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### Keynote Speakers



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#### LUC HENS

Graduated as a biologist and received his Ph. D. in Biology from the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB), Belgium. Until 2010 He was a professor and Chair of the human ecology department. He also lectures at the Technical University in Sofia (Bulgaria), at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (Greece), and at Lisbon University (Portugal). He was a senior scientific adviser at the "Vlaamse Instelling voor Technologisch Onderzoek" (VITO), which is Belgium's biggest environmental research organization. He is currently retired as an emeritus professor. Professor Hens' specific area of research concerns the elucidation of interdisciplinary instruments for sustainable development. In this framework, he acted as the promoter of over 10 research projects on environmental management in ports in Vietnam and Cambodia. Luc Hens acts as an expert in environmental policy on several councils in Belgium. He is the European editor for the "International Journal of Environment, Development and Sustainability".

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First chairman of the Portuguese Energy Regulatory Authority. Founder and first chairman of the Council of European Energy Regulators. Co-founder of the Ibero-American Association of Energy Regulatory Authorities (ARIAE). Founder and member of the Executive Committee of the Florence School of Regulation. Prior to the regulatory experience, he worked in industry and at several European universities. Among many other functions, member of the European Commission Advisory Group on the Energy Roadmap 2050 and Chairman of the Green Tax Reform Commission set up by the Portuguese Government in 2014.

Author and editor of several books and articles. Graduated in power systems from Porto University and got the Dr.-Ing. degree from the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg.

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He works in these fields since more than 20 years and has published more than 60 papers in reviewed international journals. Moreover, he has coordinated and coordinates projects for Austrian institutions as well as the European Commission and the International Energy Agency.

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# On how to integrate large quantities of variable renewables into electricity systems

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**Porto, 30 June 2017**

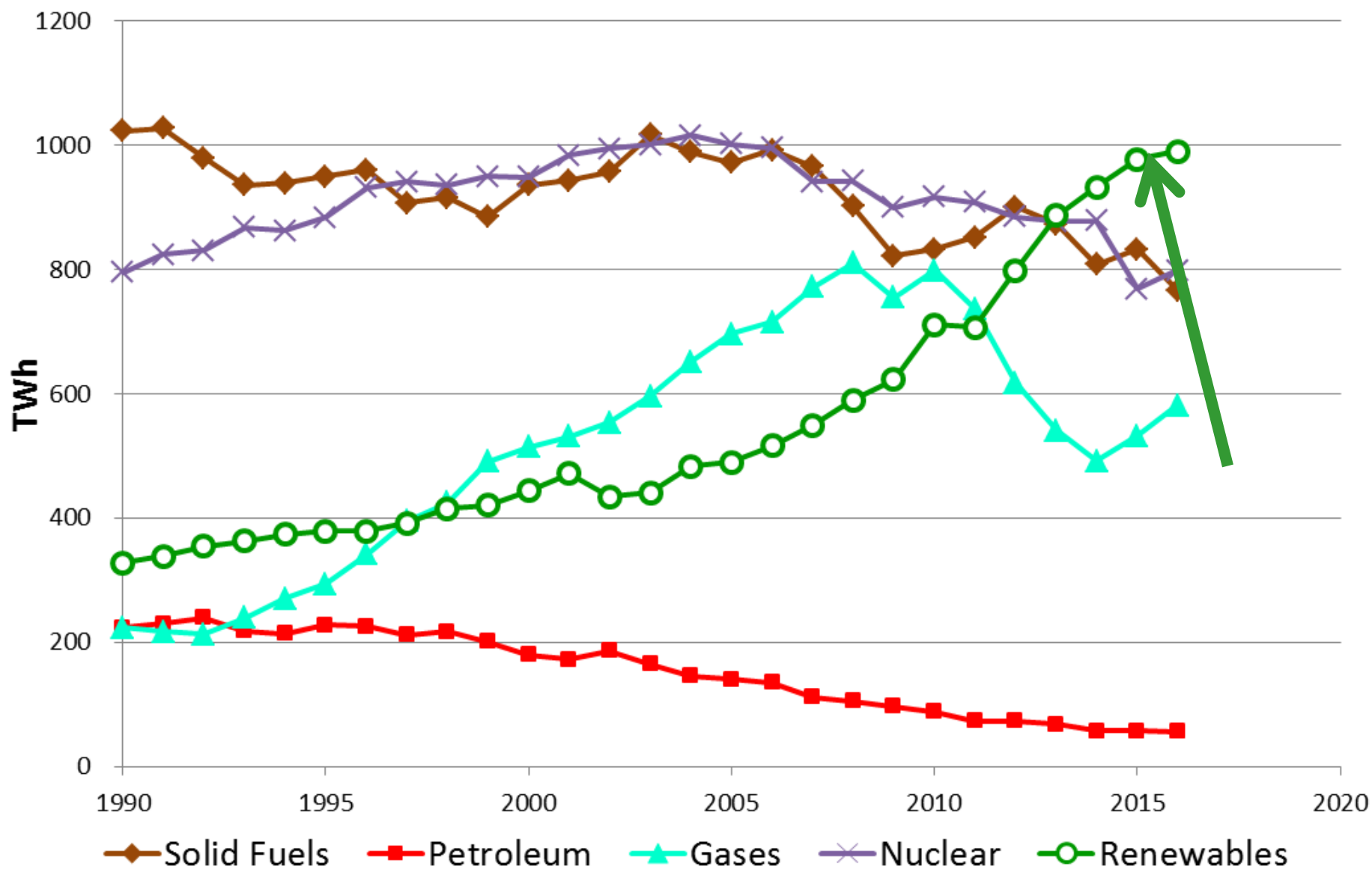


- 1. Introduction: Motivation**
- 2. Method of approach**
- 3. How variable renewables impact prices in electricity markets**
- 4. The core problem of capacity payments**
- 5. The role of flexibility and sector coupling**
- 6. Balancing groups: A future market design**
- 7. Subsidizing RES: How long?**
- 8. Conclusions**

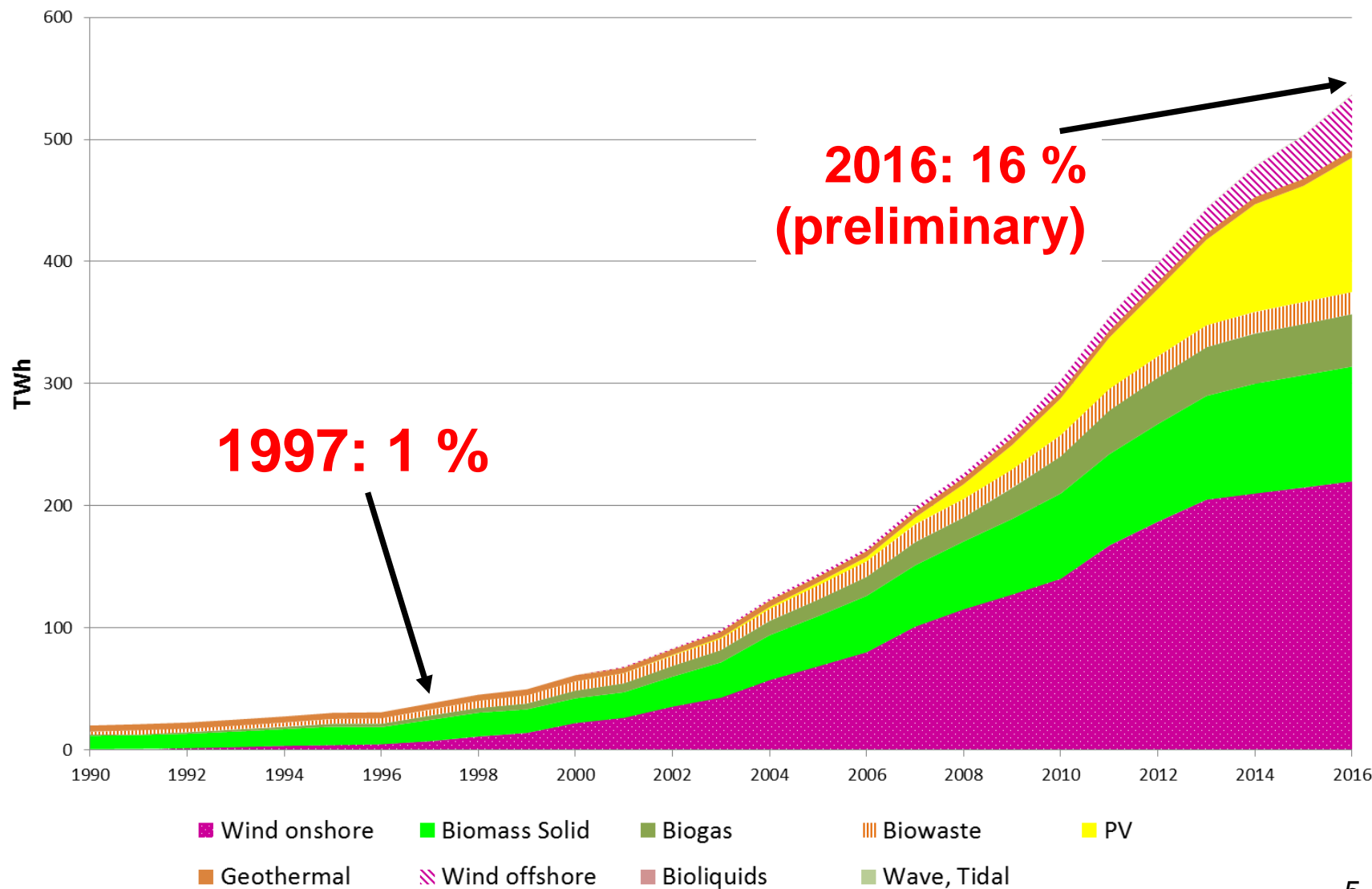
## Motivation:

- \* Climate change → Paris agreements
- \* Phasing out of fossile & nuclear
- \* Targets for renewables
- \* Competition & democracy
- \* It is not possible to squeeze variable renewables into the system by central planning approaches

# Introduction: Electricity generation EU-28



# EU-28: Electricity generation from „new“ RES



Source: EUROSTAT, own estimations

... to identify the major boundary conditions to integrate even larger amounts of variable renewables into the electricity system

**Very important:**

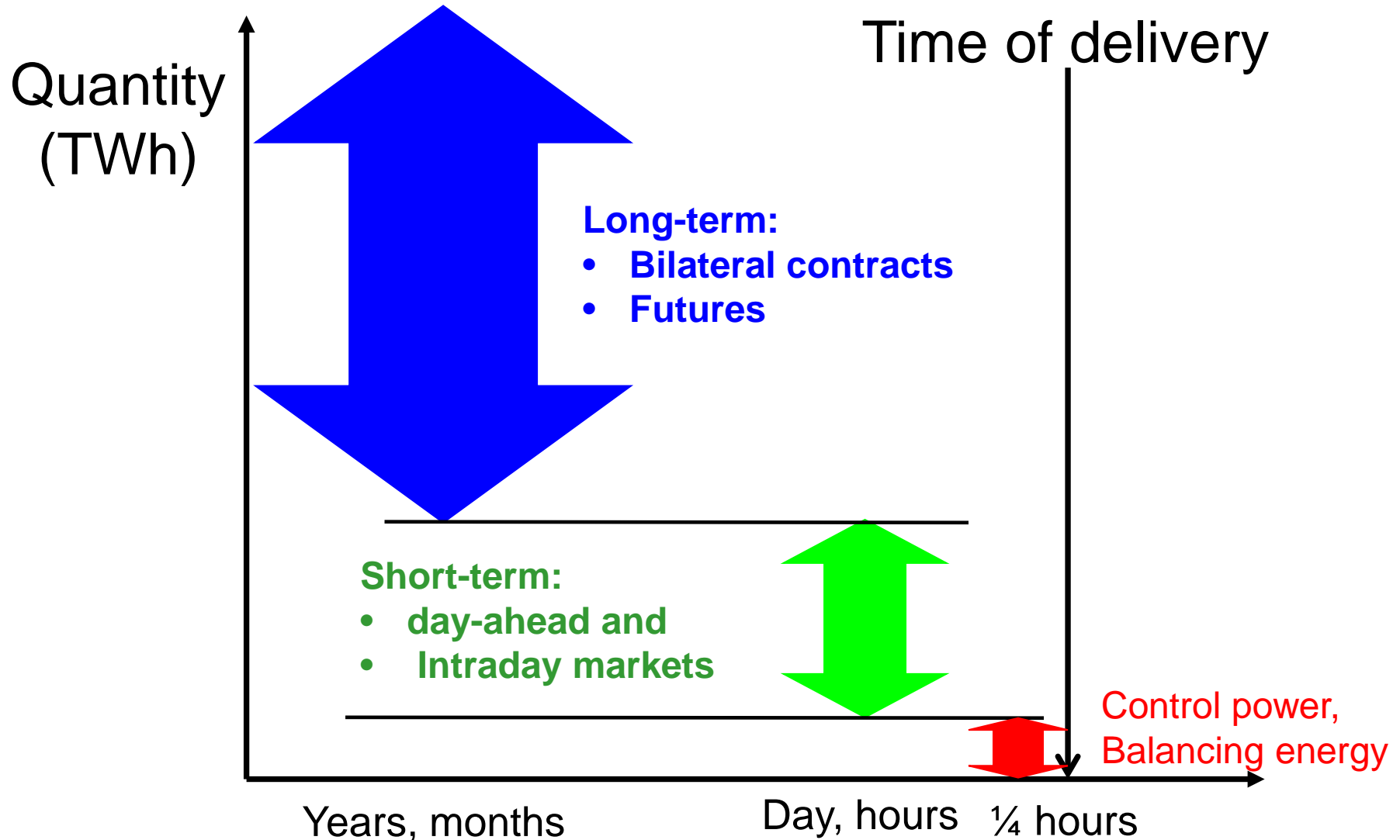
Our reflections apply in principle to every electricity system world-wide

