

Analysis and Comparison of model couplings for the identification of realisable-optimal energy systems

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Motivation

Energy System Modelling

Optimisation models

- Wide-spread model type
- Deliver cost-optimal systems
- **But:** Assume perfect competition

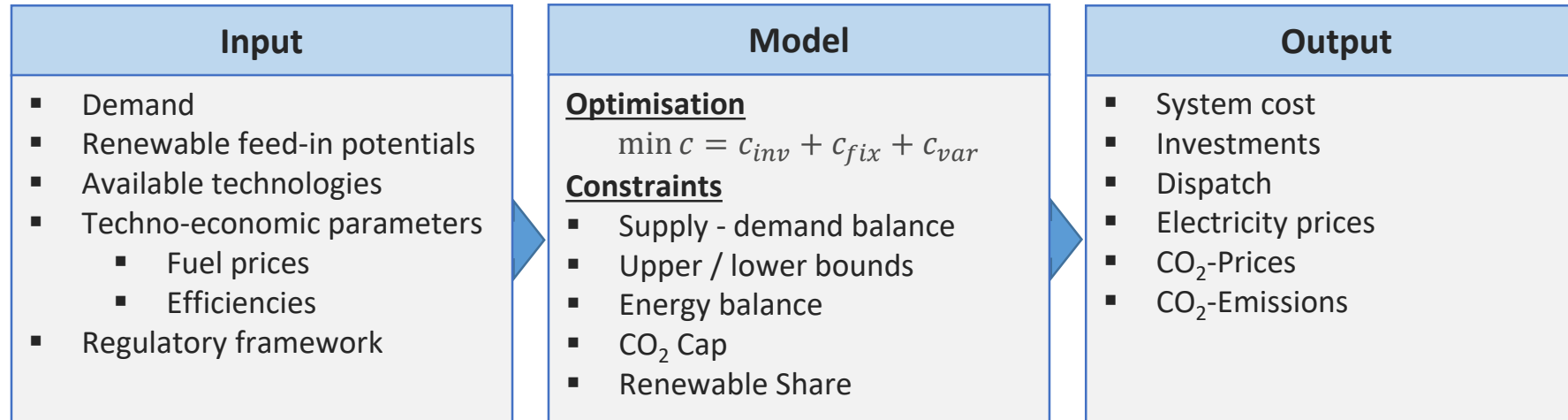
Agent-based simulations

- Rare type of model
- Can capture market imperfections
- **But:** Do not search for optima

➔ Couple both model types: find optimal systems considering market imperfections

Methodology

E2M2: European Electricity Market Model



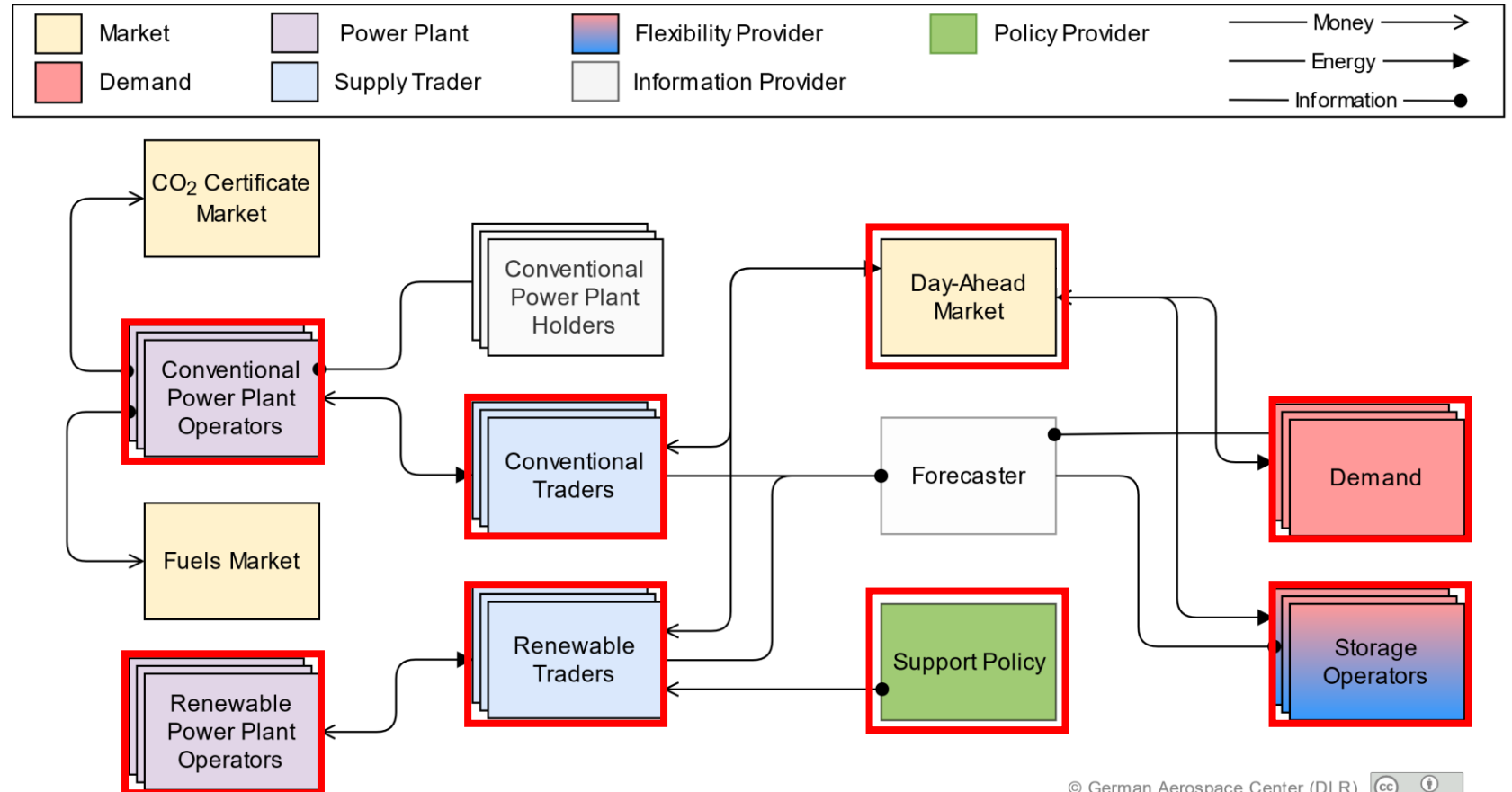
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Agents

- Day-Ahead market
- Demand & Supply Traders
- Renewable & conventional power plants
- Flexibility option: storage
- Support Policies

