

Electricity Markets and Renewable Energy: United States vs. Europe

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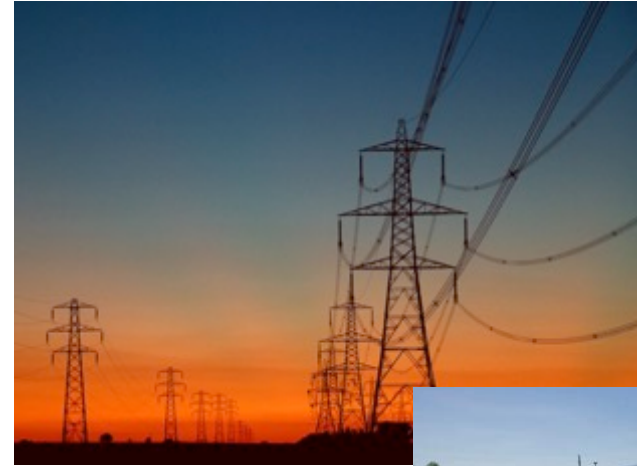
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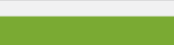





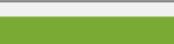





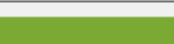





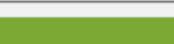


Center for Energy Environmental and Economic Systems Analysis (CEEESA): Overview of Grid Research

- **Power Systems Analysis**
 - Unit Commitment and Economic Dispatch
 - Hydro-Thermal Coordination
 - Power Flow Analysis, Congestion Management
- **Renewables (Wind and Solar) Integration**
 - Stochastic Generation Expansion Plan
 - Wind and Solar Forecasting
- **Battery Energy System Analysis**
 - Energy Arbitrage, Load Leveling
 - Frequency Regulation, Operating Reserves
- **Smart and Resilient Grids**
 - Dynamic Line Ratings
 - Controlled Cascading
 - Power System Restoration
 - Cyber Security
- **Micro Grids**
 - Distributed Generation Management
 - Islanding with Multiple Micro Grids
- **Energy in Buildings**
 - Energy Efficiency, Demand Response
 - Building/Grid Interaction



Renewable Electricity Generation in United States

	Hydropower	Solar ¹	Wind	Geothermal	Biomass	Total Renewables
2004	 6.7%	0.0% 	0.4% 	0.4% 	1.3% 	 8.8%
2005	 6.7%	0.0% 	0.4% 	0.4% 	1.3% 	 8.8%
2006	 7.1%	0.0% 	0.7% 	0.4% 	1.3% 	 9.5%
2007	 5.9%	0.0% 	0.8% 	0.4% 	1.3% 	 8.5%
2008	 6.2%	0.1% 	1.3% 	0.4% 	1.3% 	 9.3%
2009	 6.9%	0.1% 	1.9% 	0.4% 	1.4% 	 10.6%
2010	 6.3%	0.1% 	2.3% 	0.4% 	1.4% 	 10.4%
2011	 7.8%	0.2% 	2.9% 	0.4% 	1.4% 	 12.6%
2012	 6.8%	0.3% 	3.4% 	0.4% 	1.4% 	 12.4%
2013	 6.6%	0.5% 	4.1% 	0.4% 	1.5% 	 13.1%
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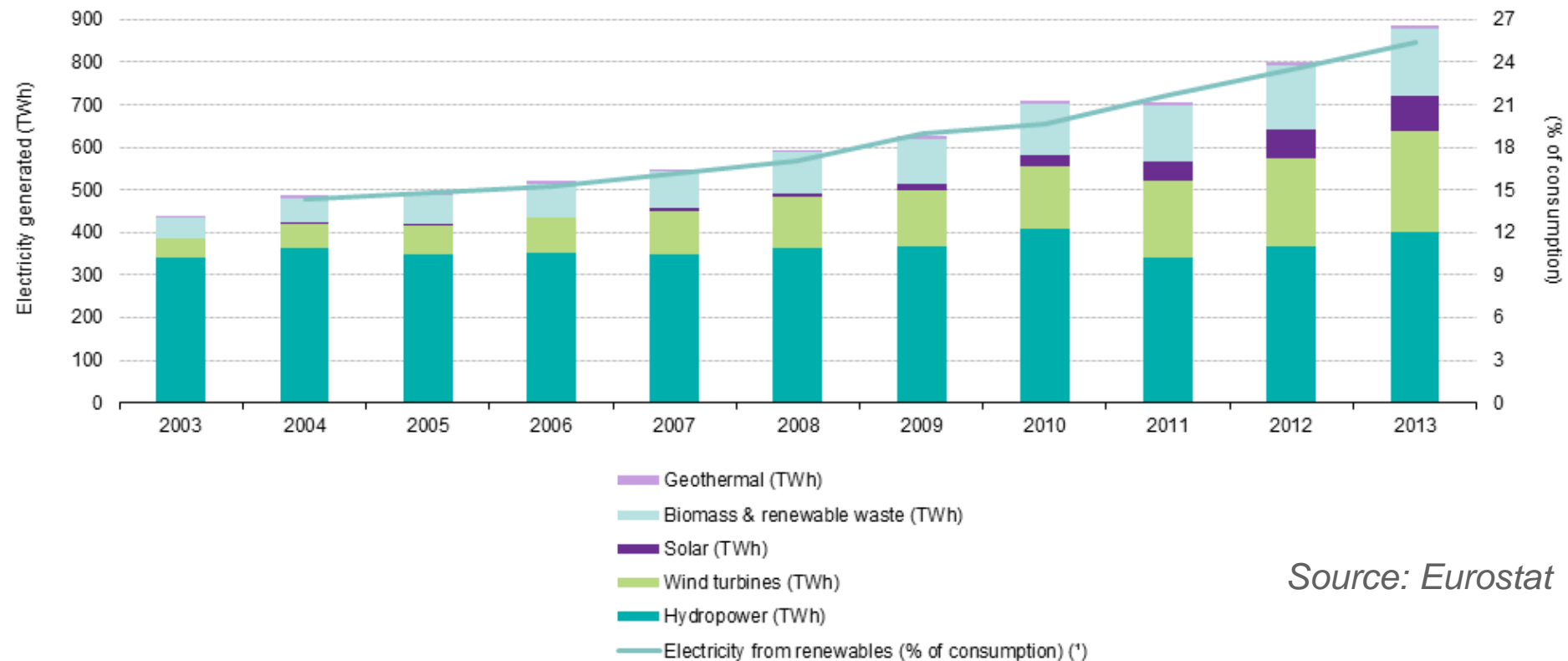
Sources: EIA, LBNL, SEIA/GTM

Source: NREL

- Total Renewable Generation 2014: 554 TWh (13.5%) in 2014



Renewable Electricity Generation in Europe (EU-28)



Source: Eurostat

(*) 2003: not available.

Source: Eurostat (online data codes: nrg_105a and tsdcc330)

■ Total Renewable Generation 2013: 890 TWh (25.4%) in 2013

Subsidy Schemes for Renewables

■ United States

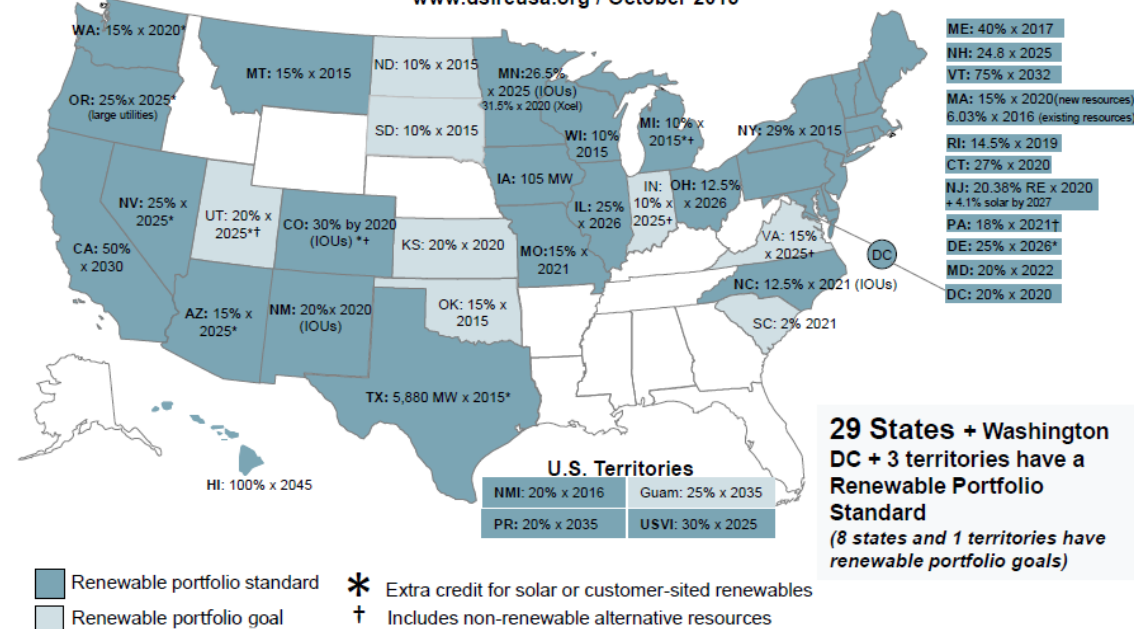
- Direct support for renewables
 - Production/Investment tax credits (Federal)
 - Renewable portfolio standards (State)
- Climate change policies
 - EPA's Clean Power Plan (stayed by Supreme Court)
 - Regional cap and trade programs

