

Evaluation of Benefits from Flexibility Measures and their Integration in Power Systems Operation and Markets

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Introduction

- Presentation of on-going research work done at the Power Systems Laboratory (PSL) of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH Zurich)
- Research work financed through the EU FP7 Research Project „Infrastructure Roadmap for Energy Networks in Europe (IRENE-40)“
 - 4-year project (2009-2012)
 - Several partners from academia and power system manufacturers



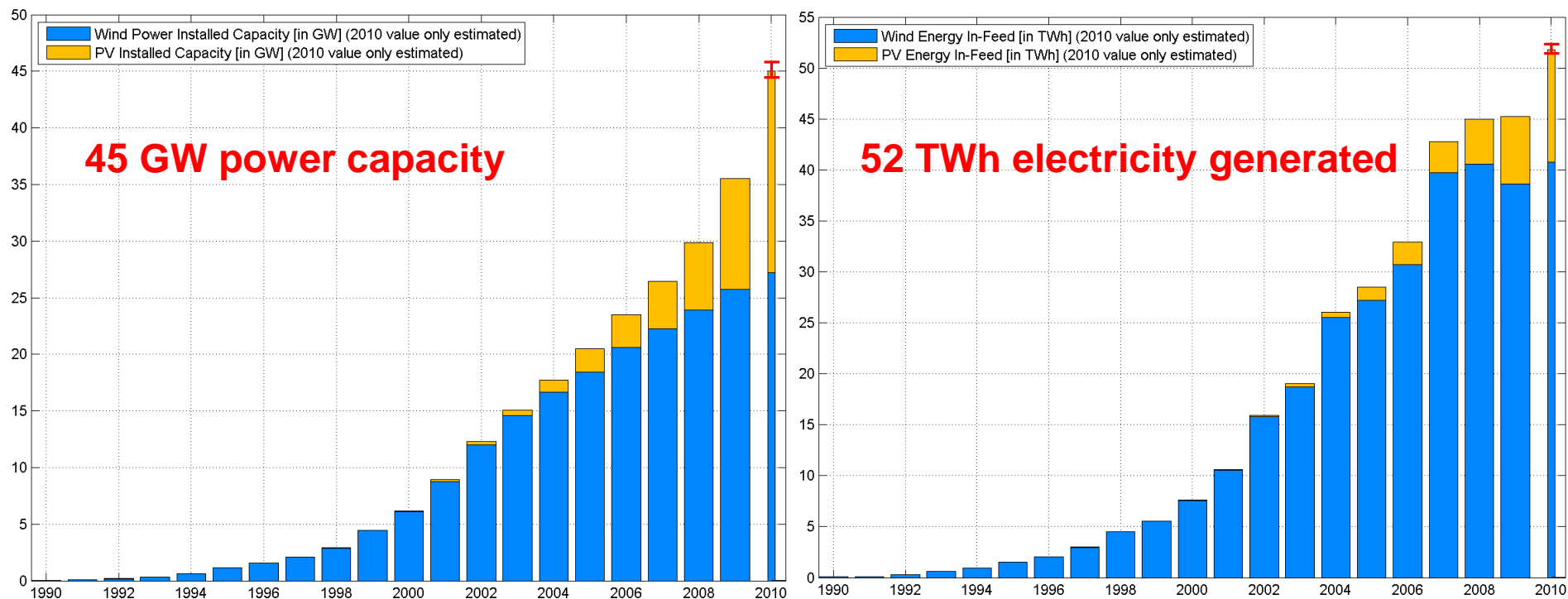
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Topics of this talk

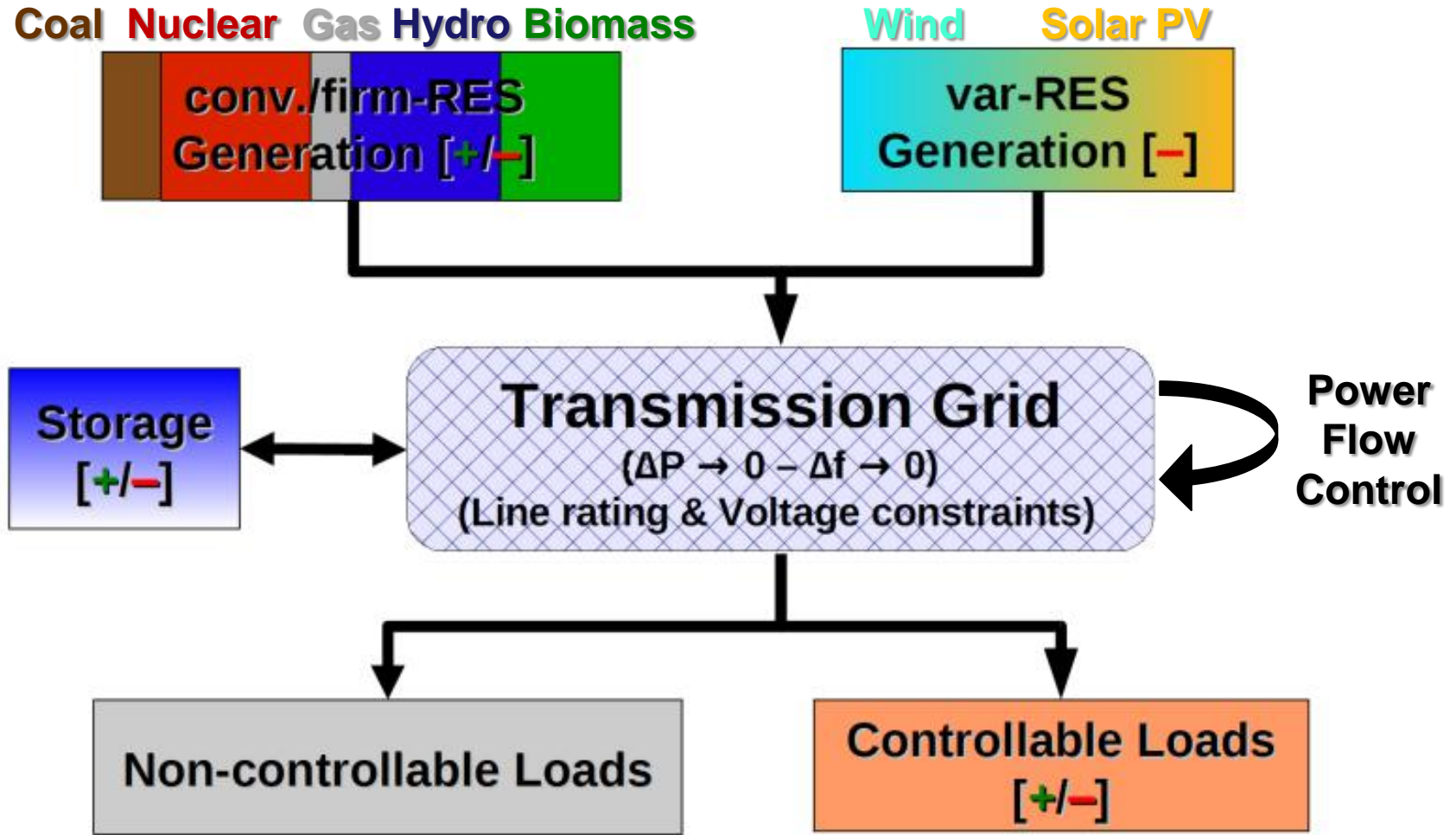
- Rapid growth of (from TSO side) non-controlled processes in transmission grid:
 - Increasing RES deployment (= stochastic power in-feed)
 - Issues: non-deterministic power imbalances, power flow changes
 - Indirectly: must-run generation (ancillary services)
 - Increasing power market activities (on European level)
 - Issues: deterministic (transient) power imbalances, more frequent power flow changes.
- Slow grid capacity expansion for coping with the increasing demands.

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 - Increasing RES deployment (= stochastic power in-feed)
 - Germany 2010: (45GW, 52TWh \approx 10% of total gen.)



