A photograph of several wind turbines in a field during a sunset. The sky is a mix of blue, orange, and yellow, with scattered clouds. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm glow. The turbines are white with dark blades. A white, torn-edge banner is overlaid on the center of the image, containing the title and speaker information.

Long Term Modelling of the NZ Power System: the Potential Impact of Demand Response

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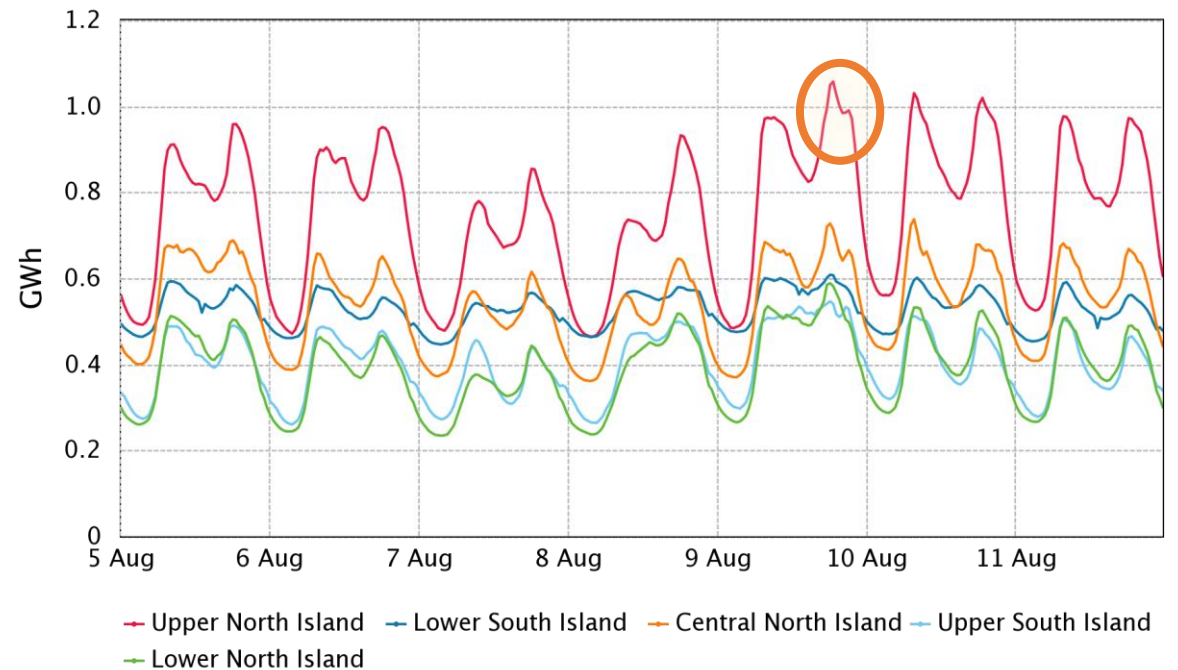
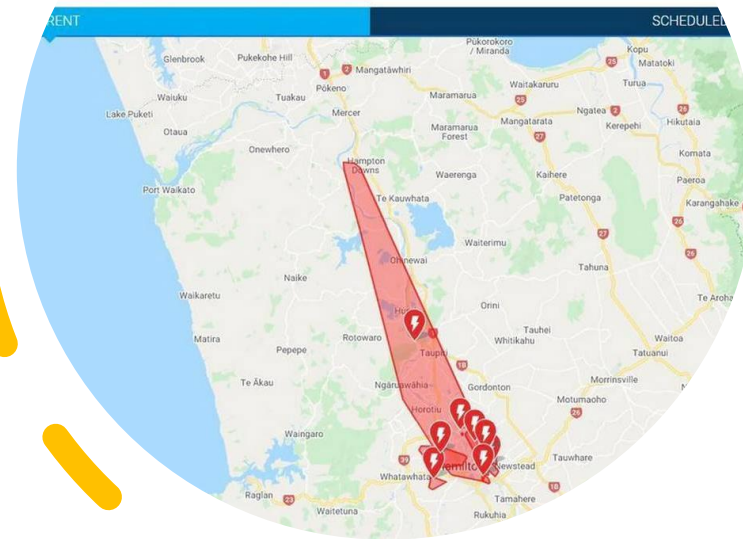
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The future of the power system:

