

Finland's power system outlook for 2027 & 2030

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Wärtsilä's modelling experience

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Country and system studies made by Wärtsilä all over the world with PLEXOS software



- +10-year experience with PLEXOS
- Industry-leading modelling capabilities
- Tailored modelling approach

Benefits and goals

Understand operations and fundamentals of increasingly complex power and energy systems

Quantify system level benefits of different generation and storage technologies

Understand and promote high quality modelling

Inputs and assumptions



Inputs and Assumptions, Modelling the Finnish Energy System in 2027 & 2030

Approach

Model type

- Fundamental dispatch model
- Co-optimized heat and power, incl. reserve markets
- 1-hour resolution, chronological model
- Modelling years 2027 and 2030
- 35 weather years based on historical climate data





Regions and generation technologies

- Generation fleet based on the target years 2027 & 2030
- Nordic & interconnected countries

Costs and bidding

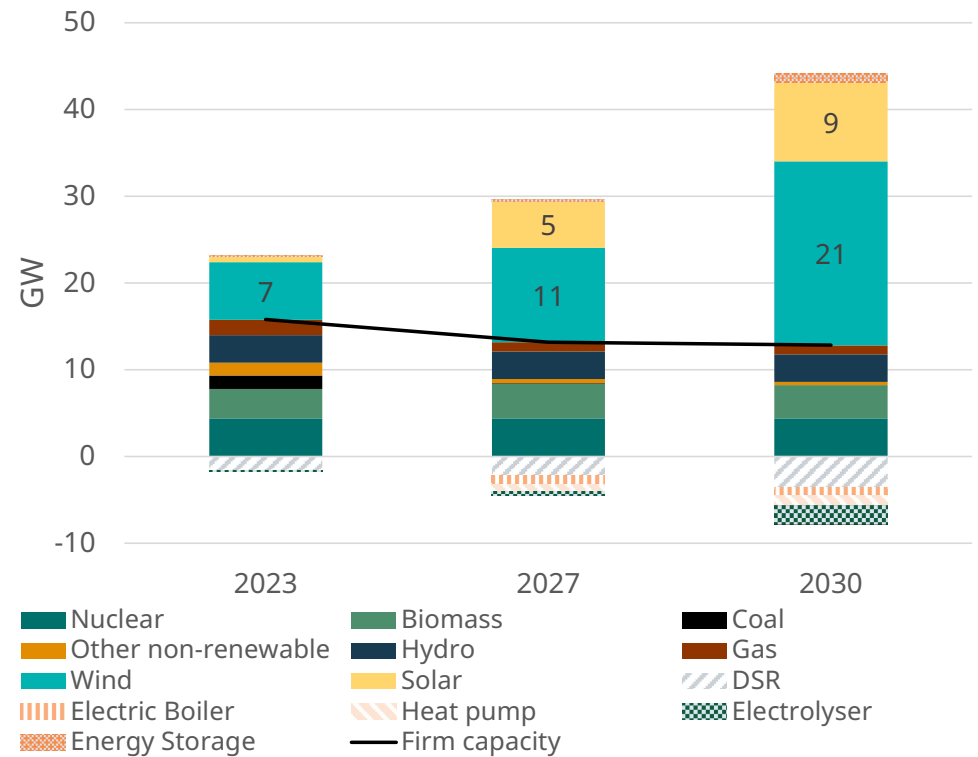
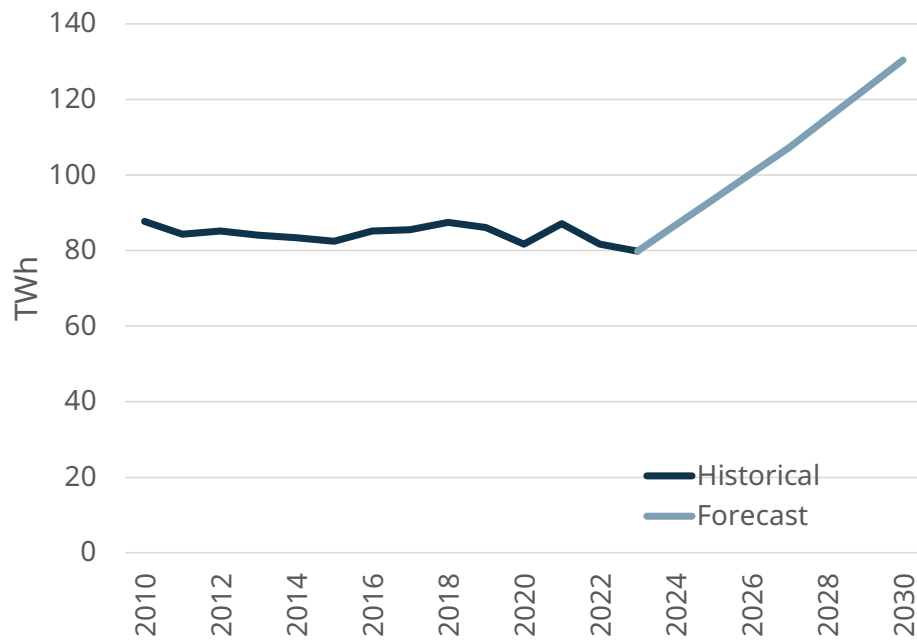
- Cost-driven dispatch of available resources based on total cost minimisation
- Hourly price formation for each price area based on the short-run marginal costs of the marginal unit (marginal pricing)

Assumptions

Type	Source
Power generation fleet	 ERAA by ENTSO-E (2022)
Renewable profiles	
Demand side response	
Electricity demand	
District heating demand	
Hourly district heating	
District heating fleet	
Fuel costs	Bloomberg
CO ₂ cost	

