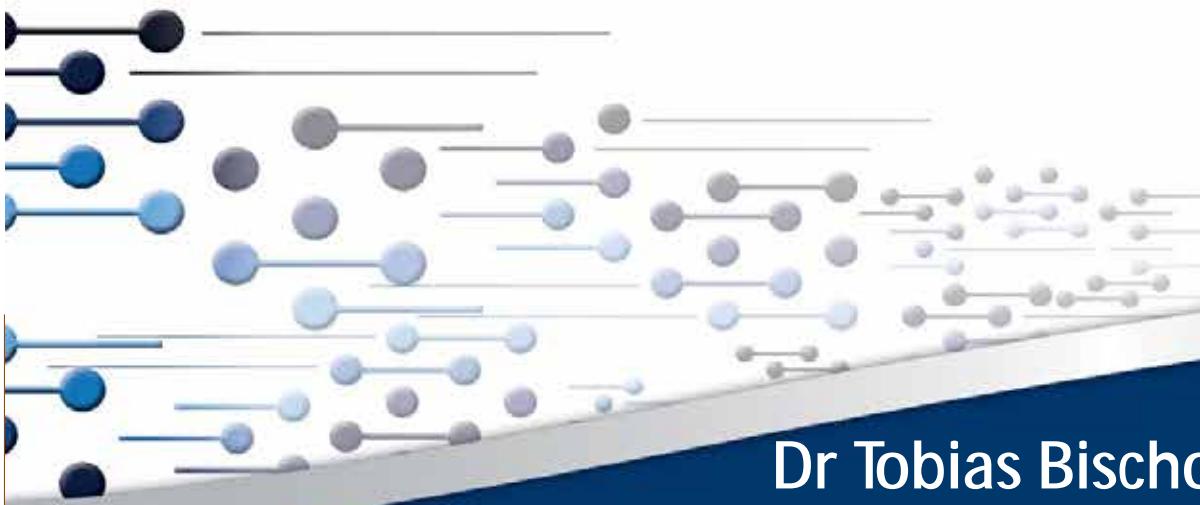


Least Cost Electricity Mix for South Africa

Optimisation of the South African power sector until 2050

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Commentators have significant expertise to give feedback on IRP & its implementation, from planning, system operation and grid perspective



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- Principal Engineer: Energy Planning at the CSIR's Energy Centre
- Energy Commissioner in the National Planning Commission
- Former Africa manager of PLEXOS (software package used for the IRP)

Same software package as per the IRP was used to determine the least-cost expansion path of the South African power system to 2050

The Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) is the expansion plan for the South African power system until 2050

The IRP 2016 has a significant self-imposed limitation: The amount of wind and solar PV capacity that the model is allowed to build per year is limited, which is not technically/economically justified in the plan

The CSIR has therefore conducted a study to re-optimize the South African power mix until 2050

- First and most important deviation from IRP2016: no new-build limits on renewables (wind/solar PV)
- Additional deviation: relative costing for solar PV and wind aligned with latest relative IPP tariff results

Two scenarios from the draft IRP 2016 are compared with the re-optimisation

- “Draft IRP 2016 Base Case” – new coal, new nuclear
- “Draft IRP 2016 Carbon Budget” – significant new nuclear
- “CSIR Re-Optimised” – least-cost without constraints

An hourly capacity expansion and dispatch model (incl. unit commitment) using PLEXOS was run for all scenarios to test for technical adequacy à same software platform as IRP



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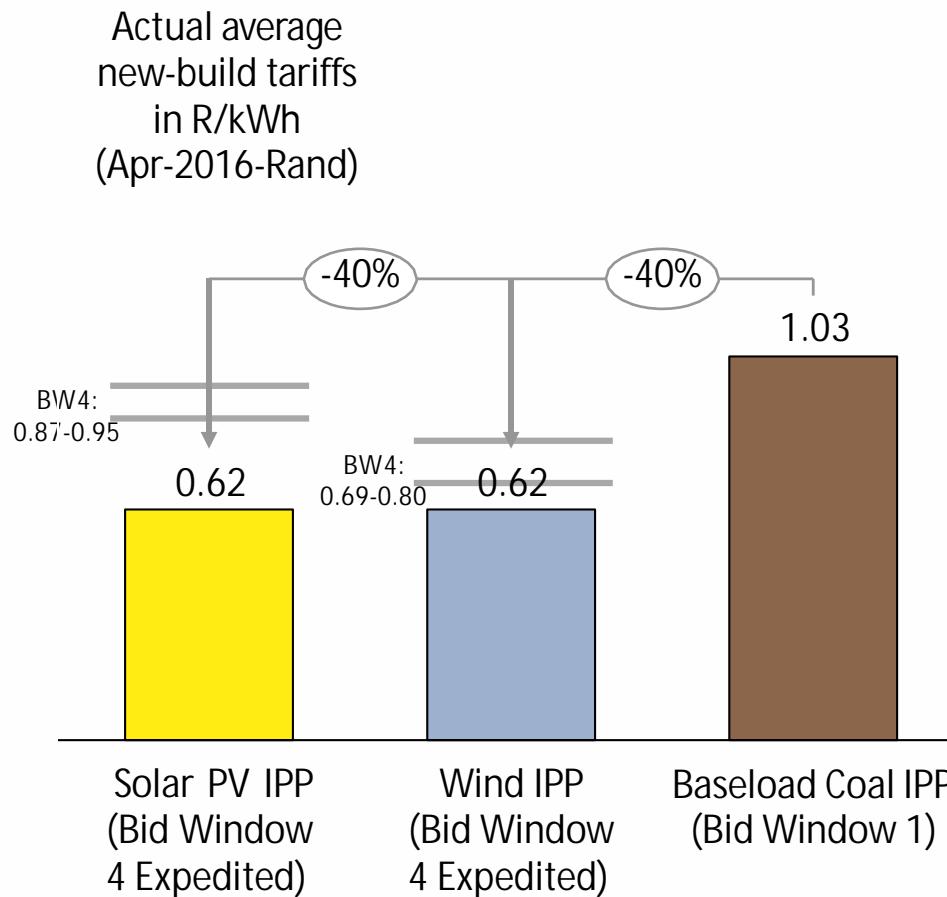
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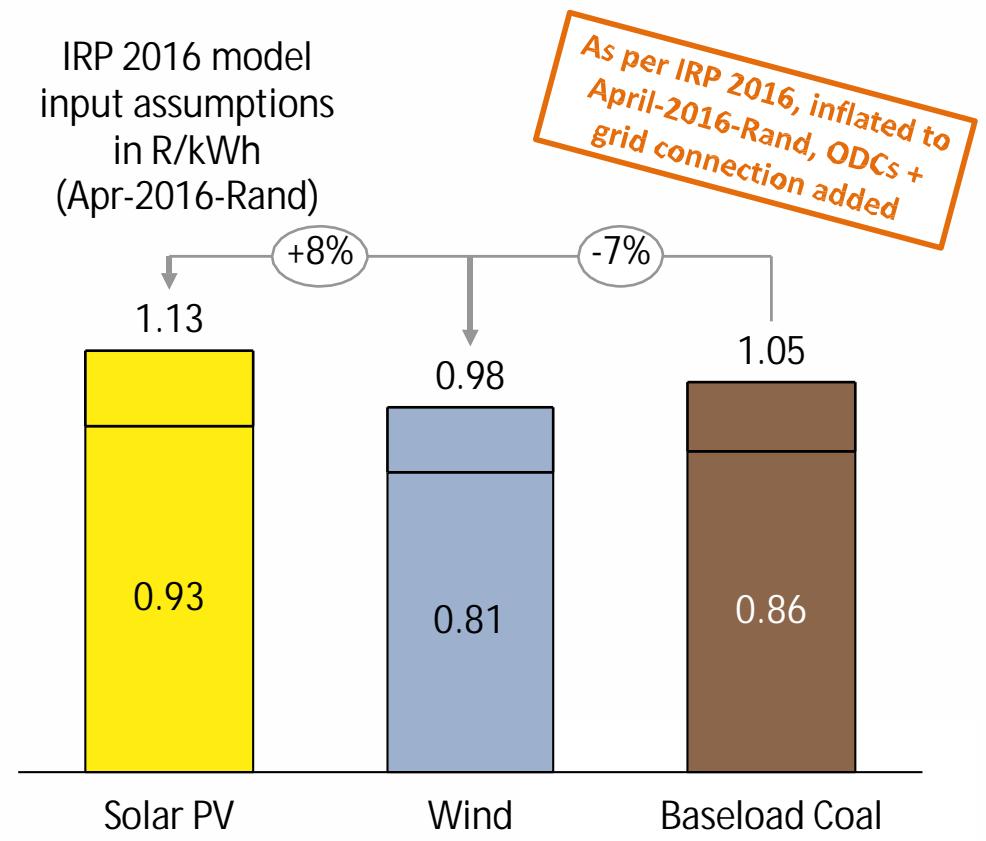
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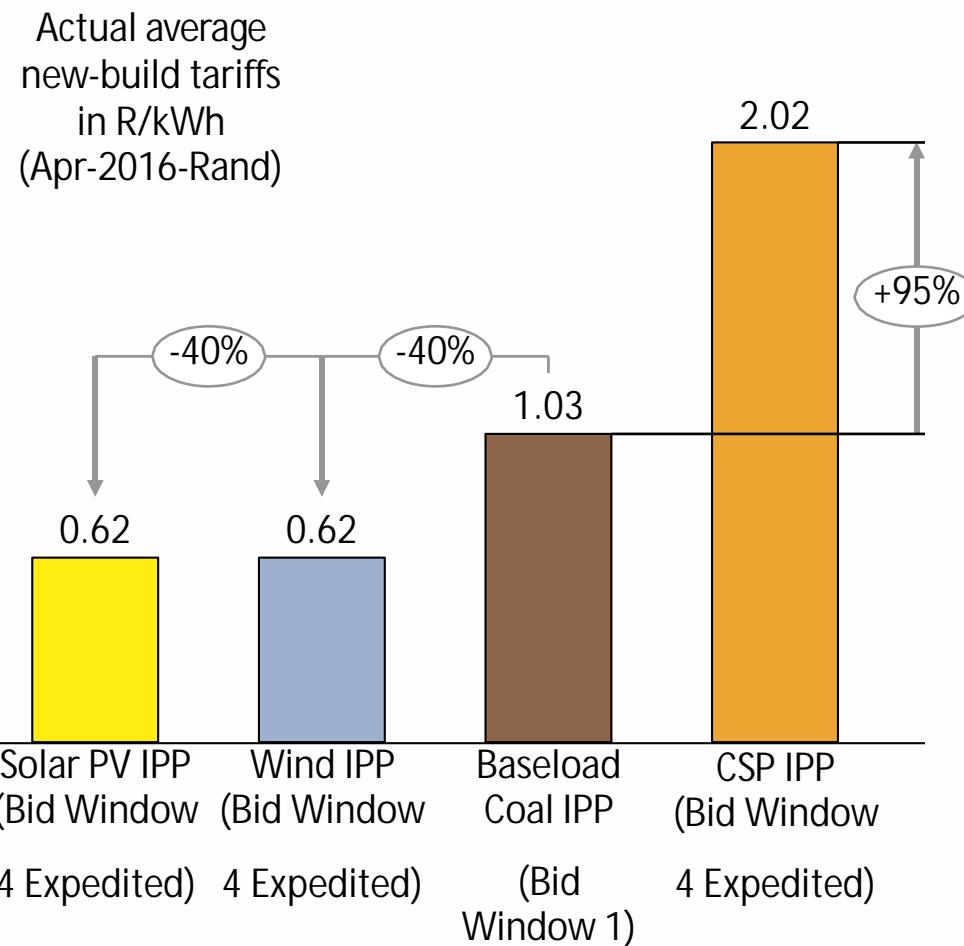
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IRP 2016 model input assumptions in R/kWh (Apr-2016-Rand)

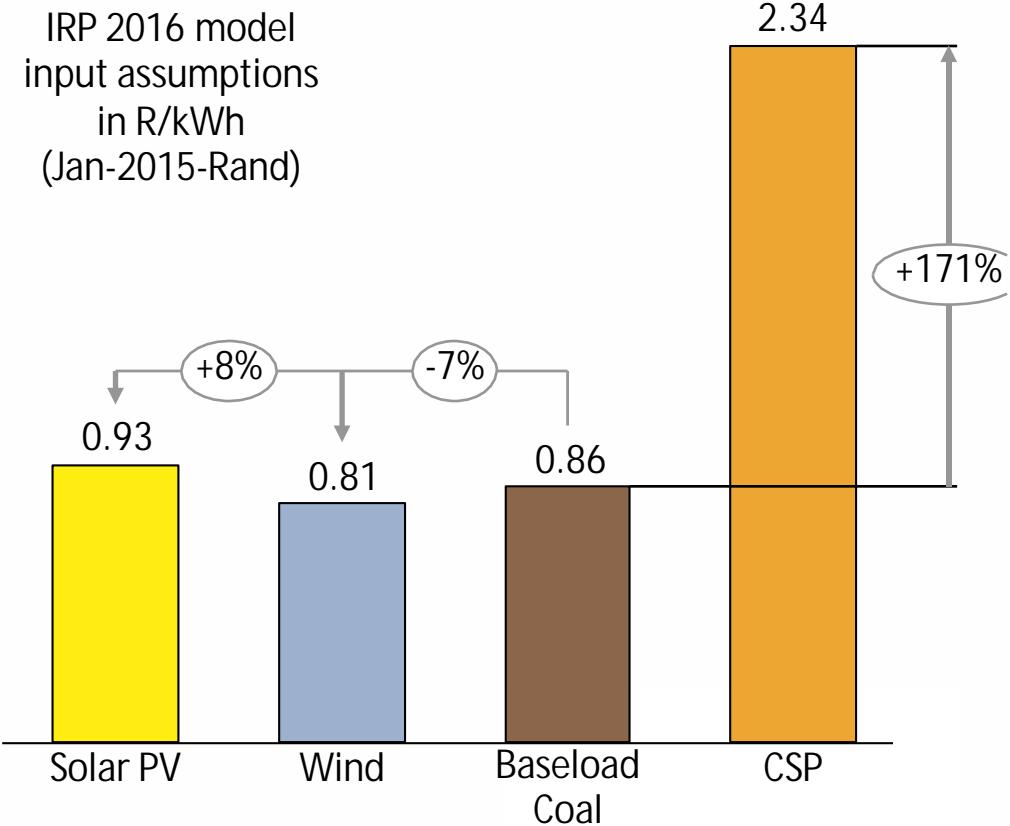


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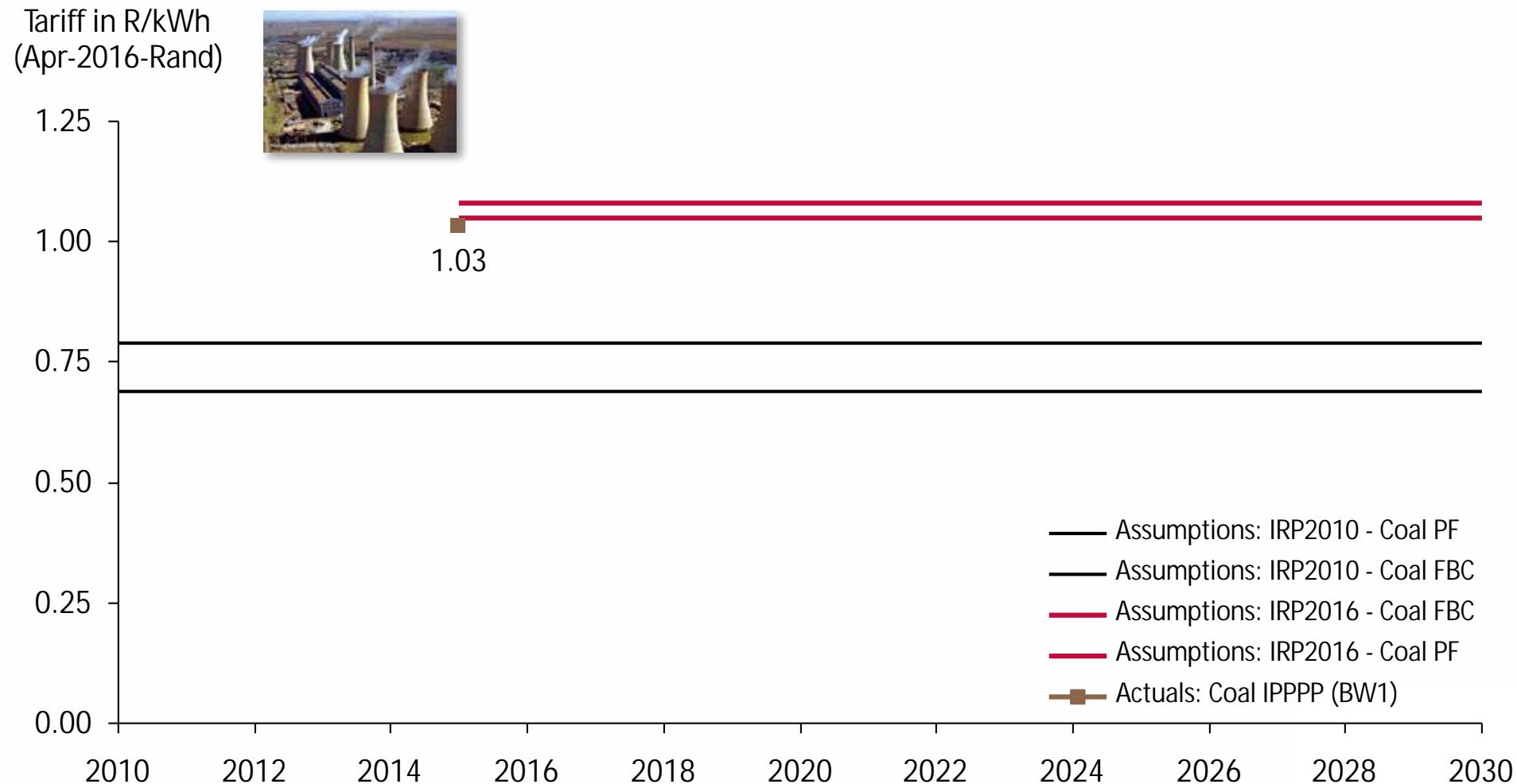


