













# **Aurora Battery Storage and** Flexibility Conference 2019

**Highlights Pack** 



## Aurora Battery Storage and Flexibility Conference



It was my great pleasure to welcome you to Aurora's Battery Storage and Flexibility Conference 2019. This was our fourth annual event dedicated to flexible energy, batteries and energy storage. These topics are very much top of the political and business agenda, as we move towards a decarbonised, decentralised and digitalised energy system.

Joined by distinguished speakers and panellists, in particular Alan Whitehead MP, Shadow Energy and Climate Change Minister, and informed by Aurora's unique analysis, the conference brought together the insights and perspectives of the organisations and people who will shape the future system.

Aurora's latest analysis on flexibility requirements moving towards Net Zero and on the economics of merchant solar co-location with battery storage helped frame the debate on the day, as well as the 9 August power outages. From a personal perspective, one of the main highlights for me was to host Fintan Slye, UK Systems Operator at the National Grid SO, whose responsibility it is to keep the country's lights on. We discussed the outages, and National Grid's ambition to operate a zero-carbon system as early as 2025.

We heard business leaders, government, and experts discuss and debate the issues central to the low carbon energy transition, including the need for flexibility, the role of flexible assets in achieving Net Zero, and the associated key risks and financing challenges.

We are very grateful for the support of our speakers and sponsors: Anesco, Clarke Energy, Fluence, Freedom Group, Open Energi and Osborne Clarke.

#### John Feddersen

Co-Founder and CEO Aurora Energy Research



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## Conference overview



Aurora's fourth Battery Storage and Flexibility Conference brought together leading industry figures, including Alan Whitehead MP, Shadow Energy and Climate Change Minister to debate and discuss the highly topical issues of flexible energy and battery storage.

New analysis presented at the conference suggests that delivering a 'net-zero' power system will require 100GW+ new wind and solar capacity by 2050, and up to 30GW of short-duration storage, as well as 20GW+ of firm backup capacity will be required to help balance renewables output.



#### Links









## Impressions from the day





















## 2019 conference themes









### The road to 2050: The need for flexibility in a high-renewables world

- What volume of storage is required to balance demand and supply in a high-renewables world?
- How much fast-ramping generation does a zero-emission power system need?
- How much dispatchable generation would you need to ensure we can keep the lights on when the wind stops blowing?

# Flexibility 2.0: Evolution of the power market, system needs and emerging technologies

- What is flexibility, and how do we incentivise the right amount to meet system needs?
- How do we avoid a repeat of the August power outages?
- Do we have the right technologies today, and if not, is there a role for policy to support new ones?

## Key risks and financing challenges for flexible assets

- Why are batteries generally perceived as a high-risk investment?
   How much of this is just perception vs reality?
- How much can we bank on price volatility?
- To what extent can different strategies make batteries investible?

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View John's 'Year in Review' presentation



#### Presentation

The road to 2050: The need for flexibility in a high-renewables world



Speaker

Ana Barillas, Aurora

View the 'Road to 2050' presentation

### **Panel Discussion**

Flexibility 2.0: Evolution of the power market, system needs and emerging technologies



Chair

Felix Chow-Kambitsch, Aurora

#### **Panellists**

Marek Kubik, Fluence
Robyn Lucas, Open Energi
Dan Monzani, BEIS
Carolina Tortora, National Grid SO

#### Interview

The role of flexible assets in achieving Net Zero



Chair

John Feddersen, Aurora

### Speaker

Fintan Slye, National Grid SO



#### Presentation

Key risks and financing challenges for flexible assets



Speaker
Oliver Kerr, Aurora

View the 'Key risks and financing challenges' presentation

#### Presentation

The economics of merchant solar co-located with battery storage systems



Speaker Mike Ryan, Anesco

View the 'Economics of merchant solar and battery co-location' presentation

## Part 2 - continued



#### **Panel Discussion**

Key risks and financing challenges for financing assets



Chair

Oliver Kerr, Aurora

### **Panellists**

Simon Hobday, Osborne Clarke
Gauri Kasbekar-Shah, NatWest
Mike Ryan, Anesco
Tom Williams, Downing
Sam Wither, Sembcorp Energy UK

#### Interview

Labour's plan for power sector decarbonisation and flexibility



Chair

Richard Howard, Aurora

## Speaker

Alan Whitehead MP, Shadow Energy and Climate Change Minister

## Feedback



"Another excellent conference; thank you. Good networking and interesting content"

Andrew Buglass, Buglass Energy Advisory Ltd

"Keep producing high-calibre conferences like this one, please"

Rory Tait, Lux Nova Partners

"Aurora speakers and Fintan Slye were outstanding"