.... are based on **electricity economic** point-of-view



## 2. METHOD OF APPROACH

- Identification of hourly residual load over a year for various scenarios with large quantities of variable renewables;
- Applying a fundamental model to calculate (static) hourly residual loads and electricity spot market prices;
- Integration of flexibility in a dynamic framework for price calculation;



**Expectation of**

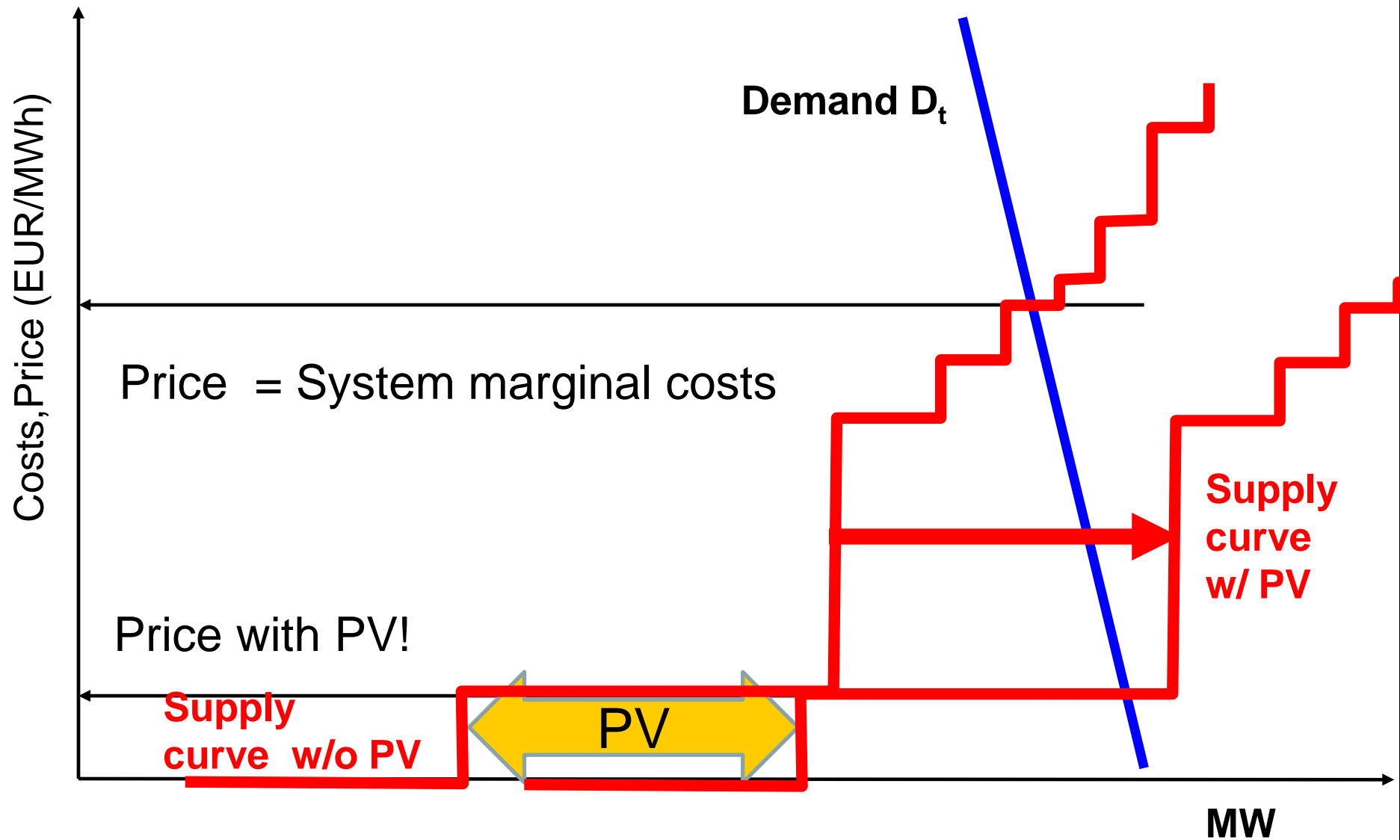
**prices = Short-term marginal costs**

**(Short-term marginal costs = fuel costs)**

**due to huge depreciated excess  
capacities at the beginning of  
liberalisation!**

# **3 HOW VARIABLE RENEWABLES IMPACT PRICES IN ELECTRICITY MARKETS**

# Example: prices without and with PV





RES Production

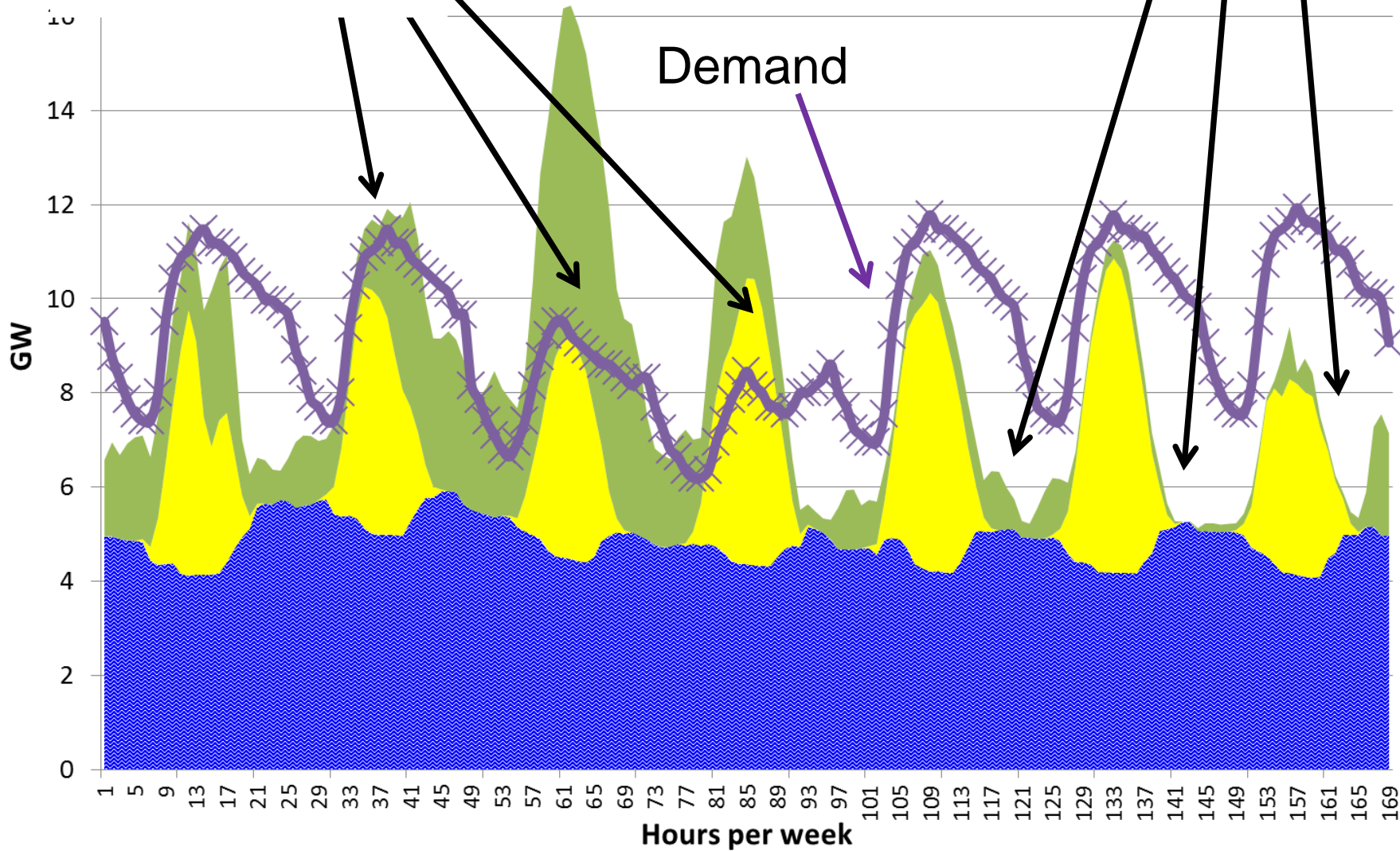
> Demand

on-river hydro PV Wind Load

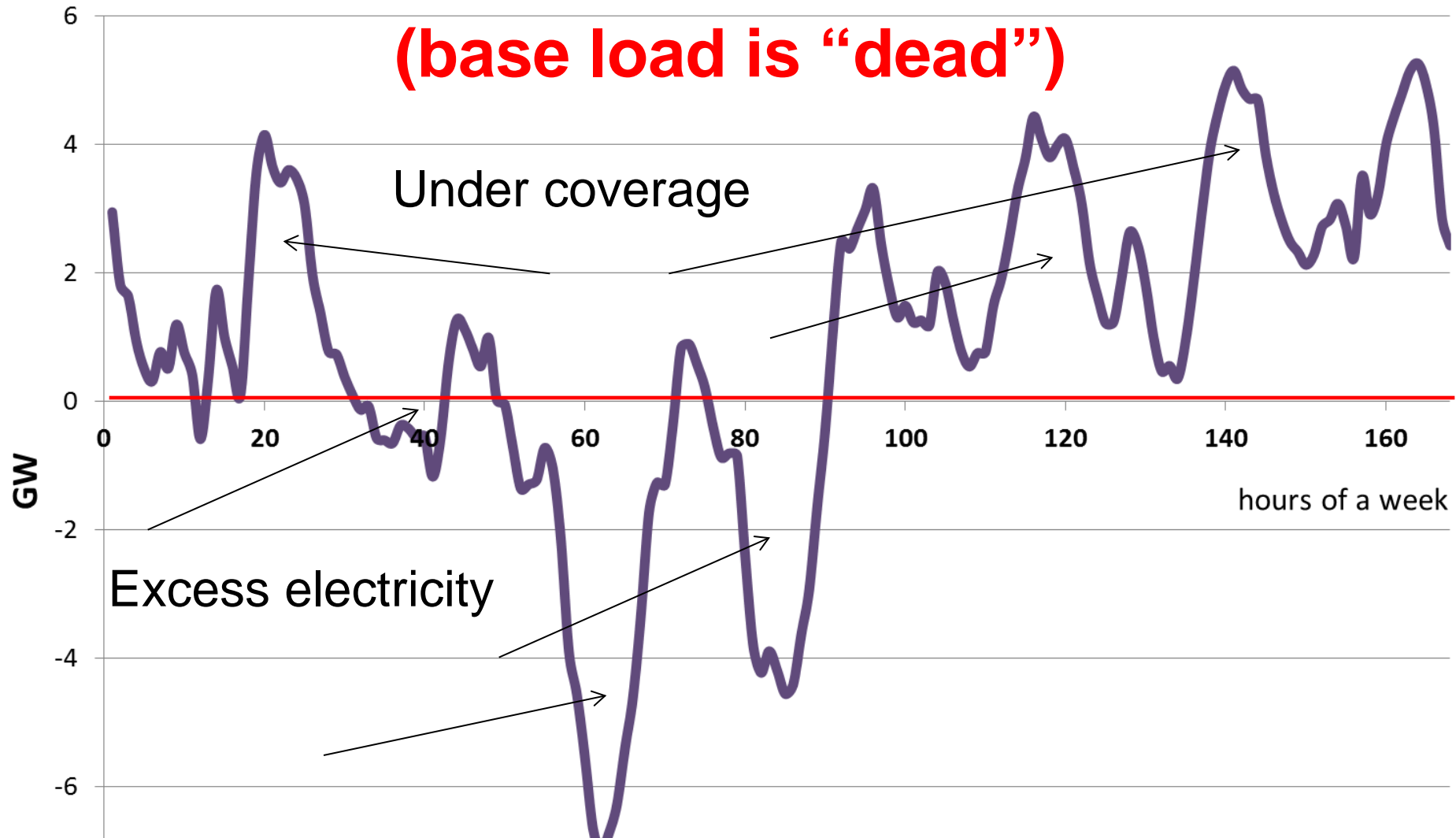
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RES Production