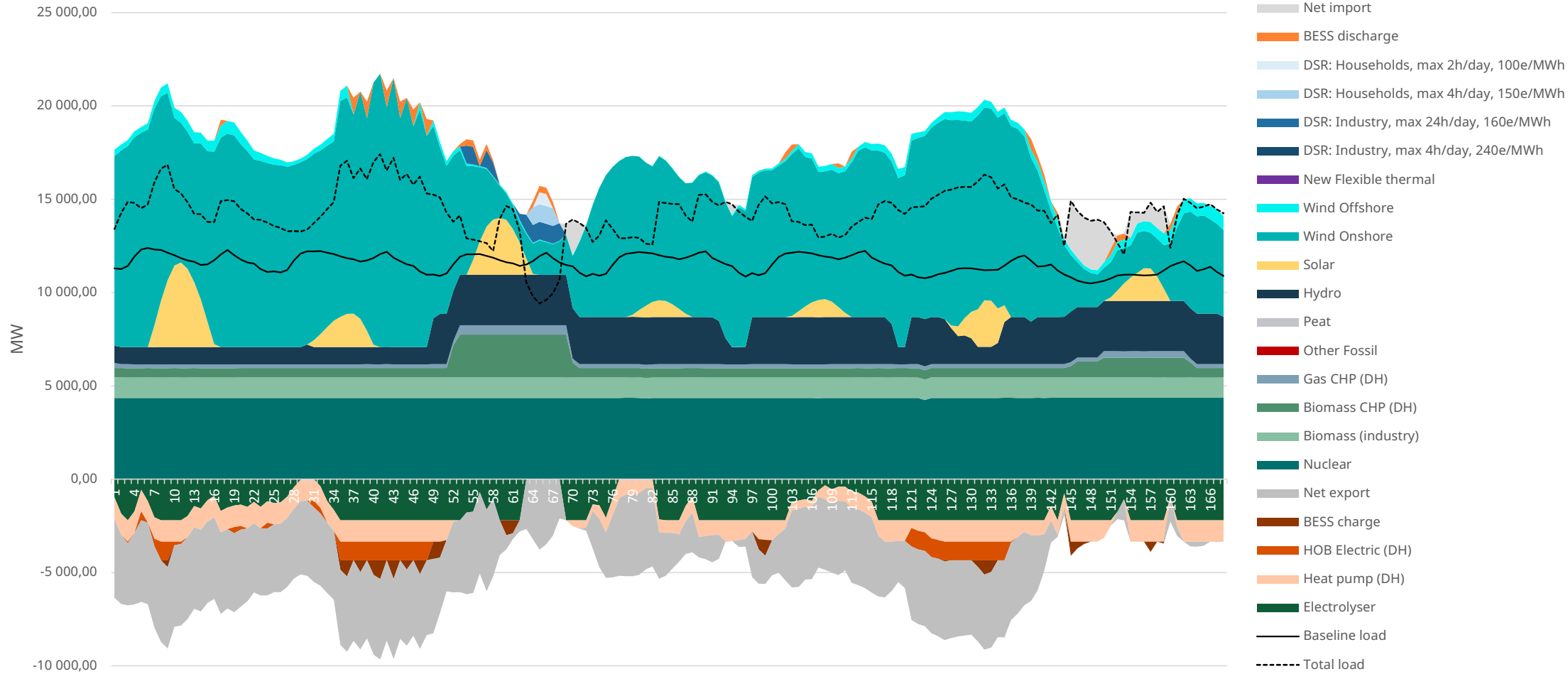
Load growth and capacity mix in Finland

According to ERAA 2022 & Fingrid



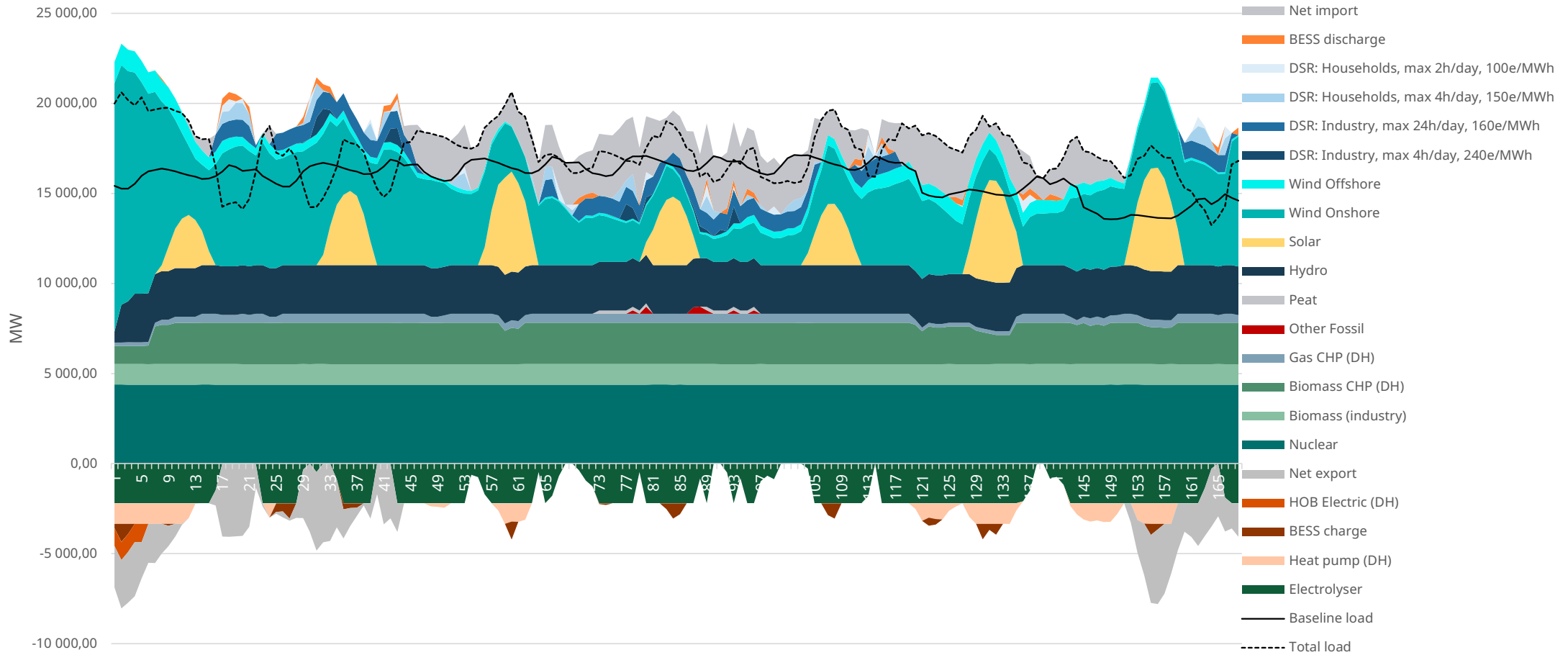
Example week from the model

Average week in October (8.-14.10.2030), weather year 1991



Example week from the model

High demand & low wind week in February (12.-18.2.2030), weather year 2011



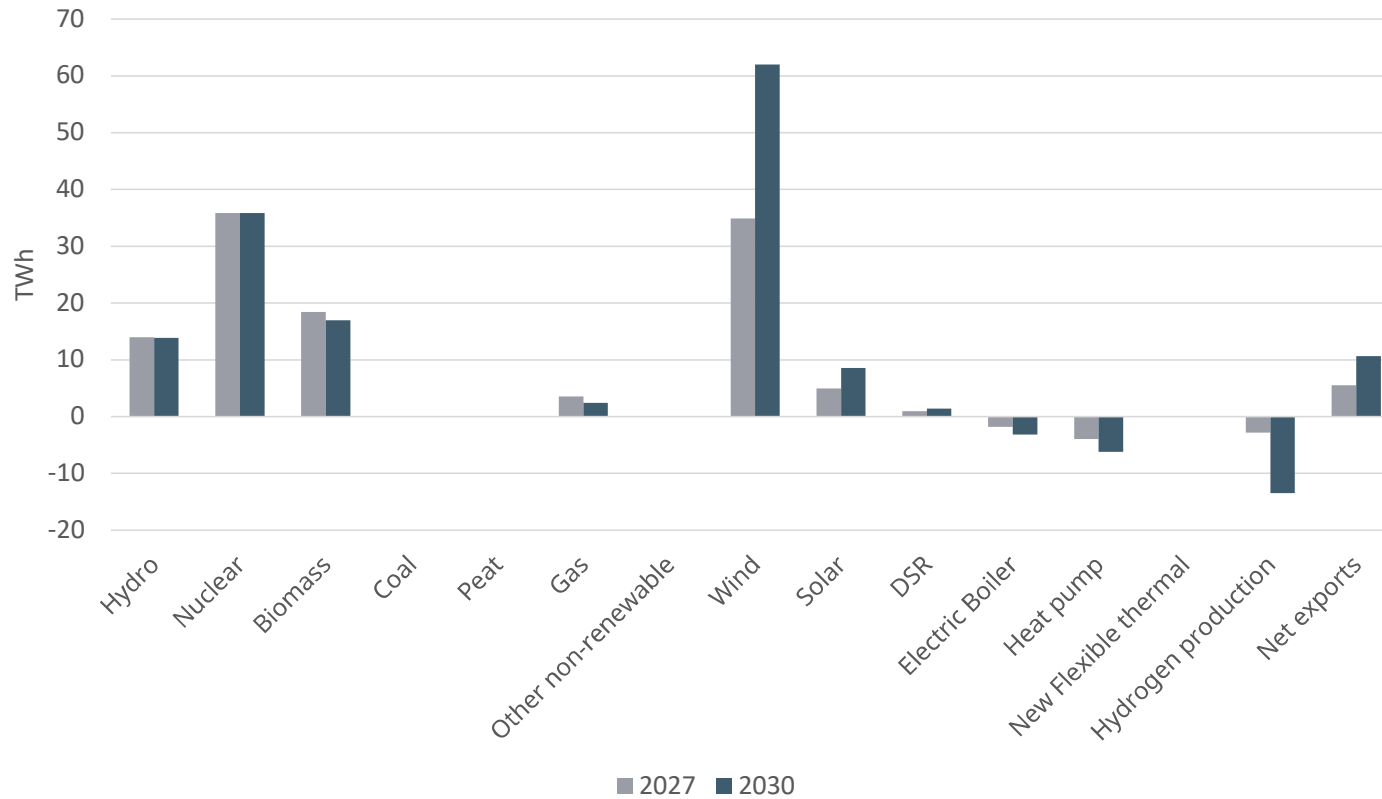
Outlook 2027 & 2030

Modelling results



Generation mix in 2027 & 2030

Wind, nuclear, hydro and biomass continue to provide most of Finland's electricity needs



Average of 35 weather years

Scenarios modelled

Normal year

Crisis 1

Olkiluoto 3
unavailable
(-1.6GW)

Crisis 2

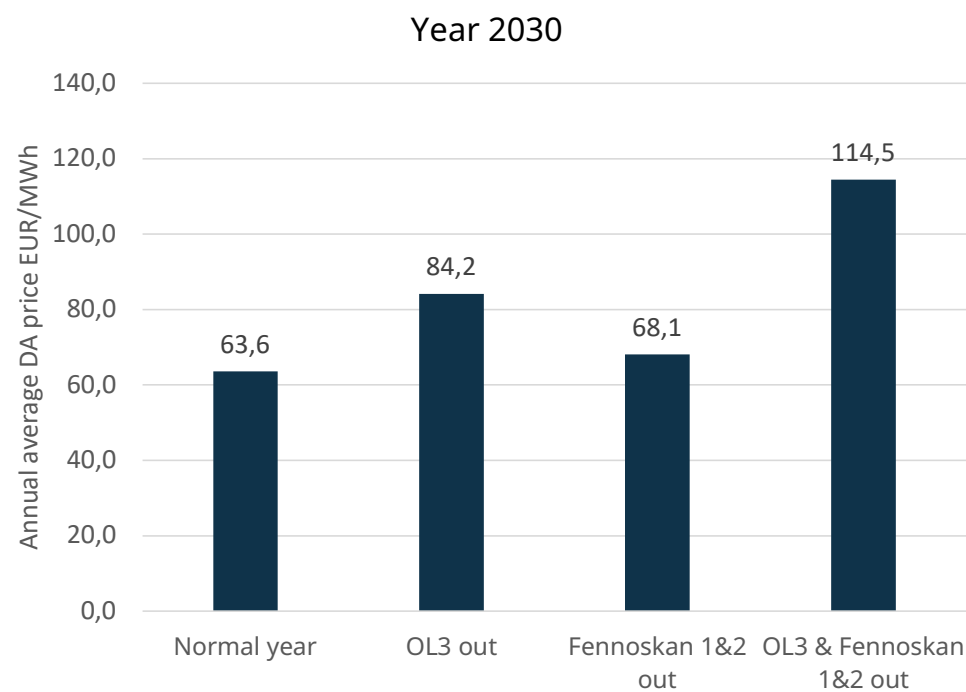
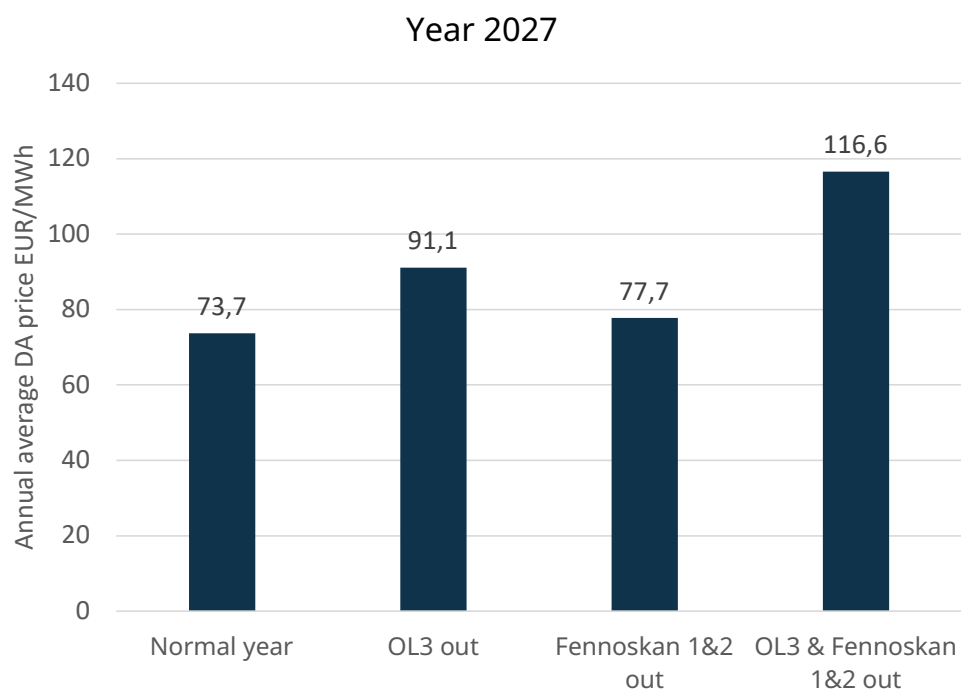
Fennoskan 1&2
unavailable
(-1.2GW)

Crisis 3

OL-3 and Fennoskan
1&2 unavailable
(-2.8GW)

Finland area prices in 2027 and 2030

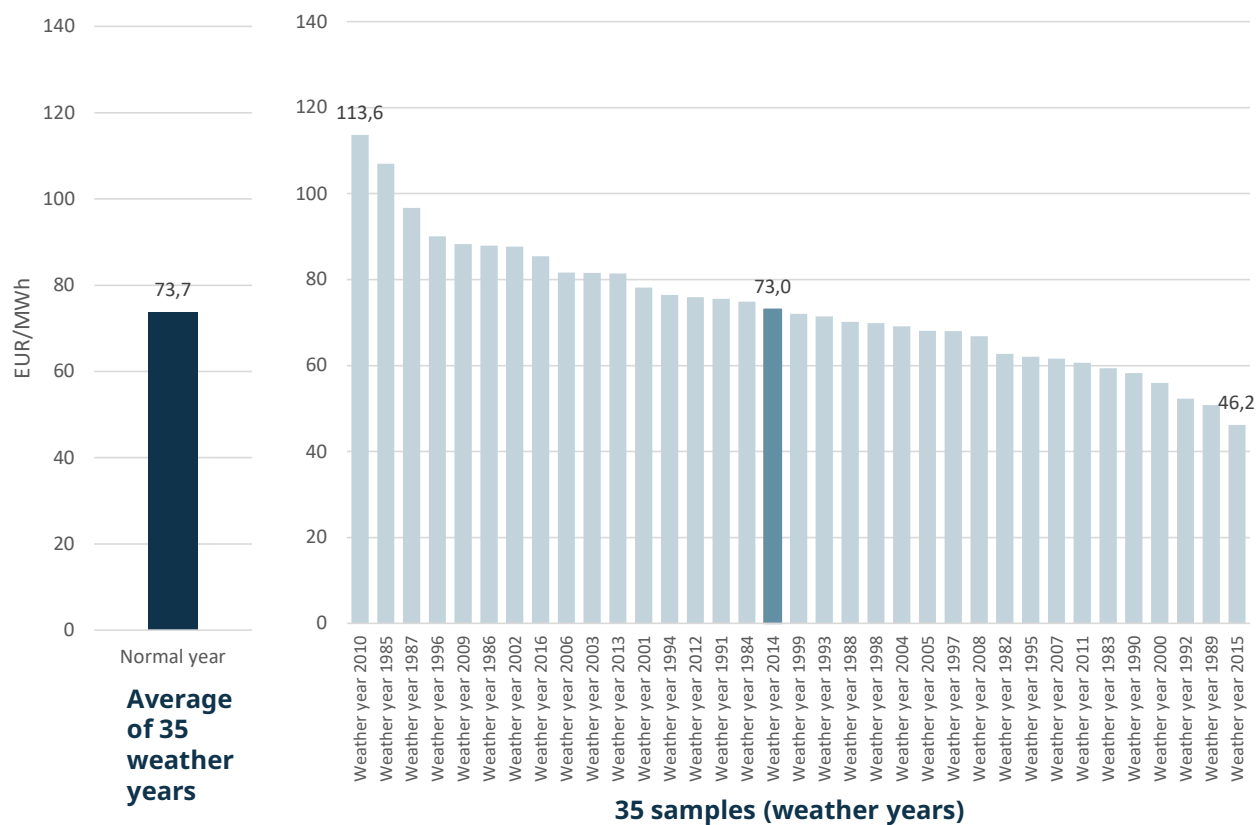
Price levels to increase in the short-term and decrease in the long-term due to load growth. Possible crises would have an impact to the price levels.



