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# ENERGY ECONOMICAL PERSPECTIVES OF SOLAR HEAT IN URBAN ENERGY SUPPLY SYSTEMS

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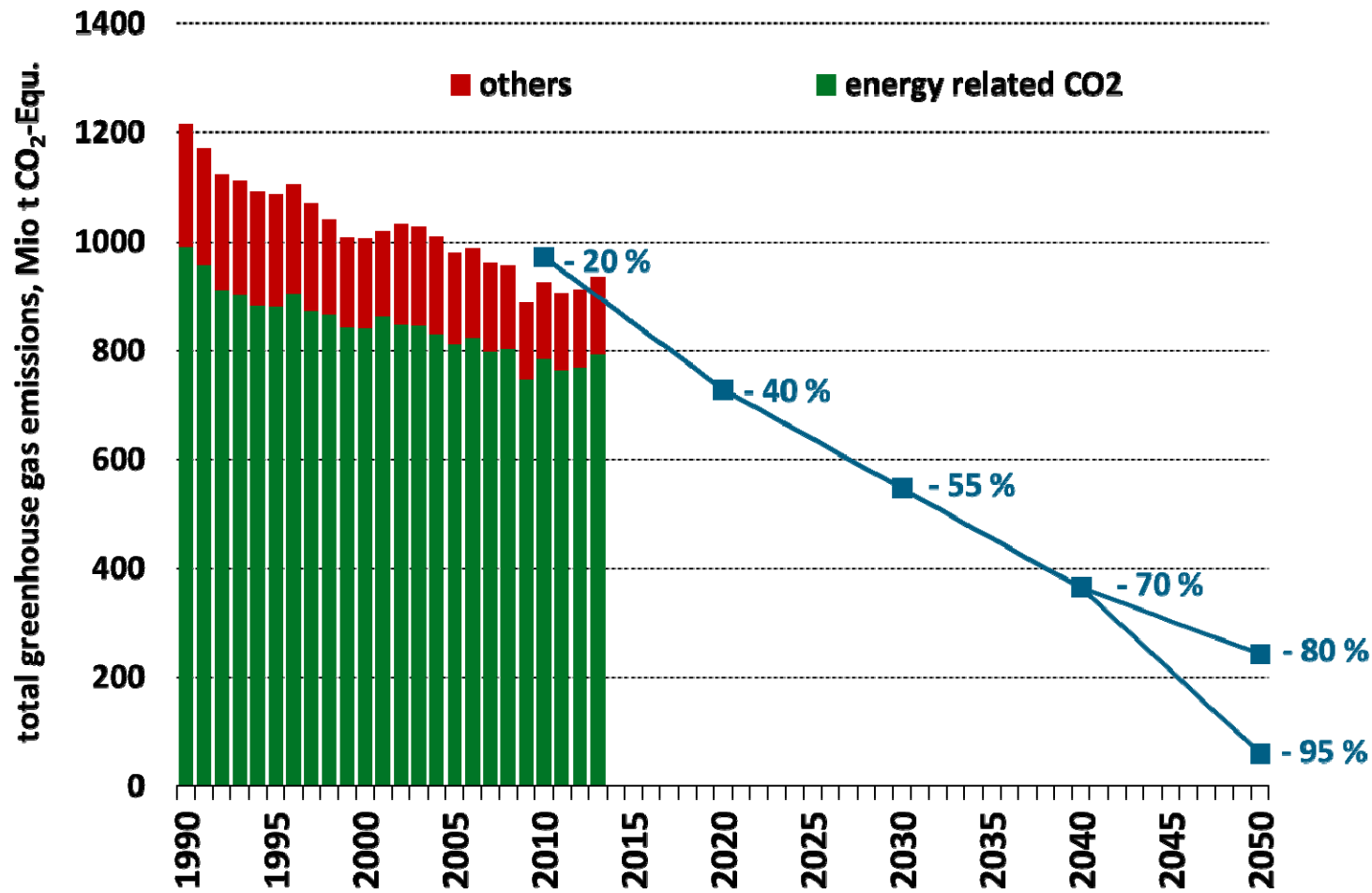
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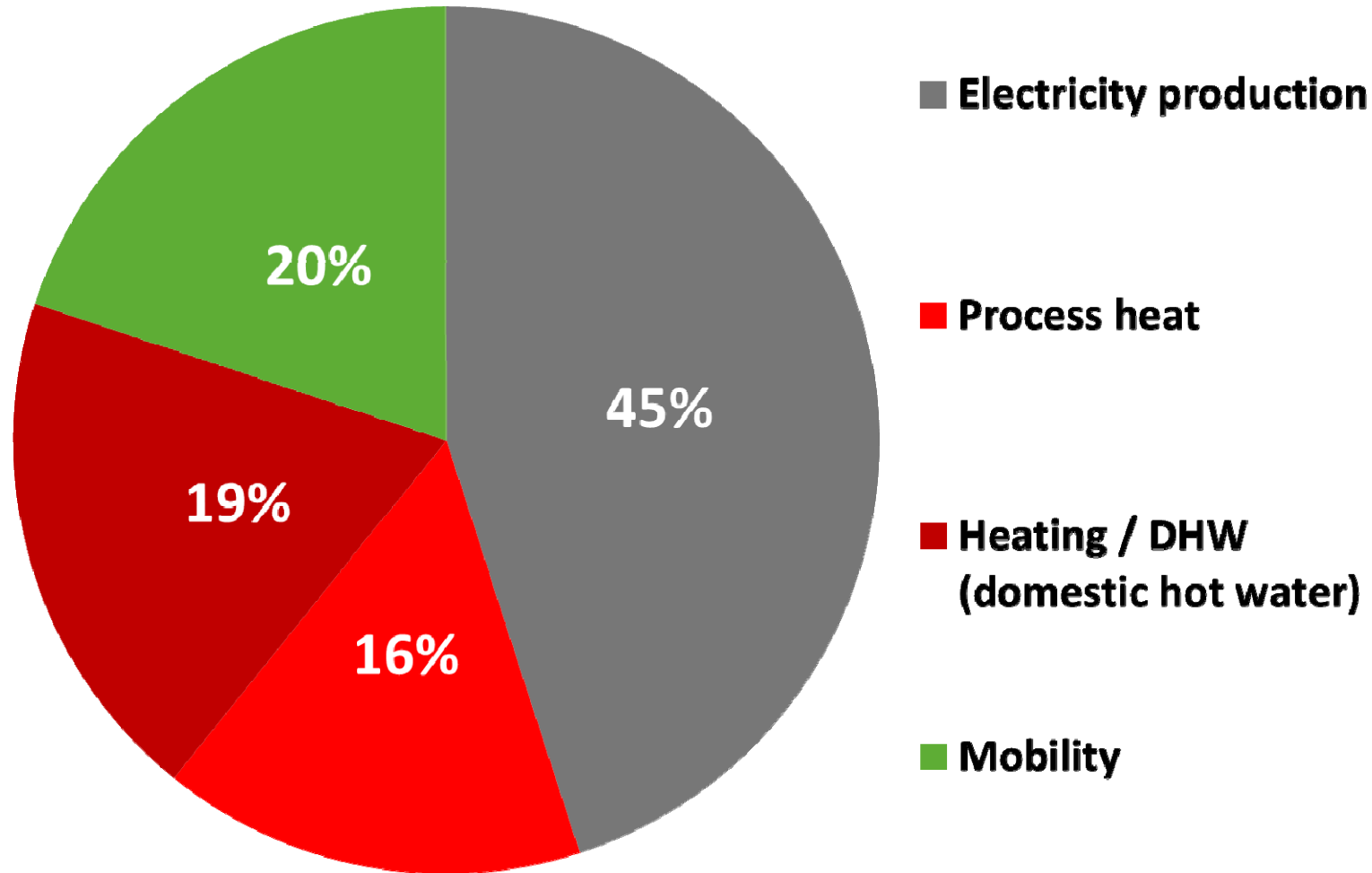
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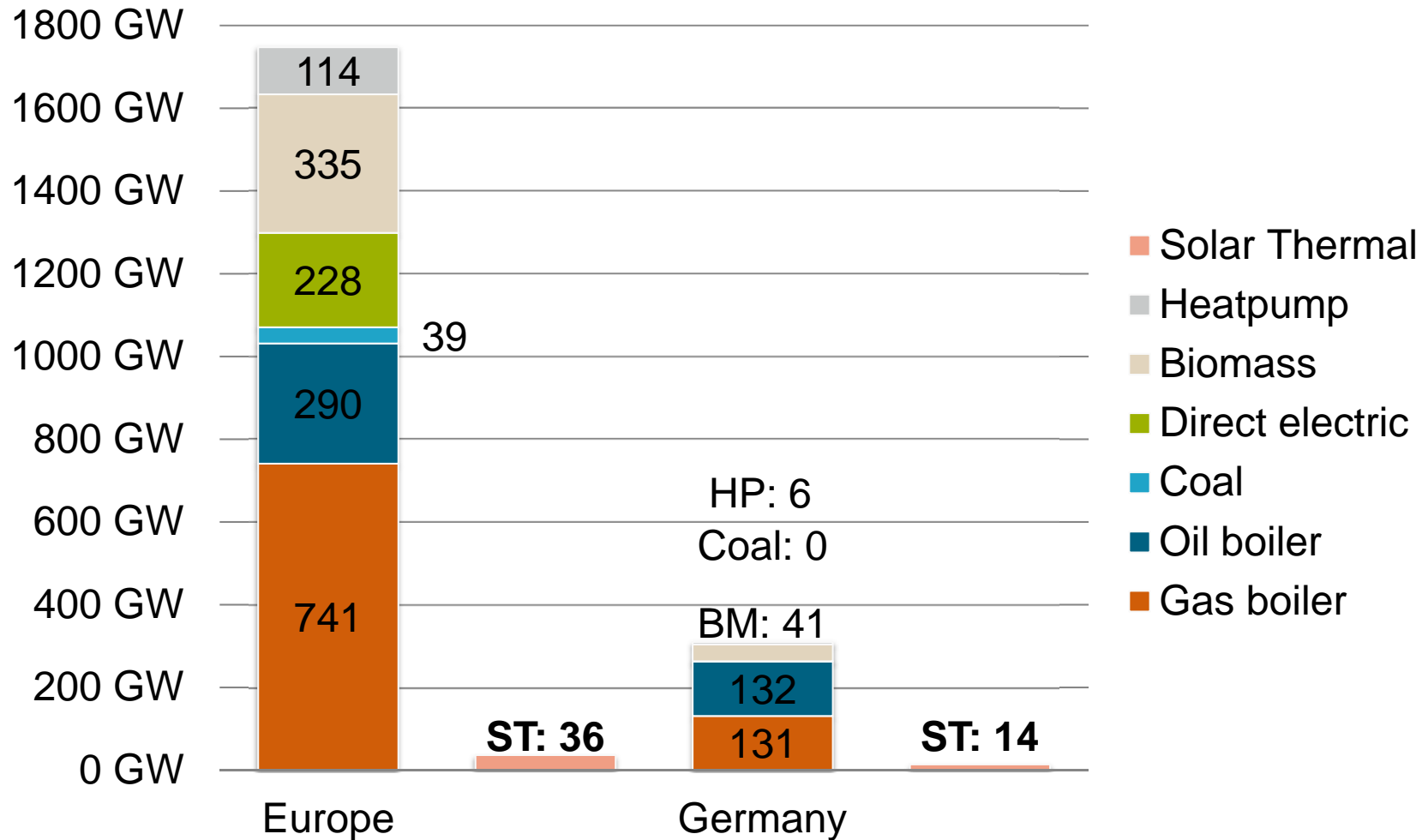
# Development of German GHG emissions 1990 – 2013 & target values until 2050



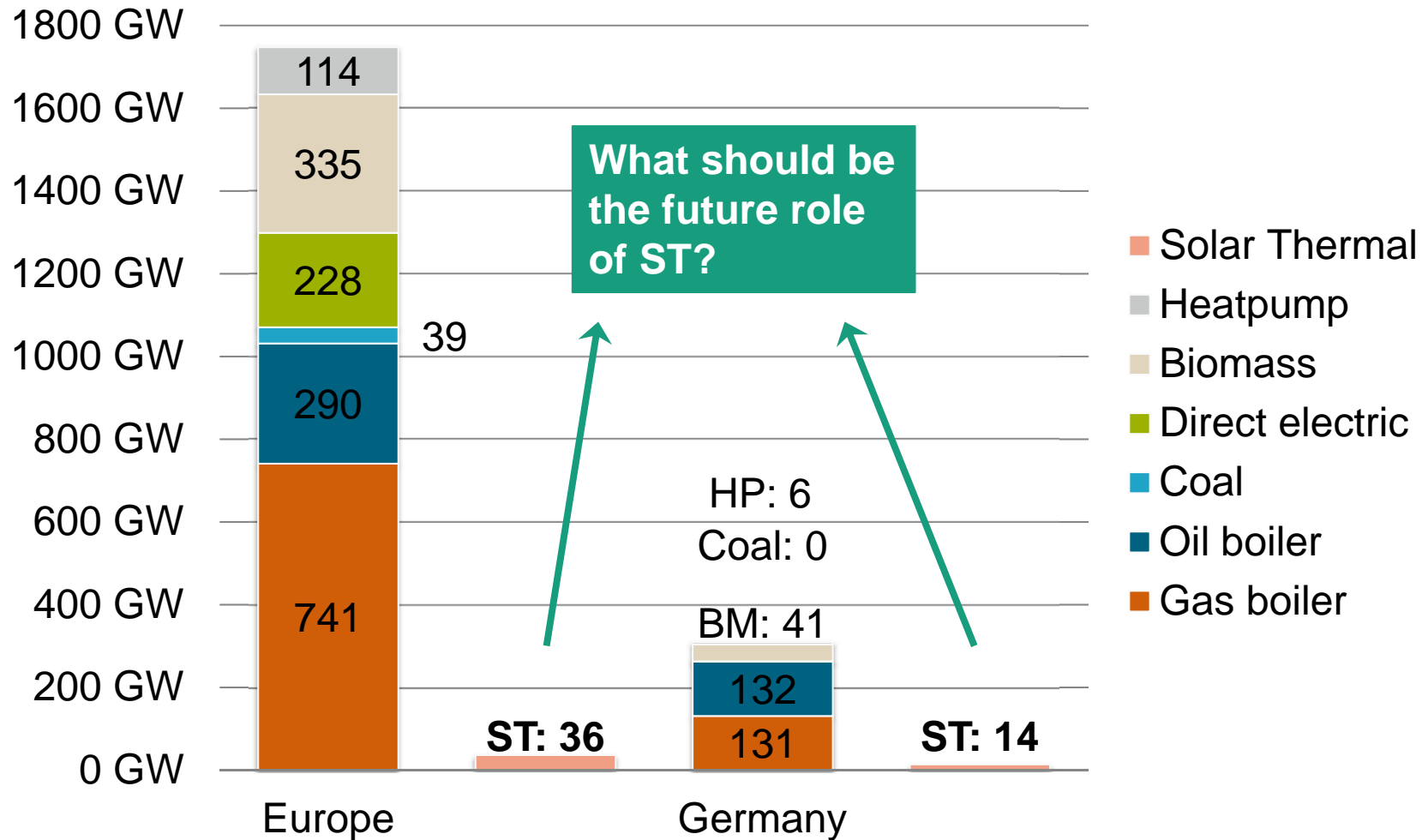
# Energy related CO<sub>2</sub> emissions – Germany 2013



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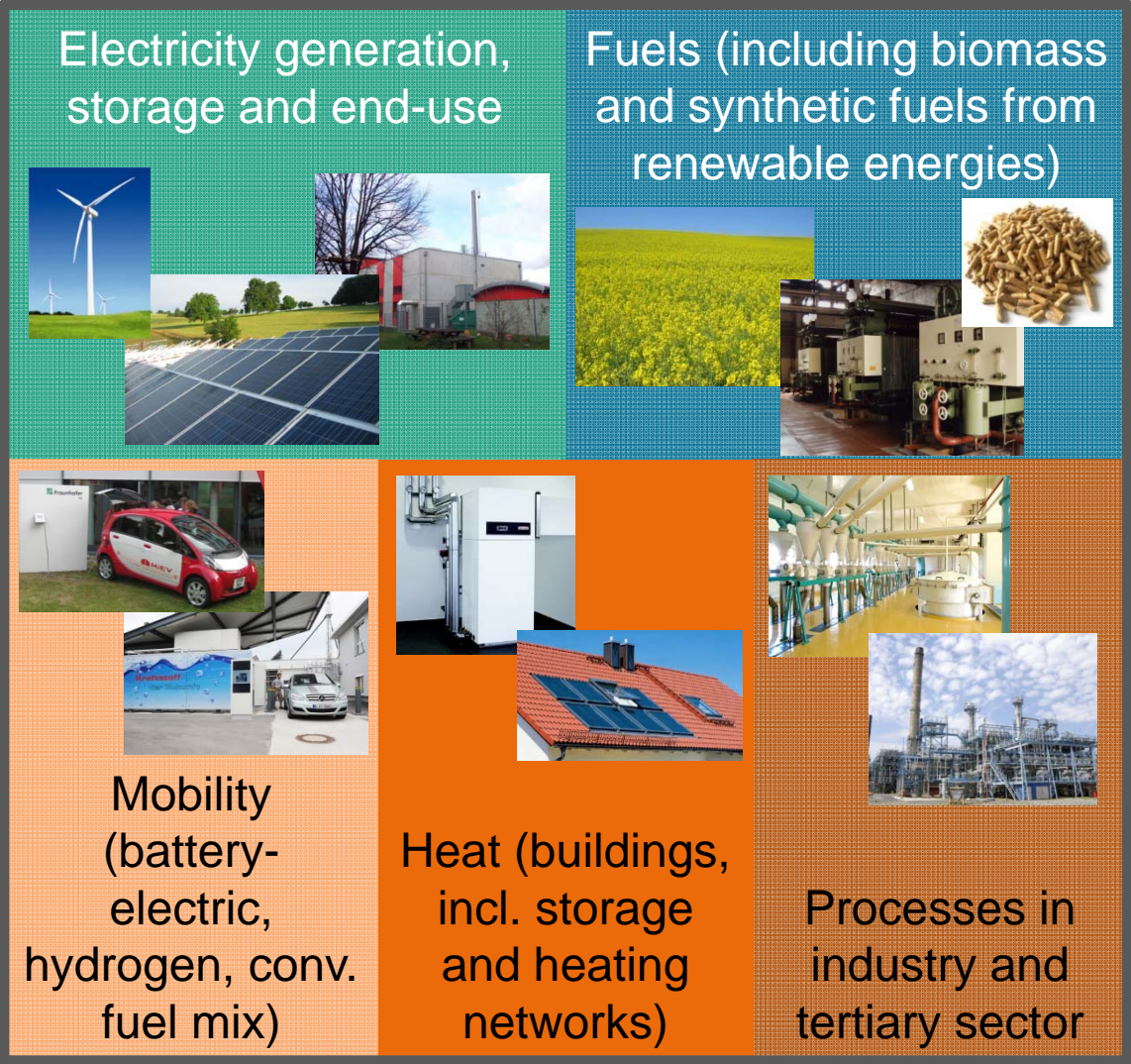


# Methodology – Optimization of Germany’s future energy system

Minimization of total annual cost (operation, maintenance, ...)



**REMod-D**  
 Renewable Energy Model – Deutschland  
 Techno-economic optimization based on comprehensive simulation (hourly time scale)

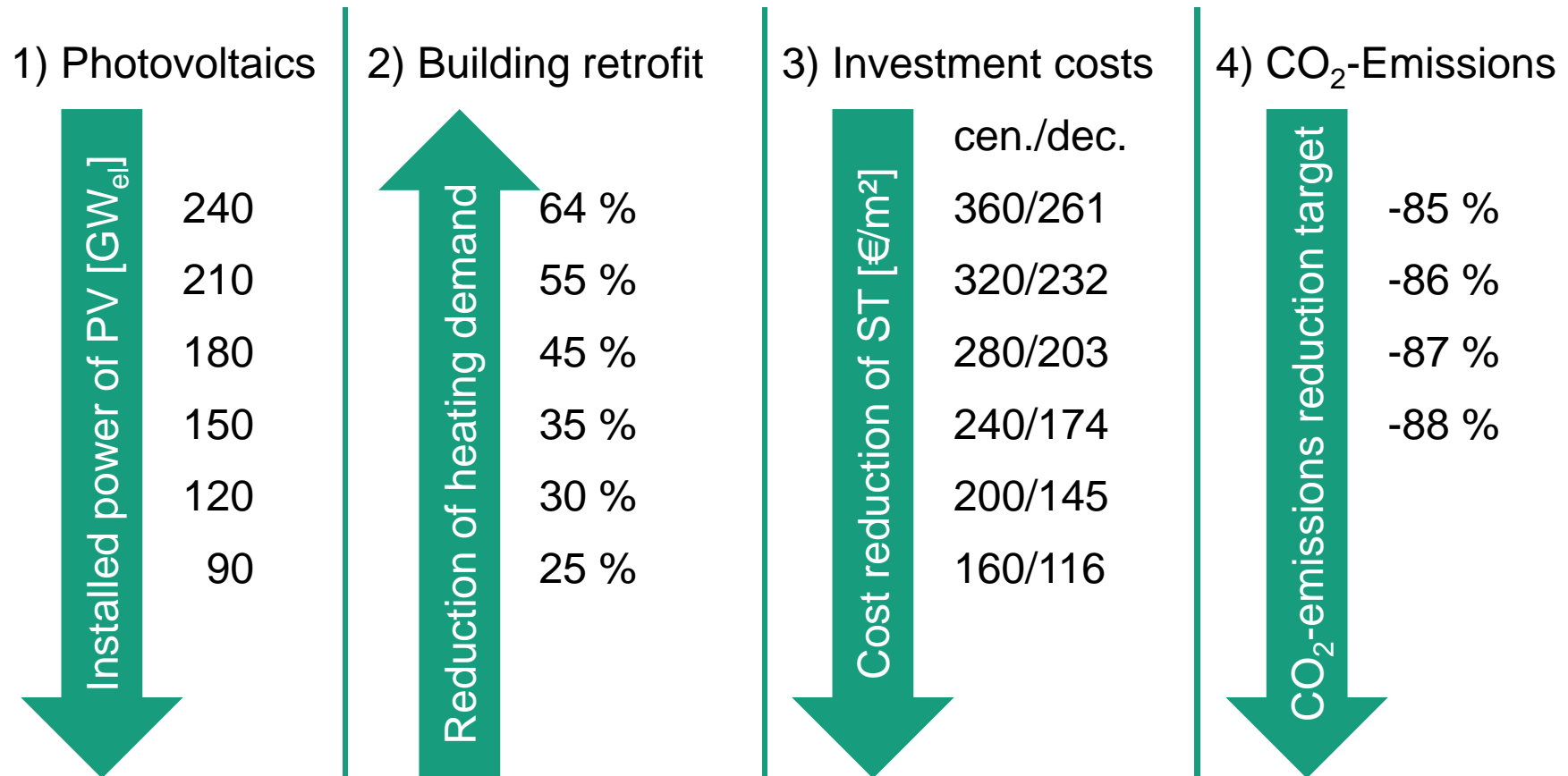




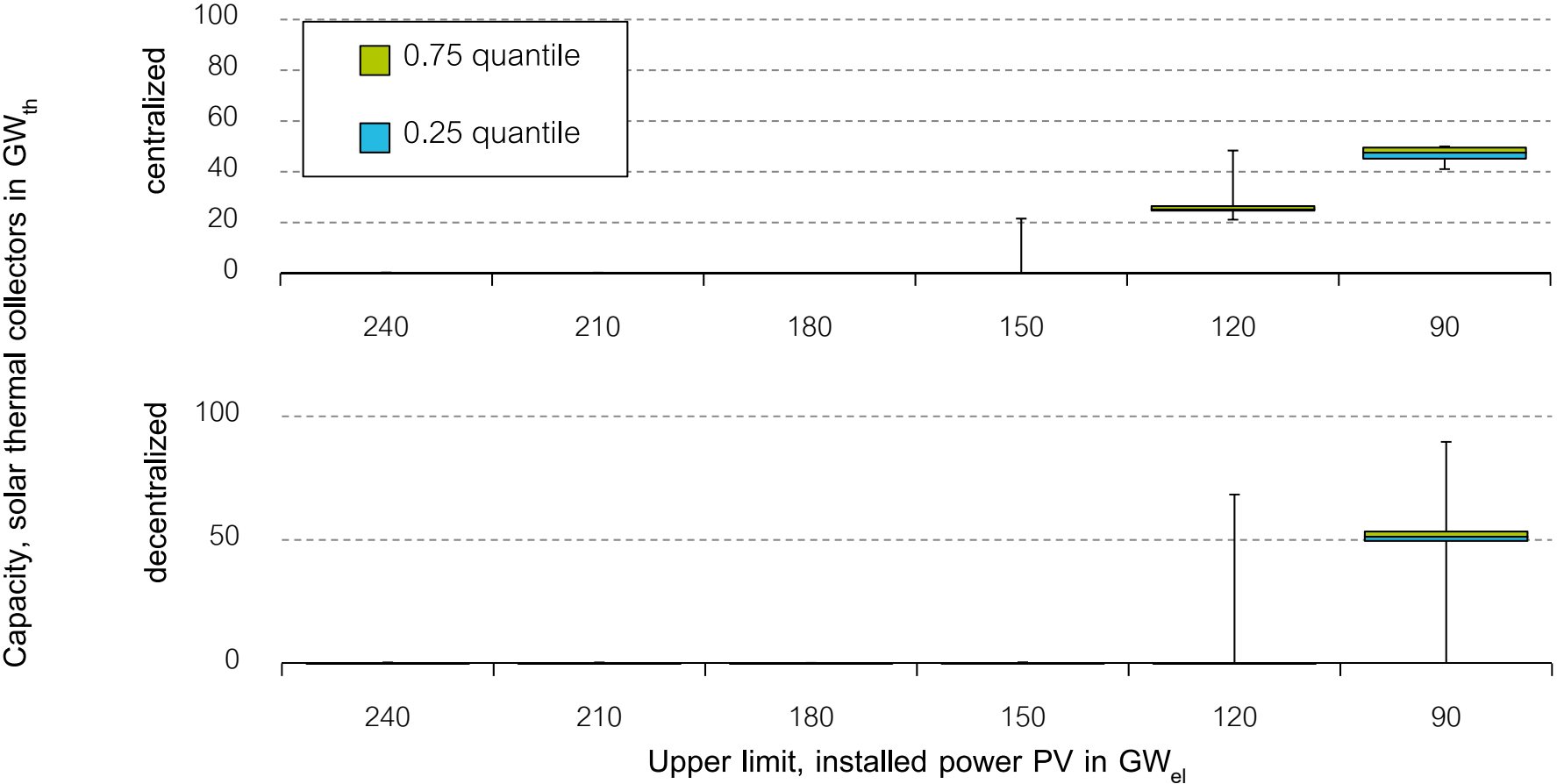
# Scenario overview for sensitivity analysis

Generally fixed boundary conditions:

~50 % building retrofit, ~20 % district heat, mobility mix: hydrogen, CH<sub>4</sub>, liquid fuels, batteries

