

Carbon emissions and costs associated with subsidizing New York nuclear instead of replacing it with renewables

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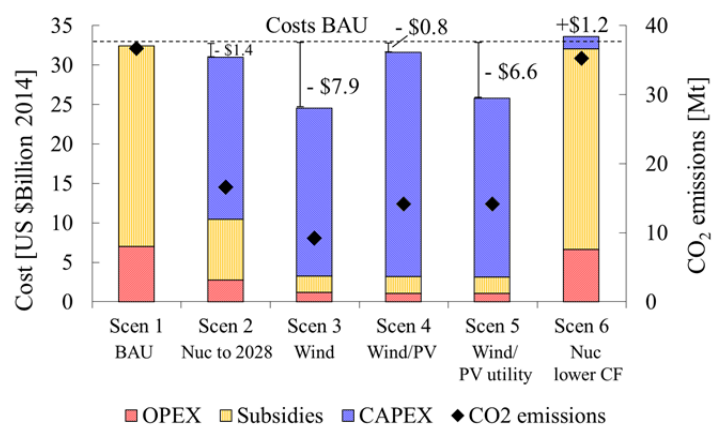
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GRAPHICAL ABSTRACT

Costs and life-cycle CO₂ emissions



Highlights:

- A comparison of costs and CO₂ emissions of New York's nuclear power and with renewable scenarios until 2050 is provided.
- Shutting nuclear down today and replacing it with onshore wind will save \$7.9 billion until 2050.
- Renewable scenarios lead to CO₂ savings up to 27.4 Mt until 2050.
- Reinvesting cost savings from renewable scenarios into additional wind capacities will increase CO₂ savings up to 32.5 Mt.

1. Introduction

In 2015 the state of New York (NY) committed to ambitious climate mitigation goals, aiming to reduce greenhouse gas emission by 40% by 2030 compared with 1990 levels (New York State Energy Plan, [1]). To accomplish this, NY plans to transition from its current electricity generation portfolio—which heavily relies on natural gas-fired systems (41% of total annual power generation) and nuclear power plants (32%) [2]—to higher shares of electricity from renewable energy (RE) systems. More specifically, by 2030 50% of power generation must come from RE sources (photovoltaic, wind, hydro, and biomass). This is in line with a general trend where states start to aim for more ambitious renewable goals, e.g. through renewable portfolio standards (RPS). The state of California, for example, targets a RE share of 50% by 2030 (and is proposing 100% by 2045), Vermont 50% by 2040, Oregon 75% by 2032, and Hawaii 100% by 2045 [3].

Nuclear energy is often seen as a fundamental or bridging technology for future low-carbon systems [4], [5]. However, its full life-cycle CO₂ emissions, including all up- and downstream processes, are typically not considered. Operational risks, waste management issues, concerns in weapon proliferation, and a divided public acceptance are further drawbacks of the technology [6]. Moreover, nuclear power often is heavily subsidized, even to the extent that the overall subsidies actually exceed the value of the generated power [7], [19]. Nevertheless, even after the severe impacts of the Fukushima accident, nuclear power generation is currently still the backbone of many energy systems. As of 2013, nuclear plants provided 11% (2,565 TWh) of the worldwide electricity generation [8]. While Fukushima initialized the phase out of nuclear in some countries—such as Belgium, Germany, and Switzerland—global installations of new plants may only be delayed or slowed down [9].

NY operates four nuclear power plants at the moment. Recently, the state proposed to subsidize the three upstate nuclear plants Fitzpatrick, Nine Mile Point Unit 1, and Ginna through Zero Emissions Credits (ZEC) to keep them operating rather than investing into new RE capacities [10]. This approach was assumed to save costs while relying on a low carbon technology. We evaluate this proposal by comparing the nuclear subsidy scenario with several alternative renewable scenarios with regard to cost and life-cycle CO₂ emissions.

The remainder of this paper is structured as follows. Section 2 describes the methodology and the analyzed scenarios. Section 3 presents the results in terms of mitigation costs and CO₂ emissions savings, including a sensitivity analysis of the main drivers. Section 4 summarizes conclusions.

2. Methodology and data

We compare costs based on fixed annuities of the investments and operating expenditures (OPEX). The latter are comprised of fuel costs and variable operating and maintenance (O&M) costs. Fixed O&M costs are included as a share of the capital expenditure costs (CAPEX). All cost assumptions are time-dependent and can change over the observation period (e.g. due to learning effects or resource scarcity that increase fuel prices). Throughout the scenarios, a discount rate of 4.5% and an amortization period of 20 years are assumed. Sensitivity tests are run to test the effects of 3% and 6% discount rates.

Emissions are considered per kWh of produced electricity (kWh_{el}), including emissions that occur over the complete life-cycle of a technology (*cradle to grave*). We use the following values (based on [11], [12] and updated values from [13]); nuclear: 66 g-CO₂/kWh_{el}, onshore wind: 10 g-CO₂/kWh_{el}, Photovoltaic (PV, no difference between utility-scale and rooftop): 30 g-CO₂/kWh_{el}.

