

What to do when Wind & Solar run out of breath? Reciprocating gas engines for the European Power Industry

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Many countries build their energy strategy on Wind and Solar







This new energy market design implicates a highly volatile energy production



- Future energy market design with high share of renewables
- Cloud cover and wind gusts can result in large and sudden swings in output from solar and wind
- Results: Grid destabilization, power shortages, probable damage of utility infrastructure and customer equipment

Reliable and flexible solutions are needed





We are convinced that gas engine power plants will play an important role to handle those volatilities



In the future we see more and more renewables in the system but also less conventional power plants, so the volatility of energy production will even increase.

Thesis:

Gas fired Power Plants will be the only technology at least in the mid-term to balance volatile energy production from wind and solar efficiently, quickly and flexibly.







Why gas engines? Compared to other technologies engine Power Plants meet relevant requirements best possible

Possible Flex options		Market readiness	Environmental	Costs	Flexible tech fit
100%	Storage	\checkmark	\checkmark	×	\checkmark
	Nuclear	\checkmark	×	\checkmark	×
1	Coal	\checkmark	×	\checkmark	\checkmark
6	Gas	\checkmark	\checkmark	✓	\checkmark





Classic scenario: High operating hours & stable income





New scenario: High flexibility and more revenue potential





Thank you!



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