

Solar forecasts and their integration in the management of energy systems

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Agenda TwinSolar Workshop on Solar Forecasting

Morning

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09:30	Introduction and Overview of solar irradiance forecasting models (Elke Lorenz)
10:00	NWP and satellite-based solar forecasting (Elke Lorenz)
10:30	Coffee Break
10:45	High-resolution shortest-term forecasting with all sky imagers (Nils Straub -> Elke Lorenz)
11:30	From irradiance to PV power forecasting (Elke Lorenz)
12:00	Lunch

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12:00	Lunch
13:00	Recap and questions (Elke Lorenz)
13:15	Use of probabilistic forecasts for energy management in La Reunion (Josselin Le Gal La Salle)
13:45	Forecast based energy management (Arne Gross)
14:30	End of workshop

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Presentations: 30 – 45 Minutes

Questions and/or small tasks for the audience during presentations

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Please do not hesitate to ask and comment

- **if you want more details**
- **if something is not clear for you**
- **If you have any comments**

Introduction, motivation and overview of forecasting models

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- 2. Applications**
- 3. Overview of forecasting models**

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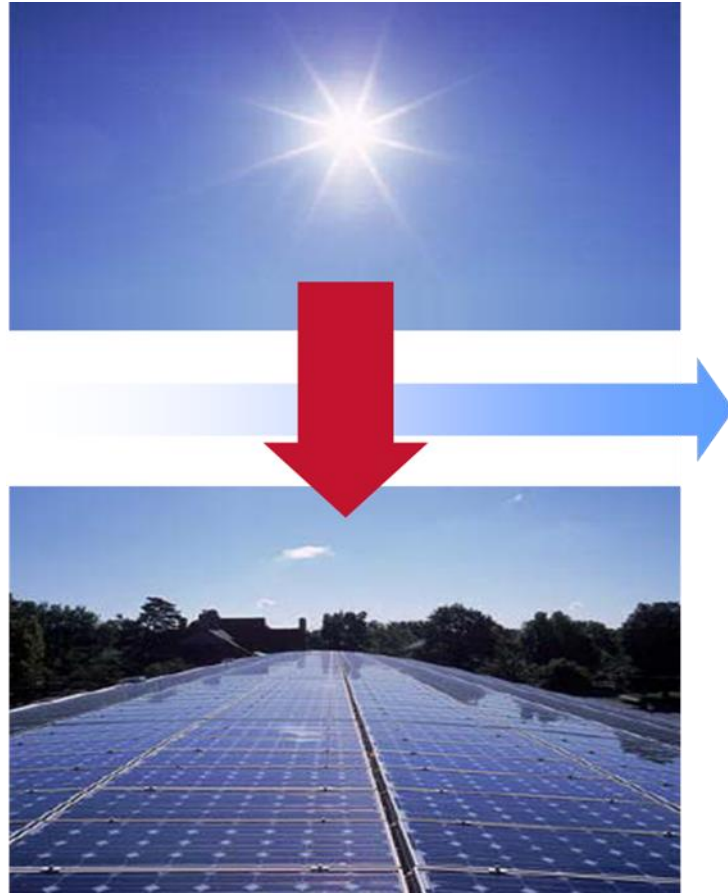


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Conventional power plants:

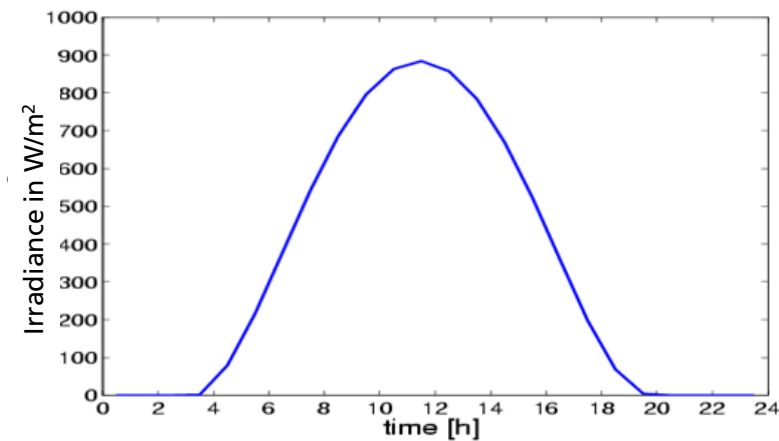
- Controllable
- Demand driven:
adaptation to given load profiles easily possible
with a suitable mix of power plants

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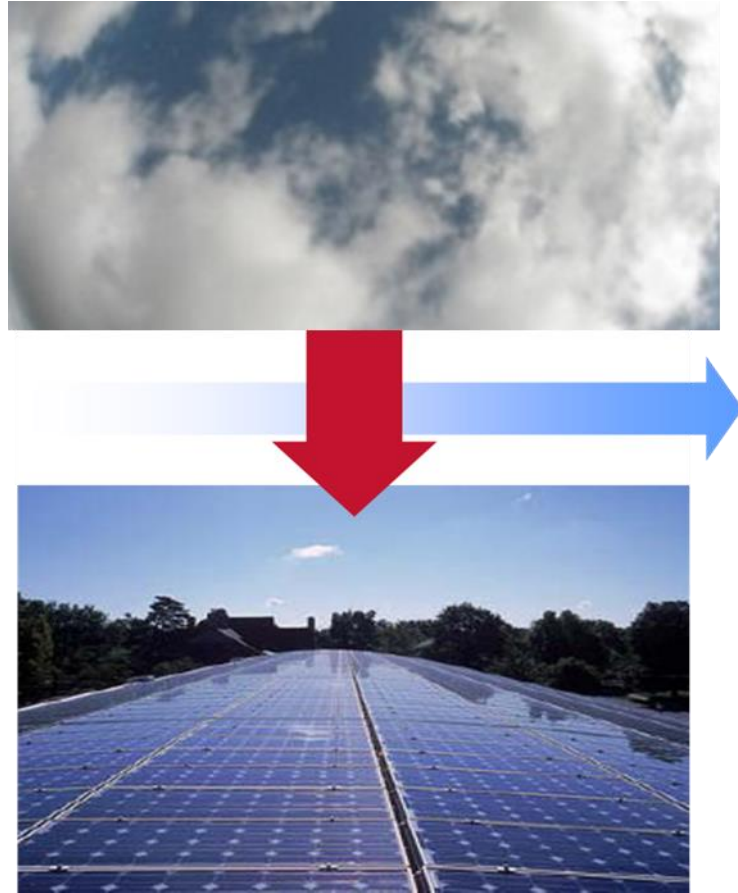
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- Deterministic daily and seasonal course of irradiance



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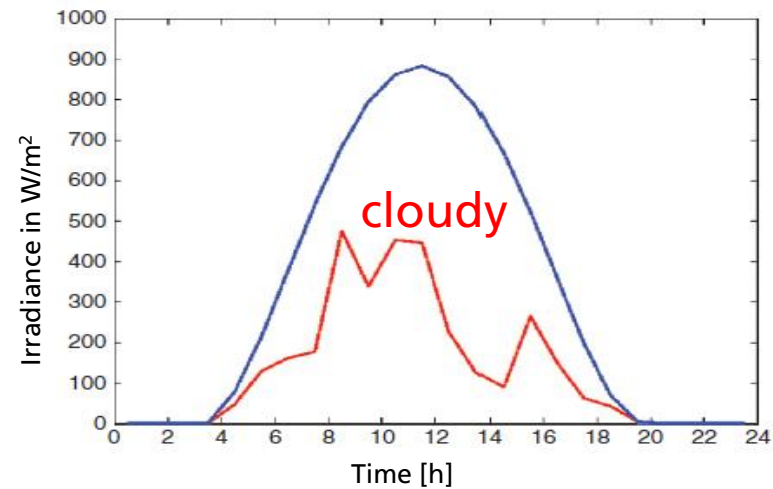
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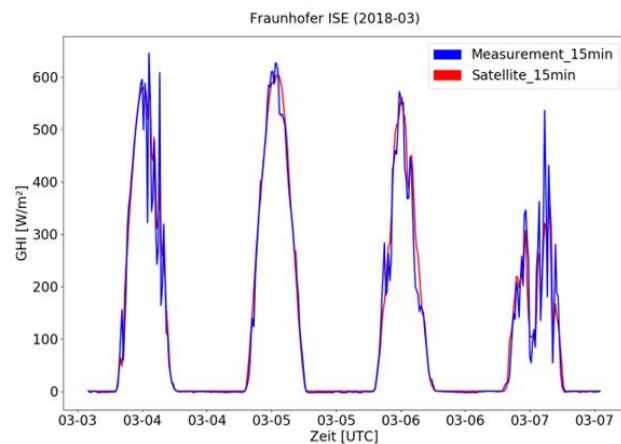
- Supply driven
- Deterministic daily and seasonal course of irradiance
- Weather dependent



