

## Energy transition catalyst



Solutions & Services for a 100% Renewable world!



## Who we are and how we act



## Sun'R Group

French, independant, implied in the whole value chain



#### **Developer & investor of PV assets**

- ✓ Distributed storage units
- √ Rooftop & groundbased plants
- ✓ Dynamic agrivoltaic systems

#### **PV plants operator**

- ✓ Instrumentation, monitoring, control
- ✓ Operation & maintenance



### Agrivoltaic plants pilot

- ✓ Service provider for every developer involved in / concerned by digital agriculture
- ✓ Complex algorithm based on crop growth model, meteo forecast and local / operational data
- ✓ Multi-criteria optimization : weather conditions, farming operations, ...



#### **Complete aggregator**

- √ Generation & storage units valorization
- √ Supplier of services to electric system

### **Technology developer**

- ✓ Storage dedicated to RES integration
- ✓ Synergies agriculture and PV
- √ Piloting tools for energy infrastructure



## Sun'R trajectory

Technology incubator to fully integrate Renewables





# ... to local valorization and self-consumption





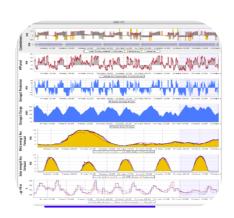




From simple generation...

New generation technologies since 2009 (dynamic agrivoltaism)

Independent producer (IPP) since 2007 (rooftop, ground-based)





**Flexibility** 

systems (EMS) since 2016



## What we said 2 years ago in Berlin



## Relevance of storage

Where should it be located?

### + Strengths

#### - Weaknesses



# Centralized storage

- Great capacity in a single unit
- Ignorance of local stakes
- ⊗ Scarcity of suitable sites
- ⊗ Requires grid development
- Public investment



« Territorial » storage

- © Capacity mutualization
- © Local issues management
- © Investments optimization
- © Repossession of the energy topic
- O Joint investment

Complexity of a new matter



On site storage

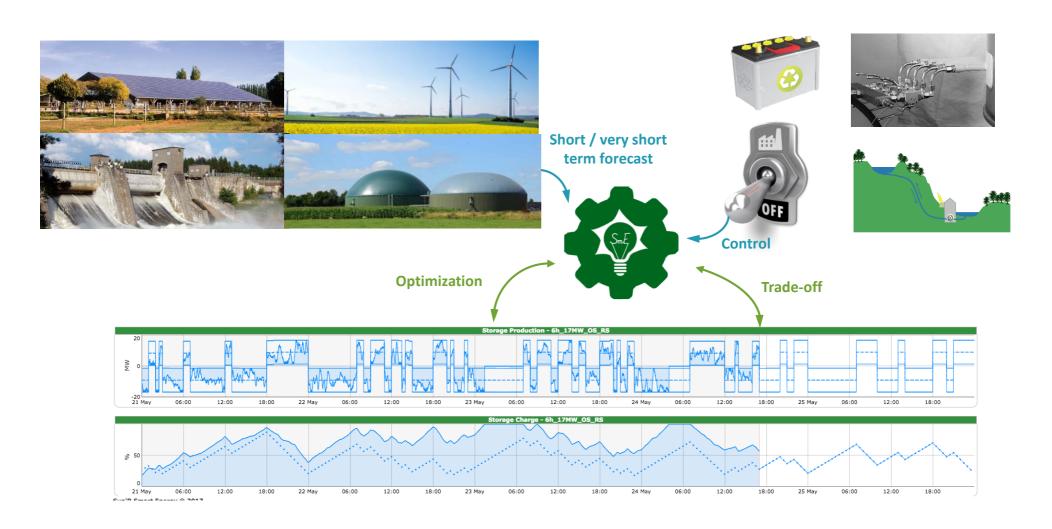
- Individual investment
- © (Self-consumption)

- Signature
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- No mutualization
- If not a real islanding with permanent uncoupling, self consumtion raises the question of grid financing



## How to deal with storage?

Couple with RES to supply energy & services to the system





# Key takeaways 2016

- ✓ 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





## **Ambitions**

2017: attempts to initiate a new storage program

Prove the value of territorial storage for the distribution grid



- ► Analyse the constraints for the grid with advanced modelling tools
- Measure the benefits of distributed storage to relieve the grid and define the technical characteristics (location, size, capacity, power)
- Identify relevant sites to integrate storage and its type thanks to geographic information systems (GIS)

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



- ► Evaluate the current and future techno-economic value of territorial storage
- ► Supply data and structure recommendations (Grid tariff, 5 & 6)
- ▶ Propose a complementary remuneration mecanism for storage

Develop 2 territorial storage pilots with different size and type



- ▶ A lasting storage unit, in a long-term vision, offering services to the distributed grid and allowing the future development of Renewables on that local grid (small PHS, local distribution company)
- A temporary storage unit, in a mid-term vision to help the local grid currently in trouble integrate in the next coming years new Renewables (battery of approx. 8MWh, Enedis)



## **Ambitions**

2017 : small (aggregator) but beautiful!

- ✓ A very capable and pioneer actor
  - Open-air laboratory of 70 PV units
  - Near real time plants instrumentation
  - Proprietary EMS optimizing a virtual power plan (VPP) with storage





- ✓ But not enough big according to financers.
  - Require counterpark as solid as prior buyer = EDF
  - Not satisfied with a bank warranty covering the possible default period
- ✓ Unfortunately, a French market less open than in Germany





What we believe in for the future (MID or long term?)



## Vision for the future

Helping territories re-appropriate energy

- ✓ From labeled "Territoires à Energie Positive" (get subsidies)
  - Increase installed RES capacity
  - Implement energy efficiency programs
  - But: implication of grid operator? Management of the new local system?



- ✓ To really assumed self-managed territories (take ownership)
  - Support the RES extension in relation to the territorial Climate & Energy Plan (PCAET), with more and more flexible units (e.g. agrivoltaic plants)
  - Including the consumption perspectives (local community) and network constraints (grid operator)
  - Resulting in needs expression for local flexibility assets
  - Managing their energy cover and import ratio





### Vision for the future

Helping territories re-appropriate energy

- ✓ First outlines of energy local re-appropriation
  - Without storage: in an artisanal zone of Bretagne (pilot project, 40 kWc)
  - With storage: grouping municipal buildings, shop and households (pilot project, 220 kWc and 120 kWh storage)
- ✓ But to become economically viable, still dependent on
  - Public decision makers: stop undue fiscal and network tariff penalties
  - Grid operators: subcontract storage operation to private specialized companies (e.g. Sun'R Smart Energy), according to the European commission prescription







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