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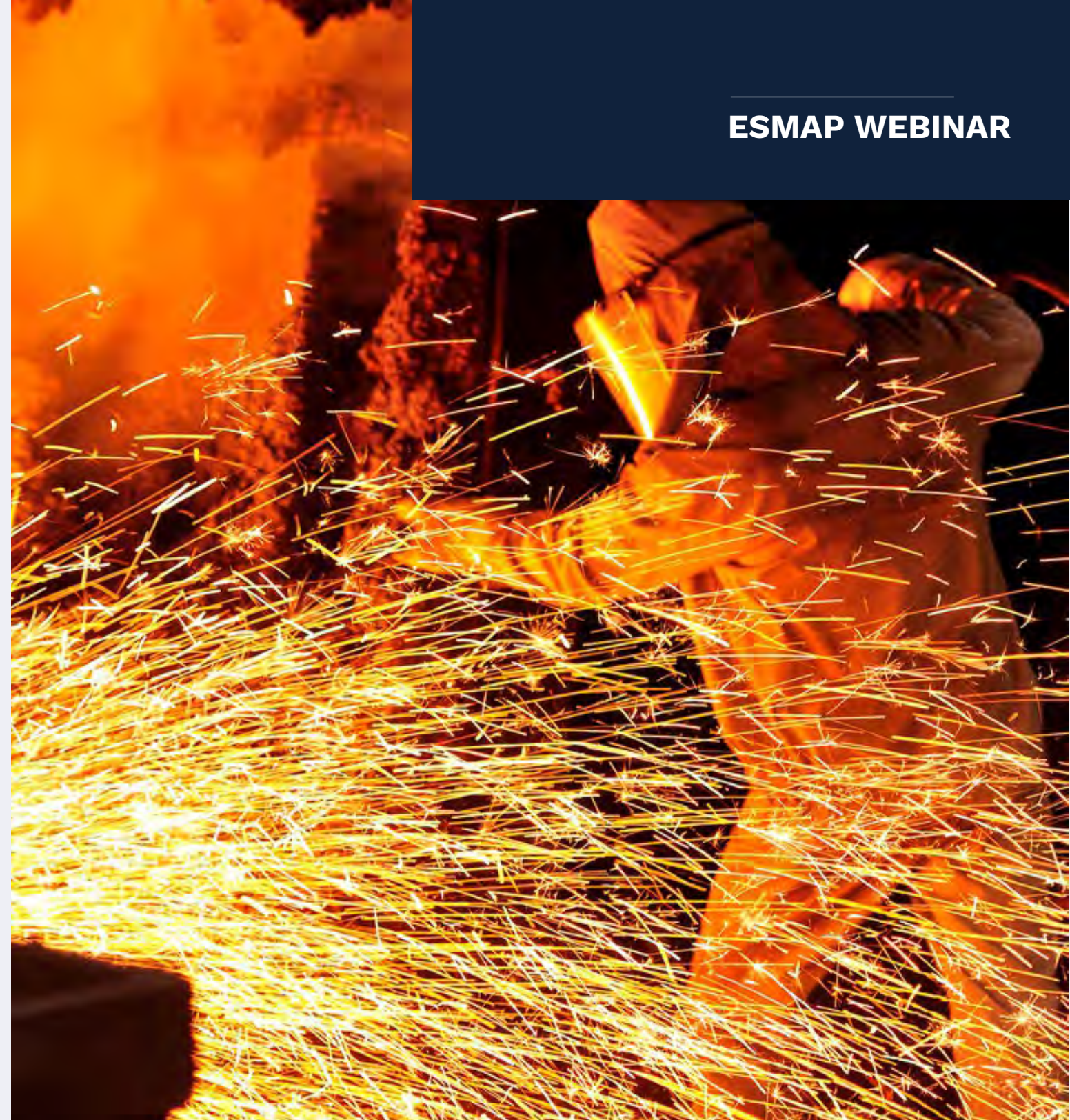
# Design of Wholesale Electricity Markets for Energy Transition

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# KEY QUESTIONS

1. Is design of existing wholesale electricity markets robust enough and compatible with carbon reduction policies?
2. Is the status quo good enough to deliver a decarbonized power system? OR
3. Are there adjustments needed in some of the existing features of a market or to augment the market with some mechanism? OR
4. Do we need a paradigm shift to long term contracts and/or rethink marginal cost-based pricing?



# KEY QUESTION

There are important subtexts to it:

- Multiple market design options – Energy Only (EO), Energy Only with (Frequency Control) Ancillary Services (E+AS), Capacity and Energy (E+SM), Capacity, Energy and Ancillary Services (E+AS+CM), etc setting aside cost based pools
- Does one of these in fact perform better than others in a carbon constrained world? [Prices go up? Prices go up and down a lot? Excessive market power? System becomes unreliable?]
- What kind of system security risks do we need market designs to “cover”?
- [Standard (n-1)? Fast acting VRE related risks that can exceed (n-1)? Slow acting but even bigger risks like hydro or wind drought?]

