

## Climate information for the energy sector

Climate services in support of the electric sector in Uruguay  
From hours to years

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<b>Country:</b>	República Oriental del Uruguay
<b>Area</b>	176,215 km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Population:</b>	3.3 MM
<b>Density:</b>	18.8 p/km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Life expectancy:</b>	76 years
<b>Infant mortality rate:</b>	7.7/1.000

### Energy Sector

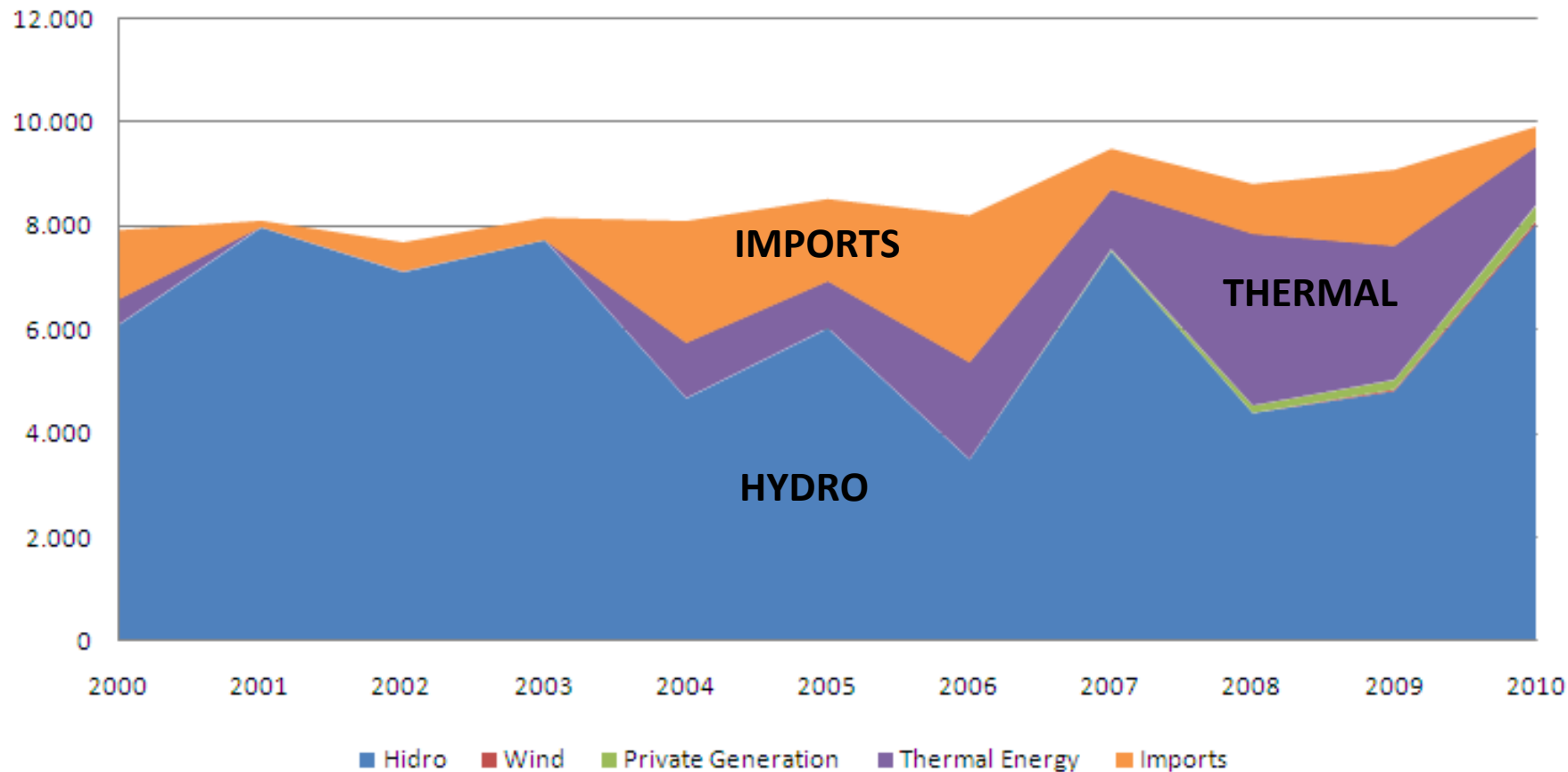
<b>Mean annual power demand:</b>	1.100 MW
<b>Electrification:</b>	99,6 %
<b>Peak power demand:</b>	1.918 MW (winter)

# Framework and Historical Background

- Uruguay has **no proven** reserves of oil, natural gas or coal
- Almost **no space for new large hydropower** plants (75% of present electric mix)
- Strongly **dependent** on “El niño” events
- No access to natural gas (only one provider)
- High dependence on imported oil, representing up to **27% of total imports** of Uruguay

