



# Large scale balancing and storage from Norwegian hydro *HydroBalance project*

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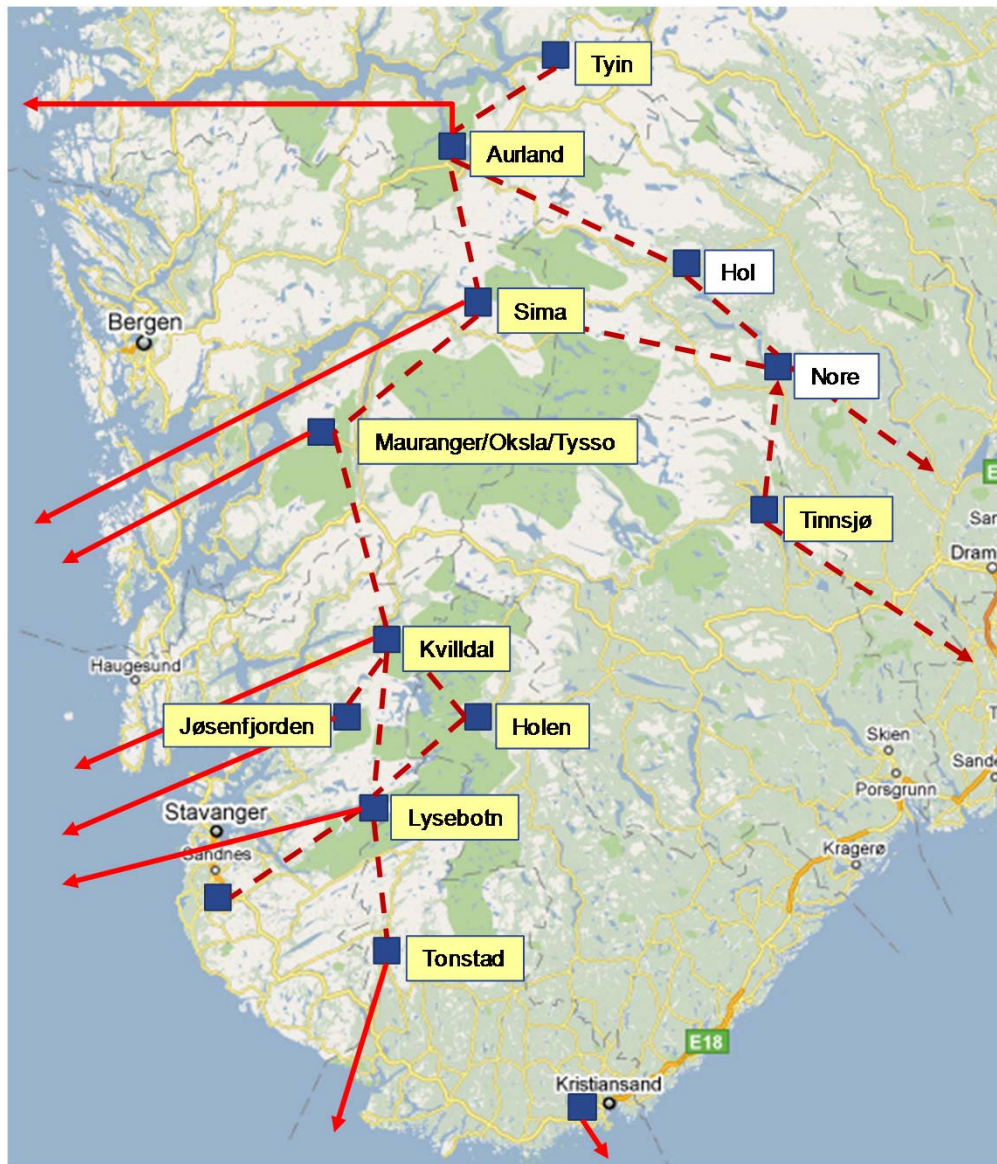
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# Case study 2030

**10-20 GW new pumping  
and generation capacity  
using existing reservoirs**



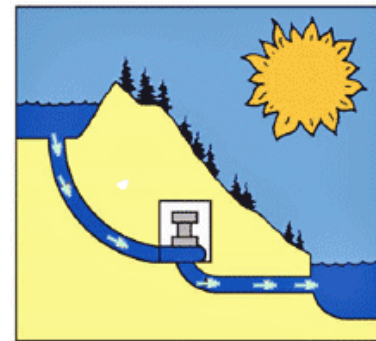
2012, Eivind Solvang et al., Increasing balance power capacity in Norwegian hydroelectric power stations, SINTEF Report TR A7195





# Norwegian hydropower for balancing

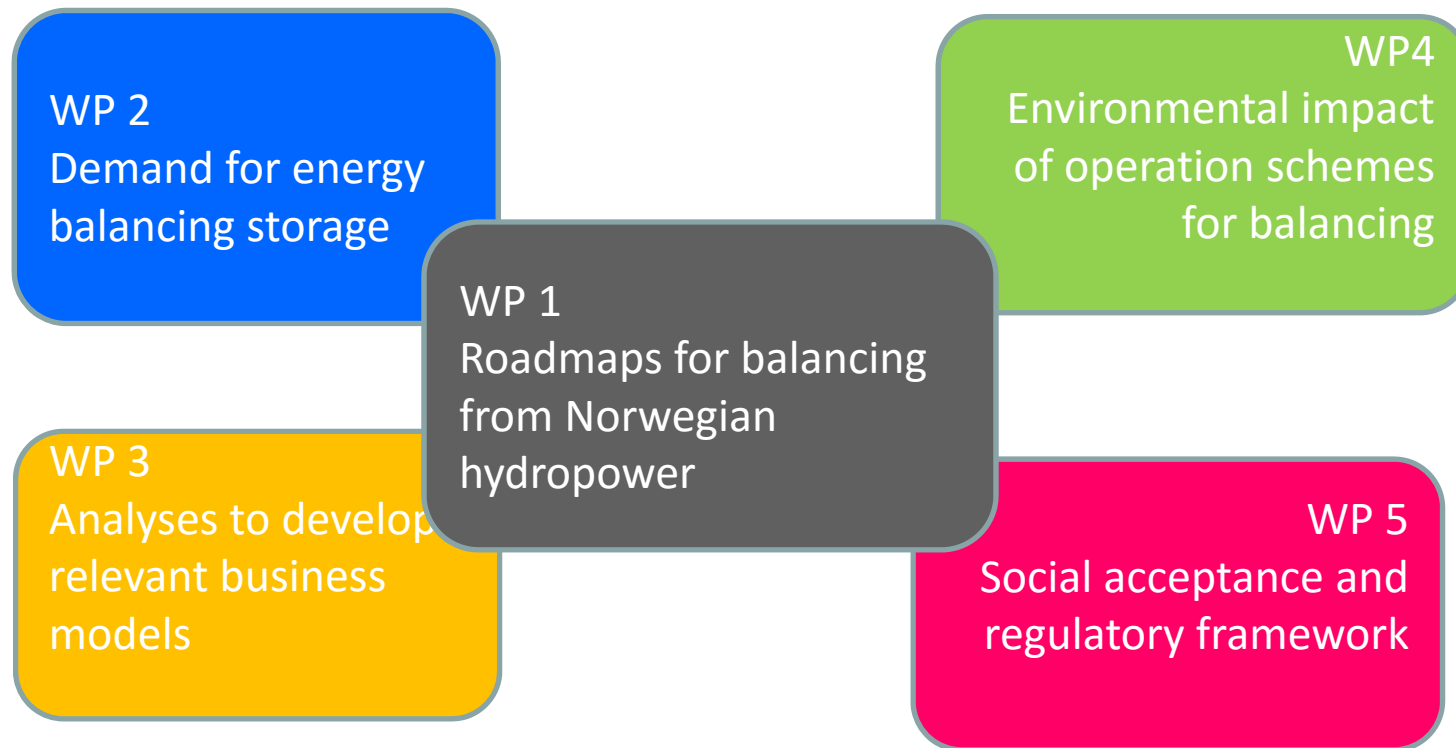
- The reservoirs are **natural** lakes
  - Multi-year reservoirs
  - Total **84 TWh** reservoir capacity
  - Largest lake stores 8 TWh
- Balancing capacity estimates 2030
  - **29 GW** installed at present
  - **30 GW total new capacity** (+10 GW upgrading + 20 GW pump storage)
    - Within today's environmental limits
  - Requires more transmission capacity



