



*Experience from Europe  
ESI challenges and identification  
of pertinent research issues*

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# Setting the Stage / Context

- Energy Strategy Drivers – **Sustainable Energy Provision**
  - Security of Supply



Europe, 1 January 2006 & 2009

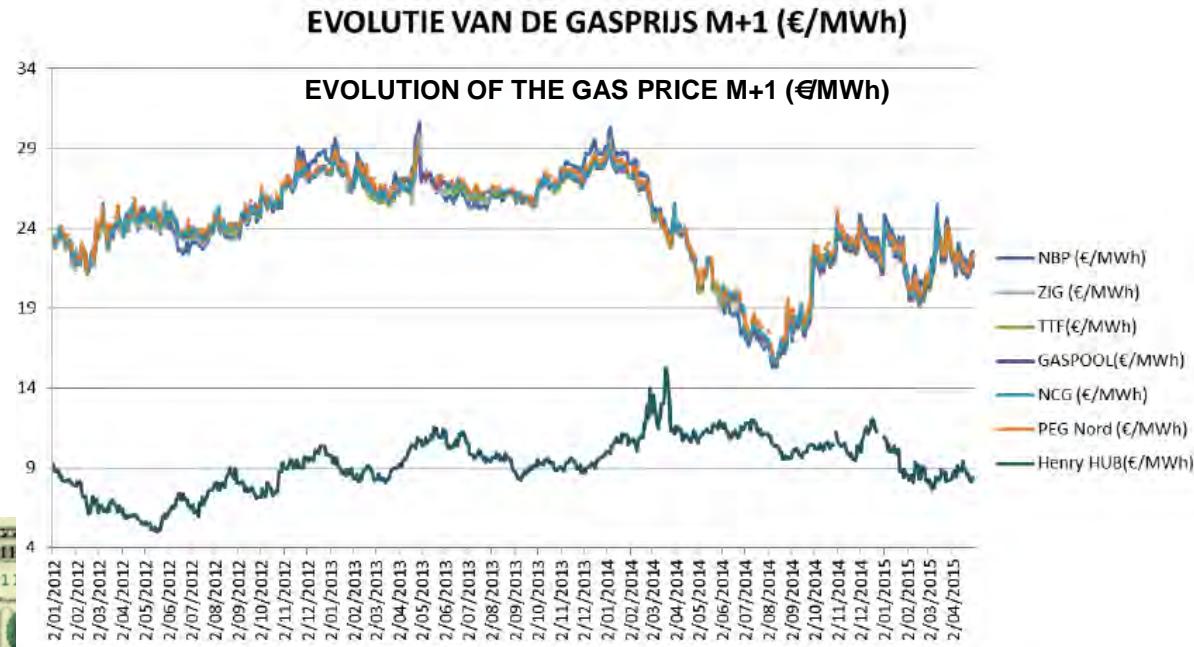
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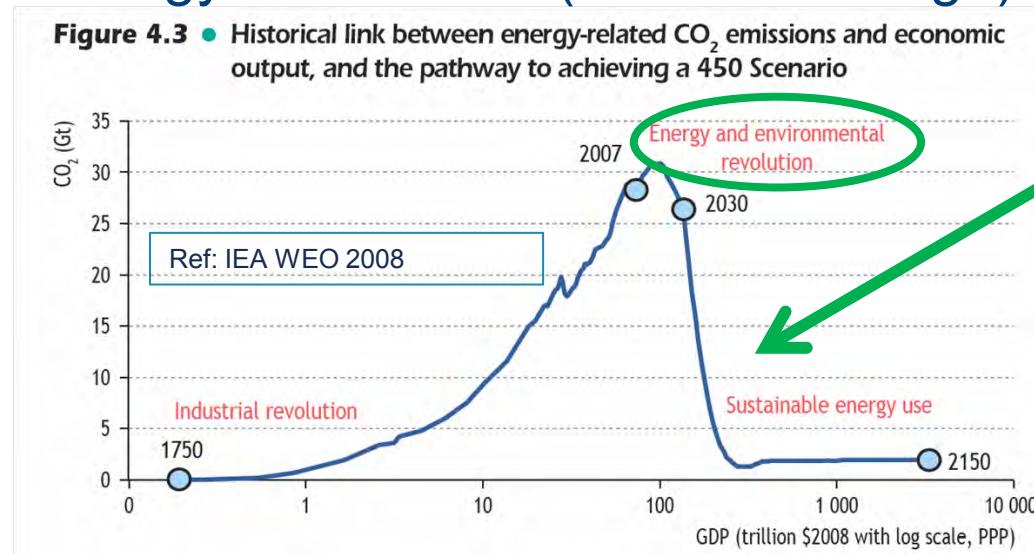
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- Energy Strategy Drivers – **Sustainable Energy Provision**
  - Security of Supply
  - Affordability & Competitiveness
  - Clean Energy Conversion (Climate Change)



# But ...Uncertainties

Often “ignored” ... ☹

- Economic & financial crisis (\$ - €) → investments?
- Uprisings in MENA?... Geopolitics Iran, Ukraine, Turkey, Venezuela,...?
- Future energy prices (oil, gas)? High or low?
- Shale gas? Will the US export NG? Shale gas in Europe or China?
- Biofuels?
- Carbon Capture & Storage (CCS)? ...
- Role of nuclear power?
- *Rate* of penetration intermittent renewables?
- Possible game changers / disruptive technologies – electricity storage (batteries, renewable methane, hydrogen)?
- Unstable regulatory & policy framework (“regulatory uncertainty”)

# A Priori Observations

- World primary energy mix *is*,  
and is “expected” *to remain* ...for quite some time,  
**fossil** based...
- 2010 ... ~ 80% primary energy is fossil  
2050 ... ~ 60% to 75% fossil (depending on scenarios)
- Three major end-use sectors:
  - Electricity
  - Heat (buildings & industry)
  - Transportation

# Security of Supply

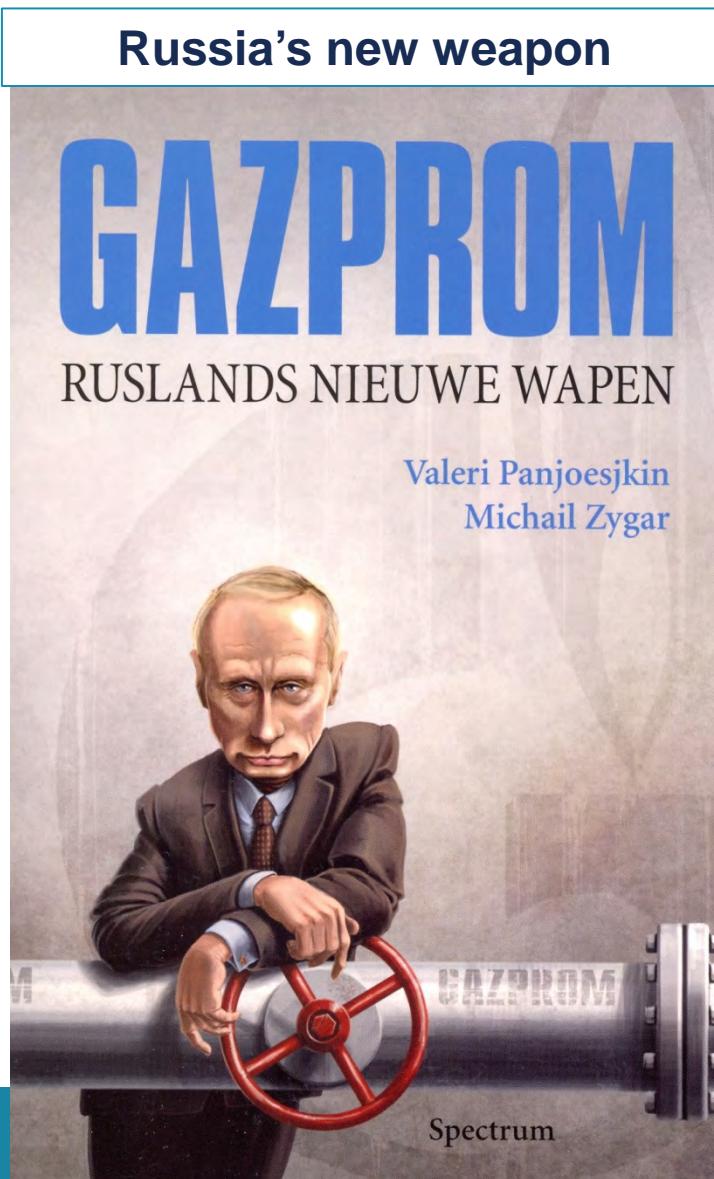
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# SoS – Natural Gas

Russia's new weapon



Book published  
in 2008 ...

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# January 01 2009

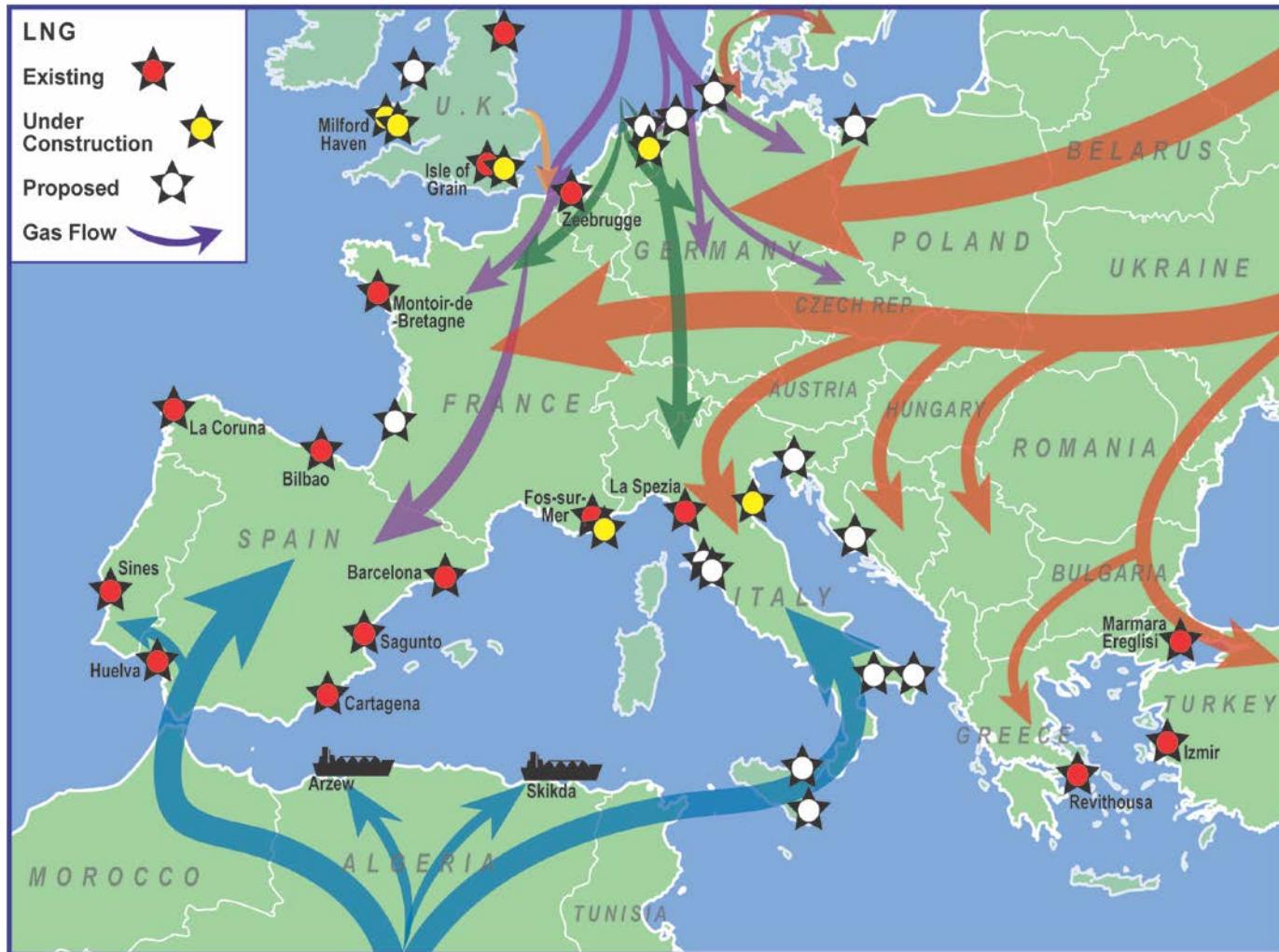


# Russia – Ukraine conflict Jan 2009

COUNTRIES AFFECTED BY CRISIS



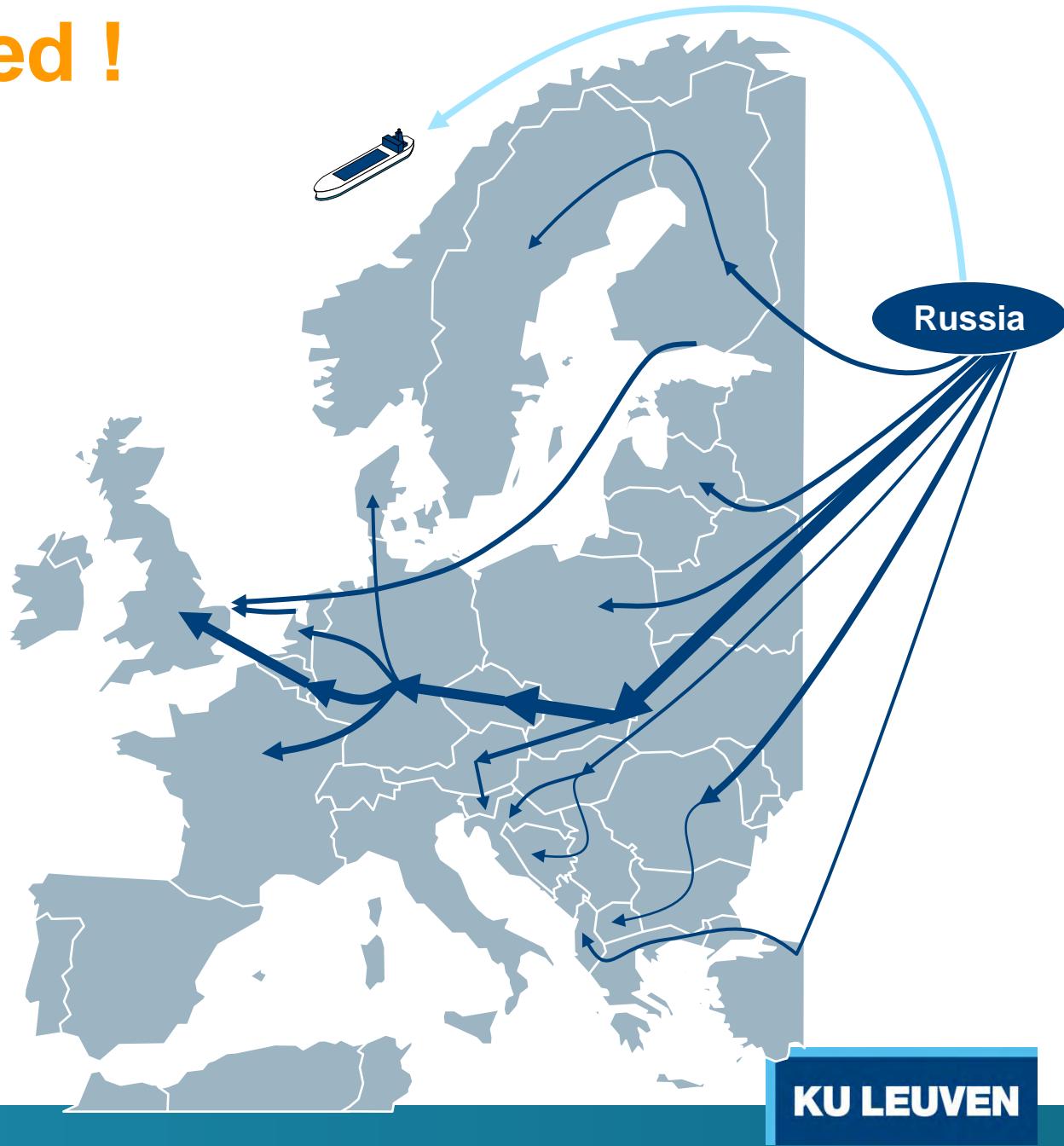
# Gas flows in Europe



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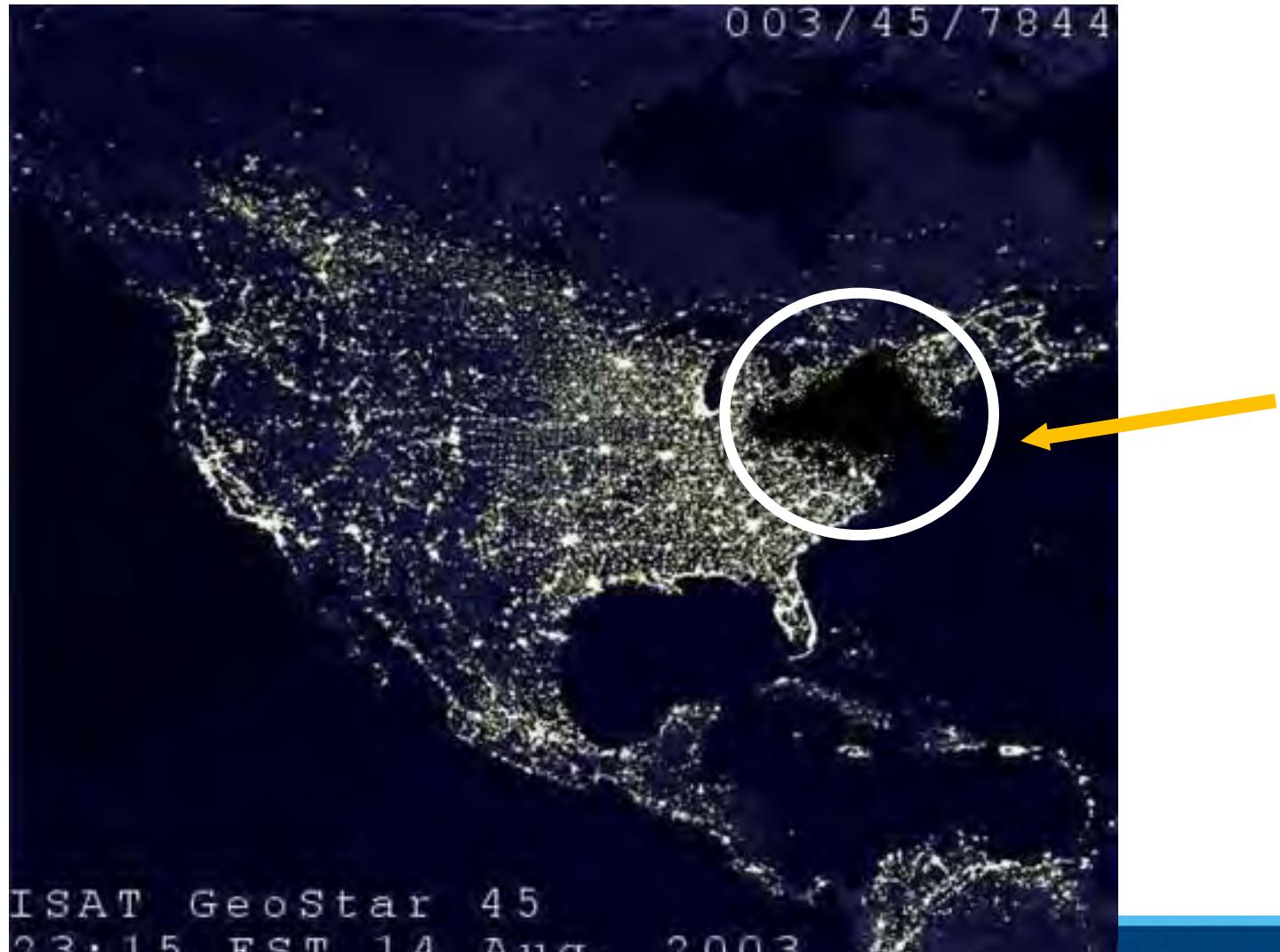
# To be avoided !

Avoid  
unidirectional  
or  
unilateral  
dependence !





# SoS - Electricity



ISAT GeoStar 45  
23:15 EST 14 Aug. 2003

# SoS - Electricity



New York by night .... on August 14 2003 ...

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# Preliminary Reflections

- SoS ≠ Import Independence
    - E.g., *Belgium, Japan,...*
  - What is the meaning of national borders?
    - E.g., *USA / Canada* or *EU*
  - But need for liquid well-functioning markets & stable geo-political situation
- Dangerous if only *one* energy form and from *one* supplier
- Possible abuse (self-centered actions) by countries or big companies ??
- Geopolitical unstable situations... (Middle East, Russia, China...) ??

# Preliminary Reflections

- Need to properly distinguish between

- **Energy** (as time integral of power)  $E = \int_0^T P(t) dt$
- **Power** (as derivative of energy)  $P(t) = dE/dt$ 
  - Power is a flow, a flux,
  - Instantaneous power  $\leftrightarrow$  installed power or “capacity”

## Note:

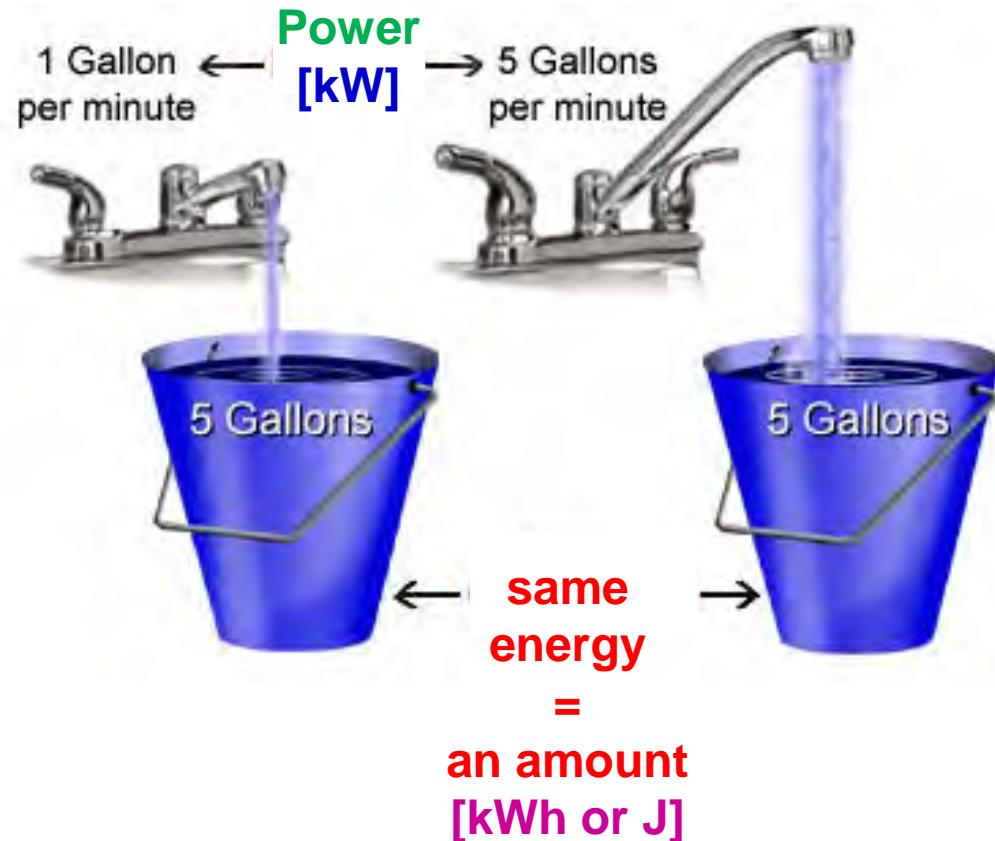
The word “power” is *not* really a synonym of *electrical* power

I.e.: electrical power, thermal power, electrical energy, thermal energy

E.g., filling up your gasoline tank is a chemical power flux; the content of your gasoline tank is chemical energy

*Funny mistakes these days... “The amount of power you can store in a battery.”*

# Energy versus Power



# SoS – Structured definition

- 1. Strategic Security of Supply**
- 2. Adequacy**
- 3. Avoiding Black outs or Sudden Cuts**

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# SoS – Structured definition

## (1) Strategic Security of Supply

= Continued provision of *primary fuels/sources to satisfy the request of the end consumer, given that all means exist to get the energy flux from producer to consumer*

This level concentrates on the

**producer countries**

# SoS – Structured definition

## (1) Strategic Security of Supply

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### 3. Geopolitics

unpredictable...

... (Iran... Ukraine/RF... Middle East...)

# Geopolitics USA & World



## Iran nuclear: Ayatollah Khamenei chastises 'arrogant' US

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The supreme leader (centre) told supporters that US policies in the Middle East are diametrically opposed to Iran's policies



'Death to America' and 'Death to Israel' slogans were chanted during Friday prayers at the Tehran University campus in spite of the nuclear deal agreed earlier this week

Iran's stance towards the "arrogant" US will not change despite the nuclear deal reached earlier this week, supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has said.

# Geopolitics

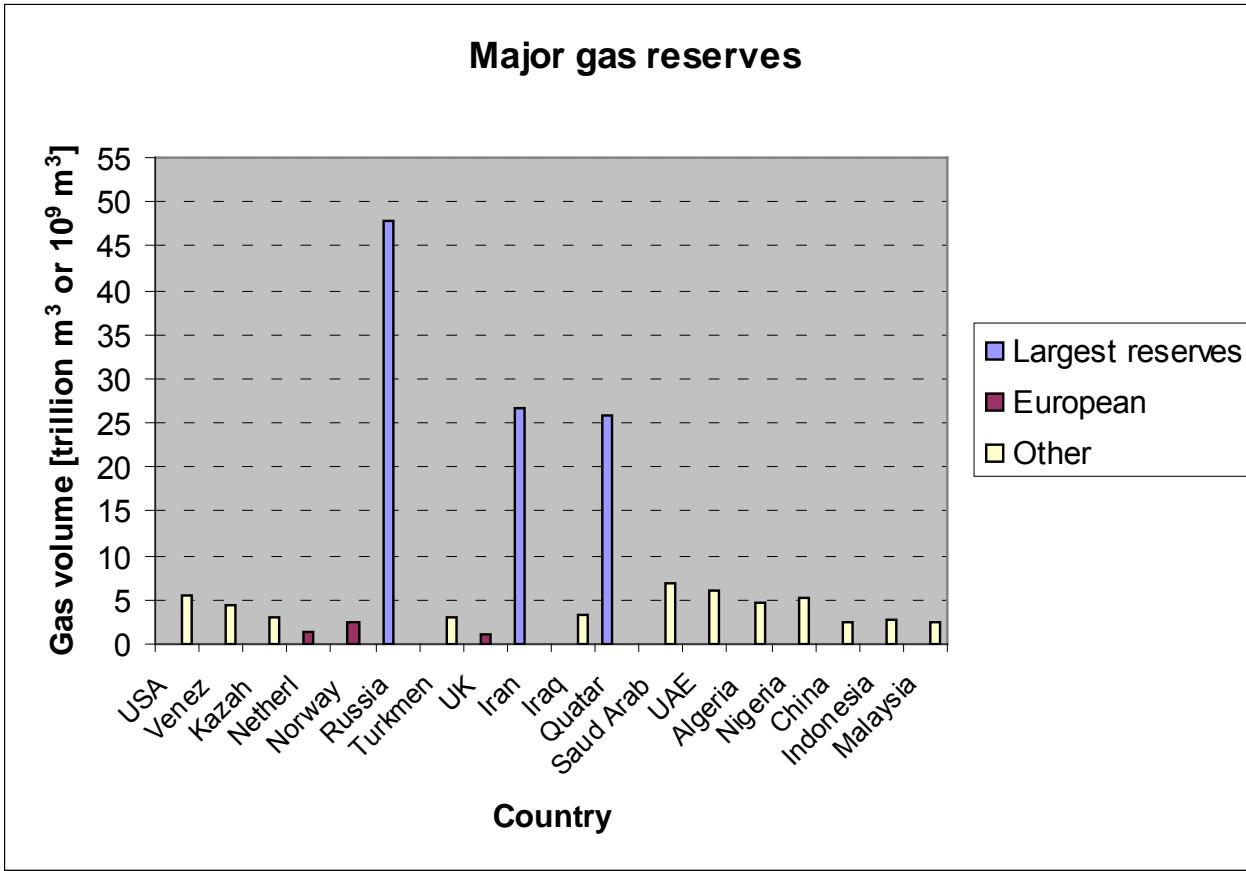
## Europe



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# Geopolitics

## Conventional gas reserves ... Important for Europe...



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## (2) Adequacy

= Sufficient *investments* in consumer and  
or transit countries

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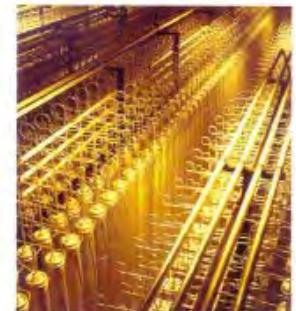
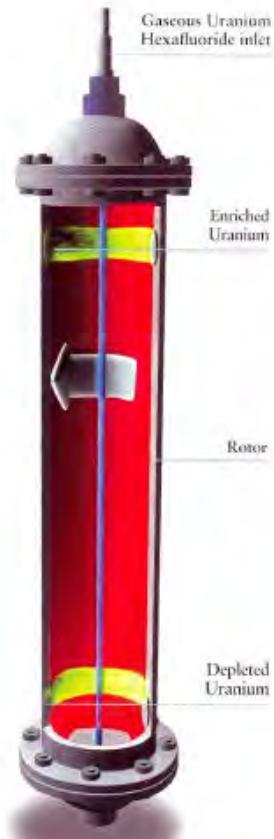
A – Electric power plants, HV grid, high-p NG pipelines, LV and low-p distribution grid, oil refineries, U-enrichment plants

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# Adequacy



Simplified Cross-Section  
of a Centrifuge



Cascades of Centrifuges,  
URENCO Company

# Adequacy



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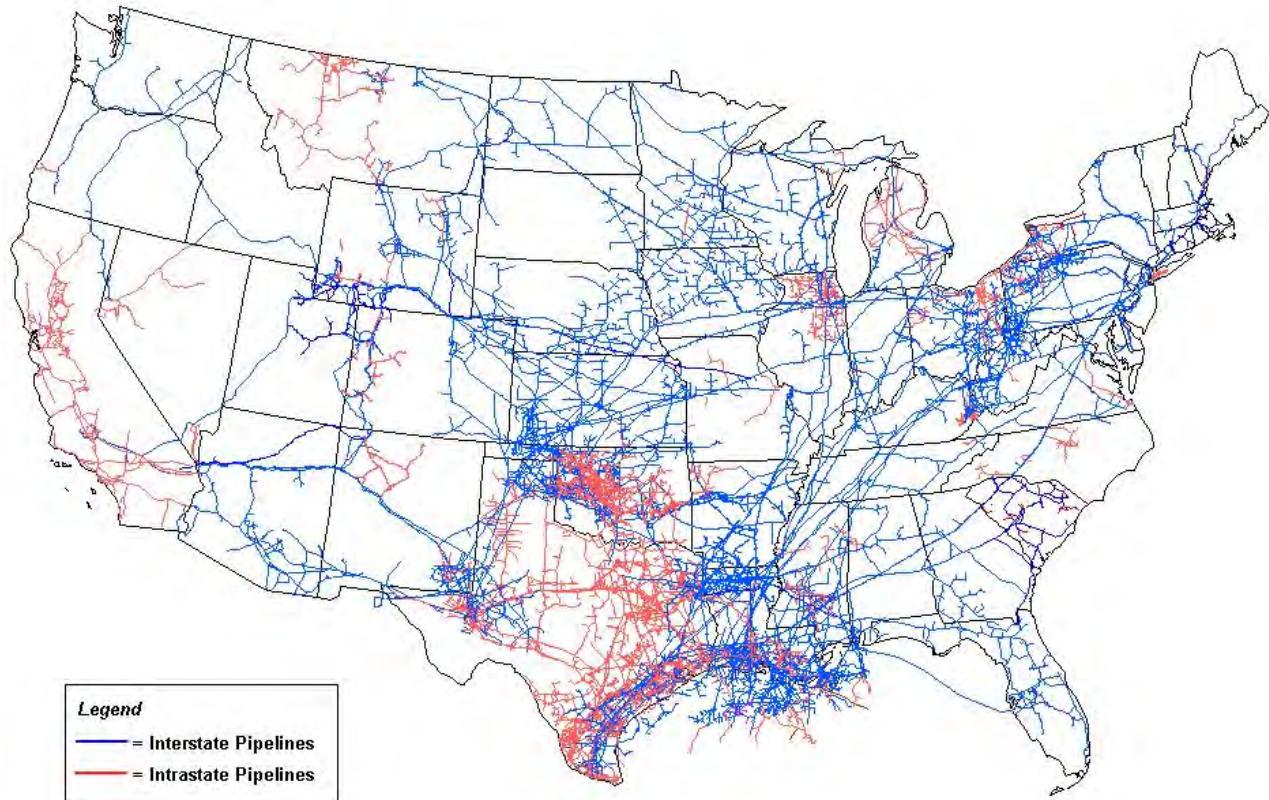
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B – Transit pipelines (NG), LNG ships, cross-border HV lines, oil-tanker fleet,...

assure more than one single route/means

# Adequacy



## Adequacy



Transit Russian gas through the Ukraine

# Adequacy



## Nord Stream



# SoS – Structured definition

## (2) Adequacy

Issues that may hamper “adequacy”:

- Nature of *deregulated/liberalized* markets (economic risk) -- investors demand a higher IRR
- Unstable *regulatory* situation
  - Conflict with environmental policy
  - Uncertain regulatory character; often price caps
- Complex permitting/licensing processes

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## (2) Adequacy

Issues that may hamper “adequacy”:

- **Circumstantial** influencing elements
  - Financial market expectations/tendencies
  - Energy policy expectations (policy papers, intentions)
  - Political uncertainties (ideological tensions btwn executive and legislature, upcoming elections,...)
  - Too low electricity prices (driven by RES); small load factors for thermal plants

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## (3) Avoiding sudden cuts (black outs)

= make sure that the overall system performs as “expected” (for end customer) even in case of unexpected events

i.e., capacity to absorb transients, dynamics, mishaps

= issue of **reliability/security**

→ **redundancy** (e.g., N-1 rule)

→ related to **maintenance, control strategies,...**

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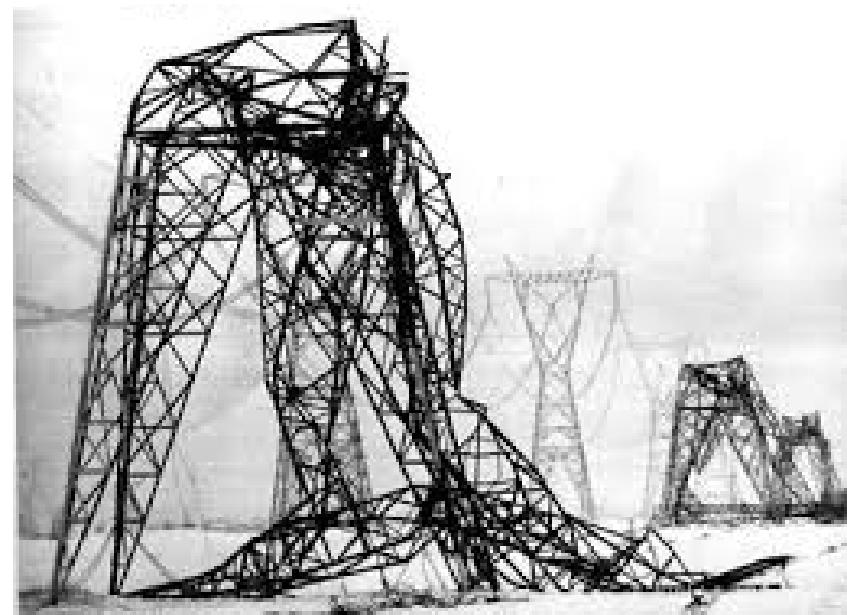
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Cope with storms,...