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# Key term of the future: Residual load (base load is “dead”)

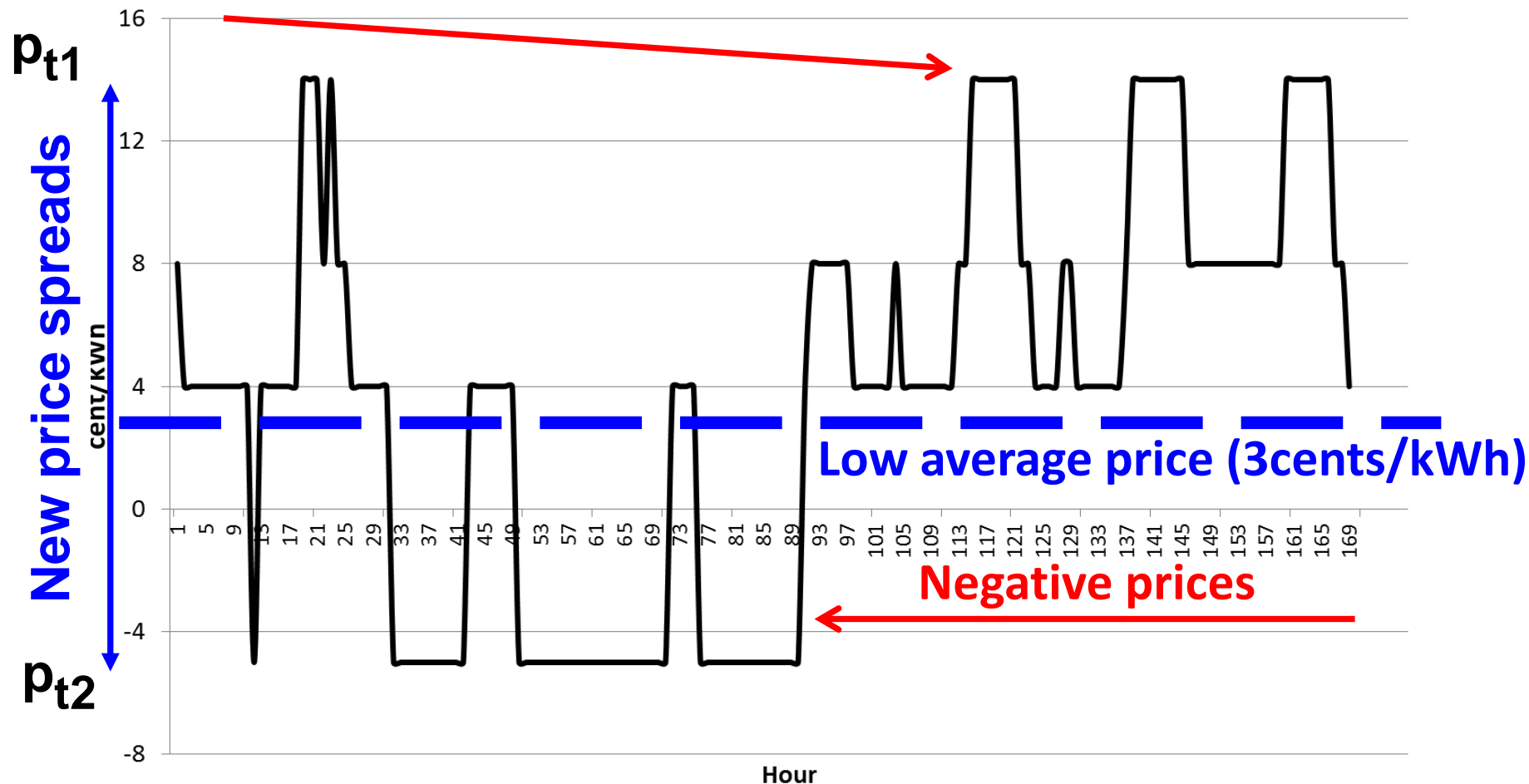


**Residual load = Load – non-flexible generation**

# Deviation from STMC-pricing in spot markets

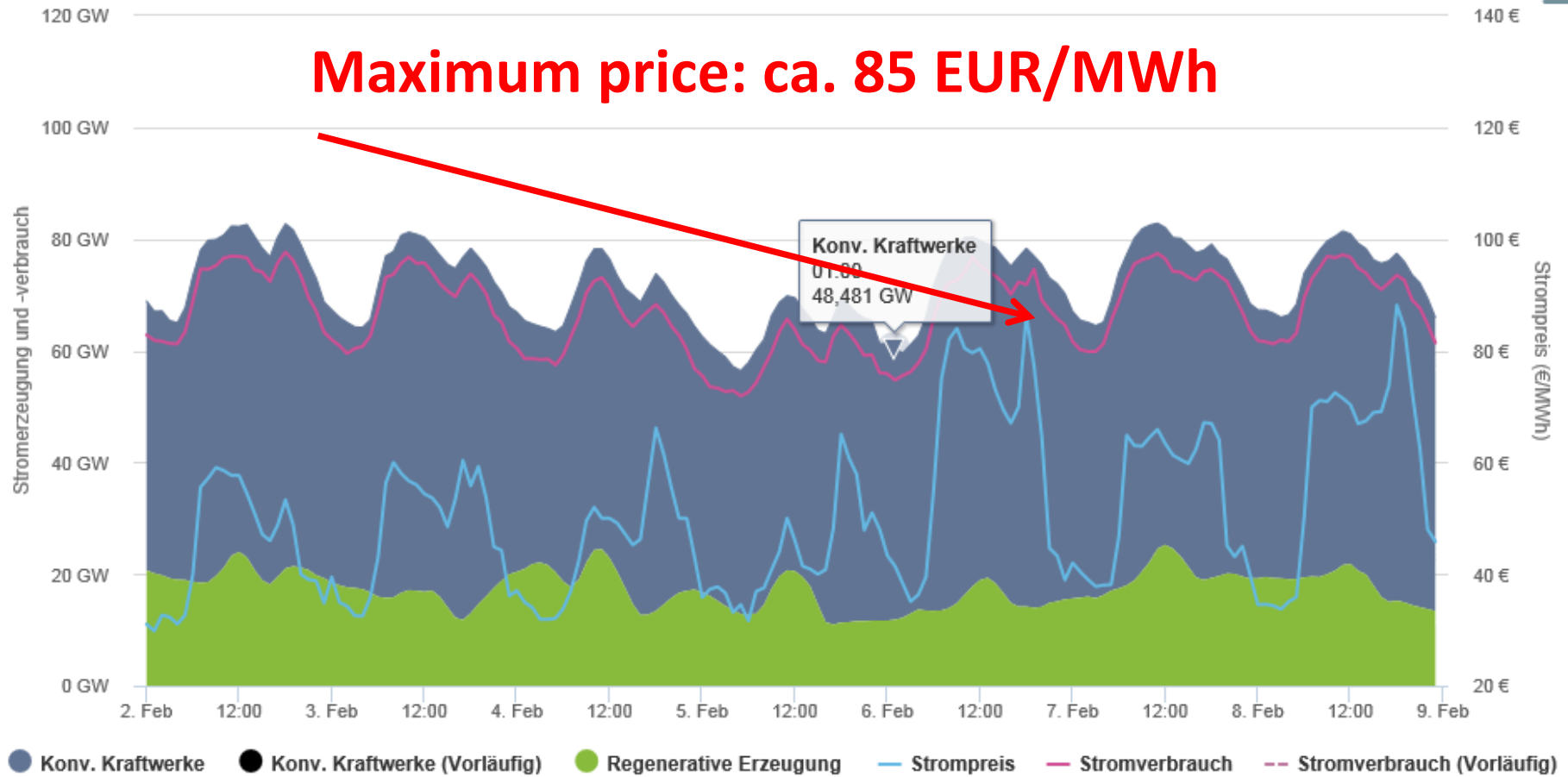
Scarcity prices

Electricity price spot market



→ These price spreads provide incentives  
for new flexible solutions!!!!

# Remark: Cold - dark – Lull („Kalte Dunkelflaute“)



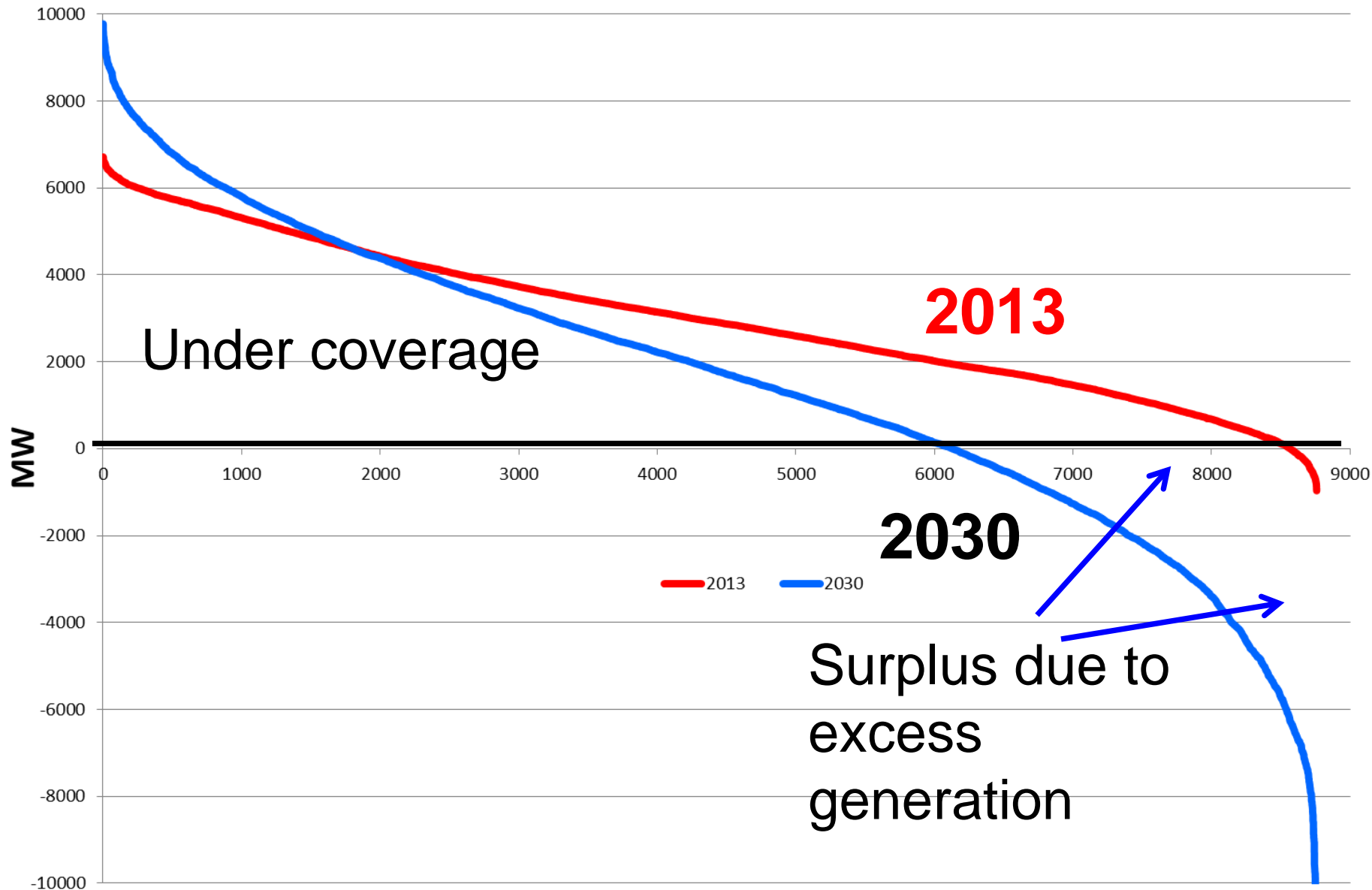
Given a price pattern, showing **excess and scarcity prices** it would be attractive for a sufficient number of flexible power plant operators to stay in the market!



