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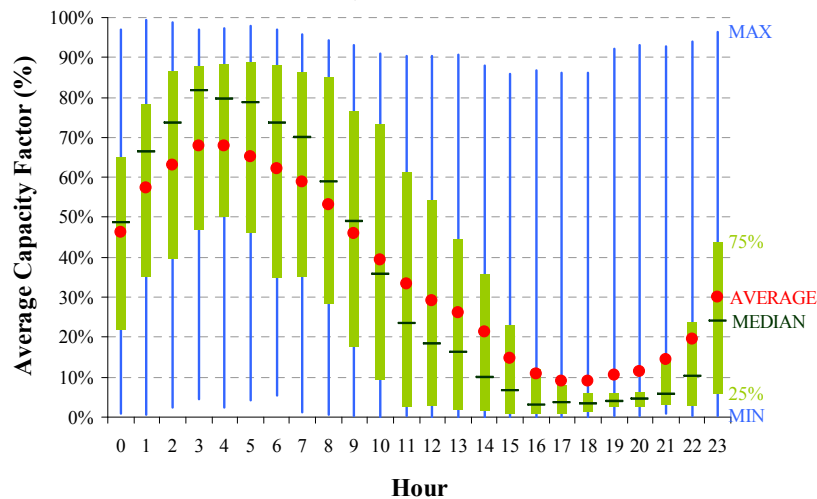
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# Renewable Generation Characteristics

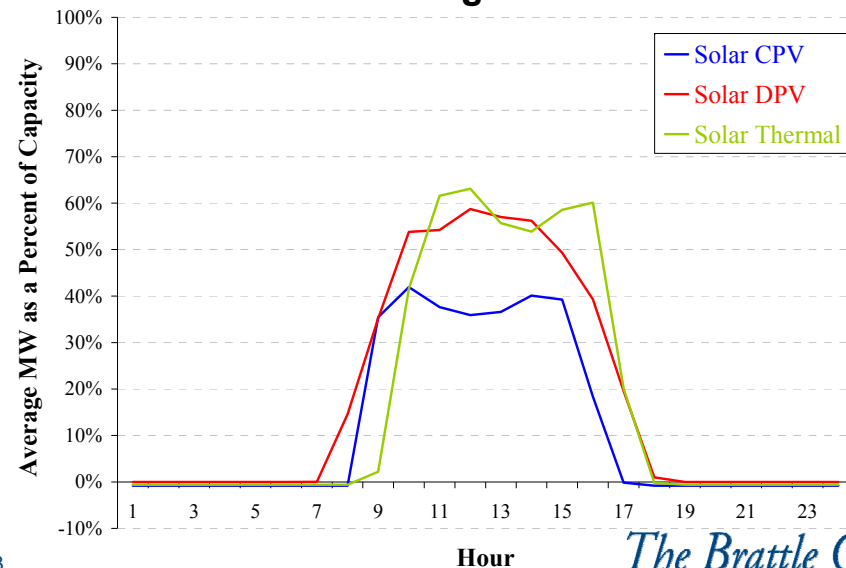
- ◆ Renewable energy provides significant environmental benefits
- ◆ Incorporating them into existing system consists of new challenges
- ◆ Some renewable resources have variable output; wind and solar with the following characteristics:
  - **Variability**: the magnitude of power output from one moment to the next can change dramatically
  - **Unpredictability**: sudden changes in generation output not well-forecasted

**Sample Wind Profile for July  
Western Region of U.S.**



Source: Calculated based on hourly wind generation data from TEPPC.

**Sample Solar Profile for January  
Western Region of U.S.**



# Motivation and Goals of the Renewable Integration Model (RIM)

**PG&E's Goal: Analyze and estimate resource requirements and costs associated with integrating various levels of variable generation resources**

**Various other wind integration analyses revealed that:**

- ◆ Statistical processing to parameterize intra-hour volatilities is needed
  - Lack of granular historical data requires using assumptions to forecast future renewable energy production patterns
  - These intra-hour volatility assumptions drive results
- ◆ Many rely on production cost modeling to simulate full systems
  - Production cost simulations are not designed for intra-hour analyses
  - Difficult to determine if models represent actual operations and the use of reserves
- ◆ Most analyses ignore potential incremental capital costs associated with incremental resource additions

**A simple, transparent and flexible model is needed**

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# Important Considerations for Model Design

**The Renewable Integration Model (RIM) focuses on the central issues:**

- ◆ Evaluate incremental service requirements
- ◆ Estimate magnitude of resources to provide those services
- ◆ Estimate variable and fixed costs

**RIM is designed to achieve above goals with functional features below:**

- ◆ Simple but careful
  - Uses simplifying assumptions to represent complex issues
  - Focus and care is placed on using all available information to best simulate reality
  - Runs quickly
- ◆ Transparent
  - Accepts user input assumptions
  - Uses fully transparent calculations
- ◆ Flexible
  - Can provide results across many scenarios and resource portfolios
  - User defines the analytical period and the system conditions
  - Can be updated as system and forecast capabilities change
  - Portable – based on Excel spreadsheets

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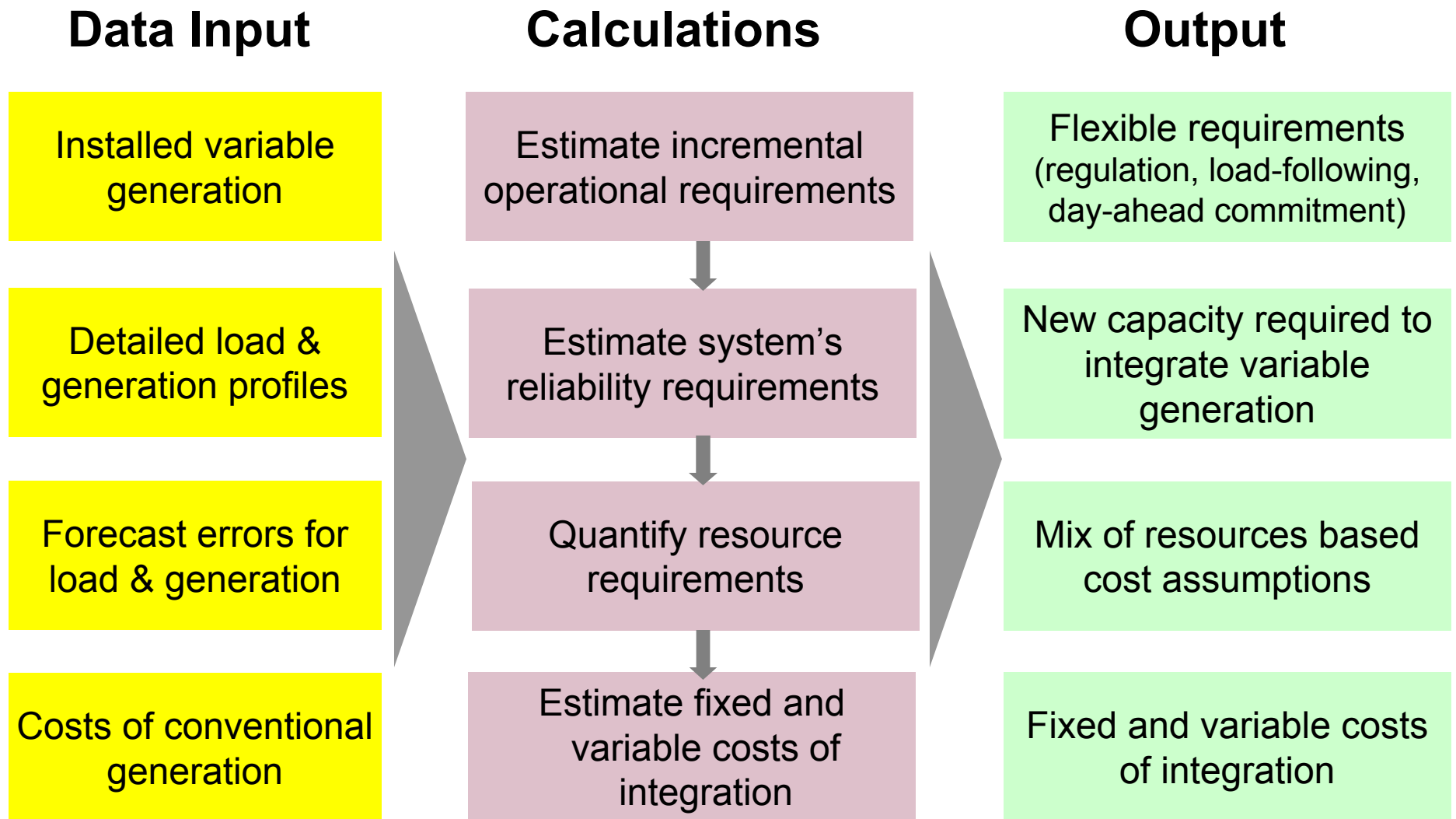
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# RIM Overall Structure