IRP 2016 cost input assumptions



As per IRP 2016, inflated to April-2016-Rand, ODCs + grid connection added

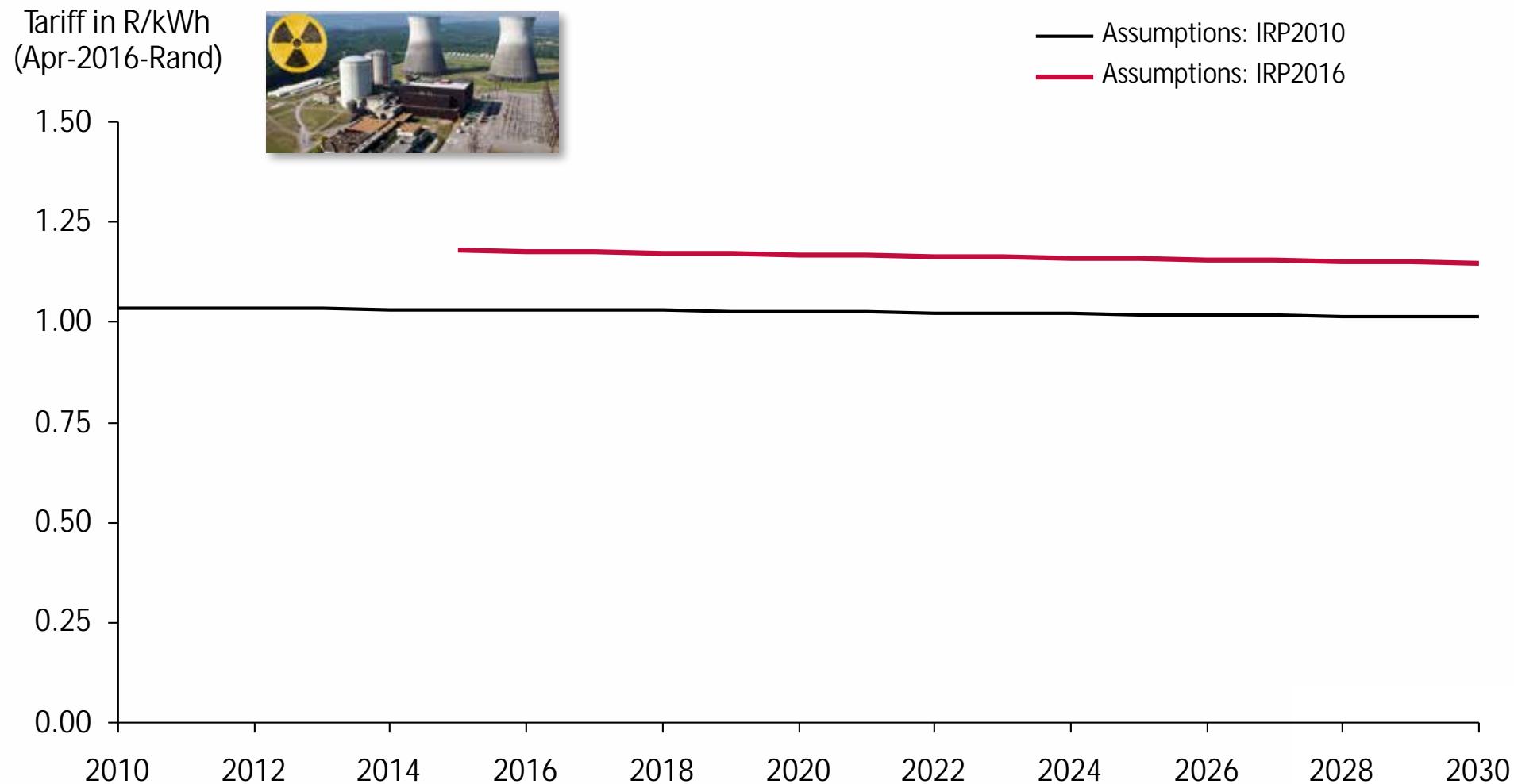
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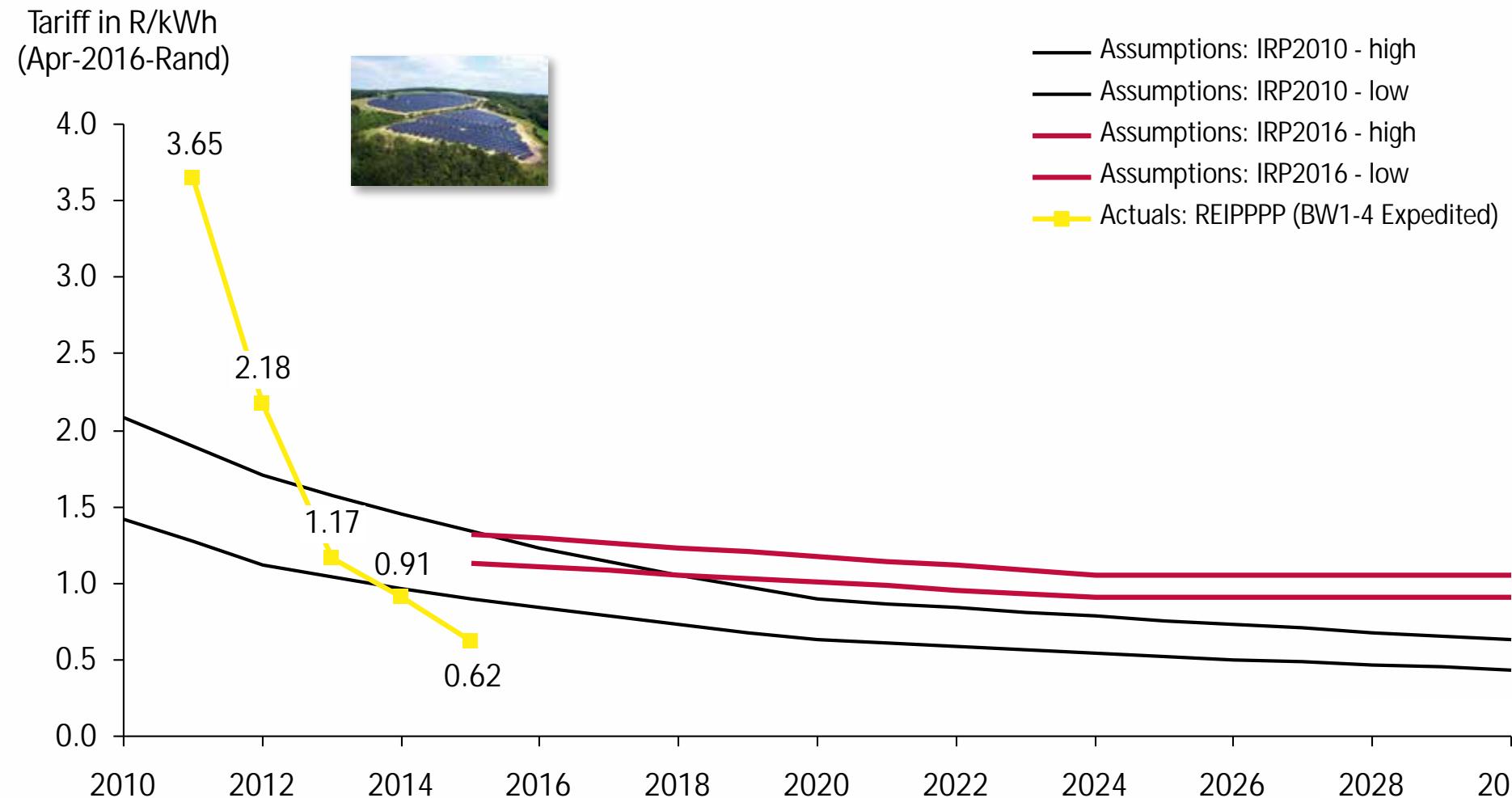
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Nuclear cost assumptions increased slightly from IRP 2010 to IRP 2016



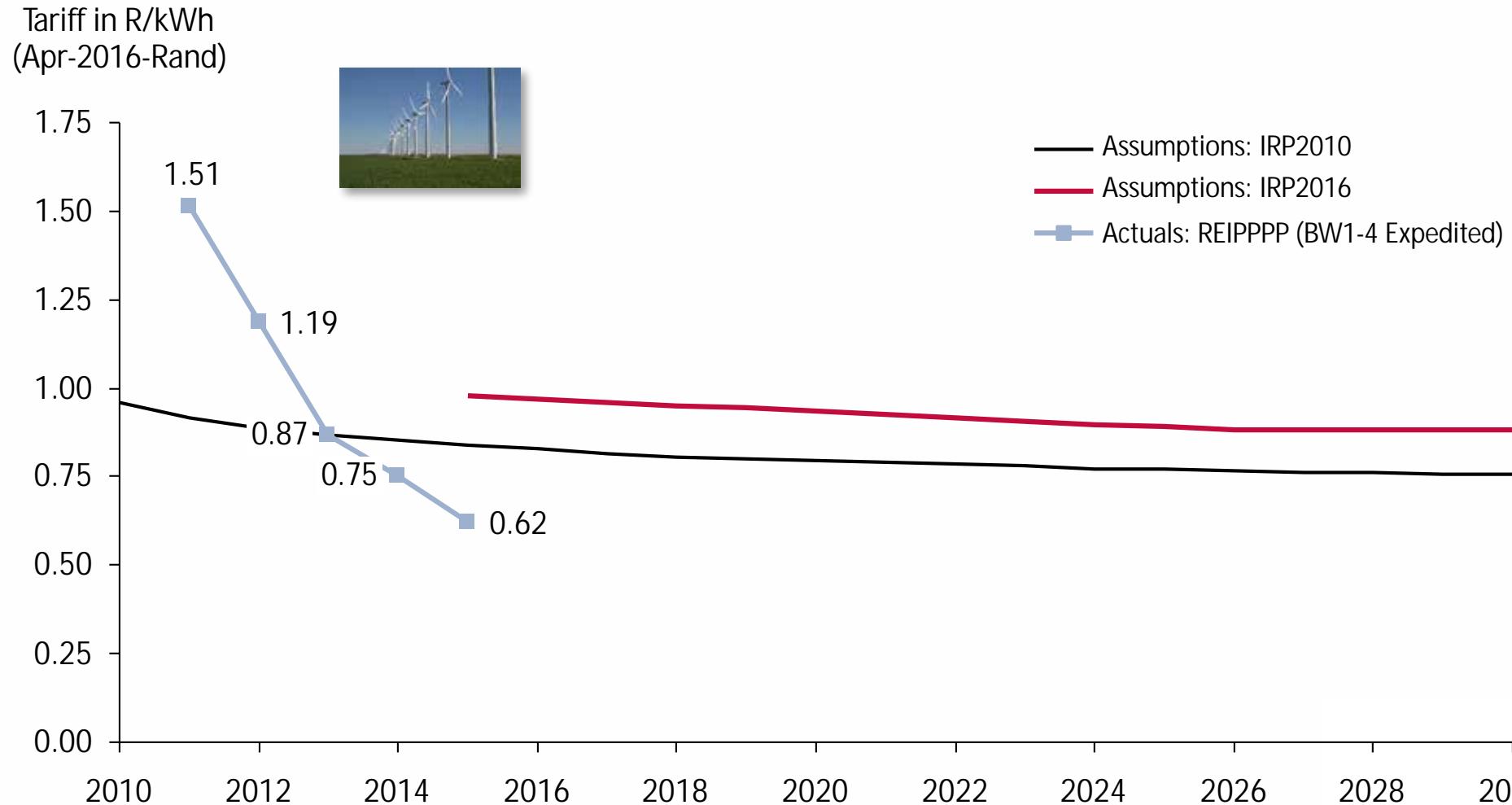
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Actual solar PV tariffs quickly approached IRP 2010 assumptions in first four bid windows and are now well below cost assumption funnel



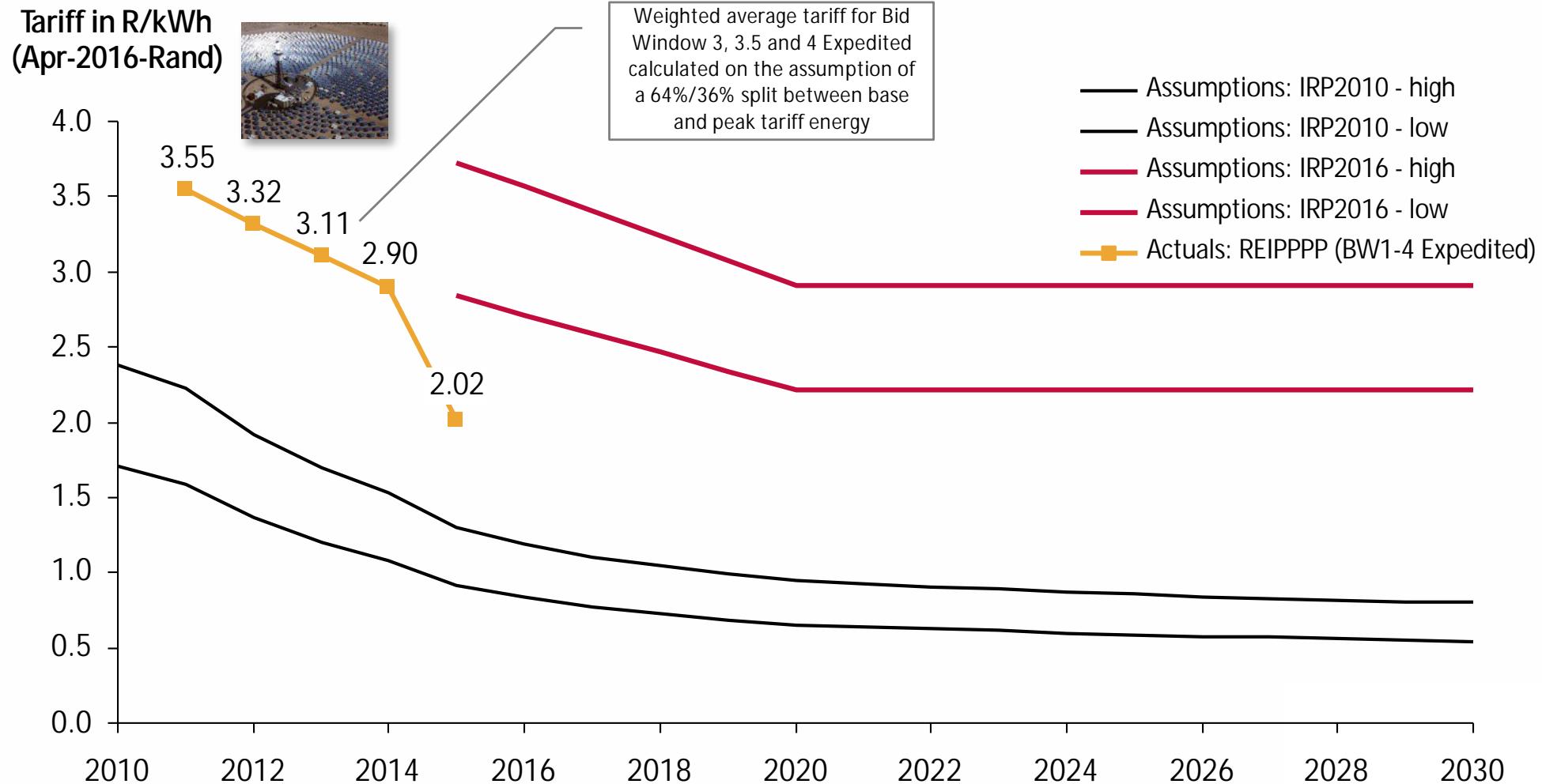
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Actual wind tariffs in bid window four were below the level that was assumed for 2030 in IRP 2010, BW 4 Expedited is significantly below



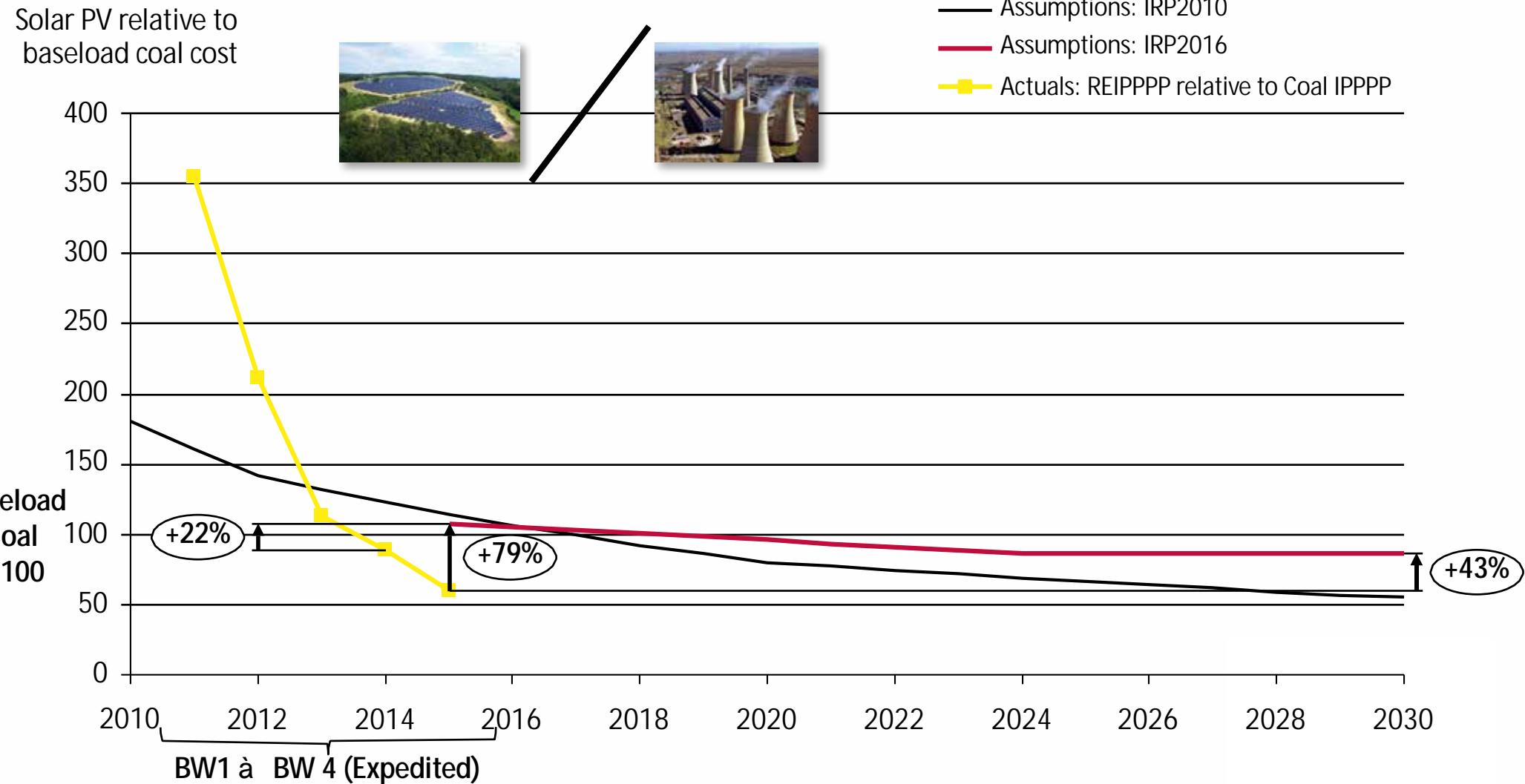
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Actual CSP tariffs are declining from bid window 1 to 4 Expedited, and are now close to the upper boundary of IRP 2013 cost assumptions

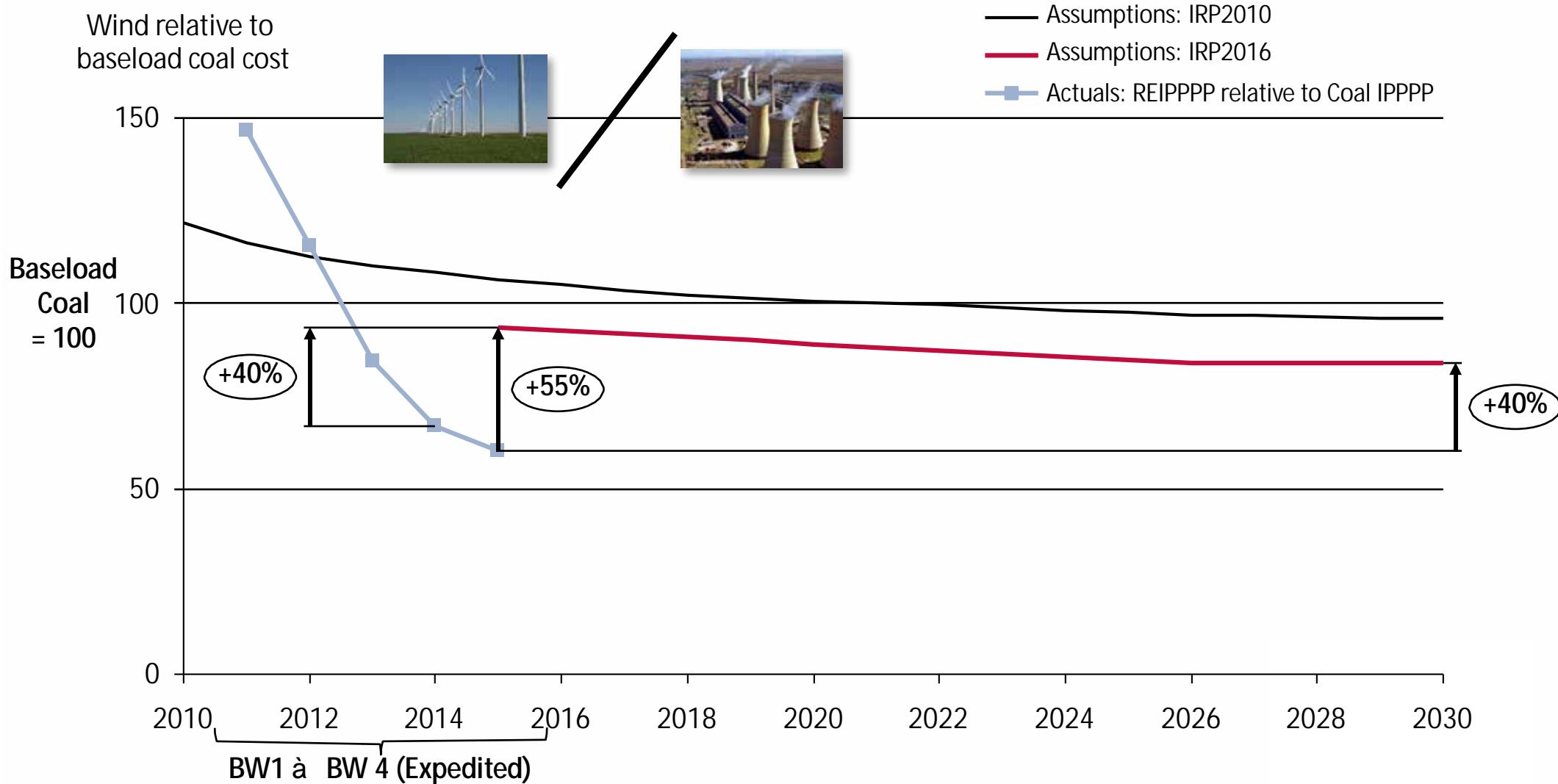


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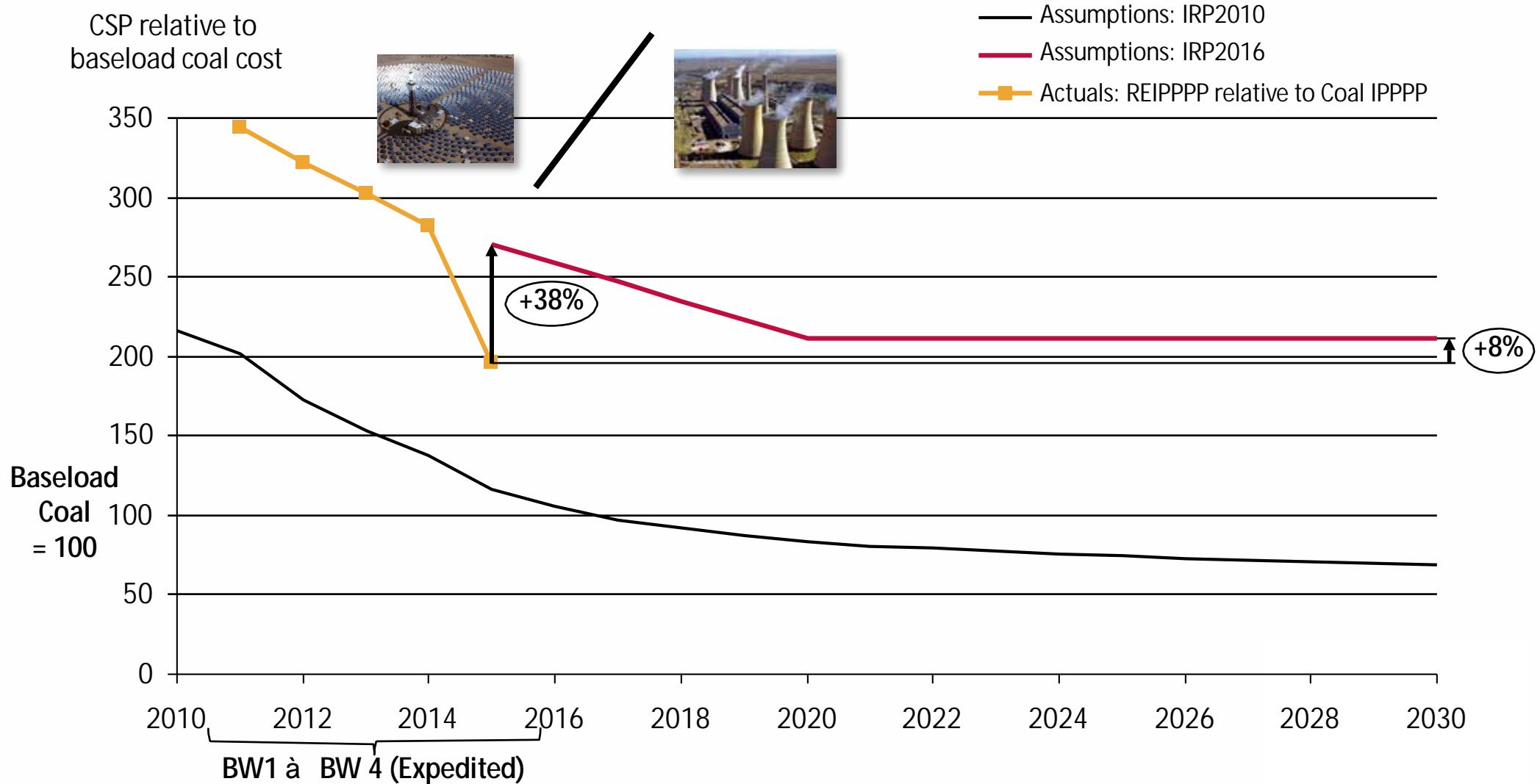


