# The value of flexibility on the CWE power market

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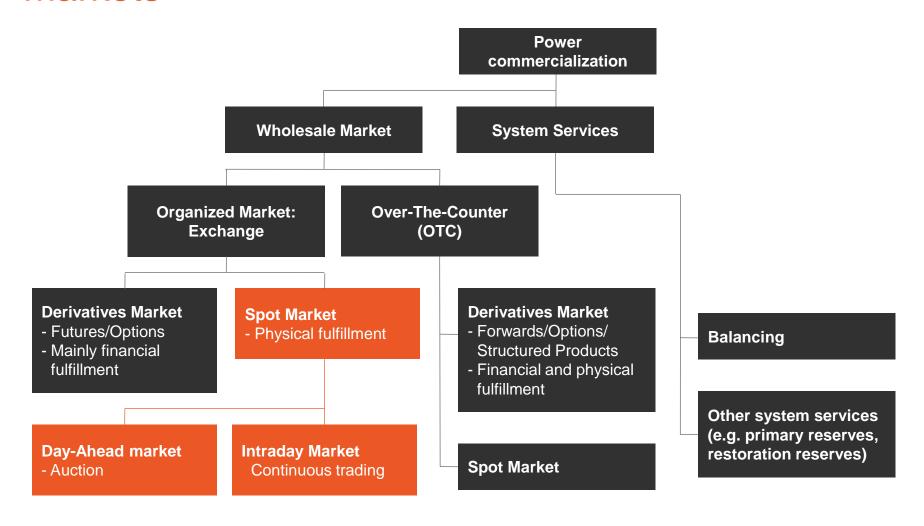


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- 1. The CWE Wholesale power market
- 2. What is the value of flexibility?
- 3. Flexibility from a market design perspective



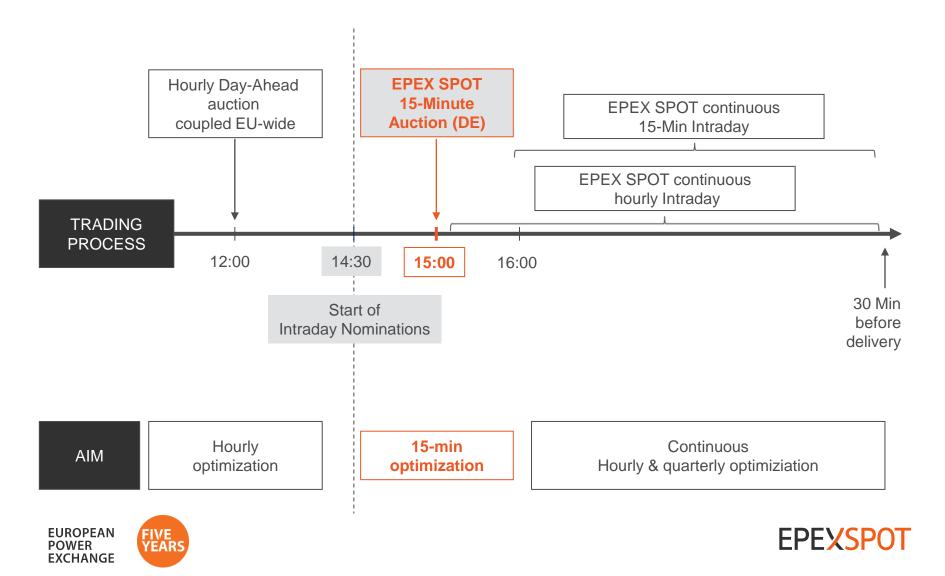
### Ways of trading power on European Wholesale markets







