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Sessie A.1

# De zin en onzin van waterstof door Pieter Vingerhoets

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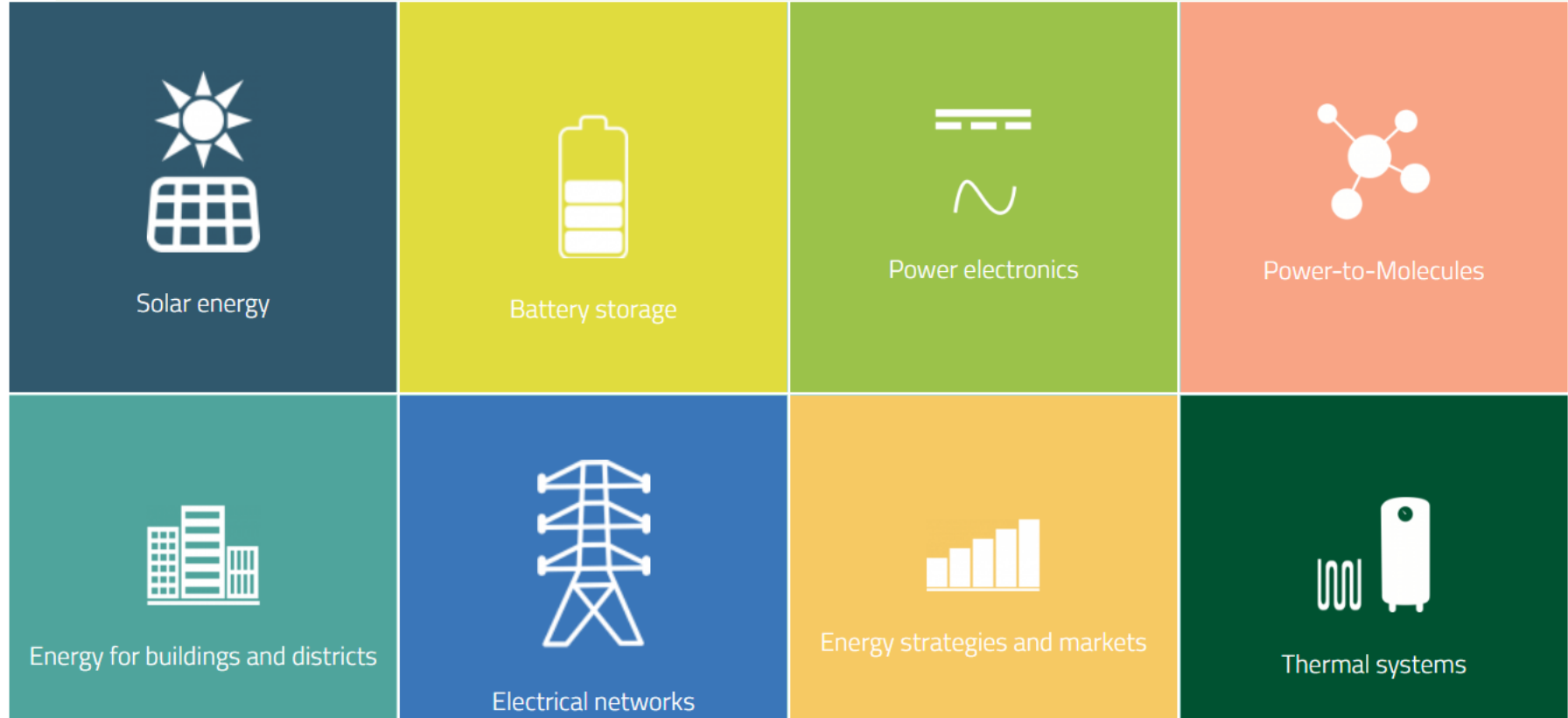
# The role of hydrogen in the energy system

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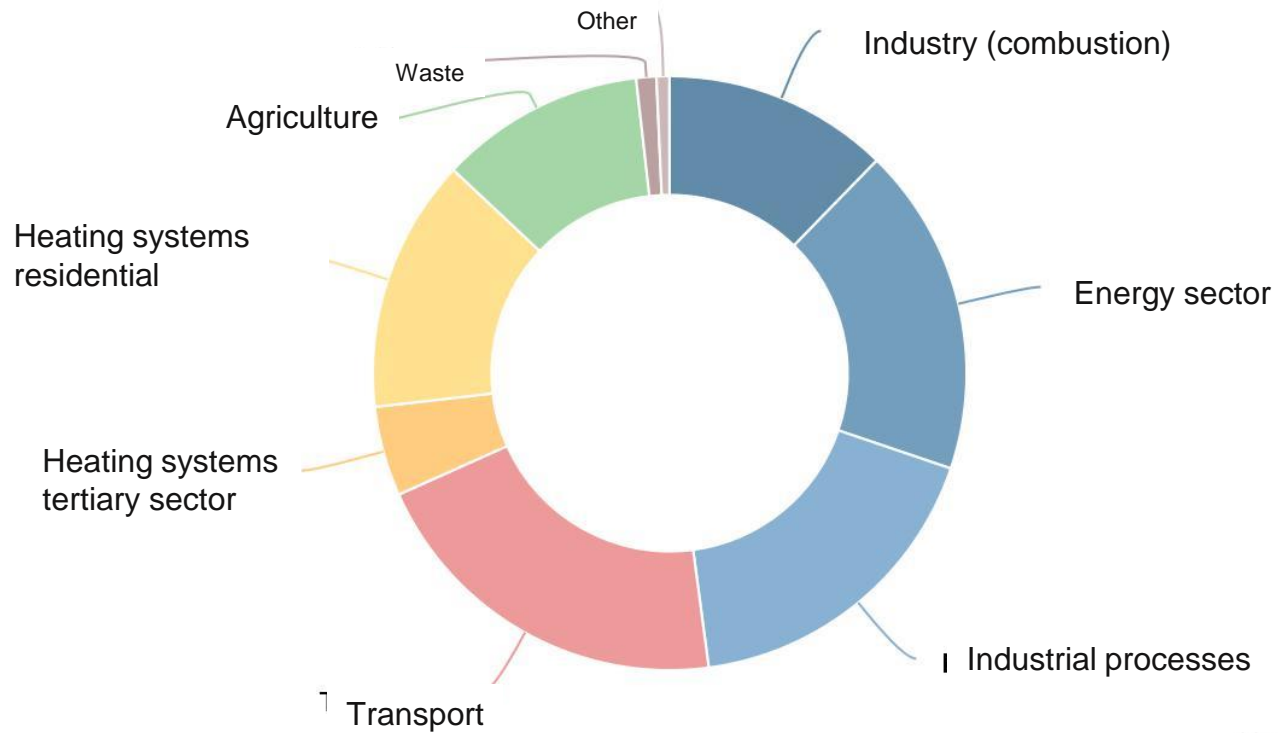
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# The challenge in Belgium and EU

Percentage of different sectors in Belgian emissions 2021 (111 Mton CO<sub>2eq</sub>)

*Not including emissions for international shipping and aviation*



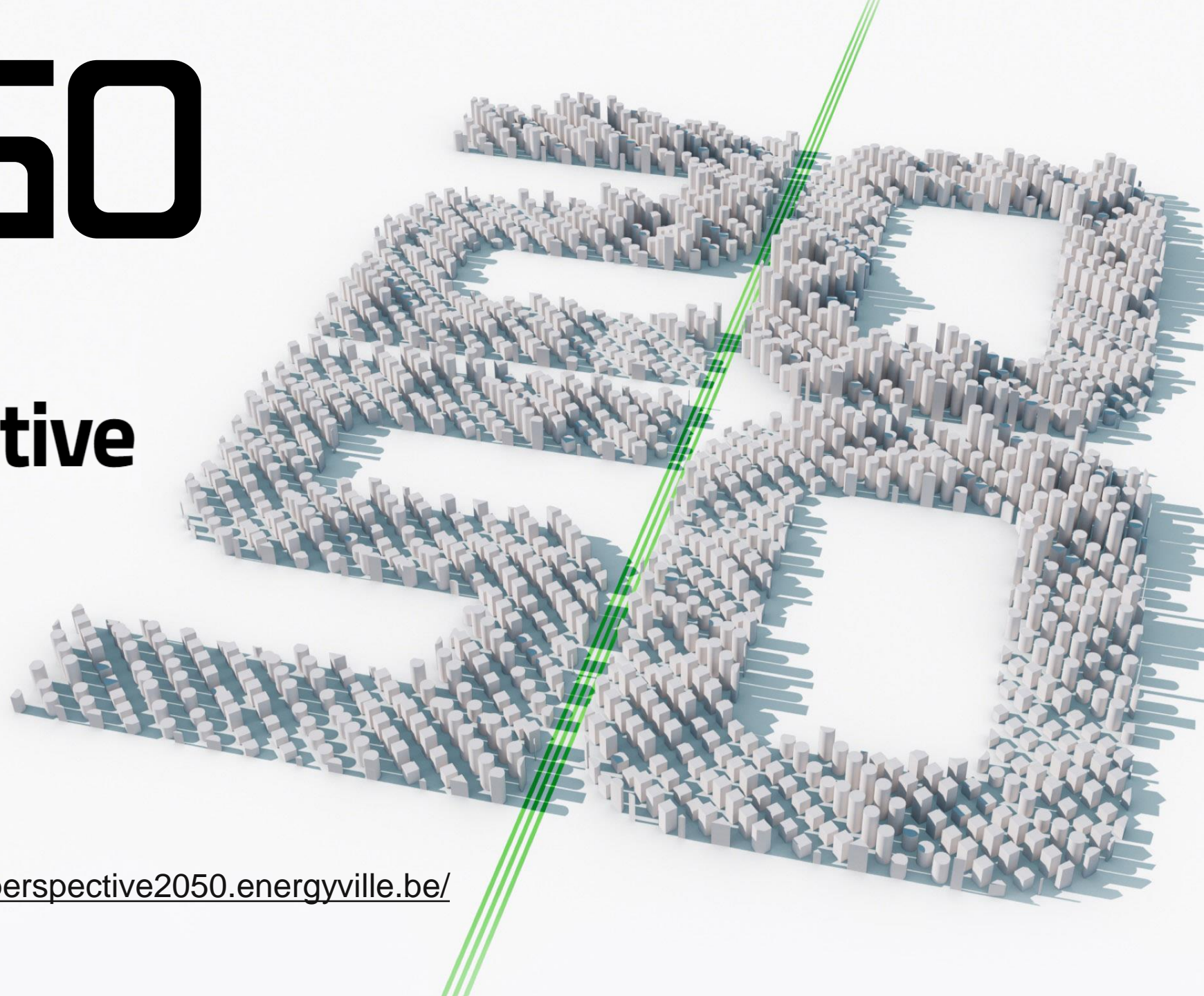
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Energy balance 2019 (TWh)	EU (TWh)	BE (TWh)
Gross available energy	~17000	~750
Primary energy supply	~16000	~640
Final energy consumption	~11000	~420
Final non-energy consumption	~1000	~84
Final electricity consumption	~2500	~82



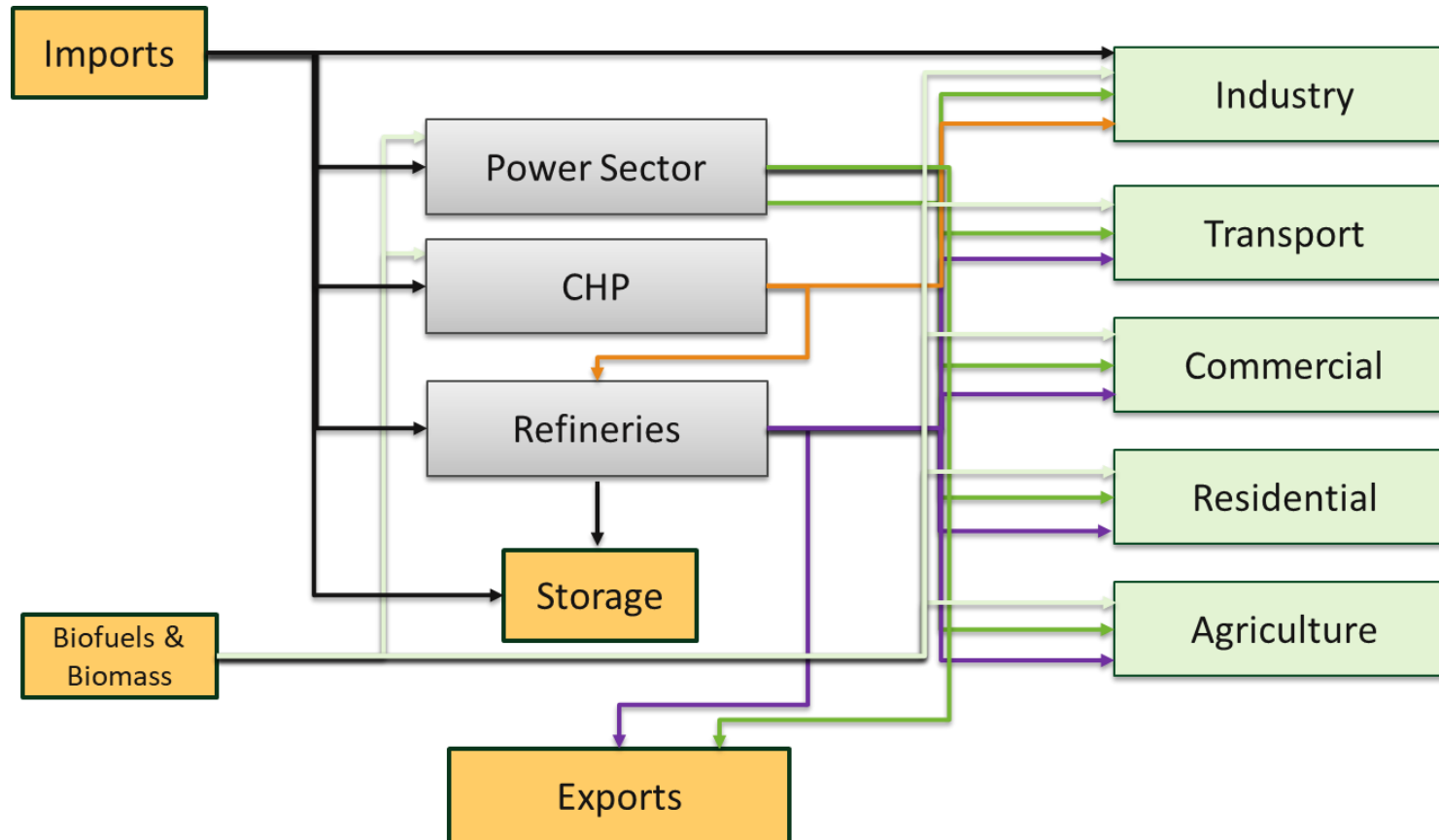
# PATHS 2050

## The Power of Perspective



<https://perspective2050.energyville.be/>

# The BE - TIMES model



- Cost optimization over all sectors and time horizon
- No subsidies/taxes, only underlying techno-economic costs
- Optimization model  $\neq$  prediction, 'What should be'  $\neq$  'What will be'

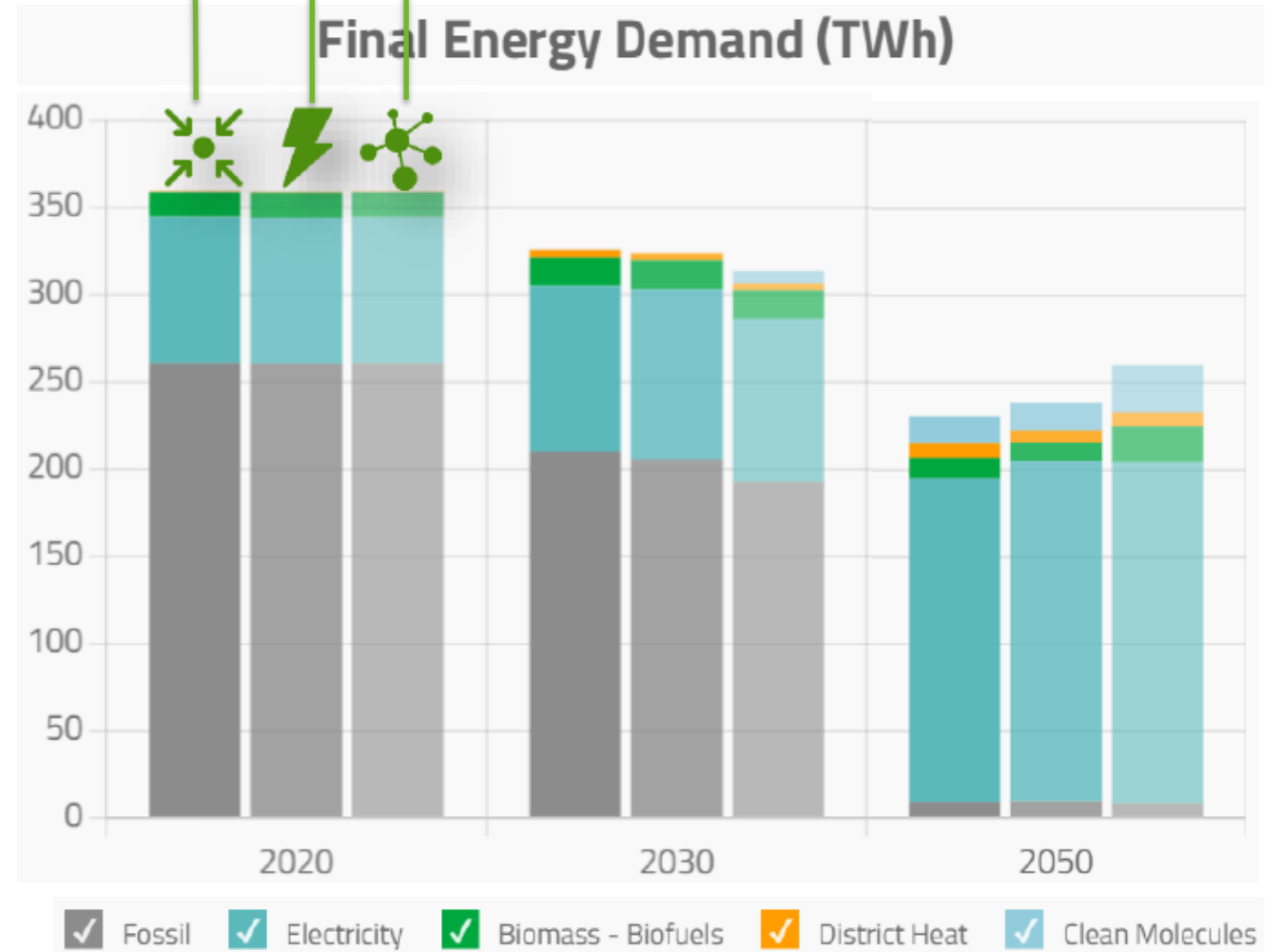
# Final energy demand Belgium

ALL scenarios: industry constant

ALL scenarios: no major behavior shift

- Central:
  - GIS potentials for wind/solar
  - Unlimited CCS
- Electrification
  - Access to +16GW of offshore wind
  - New nuclear investments possible in 2045
- Molecules
  - Cheap import of hydrogen (1.7€/kg in 2050)
  - Limit on CCS (5Mton/year)