Need redundancy

N-1



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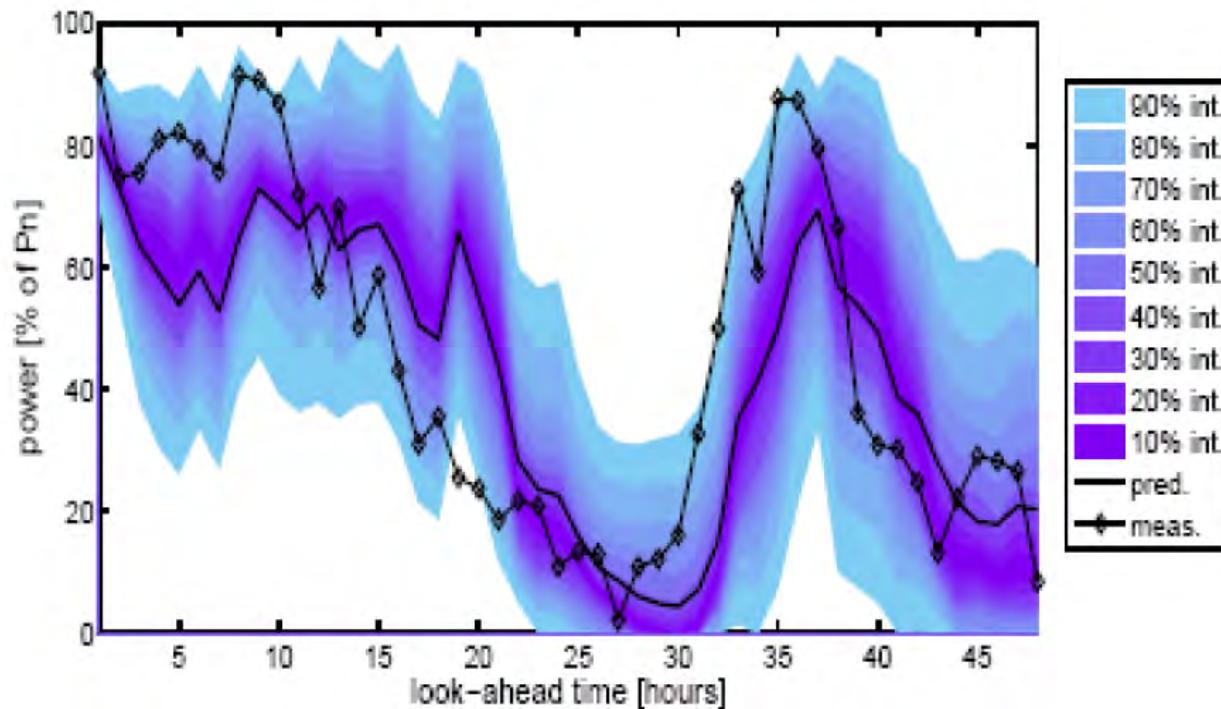
Good dispatch & control strategies

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- Reserves to be committed to deal with RES uncertainty



# Solutions for SoS – General Principles

- Well functioning markets
- Diversity; spread the risks
  - Types of fuels / renewable energy sources (RES)
  - Origin of fuels / meteorological conditions for RES
  - Delivery routes for fuels / Robust grid for gas & elec
  - Types of technologies / Standardization vs diversity / Dispatchability
- Storability
  - Primary fuels (oil, natural gas, coal, uranium, biomass)
  - Secondary carriers
    - Gasoline / diesel stocks
    - Electricity: hydro-pump stations, batteries (plug-in hybrids,...)
    - Gas (on way to consumer): linepack
    - Heat buffers

# Solutions... for SoS

## Strategic security

- International agreements
  - Bilateral/multilateral
- Frame cooperation in organizations
  - IEA, IAEA, WTO, ...
- Solidarity within regions/alliances
  - EU, North America, OECD...
- Guarantee security of demand
  - E.g., long term gas contracts

# Solutions... for SoS

## Adequacy

- Allow/Stimulate sufficient investments
  - EU:
    - stable regulatory framework (otherwise no new plants!)
    - allow pass on regulated costs via tariffs (otherwise no smart grid!)
  - Provide adequate licensing/permitting framework
  - Capacity Mechanisms (?) ...

# Solutions... for SoS

## Operational reliability

- Load/supply predictability & response
- Careful planning, maintenance strategies
- Redundancy, optimized system operation
- Market design
  - Prevent abuse of dominant players, unbundling,...
- Market instruments
  - Interruptible contracts

# Conclusions on SoS

**SoS - most important elements:**

→ Temporal and spatial dimension

→ Diversity of supply & technologies

→ Sufficient investments

→ Flexibility, redundancy, control, storability

→ Stable regulatory framework / solidarity

→ Functioning markets

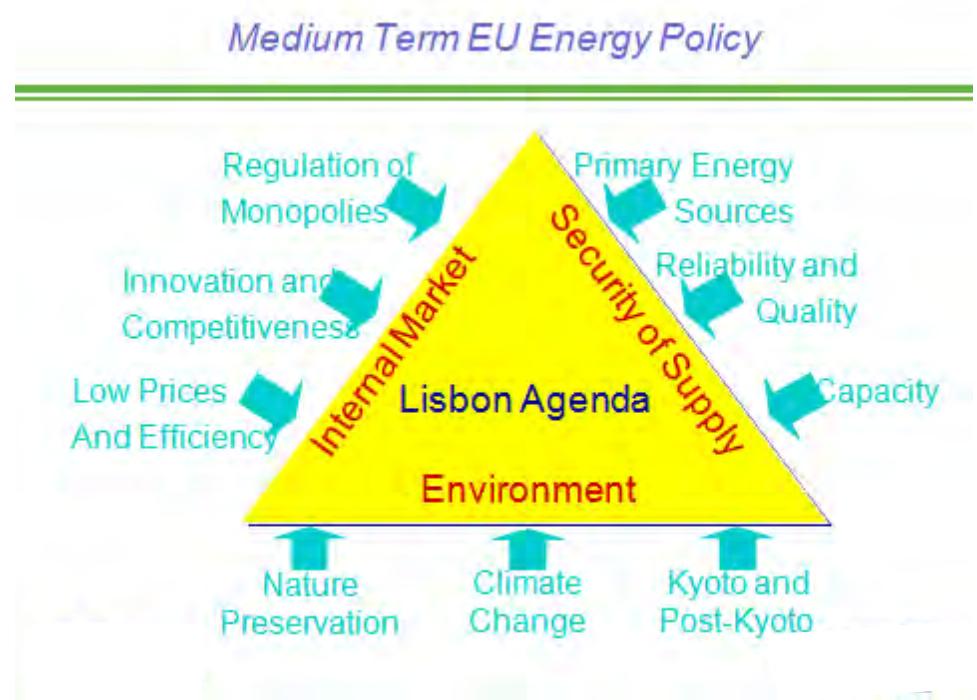
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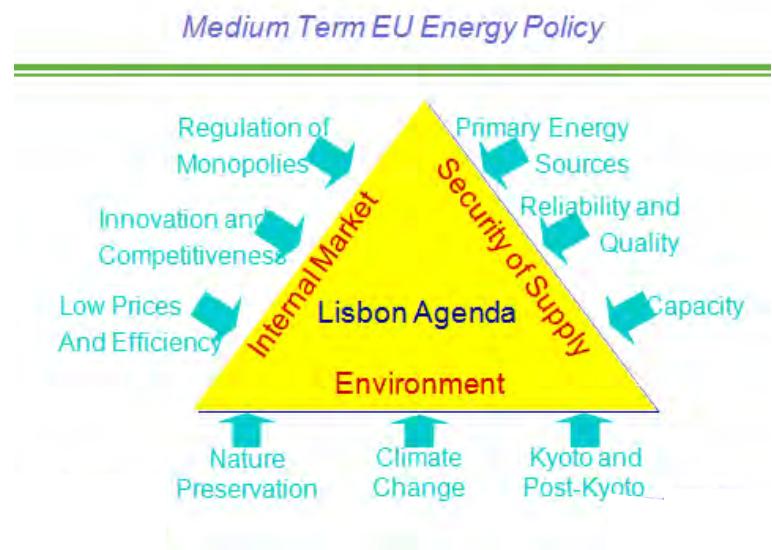


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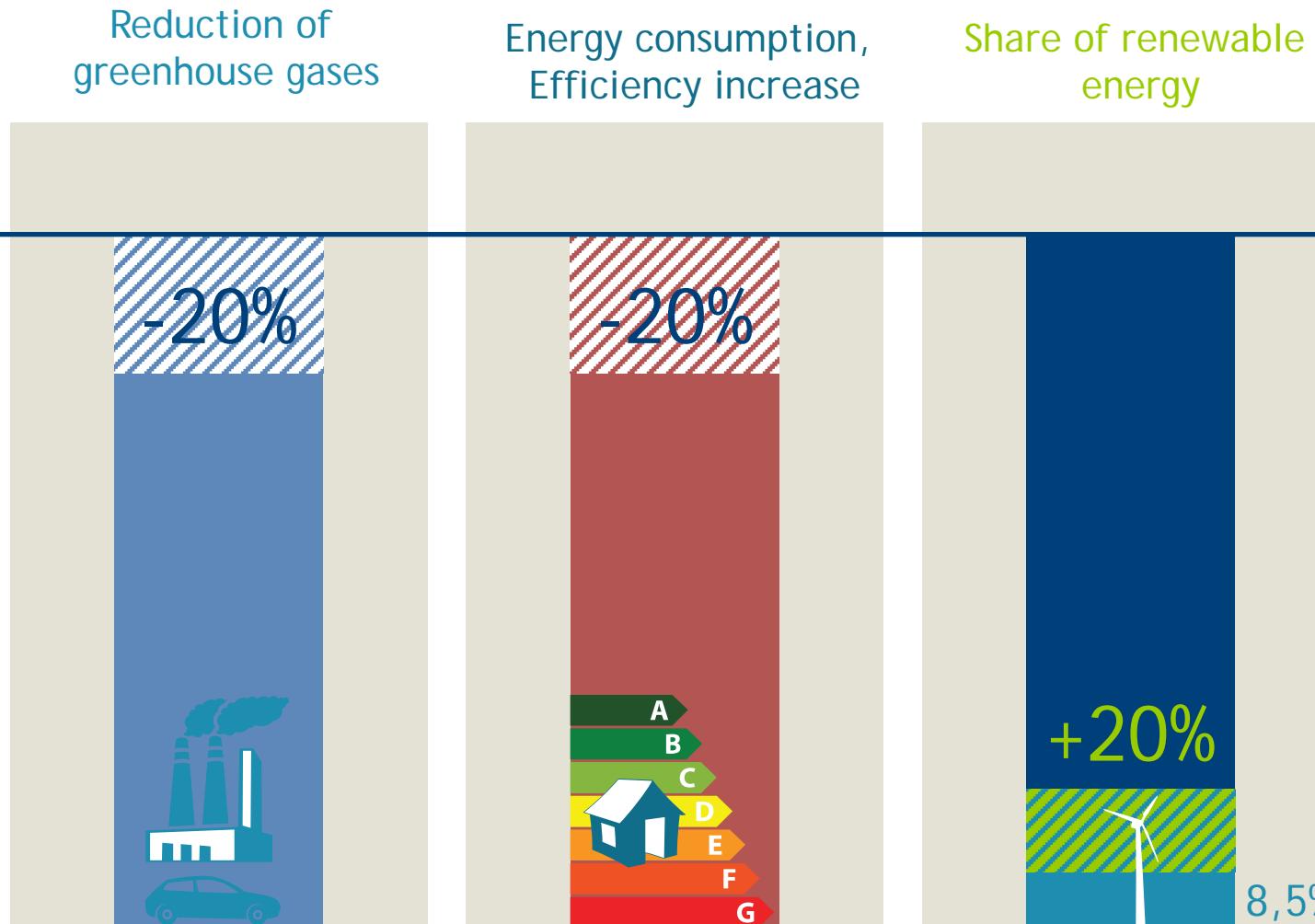
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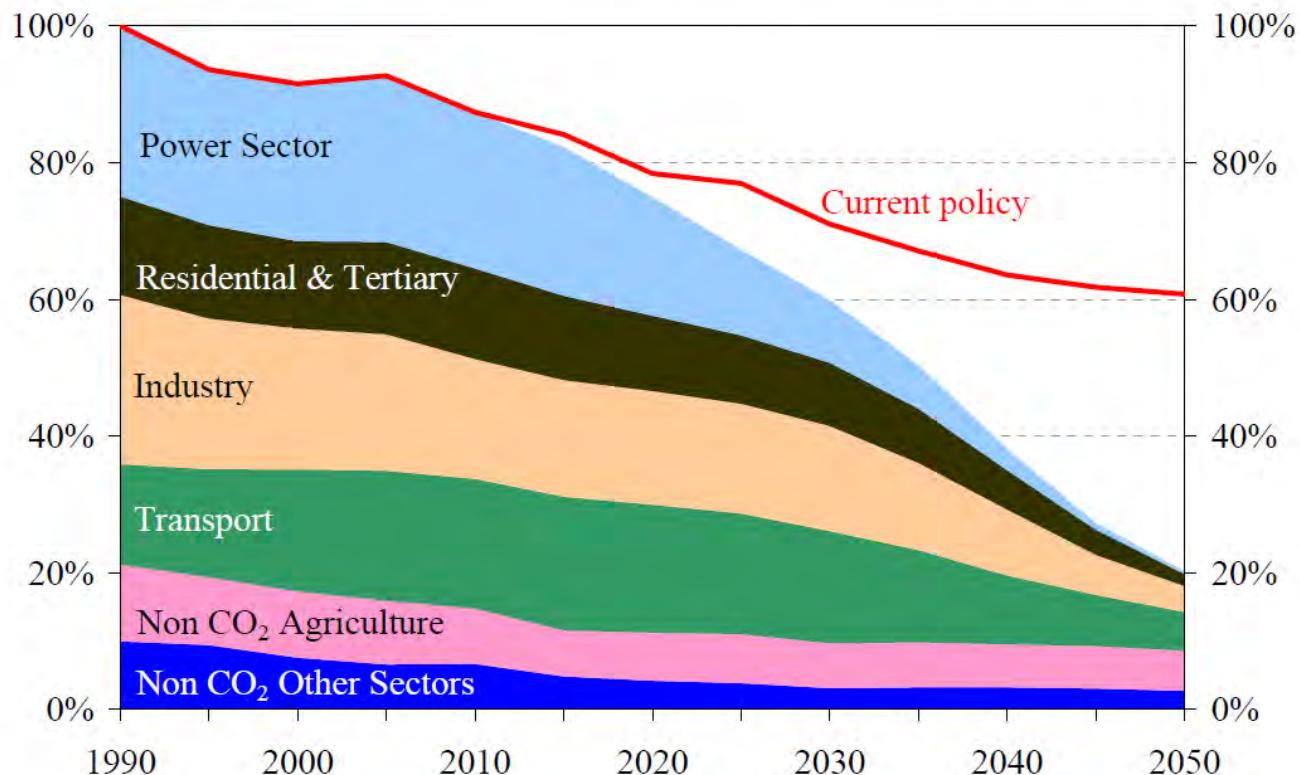
## EU 20-20-20 targets by 2020



# EU's long-term CO<sub>2</sub> reduction targets

## Climate Change Roadmap - 2050

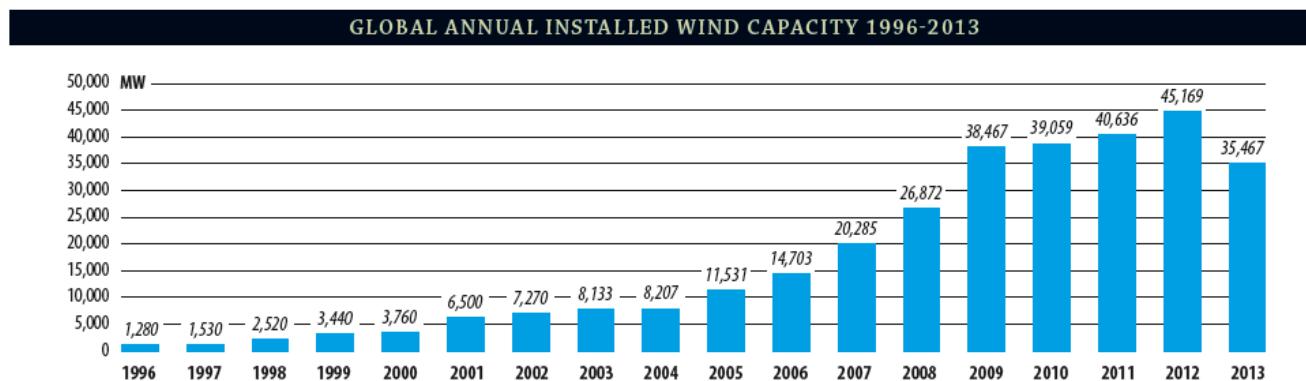
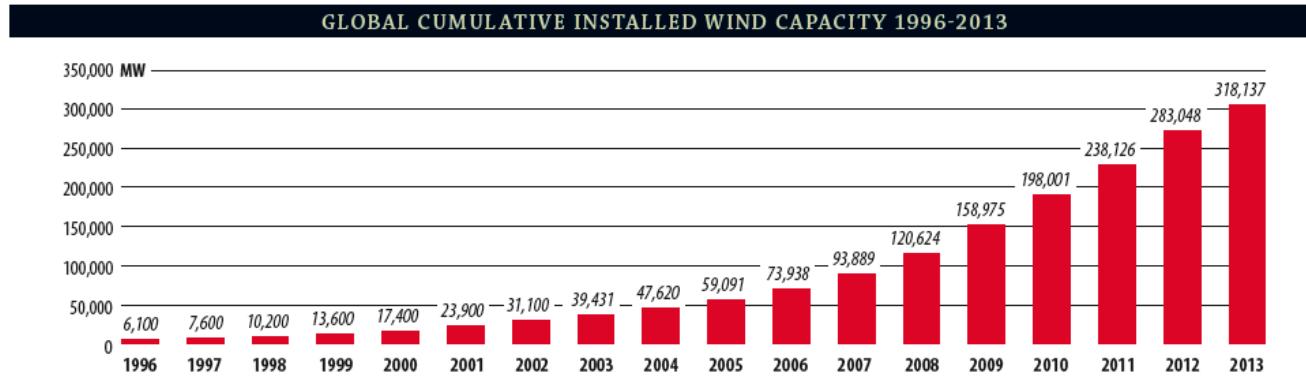
Figure 1: EU GHG emissions towards an 80% domestic reduction (100% =1990)



Reference: European Commission COM(2011) 112/4

# EU's implementation - currently

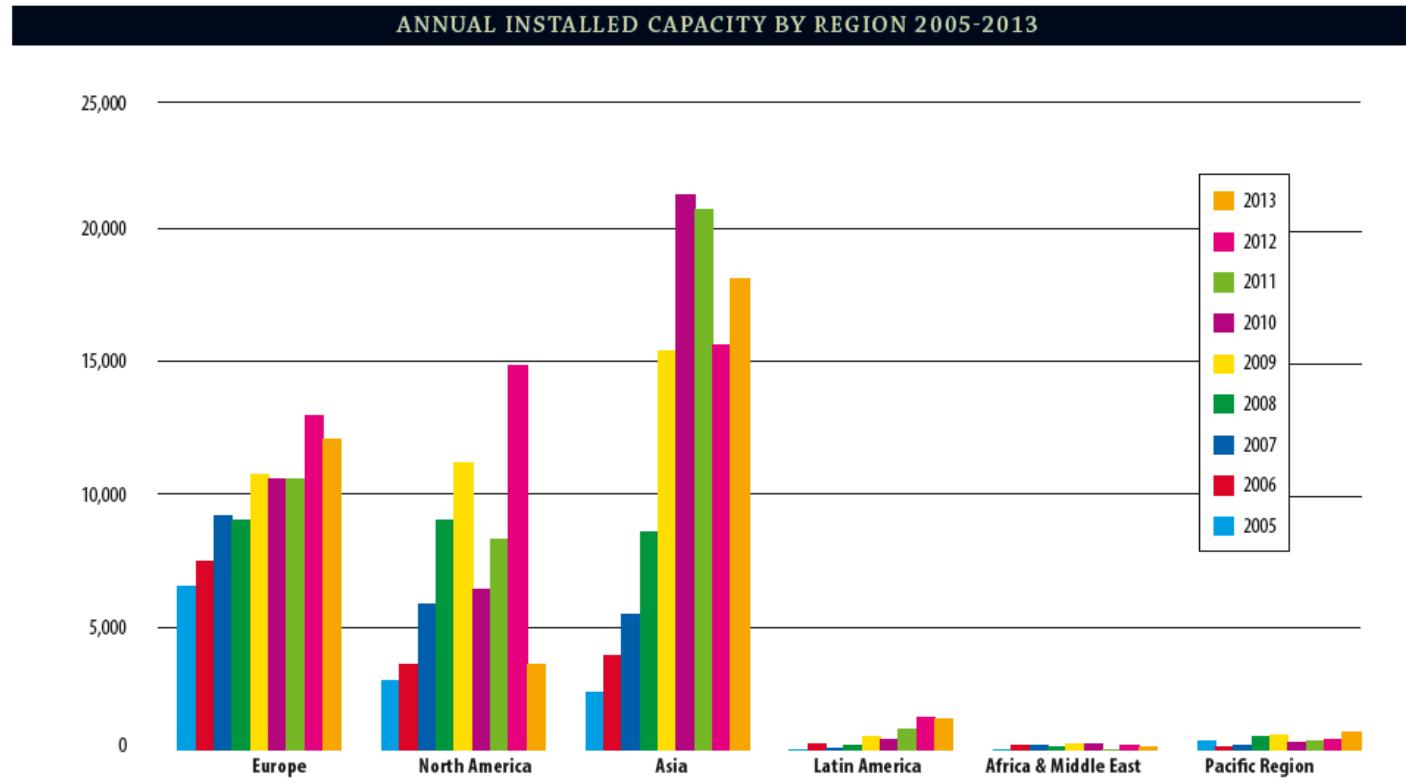
## Wind evolution worldwide



Ref: GWEC 2014

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## Wind annual installed capacity worldwide per region

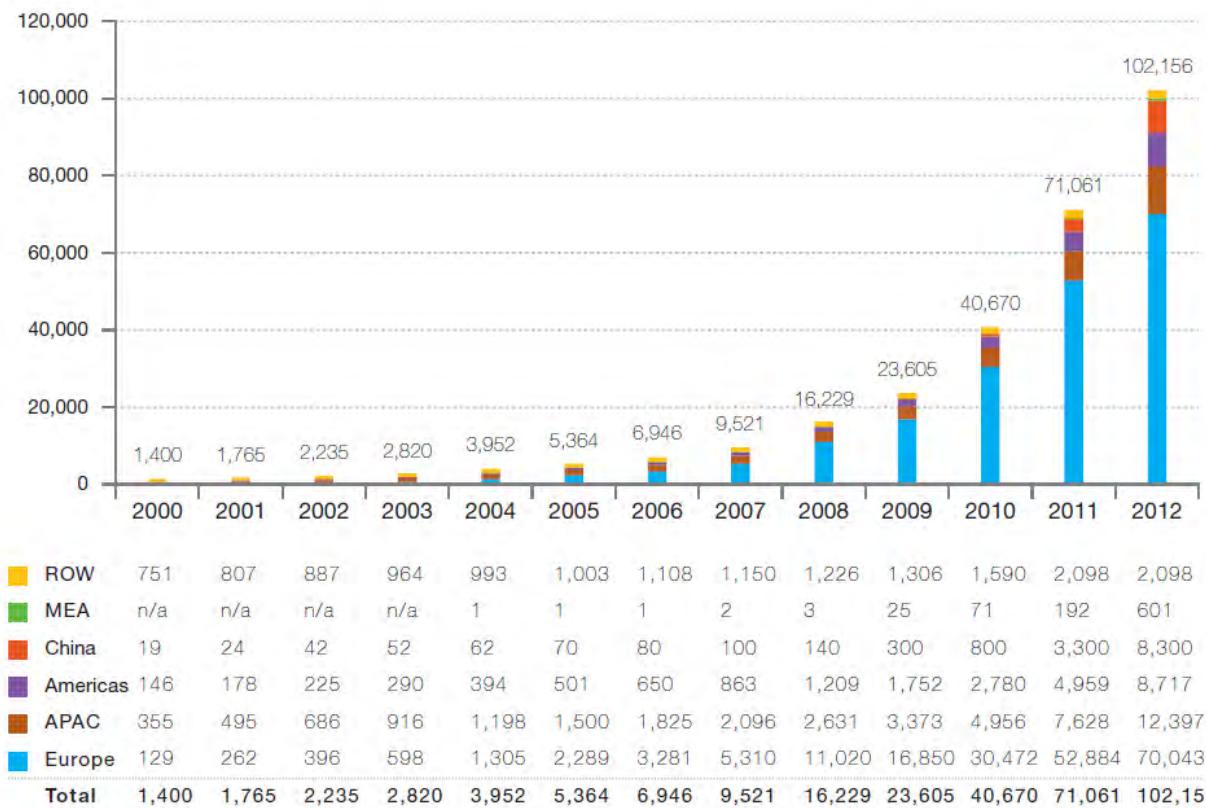


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## PV evolution worldwide

Figure 1 - Evolution of global PV cumulative installed capacity 2000-2012 (MW)

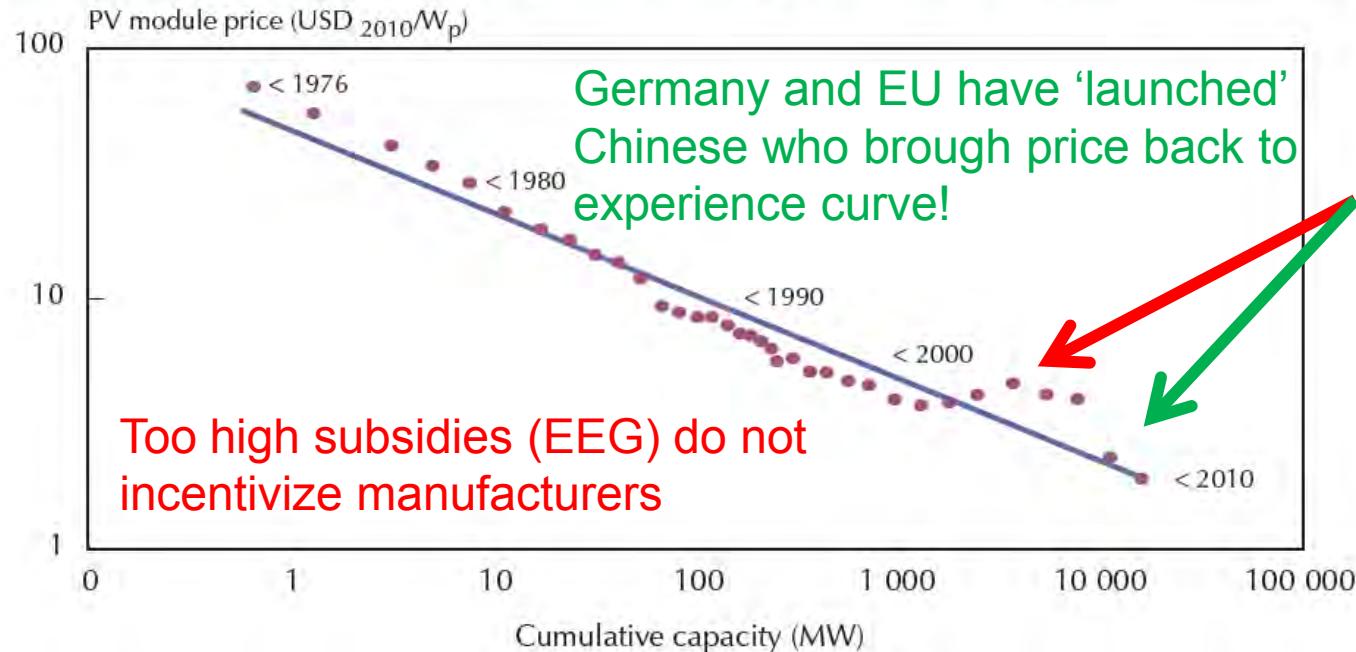


Ref: EPIA 2012

# Cost aspects RES

Figure 2.13 Cost degression of solar PV modules, 1976-2010

Ref: IEA  
Deploying  
Renewables



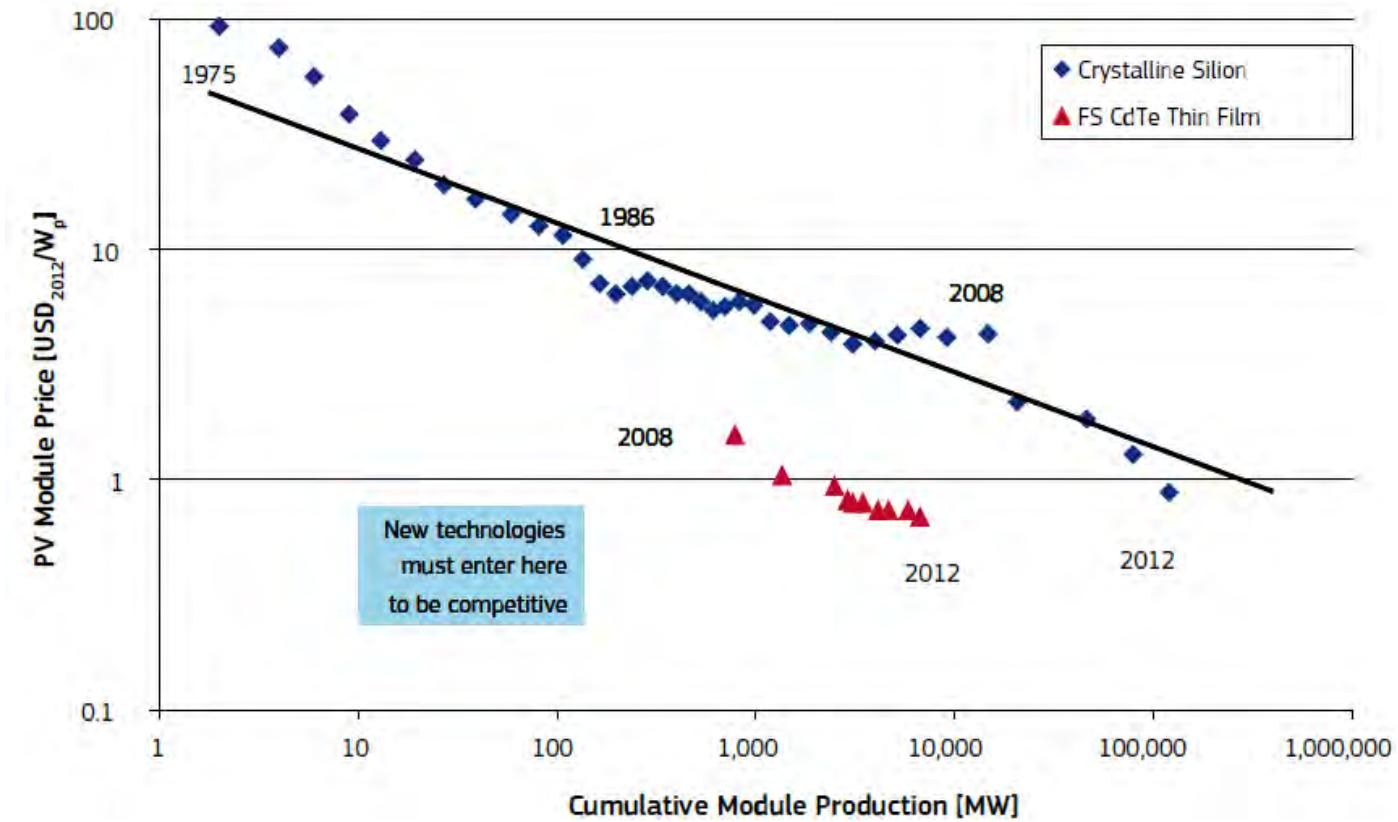
Source: Breyer and Gerlach (2010).

## Key point

Historically, every doubling of installed capacity coincided with a 19.3% reduction of PV module prices.

→Good for worldwide price PV  
→Bad for EU & US PV industry

# Cost aspects RES



Ref: JRC 2013

# EU's implementation - currently

- All this progress seems to be too nice to be true...  
And it is...
- There are major *system effects* that have been neglected and that may jeopardize further success of RES deployment!
- One has gone too rapidly recently, with *danger of losing support of population!*

# THE MARCH OF FOLLY

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THE MARCH  
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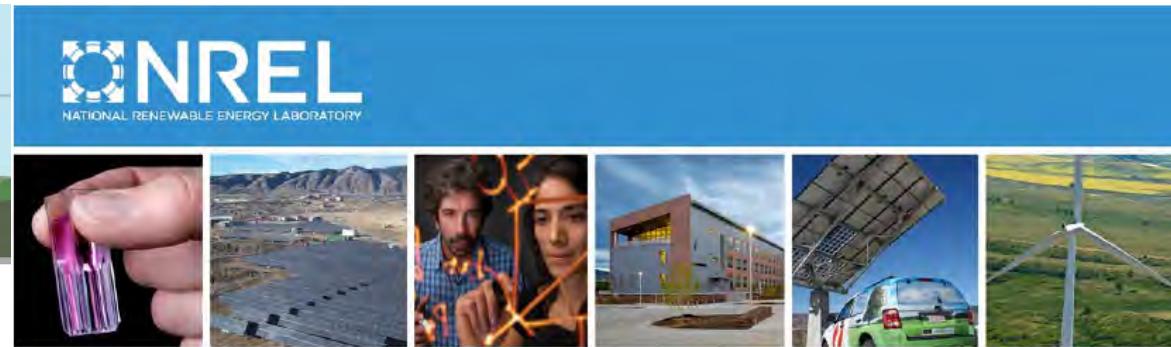
## The Costs and Impacts of Intermittency:

An assessment of the evidence on the costs of intermittent generation on the British elec



## Calculating Wind Integration Costs: Separating Wind Energy Value from Integration Cost Impacts

Michael Milligan and Brendan Kirby



## Cost-Causation and Integration Cost Analysis for Variable Generation

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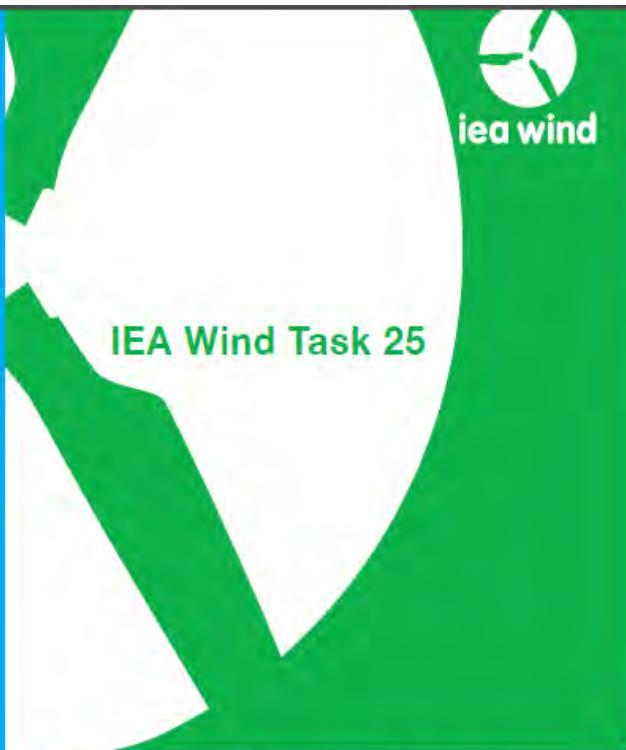
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**Design and operation of power systems with large amounts of wind power**

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## The Western Wind and Solar Integration Study Phase 2

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Integration of Variable Renewable Energies in the  
European power system:  
a model-based analysis of transmission grid  
extensions and energy sector coupling

Katrin Schaber

2013

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September 27, 2010 (Revised February 9, 2011)  
DISCUSSION DRAFT

## COMPARING THE COSTS OF INTERMITTENT AND DISPATCHABLE ELECTRICITY GENERATING TECHNOLOGIES

Paul L. Joskow  
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### The Economics of Wind and Solar Variability

How the Variability of Wind and Solar Power affects their  
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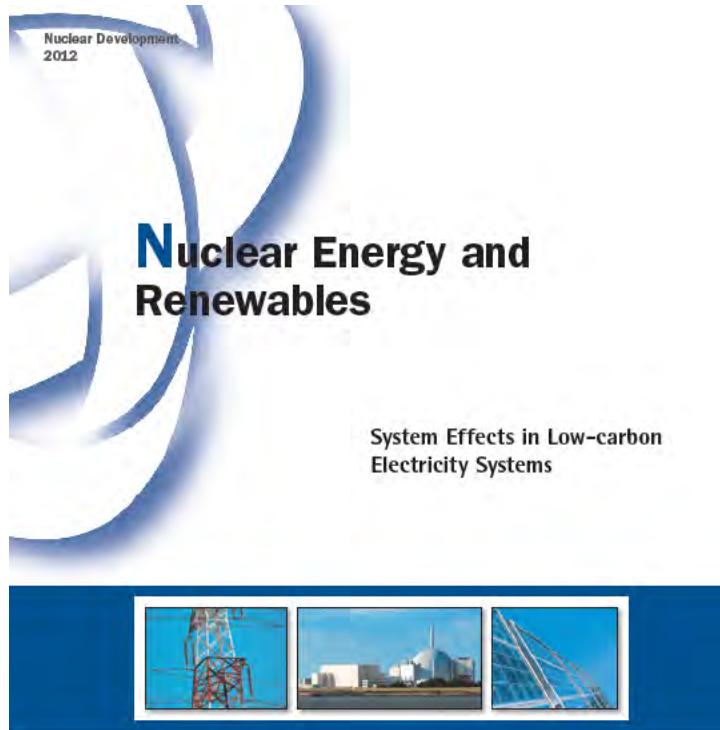
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# Cost aspects RES – system costs NEA / IEA



Comprehensive document giving overall system cost figures.  
End 2012.

