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# What is the Role of CSP in the Future South African Electricity System with CO<sub>2</sub> Emission Targets?

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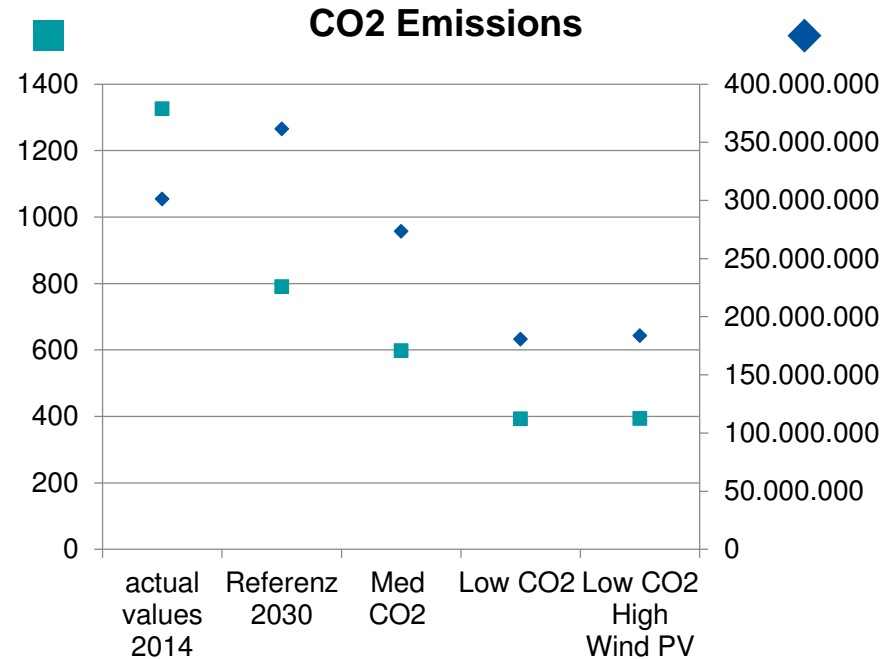
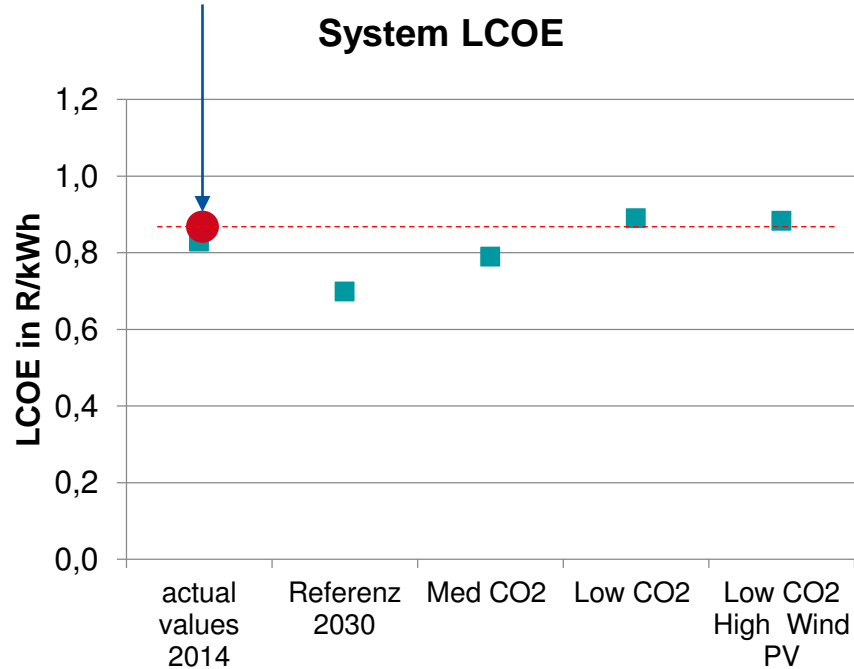
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# Motivation