Electrification and energy efficiency reduce the energy needs for the same services

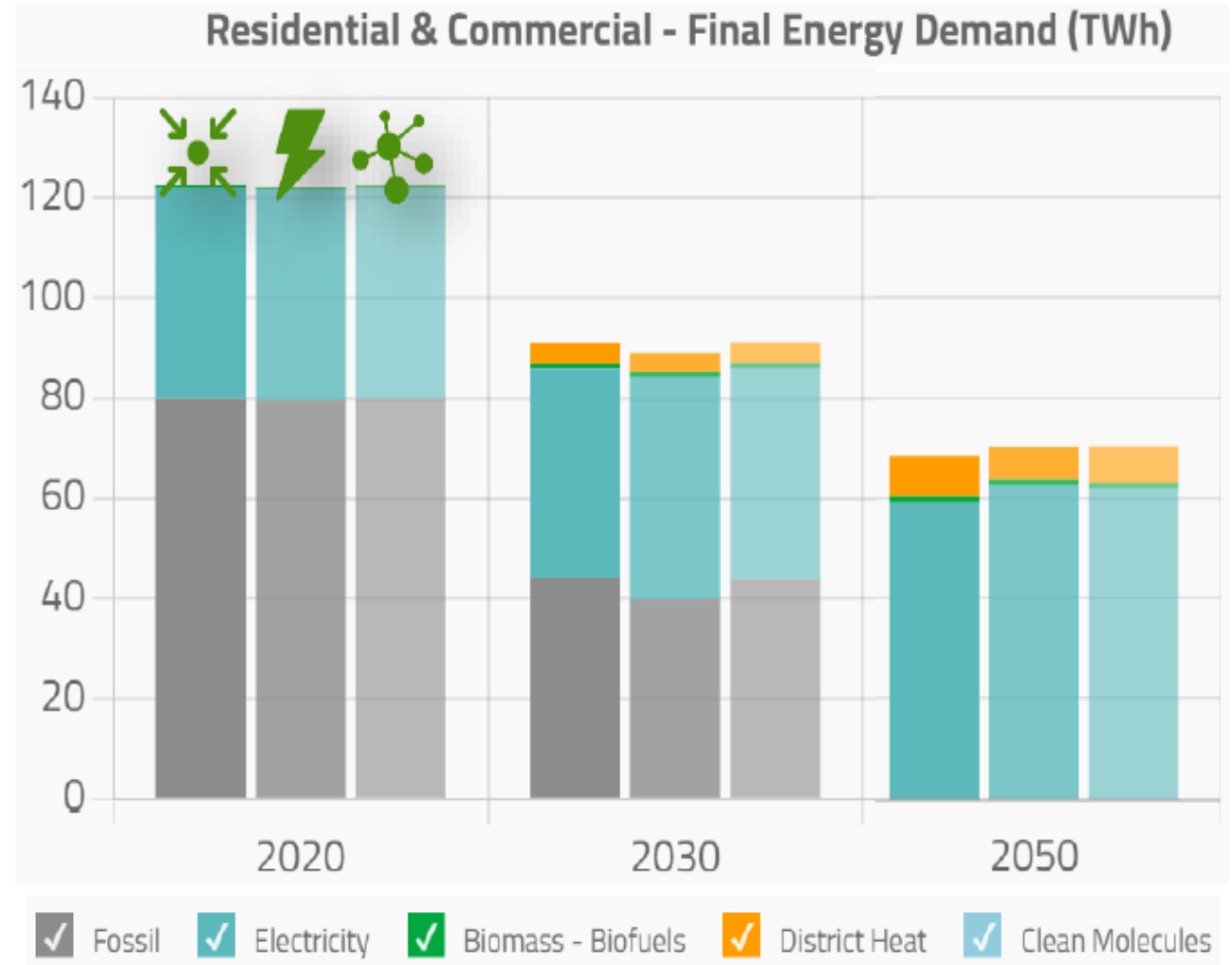




# Residential & commercial

## Renovation & electrification

- Large deployment of heat pumps
- Immediate renovation of old building stock
- Not all houses renovated conform with EPC A.
- District heating has higher transport losses, but allows connecting waste heat sources in high demand areas (e.g. one geothermal heat pump at the corner of the street).
- NO gas distribution grid anymore in 2050
- NO or very marginal role for hydrogen or biofuels

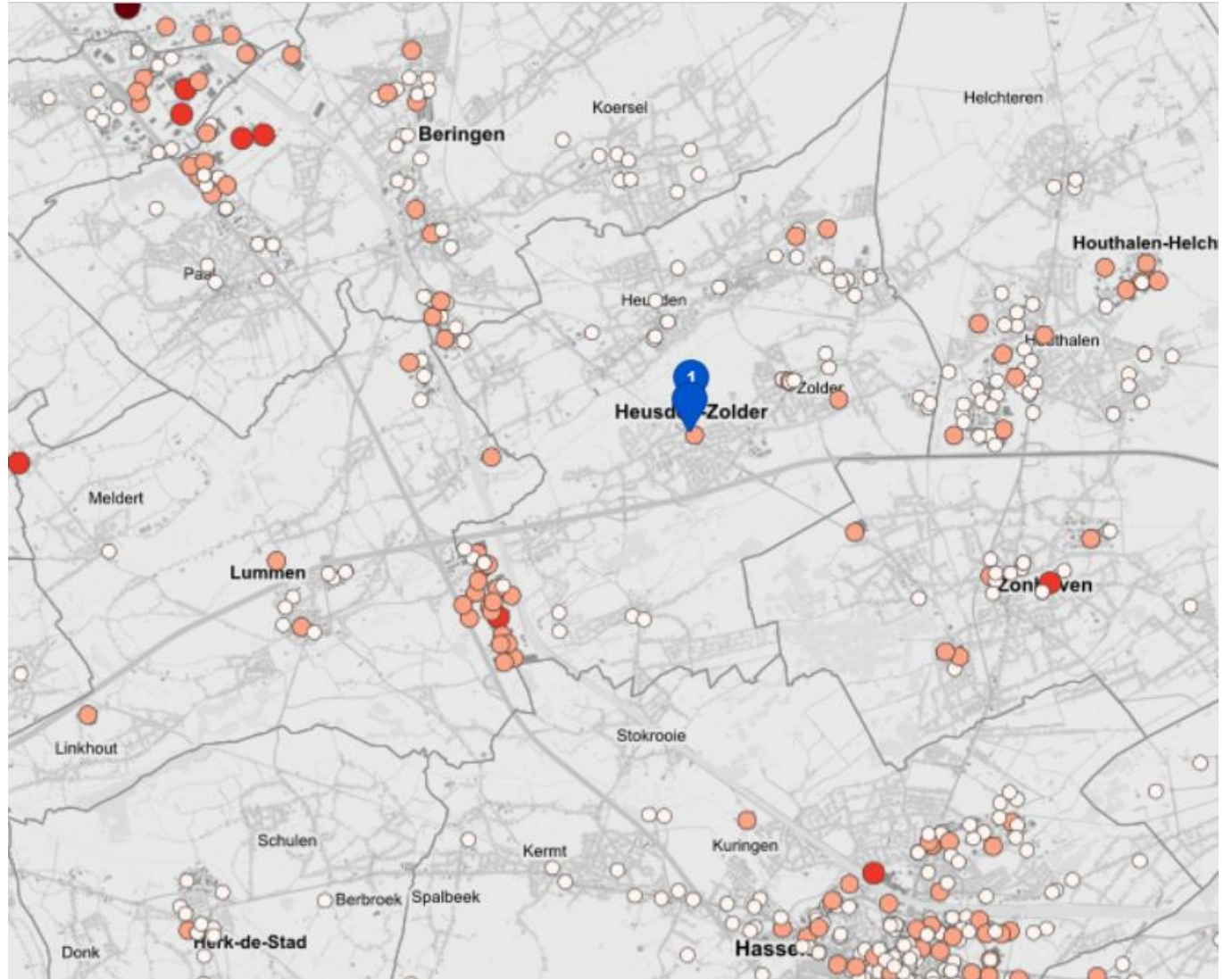


# Residential & commercial

## Heating grids

- Where are the possible supply and demand points for district heating?
- Warmtekaart Vlaanderen, available at
- <https://www.geopunt.be>

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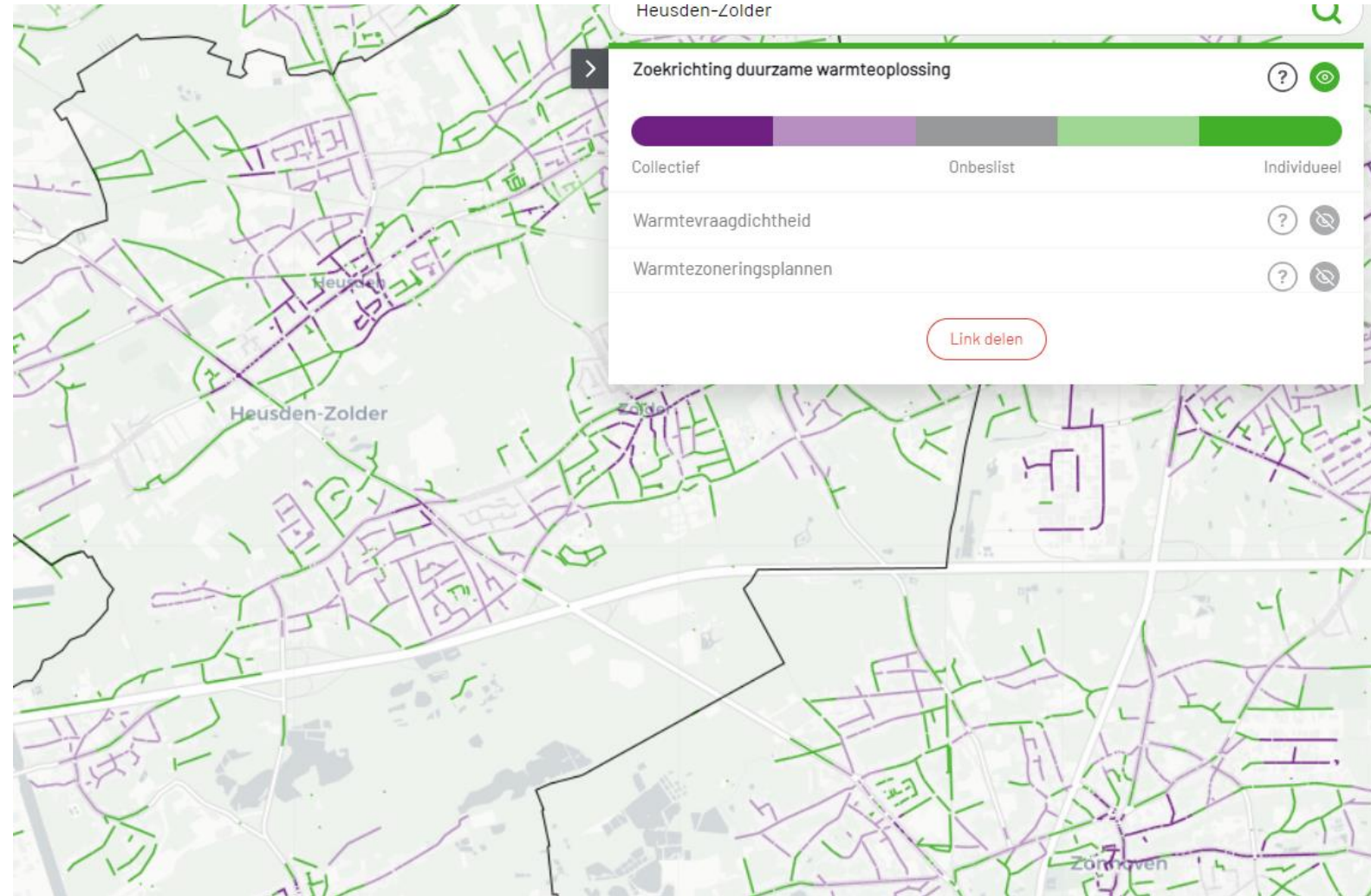
Bron: VITO iov VEKA, 2020



# Residential & commercial

## Warmte inspiratiekaart

- Where to build heating grids?



Bron: VITO iov VVSG

# Hydrogen in the built environment: a no go

## Highlights

- Comprehensive meta-review of 54 independent studies on heating with hydrogen
- No studies support heating with hydrogen at scale
- Evidence suggests heating with hydrogen is less efficient and more costly

↔ **Brussel lonkt naar  
waterstof voor  
verwarming oude huizen**



Inne Mertens, CEO Sibelga in De Tijd



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Article

## A meta-review of 54 studies on hydrogen heating

[Jan Rosenow](#)<sup>1,2</sup>  


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# Transport

- Two transport applications you might not have in mind



# Transport

By 2030, investing in more than

## 2 million

electric person vehicles would be cost effective and puts us on track to net-zero 2050.

By 2050 our road transport is

## fully electrified

By 2050, electrification leads to an efficiency improvement of

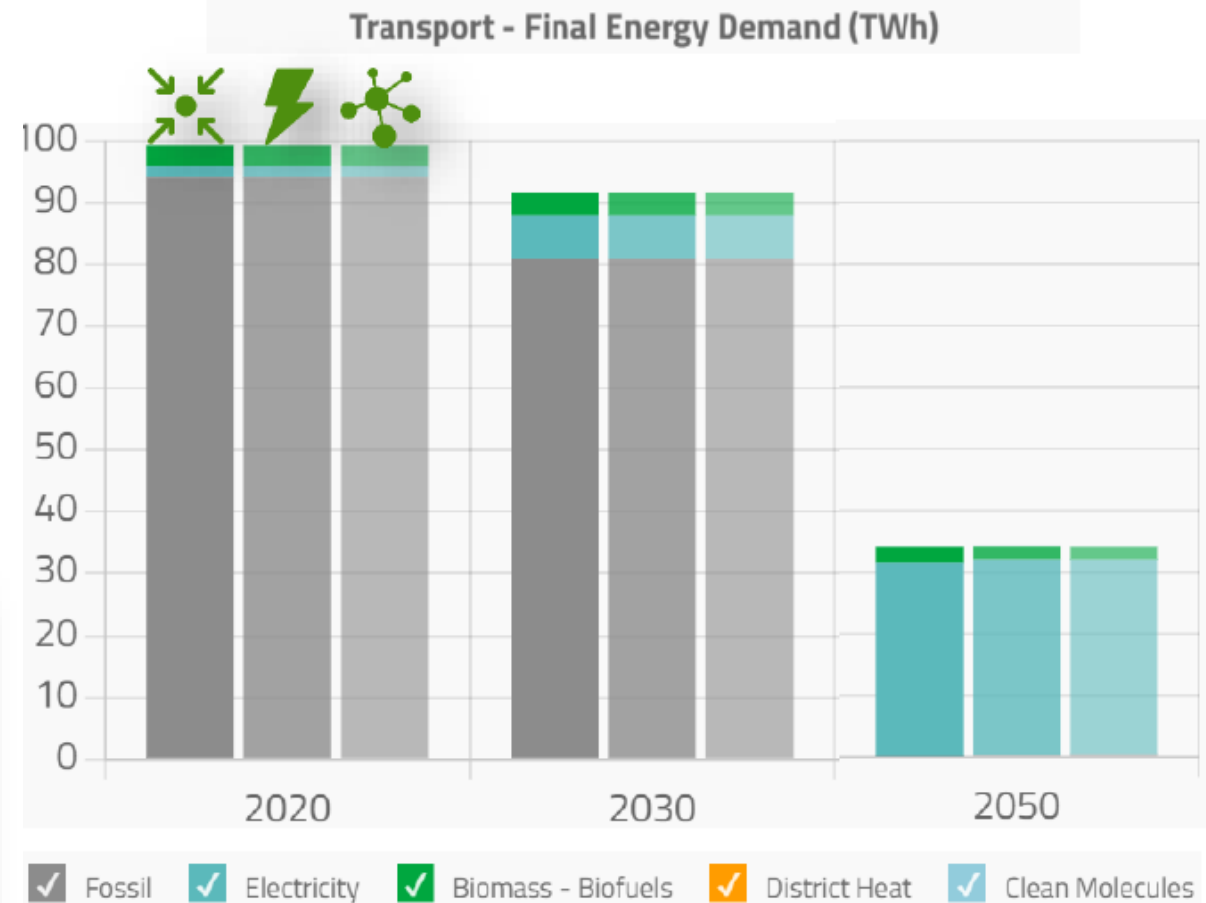
## 76%

Total energy demand decreases from 100 TWh today to 34 TWh.

