

# Modelling of Smart Low-Carbon Electricity Systems

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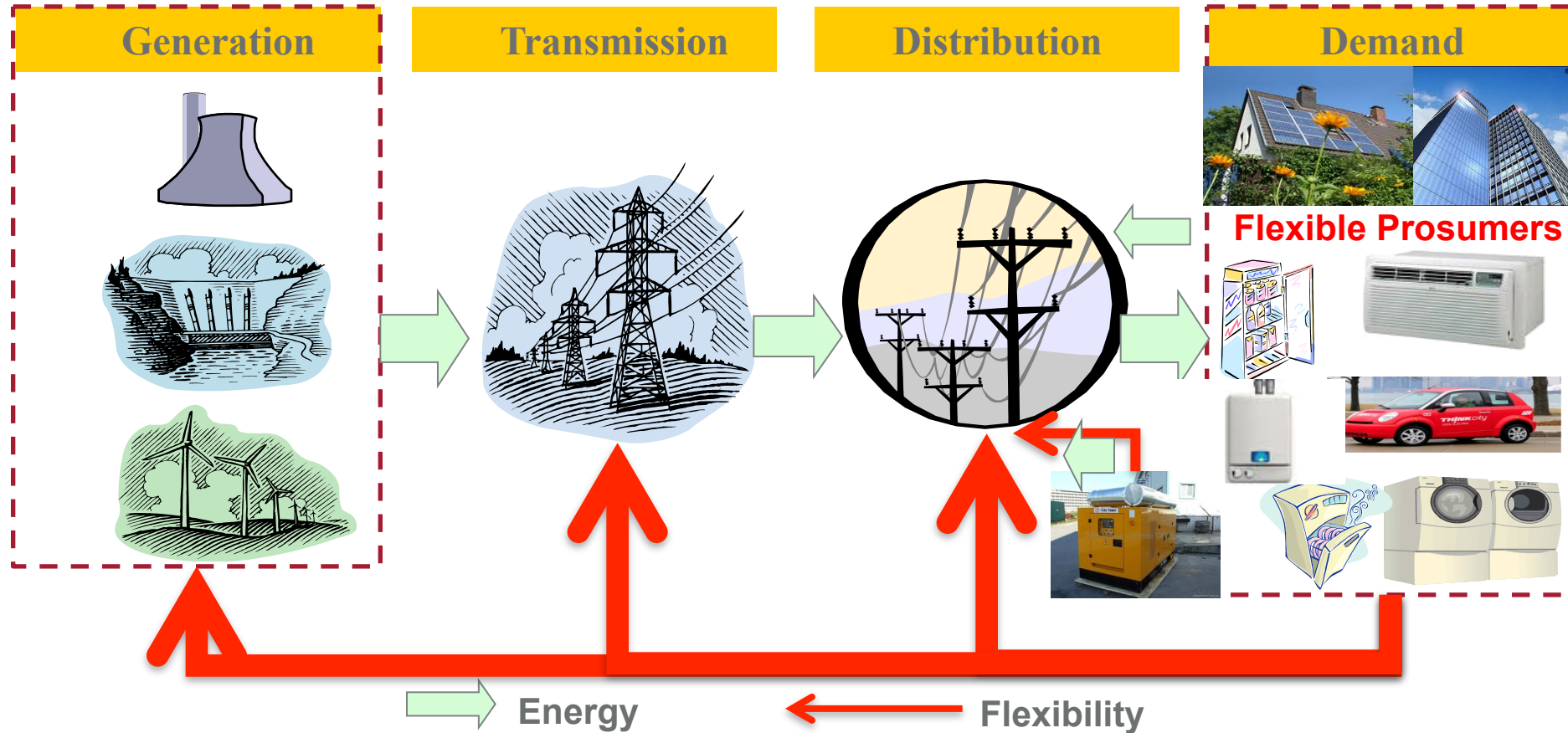
# Models

1. Whole electricity System Investment Model (**WeSIM**)
2. Stochastic Unit Commitment model (**SUC**)
3. Dynamic Transmission Investment Model (**DTIM**)
4. Distribution Network Planning Model (**DistPlan**)
5. Combined Gas and Electricity Model (**CGEN**)

# **1. Whole electricity System Investment Model - *WeSIM***

# Energy: From the Grid to Consumers

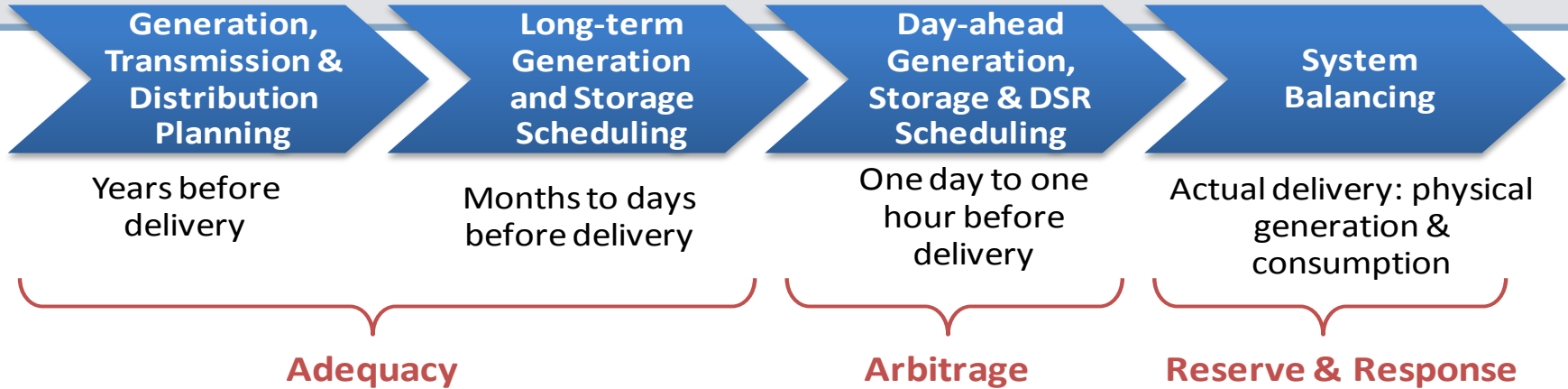
## Flexibility: From Consumers to the Grid



**WeSIM –quantifying the value of DSR & storage – informing policy, regulation & business models**

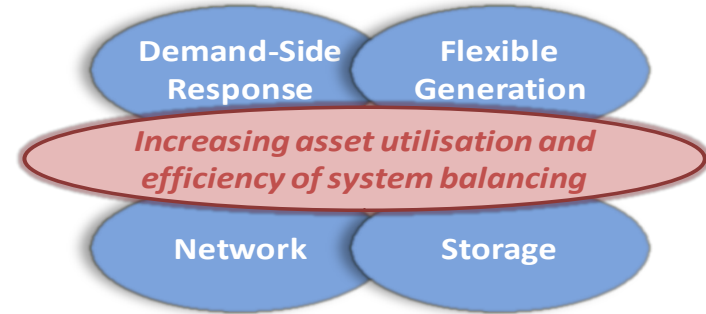
# Valuing Flexible Technologies

## Whole Systems Approach



Whole-system modelling  
critical for capturing **Time** and  
**Location** interactions