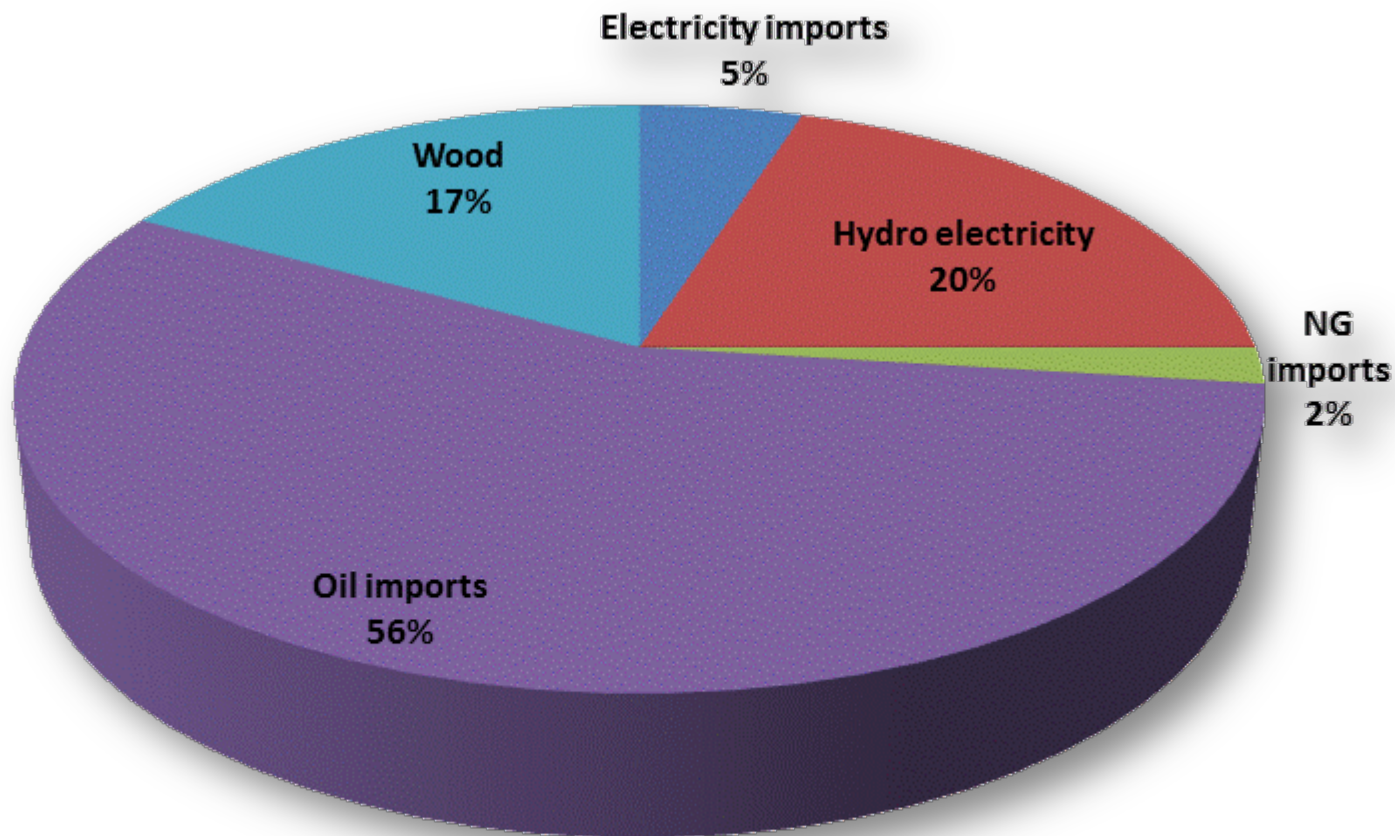


# Historical background II - Electric mix source (GWh)



Source: DNE - MIEM

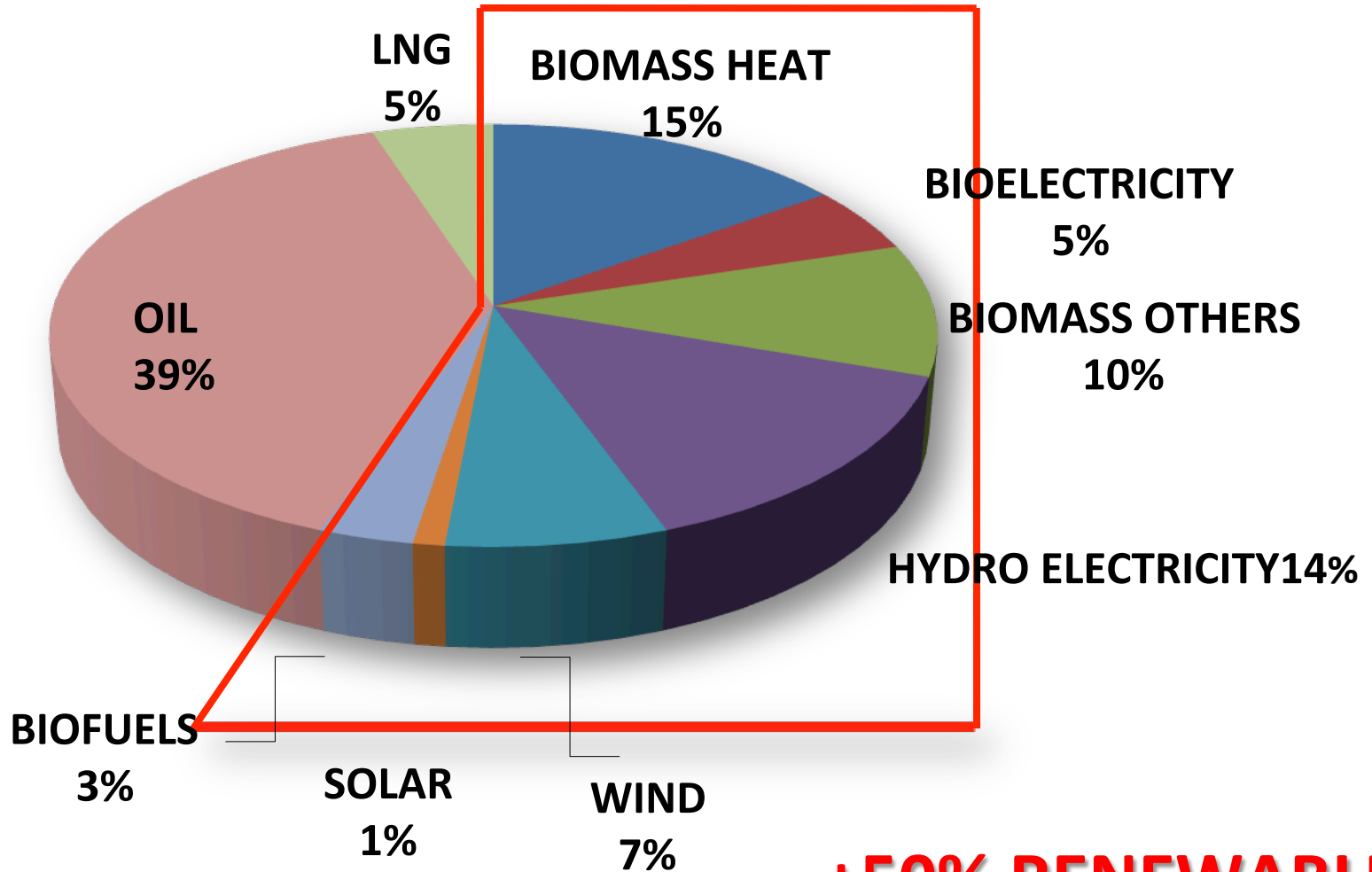
# Primary global energy mix (2001-2006)



