

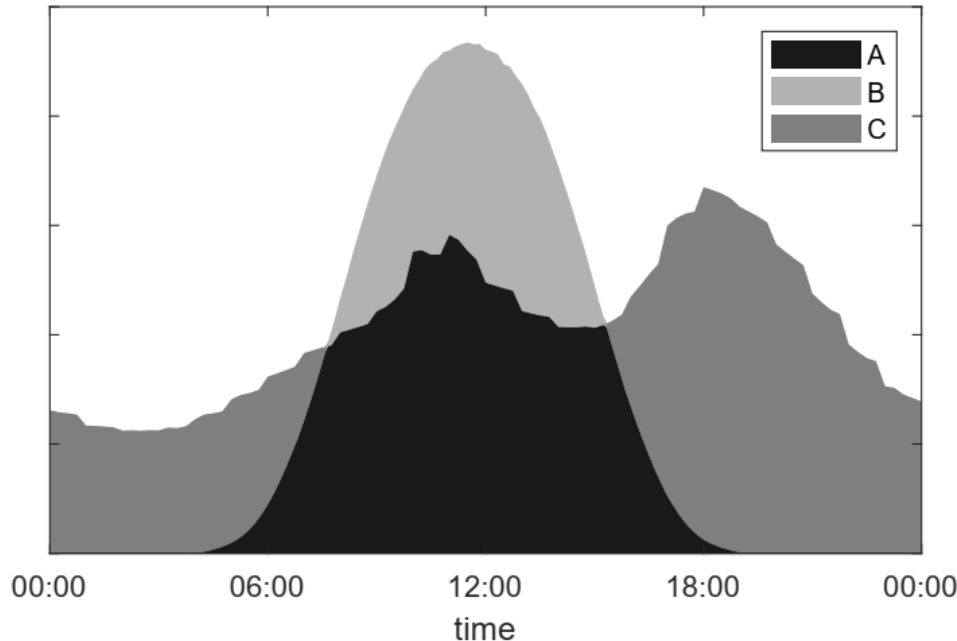
# HOW TO BOOST PV DEVELOPMENT WHILE MITIGATING GRID IMPACT USING ADVANCED ELECTRICITY TARIFFS

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# Self-consumption and system profitability



$$\text{self-consumption : } SC = \frac{A}{A + B}$$

$$SC_{\min} = SC \Big|_{\text{profit} > 0} = \frac{LCOE - t^{\text{exp}}}{t^{\text{imp}} - t^{\text{exp}}}$$

LCOE : Levelized cost of PV electricity  
 $t^{\text{imp}}$  : import tariff (retail electricity price)  
 $t^{\text{exp}}$  : export tariff (feed-in tariff)

- System profitability is given by SC and strongly depends on electricity tariffs (import and export)
- Batteries can increase self-consumption

# Questions

- How tariffs influence investments in decentralized PV and storage?
- How tariffs impact grid operation ?
- Can advanced tariffs help mitigate impact of large PV penetration on the grid?
- How to allow long term and profitable PV penetration ?

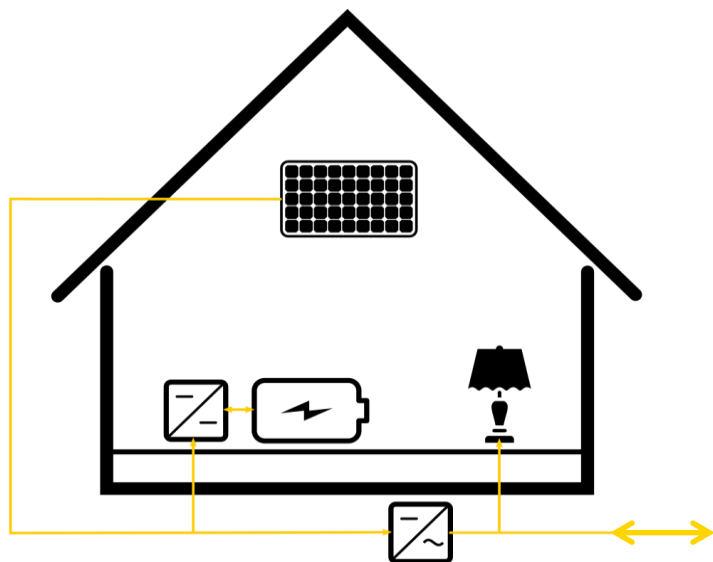
## Case study



RE Rolle demo site :  
low-voltage grid  
TR3716

- Data : 1 year @ 15 minutes, LCOE calculated on 25 years
- Operation : PV and battery operation (1 year)