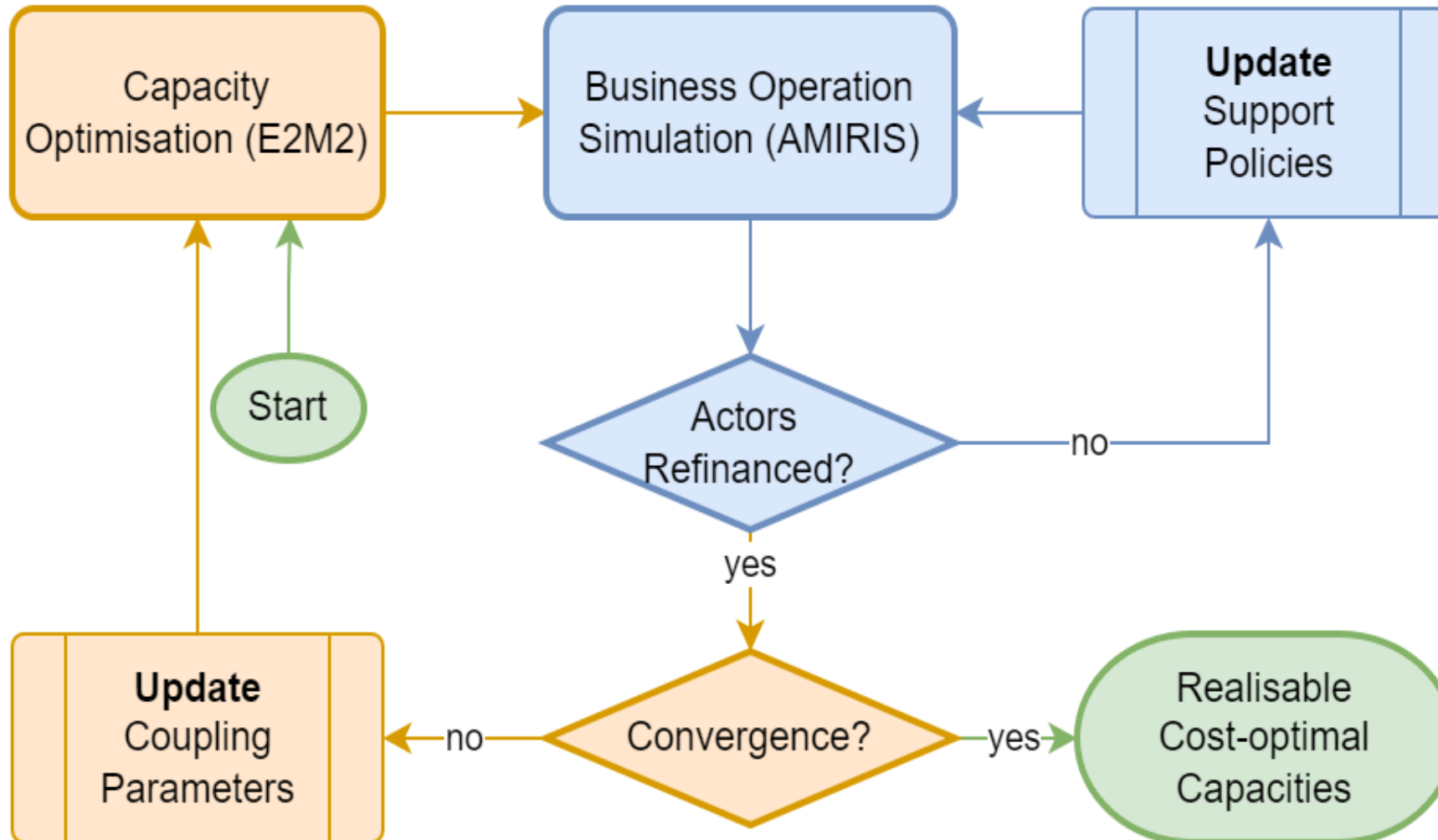
Market Imperfections

- Imperfect foresight
- Market power
- Strategic bidding



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Model Coupling



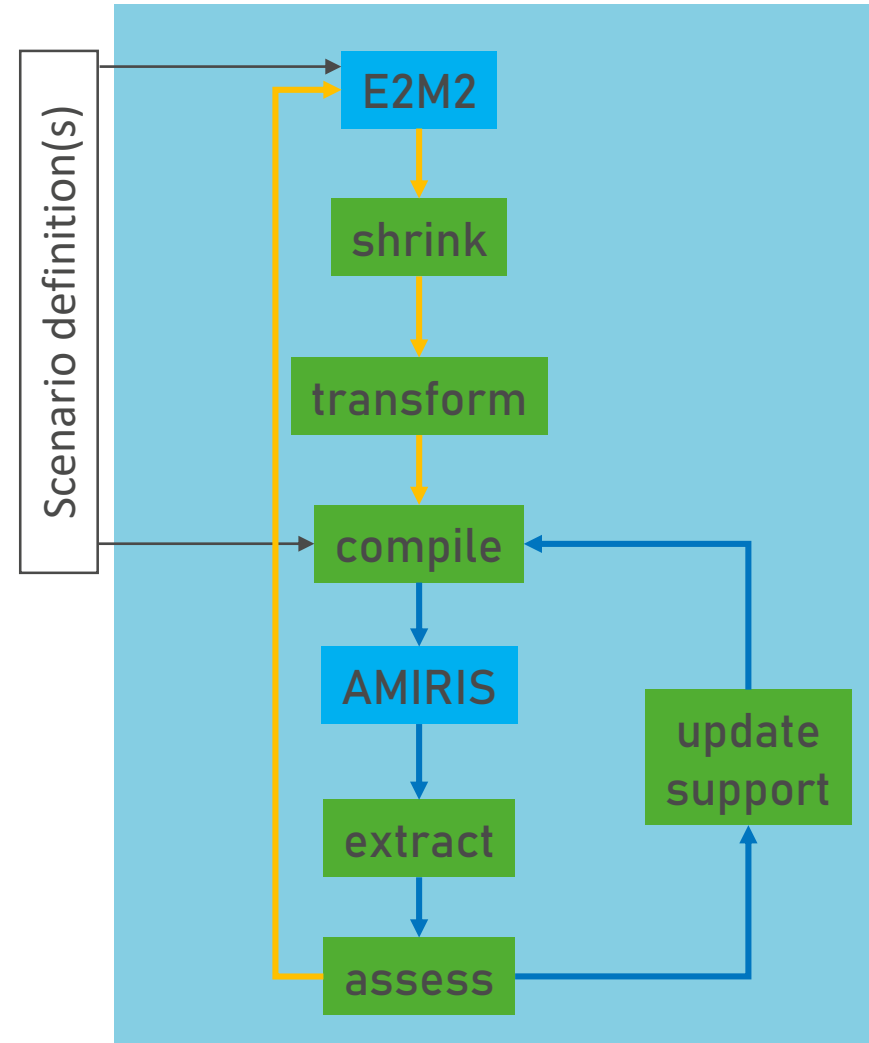
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Model Coupling: Automation

Workflow: Python

- Reduce & transform data: ioProc¹
- Assess results: pandas
- Fully automated

¹ ioProc: <https://pypi.org/project/ioproc/>



Methodology

Cost Recovery: Policy Instruments

Fixed Market Premium

- Monthly payment
 - Based on actual generation of agent
 - Constant premium, known *ex ante*
- Impacts bids

Capacity Premium

- Annual payment
 - Based on installed capacity of agent
 - Constant premium
- No impact on bids