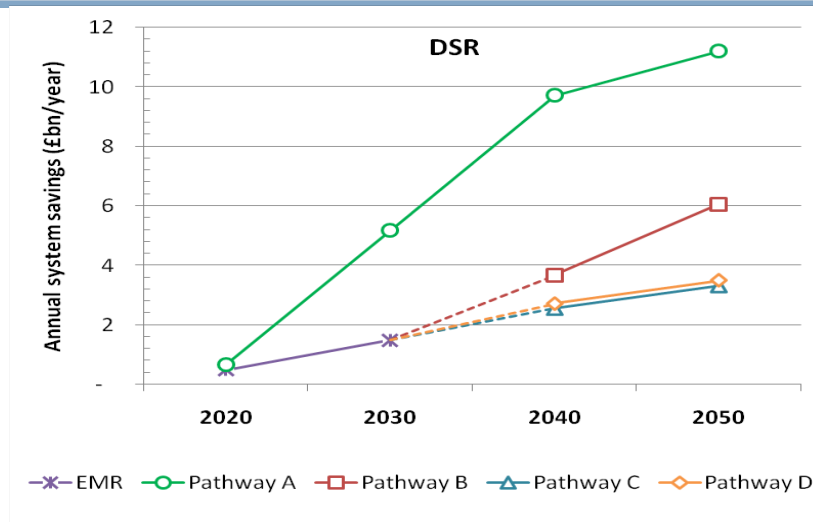
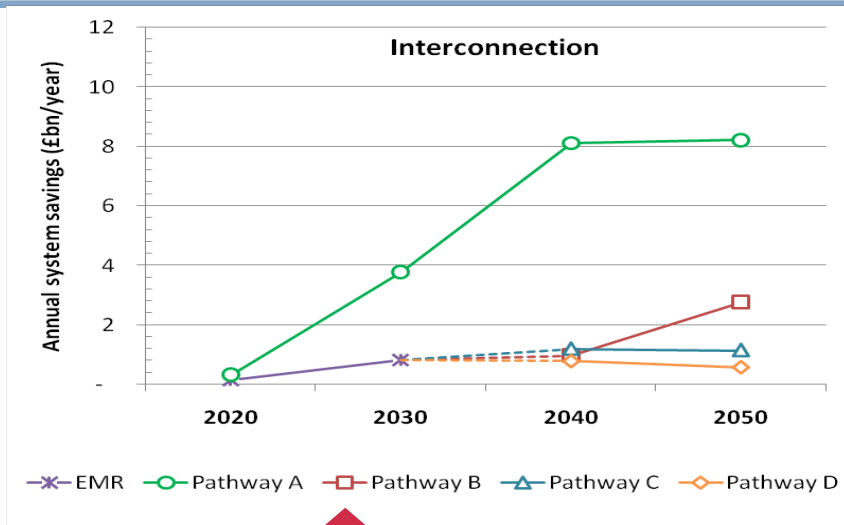
- (1) cost and performance targets
- (2) competitiveness and synergies of alternative technologies



Volume of the market  
for flexible balancing  
technologies >£60b

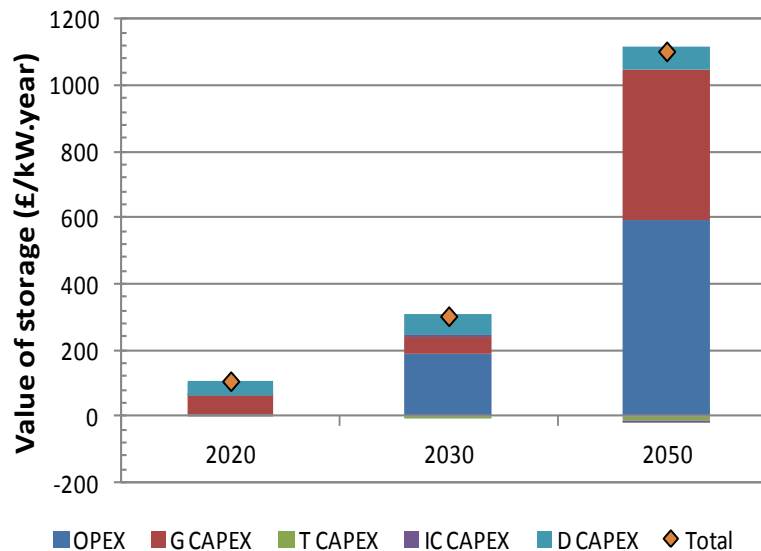
System integration costs of low  
carbon European system >€500b

# Applications of *WeSIM* in the UK – informing policy



(1) Understanding the balancing challenge

(2) Strategic value of Storage

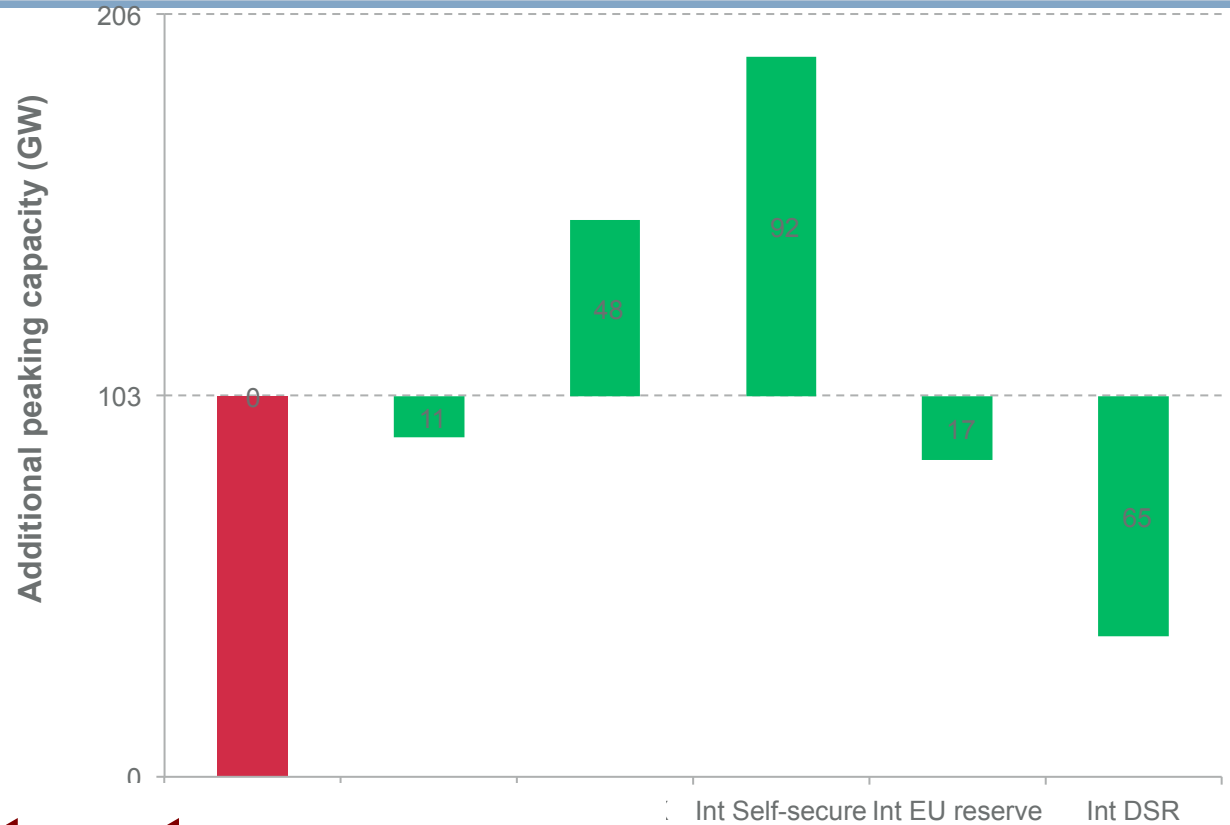
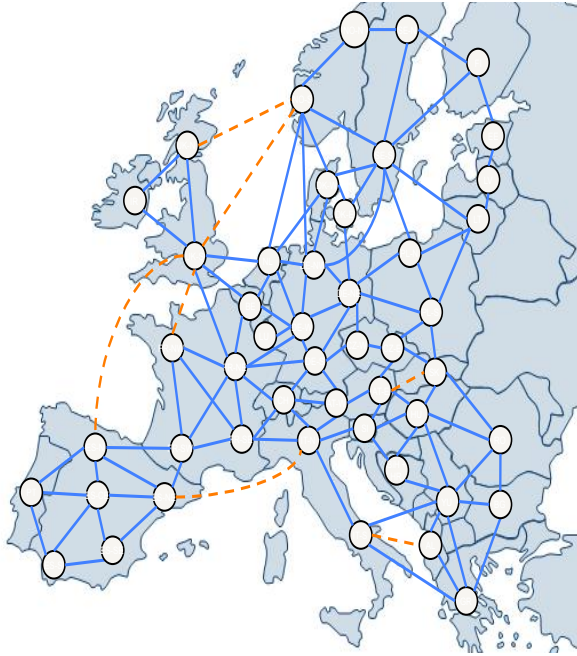