### The wholesale energy trading process



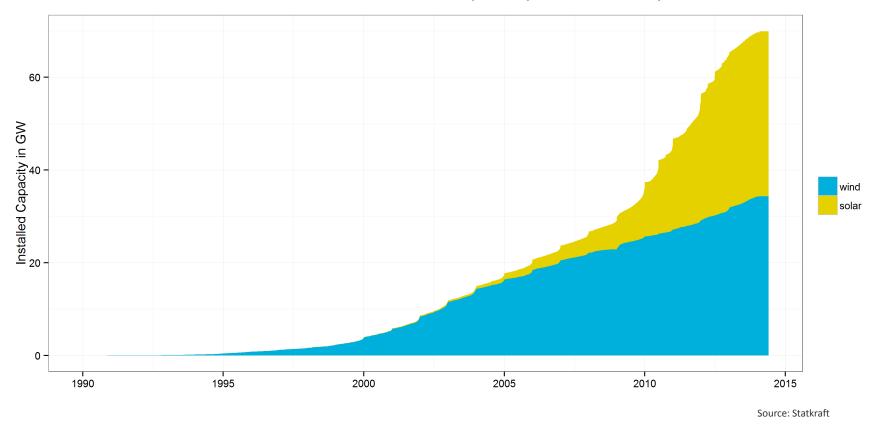
## The CWE Wholesale power market





## RES development has boosted need to balance on the Intraday market

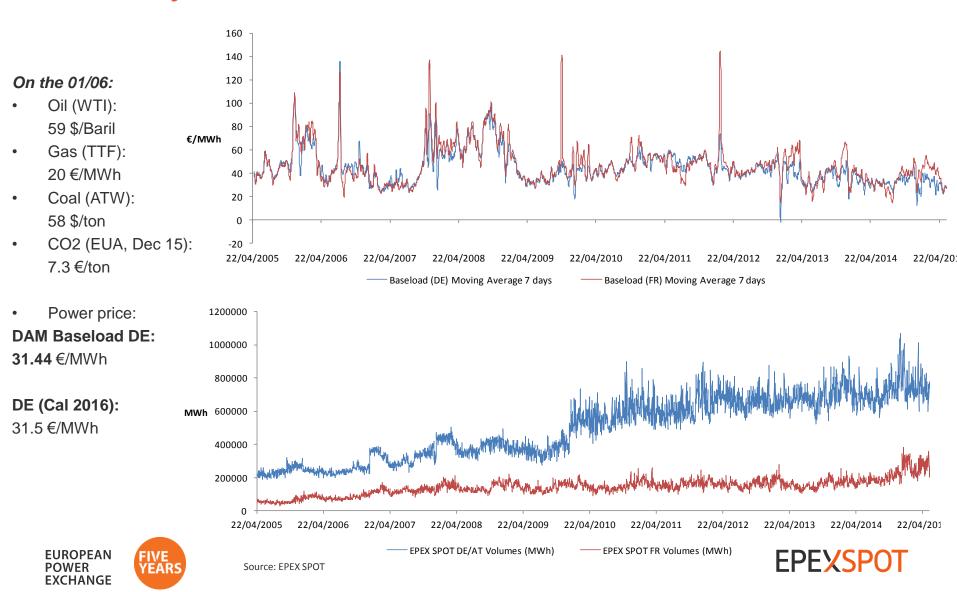
#### Solar and Wind Installed Capacity in Germany