# 1. CEDREN HydroBalance: Facts

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Feasibility of **large scale** development of energy **balancing and storage** from **Norwegian** hydropower in the **future European** electricity market with respect to the **power system**, **environmental** aspects, **economic** viability and **social acceptance**.



# WP1. Scenario building methodology

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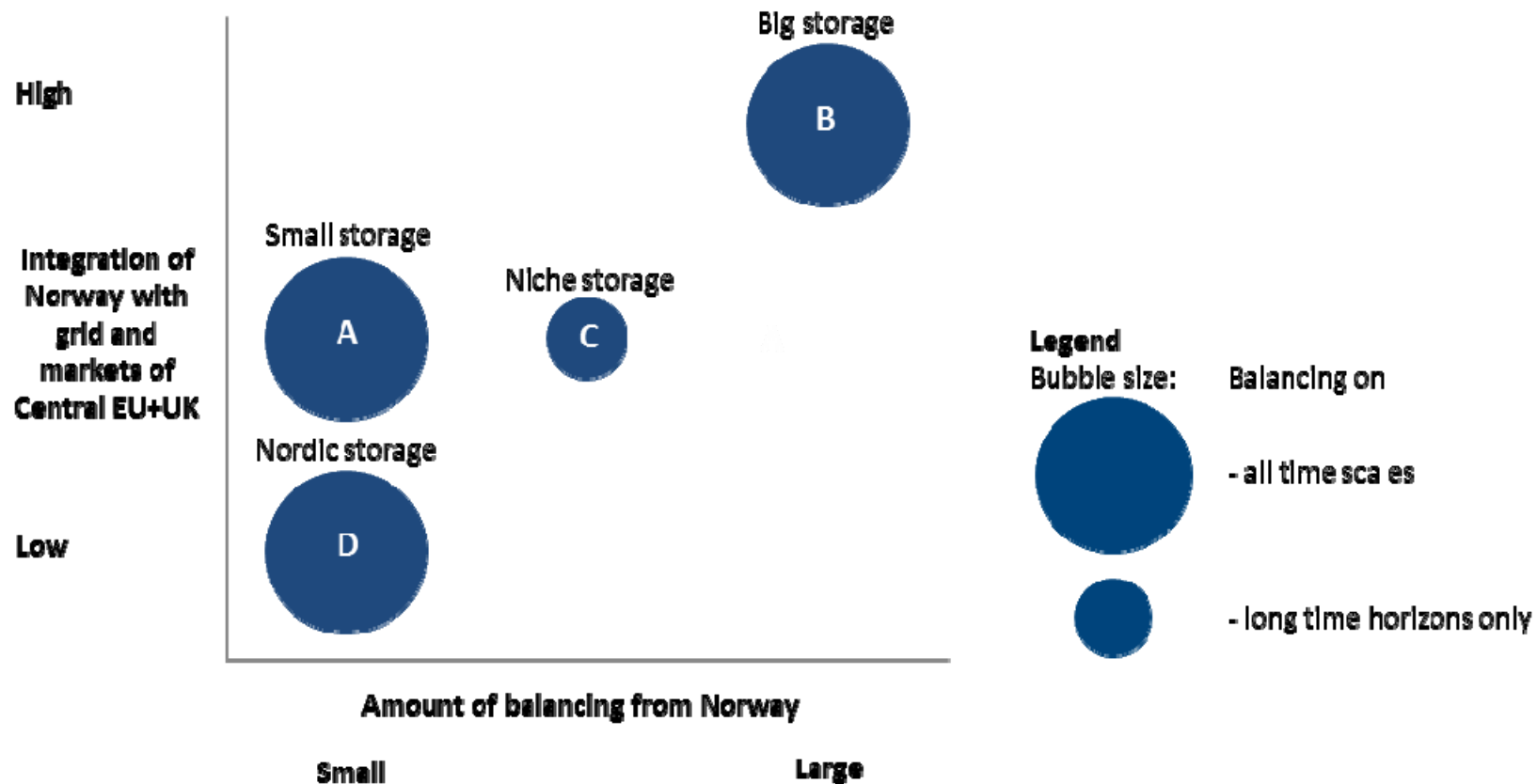
## WP 1

Roadmaps for balancing from  
Norwegian hydropower

*Scenarios development*

# WP1. Scenario building methodology

## Scenarios



2015, Sauteleute et al., Scenarios for large scale balancing and storage from Norwegian hydro

