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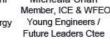
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All Encompassing Aspects of Climate Change



- A topic that encompasses various aspects of science, engineering, technology, policy and societal impact and brings to the forefront many issues:
 - Greenhouse gas emissions, temperature rise, renewable energy, land use
 - Ocean acidification, ocean warming, and extreme weather events
 - Mitigation, adaptation, and resilience
 - Social and economic impacts
 - Technological innovations, and more







Advancing Technology for Humanity

What Can We Do to Serve Humanity?

Promote Clean-tech Solutions for Climate Sustainability



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IEEE Engagement in Addressing Climate Change



Mission-based Challenge

- Pragmatic and accessible technical solutions are urgently needed to address climate change
- We, as engineers and technologists, are well and uniquely placed to provide technical solutions and offer a neutral space for discussion and action



What IEEE Brings to the Challenge

- Commitment to the constant pursuit of innovation and excellence for the benefit of humanity
- The technical expertise of IEEE members and volunteers from across IEEE OUs
- The power of IEEE's collaborative platforms to enable innovation with purpose
- Longer-term IEEE engagement in creating and promoting technical solutions and applications for addressing climate change





Deploying Resources to Address Climate Change

There is growing interest and activities across IEEE in helping to combat and mitigate the effects of climate change through:

- Information sharing and thought leadership
- Providing spaces for discussion, ideation and action
- The development of pragmatic and accessible technical solutions

Resulting in a burgeoning IEEE climate change program and the opportunity to amplify the collective IEEE footprint.

Engaging and mobilizing the 460,000+ members throughout the world and locally around climate change issues and solutions. Bringing to bear the expertise of the communities of IEEE and their respective outputs.









External Outreach to Address Climate Change

IEEE engages in various fora on the topic and is sought after for its technical content, thought leadership, and expert communities, including in such global stage events as:

- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP)
- The International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)
- European Green Coalition and Sustainability Energy Week Working to engage and coordinate with cross-disciplinary engineering communities (civil, mechanical, chemical, mining, etc.) on a global scale.

IEEE has many publications and conferences addressing and incorporating climate change and sustainability.





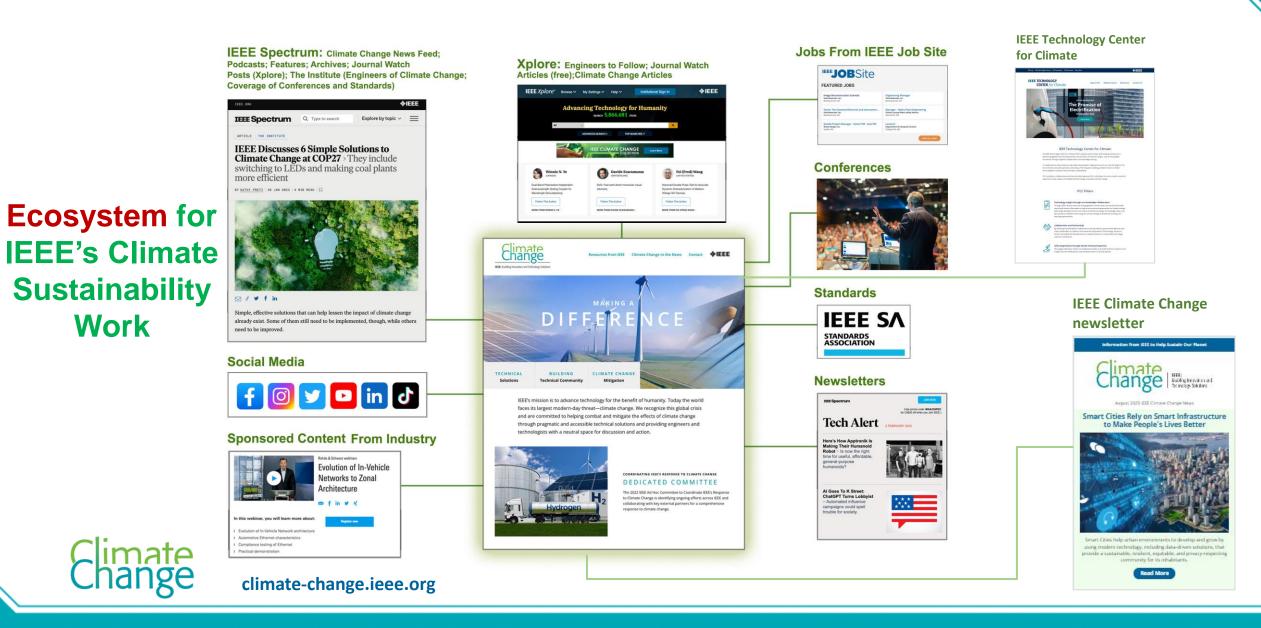




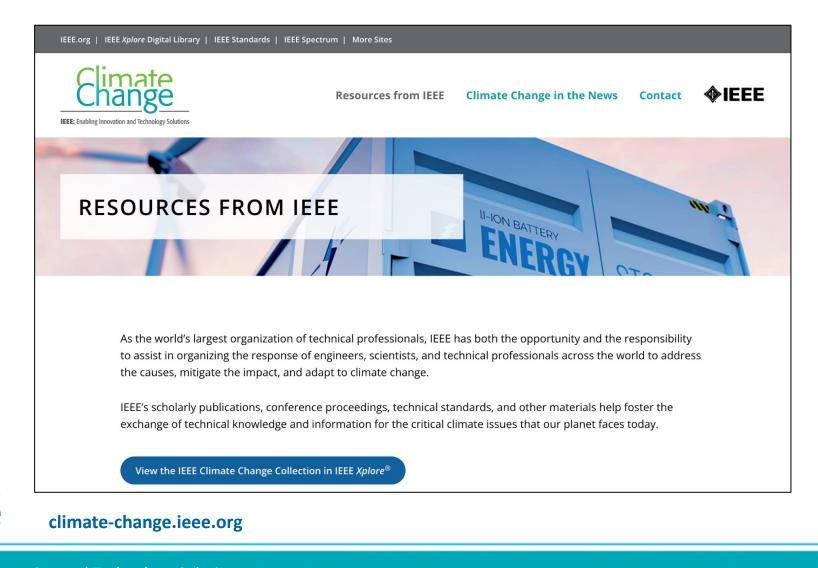
IEEE Climate Change Program

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IEEE Climate Change Collection (ICCC)

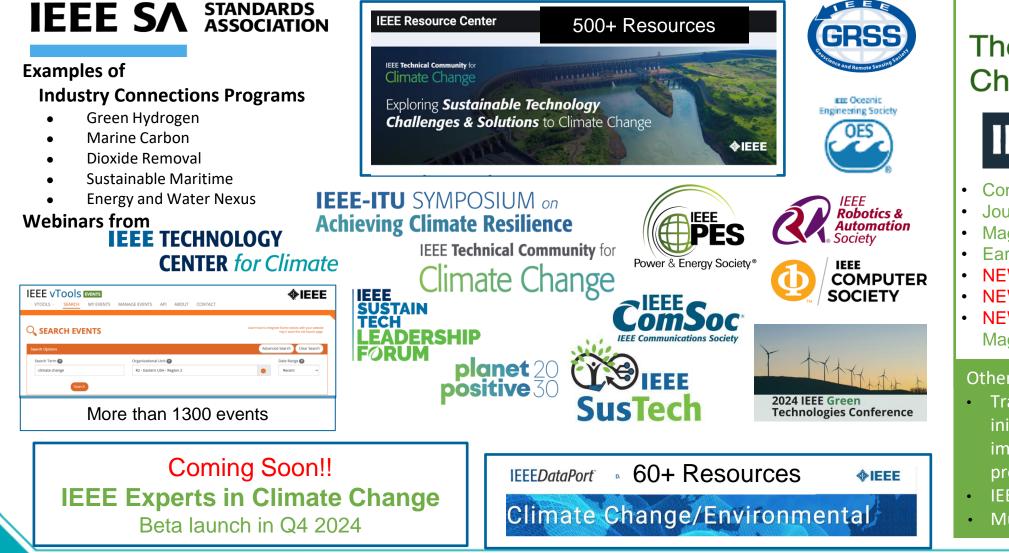




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Immense Breadth of IEEE Activity in Climate Change



The IEEE Climate Change Collection



- Conference Papers (23,793)
- Journal Articles (3,276)
- Magazine Articles (555)
- Early Access Articles (82)
- NEW!! Climate Change taxonomy
- NEW!! IEEE Climate Magazine
- NEW!! IEEE PES Sustainability Magazine

Other Activity Examples:

- Tracking inventory of CC-related initiatives, including improvements to collection process
- IEEE Spectrum Influencers
- Much more!