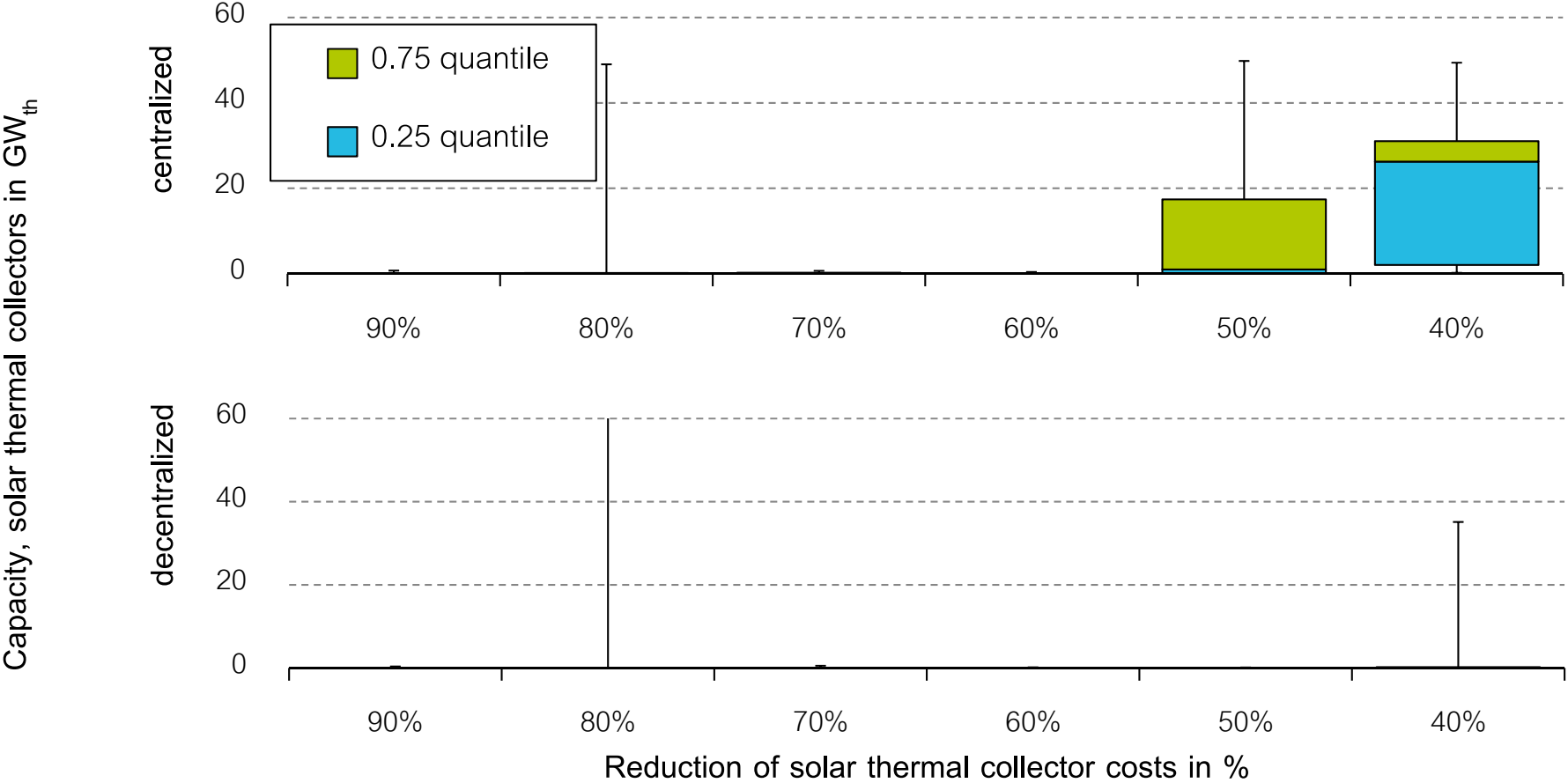


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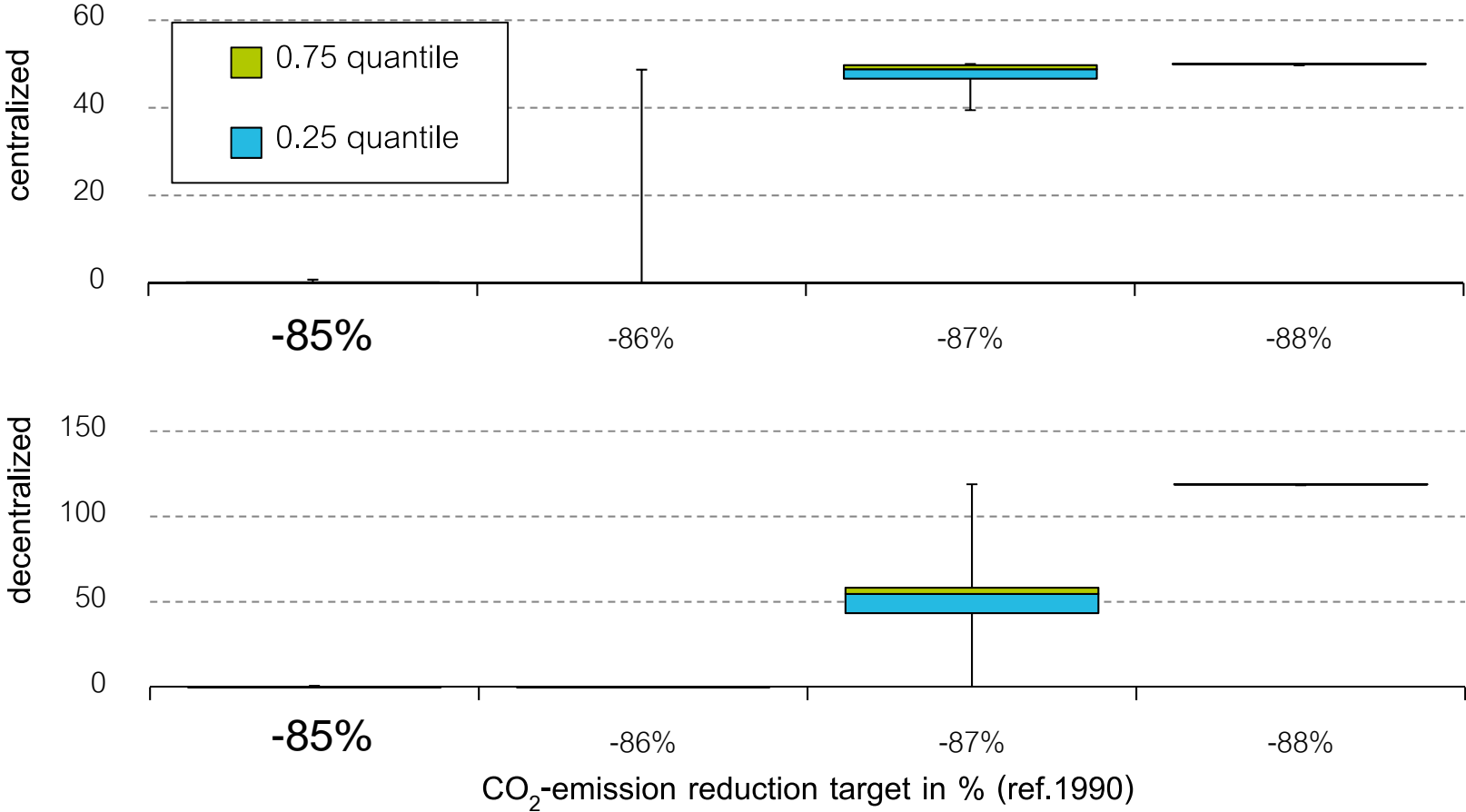
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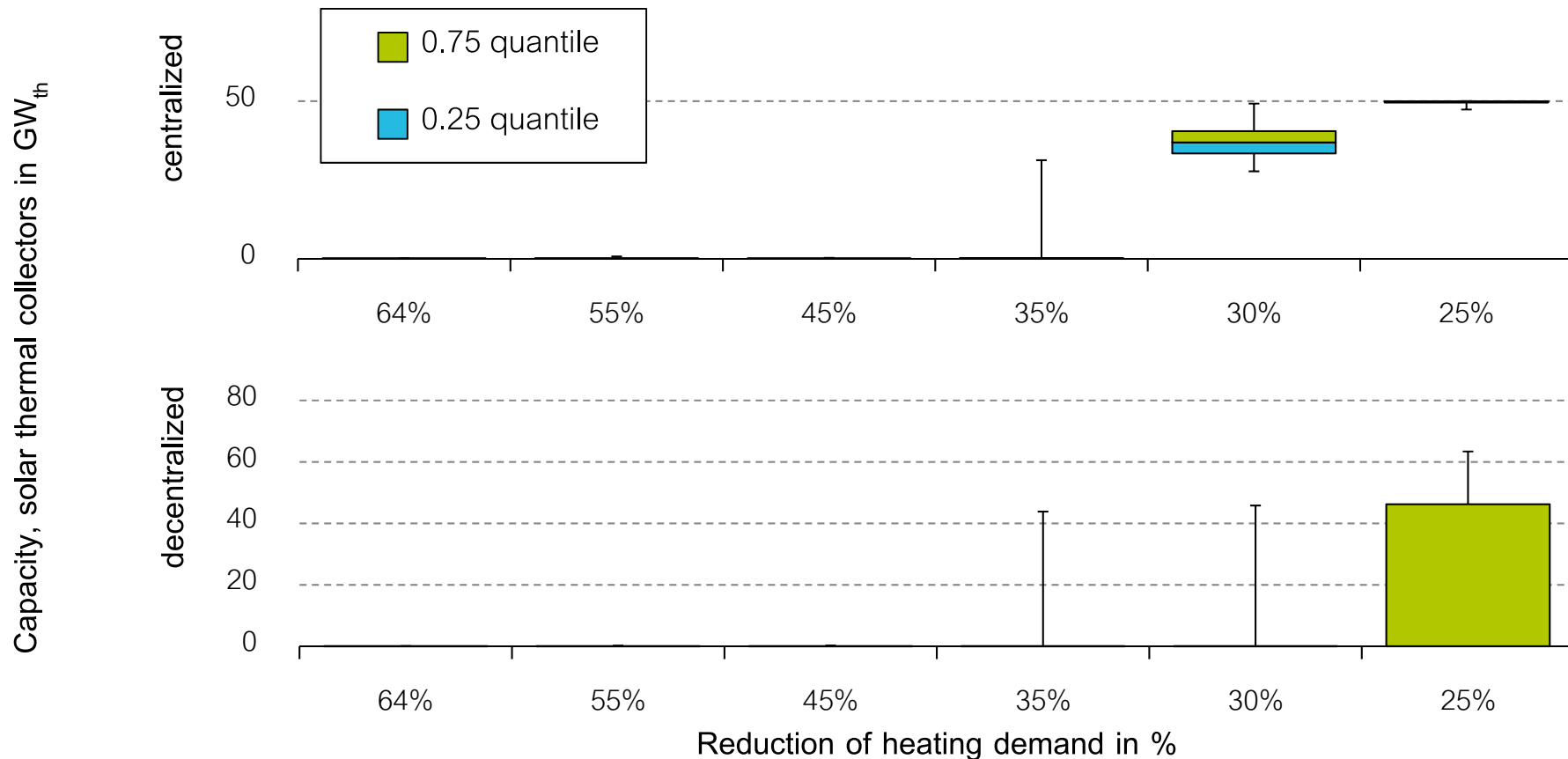
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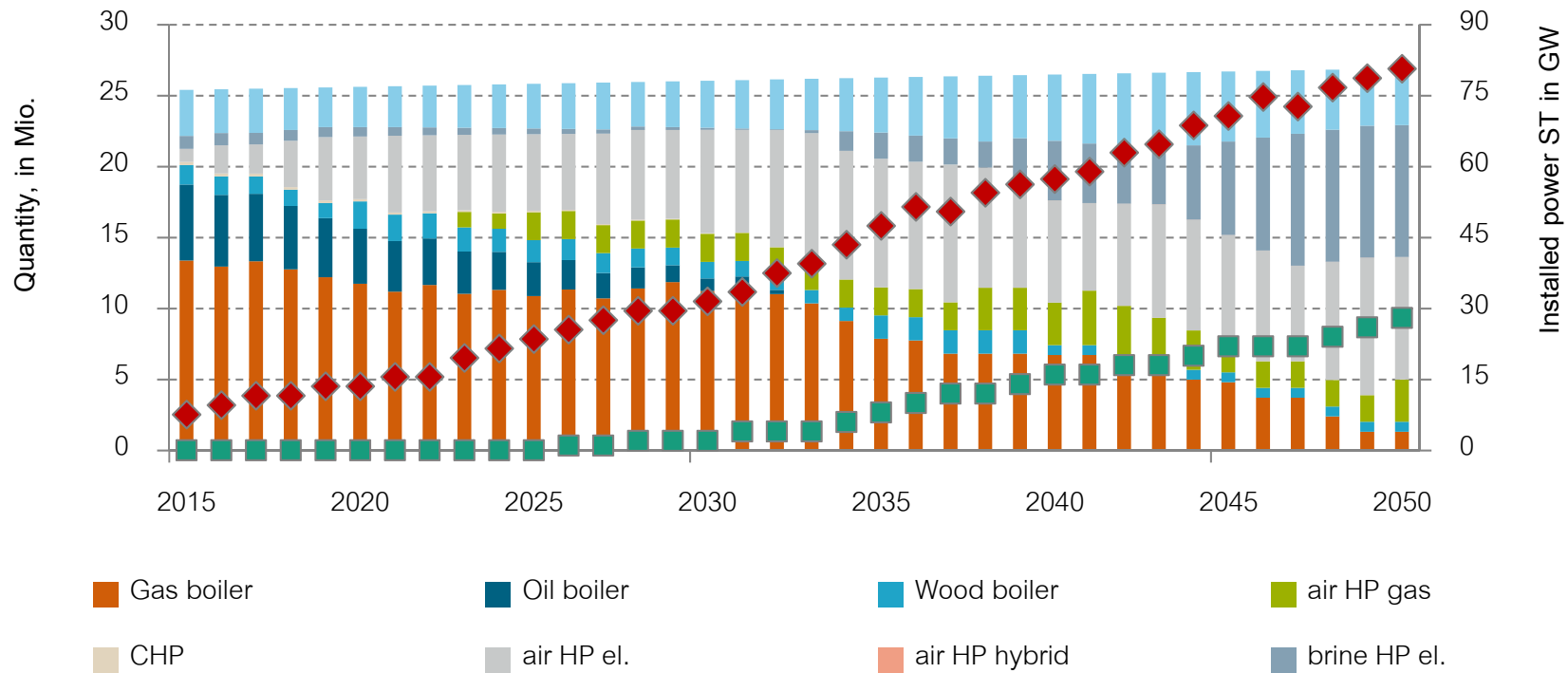
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# Development of heating supply technologies



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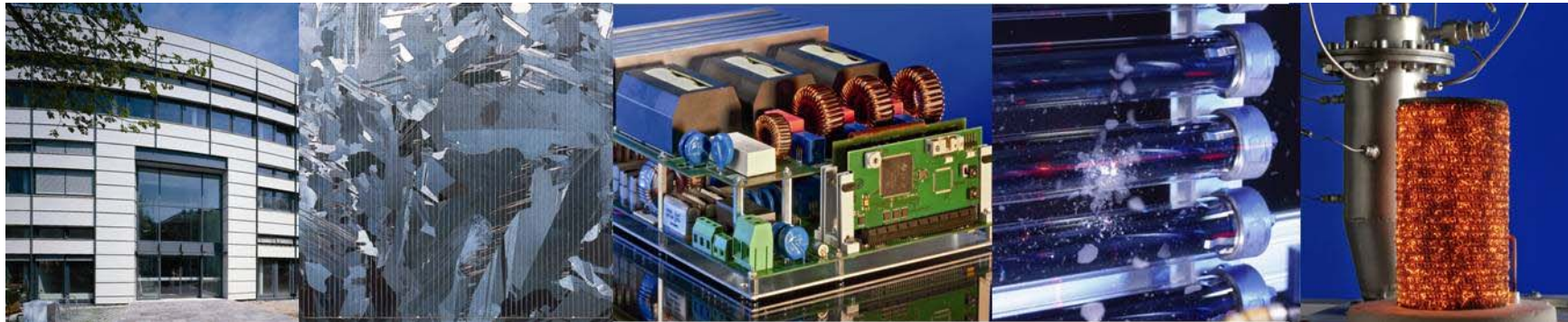
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- In contrast, solar thermal application are continuously present if the whole transformation pathway is regarded

Explanation: Due to bottlenecks in certain years along the path (high amount of fossil fuels, different weather conditions, slow retrofit rate) solar thermal collectors become necessary from time to time; once in the system they stay for their lifetime; restrictions in installation rates also play a role



# Thank you for your attention!



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# Assumptions and parameters for the model „Base Case Scenario“

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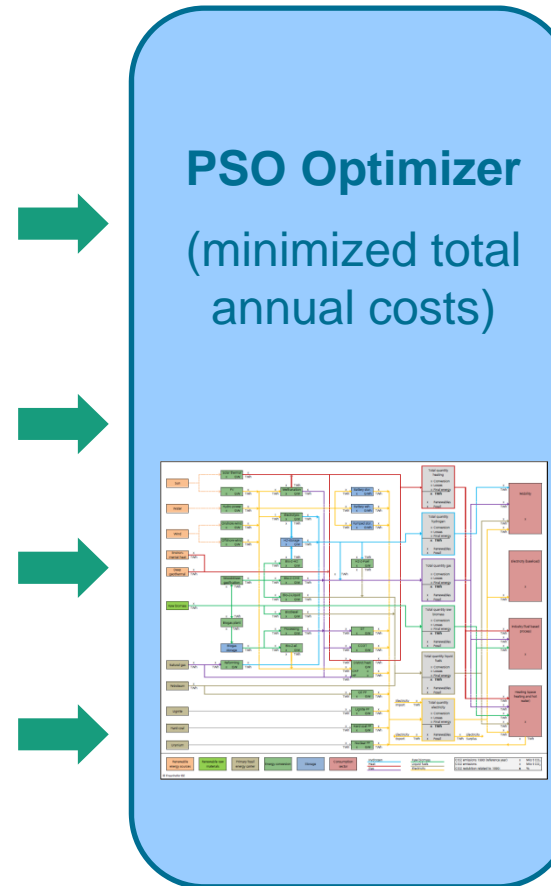
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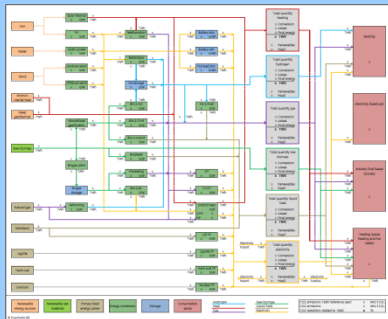
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# Guiding question

**What is the cost-optimal transformation pathway of the German overall energy system including all end-use sectors under the boundary condition that the political goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions are fulfilled – both for the target value and in each single year?**

Here:

- Special focus on the future role of solar thermal applications
- Comparison of calculations with focus on a single year (2050) and on the total pathway from today to the year 2050



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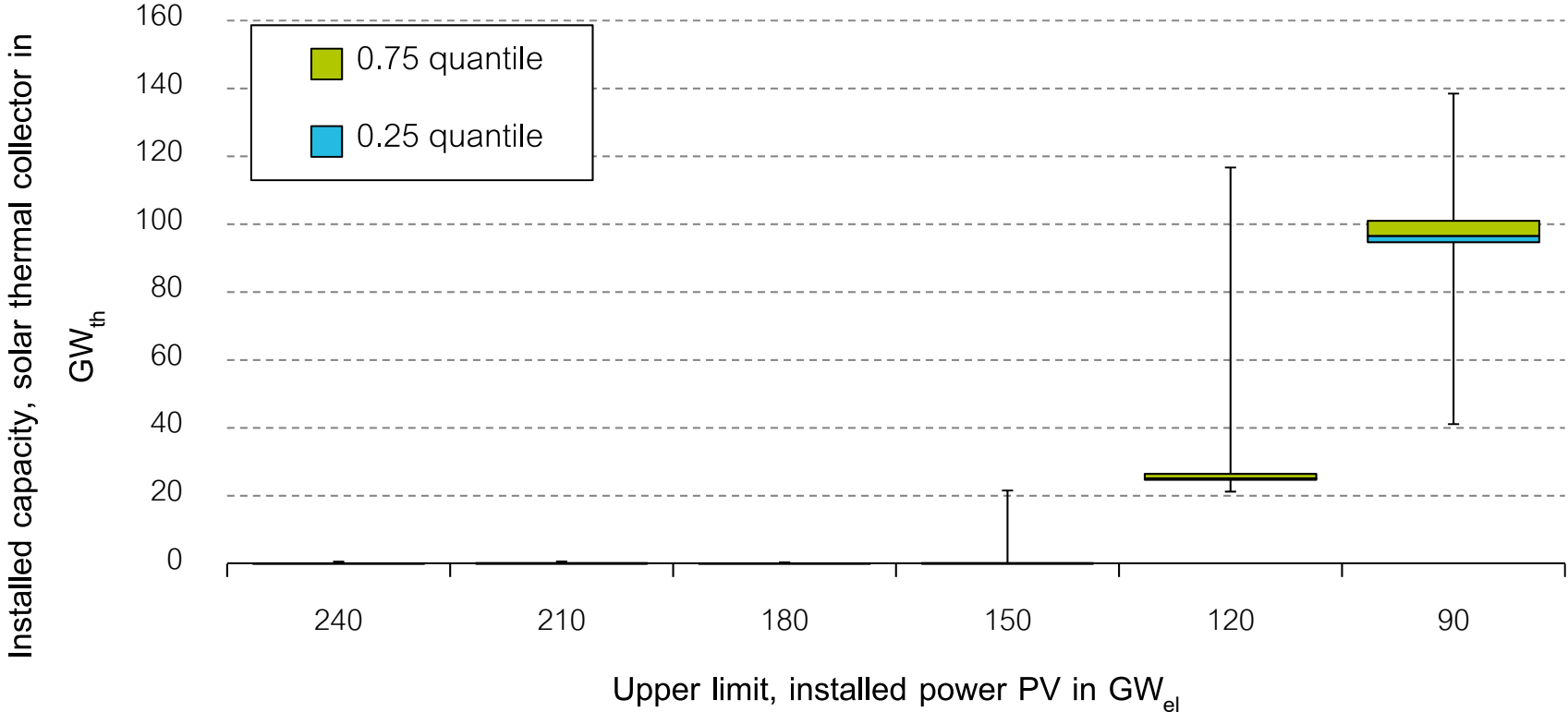


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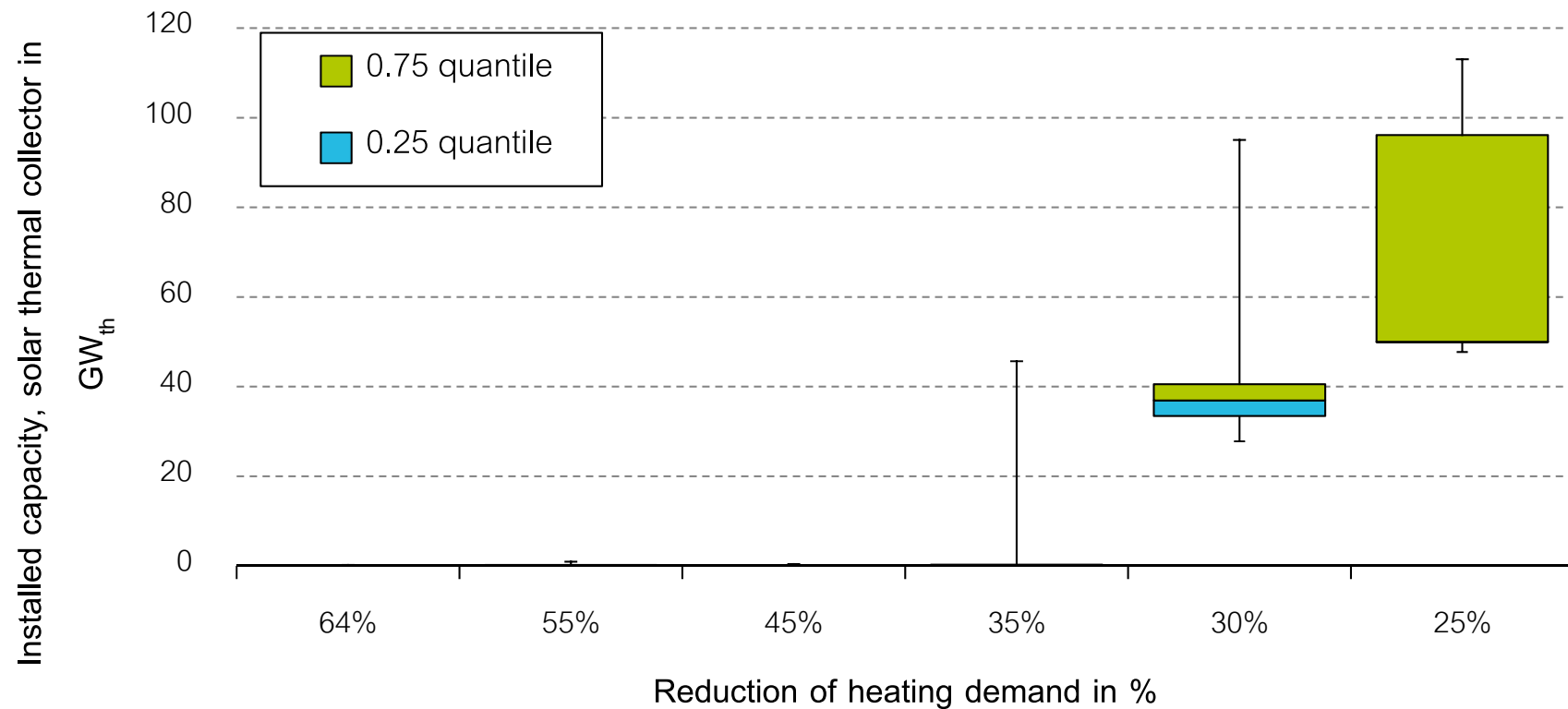
- There is a difference in calculation single future years and the calculation of transformation pathways
  - Single year: no solar thermal collectors in the system without increasing the demands to the system (less PV, less energy retrofit, high CO<sub>2</sub>-reduction targets)
  - Transformation path: solar thermal collectors are part of the results during the whole path
- Explanation: due to high demands in the system in different years throughout the calculation (high amount of fossil fuels, different weather conditions, slow retrofit rate) solar thermal collectors become necessary from time to time
- Thus: 1. to reach a certain amount they need to be installed early enough, 2. once installed the collectors run in the system there total lifetime (approx. 20a)



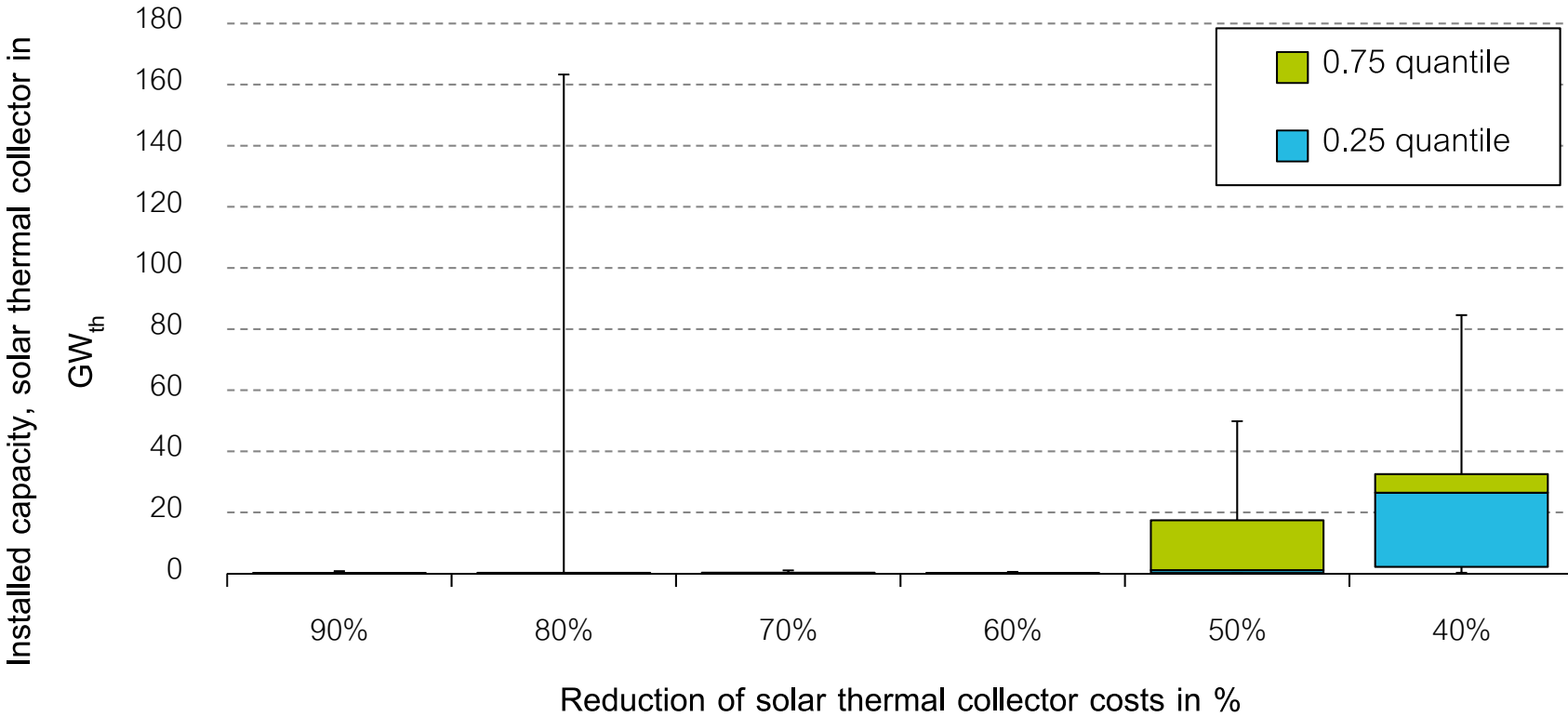
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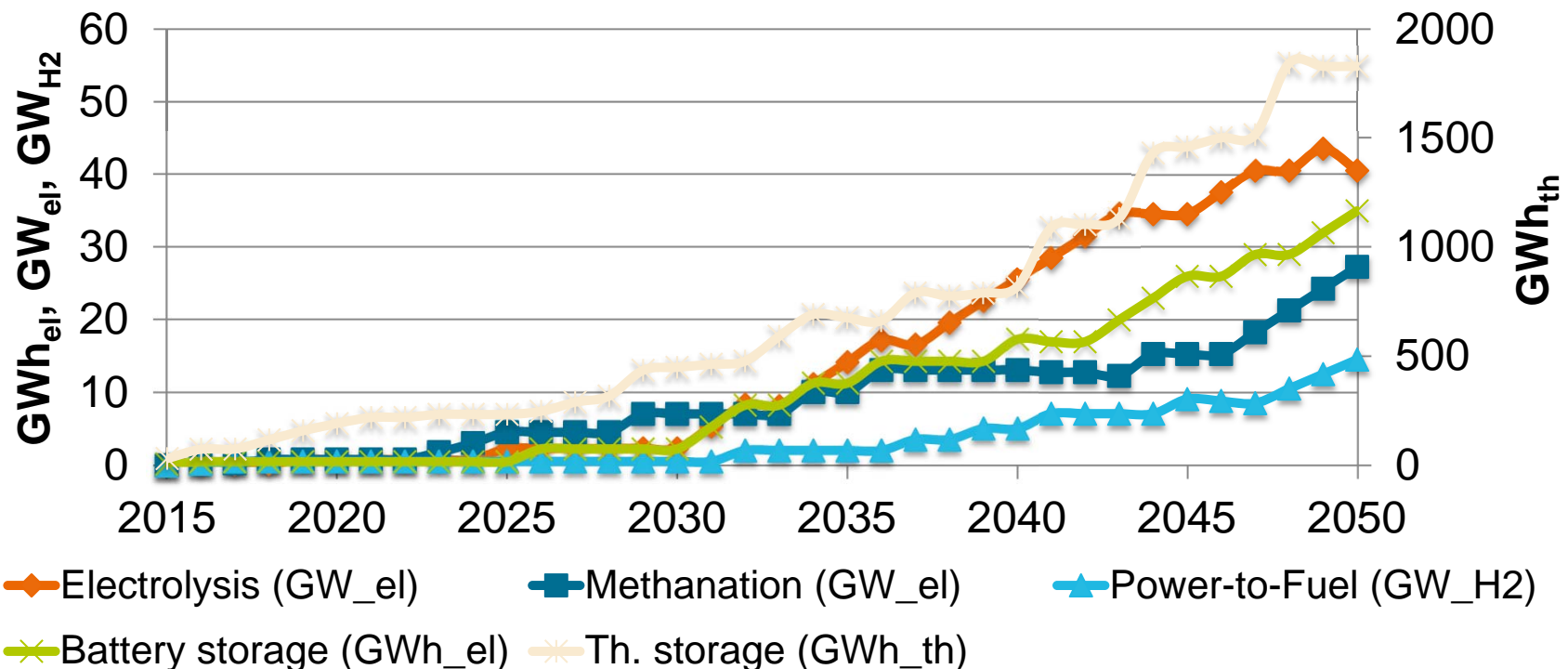
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# Development of power storage and converters of renewable energy into synthetic energy carriers



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# Basics

## REMod-D

### Examples

#### Exogene parameters

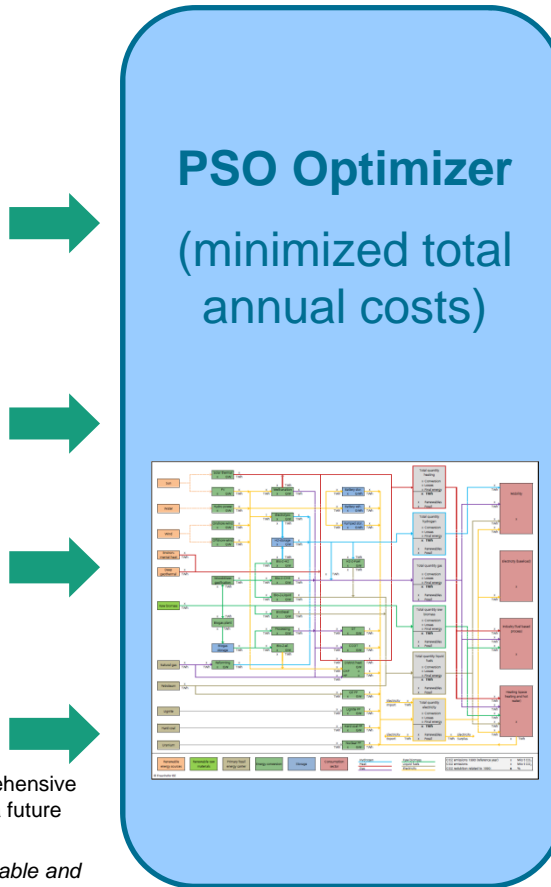
CO<sub>2</sub>-emissions → available amount of fossil fuels

Demand for electricity (without demand for private transport and heat)

Process heat

Capacity of conventional power plants

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### Examples results

Installed capacity of all components

Storage sizes

Degree of energy saving retrofit measures

Heating systems for four different building types

Composition of the mobility sector

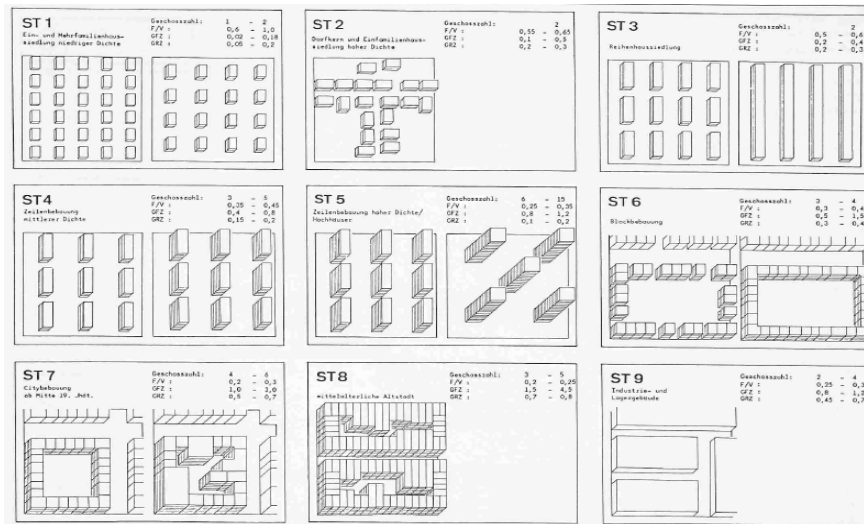




# Basics

## Settlement structure & building typology

### Settlement structures based on Roth



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Type	Definition
ST II	City suburbs, villages and small towns
ST IIIa	Urban cityscapes with medium density
ST IIIb	Dense urban cityscapes
ST IV	Industrial and manufacturing areas

Type	Definition	Heat load [kW]
SDFB	Single-/double family buildings	13.8
SMFB	Small multi-family buildings	34.5
LMFB	Large multi-family buildings	99.1
NRB	Non-residential buildings	45.7

# Derivation of the cost data


## Specific costs of solar heat for the different build. types

### ■ Methodology

Technical area potential  
of solar heat

Cost function for  
solar heat

Anticipated cost  
reduction by 2050

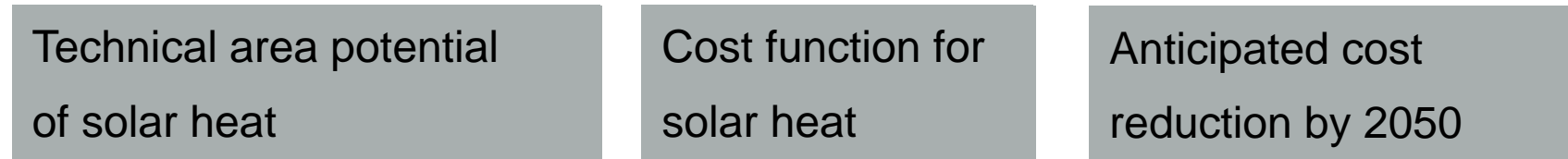


Building type	m <sup>2</sup> / Building
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LMFB	96.8
NRB	41.8

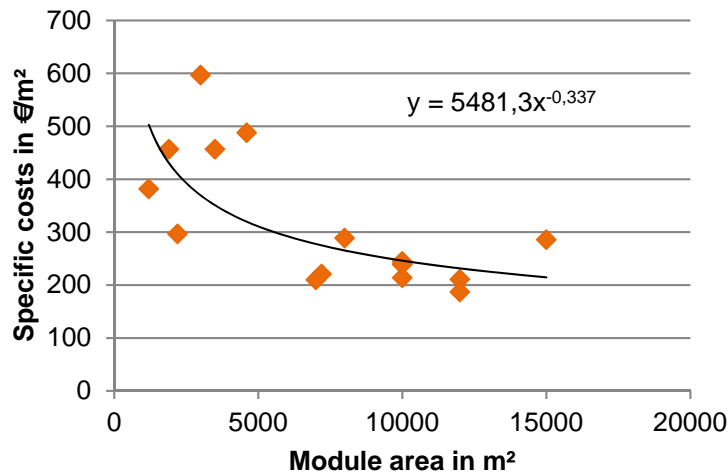
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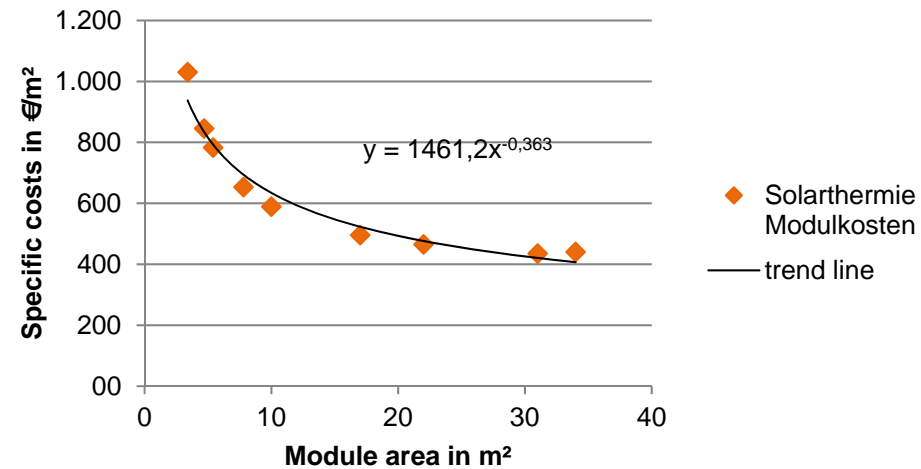
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Centralized Solar heat