■ Europe

- Direct support for renewables
 - Feed-in tariffs for wind and solar
 - Fixed to premium tariffs and auctions
 - Green certificates
- Climate change policies
 - European Emissions Trading System (ETS)

Renewable Portfolio Standard Policies

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Source: DSIRE

The General Structure of Electricity Markets

■ United States

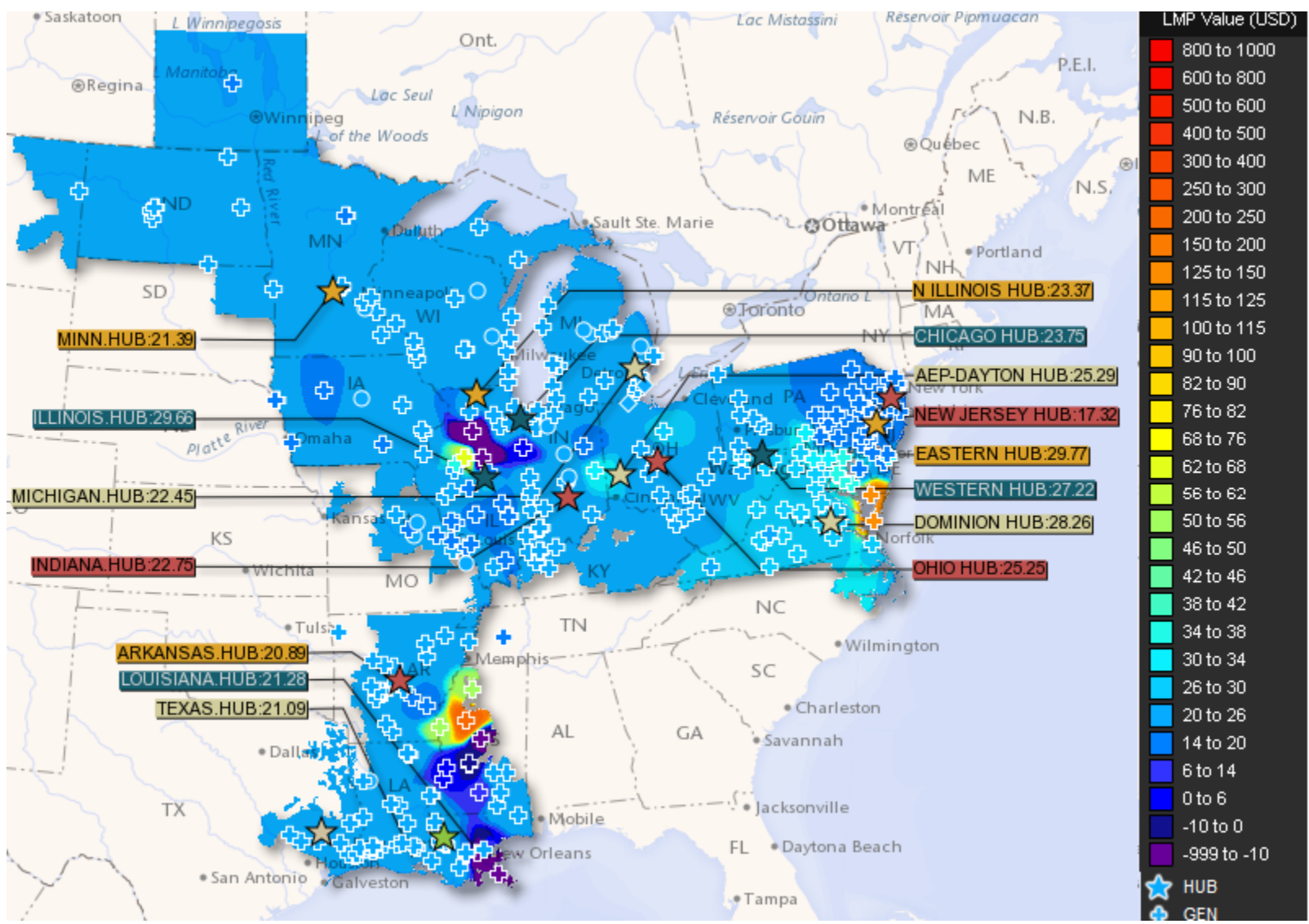
- Build into existing system operators (ISOs)
 - Emphasize physics of the power system
 - Short-term system operation
 - ISOs do not own transmission system
- Market design elements (United States)
 - Day-ahead market (ISO - hourly)
 - Real-time market (ISO - 5 min)
 - Complex bids/ISO UC
 - Locational marginal prices
 - Co-optimization of energy and reserves
- Variable Renewable Energy (VER)
 - “Dispatchable” VER

■ Europe

- Introduced new power exchanges (PXs)
 - Emphasize markets and economics
 - Includes long-term contracts
 - TSOs typically own transmission system
- Market design elements (Europe)
 - Day-ahead market (PX)
 - Real-time balancing (TSO)
 - Simple bids/generator UC
 - Zonal pricing/market coupling
 - Sequential reserve and energy markets
- Variable renewable energy (VER)
 - VER as “must-take”

