



NEW CHALLENGES IN ELECTRICITY MARKETS

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1. INTRODUCTION

Motivation:

- * Europe: The clean energy package → RE-Power → FIT for 55%
- * It is not possible to force variable renewables into the system
- * Strong desire of more and more customers to participate in electricity supply
- * Highly volatile electricity prices

A revised EU electricity market design to:



Boost renewable energy investments



Better protect and empower EU consumers



Enhance the competitiveness of EU industry



Commission welcomes deal on X

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The Commission welcomes the provisional agreement reached today by the European Parliament and Council on the **reform of the EU's electricity market design**. This deal will help the EU build a **renewables-based energy system**, **lower energy bills** and **better protect consumers** from price spikes and empower them to benefit from the transition. It will ensure a **sustainable and independent energy supply** to the EU, in line with the [European Green Deal](#) and the [REPowerEU Plan](#). This reform, which was proposed by the Commission as part of the [Green Deal Industrial Plan](#), will also make the **European industry cleaner and more competitive** thanks to better access to affordable renewable, non-fossil energy.

The reform provisionally agreed today by the EU co-legislators features revisions to several pieces of EU legislation—notably the Electricity Regulation, the Electricity Directive, and the REMIT Regulation. Building on the lessons of the energy crisis spurred by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the agreed reform will bring **more price stability** to both consumers and suppliers thanks to a broader use of **long-term contracts for clean power production** and will bring more **non-fossil flexible solutions** into the system such as demand response and storage.

Better protected and empowered consumers

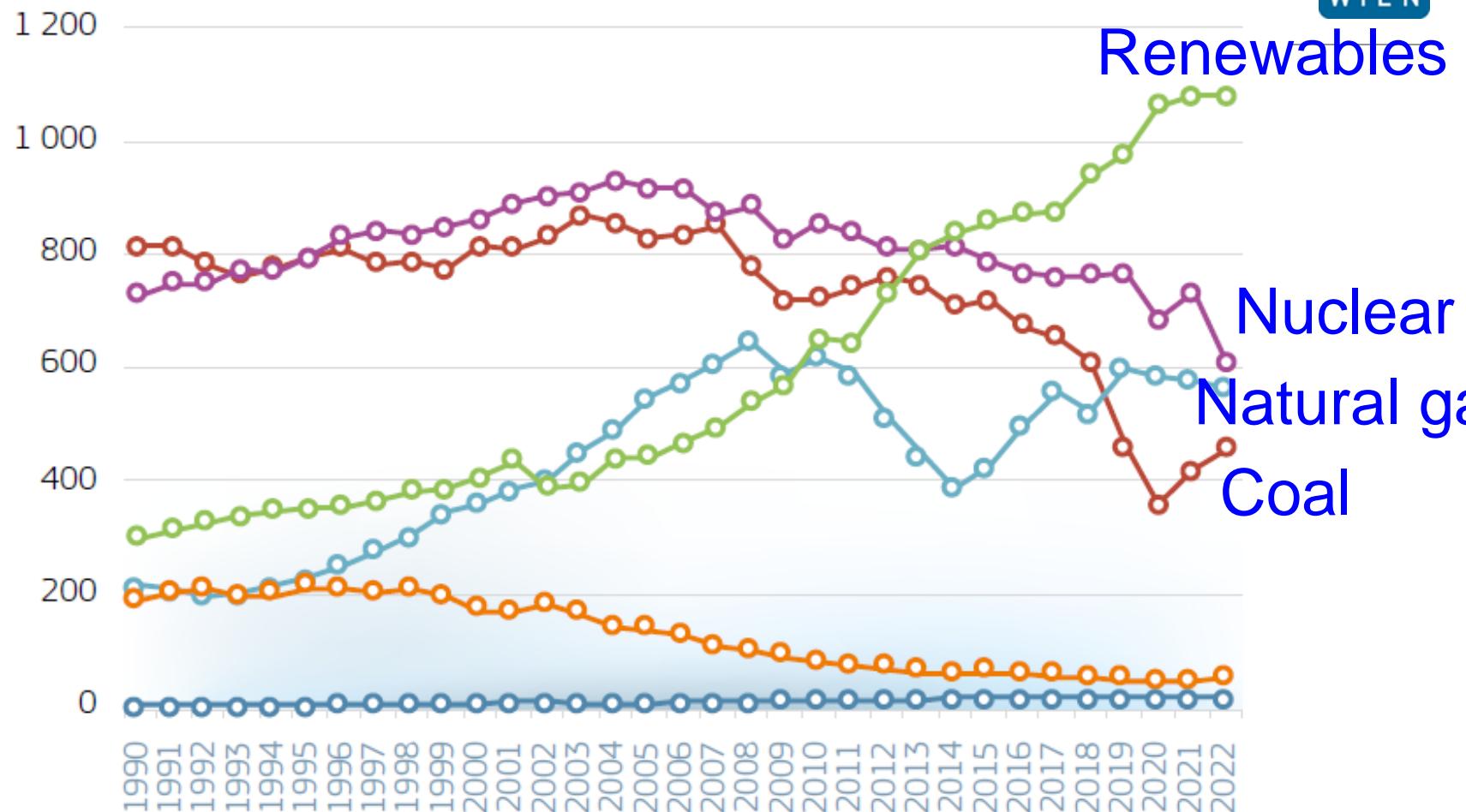
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MAJOR ISSUES:

- * **Better protected and empowered consumers;**
- * **energy market integrity and transparency (ACER) ;**
- * **A competitive European industry with predictable energy costs**
- * **Long-term contracts: PPAs and CfD**
- * **integration of renewables**

Electricity generation EU-27



Solid fossil fuels, peat, oil shale and sands

Natural and manufactured gases

Renewables and biofuels

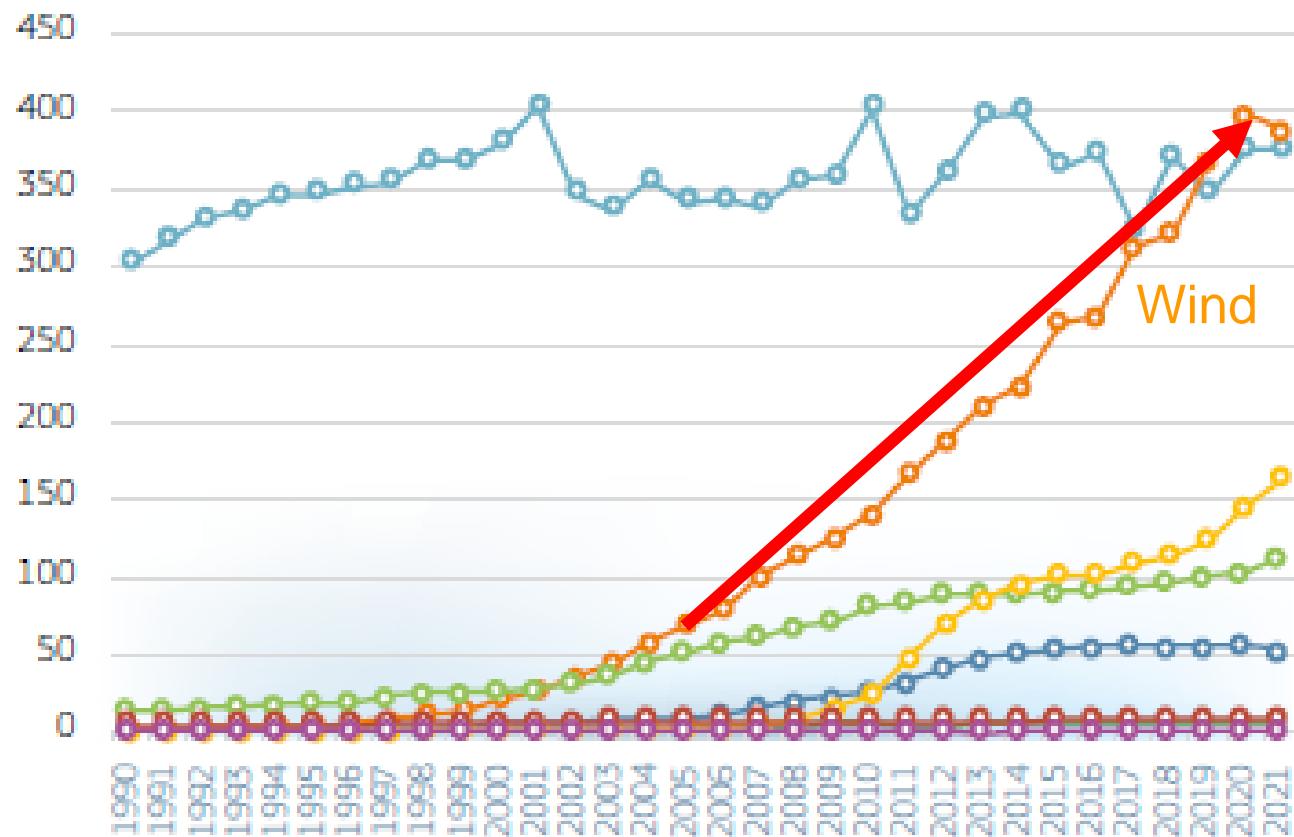
Oil and petroleum products

Nuclear

Waste non-RES

Electricity generation EU-27

EU27_2020 – BY FUEL – GROSS ELECTRICITY GENERATION,
BY FUEL: RENEWABLES – 1990–2021 (TWh)



