







POWER MARKET DESIGN: COEXISTENCE OF CONVENTIONAL AND RENEWABLE ENERGY — A EUROPEAN VIEW

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1. INTRODUCTION



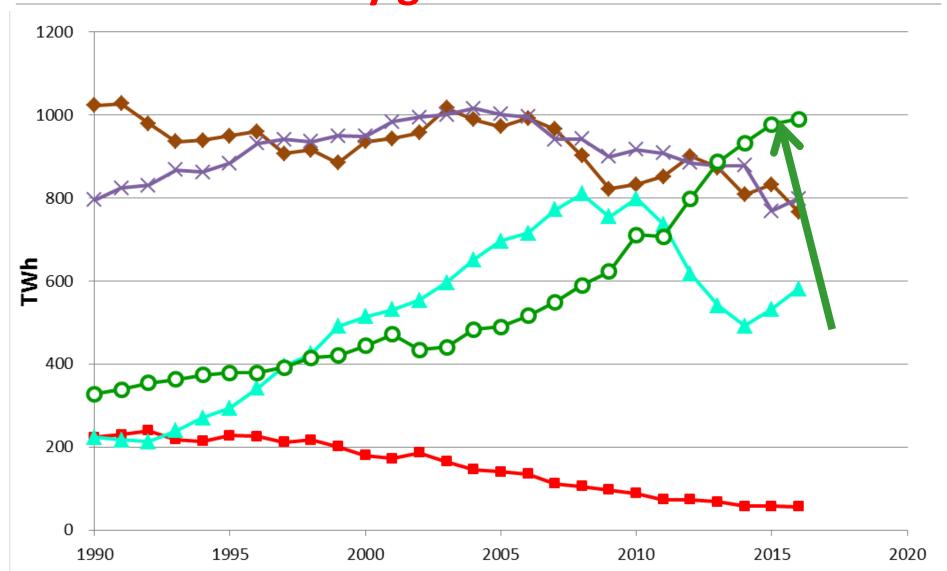
Motivation:

- * Climate change -> Paris agreements
- * Targets for renewables
- * The clean energy package
- * It is not possible to force variable renewables into the system



Introduction: Electricity generation EU-28





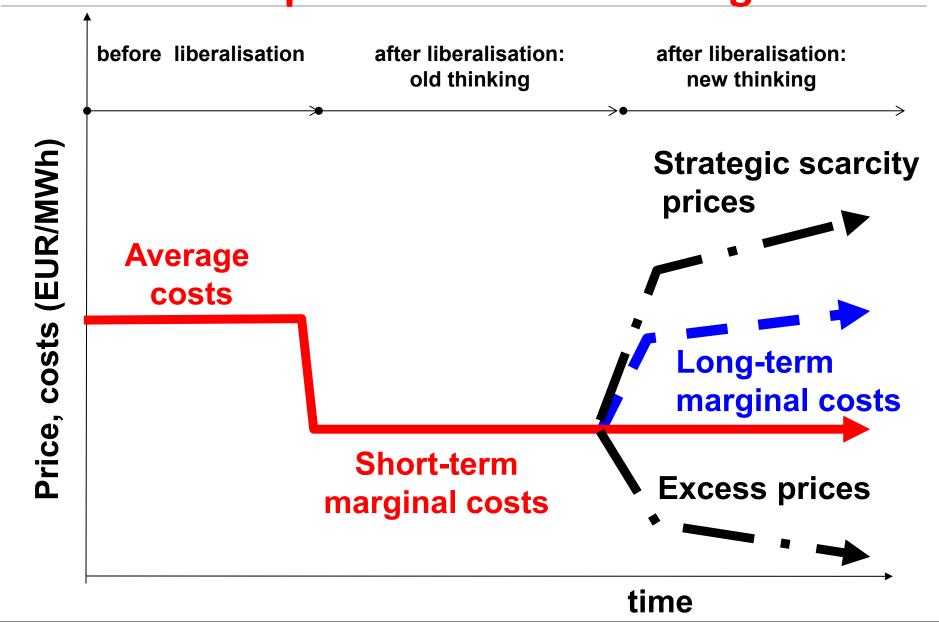
→ Nuclear → Renewables

→ Solid Fuels - Petroleum



How prices come about: Three periods of market design







Core objective



... 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



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



Day-ahead electricity markets



Expectation of

prices = Short-term marginal costs

(Short-term marginal costs = fuel costs)