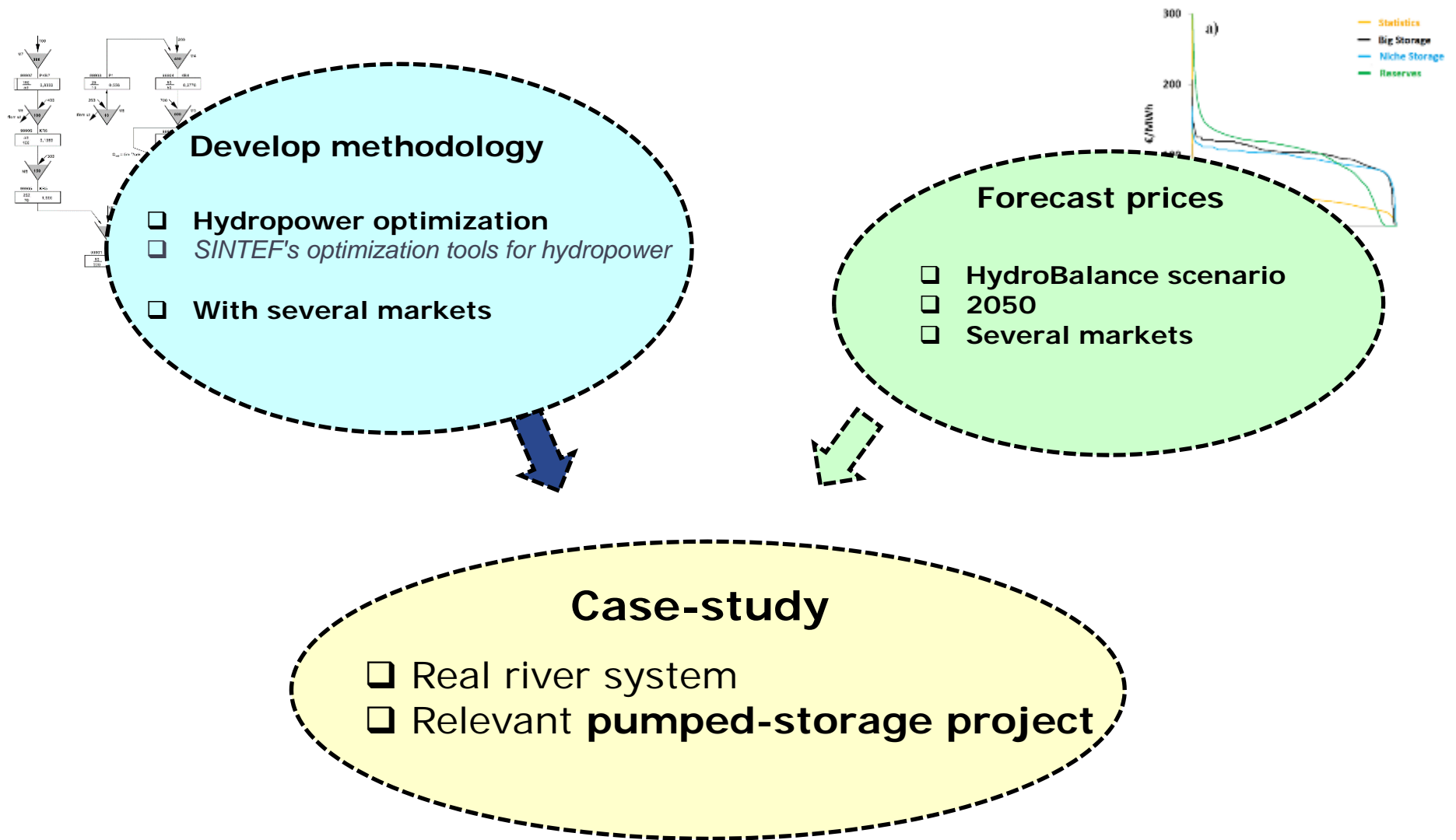
## WP3. Central research questions

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WP 3

Analyses to develop relevant  
business models

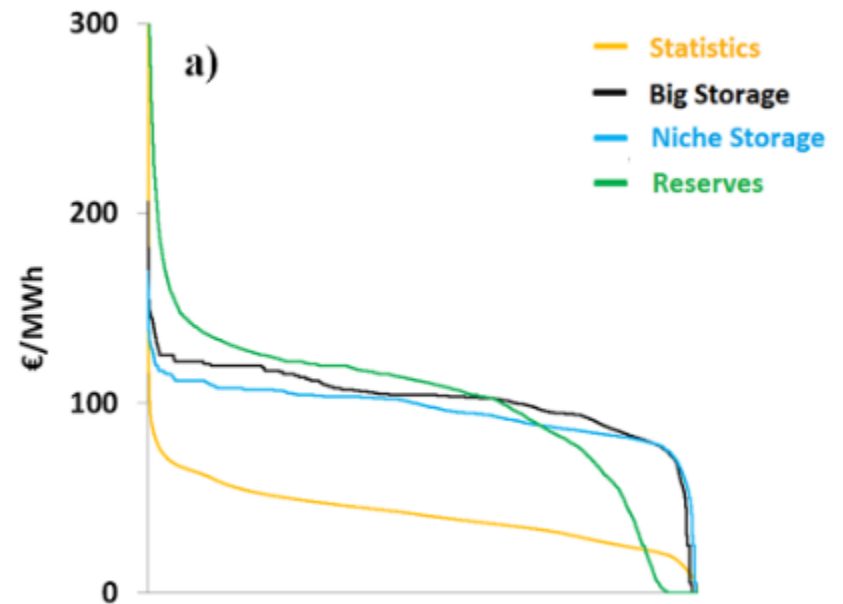
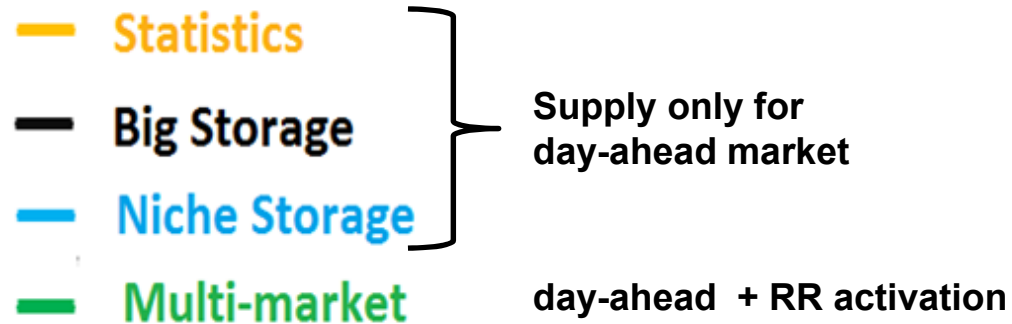
# WP3. Overview of work





