



# CONDITIONS FOR COMPETITIVE, SUSTAINABLE AND DEMOCRATIC ELECTRICITY MARKETS

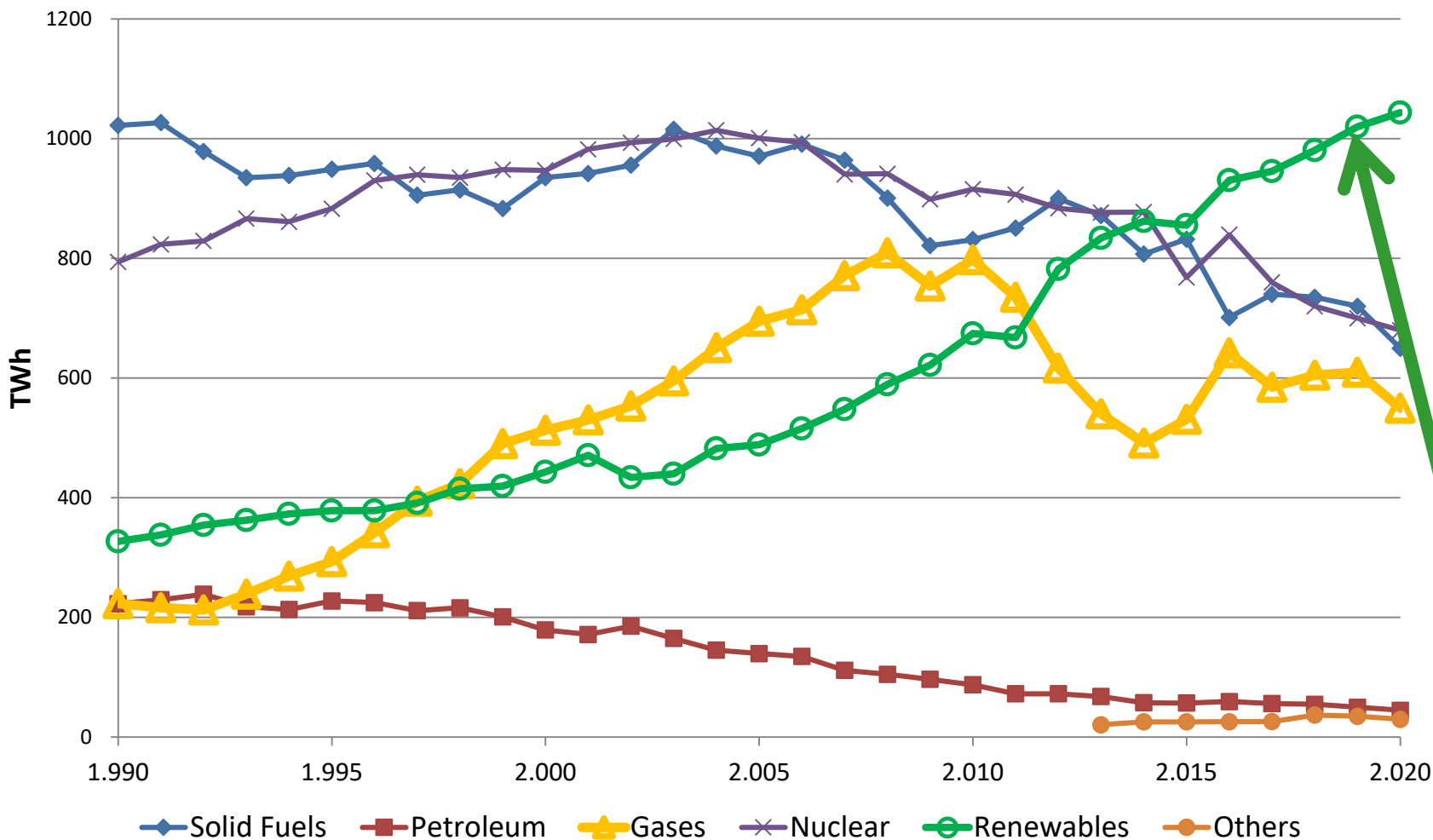
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