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EXPANDING NATURAL GAS CROSS-BORDER FLOWS IN EUROPE THROUGH THE OPTIMAL USE OF THE PIPELINE GRID: A STYLIZED MODEL COMPARISON (here: Focus on Germany and neighbours)

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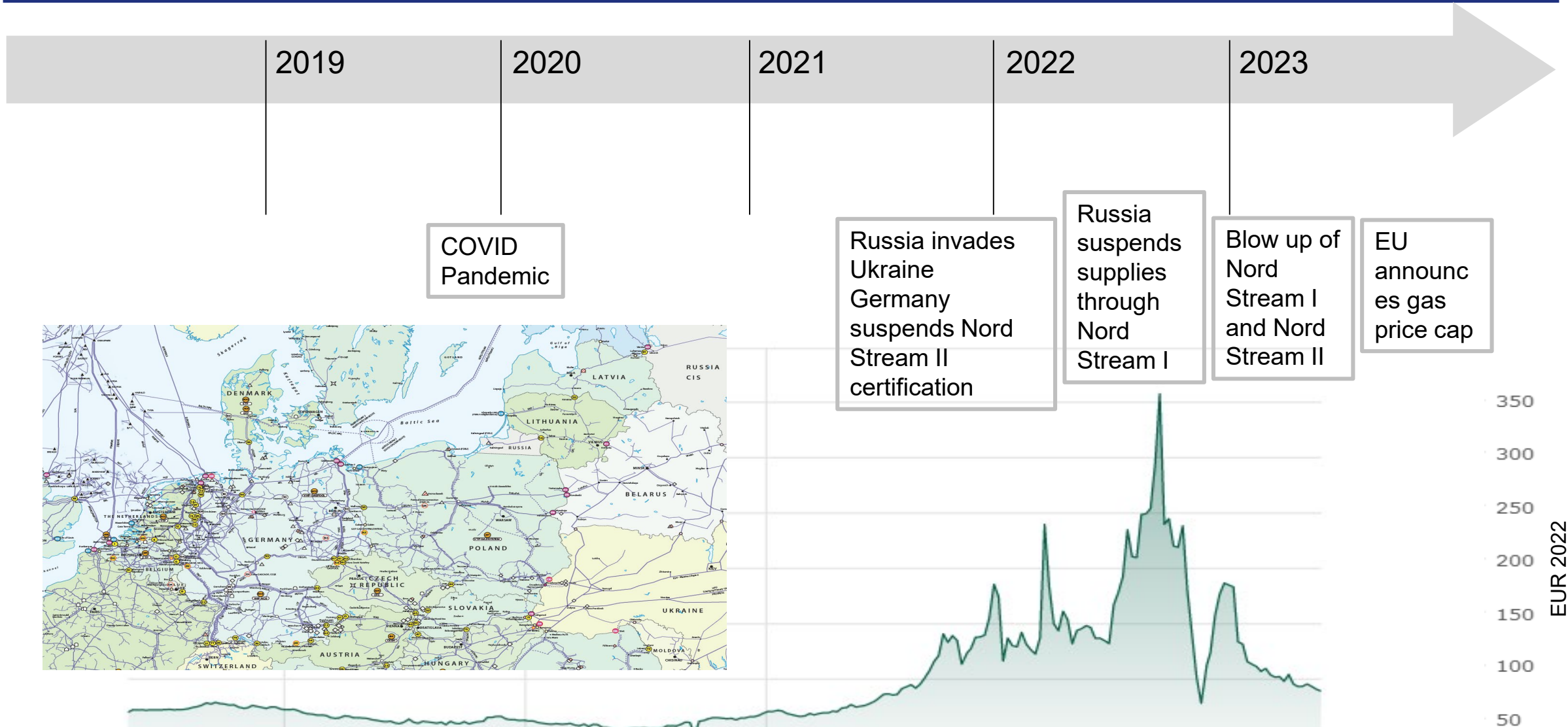


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Introduction: Short-term consideration ...

Russian gas dependency, Ukrainian War and European gas supply



Source: <https://www.wallstreet-online.de/rohstoffe/dutch-ttf-daily-natural-gas-forward-daily-futures-preis#:~:5y||s:lines||sfill:true||a:abs||v:week||ads:null>

... and a long-term consideration (1)



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Infrastructure, regulation, investment and security of supply: A case study of the restructured US natural gas market

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... and a long-term consideration (2): Why does Europe not adopt locational marginal pricing?

~ Importance of trans-boundary grid infrastructure for flexibility and supply security

~ Long-term issue, with regular peak of attention:

- FERC Order 636 (1992), the “final restructuring rule”, was a milestone in moving from “simple” non-discriminatory third-party access (TPA) towards a fundamental vertical unbundling of transportation and sales activities
- EU Directive 98/92: unbundling and efficient use of capacities
- First Russian-Ukrainian gas crisis 2006 ...
- ... natural gas / energy crisis of 2022

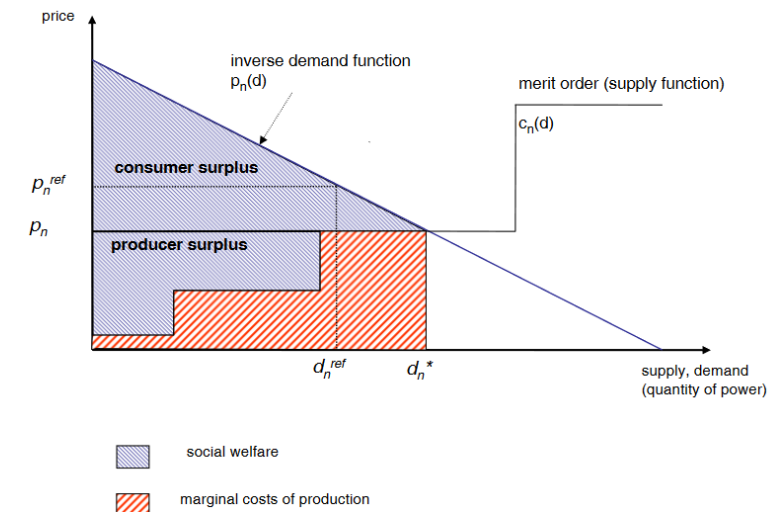
~ Theoretically: “nodal pricing” yields short-term welfare optimization / cost minimization

~ Application gap:

- US applies nodal pricing since the 1990s
- Europe started reforms in the 2000s, but is still stuck with entry-exit

~ Topic gained importance through the energy and natural gas crisis

~ Particular issue with “reverse flows”, i.e., differentiated capacity caps on flows from $A \rightarrow B \neq B \rightarrow A$



→ In this paper, we compare existing network regulation in Europe with entry-exit and uni-directional caps with a (hypothetical) situation of bidirectional nodal prices

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Theory and state of literature

- ~ Nodal pricing has its origins in the electricity sector (Schweppe et al. 1988; Hogan 1992), recent update by Hogan and Harvey (2022)
- ~ Based on simple welfare maximization
- ~ First applications in the US:
 - ~ Electricity after US FERC order 888 (“provide open access transmission service on a comparable basis to the transmission service they provide themselves”)
 - ~ Natural gas (Cremer, et al, 2003, Lochner et al., 2010) :
 - ~ Technically less complex than electricity (no loop flows)
 - ~ But complexity through non-linear flows (“Weymouth equation”, etc.)

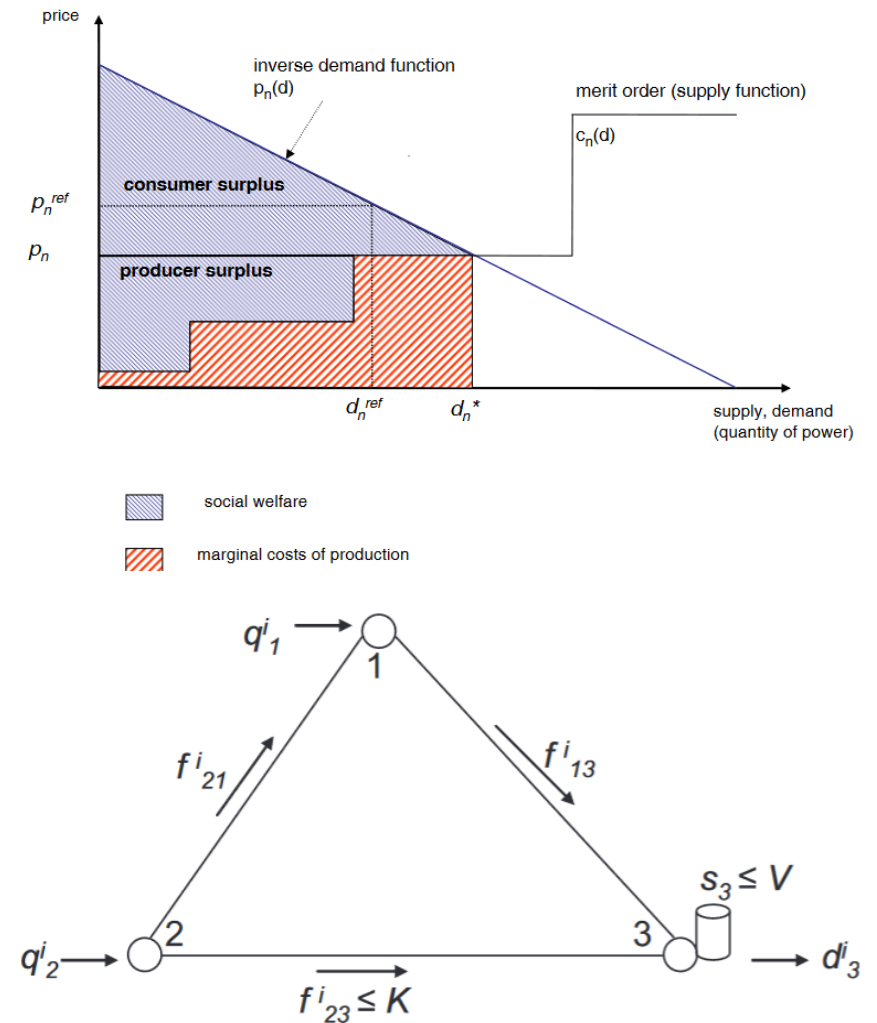


Fig. 1. Simple pipeline network with storage.