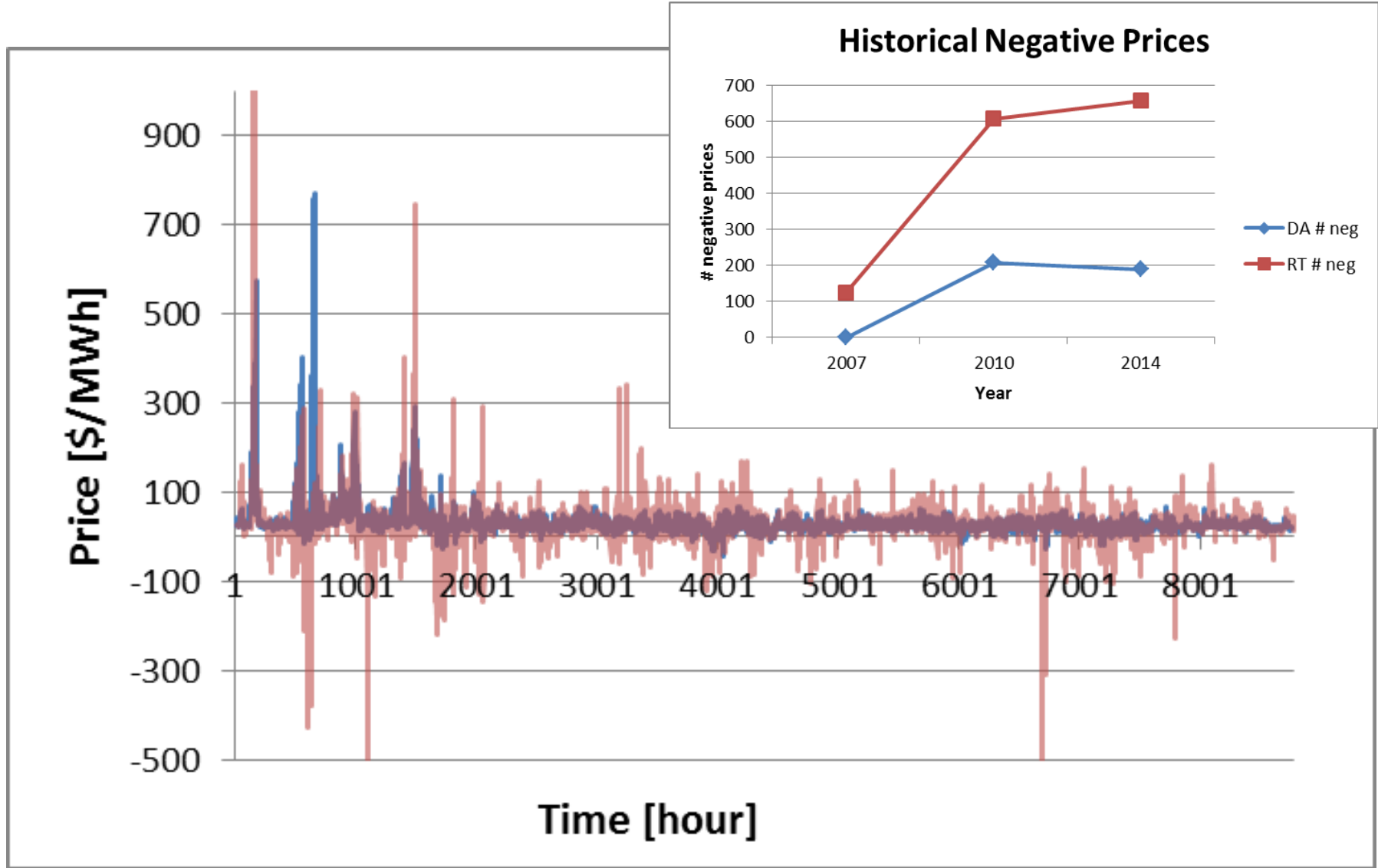


Congestion Management and Locational Marginal Prices (US)

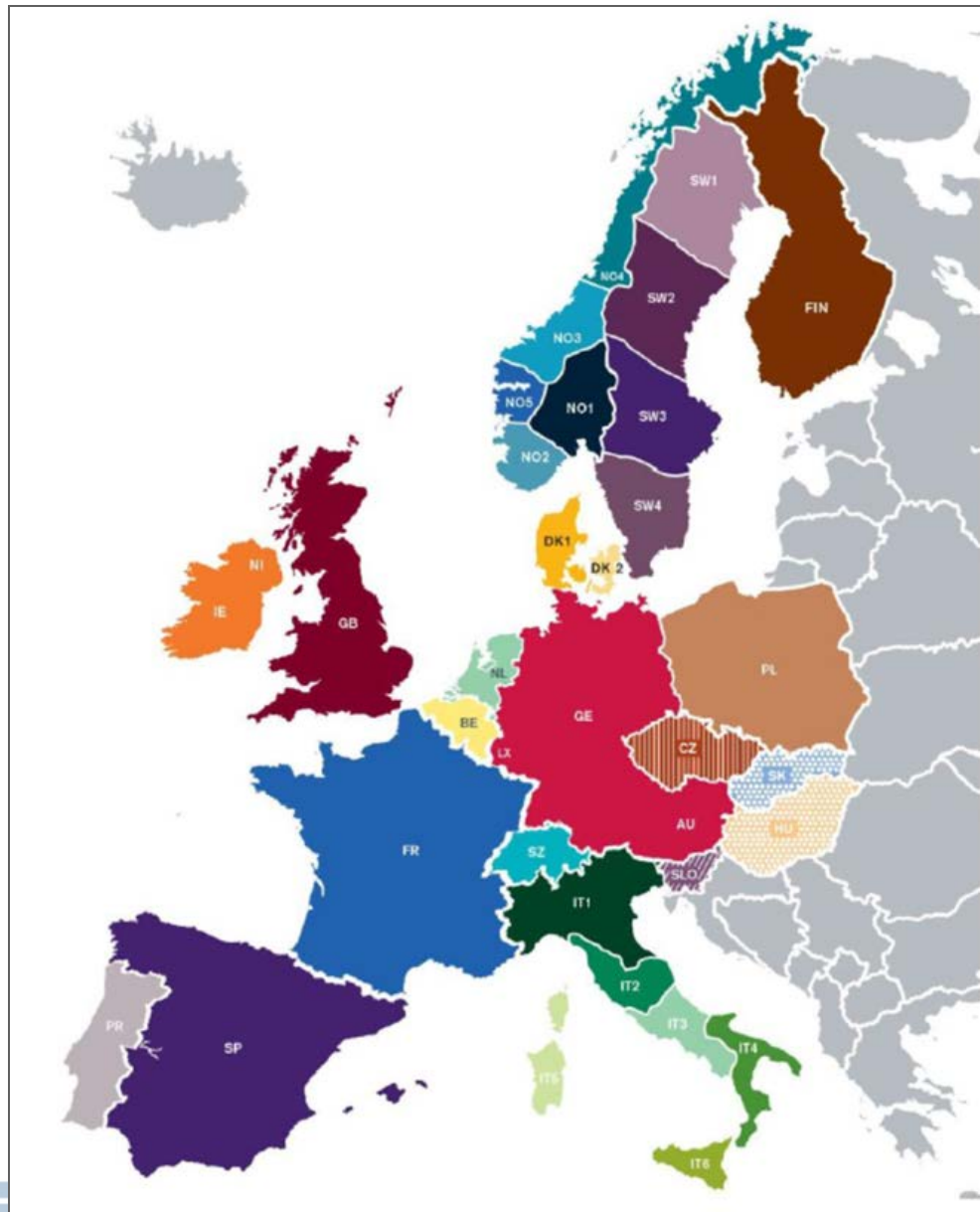


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Wind Power Influences Electricity Prices Today: Day-ahead and Real-time Prices at Node in Illinois (2014)



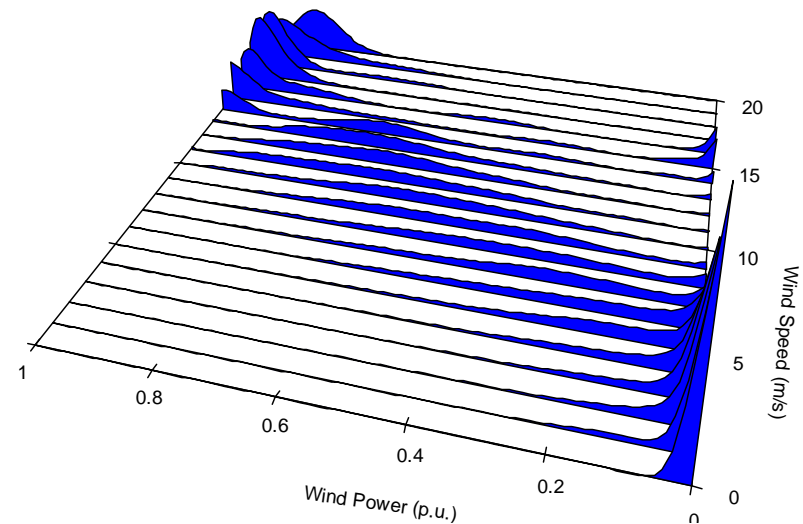
Price Zones in European Day-Ahead Markets



*Courtesy:
Hans Auer*

Improved Market Operations with Renewables

- How do we best address increasing uncertainty and variability in system/market operations?
- Forecasting of wind and solar power
 - Importance of estimating forecast uncertainty (e.g. conditional kernel density estimation)
- Improved operating reserve strategies
- Stochastic unit commitment
 - Minimizes expected cost across uncertainties
 - Implicit operating reserves
 - Most studies show significant benefits
 - Several challenges for real-world implementation
 - Uncertainty quantification
 - Computational aspects
 - Pricing and market implementation
 - Limited industry applications so far



Bessa et al. Renewable Energy, 40(1): 29-39, 2012.