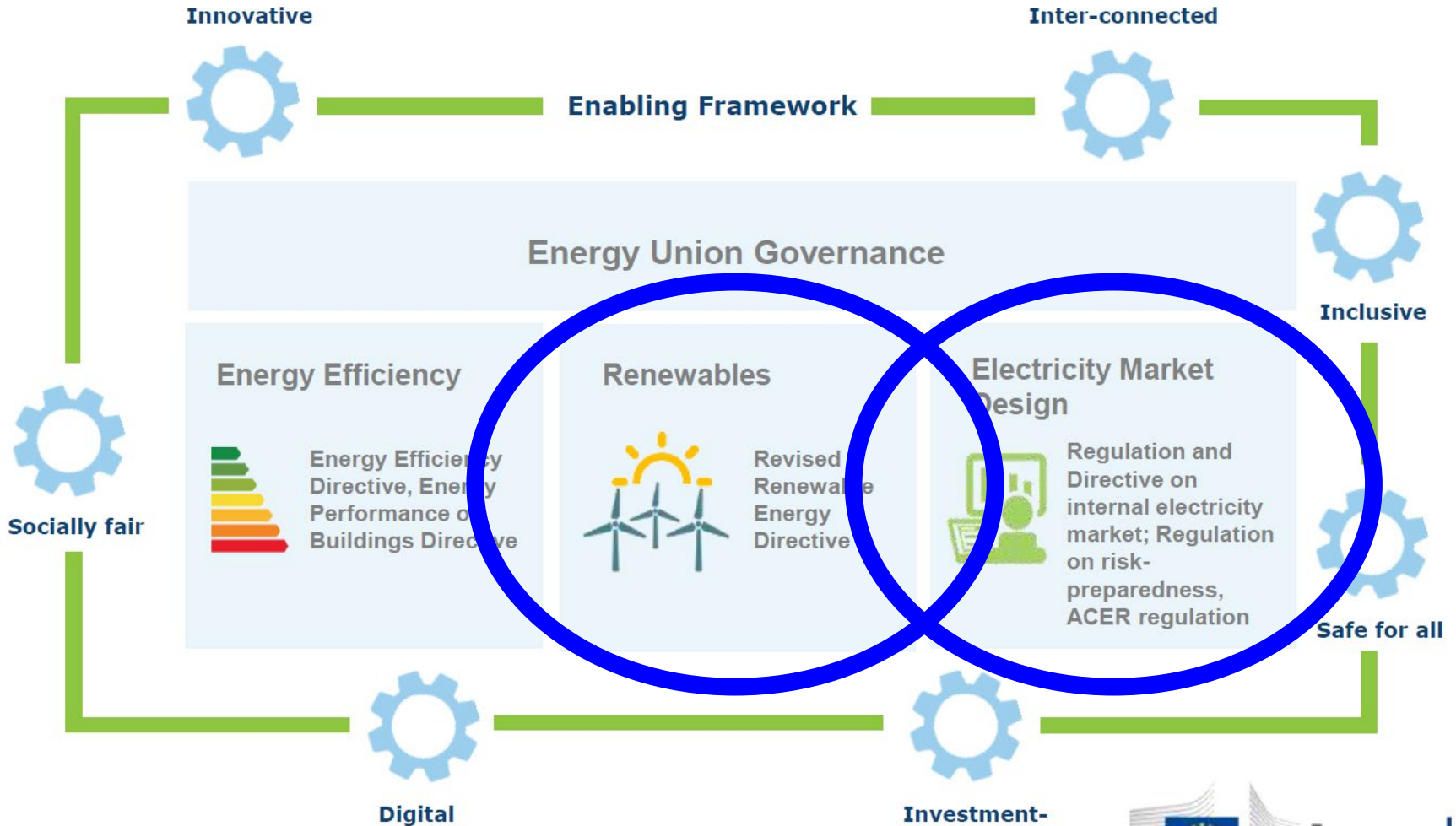
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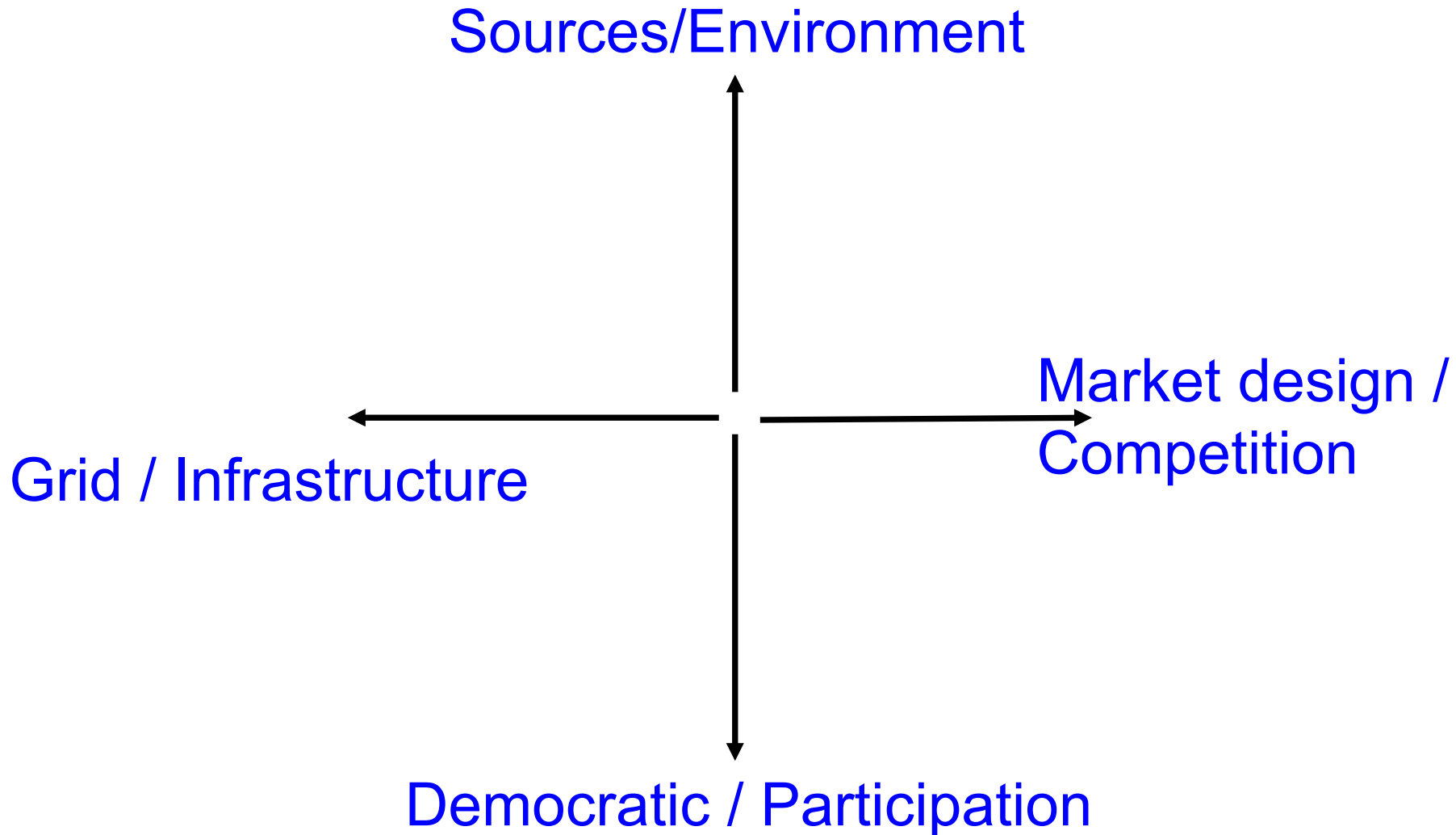
## Motivation:

- \* Europe: The clean energy package → RE-Power → energy communities
- \* 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

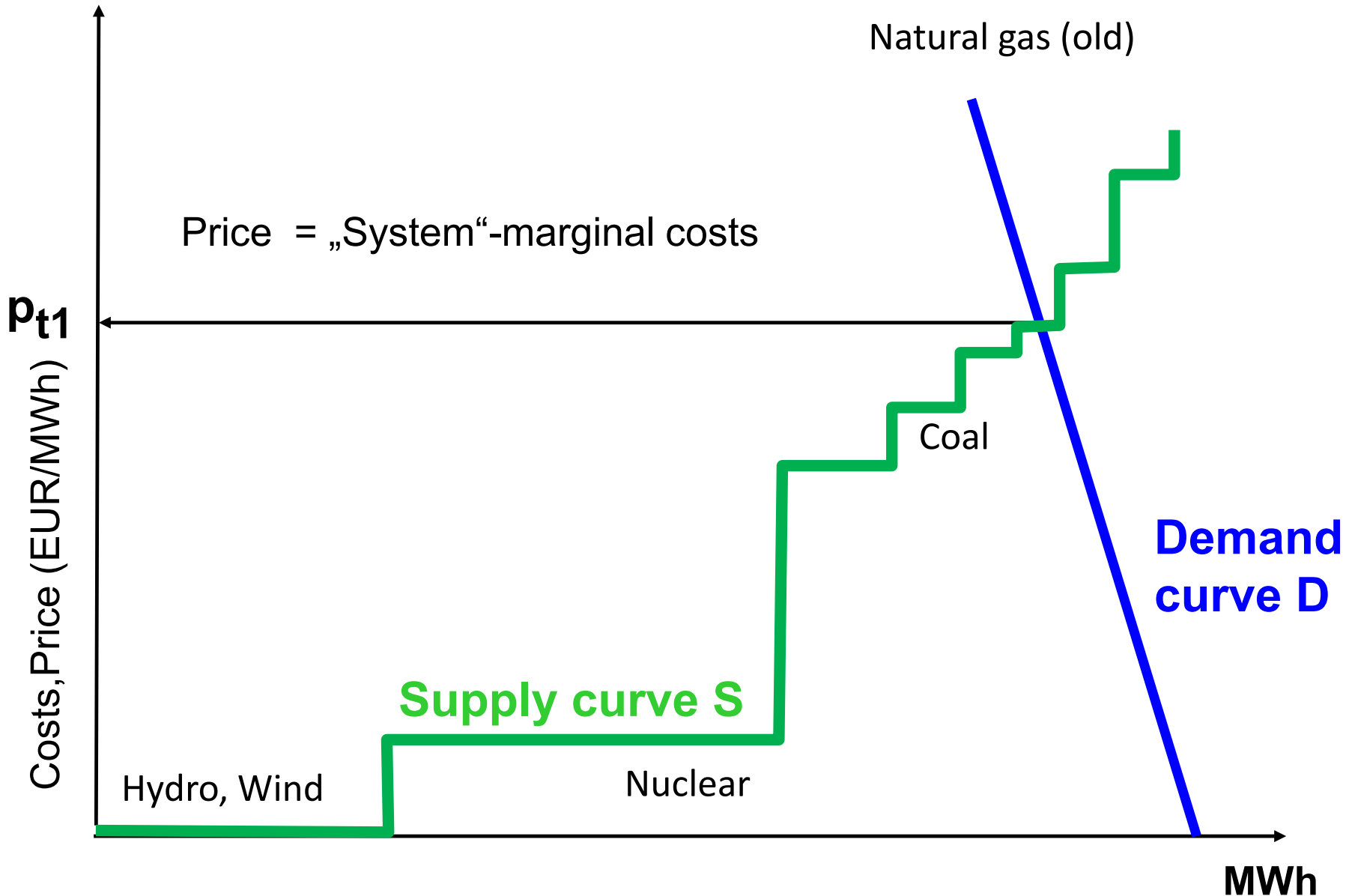


## Structure of the Package

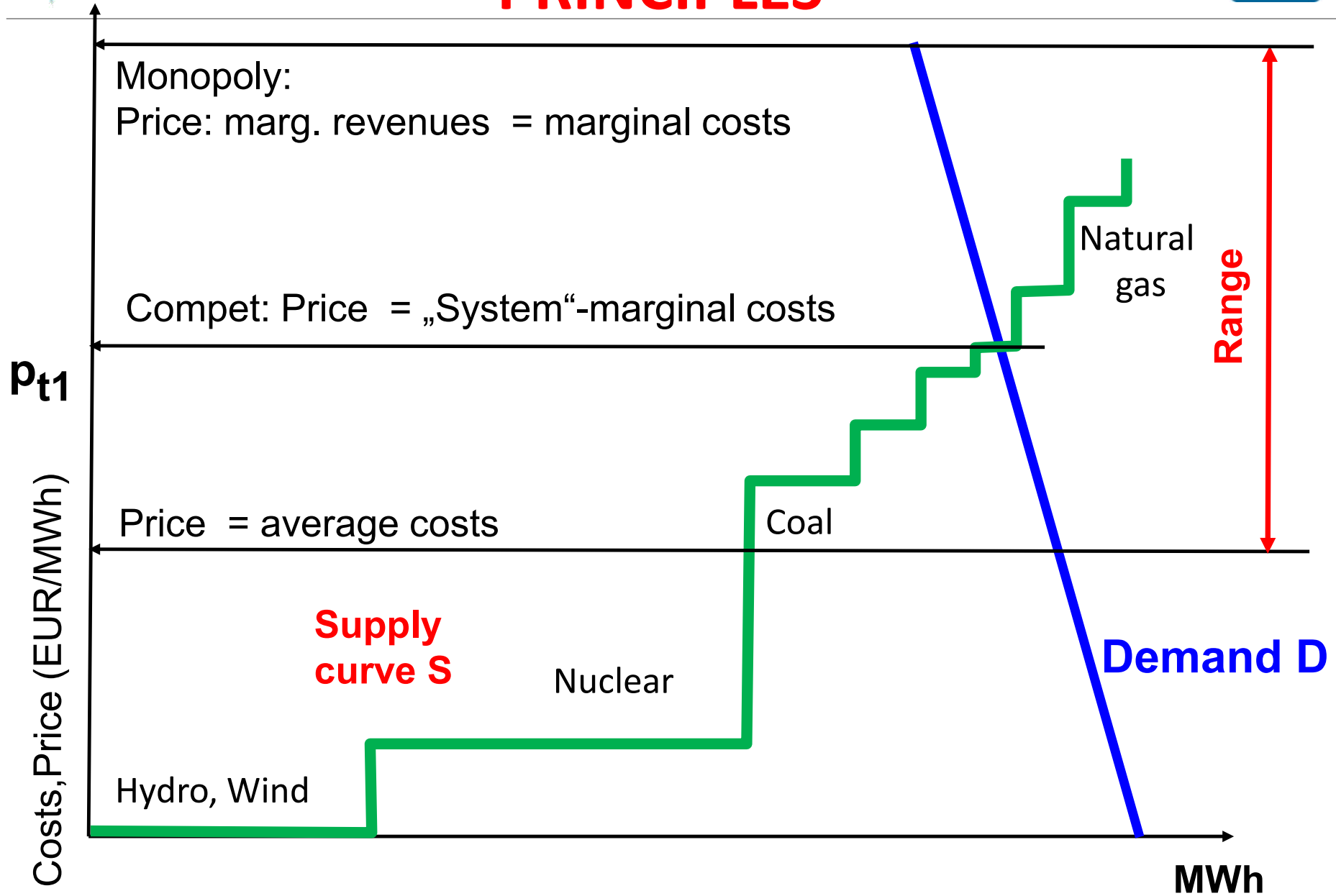




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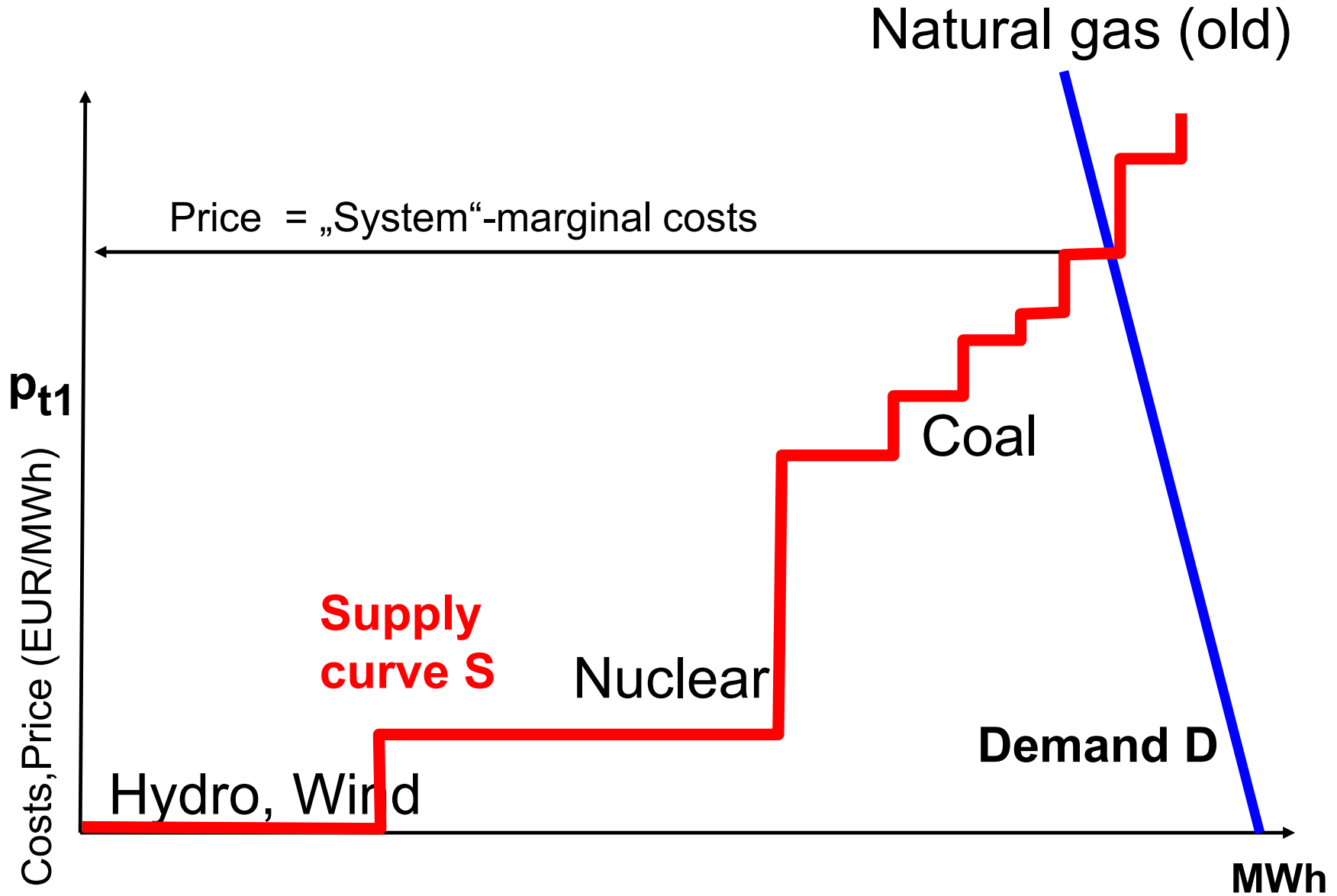
# SURVEY: POSSIBLE PRICING PRINCIPLES