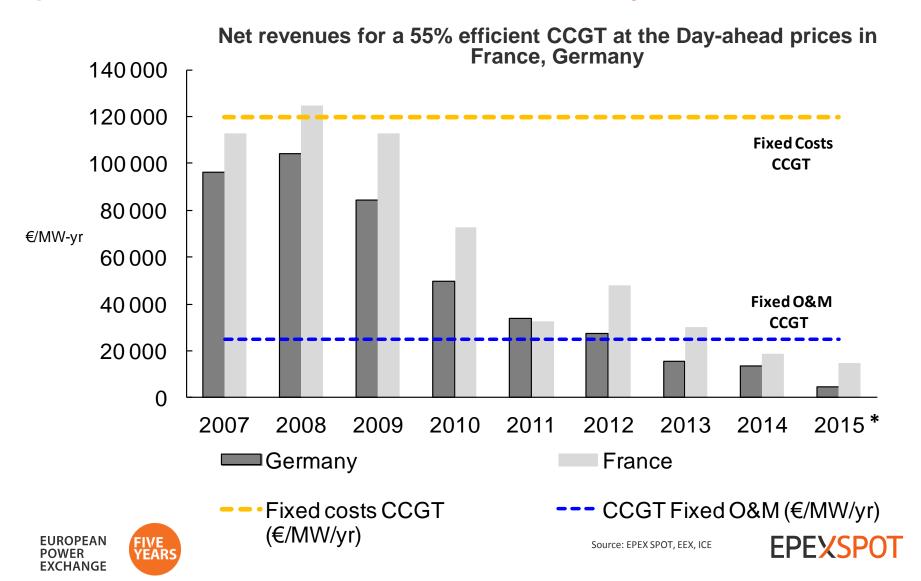




## Wholesale power prices at record lows on the Day-ahead market

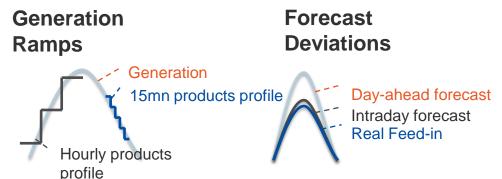


## What are the theoretical revenues for the perfect CCGT offered on the day-ahead?

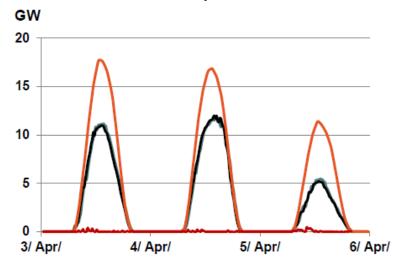


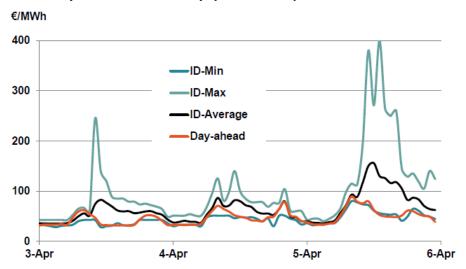
### Balancing needs exacerbated by forecast errors

- Generation ramps handled with quarters
- Forecast deviations: Wind/solar forecasts can vary significantly from Day-ahead forecast to last Intraday Forecast