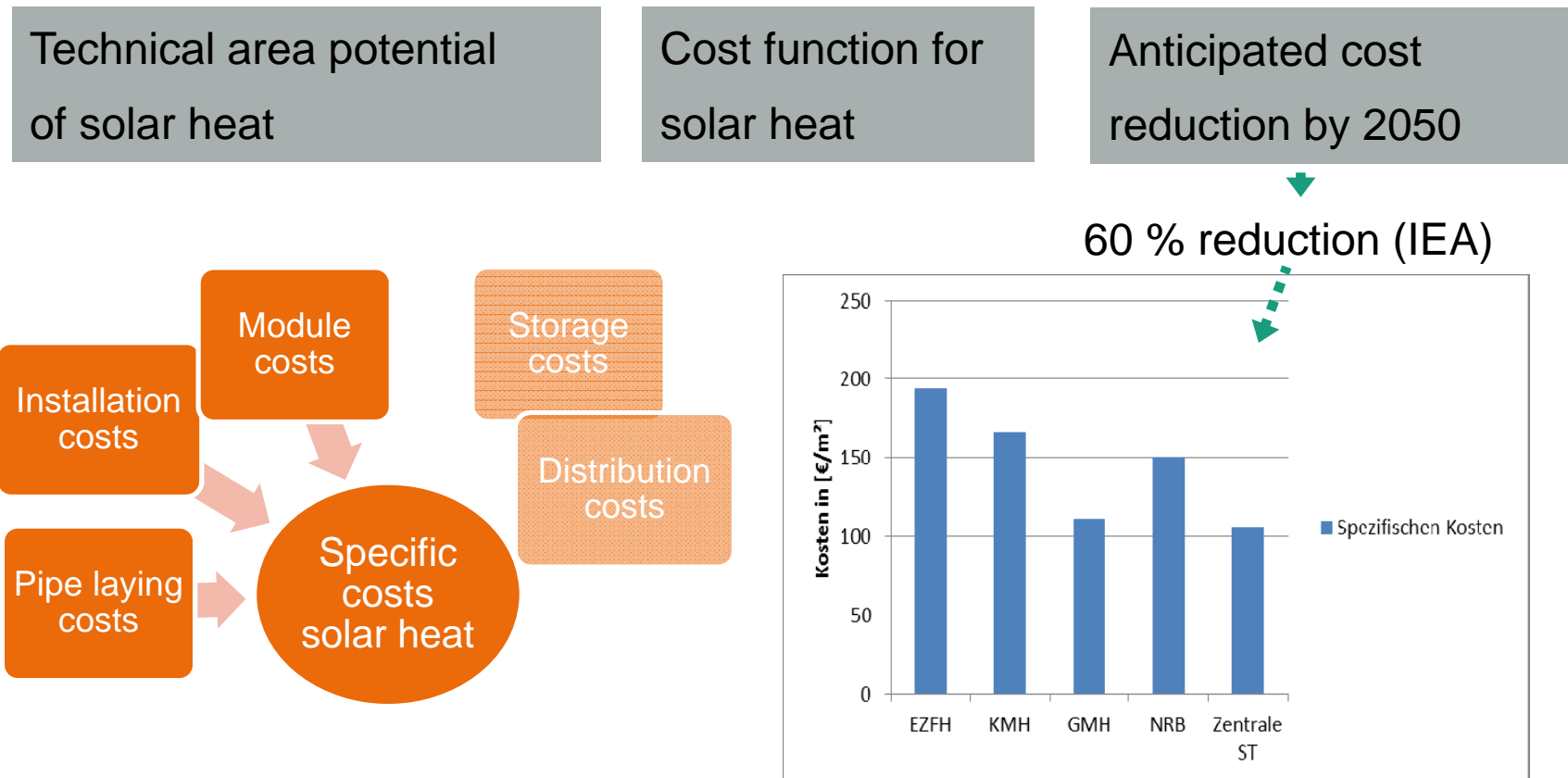


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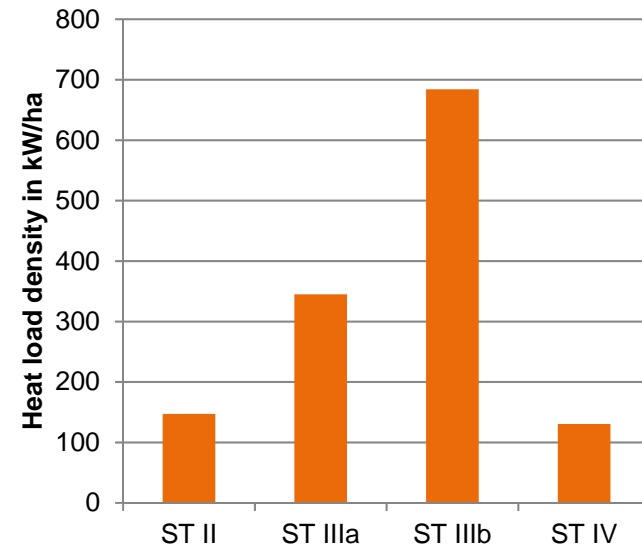
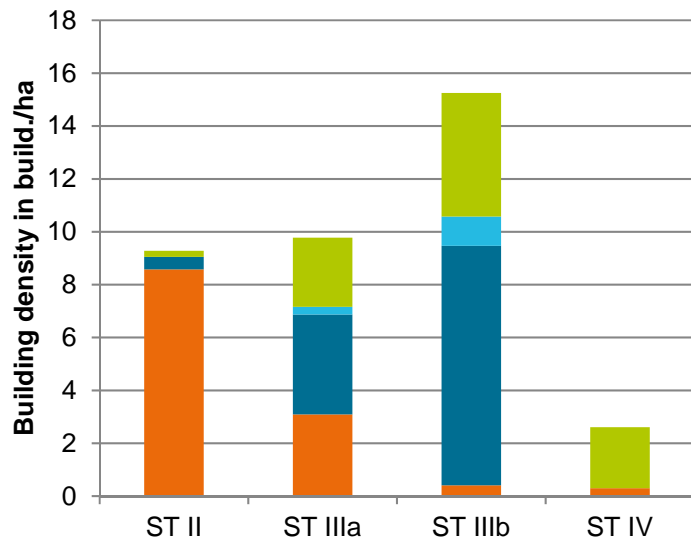
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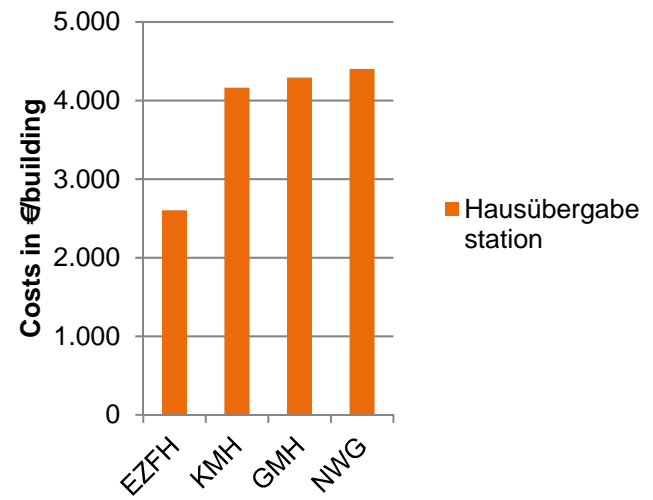
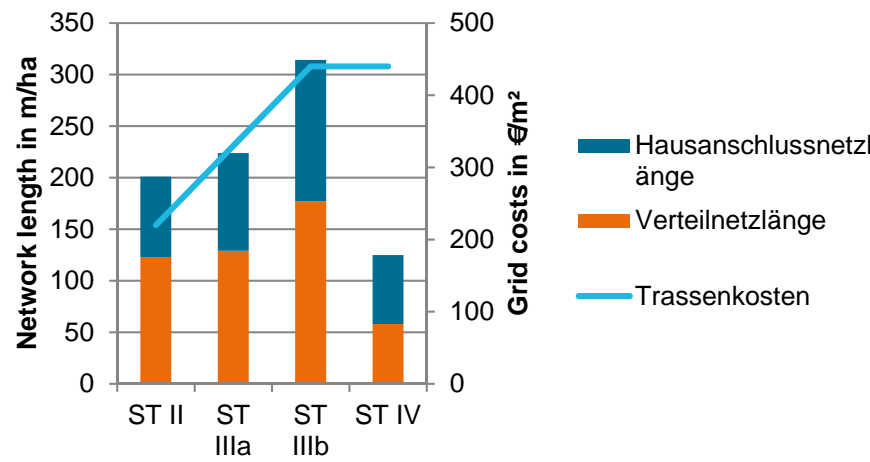
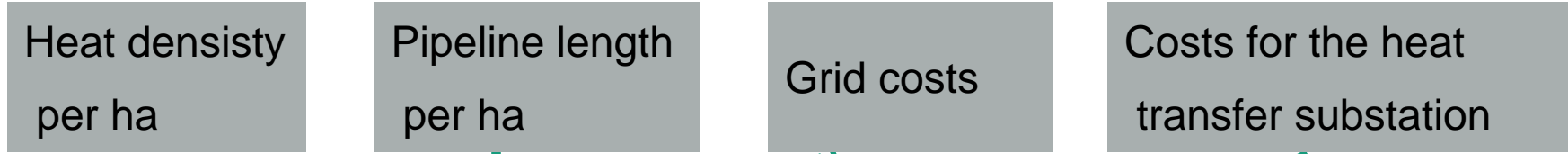
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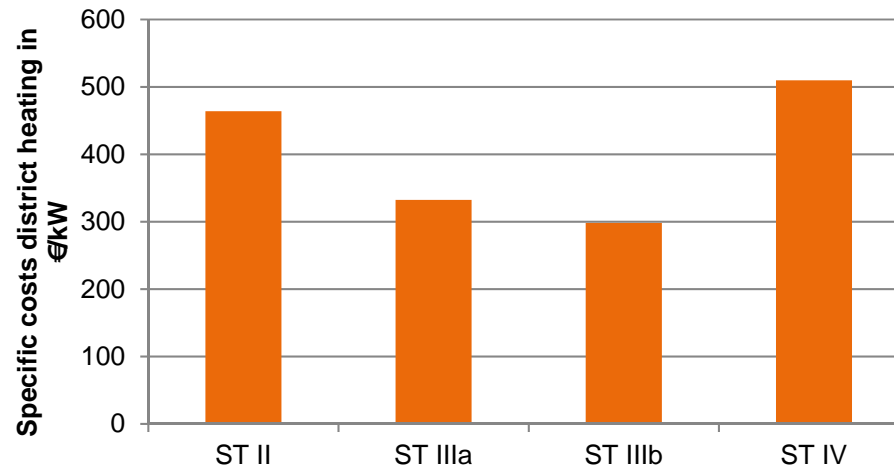
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Heat density  
per ha

Pipeline length  
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Grid costs

Costs for the heat  
transfer substation



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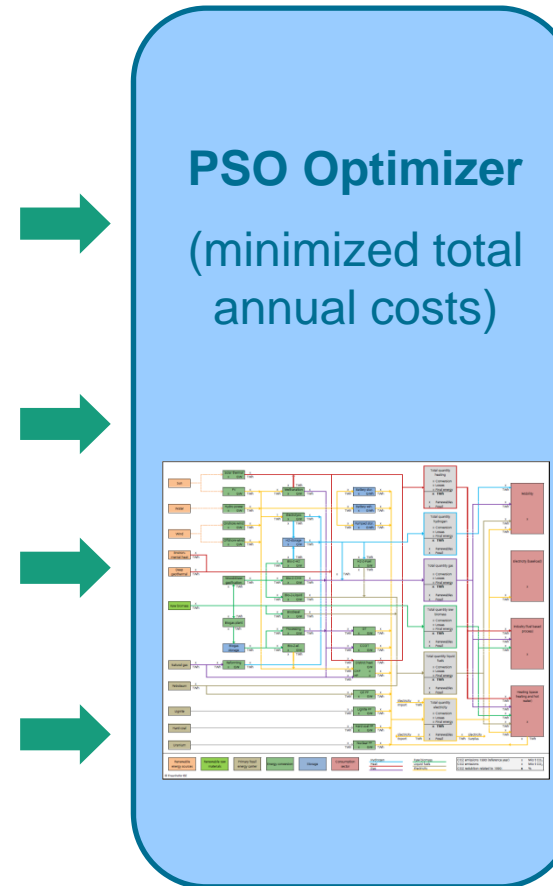
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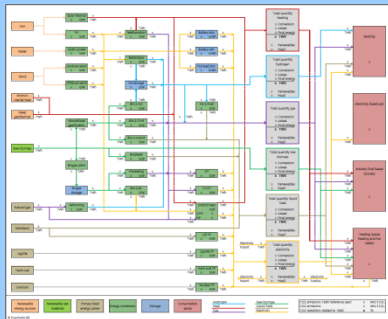
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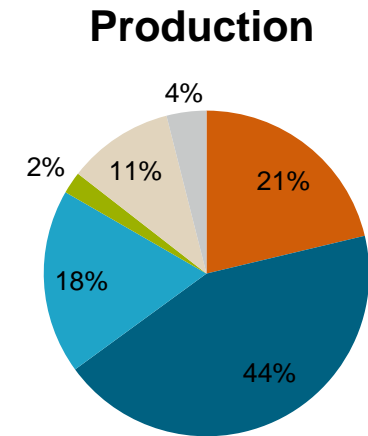
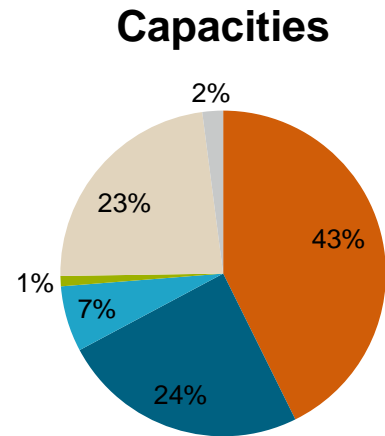
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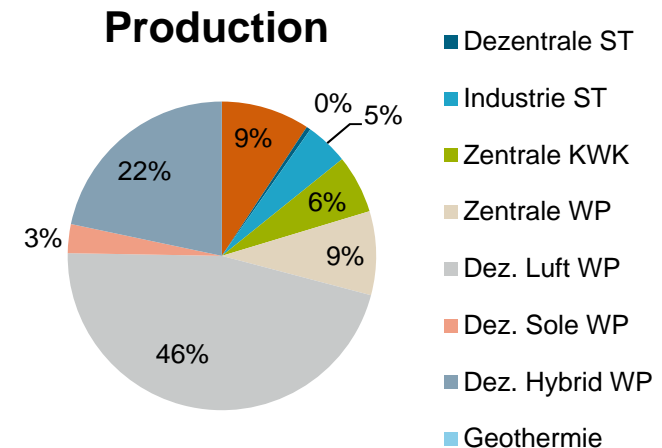
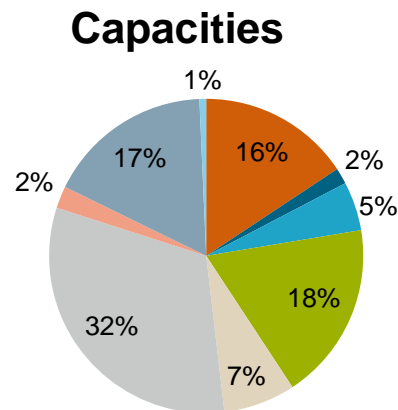
### ■ Electricity production

- 960 TWh
- 85% by FRE
- 30% for heat



### ■ Heat production

- 1,050 TWh
- 80% by FRE
- 75% by HP

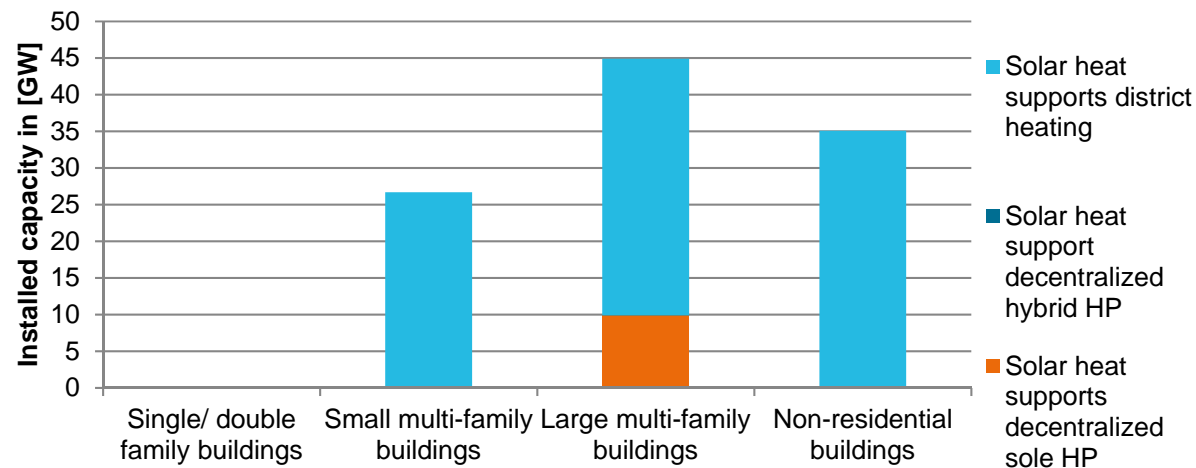
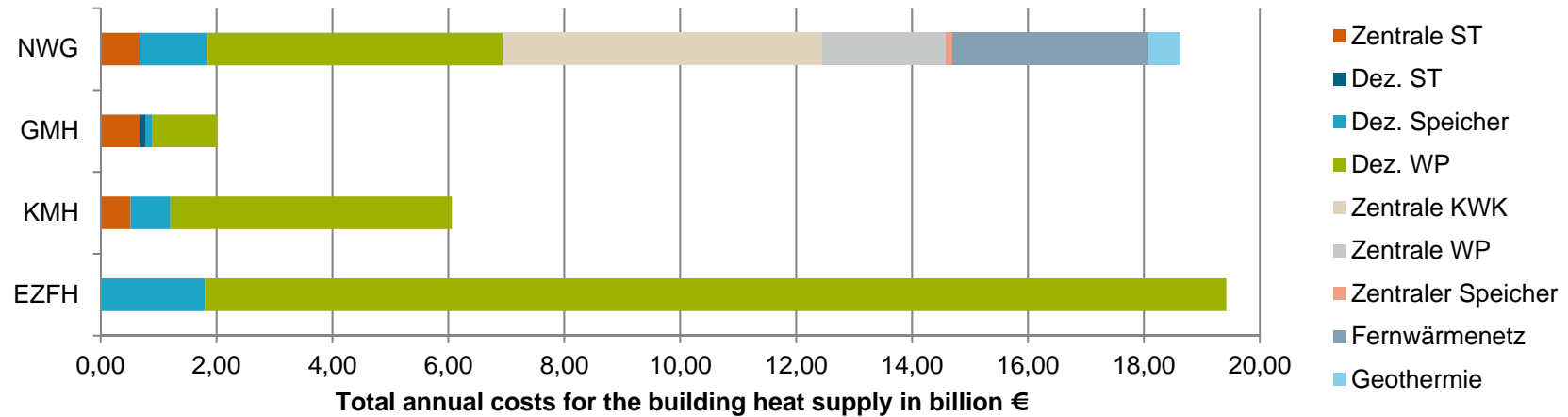


- PV
- Onshore Wind
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- Wasser
- KWK
- Kohle
- Zentrale ST
- Dezentrale ST
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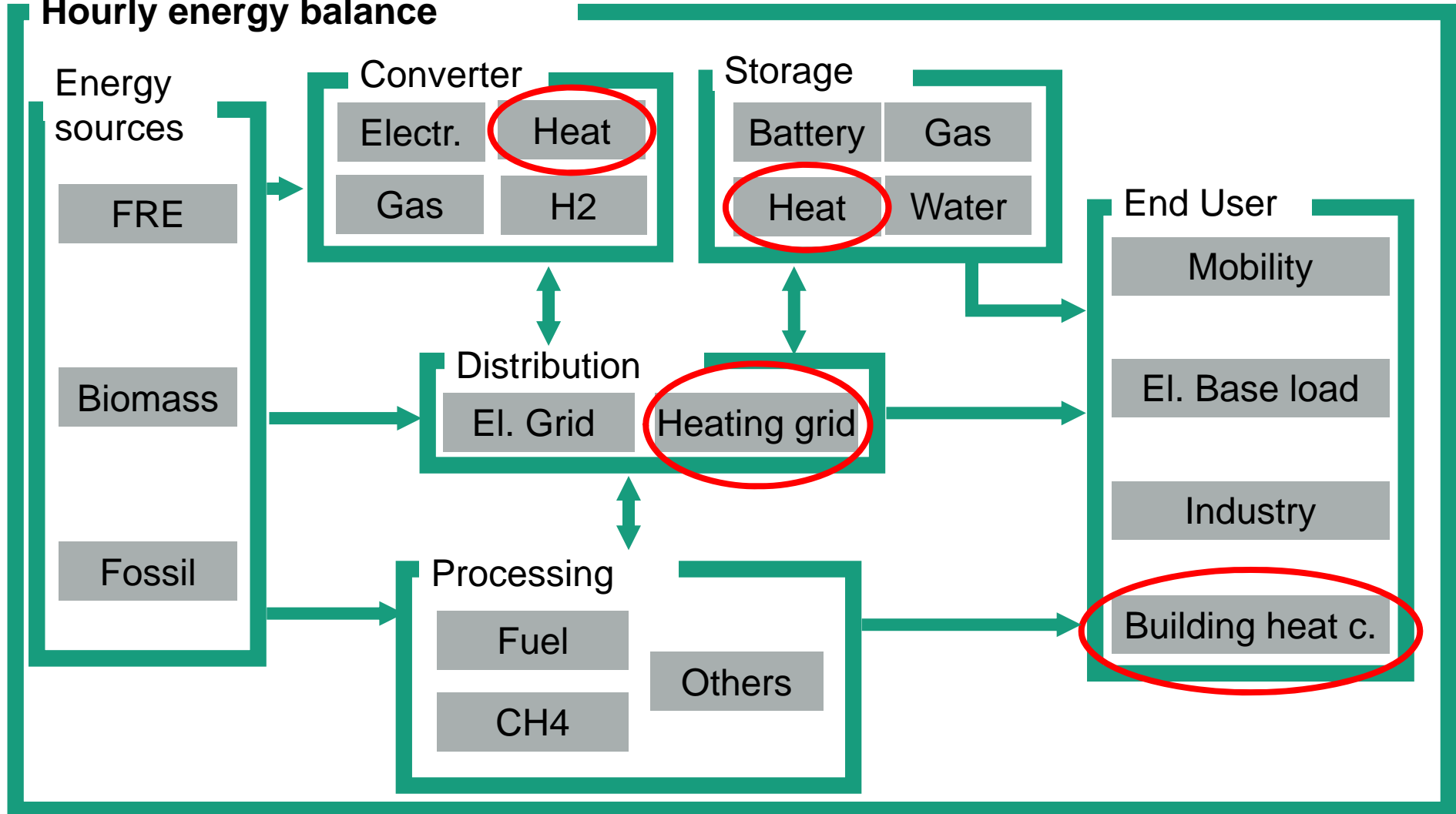
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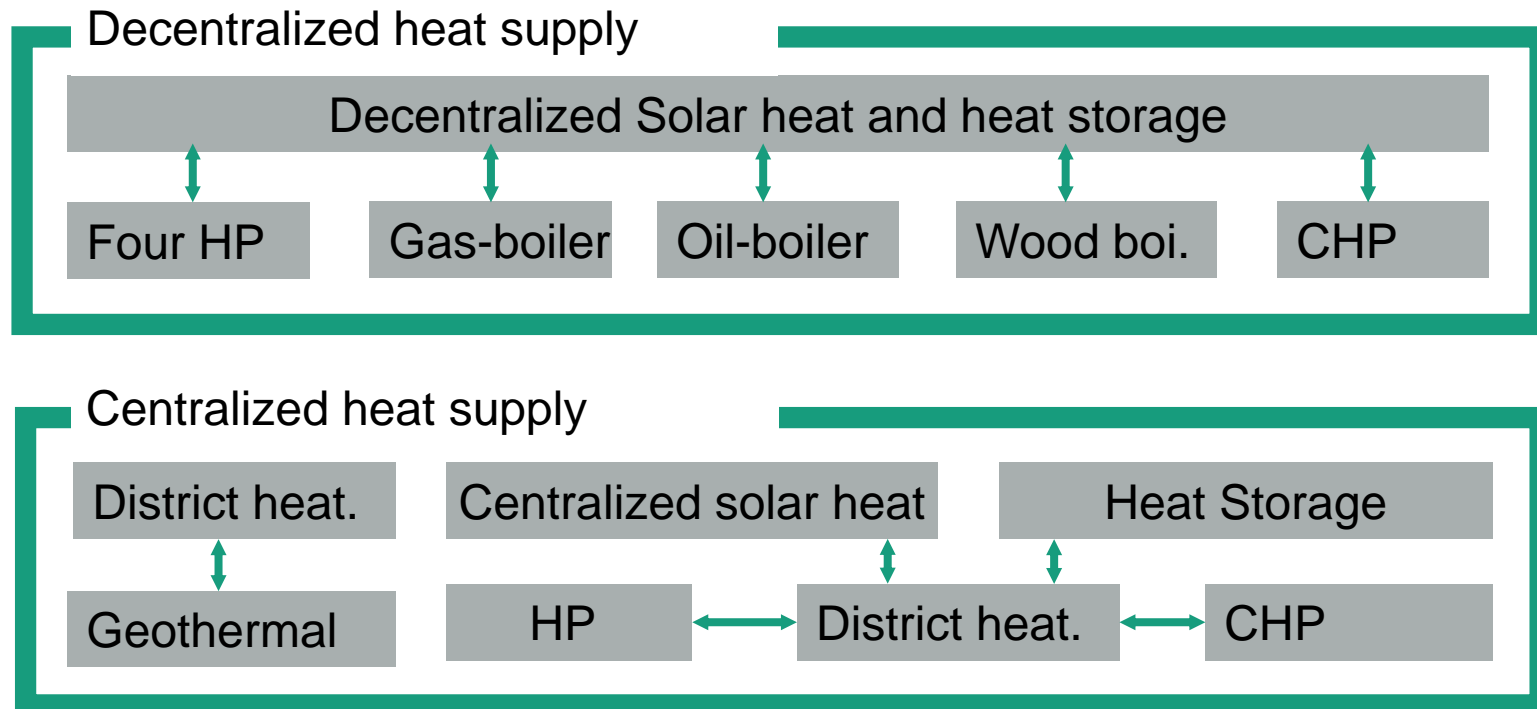
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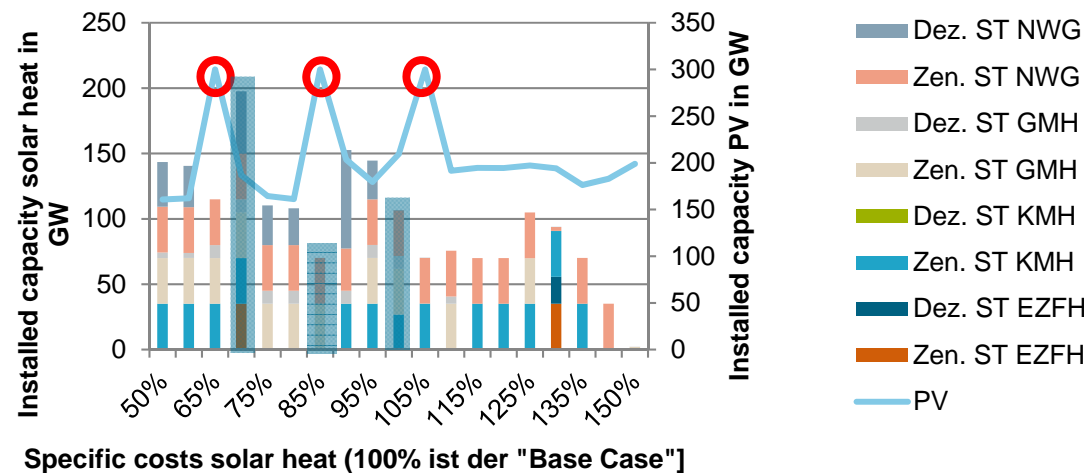
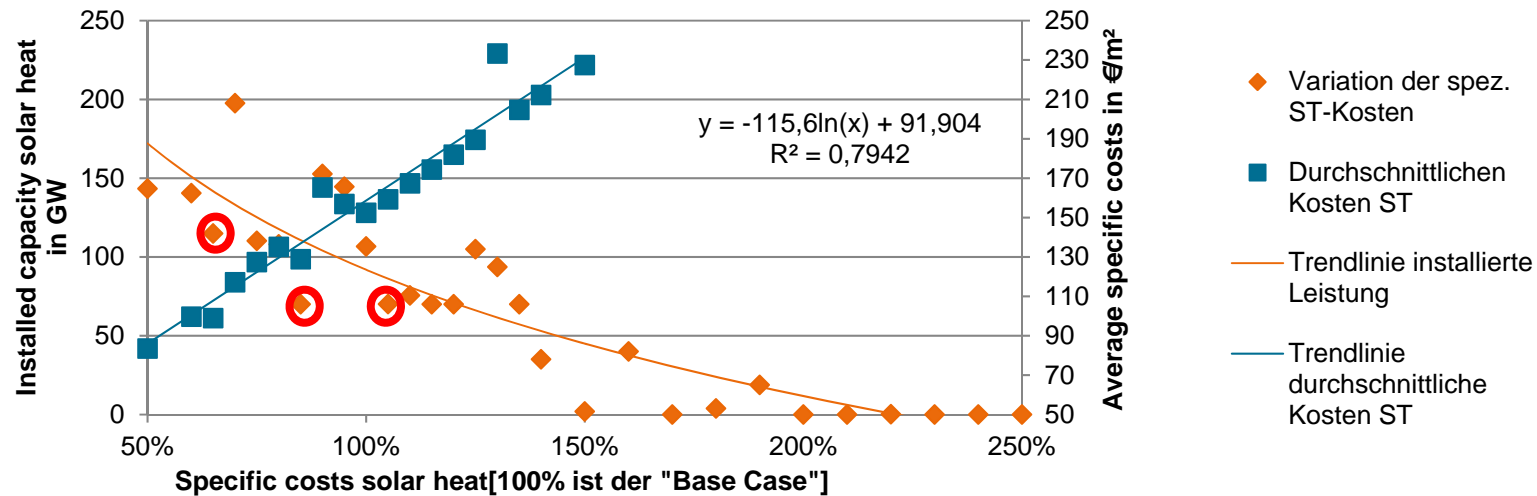
## REMod-D Building heat supply

- For building types
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# Sensitivity analysis

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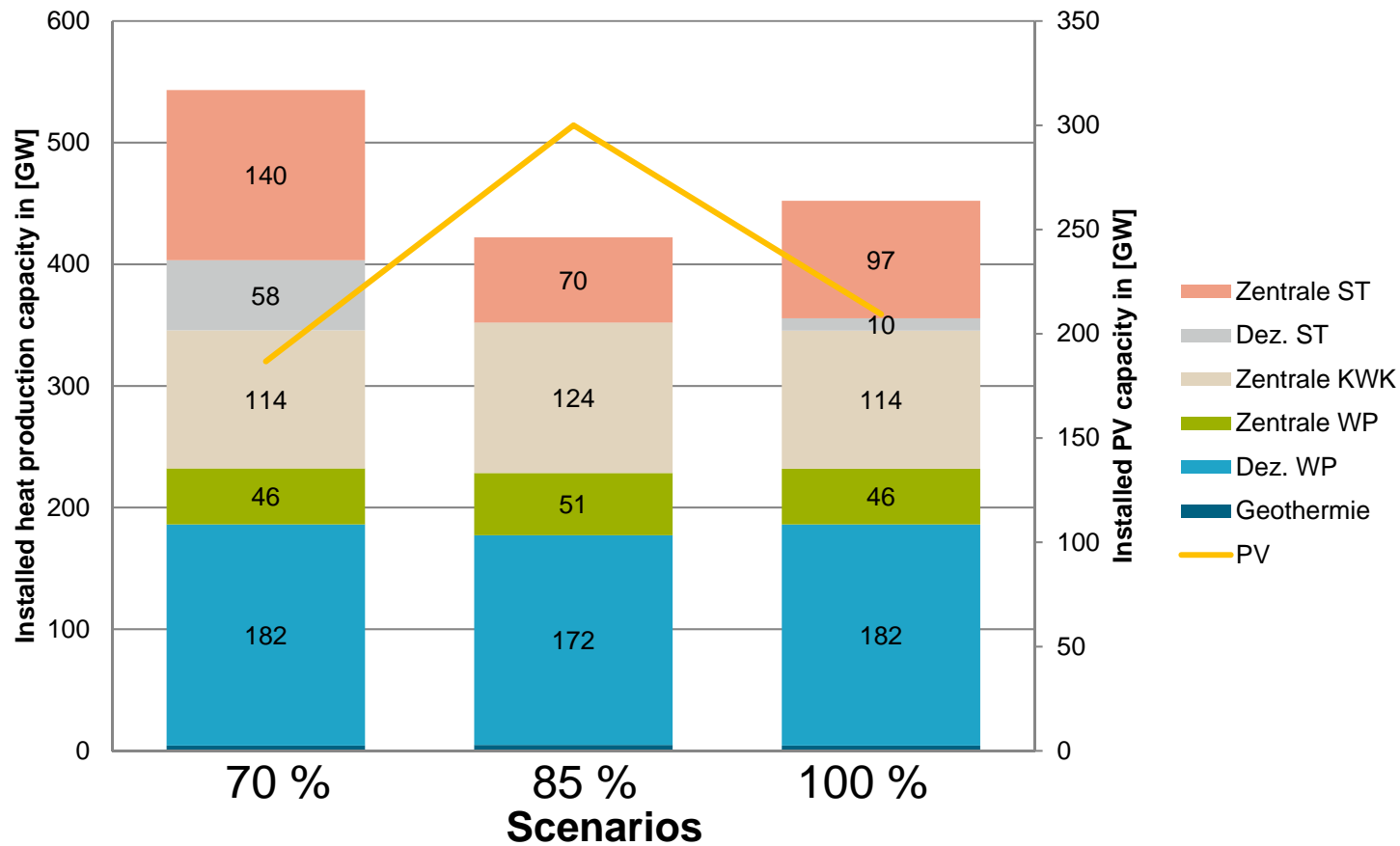


