

Modeling of Electricity Markets and Hydropower Dispatch

Task 4.2: Global observatory of electricity resources

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Task 4.2 for Energy Economics Group at PSI

- Topic: Future market options of Swiss electricity supply
 - Interaction of Swiss electricity system with EU electricity supply
 - Scenarios under which the Swiss electricity system, especially hydropower, can be profitable
- Tools: Economic electricity models
 - Social-planner optimization (perfect competition model): Electricity system model “EU-STEM” → Poster
 - 1. Electricity markets: Nash-Cournot equilibrium model “BEM” → Poster
 - Dispatch of hydropower under uncertainty
 - 2. Analytical modeling
 - Numerical modeling (Mean-risk models using multistage-stochastic programming)

EU-STEM: European Swiss TIMES electricity model

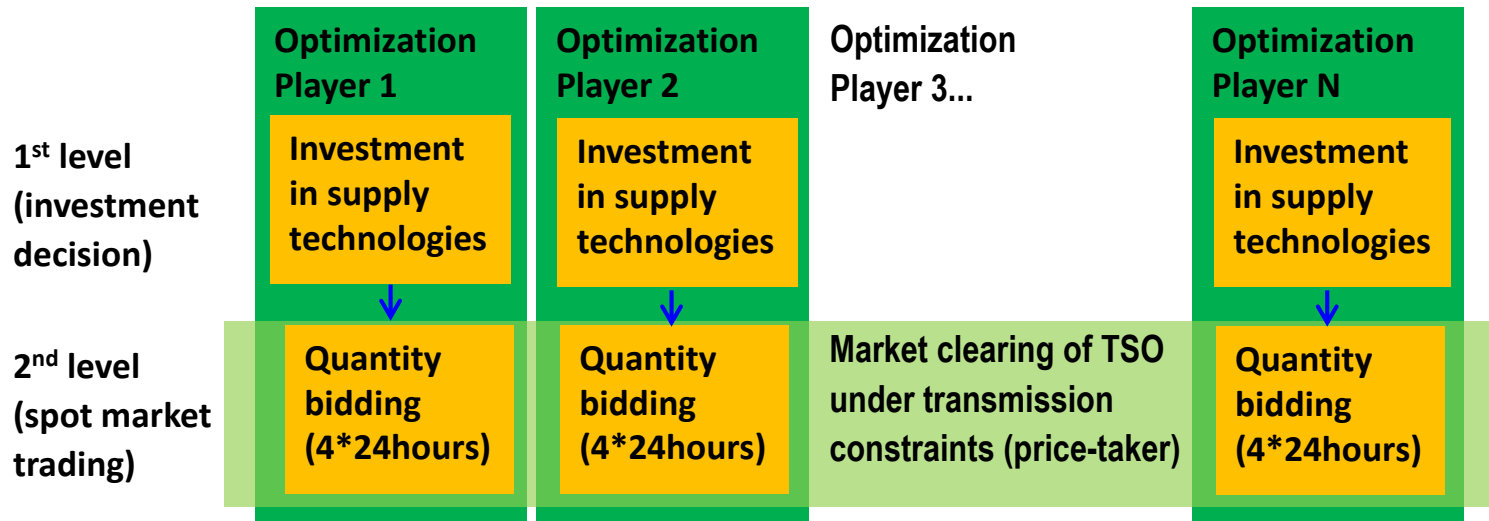
BEM: Bi-level electricity market model

Modeling of electricity market prices

- Why? Flexible stored hydro power can profit from electricity price peaks (pumped-hydro also from spreads)
- How to model the price peaks, i.e., price volatility?
 - **Econometric time series estimation**, e.g. with a fundamental model: Electricity price \sim Gas price + Demand + CO2 price + etc.
 - usually no detail on generation technology
 - **Technology-detailed model of supply cost curve**
 - data intensive (e.g. all plants with outages), commercial software exists, usually perfect-competition assumption with a mark-up
- **Design principle of BEM model:** Balancing modeled details of technologies and markets. Relevant for SCCER-SoE:
 - Price volatility should be captured
 - Technologies should be represented

Bi-level Electricity-Market model (BEM)

- General framework to understand price-formation and investments
- Investment and subsequent production decision of several power producers
- Producers can influence prices by withholding investment or production capacity in certain load periods



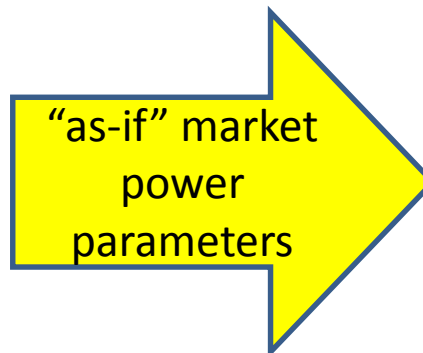
- Bi-level Nash-Cournot game; Multi-leader multi-follower-game, EPEC
- BEM can run in different modes: (i) Investment and production decision on same level (ii) Single scenario (deterministic) (iii) Social welfare maximization

Modeling competitive behavior (market power)

- Transparency measures now imposed by regulators reduce possibility of market power on wholesale power markets
 - Market power := Deliberate back-holding of generation capacity, yielding a price higher than marginal cost of merit-order [Cournot, 1838]
- Assumption in BEM: Price effects of market power and of other scarcity effects are indistinguishable
 - E.g.: Temporary nuclear shut-down → Effect as “as-if” market power

BEM model (Estimation mode):

- **Input:** Hourly historical prices, market volumes, generation (for each country)
- Calibration of «as-if» market power parameter (for each country and representative load period)

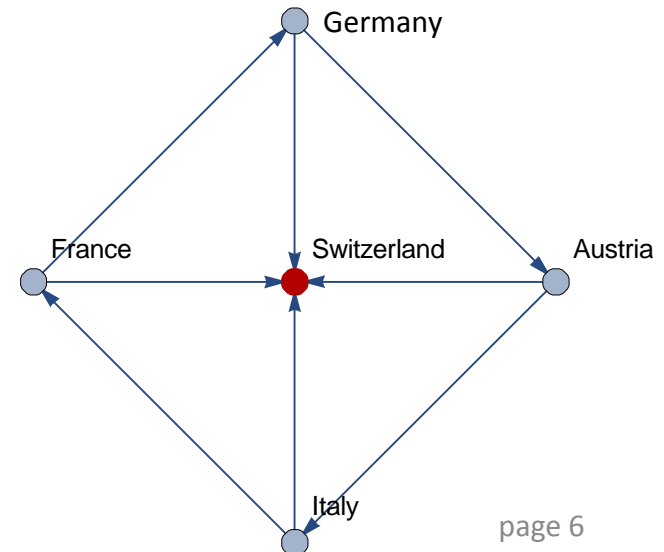
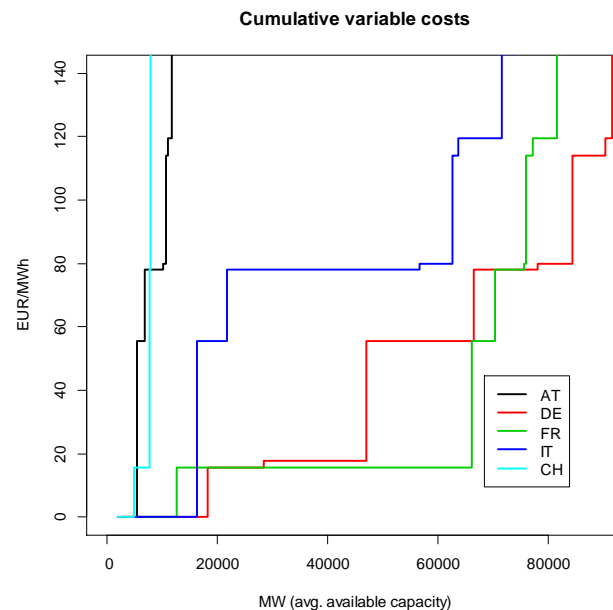


BEM model (Normal mode):