Is currently being scrutinized – numbers to be confirmed or contested.



Available at: <http://www.oecd-nea.org/ndd/pubs/2012/7056-system-effects.pdf>

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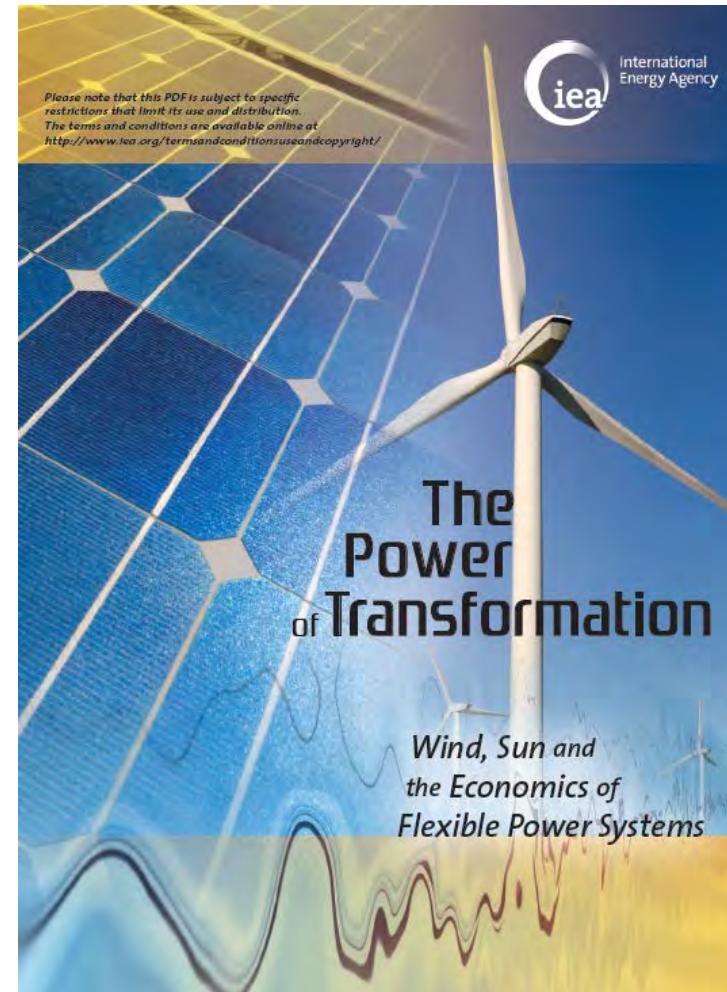
Released on February 26, 2014  
System-cost report by IEA

States in Executive Summary (ES):

*« ... a major finding of this publication is that large shares of VRE (up to 45% in annual generation) can be integrated without significantly increasing power costs in the long run. However, cost-effective integration calls for a system-wide transformation. »*

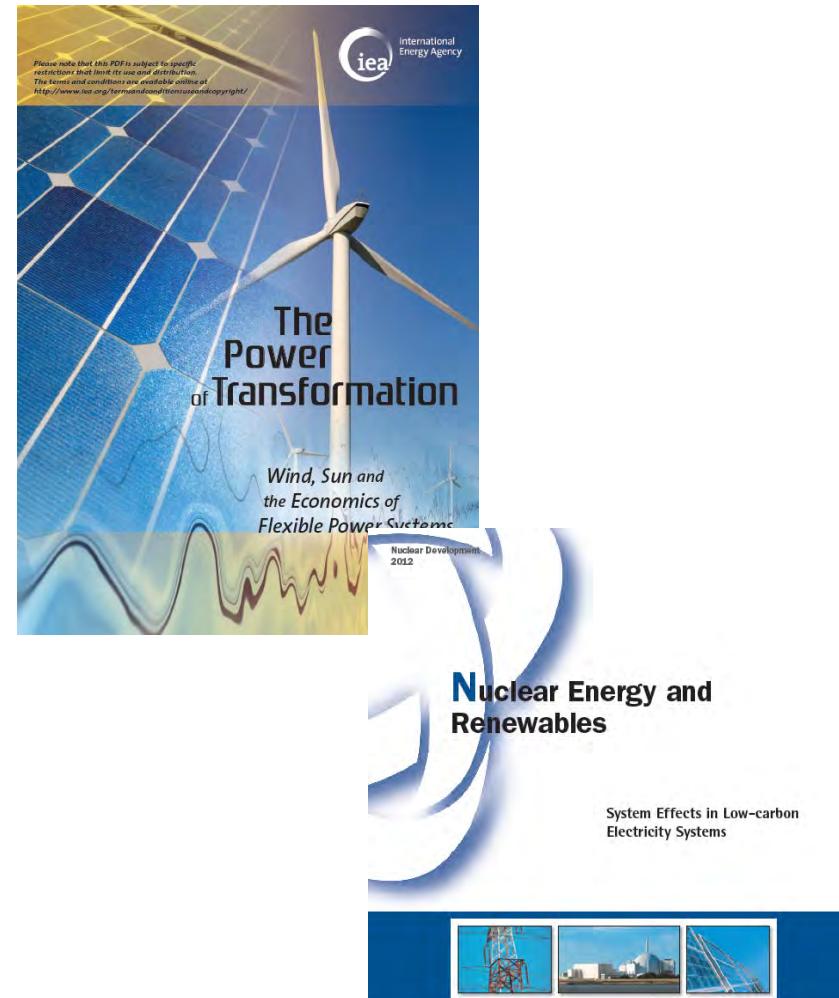
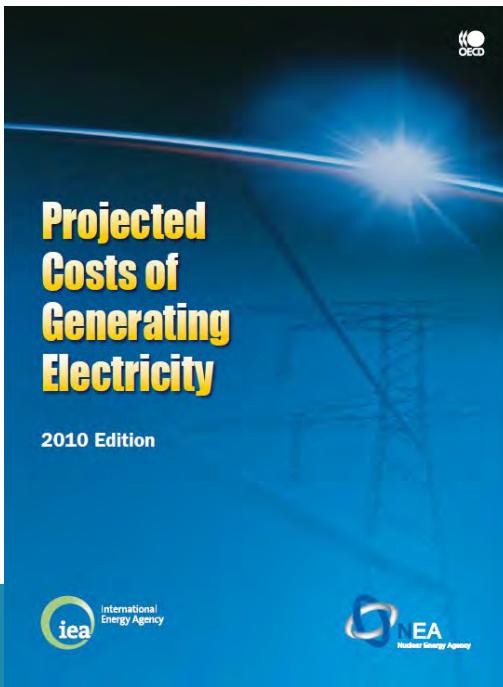
?? IEA/OECD in contrast with NEA/OECD ??

Not quite... ES is not in line with main report!



# Cost aspects RES – system costs NEA / IEA

- Currently exercise to “reconcile” both studies in the 2015 revision of the joint IEA/NEA report :  
**“Projected Cost of Generating Electricity”**  
written by two authors of IEA and NEA!



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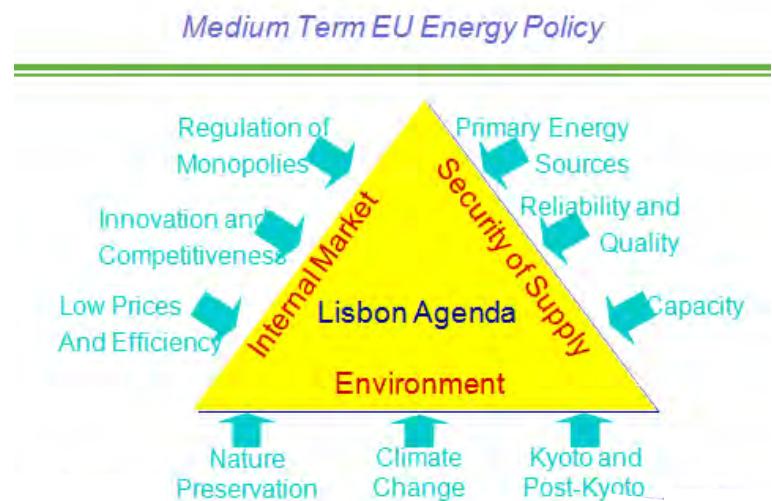
- Much more research needed on system-integration cost!
  - In search of an accepted methodology!
  - Boundary conditions & hypotheses crucial
  - Must distinguish between short term / long term
  - Must include aspects such as balancing, reserves, ancillary services, grid extension, adequacy, effects on existing assets...
  - How about effects of subsidies & taxes? (“transfers” but ... stranded assets)
  - Results will be very system dependent!
    - Physical system
    - Market design & Regulatory context
  - Distinguish between cost & benefits and the (market) value
  - Need interdisciplinary non-ideological research with scientific and economic arguments & counter arguments

# EU's implementation - recall

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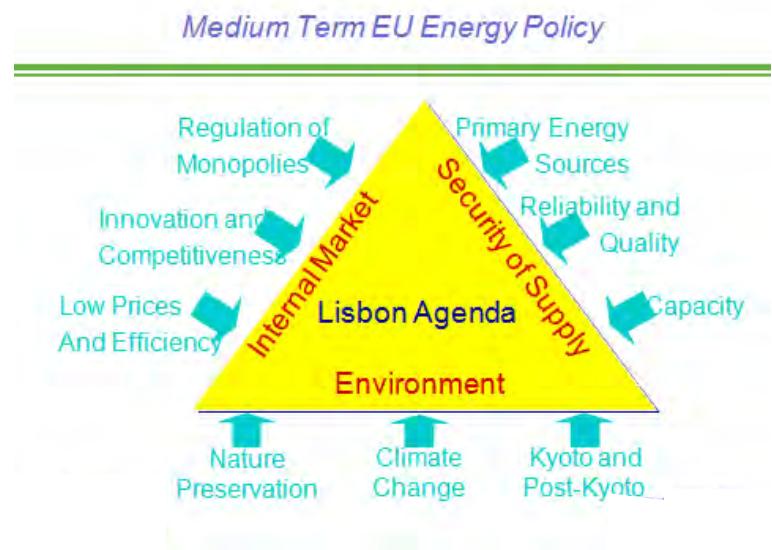
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Textbook example of “well intended measures” but ...

**because lack of system thinking**  
serious issues / problems

→ EU electricity market in crisis !!



# French Report January 2014



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RAPPORTS & DOCUMENTS

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## La crise du système électrique européen Diagnostic et solutions



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# EU's implementation

## Issues / challenges / problems in the EU market

- Technical challenges
- Market-integration problems
- Consequences for the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- End-electricity prices for end consumers

# EU's implementation

## Consequences of renewables quota in end-energy terms (1)

- Total end energy = electric energy + fuel for heat + fuel for transportation
- EU requirement by 2020: 20% of end energy from RES
- For transportation only 10% ... → for electric sector ~ 34%
- Expectations / outcome (“steered” by differentiated *subsidies*):
  - Hydro ~ only small increase possible
  - Biomass ~ moderated increase (protests against co-combustion, imported biomass pellets, sustainability questions)
  - Wind onshore + offshore / ENOH onsh ~ 2200h/a offsh ~ 3500 h/a
  - Solar photovoltaics (PV) / ENOH NW Europe ~ 800-1000 h/y
- Total: 8760 h/a → low capacity factors of these intermittent sources

# EU's implementation

## Consequences of renewables quota in end-energy terms (2)

- Capacity factors intermittent sources (wind + PV):
  - Wind onshore + offshore / CF ~ 25% - 30%
  - Solar photovoltaics (PV) / CF ~ 10-12%
- To produce 34% electric energy with something that operates only 10-12% or 25-30% of the time, you must install a large amount of installed power ( called “capacity”) → leads to massive overcapacity
- If there is a lot of wind and sun, and low demand (e.g., weekends), then too much electricity produced
- But sometimes in case of cold spell (cfr winter Feb 2012) – with temp inversion... little wind and ‘dark’ (hence no PV) at 17.00h-18.00h, when peak demand arises in NW-Europe! → very little RES electricity produced

# EU's implementation

## Consequences of renewables quota in end-energy terms (3)

- *Intermittency*: defined as “variable” and “partly unpredictable”
- How deal with massive “intermittency” in electricity system?
  - Back up reserves from *flexible dispatchable thermal plants* (+ & -)
  - Electrical storage (large scale electric storage not available)
  - Expansion of *transmission grid*
  - Encourage *active demand response* (ADR)
  - *Curtailing* of superfluous RES production / review priority access
  - Mitigate on *local level via smart grids*

# EU's implementation

## Issues / challenges / problems in the EU market

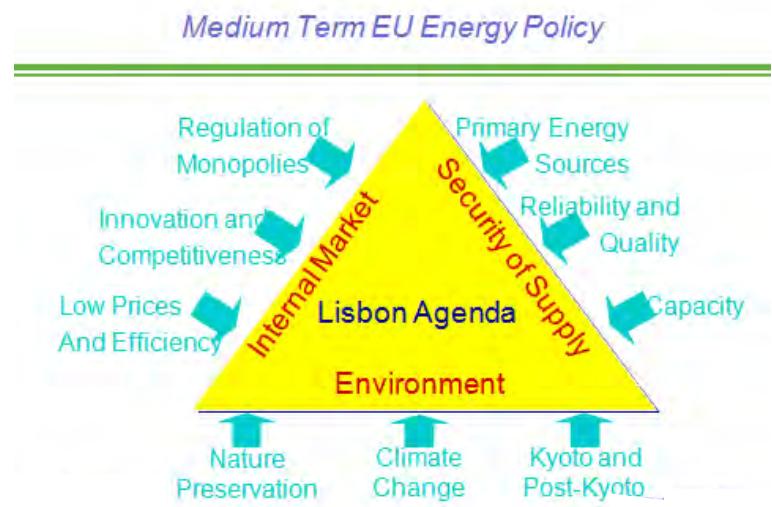
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# EU's implementation

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EU's **trilemma** !

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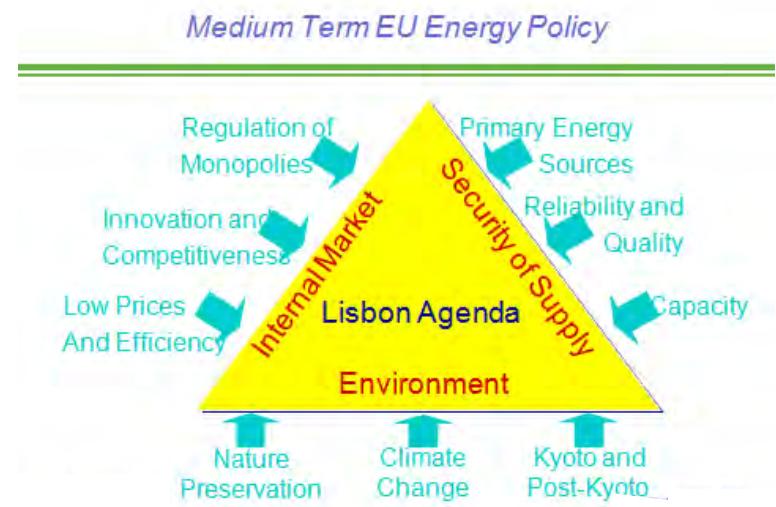


# EU's implementation – technical issues

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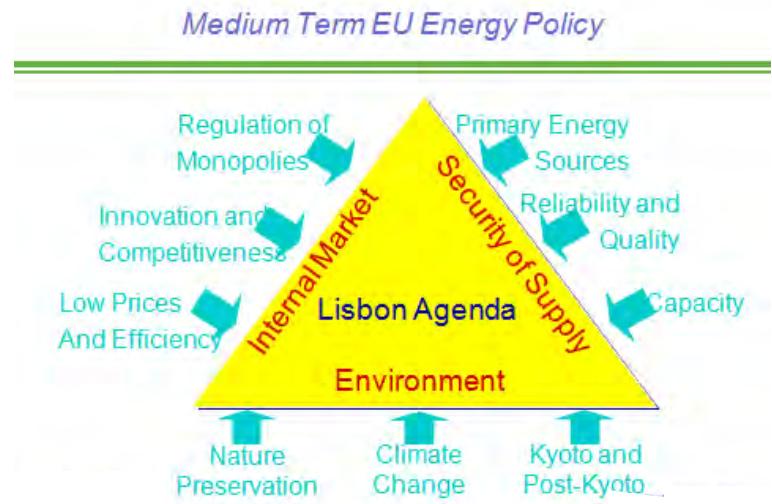
- 33 % renewable electric energy
  - installed capacity of only wind & sun ~160% of average demand level
  - highly intermittent & non-controllable / need thermal plant back up !

# EU's implementation – technical issues

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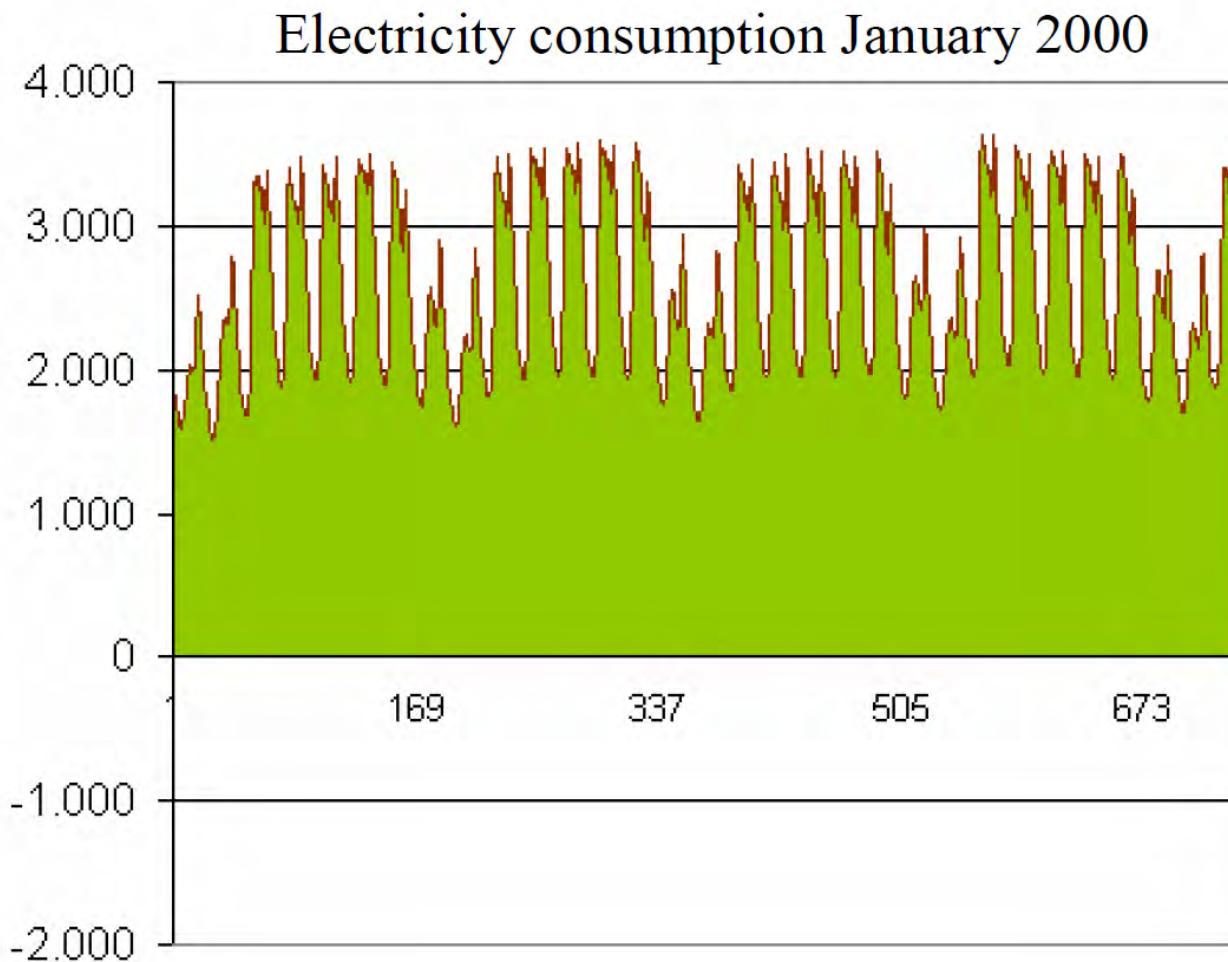
## Technical challenge!!

- often serious over production / too much electricity
- thermal plants must balance very quickly

# EU's implementation – technical issues

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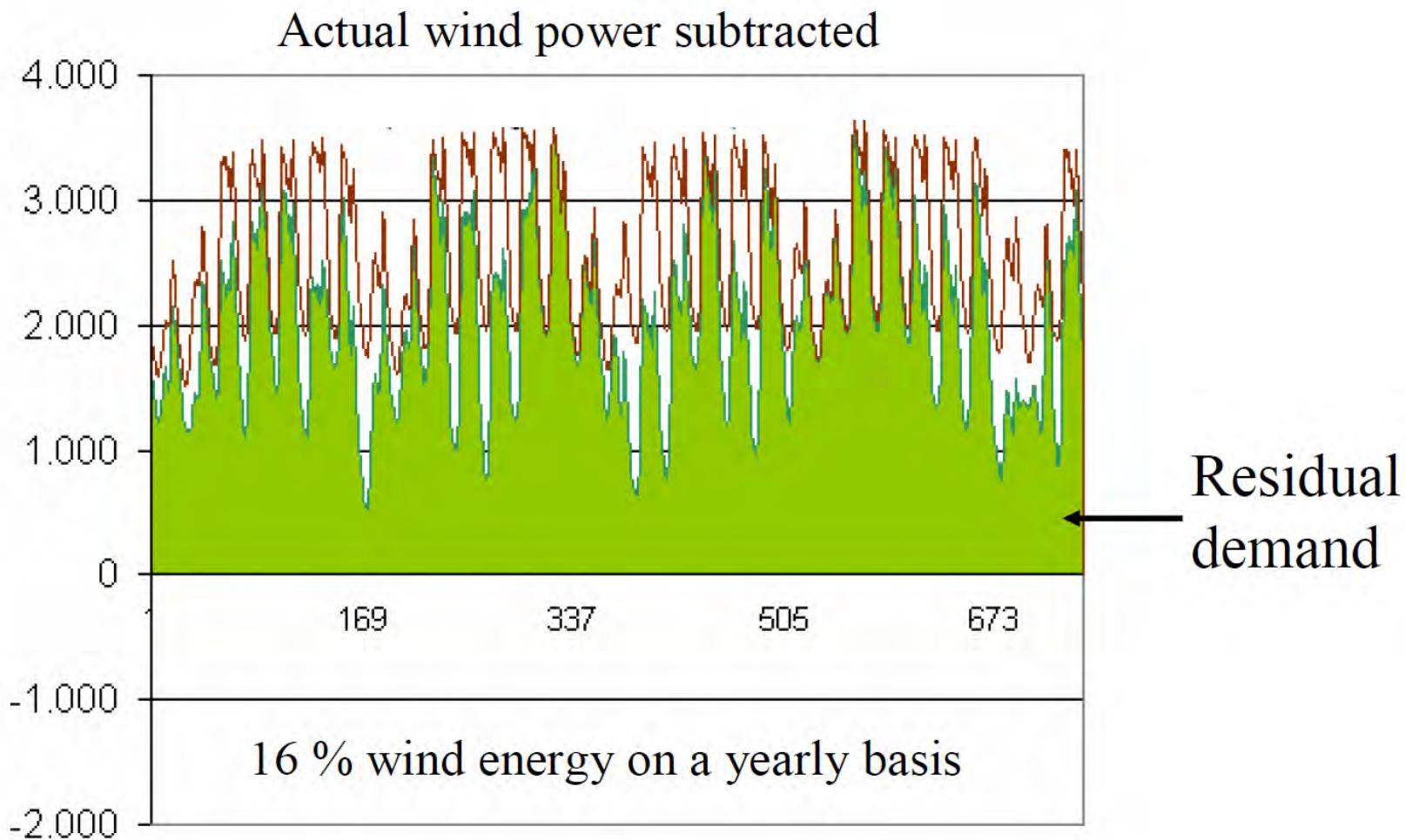
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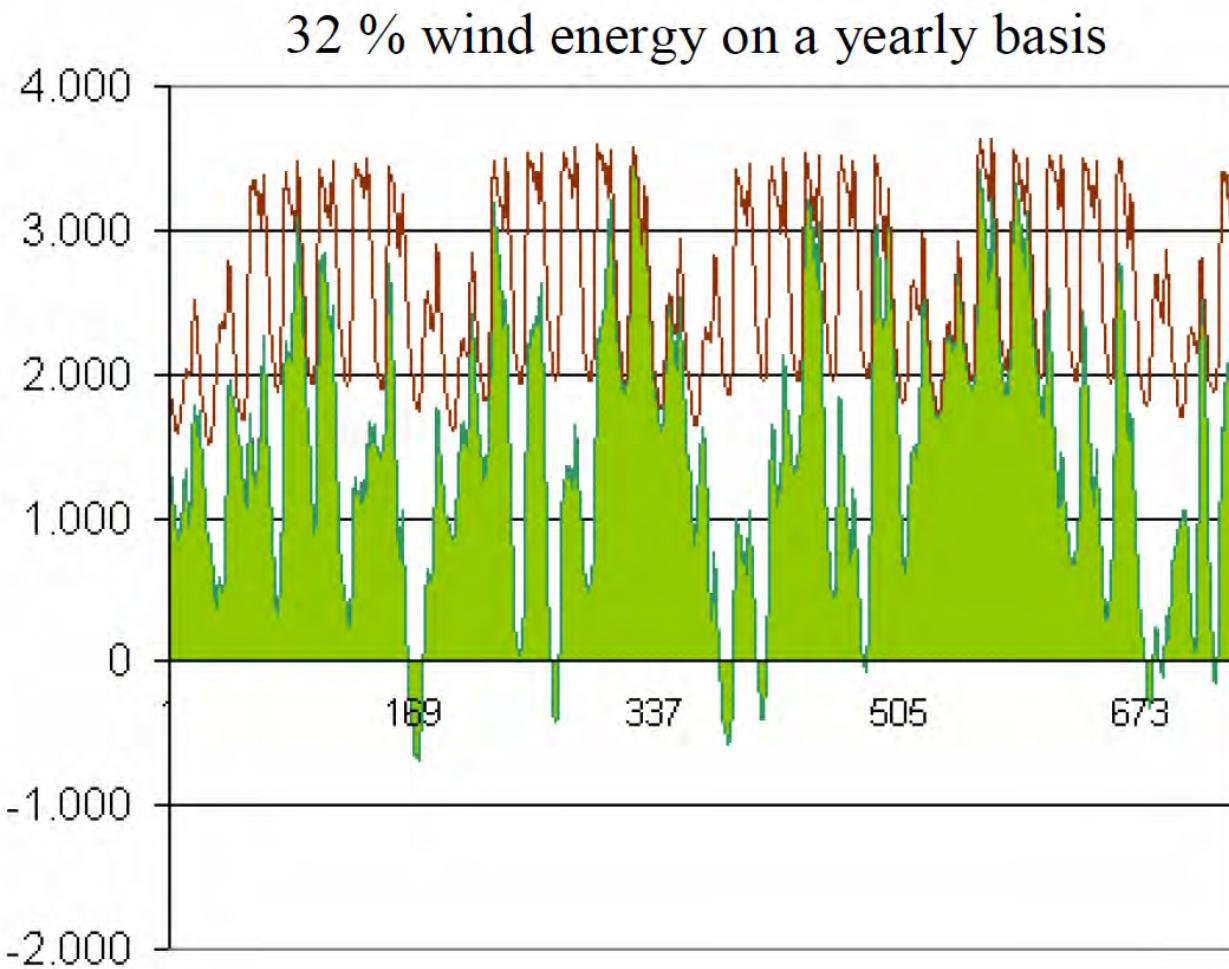
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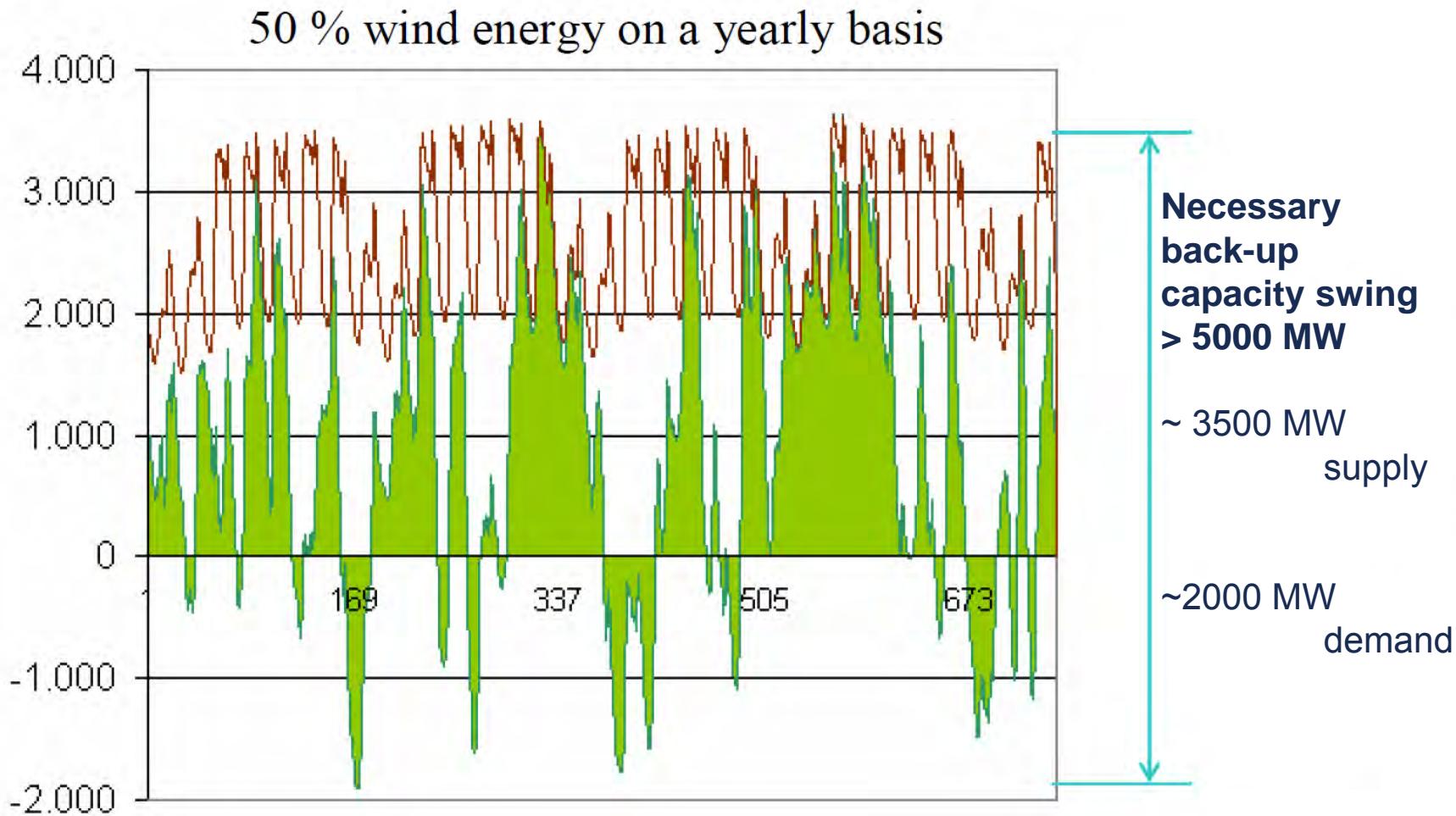
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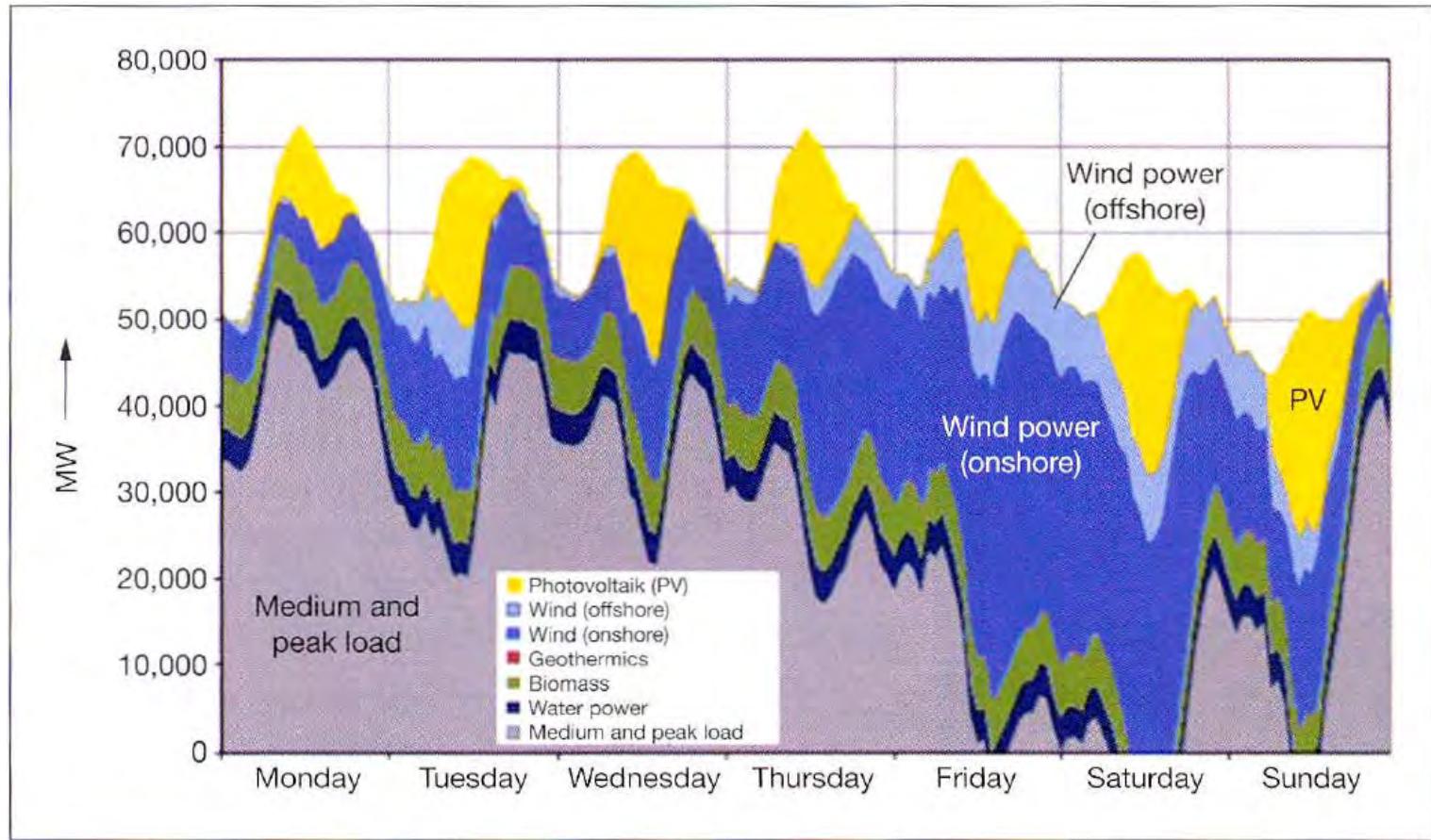
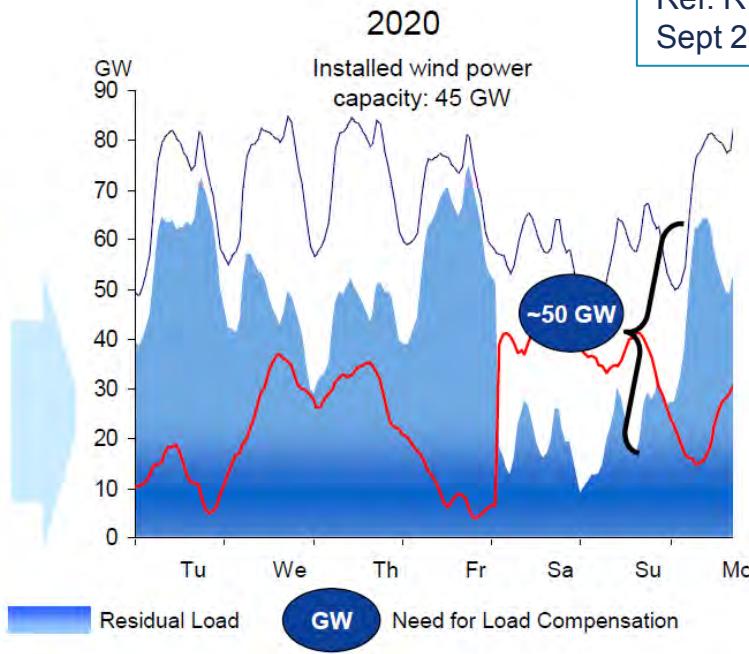
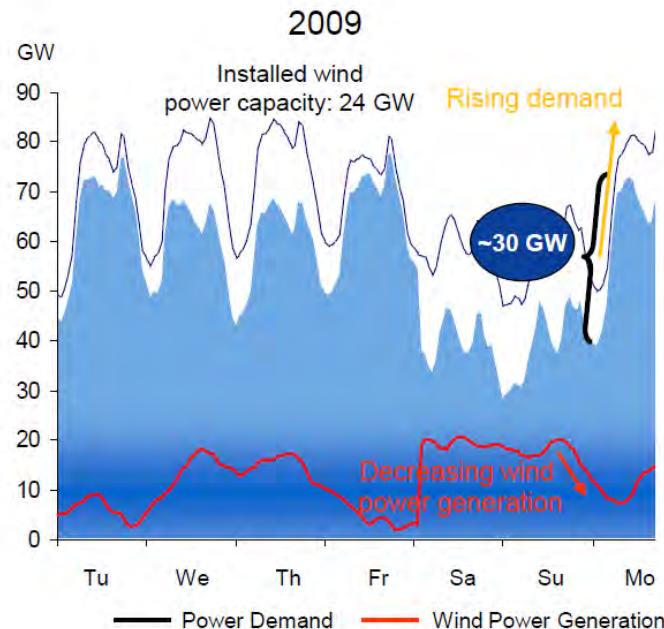


Figure 1. Power generation across one week in July 2020, BEE scenario [6].