Specific costs solar heat in base case (100%):  
 106 – 195 €/m<sup>2</sup>  
 (w/o storage)



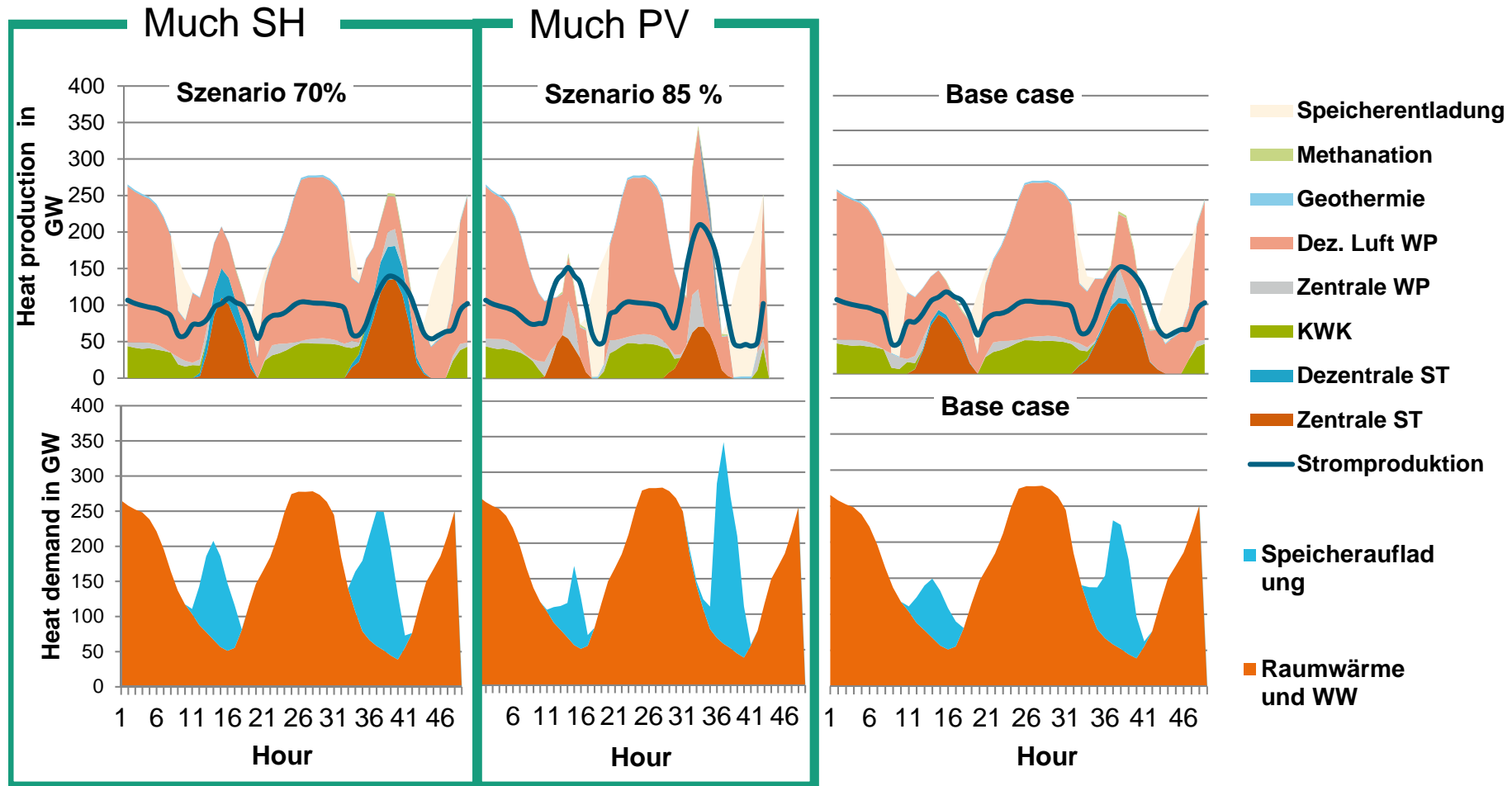
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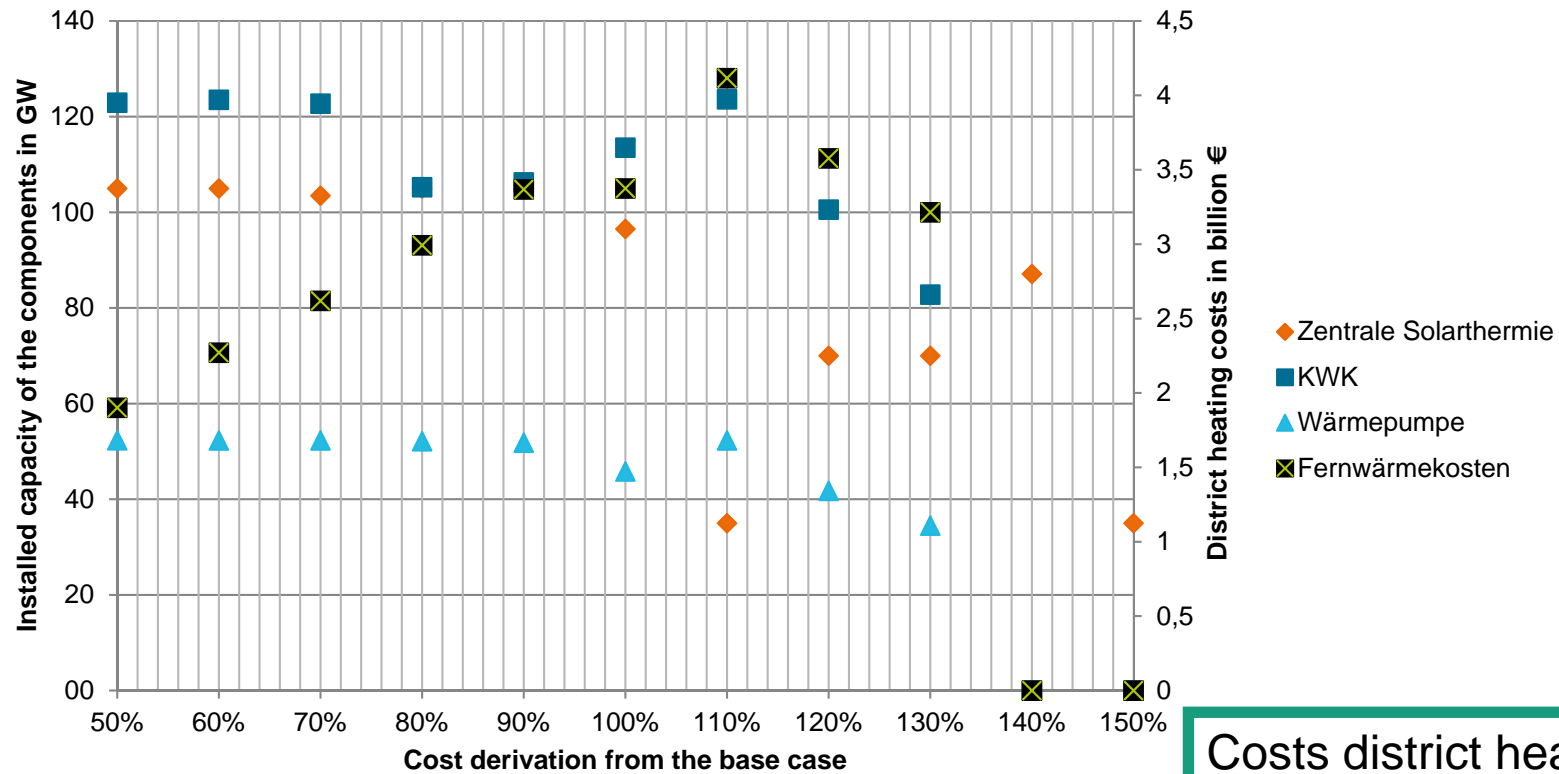
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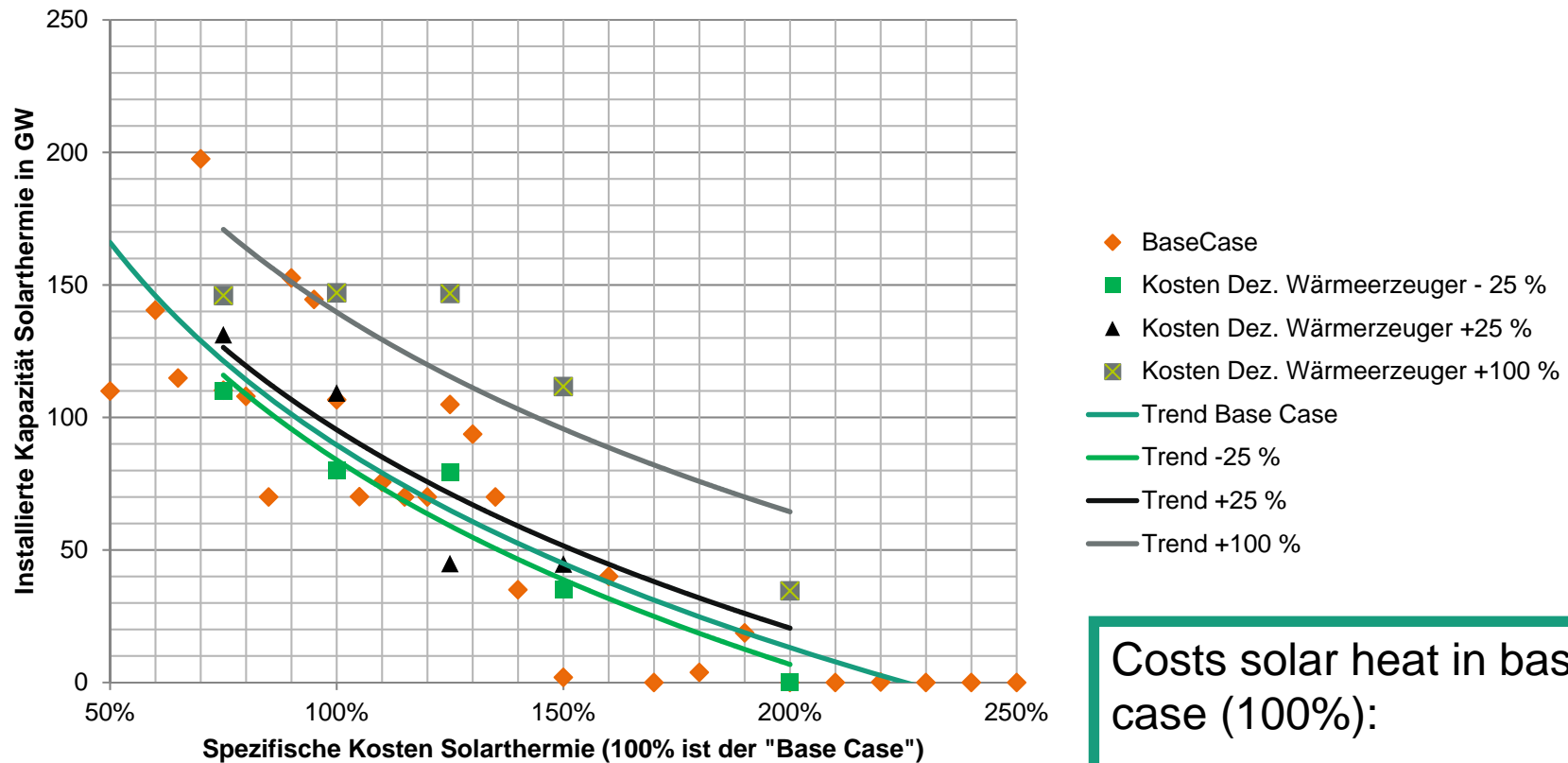


Costs district heating in base case (100%):  
298 – 510 €/kW



# Sensitivity analysis

## Influence of the specific costs for decentralized heat suppliers



# Summary and Outlook

- Results are highly dependent on the chosen boundary conditions and input parameters
- Limitations of the study
  - Cost reduction by 60 % for solar heat (IEA) is subject to a high uncertainty
  - Rough generalization for non-residential buildings
  - Estimations of the component costs varies significantly in different studies
  - No implementation of the costs for land and property for centralized solar heat
  - Classification of the building types to the settlement structures was derived in the model



# Summary and Outlook

- Shallow solution space shows the scope of action for the development of the energy system
- Potential of solar heat shows a high correlation to the potential of PV and HP
- Centralized solar heat is more economic than decentralized solar heat
- Bigger buildings show a higher potential for decentralized solar heat
- The potential of solar heat varies between the different settlement structures
  - Highest potential for areas with dense urban city scapes as well as industrial and manufacturing areas
  - Urban cityscapes with medium density has the highest dependency on the cost development of solar heat
  - City suburbs, villages and small towns have a comparable lower potential (may change when integrating land and property costs!)



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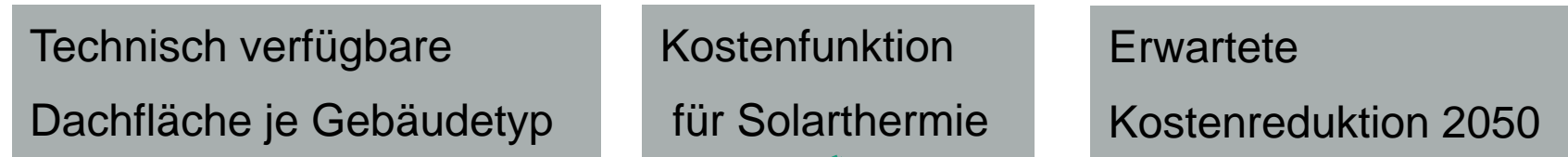
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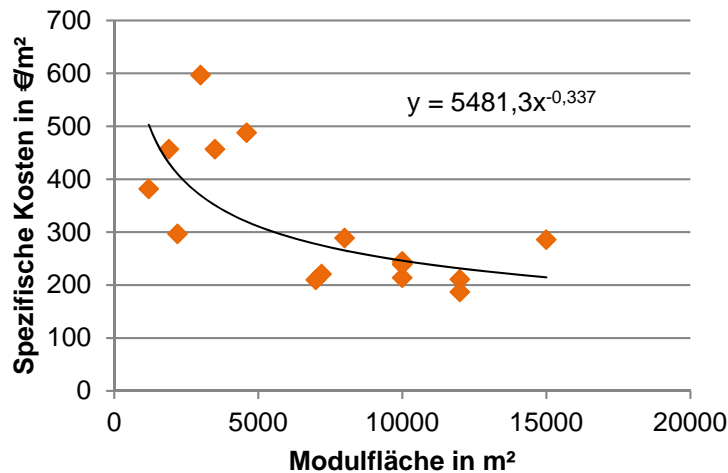
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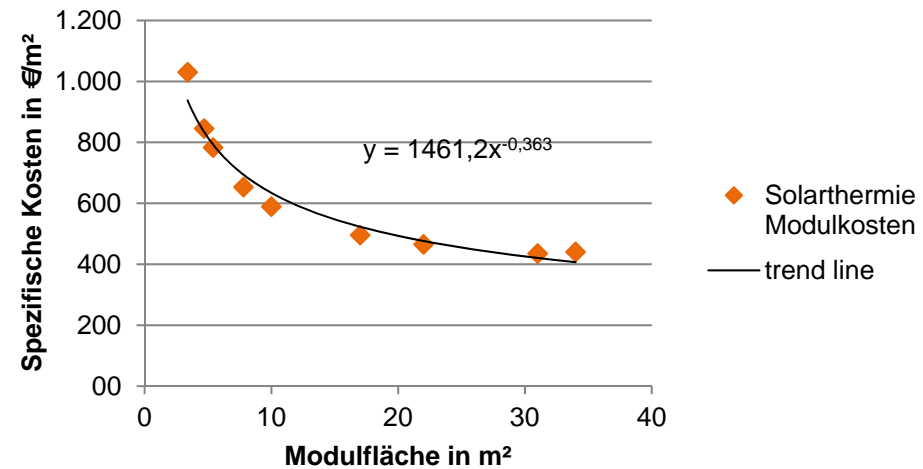
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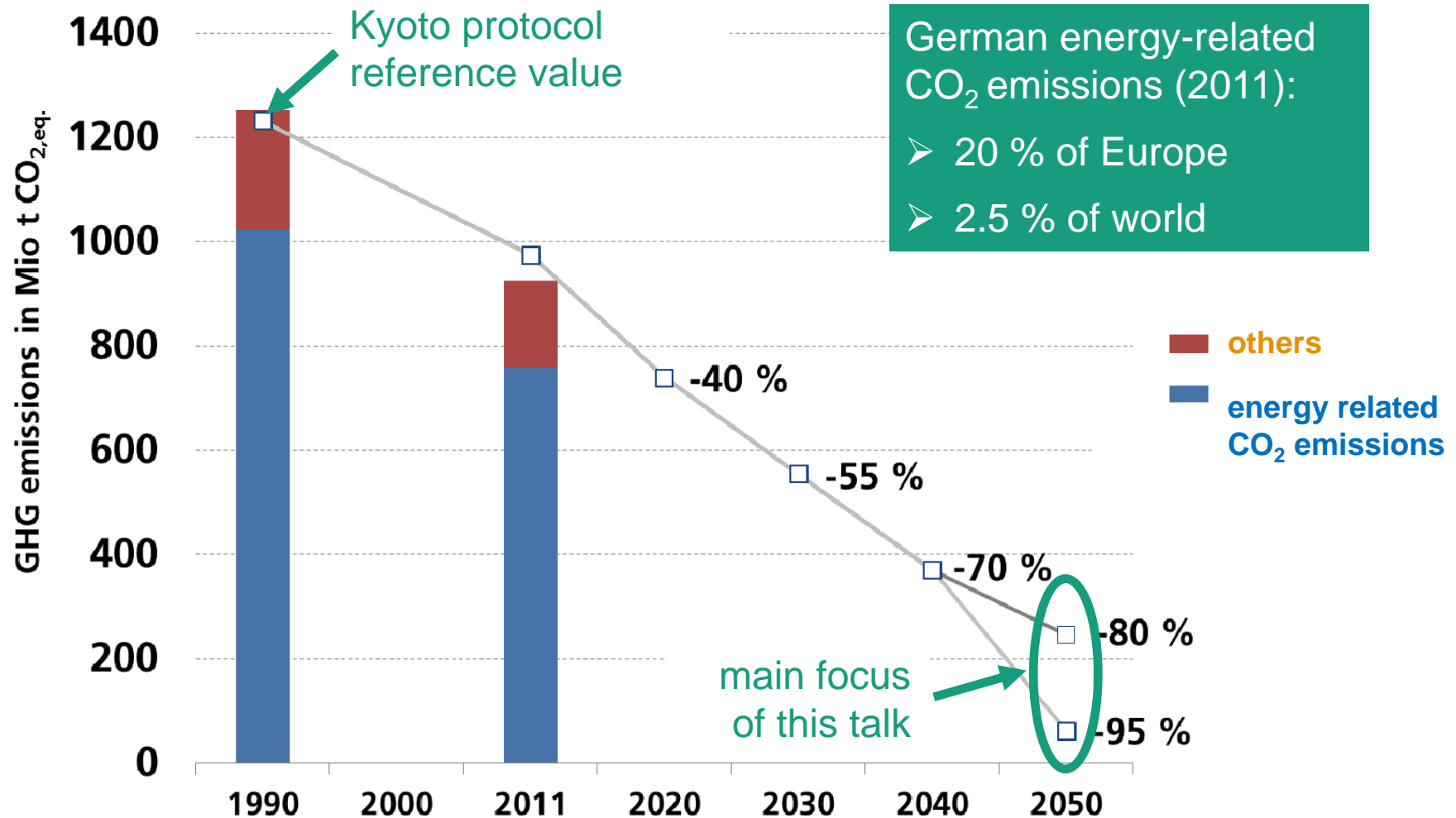
### Zentrale Solarthermie



### Dezentrale Solarthermie



# German greenhouse gas emissions – history and targets



# Model-approach optimization

## A steady state energy system

### Exogenous parameters

CO<sub>2</sub>-emissions → available amount of fossil fuels

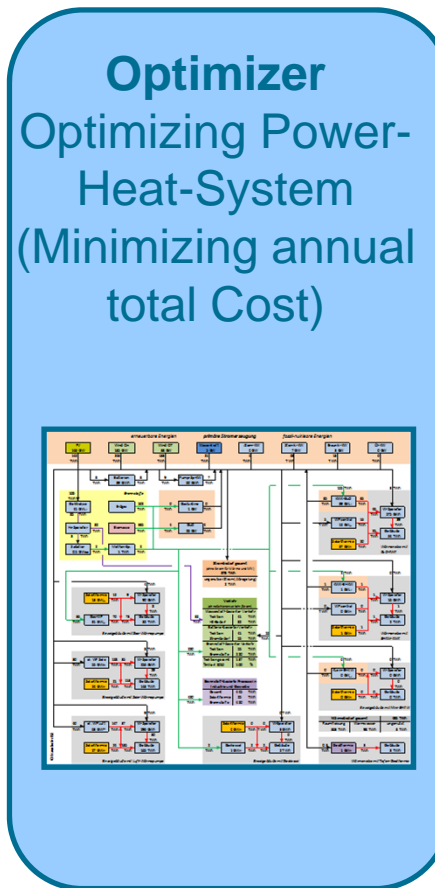
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Process heat  
Industrial processes

Energy mobility sector

Energy from biomass  
335 TWh

Cap. conv. power plants



### Results

Installed Capacity of all components

Storage size

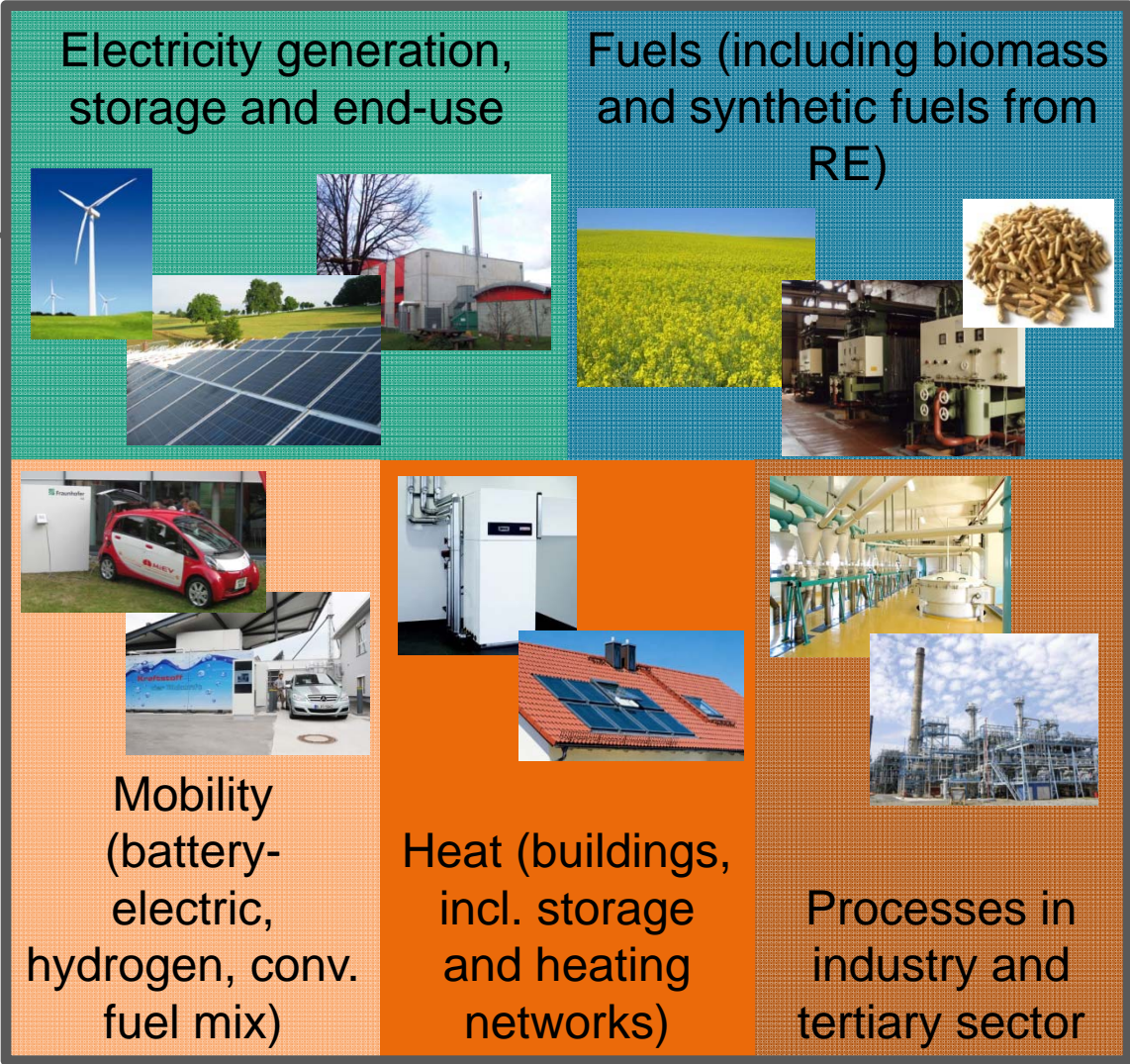
Degree of energy saving retrofit measures

Heating technologies for the building sector (small, medium and large scale)



# Optimization of Germany's future energy system based on hourly modeling

Comprehensive analysis of the overall system →

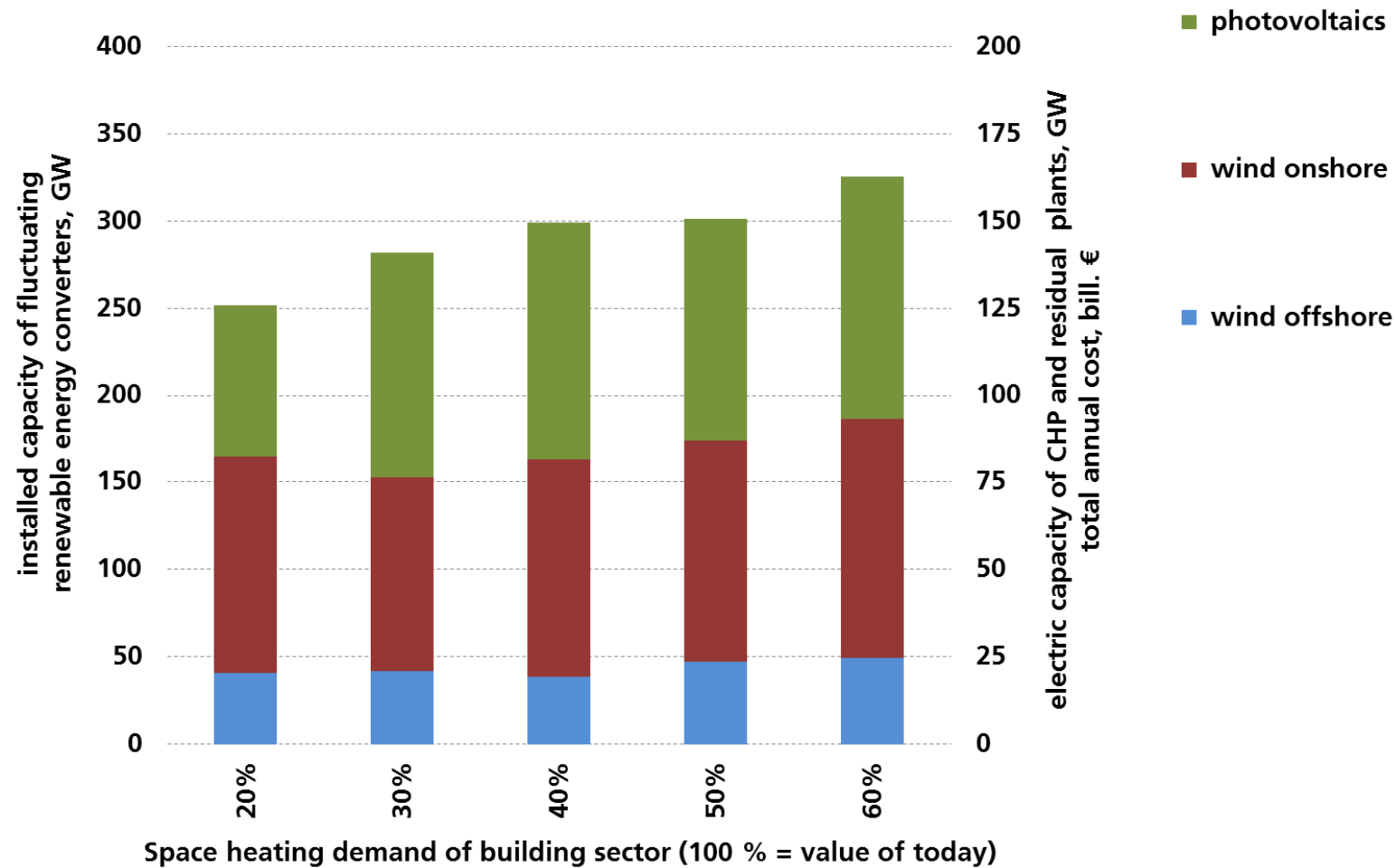


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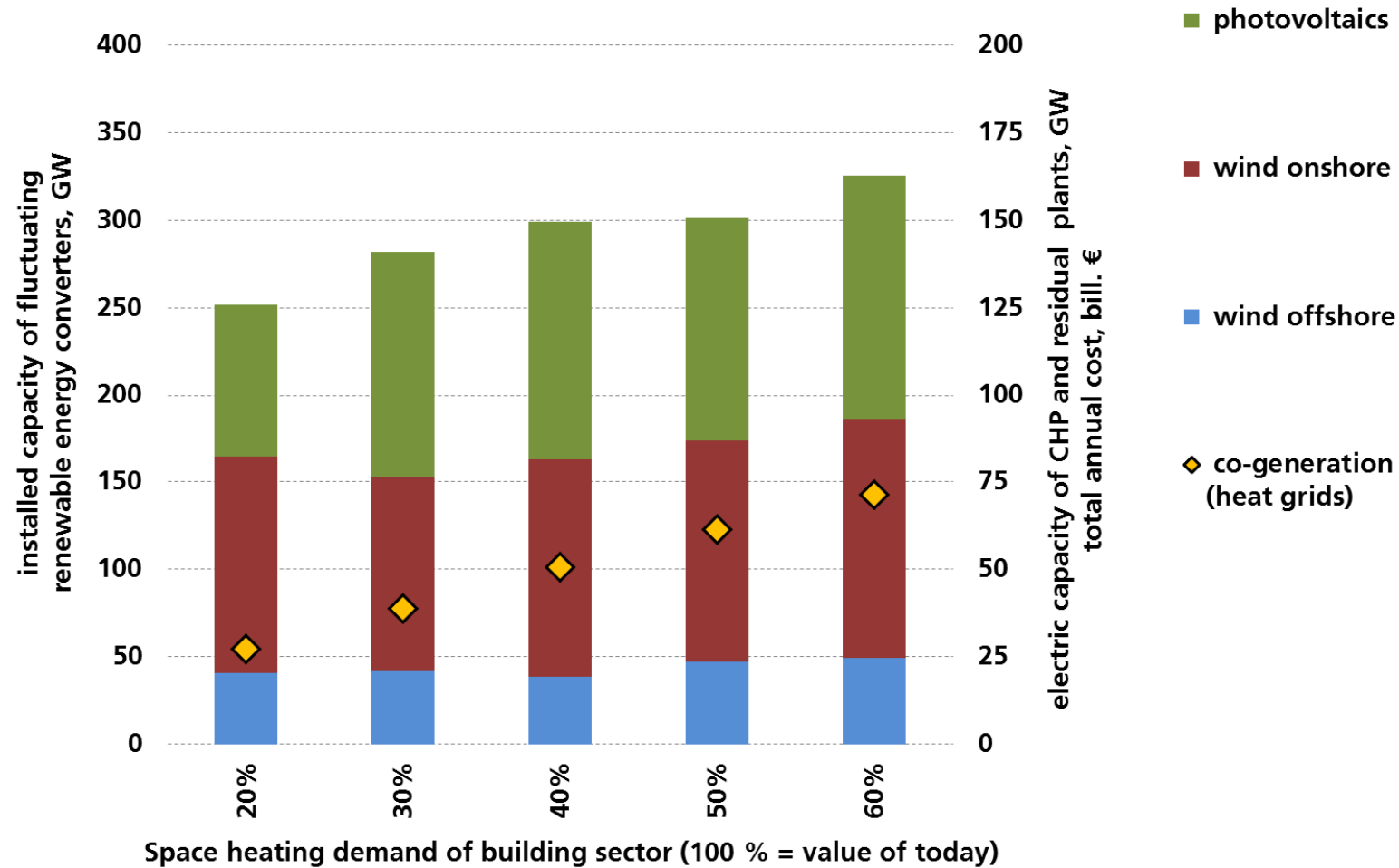
# Fluctuating renewable energy sources

