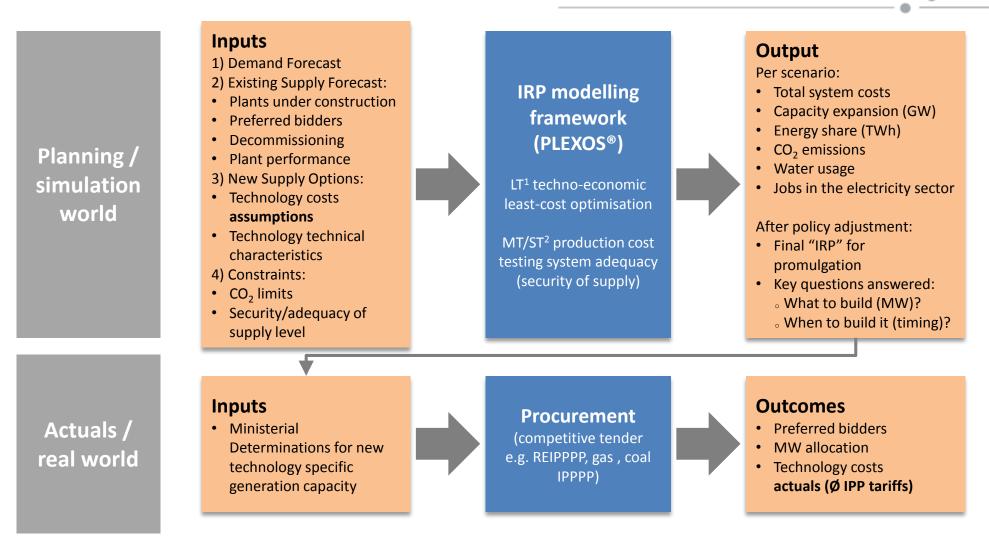
Draft IRP 2016 the latest public update to the IRP and is the electricity system expansion plan to 2050 with public comments invited by the DoE submitted in March 2017

NOW: Updated version expected August 2018 following further consultations in the interim



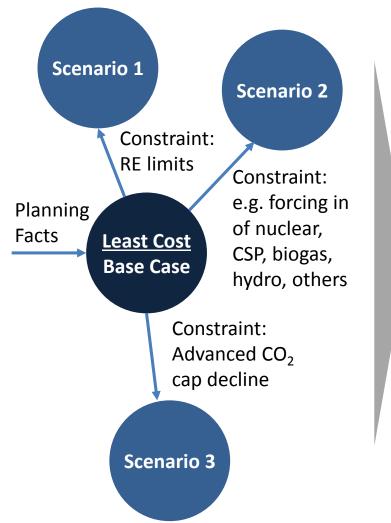
Integrated Resource Plan (IRP):

Process for power generation capacity expansion in South Africa



¹ LT = Long-term ² MT/ST = Medium-term/Short-term

IRP process as described in the Department of Energy's Draft IRP 2016: least-cost Base Case is derived from technical planning facts



Case	Cost
Base Case	Base (least-cost)
Scenario 1	Base + Rxx bn/yr
Scenario 2	Base + Ryy bn/yr
Scenario 3	Base + Rzz bn/yr

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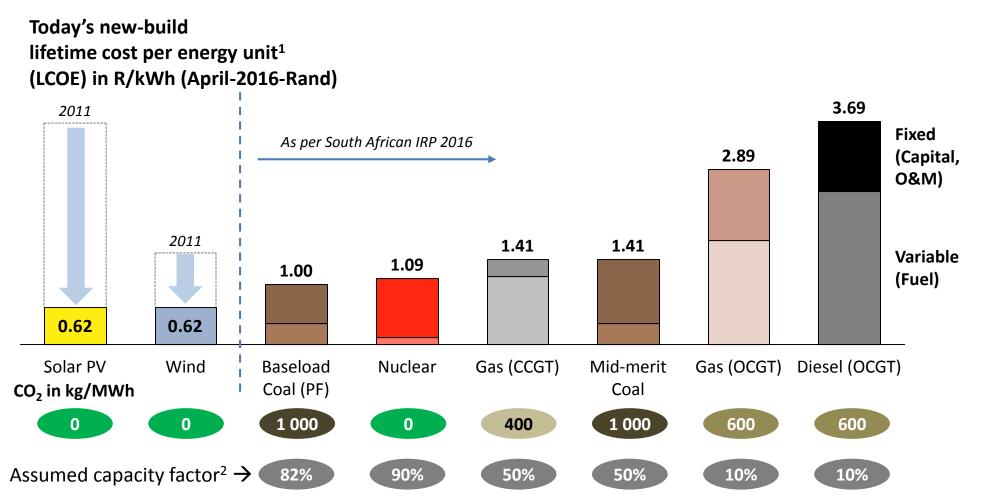
- 1. Public consultation on costed scenarios
- 2. Policy adjustment of Base Case
- Final IRP for approval and gazetting



Sources: based on Department of Energy's Draft IRP 2016, page 7; http://www.energy.gov.za/IRP/2016/Draft-IRP-2016-Assumptions-Base-Case-and-Observations-Revision1.pdf

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Technology costs declines changes long-term planning outcomes considerably relative to just over 5 years ago

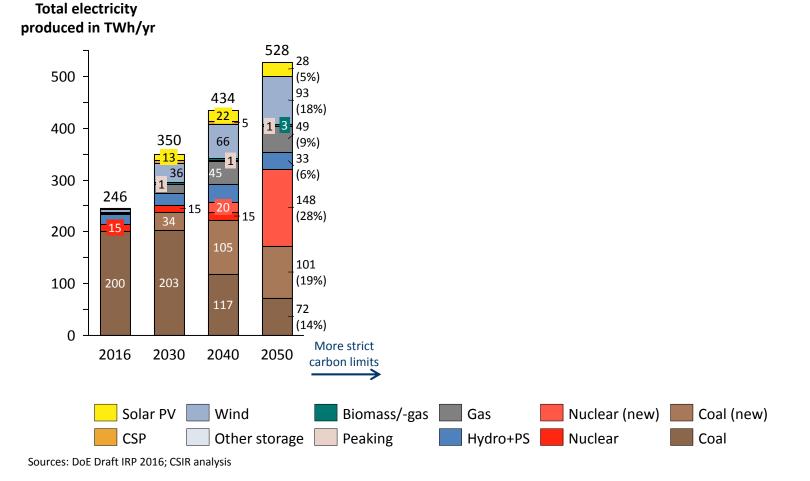


¹ Lifetime cost per energy unit is only presented for brevity. Modelling inherently includes the specific cost structures of each technology i.e. capex, Fixed O&M, variable O&M, fuel costs etc. ² Changing full-load hours for new-build options drastically changes the fixed cost components per kWh (lower full-load hours \rightarrow higher capital costs and fixed O&M costs per kWh); Assumptions: Average efficiency for CCGT = 55%, OCGT = 35%; nuclear = 33%; IRP costs from Jan-2012 escalated to May-2016 with CPI; assumed EPC CAPEX inflated by 10% to convert EPC/LCOE into tariff; Sources: IRP 2013 Update; Doe IPP Office; StatsSA for CPI; Eskom financial reports for coal/diesel fuel cost; EE Publishers for Medupi/Kusile; Rosatom for nuclear capex; CSIR analysis