Study	Stochastic UC Cost Savings
Gröwe et. al. (1995)	1.6%
Takriti et. al. (1996, 2000)	0.4-4.0%
Tuohy et. al. (2008)	0.6%
Wang et. al. (2008)	1.3%
Pappala et. al. (2009)	2.8-3.8%
Ruiz et. al. (2009, 2010)	0.8-1.8%
Constantinescu et. al. (2011)	1.0%
Wang et al. (2011)	2.9 %
Zhou et al. (2013)	1.7 %
Papavasiliou and Oren (2013a,b)	1.9-5.4%

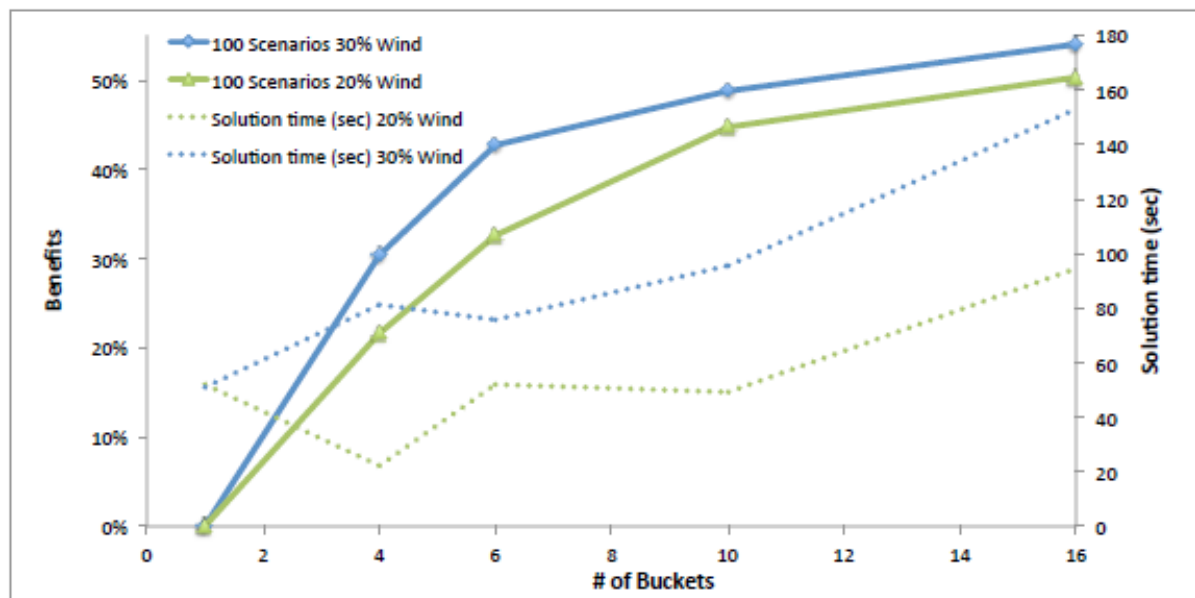
Zhou et al. forthcoming

An Improved Stochastic Unit Commitment Formulation

- Traditional two-stage stochastic unit commitment model
 - Unit commitment decisions are the same across all scenarios.
- New improved approach
 - Unit commitment decisions depend on wind forecast level (“bucket”) and time segments, i.e., more flexible solutions, approaching a multi-stage formulation.

Expected cost benefit* and solution time (6-bus)

Expected cost savings compared to two-stage model	
6-bus	0.8%
24-bus	1.4%
118-bus	0.4%



* Percent of multi-stage benefit on 2-stage.

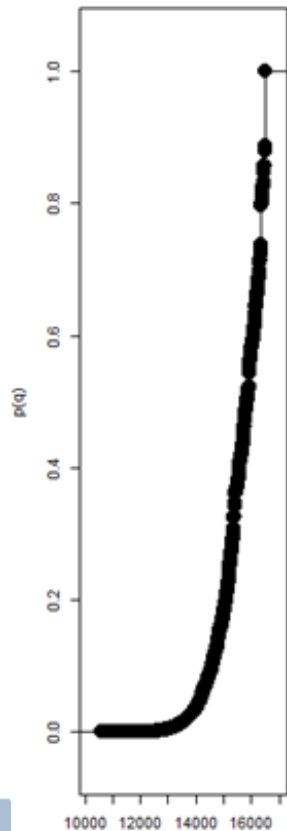
C. Uckun, A. Botterud, J. Birge, “An Improved Stochastic Unit Commitment Formulation to Accommodate Wind Uncertainty,” *IEEE Transactions on Power Systems*, in press.

Dynamic Operating Reserve Demand Curves (ORDCs)

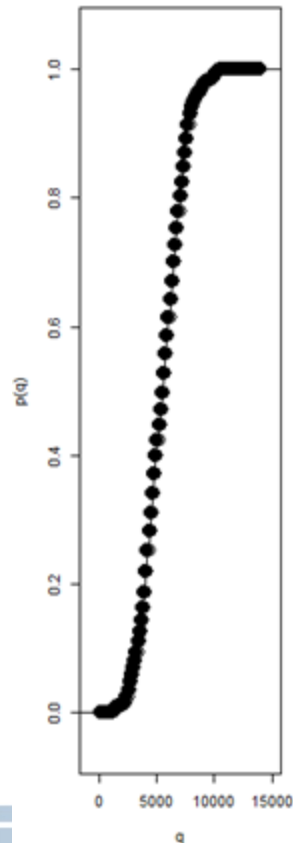
■ Concept

- Consider the uncertainties from load and supply (thermal outages and wind fcst. uncertainty)
- Estimate the risk of supply shortage for system
- Link the expected cost of this risk to the price to pay for reserves (Hogan 2005)

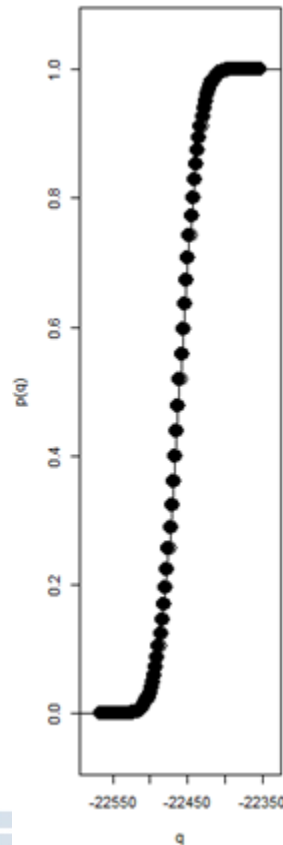
Thermal generators



Wind power



Load

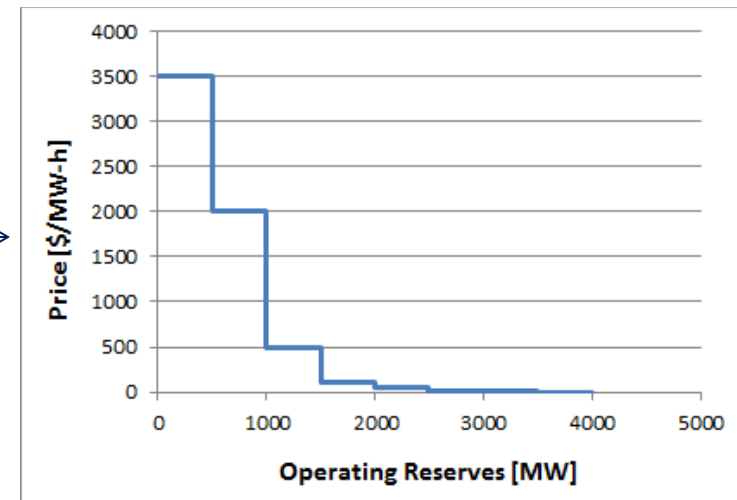


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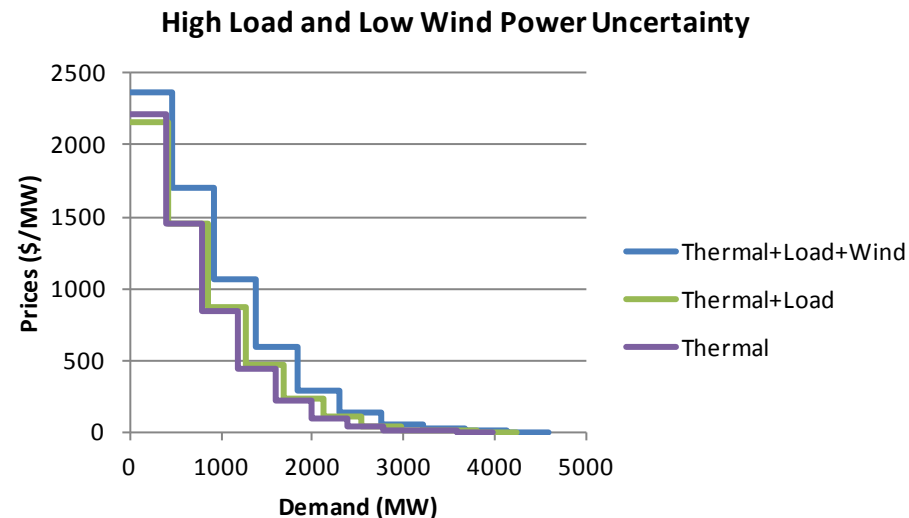
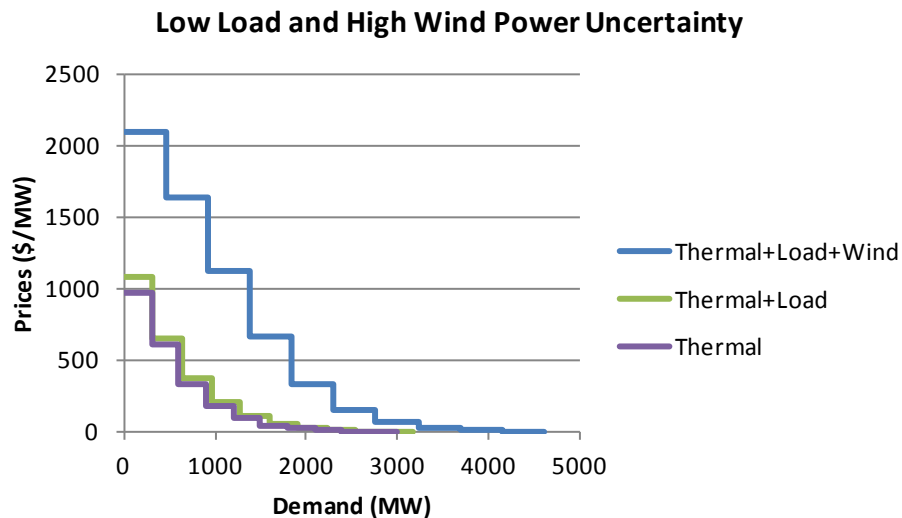


