



# Decarbonizing the grid

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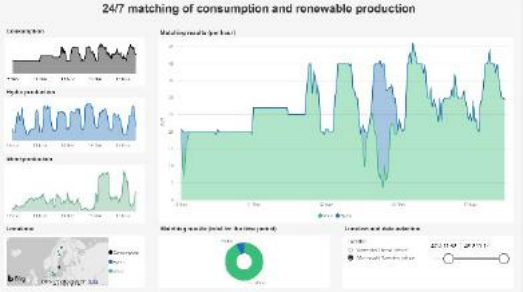
# Our new DC's in Sweden – world-class sustainability



Efficient cooling



Rainwater harvesting



24/7 renewable energy matching



Renewable fuel for backup power

# We operate at scale



**1 Mil+**  
miles of fiber

**71**  
Azure regions

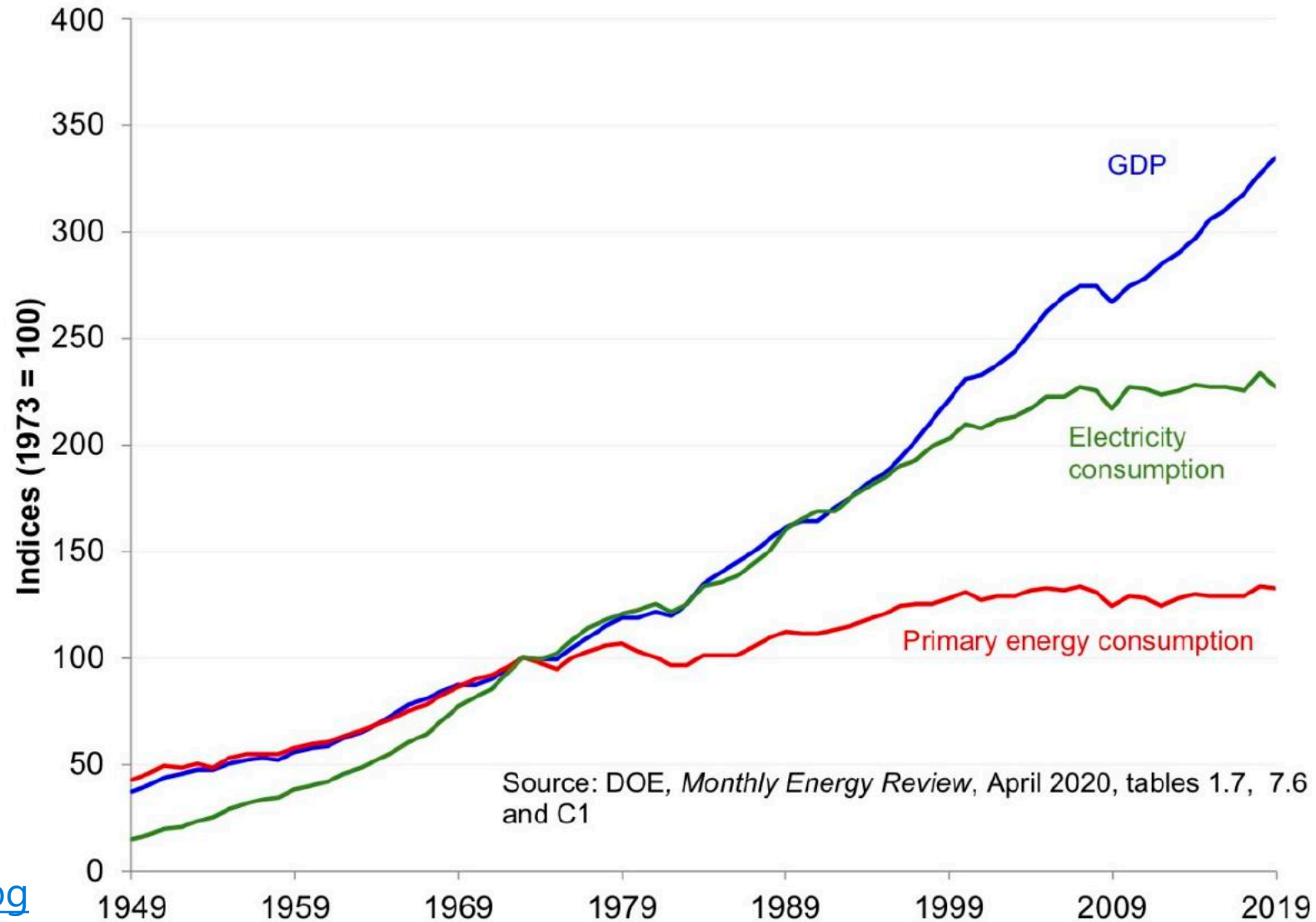
