



Delivering a **Secure Sustainable**  
Electricity **System**

**Ensuring a secure, reliable and efficient Power  
System in a Changing Environment**

**Delivering a Secure Sustainable Power System**

17<sup>th</sup> August 2011



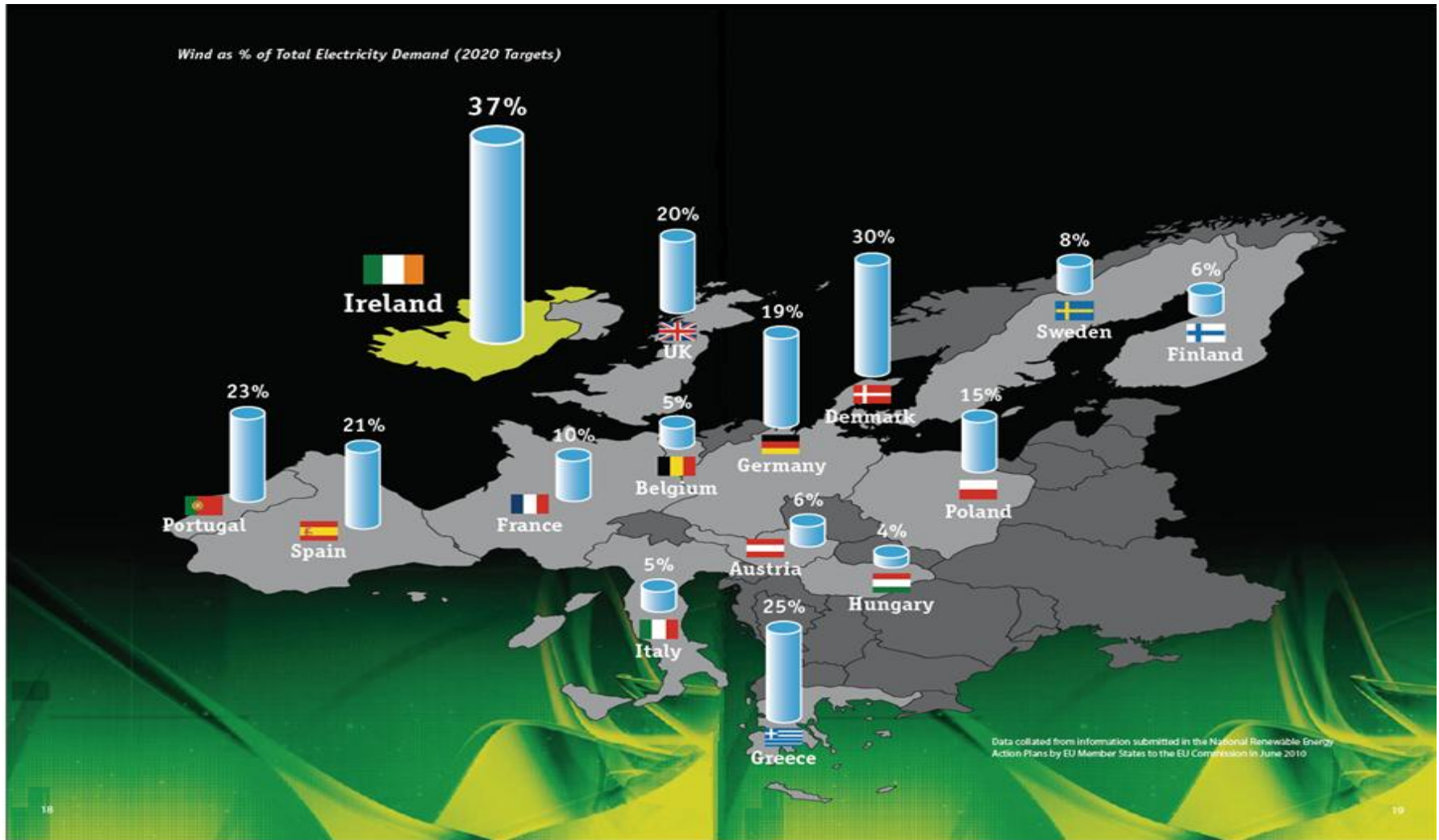
# Outline Agenda

**Chair: Dick Lewis, Manager, Grid Operations Planning**

- 10.00 a.m.          Registration (Tea and Coffee)
- 10.30 a.m.          Introduction and welcome  
*Fintan Slye, Director Operations*
- 10.40 a.m.          Overview of previous studies – Context  
*Jon O’Sullivan, Manager, Sustainable Power Systems*
- 11.00 a.m.          Report on “Ensuring a Secure, Reliable and Efficient Power System”  
*Shane Rourke, Sustainable Power Systems*
- 11.40 a.m.          Programme & Advisory Council  
*Yvonne Coughlan, Sustainable Power Systems*
- 12.00 a.m.          Questions from Audience
- 12.20 a.m.          Closing comments followed by Lunch



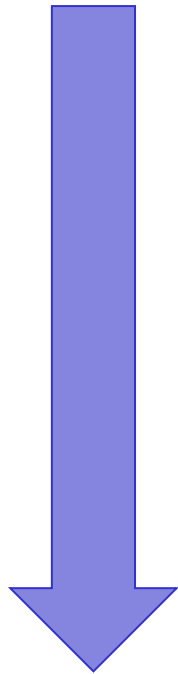
# European NREAP 2020 Wind Figures





# Delivering a Secure Sustainable System

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All Island Grid  
Studies

- Infrastructure Requirements and Resource Assessment

Facilitation of  
Renewables  
Studies

- Power System Operational Needs

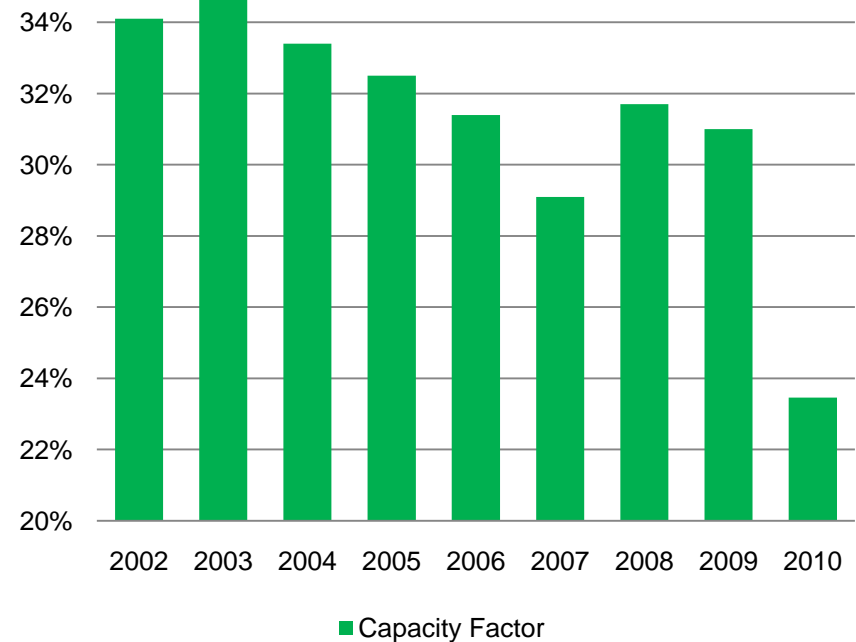
Sustainable  
Power Systems  
Report

- Ensuring the needs of the future power system

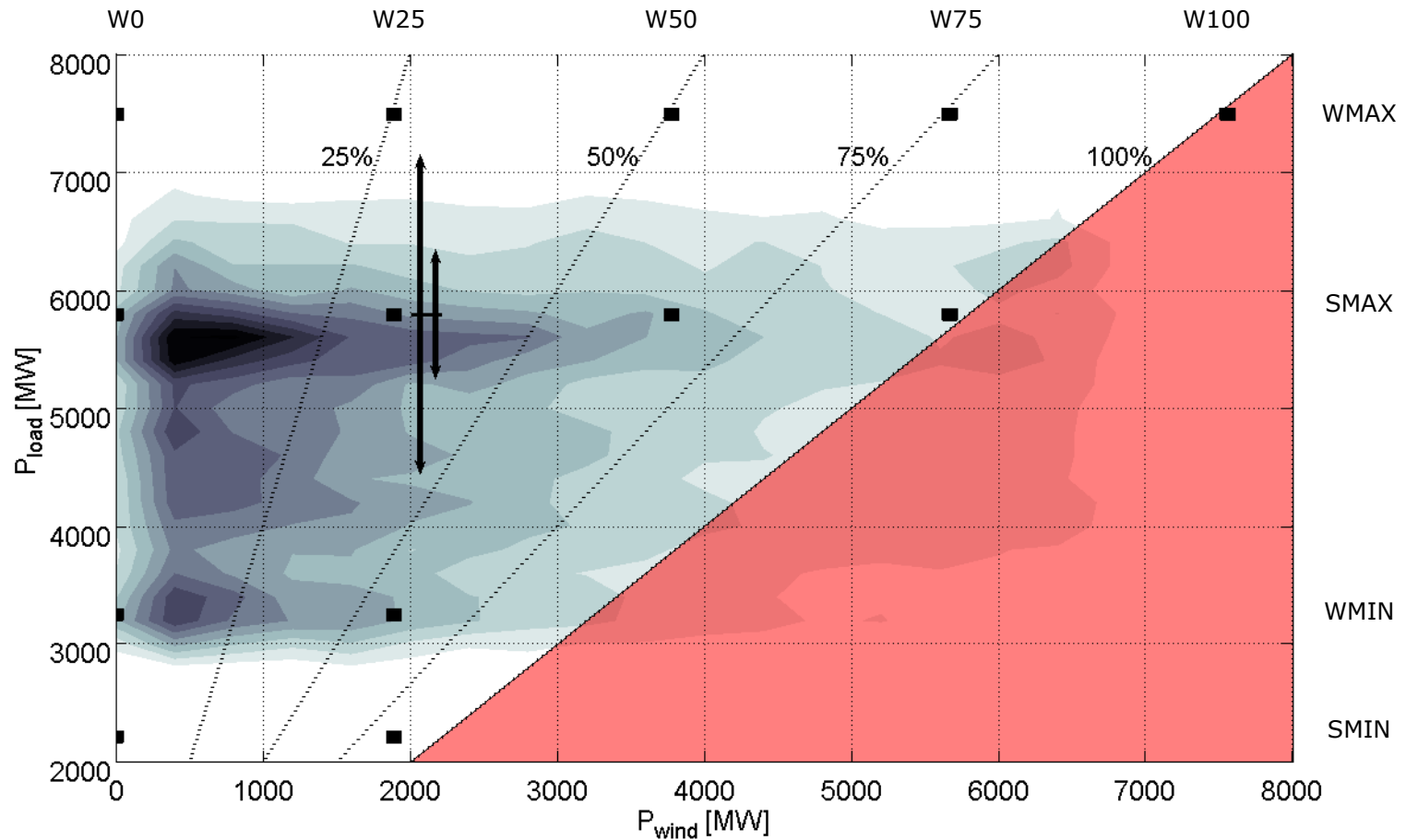
# Ireland and Northern Ireland Wind Statistics

	Ireland	Northern Ireland
Installed	1425 MW	314 MW
Maximum Output	1259 MW	314 MW
Highest Instantaneous %	52.3 %	50 %
Highest Daily Energy	37%	29%
Annual Output % 2010	10%	7.2%

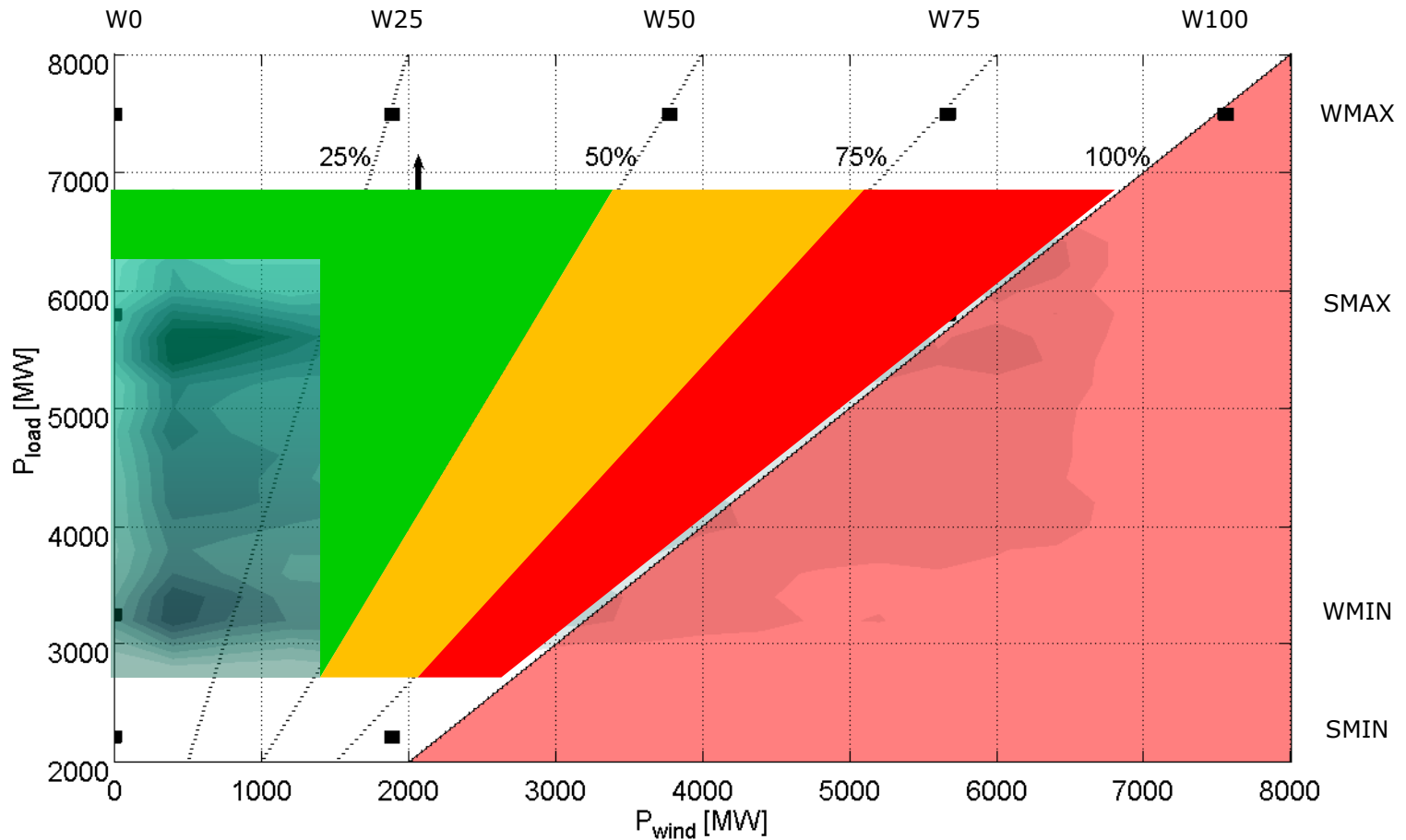
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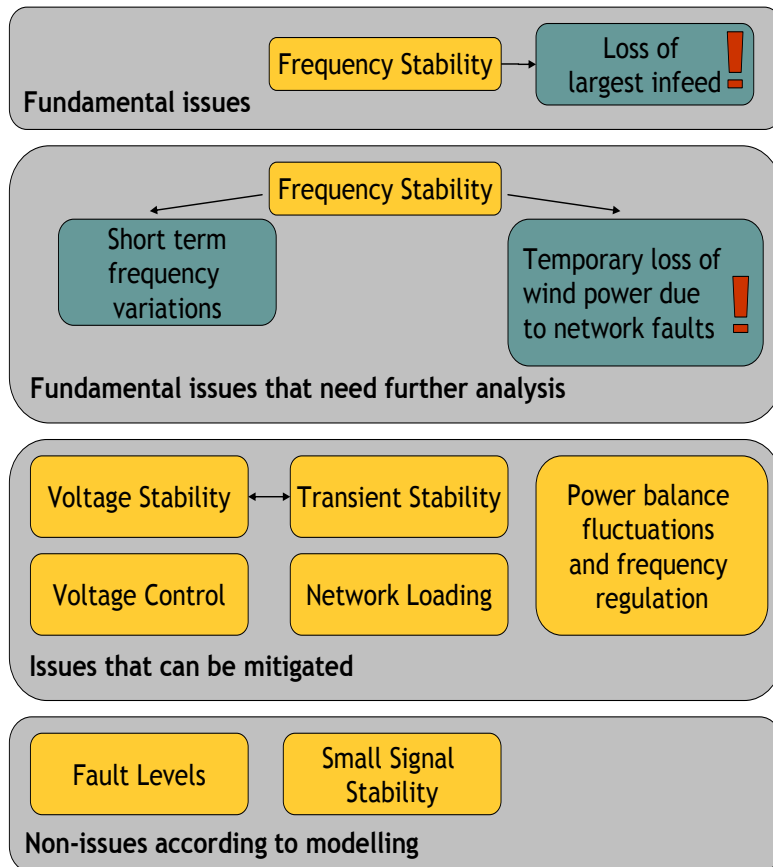
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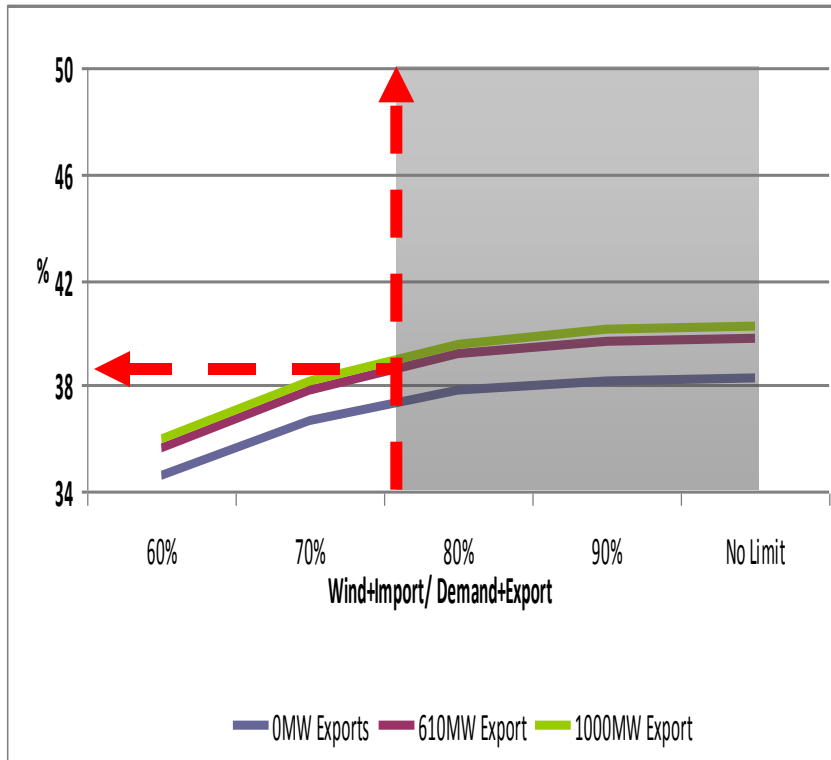


