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# Enduring Connection Policy 2.2

Constraints Analysis for Wind  
and Solar - 12 Area Webinar



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# ECP 2.2 Constraints Analysis - Background

- ECP 2.2 is the second of three batches of connection offers planned under the CRU's Enduring Connection Policy 2 for offering grid connections to new renewable generators in Ireland.
- A total of 6GW of connection offers are rolled out in 3 phases starting from 2021 where, ECP 2.1 provided 2GW of connection offers, ECP 2.2 is the second phase with a total generation capacity of 2.7 GW
  - 0.36 GW wind
  - 1.77 GW solar
  - 0.55 GW battery
- EirGrid is required to provide ECP 2.2 customers with constraints information, reported as Total Dispatch Down .
- ECP 2.2 constraints analysis has been carried out in line with the CRU decision: CRU/20/060 on ECP 2 and 12 regional constraints reports are published in Q4 2022

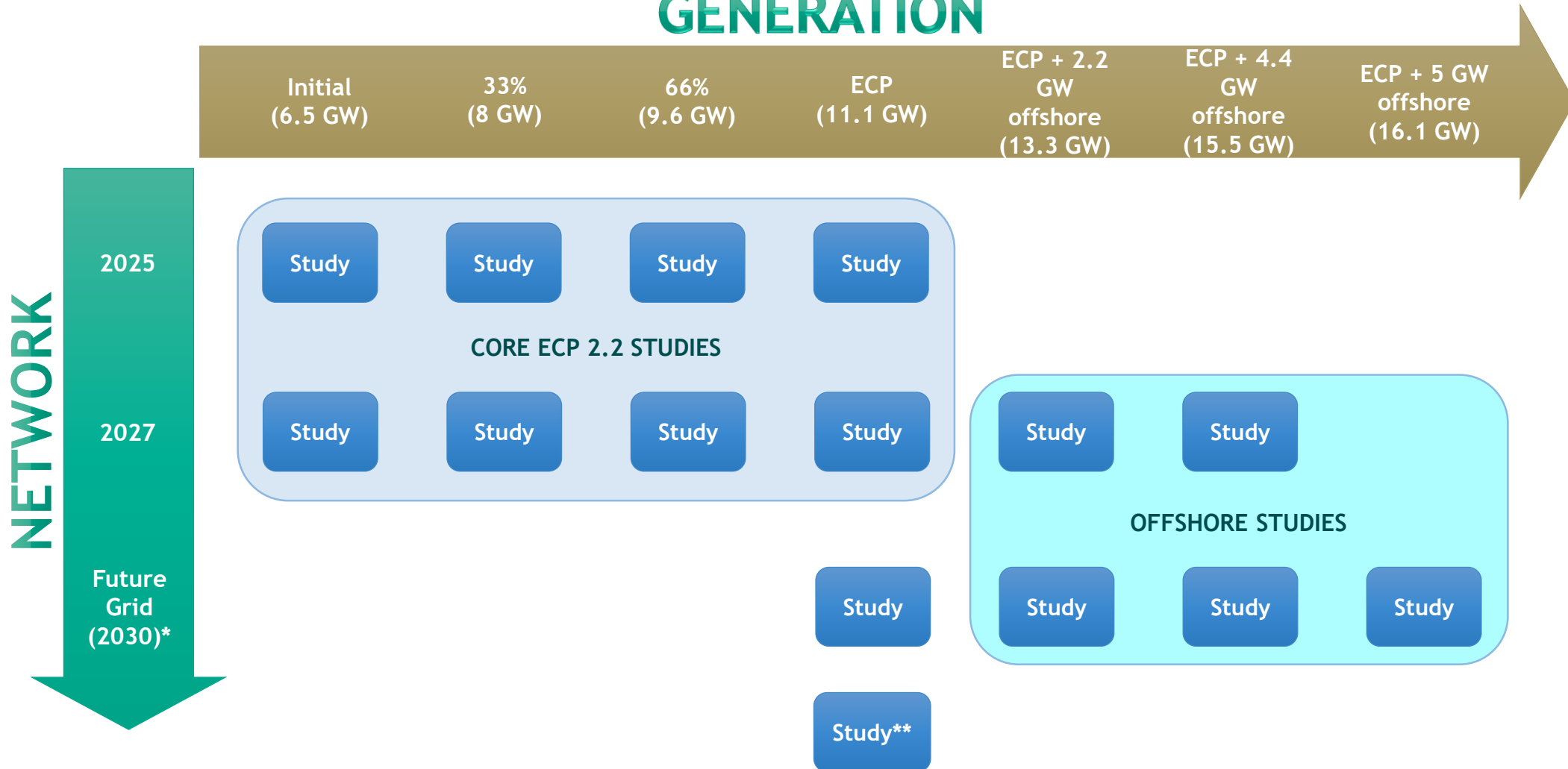
# Key Metric: Total Dispatch Down

- A key metric is the Total Dispatch Down:
  - Sum of Oversupply Dispatch Down, Curtailment & Constraint

Type of Dispatch Down	Definition	Application of dispatch down type in ECP 2.2 constraint studies
<b>Oversupply</b>	Dispatch down applied for energy balancing when generation exceeds demand + interconnector export	Applied According to Article 12 ie. non-priority generation dispatched down ahead of priority generation
<b>Curtailment</b>	Dispatch Down applied to ensure operational limits are met	Applied to all priority and non-priority generation pro-rata
<b>Constraint</b>	Dispatch Down applied to manage network constraints	Applied to all priority and non-priority generation at relevant nodes

# Study Scenarios and Installed Wind and Solar

## GENERATION



\*The future Grid network is based upon the SOEF network, however, network projects that have received capital approval since the publication of SOEF have also been included.

\*\*Additional maintenance sensitivity

# Study Assumptions

- Demand - Shape based on historical year (HY) 2019
  - TER based GCS 2022-31
    - Median Demand
  - LEU based on GCS 2022-31
- Generation - data from Generation Connection team
  - Offers from Non-GPA, Gate 3, Pre-Gate, ECP 1, ECP 2.1, ECP 2.2

Table 1 : Total energy requirement (TER) in study years

Median	Calendar year TER (TWh)			Transmission Peak (GW)		
	Year	Ireland	Northern Ireland	All-island	Ireland	Northern Ireland
2025	38.5	9.27	47.8	6.40	1.70	8.07
2027	41.3	9.74	51.0	6.57	1.77	8.30
2030	45.1	10.17	55.2	6.87	1.83	8.67

Table 2 : Installed capacity in study scenario

Gen Type (MW)	Initial	33%	66%	ECP	ECP + 2.2 GW offshore	ECP + 4.4 GW offshore	ECP + 5 GW offshore
Solar	1,389	2,442	3,496	4,549	4,549	4,549	4,549
Wind	5,072	5,581	6,090	6,599	6,599	6,599	6,599
Wind Offshore	-	-	-	-	2,197	4,394	4,994
Totals	6,461	8,023	9,586	11,148	13,345	15,542	16,142

# Study Assumptions

## Wind and Solar Profiles

- Wind profile from the year 2020 will be used in ECP 2.2.
- Each area profile is a recorded data from representative node in that area.

## Solar Profile

- Solar North profile is from the recorded data for year 2020 from representative NI solar plant.
- Solar Middle and South profiles data is provided by the Industry.

## Interconnectors

- 2025 - EWIC, Greenlink, Moyle(Export 400MW)
- 2027 - EWIC, Greenlink, Moyle(Export 400MW), Celtic
- 2030 - EWIC, Greenlink, Moyle(Export 450MW), Celtic
- NS 2 - included in 2027 and 2030

## Reinforcements

- TYTFS (Planet) 2021, TDP 2022 and NDP based for Year 2025 and 2027
- 2030 - based on SOEF roadmap and additional capital approved projects after SOEF1

Wind Regions	2020 Capacity Factors
A	33%
B	35%
C	37%
D	36%
E	37%
F	37%
G	36%
H1	36%
H2	32%
I	36%
J	36%
K	35%
NI	30%
Offshore	45%

Solar	Capacity Factor
Solar North	11.2%
Solar Middle	12.3%
Solar South	12.3%

# Operational Constraints

- Operational constraints
  - Based on the operational pathway in SOEF and DS3 Future arrangements from Future Operations team

Active System Wide Constraints	ECP 2.1 Assumptions	ECP 2.2 Assumptions
Non-Synchronous Generation	2024 - 80% 2026 - 85% 2030 - 95%	2025 - 85% 2027 - 85% 2030 - 95%
Operational Limit For RoCoF	2024 - 1 Hz/sec 2026 - 1 Hz/sec 2030 - 1 Hz/sec	2025 - 1 Hz/sec 2027 - 1 Hz/sec 2030 - 1 Hz/sec
Operational Limit For Inertia	2024 - 20,000 MWs 2026 - 17,500 MWs 2030 - 15,000 MWs	2025 - 20,000 MWs 2027 - 17,500 MWs 2030 - 17,500 MWs
Minimum Sets (IE, NI)	2024 - 4,3 2026 - 4,2 2030 - 2,2	2025 - 4, 2 2027 - 3, 2 2030 - 2, 2



# Study Assumptions

## Transmission Network

- 2025, 2027 - based on TYTFS publication

## Transmission Maintenance

- Representative maintenance based on outage planning team's suggestions
- Includes 85 outages each for 1 month

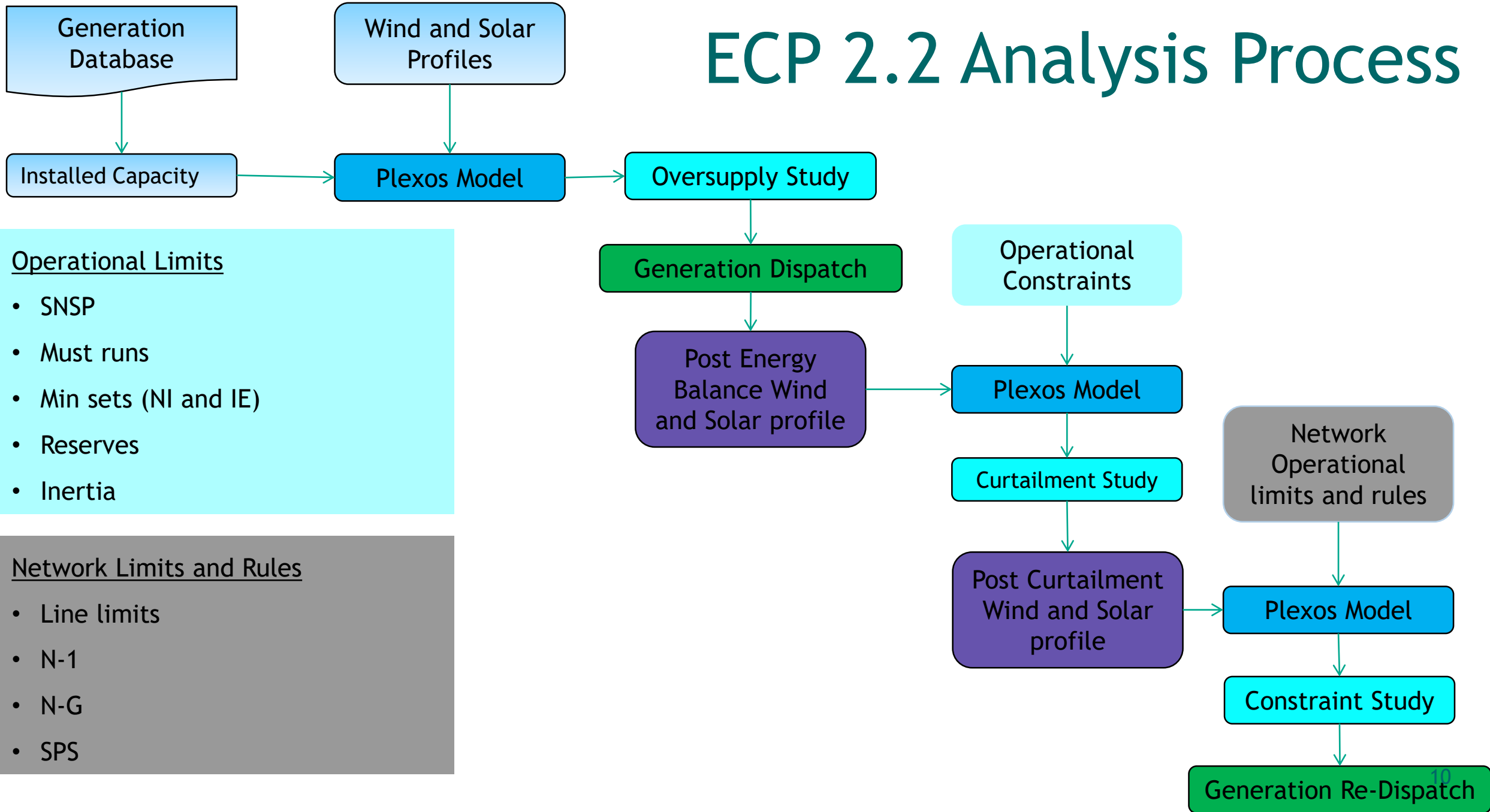
## Fuel Cost

- From National Grid's (ESO) Future Energy Scenario (FES) 2022

## Batteries

- Based on current offers and applications
- Would be used for maintaining reserve (POR, SOR, TOR1 & TOR2)
- 1 cycle per day limit
- Portion of the long duration storage to provide energy arbitrage.