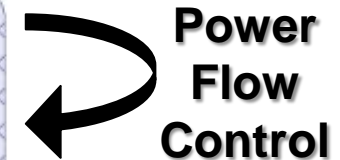
Transmission Grid as Control Problem



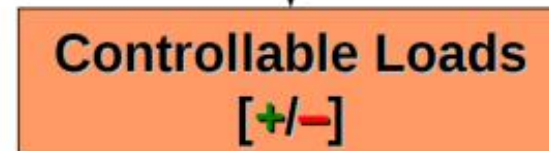
Transmission Grid as Control Problem

fully dispatchable
(= controllable)

Stochastic time-varying power in-feed
(= partially controllable)



Tap changers, FACTS,
topology changes
(= controllable)



Pumped storage capacity:
(= controllable, energy-constrained)

Time-varying storage capacity:
(Ex. PHEV/EV fleets)
(= partially controllable when grid-
connected, energy-constrained)

Time-varying thermal loads:
(= partially controllable, energy-constrained)

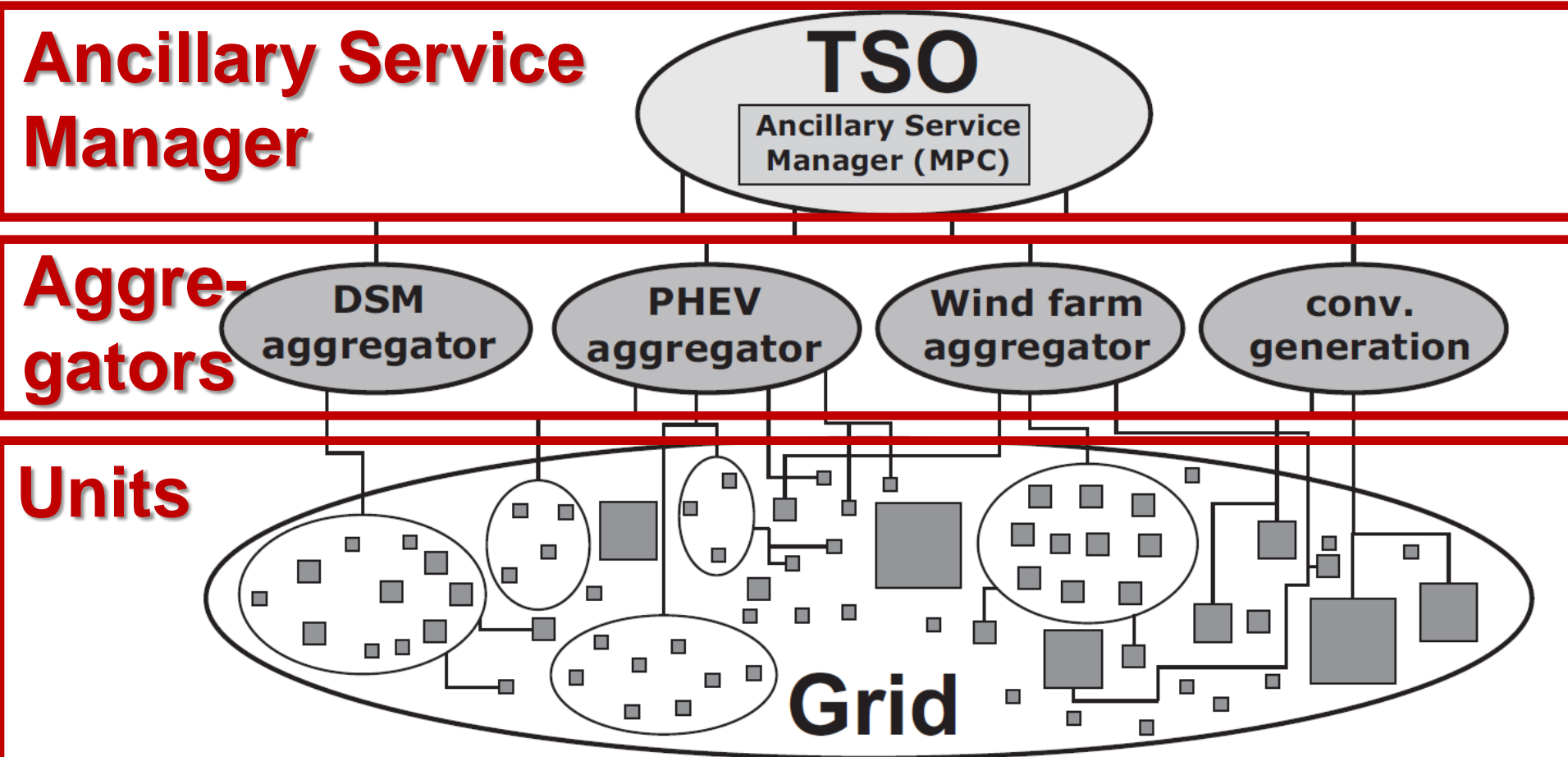
Controllability/Flexibility in Power System Operation

- Increased controllability over power system processes (electricity generation and demand) beneficial for TSOs.
- Means higher flexibility for TSOs for coping with disturbances in system operation (*„more knobs that can be turned“*)
- Examples:
 - Ability to curtail stochastic RES in-feed (Wind, PV).
 - Ability to modulate electricity demand of controllable loads (DSM)
 - Ability to use time-varying storage capacity (PHEV/EVs)
- Enabling such control abilities constitutes an ancillary service (AS) of the power system unit operator for the TSO.

Important Questions to Ask

- How can such control abilities over formally non-controlled power system processes be realised? Technically and within legal frameworks ...?
 - **aggregator concept / ancillary service manager**
- How can such controllability services (needing short-term predictions, offering only time-varying controllability) be integrated into existing AS frameworks?
 - **some suggestions for AS auctioning schemes**
- What is the value of such controllability services for power system operation, i.e. for the TSO?
 - **Power Nodes modelling and evaluation framework**

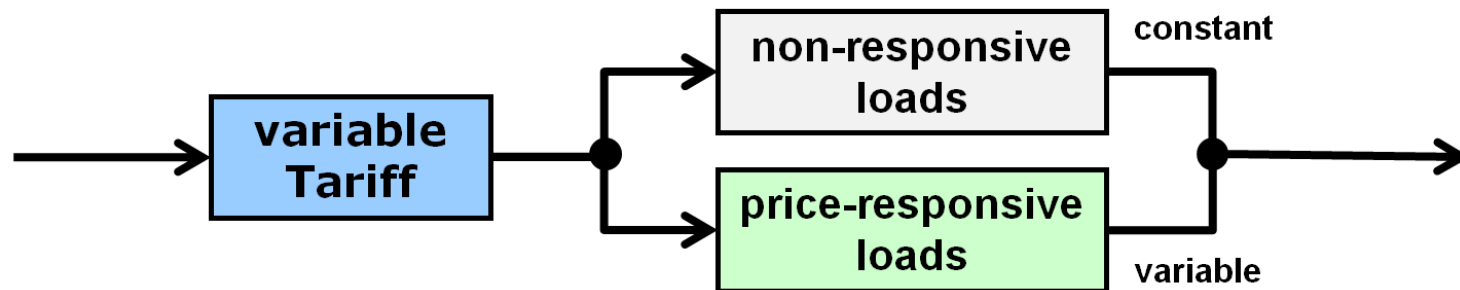
Ancillary Service Manager – Communication Structure