- RoCoF capability and protection
- Conventional Generator Reserve performance
- Windfarms controllability and reactive power capability
- New operating procedures including embedded windfarms

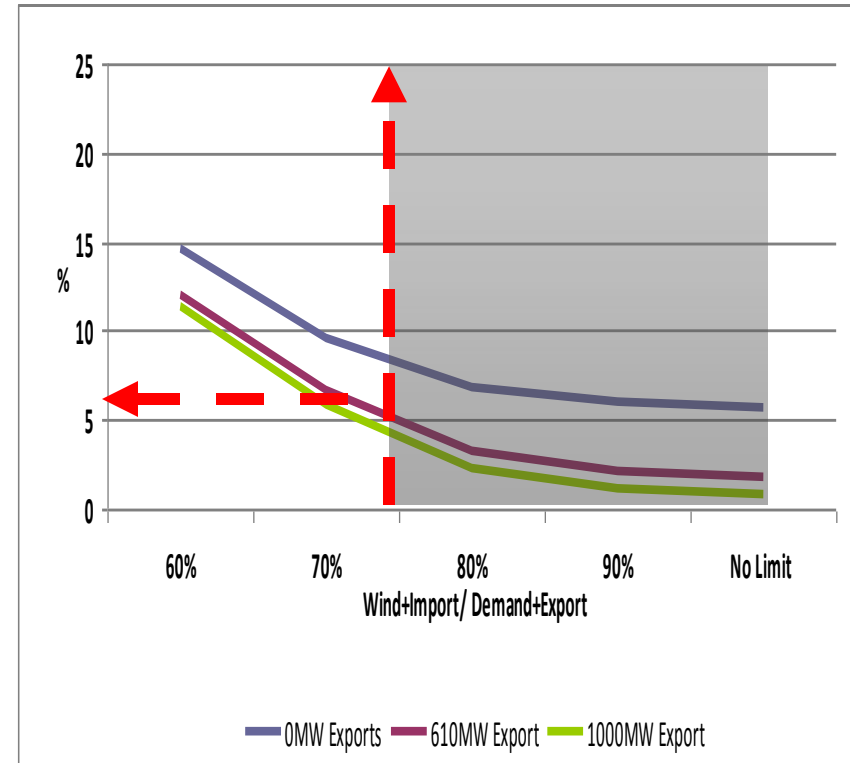


# Impact on Renewable Targets and Individual Wind Curtailment - 6000 MW Installed

## % Annual Energy from Wind



## % Individual Wind Curtailment



# Follow Up Analysis – System Services



# Methodology

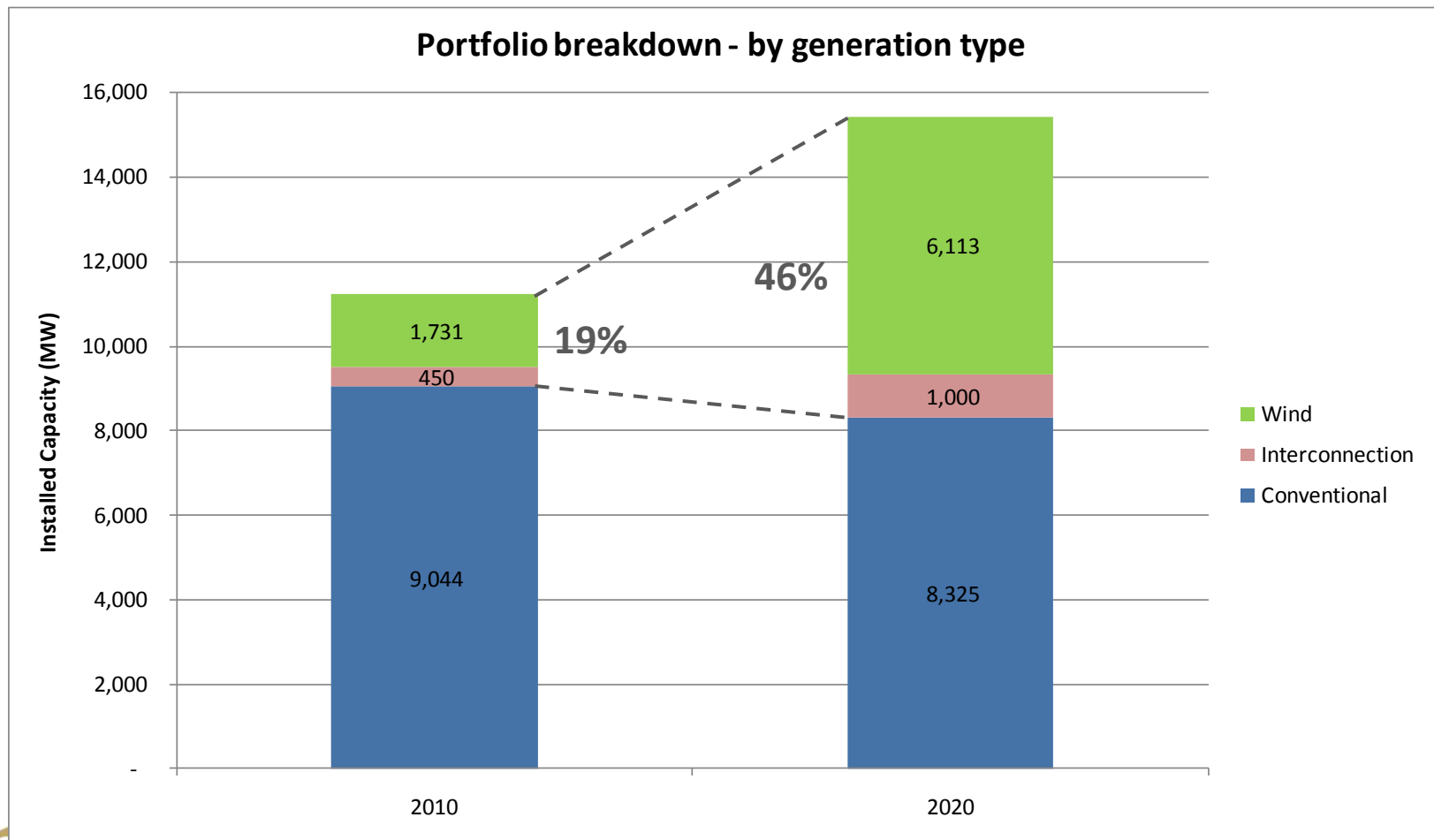
- Analysis builds on the results of the FoR
  - Using out-turn data and observed behaviour
- Three type of analysis carried out
  - Portfolio capability (theoretical maximum)
  - Actual availability (dispatch dependent)
  - Performance analysis
- Two timeframes considered:
  - Current: 2010
  - Future: 2020

# Portfolio evolution

- 2010 portfolio – 2011 GCS
- 2020 portfolio – credible evolution of current portfolio
  - Complementary to renewables targets
  - Sufficient investment to ensure capacity adequacy

Technology	Net capacity change (MW)
Wind	+ 4400
Interconnection	+ 500
CCGT	+ 700
OCGT	+ 800
Conventional thermal	- 2000

# Portfolio evolution



# Areas of analysis

## Frequency Response

- Synchronous Inertia
- Operating Reserve

## Voltage Control

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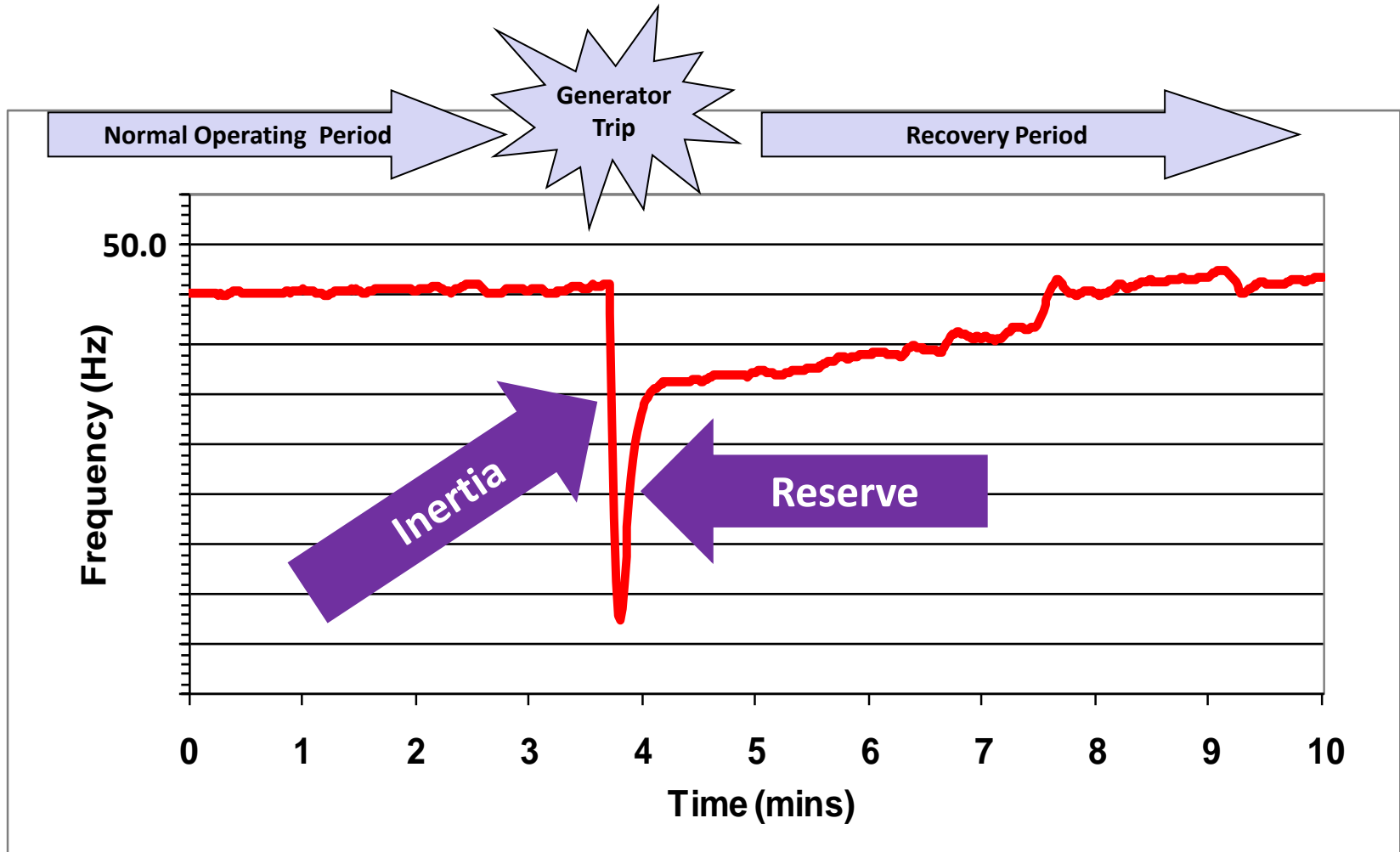
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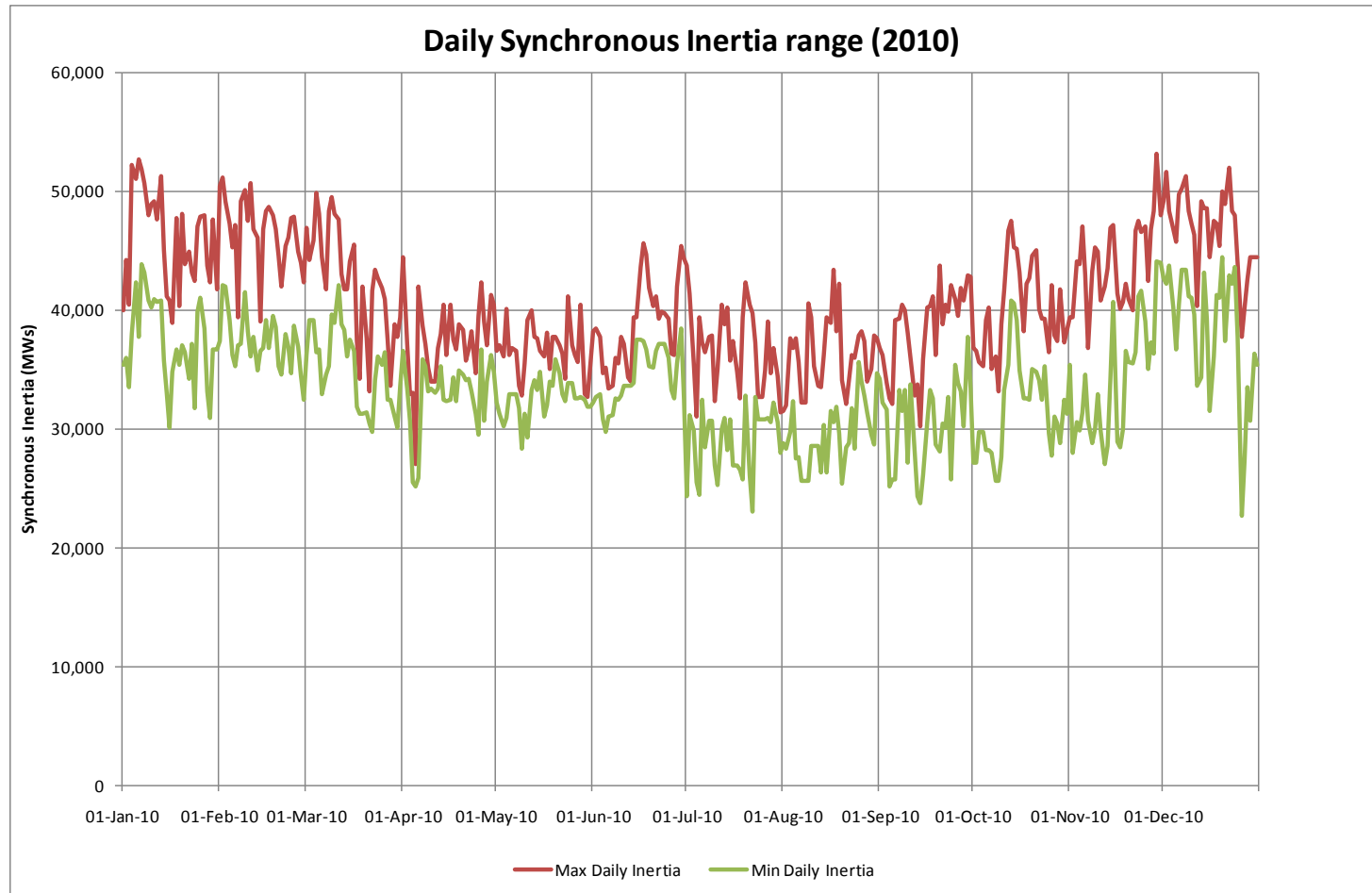
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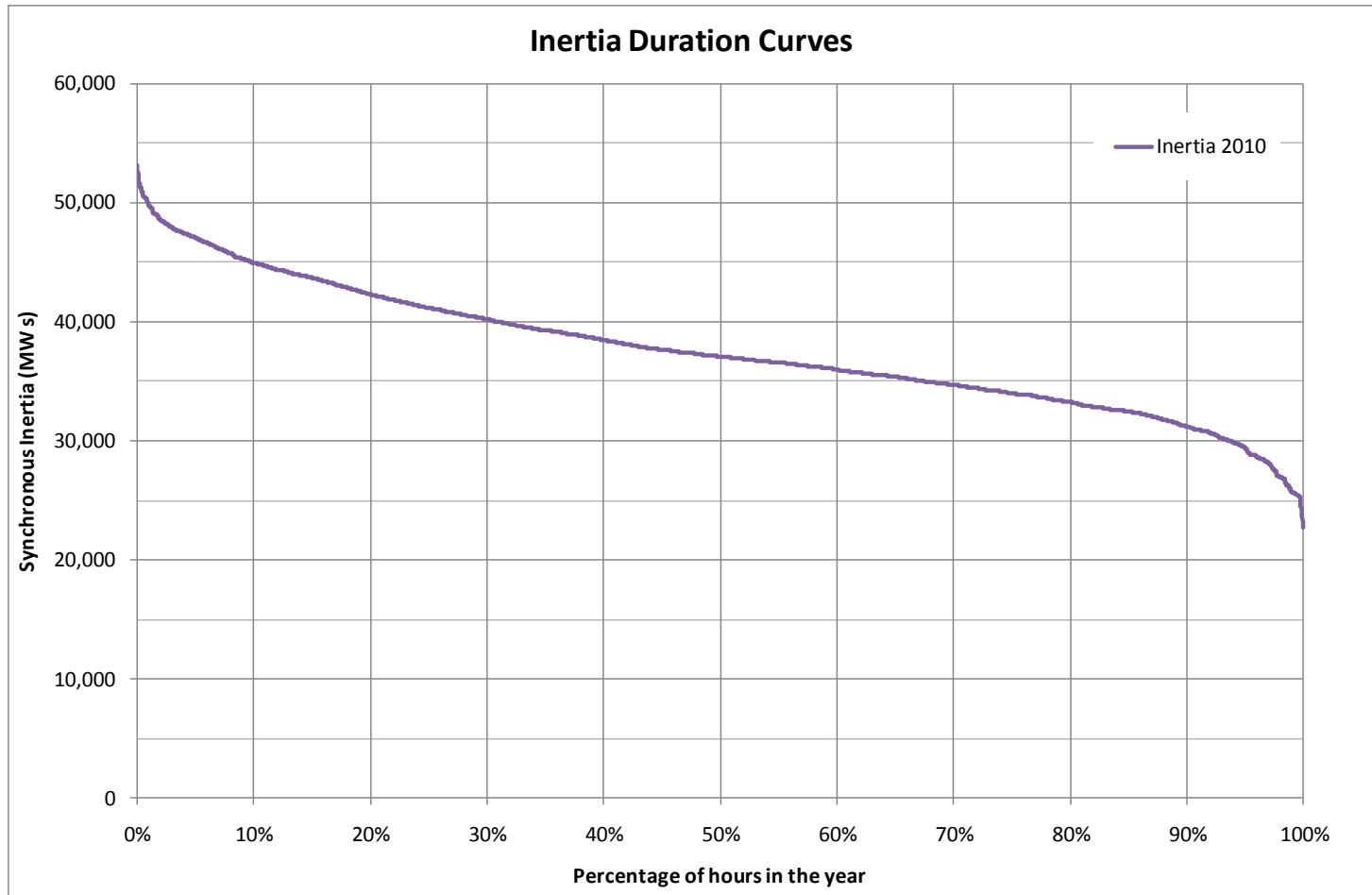