# EU's implementation – technical issues

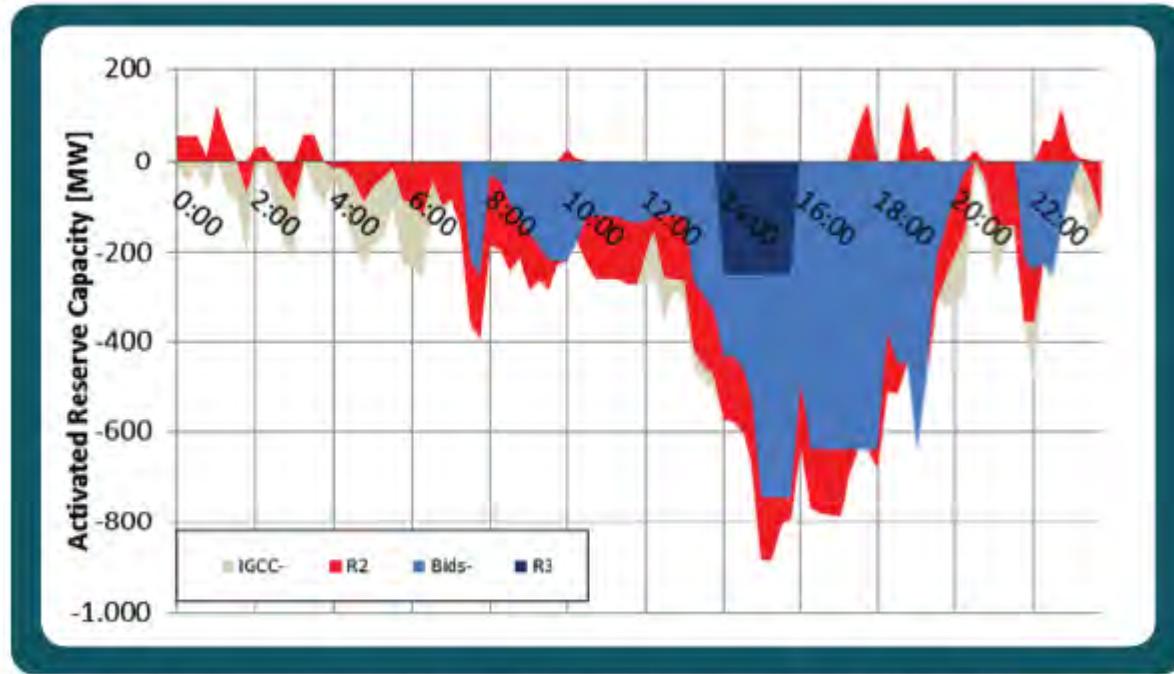
Residual power demand in Germany February 2009 and projection to 2020



Ref: RWE – ALSTOM  
Sept 2011

- thermal plants must balance very quickly  
→ challenging requirements for thermal power plants!<sup>89</sup>

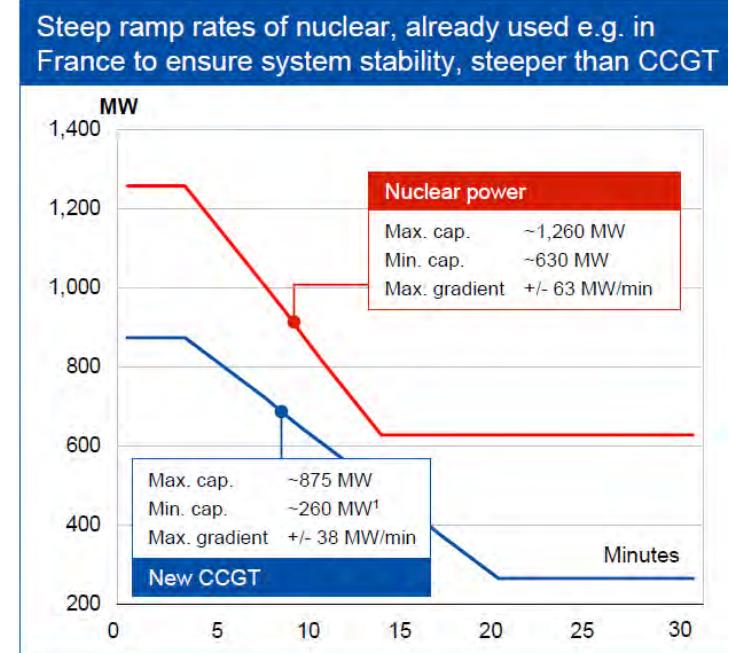
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*Upward (positive) and downward (negative) regulation  
volume on April 1, 2013*

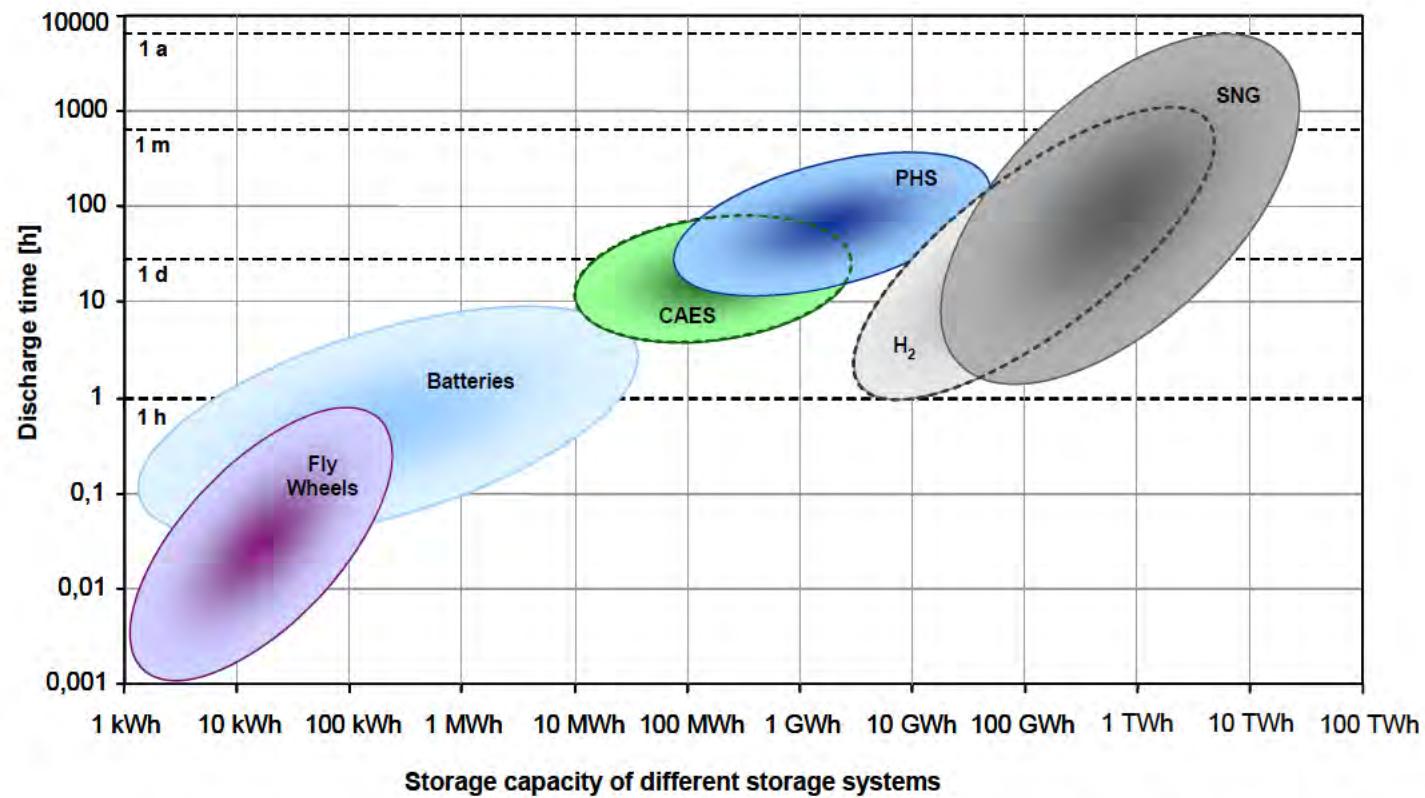
# EU's implementation – technical issues

- What are critical generation-technology parameters?
  - Ramp rates compatible with technology
  - Overall dynamic behavior



# EU's implementation – technical issues

Comparision of storage capacity and discharge time of RE-SNG

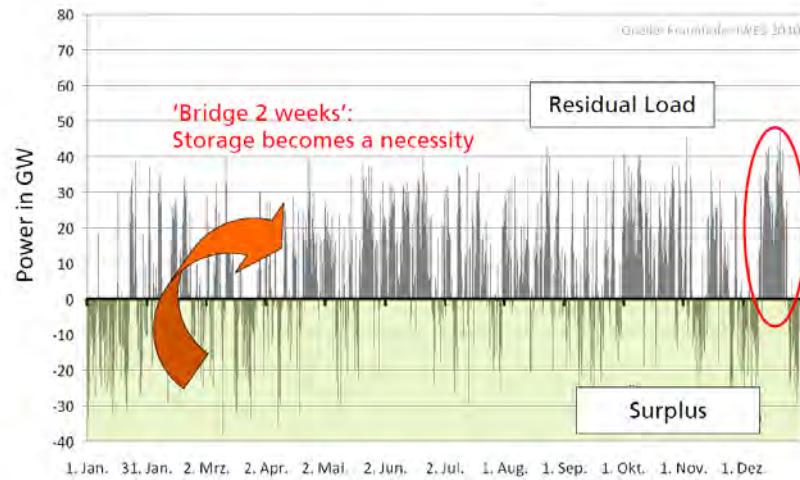


Different solutions for different tasks: ancillary vs. arbitrage

# EU's implementation – technical issues

- To what extent will there be a shift of imbalance/fluctuations to other carriers/networks?
  - Shift to synfuel storage?

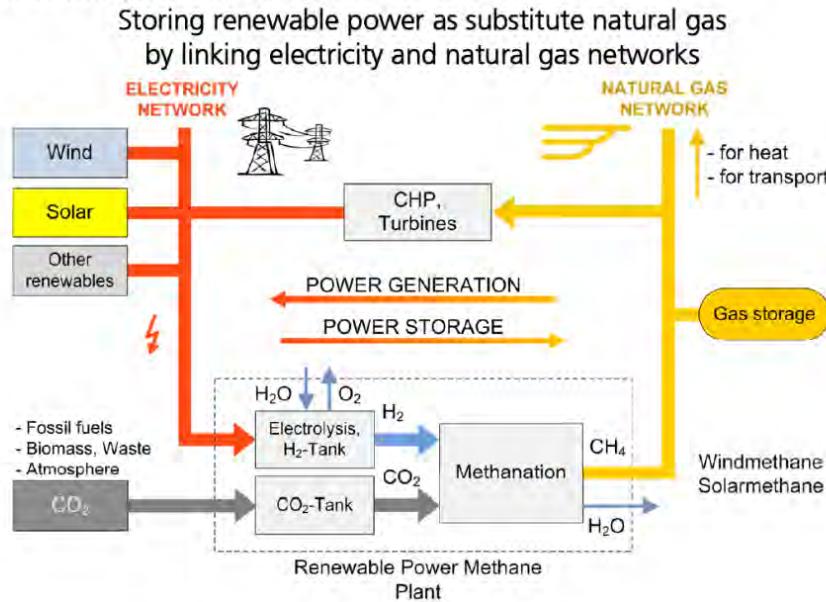
Energy scenario of the German govt. for 2050 (80% RES)



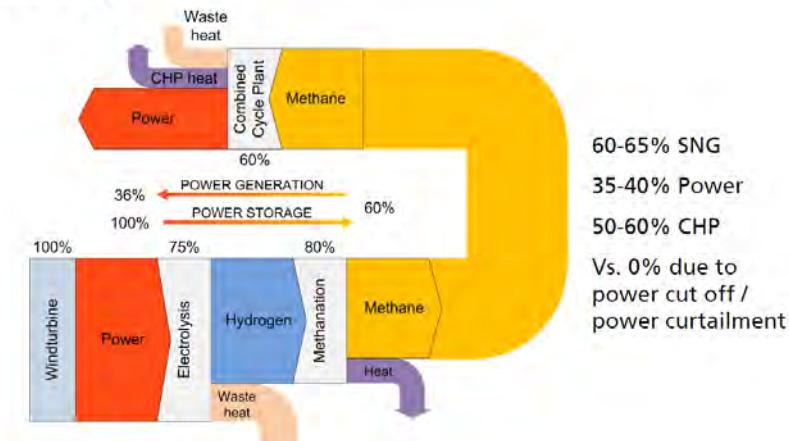
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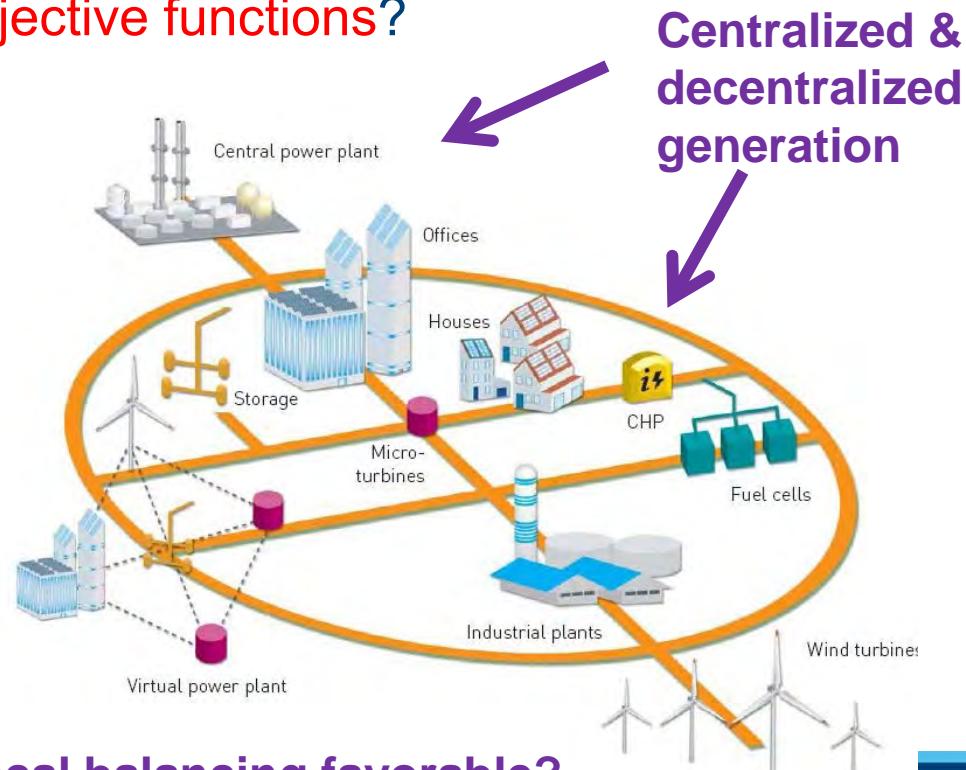
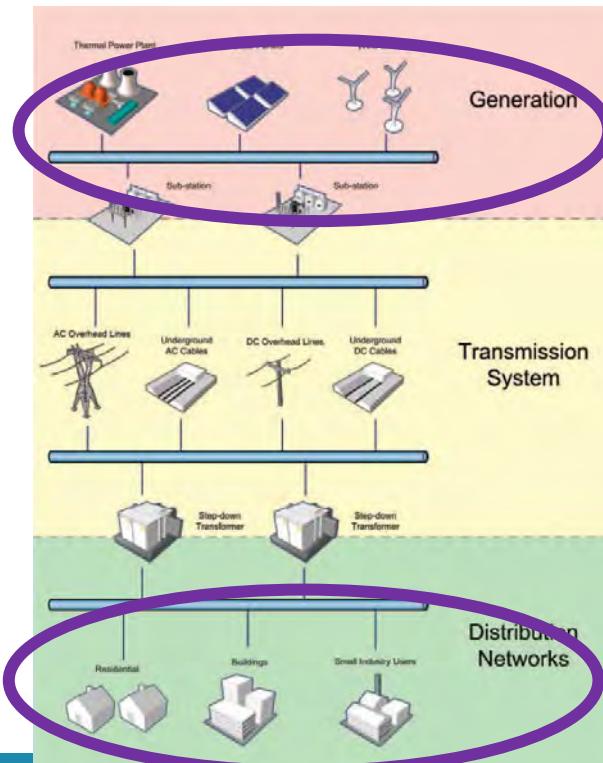


## Renewable power (to) methane / SNG Efficiency



# EU's implementation – technical issues

- Where to perform the balancing (at which level)?
  - Should houses/neighborhoods/cities aim for a net load profile as flat as possible?
  - What are the proper objective functions?



Local balancing favorable?

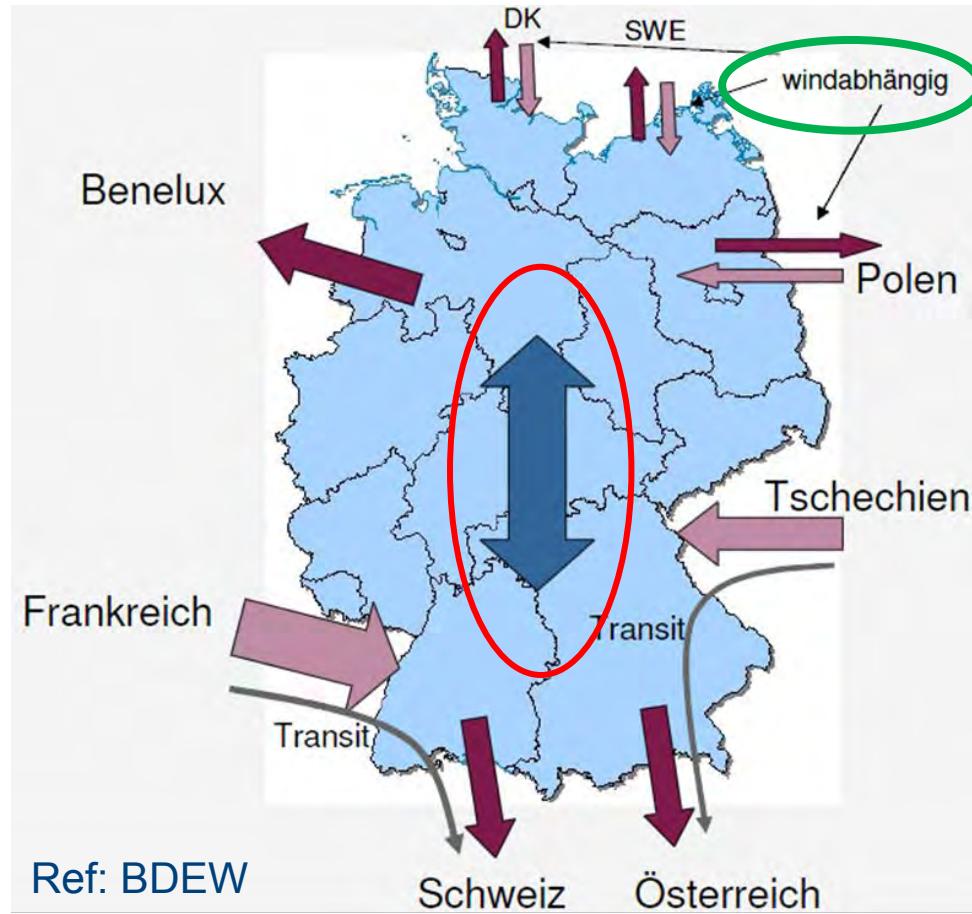
# EU's implementation – technical issues

## Unplanned flows (loop flows / transit flows)

- Grids guide power flow from generation to consumption
- Electric power follows path of least resistance / impedance
- Transmission capacity high-voltage line:
  - Part needed for unexpected occurrences
  - Must keep part for **unintended flows** (driven by electric resistance)
  - Remainder for actual commercial cross border transactions

# EU's implementation – technical issues

## Unplanned flows (loop flows / transit flows)



Typical exchanges between Germany and neighboring countries

Major problem in DE:  
insufficient lines N → S

Wind in North  
NPPs shut down in South  
Industrial demand in South  
PV in South

# EU's implementation – technical issues

## Unplanned flows (loop flows / transit flows)

**Netzausbau: Insbesondere Nord-Süd-Trassen notwendig**

**bdew**  
Energie. Wasser. Leben.



KKW-Abschaltungen verschärfen die Lastfluss-Situation



Aktuell rd. 10% oder 80 km des Netzausbaus gemäß „dena I“ realisiert, weiterer Ausbaubedarf von rd. 3.600 km gem. „dena II“

**PERMITS !**

**VEN**

# EU's implementation – technical issues

## Unplanned flows (loop flows / transit flows)

- CEE Region: DE→PL→CZ→AT→DE and DE→CZ→DE
- CWE Region: DE→NL→BE→FR→DE

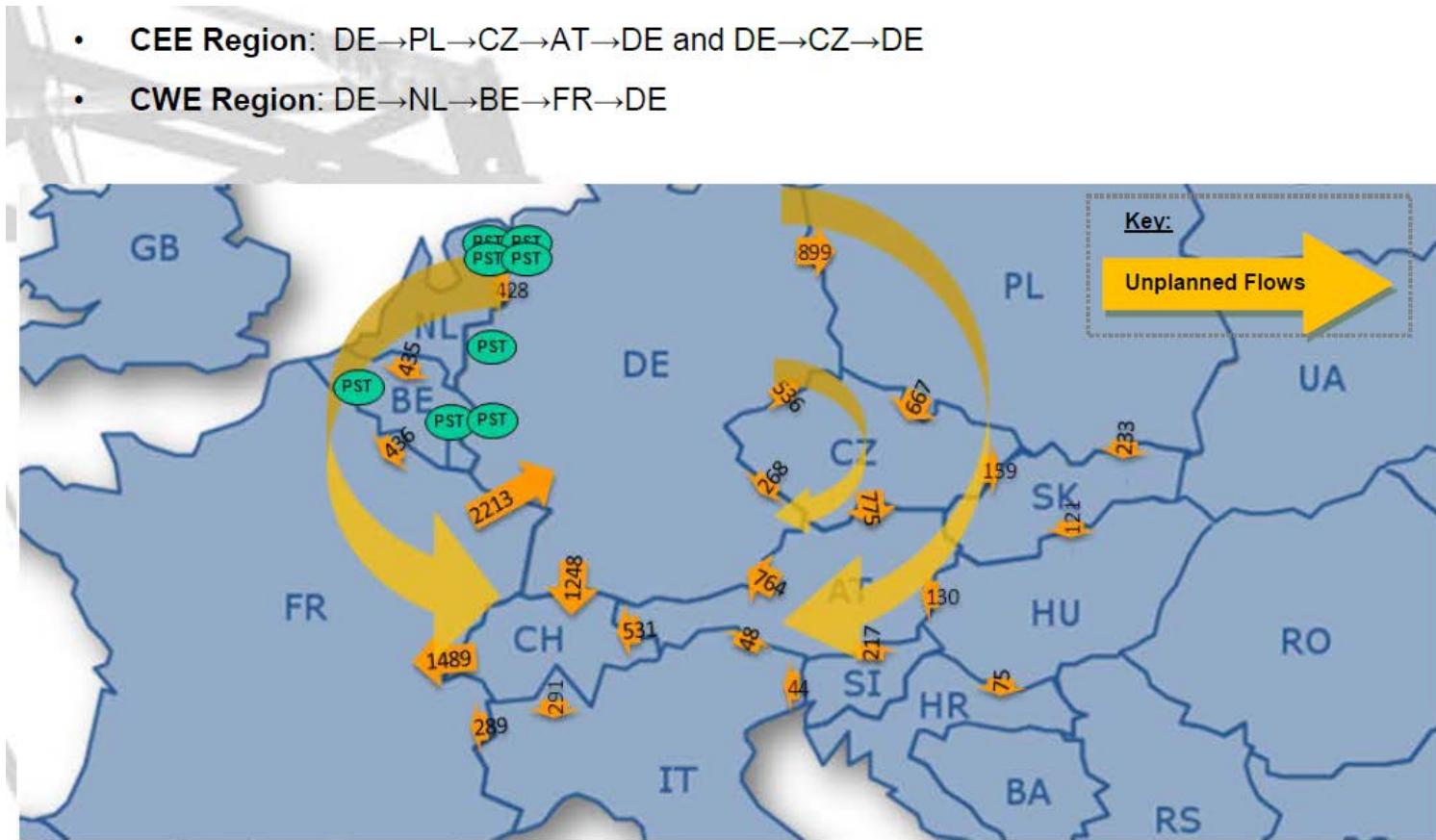


Figure 4. Average Unplanned Flows in Europe [MW], 01.2011–12.2012

Ref: CEPS et al, Jan 2013

# EU's implementation – technical issues

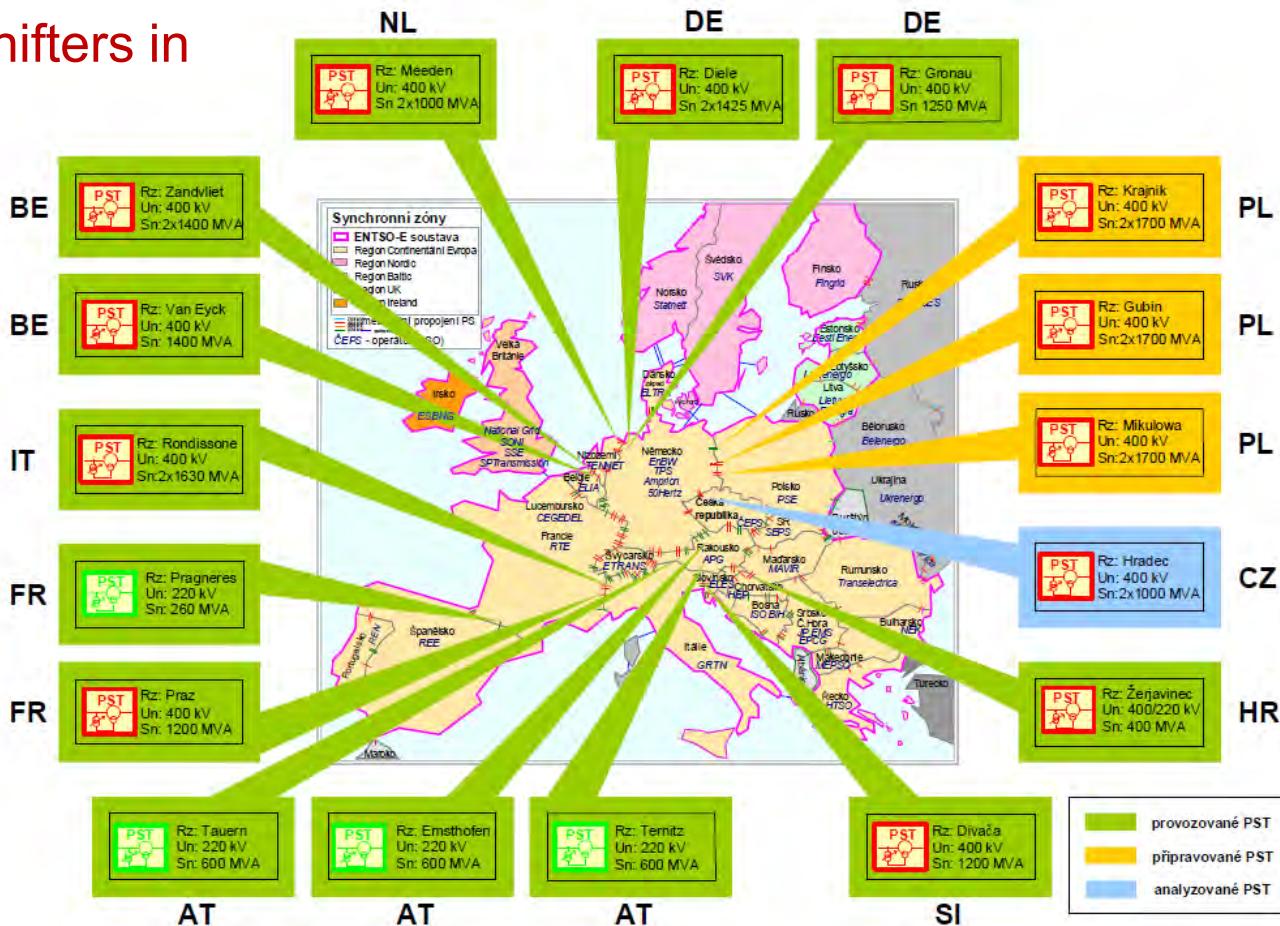
## Unplanned flows (loop flows / transit flows)

- Can be “avoided” via *phase-shift transformers*  
= a faucet/valve to “control” the flows (i.e., inhibit unplanned flows)
- But system becomes much more “nervous”...