## Find the most cost-optimal system at specific CO2 target

Real cost ca. 0.83 R/kWh

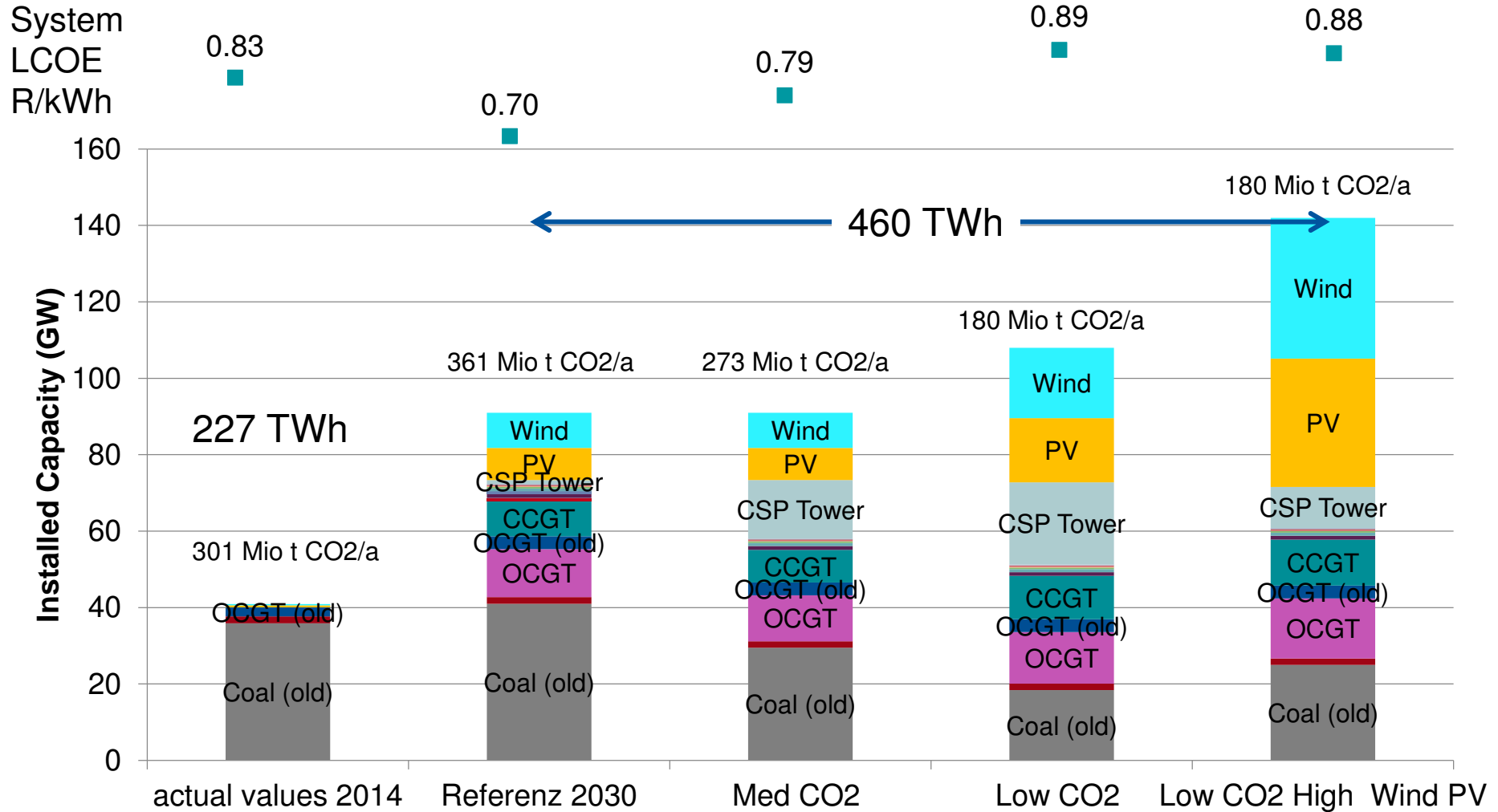


- specific annual CO2 emissions (g/kWh)
- ◆ total annual CO2 emissions (t/a)

Even high CO2 reduction can be reached with minor impact on total system LCOE

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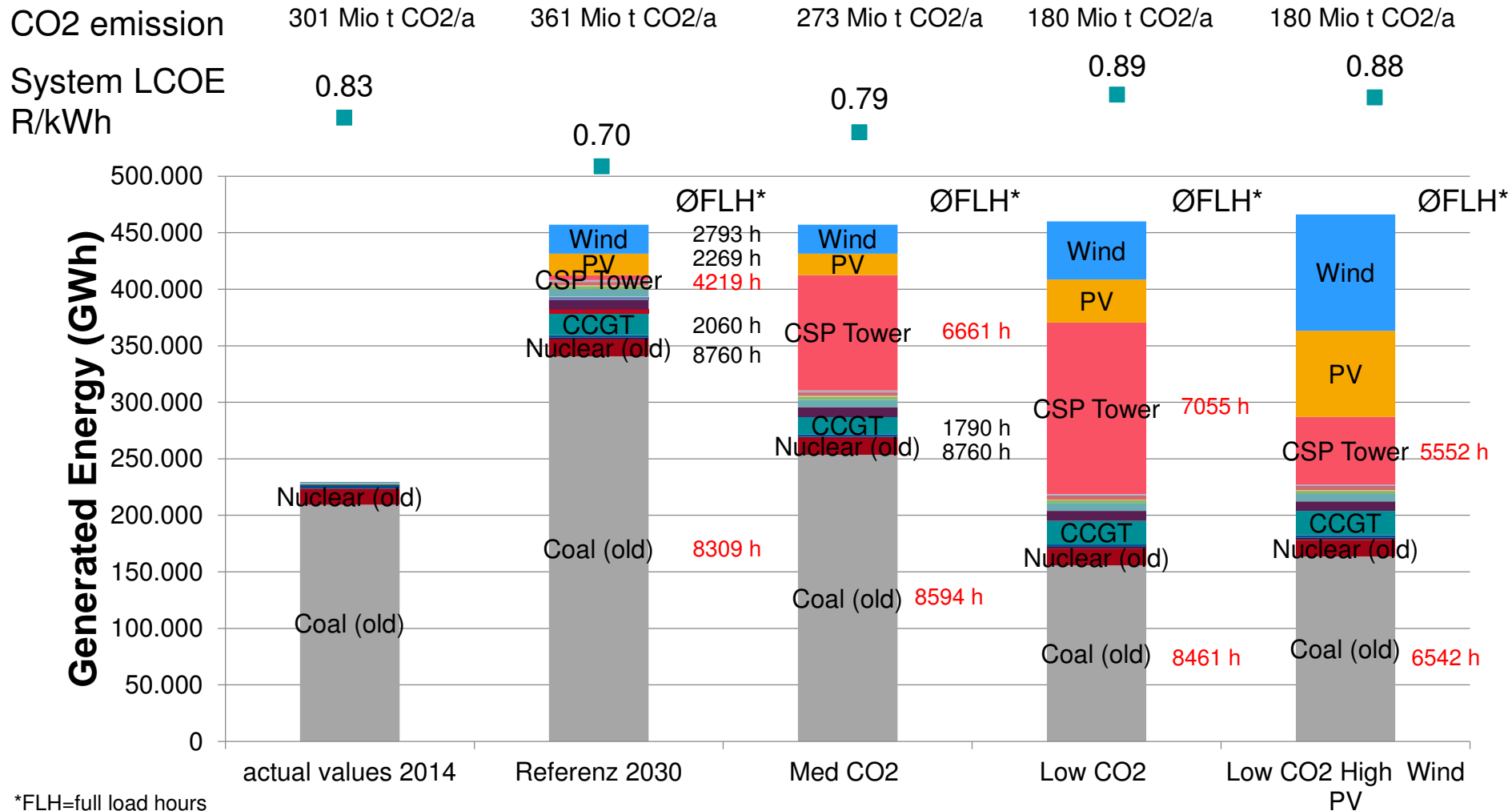
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CSP is in the mix that reduces CO2 emission at system cost lower than today's values

# Motivation

## Find the most cost-optimal system at specific CO2 target



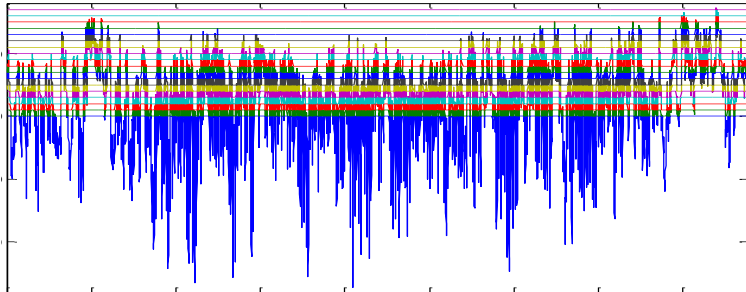
High Wind and PV penetration requires higher capacity of coal with fewer operation hours

# Agenda

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- Background
  - ESYS
  - Solar PACES Task1 request