Fixed Market Premium

PV

Wind onshore

Wind offshore

Capacity Premium

Lignite

Gas Combined Cycle

Gas Turbine

Backup Gas Turbine

Storage: Pumped Hydro

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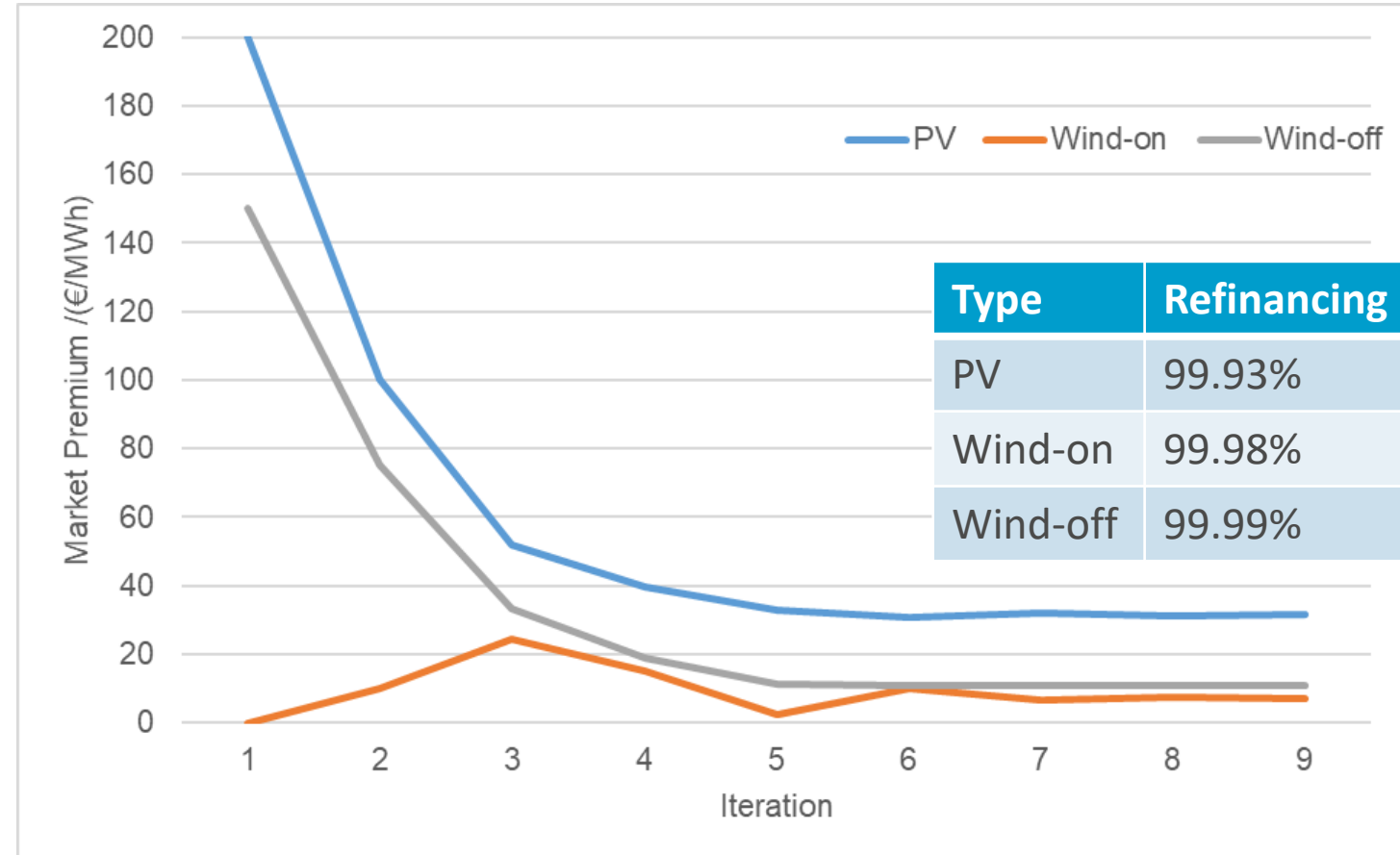
Cost Recovery: Policy Instrument Adaption

Feedback Effect

- Market premia affect bidding
- Bids affect prices
- Prices affect refinancing
- Refinancing affects premia

Iterative approach

1. Guess market premia
2. Run AMIRIS dispatch
3. Evaluate refinancing (revenues / costs)
4. Re-estimate premia
5. Stop if $Cost == Revenues \pm 1\%$



Data

Scenario: Simplified Testbed

Technologies

- Lignite, Hard-Coal & Natural Gas
- PV, Wind Onshore & Wind Offshore
- Storage

Constraints

- Greenfield approach
- No renewable share constraint
- 1 Stage: Invest + Dispatch

First iteration only

- CO₂ cap

Other iterations

- CO₂ price

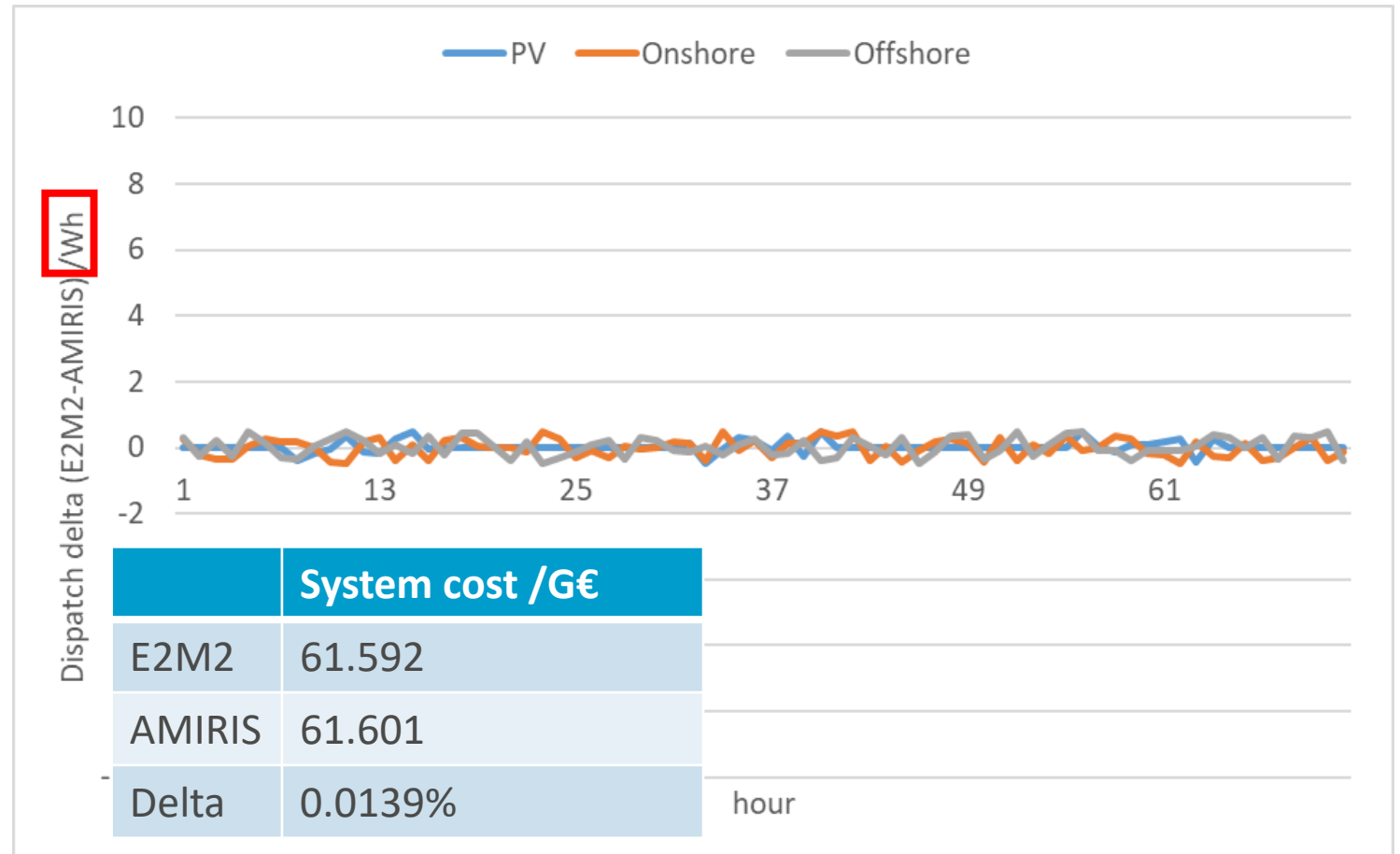
Model Harmonization

Setup

- *No storage*
- Conventionals: capacity premia
- Renewables: fixed market premium