Hydro

Solid biofuels and renewable wastes

Liquid biofuels

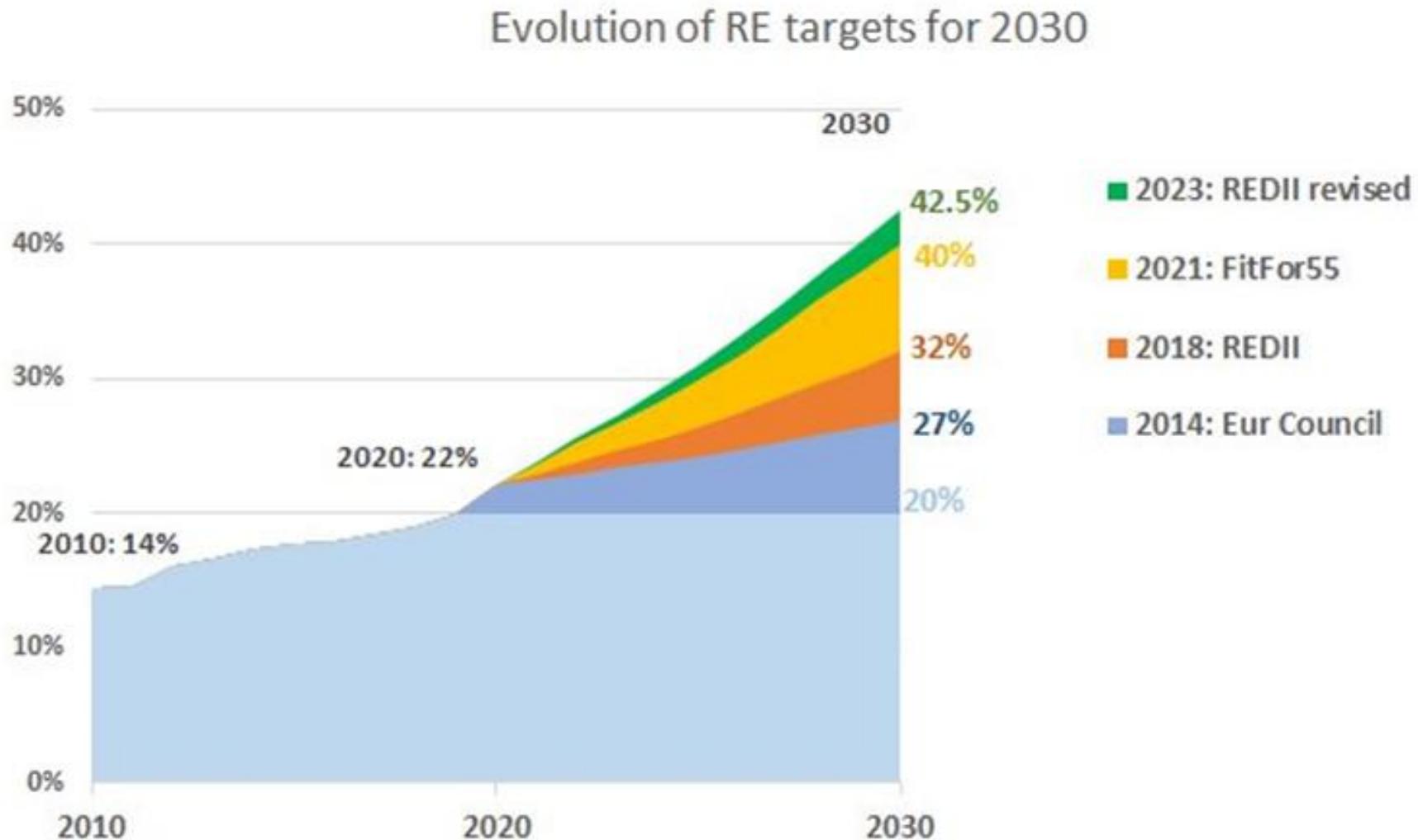
Geothermal

Wind

Biogases

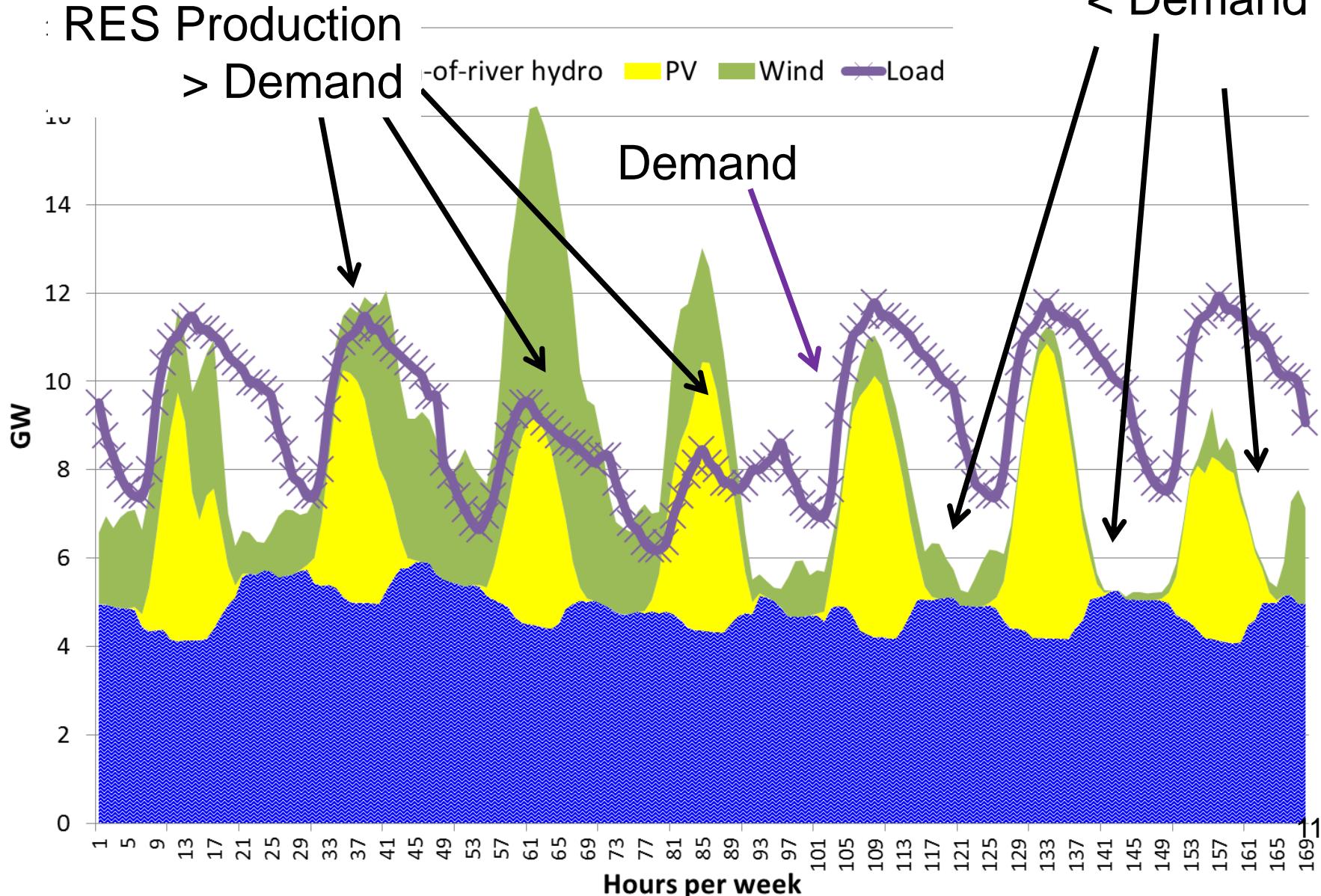
Solar

Tide, Wave and Ocean

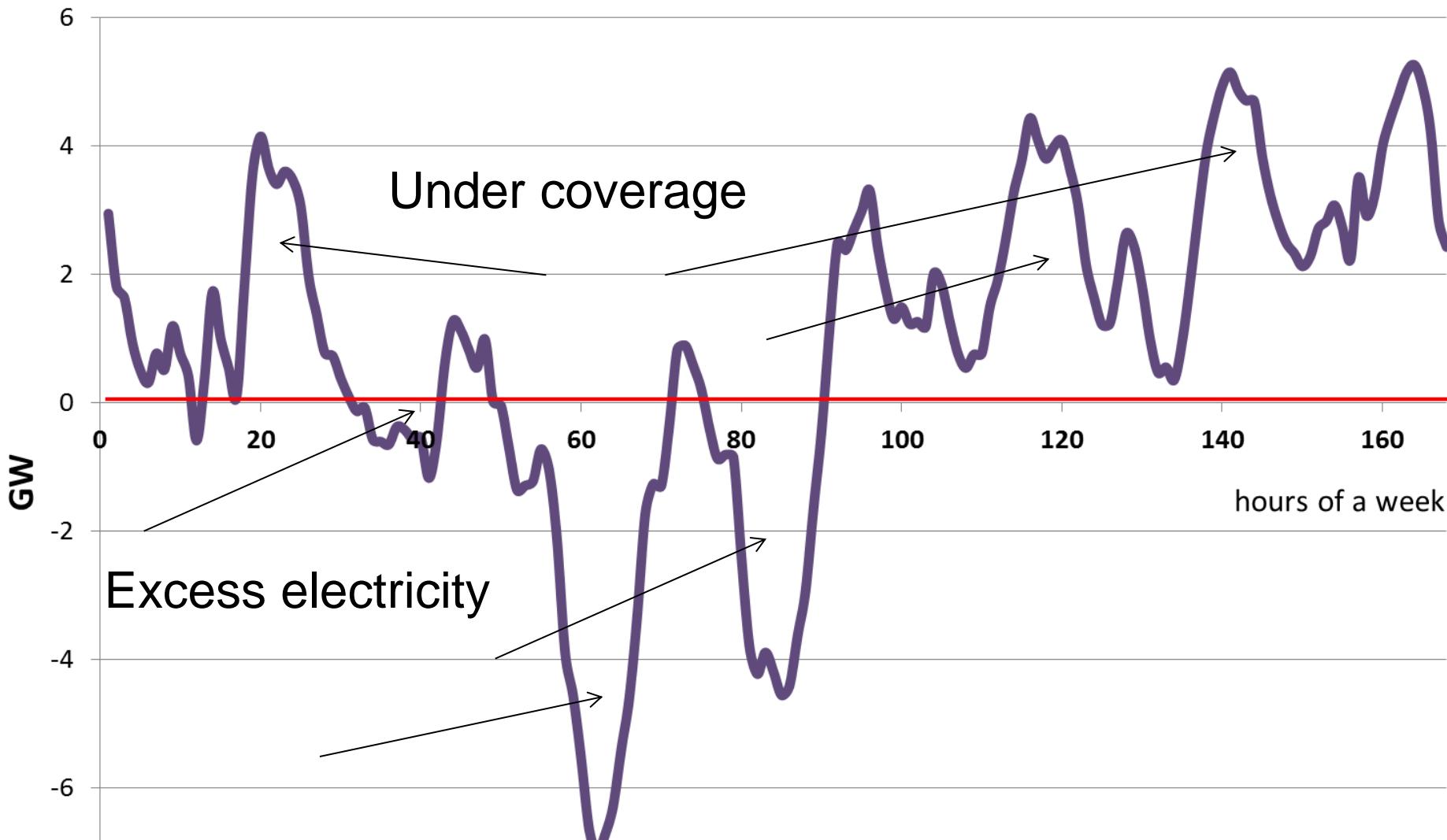


2 Key term of the future: Residual load

Supply and Demand 2030

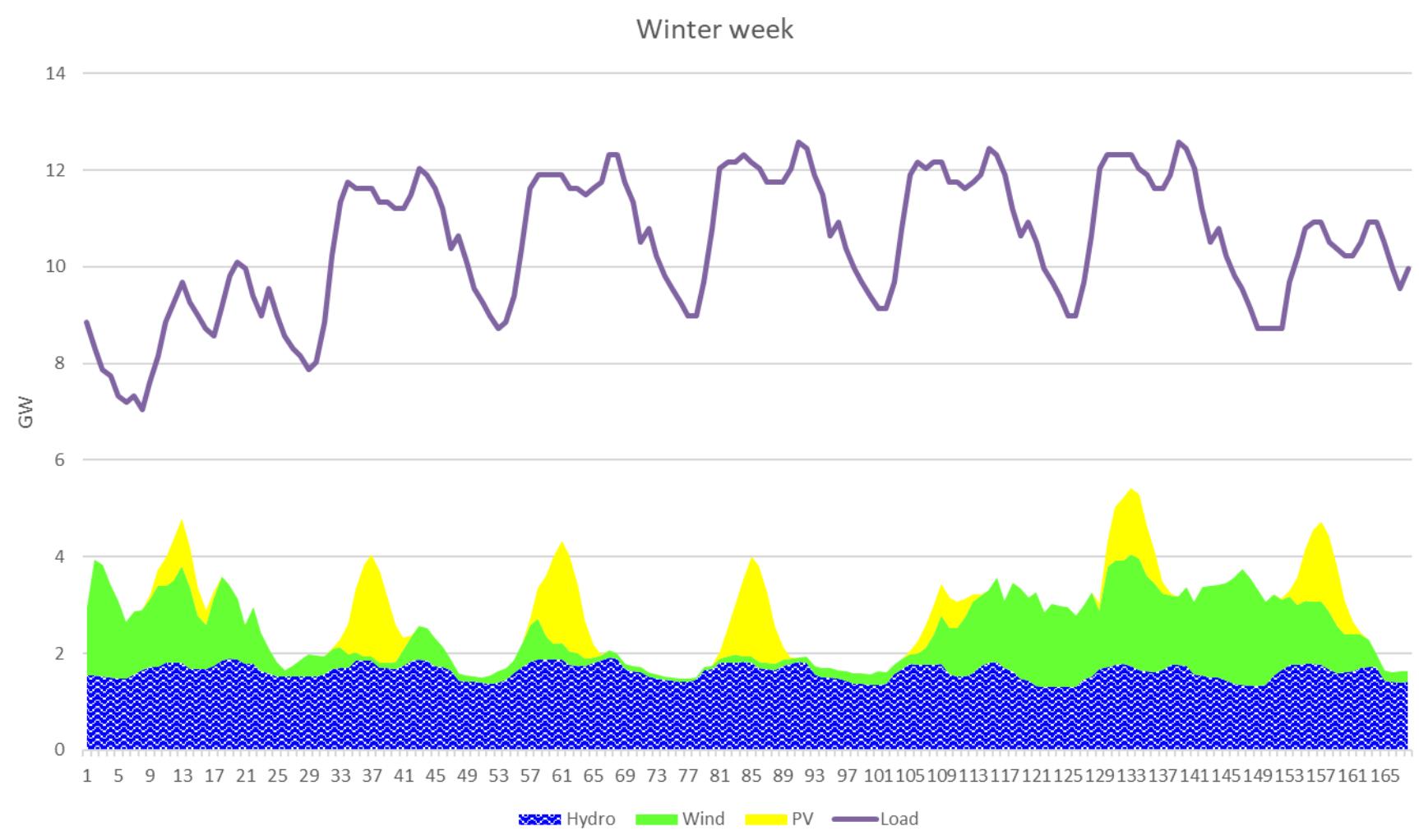


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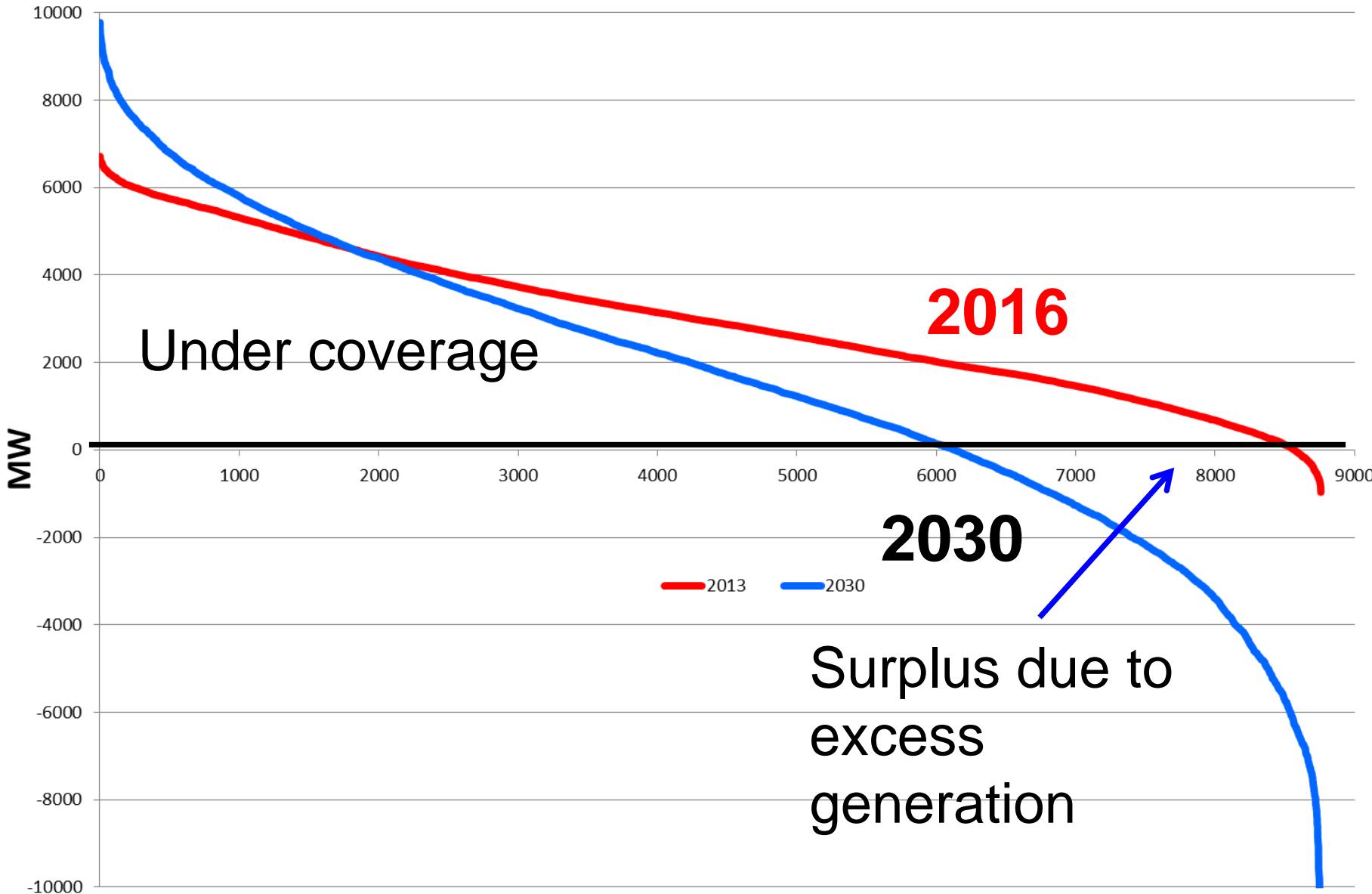


Residual load = Load – non-flexible generation

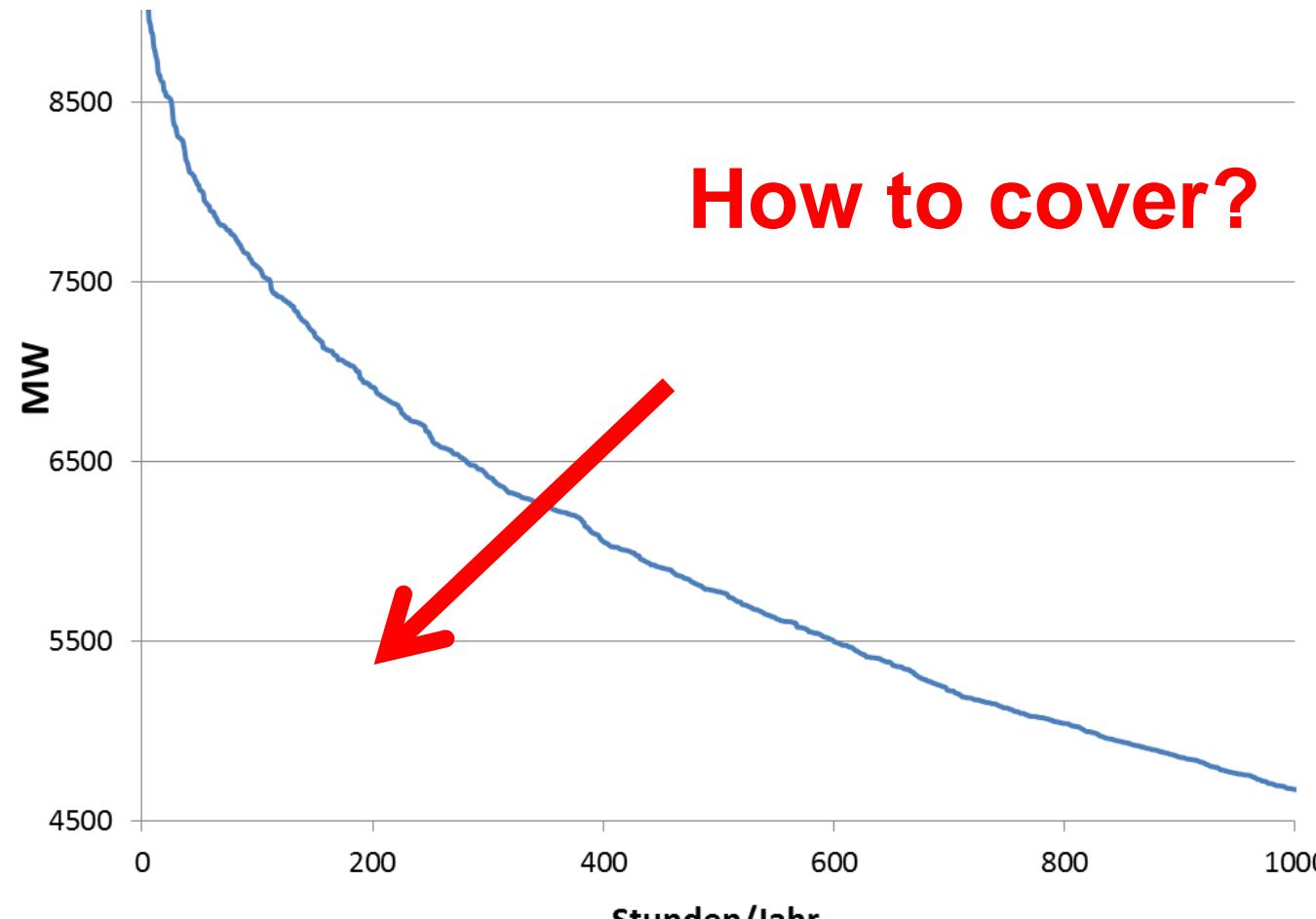
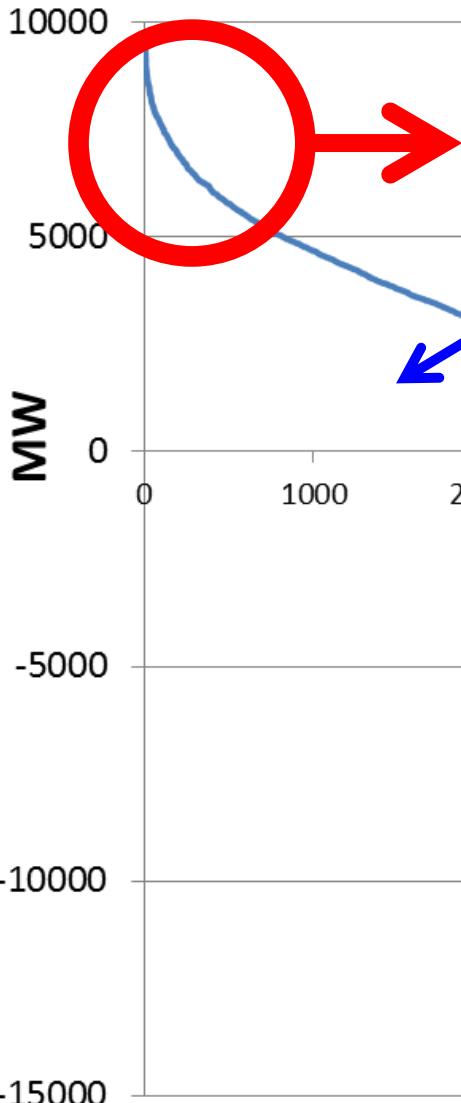
Winter week



Classified residual load



Classified residual load



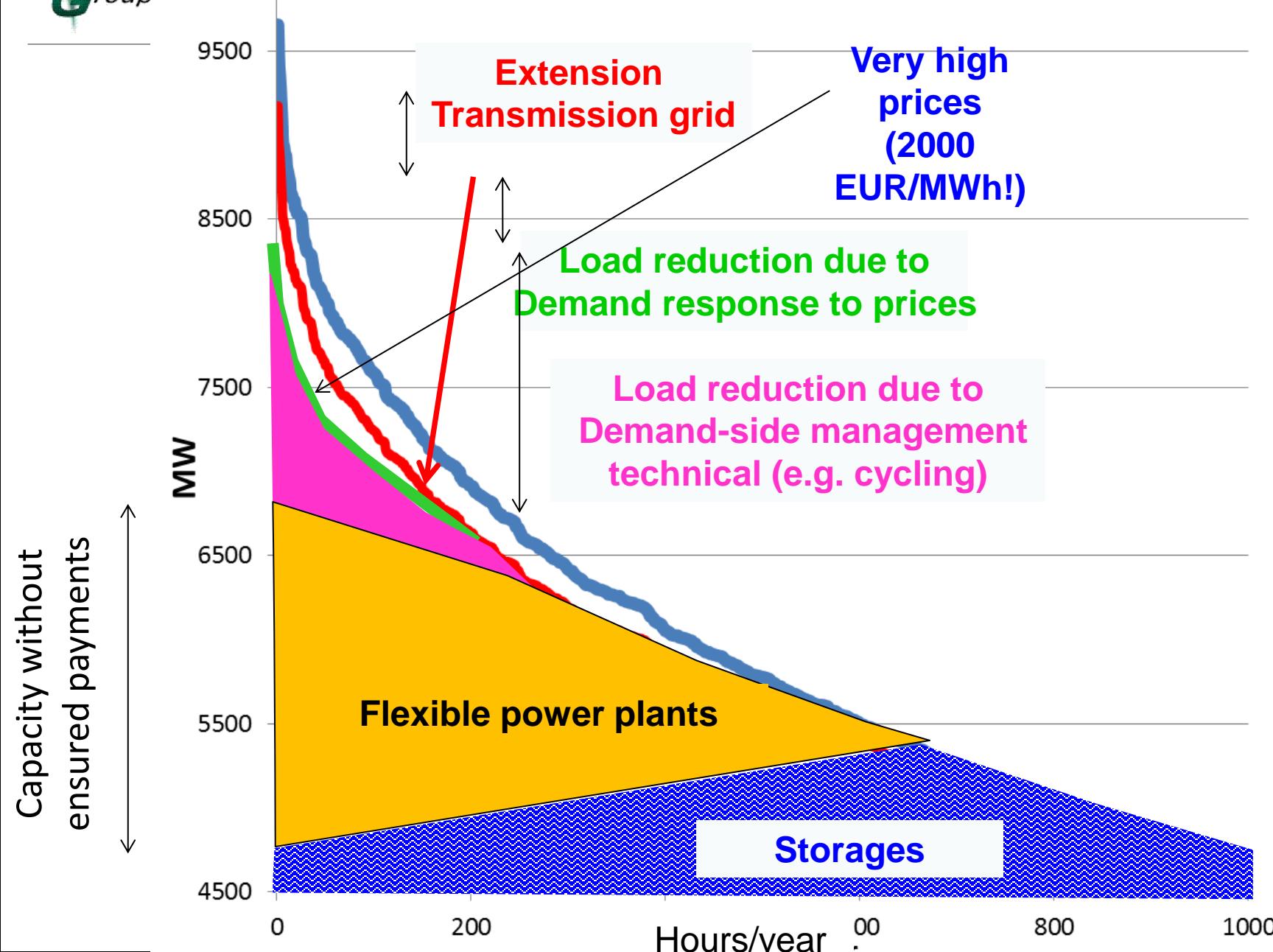
How to cover?