# WeSIM – Informing EU electricity market integration : Member State-centric or EU wide approach?



1. Infrastructure development?
2. RES deployment?
3. Adequacy?
4. Balancing?

# EU-wide capacity mechanism can save 100-160 GW of peaking plant!



**Can you really trust .....  
when it comes to security of  
supply?**



# Benefits of whole electricity systems approach at the EU level

In €bn/year (rounded)	By 2030
<i>Integrated energy market</i>	9.5 to 32.0
<i>Extra for integrated capacity market</i>	3.0 to 7.5
<i>Extra for shared balancing</i>	0.5 to 2
<i>Extra for Demand Side Response</i>	3.0 – 5.0
<i>Extra for Coordinated RES investment</i>	15.6 - 30

**Can we afford member state-centric approach to electricity supply?**

# Scope for further application and for enhancing WeSIM

- *Quantifying whole electricity system integration costs of different low carbon generation technologies*
- Coordinated development of different industry sectors with energy sector (e.g. strategic water sector infrastructure development to support integration of renewable generation)
- Incorporation of resource constraints associated with different generation and energy storage
- Including other energy vectors, such as hydrogen

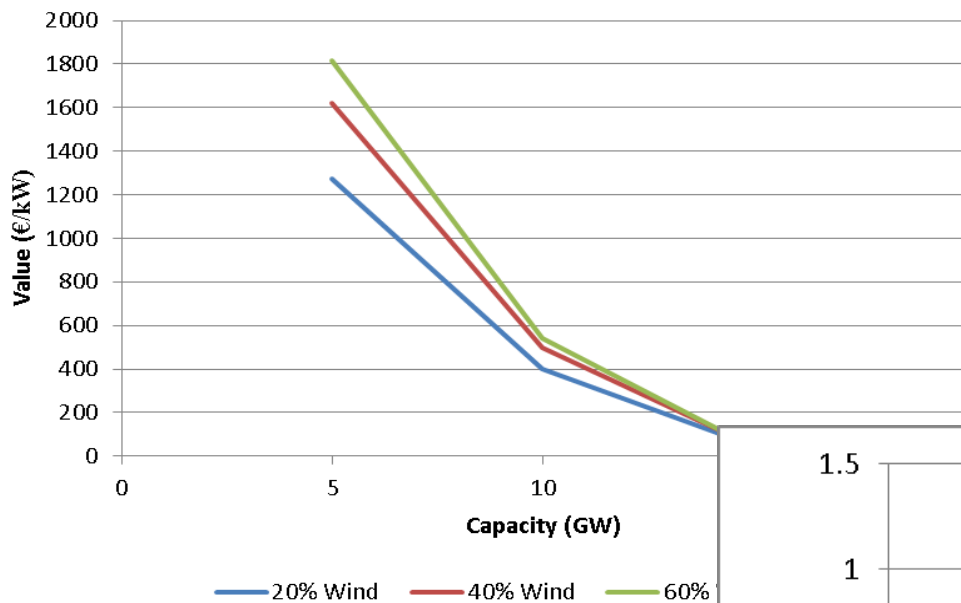
## **2. Modelling of real time balancing of supply and demand**

### **Stochastic Unit Commitment - SUC**

# Stochastic Unit Commitment (SUC) – key features

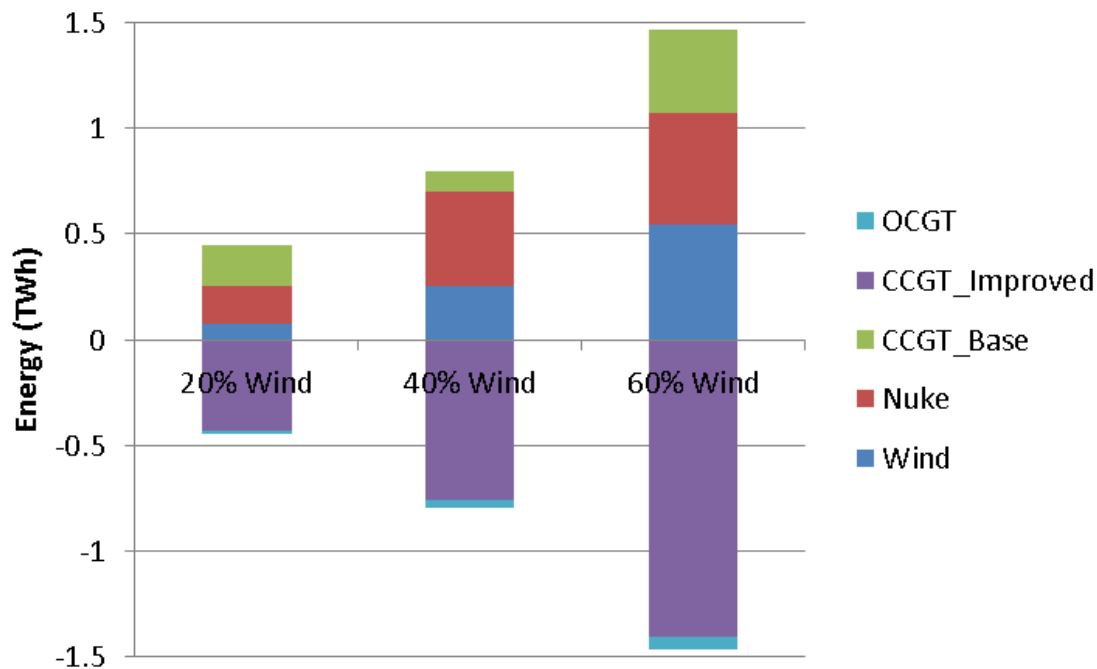
- SUC quantifies operational costs associated with balancing demand and supply in real time in systems with significant contribution of renewable generation
- Through time-domain generation scheduling SUC captures complex inter-temporal constraints that limit the balancing actions of the thermal plant, storage, and demand-side measures
- *SUC schedules optimally / dynamically (1) reserves including both spinning and standing and (2) response services both primary and secondary reserves, considering wind and demand **uncertainties** and generation outage uncertainty (this is critical for allocating storage or DSR resource between energy arbitrage and the provision of various ancillary services).*
- *SUC quantifies the value of various emerging technologies that offer different types of flexibility*