The principle of “nodal pricing”

Problem: uniform pricing → congestion not properly determined?

Nodal Pricing

= location value of energy:

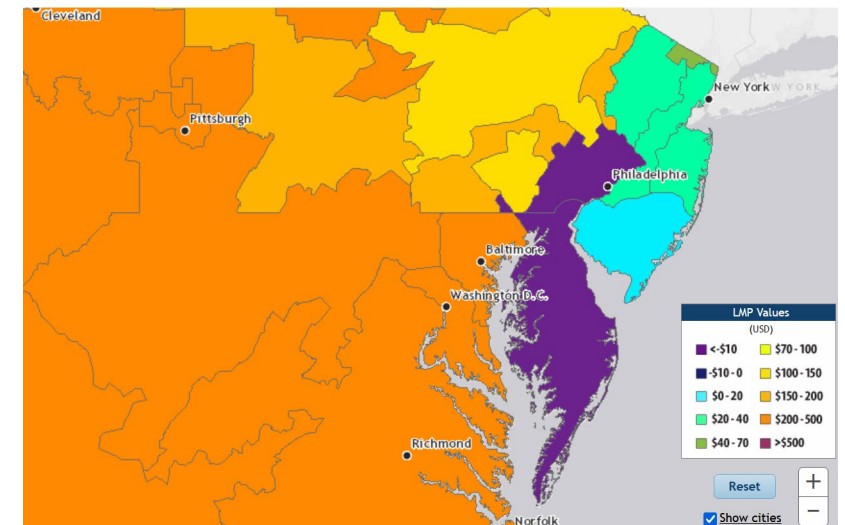
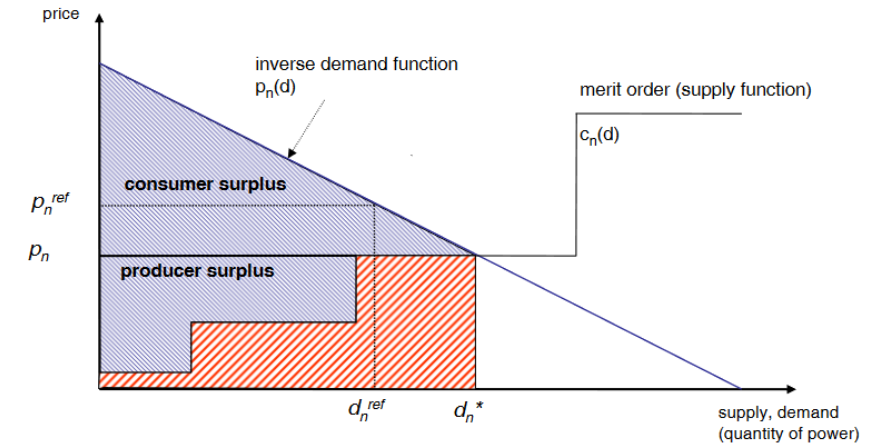
Node specific costs from energy generation and transmission (e.g., losses and congestion)

Node: physical location on the transmission grid (incl. generators and loads)

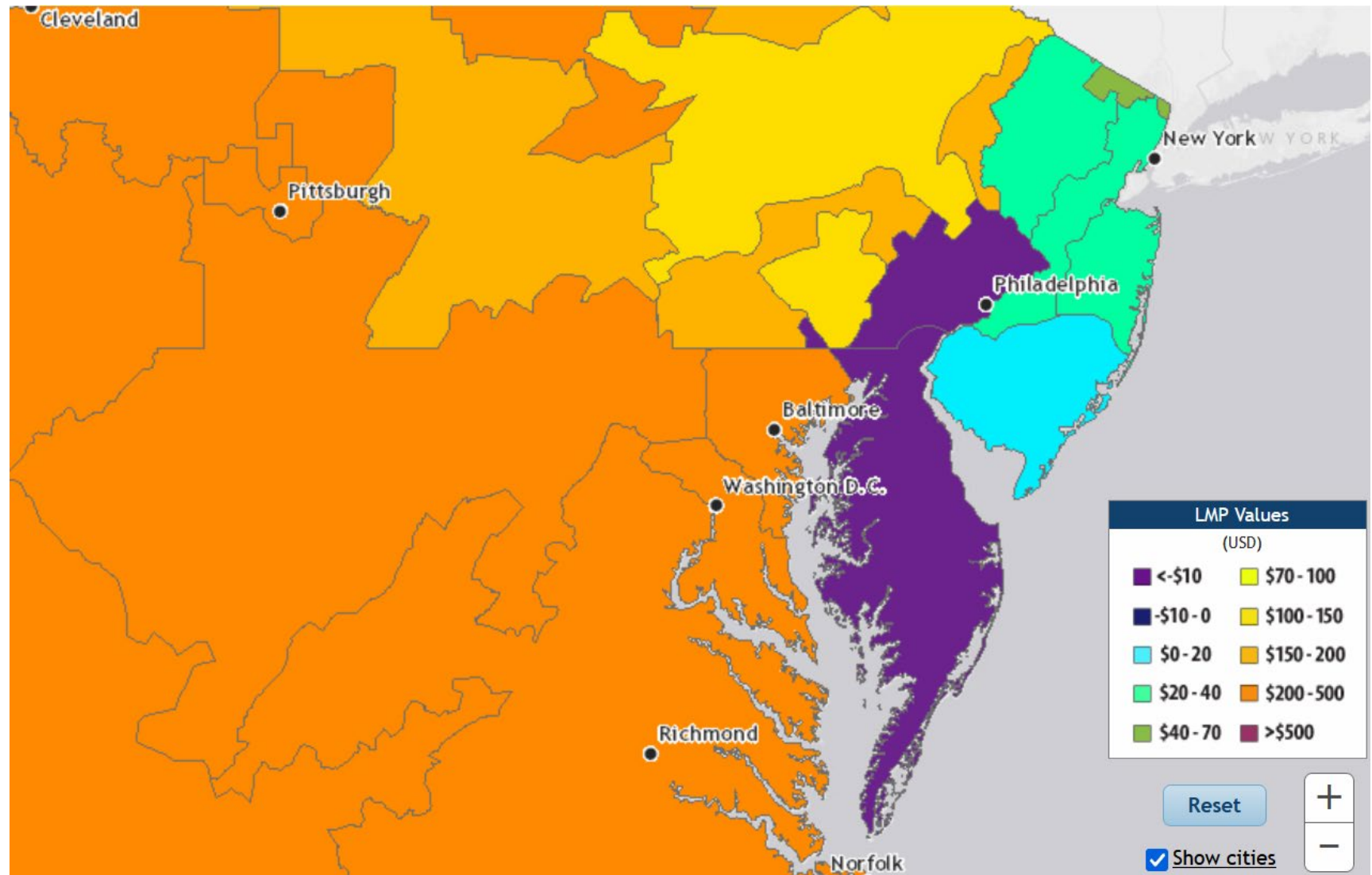
Calculation: market clearing prices for all nodes subjects to physical and security constraints

-> reflects real conditions and costs in the grid for every node

-> Indicate and price congestions when overstepping transmission limits



The principle of “nodal pricing”: LMPs in PJM



<https://www.pjm.com/library/maps/lmp-map.aspx>

Optimization Problem

Objective function: Social welfare

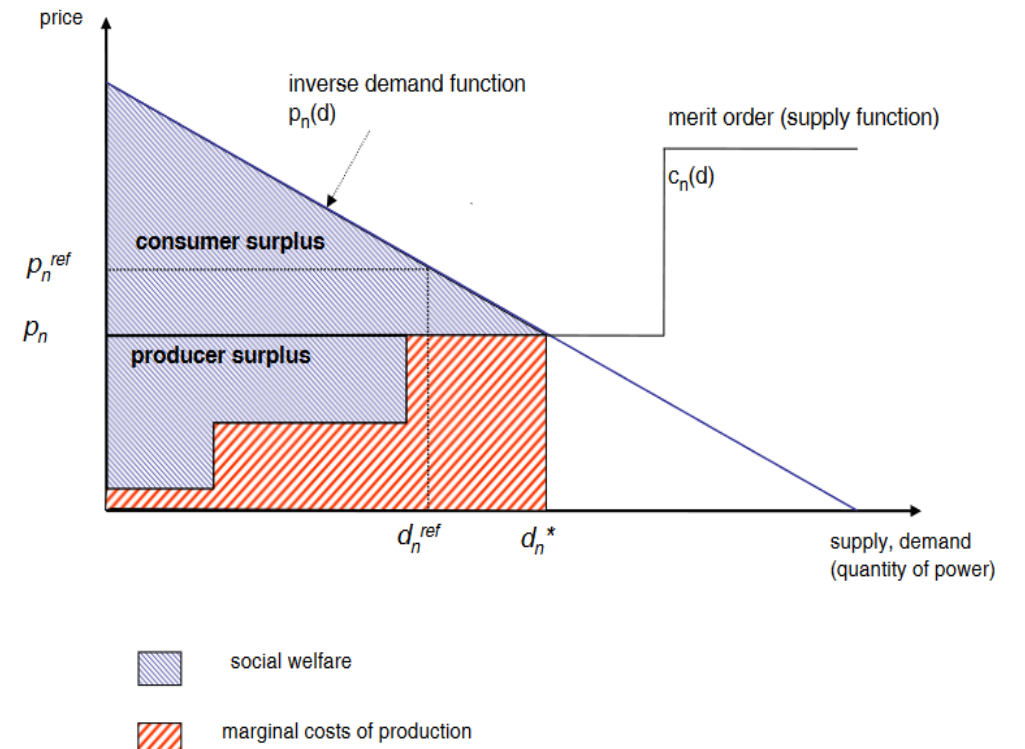
$$\max W(d_n^*) = \left(\int_0^{d_n^*} p^*(d_n^*) d * d_n^* - \int_0^{d_n^*} c(d_n^*) d * d_n^* \right)$$

s.t. $|P_i| \leq P_i^{max}$ line flow constraint
 $\sum_n g_n = \sum_n d_n + L$ energy balance constraint
 $\sum_{n,t} g_n^t \leq \sum_{n,t} g_n^{t,max}$ generation constraint (per type of plant)