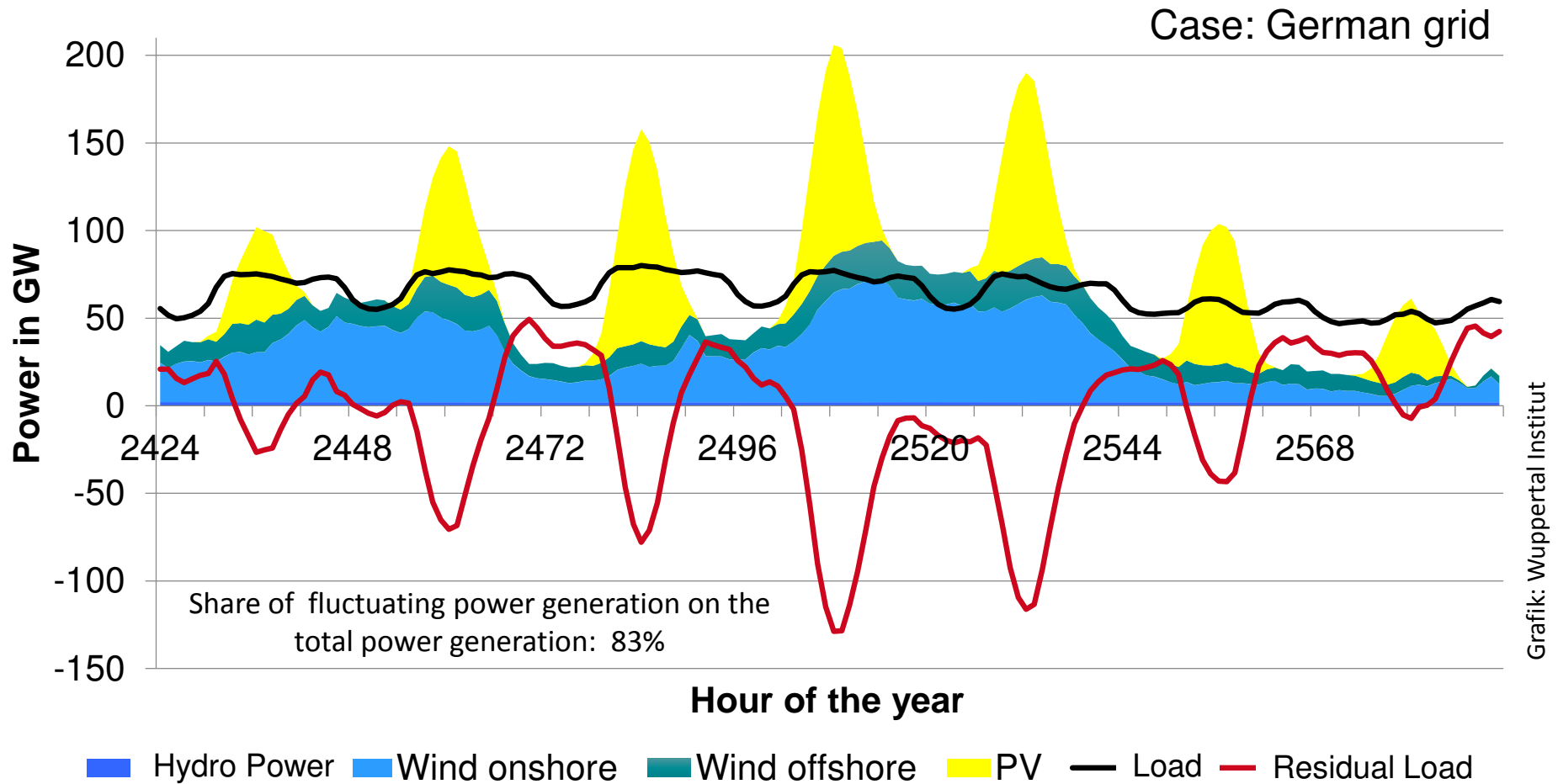
- Method of Modeling
  - Structure
  - Concept



- Sensitivity analysis
  - Results for SA 2030 system

# Background

## Future Energy Systems - Development of residual load



PV: 151 GW, Wind onshore: 82 GW, Wind offshore: 20 GW, Electricity consumption: 602 TWh/year, FEE-share: 83 %



# Background

## The „ESYS“ study

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- ESYS = Energy Systems of the Future
- Financed by the German Ministry of Education and Research
- Three German Academies of Science



Leopoldina  
Nationale Akademie  
der Wissenschaften



- Task force of hundreds of experts from technology, economics, material resources, social science and law
  - Aim: Counseling of government and society
  - Subproject: Flexibility technologies
- Calculate cost optimum under given restrictions



# Background

## SolarPACES Task1 request

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### ■ Long-Term goal:

- Working group to evaluate CSP for different electricity markets with favorable conditions for renewable generation

### ■ First Phase:

- Define scenarios and evaluate the role of CSP for two different countries
- Spain & **South Africa**

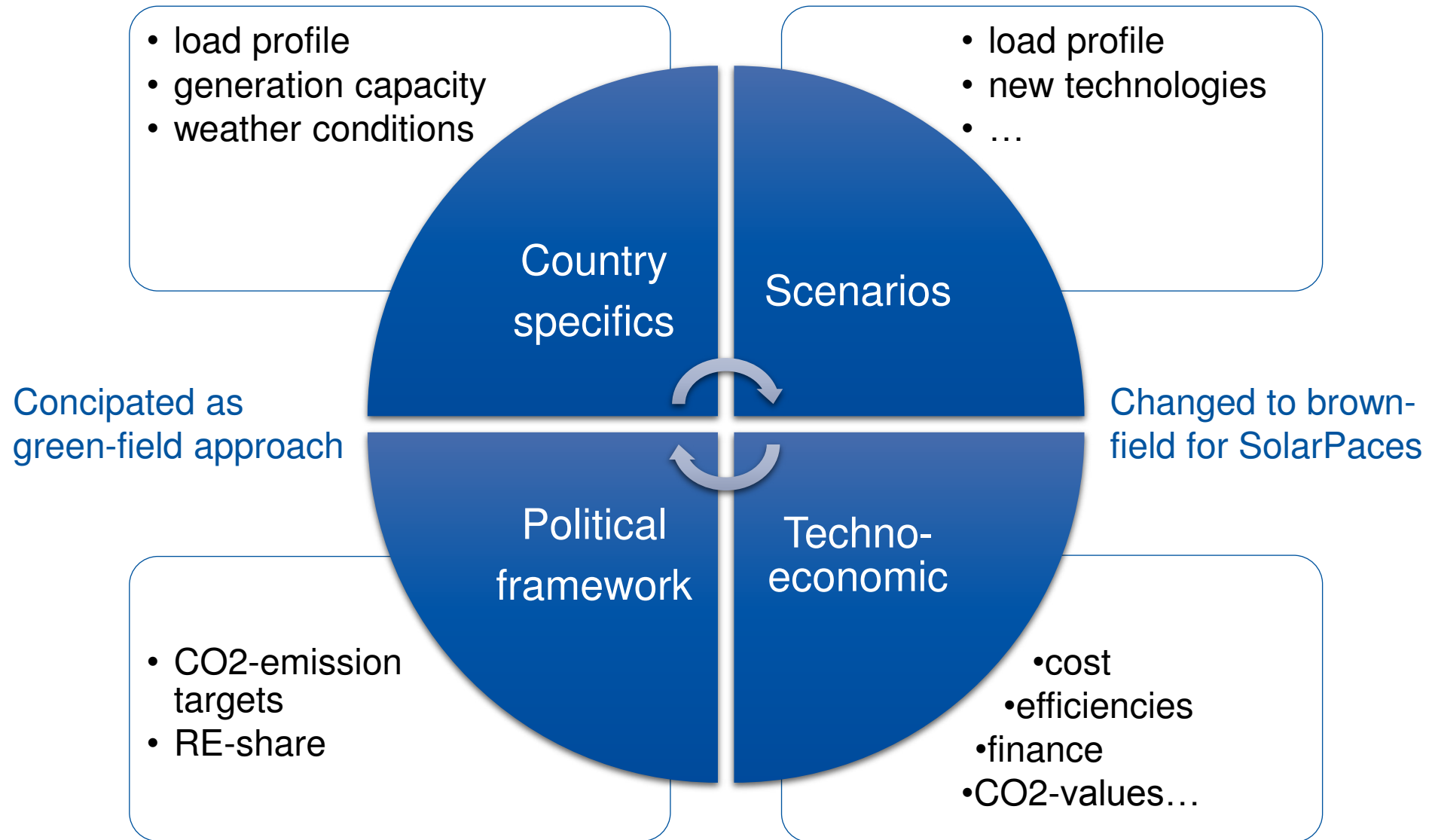
### ■ Partner:





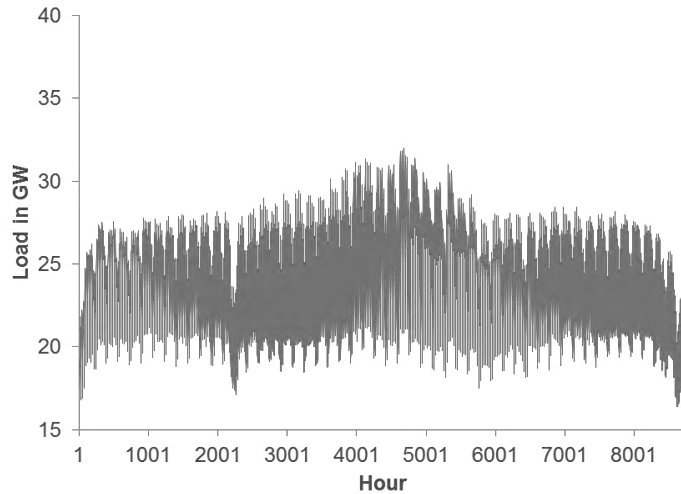
# Method of Modeling

## Basic setup



# Method of Modeling calculation of the residual load

Load



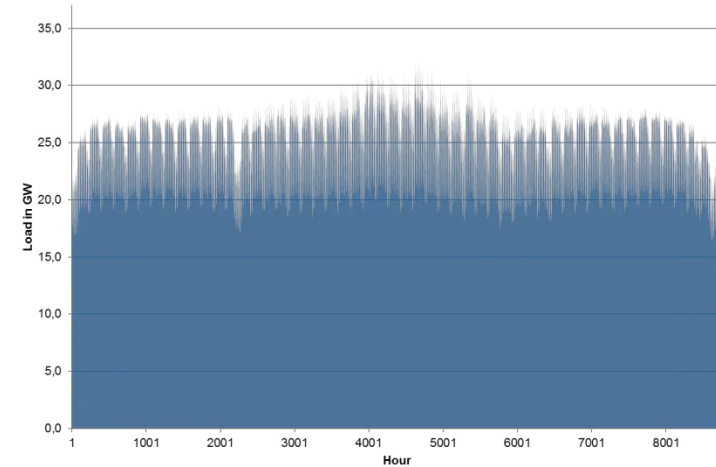
Power of  
existing  
generation

Production  
data

Weather  
data



Residual Load (RL)

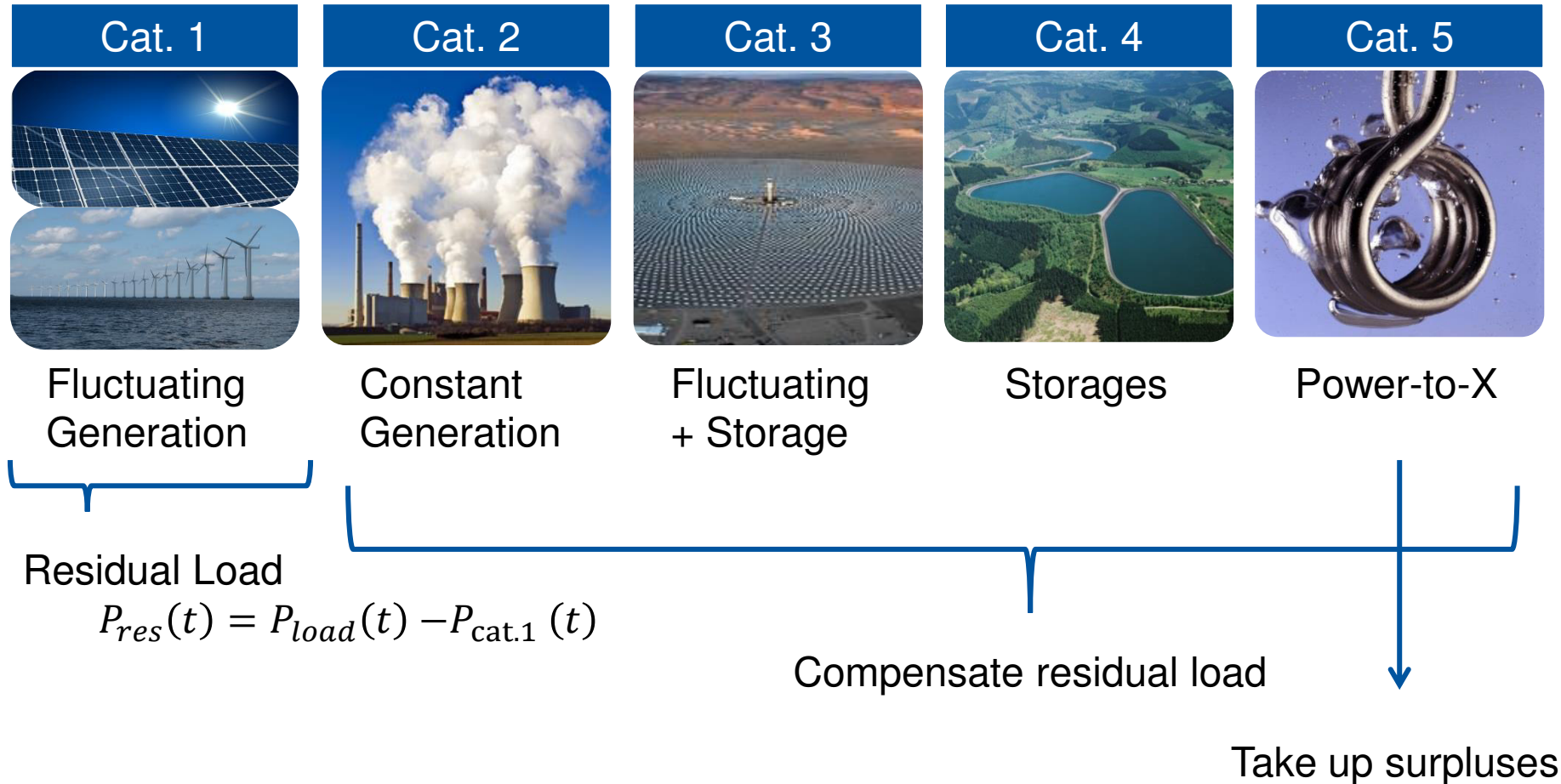


Which technologies cover the  
residual load at minimal cost?

