



Increasing wind power penetration into the existing Serbian energy system



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ABSTRACT

Serbia has wind with a good capacity factor, the respectable potential of which has not hitherto been utilized. There are a number of proposed wind power projects with an envisaged capacity of up to 2500 MW and the project documentation has been developed for 1300 MW. Within the existing feed-in tariff scheme, only 500 MW are eligible. This limitation is set in a conservative manner bearing in mind moderation (balancing) needs due to the variability of wind power generation. The existing Serbian energy system, with significant hydro generation, available pumped storage hydro capacity, and strong interconnections has many moderators for variable wind generation and for reliable technical performance of the grid. In this study, energy imbalances under different levels of wind penetration into the Serbian energy system were analyzed. Possible new moderation strategies for lowering energy imbalances due to wind integration were evaluated using the EnergyPLAN tool and are presented in this paper.

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1. Introduction

The energy policy in Serbia in following years will be in between lignite and renewable energy sources (RESs). Traditionally, lignite has been used in the Serbian electrical energy system to meet the base load demand, dominantly due to low fuel costs, while hydro has been used for variable load serving. By taking into account all costs of energy generation from lignite, the overall energy picture in Serbia will be changed. It is expected that investment costs of lignite power plants will increase by 30–50% with the introduction of carbon capture and storage (CCS) technology and by 23%, with increased fuel demand and therefore increased fuel costs to produce the same amount of electricity making CCS technology an unsuitable way to decrease CO₂ emissions in the long term [1]. Fossil fuel subsidies in Serbia, including indirect support and net effects of cross-subsidies (e.g., tolerated non-payment by energy-intensive companies) and with no environmental impact costs included, are estimated at 9% of the Serbian gross domestic product (GDP) [2]. Furthermore, with an assumed cost of 10 €/t (or higher) for CO₂ and by employment of the emission trading scheme (ETS), the costs of electricity produced from lignite will increase.

The EU accession process creates goals [3] for a new Serbian energy policy: increasing the share of renewable energy in the final

energy consumption, mitigation of greenhouse gasses emissions referenced to the year 2009, and increasing energy efficiency. The new energy policy has to ascertain what the optimal share of renewable energy sources for Serbia [4] is and how to add more renewable energy units with the lowest additional costs. This new energy mix will be shaped by feed-in tariffs [5] and supported with the new Energy Law [6]. Wind, solar, hydro, geothermal and biomass are key renewable energy sources to reduce CO₂ emissions, as well to enhance energy independence. The Serbian power system consists of large hydro units that have been used for moderation (balancing) of variable consumption for years. The good wind potential in southeast Banat [7] has provoked many studies for wind applications but new wind units would cause greater variability in energy generation and more moderation requirements for the transmission system operator (TSO).

With the new Energy Law, the Serbian TSO is obliged to moderate the energy system [8] in an economic manner [9], by paying minimal moderation costs to providers of ancillary services. An ancillary service that illustrates the hourly needs for energy moderation is called energy imbalance [10–13]. Critical excess electricity production (CEEP) [14] is the sum of energy imbalances for the whole year. In a broader sense, energy imbalance moderators [15] are:

- 1) Consumer load flexibility [16–19],
- 2) Increased flexibility from traditional generators [20–23]:

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List of acronyms

CCS	carbon capture and storage
CEEP	critical excess electricity production
CHP	combined heat and power
DH	district heating
DR	demand response
EEX	European energy exchange
ENTSO-E	European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity
ETS	emission trading scheme
EU	European Union
GDP	gross domestic product
IEA	International Energy Agency
RES	renewable energy source
TPES	total primary energy supply
TPP	thermal power plant
TPPS	thermal power plants
TSO	transmission system operator

- a) Reduced technical minimum,
- b) On/off cycling time reductions,
- c) Up/down load ramp increase,
- 3) Energy storage [24–27],
- 4) Regional market dispatch – interconnection imbalance [11,28],
- 5) Transmission upgrades [26,27],
- 6) The integration of the different sectors in the energy system which are electricity, heat, and transport [24]
- 7) Curtailment of wind production [16,26].