# What we would like to discuss today...

- A methodology to test if some of the popular market designs are vulnerable to price volatility, market power and security risks, especially under a carbon constraint
- Some results from a couple of case studies that we have conducted so far
- Hear your views on the methodology and the findings and also additional case studies that can be put to test!

# Methodology: Market Design Lab

- Modular structure to be able to add capacity and frequency control ancillary services (FCAS) markets to have 1, 2, or 3 commodities with the demand curves
- Calibration is essential to ensure prices and dispatch align with observed behavior
- Core Cournot model can be augmented with a bid preparation heuristics, market clearing engine, capacity expansion and reliability simulation models

Linear demand curves for Capacity, Energy/Generation and FCAS and Contract Levels

*Calibrate the demand curve parameters and contract cover against observed dispatch/prices*

Multi-year Cournot model to co-optimize capacity, dispatch and FCAS decisions using a NLP model

Equilibrium (spot) prices, capacity and dispatch outcomes

# Methodology: Cournot Model (Energy Only Market)

$i$	Generating company
$j$	Node
$\Omega$	Association of genco and nodes
$\Theta$	Connected pairs $(j, j')$
$Y_j$	Net injection to node $j$ (MW)
$q_i$	Generation by $i$ (MW)
$X_{i,j}$	Genco $i$ feeding node $j$ (MW)
$F_{j,j'}$	Physical flow from node $j$ to node $j'$
$\alpha_j, \beta_j$	Linear demand equation parameters
$C_i$	Marginal cost of genco $i$ (\$/MWh)
$F_{j,j'}^{max}$	Transfer capability (MW)
$X_i^{max}$	Max generation capacity (MW)

Maximize,

$$\sum_j [\alpha_j - \frac{1}{2} \beta_j Y_j] Y_j - \sum_i q_i C_i - \sum_{i,j} \frac{1}{2} \beta_j X_{i,j}^2$$

S.t. ,

$$\sum_{(i,j) \in \Omega} X_{i,j} + \sum_{(j',j) \in \Theta} F_{j',j} + \sum_{(j,j') \in \Theta} F_{j,j'} = Y_j$$

$$q_i = \sum_{j=1}^M X_{i,j}$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^M X_{i,j} \leq X_i^{max}$$

$$F_{j,j'} \leq F_{j,j'}^{max}$$

$$q_i, X_{i,j}, Y_j, F_{j,j'} \geq 0$$

# Methodology: Cournot Model (Capacity & Energy)

And the model can be extended to include TWO commodities (suffix e for energy and c for capacity) to maximize the joint social welfare from both commodity markets:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \max_{X^e, X^c, F} \sum_{j, y, t} & \left\{ Y_j^e(y, t) P_{e, j}(y, t) - \sum_i c_i^e q_i^e(y, t) \right\} \\
 & - \sum_{i, j, y, t} \frac{1}{2} \beta_j(y, t) (X_{i, j}(y, t))^2 \\
 + \sum_{j, y} & \left\{ Y_j^c(y) P_{c, j}(y) - \sum_i c_i^c q_i^c(y) \right\} \\
 & - \sum_{i, j, y} \frac{1}{2} \bar{\beta}_j(y) (X_{i, j}^c(y))^2
 \end{aligned}$$

Add FCAS as a third commodity, related joint production and FCAS constraints, carbon constraints, etc. etc.

# Methodology: Analysis

- Consider alternative scenarios around carbon limits and market design scenarios (EO, E+AS, E+CM, E+AS+CM) as well as extreme scenarios such as very high/low hydro
- Look at the resultant capacity, dispatch, reserve margin and commodity prices outcomes
- Compare the performance of different market design options in terms of price, wholesale cost, emissions and reliability outcomes
- Try to find some empirical evidence as to whether one design performs substantially better than others across a range of scenarios



# Case Studies

- These models were developed as part of World Bank initiatives in Ukraine and Georgia for different purposes, and currently under implementation for India
- In fact, even without energy transition issues, the analytical framework has been valuable to test the market design issues e.g.,

