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**Analysis of Distributed Energy Resources:
an Introduction to Demand Response**

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- Lesson 1
- Structure of Electrical Power Systems: An overview of some problems induced by the increase of demand.



- **Electrical energy is a valuable form of energy, because it provides:**
 - Accuracy
 - Ease of process control
 - Friendly use
 - Environmental Benefits
 - Availability: various primary sources at reasonable costs
 - Efficiency: the best performance in transport and energy end-use electricity are obtained
 - It is versatile, easily converted into other forms of E
 - Involves 35 to 50% of the total energy consumed in the decade 2000-2010
- **Problems:**
 - The continuous increase of energy (and specifically power) consumption
 - There is no possibility of storage (in large amounts)

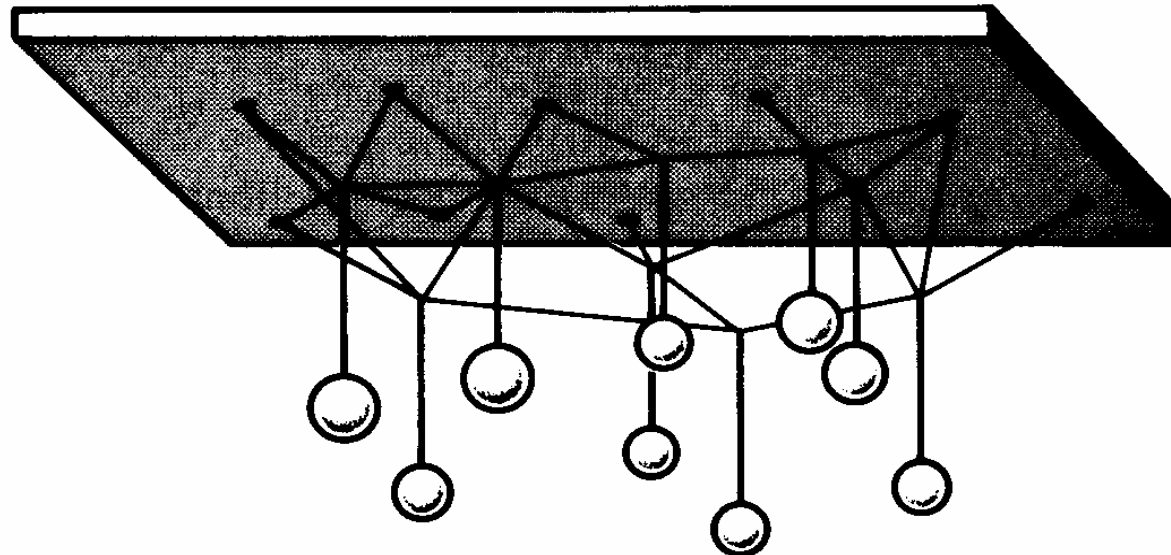


- **Mechanical analogy of Electrical Systems (Eldgerd, 1981)**

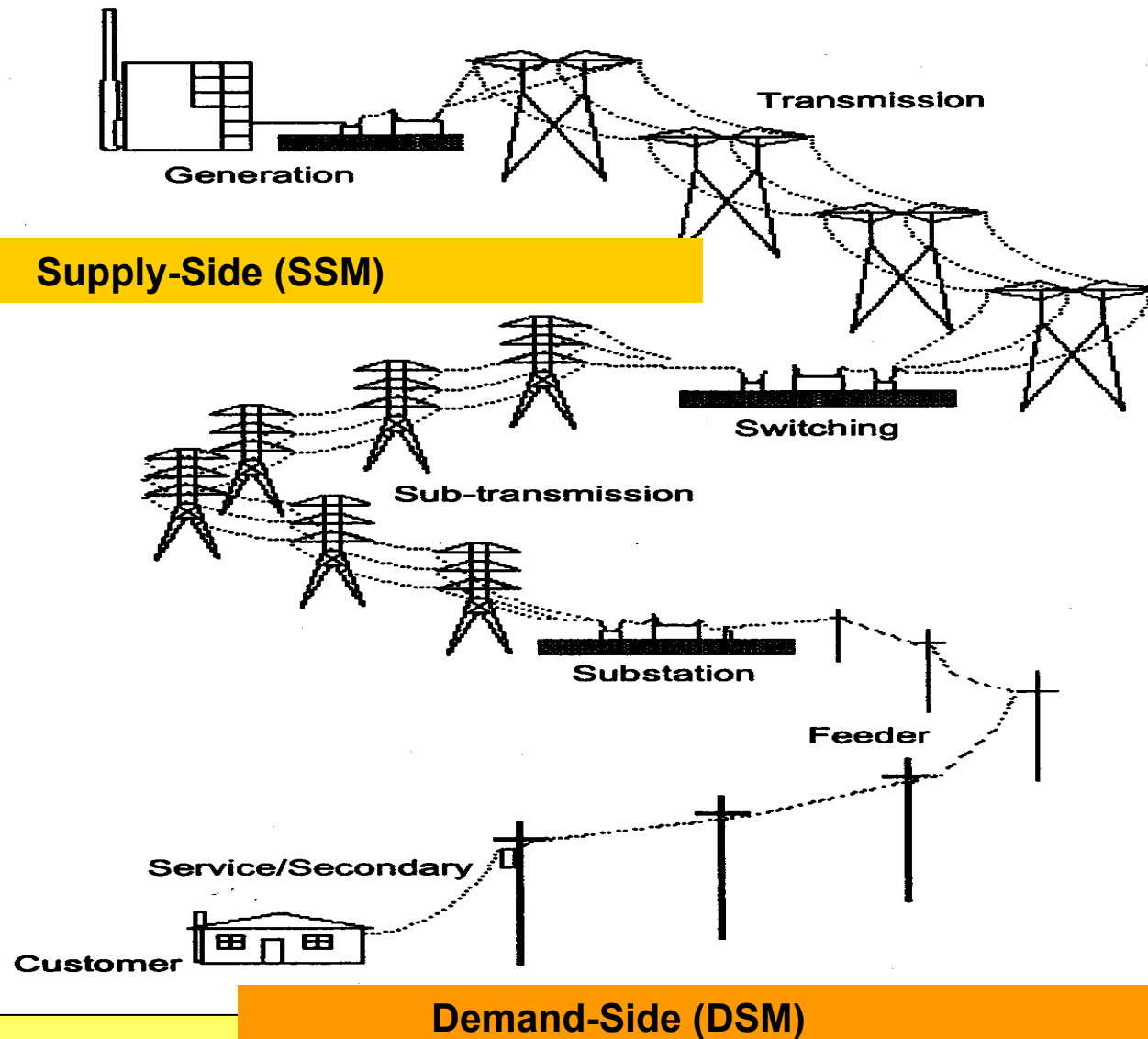
- It is necessary to keep a balance in every instant (low storage capacity)