## Installed capacity in $GW_{el}$



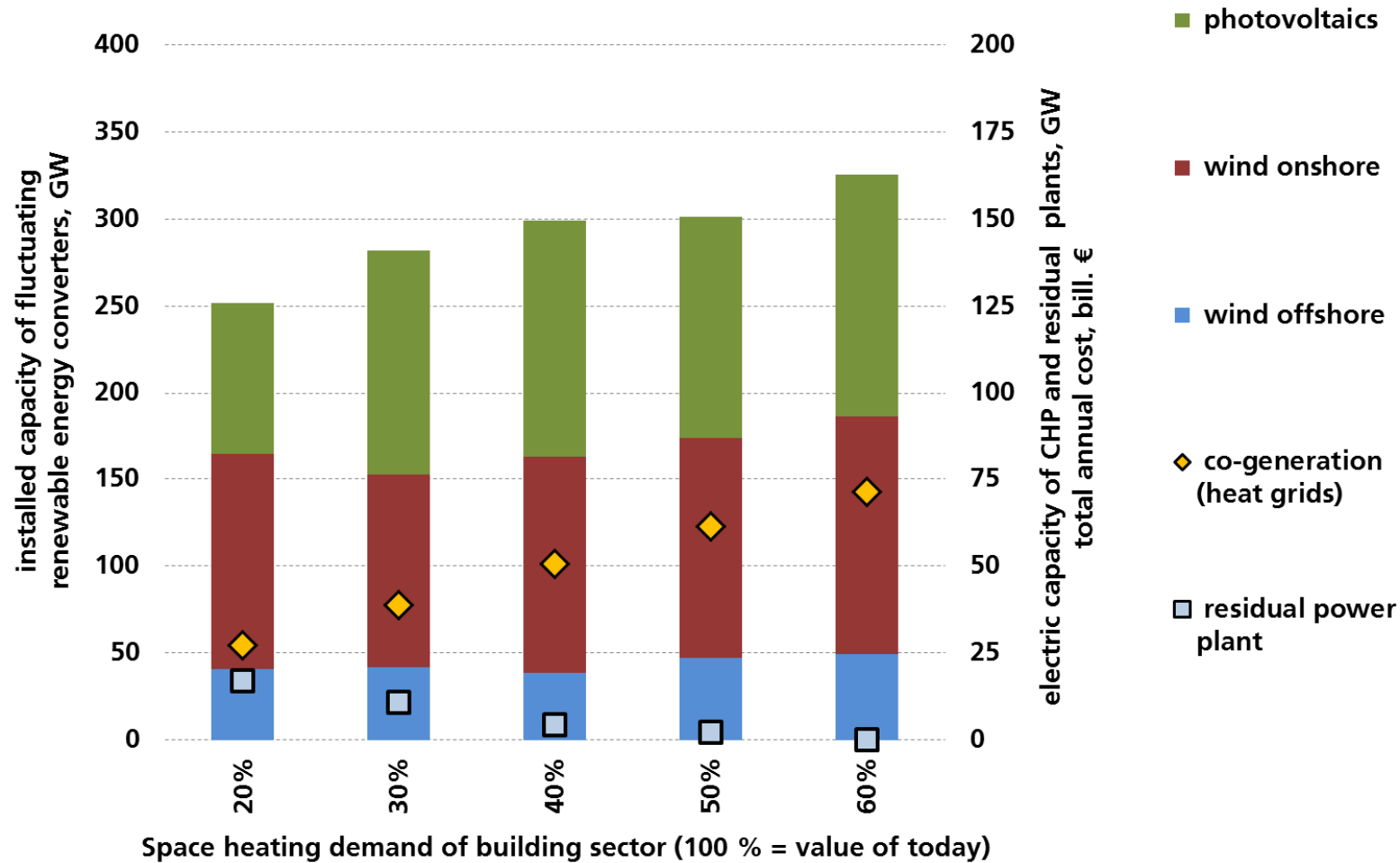
# Medium and large scale CHP systems (district heating)

## Installed capacity in $GW_{el}$



# Backup power plants

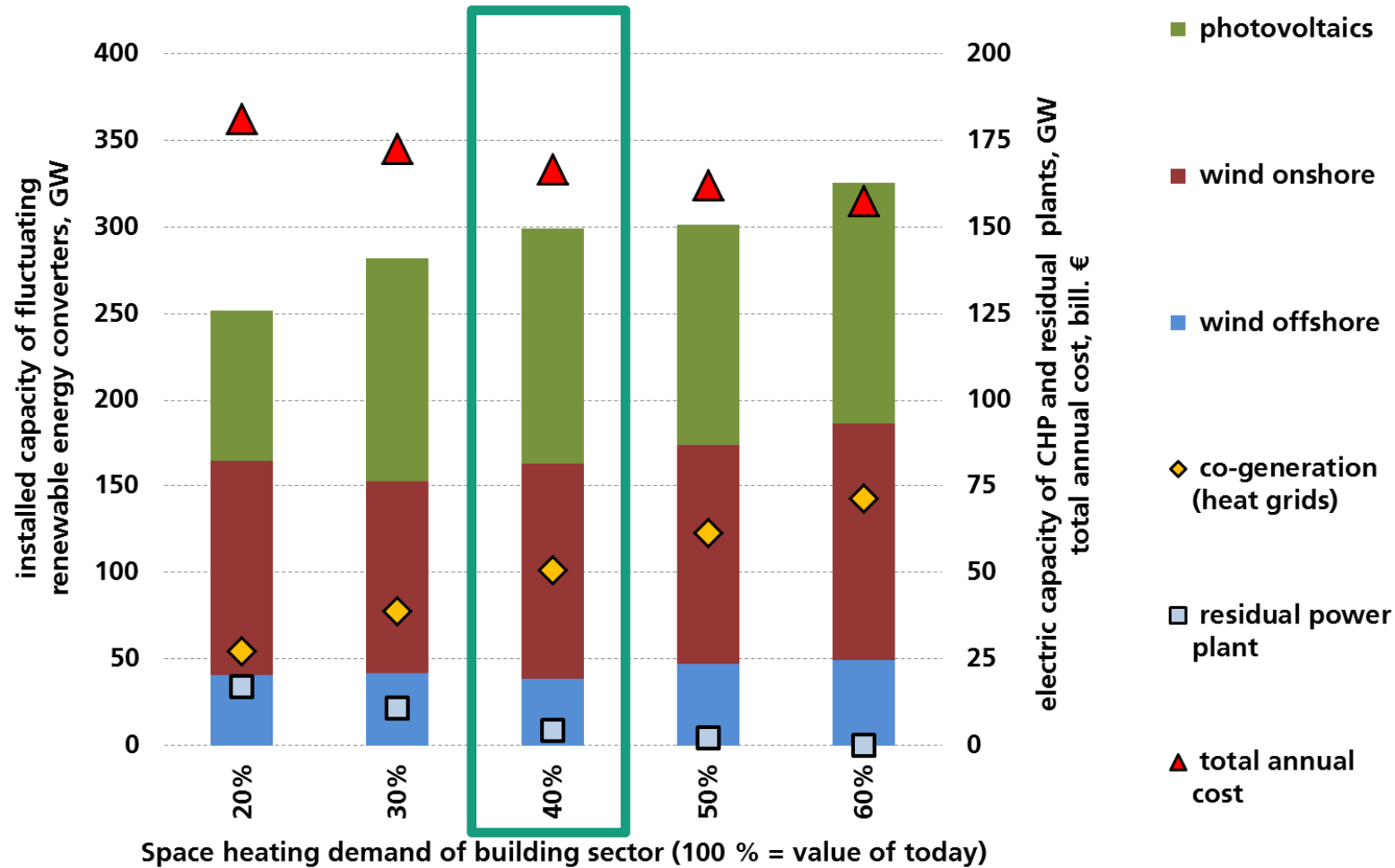
## Installed capacity in $GW_{el}$



# Total annual cost

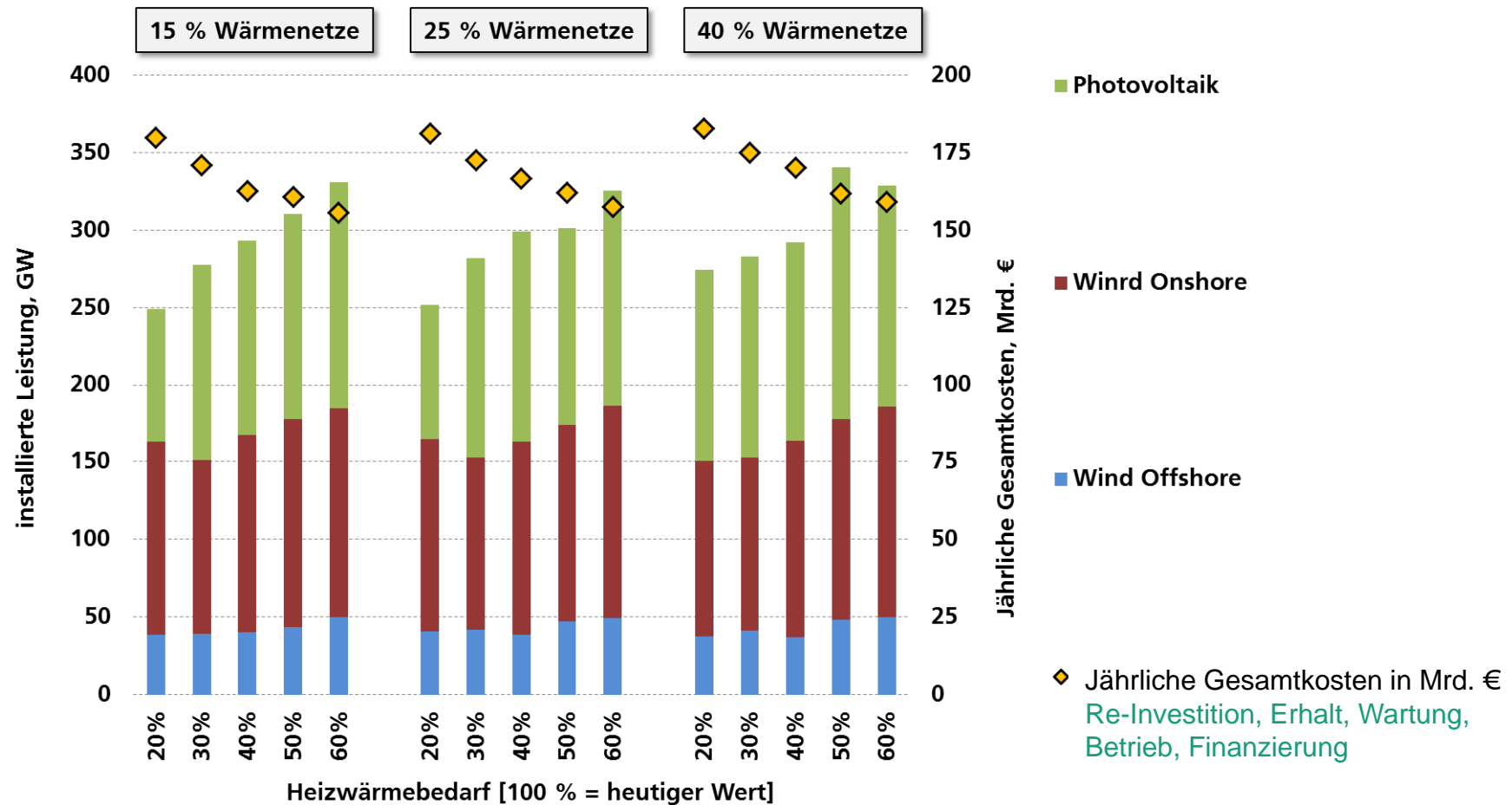
Bill. €

Analysis of a selected system (next slides)



# Analyse: Wärmenetze

## Gesamtkosten Energiesystem



Hans-Martin Henning: Wärme- und Kältestrategie BMU, to be published

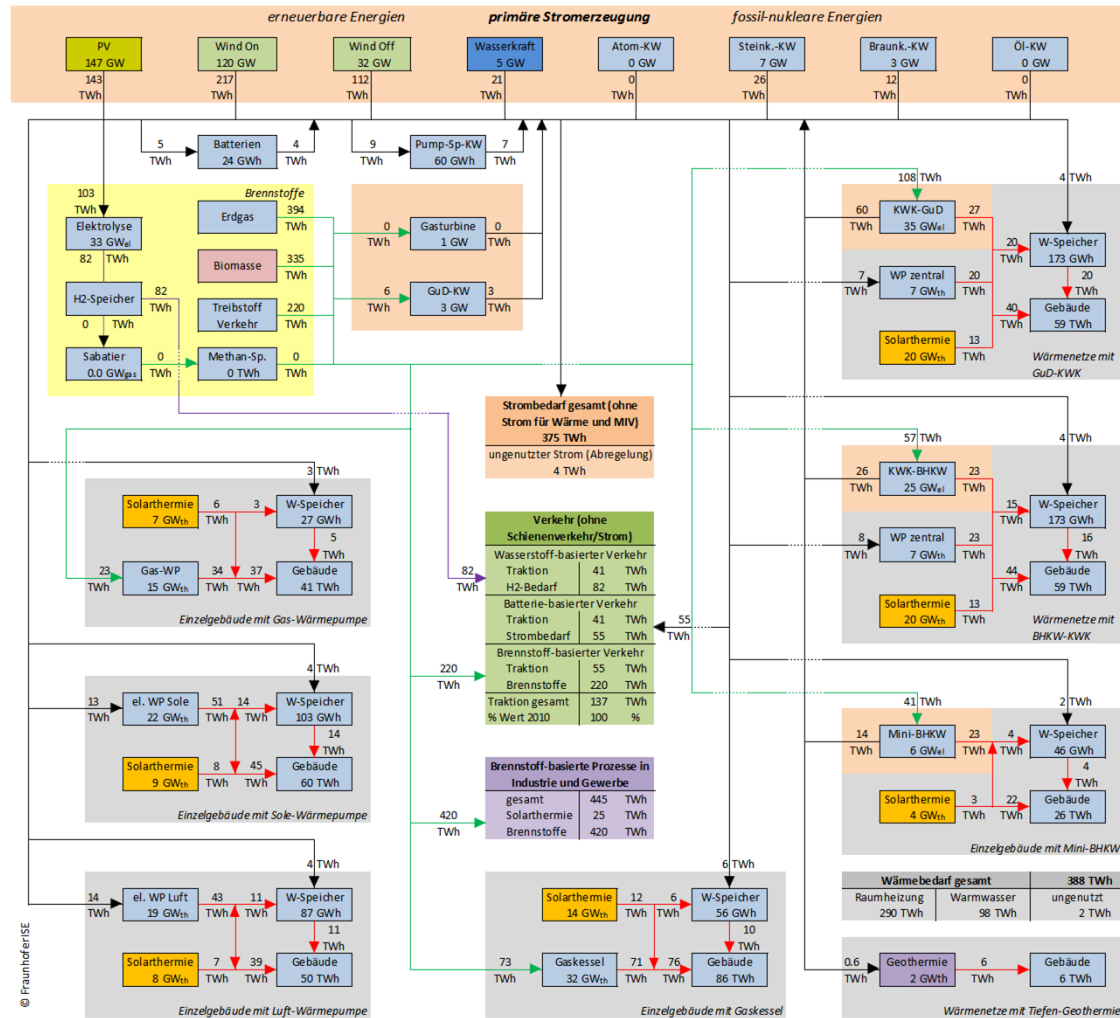






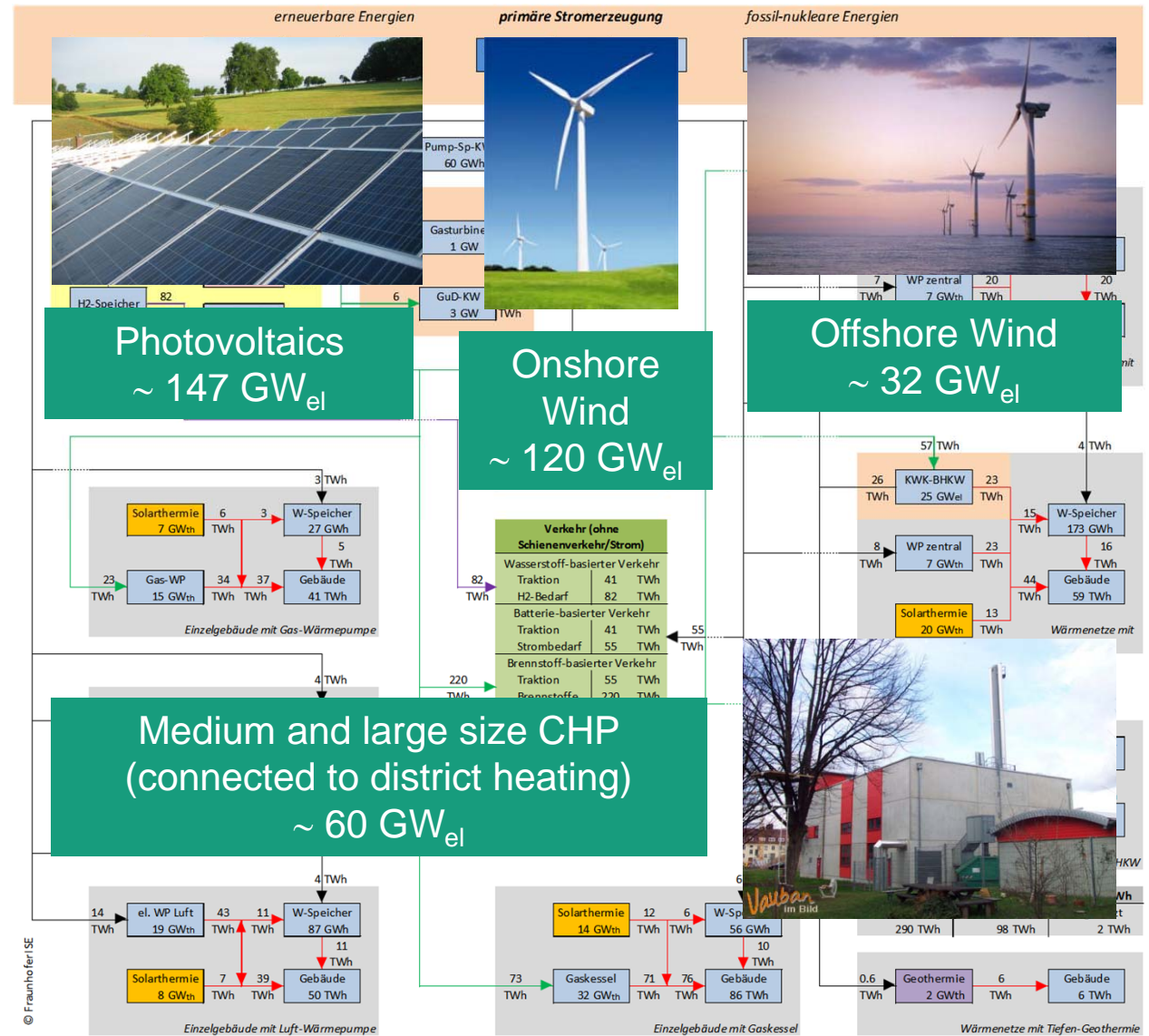
# Analysis of a selected system

- Space heating demand 40 % of today's value (reduced by energy retrofit of the building stock)
- Cost optimized system for a reduction of energy-related CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 81 % (compared to Kyoto reference value)





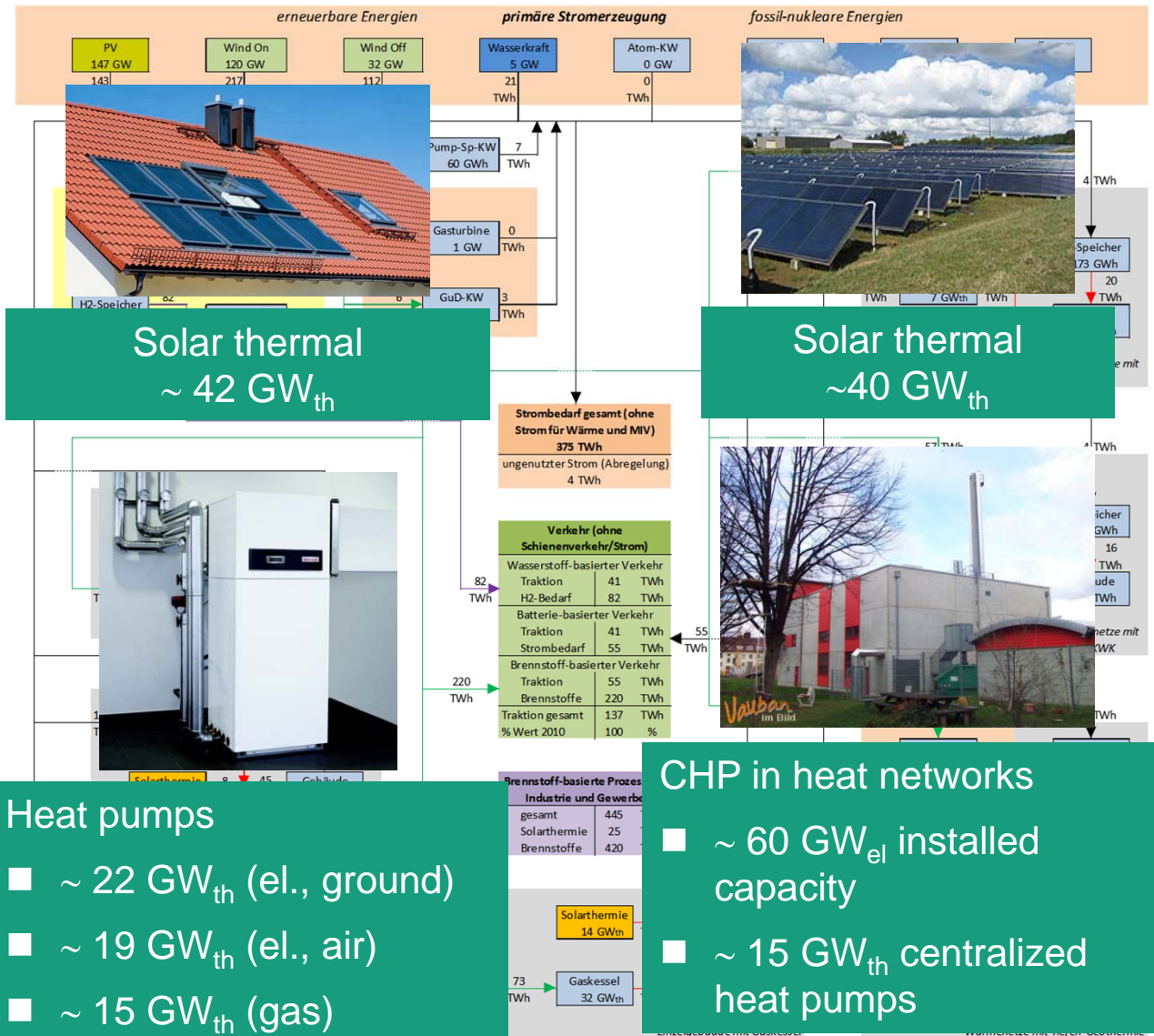
# Electricity generation



# Heat

## decentralized

## centralized



# Storage



Stationary batteries  
Total ~24 GWh (e.g. 8 Mio units with 3 kWh each)



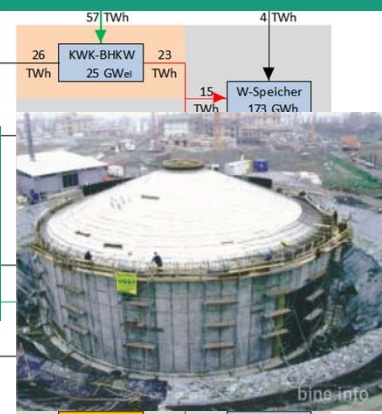
Pumped storage power plants  
42 units with a total of 60 GWh



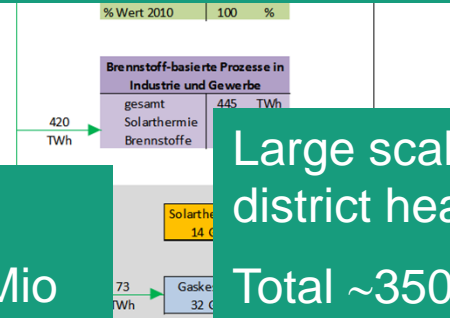
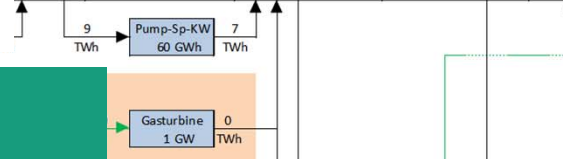
Electrolysers with total capacity of 33 GW<sub>el</sub> (needed for mobility)



Heat buffers in buildings  
Total ~320 GWh (e.g. 7 Mio units with 800 Litres each)

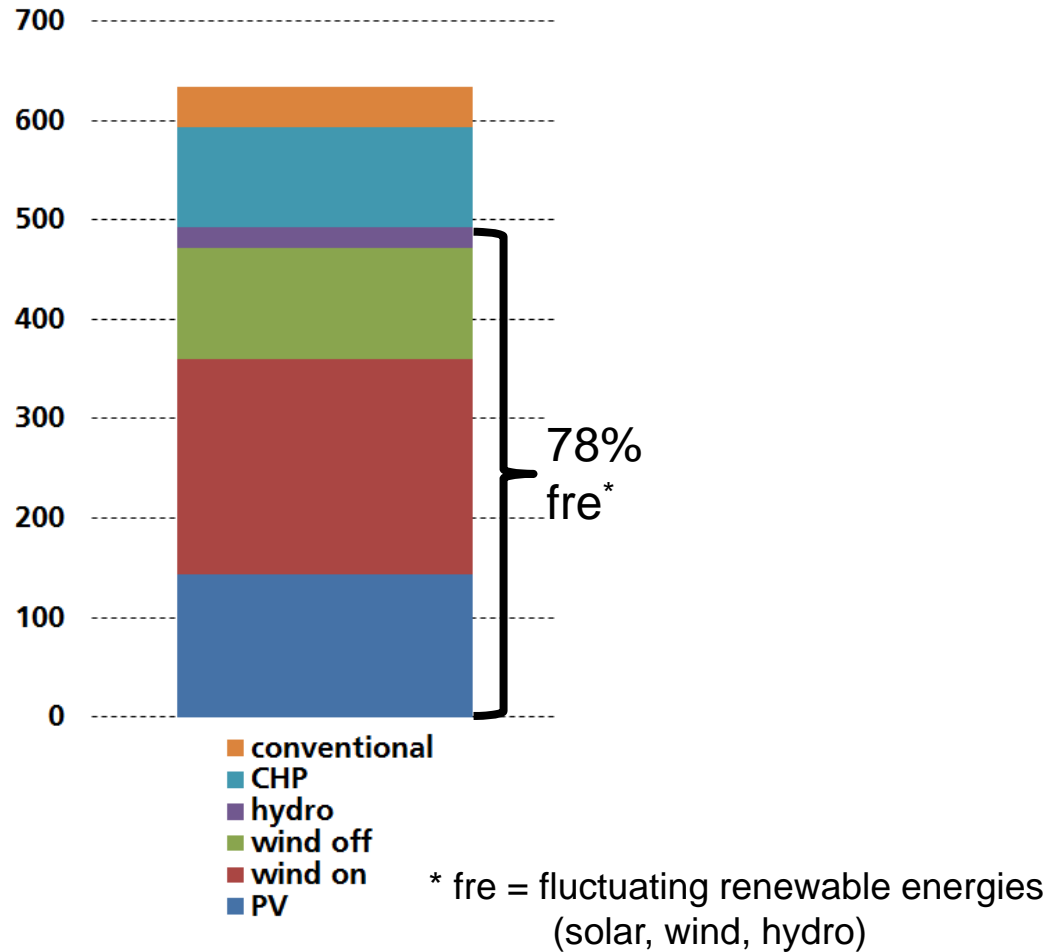


Large scale heat storage in district heating systems  
Total ~350 GWh (e.g. 150 units with 50.000 m<sup>3</sup> each)