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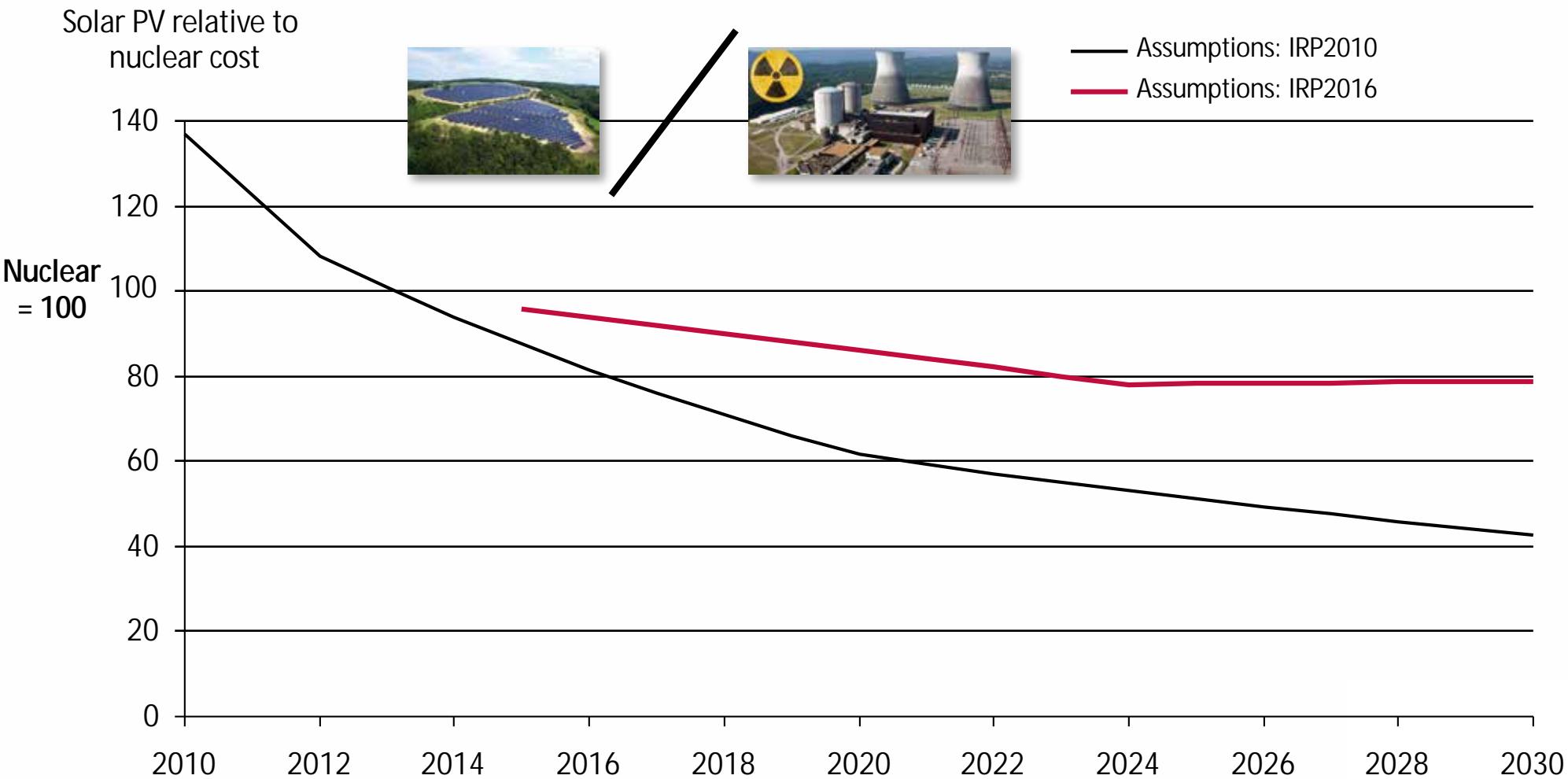
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IRP 2016 CSP cost assumptions relative to baseload coal higher than in IRP 2010 – actual ratios from IPP Programmes lie between IRP2010/16



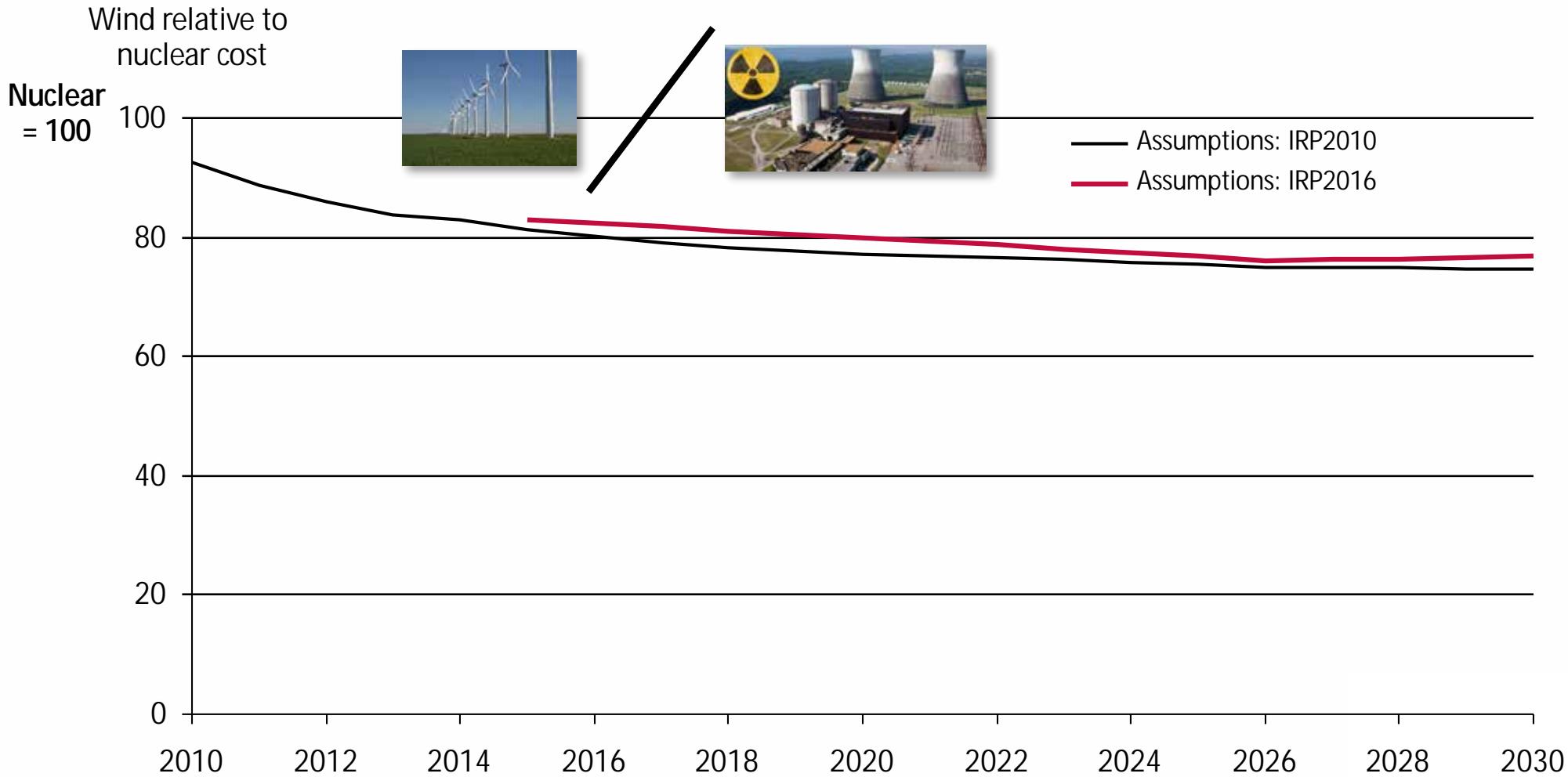
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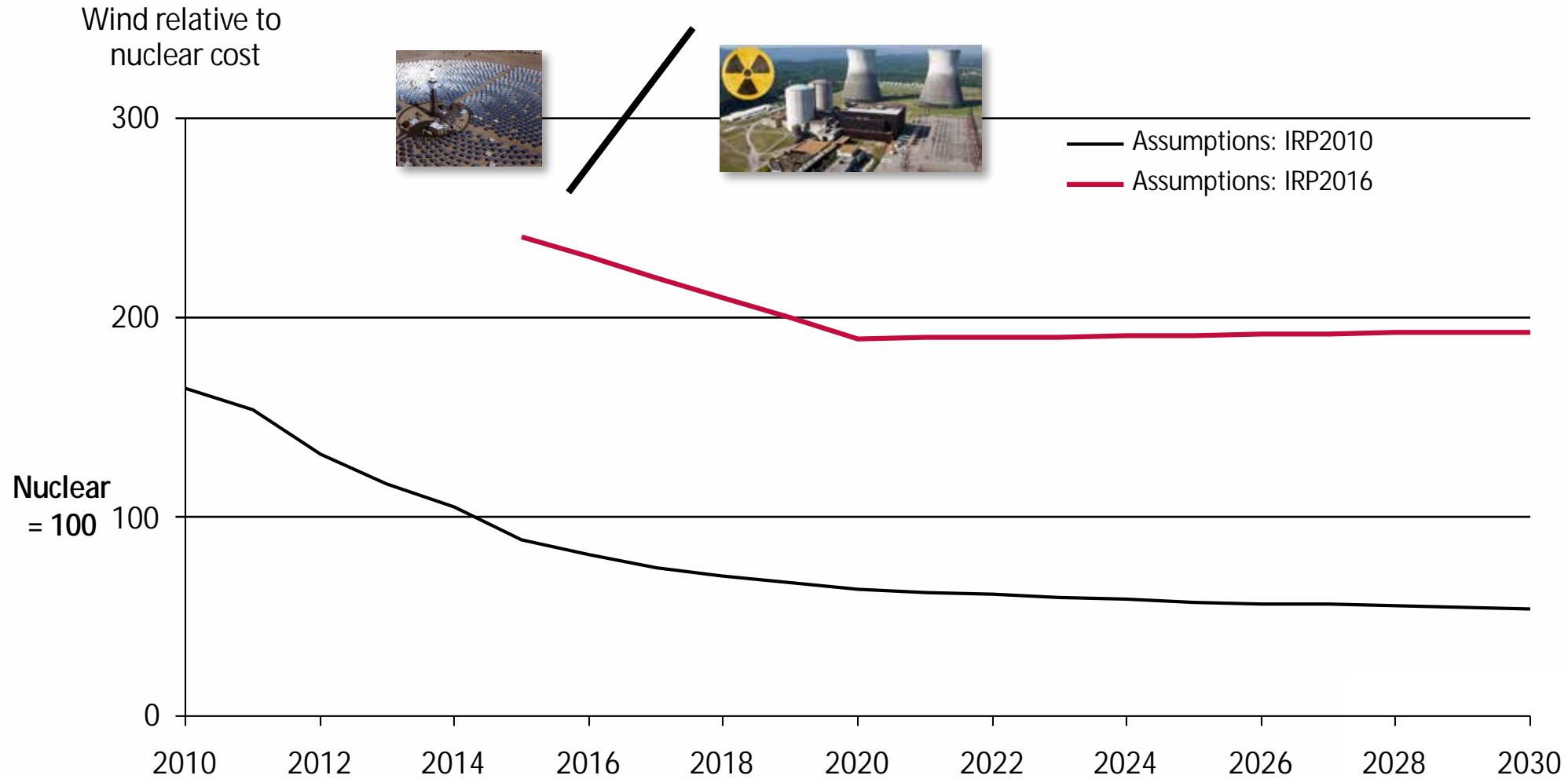
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IRP 2016 wind cost assumptions relative to nuclear kept constant compared to IRP 2010



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Logic to derive “IRP Tariff” curves

Calculate the IRP LCOE path for each technology based on

- Cost development path for CAPEX in R/kW and for O&M in R/kW/yr as per IRP 2010 / IRP 2013
- Discount rate of 8%
- Lifetime of 25/20/30 years for PV/wind/CSP
- Load factors as per the profiles used in IRP 2010 / IRP 2013
- For IRP 2016, use straight the reported LCOE (i.e. without own LCOE calculation)

Adjust all resulting IRP LCOE numbers to Apr 2016 via CPI table

- <http://www.statssa.gov.za/keyindicators/CPI/CPIHistory.pdf>

Translate all Apr-2016-based IRP LCOE numbers into an “IRP Tariff”

- The IRP-assumed costs (CAPEX and O&M) reflect only the costs within the battery limit of the EPC contract. Owner's development costs (ODCs) and grid connection costs are not considered
- Assume that for an IPP the pure EPC CAPEX plus O&M stands for 90% of the total costs that lead to the tariff
- Therefore, divide “IRP LCOE” numbers by 90% to derive at the “IRP Tariff”
- This tariff is logically comparable to the tariffs that IPPs bid for in the REIPPPP

IRP 2016: Annual new-build limits for solar PV and wind are constant in absolute terms but decrease relative to the size of the power system

Draft IRP 2016
Base Case

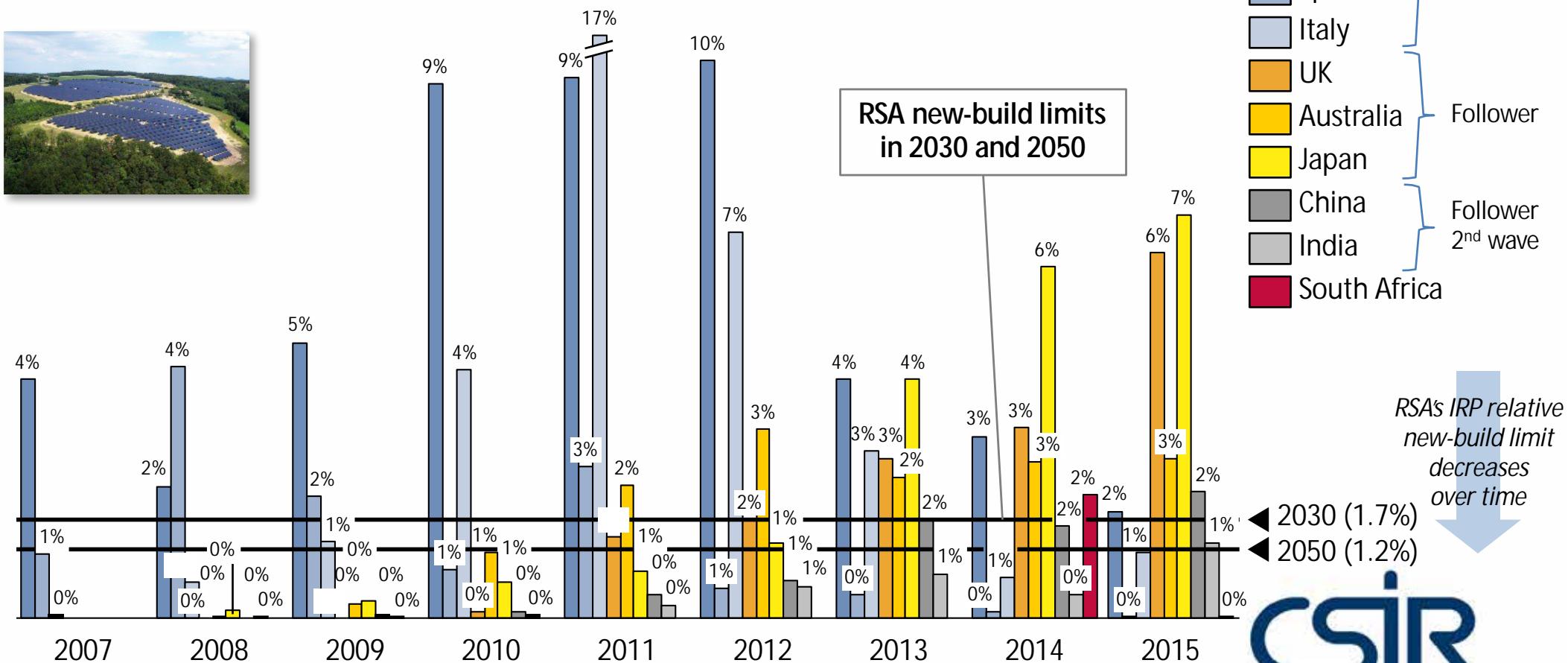
The imposed new-build limits for solar PV and wind mean that the IRP model is not allowed in any given year to add more Solar PV and Wind capacity to the system than these limits

No such limits are applied for any other technology. No technical justification is provided for these limits. No explanation is given why these limits are constant over a 30-year period while the power system grows.

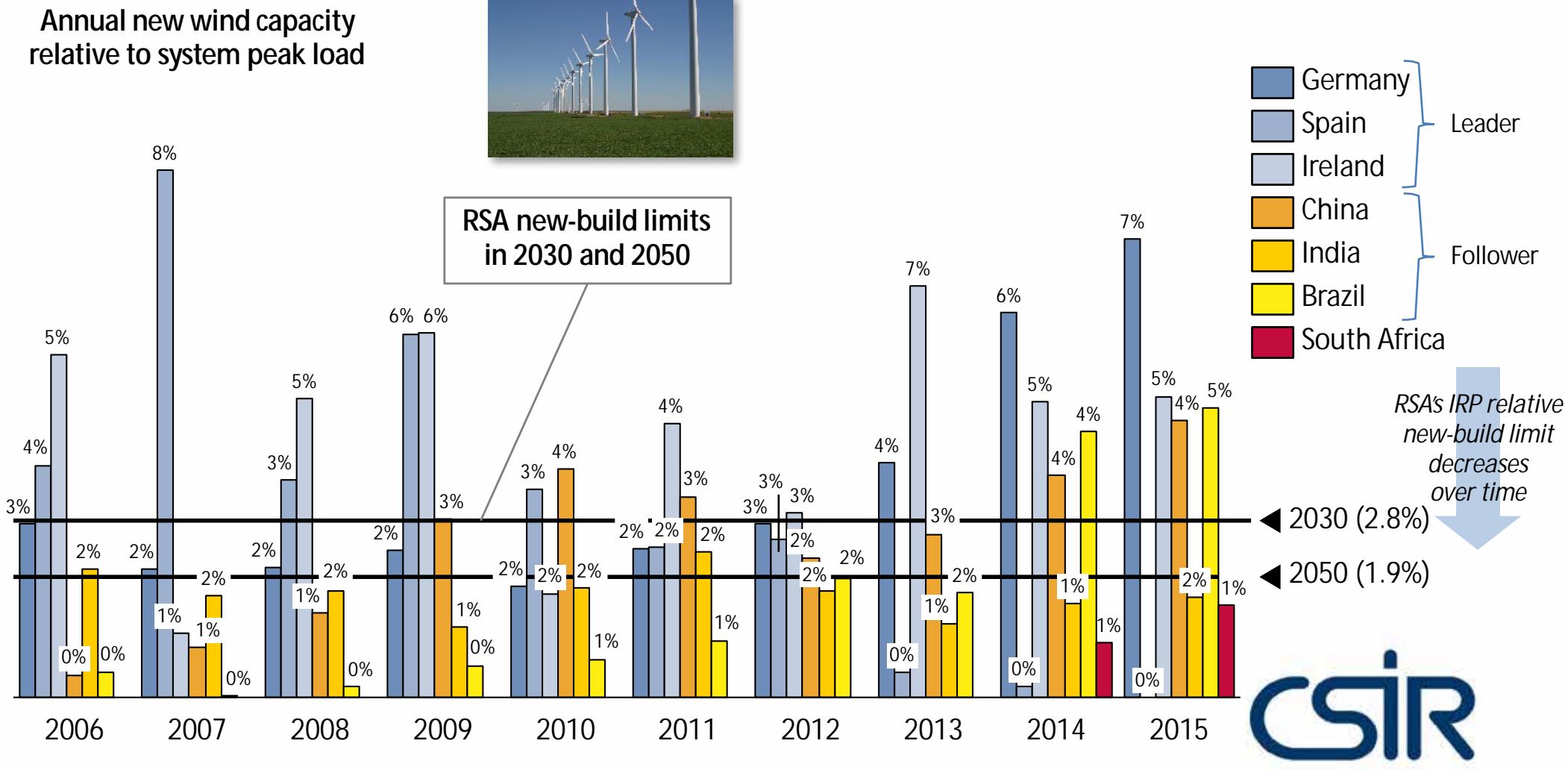
Year	System Peak Load in MW	New-build limit Solar PV in MW/yr	Relative new-build limit Solar PV	New-build limit Wind in MW/yr	Relative new-build limit Wind
2020	44 916	1 000	2.2%	1 600	3.6%
2025	51 015	1 000	2.0%	1 600	3.1%
2030	57 274	1 000	1.7%	1 600	2.8%
2035	64 169	1 000	1.6%	1 600	2.5%
2040	70 777	1 000	1.4%	1 600	2.3%
2045	78 263	1 000	1.3%	1 600	2.0%
2050	85 804	1 000	1.2%	1 600	1.9%