- **Output:** prices, volumes, generation by technology

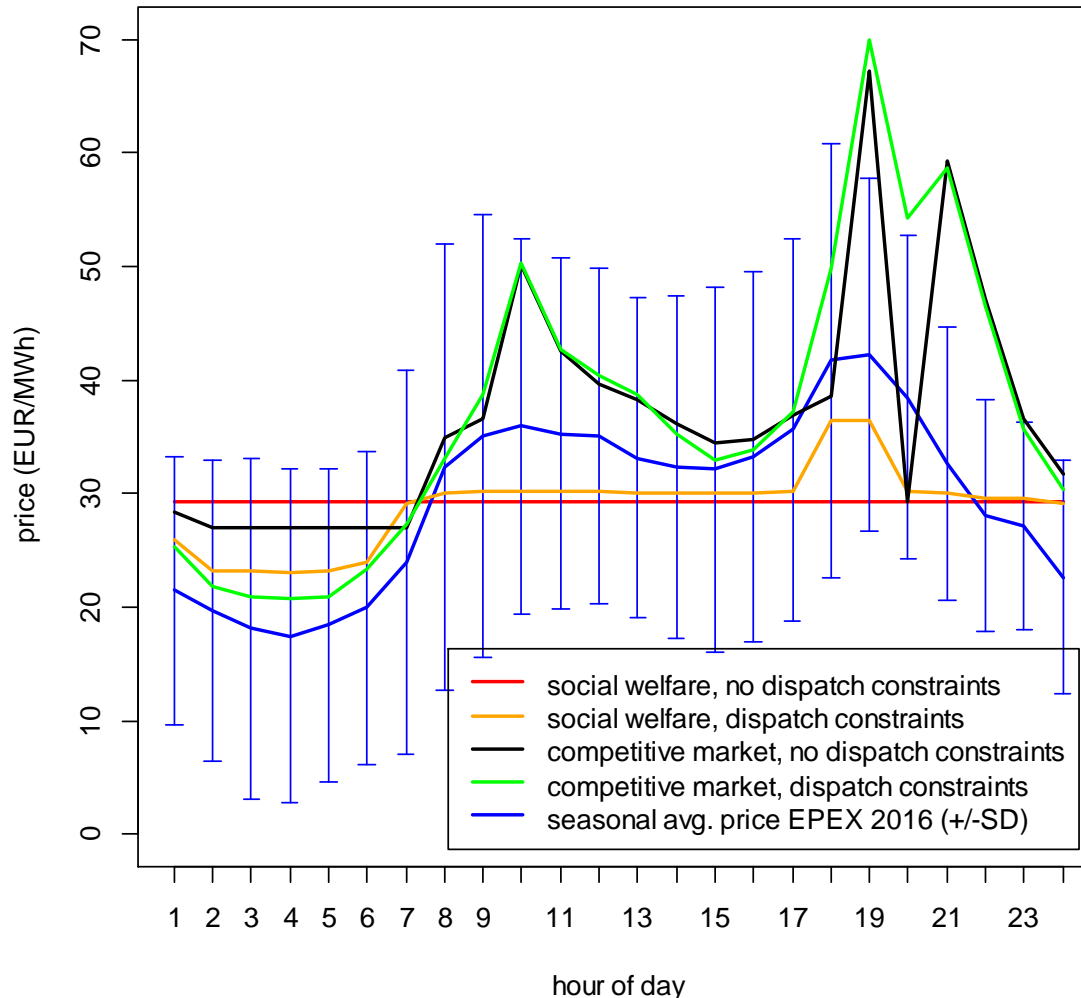
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- Transmission constraints between players (linear DC flow model)
- Wholesale consumers represented by demand-price elasticity. Two markets in each node: (i) Spot-market, (ii) Demand cleared OTC (inelastic)
- Hourly trading: A typical day in the future for 4 season (4*24 load periods)
- **Base configuration: Players are countries**
- Input: CAPEX, OPEX of technologies, seasonal availabilities etc.



Model validation: Competitiveness & thermal plant constraints

Price (Germany, winter)



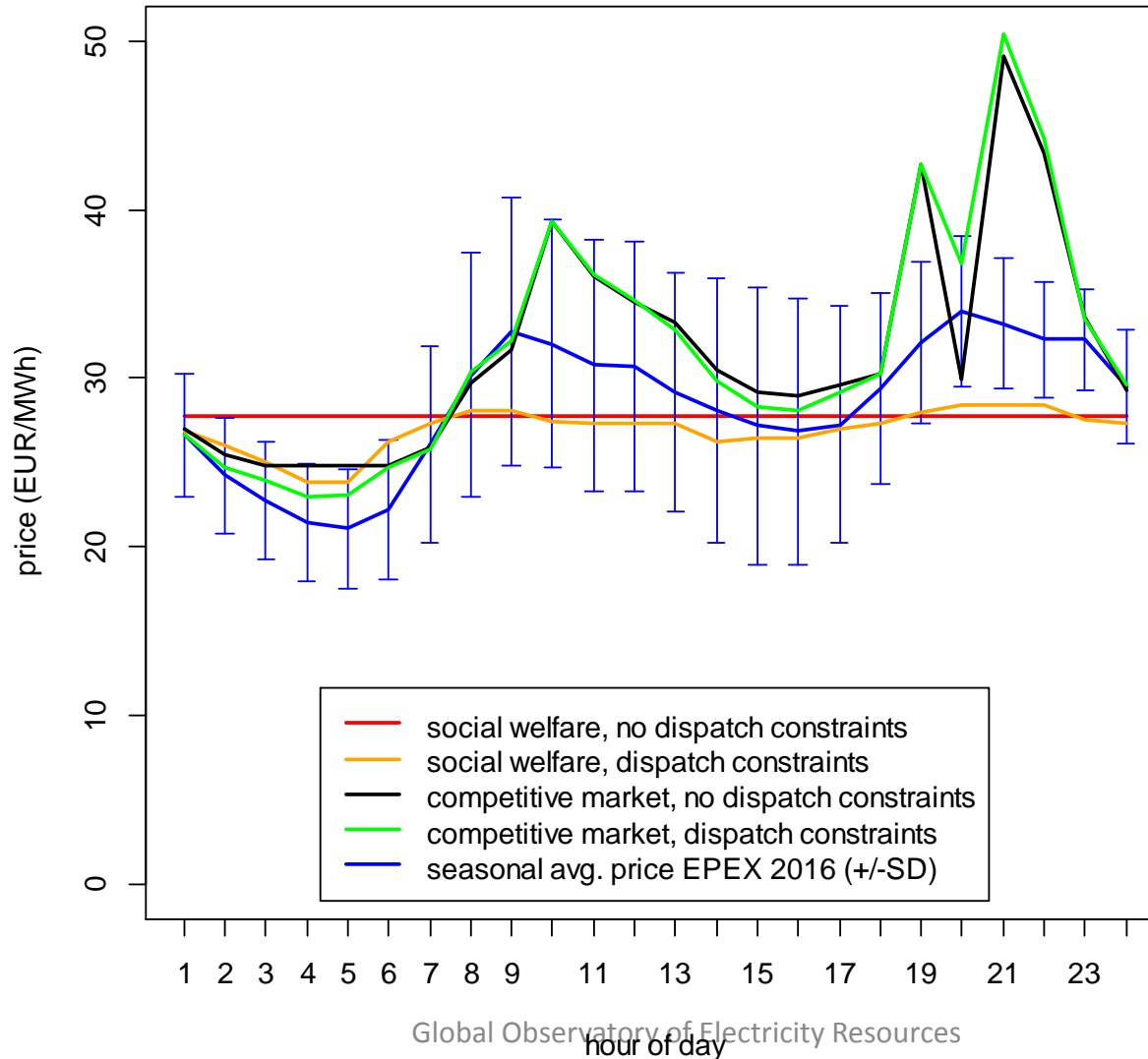
Volatility of hourly price:
(example: Winter)

	DE	CH
2016 (EPEX)	54%	25%
Social welfare maximization (without thermal constraints)	0%	2%
Social welfare maximization	13%	10%
Competitive model (without thermal constraints)	25%	26%
Competitive model	35%	33%

DE-WI Scenario with average wind & solar generation

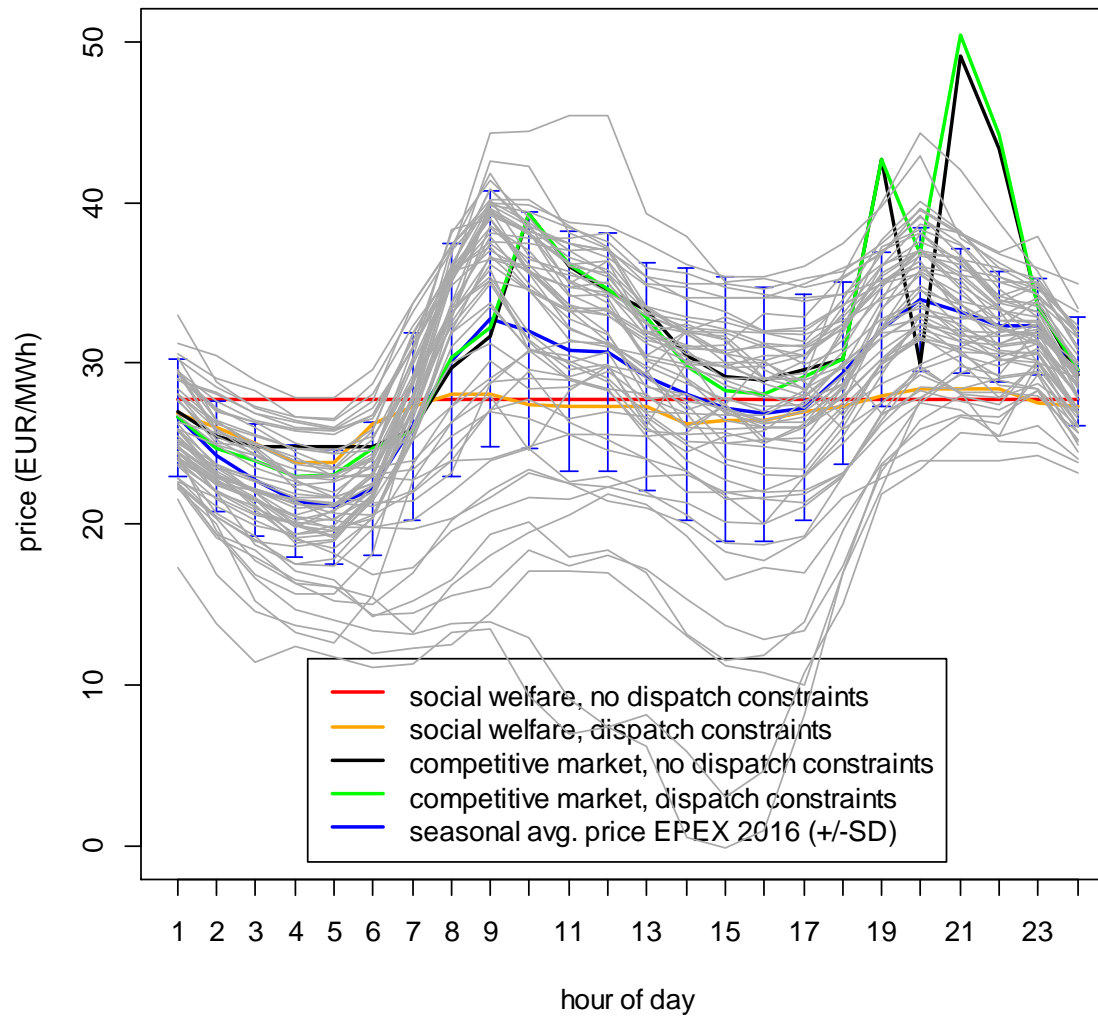
Model validation: Switzerland

Price (Switzerland, summer)