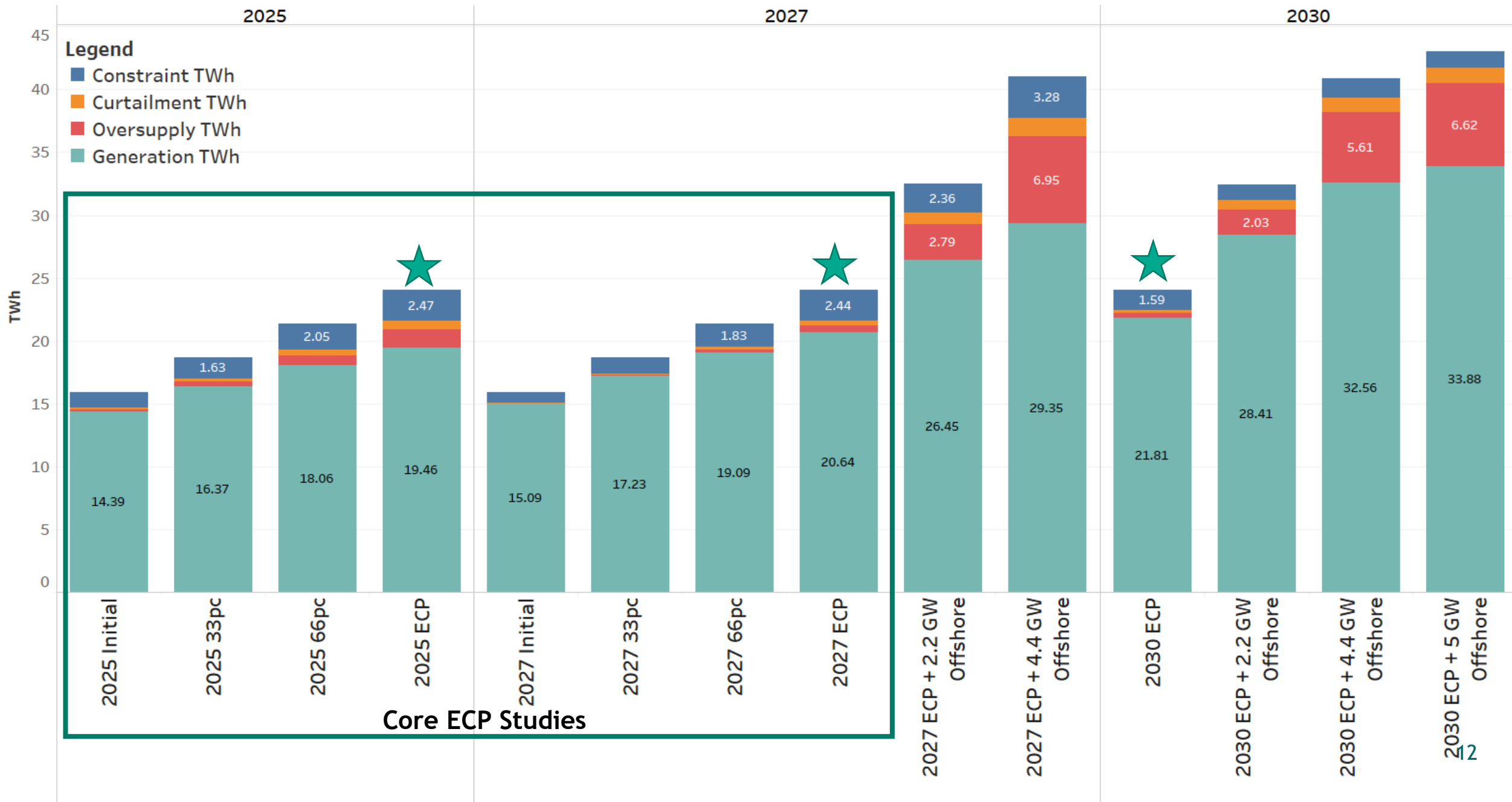
# ECP 2.2 Analysis Process



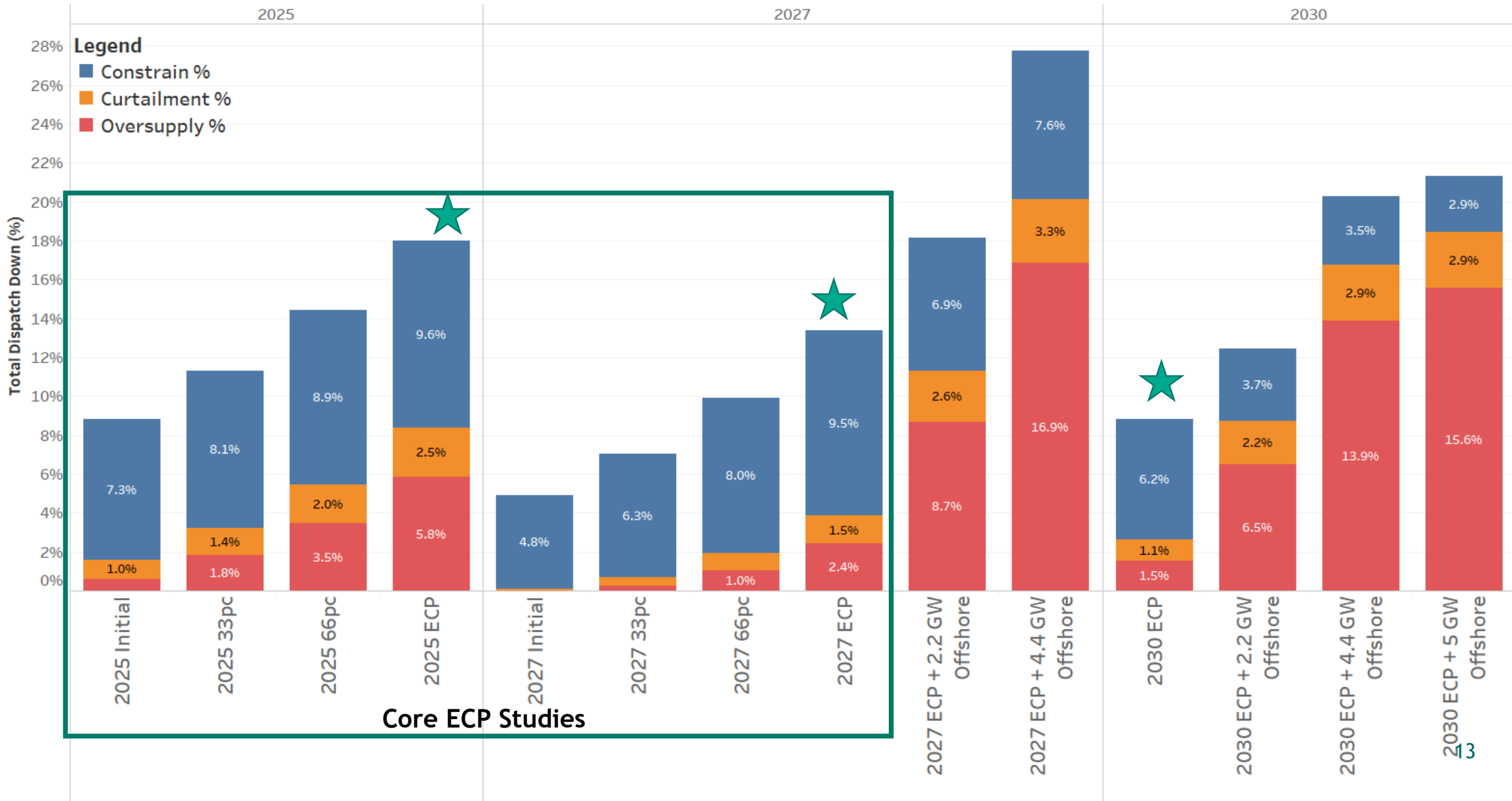
# Results



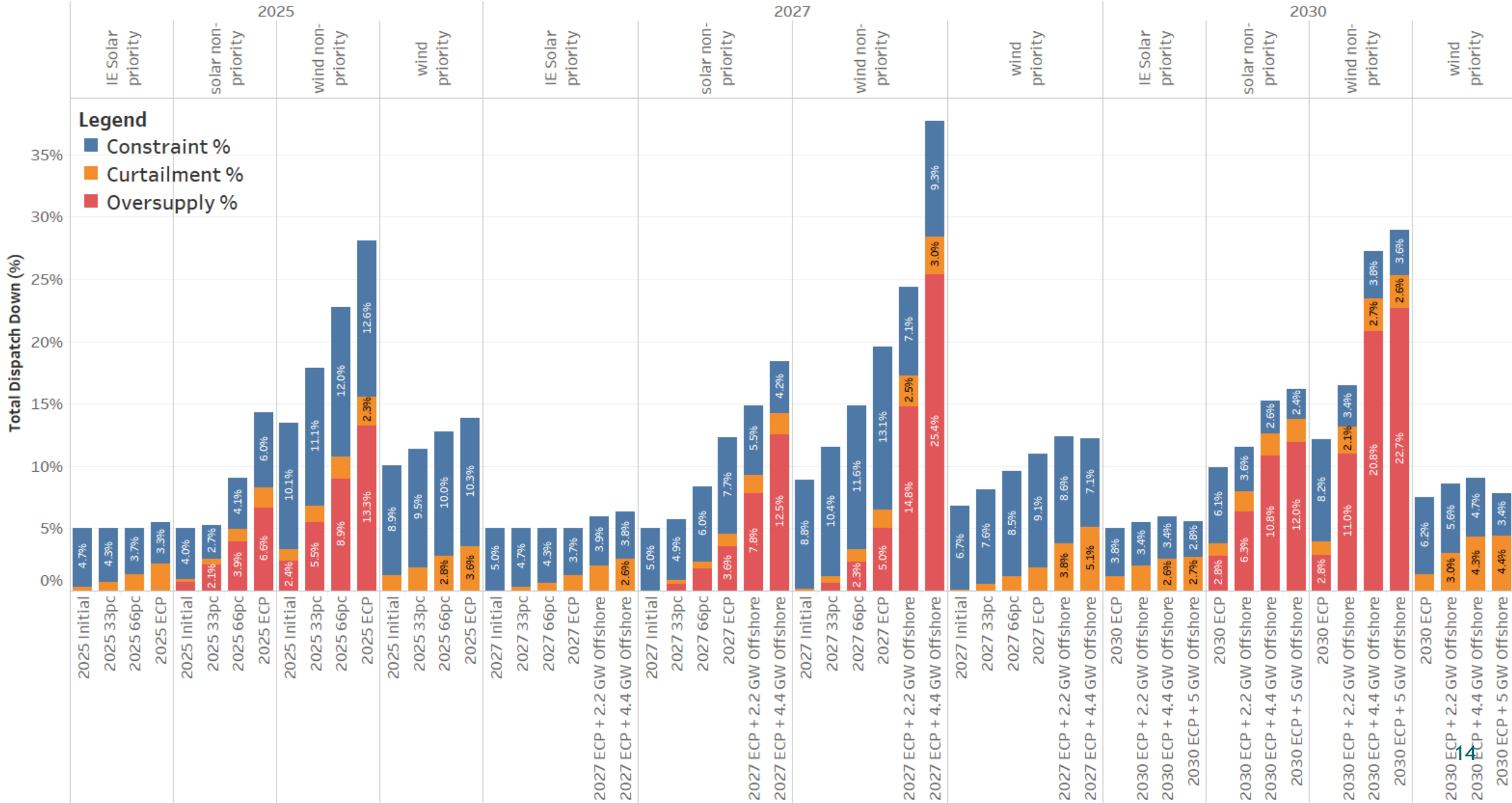
# IE Total Dispatch Down and Generation (TWh) (Wind and Solar)



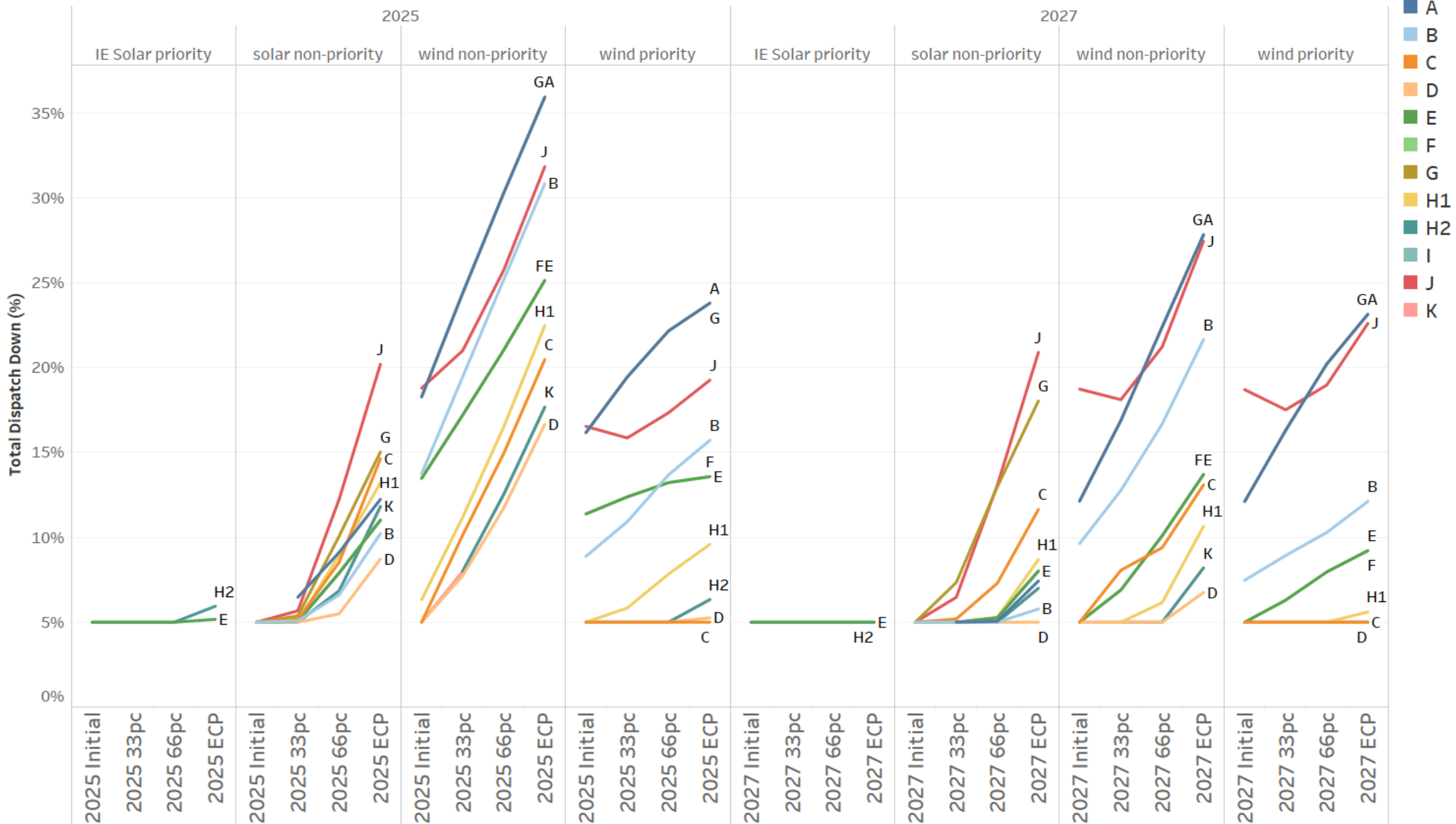
# Ireland Dispatch Down (%)