Today: Both leading and follower countries install much more new solar PV capacity per year than what South Africa's limit is in 2030

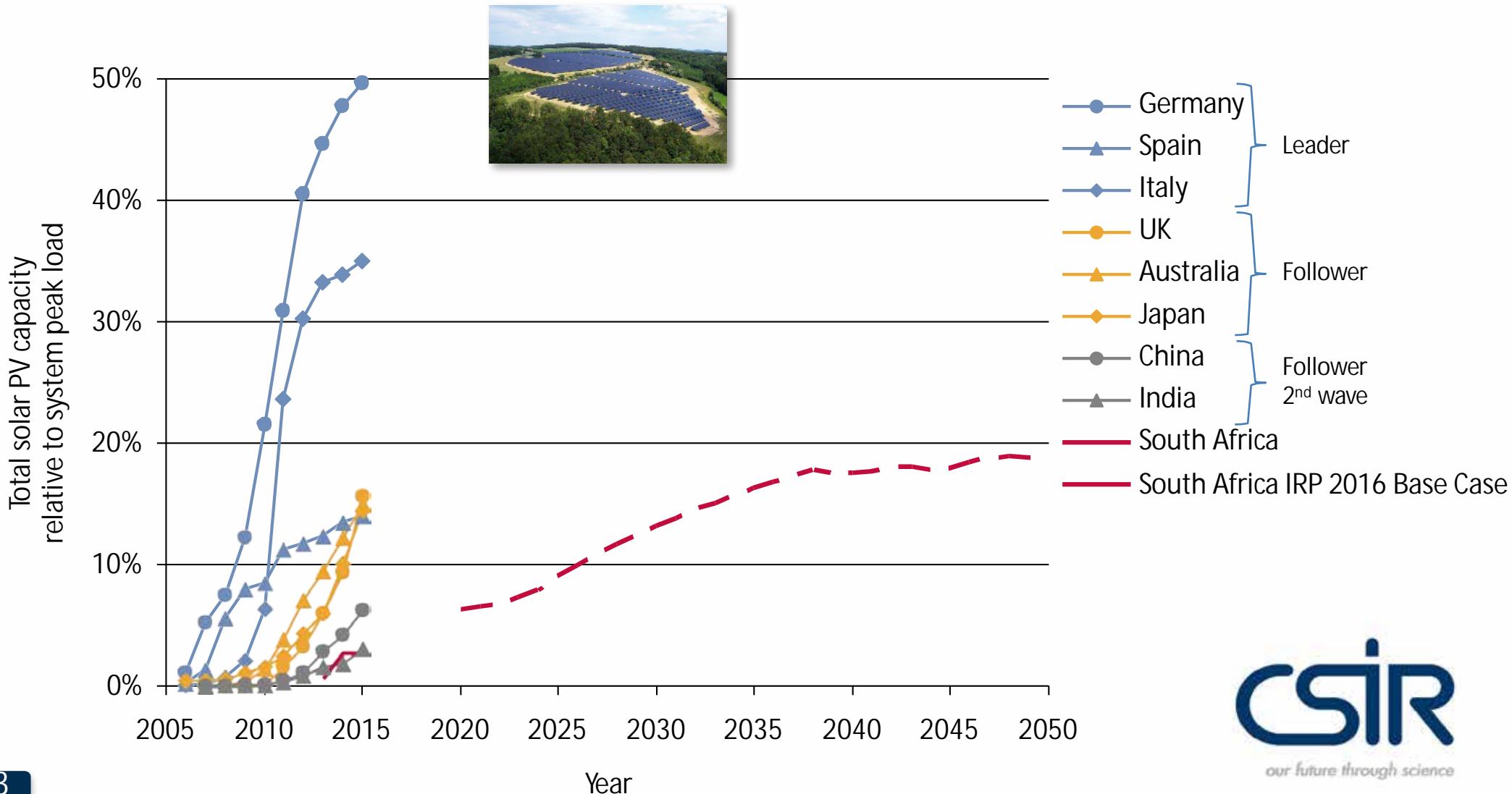
Annual new solar PV capacity relative to system peak load



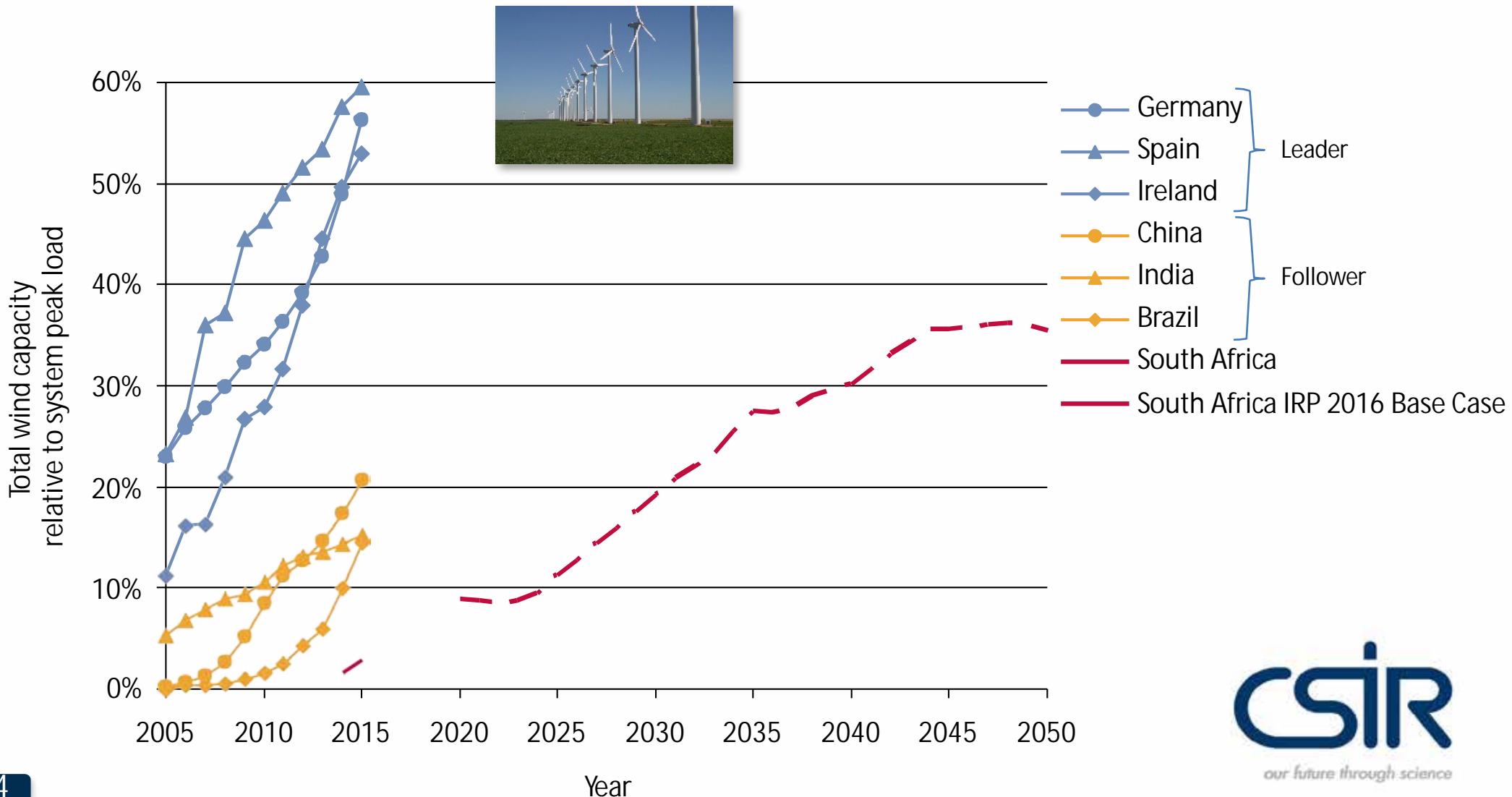
Today: Both leading and follower countries install much more new wind capacity per year than what South Africa's limit is in 2050



Today: Solar PV penetration in leading countries 2.5 times RSA's plan for 2050 – follower countries already today almost at RSA's 2050 level



Today: Wind penetration in leading countries almost twice RSA's plan for 2050 – follower countries already today at 60% of RSA's 2050 level



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The CSIR conducted a Wind and Solar PV Resource Aggregation Study

CSIR, SANEDI, Eskom and Fraunhofer IWES conducted a joint study to holistically quantify

- the wind-power potential in South Africa and
- the portfolio effects of widespread spatial wind and solar power aggregation in South Africa

Wind Atlas South Africa (WASA) data was used to simulate wind power across South Africa

Solar Radiation Data (SoDa) was used to simulate solar PV power across South Africa

Output: Simulated time-synchronous solar PV and wind power production time-series

- 5 km x 5 km spatial resolution
- Almost 50,000 pixels covering entire South Africa
- 15-minute temporal resolution
- 5 years temporal coverage (2009-2013)

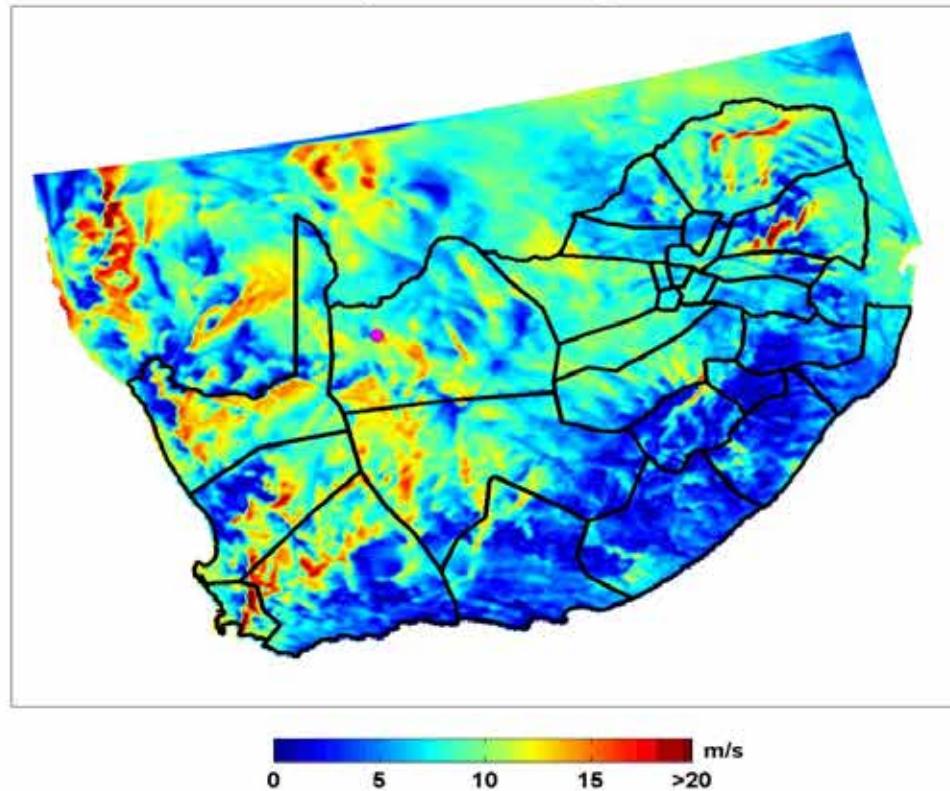


A single wind farm changes its power output quickly

Simulated wind-speed profile and wind power output for 14 January 2012

14 Jan 2012 23:45 SAST

wind speed at 100m above ground

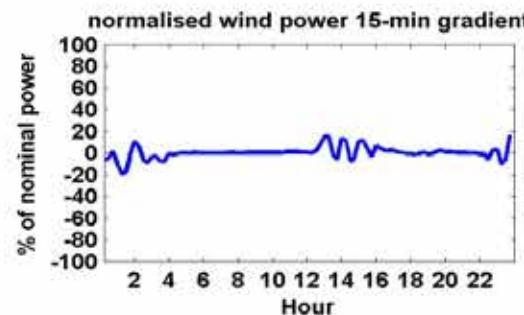
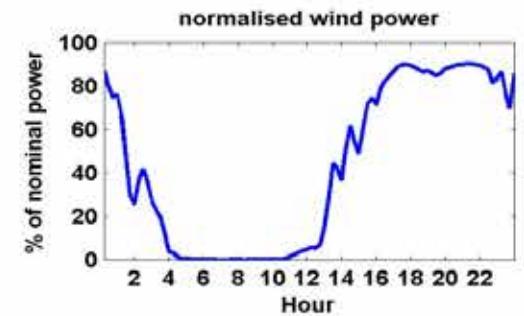


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Aggregation level: 0
Number of wind pixel: 1

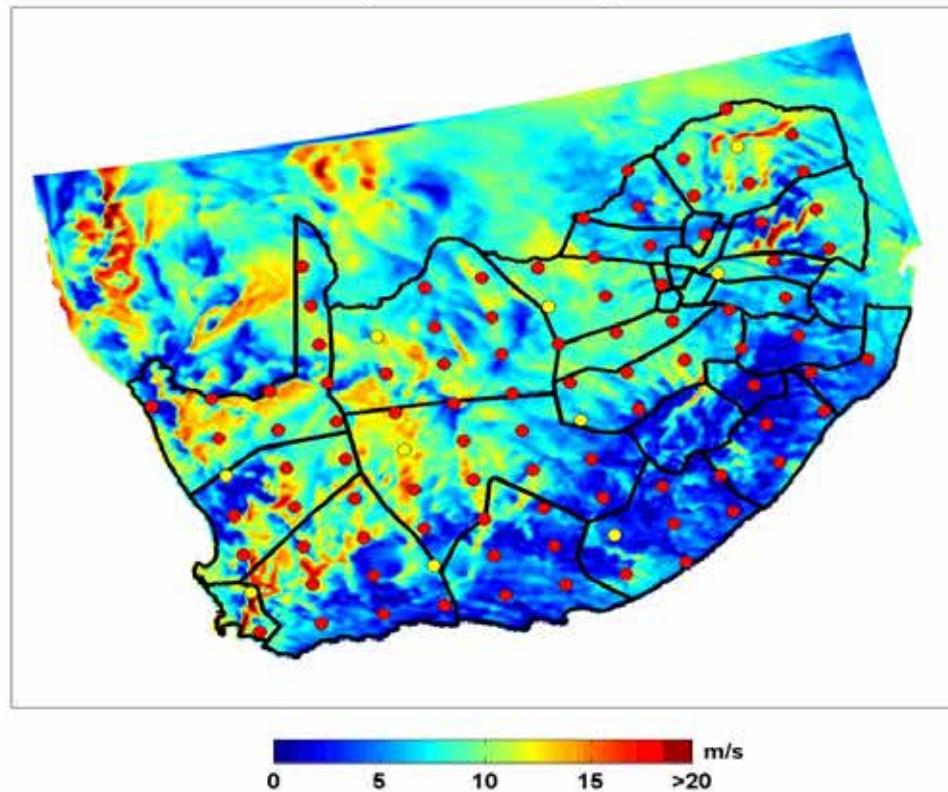


Aggregating 100 wind farms: 15-min gradients almost zero

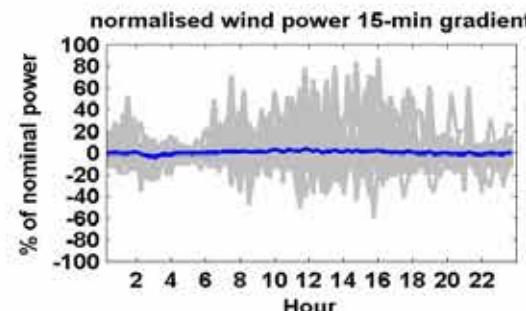
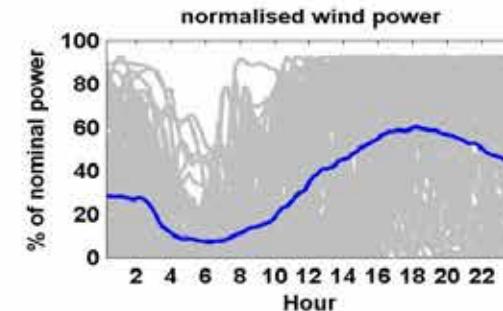
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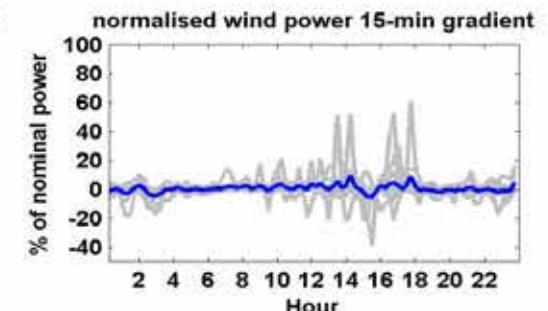
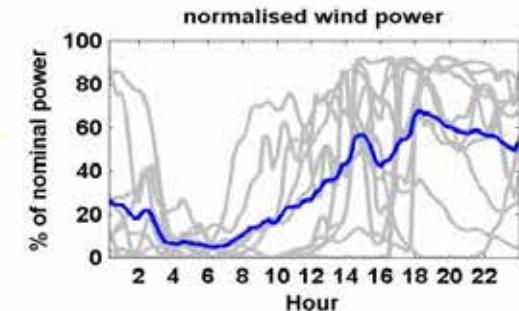
wind speed at 100m above ground



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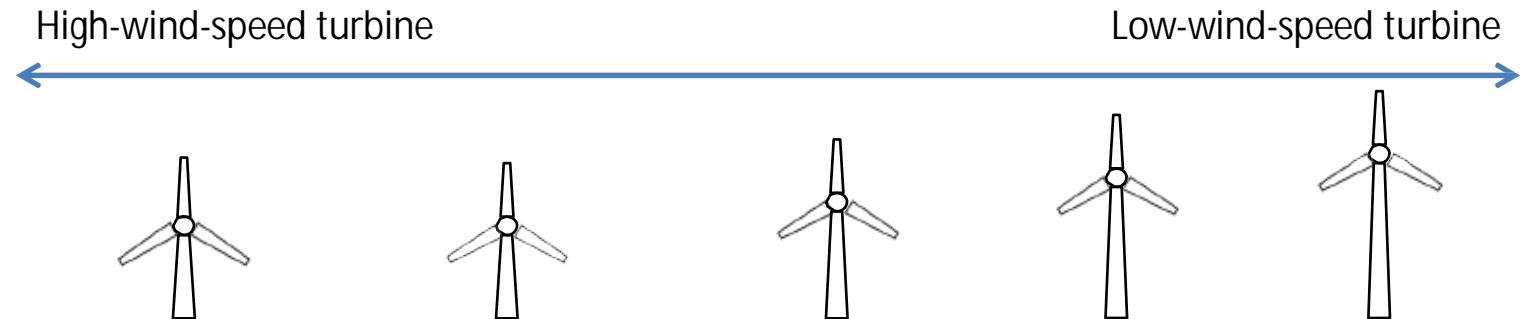


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Five different generic wind turbine types defined for simulation of wind power output per 5x5 km pixel in South Africa (~50 000 pixels)