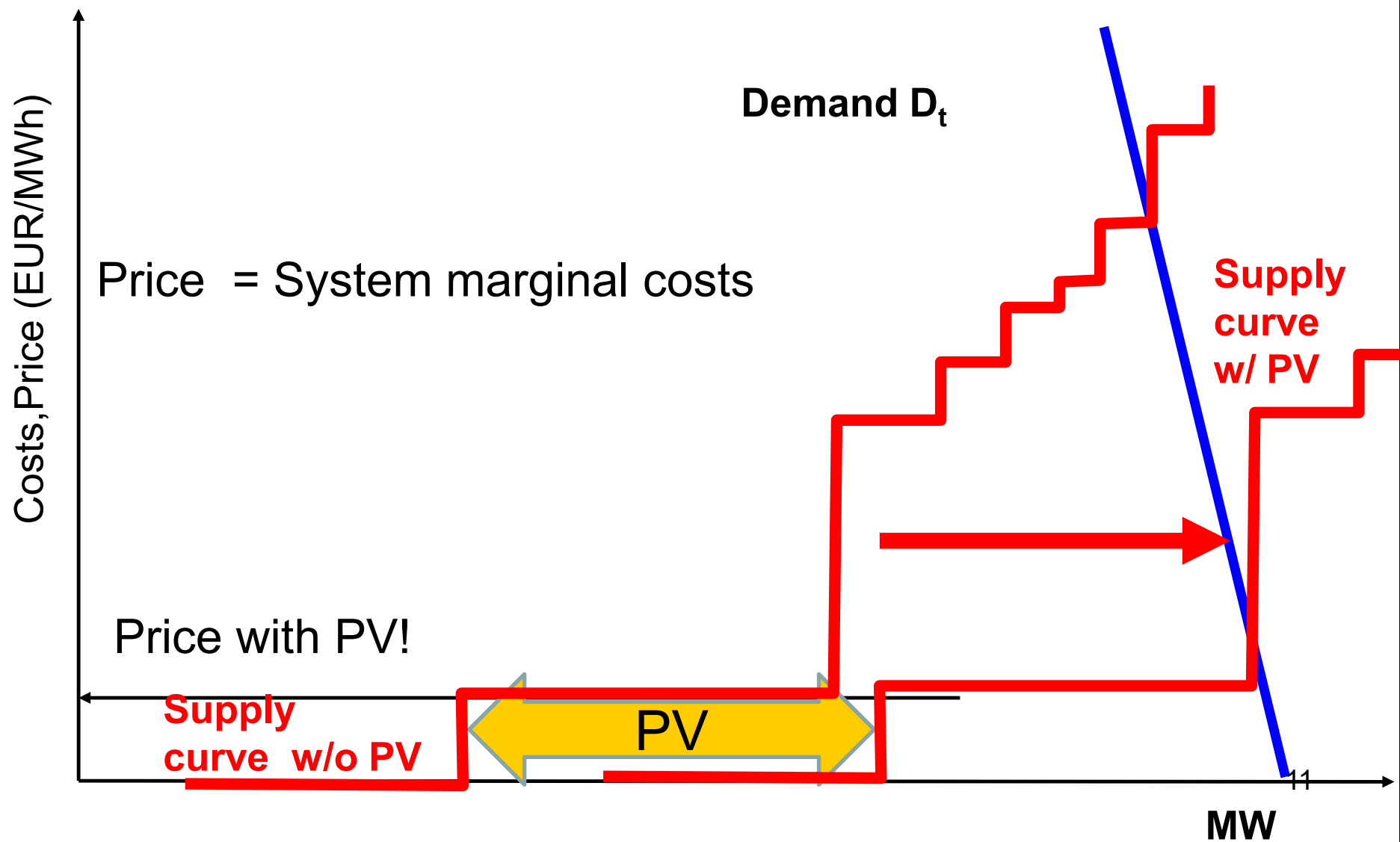


# 2 HOW VARIABLE RENEWABLES IMPACT THE ELECTRICITY SYSTEM AND PRICES IN ELECTRICITY MARKETS

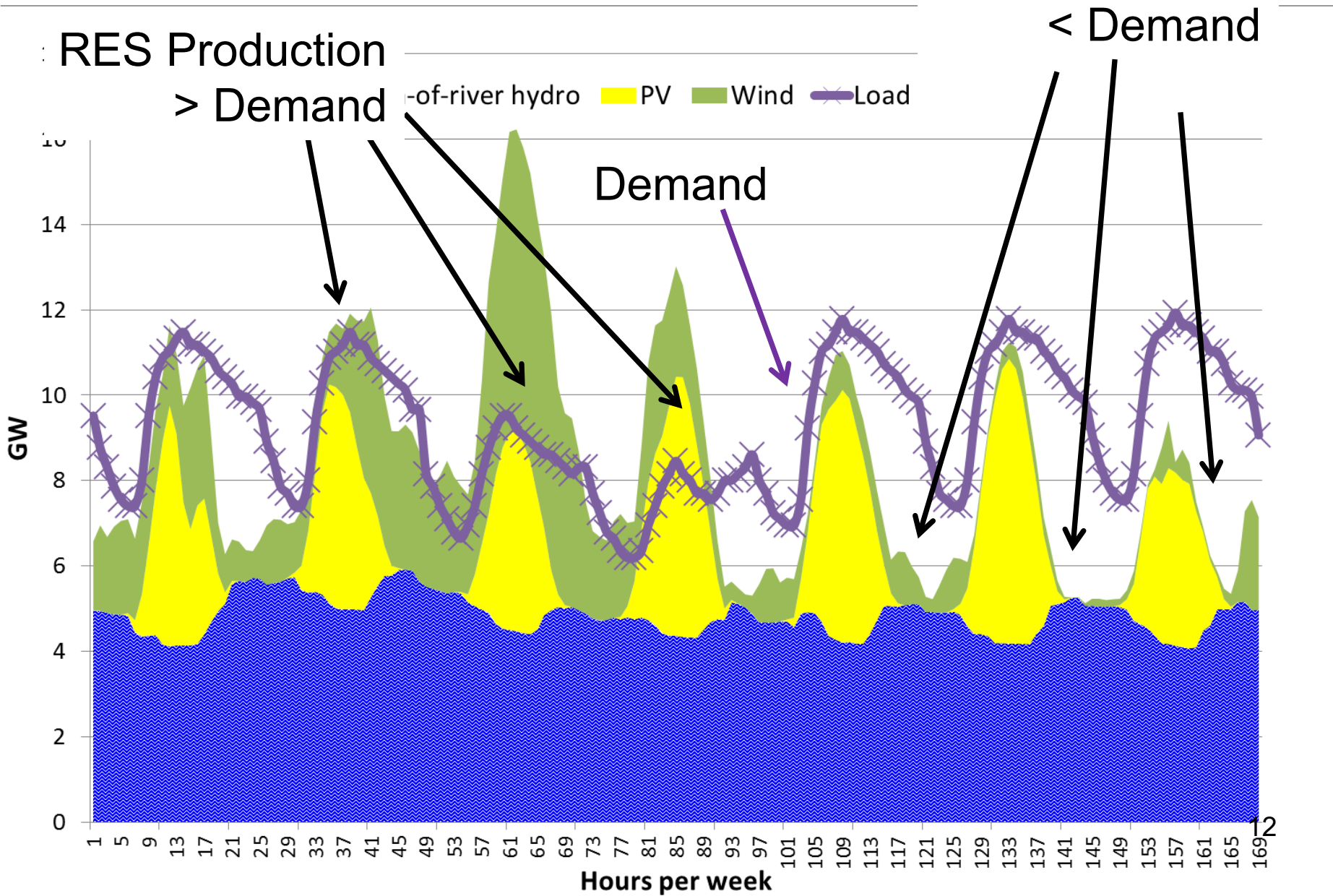
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# Example: prices without and with PV