# Total Ireland Dispatch Down by Technology (%)

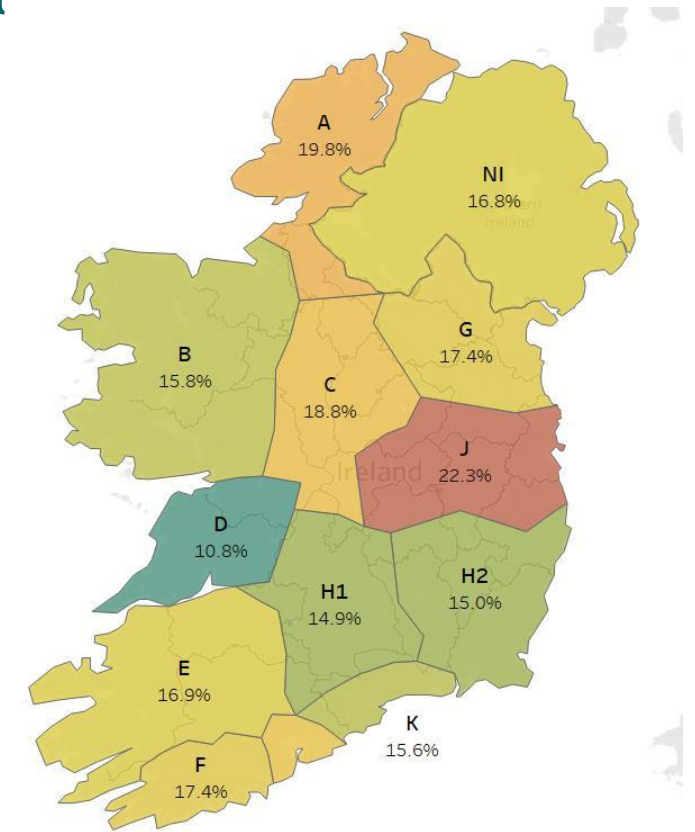


### Average Dispatch Down (%) Per Area



# ECP 2.2 - Key Messages

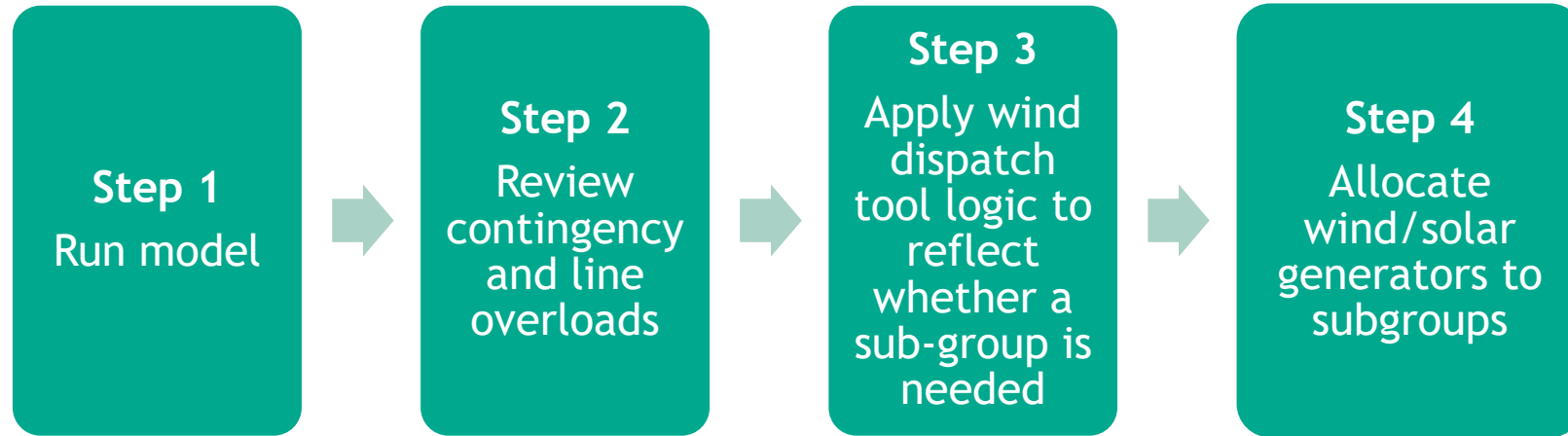
- In the longer term scenarios, oversupply becomes a more significant component of total dispatch down with increasing renewable capacity.
- Higher dispatch down is observed for non-priority generators due to oversupply dispatch down.
- Area A, B, G and J has higher dispatch down in 2025 but reduces in 2027 due to increase in demand and network development.
- Solving network issues in the north west can increase power flow towards Dublin, but leads to congestion moving to the north east.
- At times, network issues in one area can affect the power flow in other area causing congestion in the second area.



\*illustrative figure for total dispatch down



# CONSTRAINT SUB-GROUP LOGIC



## **Caveats:**

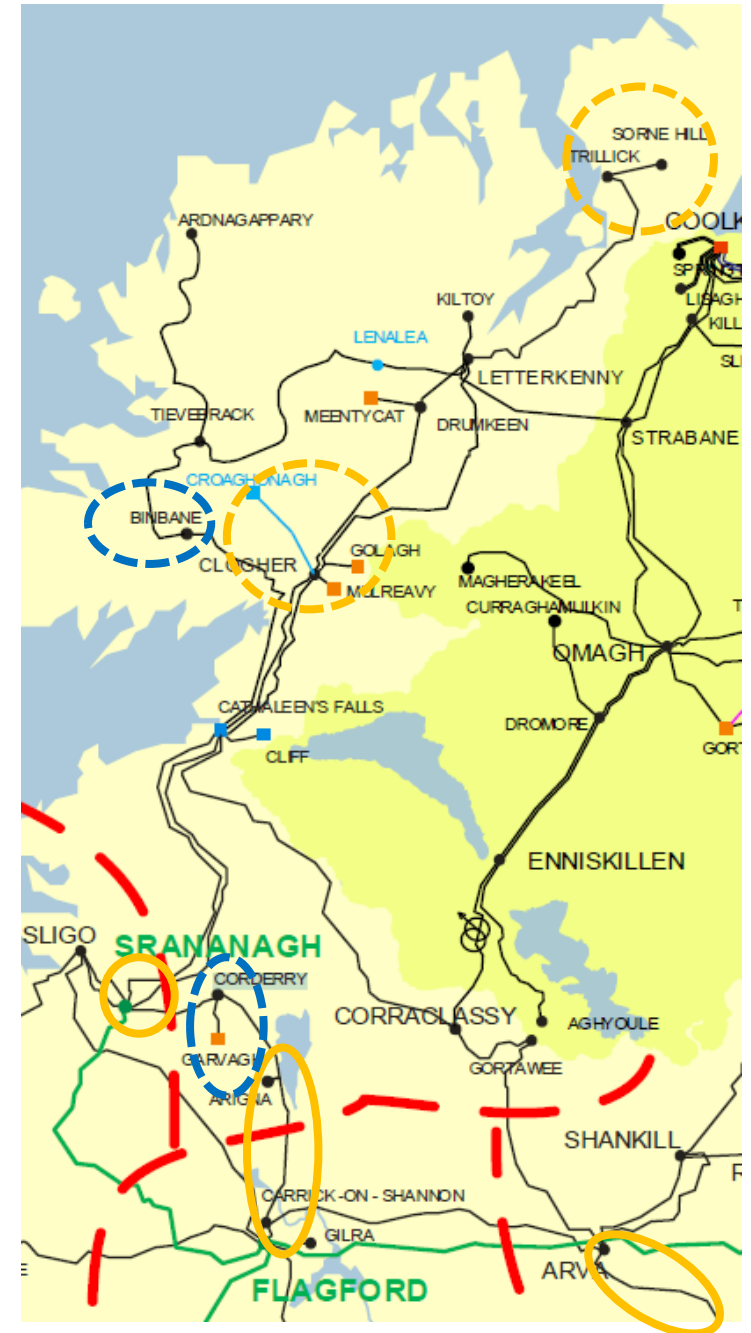
- Constraint groups are developed with the 2025/2027 studies.
- These sub-groups are not redefined for future years, this allows comparison across the study years.
- Constraint subgroupings are part of the ECP analysis to ensure balanced allocation of constraints, this is done to overcome the Plexos modelling limitations. e.g. Plexos is a cost optimisation model and may over constrain particular nodes for a given contingency.
- This study does not act to predict future wind dispatch tool sub-groups rather it aims to enable appropriate allocation of network constraints within the boundaries of the ECP 2.2 studies.
- Future iterations of the ECP constraint reports will re-assess these constraint groups.

# CONSTRAINT SUB-GROUP LOGIC

## ANALYSIS SAMPLE

- Contingencies observed in a sample instance in the region
  - Loss of Carrick on Shannon - Arigna\_110\_1
  - Loss of Arva - Navan\_110\_1
  - Loss of Srananagh T2102
- Generators are selected for dispatch down at same location differently for managing issues in the region.
- The generators may not always be dispatched down at the same node as the contingency for managing the contingency.

Available and Dispatch Down (MWh)							
	Croaghonagh wind not priority	Sorne Hill wind priority	Mulreavy wind priority	Binbane wind not priority	Corderry wind not priority	Sligo wind priority	Garvagh wind priority
Available	127.1	44.3	87.6	34.2	15.0	13.7	75.4
Dispatch down	127.1	44.3	87.6	0	15.0	13.7	11.6



# Area Results



# Area A, B, C and G and Network Upgrades in the Area

- Power flows predominantly towards the East.
- Constraints increases with increase in flows.
- Bottleneck around the Flagford - Srananagh region, Drybridge region, and Galway region.
- Planned reinforcements improve the power flow in Area A, B North and C North but moves the bottleneck to the G North.

Table 1: Reinforcements in this area

Project Name	Study Year
Castlebar 110 kV station busbar uprate	2025
Flagford - Sliabh Bawn 110 kV circuit uprate	2025
Arva - Carrick-on-Shannon 110 kV line uprate	2025
Lanesboro - Sliabh Bawn Thermal Uprate	2025
Binbane - Cathaleen_s Fall 110 kV Circuit Thermal Capacity	2025
Glenree - Moy 110 kV Line Uprate	2025
Gorman - Platin 110 kV line uprate	2025
Drybride - Oldbridge - Platin 110 kV line uprate	2025
Louth - Rathrussan 110 kV No 1 Line Uprate	2025
North South 400 kV Interconnector - Rol*	2027
Castlebar-Cloon 110 kV Line Uprate	2027
Sligo 110 kV Station - Shrananagh 1 & 2 Bay uprates	2027
Cashla-Salthill 110 kV Thermal Uprate	2027
North Connacht 110 kV Project	2027
Dalton 110 kV Busbar	2027