**REVISED ENERGY-ONLY MARKET**



# Classified residual load

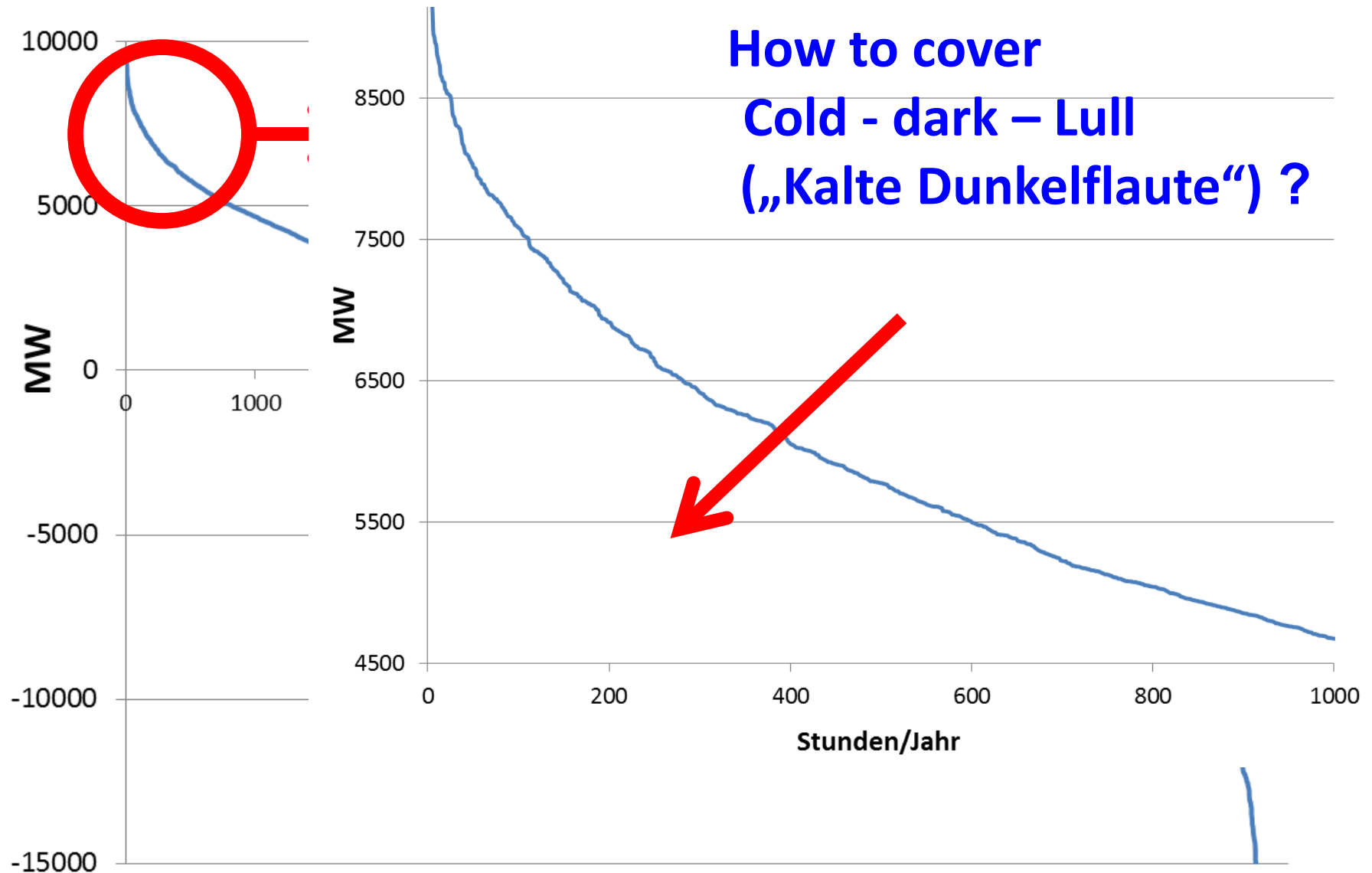


# Classified residual load

How to cover

Cold - dark – Lull

(„Kalte Dunkelflaute“)?



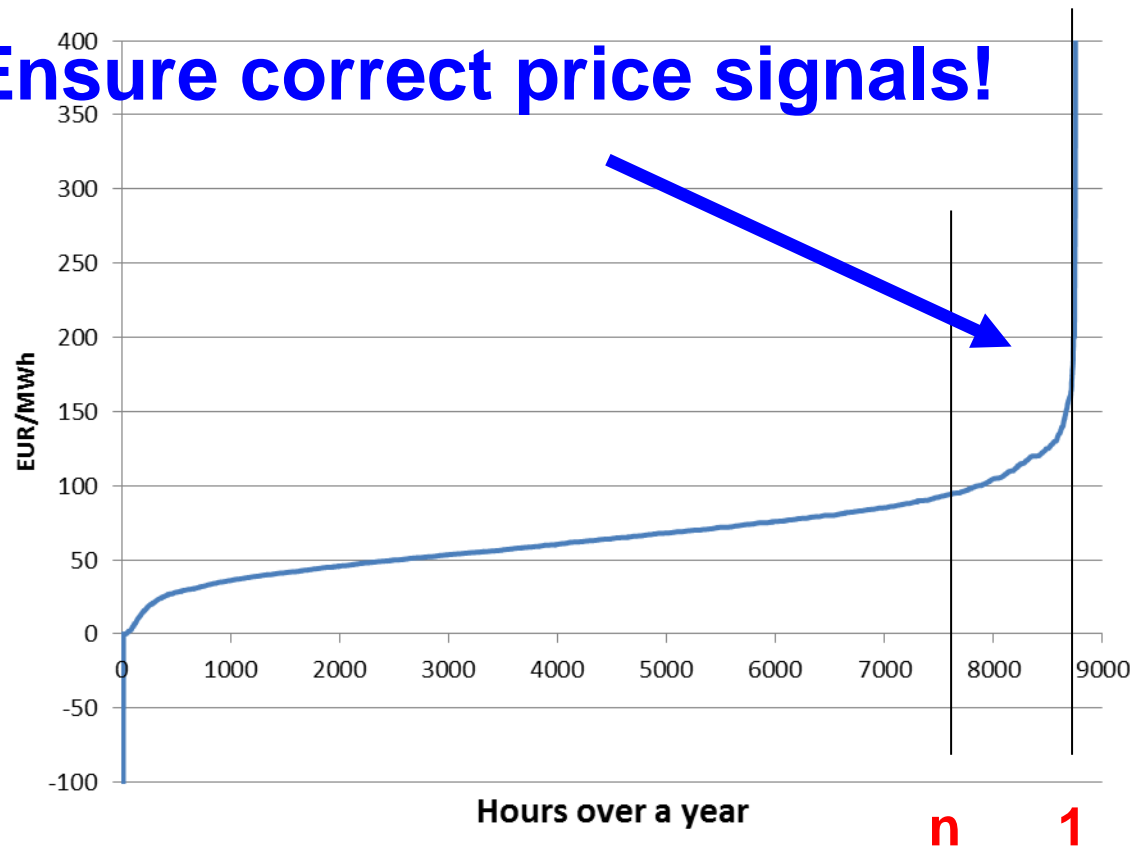
**By Planning including a regulated capacity „market“ with STMC pricing?**

**or**

**By a market-based approach ensuring competition between supply-side and demand-side technologies and behaviour (incl. Storages, grid and other flexibility options) with correct scarcity pricing signals?**

# Cost duration curve

**Ensure correct price signals!**



**Generators stay in the market if:**

$$\sum_{t=1}^n (p_{ele_t} \cdot q_{ele_t} - c_{f_t}) > (c_{c_y} + c_{O\&M_y})$$

# 4 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**

**Capacity payments lead to a rebound: Due to these lower price signals → higher capacity demanded than needed under correct price signals!**

**Capacity payments → lower quantity of flexibility → lower share of variable RES**



# 5 THE ROLE OF FLEXIBILITY AND SECTOR COUPLING

**FLEXIBLE GENERATION**

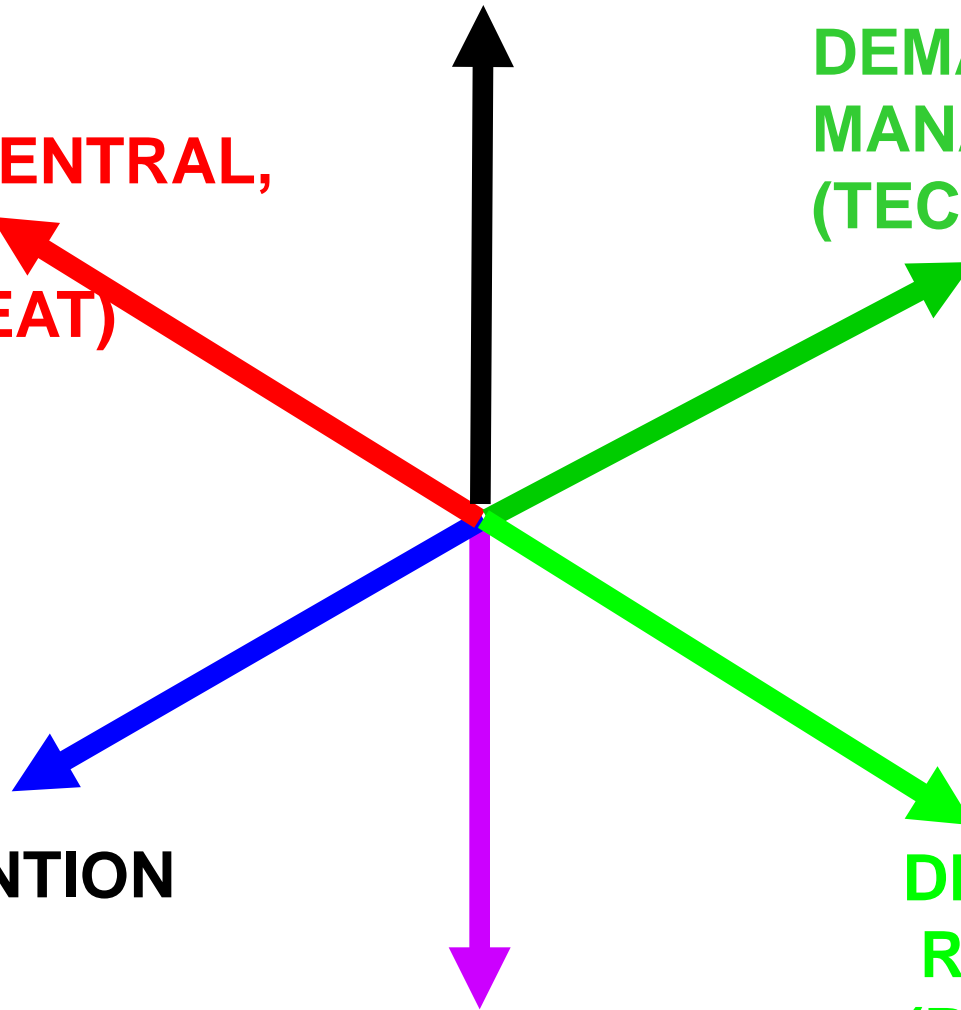
**DEMAND-SIDE  
MANAGEMENT  
(TECHNICAL)**