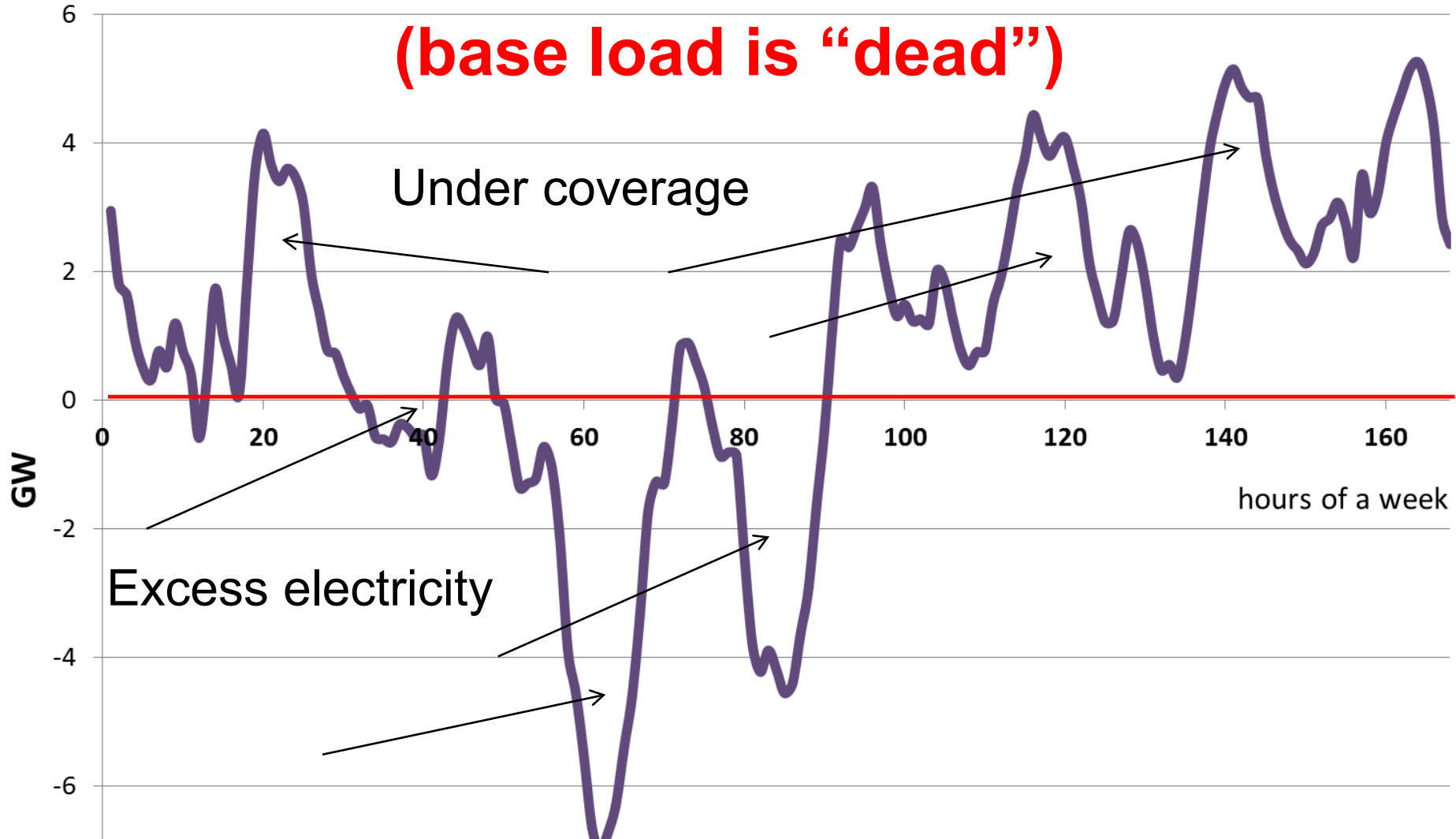


# Supply and Demand 2030



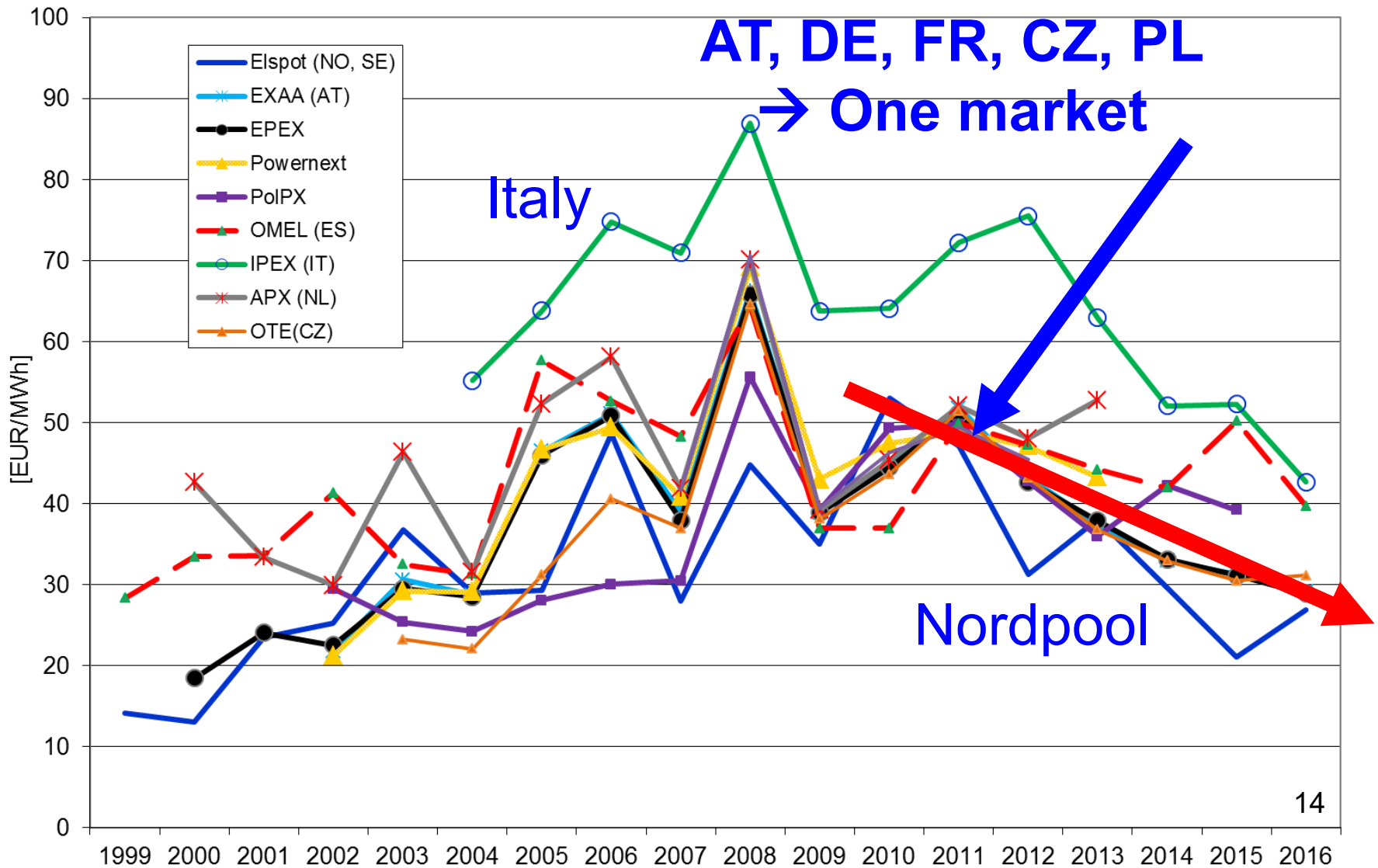
# Key term of the future: Residual load

(base load is “dead”)