Tadgh Cullen, Solarcentury

"I really enjoyed it – thought it was a good balance of presenting Aurora's skillset as well as interesting and very relevant industry representation"

Hugh Brennan, Hive Energy

"The event was well thought-out, with a variety of opinions across industry, investment, debt and government"

Seung Yun Oxley, Lloyds Bank

"Great event – surprised by the number of people attending"

Steven Blase, Aurium



Your feedback

"Great conference and insights from Aurora as always! Material was onpoint and panels were diverse enough to enable a good level of debate"

Lee Belfield, RBC Capital Markets

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## #BattConf19 highlights



Simon Evans @DrSimEvans · 14 Oct

Fintan Slye, in charge of running GB electricity grid, says we already have the tech we need to run the grid at zero carbon.

Not all yet deployed commercially, but nevertheless available, he says.

National Grid planning to be able up run at zero C by 2025.

Alan Whitehead @alanwhiteheadmp · 14 Oct
Good grilling from @UKenergywonk at @AuroraER\_Oxford's #BattConf19
on Labour energy policy.

No crystal ball for the future system - but I'm confident storage and flexibility will be a sizeable part of it!





#### Mark Meyrick @MarkMeyrick1 · 14 Oct

'Optimisation: you need to be very careful how you go about it' Profound stuff this from Open Energi. #BattConf19 @AuroraER Oxford

RheEnergise Energy Storage @rheenergise · 14 Oct

**#battconf19** @FintanSlye\_eso really interesting debate. Comment "inertia will become much more important to the grid over time"

An inertia market in the future?

KiWi Power @kiwipowered · 14 Oct

.@alanwhiteheadmp at @AuroraER\_Oxford #BattConf19 throwing down the gauntlet to Tories on #netzero. Claims @UKLabour will get there sooner.

#### Felix Chow-Kambitsch @FelixChowK · 14 Oct

Interview with @UKLabour 's @alanwhiteheadmp at Aurora #BattConf19: #ExtinctionRebellion is "a tremendous weapon of conscience"... "we really are in a #ClimateEmergency" #ClimateChange @AuroraER\_Oxford



#### Charles Wood EUK @euk\_wood · 14 Oct

Really interesting to hear Alan Whitehead MP talking about the need to put in place by 2030 actions needed to ensure net zero is not acheived immediately but is in motion with absolute certainty #battconf19

#### KiWi Power @kiwipowered · 14 Oct

Thanks @AuroraER\_Oxford for a great event today. Looking forward to discussing insights over drinks with industry colleagues. #BattConf19 @Freedom\_Group





## Impressions from the day



















## Battery Conference in the media





Asset managers must use their votes to tackle climate change

## **S&P Global**

Large market for energy storage in UK's net-zero emissions system

# UK Net Zero 'needs 100GW' extra green power



Getting to Net Zero: What happens when the wind stops blowing? New analysis presents possible answers

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Fintan Slye: Inertia is "taken for granted"; it will become much more important



Over 100GW needed for UK to reach net-zero



Report: UK needs 100GW more solar & wind to hit 2050 target

## **Business**Green

Regulation, batteries, and overcoming 'short termism': Energy industry sketches out Net Zero vision

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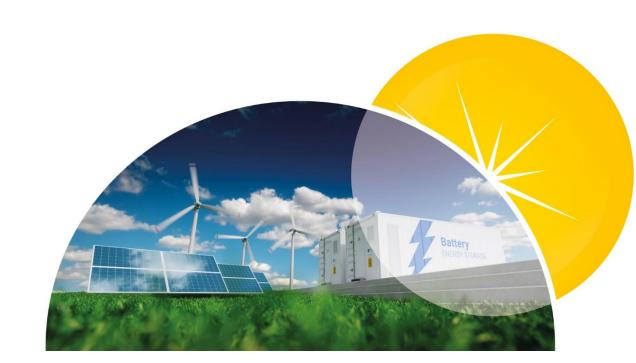








# **Conference Partners 2019**





We develop, construct, manage and operate renewable energy projects

## A history of renewable innovation in the UK

- 1st subsidy free solar farm
- 1st batteries operating under FFR and BM
- 1st commercial battery (2014)
- 1st OFGEM accreditation for batteries on RO solar site







Solar – grid, commercial, domestic



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Commercial and Industrial



Domestic energy efficiency: ECO

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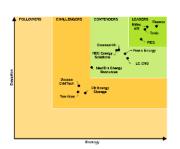
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#### Osborne Clarke

Osborne Clarke's international energy team is one of the most experienced in the legal industry. For over 20 years, we've helped clients deliver their energy projects. We advise utilities, sponsors, funders, commercial entrants and operators on integrated low carbon energy solutions, energy efficiency and smart grid applications, as well as decentralised power generation and management.