*is a FCAS or capacity market useful to deal with RE variability?*

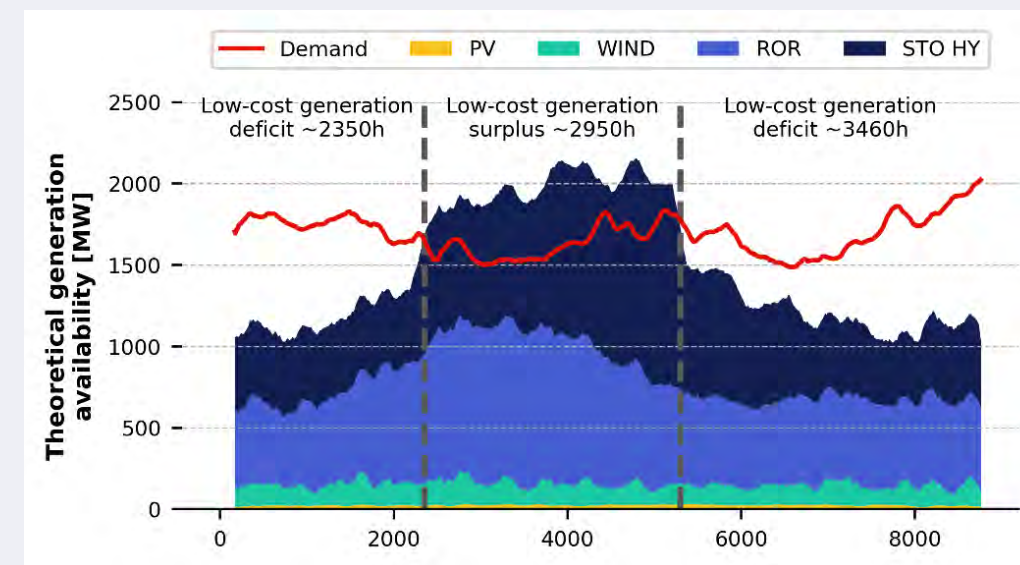
*Would storage be useful?*

*Where should the price cap be set not to choke peaking investments? Would prices in an EO market be highly volatile under different hydrology regimes?*

- The following slides focus on the decarbonization scenarios for three markets (Ukraine and Georgia in Eastern Europe and India)

# Georgia – Key Information

- Georgia recently joined the Energy Community and is required to reform its power sector to comply with the **Third Energy Package** and achieve a deregulated electricity market structure based on the **European Union Target Model**
- Georgia is a relatively **small hydro-dominated market** with a total installed capacity of 4,596 MW, including 3,394 MW of hydropower and 1,181 MW of thermal power plants (TPP).
- **Imports account for 10%** of the supply in 2022, but this value can vary significantly with hydrological conditions.
- Georgia faces two strategic long-term challenges
  1. Improving its security of supply through diversification of import sources and increasing its capacity base;
  2. Meeting the growing demand with sustainable energy sources while keeping a high level of reliability and potentially facing extended periods of severe droughts.

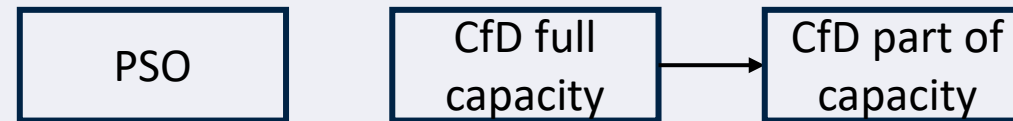


Seasonal availability of low-cost renewable generation in Georgia  
Source: World Bank calculations

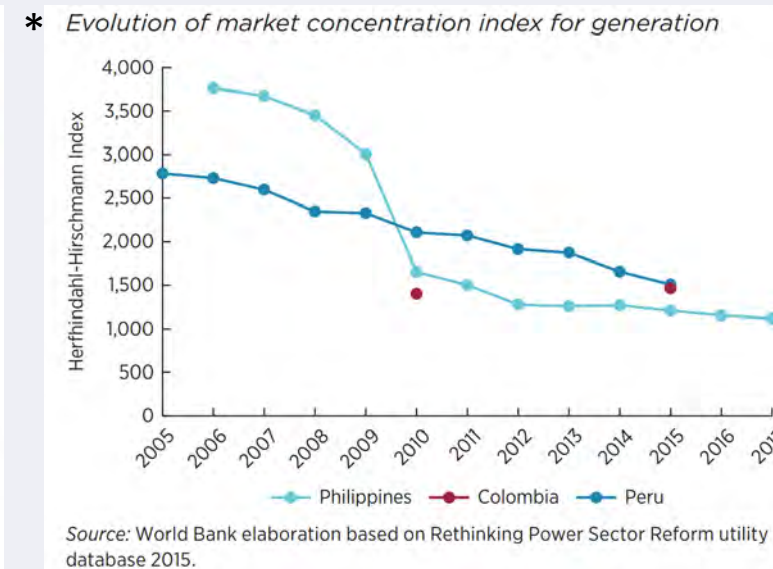
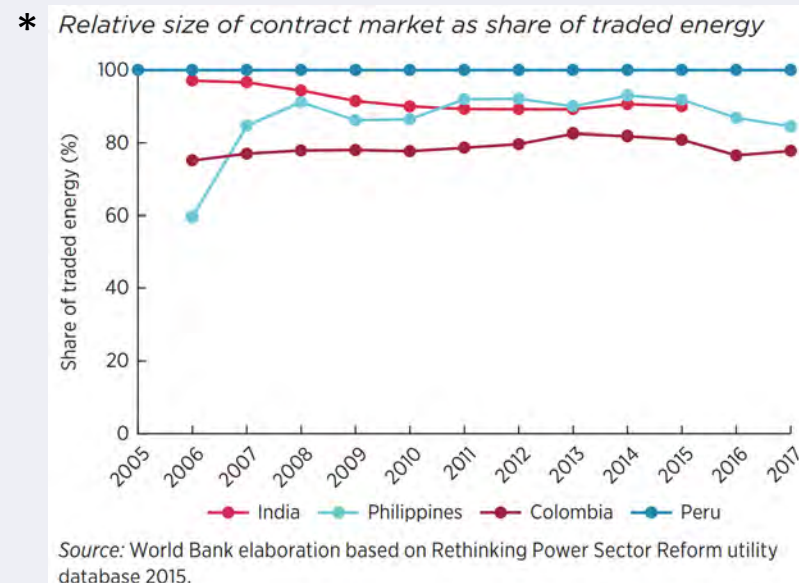
# Georgia – Two Classical Market Reform Features