The summed installed capacity of Fitzpatrick, Nine Mile Point Unit 1, and Ginna is 2.1 GW [14], providing 16,330 GWh of electricity per year (which equals ~11% of NY's overall electricity demand as of 2015 [15]). In our scenarios, replacing these plants with 100% RE systems would require either

- i. 7.5 GW of onshore wind capacity
- ii. 3.7 GW of onshore wind capacity and 4.4 GW of utility-scale PV capacity
- iii. A combination of 3.7 GW onshore wind, 2.2 GW of utility-scale PV, and 2.7 GW of rooftop PV

As such, in this study, we examine the following scenarios:

Scenario 1 (“business as usual” or “BAU”): All three upstate nuclear plants keep operating from 2016 until 2050. Their annual electricity generation of 16,330 GWh is assumed to stay constant during that period. To ensure comparability, any alternative scenario² is assumed to provide the same electric energy annually. The proposed nuclear subsidy, which runs until 2028, is assumed to continue thereafter until 2050 at the rate of the last year of the subsidy in 2028.

Scenario 2 (“Nuc until 2028”): Nuclear is assumed to stay open until the end of 2028, when the currently proposed subsidy runs out and is then replaced by onshore wind. The installed capacity of wind turbines needed

² Except in Scenario 6 where a decrease of the capacity factor of nuclear implies a change in annual electric energy generation.

to provide 16,330 GWh/yr with a capacity factor³ (CF) in New York of 25% (average CF 2013 [17]) is 7.5 GW. The investment in the wind turbines starts in 2025 as the construction and planning time for wind farms has to be considered.

Scenario 3 (“Wind”): Nuclear closes as soon as possible (end of 2020) and is replaced by onshore wind. It is assumed that electricity generation from wind power starts in 2021 due to construction and planning times required, while the investment begins in 2017. In that case, the nuclear subsidy continues until the end of 2020.

Scenario 4 (“Wind/PV”): Nuclear closes as soon as possible (end of 2020) and is replaced by wind, utility-scale PV and residential rooftop PV (investment starts in 2017, first operating year is 2021). Capacity factors of utility-scale PV and rooftop PV are 21% and 17%, respectively, and based on the 2015 mean values of the lower and upper CF range NREL’s ATB Cost and Performance Summary [21]. 50% of the overall electricity generation (16,330 GWh/yr) is provided by onshore wind (8,165 GWh/yr at 3.7 GW); utility-scale PV and rooftop PV provide 25% each, resulting in a required installed capacities of 2.2 GW and 2.7 GW, respectively.

Scenario 5 (“Wind/PV utility”): Nuclear is replaced by a combination of onshore wind (8,170 GWh/yr at 3.7 GW) and utility-scale PV (8,170 GWh/yr at 4.4 GW). Wind and PV generation start in 2021. The nuclear subsidy ends at the end of 2020, as with the other cases.

Scenario 6 (“Nuc moderate CF”): This scenario assumes that the 2015 CF of the three nuclear power plants averaged between 2016 and 2050 (0.91) decreases to 0.85. The rationale is that older nuclear plants require greater maintenance and higher penetration levels of renewable systems imply less utilization of nuclear power. As a consequence, the electric power generation from nuclear declines from 16,330 GWh/yr to 15,316 GWh/yr. In order to be comparable with the other scenarios (i.e. having the same annual electricity generation of 16,330 GWh/yr), the reduction in nuclear generation (1,013 GWh/yr) is made up for by a mix of additional onshore wind, utility-scale PV, and rooftop PV (231 MW, 138 MW, 170 MW, respectively).

Figure 1 summarizes the temporal sequence of investments and power generation until 2050.

³ The capacity factor describes the utilization of a generation technology. It is defined as the actual energy generated divided by the maximum possible energy generated during the year.

