



# Distributed Energy Resource Management Briefing to IPAG #3



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# Transpower's proposals for DERM discussions with IPAG

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Focus on learnings from Transpower's programme			Focus on how to move forward
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction</li><li>• Transpower's RCP2 DR programme</li><li>• Transpower's DERMS platform</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• RCP2 outcomes</li><li>• Mechanics of our DERMS platform</li><li>• Operationalising DERM: overview</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Value stack and pricing interactions</li><li>• Operationalising Grid Owner DERM</li><li>• DERM market development issues</li></ul>	

Transpower's intention is to lend our experience and analysis to the IPAG to assist you spark an effective DERM work plan with the Authority, and so facilitate:

- Competition in provision of DER aggregation, DERM and DERMS services
- Incentives for DER investment
- An efficient, least cost transition to electrification and decarbonisation



# Agenda

- Introduction (5 minutes)
- Follow-up points (10 minutes)
- Operationalising Grid Owner DERM (30 minutes)
- DERMS value stack (30 minutes)
- Pricing interactions (30 minutes)
- How might DERM be integrated with the market? (30 minutes)
- How might markets evolve to incorporate DERM? (30 minutes)
- Discussion and next steps (15 minutes)





# Follow-up points from last meeting



# Some terminology

<b>DER</b>	Distributed Energy Resource	The object, e.g. a battery or EV charger
<b>DERM</b>	DER Management	The approach to managing a specific DER market, e.g. aggregating many DER
<b>DERMS</b>	DERM System	The software system central to that market, that performs e.g. registration, calling, verification and settlement

## Flexibility market

- A very useful term, but...
- Perhaps best reserved as the generic term for not just a DERM market but also for:
  - demand response to price signals (nodal price, TPM, DPM)
  - demand participation in ancillary services directly rather than through a DERM market (current practice)



# Transition from DR pilot to DERM operations

## RCP2 period

- DR Programme = 'DERM 0.1' pilot
- Regulated RCP funding of the pilot
- Consideration of DERM in all investments (MCP and base capex)
- Potential economic use cases found for the RCP2 period were deferred into RCP3 due to investment prioritisation
- A number of use cases trialled at GXPs

## RCP3 period

- Exploring evolutionary development of DERM from pilots to 'DERM 1.0'
- We did not propose continued specific RCP funding of further DERM pilots. We will support the future development of DERMS for transmission deferral or risk management, through prioritisation of the base capex and opex portfolio
- Where DERM is an economic solution for transmission deferral or risk management, then RCP capex will be converted into RCP opex to fund the DERM solution
- Any development or service offerings for external parties will be commercially funded, external to our regulated funding.

# Transition from DR pilot to DERM operations – changing characteristics of the programme

## From: RCP2 Demand Response pilot

- Programme to trial different characteristics of Demand Response (e.g. consumer participation, technology participation, price points, event calling methods etc.)
- Programme that spreads trial money across multiple locations in New Zealand to learn from a diverse range of consumers and technology across different network applications
- Programme where procurement method for DR was based on call payments to promote price discovery
- Programme where a few targeted demand response events were largely triggered manually

## To: RCP3 Operational DERM

- Operational programme that targets specific network investment projects (e.g. economic deferral of a new transmission line, or managing construction risk)
- Programme that will invest significantly in specific, targeted parts of the network where economic DERM options arise
- Programme where RFPs would be used for targeted DERM programmes and the best economic options (e.g. capability, and call and/or availability payment) provided by tenderers would be selected
- Programme where DERM events are specific to a network need and will be increasingly automated

## DER payment mechanism: GSC design feature 34

“A payment structure will be proposed as part of the RFP process, based on some or all of:

- Preparation payments
  - establishment payment to cover up-front costs of participation
- Operation payments
  - availability: payment for being available to call, per month, conditional on not failing to deliver against calls (including test calls)
  - delivery [call]: payment per MW delivered per hour up to the contracted amount

Transpower will consider variants on this mechanism or other payment structures, but will require that the payment structures for GSCs for DSP [DER participation] include financial incentives for performance”



# Choice of DER payment mechanism will depend on the situation

- Transpower has trialled a variety of DER payment structures, with a focus to date on price discovery for targeted DER types
- Transpower has designed its DERMS system to be flexible enough to manage all these payment options

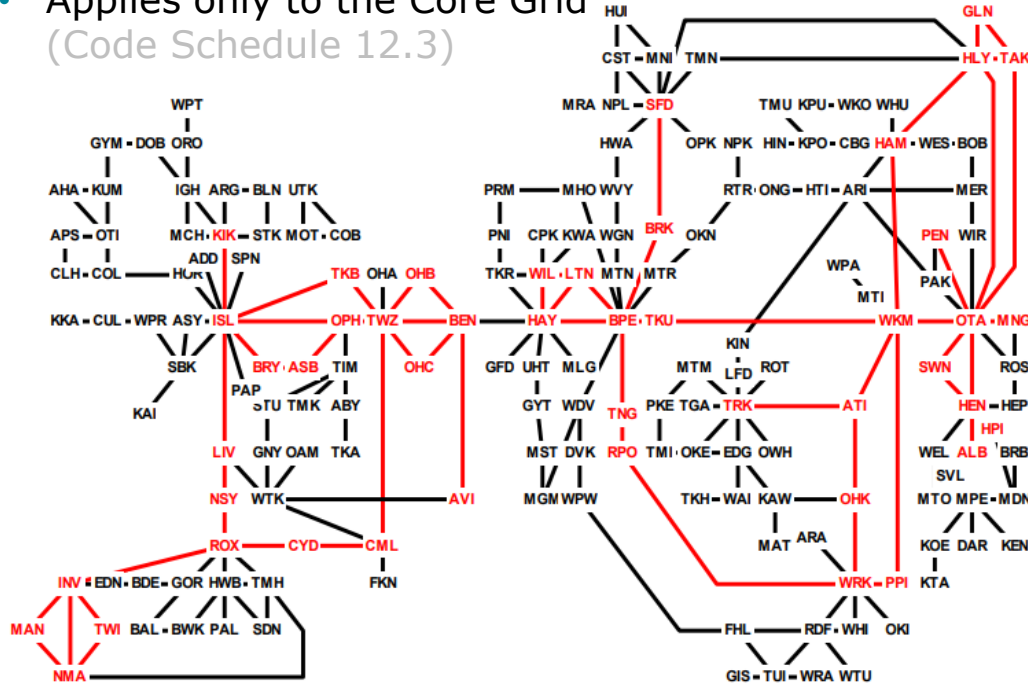
	Call payment	Availability payment	Pilots 2007 - 2020	Operational 2020+
A	Yes, as agreed through RFP (call price fixed* months beforehand)	May or may not be availability payment too	Focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Price discovery</li> <li>• Targeted DER types</li> <li>• Refining end-to-end DERM process</li> </ul>	Focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Least cost reliability</li> </ul>
B	Yes, as accepted through an offer window open prior to call notification (call price fixed* hours beforehand)		Yes: we called this our 'non-price responsive' programme	Most economic mix of DER types, payment structures and call conditions would be selected from RFP responses
C	None, maximum calls per month included in availability payment	Yes	Yes: we called this our 'price responsive' programme	
D	Yes, fixed price e.g. \$200/kWh (set to elicit required volume, discovered through experience)	May or may not be availability payment too	Not trialled yet, but under consideration for our planned battery trial	
			Not trialled due to focus on price discovery	

# Transpower's mandate is to apply N-1 minimum security standards only to the core grid

- Grid Reliability Report (Code 12.76) identifies capacity need, to which Grid Reliability Standard (GRS, Code Schedule 12.2) is applied to determine if action required
- GRS has in effect two limbs, deterministic and economic

## 'Deterministic' limb

- 'Safety net' minimum reliability standard of N-1
- Applies only to the Core Grid  
(Code Schedule 12.3)



## Economic limb

- Economic (probabilistic) standard for the whole grid
- Assessed at each GXP and GIP
- For major capex, economic test is that the investment must have the highest expected net electricity market benefit  
(Code references the CapexIM)
- For connection assets, we assess the economics of a range of possible solutions:
  - Supply side 'poles and wires' (Transpower)
  - Demand side SPS (Transpower)
  - Demand side DERM (Connected party)

# The evolving new TPM

	Interconnection		Connection	
			Replacement & refurbishment	Enhancement & development
TPM now	HVDC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not to load so not relevant</li> </ul>	Fixed as recoverable costs all allocated to beneficiary (connected party) ... except that there is a load-based allocation of costs of any shared assets	Fixed with full cost recovery contracted over an agreed time period
	HVAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RCPD – strong peak signal</li> </ul>		
New TPM	HVDC and major historical HVAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fixed</li> </ul>		
	New investments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fixed once investment decision made ~2-3 years ahead of need date</li> </ul>		
	Residual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Almost fixed (changes slowly based on energy usage across multiple years)</li> </ul>		
	Transitional congestion charge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Possible additional charge</li> <li>If used, limited in time and location</li> <li>Under design consideration</li> </ul>		

*Fixed: charge not affected by load profile in the short-term. Interconnection charges may change over years consequent on sustained and substantial changes in grid use.*



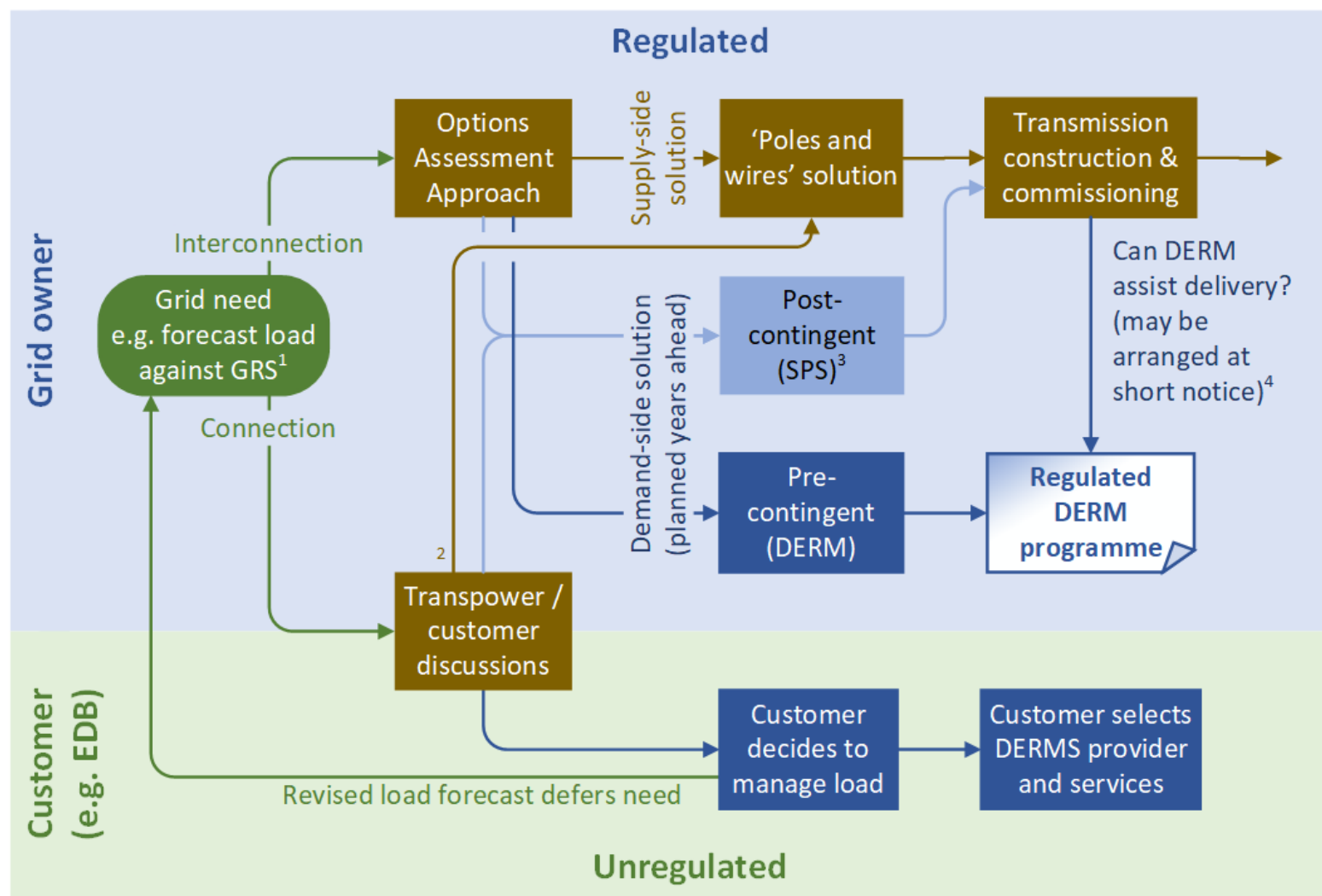
# Operationalising Grid Owner DERM



# Need and economics will drive Grid Owner's operational DERM

This slide and the next few illustrate Transpower's current processes for deciding on and running a DERMS programme

We expect to evolve these processes with further work and experience



- 1 Grid Reliability Report (Code 12.76) identifies capacity need, to which GRS is applied to determine if action required
- 2 Customer transmission or SPS investments funded through base capex or, where customer need exceeds grid need, as an investment contract
- 3 Transpower is planning post-contingent DERM trials to investigate whether DERM can be integrated with an SPS
- 4 Could be planned e.g. to cover temporary need, or unforeseen to cover risk of delayed commissioning or higher than forecast demand growth

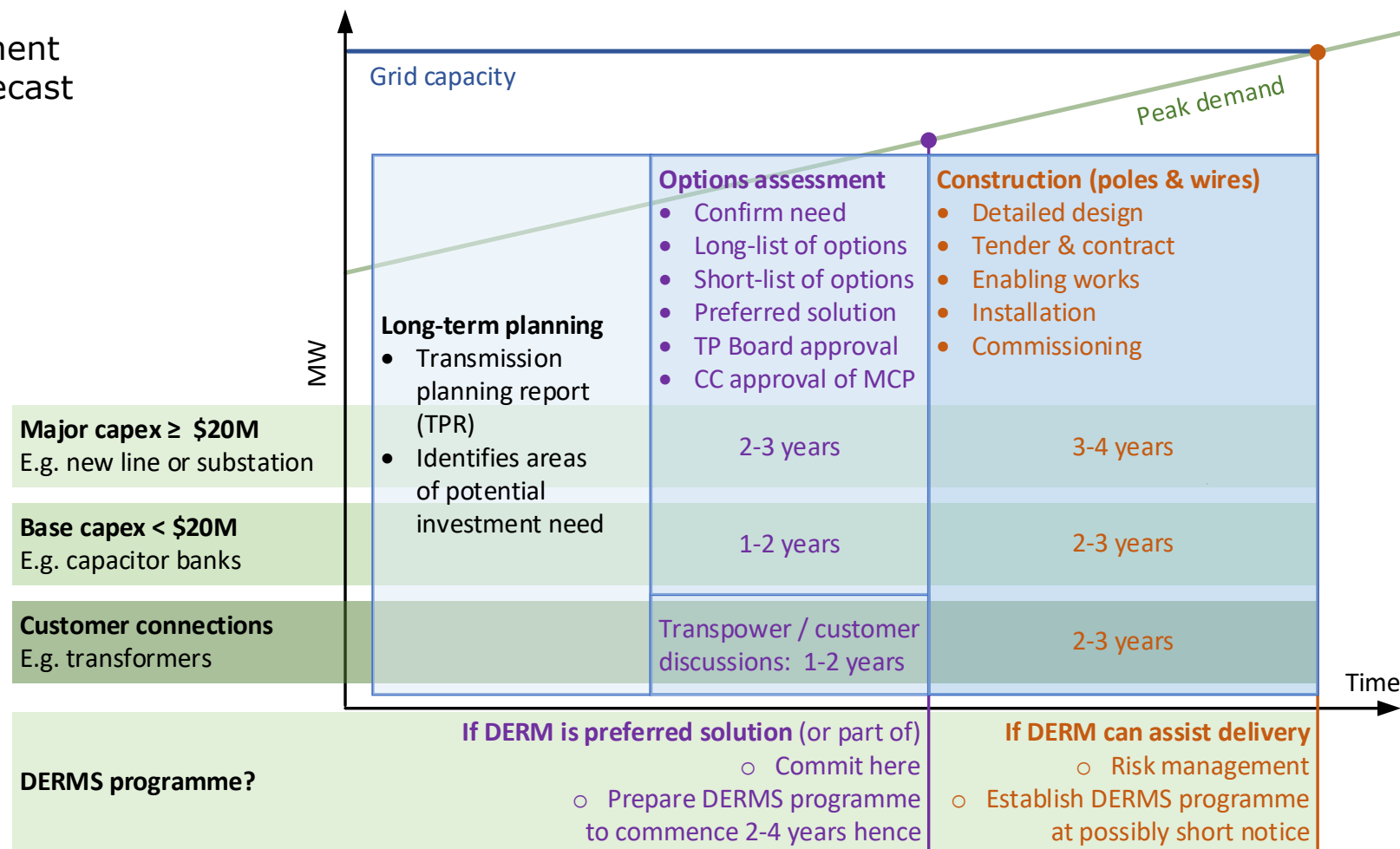
# Timings for Grid Owner DERM decisions typically driven by 'poles and wires' solution timings