Aggregator Examples: Demand Side Management

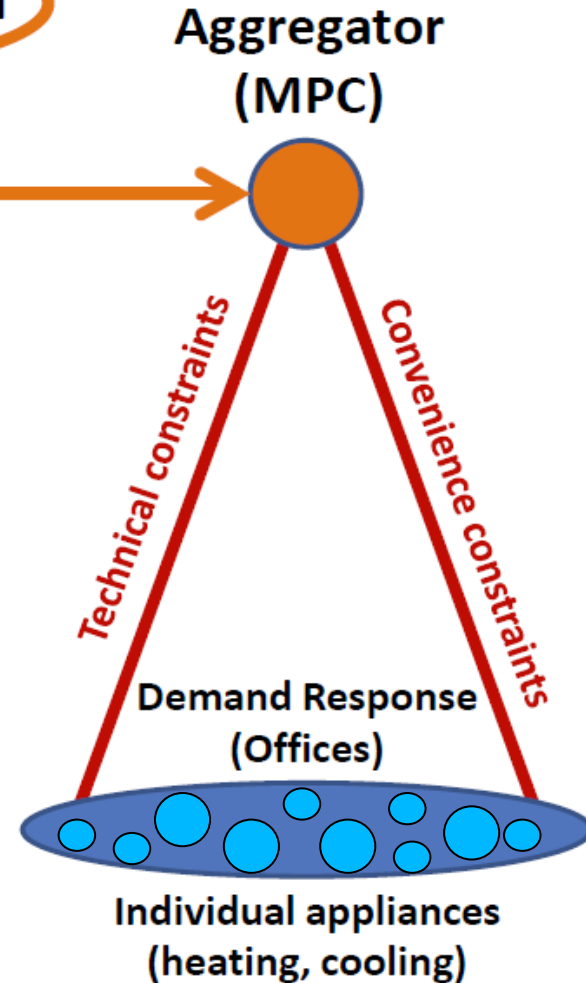
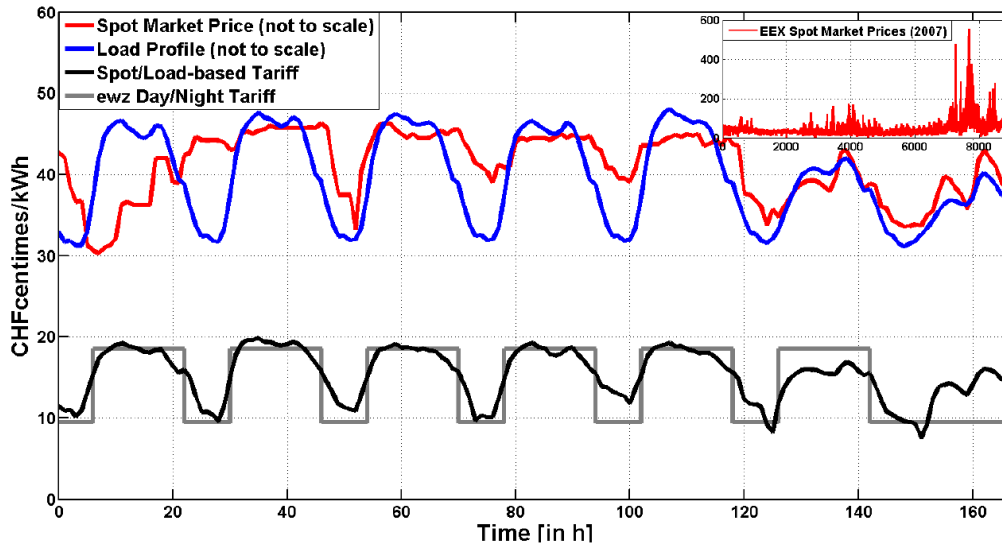
- Variable tariff is needed to induce incentive for load shifting (= control signal for price-responsive loads)

Feed-Forward Control

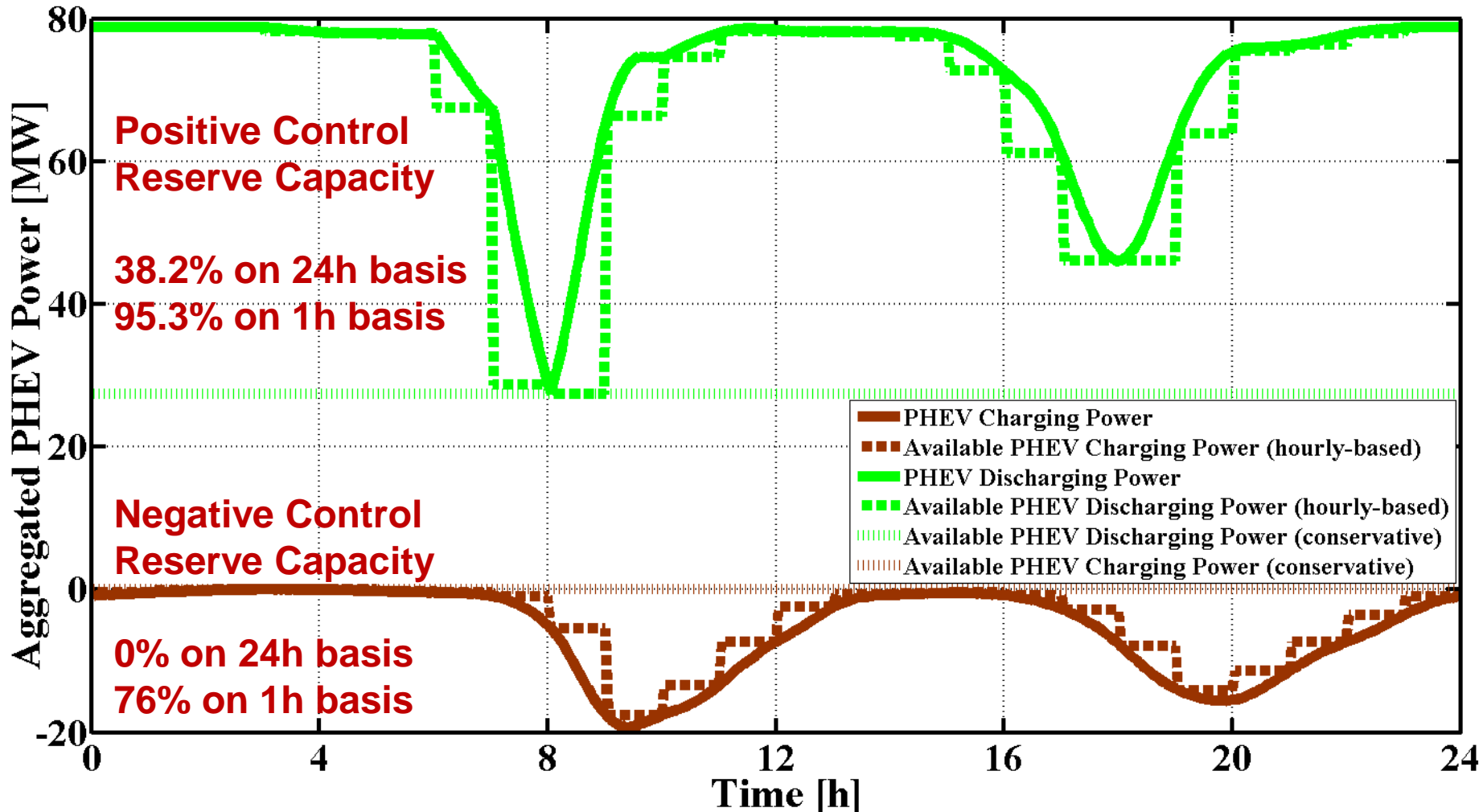


- Using different benchmark tariffs for studying DR (load shifting, peak load reduction)

Aggregator Examples: Demand Side Management



Aggregator Example: Fluctuating Availability of PHEV/EV Charging/Discharging Power (25,000 cars)

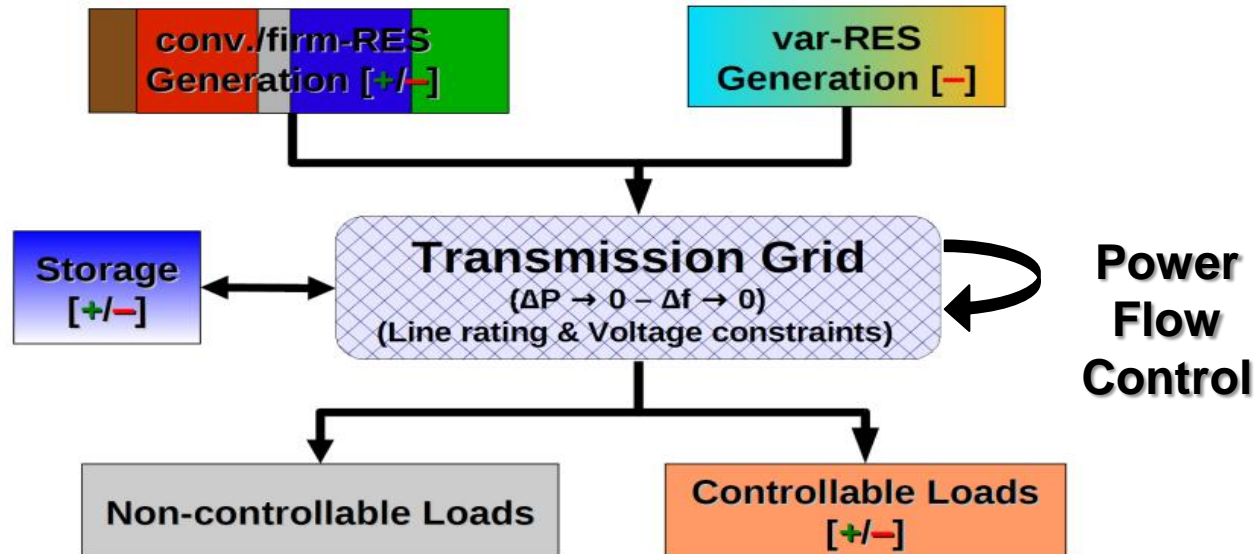


Integration of Supplementary Control Reserves

- **Today&Future:** Growing shares of
 - fluctuating power in-feed, i.e. wind turbines, PV panels
 - controllable thermal loads, i.e. heat pumps, water heaters,
 - fluctuating storage capacity, i.e. battery capacity of PHEV/ EV fleets (predicted).
- **Beneficial:** If yet untapped control reserve capacities could be integrated into ancillary services (AS) schemes, i.e.
 - increasing TSO controllability over power in-feed and out-feed processes.
- **Prerequisite:** Flexible ancillary services schemes.
 - daily/hourly-based ancillary service (AS) procurement (instead of weekly/monthly-based AS auctions)
 - AS auctions closer to real-time (day-ahead / hour-ahead)