3. Capacity payments vs Flexibility

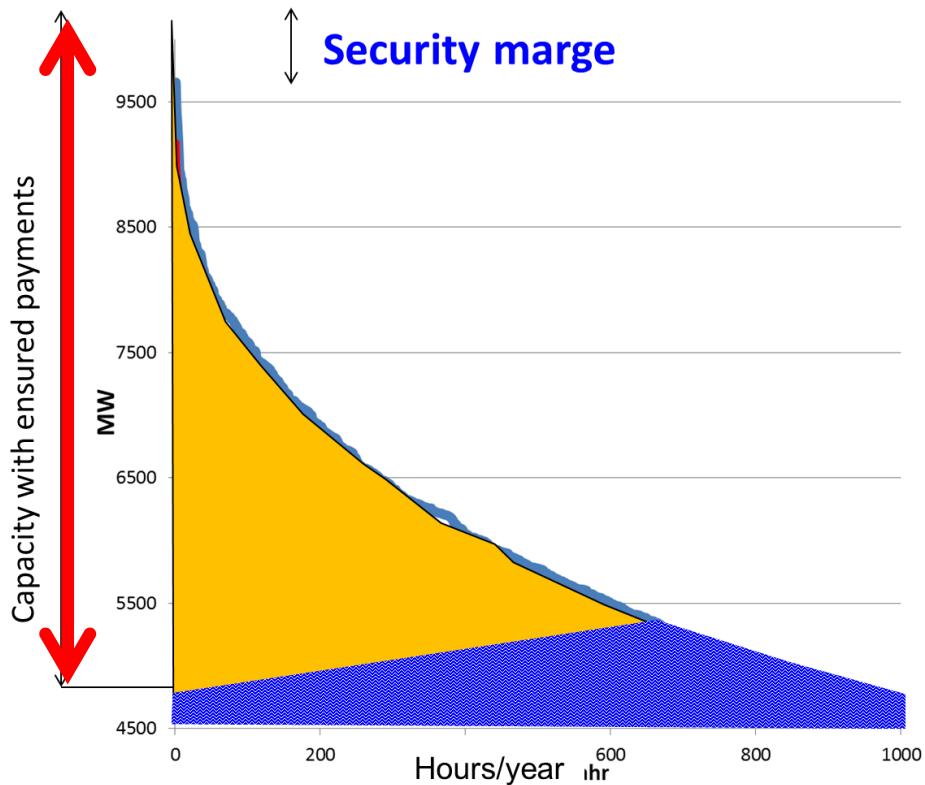
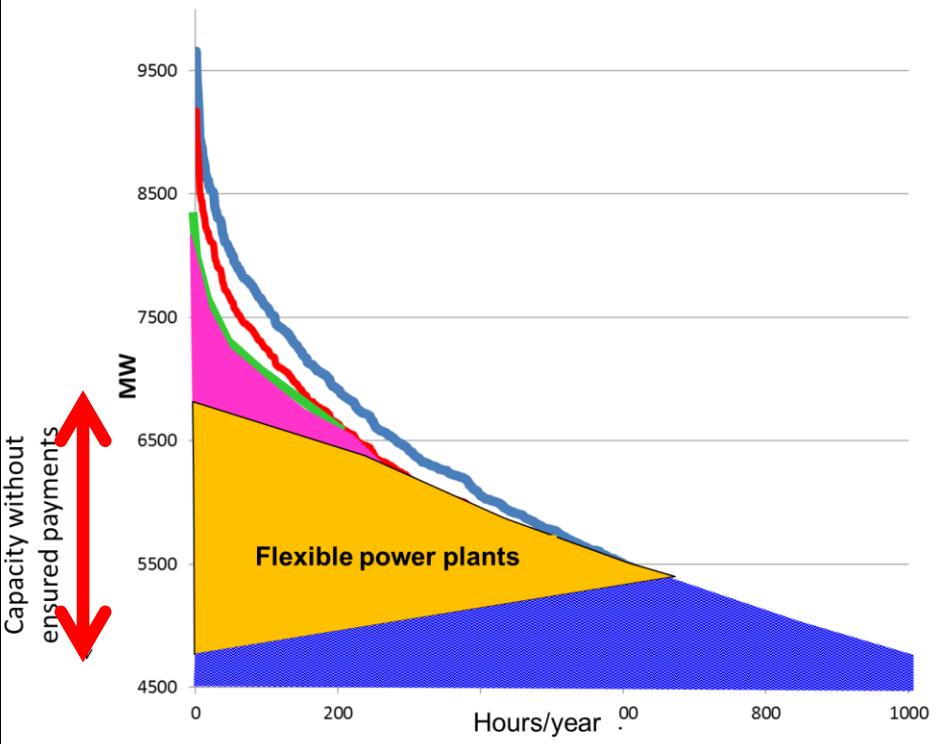
By a regulated capacity „market“ ?
or

By competition between supply-side and
demand-side technologies (incl. storages
and grid)?

Flexible coverage of residual load



Comparison



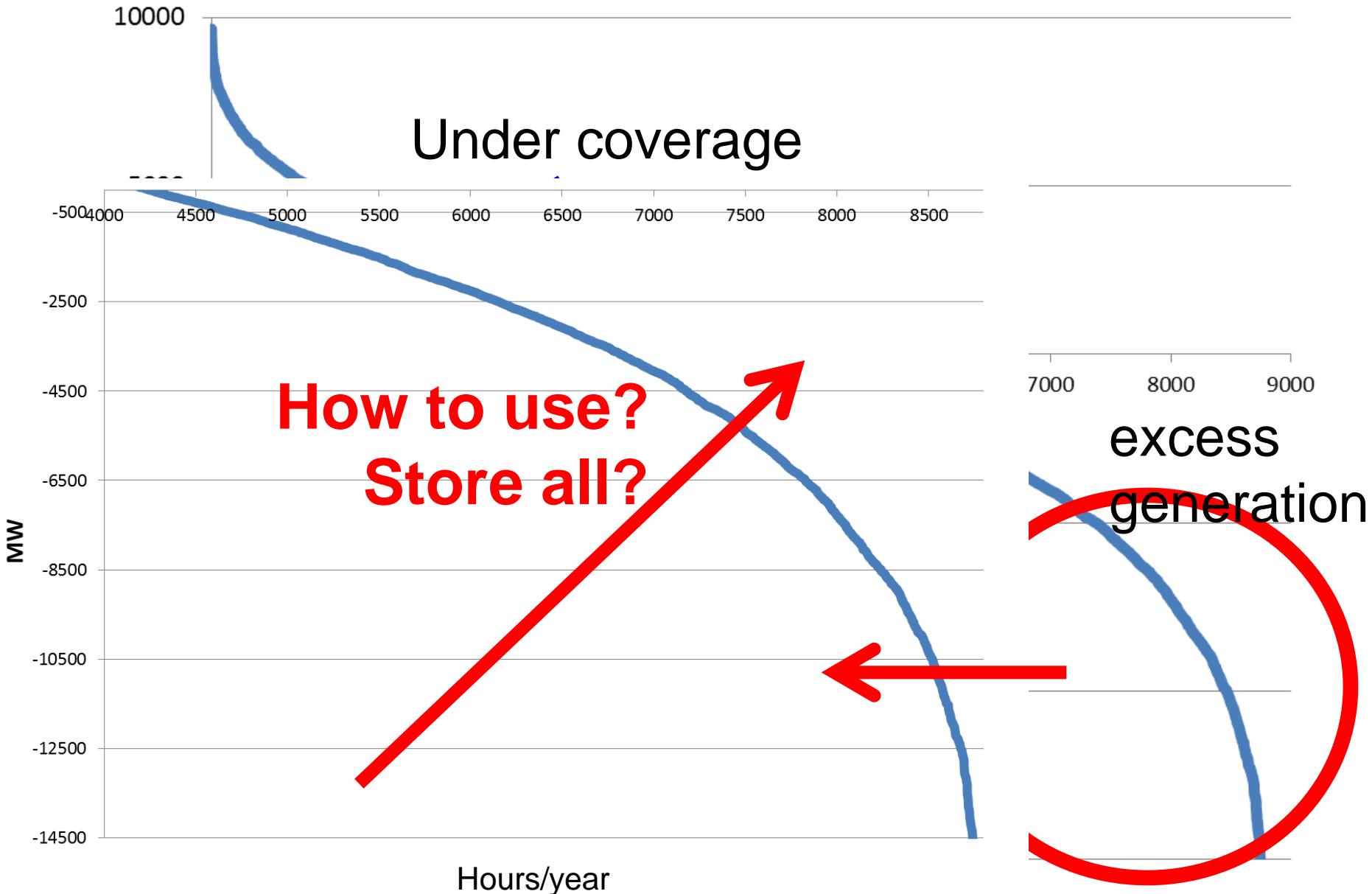
THE CORE PROBLEMS OF CAPACITY PAYMENTS

All regulatory capacity payments for power plants distort the EOM and lead to wrong price signals for all other options

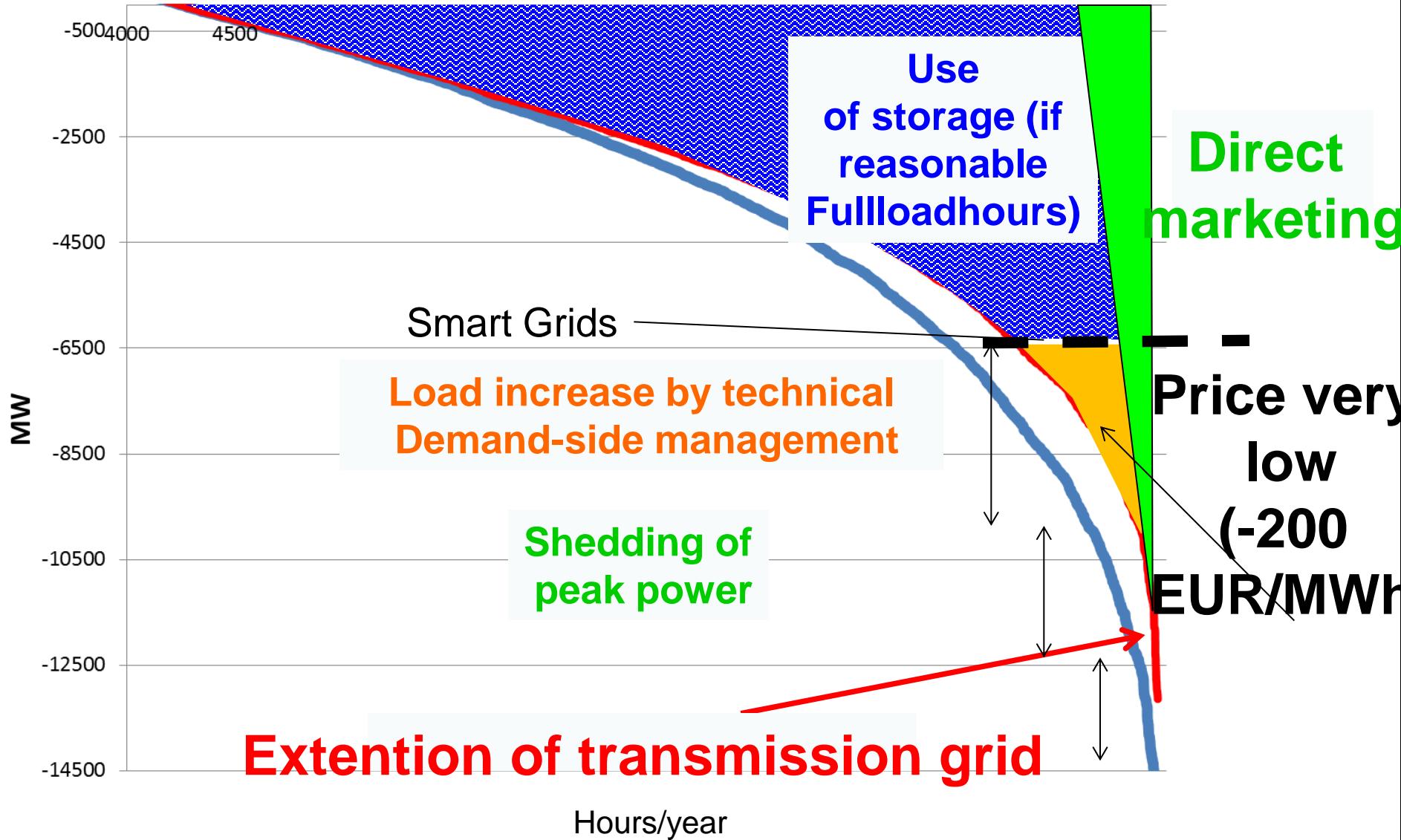
Price peaks at times of scarce resource should revive the markets and lead to effective competition

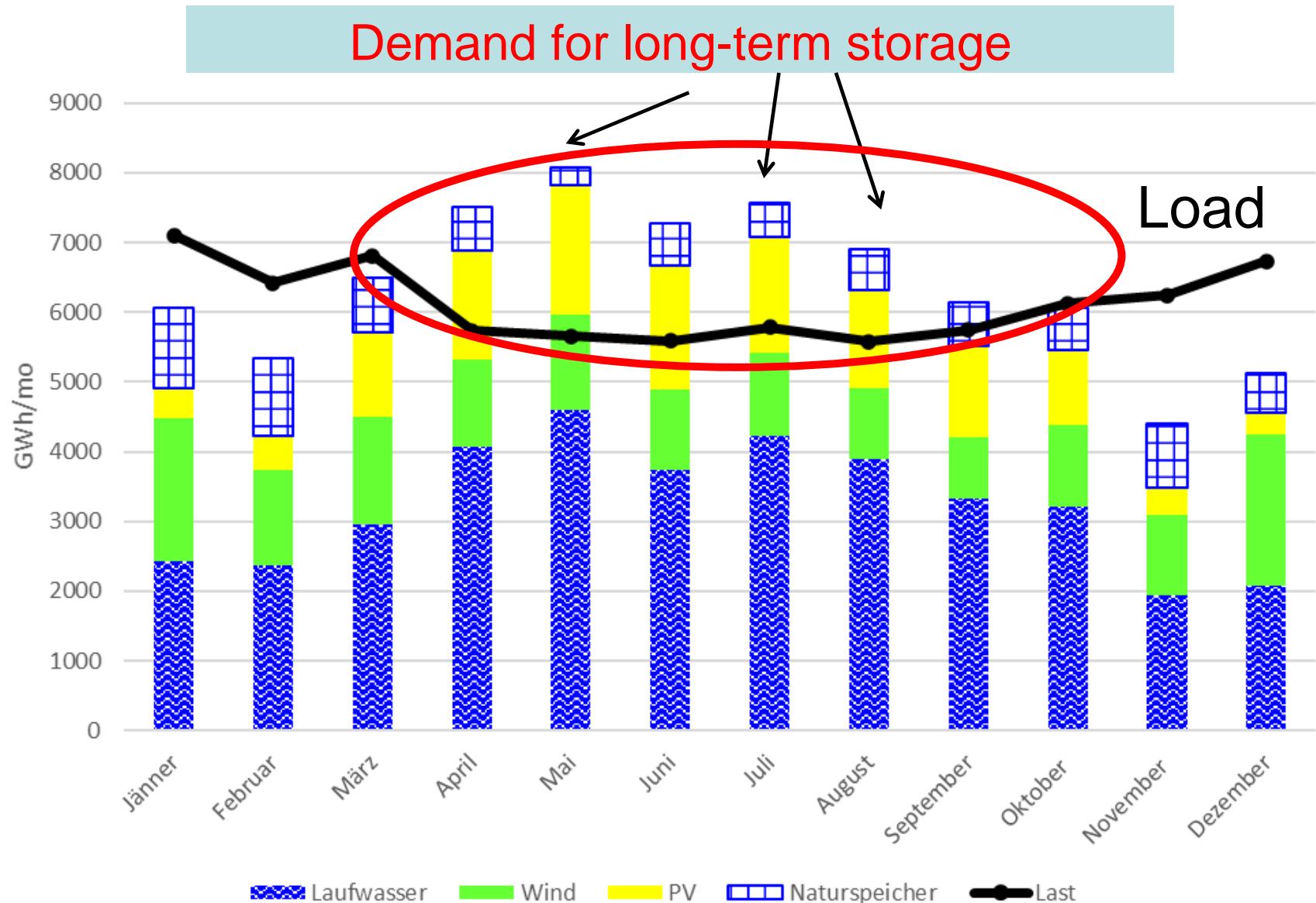
strive to retain system resource adequacy by correct price signals

STORING EVERY PEAK?