Timings for a typical capacity enhancement investment driven by a load growth forecast

From identification of need to delivery:

- Major capex can take 5-7 years
- Smaller capex can take 3-5 years

In both cases, decision to proceed is almost half of project duration

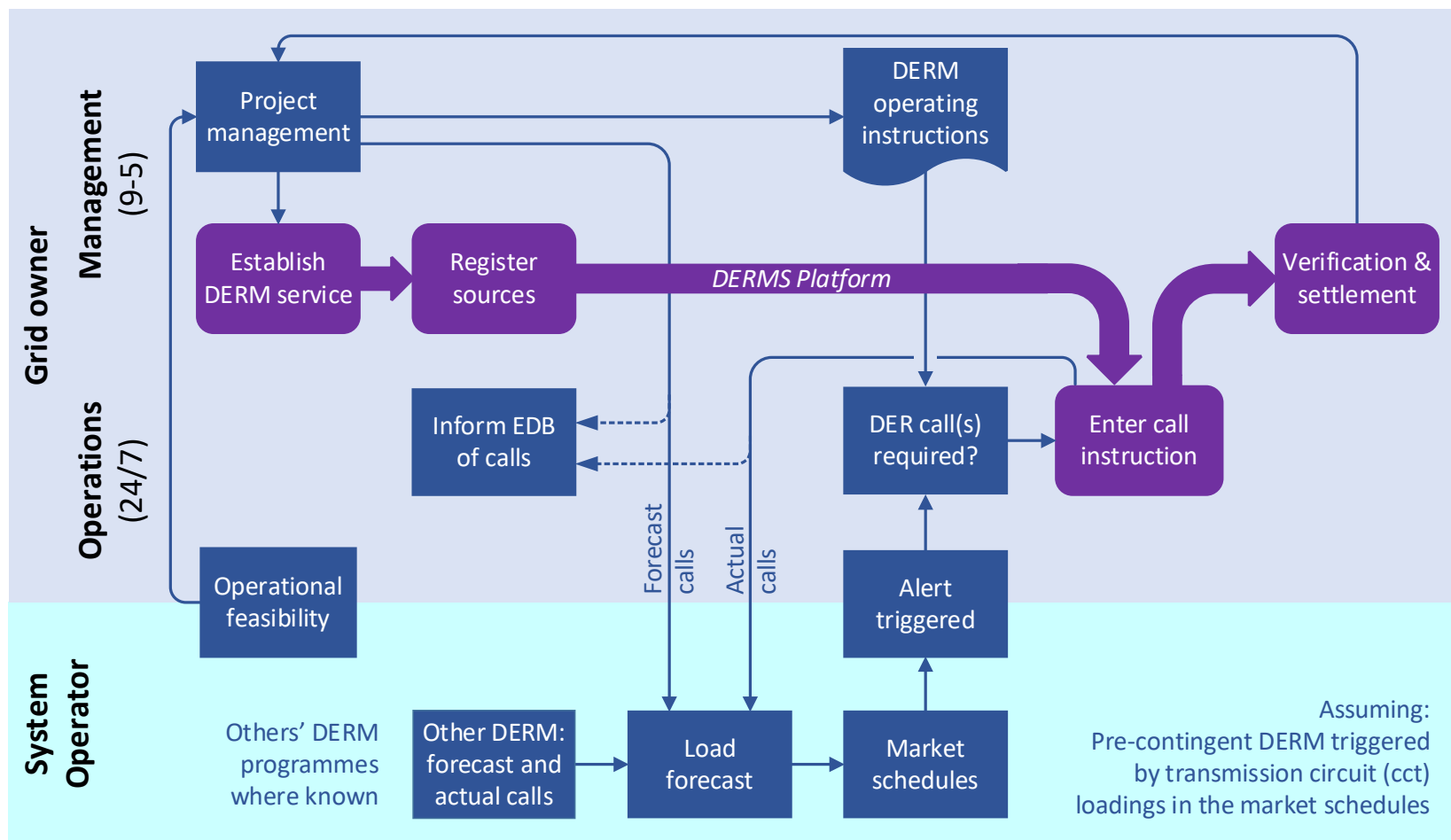


# Our proposed process to deliver regulated transmission DERM...

- The following three slides outline a simplified, conceptual framework for Transpower operationalising regulated DERM
- Control room processes outlined here have been trialled as part of Transpower's DR Pilot, but only manually and for a few, pre-planned and pre-contingent calls
- The processes illustrated assumes pre-contingent DERM triggered by transmission circuit loadings in the market schedules, say 2-3 hours ahead of real time. Different process are expected to be required for:
  - Pre-contingent DERM operated closer to real-time
  - Post-contingent DERM
- Many enhancements to the basic process illustrated here are likely to be required as we learn further, and as we prepare for specific operational use:
  - Four major enhancements are highlighted in the third slide (Slide 18)
  - We have not budgeted for these in RCP3 but they could be progressed as part of a capital investigation if necessary



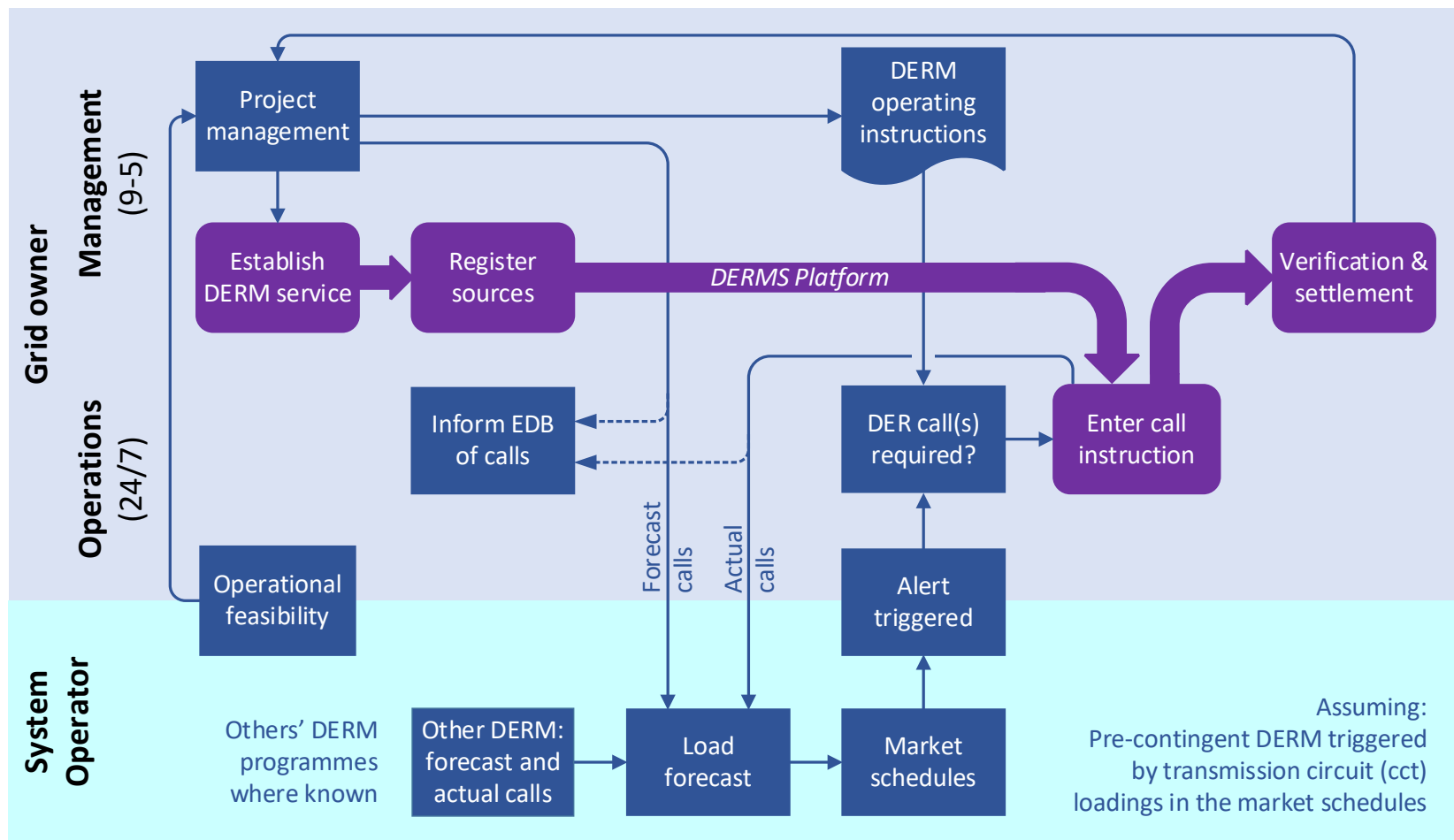
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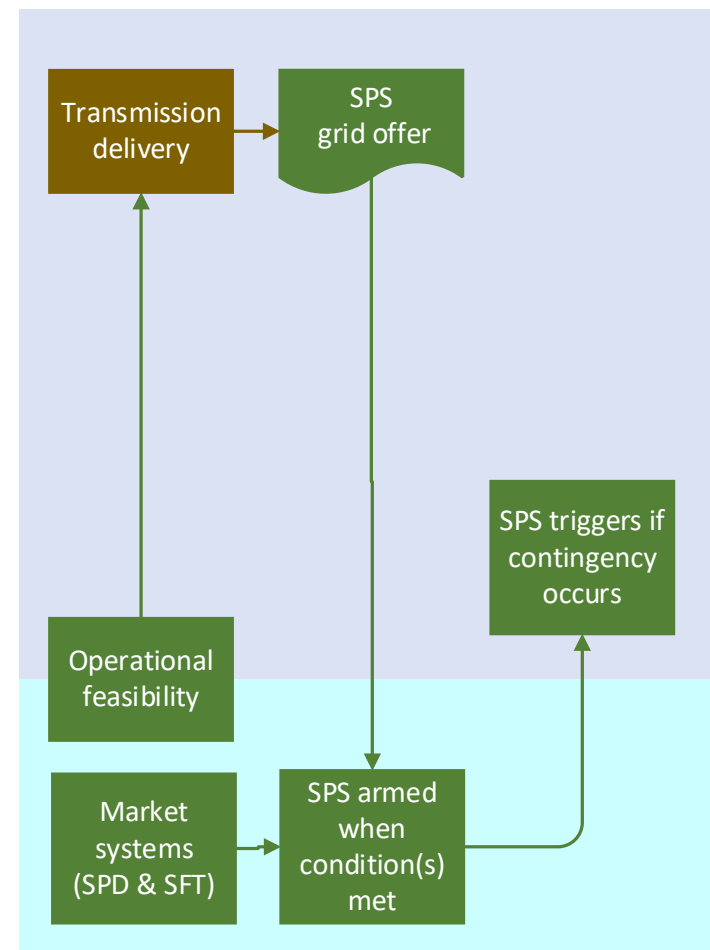
## DERM operating instructions

- A key process document
- Instruction to operations on when and how to call DER, and when not
- Entirely objective – no operational discretion required or allowed
- Purely physical – economic considerations paramount in developing the operating instructions, but not in their implementation
- Owned by Grid Owner
- Agreed by SO
- Actions taken by Grid Owner's operational team
- Continually reviewed
- Some similarity to an SPS offer from Grid Owner to SO (next slide)

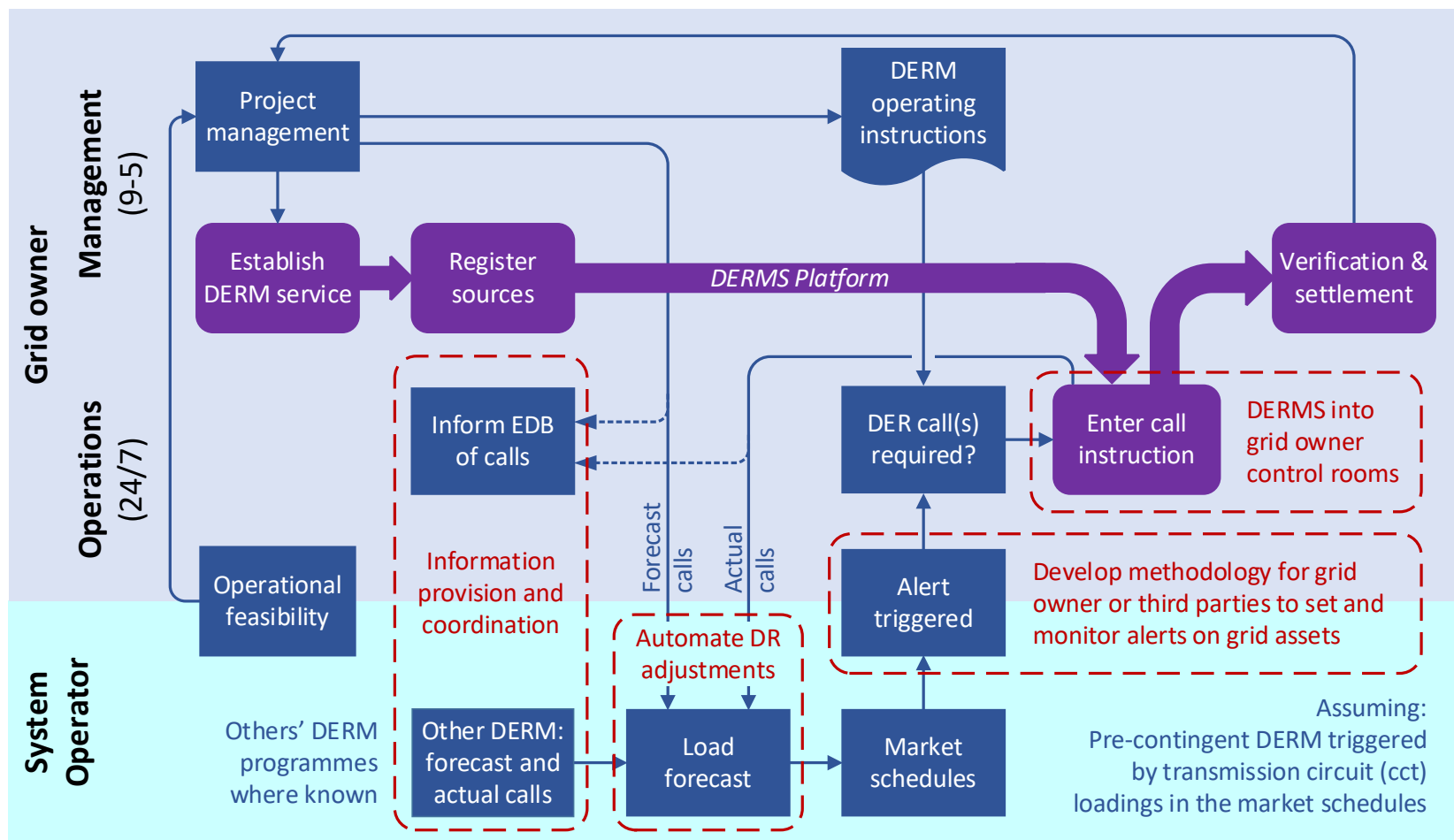
# ... is a bit more complicated than operating an SPS scheme ...