**STORAGES (CENTRAL,  
DECENTRAL,  
POWER-TO-HEAT)**

**DEMAND  
RESPONSE  
(PRICE SIGNALS)**

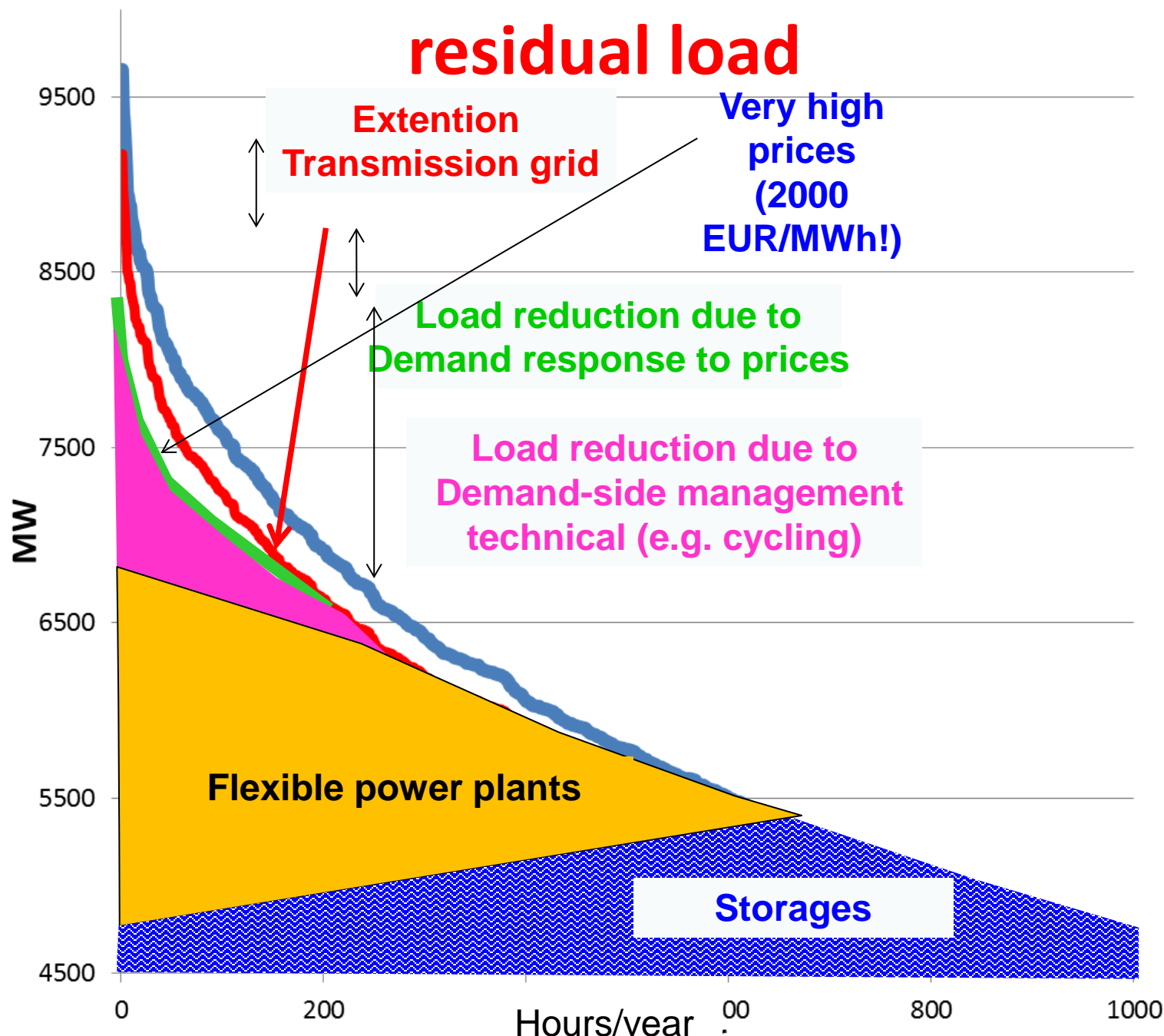
**GRID EXTENTION**

**SMART GRIDS**

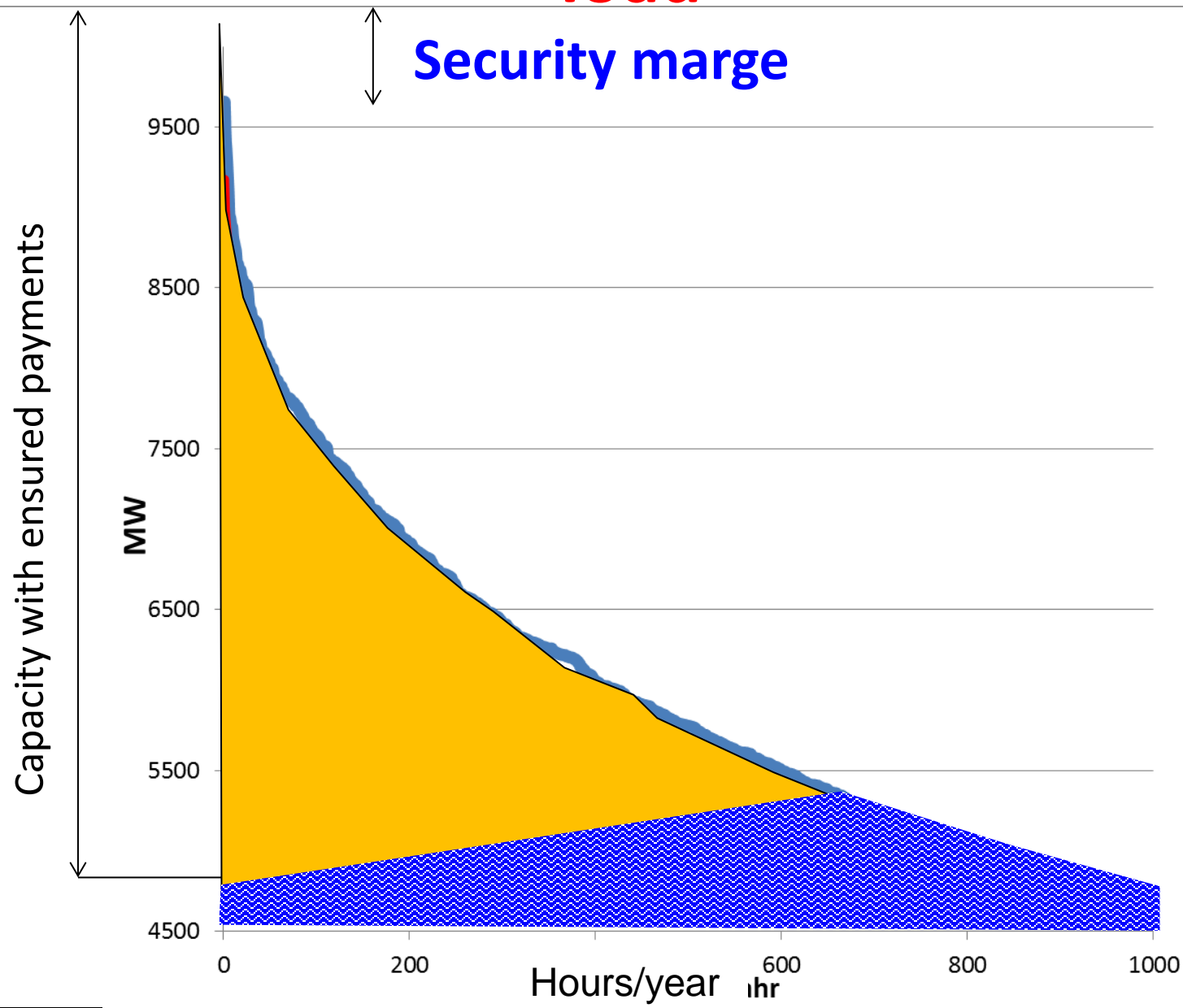


# Market-based coverage of residual load

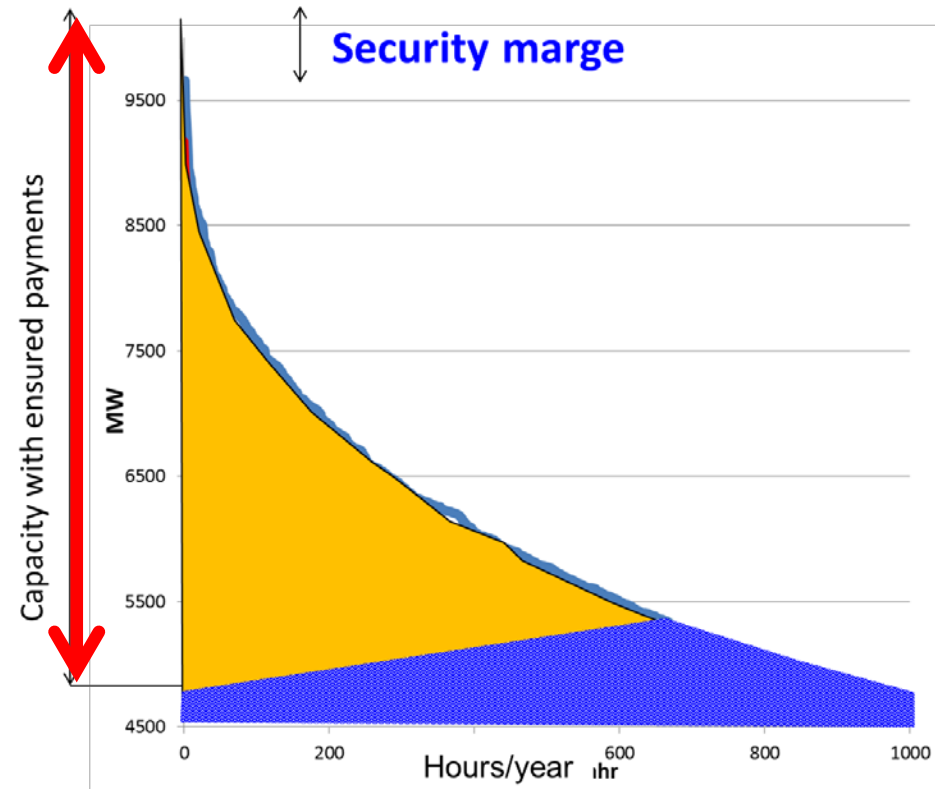
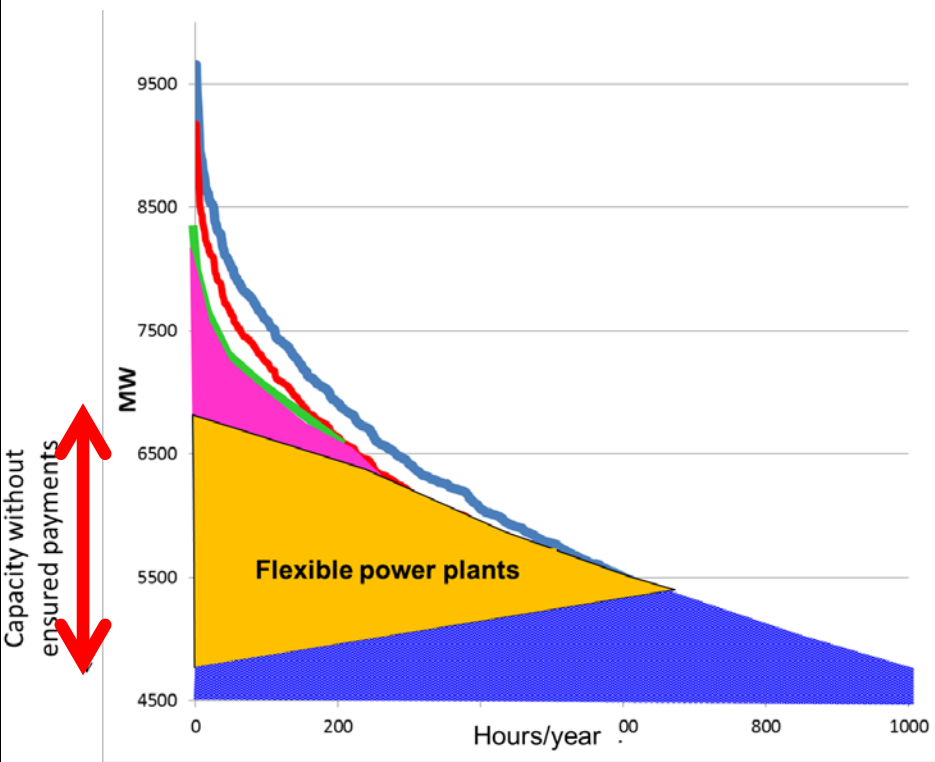
Capacity without  
ensured payments



# Capacity payments for residual load



# Comparison



# Specific question: How much storage do we need?

10000

Under coverage

-500 4000 4500 5000 5500 6000 6500 7000 7500 8000 8500

-2500

-4500

-6500

-8500

-10500

-12500

-14500

MW

How to use?  
Store all?