#### Day-ahead PV forecast inaccuracy and Intraday price impact





Day-ahead PV forecast

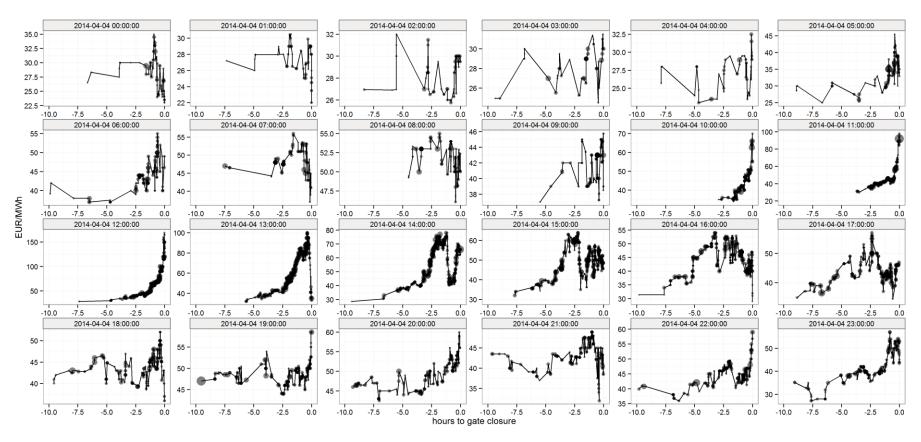
Last intraday PV forecast

PV extrapolation

Source: 50 Hertz, EPEX SPOT



### Some Intraday Price Developments...

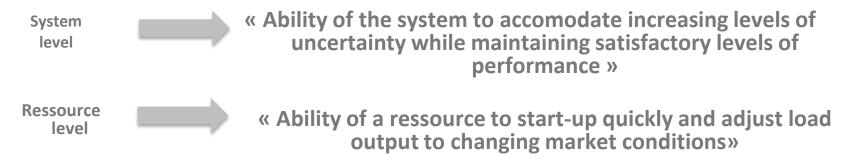


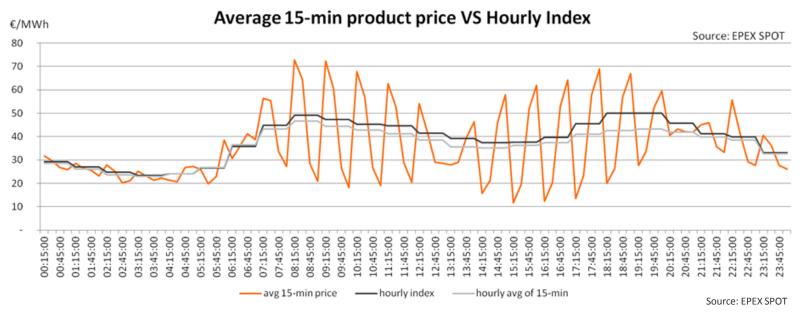






## What is flexibility? Is there a value for flexibility on the Intraday?







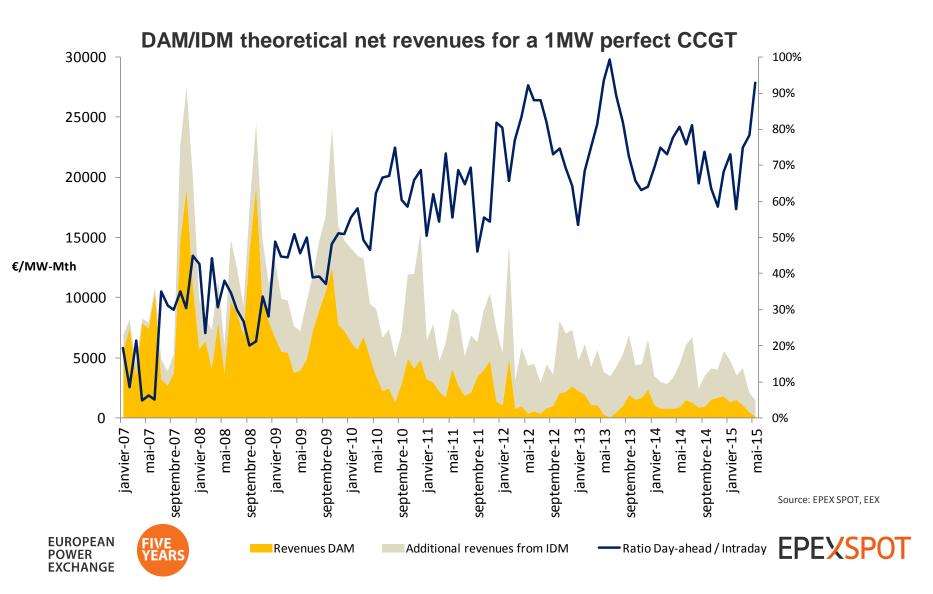


## What is the value of flexibility?

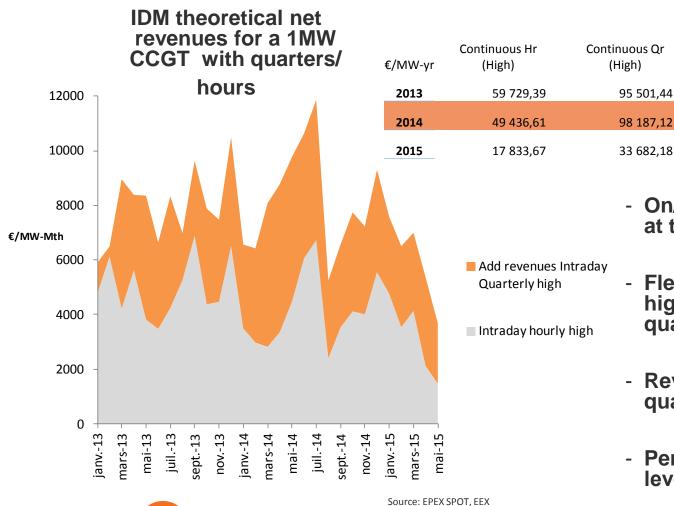




## The share of revenues from hourly Intraday compared to day-ahead



### A flexible plant can increase revenues significantly on the quarterly market



 On/Off decisions of the plant at the quarterly level

Continuous Qr

(WAP)