# RIM Key Assumptions

**Like all models, input assumptions drive model results.**

**RIM has relatively few parameters:**

◆ **Load**

- Parameters that describe load forecast errors and load variability (can be derived from historical data)
- Load growth
- Alternatively, a future year load profile can be used

◆ **Wind and solar**

- Parameters that describe forecast errors and output variability (can be derived from historical data)
- Correlation coefficients for generation output across sites

◆ **Resource costs and characteristics**

- Capital costs
- Heat rates
- Fuel costs
- Emissions costs

**All default parameters can be updated and changed by users**

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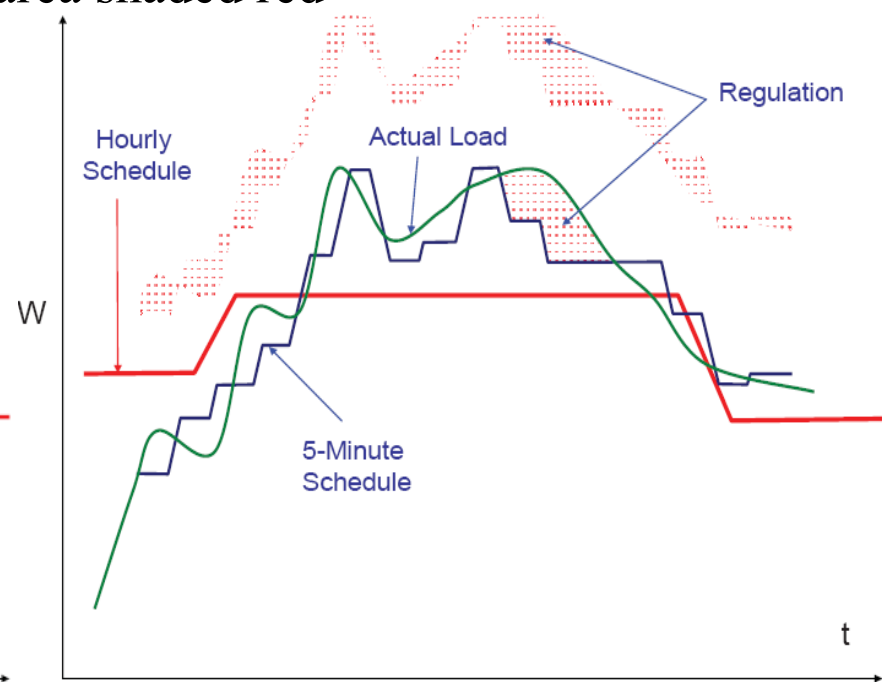
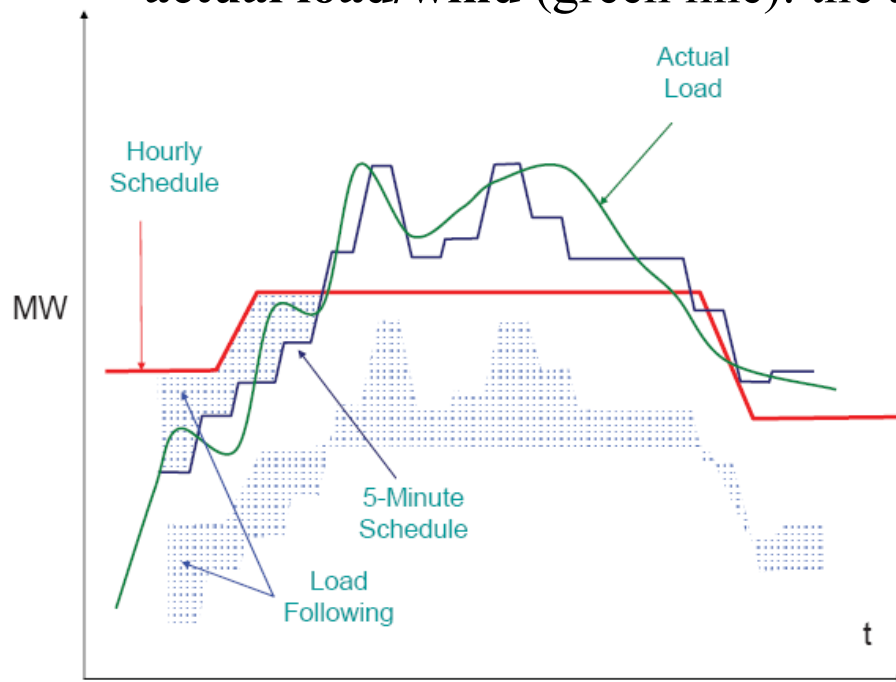
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# RIM uses CAISO's definition regulation and load following

The CAISO differentiates the two services by the scheduling process and the timing of the forecast

- ◆ Load following = difference between the **hourly schedule** (shown as red line) and the **5-minute schedule** (blue line) of generation to meet forecast load: the area shaded light blue
- ◆ Regulation = difference between the **5-minute schedule** (blue line) and the **actual load/wind** (green line): the area shaded red



Source: CAISO Integration of Renewable Resource, November 2007

# Types of Services Needed to Compensate for Variability and Unpredictability

Minute-by-minute actual		5-minute forecast		Hour-ahead forecast	Day-ahead forecast
Intra 5-min volatility	5-min forecast error	Intra-hour volatility	Hour-ahead forecast error	Day-ahead forecast error	
Regulation		Load-following		DA Commitment	

## Regulation

- ◆ RIM uses parameters that describe deviations from relevant scheduling
- ◆ Two primary parameters: intra 5-min volatility and average 5-minute forecast error (next slide explains)

## Load following

- ◆ RIM uses parameter that describe deviations between the 5-minute and the hour-ahead schedules
- ◆ Two primary parameters: intra-hour volatility and average hour-ahead forecast error

## Day-ahead commitment

- ◆ Deviation between day-ahead and hour-ahead schedule

**The model uses all 5 statistical parameters shown in diagram**

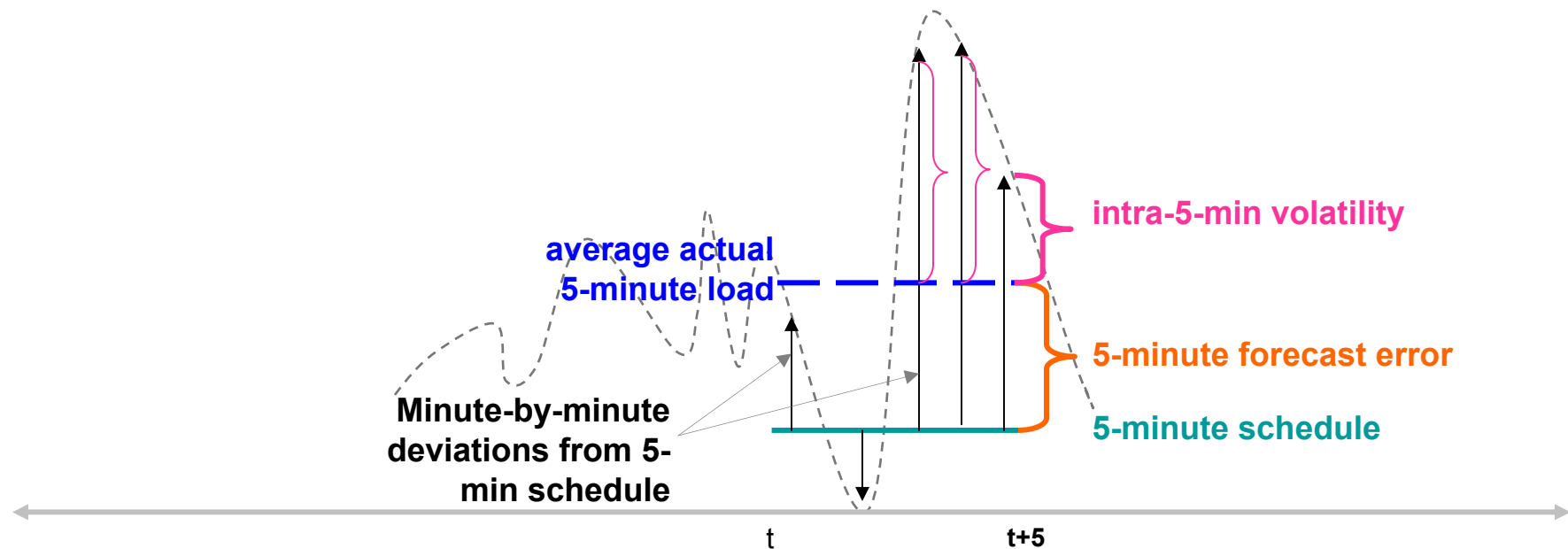
# RIM uses statistical relationships of schedules and actuals to estimate services requirements

Regulation requirement for each 5 minute interval is estimated with two components of variance of load and generation:

1. *5-minute forecast error*, PLUS
2. *intra-5-minute volatility*

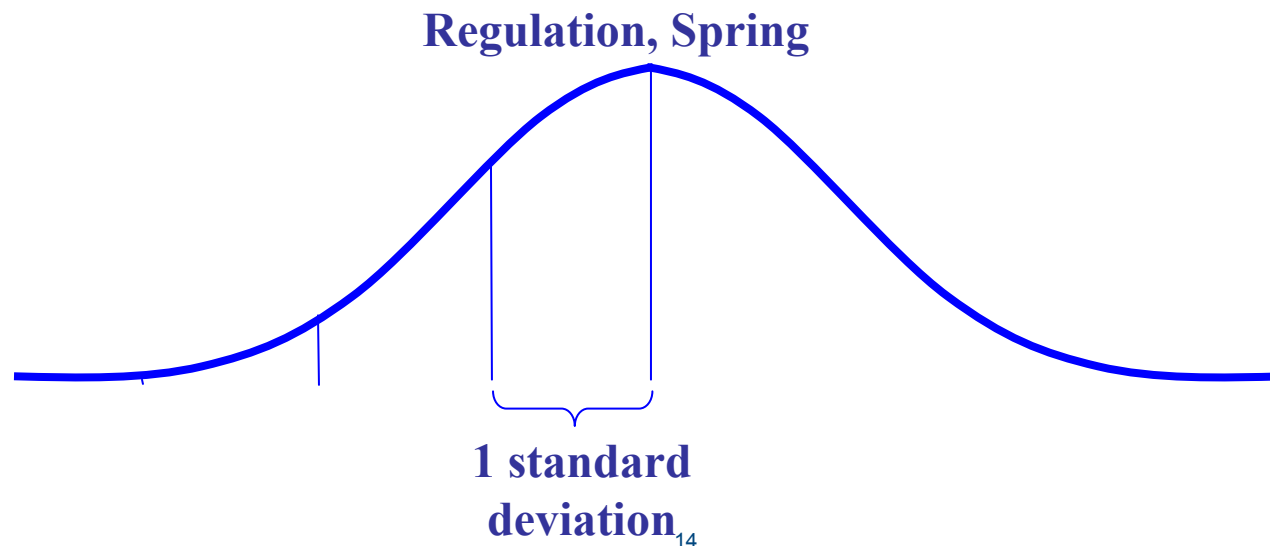
Analogous estimation methodology is applied to load-following

Day-ahead commitment need uses forecast error only



# RIM summarizes regulation, load-following and day-ahead commitment needs by season

- ◆ RIM uses the standard deviations to estimate the services needs
  - User can input the magnitude and the number of standard deviation used to determine the needs
- ◆ RIM takes into account the correlation between sites and forecast errors
  - All of which are parameterized and user-driven
- ◆ RIM reports the operational requirements for regulation, load following and day-ahead commitment for each season



# Derivation of Resources Required for Integration

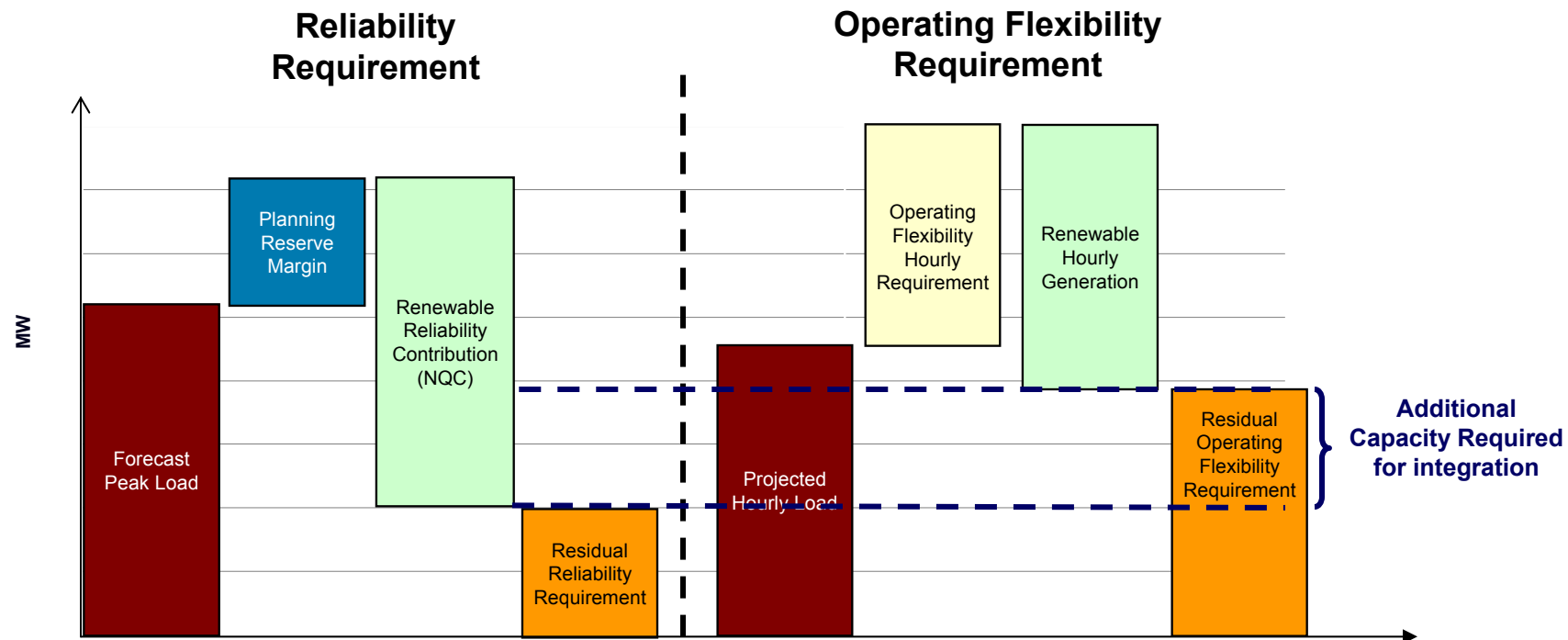
## Assumptions:

- ◆ New or existing generating capacities can be used to provide the operational requirements of the system

## Steps Taken:

- ◆ Estimate the magnitude of resources needed to meet the operational flexibility requirement after renewable resources are added to the system
- ◆ Estimate the resources needed to meet the reliability requirement of the system
  - Load plus planning reserves
- ◆ Compare the two and determine if additional resources will be needed above the planning reserve requirements

# Steps in Estimating Resource Requirements



Forecast Peak Load  
 + Planning Reserve Margin  
 – Reliability Contribution of  
Renewables (NQC)  
**Reliability Requirement**

Hourly Load  
 + Hourly Operating Flexibility Services  
 – Hourly renewable generation  
**Operating Flexibility Requirement**



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# Estimation of Fixed Costs

**RIM uses 3 categories of inputs assumptions to derive the fixed cost of integration**

- ◆ Fixed and variable costs of resources used for integration (*e.g.* CCs, CTs, storage, other technologies)
- ◆ The planning reserve requirement
- ◆ *Composite* load duration curve (*e.g.* load net of renewable generation, *plus* hourly operational requirements for integration).

# Estimation of Variable Costs

**RIM uses simplifying assumptions about operations to estimate variable costs:**

- ◆ The cost of potential daily startups from resources to provide the needed services
- ◆ The cost of potential out-of-merit dispatch during ramp up and down time
  - Simulated with efficiency differential between in-merit and out-of-merit resources
  - This approach assumes the system potentially will need incremental resources to meet faster ramping during ramp up and down hours
- ◆ For meeting regulation needs, RIM can incorporate an efficiency penalty for all hours a resource must operate at a less than fully efficient set point

## Observations from Other Recent Integration Analyses

### **Compared to production cost simulations, RIM's variable cost estimation uses consistent methodology**

- ◆ Regulation and load following are translated into regulation and other reserves such that certain resources are “held aside” to react if necessary
- ◆ When certain resources are held aside, the next resource must be used – either by demanding certain resources to be “on reserve”, or putting the in-merit resource on reserve and move up the dispatch curve to serve energy
- ◆ Some out-of-merit dispatch occurs – RIM simulate with using efficiency “penalty” between in-merit resource and the “next one up” on the dispatch ladder
- ◆ This is consistent with system operations
- ◆ All production efficiency assumptions can be adjusted by users

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# Primary Strengths of RIM

**Full transparency**

**User control over key assumptions**

**Clear & flexible cost methodologies**

**Ease of updating parameters as better information is available**

**Ease of adaptation to forecast improvements**

**Accommodates up to four renewable generation categories**

**Facilitates policy discussions**

**Based on CAISO-equivalent service definitions**

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# RIM Applications

## **RIM can be utilized to:**

- ◆ Quantify incremental effects of changes in generation portfolio
- ◆ Estimate potential cost savings associated improved generation forecast and/or operational processes
- ◆ Evaluate the potential effects of resource diversity among renewable generators
- ◆ Compare resource requirements and integration cost estimates across a *range* of potential renewable portfolio selections with fast model execution of scenario outcomes
- ◆ Evaluate the benefits/costs of alternative renewable portfolios prior to contracting