# EU's implementation – technical issues

## Phase shifters in Europe



# EU's implementation

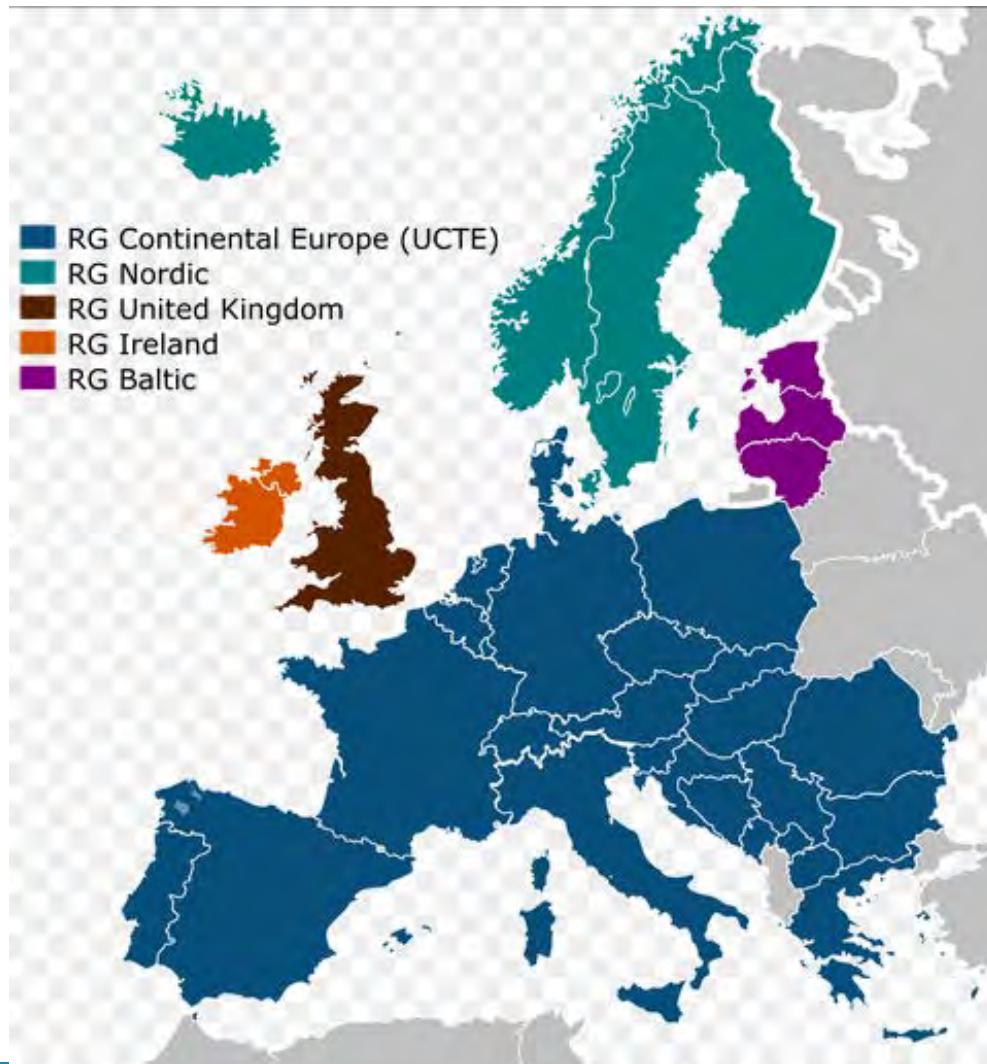
## Issues / challenges / problems in the EU market

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# EU's implementation – market issues

- Common EU electricity market started in 1996,...then 2003, ...then 2009
- At present ‘third package’ being implemented
- Better European coordination through ENTSO-E, ACER
- Unbundling (generation, transmission, distribution, supply)
- “Aligned” grid codes...
  
- Market integration elements in place, was bearing fruits...

# Europe's Synchronous Regions



# Europe's Market Coupling



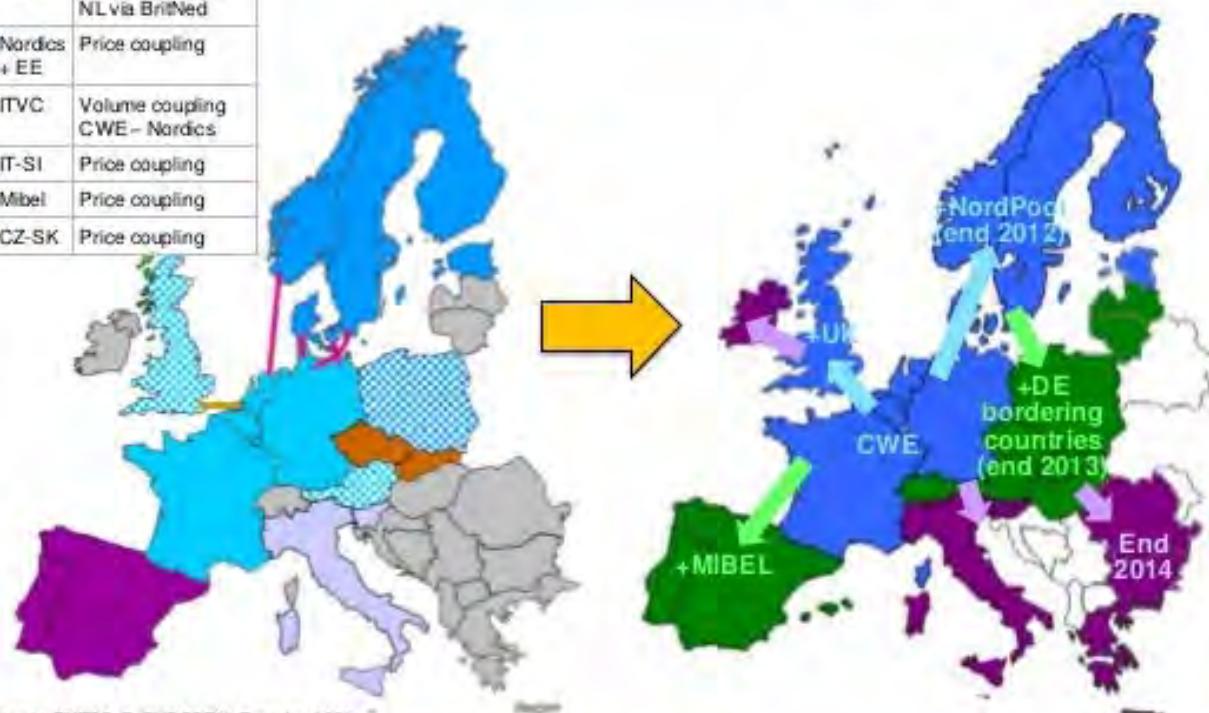
When will European electricity and gas markets be perfectly fluid?

- Despite remaining physical bottlenecks in electricity, **TSOs and Power Exchanges common actions** have improved electricity prices convergence:
  - Trilateral market coupling (TLC)** from November 2006 between France, Belgium, and the Netherlands
  - Coreso** (Regional Coordination Service Centre operational since February 2009 on the CWE\* area)
  - CWE\* market coupling and ITVC\*\*** since November 2010
- Gas market integration is slower but should progress

Trading is becoming a European business offering synergies opportunities

■	CWE*	Price coupling
■	AT	Price coupled to DE (no congestion)
■	UK	Price coupled to NL via BritNed
■	Nordics + EE	Price coupling
—	ITVC	Volume coupling CWE – Nordics
■	IT-SI	Price coupling
■	Mibel	Price coupling
■	CZ-SK	Price coupling

European power market coupling (current and future situation)

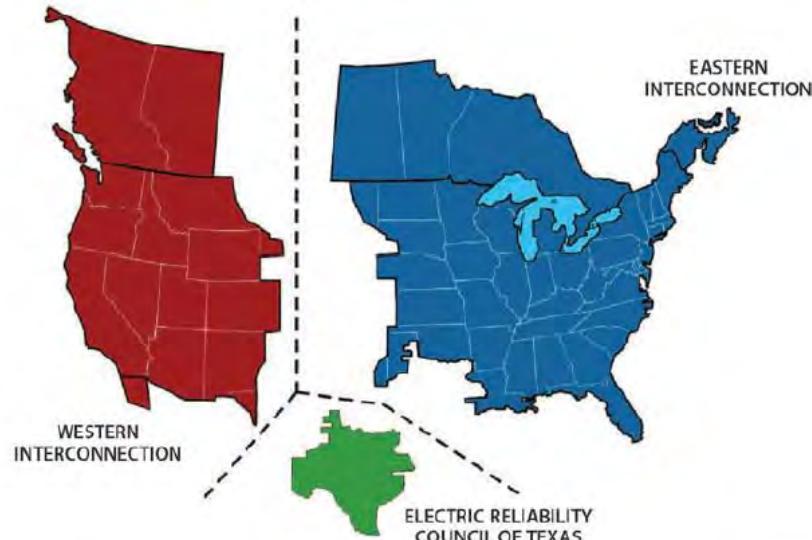


Source: ENTSO-E, EUROPEX, Energies 2050

\*CWE: Central Western Europe; \*\*ITVC: Interim Tight Volume Coupling

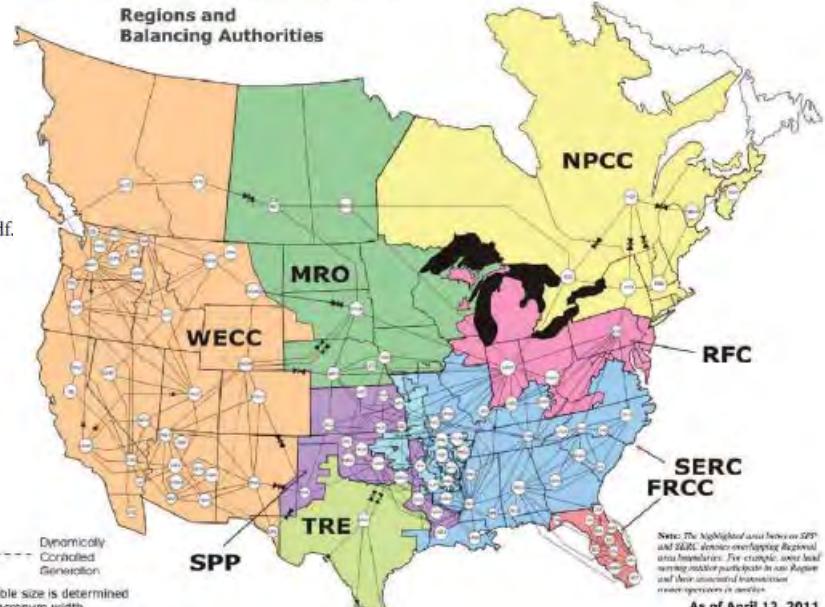
# Similar issues to US structure...

## Synchronous regions in the US



Source: U.S. Department of Energy, [http://energy.gov/sites/prod/files/oeprod/DocumentsandMedia/NERC\\_Interconnection\\_1A.pdf](http://energy.gov/sites/prod/files/oeprod/DocumentsandMedia/NERC_Interconnection_1A.pdf).

Balancing Authorities in the North American Electric Grid, 2011

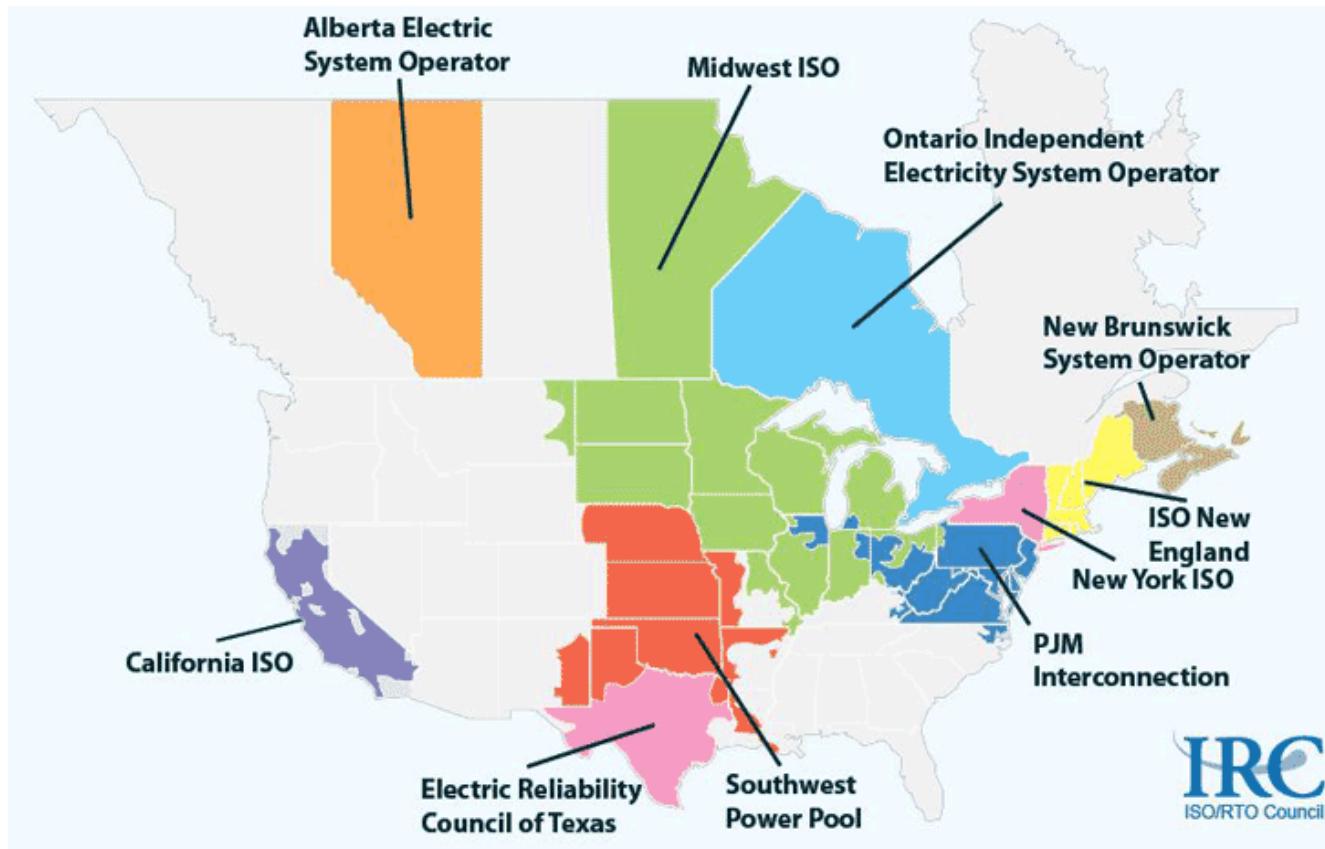


Source: North American Electric Reliability Corporation, [http://www.nerc.com/docs/oc/rs/BubbleMap\\_2011-04-12.jpg](http://www.nerc.com/docs/oc/rs/BubbleMap_2011-04-12.jpg)

Note: FRCC = Florida Reliability Coordinating Council; MRO = Midwest Reliability Organization; NPCC = Northeast Power Coordinating Council; RFC = ReliabilityFirst Corporation; SERC = SERC Reliability Corporation; SPP = Southwest Power Pool; TRE = Texas Regional Entity; WECC = Western Electricity Coordinating Council.

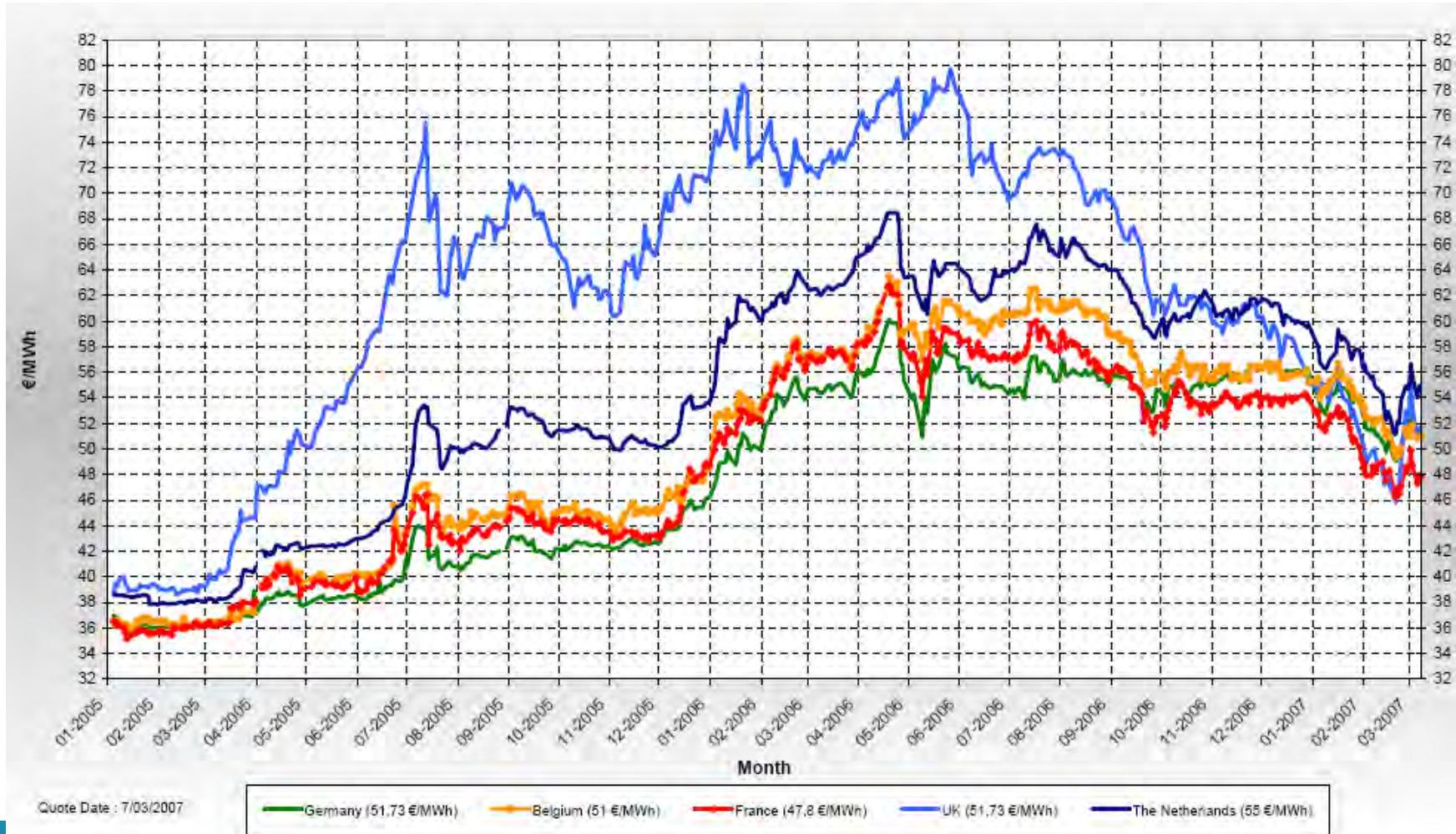
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Regions with organized electricity markets



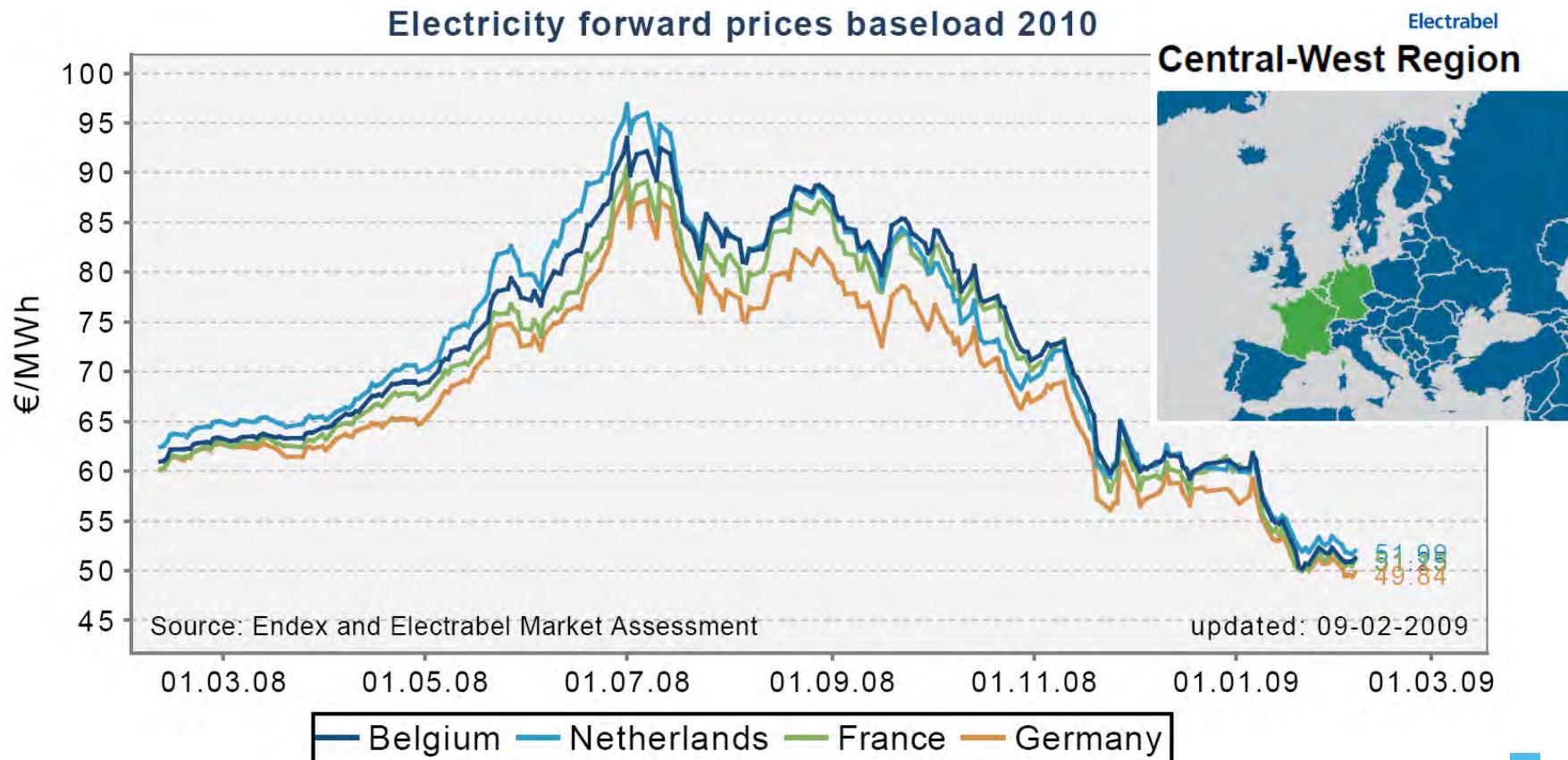
# EU's implementation – market issues

Convergence electricity prices point towards working market



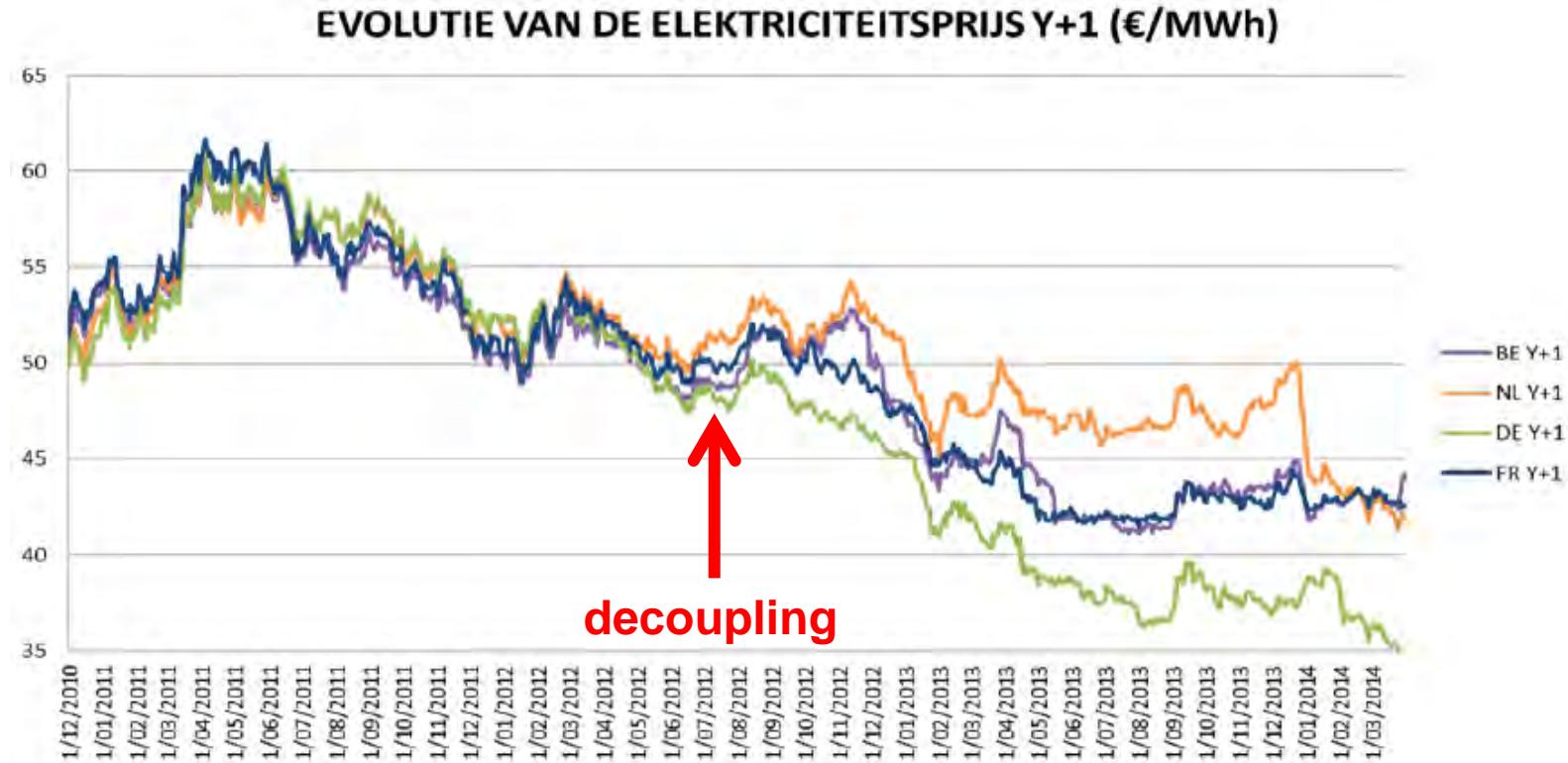
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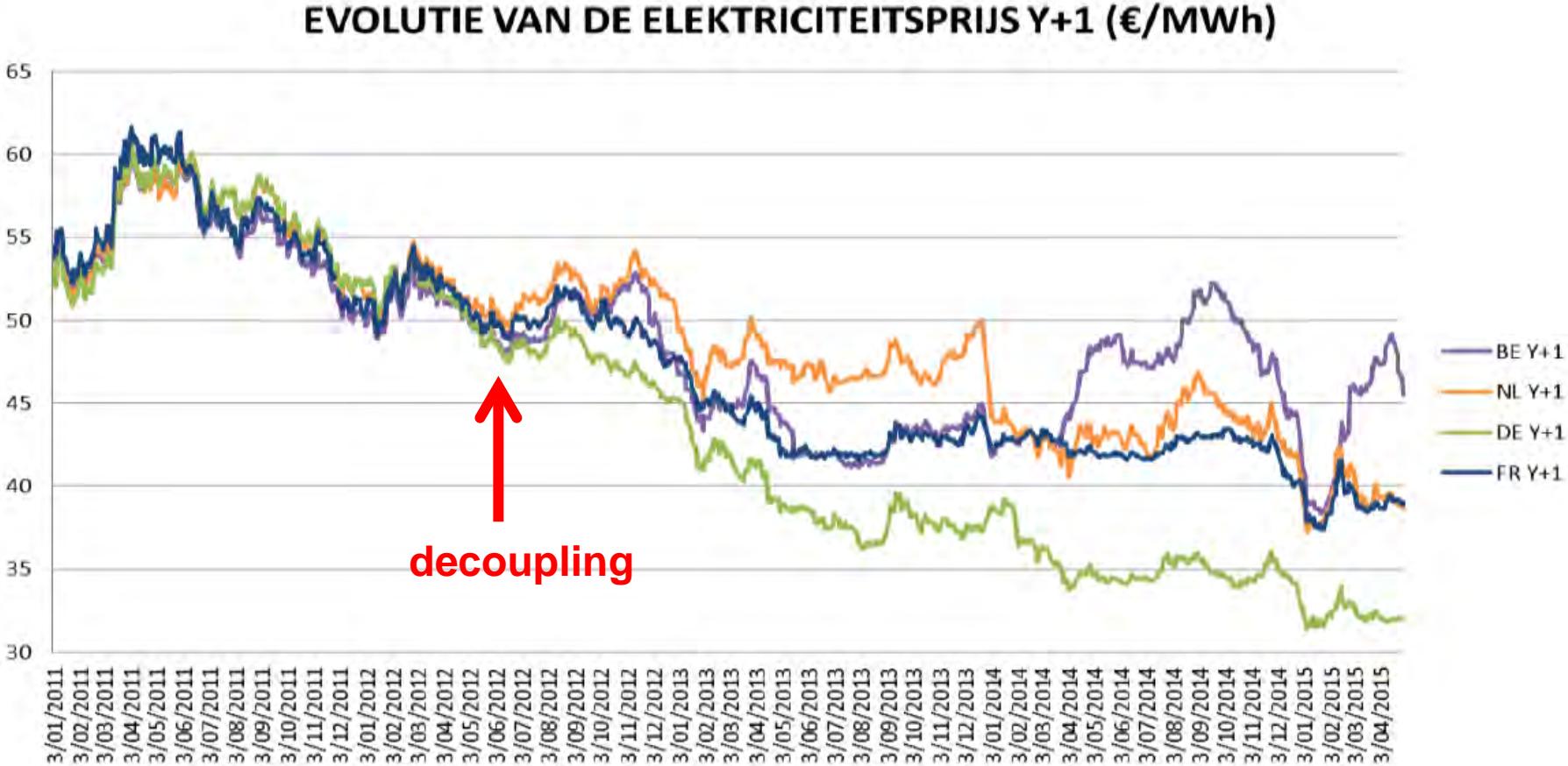


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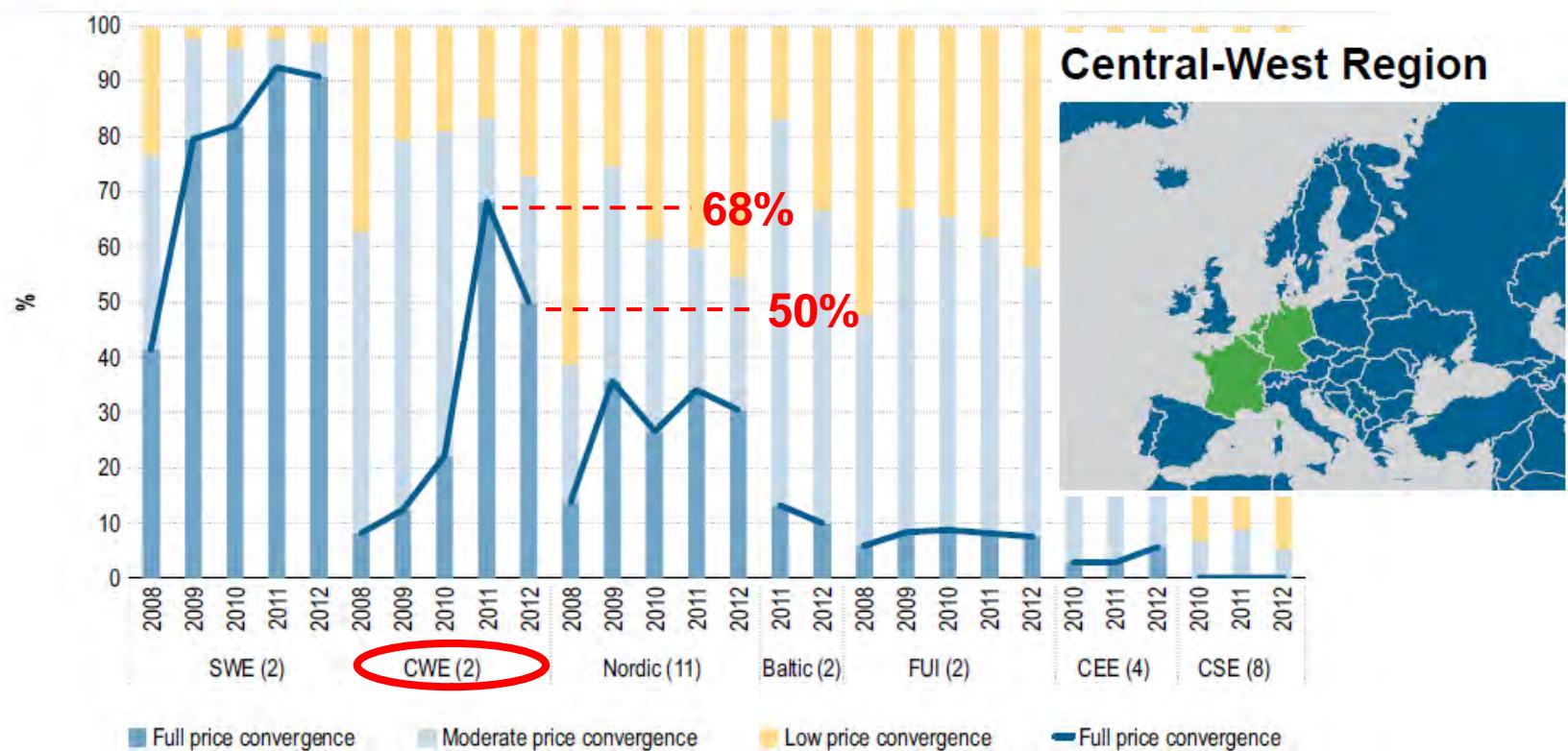


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Figure 13: Price convergence in Europe by region (ranked) – 2008 to 2012 (%)

Source: ACER, 2013

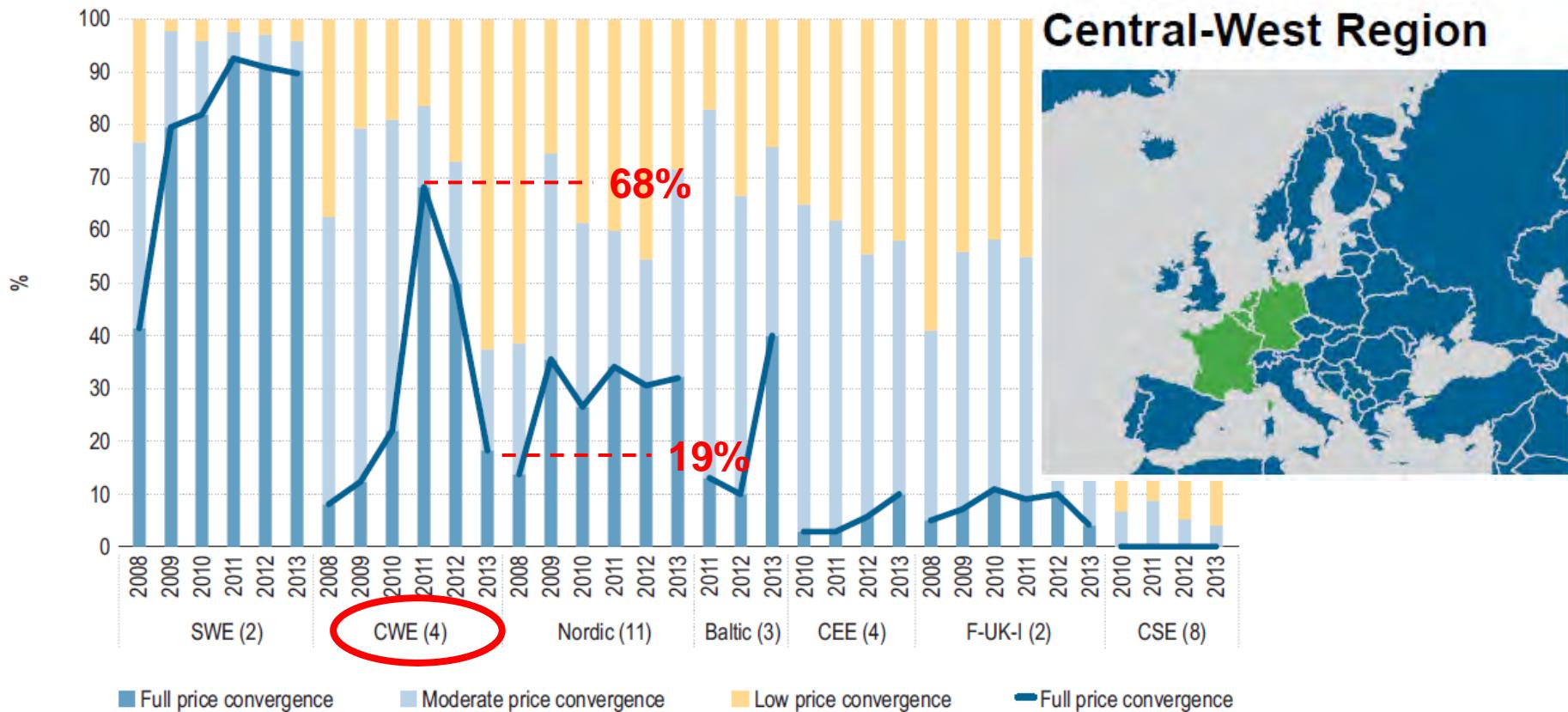


Source: Platts, PXs and data provided by NRAs through the Electricity Regional Initiatives (ERI) (2013) and ACER calculations

Note: The numbers in brackets, e.g. SWE(2), refer to the number of bidding zones per region included in the calculations.