# Method of Modeling

## Categorization of Technologies

### ■ Five categories of technologies:

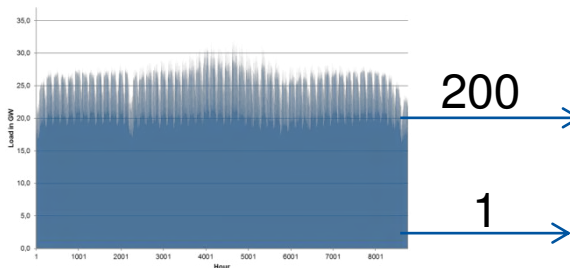


# Method of Modeling

## Divide the residual load into bands

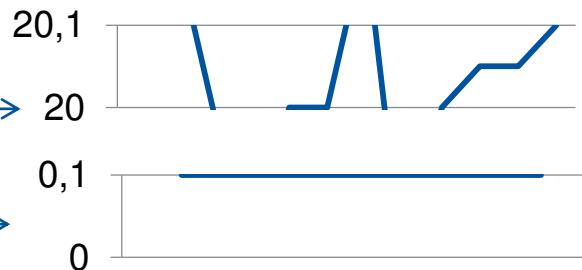
### Compute residual load

- Demand-FRE
- Hourly resolution over one year



### Divide RL into bands

- 100MW bands were taken here
- Characteristic per band:
  - Full Load Hours
  - Starts & Stops
  - Individual Profile



Peak load (<1.000 h/a)

Baseload (>6.000 h/a)

### Find best technology

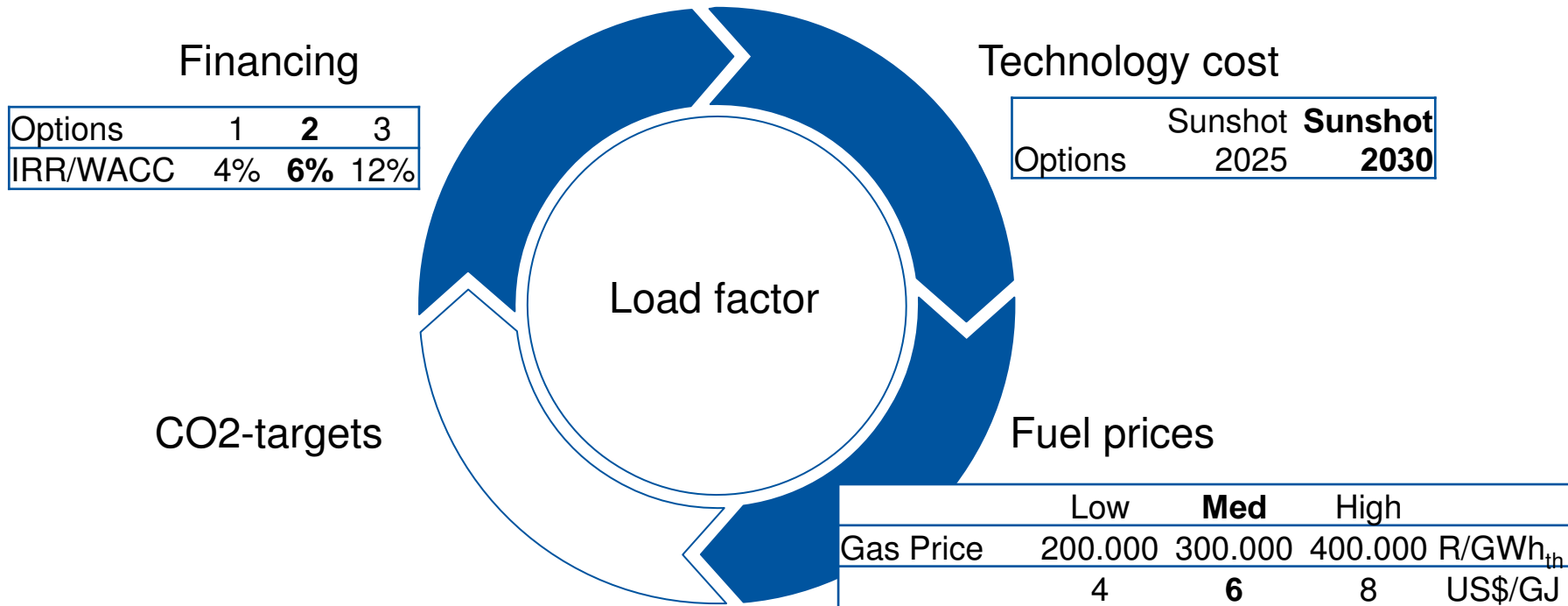
- i.e. lowest LCOE
- For each band

- Key assumptions:
  - ‚Copper Plate‘
  - Only import, no export
  - Perfect competition

The ESYS model is good for first estimation, bench mark of technologies for flexibility, getting decision maker engaged