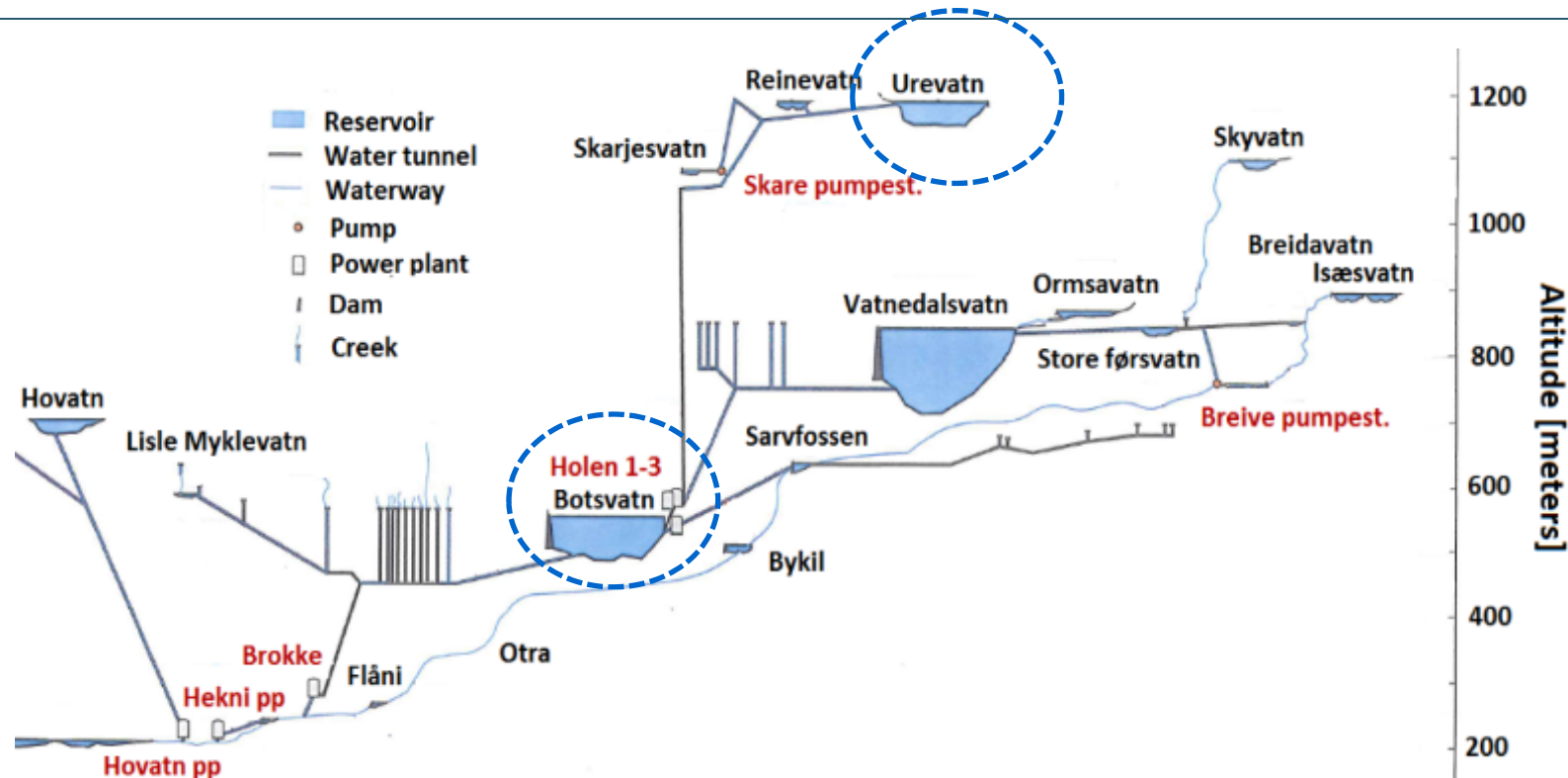
# WP3. Overview of work

## Scenario and prices simulation



→ All scenarios: With and without investment in additional pump

# WP3. Case-study: Pumped storage investment



- 1000 MW: extra generation capacity and pump
- Reservoirs: 15 days to empty/fill
- Total efficiency (pump x generation): 72.2 % (conservative, cf. Ibrahim 2007)
- Estimated total costs: 416 M € (Henden, 2014)

# WP3. Case-study: Economic results (in M € per year)

	Day-ahead only (Climate years 2007-2011)			German prices (Climate year 2008)	
	Statistics	Niche Storage	Big Storage	DA only	Multi- market
Average yearly income	205	474	517	654	669
Additional operating profits	9	23	30	133	161
Investment cost *)	-24	-24	-24	-24	-24
Investment profits *)	-15	-2	5	109	137
Break even interest rate	-0,5 %	4,5 %	6,6 %	31,1 %	38,8%

\*) With 5 % annual interest rate

## 2. Levelised Cost of Electricity (LCOE)

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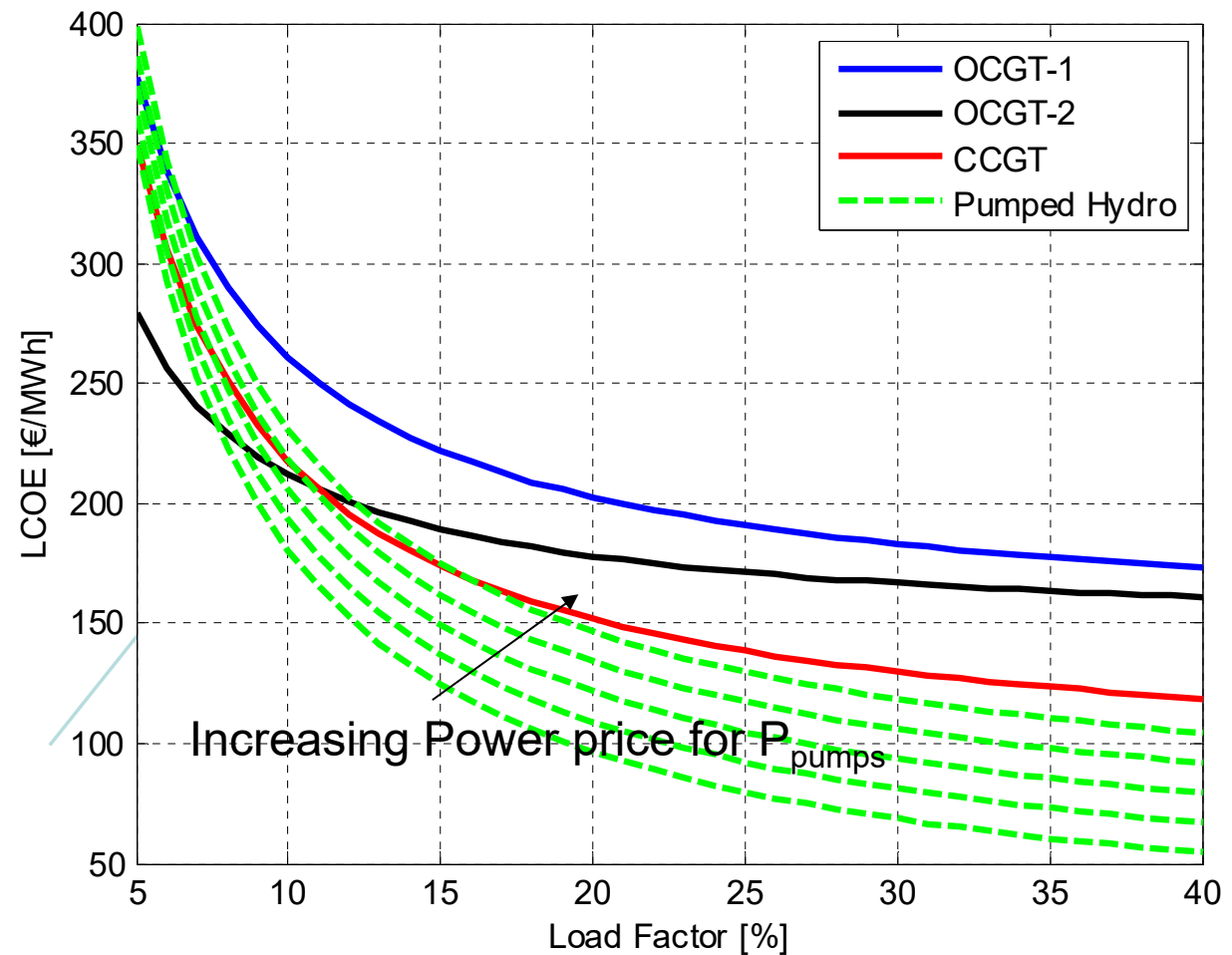
WP 2