IEEE Activities in Collaboration with External Partners

Sampling of International Collaborations



Achieving climate resilience centers on both climate change mitigation and adaptation. Concrete actions are essential, and it is crucial to establish the groundwork for a swift, just, feasible, and equitable transition. This transition must be supported by robust policy, standards, skills, finance, and collaboration.



















International Renewable Energy Agency

IEEE-ITU SYMPOSIUM on **Achieving Climate Resilience**



The Symposium will convene on

12-13 December 2024 ITU Headquarters Rue de Varembé 2, Geneva, Switzerland

Attendance is limited and by invitation





Symposium aims to achieve objectives:

- Explore Technology Solutions: *Highlight innovative technologies and standards that support climate resilience and policy integration.*
- Promote Collaboration: Facilitate cross-sector dialogue among government, industry, academia, and international partners.
- Support Policy Formulation: Develop actionable policies and strategies, encouraging clean-tech lending by financial institutions and development agencies.
- Showcase Best Practices: Present effective technologies and practices to reduce carbon emissions and support future research and development.
- Facilitate the Development of a Technology Roadmap: Outline a collaborative roadmap to enhance global climate resilience, promoting environmental efficiency.



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An unprecedented level of awareness of climate change and the role of decarbonization in enabling environmental sustainability moving forward

Major focus placed on the carbon produced through electricity generation, as it is responsible for roughly 30% of emissions globally

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- Navigating the tension between industrialized nations and emerging economies for global decarbonization efforts requires a diverse portfolio of solutions for low-carbon generation, storage and demand side management with advanced technology focusing on energy efficiency.
- To more efficiently facilitate the global shift towards renewable energy adoption, the following six areas should be our priority.



Reduce Carbon Emissions from Electricity Production





Six Priorities for Decarbonization in Industrialized and Emerging Economies

- 1. Use less electricity, energy efficiency
- 2. Use low carbon fossil fuel power plants
- 3. Use H2 & other storage technologies
- 4. Promote more <u>renewables</u>
- 5. Accept some <u>nuclear</u>
- 6. Promote cross-border power transfer

Our efforts can be the seeds to help combat and mitigate the effects of climate change through pragmatic and accessible technical solutions and by providing engineers and technologists with a neutral space for discussion and action.







Thank you.

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Innovative Climate-Smart Solutions for Food Security and Sustainability in Small Island Nations – A Perspective from a Resilient Future





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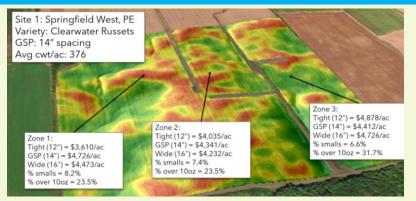
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Outline

Potato Virus Y Scouting and Variable Rate Technology

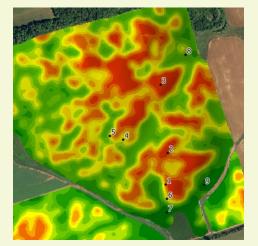
Variable Rate Seeding and Nutrient Management





Greenhouse Gas Emissions using Machine Learning

Sustainable Water Management

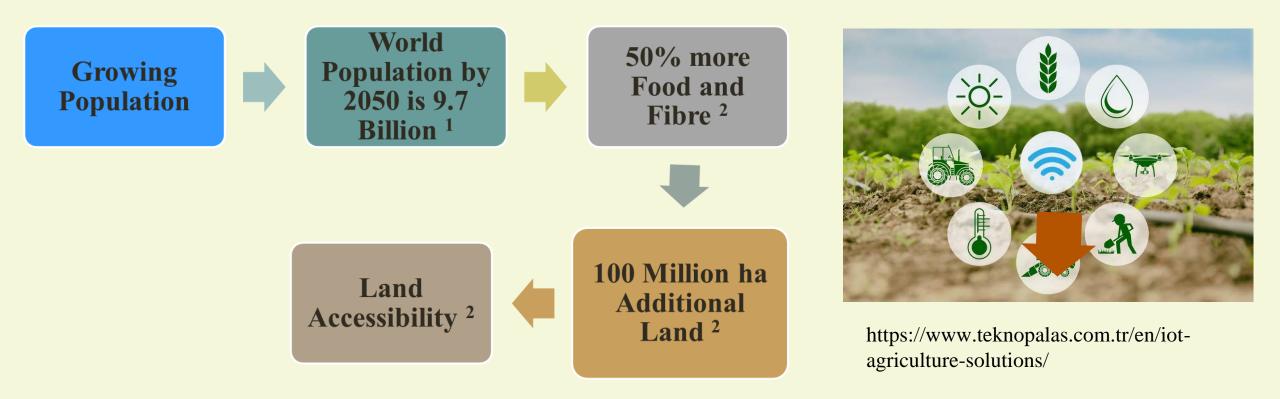








Why Climate Smart Solutions?



In last 50 years GHG emission from agriculture and forestry has been doubled and is estimated to increase by 2050

Source: Tubiello et al., (2014).

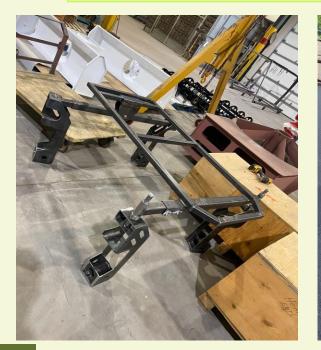


SDG#2: End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture

SDG#9: Build resilient infrastructure, promote sustainable industrialization and foster innovation

AgriScout Robot

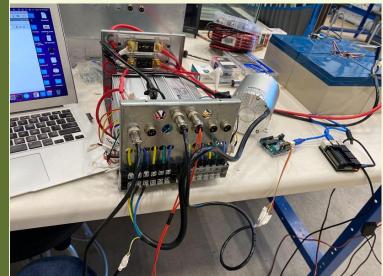
AgriScout Robot – Design & Development



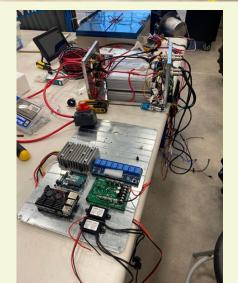






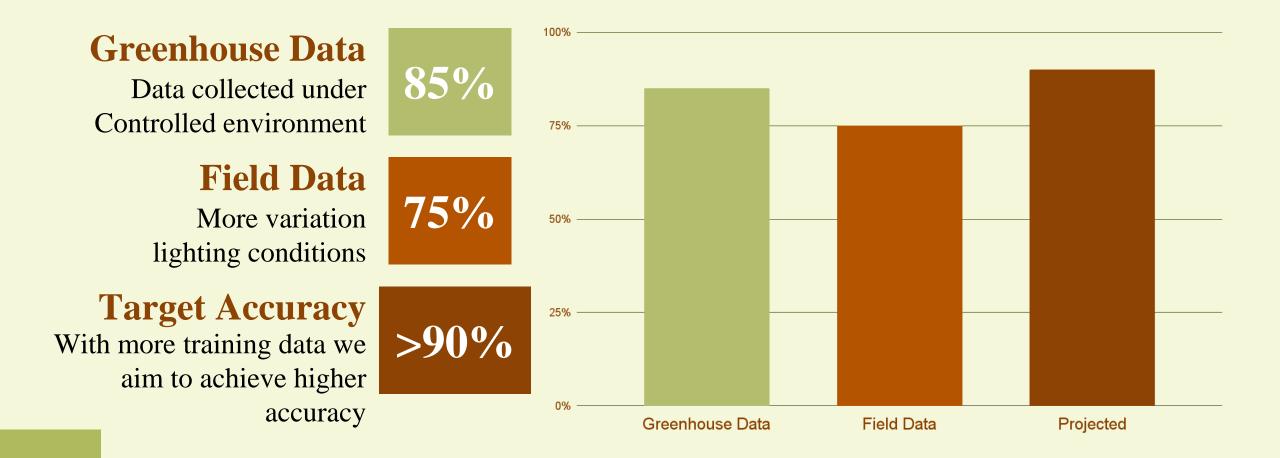








Model Evaluation



On-going Work

Infected Plants Map

- AgriScout Robot V2 with GPS RTK.
- Geo-location of PVY infected plants.



