

# Modelling flexibility needs and contributions of wind/PV at system level

IEA TCP WIND Task 25: Design and Operation of Energy Systems with Large Amounts of Variable Generation



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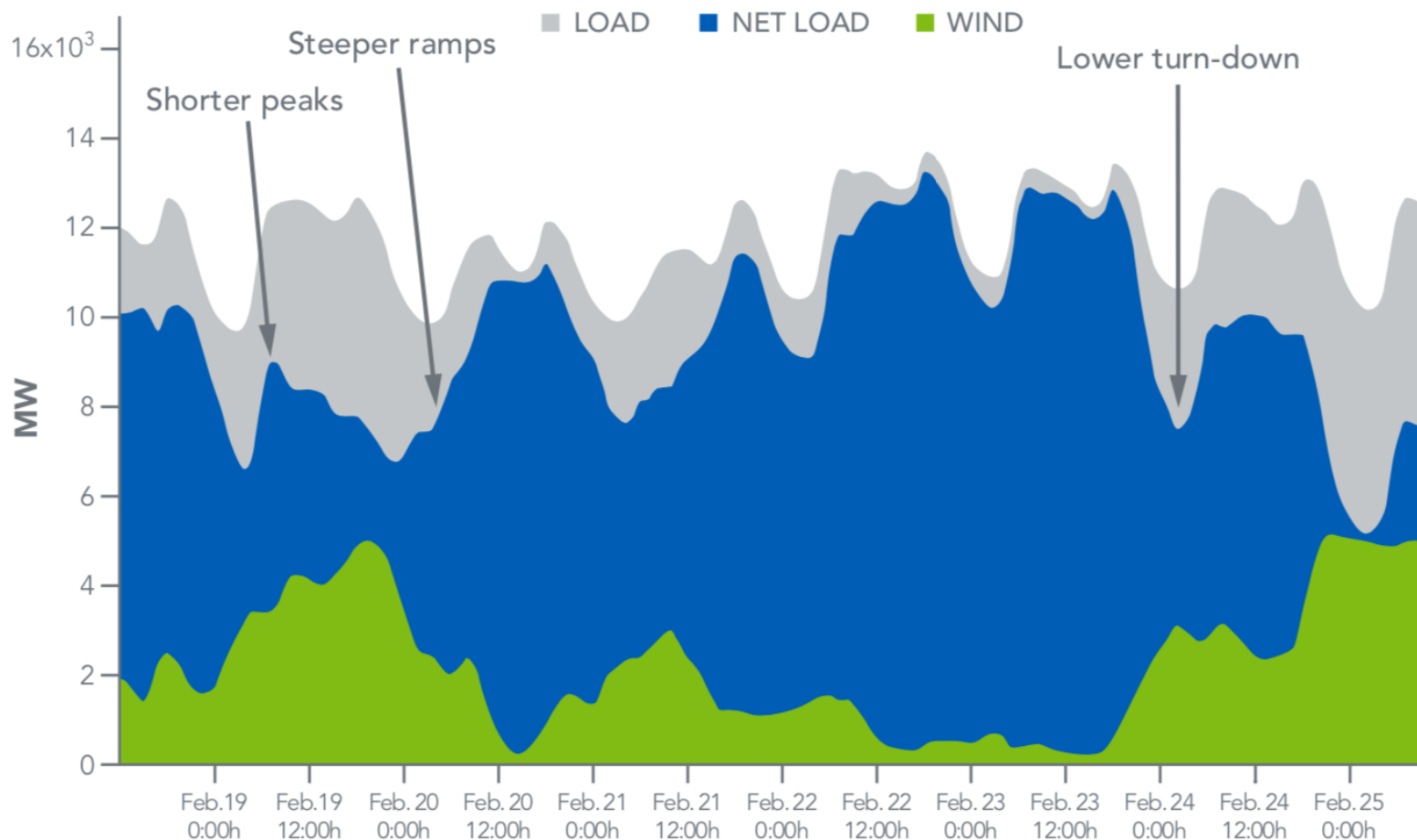


- Flexibility needs – simple and system approaches
- Modelling future flexibility adequacy
- Wind/PV flexibility

***Flexibility** is the power and energy **system's ability to adapt** to variability and uncertainty in demand and generation, which occur on different timescales.*



# Flexibility needs – VG increase net load variability



Source: 21<sup>st</sup> century Power Partnership: Flexibility for 21st century power systems

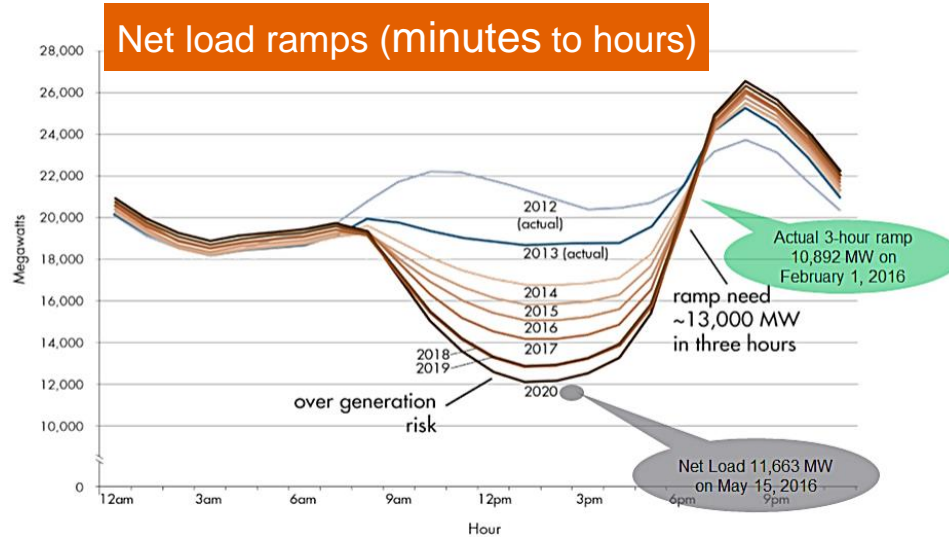


# Examples of flexibility needs: hourly, daily, seasonal



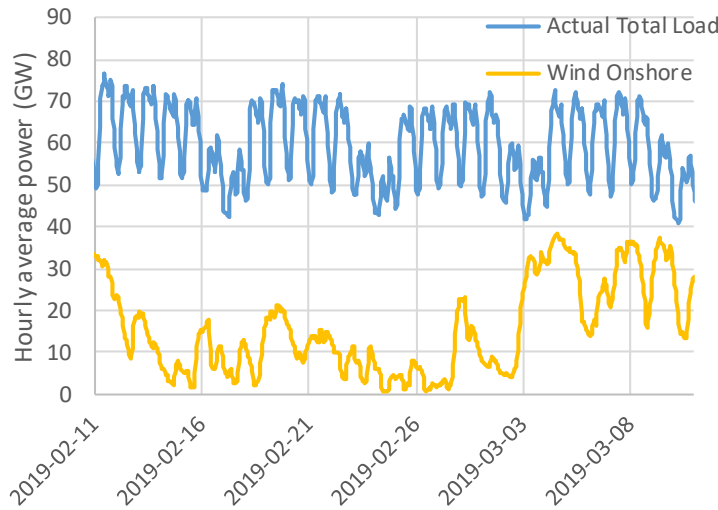
1. Ramping, min. load
2. Start/stop cycling, min. load
3. Storage in fuels, thermal and electricity

