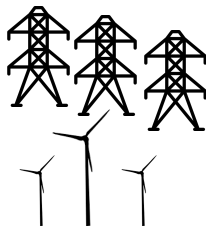


Analysis
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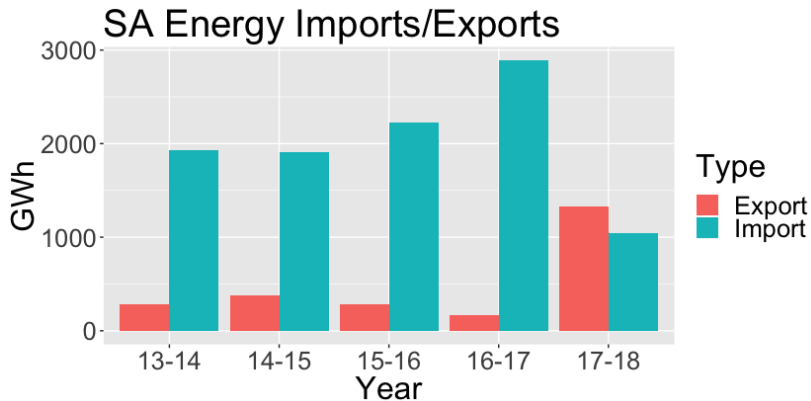
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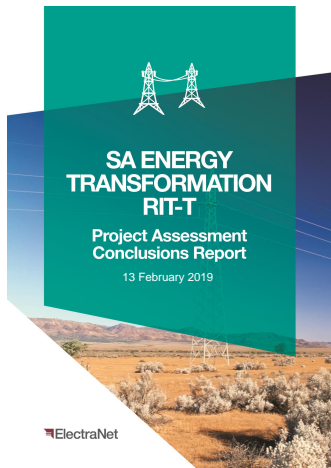
ElectraNet





Total demand in SA for 2017/18 was 12,203 GWh

ElectraNet wanted to build another interconnector



First, to understand what
ElectraNet was currently doing.

By building generators and transmission lines




minimise Cost

subject to Supply $>$ Demand
Stability constraints

An illustrative example



In each state,

- ▶ on average, generation = 50 MW per 
- ▶ demand = 100 MW in each state
- ▶ 1 generator 
- ▶ No interconnector 

