

# Hydrogen Technology: Conversion to the Carbon Neutral Society

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Climate Change is to be Addressed

Extreme Weather Events Get Stronger to Unprecedented Levels

# Torrential Rain Causes Severe Losses and Damage all over the World



## Germany:

One weather event  
2 States affected

**30 bn € assigned** for rebuilding and support

Real damage higher (insured properties to be added)

German federal budget 2019 : 343 bn € ([www.bmwi.de](http://www.bmwi.de))

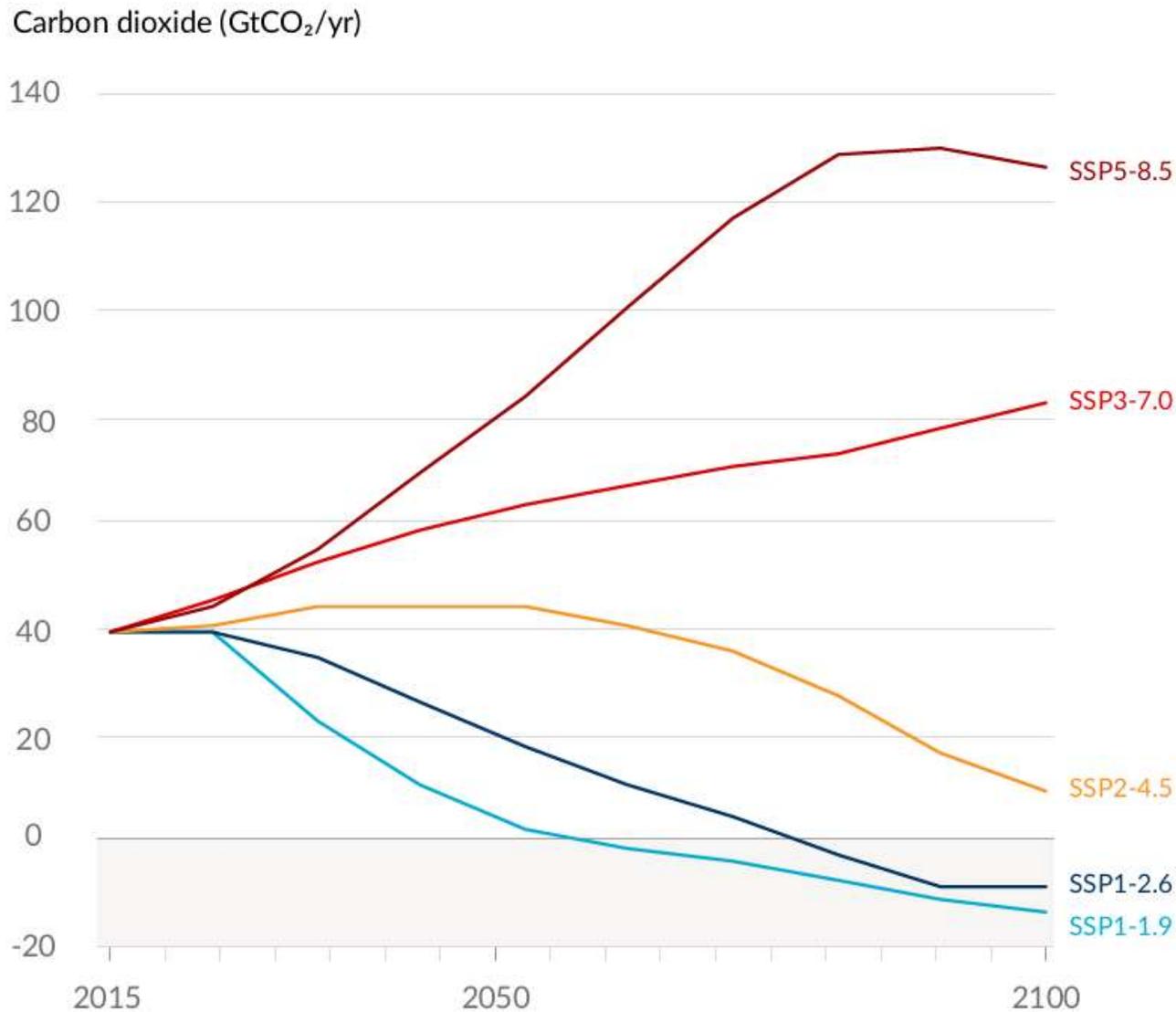
Overall public budget DE2019: 1103 bn € (cp. [www.destatis.de](http://www.destatis.de), Press relase #005, 21/06/01)

**... so do Wildfires all over the World.**

**The increase is proven and undisputed,**

**Is it anthropogenic or natural, is there any science on it?**

# Five Scenarios of the IPCC and the Resulting Global Warming



2021-2040	2041-2060	2081-2100
<b>1.6</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>4.4</b>

<b>1.5</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>3.6</b>
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Global warming / best estimates taken from table SPM.1 for the scenarios on the left side (cf. much more differentiated presentation in the IPCC 2021, SPM)

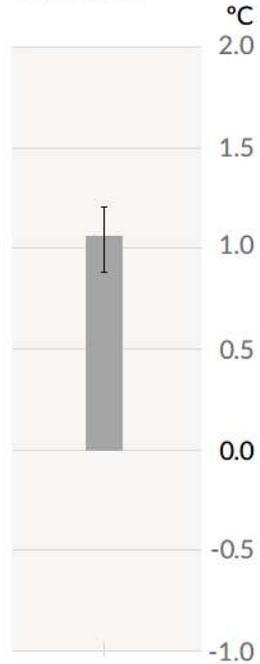
<b>1.5</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.7</b>
<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>1.8</b>
<b>1.5</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.4</b>

IPCC, 2021: Summary for Policymakers. In: *Climate Change 2021: The Physical Science Basis. Contribution of Working Group I to the Sixth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change* [Masson-Delmotte, V., P. Zhai, A. Pirani, S. L. Connors, C. Péan, S. Berger, N. Caud, Y. Chen, L. Goldfarb, M. I. Gomis, M. Huang, K. Leitzell, E. Lonnoy, J.B.R. Matthews, T. K. Maycock, T. Waterfield, O. Yelekçi, R. Yu and B. Zhou (eds.)]. Cambridge University Press. In Press.

# “Observed warming is driven by emissions from human activities, with greenhouse gas warming partly masked by aerosol cooling”

