

# Financial opportunities of industrial flexibility

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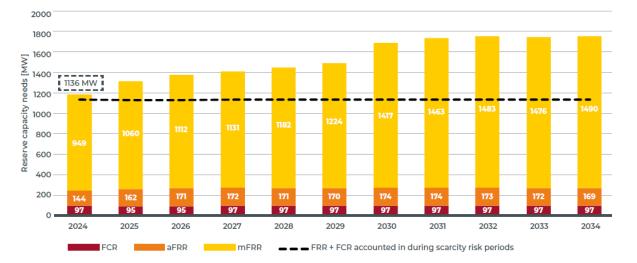
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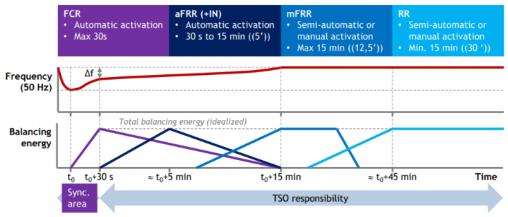


# Flexibility needs for 2024-2034 are rising sharply

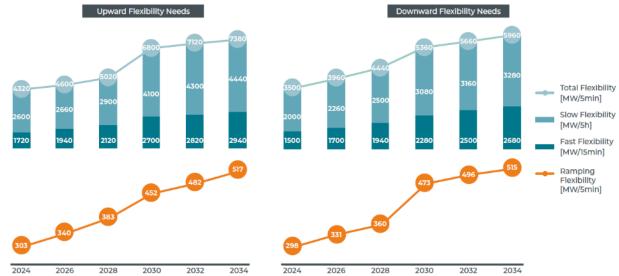


#### FIGURE 3-124 - PROJECTION OF ELIA'S RESERVE CAPACITY NEEDS TOWARDS 2034





#### FIGURE 6-1 — EVOLUTION OF FLEXIBILITY NEEDS BETWEEN 2024 AND 2034 IN THE CENTRAL SCENARIO



#### Ramping flexibility:

real time variations on generation and demand

#### Fast flexibility:

real time forecast errors and forced outages

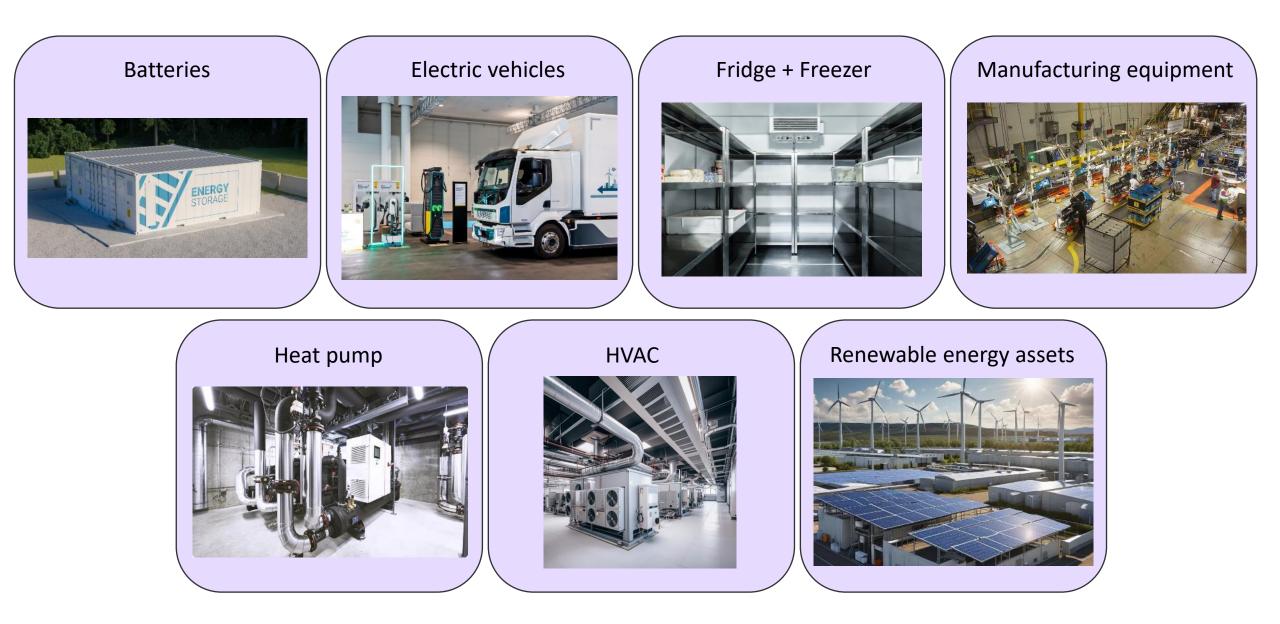
#### Slow flexibility:

intra-day forecast updates and forced outages longer than a few hours

Source: Elia Adequacy report 2024-2034

# **Flexibility opportunities in industry**



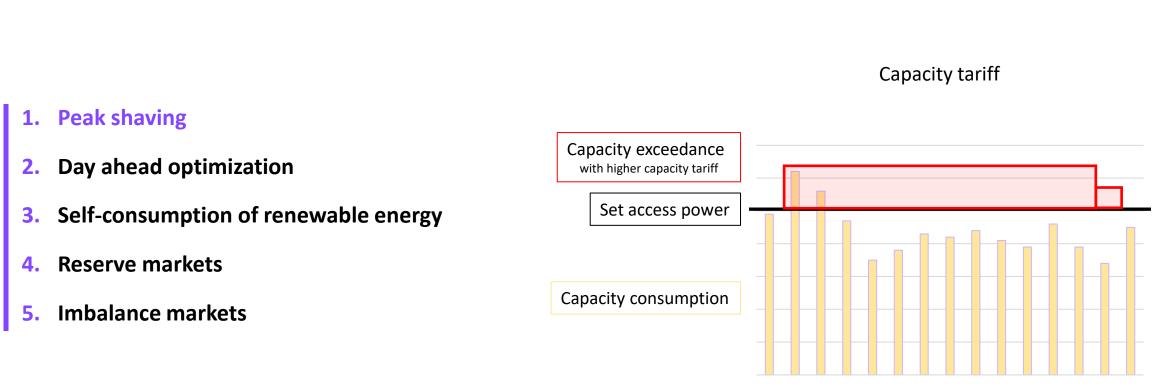




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- 2. Day ahead optimization
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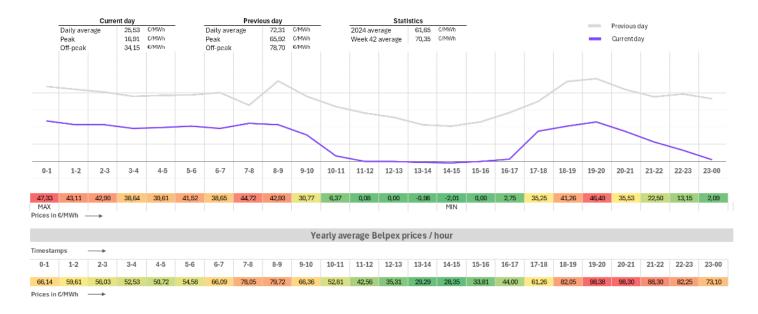