Value of Lost Load



ORDCs Depend on the Status of the System

- Demand for operating reserves is dynamic and varies by situation (e.g. wind power forecast uncertainty)



- Advantages of the dynamic ORDC approach
 - Adds flexibility to the scheduling/dispatch process (co-optimization of energy and reserves)
 - Gives higher prices for energy and reserves in most hours, fewer extreme price spikes
 - Stabilizes revenue stream for thermal generators
 - Better reflects wind power forecast uncertainty in prices
 - “Static” ORDCs implemented in ERCOT/Texas market in 2014



Resource Adequacy and Capacity Mechanisms

■ United States

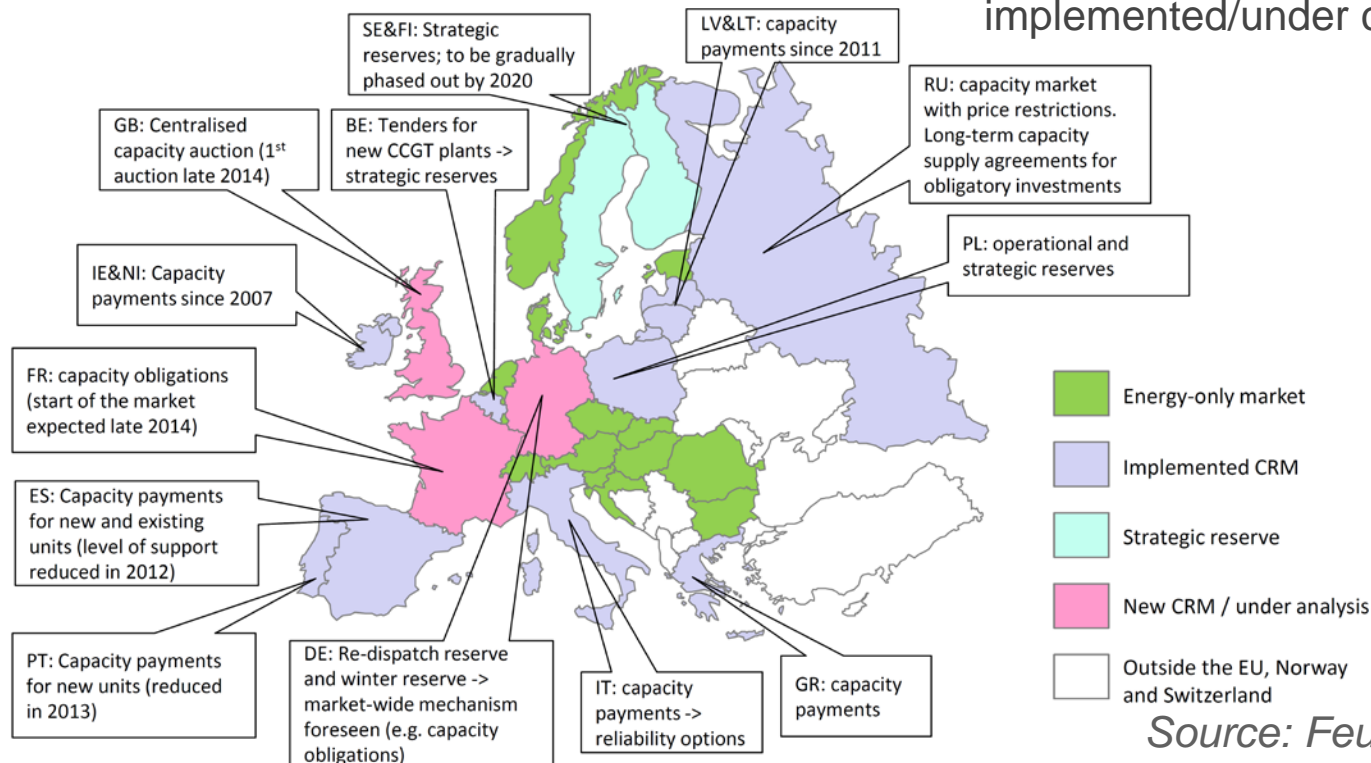
- Capacity markets
 - PJM, NE-ISO, NYISO, MISO
- Capacity obligations
 - CA-ISO
- Energy Only
 - ERCOT/Texas
- Integrated resource planning

■ Open questions

- Do we need specific resource adequacy mechanisms?
- Do we need to incentivize capacity with specific attributes?

■ Europe

- Multiple solutions implemented/under consideration



Source: Feuk 2015

Centralized Generation Expansion: Formulation

ORDC

Expansion (Integer)

Commitment (Integer)

$$\begin{aligned} \min \sum_{i \in I} u_i \cdot (C_i + F_i) \cdot \bar{P}_i &+ \sum_{i \in I} \sum_{t \in T} MC_i \cdot g_{i,t} + SUC_i \cdot y_{i,t} + SDC_i \cdot x_{i,t} + NLC_i \cdot z_{i,t} \cdot \bar{P}_i \\ &+ \sum_{t \in T} VOLL \cdot es_t - PTC \cdot wg_t - \sum_{t \in T} RBS_t[Rs_t] + RBNS_t[Rns_t] \end{aligned}$$

Reserve Scarcity Pricing (FRSP) / Capacity Payment (CP)

$$\begin{aligned} \min \sum_{i \in I} u_i \cdot (C_i + F_i - CP) \cdot \bar{P}_i &+ \sum_{i \in I} \sum_{t \in T} MC_i \cdot g_{i,t} + SUC_i \cdot y_{i,t} + SDC_i \cdot x_{i,t} + NLC_i \cdot z_{i,t} \cdot \bar{P}_i \\ &+ \sum_{t \in T} ESC \cdot es_t + SRSC \cdot srs_t + NRSC \cdot nrs_t \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i \in I} rs_{i,t} + wr_t + rss_t &= RRs_t \quad \forall t \in T \\ \sum_{i \in I} (rs_{i,t} + rns_{i,t}) + wr_t + rnss_t &= RRs_t + RRns_t \quad \forall t \in T \end{aligned}$$

Shadow Price

Reserve targets are based on ORDC results.

Spin: \$15/MW-h
Non-Spin: \$.01/MW-h

Energy/reserve prices in each period are set equal to the marginal cost/benefit of their provision

Levin and Botterud 2015, Energy Policy, 87: 392-406,2015.

Centralized Generation Expansion: Formulation

Load Balance

$$\sum_{i \in I} g_{i,t} + wg_t + es_t = D_t \xrightarrow{\text{Shadow Price}} \text{LMP}$$

Unit Reserves

$$rs_{i,t} \leq z_i \cdot \bar{P}_i \cdot SPR_i \quad \forall i \in I, s \in S, t \in T$$

$$rns_{i,t} \leq (u_i - z_i) \cdot \bar{P}_i \cdot NSR_i \quad \forall i \in I, s \in S, t \in T$$

Thermal Output

$$g_{i,t} + rs_{i,t} \leq z_{i,t} \cdot \bar{O}_i \quad \forall i \in I, t \in T$$

$$g_{i,t} \geq z_{i,t} \cdot \underline{O}_i \quad \forall i \in I, t \in T$$

Wind Balance

$$wg_t + wr_t + wc_t = W_t \quad \forall t \in T$$

Ramping

$$g_{i,t} \leq g_{i,t-1} + z_{i,t} \cdot RU_i \quad \forall i \in I, t \in T \neq 1$$

$$g_{i,t} \geq g_{i,t-1} - z_{i,t-1} \cdot RD_i \quad \forall i \in I, t \in T \neq 1$$

Unit Commitment

$$z_{i,t} = z_{i,t-1} + y_{i,t} - x_{i,t} \quad \forall i \in I, t \in T \neq 1$$

$$z_{i,t} \leq u_i \quad \forall i \in I, t \in T$$

$$x_{i,t}, y_{i,t}, z_{i,t} \geq 0 \quad \forall i \in I, t \in T$$

- Integer variables for expansion and commitment
- Significant reduction in computation time (up to 5000x*)
- Enables solving for full year of operations (8760 hourly periods)

* B. Palmintier and M. Webster, "Impact of unit commitment constraints on generation expansion planning with renewables," in *2011 IEEE Power and Energy Society General Meeting*, 2011, pp. 1–7.

