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# On-Line Management, Control and Optimization of Electricity Generation

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## OPTIMISATION ?

**Supply Mix**

*Lowers price of kWh or Maximal profit*

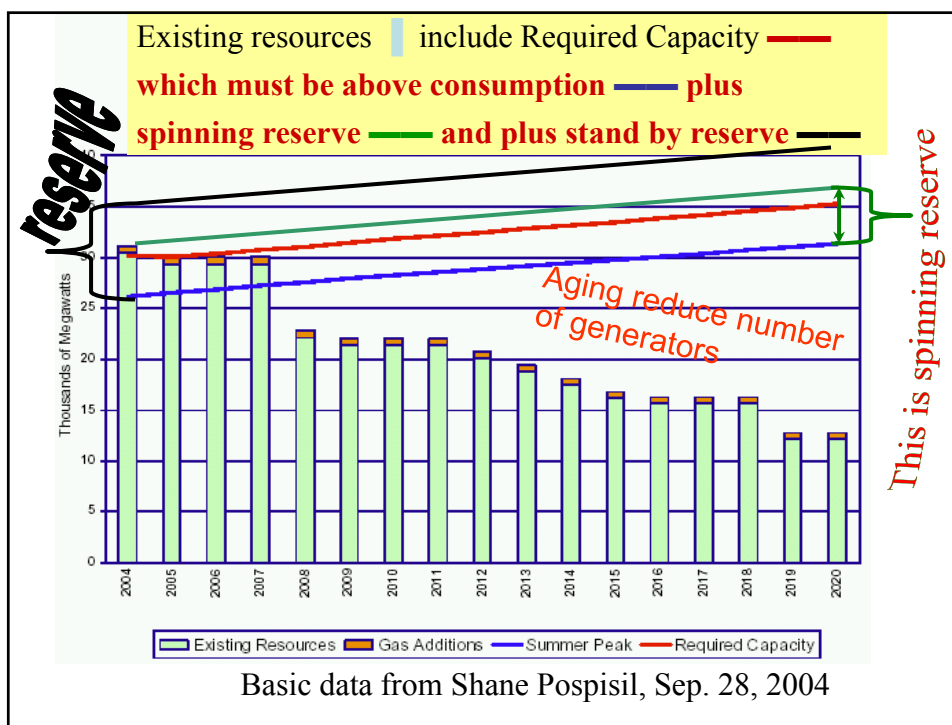
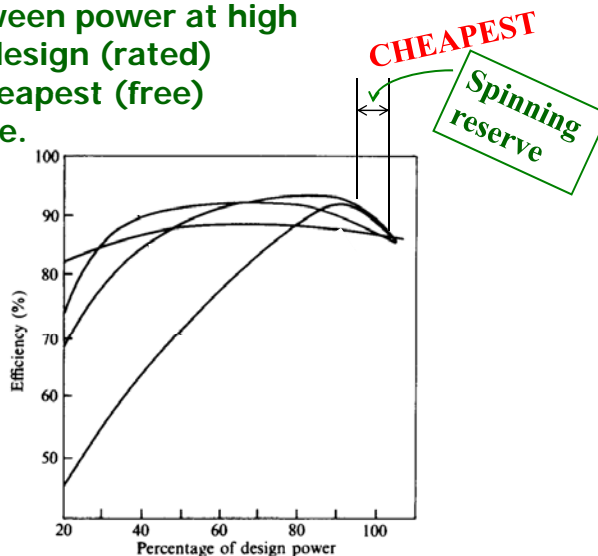
**Free spinning no load reserve**

**No blackouts**

When all units generate at the best efficiency  
costs are ~minimum – ~lowest price \$/kWh

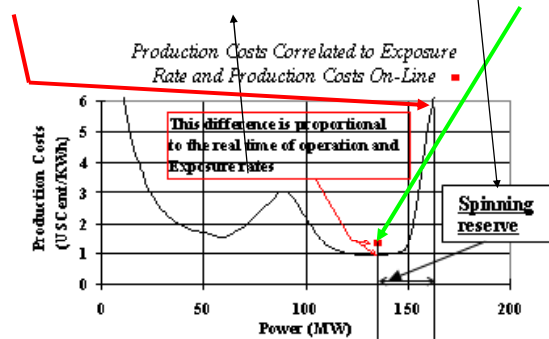
Difference between power at high  
efficiency and design (rated)  
power is the cheapest (free)  
spinning reserve.