By 2050, at least

## 1,1 million

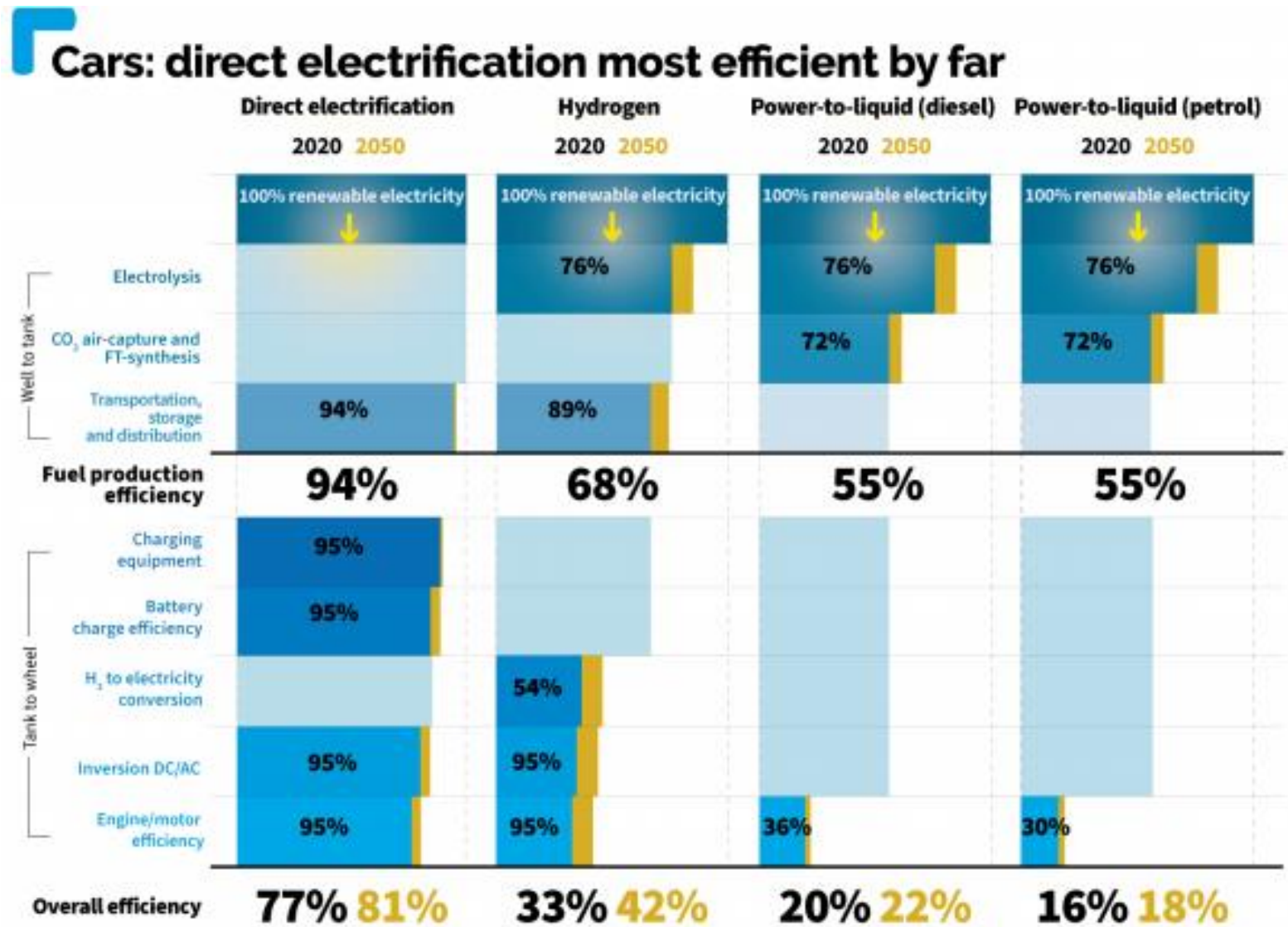
smart charging stations (average 7,5 kW peak) are needed to provide demand flexibility.



# Transport

- Electric if you can,
- Hydrogen if you have to,
- Synthetic molecules if you must

Source: [https://www.transportenvironment.org/sites/te/files/publications/2020\\_12\\_Briefing\\_feasibility\\_study\\_renewables\\_decarbonisation.pdf](https://www.transportenvironment.org/sites/te/files/publications/2020_12_Briefing_feasibility_study_renewables_decarbonisation.pdf)

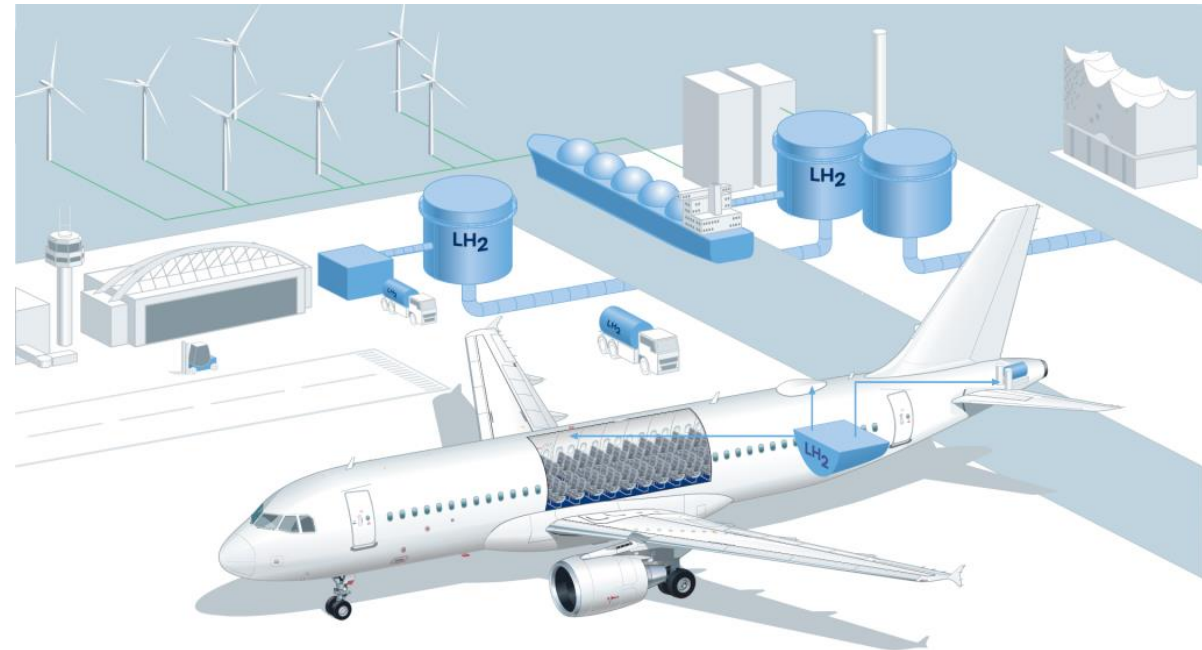


Notes: To be understood as approximate mean values taking into account different production methods. Hydrogen includes onboard fuel compression. Excluding mechanical losses.



# Shipping + Aviation => Hard to abate, not a done deal

- Aviation: Some short distance electric, **biofuels, synthetic kerosene**, (hydrogen)
  - International shipping, Some short distance electric, **biofuels, ammonia, methanol**, (hydrogen)
- Some short distance flights/shipping may electrify, but for large distances, molecules will be needed.
  - More likely hydrogen derivatives than pure hydrogen

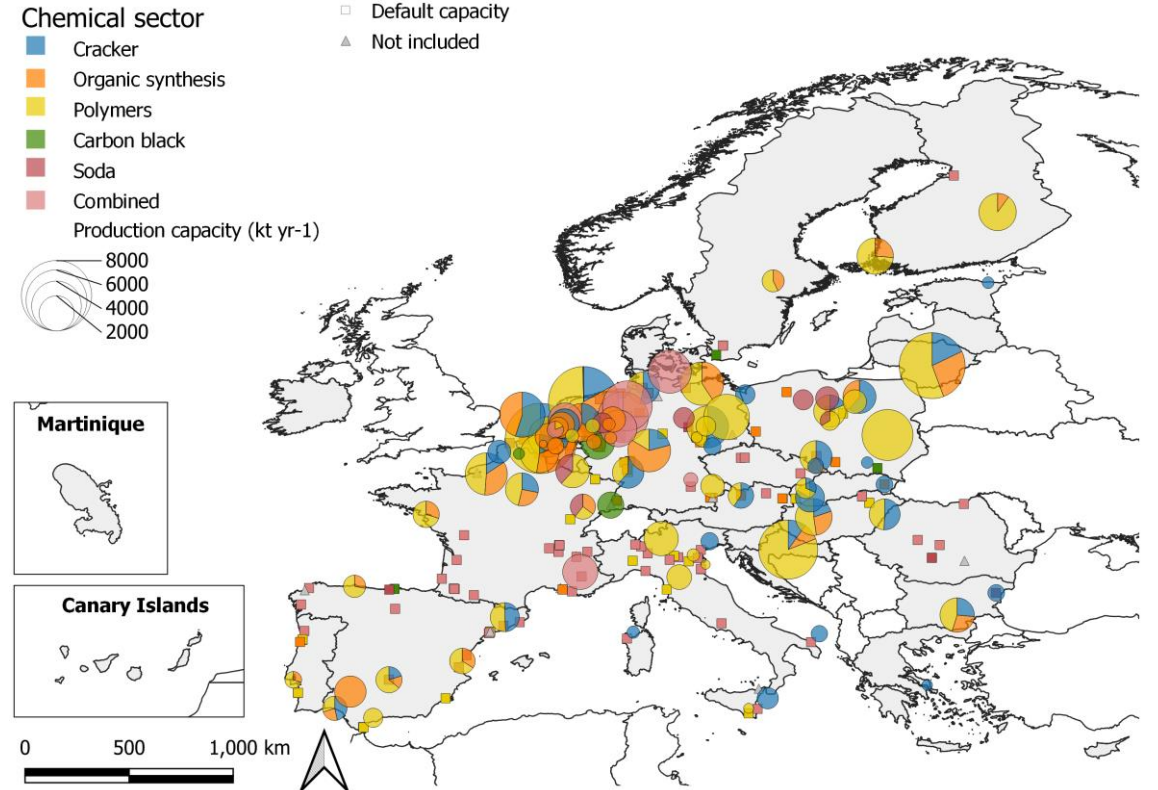
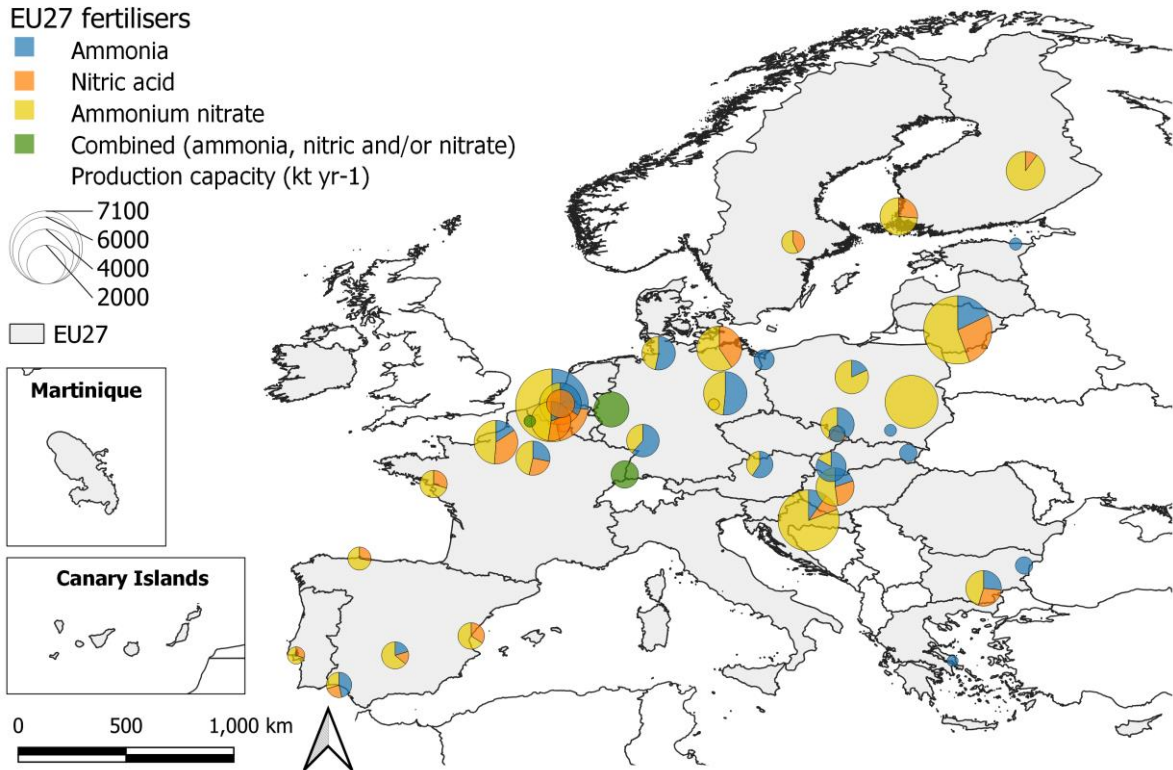


Source: hydrogen - central aerospace industry



# Industry: e.g. The chemical sector in Europe

## Largest petrochemical cluster in Europe



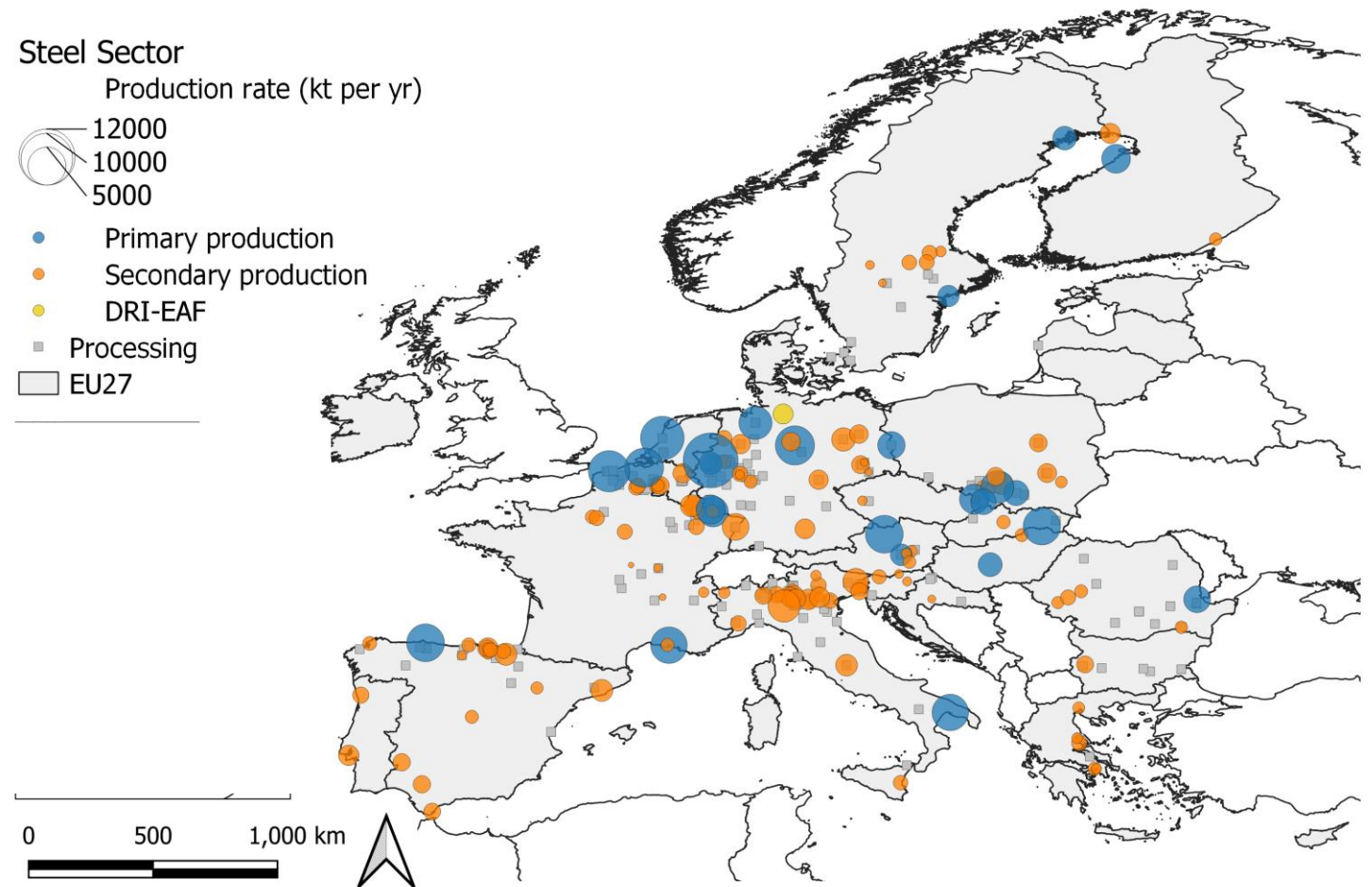
Source: the AID-RES project, VITO - EnergyVille

~8Mton (=> 264TWh<sub>LHV</sub>) total H<sub>2</sub> demand in EU, most of which in petrochemical industry

# Industry: Steel sector

## Decarbonisation of steel sector

- Primary – secondary steel routes  
94 Mton + 63 Mton = 157 Mton
- Steel clusters, share per country
  - Germany 25,1 %
  - Italy 14,8 %
  - ...
  - Belgium 4,9 % (6<sup>th</sup> place)