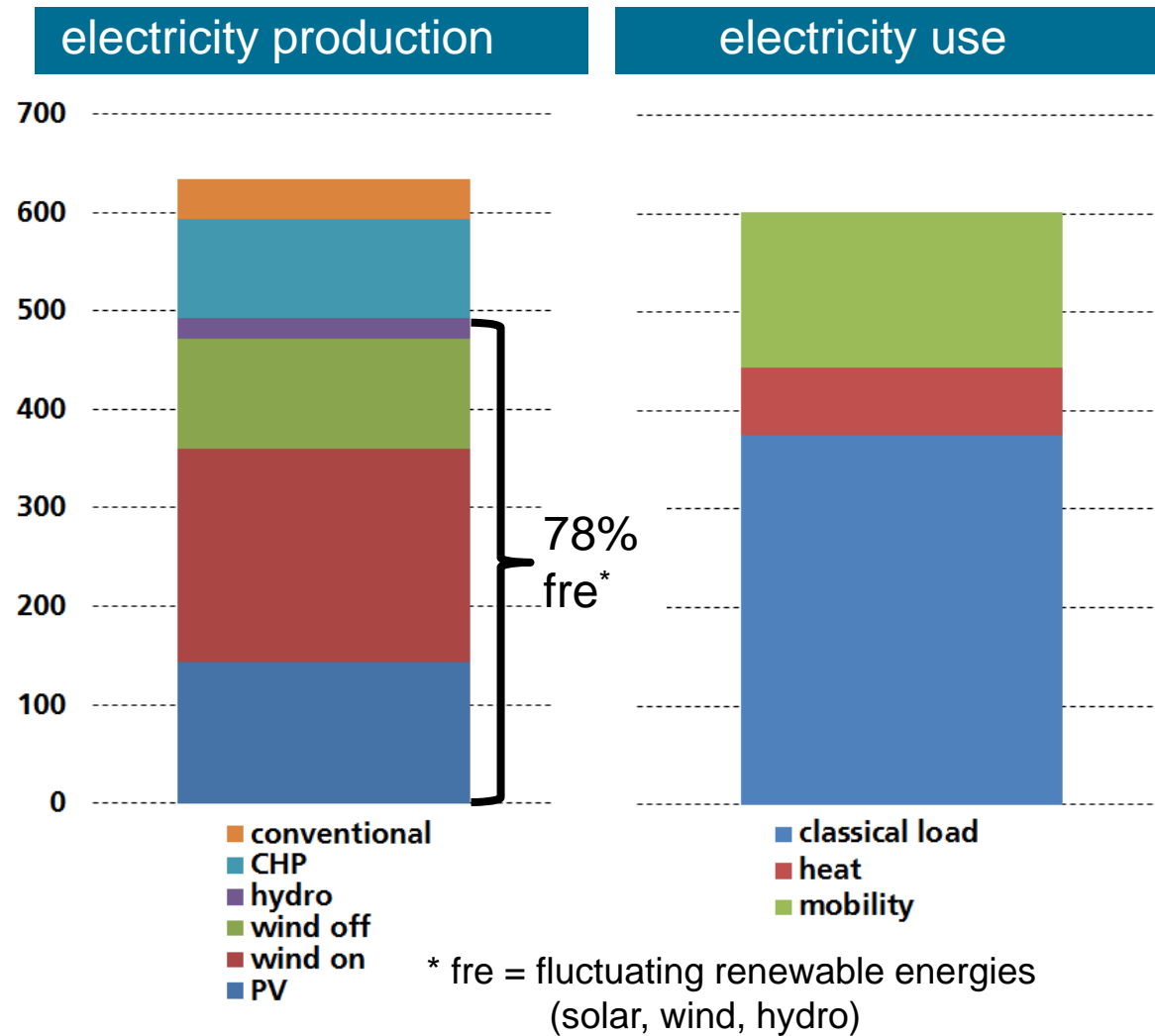


# Annual energy balance (TWh)

## electricity production

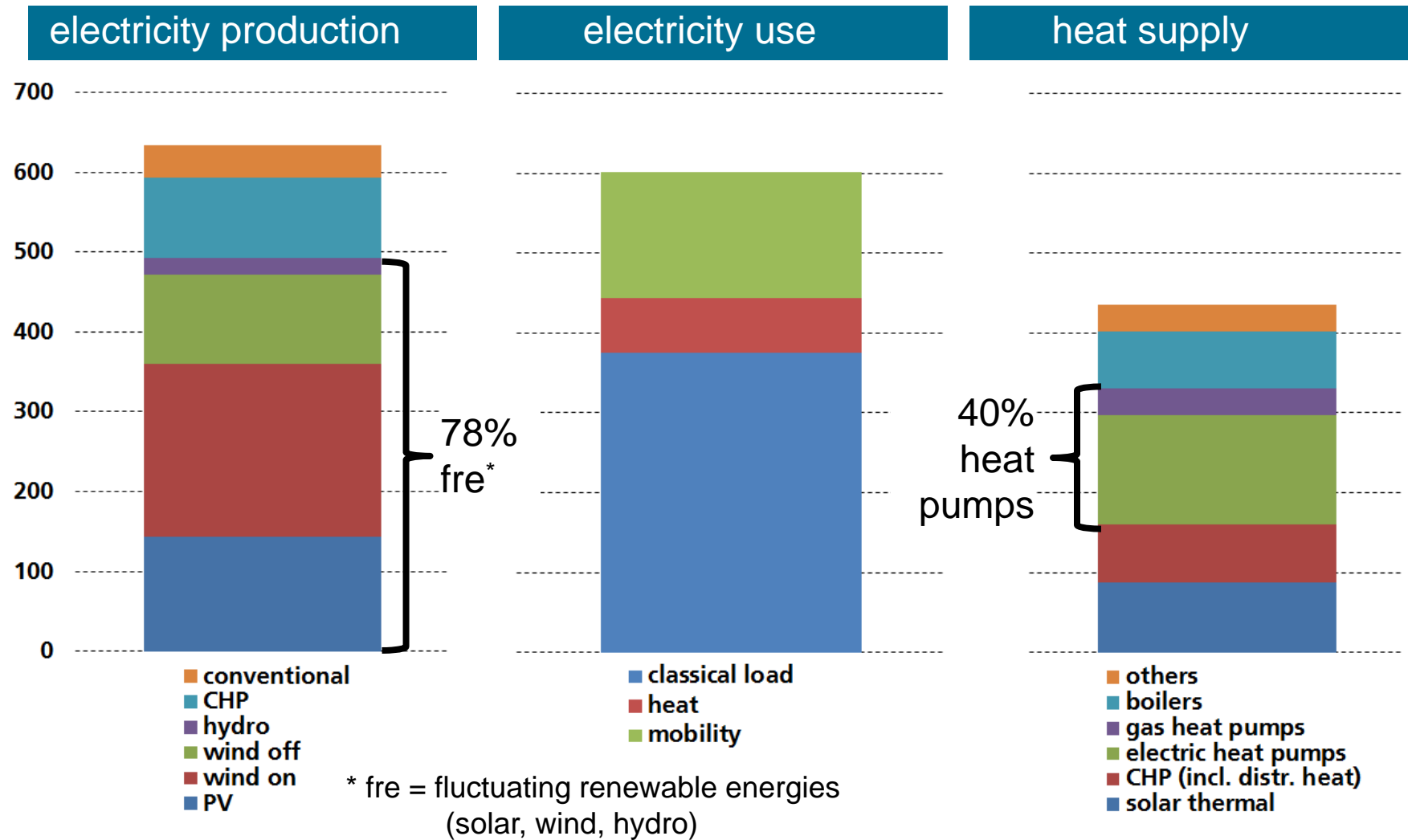


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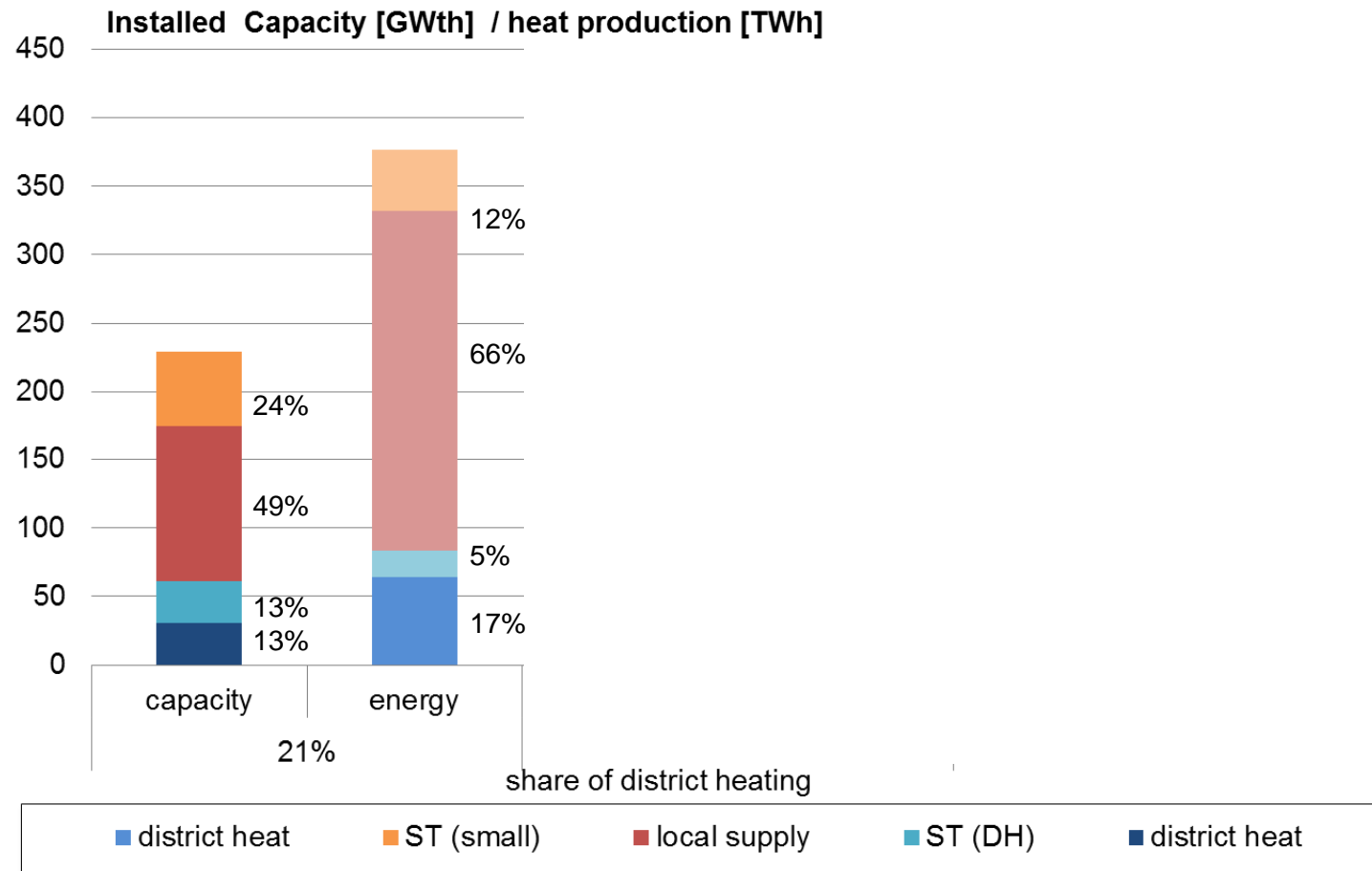
# Szenarios Settings: Solar Thermal Germany

- Heat load reduction in building sector -60%
- 82 % CO<sub>2</sub>-Reduction compared to 1990
- 3 Szenarios on heat grid:  
21%, 34%; 49% share of installed heating capacity
- Comparison of installed capacity, energy and cost
- Cost function:
  - Heat grid: 400 [€/kW]; lifetime 50 [a]; distribution losses 15%
  - Solar thermal: decentral 270 [€/m<sup>2</sup>]; central 190 [€/m<sup>2</sup>]

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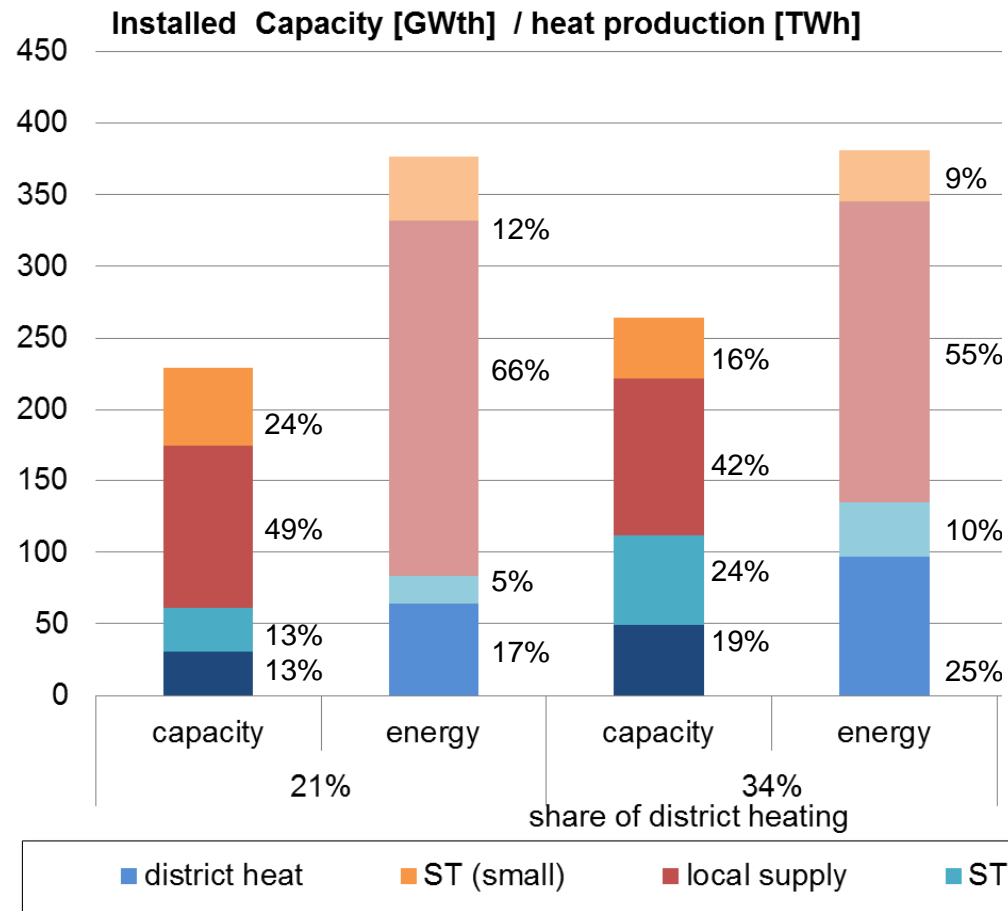


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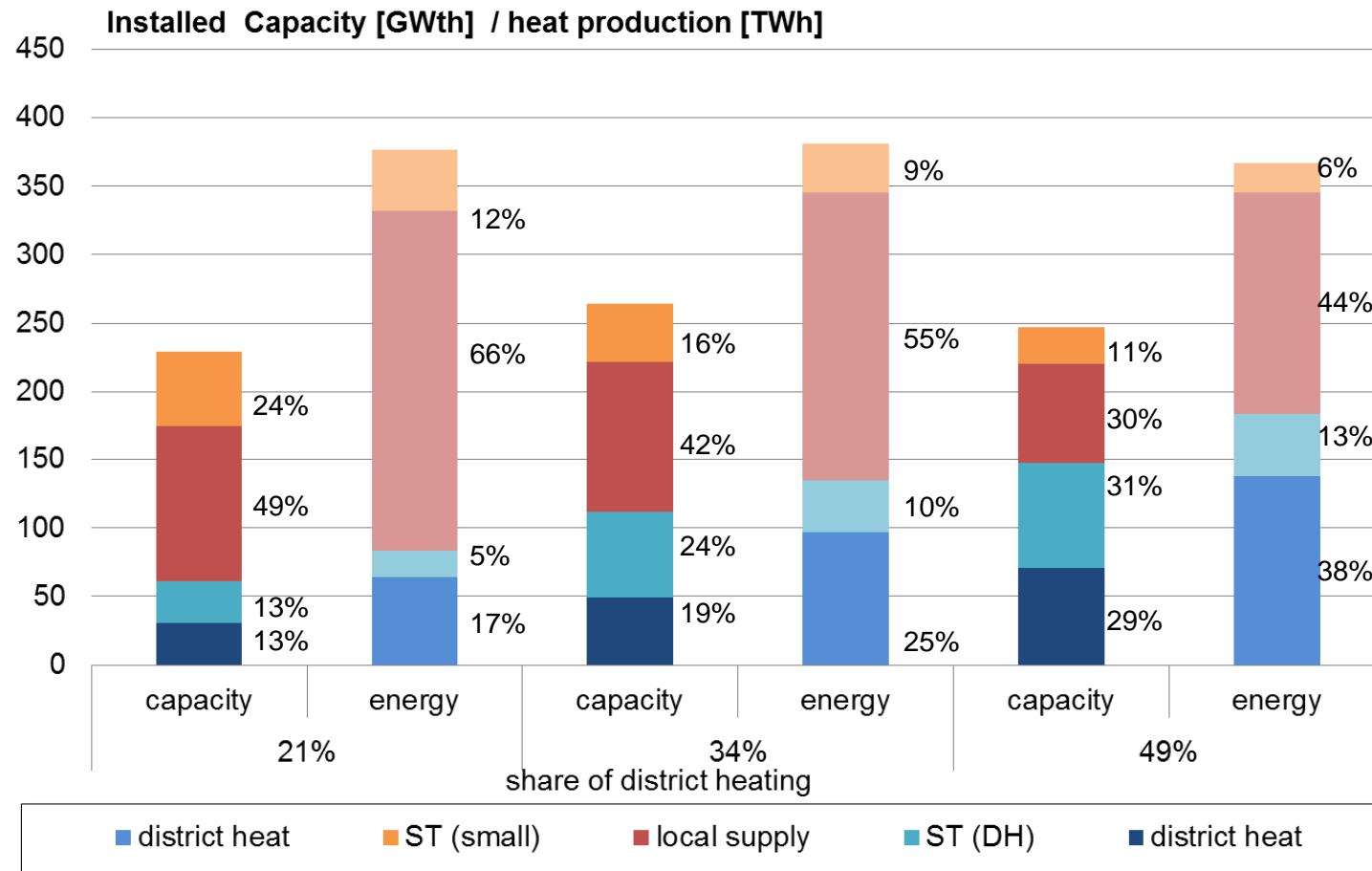


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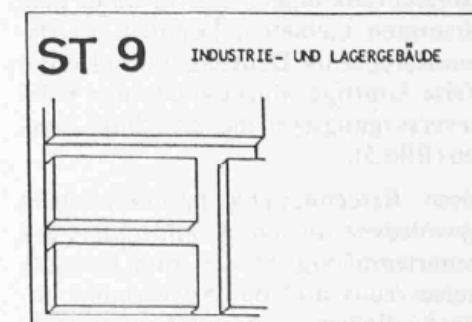
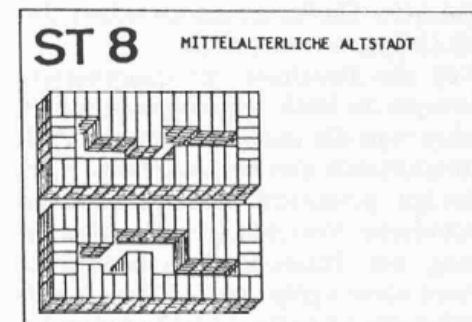
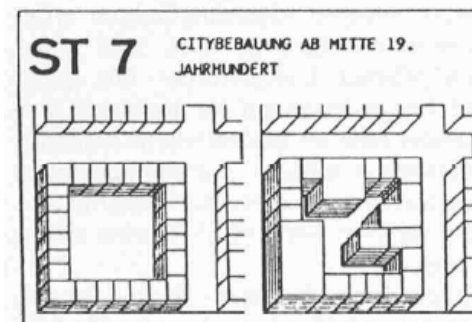
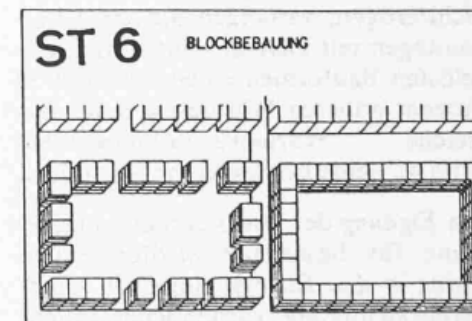
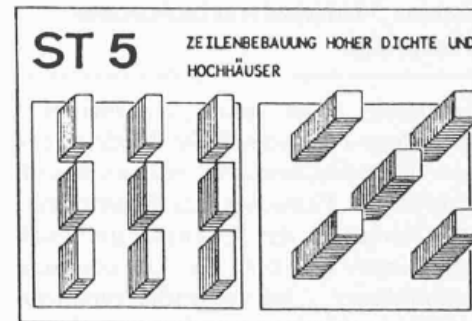
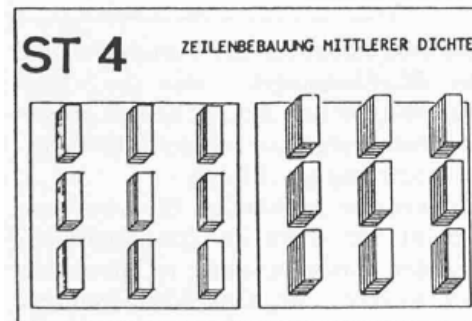
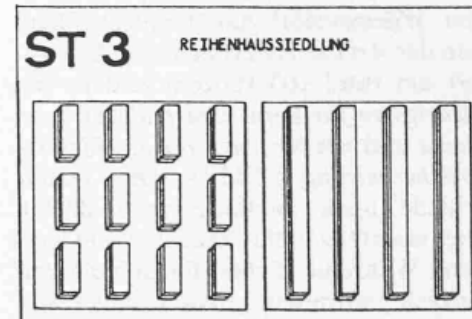
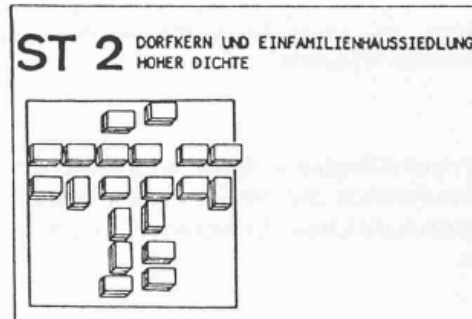
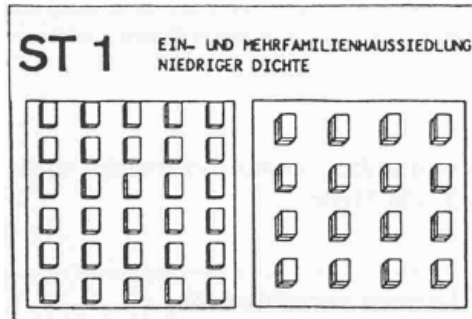
# Szenarios Solar Thermal heat supply

## Germany 80% CO2 Reduction



# Urban Structure Types

## Urban Morphology



# Urban Structure Types

## Urban Morphology -> Simplified urban structure

9 different types of urban structures from Roth	
ST 1	One family houses/ duplex houses with low concentration
ST 2	Village center and one family houses with high concentration
ST 3	Row housing
ST 4	Multi family houses with medium concentration
ST 5	Multi family houses with high concentration, multi-story buildings
ST 6	Blockhouses
ST 7	City structure after mid. 19th century
ST 8	Medieval town
ST 9	Industrial buildings and warehouses



Simplified urban structures for REMod_D	
ST II	Village- and City Suburban areas
ST IIIa	Medium building density
ST IIIb	(Very) high building density and multi-story buildings
ST IV	Industrial and commercial buildings

A further differentiation is not possible from a technical point of view

Covers 92% of build environment



# Building Typology

## Types

### 4 different building types

- One/two family houses
- Small/medium multi story houses
- large multi story houses
- Industrial/commercial buildings

### 3 different construction ages

- Up till 1948
- 1949-1994
- After 1995

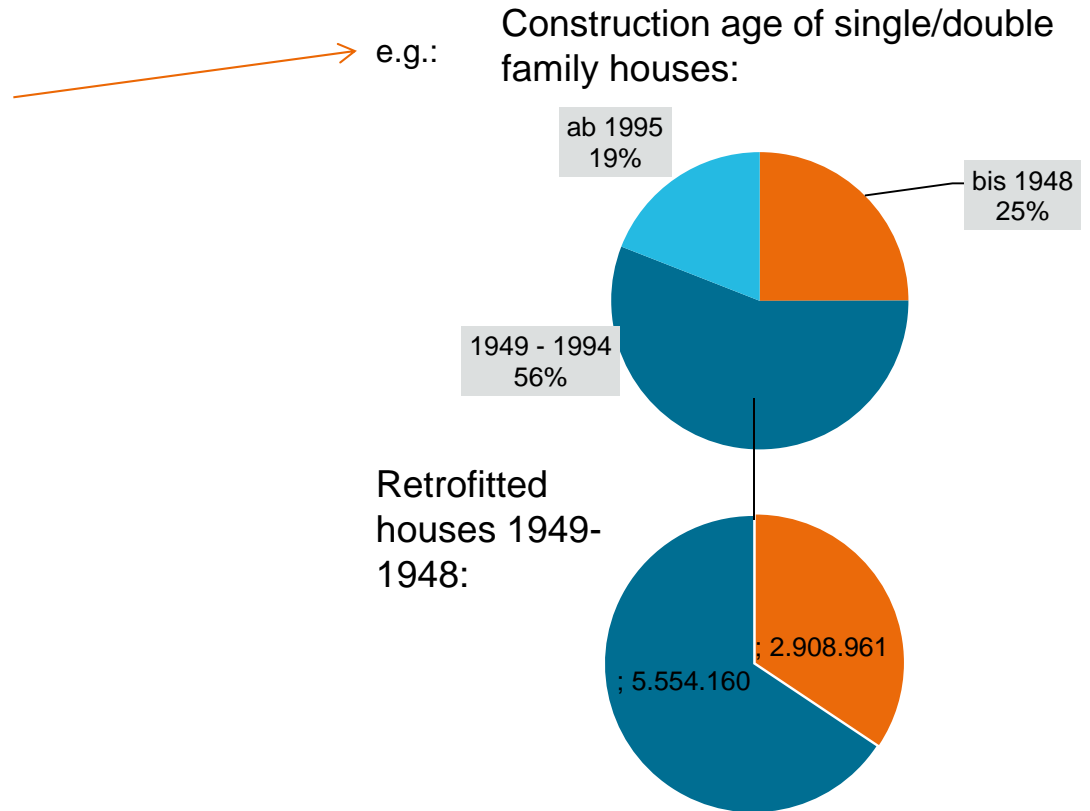
### Building retrofit

- Renovated houses
- Not renovated houses

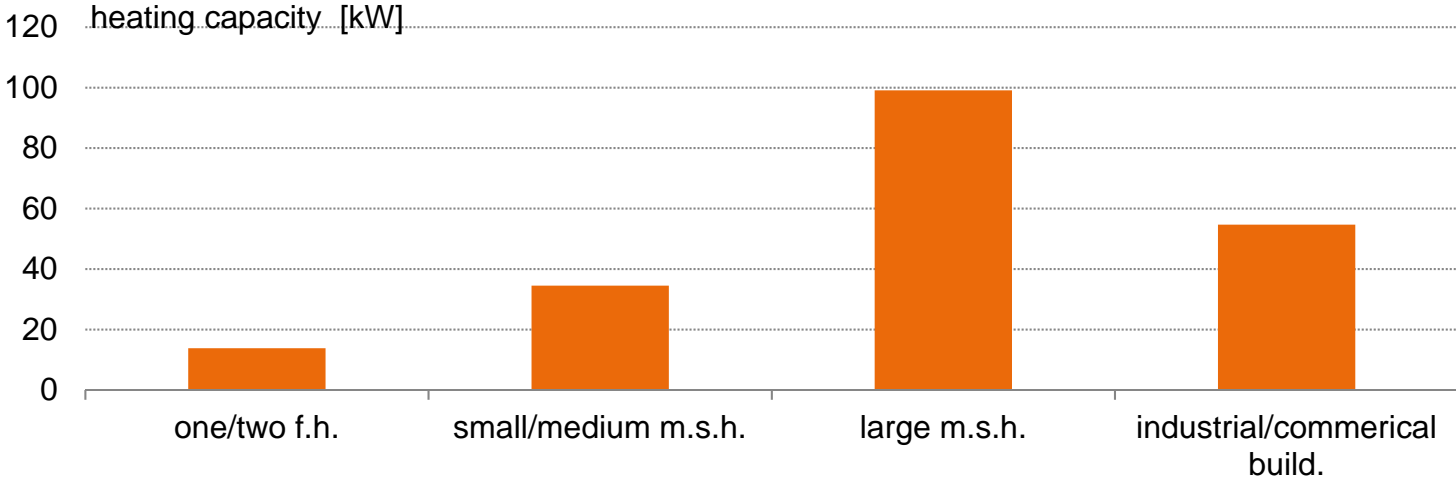
## Example

	One/two family houses		
Building age	<1948	1949-1994	>1995
Quantity	3,777	8,463	2,884
Renovated	806	2,909	1,849
Not renovated	2,971	5,554	1,035
	Heat load in kW		
Renovated	6.99	7.24	7.62
Not renovated	20.89	17.01	11.50
Average	17.9	13.7	9.0
	<b>13.8</b>		

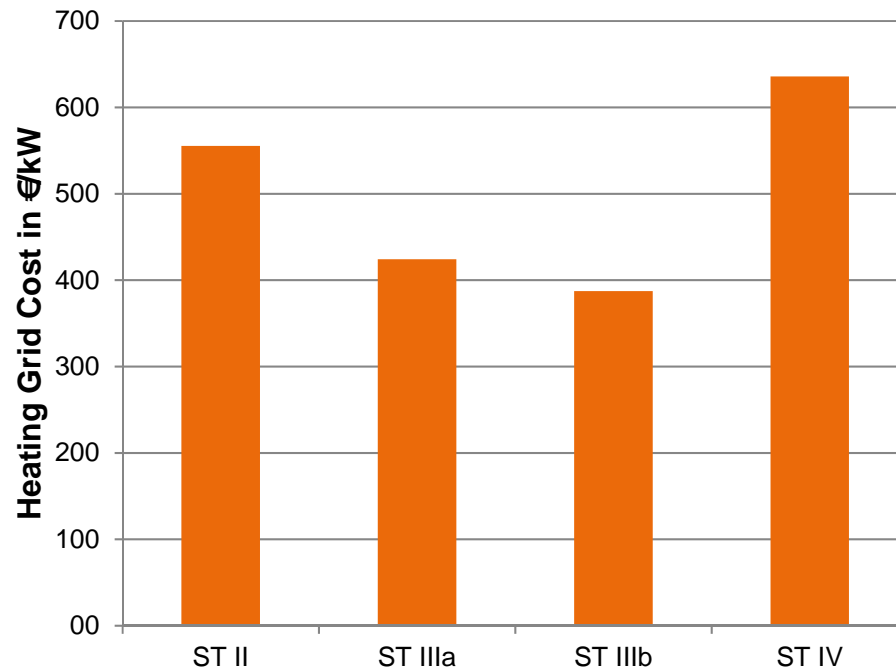
# Building Typology



# Average installed heating capacity in building types



# Investment cost for district heating in different urban structures



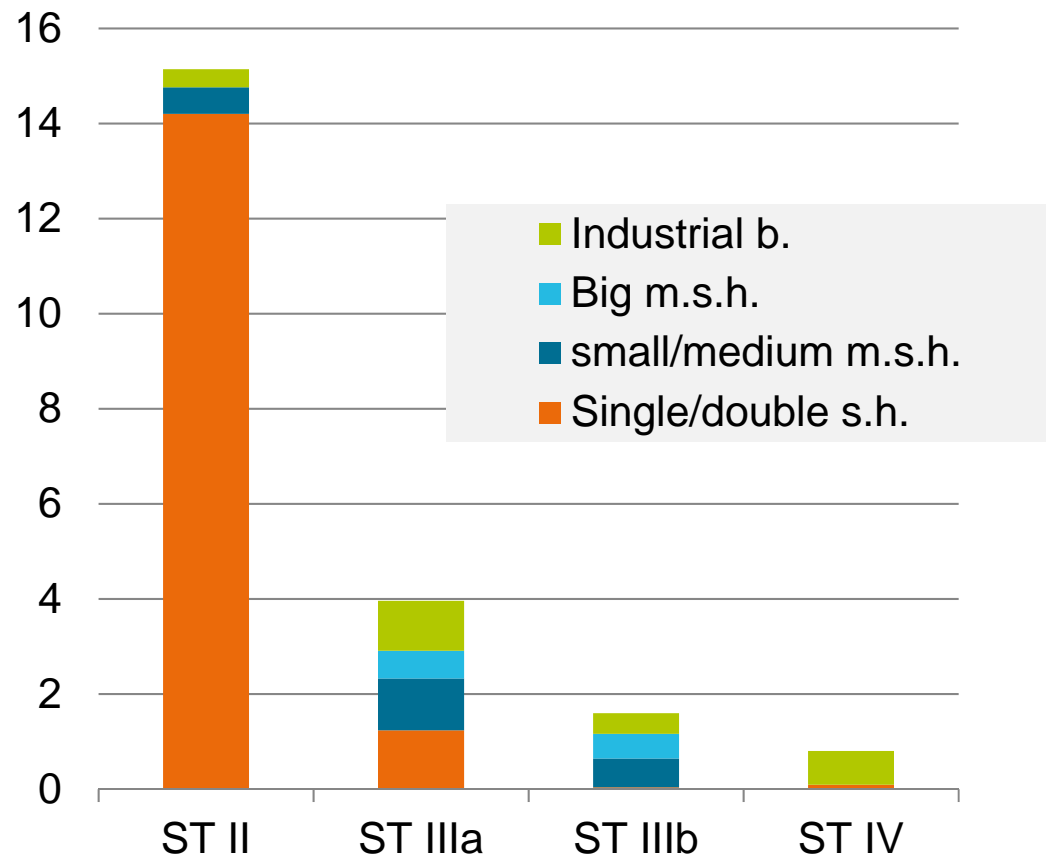


# Distribution of urban structures in Germany

	Urban area
Urban Structure	in [1000 ha]
ST II	1656
ST IIIa	401
ST IIIb	93
ST IV	308
<b>Sum</b>	<b>2458</b>



Amount of houses per urban structure in [mio. units]



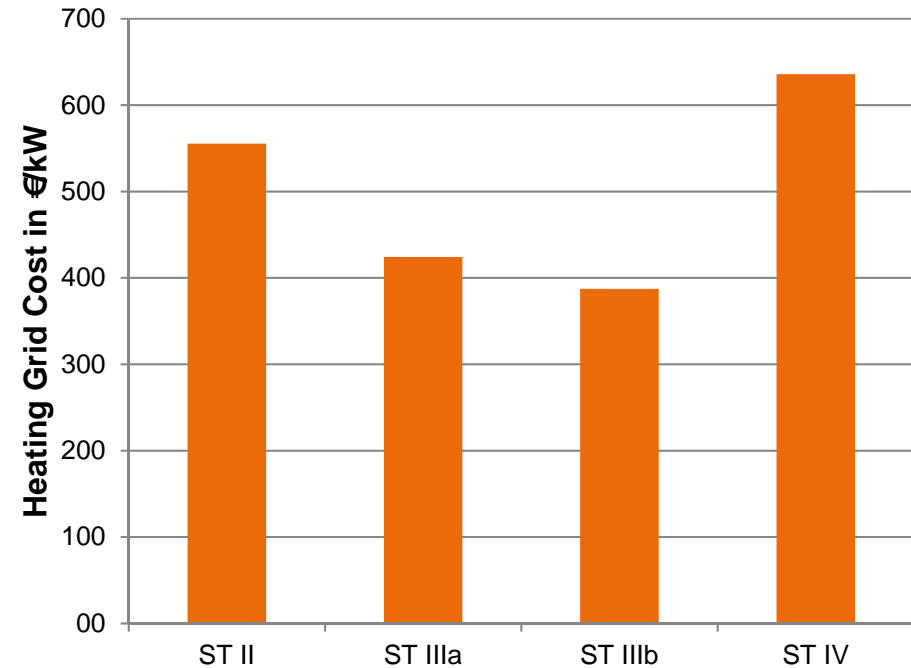
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 ST IV – industrial area



# Investment cost for district heating

Urban structure	ST II	ST IIIa	ST IIIb	ST IV
Building type	build./ha	build./ha	build./ha	build./ha
One/two f.h.	8.58	3.09	0.40	0.29
Small/medium m.s.h.	0.34	2.72	6.51	0.00
Large m.s.h.	0.00	1.45	5.58	0.00
Industrial buildings	0.23	2.62	4.68	2.31
<b>total</b>	<b>9.14</b>	<b>9.88</b>	<b>17.17</b>	<b>2.60</b>

	Unit	ST II	ST IIIa	ST IIIb	ST IV
Sub-distribution grid length	m/ha	123	129	177	58
Grid length house connection	m/build.	8.4	9.7	9	25.7
Grid cost	€/m	220	330	440	440
Connection cost	€/build.	2602	4163	4290	4400
Heat load with coincidence factor	kW/ha	123	270.1	526	104.5
<b>Heating grid cost</b>	<b>€/kW</b>	<b>555.4</b>	<b>424.2</b>	<b>387.3</b>	<b>635.8</b>