Variable Rate Seeding & Nutrient Management



Variable Rate Seeding in PEI

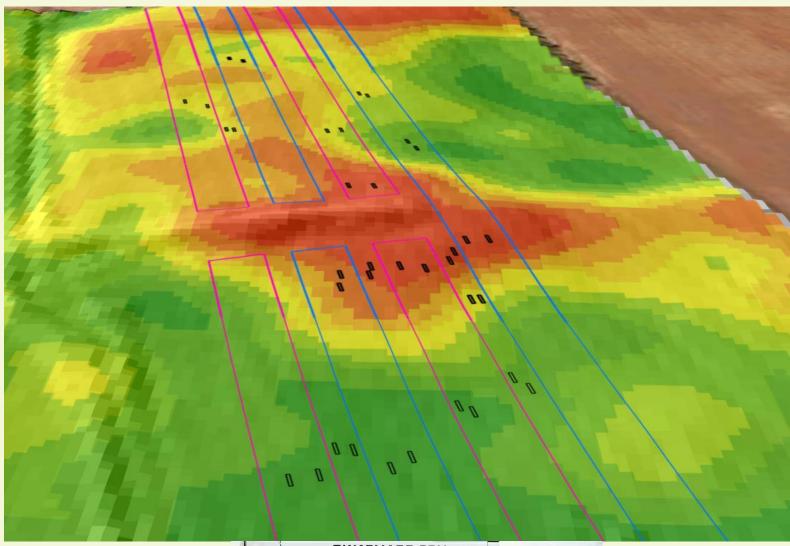
Trials carried out in 10 fields in PEI between 2021 and 2023.

Varied plant spacing approx. 10-15% from grower standard.

Strips harvested according to SWAT Zones.

330 10 ft strips dug and graded

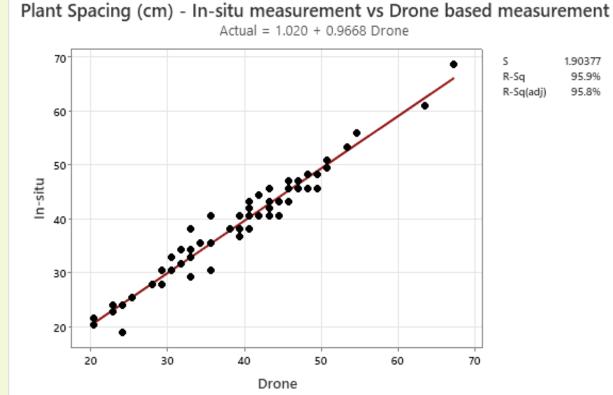
Economic analysis was performed





Seeding Spacing – Drone & Machine Learning





Wider Spacing – Profitability Comparison

Zone 1	Value per ac (\$)						
Farm / Year		GSP		Wide (VR)		Difference	
Clearwater2021		\$	4,726	\$	4,473	-\$	253
Russet Burbank 2021		\$	5,307	\$	6,026	\$	719
Waneta2021		\$	6,618	\$	6,815	\$	197
Clearwater2022		\$	3,279	\$	3,910	\$	631
OCF2022		\$	4,396	\$	4,063	-\$	333
MountainGem2022		\$	4,625	\$	4,967	\$	342
MountainGem2023		\$	5,921	\$	5,782	-\$	139
Russet Burbank 22023		\$	6,311	\$	5,913	-\$	398
Satina2023		\$	3,509	\$	3,549	\$	40
				Aver	age	\$	90

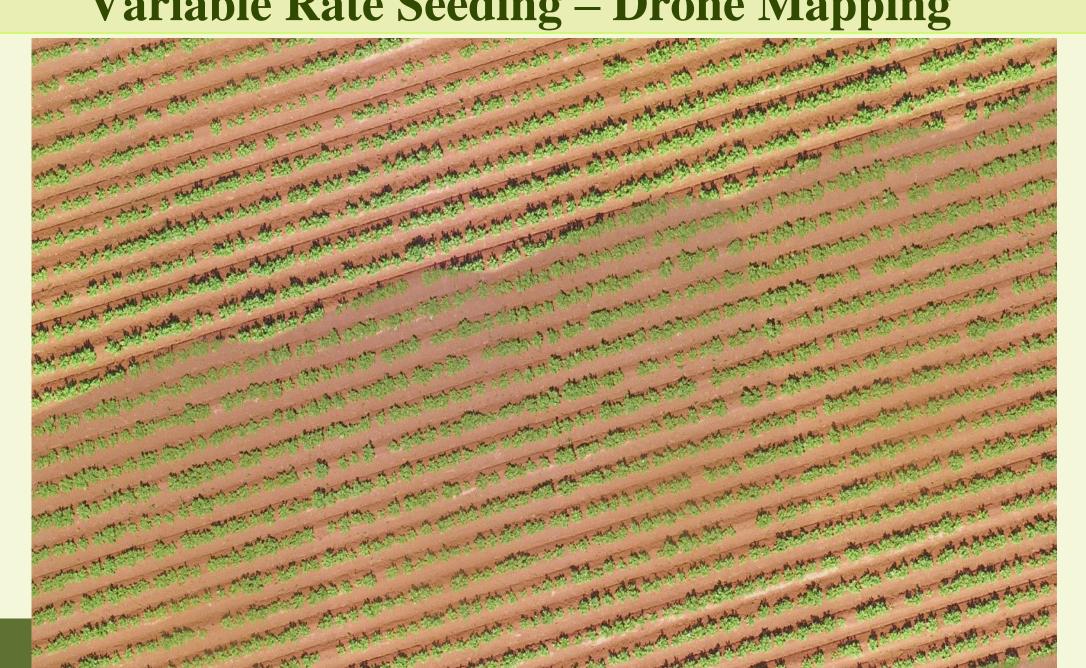
Wide spacing in upper zones (drier) outperformed GSP 5/9 times with an average profitability increase of \$90/ac

Tight Spacing – Profitability Comparison

Zone 3	Value per ac (\$					
Farm/Year	Tight (VR)	GSP			Difference	
Clearwater2021	\$ 4,878	\$	4,412		\$	466
Russet Burbank 2021	\$ 5,019	\$	4,842		\$	177
Waneta2021	\$ 6,695	\$	6,713		-\$	18
Clearwater2022	\$ 3,943	\$	3,991		-\$	48
OCF2022	\$ 4,678	\$	4,396		\$	282
MountainGem2022	\$ 7,132	\$	6,183		\$	948
MountainGem2023	\$ 6,268	\$	5,384		\$	884
RussetBurbank12023	\$ 5,124	\$	5,628		-\$	504
RussetBurbank22023	\$ 5,773	\$	5,362		\$	411
Satina2023	\$ 4,355	\$	3,387		\$	968
				Average	\$	357

Tight spacing in lower zones (more moisture but well drained) outperformed GSP 7/10 times with an average profitability increase of \$357/ac

Variable Rate Seeding – Drone Mapping



Variable Rate – Nutrient Management

Low Yield Areas: 10237 – 30937 lbs/Acre Medium Productivity Zones: 30937 – 33763 lbs/Acre High Productivity Zones: 33763 – 50000 lbs/Acre

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Variable Rate – Nutrient Management

Average Yield per Treatment Check – 32,373 lbs/ac VR – 32,682 lbs/ac Difference = 309 lbs/ac more in VR