Source: VITO-EnergyVille AidRES project, 2021

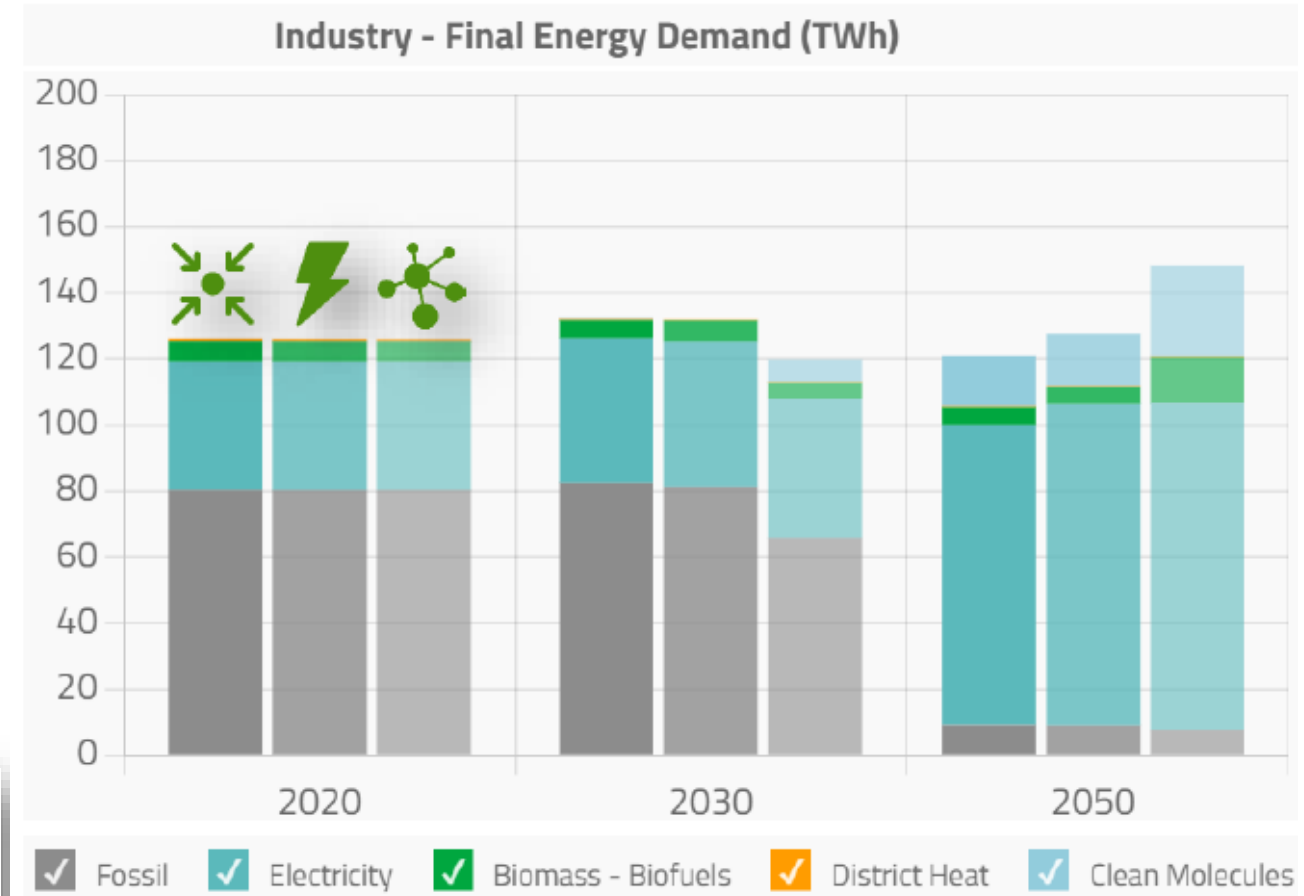
# Industry – final energy use

Electrification generally more efficient

By 2050, clean molecules amount to

**21-25 %**

of the final energy demand in industry.



# Industry – CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

By 2030, Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) removes

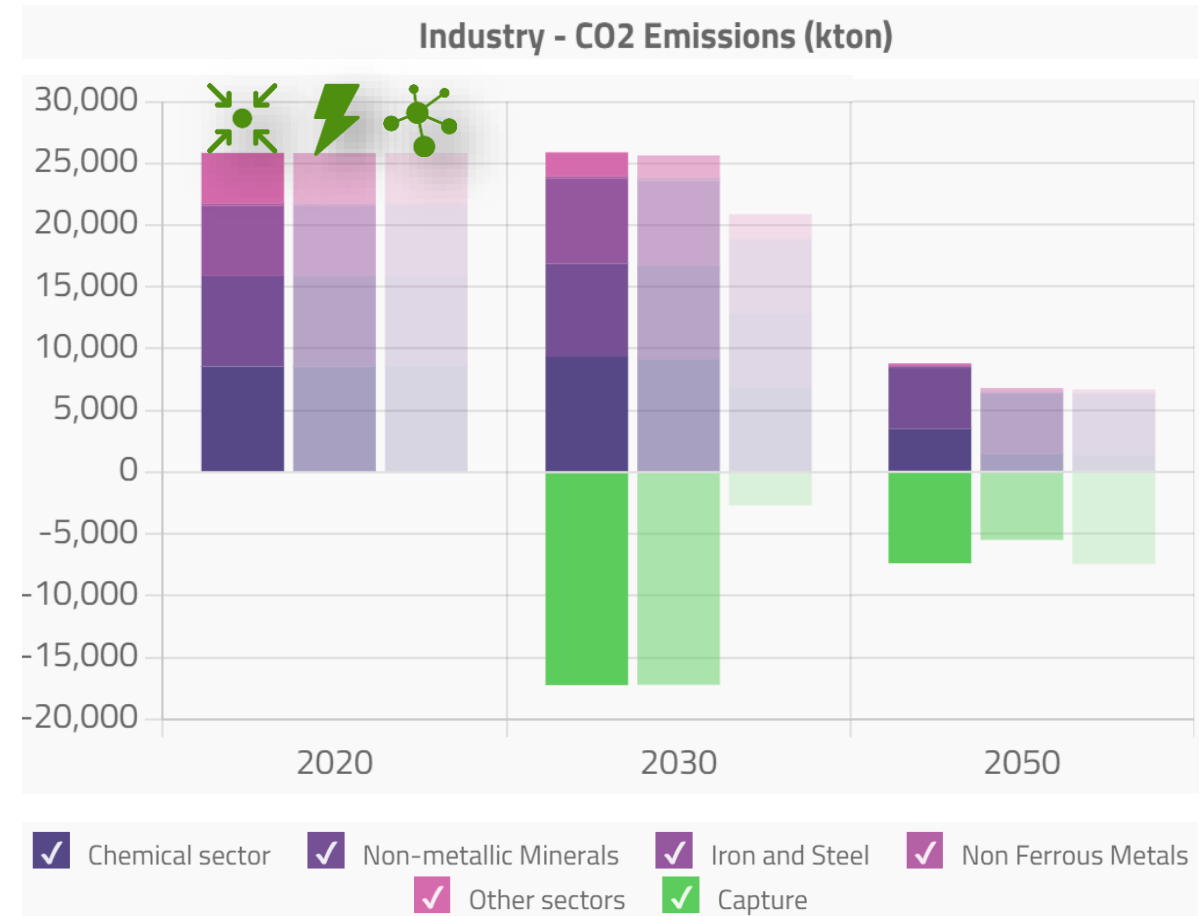
## 20 Mton

of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the atmosphere

By 2050, CCS is limited to

## 9,4 Mton

and applied in cement, lime, high value chemicals and supply sector.





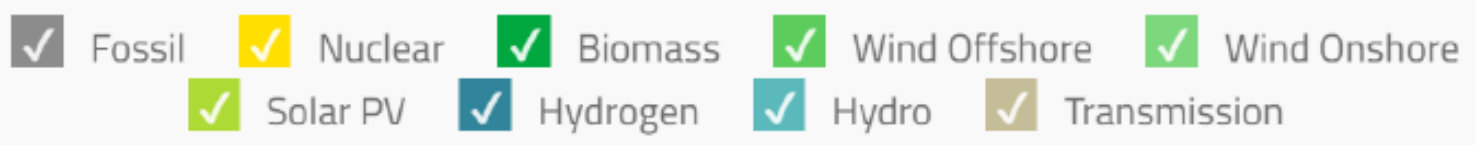
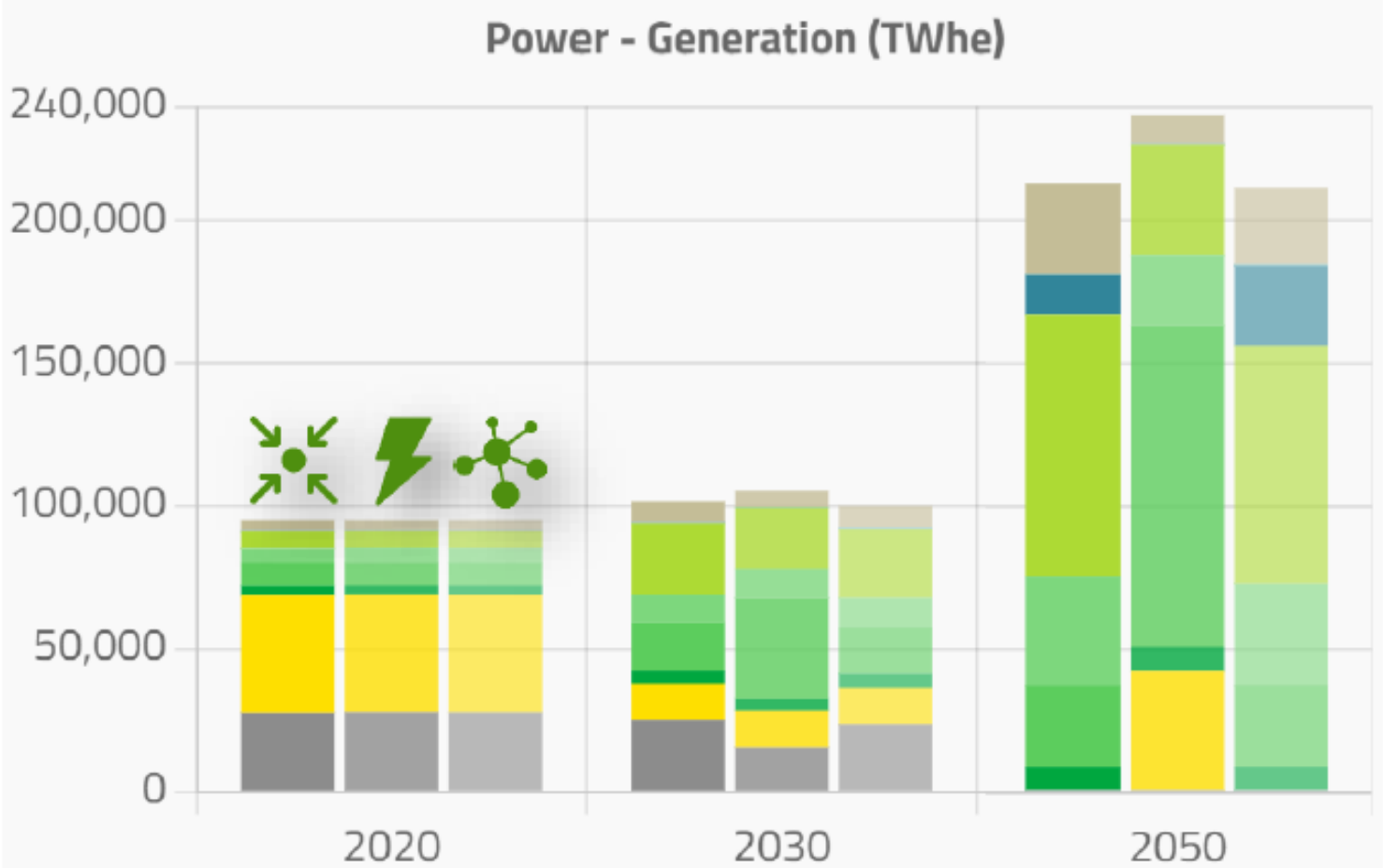
# Industry: Carbon capture as a long term solution



Source: Totalenergies/Holcim

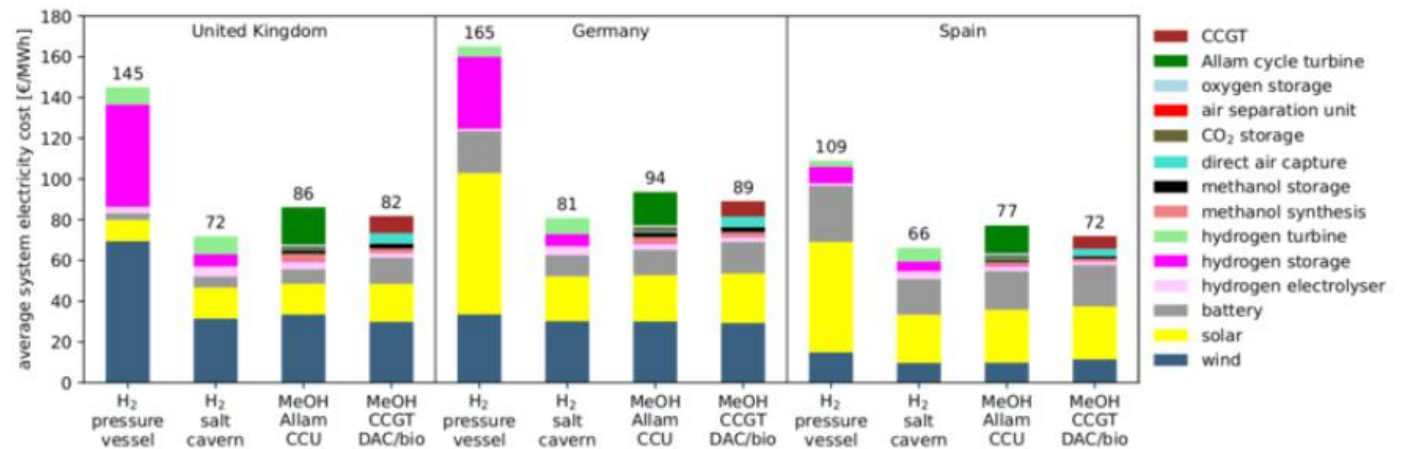
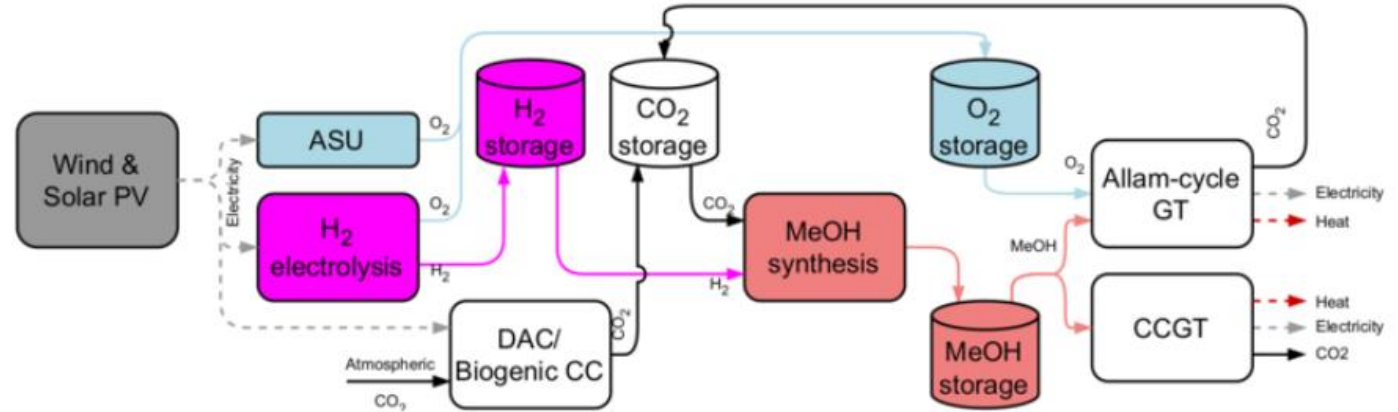
# Power sector - Generation

- Hydrogen as a long term backup



# How the electricity backup will look like is uncertain

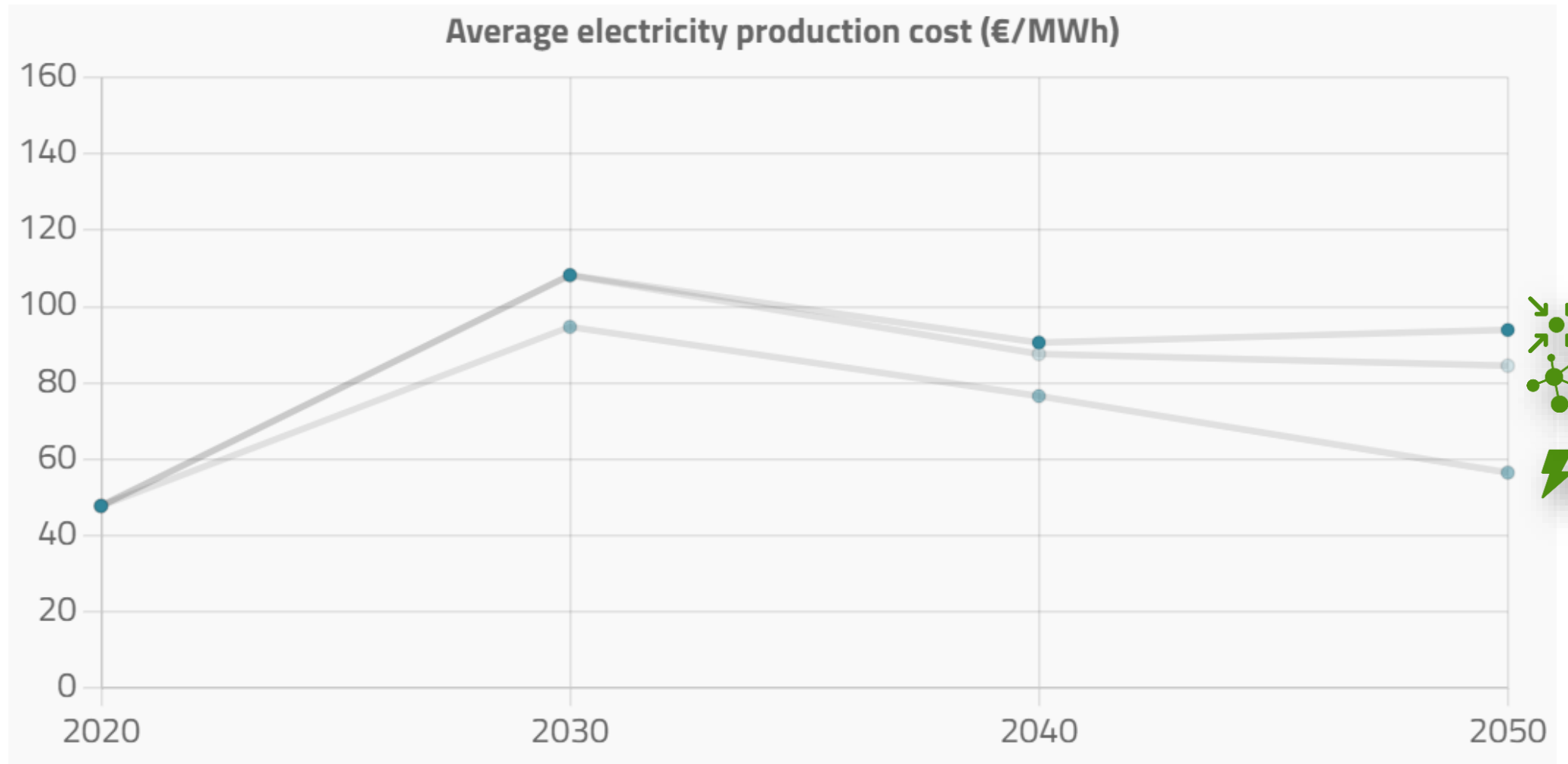
- Pure hydrogen backup
- Methanol + oxygen combustion
- Bio/synthetic methane
- Heat storage
- Advances in battery technologies?



