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Using stochastic programming to analyse demand response in European electricity markets

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- Transition to near zero emission power systems
- The EMPIRE model
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- European technology mix
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- European technology mix
  - EMPIRE case 2: active consumers and demand response
- References

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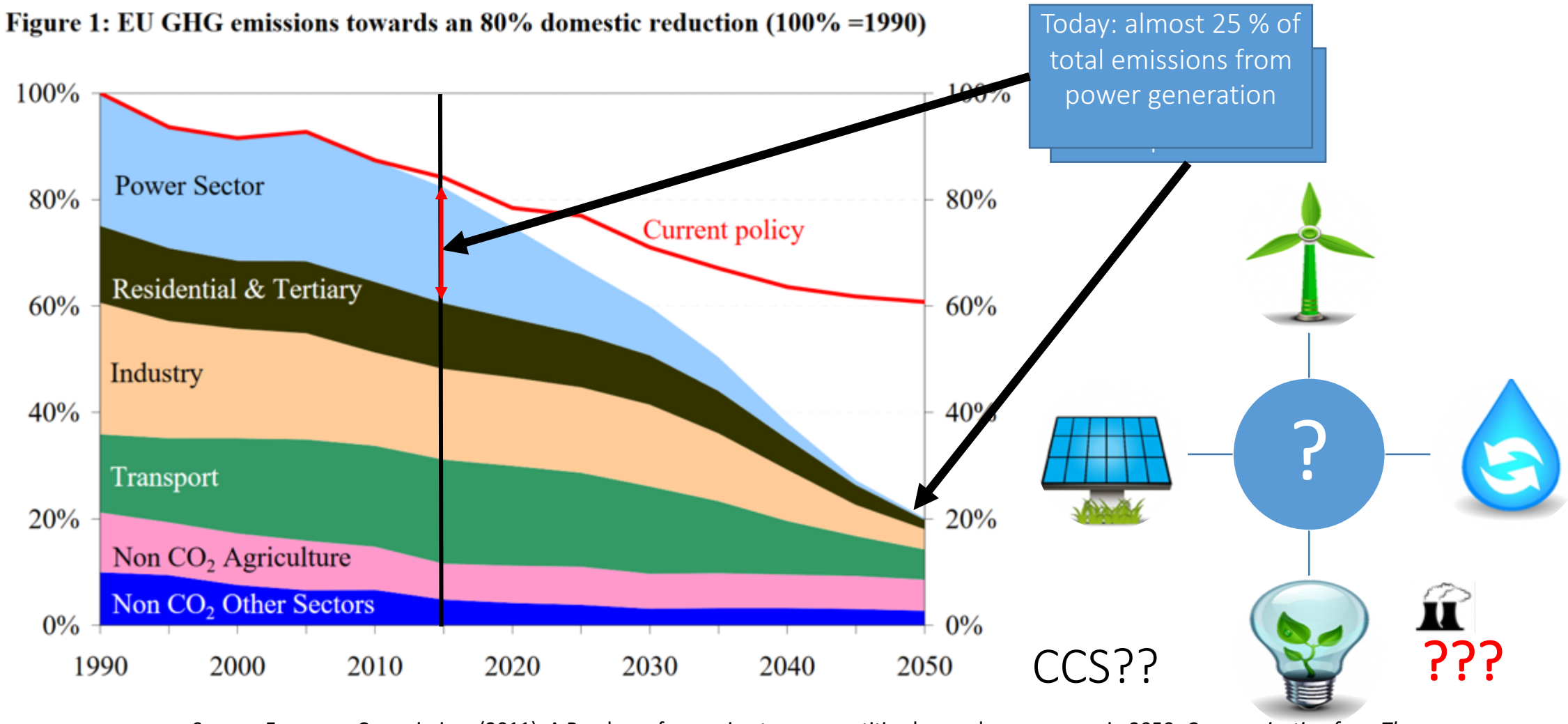
The Zero Emission Power system

What is needed to achieve 90%emission cuts in 2050?

- Transmission versus storage
- How does the role of gas develop
  - With CCS?
  - Or without.
- The “winter package”: Active consumers and demand response. An alternative to transmission?

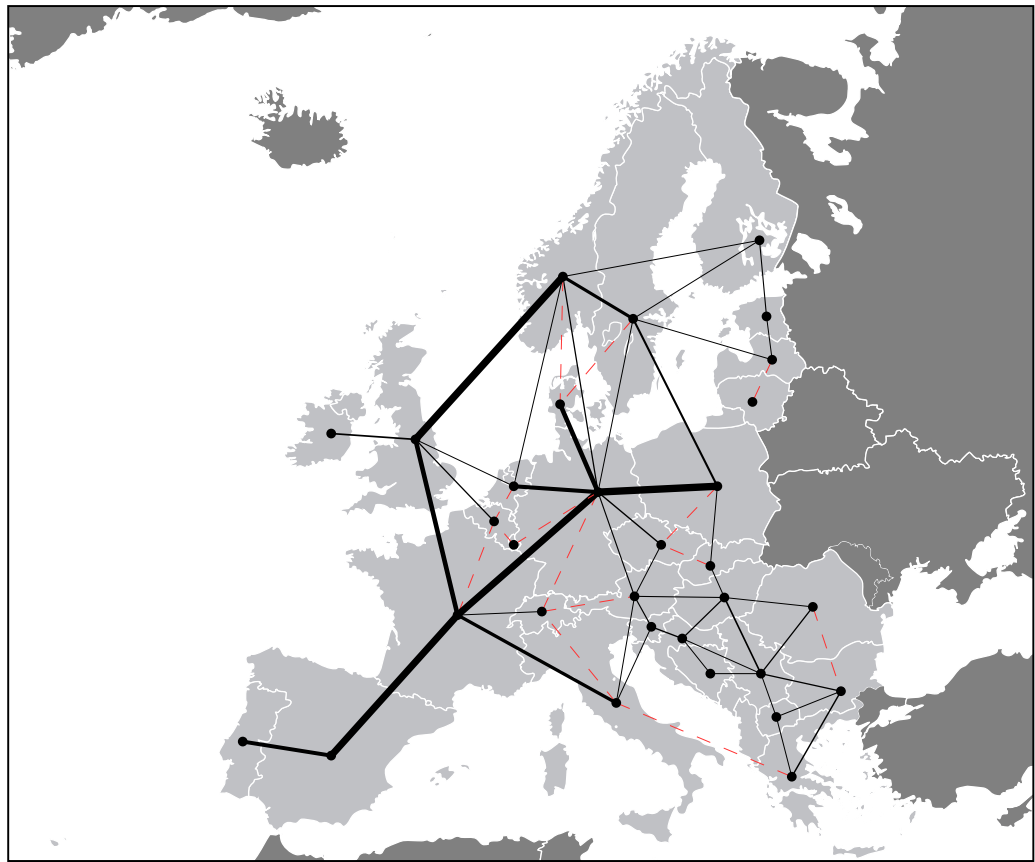
Backdrop: European Commission's view of a low-carbon Europe



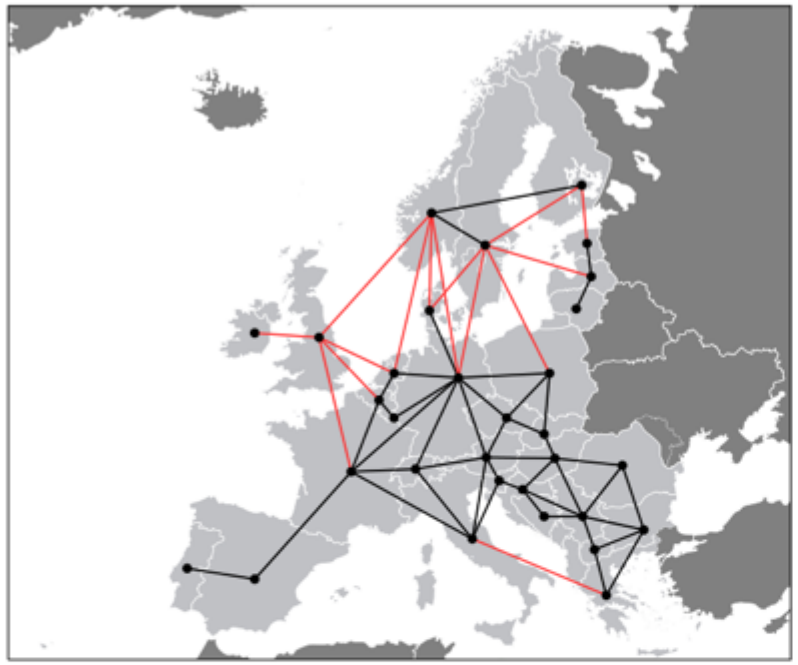
Source: European Commission. (2011). A Roadmap for moving to a competitive low carbon economy in 2050. *Communication from The Commission to The European Parliament, The Council, The European Economic and Social Committee and The Committee of The Regions, COM(2011)*.

Zero Emission Power systems

- Analyses using the EMPIRE model
- Power system design and operation
  - Time horizon until 2050 – investments in 5 year steps
  - Model operational time periods: demand, supply (stochastic wind and solar PV) and optimal dispatch.
- Provides a cost minimization capacity expansion plan for Europe, detailed for each country



European Model for Power system Investment with Renewable Energy (EMPIRE)



Multi-horizon Stochastic Program

- Long-term dynamics (multi-period investments)
- Short-term dynamics (multi-period operation)
- Short-term uncertainty

Modeling assumptions

- Perfect competition (system cost minimization formulation)
- Inelastic demand
- Generation capacity aggregated per technology (i.e. do not model individual plants)
- Investments are continuous
- Lines are independent (i.e. transportation network)
- Perfect foresight about fuel prices, carbon price, and load development.

The challenge for Zero Emission Power Systems
- Intermittent generation and variable load

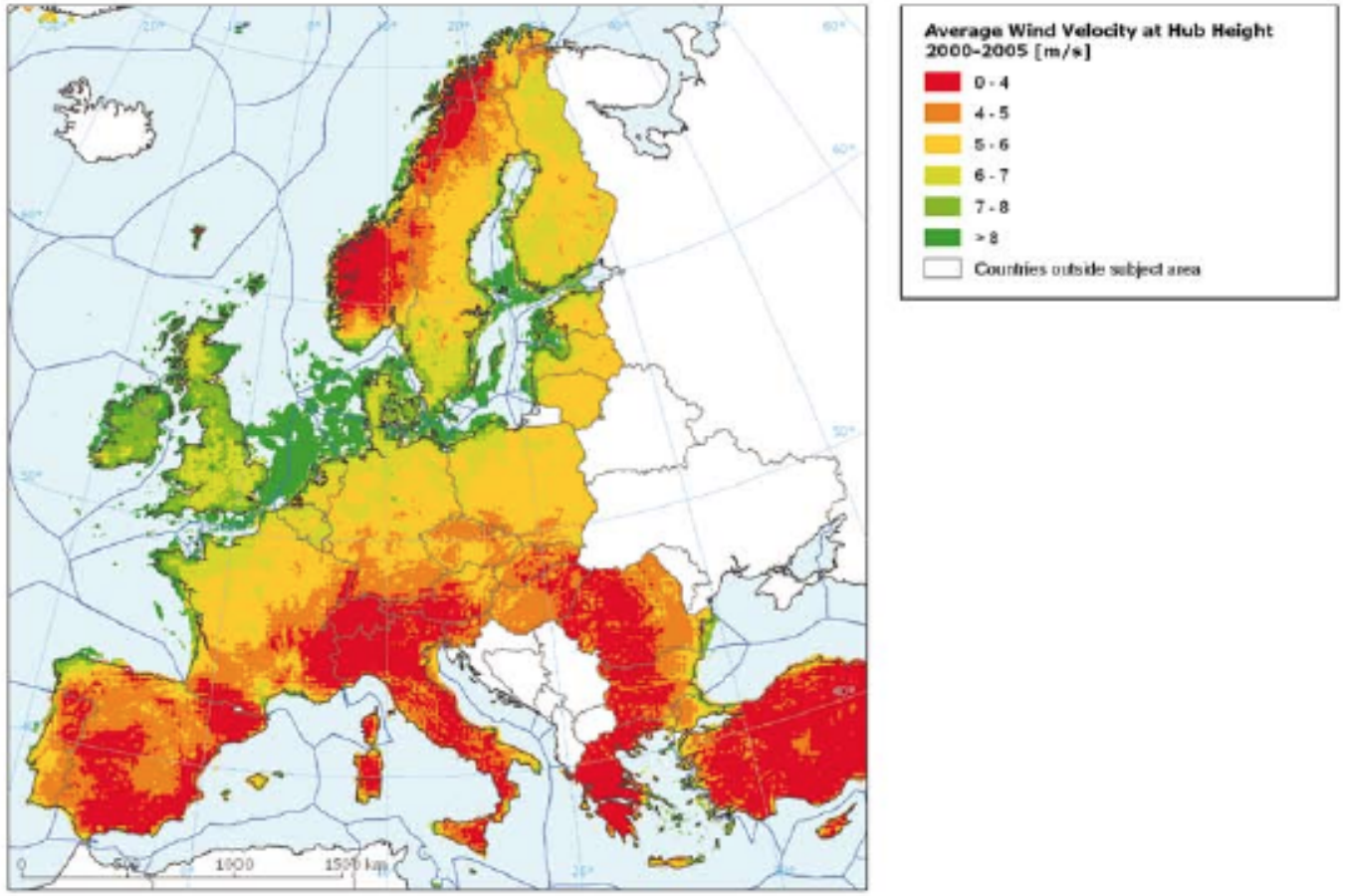


Figure : ECMFW wind field data for Europe (source: European Environment Agency)

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We need to model variations in wind, both the intermittent nature and geographically

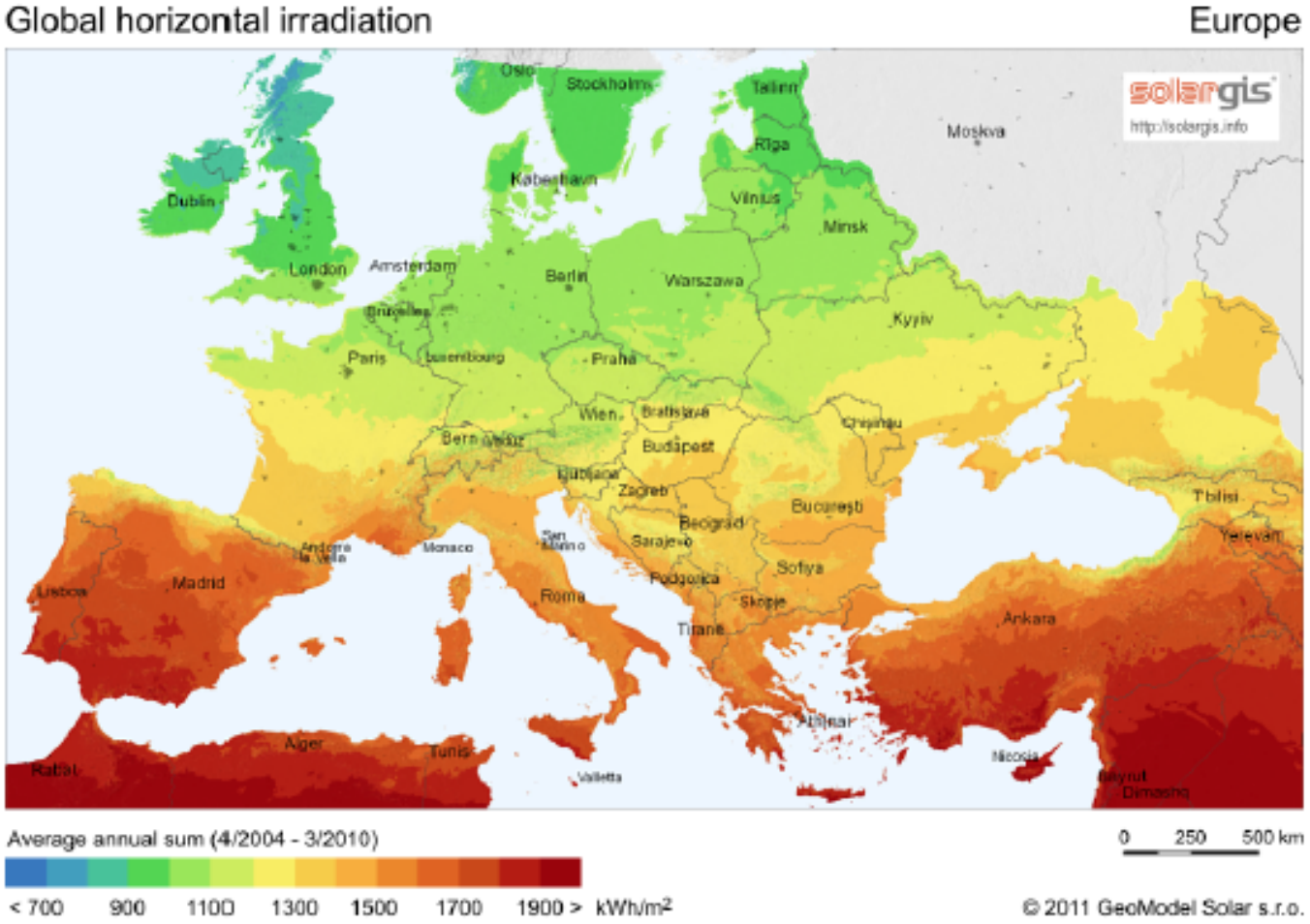

Figure : Average solar irradiation in Continental Europe (source: solargis)

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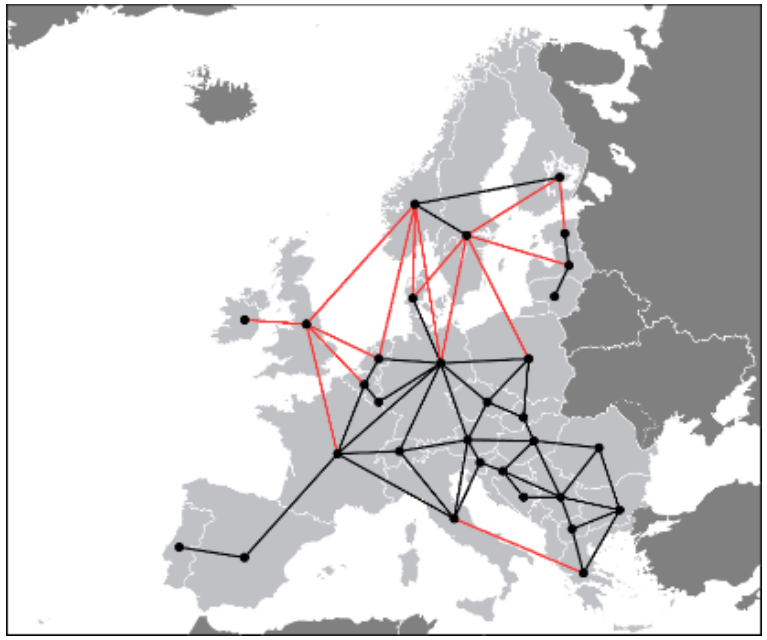
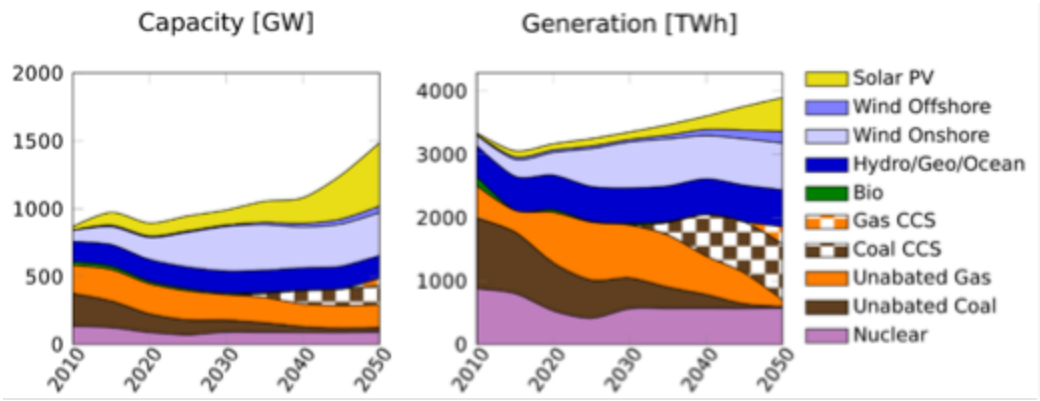
Co-optimization of strategic and operational decisions