Source: DNE - MIEM

**63 % IMPORTS**

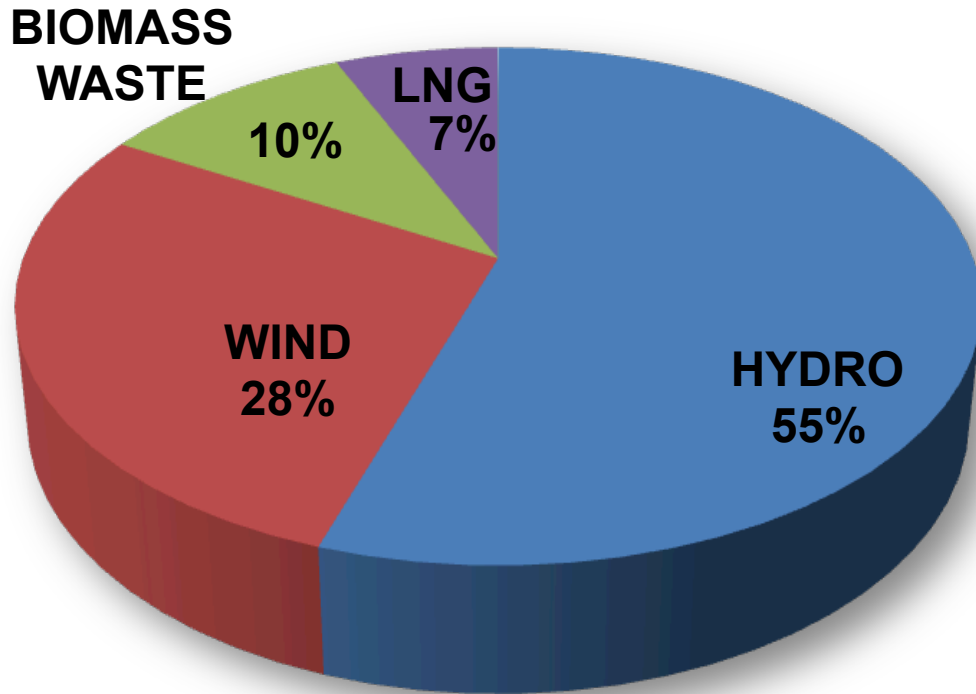
# Primary global energy mix 2015



**+50% RENEWABLE**

**2013: 49 % RENEWABLE**

# Electric mix - 2015



**HYDRO:** 1.538 MW

**WIND:** 1.300 MW

**SOLAR PV:** >200 MW

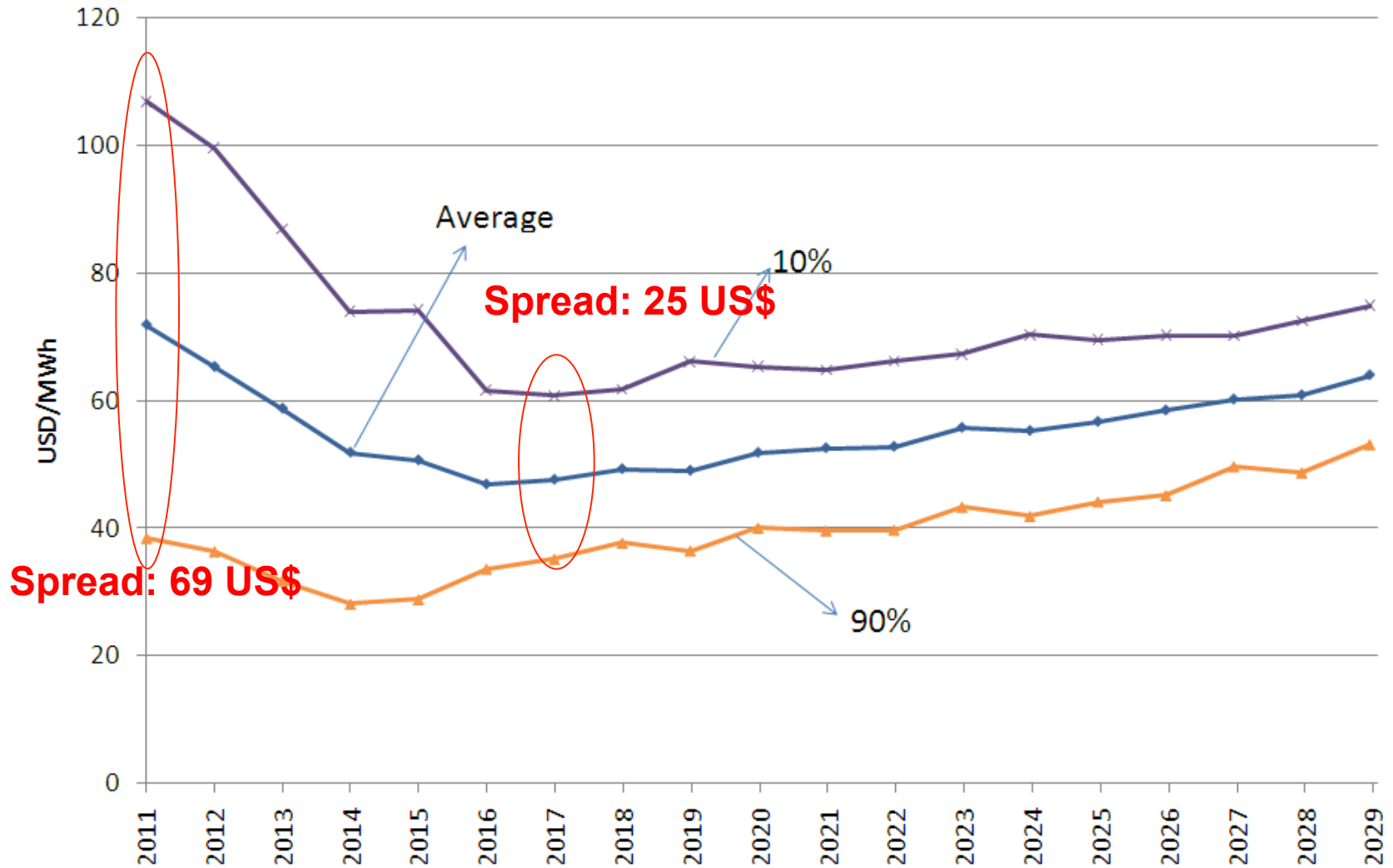
**BIOMASS:** >250 MW

**+ 90% RENEWABLES**

**2013: 83 %**

**RENEWABLES**

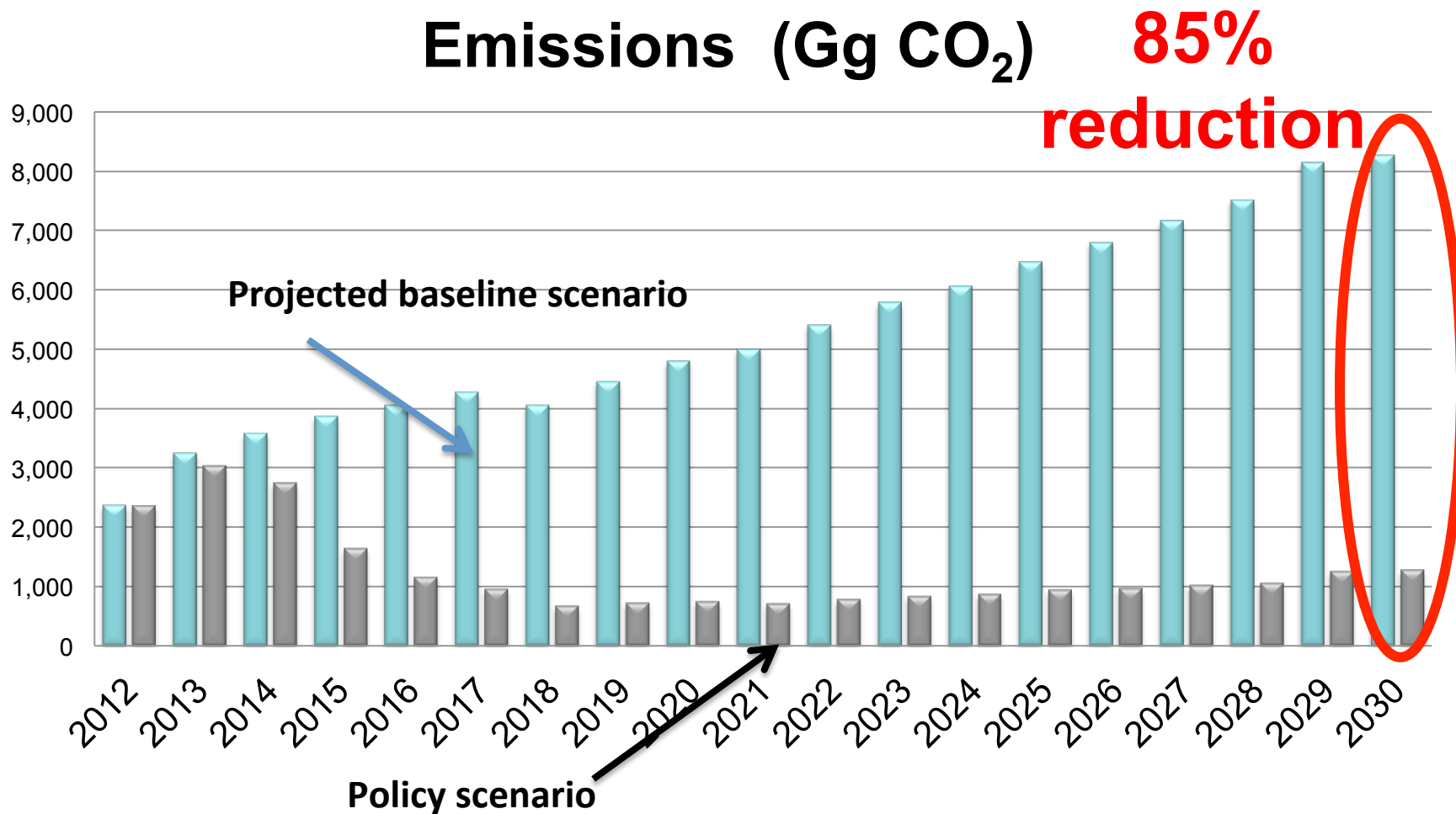
# Annual mean energy cost according to rain probabilities



Source: DNE - MIEM



# GHG EMISSIONS REDUCTION (in the Power Sector)



Source: DNE - MIEM

***How could we do this?...***

# Long term Energy Policy (2030)



2008: Council of Ministers

2010: **State Policy**

Special Committee including all Political Parties in the Congress.

