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# Energy transition - Project



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# Outline

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Technologies used

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Electrical mix, first idea

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Improvement idea

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Weather and topography analysis

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Mathematical model for a dam

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Final electrical mix

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Conclusion

# Technologies



Photovoltaic panels



Wind turbine



Battery



But also :



Import



Export





# PV panels

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→ unlimited capacity

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Efficiency of 20.5%

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Lifetime of 35 years

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Investment cost = 870 k€/MW

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O&M fixed = 10.6 k€/MW/y

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O&M variable = 10 €/MWh/y

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Source: Danish Energy Agency ([Technology Data for Generation of Electricity and District Heating](#))



# Wind turbine

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→ unlimited capacity

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Efficiency of 47%

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Lifetime of 27 years

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Investment cost = 1.11 M€/MW

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O&M fixed = 16.4 k€/MW/y

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O&M variable = 2 €/MWh/y

Source: Danish Energy Agency ([Technology Data for Generation of Electricity and District Heating](#))



# Battery

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Battery of 3 MW

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During 4h

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→ Maximal capacity of 12 MWh

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Efficiency of 85 %

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Lifetime = 25 years

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State of charge  $\in [0.2; 0.8]$

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Investment cost = 0.5 M€/MWh

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Source : Invinity data sheet ([https://invinity.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Invinity-ENDURIUM-Data-Sheet-MAR000020-2024-12.pdf?\\_gl=1\\*lgj6v\\*\\_up\\*MQ..\\*\\_gs\\*MQ..&gclid=CjwKCAiA65m7BhAwEiwAAgu4JFqYz\\_U4PtidA2i2jLRaFiS13FNLzbv9fz0VtaHFF2xsj7x1VRSZBoCTVQQAvD\\_BwE](https://invinity.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Invinity-ENDURIUM-Data-Sheet-MAR000020-2024-12.pdf?_gl=1*lgj6v*_up*MQ..*_gs*MQ..&gclid=CjwKCAiA65m7BhAwEiwAAgu4JFqYz_U4PtidA2i2jLRaFiS13FNLzbv9fz0VtaHFF2xsj7x1VRSZBoCTVQQAvD_BwE))



# National grid

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Import and Export

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→ Unlimited capacity

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Composed of 80 % of hydropower

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Import price of 74 €/MWh

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Export price of 20 €/MWh



# Demand

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Electrical consumption of 31.6 GWh

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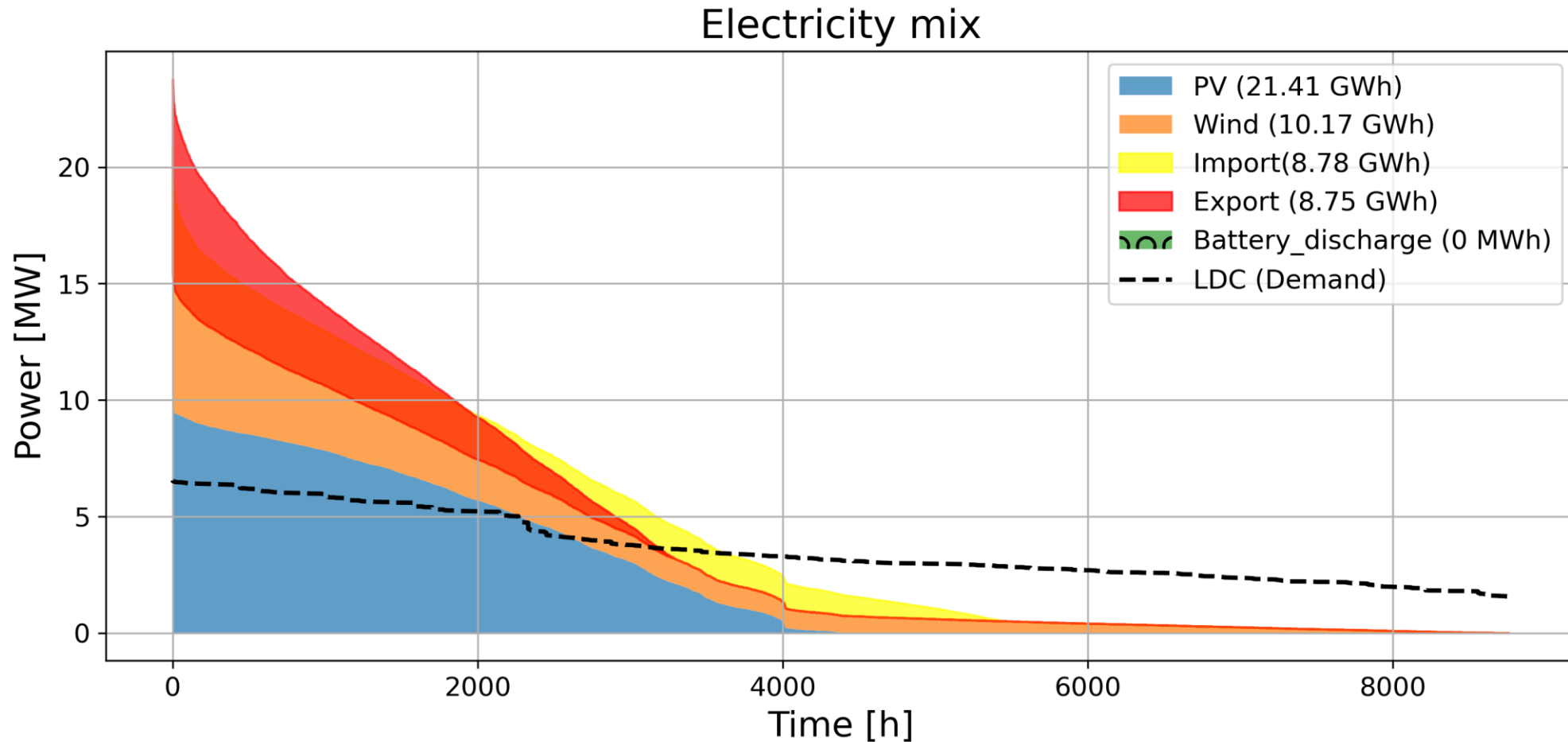
Cooling produce with absorption chiller → solar panel and biomass, so no electrical consumption.