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



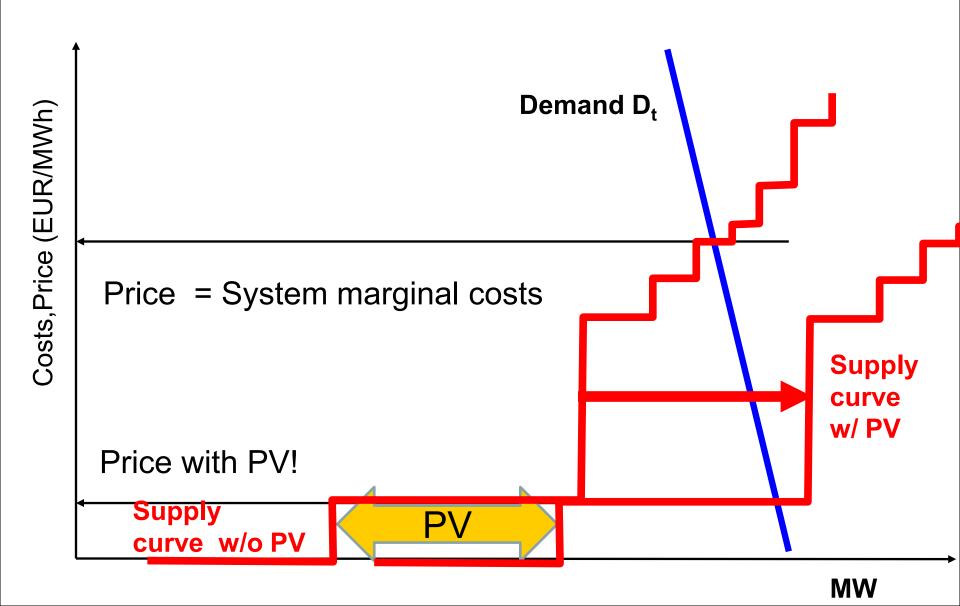


3 HOW VARIABLE RENEWABLES IMPACT THE ELECTRICITY SYSTEM AND PRICES IN ELECTRICITY MARKETS



