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Flexibility and Resiliency in Decarbonised Energy Systems

The Fragile Grid: Security and Resilience Challenges in Low-carbon Power Systems

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What we talk about when we talk about security and reliability



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What we talk about when we talk about resilience

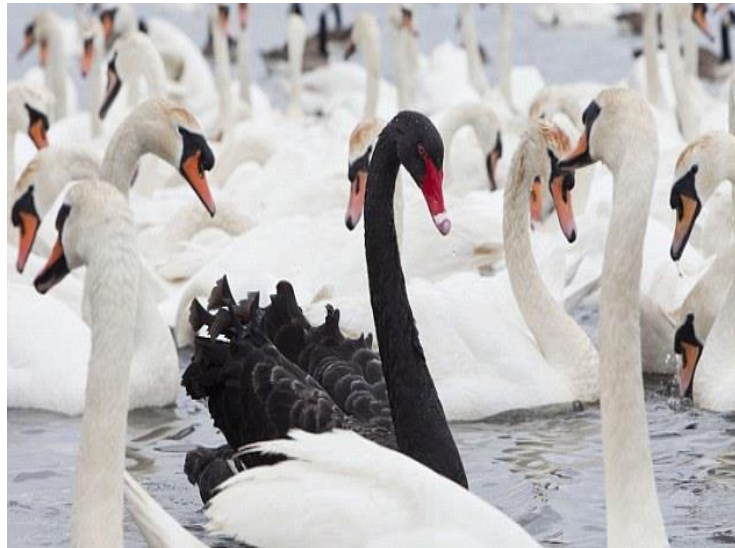
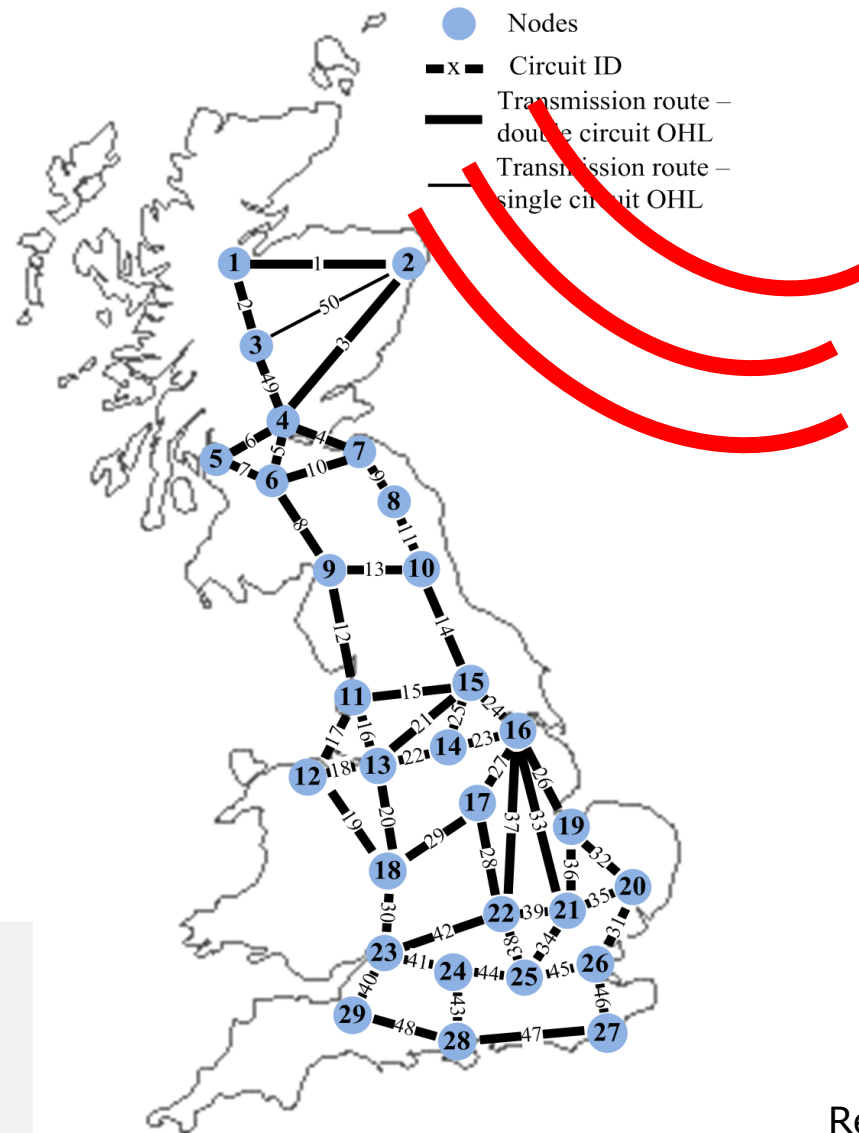