Through our expertise in the application of digital technology, applied alongside innovative business models to the trading, management, balancing, deployment and consumption of energy, we have become widely recognised as one of the leading law firms advising on the digital transformation of the Energy sector. We work with businesses at the cutting edge of energy innovation on their operational, intellectual property and contractual legal needs as well as the regulatory impact of the adoption of the latest technologies.







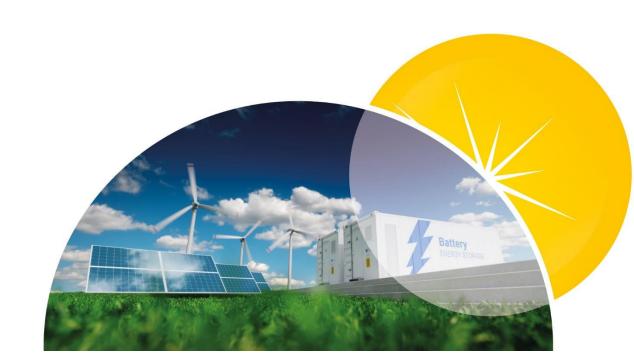








# **Aurora Services and Expertise**



## About us





3 Offices

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120+ experts



250+
subscribers



50+
transactions in 2019 YTD



## Aurora covers key European markets & Australia



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- **☑** Analyst support

## Power Market Forecast Reports

Bespoke Forecasts

- ✓ Power market forecast reports
- ☑ Forecast data in Excel

## Aurora's flexibility service offering





GB Distributed and Flexible Energy Service

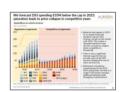




- Continuous regulatory and policy updates plus market developments
- Regular provision of up-to-date revenue stream forecasts for wholesale, BM, capacity market, ancillary services and applicable embedded benefits
- Investment case data for battery storage, gas peakers and DSR under various business models and market scenarios
- ☑ Plenty of interaction with the Aurora team to discuss our analysis
- Bankable forecasts used by more than 70 subscribers, who comprise >90% of CM contract issued to flexible technologies



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Market and
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- In-depth review of policy and regulatory frameworks & relevant uncertainties
- All information you need for your business case and to successfully participate in the upcoming DS3 auctions

## Aurora's flexibility service offering





Green Frog Power, support for £100m debt financing of a portfolio of gas peakers by Lloyds, HSBC and NIBC, including reliance



Gas peaker and battery storage portfolios, commercial sell-side advisory for UK Power Reserve that was successfully sold to Sembcorp



Forsa Energy, supported debt financing for a portfolio of gas peakers by Sequoia Capital



Gas peaker debt financing, supported a bank in building their lending case for gas engines. The bank now provides regular loans to gas engine projects



Battery storage projects, supported equity and debt raise ahead of DS3 auction



Battery storage portfolio fund raising, sell-side commercial advisory for an equity raise for a 2GW development portfolio. The process is still ongoing



Battery storage, commercial sell-side market advisory for a 90 MW operational battery storage portfolio mainly bidding into the FCR market



Battery storage, supported successful equity and debt raise, first battery storage debt financing in UK



Flow battery storage, provided secondary reserve forecasts and business case assessment for a flow battery to project developer and main investor



Battery storage, provided modelling of all major ancillary markets to inform DS3 bidding and optimal revenue stacking for a major Irish generator



Pumped hydro, buy-side valuations including forecasts of multiple ancillary services and operational optimisation analysis for First Hydro assets



Pumped hydro, assessment of the economic benefits of a hydro pumped storage project in the context of a permitting process and extension decision



CCGT, sell-side market advisory for Orsted's Enecogen plant, including forecasts for revenues from FCR and Dutch secondary reserve (FRR)



OCGT, provided a sell-side valuation and capacity market bidding strategy for two OCGT projects of a major utility. Both projects successfully sold



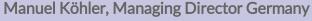
Heat storage, business case assessment for a reversible power-to-heat energy storage, valuing arbitrage opportunities for power, heat and steam

For more information, please contact

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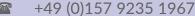


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## **Aurora Spring Forum**



The Aurora Spring Forum is the leading private gathering of the energy industry in Europe. It brings together industry leaders in an exclusive setting at the University of Oxford to engage on key issues impacting GB, European, and global energy markets.

March 2020, Oxford

## **Aurora Summer Renewables Summit**



Aurora's Summer Renewables Summit brings together leading industry figures to debate and discuss the policy and investment issues surrounding renewables and a subsidy-free future.

June 2020, London















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