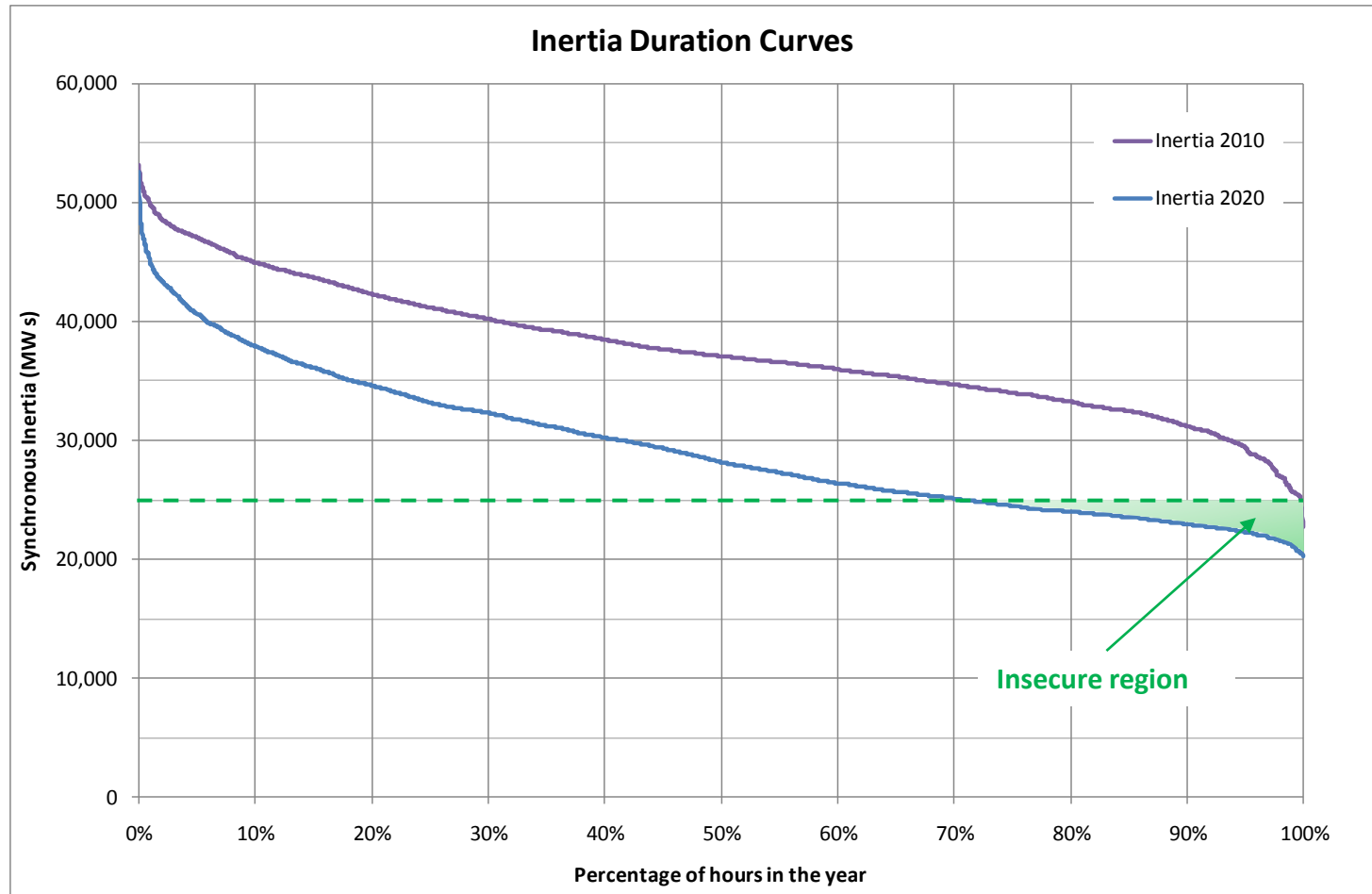
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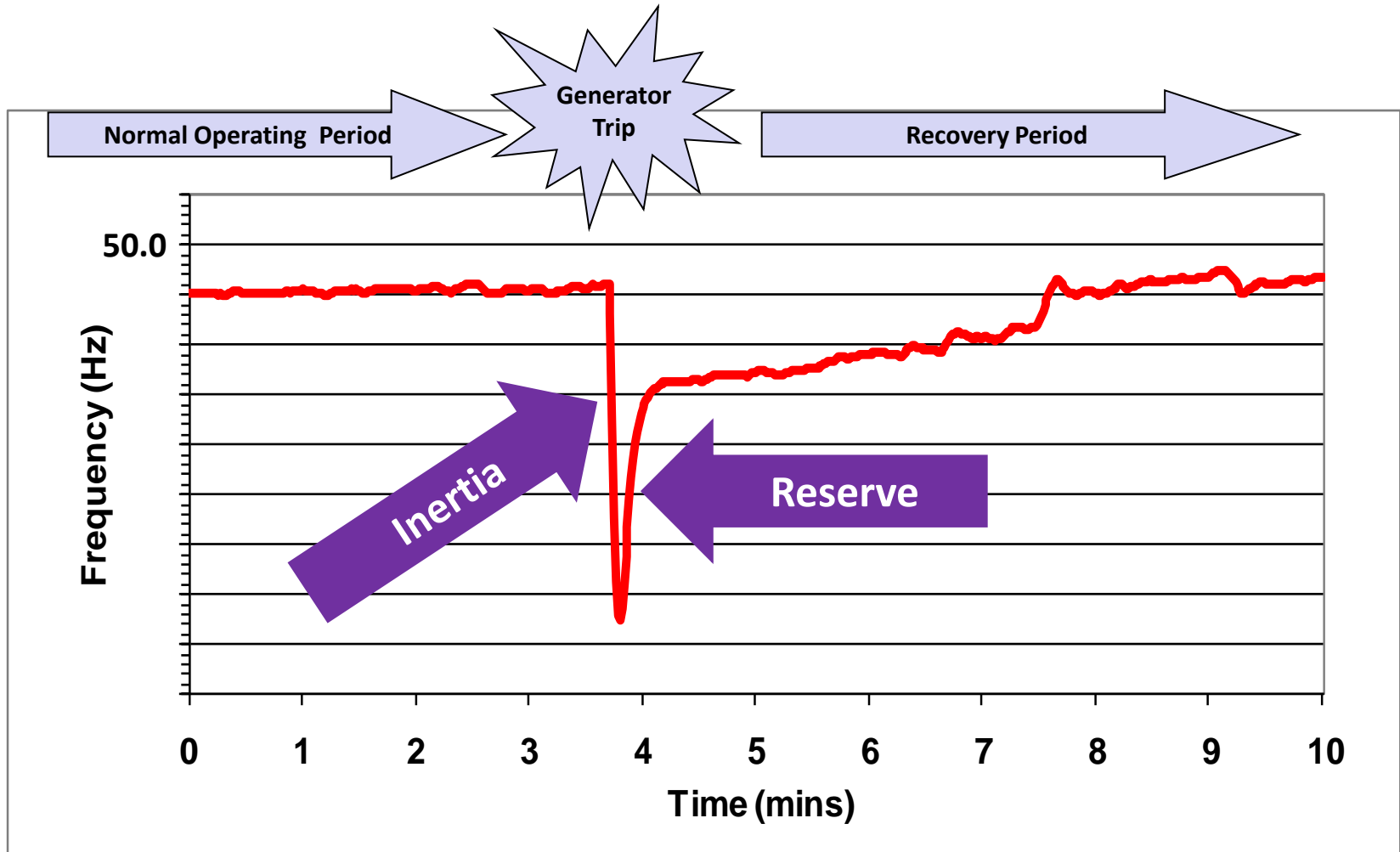
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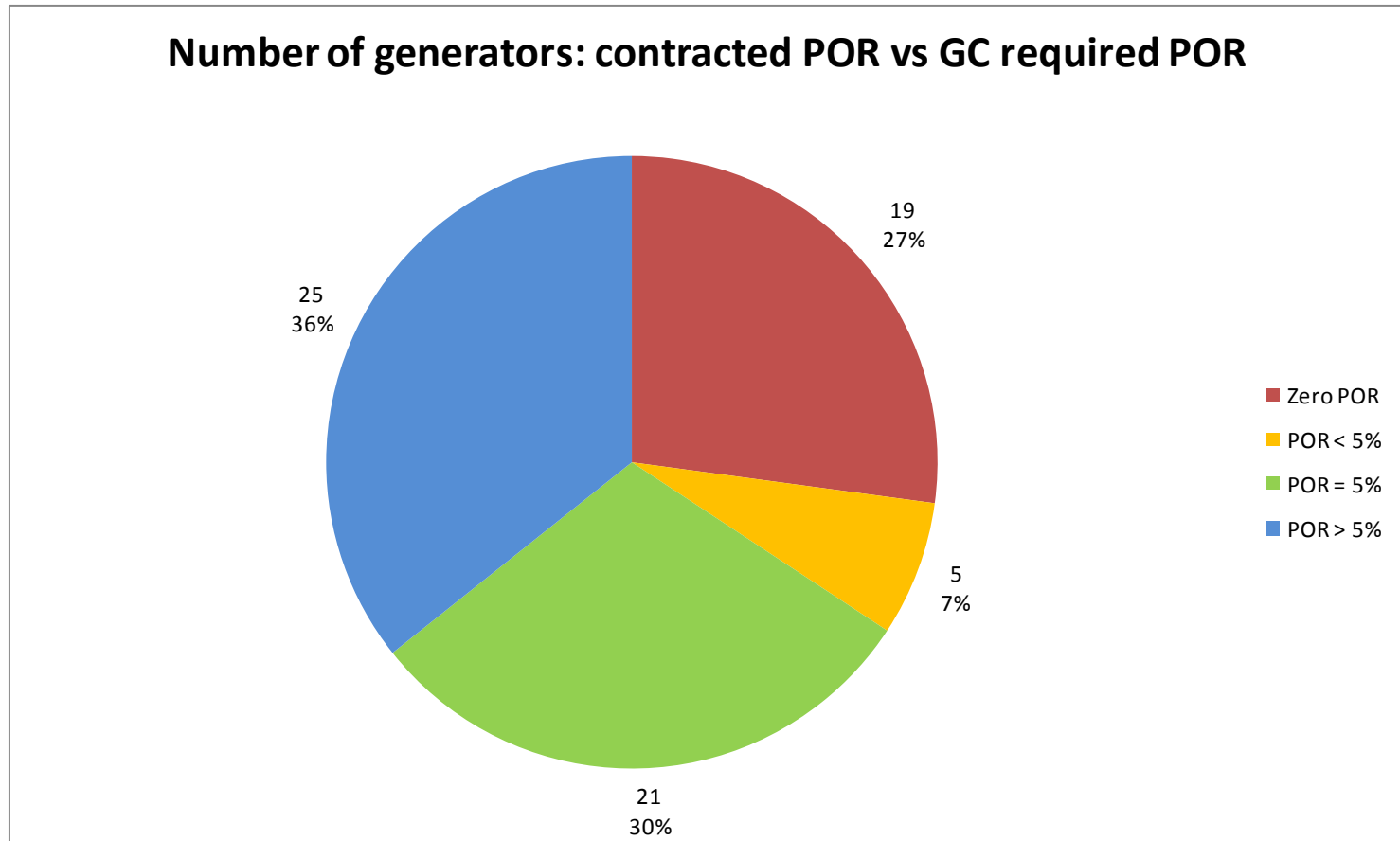
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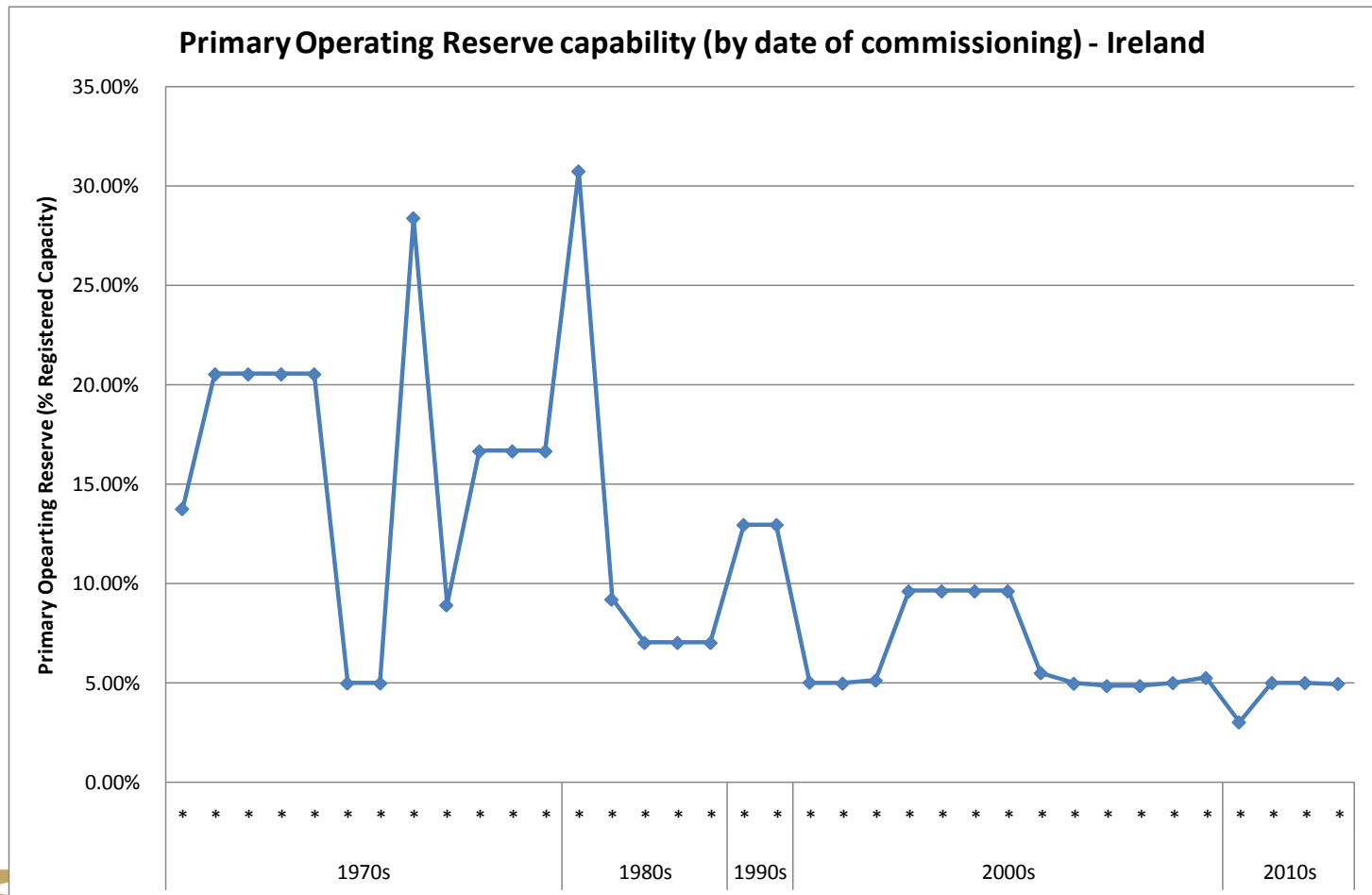
# Frequency Response: Operating Reserve

- Automatic generator response to frequency deviation
  - Timescales: Primary, Secondary, Tertiary ...
  - Primary the most onerous
- Grid Code requirement (Primary): at least 5% Reg Cap
- Portfolio has 8% capability overall
  - Some generators with  $\gg 5\%$
  - Other generators with  $< 5\%$

# Operating Reserve – Capability



# Operating Reserve – Capability (Ireland only)



# Operating Reserve – Performance

- Performance improvements observed since the introduction of HAS
- Preliminary analysis of 2010 low frequency disturbances
  - Generators in Ireland classified based on Primary Operating Reserve performance vs declared capability

Achieved 80% response	No of generators
Good: > 80% events	7
Average: > 40%, < 80% events	10
Poor: < 40% events	11
<i>Unknown / limited data</i>	23