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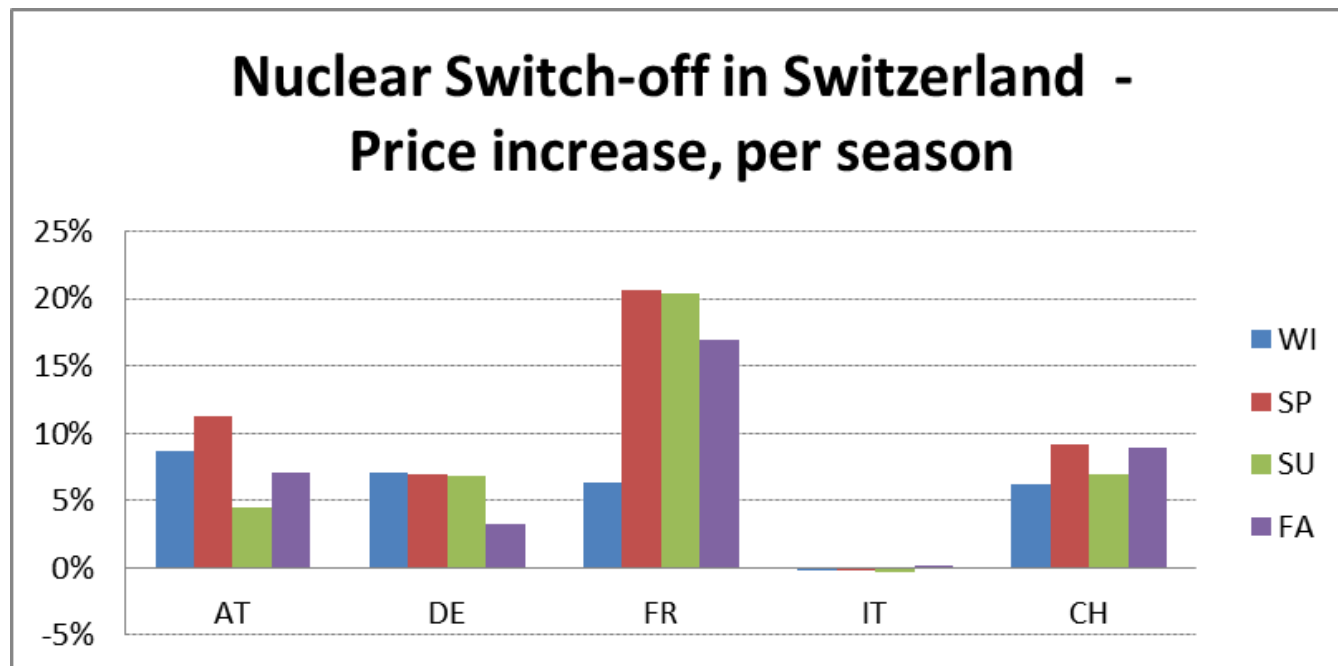
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Test: Immediate nuclear switch-off in Switzerland?

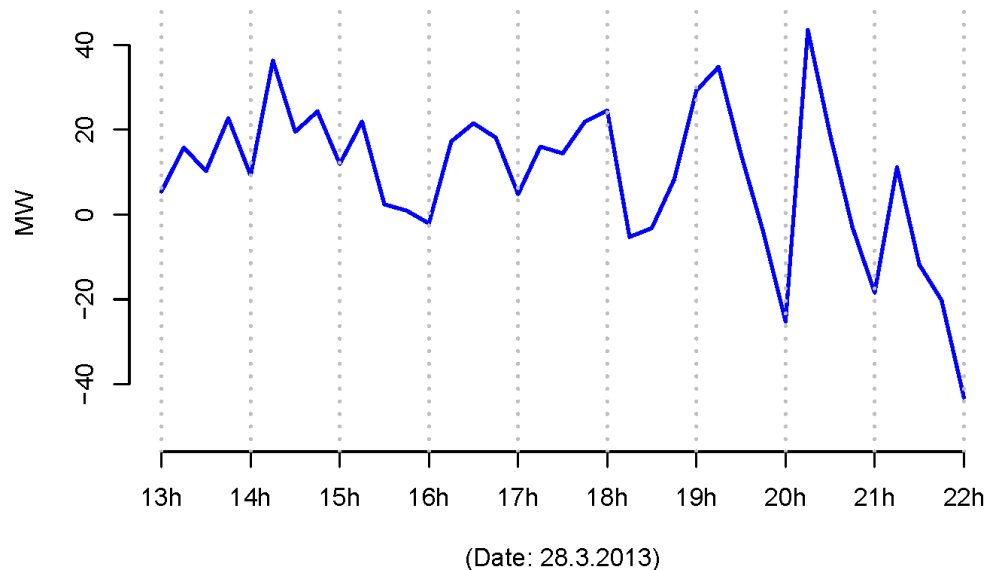
Result:

- No new investments (enough existing capacity in neighboring countries)
- CH imports more: 0.4 GW/h (avg.) ↗ 3 GW/h
- Social Welfare (over all countries, markets): -10%
- Producer's profit: CH: -9%; avg. other countries: +22%



Secondary ancillary service

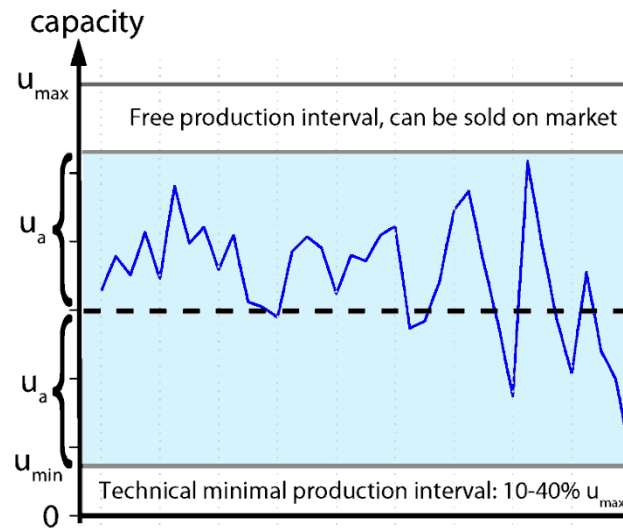
- Secondary reserve power: Fully available after 15min.
- Approx. +/- 400 MW in Switzerland in 2016 (causes: wind + solar, demand, hourly step schedule in Europe)



- Ancillary service reduces the flexibility of operation: What is tradeoff between locked-in and free production?

Secondary ancillary service: Contract details

- Producer having capacity u_{\max} provides power $\pm u_a$ (MW) over a week; producer sells $u_{\min} + u_a$ at the market



- Payment for capacity: TSO pays producers (pay-as-bid auction)
- Payment for energy:
 - TSO pays producer for up-regulation energy (at 120% market price)
 - Producer pays TSO for down-regulation energy (at 80% market price)
 - ≈ 1.6 Rp./MWh (in 2016) \ll capacity payment

Stochastic model of secondary service

Condition to go into ancillary service:

Capacity payment > Mean absolute deviation from median of spot price (MAD), a measure of price volatility

Use of residual free capacity for market:

Bang-Bang control (either turbine at full or at zero capacity)

Profit maximization problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{u(\cdot), u_a} \quad & \mathbb{E}[S(u(S) + u_a)] + p_a u_a \quad \text{s. t.} \\ & \mathbb{E}[u(S) - u_a] \geq l, \\ & u(S) + 2u_a \leq u_{\max}^+, \\ & u(S), u_a \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$