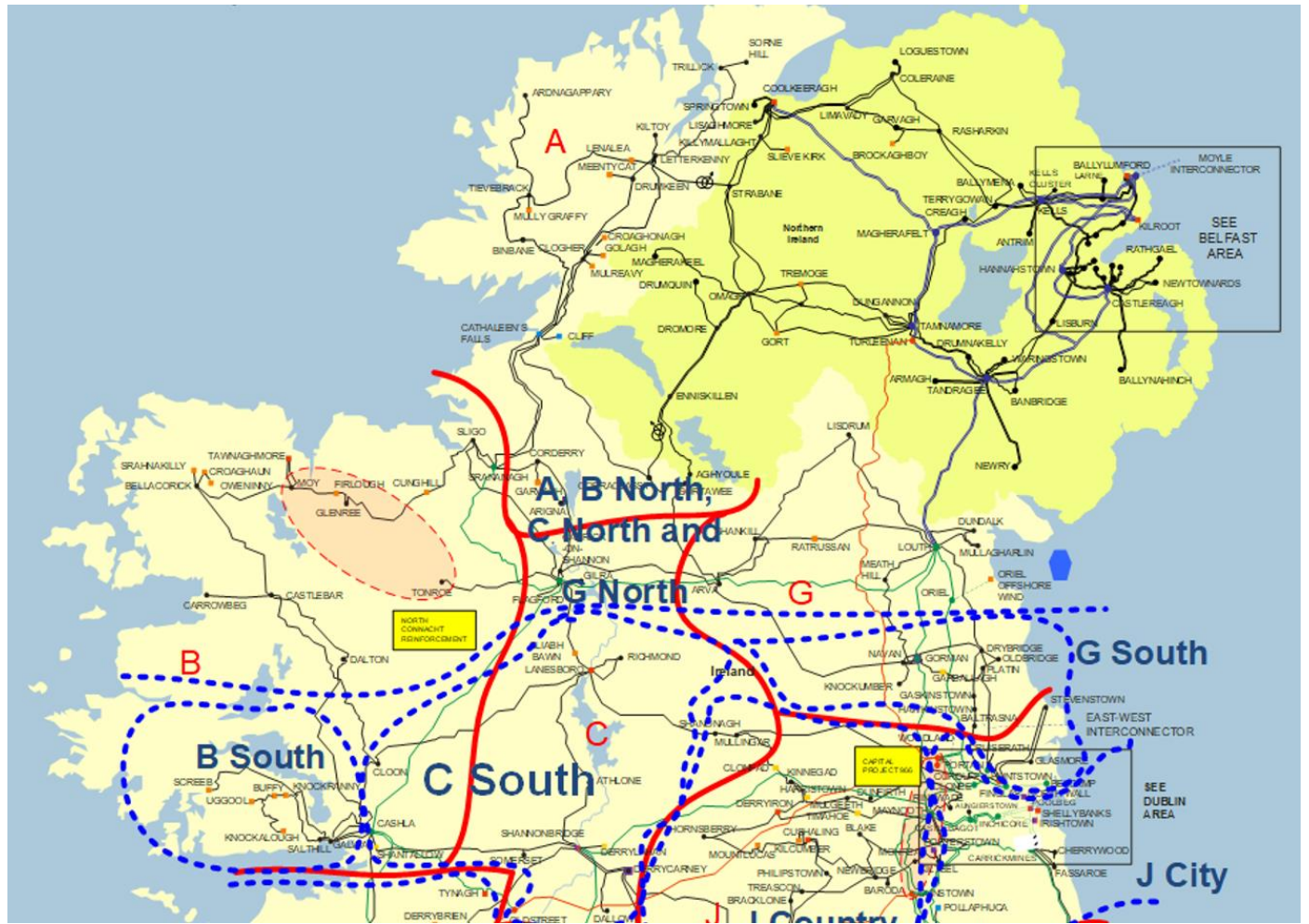
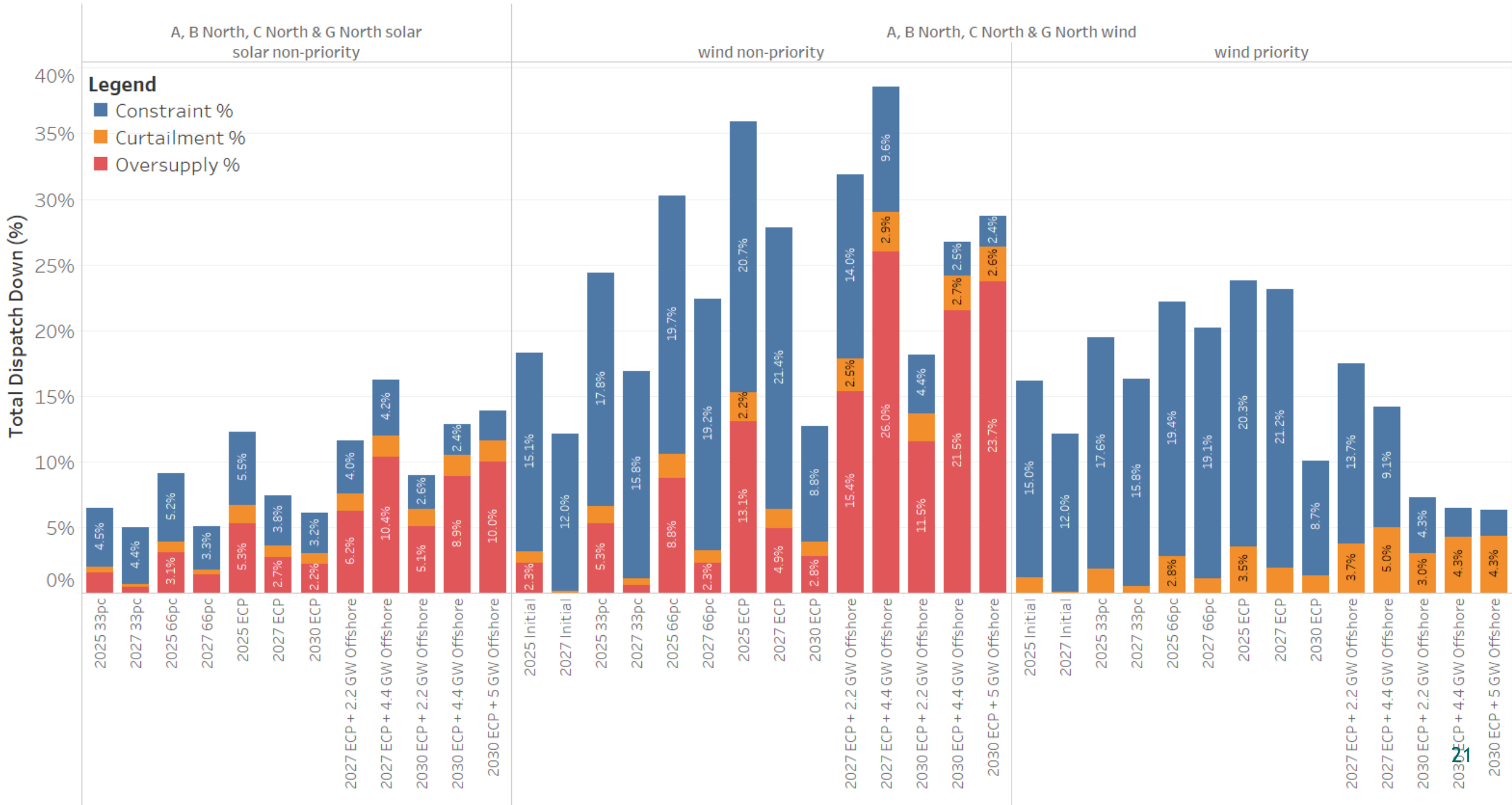
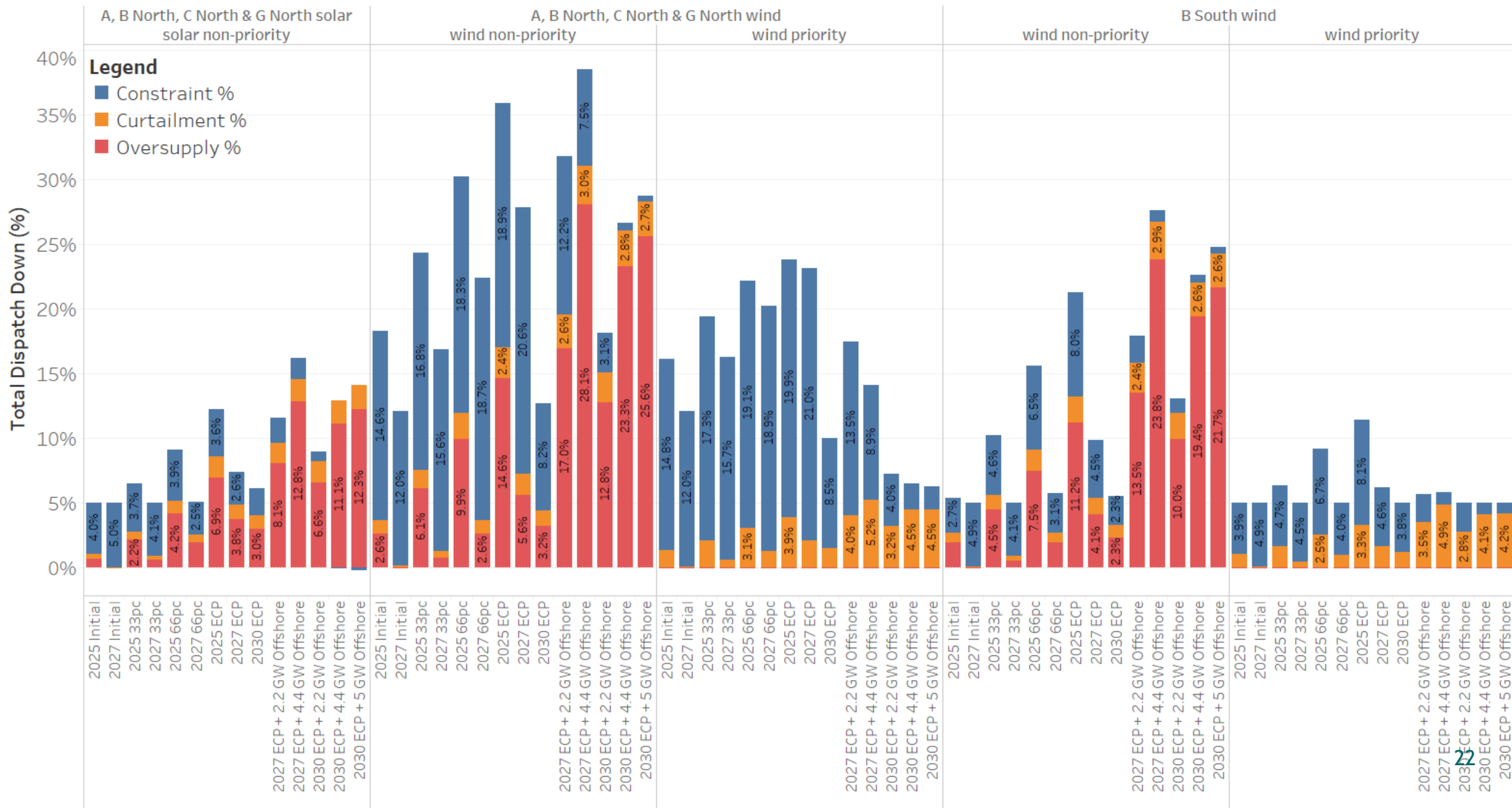