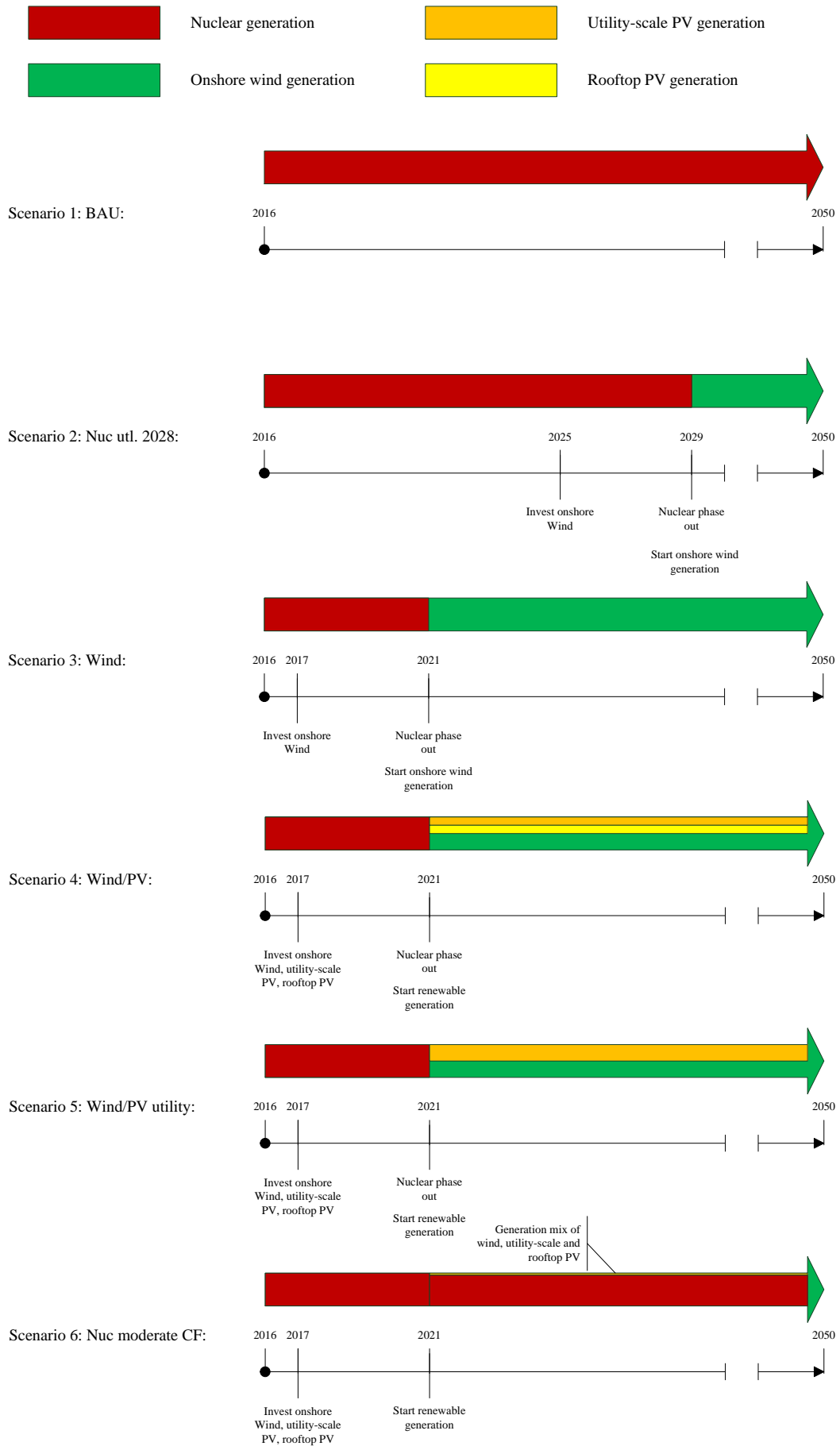


Figure 1: Timeline of investment and power generation in each scenario.

3. Results

3.1. Cost savings

Figure 2 shows the overall system costs and life-cycle CO₂ emissions for each scenario, separated into CAPEX, OPEX, and nuclear subsidies. Section 3.2 compares CO₂ emissions for the case where the costs depicted in Figure 2 are instead invested in additional wind capacity.

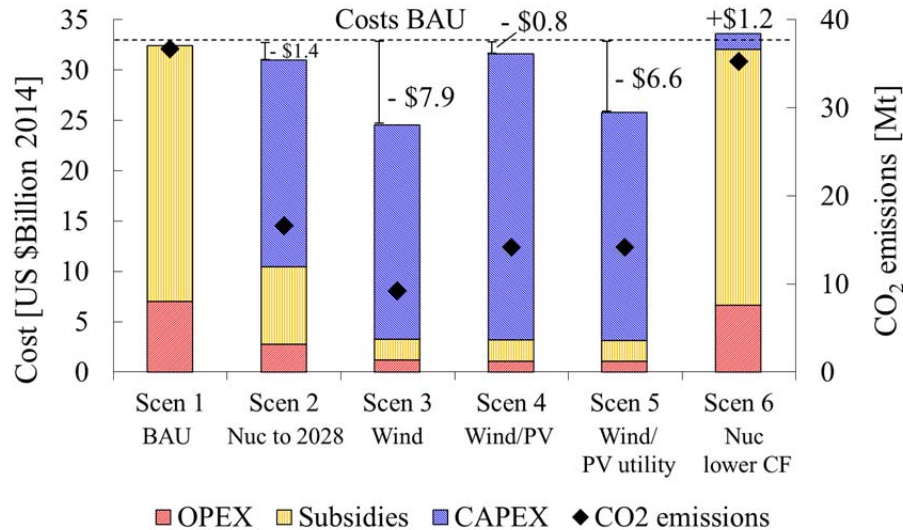


Figure 2: Comparison of all costs (primary ordinate) and CO₂ emissions (secondary ordinate) for each scenario. Operating costs (OPEX) include fuel costs as well as fixed and variable O&M costs. Subsidies refer to Zero Emission Credits (ZEC) for nuclear power plants. All exact values can be found in Table A.2 in the Appendix.

Scenario 1 (“BAU”): The overall costs between 2016 and 2050 are \$32.4 billion (in 2014 USD), mainly consisting of subsidies for nuclear power. For the first 12 years, nuclear receives a subsidy that increases annually and caps at \$805 million in 2028, summing to \$7.6 billion between 2016 and 2028. In this scenario, we assume that the subsidy continues at \$805 million/yr for the remaining 22 years past 2028 until 2050, totaling an additional \$17.7 billion from 2028 to 2050 or \$25.3 billion (\$7.6 + 17.7 billion) over the entire 34 years from 2016 to 2050. Operating costs, mainly fuel costs, are around \$7.0 billion (22% of the total costs) during this period. The total life-cycle CO₂ emissions are the highest among all scenarios, resulting in 37 Mt CO₂ until 2050.