Example: prices without and with PV

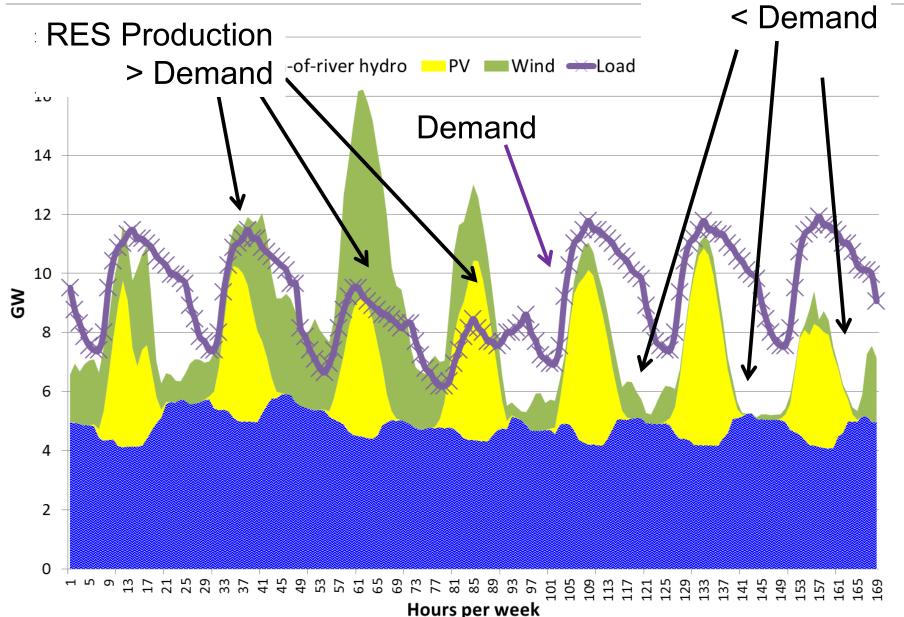






Supply and Demand

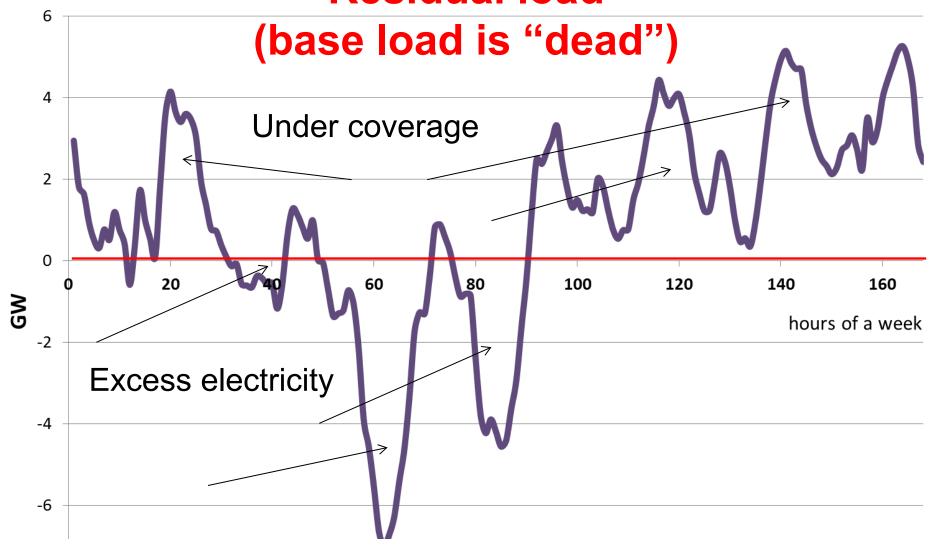




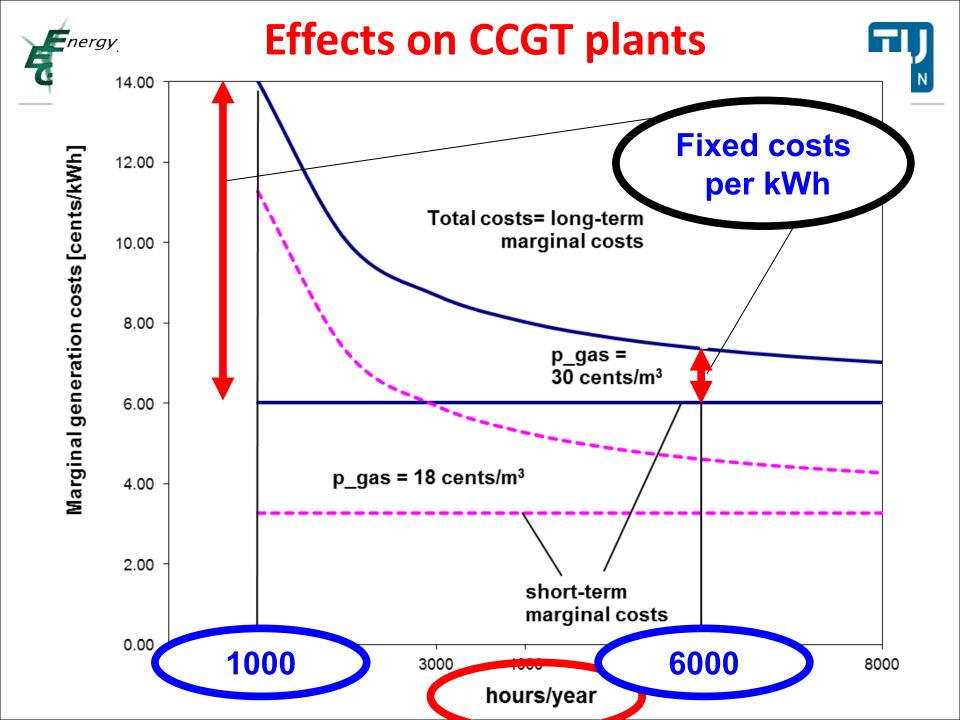


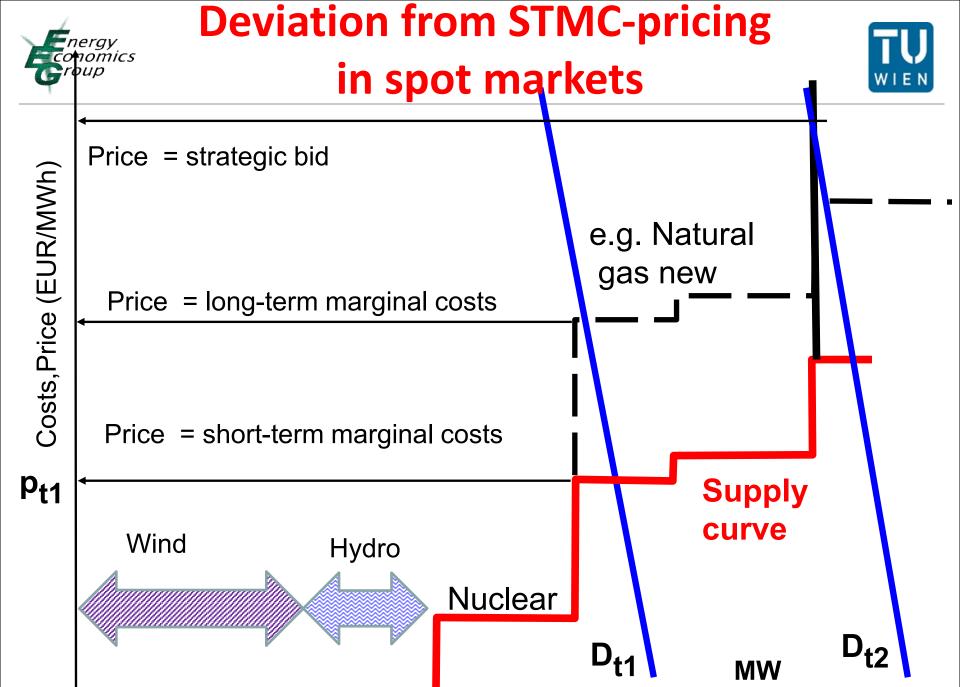