**Multidimensional and integrated vision, including technological, economic, geopolitical, environmental, ethical, cultural and social issues**

# Energy Policy – Strategic guidelines



## Institutional

**Government defines and coordinates energy policy**, Public utility (UTE) and NOC (ANCAP) as the main tools, Enhanced participation of private companies, **Transparent and stable regulatory framework**



## Energy Supply

**Energy mix diversification**, Reduce share of imported oil, Increase share of domestic sources, **Strong support to renewables**, with **no subsidies**, Building local capacities, Keeping low carbon footprint.



## Energy Demand

**Strong support to energy efficiency** in all energy sectors and all activities (transport, building, industry). The State as a paradigmatic example. Promoting a **cultural change**.



## Social

**Adequate energy access** to all citizens as a human right  
Energy policy embedded in national social policies to face vulnerability.

# Energy Policy – Short term goals (2015)

Short term goals - medium term goals - long term goals

## Supply

**50% renewables in primary energy mix**

**25% ERNC in power sector**

## Demand

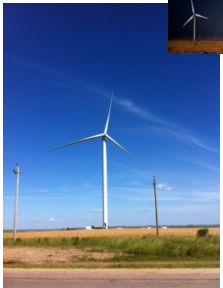
**6% reduction of global energy consumption\***

**15% reduction of oil in transport \***

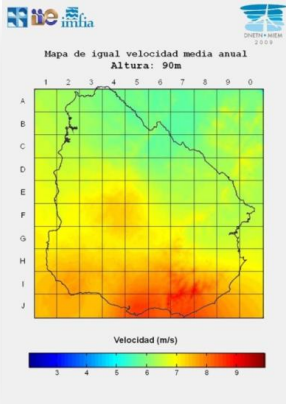
\*Based on BAUS

## Social

**100% electrification**

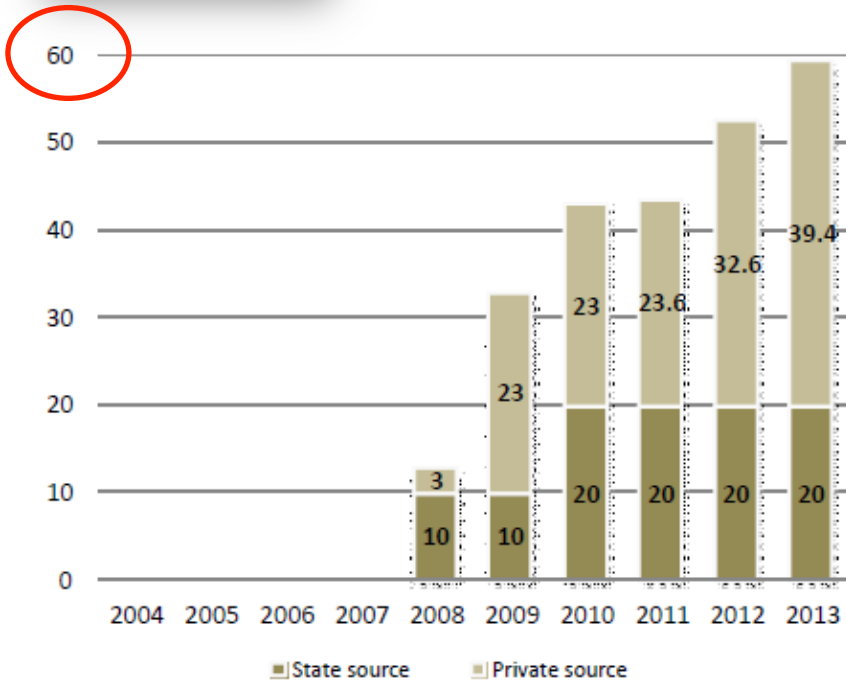


# Evolution Wind Power

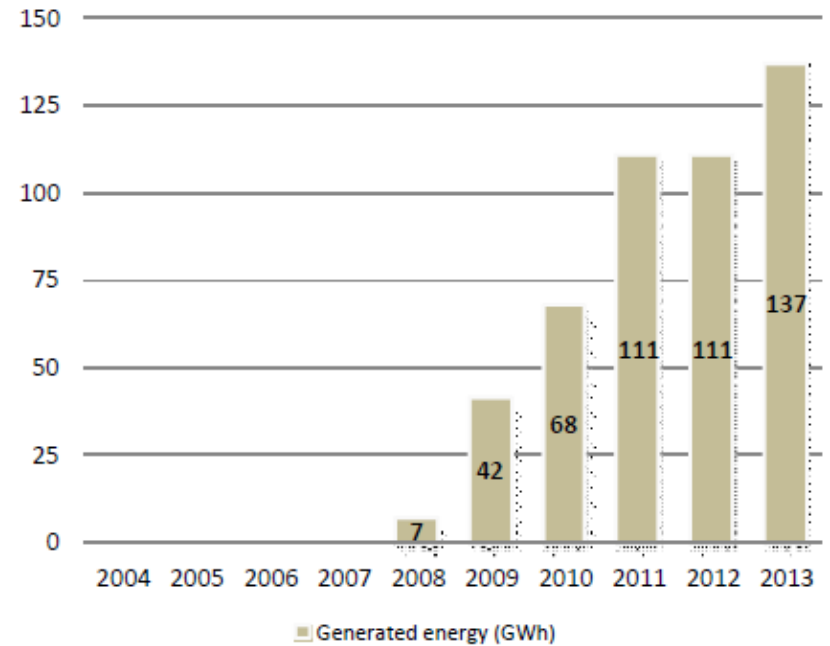


**+ 450 MW this year**

Wind Installed Power (MW)

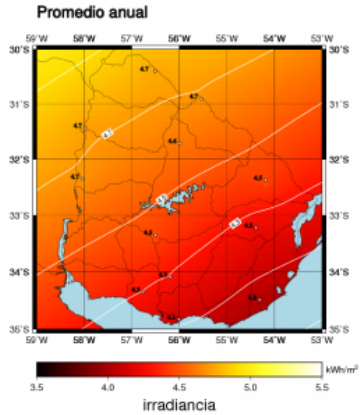


Generated Wind Energy (GWh)