Optimal investment strategy 2010-2015



Coupled optimization problem to minimize total system costs

Optimal dispatch for representative 168-hour blocks

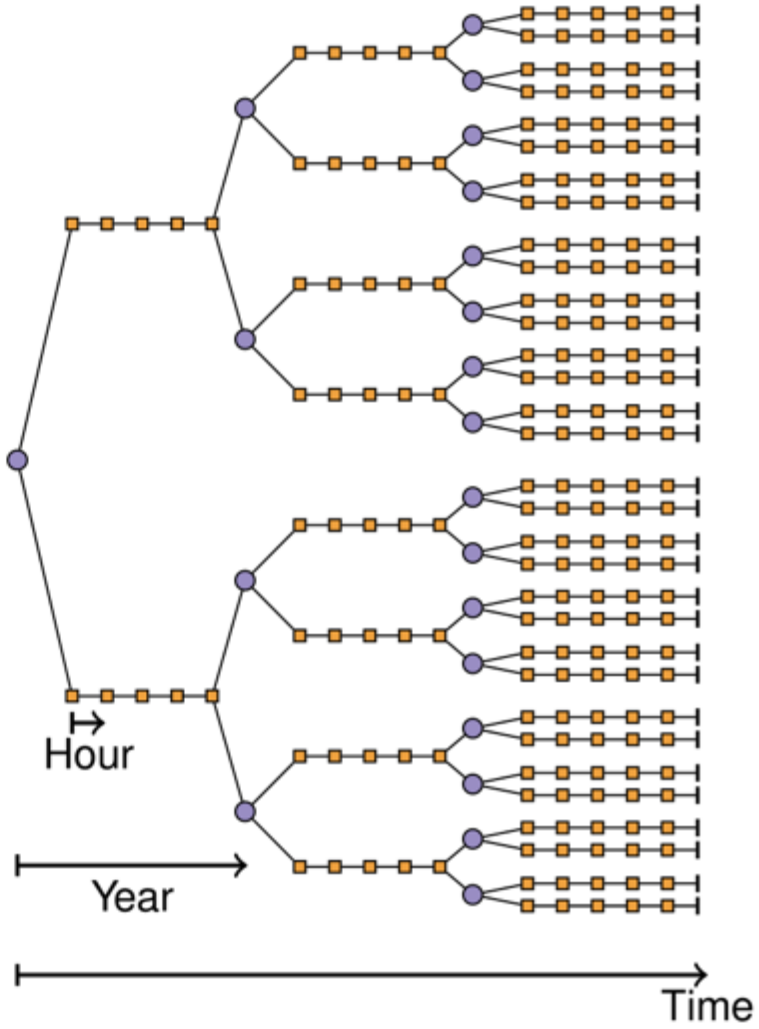
Multi-stage, Multi-Scale Stochastic Programming (SP)

Uncertainty types

- Strategic examples
  - Investment cost
  - Carbon price
  - Fuel price development
- Operational examples
  - Load levels
  - Intermittent RES generation
  - Hydro reservoir inflow

Legend

Investment (strategic) decisions ●
Operational desicions ■



Loose coupling here-and-now operation and future decisions

- Future strategic and operational uncertainty independent of current (operational) information
  - Example: observing current wind generation does not give you updated information about future weather

- Future strategic and operational decisions independent of current operational decisions
  - Example: current output from your CCGT does not impact what is optimal to do (investments, operation) in the future

Multi-horizon Stochastic Programming (SP)

Legend

Investment (strategic) decisions ●
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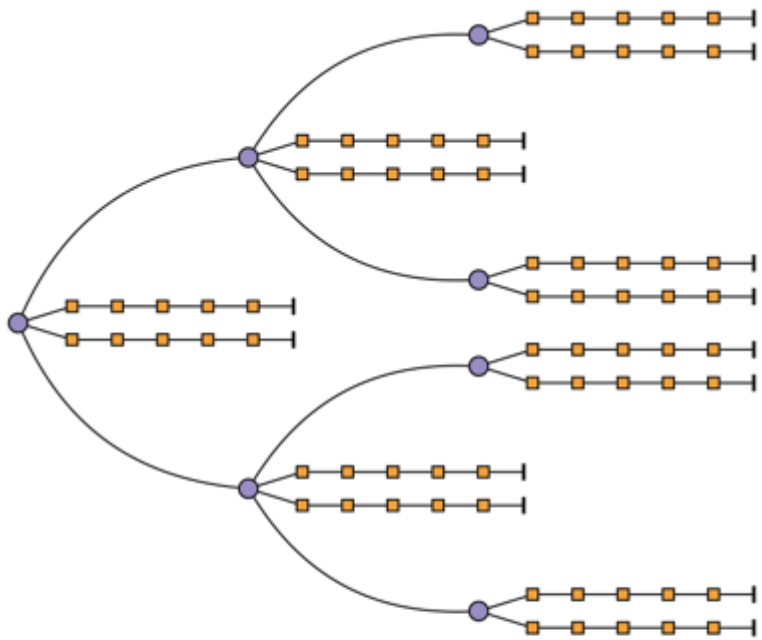
Important assumptions

- Strategic uncertainty independent of operational uncertainty
- Here-and-now operation does not impact future
  - Strategic decisions
  - Operational decisions



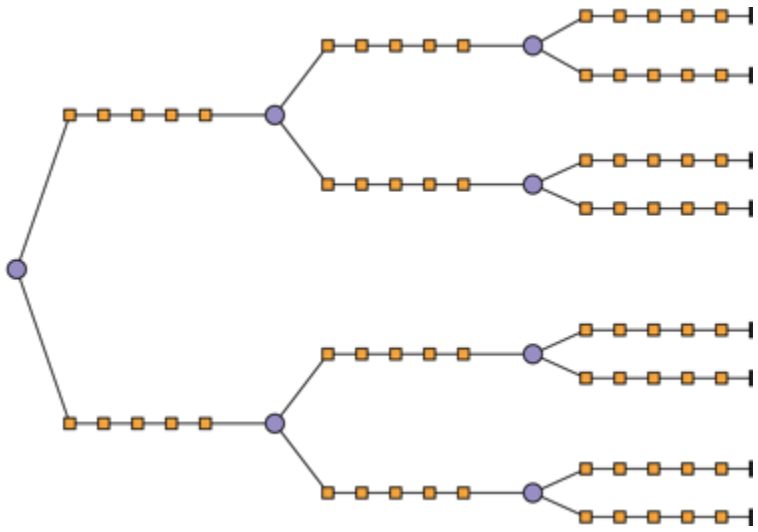
Reduces tree size by a factor of

(# of ■ nodes)$^{\#\text{ of strategic periods}}$

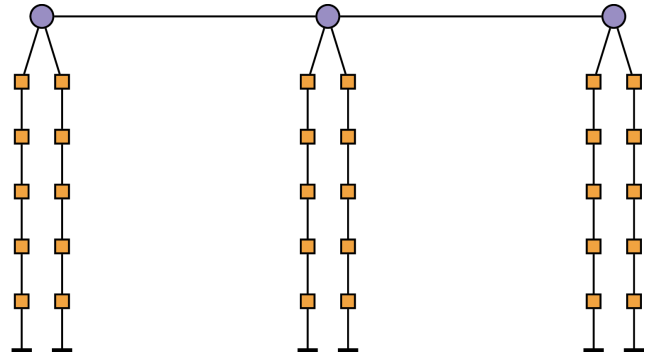
[1] Kaut, M., K. T. Midthun, A. S. Werner, A. Tomasgard, L. Hellemo, and M. Fodstad. 2014. "Multi-horizon stochastic programming." *Computational Management Science* 11(1–2): 179–193. doi:10.1007/s10287-013-0182-6.

Perfect foresight in the long-term

Multi-stage, multi-scale stochastic program

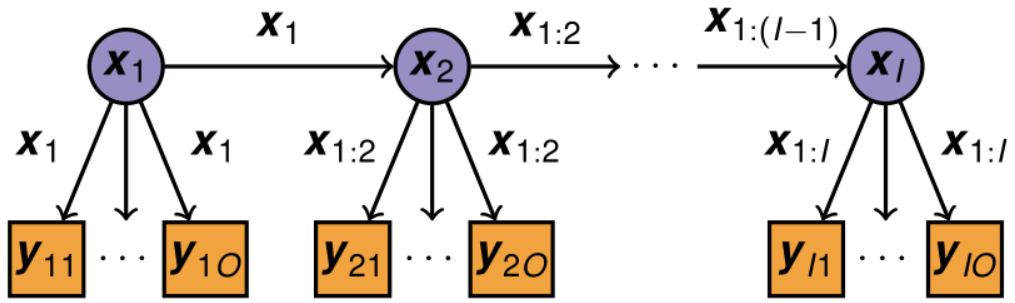


Multi-horizon stochastic program



Common setting if the goal is to analyze system transition for a pathway scenario

EMPIRE STOCHASTIC PROGRAMMING MULTI-HORIZON STRUCTURE



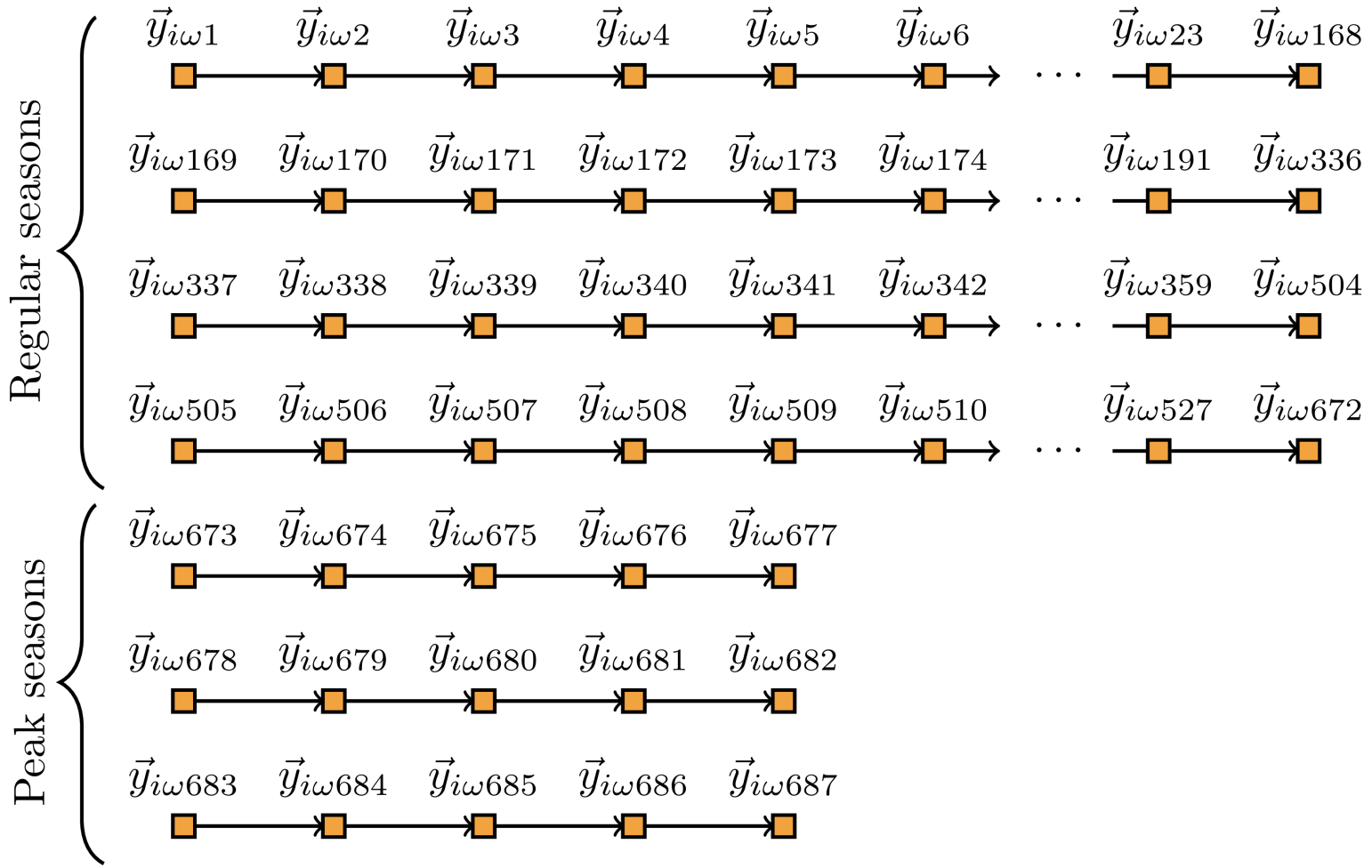
- $\boldsymbol{x}_i$: investments in period i $(2015, 2020, \ldots, 2050)$
- $\boldsymbol{y}_{i\omega}$: Operational variables (dispatch, flows, etc.) period i, stochastic scenario ω

Mathematical formulation of EMPIRE

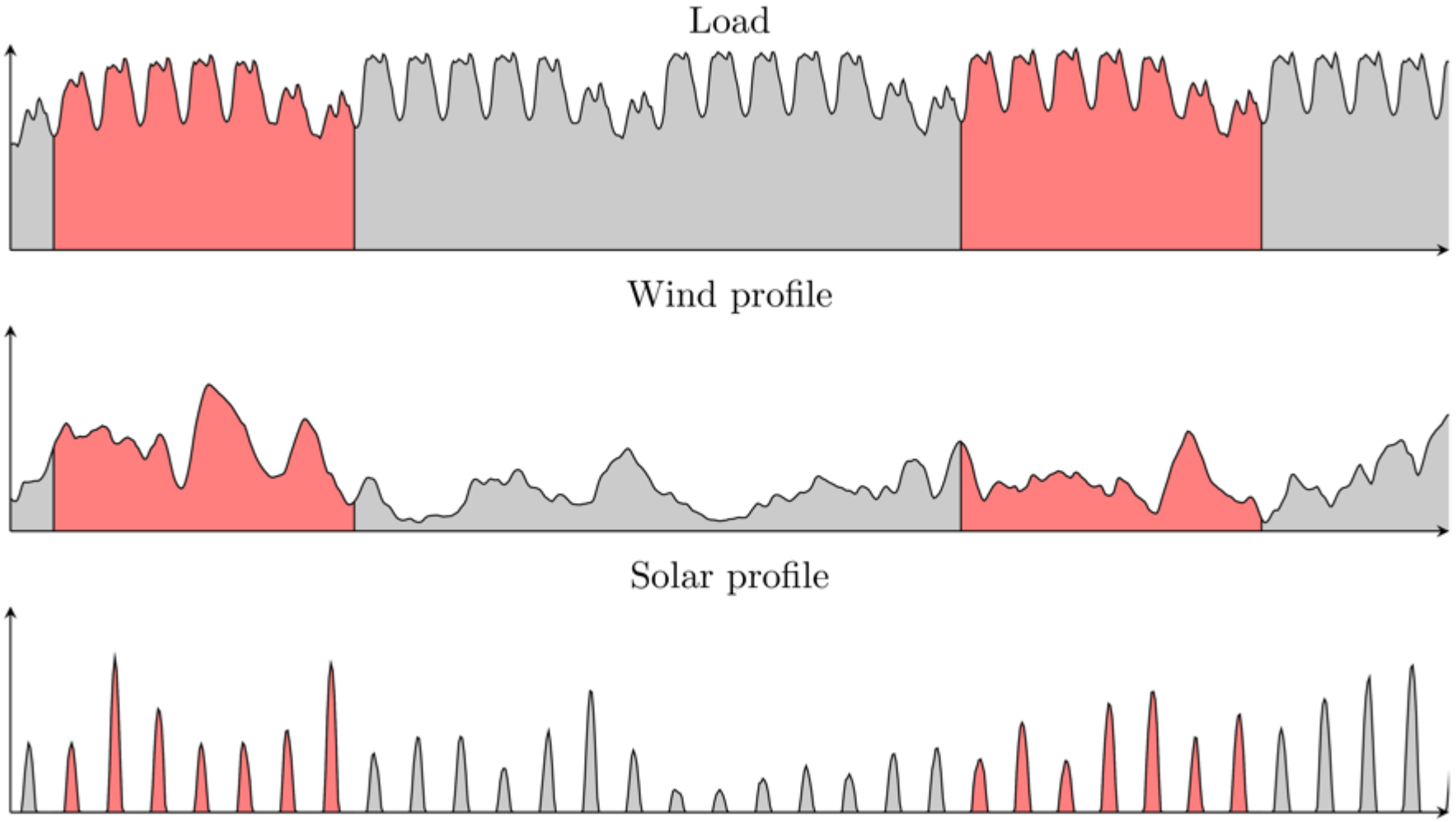
$$\min_{\boldsymbol{x}\in\mathbb{R}^n} \mathcal{Q}(\boldsymbol{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^{I} \delta_i \Big\{ \boldsymbol{c}_i^\top \boldsymbol{x}_i + \sum_{\omega\in\Omega_i} p_{\omega i} Q_{\omega i}(\boldsymbol{x}_{1:i}) \Big\}, \text{ s.t. } A\boldsymbol{x} = \boldsymbol{b},\ \boldsymbol{x} \geq 0,$$

$$Q_{\omega i}(\boldsymbol{x}_{1:i}) = \min_{\boldsymbol{y}_{\omega i}\in\mathbb{R}^m} \left\{ \vartheta \boldsymbol{q}_i^\top \boldsymbol{y}_{\omega i} \mid W_i \boldsymbol{y}_{\omega i} = \boldsymbol{h}_{\omega i} - T_{\omega i}\boldsymbol{x}_{1:i},\ \boldsymbol{y}_{\omega i} \geq 0 \right\}.$$