## SPS process for comparison



# ... and some aspects will need enhancement as volumes increase



## Enhancements needed

- Automate the currently manual process of adjusting the load forecast for planned and actual DER calls
- Transfer of information and Transpower-EDB co-ordination
  - Third-parties with active DERM to inform the SO of planned and actual DER calls in a timely manner
  - Likewise Transpower to EDBs
- Integrate the DERMS platform into the grid owner's control rooms to support 24/7 operations
- Develop methodology for grid owner or third parties to set and monitor trigger alerts on grid assets from the market schedules



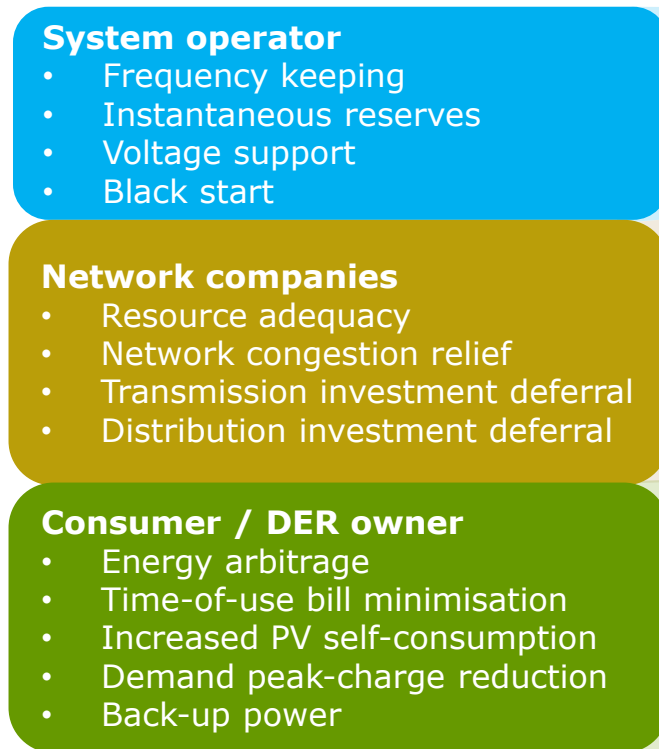
# DERMS value stack



# The value stack is the key to unlocking the value of DER

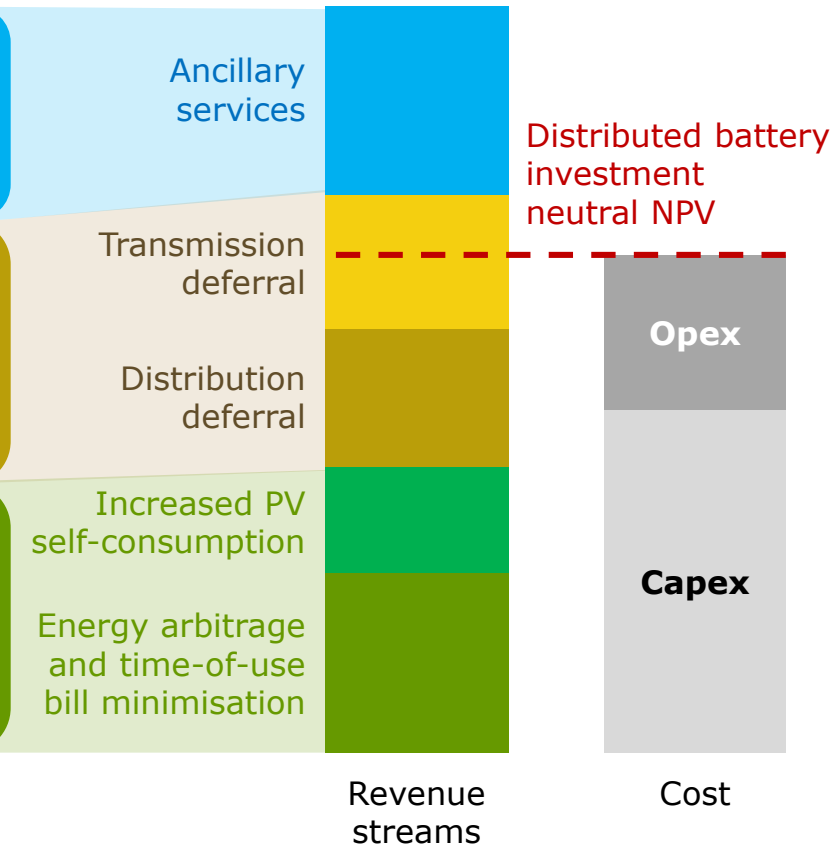
- DER will be great for consumers and for the system: not “disruptive”, but empowering
- DER can add value in multiple ways
- We need to unlock those ways to maximise:
  - Direct benefits to consumers
  - Indirect benefits to consumers of lowering system costs

Potential distributed battery value streams by stakeholder



Note that not all DERs will be eligible for all value streams, which can be very location and context-dependent

Illustration of potential distributed battery NPV contribution by value stream



# A qualitative view of the DERMS value proposition

Distributed Energy Resources		Demand reduction classic DR e.g. industrial plant		Embedded generation controllable plant e.g. diesel		Embedded batteries including EV fast-chargers	
Sources of DER value		Value	Rationale	Value	Rationale	Value	Rationale
Energy market	Wholesale through DERMS	Low	Little benefit over self-dispatch or dispatch through Retail DERMS, once nodal prices go ex-ante	High	Aggregation as virtual power plant can become price maker or moderator in constrained regions	High	Best of both worlds Can, depending on where in charge / discharge cycle, act as either
	Retail through DERMS	Medium	Avoidance of high price – by consumer if exposed, by retailer if they’ve hedged the consumer	Low	Little benefit over self-dispatch, depending on contractual position	Medium	
Network investment deferral through TPM / DPM or DERM	Distribution	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Load reduction, embedded generation and battery services are equivalent at peak-opping</li><li>Distribution investment requirements higher and utility resources more limited than for transmission</li><li>There remains a risk that if peak-pricing is removed from the TPM, the use of DERM for transmission peak management may need to increase commensurately</li></ul>				
	Transmission	Medium					
Ancillary services	Frequency keeping (FK)	Medium	Some possibilities for grid-friendly appliances and controls	Low	Most incumbent technology not responsive enough	High	Ideal technology. FK low value now but will increase with intermittency
	Instantaneous reserves (IR)	High	Some technologies fast enough – ripple control, cold stores...				
	New e.g. inertia, balancing	Medium	Some possibilities with inverters				
Firming intermittent generation		Low	Limited possibilities beyond FK	Low		High	Ideal complement

# DER owners should be able to 'value stack' across markets

## Value stacking is good...

- Obtains maximum economic value of and return from DER investment
- Provides efficient incentives for renewables investment and electrification
- Maximises DER's ability to support the system
- Increases competition
- Minimises unnecessary network and peaking generation investment
- Financial 'double dipping' across different markets can be economically efficient

## ...but must be done securely

- Need to avoid DER participating simultaneously in two physically different markets (physical 'double-dipping') where that could compromise security
- Transpower's Grid Support Contract (GSC) design is:
  - GSCs will not be offered if they would compromise other security products, including ancillary services and extended reserves, or the markets for these products
  - GSCs will require that there is no physical 'double dipping' between GSC operation and operation of the GSC resources in an ancillary service market
  - GSCs for DER or aggregators within distribution networks will require each DER, the aggregator or Transpower to notify its retailer and local distribution network



# The DERM value stack

- From the authors of a recent independent report that the System Operator commissioned
- The report's authors assessed the 'size of the pie' that DER providers may be able to access
- Values derived from current market pricing, including the assumed avoided costs of new grid generation and 'poles-and-wires' to meet the expected growth in demand from decarbonisation

	\$NZ million per annum			
	2020	2035	2050	Additive?
Energy arbitrage	\$3	\$21	\$70	Yes
Resource adequacy	\$24	\$588	\$861	Yes
Transmission	\$7	\$166	\$230	
Distribution	\$10	\$234	\$324	
Generation	\$7	\$187	\$306	
Instantaneous reserve	\$0	\$20	\$20	Yes
Frequency keeping	\$0	\$1	\$0	Yes
Voltage	\$0	\$10	\$14	No
Harmonics	\$0	-\$1	-\$7	Yes
Simulated inertia	\$0	\$21	\$85	Yes
Black start	\$0	\$0	\$0	Yes
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$26</b>	<b>\$650</b>	<b>\$1029</b>	



# Pricing interactions



# An example of a DERM use case at a GXP

- Wiri, close to Otahuhu in South Auckland, is a GXP substation providing Vector with supply
- Wiri provides a good example of a potential DERM use case
- It has been identified in Transpower’s Transmission Planning Report (TPR) 2020 as:
  - Peak load at Wiri will exceed the winter n-1 capacity of the transformers in 2022
  - Transpower is discussing medium to long term investment options to resolve the supply transformer capacity issue with Vector
  - In the medium-term, the supply capacity issue could be managed by installing an SPS or DERM
  - In the long-term, the possible option is replacing both supply transformer units with higher capacity units

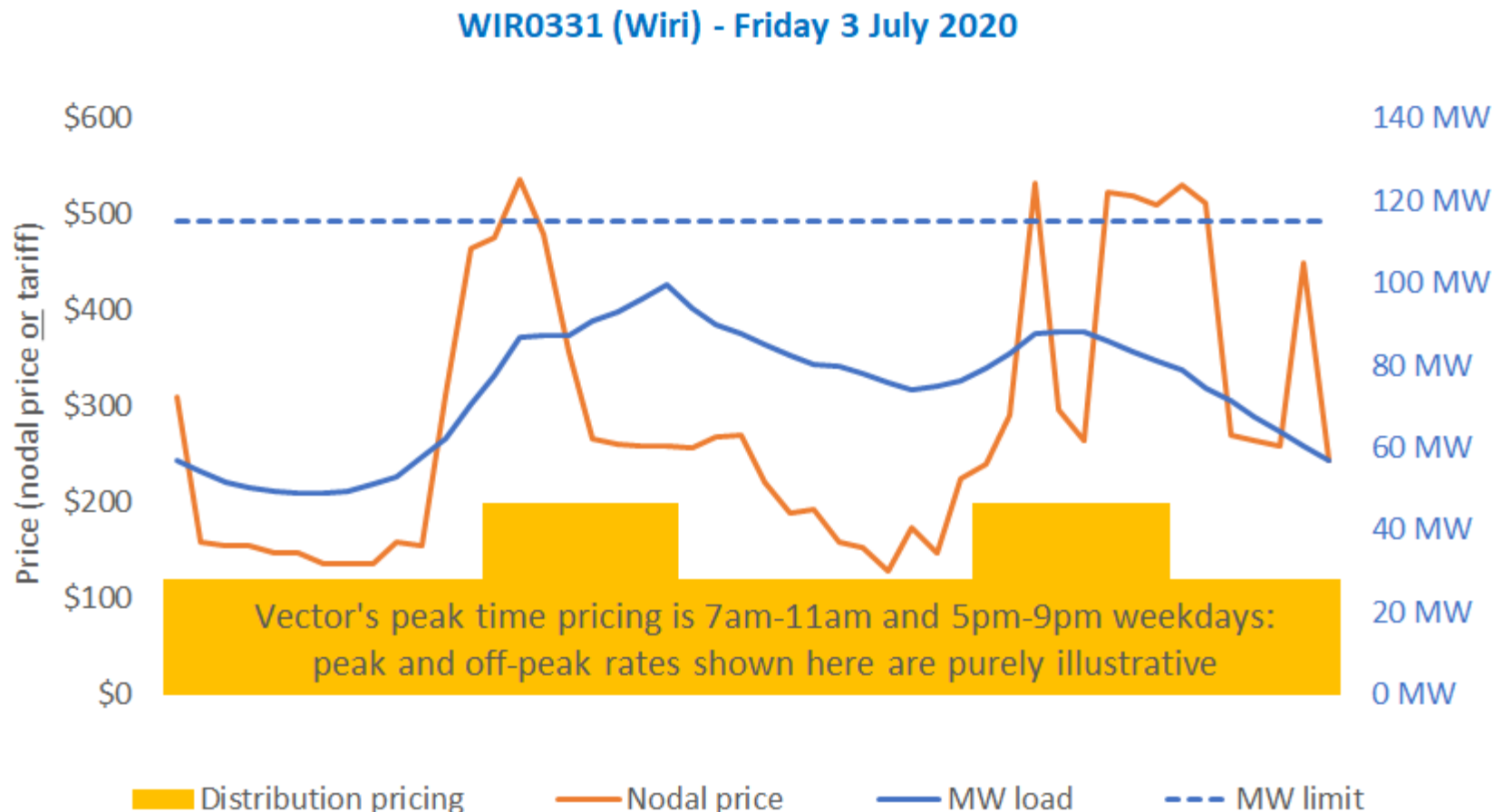
Table 8-10: Wiri supply transformer overload forecast

From TPR 2020

Grid exit point	Transformer overload (MW)											
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2035
Wiri	0	0	4	7	10	10	11	11	12	12	13	20