- Georgia faces two challenges that are often faced by countries launching wholesale markets:
  - The majority of the generation is now subjected to **long-term contracts**, hydropower units, and so-called public service obligations (PSOs).

In the proposed market regime:



- Potential market power concerns** beyond 2027, especially if the system experiences a dry year.



\* Adopted from V. Foster and A. Rana, Rethinking Power Sector Reform in the Developing World. Washington, DC: World Bank, 2019

# Modelled Market Design Options

We test four key market design combinations:

- 1) Energy-only market (EO)** – trading and pricing of electricity based solely on the energy component, without incorporating capacity payments. Reserves are allocated based on fixed, predetermined requirements, and their payments are not included in the objective functions of individual players.
- 2) Energy market with ancillary services co-optimization (E+AS)** - jointly optimize the procurement of energy and reserves, ensuring the reliable operation of the power system.
- 3) Energy and capacity market (E+CM)** - incorporates both energy trading and a capacity market.
- 4) Energy and capacity market with reserves co-optimization (E+AS+CM)**

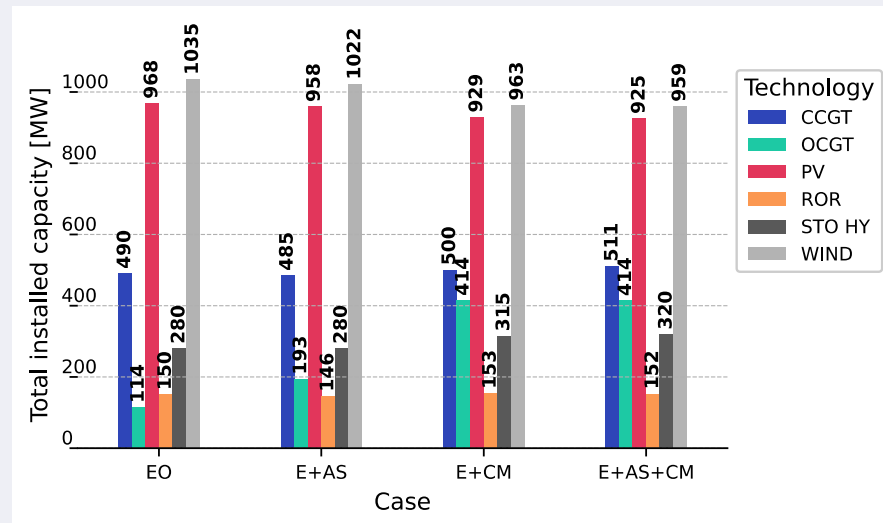
Energy only market

Energy market with  
co-optimization of  
ancillary services

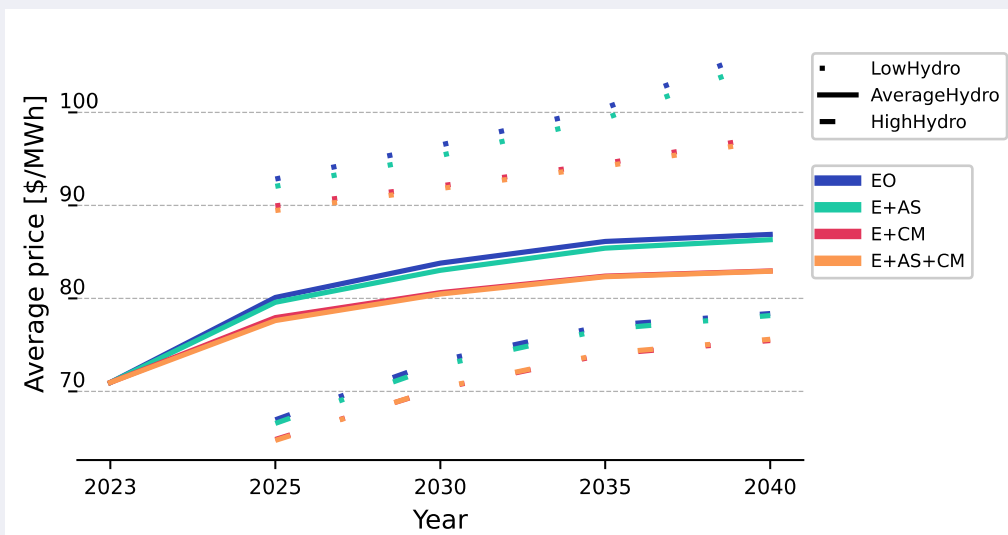
Energy and capacity  
market

Energy market with  
co-optimization of  
ancillary services and  
capacity market