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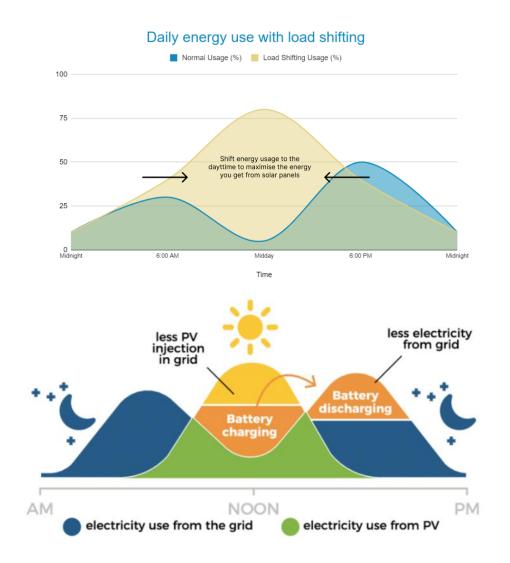
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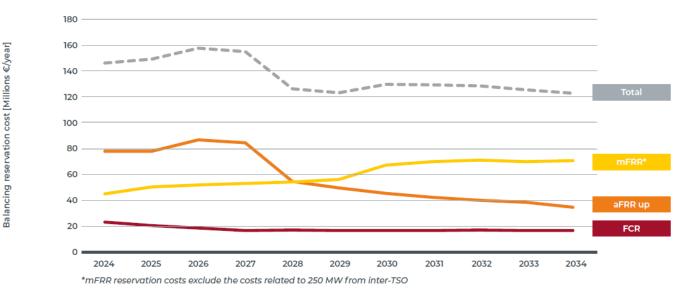
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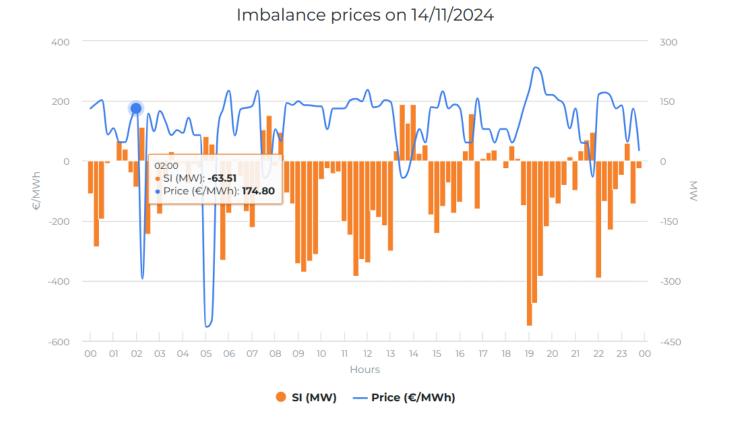
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FIGURE 3-119 — EXPECTED BALANCING RESERVATION COSTS FOR THE PERIOD 2024-2034





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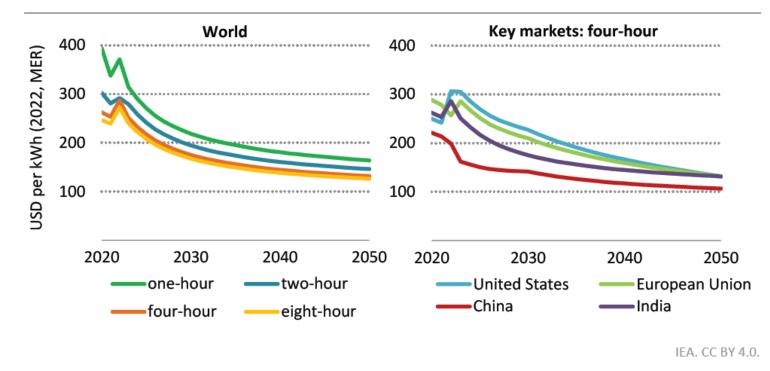
# **Battery prices are dropping**





## IEA Battery report April 2024

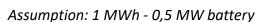
Figure 2.22 Average total system capital costs of utility-scale batteries globally and in key markets in the STEPS, 2020-2050

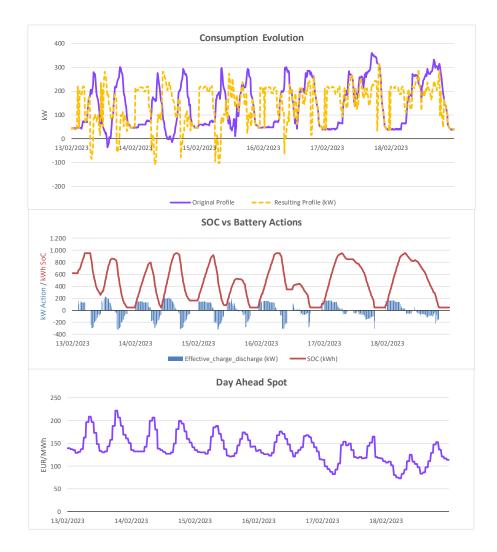


Total upfront costs of utility-scale battery storage decline 30-40% by 2030, with the cost range narrowing in key markets

Note: MER = market exchange rate.