Regional market dispatch and transmission upgrades are external moderators. When the TSO operates as a closed balancing area, without external moderators, that mode of operation is called an *island mode* while, it is called a *connected island mode* when using external moderators. From the view of energy system planners, in order to moderate increased variability, it is better to increase the flexibility in their own system and optimize moderation costs within the *island mode*, rather than export energy in a forced manner with an unpredictable market price within the *connected island mode* [9]. Since curtailment of wind power is not a favourable option when the share of renewable energy and CO₂ mitigation goals are to be met, the existing generation units and existing load should under these circumstances operate with increased flexibility. In the existing Serbian energy system, without investment in new generation, storage or transmission capacities, increased flexibility in the generation and on the demand side are the first moderators to be evaluated within the *island mode*. Increasing the flexibility of thermal power plants (TPPS) would result in fuel savings during variable wind generation. When wind is dispatched as a must-run unit up to the envisaged potential and all existing generation units are at maximum flexibility, then external moderators have to be evaluated in the *connected island mode*.

Increased consumer load flexibility with demand response (DR) options were presented in a two-step technical and economic optimization in order to determine the optimal share of energy imbalance moderators: storage and upgrade of transmission interconnection [26], while minimizing wind curtailment in the case of large-scale integration. Demand response with thermal storage optimization for wind integration was presented in the literature [25] with different algorithm for controllable sanitary hot water preparation. Another trade off between energy storage and transmission upgrade for optimal design with economic goal function might be seen in Ref. [27].

A study [29] on the power network in Serbia gave a wind penetration limit of 1 GW. According to another studies [30,31], CEEP can be significantly reduced if a revitalization of a thermal power plant (TPP) is made in order to reduce the technical minimum. A CEEP reduction can be also achieved by cycling in a TPP, which can be achieved by part load and two-shift operations [22]. Such operating conditions for thermal power units may result in an increase in costs. These costs arise from increased expenditures for maintenance and capital investment, forced outage effects, cost of forced outage time, replacement energy and capacity, cost of the increased unit heat rate [20], long-term efficiency and efficiency at low/variable loads, cost of start-up fuels, auxiliary power, chemicals and additional manpower required for unit start-up, long-term generation capacity costs also increase due to a shorter unit life [23]. According to Ref. [22], two-shift hot starts (for less than 8-h shutdowns) may be shortened to 40 min, giving good flexibility of the TPP needed for moderation.

Specific moderation costs from studies for wind integration under 15% of the total electricity production within the *island mode* for twelve countries range from 0.25 to 4 €/MWh of wind integrated [8,12,18,32,33]. These costs are additional costs for moderation of the system and they are higher when the share of wind-generated energy in the total energy generated increases, for higher wind projection mismatch and for the countries lacking storage plants.

They consist of capacity costs and operation costs due to wind power integration. Capacity costs are lost opportunity costs from not bidding on the spot energy market. These capacities are available from conventional power plants existing in a system and are based on additional reserves for the case that wind production deviates from that projected.

Within the *connected island mode*, competitive moderation costs vary with the system load and spot prices for energy [10]. When energy for balancing is not available from the power plants existing in a system, then the energy has to be purchased on the spot energy market. Operation costs are costs to supply energy and they are higher than capacity costs. Consisting of short-term marginal costs, cost increases due to part load and opportunity costs lost from bidding, operation costs might be between 27 €/MWh of balanced power supplied from coal power plants and 50 €/MWh from gas turbine plants [18]. These operational costs increase according to the generation cost supply curve of the available units on the spot market.

Cost savings can be realized by including variability as early as possible in the planning process to determine the optimal share of energy imbalance moderators [19,34,35]. There is no optimal design for all criteria, but there is an optimal solution according to certain criteria. Optimizations of different goals and under different constraints are shown in many articles. Minimization of the weighted costs [28] in the multi-area connected market model and operational costs [36] in the case of wind-thermal coordination with different types of constraints are examples of economic optimization criteria. Moderation requirements in the introduction phase of wind penetration are satisfied with increased consumer load flexibility, while in the large – scale integration phase, a synergetic approach for the heat and electricity sectors by using smart energy systems is needed [24]. Economic criteria are used in many articles [4,19,37–39] and more criteria have been added, thereby compromising the objective function with technical, environmental [40,41], social and regulatory goals [16,42–44].