Power Nodes Modelling and Evaluation Framework

- In order to evaluate the benefits of additional control abilities (=flexibility measures), a framework is needed for modelling the relevant controlled&non-controlled processes in power systems operation

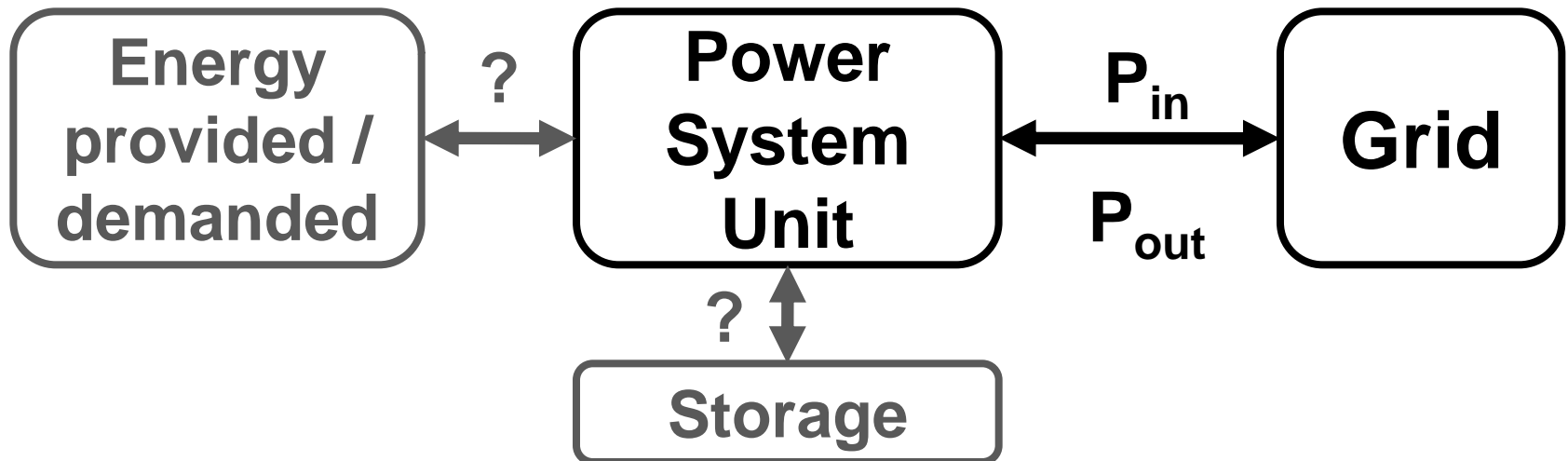


Status Quo in Power Systems Modelling

- Traditional power system modeling is „fractional“
- Separate models are used for capturing information of
 - Transmission & distribution grid (topology, voltage & frequency dynamics, voltage & line limits)
 - Power generation (generator dynamics, ramp constraints, wind and PV in-feed predictions)
 - Load models (dynamics, load demand predictions)
 - Storage models (capacity, storage levels, dynamics)
- Modelled interaction between individual power system units and grid does not necessarily capture all relevant aspects

Status Quo in Power Systems Modelling

- Example: optimal power dispatch simulations do consider units that inject or absorb power from the grid.
 - Which of these units are storages (energy-constrained)?
 - Which of these units provide stochastic power in-feed?
 - What controllability (full / partial / none) does the operator have over stochastic generation and demand processes?



Motivation for Power Nodes Modelling Framework

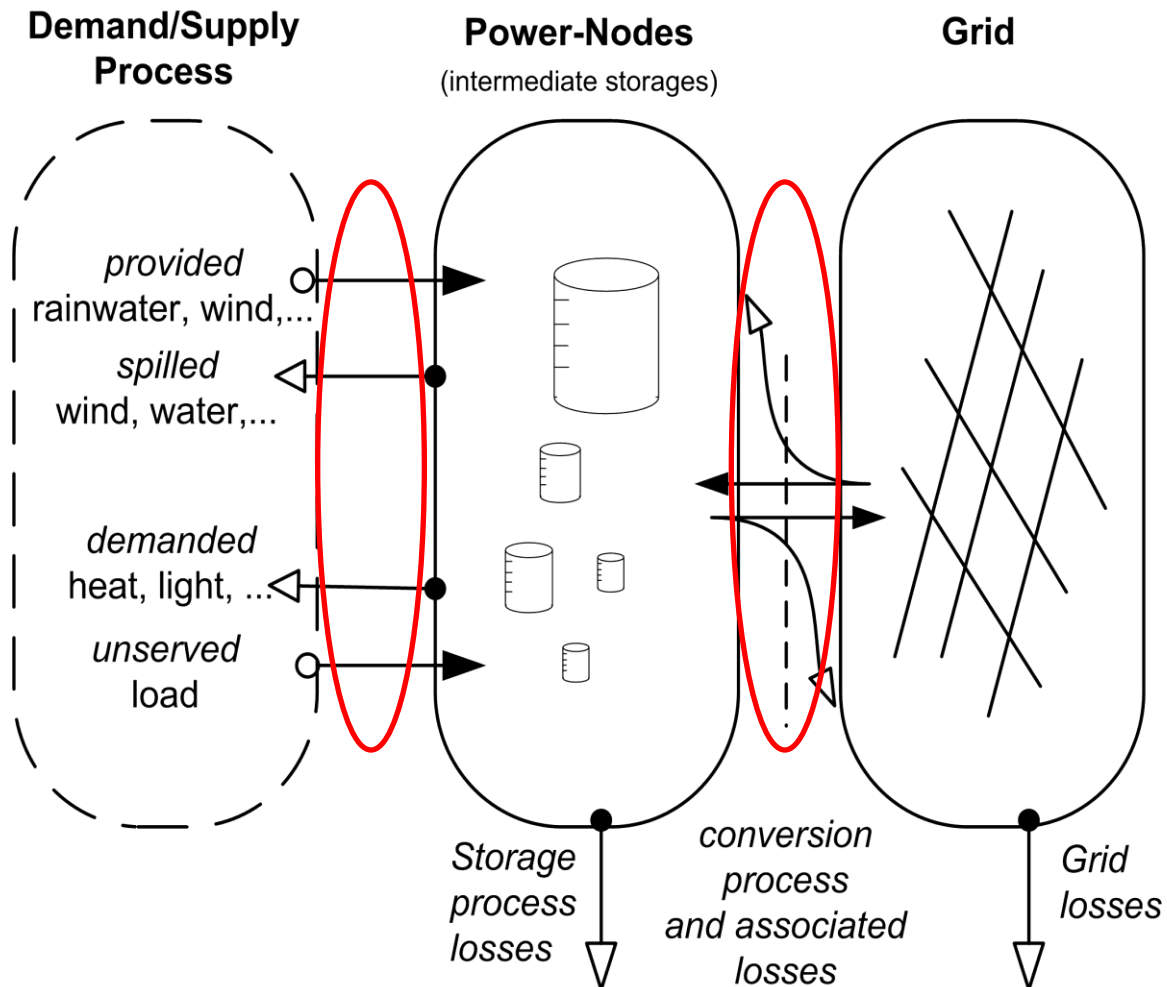
- Create unified framework for modelling power system units (incl. relevant operation constraints, power supply and demand processes and the controllability)
 - Diverse storage units (battery, pumped hydro, ...)
 - Diverse generation units (fully dispatchable conventional generators, stochastic in-feed of wind turbines and PV)
 - Diverse load units (conventional, interruptible, thermal, ...)
- **Operation constraints:** ramp rates, storage capacity, current storage level (SOC)
- **Controllability over power system processes (=“flexibility“):** A given process is either fully controllable, curtailable / sheddable, non-controllable or has time-varying controllability.