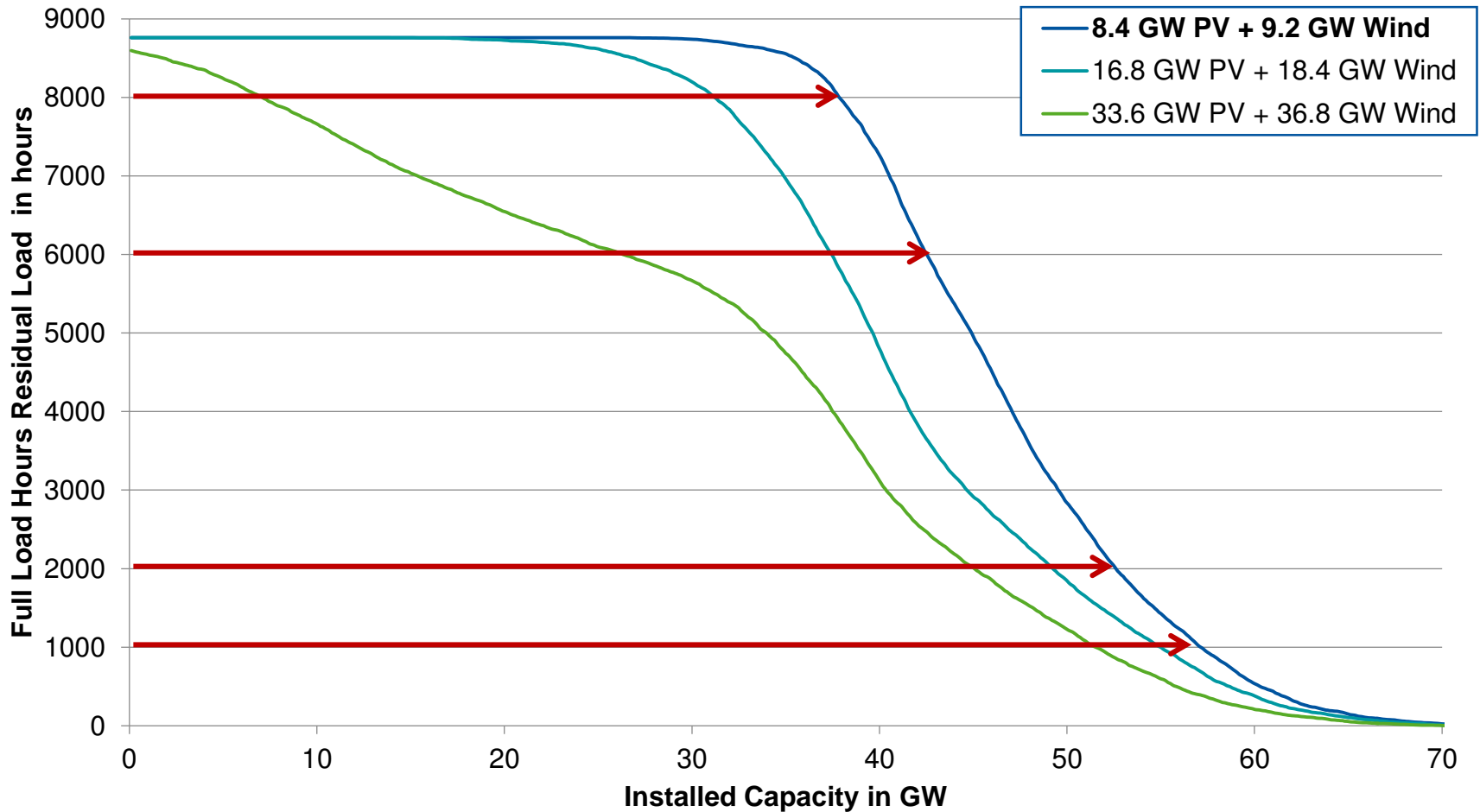
# Sensitivity analysis parameters to consider

- Important: horizon here was set to be 2030!
- the reference values for the sensitivity are printed bold



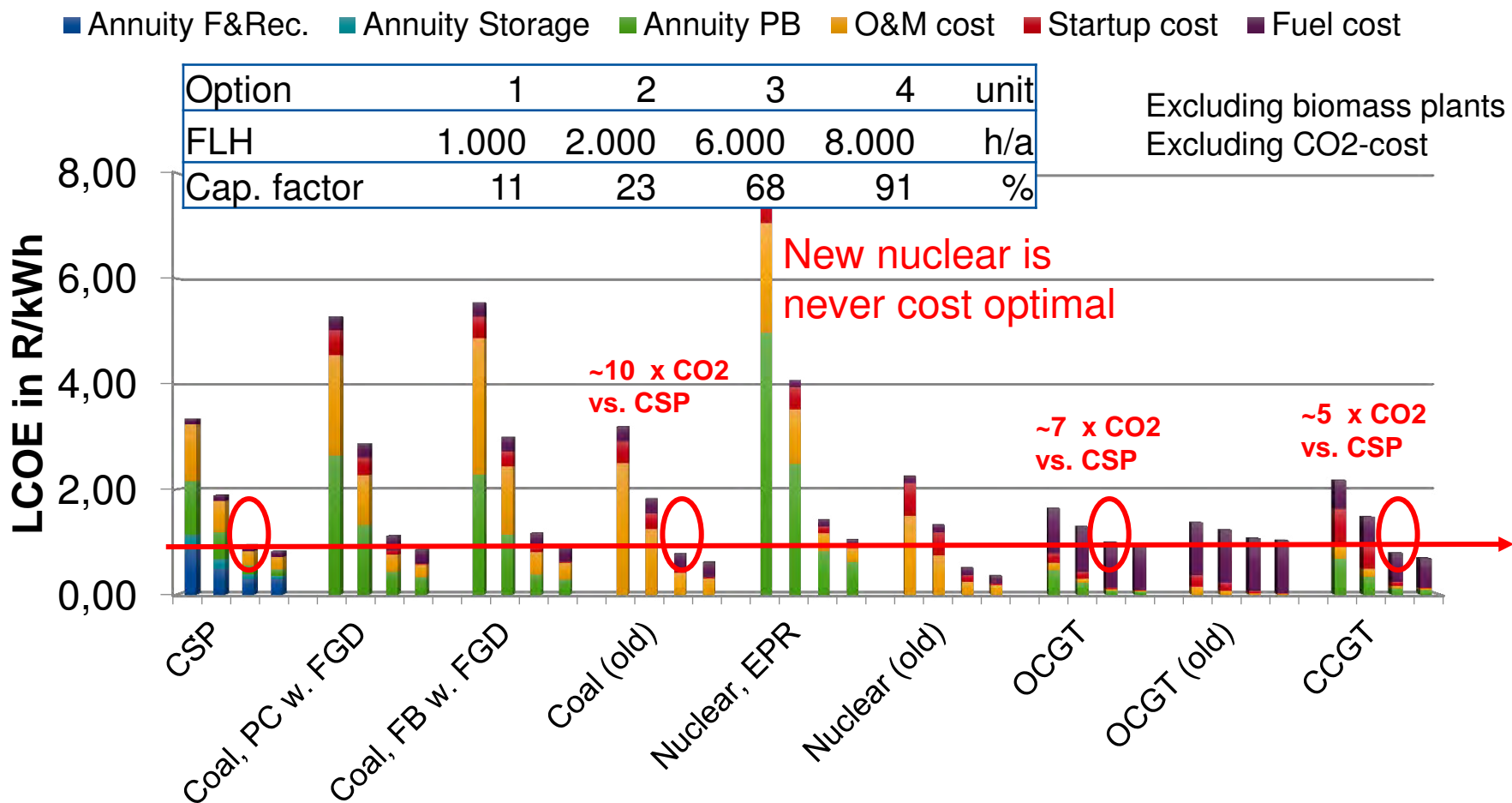
➔ Look at influence of the different parameters on the LCOE of a technology