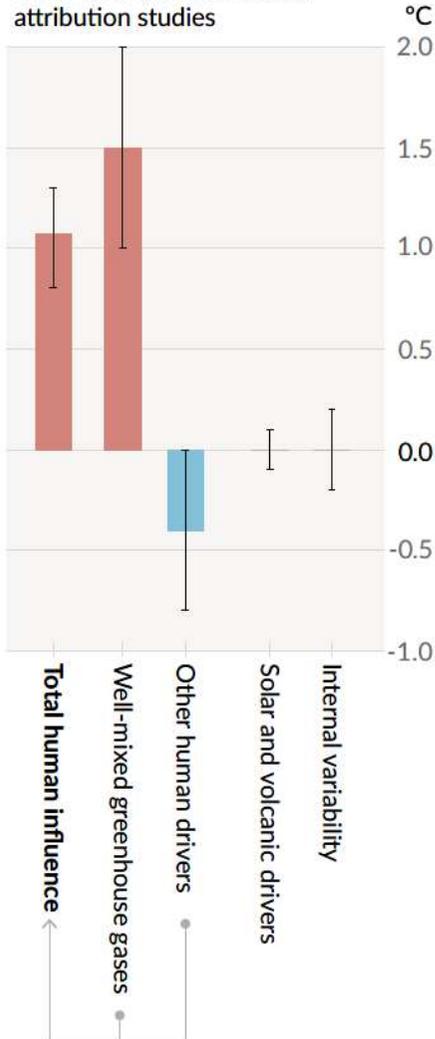
## Observed warming

a) Observed warming 2010-2019 relative to 1850-1900

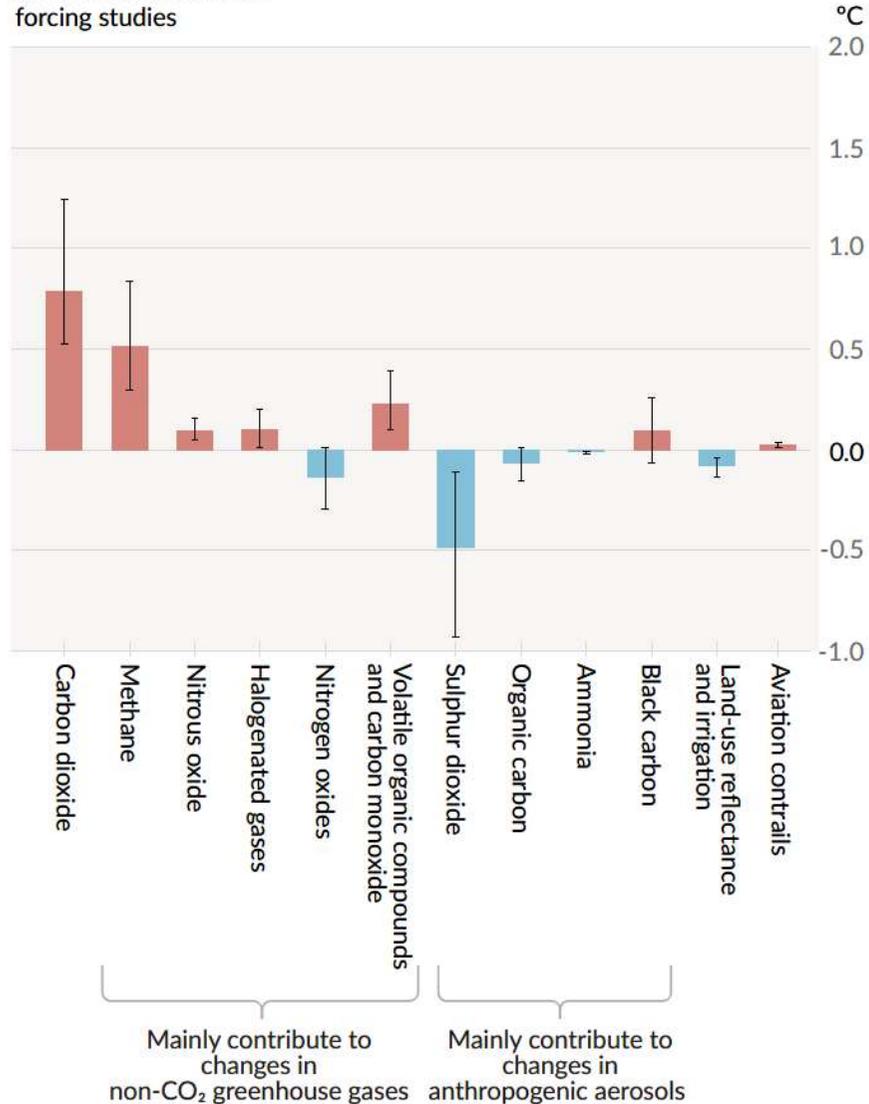


## Contributions to warming based on two complementary approaches

b) Aggregated contributions to 2010-2019 warming relative to 1850-1900, assessed from attribution studies



c) Contributions to 2010-2019 warming relative to 1850-1900, assessed from radiative forcing studies



Source: IPCC Climate Change 2021, SPM, p. 8

## “D. Limiting Future Climate Change” Major statements of the IPCC 2021 Climate Change

D.1 From a physical science perspective, limiting human-induced global warming to a specific level requires limiting cumulative CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, reaching **at least net zero CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, along with strong reductions in other greenhouse gas emissions.** **Strong, rapid and sustained reductions in CH<sub>4</sub> emissions** would also limit the warming effect resulting from declining aerosol pollution and would improve air quality.

D.2 Scenarios with very low or low GHG emissions (SSP1-1.9 and SSP1-2.6) lead within years to discernible effects on greenhouse gas and aerosol concentrations, and air quality, relative to high and very high GHG emissions scenarios (SSP3-7.0 or SSP5-8.5). Under these contrasting scenarios, discernible differences in **trends of global surface temperature would begin to emerge from natural variability within around 20 years,** and over longer time periods for many other climatic impact-drivers (high confidence).

Source: IPCC Climate Change 2021, SPM, pp. 36-41

# Consequences for Energy Systems

To stay within the COP21 goal of **1.5 degrees negative emissions are needed** from 2050 on.

Even the **2.0 degree goal requires negative emissions** in the long run.

Assuming that some countries are not in a position to follow that pathway that quickly, others need to get there even faster than the average.

⇒ **Carbon-air-capture CAC will gain impetus**

Methane contributes notably to global warming

Sources are fossil fuel extraction, pipeline leakage, agriculture and landfills

⇒ **Natural gas use and potential SNG use are to be evaluated for their methane slip**

Keeping the 1.5°C goal requires a swift and strong change in the energy system of the world

## Hypotheses for this presentation:

- **Hydrogen** in its molecular form **is suitable to substituting NG and fossil fuels** in many areas
- **Hydrogen is a precursor** for  $\text{NH}_3$ , methanol, syn-naphta for the chemical industry & for syn-fuels
- Unavoidable **process related  $\text{CO}_2$**  point emitters can be tapped **as  $\text{CO}_2$  sources**
- **Bridging technologies are to be questioned** for their  $\text{CO}_2$  efficacy and cost efficiency
- If the switch of the energy carrier is done appropriately, **limited emissions** will be strongly **reduced by default**

# Methodology of Designing the Energy Mix at IEK-3

## Cost Optimization of an Energy System under Constraints

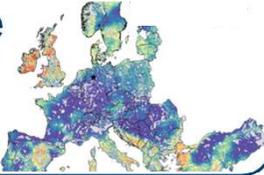
# ETHOS

## The Energy Transformation Optimization Simulation Suite

Entirely based on public data + proprietary data possible

Applicable for any country / region / continent

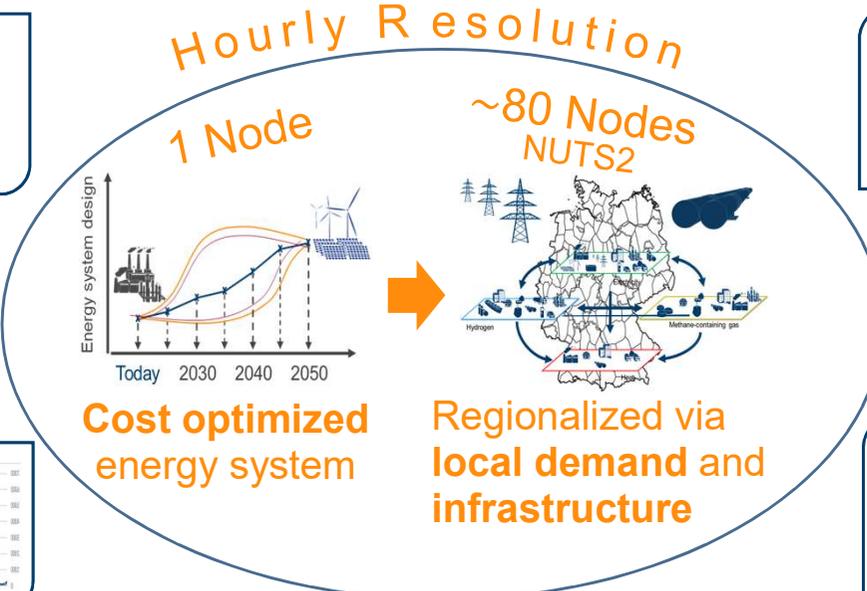
Renewable Energy Resources



European Power Grid



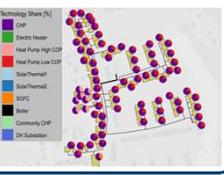
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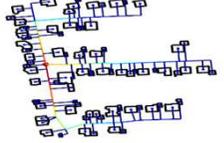
Gas Transportation Grid