Key term of the future: Residual load





Residual load = Load - non-flexible generation







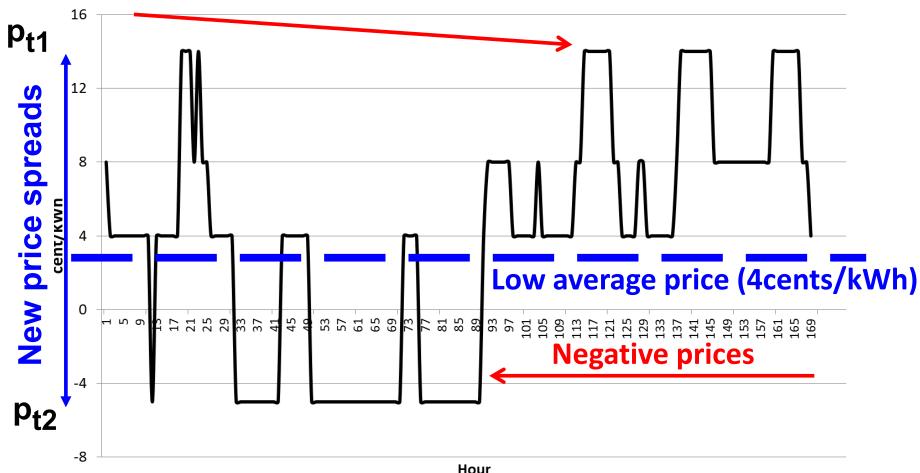
Deviation from STMC-pricing

in spot markets