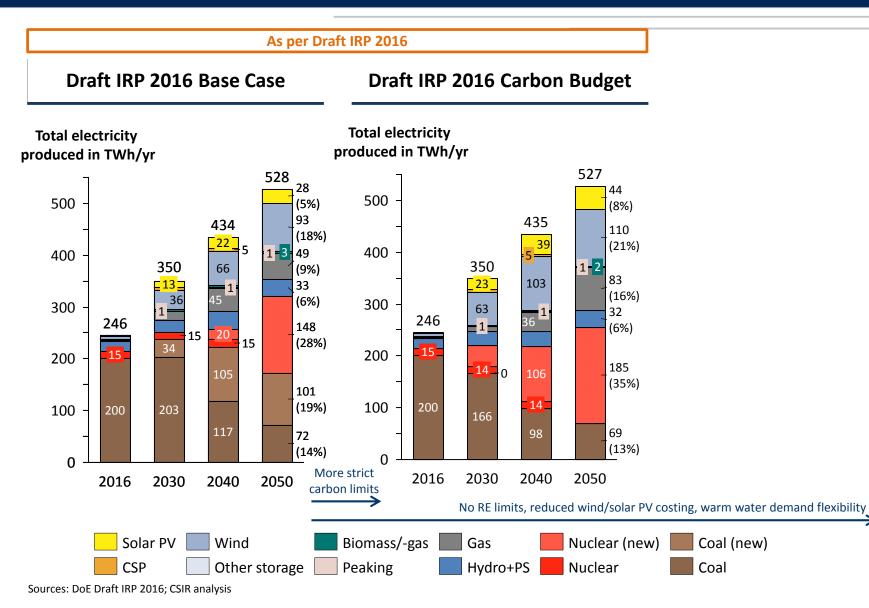
Draft IRP 2016 Base Case is a mix of 1/3 coal, 1/3 nuclear, 1/3 RE

As per Draft IRP 2016

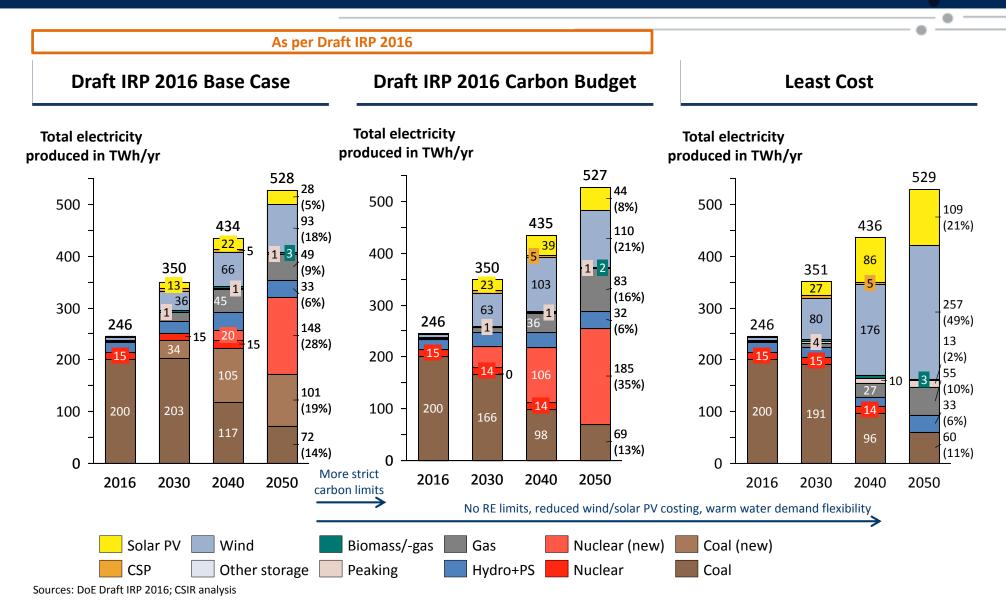
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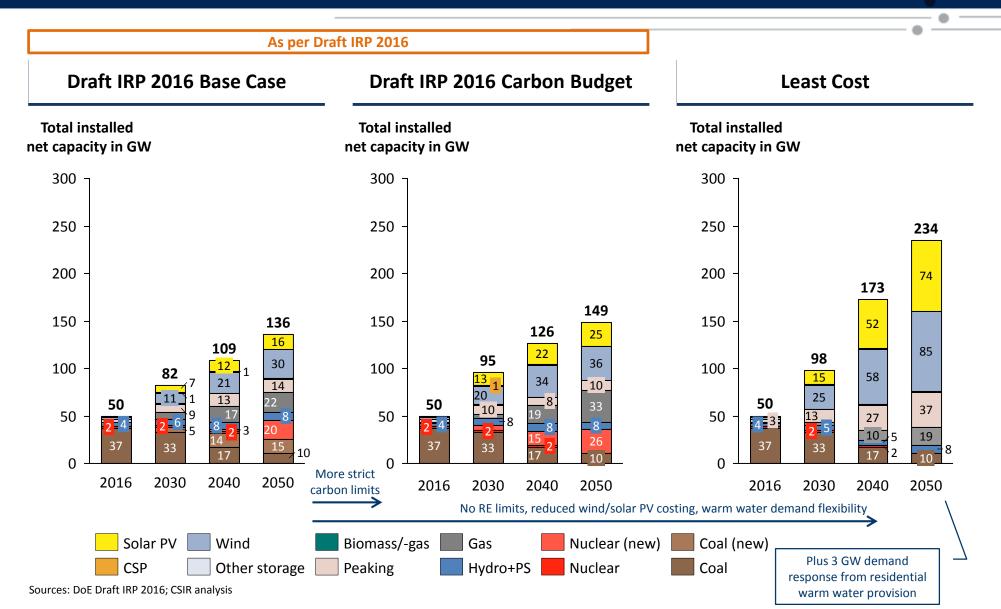
Draft IRP 2016 Carbon Budget case: 35% nuclear energy share by 2050