# Residual Load under different scenarios of PV/Wind implementation



# Sensitivity analysis

## Cost development with load factor



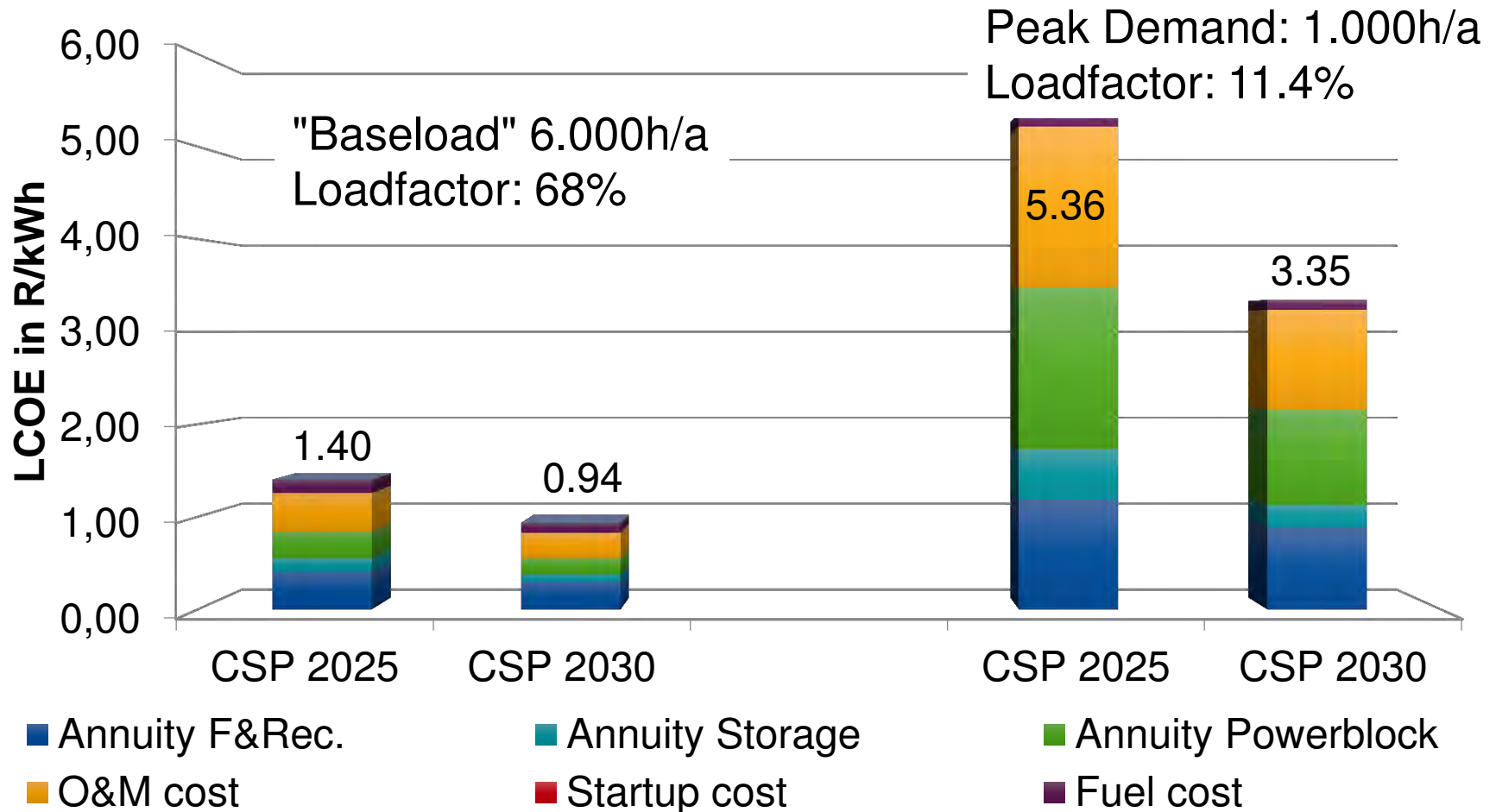
Systems LCOE need to be compared at the same capacity factors

Some technologies are very close in LCOE but at very different levels of CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions



