Large-scale Wind Power Integration: Challenges and Opportunities

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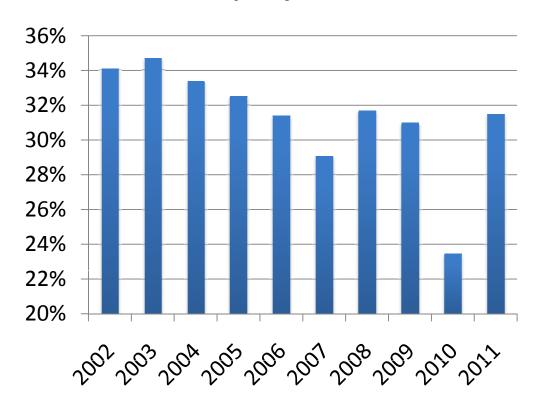




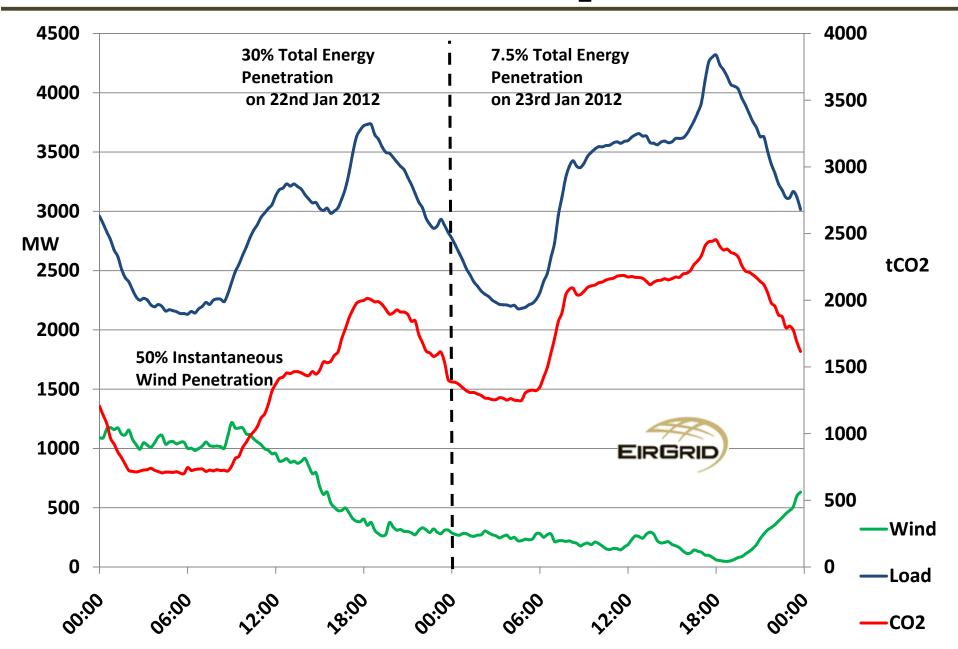
Status of Wind in Ireland

- Total installed capacity is 2031.25 MW (Peak load 2011 = 6780 MW)
- Energy Penetration: >10%
- European 20/20/20 Target:
 20% of energy consumption
 from renewable energy
 sources
- National Target: 40%
 electricity from renewables
 by 2020

Capacity Factor



Load, Wind and CO₂ Ireland



Challenges of Large-Scale Wind Integration...