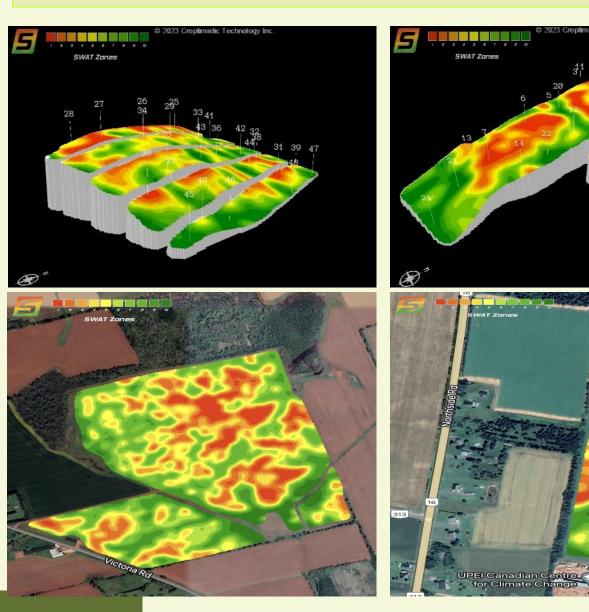
+ \$36/ac using VR with same amount of fertilizer applied

Cost to do VR: (generate zones with EC/Topography, soil sample, and create prescriptions approx. \$15/ac in year 1, \$7/ac going forward)

ROI of approx. \$21/ac for Potash

* Zones can be used for many other applications: VR Lime, N, irrigation, planting and more