$$\text{Generation} = \text{Demand} + \text{Losses}$$

- With a certain level of quality and reliability of supply!



● Power System Structure (four levels)



● Characteristics of different levels

- Each level provides power to the next level
- The voltage and transport capacity decrease to Demand Side
- Each level has many more elements than the previous (DS)
- The net capacity increases to the user level
- The reliability decreases in the customer side (DS)
 - Example: small EPS (source Willis)

Level of System	Voltage kV	Number of Units	Avg. Cap. MVA	Total Cap MVA
Transmission	345, 138	12	150	1,400
Sub-transmission	138, 69	25	65	1,525
Substations	138/23.9, 69/13.8	45	44	1,980
Feeders	23.9, 13.8	227	11	2,497
Service Trans.	.12, .24	60,000	.05	3,000
Secondary/Service	.12, .24	250,000	.014	3,500
Customer	.12	250,000	.005	1,250



- **Costs of T & D levels (I): the addition of new resources in Supply is very expensive (an accurate forecast of demand is needed)**
 - Design, construction and operation cost.
 - Equipment and appliances have two types of costs: Capital, equipment, land (ROW), construction, assembly, installation and commissioning
 - Operation: labor and equipment to keep the system in operating conditions
 - Taxes, and losses in the system
 - Let us recall some cost ratios in each of the levels of the system



● **Transportation Level costs (some examples):**

- Costs of electrical lines:
 - 66kV line, 50MVA: [0.7, 1] €/ kVA-km
 - 380kV line (duplex): [0.3, 0.5] €/ kVA-km

● **Substation costs, including:**

- Land: purchase and preparation
- Transmission and distribution terminals
- Transformers
- Overall cost [20-50] €/ kVA

● **Distribution Level costs:**

- Overhead line: €5-15 / kW-km
- Underground: €20-40 / kW-km
- Maintenance costs (they are difficult to evaluate, i.e. lack of actual data): 3-12% of capital cost per year (estimated)