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→ total demand of 31.6 GWh



# Electrical mix – First version



➡ 7.1 MW of wind turbine

➡ 12.9 MW of PV

➡ 1.562 M€

LCOE = 49.40 €/MWh



# Comparaison with results of last semester



Last semester



This semester



LCOE = 60 €/MWh



LCOE = 49 €/MWh



PV = 4.4 MW



PV = 12.9 MW



Wind turbine = 4.9 MW



Wind turbine = 7.1 MW



Energy stored = 3.5  
GWh



Energy stored = 0 GWh

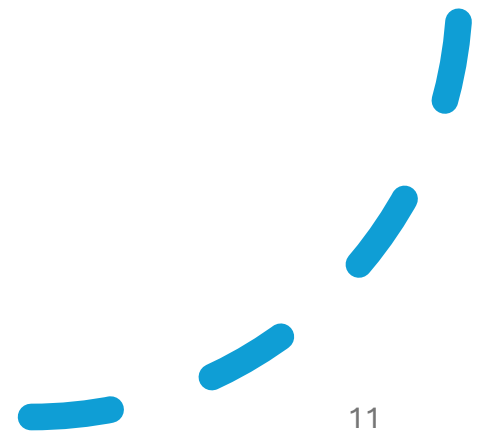
Same import and export price, but enhance of renewable energy and battery prices which were not accurate (particullary information about PV).