Demand for energy balancing storage

## 2. Levelised Cost of Electricity (LCOE)

Norwegian  
pumped hydro  
has a **relatively  
low LCOE** ...

even when grid  
and cable costs  
are included





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### Levelised Cost of Peak Generation (LCPG)

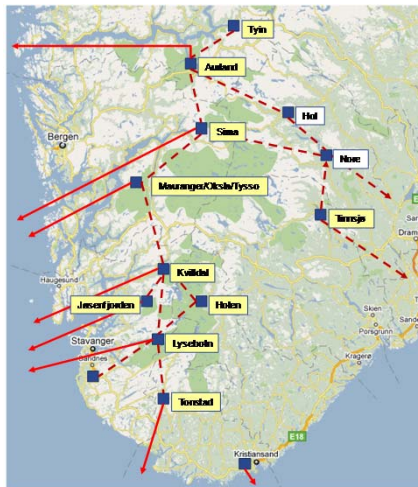
- New metric for the cost of providing electricity when fluctuating renewables and inflexible thermal generation cannot meet the (fixed) demand
  - Peak generation must cover the residual load
  - it's no longer the load itself that determines the need for peaking power but the residual load

Natural gas: 
$$LCPG_{ng} = \frac{i_{ng} \cdot (\delta_{ng,r} + OM_{ng}) - p_{cap}}{\alpha_{ng} \cdot T_{ng}} + \frac{(p_{ng} + p_{CO_2} \cdot e_{ng})}{\eta_{ng}}$$

## 2. Levelised Cost of Electricity (LCOE)

### Conclusion so far..

*Interconnectors must be given full access to all markets, including capacity markets, for utilization of the most economical viable sources of storage and flexible power in Europe*



Credit: Statkraft

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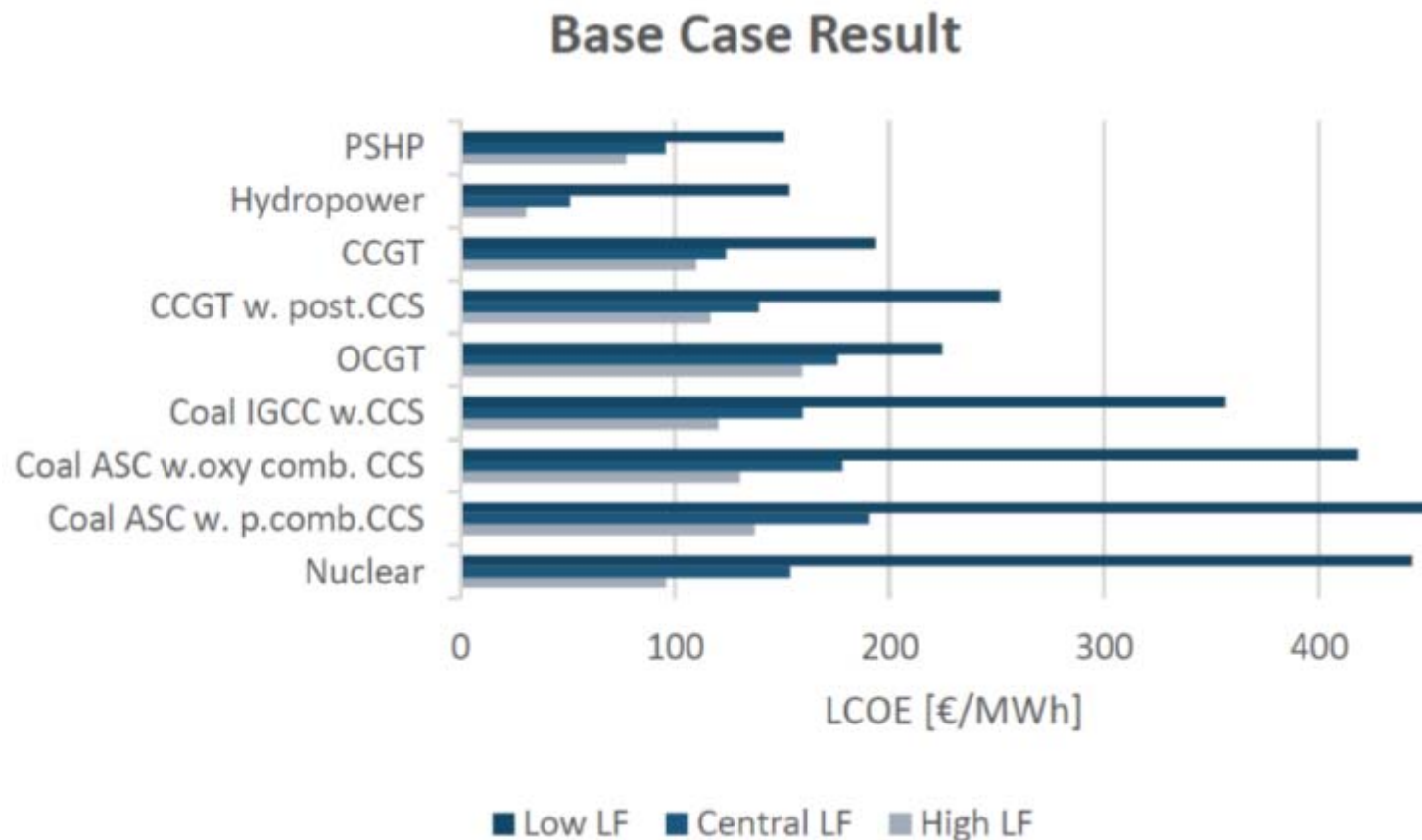
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### Analysis of Cost of flexibility