# Georgia – Market Led Capacity Expansion



Cumulative new capacity under various market designs



Annual average energy prices under various designs

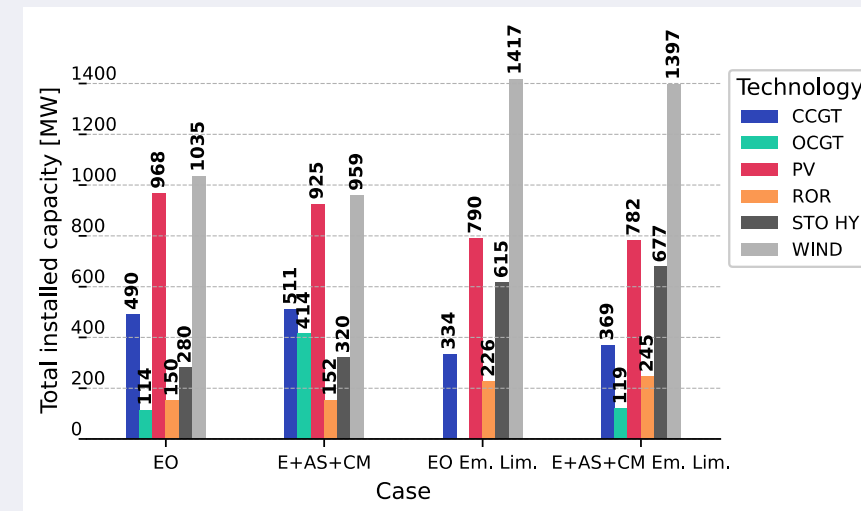
The market-led capacity expansion model presented before allowed us to answer the following questions:

- Are resulting market prices sufficient to support VRE investments?
  - **Yes, to an extent.** Wind and solar technologies are the dominant investments in the system.
- What is the impact on conventional, flexible technologies?
  - Very little influence on CCGT deployment -> **The market is already saturated**
  - OCGT expansion is influenced by the design choice
- How are prices affected by design and hydrological scenario?
  - **CM decreases both energy and AS prices**
  - Hydrology is a crucial determinant of prices.

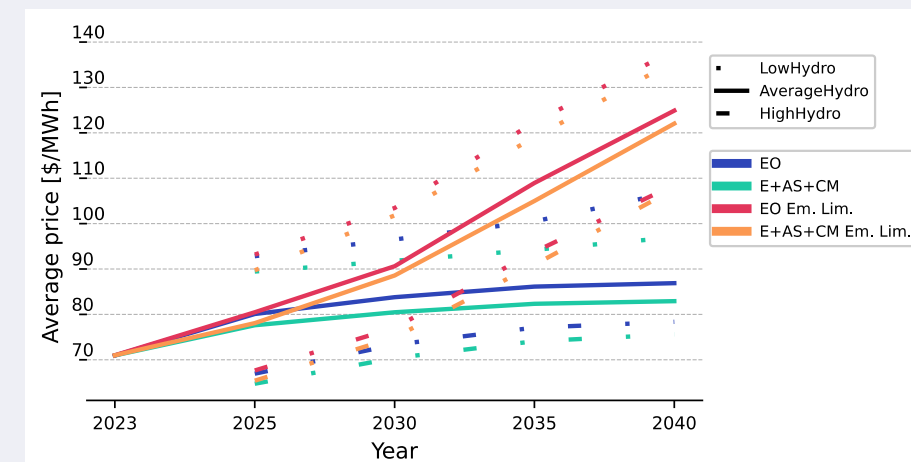
# Georgia – Emission Constrained Expansion

We can force emission reduction by imposing emission limit and trading. Then the following questions arise:

- How are renewable investments affected?
  - A significant **preference for wind power** under emission constraints.
- How are the investments in conventional technologies affected?
  - **Substantial decrease in CCGT** capacity despite their role in reserve provision.
  - OCGTs still appear in the mix for this design option with capacity market and ancillary services co-optimization, **drawing most of their revenues from the reserve and capacity market.**
- How does emission limit affect prices?
  - Increase by 30-40\$/MWh in average prices.