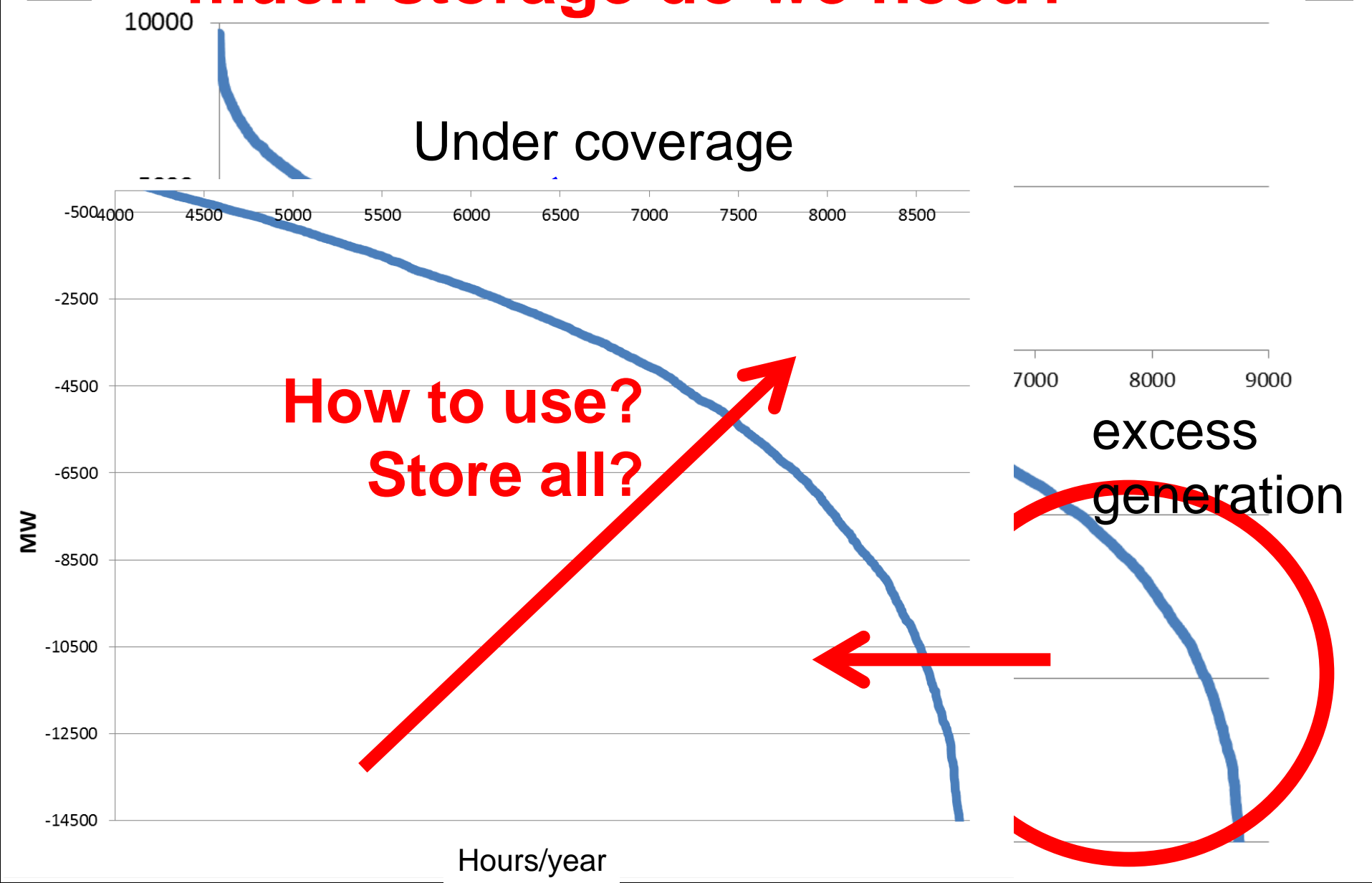
7000

8000

9000

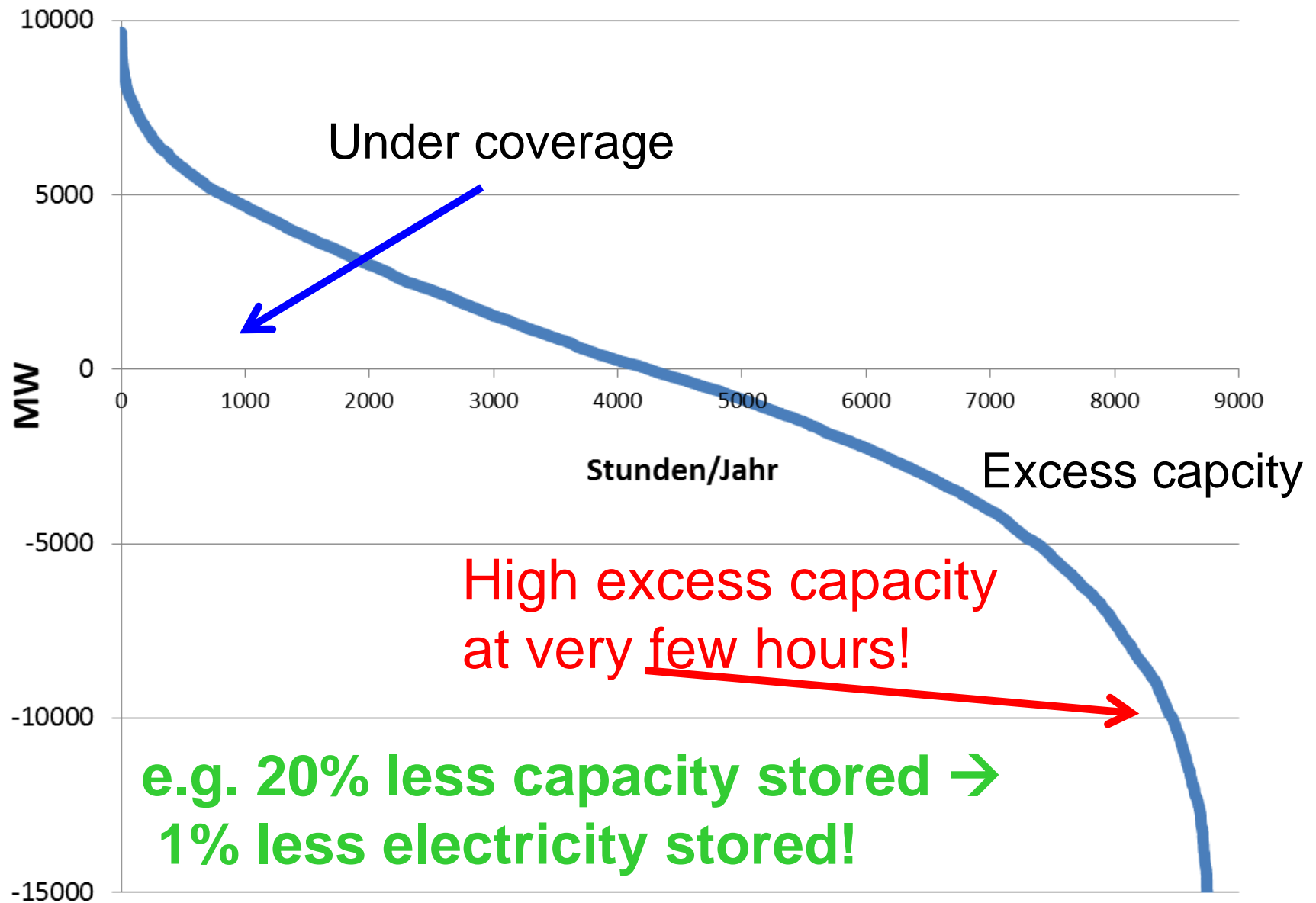
excess  
generation

Hours/year

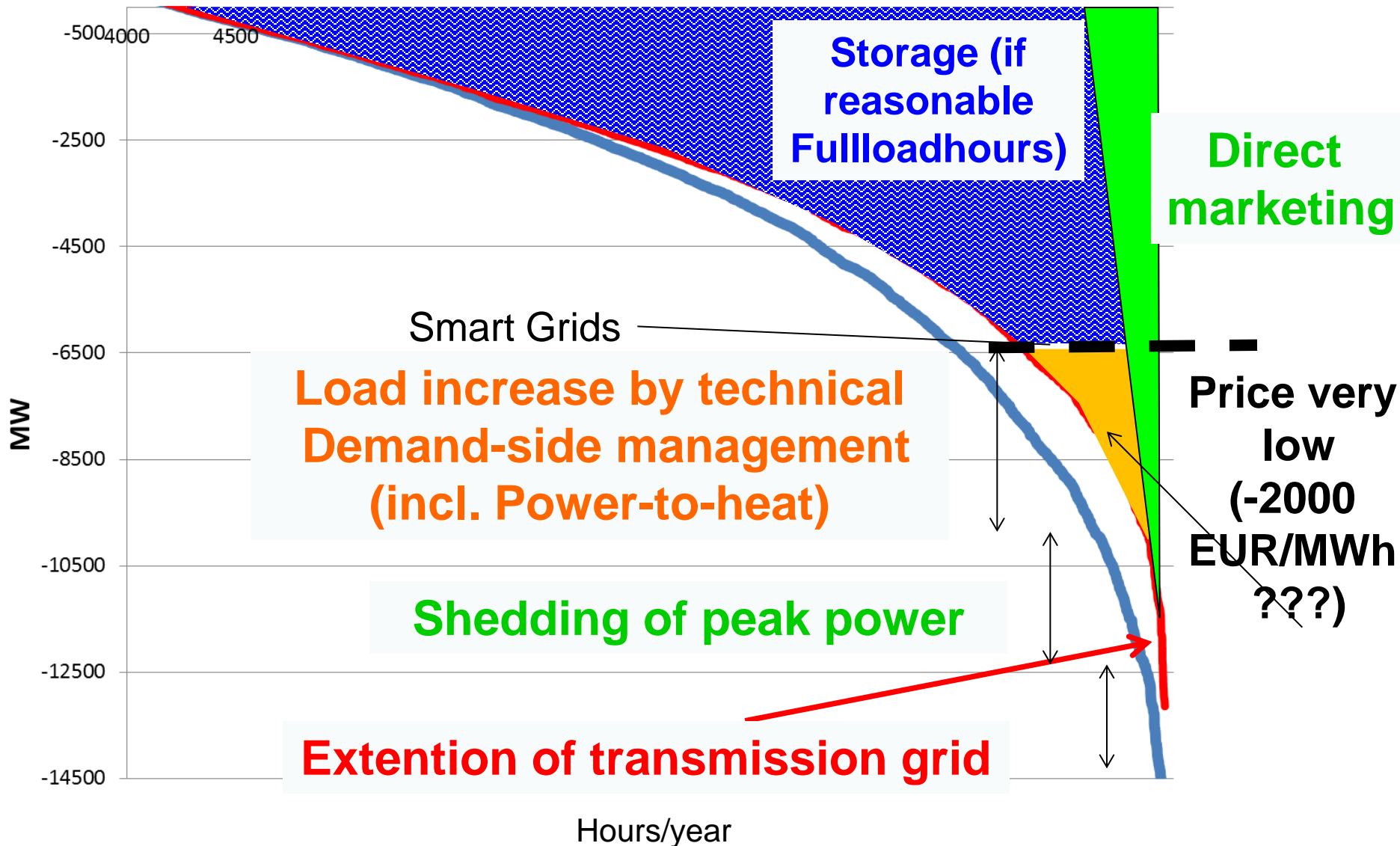


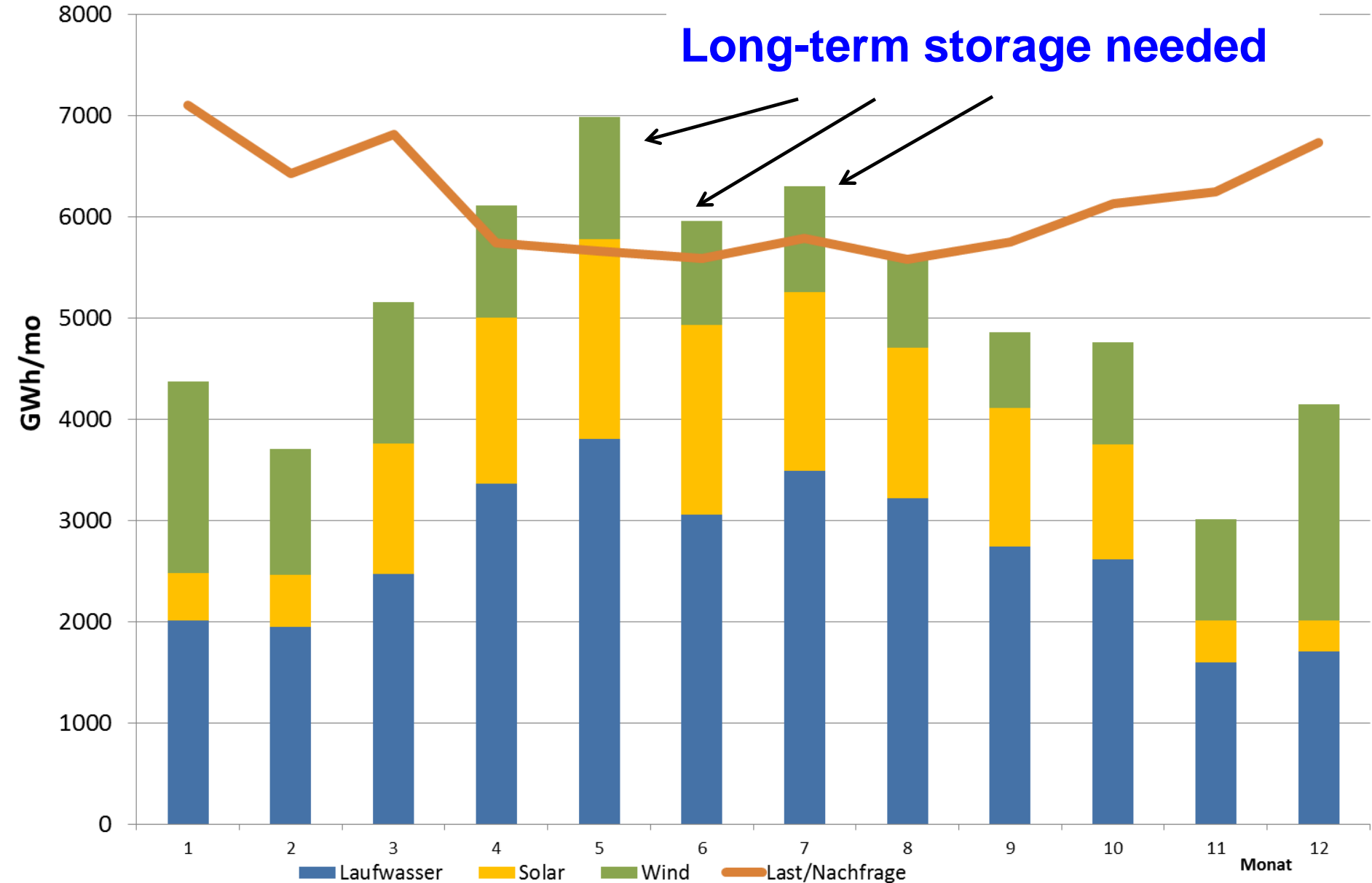


# Storing every peak?



# Flexible use of excess electricity





# Sector coupling / Sector integration

- \* In times of surplus generation: How to **use excess electricity** in meaningful way?