[1] California Independent System Operator (CAISO)  
 [2] Data from Germany (ENTSO-E)  
 [3] Data from Germany (ENTSO-E)

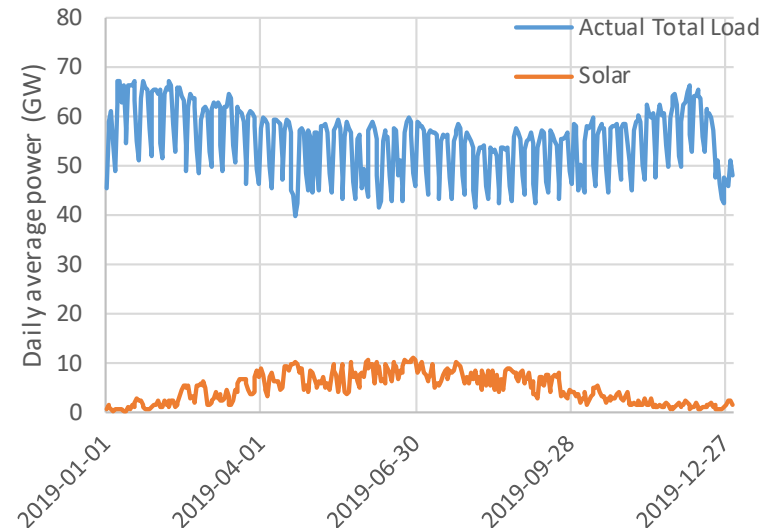


[1]

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Weather patterns (days)



Seasonal variations (months)

[3]

# Different challenges as wind/PV shares increase

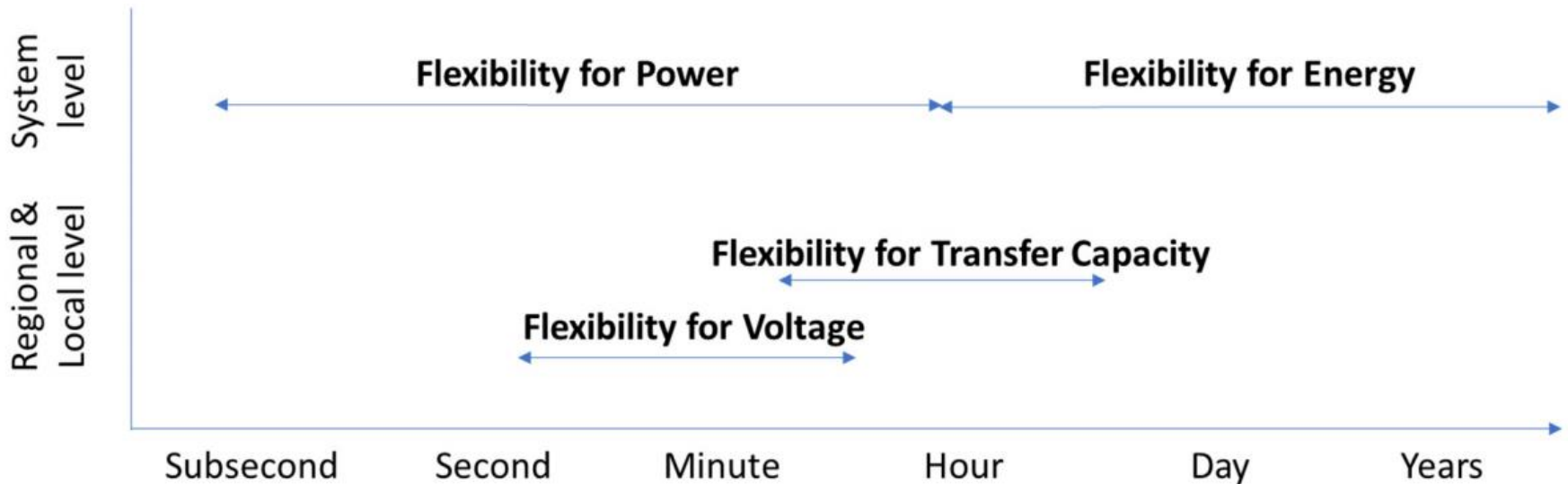


Phase	Description
1	VRE capacity is not relevant at the all-system level
2	VRE capacity becomes noticeable to the system operator
3	Flexibility becomes relevant with greater swings in the supply/demand balance
4	Stability becomes relevant. VRE capacity covers nearly 100% of demand at certain times
5	Structural surpluses emerge; electrification of other sectors becomes relevant
6	Bridging seasonal deficit periods and supplying non-electricity applications; seasonal storage and synthetic fuels

Short term flexibility

Long term flexibility

# Flexibility need – temporal and spatial scales



<https://www.iea-iskan.org/flexibility-in-future-power-systems/>

PLUS from power systems to energy systems:

- Sector coupling – flexibilities from linking power and heat etc

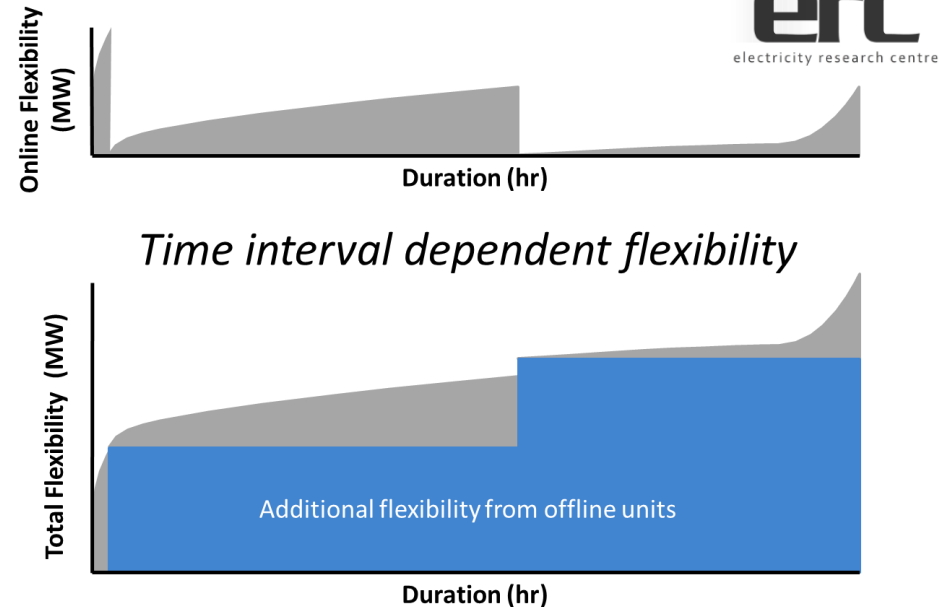
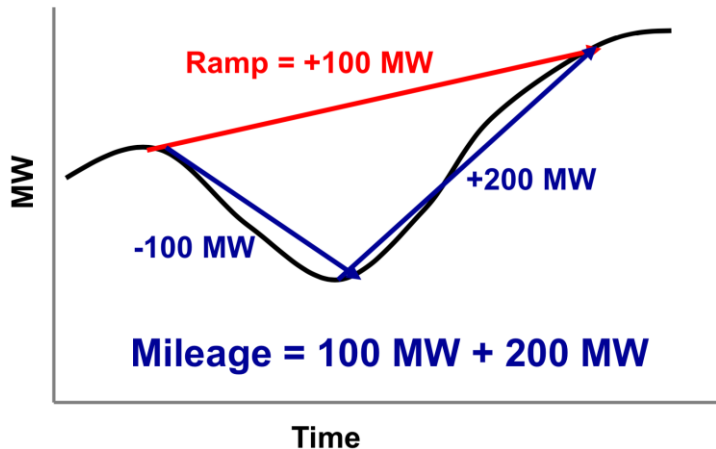
# Quantifying flexibility needs