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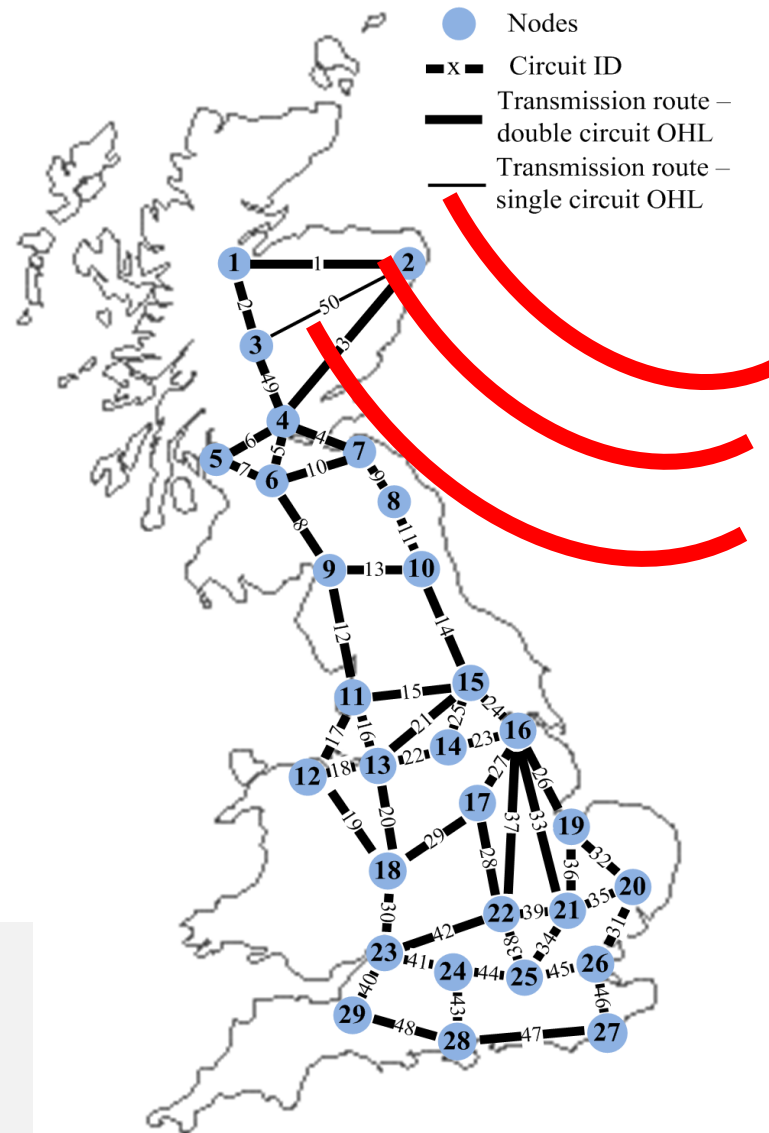
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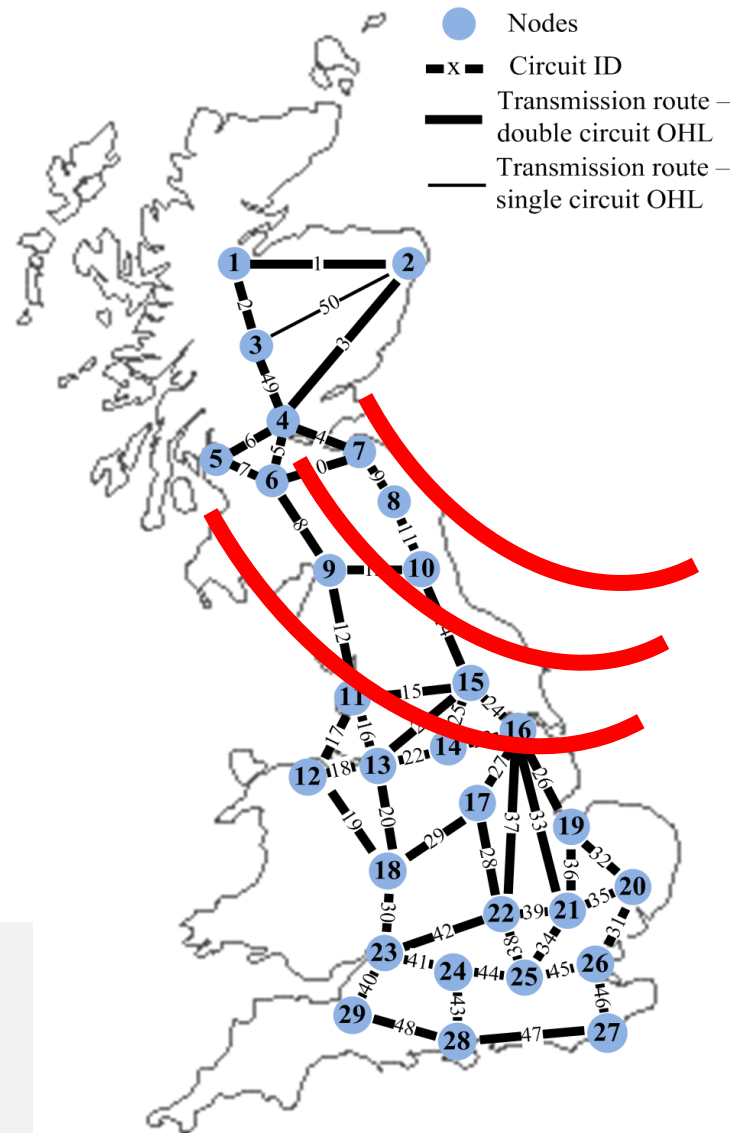
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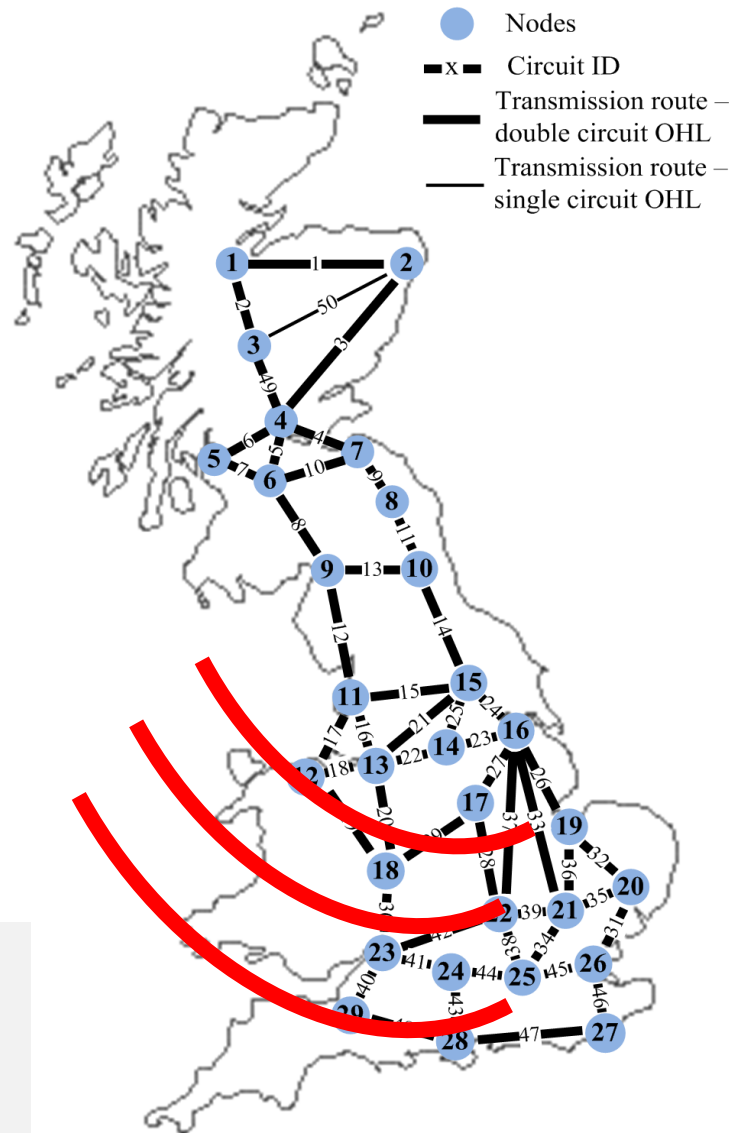