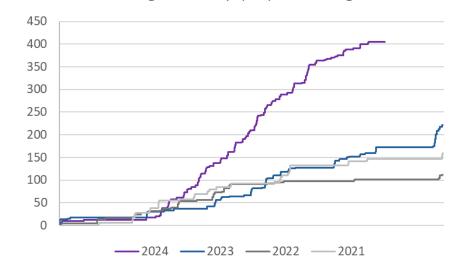
# **Battery Actions – Day ahead + peak shaving + Self-consumption**





Cumulative number of negative hourly spot prices in Belgium over the last years

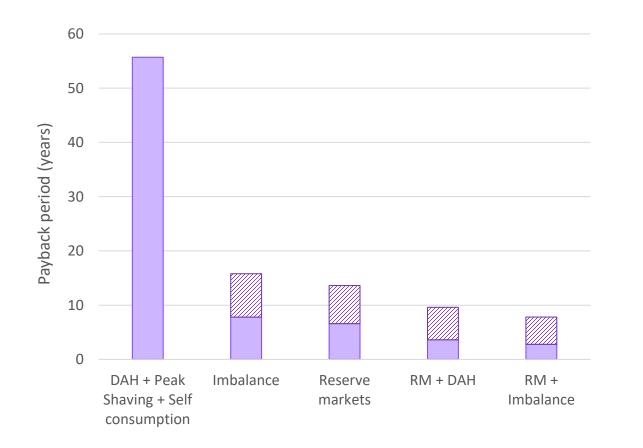
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# Batteries can be profitable with value stacking



#### Assumption: 1 MWh - 0,5 MW battery

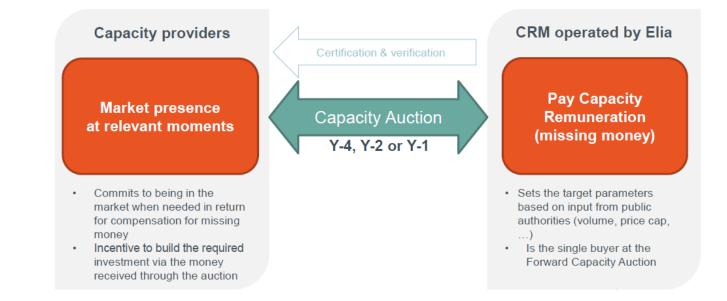


- Every individual business case is different
- With a lifetime of 8,000 cycles or 15 years, load shifting (DAH + Peak shaving + Self-consumption) leads to a negative business case
- Imbalance and reserve markets lead individually to positive business cases
- Stacking of values leads to the highest value
- Combination of markets leads to a significant need for schedule optimisation