## Simplified assessments:

1. Short term variability: Ramping
2. Uncertainty: Operating reserves
3. Power and energy, as storage needs

Often for generators ramping up/down, Or for storages for energy. Interconnectors role, VG flexibility, flexible load and storages should be taken into account.



# Flexibility assessment - system

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- Simple quantifications do not capture whole picture
  - Many sources of flexibility inherent in a power system
  - What is critically needed for variability and uncertainty?
- System optimization – both for capacity and operation – can determine how the system copes with added variability and uncertainty with flexibility
  - Results seen as system costs, also the use of flexibility options and their value
  - If capacity/generation mix and transmission not optimized, then may see scarcity of flexibility: not fulfilling reliability requirements (operating reserves), increased/unnecessary curtailment of VG

FlexTool for a simple system approach available at

<https://www.irena.org/publications/2018/Nov/Power-system-flexibility-for-the-energy-transition>

# Capturing flexibility needs and sources in simulations

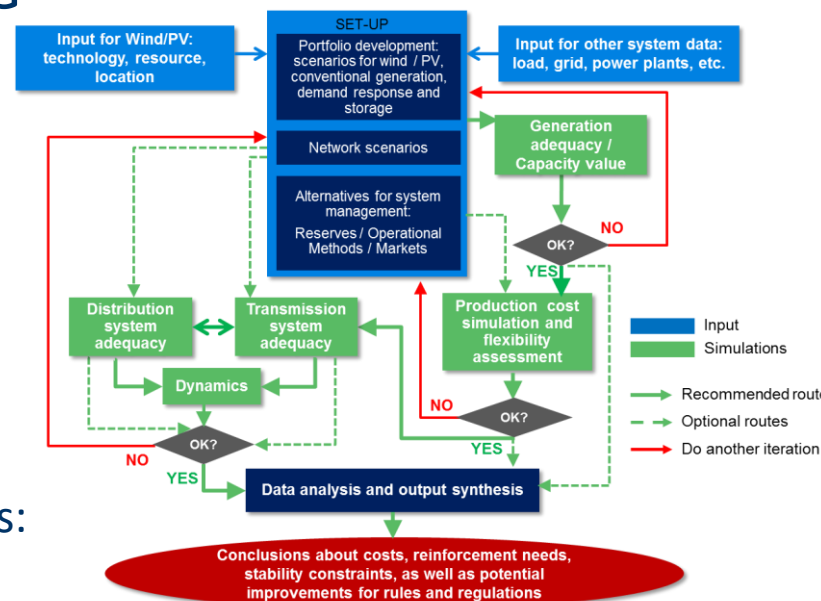


Needs: temporal/spatial resolution of VG

- Not to overestimate: Smoothing of variability
- Not to underestimate: Uncertainty/forecast errors

Sources: capture characteristics

- Not to underestimate:
  - Sharing flexibility with neighbouring areas: take into account interconnections, but model the limitations
  - Generation flexibility in future, also VG providing
  - Demand response, storages, energy sector coupling
- Not to overestimate, model all limitations, technical and economical!



Recommended practices for  
Wind/PV Integration Studies  
RP16 Ed 2

<https://community.ieawind.org/publications/rp>

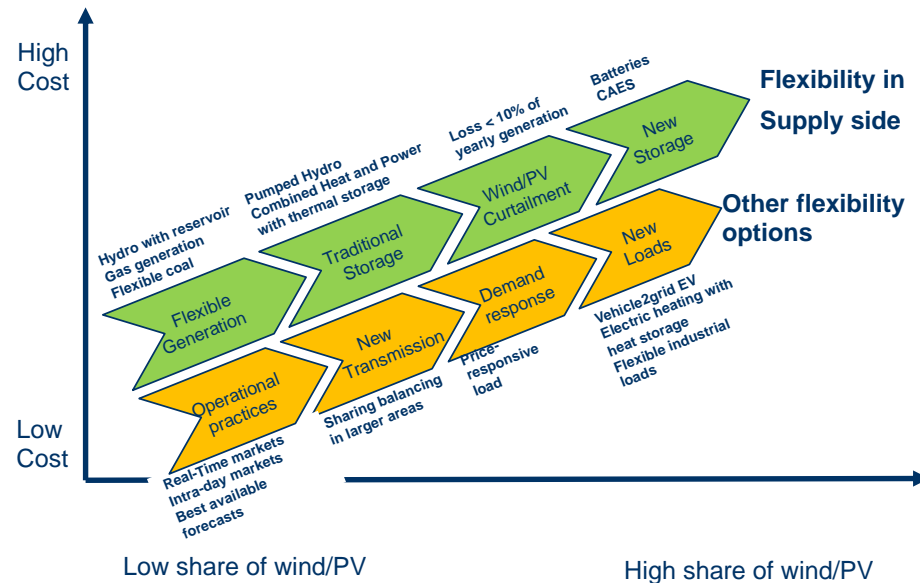
Collaboration btw IEA TCPs  
Wind and PVPS



# Challenges in system simulations to capture flexibility adequacy



- **Data** for costs, and technical limitations of flexibility options
  - Hydro power river coupling constraints
  - Demand response costs? Rebound
- **Time scales** are different and bring a complexity
  - Short term flexibility needs and options require sub-hourly resolution
  - Long term flexibility related to security of supply
- **Details cost computation time**



## Modelling enablers:

### Transmission and operational

- Reduction of variability
- Benefits from using flexible resources in neighboring countries