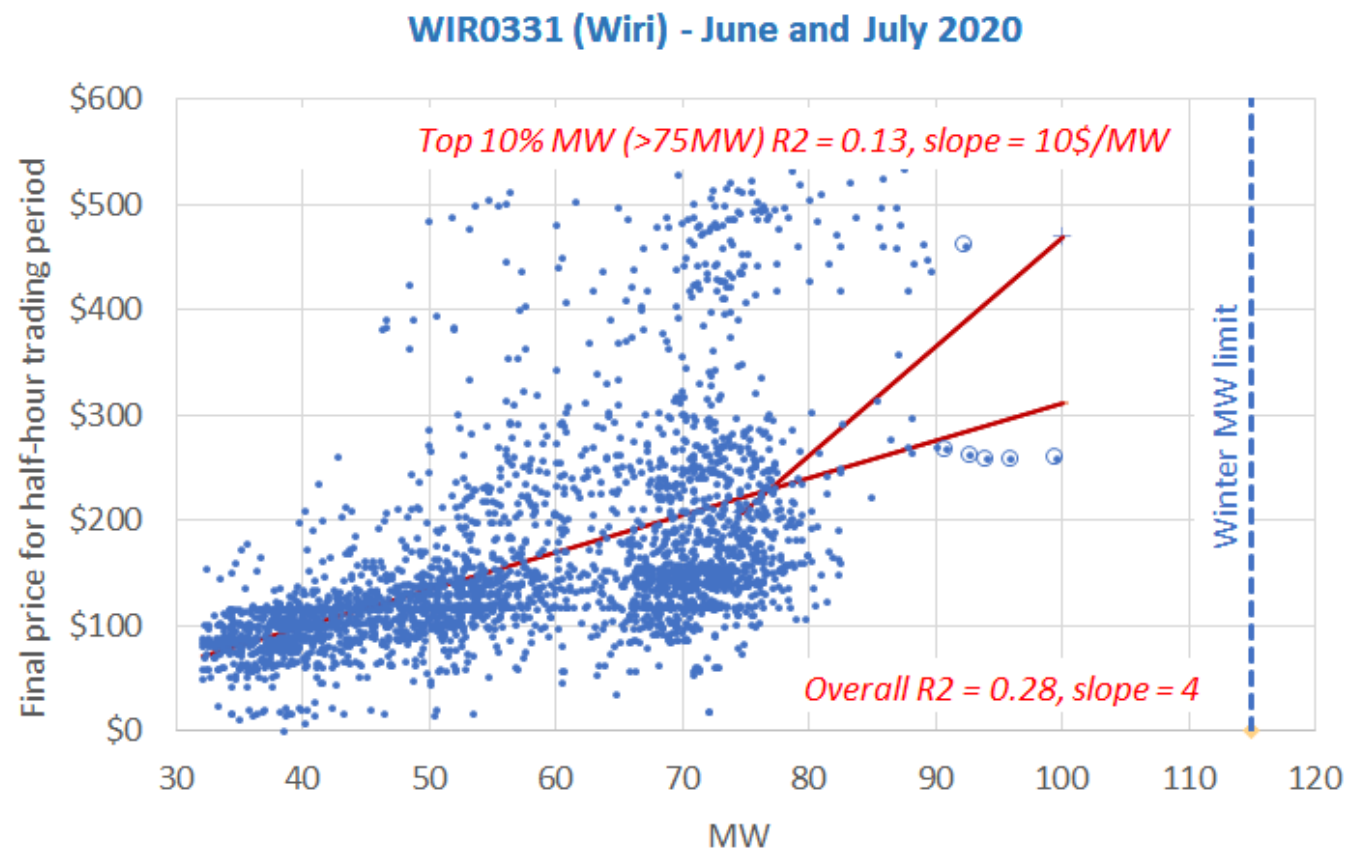
# Nodal prices and TOU tariffs do most of the work

- In 2020, Wiri's maximum load during June and July load was on 3 July
- As illustrated here, both nodal prices and Vector's peak time pricing give signals to shift load off-peak
- Any role for DERM as load approaches the limit would be to 'top up' rather than replace those price signals



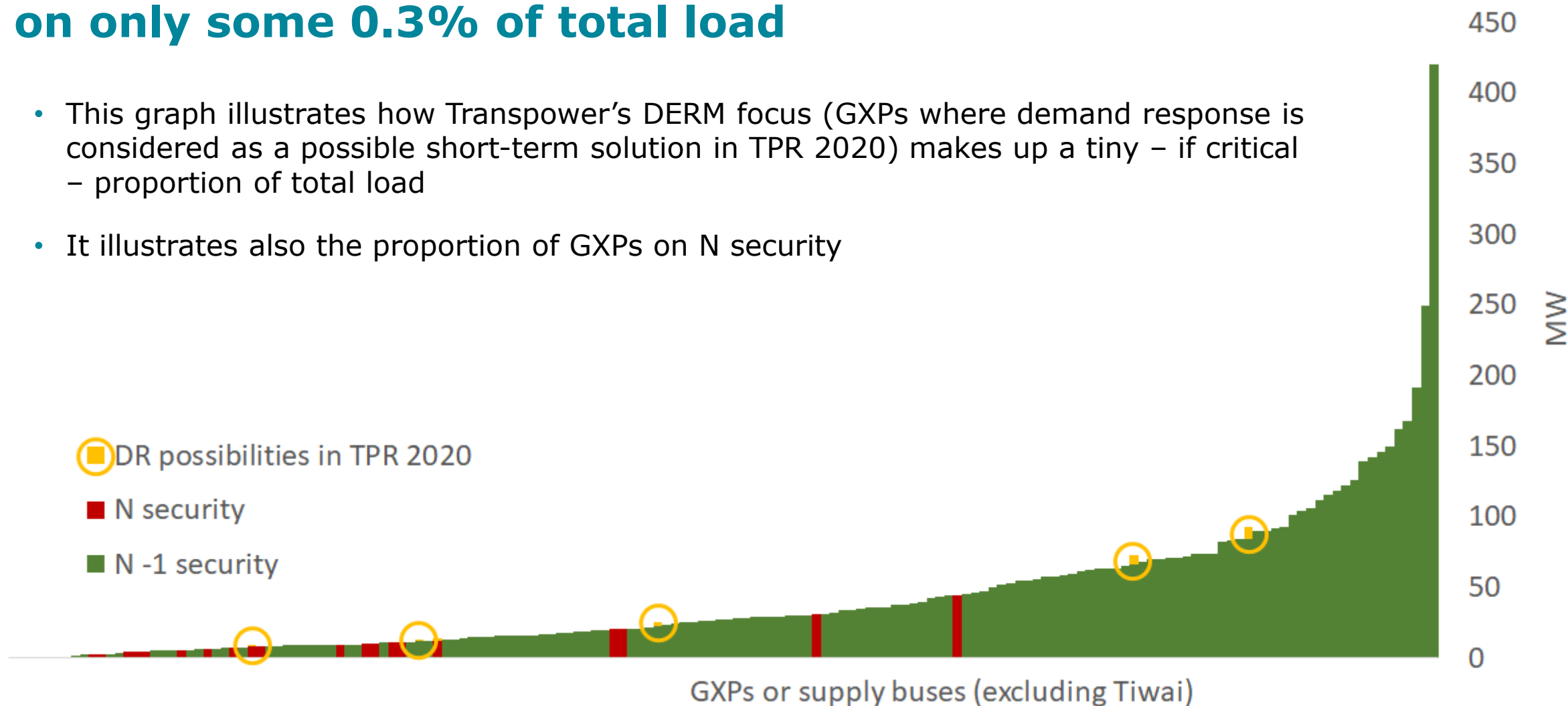
# DERM can 'top up' nodal prices to help defer network investment

- This graph shows the load to nodal price correlation at Wiri
- DERM can add value by capping demand on occasions where the nodal price is not high enough to (e.g. the five circled lower-right data points)
- As an illustration of the effect of RTP, as load grows and starts exceeding the limit, one can imagine that if load growth was such that the six circled data points exceeded the MW limit, then the Wiri price for them would jump to a scarcity price of \$10,000\*
- DERM could be used to keep load within limits, avoiding the scarcity price too



## DERM for transmission network deferral focuses on only some 0.3% of total load

- This graph illustrates how Transpower's DERM focus (GXPs where demand response is considered as a possible short-term solution in TPR 2020) makes up a tiny – if critical – proportion of total load
- It illustrates also the proportion of GXPs on N security



# Who on the demand-side gets or can set price signals or load control?

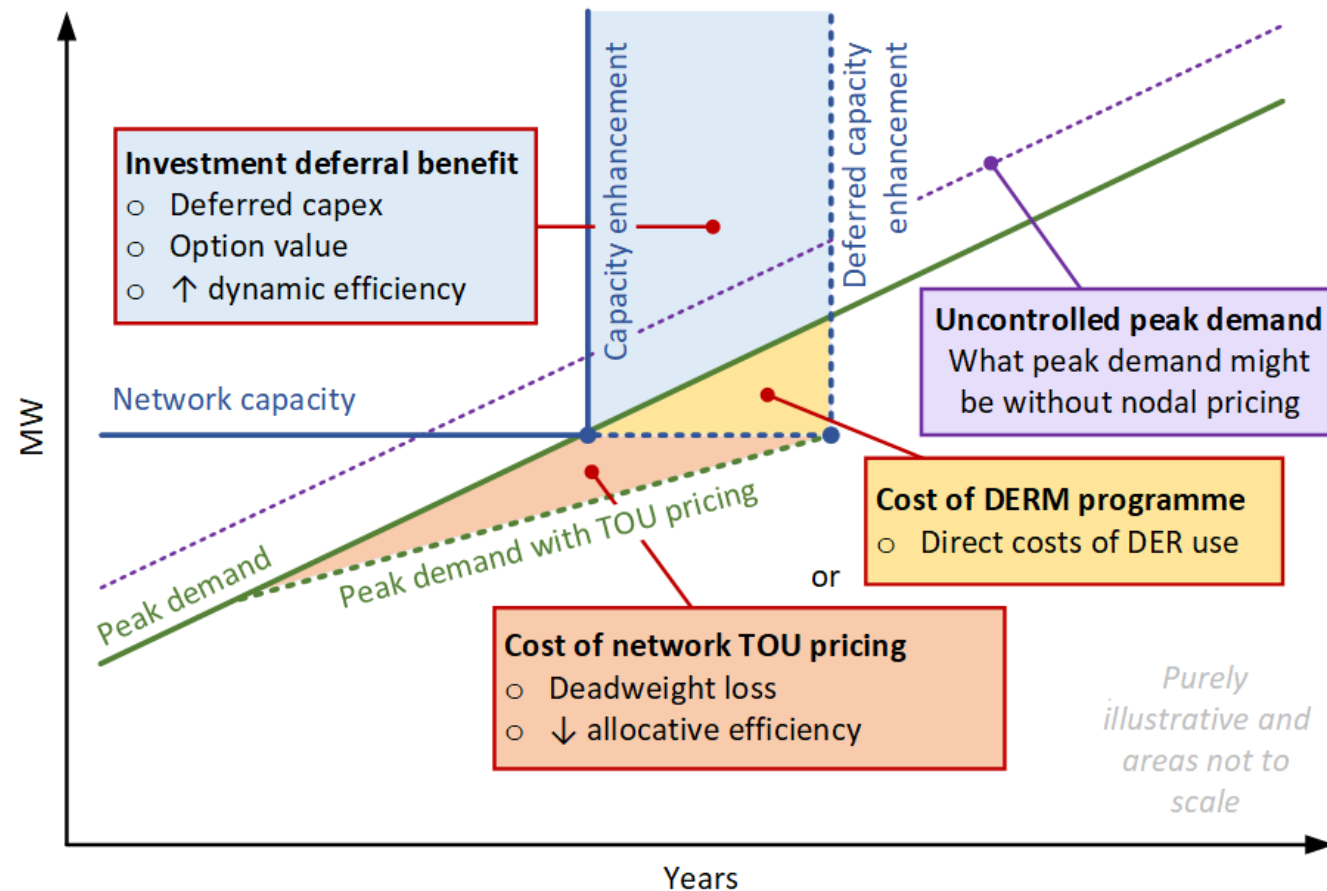
Key
No
Limited
Yes

Flexibility market		Distributor	Retailer	Consumer / DER owner	Grid direct connects
Prices	Wholesale energy price (to be RTP with scarcity prices)	Passed through	Yes – and combines it with TPM, DPM and its margin into a tariff	Maybe, dependent on retail tariff designs and tariff chosen	Yes
	Transmission pricing (TPM)		Maybe, depending how passed through by EDB		
	Distribution pricing (DPM)		Maybe, depending on DPM design		
Payments	TP or EDB DERM		Yes if retailer is an aggregator	Yes if a DER owner and in a DERM market area	Yes if in a DERM market area
	Retail DERM		Can run DERM programme as its own as an aggregator		
Control	EDB ripple control	Manages network		Yes but can opt out	Controllable
	SO emergency load shedding	SO load shedding instructions issued (via GO) to EDBs usually as "keep load below X". Usually the EDB first turns off ripple, controllable water pumps, street lights etc. In extreme cases may open a feeder			
	Grid owner SPS operation	Typically controlled at a feeder level			
	Extended reserves (AUFLS)				

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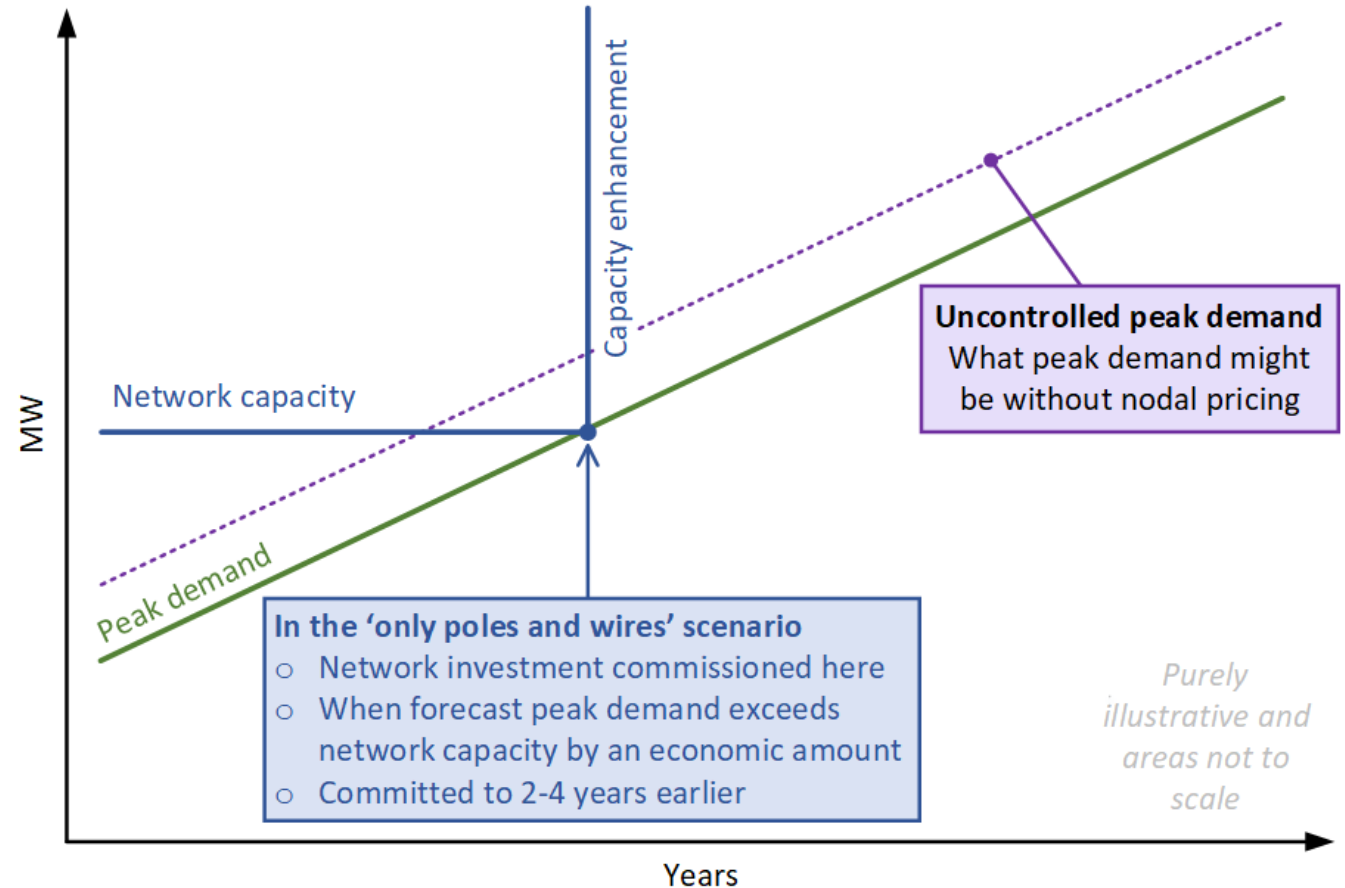
# How to optimise network investment deferral