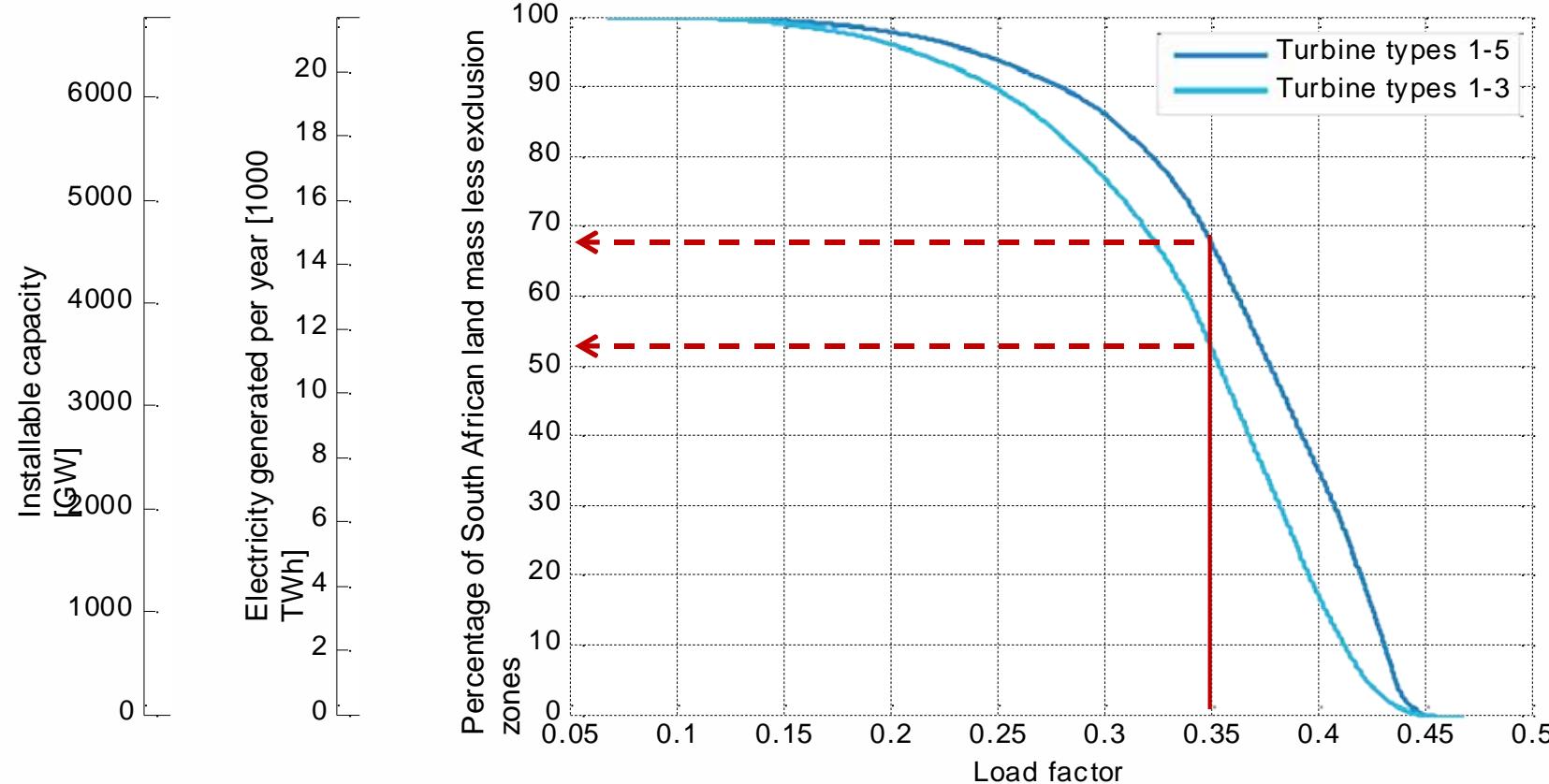


Turbine type no.	1	2	3	4	5
Nominal power [MW]	3	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.4
Selection criterion	$\bar{v}_{80m} > 8.5 \frac{m}{s}$	$\bar{v}_{80m} < 8.5 \frac{m}{s}$ and $\bar{v}_{100m} > 7.5 \frac{m}{s}$	$\bar{v}_{100m} < 7.5 \frac{m}{s}$	$\bar{v}_{120m} < 7.5 \frac{m}{s}$	$\bar{v}_{140m} < 7.5 \frac{m}{s}$
Blade diameter [m]	90	95	117	117	117
Hub height [m]	80	80	100	120	140

Space requirement 0.1km²/MW
à max. 250 MW per pixel

On almost 70% of suitable land area in South Africa a 35% capacity factor or higher can be achieved (>50% for turbines 1-3)

Share of South African land mass less exclusion zones with capacity factors to be reached accordingly

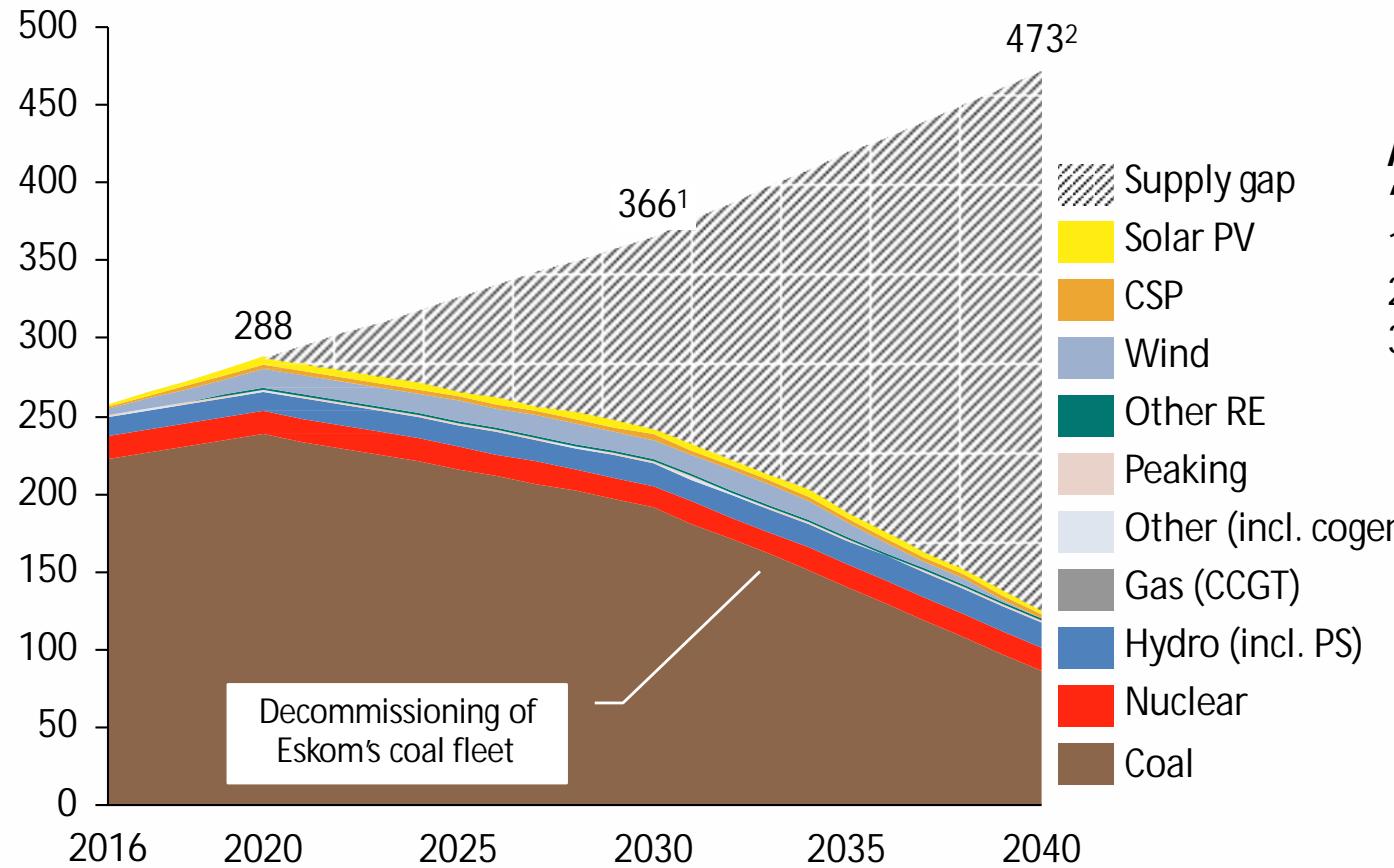


- à Installing turbine type 4 and 5 will cause higher costs but also increase capacity factors and electricity yield whilst consuming the same area

Demand grows, existing fleet phases out – gap needs to be filled

Forecasted supply and demand balance for the South African electricity system from 2016 to 2040

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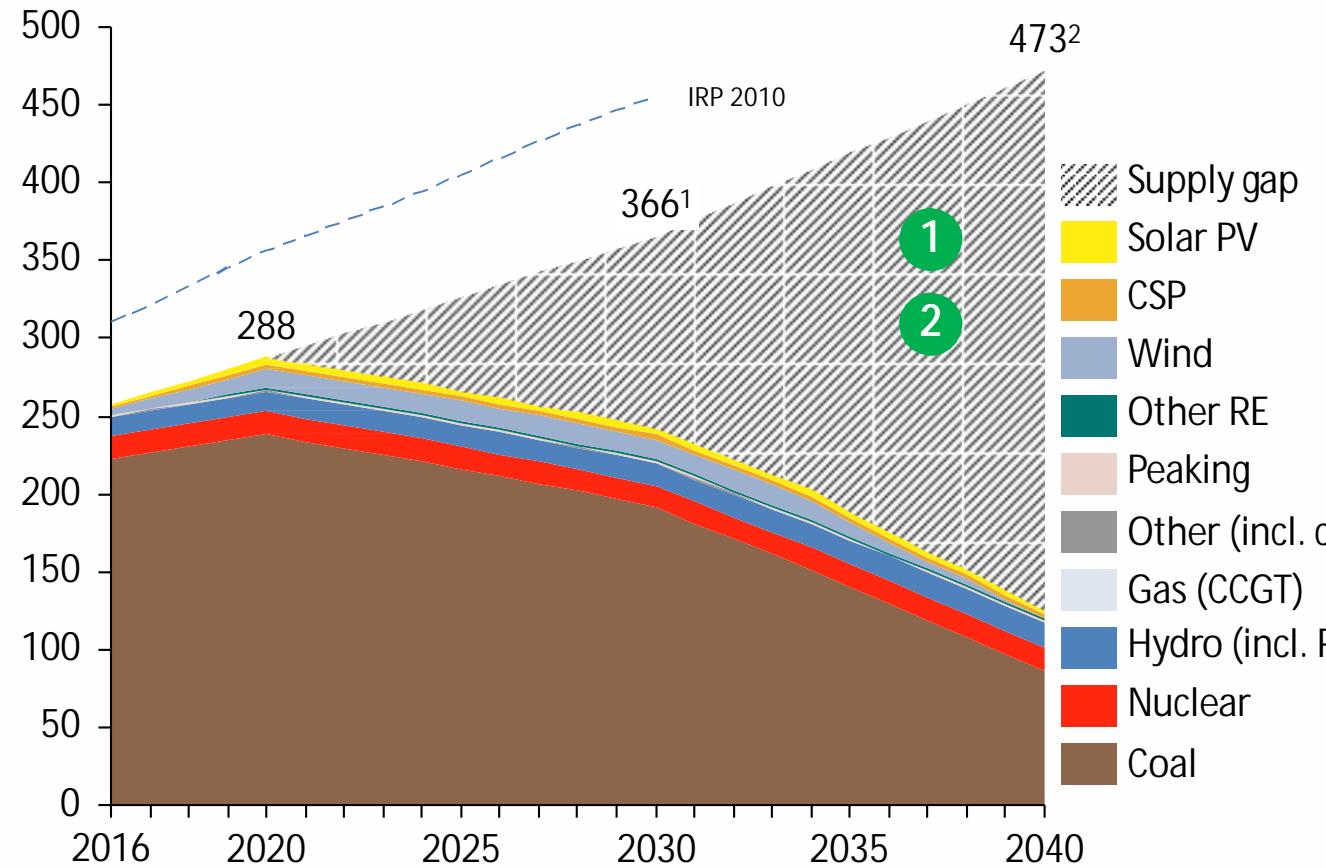
All power plants considered for “existing fleet” that are either:
1) Existing in 2016
2) Under construction
3) Procured (preferred bidder)



Two scenarios defined to fill the supply/demand gap until 2040

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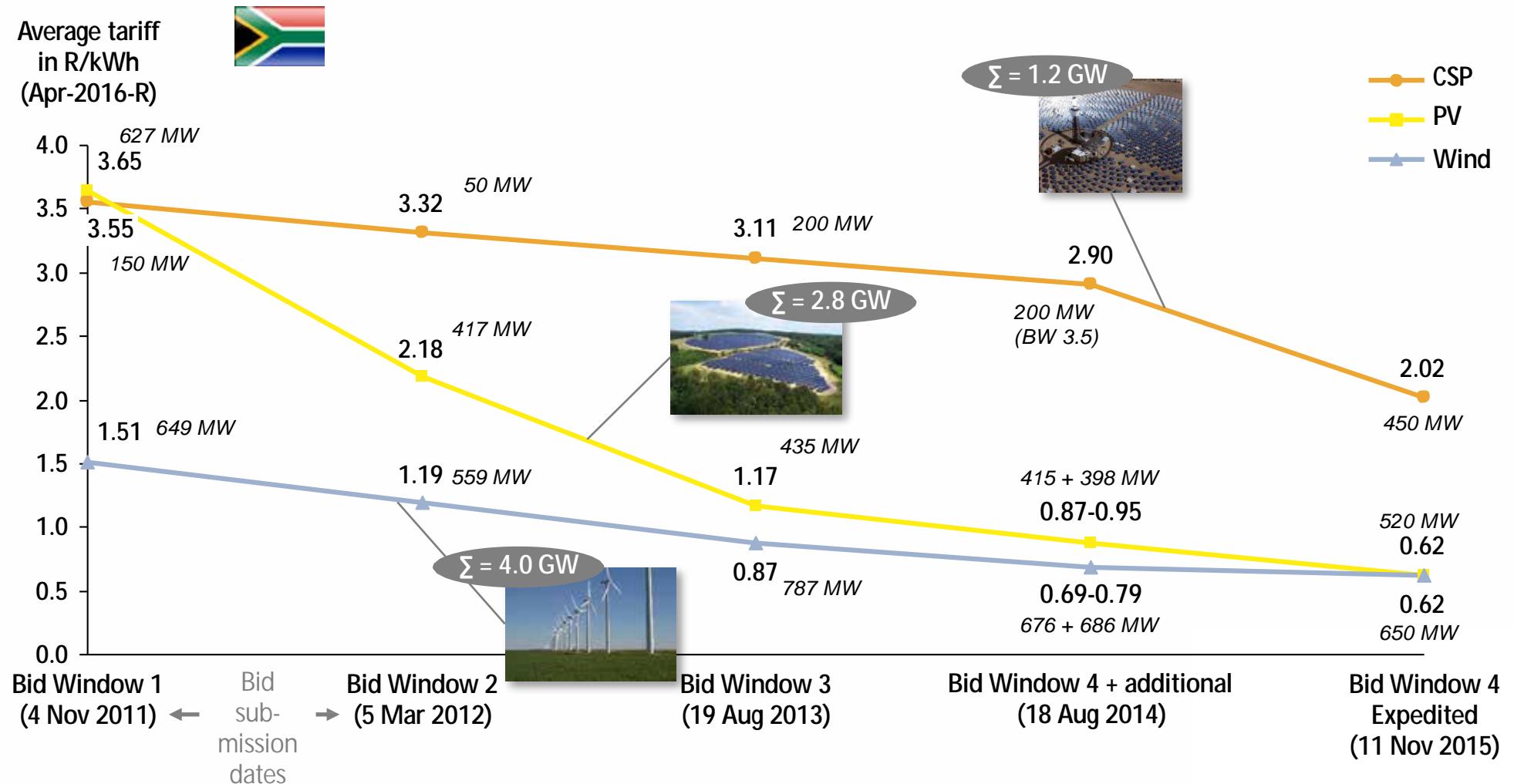


- 1 Scenario: "Business-as-Usual"
- Generally aligned with IRP 2010, but demand shifted
 - Nuclear as per briefing to Portfolio Committee on Energy (11 October 2016)
 - New coal, nuclear, some RE
 - New capacities fixed as per IRP 2010 (no optimisation)

- 2 Scenario: "Re-Optimised"
- Coal, nuclear, gas, RE are all available as supply options
 - Supply candidates chosen by least cost optimisation to meet energy and capacity requirement

Actual tariffs: new renewables projects much cheaper than first ones

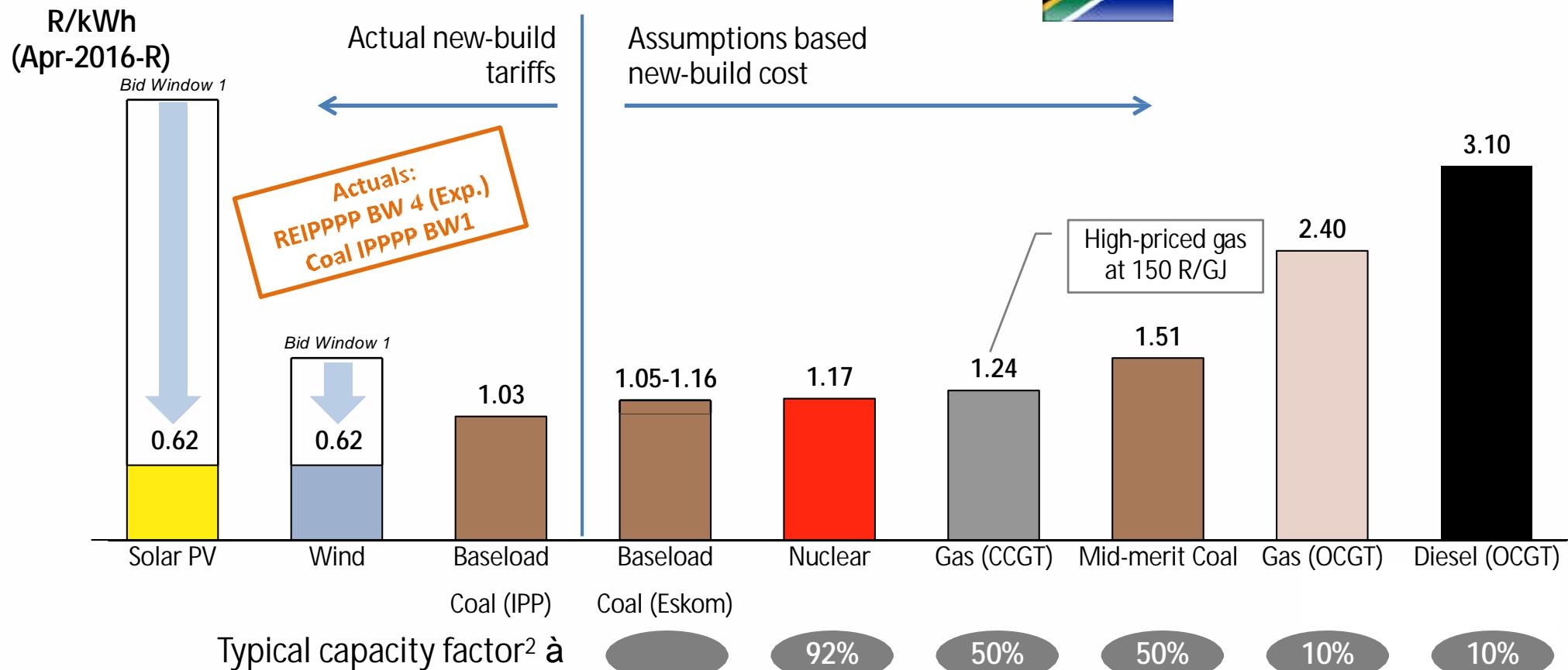
First four Bid Windows' results of Department of Energy's RE IPP Procurement Programme (REIPPPP)



Notes: For CSP Bid Window 3, 3.5 and 4 Expedited, the weighted average of base and peak tariff is indicated, assuming 64%/36% split between base and peak tariff; BW = Bid Window; Sources: Department of Energy's publications on results of first four bidding windows <http://www.energy.gov.za/files/renewable-energy-status-report/Market-Overview-and-Current-Levels-of-Renewable-Energy-Deployment-NERSA.pdf>; IPP Office on BW4 Expedited; StatsSA on CPI; CSIR analysis

Key input cost assumptions for new supply technologies

Lifetime cost per energy unit¹

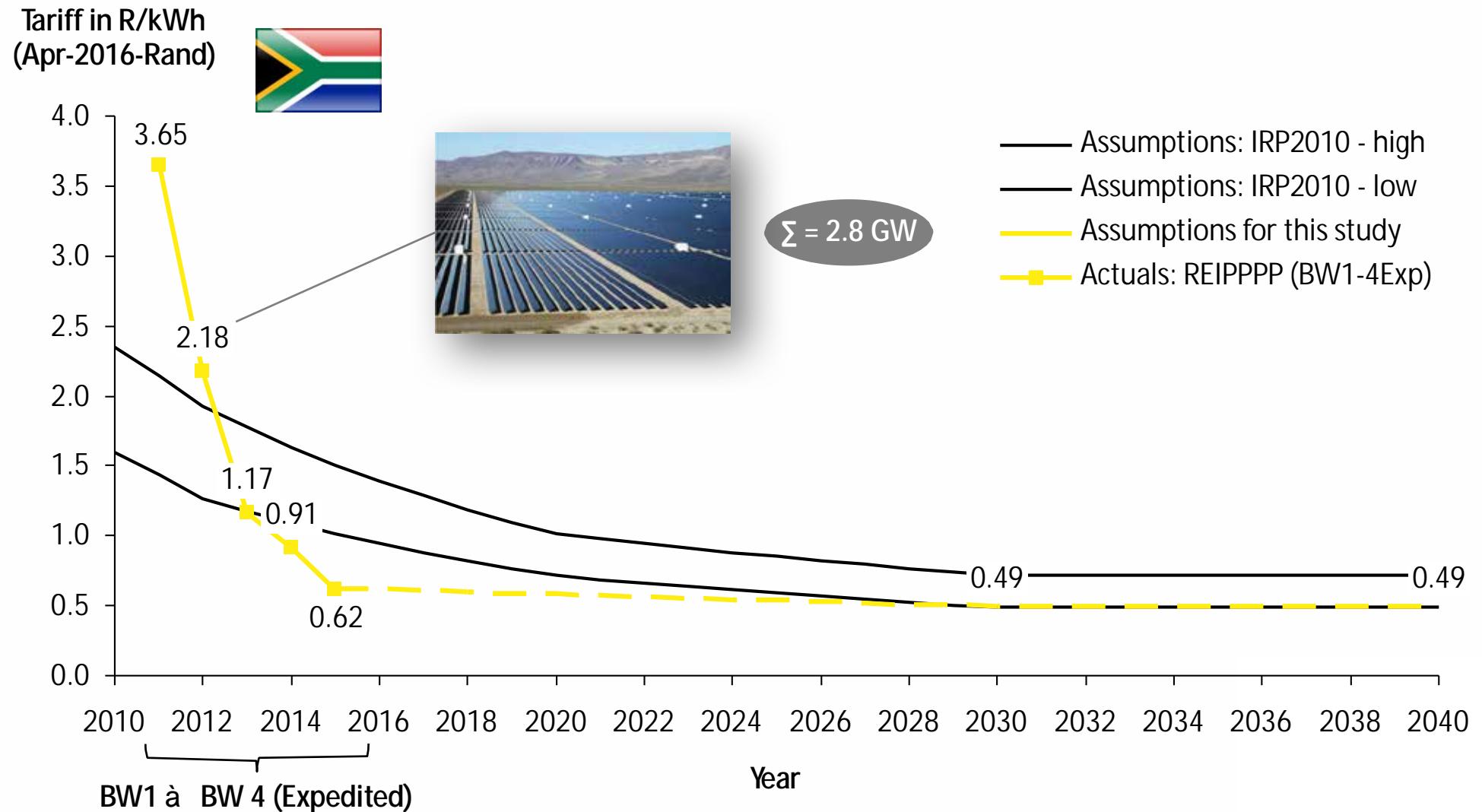


¹ Lifetime cost per energy unit is only presented for brevity. The model inherently includes the specific cost structures of each technology i.e. capex, Fixed O&M, variable O&M, fuel costs etc.