## Optimal building design and operation



### Objectives

$$\text{TOTEX} = \text{OPEX} + R * \text{CAPEX}$$

### Inputs

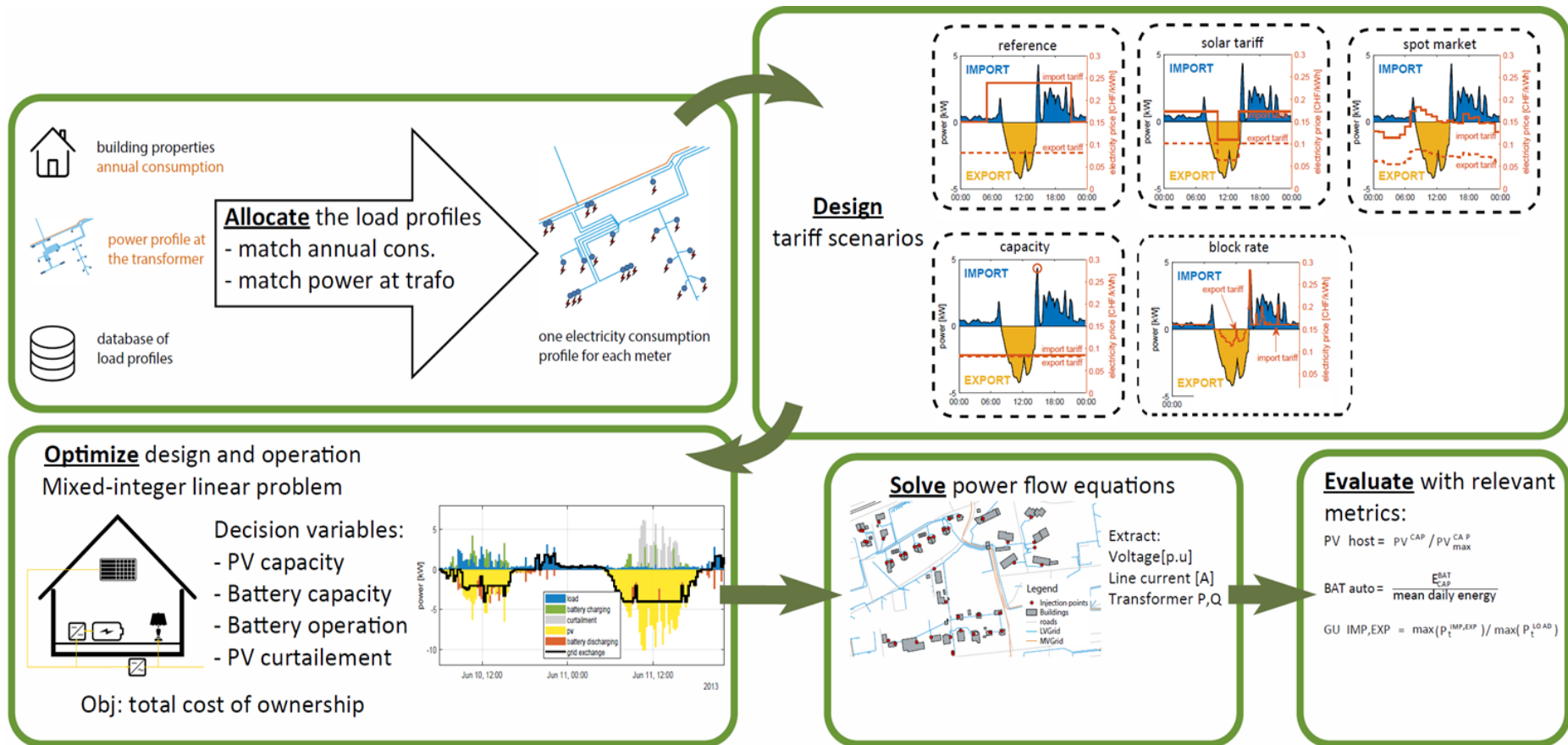
- Electrical demand
- Irradiance
- PV, battery cost functions
- Tariffs
- Interest rate, lifetime

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### Outputs

- PV and battery capacity
- Charging and discharging power
- PV generation, curtailment

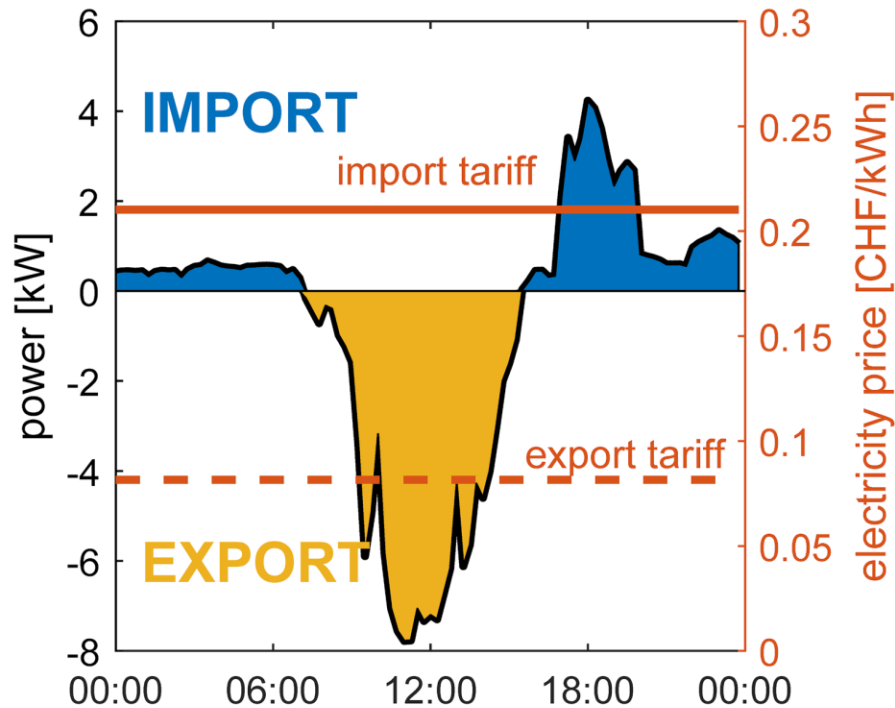
## Effect of tariffs on the design and operation