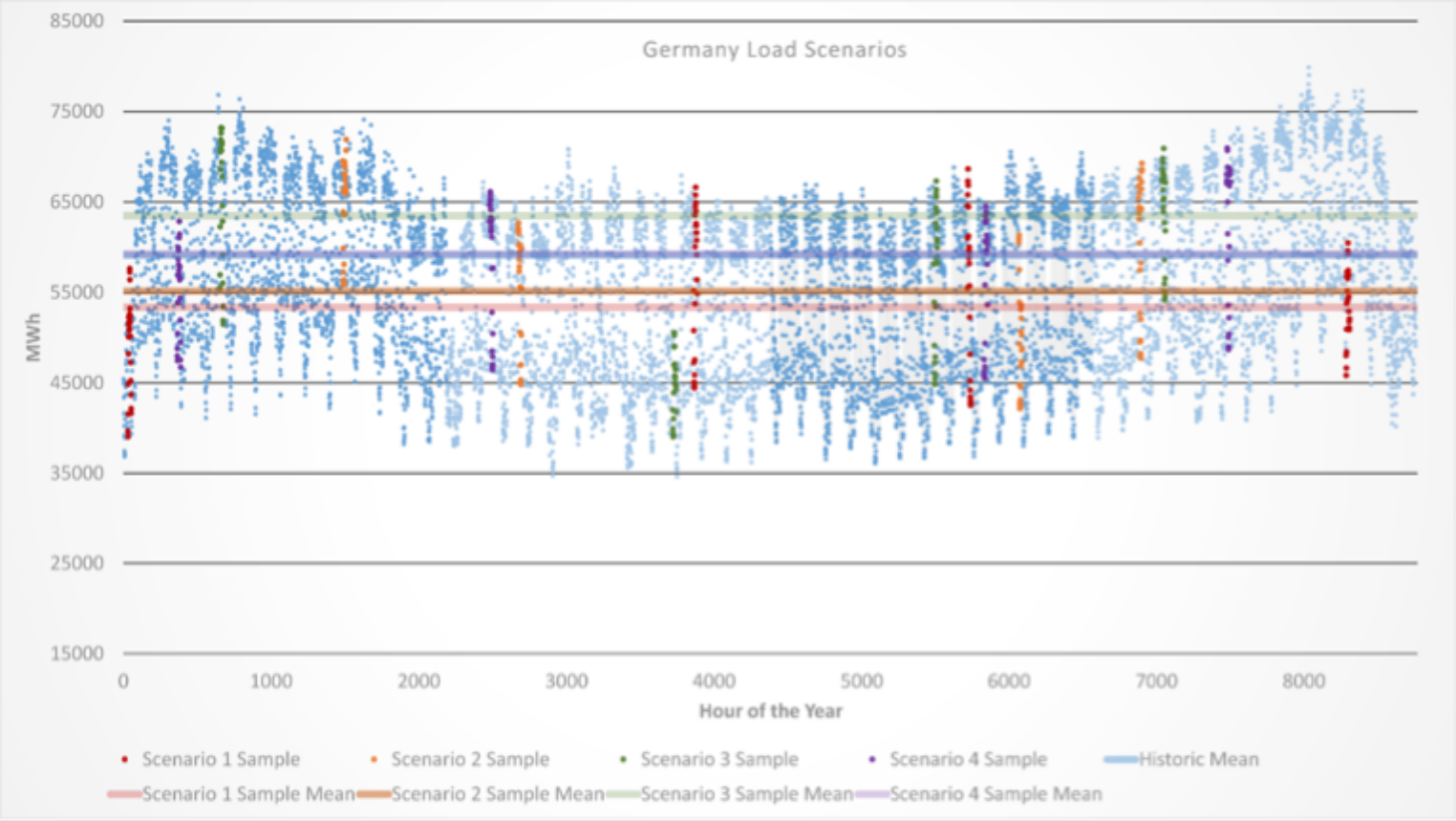
Operational optimization – temporal structure



Operational data – slicing

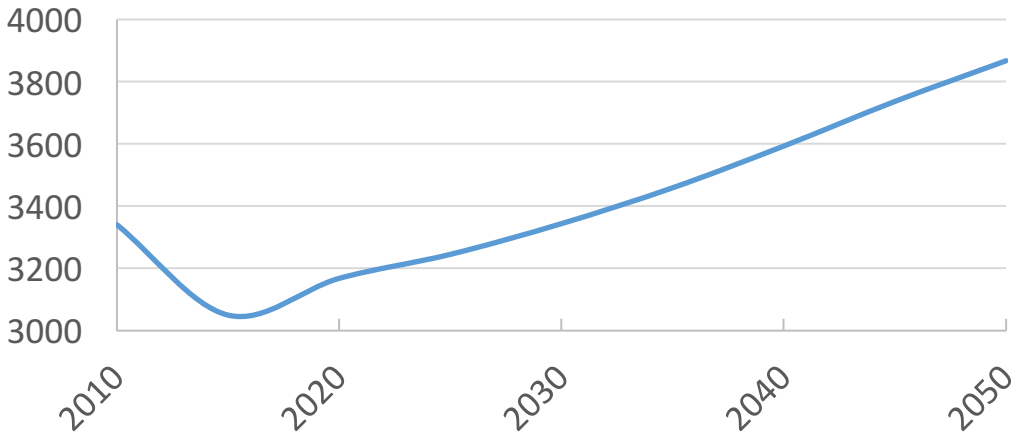


Sample scenarios

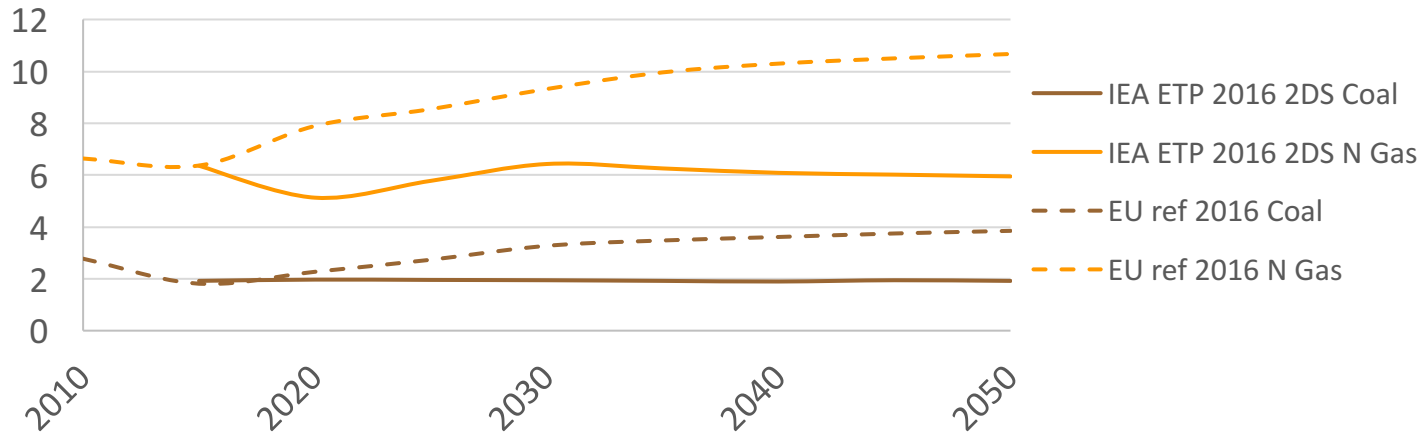


Background

European demand for electricity [TWh/an]



Fuel Prices [€2010/GJ]



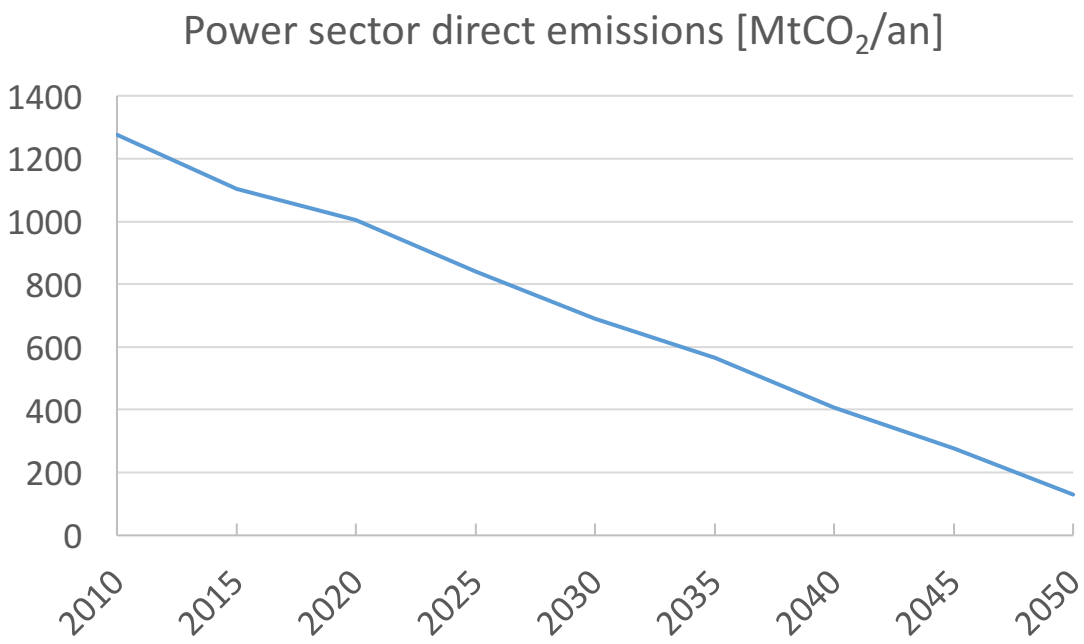
EU reference scenario 2016

IEA Energy Technology Perspective 2016

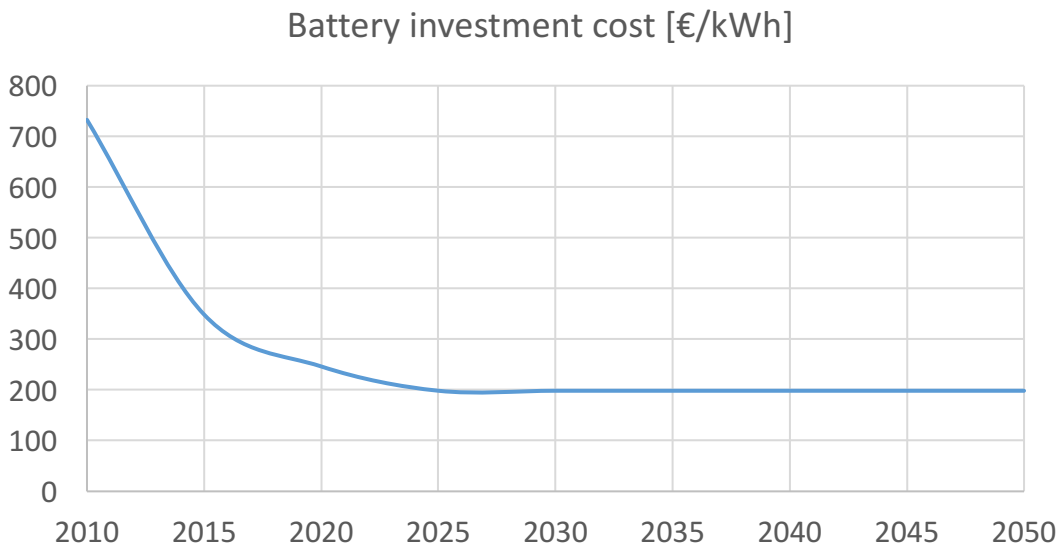
Scenario assumptions

1. Baseline decarbonization: **90 % emission reduction from 2010 to 2050**
   - i. Grid expansion towards 2020 fixed to ENTSO-E's 2016 TYDP reference capacities.
     - i. Beyond 2020: expansion limit of 4 GW for each interconnector every five year period
   - ii. Capacity limits for selected technologies
     - i. Wind onshore capacity potential from IEA's NETP 2016.
     - ii. Solar limited to cover no more than 14% of a country's area (assuming 150 W/m^2)
     - iii. Nuclear capacities limited
   - iii. RES targets defined for Germany, France, Great Britain and Spain
   - iv. Development of Norwegian hydro power predefined

2. Alternative scenario NoCCS: same as baseline but no carbon capture and storage available



Medium optimistic assumptions for “decentral” technologies



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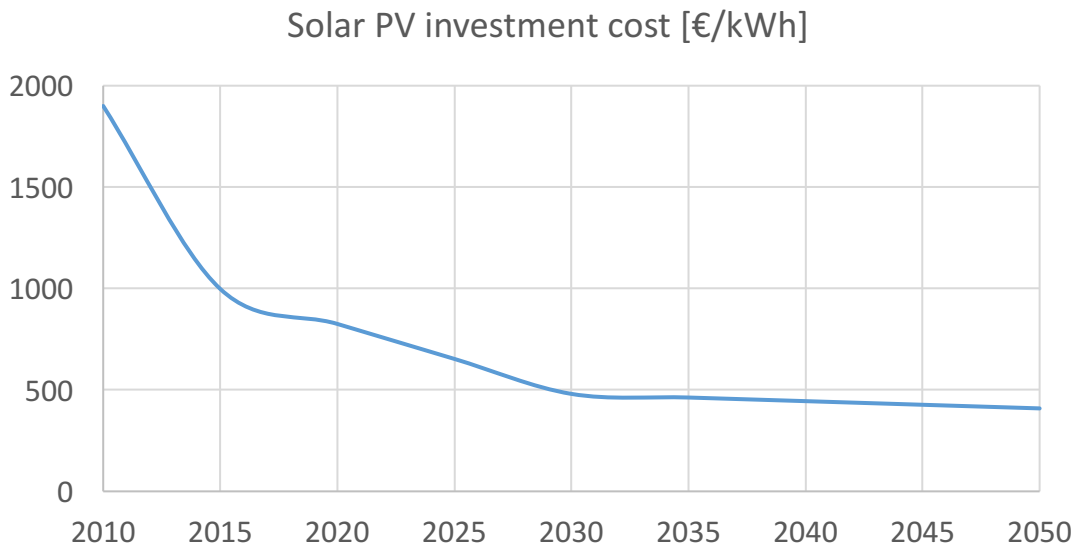

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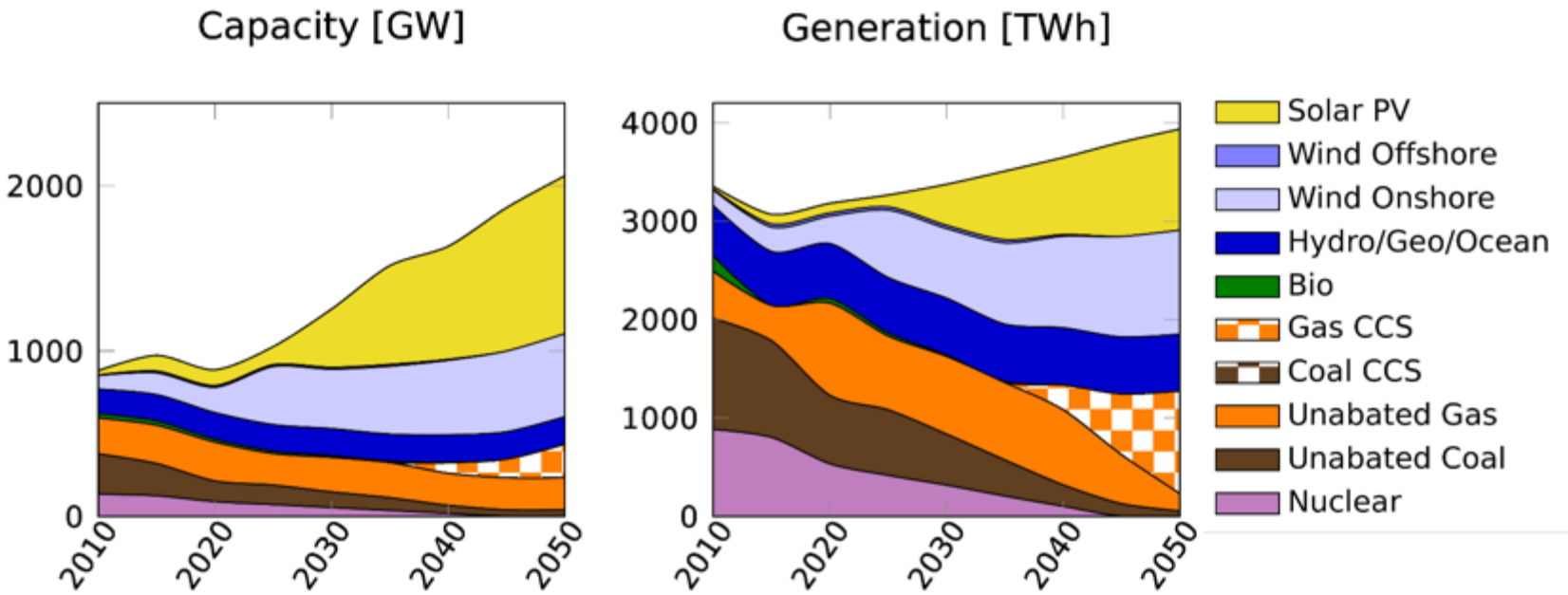
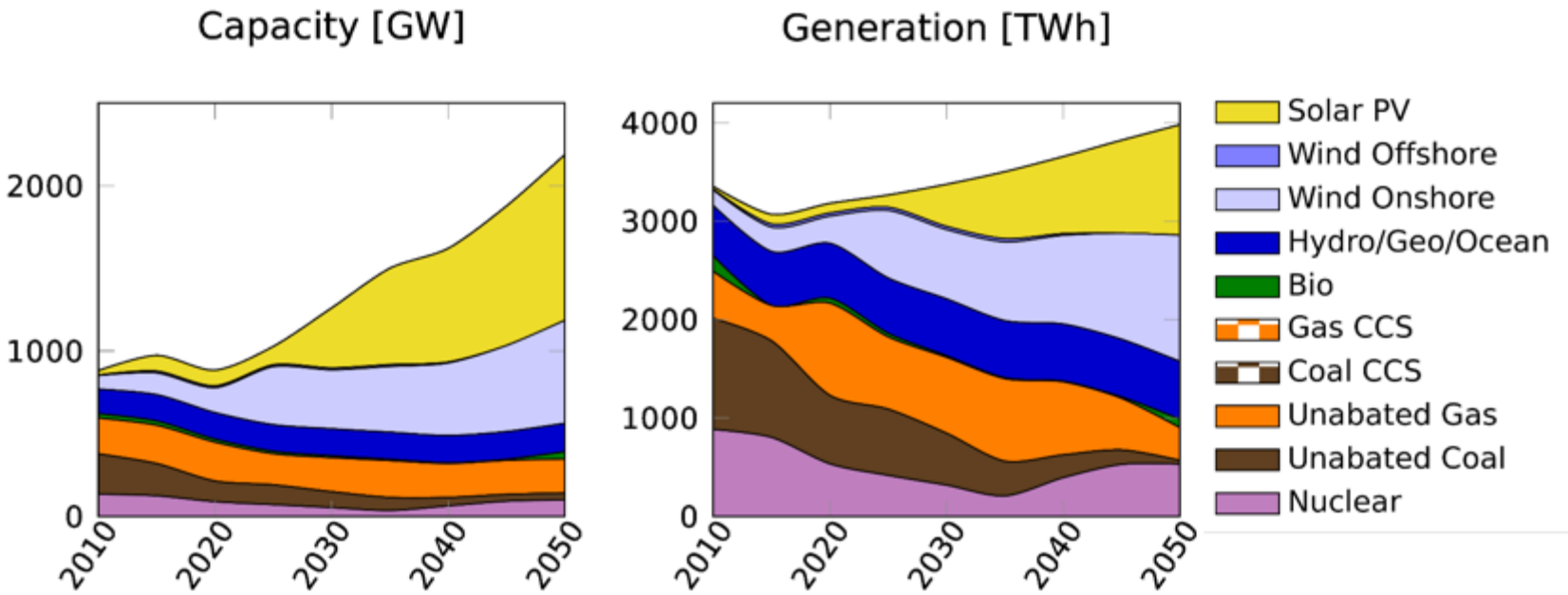
Baseline scenario: 90 % emission reduction