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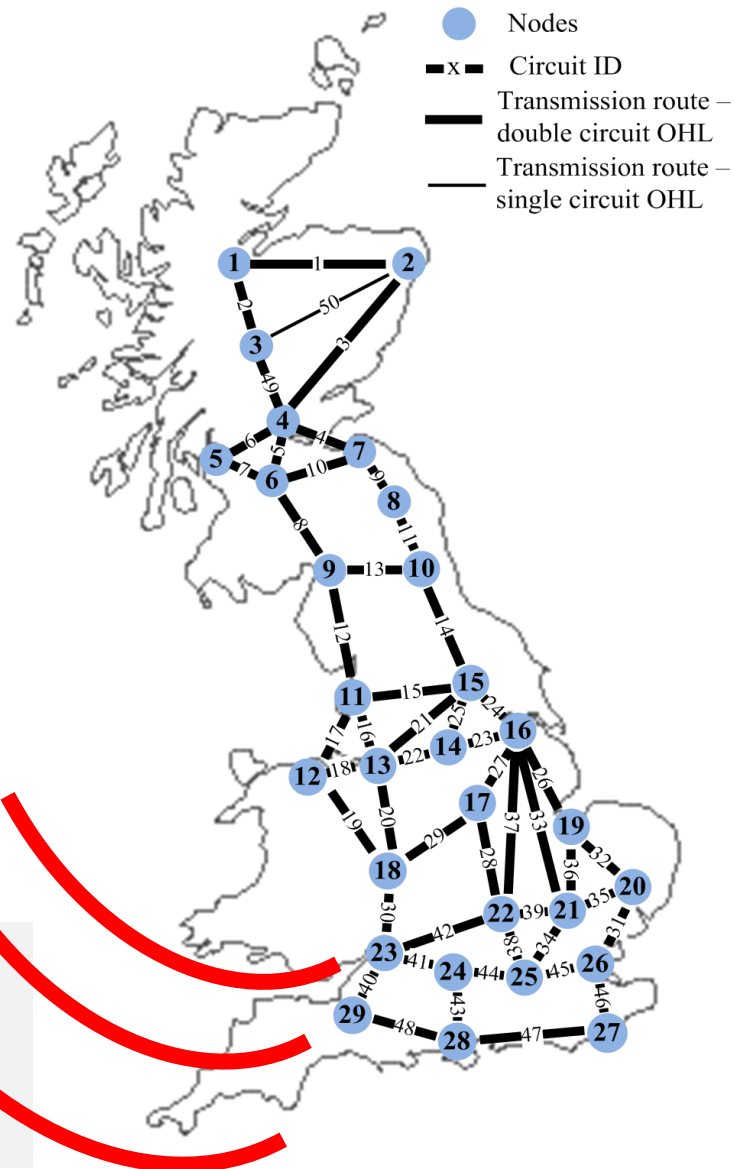
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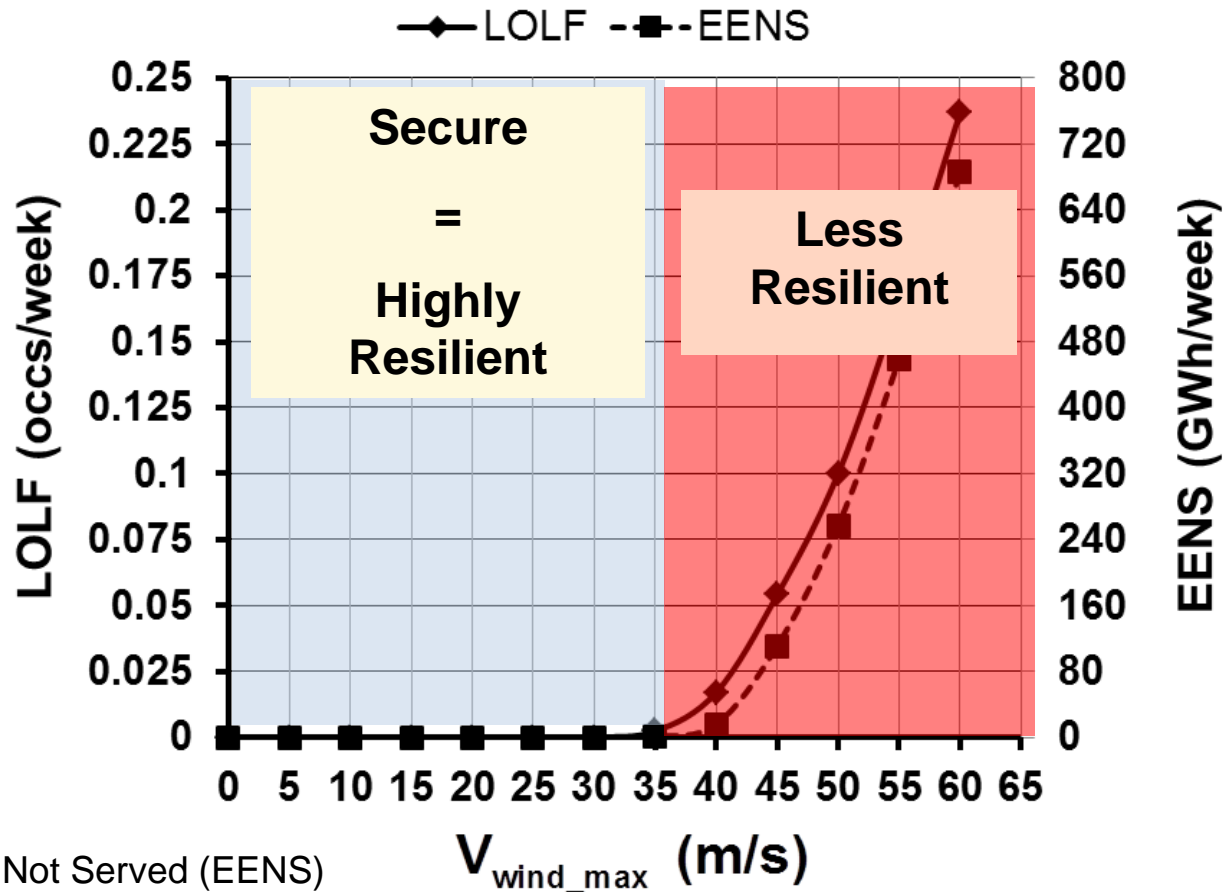
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Resilience thresholds and nonlinear cascading failures