# EU's implementation – market issues

Figure 37: Price convergence in Europe by region (ranked) – 2008–2013 (% of hours)



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Figure 14: Monthly average hourly wind production in Germany compared to price differentials in the CWE region – 2012 (MWh and euros/MWh)



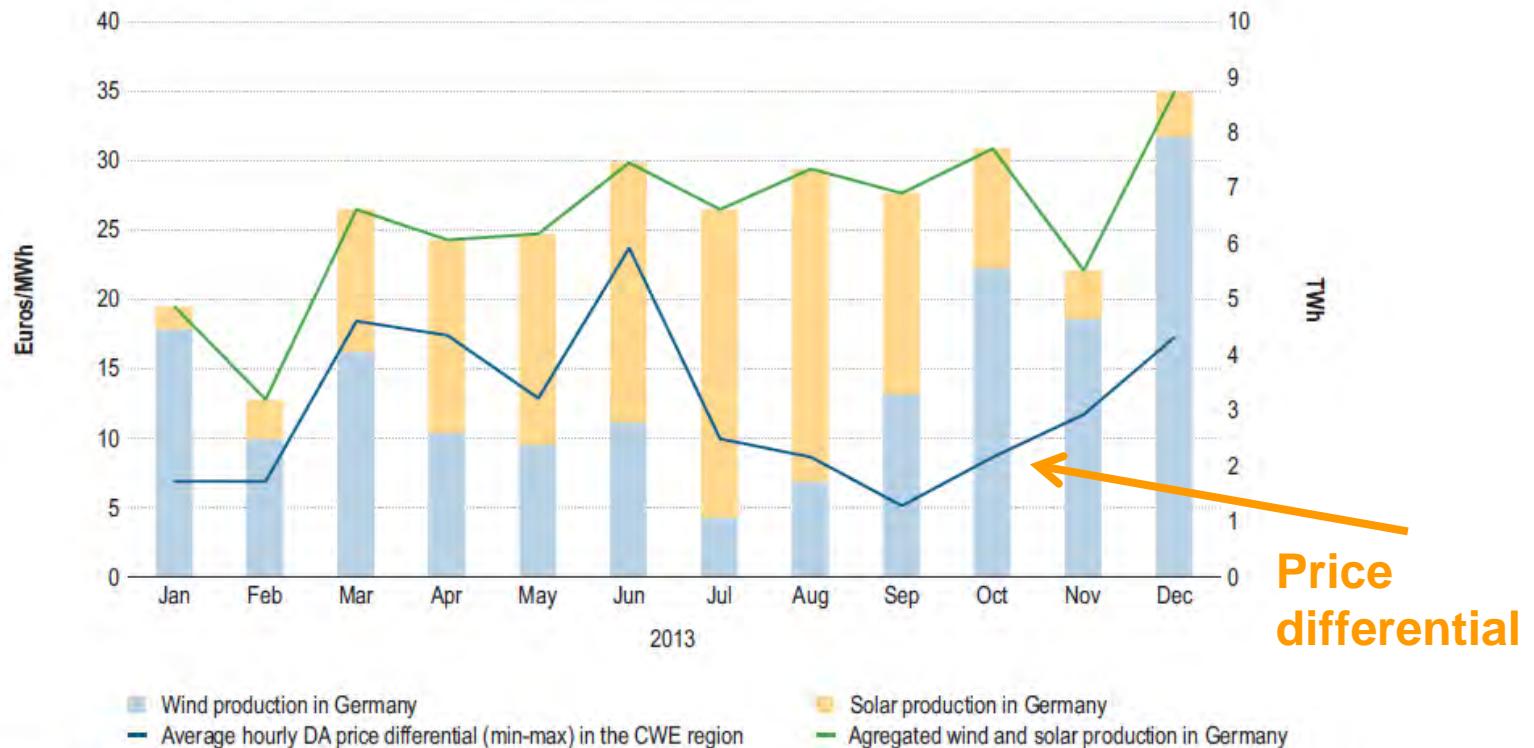
Source: ACER, 2013

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Note: The price differentials are calculated as the hourly difference between the maximum and minimum price of the bidding zones of the CWE region. In 2012, the lowest price was recorded in Germany for around 70% of the periods.

# EU's implementation – market issues

Figure 38: Monthly aggregated wind and solar production in Germany compared to price differentials in the CWE region – 2013 (TWh and euros/MWh)



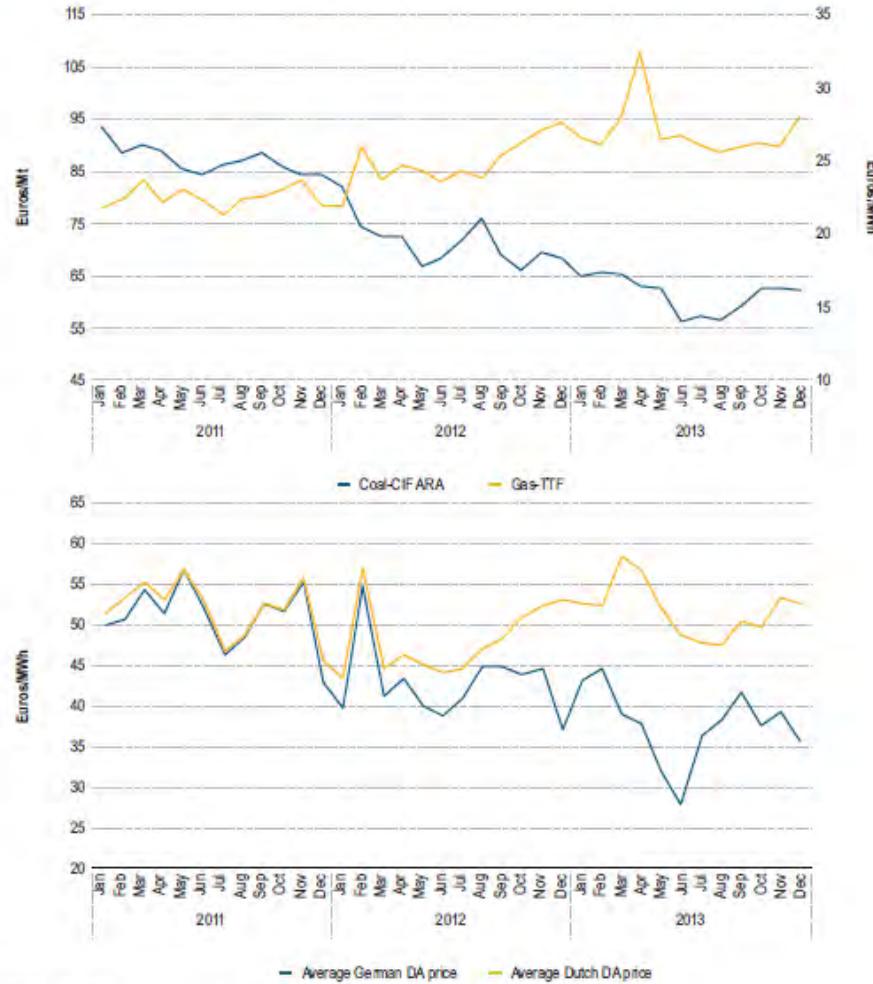
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Ref. ACER Annual Report 2014

# EU's implementation – market issues

Figure 39: Evolution of fuel (Coal-CIF ARA & Gas-TTF) and power prices (German and Dutch average day-ahead prices) – 2011–2013 (euros/Mt and euros/MWh)



Source: Platts (2014)

# EU's implementation – market issues

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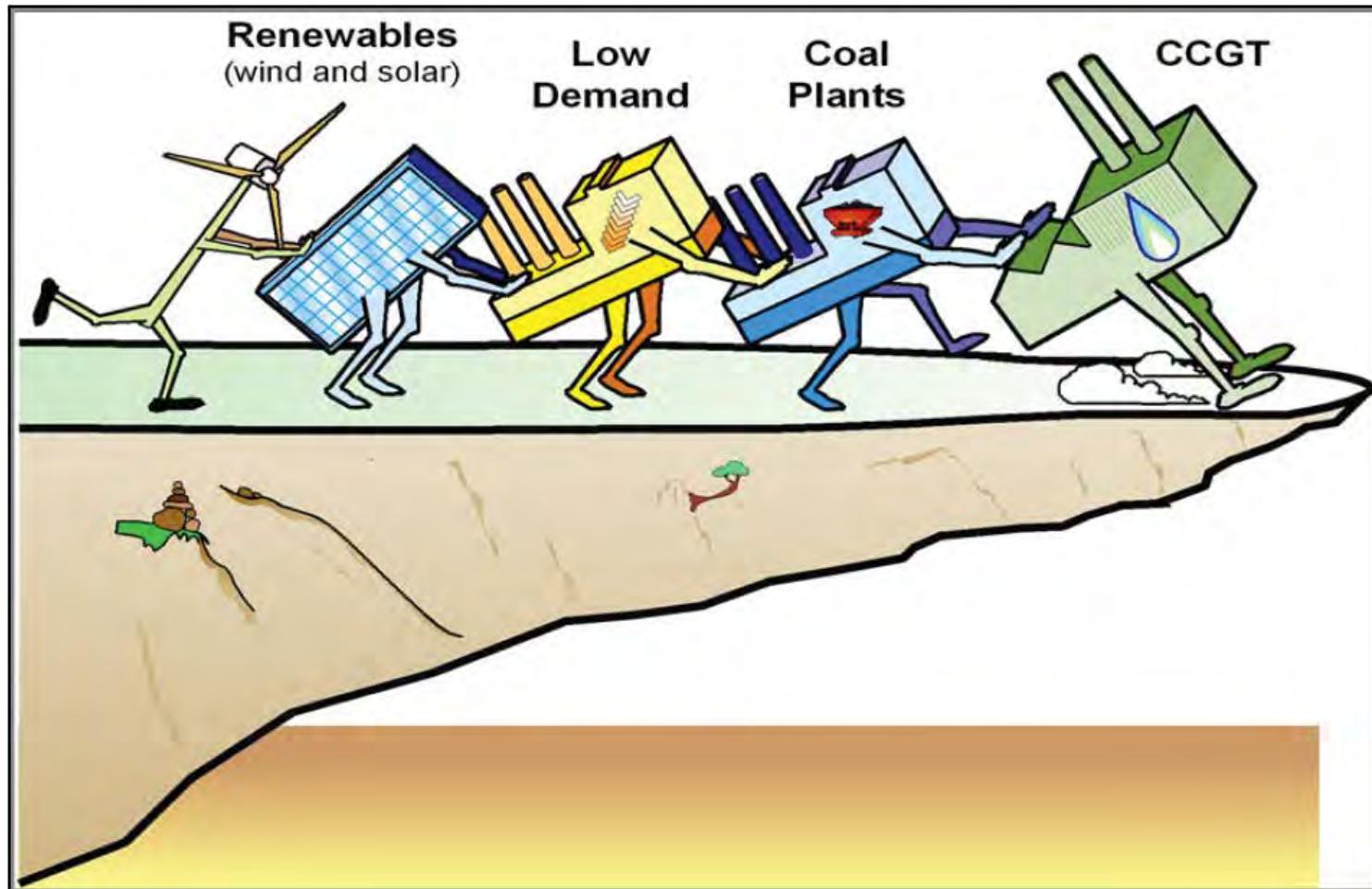
- *Decoupling prices* shows ‘poorer’ functioning of market
- *Lower wholesale prices* seem to be good news (?)
- But they lead to major problems for owners/operators of *thermal plants which are needed for balancing!*
- And ironically, end-consumer prices increase rather than decrease (to pay for the levies/subsidies)

# EU's implementation – market issues

But ... Recent developments... !!!

- These effects were not foreseen in “liberalized market design”...
- Due to massive injection of zero marginal cost generation (RES)
- Existing thermal plants are pushed out of merit order.
- But, due to low coal prices in Europe (high gas price in EU, low gas price in USA → coal cheaper, very low CO<sub>2</sub> penalty)
- Most efficient & flexible plants (CCGTs) are pushed out of merit order... Tendency for mothballing

# EU's implementation – market issues



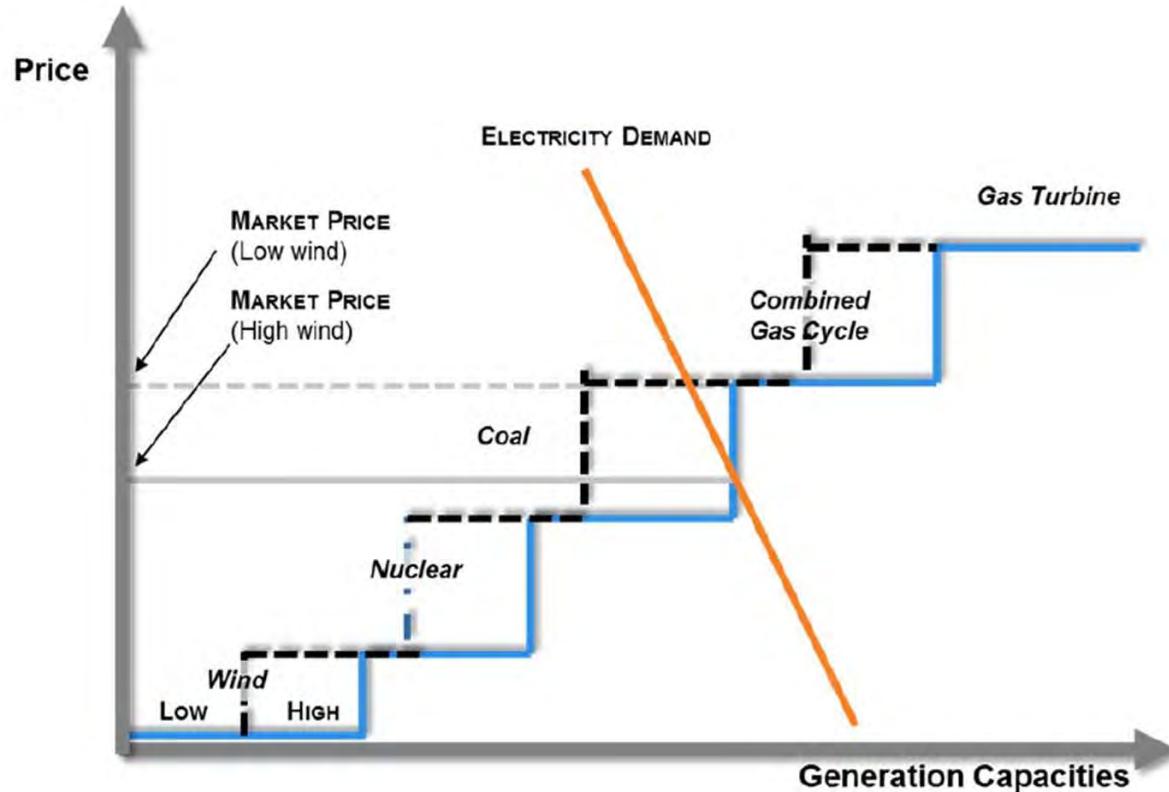
# EU's implementation – market issues

But ... Recent developments... !!!

- Leads even to negative wholesale prices !!
- May need completely different philosophy with massive RES, where 'holding' capacity ready is remunerated...  
→ capacity remuneration mechanisms ??

# EU's implementation – market issues

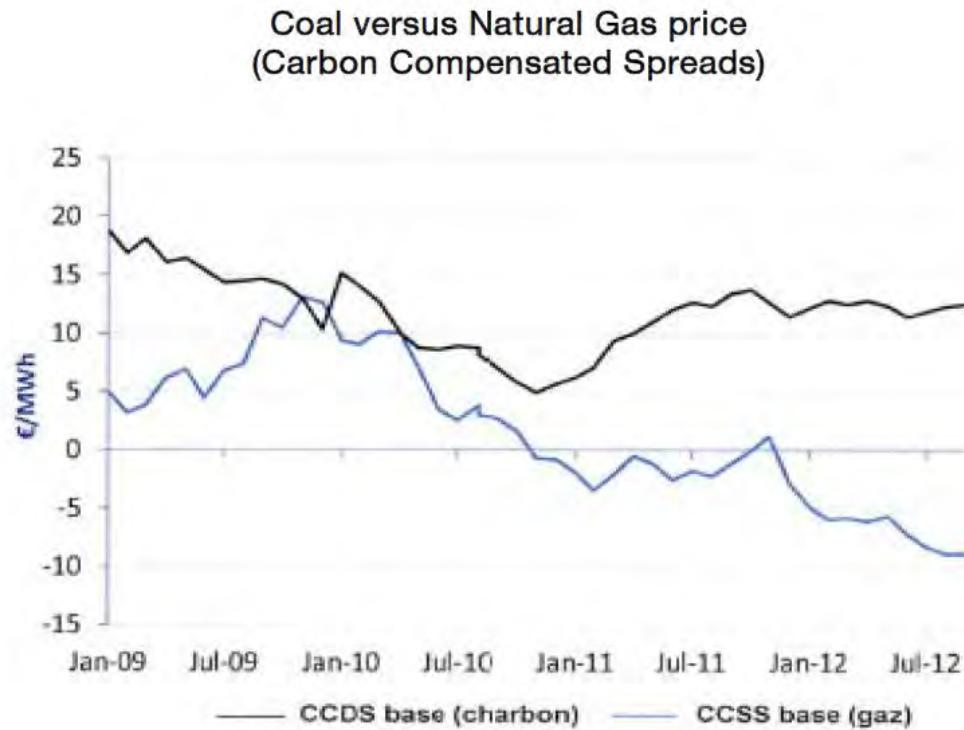
The merit order effect of RES



Ref: F. Roques in "The crisis of the European Electricity System" – FR 2014

# EU's implementation – market issues

Prices too low for covering operational cost of gas plants



*Evolution of CDS and CSS between 2009 and 2012 – Source: GDF Suez*

Spread = difference price & production cost = gross profit

# EU's implementation – market issues

## The “missing money problem” !!

- The most efficient plants (gas-fired combined cycles – CCGT) are pushed out of the merit order
    - their capacity factor becomes too low to recover investments
    - the prices are too low to cover operating costs
    - **many CCGTs are currently shut down and will be mothballed or shut down permanently!**
- **Risk: insufficient capacity (generation adequacy) to do the back up**

# EU's implementation – market issues

## Negative wholesale prices

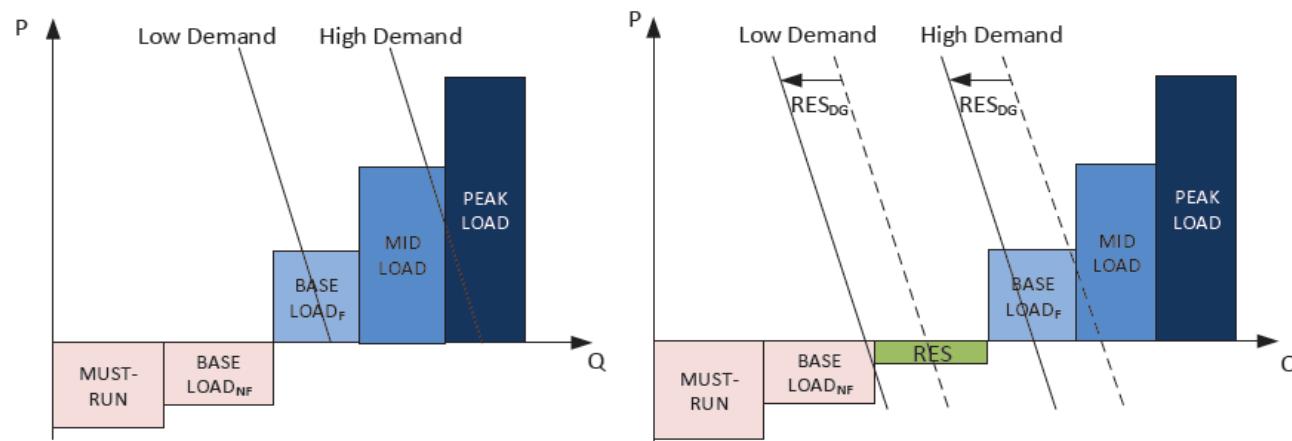


Figure 2: Practical merit order without (left) and with renewable energy sources (right);  $RES_{DG}$  expected renewable generation production of distributed nature; F flexible; NF non-flexible

Ref: Factsheet 2014-1 KULv EI

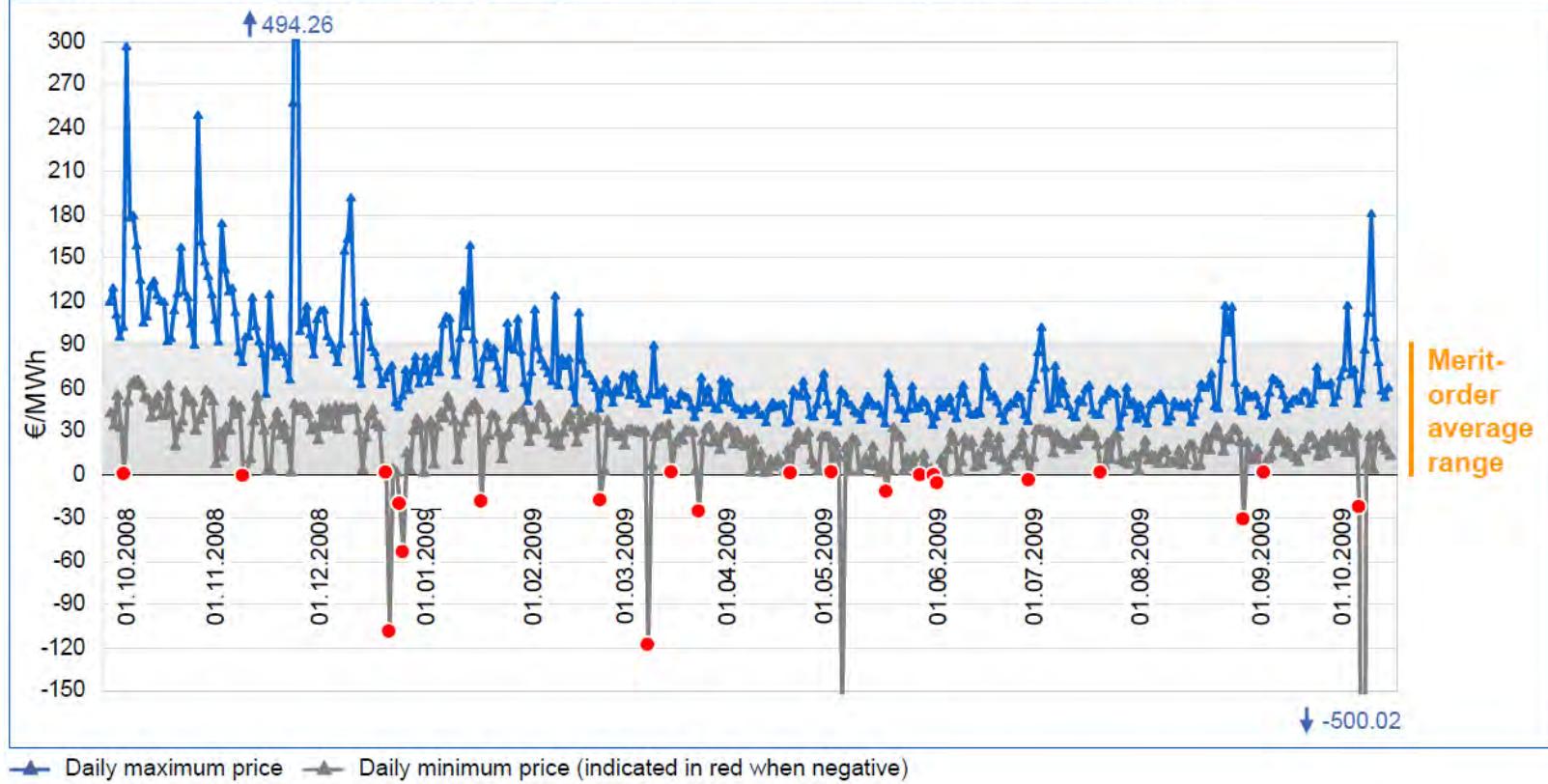
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# EU's implementation – market issues

## Negative prices in Germany in period October 2008-October 2009

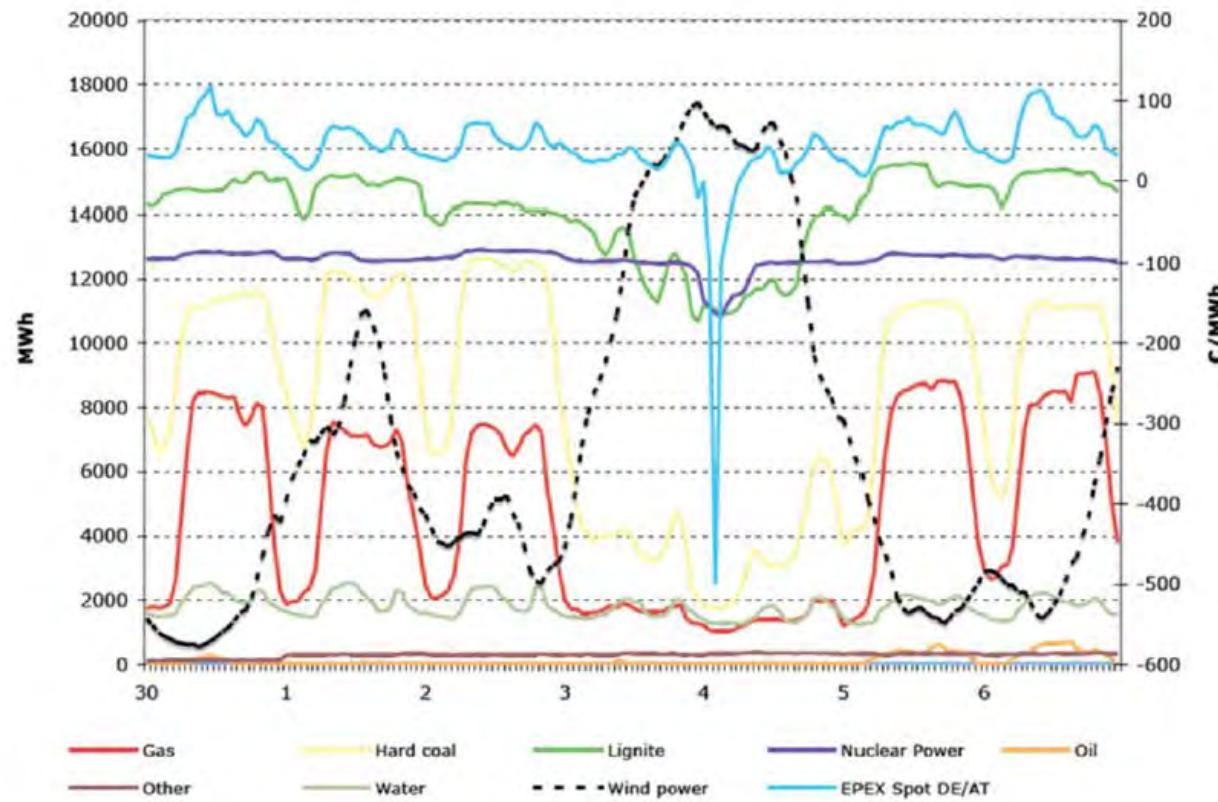
Growing proportion of renewables leads to higher price volatility. October 2008 to October 2009:

**60 hours** with negative prices; highest price reached: +€500/MWh, lowest -€500/MWh



# Negative Wholesale Electricity Prices

Reaction of different generation technologies in Germany  
to negative power prices on October 4, 2009



Source: Vassilopoulos P. (2010) based on EEX Transparency and EPEX Spot data

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# EU's implementation – market issues

Belgium: the “missing money problem” + nuclear phase out

Recall:

→ Risk: insufficient capacity (generation adequacy) to do the back up

- In case of shortage, peak prices would skyrocket!
  - But peak prices not high enough to compensate “losses”
  - May need for **capacity remuneration mechanisms** unless unlimited peak prices are allowed (“energy only markets”)
- 
- In Belgium: combined with nuclear phase out...
  - → **“Strategic Reserves”**

# EU's implementation

## Issues / challenges / problems in the EU market

- Technical challenges
- Market-integration problems
- Consequences for the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- End-electricity prices for end consumers

A shared effort  
between sectors and  
MS

**GHG Target:**  
**-20% compared to 1990**

**-14% compared to 2005**

**EU ETS**  
**-21% compared  
to 2005**

**Non ETS sectors**  
**-10% compared to 2005**

**27 Member State targets, stretching from -20% to +20%**

# European Energy Policy - EU ETS

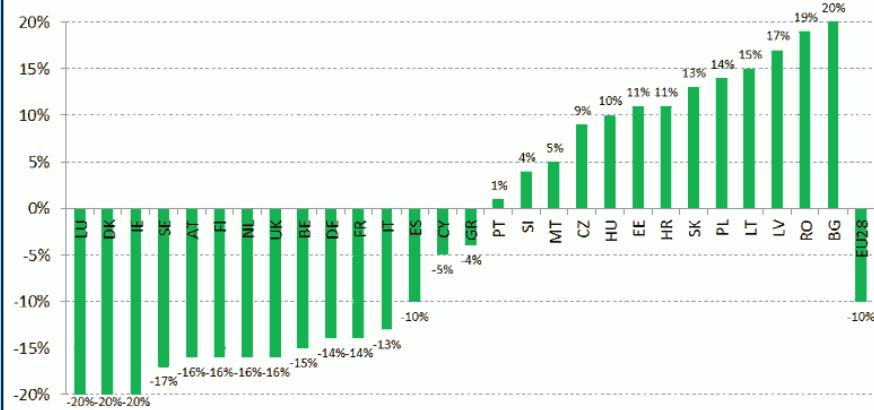
-20% GHG wrt 1990 = -14% GHG wrt 2005

## Emission Trading Scheme (ETS)

- -21% GHG compared to 2005
- ~45% GHG, ~50% CO<sub>2</sub>
- one EU-wide system for heavy industries
  - power and heat sector
  - energy intensive industrial sectors
  - aviation (from 2012, within ETS)
- cap-and-trade system

## Effort Sharing Decision

- -10% GHG compared to 2005
- ~55% GHG, ~50% CO<sub>2</sub>
- Member State targets for small emitters

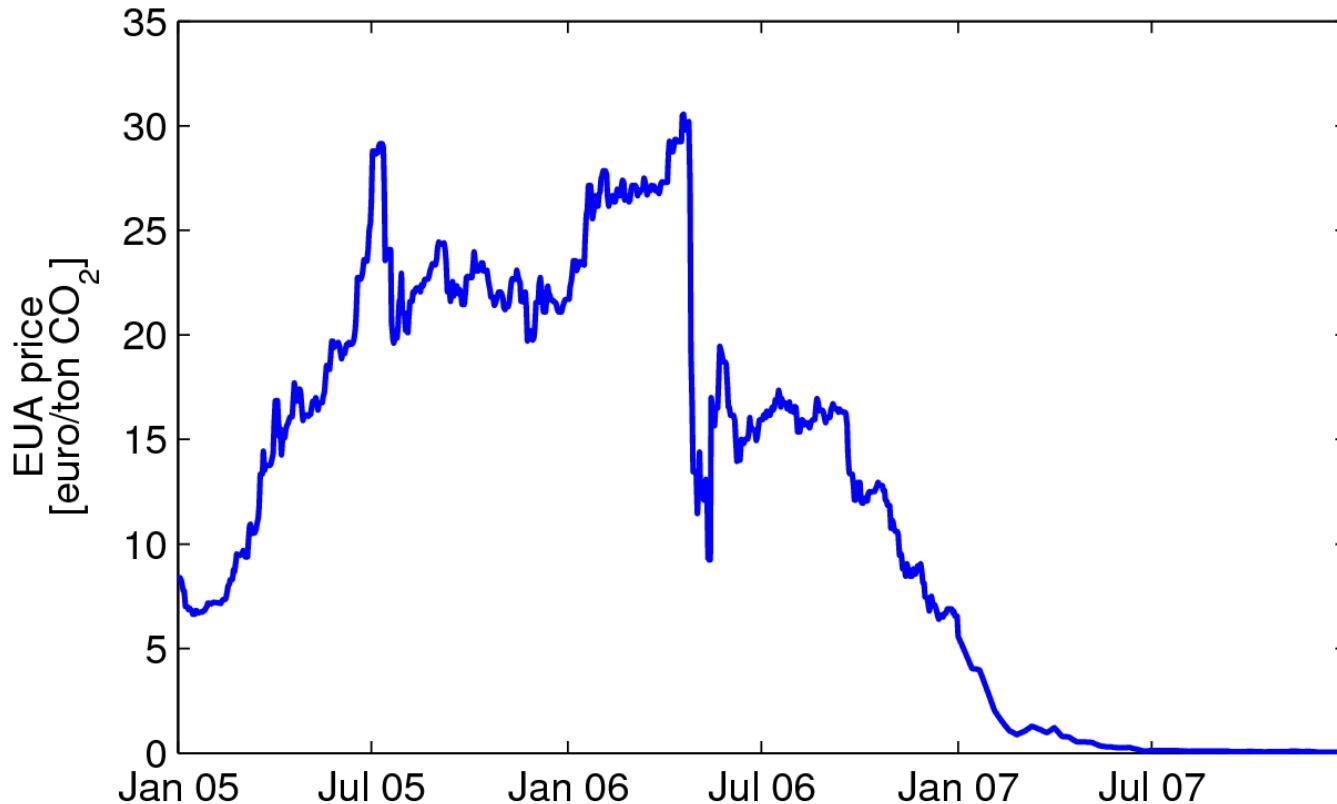


# European Energy Policy - *EU ETS*

- As of January 1st 2005, EU has started  
**EU Emission Trading Scheme (EU ETS)**
- For each ton of CO<sub>2</sub> emission, allowance must be submitted
  - Can be traded on a market
- So-called “Cap and Trade” system: Amounts emitted limited but price varies
  - ↔ CO<sub>2</sub> tax fixes price, but emissions unknown
- Not between countries but between companies!