Optimisation is  
not so simple!  
What is the meaning  
of optimisation?



## Characteristic Production Costs

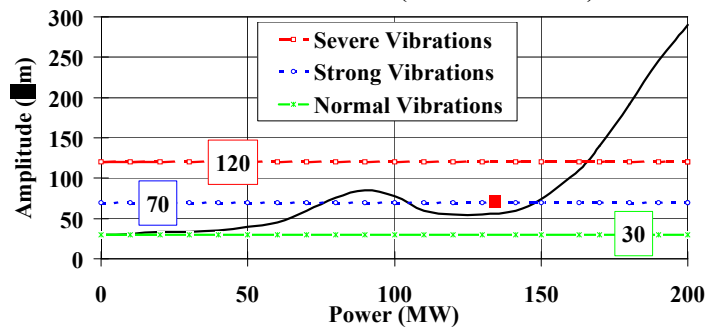
When units operate with lowest costs, contributed spinning reserve is the difference between **possible overload** and current point of **operation**:



**Spinning reserves of all running generators form total system reserve**

## Turbine Vibration

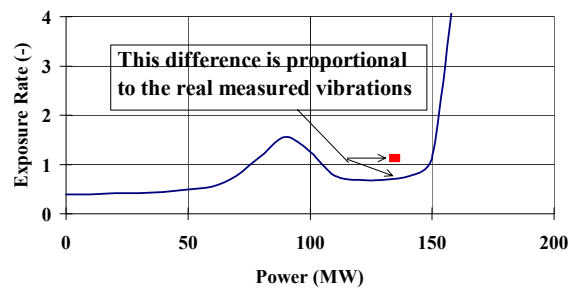
On-Line measured operating point ■ and Vibration characteristic (on 22 March 1995)



When bearing vibrations are close to prescribed limits (120  $\mu$ m), **operation is acceptable**, but only under close monitoring and supervision; if this limit is exceeded, **accidents should be expected**

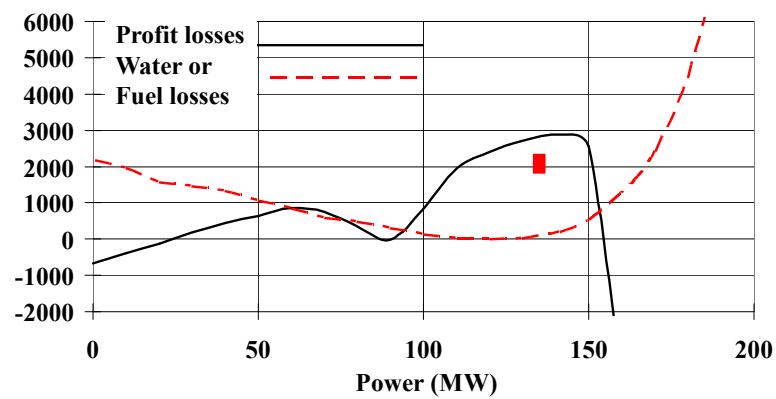
$$\text{Exposure rate} = \frac{\text{time of aging}}{\text{real time}}$$

Unit Exposure Rate and Exposure Rate Measured On-Line ■



$$E_R = E_R(T, A, F, Q, H, n, n_s, \sigma, \text{Type, Quality, Stress, Fatigue, erosion, Corrosion, Condensation, Air content, Fluid characteristics, ...})$$