Inverse demand function or each node

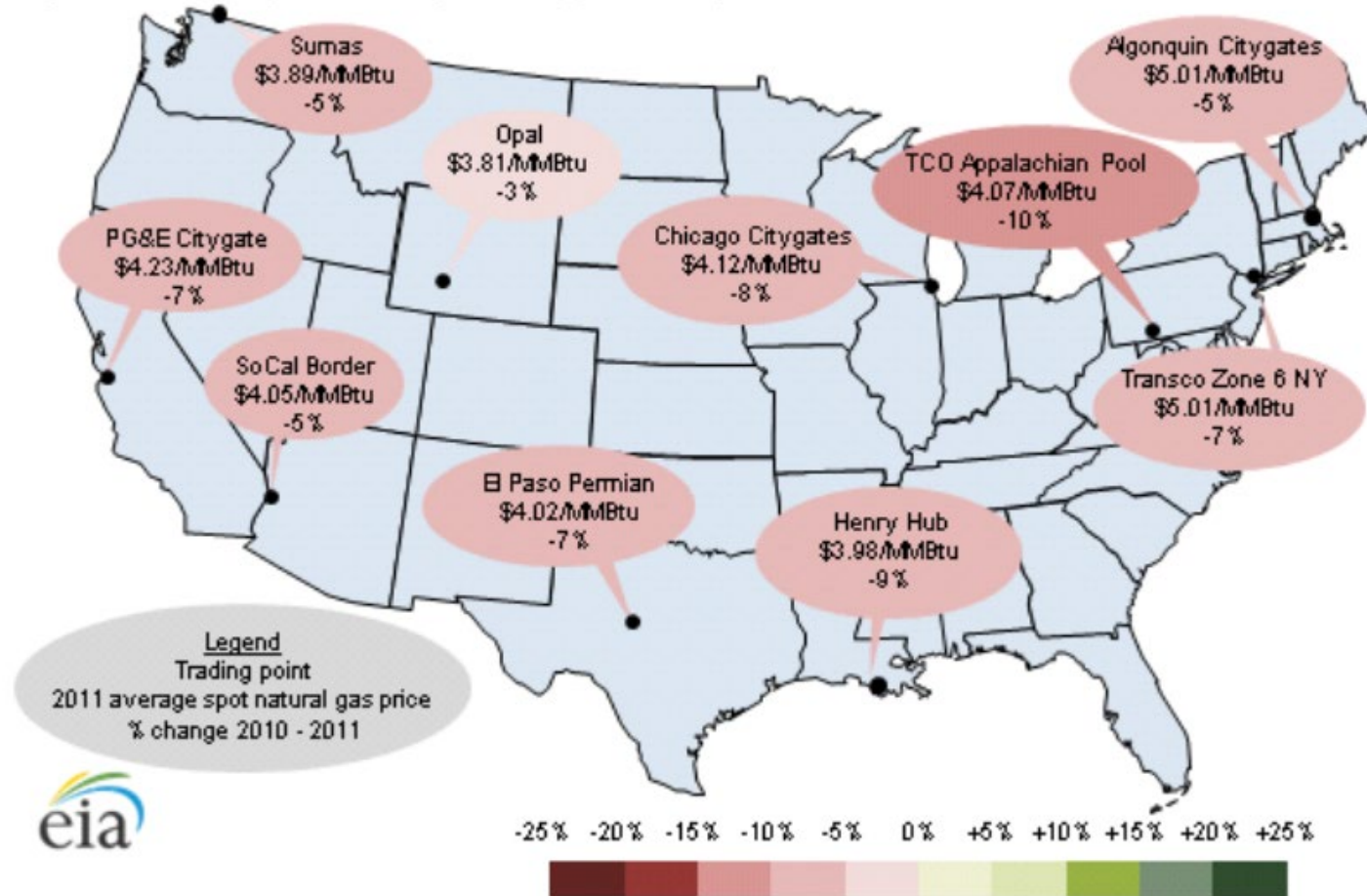
$$p_n = p_n^{ref} + \frac{1}{\varepsilon} * p_n^{ref} * \left(\frac{d_n^*}{d_n^{ref}} - 1 \right)$$

Assumption: Competition



US Trading Points (2011)

Spot natural gas prices at major trading locations, 2011



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, based on Bloomberg.

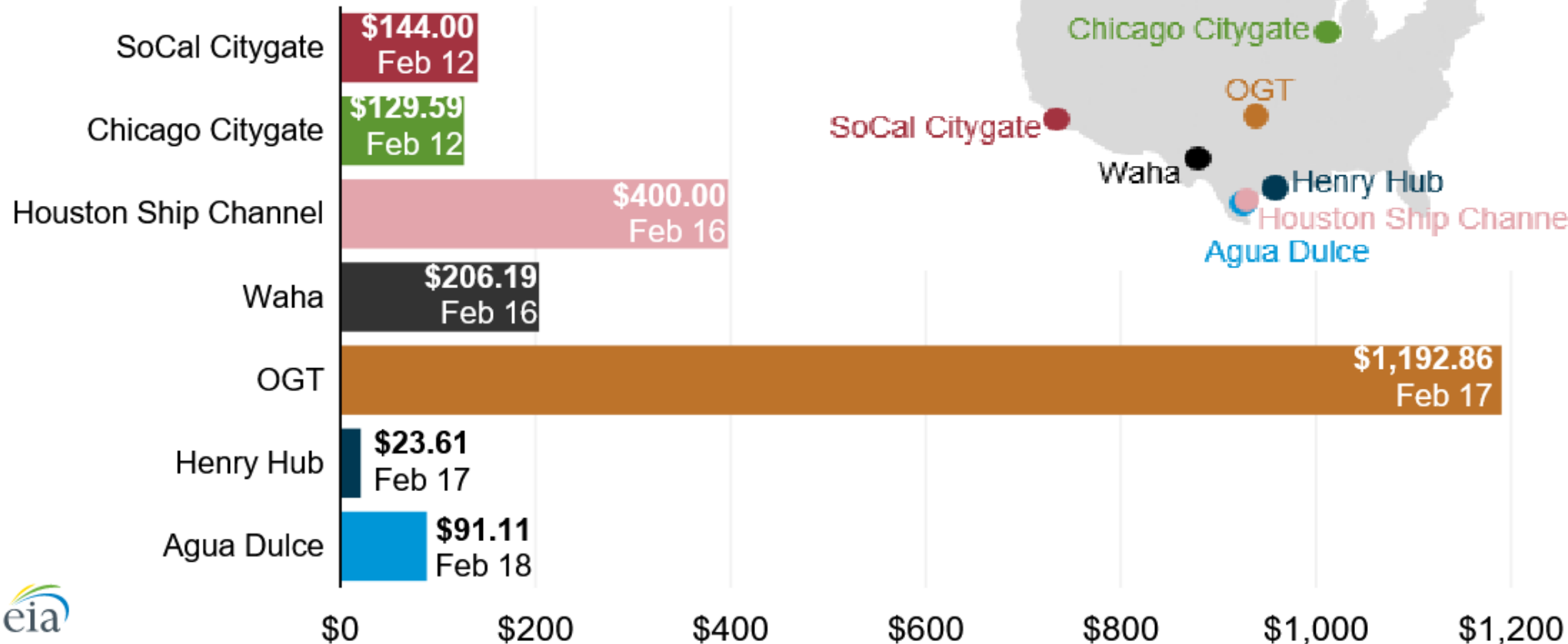
Note: Average spot natural gas prices reported in the map for 2011 are based on data from InterContinentalExchange and vary slightly from values reported in the current [Short-Term Energy Outlook](#), which are based on Reuters data.

Gas Price Ranges @ Trading Hubs (February 2021)

Natural gas price ranges at selected trading hubs (Feb 2021)

dollars per million British thermal units

daily record high (\$/MMBtu)



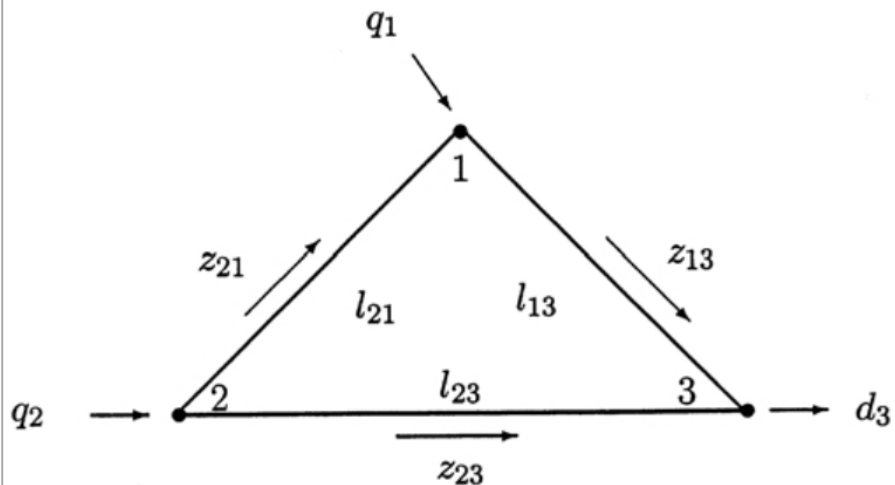
Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, based on *Natural Gas Intelligence* data