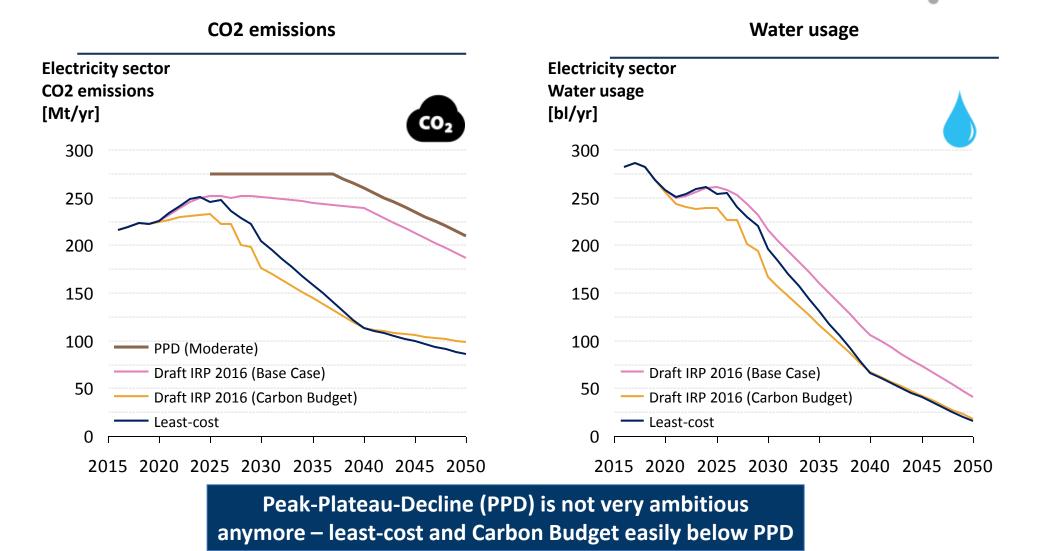
Least-cost is largely based on wind and solar PV complemented by flexibility (including existing coal, new gas, hydro and CSP)



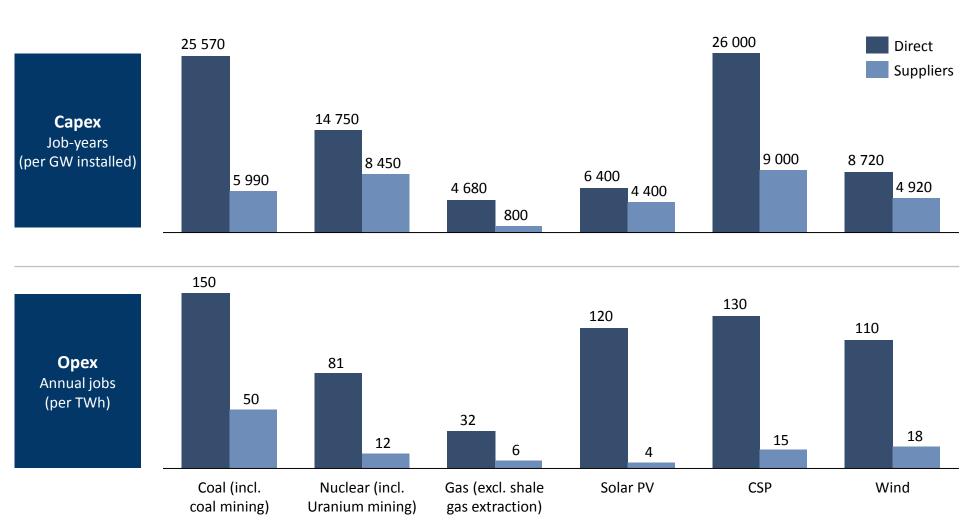
Least-cost deploys significant solar PV/wind capacity with flexibility, carbon budget deploys nuclear and moderate levels of solar PV/wind



CO₂ emissions trajectory is never binding while water use declines as coal fleet decommissions – carbon budget and least-cost perform well



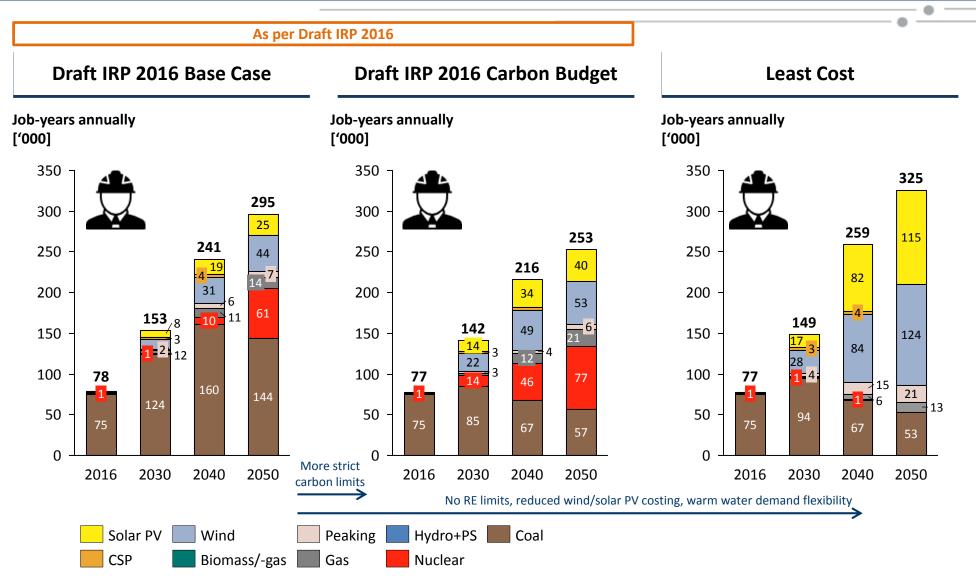
Localised job creation per technology is a function of capital (build-out) as well as operations (utilisation) for each technology



Note: It seems like McKinsey study (appendix of IEP) under-estimates direct/supply job numbers in the coal industry. Thus, CSIR have assumed more jobs in the coal industry than in the Mckinsey study.