- Levelized cost of electricity (**LCOE**) study
  - Comparison of **competitiveness** of several different generating technologies (cost, performance and ability for flexibility)
  - Development of a **method for general use** with simple clear metrics based on up-to-date information and future scenarios from reliable sources.
- **Technologies:**
  - PHS,
  - Conventional hydro,
  - CCGT, OCGT with/without CCS
  - Coal power plants with/without CCS
  - Nuclear
- Main sources: IEA, DECC, EIA, NVE

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### Analysis of Cost of flexibility



# WP4. Future energy demand and water level fluctuations

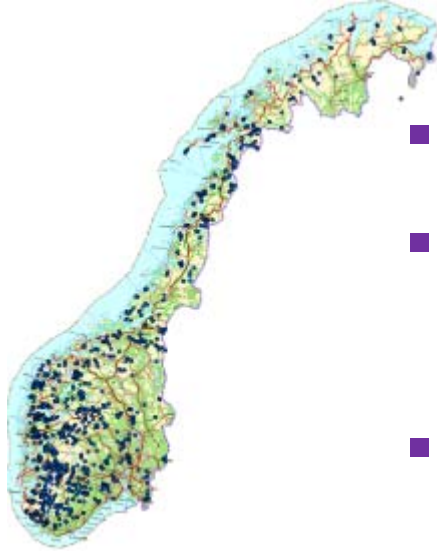
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WP4

Environmental impact of operation schemes for balancing



# WP4 focuses on HP reservoirs



- Most of studies in rivers
- > 900 reservoirs (lakes) in Norway

Also used as recreational area

- **Environmental impacts of new operational regimes in reservoirs**

- **Abiotic consequences**

- Water temperature
- Stratification period/duration/intensity
- Ice cover thickness/period/duration...
- Water quality

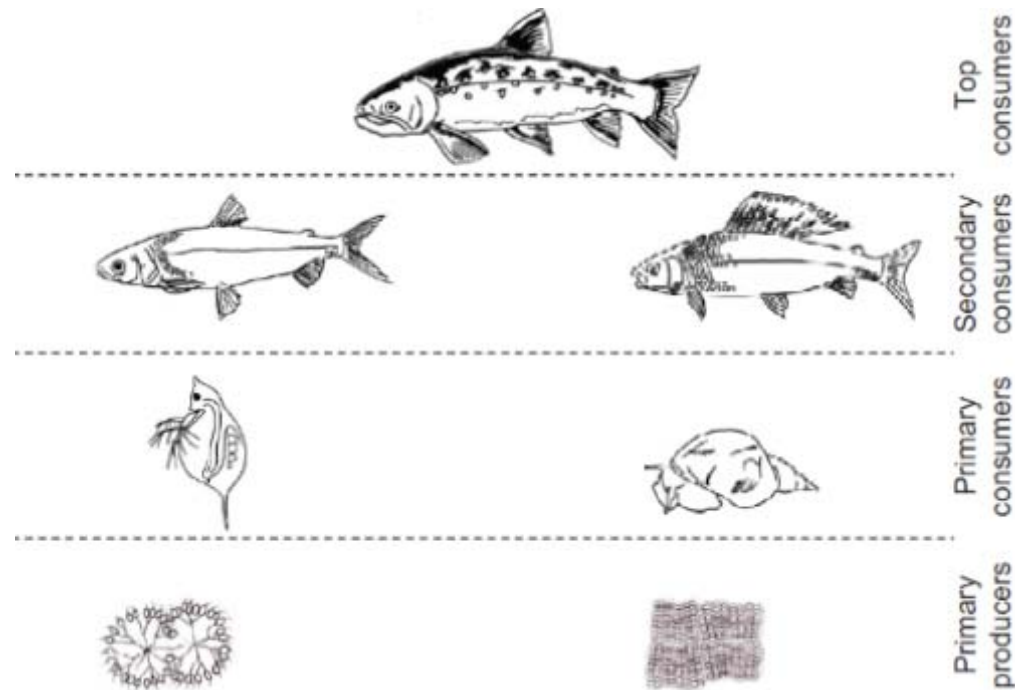
- **Biotic consequences**

- Biological productivity
- Species composition
- Fish diet
- Growth and reproduction...



# WP4. Focus on fish

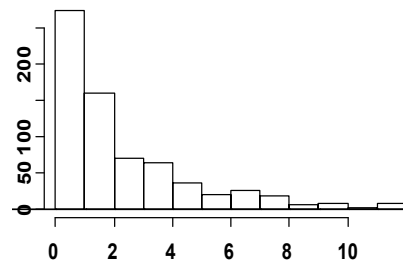
Fish as **top predator** : bio-indicator for **ecological status**



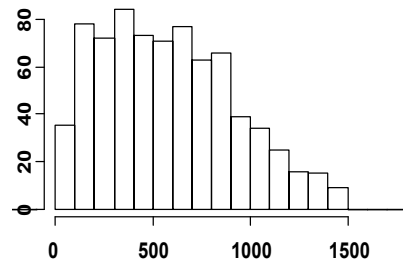
# WP4. How to separate effects from **hydropower** from **natural** variation?