Source: TU Berlin: A closed-loop storage-plus-power system stockpiles renewable energy wherever it's needed

# Average electricity production cost

Access to more offshore wind and SMR leads to lower production costs






# Fit-for-55 by 2030 ?

## Evaluation limited to CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

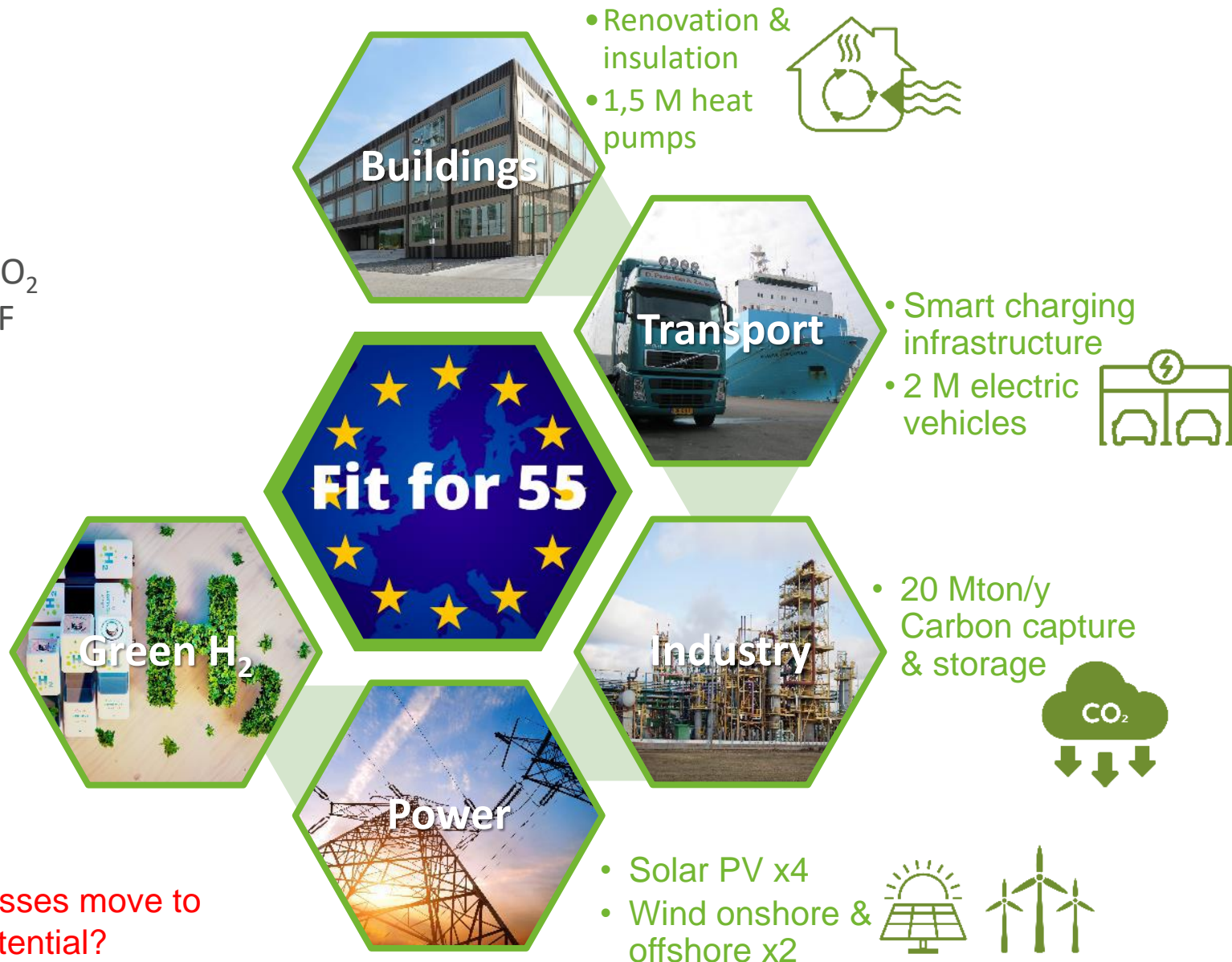
- This study does not present policy projection or prognosis
- Belgian CO<sub>2</sub> emissions 1990: **120 Mton CO<sub>2</sub>** emissions excluding net CO<sub>2</sub> from LULUCF
- Central scenario 2030: **52 Mton**  
→ reduction of **-57%**

- 
- Penetration very low

2030 climate targets: still feasible?

=> In the model, yes!

=> In real world, will energy intensive processes move to regions with higher renewable potential?



# European level: the same ambitions

- RepowerEU communication:  
Increasing the renewable ambitions of Fit for 55:  
Wind: 467 GW => 510 GW  
Solar: 530 GW => 592 GW

*Table 4: Investment by 2030 for reaching the RePowerEU objectives*

Investment areas	REPowerEU	Ff55	Difference	Diff. due to high prices
Installed wind capacity (GW)	510	469	41	13
Installed solar PV capacity (GW)	592	530	62	16
Installed heat pumps in residential and services (million units)	41.5	39.9	1.7	3.4
Installed electrolyser capacity (MW hydrogen)	65	44	21	1.6
Net imports of hydrogen (Mt)	6.16	0.05	6.11	0
Biogas used in power plants (Mtoe)	12.3	11.8	0.5	0.9
Biogas as transformation input in industry and district heating (ktoe)	6.9	3.3	3.6	42
Electricity grid investments over the decade (bn€'22)	583.8	554.4	29.4	37
Annual renovation rate in 2030 (as % of entire housing stock)	2.3	2.0	0.2	0
Annual renovation rate - medium and deep renovation in 2030 (as % of entire housing stock)	2.1	1.9	0.2	0
Investment expenditure in residential buildings in 2021-2030 (bn €'22)	2068	2023	45	-

# Realistic targets for wind?

- Wind Europe, *the state of the European energy supply chain, 2023*
- Competition for projects with USA
- Grid deployment and manufacturing capacity
- The material challenge

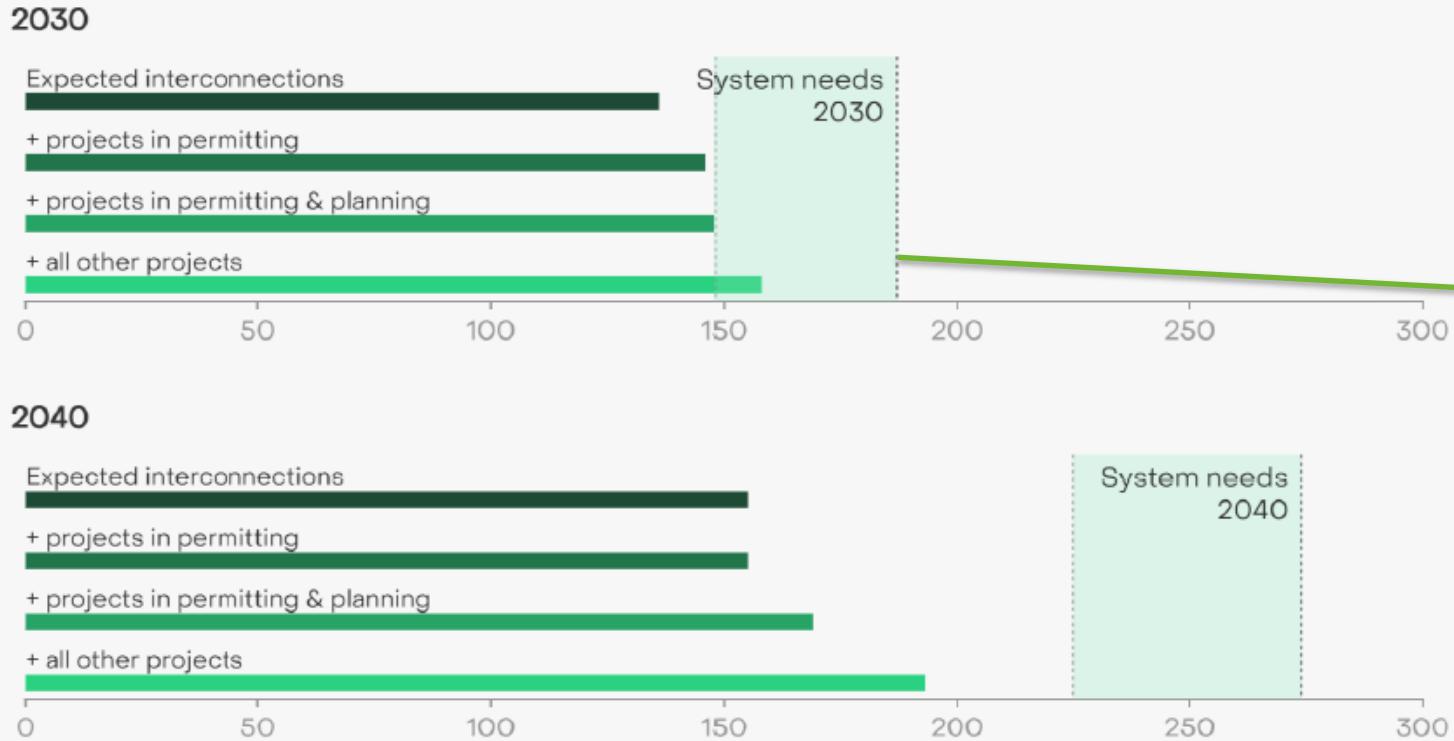


Segment	Industry	Sub-segment	2022-2030 demand growth*	Time to action*	Urgency assessment
Turbines	Onshore & Offshore wind	Total market	~3X Capacity (MW)	2024-2025	
	Offshore wind	>12 MW turbines	0-29 GW	2024	
Towers	Onshore & Offshore wind	All	~2.5X Metric tons	2025	
Foundations	Offshore wind	Monopiles	~12X Metric tons	2024-2025	
		Other grounded	~7X Metric tons	None	
		Floating	~23X Metric tons	2024	
WTIVs	Offshore wind	Total market	~7.5X Vessel years	2024-2025	
		>12 MW turbines	0-25 vessel years		

# Shortage of grid capacity

## Expected interconnection capacity in 2030 and 2040 falls short of Europe's future power system needs

Exchange capacity (GW)



- Source: Ember policy brief:

E. Cremona, *Breaking borders: the future of Europe is in its interconnectors*

ENTSO-E TYNDP2022 scenario has +/- same renewables than RepowerEU

RepowerEU: 510GW wind 592GW sun

Source: Projects from ENTSO-E Model Data, System needs from TYNDP 2022, and Ember New Generation Report

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# IEA: supply chain tightness

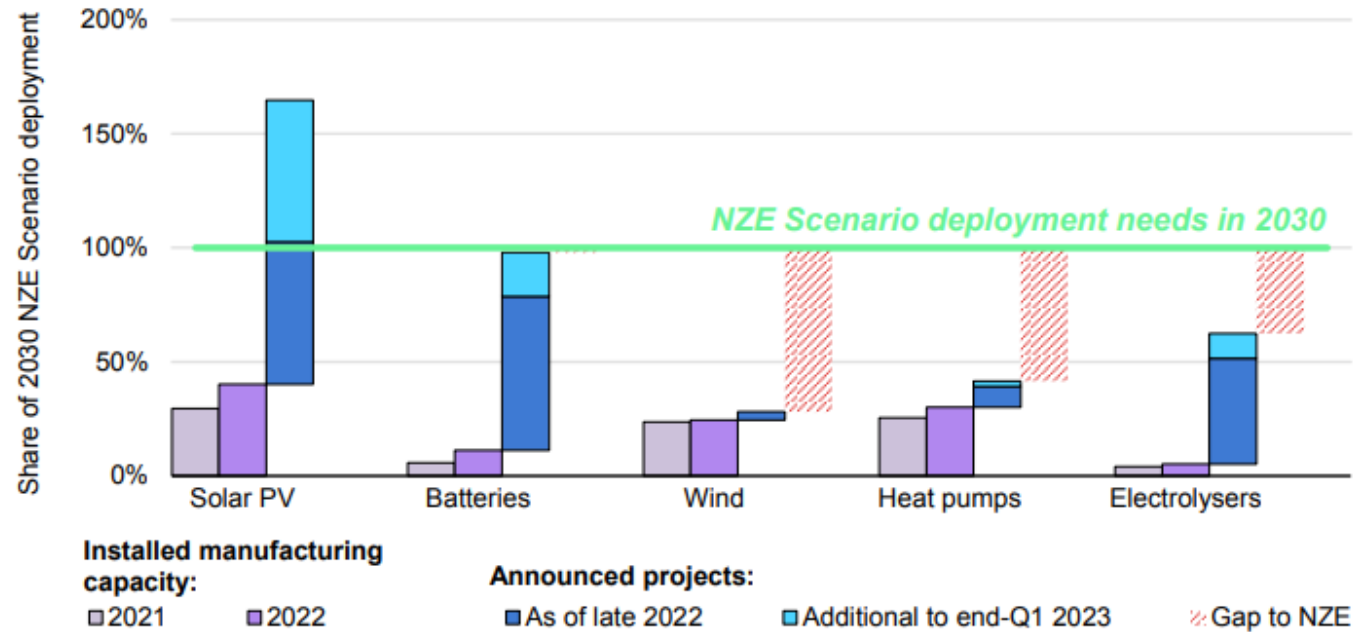
- The State of Clean Technology Manufacturing: An energy technology perspectives special briefing

## Lack of ambition and attention risks making electricity grids the weak link in clean energy transitions

Source: IEA: Electricity Grids and Secure transitions, 2023

<https://www.iea.org/news/lack-of-ambition-and-attention-risks-making-electricity-grids-the-weak-link-in-clean-energy-transitions>

Figure 1 Announced project throughput and deployment for key clean energy technologies in 2030 in the Net Zero Emissions by 2050 Scenario



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Notes: PV = photovoltaic; NZE Scenario = Net Zero Emissions by 2050 Scenario. "Announced projects: late 2022" corresponds to the project pipeline assessed for ETP-2023, including project announcements through to the end of November 2022. "Announced projects: Additional to end-Q1 2023" corresponds to projects announced between the end of November 2022 and the end of March 2023. Deployment and throughput are expressed in physical units, normalised to 2030 NZE Scenario deployment needs.