Figure: Area A, B, C and G map

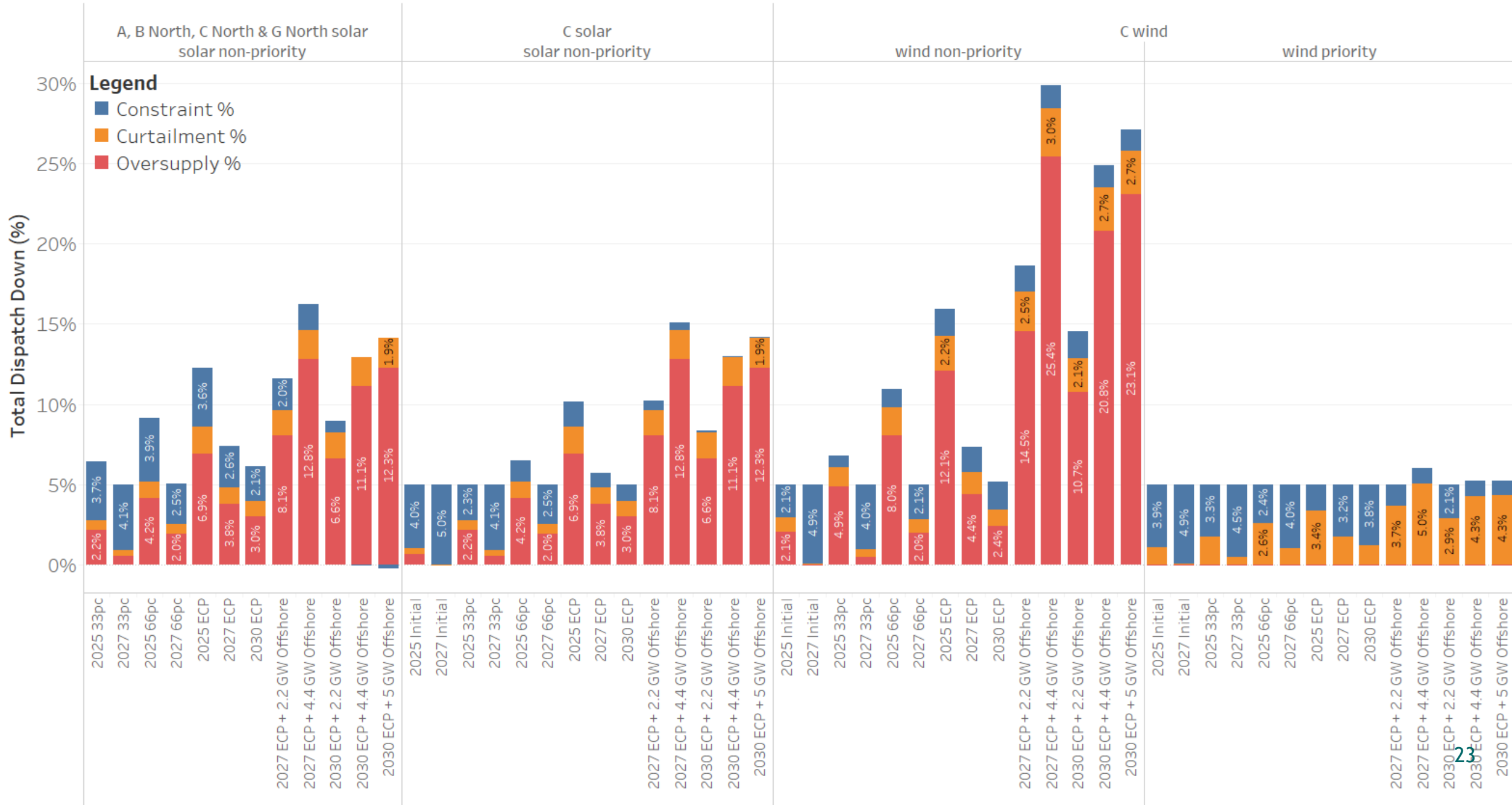
# Total Dispatch Down in Area A



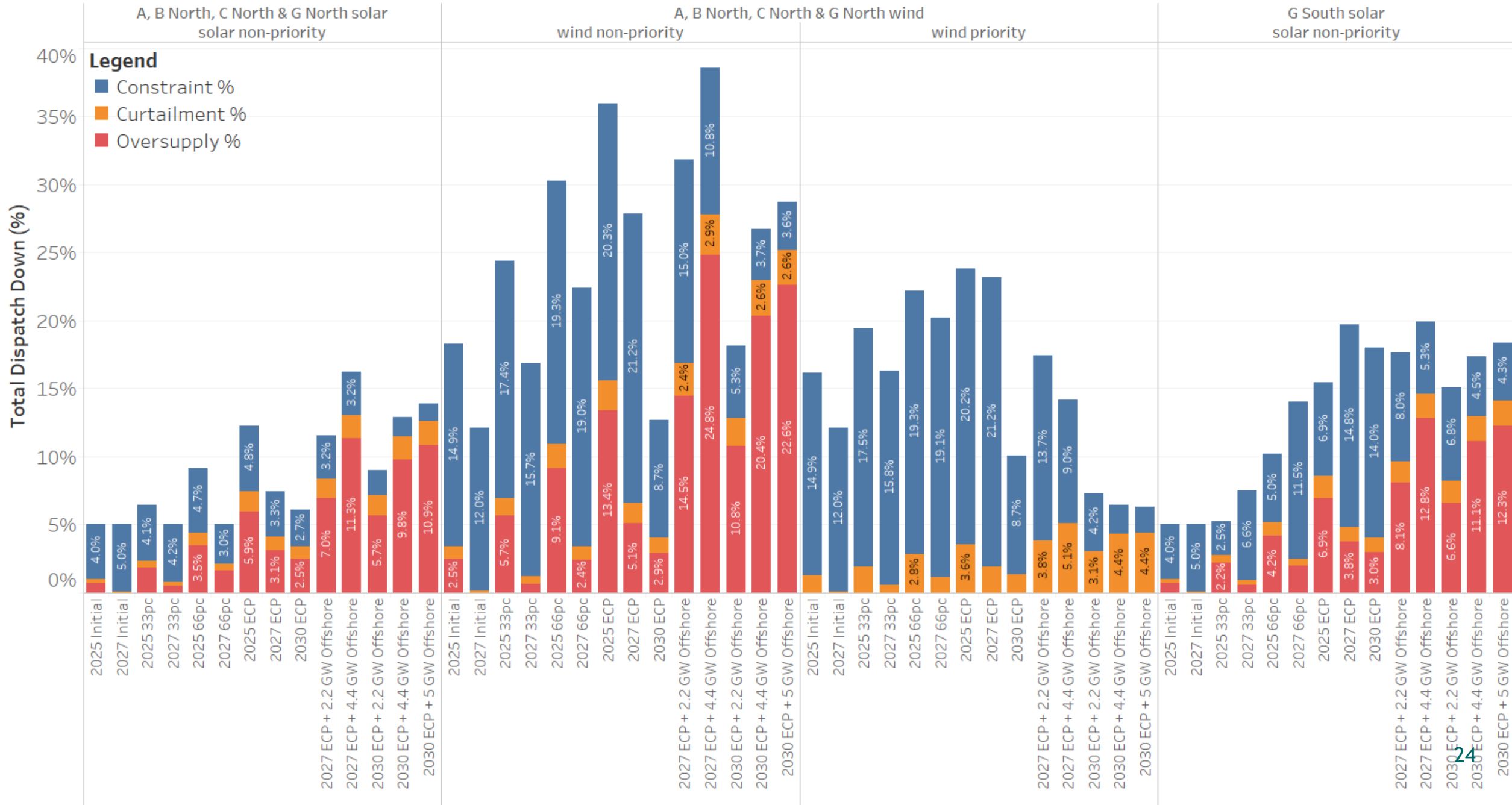
# Total Dispatch Down in Area B



# Total Dispatch Down in Area C



# Total Dispatch Down in Area G





# Area D, H1 and J and Network Uprates in the Area

- Power flows predominantly towards the East.
- Constraints increase with increase in flows.
- Area J country is affected by loss of any section of the meshed circuit.
- Planned reinforcements improve the power flow in Area J.
- Area H1 is affected by the contingencies within H1 along with contingencies in areas surrounding H1.

Table 1: Reinforcements in this area

Project Name	Study Year
Laois Kilkenny (Coolnabacky) 400 kV Station - New Station & Associated Lines & Station Works	2025
Corduff - Ryebrook 110 kV line uprate	2025
Maynooth - Woodland 220 kV line uprate	2025
Thurles 110 kV Station - Statcom	2025
Belcamp Shellybanks 220 kV Cable	2025
Newbridge - Cushaling 110 kV line, Stations bay conductors and lead-in conductor uprate	2025
Coolnabacky - Portlaoise 110 kV line uprate	2027
Dunstown 400 kV Series Capacitor	2027
Oldstreet-Woodland 400 kV Series Capacitor	2027
Kinnegad 110 kV station, Derryiron 110 kV bay conductor uprate	2027
Newbridge - Portlaoise 110 kV Partial Thermal Uprate	2027
Derryiron - Thornsberry 110 kV Circuit Uprate	2027

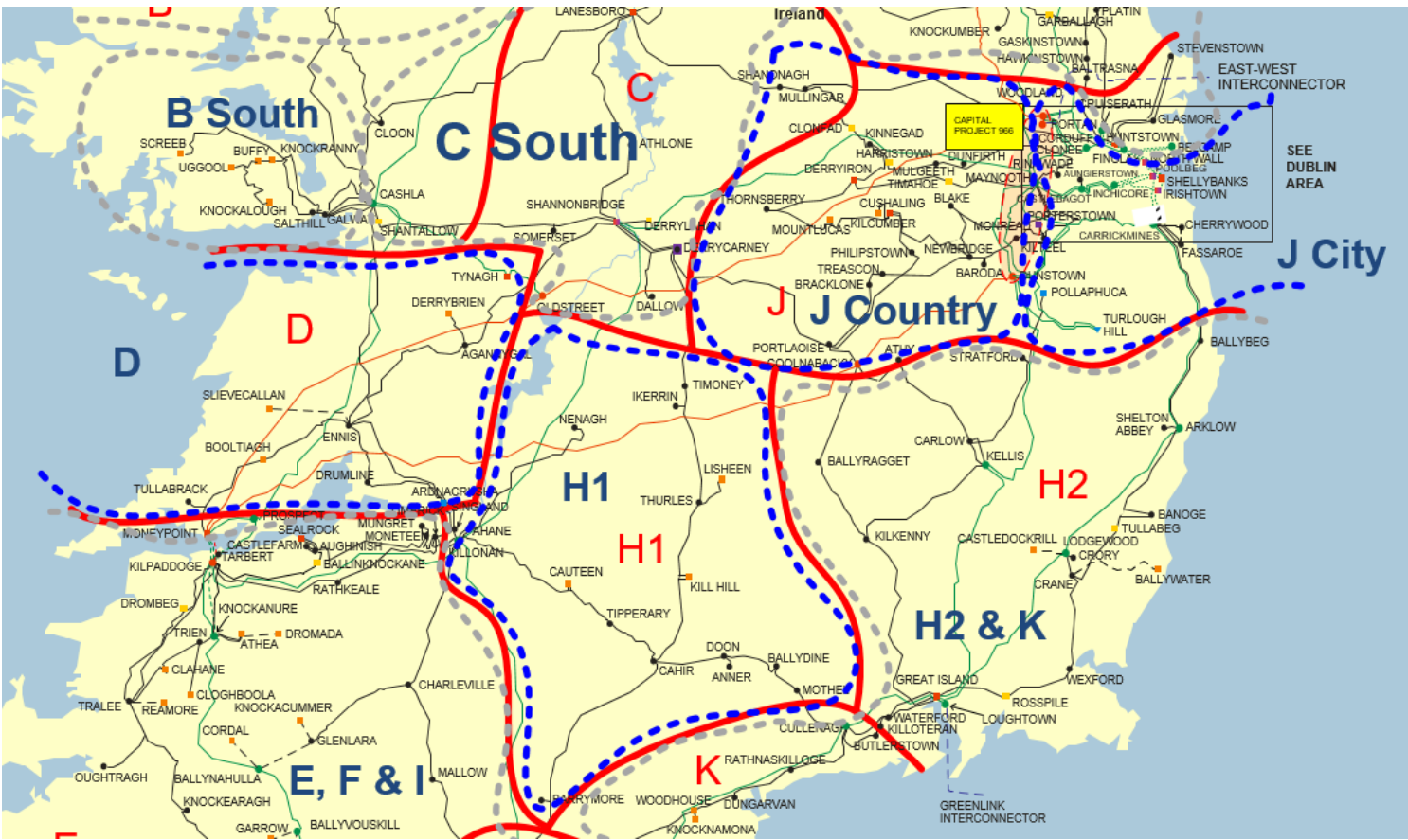


Figure: Area D, H1, and J

## Total Dispatch Down in Area D

solar non-priority

wind non-priority

wind priority

### Legend

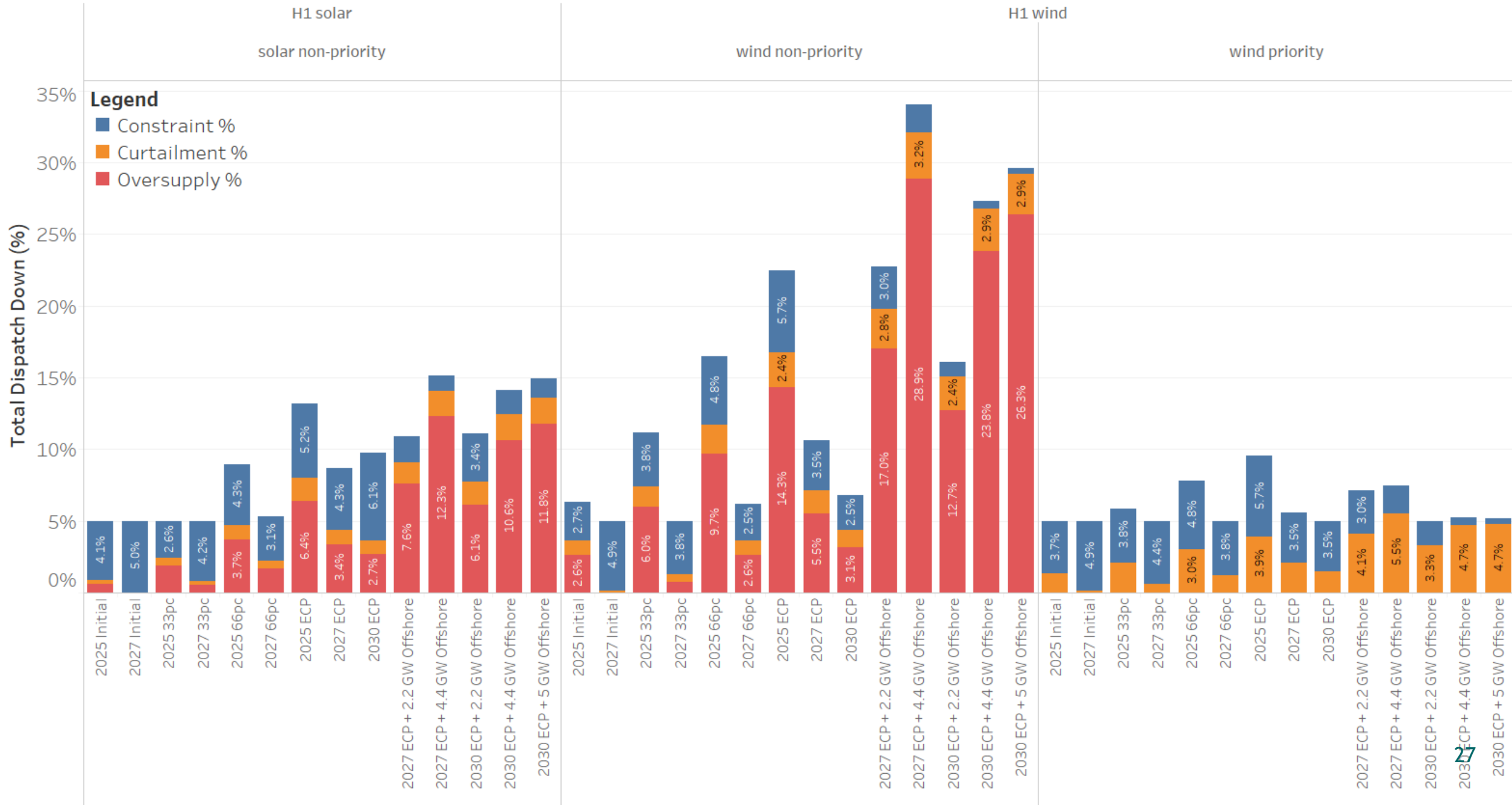
- Constraint %
- Curtailment %
- Oversupply %

Total Dispatch Down (%)