“Nodal prices” in natural gas: Uni- vs. bidirectional

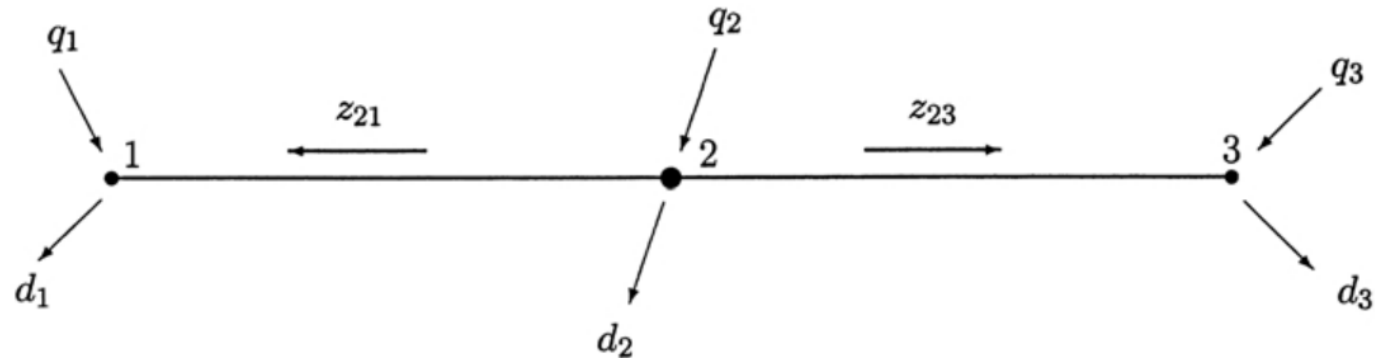
(Cremer et.al., 2003)

Unidirectional-flow gas network



Source: Figure 1, Cremer et.al., 2003

Bidirectional-flow gas network



Maximizing this social welfare function under the assumption of competitive supply yields first – order conditions which, using the transport tariffs t_{ij} , are written as

$$t_{21} = p_1 - p_2 = c'_{21}l_{21}, \quad (29)$$

and

$$t_{23} = p_3 - p_2 = c'_{23}l_{23}. \quad (30)$$

We see that these conditions also imply

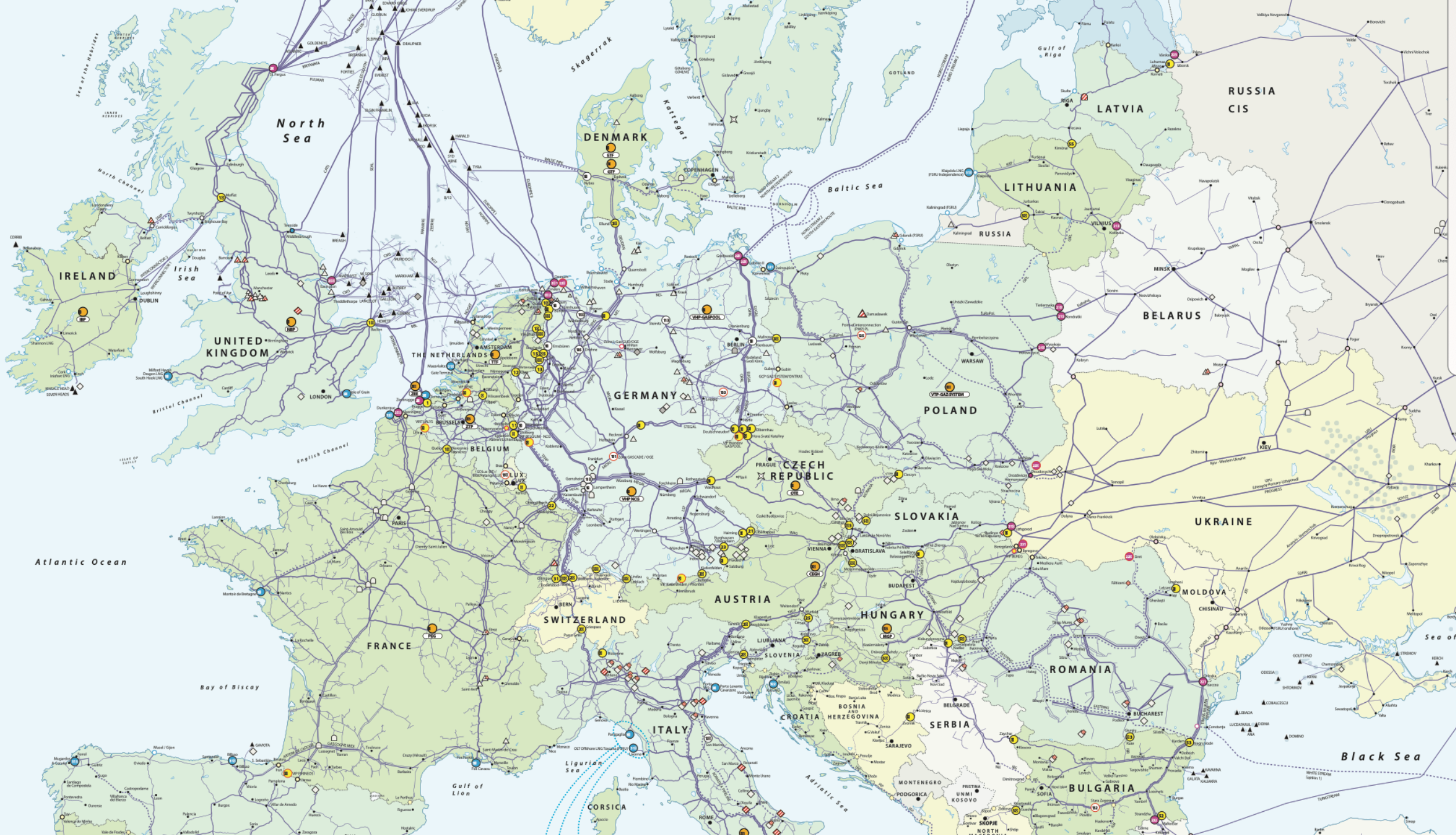
$$t_{13} = p_3 - p_1 = c'_{23}l_{23} - c'_{21}l_{21} \begin{matrix} > \\ < \end{matrix} 0. \quad (31)$$

Source: Figure 2, Cremer et.al., 2003

ENTSOE – Central European Natural Gas Network



(source:
https://www.entsog.eu/sites/default/files/2021-11/ENTSOG_CAP_2021_A0_1189x841_FULL_066_FLAT.pdf)



Cross-country Capacities

Region A	Region B	Capacity A → B	Capacity B → A
DE	AT	20.99	10.44
DE	BE	12.16	9.91
DE	CH	10.07	5.31
DE	CZ	55.37	37.81
DE	DK	4.18	0.13
DE	FR	18.84	18.84
DE	NL	58.76	74.56
DE	NO	0	67.86
DE	PL	7.17	28.60
AT	IT	35.30	5.94
BE	FR	26.71	8.29
CH	IT	19.66	13.64
FR	ES	5.05	6.89

Table 1: Selection of cross-country capacities for gas pipelines in bcm

Cross-country Capacities

Region A	Region B	Capacity A → B	Capacity B → A
	NONEU-Balkan	13.01	10.29
	PL	0.86	0.86
	SK	41.2	16.33
	HU	1.49	2.38
	SI	0.24	1.65
	NONEU-Balkan	4.36	0
	RO	2.38	1.54
	SK	1.56	3.96
	BG	24.74	4.55

Table 1: Selection of east European cross-country capacities for gas pipelines in bcm

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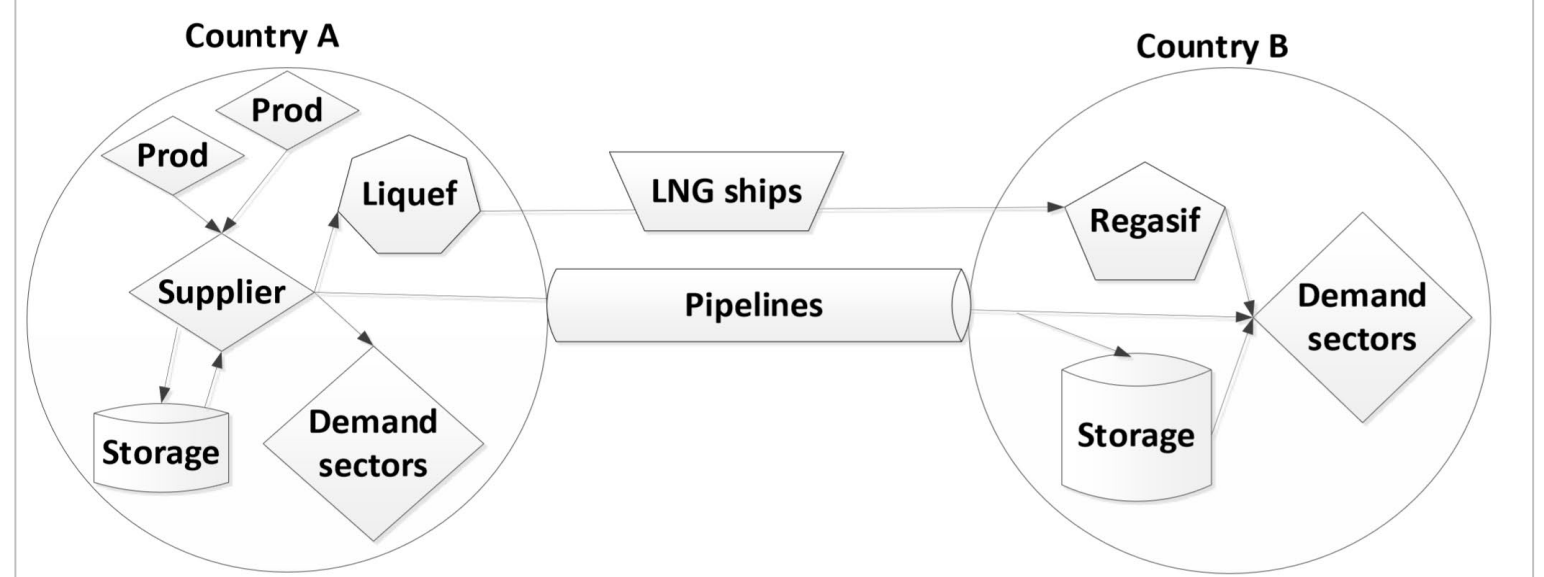
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The Global Gas Model (Structural Overview)