Greenhouse Gas Emissions – Monitoring/Modeling

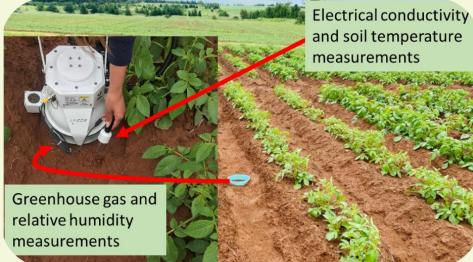




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J MacLean Field 2

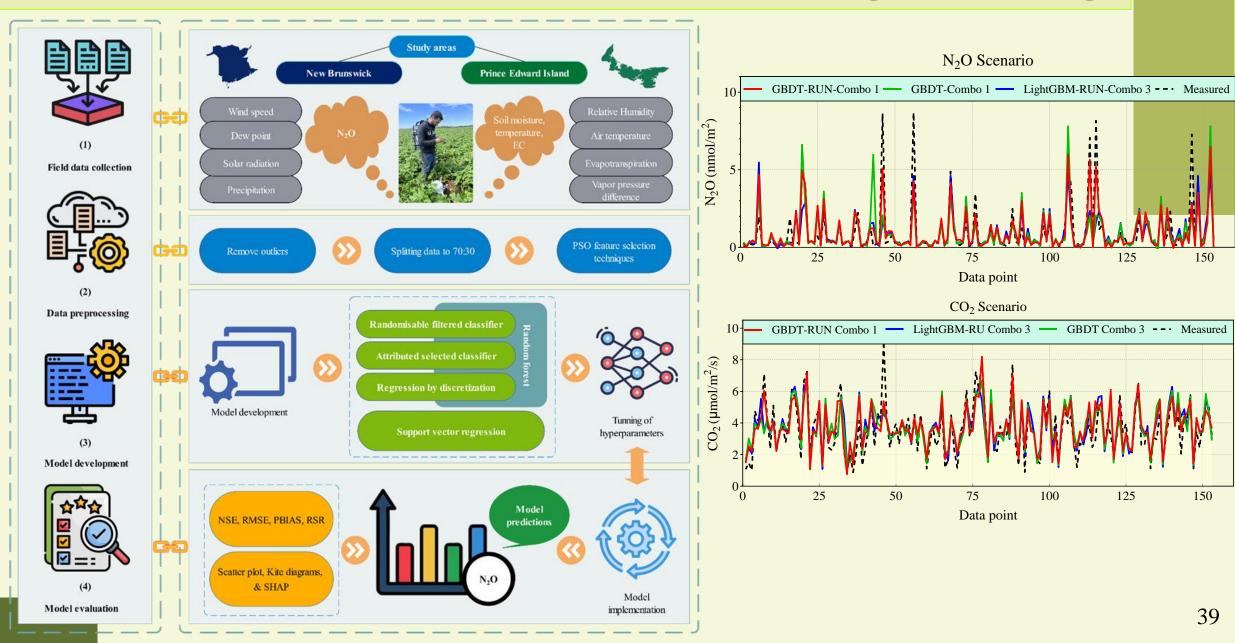


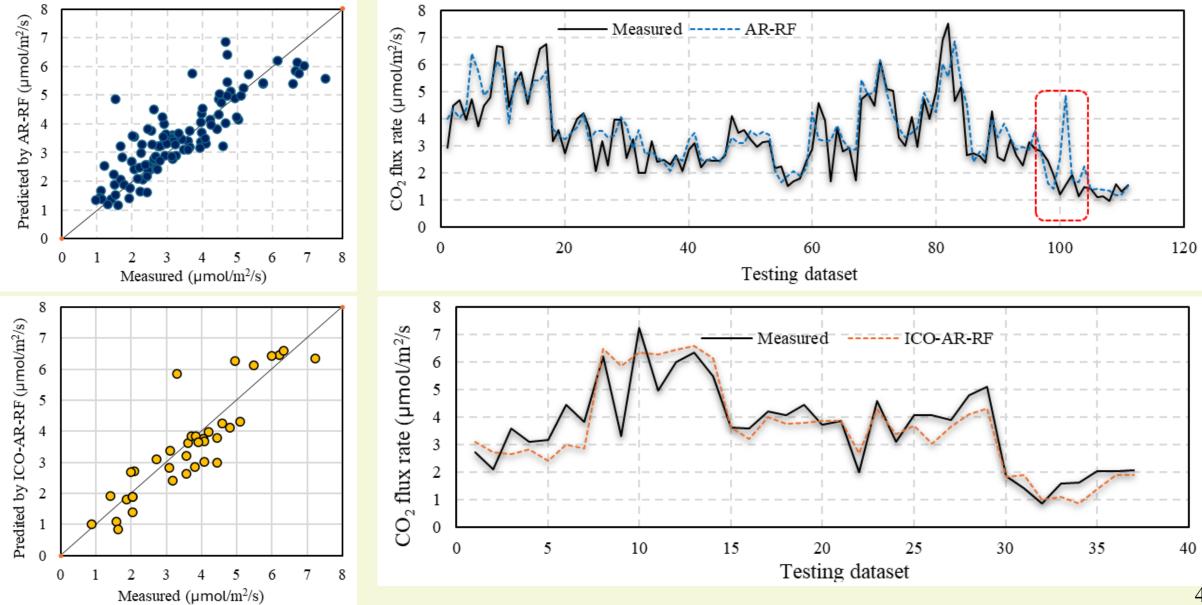




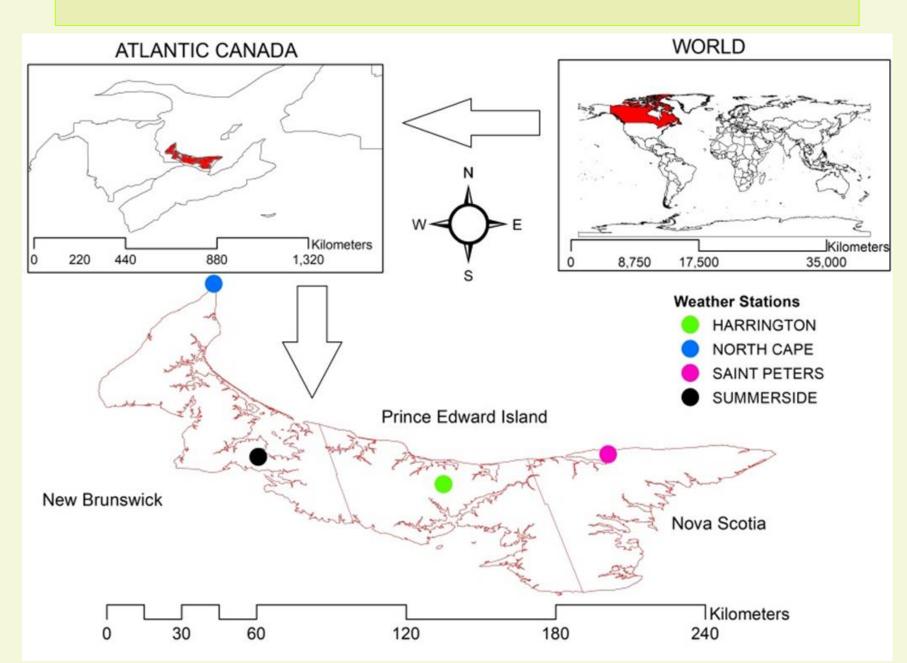


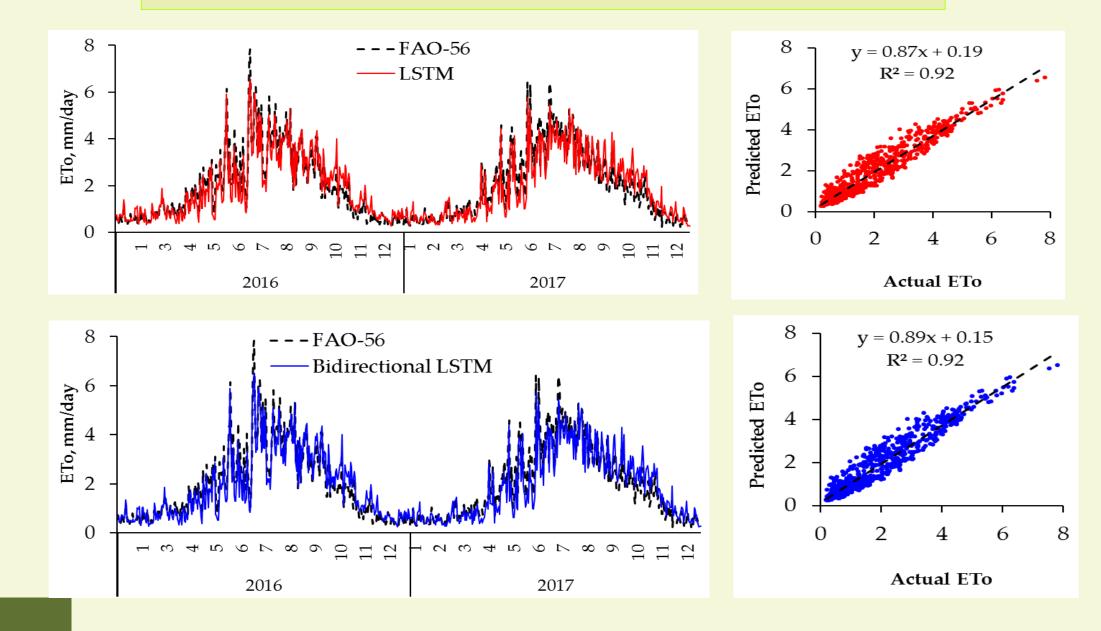


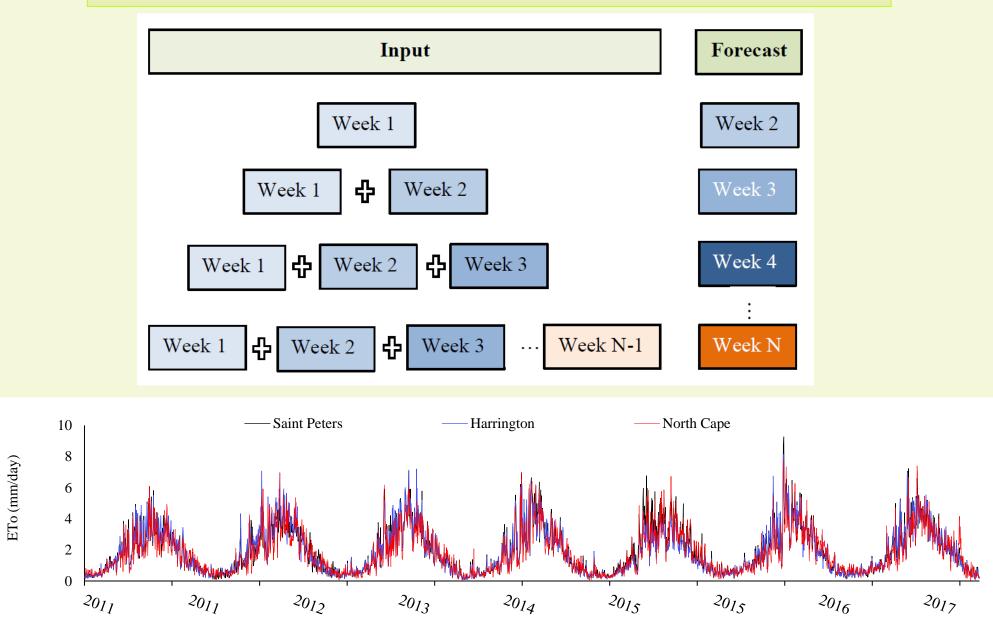


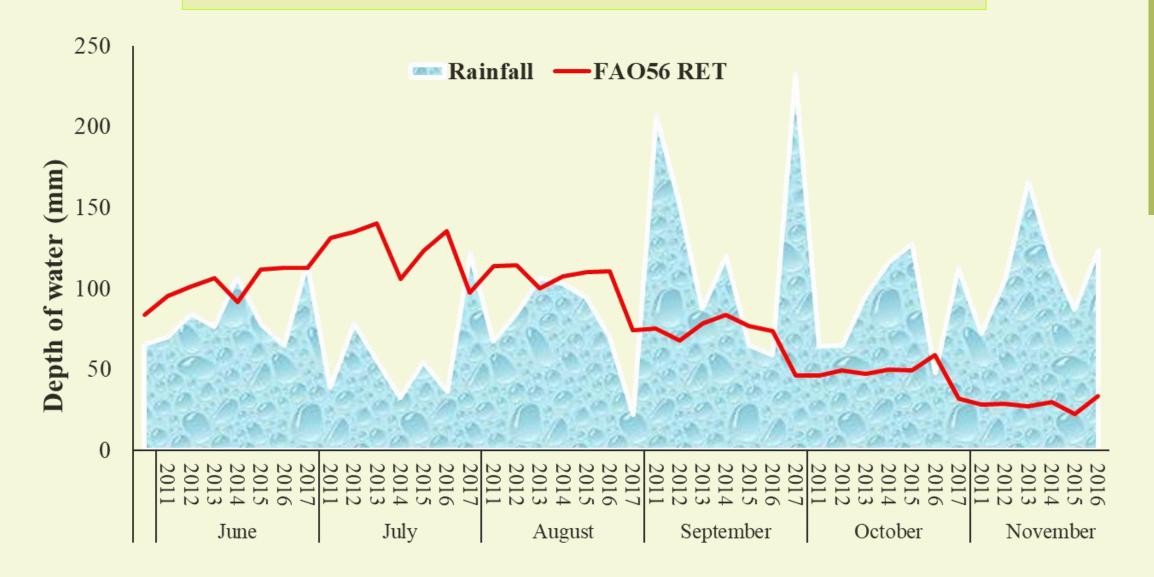


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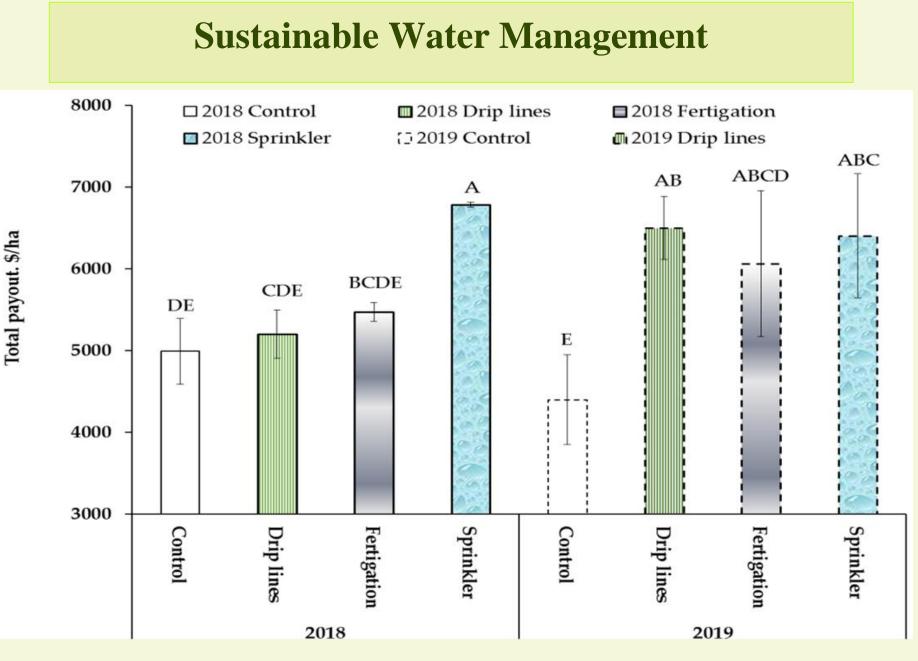