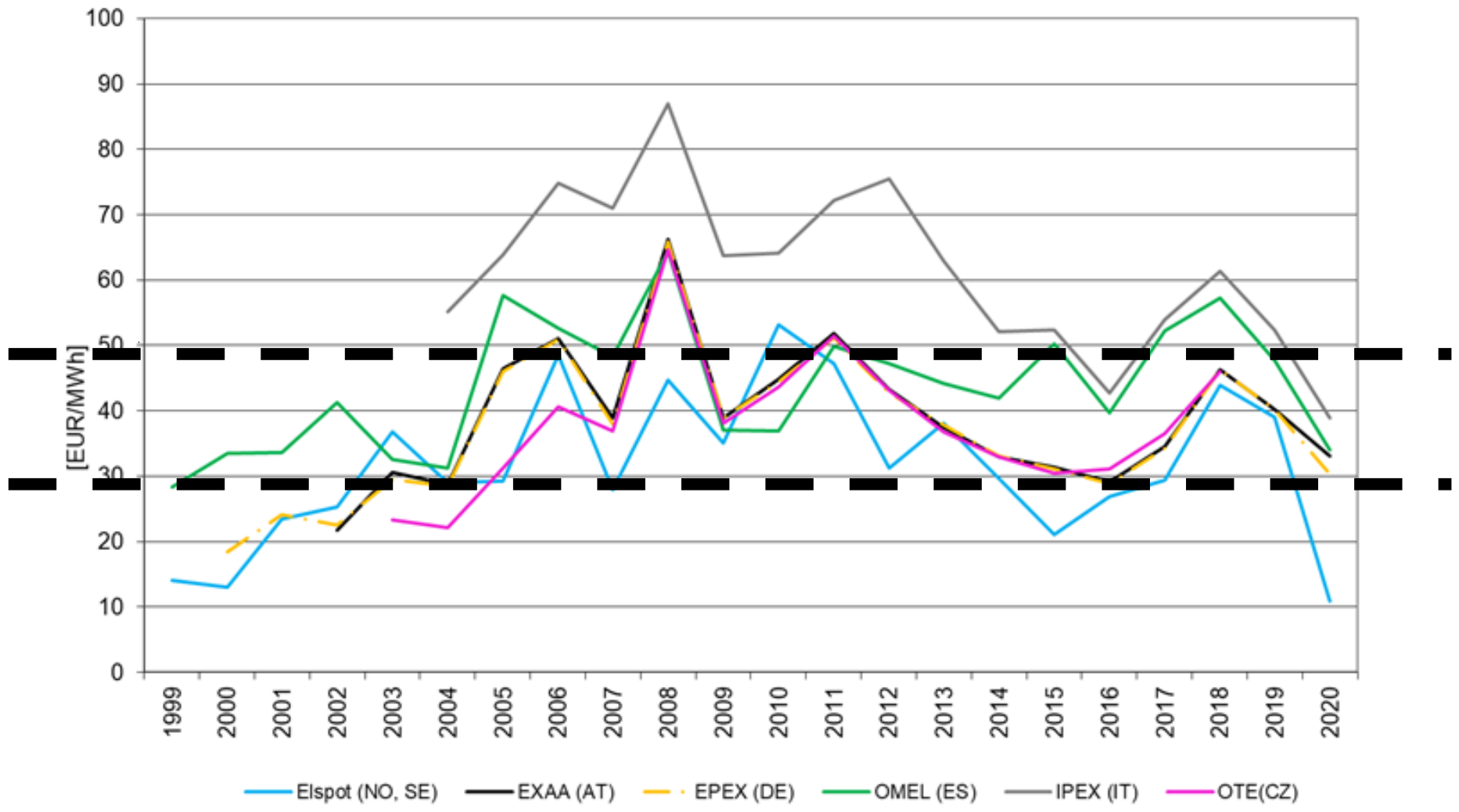


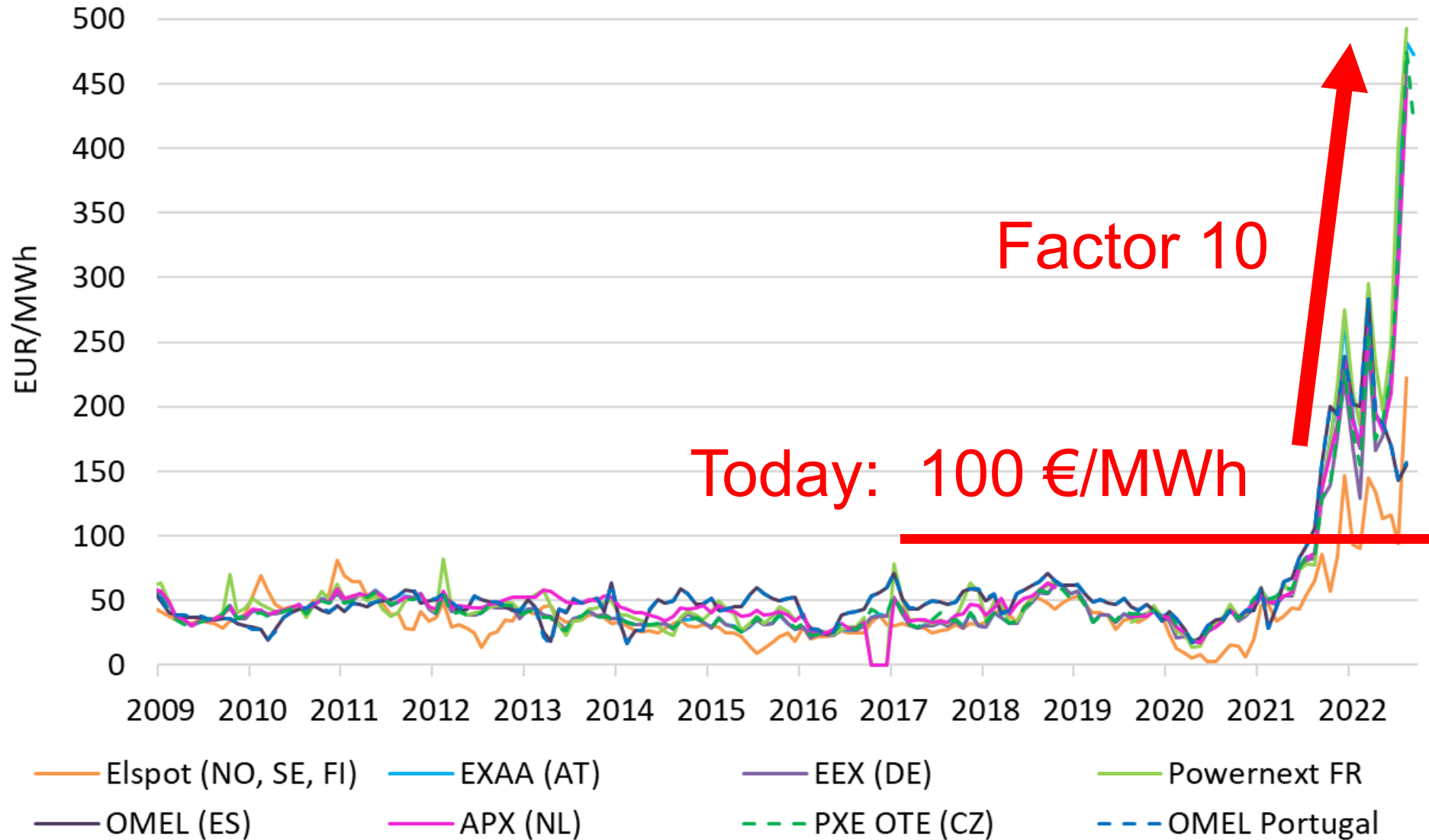
**Residual load = Load – non-flexible generation**

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



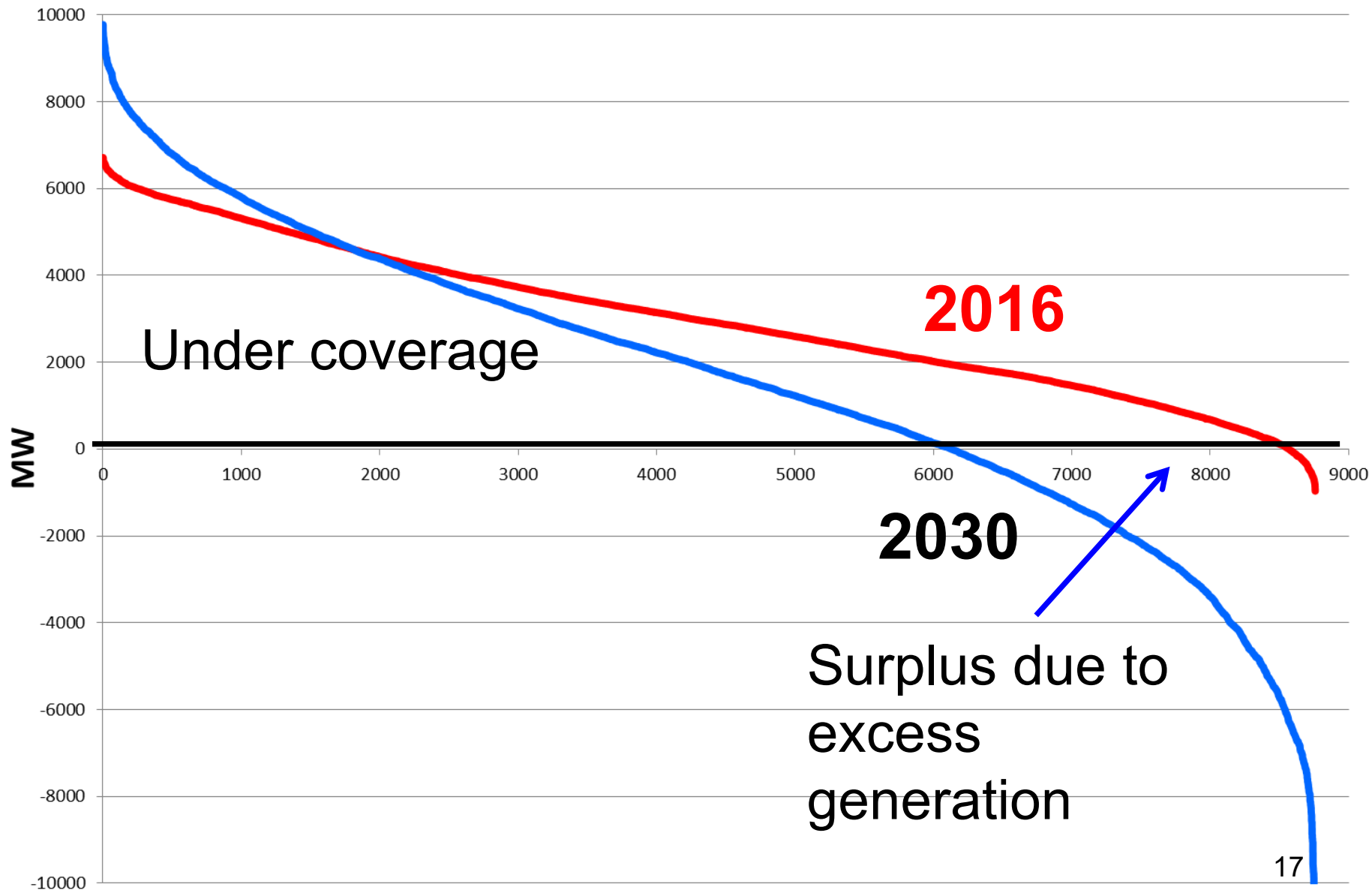
# Development of electricity prices in Europe up to 2020