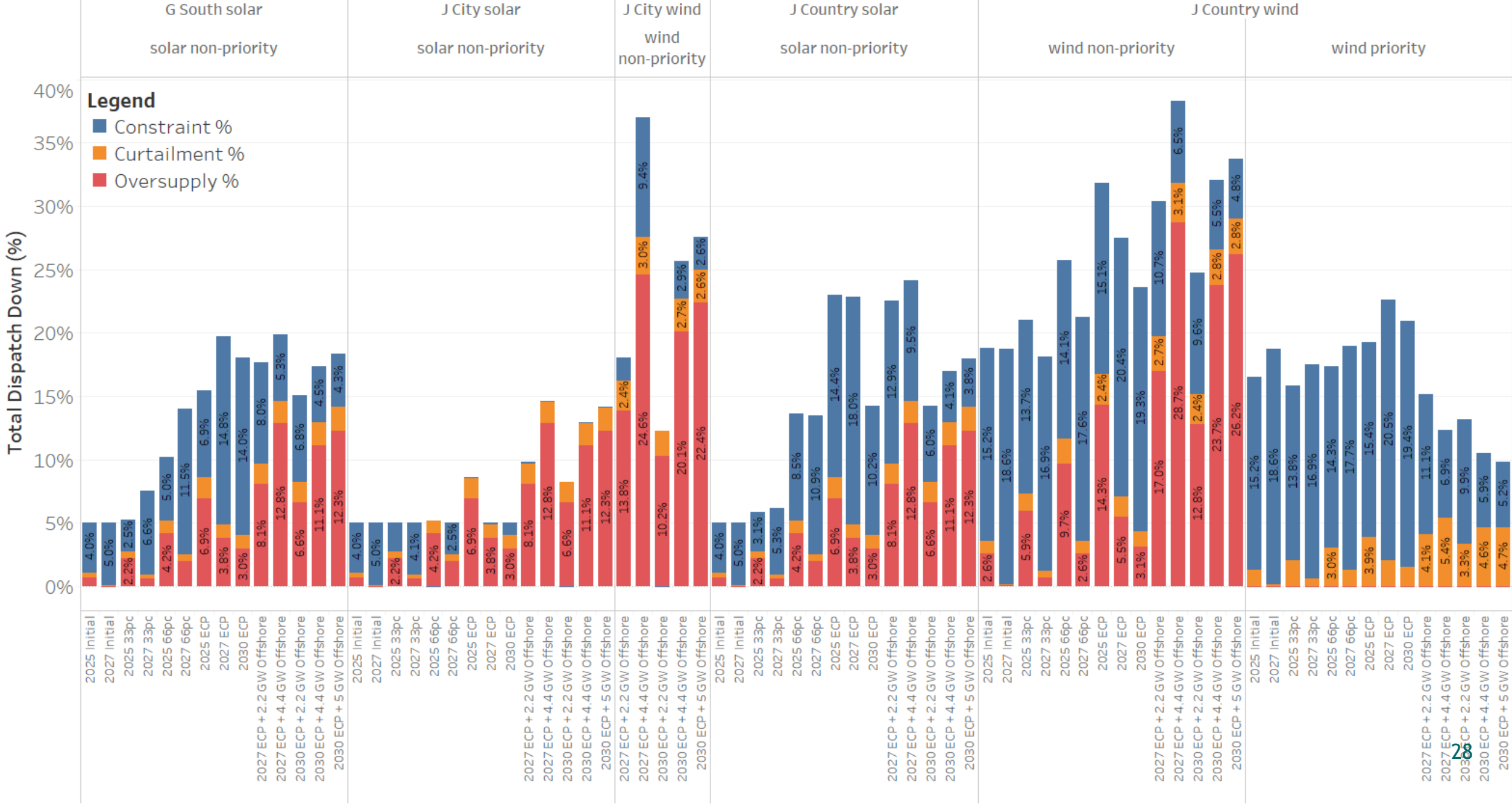
30%  
25%  
20%  
15%  
10%  
5%  
0%



# Total Dispatch Down in Area H1



## Total Dispatch Down in Area J



# Area E, F, I, H2 and K - Network Uprates in the Area

- Power flows predominantly towards the East.
- Constraints increase with increase in flows.
- Area J country is affected by loss of any section of the meshed circuit.
- Planned reinforcements improve the power flow and reduce the dispatch down.
- Some areas are affected by the contingencies within that area as well as contingencies in areas surrounding it.

Table 1: Reinforcements in this area

Project Name	Study Year
Kilpaddoge - Knockanure 220 kV cable	2025
Clashavoon - Tarbert 220 kV line uprate	2025
Ballyvouskill Knockanure 220 kV Line Uprate	2025
Ballynahulla 220-110 kV Station - Statcom	2025
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Great Island Kilkenny 110 kV Uprate	2025
Greenlink Interconnector	2025
Moneypoint Synchronous Condenser	2025
Moneypoint 400 kV Series Capacitor	2027
Cross Shannon 400 kV Cable	2027
Crane - Wexford 110 kV Circuit Thermal Capacity	2027
Knockraha Short Circuit Rating Mitigation	2027
Bandon Dunmanway 110 kV circuit thermal capacity	2027

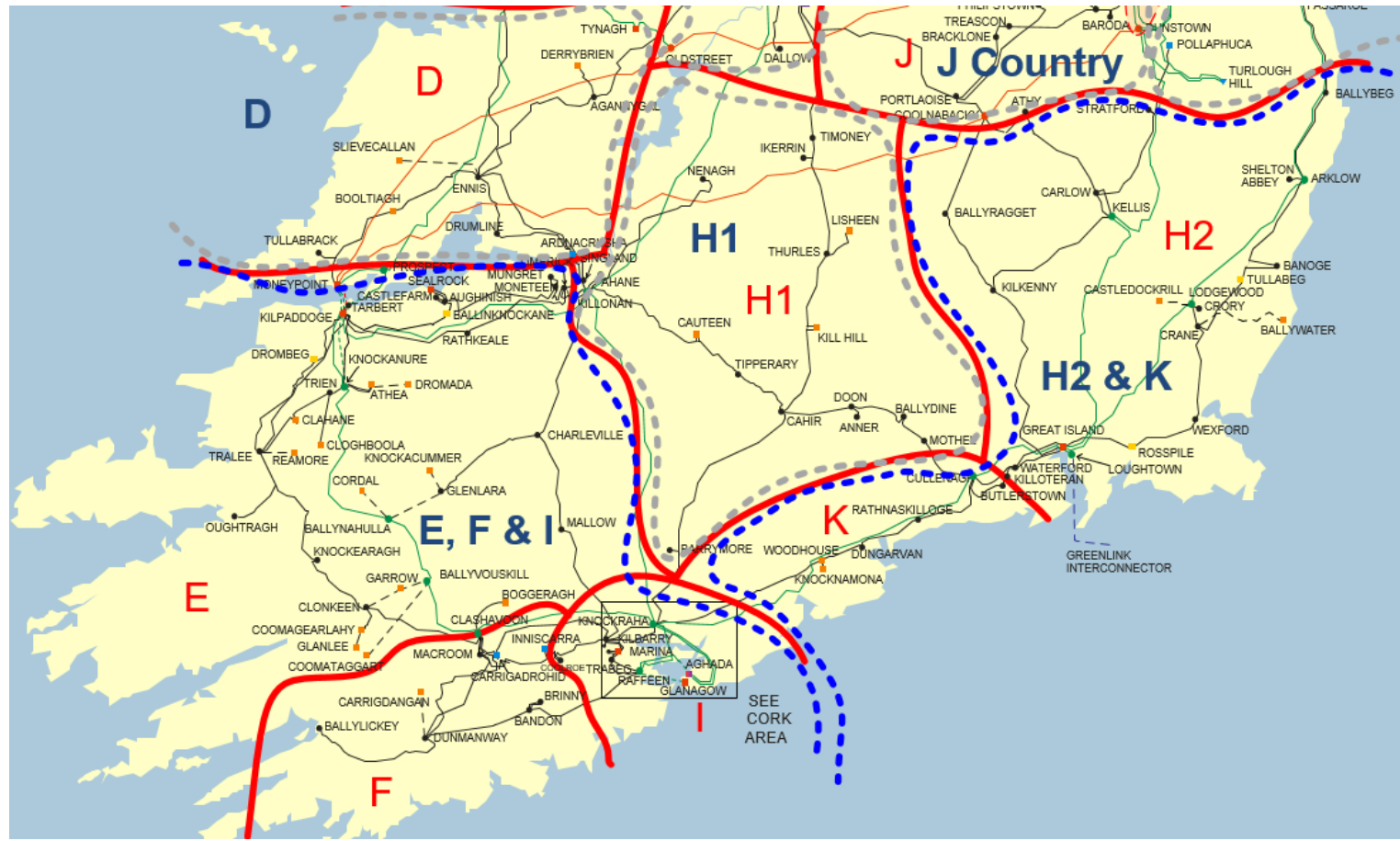
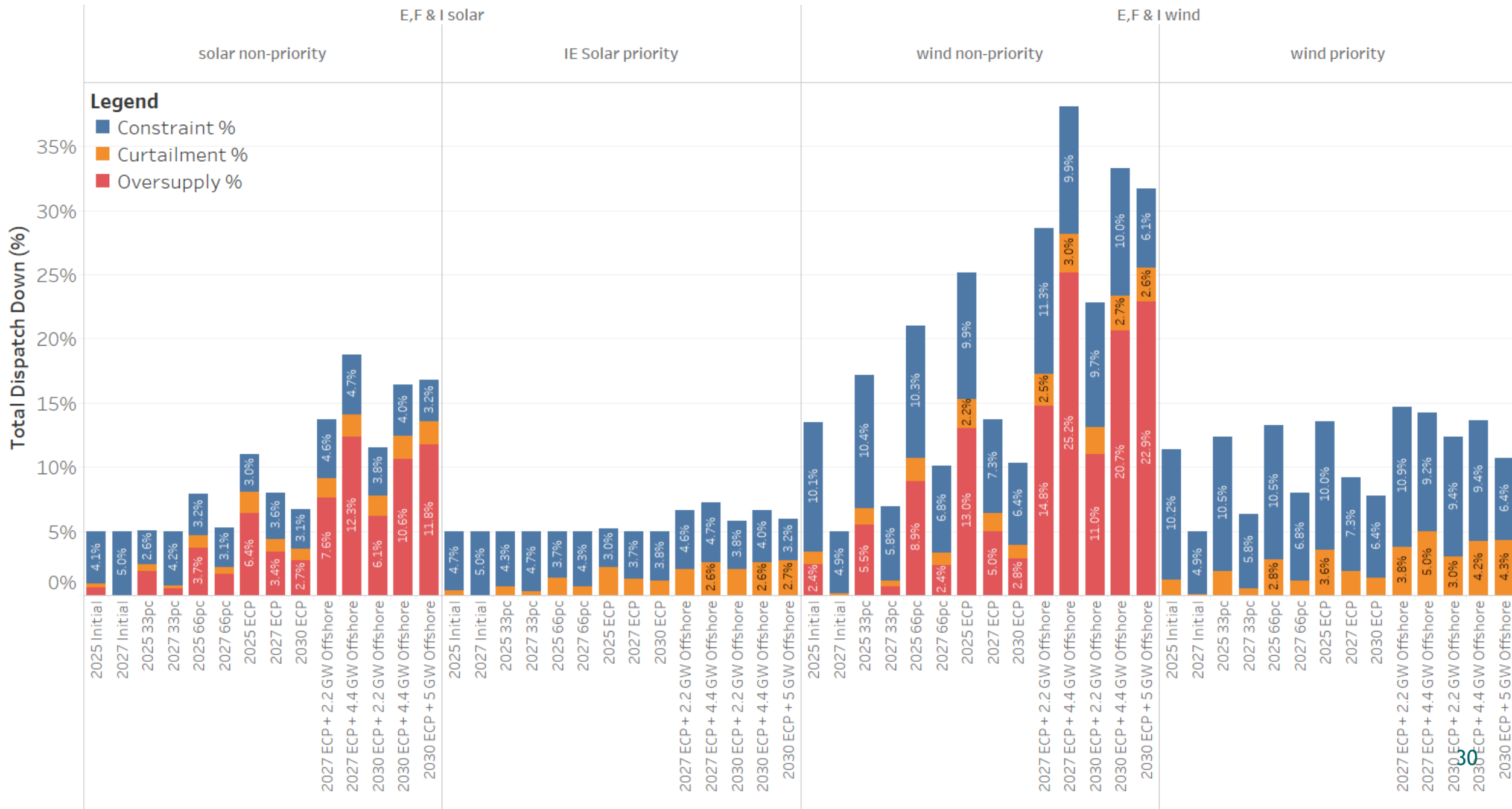
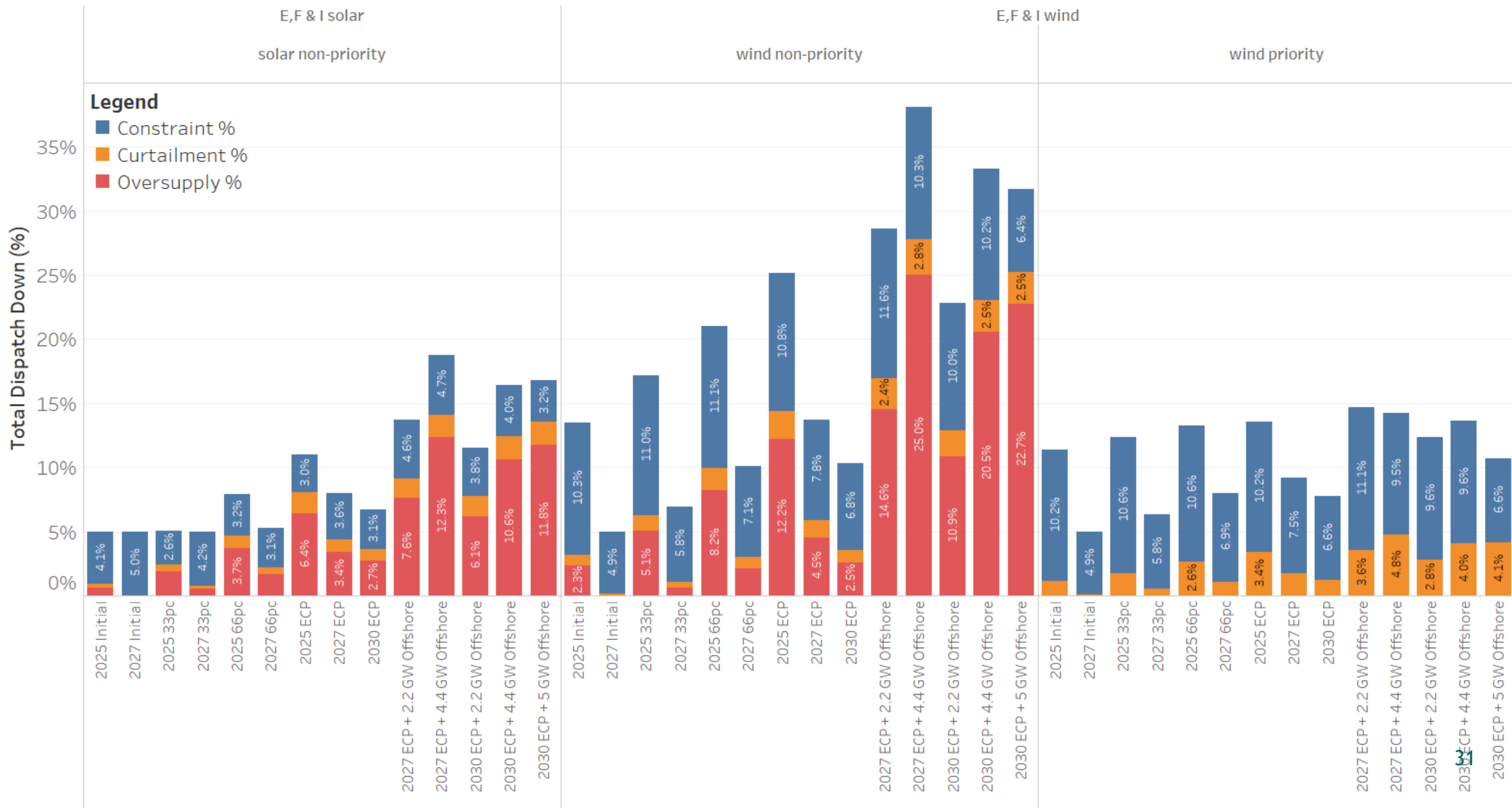