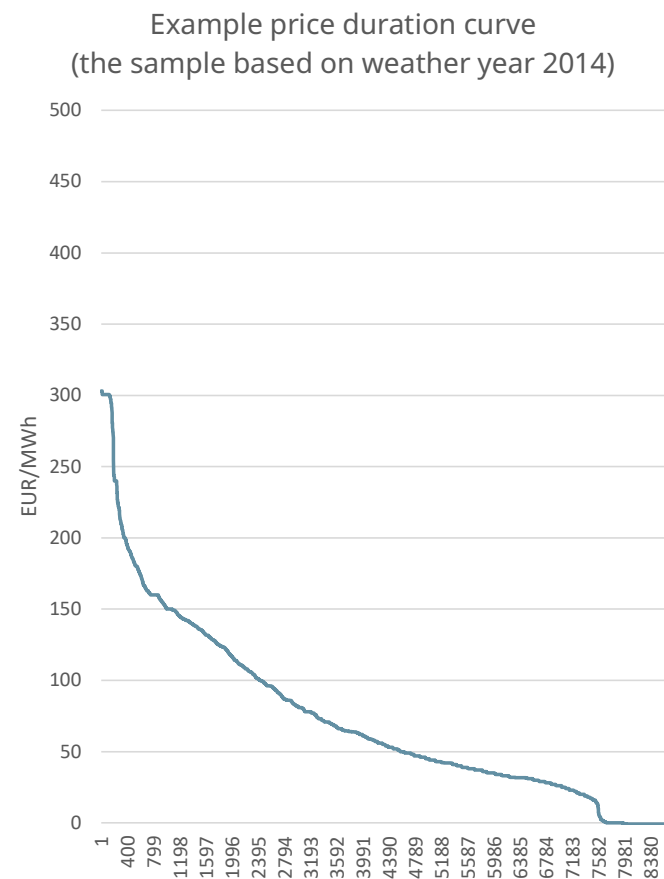
Average of 35 weather years

Finland area price in 2027 depends on the weather conditions

Yearly average price can be low or very high depending on wind and hydro conditions on the given year

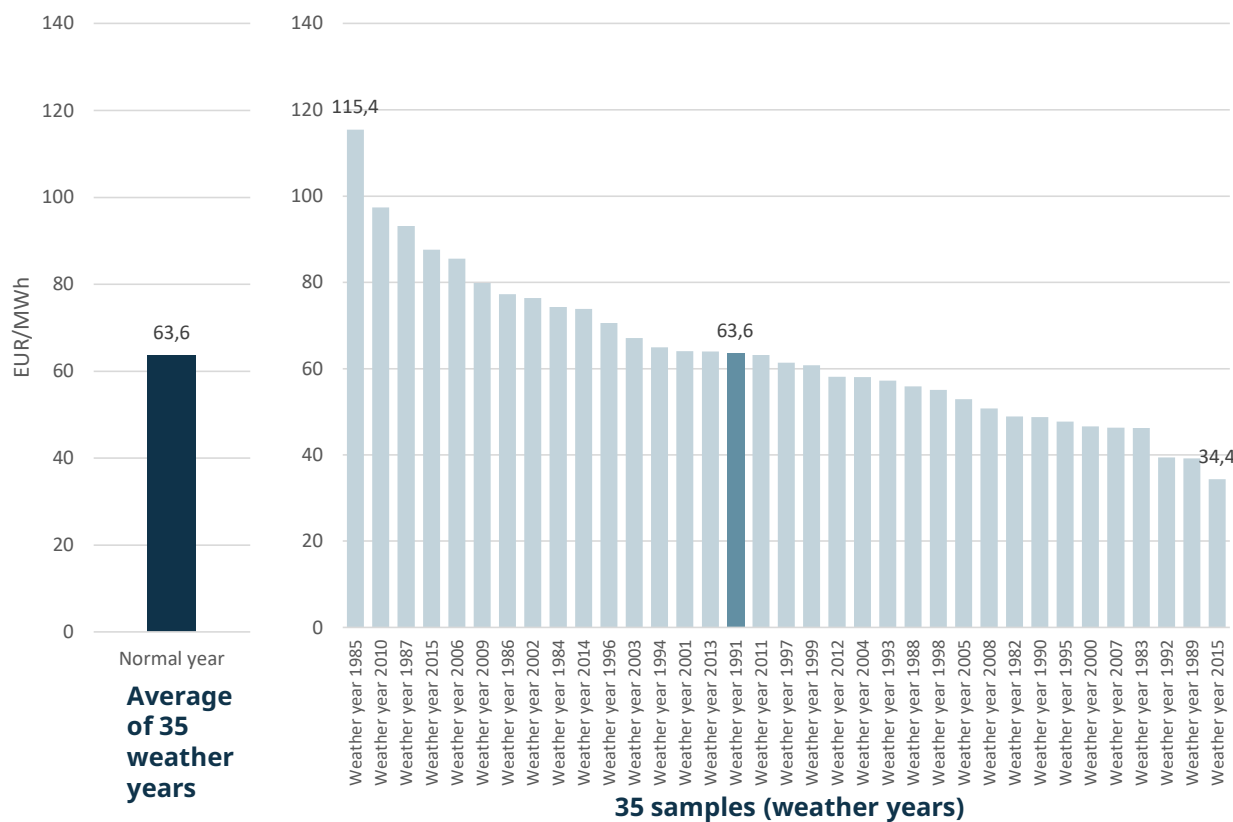


Duration curve example (1 sample)



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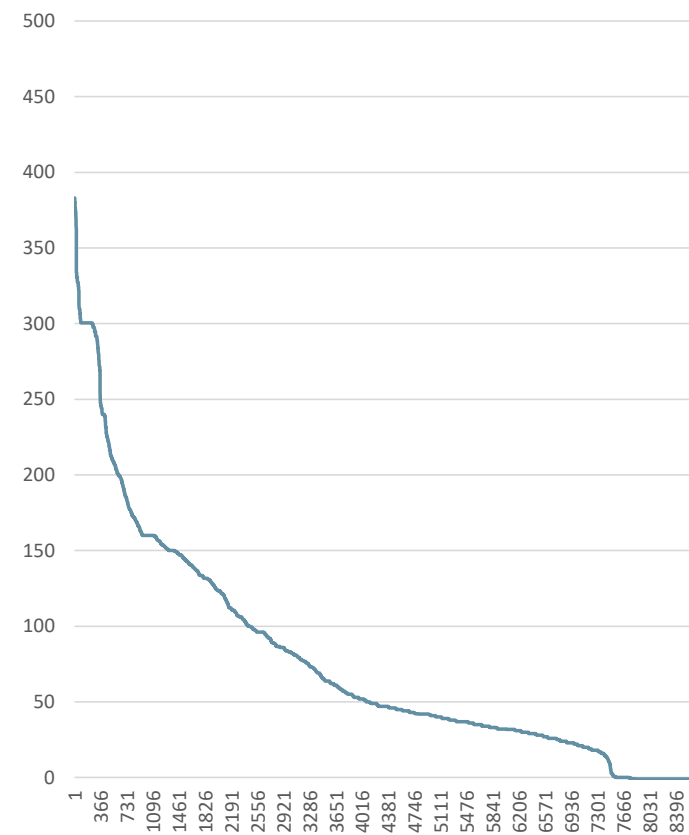
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Example price duration curve (the sample based on weather year 1991)

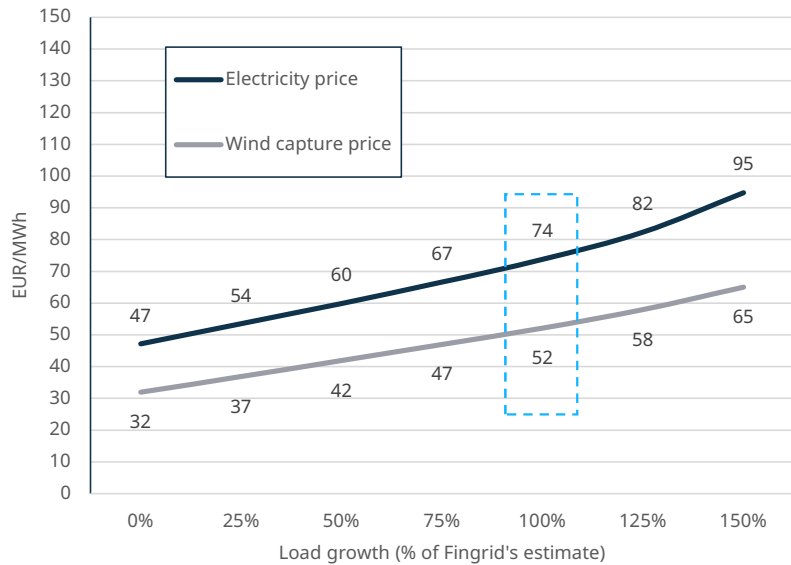


Electricity prices and wind capture prices are highly dependent on load growth

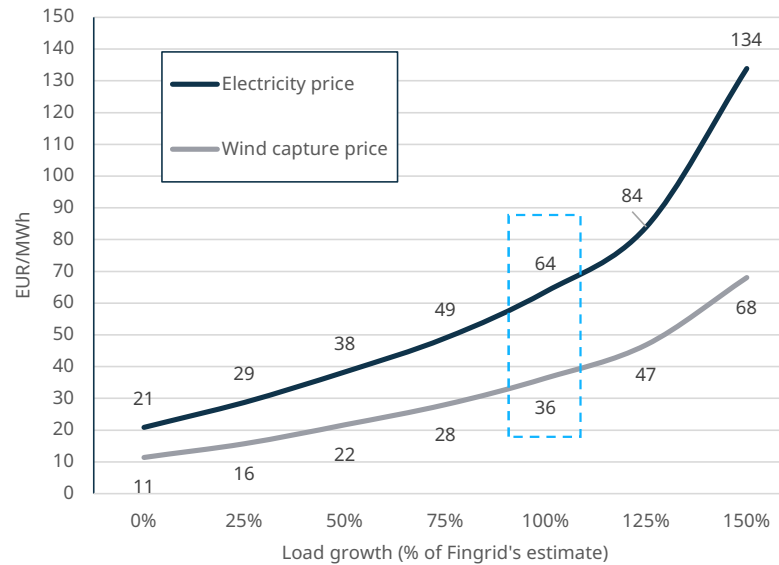
Additional load growth sensitivities modelled for 2027 and 2030

Basecase: 100% of Fingrid's load growth estimate

2027



2030



Without load growth, electricity prices remain the same in 2027 and decrease sharply in 2030

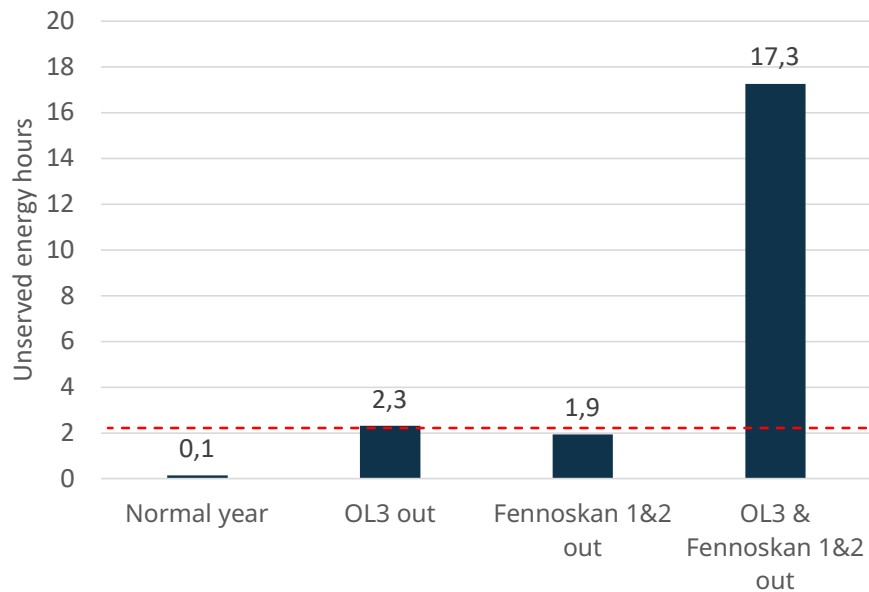
Wind capture price needs to be 30-40 €/MWh in order for them to get built

Average of 35 weather years

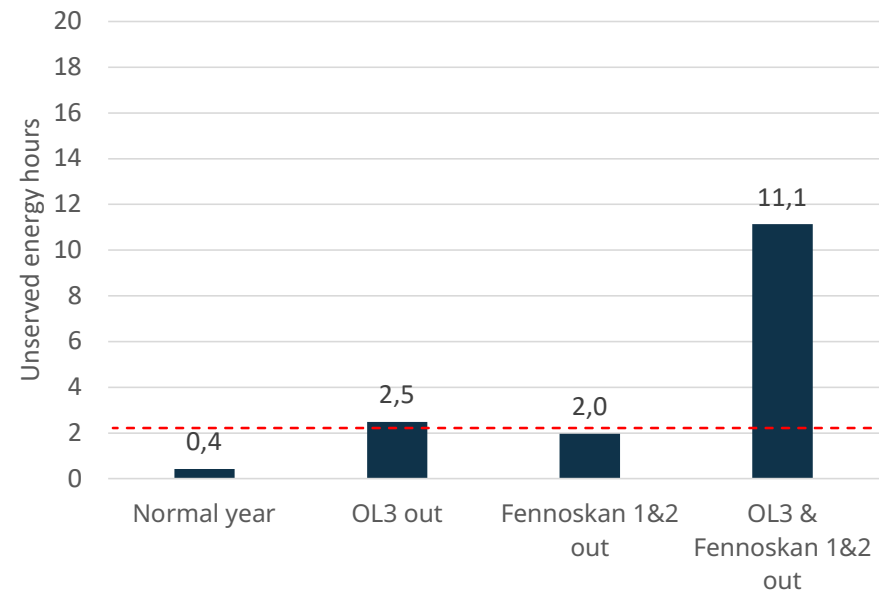
System reliability in 2027 and 2030

In 2027, Finnish power system can handle one crisis but two simultaneous crisis would cause problems to system reliability. In 2030, Finnish power system can operate normally in the absence of a crisis but cannot handle a disruption in OL-3 or Fennoskan.