Technology/fuel (2050)	Capacity [GW]	Generation [TWh]
Solar	954 (46%)	1026 (26%)
Wind	503 (24%)	1057 (27%)
Gas CCS	204 (10%)	1043 (26%)
Coal CCS	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Fossil unabated	233 (11%)	231 (5%)
Others	166 (8%)	578 (15%)

Battery energy storage by 2050: 99 GWh

NoCCS scenario: 90 % emission reduction



Technology/fuel (2050)	Capacity [GW]	Generation [TWh]
Solar	1001 (46%)	1120 (28%)
Wind	623 (28%)	1284 (32%)
Gas CCS	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Coal CCS	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
Fossil unabated	247 (11%)	371 (9%)
Others	316 (15%)	1204 (30%)

Battery energy storage by 2050: 339 GWh

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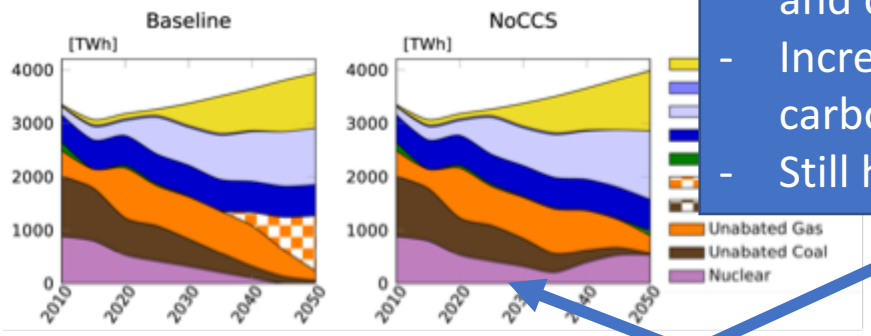
Transition to a low- n power sector



Increased shared of unabated natural gas in the medium term. Due to

- Retirement of nuclear and coal
- Increasingly restrictive carbon constraints
- Still high RES costs

Solar investments starts taking of below 50

Natural gas still has a role in the mix towards 2050. With CCS: one third of the energy mix. Without CCS: less than 10%

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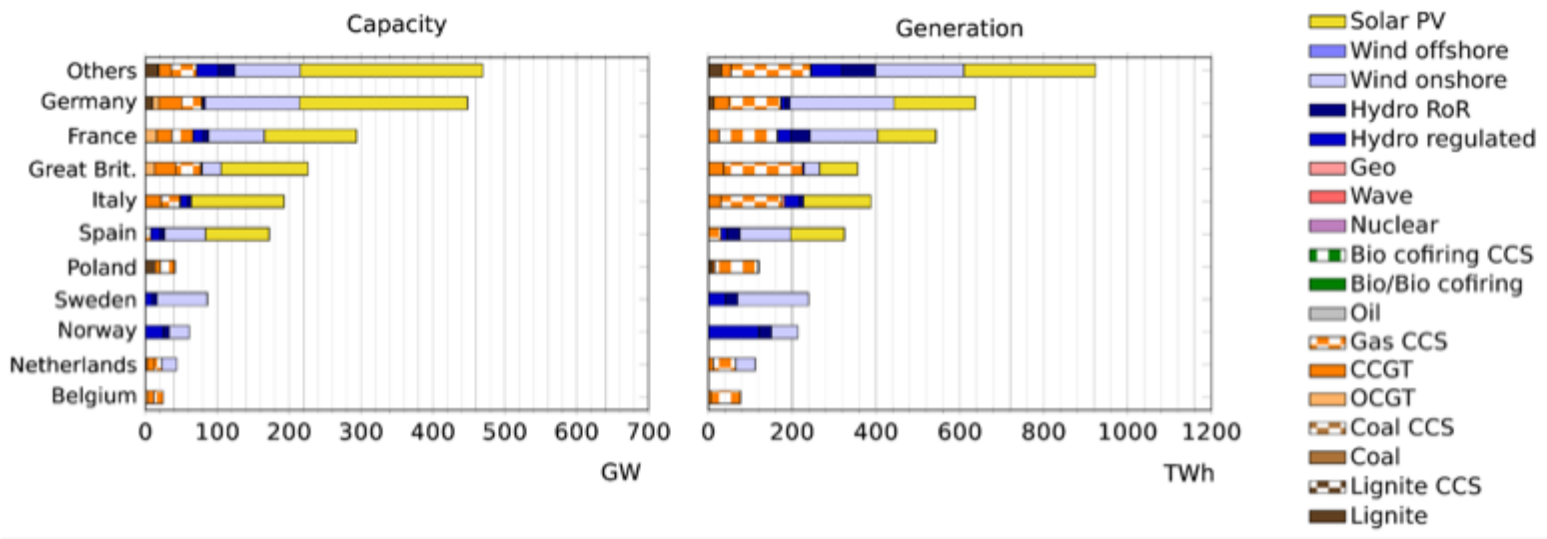
Baseline country results 2050



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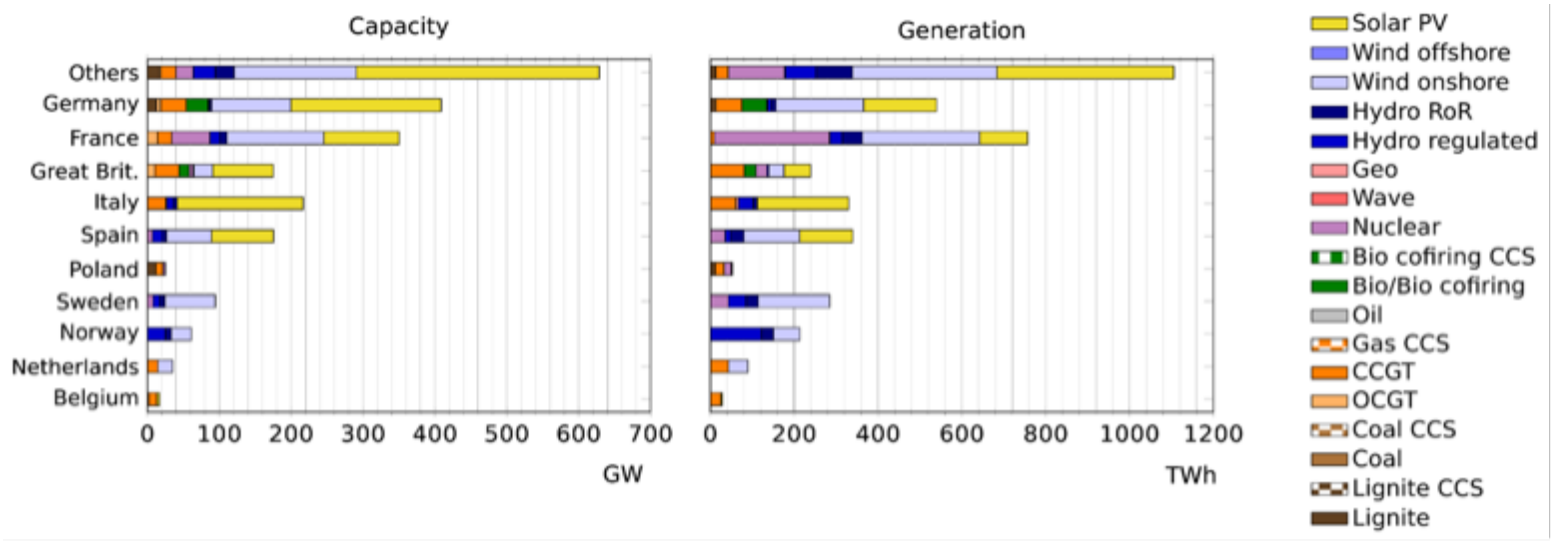
NoCCS country results 2050



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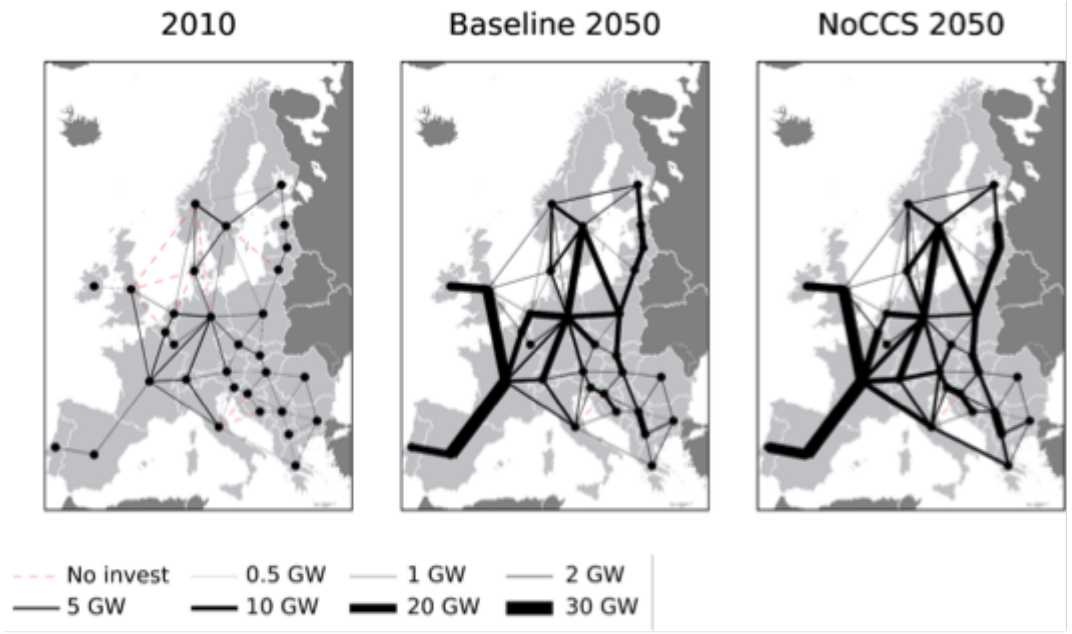
Transmission



2050

Baseline
European cross-boarder interconnector expansion: capacity increases by 644 % from 2010 to 2050

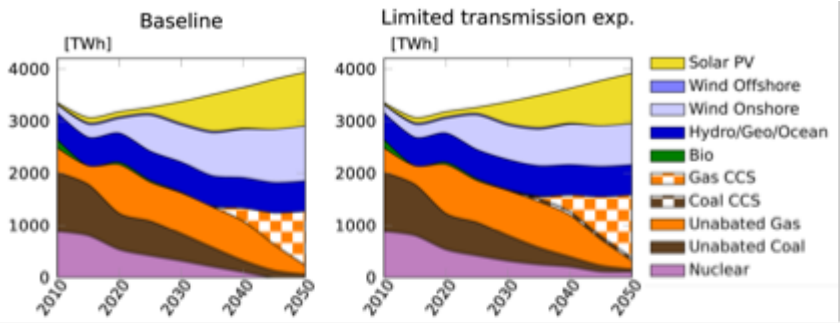
NoCCS
Capacity increases by 826 % from 2010 to 2050

Selection of flexibility options 2050

Scenario	Baseline			NoCCS		
	Gas (GW)	Trans. (GW)	Battery (GWh)	Gas (GW)	Trans. (GW)	Battery (GWh)
With transmission exp.	398	416	99	206	533	339
Limited transmission exp.	442	121	86	247	121	646

Scenario	Baseline		NoCCS	
	Curtail energy (TWh/an)	Avg. elec. Cost (€/MWh)	Curtail energy (TWh/an)	Avg. elec. Cost (€/MWh)
With transmission exp.	60	51	74	56
Limited transmission exp.	83	54	104	64

Sensitivities: Transition to a low-carbon European power sector



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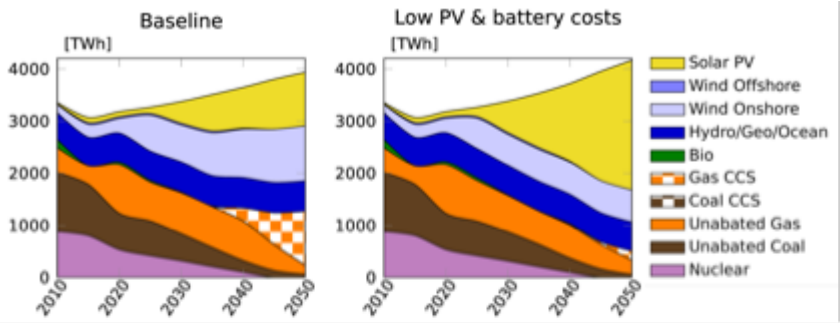

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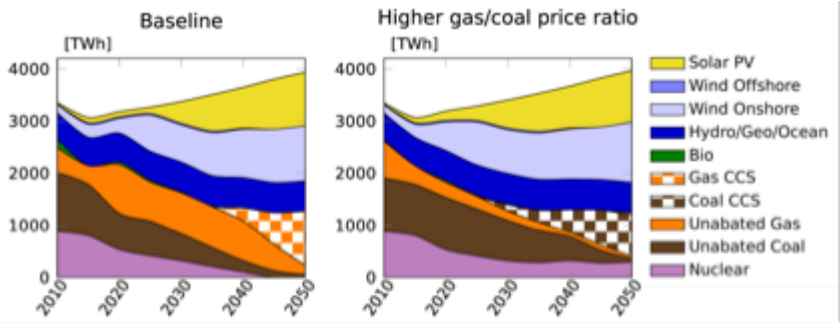


Alternatives to transmission

FIRST CONCLUSION:

There is a high need for flexibility in the future system

In the studies I have shown, transmission investment seems to be the solution.

NEW DRIVERS:

- Demand side flexibility
- The merger of the power system and ICT

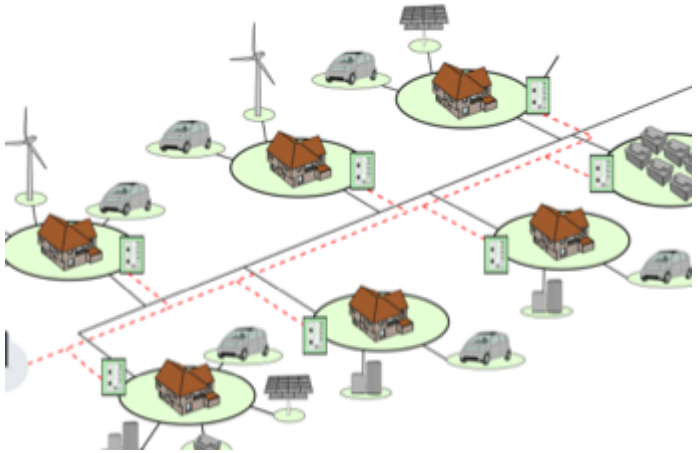
How will this affect the transition to a near zero emission power system?

Changes in the electricity market

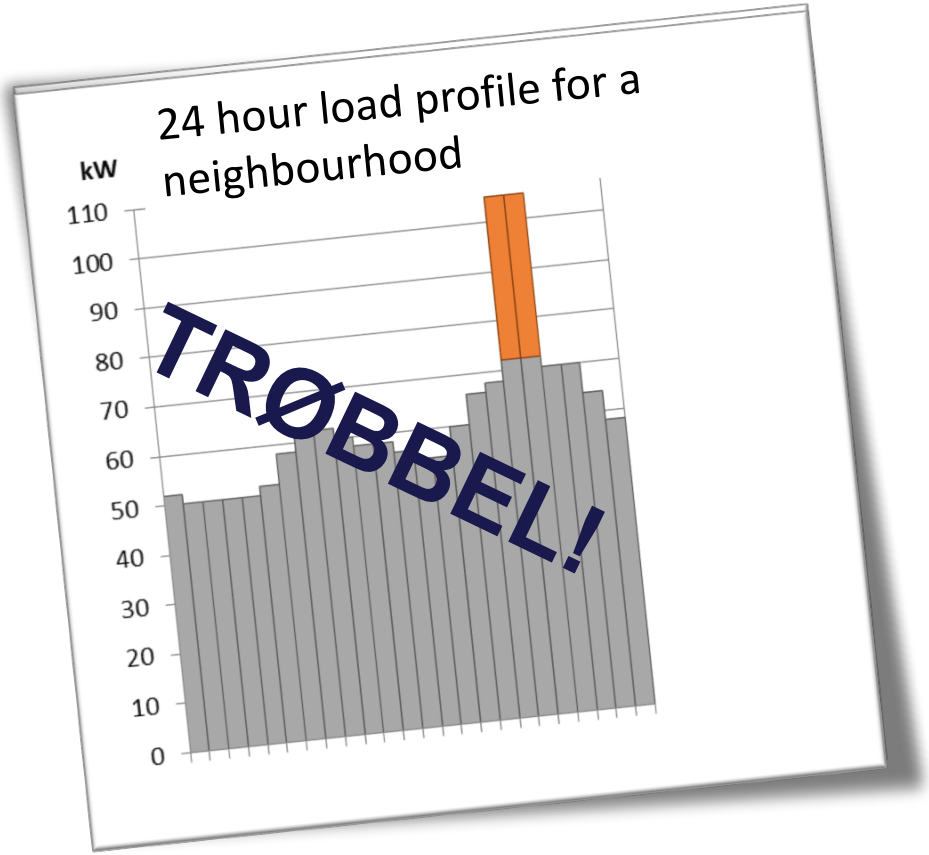
- New contract types and business models
  - Complex and dynamic price models
  - Penalization for peaks (demand charges)
  - Reward from providing flexibility

- Market participant changes
  - Passive consumer => flexible prosumer
  - New-comers: Energy Service Companies (ESCo), Aggregators ++

- New markets and changes in market rules
  - More focus on (close to) real time
  - Local markets

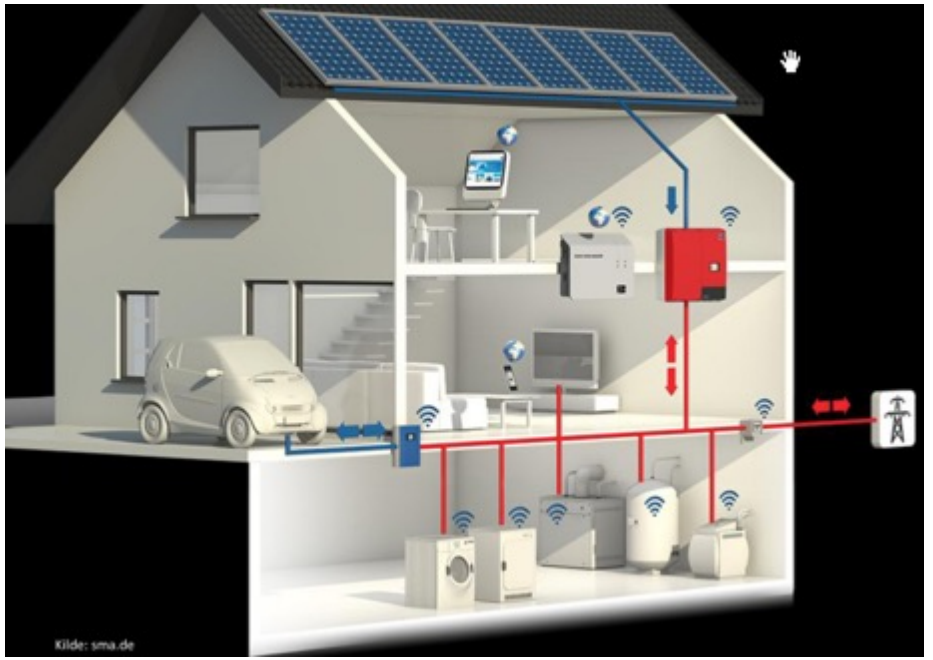


Challenge: ”Trouble in the neighbourhood”