In this study, the amount of energy imbalance on a yearly base due to wind integration into the Serbian energy system has been calculated using EnergyPLAN. The EnergyPLAN tool is explained in Section 2. Then, the reference scenario for Serbia in the year 2009 is created in Section 3.1. Moderation costs are calculated for two scenarios: the *island mode* in Section 3.2 with the results given in Section 4.1 and in the *connected island mode* in Section 3.3 with the results given in Section 4.2. Two moderation strategies in the *island*

mode are suggested in Section 3.4, with the results given in Section 4.3. The first strategy is reducing technical minima in thermal power units to exploit the effects of cycling further, which was proven before [30,31] since investment in advanced process control in TPP promises to be lower compared to other moderation options. Another moderation strategy is demand response [45], especially flexible demand of electric heating [46,47], electric sanitary hot water preparation [25] and electric cooling [48] could be an interesting option for Serbia for two reasons: they are favourite end-use energy alternatives with high stock shares [49] and they may be cheaper than other moderation options [50,51]. With these strategies using EnergyPLAN, it was confirmed that the penetration level of wind into the existing Serbian energy system could be increased. Another study of a look-alike energy system [52] for increasing wind power penetration showed the best effects for sustainability for 10% share in final energy consumption.

It should be emphasized that the presented model does not take into account stochastics in wind turbine generation, heat rate loss in the TPP, start up/shut down costs and the load flows of the transmission capacity within the Serbian power system.

2. Method

The simulations for the Serbian national energy system were based on a user friendly, free, bottom up model based on the tool EnergyPLAN [53] with an hourly time-step. The EnergyPLAN tool may be used to assist in the design of national planning strategies by simulations of the electricity, heat and transport sectors and is suitable for the simulation of the scenarios for renewable energy penetrations [54]. With this model, it is possible to perform different control strategies based on operation costs and investment cost optimization. The model is based on the deterministic inputs of demands, renewable and fossil fuel generation, energy generation facilities, their efficiencies and different regulation strategies for import/export and minimization of energy imbalances. In this analysis, the national system was described by energy demands, generation capacities and efficiencies, types of energy sources, annual energy balances, fuel consumptions and CO₂ emissions. Within EnergyPLAN, four criteria are used to quantify whether one energy system was better than another energy system:

1. CEEP (critical excess electricity production): is the yearly energy imbalance calculated on an hourly basis.
2. Annual costs: The annual generation costs required to supply the required energy demand, including CO₂ costs.
3. CO₂: This is the amount of CO₂ resulting from energy consumption and generation.
4. RES: The share of renewable energy in the total primary energy supply (TPES).

EnergyPLAN was utilized to analyze different levels of wind penetration. Energy imbalances for the *island mode* with a closed transmission system were calculated as CEEP values. The CEEP might be exported but the *island mode* in that scenario is violated. EnergyPLAN tool will perform TPP cycling (part load and two-shift operations) in the *island mode* to minimize fossil fuel usage.

3. Case study: Serbian energy system

3.1. Reference scenario for Serbia

The Serbian reference scenario for the year 2009 *island mode* was modelled using the closed system in EnergyPLAN. The electricity demand curve and yearly consumption were obtained from European Network of Transmission System Operators for Electricity

