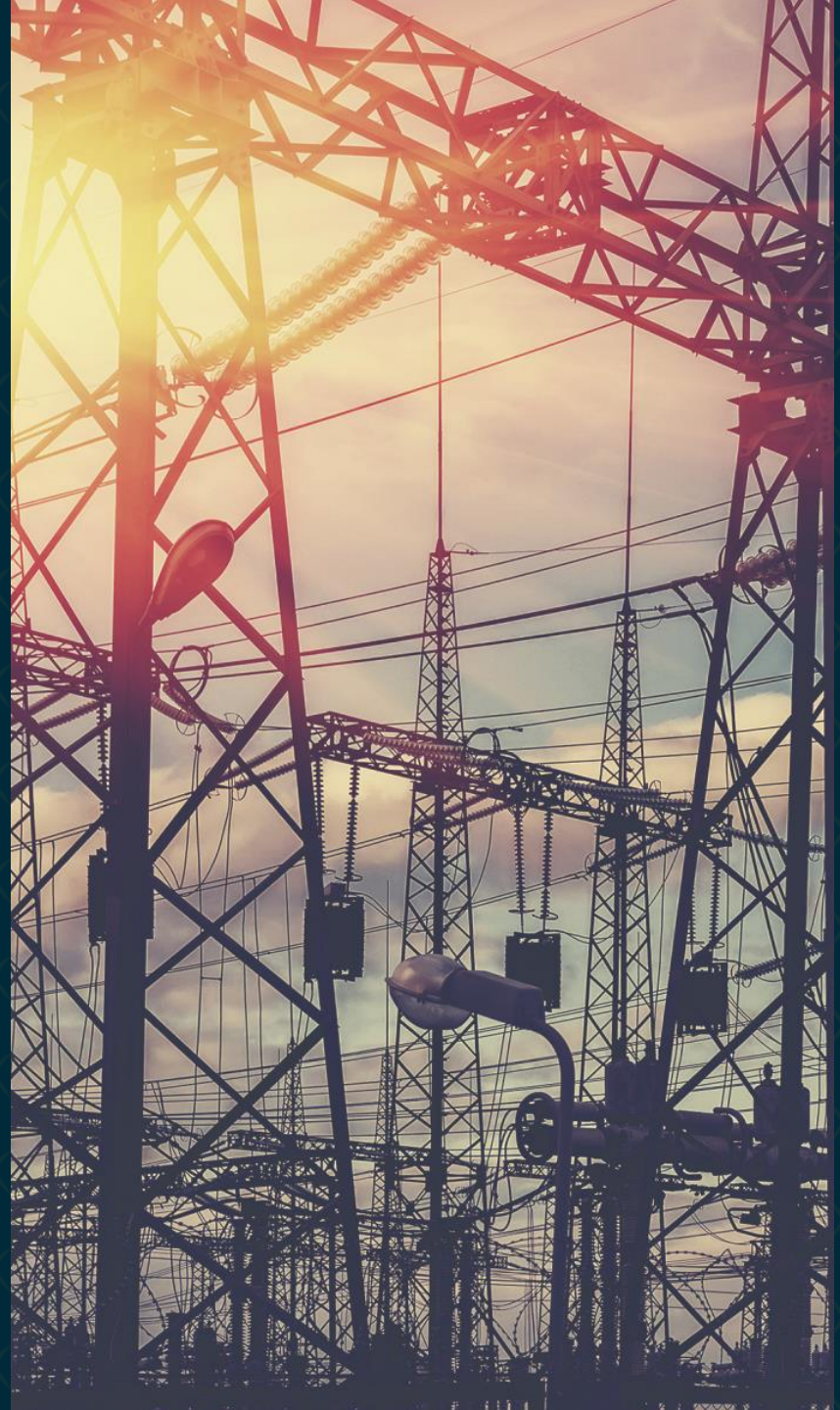


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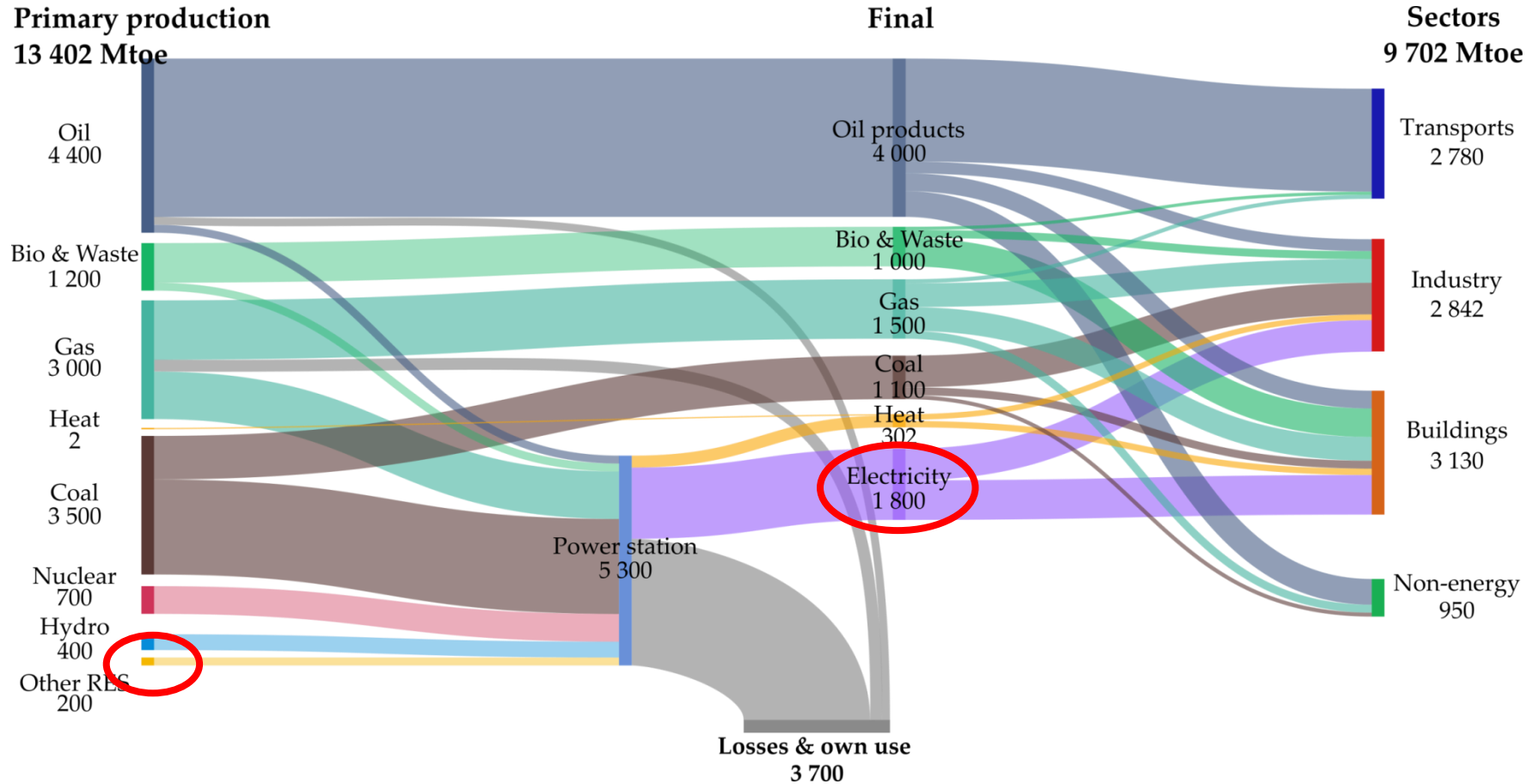
Electrical grid & electrical energy storage

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Today's menu – in and out the grid