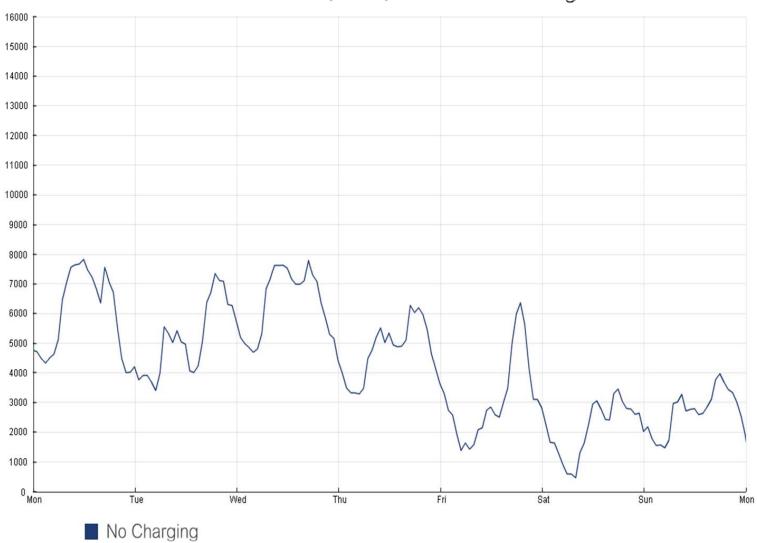
Time Scale	Characteristic of Wind	Solution	
Short (seconds)	Decoupled from the Grid (Asynchronous)	Control features/ Power electronics	
Medium (Minutes, Hours)	Variable	Flexibility	
	Uncertain	Flexibility, Reserve, Forecasting, Rolling Commitment	
Long (Weeks, Months, Years)	Variable	Incentivize flexible generation/resources	
	Uncertain	Robust Planning	
	Distributed	Network Reinforcement	

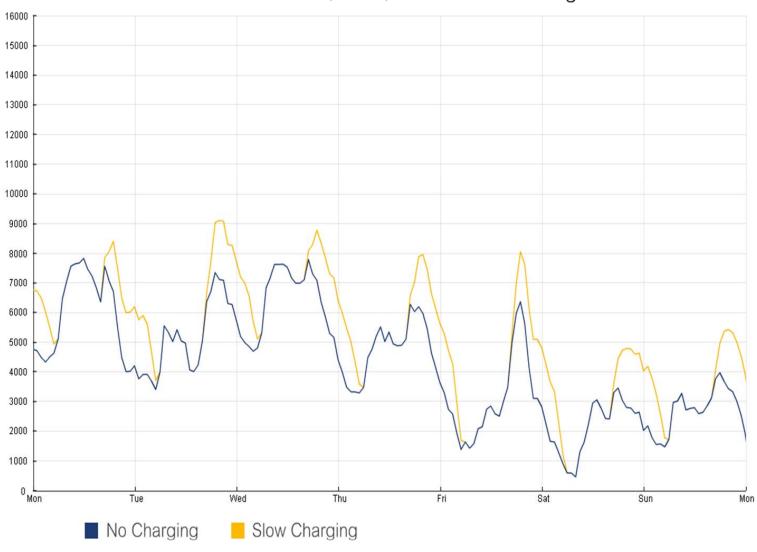
... and Opportunities

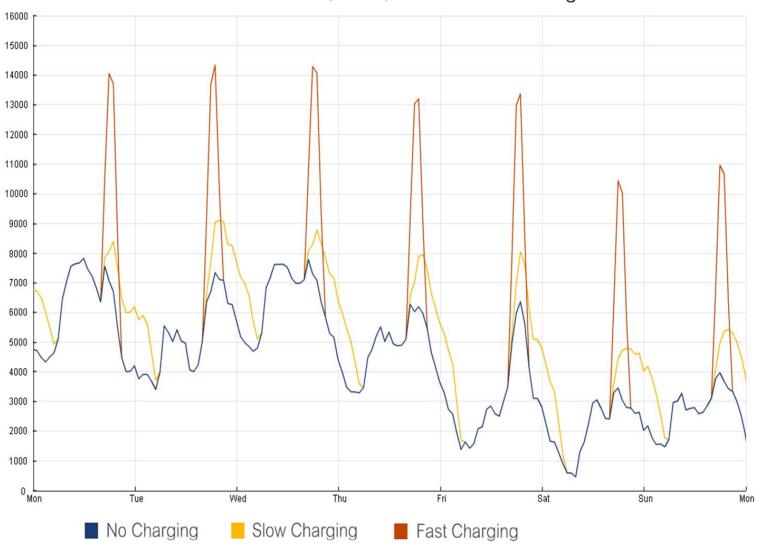
- Flexibility:
 - Demand Side Management
 - e.g. Electric Vehicles
 - Multi-mode operation of CCGTs
 - Stochastic Optimization