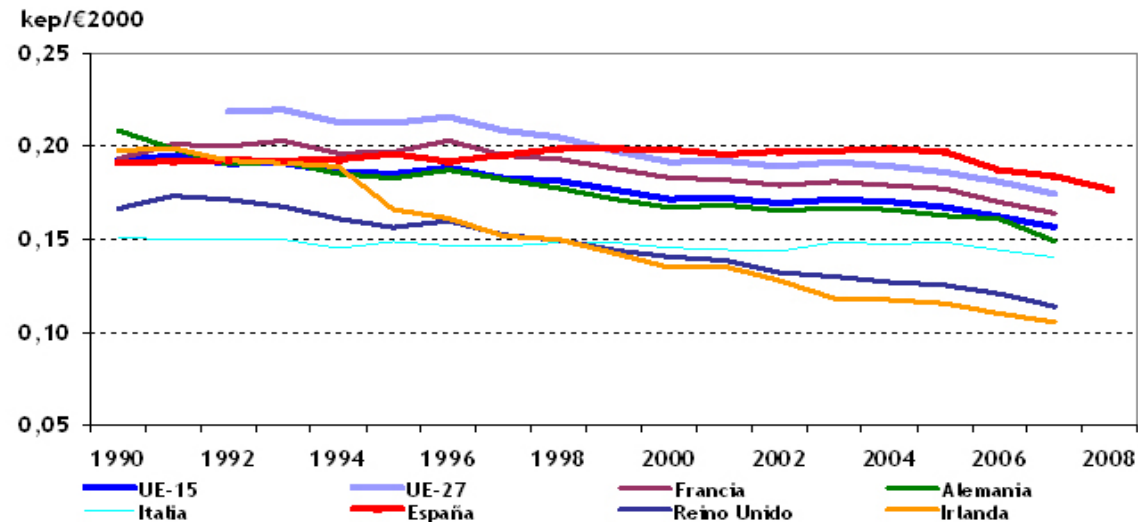


- **If the forecast of demand fails, then we face to ...**
 - The cost to renew or extend the system's capability
 - The cost of lack of service
- **Solution: large margins in the capacity of the lines? ► Anticipating the growth in demand**
- **Example: 20 kV line. 6MVA or 15MVA?**
 - Cost Option 1: Rated power 6MVA: €10 / kW-km
 - Cost Option 2: Rated power: 15MVA line: €8 / kW-km
 - Cost to extend line (option 1) (+9 MVA): €25/ kW-km, because we need ...
 - Working in voltage?
 - Install new conductors?
 - New poles?
 - In many cases the system components are built with a significant margin (50%) to supply future needs (decades)
- **Are there alternatives to apply large margins into the Supply-Side? Yes, of course**



Supply problems: demand behavior in Spain (EU)

In Spain, the intensity of energy use (i.e. GDP / demand) slightly increased in XXI century



Fuente: EnR/IDAE

Nota: Los datos de *Intensidad Primaria* para España se han calculado a partir de las cifras de Producto Interior Bruto publicadas por el INE a precios constantes de 2000 y de acuerdo con el nuevo Sistema Europeo de Cuentas. Según esto, los valores del PIB han sido actualizados en noviembre de 2009.

Problem of the last years:

Peak power increases by 40% and demand by 30%

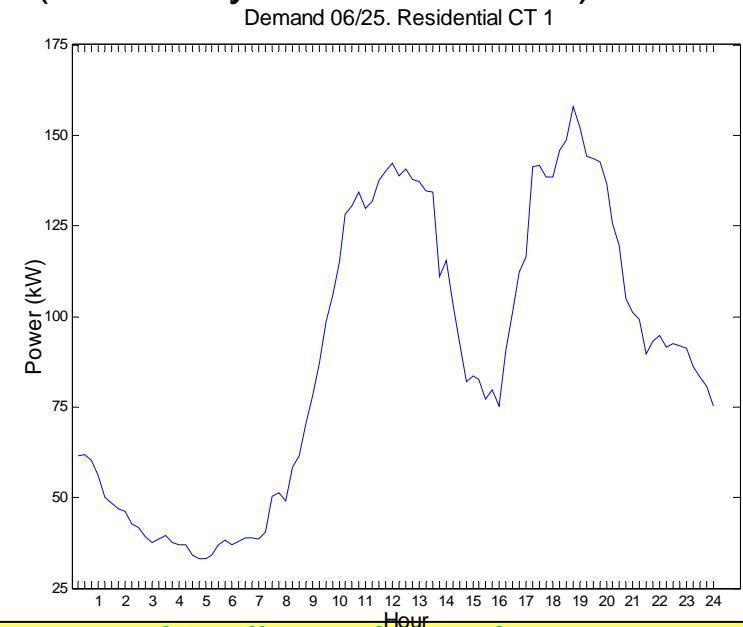
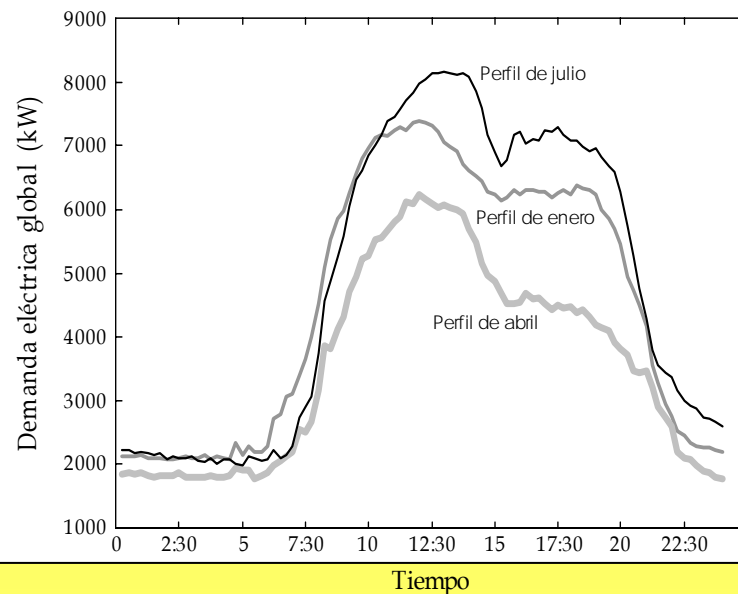
Installed generation increases at a lower ratio: from 58 to 63GW in 2002 (8.6% ↑)