Unserviced energy hours in Finland (2027)



Unserviced energy hours in Finland (2030)

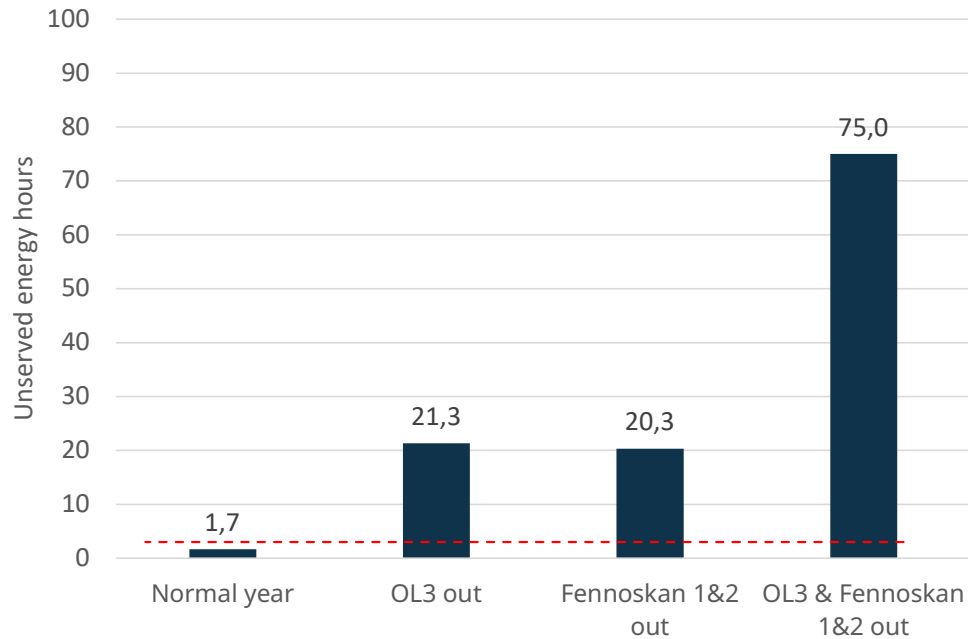


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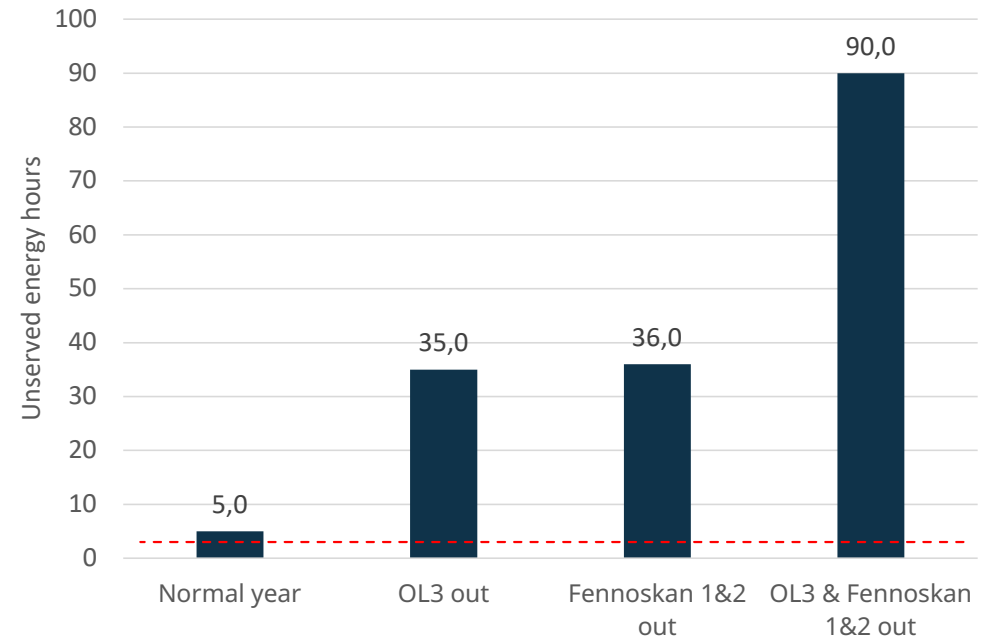
System reliability during worst weather years, 2027

In 2027, Finnish power system would operate normally in the absence of a crisis even during the worst weather year but the system cannot handle a crisis.

Average of the 3 worst weather years



The worst weather year

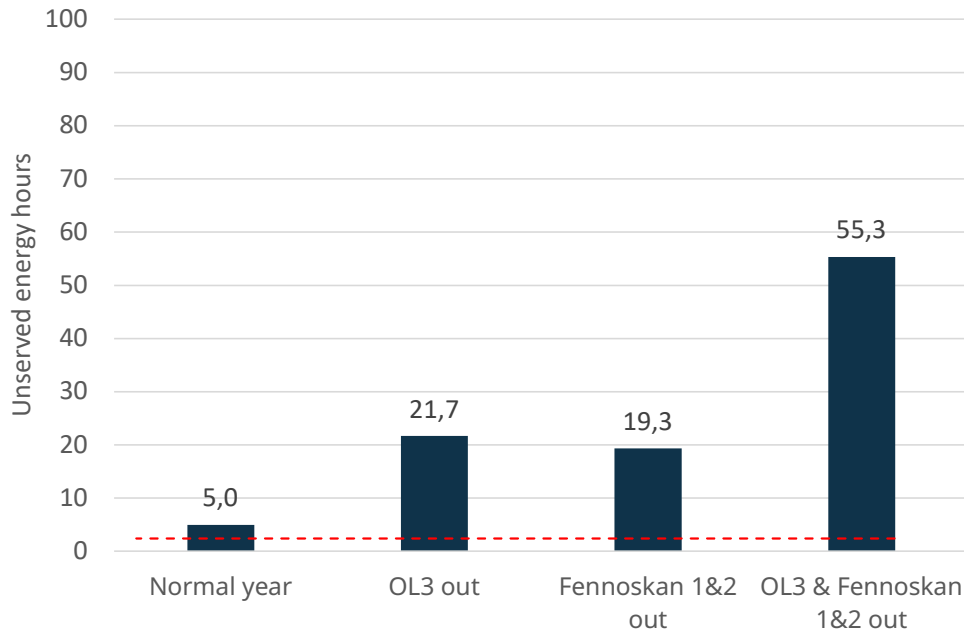


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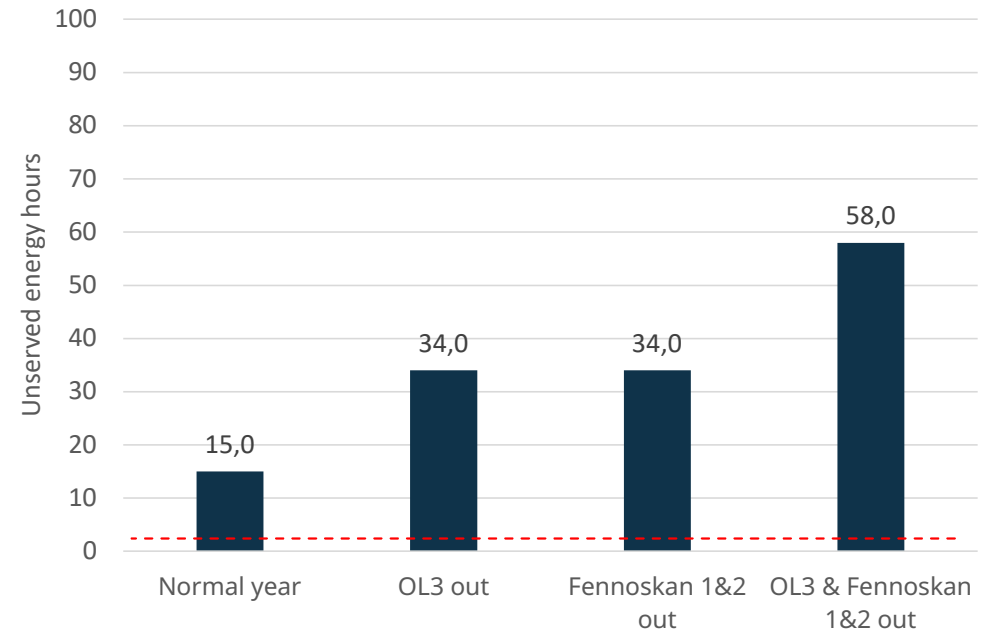
System reliability during worst weather years, 2030

In 2030, Finnish power system would not be able to operate normally during extended periods of low renewable production even if there were no crises in the country. Any crisis would amplify the problems in the system reliability.

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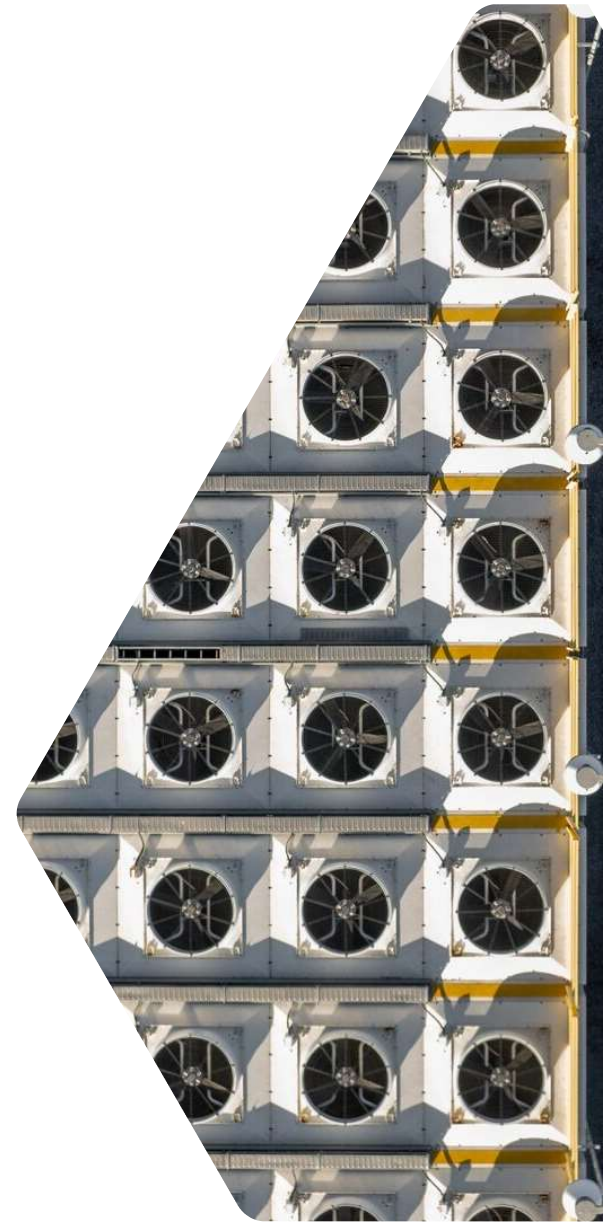


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Outlook 2027 & 2030 with additional firm flexible capacity Modelling results