Figure: Area E, F, I, H2 and K

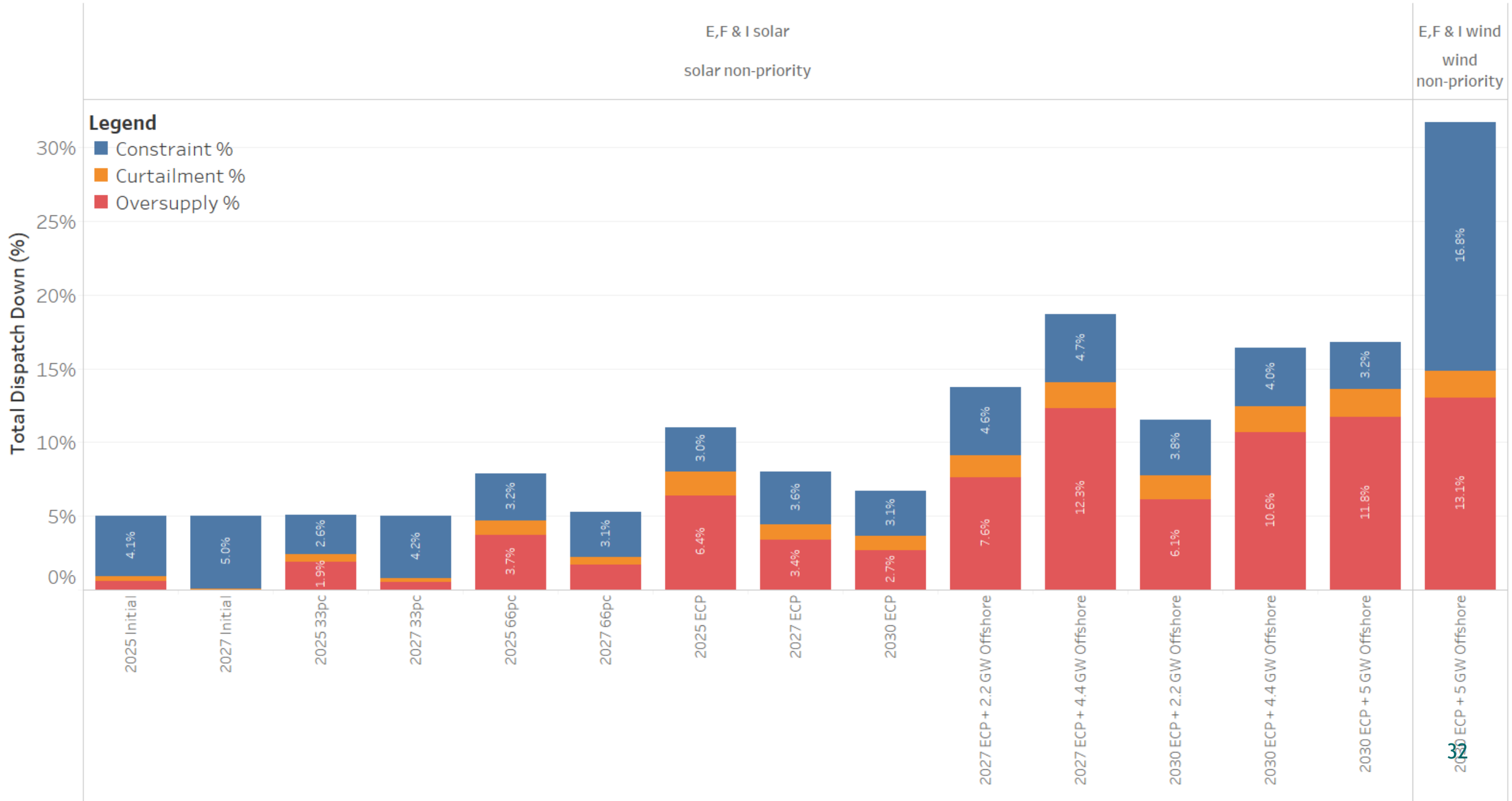
# Total Dispatch Down in Area E



# Total Dispatch Down in Area F



# Total Dispatch Down in Area I



E,F & I solar  
solar non-priority

E,F & I wind  
wind non-priority

**Legend**  
■ Constraint %  
■ Curtailment %  
■ Oversupply %

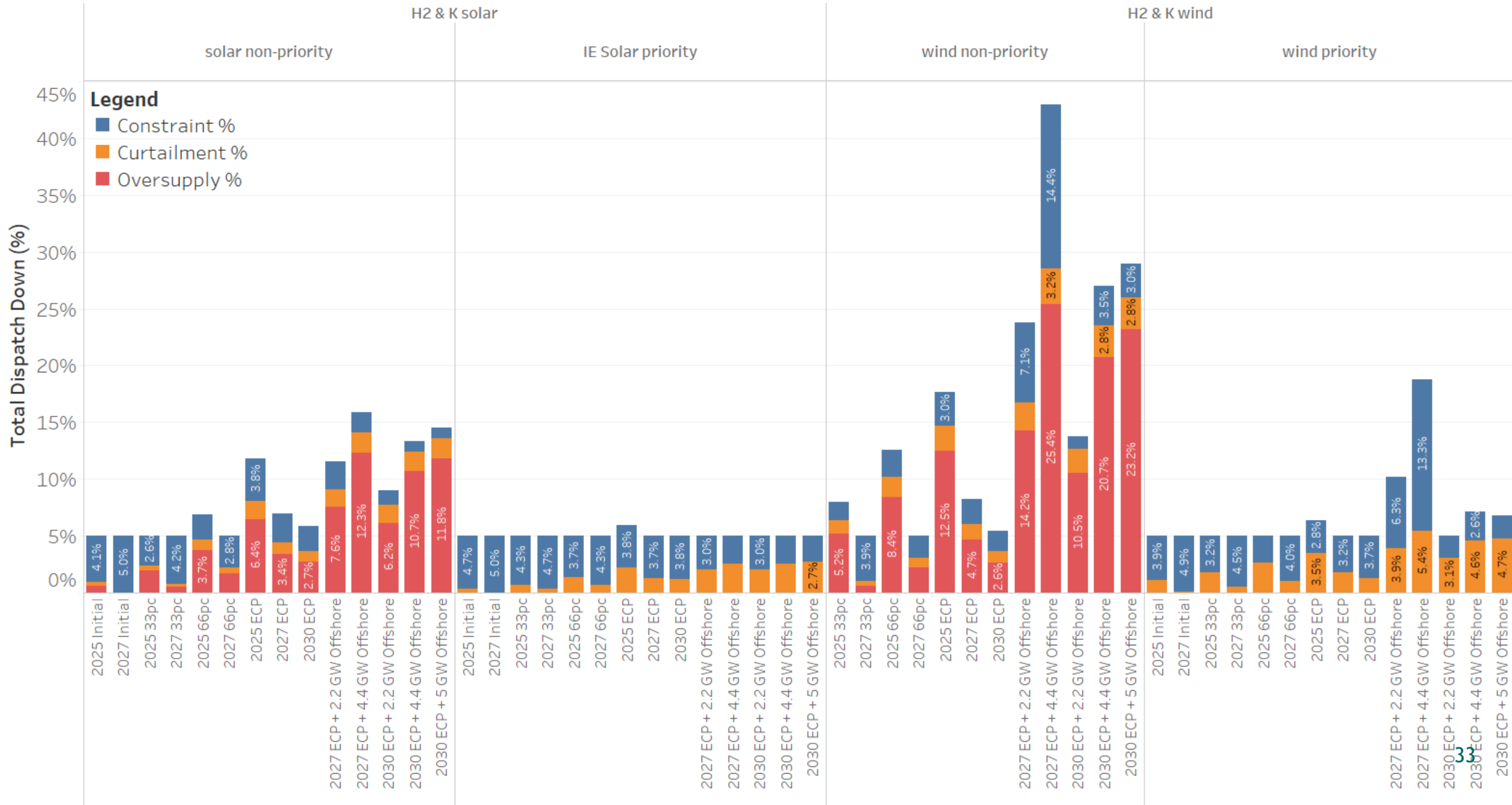
Total Dispatch Down (%)

2025 Initial  
2027 Initial  
2025 33pc  
2027 33pc  
2025 66pc  
2027 66pc  
2025 ECP  
2027 ECP  
2030 ECP  
2027 ECP + 2.2 GW Offshore  
2027 ECP + 4.4 GW Offshore  
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2030 ECP + 5 GW Offshore  
2030 ECP + 5 GW Offshore

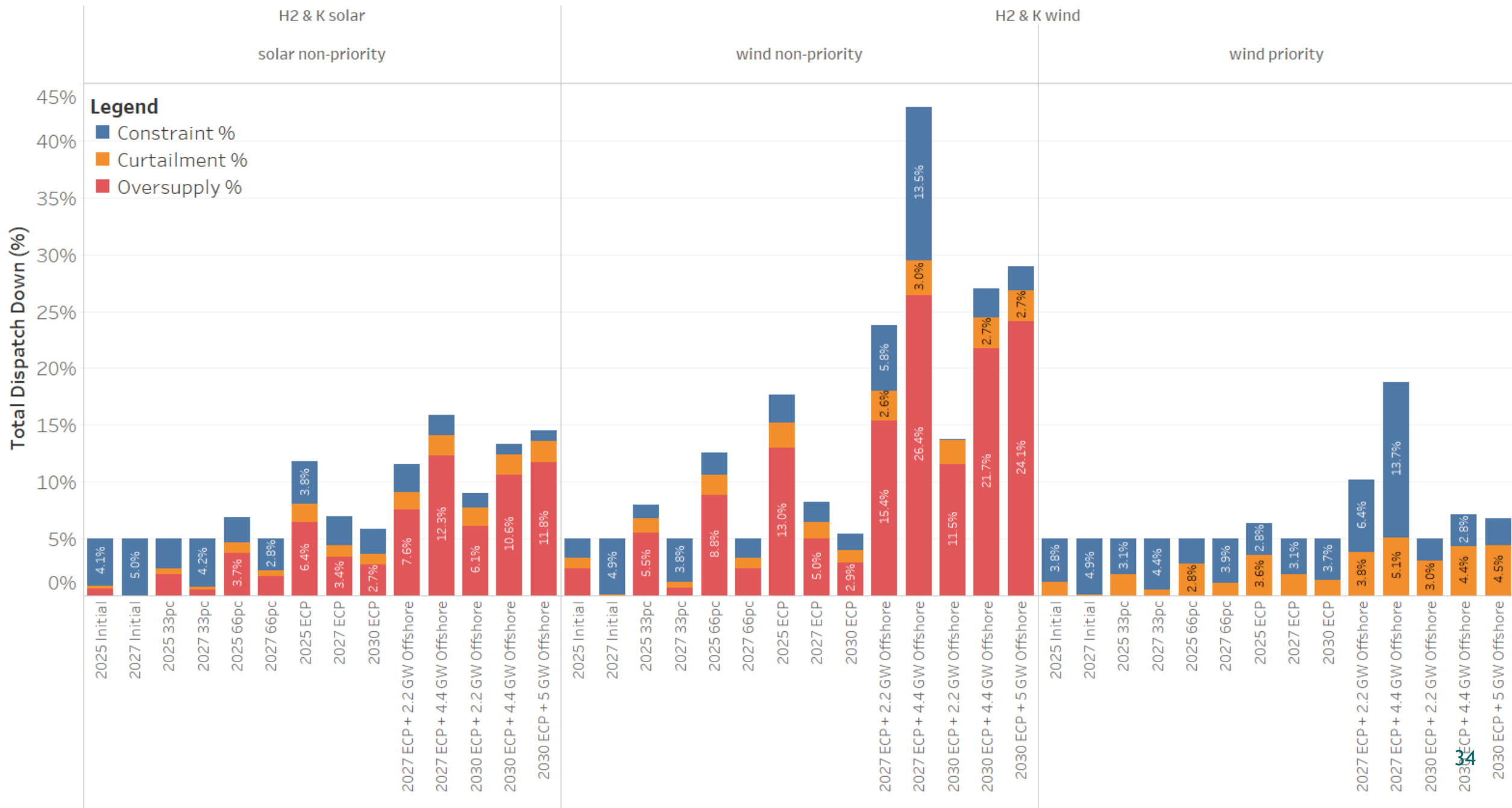
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# Total Dispatch Down in Area H2