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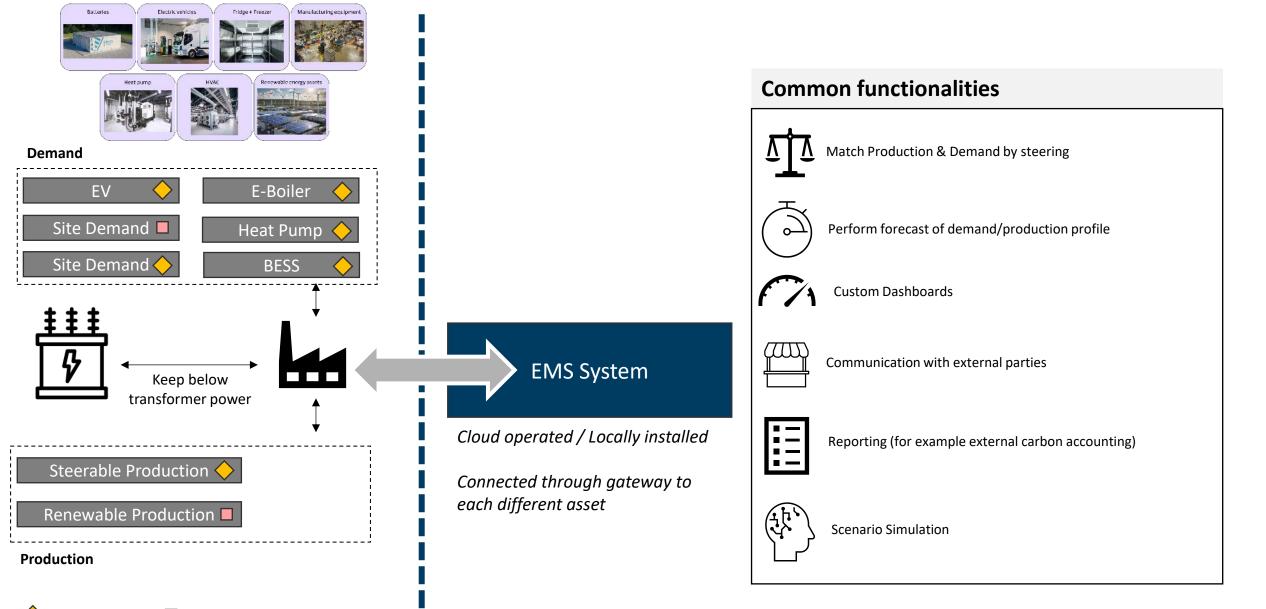


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## Combination of several flexible assets with energy management system





# **Energy management system optimising both electricity and heat**

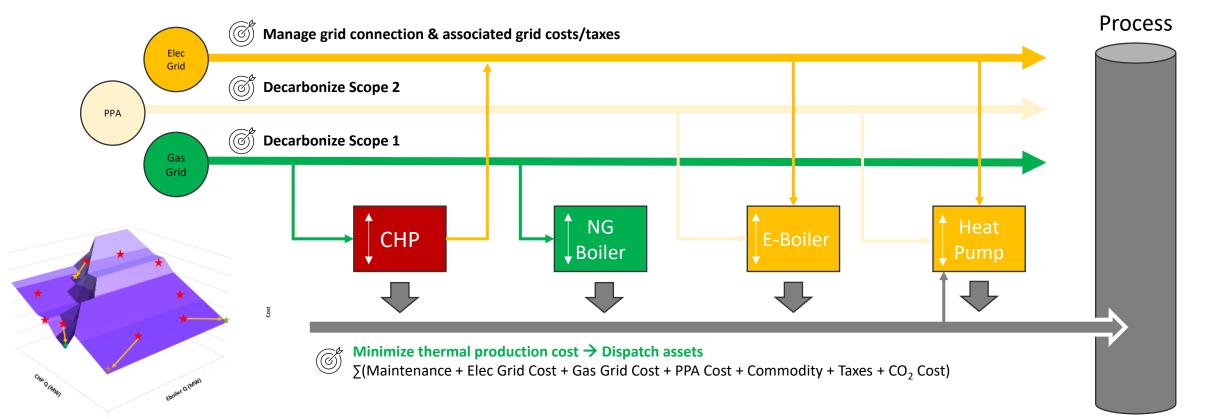


## Parameters to be included:

- Electricity & Gas price
- Constant machine efficiencies
- Non-commodity price
- Offtake/Injection position
  - non-linear effects make classic optimization techniques challenging