- For overall economic efficiency we need to balance the:
  - Benefits of network deferral
  - Costs and efficacy of any network TOU pricing
  - Cost of any DERM programme
- This is explored in the next few slides



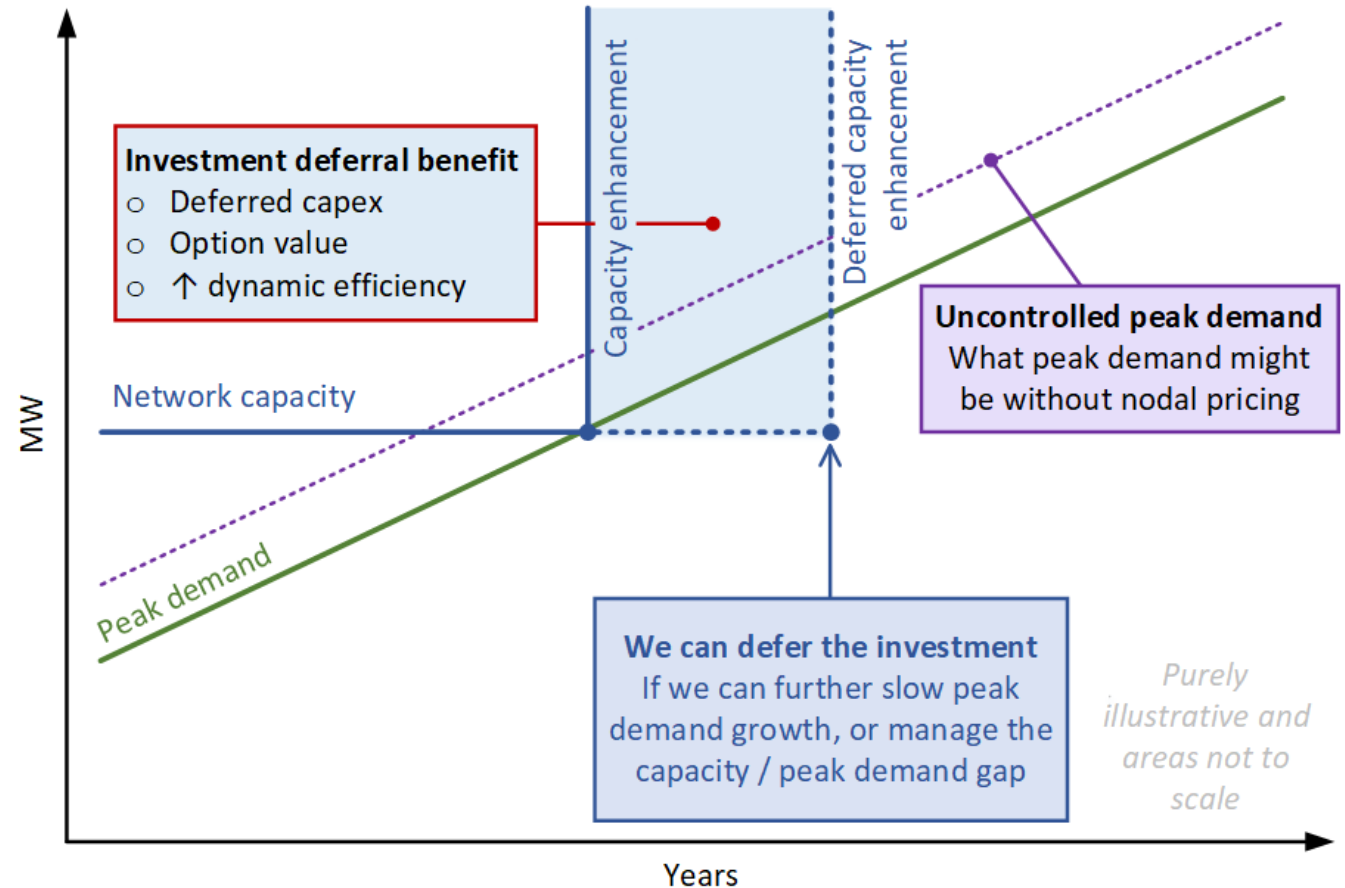
# The base case for network capacity enhancement investment is to commission it when forecast demand meets network

- Network companies need to commit to a 'poles and wires' investment years ahead of the planned commissioning date to allow for some or all of:
  - Detailed design
  - Tender & contract
  - Enabling works
  - Installation
  - Commissioning
- Investments are therefore timed against a forecast of peak demand



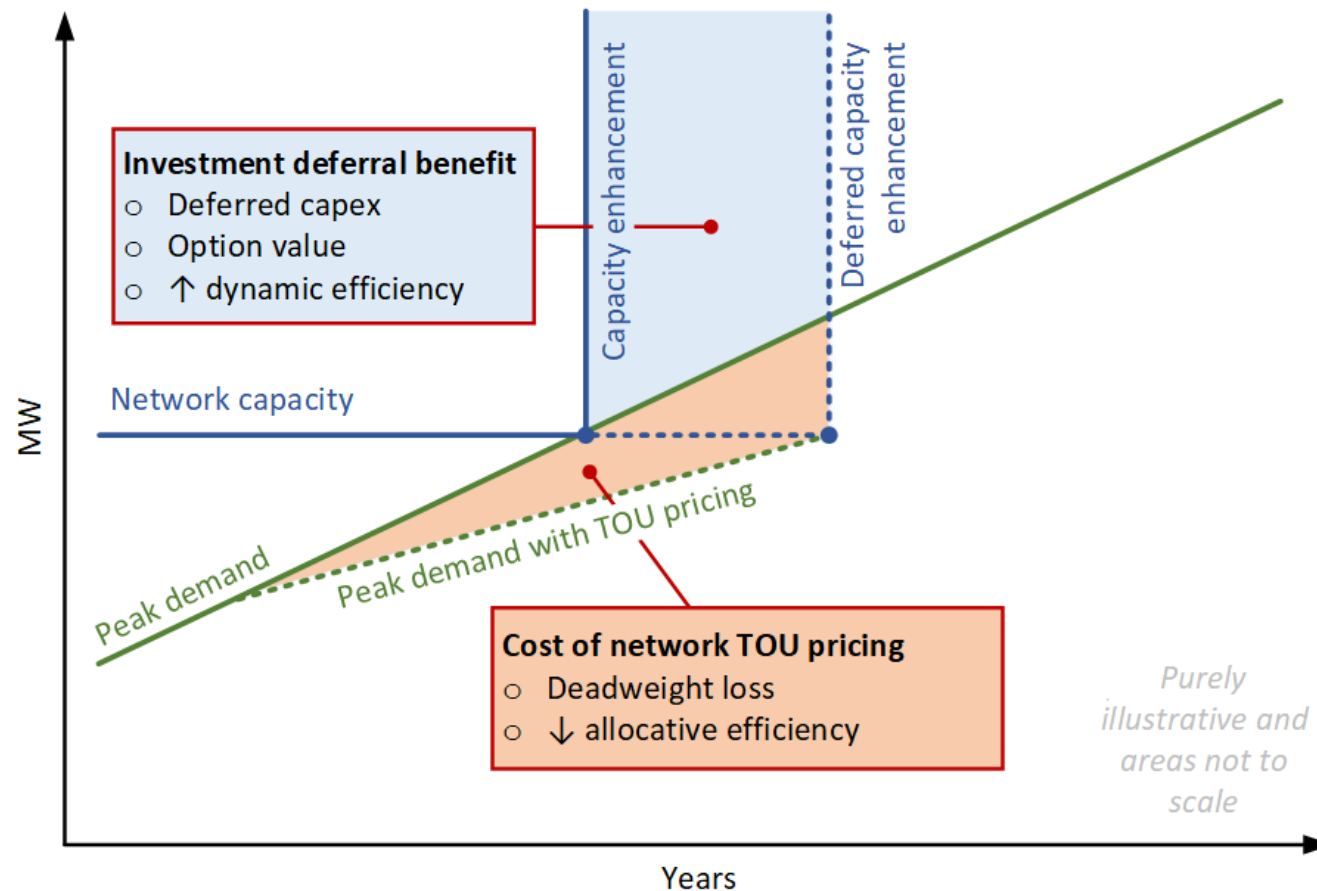
# There are potential benefits of network investment deferral

- If a network company could efficiently encourage peak demand reduction, it could capture the benefits of deferring network investment
- This would defer capex and provide optionality given an uncertain future
- It could therefore improve investment efficiency, or in economic-speak dynamic efficiency



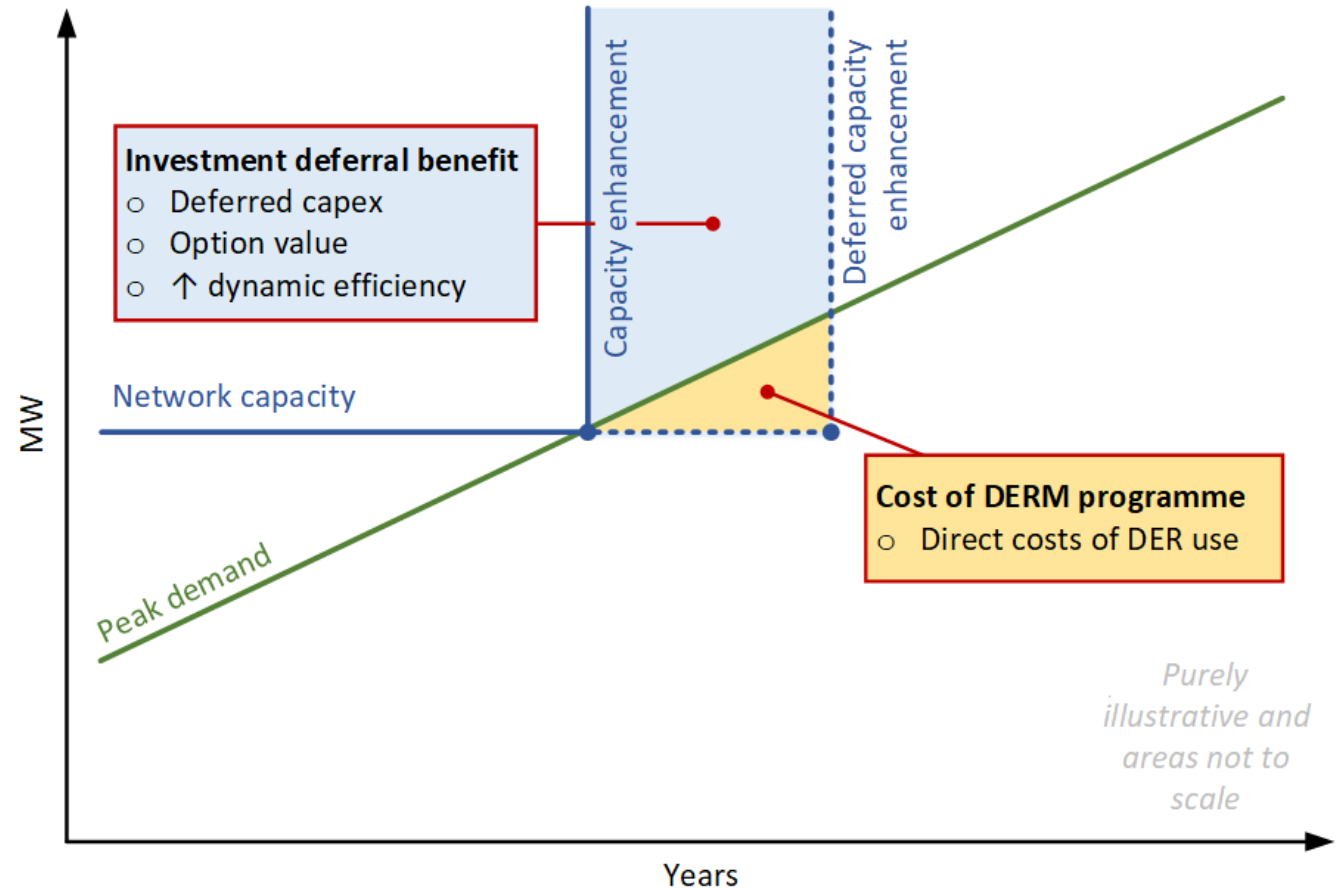
# We could defer network investment with network TOU pricing

- We could achieve network investment deferral through time of use (TOU) pricing
- However, prices would then have to rise above marginal direct costs. This could create counter-veiling inefficiencies in use and resource allocation. In economic terms this would create deadweight loss and allocative inefficiencies
- Current network TOU pricing e.g. distribution pricing can also have practical limitations:
  - TOU tariffs can have low granularity e.g. day/night rather than half-hourly
  - Given the choice, consumers often prefer simple, flat-rate retail tariffs



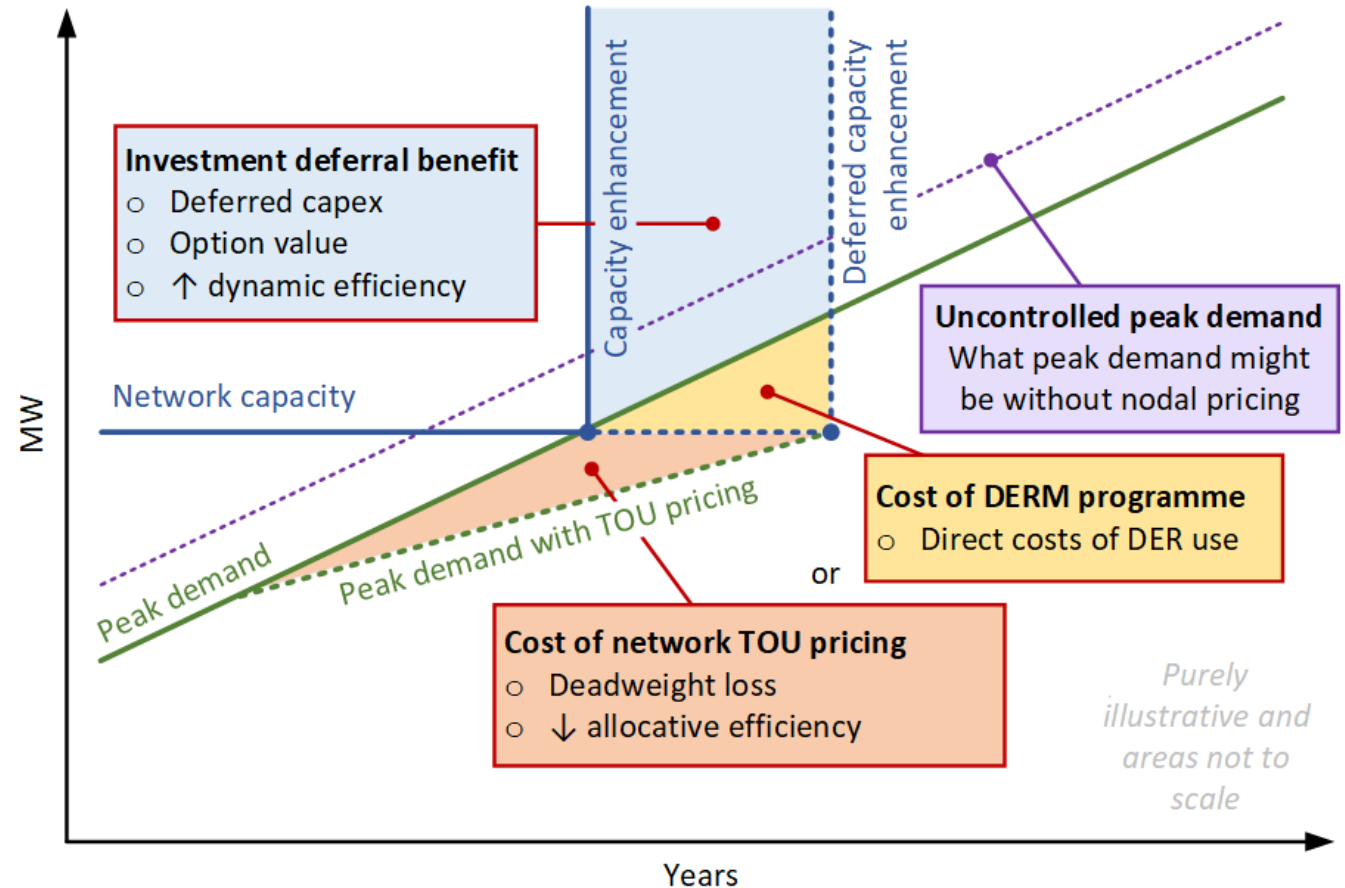
# Or, we could defer network investment with DERM