# A step further



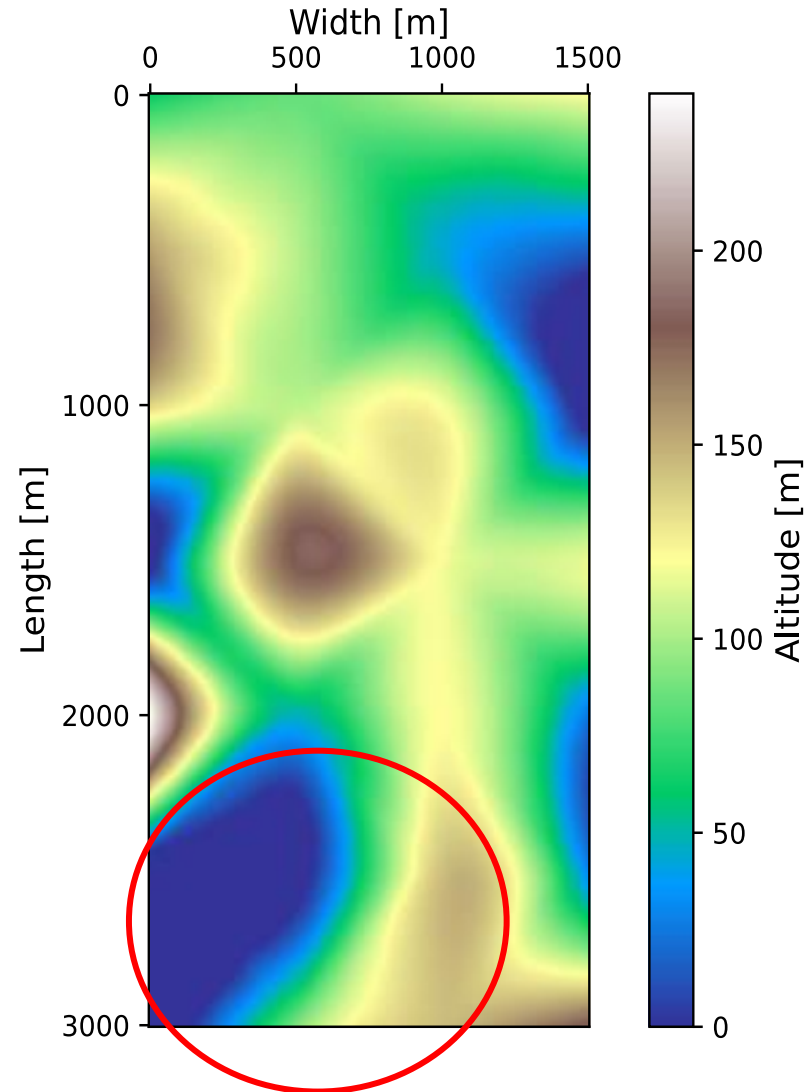
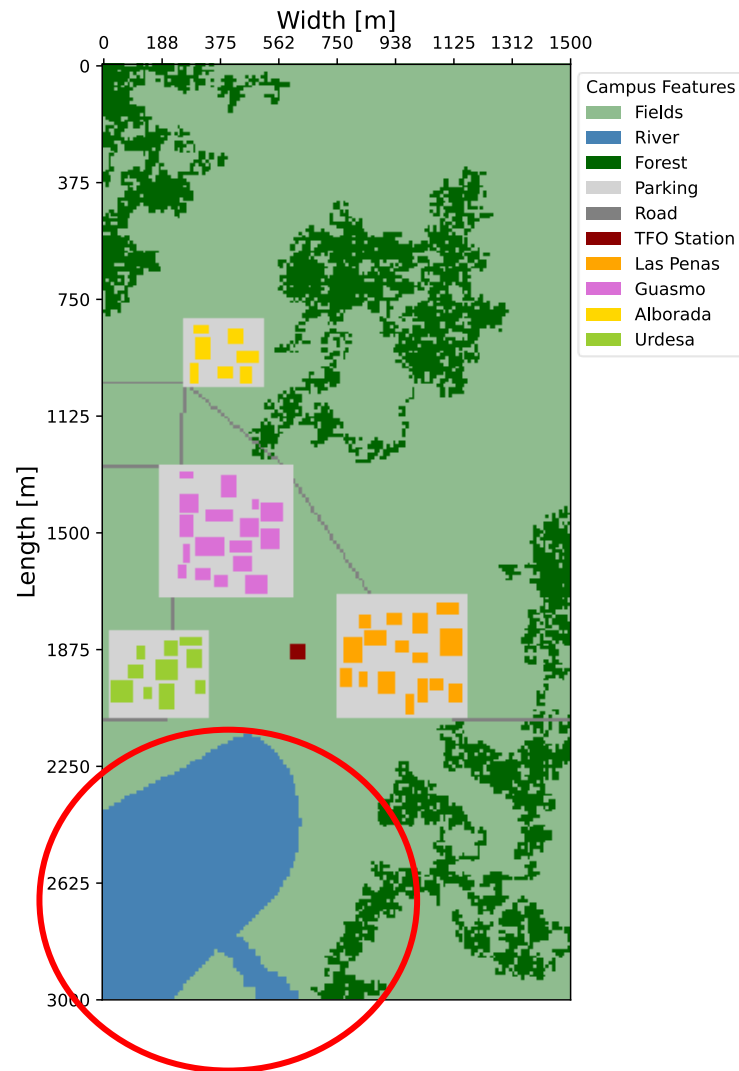
- The national energy mix contains 80% hydropower. However, hydropower prices vary significantly depending on rainfall.

➔ Design and implementation of a dam on campus, along with analysis over several weather years.