- Multi-Period Model of oligopolistic competition in natural gas markets à la Nash-Cournot
- Single commodity partial equilibrium model
- Covering practically the entire global natural gas production and consumption value chain
- Exertion of market power happens via traders that channel production from multiple model nodes (e.g., different regions in the US, Canada or Russia)

Schematic - Representation of the Global Gas Model (GGM)



Source: <https://www.ntnu.edu/iot/energy/energy-models-hub/ggm>

The Global Gas Model (Details)

$$\max_{\substack{q_{tndy}^S, q_{tnrdy}^P, \\ f_{tady}^Z, \Delta_{z,y}^Z}} \sum_y r_y \left[\sum_d d_d \left[\sum_{t,n} \left(INT_{ndy} - SLP_{ndy} \sum_{t'} q_{t'ndy}^S \right) q_{tndy}^S + \frac{1}{2} \sum_n SLP_{ndy} \left(\sum_t q_{tndy}^S \right)^2 \right. \right. \\
 - \frac{1}{2} \sum_n SLP_{ndy} \sum_t cv_{tny} (q_{tndy}^S)^2 - \sum_{t,n,r} c_{tnry}^{Pl} q_{tnrdy}^P - 0.5 \sum_{t,n,r} c_{tnry}^{Pq} (q_{tnrdy}^P)^2 \\
 \left. \left. - \sum_{t,a} c_{ay}^A f_{tady}^A - \sum_{t,n,w} c_{nwy}^X f_{tnwdy}^X \right] \right. \\
 \left. - \sum_a c_{ay}^{\Delta^A} \Delta_{ay}^A - \sum_x c_{xy}^{\Delta^X} \Delta_{xy}^X - \sum_w c_{wy}^{\Delta^W} \Delta_{wy}^W \right] \quad (1)$$

Source: <https://www.ntnu.edu/iot/energy/energy-models-hub/ggm>

The Global Gas Model (Details 2)

$$s.t. \quad \forall t, n, r, d, y \quad q_{tnr dy}^P \leq CAP_{tnry}^P \quad (2a)$$

$$\forall t, n, d, y \quad \sum_r q_{tnr dy}^P + \sum_{a \in A_n^+} (1 - l_a^A) f_{tady}^A + \sum_w f_{trw dy}^X = q_{tndy}^S + \sum_{a \in A_n^-} f_{tady}^A + \sum_w f_{trw dy}^I \quad (2b)$$

$$\forall a, y \quad \Delta_{ay}^A \leq \bar{\Delta}_{ay}^A \quad (2c)$$

$$\forall a, y \quad \sum_t f_{tady}^A \leq CAP_{ay}^A + \sum_{y' < y} \Delta_{ay}^A \quad (2d)$$

$$\forall t, w, d, y \quad (1 - l_w^I) \sum_d f_{tw dy}^I = \sum_d f_{tw dy}^X \quad (3a)$$

$$\forall n, w, y \quad \Delta_{nwy}^X \leq \bar{\Delta}_{nwy}^X \quad (3b)$$

$$\forall n, w, y \quad \Delta_{nwy}^W \leq \bar{\Delta}_{nwy}^W \quad (3c)$$

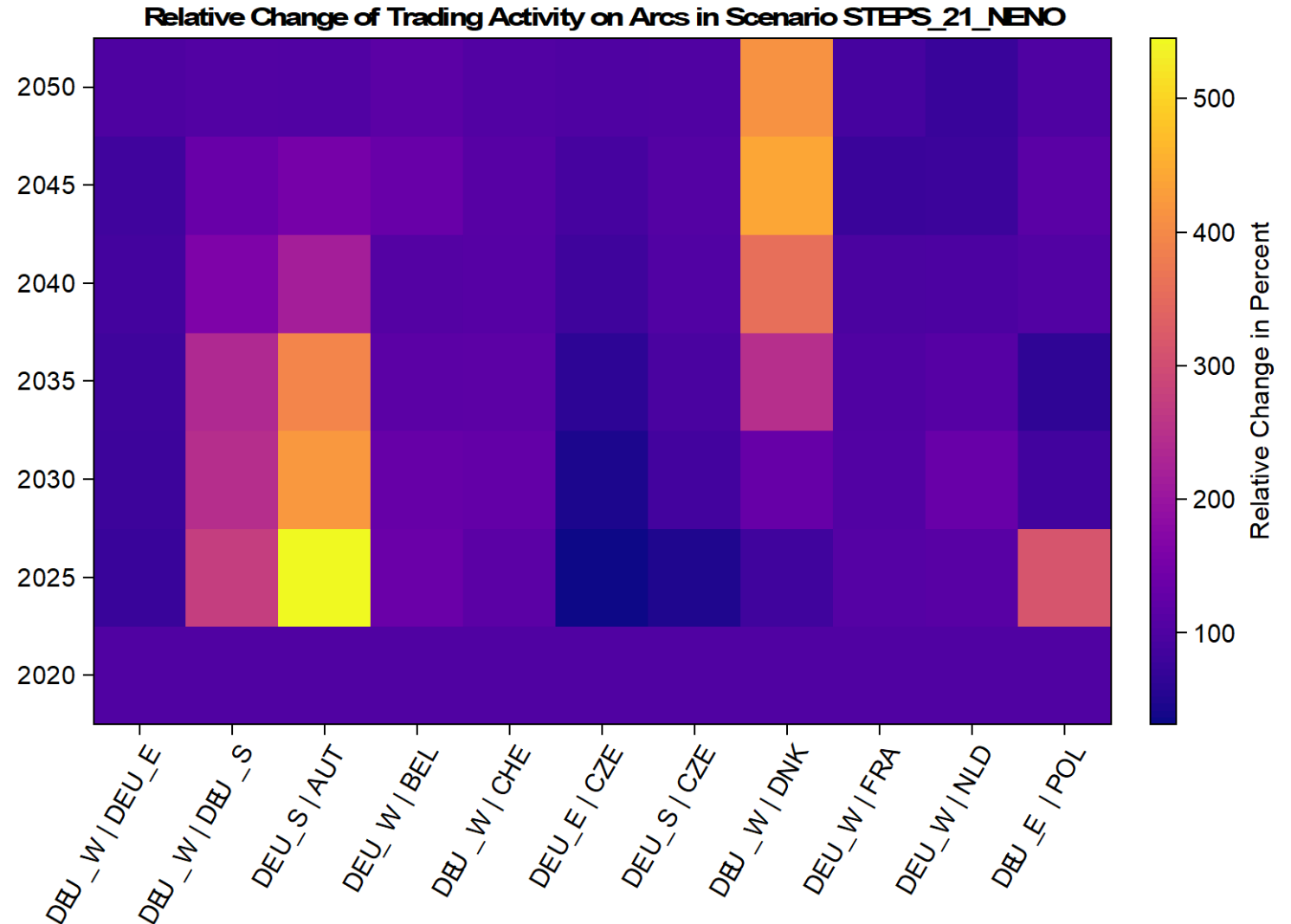
$$\forall n, w, y \quad \sum_t f_{trw dy}^X \leq CAP_{nwy}^X + \sum_{y' < y} \Delta_{nwy}^X \quad (3d)$$

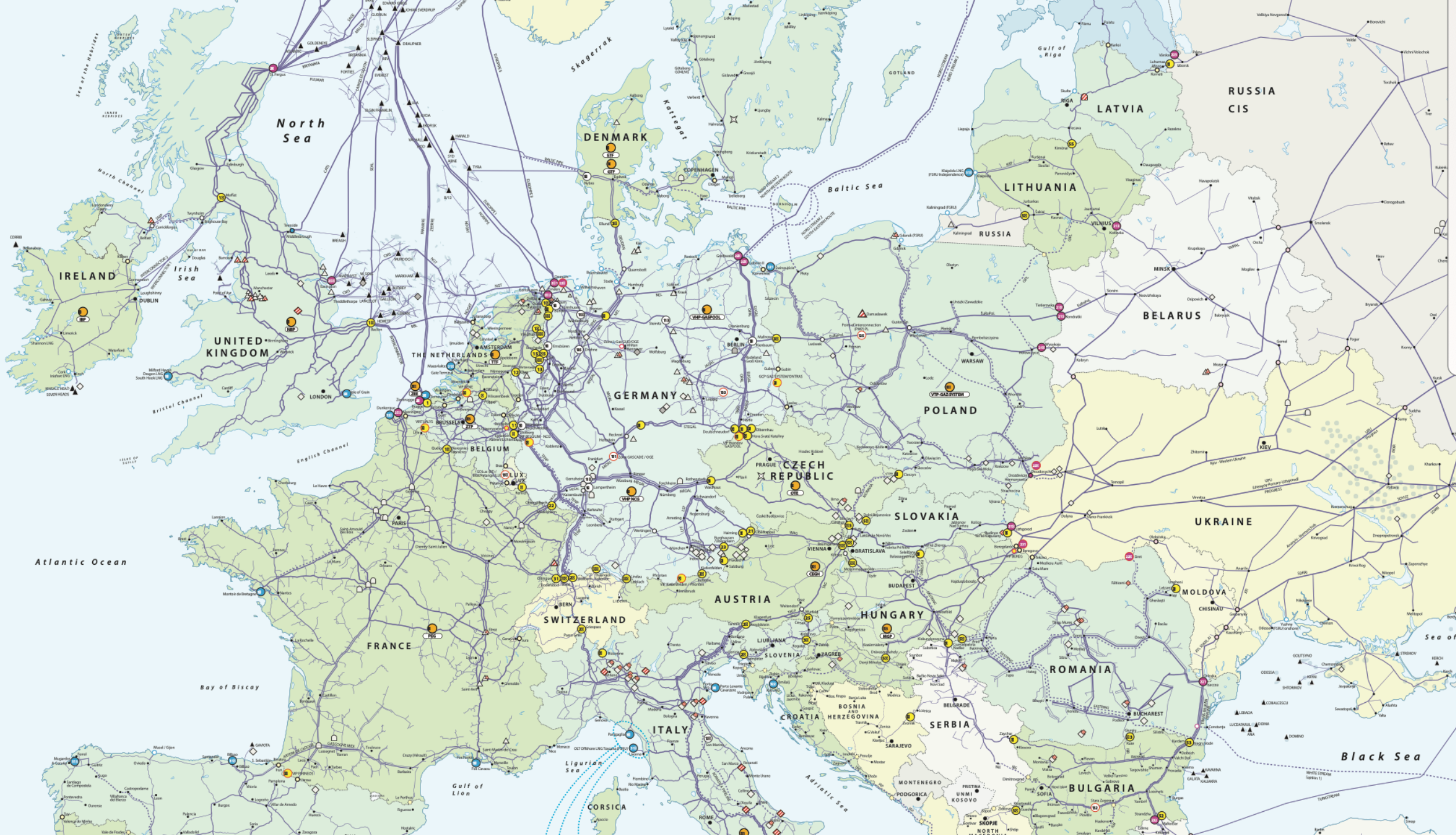
$$\forall n, w, y \quad \sum_{t,d} d_d f_{trw dy}^X \leq CAP_{nwy}^W + \sum_{y' < y} \Delta_{nwy}^W \quad (3e)$$