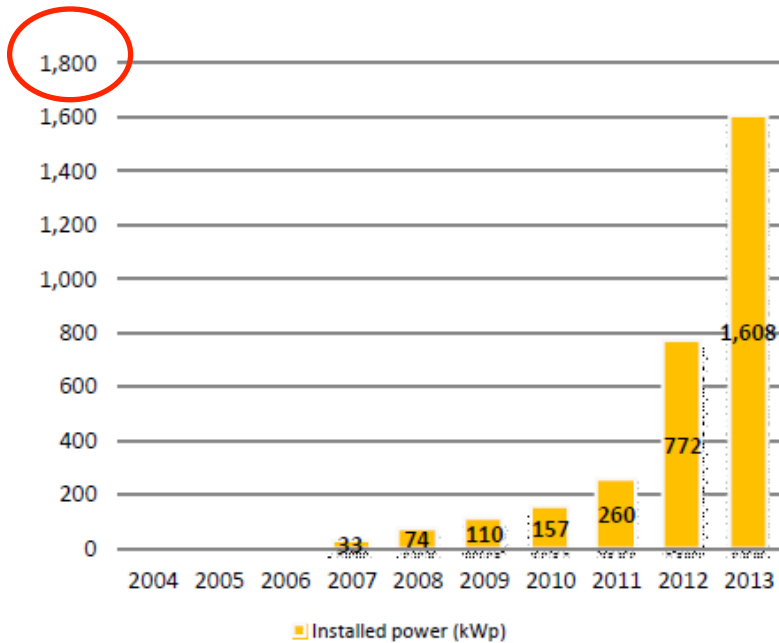


# Evolution Solar PV

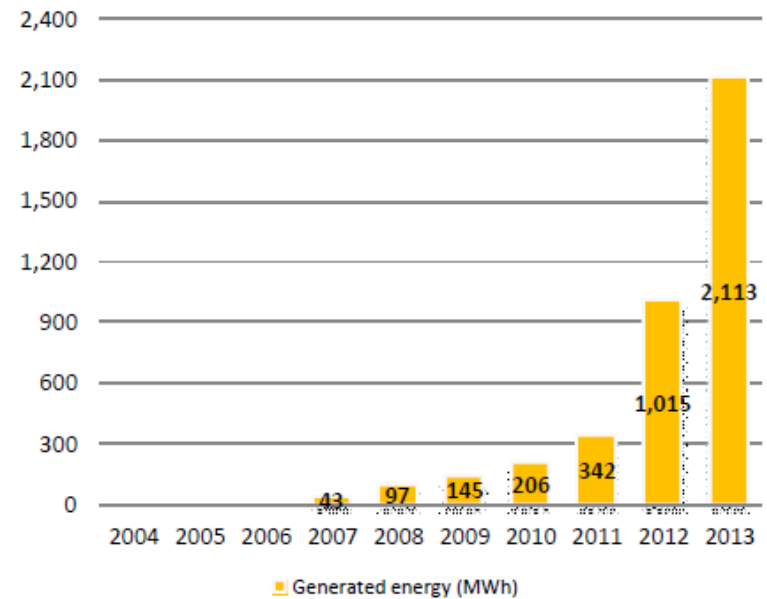
**+ 200 MW in 2015**



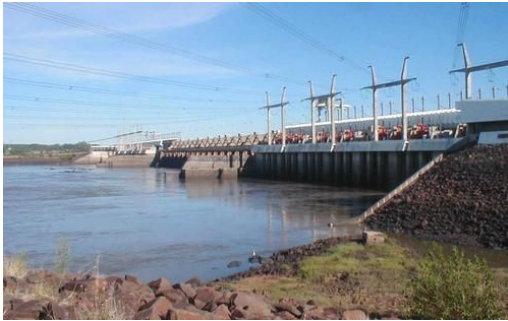
Solar Photovoltaic Installed Power (Kwp)



Solar Photovoltaic Source Generated Energy (MWh)

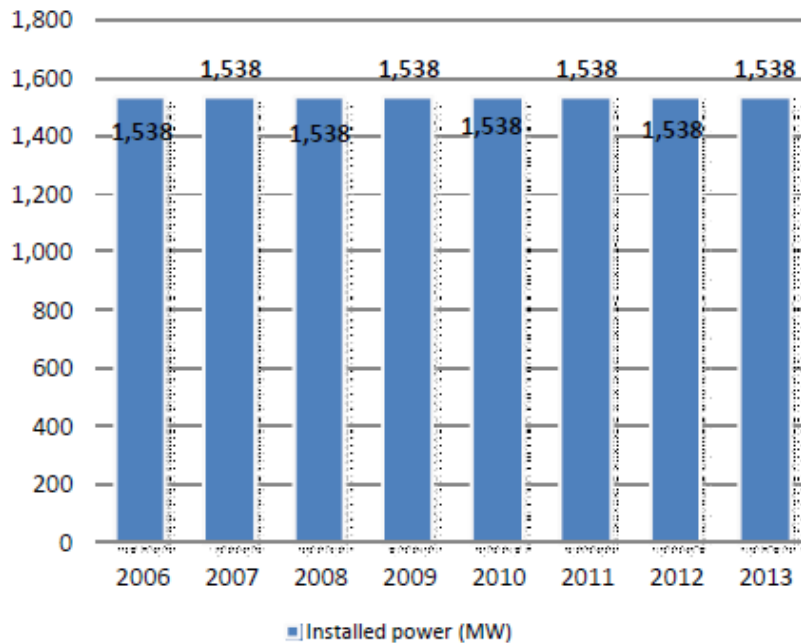


# Evolution Hydro

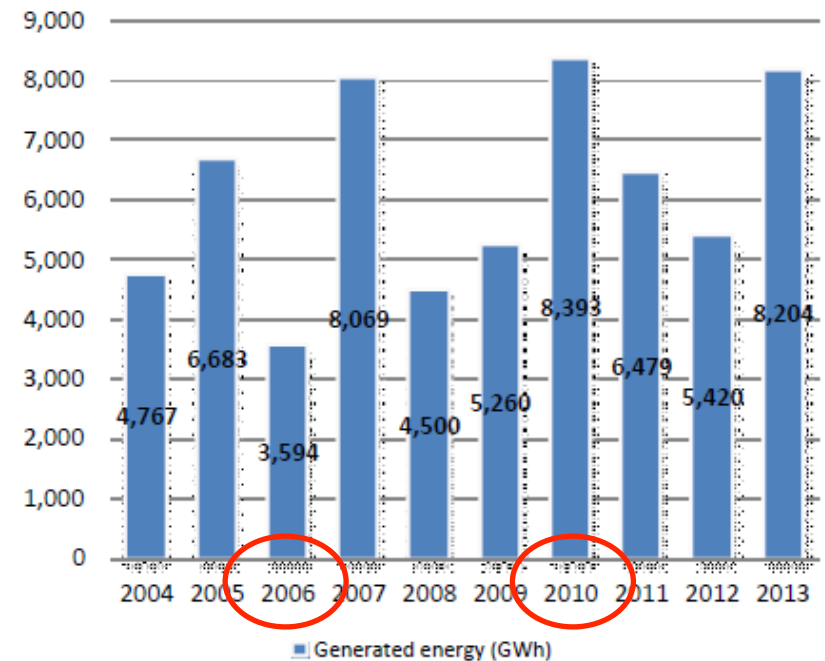


**2010 = 2006 x 2,3**

Hydraulic Installed power (MW)



Hydraulic Generated Energy (GWh)





# The new challenge...



**How to manage a system with a huge amount of non manageable energy?**

Dramatic redefinition of dispatch rules and grid expansion criteria, **Flexible Dispatch**.

How can we do that?

Based on the **best information available...**



**R&D**



## Fondo Sectorial de Energía

### Destinado a:

Promover las actividades de investigación, desarrollo e innovación en el área de energía.

### Dos modalidades

- I. Proyectos de Investigación y Desarrollo. Podrán ser beneficiarios grupos de investigación de instituciones nacionales, públicas y/o privadas sin fines de lucro.
- II. Proyectos de Innovación Empresarial y Desarrollo Tecnológico. Destinada a empresas nacionales, públicas y/o privadas.



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## CLIMATE



Energy Demand

Flow to Dams

Monitoring

Temperature Forecasts

Precipitation and Hydrologic Forecasts

Seasonal Climate Prediction

Atmospheric Predictability

Climate Predictability

¿?

**BUT**

**Climate Services**

**ARE**

**Decision - Oriented**

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## DECISIONS

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Energy Demand

Short & medium term demand for dispatch and weekly planning

Flow to Dams

Flood control & warning

Dispatch: Minimize generation costs

Saving of the only storable resource



Dispatch

Planning

**Example:** Do I use the water in the reservoir now or do I save it for later?

The **Direct Cost** of generation with the most economic available unit (**known**) is compared with the **incremental Future Cost** (**unknown**) associated with the use of water now.