Hint: we are less efficient in energy use

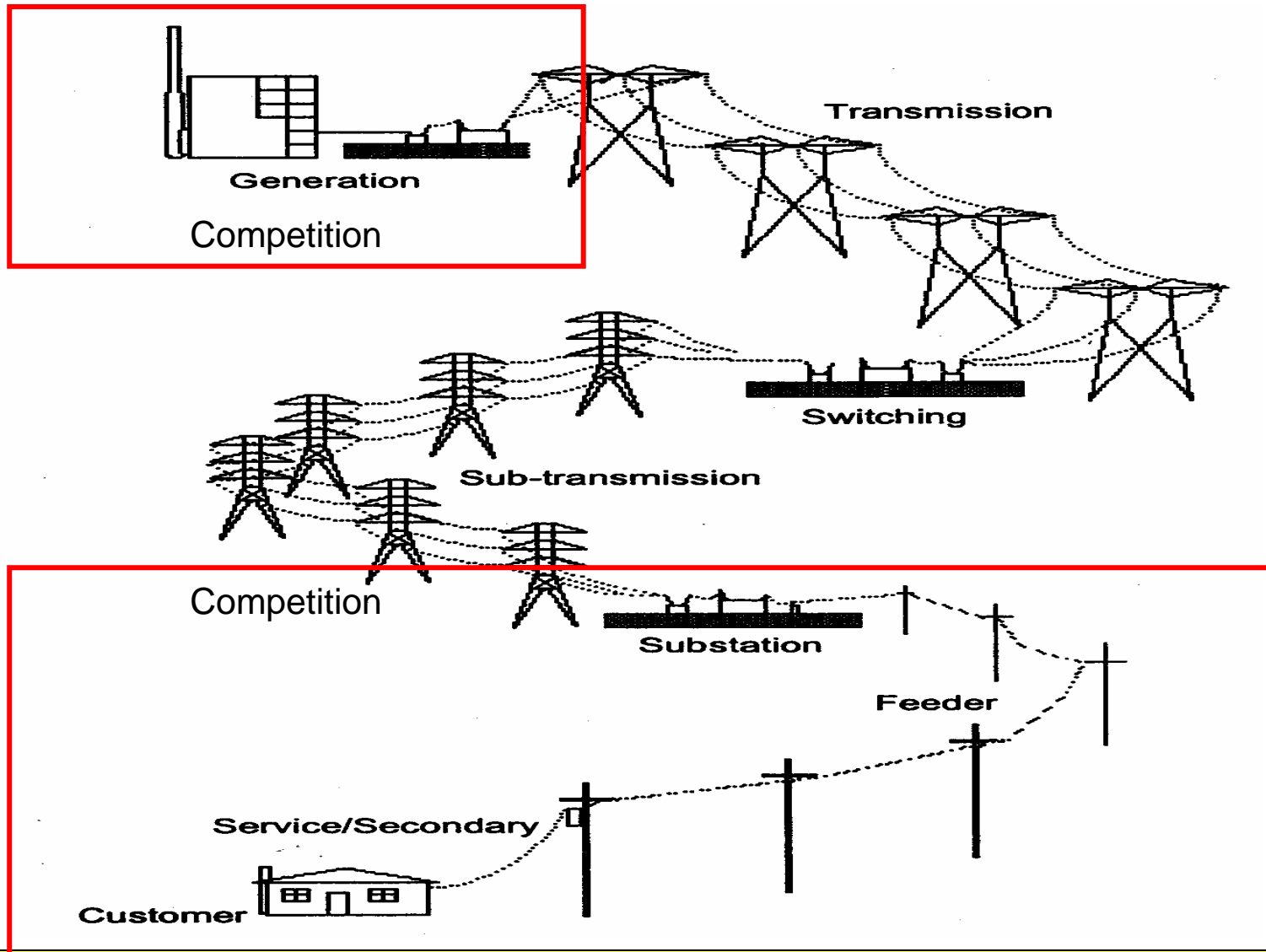


● Low load factors (LF): both daily and annual

- LF = average demand / peak demand
- It may be in the range of 0.5-0.6 (exception France). The trend is to decrease from 1990 to 2010 (see New England ISO, USA).
- Demand peaks define the generation capacity and power lines in our power systems (i.e. future costs).
- Peak grows more than energy (we should pay attention to both variables).
- Two examples of customer loads (university and residential)



● Activities in Power Systems (energy markets)