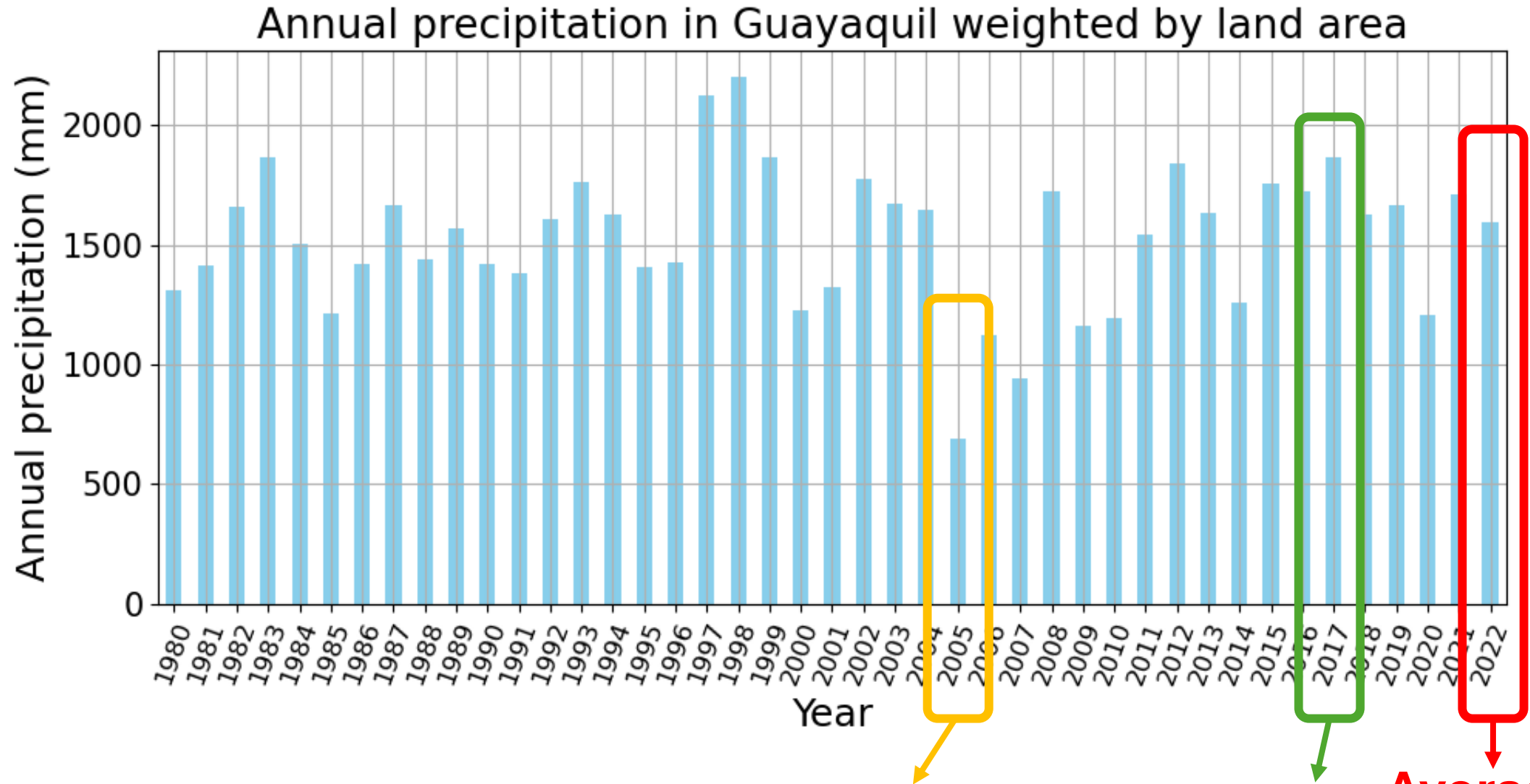


# Topography analysis



- ➔ River available on the campus
- ➔ Head of 150m
- ➔ Installation of the dam there

# Weather analysis



Source: Renewable ninja (<https://www.renewables.ninja>)

**Dry year**

**Humid year**

**Average year**

# Precipitation translation

[MWh]



$$CF = \frac{\sum P_{inflow} \tau}{D_{max} \tau 8760} = 70\%$$

Dimensionalised using an average year (2022) as reference.

$$= \frac{\frac{\sum P_{inflow}}{D_{max}} \tau}{\frac{D_{max}}{D_{max}} \tau 8760}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{\sum P_{inflow}}{D_{max}} = 0.7 * 8760 = 6132 \text{ h}$$



# Precipitation translation

$$\frac{\sum P_{inflow}}{D_{max}} = 0.7 * 8760 = 6132 \text{ [h]}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\sum P_{inflow} [MW] (2022)}{\sum P_{inflow} \left[ \frac{mm}{h} \right] (2022)} \frac{1}{D_{max}}$$

$$= \frac{6132}{701.881} = 8.74$$

Constant converting all the precipitation in power



$$\Rightarrow \sum P_{inflow} [MW] (t) = \sum P_{inflow} \left[ \frac{mm}{h} \right] (t) \times \frac{\alpha}{D_{max}}$$

➔  $D_{max}$  is the variable representing the installed power of the power plant. The value of  $P_{inflow}$  is adimensionalised with  $D_{max}$ . It will be multiplied later by  $cap_{dam}$ , a variable representing the installed capacity.