(ENTSO-E) data [55]. District heating (DH) and combined heat and power (CHP) data were obtained from Ref. [56]. Thermal power unit data were taken from Ref. [57] while the fuel data were from International Energy Agency (IEA) balances for 2009 [58] and the efficiencies were calculated from data found in Ref. [59]. The heat demand and load curve was calculated in Excel using the degree-day methodology and the temperature obtained from the METEONORM program for four cities in Serbia (Belgrade, Novi Sad, Niš and Čačak) [60]. The generation curves for run-off river hydro, storage hydro and pump storage electric power units were calculated from monthly balances obtained from Refs. [55], while the capacities were obtained from Ref. [57]. Division of the capacity between run-off river and storage hydro units was performed based on the sum of their annual energy generation obtained from Ref. [55]. Fuel quantities and their distribution for the individual household, industry and the transport sector were obtained from Ref. [58], except for the biomass used in the individual heating sector which was from the year 2010 [61]. The technical minimum for TPPS calculated as an equivalent unit is 70% [59]. These TPP units were commissioned between 1956 and 1991 [59] for a base load operation and with low flexibility. This high value illustrates technological constraints for production in one unit and it is equivalent technical minimum when all TPPS are available on the grid. Due to planned maintenance lasting 48–64 days [59] and forced outage rate of 10.7–23.5% [59] for the main generating units (units above 190 MW of rated power), this percentage is lower in operation. Assuming that at least one generator is not available, the technical minimum is 55–65% percent, assumed to be 60% in the reference scenario. Due to the low quality lignite at the current technology level in these units, operation under 70% of the rated power is possible only with the addition of liquid fuels of higher calorific value. With this procedure, it is possible to reduce the technical minimum down to 50% of the rated power. Bearing in mind the constrained availability of generators in operation, 40% of the technical minimum is assumed for scenario with the addition of liquid fuel. Costs of fuel [59,62], investment, fixed operation and maintenance costs [63,64] for the power technologies were based on the year 2008. The fuel CO₂ content and price used are given in Table 1.

3.2. Island mode scenario of wind penetration

Technical optimization was performed for the *island mode*. In this mode, no interconnection grid moderation was used to emphasize the critical situations due to variability of wind generation. The yearly wind generation curve was calculated for turbines Vestas V90 2 MW, Ecotecnia 3.0 Class II and Re Power 5 MW based on a historical wind speed curve from a location in Vojvodina measured at 10 m and projected to heights of 80 m and 100 m, with a wind shear coefficient of 0.25 [65]. Subsequently, the unit generation was multiplied to the installed capacity by using linear extrapolation. The dispatch was optimized using hydro storage, thermal power units and CHP units for balancing the electricity and heat demand, while no wind curtailments were allowed. Run-off river hydro units had priority in electricity generation. Hydro storage units were used for the best utilization of all water input and to avoid CEEP. Pumped hydro units were used in the same

Table 1
Fuel prices and CO₂ content in fuels [59,62].

	Coal	Fuel oil	Diesel	Petrol	N. gas	LPG	Biomass
Fuel prices [€/GJ]	1.45	10.76	14.8	16.2	4.87	11.27	2.66
CO ₂ content in fuel [kg/GJ]	100	74	74	74	56.7	66.7	–

manner as hydro storage units with pumping to avoid CEEP. The turbine mode of operation was used in the pumped hydro units ensuring that the storage level was the same at the beginning and at the end of the year. The TPPS were used if demand was still higher than the supply or generation was requested for moderation. The thermal units were modelled at the same heat rates and efficiencies for all generation levels.

Eleven levels of wind penetrations up to the maximal envisaged capacity were simulated observing the four previously mentioned criteria (see Section 2). During operation, the share of units capable for supplying ancillary services is not less than 30%. Variable sources were not allowed to provide ancillary services.

Additional system costs due to wind integration were calculated according to equation (1):

$$Cost = C_{GENERATION} + C_{MODERATION} - C_{GENERATION, REFERENCE} \quad (1)$$

$$C_{MODERATION} = E_{WIND} * SC_{MODERATION} \quad (2)$$

where:

$C_{GENERATION}$ are the annual costs required to supply the required energy demand [M€/a],

$C_{MODERATION} = E_{WIND} * SC_{MODERATION}$ are the annual moderation costs [M€/a],

$C_{GENERATION, REFERENCE}$ are the annual costs required to supply the reference scenario demand without wind integration [M€/a],

E_{WIND} is the annual wind energy generation [TWh/a],

$SC_{MODERATION}$ are the average specific moderation costs [M€/TWh],

3.3. Connected island mode scenarios of wind penetration

Additional system costs due to wind integration in *connected island mode* were calculated for different levels of wind penetration using EnergyPLAN.