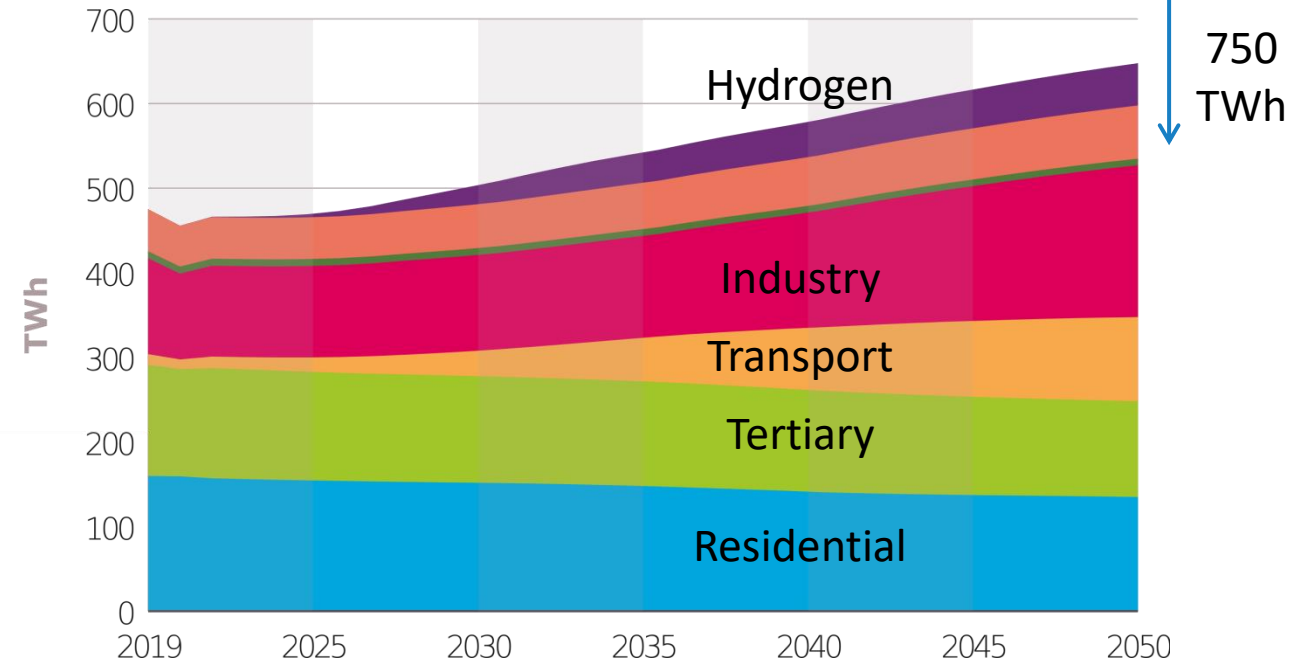
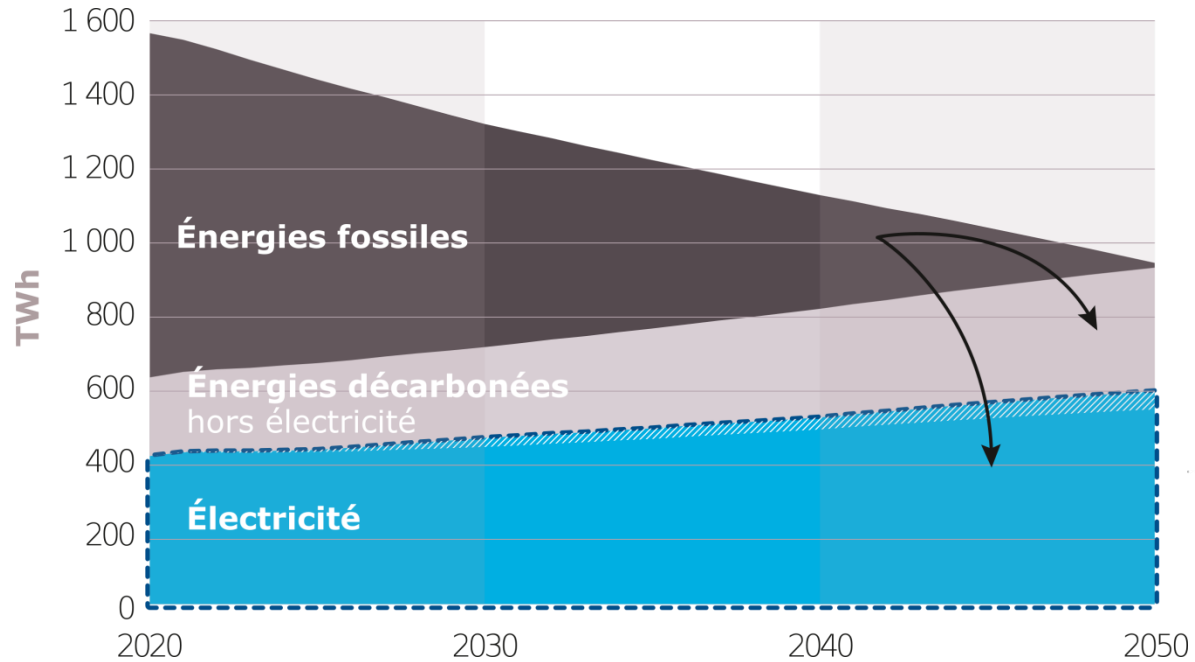
Electricity
20% of final consumption

Grid stability with increasing renewables?