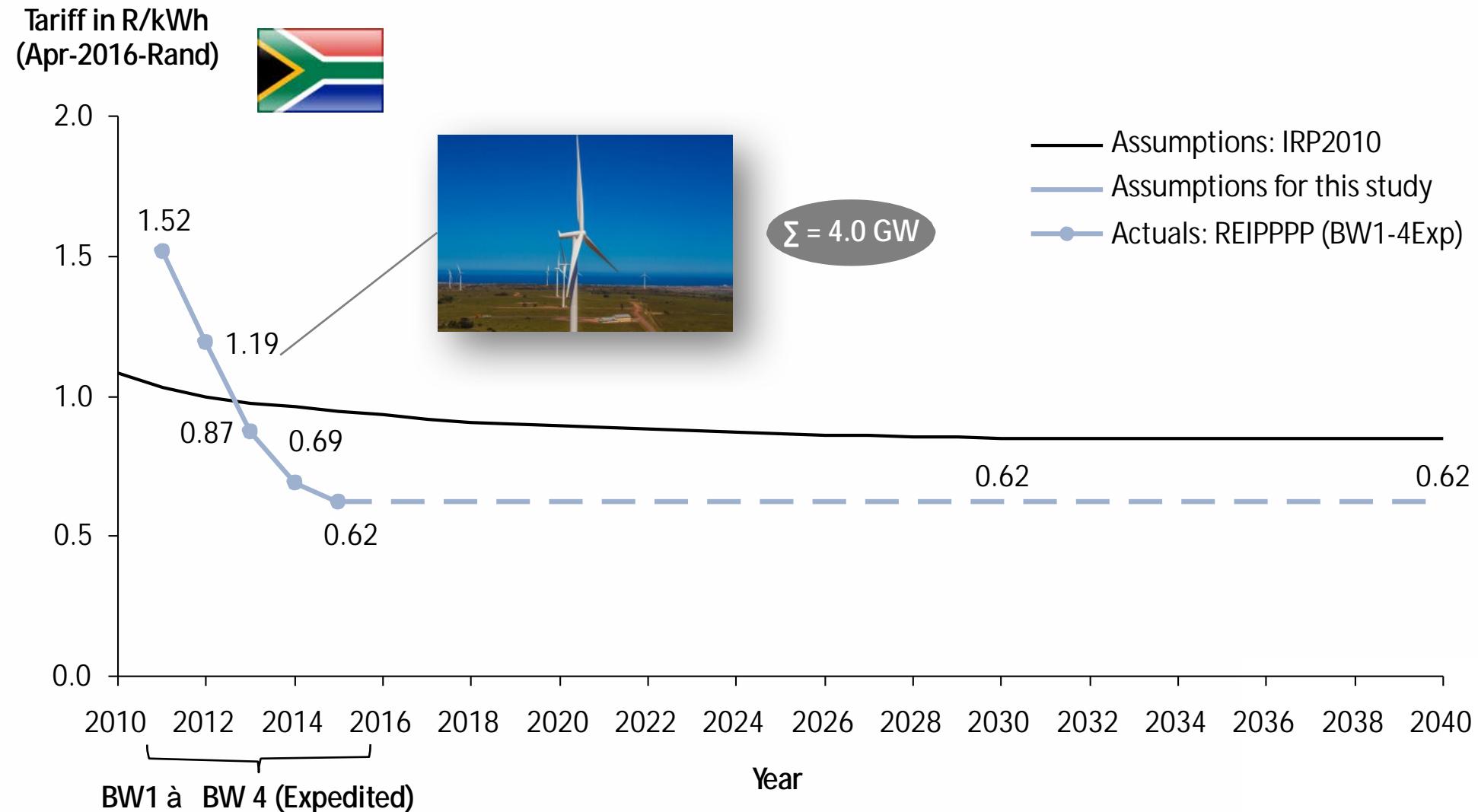
² Changing full-load hours for conventional new-build options drastically changes the fixed cost components per kWh (lower full-load hours à higher capital costs and fixed O&M costs per kWh);

Assumptions: Average efficiency for CCGT = 55%, OCGT = 35%; nuclear = 33%; IRP costs from Jan-2012 escalated to May-2016 with CPI; assumed EPC CAPEX inflated by 10% to convert EPC/LCOE into tariff; Sources: IRP 2013 Update; Doe IPP Office; StatsSA for CPI; Eskom financial reports for coal/diesel fuel cost; EE Publishers for Medupi/Kusile; Rosatom for nuclear capex; CSIR analysis

Future cost assumptions for solar PV aligned with IRP 2010

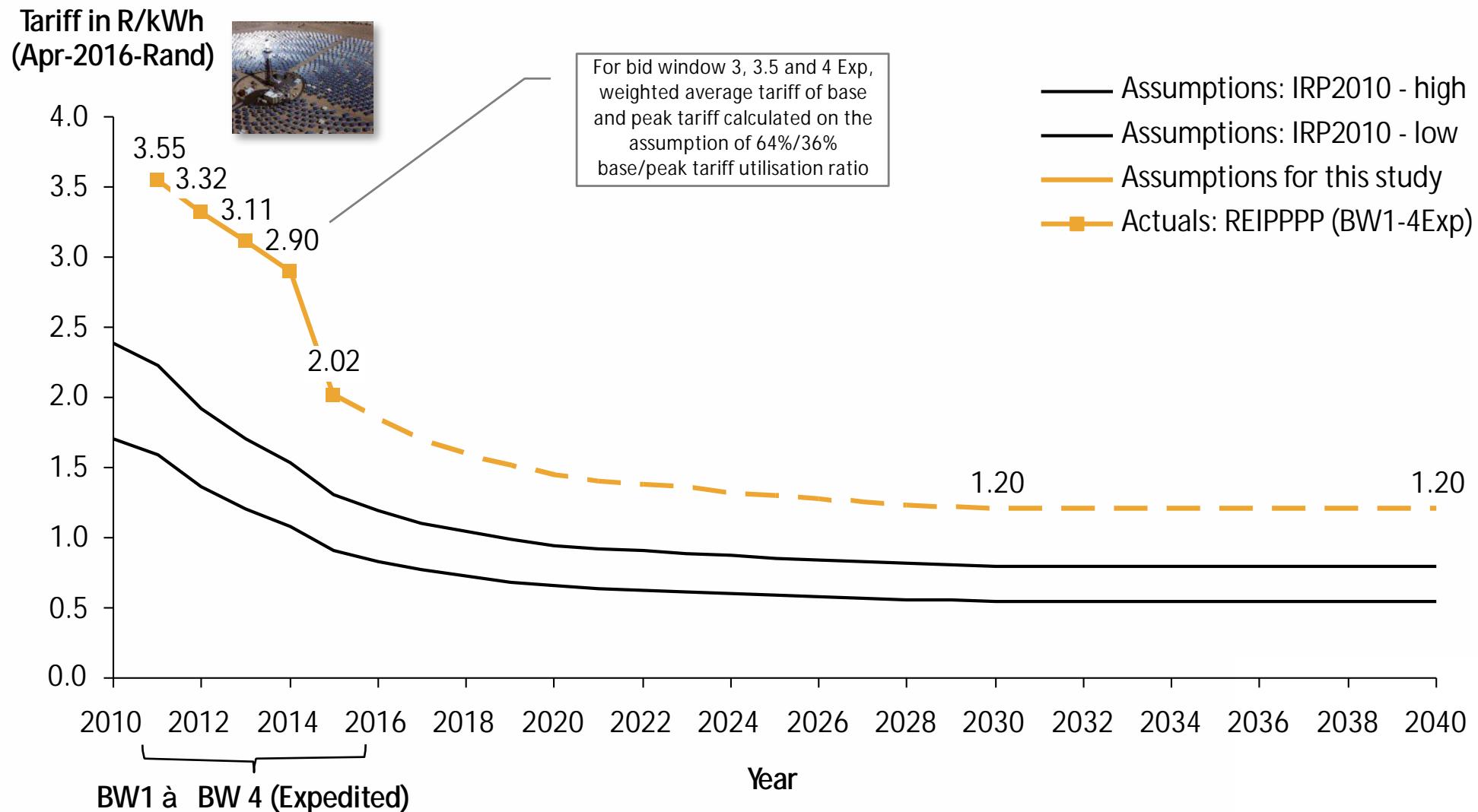


Future cost assumptions for wind aligned with results of Bid Window 4



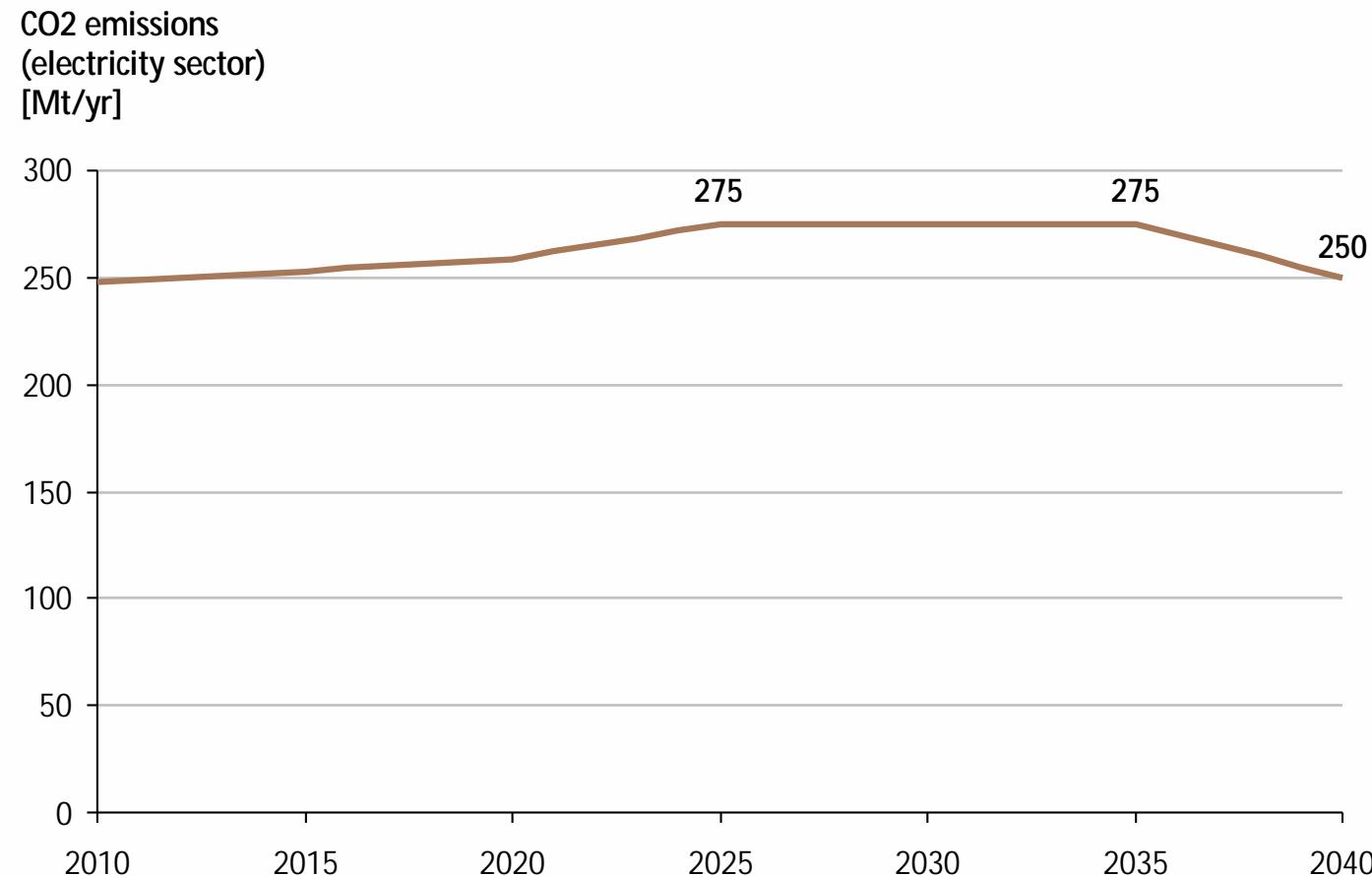
Notes: REIPPPP = Renewable Energy Independent Power Producer Programme; BW = Bid Window; bid submissions for the different BWs: BW1 = Nov 2011; BW2 = Mar 2012; BW 3 = Aug 2013; BW 4 = Aug 2014; BW 4 (Expedited) = Nov 2015 Sources: StatsSA for CPI; IRP 2010; South African Department of Energy (DoE); DoE IPP Office; CSIR analysis

Actual CSP tariffs are declining from bid window 1 to 4 Expedited, and are now close to the upper boundary of IRP 2013 cost assumptions



CO2 emissions constrained by RSA's Peak-Plateau-Decline objective

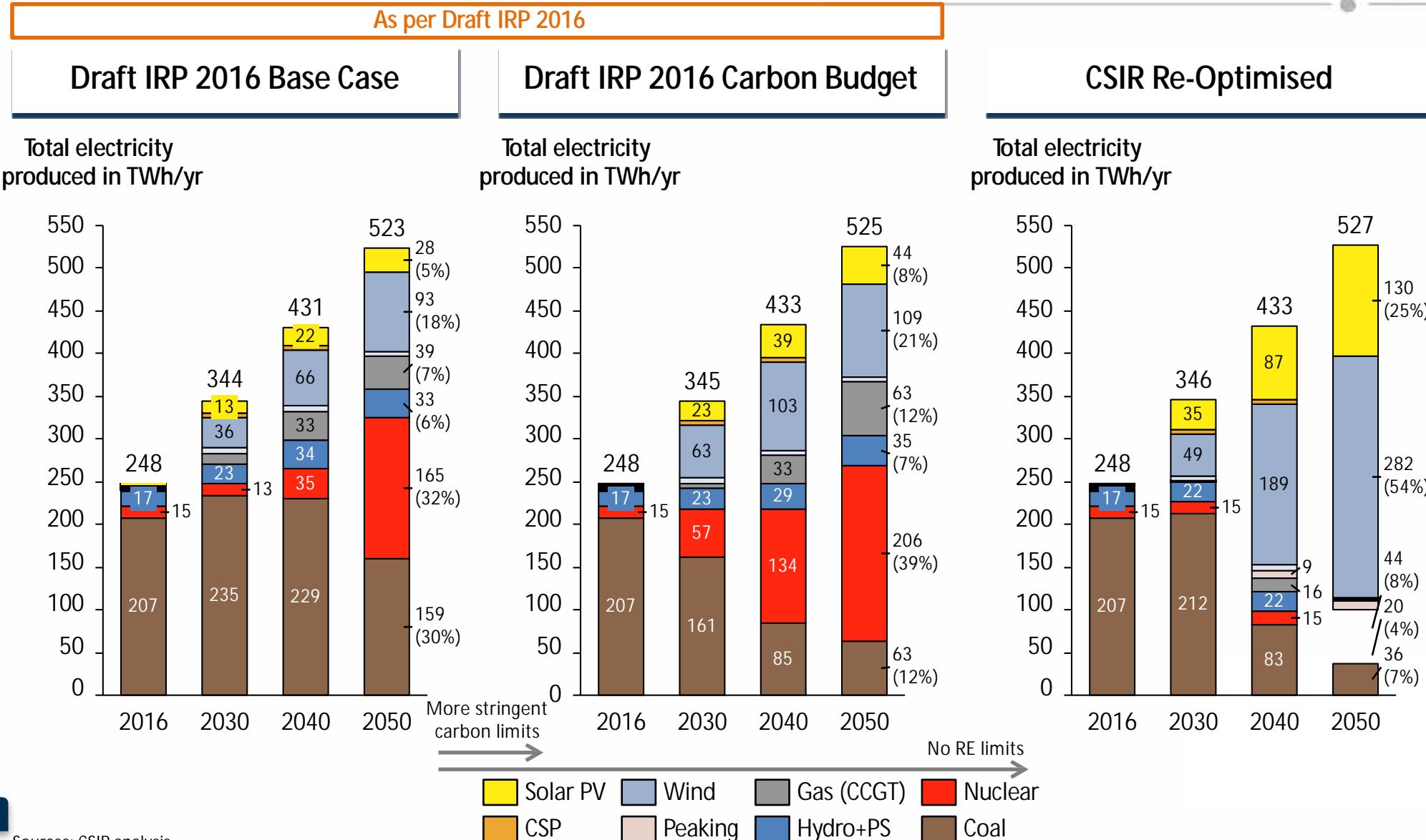
PPD that constrains CO2 emission from electricity sector



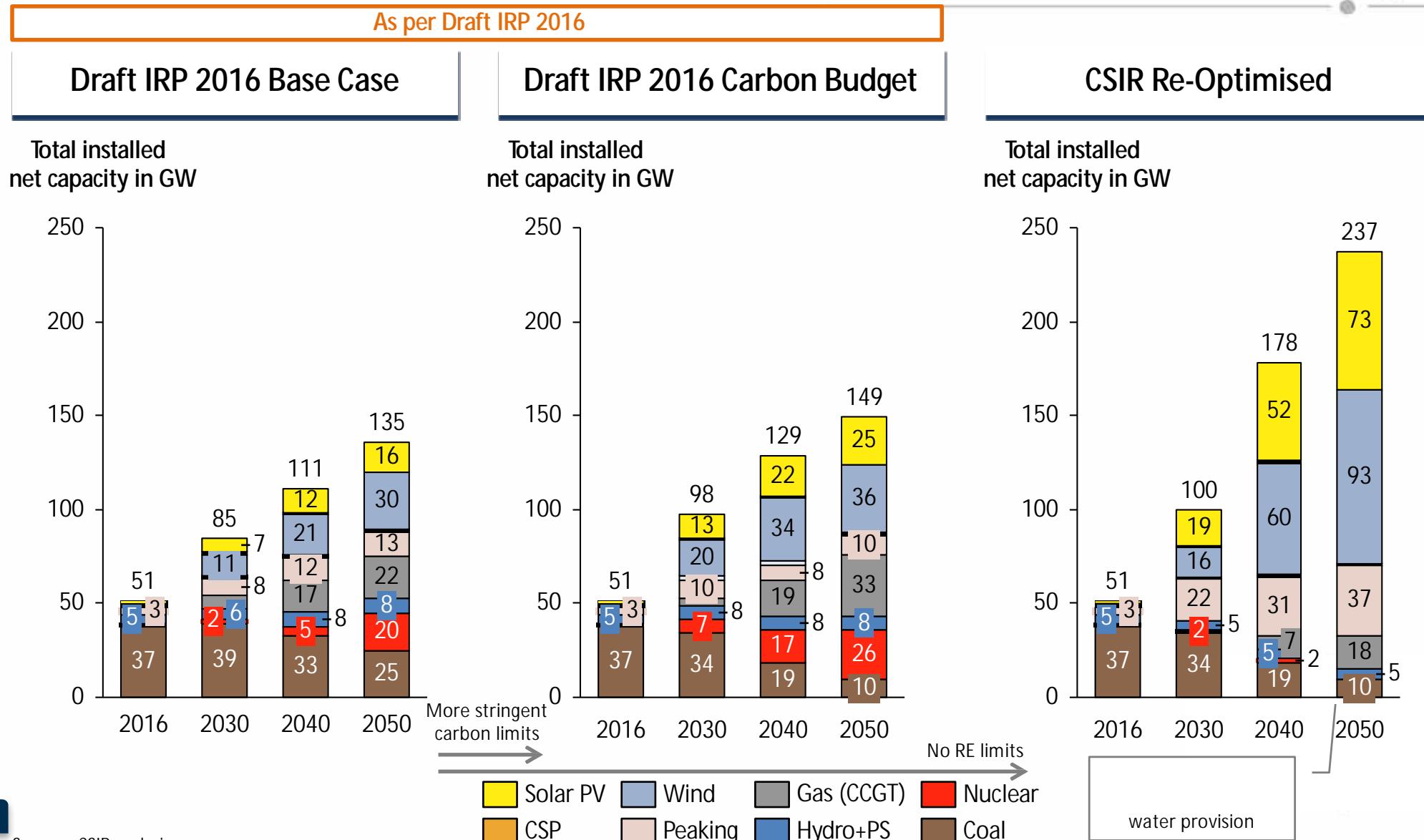
CO2 cap implemented as a hard constraint into the model (i.e. must not be exceeded)
Only in post-processing to calculate cost of CO2, cost of 120 R/t assumed