Extreme case: STEPS with no LNG in East Germany

Heat-Maps with indication on relative changes of total cross border trades

- High demand
- Total activity on trading arcs defined as sum of flows from a->b and b->a
- Flow reversal benefits Bavaria and Austria
- No LNG-Investments in East Germany (necessary)
- More Pipeline imports from Norway via Denmark to south-eastern neighbors (Model artifact, in reality direct pipeline would be preferably expanded)

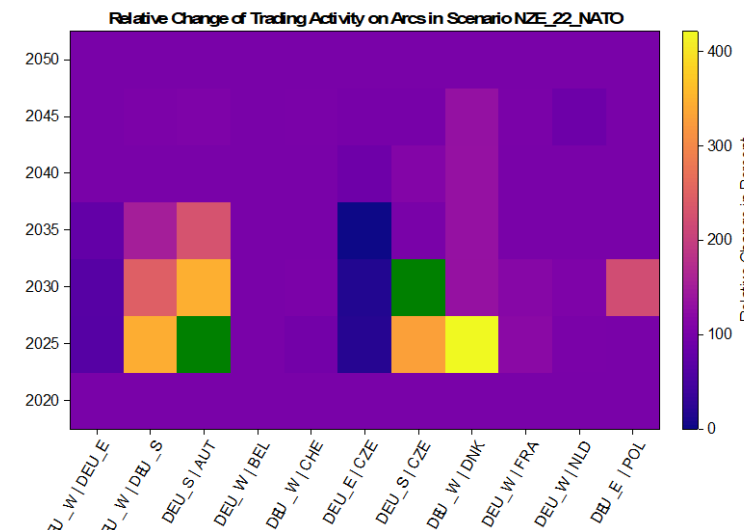
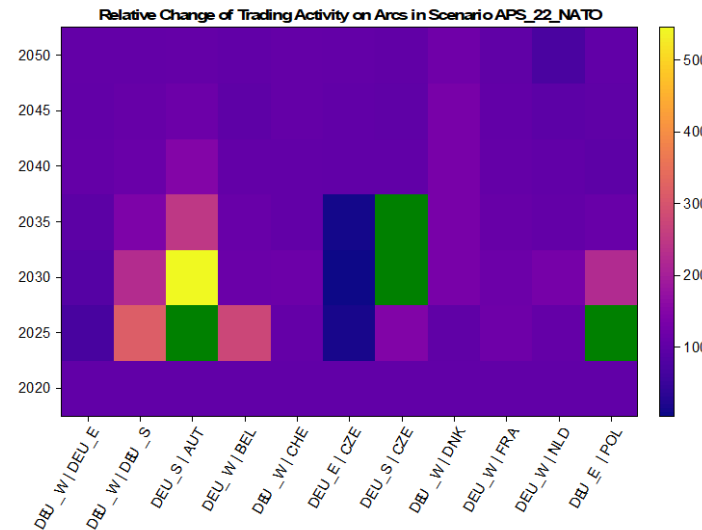
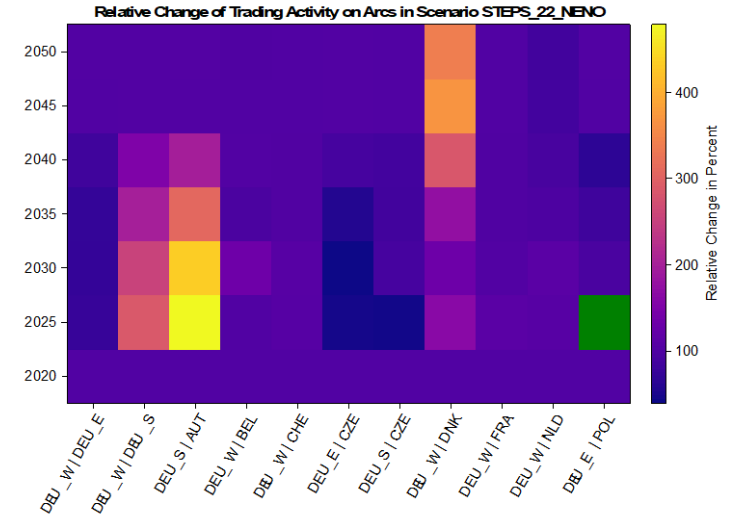
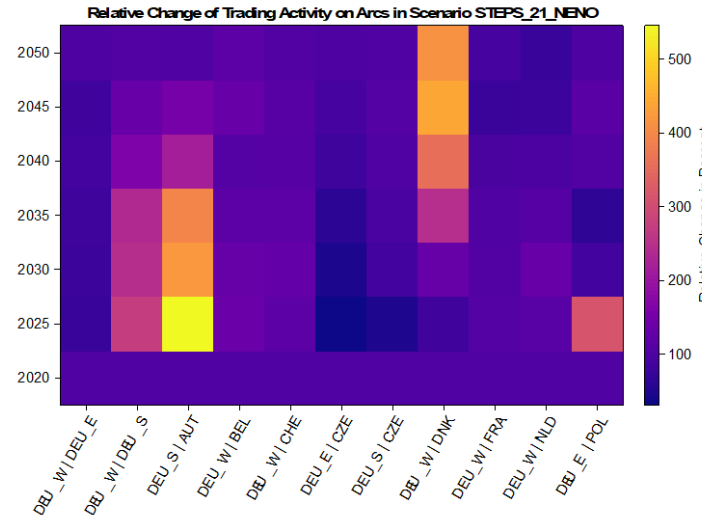




First Results with the Global Gas Model (Relative Changes of Trading Activity)

Heat-Maps with indication on relative changes of total cross border trades

- GGM scenarios: STEPS 2021, STEPS 2022, APS 2022, NZE 2022
- Geopolitics: SQAB, NENO, NATO
- No exogenous LNG capacities in the baltic sea



Relative Changes of Prices: Germany

Result – Prices in Germany

- STEPS 2021 NATO
- Relative price changes
- Comparison:
 - Bi-directional without LNG in East Germany (default case)
 - vs uni-directional with LNG in East Germany

Node	Year	Difference
DEU_W	2025	+0.54%
DEU_S	2025	-4.72%
DEU_E	2025	+0.41%
DEU_W	2030	+0.63%
DEU_S	2030	-2.34%
DEU_E	2030	+0.62%

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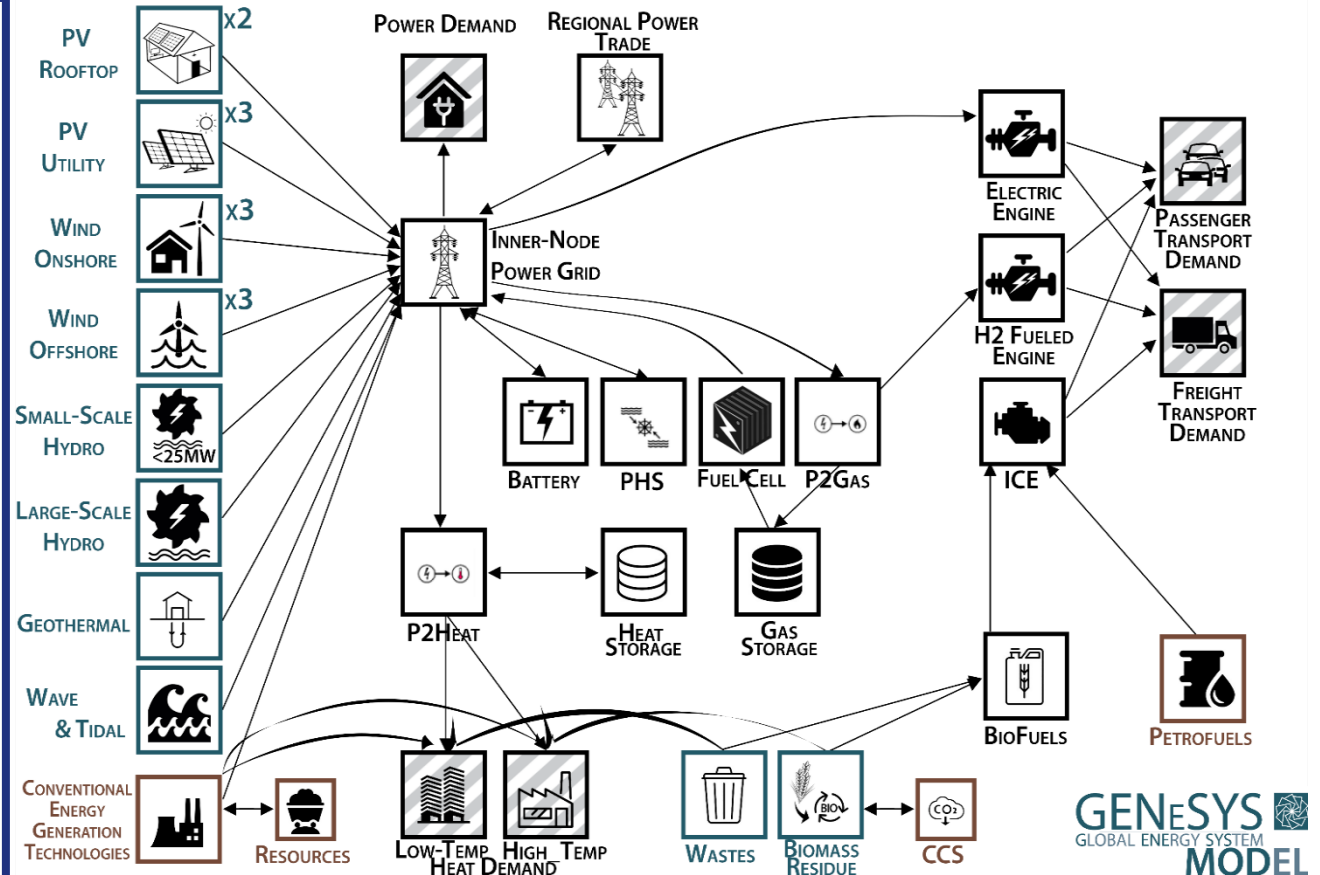
GENeSYS-MOD...