Scenario 2 (“Nuc until 2028”): The overall costs are \$31 billion. Around 66% (\$20.6 billion) are CAPEX of the newly installed wind turbines, while 25% of the cost (\$7.7 billion) is a subsidy to the nuclear power plants, which operate until 2028. OPEX account for only 9% (\$2.7 billion). Although the costs do not differ substantially from the BAU costs, this scenario saves 20 Mt of CO₂ emissions until 2050 compared with BAU.

Scenario 3 (“Wind”): This scenario has the lowest overall system cost (\$24.5 billion) and CO₂ emissions (9 Mt CO₂). Most of the cost reduction is achieved by avoiding the subsidy for nuclear power. Some subsidies (\$2.1 billion), however, continue during the period between planning and initial investment (2017) and operation (beginning of 2021) of the wind farms. The biggest cost component is CAPEX for the new onshore wind capacities. OPEX are insignificant and consist of fixed operating and maintenance costs (variable operating costs for renewable systems are assumed to be zero).

Scenario 4 (“Wind/PV”): This scenario is only slightly less expensive than BAU, resulting in system costs of \$31.6 billion, saving around \$0.8 billion. The additional cost, compared with scenario 3 (“Wind”), arises due to the lower capacity factor and higher cost of PV (utility + rooftop) versus onshore wind in New York. The scenario reduces CO₂ emissions by 23 Mt compared with BAU. As for scenario 3, the initial years after the investment into renewable capacities, nuclear power plants still need to be kept online for the duration of the construction time.

Scenario 5 (“Wind/PV utility”): The second least-costly scenario results in system costs of \$25.8 billion, reducing overall costs by \$6.6 billion and CO₂ emissions by 23 Mt compared with BAU. When compared with scenario 4 (“Wind/PV”), where 25% of the electricity is provided by rooftop PV, the lower CAPEX and higher CF of utility-scale PV leads to lower overall system costs. The total CO₂ emissions are identical, as the same lifecycle emissions per kWh for utility-scale and rooftop PV were assumed (see Section 2).

Scenario 6: Assuming a lower CF of nuclear power plants, while renewable technologies compensate the difference in power generation is slightly more expensive the Scenario 1 (+\$1.2 billion). However, due to renewable generation, around 1.4 Mt of CO₂ can be mitigated compared to Scenario 1.

3.2. CO₂ savings

Results indicate that all renewable energy scenarios lead to system costs savings. Subsequently, we analyze how CO₂ emissions are affected if these cost savings are invested into additional wind power capacities after 2050. It is assumed that the additional RE capacities substitute grid electricity with a specific CO₂ factor of 535 g-CO₂/kWh_{el} [16]. Figure 3 illustrates the CO₂ savings in all scenarios compared with BAU with and without re-investing into onshore wind capacity. CO₂ emissions w/o re-investing are identical to the values shown in Figure 2.

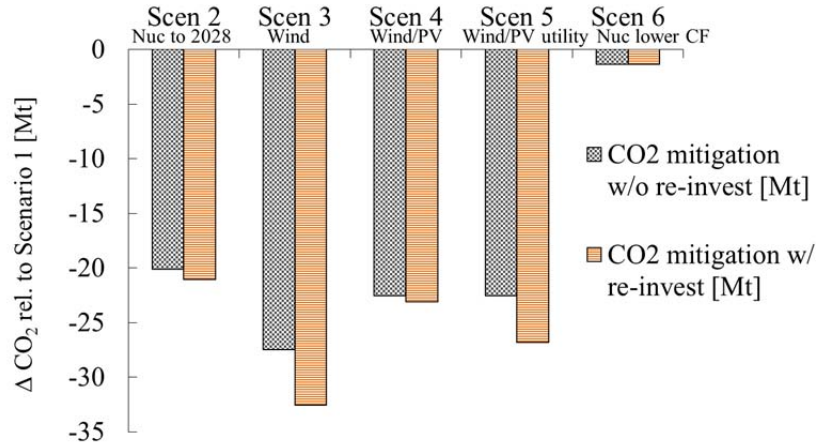


Figure 3: Comparison of CO₂ emission mitigation compared with BAU for each scenario with and without re-investing of the cost savings into additional onshore wind capacity.

Figure 3 shows that re-investing the cost savings into onshore wind can save up to 5.1 Mt of additional CO₂ emissions (compared with the scenarios without re-investment). There are no differences in CO₂ mitigation in Scenario 6 since the scenario does not result in any cost savings that can be re-invested.

Table 1. Assumptions and results with respect to CO₂ emissions if cost savings are re-invested into additional wind capacity.

Scenario	Savings [\$ billion]	Add. wind cap. [GW] ^a	Generation of add. caps [GWh/yr] ^b	CO ₂ mitig. w/ re-invest [Mt]	CO ₂ mitig. w/o re-invest [Mt]	Add.CO ₂ mitig.[Mt]
BAU	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nuc until 2028	1.4	0.8	1,776	20.1	19.2	0.9
Wind	7.9	4.4	9,710	27.4	22.3	5.1
Wind/PV	0.8	0.5	1,036	22.5	22.0	0.5
Wind/PV utility	6.6	3.7	8,105	22.5	18.3	4.3
Nuc moderate CF	-	-	-	1.4	1.4	-

^a Assuming an onshore wind CF of 0.25 in 2050.