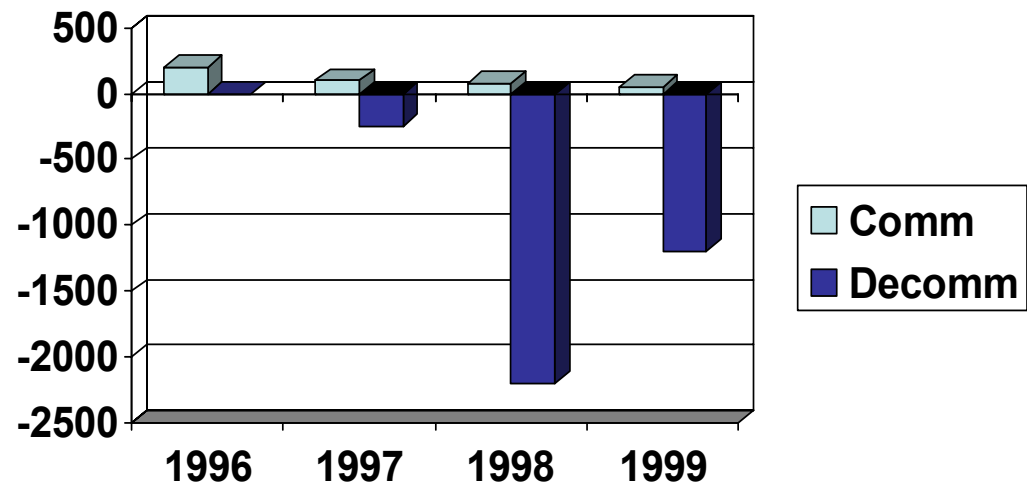
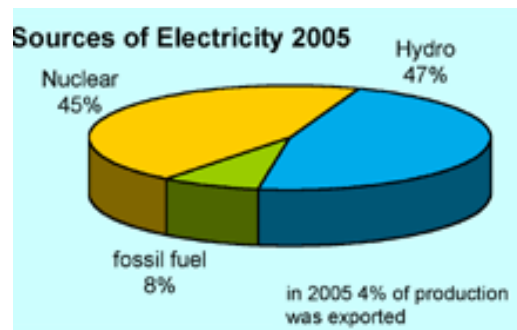


1. Structure of Electrical Power Systems

Block 1

- **Effects of De-regulation (energy markets)**
- **Prices: actually have been falling as a result of liberalization.**
- **But there are other "effects" of liberalization:**
 - Generation plant closure: an example is Sweden (2000mW lost 1998 + 600MW nuclear plant).
 - "New plants? Low planned generation capacity. In 2006 change in nuclear policy.

Change in Generation Resources Sweden (MW)

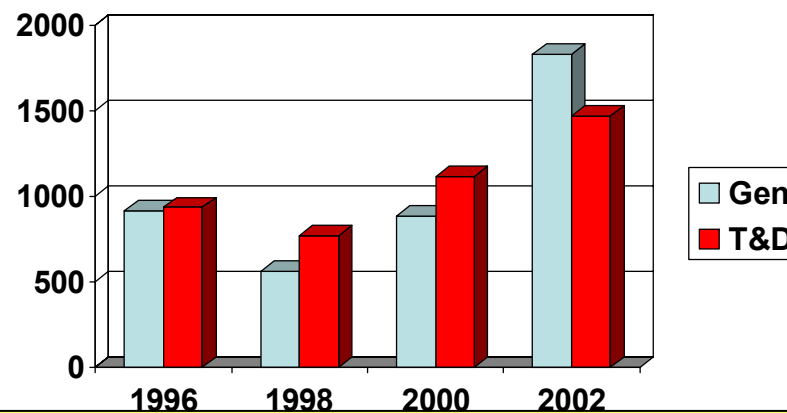


**Another example. Spanish market situation (1996-2002).
Deregulation in 1997 .. Sometimes traditional
businesses were not very profitable ...**

Year	Generation	Distribution
1997	8,1	5,3
1999	6,6	4,5
2002	6,6	5,1

So, the investment was scarce

Investment (M€)