Generation Expansion and Capacity Adequacy in ERCOT

- Model three different market policies to value reserves, energy and capacity
 - 1) Energy Only with Operating Reserves Demand Curve (ORDC)
 - Implemented in ERCOT
 - 2) Energy Only with Fixed Reserves Scarcity Pricing (FRSP)
 - Used in most U.S. markets
 - \$100/MW-h for spin-up shortage, \$500/MW-h total reserve shortage
 - 3) Capacity Payments (CP)
 - \$40/kW-year
 - No reserve scarcity pricing

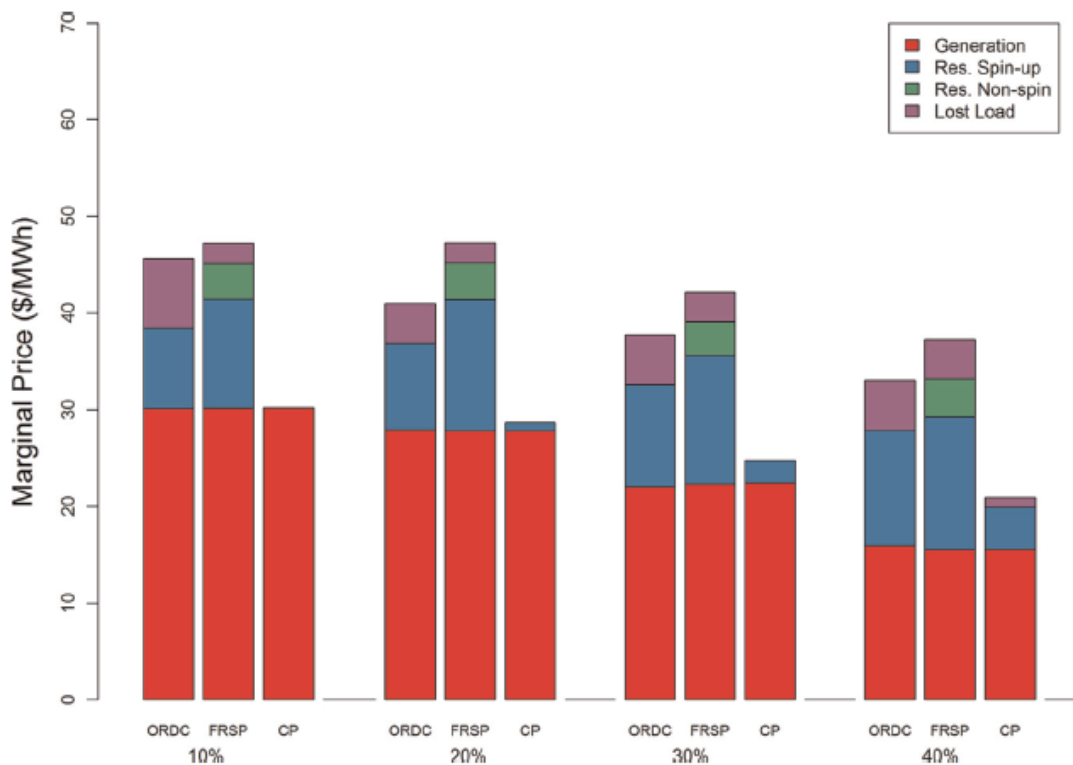
- Case Study of ERCOT market in Texas
 - 4 thermal unit types (Nuclear, Coal, NGCC, NGCT)
 - 2013 ERCOT wind and load profile
 - 2024 total load projection (15% growth)
 - Wind varies from 10% to 40% of total demand
 - Model finds optimal generation expansion and dispatch

Parameter	Value
Peak Load (MW)	77,471
Existing Generation Capacity (MW)	73,380
Nuclear	4,400
Coal	19,500
NGCC	43,600
NGCT	5,880
Maximum Wind Resource Capacity Factor	33.0%