Variability of solar power

An important – and new – constraint for the future energy supply system is the **variability of production rates**.

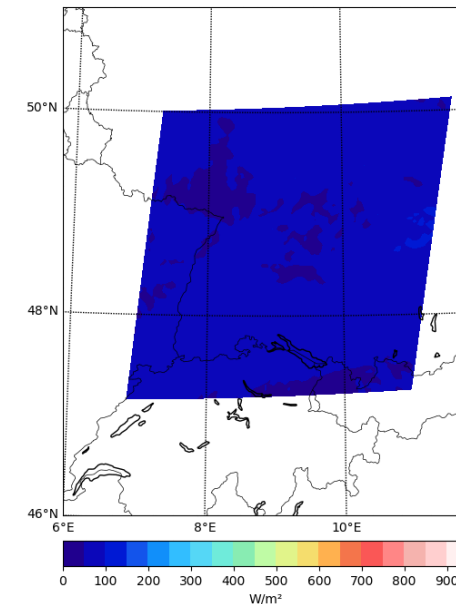
temporal variability



Information on solar irradiance is essential

➔ for efficient integration of solar energy to the energy supply system

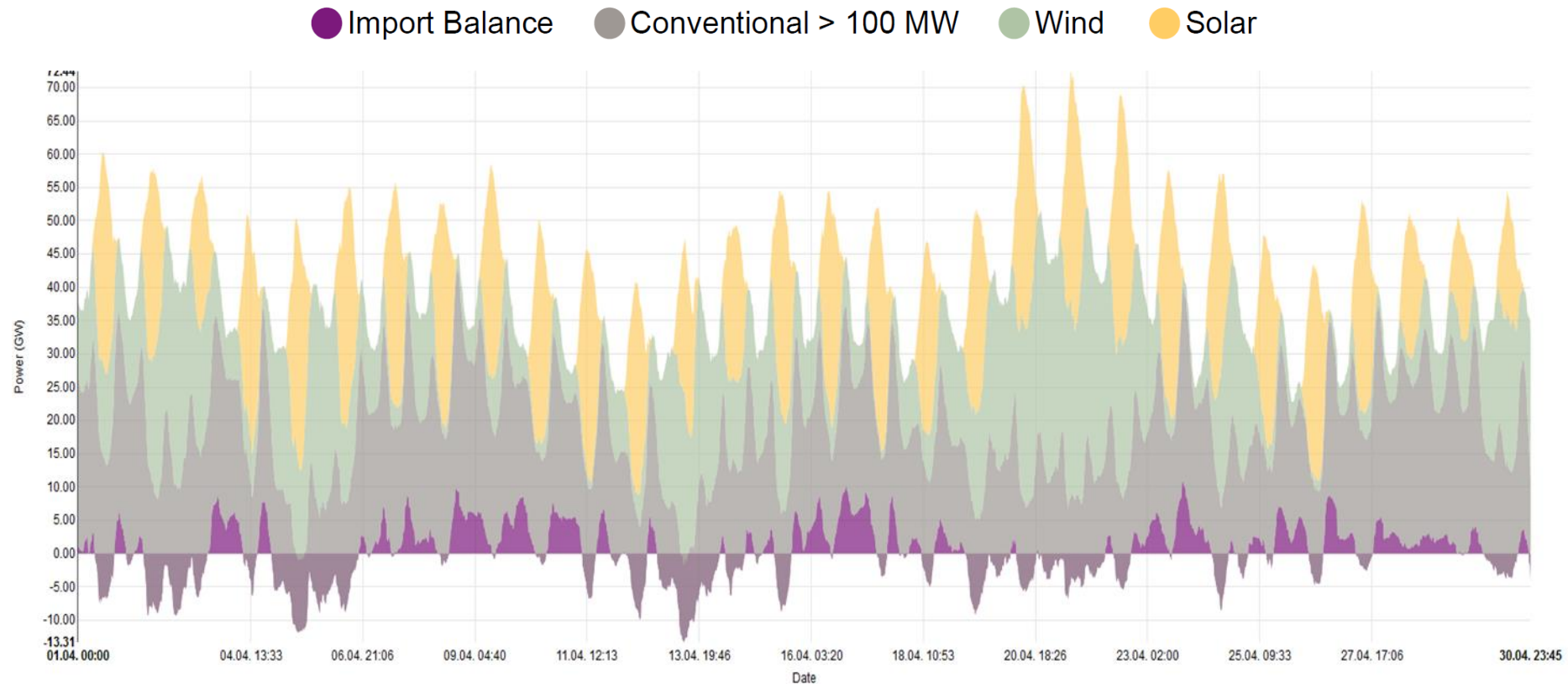