L. Bloch et al., Energy Informatics 2,2019, doi:s42162-019-0085-z.

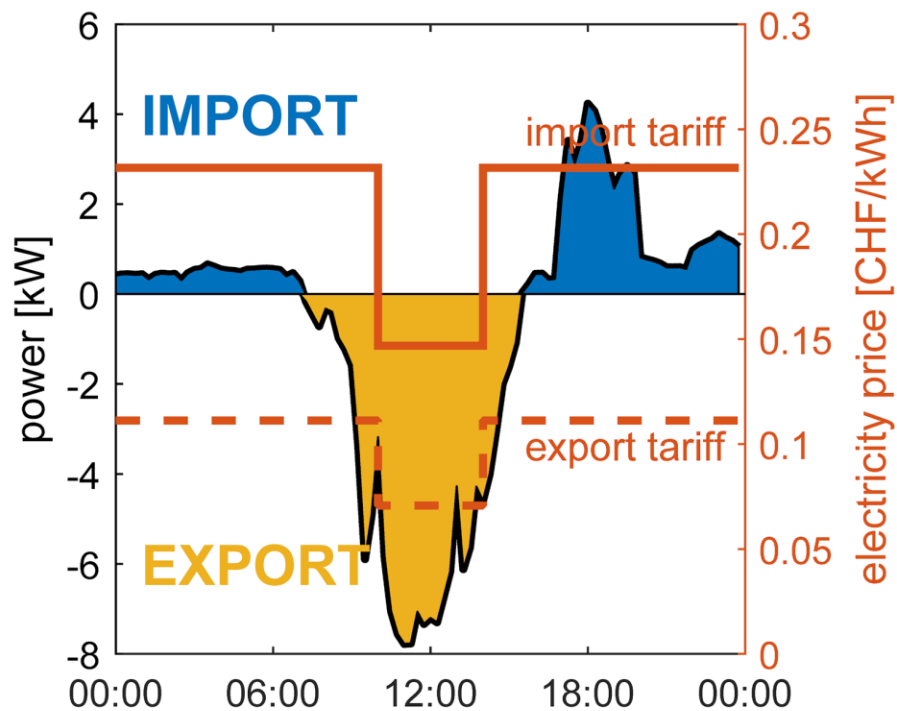


# Reference tariff



- Import: 21.02 cts/kWh
- Export: 8.16 cts/kWh

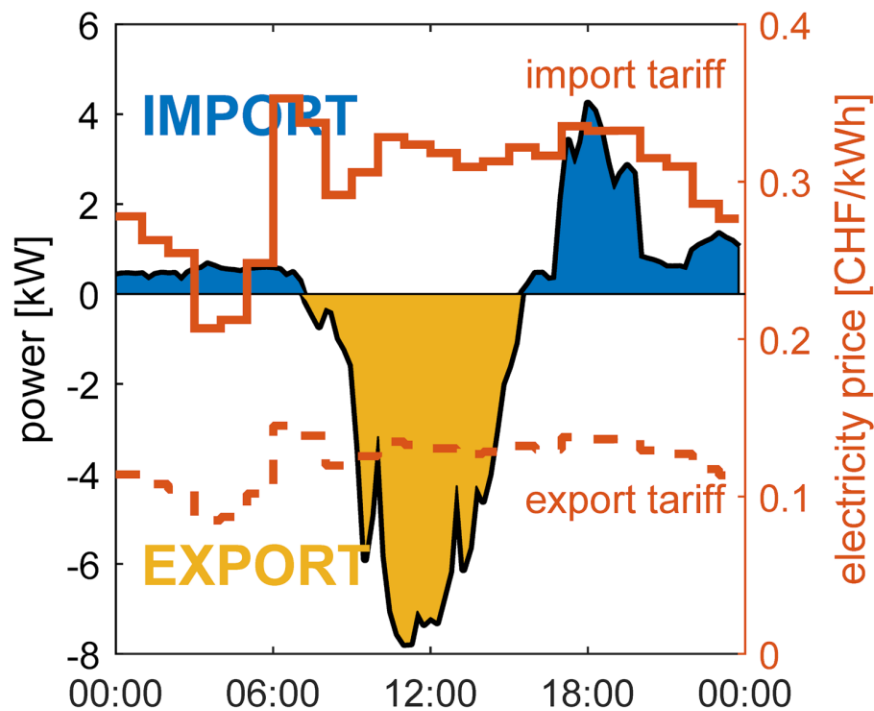
# Solar tariff



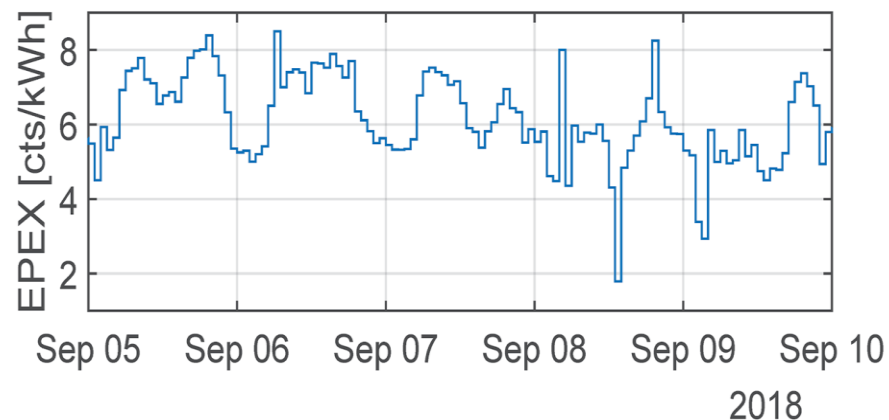