FLEXIBLE USE OF EXCESS ELECTRICITY



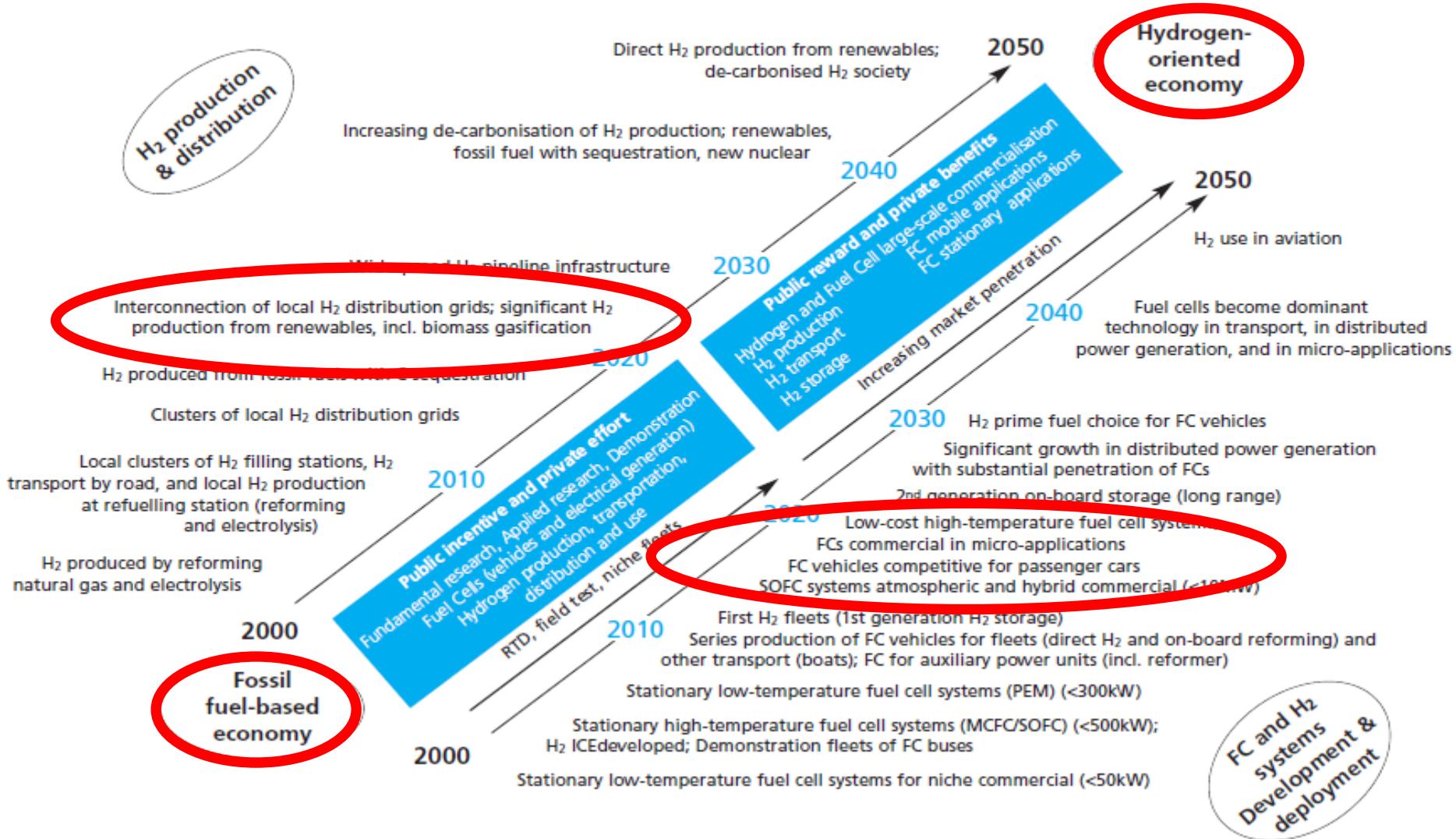


4. PROSPECTS FOR HYDROGEN

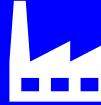
- * Urgent needs for clean energy carriers
- * Hydrogen is seen as such a clean energy carrier since decades
- * Yet so far it has not delivered

EU-Roadmap H2 (2003)

A challenging European hydrogen vision

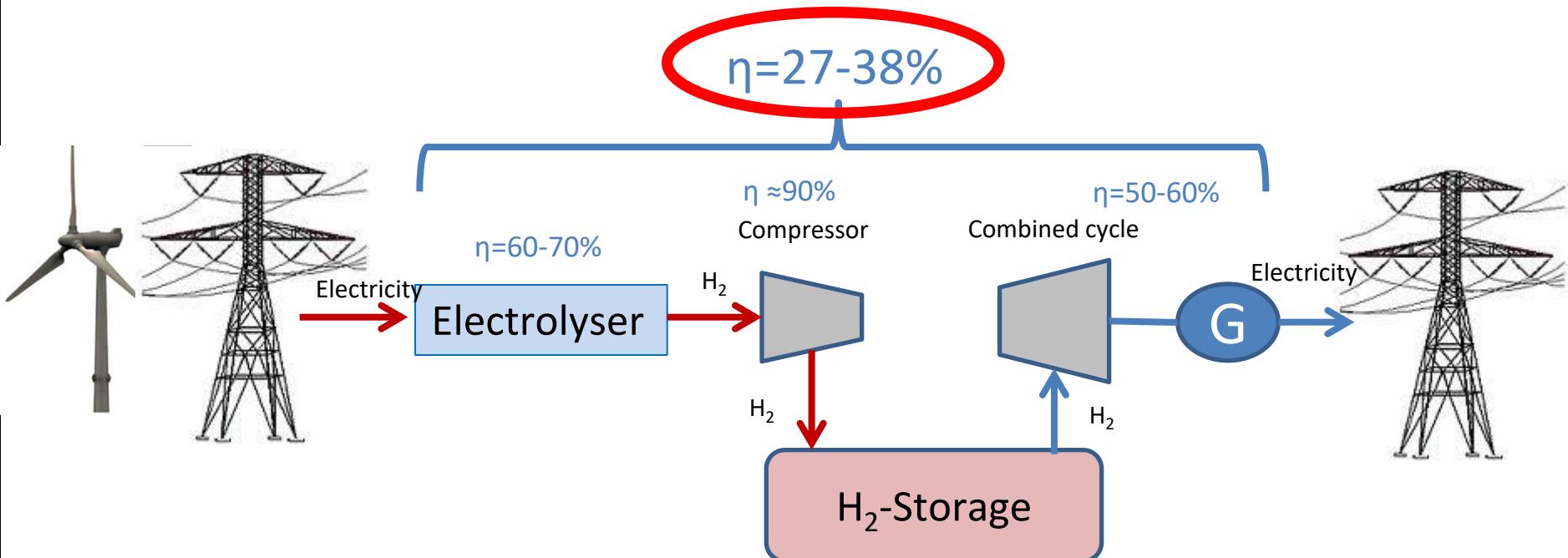


Main colors of hydrogen

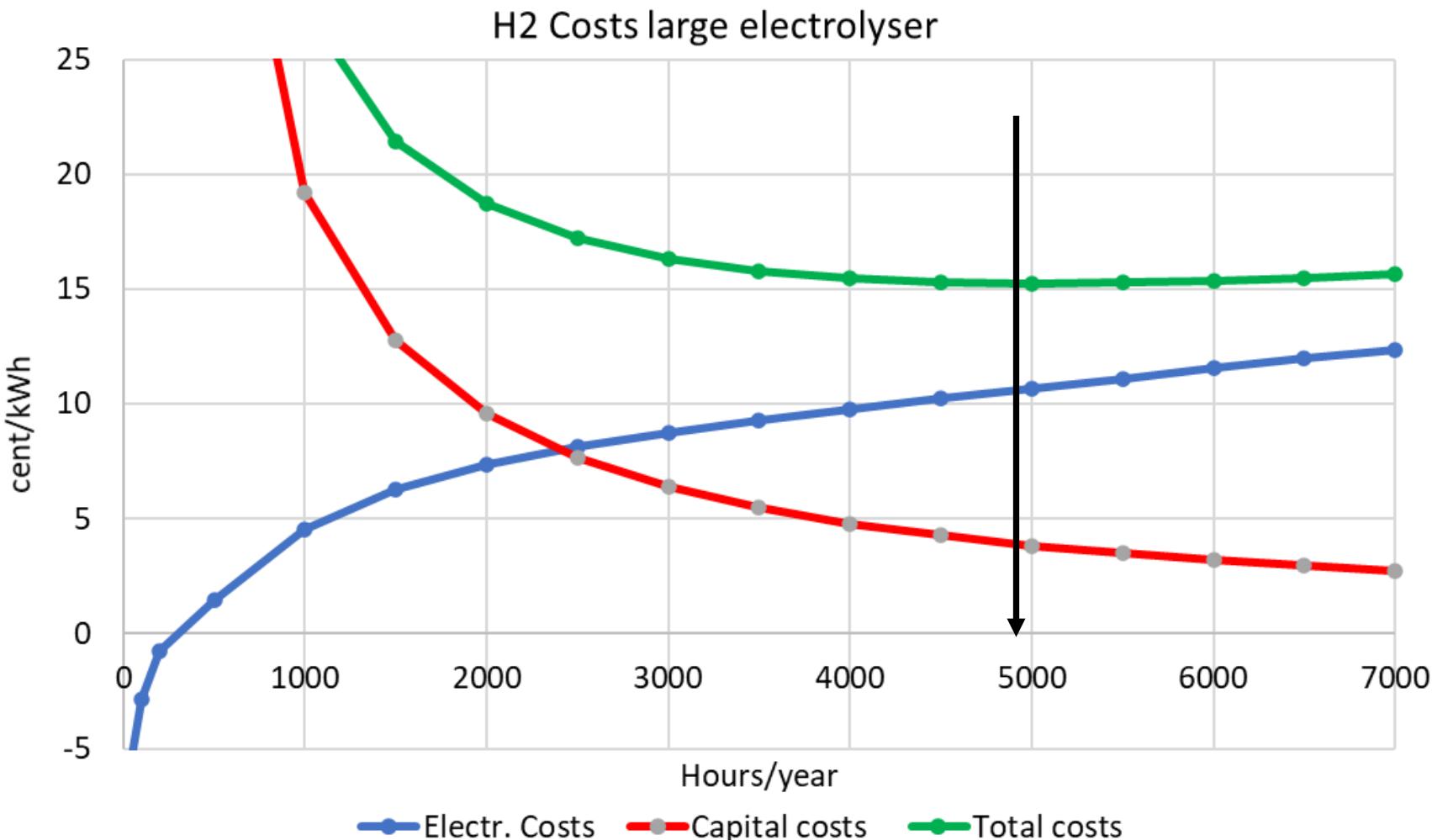
Primary Inputs	Natural gas + water, coal + air 	Natural gas+ water+ air 	Natural gas + water 	Renewable electricity + water 	Nuclear electriciy+ water 	Grid electricity+ water 
Process	SMR, coal gasification 	SMR + CCS 	Pyrolysis 	Electrolysis 	Electrolysis 	Electrolysis 
Output	$H_2 + CO_2$	$H_2 + CO_2$ (partly captured)	$H_2 + C$	$H_2 + O_2$	$H_2 + O_2 +$ nuclear waste	$H_2 + CO_2$

Hydrogen as storage for re-electrification

Very low roundtrip efficiency for electricity!