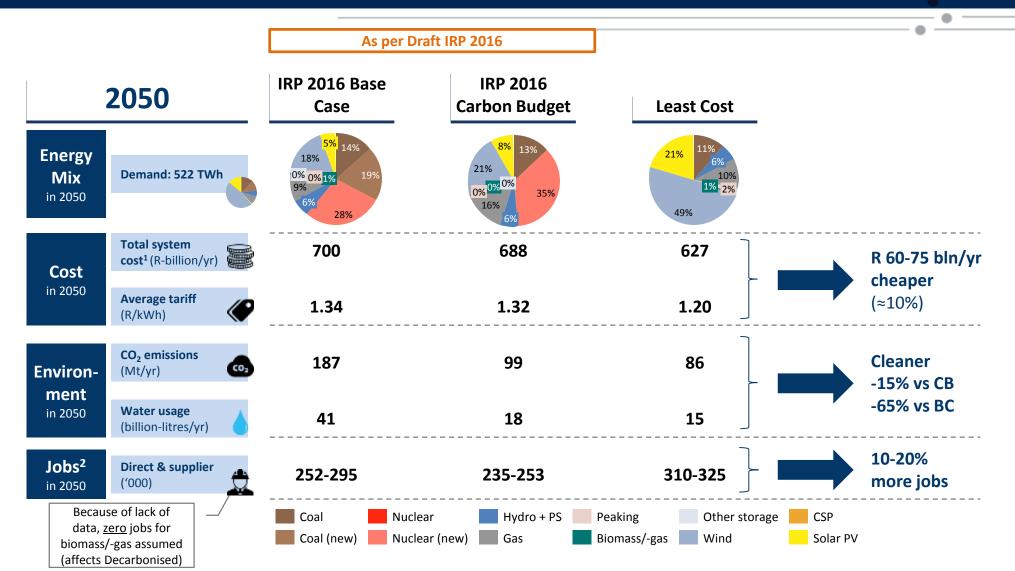
Sources: DoE IEP 2016 Annexure B: Macroeconomic parameters

Increasing job opportunities in the electricity sector with coal-related jobs impacted in the long-term (not short-term)

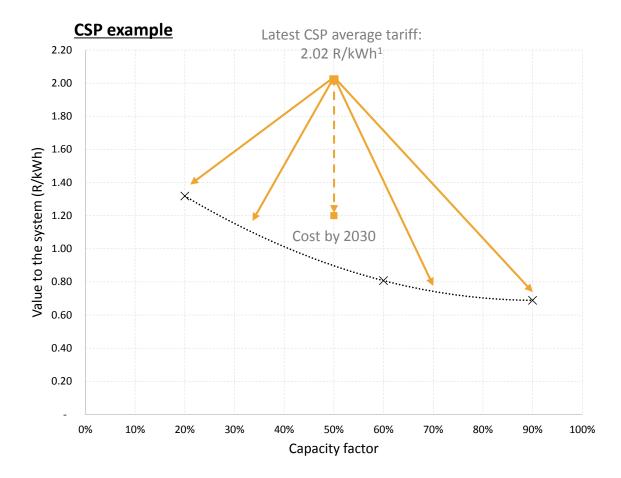


Note: Direct and supplier jobs only (jobs resulting from construction, operations and first level suppliers); Because of lack of data, zero jobs for biomass/-gas assumed; Sources: DoE; CSIR analysis

Conservatively, Least-cost is R60-75 billion/yr cheaper than the statusquo (Base Case) and Carbon Budget by 2050

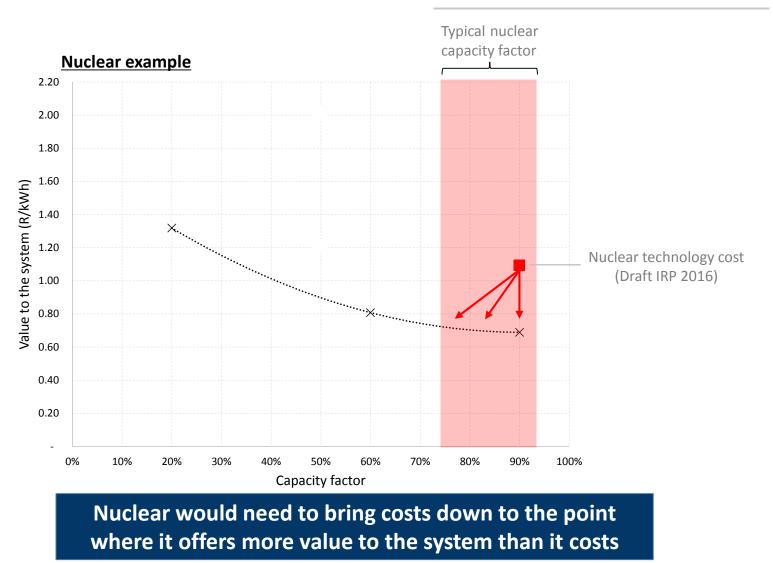


¹ Only power generation (Gx) is optimised while cost of transmission (Tx), distribution (Dx) and customer services is assumed as ≈0.30 R/kWh (today's average cost for these items) ² Lower value based on McKinsey study (appendix of IEP), higher value based on CSIR assumption with more jobs in the coal industry; Sources: Eskom on Tx, Dx cost; CSIR analysis; flaticon.com Technology costs parametrised until "in the mix" for least-cost CSP: Range of cap. factors -> range of costs to get below value curve



¹ Weighted average tariff for bid window 3.5 calculated on the assumption of ~50% annual load factor and full utilisation of the 5 peak-tariff hours per day

Technology costs parametrised until "in the mix" for least-cost Nuclear: \uparrow cap. factor \downarrow range -> low cost to get below value curve



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The energy transition is upon us but we have time – least-cost principles are key for South Africa's future energy mix

The energy transition in South Africa's context presents a range of transition costs and opportunities

This will take time... we have time

Least-cost principles are critical but can be augmented by other dimensions like emissions (CO₂, water) and socio-economic implications (job creation)

In electricity...

Coal is expected to continue to play a role but existing coal fleet decommissions over time It is least-cost to use solar PV/wind technologies as new workhorses for RSA's energy future Nuclear could play a role if cost reductions are achieved relative to alternatives

We eagerly await the latest version of the IRP...