It depends on expected inflow (few months timescale)

**HOW**

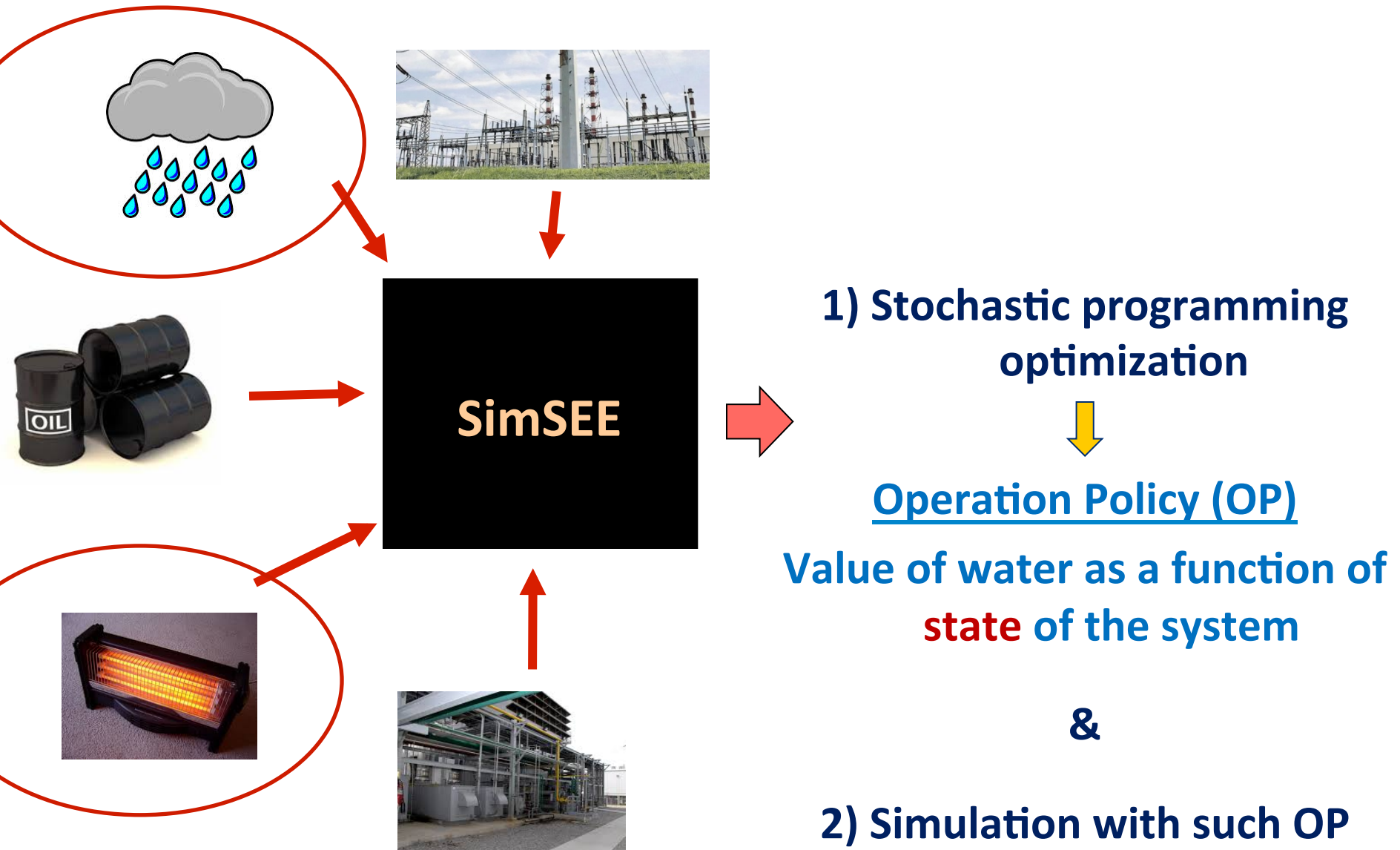
**Is Climate Information**

**Incorporated into the**

**DECISION-MAKING PROCESS?**



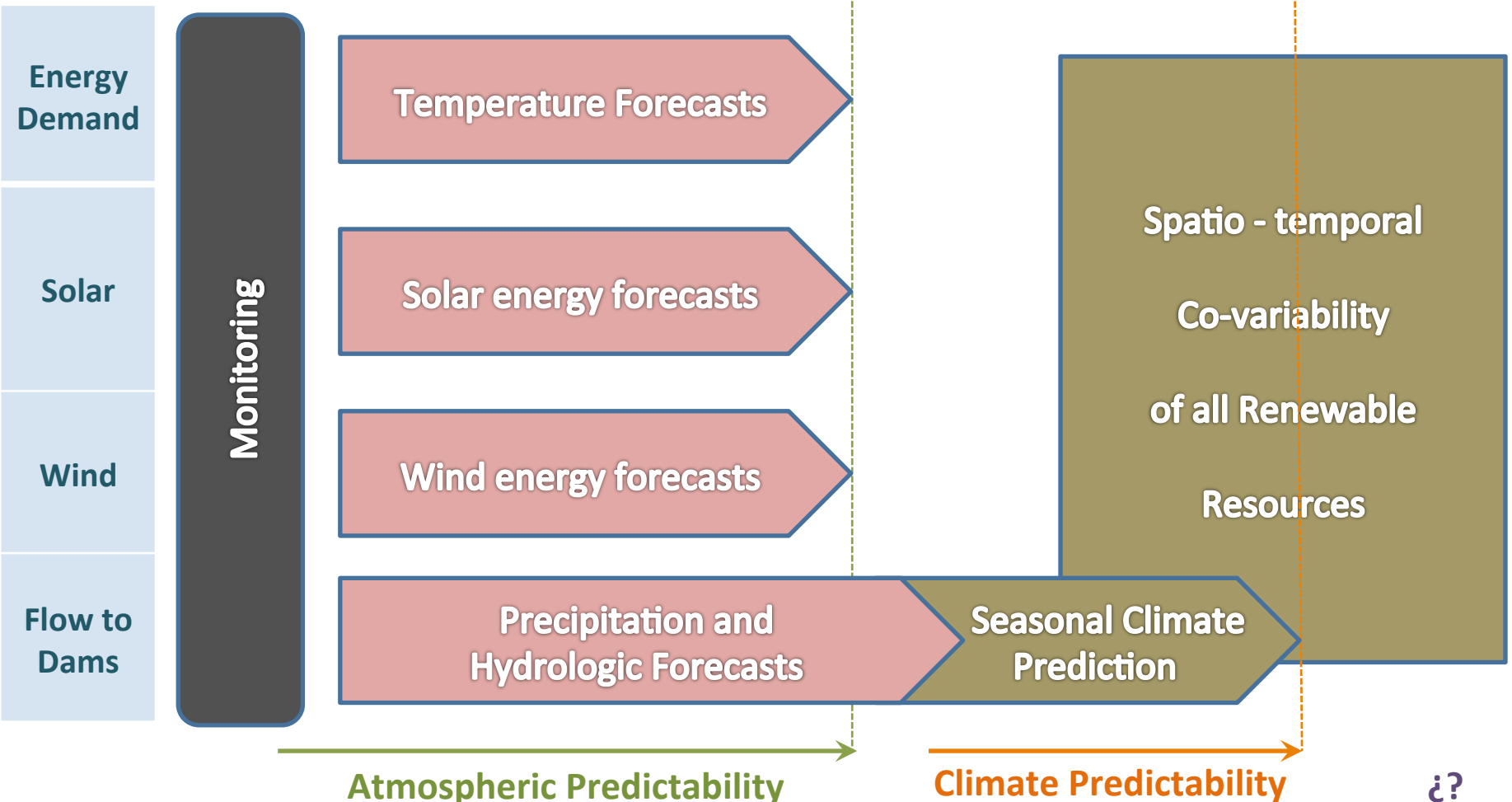
# Integrated Electric System Simulator SimSEE