## Lake morphology

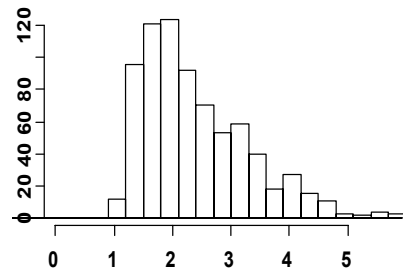
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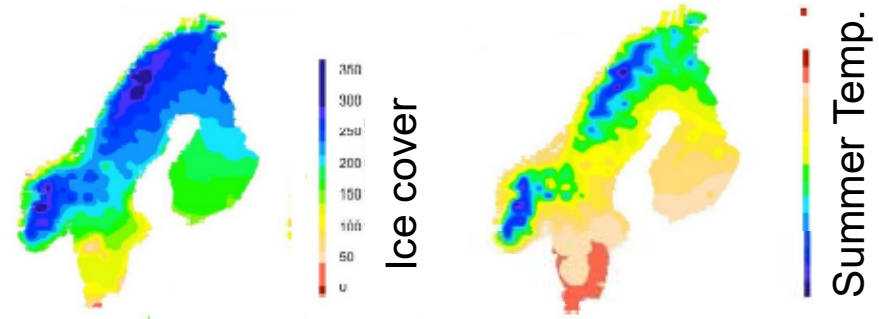
Altitude



Shape



## Climate

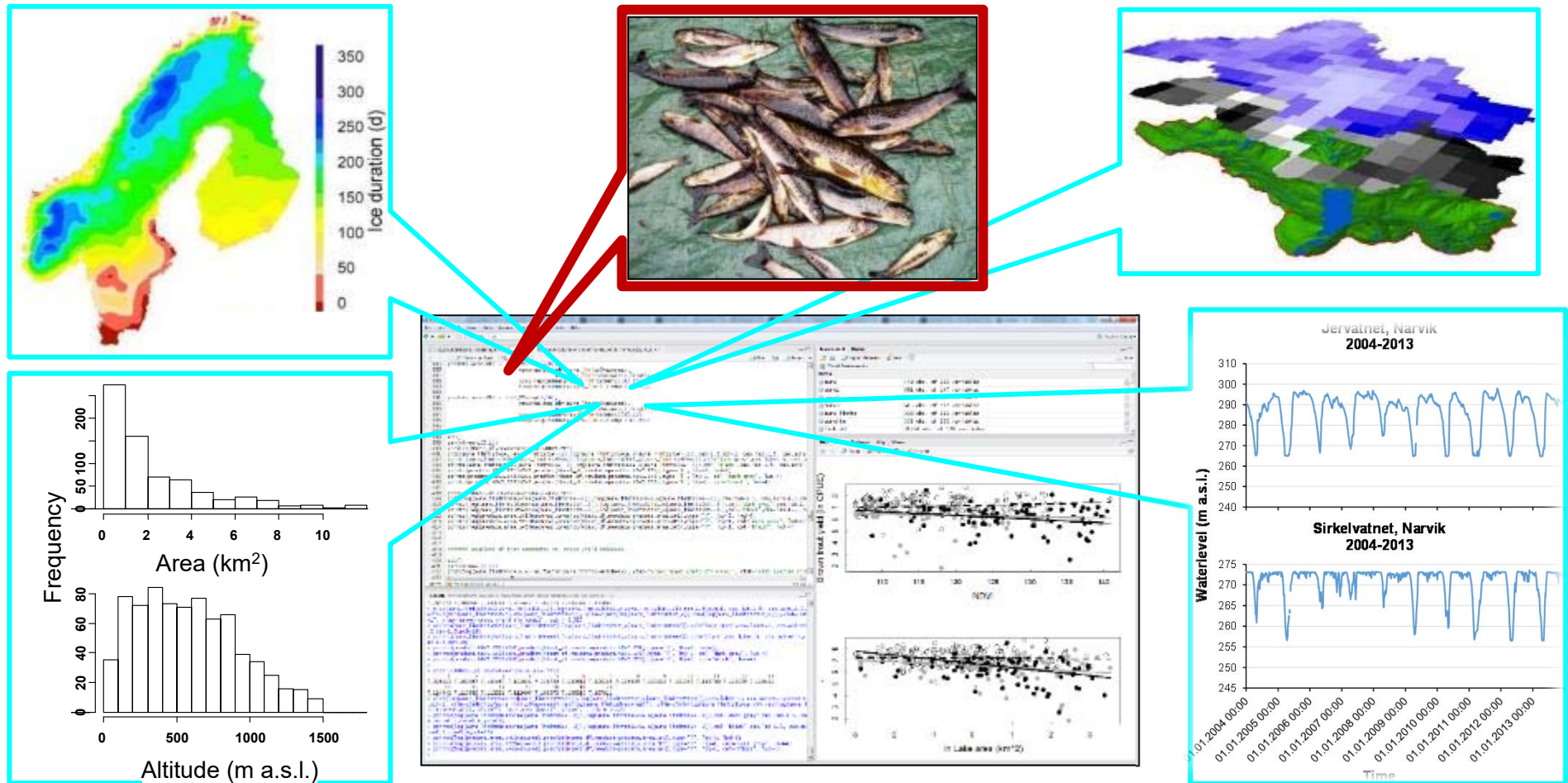


## Fish growth





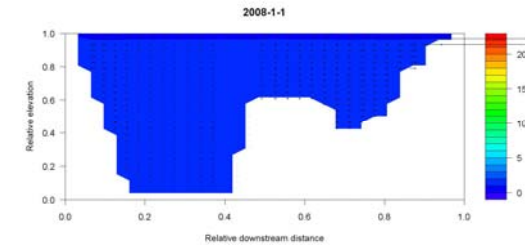
# WP4. Data collection and Statistical analysis and modelling of interactions



# 3. Modelling hydro-dynamics consequences from new operational regimes

## 1. 2D hydrodynamic modelling reservoir

- water temperature and stratification characteristics
- Ice cover period-thickness-duration