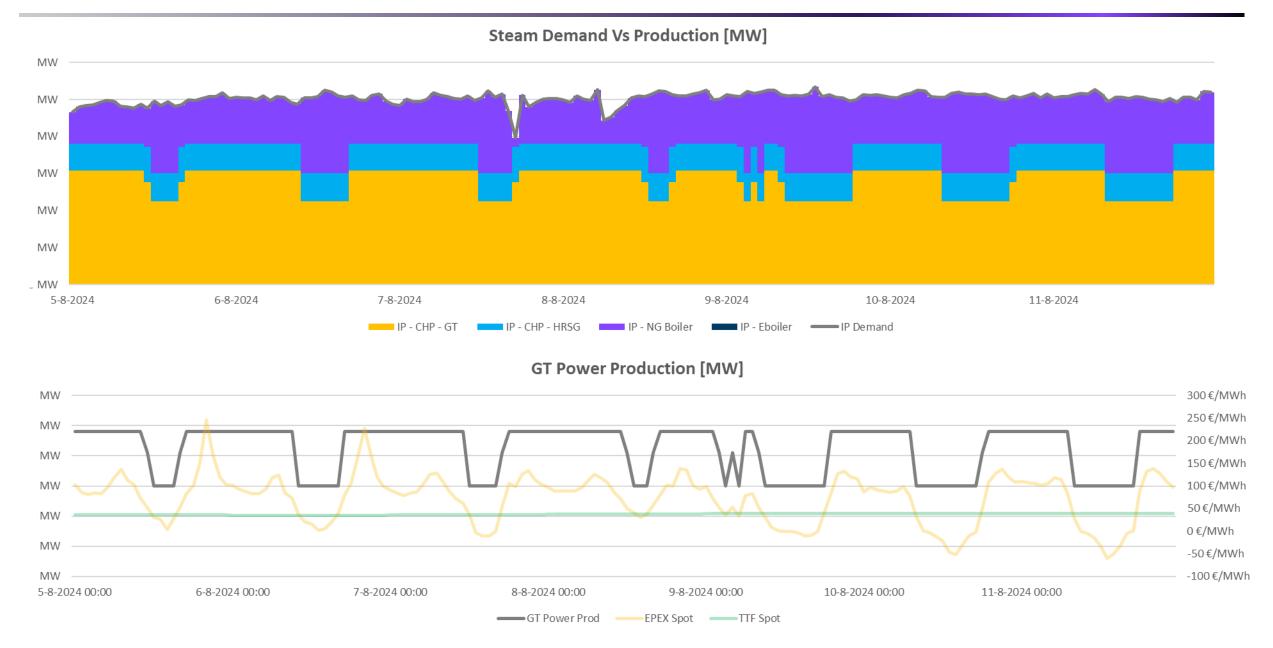
- Offtake/Injection
- CHP operating window
- Non-linear efficiency curves
- Ambient T°C
- CHP Certificates
- Related energy flows

- Operating electric assets in a traditional baseload operation is not economically viable
  - Dispatch required between different assets depending on different external market prices and contract structure
- Focussing on different weights in optimization algorithm
  - Financial Savings / Decarbonization / Maintenance Costs