Thank you





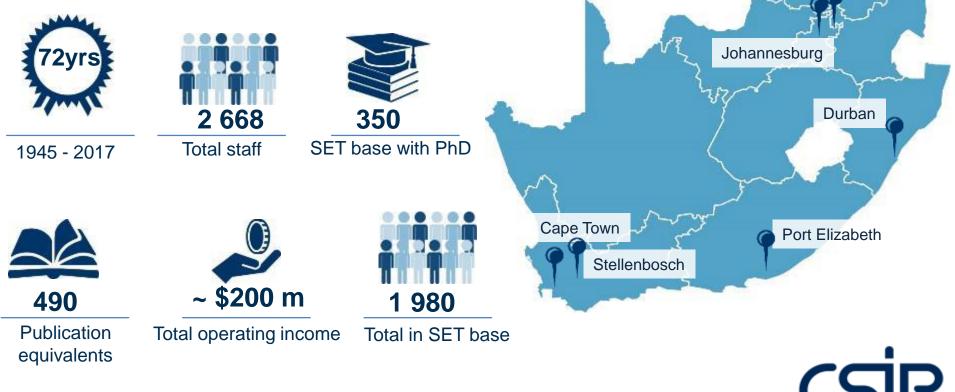


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The CSIR Energy Centre's vision

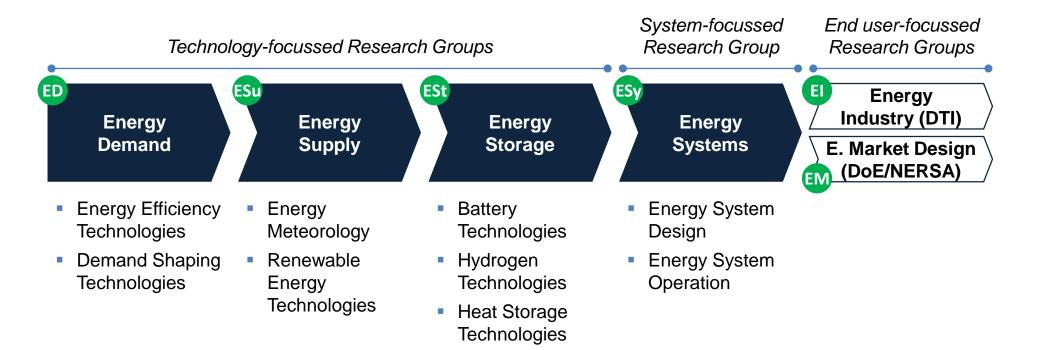
Vision

"To provide the knowledge base for the South African energy transition and beyond"

CSIR's Energy Centre (EC) will be the first port of call for South African decision makers in politics, business and science to advise them on the energy transition. This transition is a move towards a more sustainable and cleaner energy system and will ultimately lead to energy being used more efficiently and supplied by significant share from renewables in the primary energy supply. The CSIR's Energy Centre will also leverage the learning from the South African energy transition to support the creation of sustainable energy systems for other African countries.

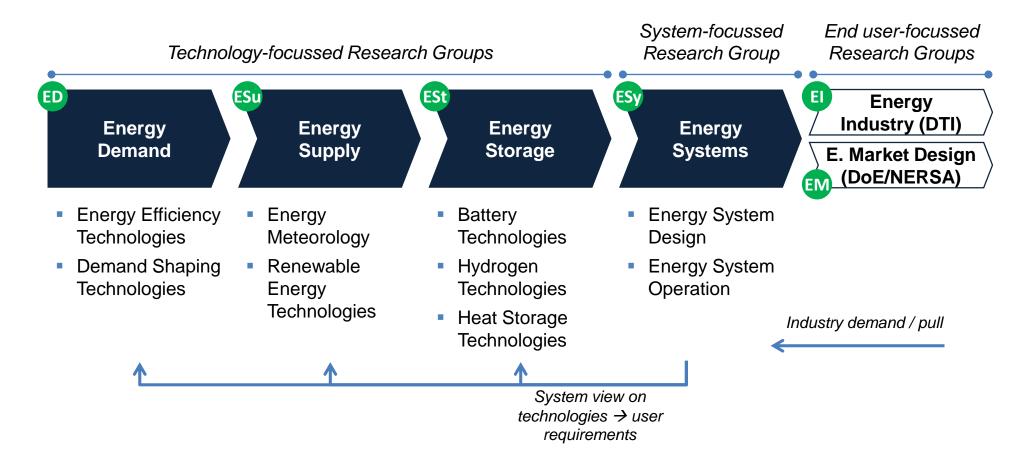


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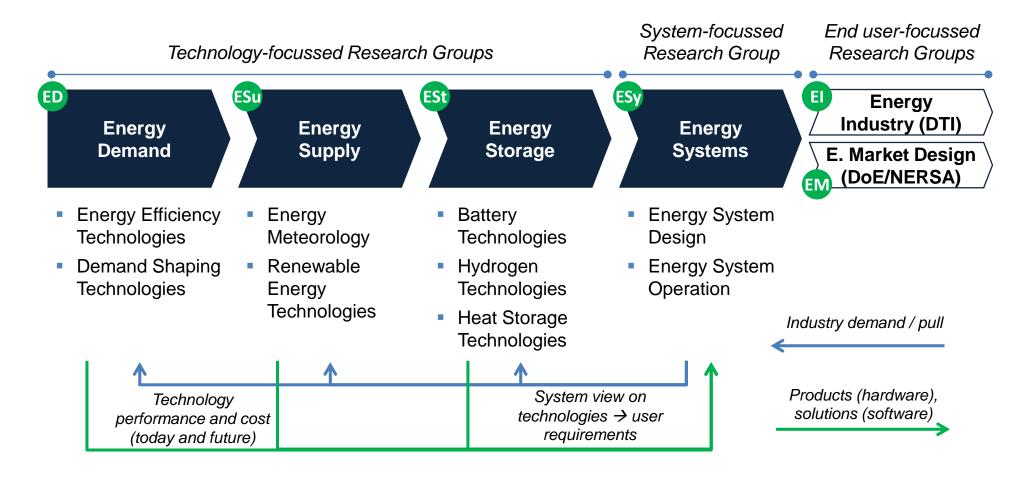