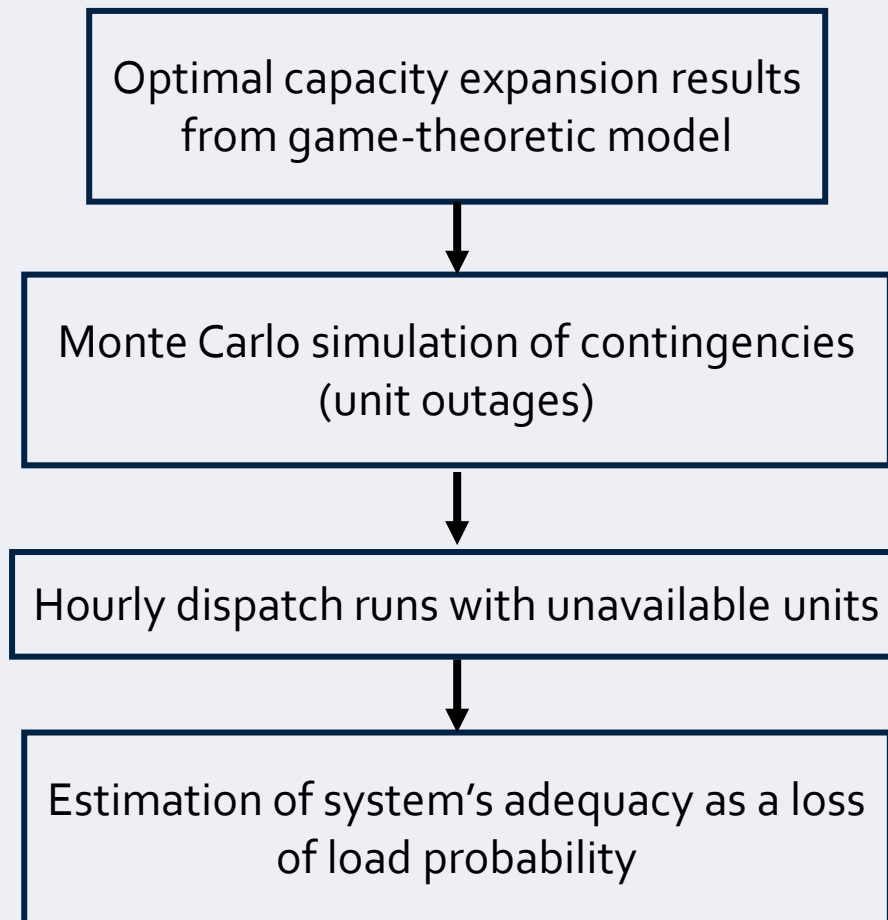
Cumulative new installed capacity with and without emission limits for two selected designs



Annual average energy prices under two selected designs with and without emission limits

# Market designs – How do we test robustness?

Cournot-based capacity expansion model, as it stands, **is not equipped to evaluate a system’s reliability under stress conditions** that could cause supply shortages and price spikes.

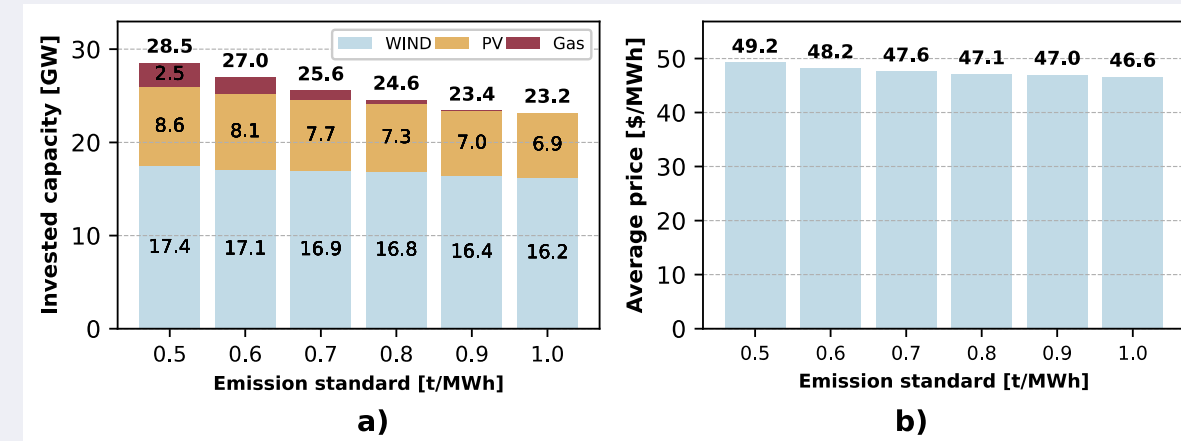


Emission case	Case/Parameter	Low hydro			Average hydro		
		LOLH	LOLP	EEU	LOLH	LOLP	EEU
	Unit	hours	%	MWh	hours	%	MWh
No emiss. Limit	EO	646.05	0.7370	183495	5.62	0.0014	355
	E+AS	423.80	0.4147	103246	7.07	0.0013	317
	E+CM	6.76	0.0006	151	5.10	0.0004	106
	E+AS+CM	11.65	0.0076	1884	4.37	0.0003	72
Emiss. Limit	EO	319.38	0.3651	90905	2.39	0.0001	20
	E+AS	225.37	0.2307	57441	2.18	0.0000	9
	E+CM	88.50	0.0886	22051	6.66	0.0001	18
	E+AS+CM	28.60	0.0249	6205	3.64	0.0001	29