**220+**  
datacenters

**4M+**  
machines

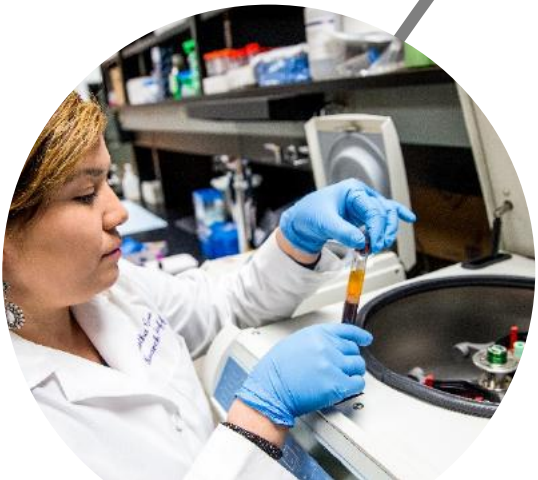
**170+**  
edge sites

# Sustainability & the future of energy markets

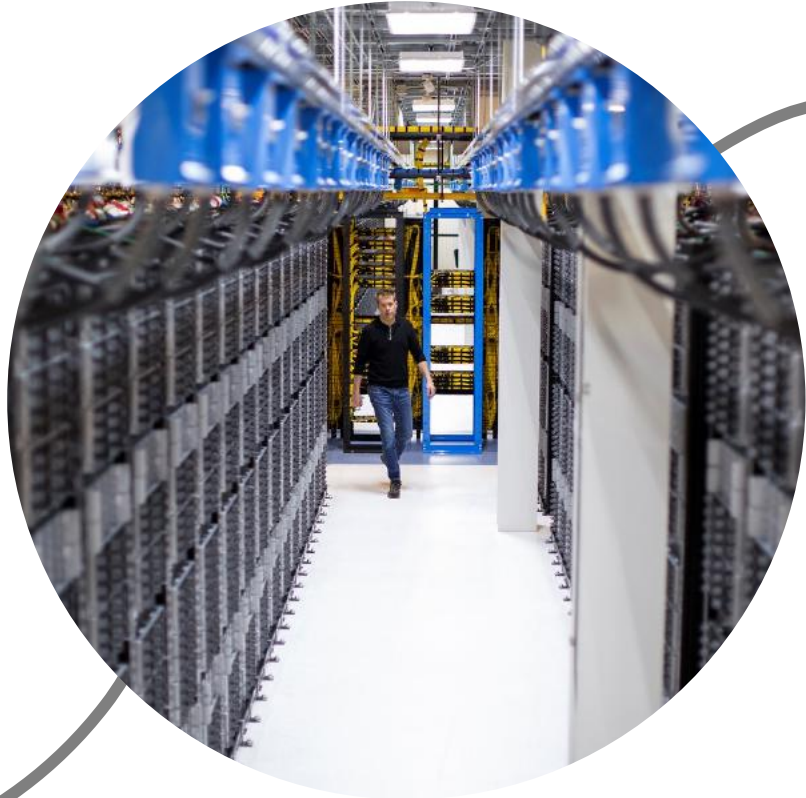
# Over the last century, economic growth has been tied to energy consumption, only recently have we seen a divergence



Technology has become an integral part of everyday life...