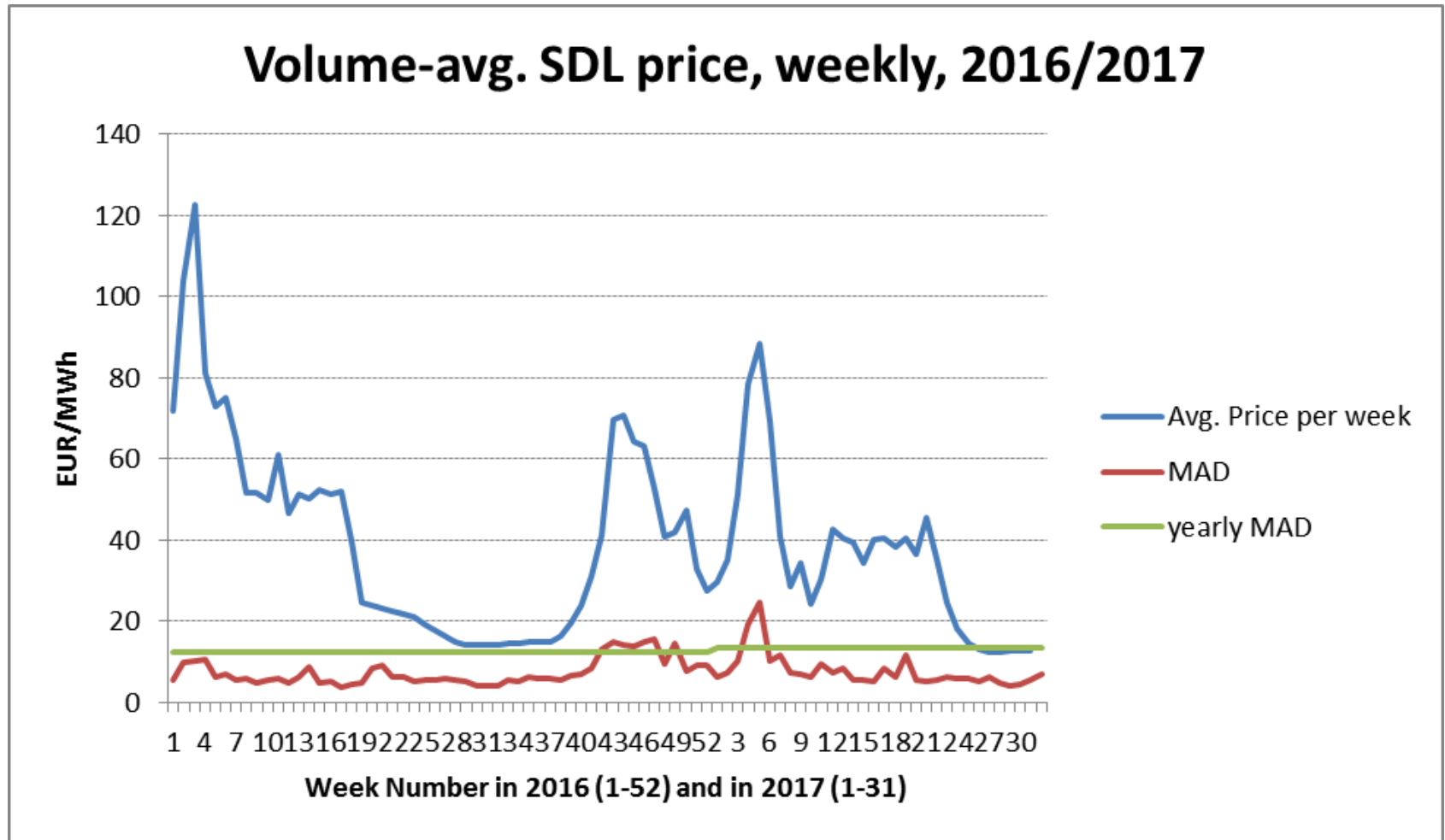
Explicit solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{U} = \hat{u}(S) &= (u_{\max}^+ - 2\hat{u}_a) \mathbb{1}_{\{S \geq \hat{q}\}} \\ \hat{u}_a &= \left(\frac{1}{2} u_{\max}^+ - \frac{l - \frac{1}{2} u_{\max}^+}{1 - 2\mathbb{P}[S \leq \hat{q}]} \right) \mathbb{1}_{\{p_a > \mathbb{E}[|S - m|]\}} \end{aligned}$$

- S: Spot electricity price, random variable (EUR/MW)
- u(S): Free dispatch as function of electricity price S
- u_a: Set-point of ancillary service, agreed with TSO (MW)
- p_a: Total payments for providing ancillary service (EUR/MW)
- l: Usable water (= water level + inflow in expectation) (MWh)
- u_{max}⁺: Turbine capacity (MW)
- E[.]: Expectation (= average over all electricity price scenarios)

- 1_{S>q}: Indicator function: If spot price S is higher or equal than q, then 1, else 0. Hence, if 1, then free production is possible.
- q: Marginal value of the water constraint
- m: Median of electricity spot price distribution
- E[|S-m|]: Mean absolute deviation of spot price distribution
- P[S ≤ q]: Probability that spot price S is lower or equal q

Auction results: Ancillary service



MAD := Mean Absolute Deviation from Median

SDL profitable $>_{(\text{strictly})}$ MAD of spot price

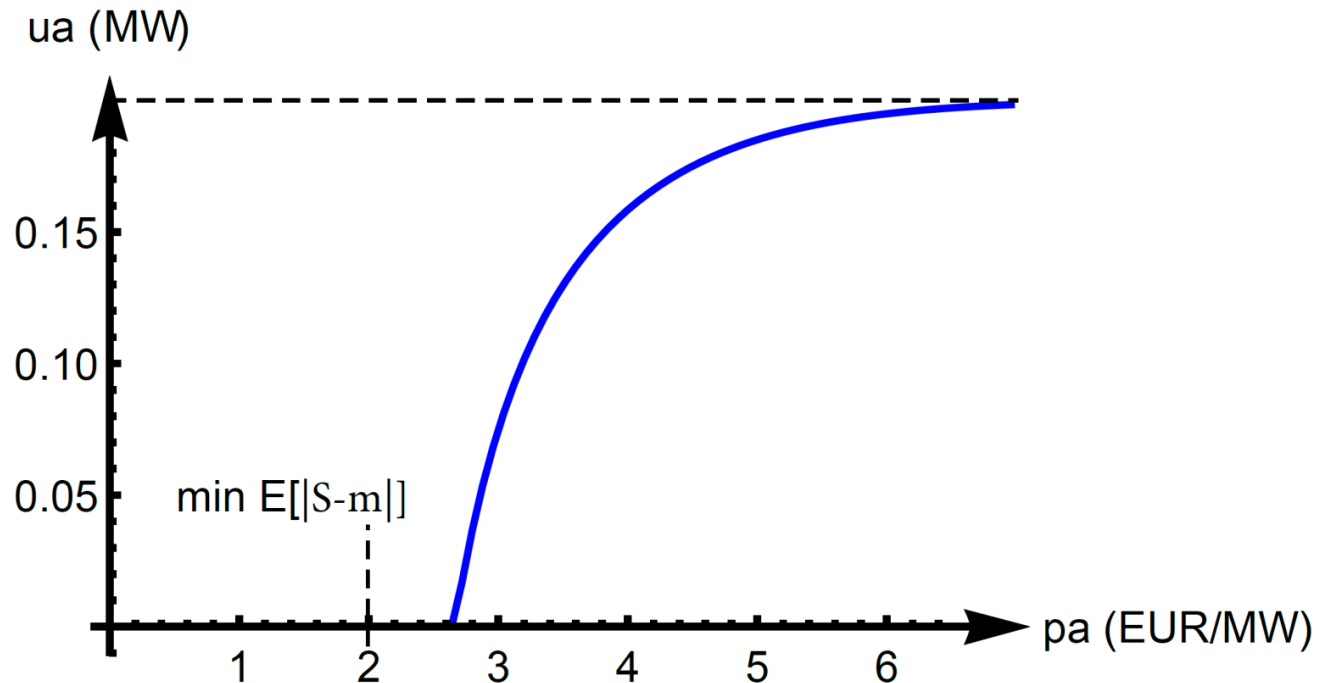


Figure 3: Ancillary service u_a as a function of the reimbursement p_a . Parameters: $u_{\max}^+ = 1$; $l = 0.8$; random variable $S \sim N(10, \sigma = 2.5)$