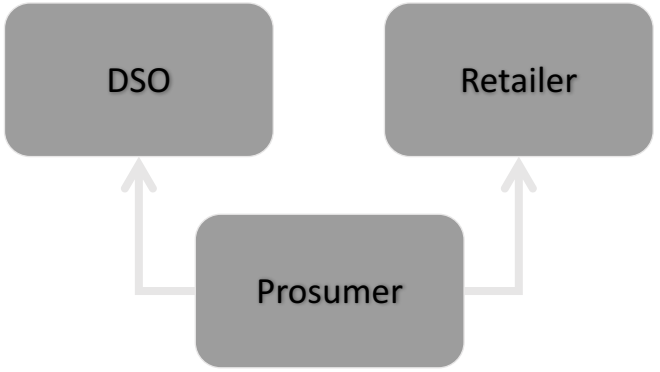
SmartGrid

- Active interaction between smart end users and the energy system/market to create benefits in the value chain

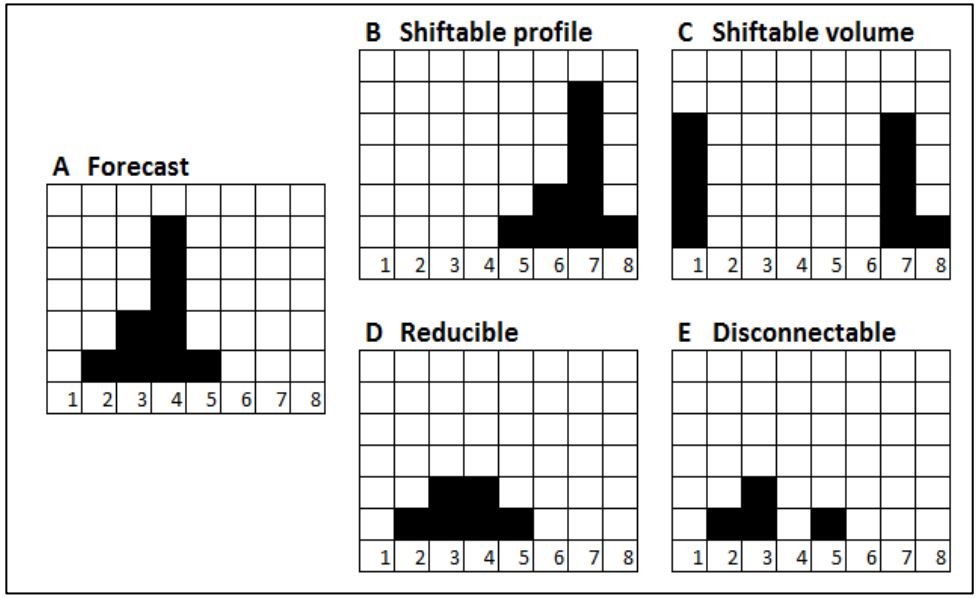


- Demand side flexibility
- Why this flexibility has an increasing value
  - New distributed renewable energy generation
  - Electric vehicles creating peak problems
- Local challenges must be met by local solutions
- Need proper decision models

A stochastic model for scheduling energy flexibility in buildings

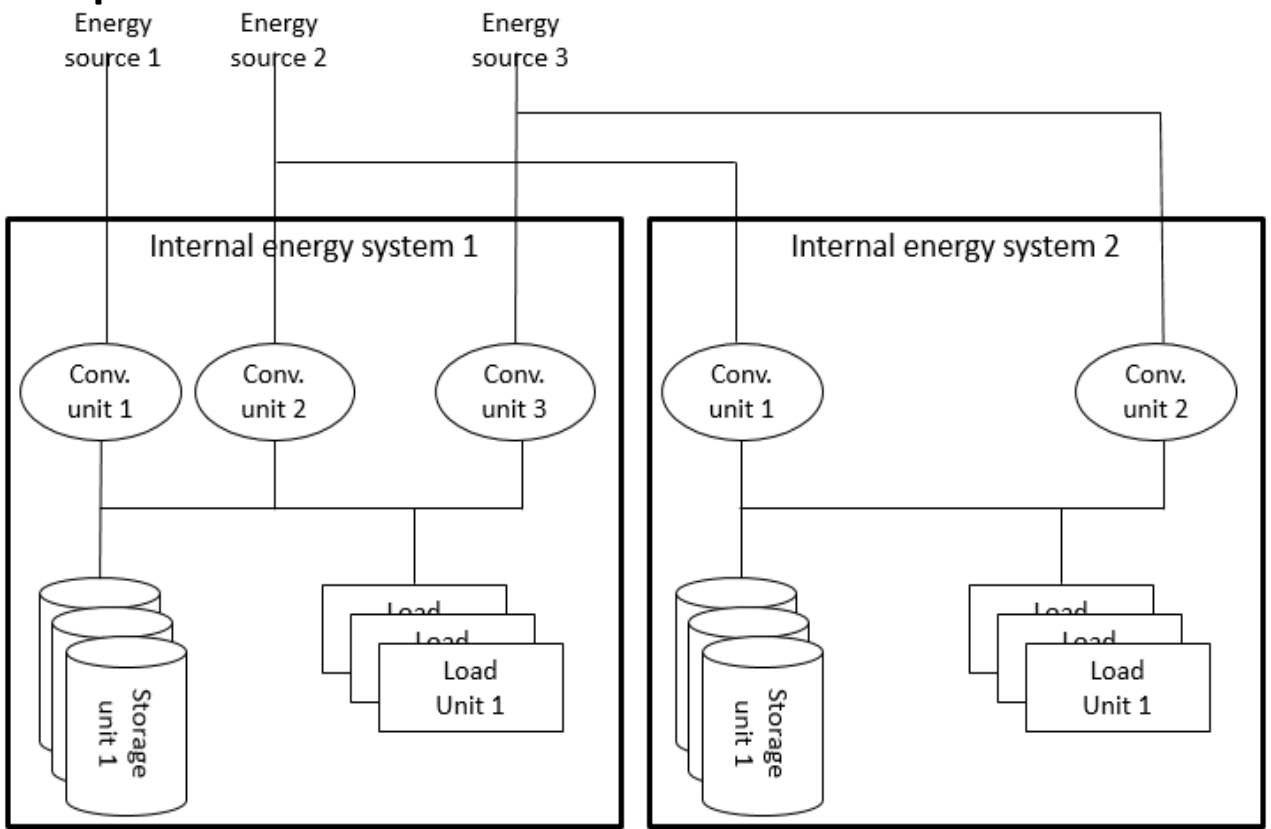


- Context: A prosumer in the end-user market
- Problem: *How to schedule flexible units to minimize total energy-related costs*?
- Develop a basic model for demand side flexibility used throughout the thesis
  - Load units classified according to their flexibility properties:
    - Shiftable (in time)
      - Profile: Start time can be changed, but profile must be kept
      - Volume: Profile can be altered
    - Curtailable
      - Reducible: Load can be reduced without disconnection
      - Disconnectable: On or off
    - Inflexible



Energy system model for the building

- Incentives from electricity prices
- Flexibility from interaction between electrical and thermal system (needs and appliances)
- Energy hub concept



Optimization model

- Objective: Minimize expected total costs

$$\min z = \sum_{s \in S} R_s \cdot \left[\begin{array}{l} \sum_{a \in A} \sum_{t \in T} P_{a,t,s}^{energy} \chi_{a,t,s}^{net-in} + \sum_{a \in A} P_a^{cap} \chi_{a,s}^{cap} + \sum_{y \in Y} \sum_{o \in O} \sum_{t \in T} \alpha_{o,y,t,s}^{start} G_{y,o}^{startup} + \\ \sum_{d \in D^C} \sum_{y \in Y} \sum_{t \in T} X_{d,y} \varphi_{d,y,t,s} - \sum_{a \in A} \sum_{t \in T} P_{a,t}^{sales} \chi_{a,t,s}^{net-out} \end{array} \right]$$

- Subject to:
  - Energy source constraints
  - Converter constraints
  - Storage constraints
  - Load constraints
  - Energy system balances
- Stochastisk mixed integer problem (SMIP)

Binary variables to control start and stop

- For converter units: $\alpha^{start}_{o,y,t,s}$, $\alpha^{run}_{o,y,t,s}$, $\alpha^{end}_{o,y,t,s}$
- For curtailable load units: $\delta^{start}_{d,y,t,s}$, $\delta^{run}_{d,y,t,s}$, $\delta^{end}_{d,y,t,s}$

Period	1	2	3	4	5	6
δ^{start}	0	1	0	0	0	0
δ^{run}	0	0	1	1	0	0
δ^{end}	0	0	0	0	1	0

Some curtailable load unit constraints

- Maximum curtailment duration, : $D^{\max}_{d,y}$

$$\sum_{i=t}^{t+D^{max}_{d,y}-1} \delta^{end}_{d,y,i,s} \geq \delta^{start}_{d,y,t,s}, \quad d \in D^C,\ y \in Y,\ t \in Z,\ s \in S.$$

- Maximum number of curtailments, : $B^{\max}_{d,y}$

$$\sum_{t \in Z} \delta^{start}_{d,y,t,s} \leq B^{max}_{d,y}, \quad d \in D^C,\ y \in Y,\ s \in S.$$

- Minimum time between two curtailments, : $D^{\min}_{d,y}$

$$\delta^{end}_{d,y,t} + \sum_{i=t}^{t+D^{min}_{d,y}} \delta^{start}_{d,y,\tau} \leq 1\,, \quad d \in D^C,\ y \in Y,\ t \in Z.$$

Scenarios

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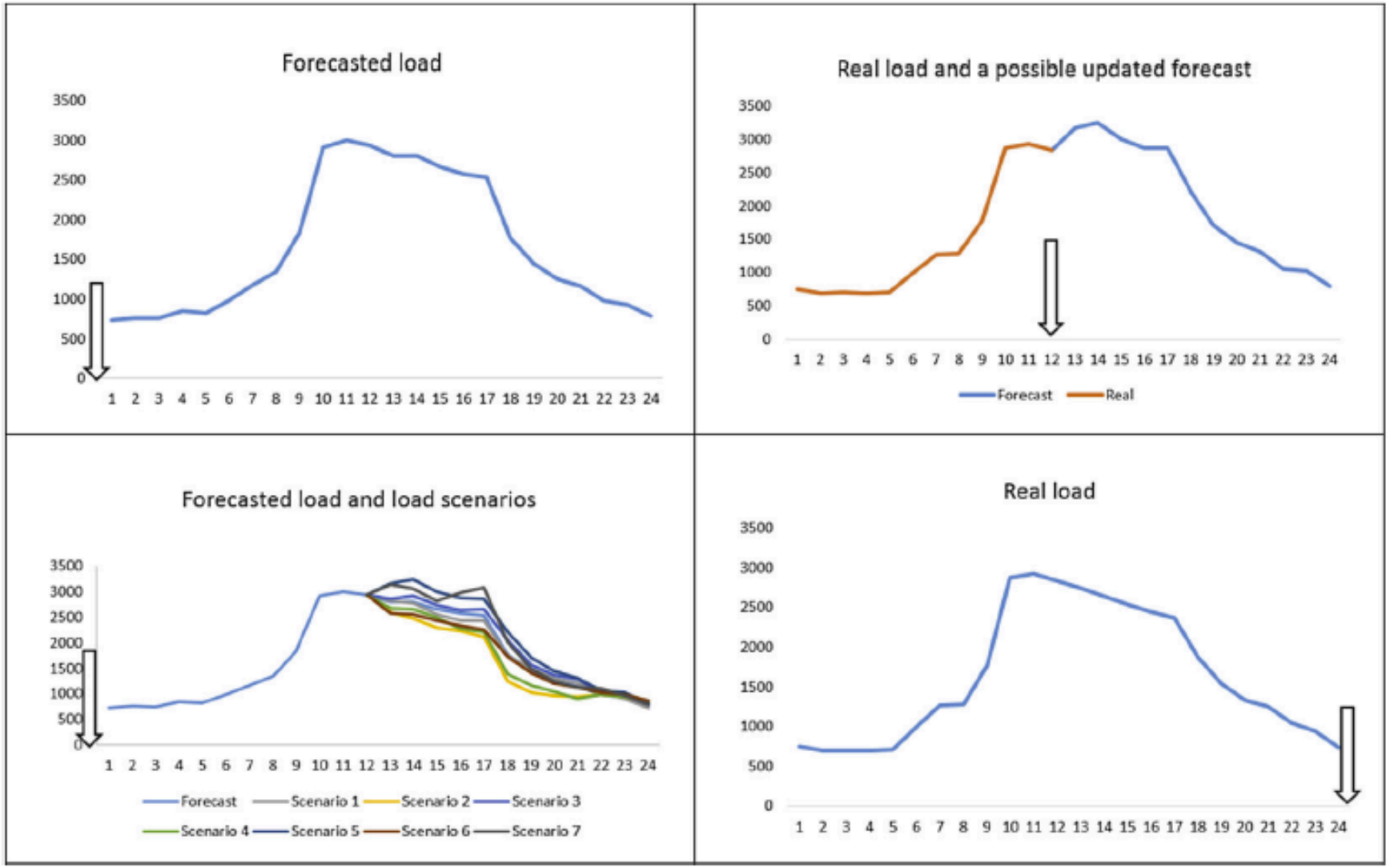
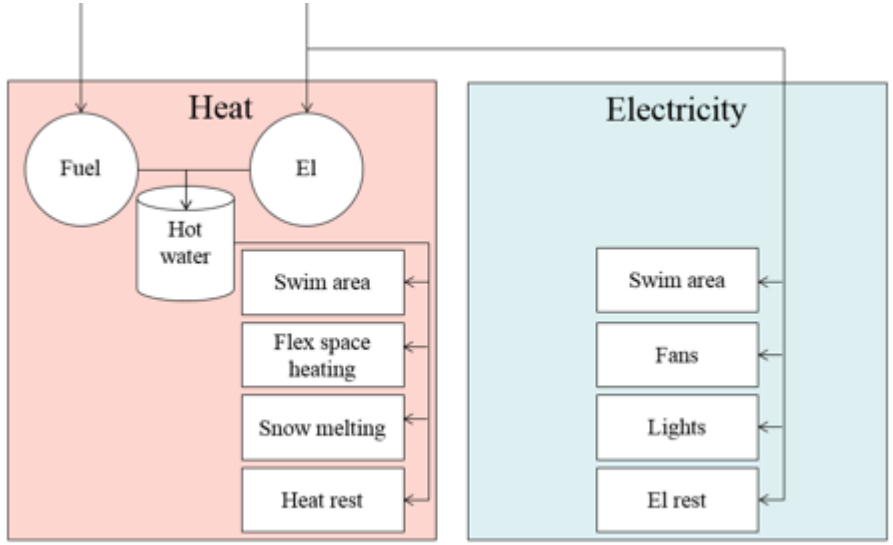
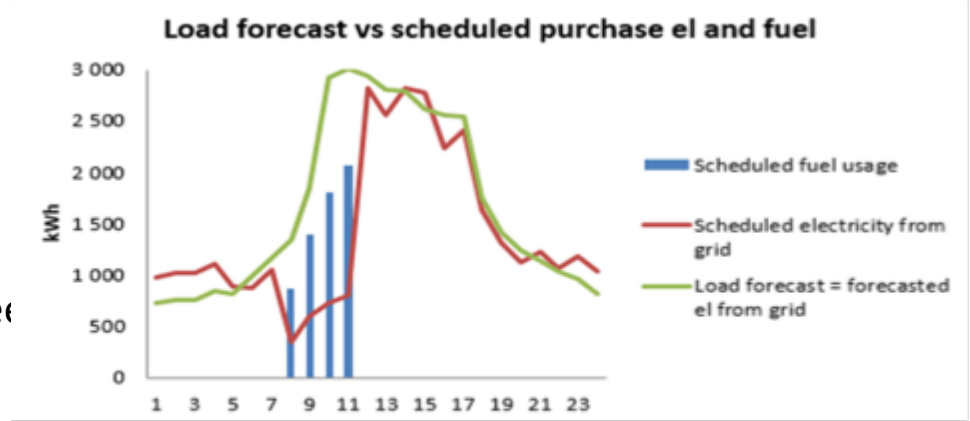


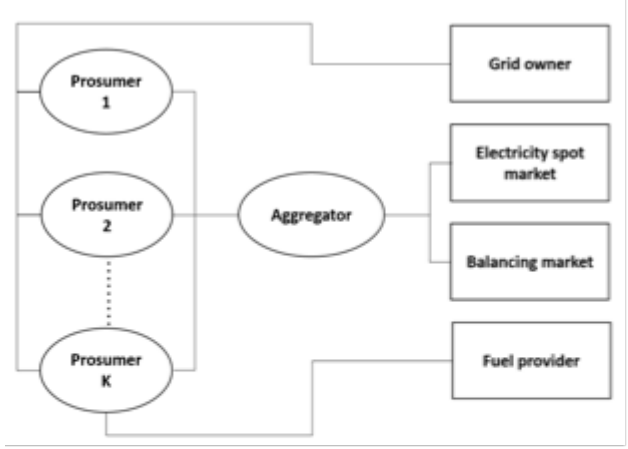
The case study



- Close cooperation with Statsbygg, at a university college building in Halden
- Market prices from January 2014
  - Electricity retail: Elspot based hourly prices
  - Electricity grid: Three part tariff with demand charge
  - Fuel: Fixed price
- Findings
  - Cost reductions (the value of flexibility): 12 %
    - Reduced peak cost
    - Utilization of price variations during the day and betwee energy carriers
  - The value of stochastic planning: 0
    - Penalty for missing is small
    - Large flexibility volumes to adapt to forecasting errors



Prosumer bidding and scheduling in electricity markets

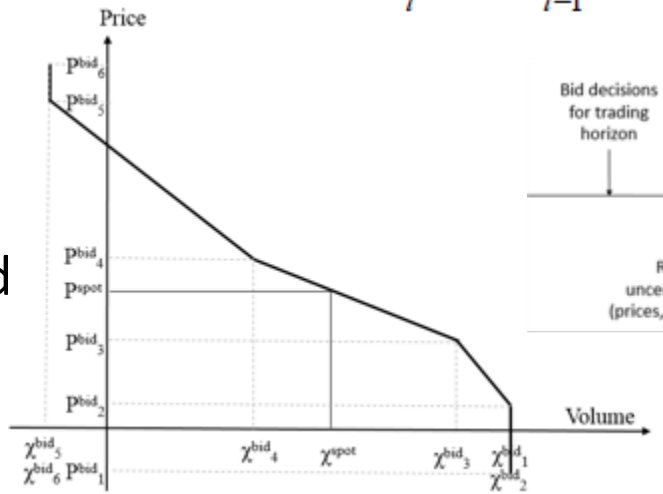


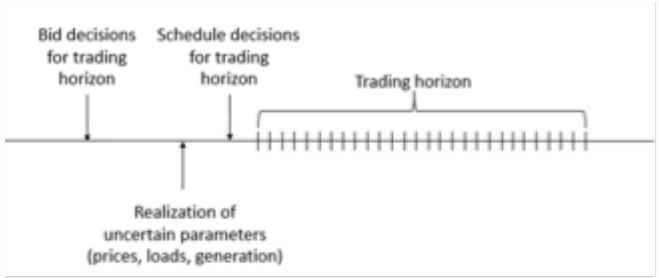
- Context: An aggregator buying/selling in an electricity spot market