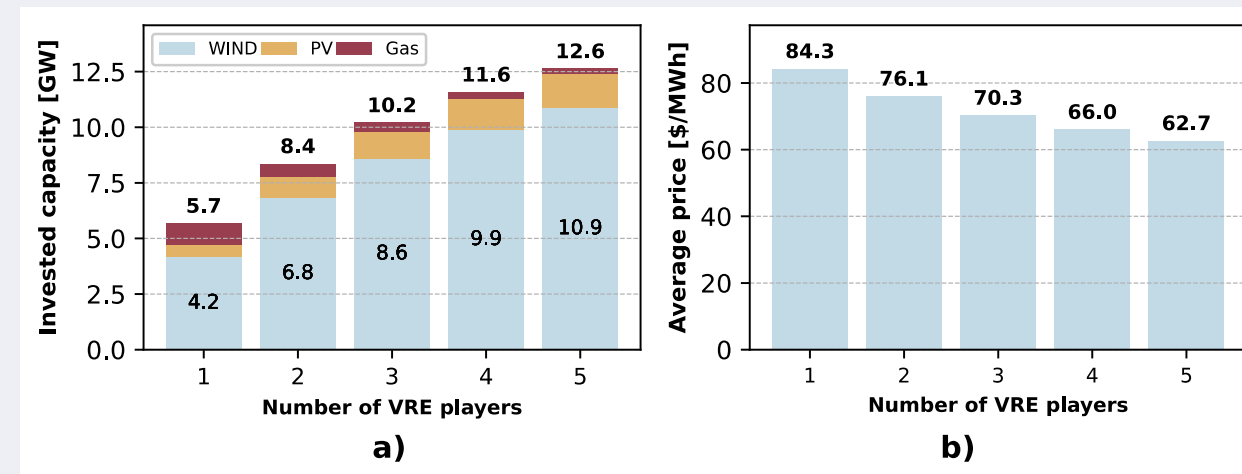
Resource adequacy metrics

# Ukraine – testing policies and competition

- **With carbon pricing, how much would it cost to decarbonize the system?**
  - Ukraine can reach very substantial decarbonization depth while staying below **\$50/t** for carbon and compromising with maximum **\$8/MWh** increase in average market prices.
- **What is the impact of alternative environmental policies?**
  - Performance-based permit-trading policy incentivises not only VRE but lower-carbon conventional units as well.
- **How does competition affect the uptake and prices?**
  - Between one and five investors, prices decreased from \$84.3/MWh to \$62.7/MWh, while total investment increased from 5.7GW to 12.6GW.



Impact of emission standards on total investments (a) and average prices (b).



Impact of the number of investors on total investments (a) and average prices in 2040 (b).

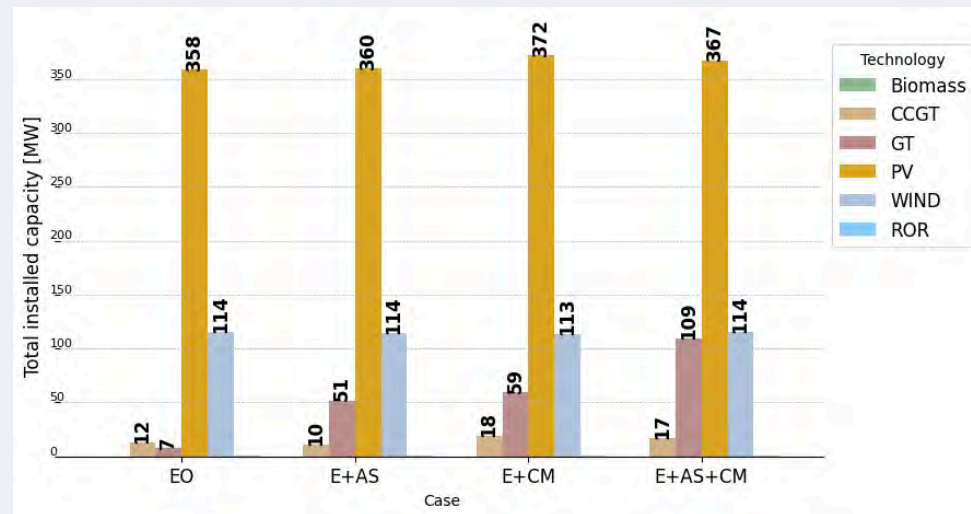


# India – testing policies and competition (work in progress)

- Similar setup as for Georgia, but for multi-zonal Indian wholesale market.