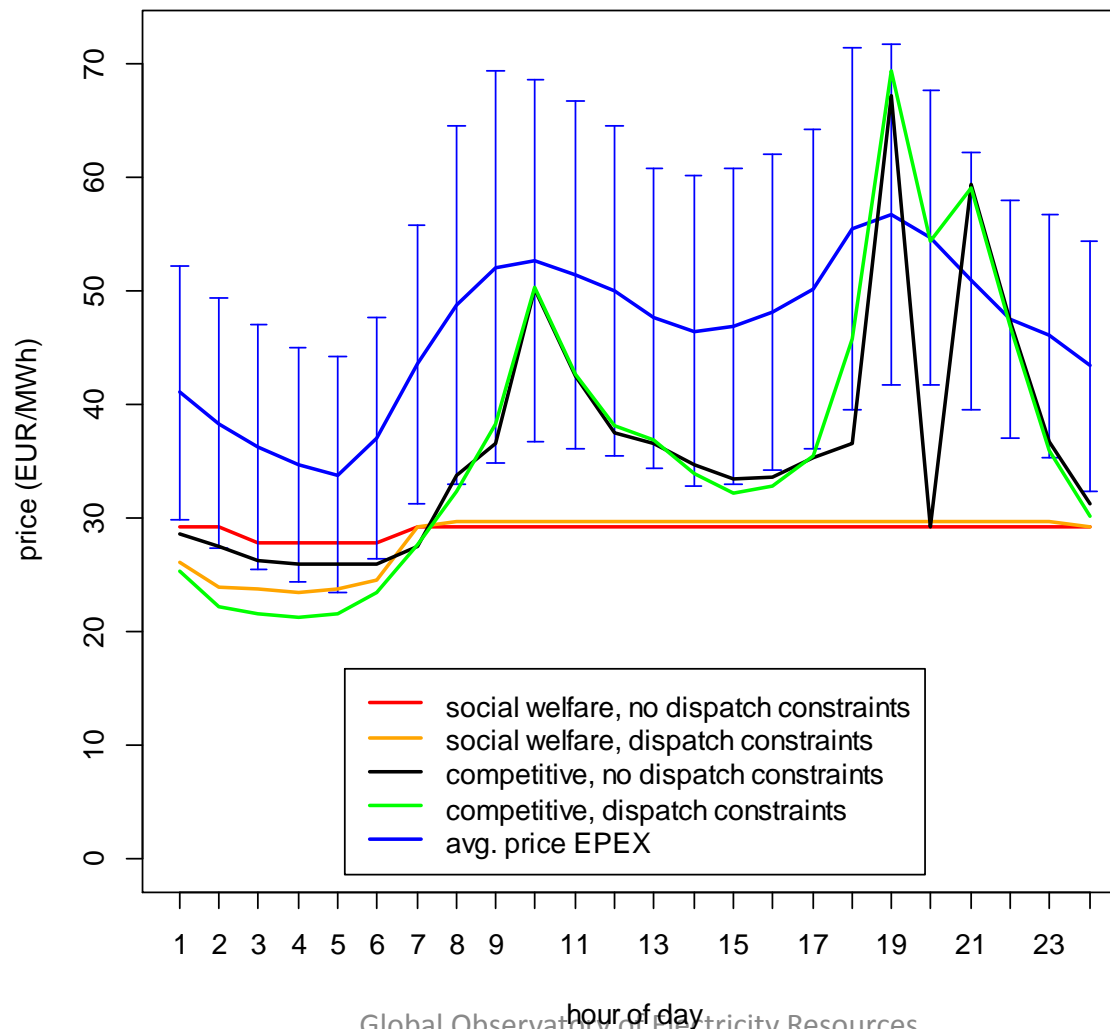
Outlook of economic modeling in Phase II

- Further development of BEM model
 - BFE-EWG project: Policy scenarios (jointly with University of Zurich)
 - VSE-PSEL project: Price scenarios
 - Data harmonization: University of Basel, SCCER Joint Activity on Scenarios & Modeling
- Stochastic hydropower modeling
 - BFE-EWG project: Capacity markets etc. (jointly with Karlsruhe Institute of Technology)

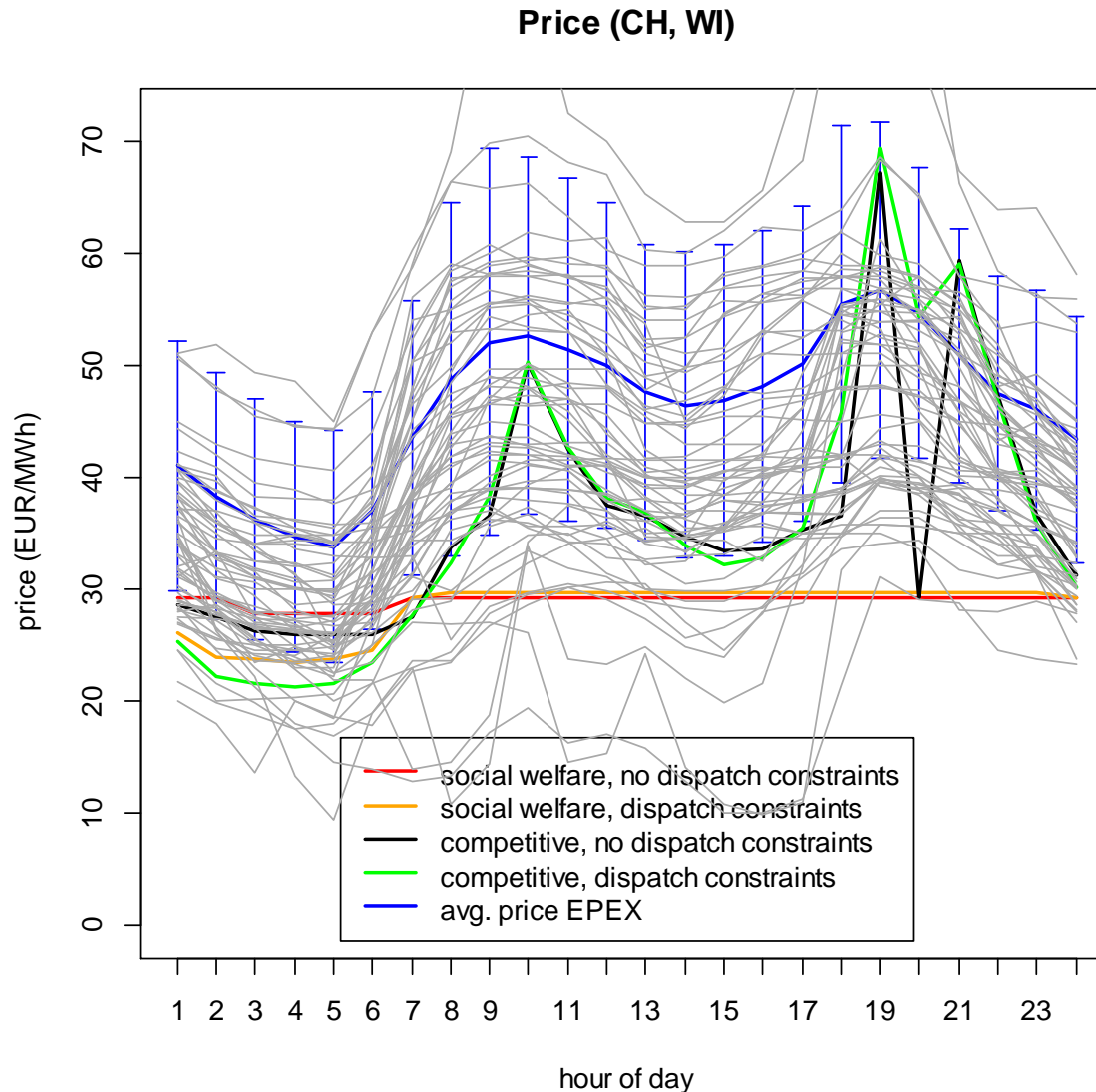
BACKUP SLIDES:

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Price (CH, WI)



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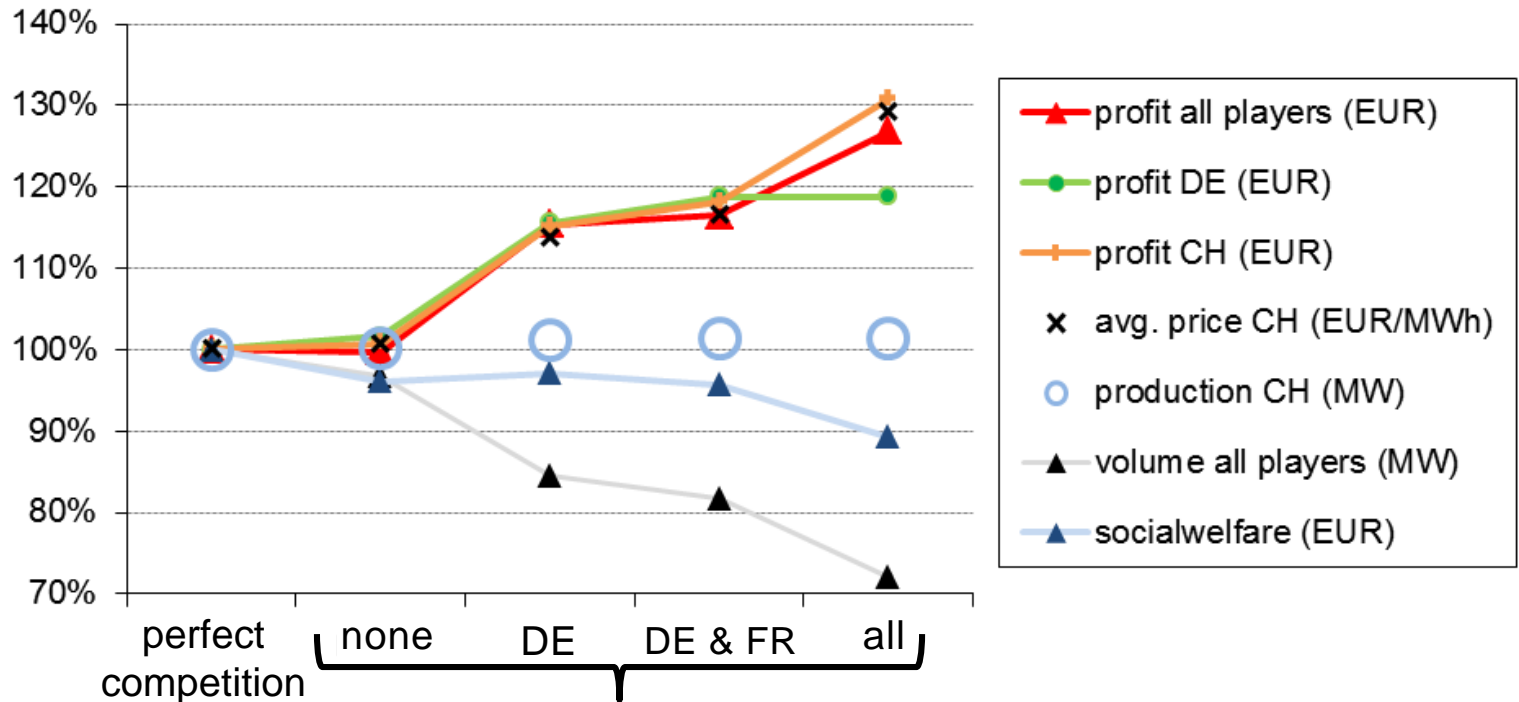