# Work to be done

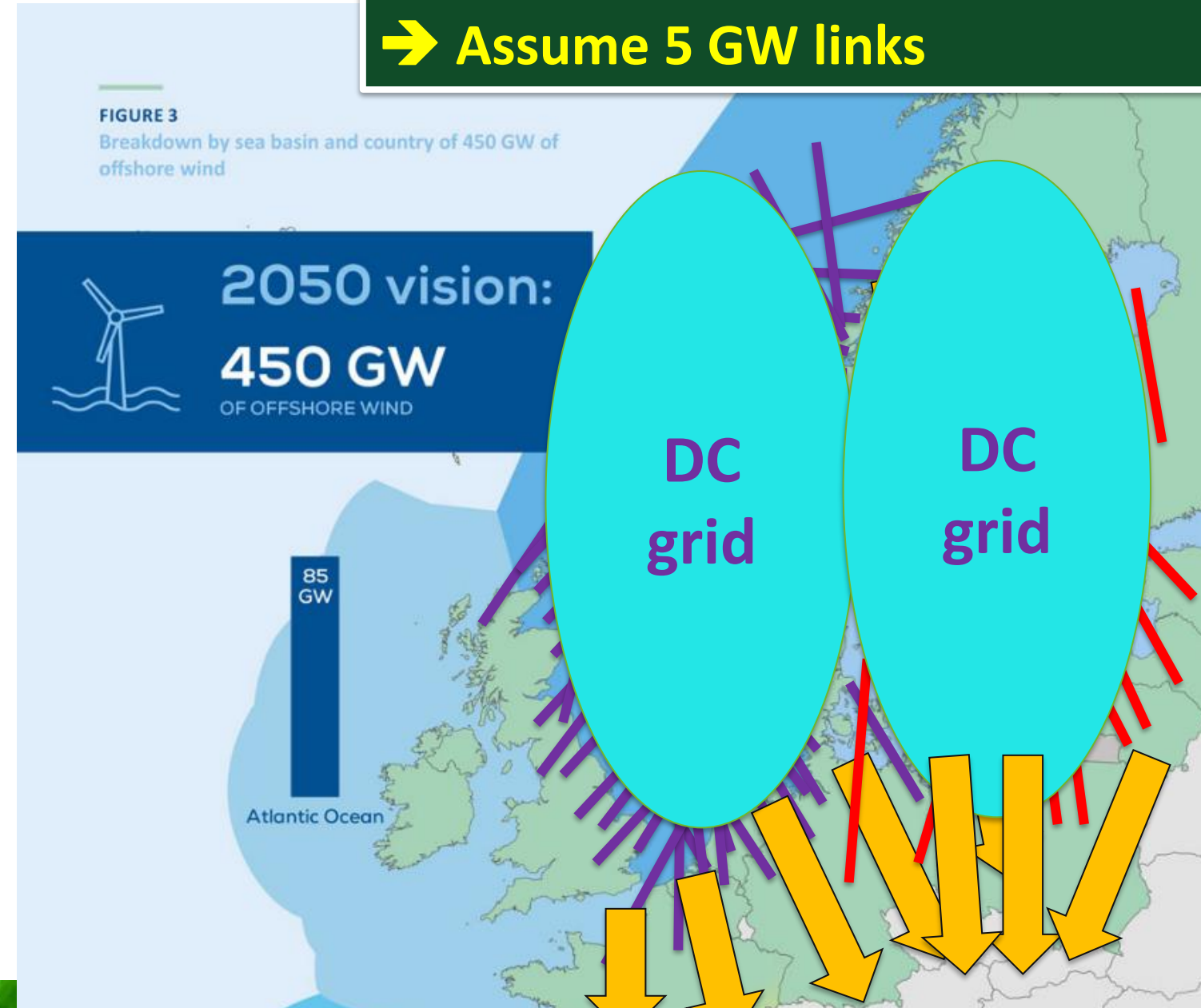
## Offshore infrastructure

- 300-> 450 GW of offshore wind by 2050
- Offshore requires massive investments (EC: 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of 800 Billion by 2050)
- Meshed HVDC grids are the only realistic option:
  - Connections increasingly further offshore
  - Needs to be integrated in the existing system (hybrid AC/DC)
  - Towards new backbone grid

We need to start thinking about our electricity grid infrastructure of the future, it is important.

Figure: WindEurope

**We need to connect 200 GW  
from the north sea  
→ Assume 5 GW links**





# The role of hydrogen in the energy system

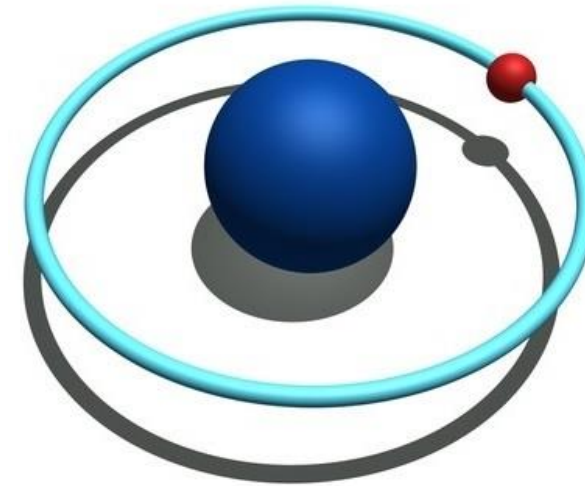
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# What with hydrogen? Hydrogen basics

- $H_2$
- When burnt, no  $CO_2$  emissions
- Not naturally occurring in practical quantities
- Flammable and explosive
- Colorless, odorless and tasteless
- Lightest atom in universe => low weight
- High volumetric density => difficult to compress
- Liquid form -253degrees C
- 33kWh/kg lower heating value
- 39kWh/kg higher heating value

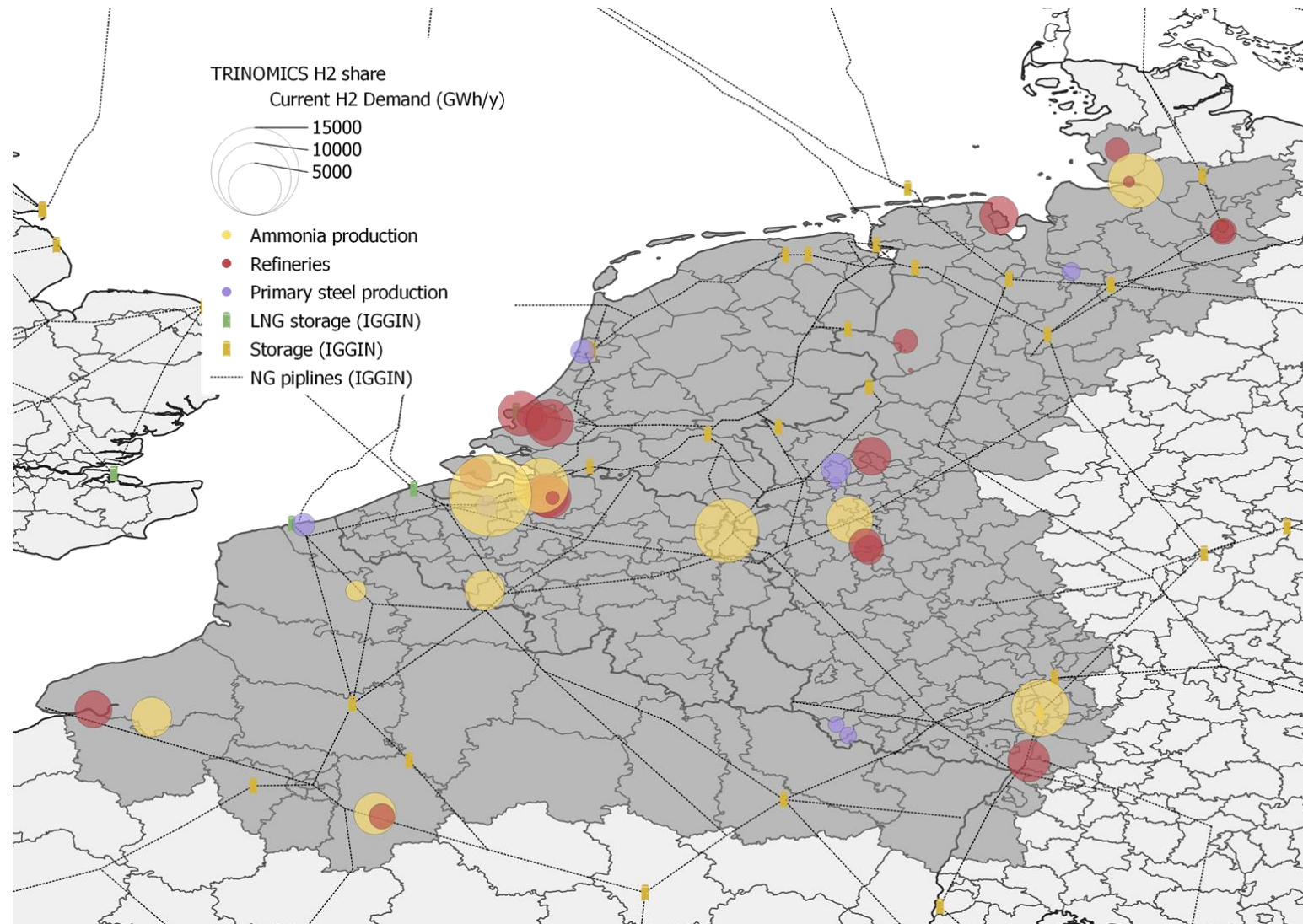
Great! Can we replace all natural gas with hydrogen?  
Energy transition done?





# Hydrogen demand today

- ~80TWh of H<sub>2</sub> in figure
- Ammonia and refineries
- Byproduct in Cl production



Source: VITO - Trinomics

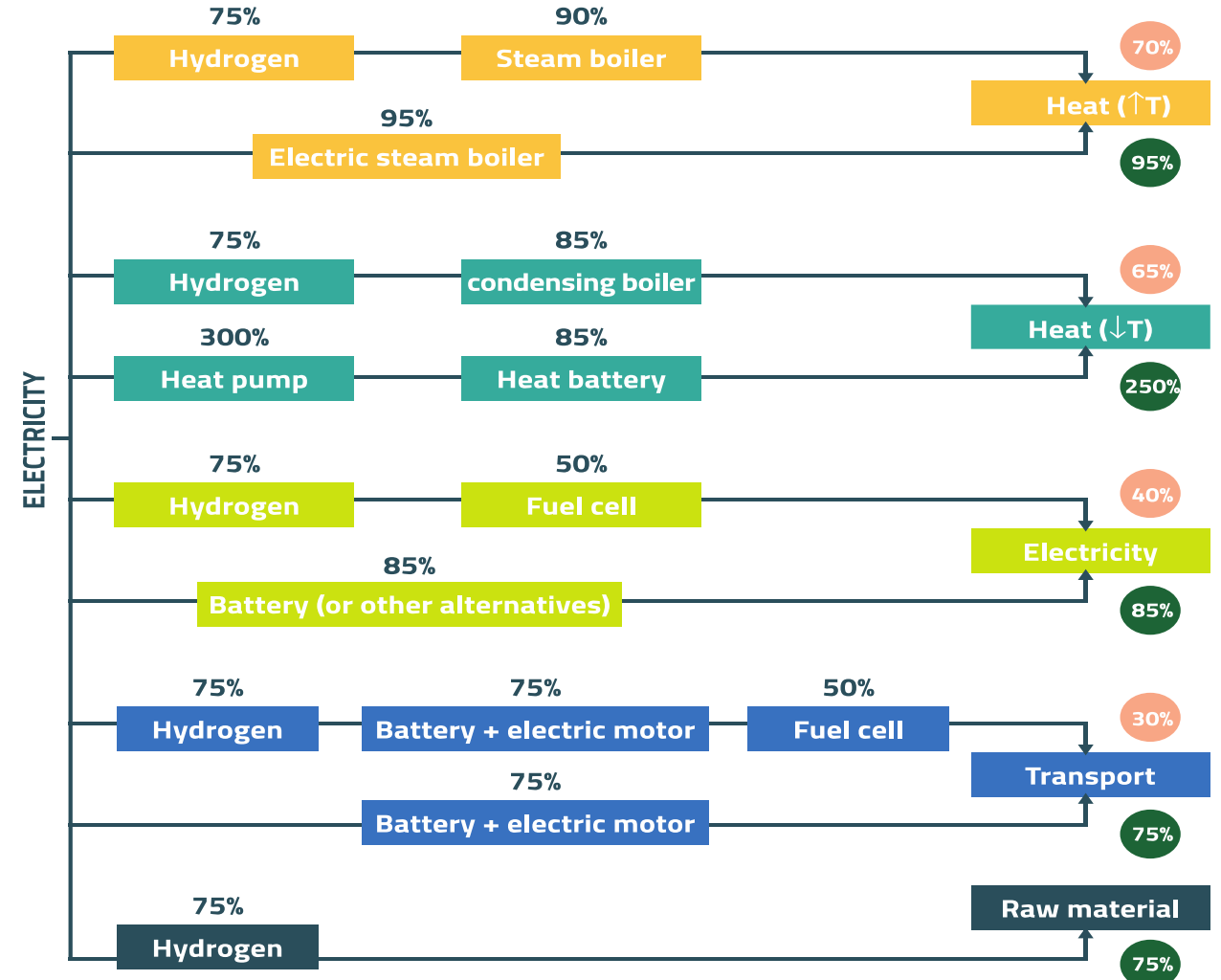
# What with hydrogen? Efficiency of green hydrogen

EC Communication 299: “Powering a climate-neutral economy: An EU Strategy for Energy System Integration”

1. A more circular energy system, with ‘energy-efficiency-first’ at its core
2. Accelerating the **electrification** of energy demand, building on a largely renewables-based power system
3. Promote renewable and **low-carbon fuels**, including hydrogen, for **hard-to-decarbonise sectors**
  - Biofuels and biogas
  - Green hydrogen: electrolysis by green power
  - Transitional phase: other sources of low carbon hydrogen
  - CO2 capturing and use
  - Synthetic fuels



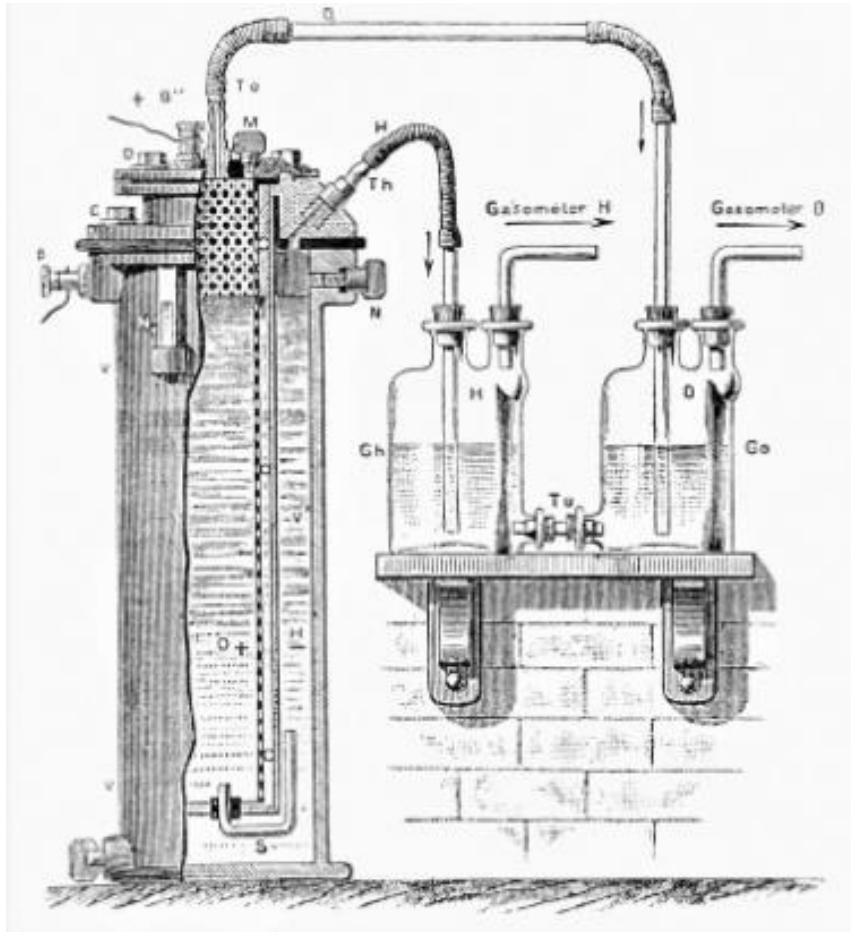
## ELECTRICITY ROUTES WITH AND WITHOUT HYDROGEN



Source: De positie van waterstof in de energietransitie: een nuancering van de belofte  
 Auteur: Over Morgen; Tomas Mathijsen, Ingrid Giebels, Peter-Paul Smoor

# Green hydrogen, known since the eighties

The 1780s!