Can we electrify more applications?

Electricity storage?

An electric future?

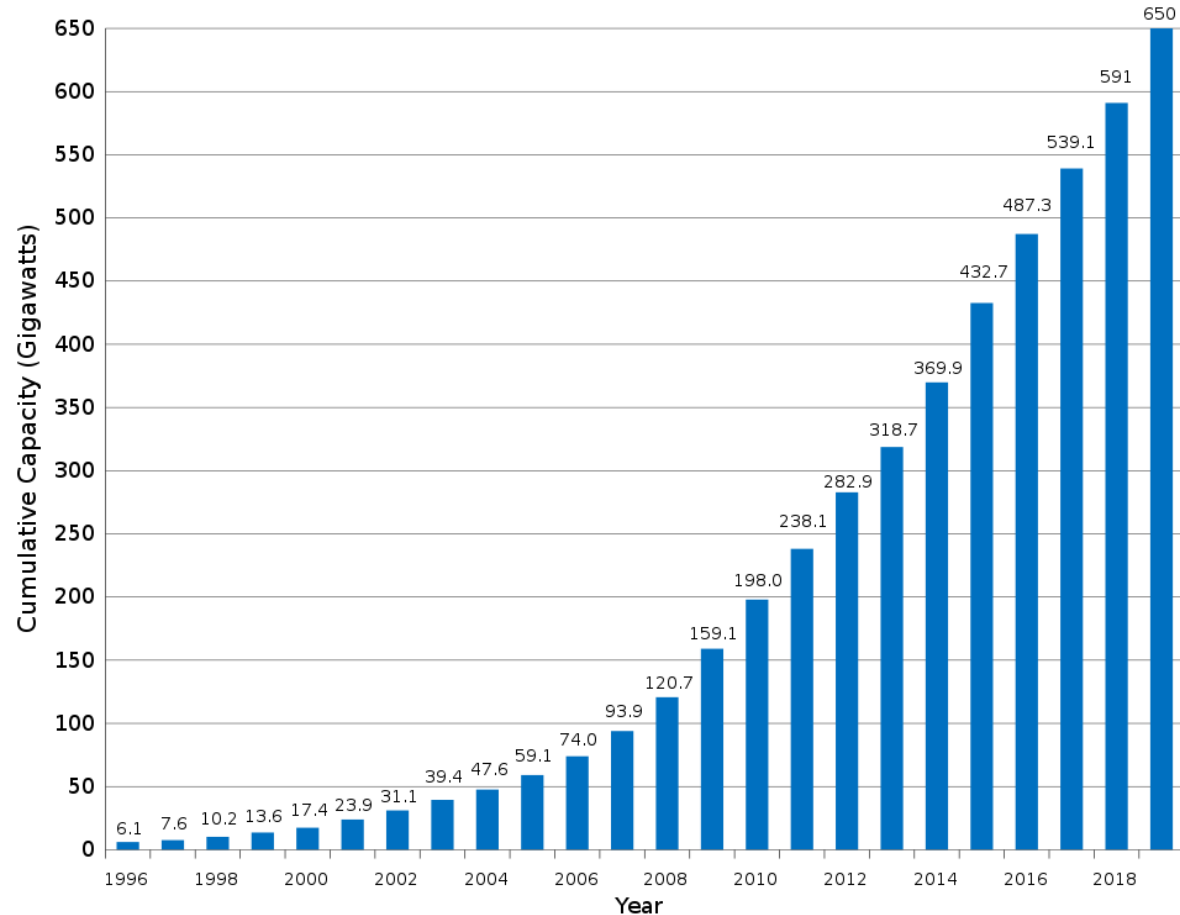


“The study concludes, without any ambiguity, that a sustained development of electric renewable energies in France is essential to meet its climate commitments.”