Least-cost “CSIR Re-Optimised” case is largely based on wind and PV



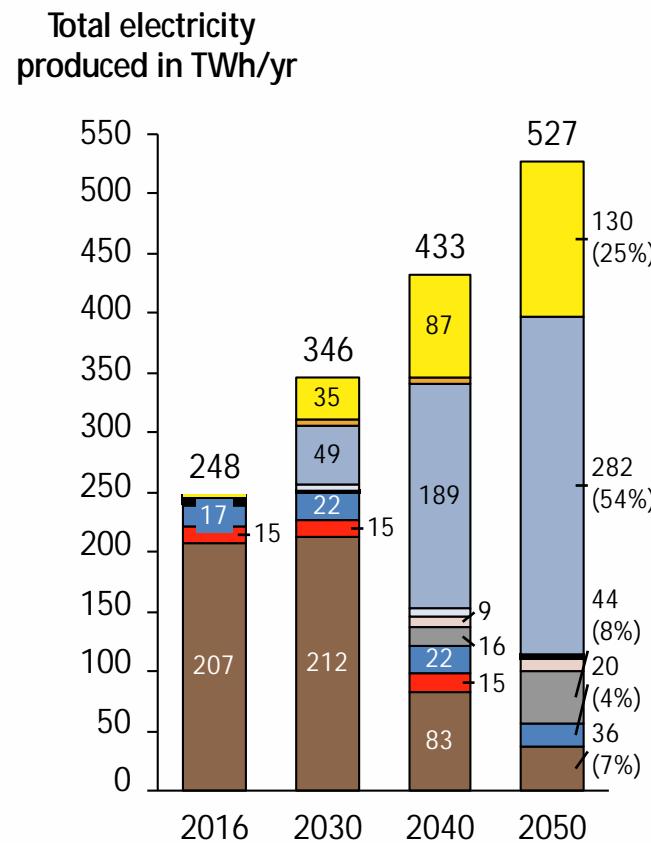
In the CSIR Re-Optimised case, 100 GW of wind & 60 GW of PV by 2050



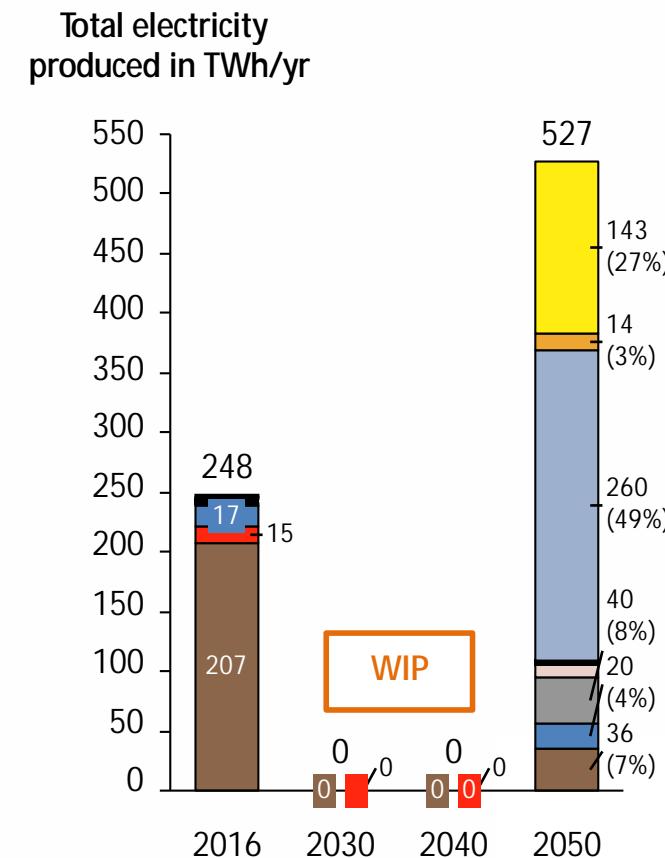
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Comparison of energy supply for Re-Optimised base scenario and Re-Optimised with low CSP cost

CSIR Re-Optimised (base)



Re-Optimised, CSP Sensitivity

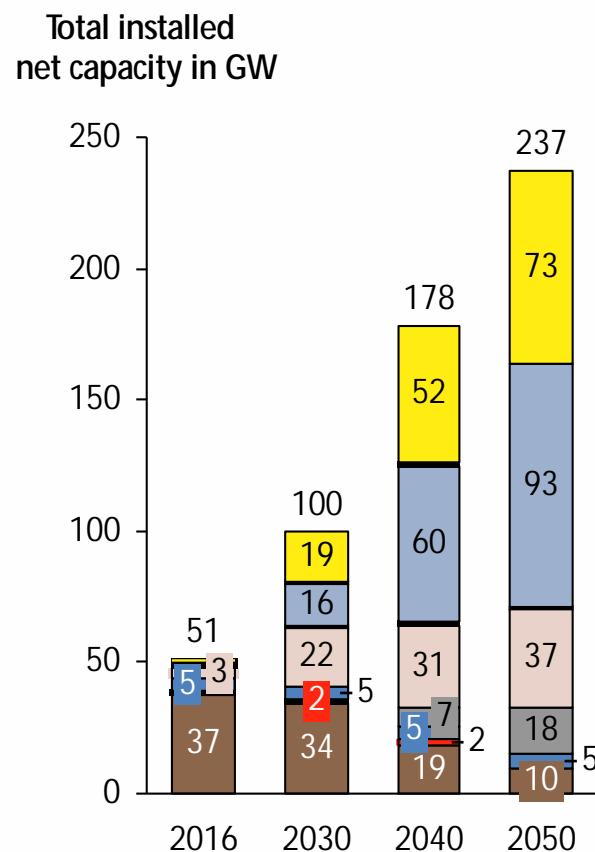


CSP annual CF @ 20%,
cost @ 1.32 R/kWh

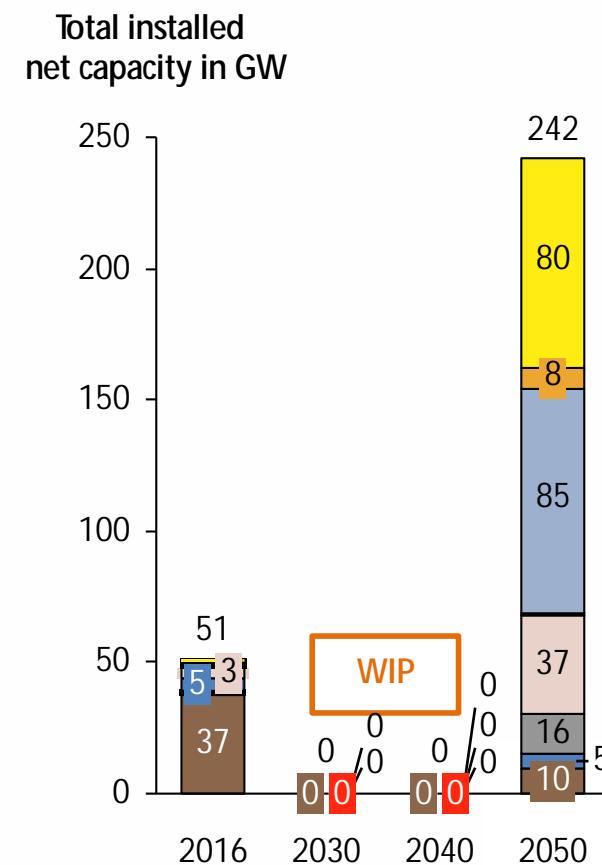
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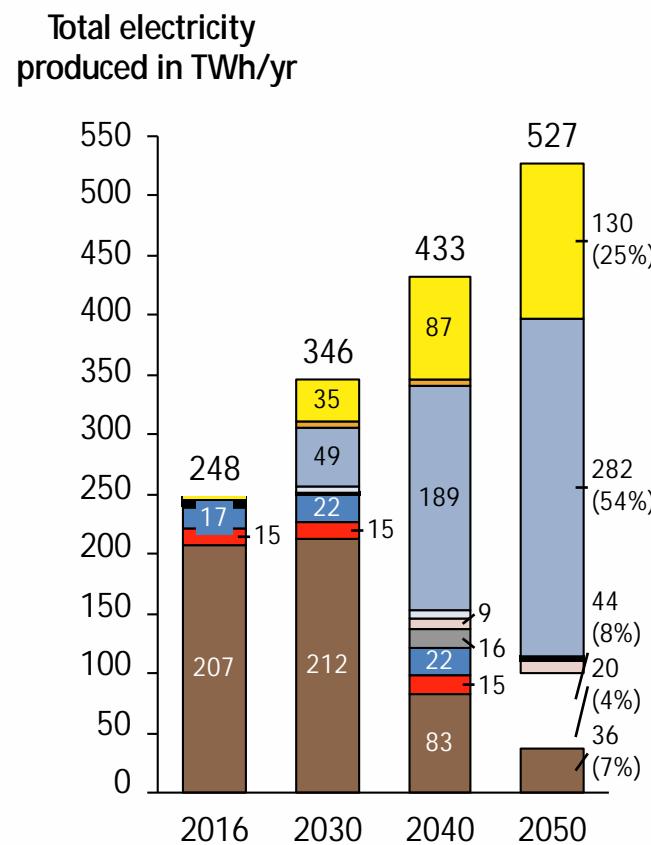


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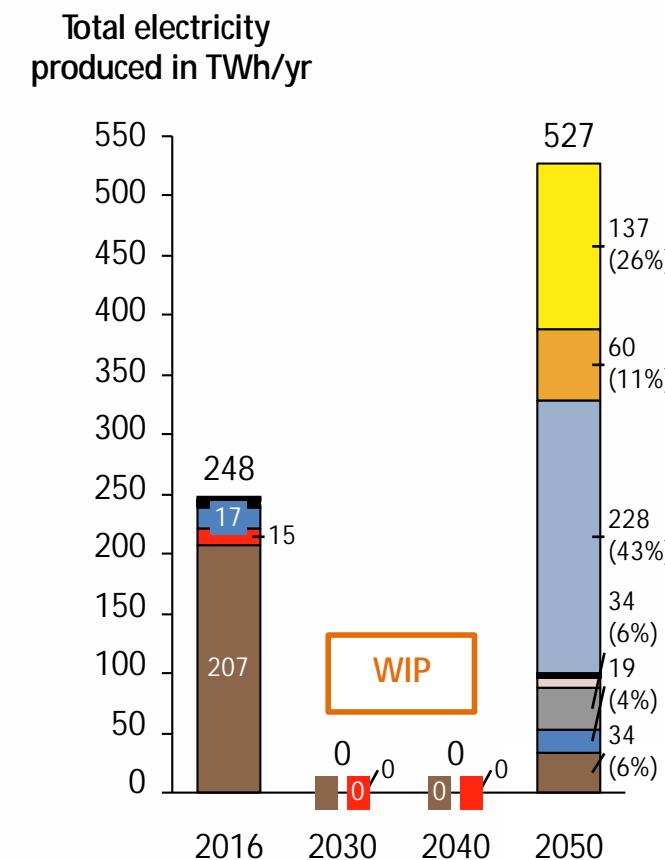
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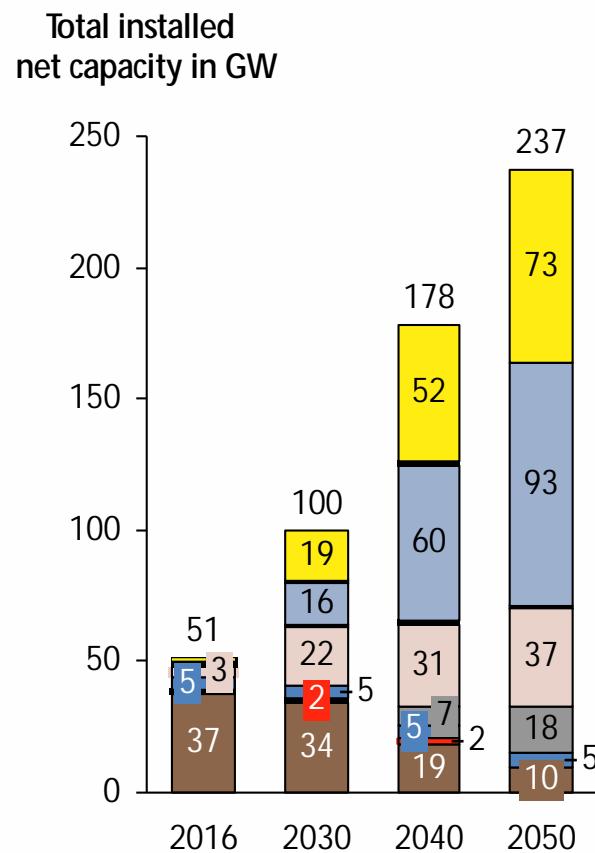
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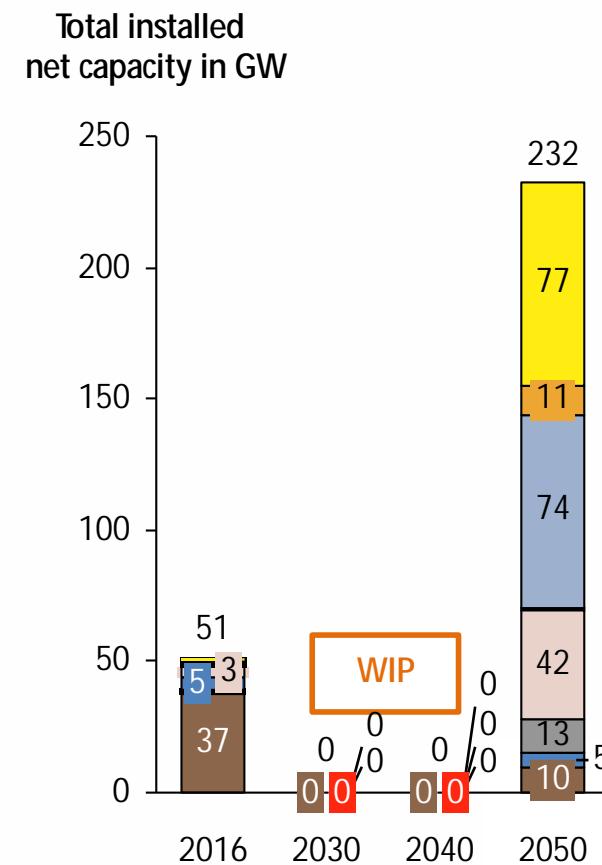
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Re-Optimised, CSP Sensitivity



CSP annual CF @ 60%,
cost @ 0.82 R/kWh

CSP sensitivity: CSP cost below 1.4 R/kWh makes it a gas fuel saver

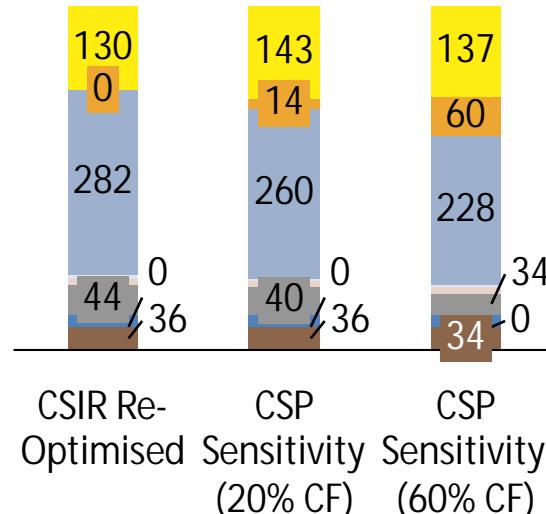
Sensitivity with below benchmark CSP cost

Two pre-conditions for CSP to be a cost-efficient contributor in the energy mix in 2050

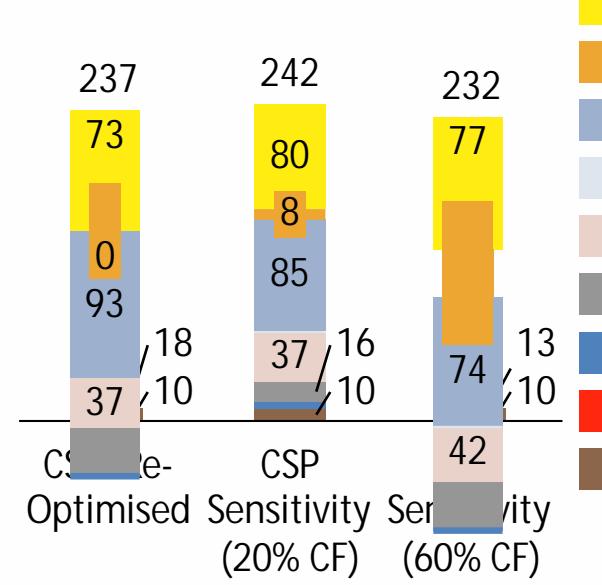
- 1) CSP cost below 1.4 R/kWh @ 20% CF à today RSA: 2.0 R/kWh @ 50-60% CF, or
- 2) CSP cost below 0.9 R/kWh @ 60% CF à today RSA: 2.0 R/kWh @ 50-60% CF
- CSP fully dispatchable within a certain daily energy budget (i.e. CSP energy budget can be distributed by the System Operator as required into the 24 hours of the day, within the maximum of installed capacity)

If these two conditions are met, then CSP can play the role of a gas fuel saver and displaces wind in 2050

Electricity supplied
in 2050 in TWh/yr



Installed net capacity
in 2050 in GW



Solar PV
 CSP
 Wind
 Other
 Peaking
 Gas (CCGT)
 Hydro+PS
 Nuclear
 Coal

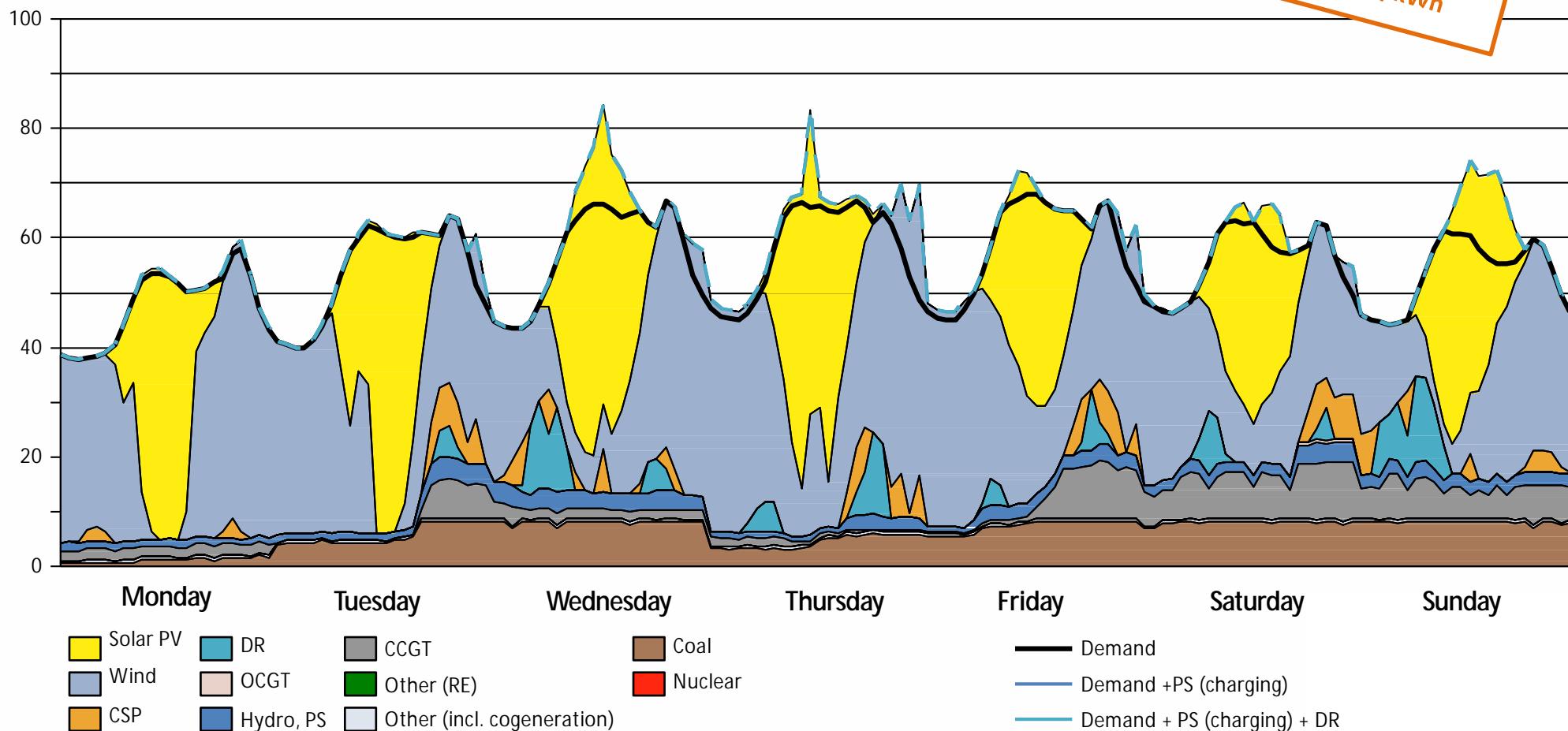
IRP 2016 (DRAFT): CSIR Re-Optimised in 2050