Van Troostwijk and Deiman



Fundamentals, Systems, and  
Applications

Hydrogen Production by Water Electrolysis

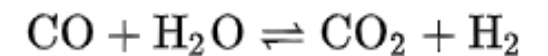
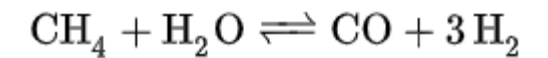
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## Chapter 4 - The history of water electrolysis from its beginnings to the present

Tom Smolinka<sup>a</sup>, Henry Bergmann<sup>b</sup>, Juergen Garcke<sup>c</sup>, Mihails Kusnezoff<sup>d</sup>

# Hydrogen supply: 50 shades of hydrogen

	Terminology	Technology	Feedstock/ Electricity source
PRODUCTION VIA ELECTRICITY	Green Hydrogen	Electrolysis	Wind   Solar   Hydro Geothermal   Tidal
	Purple/Pink Hydrogen		Nuclear
	Yellow Hydrogen		Mixed-origin grid energy
PRODUCTION VIA FOSSIL FUELS	Blue Hydrogen	Natural gas reforming + CCUS Gasification + CCUS	Natural gas   coal
	Turquoise Hydrogen	Pyrolysis	Natural gas
	Grey Hydrogen	Natural gas reforming	
	Brown Hydrogen	Gasification	Brown coal (lignite)
	Black Hydrogen		Black coal



+ white hydrogen: naturally occurring hydrogen or collected as a by-product

**HYDROGEN HAS NO COLOR!**



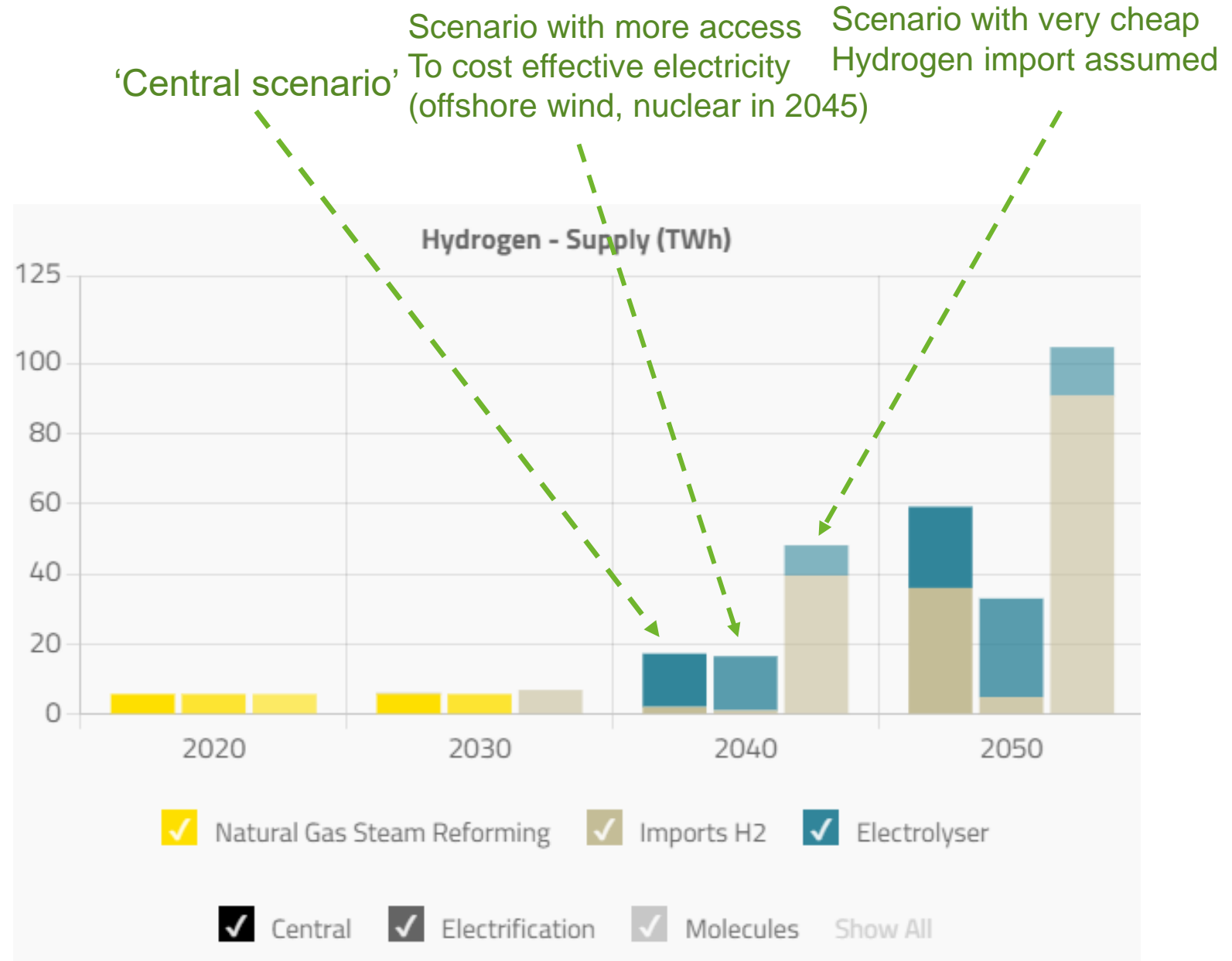


# Hydrogen supply

- External assumption:
- No relocation industrial activity

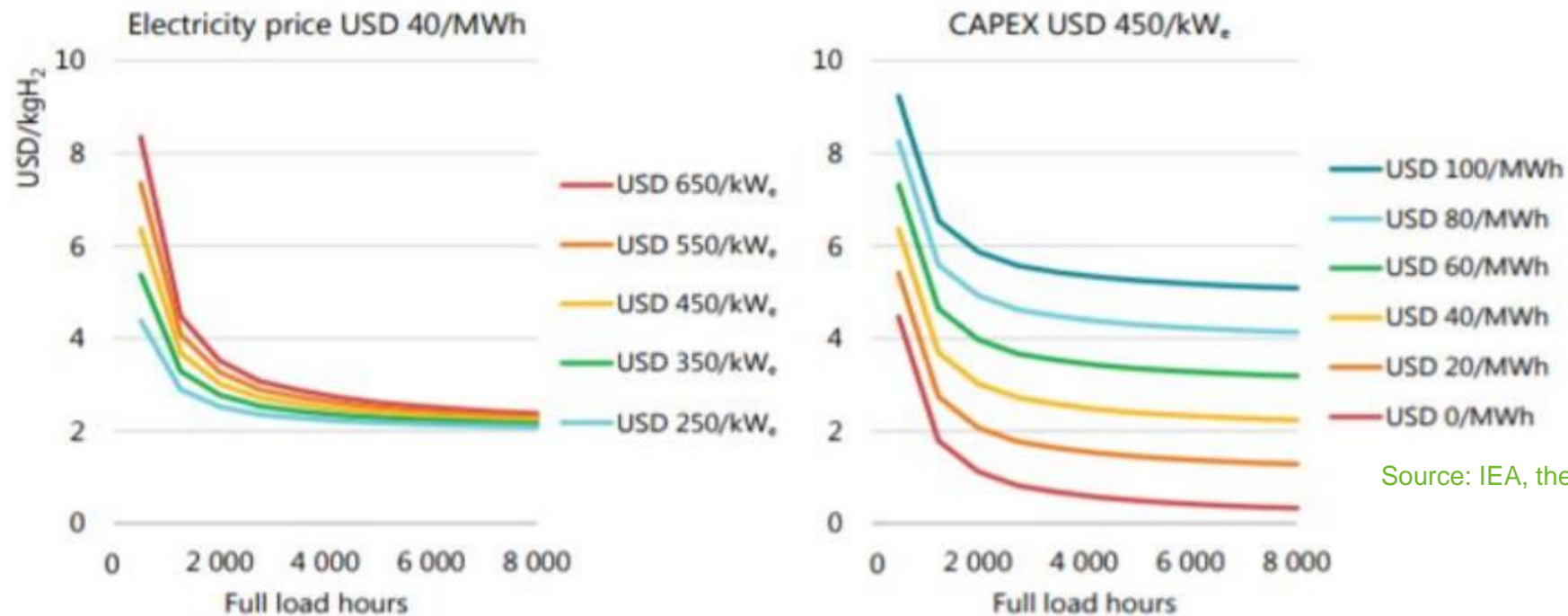
Scale-up of local electrolysis after 2030 only

Balance import vs local production very sensitive to assumptions



# Cost of hydrogen with electrolysis

Figure 7.6 Future levelised cost of hydrogen production by operating hour for different electrolyser investment costs (left) and electricity costs (right), IEA (2019)



Source: IEA, the future of hydrogen, 2019

Notes: MWh = megawatt hour. Based on an electrolyser efficiency of 69% (LHV) and a discount rate of 8%.

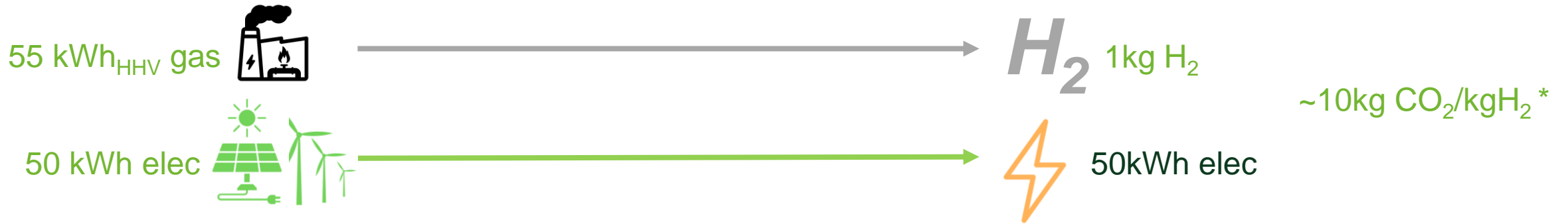
Electrolysers need +3000-4000 operating hours to be commercially viable

Beyond 3000-4000 operating hours, electricity is the most important cost factor

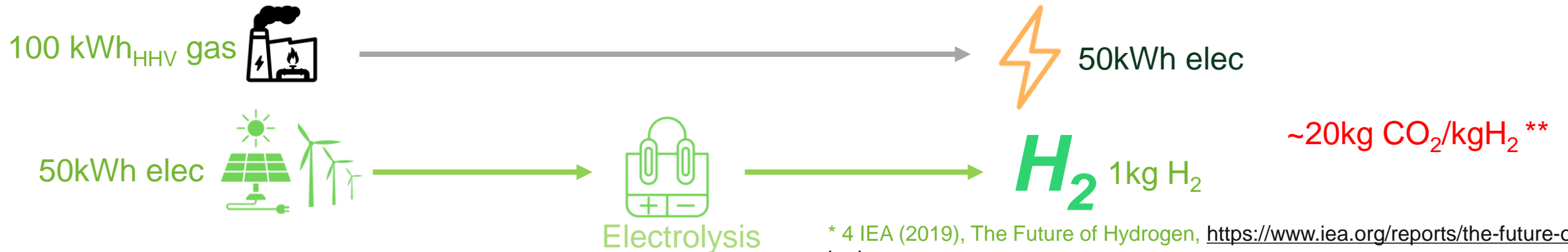


# Why we need to decarbonize electricity production before hydrogen production

## 1. Gas produces grey hydrogen, sun/wind produces renewable electricity



## 2. Sun/wind for green hydrogen, gas for power production



\* 4 IEA (2019), The Future of Hydrogen, <https://www.iea.org/reports/the-future-of-hydrogen>.

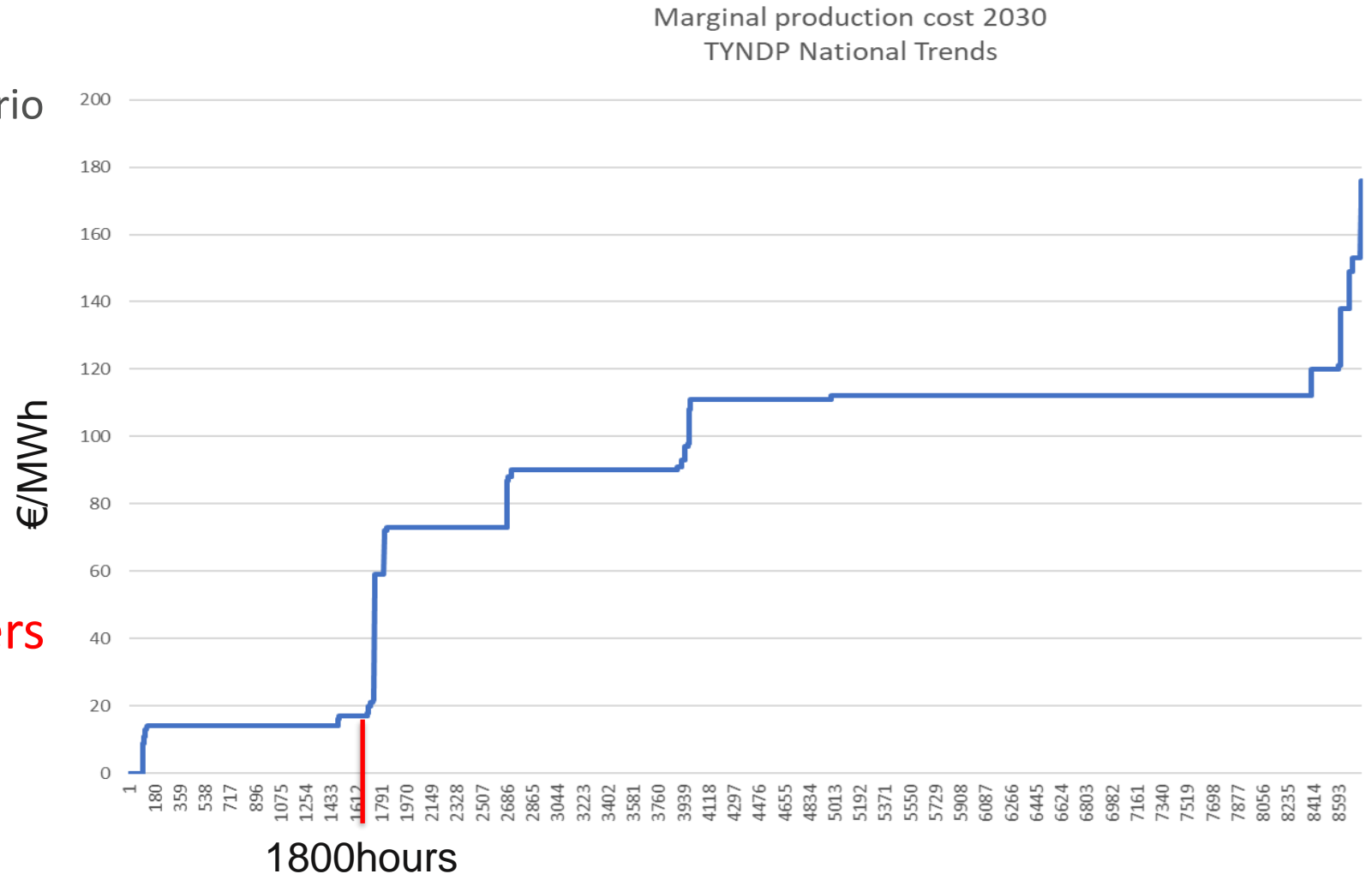
\*\* Based on 400gCO<sub>2</sub>/kWh<sub>el</sub> CCGT



# Green hydrogen: 'excess' electricity supply

- TYNDP national trends 2030 scenario
- ~1800hours with cheap electricity

Not enough for commercially  
Viable operation of electrolyzers



Source: EnergyVille dispatch model on TYNDP 2030 capacities





# Electricity for green hydrogen production

- How much hours of cheap green electricity is available?

Table 17: Amount of hours per year with electricity spot price <40EUR/MWh for electrolysis. The TYNDP National Trends number is based on EnergyVille own calculation based on TYNDP National Trends. \*For the Agora Energiewende and the PBL results, it is unclear from the report how their number was calculated. \*\*Elia reports marginal generation costs below 20EUR/MWh, but explicitly mentions it is including all hours with renewable as the marginal generation unit in the merit order.

#hours of the year with cheap electricity <40€/MWh for electrolysis	2030	2033	2035	2040	2045-2050
TYNDP 2020 National Trends	1800			4300	
TYNDP 2018/2020, Distributed Generation			1500	4300	
TYNDP 2018 in Denmark (Energynet), GCA			1900	5700	
PBL KEV2021		4334*			
Agora Energiewende	1900*			1757*	1920*
Elia Adequacy and Flexibility**	400-1000				

Data gathered by VITO/Trinomics for DG Reform

⇔ RepowerEU: 5000 – 6000 operating hours for electrolyzers

Literature is scarce and PRIMES model cannot be run by research institutes => more scenario work is needed



# Hydrogen 2030 ambitions: RepowerEU

*Table 8: Hydrogen use by sector in 2030 (kt hydrogen)*

Sector	RePowerEU	Fit-for-55
Bunker fuels	0	0
Refineries	2273	613
Industrial Heat	3629	756
Transport	2319	882
Petrochemicals (Ammonia)	3232	1306
Blast furnaces	1520	1152
Synthetic fuels	1788	1870
Power generation	105	0
Blending	1335	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>16200</b>	<b>6579</b>

*Note: conversion from ktoe to kt H2 uses a 2.87 factor.*

Hydrogen not targeted for cost efficient applications, hybrid optimization – policy projection approach

[https://commission.europa.eu/publications/key-documents-repowerEU\\_en](https://commission.europa.eu/publications/key-documents-repowerEU_en)



# Other hydrogen related policy

- **Net Zero Industry Act**
  - Affirms hydrogen ambitions in RepowerEU
  - CCS ambition: 50Mton CO<sub>2</sub>,eq by 2030
  - No finance specified, link to other elements such as the innovation funds
- **European hydrogen bank**
  - Auction system to subsidize the gap between supply cost and demand willingness-to-pay
  - Start with 800M€ auction for local electrolysis, contract for differences of 10 years
  - In consequent auctions, import hydrogen may be targeted specifically as well
- **Renewable Energy Directive III (Provisional)**
  - Renewable energy share of 42.5% (of non-low carbon H<sub>2</sub>)
  - 1% renewable fuels of non-biological origin (RNFBO) in transport
  - 42% of hydrogen should come from RNFBO by 2030, 60% by 2035
- **Commission impact analysis in 2040**
  - Less hydrogen production in RepowerEU than in 2030 (104TWh)
  - More hydrogen by 2040 (700 – 1200 TWh), even more by 2050 (2200 TWh)

(more info <https://energyville.be/en/blogs/climate-goal-for-2040-a-new-milestone-for-the-eu/>)



# Import of hydrogen



Het bezoek van de koning moet de expertise van de Belgische bedrijven en de samenwerking rond hernieuwbare energie tussen België en Namibië in de verf zetten.