**Note:**  
**Ireland only**



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## Key Findings

Reduced Synchronous Inertia

Reserve capabilities less than Grid Code

Poor Generator Reserve Performance

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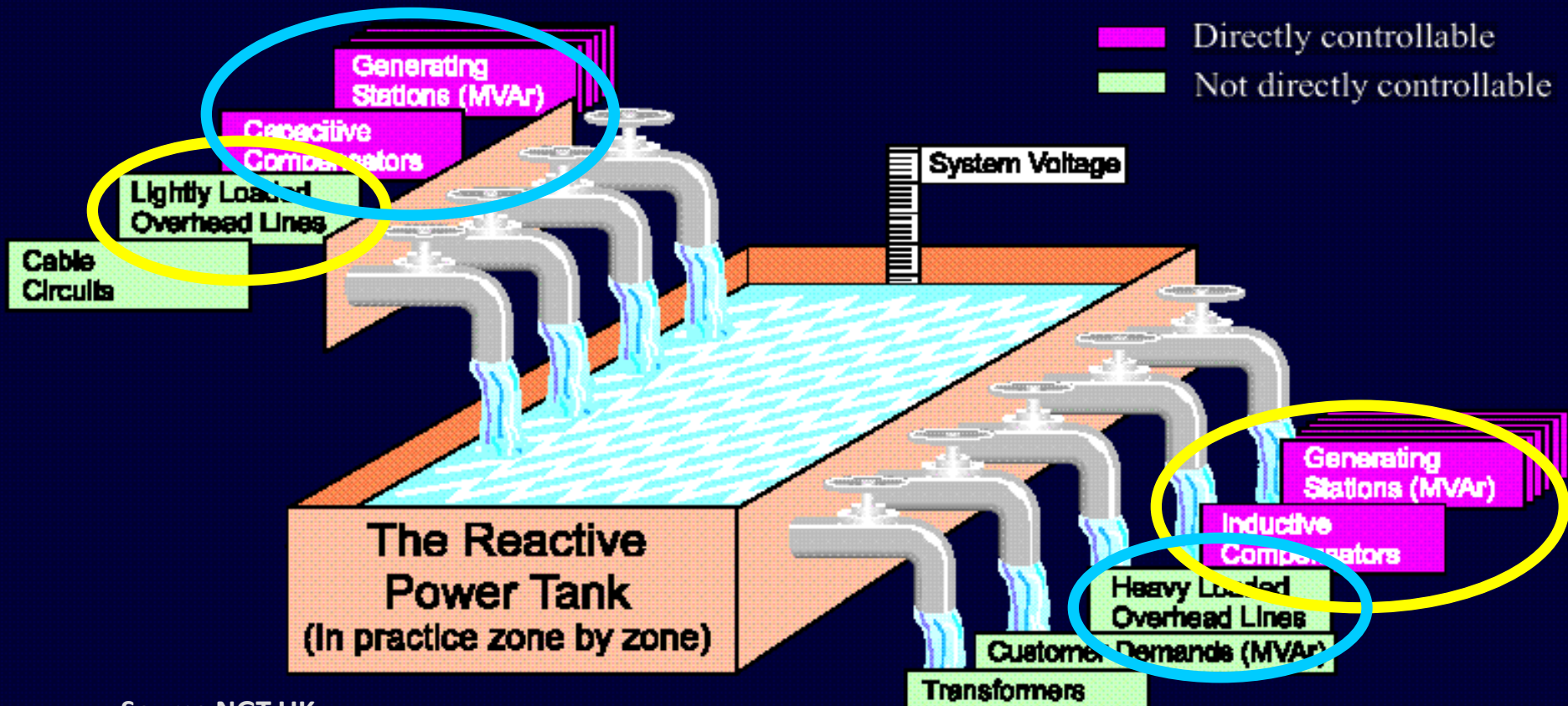
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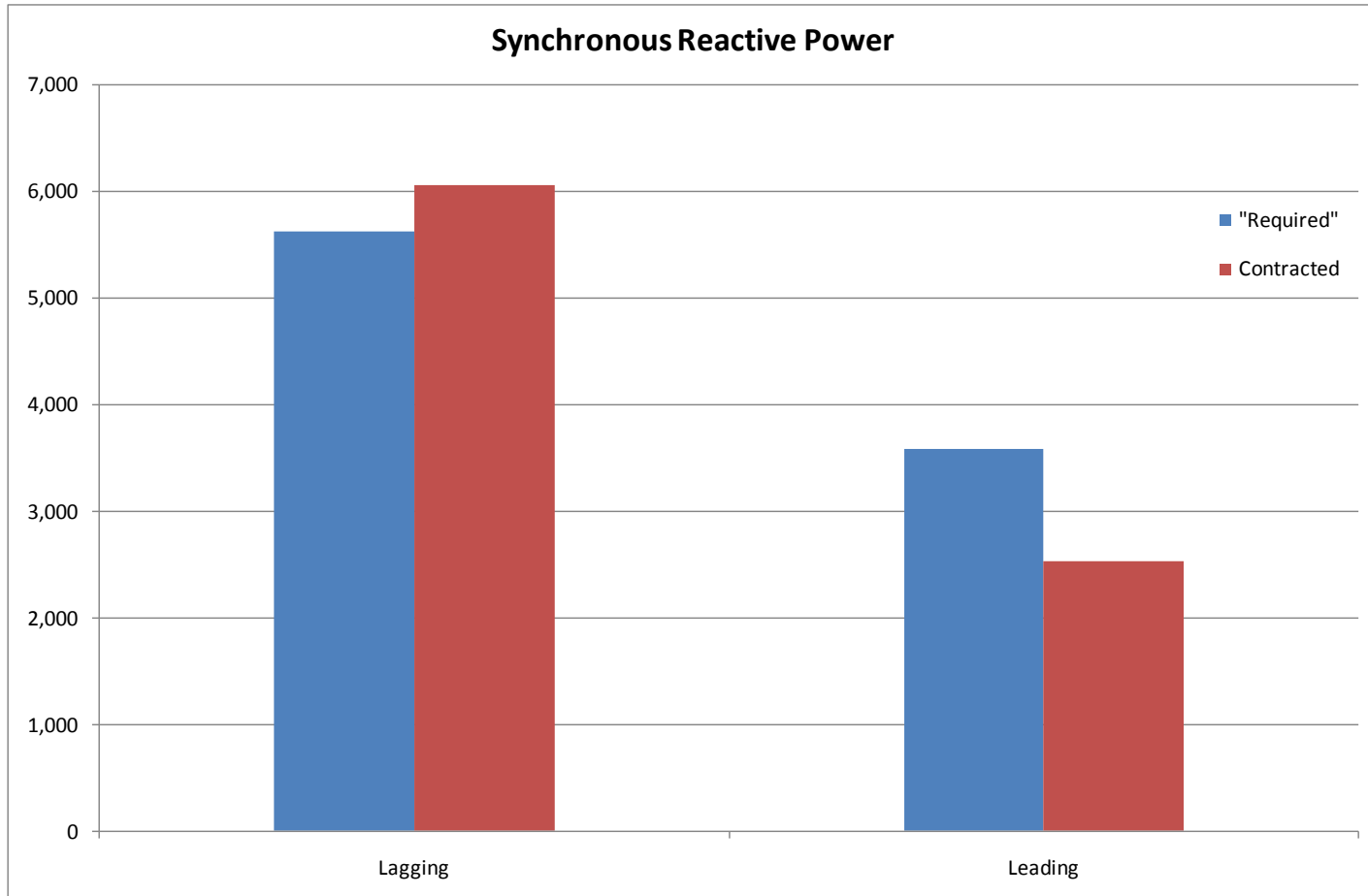
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# Voltage Control – Reactive Power

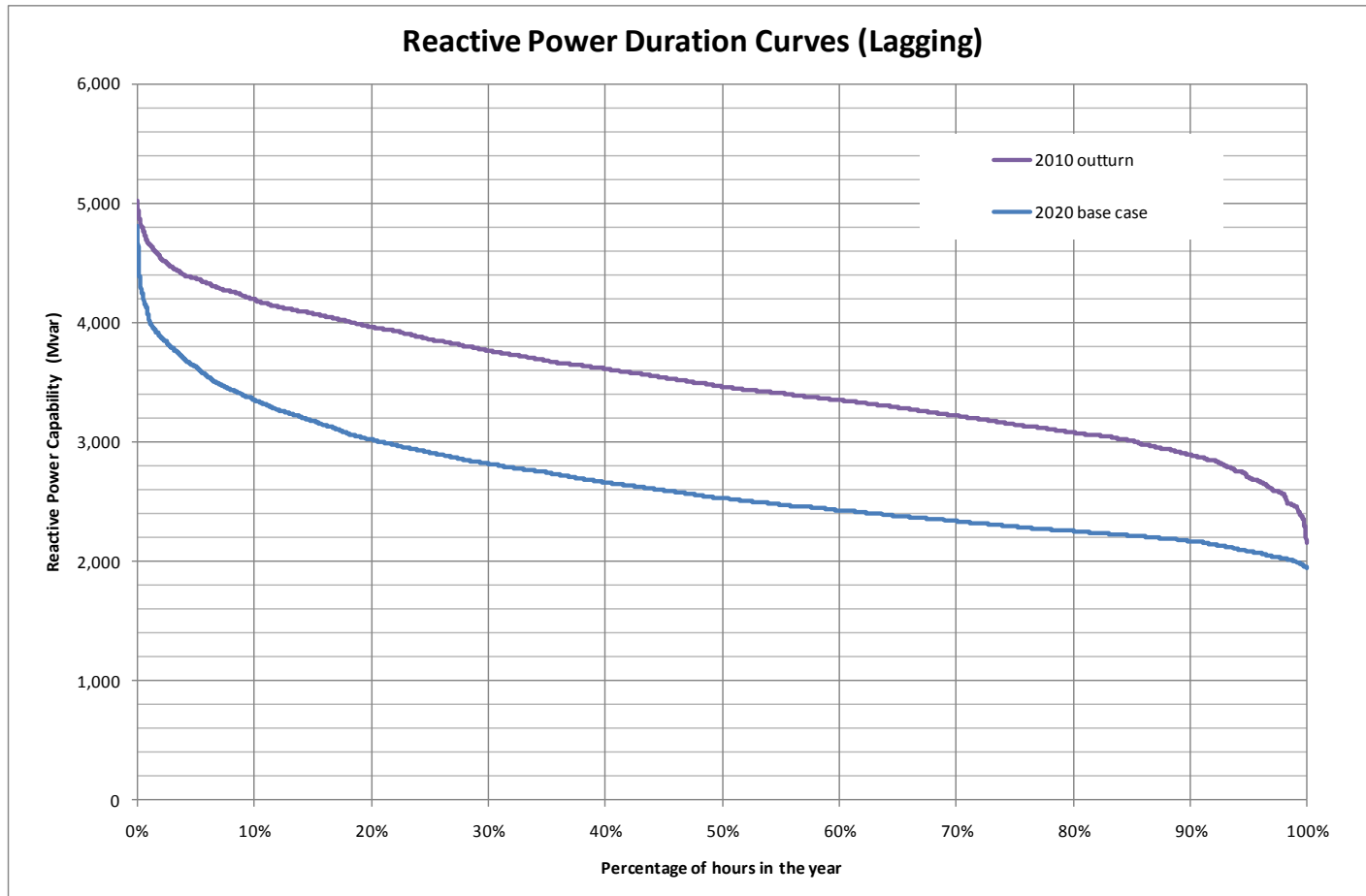


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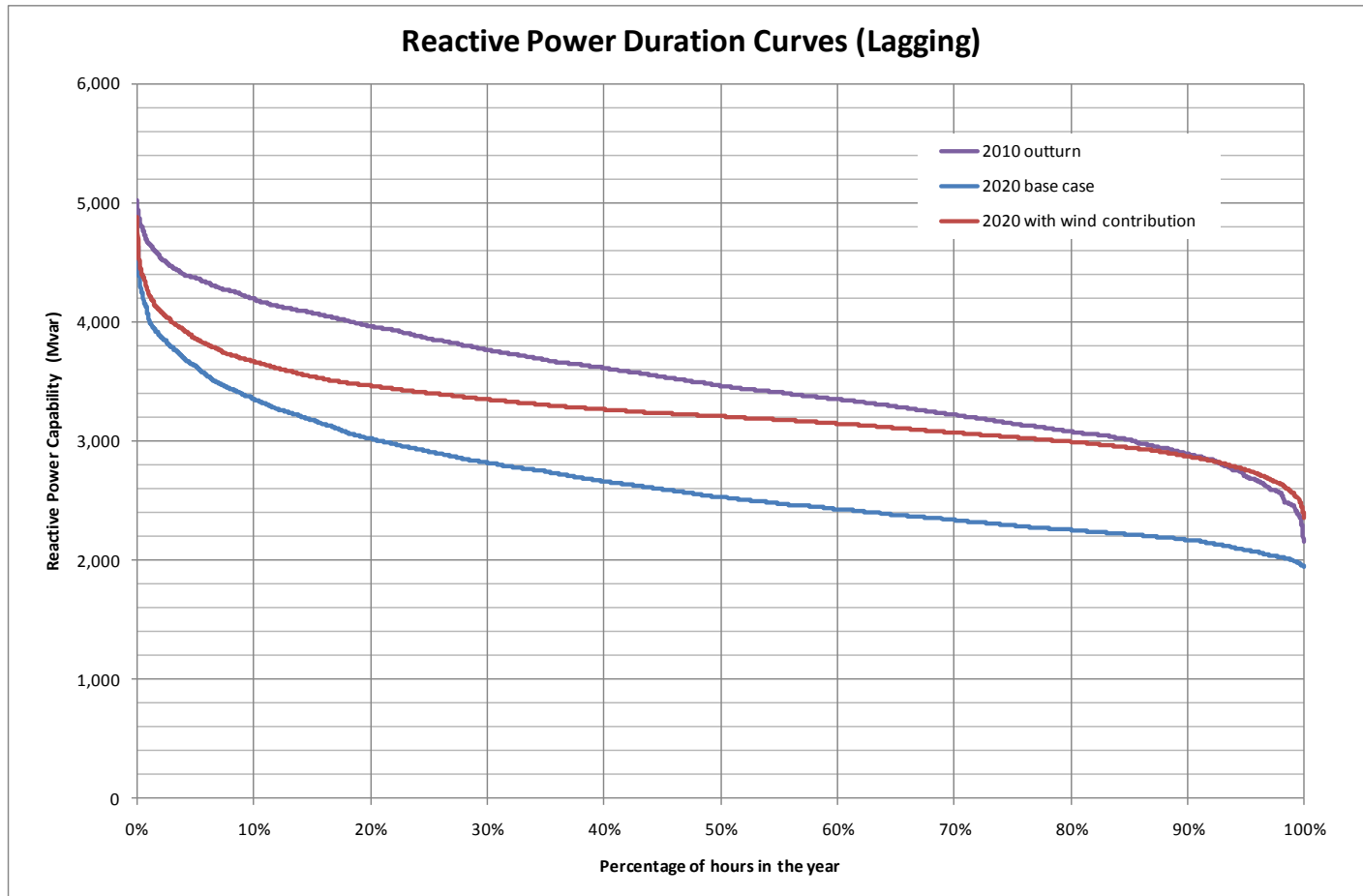
# Reactive Power – Portfolio Capability



# Reactive Power Availability – Synchronised



# Reactive Power Availability



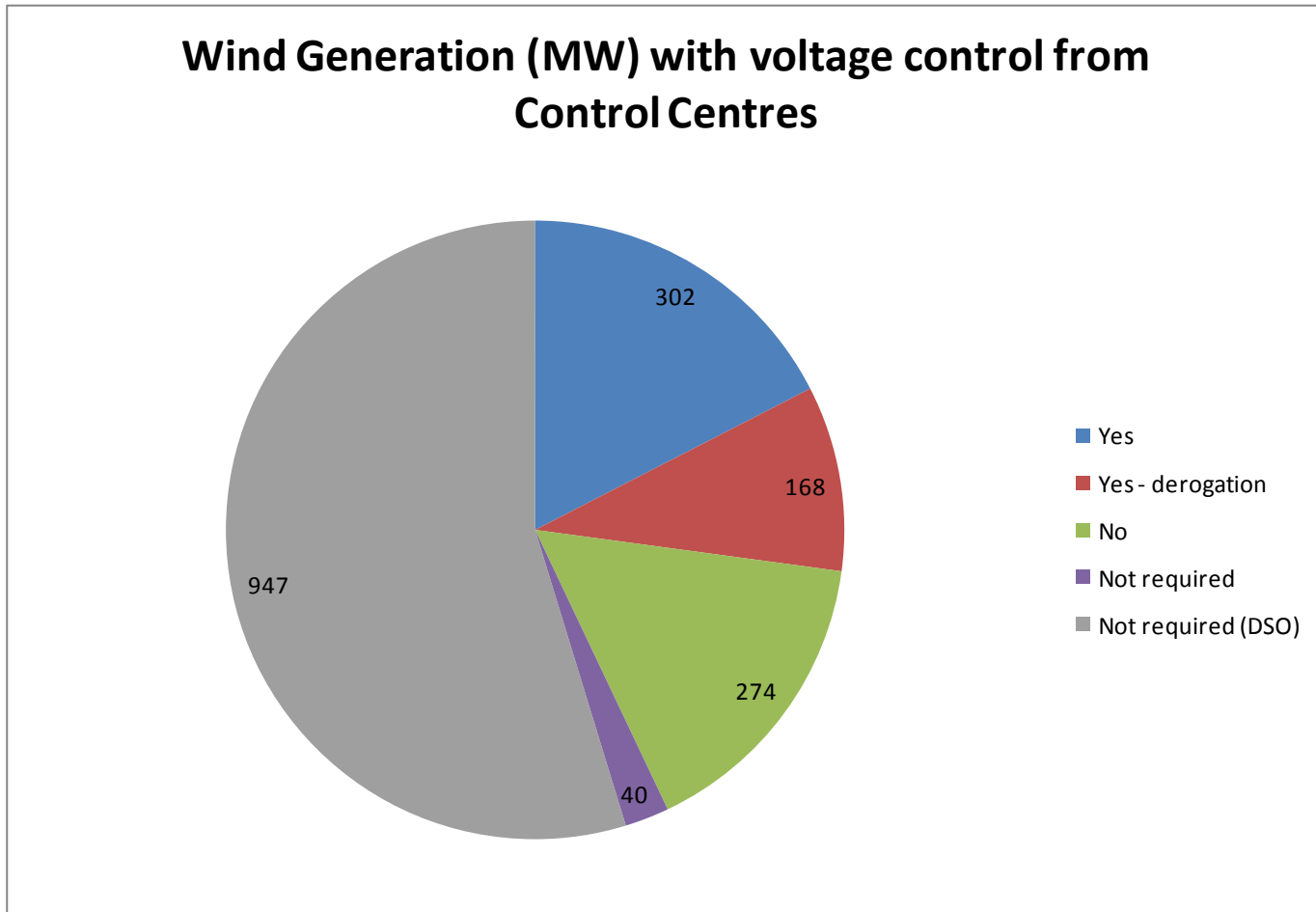
# Reactive Power Available – 2010 vs 2020

- Table shows average Mvar availability (i.e. from on-line generation) in 2010 and 2020 (with percentage increase/decrease)