^b Assuming a CAPEX for onshore wind of \$1,787/kW based on [21].

3.3. Sensitivity analysis

The robustness of the results is tested against variations in the assumed discount rates and different CF's for each of the five main scenarios. Variations in the CF for wind and PV foster a change in the required installed capacities of these technologies (as we require that PV and wind must always provide the same annual electric energy as nuclear, i.e. 16,330 GWh/yr). Table 2 provides the assumptions.

Table 2. Overview of the sensitivity cases and their main assumptions.

Sub-scenario	Discount rate [%]		Capacity factor [-]		
Reference	4.5	[20], scen. HCLB	Wind:	0.25	Average CF 2013 [17]
			Utility PV:	0.21	Mean 2015 of CF Range [21]
			Rooftop PV:	0.17	Mean 2015 of CF Range [21]
CF low ^a	4.5	[20], scen. HCLB	Wind:	0.22	Scenario LCHB [20]
			Utility PV:	0.18	Scenario LCHB [20]
			Rooftop PV:	0.14	Scenario LCHB [20]
CF high ^b	4.5	[20], scen. HCLB	Wind:	0.33	Mean 2015 of CF Range [21]
			Utility PV:	0.21	Mean 2015 of CF Range [21]
			Rooftop PV:	0.18	Own assumption
Discount low	3.0	Own assumption	Wind:	0.25	Average CF 2013 [17]
			Utility PV:	0.21	Mean 2015 of CF Range [21]
			Rooftop PV:	0.17	Mean 2015 of CF Range [21]
Discount high	6.0	Own assumption	Wind:	0.25	Average CF 2013 [17]
			Utility PV:	0.21	Mean 2015 of CF Range [21]
			Rooftop PV:	0.17	Mean 2015 of CF Range [21]

^a Due to the lower CF, the following capacities are needed (assuming 16,330 GWh/yr); wind: 8.4 GW, PV utility: 10.4 GW, PV rooftop: 13.3 GW.

^b Due to the higher CF, the following capacities are needed (assuming 16,330 GWh/yr); wind: 5.6 GW, PV utility: 8.9 GW, PV rooftop: 10.4 GW.

Figure 4 illustrates the influence of the different CF assumptions on overall costs.

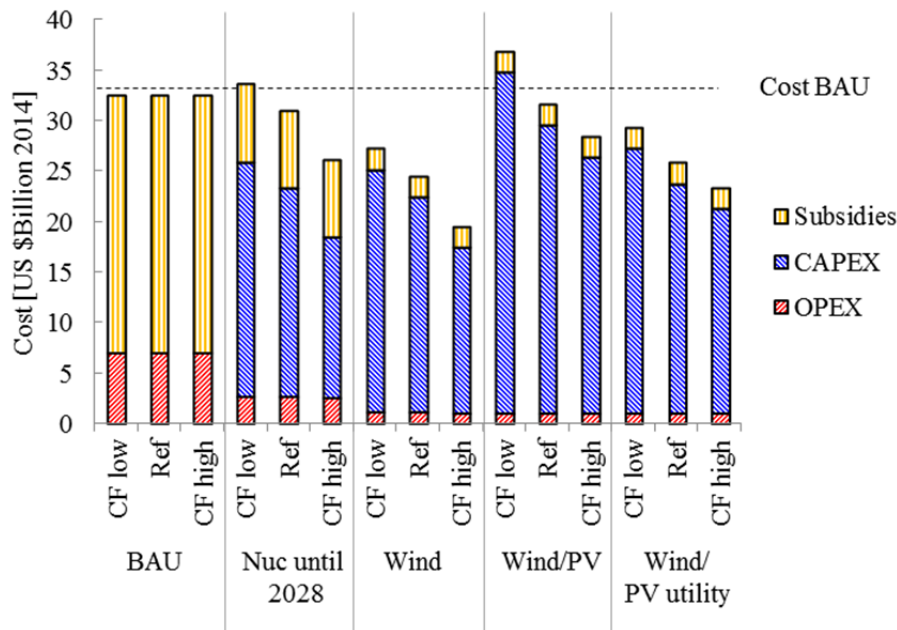


Figure 4: Comparison of the system costs of the four main scenarios with different capacity factors (CF) for wind and PV systems.

Figure 5 depicts the influence of the different discount rate assumptions on the overall costs.