Scarcity prices

Electricity price spot market

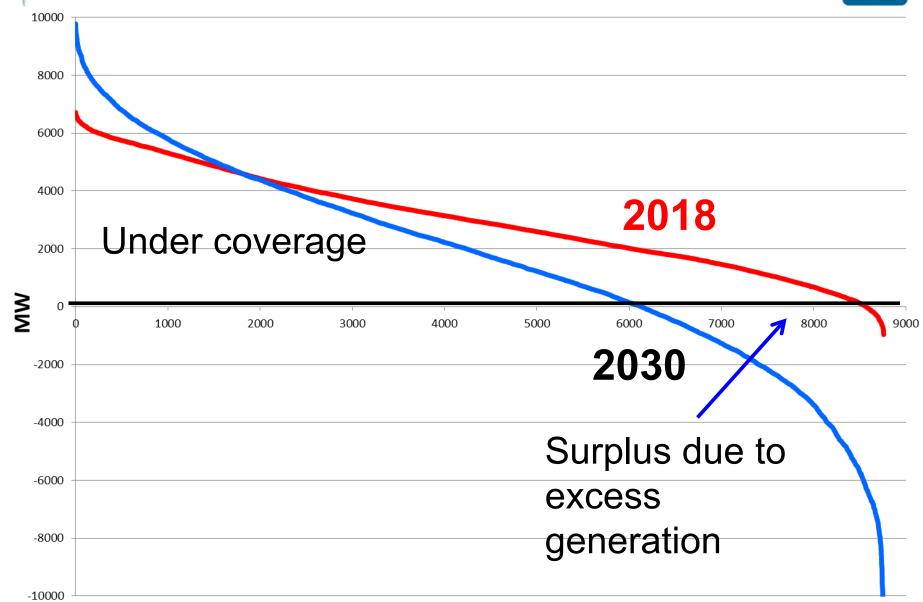


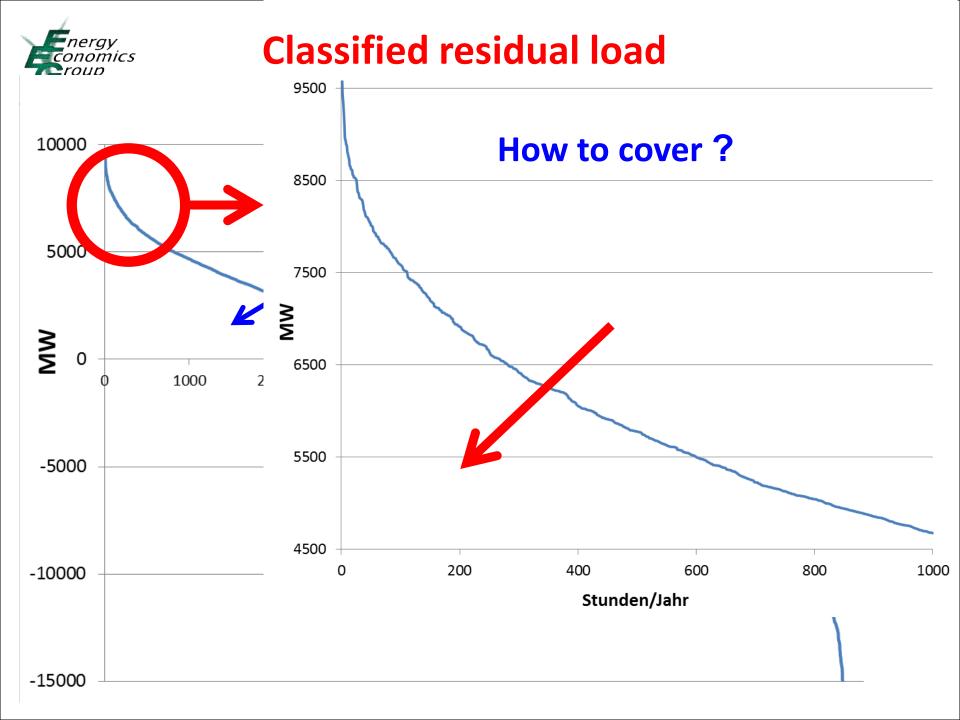
→ These price spreads provide incentives for new flexible solutions!!!!