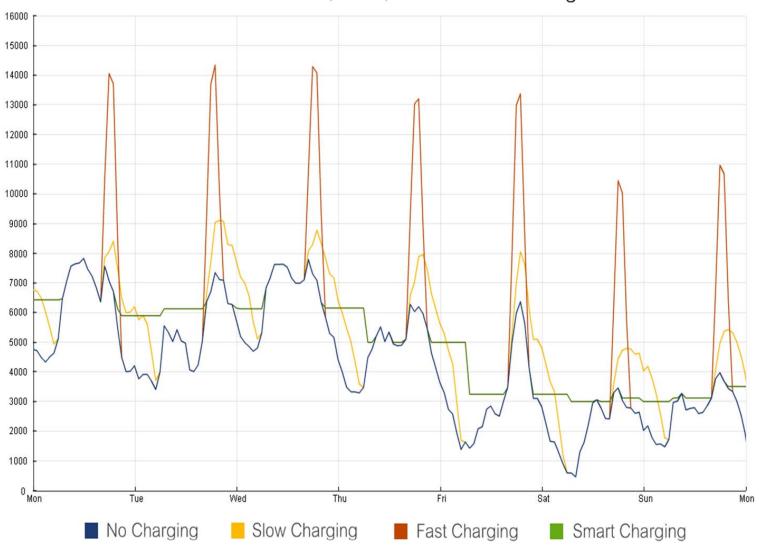
Demand Side Management

- Examples electric vehicles, heat pumps, refrigeration
- Opportunities for Wind Power Integration:
 - Load shaping smoothen the net load curve.
 - If controls are fast enough it can provide reserve (up and down).
 - Alleviate minimum generation issues
 - Centralised vs Local control?









Centralised vs. Local Control

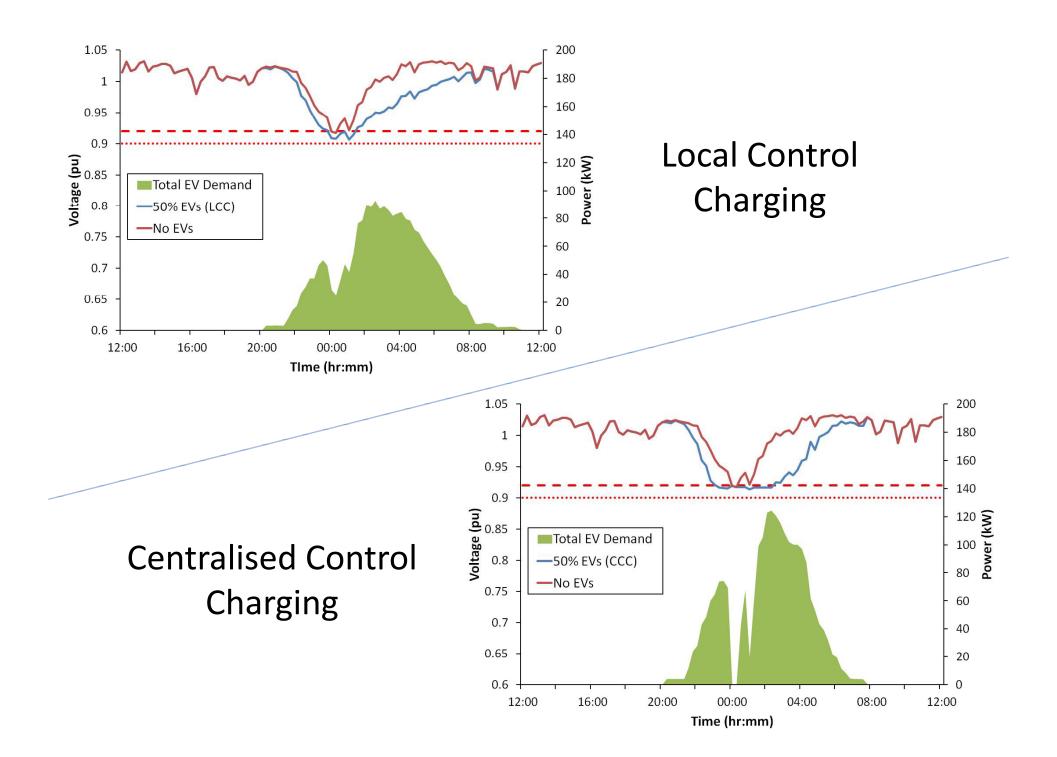
Centralised Control

- Requires access to real-time operating conditions across entire network
- Controller determines optimal charging rate for each EV based on network data
- Charging signals sent to EV charger units