# European Energy Policy - EU ETS

- EU ETS price - First Phase (2005 - 2007)



# European Energy Policy - EU ETS

- EU ETS price – Second Phase (2008 - 2012)



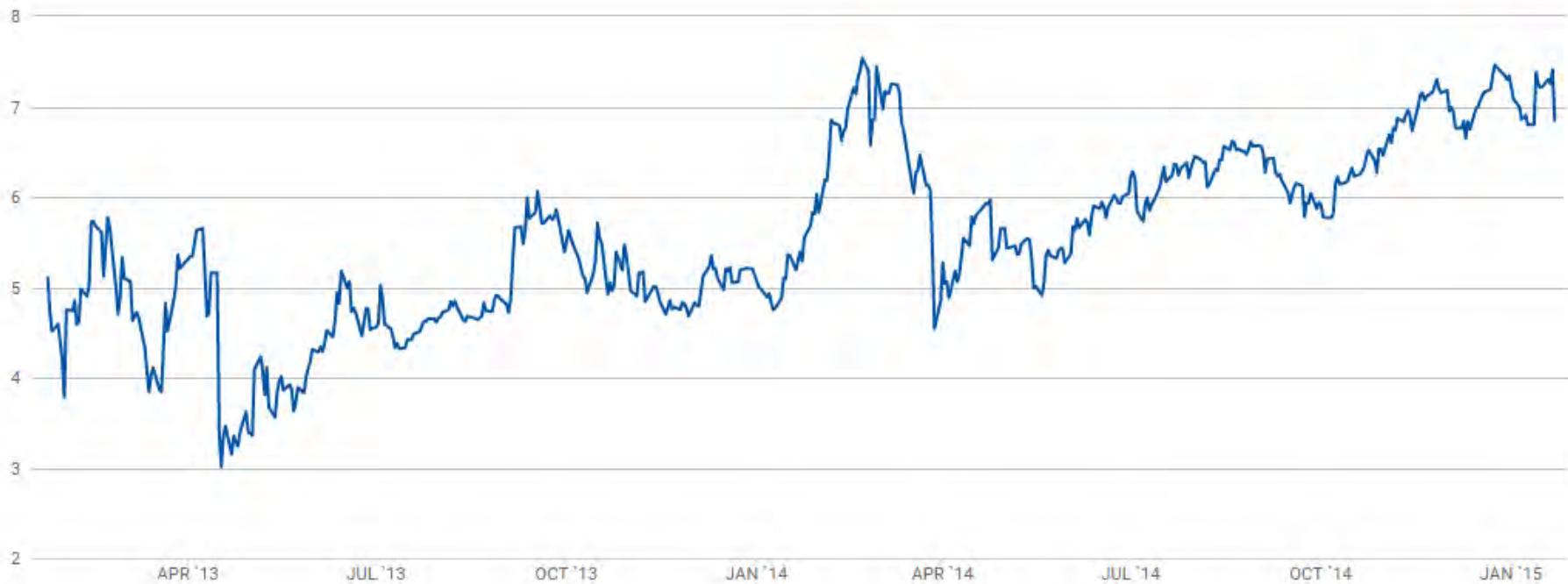
# European Energy Policy - EU ETS

- EU ETS price – Second and Third



# European Energy Policy - *EU ETS*

- EU ETS price – Third Phase (2013 till early 2015)



# EU's implementation

## Consequences for the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

- Very low prices for CO<sub>2</sub> emission permits (“allowances”)
  - Due to
    - economic crisis (less CO<sub>2</sub> emissions) in 2008-2014
    - “banking” of allowances from phase 2
    - Inflow of international credits
    - massive injection RES with priority access → reduces demand for fossil generation → reduces demand for CO<sub>2</sub> allowances → lower CO<sub>2</sub> prices
- i.e., highly subsidized RES effectively **subsidize cheap coal** by keeping the CO<sub>2</sub> penalties low !!*

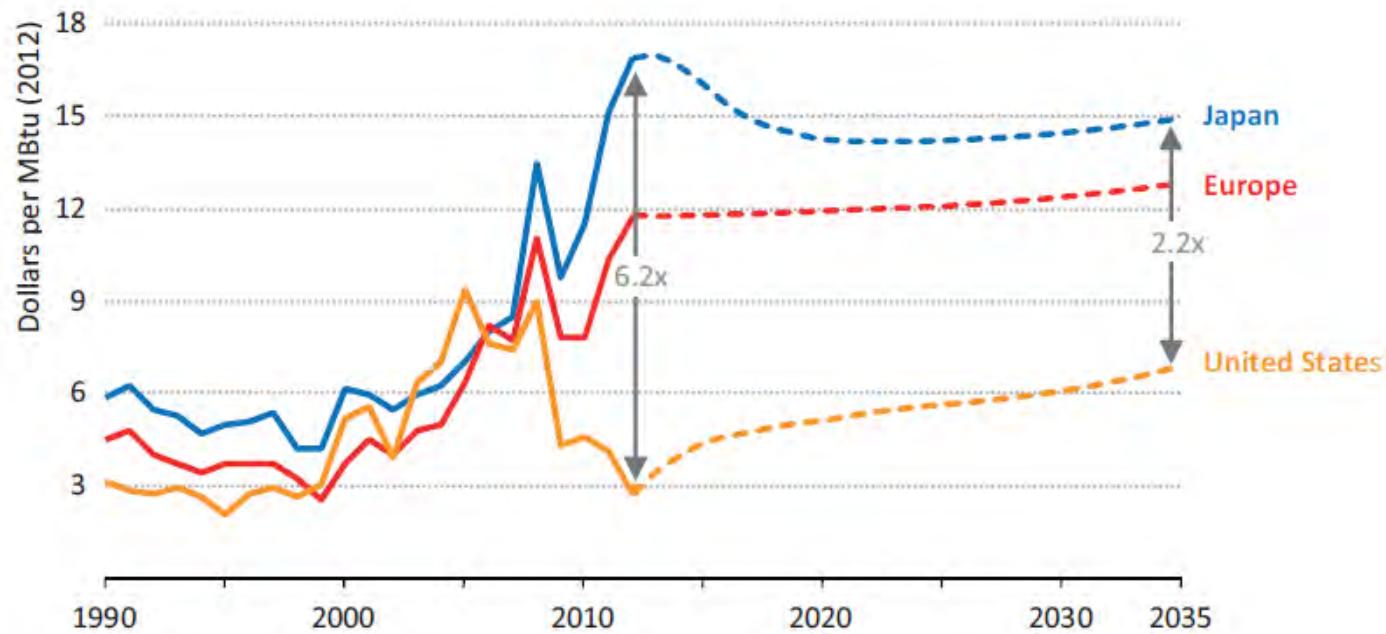
# EU's implementation

- Consequences of shale gas in US for CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in DE
- System effect due to low gas prices in USA – shale gas
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# EU's implementation

Consequences of shale gas in US for CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in DE

**Figure 1.3 ▷ Natural gas prices by region in the New Policies Scenario**

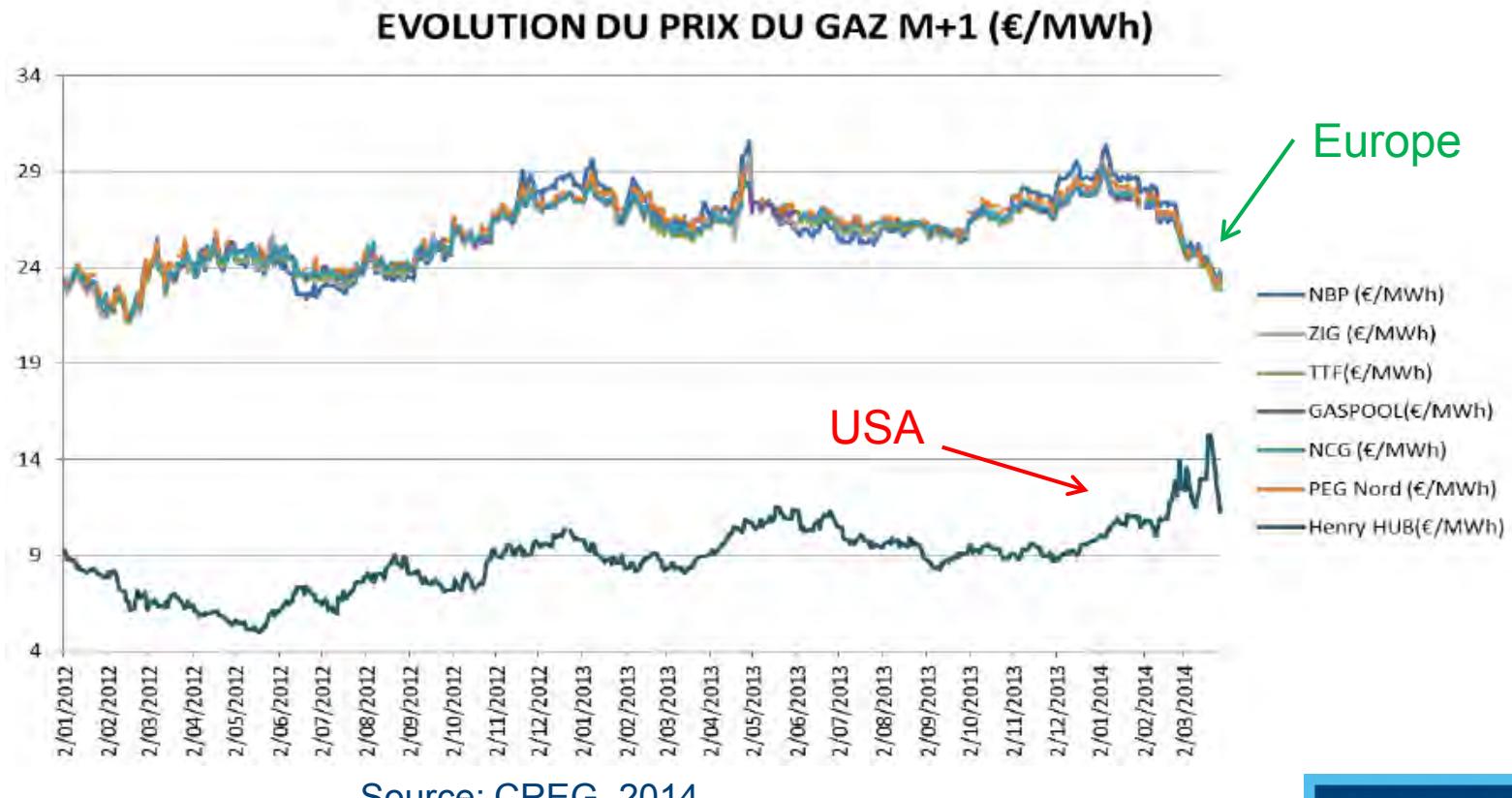


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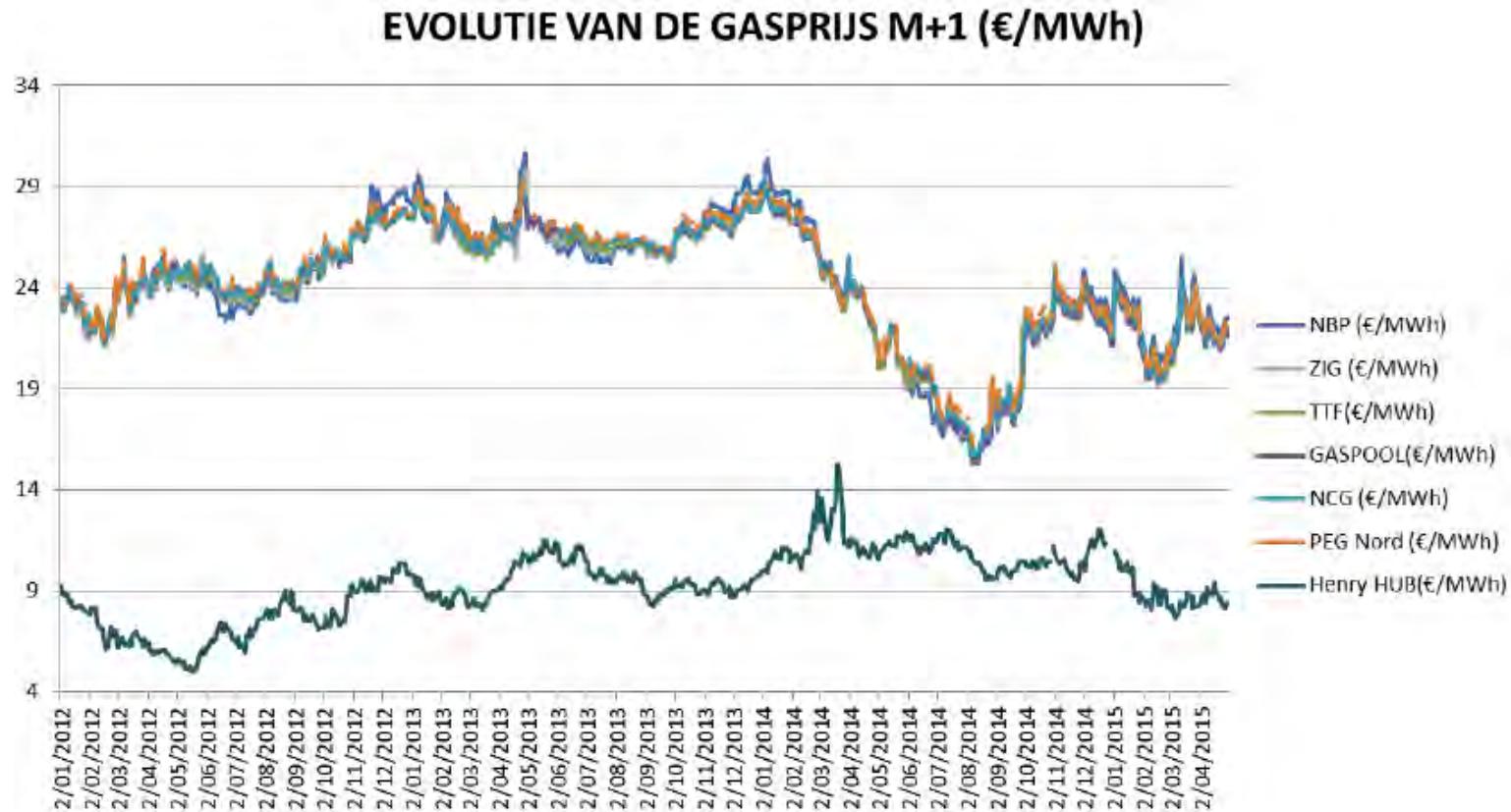
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Consequences of shale gas in US for CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in DE



# EU's implementation

Consequences of shale gas in US for CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in DE



Source: CREG, 2015

# EU's implementation

## Consequences of shale gas in US for CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in DE

- System effect due to low gas prices in USA – shale gas
  - Gas extremely cheap in the USA
  - Gas pushes coal out of merit order in USA
  - US coal demand decreased
  - Lower coal prices
  - USA coal offered to world market ... shipped to Germany
  - Cheap US coal used in German coal fired plants
- German CO<sub>2</sub> emissions electricity generation have gone up!
- But does not matter in EU since ETS, only price increase EUAs
  - **In mean time: world emissions CO<sub>2</sub> up up up**

# EU's implementation

## Issues / challenges / problems in the EU market

- Technical challenges
- Market-integration problems
- Consequences for the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- End-electricity prices for end consumers

# Decomposition of energy retail prices BE Electricity



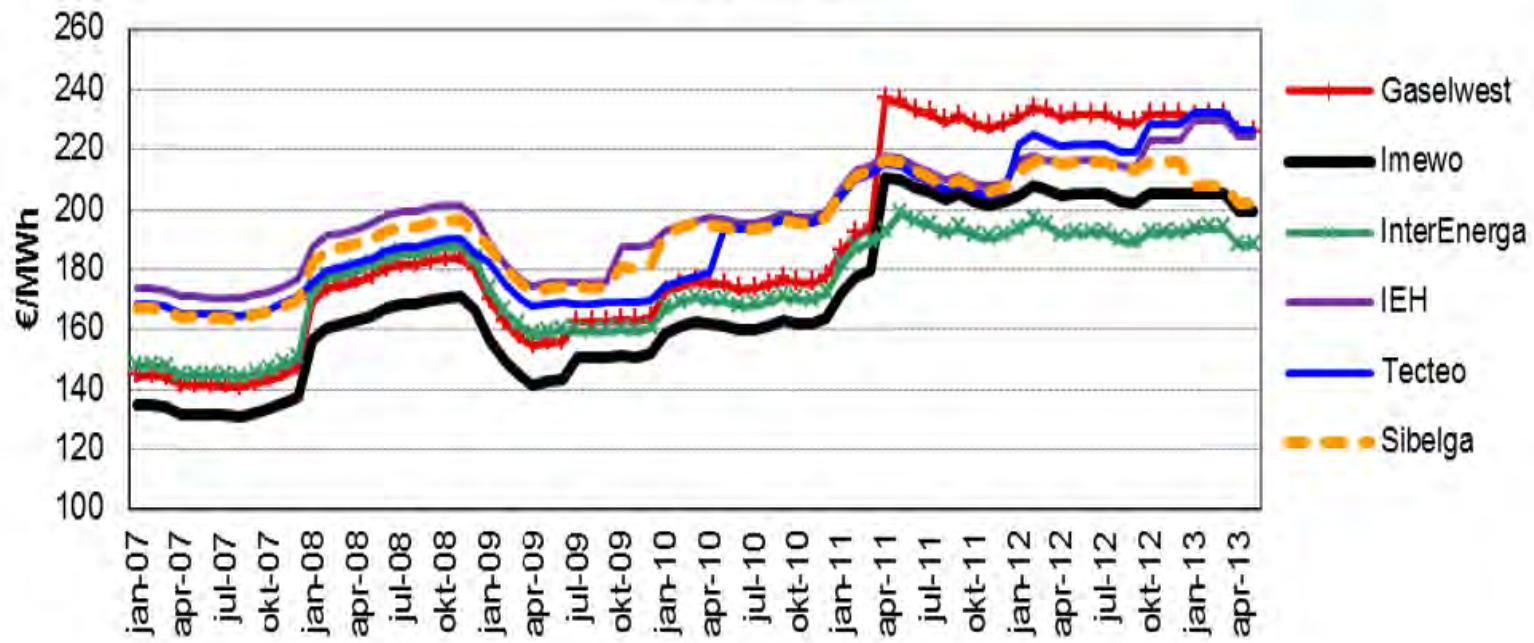
- Consider following consumers (*following CREG report*)
  - Household (“Dc”)
    - Electricity 3,500 kWh/y
  - Professional consumers
    - Electricity 160,000 kWh/y, low voltage (“lc”)
    - Electricity 160,000 kWh/y, medium voltage (“lc1”)
- Evolution of price from January 2007 till May 2013

# Decomposition of energy retail prices BE Electricity



- Evolution of final price – domestic consumer

Evolutie van de prijs aan de eindgebruiker - Dc -  
Electrabel



Source: CREG, 2013

# Decomposition of energy retail prices BE Electricity

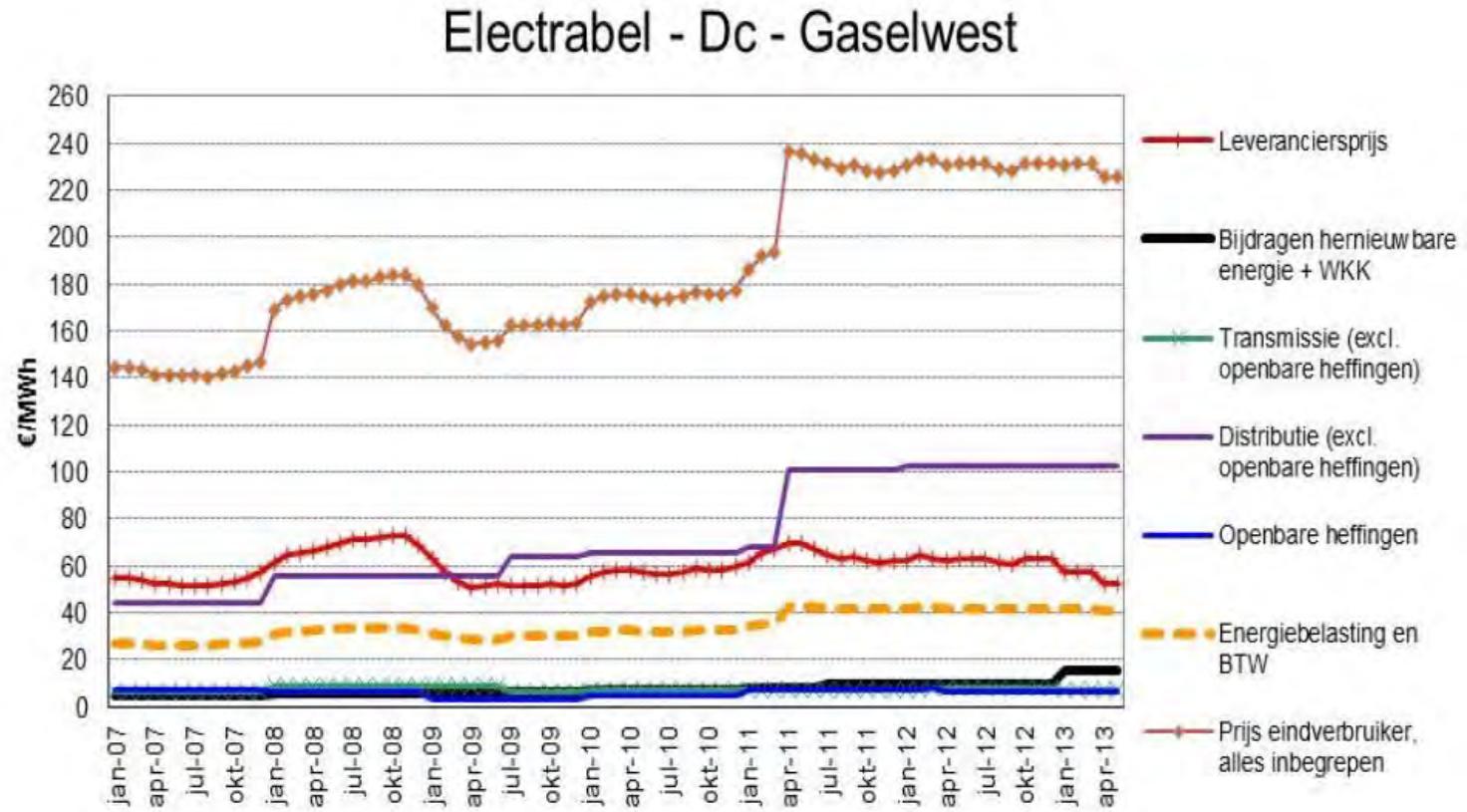


- Composition of final price
  - Energy price
  - Transmission
  - Distribution
  - Public levies
  - Contribution RES and CHP
  - Energy taxes and VAT

# Decomposition of energy retail prices BE Electricity



- Composition of final price – domestic consumer



Source: CREG, 2013

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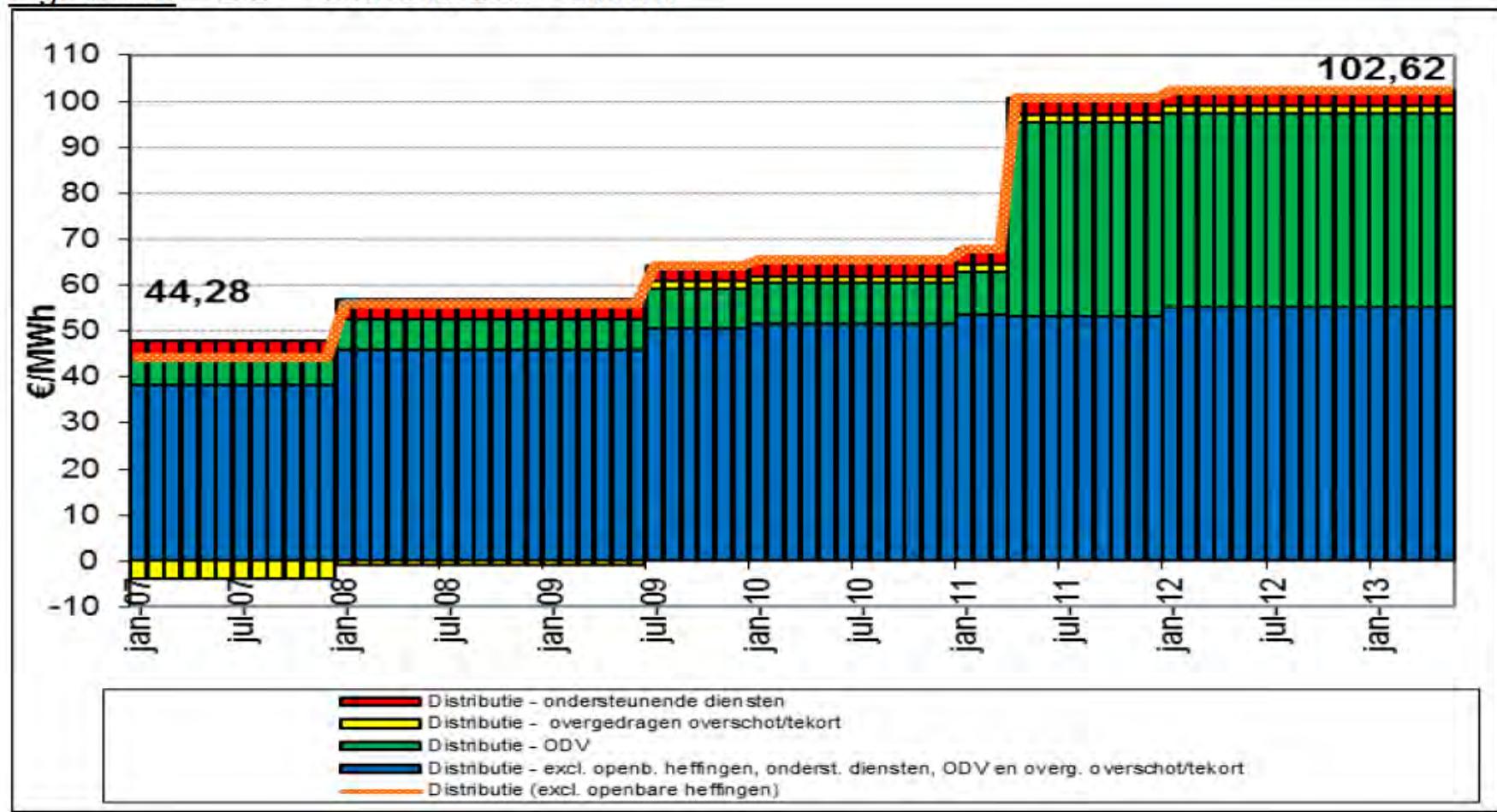
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- Evolution and composition distribution tariff

Figuur 6.1. – Dc – Gaselwest - €/MWh

Source: CREG, 2013

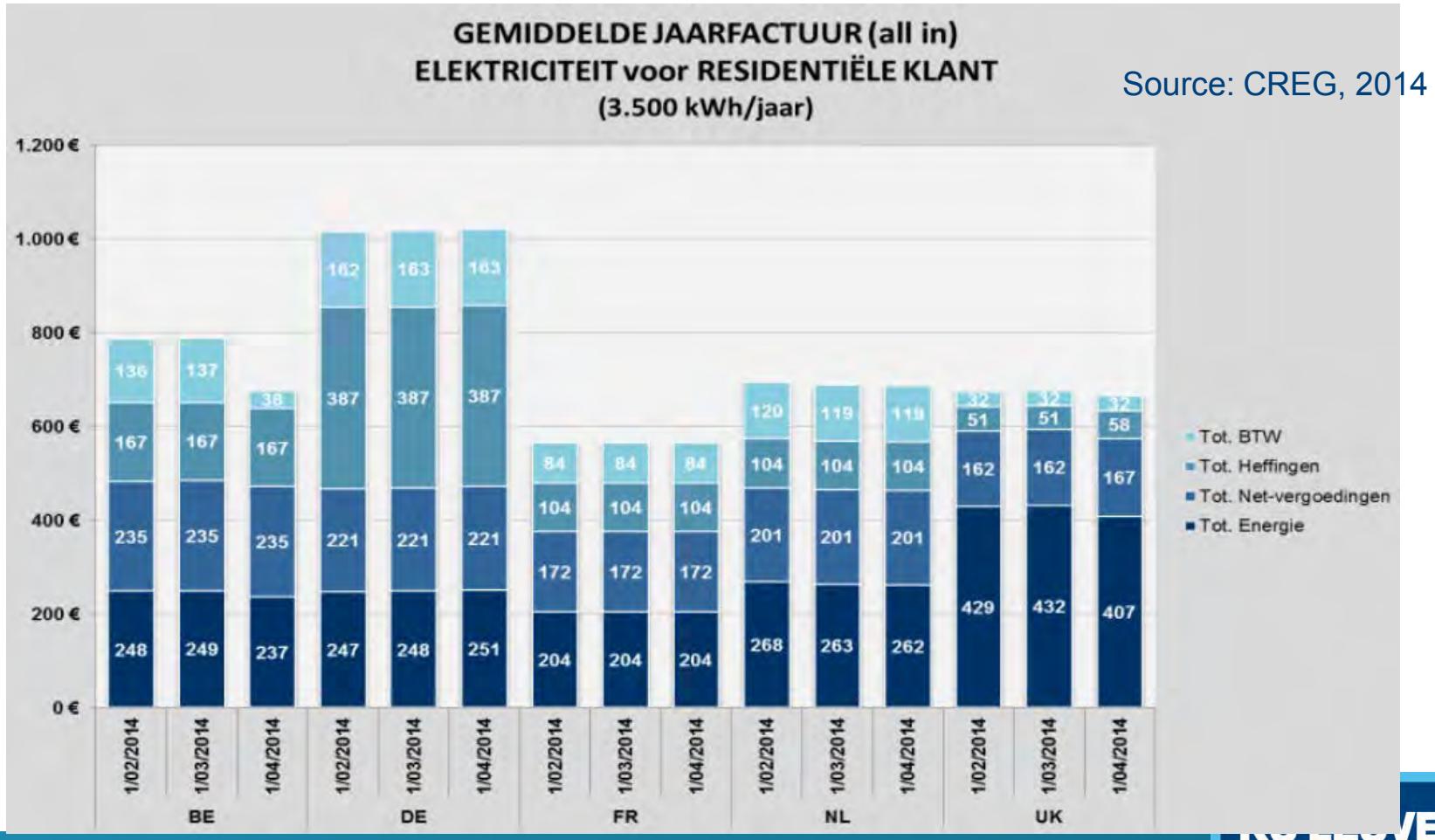


# International positioning

## Electricity prices



- Comparison neighboring countries – domestic consumer



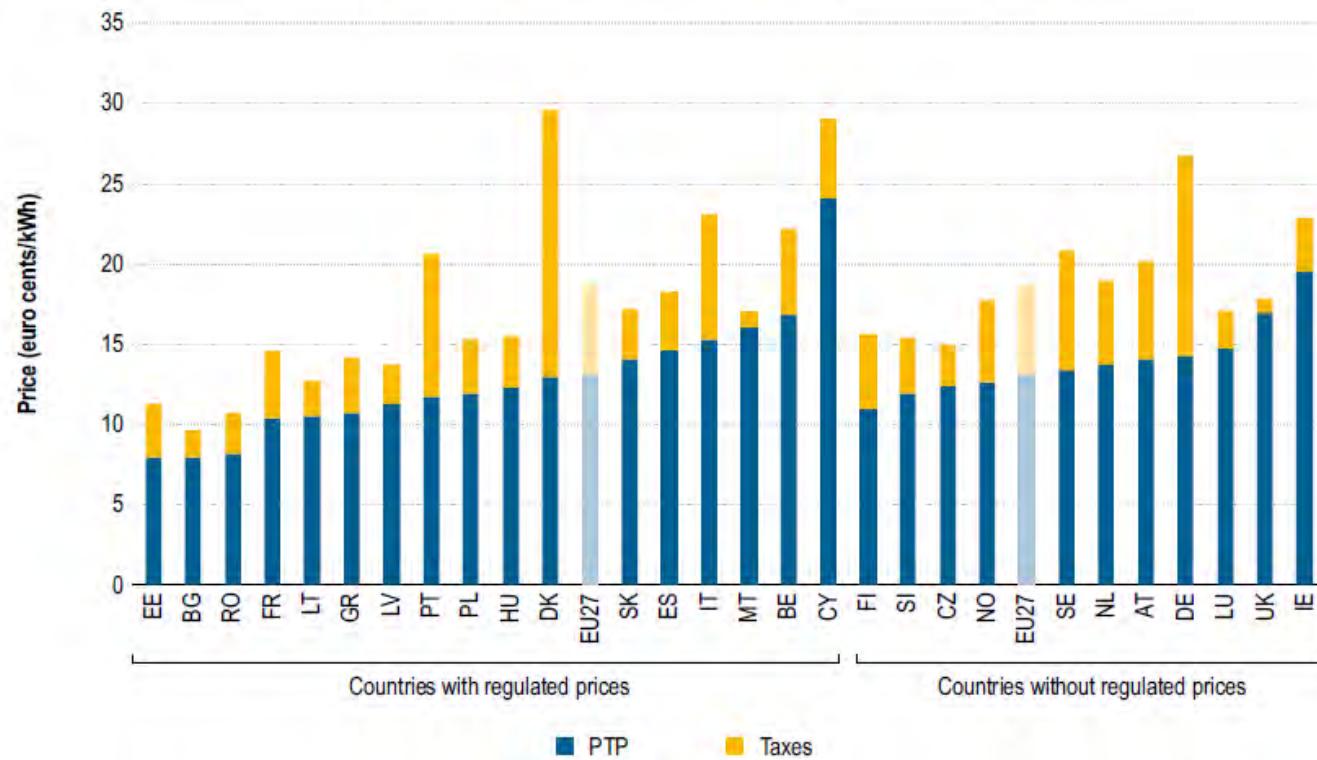


# International positioning

## Electricity prices

- EU comparison – domestic consumer

Figure 3: Electricity POTP and PTP for households – Europe – 2012 (euro cents/kWh)



Source: ACER, 2013

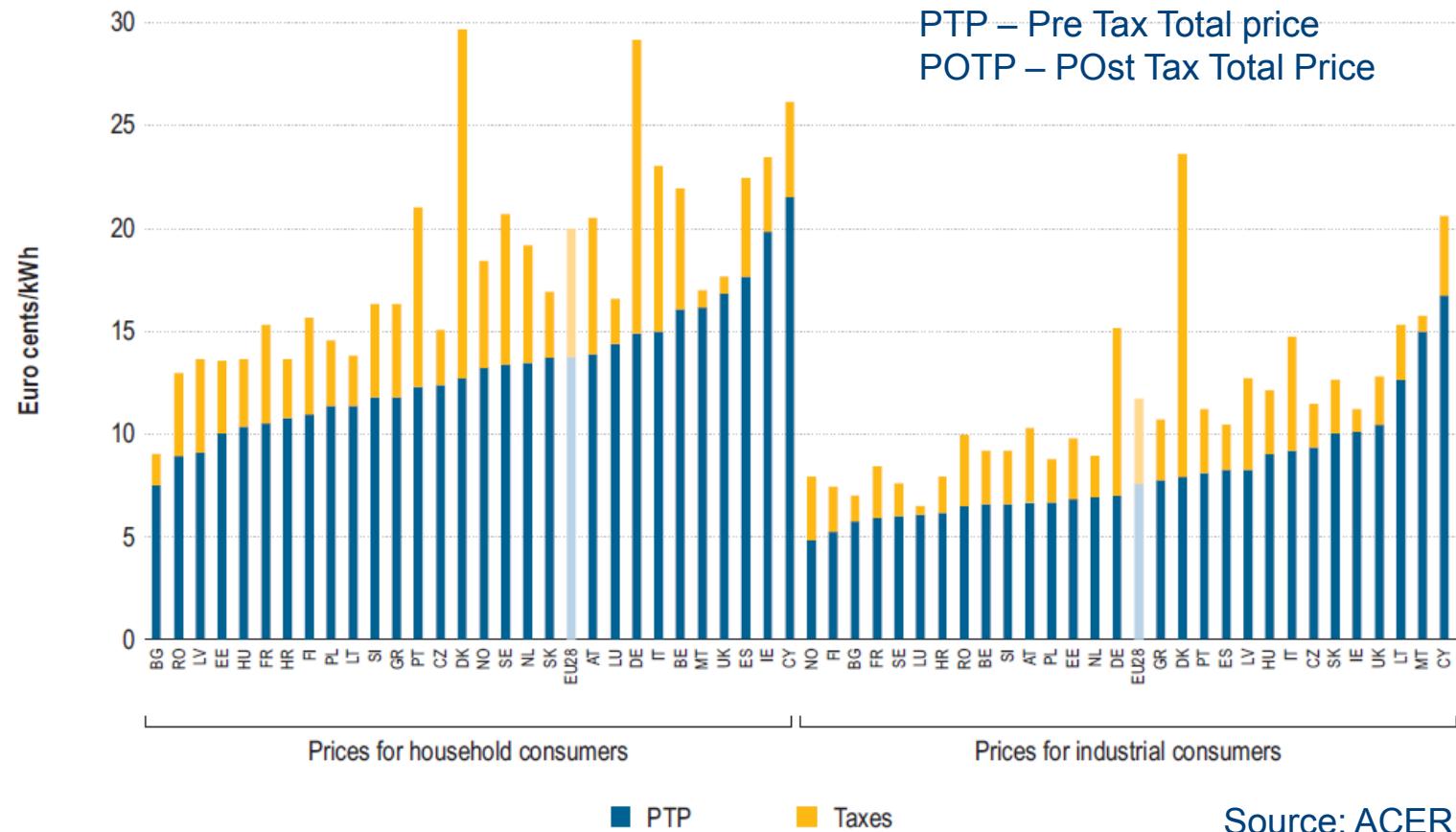
Source: ACER, based on Eurostat (25/5/2013), DC: 2,500-5,000kWh

Note: Within each group, MSs are ranked according to the PTP level.