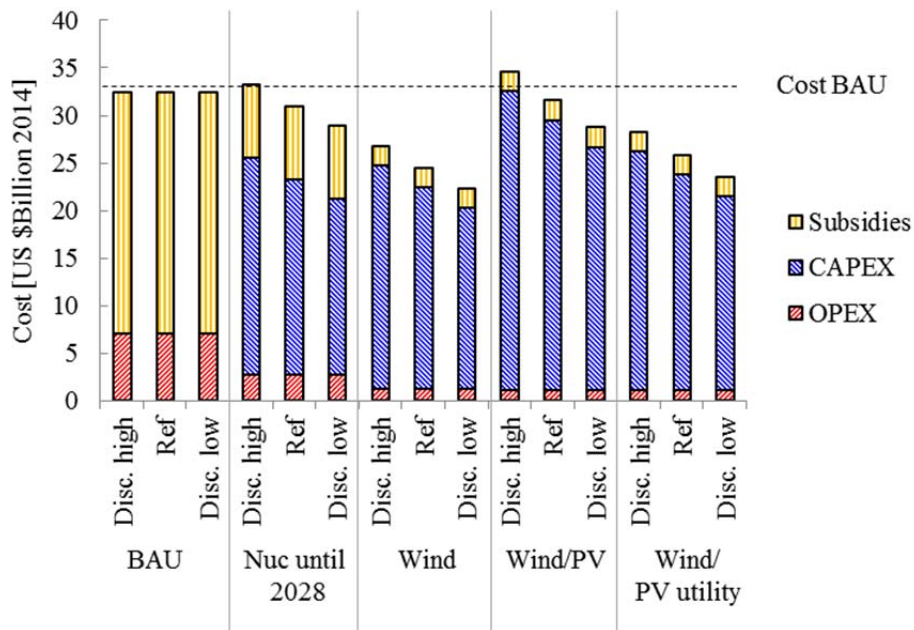


Figure 5: Comparison of the system costs of the four main scenarios with different discount rates (Disc.) for wind and PV systems.

Figure 4 and Figure 5 support the key result that most of the renewable scenarios are less costly than the BAU scenario. Only for very low CF's or a high discount rate, scenarios 2 ("Nuc until 2028") and 4 ("Wind/PV") are slightly more expensive than BAU. Yet, scenario 3 ("Wind") and 5 ("Wind/PV utility") are always less expensive than BAU.

4. Conclusions

This paper compared the cost of maintaining a proposed subsidy for three New York nuclear power plants (Fitzpatrick, Nine Mile Point Unit 1, and Ginna) with the cost of replacing the plants with renewable technologies between 2016 and 2050 (business as usual case). Results indicate that keeping nuclear operating with subsidy until 2050 is the most expensive option, resulting in \$32.4 billion (business as usual) in cumulative costs in 2014 USD. If the nuclear plants stay online until 2028 and are then replaced by wind and solar, the overall costs decline to \$31.0 billion. The most favorable scenario is to shut down nuclear today and replace it with onshore wind capacities, saving \$7.9 billion compared with the business as usual case. Substituting nuclear with a combination of wind and utility-scale photovoltaics saves \$6.6 billion between 2016 and 2050. A mix of wind, utility-scale, and rooftop photovoltaics saves \$0.8 billion. Substituting nuclear with a combination of wind and utility-scale photovoltaics would save \$6.6 billion. A mix of wind, utility-scale, and rooftop photovoltaics saves \$0.8 billion.

The four renewable scenarios lead to 20.1 to 27.4 Mt CO₂ greater life-cycle emission reductions between 2016 and 2050 compared with the nuclear scenarios. In addition, re-investing the cost savings of the renewable scenarios into additional wind capacity increases CO₂ savings by up to 32.5 Mt.

In sum, in all cases examined, subsidizing the three upstate nuclear reactors to stay open increases both CO₂ emissions and costs relative to the renewable scenarios. A sensitivity analysis supports the robustness of the results against changes in the assumed discount rate as well as in the capacity factors for wind and PV systems.

All renewable scenarios may be even more cost beneficial than depicted in this analysis for the following reasons:

- i. It is assumed here that the investments in nuclear power plants are fully depreciated
- ii. We use rather high CF's for nuclear power (0.91 and 0.85 in Scenario 6). However, it is likely that the CF of nuclear will decrease even more with increasing penetration of renewable generation.
- iii. All three nuclear power plants are rather old (Nine Mile: 1969, Fitzpatrick: 1976, Ginna: 1970) and require additional maintenance, replacement, or retrofit at some point. These additional costs are not included in the present analysis.

Our conclusions are in line with other research, such as the work of Lovins [18] or Bradford [19]. Both agree that nuclear power is often uneconomical without subsidies. Moreover, both authors conclude that—similar to our calculations—nuclear typically saves less CO₂ emissions than shutting these plants down and reinvesting into alternative renewable capacities.

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Appendix

Further assumptions

Projected fuel costs (see Figure A.1.) for uranium are based on [20]. 2012 USD are converted to 2014 USD via a price deflator ratio for electricity costs of 1.031. To obtain from \$/MMBtu to \$/MWh a heat rate of 10.48 MMBtu/MWh is assumed.