Goals of Power Node Approach

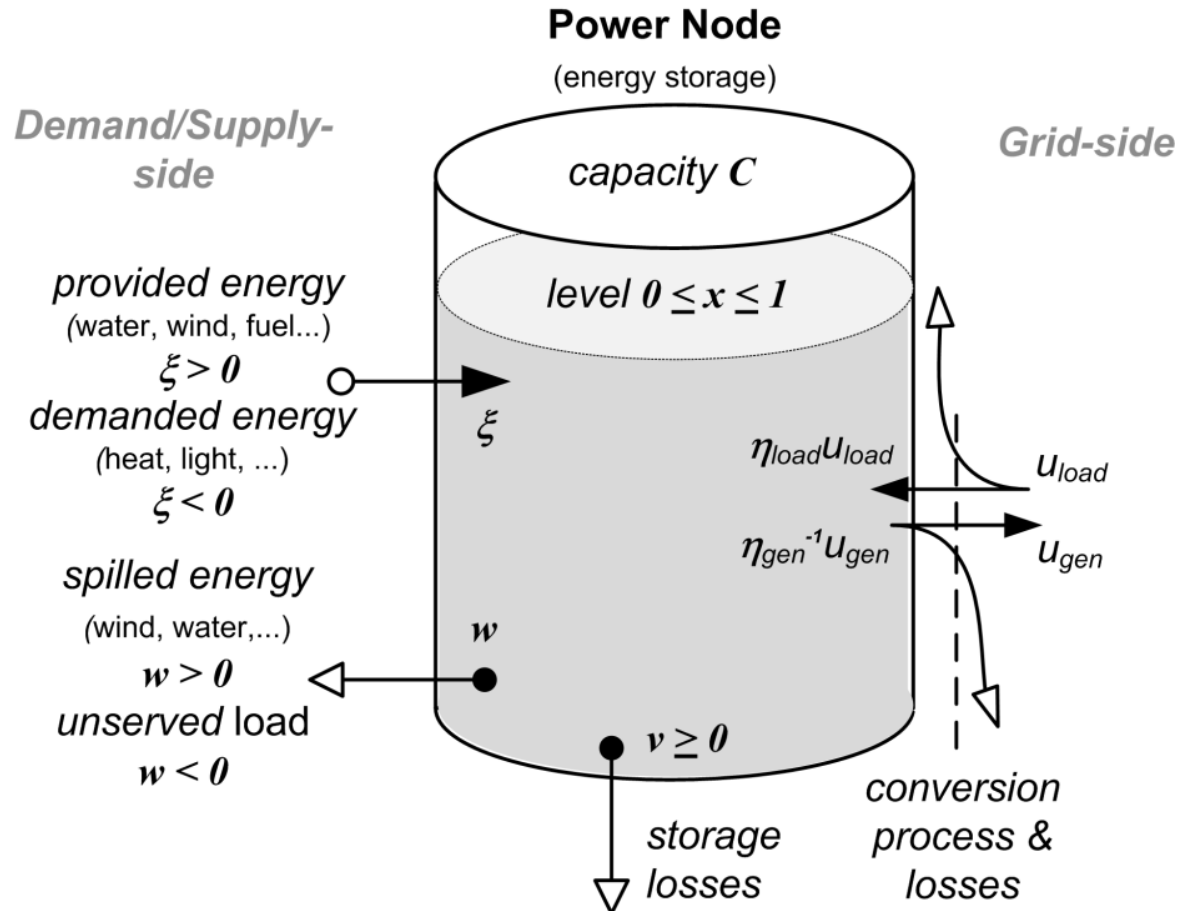
- Goal is to better evaluate performance of power system operation and to improve performance
 - Storage utilisation (What is its best use?)
 - Integrating stochastic power in-feed
 - Integrating demand-side management (DSM)
 - Reduce forced ramping of conventional generators for load following and balancing of stochastic power in-feed
 - Performance criteria
 - power system operation cost
 - curtailment of RES in-feed
 - Power system CO₂ emissions

The Power Nodes Framework

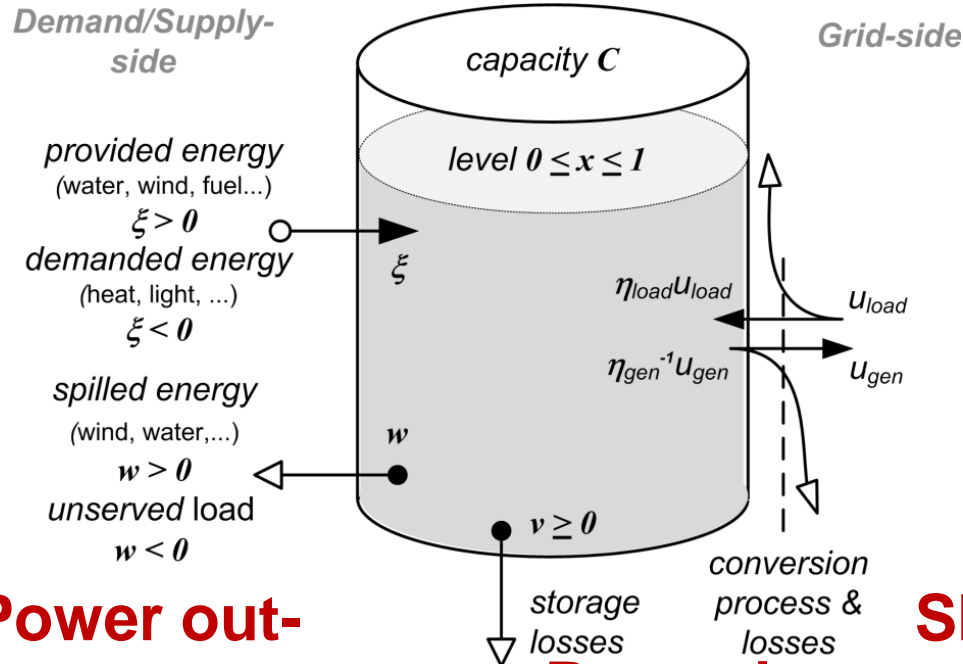
- Modelling of three domains and their interactions



One Power Node



$$C_i \dot{x}_i = \eta_{load_i} u_{load_i} - \eta_{gen_i}^{-1} u_{gen_i} + \xi_i - w_i - v_i$$



Storage capacity
×
state-of-charge

Internal losses

Power out-feed from grid

Power in-feed to grid

Shedding term

$$C_i \dot{x}_i = \eta_{load,i} U_{load,i} - \eta_{gen,i}^{-1} U_{gen,i} + \xi_i - w_i - v_i$$

Efficiency factors

Provided / demanded power

One Power Node (including constraints)

$$C_i \dot{x}_i = \eta_{\text{load},i} u_{\text{load},i} - \eta_{\text{gen},i}^{-1} u_{\text{gen},i} + \xi_i - w_i - v_i,$$

$$\text{s.t. } 0 \leq x_i \leq 1,$$

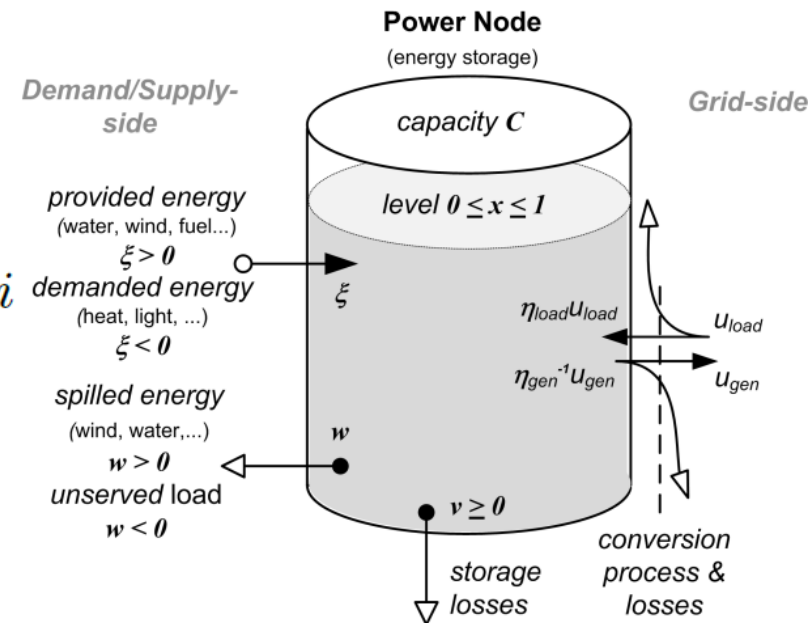
$$0 \leq u_{\text{gen},i}^{\min} \leq u_{\text{gen},i} \leq u_{\text{gen},i}^{\max}$$