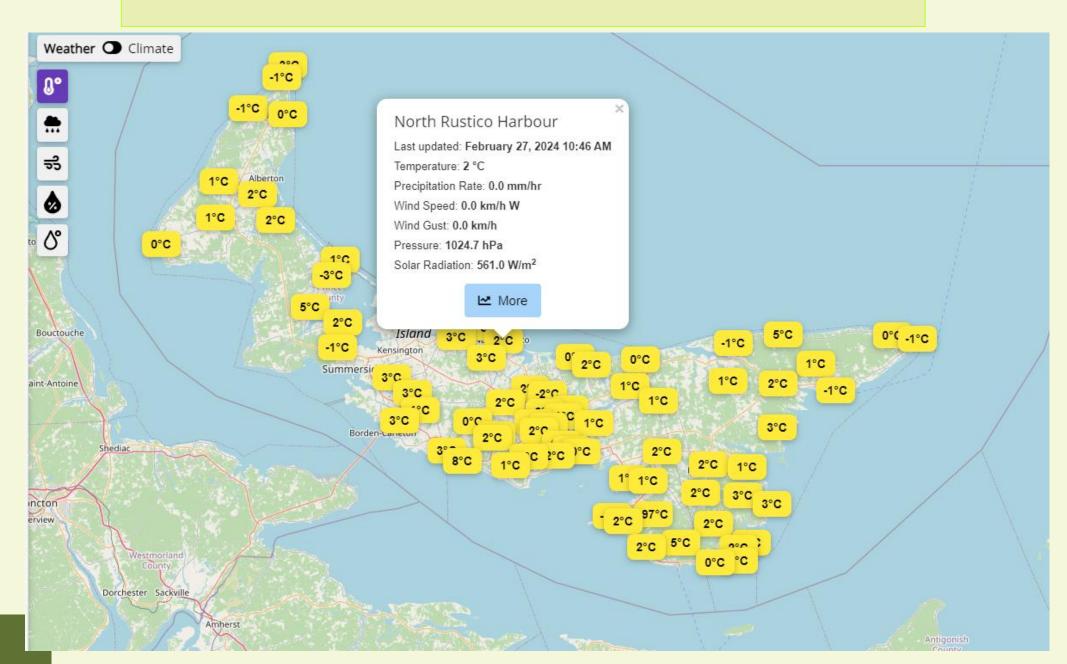






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Take Home

- Develop climate-smart and efficient agriculture systems for agriculture industry
- □ Apply nutrients based on soil and crop needs considering spatial variations.
- Evaluate productivity and environmental benefits of precision agriculture technologies.
- Develop BMPs to improve soil health and mitigate greenhouse gas emissions.
- □ Evaluate and promote BMPs through effective outreach.
- Develop user friendly protocols for farmers/industry use.
- □ Train highly qualified personnel and industry personnel to promote sustainable agriculture.





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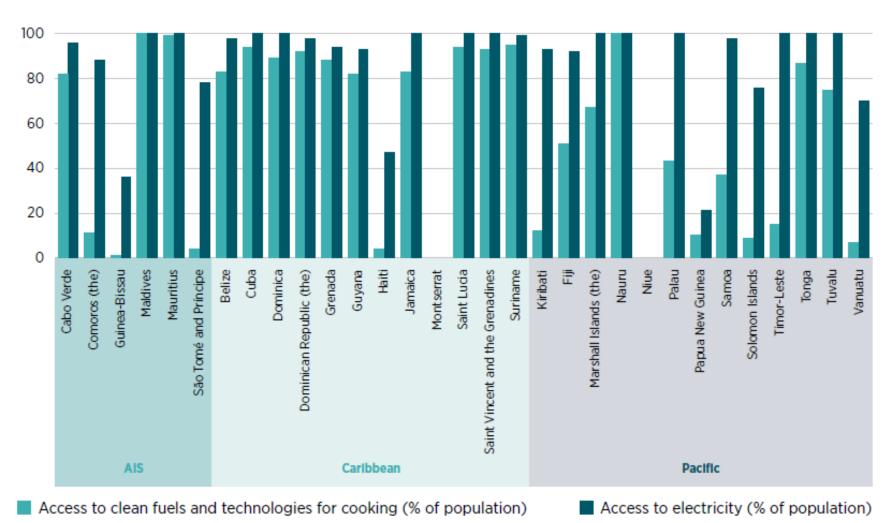
Marie-Line Vaiani, Chair Committee on Energy, WFEO

Small Islands Devlopping States : very diverse situations in terms to electricity & clean energy access



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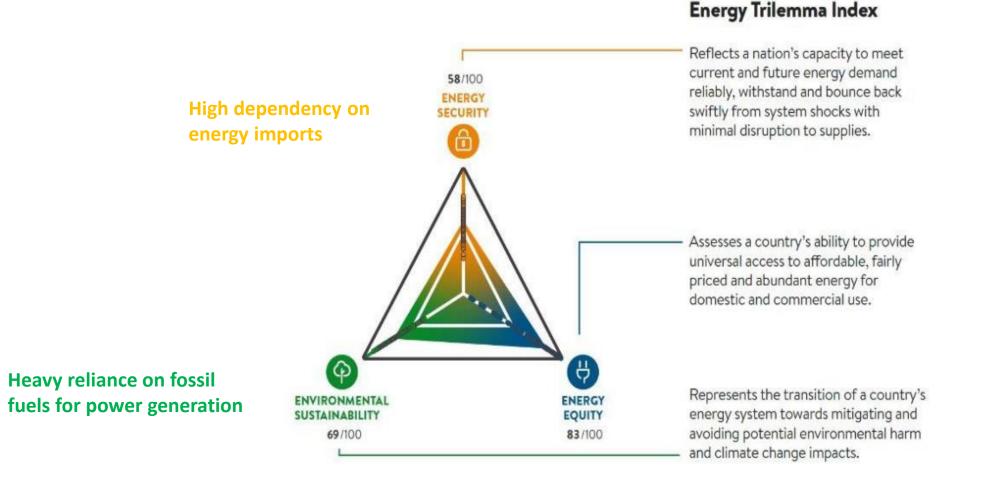
Source: (World Bank, 2024b).