## Key result 1

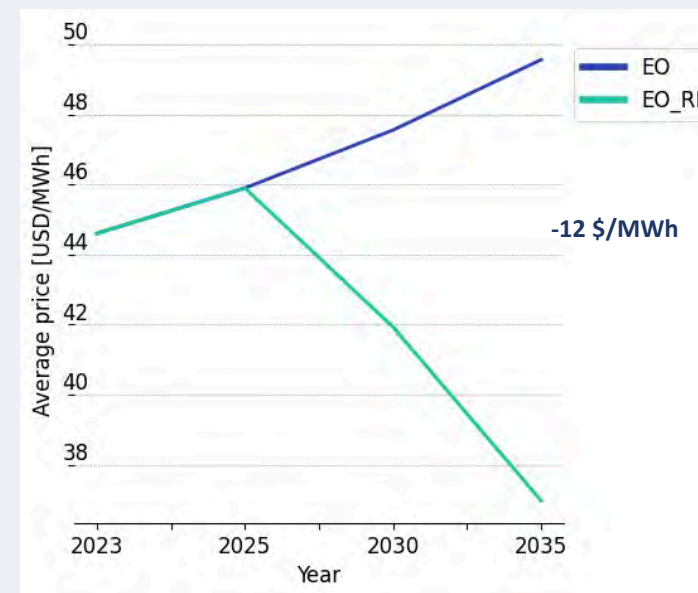
Adding co-optimization of the market leads to greater gas development and can substitute part of the role of the capacity market.



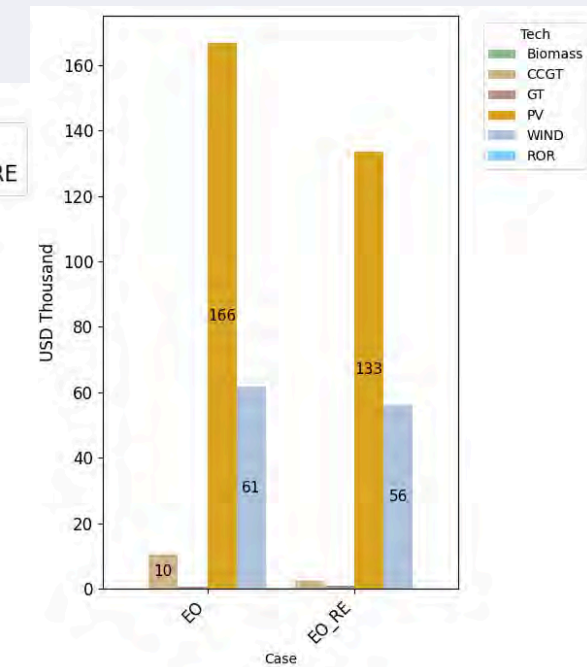
Total new capacity installed depending on the market design

## Key result 2

Out-of-market uptake of VRE decreases price, and diminishes market-based revenues:



Average annual price depending on the policy



Total participants profit

# Discussion on the methodology

- Since starting this stream of work three years ago, the **body of literature significantly expanded**. However...
- Many proposals are still mainly conceptual, while the **methodologies** to test alternative designs **are unclear**. The application of novel market modeling techniques common in the US, Australia, and Europe, is nearly **non-existent in the developing world context**.
- **Application of models is essential** as the answer is unlikely to be the same across vastly different systems. The market performance will depend on a series of country-specific contexts, including systems size, current energy mix, political dynamics, or state of market regulation.
- Our **Market Design Laboratory** shows the advantages of these models in answering some of the most crucial questions in the regulator and policy space, including the big ones:

Could better designed electricity markets help drive decarbonization?

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# Some posed questions we were able to answer:

1. Asked in: Georgia; Asked by: System operator  
Question: Is there a risk of inadequacy with energy-only market design?  
Answer: YES! LOLP high under energy-only design. Additional revenue streams needed.
2. Asked in: Georgia; Asked by: Ministry of Finance  
Question: What are the factors affecting fiscal risks of the market opening?  
Answer: Gas prices and hydro availability could put financial stability into jeopardy.
3. Asked in: Ukraine; Asked by: International observers.  
Question: Is there an exercise of market power?  
Answer: YES! Least-cost prices on average 11\$/MWh higher.
4. Asked in: Ukraine; Asked by: World Bank.  
Question: How will the new proposed storage affect AS prices?  
Answer: Price decrease of 35% with 1000MW unit.
5. Asked in: India; Asked by: Central Electricity Regulatory Commission.  
Question: What are the impacts of market coupling?  
Answer: Lower price and volatility, higher liquidity.

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