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$$0 \leq \xi_i \cdot w_i,$$

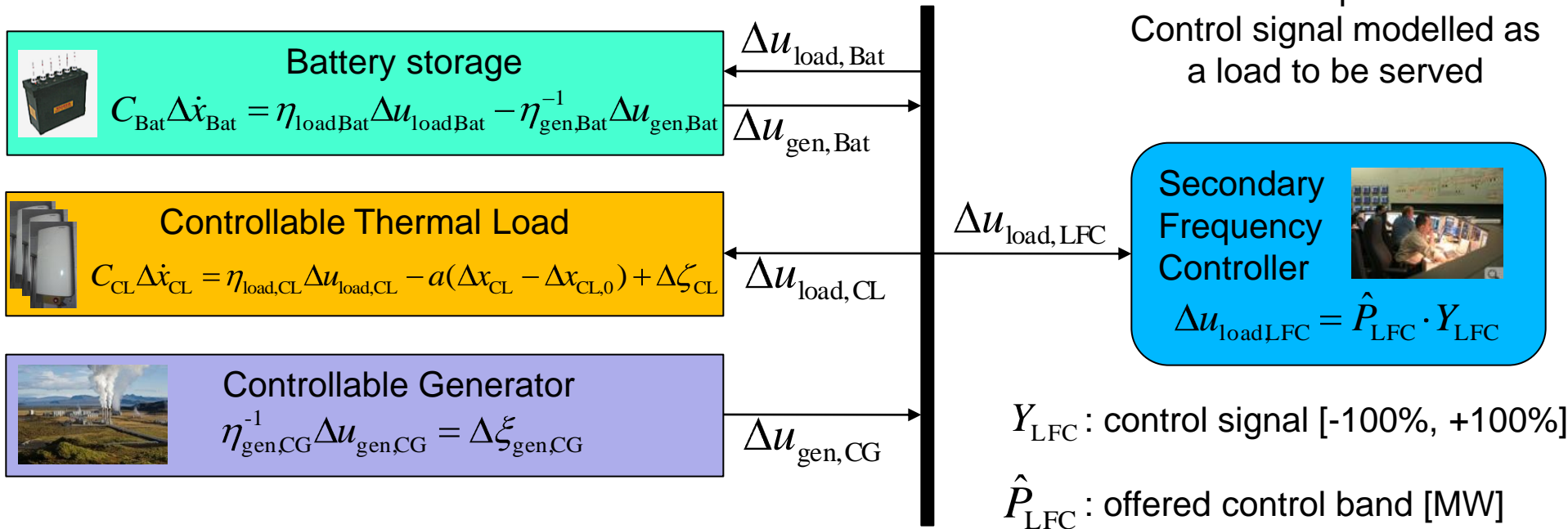
$$0 \leq |\xi_i| - |w_i|,$$

$$0 \leq v_i \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, N.$$



- Power constraints defined by: min/max power, ramp rates, storage capacity
- Operation flexibility defined by: shedding term w_i , storage term $C_i x_i$, ξ_i

Power Node Modelling Example: Joint Provision of Load Frequency Control

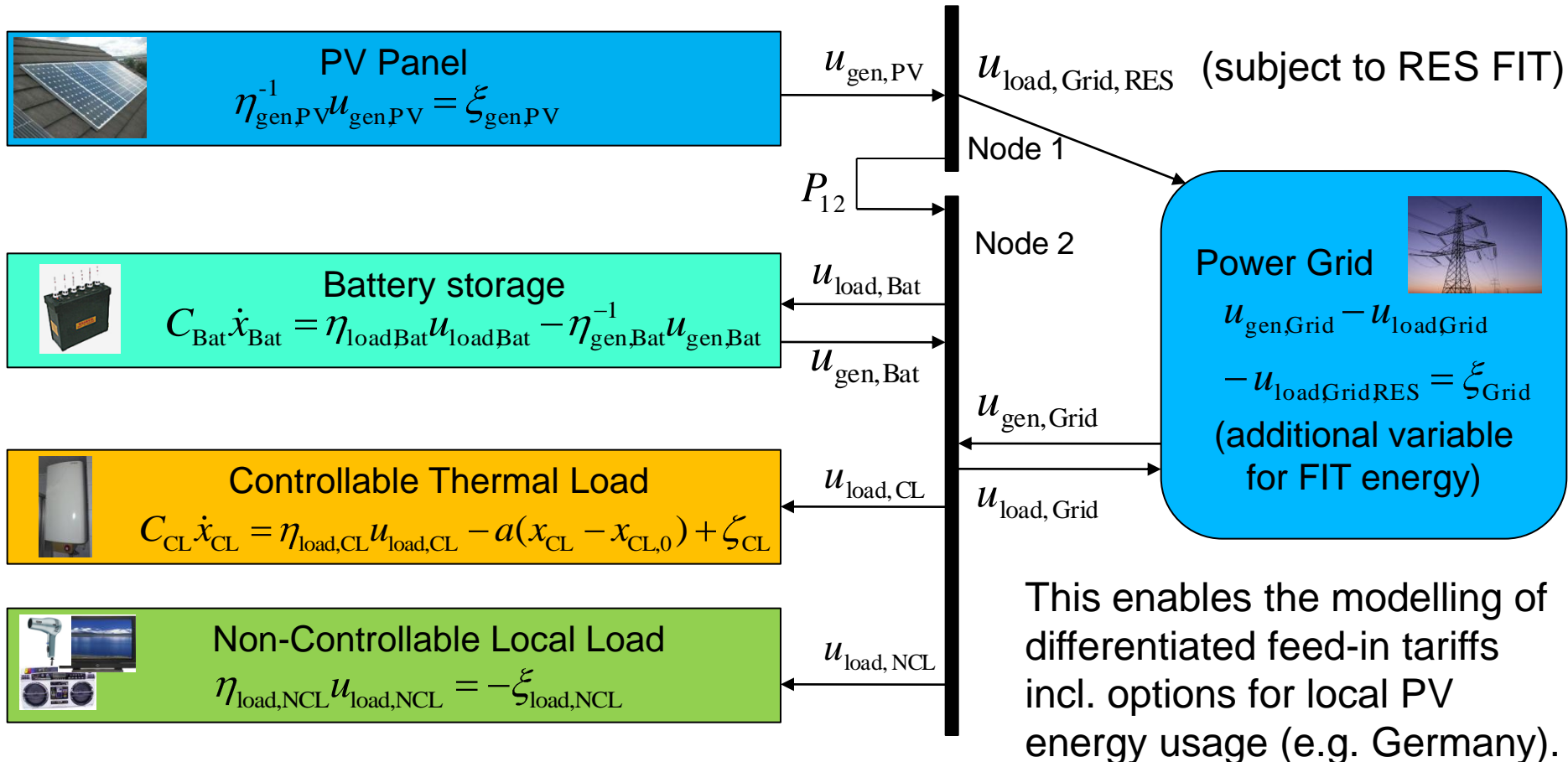


Power Balance:

$$\Delta u_{\text{gen,Bat}} + \Delta u_{\text{gen,CG}} - \Delta u_{\text{load,Bat}} - \Delta u_{\text{load,CL}} = \Delta u_{\text{load,LFC}}$$