33 407,95

30 737,11

8 162.30

Continuous Qr

(Low)

6 191,27

5 203,61

1 212.21

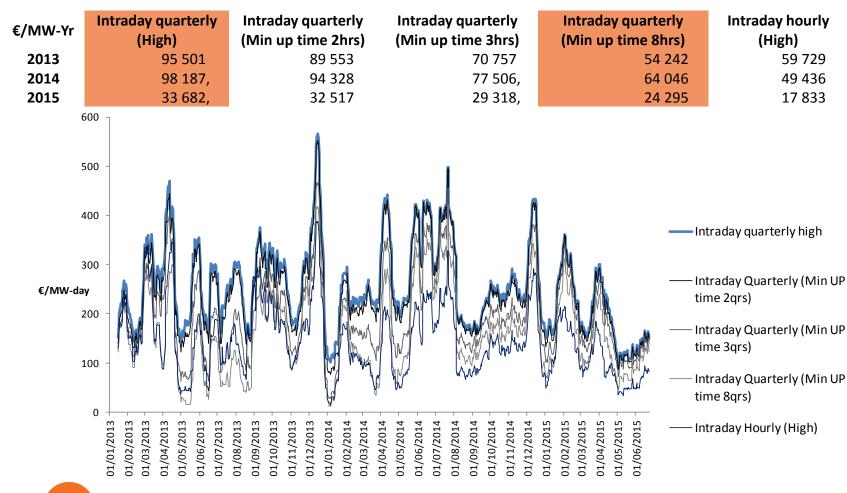
- Flexible plants benefit from higher price volatility at quarterly level
- Revenues almost double with quarters
- Perfect flexibility at quarterly level very challenging...





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## A unflexible plant would not see benefits in trading quarterly contracts







Source: EPEX SPOT, EEX



### Recap in terms of Intraday profitability

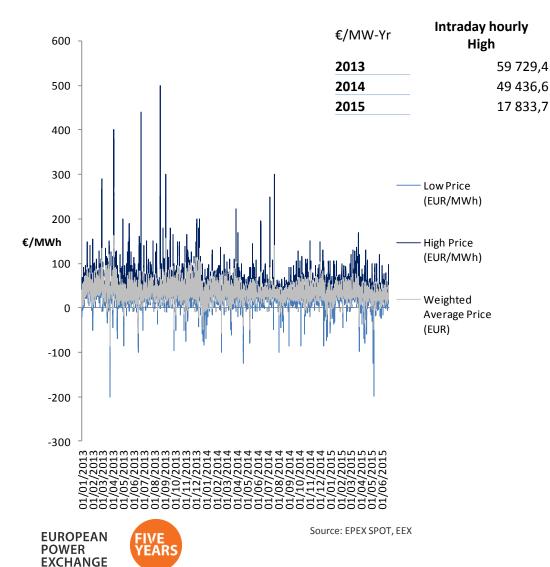
€/MW-yr	2013	2014	2015*
Intraday hourly price High	59 729,39	49 436,61	17 833,67
Intraday hourly price Weighted average	19 629,12	16 812,89	4 732,02
Intraday hourly price Low	4 488,55	3 921,81	1 246,99
Intraday quarterly (High)	95 501,44	98 187,12	33 682,18
Intraday quarterly (High) (Min up time 2qrs)	89 553,26	94 328,33	32 517,37
Intraday quarterly (High) (Min up time 3qrs)	70 757,88	77 506,94	29 318,18
Intraday quarterly (High) (Min up time 8qrs)	54 242,89	64 046,44	24 295,34
Day-ahead market	15 282,19	13 590,19	4 367,46

Source: EPEX SPOT, EEX





## Revenue volatility during the trading session can be high on the continuous Intraday



 On the Continuous market, revenues depend a lot on the trading skils/risk profile/luck...