spatial variability



Irradiance maps for state of Baden-Württemberg

Contribution of PV power in Germany

Electricity generation in April 2020

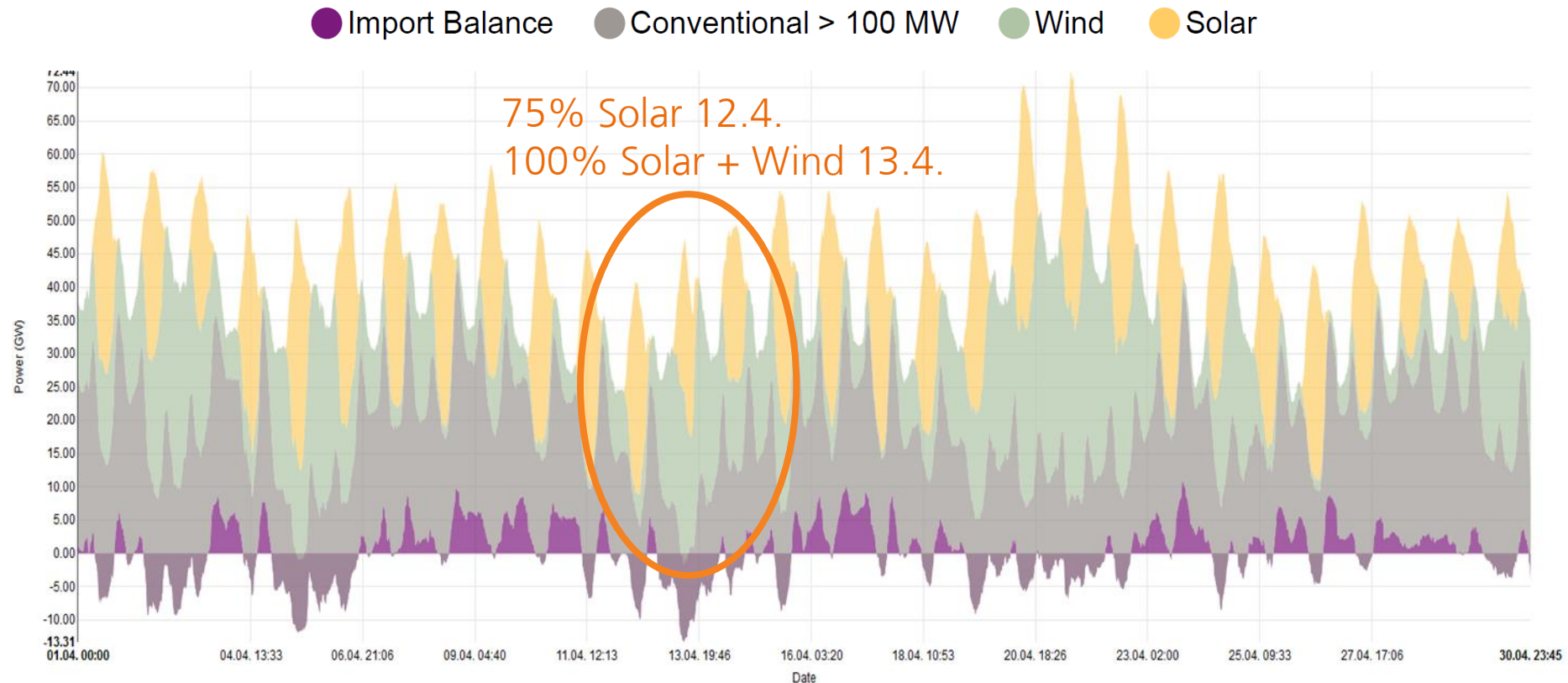


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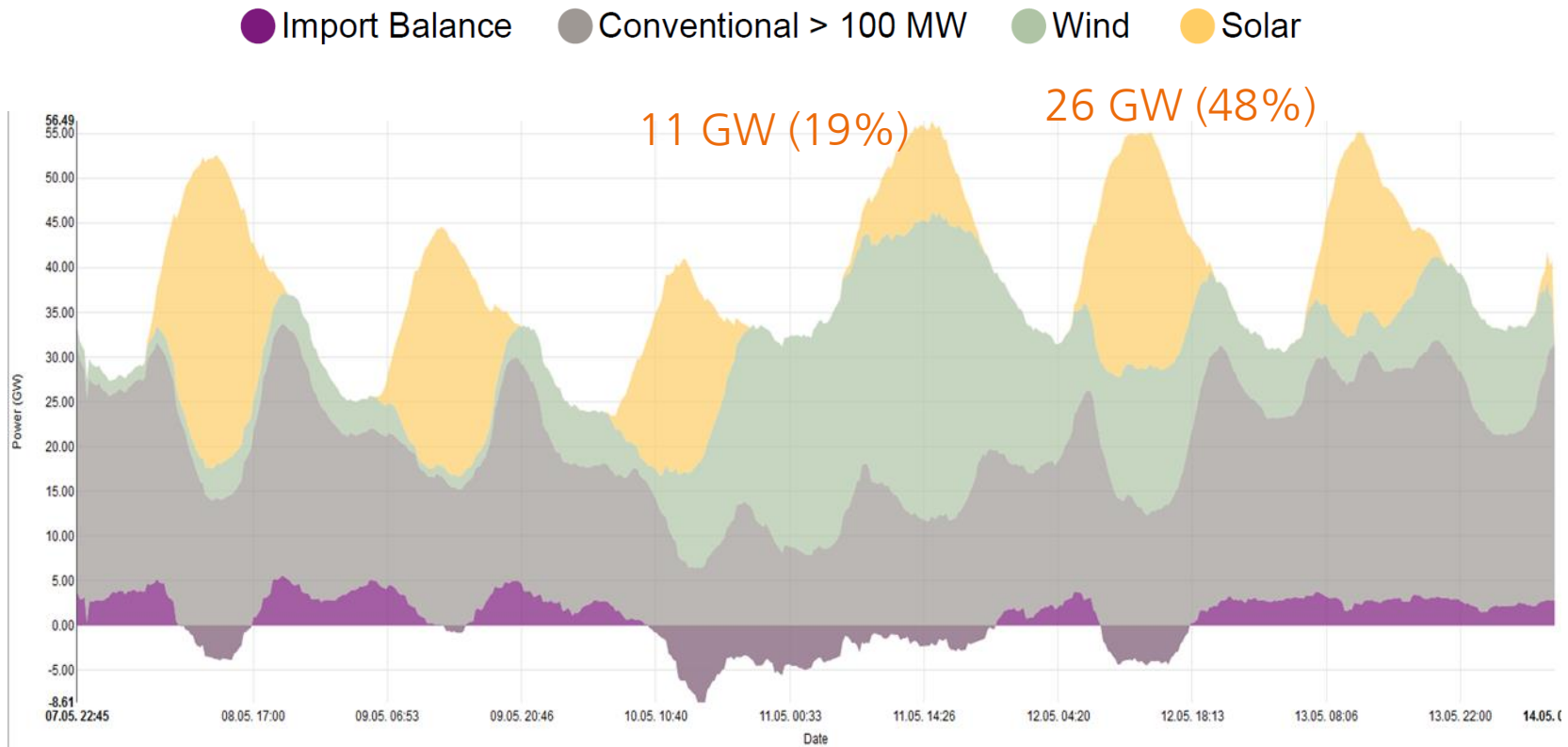


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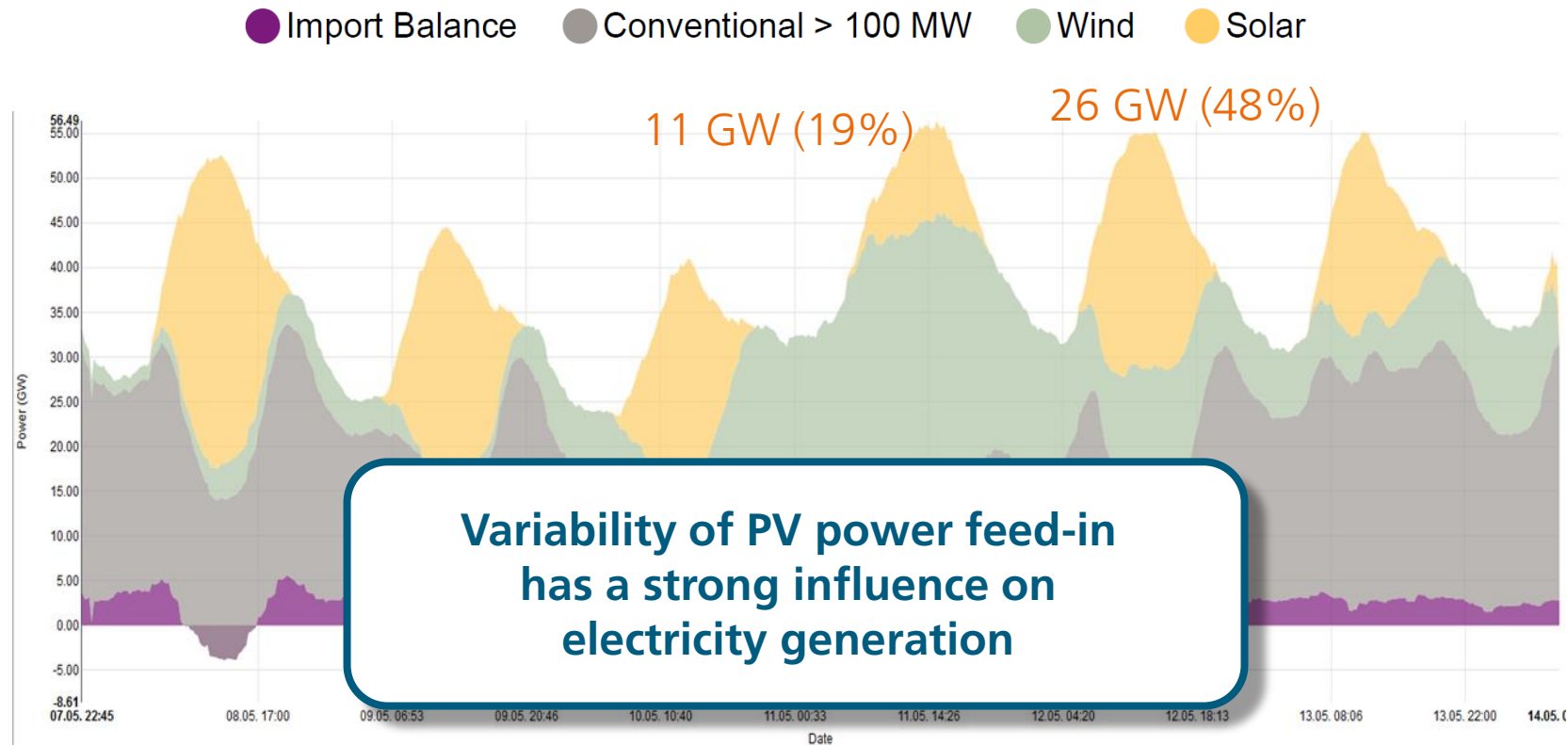