# Climate services in support of the electric sector in Uruguay Ahead

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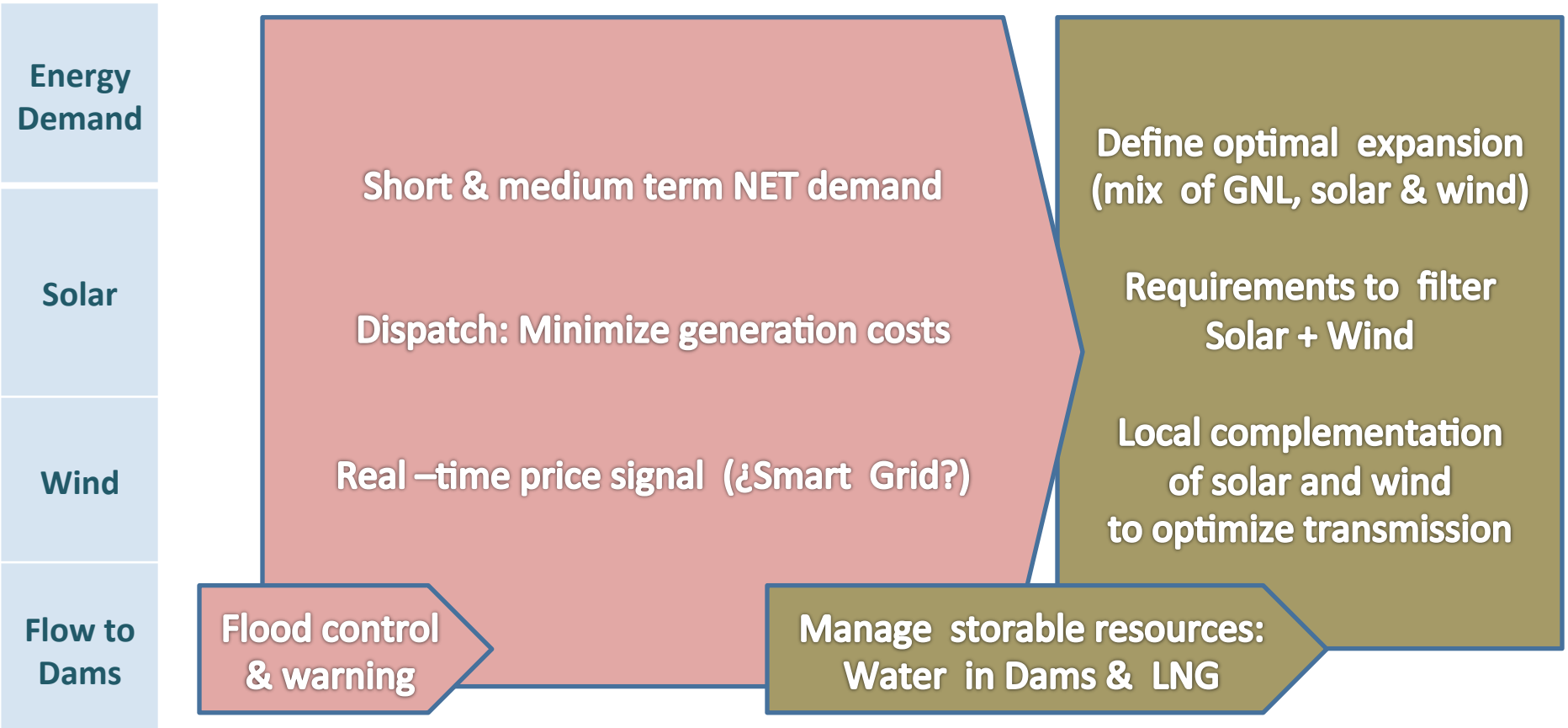
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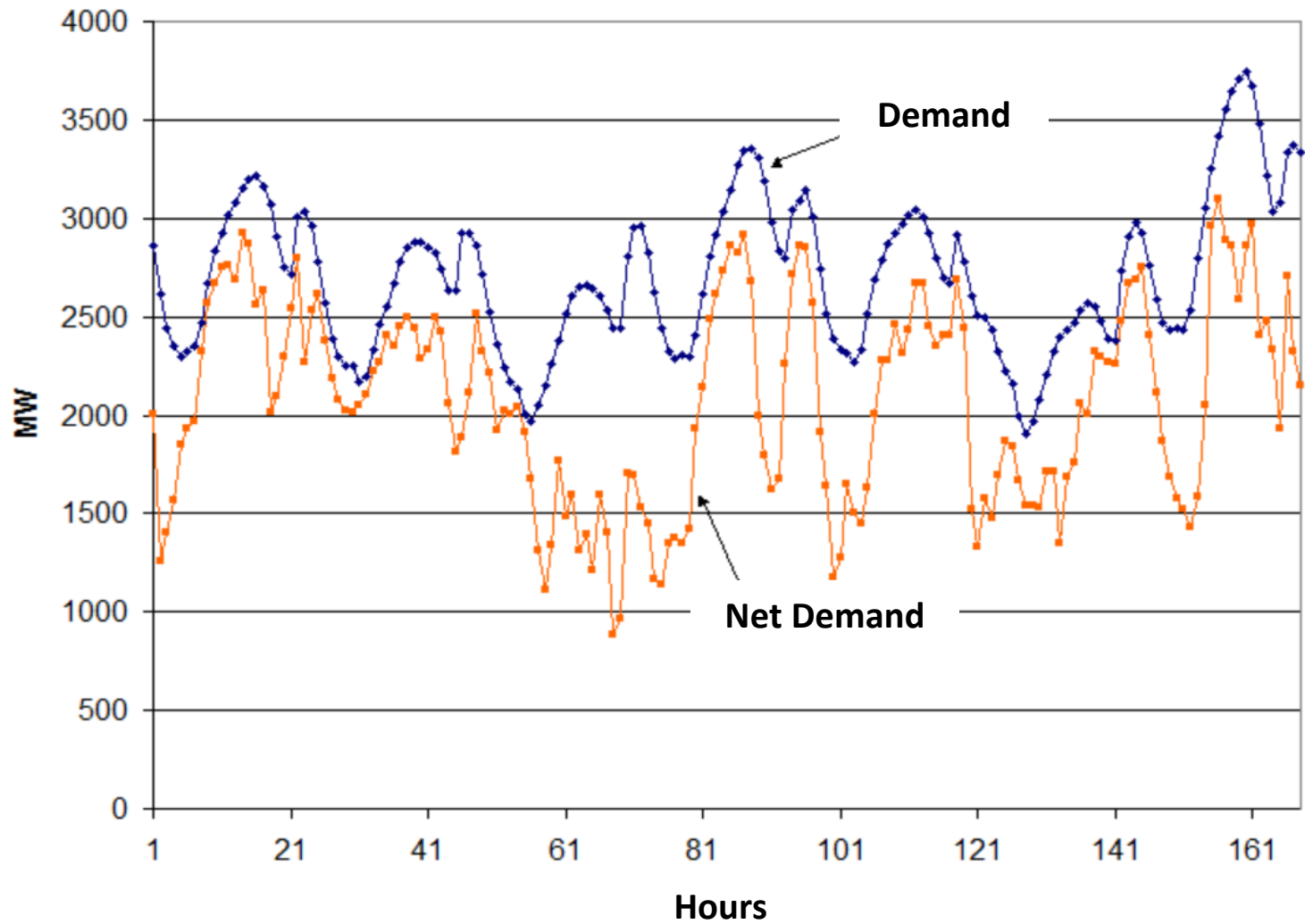
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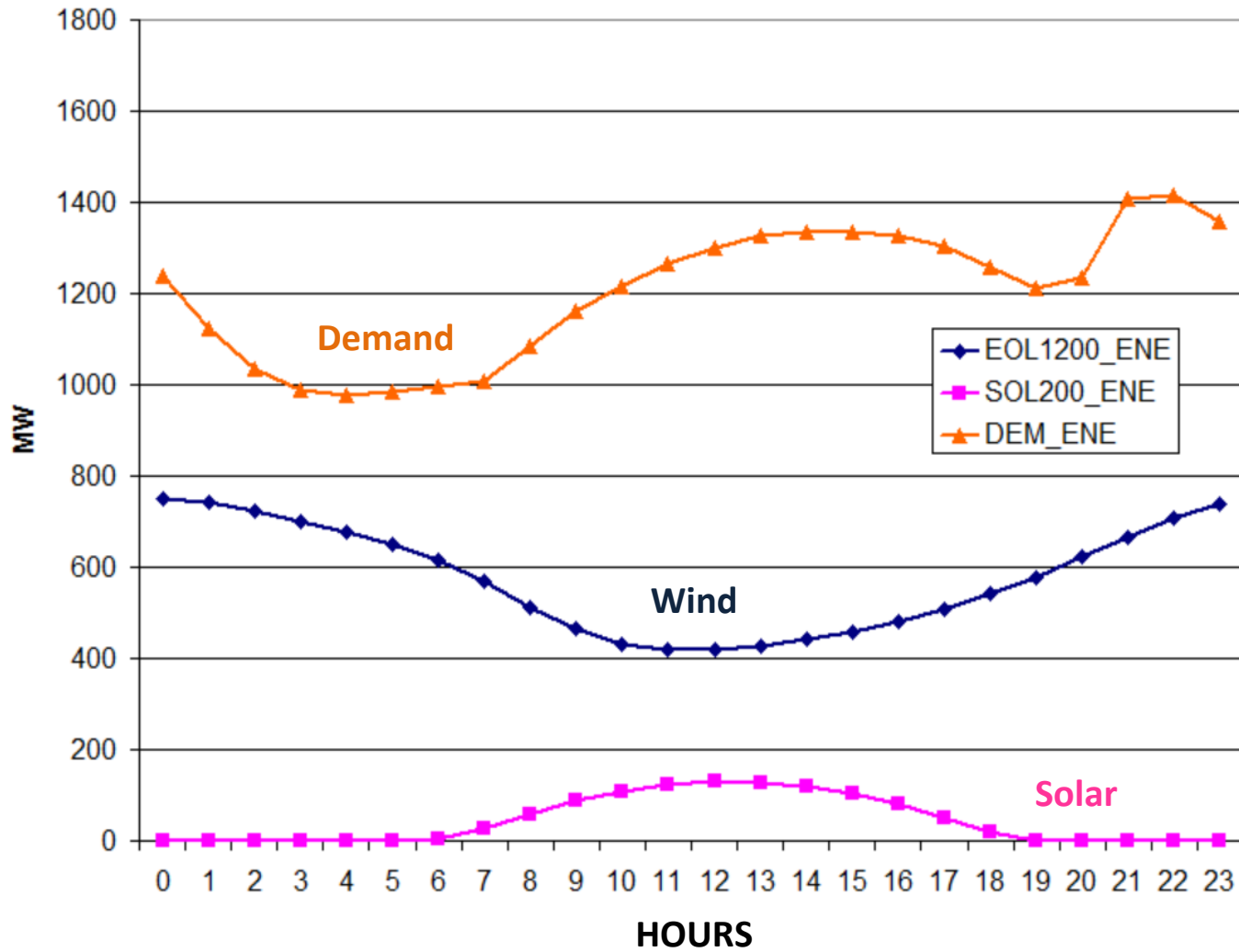
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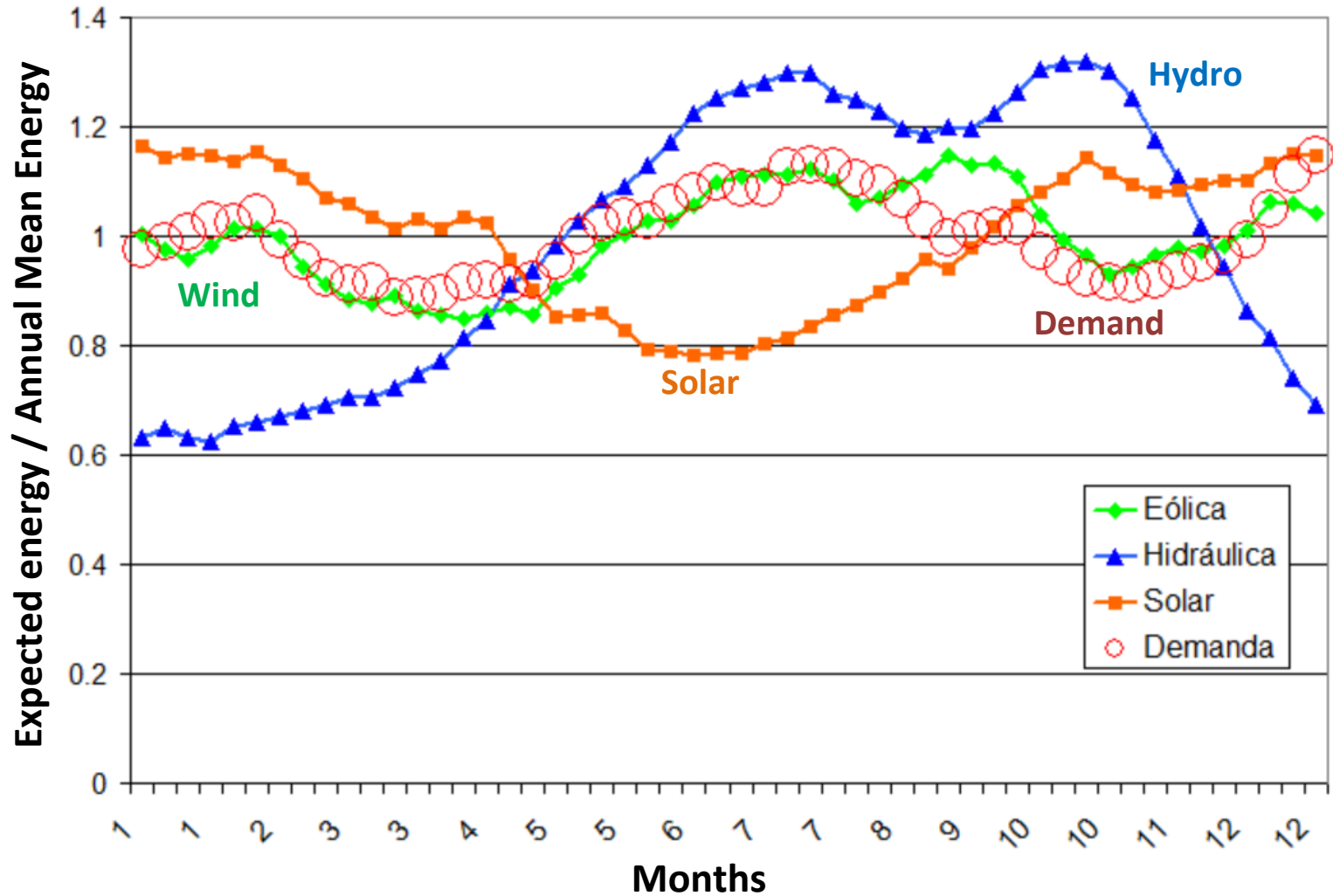
# Example: Demand & Net Demand



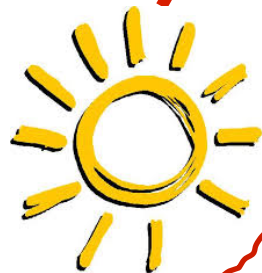
## Example (2): Diurnal Cycle - Summer



### Example (3): Annual Cycle



# Integrated Electric System Simulator SimSEE



1) Stochastic programming  
optimization



Operation Policy (OP)

Value of water as a function of  
**state** of the system

&

2) Simulation with such OP

Both predictive and climatological information is needed

Number of relevant variables  
and time scales has expanded greatly

Co-variability within variables also matters.  
(For dispatch –within the predictability threshold-  
and climatologically to define optimal expansion)

It is NOT enough to have predictions and climate information,  
they need to be “digestable” by the decision making process.

The complexity of the decisions require that all climate services  
be integrated to the Electric System Simulator



i Challenges and opportunities for climate services  
In the energy sector change fast !

Successful developments and implementations  
have one key aspect in common:

Join work between climate scientists and technical staff  
involved in the decisions within an environment of TRUST.

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