**...datacenters are at the heart of the internet...**



**...and energy is the key input**

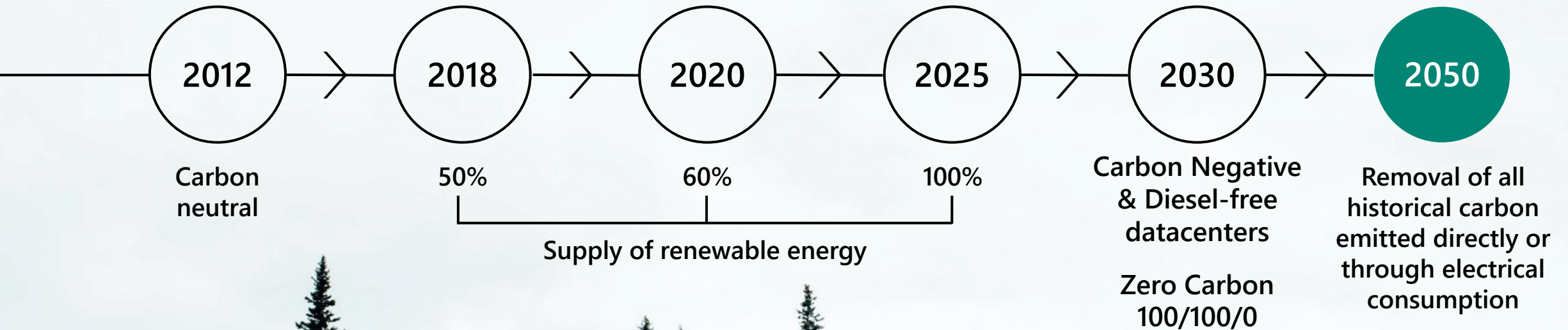




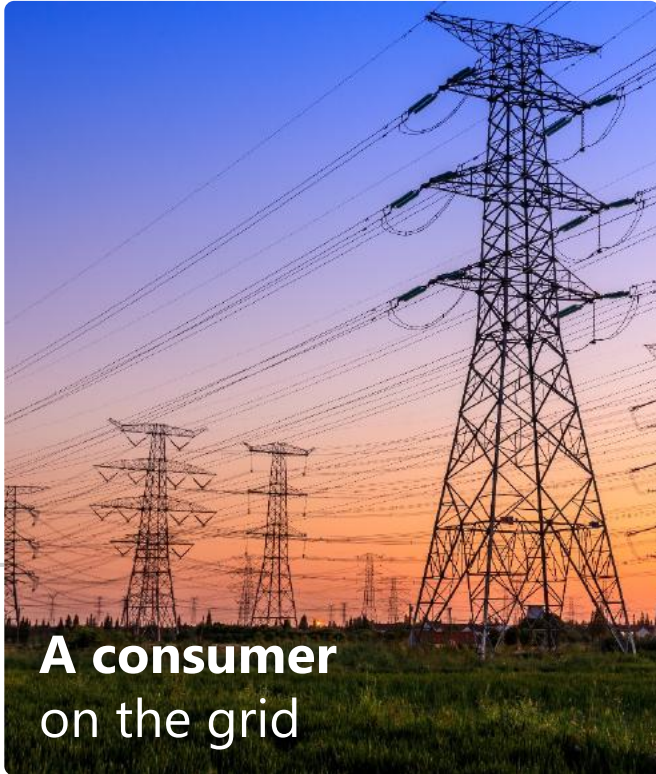
***To power customer innovation, Microsoft operates datacenters that are large energy consumers.***

***We are committed to innovating sustainable energy solutions***

# At Microsoft, we are committed to sustainability



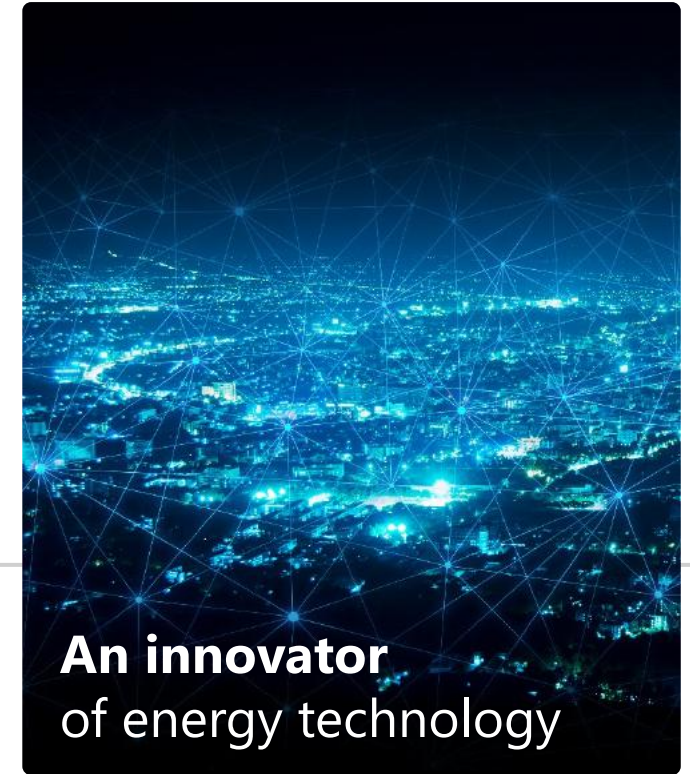
# Microsoft sees energy from three perspectives



Large customer with **stable, high-value load** and high average load factor



Dedicated to procuring **100% renewable energy**, investing in **grid infrastructure** and being a **backup provider**



Improving **grid reliability** and enabling **environmental efficiencies**

# Innovator: Power sustainability solutions



Smart Grid Pilot Program, **an Azure solution**, received the [\*Innovative Star of Energy Efficiency Award: Power Generation and Supply\*](#). The technology helps Agder identify ways to operate the grid more efficiently through utilization of distributed energy resources, device controls and predictive forecasting.