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- One of the main task of RES integration consists in maintaining constantly a balance between generation and demand

- Estimates and forecast of the regional PV power generation are needed to maintain an equilibrium between generation and demand

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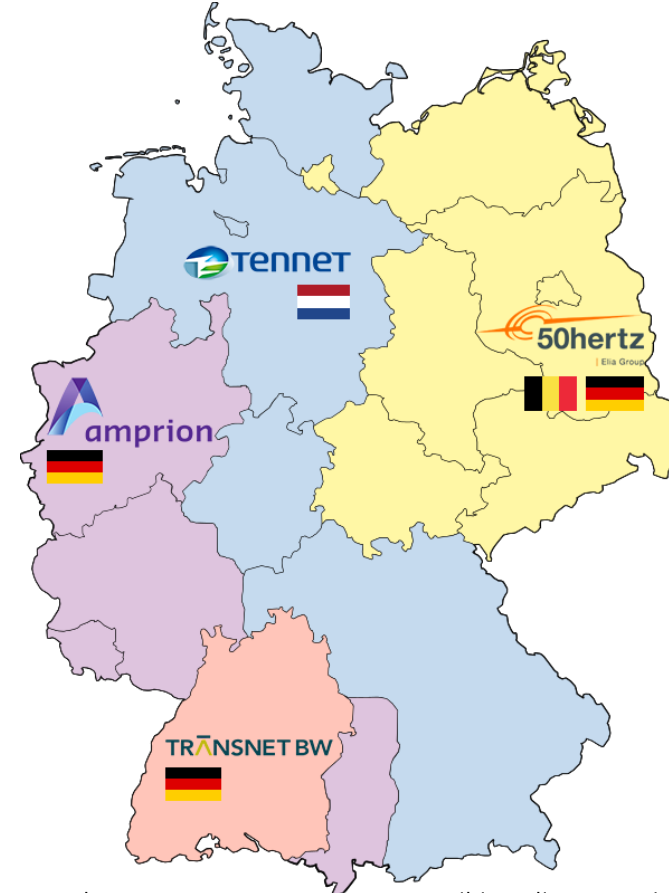
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by Transmission System Operators

Regional forecasts



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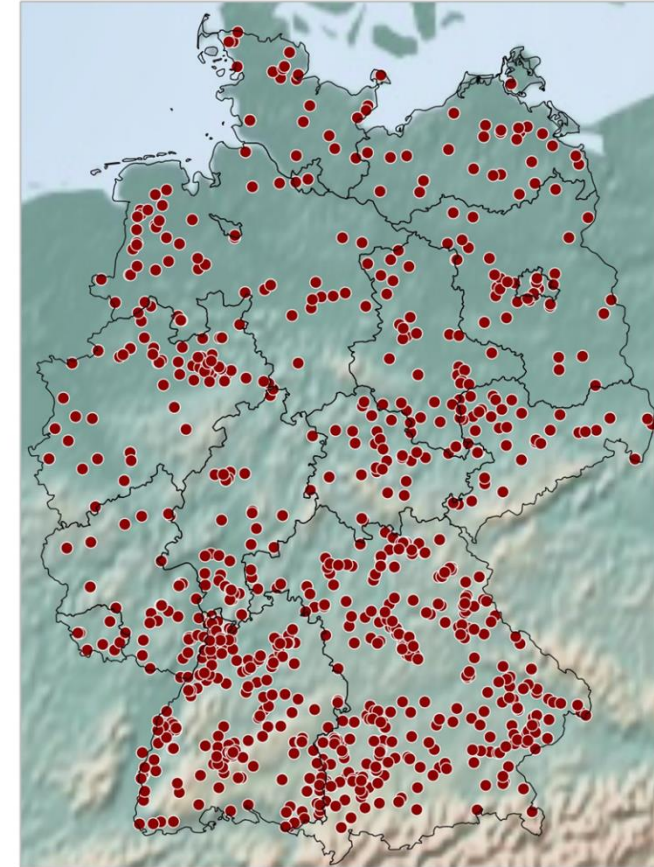
Regional forecasts

Direct marketing

Forecasts for single PV plants

Virtual power plants

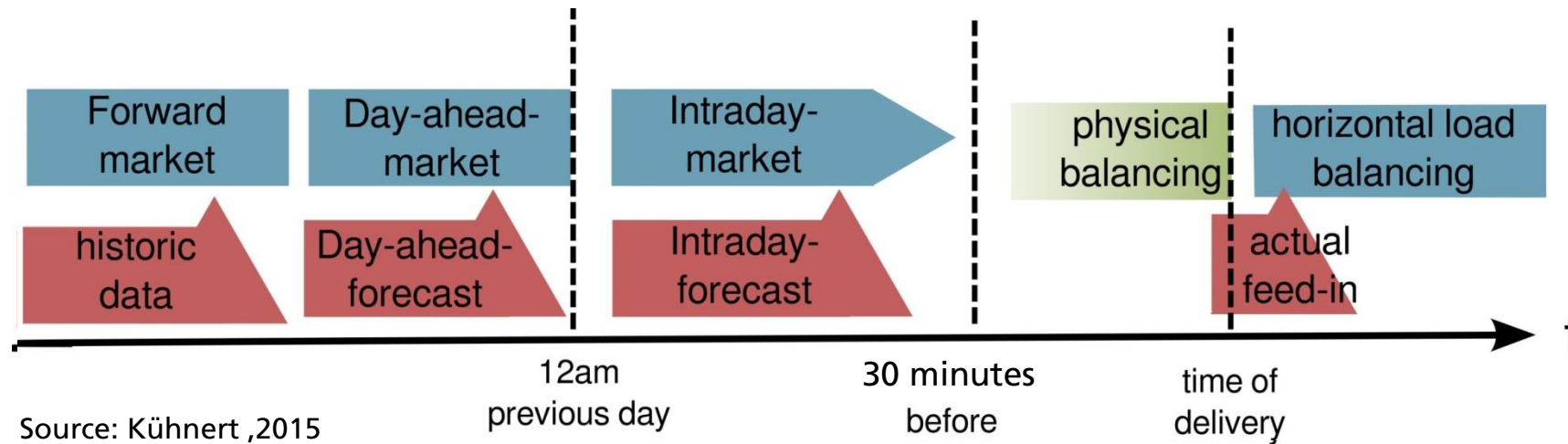
Forecasts for clusters of distributed generation systems