	Lagging Mvar		Leading Mvar	
2010	3510		1570	
2020 (conventional)	2650	<b>(-24%)</b>	1310	<b>(-16%)</b>
2020 (Tx wind)	3240	<b>(-8%)</b>	2000	<b>(+21%)</b>
2020 (all wind)	3830	<b>(+9%)</b>	2480	<b>(+58%)</b>



# Reactive Power – Windfarm Control



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## Key Findings

Portfolio shortfall for leading RP (30%)

Synchronous RP will reduce (25%)

Only ¼ of windfarms provide RP control

Dynamic RP is critical for stability

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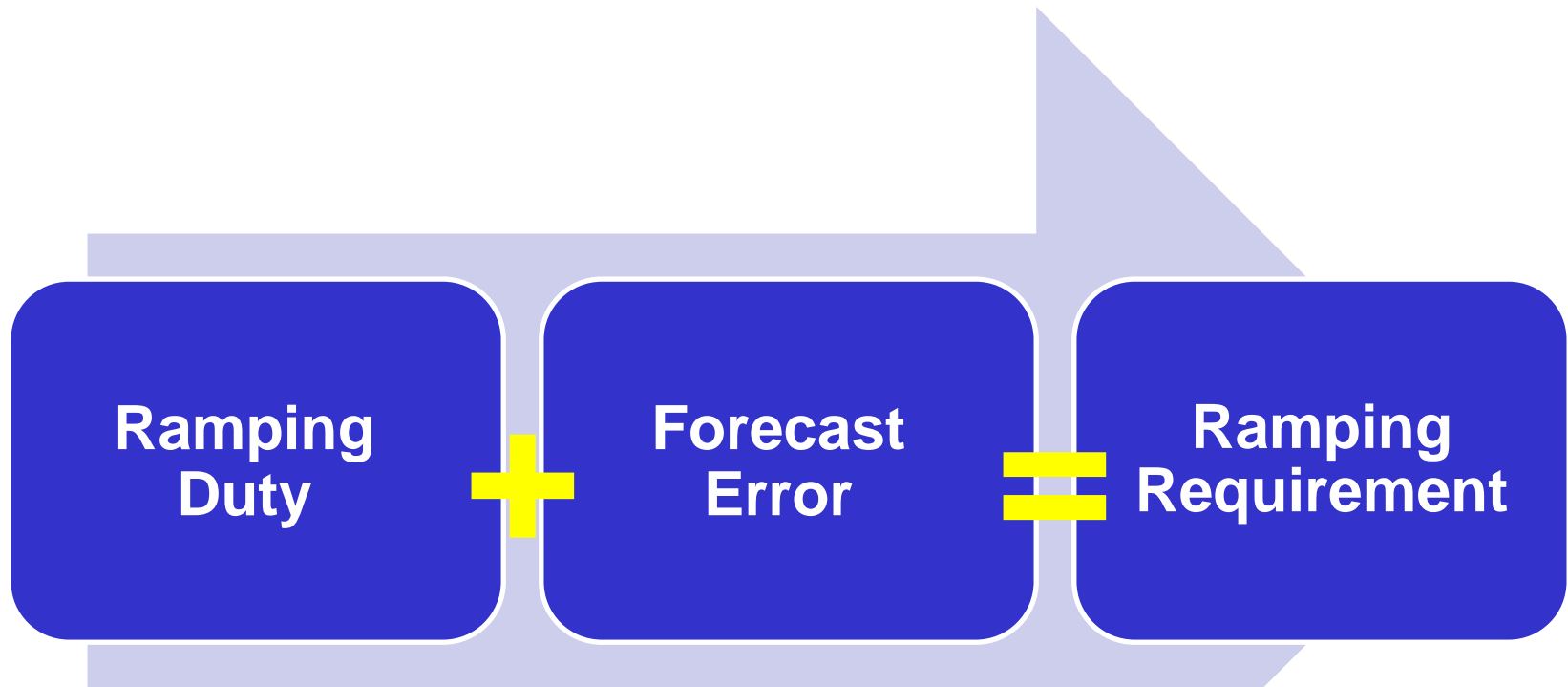
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## Forecast Error

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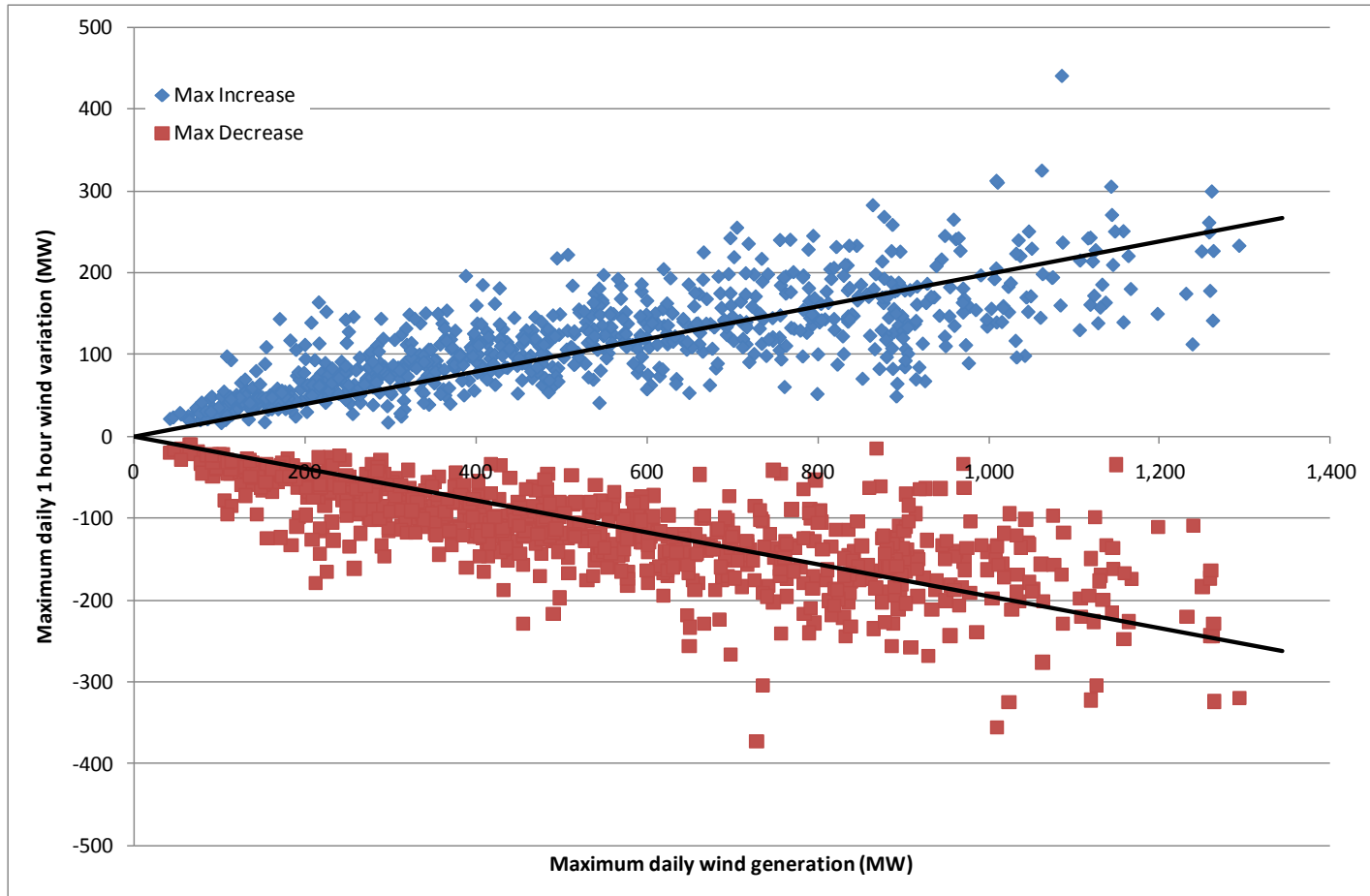
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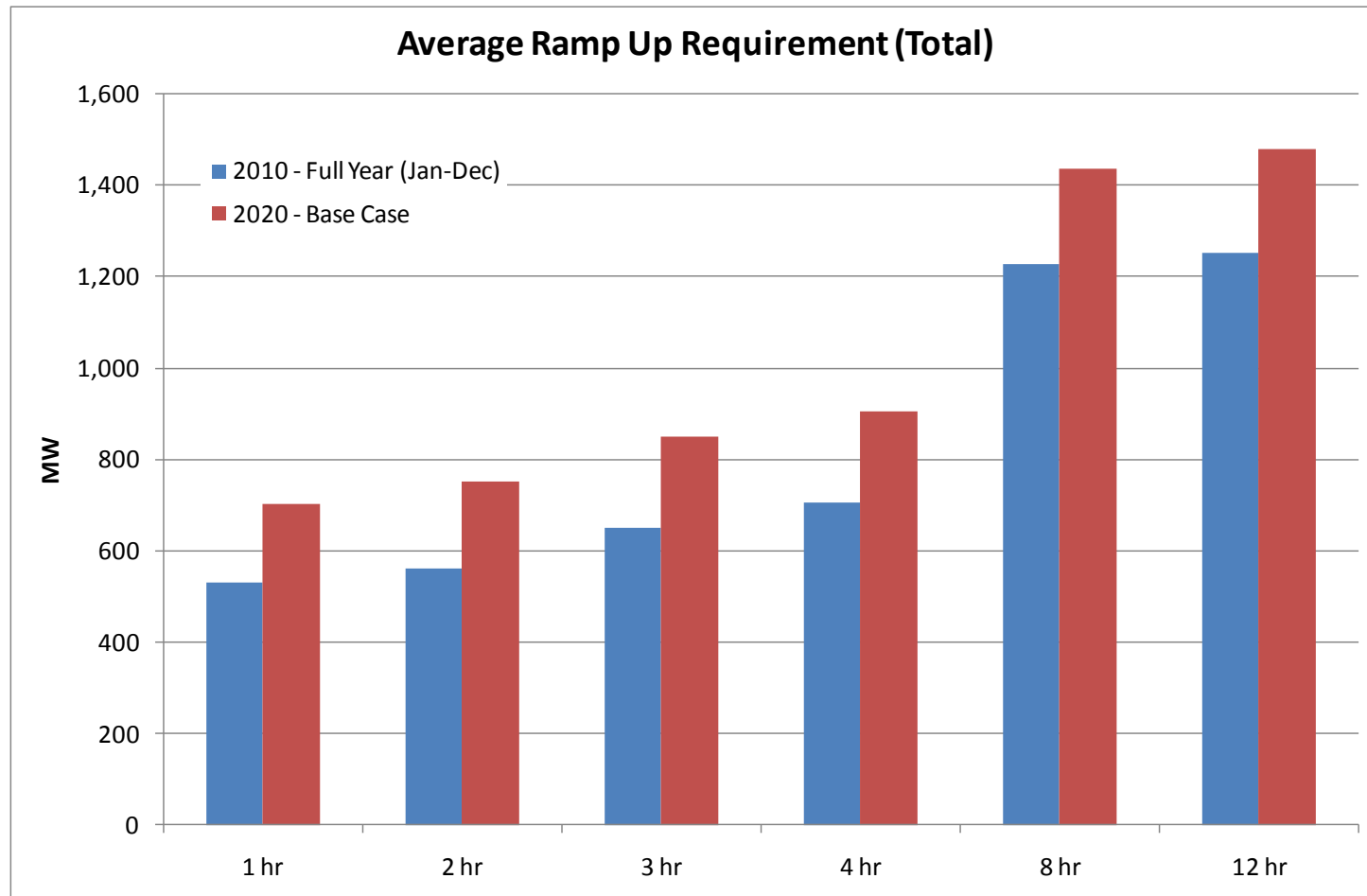


Illustration

# Wind Variability (1 hour)



# Ramping Requirement





# Generator Ramping Availability

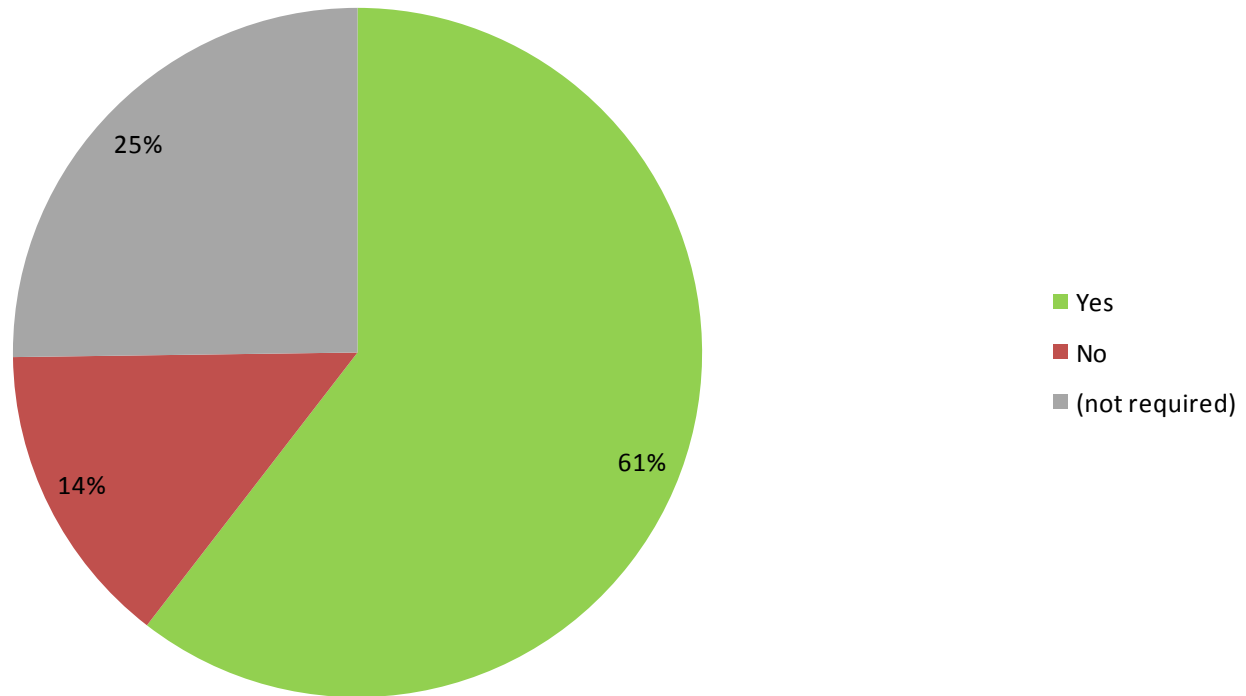
- Ramping deficit = requirement - availability
- 2010: system is dispatched to ensure requirement is met
  - Deficits arise following disturbances
- 2020: few instances of deficit
  - Due to assumed portfolio evolution (additional “flexible” generation)
  - Sensitivity studies illustrate potential issues

# Wind – Ramping Capability

- Wind generation can contribute to ramping requirement
  - Capable of being curtailed → can ramp down
  - When being curtailed → can ramp up **or** down
- Wind contribution to ramping requirement reduces requirement from conventional generation
  - Lower curtailment
- Reliable active power control is essential

# Wind – ramping capability

Active Power Control (by TSO) - 1,730 MW wind



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## Key Findings

Ramping requirement will increase with increasing wind

Both variability and uncertainty influence ramping requirement

Active Power Control of windfarms is essential

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# DS<sup>3</sup> – Delivering a Secure Sustainable System

## System Issues

## Key Action Areas

### Frequency Response

Reduced Synchronous Inertia  
Poor Generator Reserve Performance  
RoCoF Protection Relays



System Performance

### Voltage Control

Portfolio Reactive Power Capability  
Wind farm Controllability  
Type of Reactive Power Capability



System Policies

### Ramping Services

Windfarm active power control  
Need for Ramping Capability  
Forecast and Variability of portfolio output

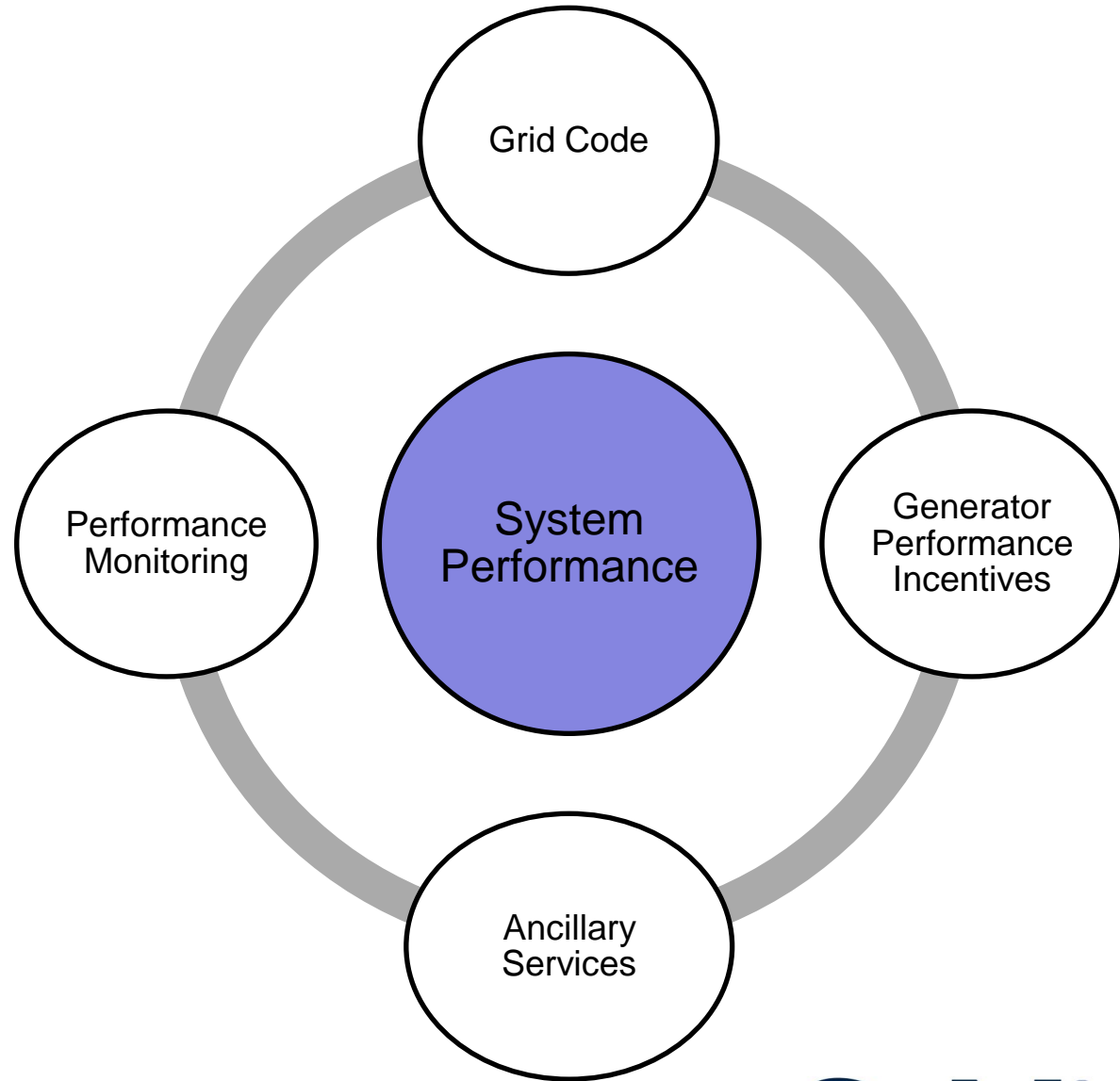


System Tools

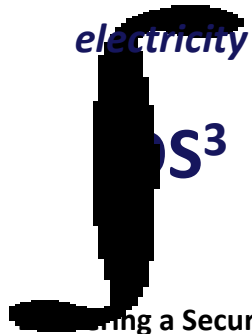


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- Incentivise greater performance capability
- Management of complexity, uncertainty