An illustrative example


SA

Demand = 100 MW
Generation = 50 MW

Vic

Demand = 100 MW
Generation = 50 MW



Costs

- ▶ \$50 to build 
- ▶ \$50 to build 
- ▶ Running cost : \$1

Constraints

- ▶  capacity: 60 MW
- ▶ Supply > Demand

An illustrative example

minimise  built \times \$50 +  operated \times \$1
+  \times \$50

subject to Supply $>$ Demand
 Load $<$ 60 MW

An illustrative example

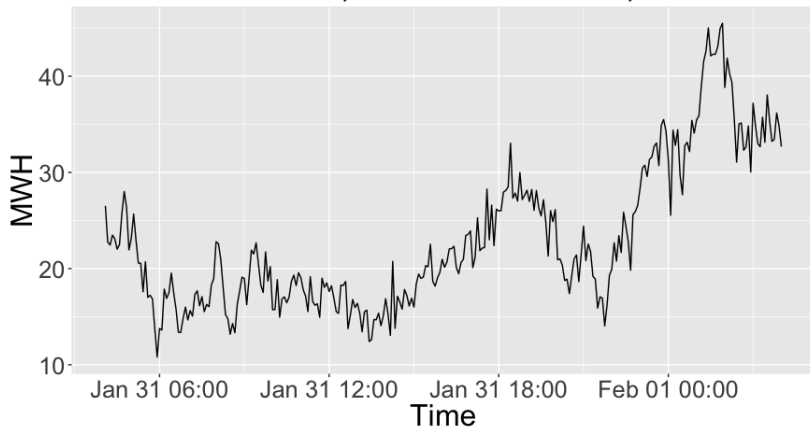
Solution



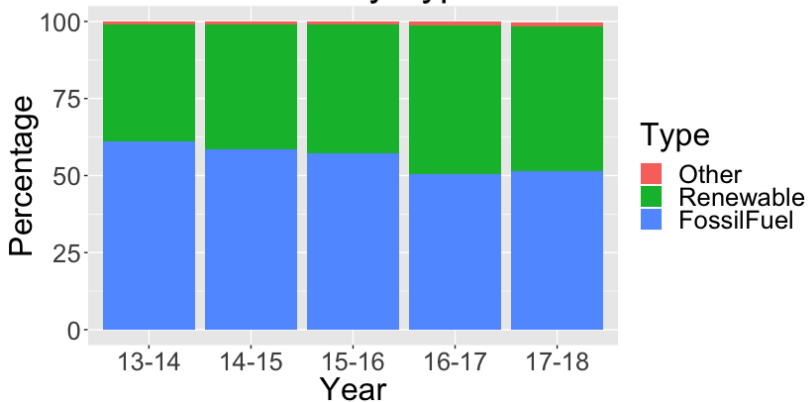
$$\text{Cost} = 2 \times \$50 + 4 \times \$1 = \$104$$

Great,
in the 1970's...


Wind Generation, Cathedral Rocks, 31-Jan-19




SA Generation by Type



Including uncertainty

	Calm in SA	Windy in SA
Generation per 	SA = 20 MW Vic = 80 MW	SA = 80 MW Vic = 20 MW

Average generation per  = 50MW

Including uncertainty

Calm Scenario

SA



Demand = 100 MW
Generation = 40 MW

Vic



Demand = 100 MW
Generation = 160 MW

If short fall cost is \$1 per MW, this solution costs

$$\$104 + 60 \times \$1 = \$164$$



“How can we include the uncertain nature of renewables in the capital decision making?”



Accounting for uncertainty

minimise  built $\times \$50$ +  operated $\times \$1$
+  $\times \$50$ + **Average shortfall cost**

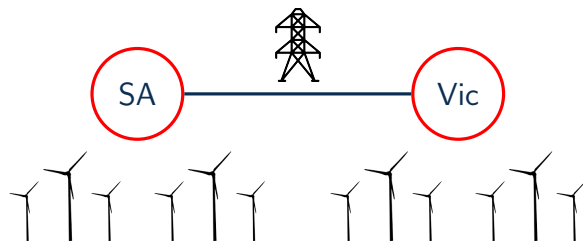
subject to Supply $>$ Demand
 Load $<$ 60 MW

Calm: generation in SA = 20 MW per 

$$\text{Shortfall} = \underbrace{100 \text{ MW}}_{\text{Demand in SA}} - \underbrace{\text{Generation in SA}}_{\text{three wind turbines} \times 20 \text{ MW}} - \text{Imports}$$

Accounting for uncertainty

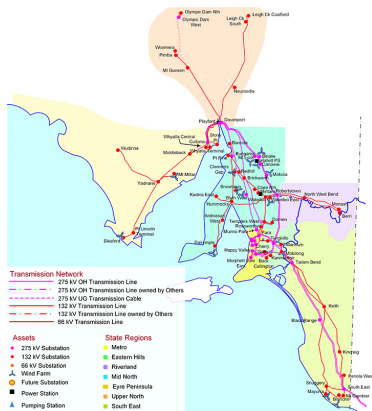
Solution



- ▶ No shortfall
- ▶ Cost is $\$50 + \$50 + \$50 + \$4 = \$154$
- ▶ Compare to the previous solution: costs \$164
- ▶ Realise interconnector value

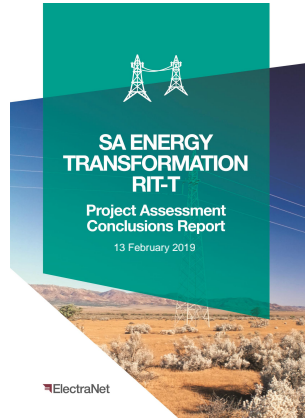
Life-size problems

- ▶ More decisions to make
 - ▶ e.g. type of generator
- ▶ More constraints
 - ▶ e.g. financial constraints
- ▶ More detailed model of generation/demand
- ▶ More detailed network
 - ▶ e.g. include NSW, QLD
 - ▶ generator-level network



ElectraNet

- ▶ “SA could see bills reduce by about \$66 per year”
- ▶ “NSW could see bills reduce by about \$30 per year”
- ▶ “The new interconnector could also, improve network and energy security, and support transformation towards a lower carbon emissions future”



**wind/solar/
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