# Classified residual load over a year



# Classified residual load



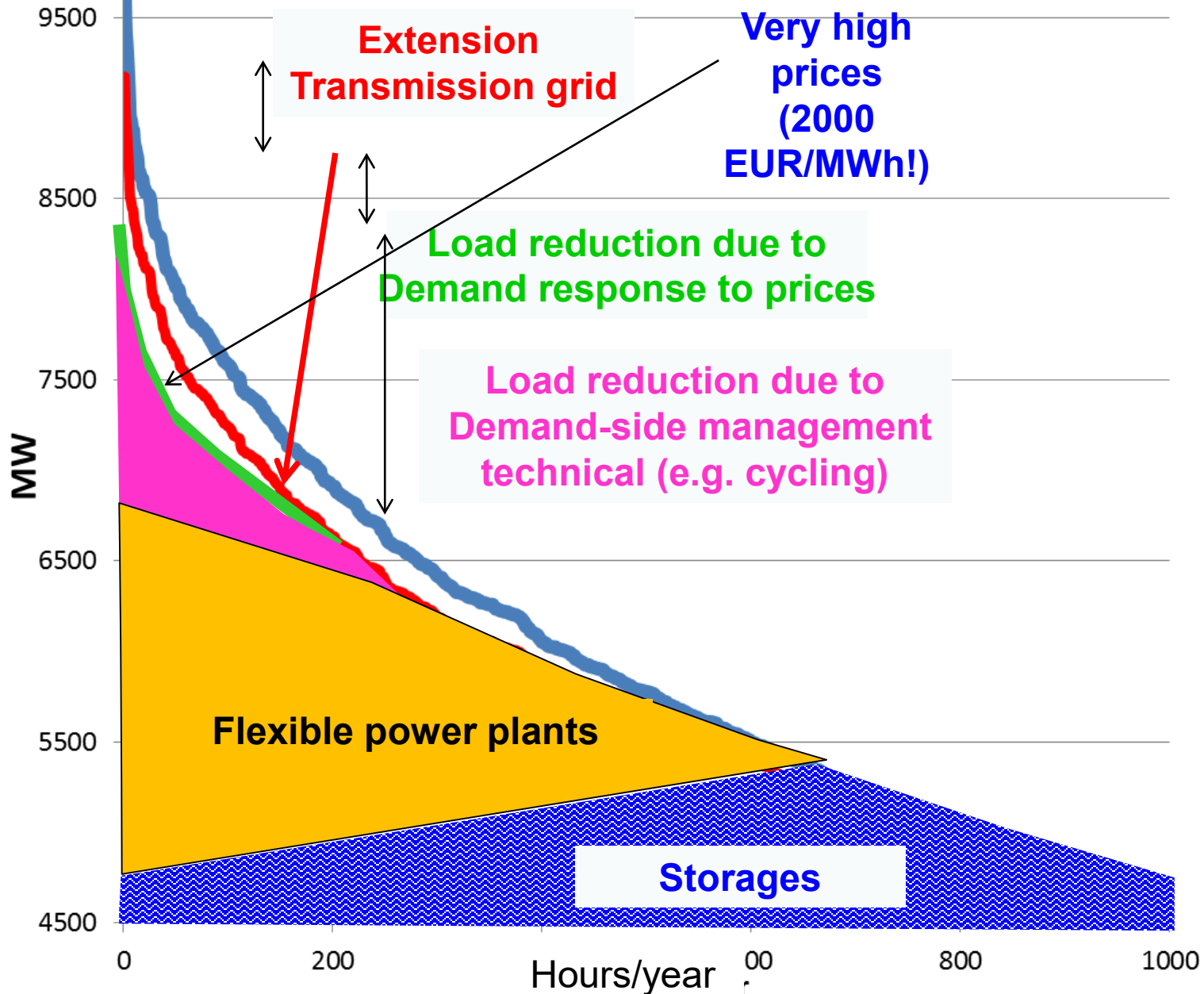
**There are two extreme positions:**

**By a regulated capacity payment with STMC pricing?**

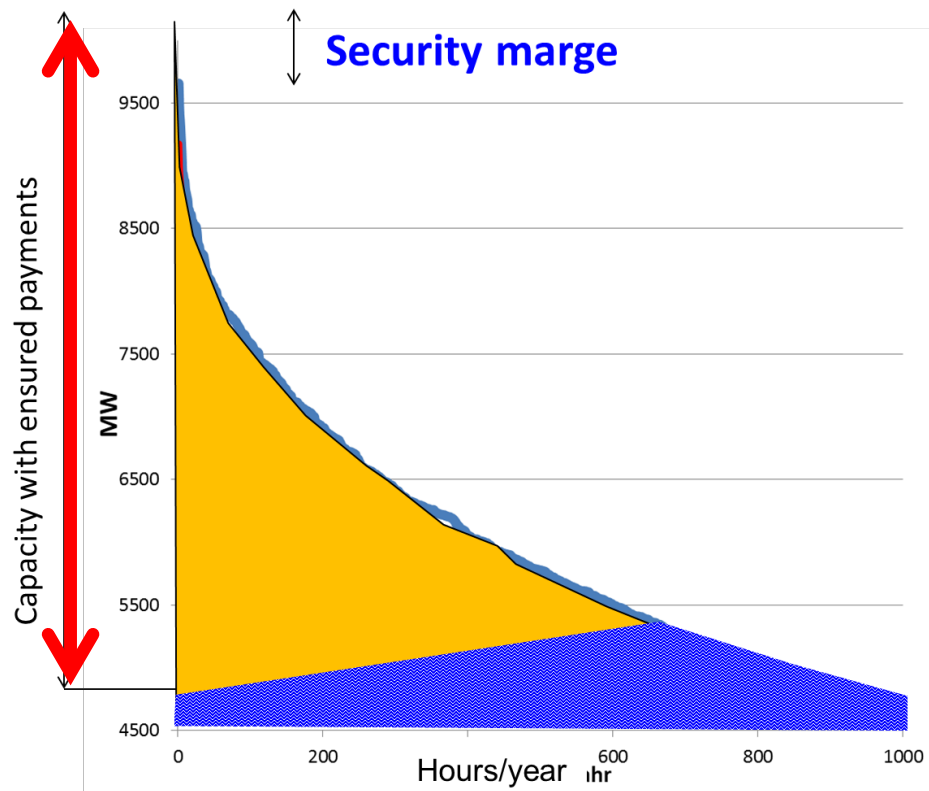
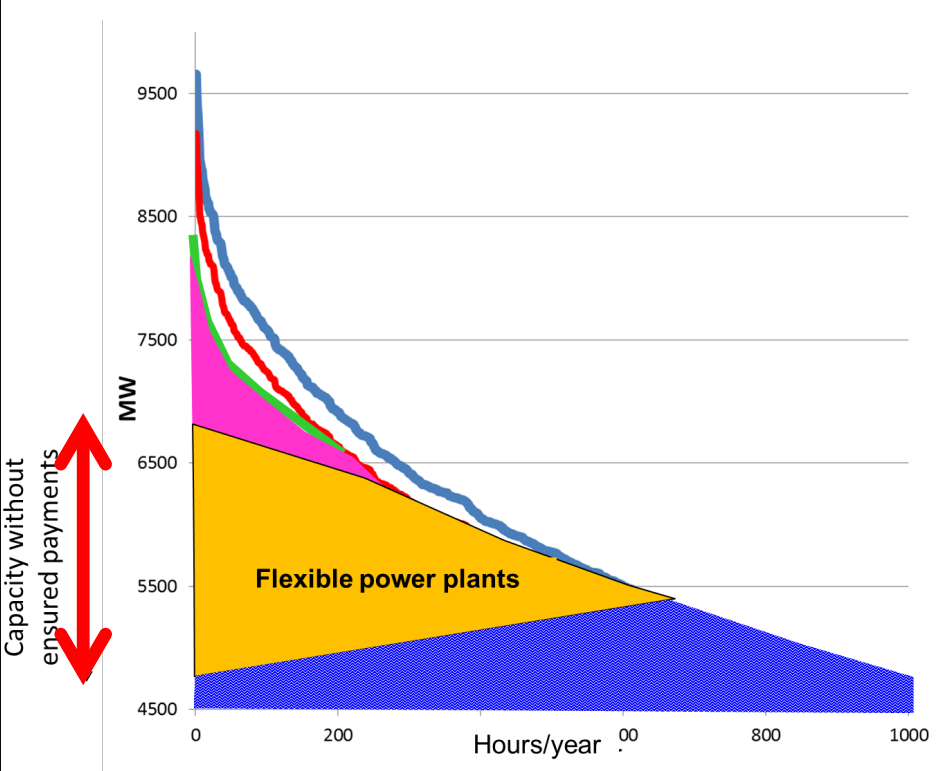
**or**