Foto: Belga

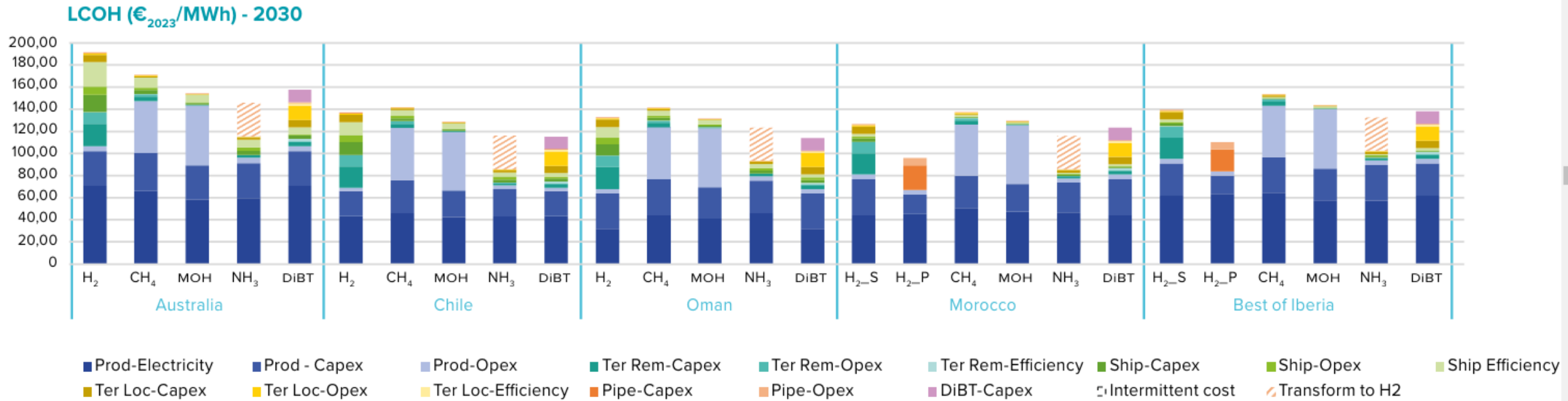




# Import of hydrogen via ship

Via liquid hydrogen	Production efficiency	Shipping volume	Import
Liquid hydrogen	75-80% for production *70% liquefaction (-253°C)	Density 40% of LNG Boil off losses no fleet available	Regasification possible, more expensive than LNG New infrastructure needed
Via Ammonia	75 – 80% (green H2) * 70% (Haber Bosch) *~90% liquefaction	Existing fleet Density 59% of LNG	~20 - 30% losses for Ammonia to hydrogen reconversion/cracking process
LOHC	75 – 80% (green H2) * ~70%	Density ~25% of LNG Carrier weight	~30-40% losses for regasification
Synthetic methane	Where to get the CO2??		Still emits CO2 if not converted to H <sub>2</sub> Shipping back CO2 is not evident

# Import of hydrogen via ship



- Source: The Hydrogen Import Coalition
- Hydrogen via pipeline is more cost effective than hydrogen via shipping



# Out of the blue

- RepowerEU => NO blue hydrogen
- 1GW scale, Auto Thermal Reforming => 95% capture rate

ENGIE and Equinor have decided to sign a joint development agreement (JDA), progress H2BE to the next development phase and further mature towards concept selection in 2023.

Blue hydrogen can be cost competitive (depending on gas/CO2 prices), it is however not part of European ambition

A.O. Oni, K. Anaya, T. Giwa, G. Di Lullo, A. Kumar,  
*Comparative assessment of blue hydrogen from steam methane reforming, autothermal reforming, and natural gas decomposition technologies for natural gas-producing regions, Energy Conversion and Management, 2022*  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.enconman.2022.115245>.

**Blue hydrogen must be done properly**

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# Possibility of relocating value chains

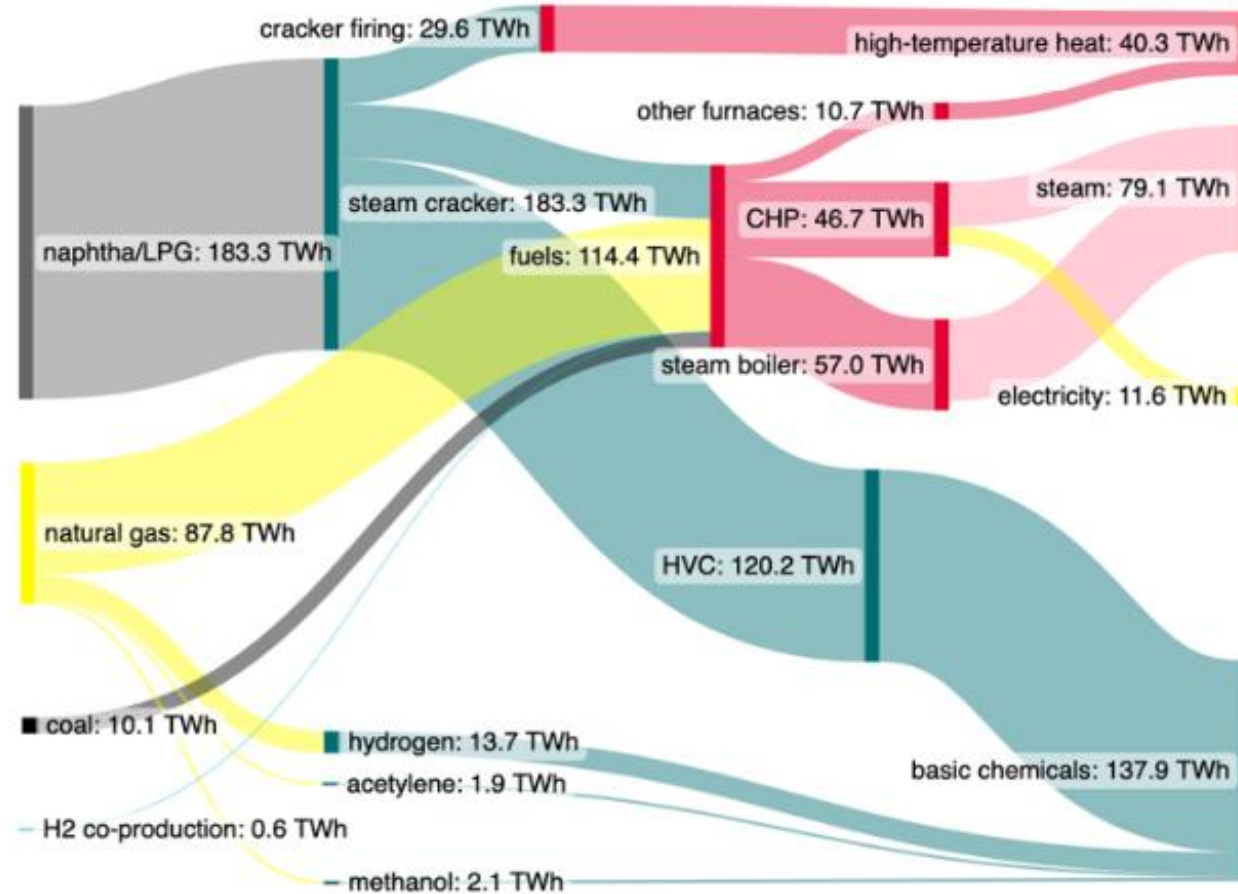


Figure 3 Sankey diagram of modeled primary energy demand for the production of basic chemicals in Germany in 2018. Data refers to the complete chemical industry without pharmaceuticals. External electricity procurement is not included here. Source: Translation of previous work (Scholz et al. 2023).



# EU, also an energy importer on long term?

Source	'Min potential', depending on scenario (TWh)	'Max', depending on scenario (TWh)	Comment
Offshore wind	1300	1300	Could be more adding floating wind turbines
Onshore wind	4950	8400	Min is 1200m distance, realistic potential could be less
PV on roof	1200	2100	
PV on land	0	11000	Max is with 3% of surface
Biomass	2300	2300	

Source JRC ENSPRESO - an open data, EU-28 wide, transparent and coherent database of wind, solar and biomass energy potentials  
W. Nijs et al 2019, <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2211467X19300720>



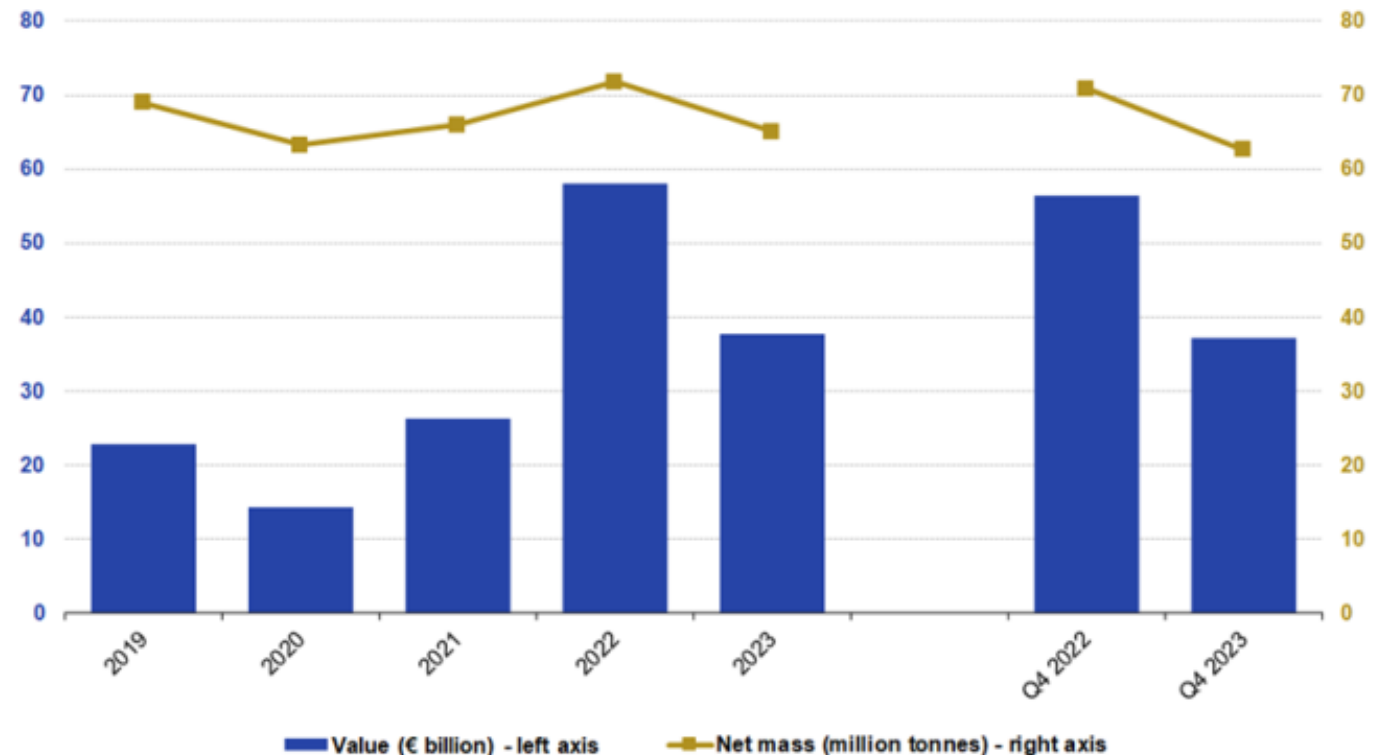
EU self sufficient with renewables => Possible, but not a walk in the park

# Depending on imported energy

Strategic decisions are needed:

- Which processes do we need in Europe?
- How much of the processes do we need?
- What can it cost in terms of public funding?
- How will industry be supported?
- What will be the rules for competition between member states to attract investments?

**EU imports of energy products, 2019 - 2023**  
(monthly averages, € billion and million tonnes)



Source: Eurostat database (Comext) and Eurostat estimates

# Critical materials act

## Ambitions for independent Europe

### SETTING 2030 BENCHMARKS FOR STRATEGIC RAW MATERIALS



#### EU EXTRACTION

At least **10%** of the EU's annual consumption for extraction



#### EU PROCESSING

At least **40%** of the EU's annual consumption for processing



#### EU RECYCLING

At least **15%** of the EU's annual consumption for recycling



#### EXTERNAL SOURCES

Not more than **65%** of the EU's annual consumption of **each strategic raw material at any relevant stage of processing** from a single third country

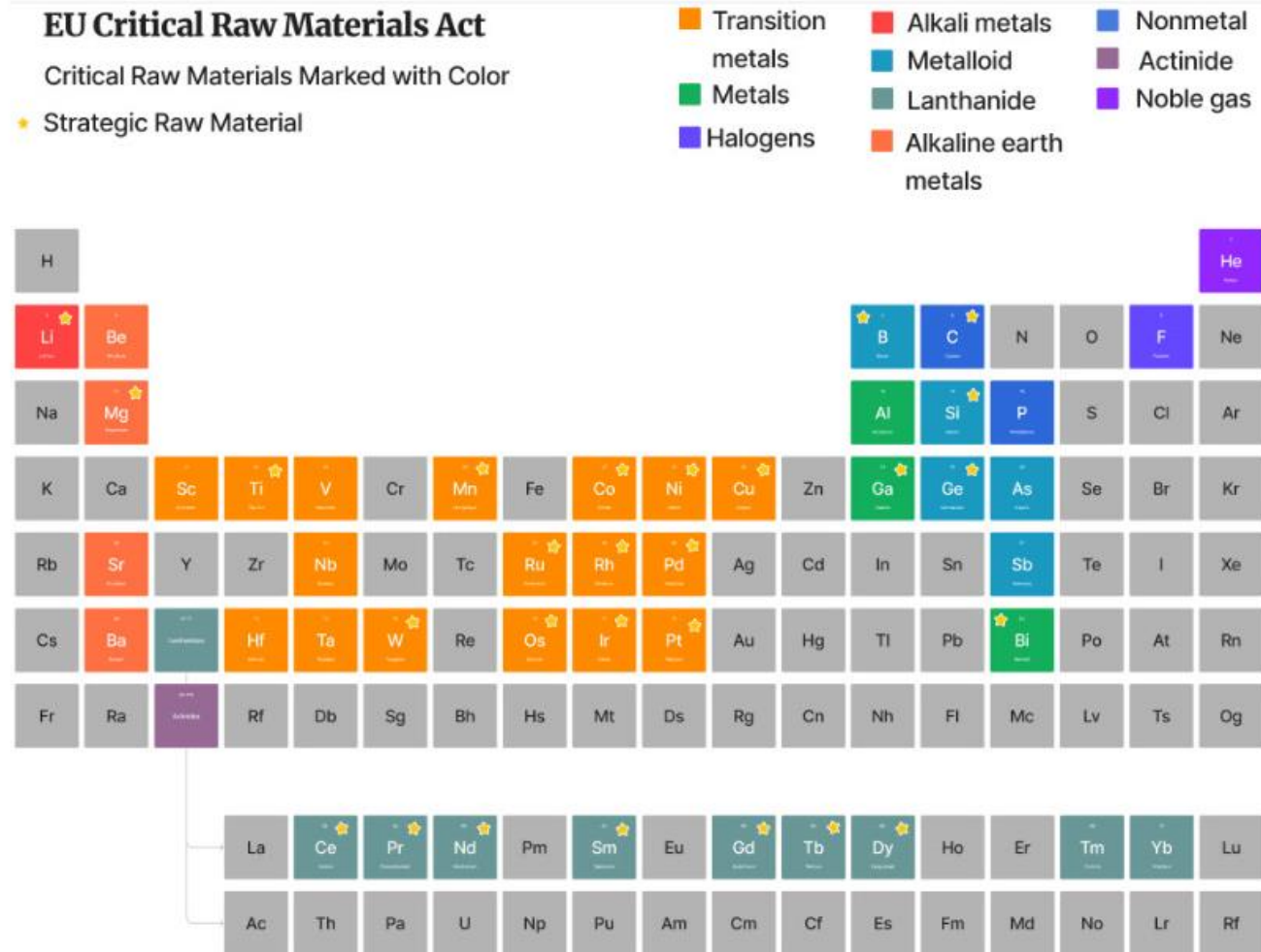


Funding???

Picture: mobilitynotes.com

# Critical materials act

- Quid steel?
- Quid fertilizer?



- (a) Antimony
- (b) Arsenic
- (c) Bauxite
- (d) Baryte
- (e) Beryllium
- f) Bismuth
- g) Boron
- h) Cobalt
- i) Coking Coal
- j) Copper
- k) Feldspar
- l) Fluorspar
- m) Gallium
- n) Germanium
- o) Hafnium
- p) Helium
- q) Heavy Rare Earth Elements
- r) Light Rare Earth Elements
- s) Lithium
- t) Magnesium
- u) Manganese
- v) Natural Graphite
- w) Nickel – battery grade
- x) Niobium
- y) Phosphate rock
- z) Phosphorus
- aa) Platinum Group Metals
- bb) Scandium
- cc) Silicon metal
- (dd) Strontium



Picture: mobilitynotes.com



# Also National Plans are uncertain to deliver

## Little information on financing and policy impact

The Commission and member states have sparse information on the cost and effects of actions to reach the targets

**70** According to the [2021 EEA report](#), the level of quantitative information reported is low because member states do not use common evaluation approaches and methodologies, find it difficult to separate the effects of individual policies from others, and are only rarely interested in communicating the actual effects of past actions.

**73** As regards **private funding**, neither the Commission nor the authorities interviewed in the five member states could provide data on the amount of private funds mobilised to reach the 2020 targets, or estimate the reduction in greenhouse gas emissions achieved as a result of private action.



European Court of Auditors: Special report 18/2023: EU climate and energy targets – 2020 targets achieved, but little indication that actions to reach the 2030 targets will be sufficient

# Conclusions: what should happen in the coming years

- **Currently:**
  - Incentives reflecting underlying techno-economics
  - Target support programs maximally to those in need of it
- **Towards 2030:**
  - Install renewables as fast as possible
  - Facilitate CO2 storage infrastructure
  - Design the offshore and onshore grid infrastructure
  - Take decisions on industrial competitiveness
- **Towards 2050:**
  - Innovations such as small modular nuclear, deep geothermal, Carbon capture and utilization, synthetic molecules in transport... can help



# Conclusions hydrogen

- The most important challenge to tackle for scaling up green hydrogen is an abundant supply of clean and affordable electricity
  - ⇒ And we are not there yet
- For applications like person vehicles, local buses, low-temperature heating, electricity is more efficient and cost effective option
- Import of hydrogen should be focused on hydrogen derivates, as the ammonia dehydrogenation step is a problem for the business case
- Studies are needed on industrial competitiveness and infrastructure needs





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