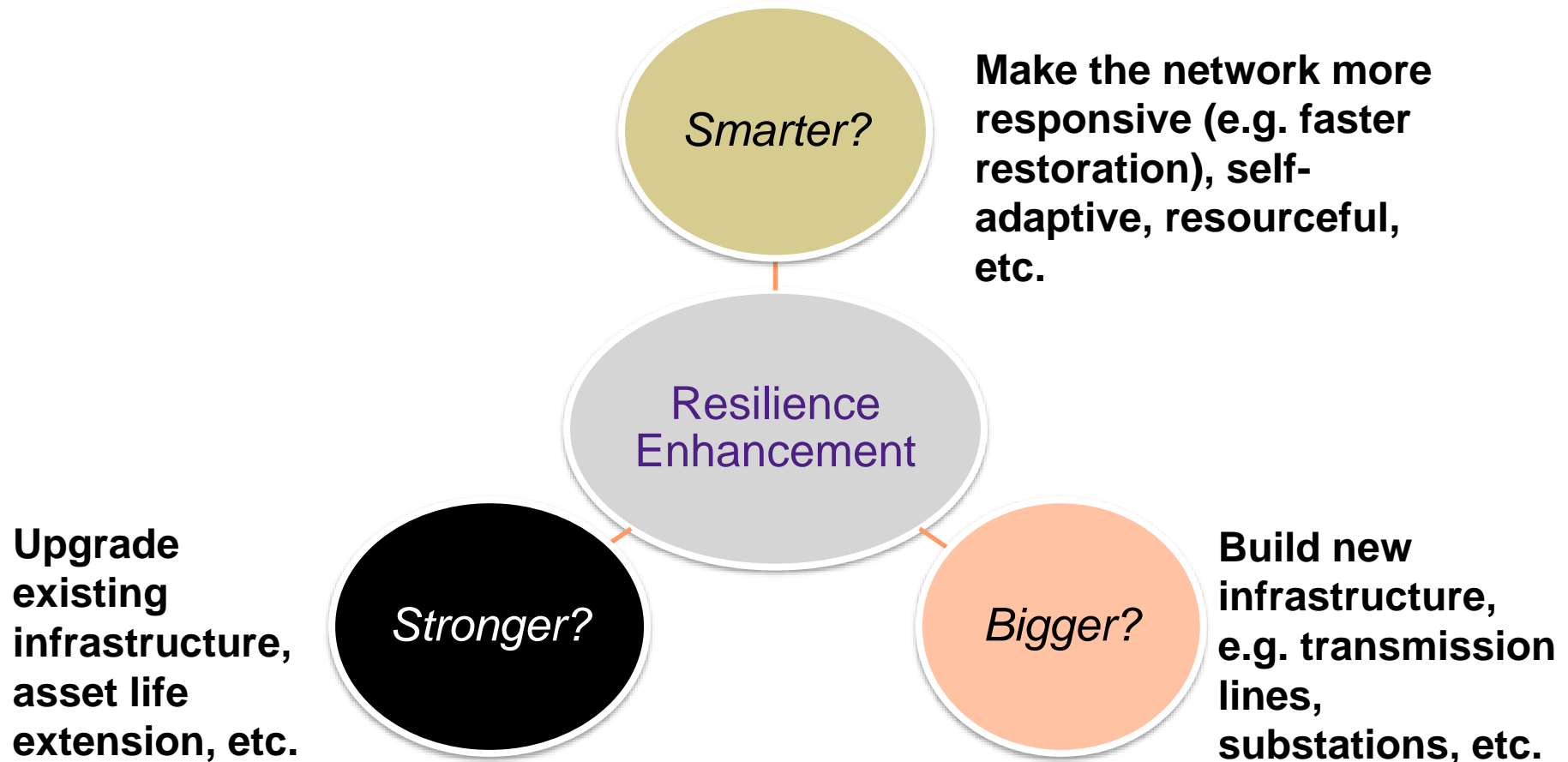


- Expected Energy Not Served (EENS)
- Loss of Load Frequency (LOLF)

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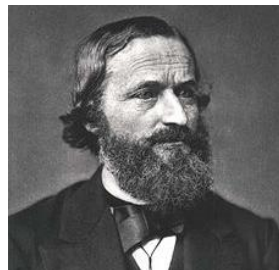
Planning for Resilience: The Resilience Trilemma



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The “new physics”

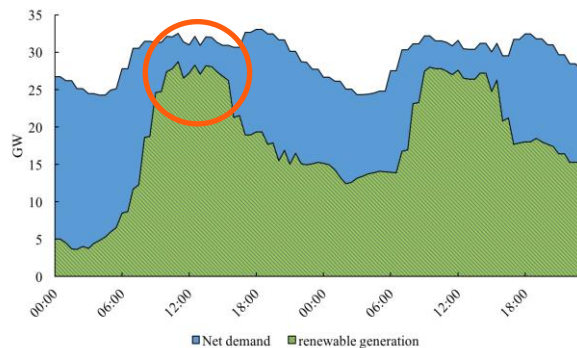
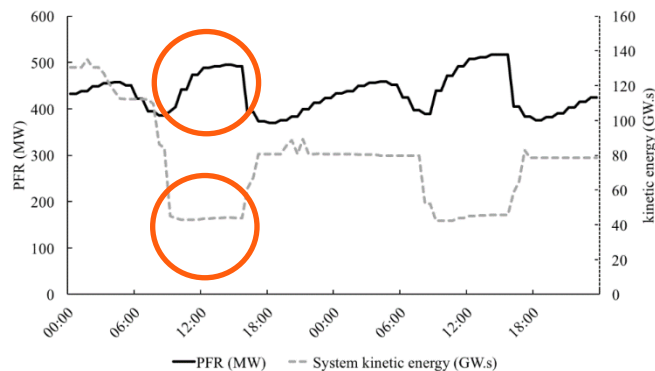
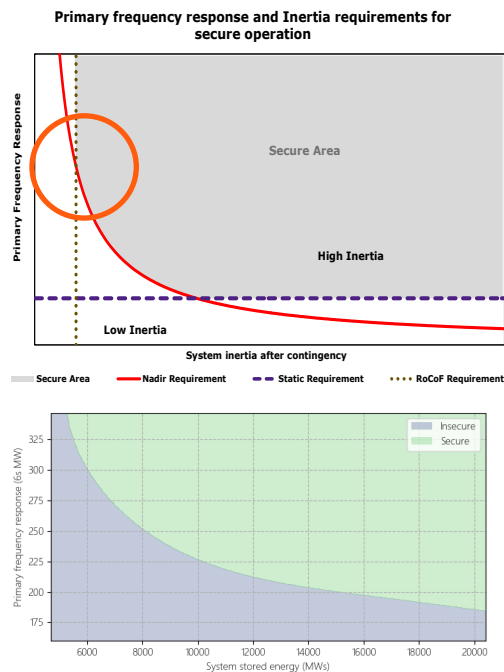