CSP 20% CF

Demand and Supply in GW

Example Week under CSIR Re-Optimised 2050

CSP with 20% CF
@ 1.32 R/kWh

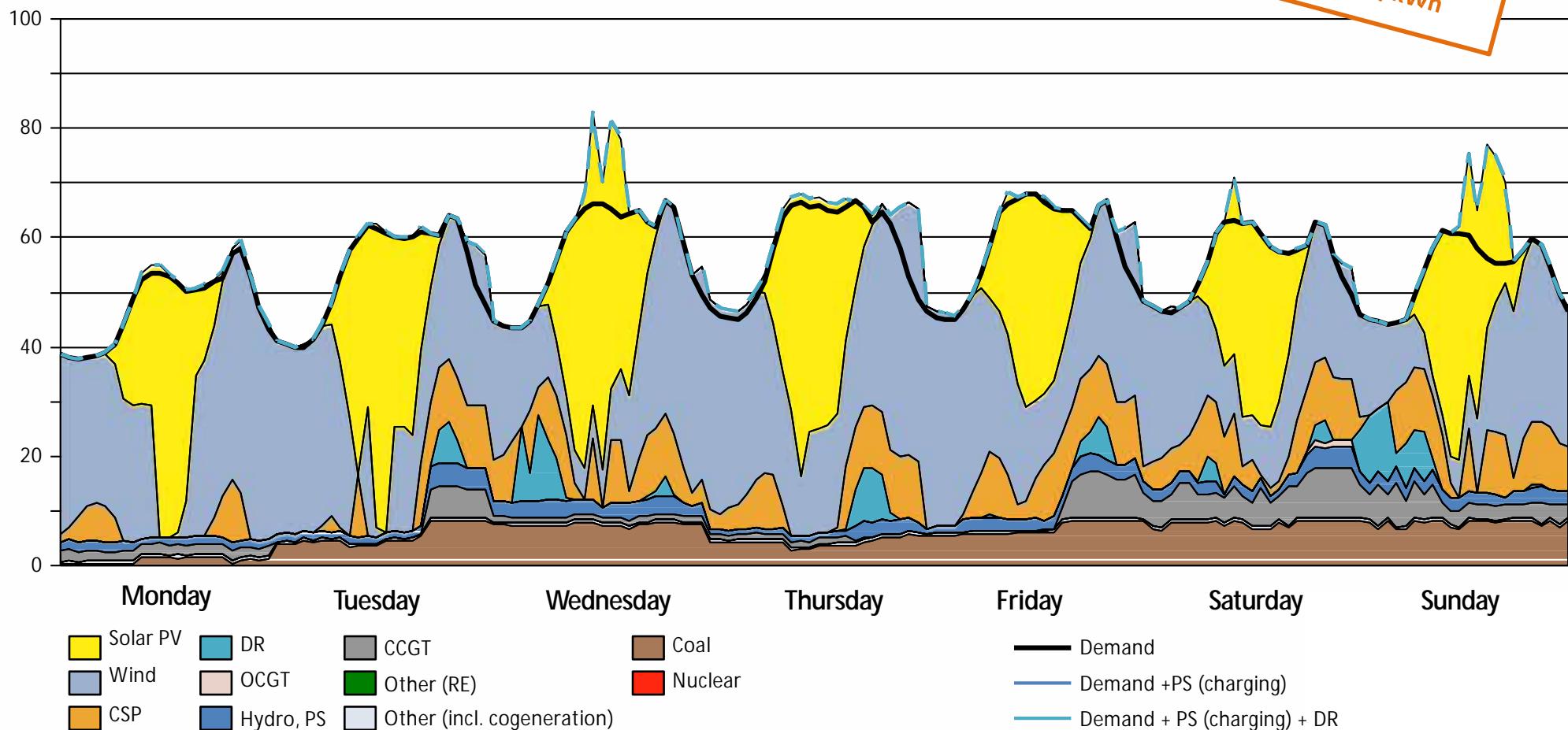


IRP 2016 (DRAFT): CSIR Re-Optimised in 2050 CSP 60% CF

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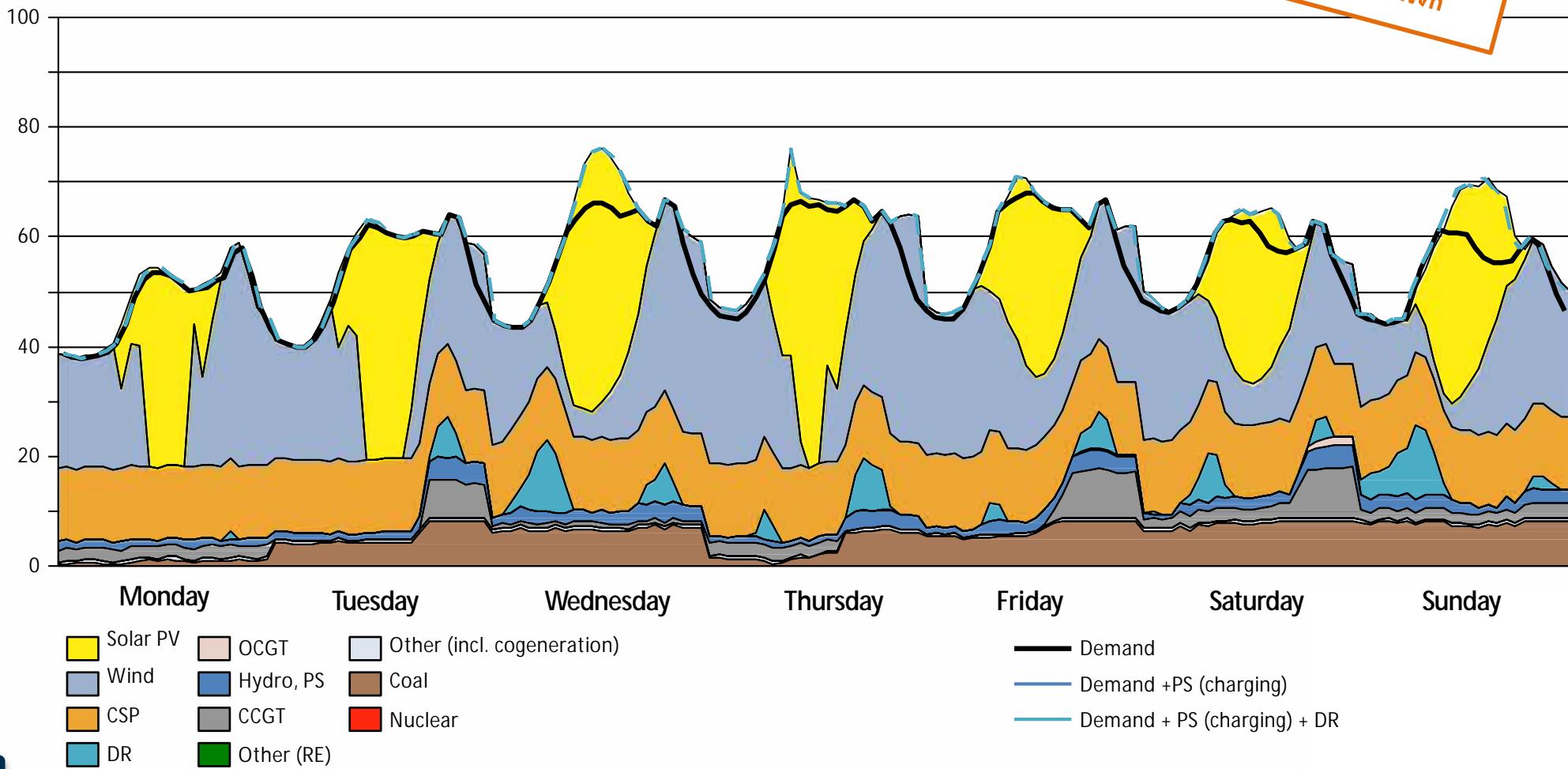


IRP 2016 (DRAFT): CSIR Re-Optimised in 2050 CSP 90% CF

Demand and Supply in GW

Example Week under CSIR Re-Optimised 2050

CSP with 90% CF
@ 0.69 R/kWh



CSIR Re-Optimised case without renewables limits is R90 billion/yr cheaper than both IRP 2016 Base Case & IRP 2016 Carbon Budget case

Preliminary
Year 2050

Draft IRP 2016 Base Case



27%



R580 billion/yr



200 Mt/yr



40 bn l/yr

Draft IRP 2016 Carbon Budget



33%



R580 billion/yr



100 Mt/yr



16 bn l/yr

CSIR Re-Optimised



80%



R490 billion/yr



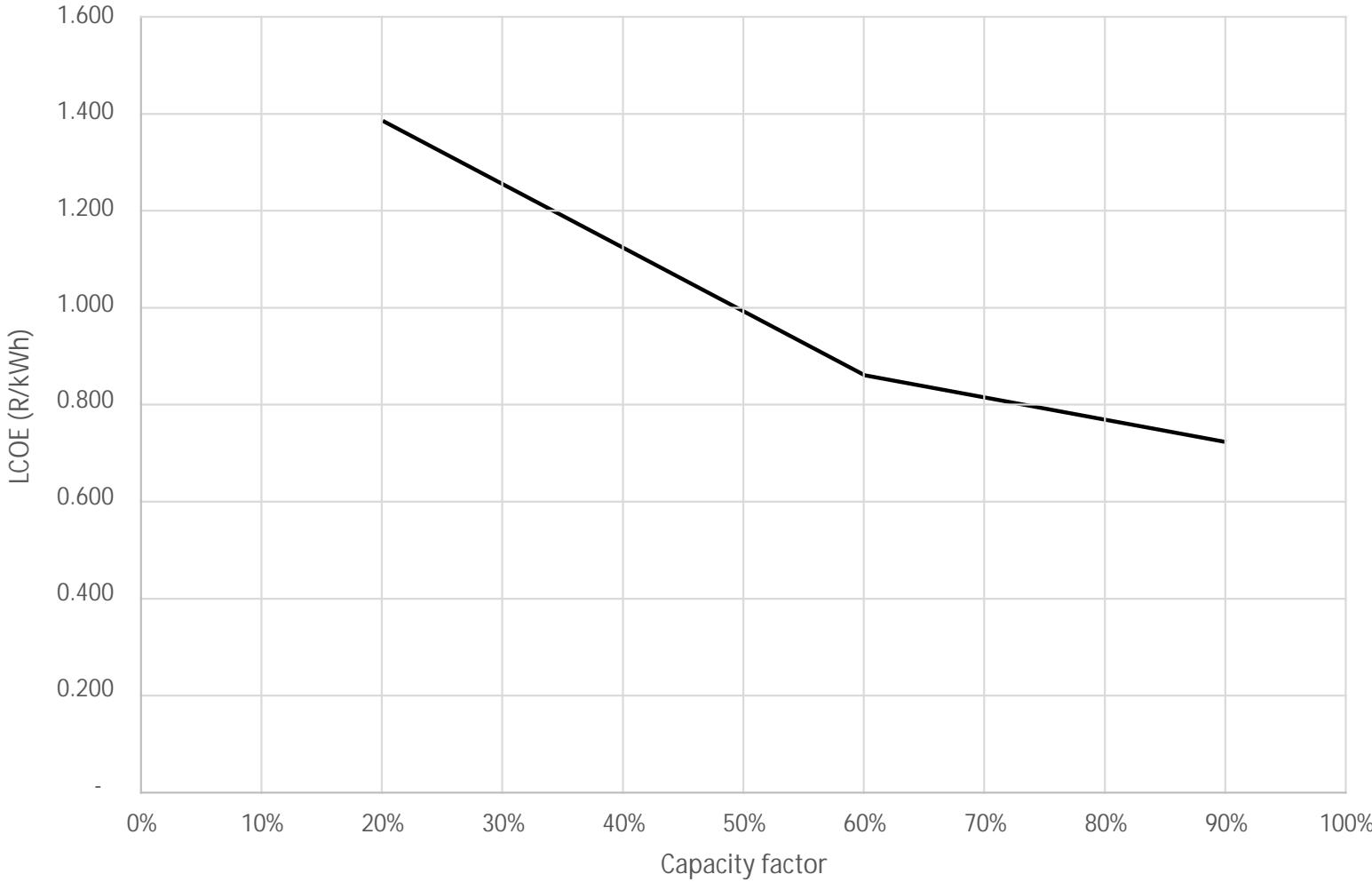
70 Mt/yr



11 bn l/yr

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Tipping point cost for CSP depends on annual average CF



Agenda

Expertise of Commentators

Comments on IRP Assumptions

IRP Results and Least-cost Scenario

Proposal / Next Steps



Recommendation: The IRP Base Case should be least-cost, free of any artificial constraints

Solar PV, wind and flexibility is the cheapest new-build mix for the South African power system and it is the cost-optimal expansion to aim for a >70% renewable energy share by 2050

This “CSIR Re-Optimised” mix is R90 billion per year cheaper by 2050 than current Draft IRP Base Case

Also, CSIR Re-Optimised mix reduces CO2 emissions by 65% (-130 Mt/yr) compared to Draft IRP Base Case

Avoiding CO2 emissions and least-cost is not a trade-off anymore – South Africa can de-carbonise its electricity sector at negative carbon-avoidance cost

Recommendation: The IRP Base Case should be least-cost, free of any artificial constraints

- New-build limits for renewables should be lifted, relative costs of wind/PV updated, and the unconstrained re-run should form the Base Case of the IRP 2016
- Any cost increase due to deviations from the least-cost Base Case should be reported on





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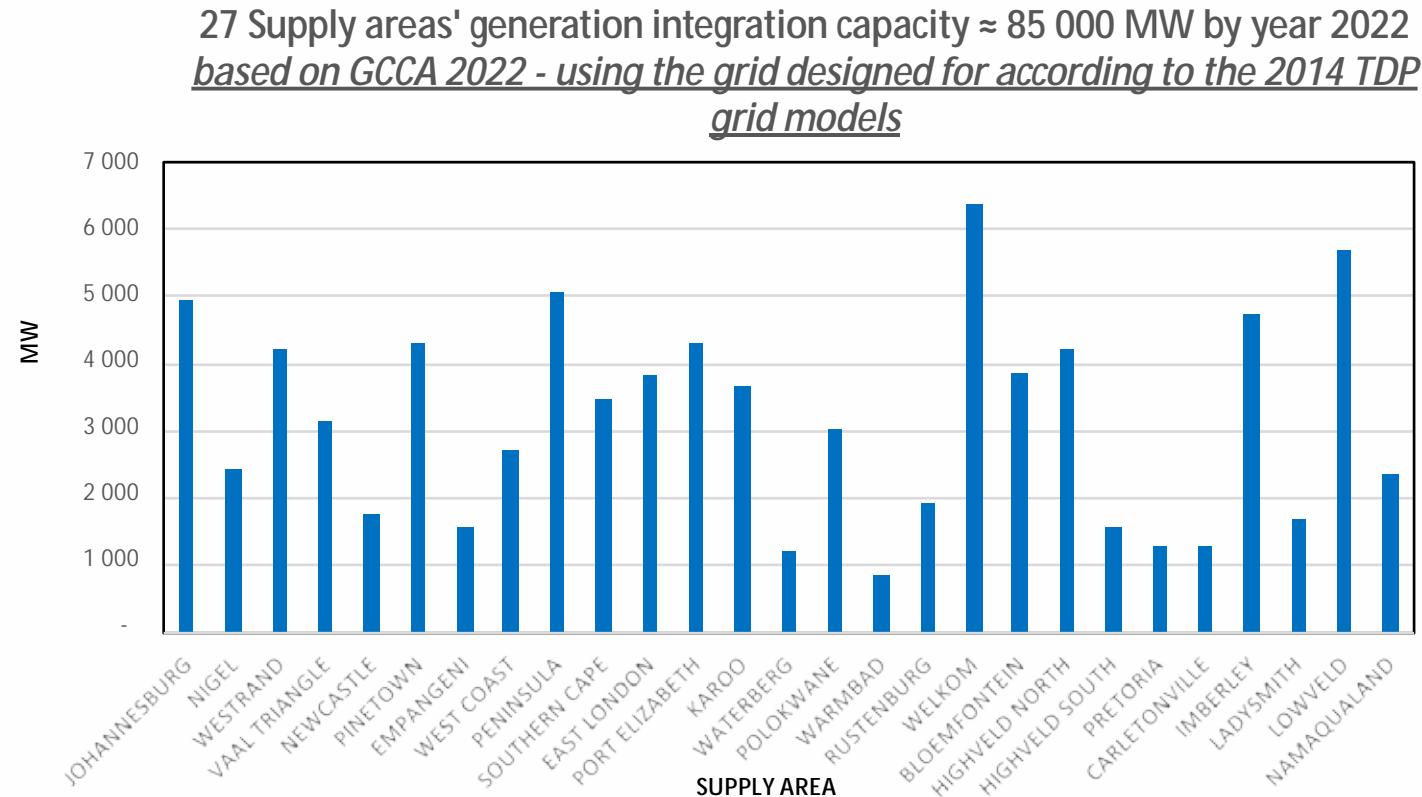
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BACKUP

REBID 1-4 amounts to only 6.8 GW of Wind and PV, the grid has more than enough capacity (\approx 85 GW) by year 2022



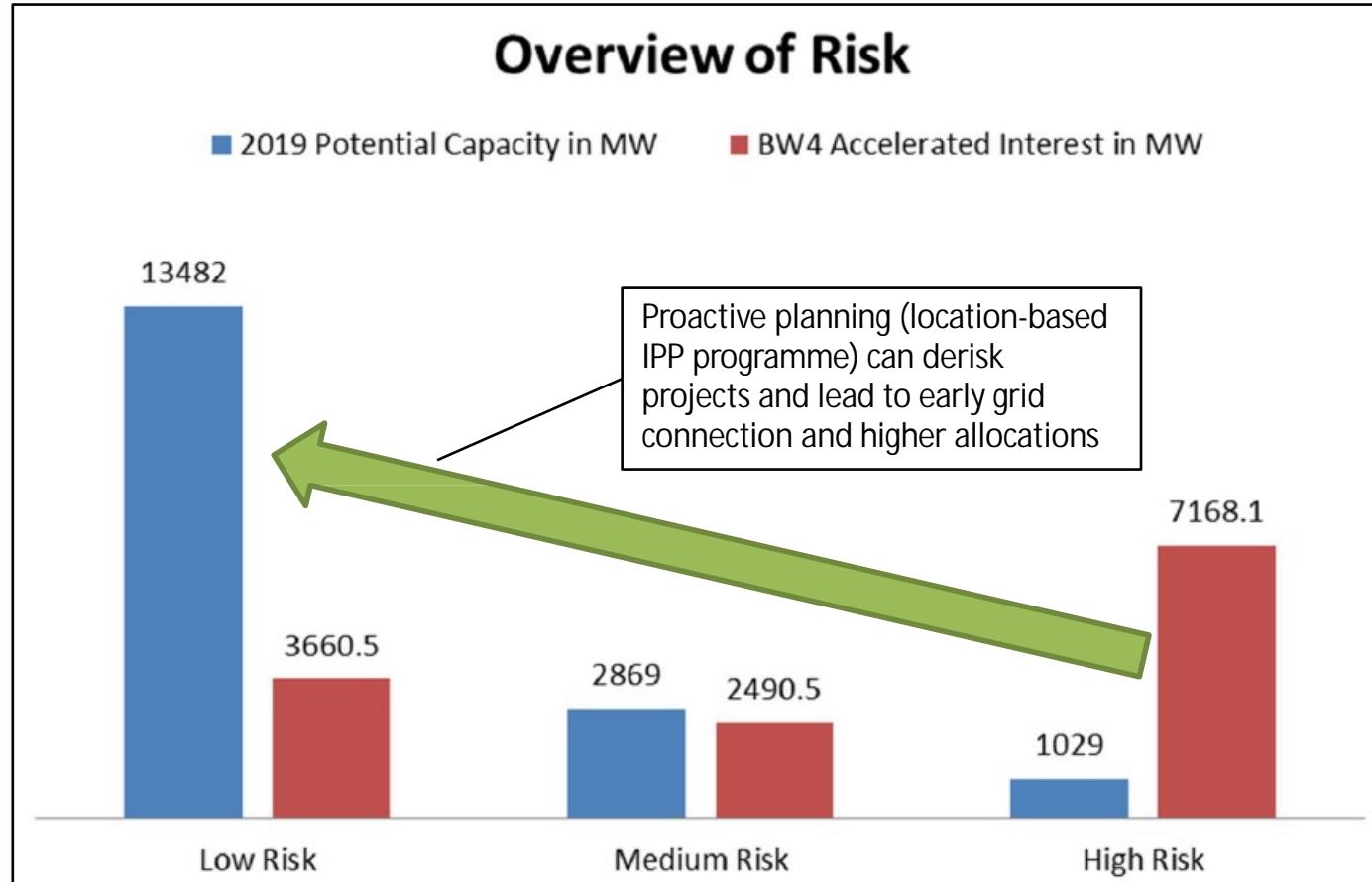
Additional studies (stability etc.) to quantify how much of the 85 GW can be comprised of wind and PV (with flexible generators) are warranted for managing the rollout plan

GCCA – Generation Connection Capacity Assessment

Sources:

- Transmission development plan 2016-2025: http://www.eskom.co.za/Whatweredoing/TransmissionDevelopmentPlan/Pages/Transmission_Development_Plans.aspx
- GCCA 2022: <http://www.eskom.co.za/Whatweredoing/GCCAReport/Pages/Default.aspx>
- CSIR analyses

Lack of location-based incentives for IPPs leads to interest in substations that are already constrained (e.g. RE Bid 4 Expedited)



Low risk:
Capacity available

Medium risk:
Minimal grid infrastructure required

High risk:
Extensive grid infrastructure required at Tx level

For Bid Window 4 Expedited, only 1170 MW was allocated for wind (650 MW) and PV (520 MW); more could have been allocated

Sources:

- Eskom Transmission Grid Planning - Expedited Bid Window Programme Access Risk Assessment
- CSIR analysis

Grid assessment/information to accompany the formal submission – all to be based publicly available information and data sets

- Grid capacity available at all busbars (66/88/132/275/400 kV) in transmission substations after RE Bid Windows 1-4
- Wind and solar PV correlation/aggregation impact on grid capacity assessment
- Location of wind and PV plants for the least-cost optimised electricity generation mix by 2050
- The estimated grid cost for the integration of new generation capacity for each scenario studies
- High-level assessment of the variable RE penetration levels for South Africa that will necessitate detailed stability and other studies associated with a South African system with low inertia

Actual experience from power systems globally indicate that > 50% instantaneous penetration of variable RE is possible before stability issues are a cause for concern