- To mitigate climate change NZ has set emission reduction targets.
- Electricity to become 100% renewable
- Electrification of transport, process heat etc.
- BUT renewables are variable (mismatch of supply and demand)
 - Supplying peak demand is a barrier to a 100% renewable system



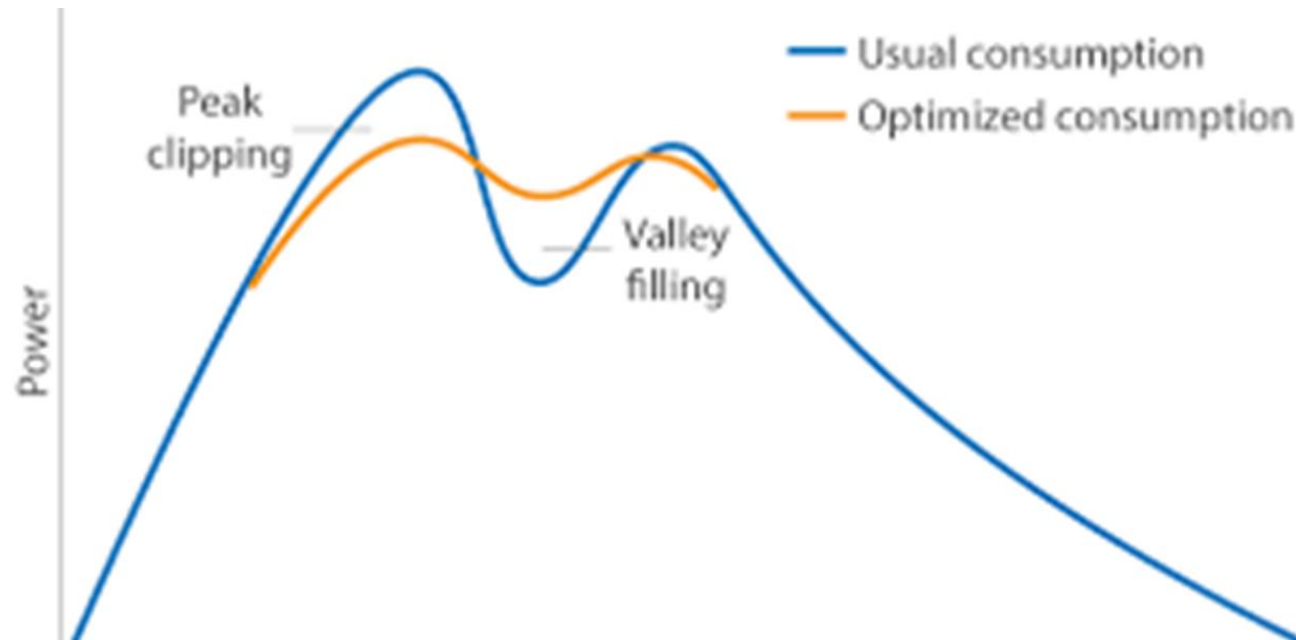
How do you solve the problem of peak demand?



- Over build renewable generation capacity
 - Expensive!
- Build large energy storage facility (Lake Onslow)
 - Expensive!
- Increase the flexibility of demand to better match the renewable generation
 - Cheap!

Demand Response (DR):

- What is it?
 - Changing consumption in response to a signal or price incentive to reduce demand when the system is under stress
- Already occurring worldwide, including in NZ
- Previous studies have outlined benefits, constraints and technical/theoretical potential



Project Aim:

- Use the LPCon model to model scenarios of increased demand response in a 100% renewable NZ Power System.
- What are the consequences of suppling 20% of peak demand with DR?