Firm flexible capacity

Five scenarios modelled

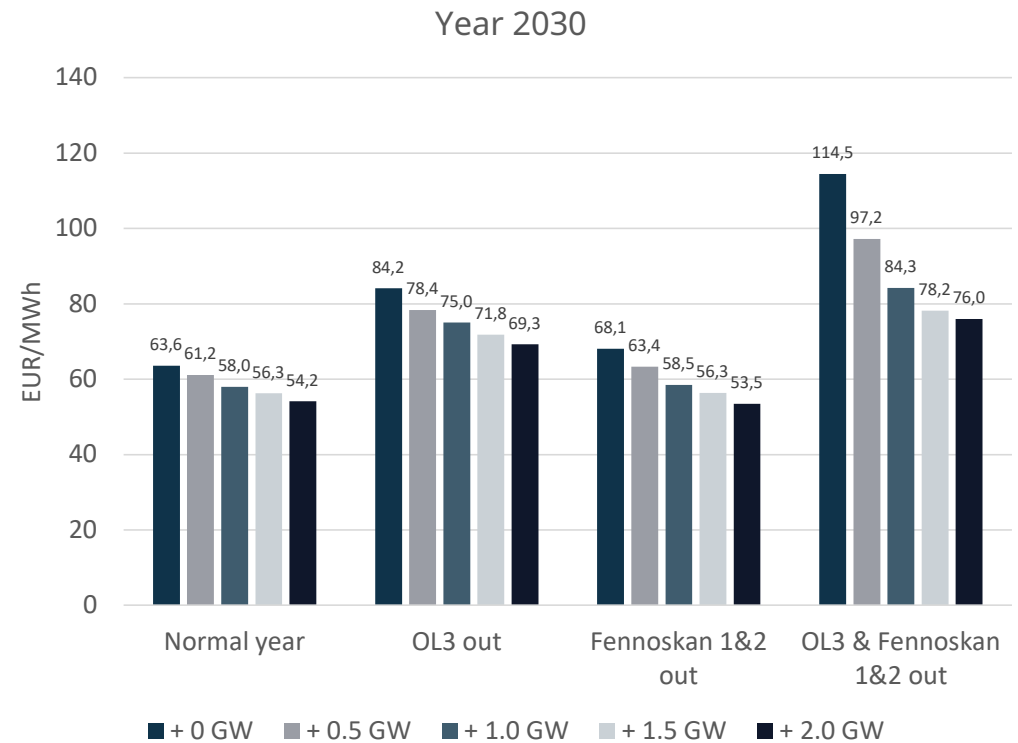
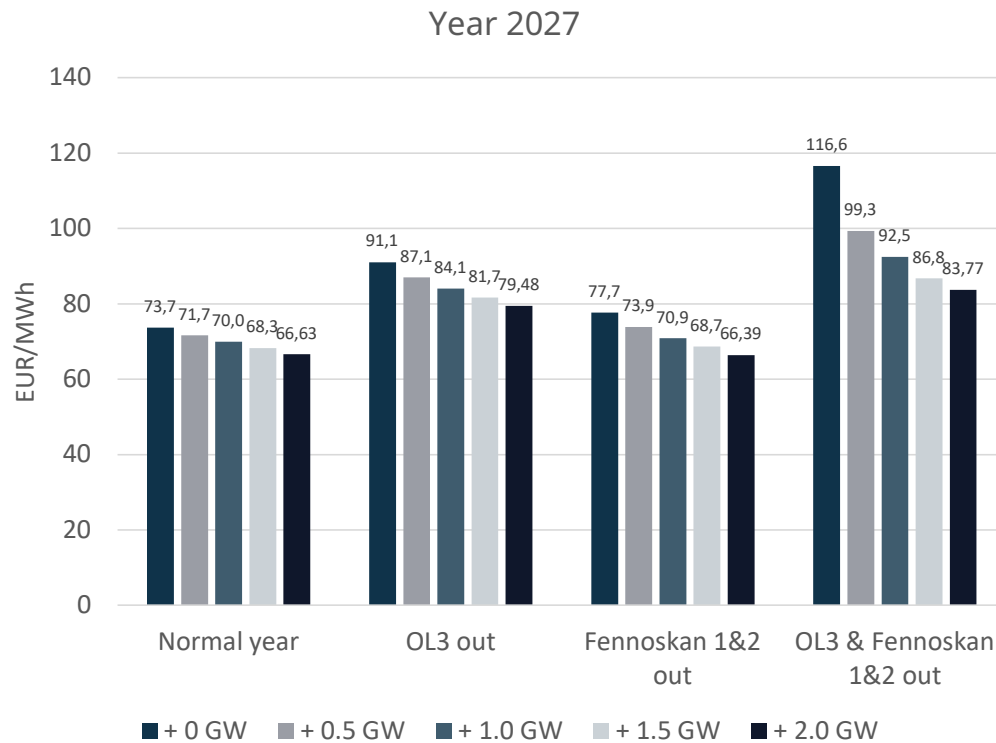
- 1 No additional firm flexible capacity
- 2 +0.5GW firm flexible capacity
- 3 +1GW firm flexible capacity
- 4 +1.5GW firm flexible capacity
- 5 +2.0GW firm flexible capacity

Characteristics of firm flexible capacity

- Efficient and low-cost**
 - High efficiency, 48%
 - No start and shut-down cost
- Adapts swiftly to market conditions**
 - Start time 5 minutes
 - Stop time 30 s
 - Ramp rate >100%/min
- Minimal technical constraints**
 - Minimum up time 0 s
 - Minimum down time 5 min
 - Minimum stable load, 10% (unit)
- Multiple fuel options**
 - Main fuel: natural gas
 - Optional fuels and future fuels: Diesel, biofuels, hydrogen, ammonia, methanol

Electricity price in different scenarios

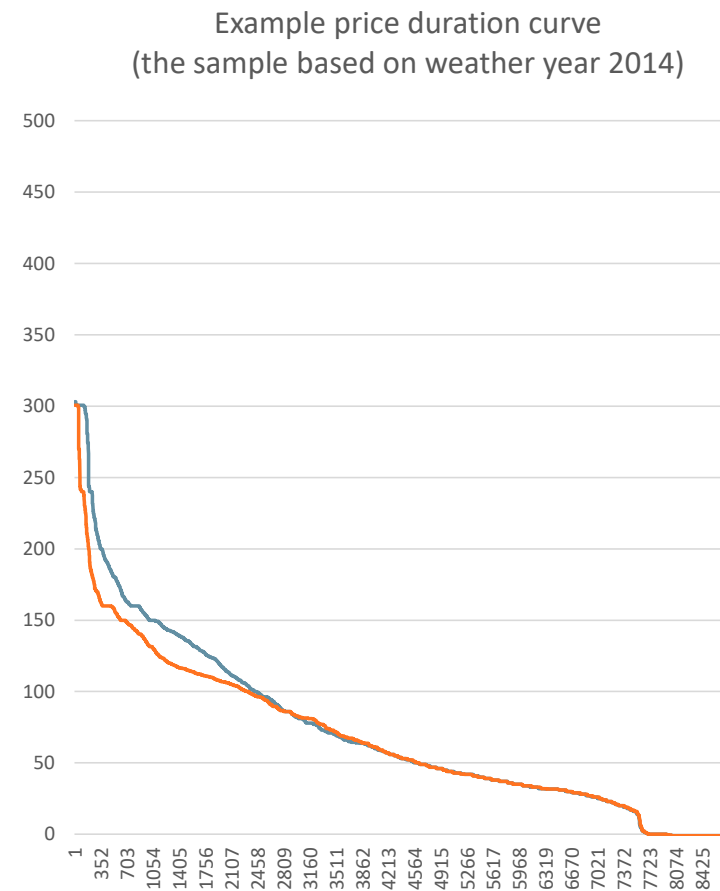
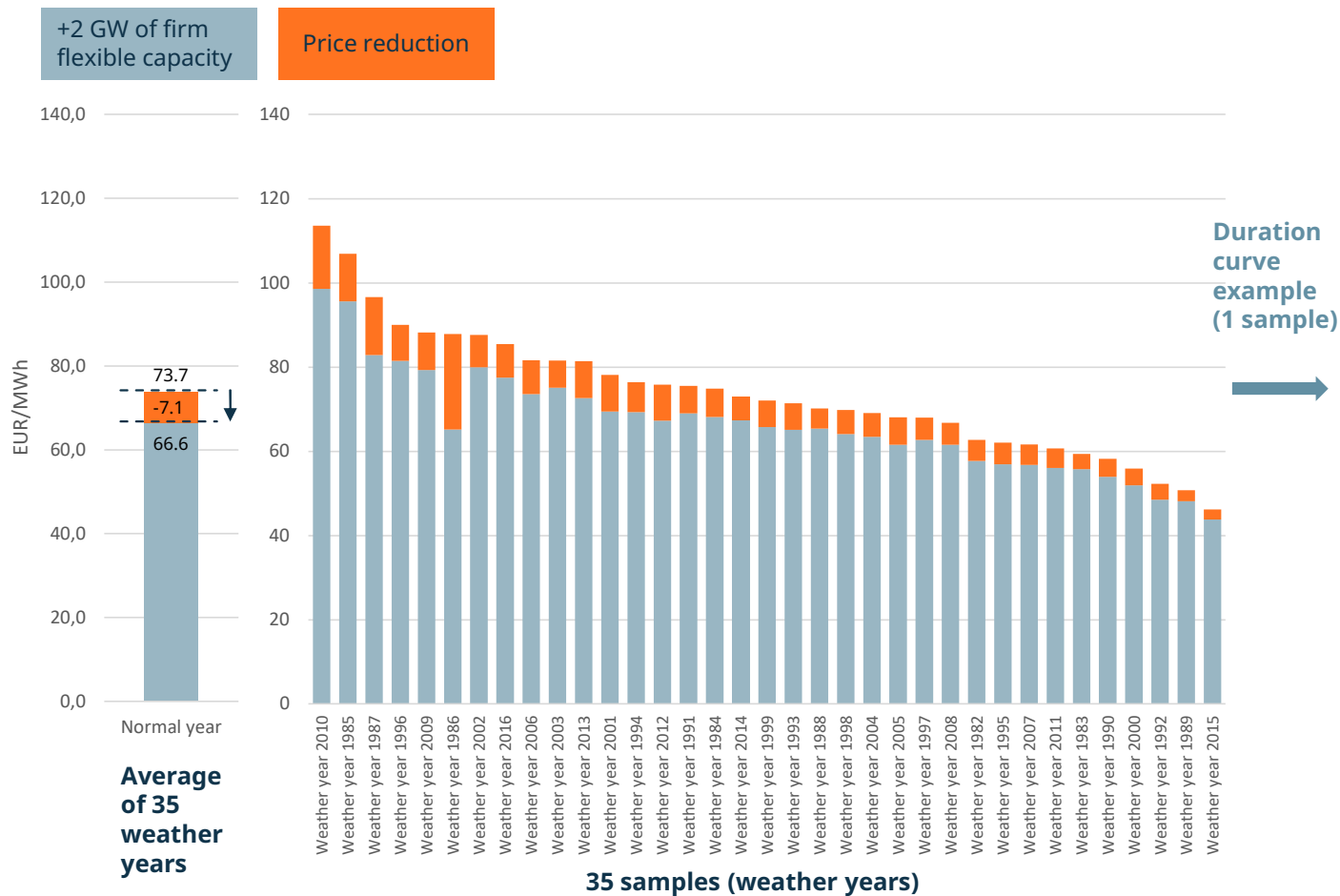
Years 2027 and 2030 & impact of additional firm flexible capacity



Average of 35 weather years

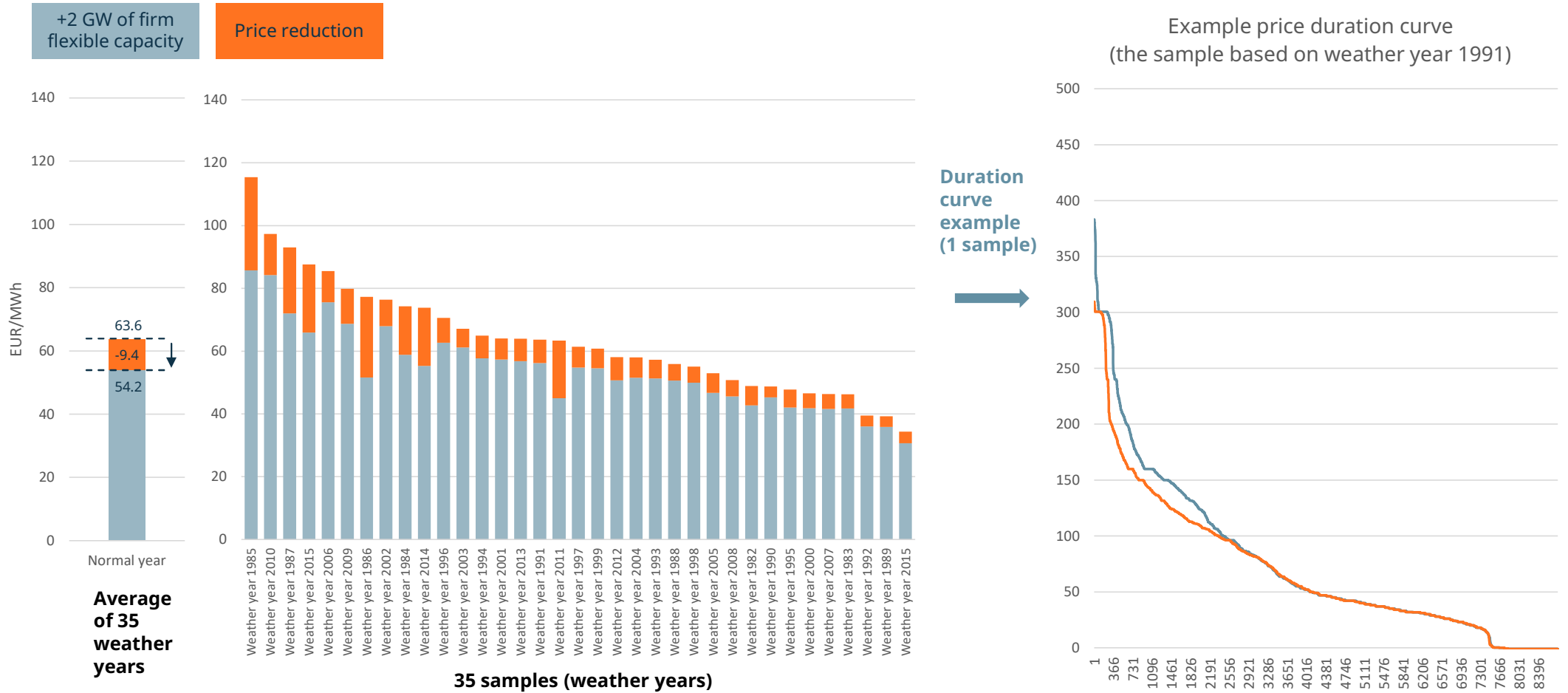
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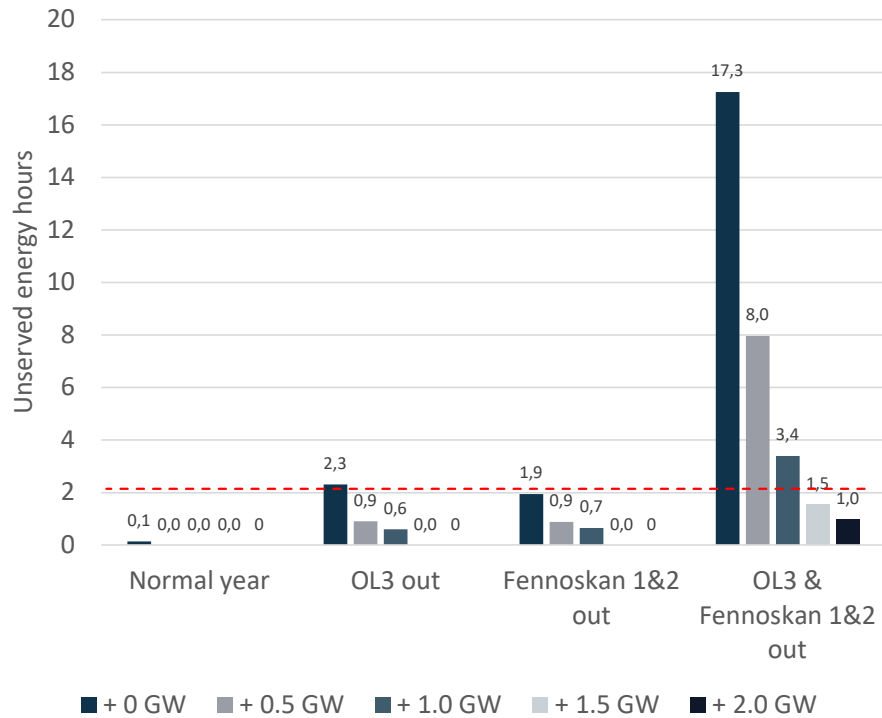