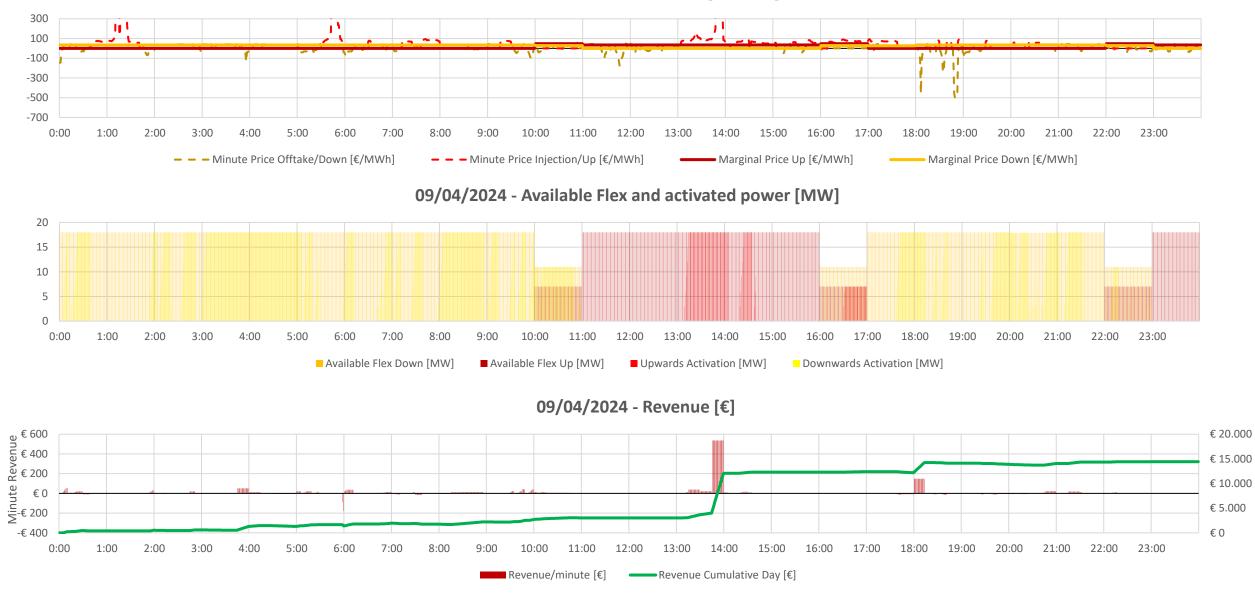


# Balancing steam demand while optimizing power production





## **Intraday – Steering Actions on minute basis**



09/04/2024 - Imbalance Prices [€/MWh]