- Cheaper at midday



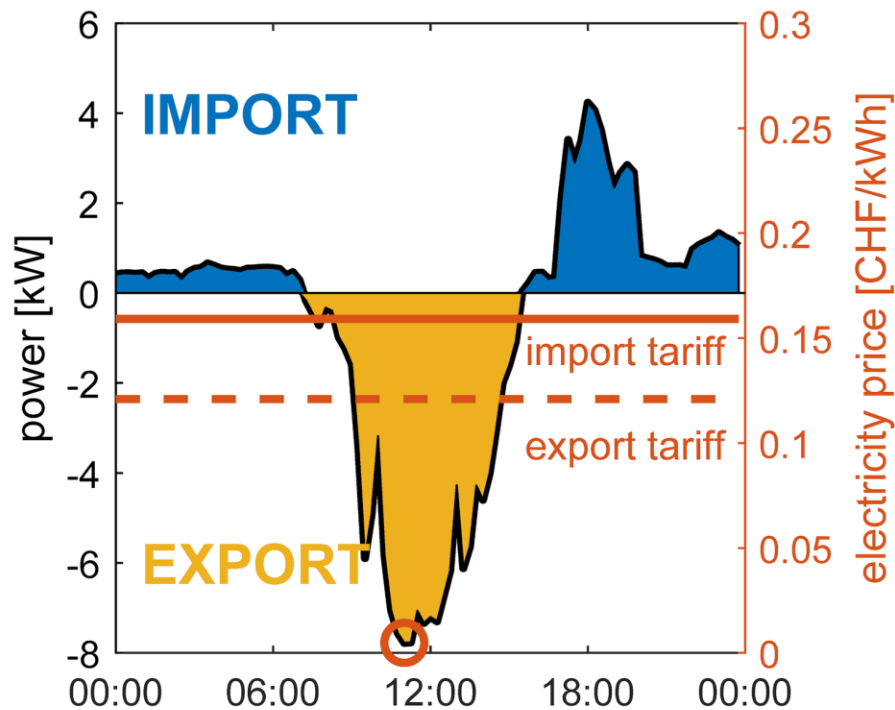
# Spotmarket tariff



- Mirror of the EPEX
- Scaled to ensure same DSO revenues

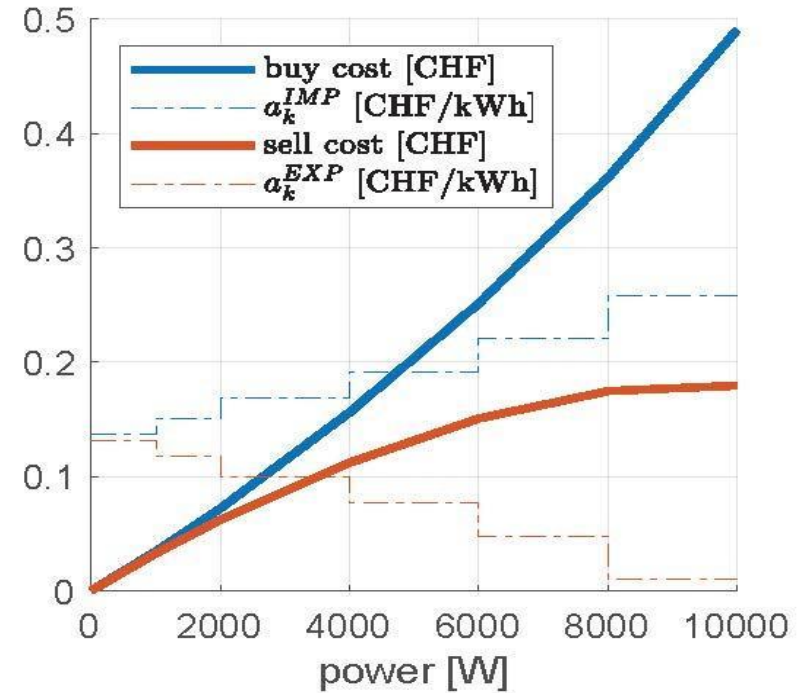
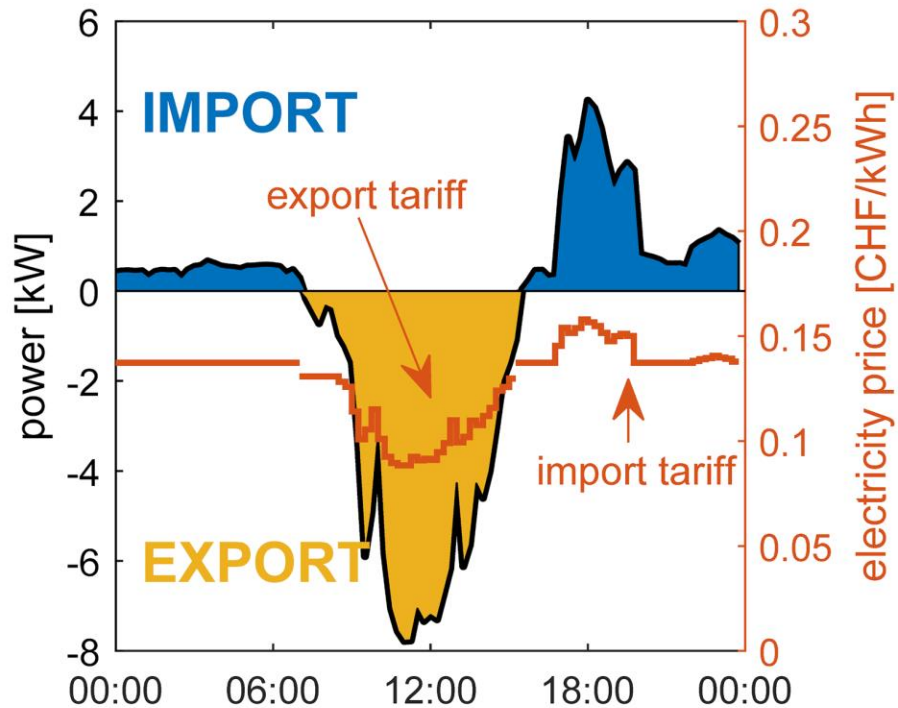