# Flexibility of generation, not only capacity and energy provision will be critical

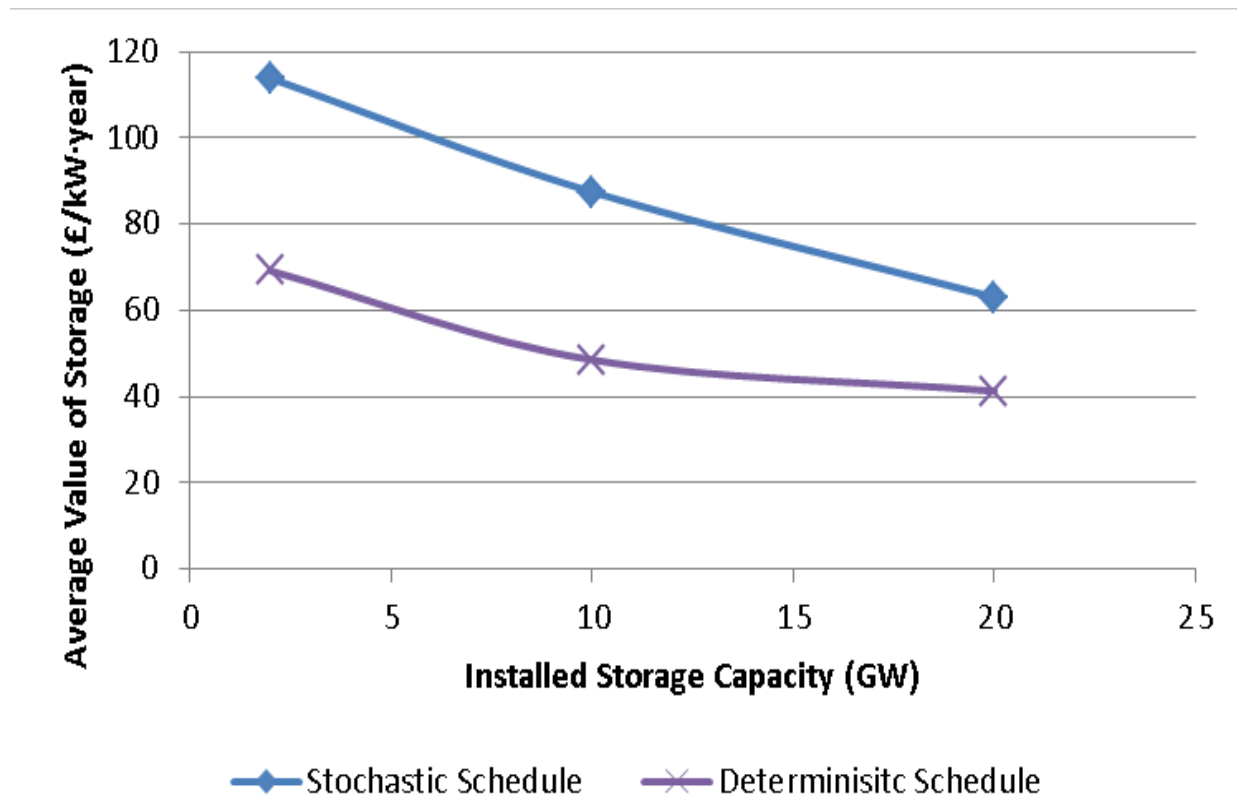


Significant value in enhancing flexibility of conventional gas plant

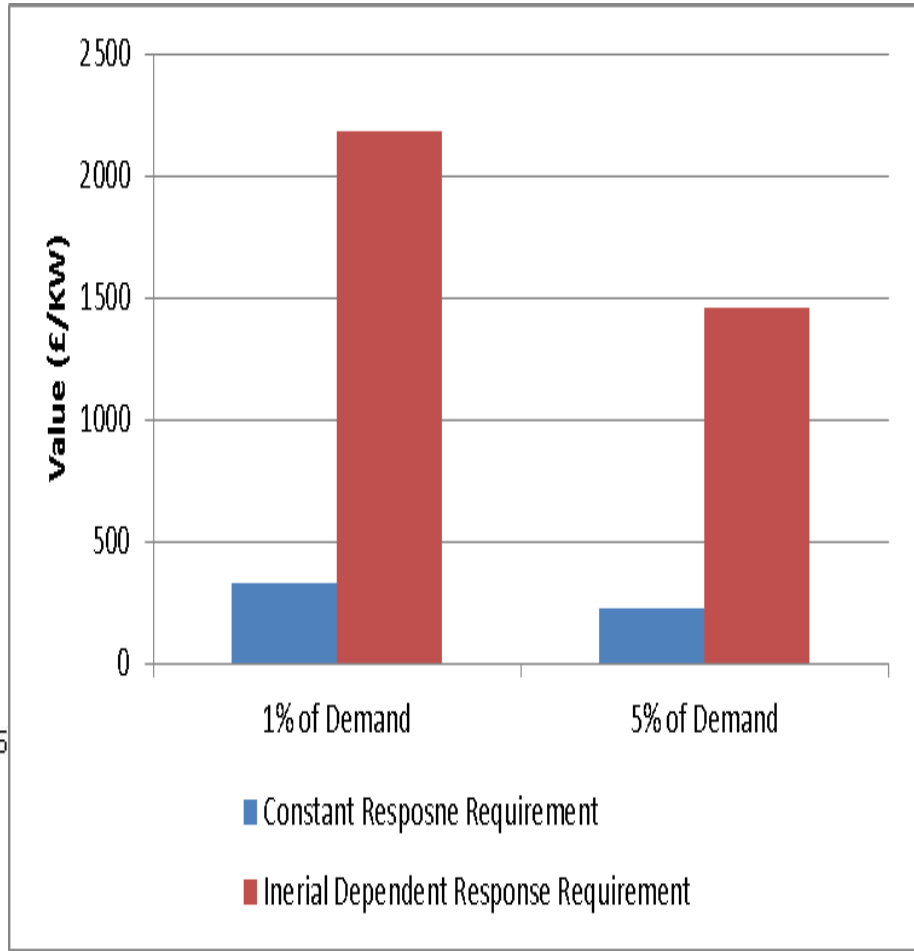
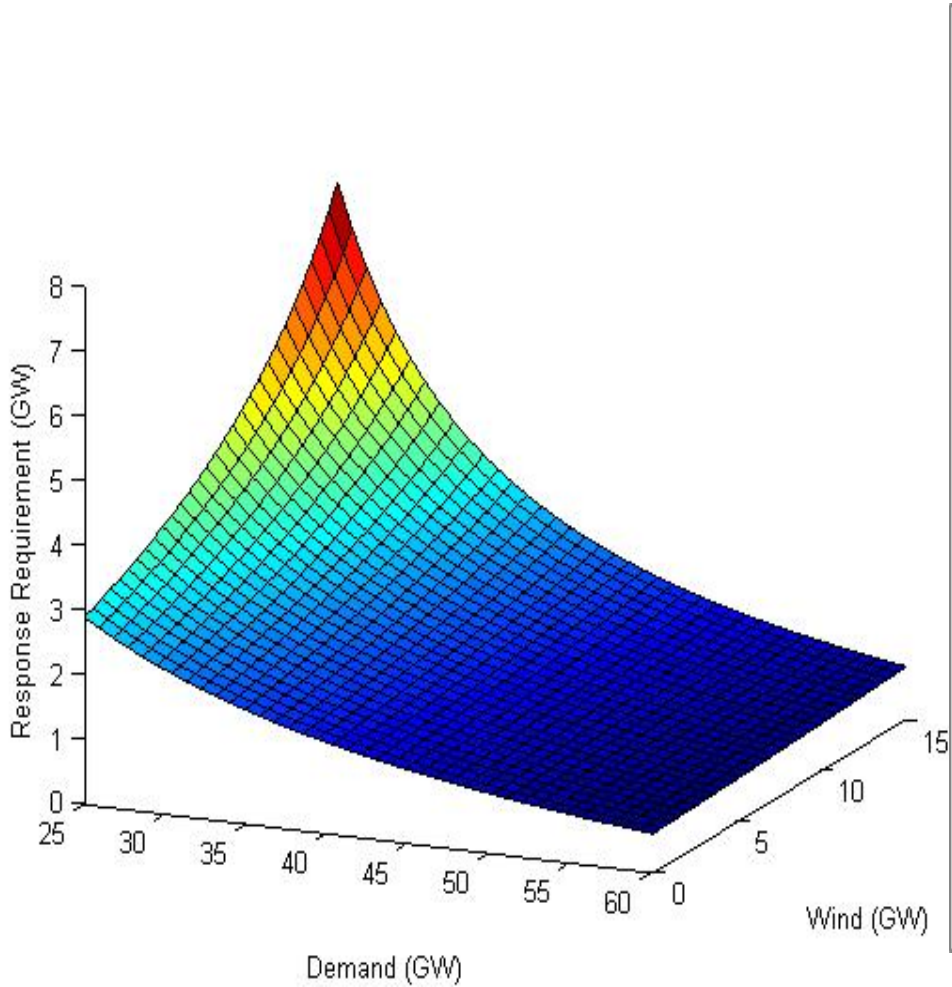
Will future market adequately reward flexibility?