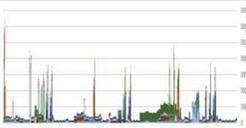
Districts



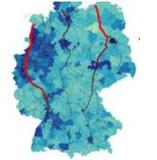
Electricity Distribution Grid



From Demand to Load Profile



H<sub>2</sub> Infrastructure



Transportation



Actor Centered Individual Transportation



H<sub>2</sub> International Provision



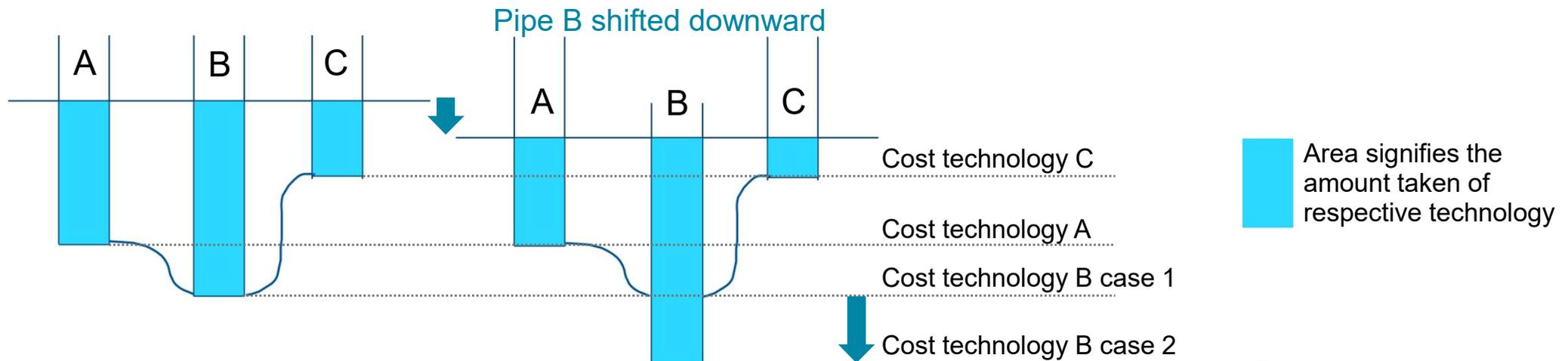
NUTS2: EU-wide statistical classification for regions: 800k to 3 mn inhabitants

# We approach the Energy Technologies as Communicating Pipes

## Minimizing the Systems Cost under Constraints

- Which energy technology is to be chosen is determined by technical properties and cost
- The cheapest way to cut out CO<sub>2</sub> is chosen.
- Since cost can be dependent on penetration of a technology (e.g. good wind-sites get successively taken) this needs an iterative process
- All 1300 technologies considered compete during simulation on > 2000 pathways
- Hourly resolution
- We do not arbitrarily set quantities of certain technologies, unless it is requested
- Constraints guarantee a realistic view: e.g. only < 5% of the existing capacity of a technology added p.a.
- Demand drives the “market”, technologies furnish the demand
- Regionalization via GIS\* data of demand and infrastructure

Technologies compete as communicating pipes do



\*GIS: Geographic Information System

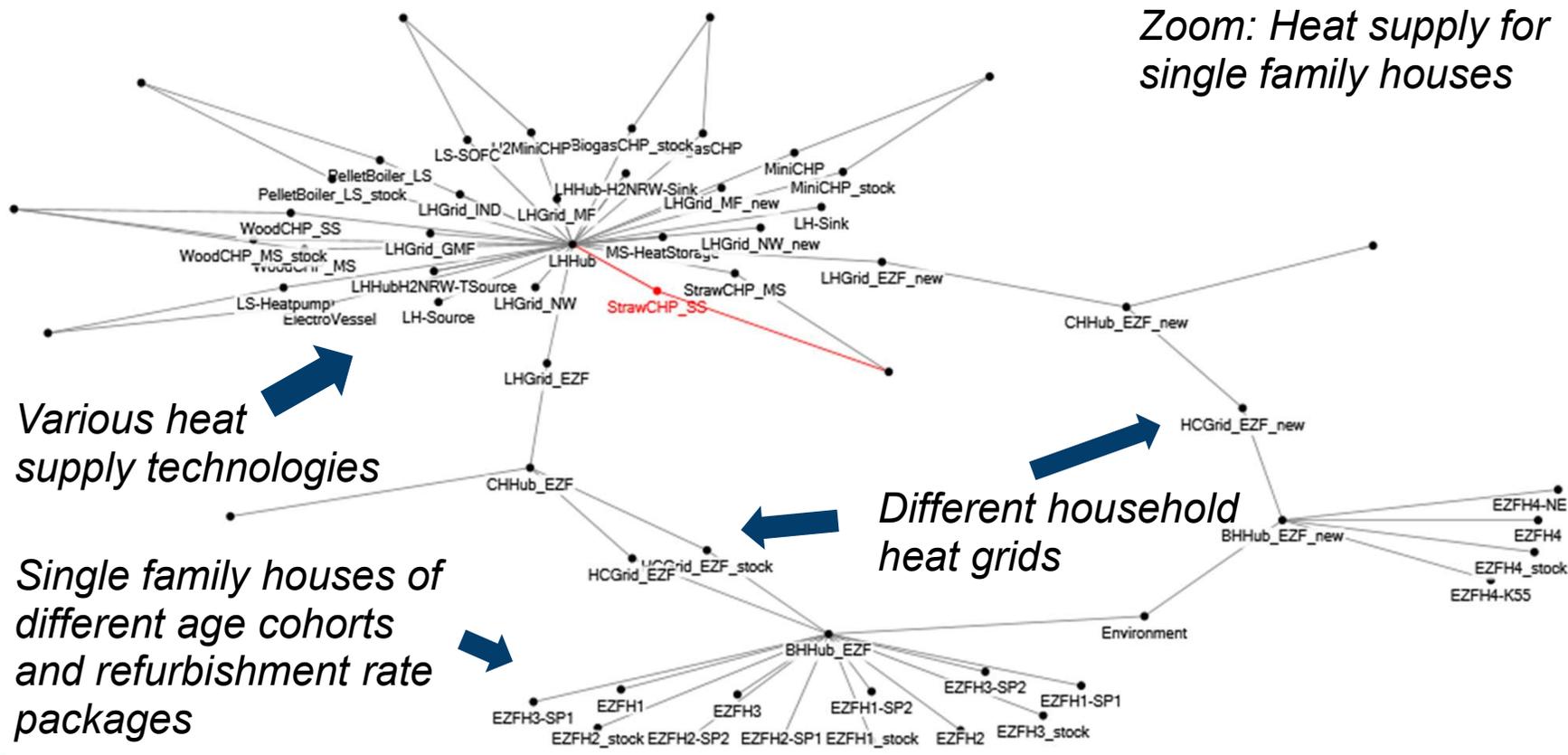
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IEK-3: Techno-Economic Systems Analysis

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# A Glimpse into the Optimization within ETHOS

Zoom: Heat supply for single family houses



## Information on each node:

- ▶ Investment cost
- ▶ Cost range
- ▶ Efficiency
- ▶ CO<sub>2</sub>-emissions
- ▶ Potential
- ▶ Commodities
- ▶ Operational costs
- ▶ Interest rate
- ▶ Lifetime