Risk	Emerging issues	Possible Mitigations
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Co-optimization of energy, frequency control ancillary services, inertia and largest contingency level

Co-optimization of energy, inertia, FR and largest contingency level



Power system security assessment of the future National Electricity Market

A report by the
Melbourne Energy Institute
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June 2017

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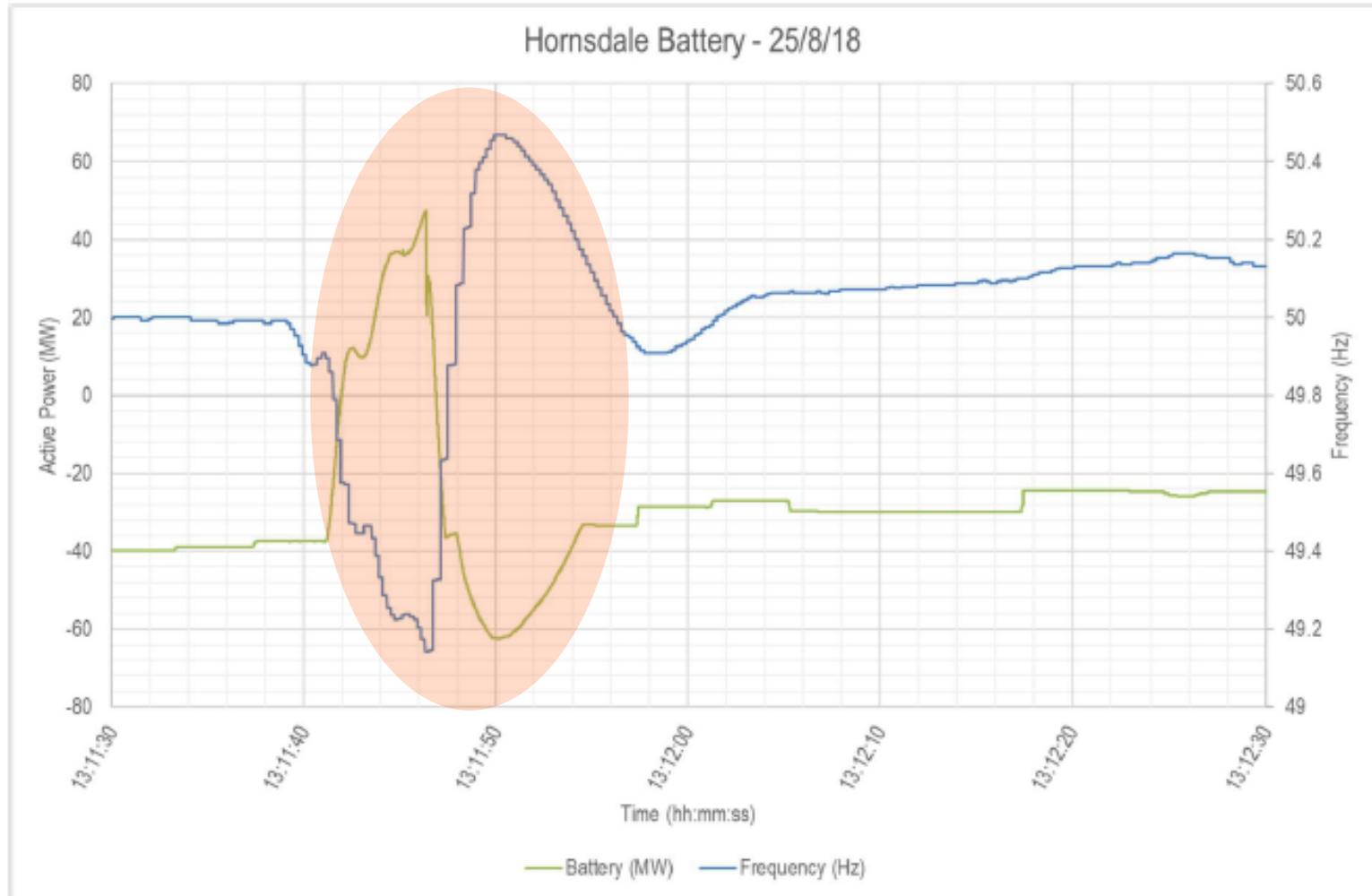
How about new technologies?



A stronger, bigger or smarter grid?

Resilience from new security technology

Figure 41 SA transmission-connected battery response – short-term

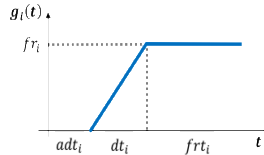


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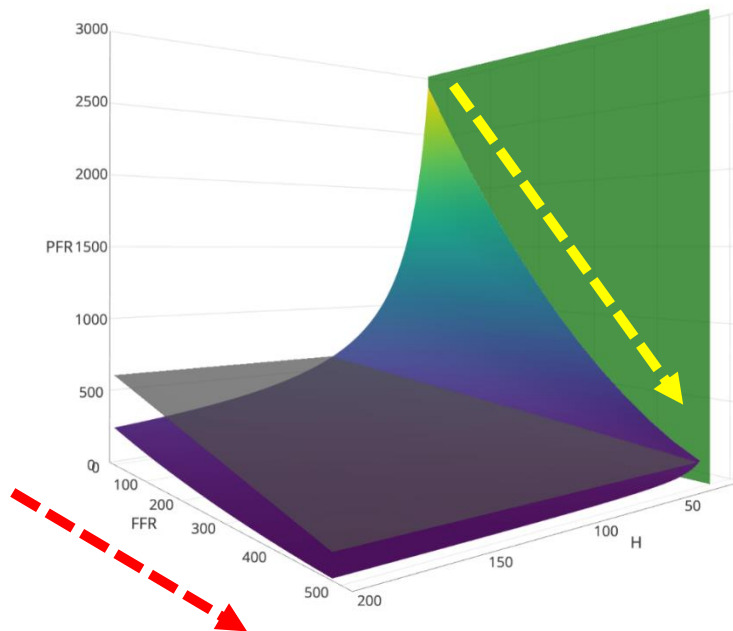
But there's a catch....