Power Node Modelling Examples

PV with local storage unit, RES feed-in tariff



Power Node Modeling Example: Predictive Dispatch

- Conventional generation unit [6]
- Conventional (uncontrolled) load [1] + load predictions
- Pumped-hydro storage units [4+5] and flexible loads (DSM) [7]
- Wind/PV units (curtailable) [2-3] + Wind/PV power in-feed predictions

$$\xi_1 - w_1 = -\eta_{load,1} u_{load,1}$$

$$\xi_2 - w_2 = \eta_{gen,2}^{-1} u_{gen,2}$$

$$\xi_3 - w_3 = \eta_{gen,3}^{-1} u_{gen,3}$$

$$C_4 \dot{x}_4 = \eta_{load,4} u_{load,4} - \eta_{gen,4}^{-1} u_{gen,4}$$

$$C_5 \dot{x}_5 = \eta_{load,5} u_{load,5} - \eta_{gen,5}^{-1} u_{gen,5}$$

$$\xi_6 = \eta_{gen,6}^{-1} u_{gen,6}$$

$$C_7 \dot{x}_7 = \eta_{load,7} u_{load,7} + \xi_7 - a_7 (x_7 - x_{ss,7})$$

Power Node Modeling Example: Predictive Dispatch

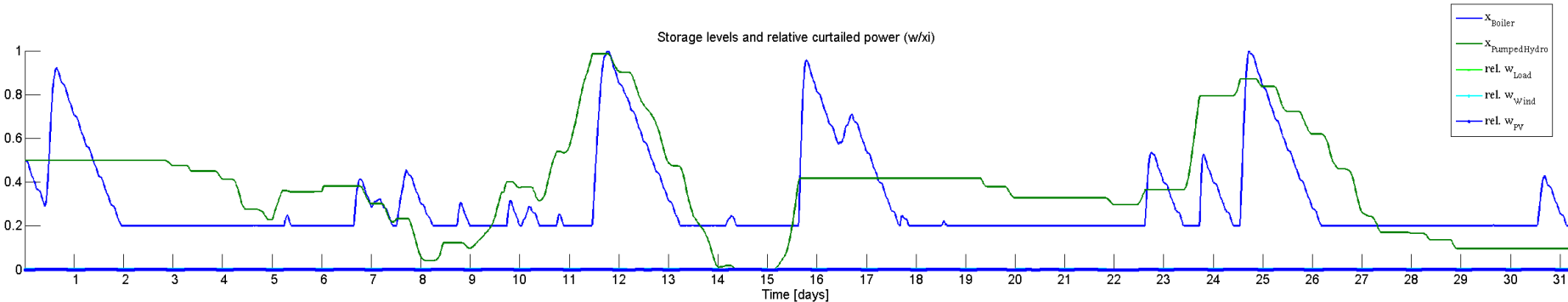
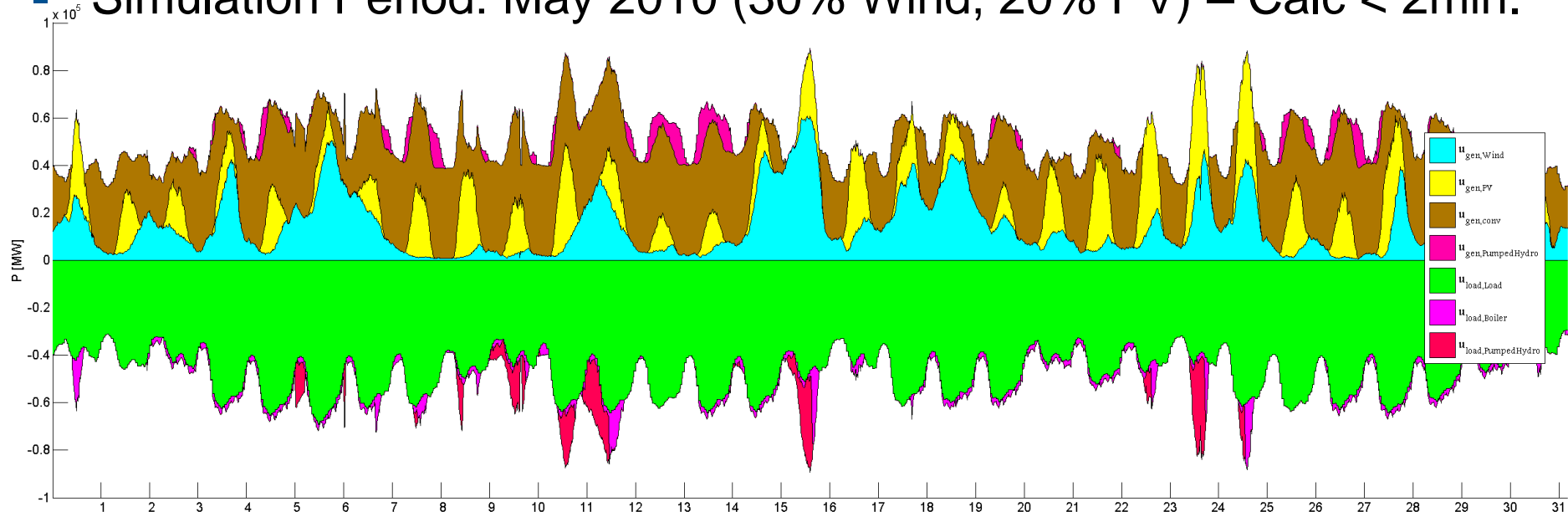
$$\begin{aligned} \min J(k) &= \sum_{l=k}^{l=k+N-1} (x(l) - x_{ref})^T \cdot Q_x \cdot (x(l) - x_{ref}) \\ &\quad + u(l)^T \cdot Q_u \cdot u(l) + R_u \cdot u(l) \\ &\quad + \delta u(l)^T \cdot \delta Q_u \cdot \delta u(l) \\ \text{s.t. (a)} &\quad x(l+1) = A \cdot x(l) + B \cdot u(l) \\ \text{(b)} &\quad 0 \leq x^{min} \leq x(l) \leq x^{max} \leq 1 \\ \text{(c)} &\quad 0 \leq u^{min} \leq u(l) \leq u^{max} \\ \text{(d)} &\quad \delta u^{min} \leq \delta u(l) \leq \delta u^{max} \\ \text{(e)} &\quad \xi_1(l) = \xi_{drv,1}(l \cdot T) \\ \text{(f)} &\quad \xi_2(l) = \xi_{drv,2}(l \cdot T) \\ \text{(g)} &\quad \xi_3(l) = \xi_{drv,3}(l \cdot T) \\ \text{(h)} &\quad \xi_7(l) = \xi_{drv,7}(l \cdot T) \\ \text{(i)} &\quad u_{gen,4}(l) \cdot u_{load,4}(l) = 0 \\ \text{(j)} &\quad u_{gen,5}(l) \cdot u_{load,5}(l) = 0 \\ \text{(k)} &\quad \sum_{i=\{2,3,4,5,6\}} u_{gen,i}(l) - \sum_{i=\{1,4,5,7\}} u_{load,i}(l) = 0 \\ \text{(a-k)} &\quad \forall l = \{k, \dots, k + N - 1\} \end{aligned}$$

- Power balance at all times
- Demand and RES power in-feed forecasts: 72h ahead
- Optimisation based on marginal generation costs (including ramping costs)
- For now: Copperplate simplification
- Representation of transmission and distribution grid constraints (line capacity, voltage): *work in progress*

■ Optimal predictive power dispatch (Germany)

■ $T_{\text{pred.}} = 72\text{h}$, $T_{\text{upd.}} = 4\text{h}$, $T_{\text{sample}} = 15\text{min}$.