Energy system model resolution

... based on OSeMOSYS and developed since 2016

...publicly available with model, data, and manual¹

...Results in this presentation (mainly) based on European and German case-studies



¹ <https://git.tu-berlin.de/genesysmod/genesys-mod-public>

Model Formulation – Objective Function

- Sets:**

y	<i>Year</i>	f	<i>Fuel</i>	s	<i>Storage</i>
t	<i>Technology</i>	m	<i>Mode of Operation</i>	e	<i>Emission</i>
r	<i>Region</i>	l	<i>Time Slice</i>		

- Objective Function**

$$\min \text{costs} = \sum_y \sum_t \sum_r \text{TotalDiscountedCost}_{y,t,r} + \sum_y \sum_r \text{TotalDiscountedTradeCosts}_{y,r}$$

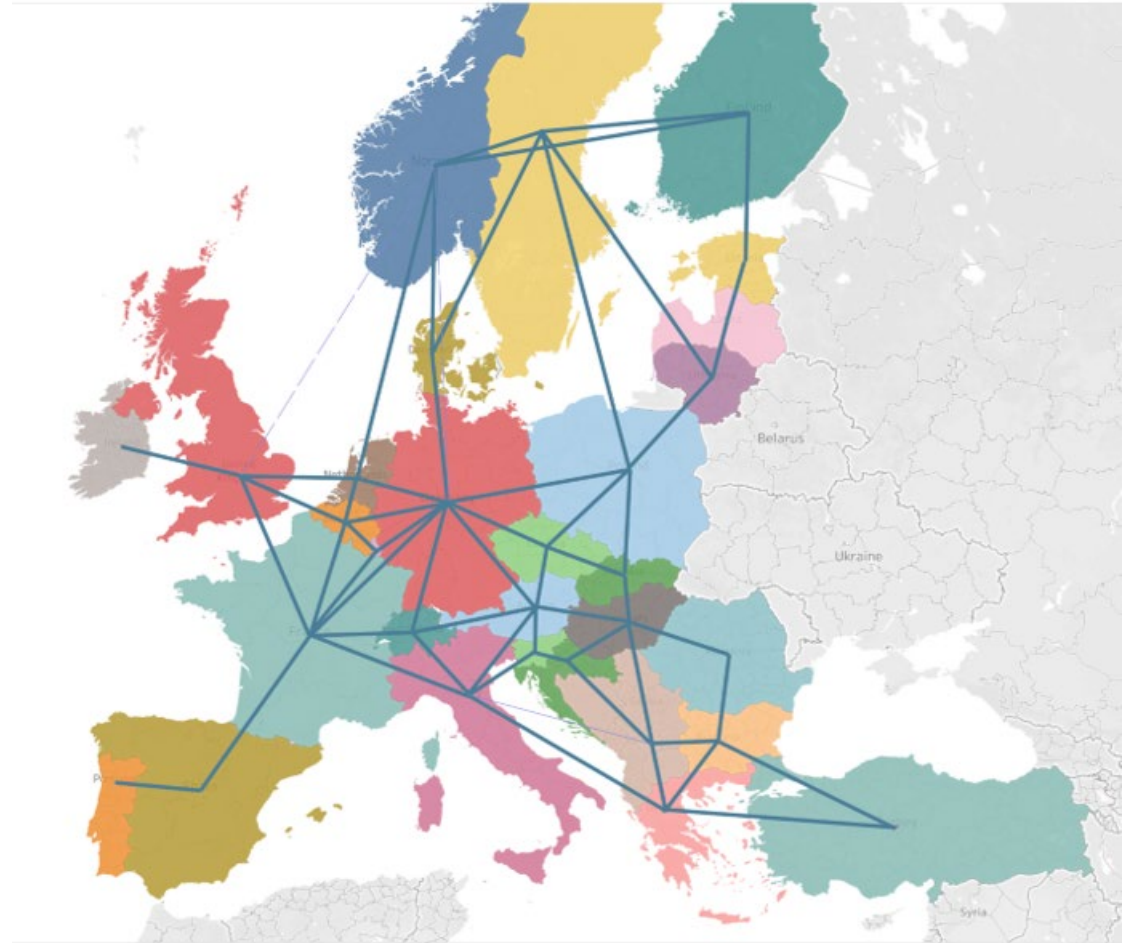
$$\begin{aligned} \text{TotalDiscountedCost}_{y,t,r} = & \text{DiscountedOperatingCost}_{y,t,r} \\ & + \text{DiscountedCapitalInvestment}_{y,t,r} \\ & + \text{DiscountedCapitalInvestmentStorage}_{y,s,r} \\ & + \text{DiscountedTechnologyEmissionsPenalty}_{y,t,r} \\ & - \text{DiscountedSalvageValue}_{y,t,r} \end{aligned}$$

$$\forall y \in Y, t \in T, r \in R$$

Scenario specific model settings

Spatial and temporal resolution

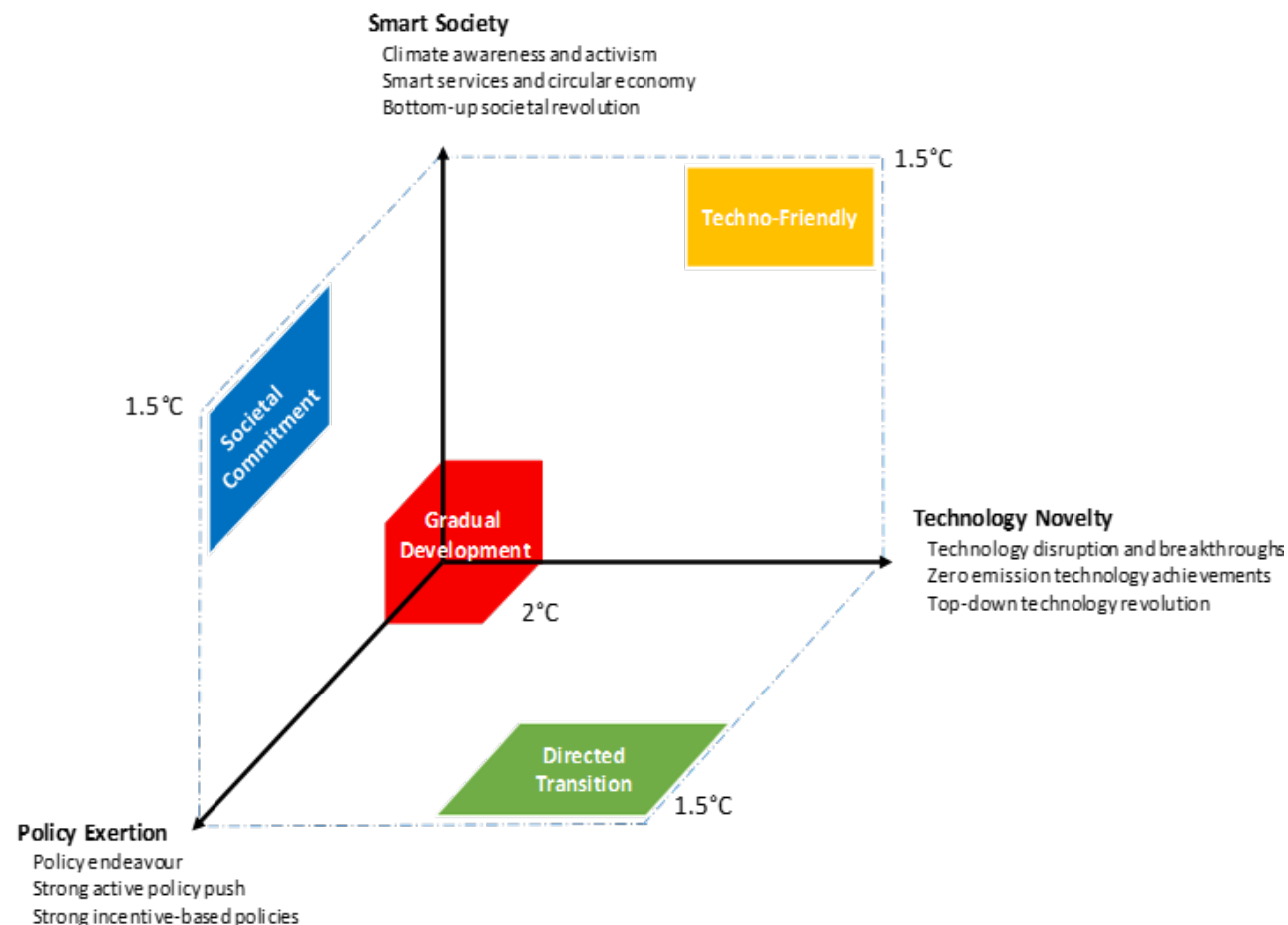
- Europe disaggregated into 30 regions
 - Mainland EU-25
 - Norway, Switzerland, Turkey, UK
 - Aggregated non-EU Balkan region
- Hourly time-series for renewable potentials and demands
 - Reduced by time-series clustering algorithm^[1]
 - Results in temporal resolution of every 244th hour (35 time slices)