Additional firm flexible capacity increases system reliability

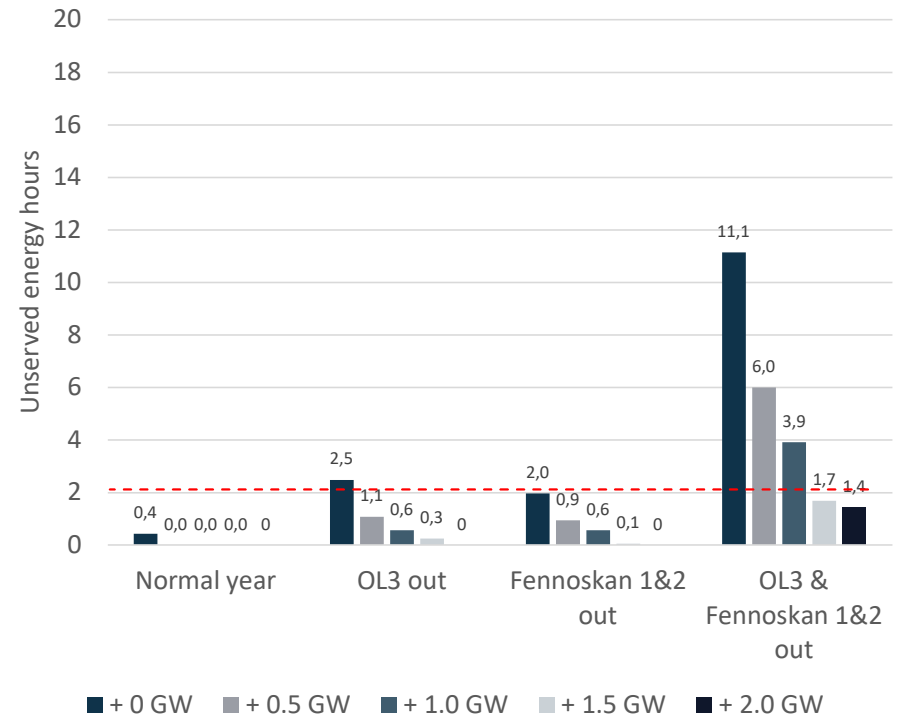
Unserviced energy in the Finnish power system decreases significantly due to new firm flexible capacity especially during a crisis

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Unserviced energy hours in Finland in 2027



Unserviced energy hours in Finland in 2030

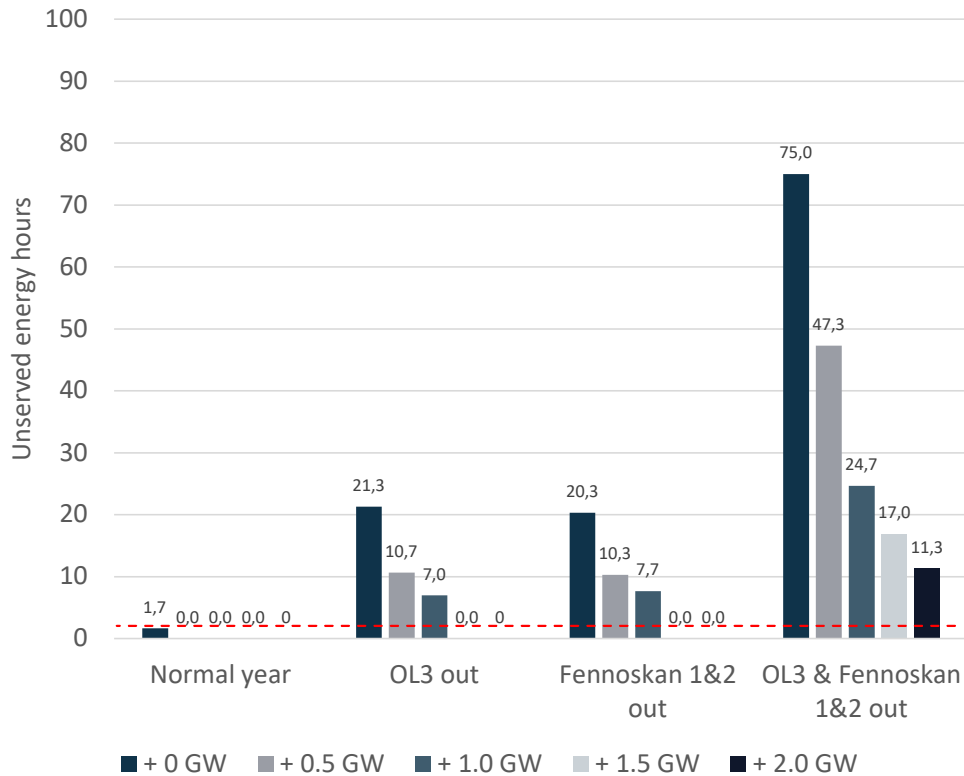


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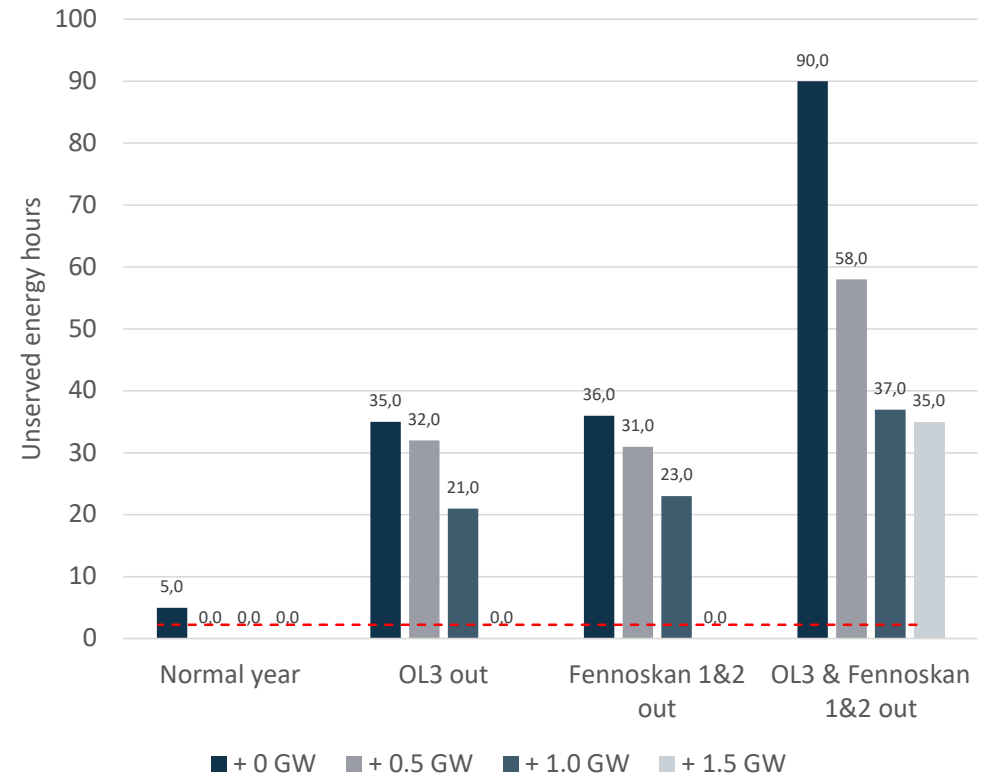
Unserviced energy hours in 2027 during worst weather years

Additional firm flexible capacity is crucial to maintain system reliability when a bad weather year and a crisis takes place simultaneously

Average of the 3 worst weather years



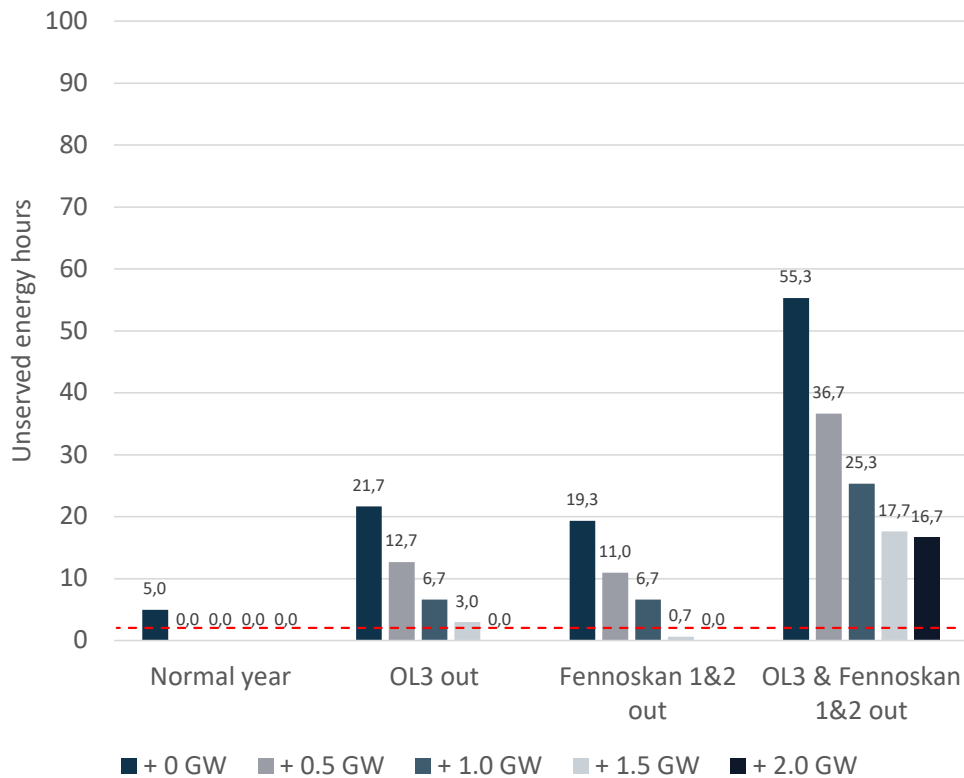
The worst weather year



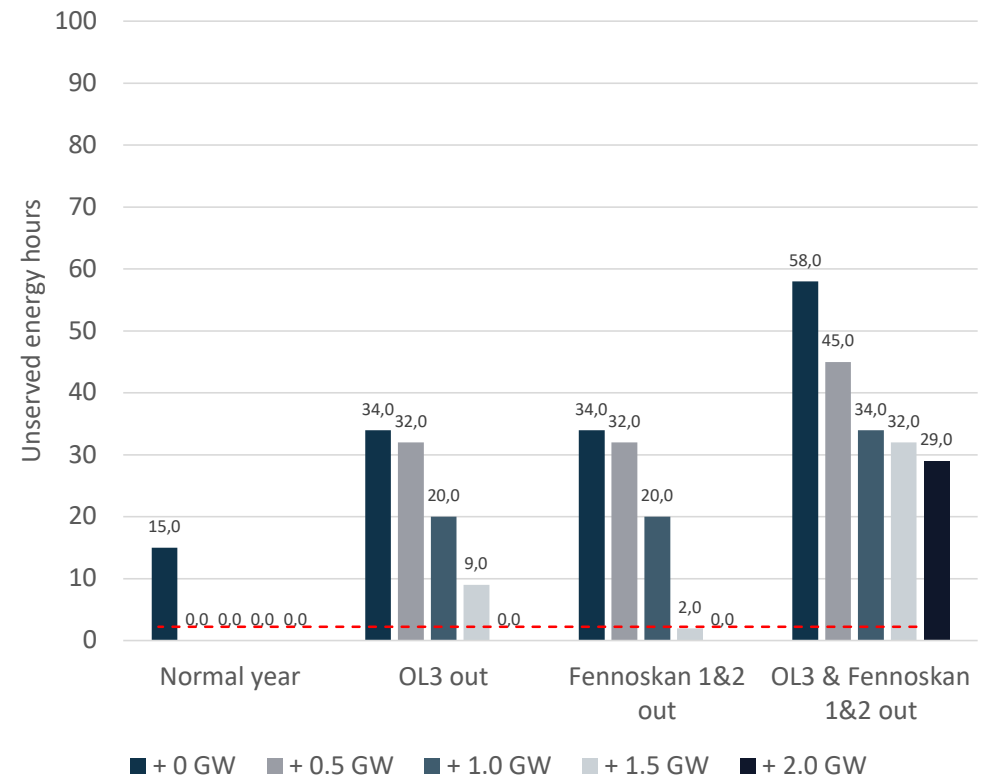
Unserviced energy hours in 2030 during worst weather years