This scenario is based on the previous, with the market and the technical optimization criterion applied. With a transmission capacity of 3600 MW [66], with 8 (eight) surrounding countries, energy imbalances can be moderated well in regional interconnection. Since no regional market existed in 2009, a German spot market price from European energy exchange (EEX) with an average price 40–50 €/MWh was used to simulate the same eleven levels of wind penetration of up to 2500 MW. Assuming that the TSO is only in possession of real-time hourly generation and consumption data and that variable energy generation can be predicted accurately, marginal cost of cheapest available generator in interconnection (with addition of energy transport costs) is a signal for unit market commitment.

3.4. Suggested moderation strategies

For an illustration of increased flexibility strategy in TPPS, three scenarios were chosen:

- Reference scenario: technical minimum is 60% of the rated power, illustrating the technical availability of the units and current technology level,

- Additional fuel scenario: technical minimum is 40% of the rated power, illustrating the technical availability of the units and the addition of liquid fuel of higher calorific value to compensate the low quality lignite,
- Modern TPP: technical minimum is 20% of the rated power, as in a modern TPP in Europe with enhanced flexibility, illustrating the best available technology upgrade of a TPP.

Theoretical yearly energy potential in a flexible load for a smart energy system demand response is the following: hot water preparation (4.8 TWh), electric space heating (2.9 TWh), refrigerators (0.9 TWh), freezers (0.9 TWh) and air conditioning (0.8 TWh) [49]. Not all of this potential is flexible but it is stated as the upper bound. The technical, economic and realizable potentials are lower due to daily and seasonal patterns of use, costs and the acceptance of demand response technologies. In this paper, not less than 2500 MW flexibility in 1 h and that all sanitary hot water preparations were flexible for one day were assumed. This flexible capacity was used assuming that further utilization of the DR potential capacity in sanitary hot water preparation would not have a CEEP lowering effect for the 2500 MW of wind integrated. It was assumed that thermal storage in the buildings was sufficient for keeping sanitary hot water preparation and consumption flexible during one day. The investment cost for making this capacity flexible is 200–400 US\$/KW and 10–300 US\$/KWh of served energy. These costs are not part of the cost model.

4. Results of wind integration

Reference data obtained from ENTSO-E [55] and from IEA [58] and the reference scenario for Serbia in EnergyPLAN within the *island mode* are in very good agreement, as can be seen in Table 2. Without wind generation, the electricity export was around 0.26 TWh during the spring and summer, while import was around 0.85 TWh during the autumn and winter. The maximal hourly imbalance was 1828 MW in the *island mode* scenario.

4.1. Island mode technical optimization scenario

Based on the methodology presented in Section 2, the resulting CEEP was calculated for different levels of wind penetration. These results together with an illustration of 10% of the total wind generation are presented in Fig. 1a to give a snapshot of the performance of the energy system under wind integration. The criteria of planner, previously used in Refs. [30], state that an energy system with a CEEP below 5–10% of the total variable generation is acceptable on economic grounds. The decrease in CO₂ emission and the percentage CO₂ reduction for different levels of installed wind power are show in Fig. 1b.

For the above wind penetration levels, the high values of CEEP (above 10% of the total wind generation) show that the whole envisaged capacity of wind power cannot be moderated in the existing Serbian energy system without external moderators or wind curtailment. The maximal calculated hourly value for CEEP of 3567 MW could be completely moderated within the regional market dispatch, which is shown on the CEEP duration curve shown in Fig. 2. The coloured area refers to CEEP in MWh. The

Table 2
Comparison of the reference data [55,58] for 2009 and reference scenario in EnergyPLAN.

	TPES [Mtoe]	River hydro [TWh]	Storage hydro	Pump hydro storage	Thermal	CO ₂ emissions [Mt CO ₂]
Reference data	14.45	9.576	0.914	0.603/0.915	30	46.26
EnergyPLAN	14.37	9.57	0.91	0.61/0.8	26.8	46.033