E2M2 & AMIRIS: Perfect Match

- Dispatch
- System cost



Results

Adding Storage

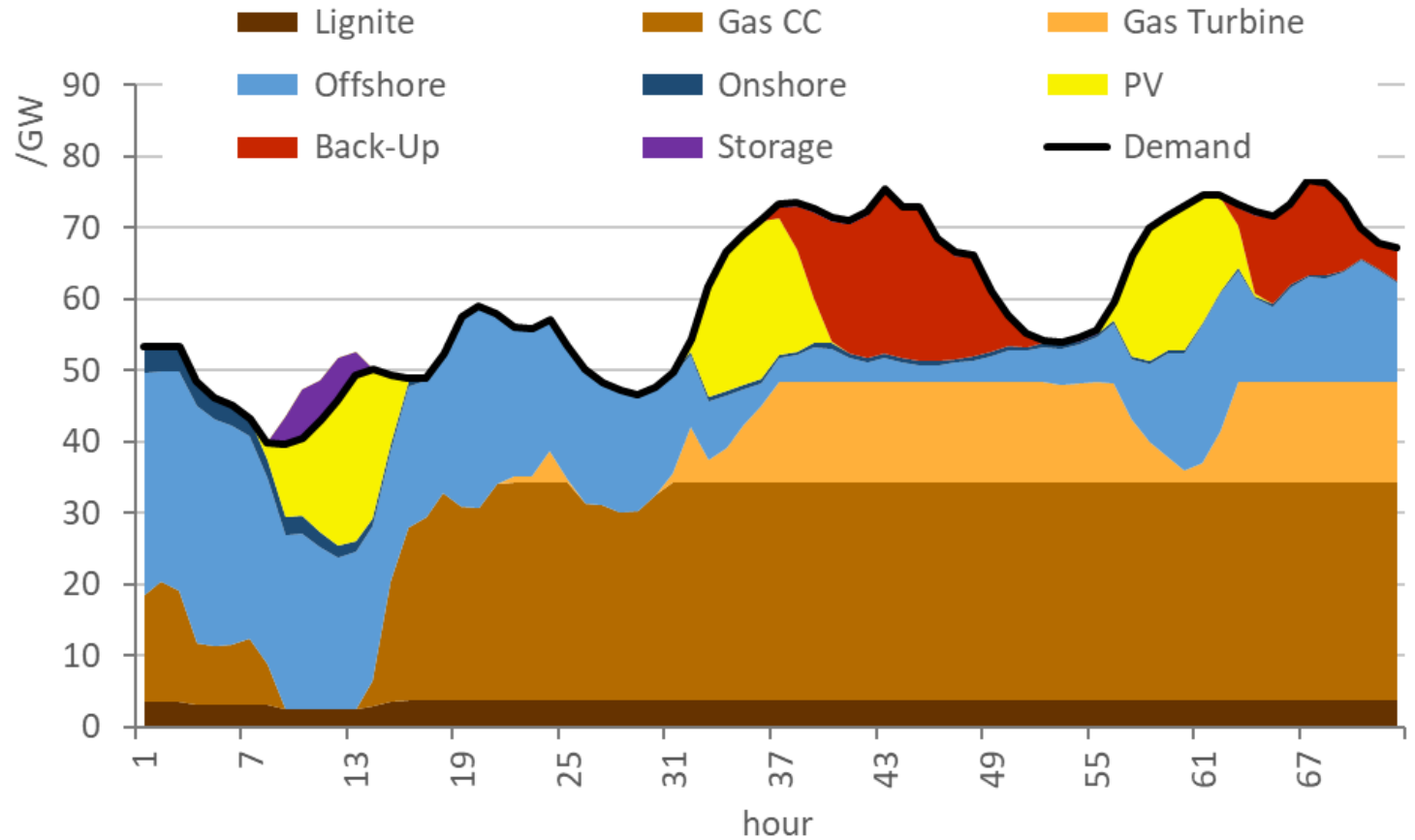
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Storage in AMIRIS: not optimal

→ missing capacity (backup usage)

Model Coupling

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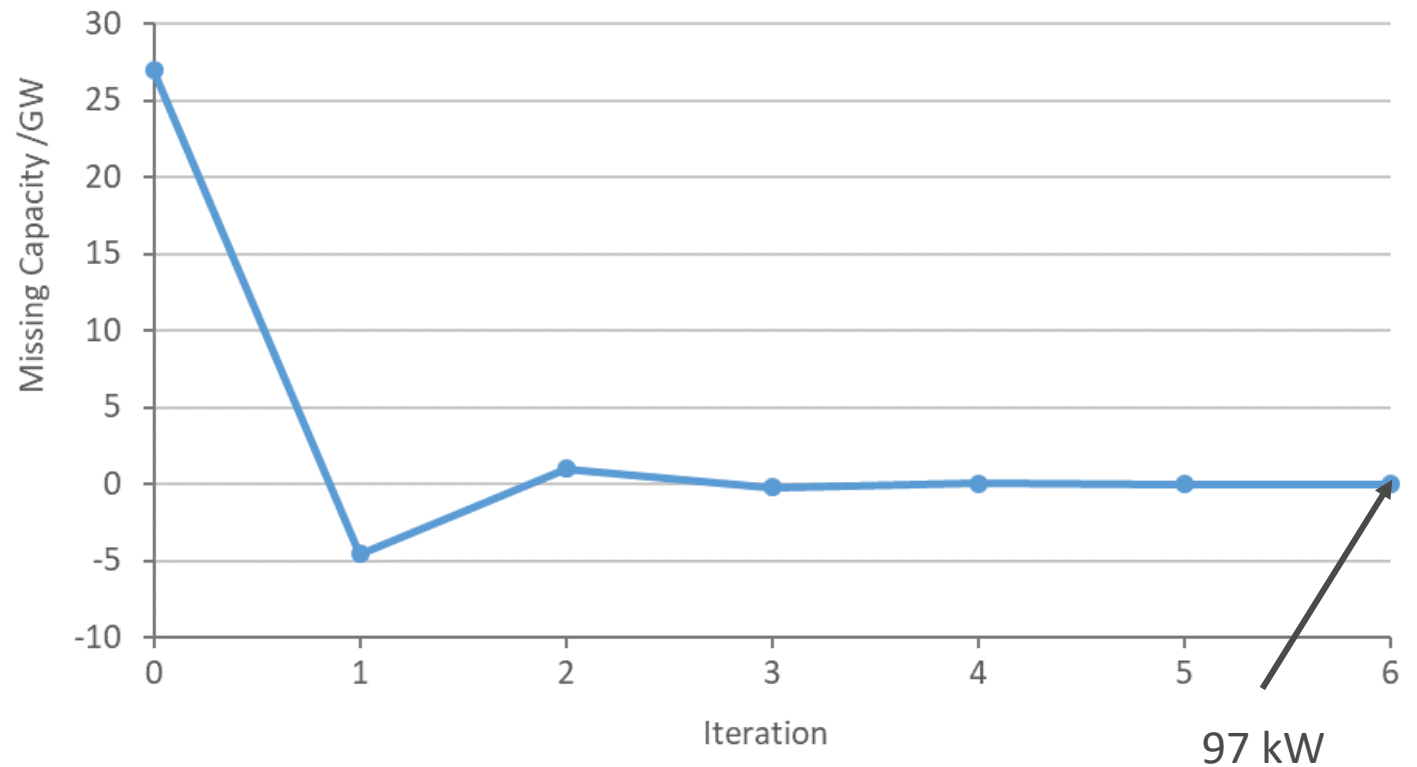
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Convergence: E2M2 compensates!