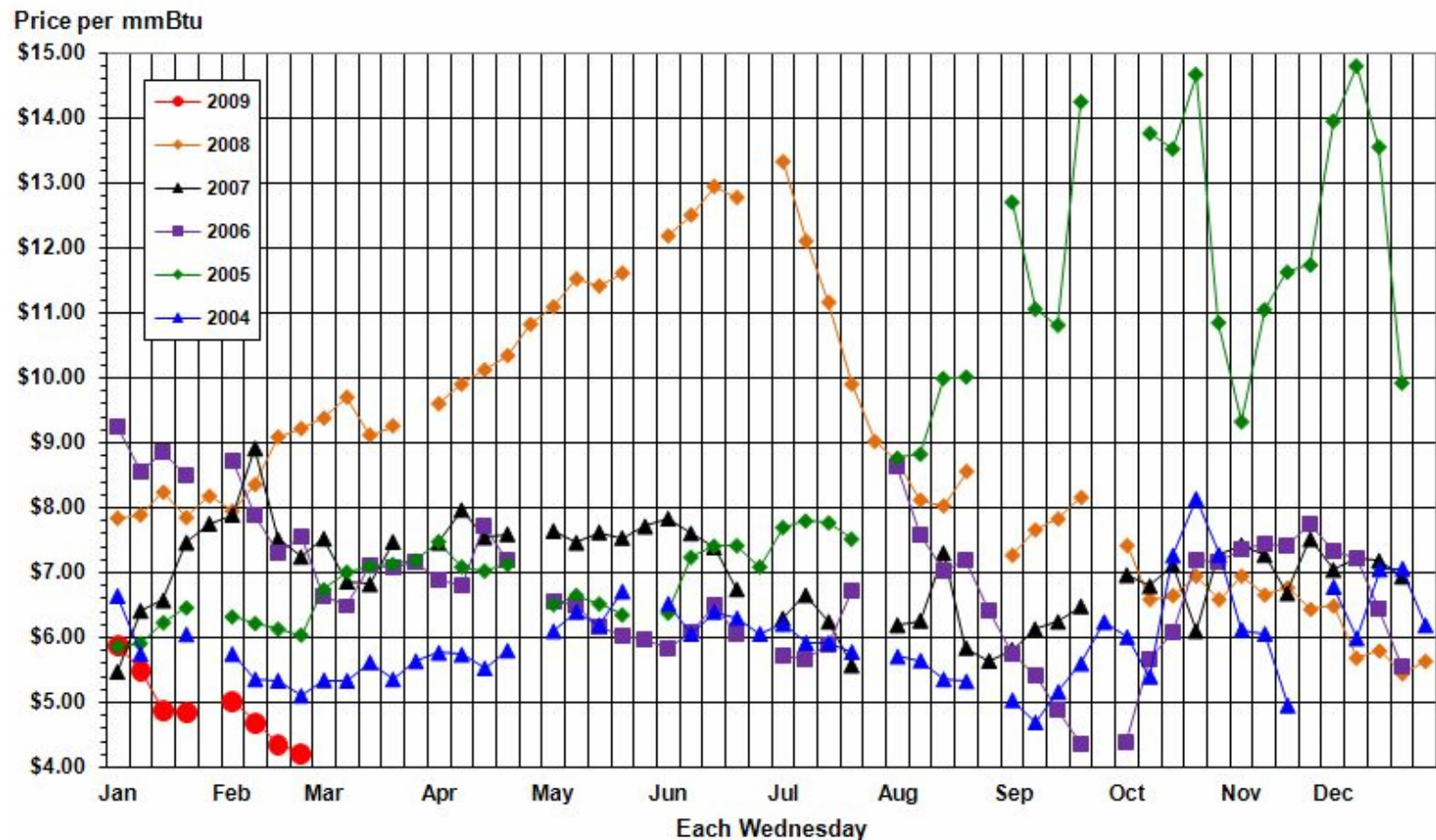
- **What is the cost of conventional generation?**
 - Many plants are technically outdated
- **Example of cost uncertainty: Combined cycle plants**
 - They have a high efficiency (at least 20-30% more than conventional thermal unit)
 - The deregulated market has led to the construction of such plants (USA, EU,...)
 - That is nice: Lower emissions to the environment
 - 60% less than a coal plant (CO₂)
 - Problems: Many of them were planned to a market cost less than \$ 3 / MMBtu. The problem is that the price is above \$5 / MMBtu (in some years, over \$8/MMBtu)
- **There may be a long term solution**
 - Need to reduce dependence on natural gas, using it for other smartest purposes (GD, CHP)



Natural Gas Prices (source: Henry Hub, USA)

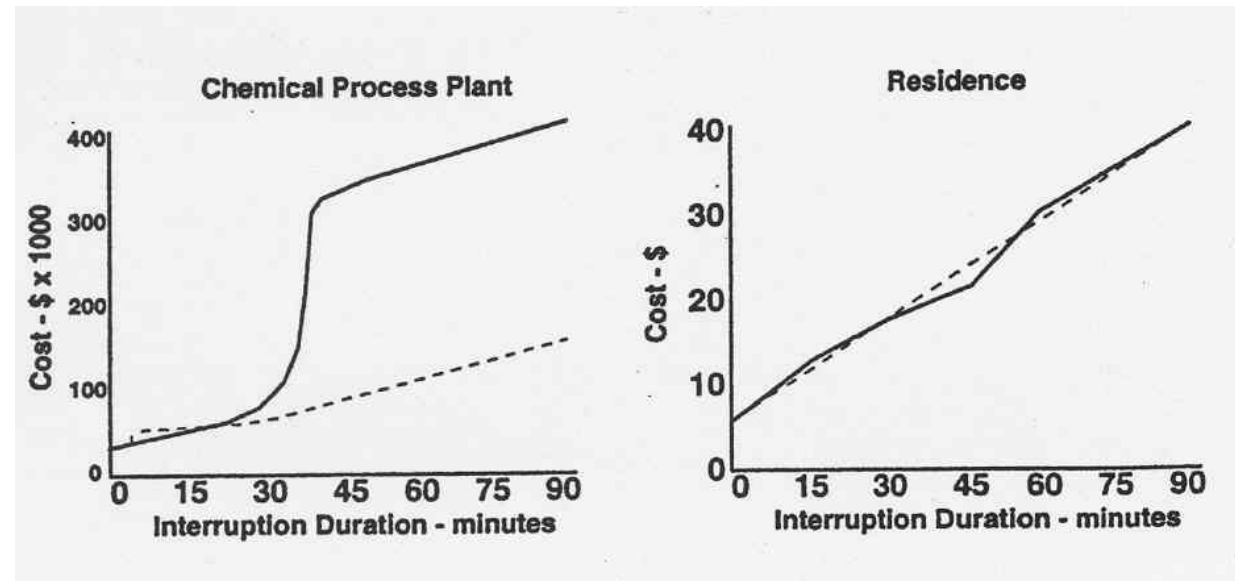
As always fall short of forecasts!