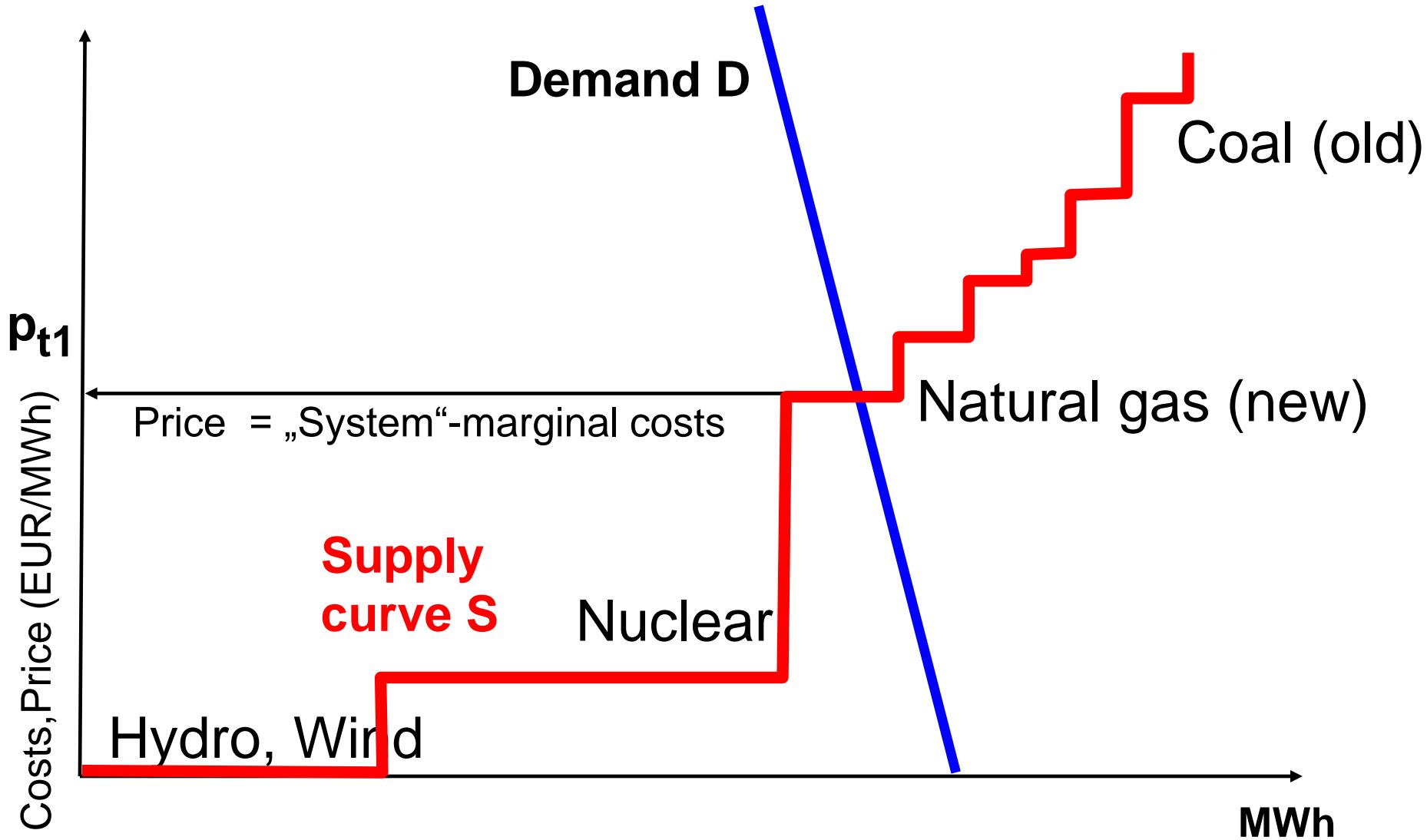


Hydrogen costs and fulloadhours

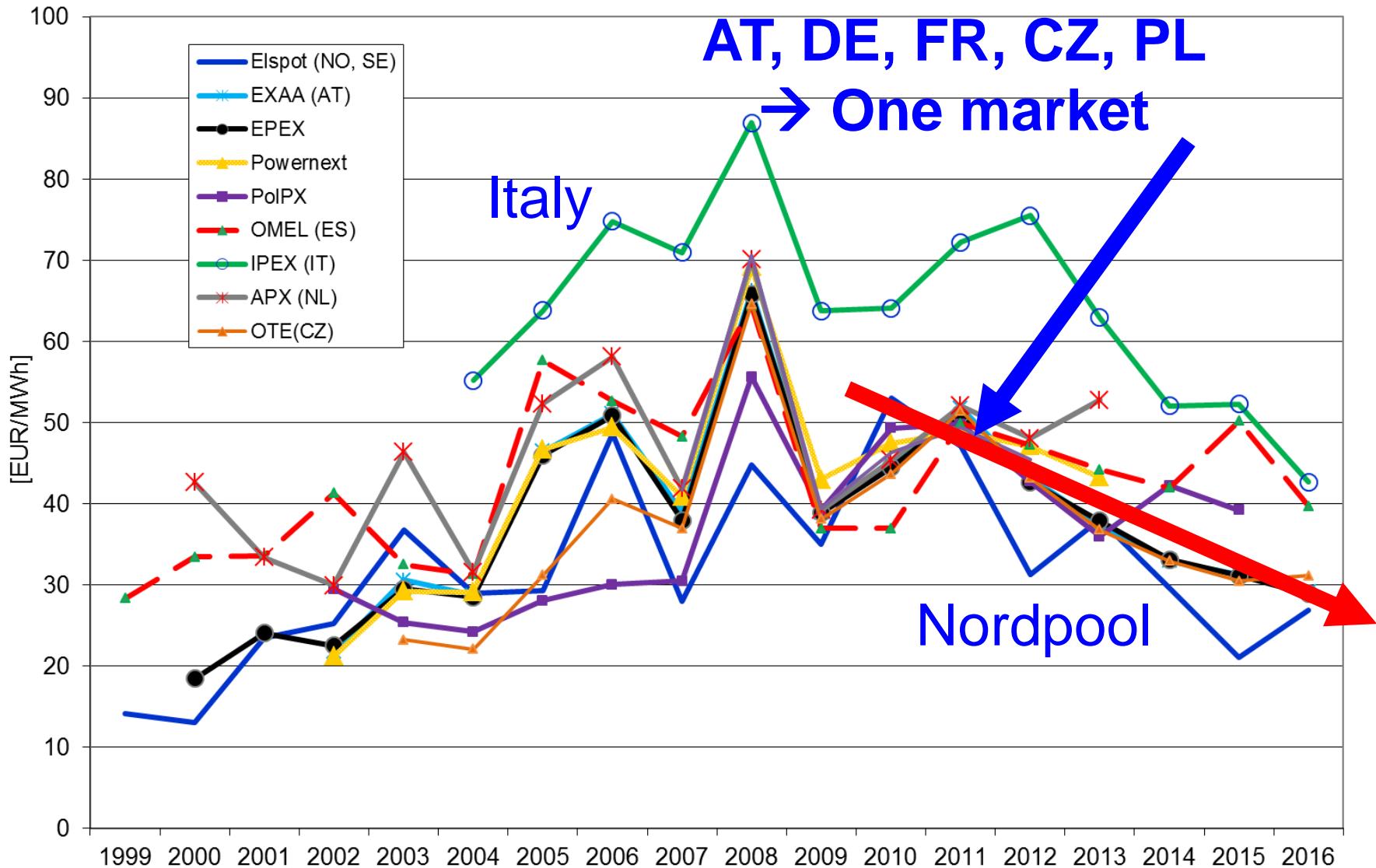


5 DEVELOPMENT OF ELECTRICITY MARKET PRICES

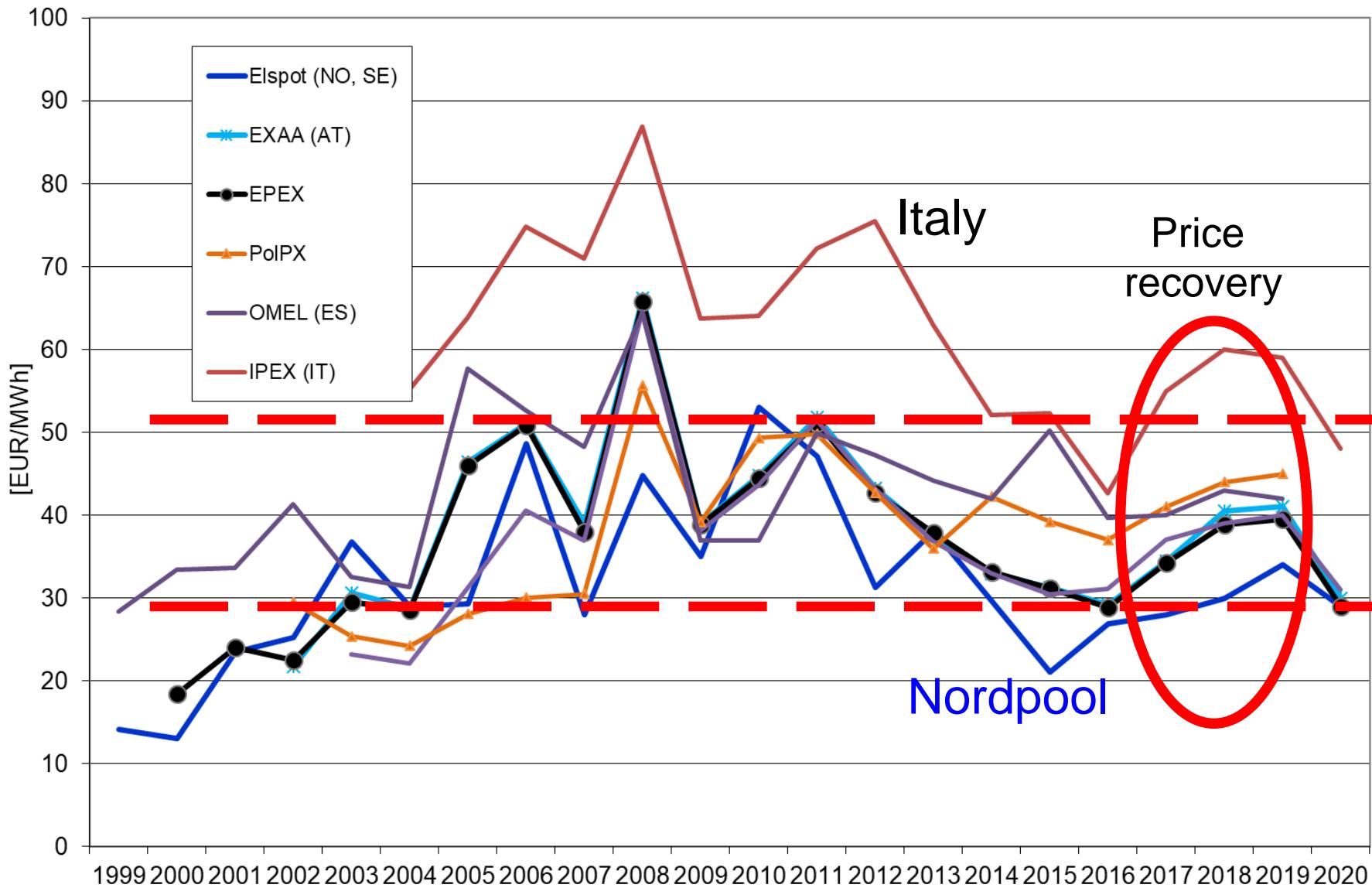
PRICE = MARGINAL COSTS

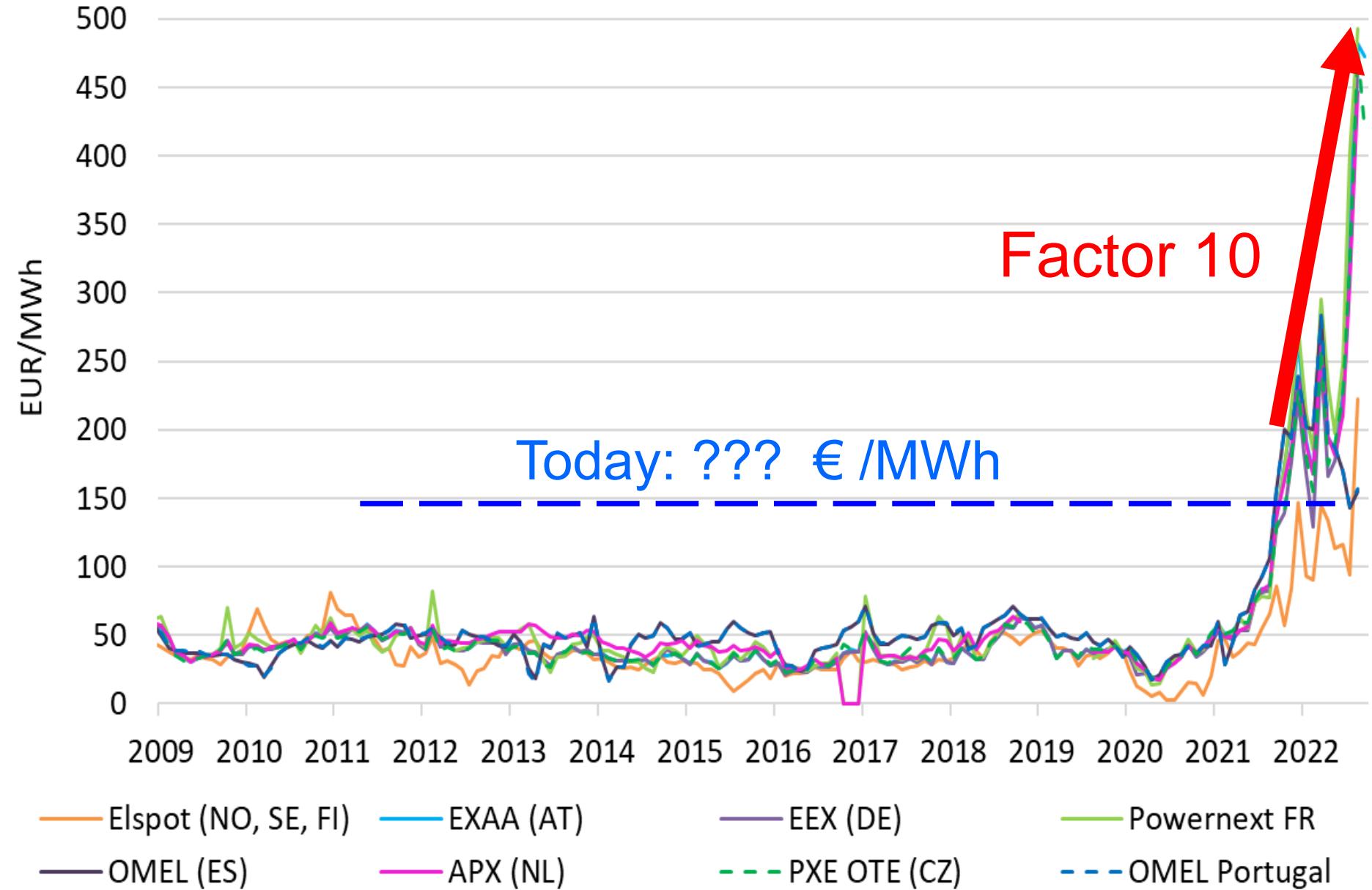


Development of electricity prices in Europe up to 2016 (1)

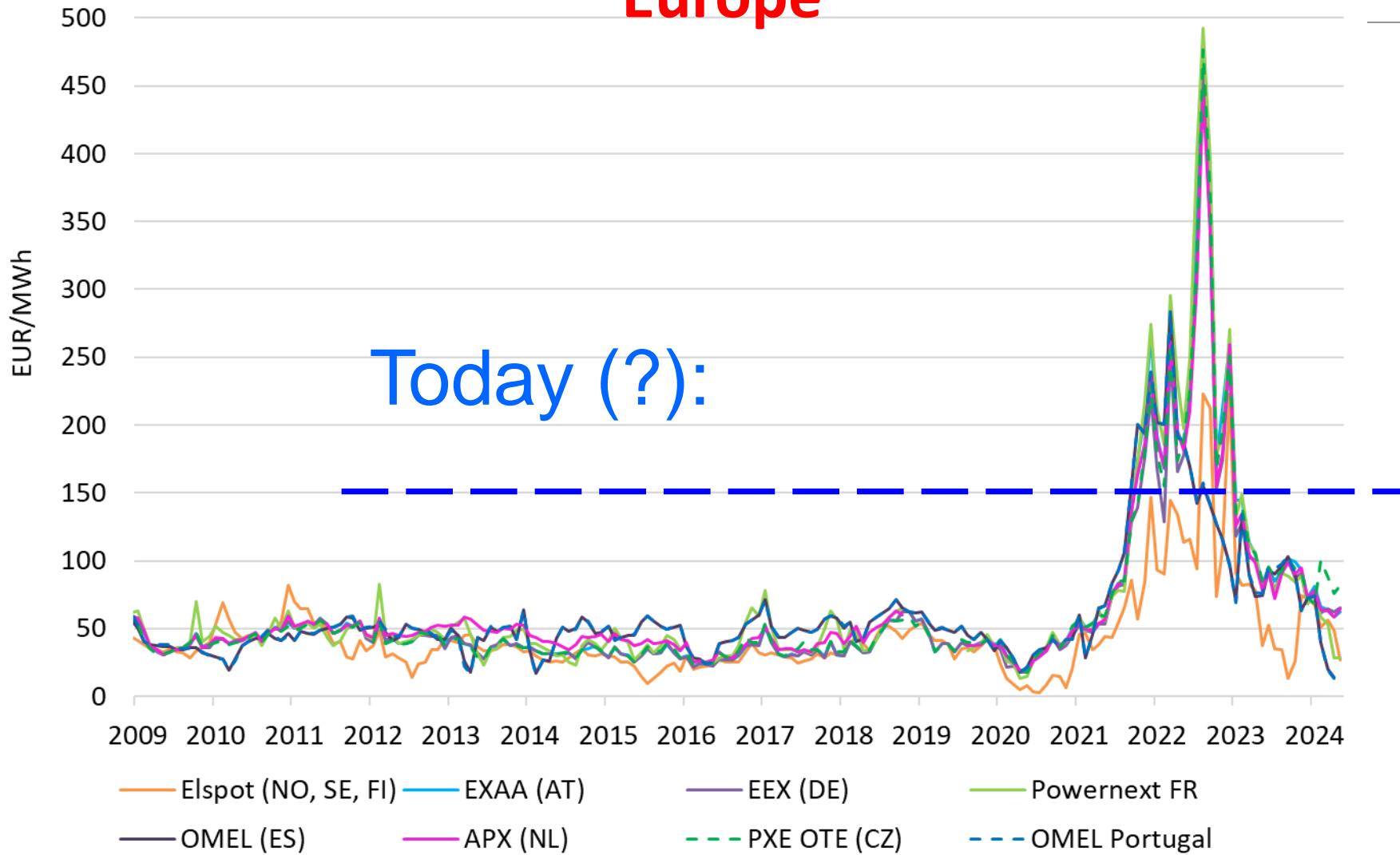


Development of day-ahead electricity prices in Europe per year (2)