# Capacity tariff



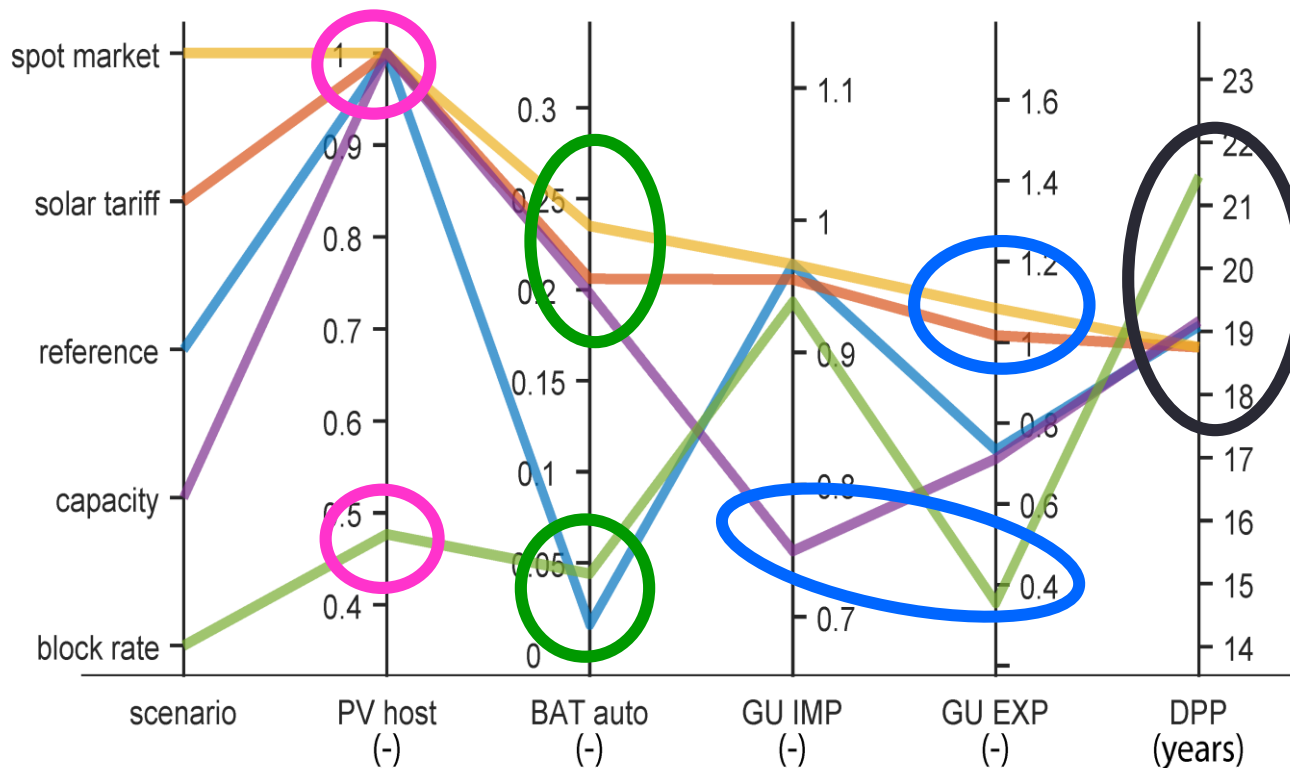
- Mix of a flat volumetric tariff and a capacity component
  - Import : 15.91 cts/kWh
  - Export : 12.09 cts/kWh
  - Power : 5.02 CHF/kW/month

# Block rate tariff



- Import tariff increasing with power consumption while export tariff decreasing with power injection