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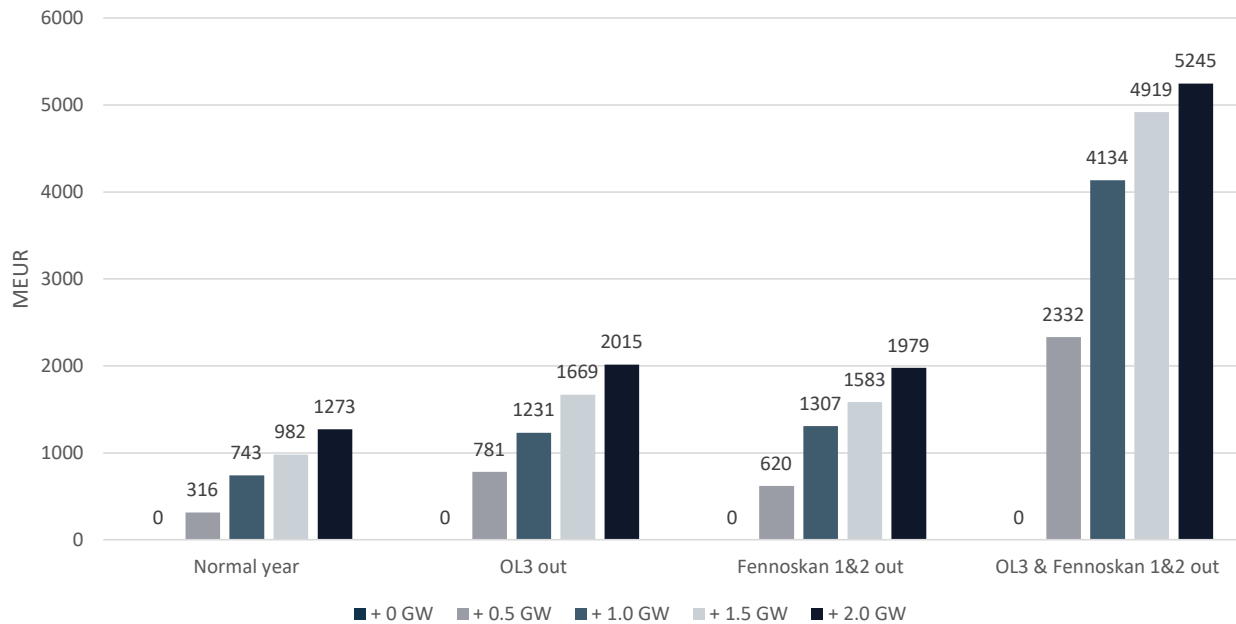
The worst weather year



Electricity cost savings in 2030

Additional firm flexible capacity decreases electricity prices significantly

Annual savings of electricity consumers in Finland

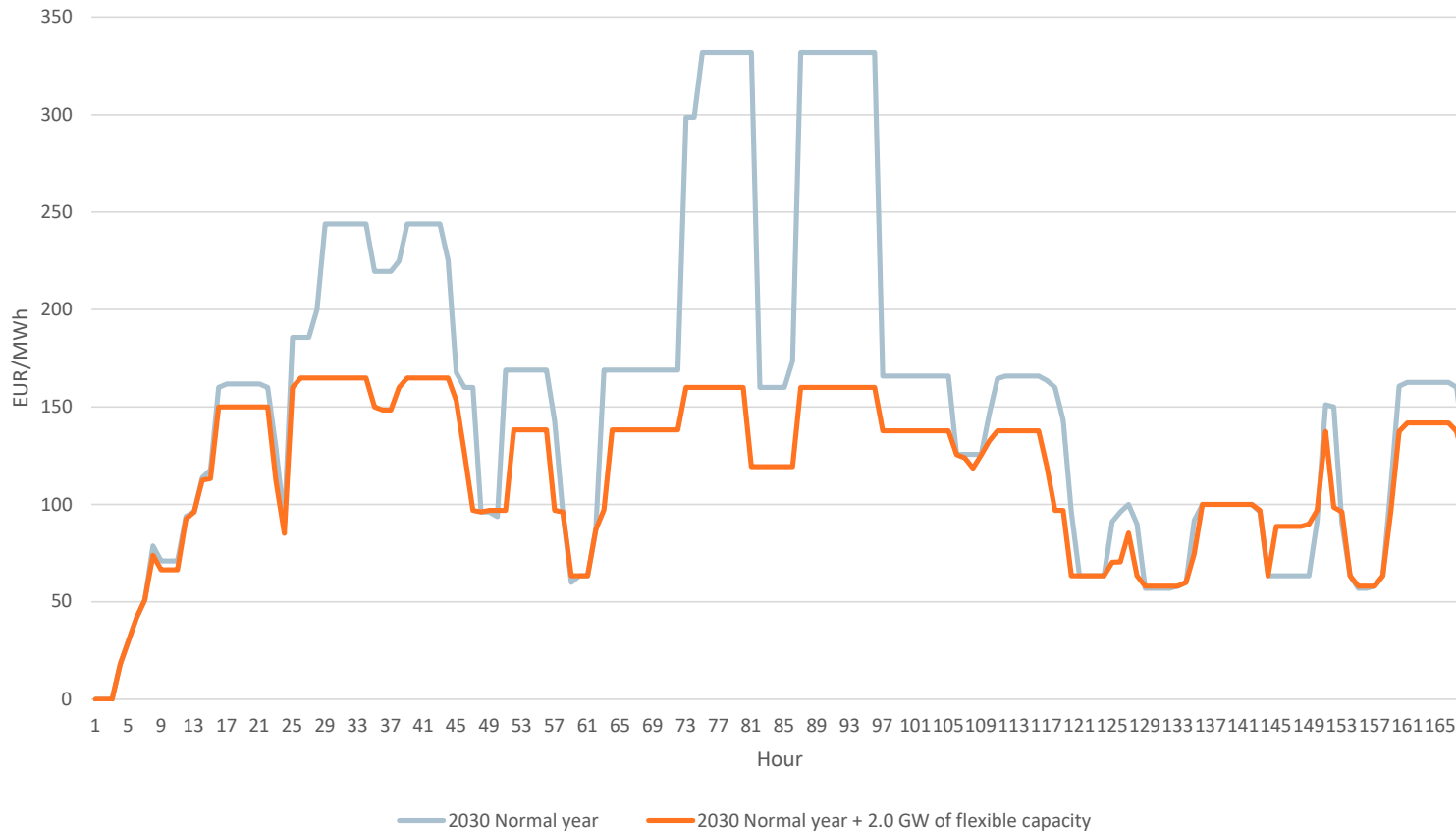


- On a normal year, additional 1.0 GW or 2.0 GW of firm flexible capacity would lower the cost of electricity by 743 MEUR or 1273 MEUR, respectively, in 2030
- From electricity consumers' perspective, the simple payback time for an investment into firm flexible capacity is less than two years

Average of 35 weather years

Hourly price during an example week

Finland's marginal price on a February week in 2030, weather year 2011

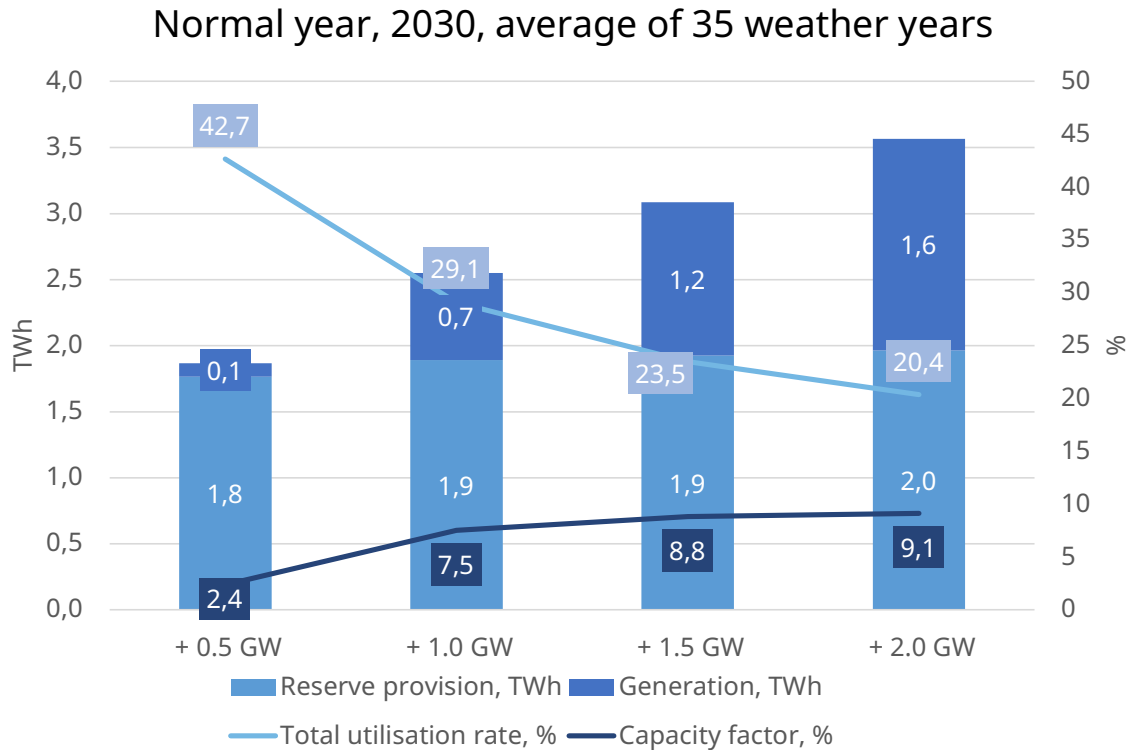


Average marginal price for the studied week in February

- Normal year: 155 €/MWh
- Normal year + 2.0 GW of firm flexible capacity: 116 €/MWh

Capacity factor and utilisation factor of additional firm flexible capacity

Additional firm flexible capacity provides value to the system during half of the year



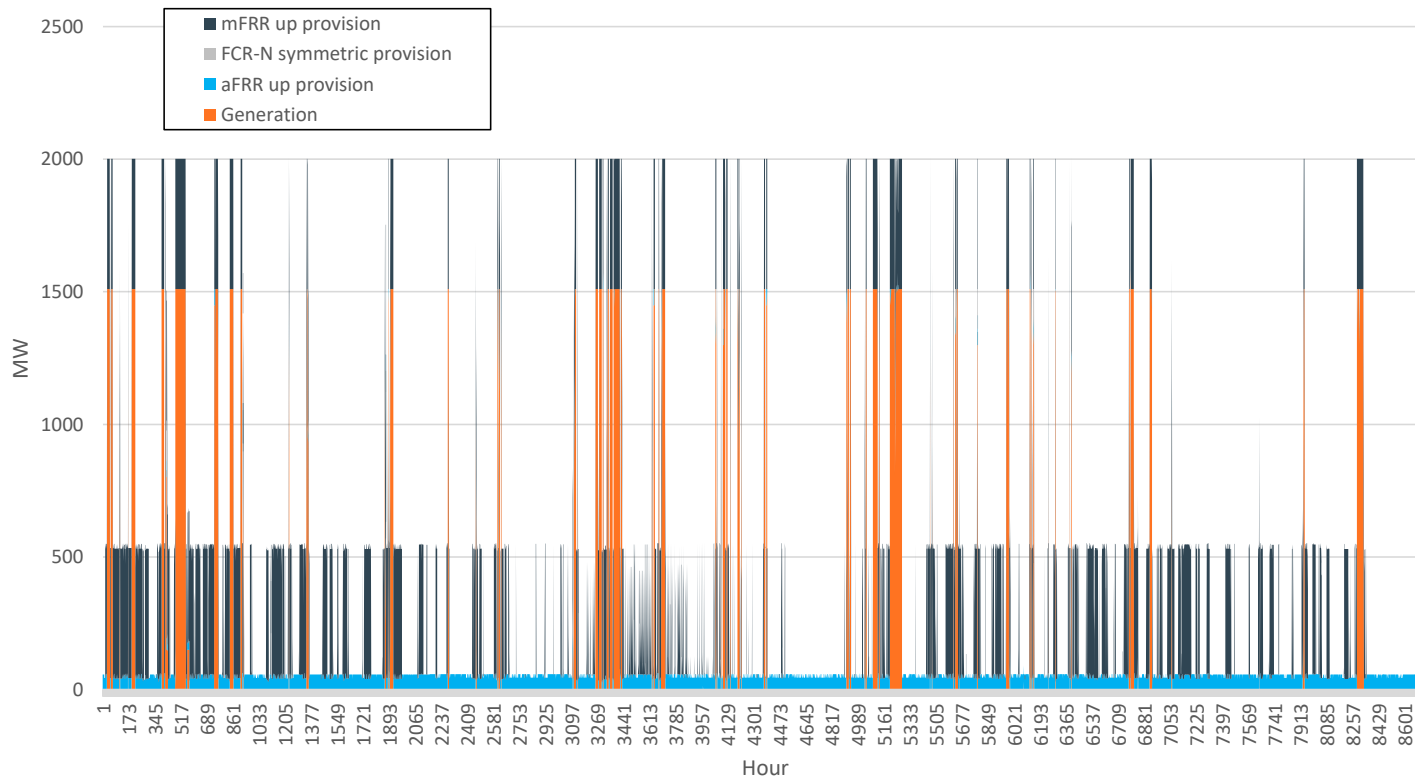
- In 2030, firm flexible capacity operates at a low capacity factor, 2-10%
- System value is not limited to electricity generation: total utilisation rate (generation + reserve provision) is 20%-43%