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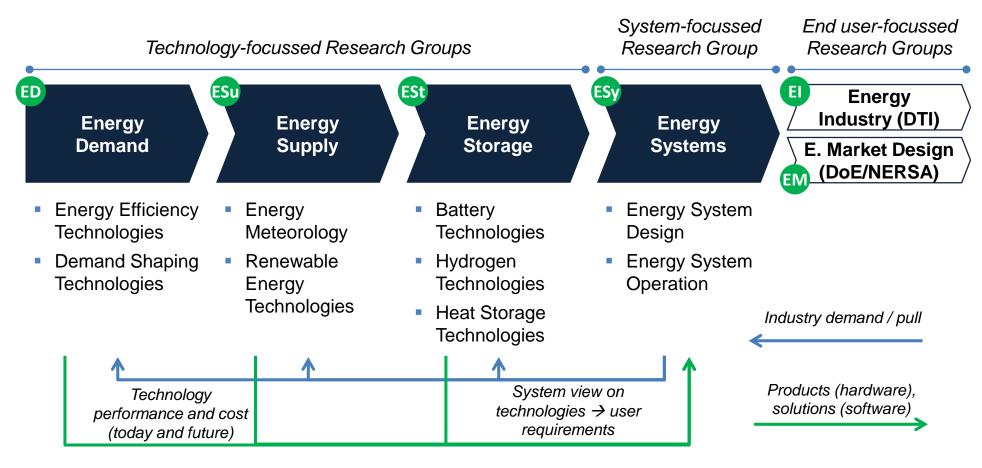
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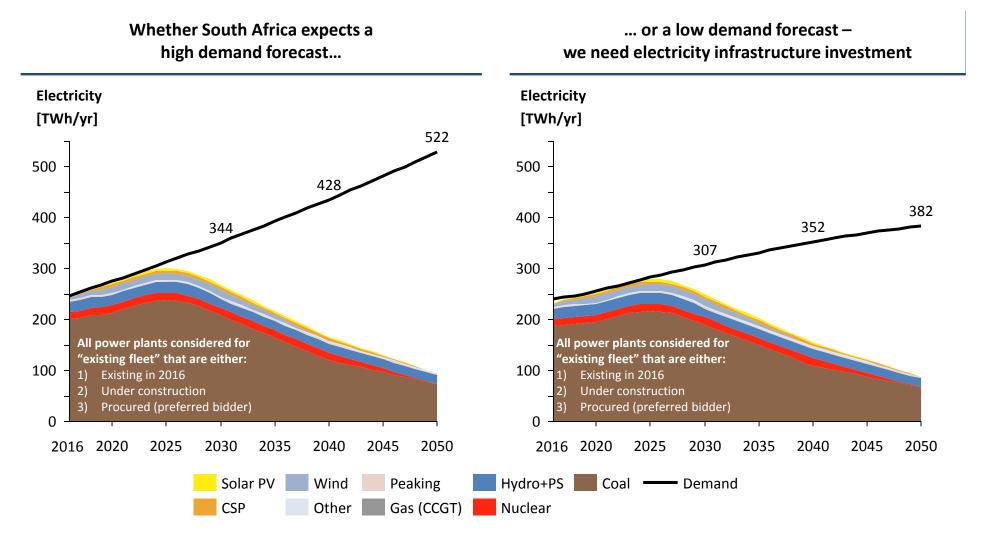


Real-world implementation of research programme

Energy-Autonomous Campus

A need to fill the gap in the least-cost manner (subject to reliability constraints) - meeting new demand or replacing existing fleet

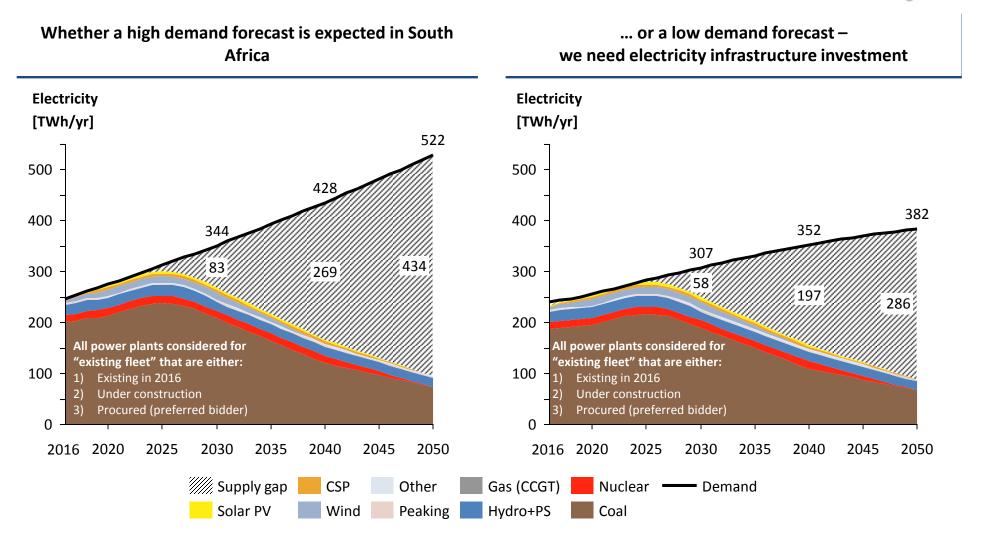
Energy supplied to the South African electricity system from existing plants (2016-2050)



Note: Energy from existing generators is shown representatively; All power plants considered for "existing fleet" that are either Existing in 2016, Under construction, or Procured (preferred bidder) Sources: DoE (IRP 2016); Eskom MTSAO 2016-2021; StatsSA; World Bank; CSIR analysis

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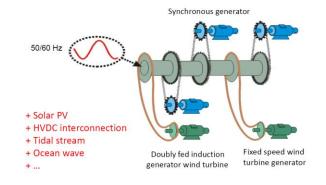
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IRP model only optimises for cost of power generation (Gx) two additional key aspects: system stability and grid costs

System Stability (inertia): worst case below 1% of Gx cost

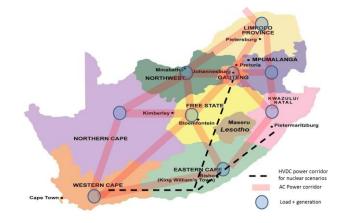
- Technical solutions to operate low-inertia system exist
- "Worst case" costs
 - State-of-the-art technology (very high costs, no further tech/cost advancements)
 - Assumption: No further increase in engineering expertise of how to deal with low-inertia systems
- In all scenarios, worst-case-cost well below 1% of total cost of power generation (Gx) by 2050