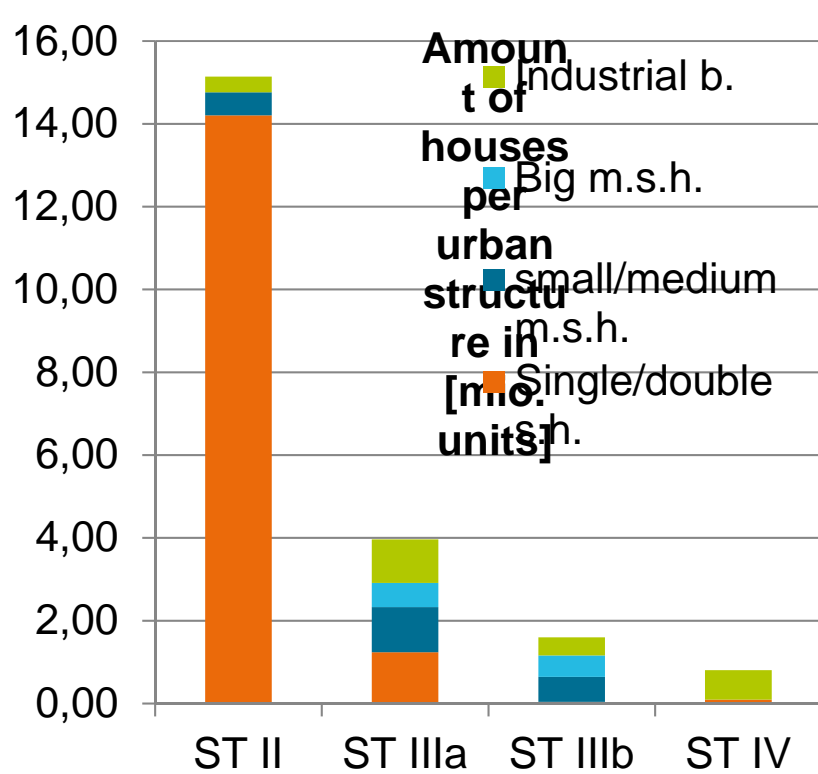


# Future Tasks

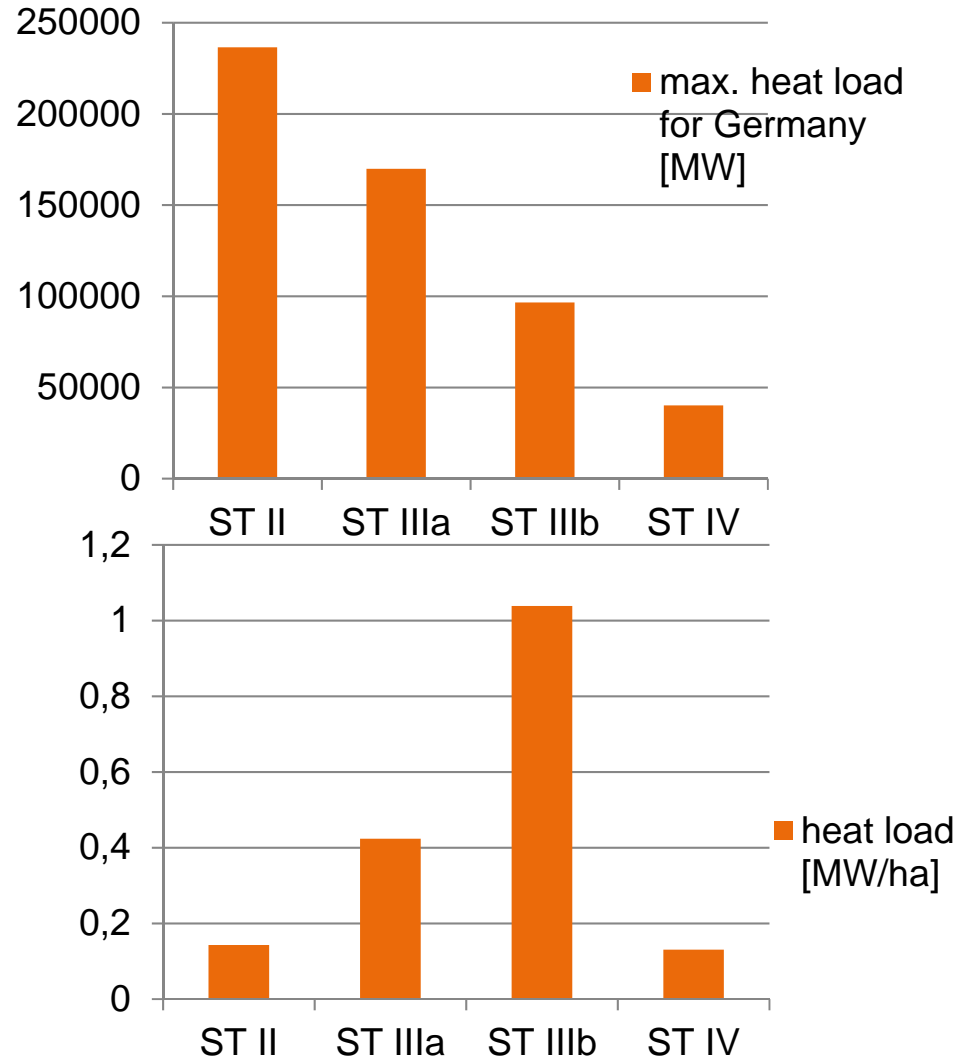
- Validate crucial data, especially grid cost [€/m]
- Max. potential for solar heat for each urban structure
- Average value for REMod-D input
- Adapt parameters for ST IV
- (Maybe) differentiate further between different pipelines (avg. distance to centralized producer)



# Distribution of urban structures in Germany

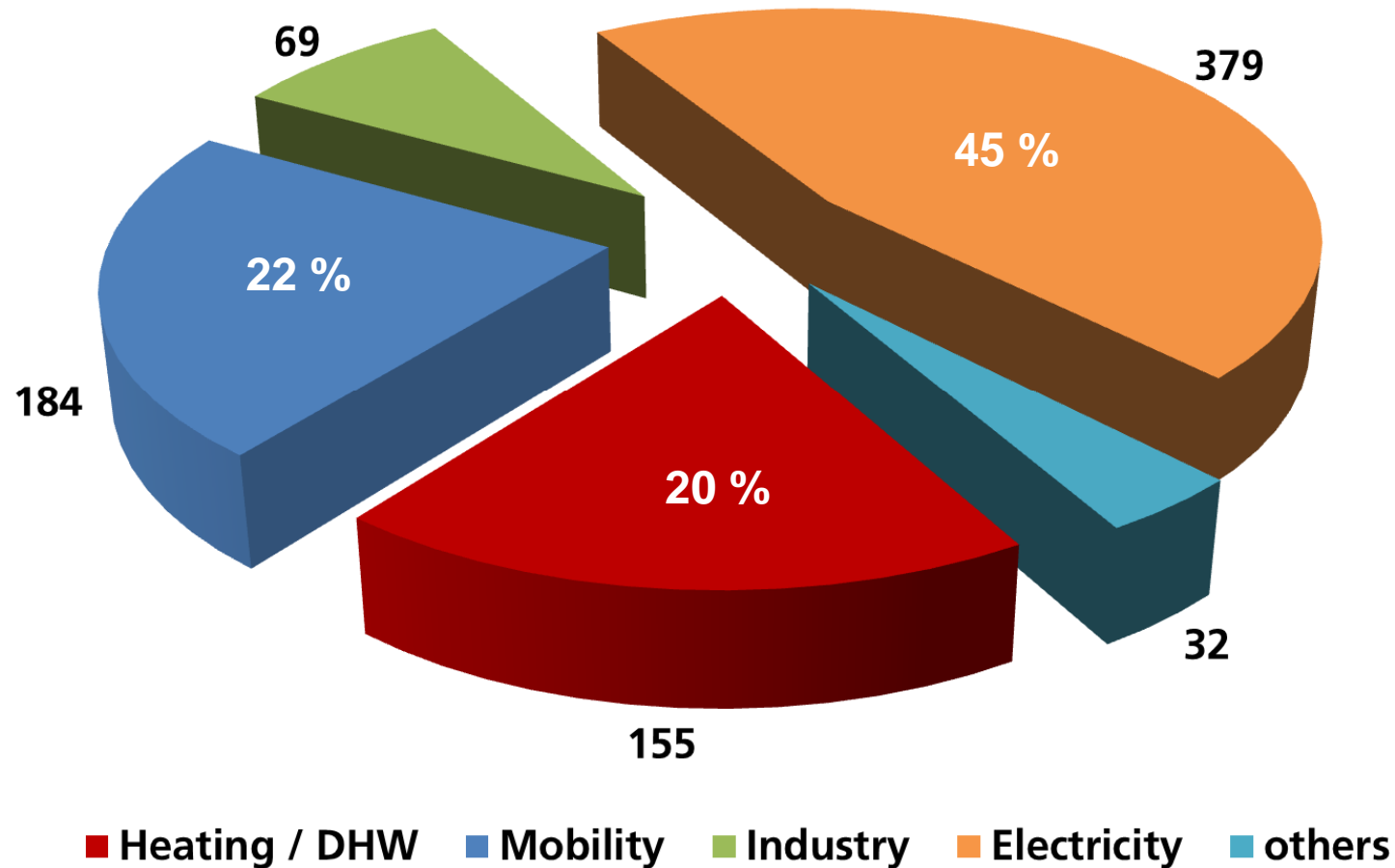


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# German energy-related CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (2008)

## Distribution among sectors (Mio tons)



source: "Politikszenerarien für den Klima-schutz VI - Treibhausgas-Emissions-szenarien bis zum Jahr 2030", Öko-Institut et al. im Auftrag des Umwelt-bundesamtes (UBA), März 2013



# Holistic model of the German energy system

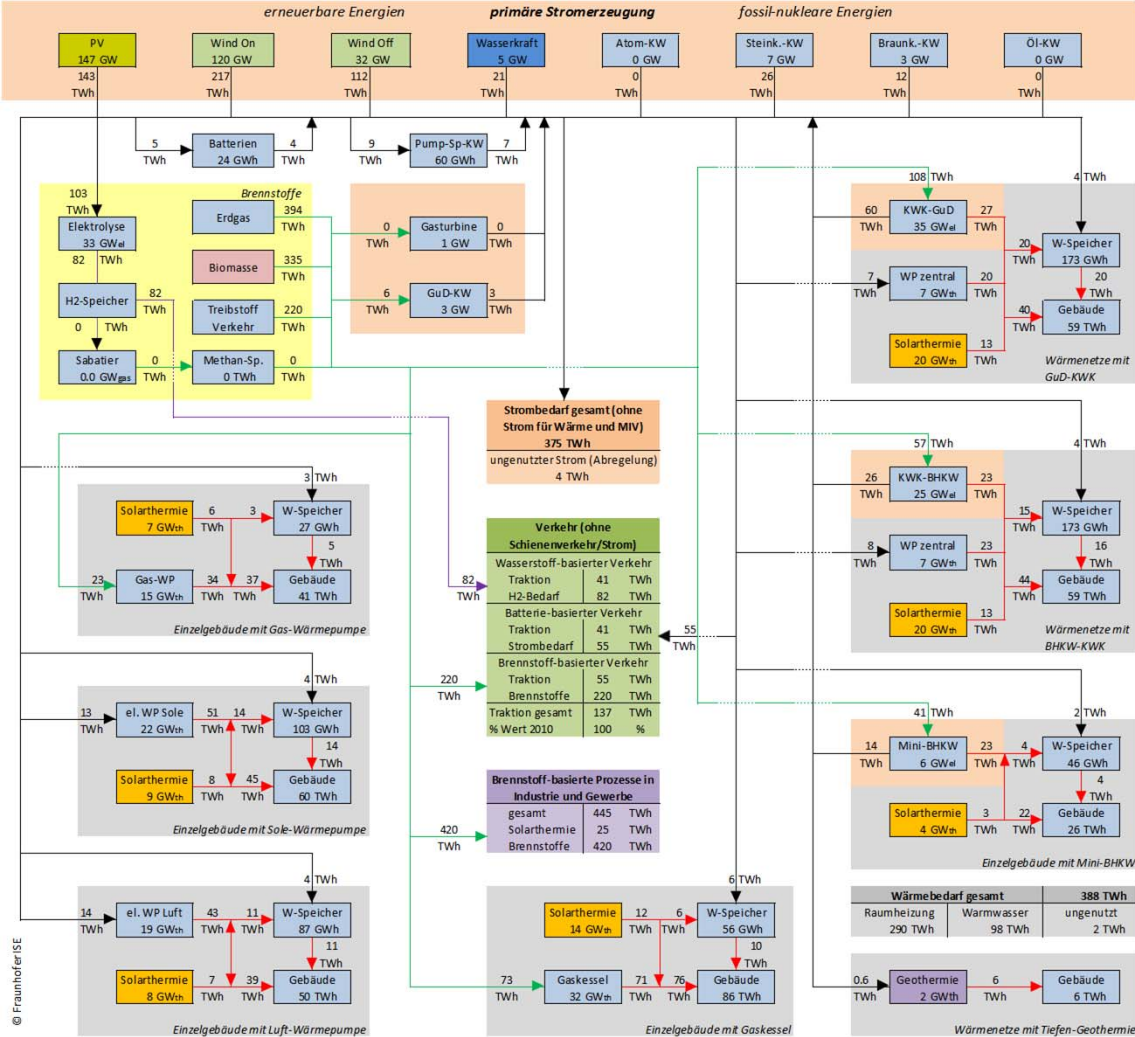
## Inter-sectorial analysis of the overall system

### ■ Approach

- Comprehensive model of the overall system with all energy fluxes (for all conversion chains and end-use sectors) based on hourly energy balance
  - Generic optimizer → optimum composition and sizing of all components including energy retrofit of the building stock
  - Goal function: minimum of total annual cost (re-investment, maintenance, operation, financing)
- Appropriate treatment of a highly complex system with many interdependencies



# Optimization of Germany's future energy system based on hourly modeling

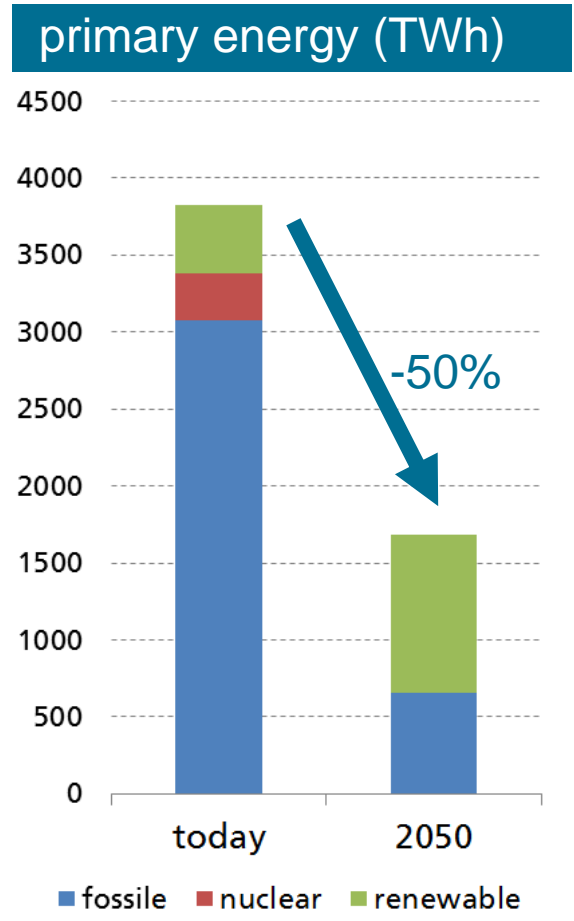


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# Overall comparison

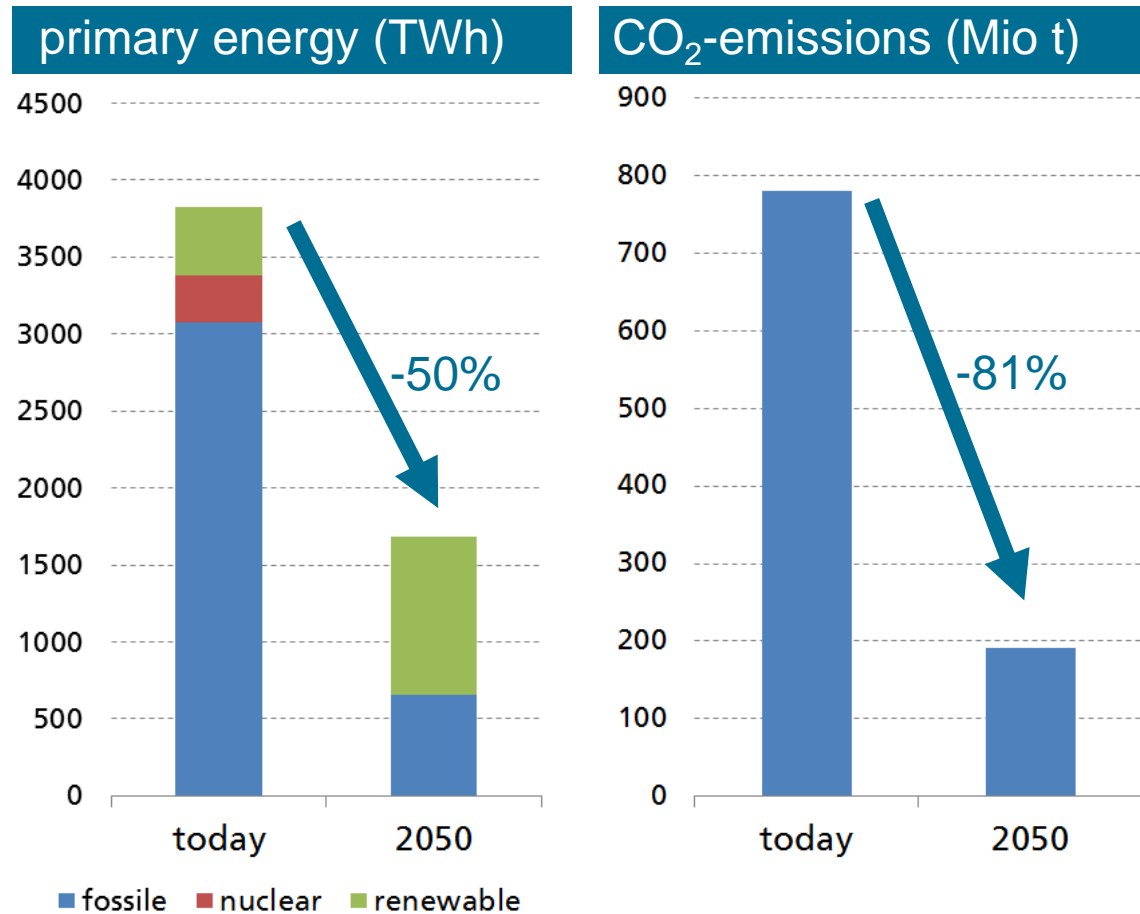
## Today vs. 2050 optimized system





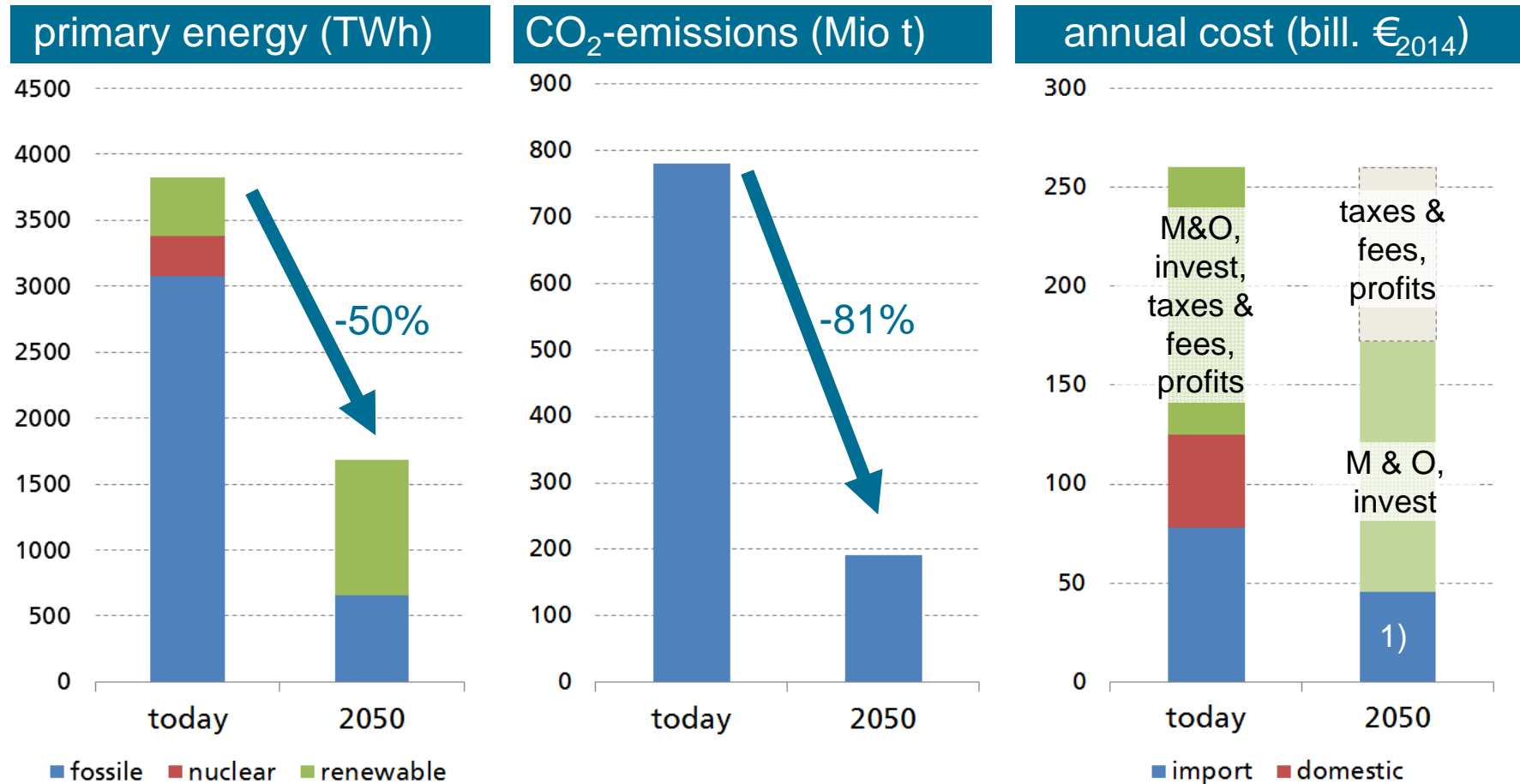
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1) Assumed doubling of fossil energy prices until 2050



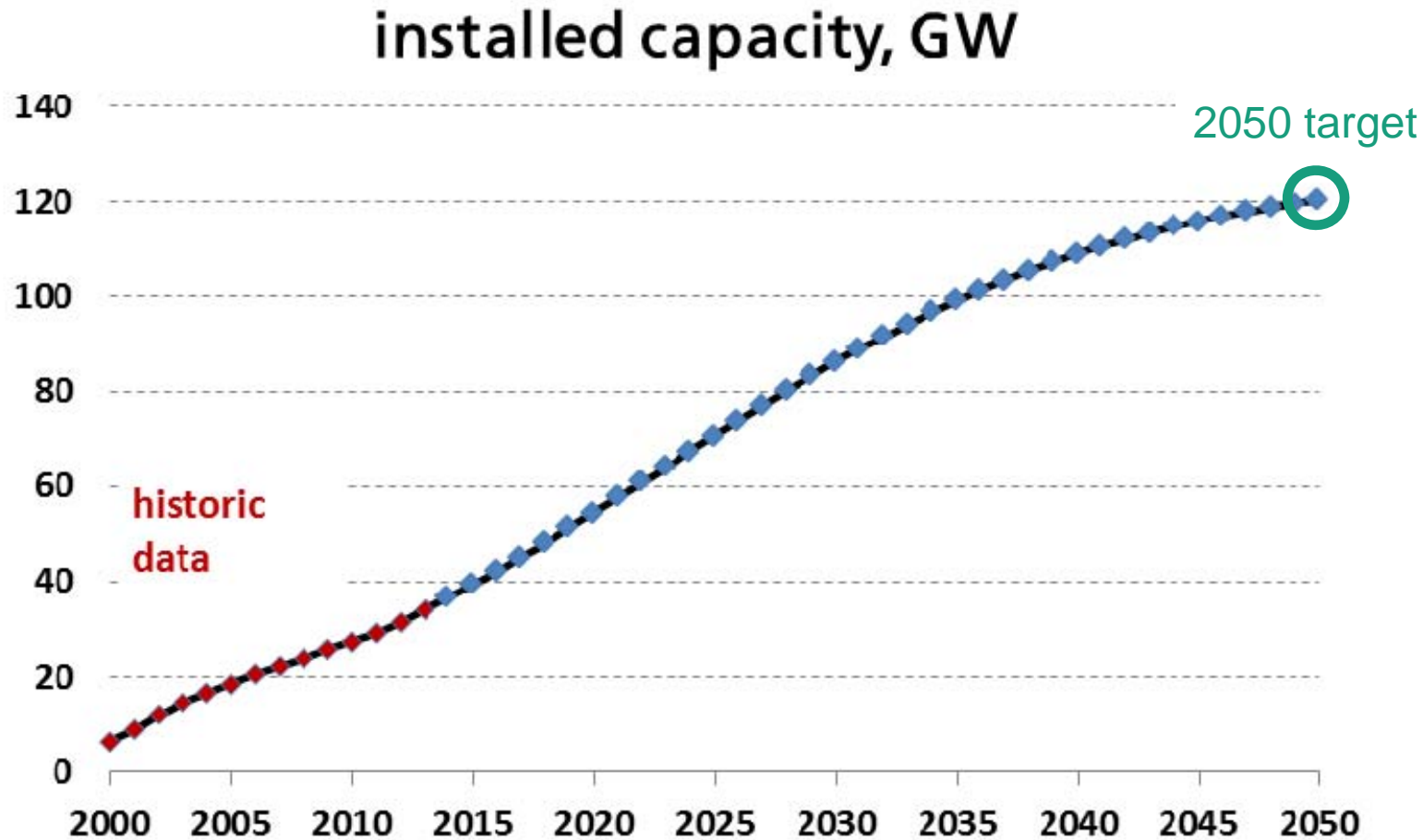
# Outline

- Overall targets of the German climate protection policy
- Analysis of a renewable German energy system in 2050
  - Methodology
  - Results
  - Investments
- Conclusions & outlook



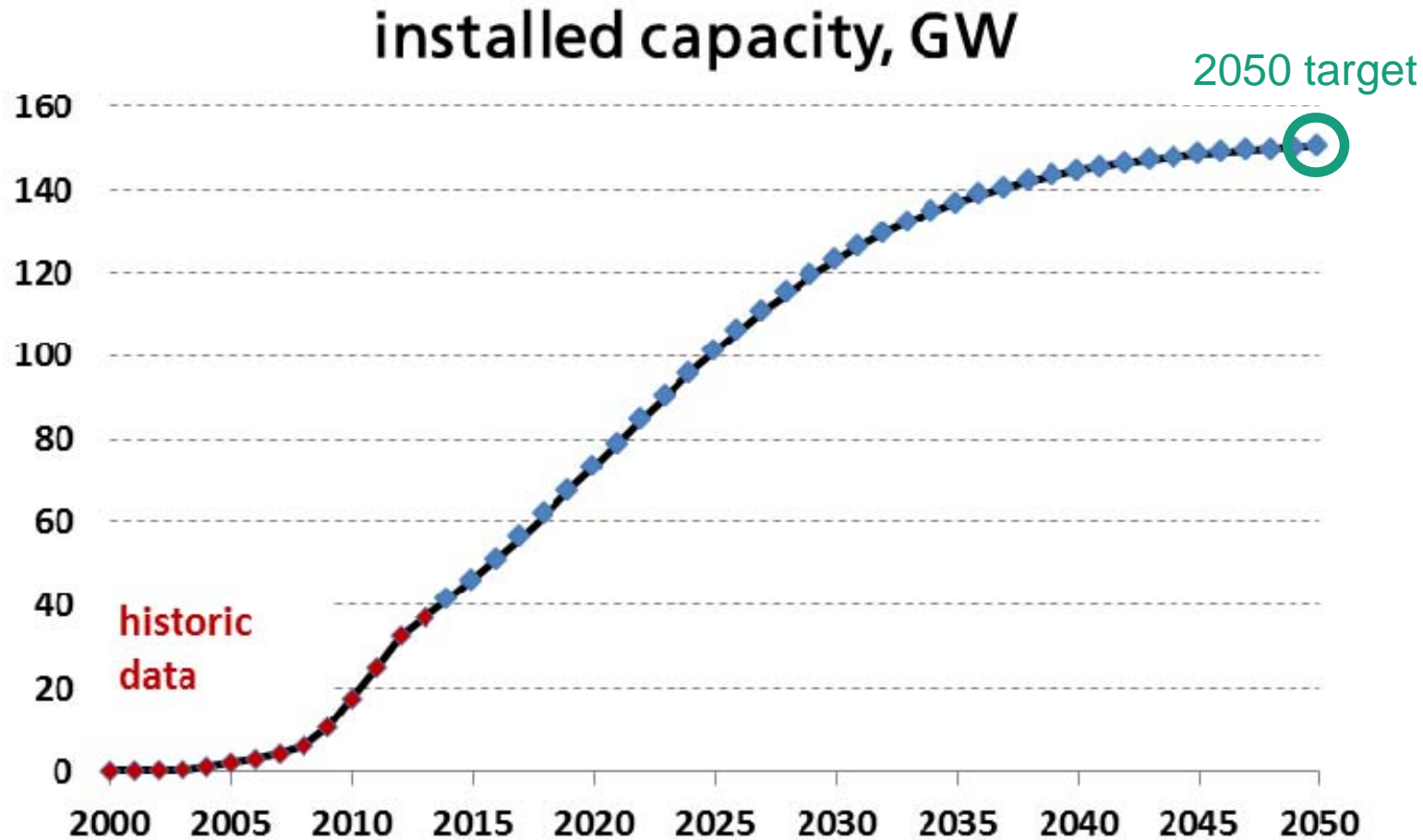
# Analysis of investments from today until 2050