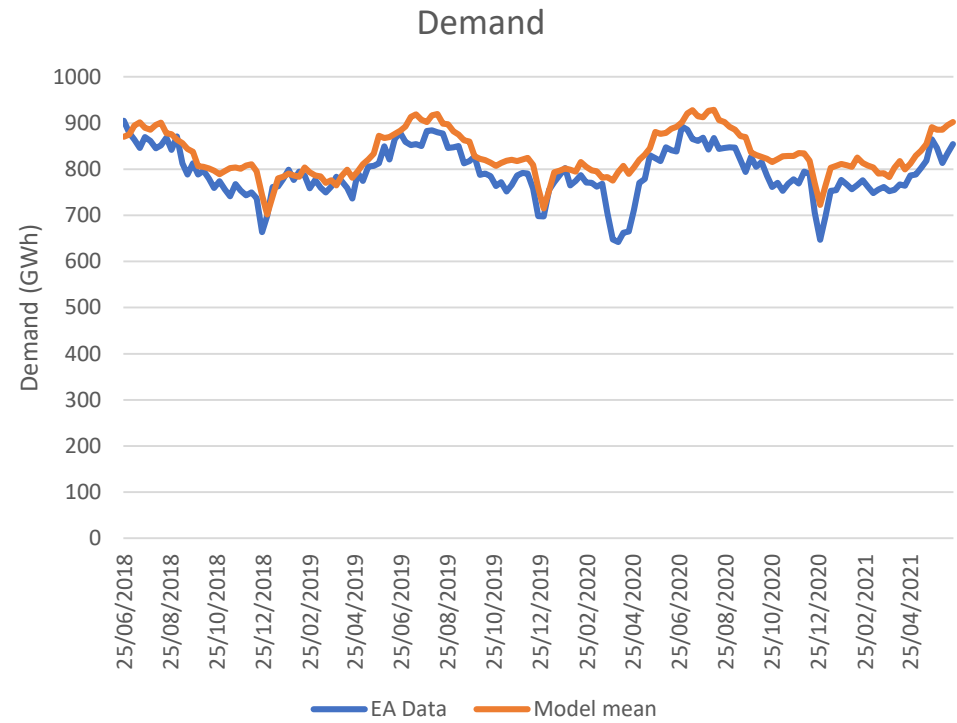
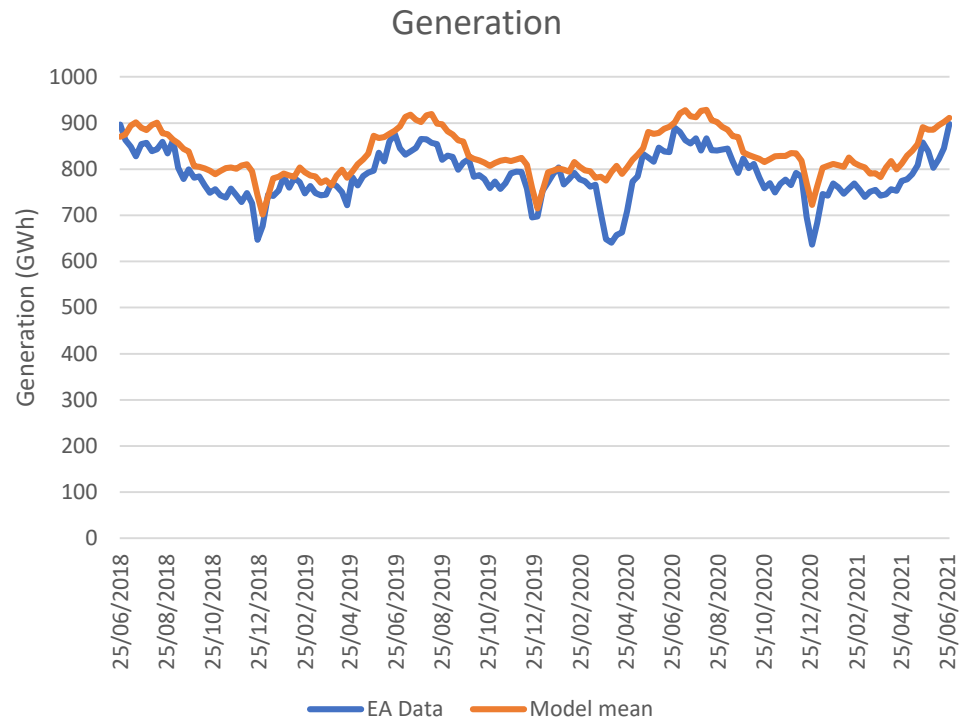
The LPCon Model