US\$/h Profit, Water Losses and Profit On-Line ■

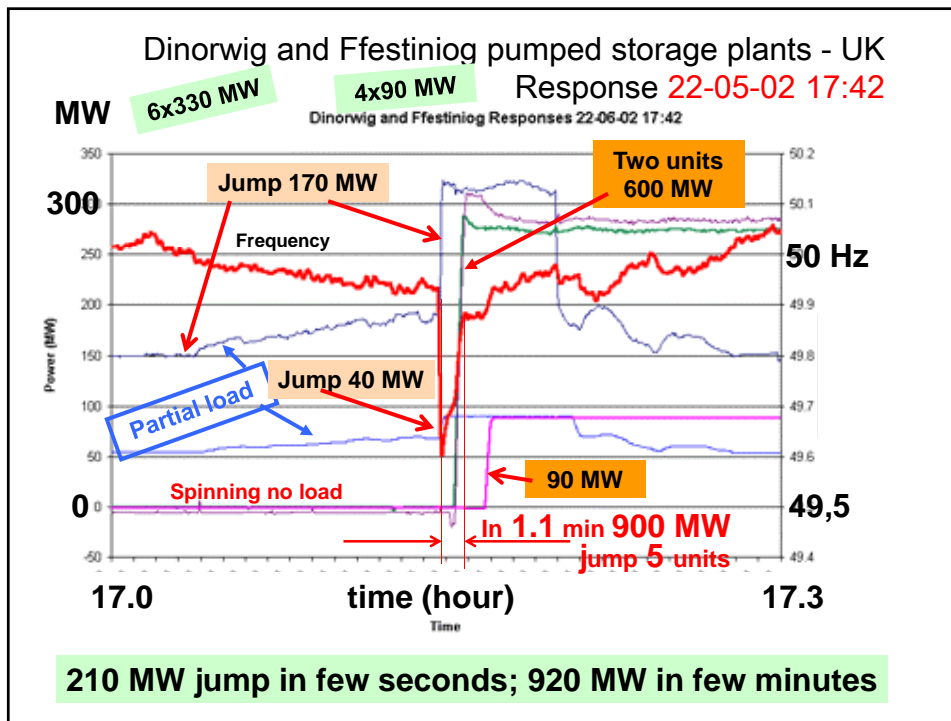
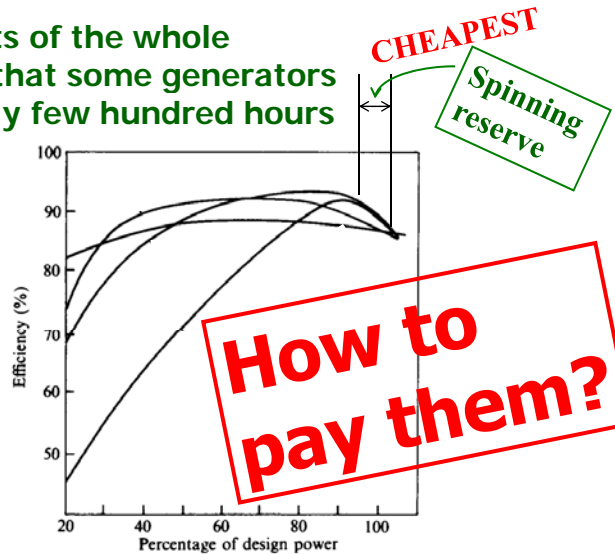


When all units generate at the best efficiency (or the lowest costs) total costs are not minimum.!

Each generator has its lowest price.

The lowest costs of the whole system means that some generators will operate only few hundred hours per year and

some will not operate at all, but system must have them as a reserve



## Requirements for New Graduates

and

## Experts

- New graduates, particularly Masters or PhD
- Should have 10 to 15 years of design experience
- Should have 10 to 15 years site experience
- Able to select and read journals and textbooks.
- When few experts, learning time should be increased
  - Number of accidents and errors must be reduced
  - Education costs *millions*, accidents cost *billions* ... and can *endanger lives*

- Planned multidisciplinary transfer of know-how
- Assignment facing the electricity sector and universities in Ontario and Canada
- Pivotal decisions should have already been made.

Ontario and Canadian (US) universities are not teaching students

- to design
- to maintain
- to operate

electric plants and auxiliary systems of big power plants

## Up-to-date Spinning Reserve

- Storage and pumped storage hydro plants are today economical and reliable solutions; lowest costs.
- Generators running hydrogen production will eventually be solution for clean fuel storage and spinning reserve.

(But when?)

## Need for Reserve

- As Banks must carry a credit reserves to avoid financial instability and runs...
- So power production must carry an operational reserve.
  - This cannot be paid for in the same way as power consumed!
  - If not put in place, the system will fail again and again....

## Immediate Priorities

- Peak generators
- Speed no load generators
- Stand by generators
- Renewable energy production
- Transmission lines
- Energy conservation
- Production optimization



We must pay for car insurance  
but

Neither car owners nor insurance  
companies want **accidents** or claims

Ontario **must be insured with** running and  
spinning no-load reserve

or

we will all have to **pay billions for  
blackouts**

Without explicit consideration of  
production and spinning reserves

stability in the generation system cannot  
be achieved.