Ørsted operates 1,300 offshore wind turbines that provide power to 11.3 million people in Denmark. It is phasing out coal and will increase its capacity to 15 GW of renewable energy, enough to power 30 million people. Microsoft **advanced analytics** and **artificial intelligence** helps the company transform data from its turbines into insights for predictive maintenance that saves time and resources.



Ho Chi Minh City is saving more than 50 million cubic meters of water per year with **predictive loss analysis** powered by the **Microsoft Cloud**.



PWN uses **Azure IoT and AI analytics** to enable North Holland purification of over 25 billion liters of water through low-chemical, natural purification.

# Collaborator: Improve reliability and resiliency

- Supporting investments in transmission, distribution, and interconnection facilities
- Developing storage, grid-interactive UPS, hydrogen fuel cells and other clean backup power solutions
- Augmenting local power deficiencies
- Supporting the “grid of the future” with IoT, AI analytics, and compute technology

Microsoft datacenter

Grid-interactive UPS batteries



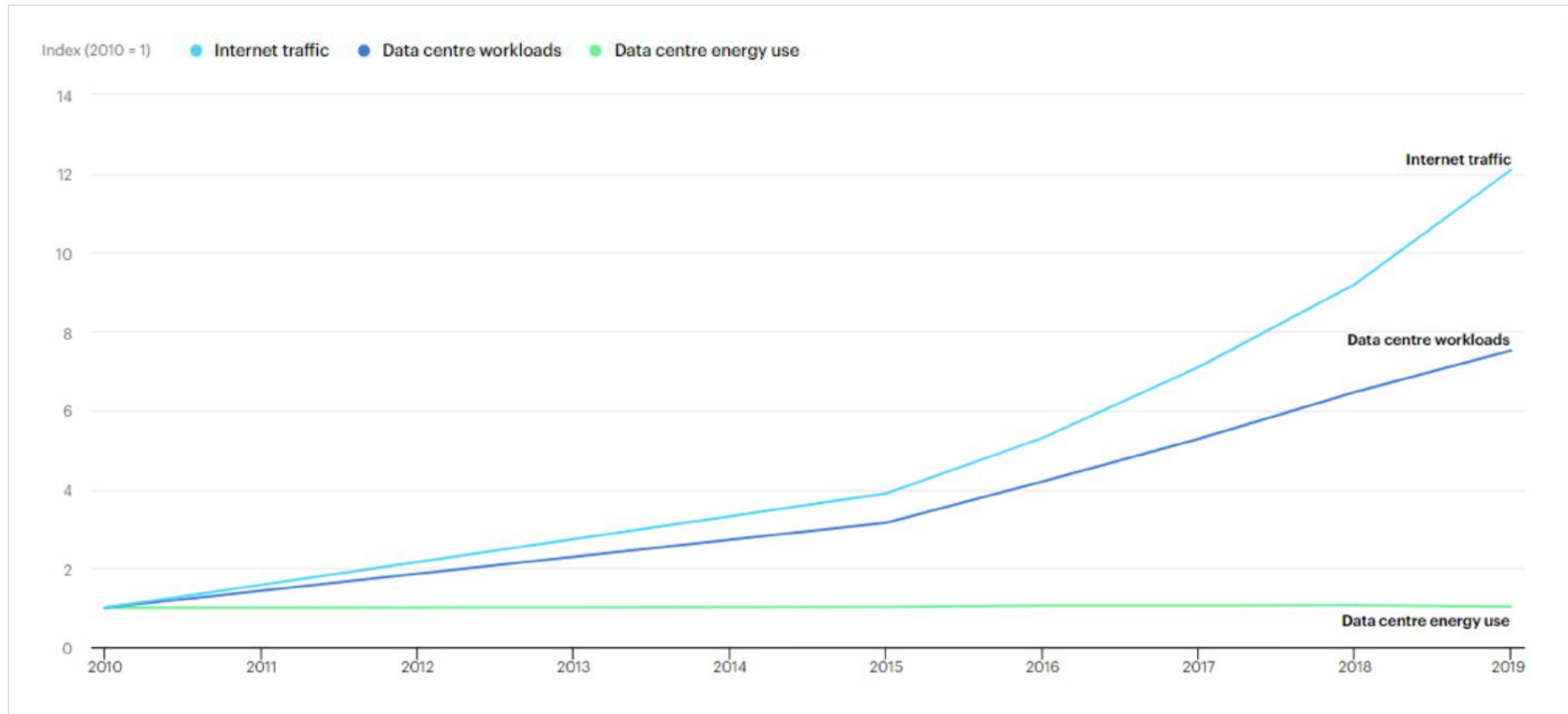
Nearby community

Grid

# Consumer: Cloud Efficiency Over Last Decade



Workloads increased **8x** and traffic **12x** ...yet datacenter energy use remained constant