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## Questions and Answers

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# Appendix

# Quantifying Regulation

**To estimate the seasonal regulation need, we assume that it can be decomposed into 2 principal components:**

- ◆ Intra-5-minute volatility (the difference between the actual 5-minute average and the actual 1-minute load/output)
- ◆ 5-minute forecast error (the difference between the actual 5-minute average and the 5-minute forecast (schedule))

**In addition, RIM incorporates potential correlations between:**

- ◆ The intra-5-minute load volatility and the 5-minute load forecast error
- ◆ The intra-5-minute renewables volatility and the 5-minute wind forecast error
- ◆ The 5-minute forecast error for load and the 5-minute forecast error for renewables

# Quantifying Regulation

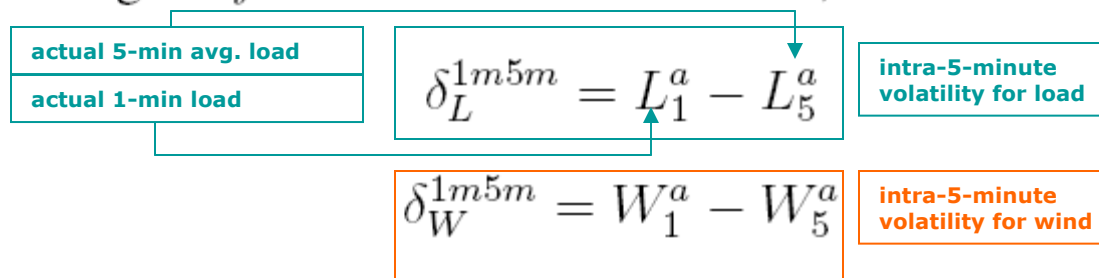
$$Regulation_{\text{every 1 min}} = Load_{1min}^{actual} - Load^{5minforecast} + Wind^{5minforecast} - Wind_{1min}^{actual}$$

(assume *Wind* stands for IR in general)

starting point for  
formulation

$$= L_1^a - (L_5^a - \varepsilon_{5L}) + (W_5^a - \varepsilon_{5W}) - W_1^a$$

define the difference between the 1-minute actual and the 5 min actual (which is really the average of *five* 1-minute observations) as:



As a result:

$$Regulation = \delta_L^{1m5m} + \varepsilon_{5L} - \delta_W^{1m5m} - \varepsilon_{5W}$$

5-minute forecast error for load

5-minute forecast error for wind

# Quantifying Regulation

$$Var(Regulation) = Var(\delta_L^{1m5m} + \varepsilon_{5L} - \delta_W^{1m5m} - \varepsilon_{5W})$$

Assuming relevant correlations exists for only a few parameters, the above will simplify to:

$$Var(Regulation) = Var(\delta_L^{1m5m}) + Var(\varepsilon_{5L}) + Var(\delta_W^{1m5m}) + Var(\varepsilon_{5W}) + 2Cov(\delta_L^{1m5m}, \varepsilon_{5L}) + 2Cov(\delta_W^{1m5m}, \varepsilon_{5W}) - 2Cov(\varepsilon_{5L}, \varepsilon_{5W})$$

Diagram annotations:

- intra-5-minute volatility for load (points to  $\delta_L^{1m5m}$ )
- 5-minute forecast error for load (points to  $\varepsilon_{5L}$ )
- 5-minute forecast error for wind (points to  $\varepsilon_{5W}$ )
- intra-5-minute volatility for wind (points to  $\delta_W^{1m5m}$ )

$$Var(Regulation) = Var(\delta_L^{1m5m}) + Var(\varepsilon_{5L}) + Var(\delta_W^{1m5m}) + Var(\varepsilon_{5W}) +$$

CORRELATION (intra-5-minute volatility for load, 5-min load forecast error)

$$+ 2\rho_{\delta_L^{1m5m}, \varepsilon_{5L}} \sqrt{Var(\delta_L^{1m5m}) Var(\varepsilon_{5L})} +$$

CORRELATION (intra-5-minute volatility for wind, 5-min wind forecast error)

$$+ 2\rho_{\delta_W^{1m5m}, \varepsilon_{5W}} \sqrt{Var(\delta_W^{1m5m}) Var(\varepsilon_{5W})} -$$

CORRELATION (5-min load forecast error, 5-min wind forecast error)

$$- 2\rho_{\varepsilon_{5L}, \varepsilon_{5W}} \sqrt{Var(\varepsilon_{5L}) Var(\varepsilon_{5W})}$$

# Quantifying Load Following Need

**To estimate the seasonal load following need we assume that it can be decomposed into 3 principal components:**

- ◆ Intra-hour volatility (the difference between the actual 5-minute average and the actual hourly average of load/output)
- ◆ 5-minute forecast error (the difference between the actual 5-minute average and the 5-minute forecast (schedule))
- ◆ Hour-ahead forecast error (the difference between the actual hourly average and the hour-ahead forecast (schedule))

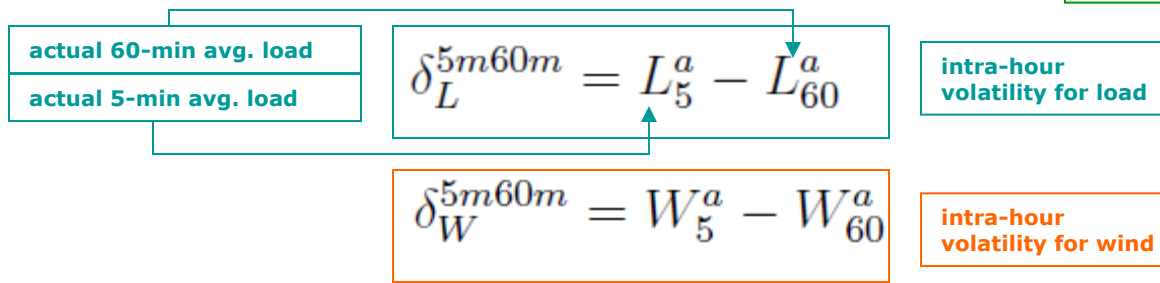
**In addition, the total variance of the load following need is also assumed to depend on the annual correlations between:**

- ◆ The intra-hour volatility for load and the hour-ahead forecast error for load;
- ◆ The intra-hour volatility for renewables and the hour-ahead forecast error for renewables;
- ◆ The hour-ahead forecast error for load and the hour-ahead forecast error for renewables;
- ◆ The 5-minute forecast error for load and the 5-minute forecast error for renewables.

# Quantifying Load Following Need

$$LF_{\text{every 5 min}} = Load^{5minforecast} - Load^{HA\ forecast} + Wind^{HA\ forecast} - Wind^{5minforecast}$$

starting point for  
formulation



Rearranging, we get:

$$LF = L_5^a - L_{60}^a + \varepsilon_{60L} - \varepsilon_{5L} - (W_5^a - W_{60}^a) + \varepsilon_{5W} - \varepsilon_{60W}$$

5-minute forecast error for load

hour-ahead forecast error for wind

Which simplifies to:

$$LF = \delta_L^{5m60m} + \varepsilon_{60L} - \varepsilon_{5L} - \delta_W^{5m60m} + \varepsilon_{5W} - \varepsilon_{60W}$$

hour-ahead forecast error for load

5-minute forecast error for wind



# Quantifying Load Following Need

$$Var(LF) = Var(\delta_L^{5m60m} + \varepsilon_{60L} - \varepsilon_{5L} - \delta_W^{5m60m} + \varepsilon_{5W} - \varepsilon_{60W})$$

Therefore, the variance of Load Following service is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 Var(LF) = & Var(\delta_L^{5m60m}) + Var(\varepsilon_{60L}) + Var(\varepsilon_{5L}) + \\
 & + Var(\delta_W^{5m60m}) + Var(\varepsilon_{60W}) + Var(\varepsilon_{5W}) + \\
 & + 2\rho_{\delta_L^{5m60m}, \varepsilon_{60L}} \sqrt{Var(\delta_L^{5m60m})Var(\varepsilon_{60L})} + \\
 & + 2\rho_{\delta_W^{5m60m}, \varepsilon_{60W}} \sqrt{Var(\delta_W^{5m60m})Var(\varepsilon_{60W})} - \\
 & - 2\rho_{\varepsilon_{5L}, \varepsilon_{5W}} \sqrt{Var(\varepsilon_{5L})Var(\varepsilon_{5W})} - \\
 & - 2\rho_{\varepsilon_{60L}, \varepsilon_{60W}} \sqrt{Var(\varepsilon_{60L})Var(\varepsilon_{60W})}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Intra-hour volatility for wind** (points to  $\delta_W^{5m60m}$ )