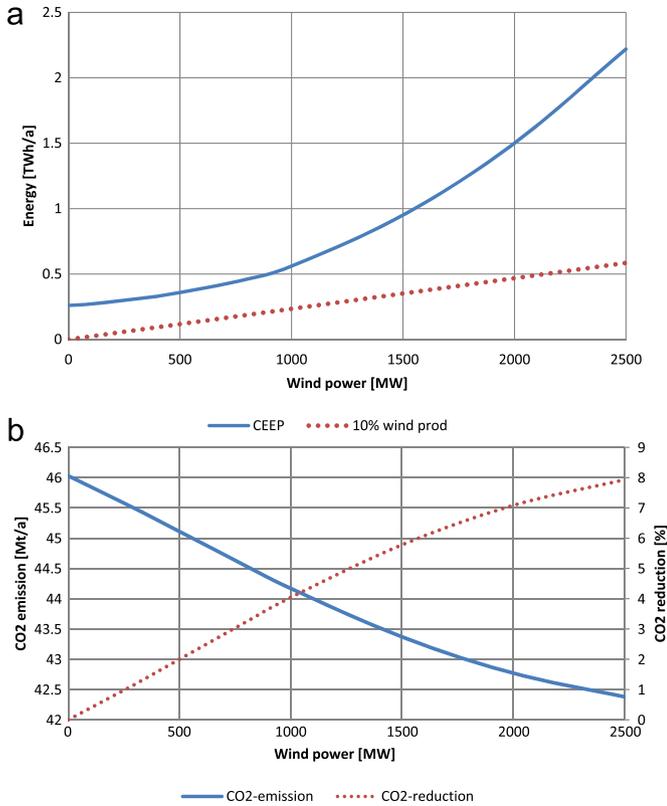


Fig. 1. Different levels of wind penetrations in island mode technical optimization: a) CEEP, and 10% of wind generation. b) Emissions of CO₂, and possible emission reductions up to 8%.

upper and lower limits for moderation costs, which increase linearly with the amount of integrated wind, are 1.4–23.4 M€ for the case of maximal wind penetration (see Eq. (2) in Section 3.2.). The total generation costs also increase from 7010 M€ to 7271 M€ in the case of maximal wind penetration.

The resulting additional costs of wind integration including generation and moderation (calculated for specific moderation costs of 2 €/MWh), and benefits in the improvement in the share of renewable energy sources and CO₂ reduction are shown in Fig. 3. The increase in costs due to wind integration is up to 3.9% in comparison to the reference scenario. An improvement in the share of renewable energy sources (including biomass) in the TPES is possible up to 4%. The reference scenario with around 46 Mt CO₂

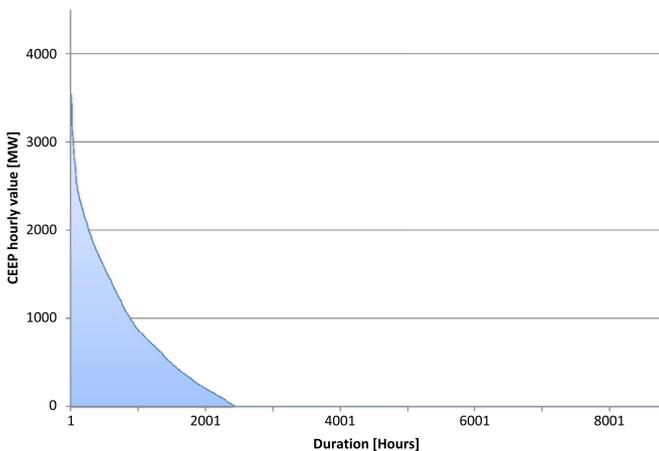


Fig. 2. CEEP duration curve.

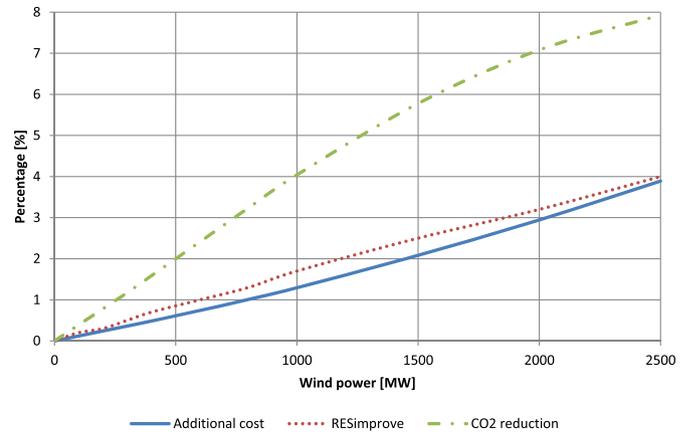


Fig. 3. Results of different levels of wind penetration in comparison to the reference scenario.

may be improved by almost 8% percent CO₂ reduction when 2500 MW of wind is integrated. These benefits and costs might be goals that should be satisfied with minimal deviations. The suggested goal for costs should not to be violated, while for renewable energy sources, the exceeded values of the share in the TPES and CO₂ reduction are desirable.