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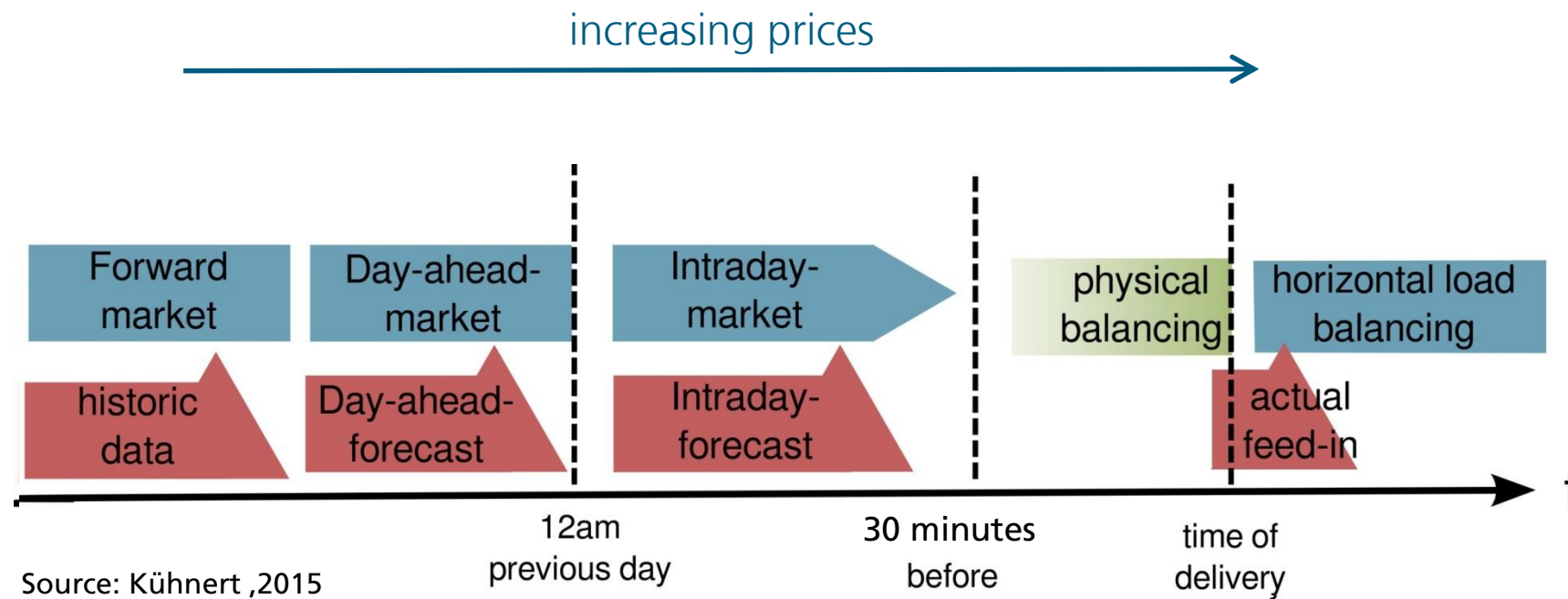
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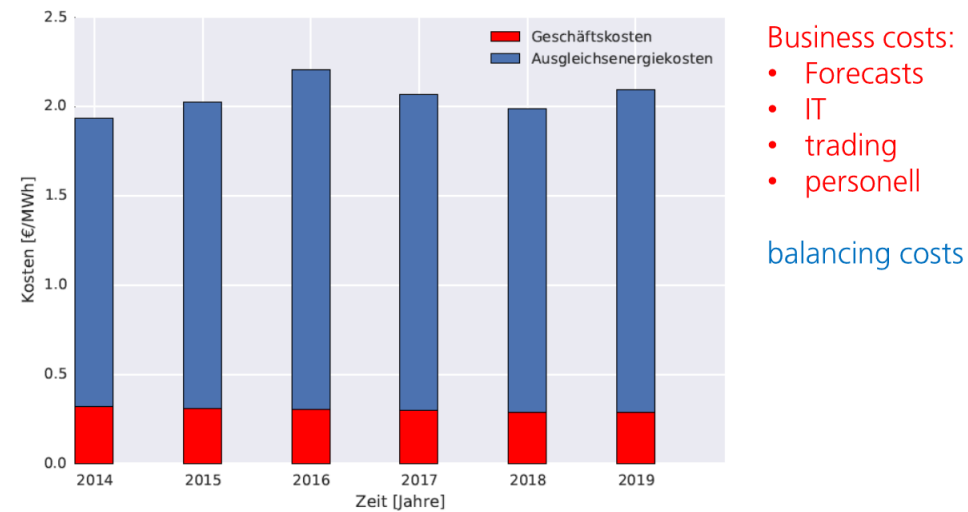
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Cost distribution for direct marketing Example: AMIRIS Simulation over 6 years

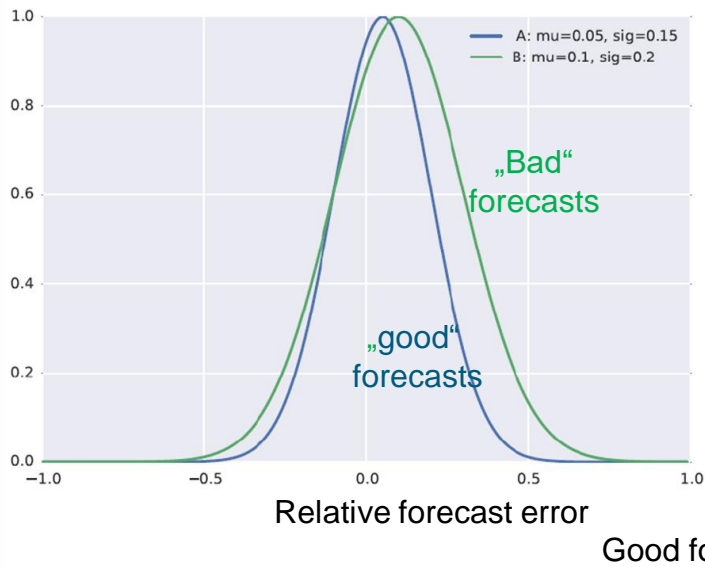


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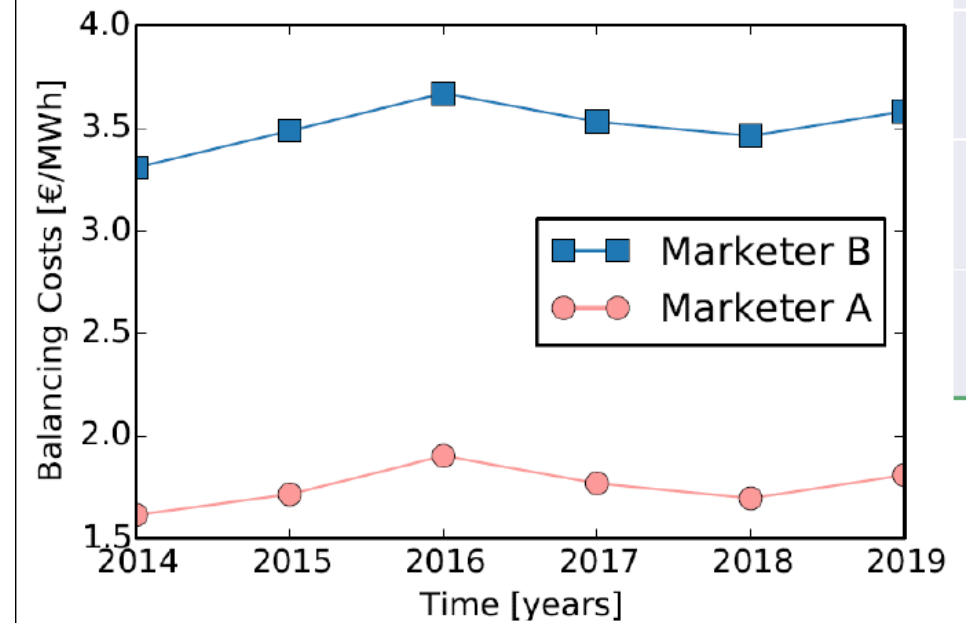