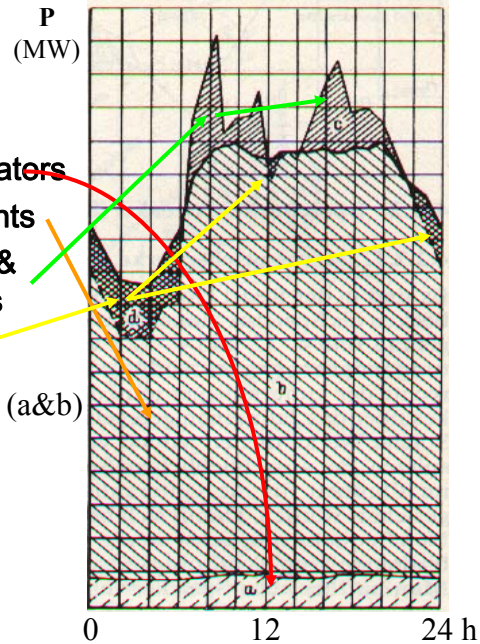
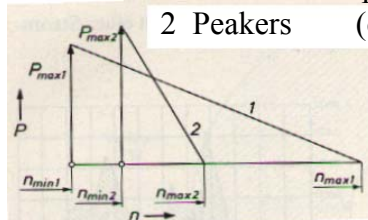
Instability create huge economic and  
social consequences.

**BLACKOUT becomes inevitable**

## Generation Consumption

- a Hydro run-of-river generators
- b Thermal and nuclear plants
- c Peakers: Storage plants & pumped-storage plants
- d Pumping / storage

- 1 Run-of-river plants (a&b)
- 2 Peakers (c)



## Spinning reserve

Hydrogen production must be equal to the spinning reserve

When the biggest generator system fail production of hydrogen is automatically reduced

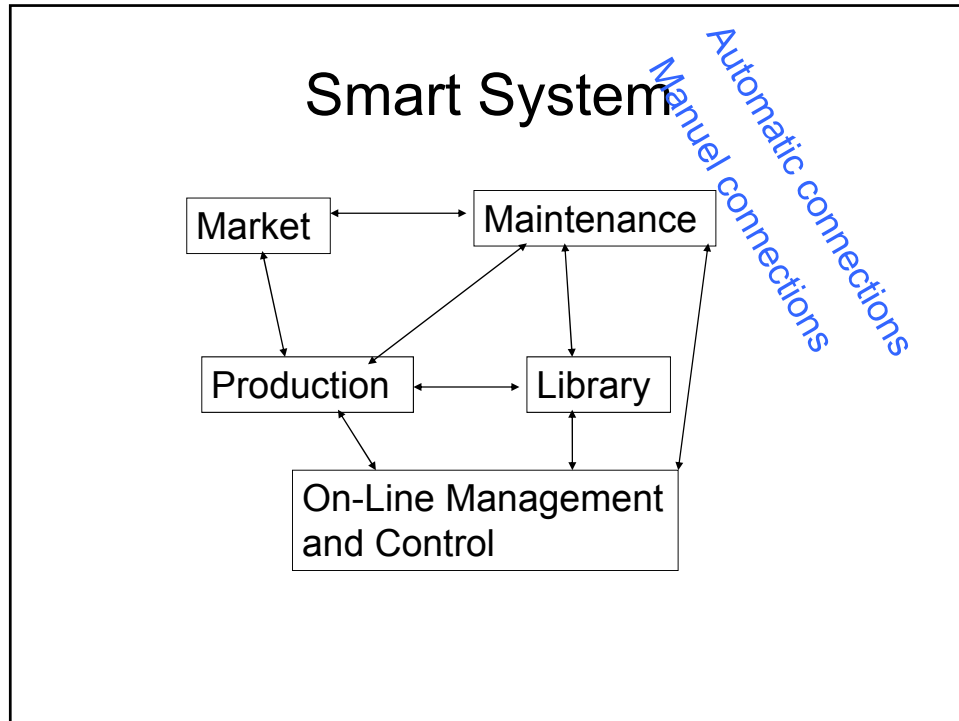
blackout prevented.

Generators running hydrogen plants supply electricity into system



Hydrogen production

**Future 10 – 20 years?**



## Mississauga PEO Chapter Presents

### Hydro Power and Storage Technology

- **Presented by:** Dr. Stan Pejovic
- **Date:** Wednesday, October 28, 2009
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# The End

**Thank you for your attention!**

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