Classified residual load









There are two extreme positions:



By a regulated capacity payment with STMC pricing?

or

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



4 THE CORE PROBLEMS OF CAPACITY PAYMENTS



All regulatory capacity payments for power plants destort 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

The higher the excess capacities, the lower is the share of RES

strive to retain system resource adequacy by correct price signals





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!

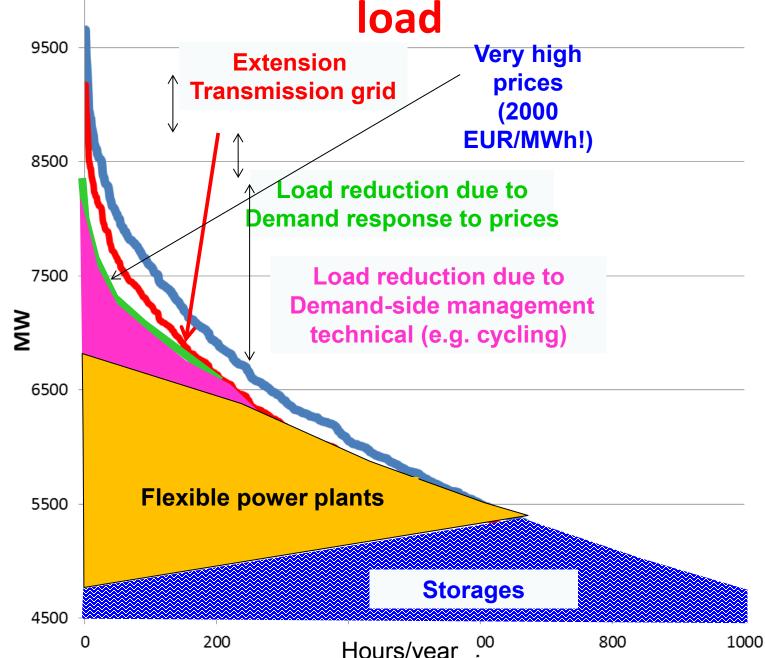


ensured payments

Capacity without

5 Flexible coverage of residual

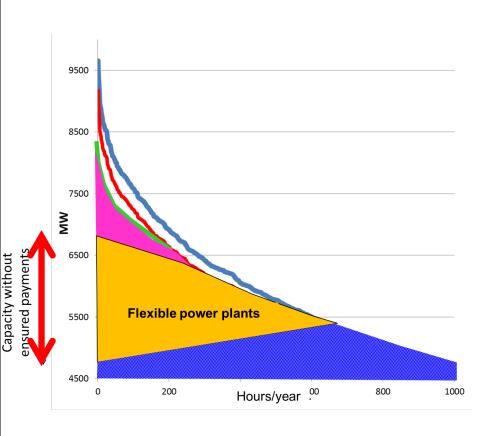


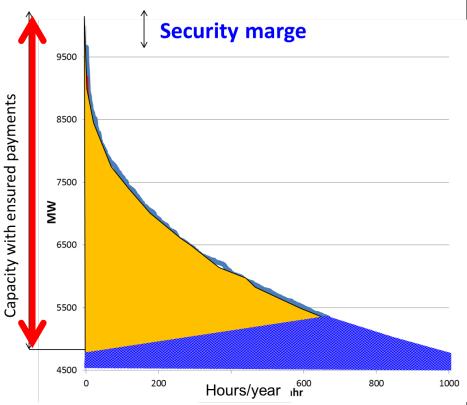




Comparison



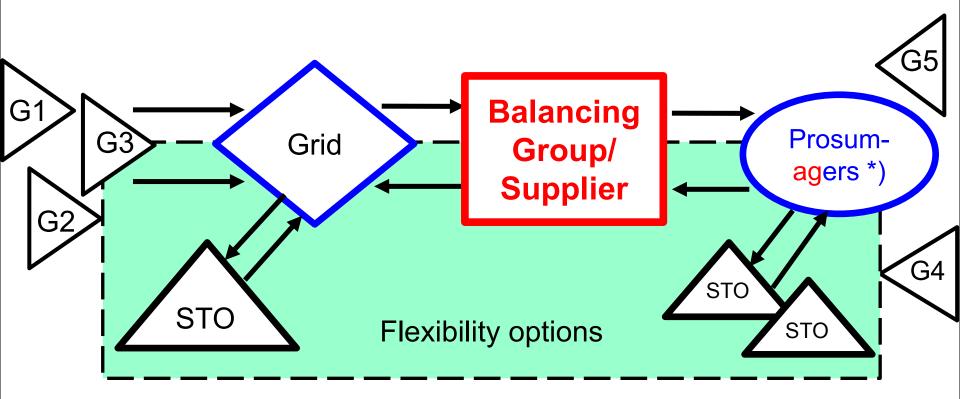






New Thinking: Making the electricity system more democratic









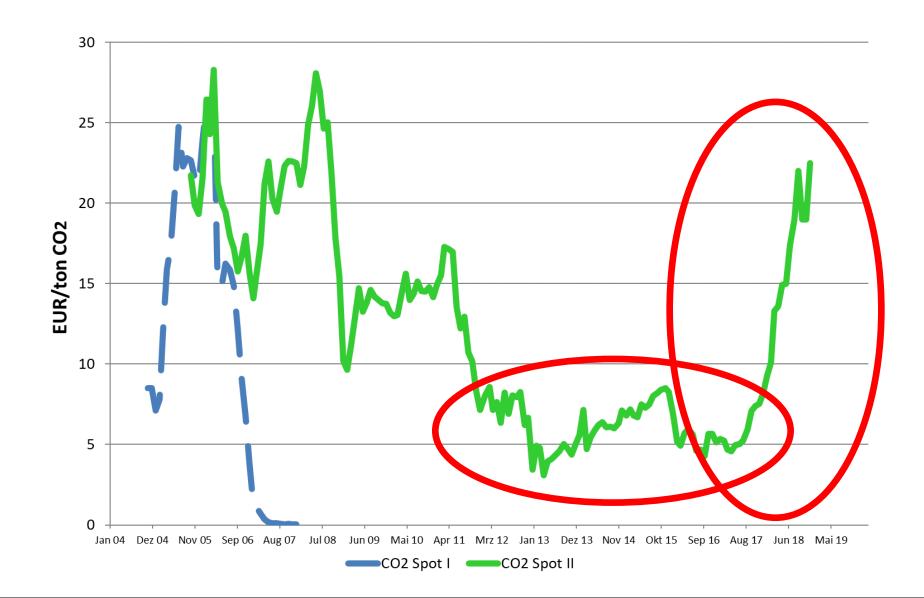
7. IS THE TIME FOR SUBSIDIZING RENEWABLES OVER?