# We recently announced our 100/100/0 commitment

Microsoft's new 100/100/0 commitment by 2030



100% of electricity  
consumption



100% of  
the time



Matched by zero carbon  
energy purchases

100/100/0 can accelerate complete grid decarbonization by illuminating when and where we rely upon carbon-based resources



***when***

***100/100/0 requires our load and carbon-free energy production to be matched at all times. By contrast, our 2025 goal focuses on annual totals of electricity consumption and renewable energy production.***



***where***

***Additionally, we will match our consumption and purchases within the same grid systems. Our 2025 goal did this on a global basis.***



**Collaborator: as we work towards 100/100/0, we are developing solutions that help others decarbonize**



***With our partner Vattenfall,  
we developed the first  
commercially available 24/7  
hourly energy-matching  
solution.***

***Microsoft is a flagship customer of  
FlexiDAO's 24/7 solution, which  
will enable Eneco customers  
including Microsoft to have 24/7  
energy-matching tools at scale.***

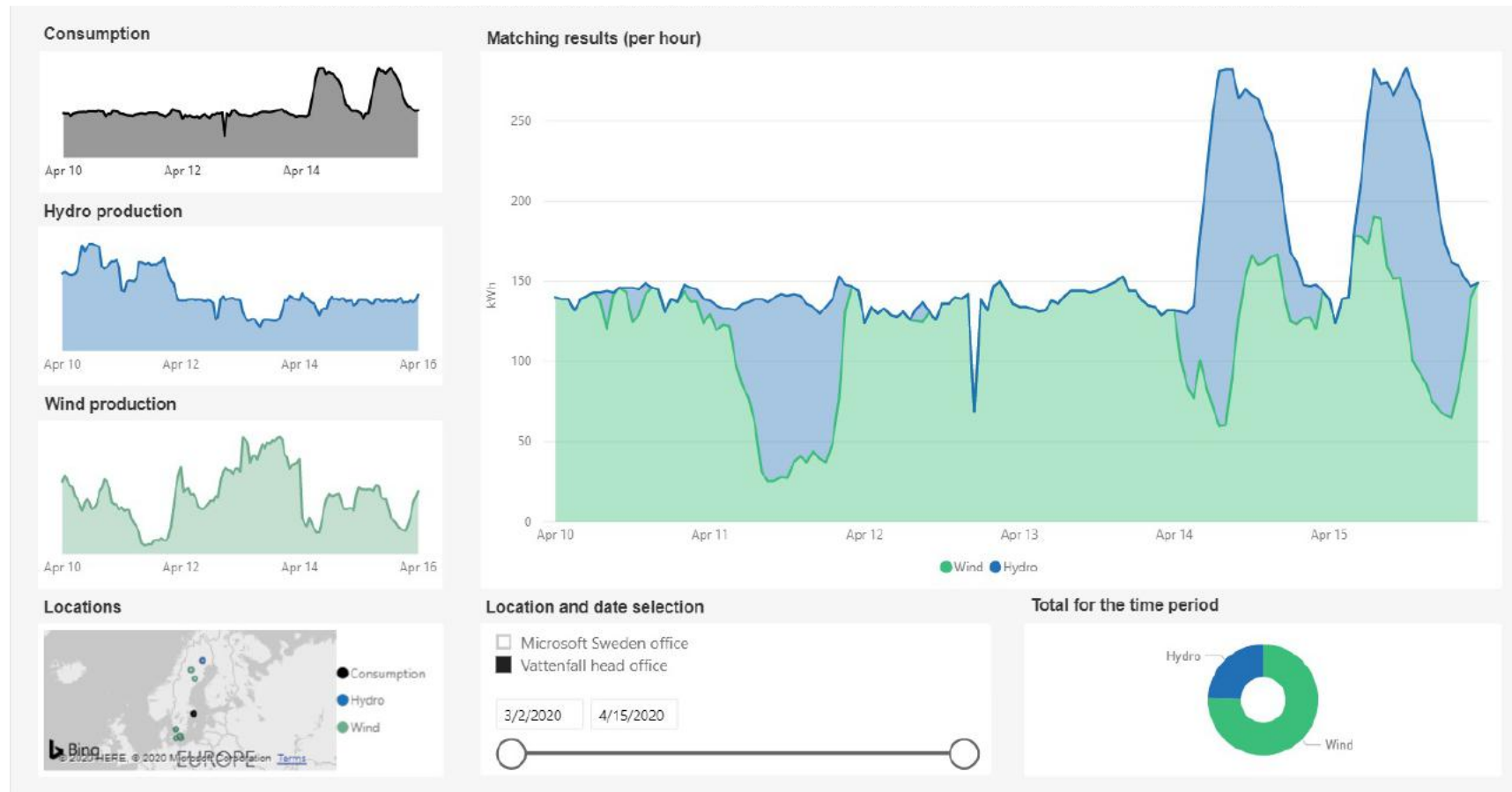
# MSFT-Vattenfall pilot: 24/7 renewable energy