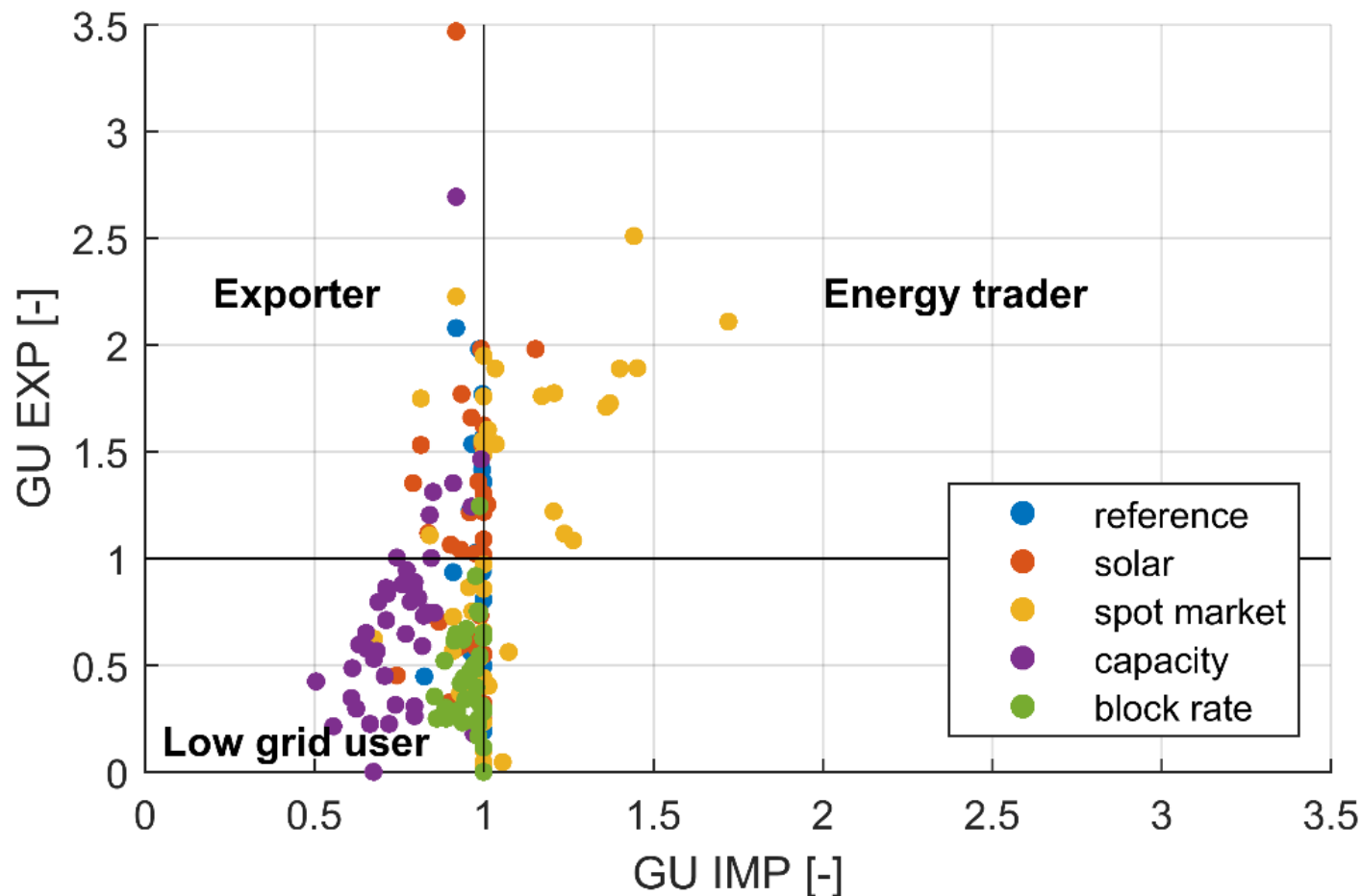
# Effects of advanced tariffs



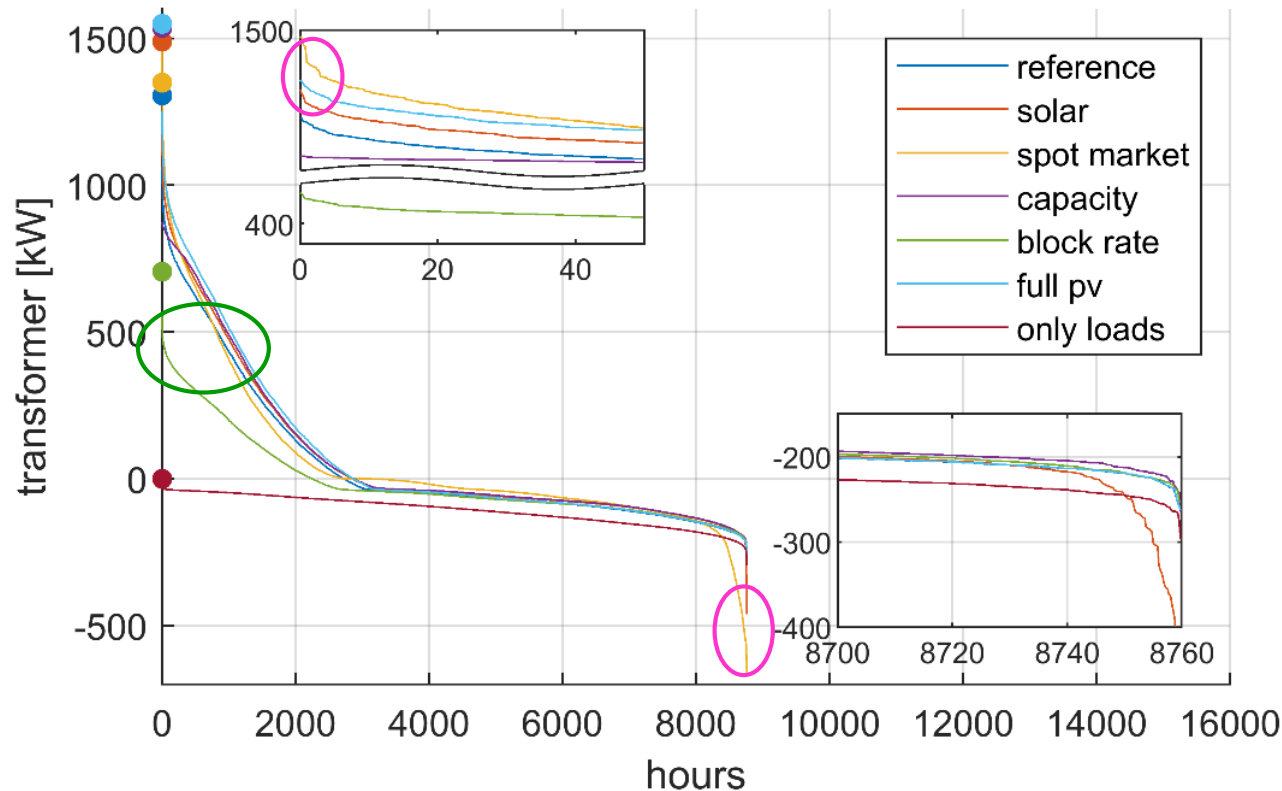
- **PV hosting** always maximum except with block rate
- Dynamic and capacity tariffs promote larger **battery size**
- Playing on the spot market can actually increase the **Grid Usage**, capacity and block rate globally decreases it
- Variance in **payback time** between systems is important

*J. Holweger et al., EPSR, 189, 2020, doi: 10.1016/j.epsr.2020.106763.*

# Tariffs changes prosumer profiles



## Impact on grid : Load duration curve

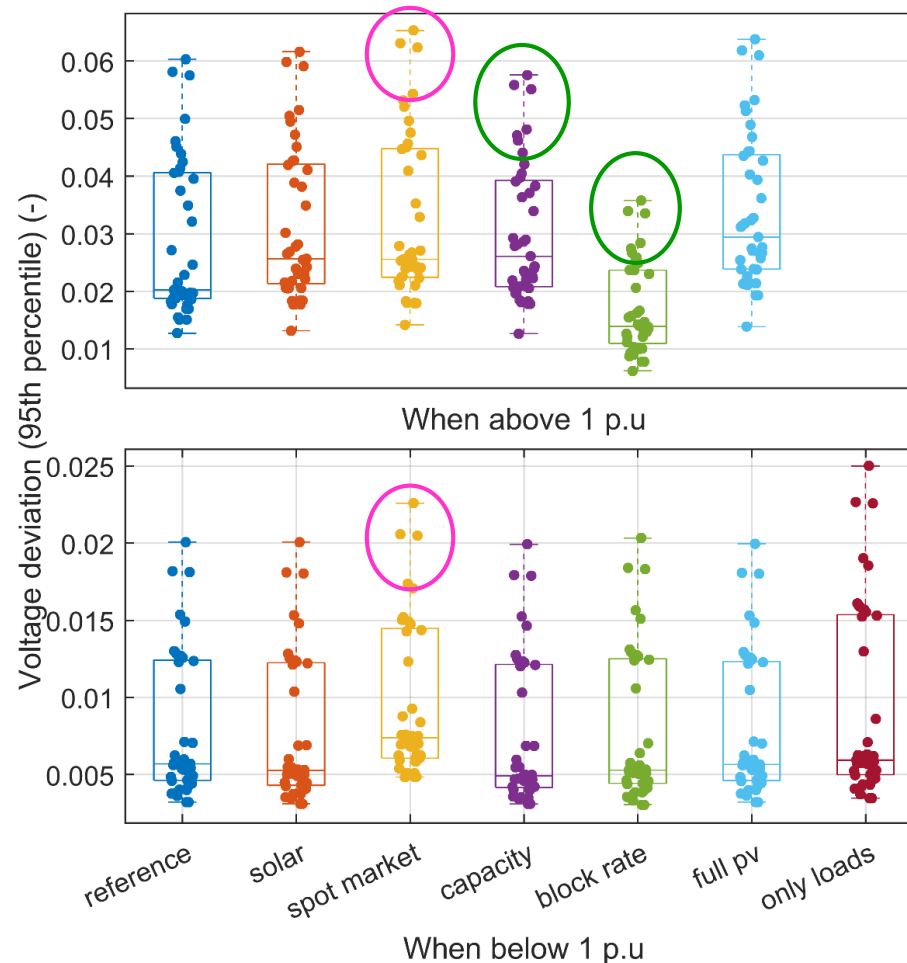


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## Impact on grid : Voltage deviation