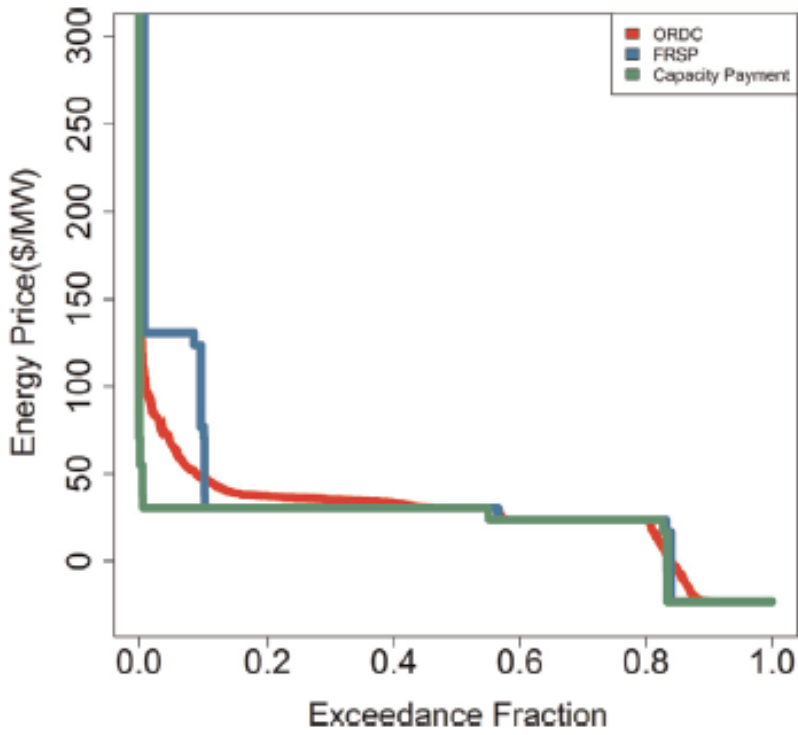
ERCOT Study Results: Prices

Average energy price



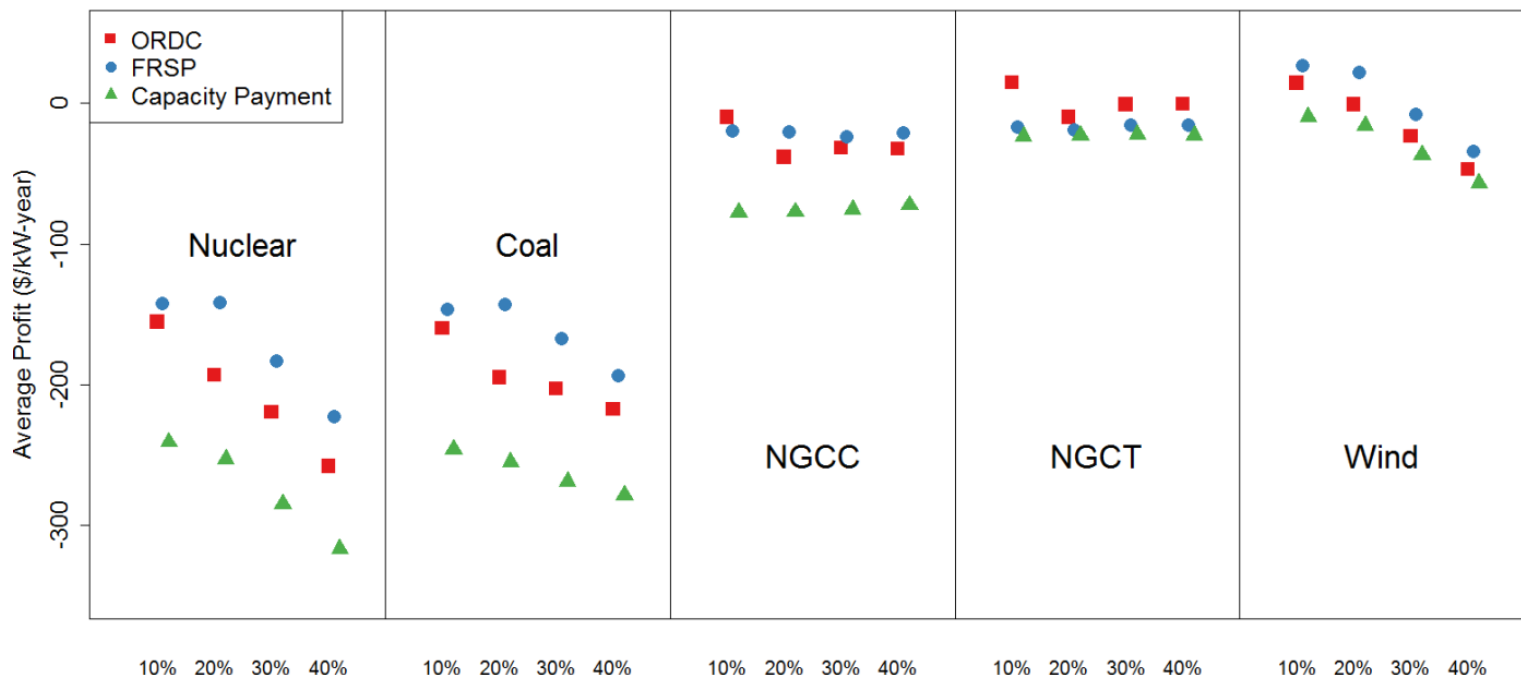
Wind penetration level

Energy price duration at 40% wind



ORDC – operating reserve demand curve
FRSP – fixed reserve scarcity pricing
CP – capacity payment

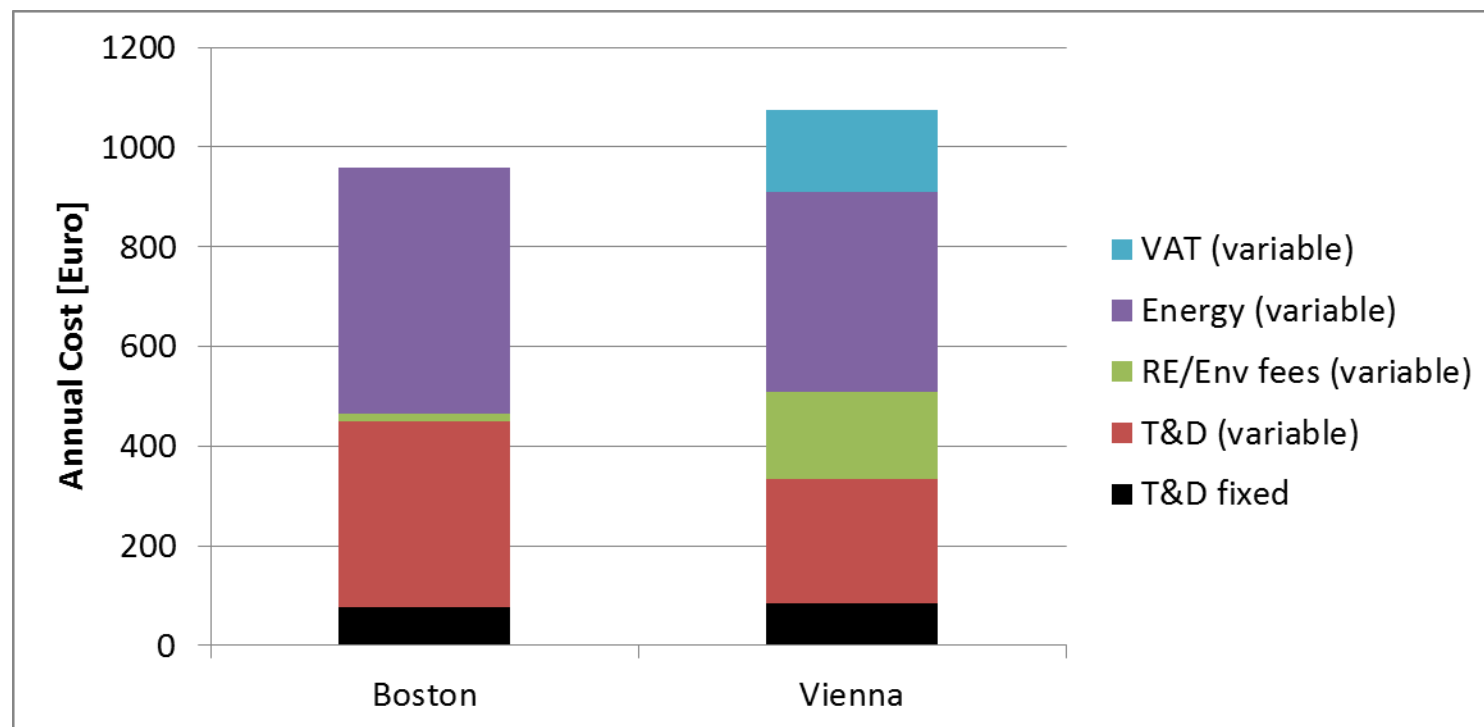
ERCOT Study Results: Generator Profits



- Optimal investment choice (NGCT) breaks even under all mechanisms
 - For all wind penetration levels
- Gas units (NGCC, NGCT) receive additional revenues from providing reserves
- Base load units (nuclear, coal, wind) profits decrease with increasing wind
 - More exposed to lower off-peak prices
- An advantage of ORDC is the more stable prices (less risk)

Distributed Generation and End-User Tariffs

- “Net metering” a very hotly debated topic
- Example: Residential customer bills in Boston and Vienna
 - Annual consumption: 5000 kWh



Hydropower and Energy Storage

- Hydropower in Europe
 - Hydropower flexibility perfect for integration of wind and solar

Norway Wants to Be Europe's Battery

A new HVDC line will let Europe store more wind energy in Norway's hydropower system

By Peter Fairley

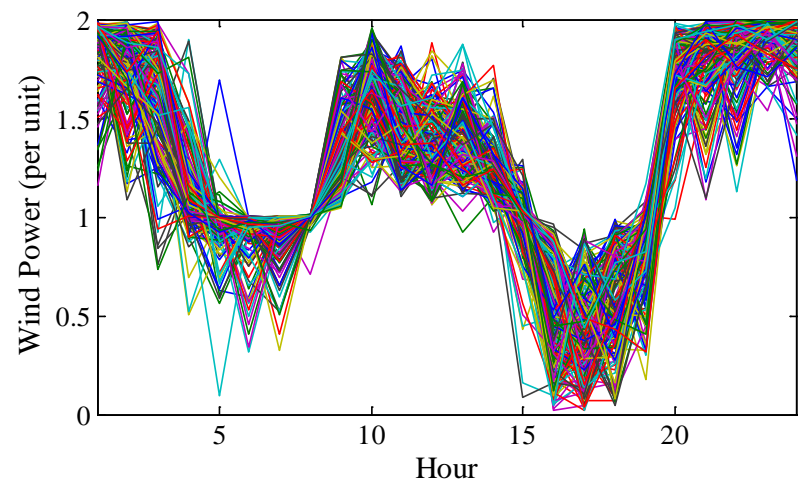
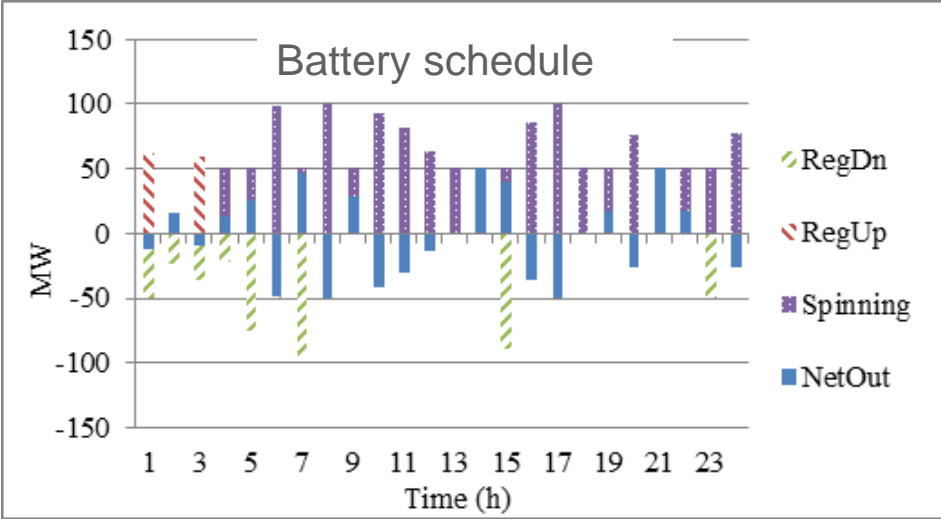
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- United States
 - Hydropower flexibility in the West constrained since dams serve multiple purposes
- Energy Storage
 - Battery storage receiving substantial attention to provide flexibility to the evolving grid
 - E.g. Joint Center for Energy Storage Research (JCESR) at Argonne
 - Pumped storage hydro still the main grid storage technology (95% in the United States)