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

# Flexible coverage of residual load

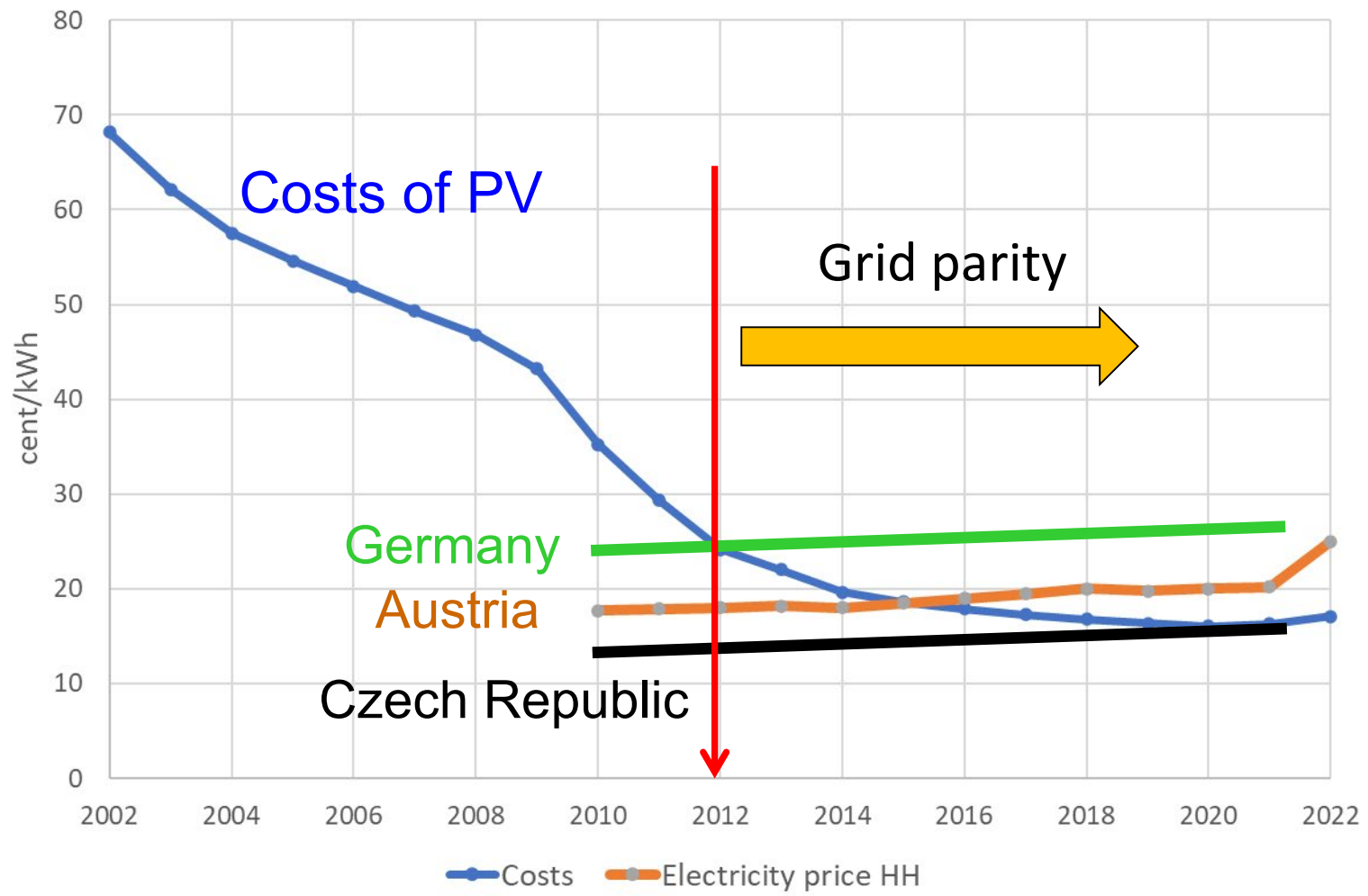


# Comparison



## **4. TOWARDS PROSUMAGERS AND ENERGY COMMUNITIES**

# Grid parity: PV-costs and household electricity prices

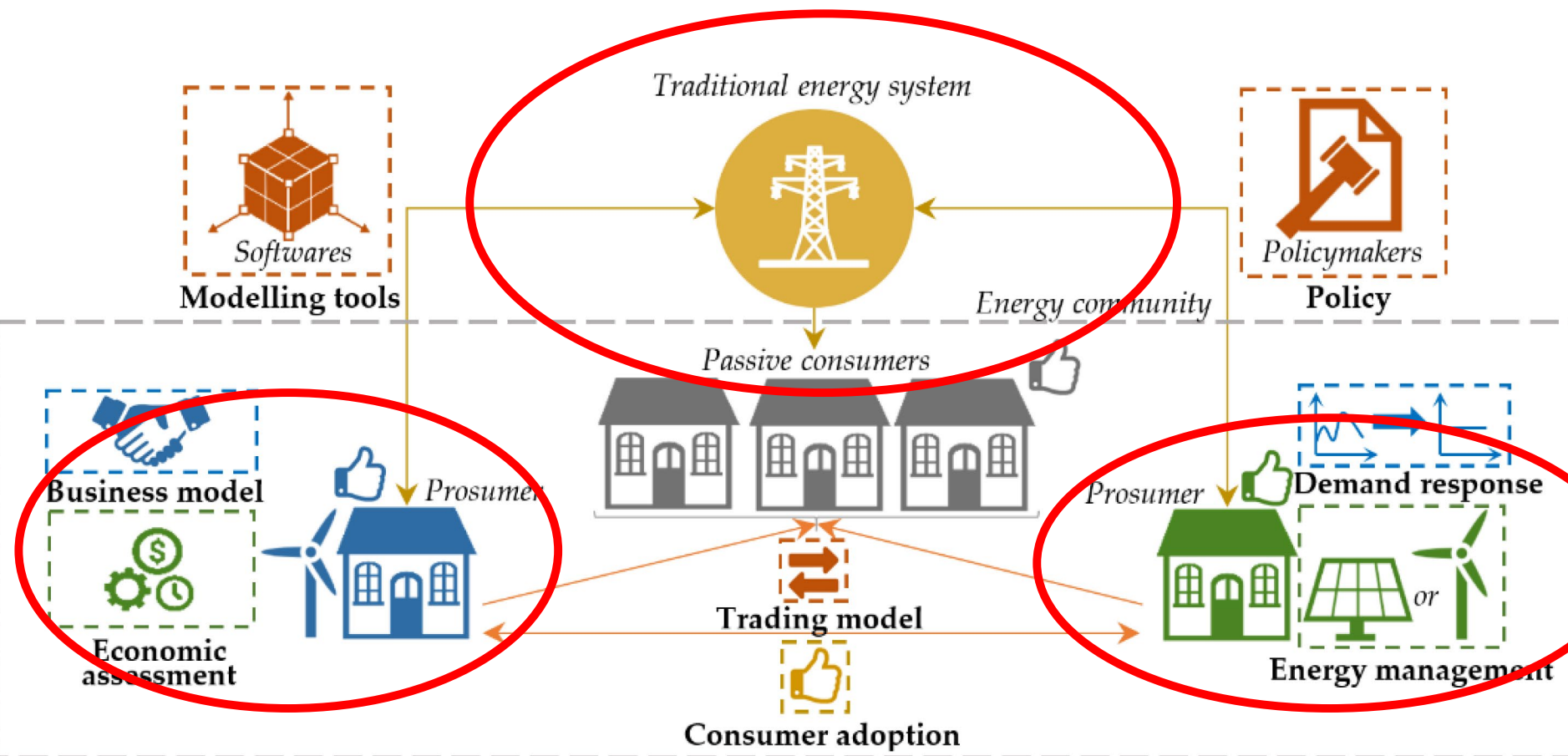


$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{Savings/revenues} \qquad \qquad \qquad \text{Costs} \\
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 \text{E}_{\text{Own}} * P_{\text{HH}} + \text{E}_{\text{Feed-in}} * P_{\text{feed-in}} > \text{Annuity}
 \end{array}$$

Grid parity term

**Subsidy still necessary?**





## 5. A NEW MARKET DESIGN?

- \* **How to recover the investment costs of variable renewables if  $P=0$ ?**
- \* **Capacity payments anyway?**
- \* **What is a long-term market? How strongly to interfere by a regulatory authority?**
- \* **C f D and PPA**
- \* **However, „If it ain't broke, don't fix it“**

- Sustainable electric. system → integration of a broad technology portfolio & demand-side options
- A more democratic system allows customers to participate in supply, storage and DSM
- most urgent: exhaust full creativity for flexibility of all market participants
- New market design? New models of long-term contracts ... but, however ... „If it ain't broke, don't fix it“