## 2. For a large range of synthetic cases

- Regulated amplitude
- Area
- Mean depth
- Climate region



## 3. Run simulations of future operational regimes

- (present regime)
- Big Storage
- Niche Storage





# WP 5: Research questions

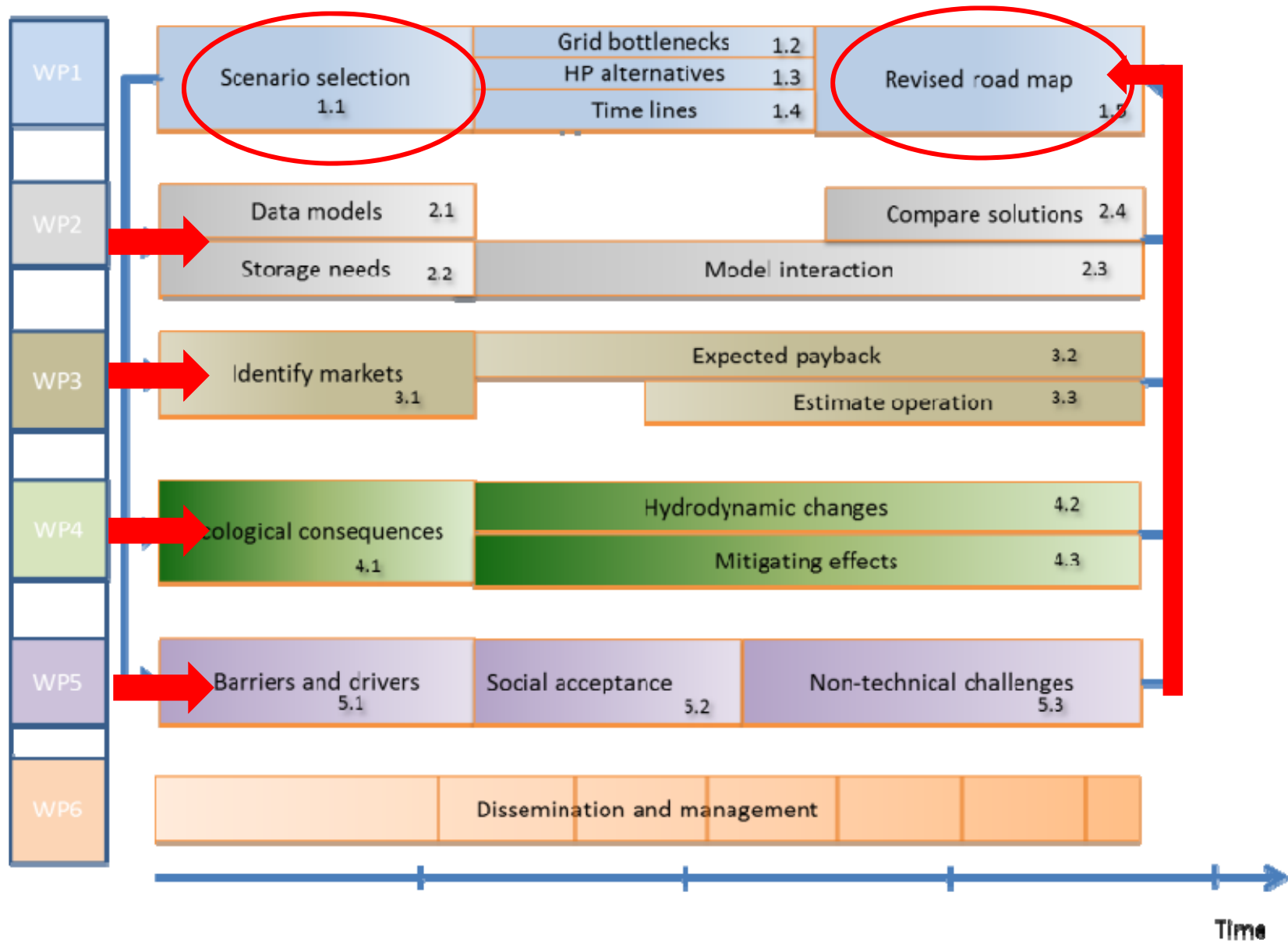
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WP 5

Social acceptance and regulatory framework

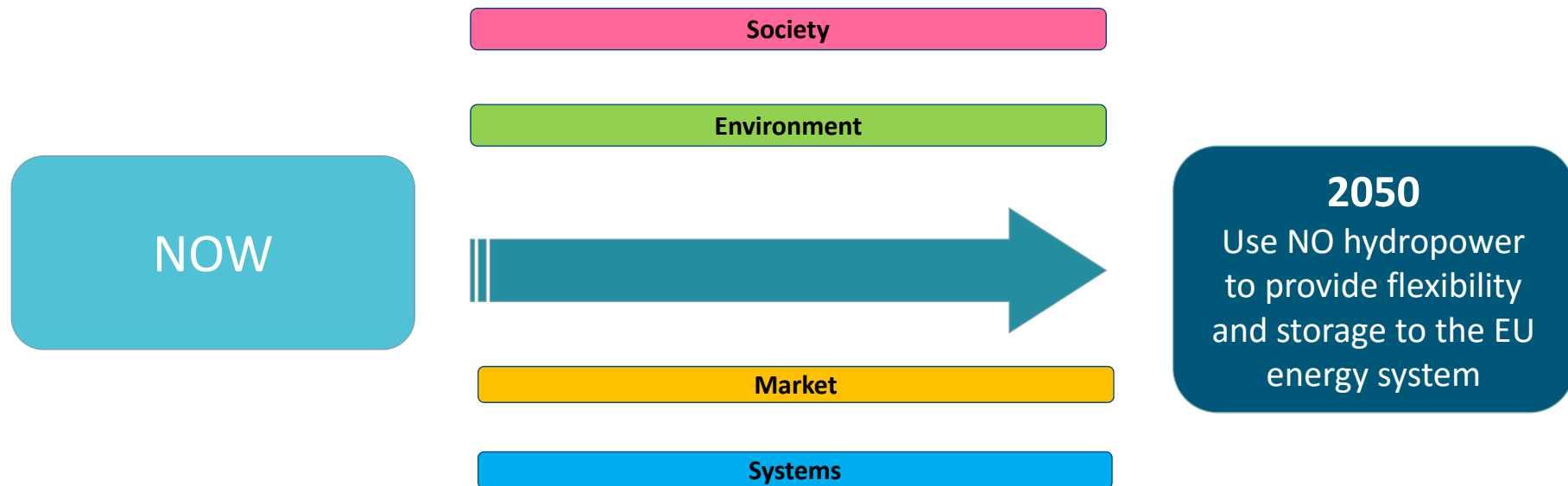
# WP 5: Results from interviews

	Drivers	Barriers
<b>National level</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hydropower <b>reservoirs</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Environmental consequences</b> due to new operational regimes</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>EU's</b> climate ambitions</li> <li><b>Demand</b> for balancing services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Uncertainties</b> about both development of an integrated energy system and demand for Norwegian balancing power</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Cables</b> to EU</li> <li><b>Export/import</b> possibilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cables ownership</li> <li><b>Profitability</b></li> <li>Electricity prices</li> </ul>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Grid</b> capacity and flexibility</li> </ul>
<b>Local level</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Early <b>involvement</b></li> <li><b>Information</b></li> <li>Identification of local inconveniences consequences</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Visual</b> impacts (low water level),</li> <li><b>Environmental</b> impacts</li> <li><b>Economic</b> impacts (electricity prices)</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Compensation measures:</b> Investmenst in local infrastructures (roads, internet access,...)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consequences for <b>local infrastructures</b> (unstable ice and passage, quay and boat traffic)</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Compensation measures:</b> Electronic warning system</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Security issues</b> related to reservoir and ice cover</li> </ul>



# Roadmap

- Detailed plan to guide progress from a defined starting point towards a goal



# Thank you for your attention!

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