# International positioning

## Electricity

Figure 4: Electricity POTP and PTP<sup>19</sup> for households and industry – Europe – 2013 (euro cents/kWh)



Source: ACER, 2014

Source: Eurostat (10/7/2014) and ACER calculations

Note: Consumption bands: DC: 2,500-5,000 kWh (households) and IE: 20,000 MWh-70,000 MWh (industry). Within each group, MSs are ranked according to PTP.

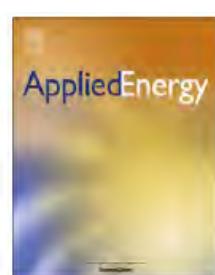
# Solutions? Energy System Integration

- Electric power sector is driving force for dramatic change due to massive RES injection
  - Intermittent
  - Overcapacity
  - Electricity difficult to store
  - Zero marginal cost PV and wind
- Interaction with the transportation sector (V2G/G2V – PHEV)
- Effects also in the gas sector
  - Fluctuating gas demand in CCGTs due to RES
  - But gas can be useful storage intermediary (P2G)

# Solutions? Energy System Integration



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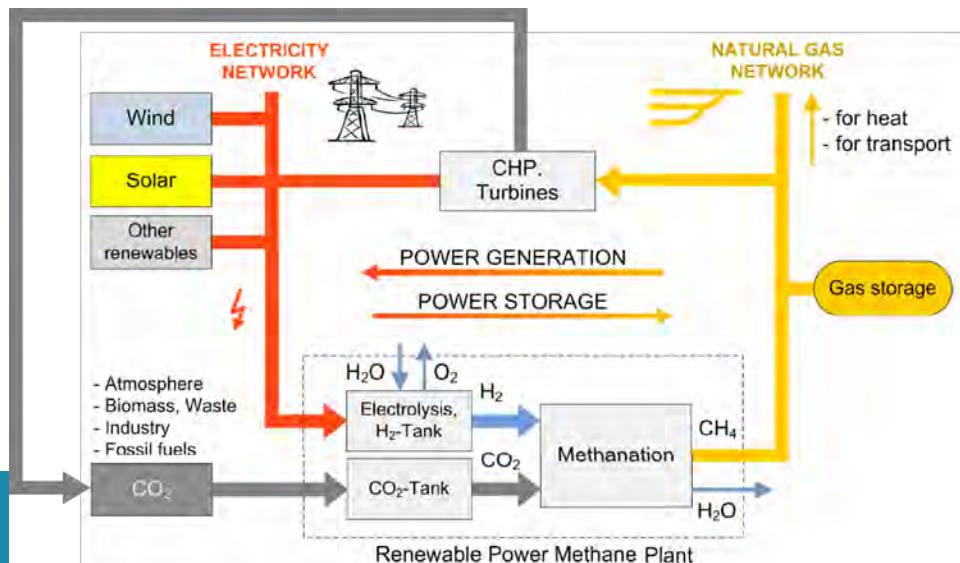
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### Impact of unpredictable renewables on gas-balancing design in Europe



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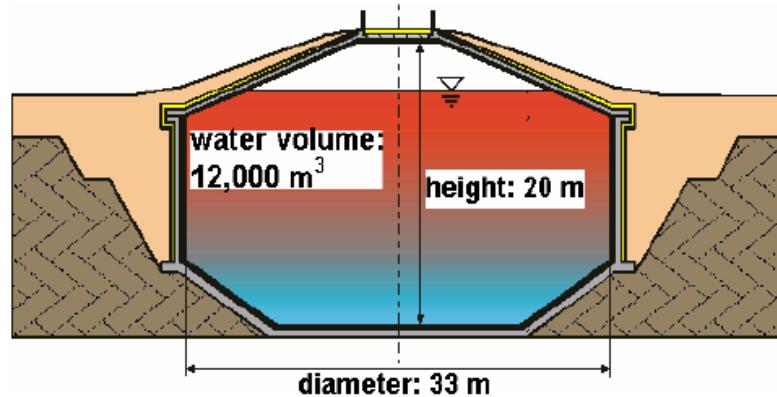
# Solutions? Energy System Integration

- Good opportunities in heating sector

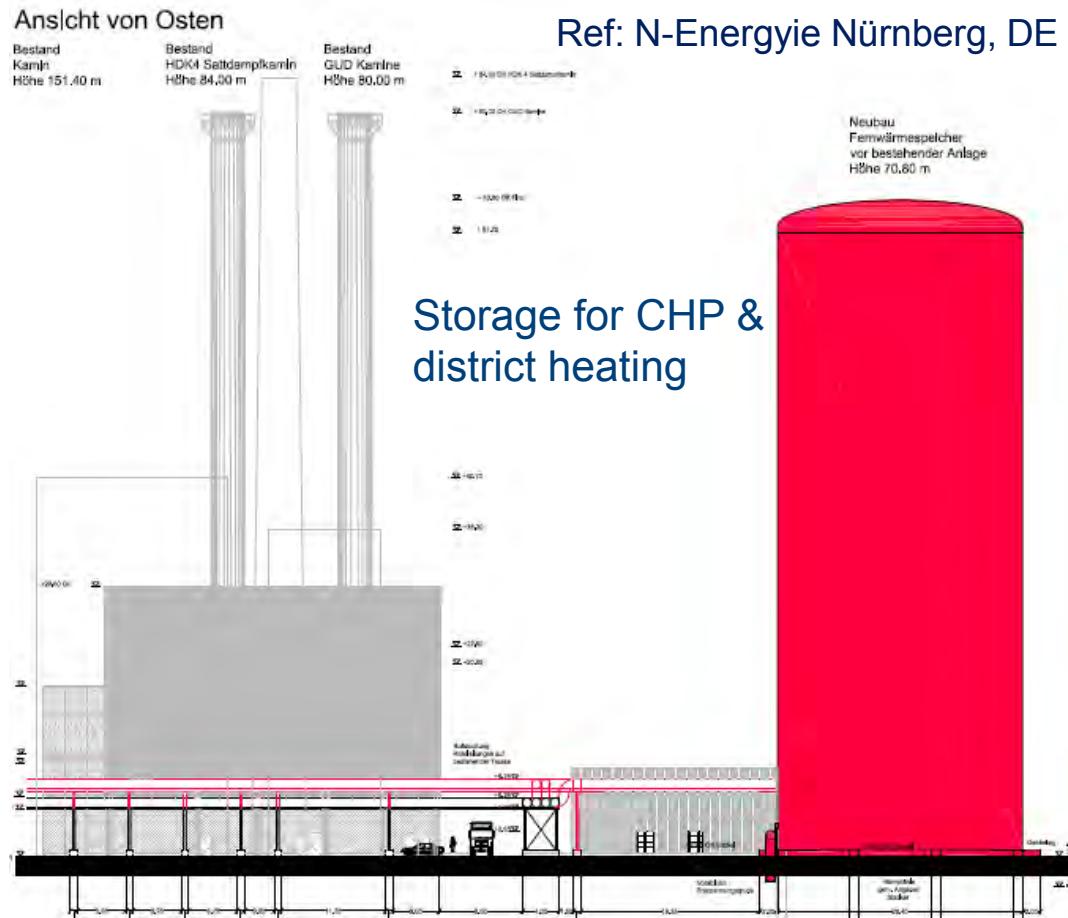
# ESI in Thermal Sector

## Thermal storage in hot water

Originally:  
seasonal hot water storage



Ref: Solites, DE



Storage for CHP & district heating

Can be used to dump superfluous electric energy  
→ “electric boilers” – used in Denmark!

# ESI in Thermal Sector

## Thermal Storage via Electric Heating Virtual Electricity Storage via ADR

	Electricity demand (TWh)	Share in total residential water heating (%)
Australia	28	41
Canada	63	23
France	51	40
Germany	84	27
Ireland	6	32
Italy	29	26
Japan	161	14
Netherlands	17	13
Spain	48	10
United Kingdom	80	9
United States	542	23

# ESI in Thermal Sector

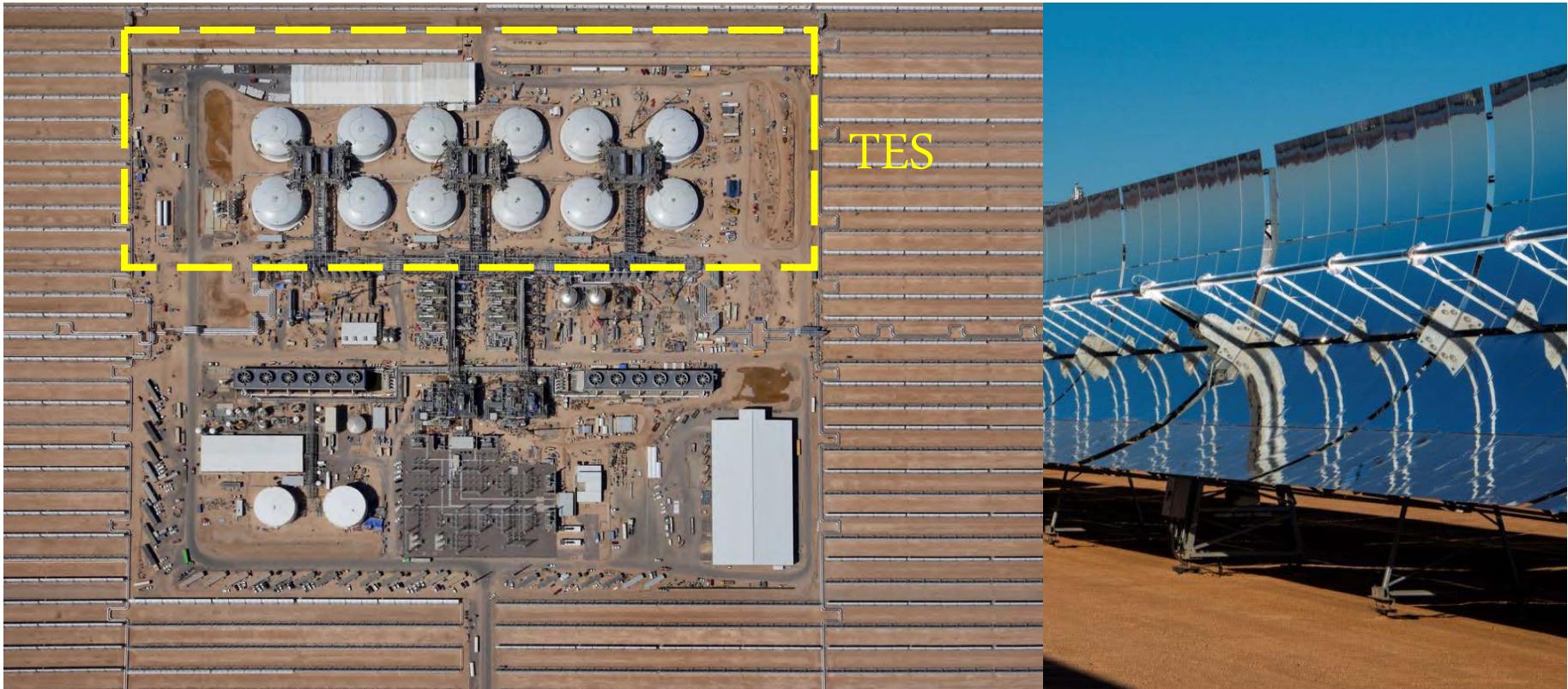
## Virtual Electricity Storage via ADR

→ *Thermal storage in buildings through **Heat Pumps (HP)***

- Can be considered as an electricity ‘dump’
- But thermal mass of building acts as a thermal buffer
- Can shift with electric power delivery to HP
- Is effectively a virtual electricity storage (via **ADR**)

# Other Thermal Storage in Electric Apps

# High-Temperature Storage for CSP



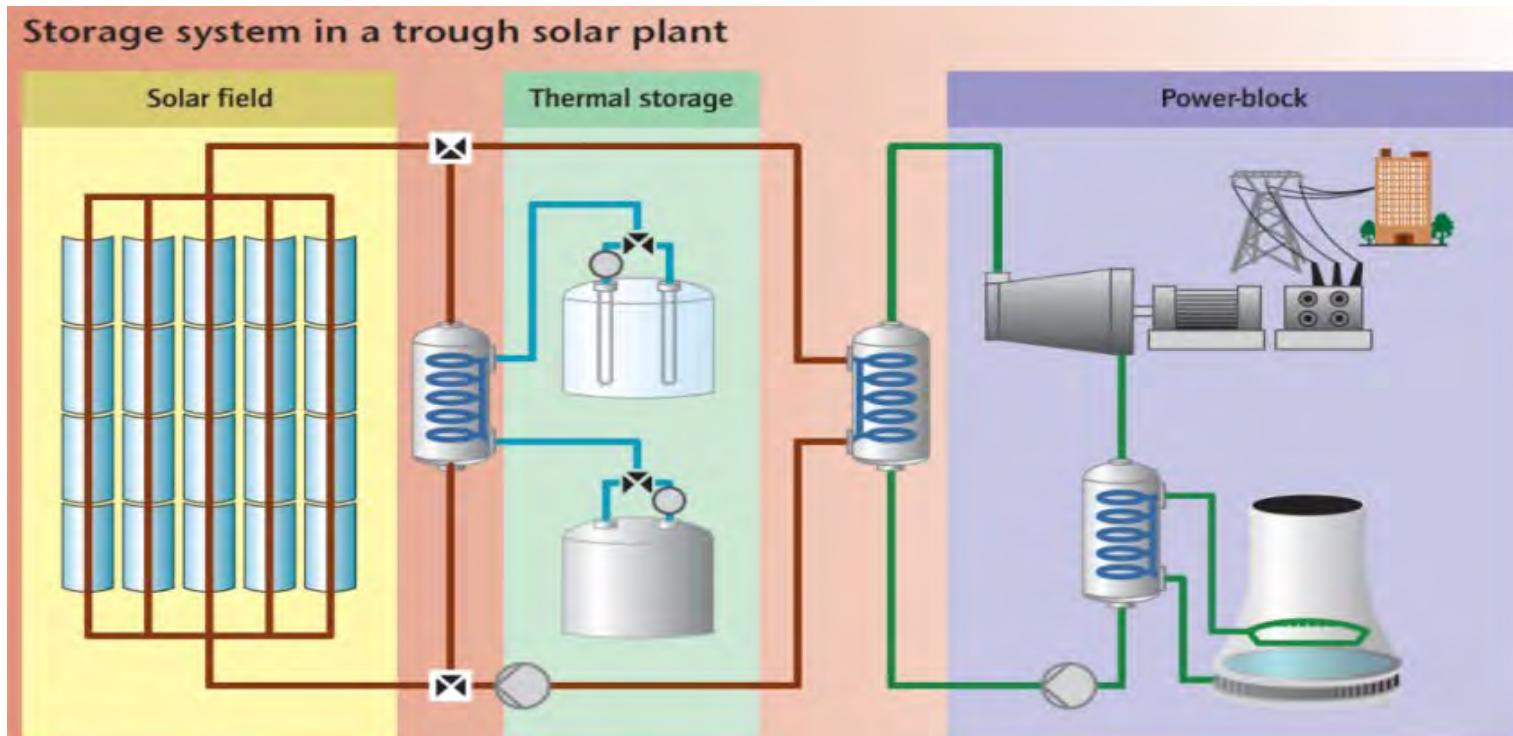
- **Thermal Energy Storage (TES): 6 hours of full load operation**
  - 2-tank, indirect, molten-salt TES
  - Six parallel TES trains

Solana Power Station (CSP), Arizona, USA

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# High-Temperature Storage for CSP

Basic set up of power plant with molten salt storage. Ref. [IEA, 2010]



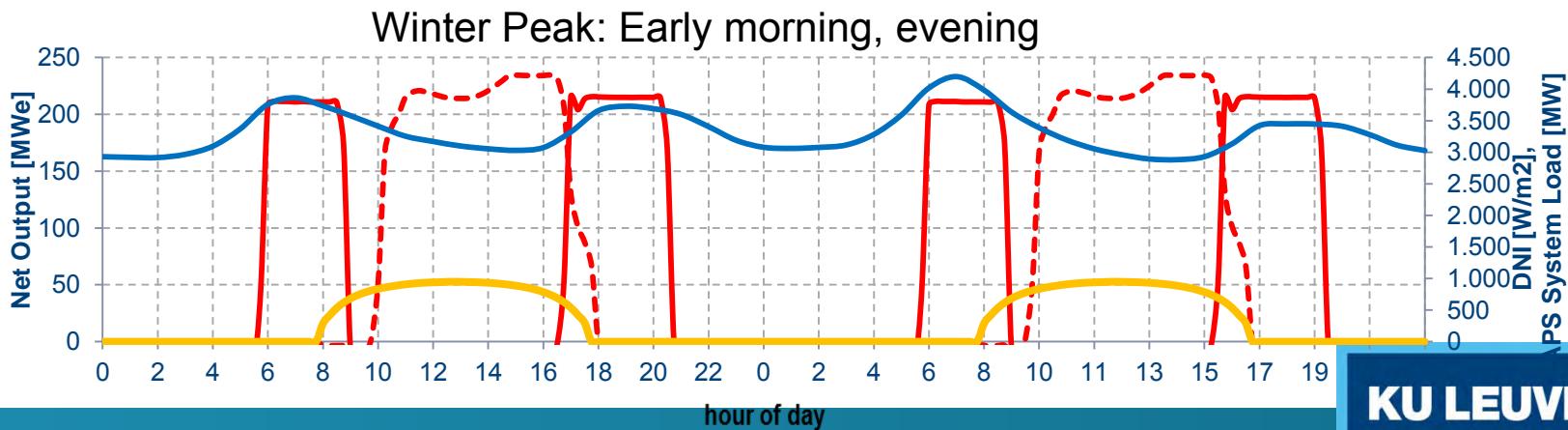
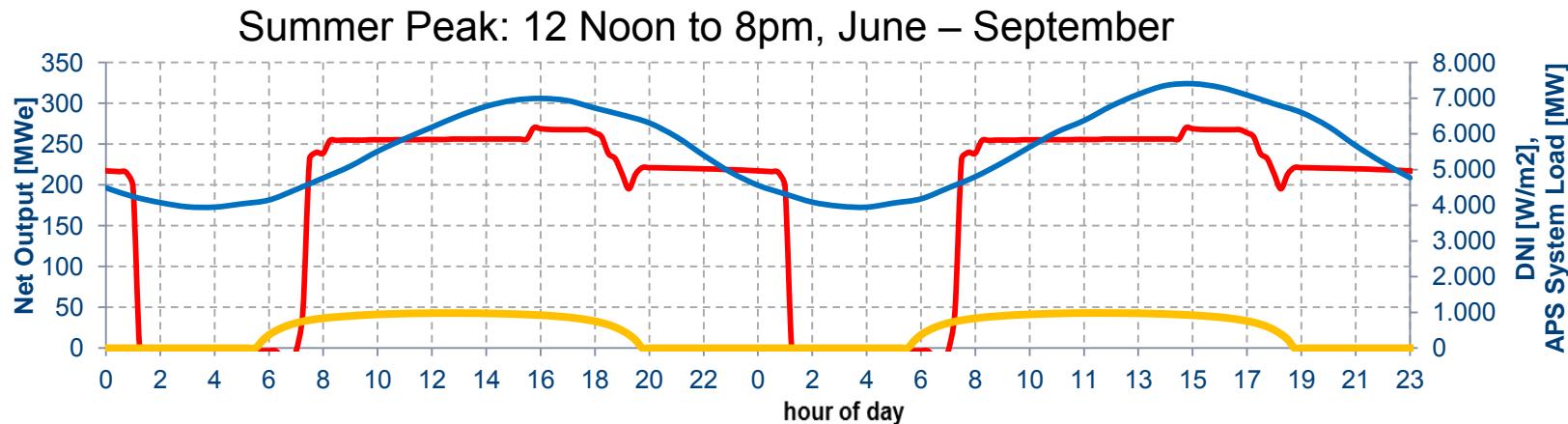
This graph shows how storage works in a CSP plant. Excess heat collected in the solar field is sent to the heat exchanger and warms the molten salts going from the cold tank to the hot tank. When needed, the heat from the hot tank can be returned to the heat transfer fluid and sent to the steam generator.

Source: SolarMillennium.

Other possibilities with PCMs...

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**Storage allows improved operational flexibility to meet utility peak loads.** Arizona Public Service system peaks:

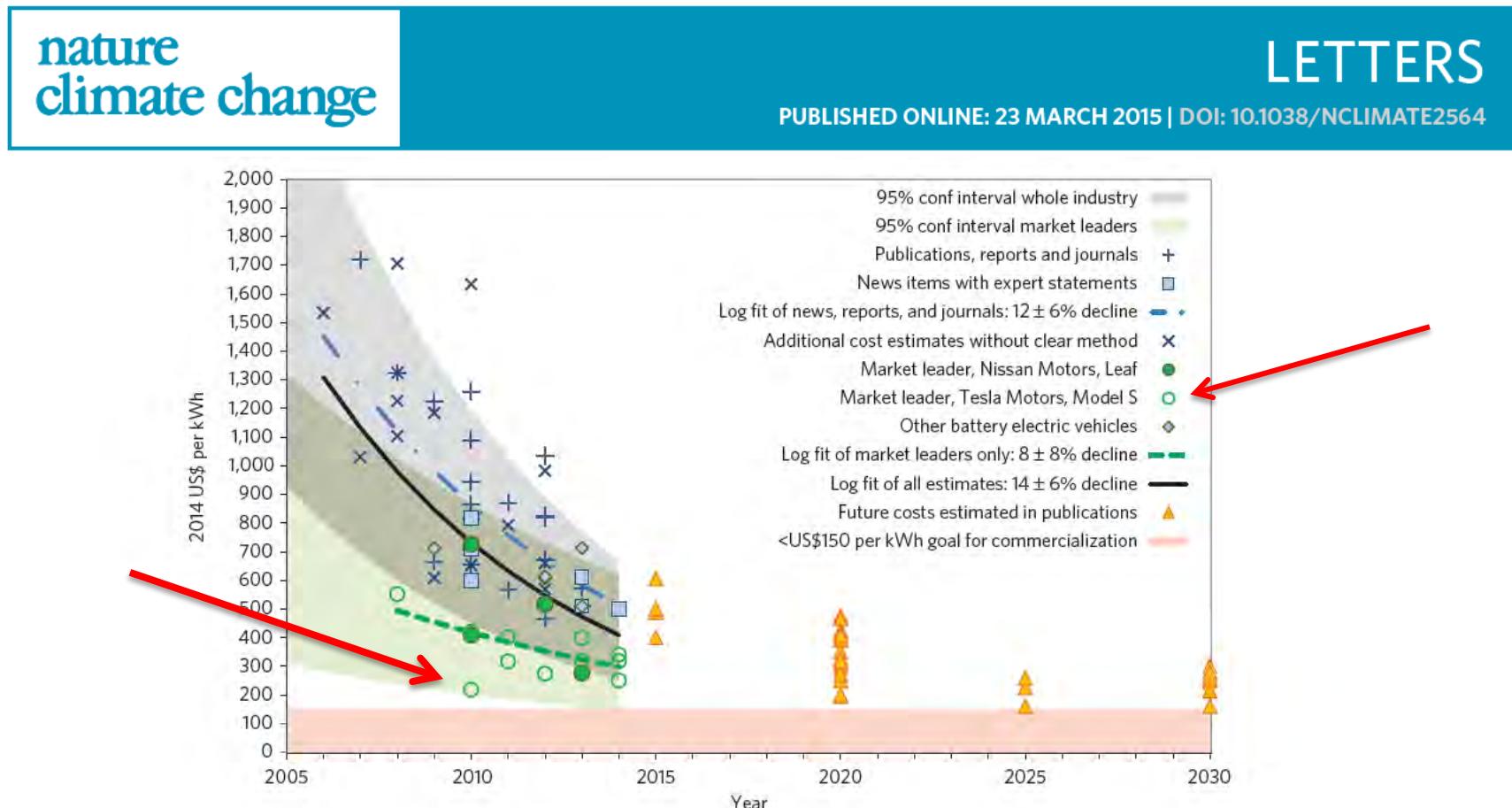


CSP plant generation

Solar Radiation (not scaled)

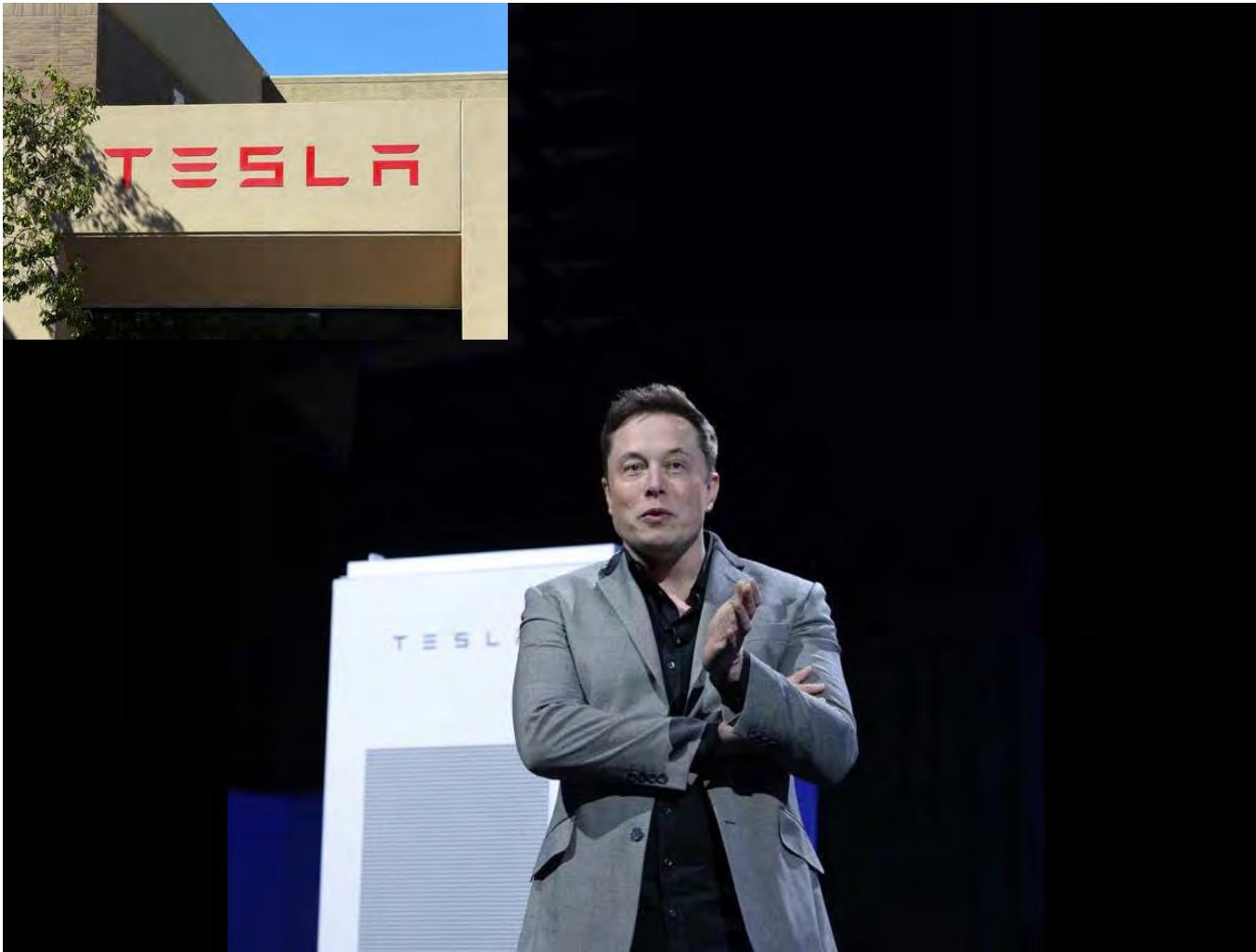
Electricity demand (not scaled)

# Batteries – Cost Evolution



**Figure 1 | Cost of Li-ion battery packs in BEV.** Data are from multiple types of sources and trace both reported cost for the industry and costs for market-leading manufactures. If costs reach US\$150 per kWh this is commonly considered as the point of commercialization of BEV.

# Battery Revolution of Tesla?



**TESLA**

**Powerwall** = similar  
to wall boiler  
- for the home -

7 kWh unit  
3,000 \$ ~ 2,700 €

10 kWh unit  
3,500 \$ ~ 3,100 €

**Powerpacks** for  
industrial applications  
Packs of 100 kWh

# Battery Revolution of Tesla?



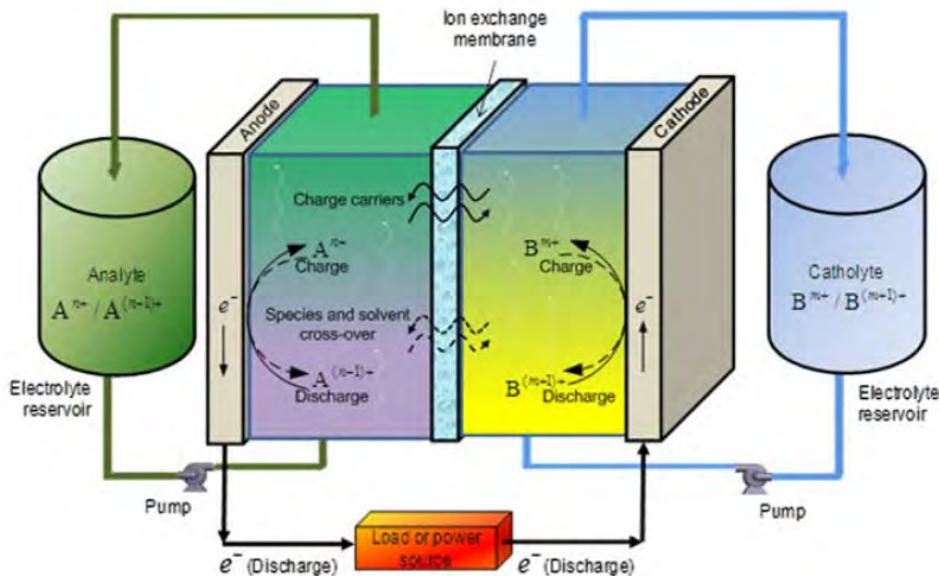
- Giga Li-ion factory near Reno, NV
- Mass scale manufacturing
- Open-access patents
- What if the Chinese take over like for PV?
- Could lead to dramatic cost reductions
- Tesla's battery manufacturing might be temporary

But Musk & Tesla may be the winners in the EV market!

# Battery Revolution?

- Tesla may see breakthrough in CA, USA
- Grid independence feasible? But perhaps also installing back-up gasoline/diesel engine generators... (?)
- Situation in NW Europe and other places in US is different from CA, AZ, NV... since other weather conditions – grid connection almost certainly needed
- But cheap local batteries may drastically change market behavior & participation
- Interesting combination with EV and PHEVs (G2V & V2G)

# (Redox-)Flow Batteries



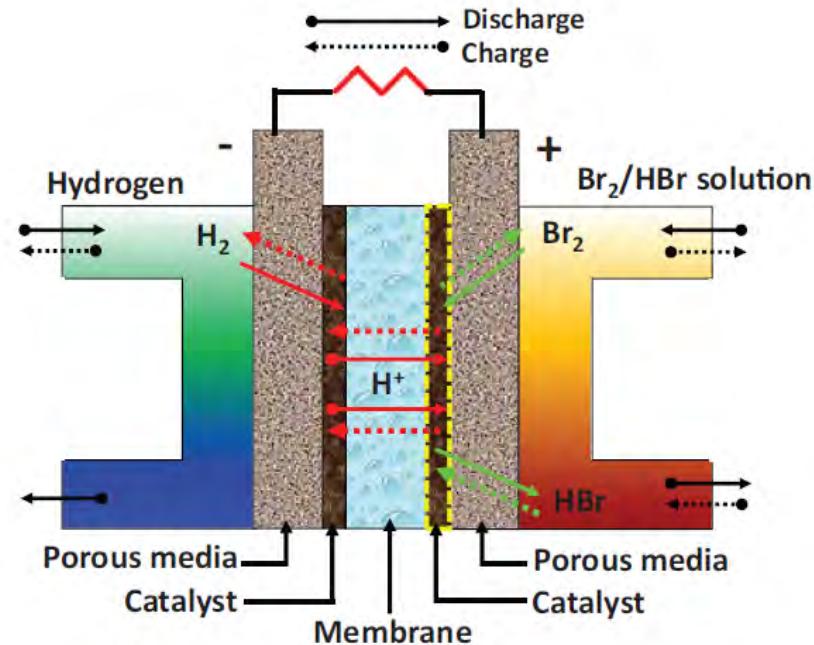
Weber et al, RFB: a review, J. Appl Electrochem 41, 2011

Advantage:  
**power (area electrode) and energy (volume vessels) are decoupled!**

Commercially available include Vanadium, Zink Bromide, Polysulphide Bromide

Recent revival after sleeping mode

Cho et al, J. Electrochem Soc. 159, 2012



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# Important research issues ESI

- ESI is not only technical – strongly affected by policy choices, market design, regulation!
- Policy switches & regulatory uncertainty are “killing circumstances” for efficient ESI
- But well meant policy measures can lead to “nightmares” since neglecting feedback effects of system integration

# Important research issues ESI



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## Will California Allow Rooftop Solar to Meet its RPS?

Christopher Minott

Jul 17, 2015

When California legislators vote to increase the state's renewable energy portfolio standard to 50 percent by 2030, will rooftop solar count toward the total?

Many will be surprised to learn that rooftop solar doesn't currently count toward utility companies quota requirements.

And many others will be surprised to learn that utility companies are aligned with rooftop solar installers on the issue. Both believe rooftop solar should count toward California's ambitious new renewable energy portfolio standard if legislators do as they are expected and increase the standard from 33 percent by 2020 to 50 percent by 2030.



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# Important research issues ESI

## Important research issues:

- Correct estimate of system costs / Methodology?
- Interaction of targets (RES, efficiency, CO<sub>2</sub> reduction) – cfr 20-20-20
- What kind of subsidies: feed-in, CFD, investment support, certificates?
- Is net metering for e.g., rooftop PV justified? What are the system consequences? How about the efficiency paradox?
- What is an appropriate grid-connection cost for prosumers? / how about “emergency power” – at what cost?
- What may be the role of electricity storage (batteries, renew CH<sub>4</sub>)?
- How responsive is electric-power demand (ADR)?
- What kind of market structure & tools are “optimal”?
  - Auctions?
  - Energy-only markets (exchanges)
  - Capacity remuneration mechanisms?
  - Playing field for aggregators? / Role of service providers (ESCOs)?

# Conclusions

- The challenges on energy provision are daunting
  - SoS
  - Environment (mostly CO<sub>2</sub>)
  - Affordability
- Many uncertainties...
- Energy issue is very complicated because interactions  
→ more need to study the **system effects**
- **Important research activity on all aspects influencing energy system integration is required!**



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