Costs for balancing power

Influence of forecast quality on balancing costs Example: AMIRIS Simulation over 6 years



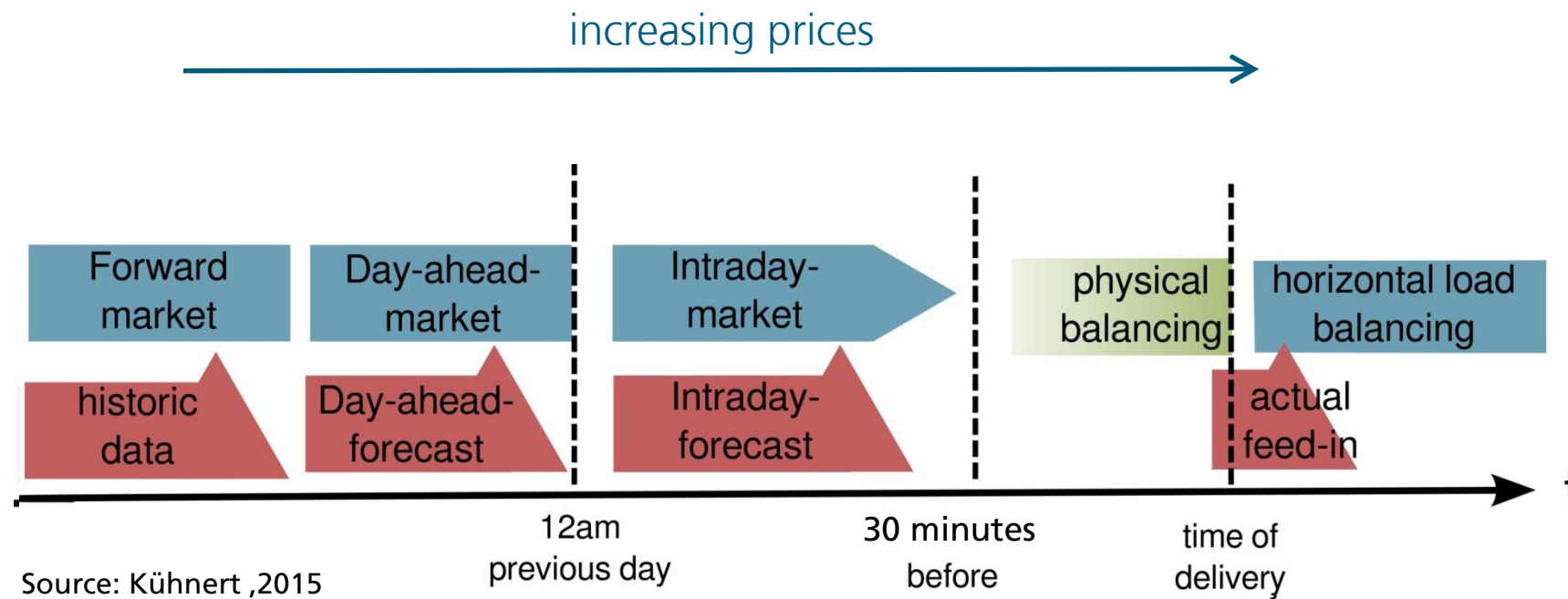
- Artificial forecasts: Measurements + random errors with a normal distribution
- Mean values and variance describe forecast quality



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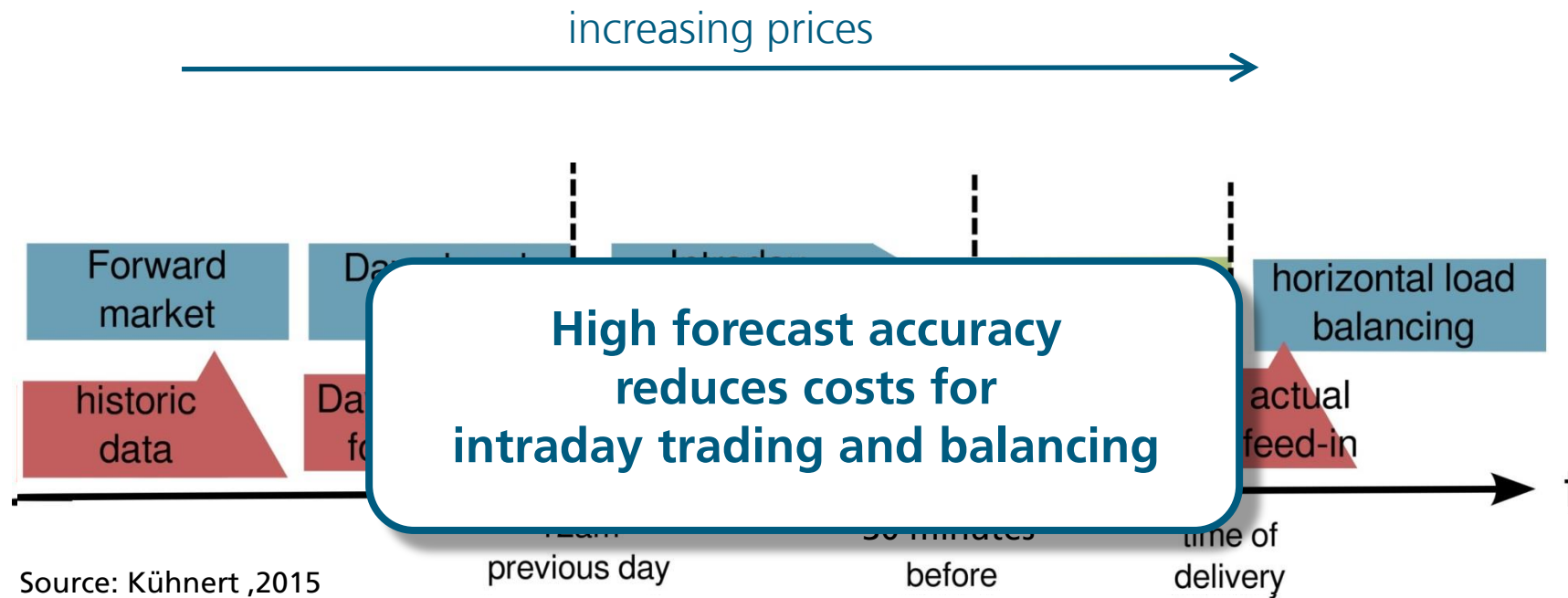
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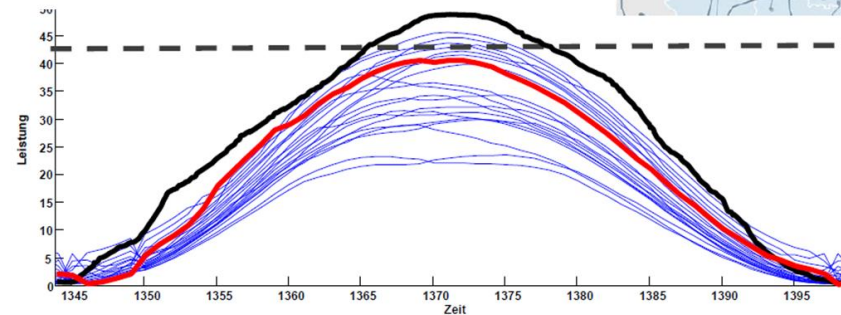
Congestion Management

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Congestion management and forecast uncertainty

- Congestion of power line ?
- Deterministic forecast -> No
- Reality -> Yes
- ≡ Probabilistic forecast /scenario: -> 10% probability