# Sensitivity analysis

## Costs for CSP with sunshot targets for 2025 and 2030



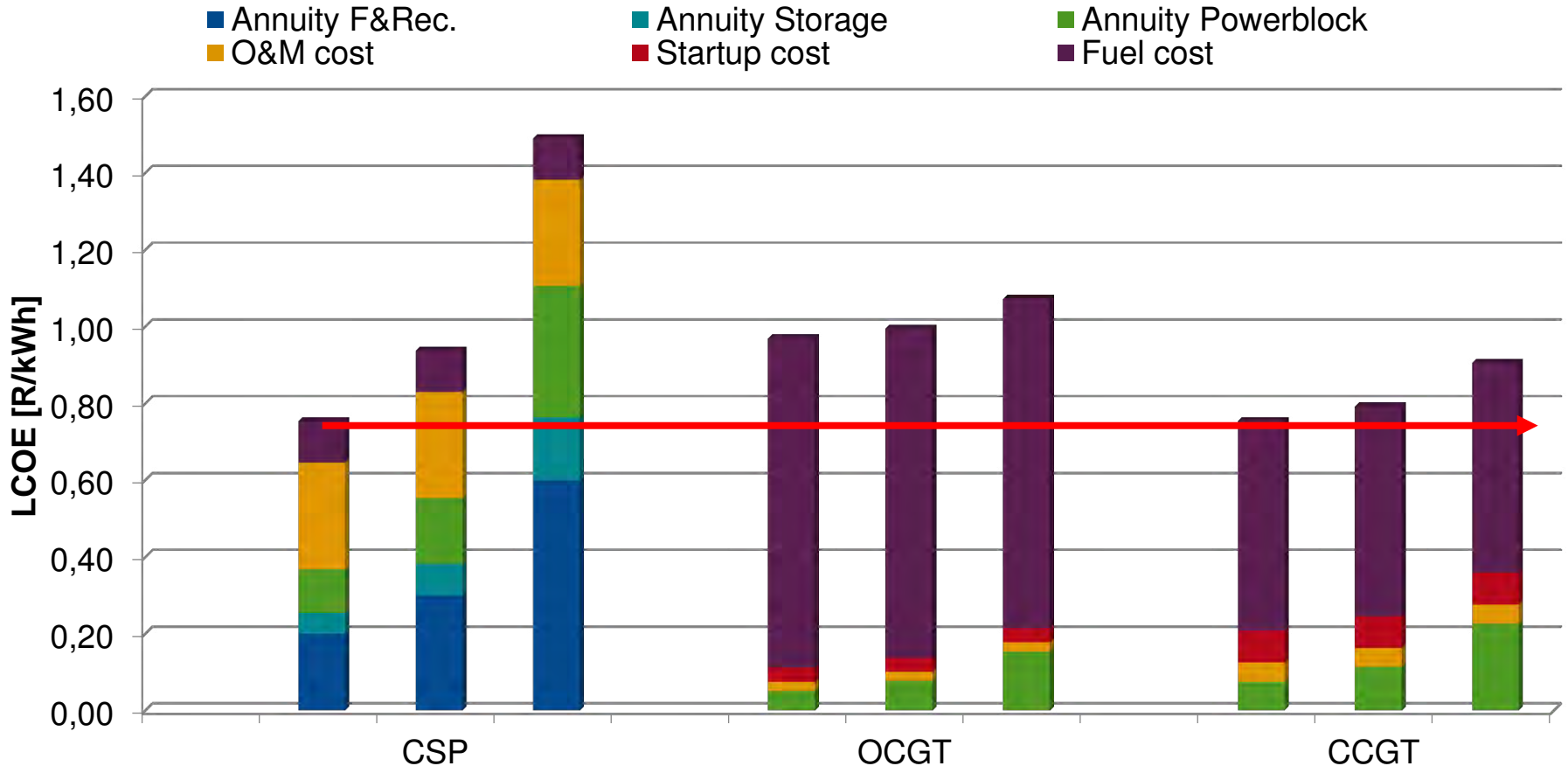
CSP cost reduction is critical

CSP is competing at mid-load of 6000 FLH and not for peak load!

# Sensitivity analysis

## Financing for newly installed capacity

Options	1	2	3
IRR/WACC	4%	6%	12%

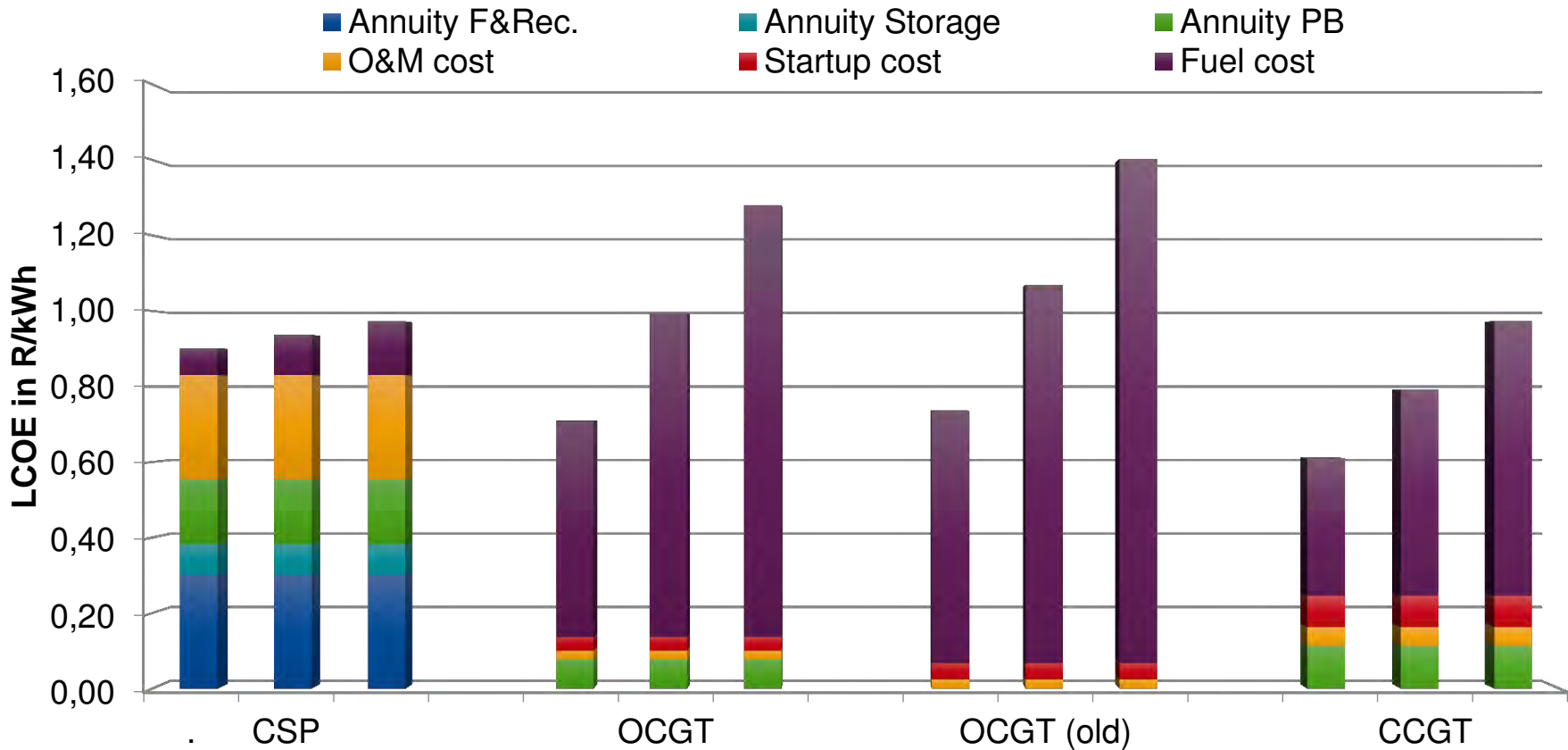


Competitiveness of CSP strongly dependent on capital cost

# Sensitivity analysis

## Dependence on gas price development

	Low	Med	High	
Gas Price	200.000	300.000	400.000	R/GWh <sub>th</sub>
	4	6	8	US\$/GJ



CSP can hedge against gas price and infrastructure uncertainties

# Conclusions



- Even high CO<sub>2</sub> reduction can be reached with minor impact on total system LCOE in South Africa
- Given future cost reduction, CSP is part of the mix that reduces CO<sub>2</sub> emission at system cost lower than today's values
- CSP is best suited to provide mid-load power with around 6.000 FLH replacing old coal power plants
- High Wind and PV penetration is not reducing system cost as it results in higher necessary capacity of coal power plants with fewer operation hours
- CSP can compete with old coal power plants and new combined cycle gas power plants if expected further cost reductions are achieved
- Low financing cost and gas prices (even at values of 400kR/GWh) provide favorable economics for CSP
- CSP can hedge against uncertainties in gas price and infrastructure cost

# Thank you for your attention

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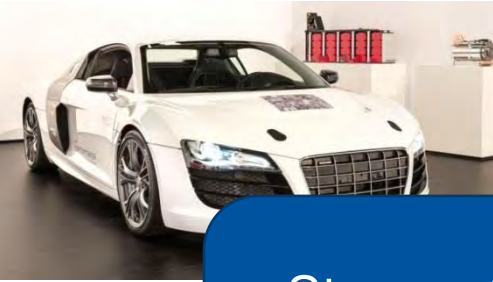
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