Total system costs rise with more investment in wind power at reasonable prices of CO₂ (in this paper 10 €/t CO₂ is assumed). From Fig. 3, it is clear that there are no pronounced extremes in the benefits and costs functions.

4.2. Connected island mode technical and market optimization scenario

The trading of energy imbalances from wind integration at the spot market for an average price of 50 €/MWh shows positive economic effects in the connected island mode and results in earnings in the market optimization scenario and after 300 MW of wind, or more, is integrated in the technical optimization scenario (see Fig. 4).

A comparison of the moderation costs for the connected island mode technical and market optimization scenarios of wind integration of up to 2500 MW with an average market price of 50 €/MWh is presented in Table 3.

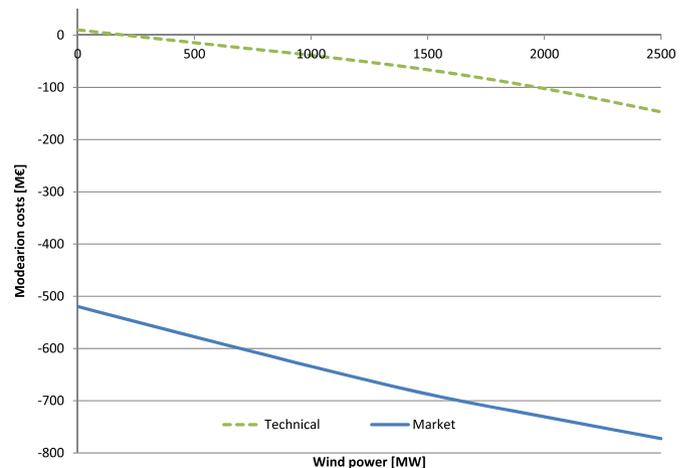


Fig. 4. Moderation costs for average market price of 50 €/MWh in connected island mode market and technical optimization scenario.

Table 3

Comparison of optimization scenarios of 2500 MW wind integration in *connected island mode* for average market price of 50 €/MWh.

Optimization scenario	Average price [€/MWh]	Cost [M€/a]	CO ₂ [Mt/a]	CO ₂ corr [Mt/a]	RES share [% of TPES]	TPES [TWh/a]
Technical	50	7153	43.807	40.444	17.2	166.78
Market		6935	58.246	41.026	13.9	206.95

Although this price (average market price of 50 €/MWh) is higher than the marginal cost of an energy unit produced in an average Serbian TPP (35 €/MWh), market earnings resulted as the TPPs were in operation with more generation hours. Earnings together with a slight increase in generation costs from lignite result in lower total costs compared with *island mode* scenario and reference scenario. These earnings are higher in the market optimization scenario than in the technical optimization scenario and they increase with more wind integrated. The total CO₂ emissions from the TPES are higher in market optimization scenario, while the share of renewable energy sources in the TPES is lower because more energy is produced from fossil fuels. Although, the export corrected CO₂ emissions are reduced in both the *connected island mode* scenarios than in the *island mode* reference scenario, the *connected island mode* scenarios are unfavourable because the total amounts of CO₂ are increased.

4.3. Suggested moderation strategies for the Serbian energy system

The results given in the previous subsection show an increase in the generation and moderation costs with higher levels of wind penetrations in the *island mode* scenario. In the open market scenario, the *connected island mode*, it was shown that exporting energy imbalances results in earnings (see Fig. 4) but the associated increased fuel consumption and total emissions (Table 3.), in comparison to reference scenario, make it difficult to meet EU2020 goals. Trading energy imbalances and wind projections might not be as perfect as assumed. In real situations, wind generation might demand unexpected moderation that may result in an increase in moderation costs according to spot market prices, making this moderation scenario unfavourable.