- Alternatively (or as well) we could achieve network investment deferral through a DERM programme
- This would have a direct cost in payment to DER providers but (managed carefully) can preserve the allocative efficiency of the nodal prices
- Such a DERM programme could be used also for network investment risk management, to manage risk of:
  - Delayed commissioning
  - Higher than forecast demand growth



# How to optimise network investment deferral

- So, for overall economic efficiency we need to balance the:
  - Benefits of network deferral
    - Deferred capex
    - Option value
    - ↑ dynamic efficiency
  - Costs and efficacy of any network TOU pricing
  - Cost of any DERM programme
- Often, the costs of TOU pricing (beyond nodal prices) and DERMS programmes will be too great, and the network investment should proceed
- Sometimes, one or other (or both) of TOU pricing and DERMS could be an economically optimal solution for a limited period



# Network TOU pricing could increase network investment efficiency

## Price signals

- The main price is the nodal price, made up of:
  - The 'baseload' energy price, being the offer price of the marginal generator on the unconstrained grid
  - Losses
  - When there's a grid constraint, a congestion component based on the offer price of the marginal generator in the constrained region
- The nodal price is very accurate at reflecting the marginal cost of energy and leads to high allocative efficiency in real-time

Energy

Losses

Congestion

Network  
investment  
deferral value

- Network deferral value is not included in the nodal price
  - For transmission, the nodal price is the same whether the next investment is \$1M or \$1B
  - For distribution, the nodal price only goes to GIP/GXP level, not deeper into the network
- Network TOU pricing - in effect - adds this component into a 'complete' price signal
- Usually the deferral value is zero:
  - When there is no imminent need for network investment
  - When it's not a local/regional peak
- But, at very specific places and times, this value-based price could be material

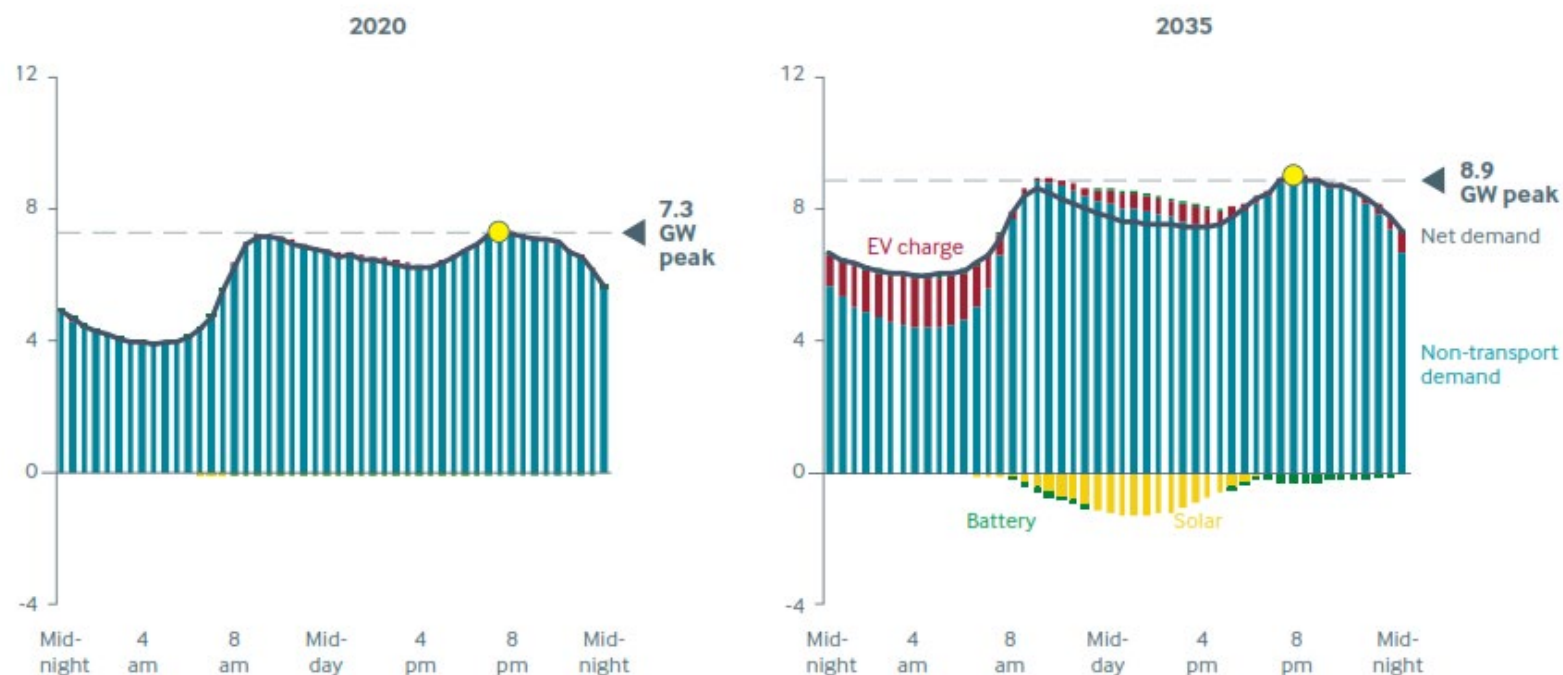


# How might DERM be integrated with the market?



## Why we need a flexibility market, reminder...

- WiTMH envisages that peak demand will grow slower than energy demand, based on assumptions of such peak-flattening measures as EV smart charging
- This will save billions in network investment, reduce the requirement for and emissions of peaking generation, and improve power system management
- Nodal pricing, network pricing and DERM all have their part to play in incentivising such 'smart' behaviour and realising this future



# How can we enable rather than be reactive to new DER?

- The 'Operationalising Grid Owner DERM' section focus on DERM for transmission, and by extension how EDBs might operationalise DERM
- This section and the next pose questions of how might DER be integrated with other markets, especially the wholesale spot market – both through participation and through arbitrage – and ancillary services markets

## Areas of development

- Pricing
- DER Markets
- Technology standards
- Platforms and aggregators
- Regulatory framework

## Some suggested principles for market development

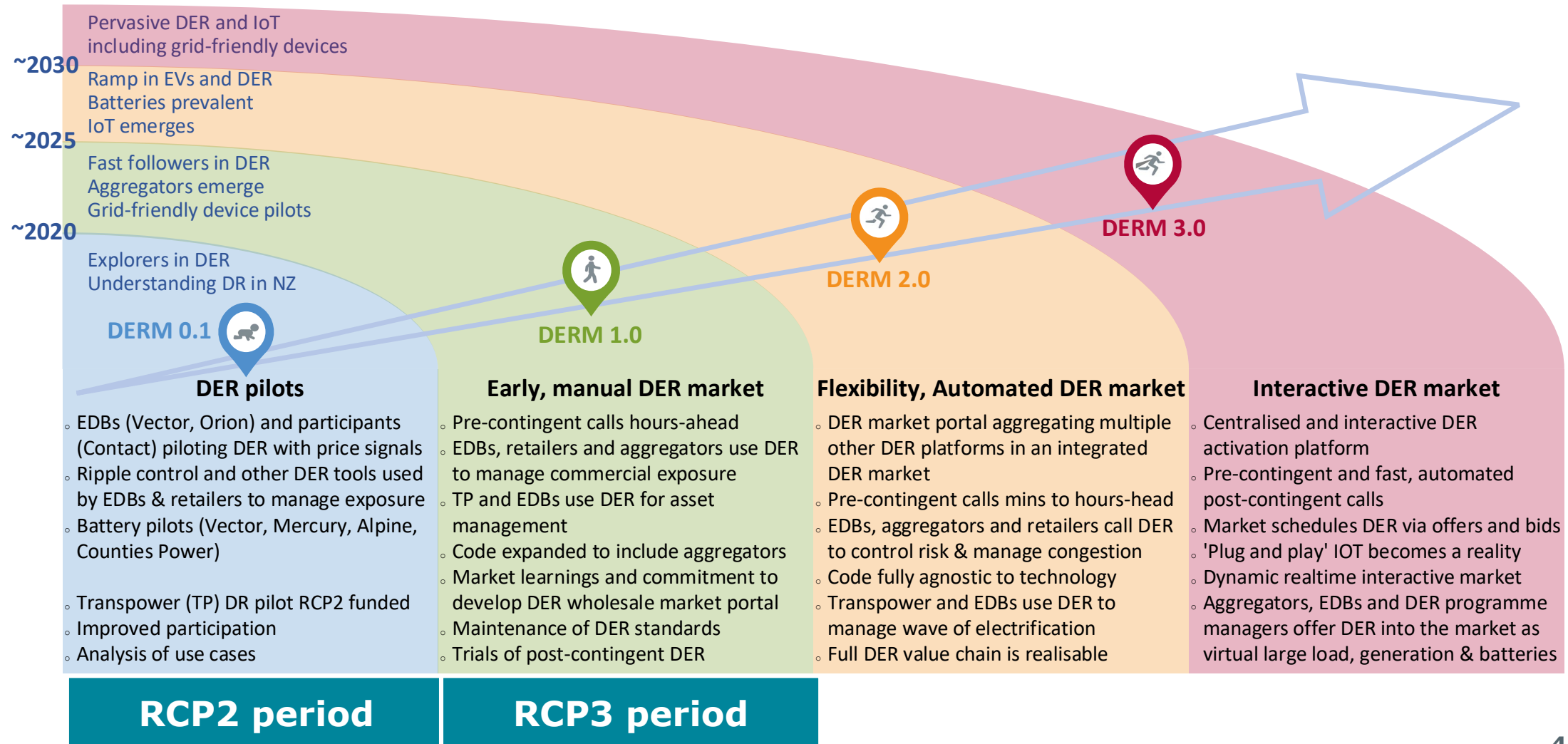
- Simple and profitable consumer participation
- Minimise transaction and industry costs
- Encourage competition, innovation and customer choice
- Support multiple markets
- Integration with the wholesale market
- Support secure system operation
- Evolutionary approach



# Focus here on specific parts of the DERMS value proposition

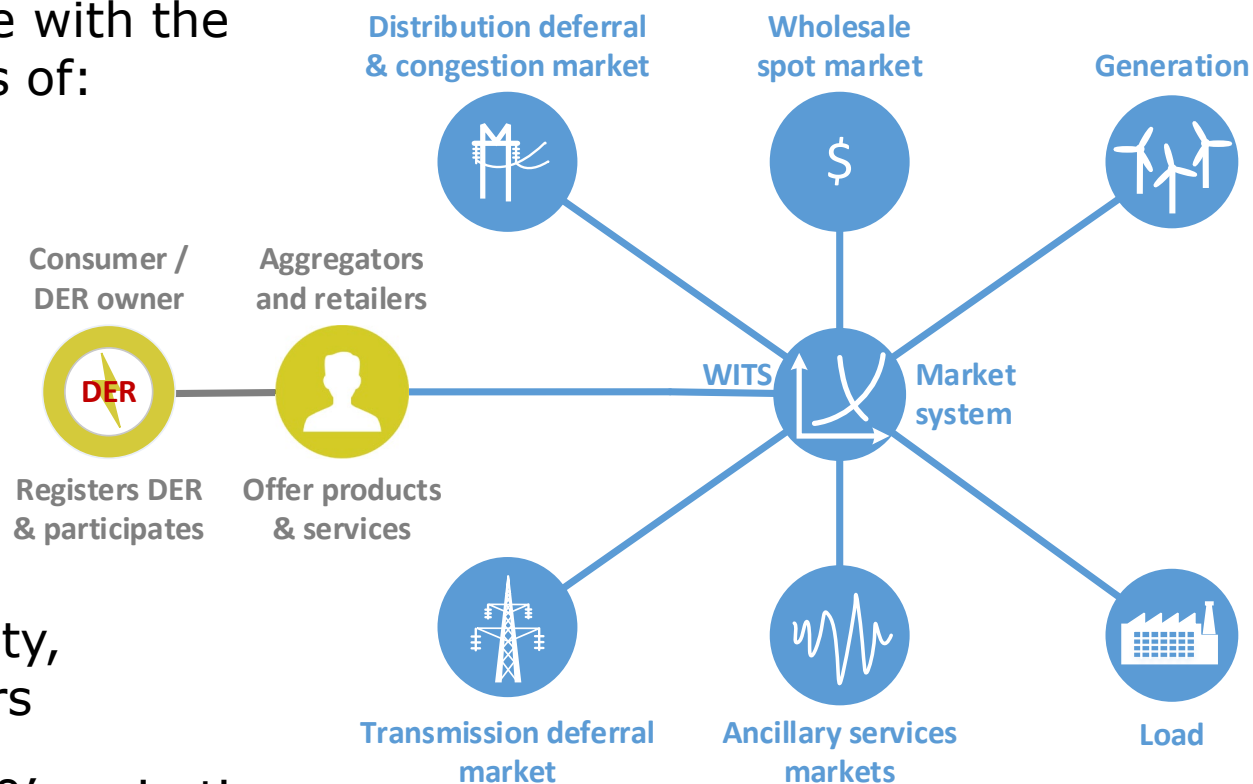
Distributed Energy Resources		Demand reduction classic DR e.g. industrial plant		Embedded generation controllable plant e.g. diesel		Embedded batteries including EV fast-chargers	
Sources of DER value		Value	Rationale	Value	Rationale	Value	Rationale
Energy market	Wholesale through DERMS	Low	Little benefit over self-dispatch or dispatch through Retail DERMS, once nodal prices go ex-ante	High	Aggregation as virtual power plant can become price maker or moderator in constrained regions	High	Best of both worlds Can, depending on where in charge / discharge cycle, act as either
	Retail through DERMS	Medium	Avoidance of high price – by consumer if exposed, by retailer if they’ve hedged the consumer	Low	Little benefit over self-dispatch, depending on contractual position	Medium	
Network investment deferral through TPM / DPM or DERM	Distribution	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Load reduction, embedded generation and battery services are equivalent at peak-lopping</li><li>Distribution investment requirements higher and utility resources more limited than for transmission</li><li>There remains a risk that if peak-pricing is removed from the TPM, the use of DERM for transmission peak management may need to increase commensurately</li></ul>				
	Transmission	Medium					
Ancillary services	Frequency keeping (FK)	Medium	Some possibilities for grid-friendly appliances and controls	Low	Most incumbent technology not responsive enough	High	Ideal technology. FK low value now but will increase with intermittency
	Instantaneous reserves (IR)	High	Some technologies fast enough – ripple control, cold stores...				
	New e.g. inertia, balancing	Medium	Some possibilities with inverters				
Firming intermittent generation		Low	Limited possibilities beyond FK	Low		High	Ideal complement