## Onshore wind



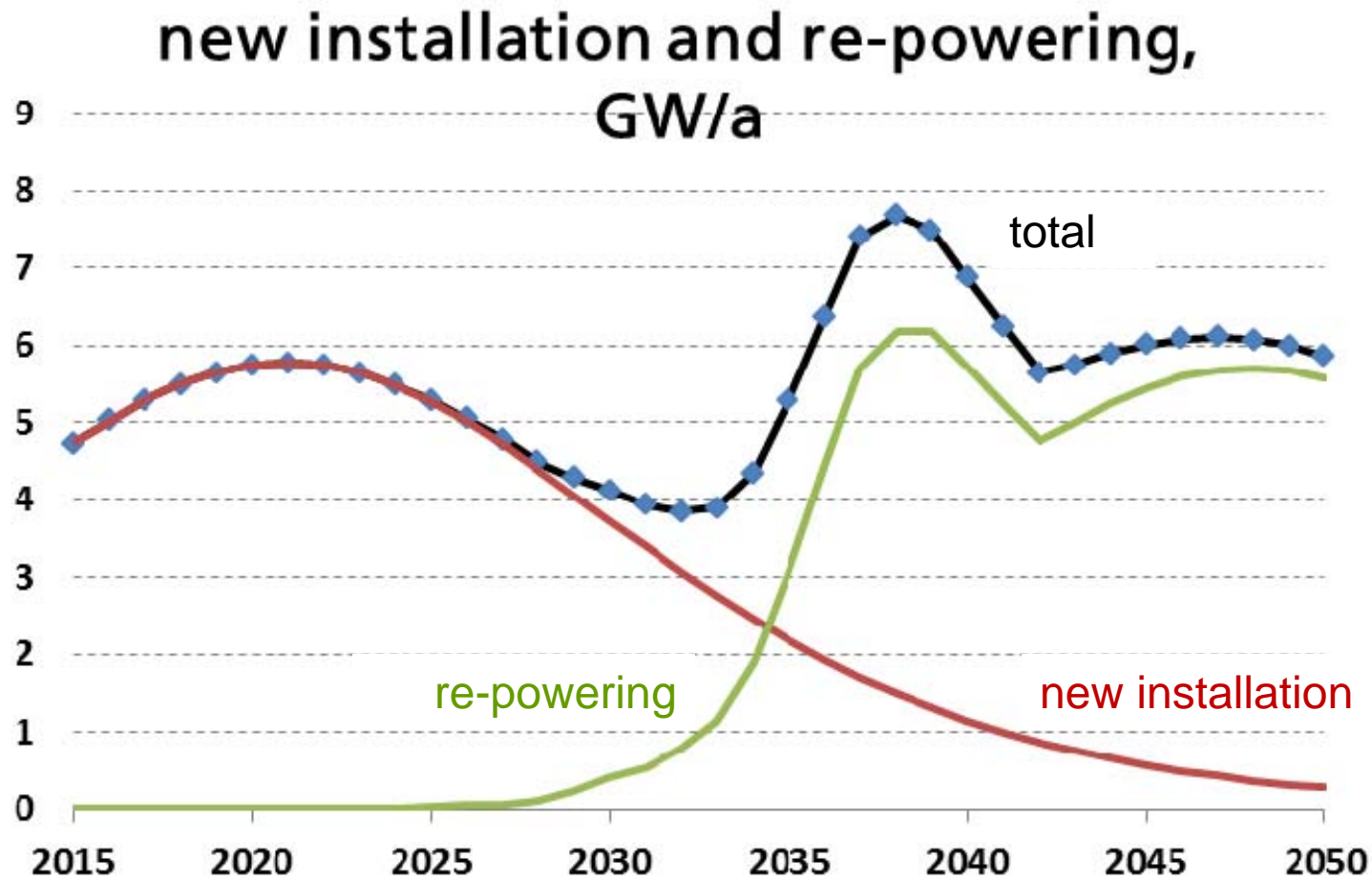
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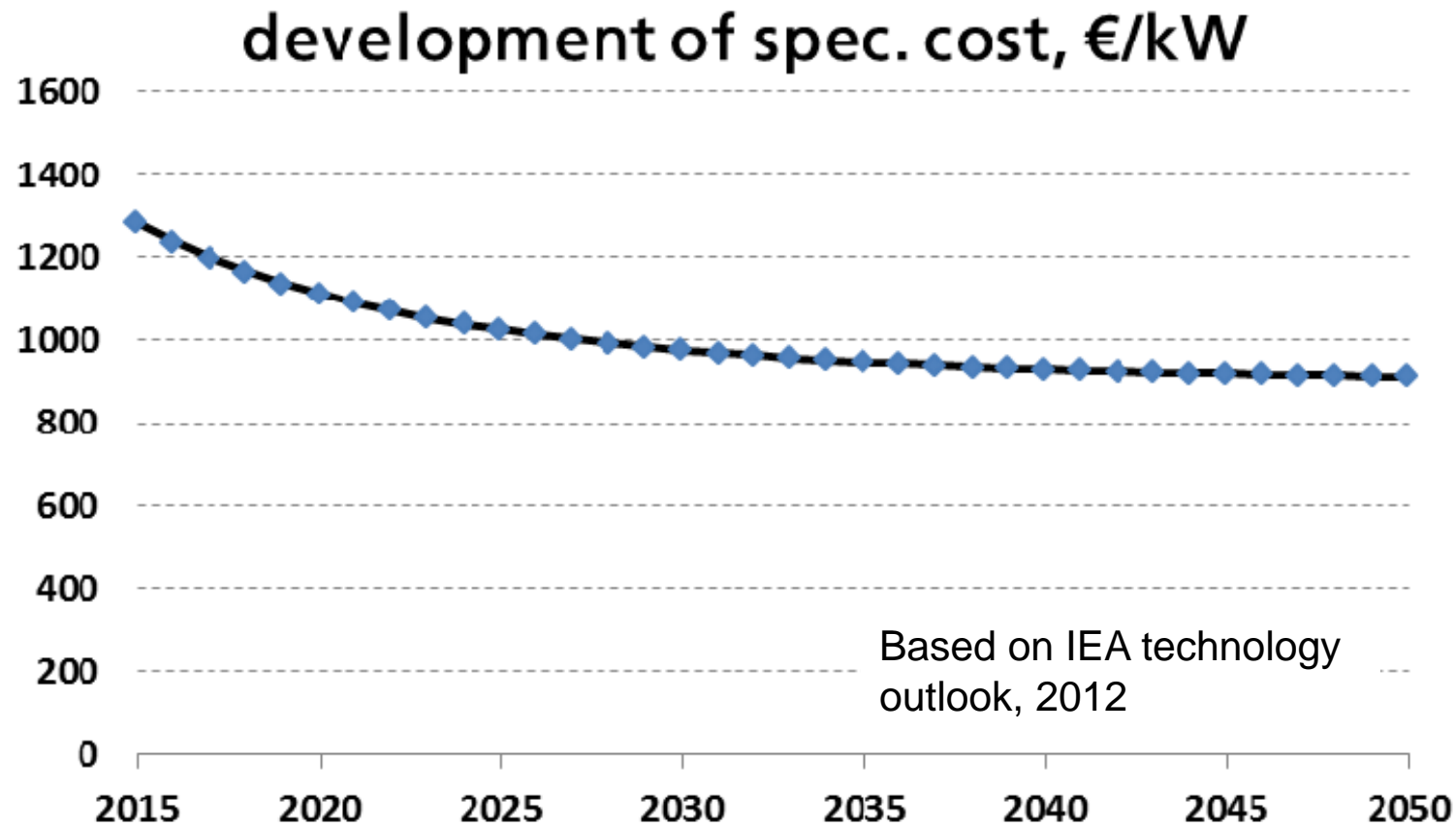
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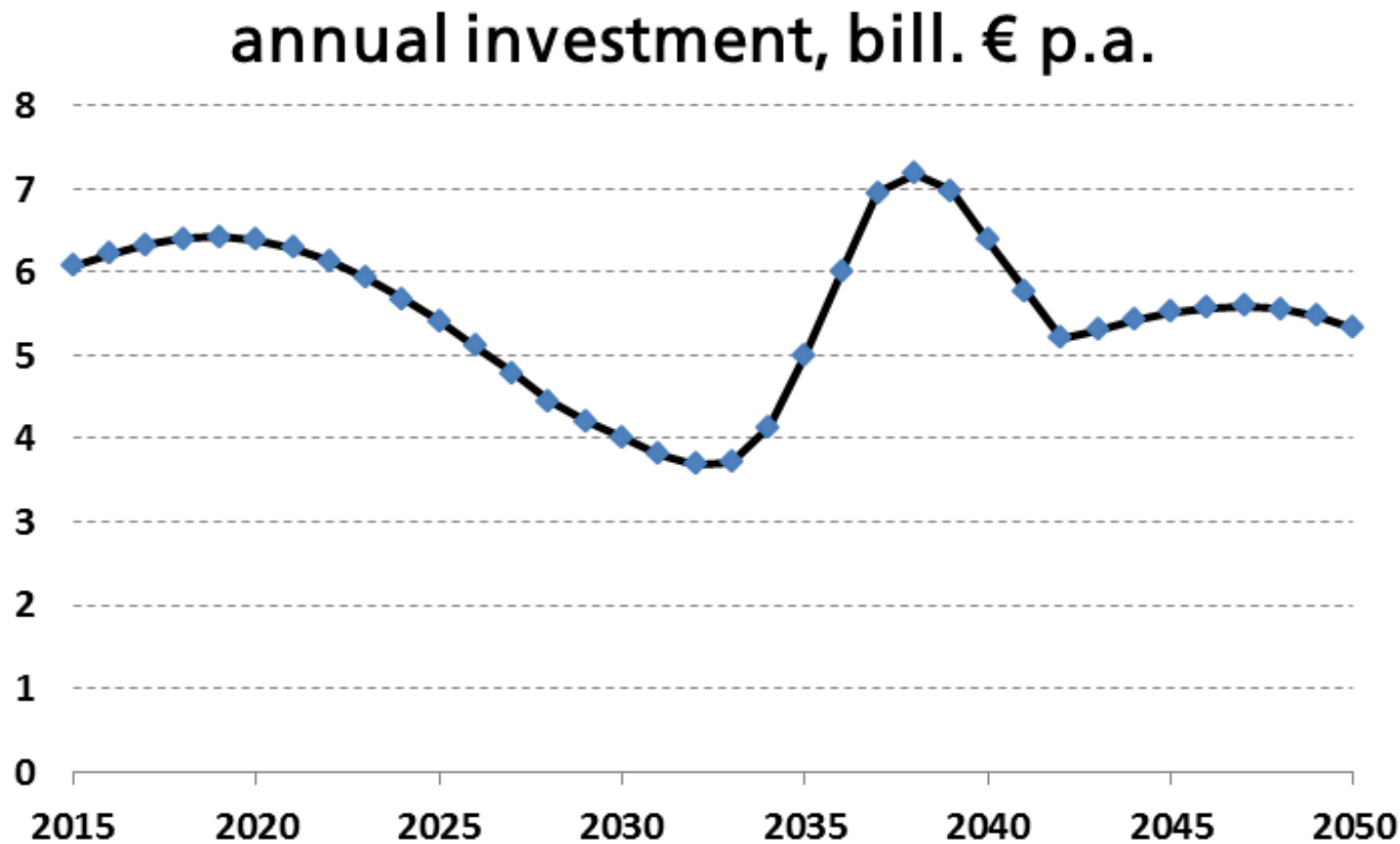
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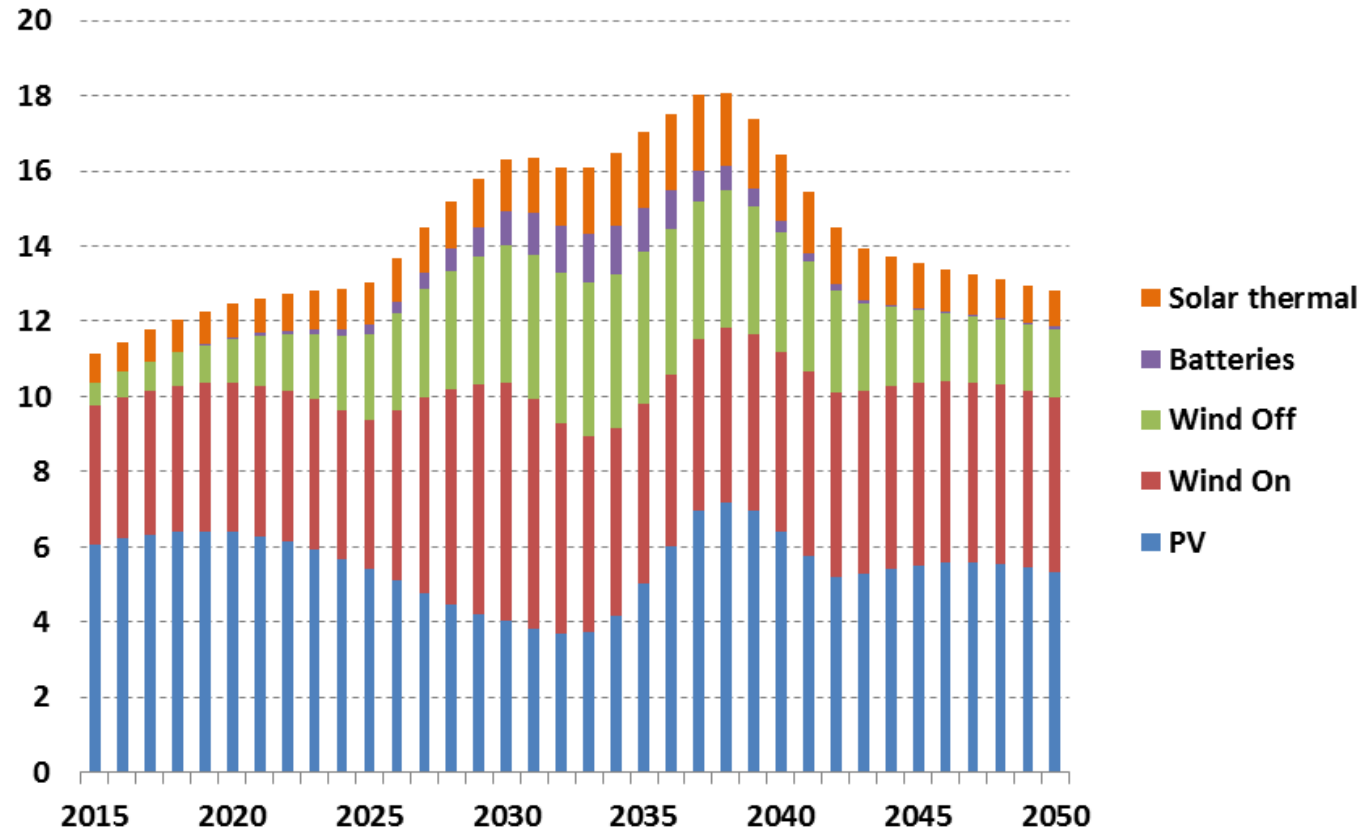
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# Investments for RE (wind, solar) and stationary batteries

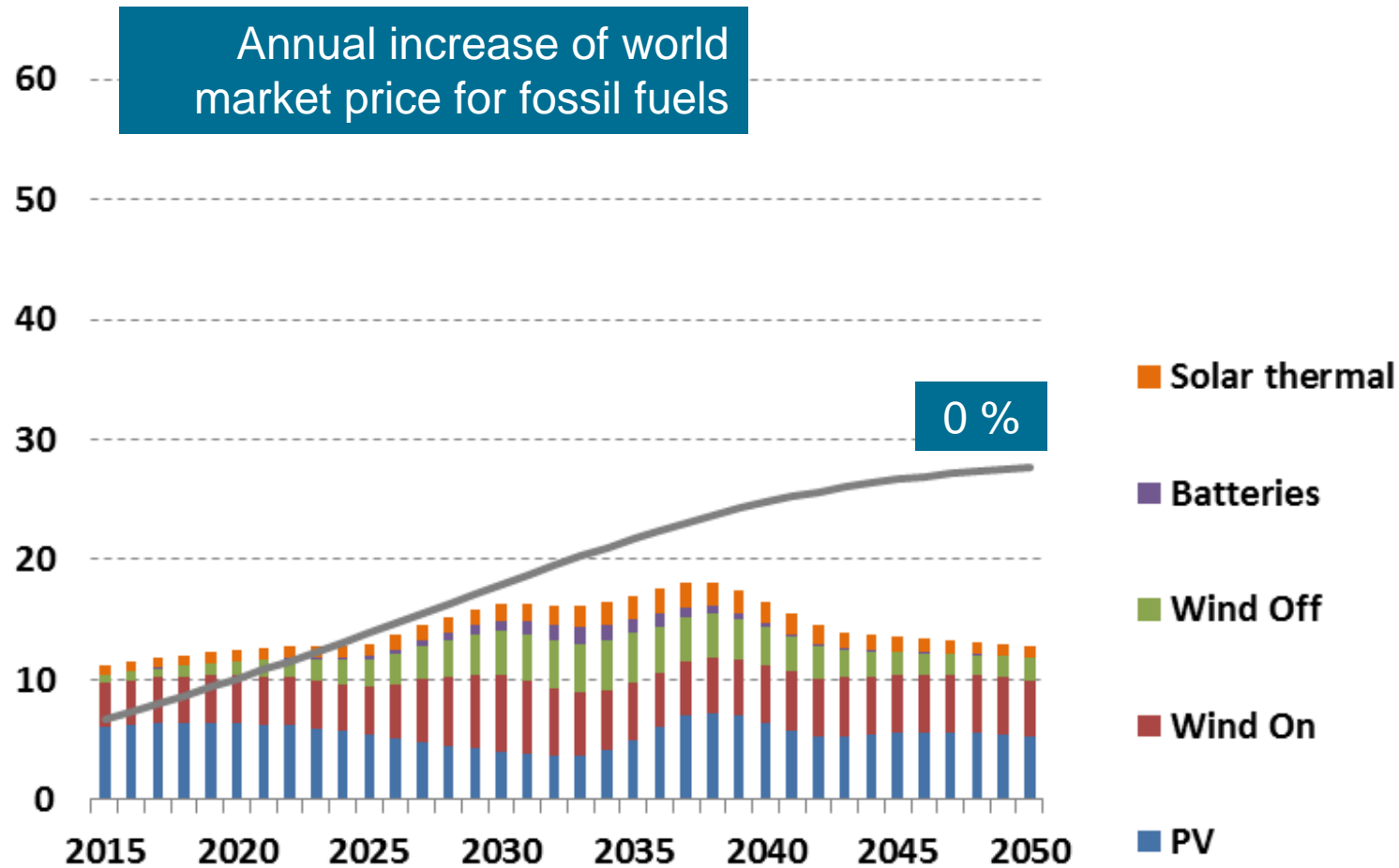
## Bill € p.a.



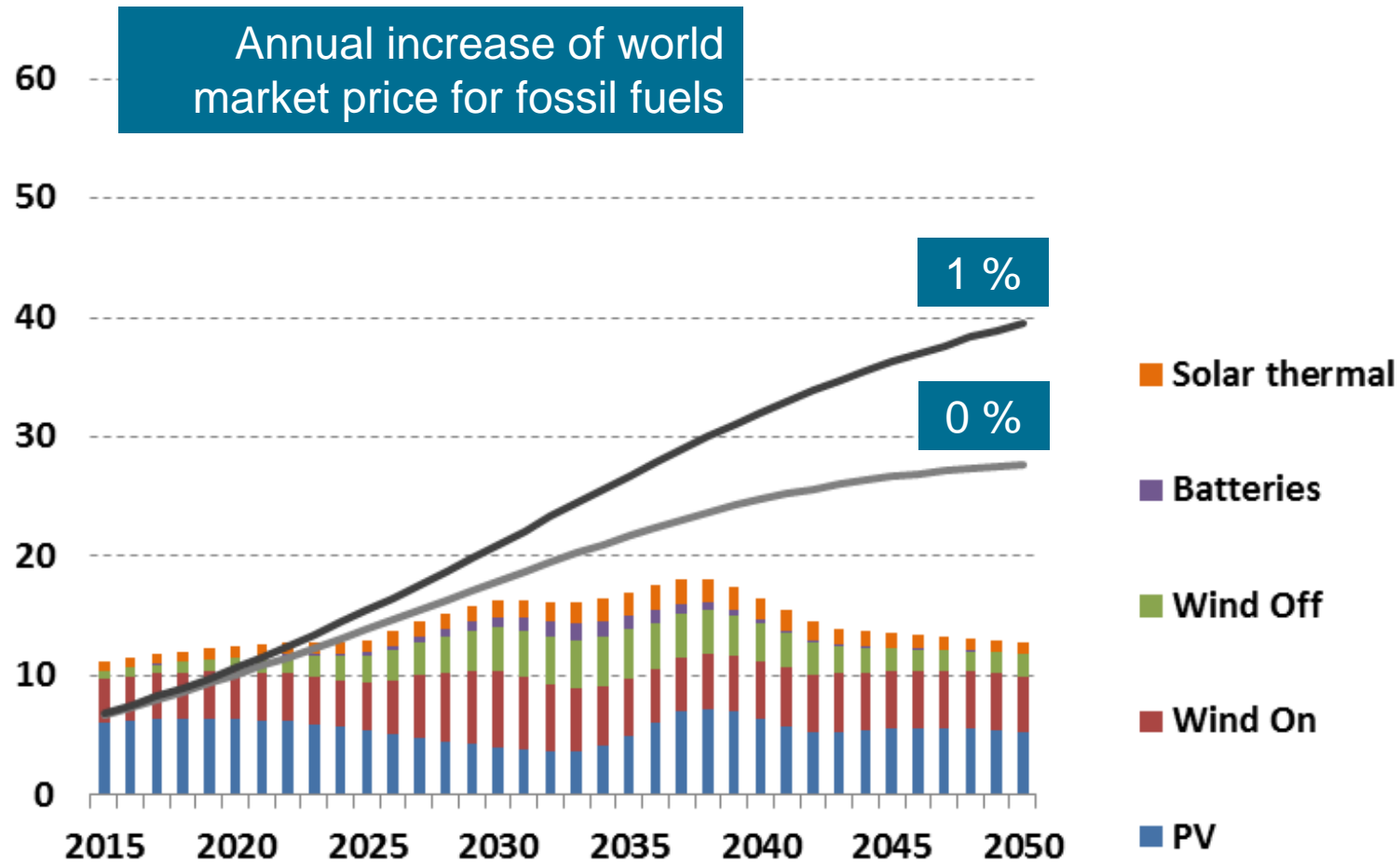
■ Total investments (w/o capital cost, incl. re-powering) from 2015 to 2050:  
515 bill. €<sub>2014</sub>



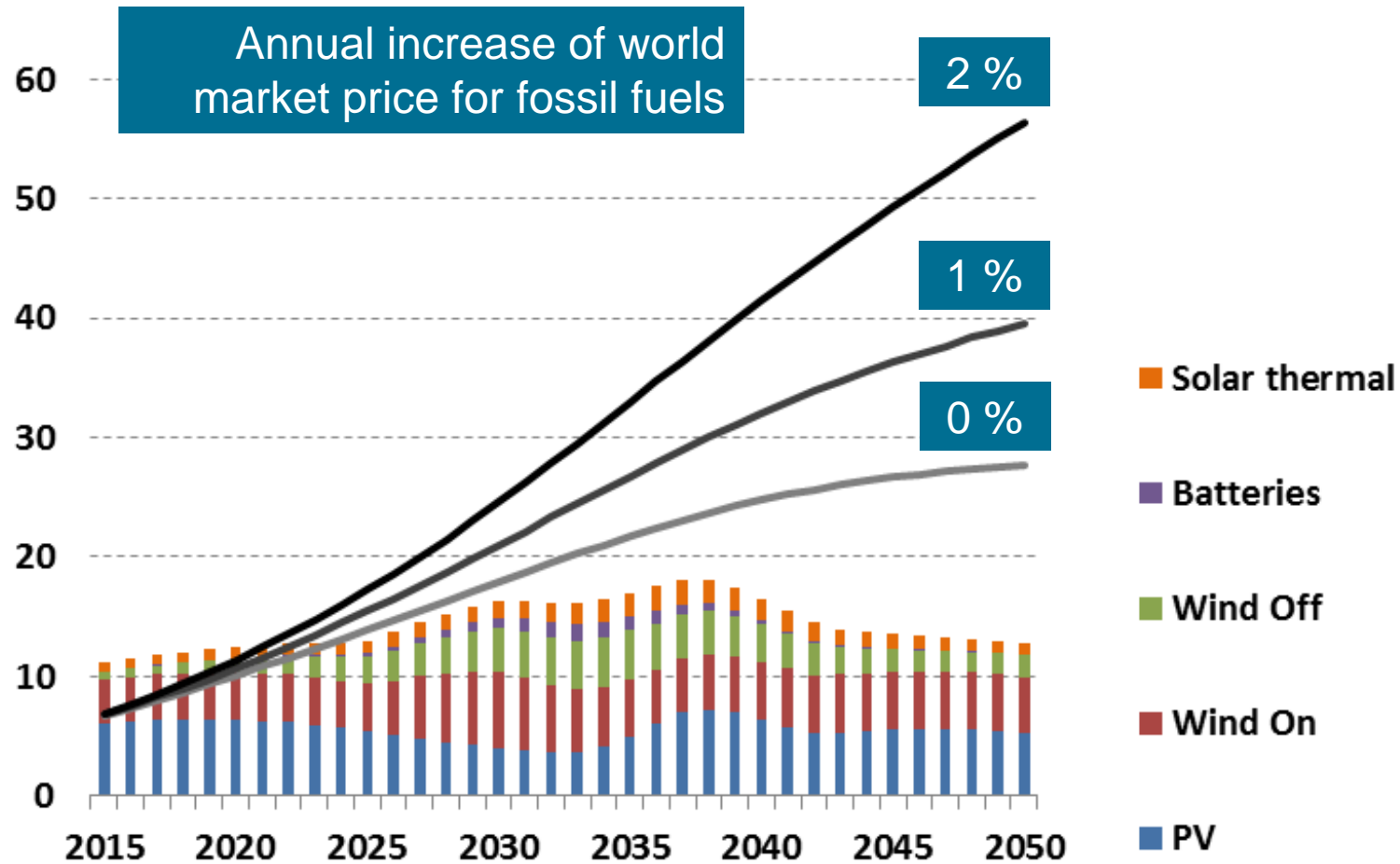
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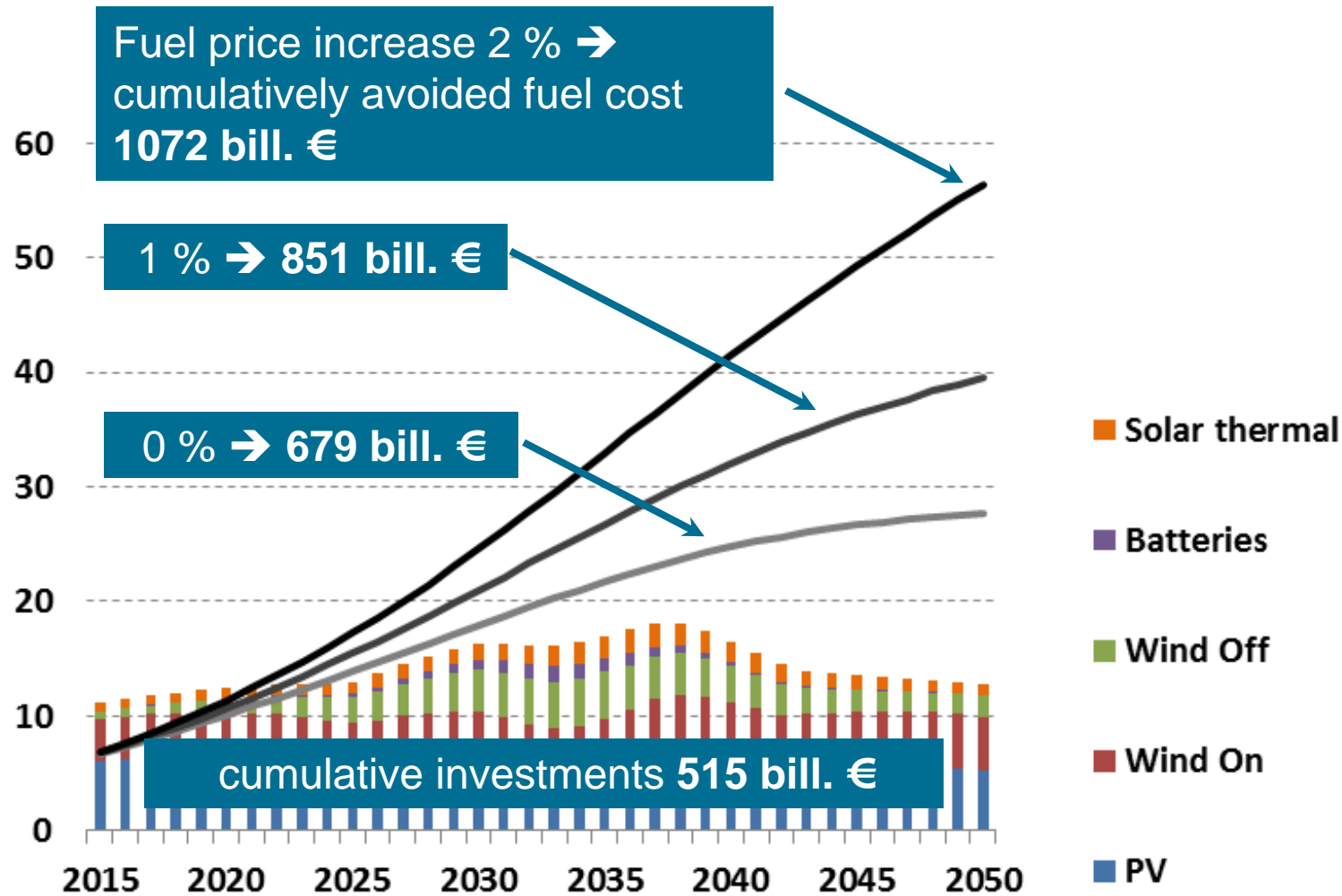
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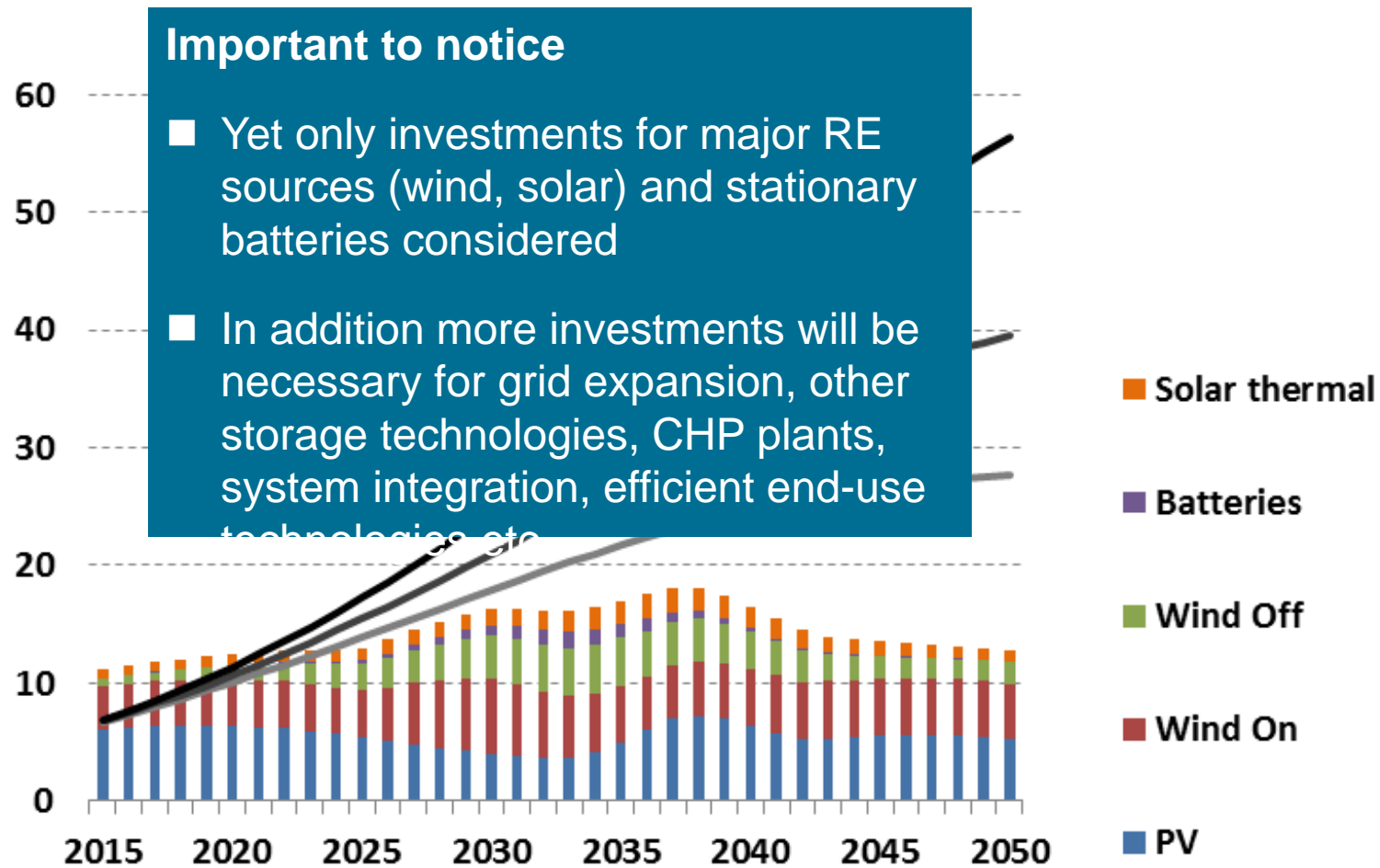
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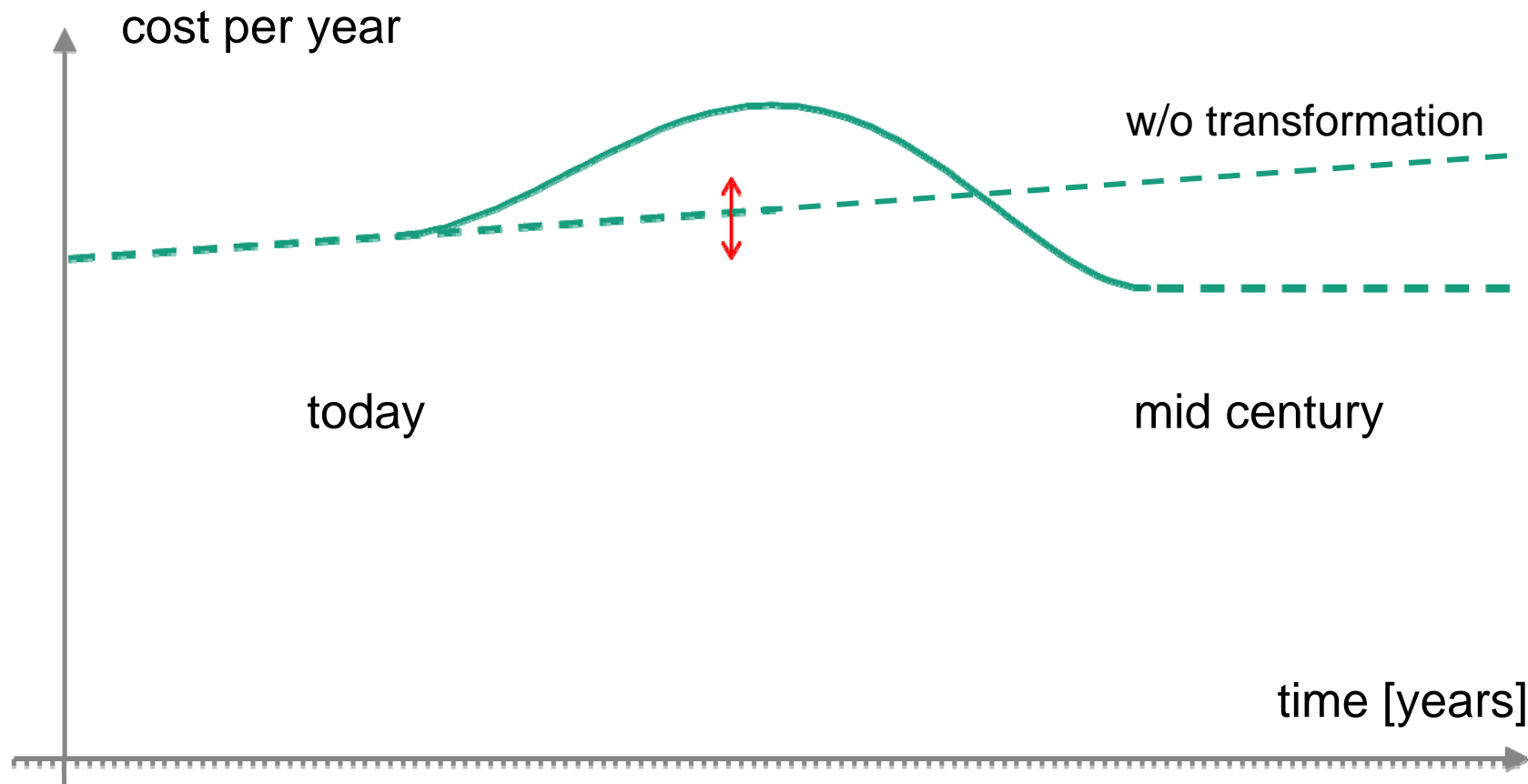


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# Transformation of the energy system

## Qualitative trend of total annual cost



# Summary 1/2

- Reduction of energy-related CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 80 % and above possible
- Lower cost at least on long term
- Significantly reduced dependence on imports of energy resources
- Key elements of the transformation
  - Reduction of consumption (e.g. classical electricity consumption, space heating)
  - Efficient conversion chains (e.g. electric engines and heat pumps replacing combustion processes)
  - Renewable energies (electricity, heat)
  - New overall system design with high level of integration



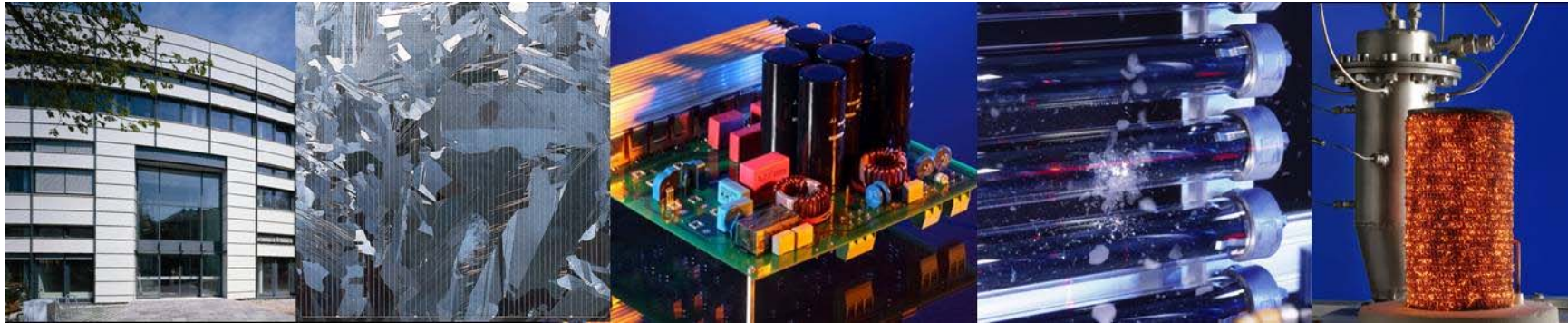


## Summary 2/2

- Fluctuating renewable energies (wind, solar PV) become backbone of electricity generation and dominate the overall system
- Flexibilization of residual electricity production and electricity use in all end-use sectors (mobility, heating) needed
- Investments needed for components and systems in all energy conversion and end-use sectors → Many groups of investors including citizens
- Significant local value and employment creation
- Results can be transferred to other industrialized regions or countries



# Thank you for your attention...



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