Energy Storage for System-Wide Scheduling

- A stochastic day-ahead unit commitment model with energy storage and wind power
 - IEEE RTS system: 2656 MW load, 15%-30% wind power (345-690 MW)
 - Battery: 50MW/150MWh (3 hours), 10% loss in each direction



Average day-ahead cost savings from battery:

Wind %	Total Cost with Battery (\$)	Total Cost without Battery (\$)	Cost Savings (\$)	Cost Savings (%)
15%	806,287	930,440	124,154	13.3%
20%	765,307	887,480	122,173	13.8%
25%	733,779	849,963	116,184	13.7%
30%	712,808	827,570	114,762	13.9%

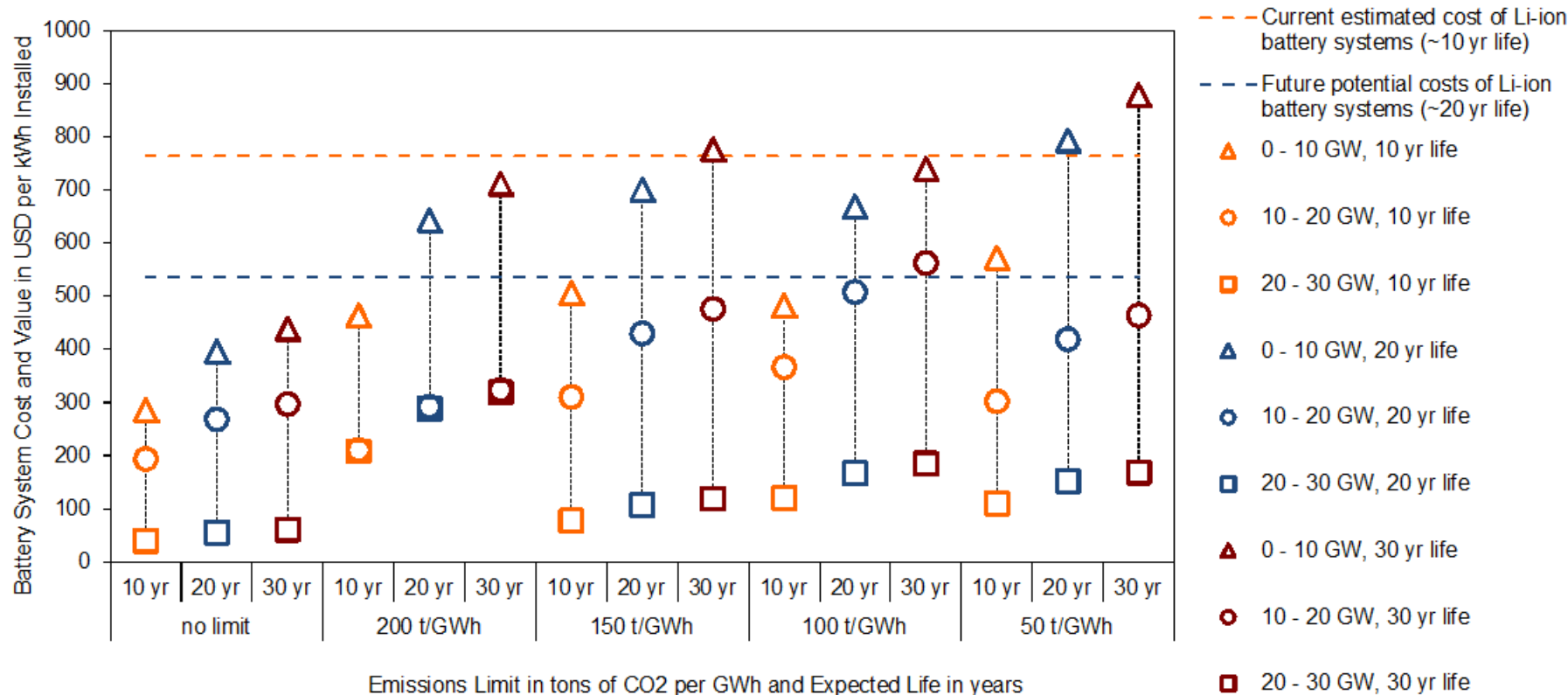
NPV of cost savings from battery at 25% wind: **\$1200/kWh-capacity** (@5500 cycles/5 year lifetime, 8% interest)

Note: small, high cost system.

What is the Value of Battery Storage to the Future Grid?

- Optimal expansion with emissions targets and operational constraints (IMRES model)
 - Wind, solar, and load data for ERCOT/Texas for 2035, greenfield expansion
 - Increasingly stringent emissions targets (today 600 tCO₂/GWh)
 - Different energy storage levels (2 hr storage, 20% roundtrip losses, 10% interest)

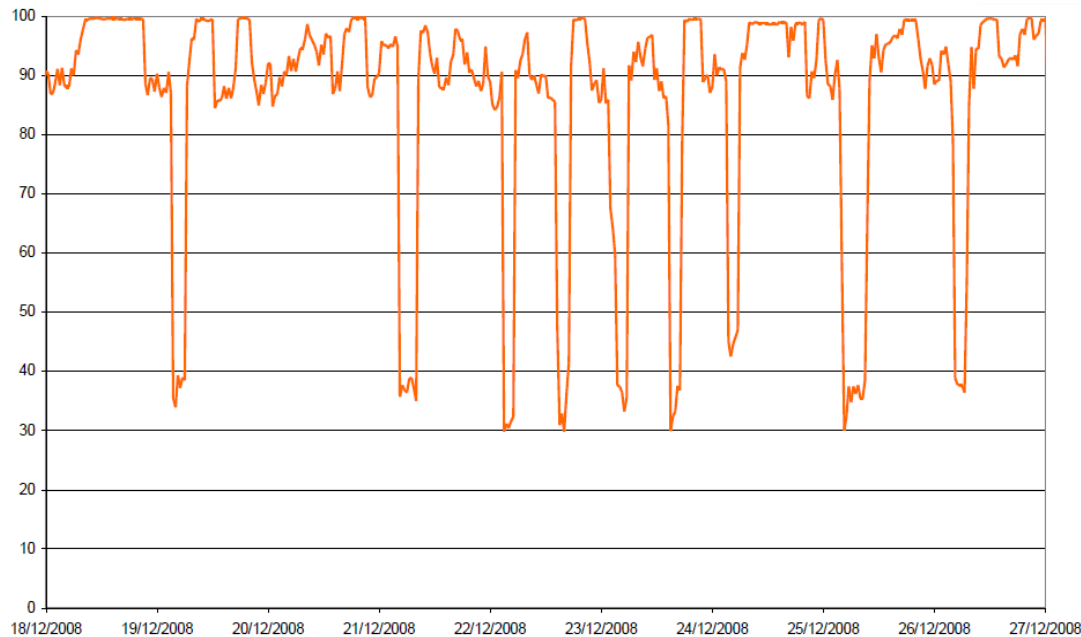
Estimated benefits (avoided generation costs) and costs of energy storage



Nuclear Power: A Source of Flexibility?

- Nuclear shut-downs
 - Primarily due to economics (US)
 - Public resistance (Europe)
- Importance of nuclear flexibility with increasing renewable penetration levels
 - United States: Nuclear energy is baseload
 - Europe: Flexible nuclear operations (e.g. France, Germany)

Figure E.1: Example of a typical power history during a cycle in a EDF reactor (in % of the rated power)



Source: NEA, 2011

Electricity Market Design with Renewable Energy

- Review of current and proposed market designs
 - How to achieve capacity adequacy and revenue sufficiency in the long-run?
 - How to ensure and incentivize flexibility in short-run operations?



Evolution of Wholesale Electricity Market Design with Increasing Levels of Renewable Generation

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Concluding Remarks

- Electricity markets and renewable energy
 - Fundamental challenges the same in Europe and United States: uncertainty and variability
 - Implications for operations, planning, and markets
 - Flexibility is key, but solutions differ
 - More advanced electricity markets in the US, more support for renewables in Europe
 - Physical complexity vs. economic transparency in market design
- Many solutions to variable renewable energy integration challenges
 - Supply flexibility, demand response, energy storage
 - Forecasting, operational practices, market design
 - No silver bullet: Ideally, the most cost effective solutions should prevail
 - Lessons can be learned from both Europe and the United States



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