**Intra-hour volatility for load** (points to  $\delta_L^{5m60m}$ )

**5-minute (5) and hour-ahead (60) forecast error for load** (points to  $\varepsilon_{60L}$  and  $\varepsilon_{5L}$ )

**5-minute (5) and hour-ahead (60) forecast error for wind** (points to  $\varepsilon_{60W}$  and  $\varepsilon_{5W}$ )

**CORRELATION (intra-hour volatility for load, hour-ahead load forecast error)** (points to  $\rho_{\delta_L^{5m60m}, \varepsilon_{60L}}$ )

**CORRELATION (intra-hour volatility for wind, hour-ahead wind forecast error)** (points to  $\rho_{\delta_W^{5m60m}, \varepsilon_{60W}}$ )

**CORRELATION (5-min load forecast error, 5-min wind forecast error)** (points to  $\rho_{\varepsilon_{5L}, \varepsilon_{5W}}$ )

**CORRELATION (hour-ahead load forecast error, hour-ahead wind forecast error)** (points to  $\rho_{\varepsilon_{60L}, \varepsilon_{60W}}$ )



# Quantifying Day-Ahead Forecast and Dispatch Errors (DAFD)

**The day-ahead commitment need is expressed as the difference between the hour-ahead forecast and the day-ahead forecast**

**The overall variance of the day-ahead commitment need is also assumed to depend on the correlations between:**

- ◆ The day-ahead forecast error for load and the hour-ahead forecast error for load;
- ◆ The day-ahead forecast error for wind and the hour-ahead forecast error for renewables;
- ◆ The hour-ahead forecast error for load and the hour-ahead forecast error for renewables.

# Quantifying Day-Ahead Forecast and Dispatch Errors (DAFD)

$$DAFD = Load^{HA \text{ forecast}} - Load^{DA \text{ forecast}} + Wind^{DA \text{ forecast}} - Wind^{HA \text{ forecast}}$$

starting point for  
formulation

5-minute (5) and hour-ahead  
(60) forecast error for load

hour-ahead (60) and day-ahead  
(D) forecast error for wind

$$\begin{aligned} Var(DAFD) &= Var(\varepsilon_{DL} - \varepsilon_{60L} + \varepsilon_{60W} - \varepsilon_{DW}) \\ &= Var(\varepsilon_{DL}) + Var(\varepsilon_{60L}) + Var(\varepsilon_{60W}) + Var(\varepsilon_{DW}) - \\ &\quad - 2\rho_{\varepsilon_{60L}, \varepsilon_{DL}} \sqrt{Var(\varepsilon_{60L}) Var(\varepsilon_{DL})} - \\ &\quad - 2\rho_{\varepsilon_{60W}, \varepsilon_{DW}} \sqrt{Var(\varepsilon_{60W}) Var(\varepsilon_{DW})} - \\ &\quad - 2\rho_{\varepsilon_{60L}, \varepsilon_{60W}} \sqrt{Var(\varepsilon_{60L}) Var(\varepsilon_{60W})} \end{aligned}$$

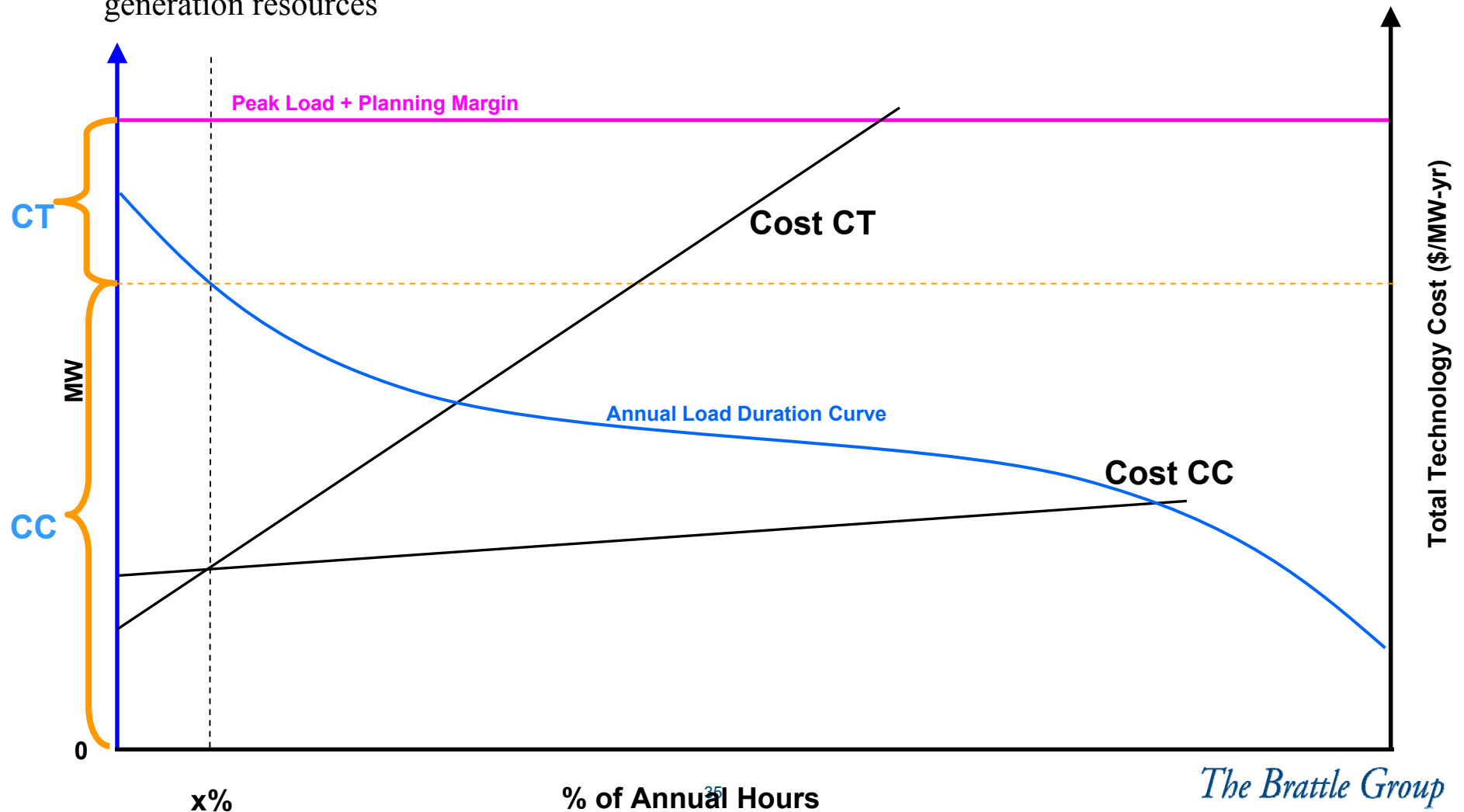
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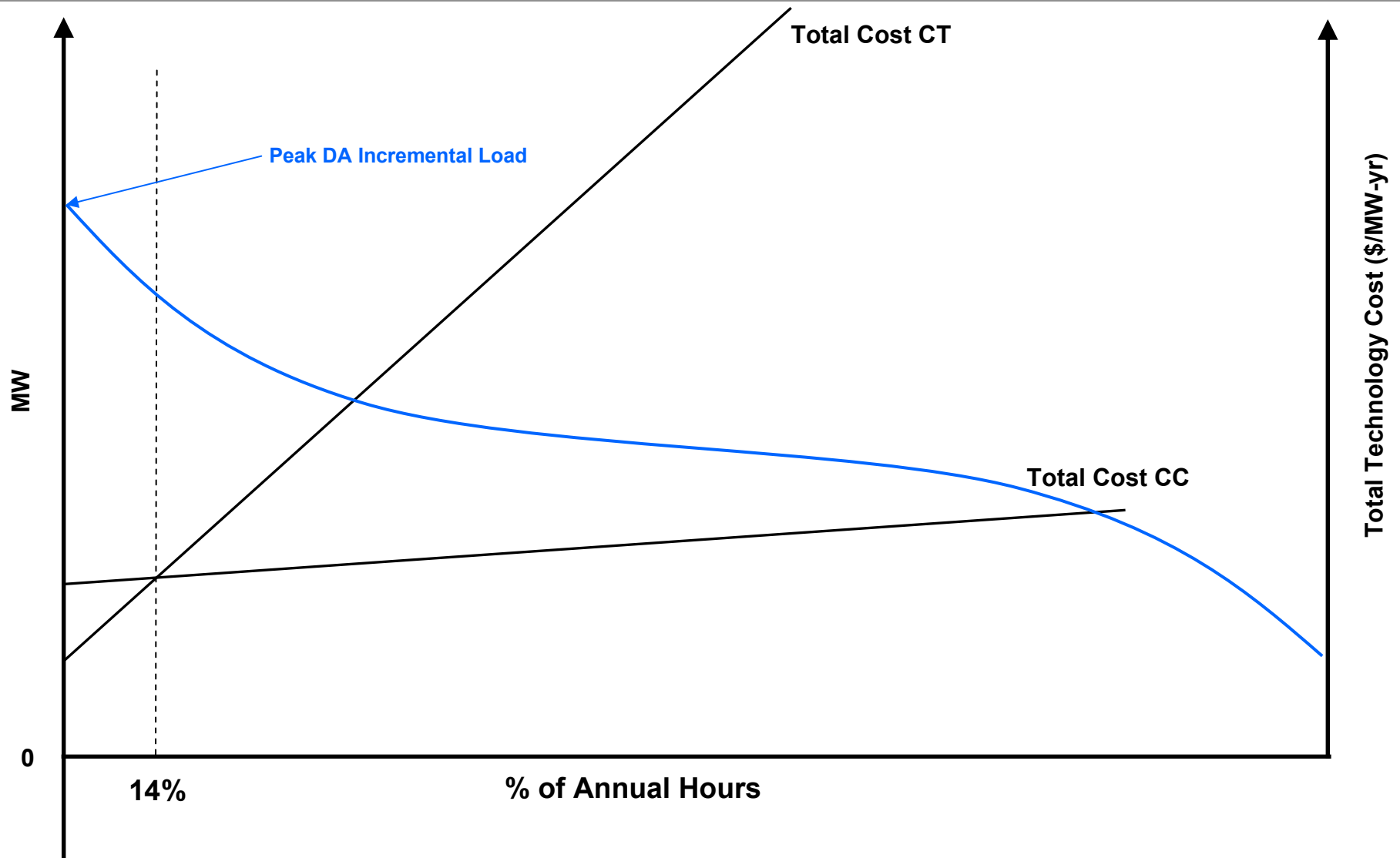
## Screening Curve to Derive Capacity Needs