- Problem*: To minimize the total cost for the prosumers jointly by optimal use of markets, contracts and prosumer flexibility*

- Two stage SP:
  1. Bidding to the spot market with uncertain loads and prices
  2. Scheduling flexible units to avoid imbalance penalties a minimize costs for prosumer flexibility

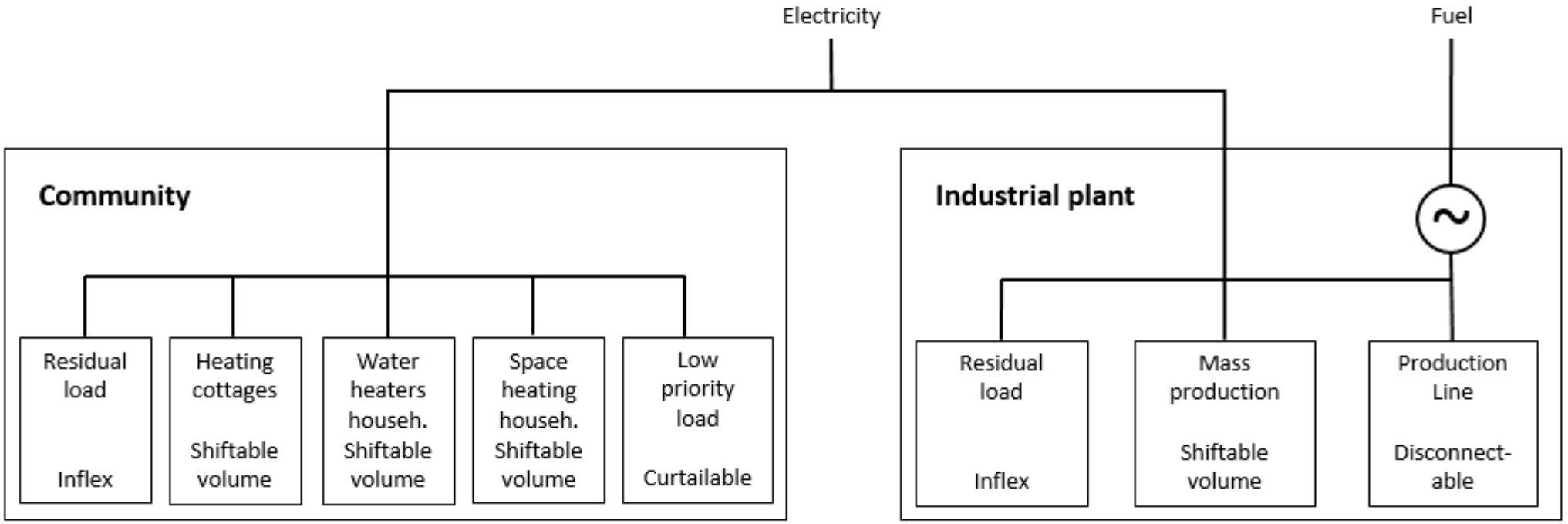
$$\chi_{t,s}^{com} = \frac{P_{t,s}^{spot} - P_{i-1}^{bid}}{P_i^{bid} - P_{i-1}^{bid}} \chi_{i,t}^{bid} + \frac{P_i^{bid} - P_{t,s}^{spot}}{P_i^{bid} - P_{i-1}^{bid}} \chi_{i-1,t}^{bid}$$





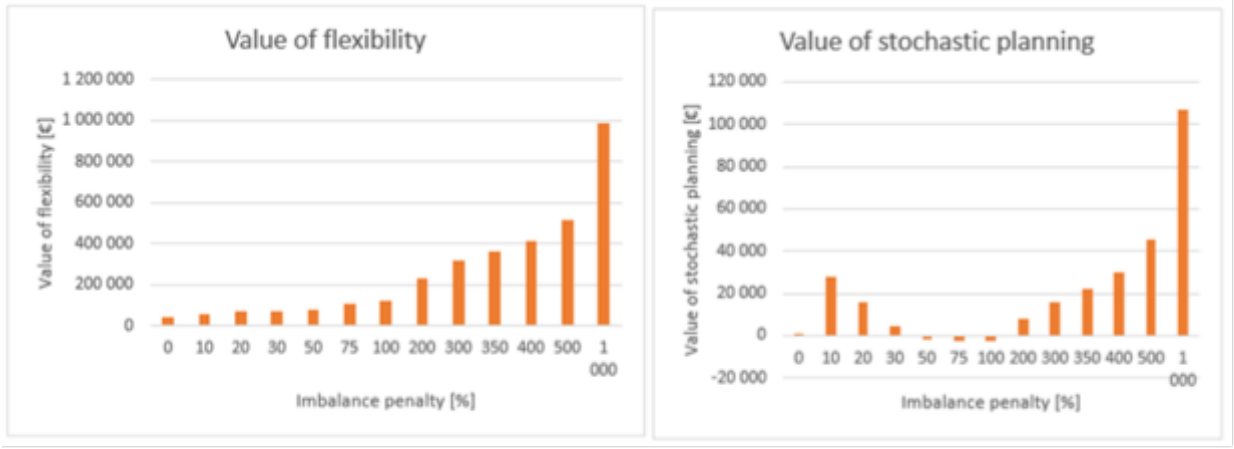
The case study

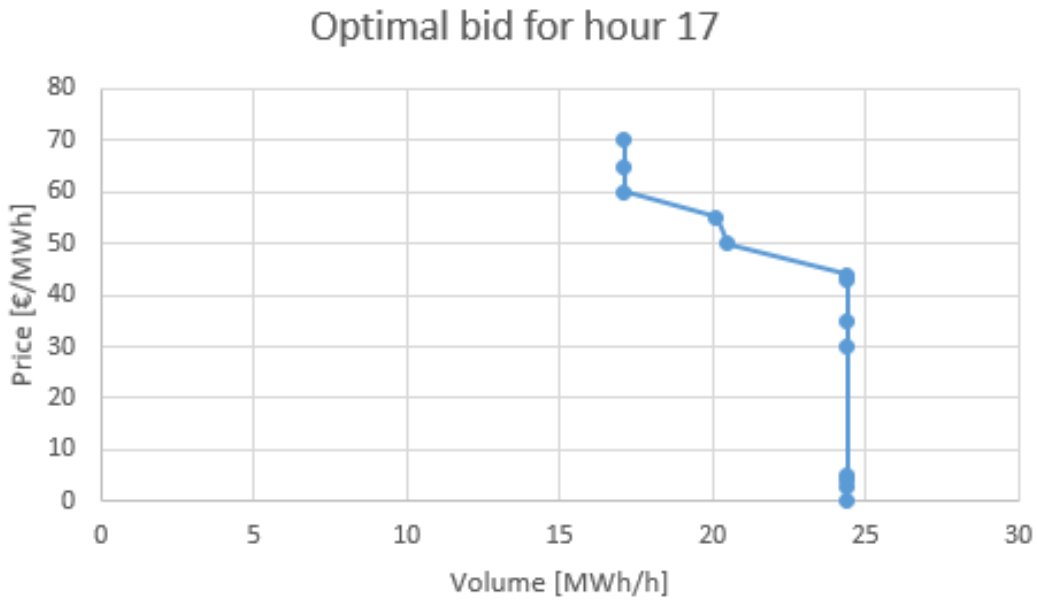
- Fictitious portfolio based on real data from Smart Energi Hvaler and Norske Skog
- Simulated week 1 – 8 2015



The case study

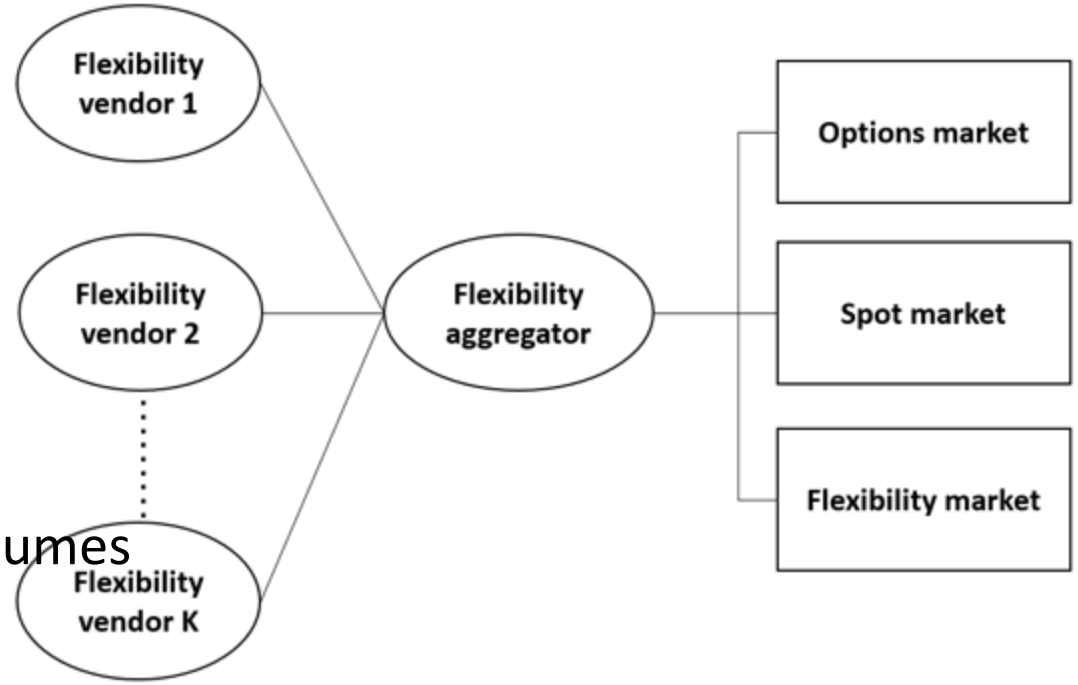
- Findings
  - The value of flexibility: 12 %
    - Reduce imbalance costs
    - Exploit price variations during day
  - The value of stochastic planning: 1 %
    - Strategy more robust to adapt to different price and load realizations
    - Sensitive to imbalance penalty level





Multi market bidding strategies for demand side flexibility aggregators in electricity markets

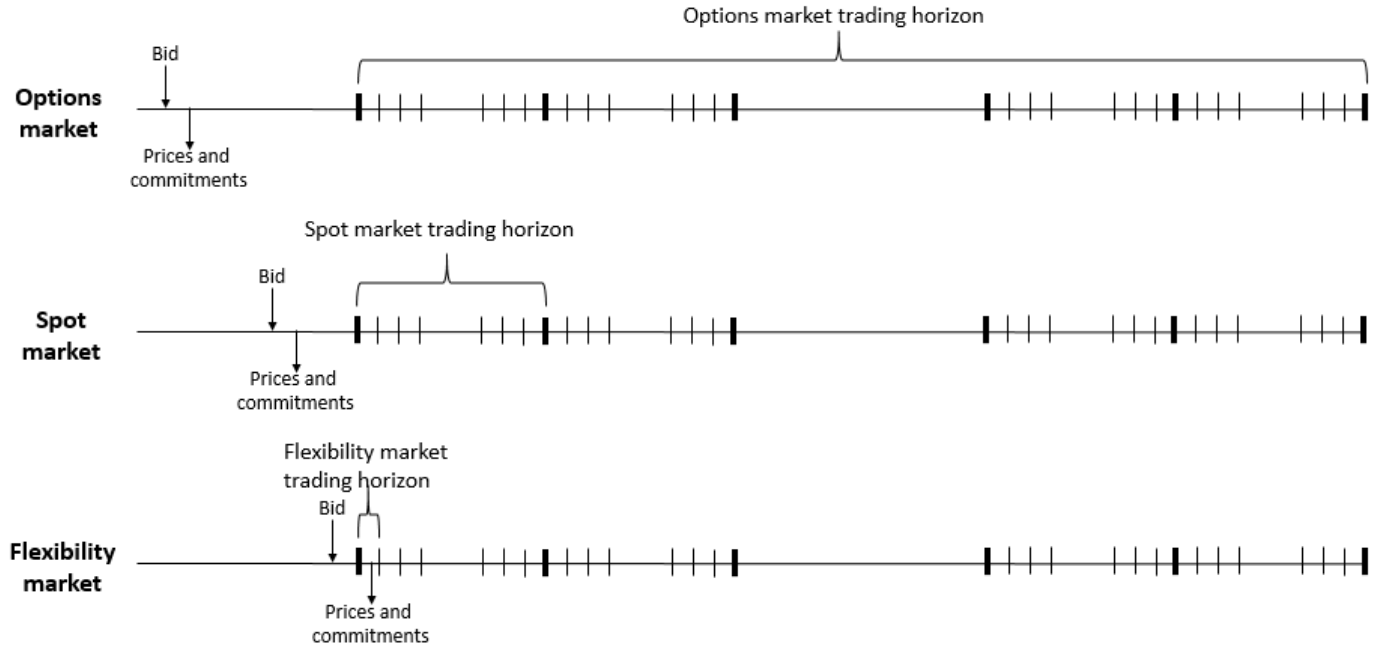
- Context: A flexibility aggregator that sells flexibility in sequential markets
- Problem: *To make bid decisions to each market that maximize expected profit*
- Define a generalized market design with 3 markets that might be representative both at wholesale and local level
  - Options market (OM): Long term (days), reserves volumes that later must be bid in Flexibility market
  - Spot market (SM): Short term (hours), trades energy
  - Flexibility market (FM): Close to real time, activates flexibility



The decision process

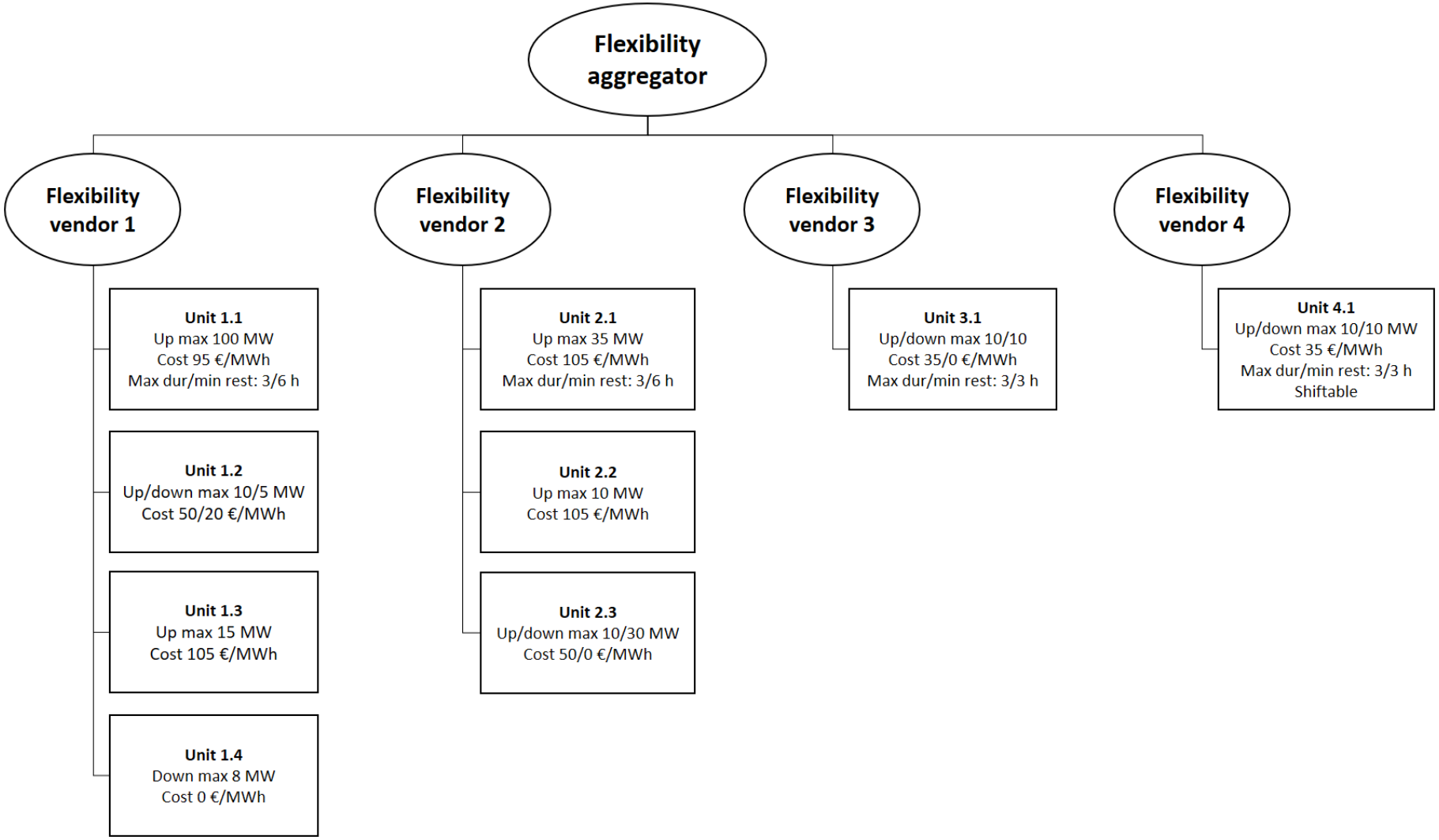
- Receive information and make new decisions 176 times a week

- We simplify our problem:
  - Split the problem into four sub-problems (OM, SM, FM and scheduling problems)
  - Three-stage SP
  - Assume that all FM prices are published once a day



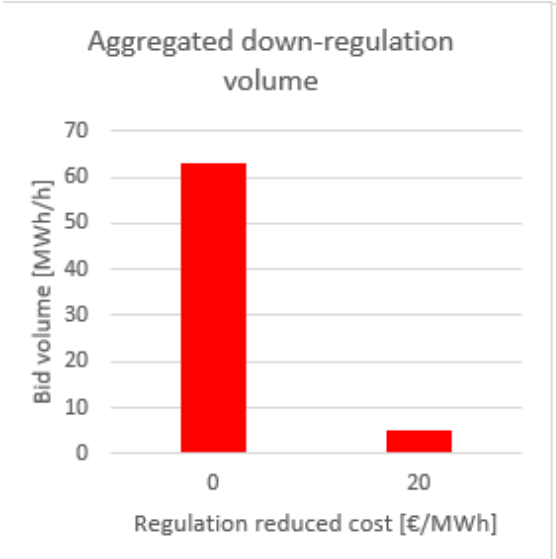
Case study

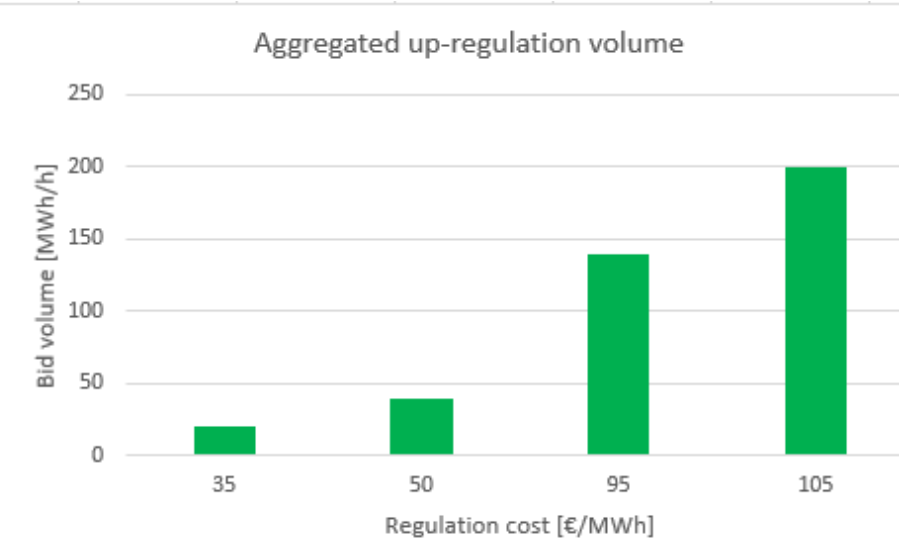
- Run in cooperation with the industry
- Prices from Norwegian wholesale markets
- Simulated using week 1 – 8, 2016