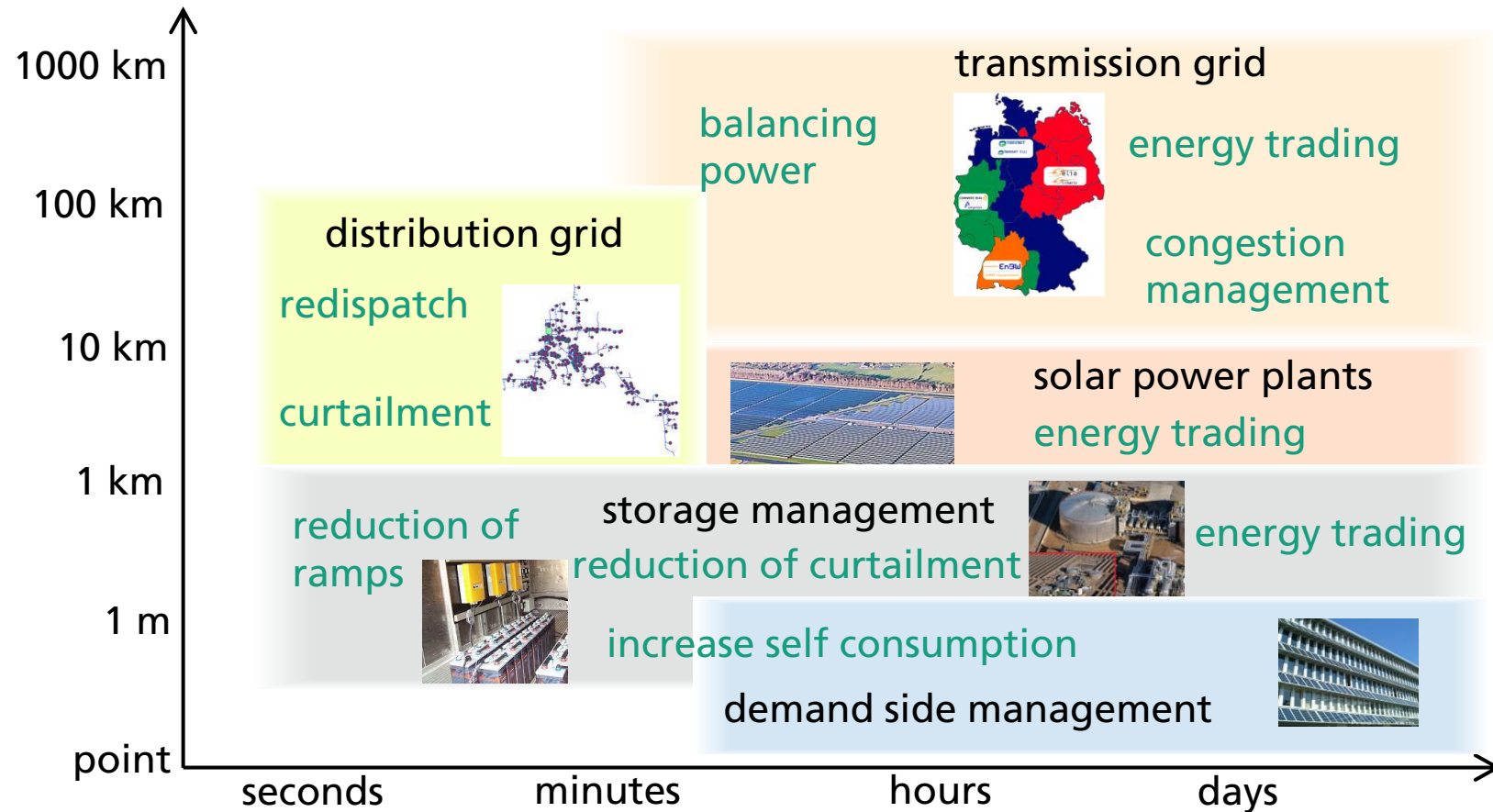
Überlastung mit 10%
Wahrscheinlichkeit !!
10% probability
for congestion!



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Solar power forecasting for energy management and system integration



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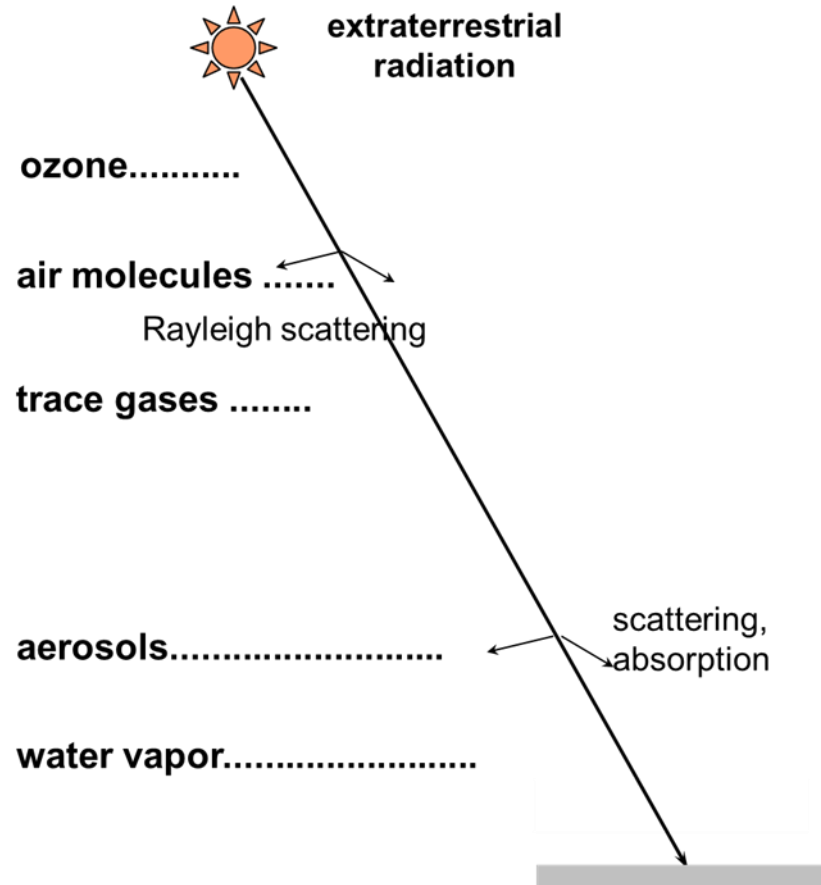
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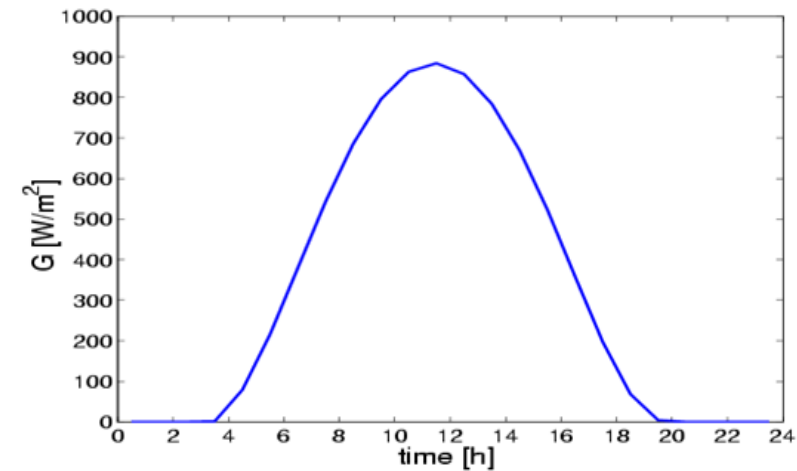
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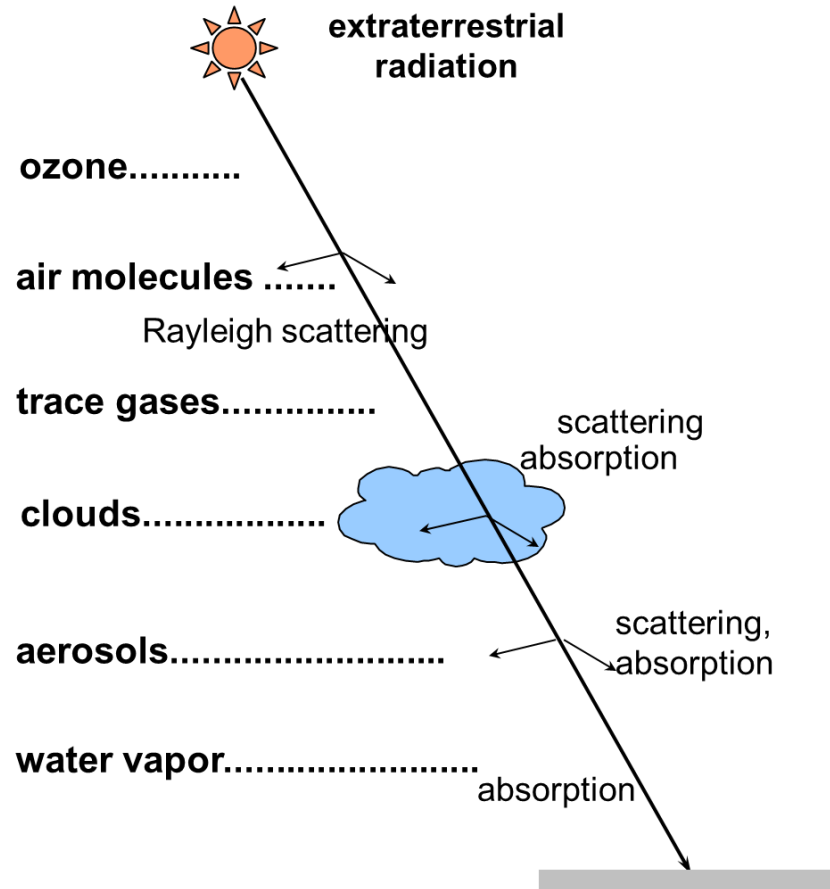
Clear sky irradiance