- ◆ A *screening curve* approach divides the resources needed between specified resource types (currently specified as CCs and CTs)
- ◆ The *screening curve* uses fixed and variable costs assumptions to derive the proportions of generation resources

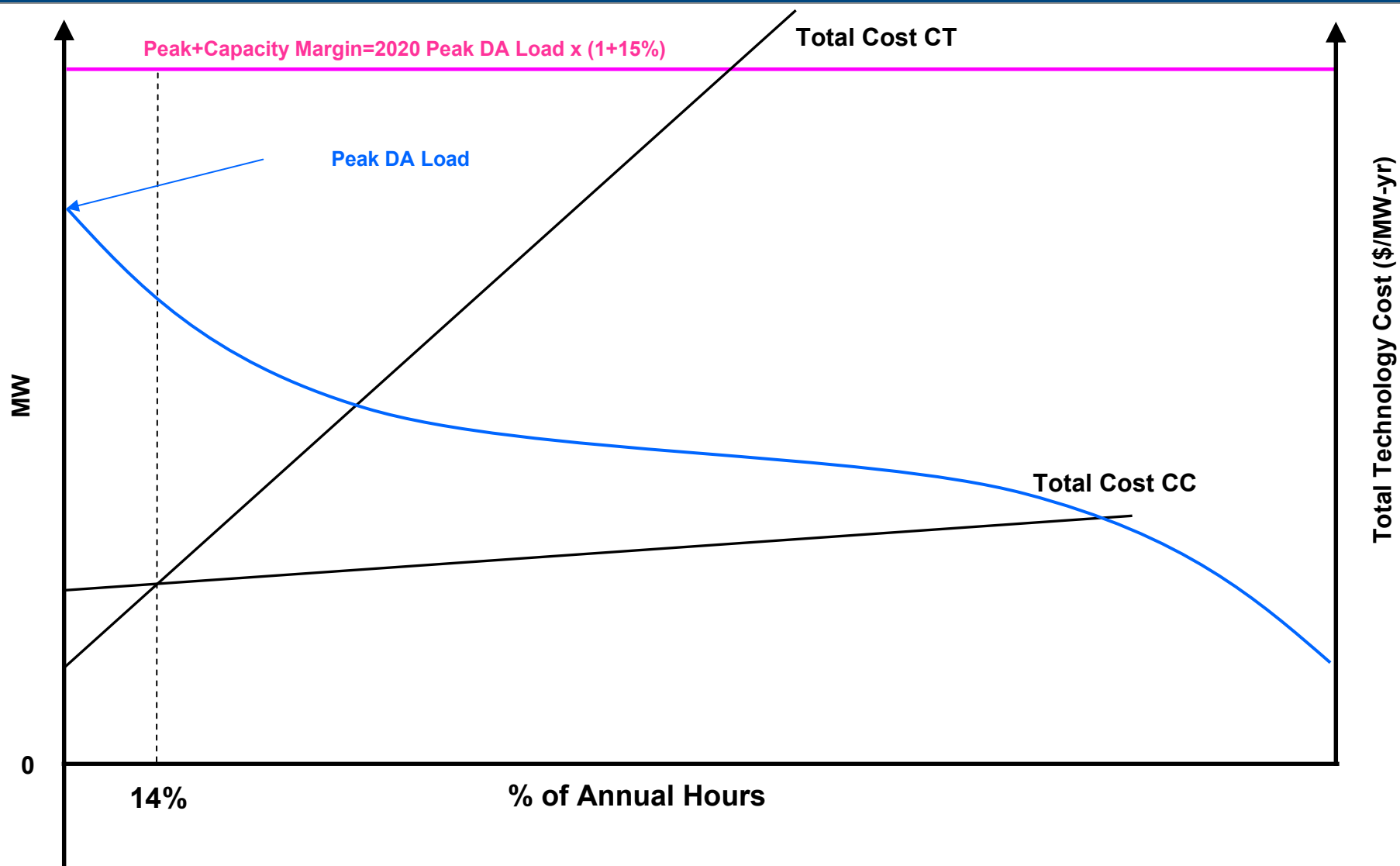