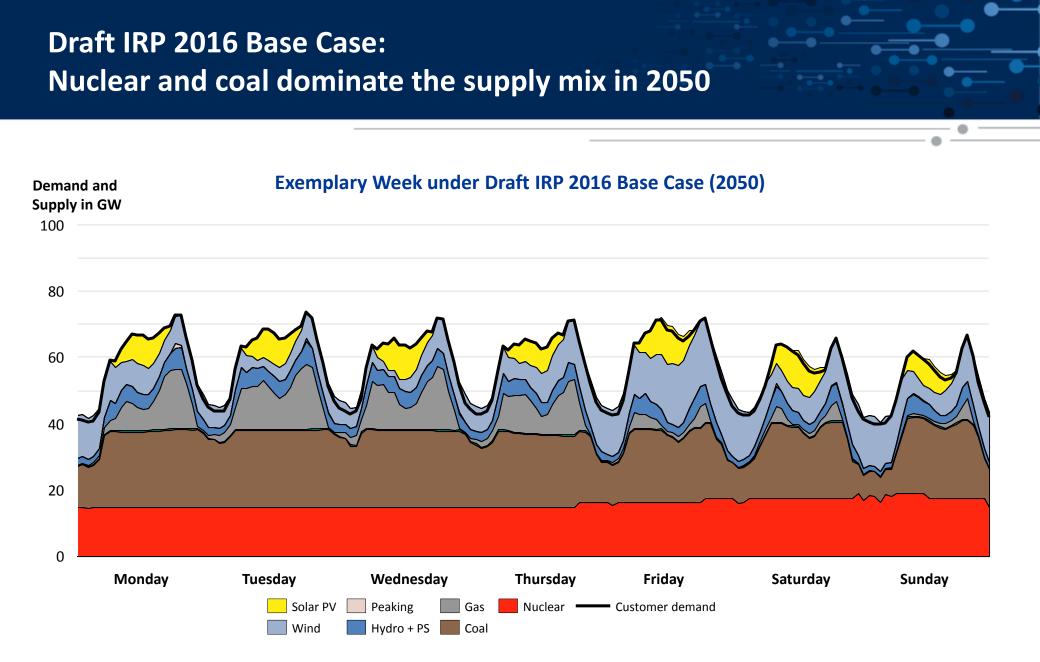
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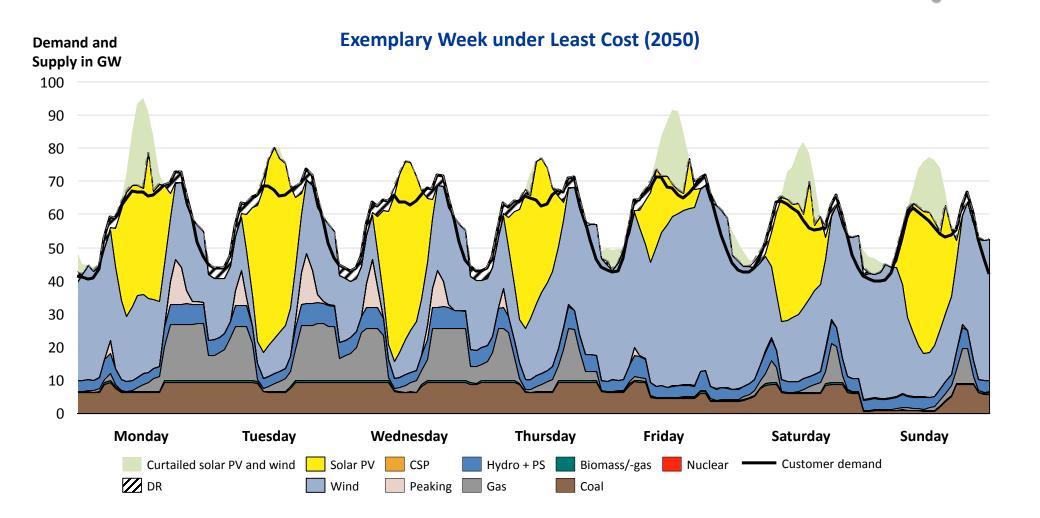
Transmission grid costs

- High-level cost estimate for shallow and deep grid connection costs for all scenarios
- Least-cost case is an additional R20-30 billion/yr cheaper relative to Draft IRP 2016 Base Case and Carbon Budget scenarios on transmission grid requirements



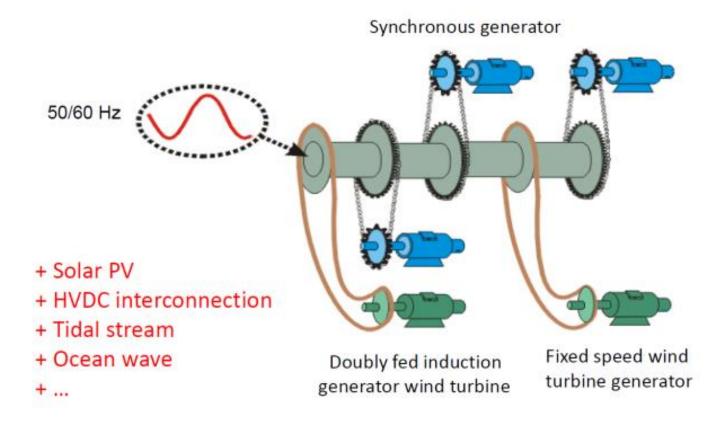


Scenario: Least Cost – Solar PV/wind dominate in 2050, curtailment and variability managed by flexible gas, DR, PS and hydro capacity



Synchronous generators inherently provide system stability through the direct, synchronous coupling of their physical inertia to the grid

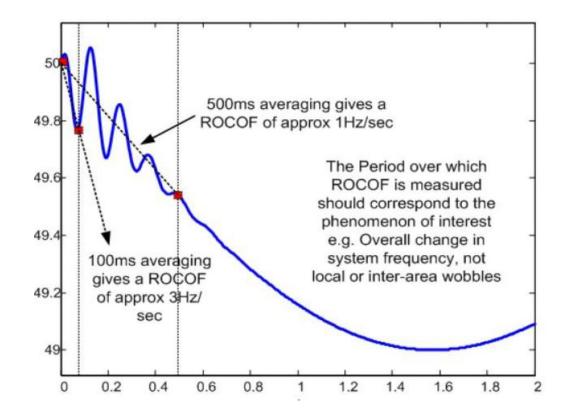
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Sources: Damian Flynn, UC Dublin

Averaging window is important – for frequency stability typically a 500 ms averaging window for RoCoF is considered



The RocoF should not exceed a particular threshold within the pre-defined averaging window e.g. 500 ms

The demand for system inertia is driven by two assumptions: the maximum allowable RoCoF & the largest assumed system contingency

Key assumptions:

Maximum allowed *RoCoF*: $1 \, \text{Hz/s}$ Largest contingency (P_{cont}) : 2 400 MW Kinetic energy lost in contingency event $E_{kin(cont.)}$:

5 000 MWs

$$E_{kin.(min)} = P_{cont.} \frac{f_n}{2(RoCoF)} + E_{kin(cont.)}$$

Term "inertia" is used a bit loosely to describe the amount of kinetic energy that is stored in the rotating masses of all synchronously connected power generators (and loads to be precise)