Bi-level modeling: Influence of market power

Example: Players are whole countries (i.e., production portfolio):

Switzerland (CH) and neighboring countries (DE, FR, IT, AT)

→ Test influence of country's market power on spot-market prices and volumes

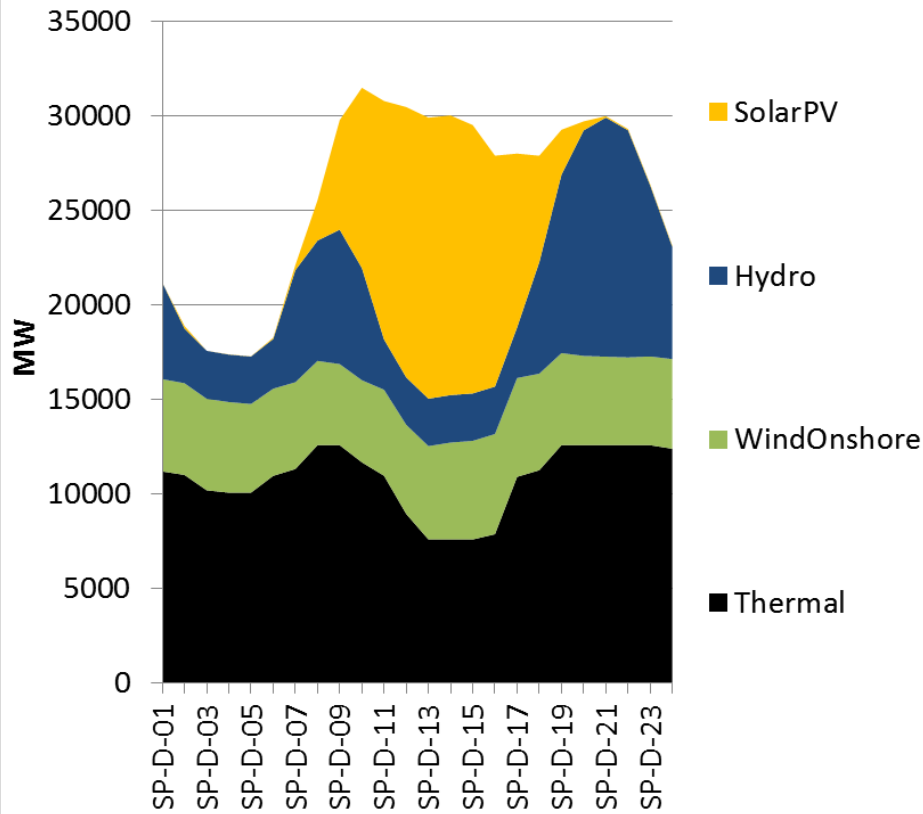


players that are allowed to have market power on 2nd level (on 1st level: all players)

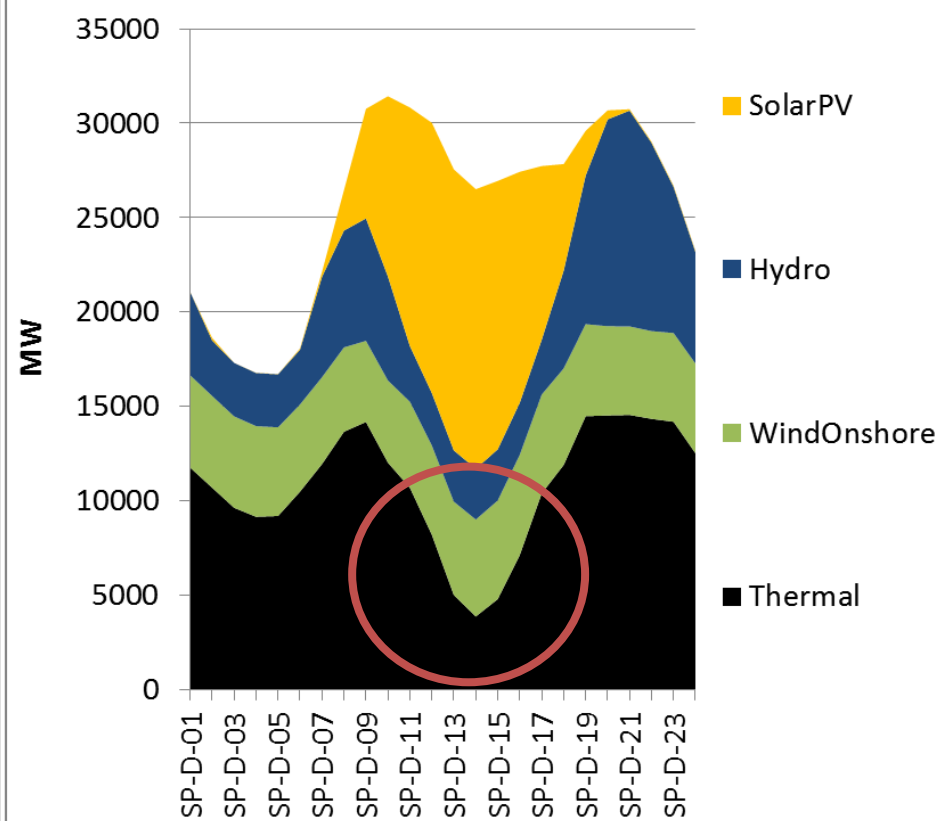
- **FR** cannot exert market-power because of **flat** (nuclear) merit-order curve
- **DE** and **IT** have market-power because of **non-flat** merit-order curve (e.g. gas in IT)
- **CH** exports more

Impact of dispatch constraints of thermal generation

Italy - with operational constraints

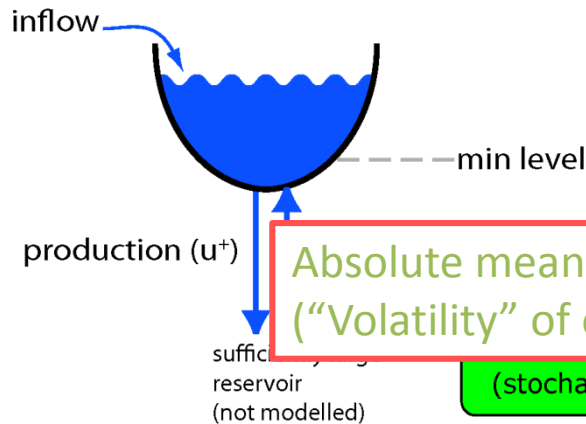


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Exact Solutions of Hydropower Dispatch

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- Usual approach is to use large-scale numerical optimization models
- **Alternative:** Simplified models with analytical solutions → insight in optimal dispatch
- Feature-sets possible: (i) Expected profit maximization (over price scenarios), (ii) expected constraints on water level, (iii) several reservoirs & time-steps, (iv) ancillary service



Ancillary service ("Systemdienstleistung"):

Storage-plant operator must decide:

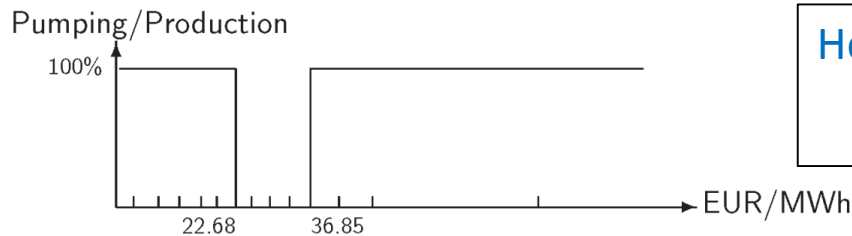
- Either: Sell energy freely on spot market
- Production capacity as ancillary service to TSO (i.e. operator loses freedom)