- Daily/Seasonal course
- atmospheric composition



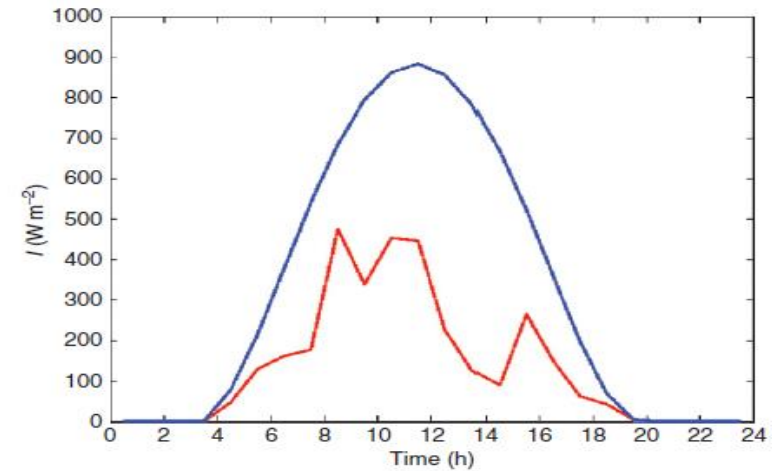
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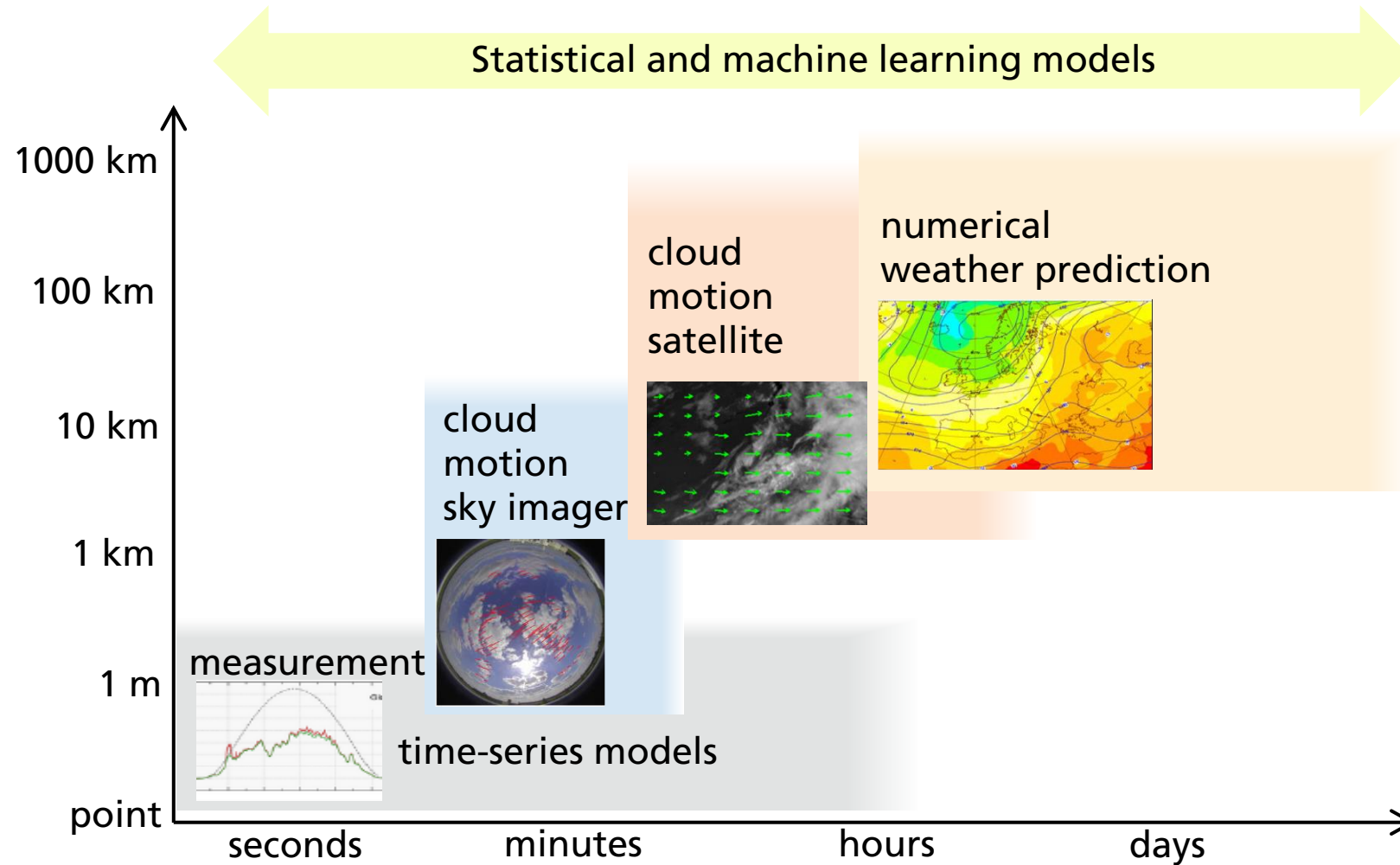


All sky irradiance, including clouds

- Strong impact on solar surface irradiance
- Highly variable



Overview of irradiance prediction models



Temporal scales of forecasts

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Spatial scales: Spatial resolution, spatial coverage

How is forecast horizon and spatio/temporal resolution related?

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Thank you for your attention!

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