A common challenge : balancing the energy trilemma (energy security, energy equity, environmental sustainability)



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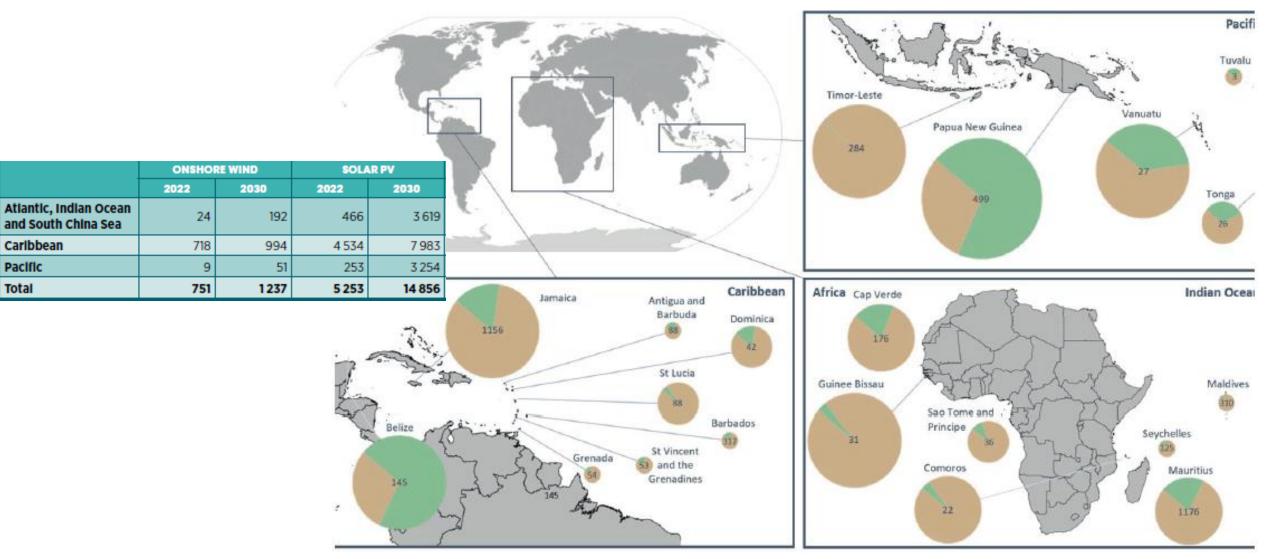
High electricity prices

Decarbonization of the electricity mix : planned in NDCs & potential for renewable



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Source : IRENA 2024, World Bank 2024

Energy technologies : options for mitigation and adaptation are already available (IPCC, 6th assessment Report)



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Sixth Assessment Report Synthesis Report

Mitigation and Adaptation Options across Systems

Rapid and far-reaching transitions across all sectors and systems are necessary to achieve deep and sustained emissions reductions and secure a liveable and sustainable future for all. These system transitions involve a significant upscaling of a wide portfolio of mitigation and adaptation options. Feasible, effective, and low-cost options for mitigation and adaptation are already available, with differences across systems and regions. (*high confidence*) {4.1, 4.5, 4.6} (Figure SPM.7)

Finance, Technology and International Cooperation

Finance, technology and international cooperation are critical enablers for accelerated climate action. If climate goals are to be achieved, both adaptation and mitigation financing would need to increase many-fold. There is sufficient global capital to close the global investment gaps but there are barriers to redirect capital to climate action. Enhancing technology innovation systems is key to accelerate the widespread adoption of technologies and practices. Enhancing international cooperation is possible through multiple channels. (*high confidence*) {2.3,

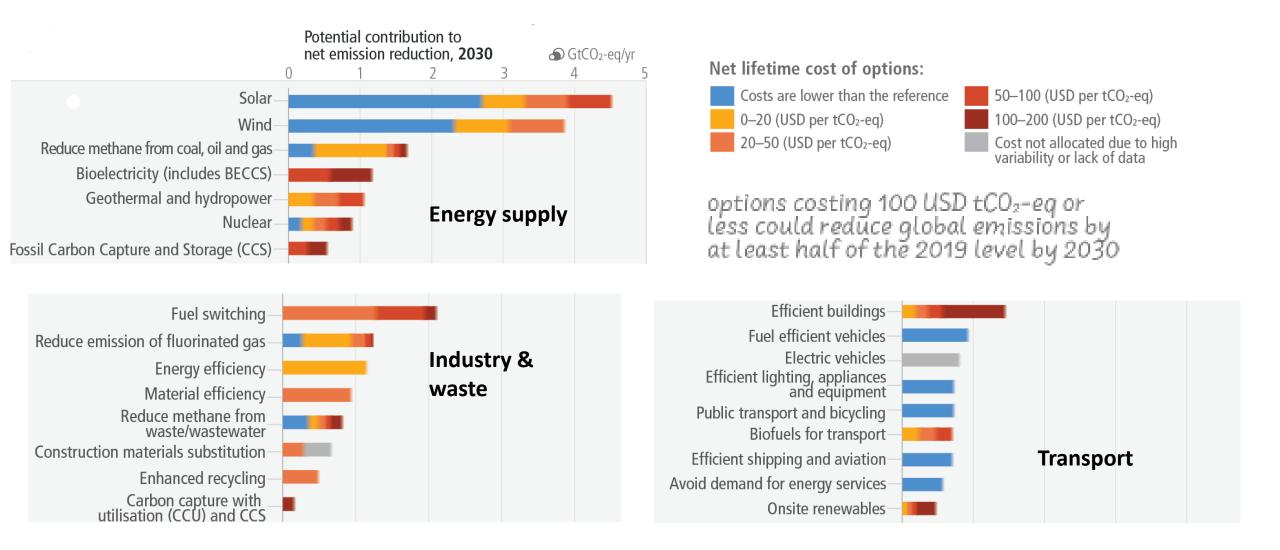
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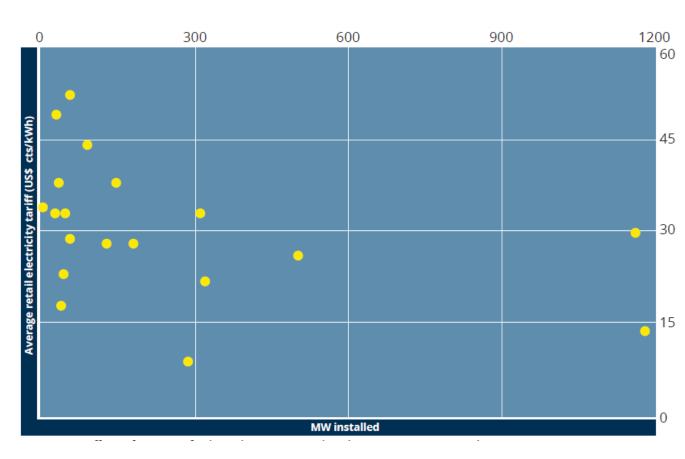
Specific challenges for clean energy access in SIDS



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- Scale challenge (very small project sizes) and the real time balancing challenge of an electrically isolated system (in particular with growing intermittent renewable)
- Level of risks for developers : financial, climatechange (resilience of infrastructure...)
- Workforce: for both project phase and maintenance/operations period
- Easy access to state-of-the-art energy technologies and projects knowledge suited to SIDS



• Energy planning

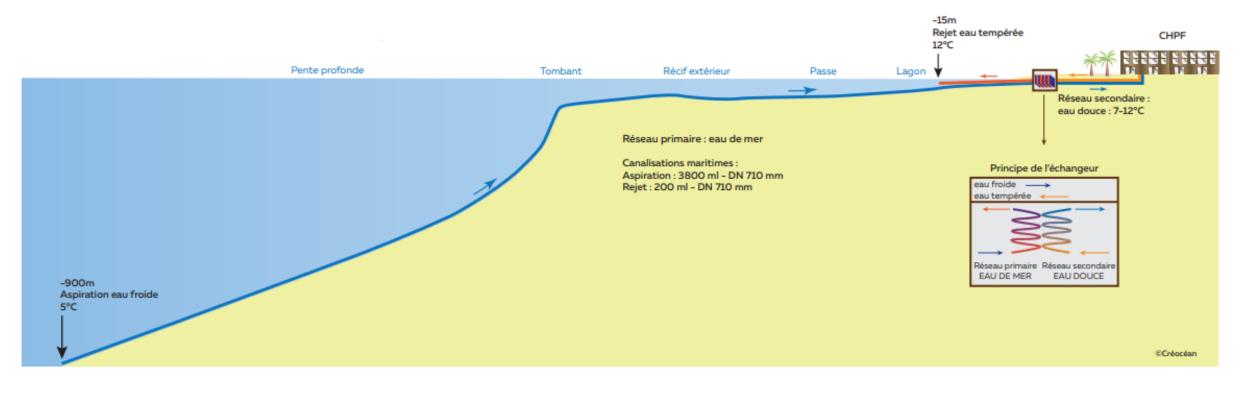
Innovative energy projects for small islands



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Seawater Air Conditioning (SWAC) system for Hospital



Deployed in Tahiti, La Réunion...