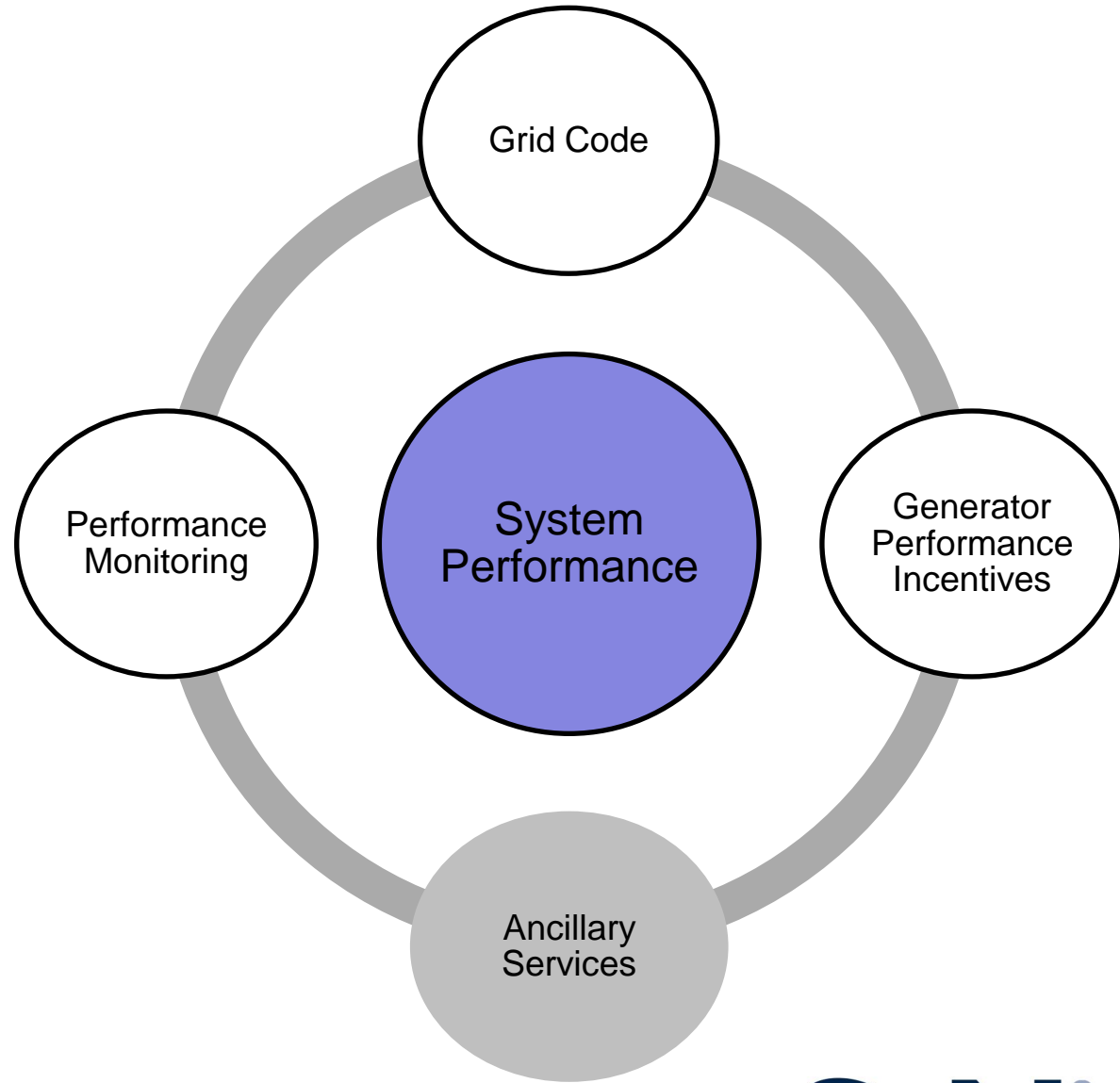




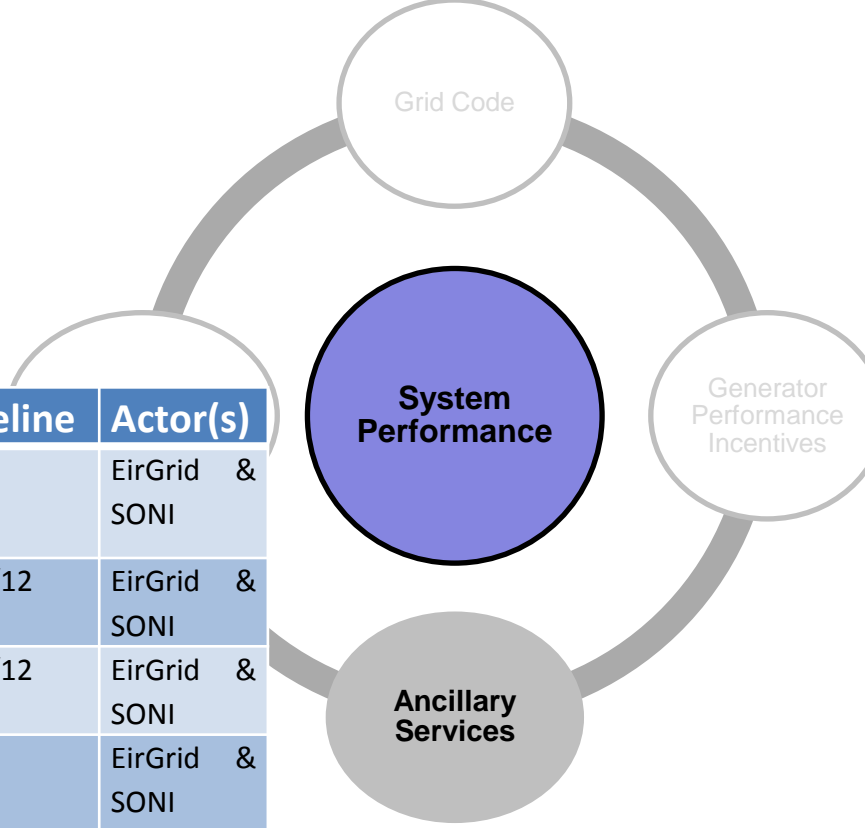


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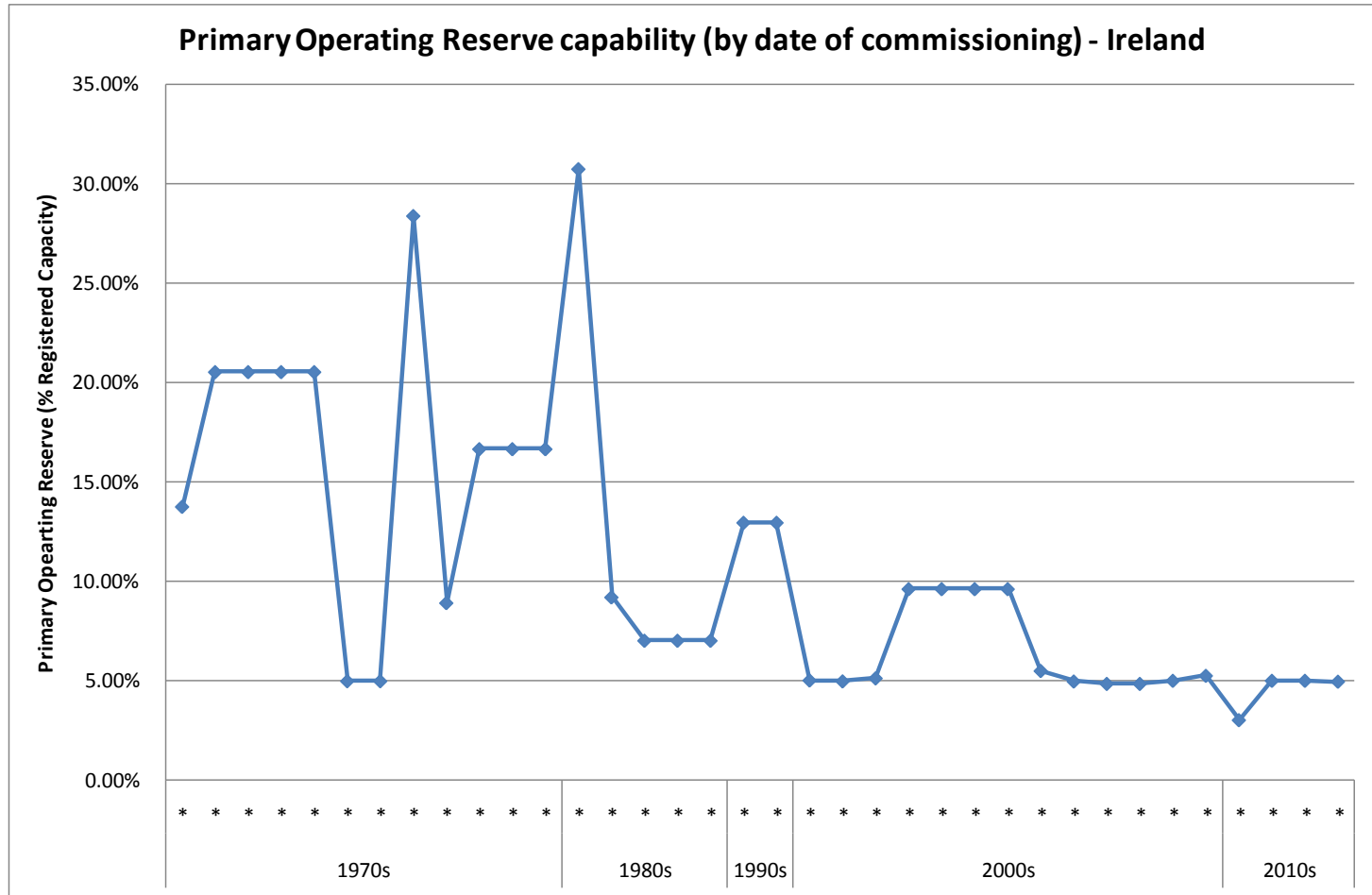


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Programme	Key Actions	Timeline	Actor(s)
Commercial Design	Consultation paper on Ancillary Services	2011	EirGrid & SONI
	Financial valuation of system services	2011/12	EirGrid & SONI
	Commercial Mechanisms	2011/12	EirGrid & SONI
	All island consultation on proposed ancillary services payment structures	2012	EirGrid & SONI
	Decision on future ancillary services funding	2012	Regulatory Authorities
	Decision on ancillary services implementation methods	2012	EirGrid & SONI / Regulatory Authorities
	Implementation of new ancillary services arrangements	2013	EirGrid & SONI

# Reserve Capability of Generators (Ireland only)



# Generator Performance Incentives

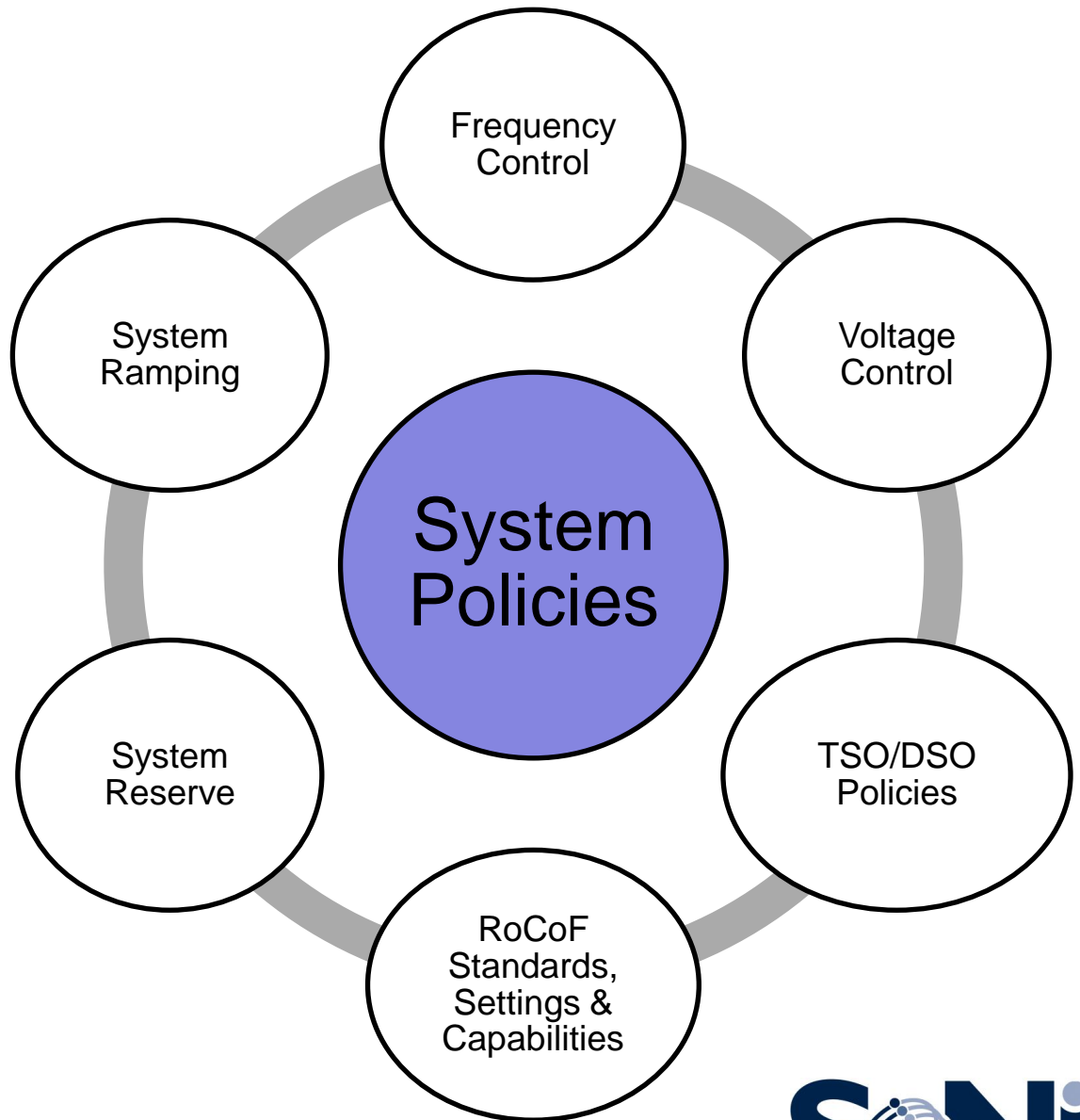
- Improvements observed since the introduction of GPIs
  - Particularly in Ireland (see table)

<i>Characteristic</i>	<i>Improvement (as of Dec 2010)</i>
<b>Reactive Power (Leading)</b>	100 Mvar
<b>Reactive Power (Lagging)</b>	100 Mvar
<b>Primary Operating Reserve</b>	25 MW
<b>Secondary Operating Reserve</b>	40 MW
<b>Minimum load for reserve provision</b>	50 MW