Natural Gas Spot Prices at the Henry Hub
2004 - 2009



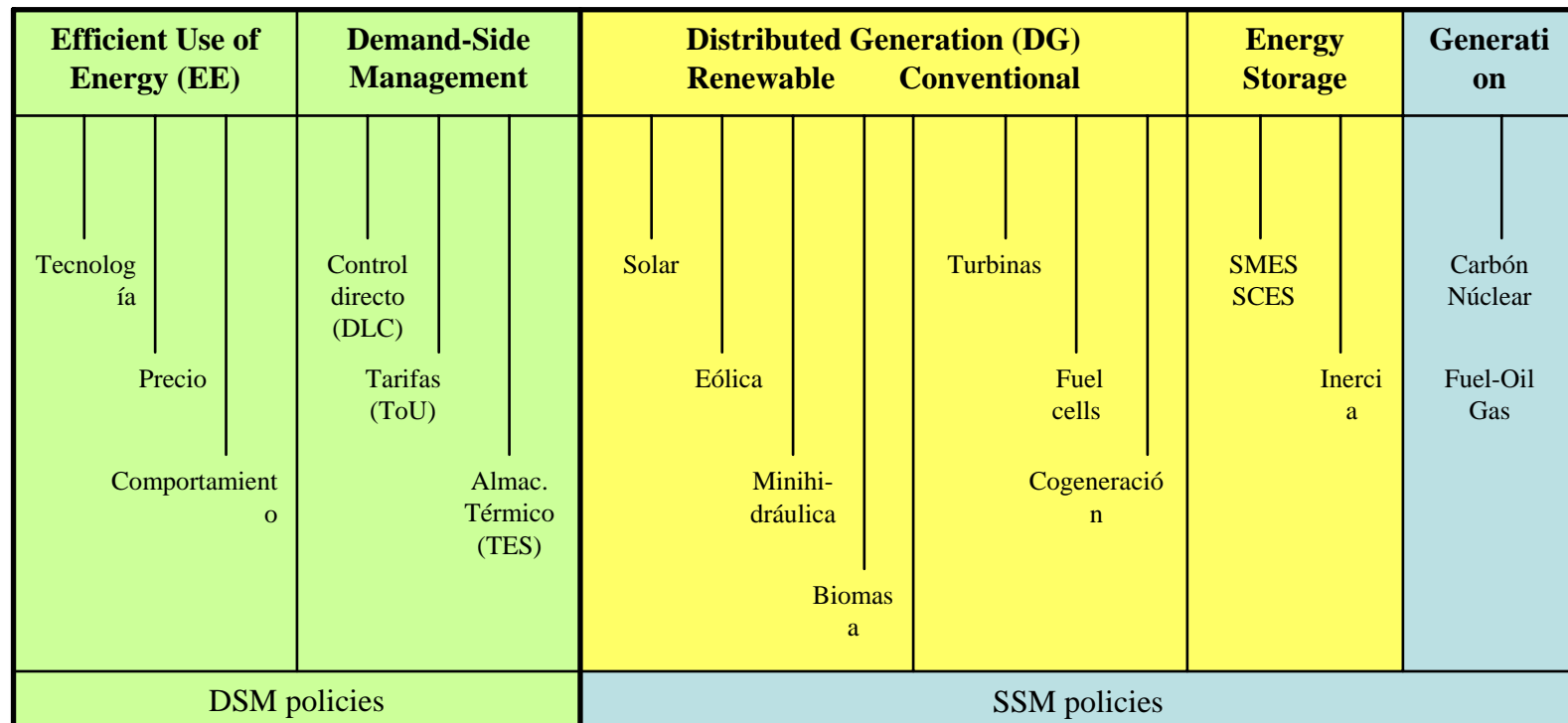
● **We should consider: users need different levels of quality and reliability**

- Reliability standards are very high in Power (99.9%)
- What do they mean? No service 10 hours a year
- The "lack" of reliability may have a high cost to the user:
 - Loss of data (computers)
 - Loss of production (pottery, chemical)
- A conventional electrical system can not have 100% reliability. Other possibilities? Yes (source: Willis et al.)