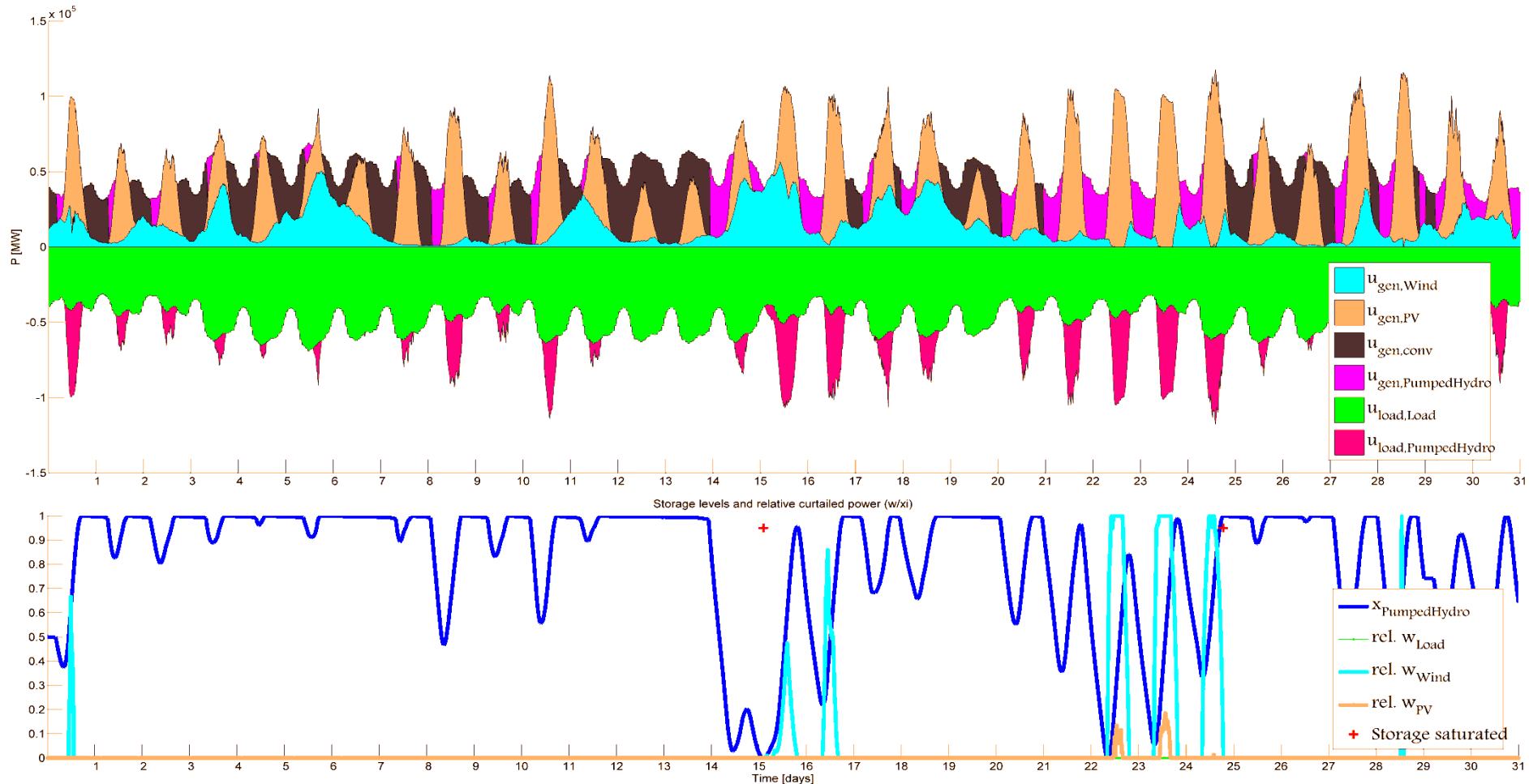
■ Simulation Period: May 2010 (30% Wind, 20% PV) – Calc < 2min.



- Evaluation of balance terms (May 2010)

Balance Term	Value [GWh]
Electricity consumed by loads	36440.1
Electricity produced by conventional generator	19808.1
Wind generation – fed into grid	10935.4
Wind generation – curtailed	0.00002
PV generation – fed into grid	7290.2
PV generation – curtailed	0.00001
Warm-water heater – Load	1515.7
Pumped hydro storage – Generation	1134.0
Pumped hydro storage – Load	1211.9

- Optimal predictive power dispatch (Germany, **high PV**)
- $T_{\text{pred.}} = 72\text{h}$, $T_{\text{upd.}} = 4\text{h}$, $T_{\text{sample}} = 15\text{min}$.
- Simulation Period: May 2010 (30% Wind, **50% PV no DSM**)

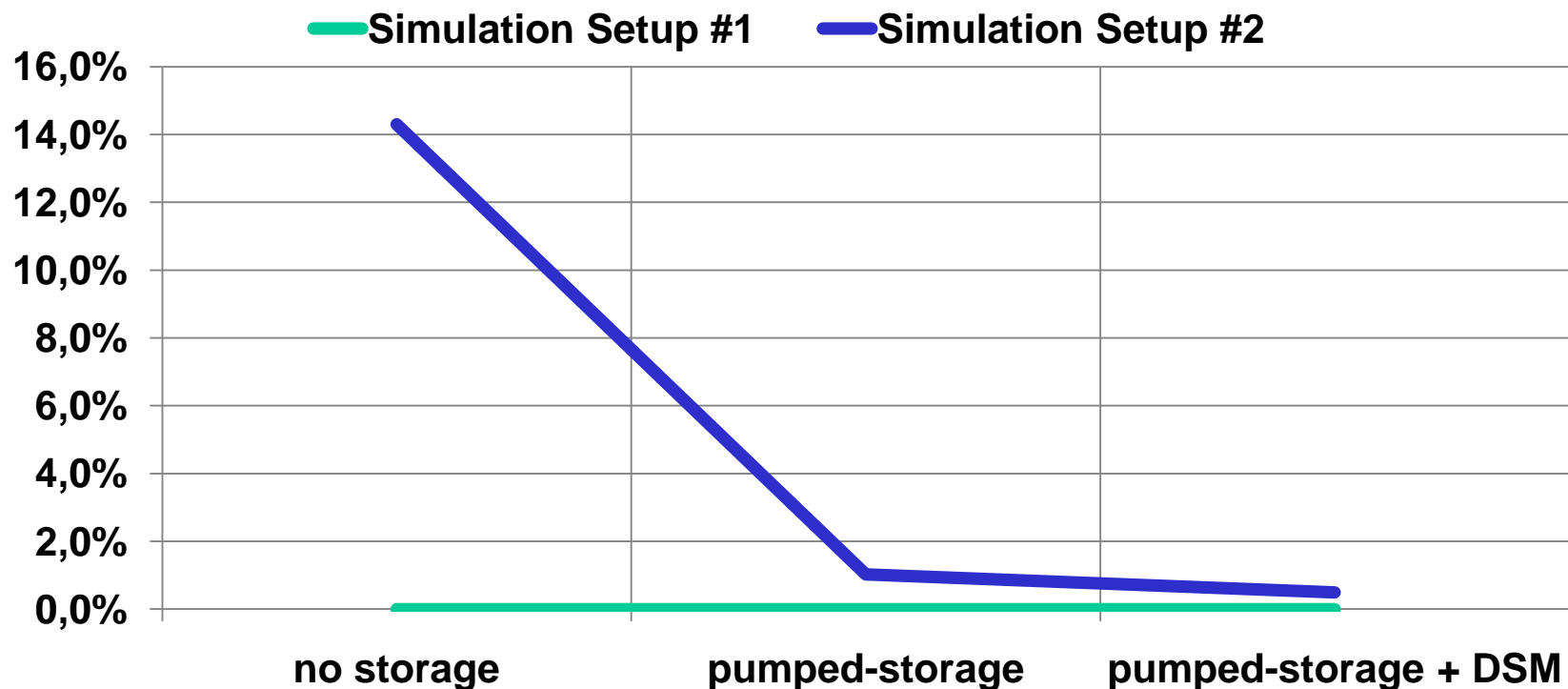


- Evaluation of balance terms (May 2010)
- Case: 30%Wind, **50% PV**, **no DSM**

Balance Term	Value [GWh]
Electricity consumed by loads	36450.0
Electricity produced by conv. generator	9482.4 ($\approx 48\%$)
Wind generation – fed into grid	10062.8
Wind generation – curtailed	872.6
PV generation – fed into grid	18111.9 ($\approx 248\%$)
PV generation – curtailed	113.1
Warm-water heater – Load	not available
Pumped hydro storage – Generation	4810.1 ($\approx 424\%$)
Pumped hydro storage – Load	6017.2 ($\approx 496\%$)

- Optimal predictive power dispatch (Germany)
- Sim. Setup #1: full year 2010 (8.5% Wind, 1.5% PV) – Calc: <20min.
- Sim. Setup #2: full year 2010 (30% Wind, 20% PV) – Calc: <20min.
- Pumped storage (7GW, 40GWh) and warm water heater (24GW, 9GWh)

Curtailment of RES Power In-feed (in % of total RES In-feed)



Thank you for your interest.

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