The condition is (with some simplifications):

$$p \geq \mathbb{E}[|S - m|]$$

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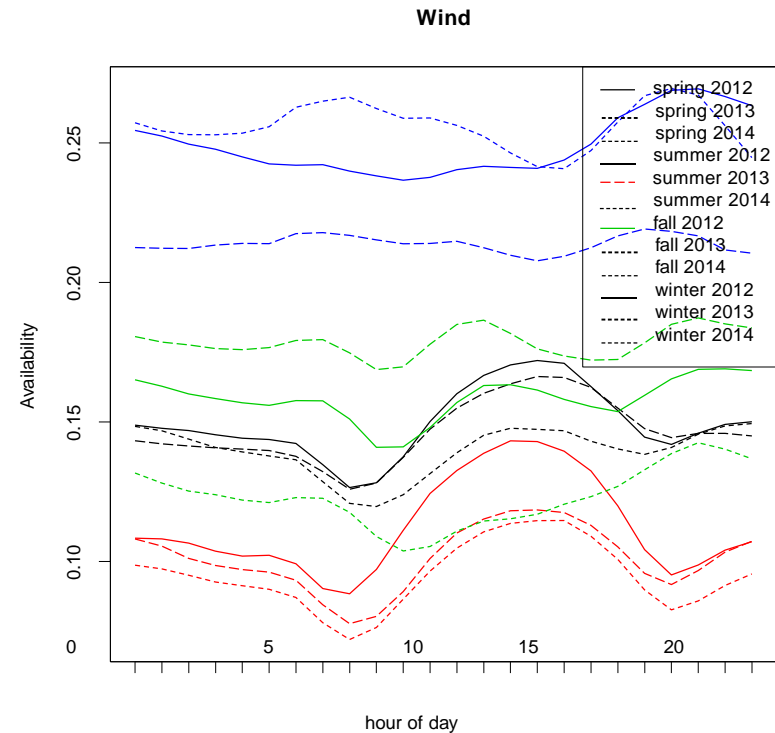
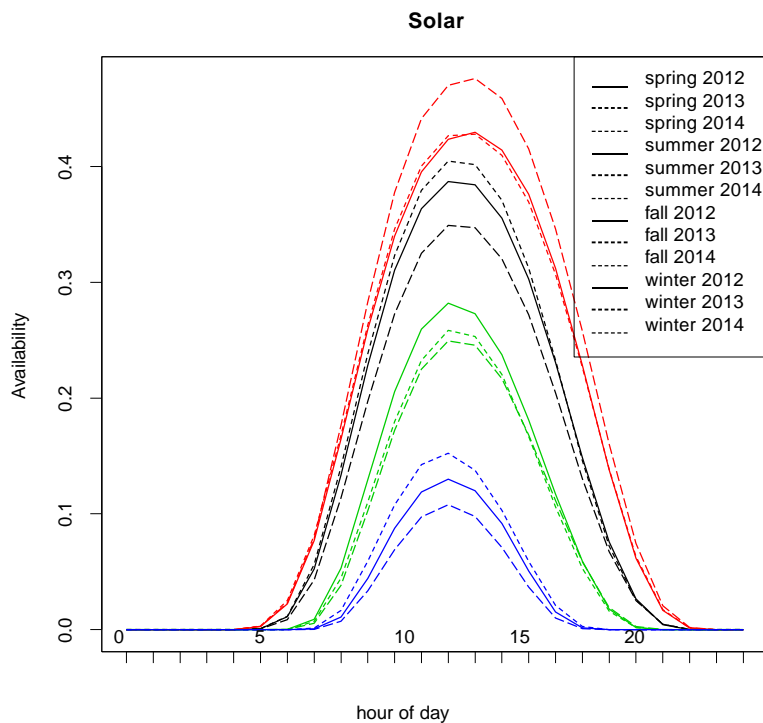
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Solar and Wind

correlation	solar	wind	demand
solar	1	-0.13	0.45
wind	-0.13	1	0.088
demand	0.45	0.088	1

2012–2014, all seasons

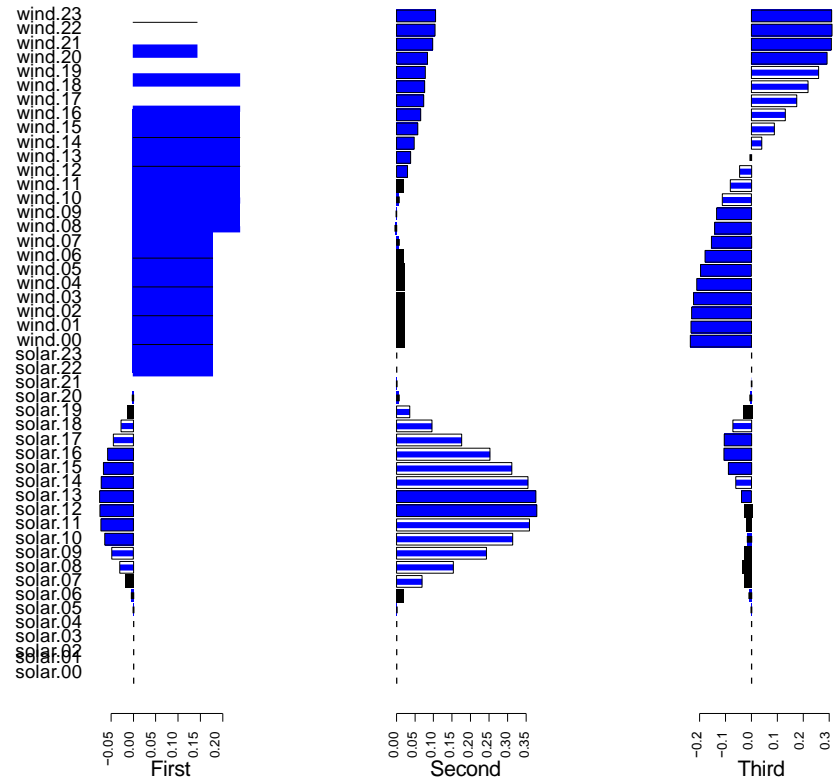
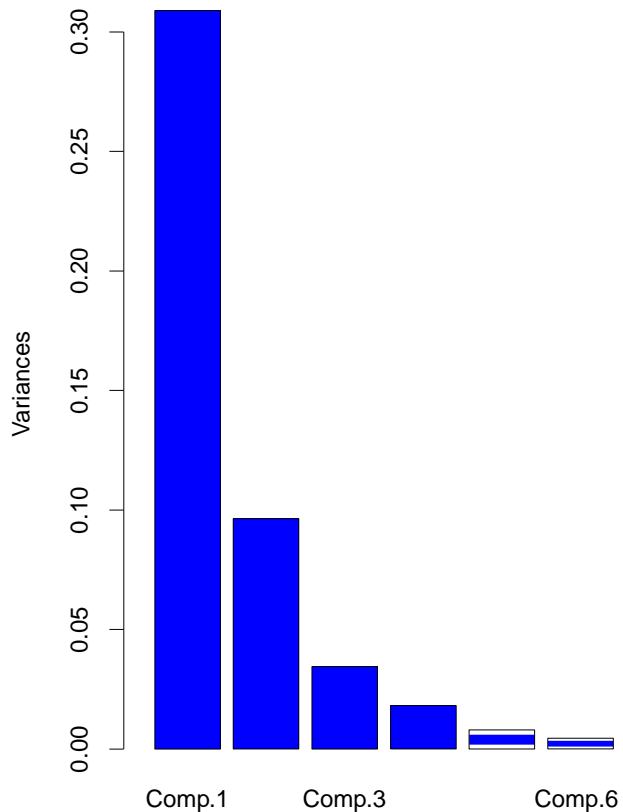
Hourly average per season and per year:



Wind+Solar Scenario Generation

PCA of the multivariate random vector of hourly solar and wind availability (dimension: 48 = 24 + 24). Example data: DE, spring (Mar+Apr+May), 2012–2014:

Variance of Principal Components



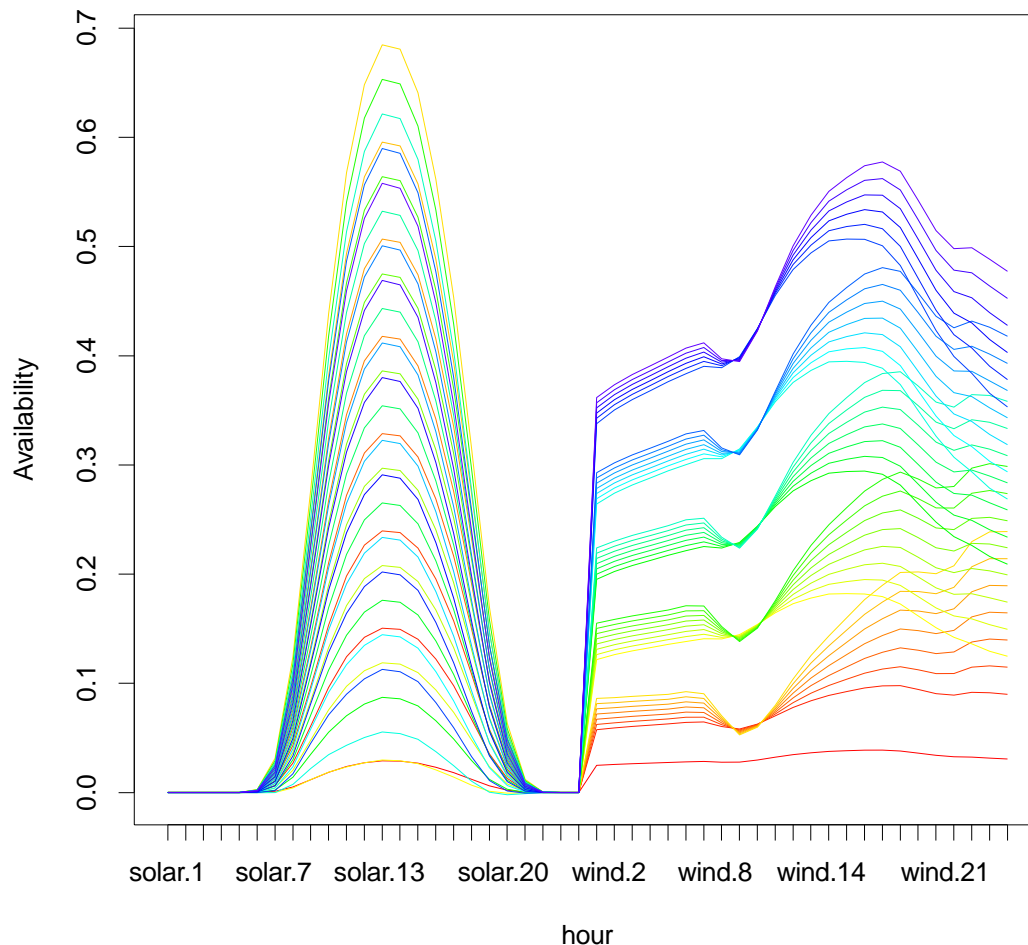
85% (92%) of variance by principal component 1.+2.(+3.)