# Assumptions



Uncertainty is applied on the model



Probability of 60% of an average year, based on precipitation.



Probability of 20% for a dry year



Probability of 20% for a humid year.



# Dam

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Capacity stored : 100 MWh

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Empty in 20h

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Efficiency of 75%

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Lifetime = 75 years

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Assume already constructed

→ Investment price of 0 €/MW



# Dam storage equations

Balance :

$$e_{t+1} - e_t = \tau \cancel{\eta^c s c_t} - \tau \frac{sd_t}{\eta^d} + \tau (p_{inflow,t} - \cancel{P_{outflow,t}} - P_{spill,t})$$

Only power generation, no pumping.

No environmental  
flow is considered

$\in [0; \infty]$

$$= P_{inflow,t} \times \frac{cap_{dam}}{DAM_{dT}}$$

Initial state :

$$e_{t=0} - e_{t=T} = -\tau sd_T - \tau P_{spill,T} + \tau P_{inflow,T}$$

Where T is the last time step

Capacity max :

$$cap_{dam} \leq 100 \text{ MWh}$$

This maximum capacity corresponds to a reservoir holding 326 200 m<sup>3</sup> of water.

Discharge max :

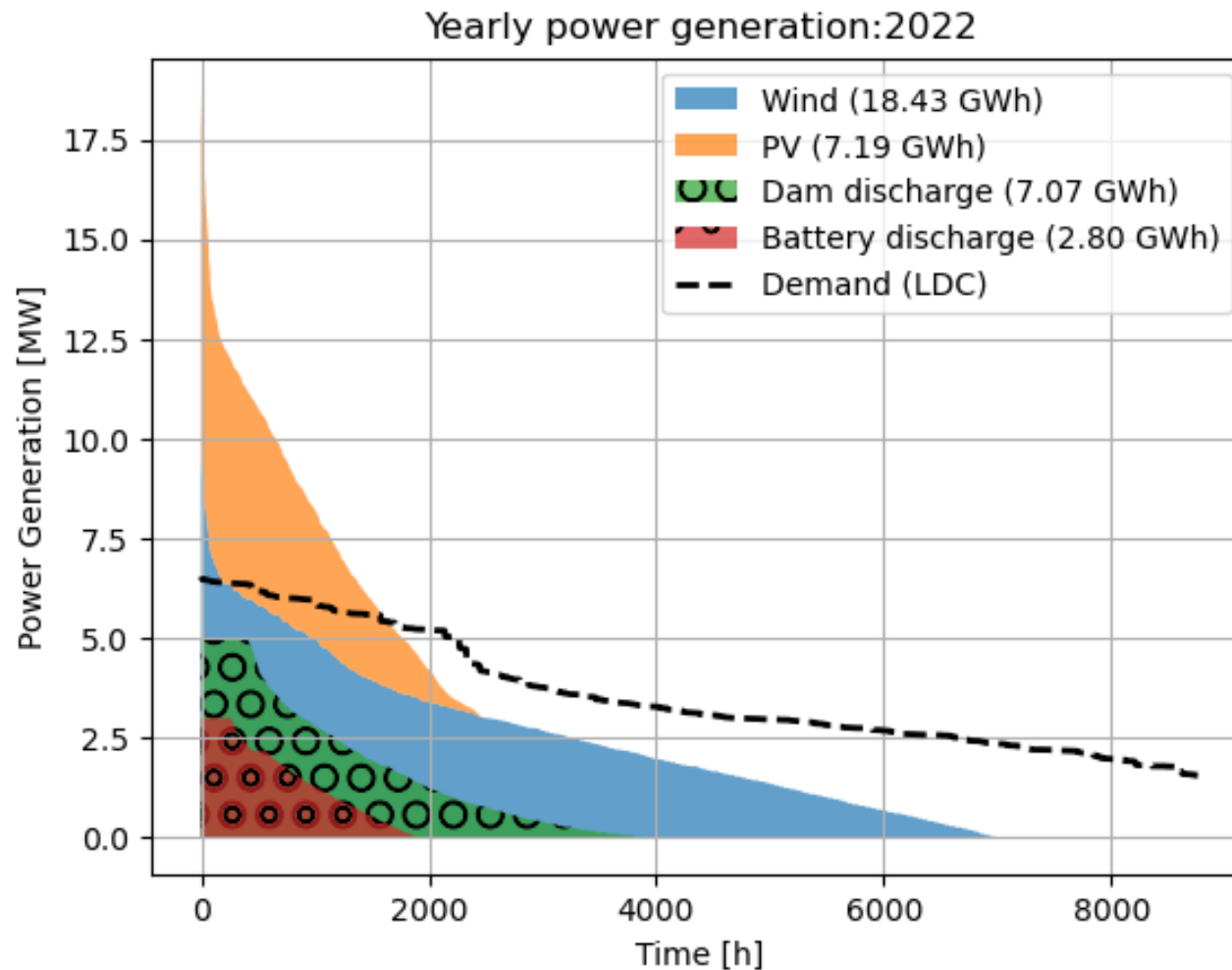
$$sd \leq \frac{cap_{dam}}{Dam_{dt}} = \frac{100 \text{ MWh}}{20 \text{ h}}$$