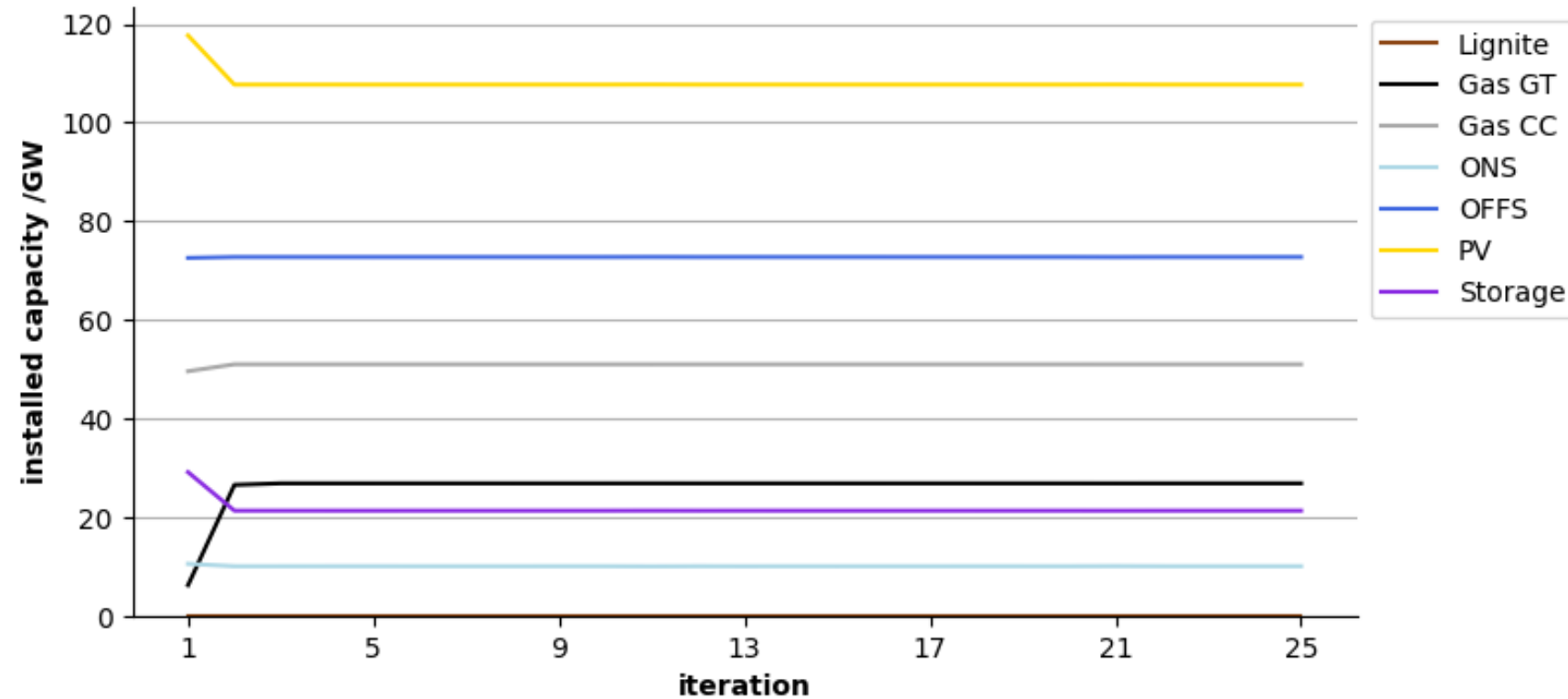
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→ Less PV

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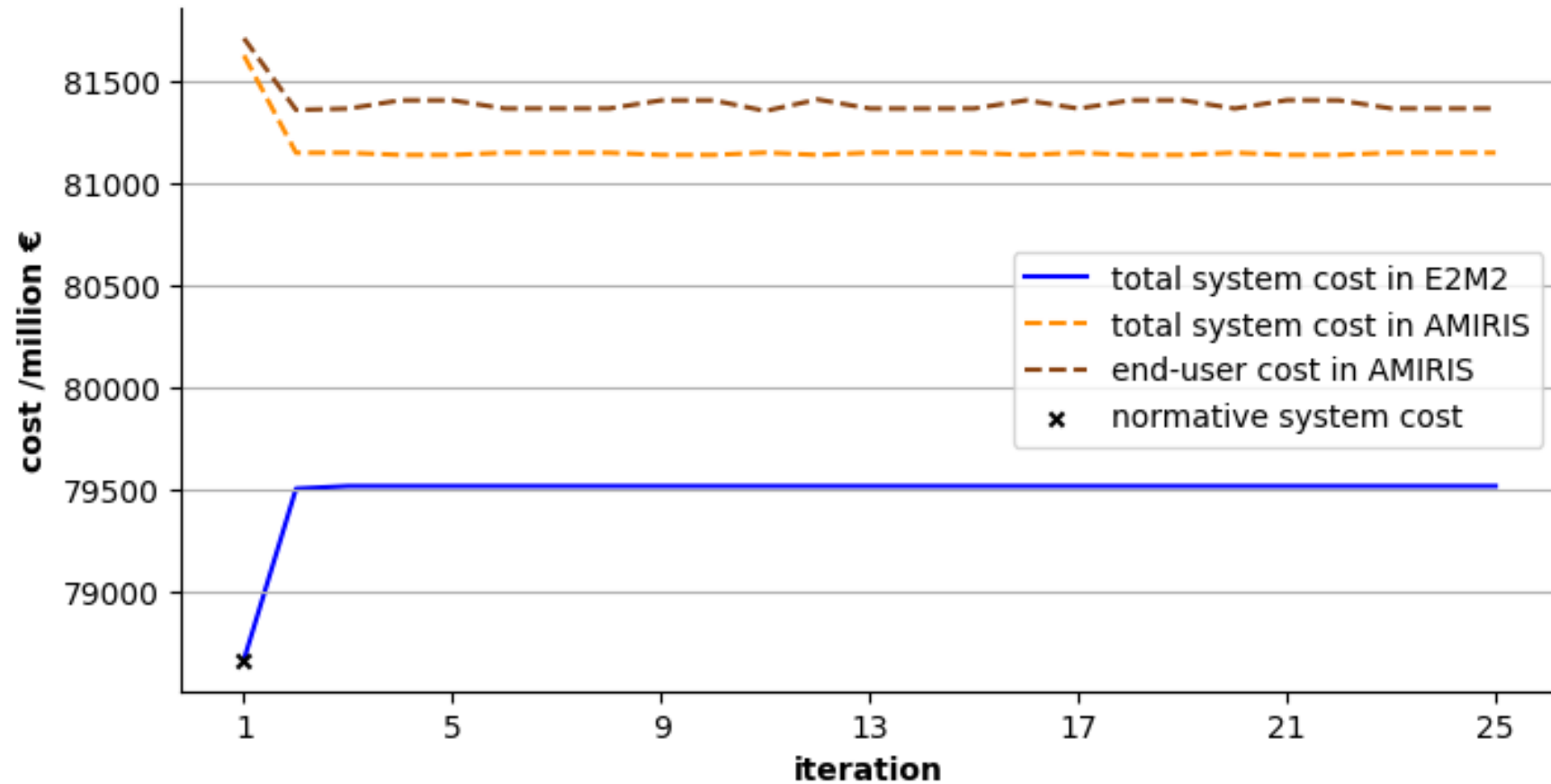
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Impact on cost