# Valuing storage: deterministic v stochastic



# Reduction in GB system inertia: value of frequency regulation



# SUC informing policy

- There is a significant interest in further developments of market arrangements beyond energy and capacity to include various **reserve** and **response** services.
  - ❖ SUC could be applied to assess needs for different flexibility products and provide quantitative evidence to industry, government and regulators regarding the development of incentives / market to facilitate investment in flexibility



# **3. Dynamic Transmission Investment Model – DTIM**

## DTIM: Future investment in Transmission

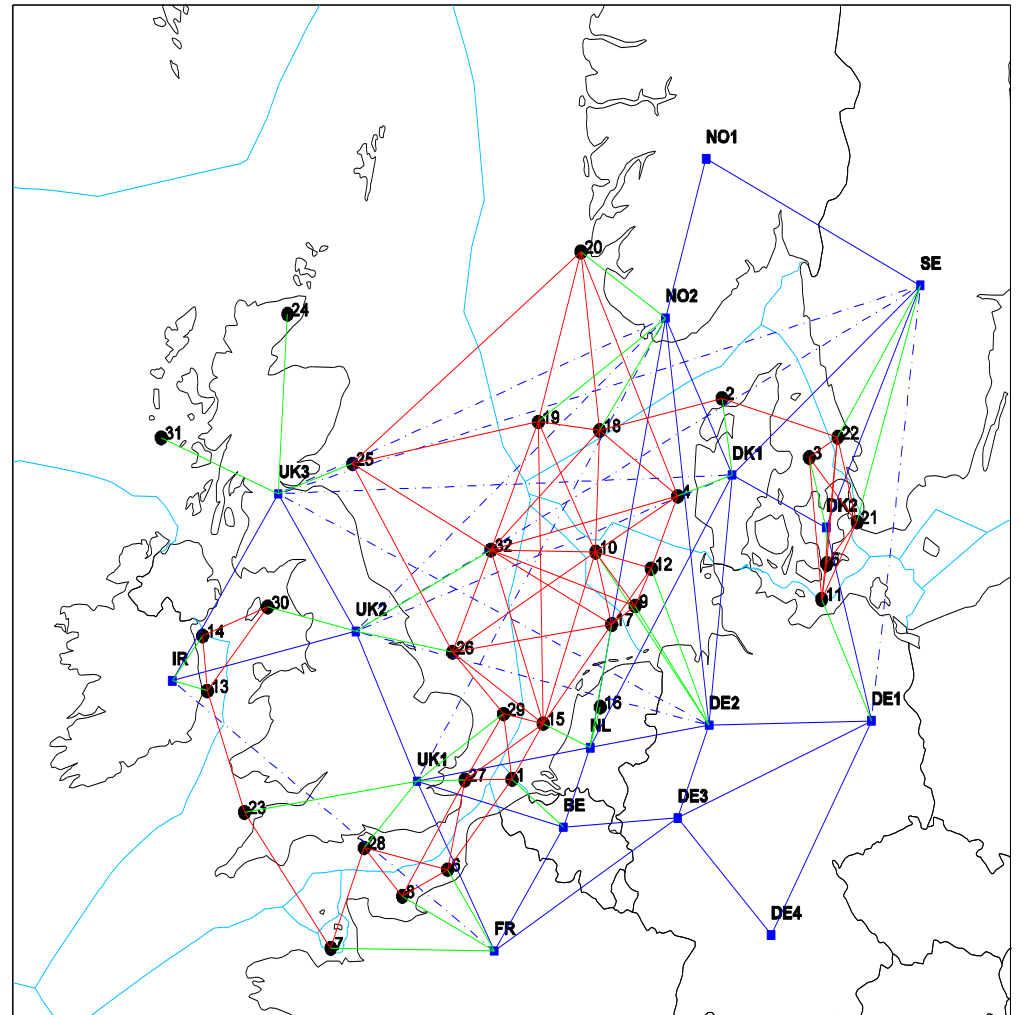
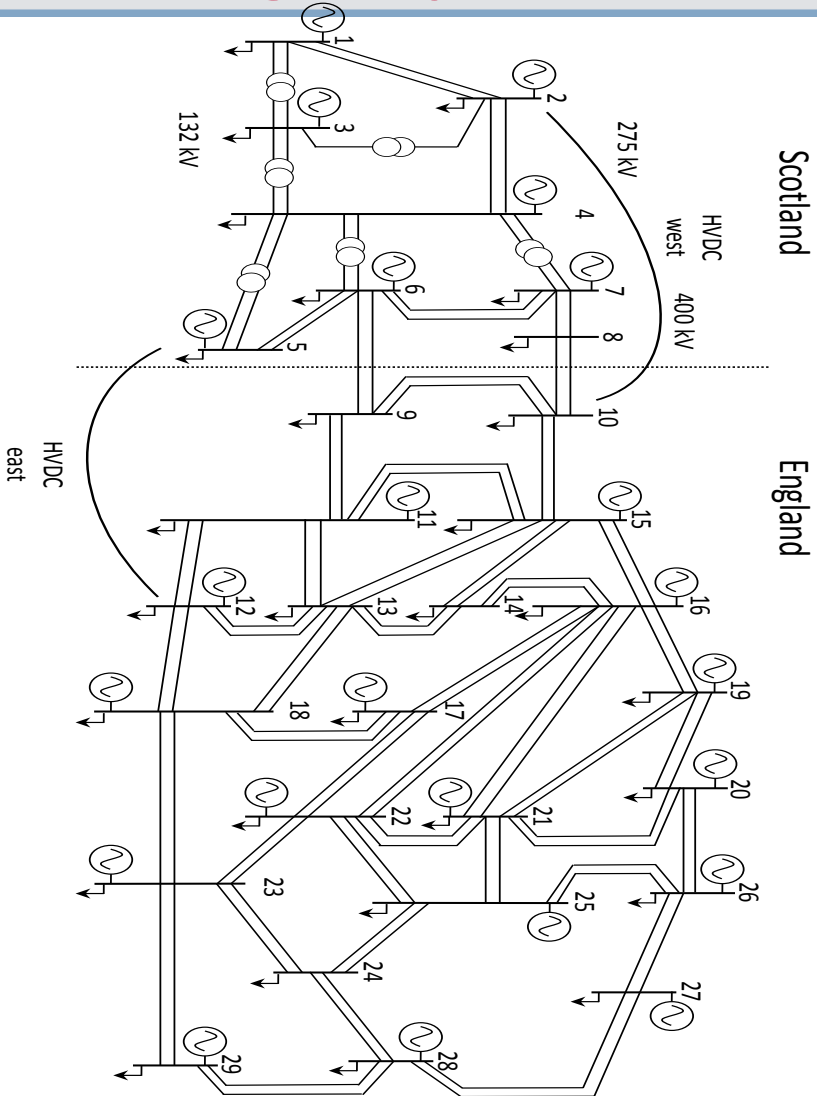
- *Unprecedented scale* of expected investment in on- and offshore transmission and interconnection
- *Significant uncertainty* in level, location and timing of connection of new generation

	Current value (£bn)	Expected Investment (£bn)
Onshore	8.4	6.2 – 12.4
Offshore	2.5	8 - 20
Interconnection	2	8 - 20

# Informing policy and regulation

- Alternative approaches to developing GB transmission system and North Sea Grid infrastructure:
  - *Incremental or Strategic*
  - *Proactive or reactive*
  - *Asset heavy or Smart*
- Dealing with uncertainty:
  - *Benefits of a minimum regret approach*

# DTIM – GB transmission system and North-Sea Grid network



# Example application: does the network deliver good value for money to network users?

- How much network capacity is released to network users?
- What VoLL justifies the existing network security standards?