Energy stored range:

$$0 \leq se \leq cap_{dam}$$

There is no minimum water required in the reservoir

# Final electrical mix



## Power installed

PV panels : 17.4 MW

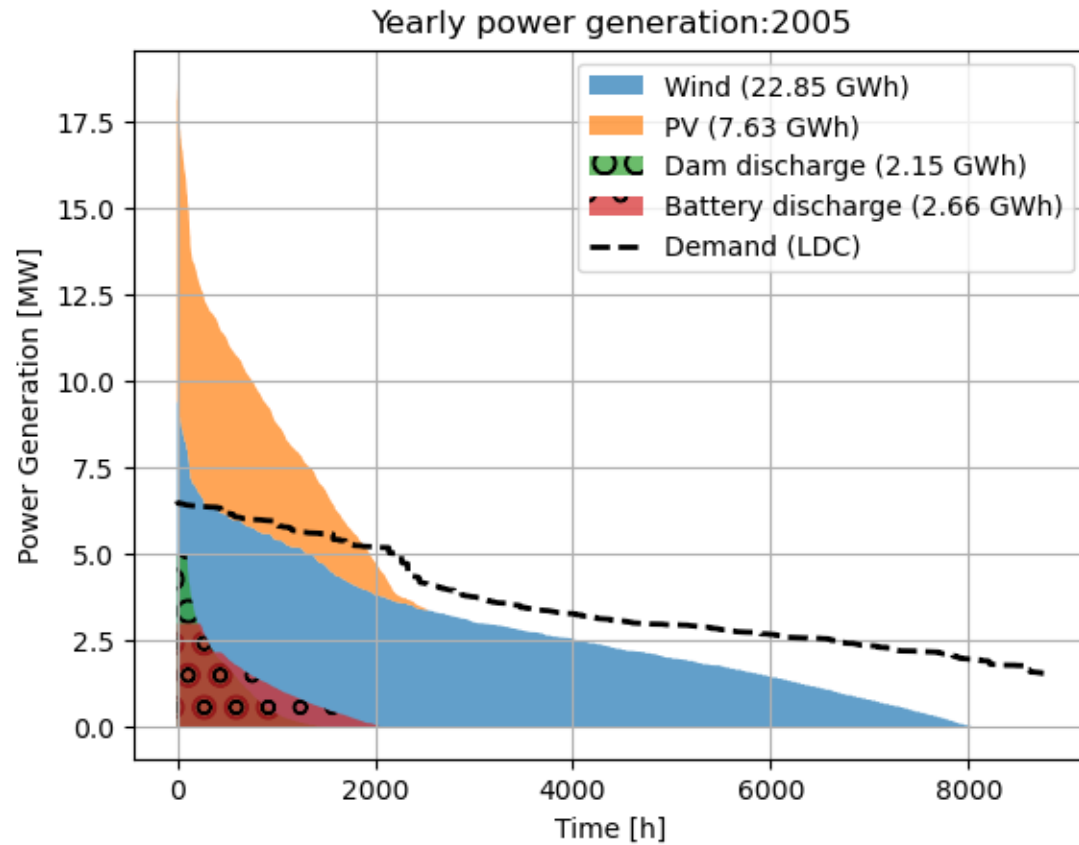
Wind turbine : 32 MW

Dam : 5 MW (20h)