# Transition Requirements

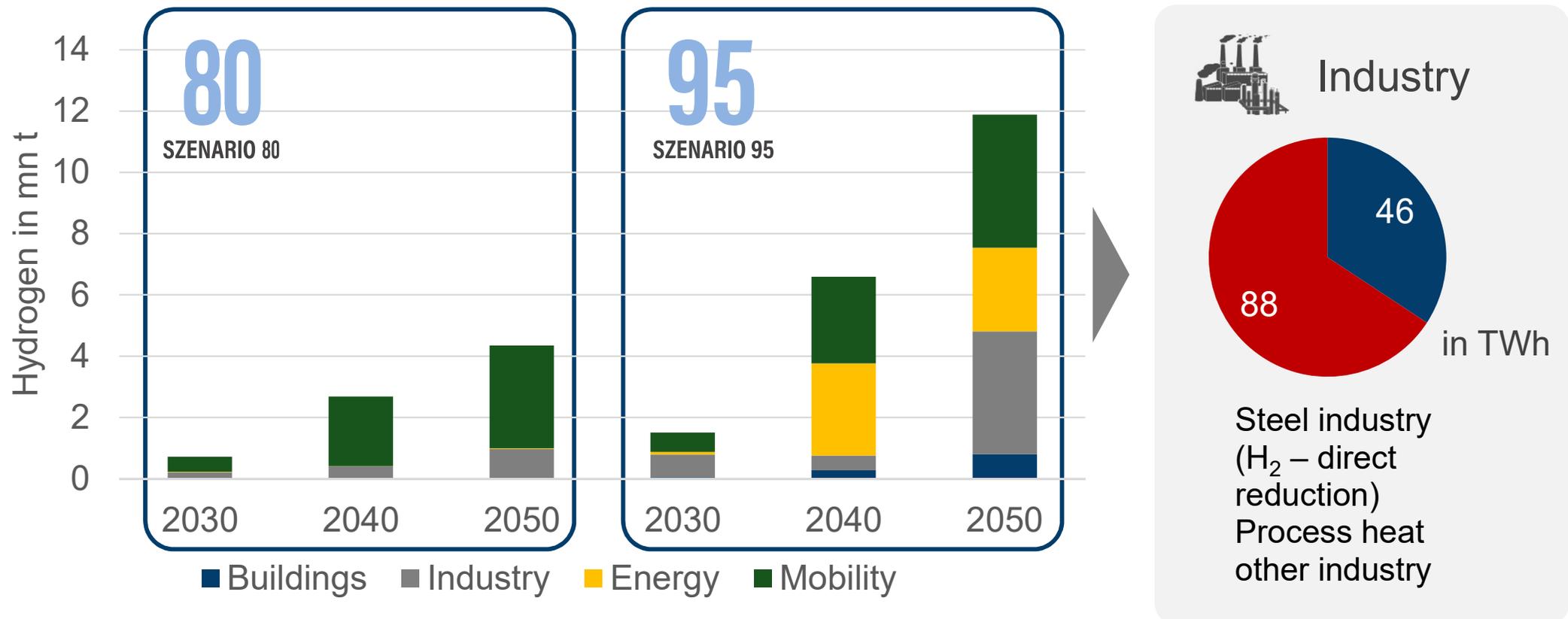
# Basic Requirements for a Future Energy System

- In 2050 **CO<sub>2</sub> emissions** based on 1990 to **be reduced** to about zero (climate targets 1.5-2.0°C)
- **Germany: climate neutrality 2045 (cast in law 21/06/24)**
- After the transition period **energy** should be **no more expensive** than today
- **Limited emissions** shall be reduced
- Electricity, fuels and heat must be available with **high reliability w/ renewables**
- **All energy sectors need to be addressed**
- **Teratogenic, carcinogenic and poisonous substances to be avoided in public handling**
- Nuclear hazards to be considered
- **Radiative forcing to be considered** (e.g. methane 30) for new energy pathways

# Transition Pathway

## ES 2050 – a study as of 2019

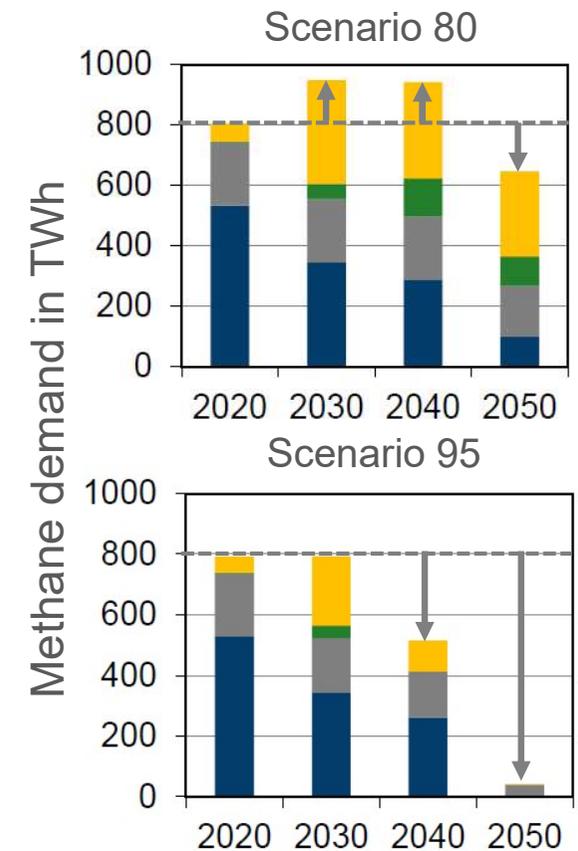
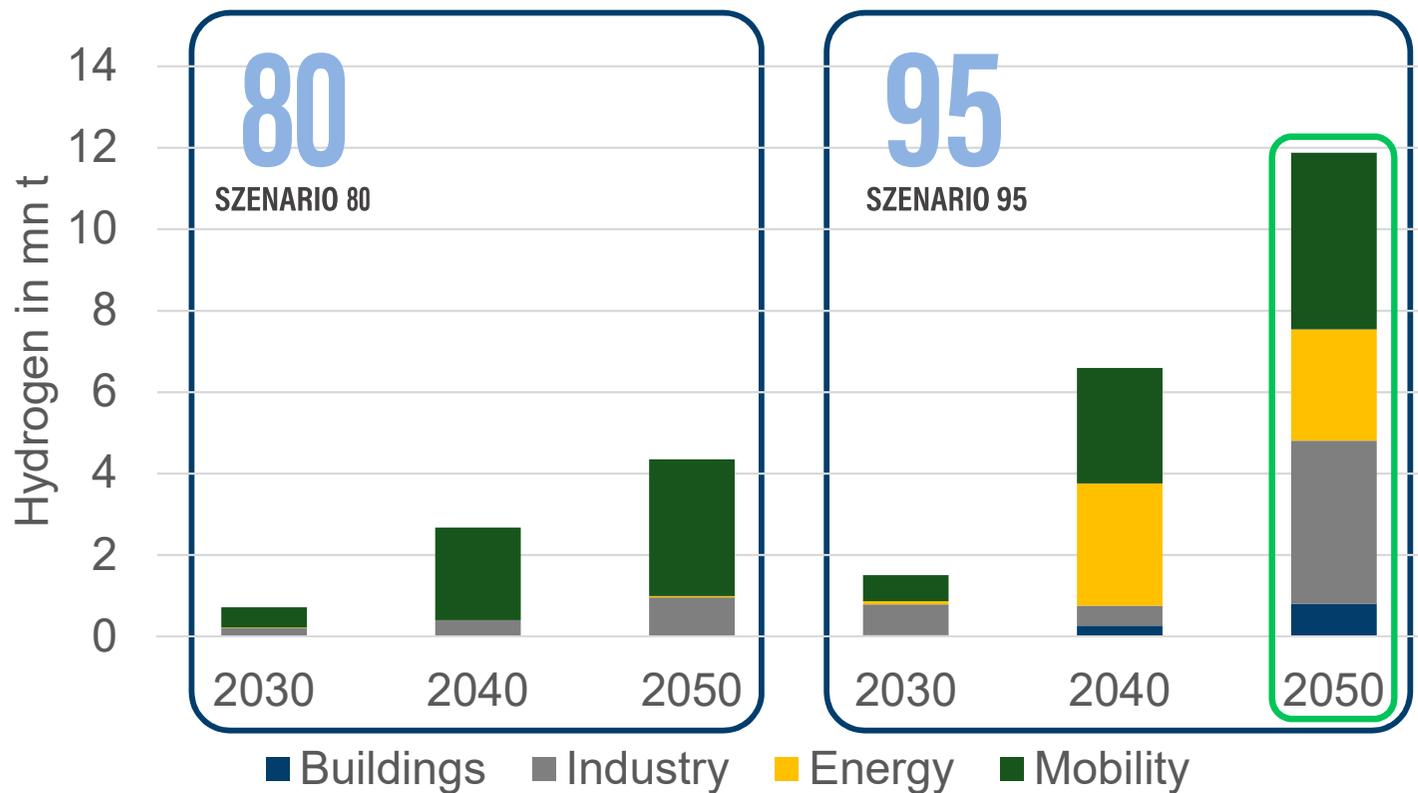
# Hydrogen Demand Triples for the 95% Scenario



- Scenario 80: Hydrogen demand of 4 mn t p.a. (mostly transport and industry)
- Scenario 95: Hydrogen demand of 12 mn t across all sectors (incl. process heat)
- Preliminary result: a climate neutral scenario adds no further H<sub>2</sub> demand owing to cheaper renewable energy w/ direct use of power