## Wind output

Fair Weather Condition

Adverse Weather Condition

5.5 GW

3,000,000 £/MWh

100,000 £/MWh

>7.5 GW

27,000,000 £/MWh

810,000 £/MWh

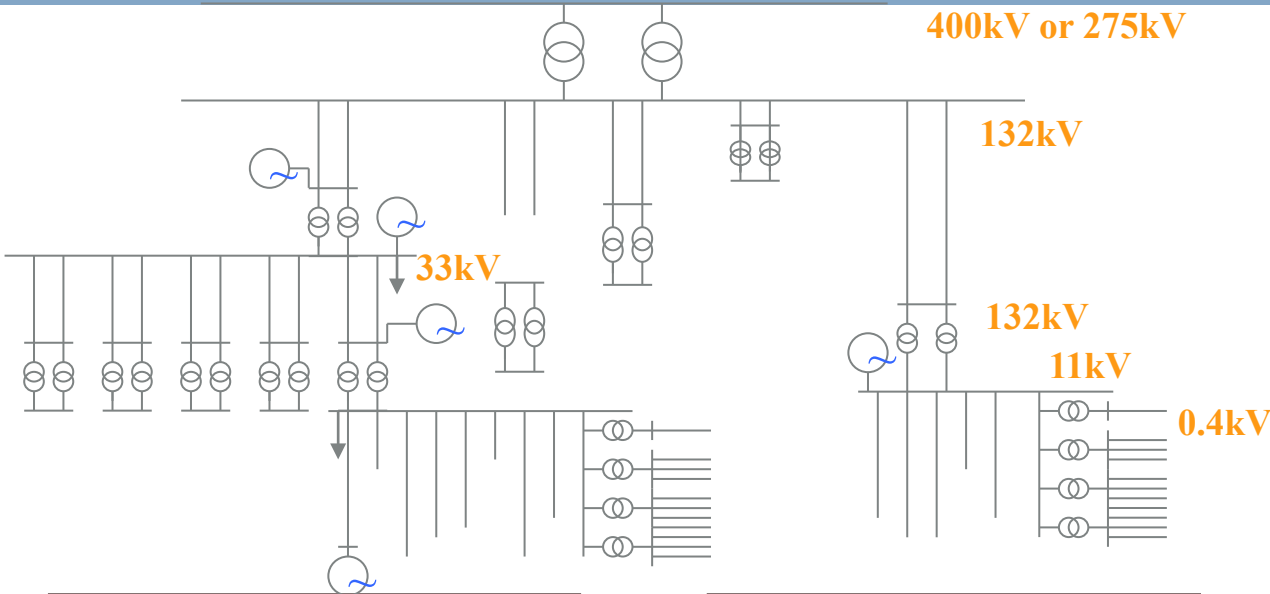


# Scope for further application and enhancement of DTIM

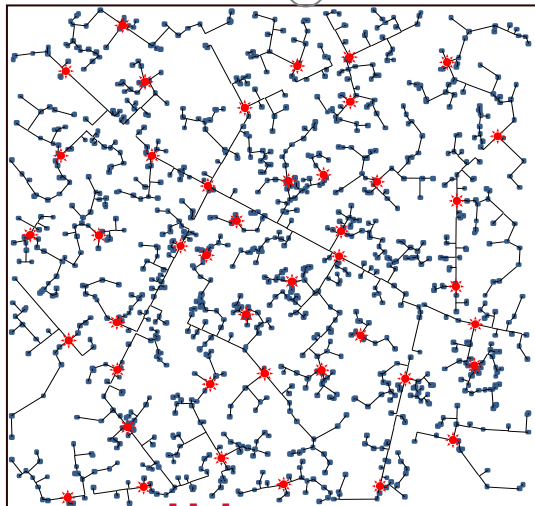
- Cost of the present silo approach?
- Incorporating flexible grid technologies such as FACTS and HVDC combined with DSR
- Allocation of various reserve services across interconnected transmission – *evidence for benefits of developing cross-border reserve market*
- *Strategic development of North Sea Grid and Interconnection*
- Coordinated planning of electricity, gas and hydrogen infrastructures.

# **4. Distribution Network Planning Model - *DistPlan***

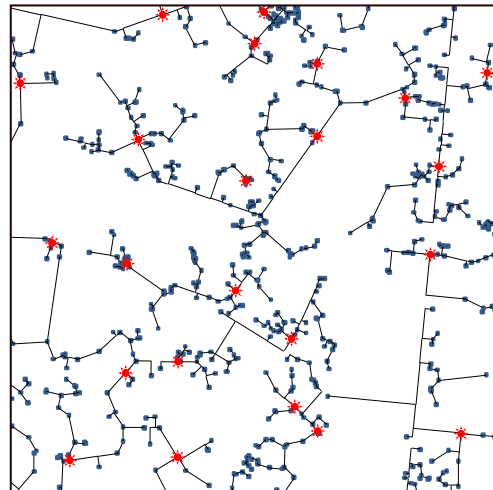
# Distribution Network Planning model (DistPlan)



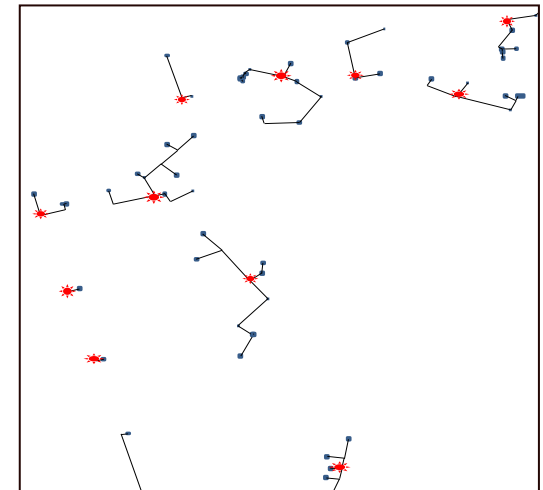
DistPlan representative distribution network models are used to assess the cost and benefits of alternative network operation and reinforcement strategies