# Example of Using Screening Curve Analysis

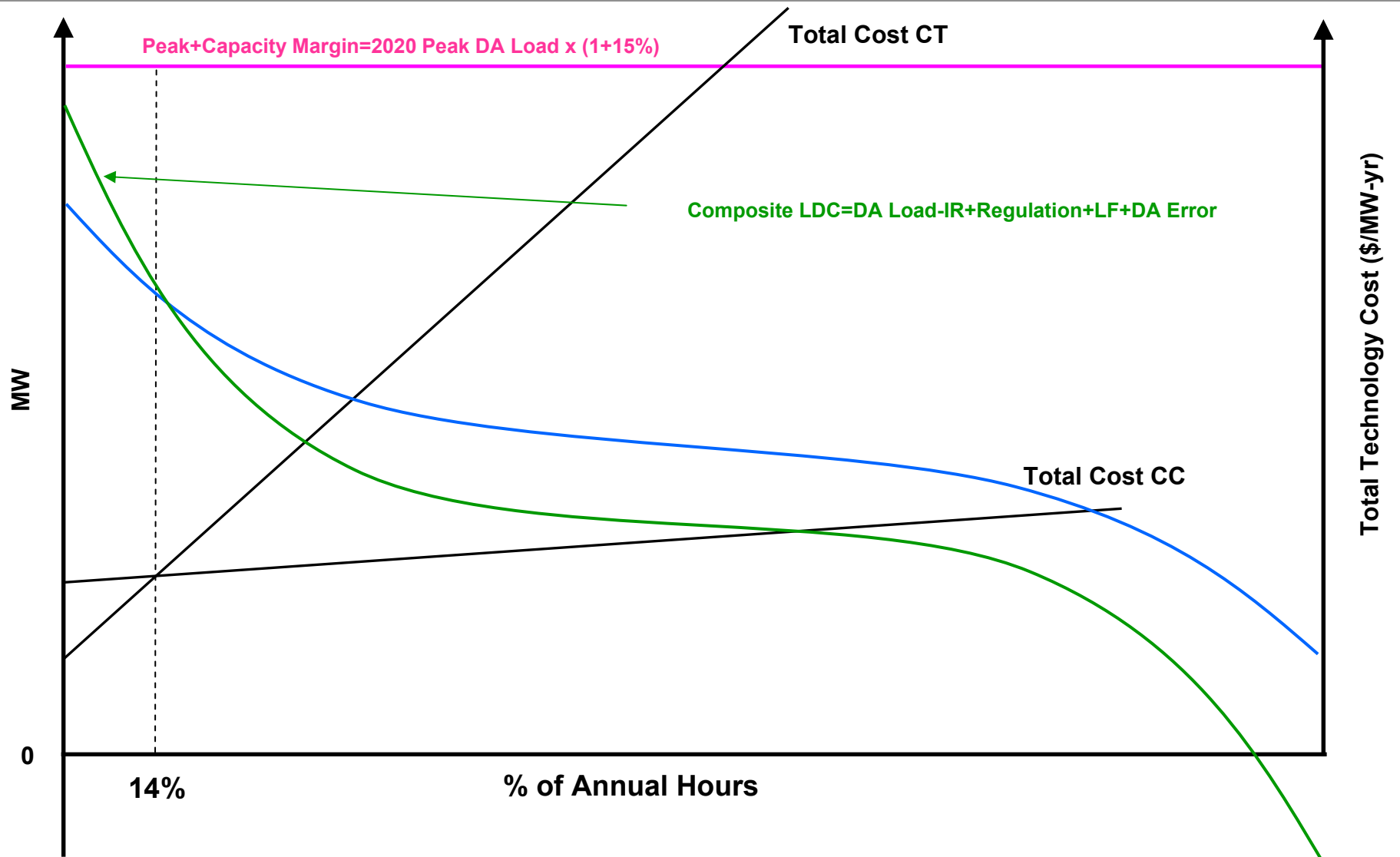
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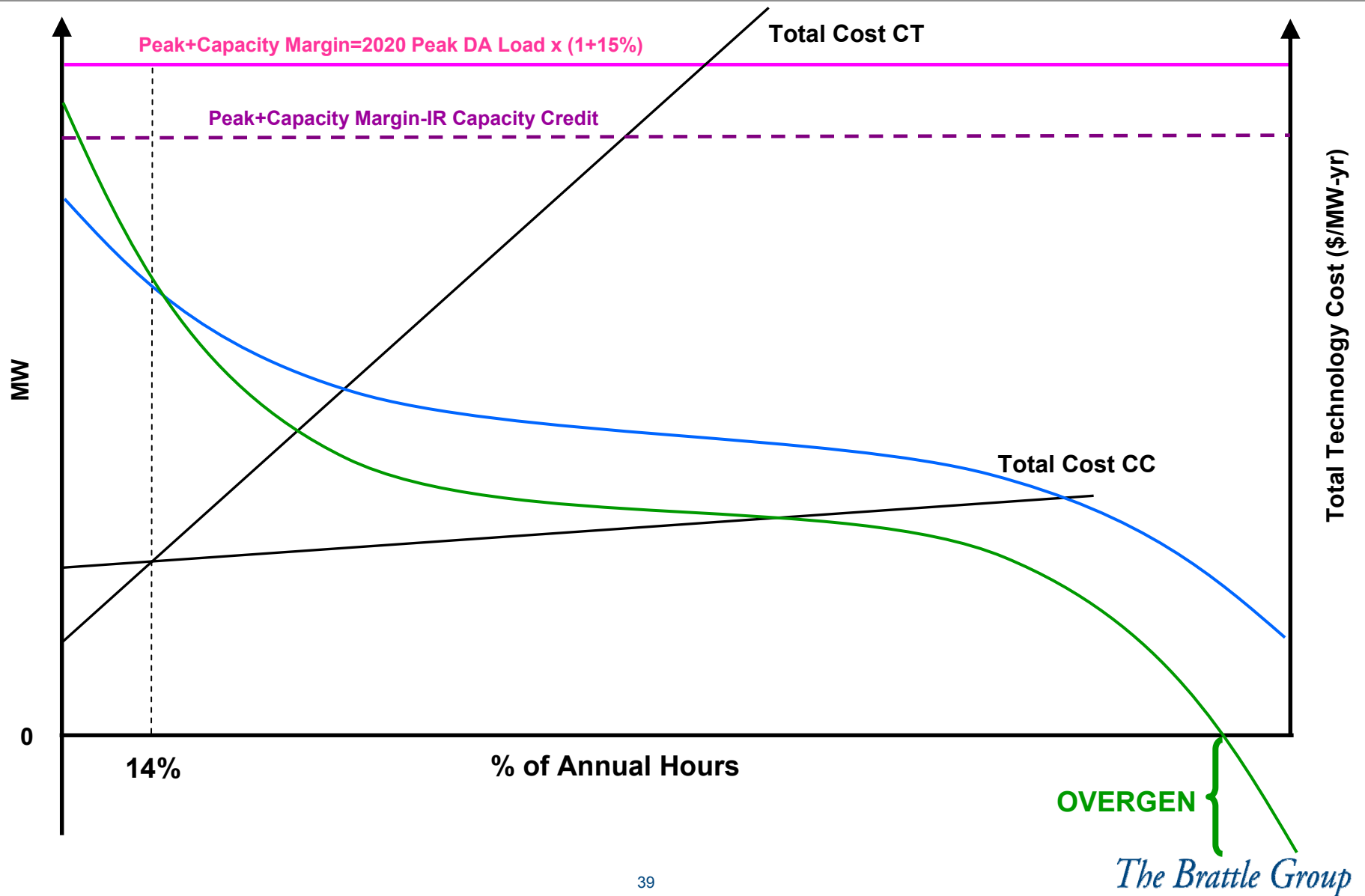
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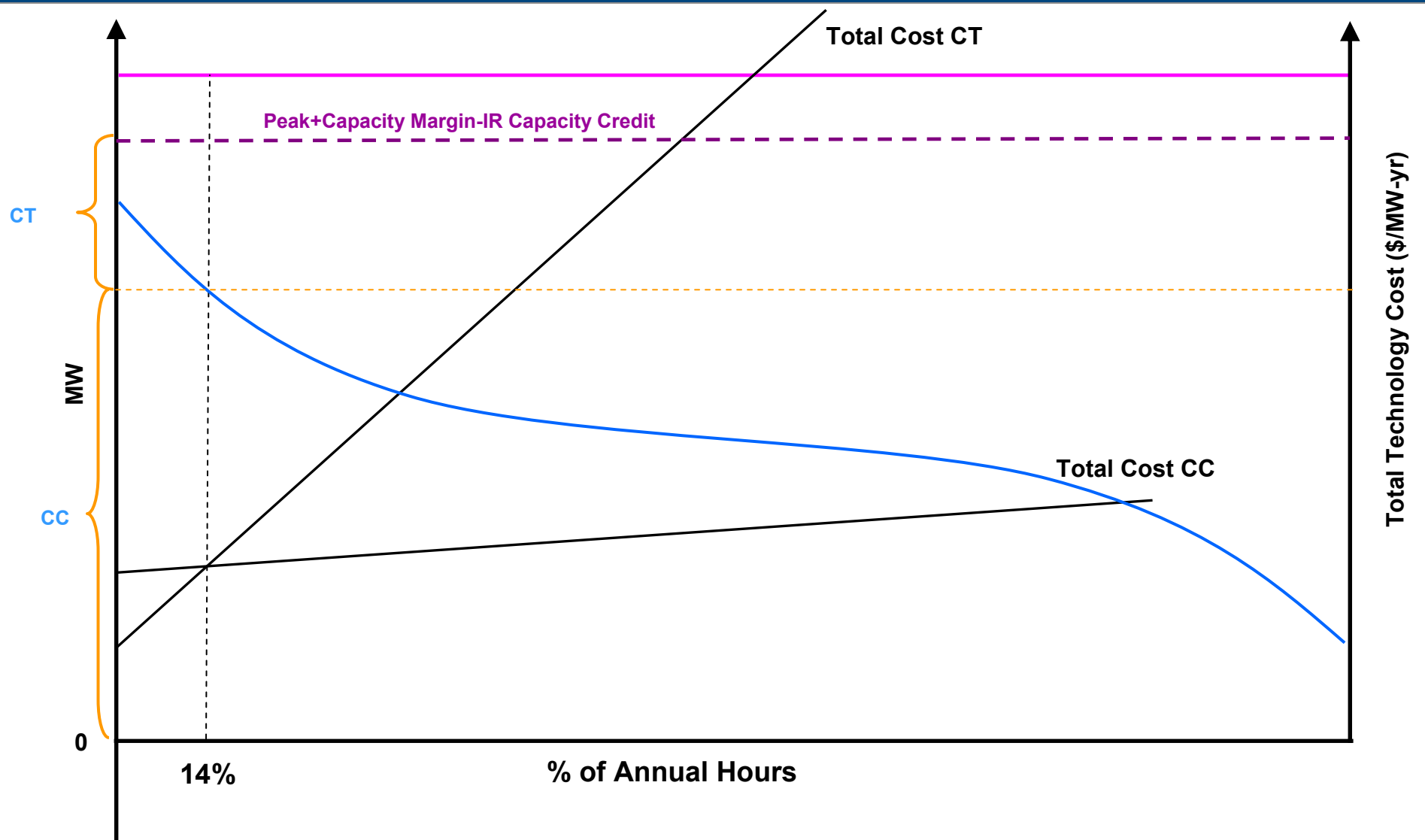
# Screening Curve Analysis Step 3