Wege für die Energiewende – Kosteneffiziente und klimagerechte Transformationsstrategien für das deutsche Energiesystem bis zum Jahr 2050. Schriften des Forschungszentrums Jülich, Reihe Energie & Umwelt/Energy & Environment, Band/Volume 499; Robinius M., Markewitz P., Lopion P., Kullmann F., Heuser P.-M., Syranidis K., Cerniauskas S., Schöb T., Reuß M., Ryberg S., Kotzur L., Caglayan D., Welder L., Linßen J., Grube T., Heinrichs H., Stenzel P., Stolten D.: [https://juser.fz-juelich.de/record/877960/files/Energie\\_Umwelt\\_499.pdf](https://juser.fz-juelich.de/record/877960/files/Energie_Umwelt_499.pdf)

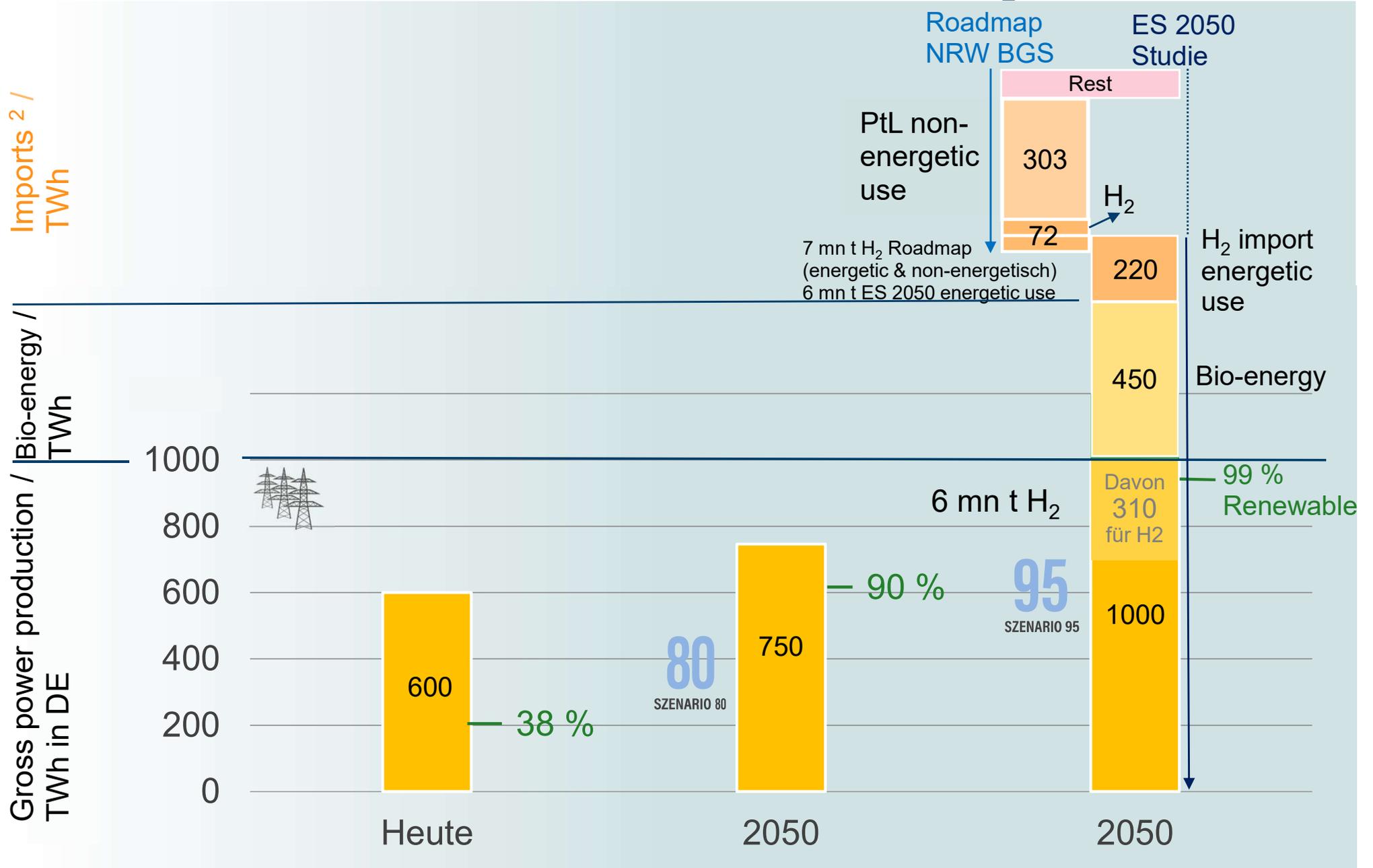
# Hydrogen and Methane Demand



- Scenario 80: Hydrogen occurs in mobility and industry only, NG demand rises in between before dropping in 2050
- Scenario 95: H<sub>2</sub> in all sectors → infrastructure development & supply chain analysis needed

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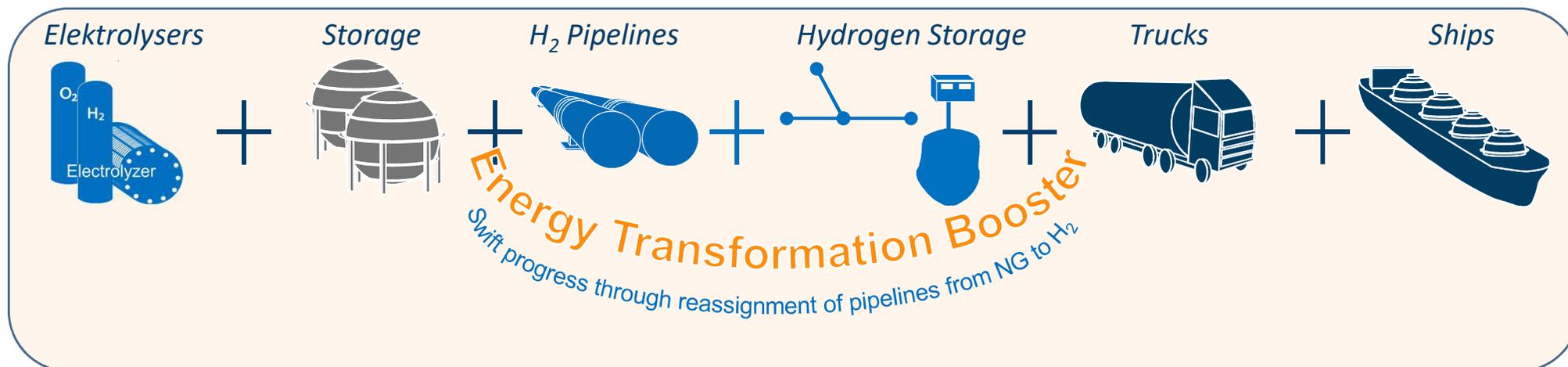
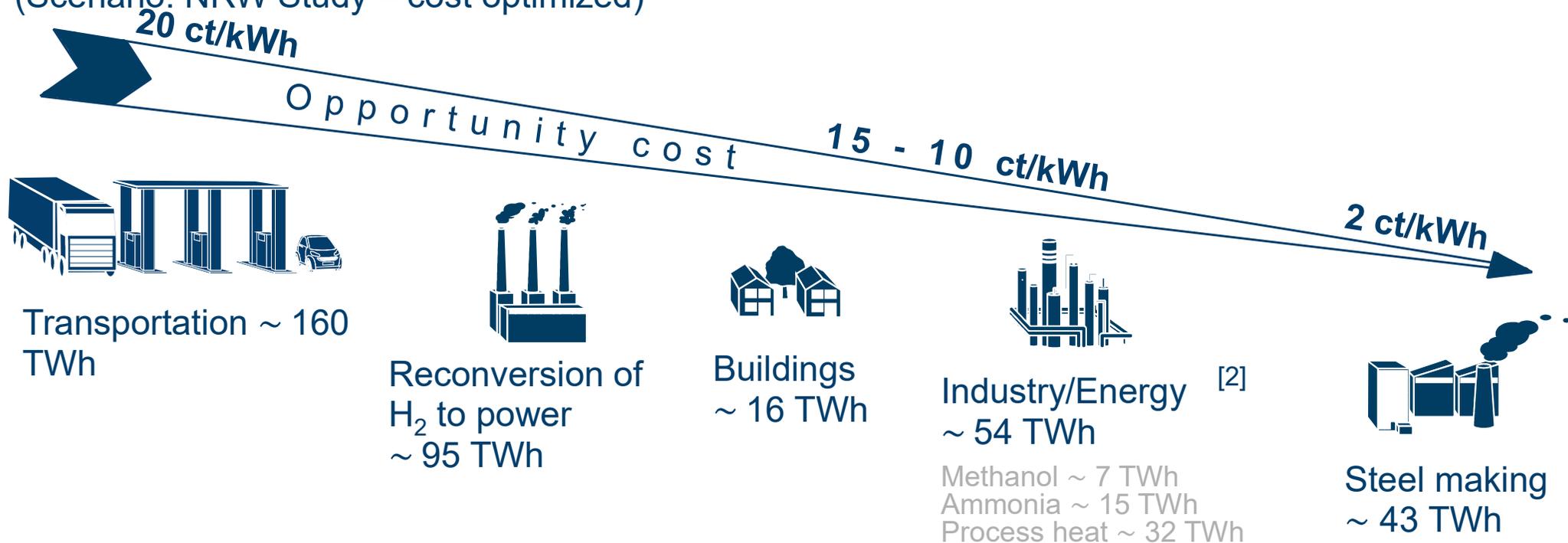
# Substitution of Fossils Leading to 95% Reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions



<sup>1</sup> ohne Strom Im- und Export, da vernachlässigbar; <sup>2</sup> Importe als Primärenergie an dt. Grenze

# Hydrogen as a Backbone of the Energy Transition

(Scenario: NRW Study – cost optimized)



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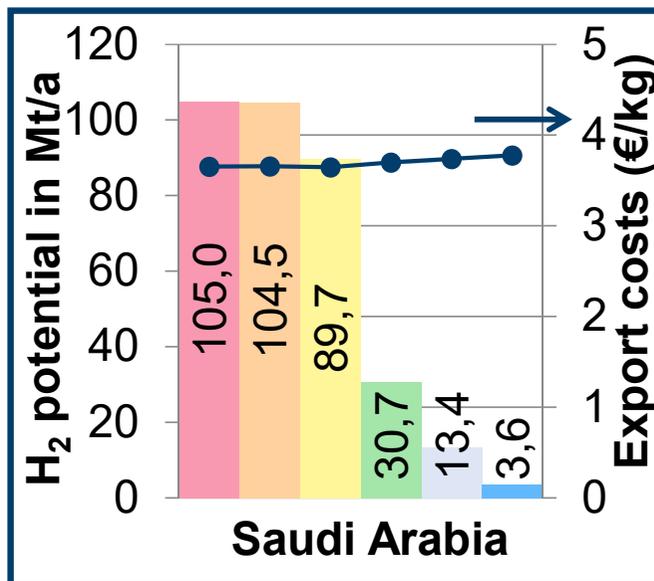
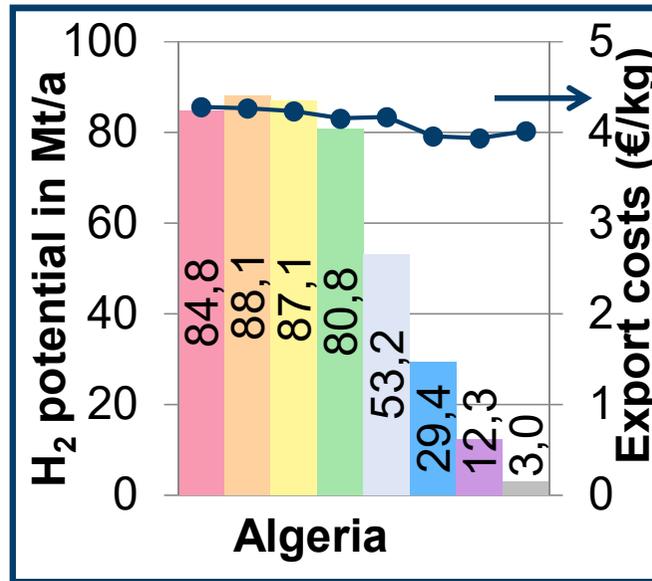
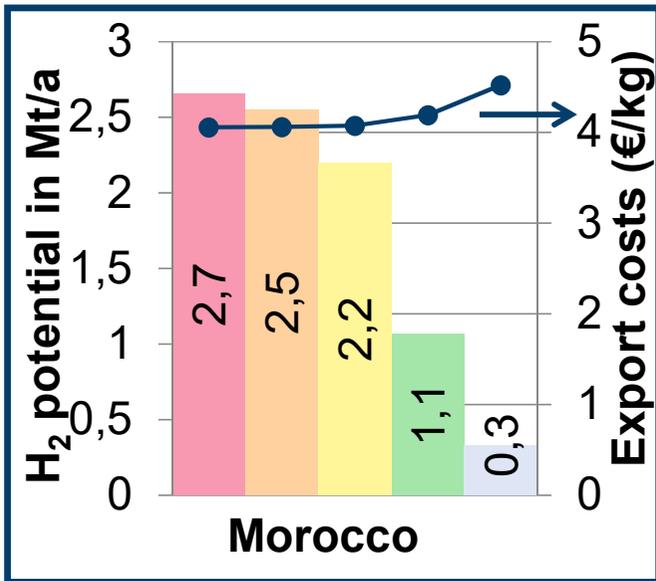
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[3] Equity Research / Goldman Sachs; Green Hydrogen, September 22, 2020

# Hydrogen as a Commodity

## Can these Quantities be Delivered?

# Worldwide H<sub>2</sub> Export Potential in Exemplary High Insolation Countries (\*)



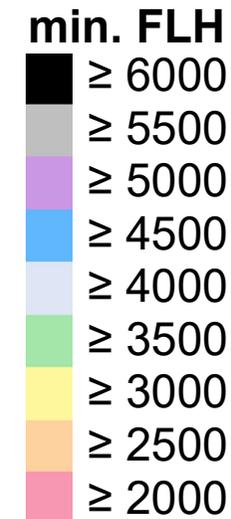
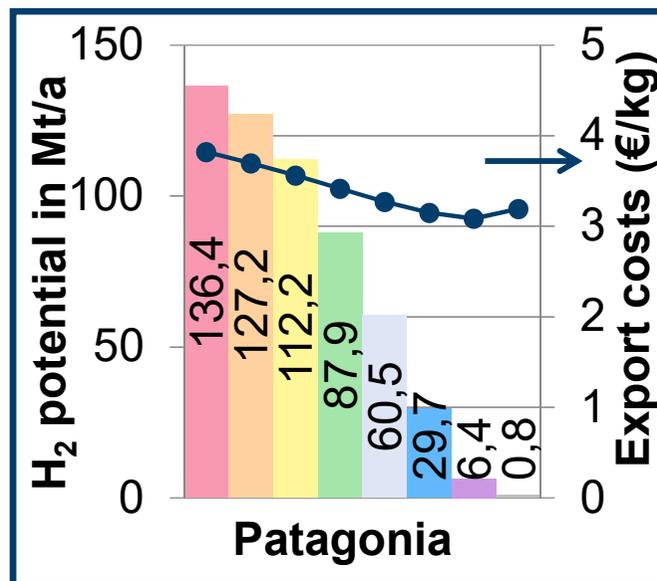
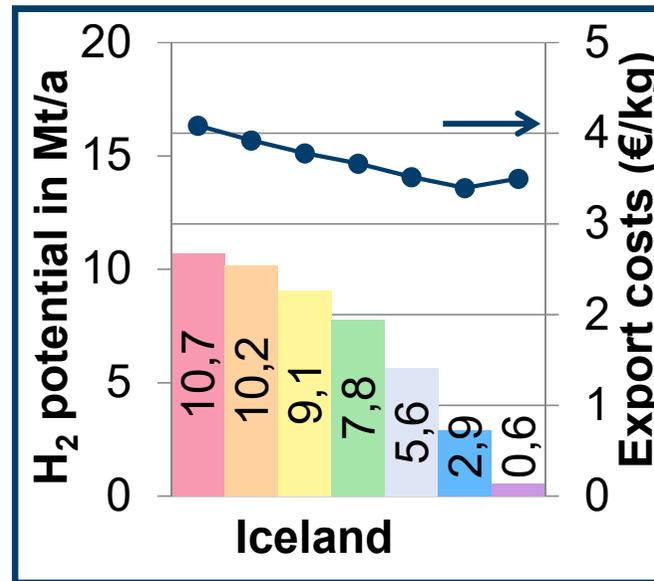
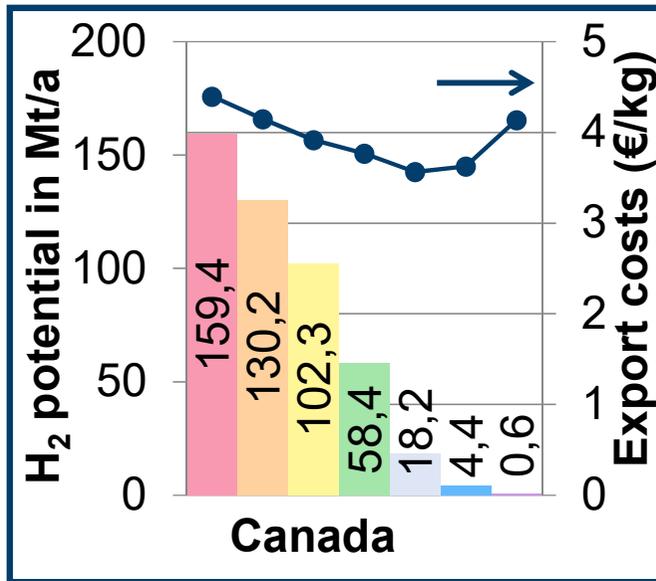
## Capacity expansion state