# DR markets could develop as DER and participants are supported through market and regulatory frameworks – possible evolution



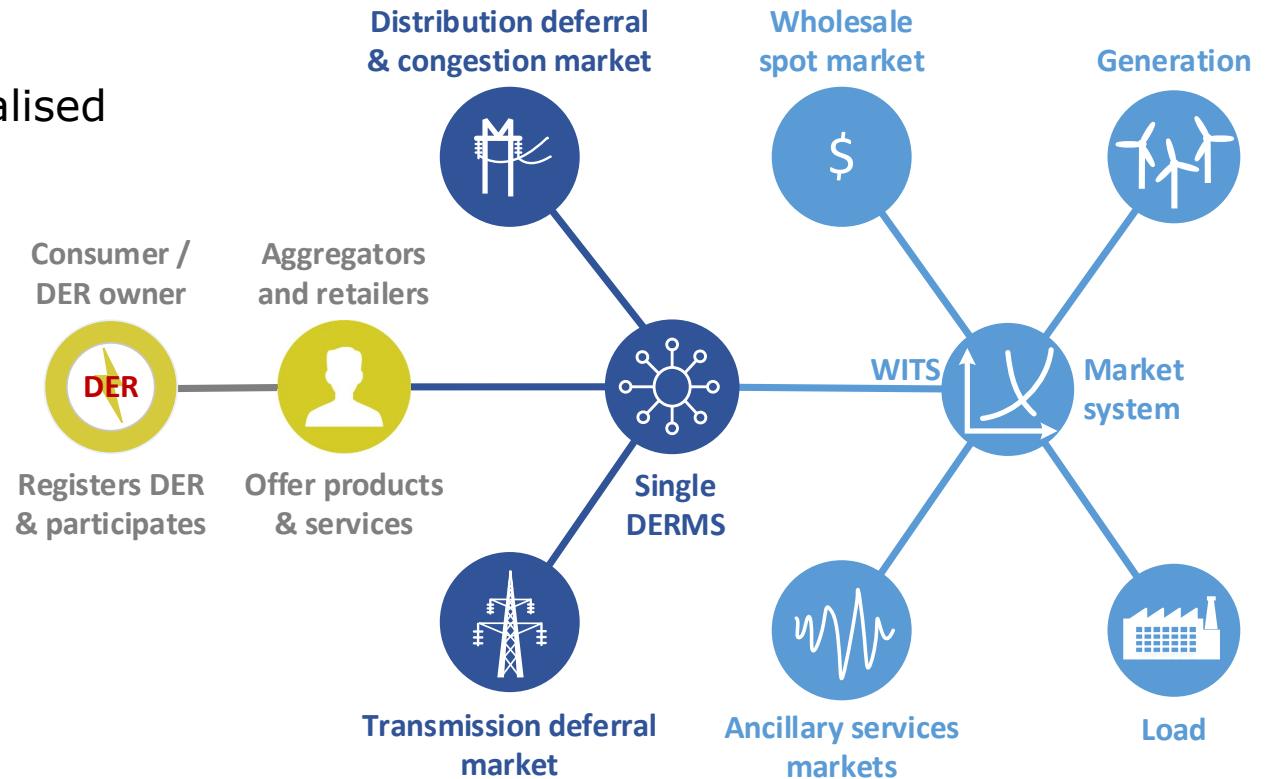
# DERM – How to proxy a fully DER-capable market system in the near term

- Conceptual models for DER to interface with the market system could include variations of:
  - Total integration (shown here)
  - Single centralised DERM
  - Multiple DERMs
  - Hybrid
- Each has its own challenges and advantages and would need further consideration by the Electricity Authority, system operator and other stakeholders
- Total integration could be a 'DERMS 3.0' aspiration: the others, practical, evolutionary steps towards it



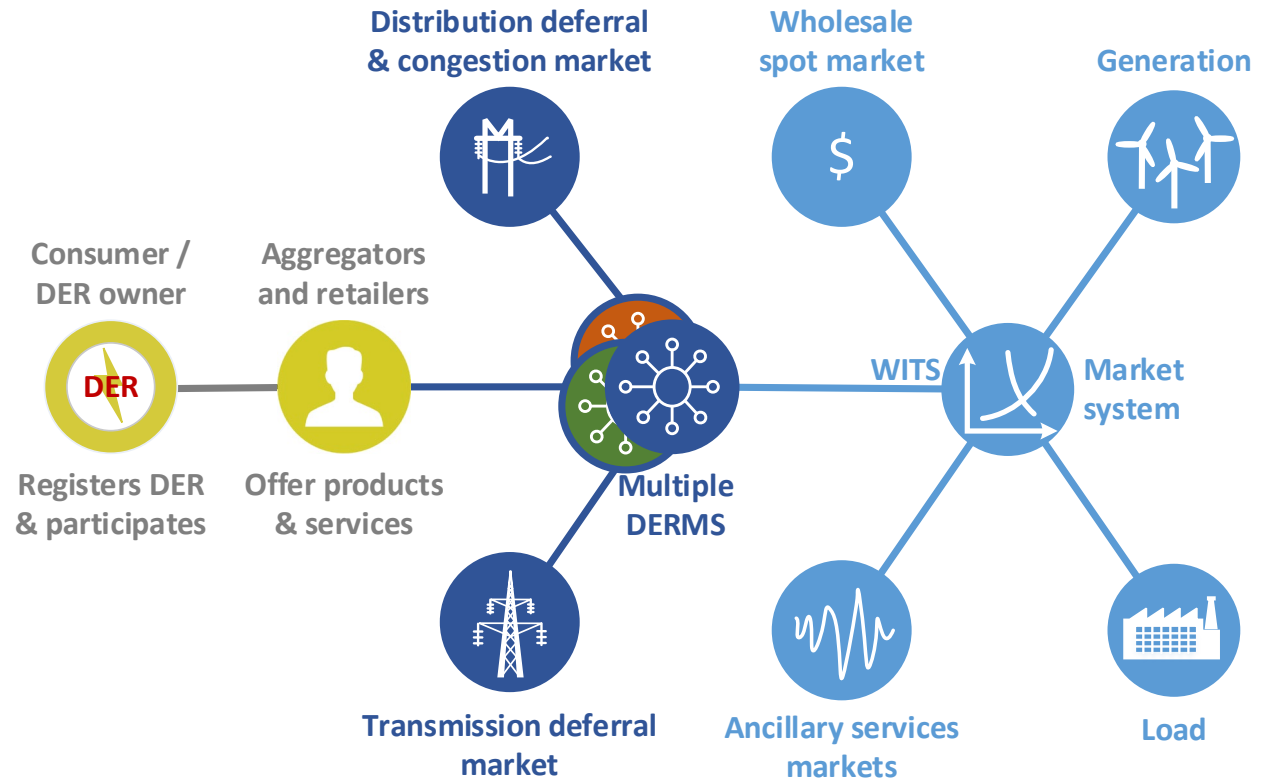
# One model would be a single, centralised DERMS

- The market could develop in different ways
- One model would be that of a single, centralised DERM system (DERMS) that would provide:
  - The DER registration, aggregation, verification and settlement services
  - Access to the spot and ancillary service markets through the market system
  - Direct access to network deferral markets
  - Aggregated arbitrage of ex-ante spot prices
- But, as a single system, this model could compromise competition and innovation in DERMS services



# Another model would be multiple DERMS

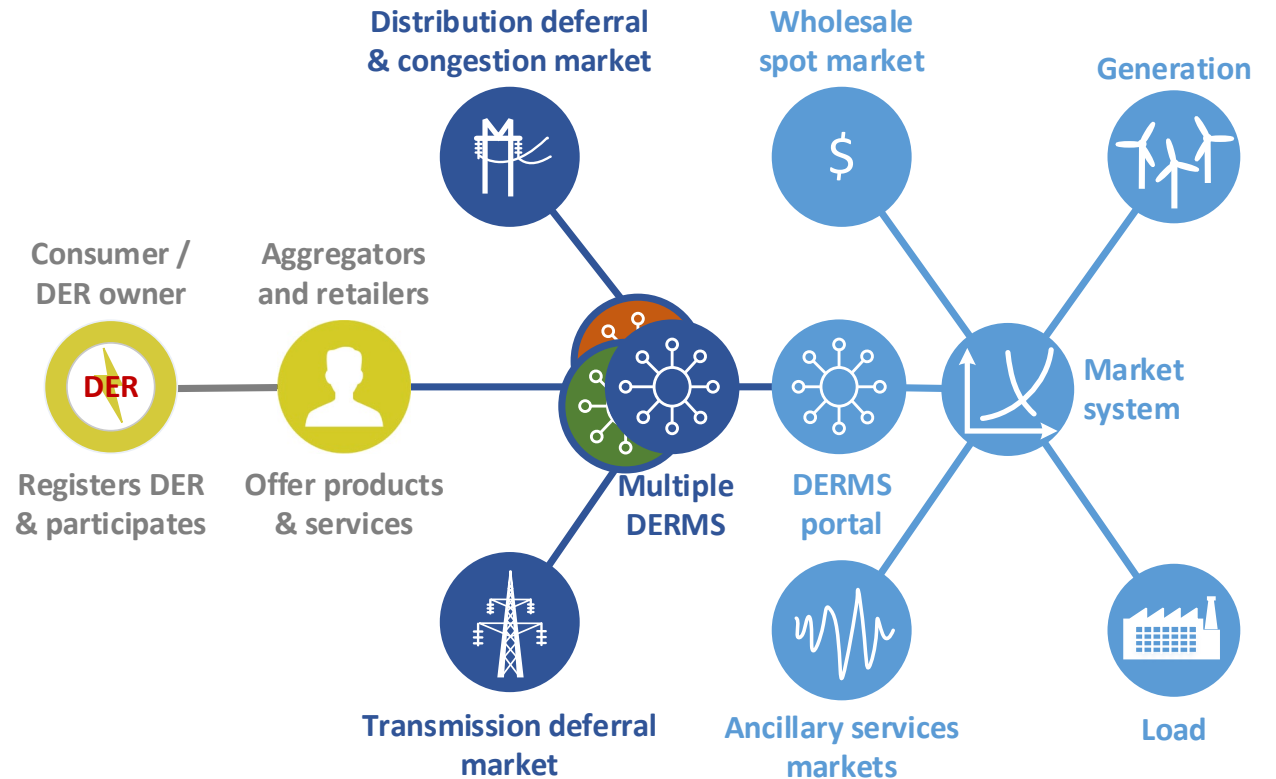
- The market could develop in different ways
- Another model would be that of multiple DERM systems that would each provide that same range of services, including access to the spot and ancillary service markets through the market system
- This would encourage competition and innovation in DERMS services
- Each DERMS that needed to interface with the market systems would need to meet the WITS communications requirements\*



\* Currently, web services or ICCP: see slide 51)

# And another model would be a hybrid

- The market could develop in different ways
- Another model would be that of a single 'wholesale' DERMS portal or gateway to the spot and ancillary service markets through the market system, providing equal access to multiple other 'retail' DERMS
- It would have the functionality of a fully DER-capable market system, but be simpler (and probably significantly cheaper) to build, as a simple extension of existing DERMS technology and market rules



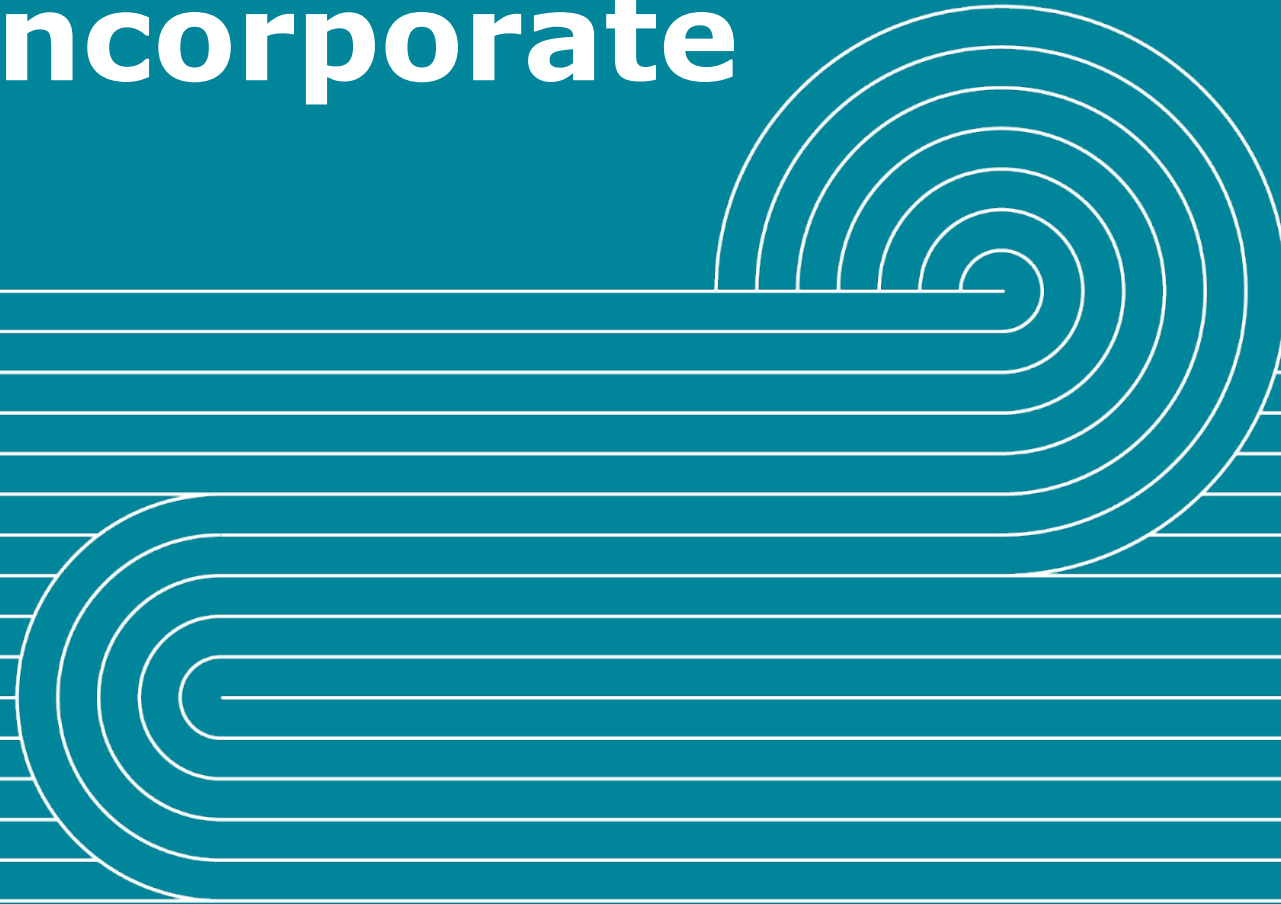
# RTP may encourage DER to self-dispatch rather than bid into the wholesale spot market

- Potential arbitrage value is high (Sapere estimate \$21M pa by 2035)
- But DER can choose between:
  - ‘Self-dispatch’ in response to spot price or spot price forecasts
  - Participating in the spot market, e.g. through an aggregator and Dispatch Notified
- Table here assumes RTP and its 5-minute ex-ante prices
- Bidding contributes to overall system accuracy, but that has limited benefit to individual DER

Speed of DER response	Fast <<5-minutes	Medium >5 but <30 minutes	Slow >30 minutes
Examples of DER types	Automated batteries and heating / cooling systems	Those requiring manual control	Industrial processes
How could DER self-dispatch?	Constantly adjust its 'strike price' to include other factors e.g. amenity, state of charge, customer orders Monitor RTP price Only beneficial if on a spot-price pass-through tariff		Monitor scheduled price
	Can avoid a sudden high 5-minute price	Can partly mute a high 5-minute price	
Benefit of participating in the spot market	Can set the price (but statistically unlikely as small)		Can't actively participate as needs to self-dispatch ahead of trading period
	Gets a dispatch instruction		
	Access to constrained-on payments (DD only)		
Cost of participating in the spot market	Transaction cost		
	Has to bid for each GXP separately (not aggregated)		



# How might markets evolve to incorporate DERM?



# DERM market development – some observations and questions

- What market evolution may be needed to capture this value, and encourage efficient levels of DER and DERMS investment?
- Currently DERM is not fully accommodated within the:
  - Wholesale market: energy and ancillary services
  - ‘Retail’ market: network services and energy price arbitrage
- How should the Code and the Market Systems be evolved to include DERM?
- What balance should be struck between minimising transaction and industry costs and accelerating the introduction of a flexibility market?
- What is the role of technology and communications standards in DERM market development?