Battery : 3 MW (4h)

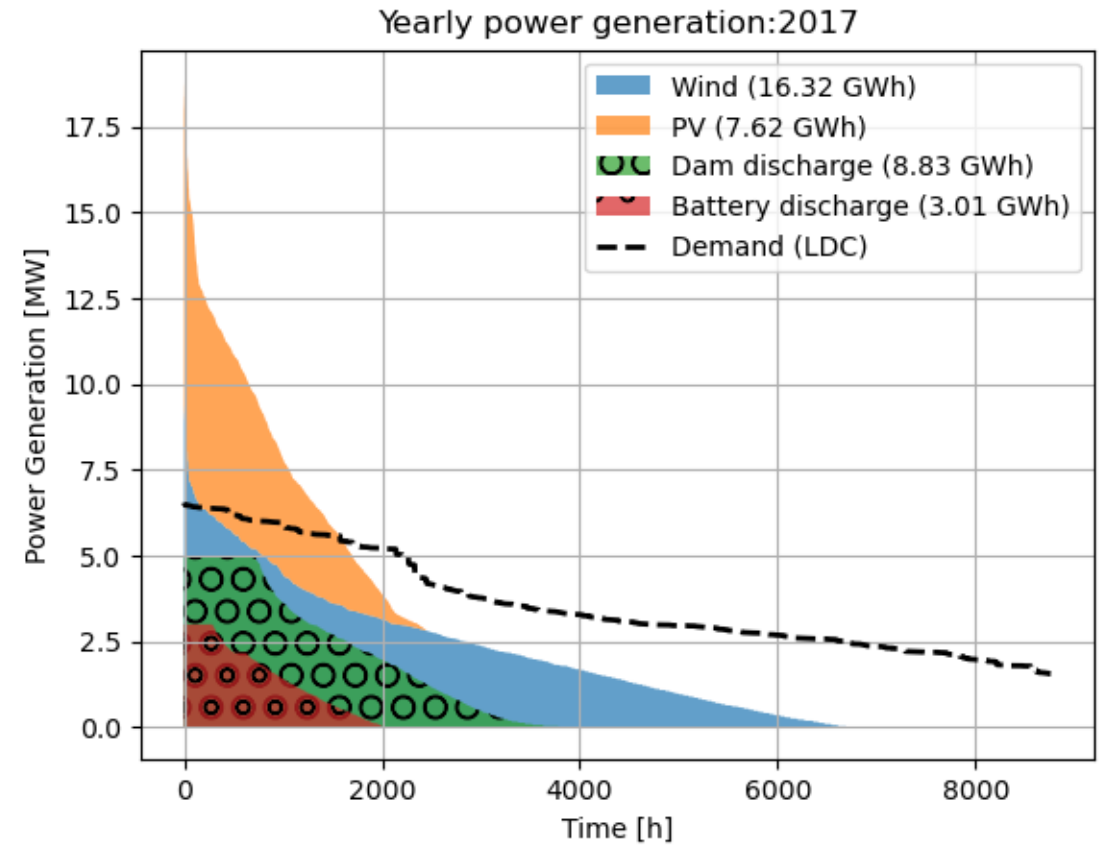


## Dry year



Total cost : 3.4 M€

## Humid year



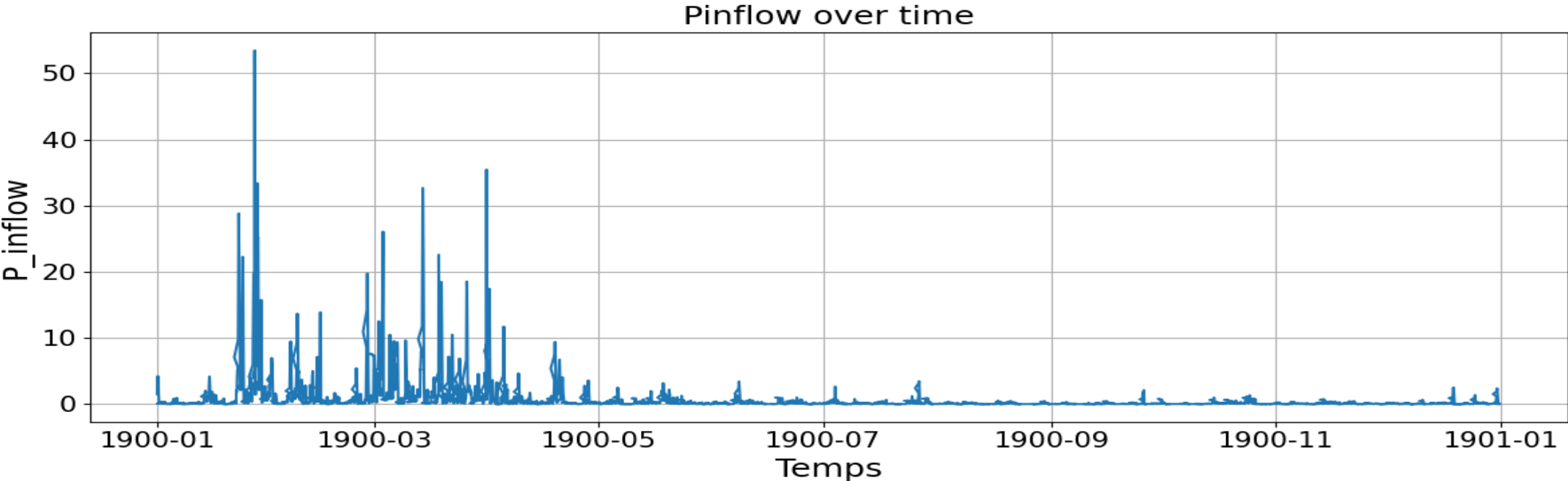
→ LCOE = 106.60 €/MWh



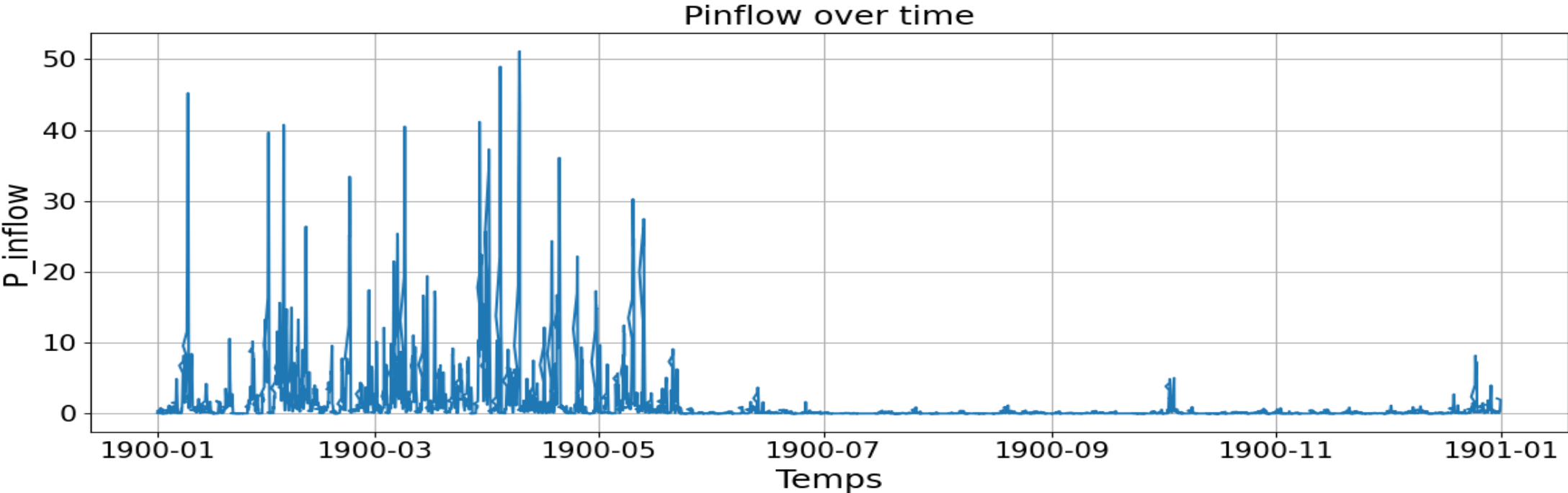
# Why doesn't the dam store more ?

- There is a strong seasonal contrast between the humid and dry periods in Ecuador.
- There was more water in 2017 due to extrem rainfall.
- When extrem rainfall occurs, the reservoir is quickly full, so the excess water is spilled rather than stored. In 2017, 80 % of water was spilled from the dam.

2022



2017



# Conclusion

- Integrating the dam on the campus allows to observe the variability of hydropower in Ecuador.
- These fluctuations cause variations in the cost of importing electricity from the national grid.
- The final Levelized cost of Electricity (LCOE) is much higher, since more renewable energy sources must be available to meet electricity demand, even when water supply is insufficient.

# Thank you!