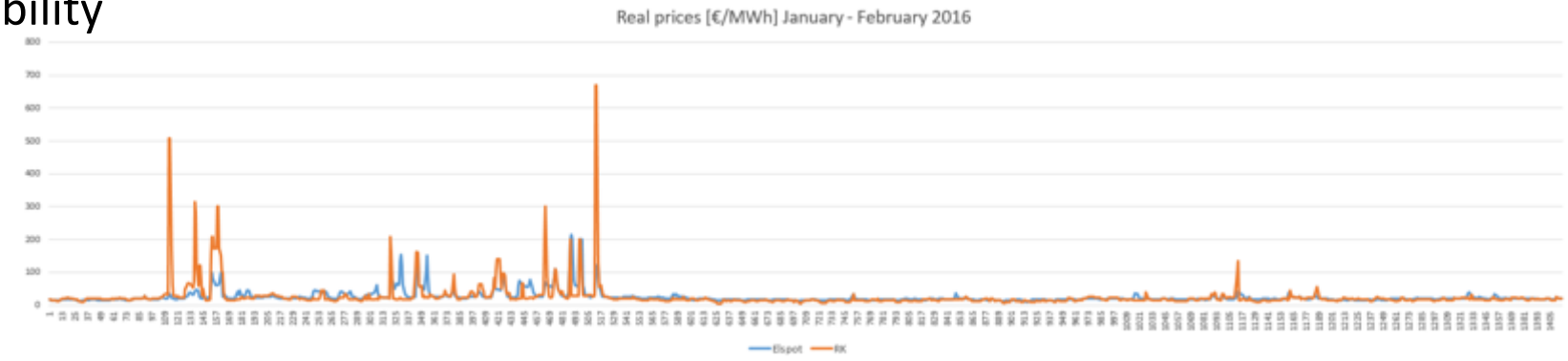


Case study

- Findings
  - Net profit (value of flexibility): 819 k€
    - Up-regulation to high prices in January
    - OM reservations in January and February
  - The value of aggregation: 26 k€
    - Can commit larger volumes to the markets
    - Can utilize constrained flexibility units



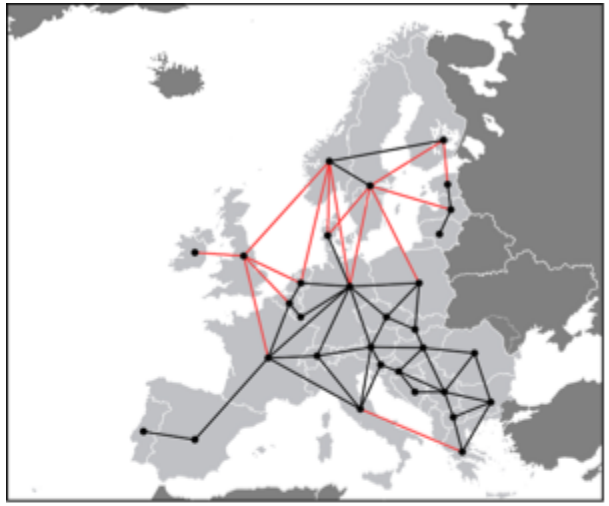




Demand response as a technology in EMPIRE

Demand Response module in EMPIRE : in testing now
Multiscale geographical representation

- Countries
- Regions
- Neigbourhoods



How does it change the technology mix?

Kilde: 3M, Smart Grid: http://solutions.3m.com/wps/portal/3M/en_EU/SmartGrid/EU-Smart-Grid/

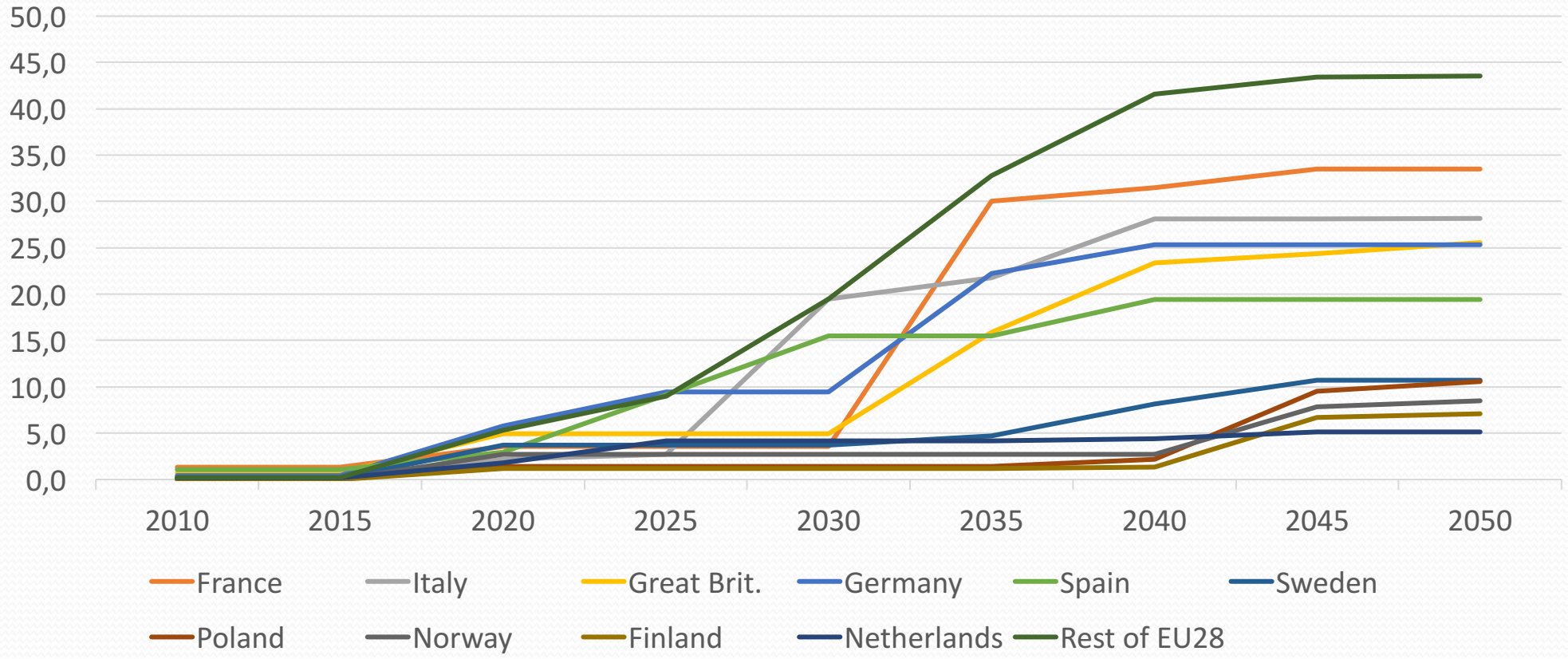
Demand Response (DR) module

DR Potential	Aggregated per Country
♯ Flexible Load Types	7
♯ Economic Sectors	3
Load Profiles	Standard Deterministic
Investment Steps	5 years
Operation Steps	Standard Hourly Periods
Shiftable Volume Load	✓
Curtailable Load	✓

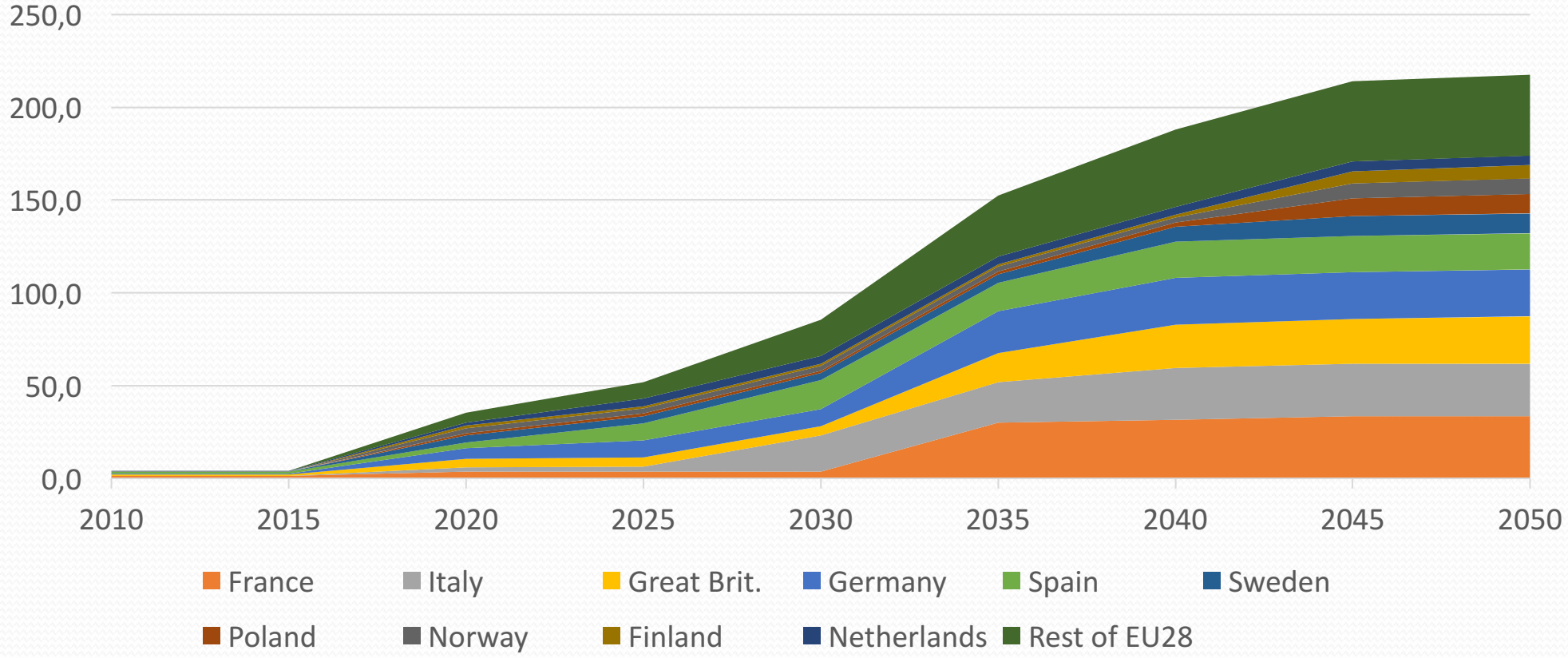
DR costs characteristics

Technology	Investment Cost (€/kW)	Fixed OM (€/kW) pr. yr.	Variable OM (€/MWh)	Efficiency	Fuel Cost
HeatingAC	250	7,50	10	0,97	
HVAC-ComInd	10	0,30	5	0,97	
CoolingWater-ComInd	5	0,15	20	0,98	
ProcessShift-Ind	0	0,00	150	0,99	
WashingEq-Res	30	0,90	50	1,00	
StorHeat-ResCom	20	0,60	10	0,98	
ProcessShed-Ind	0	0,00	1000	1,00	
Battery Storage (Li-ion)	1195			0,88	
Battery Storage (Zn)	588			0,75	
Pumped Storage Hydro	1000			0,80	
Gas CCGT	650	30,38	0,45		42

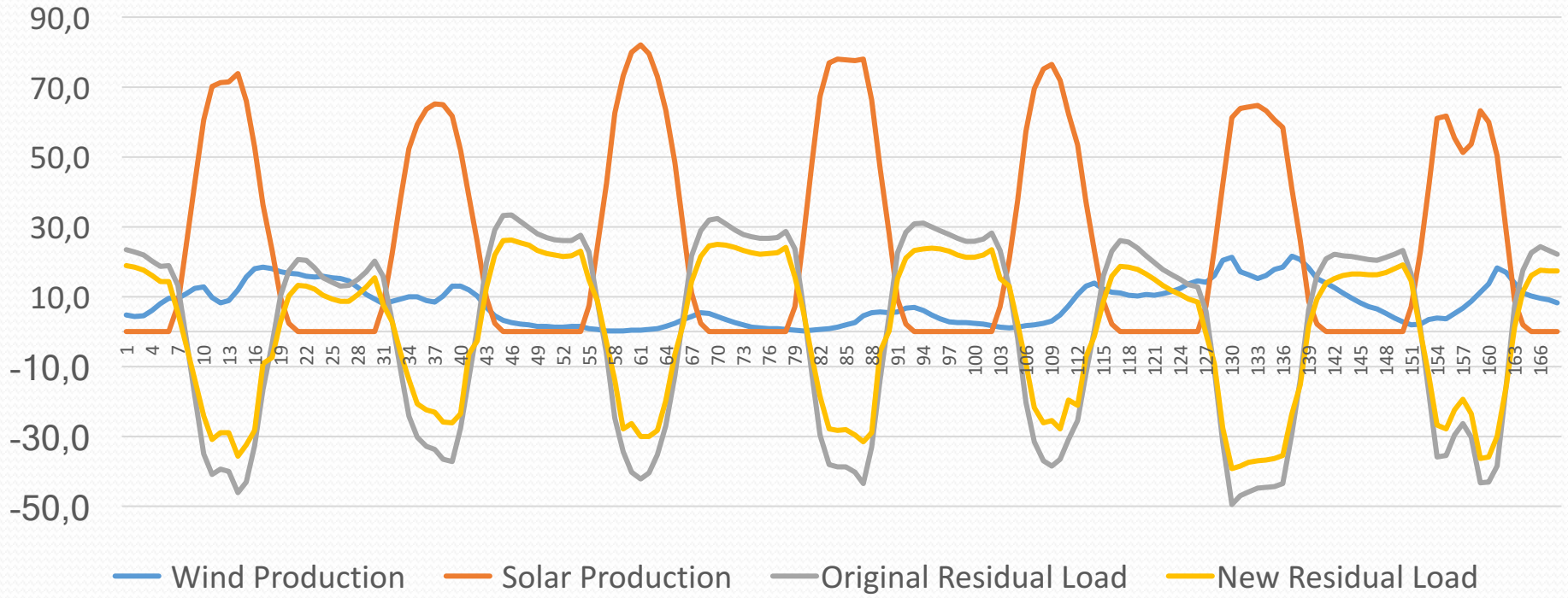
DR capacity evolution (GW)



DR capacity evolution in Europe (GW)



Summer Load Week Sample in Spain 2050 (GW)



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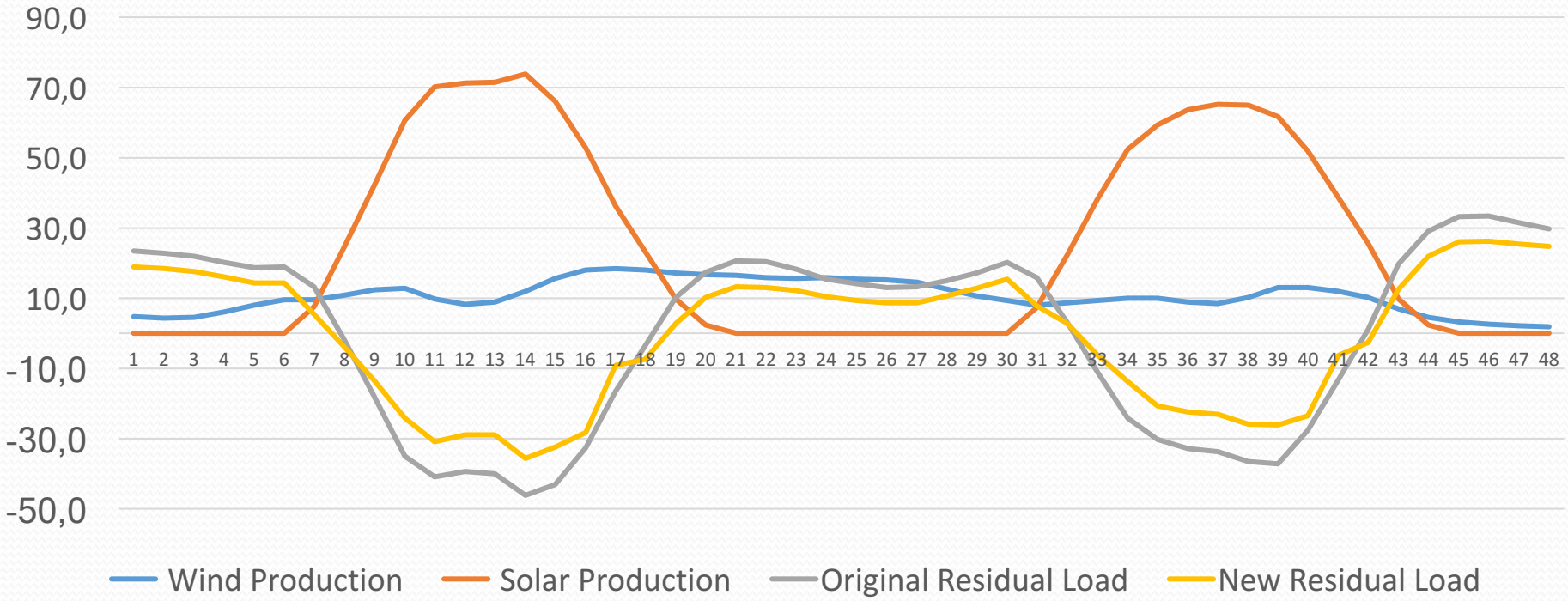
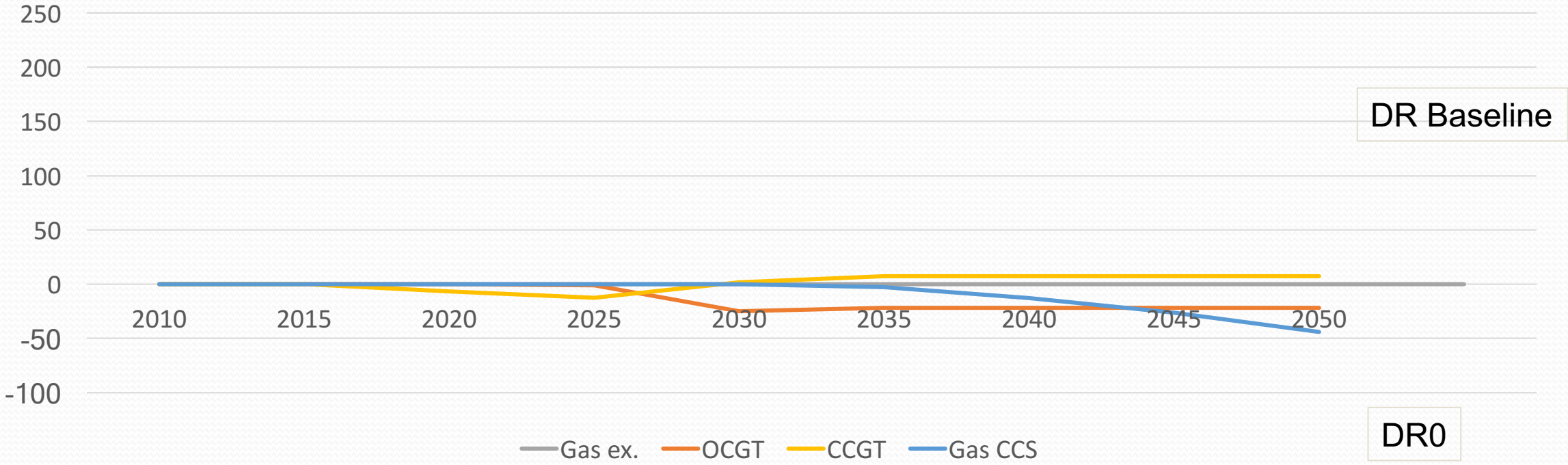