Average of 35 weather years

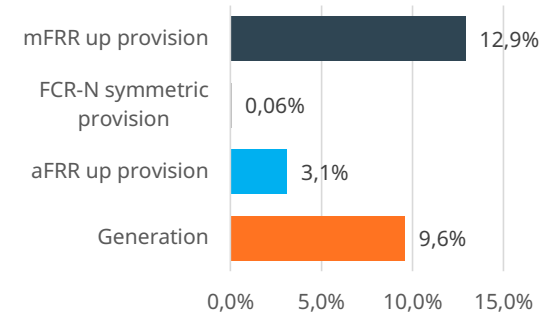
Example: Operating profile of firm flexible capacity in 2030

Utilisation of the different assets, including firm flexible capacity, is dynamically optimised in the model, based on cost-minimisation

Utilisation of the flexible thermal fleet (2.0 GW)
Example weather year sample 1



Utilisation by application, sample 1 (% of equivalent full year operation)

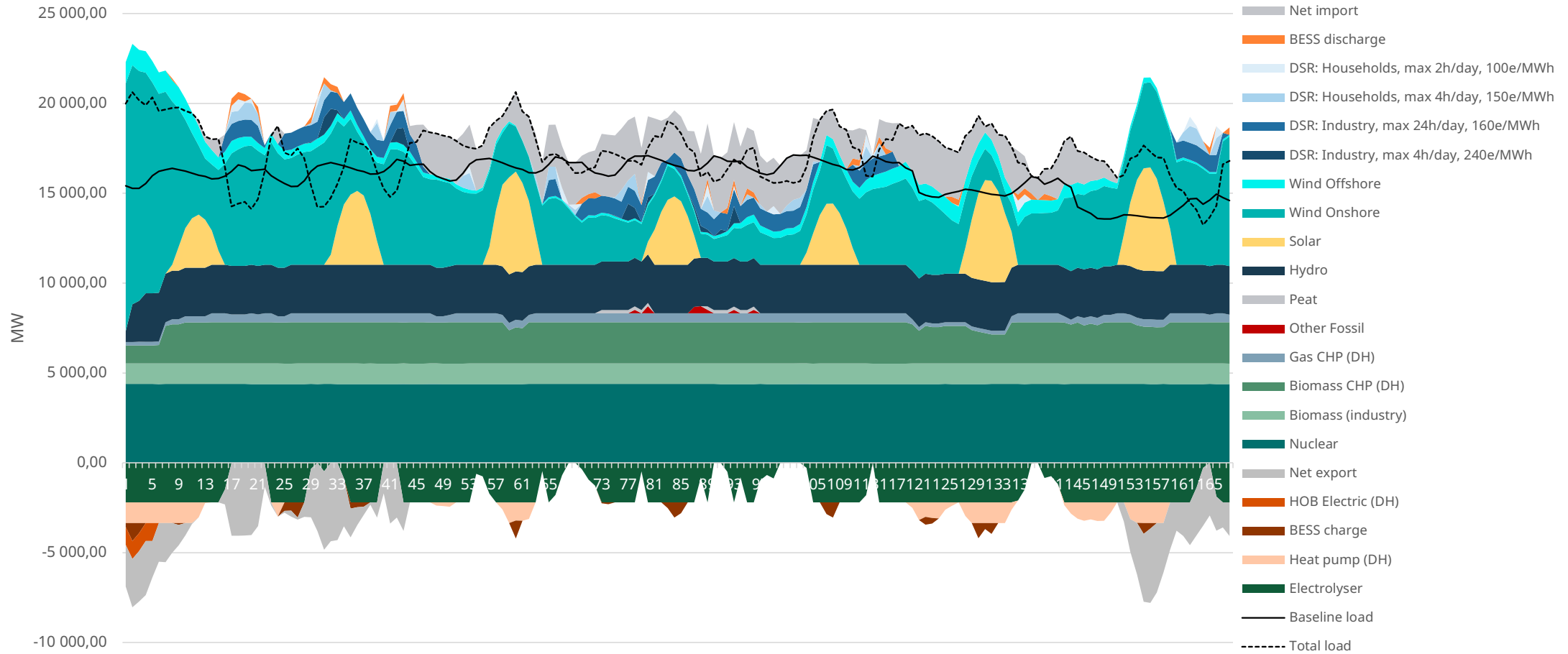


System value of firm flexible capacity in Finland

- Higher reliability
- Hedge against high DA prices in normal and extreme situations
- Provision of different reserve products

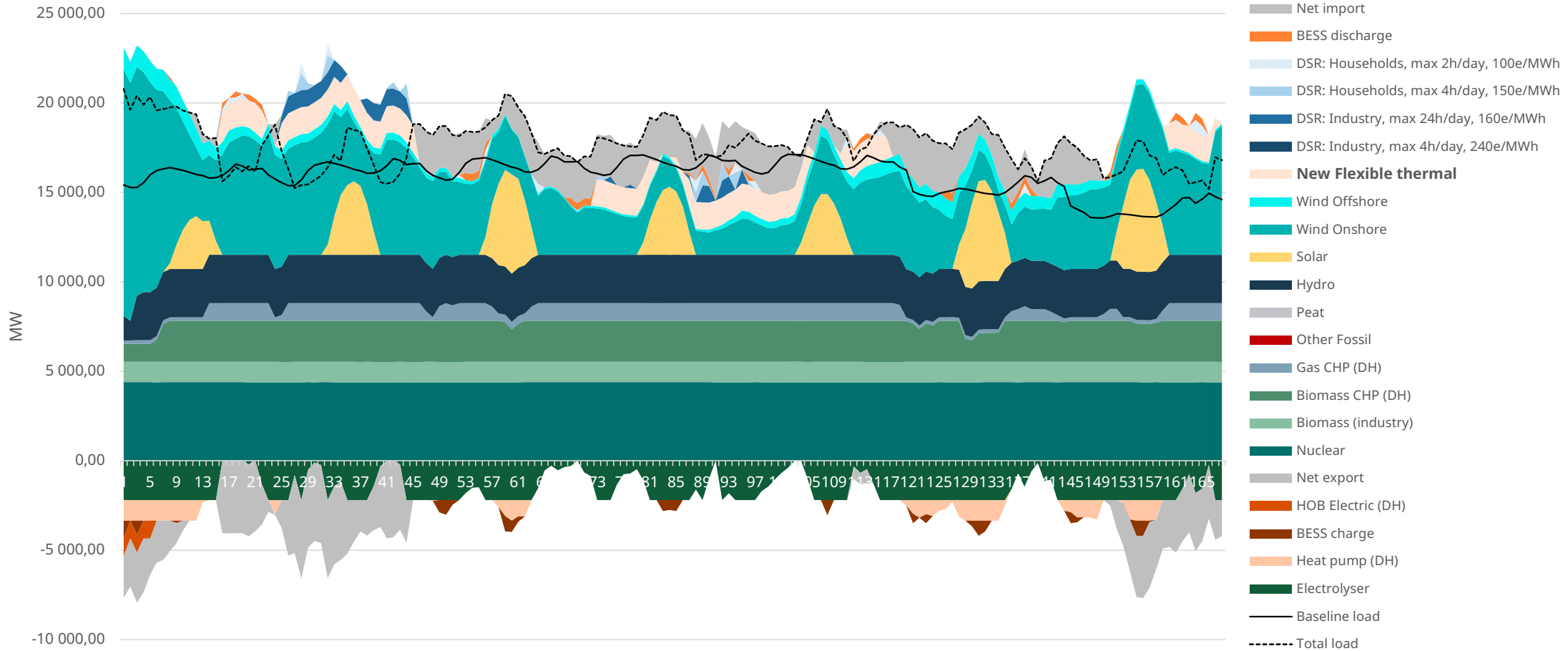
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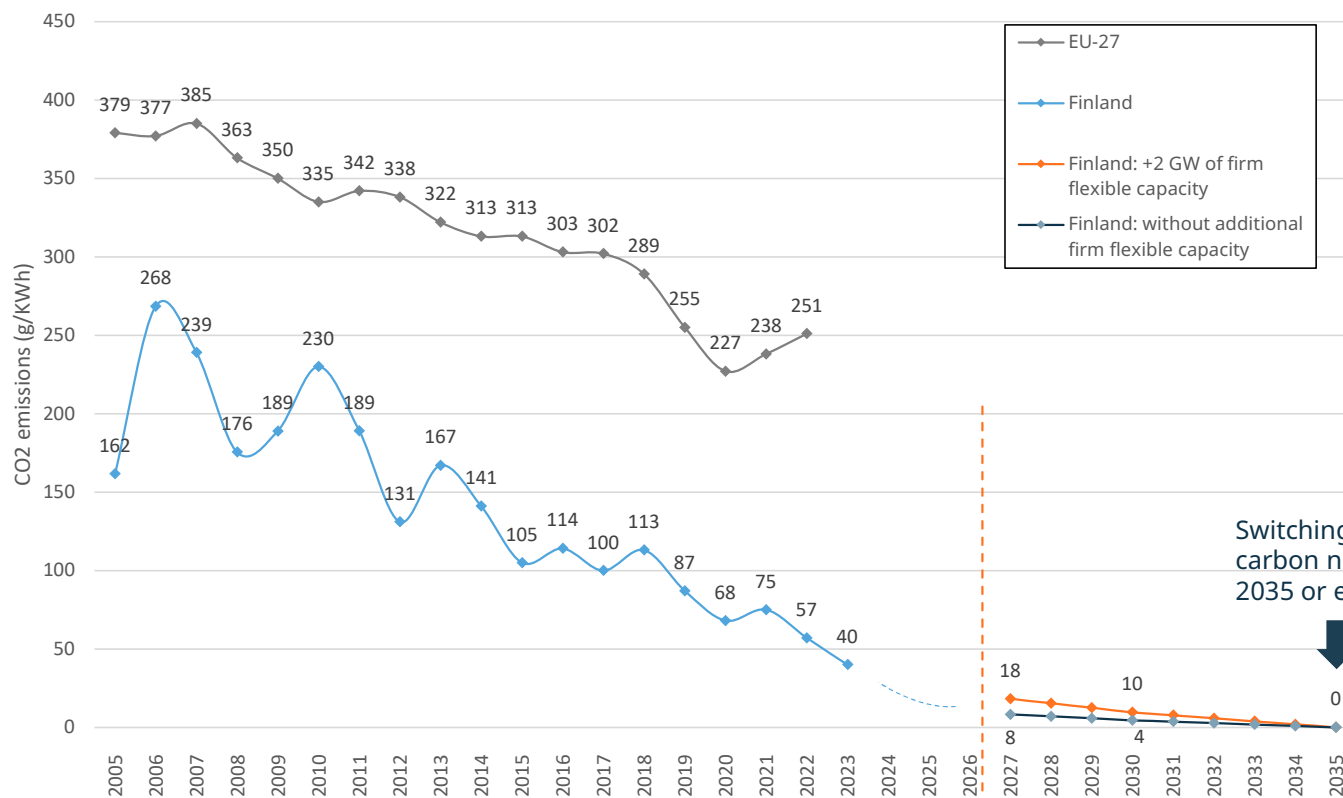
Example week from the model

High demand & low wind week in February (12.-18.2.2030), weather year 2011, **+2.0 GW of additional flexible thermal capacity**



Finland is on the path to a zero-carbon system

Emission intensity of electricity production in Finland



CO₂ emissions, Finland (average of 35 weather years)

	2027	2030
Without flexible thermal	1.60	1.09 Mton
With 2 GW of flexible thermal	2.83	1.91 Mton
Delta in Finland	1.23	0.82 Mton
Impact outside Finland	-1.87	-0.93 Mton
Total impact	-0.64	-0.11 Mton

Switching from gas to carbon neutral fuels by 2035 or earlier

2 GW of new firm flexible capacity



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