Urban



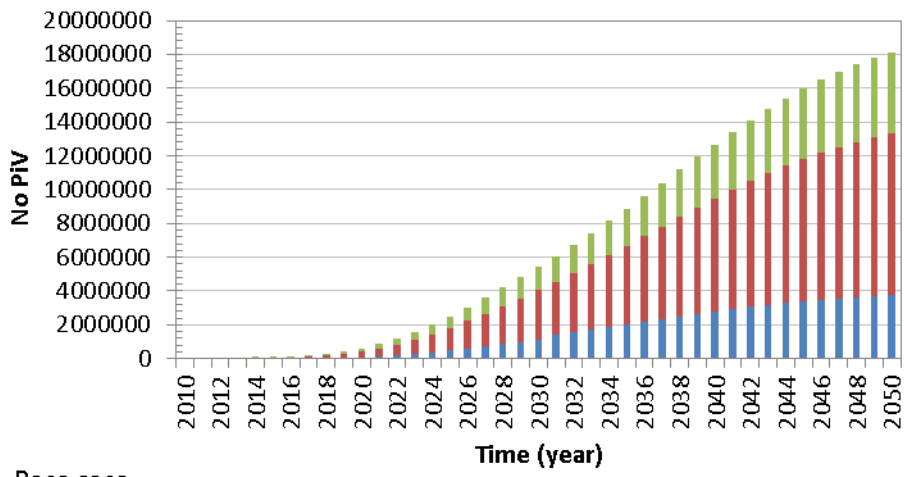
Semi-urban/rural



Rural

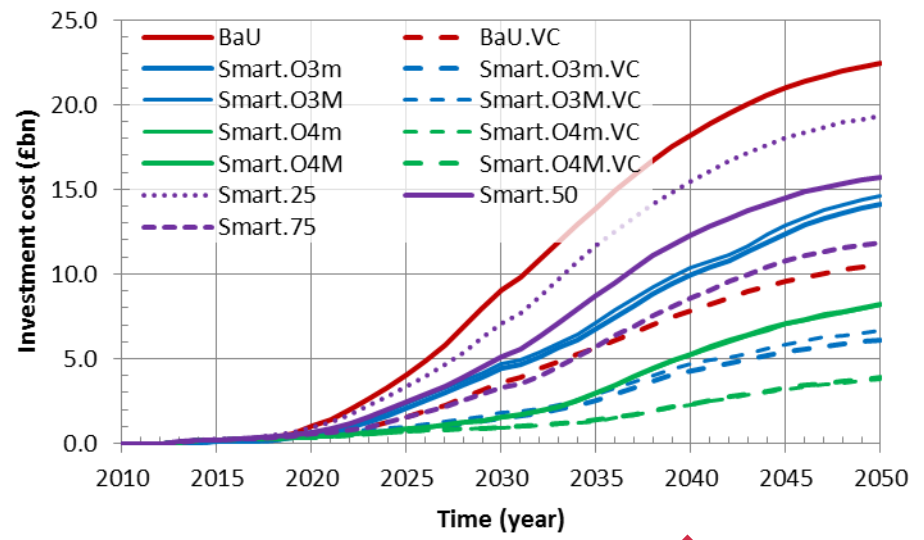


# Example applications-impact of heat and transport sector electrification

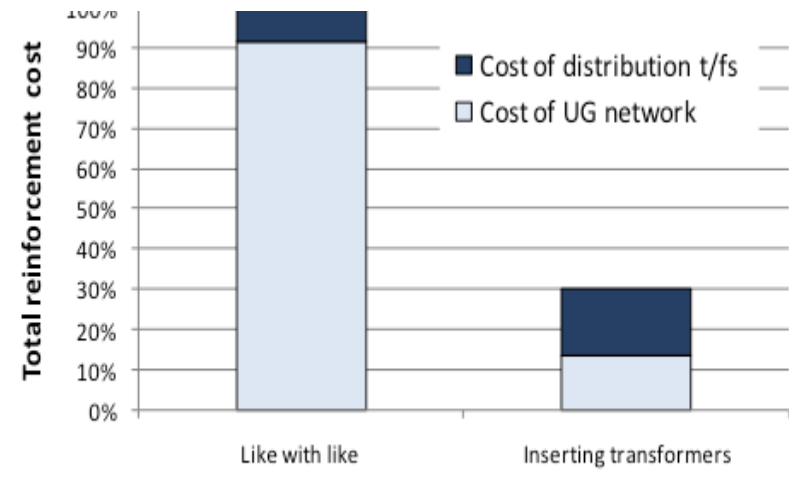


Base case

■ Rural ■ Sub-urban ■ Urban



Strategic or incremental



Smart or asset heavy



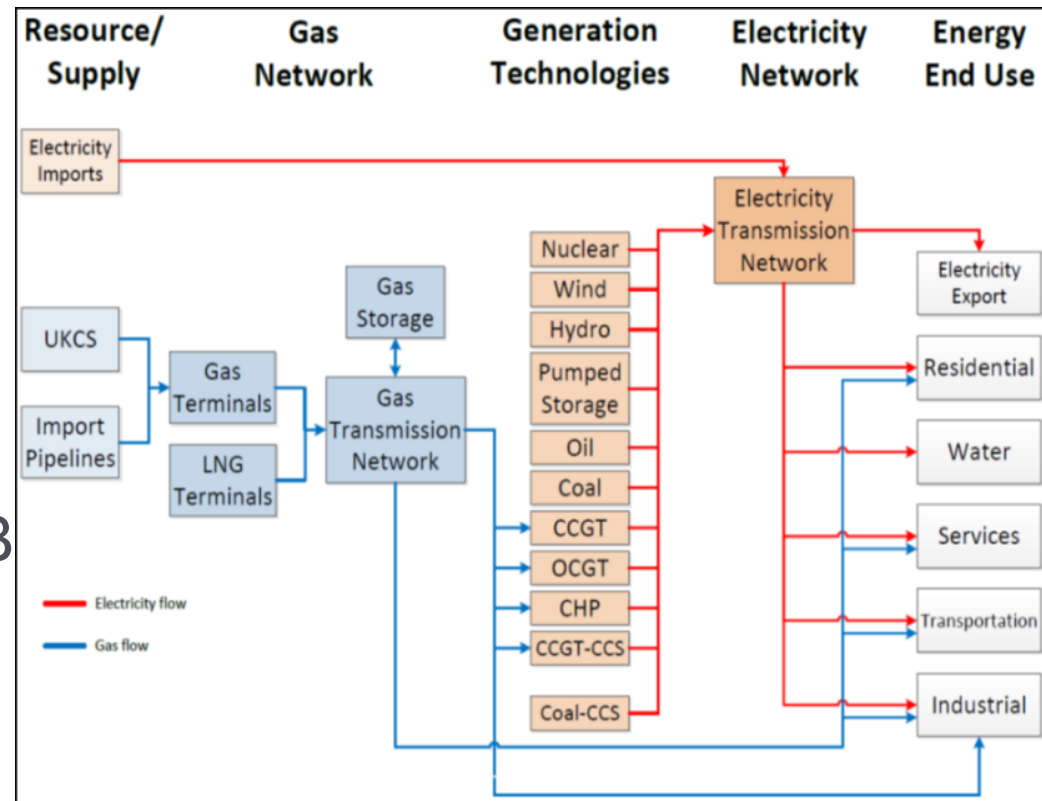
# Enhancing DistPlan

- Update of distribution network planning standard to incorporate smart grid technologies
- *Strong interest in combined heat, gas and electricity network planning* reinforced by various emerging energy conversion and storage technologies to support national energy objectives

# **5. Combined Gas and Electricity Network model – *CGEN***

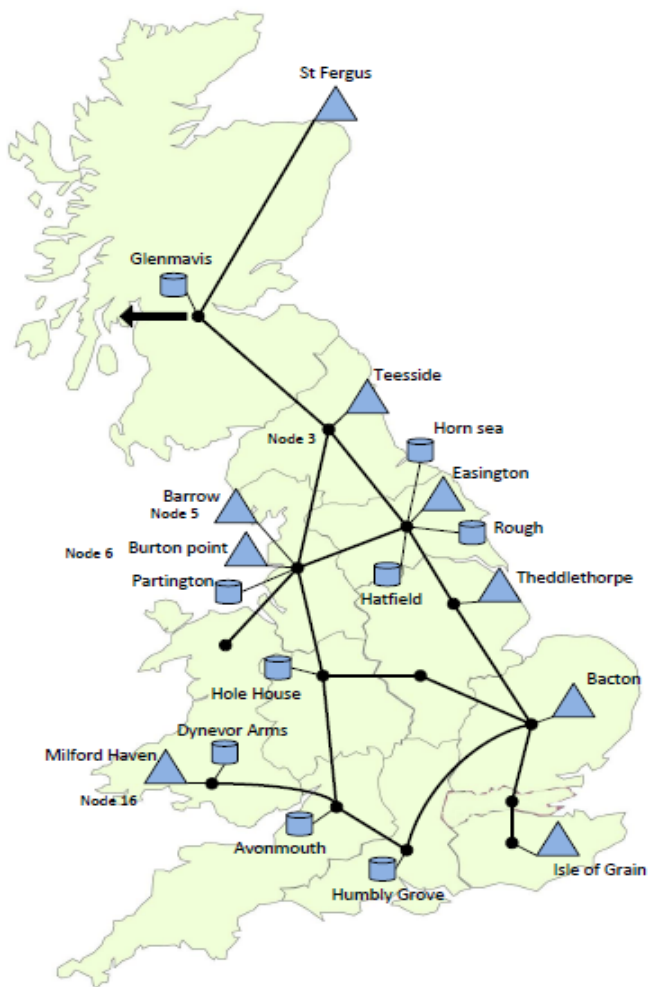
# Objectives and Scope of CGEN

- Determines where, when, what type and how much capacity need to be built, subject to: meeting energy demand, CO2 target (if set) and any other constraints
- Investigates impacts of a particular strategy on both networks (e.g. impact of GB shale gas exploitation on the gas import and generation mix)