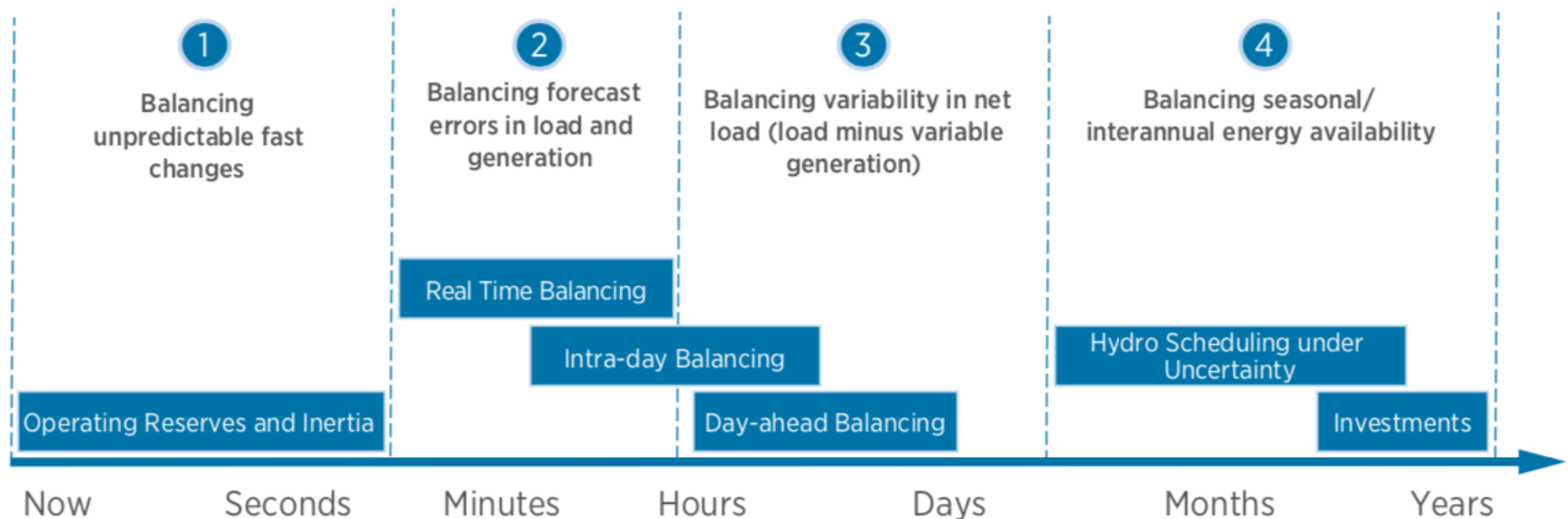
### Smart grids/ digitalization

- local flex resources, DR

# Value of flexibility



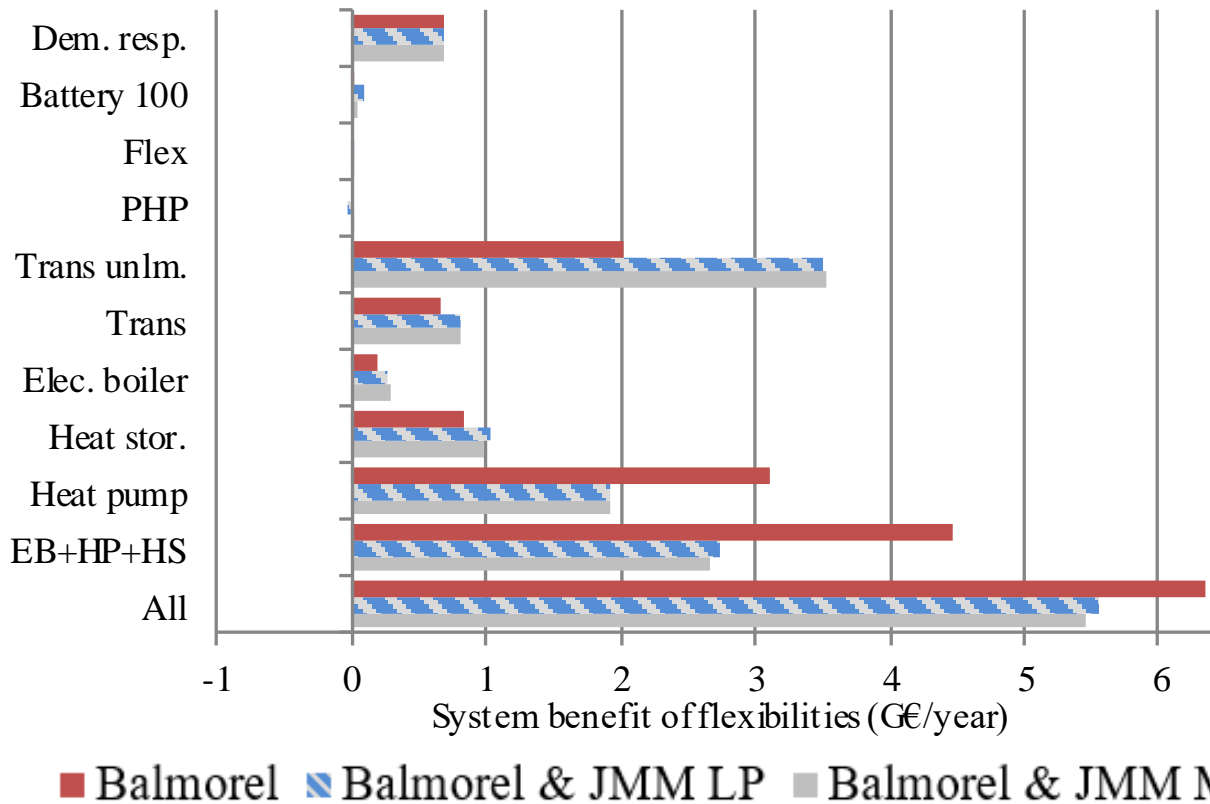
- Short term: increasing AS payments: for frequency control, but also new services like inertia and black start
- Medium term: paid through ability to pick the highest priced energy-only-market hours: future markets see higher (scarcity) prices more hours of the year
- Long term: capacity payments (and scarcity pricing)



# Flexibility sources are competing



Cost Benefit of Flexibility options: Case >40% wind/PV around Baltic sea



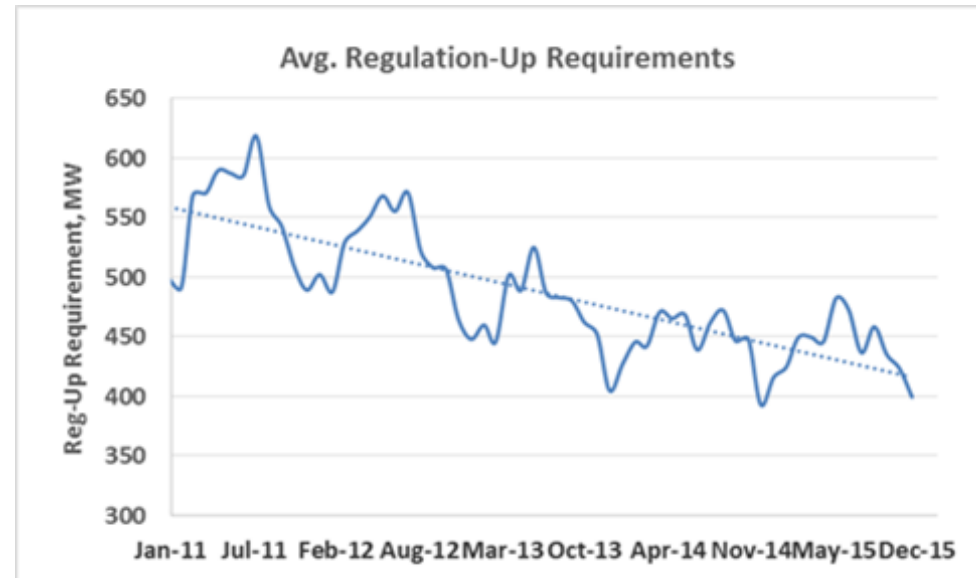
- Value of All less than sum of individual options
- Detail of simulation has impact on the benefit estimated



