# Electricity by Intermittent Sources F. Wagner, IPP Greifswald

### Supply by electricity – today and in the future



# Mix between wind and PV, onshore and offshore wind

#### load = annual consumption



# Method and assumptions

Method: Take load-, wind-, PV-... data from 2012 and scale the intermittent RES to higher capacities (e.g. to the **100% case**)

Assumptions:

no savings in electricity consumption hydro remains the same, subtracted from load  $\rightarrow$  reduced load no nuclear power no biogas no losses

#### Topics:

How much power has to be installed? The remaining need for back-up power? The extent of surplus energy? Dimension of storage? The dynamics of the back-up system? The conditions for DSM (demand-side management)? The amount of CO2 reduction? Conditions of a 100% supply by RES? What could be a reasonable share by intermittent RES? The benefits of an EU-wide use of RES Costs of RES?

## **Major Results**

How much power has to be installed? Enough to serve Europe in good days

The remaining need for back-up power?

The extent of surplus energy? Formally enough to serve Poland

Dimension of storage? For the 100% case: 660 x present capacity

The dynamics of the back-up system? From 0 up to the load; strong gradients

The conditions for DSM (demand-side management)? Cheap electricity prices during the day The amount of CO2 reduction? Not to the level of France, Sweden...

Conditions of a 100% supply by RES? Use of biogas (e.g. 40 TWh) and savings (down to 30%)

What could be a reasonable share by intermittent RES? 40%

The benefits of an EU-wide use of RES? Effects in the order of 20-30%

Costs to implement RES? high

# Results in more detail: Back-up system

power (MW)



the last 6 weeks in 2012

The power of the back-up system remains high

It has to meet the full dynamic range from 0 to nearly peak load

 $\rightarrow$  the power gradients increase strongly

#### 100%, optimal mix case





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Need from back-up depending on storage capacity



### Demand-side-management

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### Demand-side-management: use of weekends



Full integration of weekends:

Additional use of RE: 7.9 TWh

Peak-load:  $83 \rightarrow 63 \text{ GW}$ 

Reduction of back-up system:  $131 \rightarrow 123 \text{ TWh}$ 

Specific CO2 emission



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Countries with hydro + nuclear are already there where others would like to be in 2050

# Conditions of a 100% supply by RES

Main knobs: savings/efficiency + use of biomass Minor knobs: decrease of population, import (depatchable power), geo-th-power



## Possible contribution by intermittent sources



# Benefit from an EU-wide RES field

Annual duration curves for German RES field (dashed) and EU-wide RES field



the back-up energy is reduced by 24%,

the maximal back-up power by 9%,

the maximal surplus power by 15%,

the maximal grid power by 7%,

the typical grid fluctuation level by 35%

the maximal storage capacity by 28%

# The structure of the EU-wind field

#### Correlation coefficients

Pair of countries	R
Germany-Denmark	0.56
Germany-Czech Rep.	0.53
Germany-France	0.45
Germany-UK	0.40
Germany-Belgium	0.39
Germany-Sweden	0.37
Germany-Ireland	0.19
Germany-Spain	0.05

In case of surplus – simultaneously also By the neighbours





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### Interconnector capacity



### **Development costs**



### The German "Energiewende"



One has to discriminate between the aims and the selected route

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