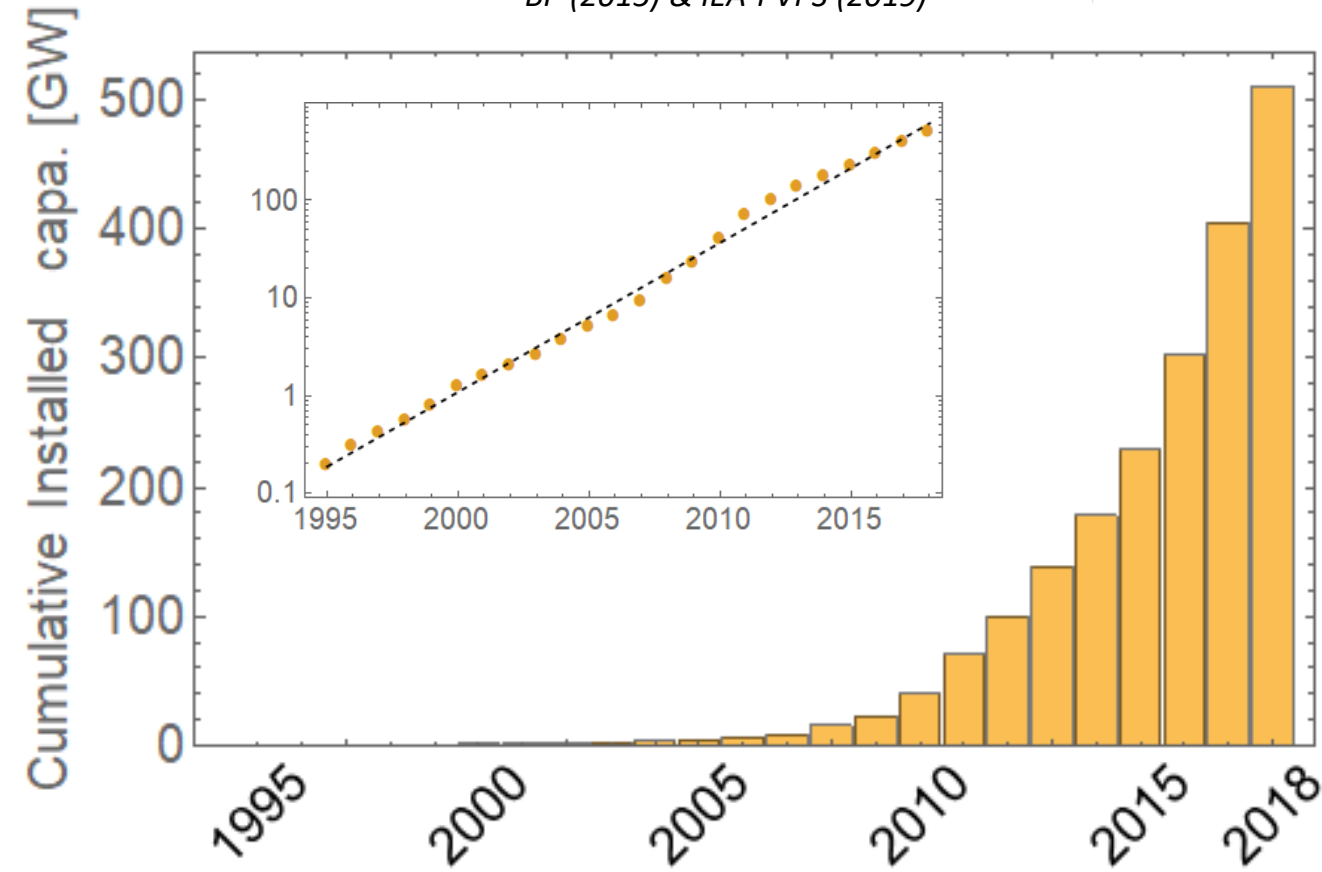
Renewable growth



Global Wind Power Cumulative Capacity (Data: GWEC)



Global Solar Power Capacity
BP (2015) & IEA-PVPS (2019)