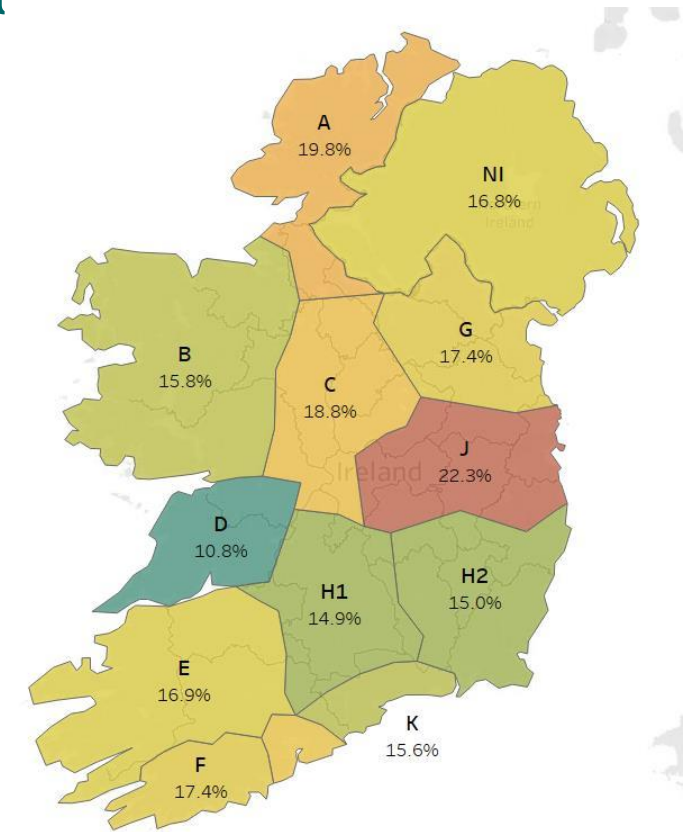


# Total Dispatch Down in Area K



# ECP 2.2 - Key Messages

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**Questions?  
Thank You**



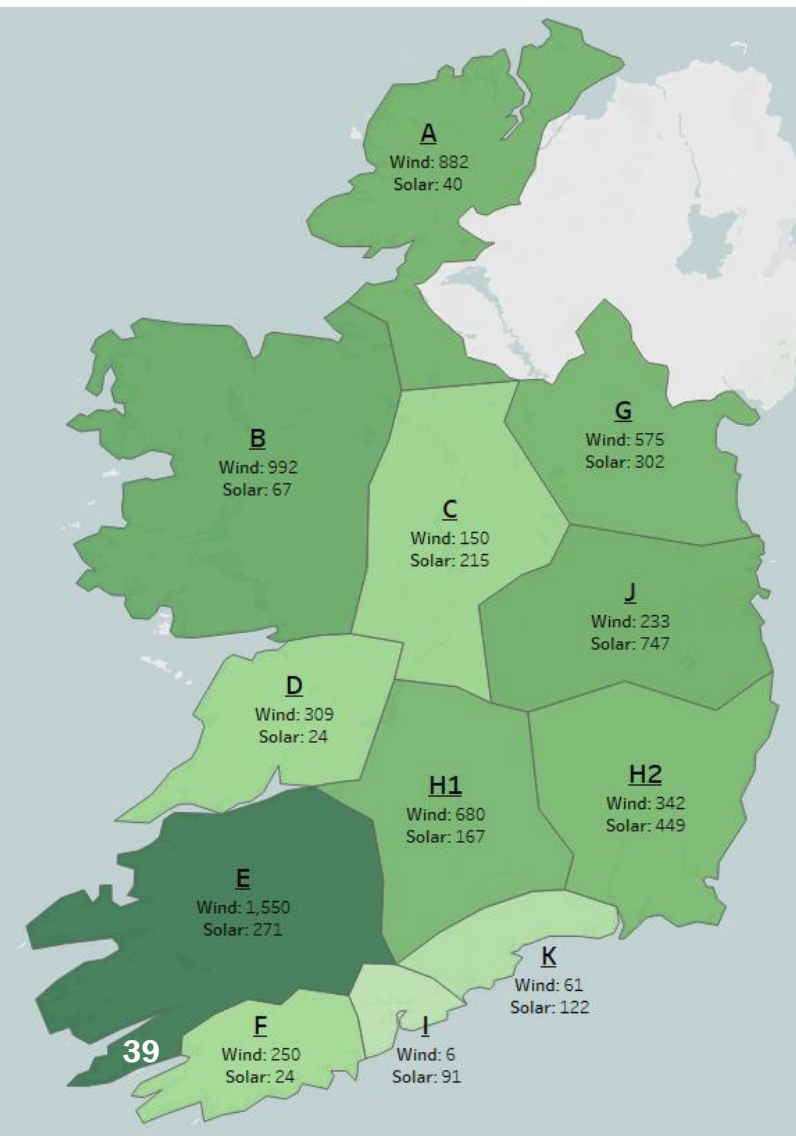


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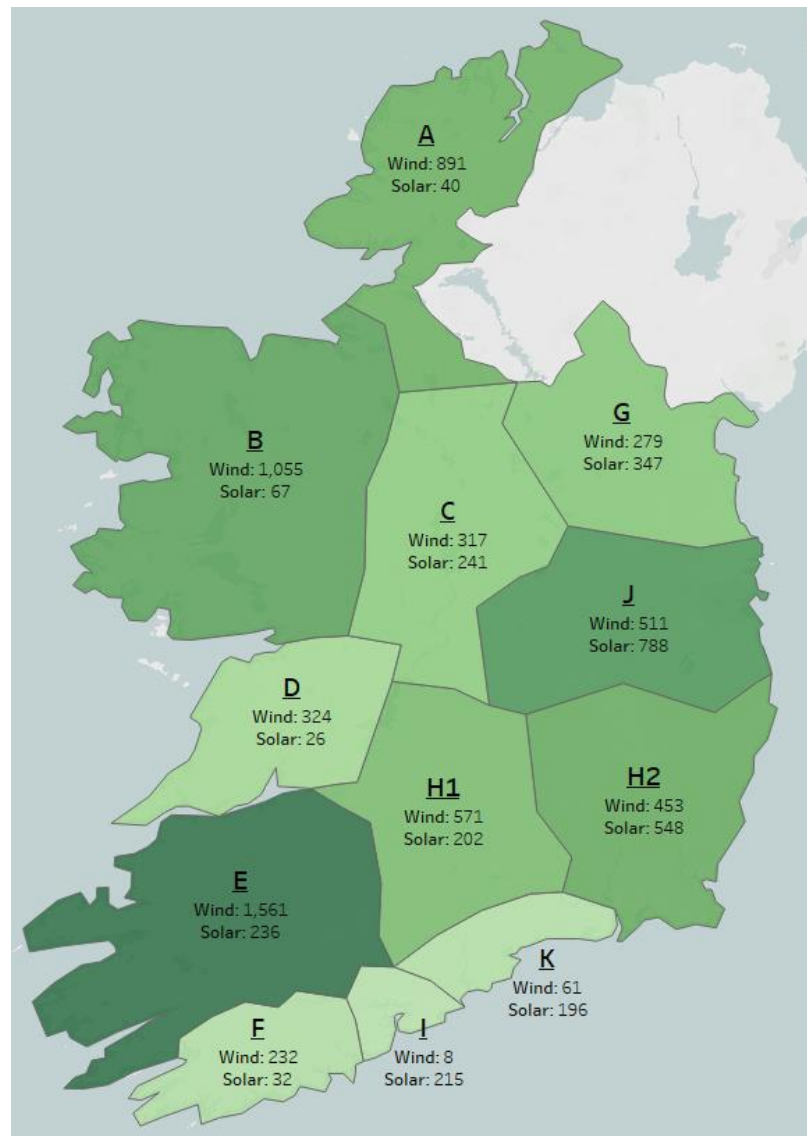


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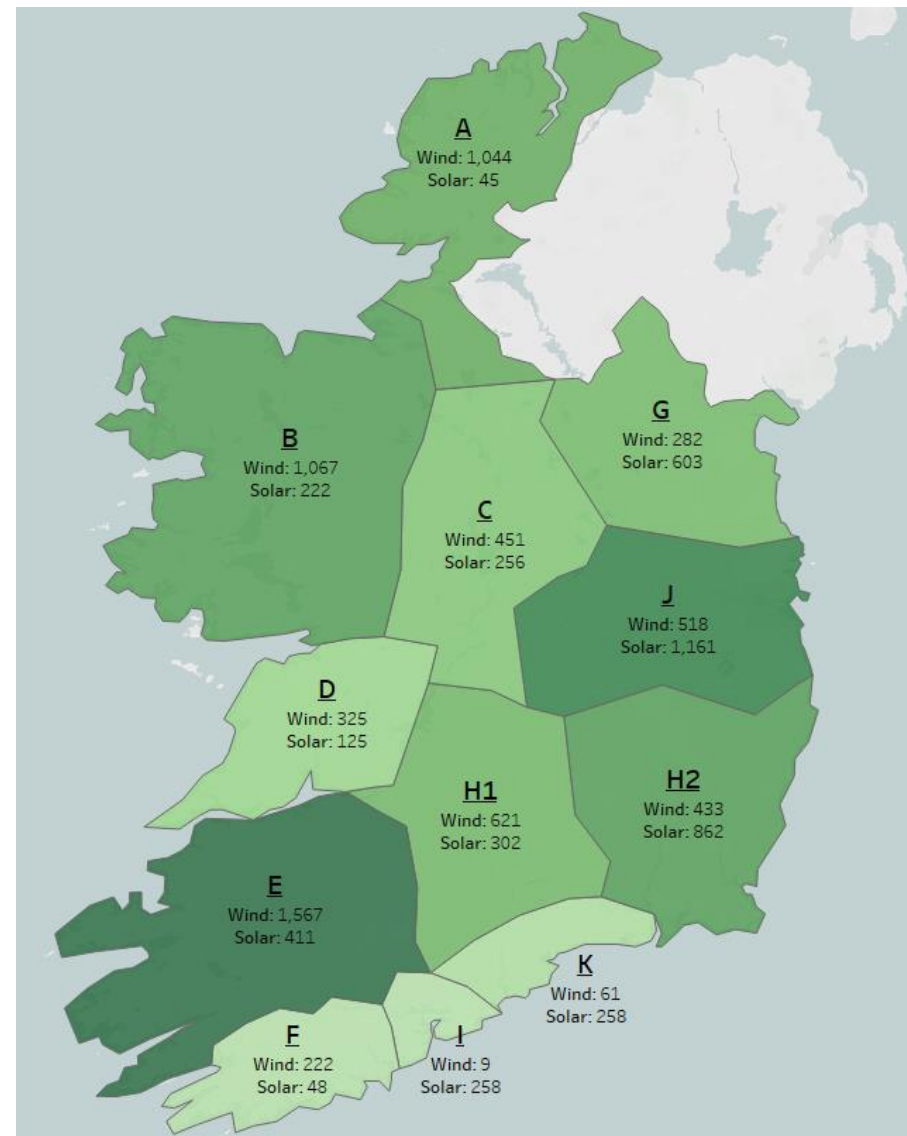
ECP 1



ECP 2.1



ECP 2.2



# OVERSUPPLY AND CURTAILMENT CALCULATION

**Oversupply - Applied differently for priority and non priority generators**

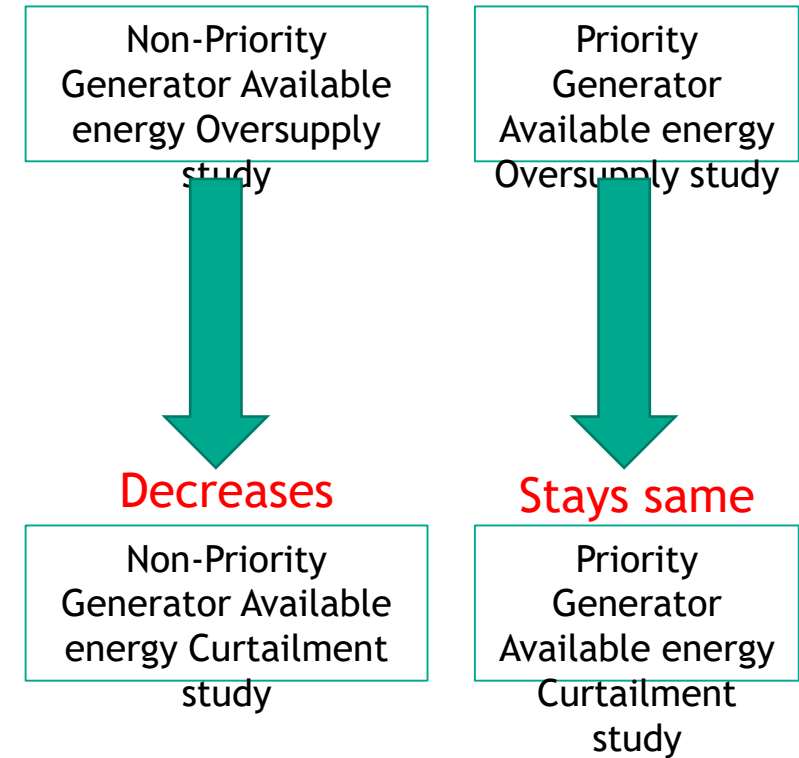
$$\text{Oversupply \% (system)} = \frac{\text{Total Oversupply Dispatch Down (system)}}{\text{Total Available Energy in Oversupply study}} \times 100$$

$$\text{Oversupply \% (Generator)} = \frac{\text{Total Oversupply Dispatch Down } \textit{pro-rata} \text{ (Generator)}}{\text{Total Available Energy in Oversupply study (Generator)}} \times 100$$

**Curtailement - No distinction between priority and non priority generators**

$$\text{Curtailement \% (system)} = \frac{\text{Total Curtailement Dispatch Down (system)}}{\text{Total Available Energy in Oversupply study}} \times 100$$

$$\text{Curtailement \% (Generator)} = \frac{\text{Total Curtailement Dispatch Down } \textit{pro-rata} \text{ (Generator)}}{\text{Total Available Energy in Oversupply study (Generator)}} \times 100$$





# Modelling Approach to Dispatch Down

- Renewable generation modelled at 110kV station
  - A 110kV station can have Wind/Solar Priority, Non Priority or Uncontrolled generation connected
  - Wind and Solar hourly profiles are used in model
- Oversupply Dispatch Down
  - Applied if there is not enough demand, or export capability to meet renewable generation.
  - For each hour, the “non priority” generators are dispatched down first (pro-rata all island).
- Curtailement
  - Following dispatch down for oversupply reasons, curtailment is applied to meet operational limits e.g. SNSP, Inertia, Min Sets Rules, Generator Must Runs, Operating Reserve.
  - For each hour, curtailment is shared equally between “priority” and “non priority” generators (applied pro-rata all island).
- Constraint
  - Following curtailment, generation constraint is applied to solve localised transmission issues.
  - The model dispatches down by individual station to mathematically minimise the total renewable generation dispatch down.
  - For annual energy, the results are then averaged across adjacent 110kV stations.
  - “priority” and “non priority” generators are dispatched down equally.