# Flexibility – grid support services from wind and solar



- Asking for capabilities in grid codes, and paying for services of system support if needed/used
  - Texas: fast response of WPPs help reduce the overall need for automatically activated frequency support services
  - California: responses from PV better than conventional generators
  - Spain: 14 GW wind compliance tests. Wind providing ~ 5 % of downward reserves in 2017
  - Europe: Utilizing large numbers of PV + storage systems in a VPP configuration to provide flexibility and fast frequency control



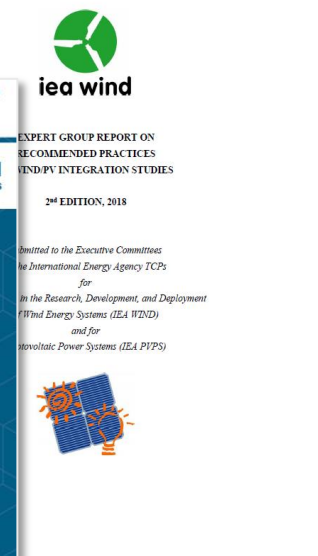
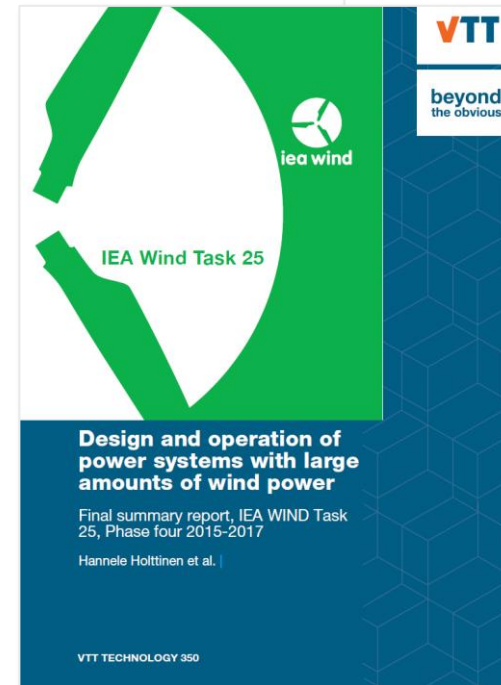
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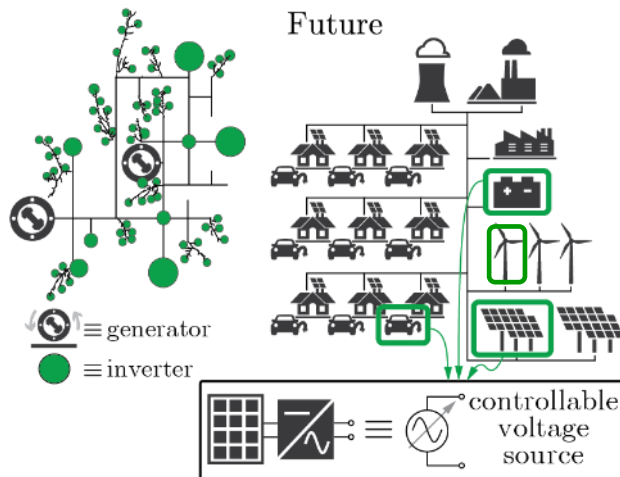


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- Progressing Distributed Wind Technology Design Standards for Small- and Mid-Size Wind Turbines
- Expand Learning and Support of the Integration of Distributed Wind into Evolving Electricity Systems
- Innovation and Downscaling of Utility-Scale Technology
- Distributed Wind Data Information Catalog
- Outreach and Collaboration with Other R&D Activities



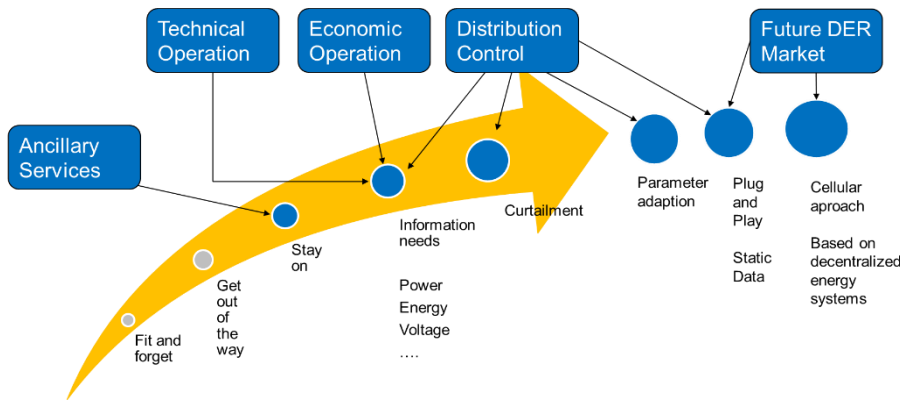
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# Task 14: Solar PV in the 100% RES Power System

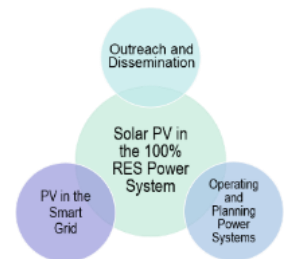


- Operating and planning power systems with Solar PV
- Solar PV in the Smart Grid
- Comprehensive international studies and experiences with PV grid integration.
- Global platform for exchange, outreach and collaboration
- **Preparing the technical basis for Solar PV as major supply in a 100% RES based electric power system**