In this paper, two least-cost strategies are suggested, *i.e.*, increased TPP generation flexibility and sanitary hot water preparation flexibility increased to one day (see Section 3.4).

The results of a quantification of the effects resulting from these moderation strategies for the energy system with 2500 MW of wind power installed, in the *island mode*, are given in Table 4.

From Table 4, it is obvious that the total costs of the system with wind integration are reduced due to fossil fuel reductions, which results in reduction of emission by 8%. After employing a demand response strategy, the emissions could be further reduced by 2% and the share of RES in the TPES increased by 0.4%. Furthermore, an additional 6% emissions reduction and 0.8% increase in the share of RES in the TPES may be achieved by the application of a technical minima reduction strategy. The CEEP for the three scenarios of

Table 4

Effects of moderation strategies for 2500 MW installed wind power in island mode.

	TPP min [MW]	Cost [M€/a]	CO ₂ [Mt/a]	CEEP [TWh/a]	RES share [% of TPES]
60% Ref. TPP min	2361	7275	42.383	2.22	17.7
Demand response	2361	7169	40.525	1.59	18.1
40% TPP min	1574	7218	40.334	0.74	18.3
20% TPP min	787	7205	39.845	0.44	18.5

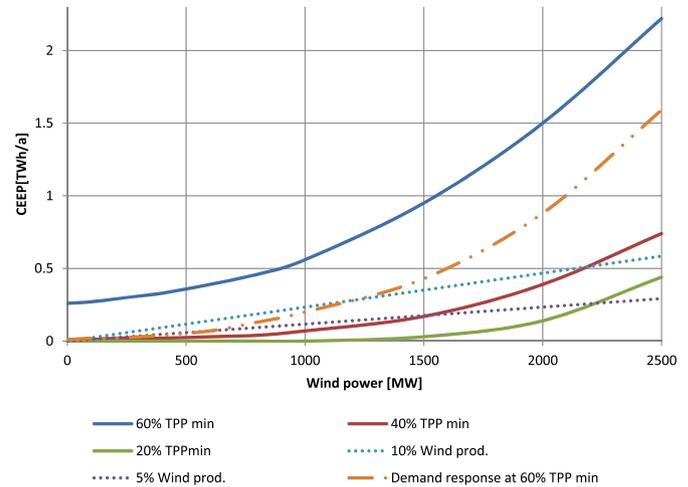


Fig. 5. Comparison of suggested moderation strategies for CEEP lowering.

technical minima reduction in the TPPs and the demand response strategy is shown in Fig. 5. The boundaries of the criteria from the experience of planners that CEEP has to be kept under a desired percent of the total wind generation are illustrated with dotted lines.

With a technical minima reduction from 60% in the reference scenario to 40%, it is possible to integrate 1500 MW of wind power with a CEEP below 5% of wind generation, and 1750 MW of wind may be integrated with a CEEP as in the reference scenario. With the technical minimum at 20% of the maximal load, another 700 MW of wind power could be integrated, which makes a total of 2200 MW of wind power that could be integrated with a CEEP under 5% and 2500 MW with a CEEP under 10% of the total wind generation. The increased consumer load flexibility with demand response in sanitary hot water lowers the CEEP by 0.3–0.61 TWh/a, in comparison to the reference scenario with the technical minimum at 60%. The demand response strategy opens space for the integration of 500 MW with CEEP under 5% and 1200 MW of wind with the reference CEEP or with CEEP under 10%.

5. Conclusions

Bearing in mind the good availability of moderation options in the existing Serbian energy system, it has been shown that it is possible to integrate more wind than was previously envisaged with the feed-in tariff and available studies.

The suggested moderation strategies in the Serbian energy system in the *island mode* with installation of significant wind power reduce the CEEP, increase the share of renewable energy in the TPES and save both fuel and emissions.

With advanced flexibility as seen in modern thermal power plants, the envisaged wind capacity could be integrated in the *island mode*. Fully increased consumer load flexibility of sanitary hot water preparation yearly energy demand could moderate the whole wind generation eligible within the feed-in tariff.

A study to determine the optimal share of RES penetration into the Serbian energy system should be realized in future comparing all moderation strategies.

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