- More system cost in E2M2
- Lower cost in AMIRIS
- But: No convergence



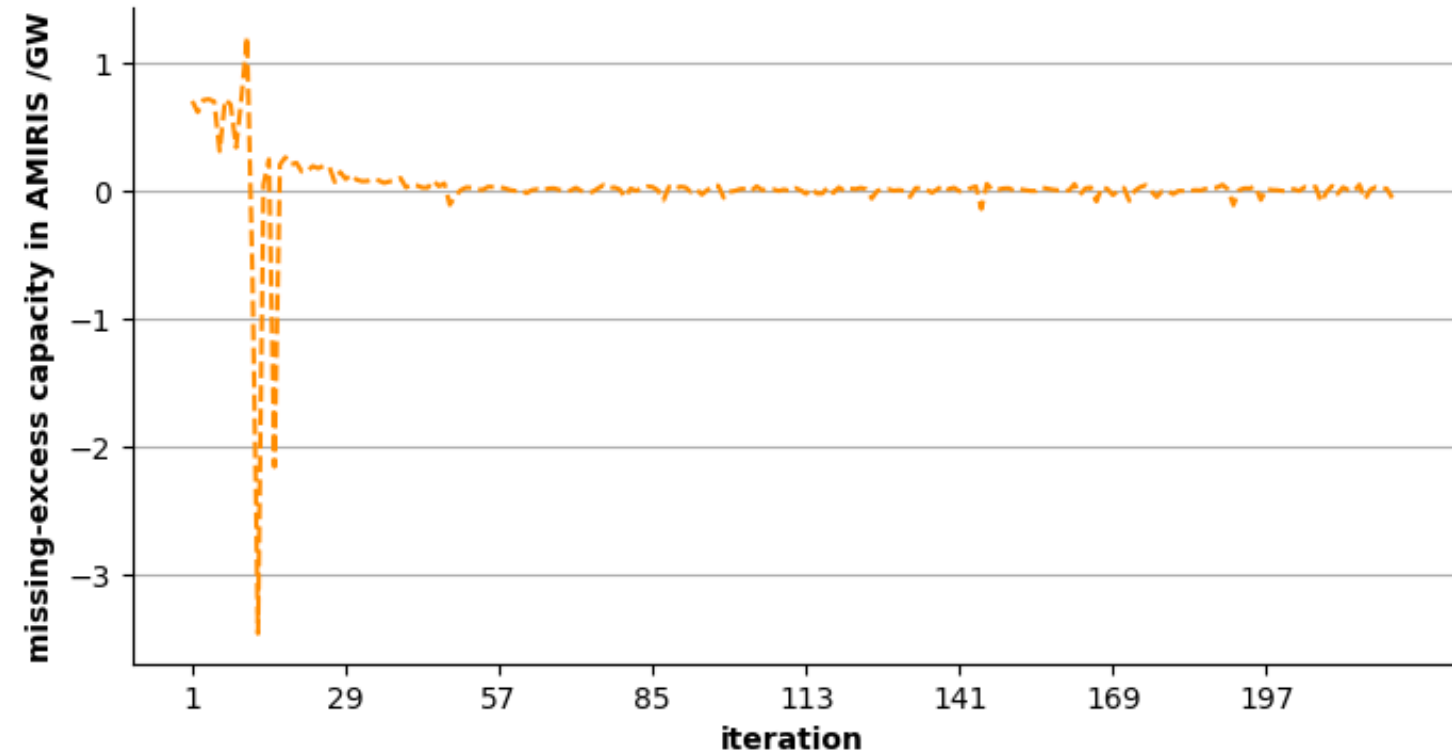
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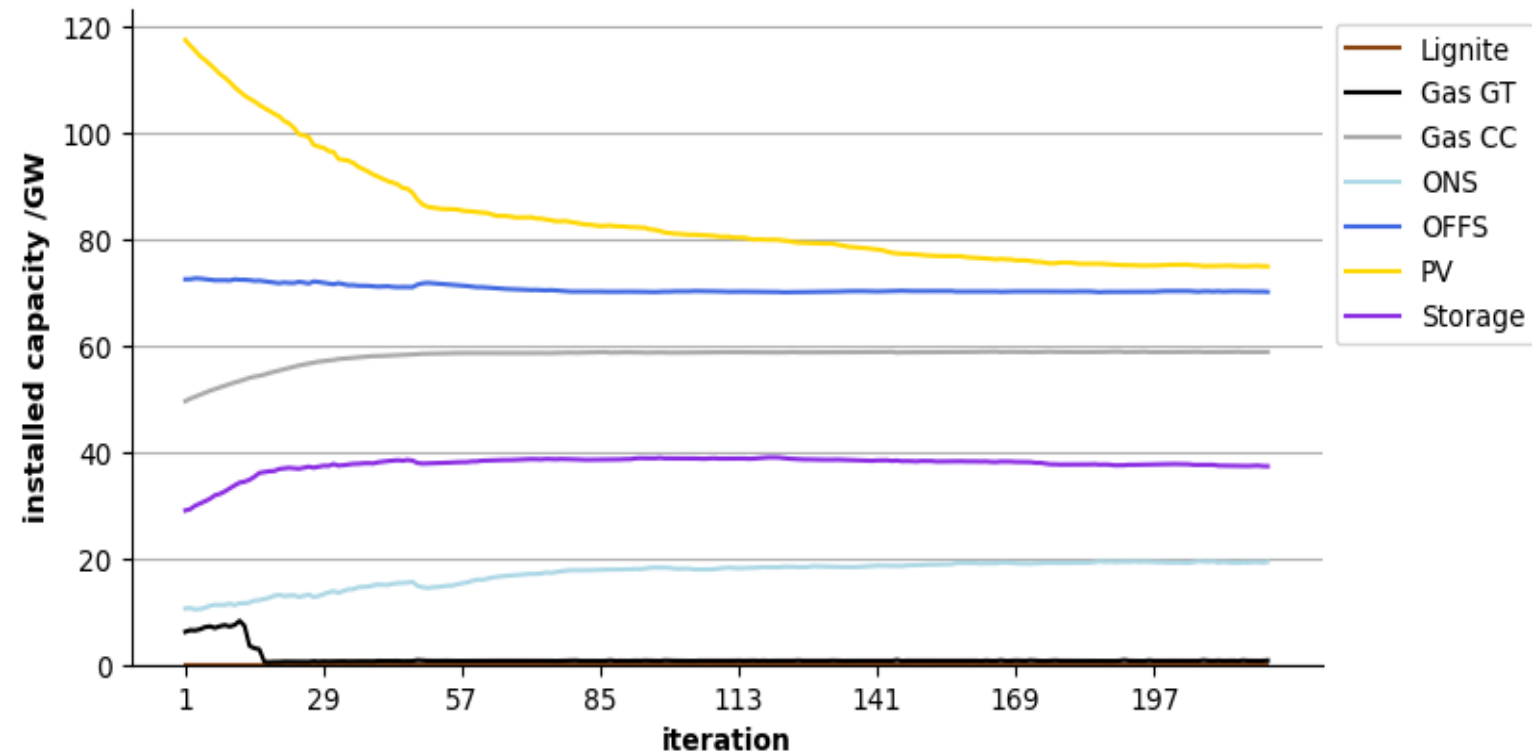
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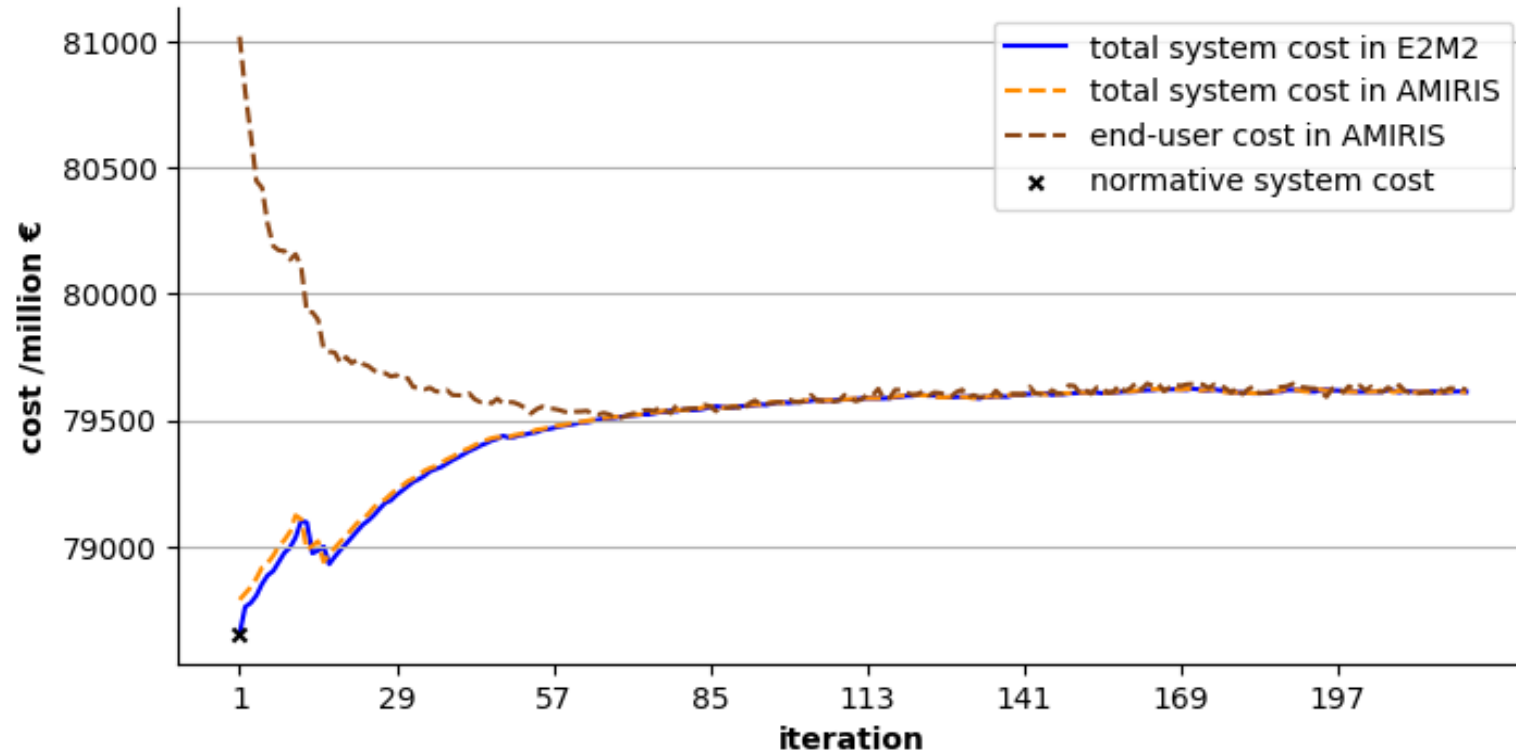
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System cost