Substitutability of frequency response products: “synchronous” vs “controlled” energy injections

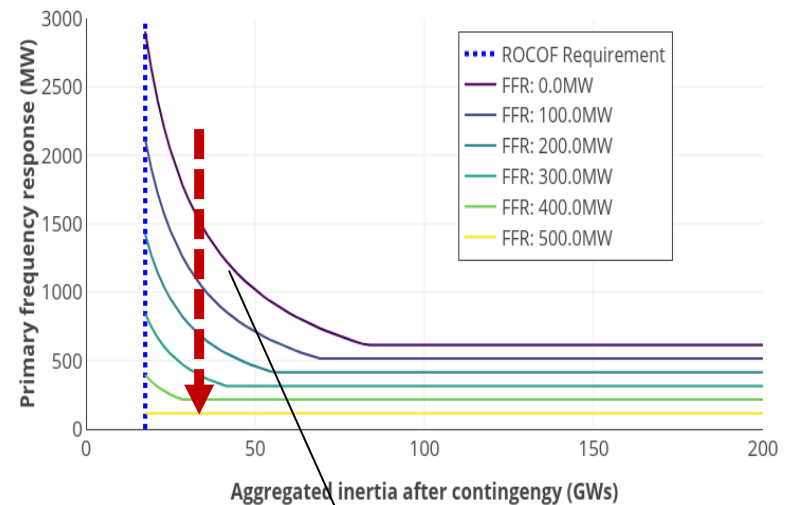
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Demand (HD) 17GW Gen Loss 700MW
Load-damping factor 1%/Hz Nadir Target 49.3Hz
FFR Resources: 0.3s Activation Time - Delivery time 0.05s "



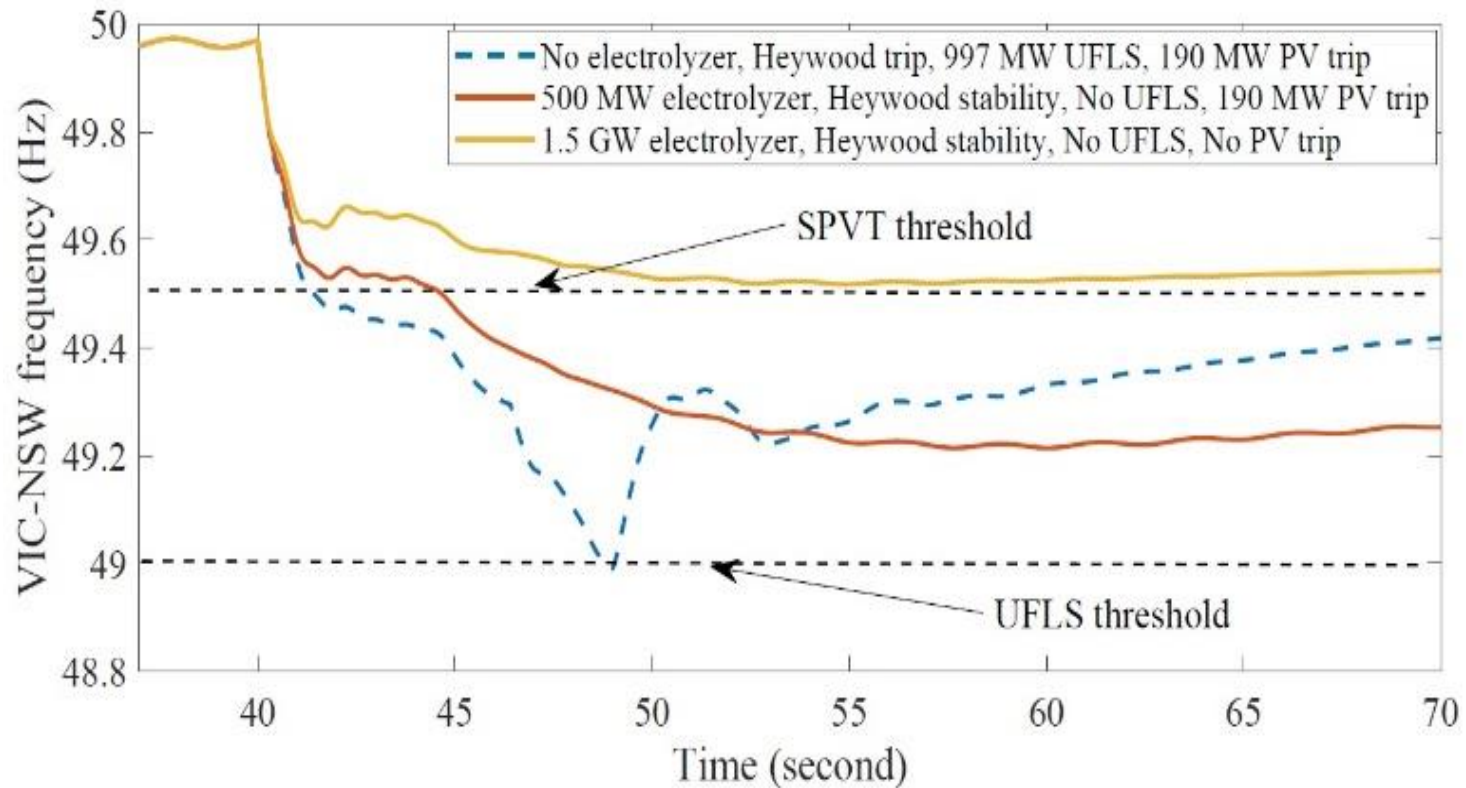
New technologies (batteries, electrolyzers) can competitively provide security services



$$\frac{PFR}{INERTIA} \sim 33.3 \quad \frac{PFR}{FFR} \sim 5 \quad \frac{FFR}{INERTIA} \sim 6.7$$

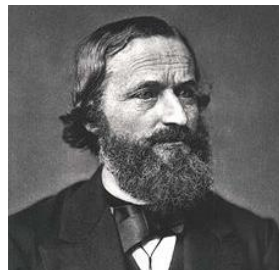
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Role of future technologies: Resilience from hydrogen electrolyzers in Victoria