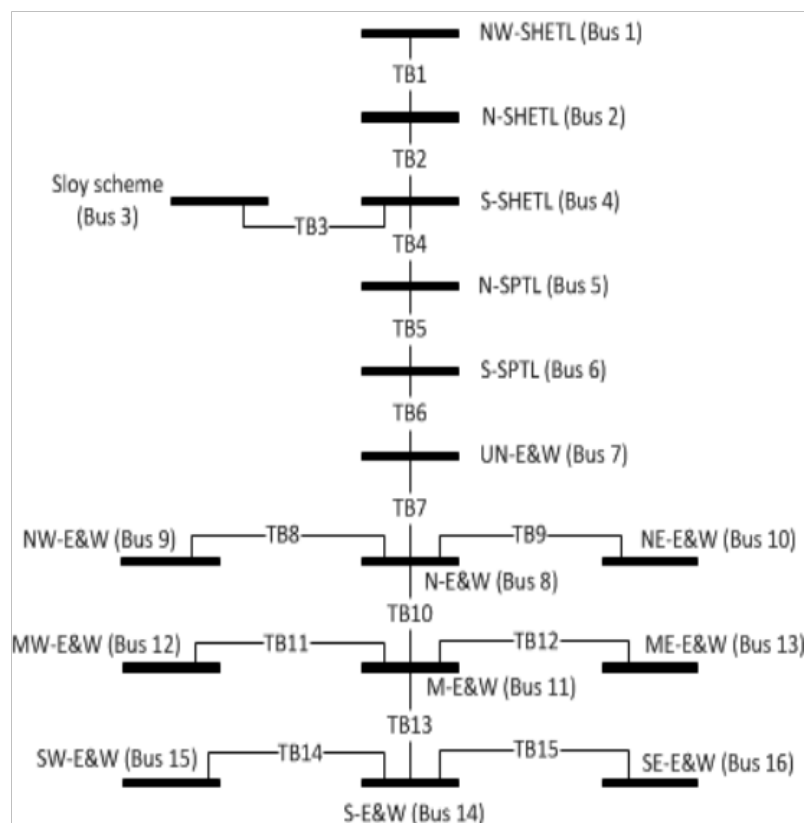


# CGEN: GB gas and electricity networks

Simplified GB gas network

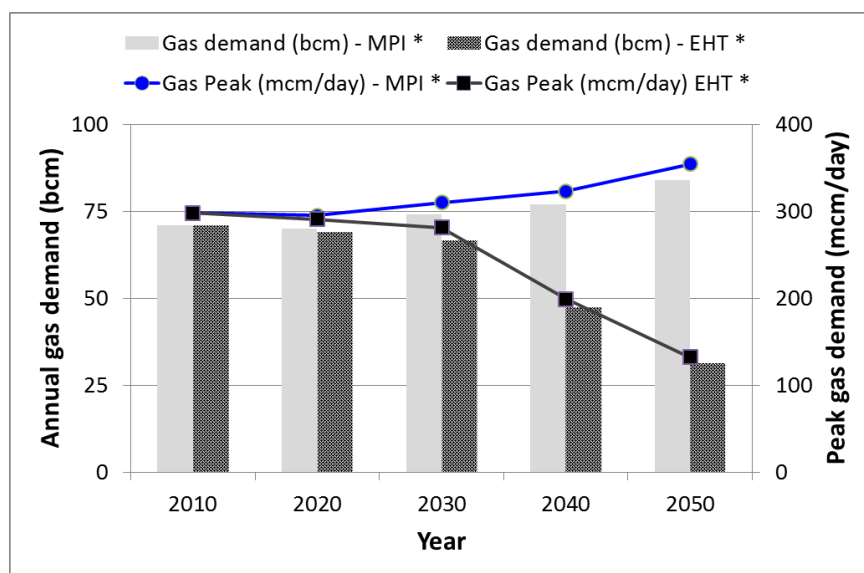


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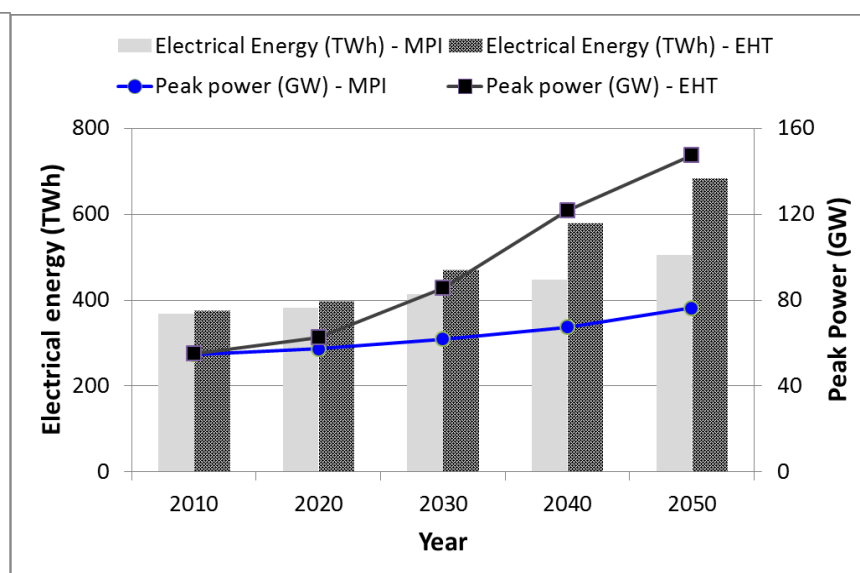
# Energy and peak demand for gas and electricity

## Annual and peak gas demand



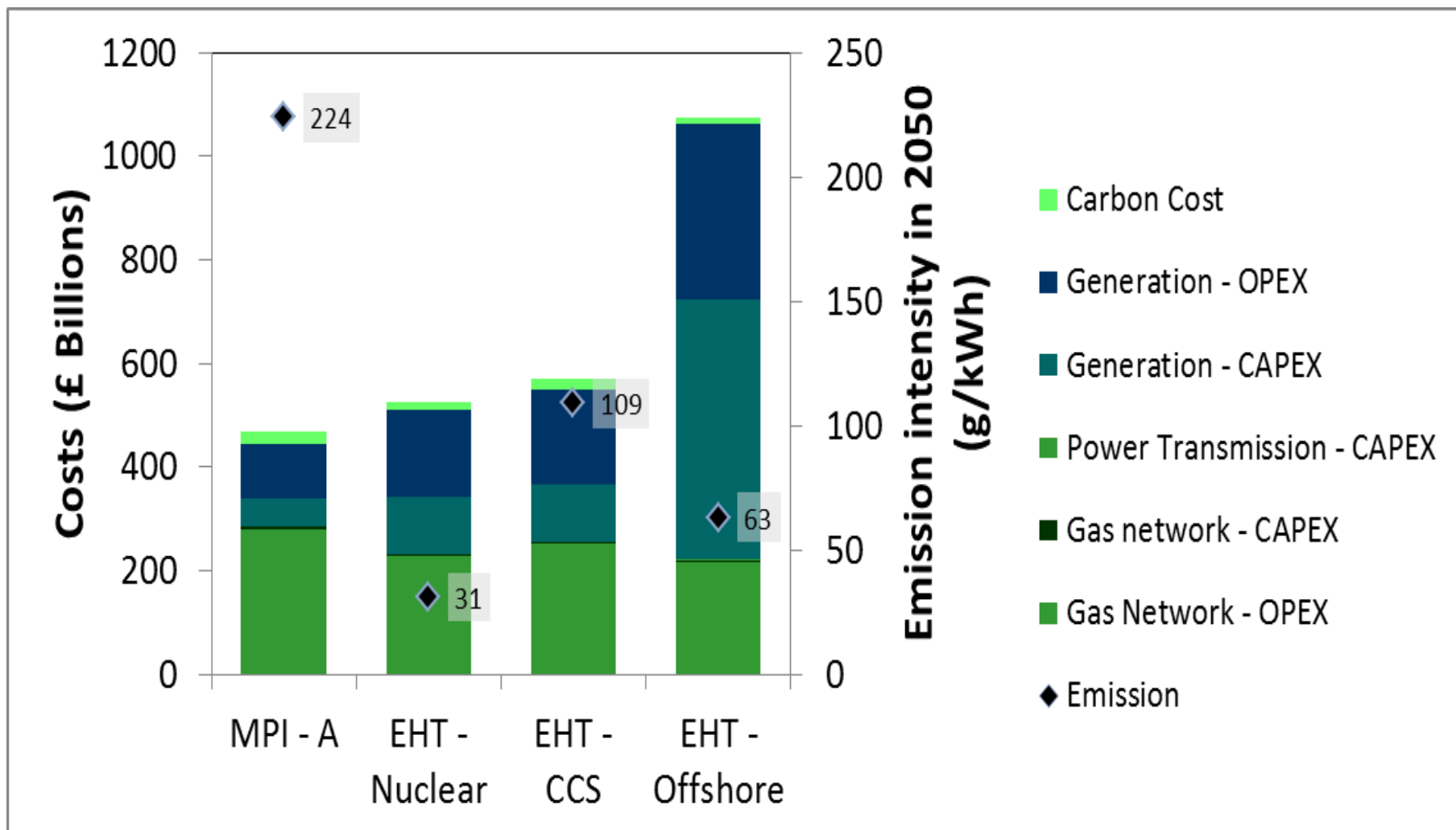
- Electrification of heat sector significantly reduces the gas demand

## Annual and peak electricity demand



- Electrification of heat and transport sectors doubles the peak electricity demand

# Cost and CO2 intensity



## Areas for further development

- Planning under energy demand and fuel price uncertainties
- Exploring power-to-gas systems (e.g. H<sub>2</sub> electrolysers) to CGEN+ to investigate the possibility of using the GB gas network to mitigate impact of intermittency of wind generation



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