Wind+Solar Scenarios using 1st and 2nd

PCA factor model with PCA:

$$X = \Lambda F + \varepsilon, \quad \Lambda^T \Lambda = 1, \quad F \approx \Lambda^T X, \quad \text{with}$$

random vectors $X, \varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}^p$, $F \in \mathbb{R}^k$, $k < p = 48$; F not correlated.



- ← $8 \cdot 8 = 64$ scenarios of ($k = 2$) first factors in F
- Factors assumed to be normally distributed → discretization by binomial distribution
- Raw data gives best results (i.e. w/o $\log X$, $X - \text{mean} X$) → scenarios with negative values must be ignored

Model Input (i)

Game Theory: Prisoner's dilemma

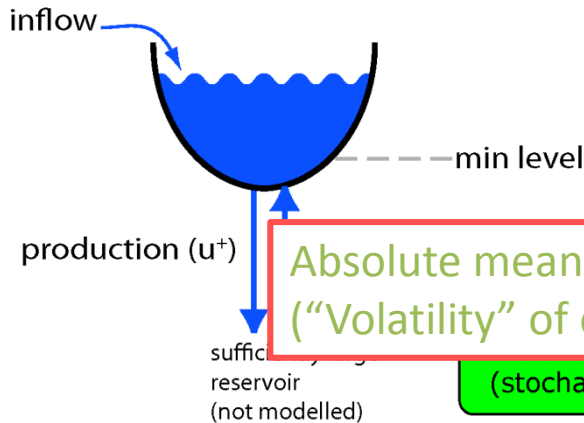
- Example of non-cooperative game:
 - (x, y) denotes reward x of player 1 and reward y of player 2 under a certain decision of the players
- **Def. Nash Equilibrium:**
 - A player cannot improve given the decisions of all other players are fixed

		Player 2	
		invest	do nothing
Player 1	invest	(3,3)	(1,4)
	do nothing	(4,1)	(2,2)

- The decision leading to $(2, 2)$ is a Nash equilibrium.

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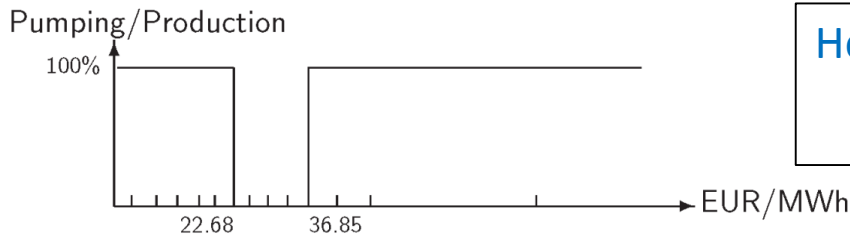
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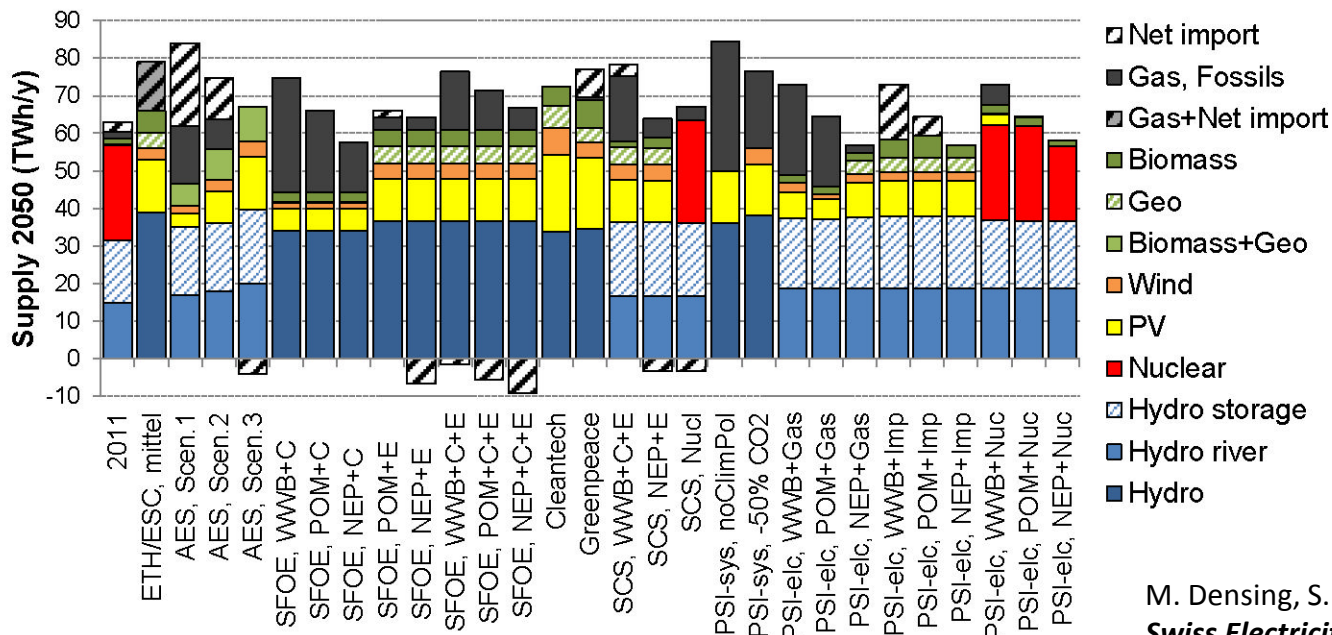
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Meta-Analysis (Example: Supply Mix 2050)

Goals of meta-analysis of a scenarios over heterogeneous studies

1. Selection of representative scenarios, which can be used for:
 - Simplified view for policy makers
 - Input to other models that require low-dimensional data (e.g. large economic-wide models with many other data inputs, to keep model sizes small, or stochastic scenario generation)
2. Removal of “superfluous” scenarios: “Is a scenario(-result) “inside” other scenarios?”
3. Quantify extremality of a scenario result “Does a new scenario add variety?”



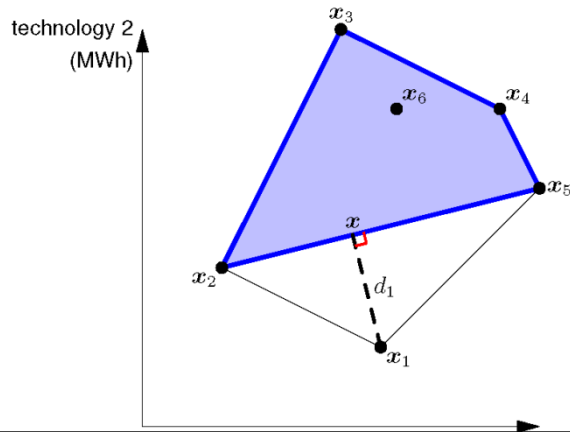
Year 2050 has relatively low annual imports across scenarios (more imports in year 2030; see report)

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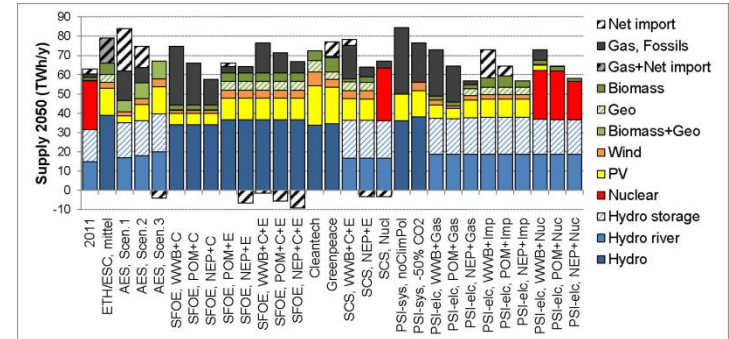
Meta-Analysis with a Distance Measure

Distance of a scenario to the other scenarios

Example for a supply mix of only 2 technologies:



- d_1 = Distance of scenario x_1 to convex hull of all other scenarios
- Scenario x_6 can be represented as a convex combination of other scenarios ($d_6 = 0$)



Minimal set of representative Scenarios:

- BFE WWB + C: business-as usual scenario with new gas plants
- BFE POM + E: renewable scenario with relatively low demand
- PSI-etc, WWB + Nuc: scenario with new nuclear plants and relatively low demand

→ The three representative scenarios can be interpreted as major, opposite directions of energy policies in Switzerland.

poly mix of BFE's scenario
 +C (Political measures +
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 Possible modelling issue
 Scenario may be considered
 superfluous

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