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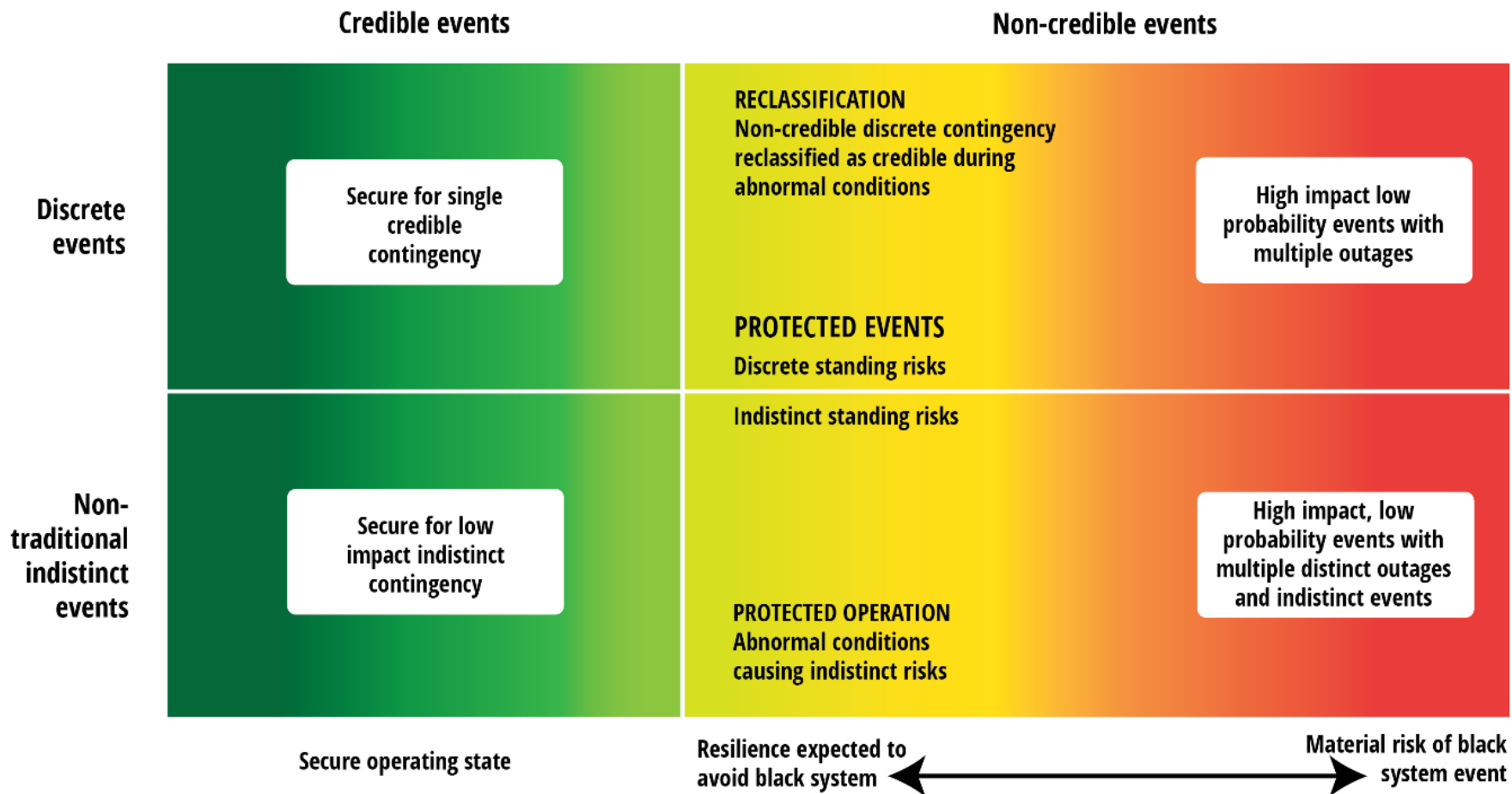
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“Blurring” of security and resilience

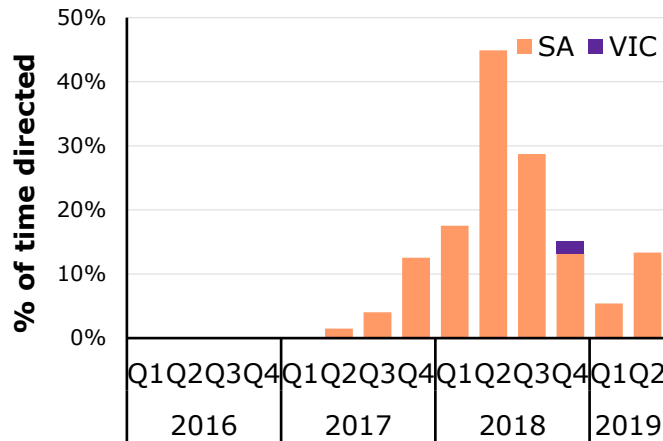


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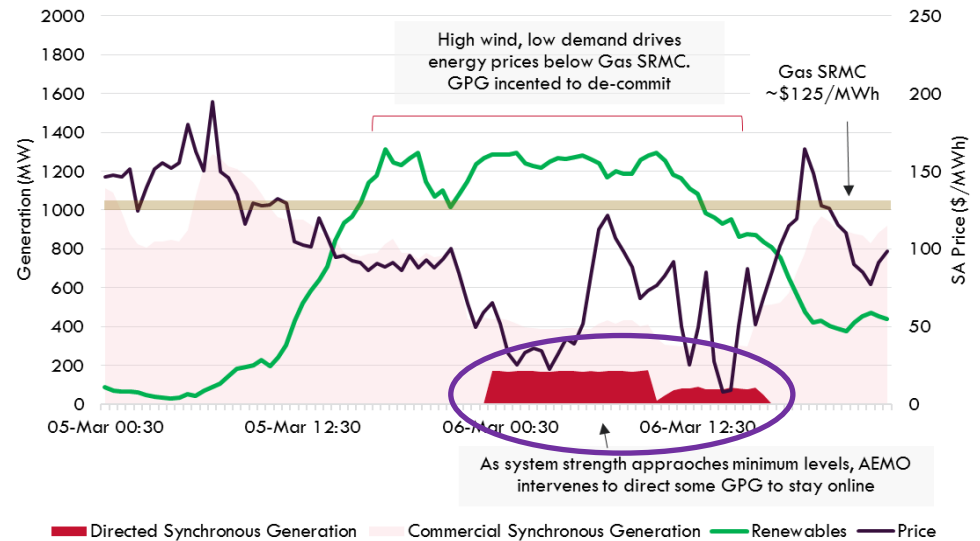
How about markets and incentives?

Running an *old market* with the *new physics*...