# DERM wholesale market developments – some observations

- RTP's ex-ante and scarcity pricing will encourage DER price-responsiveness
- RTP will introduce dispatch-notified generation/load as a 'half-way house' participation category:
  - Greater flexibility than full dispatch
  - Ineligible for constrained on/off payments
- Substantive challenges remain for DERM post-RTP and are likely to require changes to regulatory settings and the market system
- Future rules for aggregation might need to consider:
  - Compliance with bids, offers and dispatch instructions
  - Interaction with forecasts
  - Provision of information

## RTP introduces

- Five minute pricing
- Ex ante prices, published and final at start of five minute period
- Automated, ex-ante scarcity pricing, starting at \$10,000/MWh
- 30-minute time-weighted average settlement
- Dispatch notified generation/load

# Some items that could become DERMS spot market issues

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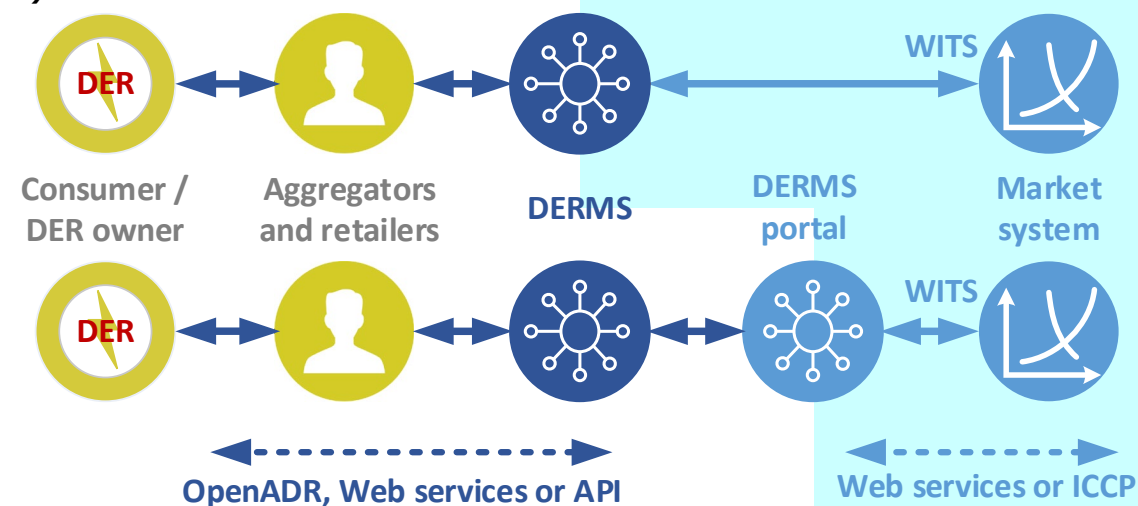
			Needed for DER market participation?	
Potential Issue			Retail	Wholesale
1	Aggregation across retailers	Enabling aggregation across participants and or GXPs may be needed to achieve critical mass for DER	Yes	Yes
2	Replace profiling with TOU data	Retailers need to apply half hour or five minute reconciliation where available	Desirable	
3	DER comms standards	Communications between DR platforms, DER and DER owners are critical for calls and verification		
4	DER technical standards	Benefits of common standards for DER connection and operation that do not cause unwarranted system issues		
5	DER information provision	Key system players (SO, EDBs, Grid owner) need information on connected and active DER	Yes	Yes
6	DERM information provision	Need to incorporate planned and actual DR calls into SO's and EDBs' load and hence price forecasts		
7	Pass-through participation	How to incorporate a third party into the market rules who is not the 'owner' of the electricity?	n/a	For market portal

Key
Change
Maybe
No

# DER communications standards – important to get right

- Communications between DER, DER owners and DERMS platforms are critical for registration, calls and verification
- International, open-source DR communications standards have emerged and continue to evolve: OpenADR is the emerging international standard
- Modern DERMS platforms allow DER owners direct access using:
  - DERMS existing graphical user interface (GUI)
  - Web services
  - Application programming interfaces (APIs), or
  - OpenADR
- The [AS/NZS 4755](#) standard for this for a DER is DRED (Demand Response Enabled Device)

- DERMS portal needs to bid/offer into and be dispatched by the market system
- This currently requires a WITS interface: web services or ICCP\*



# DERM ancillary service market developments: some possibilities

- DER can be physically highly capable of providing instantaneous reserves (IR) and frequency keeping (FK) ancillary services
- DER participation not currently fully enabled in IR
  - Aggregated DR as interruptible load IR is enabled
  - IR allows for a battery to reduce charging, but
  - Battery injection is not currently able to provide IR (on EA's 2020/21 work programme)
- IR is per-island not at a GXP level so wider aggregation possible than for the spot market
- DER participation in FK not enabled currently
- Effecting change likely to require contractual, Code and market system changes as well as study by the system operator to ensure security will be maintained



# DERM ancillary service market developments: some impossibilities

- Unlikely that DER will be able to provide our other ancillary services:

## Black start

- Needs grid-connected generation plant (or charged batteries) that can self-start without needing grid power, so DER connected at the distribution level would not help
- For DER connected at grid level (e.g. at a direct connect industrial plant), SO could contract for them under existing arrangements
- No Code or Market System changes required for this

## Voltage support

- Voltage issues are local
- Inverters can create over-voltage issues but this is best (at least initially) addressed through network asset management and standards, not markets
- Batteries can inject/absorb kVars as well as kW
- Var pricing could be a long-term approach
- Otherwise, contracts with distributor, Transpower as Grid Owner or Transpower as SO would suffice without Code or Market System changes

## Over-frequency reserve

- Currently generating units that can be armed when required and automatically disconnected if there is a sudden rise in system frequency
- DER is unlikely to be of sufficient volume to contribute, but if so the SO could contract for them under existing arrangements
- No Code or Market System changes required for this

## Potential future services?

- Maybe, but not considered here

# DER could operate in multiple markets with minimal issues

... can it be active through the same or a different aggregator in this market?

If a DER is active through an aggregator in this market ...

	Wholesale market participation	Energy arbitrage	Transmission deferral	Distribution deferral	Instantaneous reserve	Frequency keeping	Extended reserves
<b>Wholesale market participation</b> (e.g. Dispatch Lite)			No problem for DR calls > gate closure (1 hr)		Already allowed for in market rules		Network company (EDB or TP) ensures relay load always meets its obligations (equivalent to IL obligation)
<b>Energy arbitrage</b> (self-dispatch in response to price)	OK if within dispatch compliance limits		Within gate closure, OK if within dispatch compliance limits				
<b>Transmission deferral</b>			No physical problem - lucky DER could be called when they would have reduced load for price reasons anyway		Where dispatched as IR or FK, needs to meet its commitments. Can use MW not dispatched to arbitrage		
<b>Distribution deferral</b>	Can participate in wholesale market or arbitrage if it meets terms of its network DER contract. E.g. a DER on a two-hour call contract could participate if not called by then		We can expect minimal interactions between transmission and distribution DERM. Easily co-ordinated, and worst outcome is occasional over-calling or double-paying		Can participate in ancillary services if meets terms of its network DER contract. E.g. a DER on a two-hour call contract could participate in IR or FK if not called by then		DER operator must inform lines company, who can then adjust their relay settings to continue to meet obligations
<b>Instantaneous reserve</b>	Already allowed for in market rules		Where dispatched as IR or FK, needs to meet its contractual commitments. Can use MW not dispatched, and unable to be dispatched (e.g. hasn't been dispatched at 30 ahead or real-time) in other markets		Interactions between the IR and FK markets managed through existing market rules and SO contracts. Needs information at source level. FK and IR not technology agnostic yet.		
<b>Frequency keeping</b>							
<b>Extended reserves</b>	Extended reserves is not an active market at the DER level						

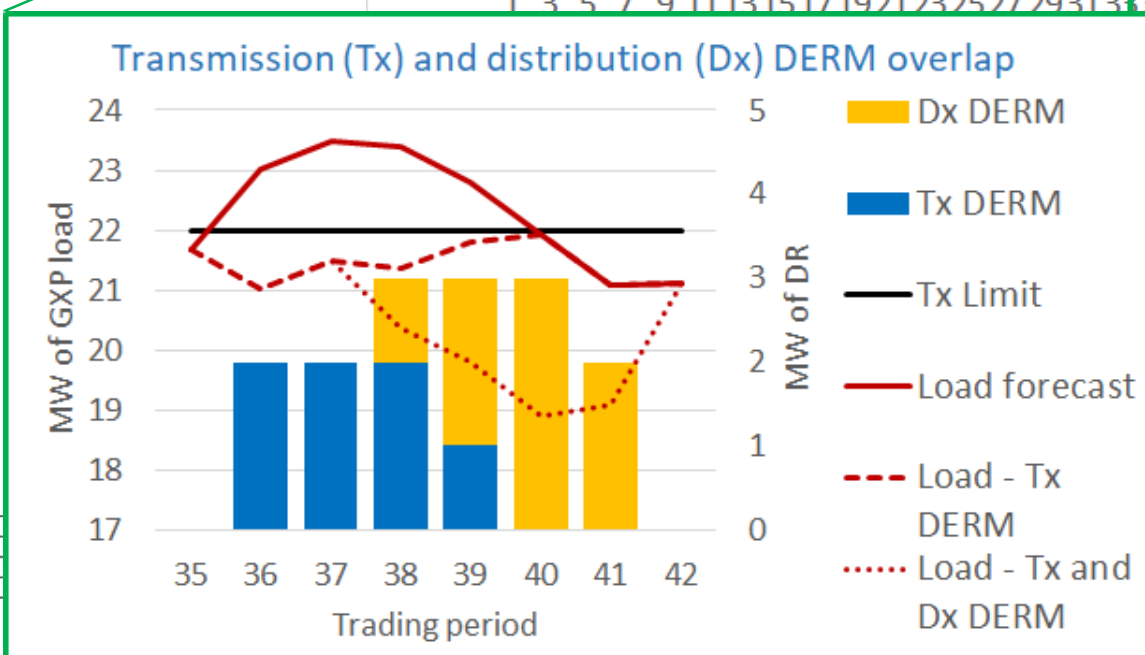
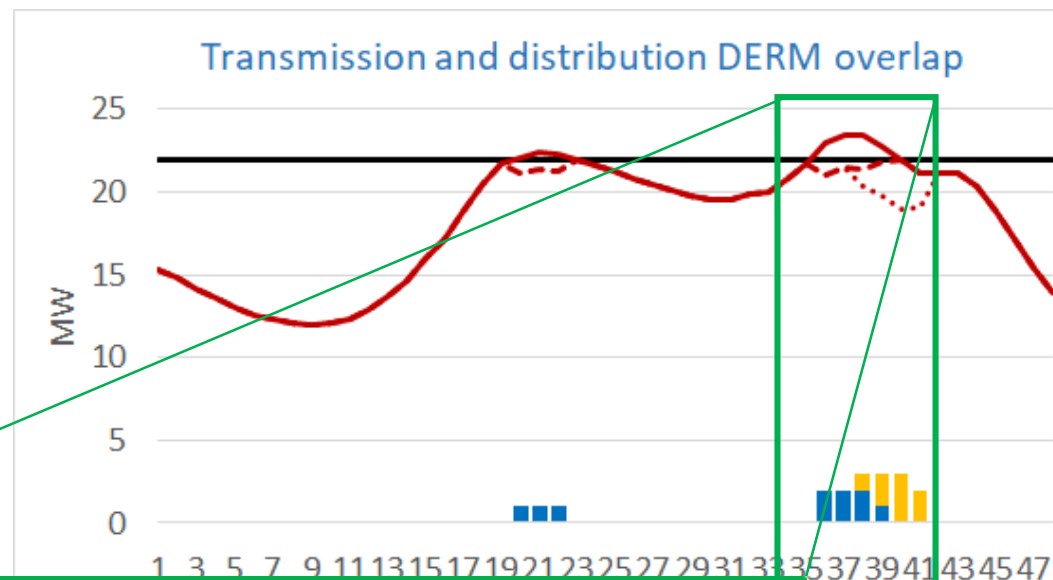
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No issues, or covered by existing rules	Can be managed contractually	No compliance impacts currently but maybe new rules needed
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# No practical issues between transmission and distribution markets

- Overseas where transmission and distribution are under single ownership, it would be natural and efficient to make DERM calls that support both. In New Zealand, with our separate ownership structures, this could be achieved through coordination.
- Say transmission and distribution DER is called independently to manage peaks in their networks. Only issue is when both call DER simultaneously (TPs 38 and 39 in diagram):
  - If DER sources are different, this will solve both peak issues, but more DR at higher overall cost will have been called
  - If DER sources overlap, then this too will solve the peak issue, but some DER sources might be paid twice (financial double dipping)
  - Neither would create a security issue
- Coordination benefits both Transpower and the EDB, so unlikely to be a practical (or urgent) problem, or require regulation





# Discussion and next steps



# Transpower's proposals for DERM discussions with IPAG

22 July 2020	21 October	1 December	2021
Focus on learnings from Transpower's programme			Focus on how to move forward
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction</li><li>• Transpower's RCP2 DR programme</li><li>• Transpower's DERMS platform</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• RCP2 outcomes</li><li>• Mechanics of our DERMS platform</li><li>• Operationalising DERM: overview</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Value stack and pricing interactions</li><li>• Operationalising Grid Owner DERM</li><li>• DERM market development issues</li></ul>	

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