Intraday hourly

Low

4 488.5

3 921.8

1 247,0

**DAM** revenues

15 282,2

13 590,2

4 367,5

**Intraday hourly** 

Weighted average

19 629.1

16 812.9

4 732,0

- A trader that gets the high prices can make three times more revenue than a trader that captures the average price
- In reality, as pay-as-bid only a very small fraction of the market captures the high price

## Flexibility from a market design perspective





### Flexibility from the PX perspective

- The Power exchange can help reveal/value embedded system flexibility
  - If the market needs more flexibility it should signal this need...
  - A question of short-term price signal & liquidity
- A short-term price signal to reward flexibility
- A question of liquidity: Concentrating liquidity during times of varying market conditions can help ALL market players!
- The power exchange can facilitate trading/Valuing of flexibility
- Decreased lead-time
- 15mn products satisfy a need that was not covered by1hr contracts
- Local DE Auction for 15-minute contracts at 15h to concentrate liquidity
- What can be done to enhance flexible capacity further?
- New products: Intraday Auctions & Options





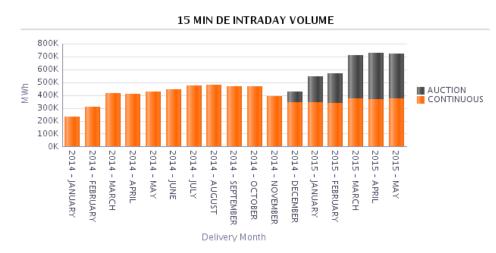
### Intraday auctions as a complement to continuous trading for a **flexible target model**

#### Some pros/cons of Intraday auctions Vs Continuous

- Liquidity (15mn auction ≈10-15GWh/day)
- Uniform pricing Vs Pay As Bid
- Continuous Vs Discrete
- Transmission capacity pricing
- Problem complexity (15/30/60mn+Block products, Smart blocks, multi-part bids)
- Level-playing field : no arms race
- Reliability



- Flexible regulatory framework
- Target model needs to be flexible to accommodate the evolution in market conditions

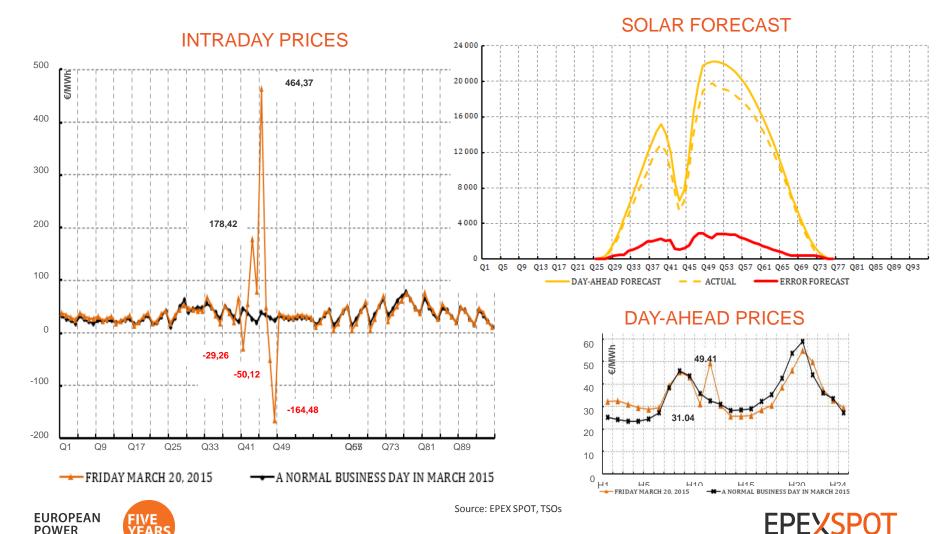








## European power exchange as a component of security of supply during the solar eclipse



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