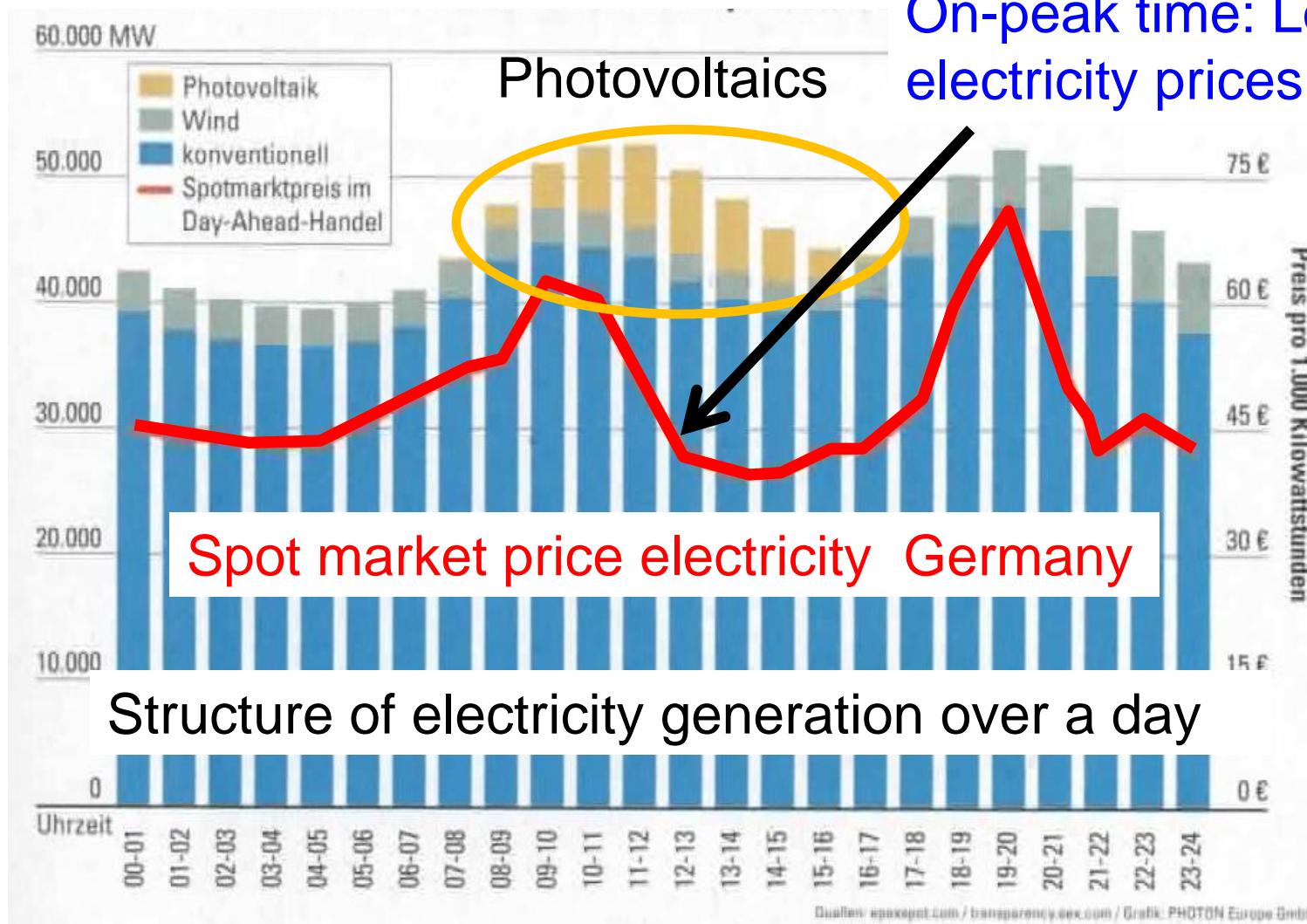




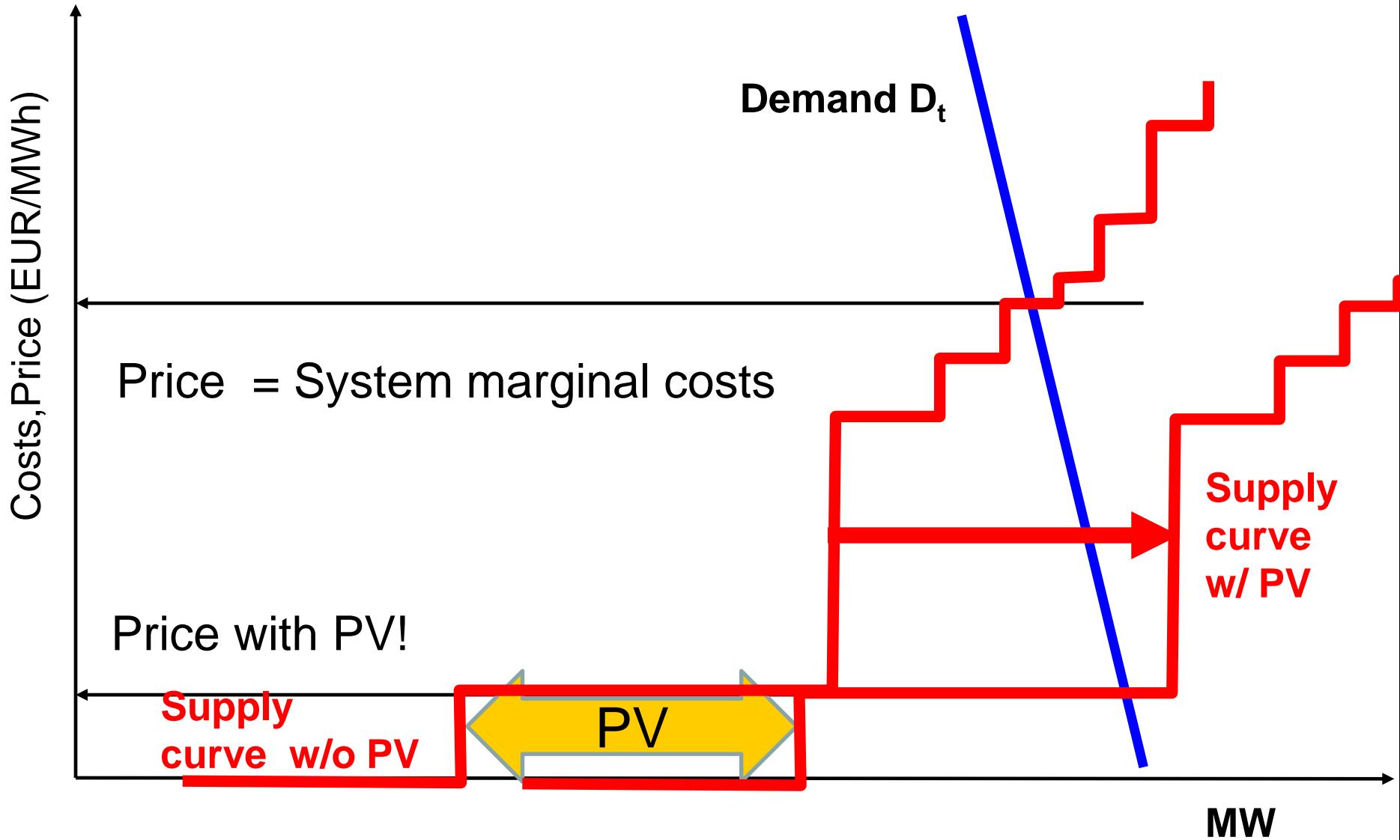
Day-ahead electricity prices in Europe



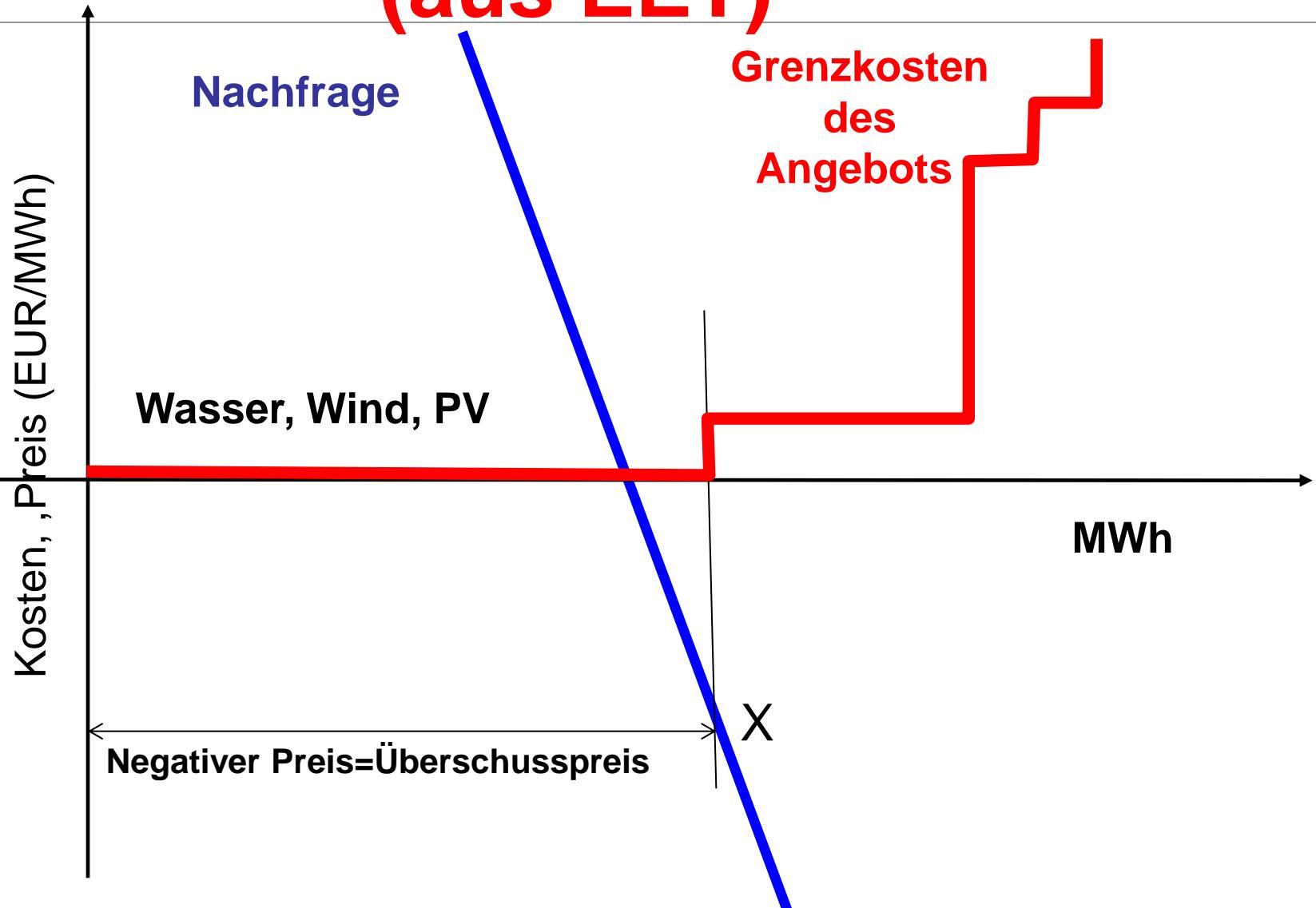
PV AFFECTS THE ELECTRICITY MARKET PRICE IN GERMANY



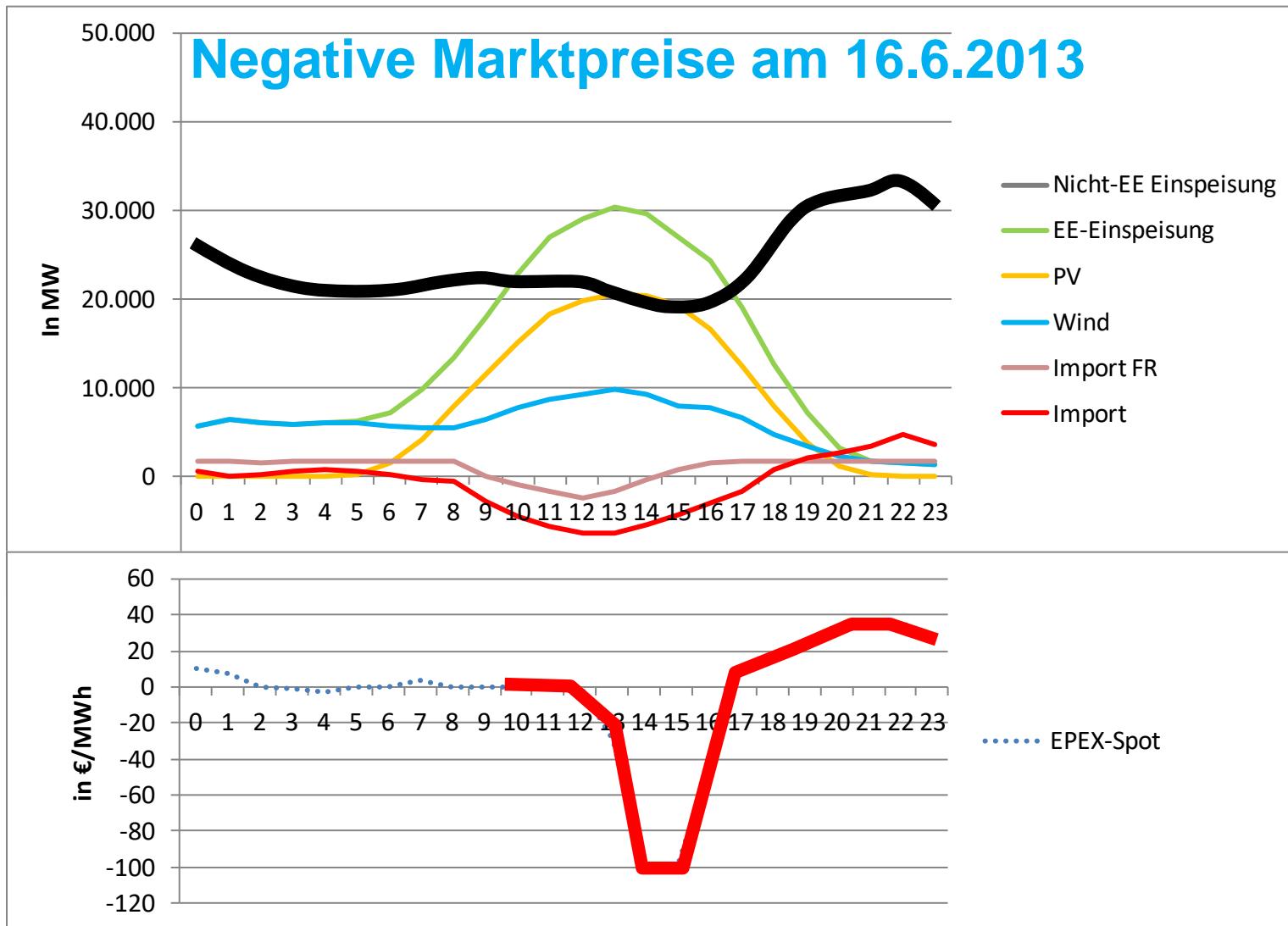
PRICES WITHOUT AND WITH PV

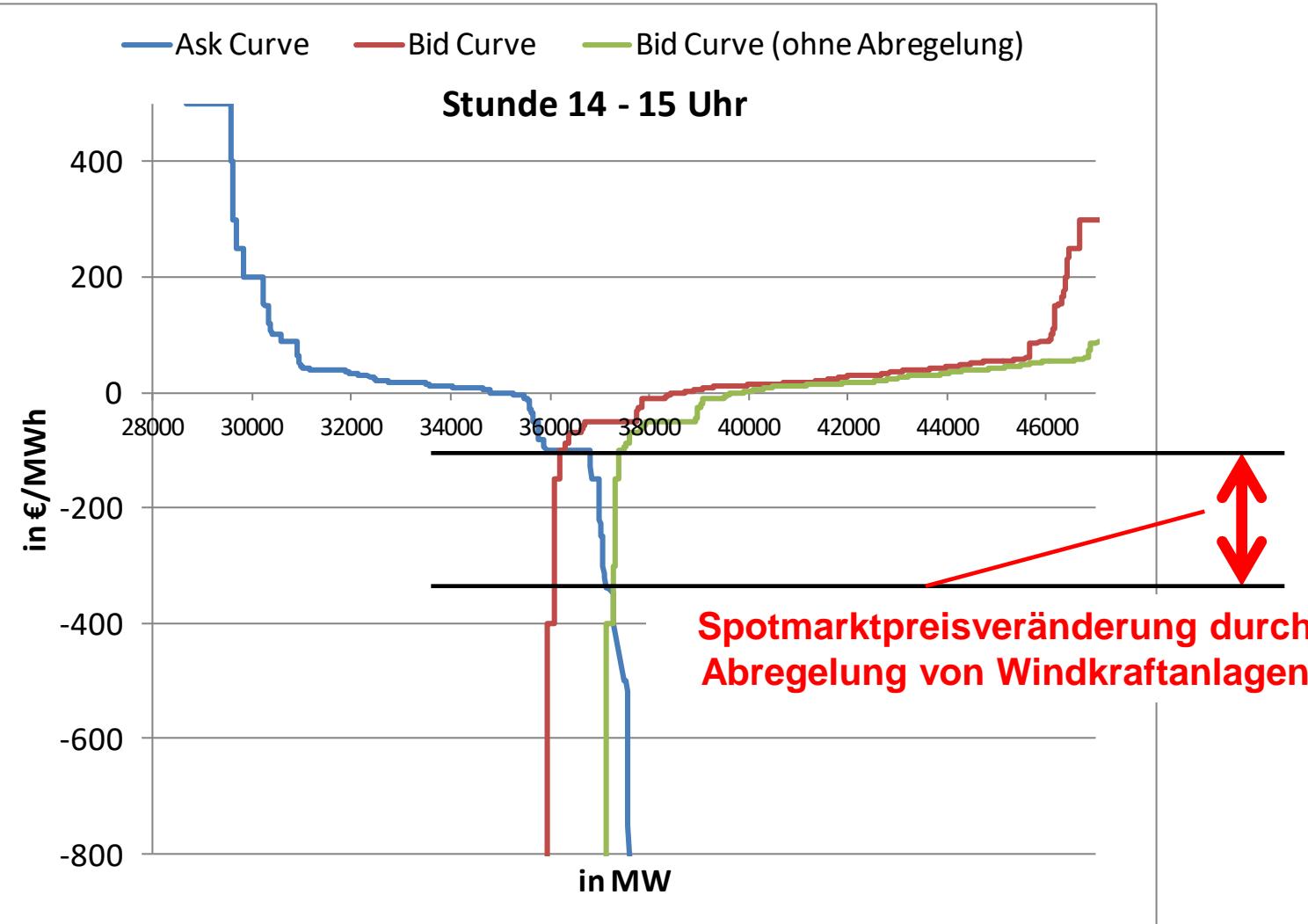


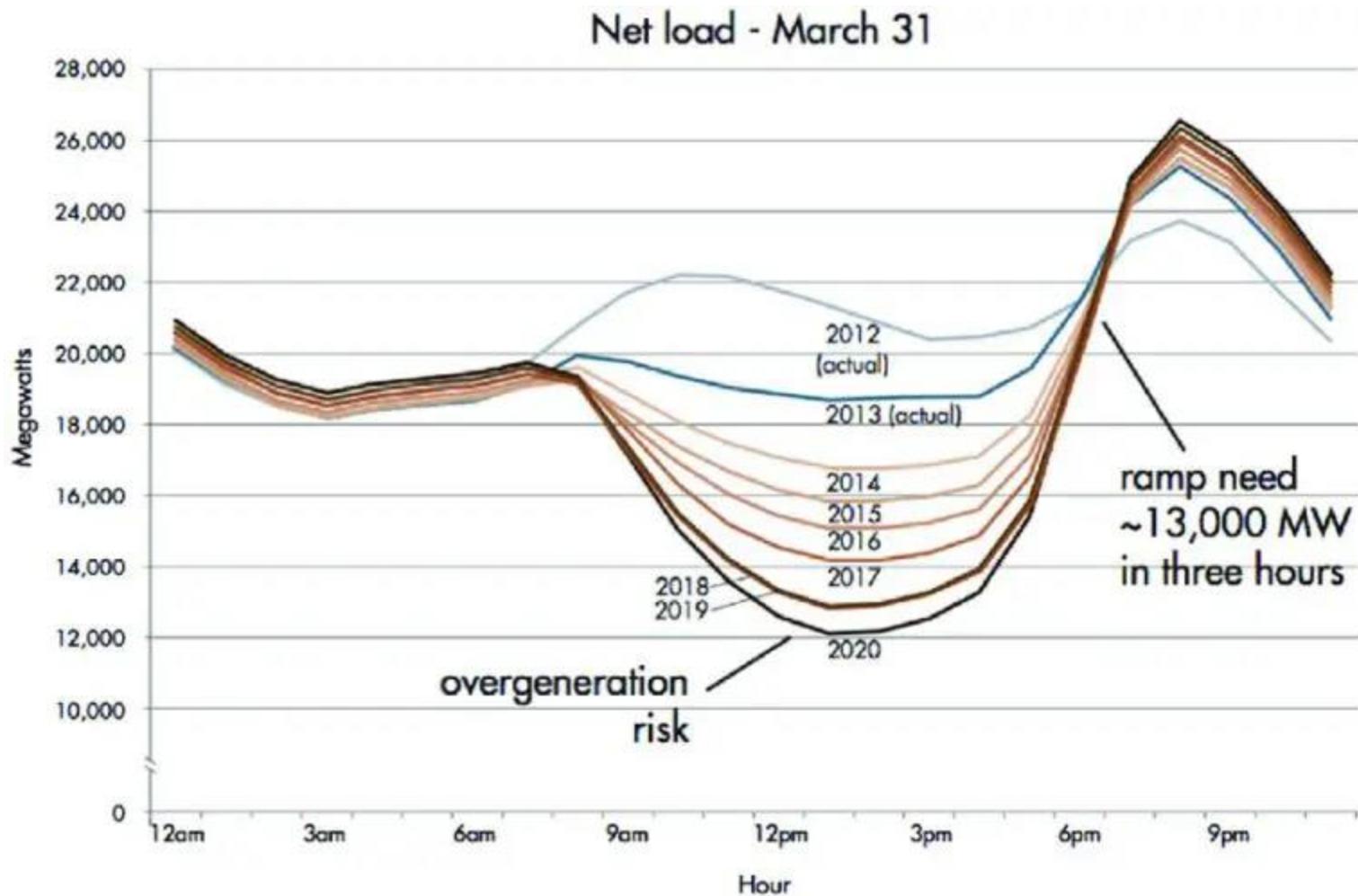
Preisbildung bei Überschuss (aus EET)