Local Control

 Each EV charger unit determines its own charging rate based on local network conditions only

(i.e. voltage and loading at customer point of connection to network)



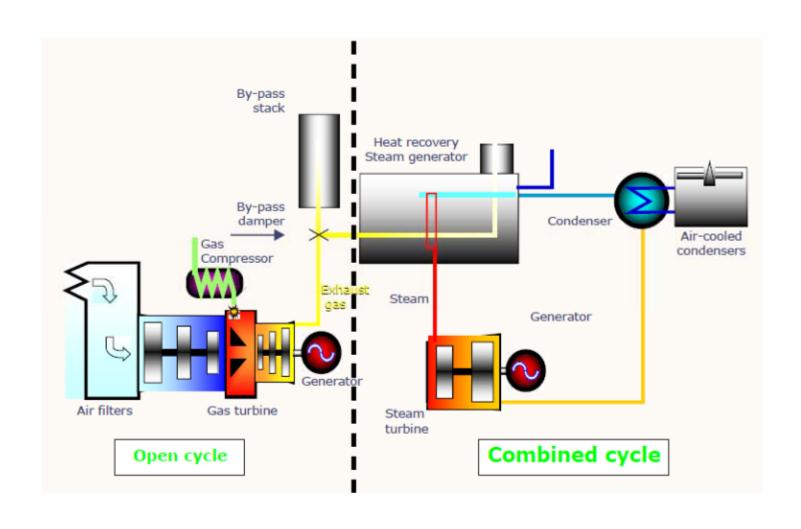
Centralised control method

- Significant communications infrastructure
- Requires central controller
- More efficient use of existing network capacity

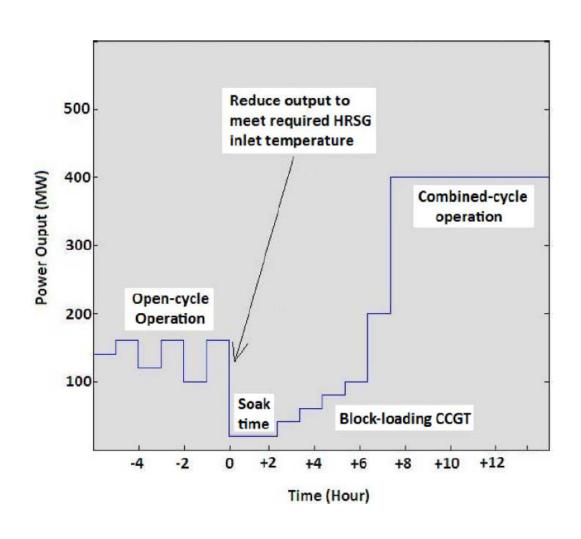
Local control method

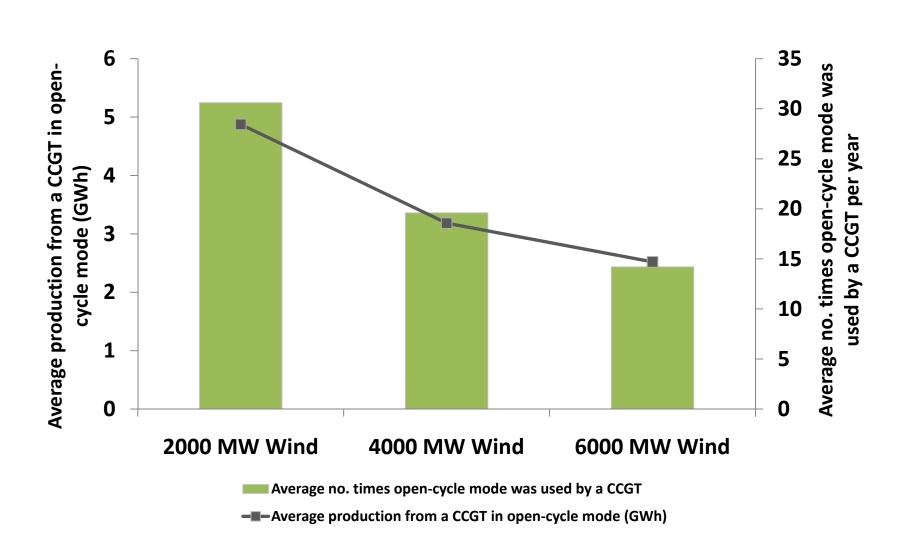
- Requires only local network information
- Less communications infrastructure
- Less accurate at maintaining network within acceptable operating limits
- Increased charging time due to less efficient use of network capacity