16 Countries

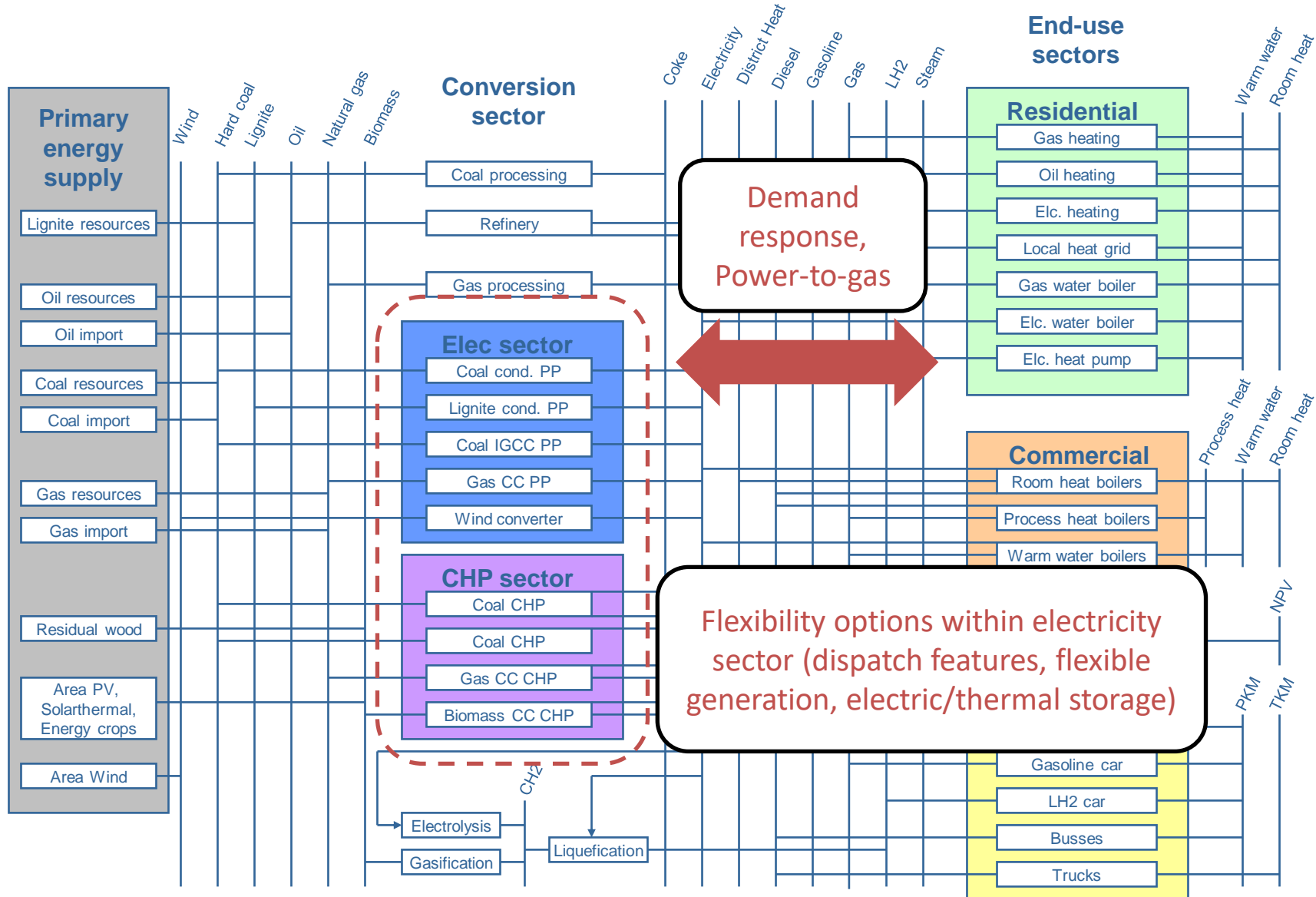


- Broad expertise from
- Utilities, DNOs
  - Applied research
  - Universities
  - Industry



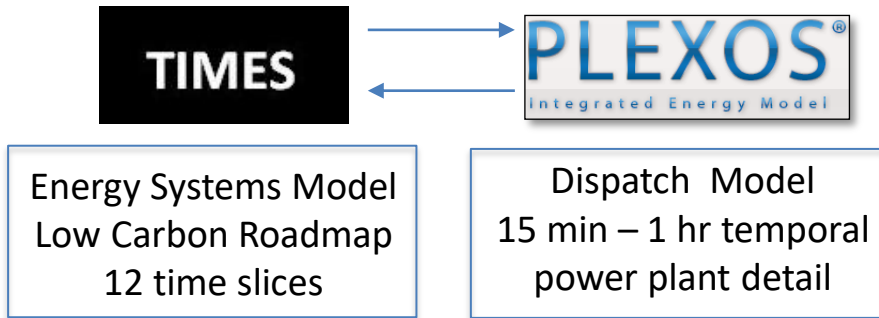
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# Modelling flexibility within energy systems models



# Integrating short term operational constraints

## Multi-model approach



## New Dispatch features in TIMES

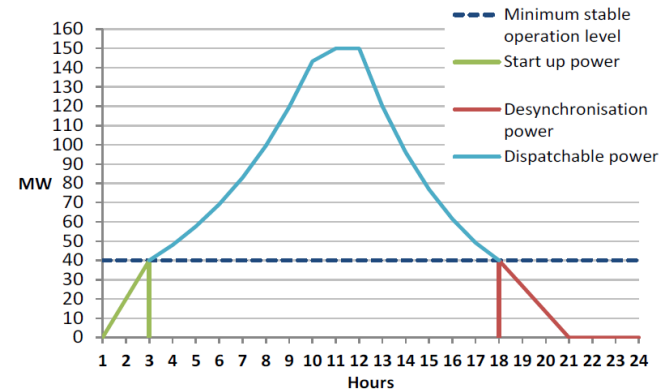
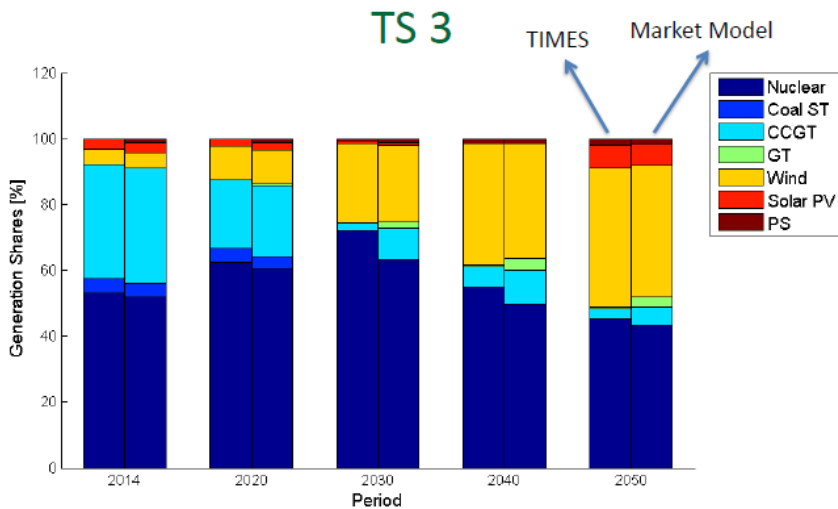
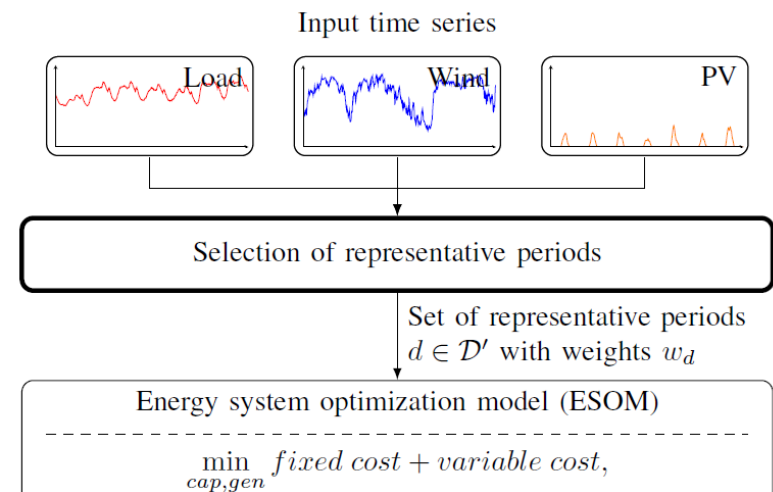