# Screening Curve Analysis Step 4

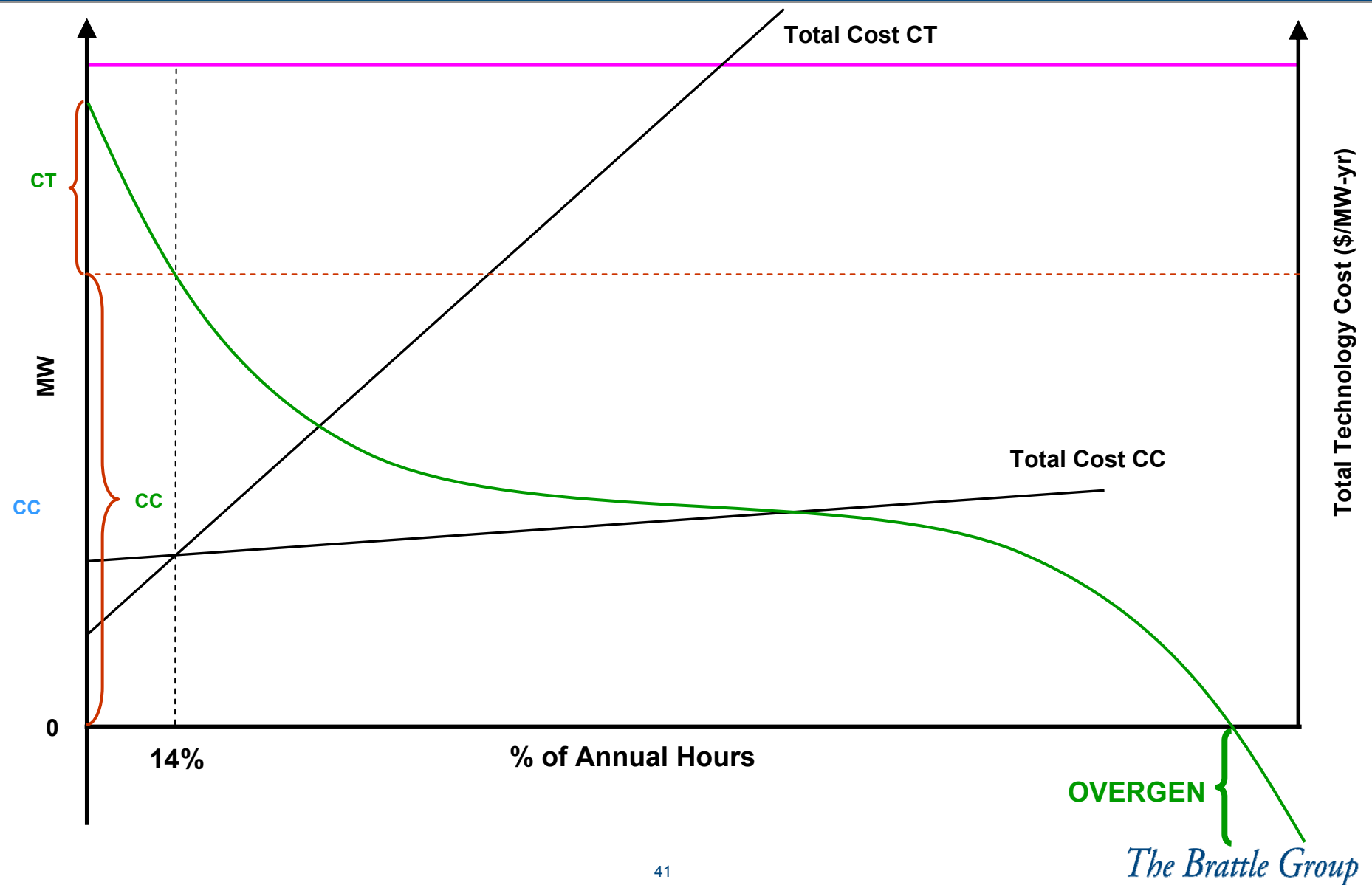


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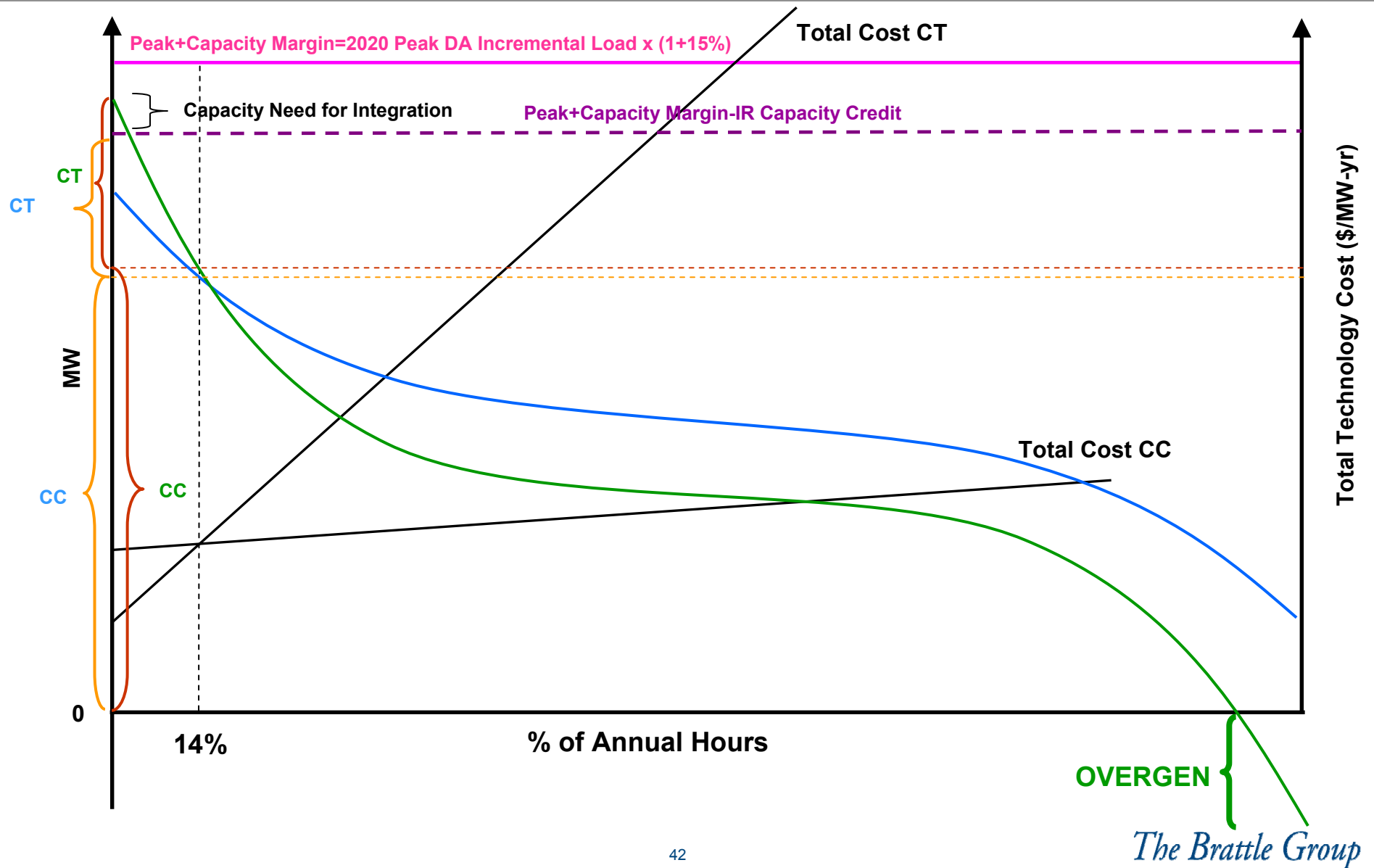




# Screening Curve Analysis Step 6



# Screening Curve Analysis Step 7



# Calculating Variable Costs

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Annual Variable Cost(Regulation)} = & \quad (35) \\ & [(\sum \text{seasonal REG need 1 hour of the day}) \times \text{start-up cost in Btu/kW of capacity} \times \\ & \times \text{Gas Cost} \times \text{number of start-ups per day}] + \\ & +[(\sum \text{morning peak hours} \times \text{hourly seasonal regulation need}) \times \text{Min Load Factor} \times \\ & \times ((\text{CT-CC}) \text{ HR differential}) \times \text{Gas Cost}] \times 2 + \\ & +(\text{all hours of the year}) \times (\text{Inefficiency HR Penalty}) \times \text{Gas Cost} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Annual Variable Cost(Load Following)} = & \quad (36) \\ & [(\sum \text{seasonal LF need 1 hour of the day}) \times \text{start-up cost in Btu/kW of capacity} \times \\ & \times \text{Gas Cost} \times \text{number of start-ups per day}] + \\ & +[(\sum \text{morning peak hours} \times \text{hourly seasonal LF need}) \times \text{Min Load Factor} \times \\ & \times ((\text{CT-CC}) \text{ HR differential}) \times \text{Gas Cost}] \times 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Annual Variable Cost(DA Commitment)} = & \quad (37) \\ & [(\sum \text{seasonal DA need 1 hour of the day}) \times \text{start-up cost in Btu/kW of capacity} \times \\ & \times \text{Gas Cost} \times \text{number of start-ups per day}] + \\ & +[(\sum \text{morning peak hours} \times \text{hourly seasonal DA Commitment need}) \times \text{Min Load Factor} \times \\ & \times ((\text{CT-CC}) \text{ HR differential}) \times \text{Gas Cost}] \times 2 \end{aligned}$$