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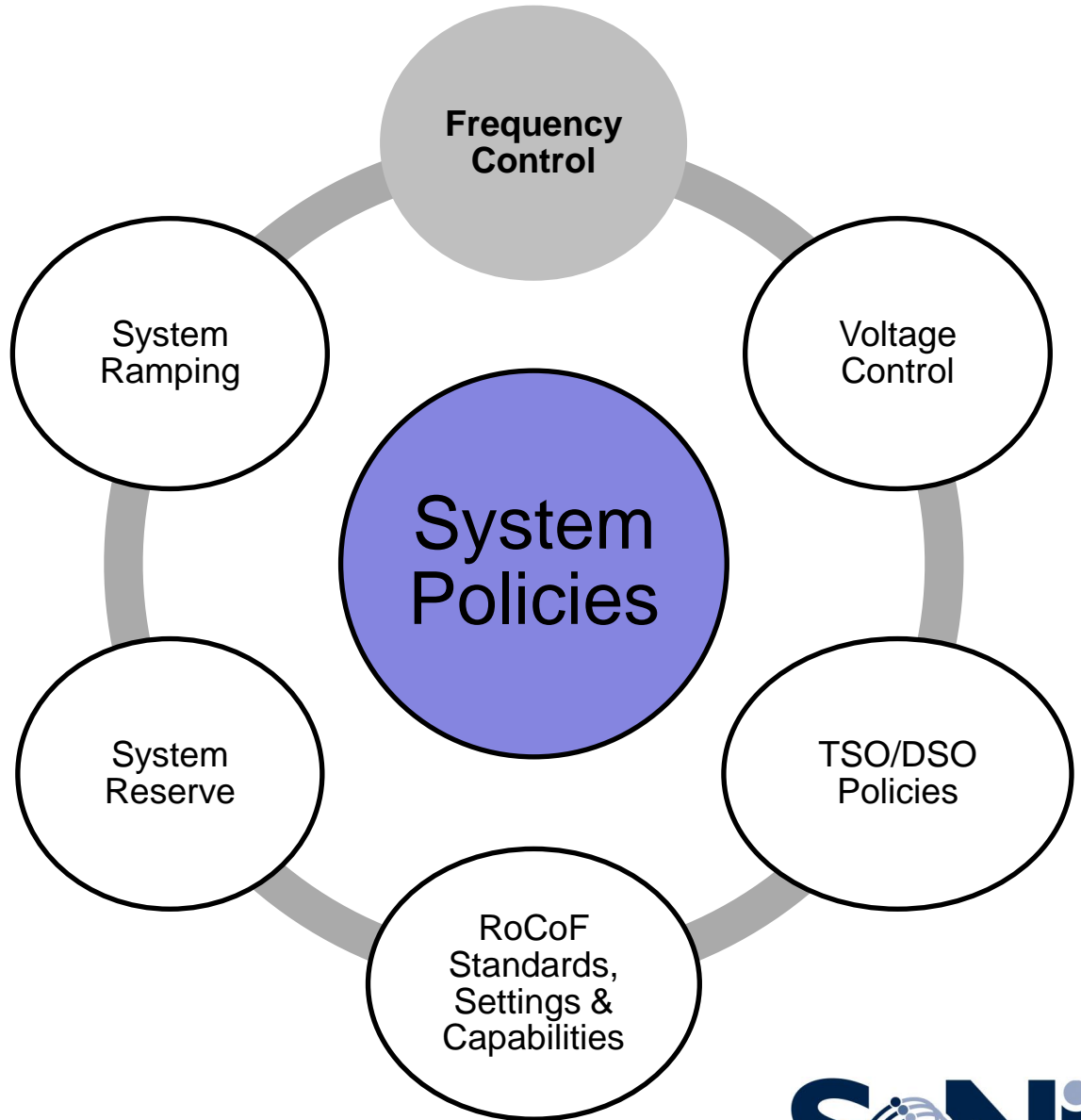
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Less Synchronous Inertia  
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RoCoF protection relays  
Less dynamic reactive support

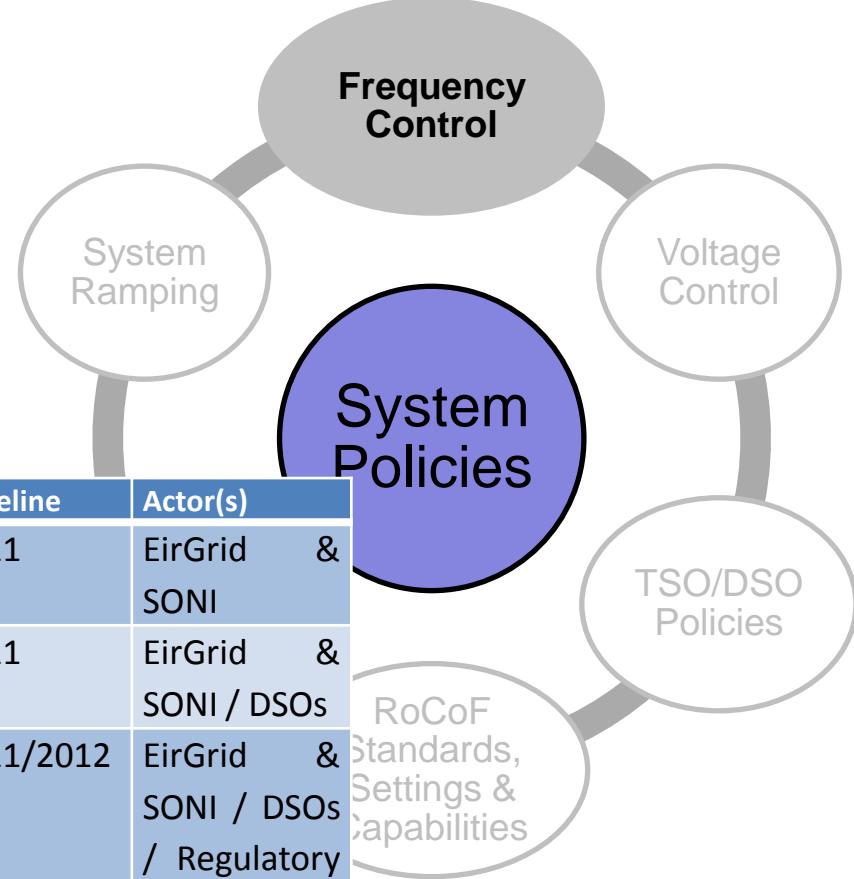


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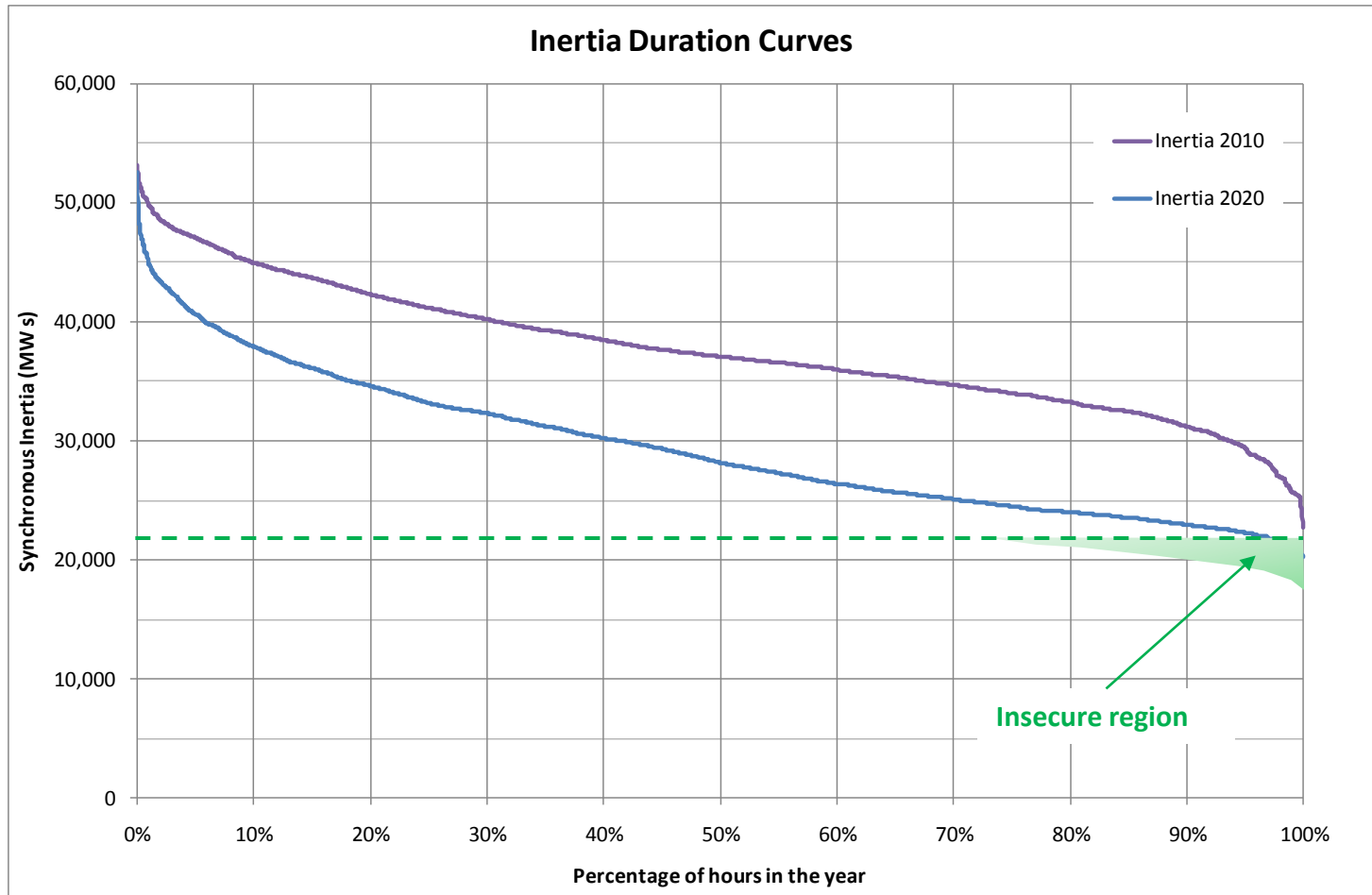
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Frequency Control	Review of RoCoF protection settings and capability	2011	EirGrid & SONI
	Engagement with the DSO on RoCoF protection settings	2011	EirGrid & SONI / DSOs
	Agree new settings for RoCoF relays/Agree to disable RoCoF relays	2011/2012	EirGrid & SONI / DSOs / Regulatory Authorities
	Implementation of changes to RoCoF settings	2012	Industry
	Review system reserve policy for Control Centres in the context of high levels of variable renewable generation	2012	EirGrid & SONI
	Investigate the system ramping requirements (long term reserve) and associated policy	2012	EirGrid & SONI

RoCoF Standards, Settings & Capabilities

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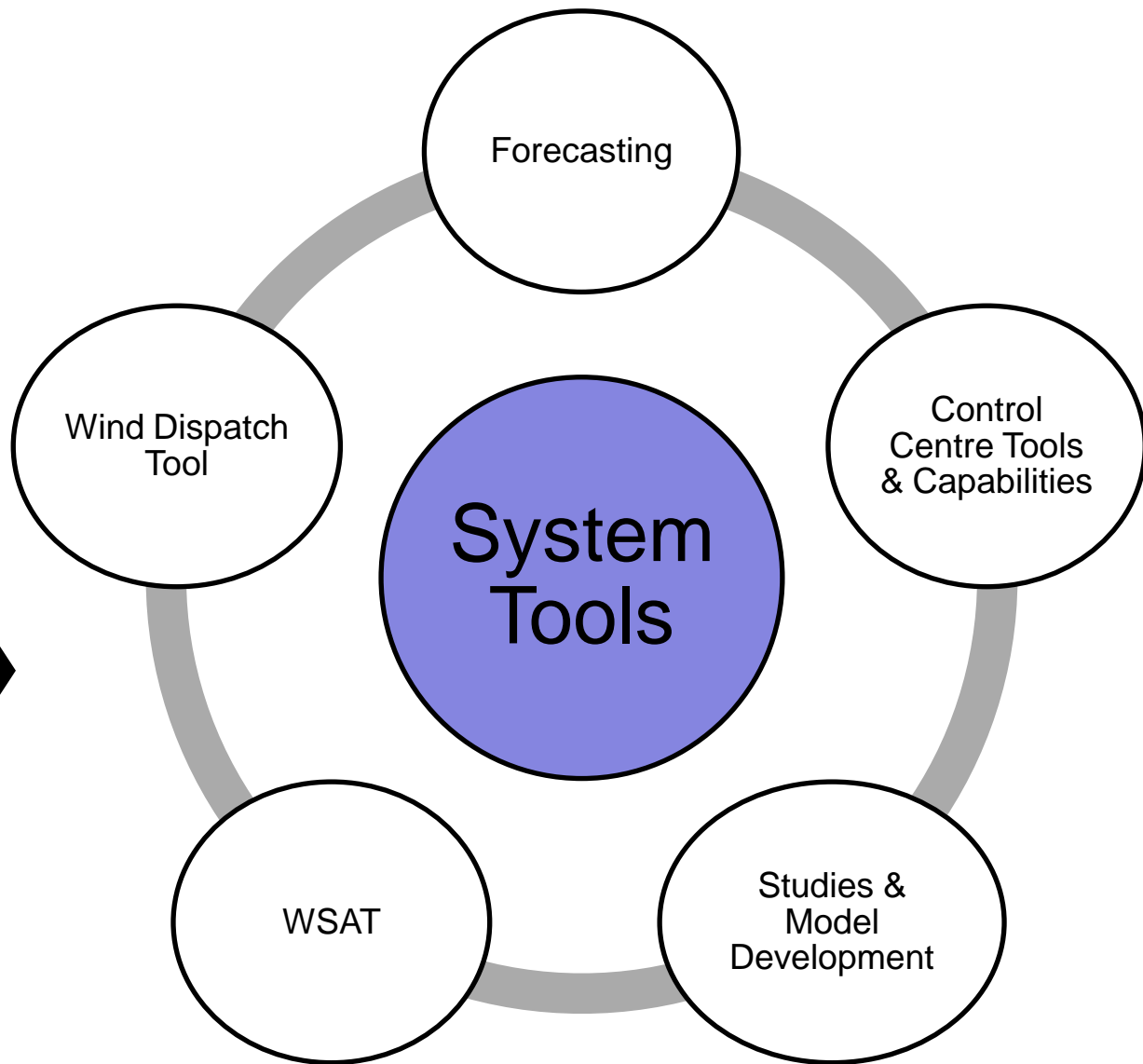




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Greater Embedded Generation  
Change in Generation Portfolio  
Controllability  
Model Refinement



# Delivering a Secure Sustainable Electricity System – DS<sup>3</sup> Programme



## System Performance

- Performance Monitoring
- Grid Code Standards
- Commercial Incentives



## System Policies

- System Security
- Voltage Control
- RoCoF relays



## System Tools

- Wind Dispatch
- Control Centre Capabilities/Controllability
- Studies / model development



## Communications

- Industry Forums
- RAs/DSOs Engagement
- Advisory Council

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# Advisory Council

- A forum to facilitate wide stakeholder input across the electricity sector in Ireland and Northern Ireland
- Independent panel of experts that help to guide the DS<sup>3</sup> programme
- Members of the group participate as individuals and not as representatives of organisations
- Deadline for expressions of interest: 31 August 2011
- Kick off meeting: October 2011



System Policies



System Tools



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System Performance



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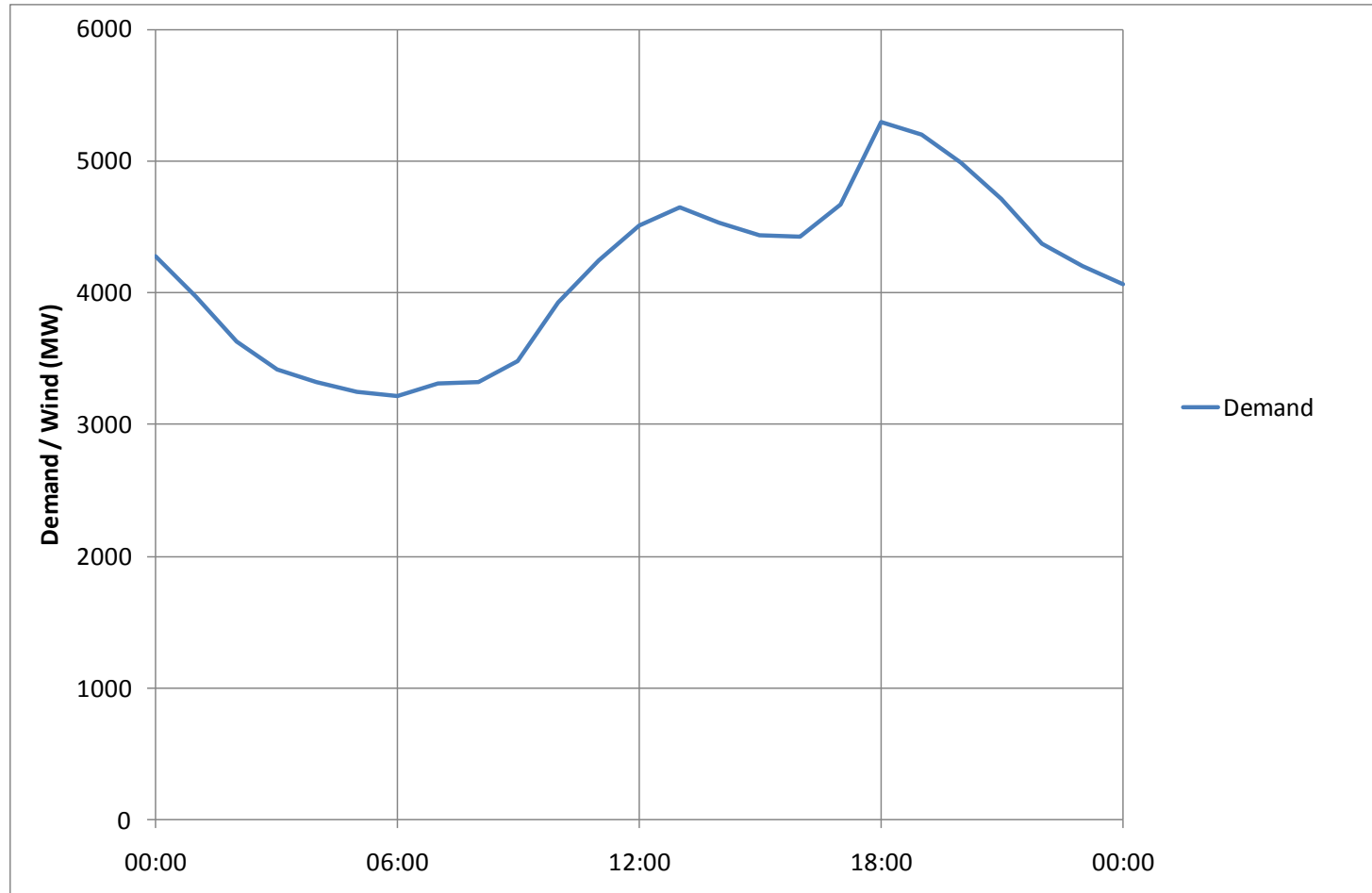
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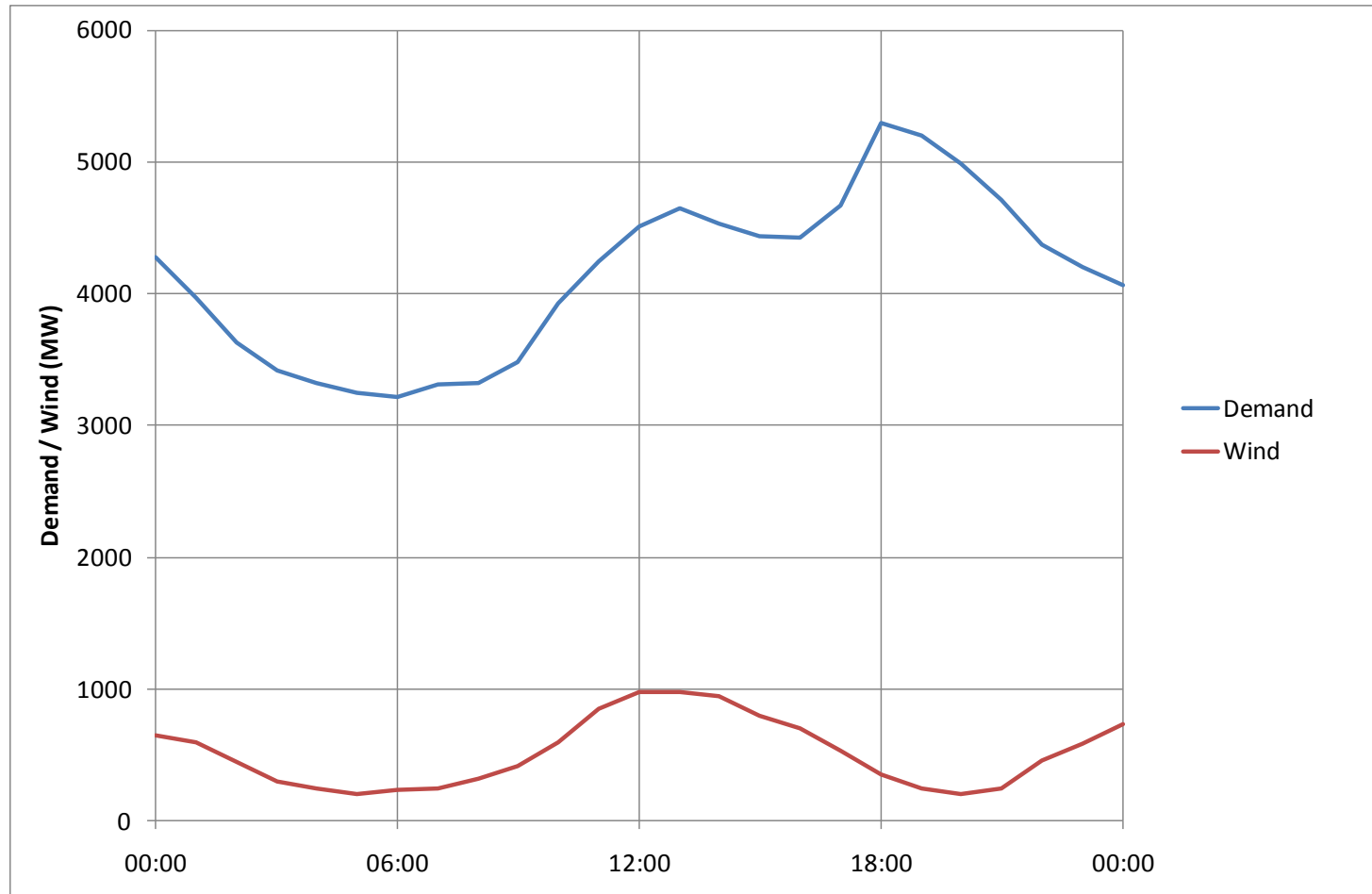