As long there is no price on CO2



Der CO2-Preis

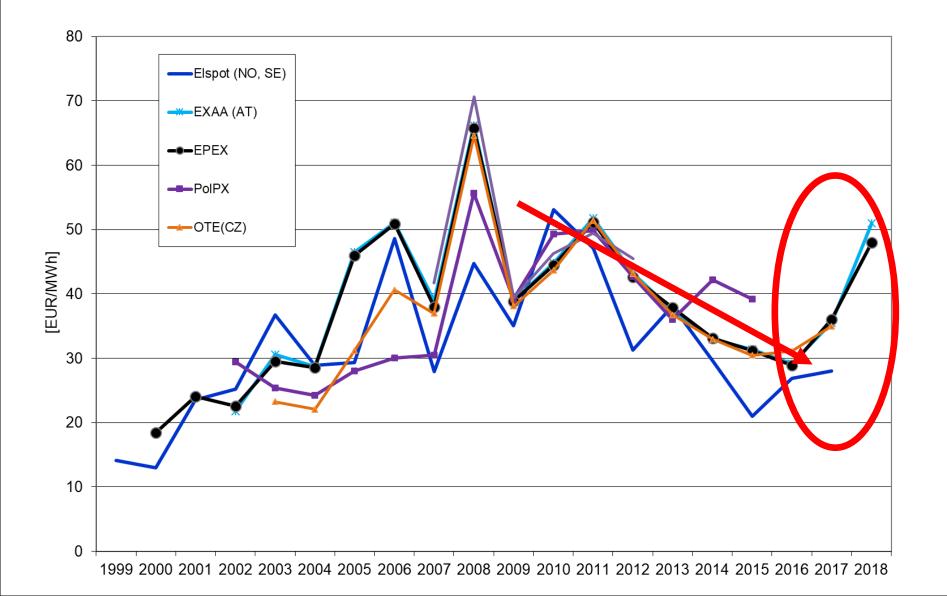






Development of electricity prices in Europe up to 2018

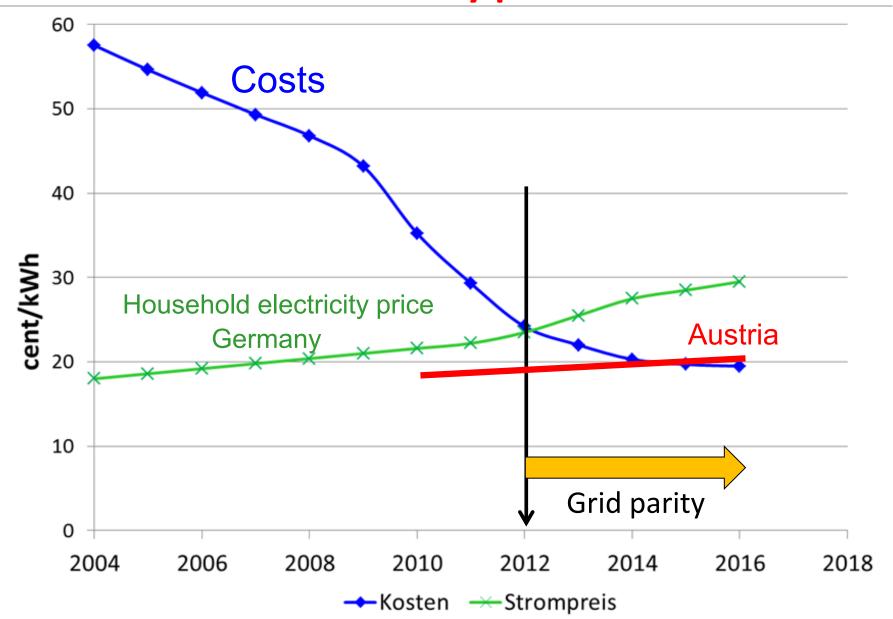






Grid parity: PV-costs and household electricity prices







8. CONCLUSIONS



- Sustainable electric. system

 integration of a broad technology portfolio & demand-side options
- Larger market areas favourable
- Very important: correct price signals (incl. CO2)
- Capacity payments: Any CP will distort the system towards more conv. and less RES capacity
- most urgent: exhaust full creativity for flexibility of all market participants incl. decentralised PV systems