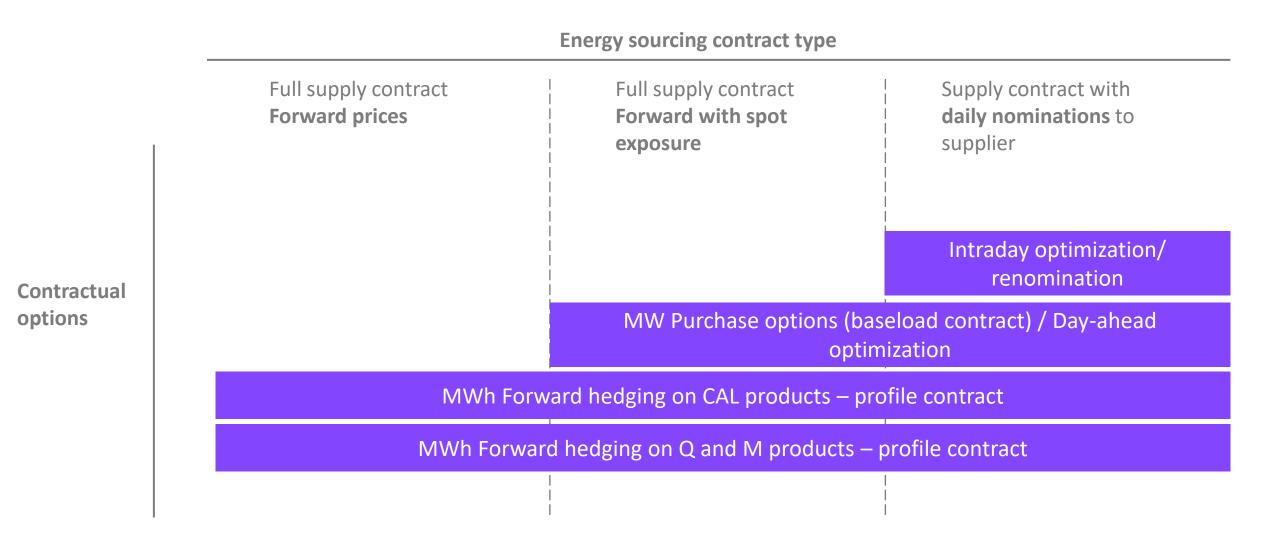


**Cumulative Revenue** 

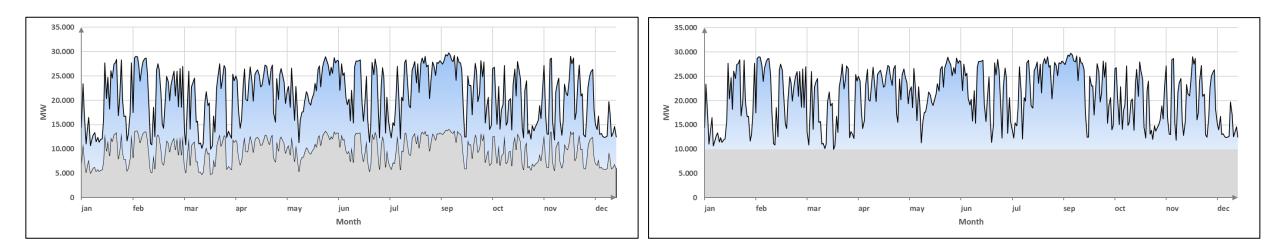
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# Hedging strategy: profile load vs baseload



## Profile load hedging

- Hedging a percentage of the cost price on forward:
  CAL-basis (standard option Q and M)
- Up to 100% price fixation possible (0% 100% of the cost) for the expected consumption volume (set in contract).
- Different peak and off-peak price formula multiplier and add-on costs
- Spot indexation possibility: monthly average spot
- Volume tolerance or bandwidth applicable

full flex in the past, actual **severe restrictions** (post energy crisis)

• **Expensive price formula** as the main risk is on the supplier side

## **Baseload hedging**

- Hedging a fixed capacity (24/7 flat block) on forward
  CAL-basis (standard option Q and M)
- No possibility to hedge 100% of the cost.
- Hedging against predefined consumption volume
- Spot indexation is standard (hourly weighted average spot price)

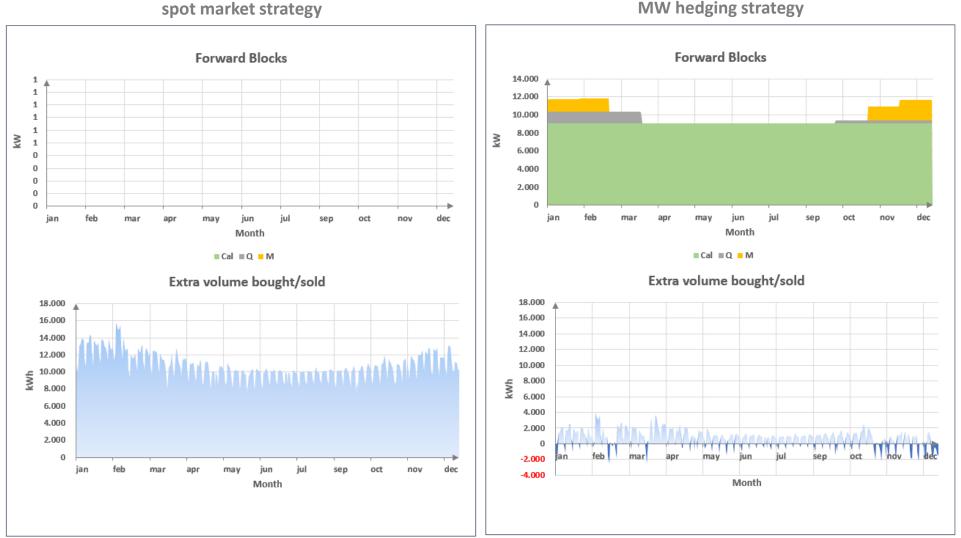
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- No volume tolerance or bandwidth applicable (Take-or-Trade).
- **Cheaper price formula** as the main risk is on the consumer side
- Future proof strategy

optimization on-site flexibility (EV, heat pump, batteries,...)

## **Baseload - spot prices vs hedging strategy on forward**

Electricity consumption profile: aggregated consumption profile



MW hedging strategy



# Conclusion



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### **Flexibility examples**

#### 1. Batteries

- Every business case is different
- Value stacking is the most profitable
- 2. Combination of flexibility assets
  - Optimising both heat and electricity
  - Energy management system
- 3. Energy contracts
  - Hedging vs. spot and profile vs. baseload
  - Assembling of blocks to fit profile