PROBLEM: EINFLUSS TEMPORÄR GROSSER MENGEN EET (?) AUF SPOTMARKTPREISE

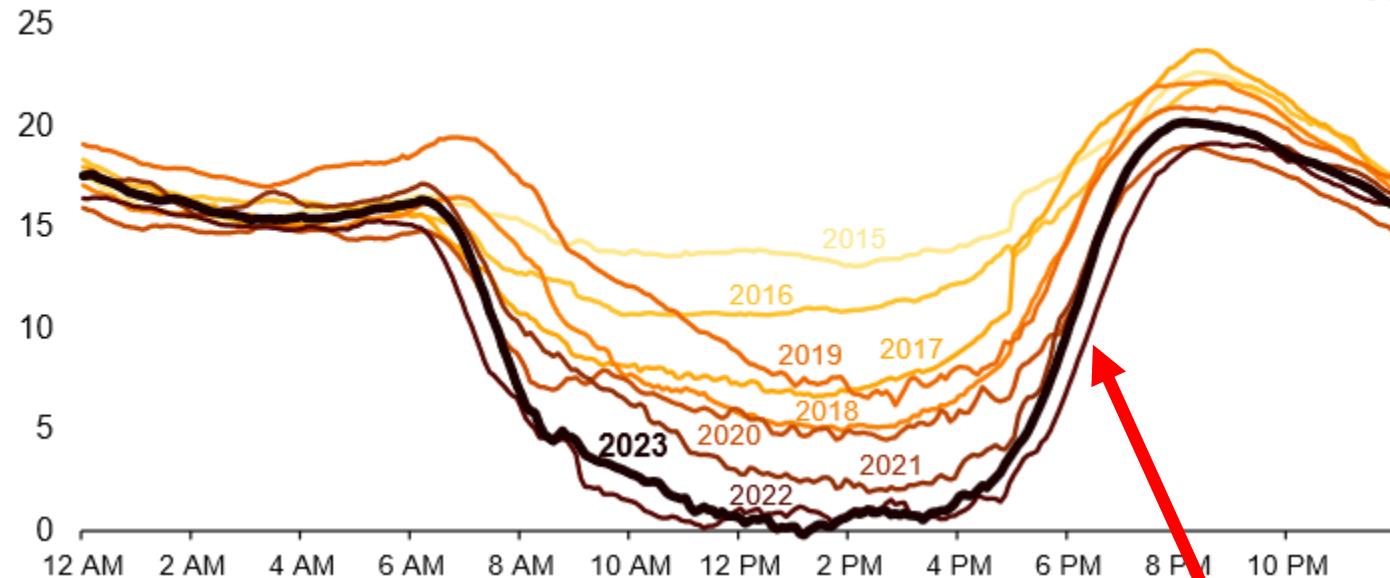






California's duck curve is getting deeper

CAISO lowest net load day each spring (March–May, 2015–2023), gigawatts



Ramping!

✓ On time

Day Ahead Auktionen Strom

EXAA Austria

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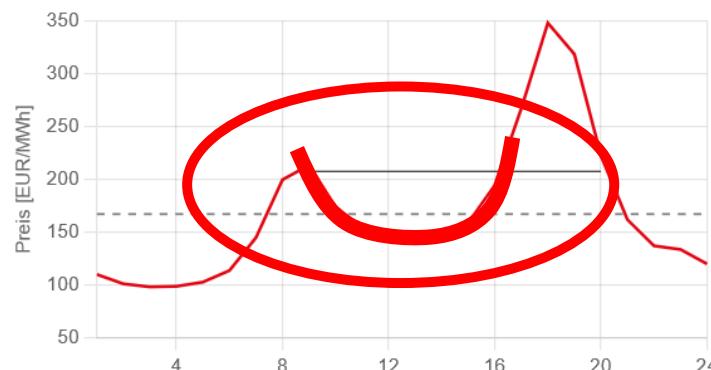
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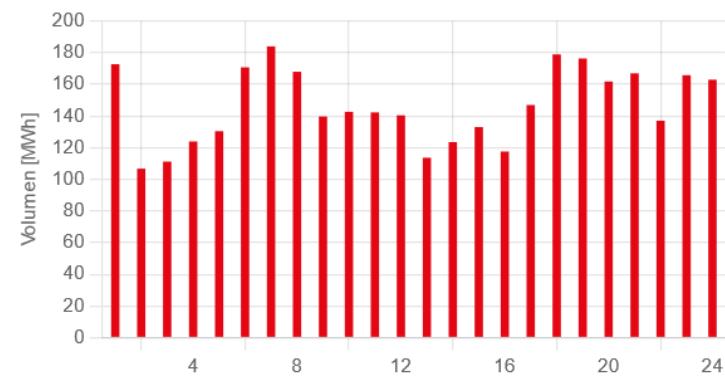
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MCP | Base: 167,11 €/MWh | Peak: 207,51 €/MWh



Aktuelle Handelsergebnisse ⚡

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Datei Bearbeiten Ansicht Chronik Lesezeichen Extras Hilfe

Aktuelle Meditationskurse in Wien X Modelling energy demand und X european electricity sub market X Electricity markets in the EU - FI X CONTINUOUS INTRADAY MARKET X EXAA - Die Strombörsse mit fünf X

Day Ahead Auktionen Strom

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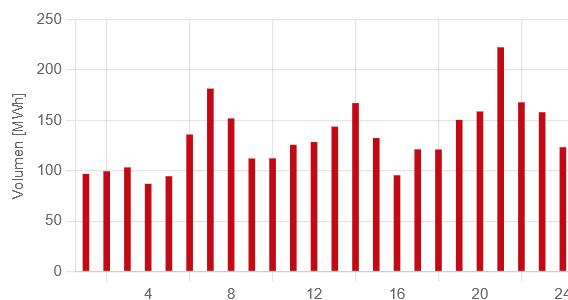
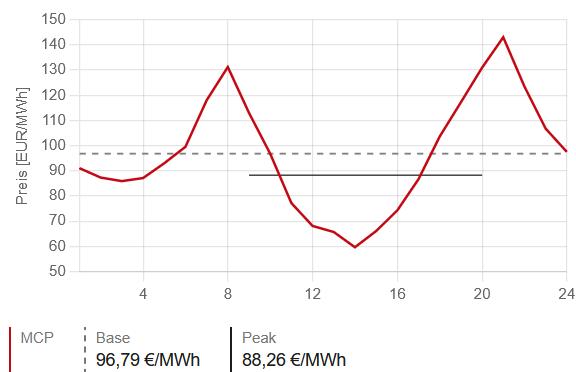
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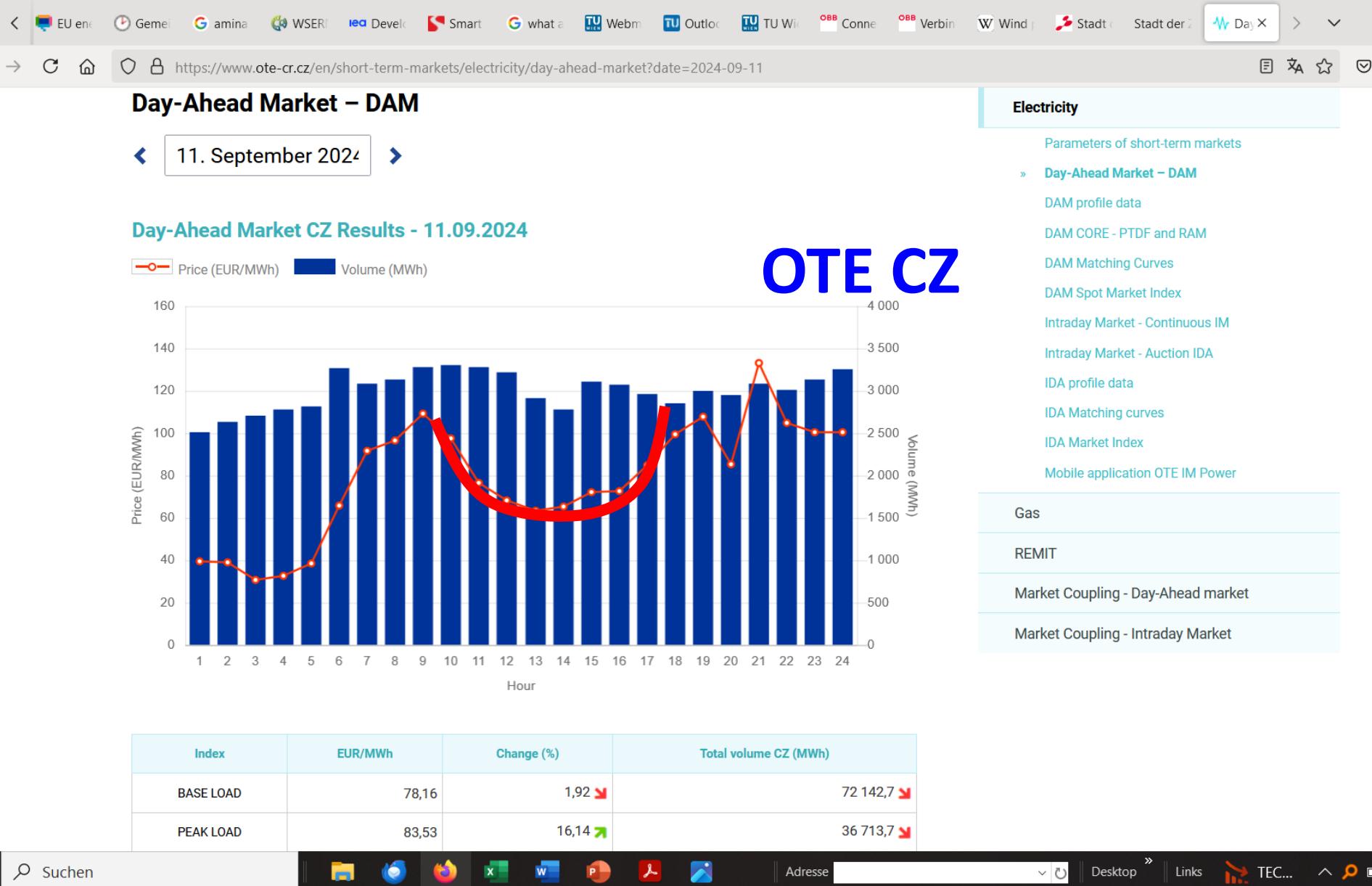
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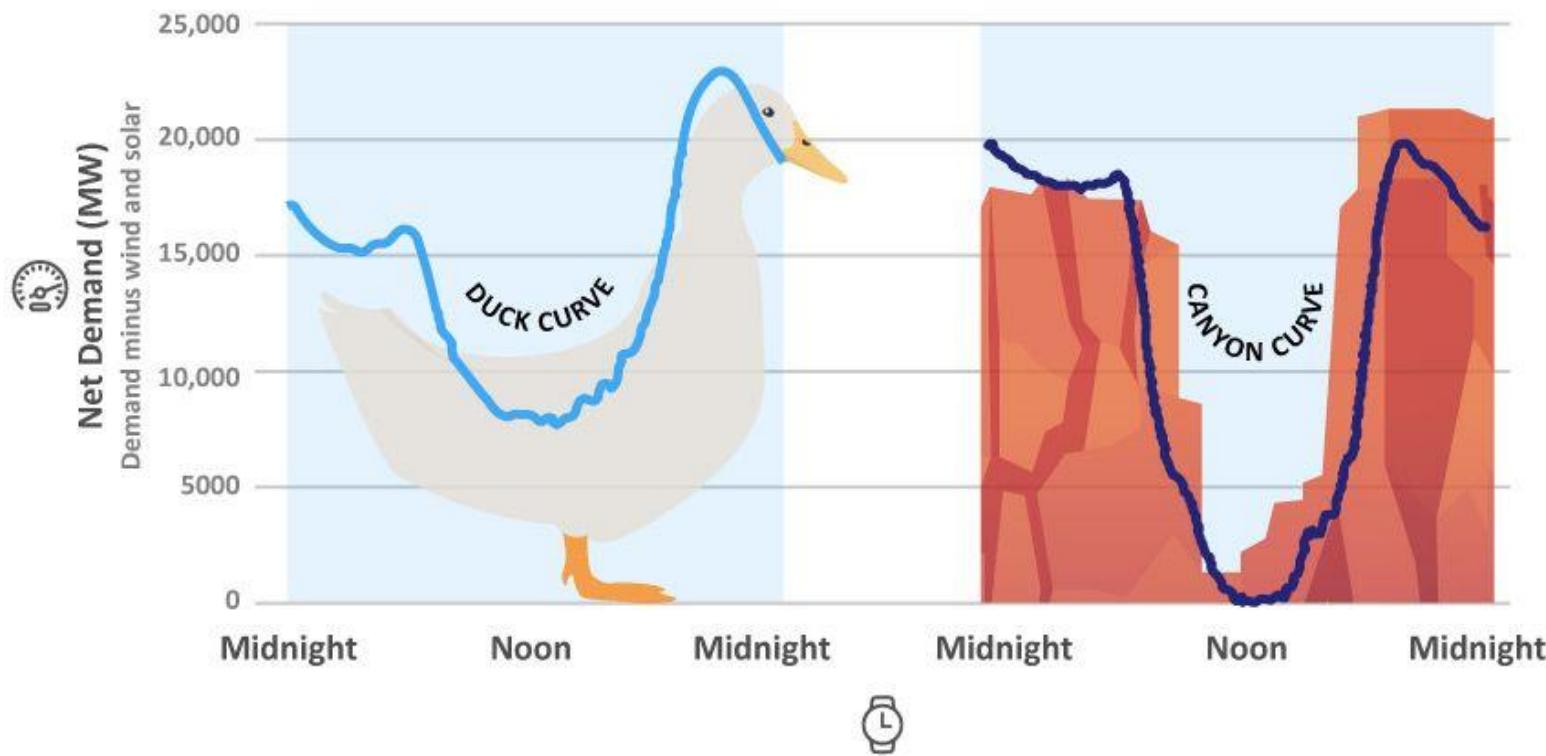
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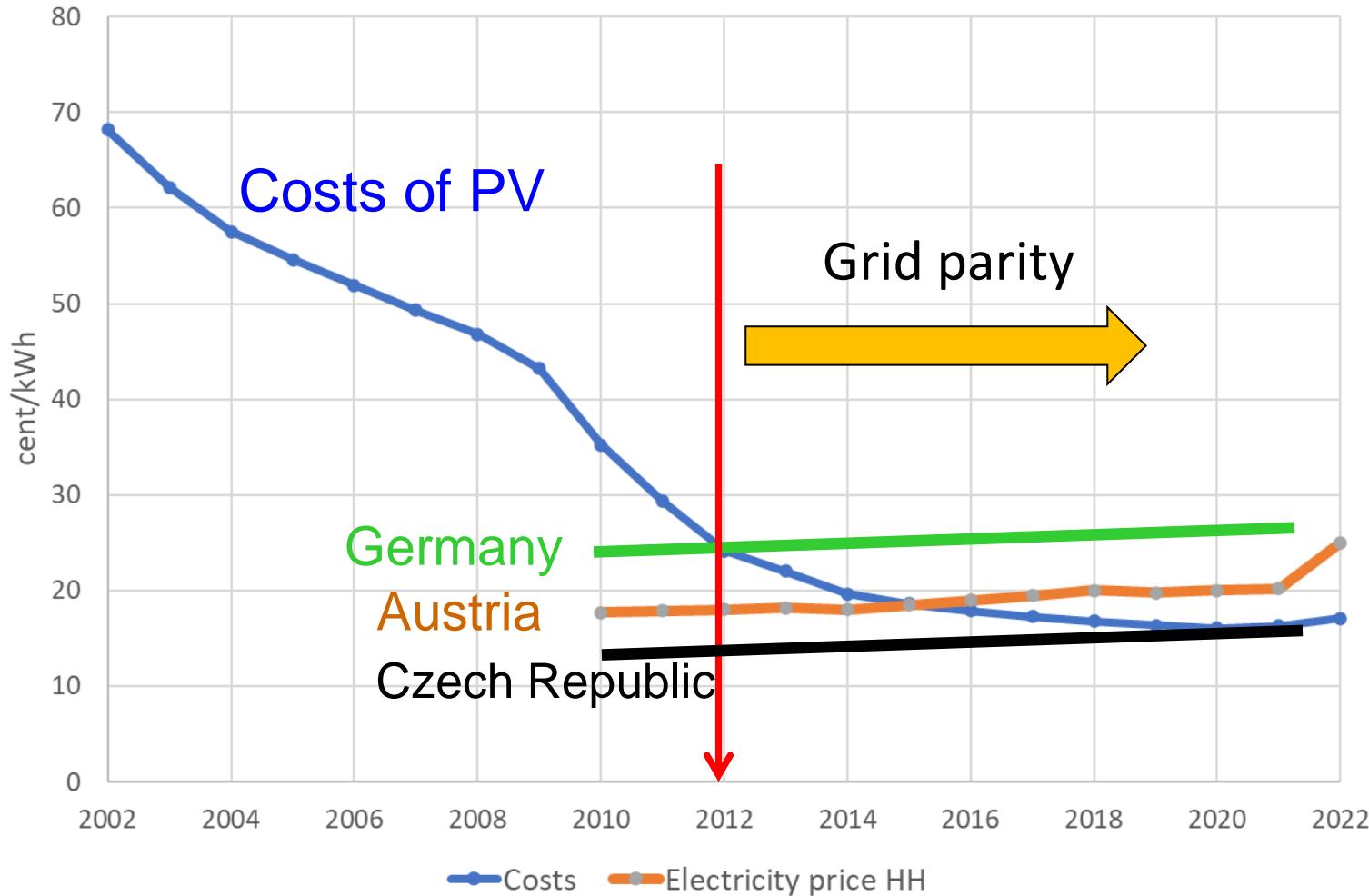
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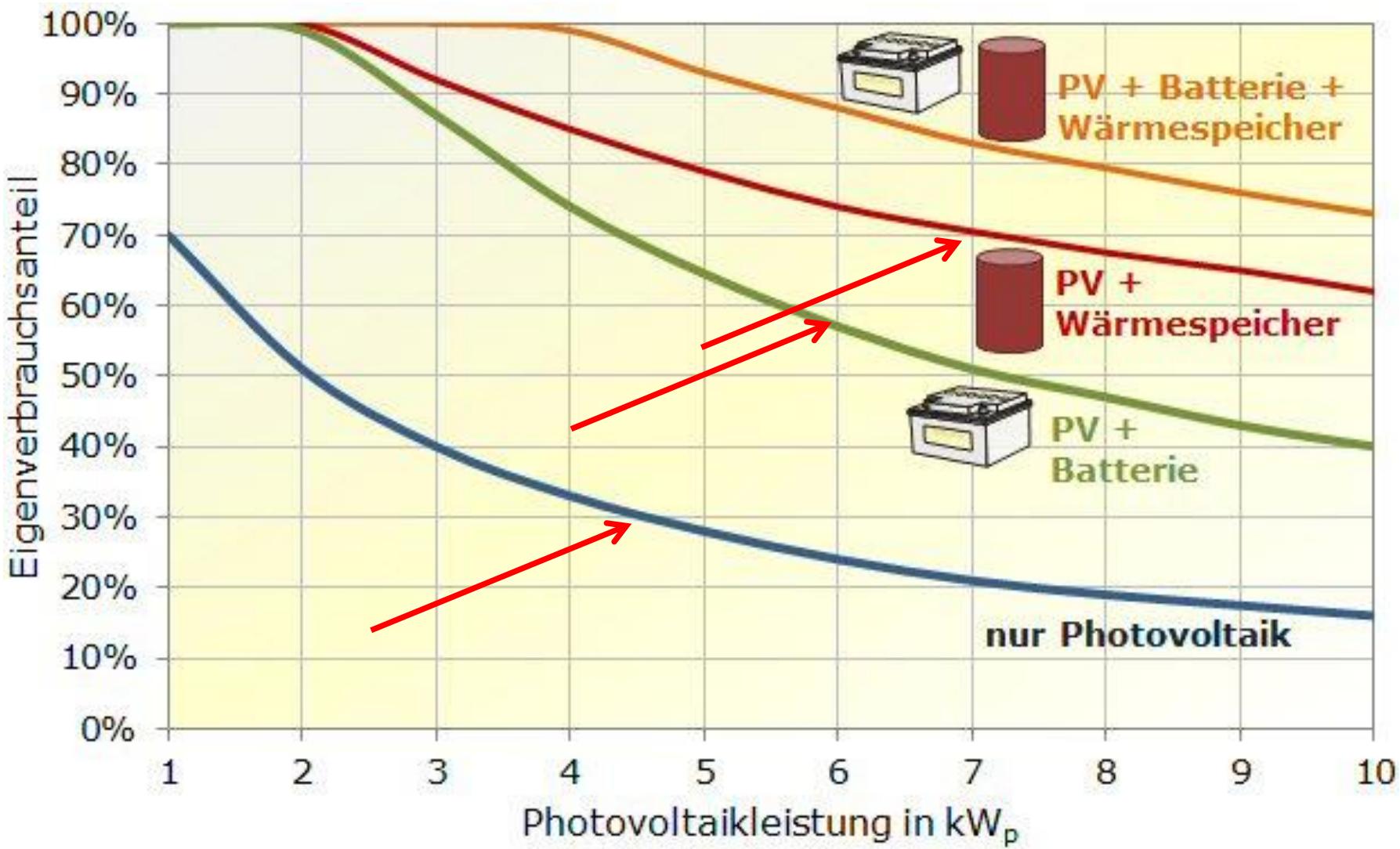