Directions for system strength in SA and Victoria

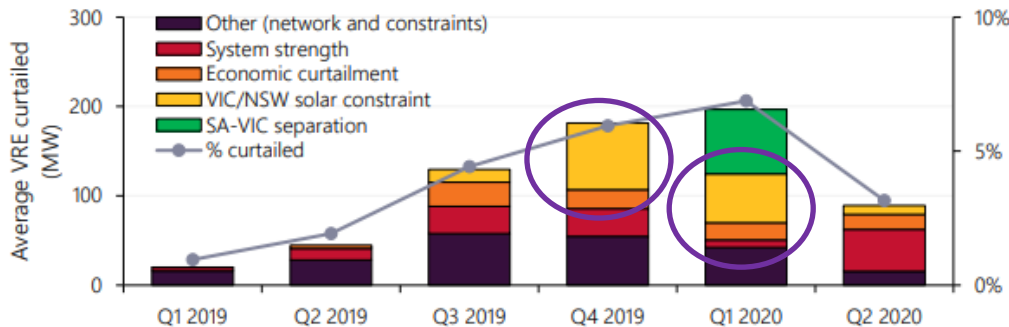


High wind, low prices drives system strength interventions

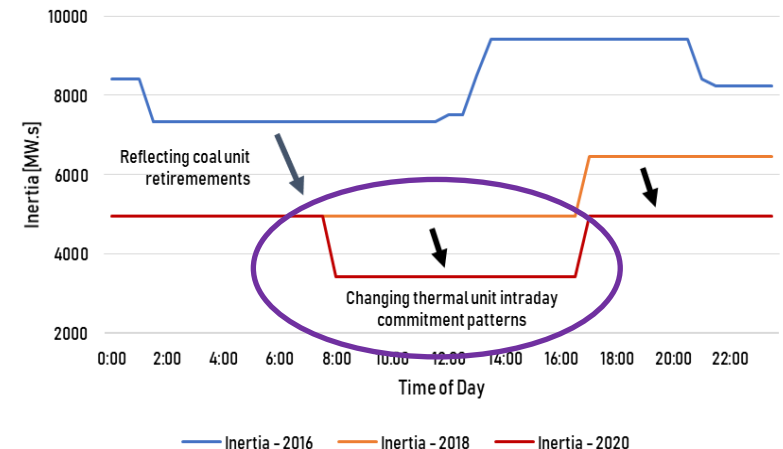


Directed Synchronous Generation Commercial Synchronous Generation Renewables Price

Average NEM VRE curtailed by curtailment type

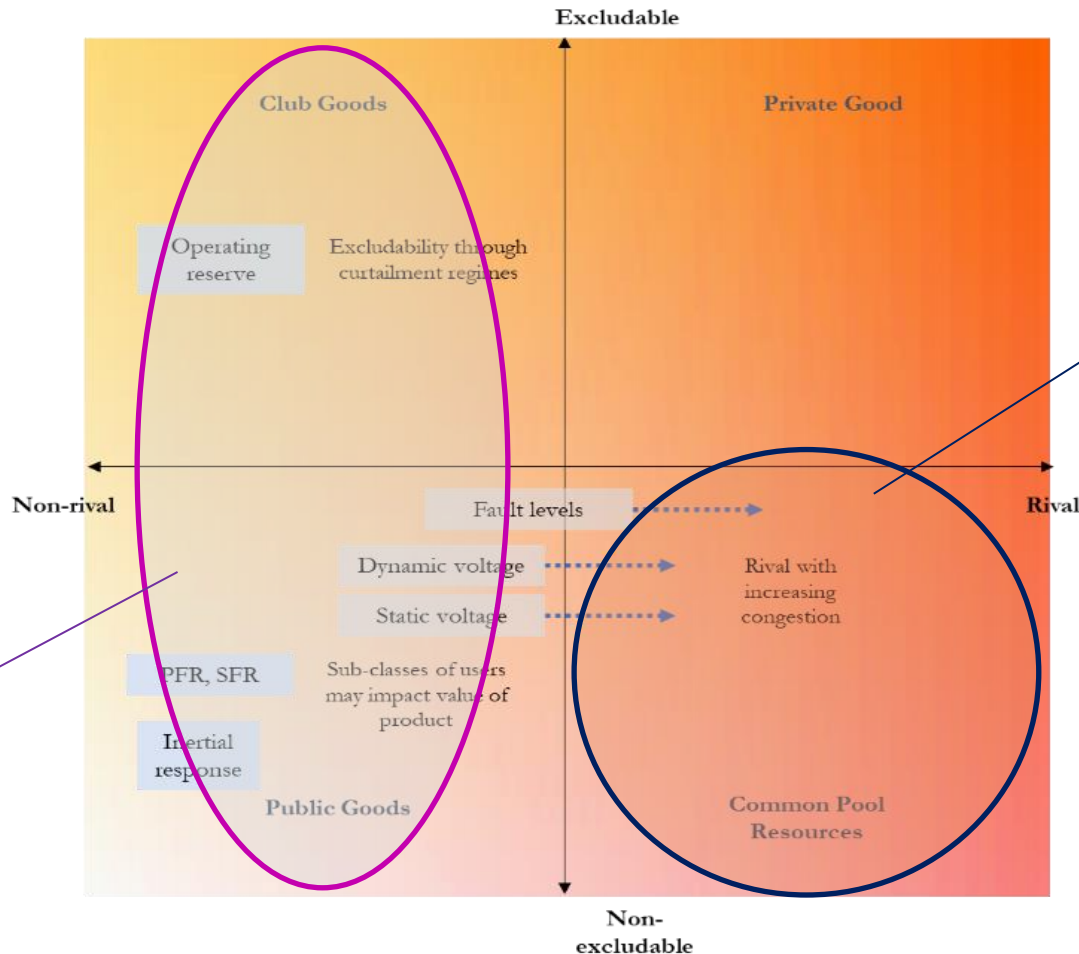


Note: curtailment amount based on combination of market data and AEMO estimates¹⁹.



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New markets and regulation: The 'basket of goods' for system security (and resilience)



- Mix of:**
- **technology requirements**
 - **coordinated network interventions**
 - **new operational measures**

Markets are easier to develop

Concluding remarks

- Low-carbon grids are naturally **more fragile**
- In more **fragile grids, security and resilience concepts** become more **intertwined**
- The “**new physics**” calls for **new security and resilience services**
- Starting from physical first principle and **bottom-up** (“*from physics to economics*”)
- **Technical complexity** underscores **economic nuances**
 - but economic design **MUST** consider the physics!
- The **economic products** of system security (and resilience) comprise a ‘**basket of goods**’ with very different characteristics
- Market and regulatory design should reflect all the relevant economic nuances, but considering, most importantly:
 - **The physics!**
 - New operational solutions and technologies
 - **Risk-averse attitude** of system operator, regulator, and *consumers*

Further reading

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