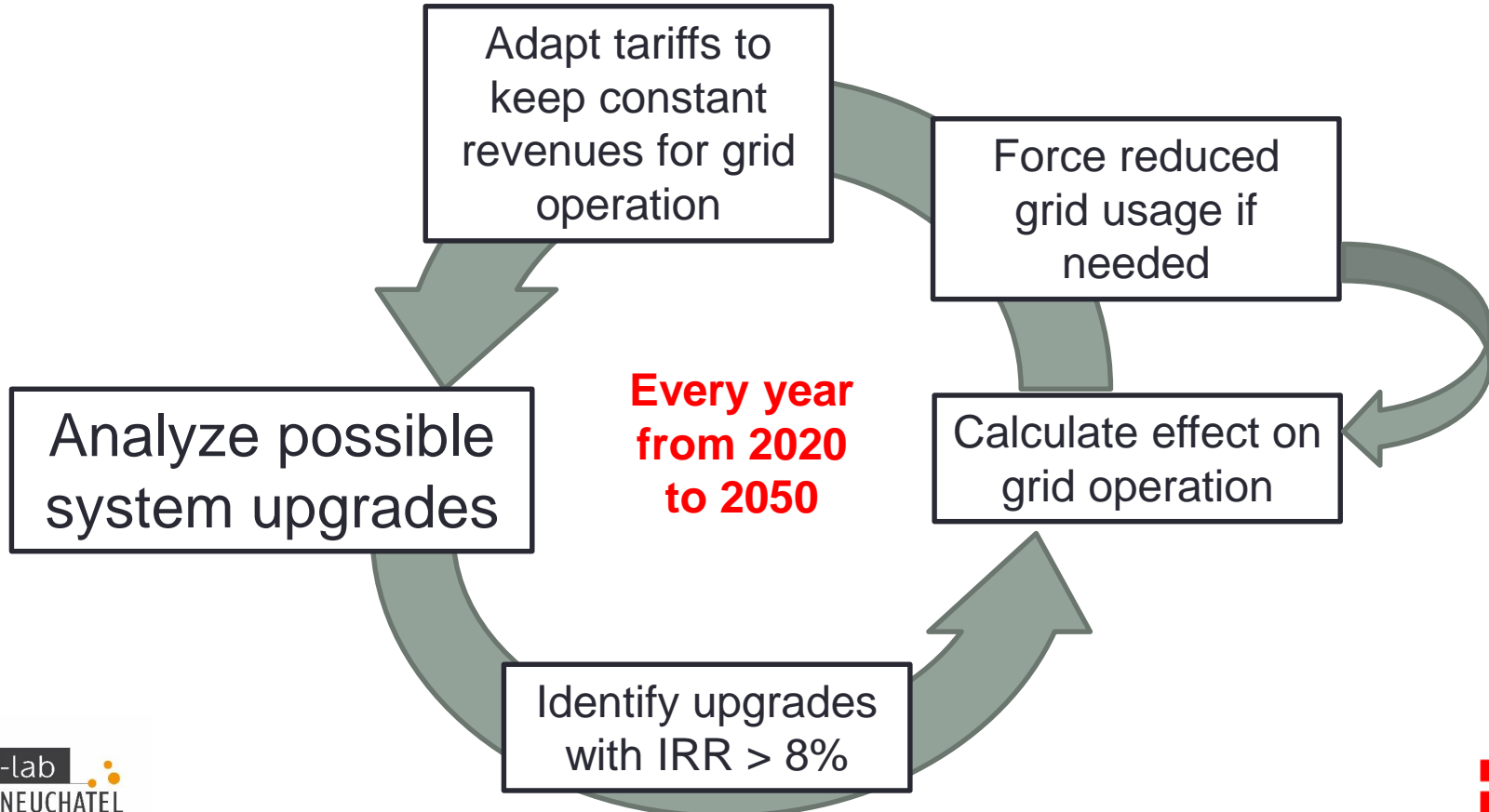
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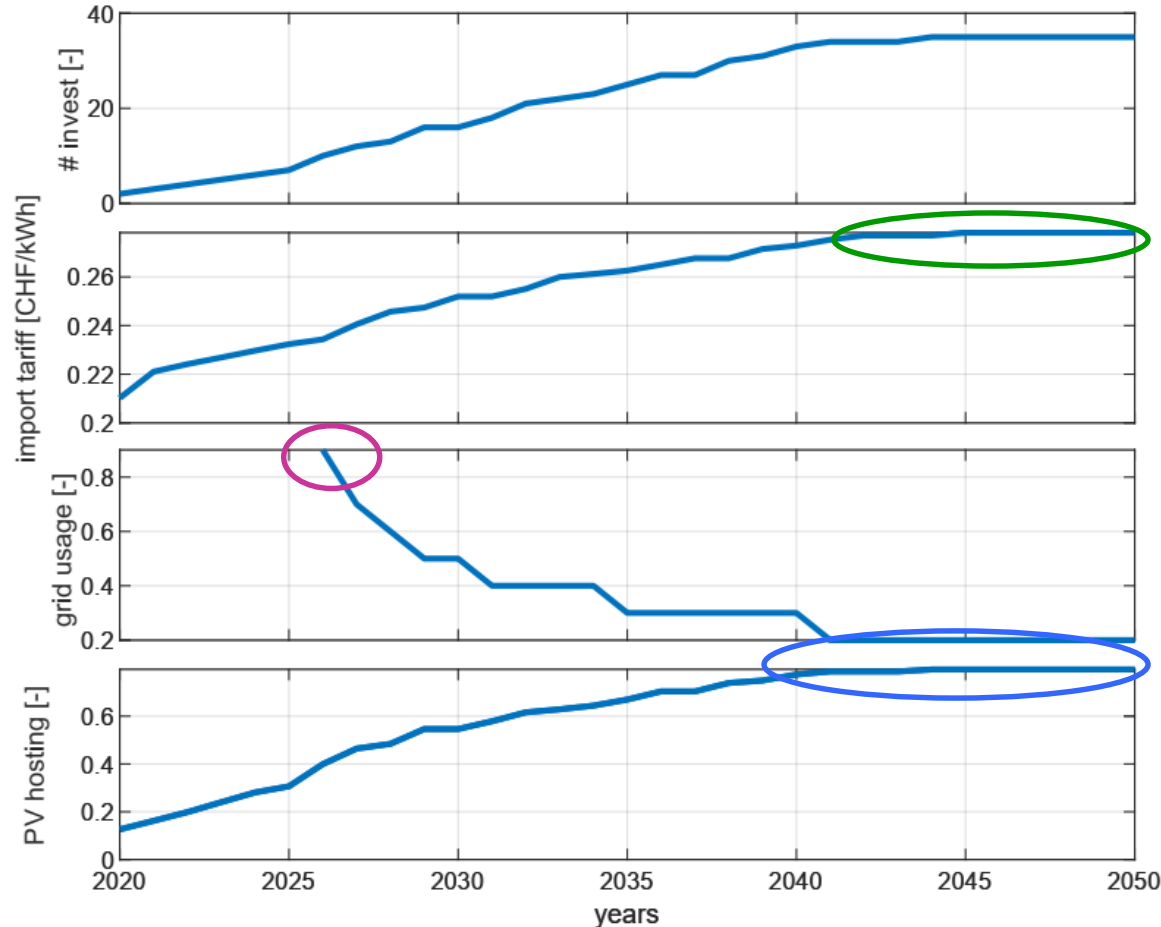
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# Long term evolution