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Agrivoltaics : agicultural solar greenhouse

Solar PV, batteries, agricultural greenhouse and local economic development



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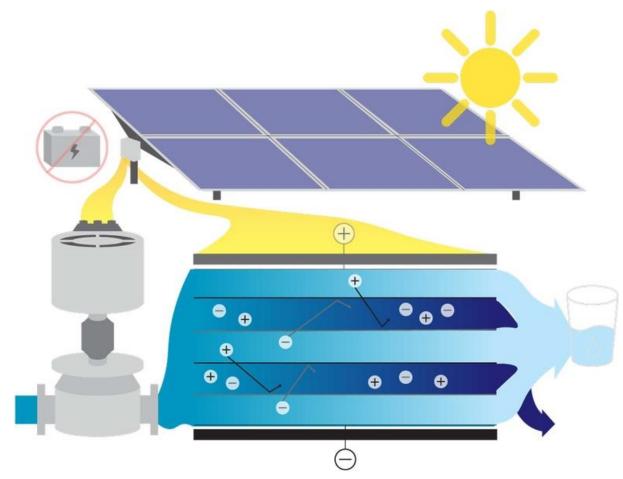
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Solar-powered desalination system with no extra batteries



Source MIT, Credit Jonathan Bessette

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Foldable wind turbines for tropical weather resilience



Source Vergnet

Actions for SIDS specific challenges





- Access to concrete expertise and technology applicable to energy challenges in SIDS: sharing best practices and successful projects (Center of Excellence) (South-South, North-South)
- Skills training (and job creation) : training programs for local workforce to enable energy projects on-site installation and maintenance
- Strengthening international technical cooperation focused on SIDS-specific energy challenges
- Financing...





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97,000 members

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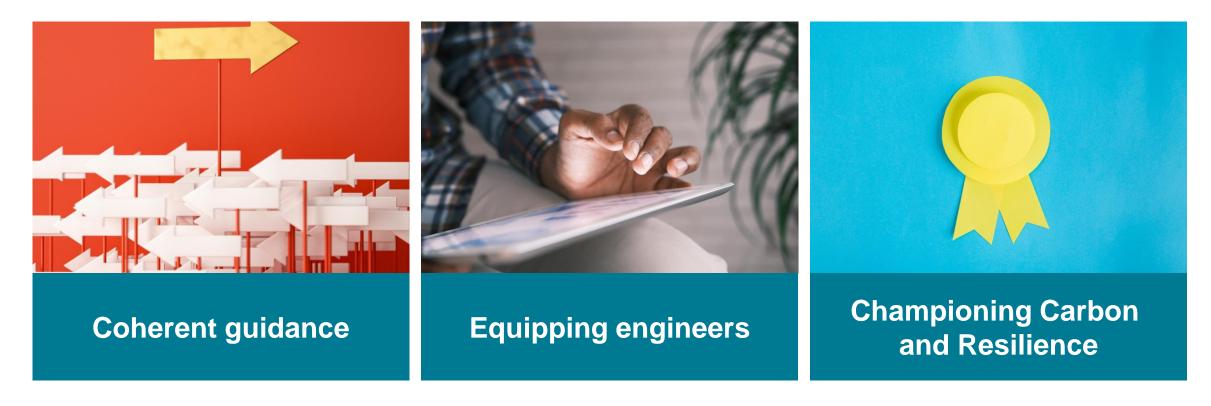
... in 160-plus countries

Our purpose:

"To improve lives by ensuring the world has the engineering capacity and infrastructure systems it needs to enable our planet and our people to thrive."

Sustainable, Resilient Infrastructure Advisory Board focus...

Adaptation must be on an equal footing with mitigation for engineers...



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Enhance Ambition



Knowledge

Make decarbonization and resilience core to the engineering and infrastructure profession:

- Continuing professional development
- Carbon case studies
- Resilience case studies
- Sustainability, nature, people

Initiatives:

- Inspiring systems thinking
- Stress testing
- Net zero carbon
- Resilience net gain
- Nature positive

Enable Action



Knowledge

Empowering engineers and infrastructure professionals to act:

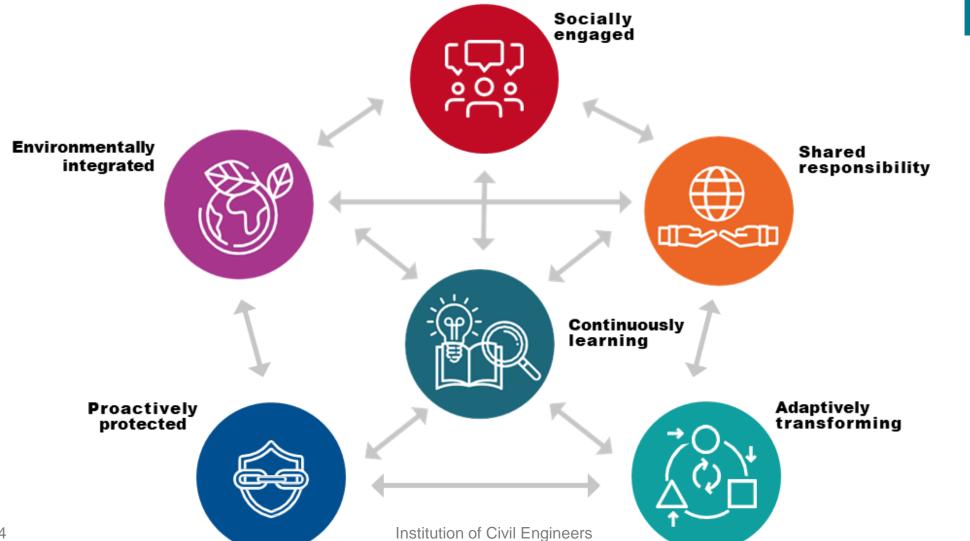
- National Adaptation Plans
- Guidance UNDRR Resilient
 Infrastructure Principles
- Standards International Standard for Resilient Infrastructure
- Standards PAS 2080: Carbon Management in Infrastructure, PAS on Adaptation Pathways in Infrastructure



UNDRR Principles for Resilient Infrastructure shape coherent Infrastructure Plans

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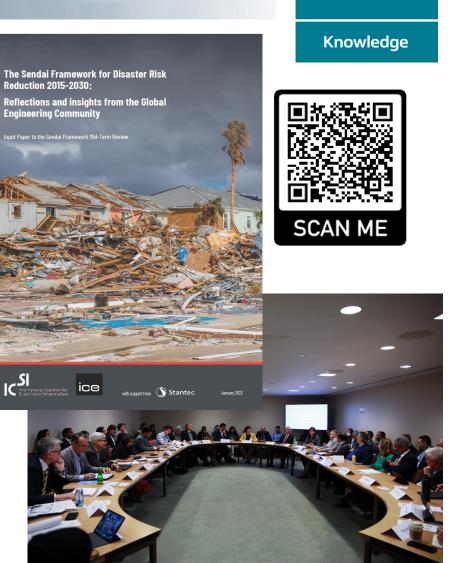
Knowledge



Sendai Framework

Engineers' viewpoint:

- 1. The role of DRR and resilience needs to be highlighted in relation to global agendas
- 2. Develop and implement systemic risk and resilience frameworks and establish resilience-focused agencies and governing bodies
- 3. Accelerate improvement of data collection, analysis and methodology through technological advances and sustained investment
- 4. Encourage multi-disciplinary cross-sector collaboration among experts to tackle complex challenges
- 5. Educate policymakers, practitioners, and the public on DRR and resilience concepts





Empowering engineers and

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infrastructure professionals to act:

- National Adaptation Plans
- Guidance UNDRR Resilient
 Infrastructure Principles
- Standards International Standard for Resilient Infrastructure
- Standards PAS 2080: Carbon Management in Infrastructure, PAS on Adaptation Pathways in Infrastructure

Initiatives:

- Evolving with and beyond design codes
- Innovation and digital
- Collaboration and stakeholder skills
- Growing capacity

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Community and 'Solutions in the Round' are key for SIDS and Sustainable Infrastructure



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Speaker Q&A





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Panel and Speaker Q&A





Closing Remarks

Davide Stronati