- No. 8
- No. 7
- No. 6
- No. 5
- No. 4
- No. 3
- No. 2
- No. 1

Capacity expansion  
=  
Degree of potential  
utilization

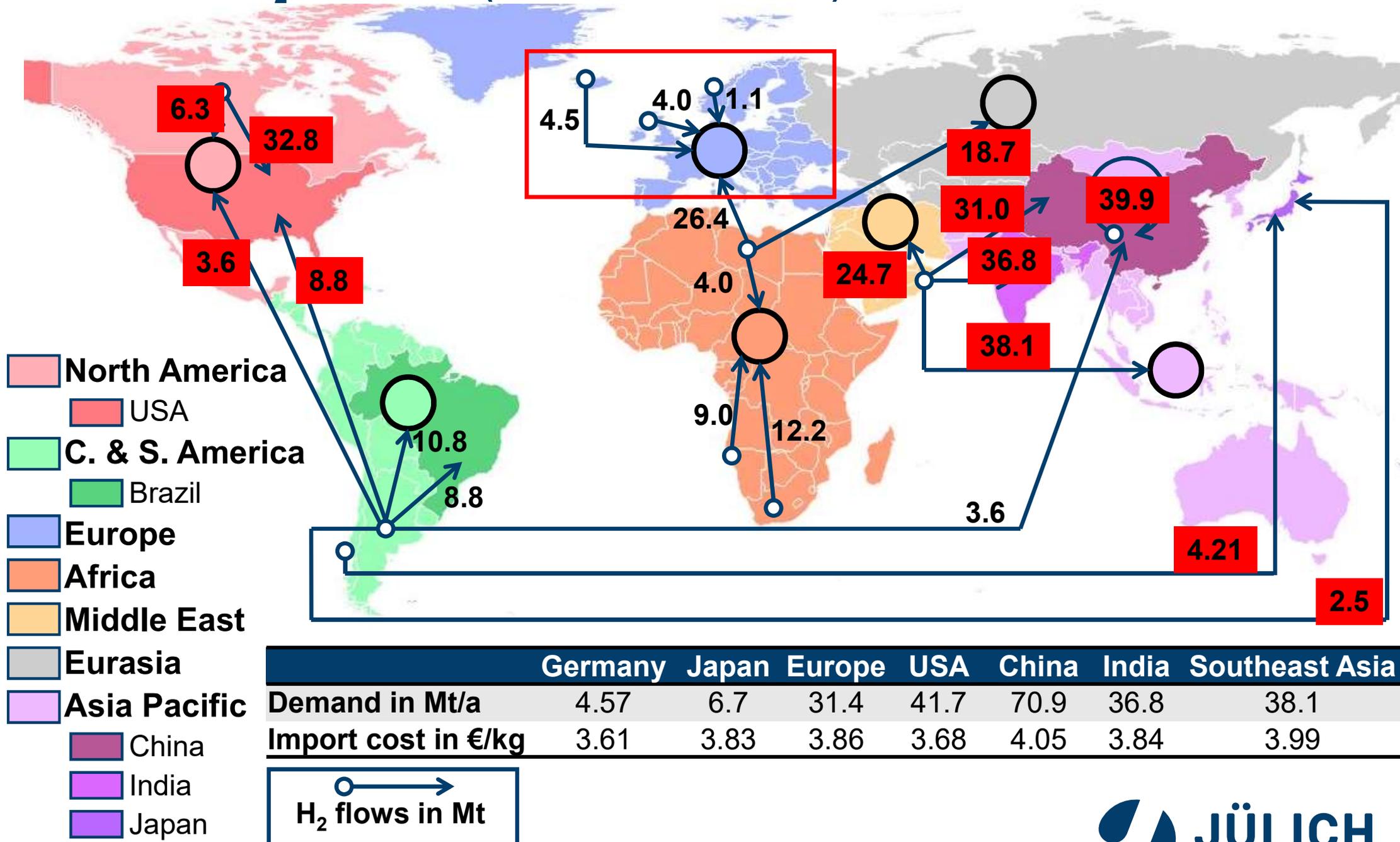
(\*) Export costs excl. shipping

# Worldwide H<sub>2</sub> Export Potential in Exemplary Strong Wind Countries (\*)



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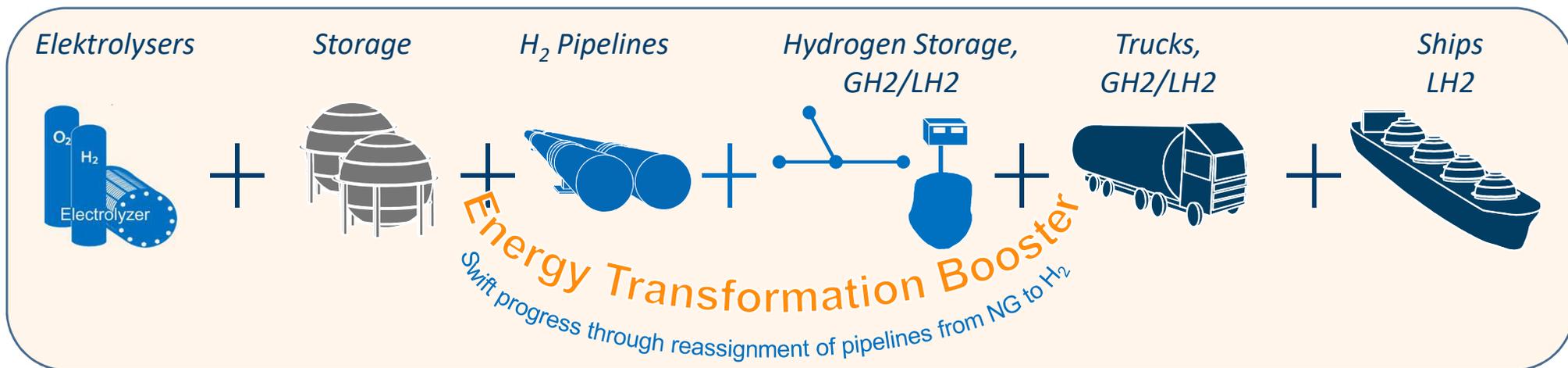
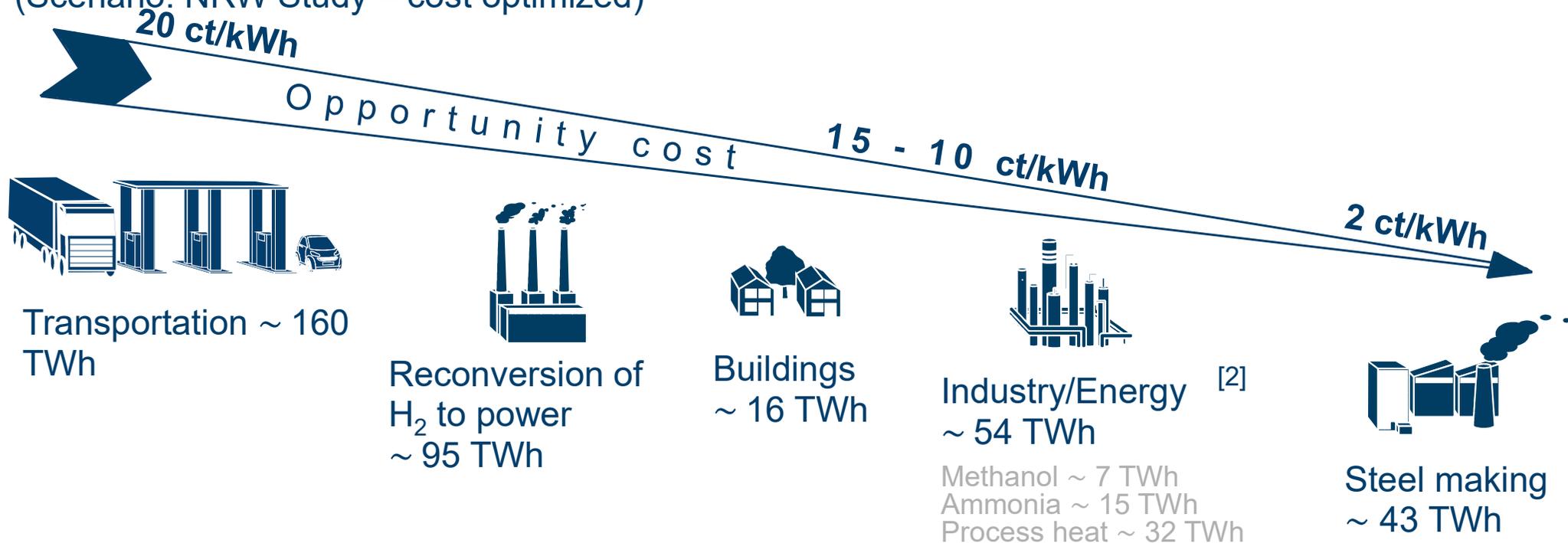
# Worldwide H<sub>2</sub> Allocation (Reference Scenario) - Flows in million tons



# Market Introduction Through Markets with High Cost Allowance

# Hydrogen as a Backbone of the Energy Transition

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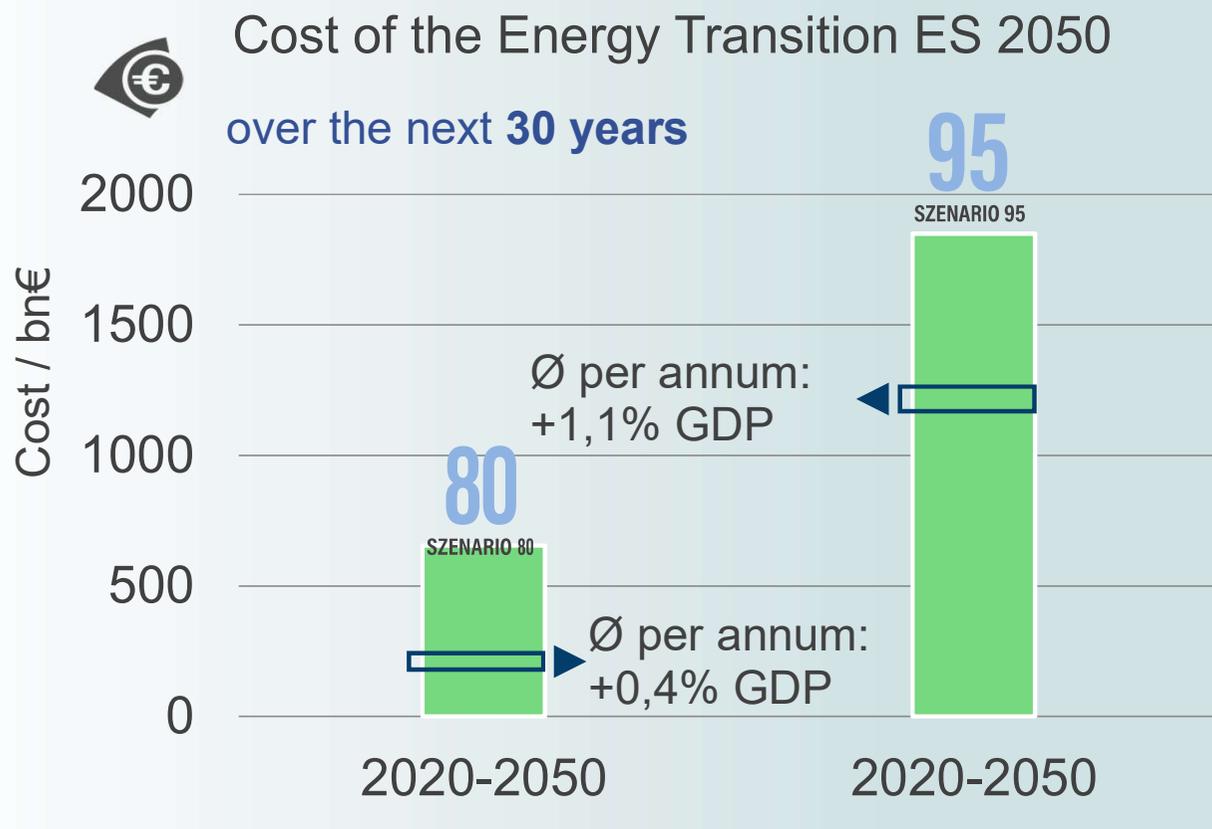
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# Cost of Transition

# Cost of Setting up a Renewable Energy Infrastructure for Germany



❶ About 1800 bn € over 30 years  
 ⇒ 60 bn p.a  
 (ES2050 scenario)  
 @ cost 2019, 95% CO<sub>2</sub> reduction;

❷ @ cost 2021; 95% CO<sub>2</sub> reduction  
 (BAU95 scenario)  
 - 20% cost compared to ❶

❸ Climate neutral scenario 2045  
 + 32% cost compared to ❶  
 + 52% cost compared to ❷

## First rough estimate:

A climate neutral scenario costs about 90 bn € for DE p.a.  
 (~ 1.7% GDP p.a) => affordable)  
 (detailed verification process ongoing, final results to be published 11/2021)