1 Hourly GOs

2 CO2 stamping

3 Scalable products



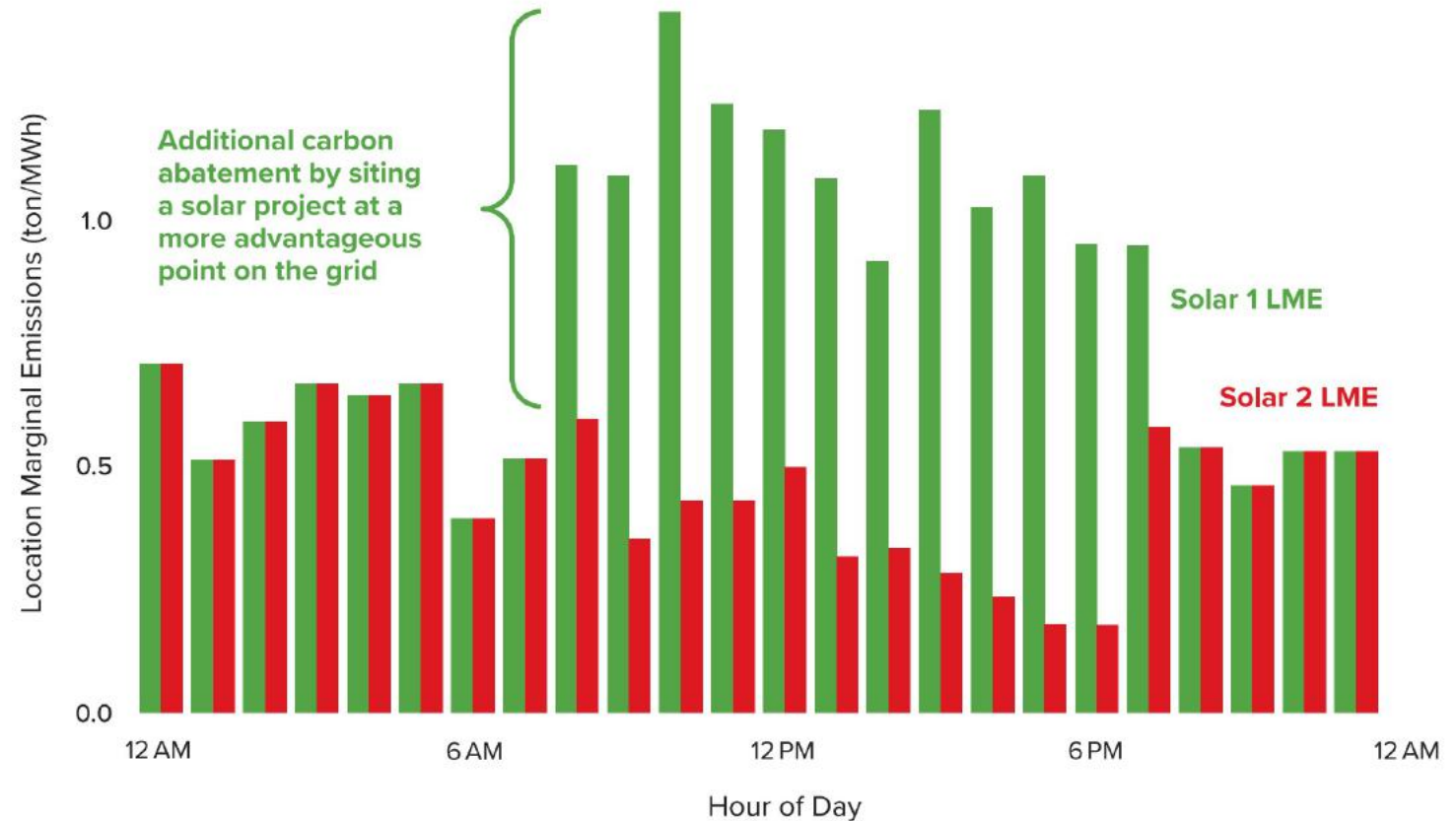
# Collaborator: Locational marginal emissions, a force multiplier

“Directing clean energy deployment to the highest-value renewable projects has the potential to *double the carbon impact.*”

—[REsurety](#)

Figure 1: Large Differences in LME Between Seemingly Interchangeable Solar Projects

LME of Two Solar Projects in Texas Across an Example Day



Notes: Figure shows hourly LMEs for two solar facilities on June 13, 2018. Both facilities are located in ERCOT's Far West, on either side of a binding transmission constraint.