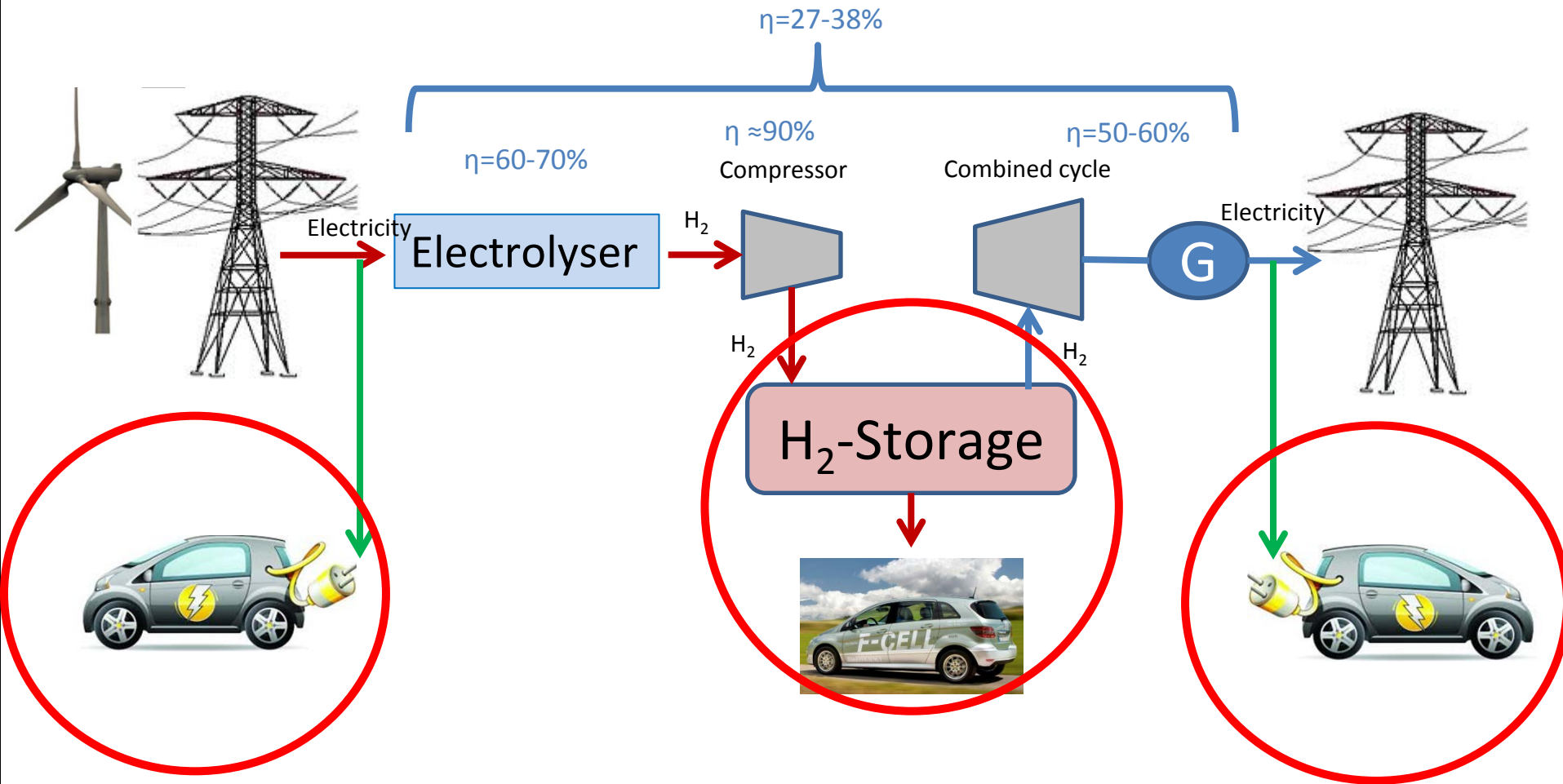
**Heating/Cooling**

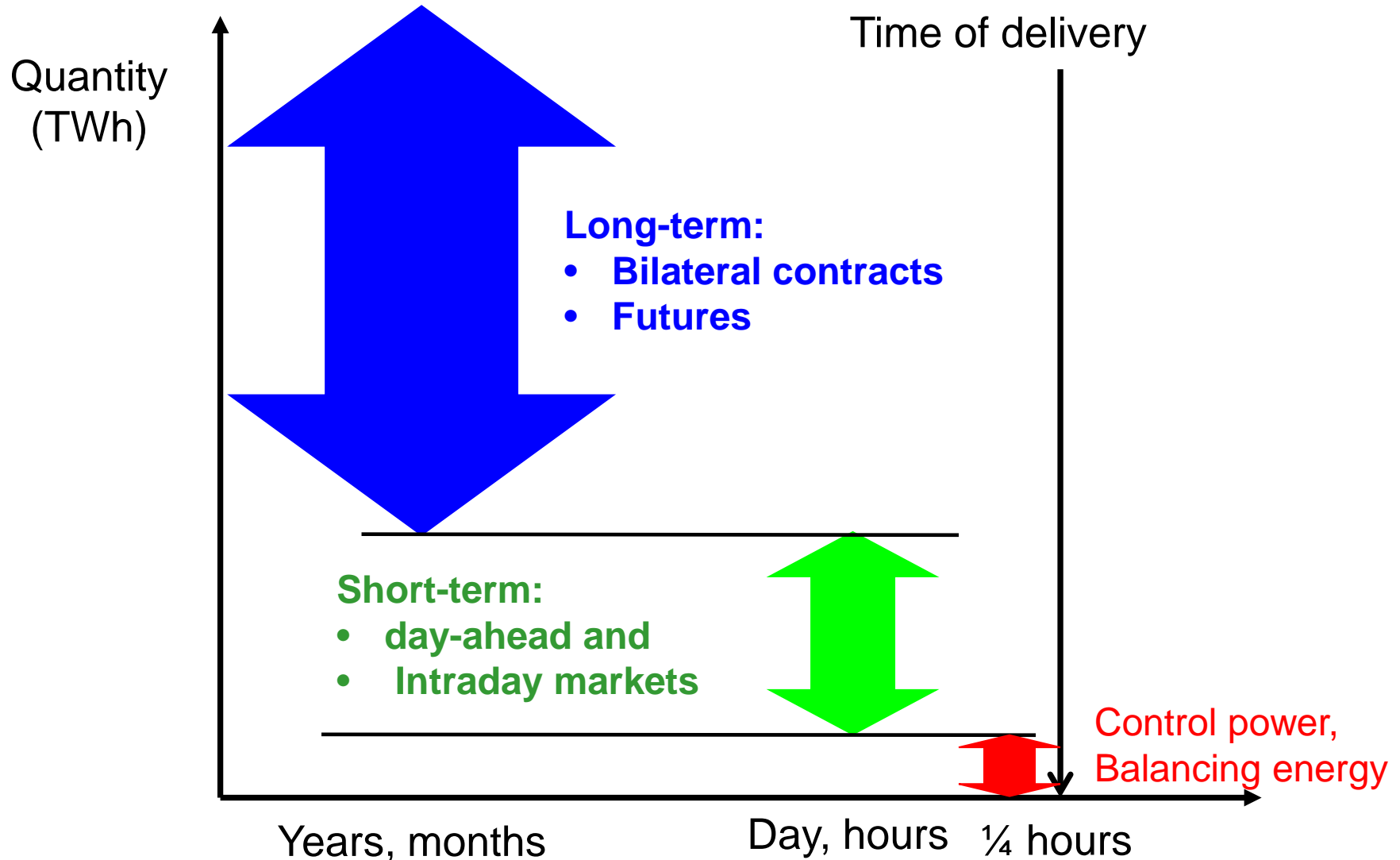


**Transport**

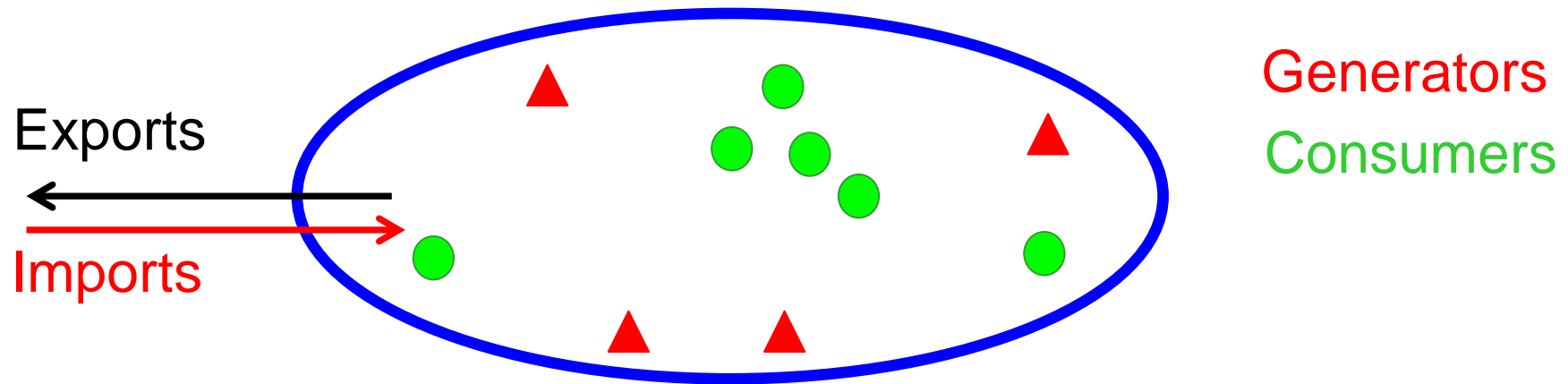
- \* Vague simplified suggestions, no convincing long-term solutions
- \* **Central** (Ptx approaches, e.g. H2) vs **decentral** (end user level, E.g. Evs, heat pumps for heating) applications
- \* How to **fit use with time of surplus**, e.g of PV for heating ?

# Sector coupling hydrogen: Storage and fuel in transport?





## 6. THE CORE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY OF BALANCING GROUPS

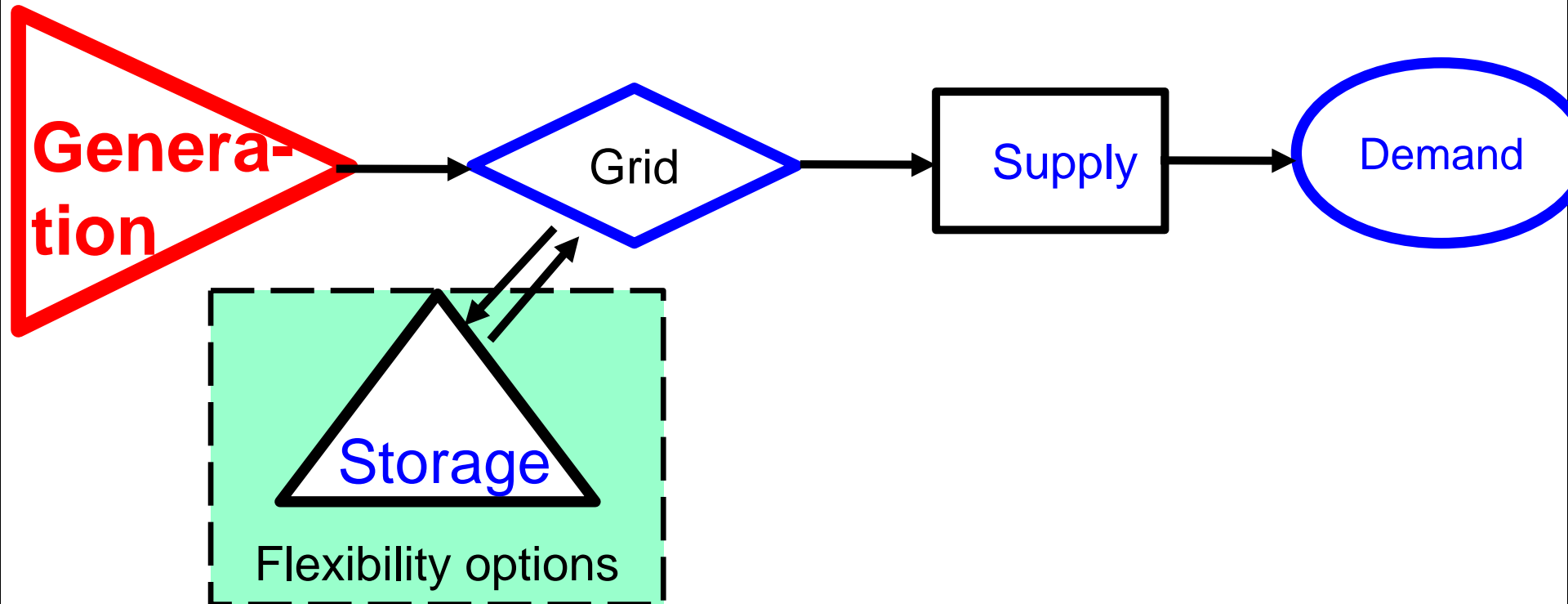


**Balancing group: entity in a control area of an electricity system; it has to ensure that at every moment demand and supply is balanced**