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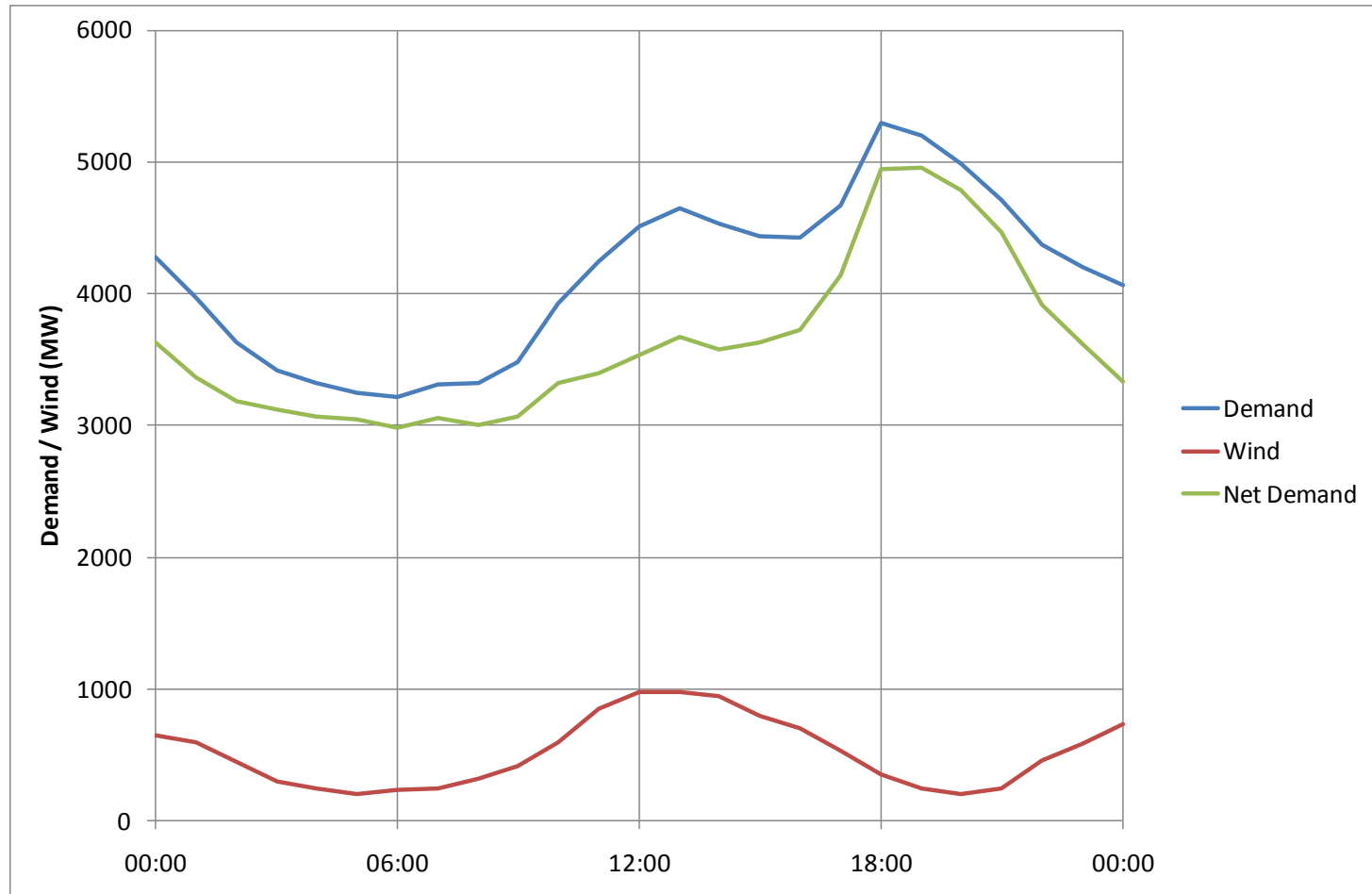




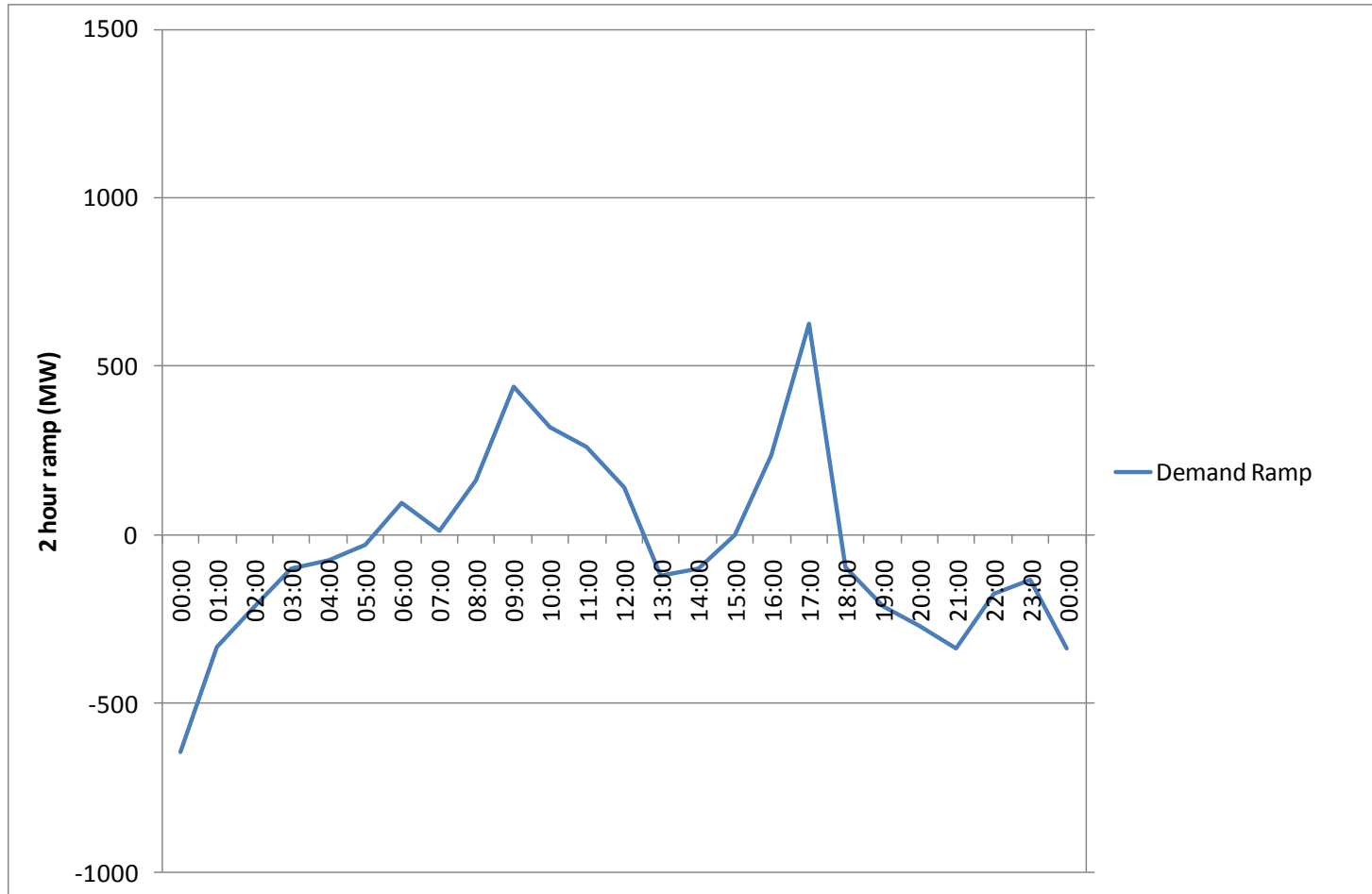
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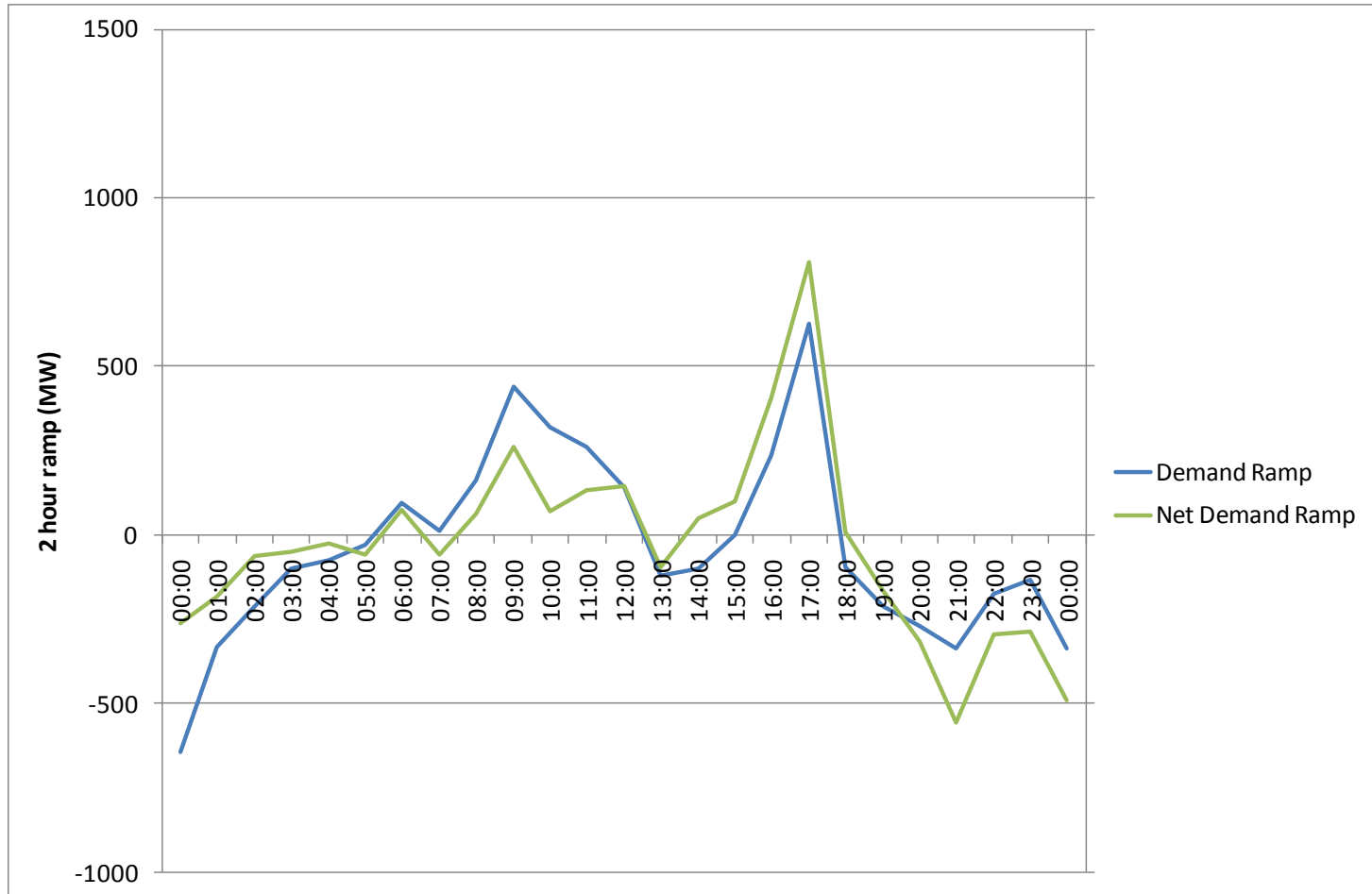
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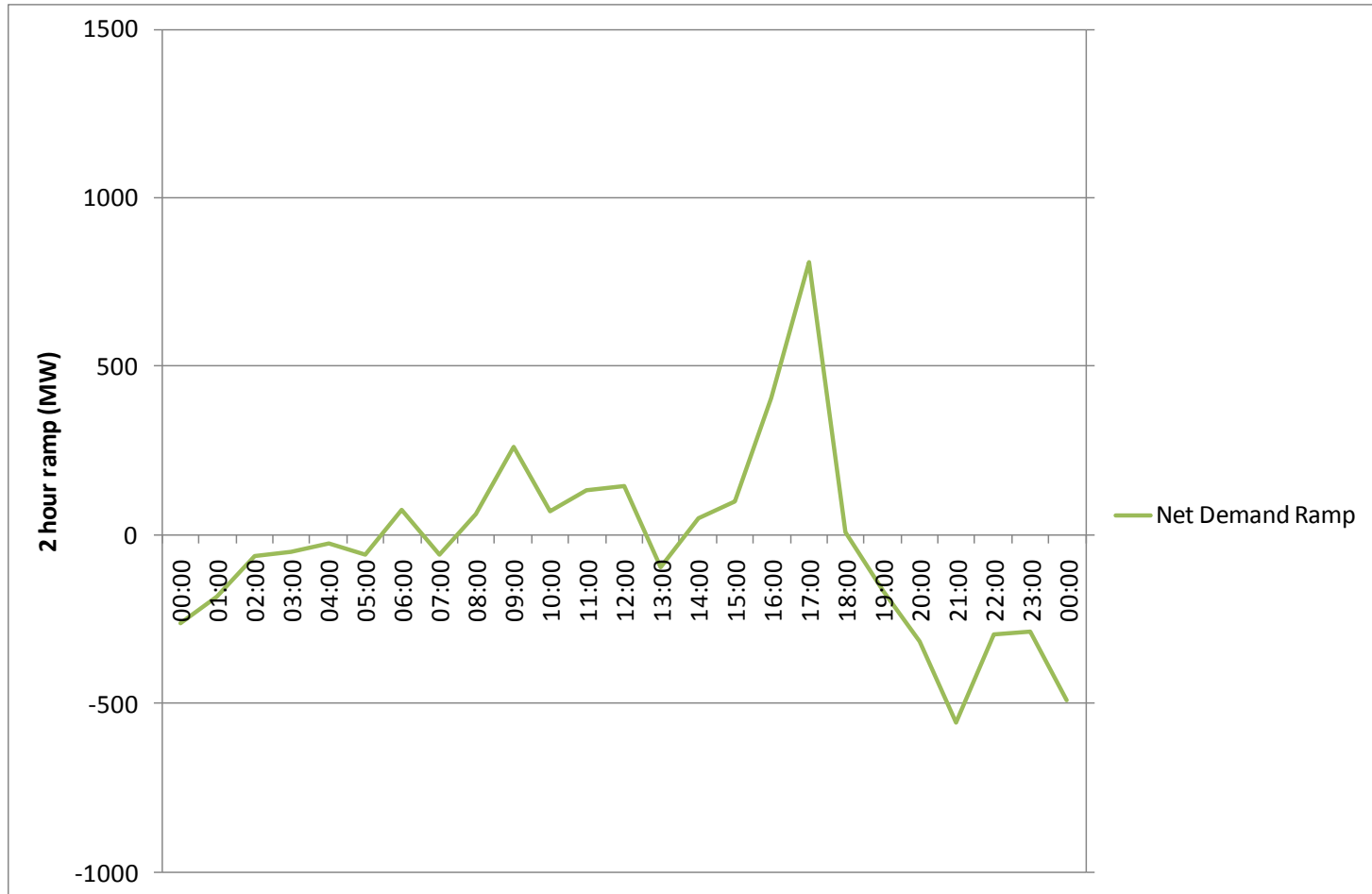
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# Ramping Requirement = Duty + Errors