Figure 2: Operating stages of a thermal plant in the unit commitment problem.

## Increase Time Slices



## Model representative days



# Discussion – collaboration?

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- Flexibility adequacy and value in future power systems: System approach
- Collaboration on getting the opportunities and limitations of each technology to system models

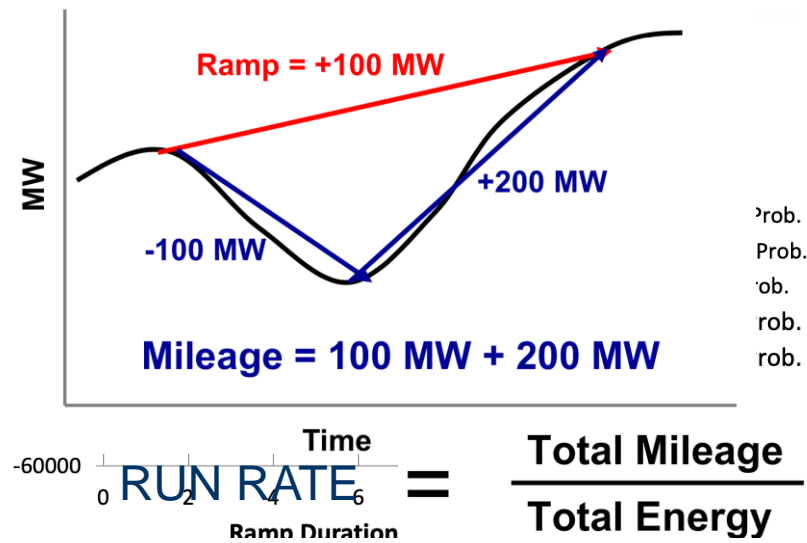


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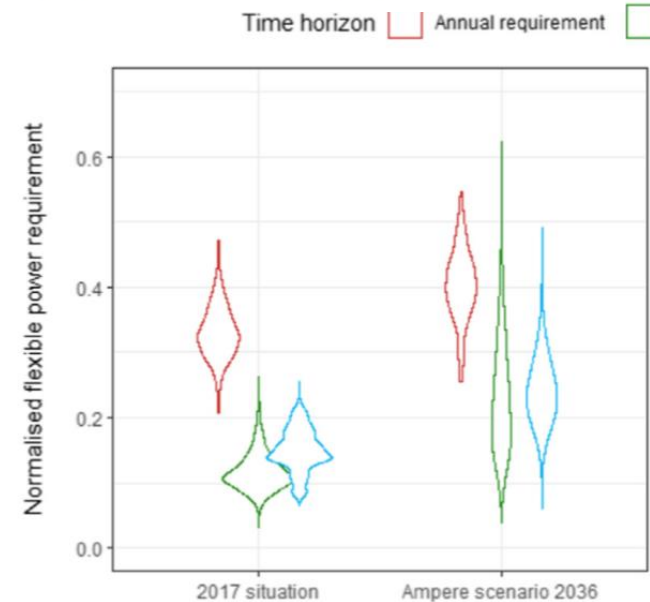
# Extra slides for simple flexibility assessment examples

# 1. Ramping needs

- (net-) load curve: expressed in terms of power and energy – for different time scales
- For one or multiple hour ramp
  - Ramping: derivative of net load over time
  - Ramp acceleration: Double derivative of net load over time. Volatility: Sum of ramp accelerations over a certain time period [1]
- Day/week/annual, important for high VG shares



As % of how much ramping to serve a MWh of load  
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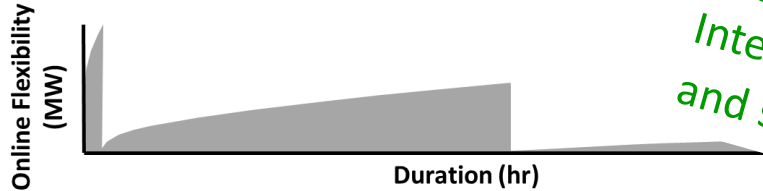