6. RETAIL MARKETS: TOWARDS PROSUMAGERS AND ENERGY COMMUNITIES

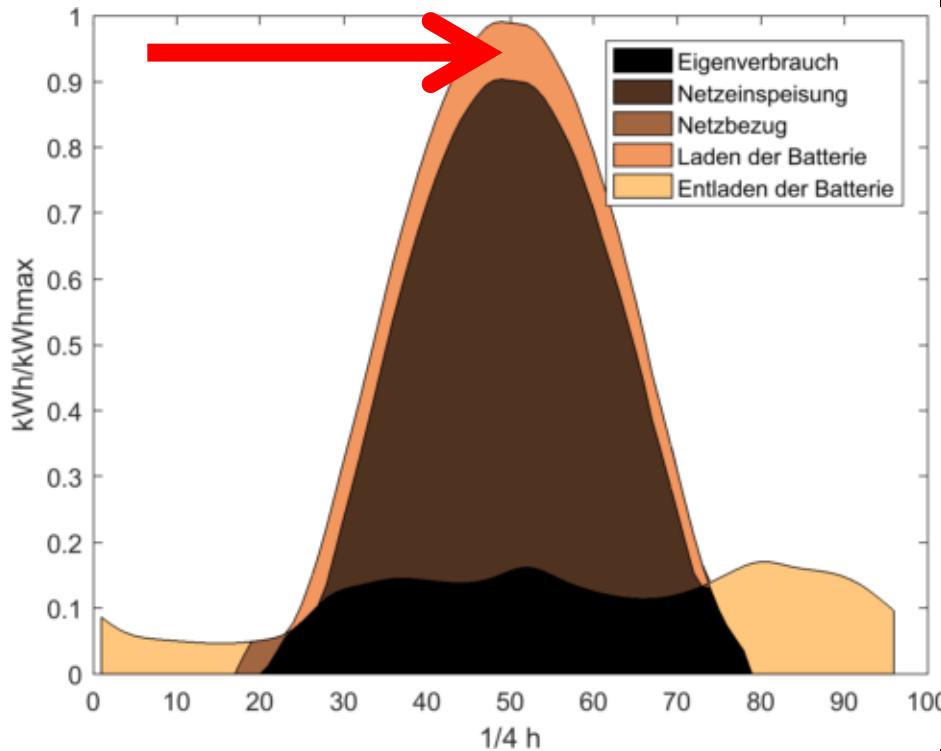
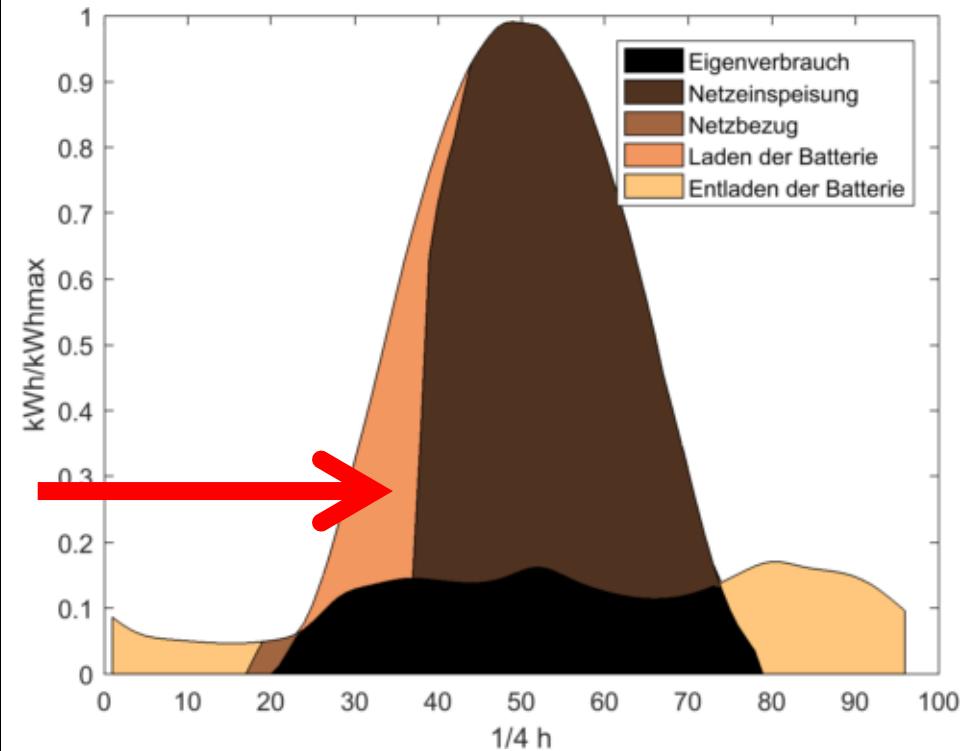
Grid parity: PV-costs and household electricity prices



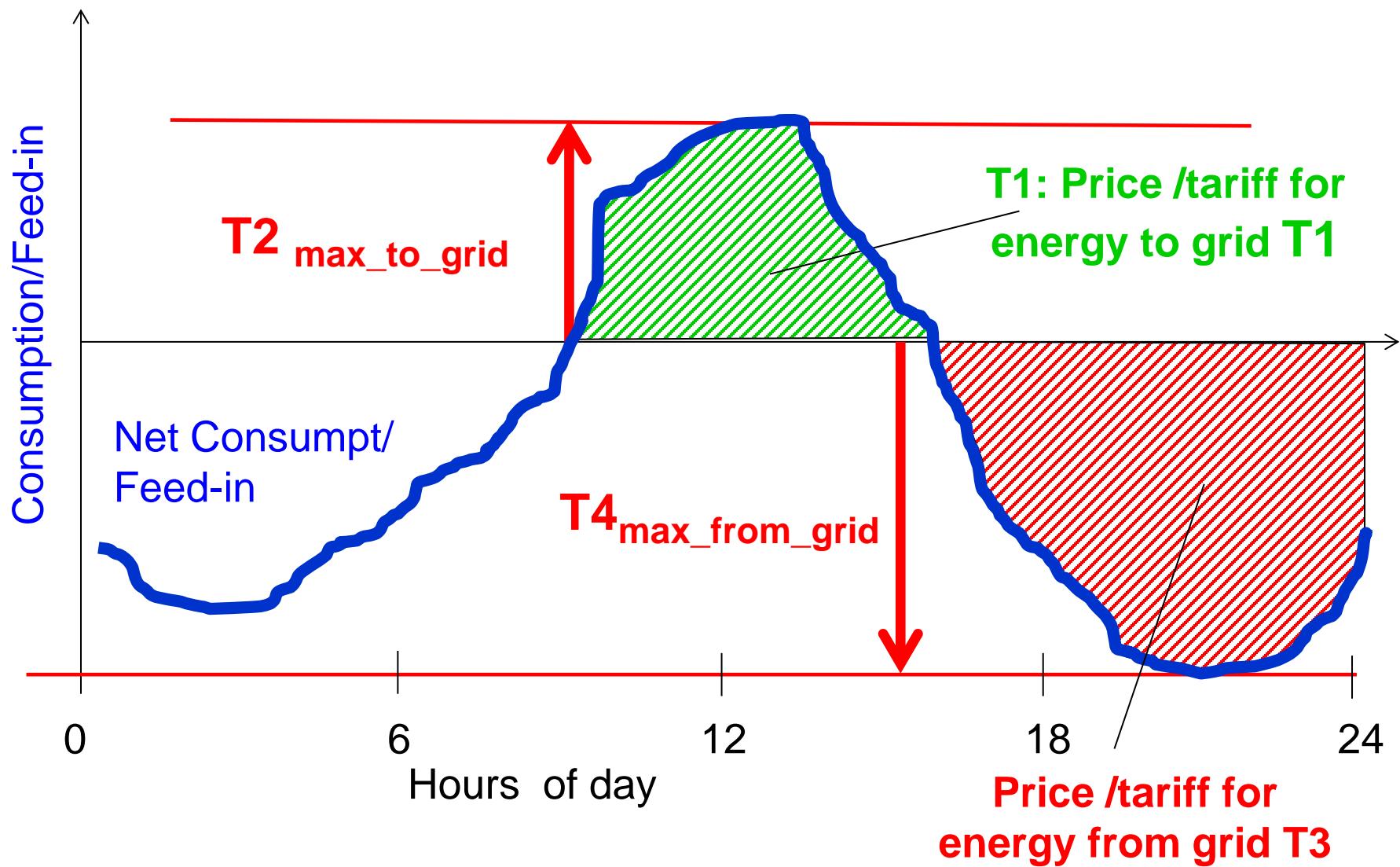
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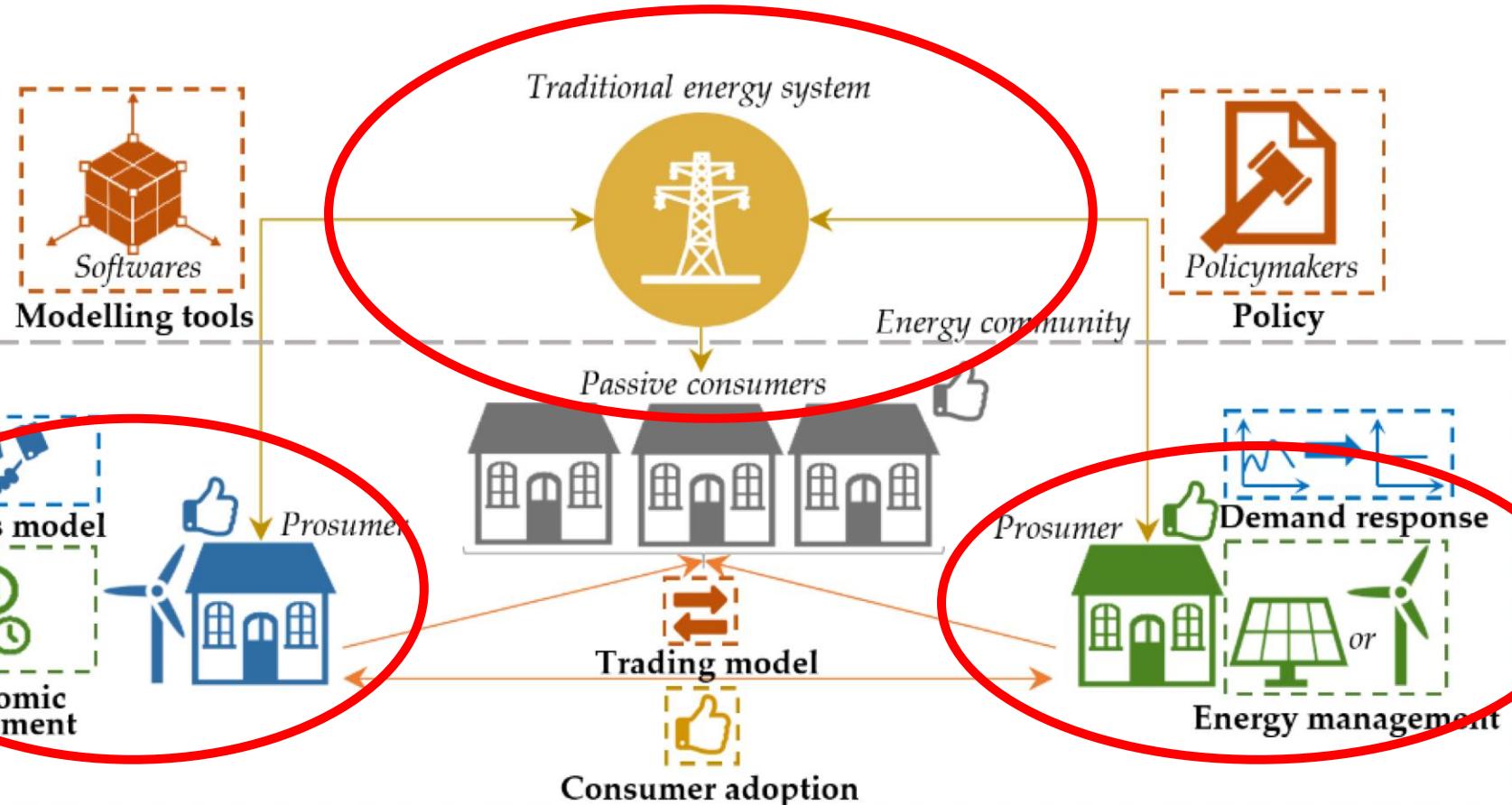
Koordinierte und nicht koordinierte Speichernutzung



Bidirectional tariffs (and prices) for Power and energy



Energy Communities



New Thinking: Making the electricity system more democratic