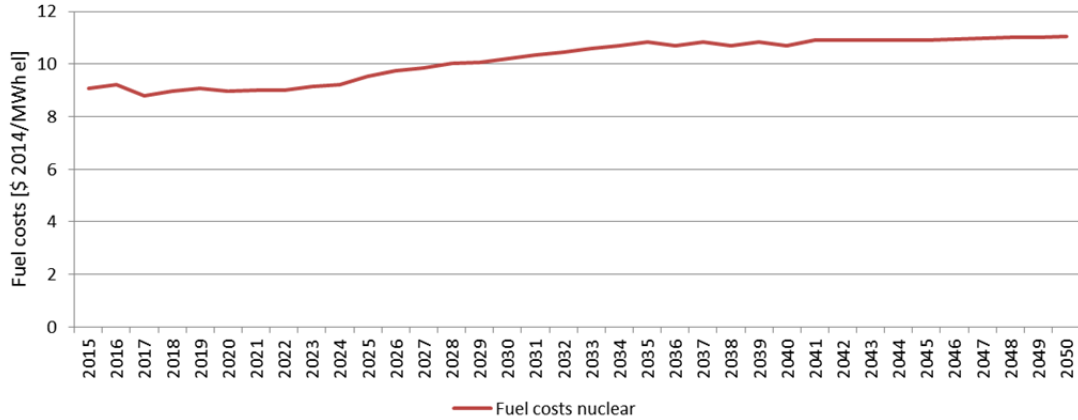


Figure A.1. Fuel cost projections for nuclear power plants.

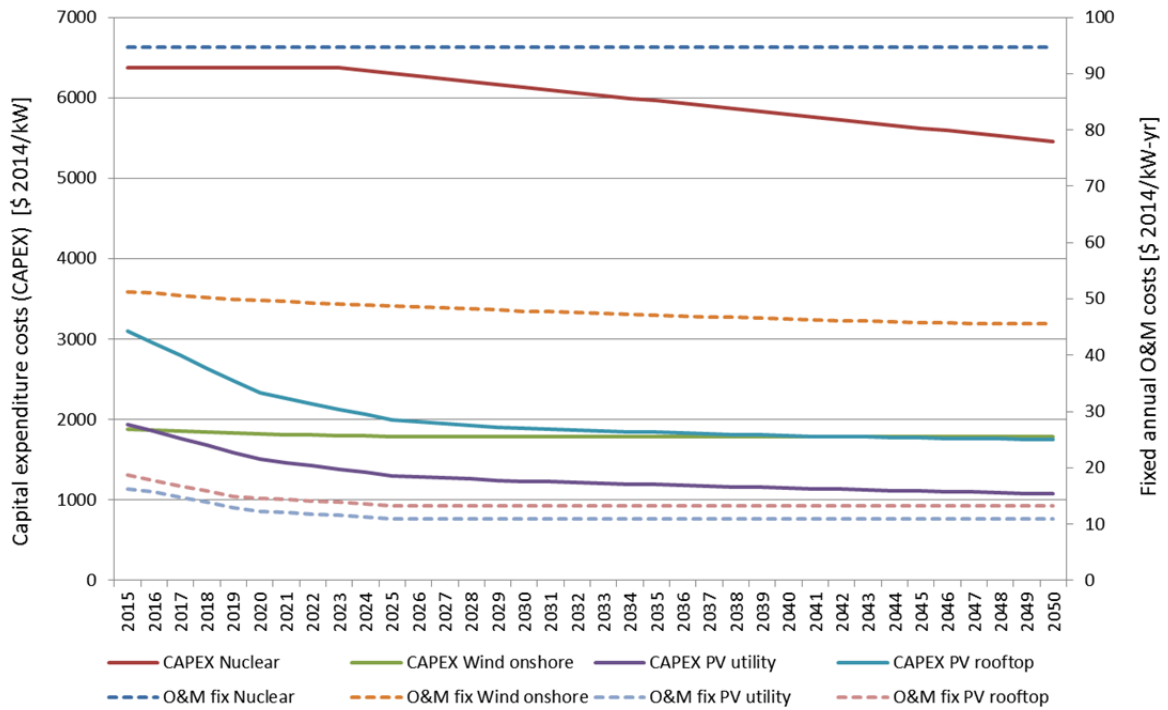


Figure A.2. Cost projections of capital expenditure costs (CAPEX) on the primary ordinate and of the fixed annual operation and maintenance costs (O&M) on the secondary ordinate. Values are based on [21].

Variable operation and maintenance costs for renewable systems (wind onshore, PV utility-scale, PV rooftop) are assumed to be zero; for nuclear power plants \$2/MWh were used [21]. The projected fuel costs for nuclear power plants are based on [21].

Table A.1. Cost assumptions of nuclear power subsidies.

Dates	Upper limit of ZEC [MWh/yr]	Adjusted social costs of carbon (SCC) [\$/MWh]	Annual costs	Total costs
04/17–03/19	27,618,000	17.70	\$488,838,600	\$977,677,200
04/19–03/21	27,618,000	19.81	\$547,112,580	\$1,094,225,160
04/21–03/23	27,618,000	21.60	\$596,548,800	\$1,193,097,600
04/23–03/25	27,618,000	24.05	\$664,212,900	\$1,328,425,800
04/25–03/27	27,618,000	26.67	\$736,572,060	\$1,473,144,120
04/27–03/29	27,618,000	29.37	\$811,140,660	\$1,622,281,320
04/29–12/50	- ^a	-	\$805,000,000	\$17,710,000,000

^a After 03/29 subsidies must continue at a minimum rate of \$805 million/yr until 2050

Detailed results

Table A. 1: Cumulative costs in \$ 2014 from 2016 to 2050 of each of the main scenarios disaggregating into the different technology options and cost components.