# MSFT-REsurety pilot: CO2↓ matters most



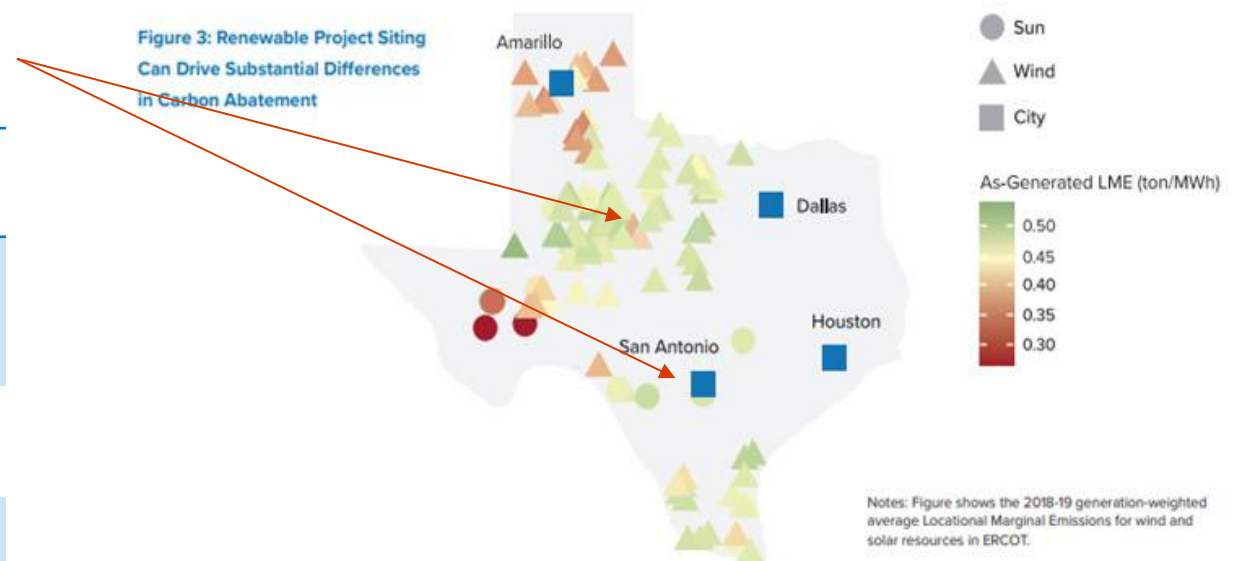
## Net CO2 math improves Scope 2

*For a load in San Antonio, and a wind farm in Central Texas...*

Scenario	100% RE annual or hourly	100% RE annual	100% RE hourly
<b>RE Accounting Methodology</b>	GHG Acc Protocol: Market-based	Locational marginal emissions	Locational marginal emissions
<b>CO2 methodology</b>	Asset-specific, annual	Marginal, nodal, hourly	Marginal, nodal, hourly
<b>Net CO2 position (Metric Tonnes)</b>	0	152,000	86,000