● Concept: Integrated Resource Planning (IRP)

- First time proposed by F. Schweppe (1989)
- Use all the resources available. It's a great lesson and example: to avoid technically unfounded prejudices (nuclear, renewables, DSM, ...)
- IRP portfolio



- **How can the user manage their energy costs? Through the participation in energy markets (there are barriers!)**
 - By itself (large users)
 - Through "demand aggregators" (a nice idea)
 - Market prices are very interesting, different possibilities in terms of: demand elasticity and pattern change

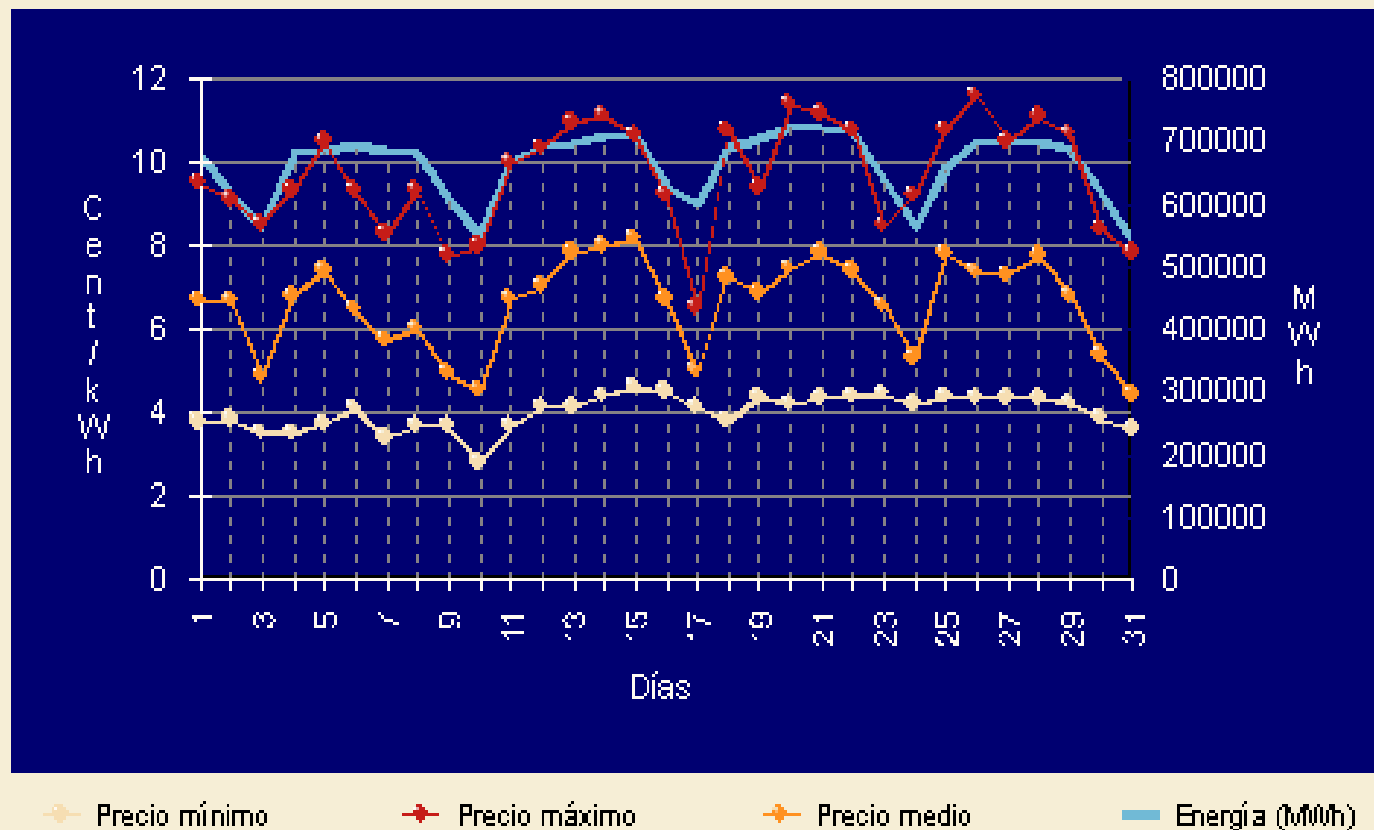
Day/Months/ Years	Day ahead	Day	Real Time
Supply contracts Bilateral contracts Capacity markets	Energy markets Reserve markets	Network constraints Real Time	Ancillary Services



Examples of prices: energy markets (Spain)

- Daily prices/ month: there are changes (i.e. opportunities to manage and reduce costs)

Mínimo, medio y máximo del precio del mercado diario (cent/kWh) - Julio 2005 (* Escala)



- **Are there any solutions apart from traditional SSM and “renewables”?**
- **Of course, they exist: the “Demand-Side portfolio” (DSM traditional, Demand Response)**
 - They can compete with the increased expansion and operation costs
 - We mean:
 - Demand management (DSM)
 - Distributed Generation (DG)
 - Demand-Side Bidding (DSB)
 - And **Demand Response (DR)**
 - Resources: Distributed Energy Resources (DER) including Demand Resources (DERD)