	Invest. costs [\$]	Fuel costs [\$]	O&M _{var} costs [\$]	O&M _{fix} costs [\$]	Subsidies [\$]
Scenario 1	-	\$5,800,742,600	\$1,240,263,500	\$189,426,844	\$25,887,689,800
Nuclear	-	\$5,800,742,600	\$1,240,263,500	\$189,426,844	\$25,887,689,800
Scenario 2	\$13,369,721,461	\$1,954,374,400	\$460,669,300	\$528,268,319	\$8,177,689,800
Nuclear	-	\$1,954,374,400	\$460,669,300	\$180,921,966	\$8,177,689,800
Wind	\$13,369,721,461	-	-	\$347,346,353	-
Scenario 3	\$13,809,662,100	\$737,626,100	\$177,180,500	\$514,261,211	\$2,560,740,960
Nuclear	-	\$737,626,100	\$177,180,500	\$162,365,867	\$2,560,740,960
Wind	\$13,809,662,100	-	-	\$351,895,344	-
Scenario 4	\$18,487,396,793	\$737,626,100	\$177,180,500	\$399,710,432	\$2,560,740,960
Nuclear	-	\$737,626,100	\$177,180,500	\$162,365,867	\$2,560,740,960
PV rooftop	\$7,656,743,554	-	-	\$36,787,825	-
PV utility	\$3,925,822,190	-	-	\$24,609,069	-
Wind	\$6,904,831,050	-	-	\$175,947,672	-
Scenario 5	\$14,756,475,429	\$737,626,100	\$177,180,500	\$366,831,950	\$2,560,740,960
Nuclear	-	\$737,626,100	\$177,180,500	\$162,365,867	\$2,560,740,960
PV utility	\$7,851,644,379	-	-	\$49,218,137	-
Wind	\$6,904,831,050	-	-	\$155,247,946	-
Scenario 6	\$998,801,435	\$5,486,482,741	\$1,174,279,572	\$202,425,326	\$25,887,689,800
Nuclear	-	\$5,486,482,741	\$1,174,279,572	\$189,426,844	\$25,887,689,800
PV rooftop	\$315,126,655	-	-	\$2,014,733	-
PV utility	\$255,102,530	-	-	\$1,347,747	-
Wind	\$428,572,250	-	-	\$9,636,001	-

Table A.2. Detailed costs (in 2014 USD) and CO₂ emissions for each main and sub-scenario. The CO₂ emissions for each sensitivity case do not differ since technology specific, annual electricity generation is identical.

Scenario	Sub-scenario	OPEX [\$]	CAPEX [\$]	Subsidies [\$]	CO ₂ emissions [Mt]
Scenario 1	Reference	\$7,041,308,249	-	\$25,398,851,200	37
Scenario 2	Reference	\$2,745,682,445	\$20,556,252,732	\$7,688,851,200	17
Scenario 3	Reference	\$1,212,882,137	\$21,232,671,534	\$2,071,902,360	9
Scenario 4	Reference	\$1,098,331,358	\$28,424,795,681	\$2,071,902,360	14
Scenario 5	Reference	\$1,065,452,876	\$22,688,418,697	\$2,071,902,360	14
Scenario 6	Reference	\$6,674,062,944	\$1,535,680,065	\$25,398,851,200	35
Scenario 1	CF low	\$7,053,485,584	-	\$25,398,851,200	37
Scenario 2	CF low	\$2,800,417,890	\$23,141,494,039	\$7,688,851,200	17
Scenario 3	CF low	\$1,265,733,750	\$23,902,982,130	\$2,071,902,360	9
Scenario 4	CF low	\$1,142,205,958	\$33,636,046,688	\$2,071,902,360	14
Scenario 5	CF low	\$1,103,524,617	\$26,204,920,322	\$2,071,902,360	14
Scenario 1	CF high	\$7041,308,249	-	\$25,398,851,200	37
Scenario 2	CF high	\$2,665,525,594	\$15,812,502,102	\$7,688,851,200	17
Scenario 3	CF high	\$1,131,675,519	\$16,332,824,257	\$2,071,902,360	9
Scenario 4	CF high	\$1,055,684,281	\$25,320,848,796	\$2,071,902,360	14
Scenario 5	CF high	\$1,030,349,315	\$20,238,495,058	\$2,071,902,360	14
Scenario 1	Discount low	\$7,041,308,249	-	\$25,398,851,200	37
Scenario 2	Discount low	\$2,745,682,445	\$18,489,735,161	\$7,688,851,200	17
Scenario 3	Discount low	\$1,212,882,137	\$19,098,153,663	\$2,071,902,360	9
Scenario 4	Discount low	\$1,098,331,358	\$25,567,254,450	\$2,071,902,360	14
Scenario 5	Discount low	\$1,066,392,630	\$20,407,554,741	\$2,071,902,360	14
Scenario 1	Discount high	\$7,041,308,249	-	\$25,398,851,200	37
Scenario 2	Discount high	\$2,745,682,445	\$22,761,382,426	\$7,688,851,200	17
Scenario 3	Discount high	\$1,212,882,137	\$23,510,362,662	\$2,071,902,360	9
Scenario 4	Discount high	\$1,098,331,358	\$31,474,007,122	\$2,071,902,360	14
Scenario 5	Discount high	\$1,066,392,630	\$25,122,272,105	\$2,071,902,360	14