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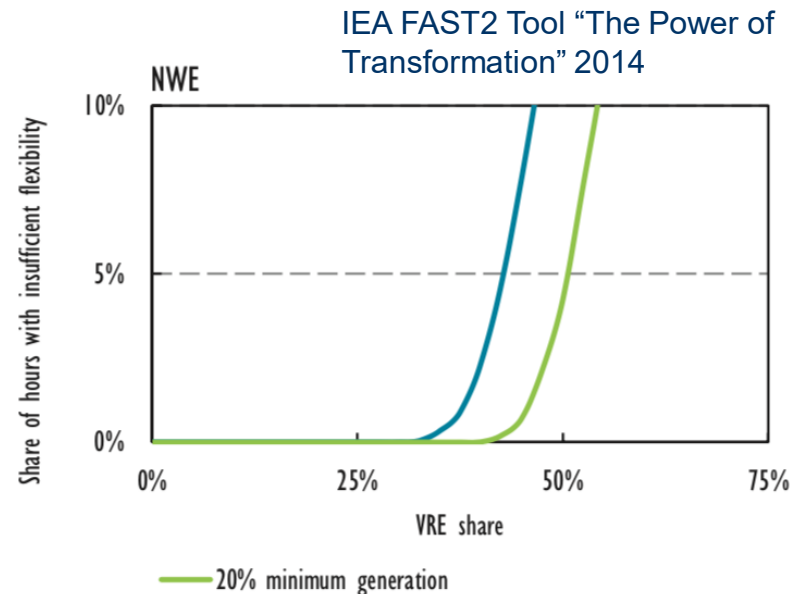
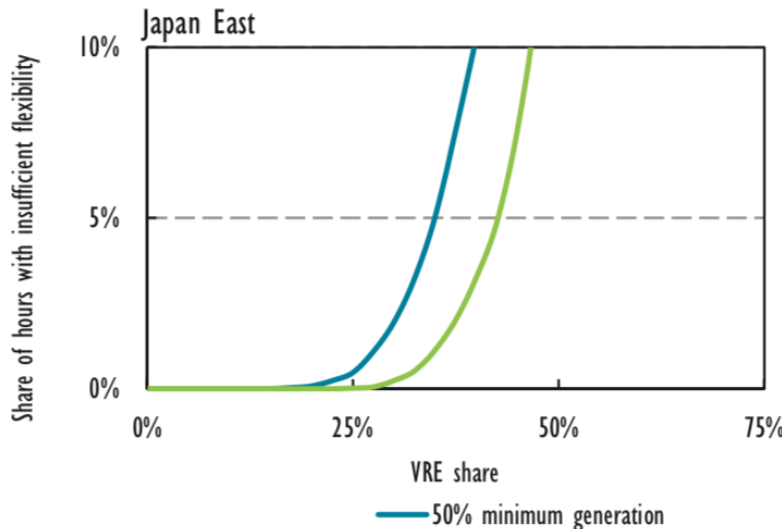
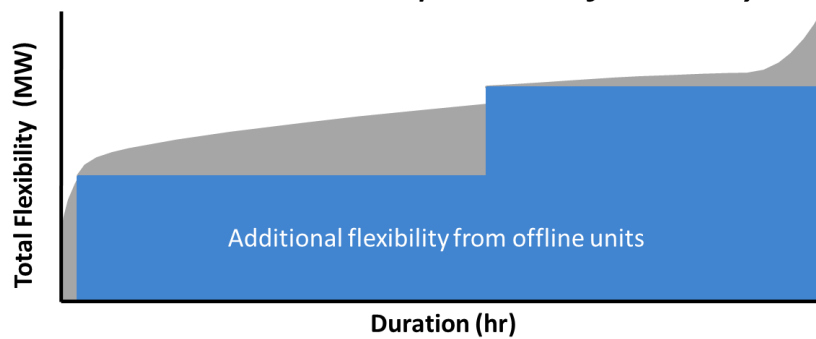
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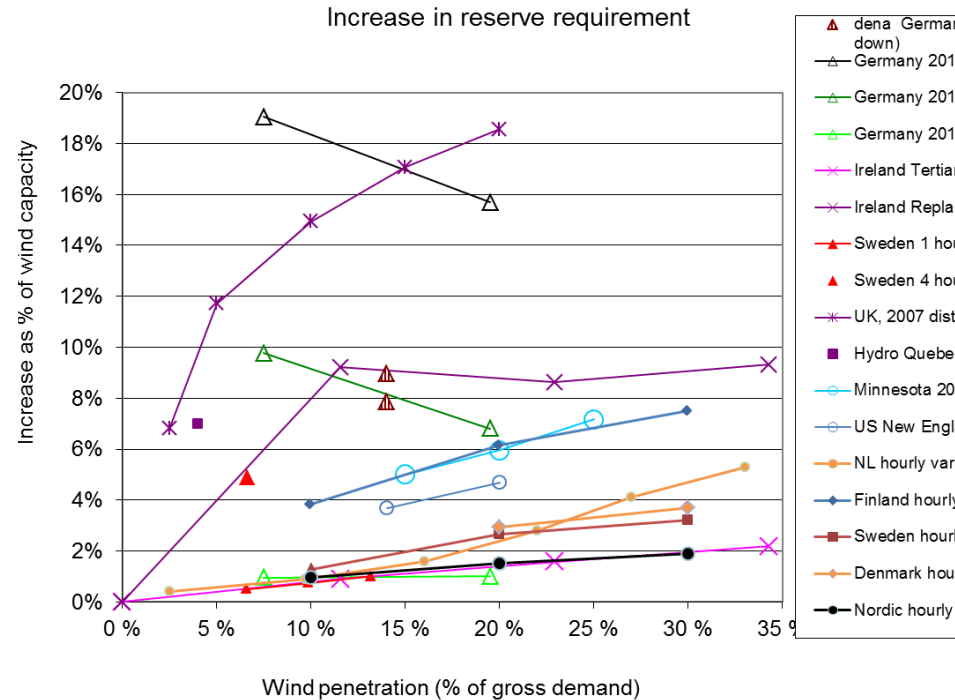
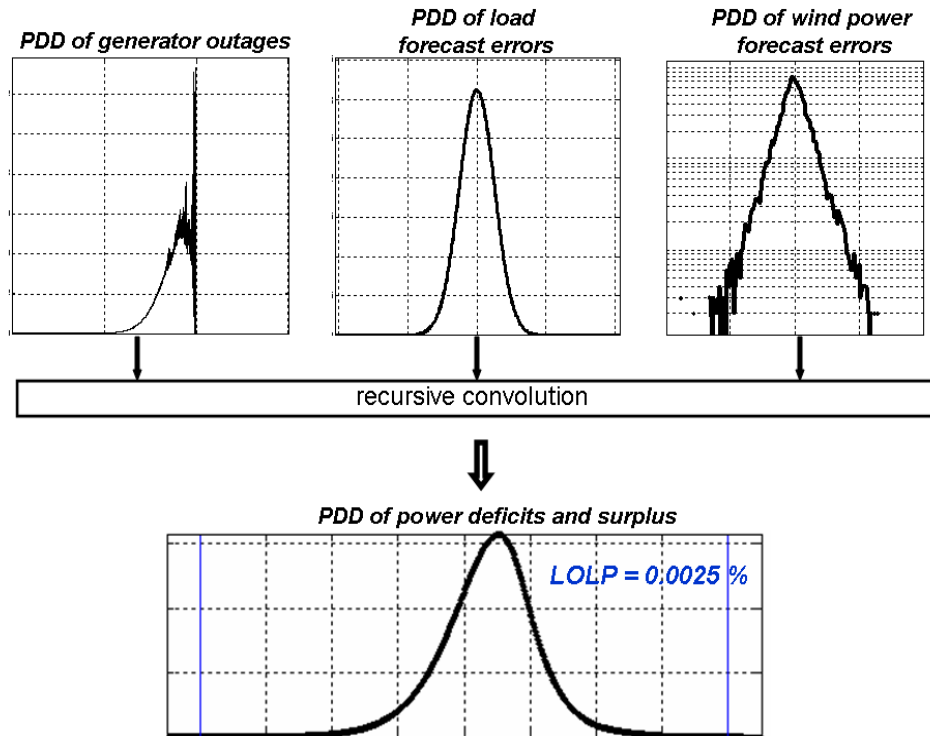
Time interval dependent flexibility



# 2. Operating reserve requirements



- Flexibility during operating hour – allocating reserves
  - forecast errors determine the need for operating reserve – combining uncertainty from load, wind, solar and generation



Task 25 summary report

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# 3. Power and energy



- Curtailed (surplus) VG energy one measure of flex needs
- Fill in surplus and scarcity of power and energy
- Optimise a storage portfolio for different “remaining load profiles” = load minus VG and conventional generation

Storage energy capacity requirement is much more affected than the power capacity requirement