**E.g. municipal utility of Porto, Vienna, Copenhagen**

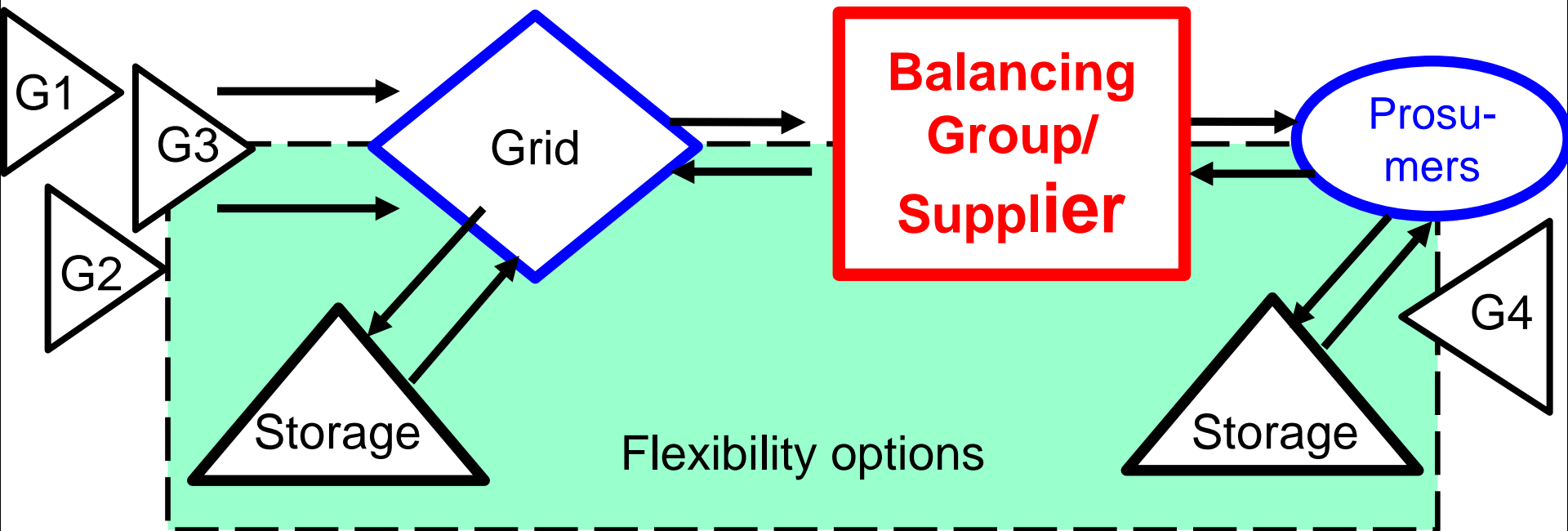
**To meet this target: own generation , storage, flexibility,  
Trading in long-term, day-ahead and intraday market**

**Every difference → high costs!**



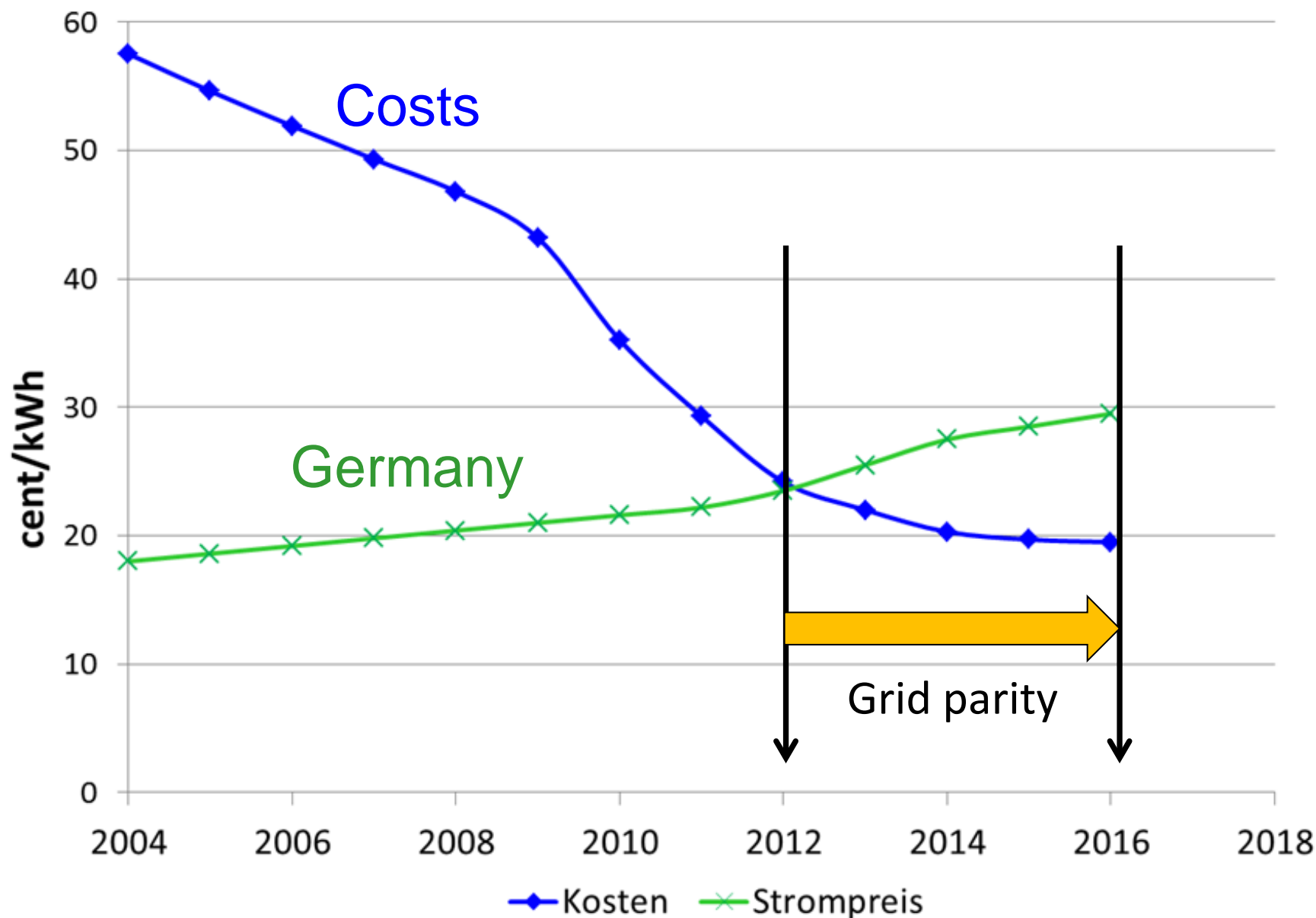


# New Thinking: Making the electricity system more democratic



## **7. IS THE TIME FOR SUBSIDIZING RENEWABLES OVER ?**

# Grid parity: PV-costs and household electricity prices

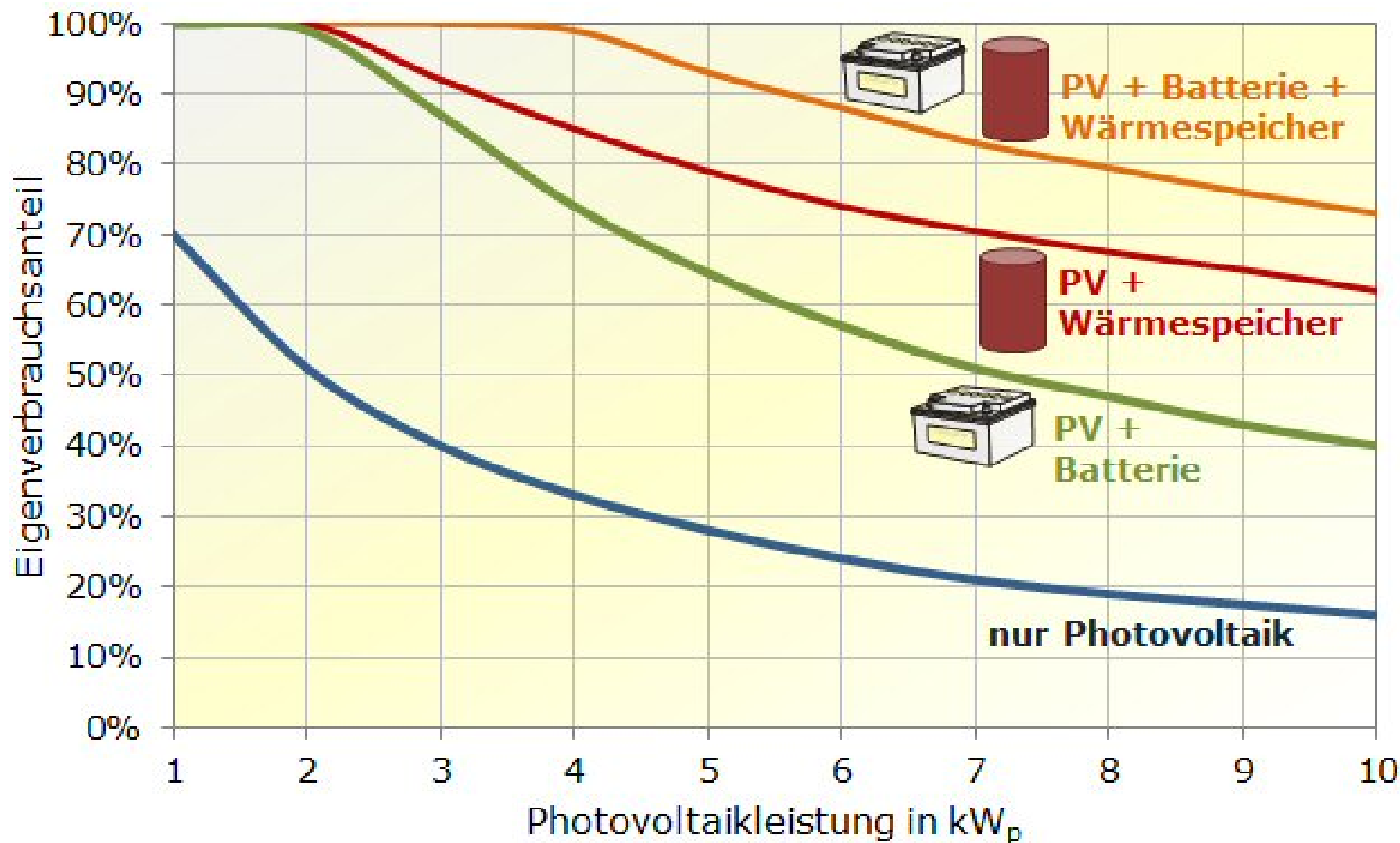


$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{Savings/revenues} \qquad \qquad \qquad \text{Costs} \\
 \hline
 \text{E}_{\text{Own}} * \text{P}_{\text{HH}} + \text{E}_{\text{Feed-in}} * \text{P}_{\text{feed-in}} > \text{Annuity}
 \end{array}$$

Grid parity term

**Subsidy still necessary?**

# Share of own consumption



**Tender for wind farms to be constructed between 2021 and 2025:**

Project	MW	ct/kWh
EnBW He Dreiht GmbH	900	0.0
DONG Energy Borkum Riffgrund West II GmbH	240	0.0
Dong Energy Northern Energy OWP West GmbH	240	0.0
Dong Energy Gode Wind 03 GmbH	110	6.0*
Weighted average	1,490	0.44

Source: Innogy

**Bets on:**

- Increasing electricity prices
- Decreasing technology costs
- Sector coupling works

- Sustainable electric. system → integration of a broad **technology** portfolio & **demand-side options!**
- **Larger** market areas **favourable**
- Very important: **correct price signals** (incl. CO2)
- most urgent: exhaust **full** creativity of all market participants incl. **decentralised PV systems**
- The key: **Flexibility** (incl. dispatchable var RES)!  
Currently low economic incentives but **activities started** → **very promising!**
- **New key player: Balancing group (Supplier), no more the generator**

- Capacity payments: Any CP will distort the system towards more conv. and less RES capacity
- calls for capacity markets: a last try of the old generation-focused system to survive
- a pragmatic solution: Strategic reserves which go along with very high penalties (higher than maximum price would be in the EOM ) for those suppliers (balancing groups) who make use of them (or to be seen as insurance suppliers can pay)