- E2M2 match after AMIRIS ≈ 40 iterations
- End user cost: match after ≈ 70 iterations
- But: model results not stable

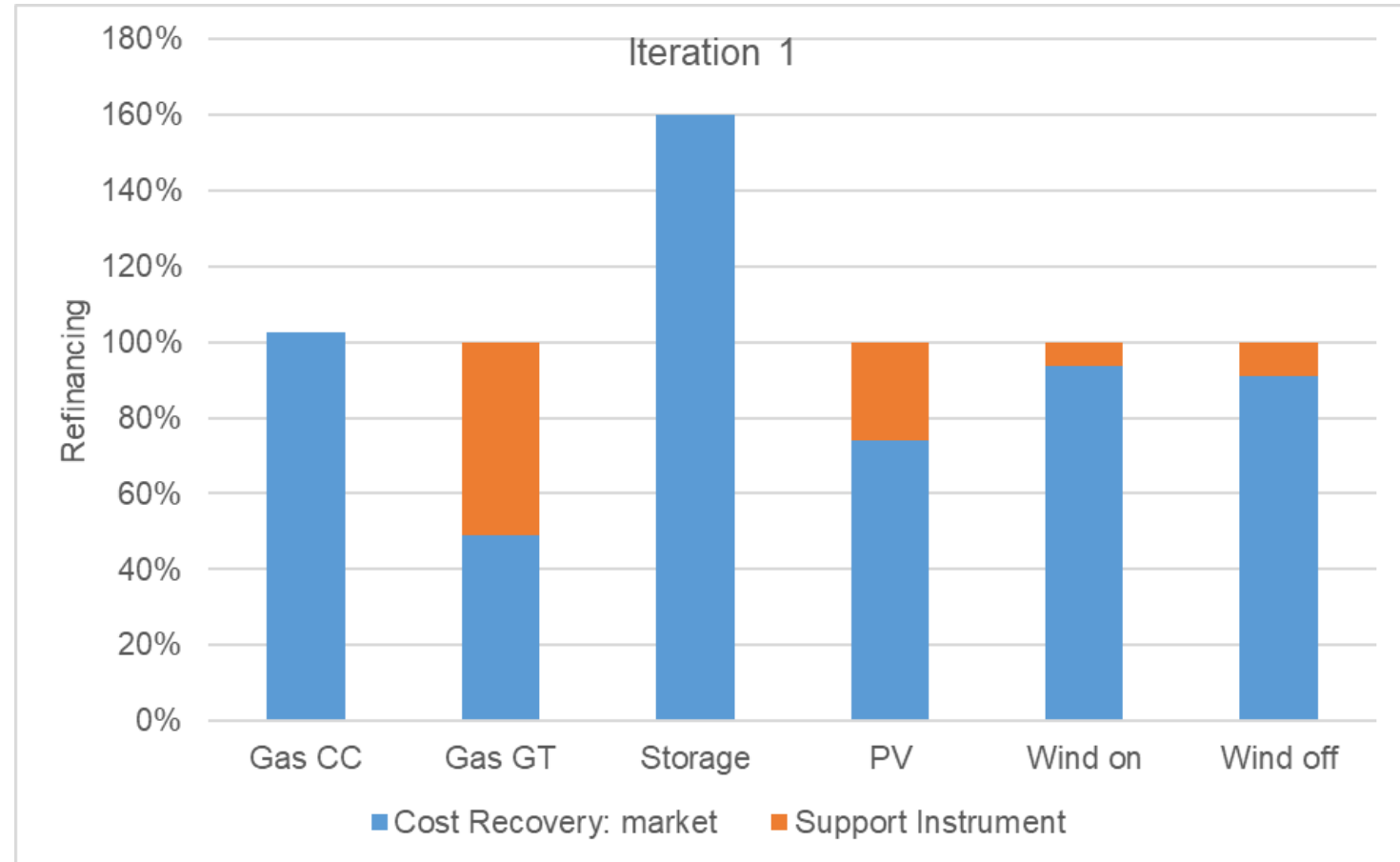


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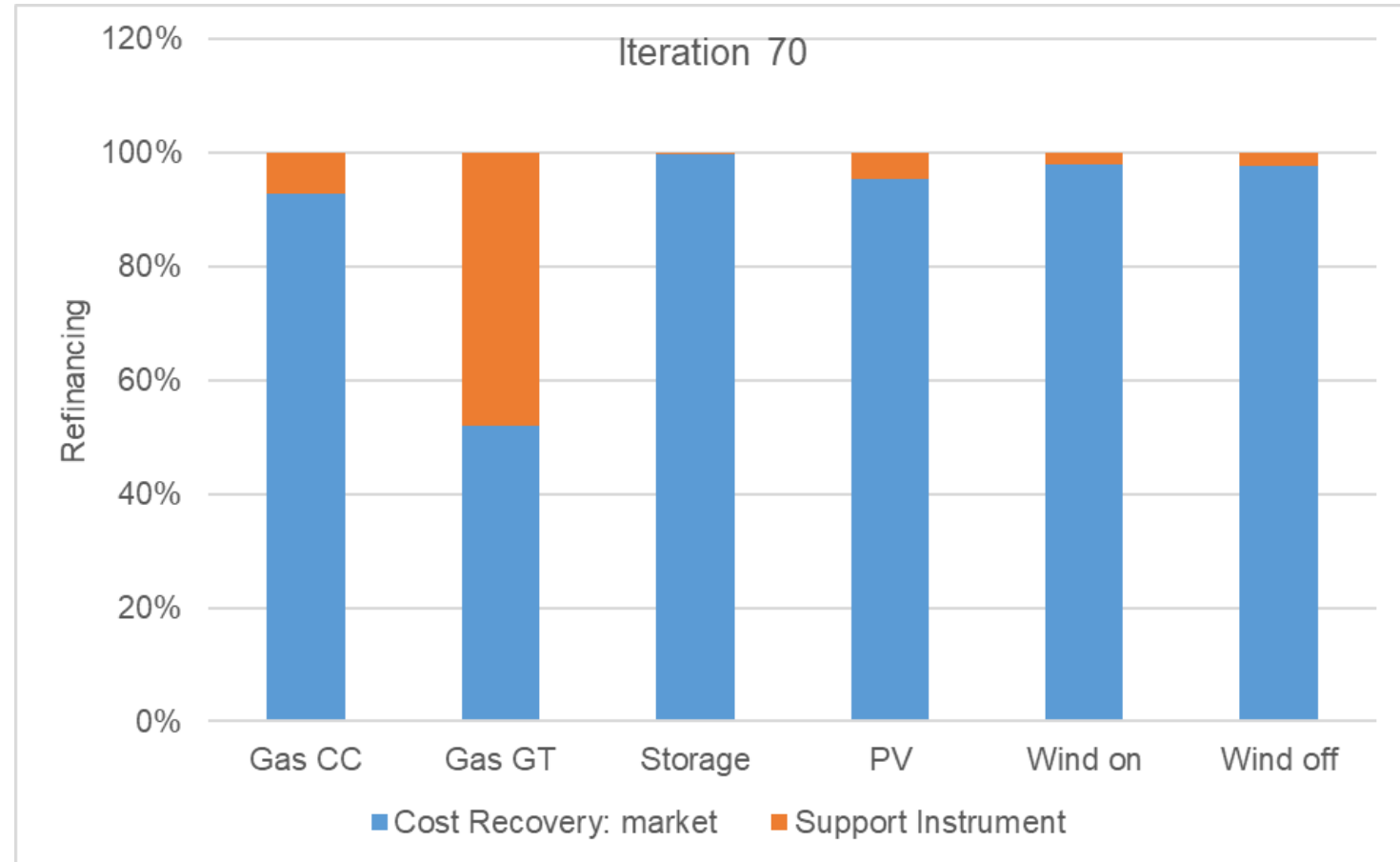
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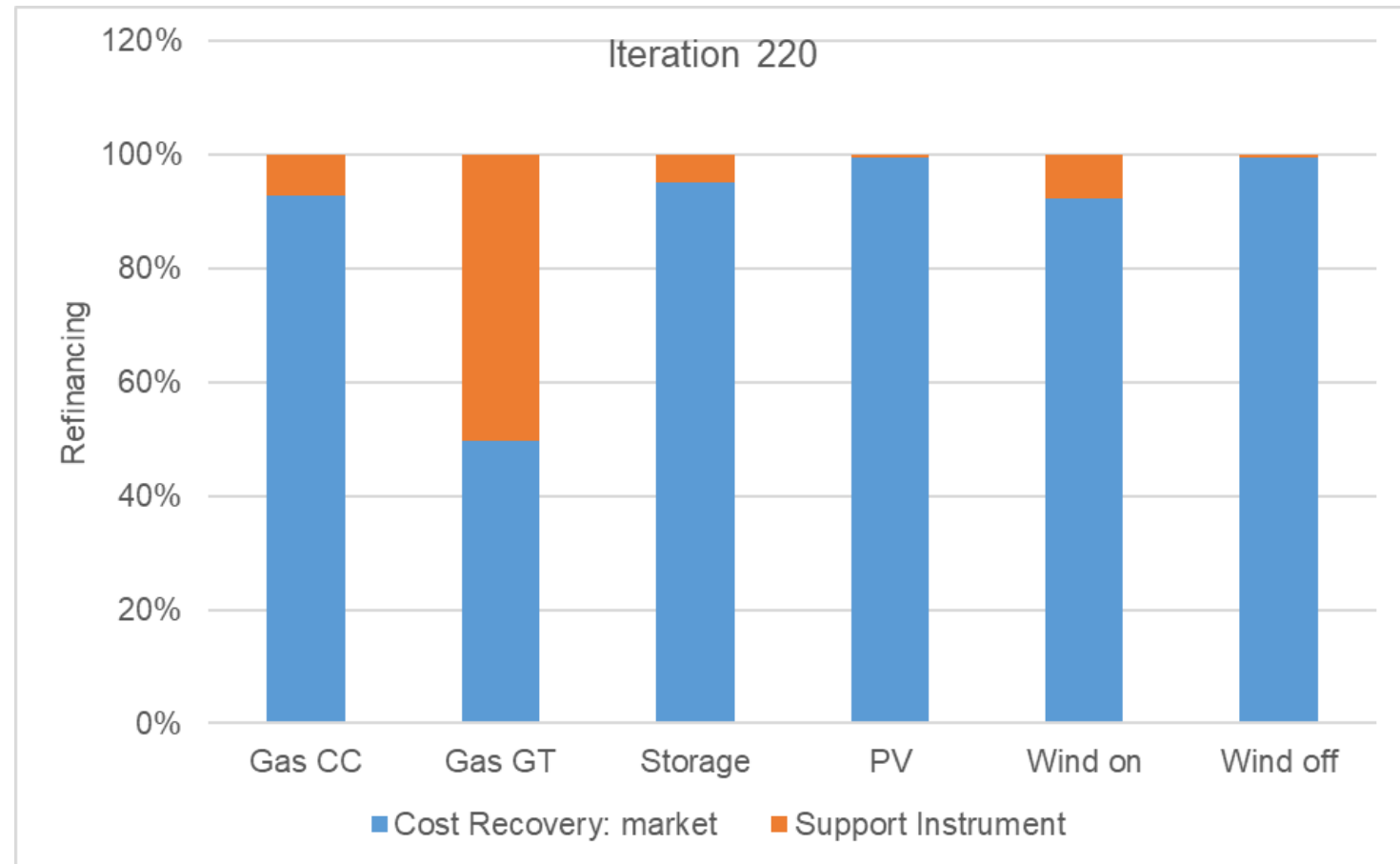
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Iteration 220

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Method

- Harmonised simulation & optimization models
- Fully automated model coupling
- Fully automated support scheme adaptation

Results

- Optimisation model power plants don't recover cost in AMIRIS without additional support
- Convergence of two different coupling methods
- Convergence for different test bed scenarios

Outlook

- Deeper understanding of storage dispatch coupling mechanism
- Assess brown-field scenario path

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