Multi-mode Operation of CCGTs

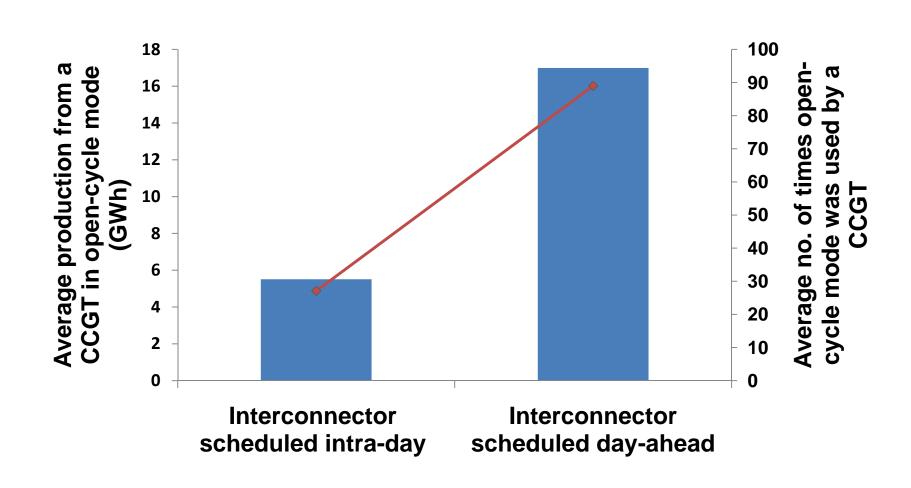


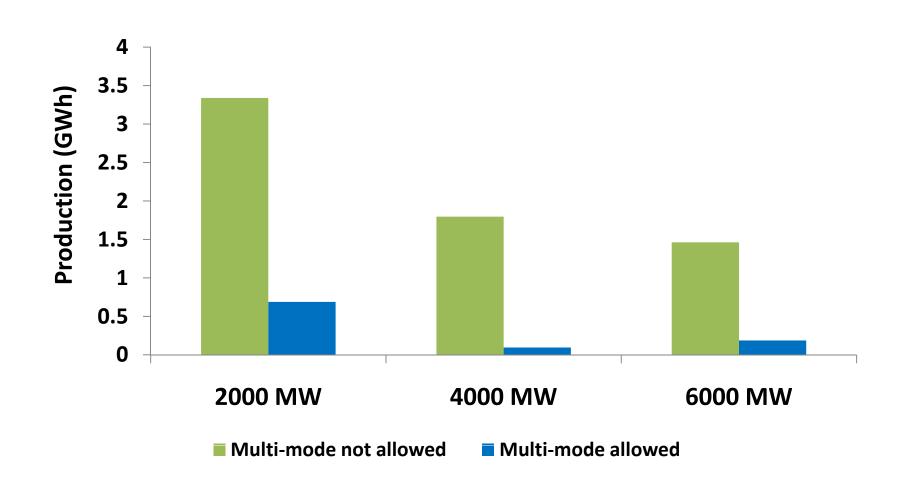
Modelling multi-mode operation of CCGTs





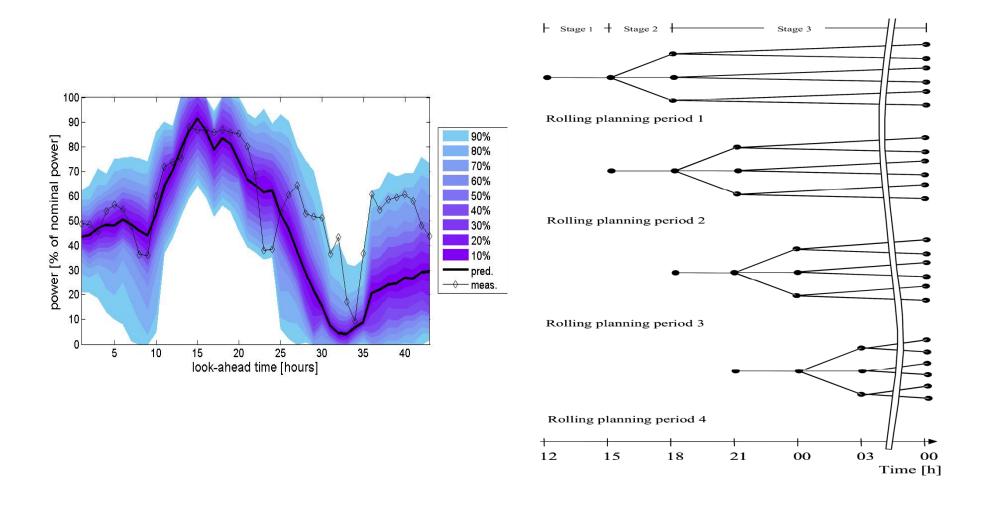
Utilization of Multi-mode Function - Sensitivity





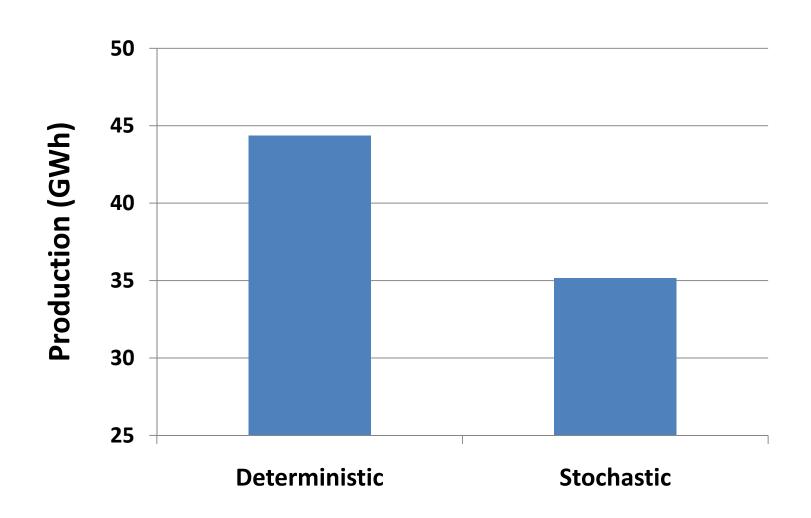
Installed Wind	Multi-mode Not Allowed		Multi-mode Allowed	