- Created by Grant Telfar, owned by Meridian Energy Ltd.
- Model predictions out to 30 years
- Two-phase power system optimisation and simulation model
 1. OPT – Constructive Dual Dynamic Programming (CDDP) algorithm
 2. SIM – Coin-OR linear programming solver
- Two Scenarios: Revolution (100% renewable in 2033's) and Evolution
- Model inputs: hydrological histories, climate predications, demand predictions, EV uptake and battery use predictions, planned outages, Transpower's future upgrades etc....

Phase 2: Simulation

- **Economic optimisation** of the NZ power system to find cheapest balance of supply and demand – **lowest cost solution** to supplying electricity at each node (166 nodes)
- **Supply:** hydro, solar, wind, thermal, batteries
- **Demand:** Regional demand predictions, EV uptake
- **Constraints:**
 - Line losses
 - Hydrological constraints: generation, chain generation, reservoir release
 - Wind and solar constraints
 - Station limit (generation + reserve)
 - Thermal group generation constraints
 - nodal phase angle line constraints





Validation of Model Results:

DR Modelling with LPCon:



- DR offered in as negative generation
- Three types of DR:
 - Energy DR (triggered by low water levels)
 - Peak DR (triggered by peak pricing)
 - Economic DR (triggered by peak demand)
- Peak DR is the focus of this study:
 - Change price it is offered in at
 - Change amount (MW) it is offered in at
- Iterative process: cannot set DR specifically, must find the 'Goldilocks' zone

Results:

Base Case

7.2 % of demand
in peak hour in 30
year model run
met by DR

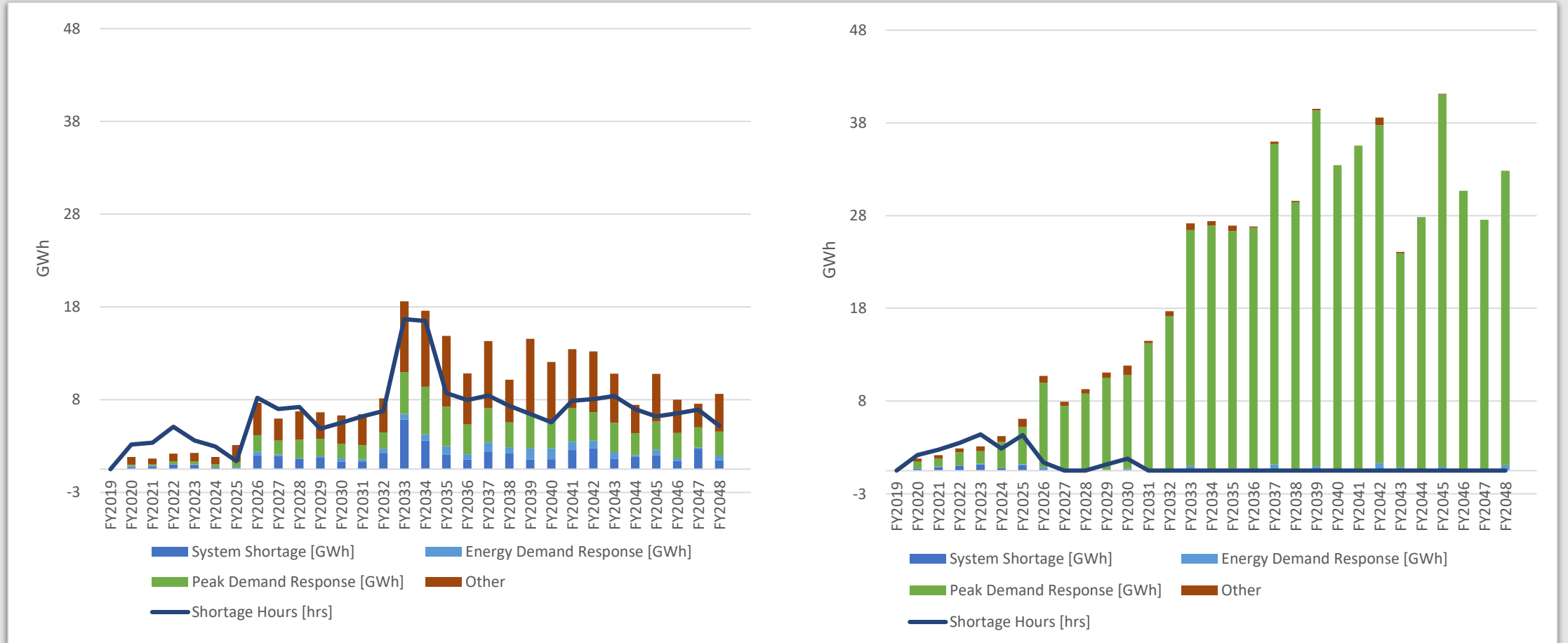
Increased
DR Case

20.5 % of demand
in peak hour in 30
year model run
met by DR

1500 GWh less
generation
capacity

Results:

DR Summary 2018 - 2048:

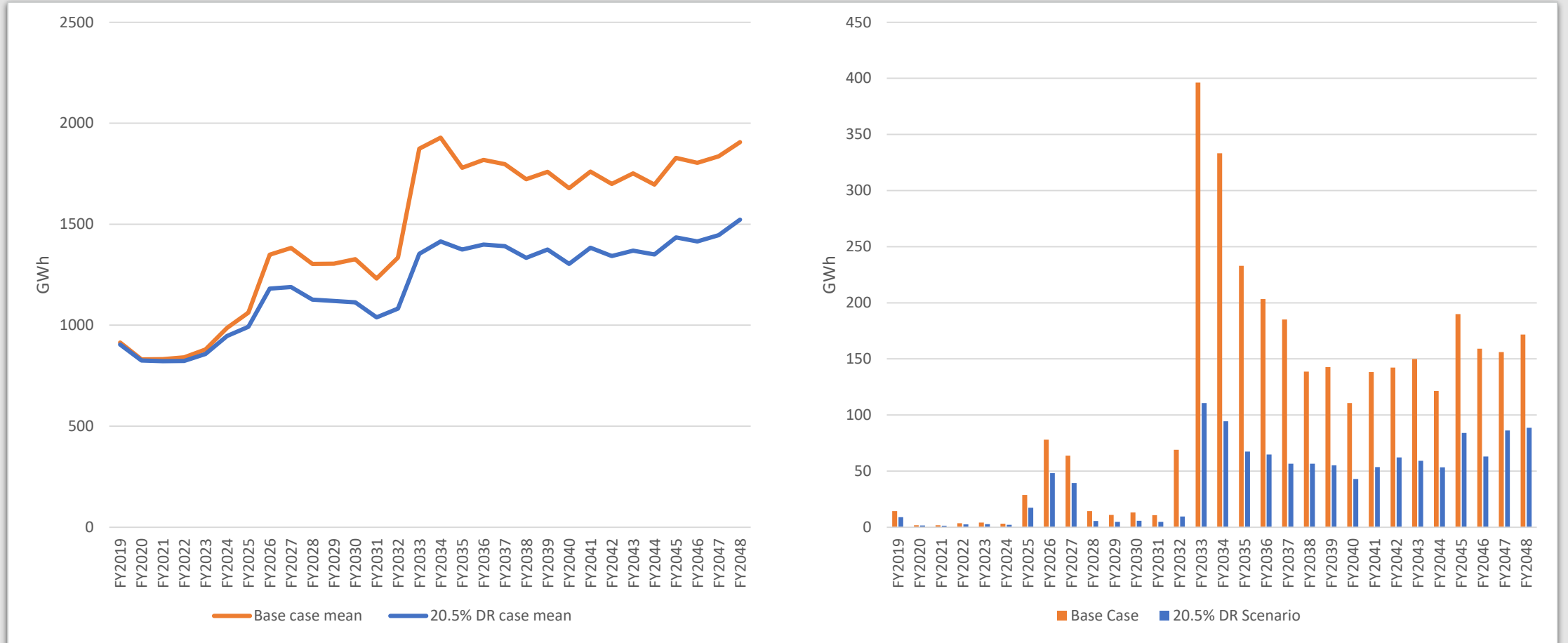


Base Case:

20.5 % Peak DR Case:

Results:

System Spill:

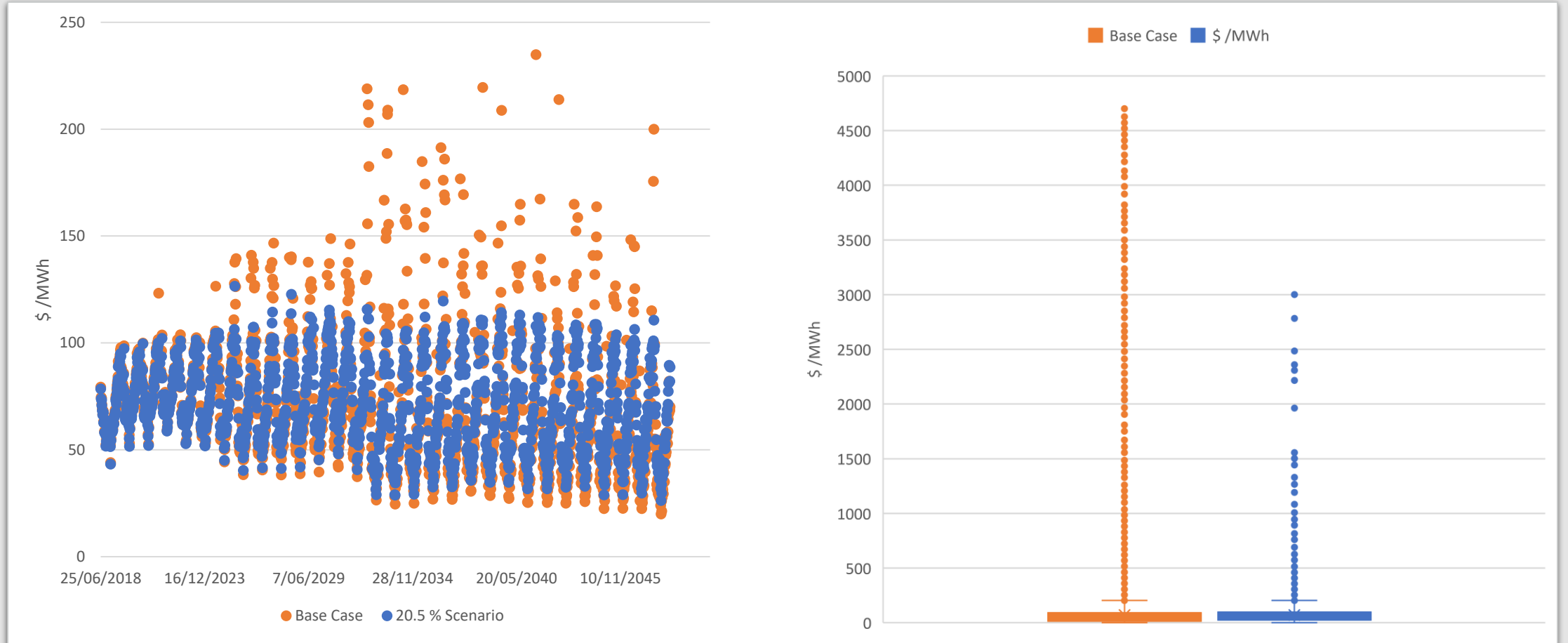


Total Spill

Wind Spill

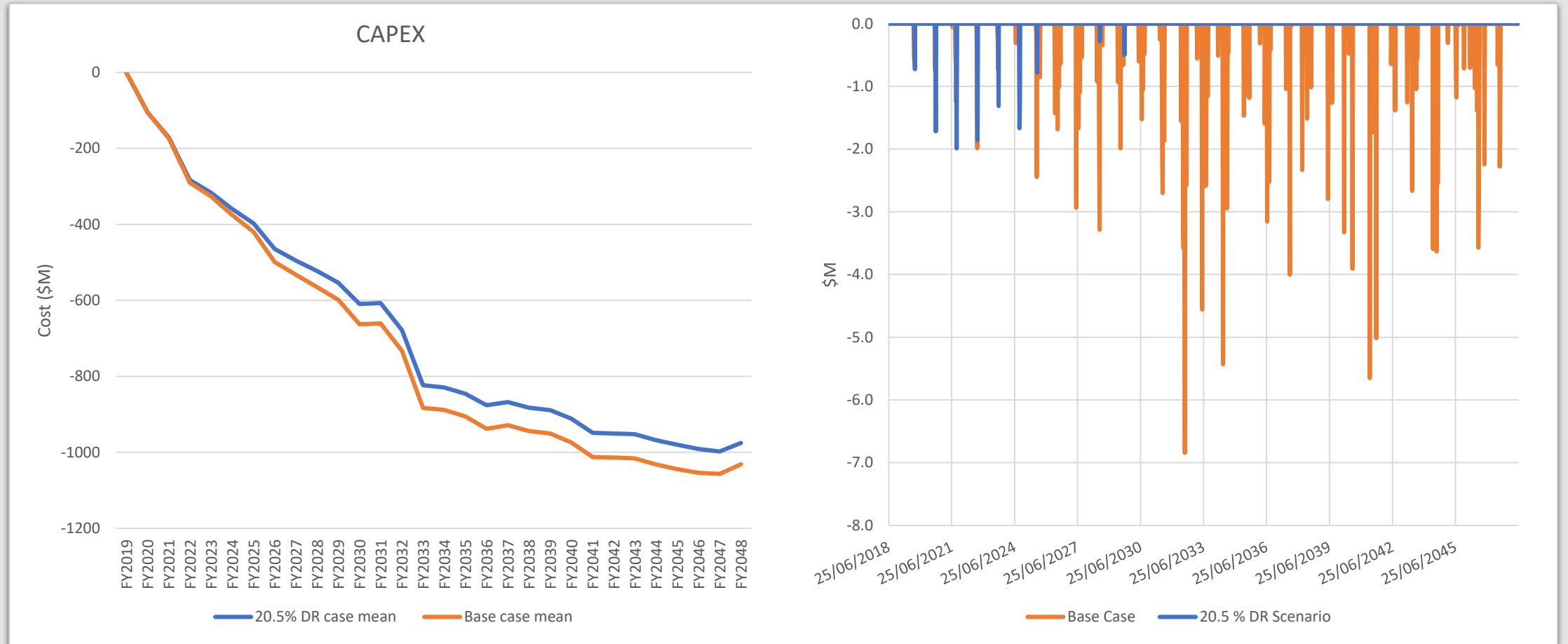
Results:

Time Weighted Average Price (TWAP):



Results:

System Costs:



CAPEX Costs

VoLL Costs

Thank you

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