- Long-term PV and battery installations
- Grid usage constrains to keep grid safe operation



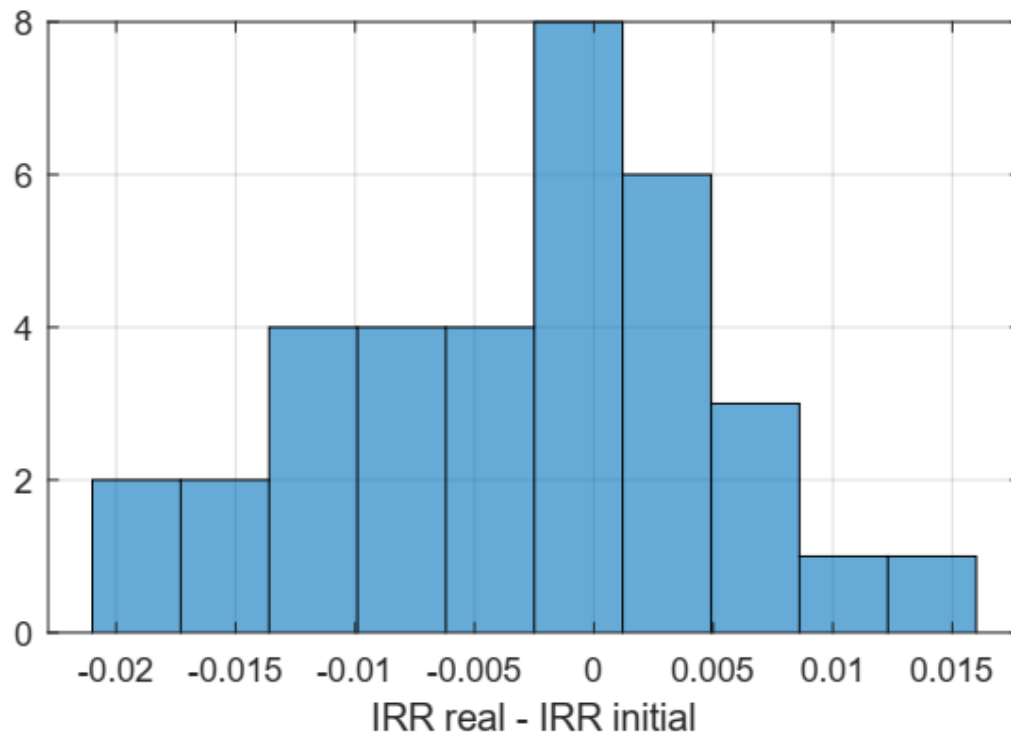
# 2020-2050 evolution



Based on RE single tariff

- **Import tariff** increases up to 0.28 CHF/kWh (+32%)
- **Grid usage** constraint starts in 2026
- **PV hosting** reaches 80% (30% higher than 50 TWh objective)

# Profitability for prosumers



- Import tariff  $\uparrow \Rightarrow$  IRR  $\uparrow$
- GU constrain  $\downarrow \Rightarrow$  IRR  $\downarrow$
- 2% maximum variance around an 8% profitability threshold

*L. Bloch, EPFL PhD thesis, 2020.*

# Conclusions

- Dynamic volumetric tariffs promote investment in larger storage but increase the stress on the grid
- Capacity based tariffs change battery usage, from trading energy to reducing consumption peaks
- Block rate tariffs promote smaller installation, hence helping reducing the stress on the grid
- Long term installation of distributed PV systems can be promoted by tariffs adaptation and (possibly) operational regulations
- Adaptation of tariffs in addition to investment cost reductions ensure profitability for most prosumers

# Outlook

- Analysis of
  - Effect of self-consumption communities
  - Effect of other flexible loads such as heat-pumps and EVs
  - Effect of advanced tariffs on long-term evolution
- Market opportunities for DSO  
(use of distributed resources by both prosumers and DSOs)
- Strategies to minimize (long-term) overall investment costs



**Thank you for your attention**