MW	MWh	No. Hours	MWh	No. Hours
2000	1688.7	13	861.4	3
4000	2972.9	17	880.2	5
6000	609.9	13	7.6	1

Stochastic Unit Commitment

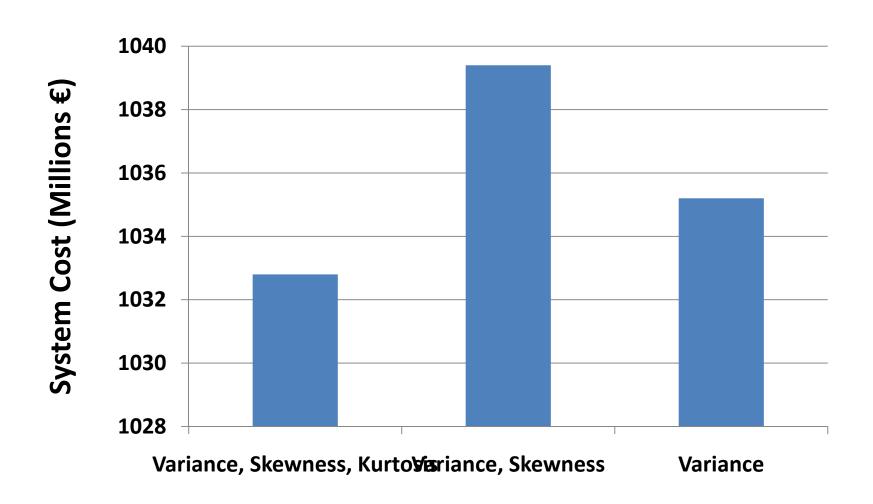


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Annual Production from Peaking Plants



Impact of excluding statistical information



Thank you!

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