## Cost comparison of CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction Scenarios:

- 80% CO<sub>2</sub> 2050: defined as 100% base line
- 95% CO<sub>2</sub> 2050: adds 180% to the cost of 80%
- Climate neutral at 2019 cost level: adds 52% to the cost of 95% 2050
- Climate neutral at 2021 cost level: adds 32% -"
- Full decarbonization of industry comes on top (substitution of raw materials)

# Lessons Learnt

## On hydrogen amount:

- With cheaper renewables less hydrogen is needed for higher direct use of electricity
- With more ambitious climate goals more hydrogen is needed
- Reassignment of NG-pipelines to H<sub>2</sub> is very cost effective
- Both effects level off in our scenarios at about 400 TWh, corresponding to 12 mn tons of H<sub>2</sub>

## On hydrogen market:

- Substantial amounts go to industry
- The opportunity cost of the industry are lower than market introduction prices
- Transportation provides high opportunity cost for hydrogen
- Hence, hydrogen in transportation is important for establishing a hydrogen market
- Addressing all markets distributes the infrastructure cost to a larger extent
- Whether households need hydrogen depends very much on the local situation
  - Can renewables, e.g. PV, geothermal, be installed?
  - Can houses be refurbished - insulated, etc?
  - Are refurbishments of houses restricted under monument protection?

# Thank You Very Much for the Attention!