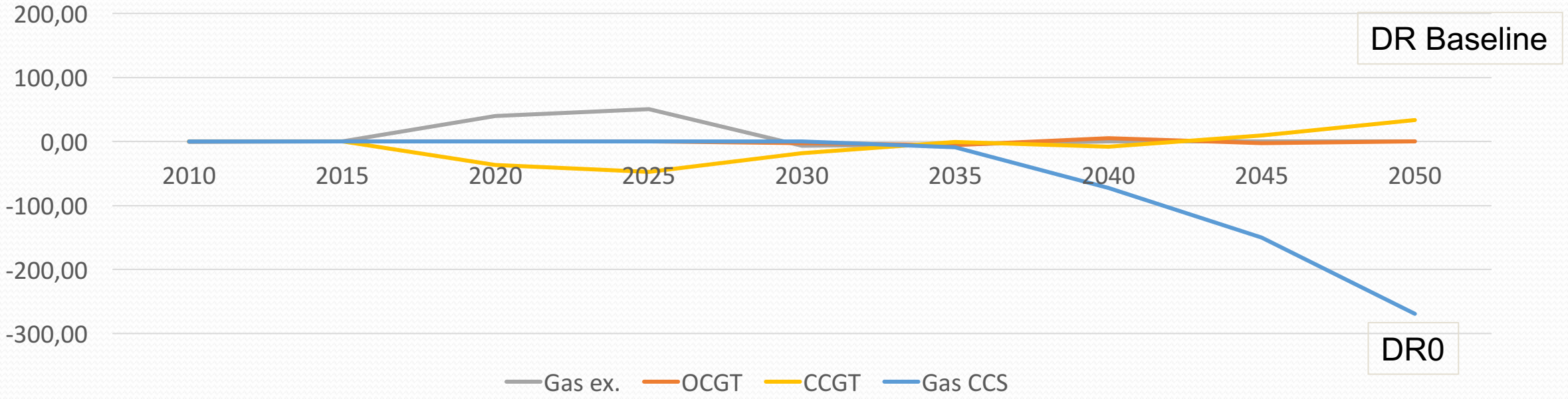
Capacities comparison between DR2 and DR0

- The following bar graphs show the main differences in technology capacities in the case with DR (case DRB) and without (case DR0) between year 1 (2010) and year 9 (2050).
- The positive y-axis indicate larger capacity in DRB than in DR0 and viceversa

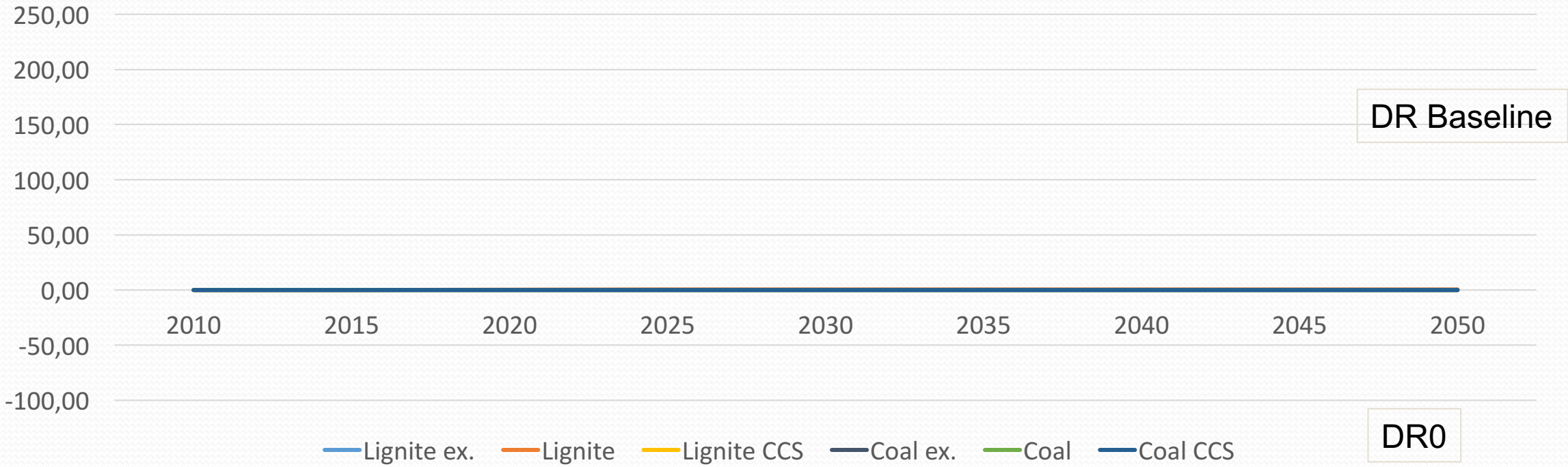
Europe's peak plants capacity differences (GW)



Europe's peak plants generation differences (TWh)



Europe's coal capacity differences (GW)



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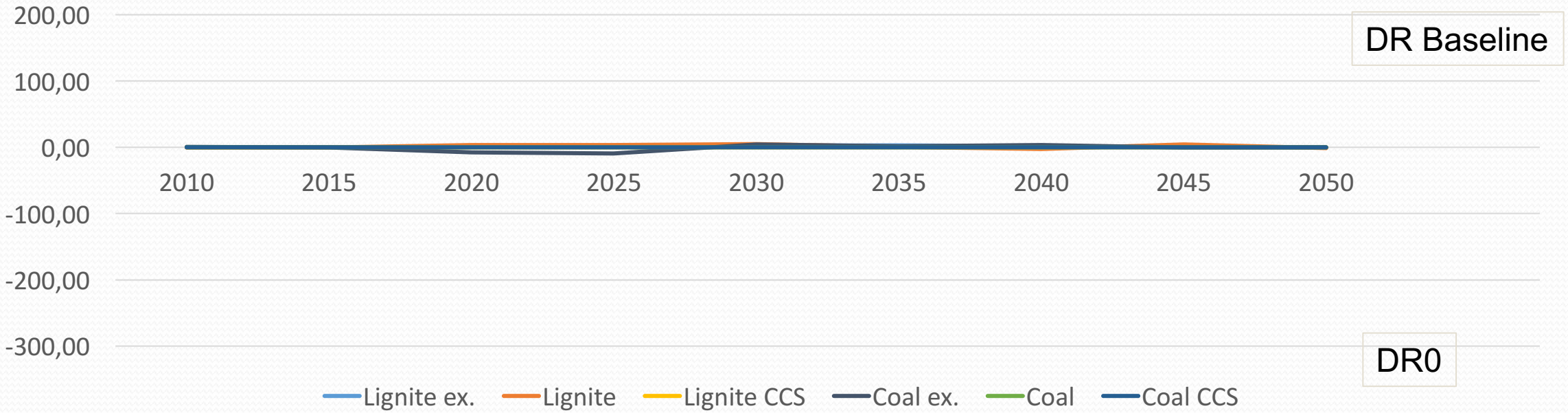

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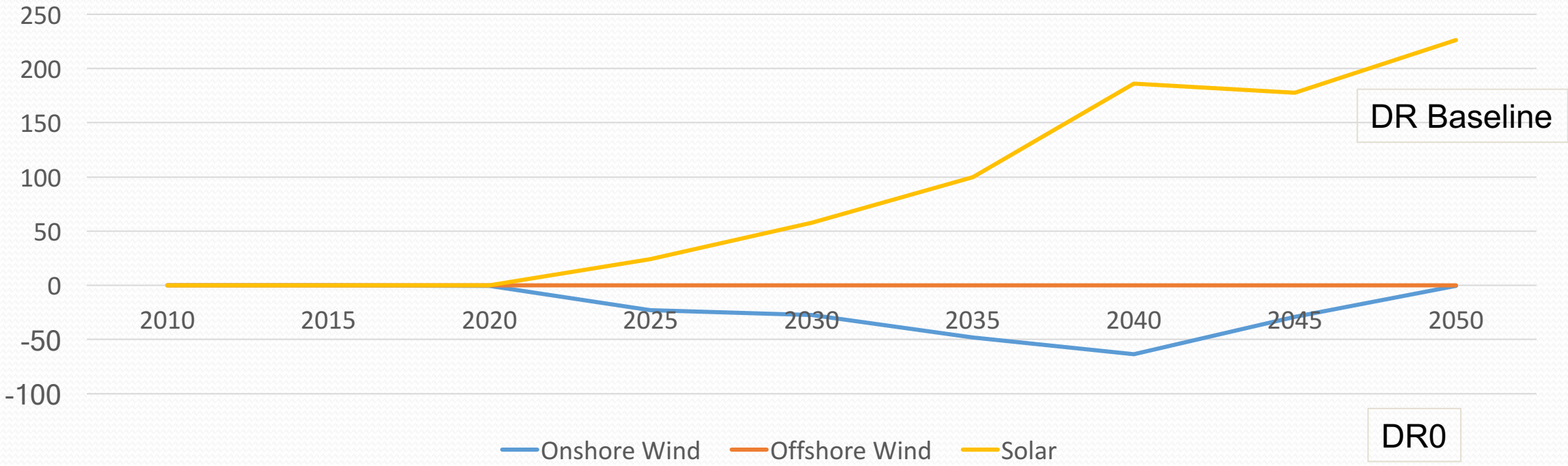
Europe's IRES capacity differences (GW)



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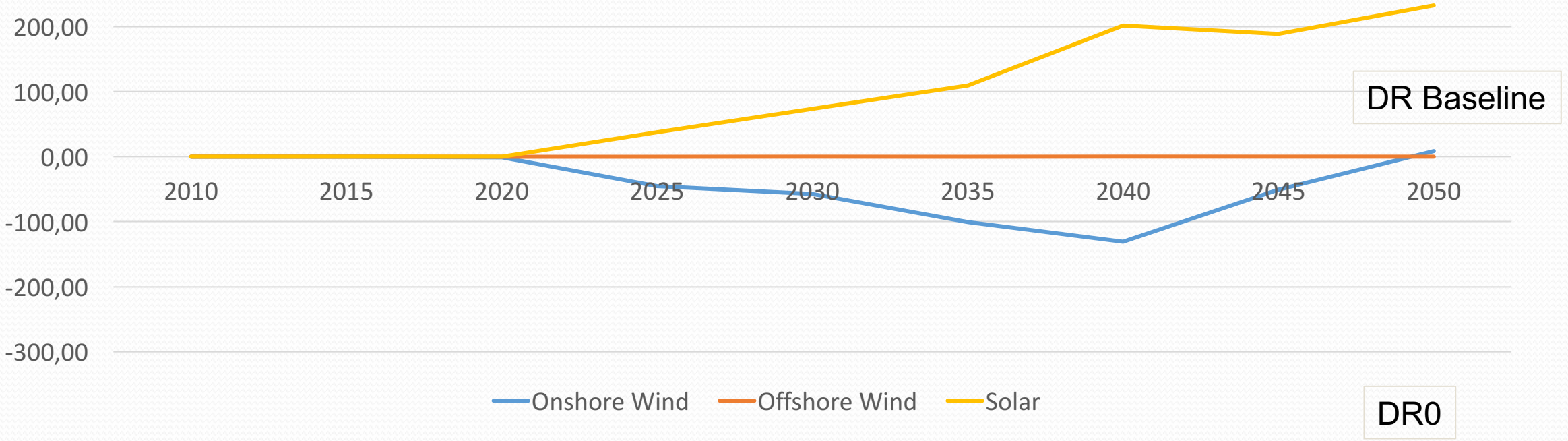
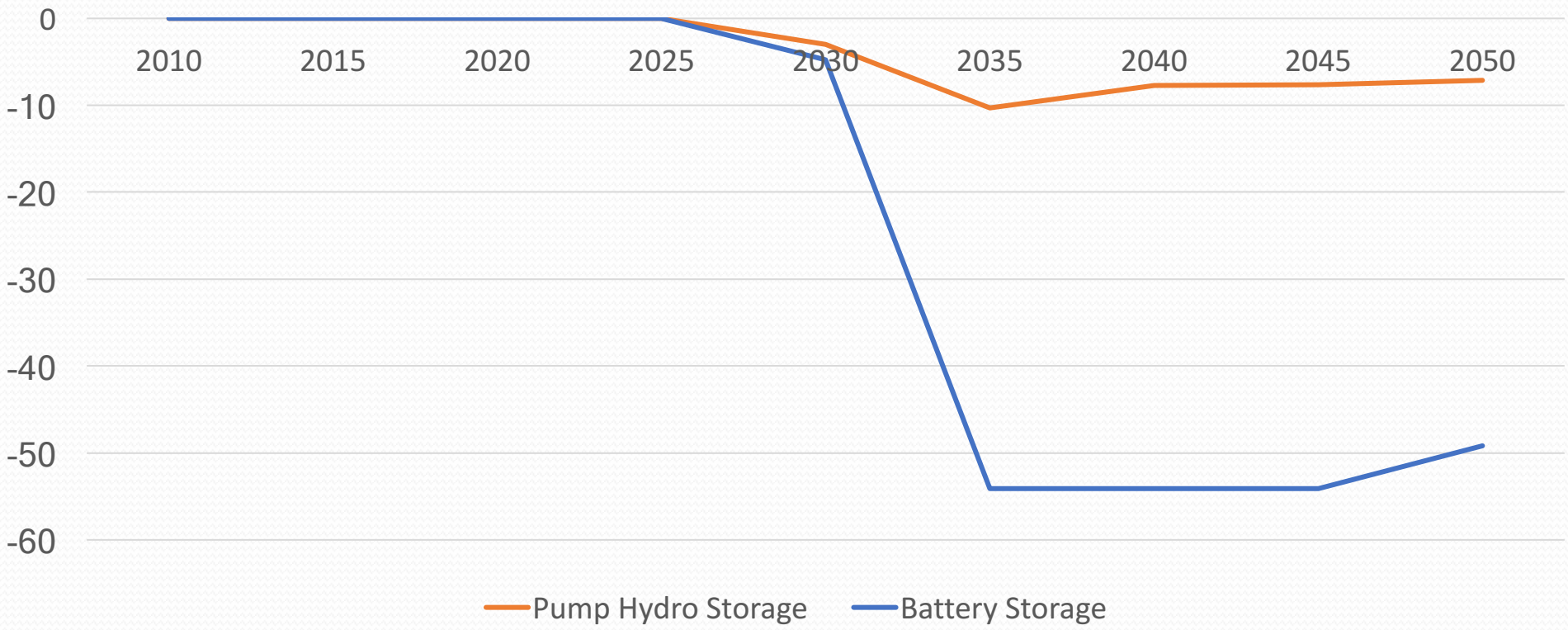


Storage Power Differences (GW)



DR Baseline

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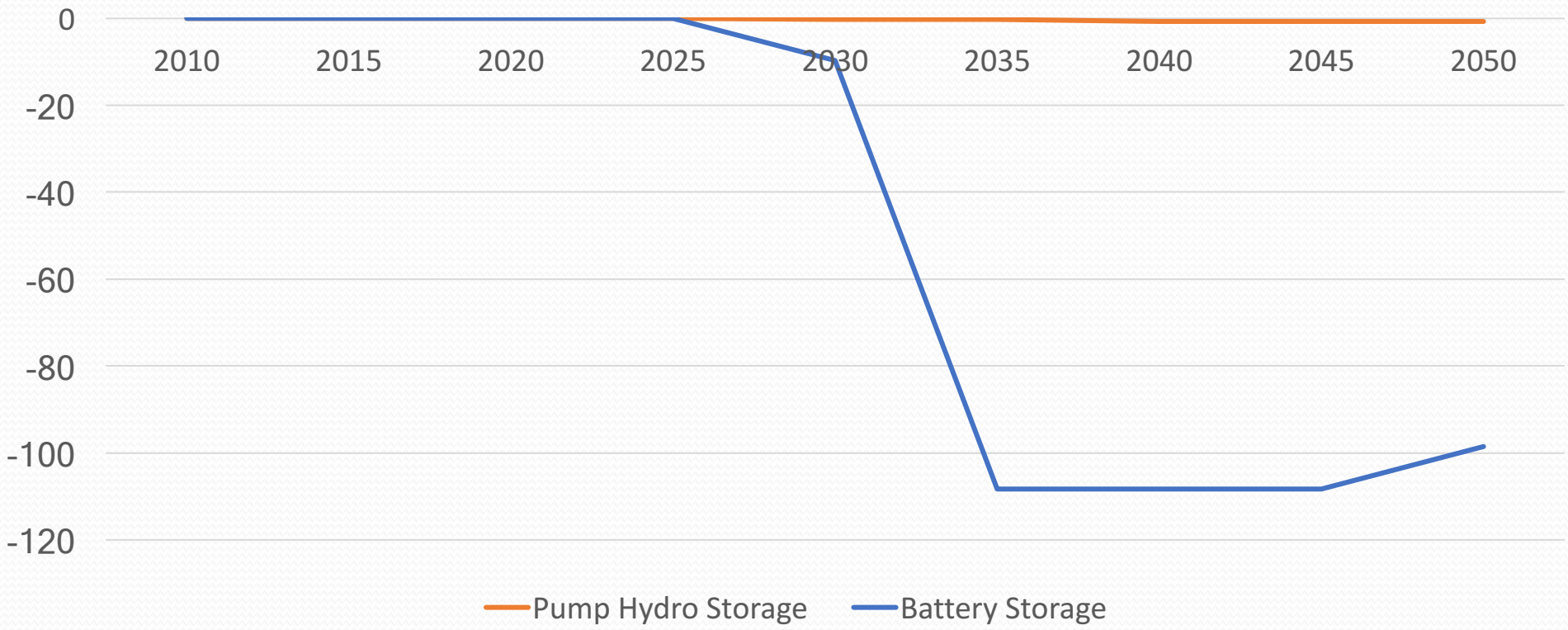

DR Baseline

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Summary

- New technologies increase the need for flexibility at different levels
- New technologies increase the potential for flexibility provision from demand side
- Flexibility can create values at different levels (prosumer, DSO, TSO…)
- Aggregation needed
- The aggregator’s decision problem is a complex task
- Demand response will put pressure on other technologies, both transmission and other flexibility sources.

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