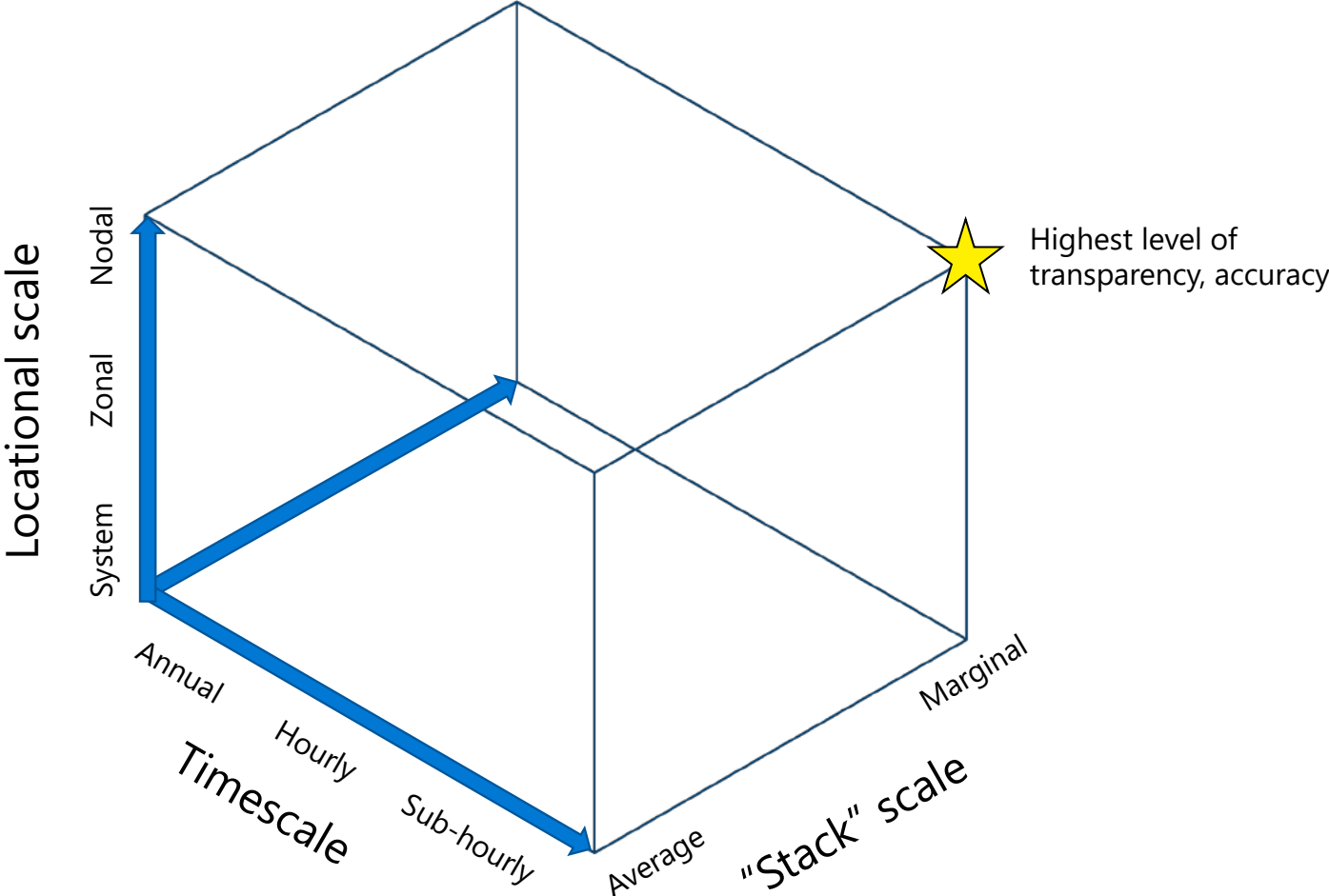
Source: Microsoft analysis

## Data tools form 'CO2 reduction heatmaps'

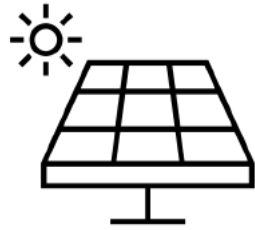


Source: REsurety and The Brattle Group, "Locational Marginal Emissions"

# We need more granular carbon data



# Parallel innovations need to come together



24/7 RE = new GOs, attributes

SBTs = new CO2 metrics/offtake



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# 3 big takeaways



## 1. Clean energy purchasing is helpful, but no substitute for policy

- *Corporate PPAs > 100GWs globally, concentrated in the USA*
- *1,000s of firms feature RE purchasing and/or science-based targets*
- *Power market design, utility practices, etc. should amplify this progress*

## 2. New data tools improve corporate/policy efforts to decarbonize

- *Clean MWhs = means to an end, e.g. CO2↓*
- *Not all clean MWhs create the same outcomes in CO2↓*
- *New data tools can link clean MWhs to CO2 outcomes*

## 3. TSOs/utilities are essential to better CO2↓ scoreboards

- *RE is largely built where convenient/possible, not where necessary*
- *Purchasing 100% clean energy ≠ consuming 100% carbon-free energy*
- *Better CO2↓ metrics matter for power industry innovation/infrastructure*

A night cityscape with a digital network overlay. The image shows a dense urban environment with numerous skyscrapers and buildings, many of which are illuminated with warm yellow and orange lights. The sky is a deep blue, suggesting twilight or early night. Overlaid on the cityscape is a complex network of glowing lines and nodes. The lines are primarily blue and purple, with some pink and red accents. They form a dense web of connections, with many vertical lines extending upwards from the city towards the sky, each ending in a small, glowing sphere. The overall effect is one of a highly connected, digital city.

Thank you!