Demand for inertia

65 000 MWs of system inertia are required at any given point in time in order for RoCoF to stay below 1 Hz/s in the first 500 ms after the largest system contingency occurred

$$f_n$$
 = System frequency = 50 Hz

Sources: P. Kundur, Power System Stability and Control, 1994

As a starting point – we have assessed system inertia on an hourly basis via UCED in PLEXOS and some high level assumptions

Technology	Inertia constant		
	[MWs/MVA]		
Coal (old)	4.0		
Coal (new)	2.0		
OCGT	6.0		
CCGT	9.0		
Biomass	2.0		
Hydro/PS	3.0		
Imports	0.0		
Nuclear	5.0 ¹		
Wind	0.0		
PV	0.0		
CSP	2.5		
DR	0.0		
ICE	2.0		

¹ Assumed in two cases:

At least half of the nuclear fleet is integrated via HVDC i.e. H = 2.5 MWs/MVA;
 All of the nuclear fleet is integrated via HVDC i.e. H = 0 MW.s/MVA
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Supply of inertia

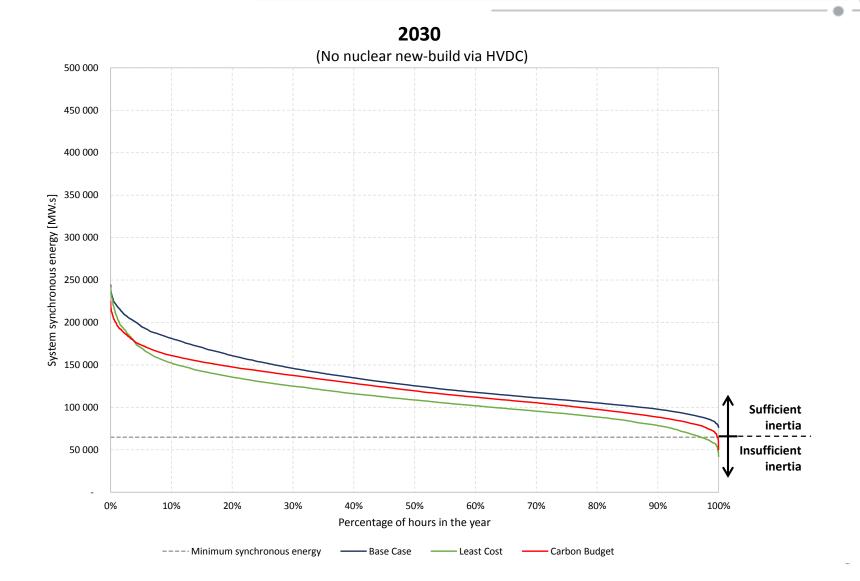
Depending on what mix of power stations is operational at any given point in time, the total actual system inertia will be different

For example, if 20 GW of old coal, 10 GW of new coal and 2 GW of nuclear are online, system inertia is:

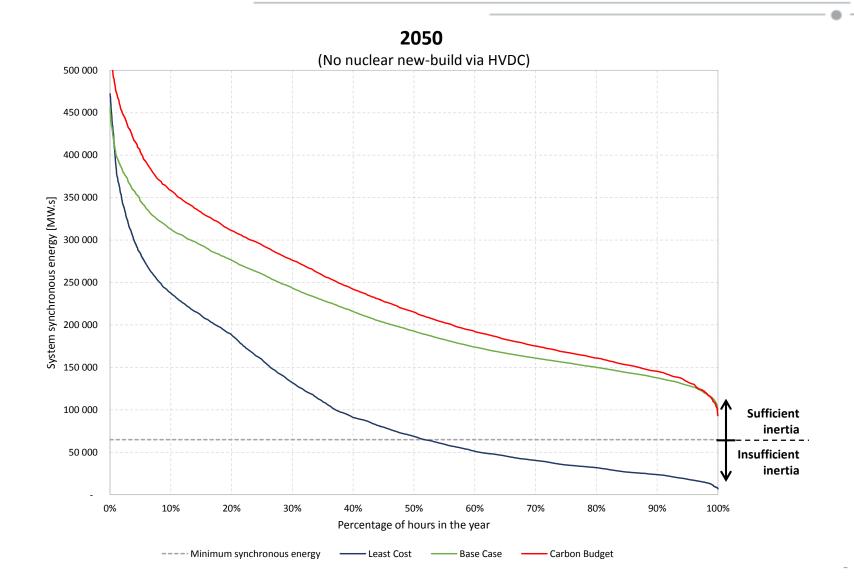
≈20 GW * 4 MWs/MVA + 10 GW *
2 MWs/MVA + 2 GW * 5 MWs/MVA
= 110 000 MWs

If wind, PV and 5 GW of CCGTs are online, system inertia is only 47 000 MWs

The system would likely require additional system inertia by 2030 in the Carbon Budget and Least-cost scenarios



Additional inertia will be required by 2050 for all scenarios with the most being from the Least-cost scenario



There are a number of options to increase system inertia

In principle, there are two ways to deal with lower system inertia

- 1) Conservative: Introduce additional intrinsic inertia (synchronous machines) to reduce RoCoF
- 2) Progressive: Introduce reactive measures and control algorithms to deal with an increased RoCoF

Here we will only outline the technical solutions in the conservative approach to increase intrinsic system inertia / reduce RoCoF (Option 1 above). These technical solutions are:

- Synchronous compensators (new purpose built devices and retro-fitting of decommissioned generators, with/without flywheels)
- Rotating stabiliser devices (typically a multi-pole device incorporating a flywheel, which can be based on a Doubly-Fed Induction Generator or an synchronous machine)
- Wind turbines with doubly-fed induction generator
- Pumped hydro (assuming synchronous machines are deployed)
- "Parking" of conventional generators i.e. operating generation plant at low MW output levels but with reduced/no capability to provide system services (e.g. operating reserve) at the lower output levels
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Additional costs for rotating stabilisers to ensure sufficient system inertia by 2050 – <1% in all scenarios



	2030				2050		
		Base Case	Carbon Budget	Least cost	Base Case	Carbon Budget	Least cost
Additional inertia needed	[MW.s]	-	14 500	22 500	-	-	58 000
Number of hours	[hrs]	-	210	440	-	-	4 320
Rotating stabilisers needed	[MW]	-	360	560	-	-	1 450
Annual cost for rotating stabilisers	[bR/yr]	-	1.1	1.7	-	-	4.5
(% of system costs)	[%]	0.0%	0.3%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.7%



Rotating stabiliser properties: CAPEX = 20 000 R/kW; FOM = 3% of CAPEX; all year operation; cost of electricity = 1 R/kWh; H = 40 MW.s/MVA