Scenario definition

H2020 Gradual Development Scenario

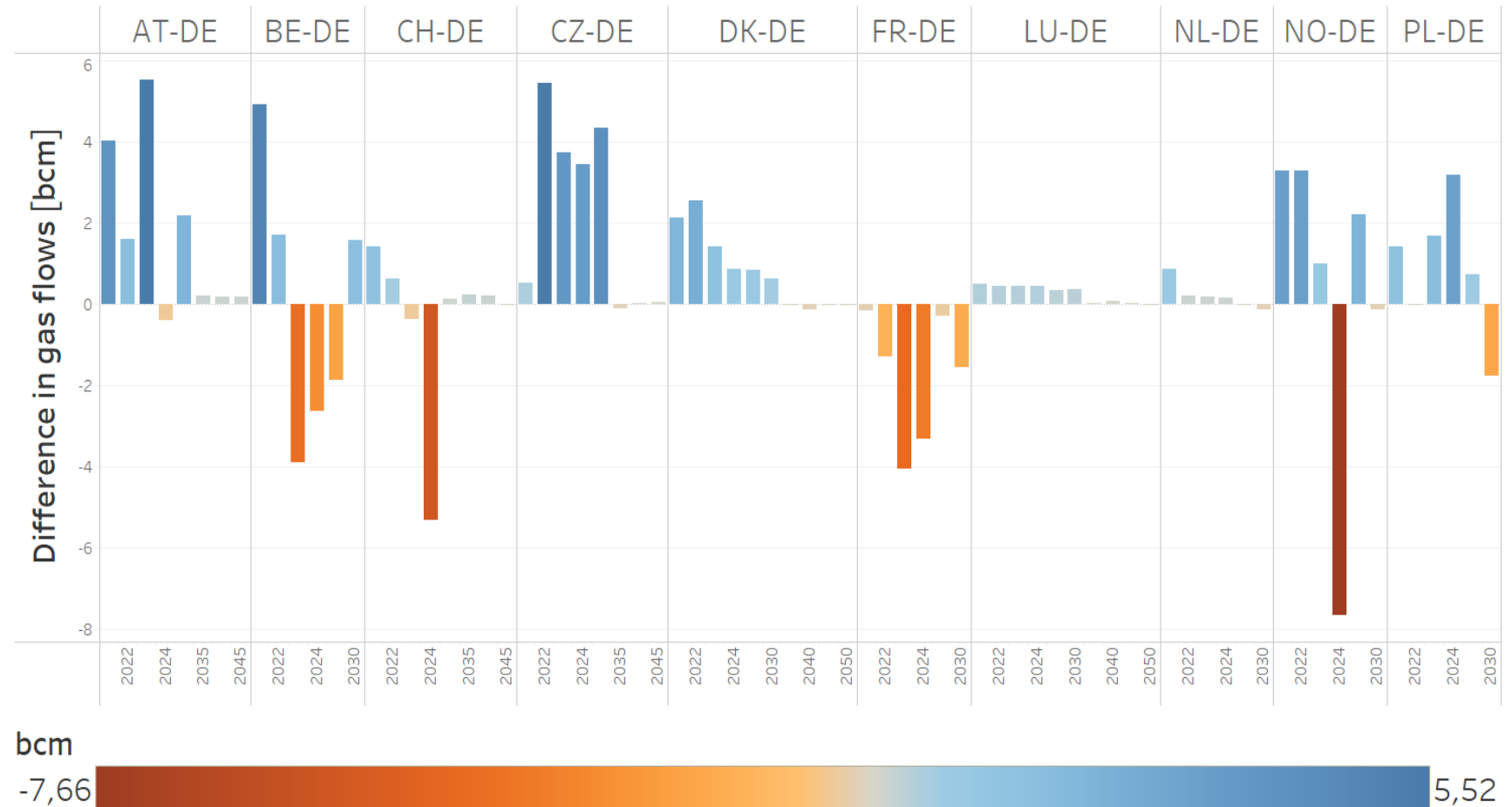
- Net-zero 2050 following a 2°C pathway
- Combines societal, technological, and political aspects
- Carbon price drives decarbonization
 - 2030: 76.4 €/tCO₂
 - 2050: 355 €/tCO₂
- Reductions in energy demand until 2050
 - Electricity demand 2018: 10.48 EJ
 - Electricity demand 2050: 10.33 EJ



Source: Auer et al 2020

Results (overview)

- Difference in gas flows between monodirectional and bidirectional pipeline capacities
- Negative values represent increased gas flows for the scenario with bidirectional capacities
- Trend for bidirectional pipelines to increase gas flows for Western neighbors of Germany, but decrease gas flows for Eastern neighbors



Results

- Difference in cumulative gas flows from 2018 to 2050 between monodirectional and bidirectional pipeline capacities
- Negative values represent increased gas flows for the scenario with bidirectional capacities
- Only pipelines for synthetic gas in 2050:
 - *_ GR – IT (2050, 60 PJ ~ 1.7 bcm synthetic gas)
 - ~ TR – BG (2050, 25 PJ ~ 0.7 bcm synthetic gas)
 - ~ Balkan – HU (2050, 18 PJ ~ 0.5 bcm synthetic gas)
 - ~ RO - HU (2050, 9 PJ ~ 0.25 bcm synthetic gas)
 - ~ HU – SL (2050, 6 PJ ~ 0.2 bcm synthetic gas)
 - ~ FI – SE (2050, neglectable)

Difference in cumulative gas flows from 2018 to 2050



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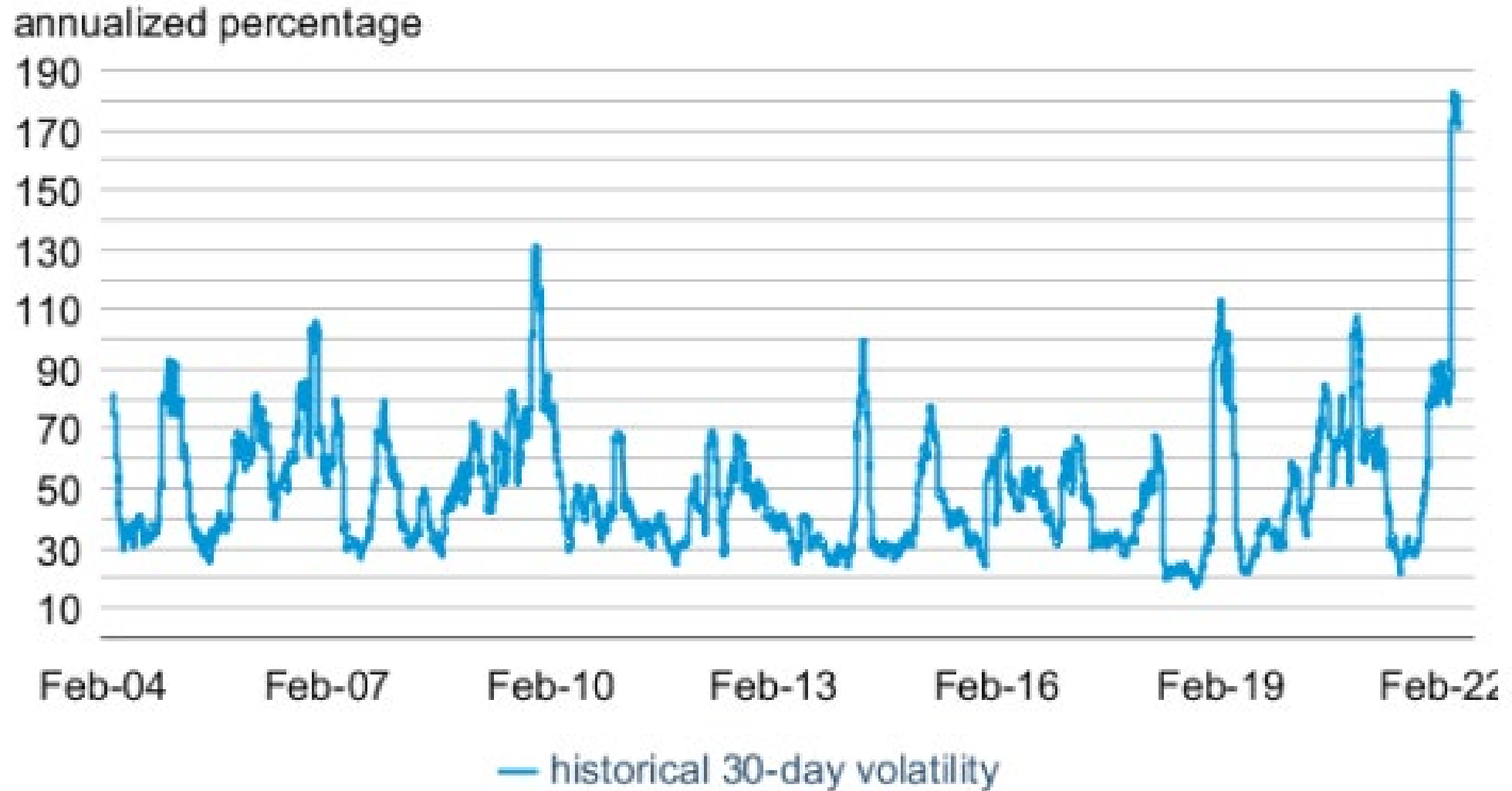
Discussion and Conclusion

- ~ Cross-border flows are an important element of supply security
- ~ While trading activity differs considerably, influences on prices and quantities remain small for European markets, even in times of scarcity („gas crisis“)
- ~ Case of East and West Germany highlights importance of bidirection flows
- ~ Small results are observed in other regions, in particular Eastern Europe
- ➔ No reason NOT to proceed with bi-directionality
- ➔ Wait for another 20 years to be implemented ...

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Natural Gas historical volatility



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