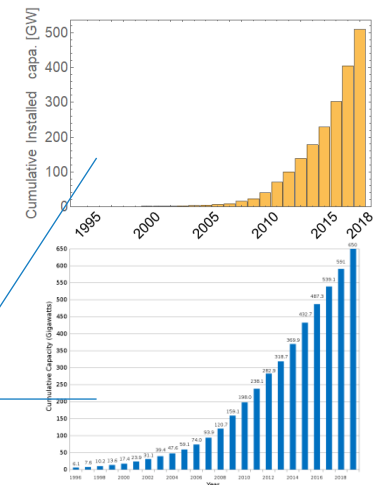
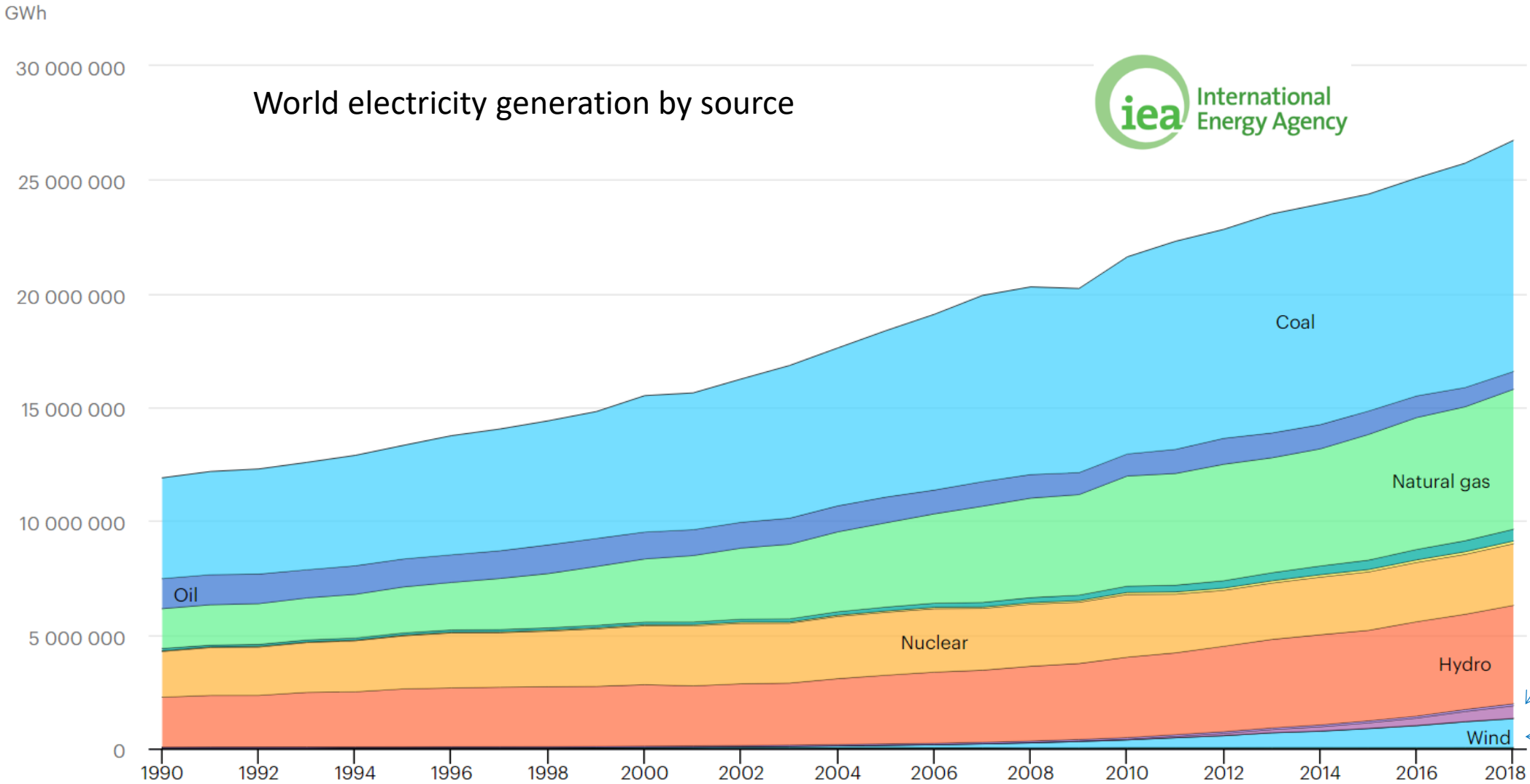


Note : hydro & biomass are also renewable, and produce much more, but behave like conventional sources

Zoom out



World electricity generation by source



Zoom out again



World total final energy consumption

Mtoe

12 000

10 000

8 000

6 000

4 000

2 000

0

1975

1980

1985

1990

1995

2000

2005

2010

2015

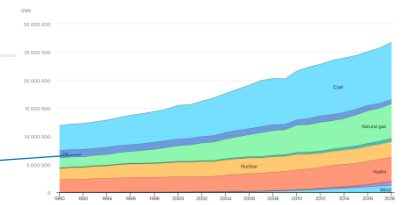
Electricity

Biofuels and waste

Natural gas

Oil

Coal



Integrating renewables



Joule

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Article

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Burden of proof: A comprehensive review of the feasibility of 100% renewable-electricity systems

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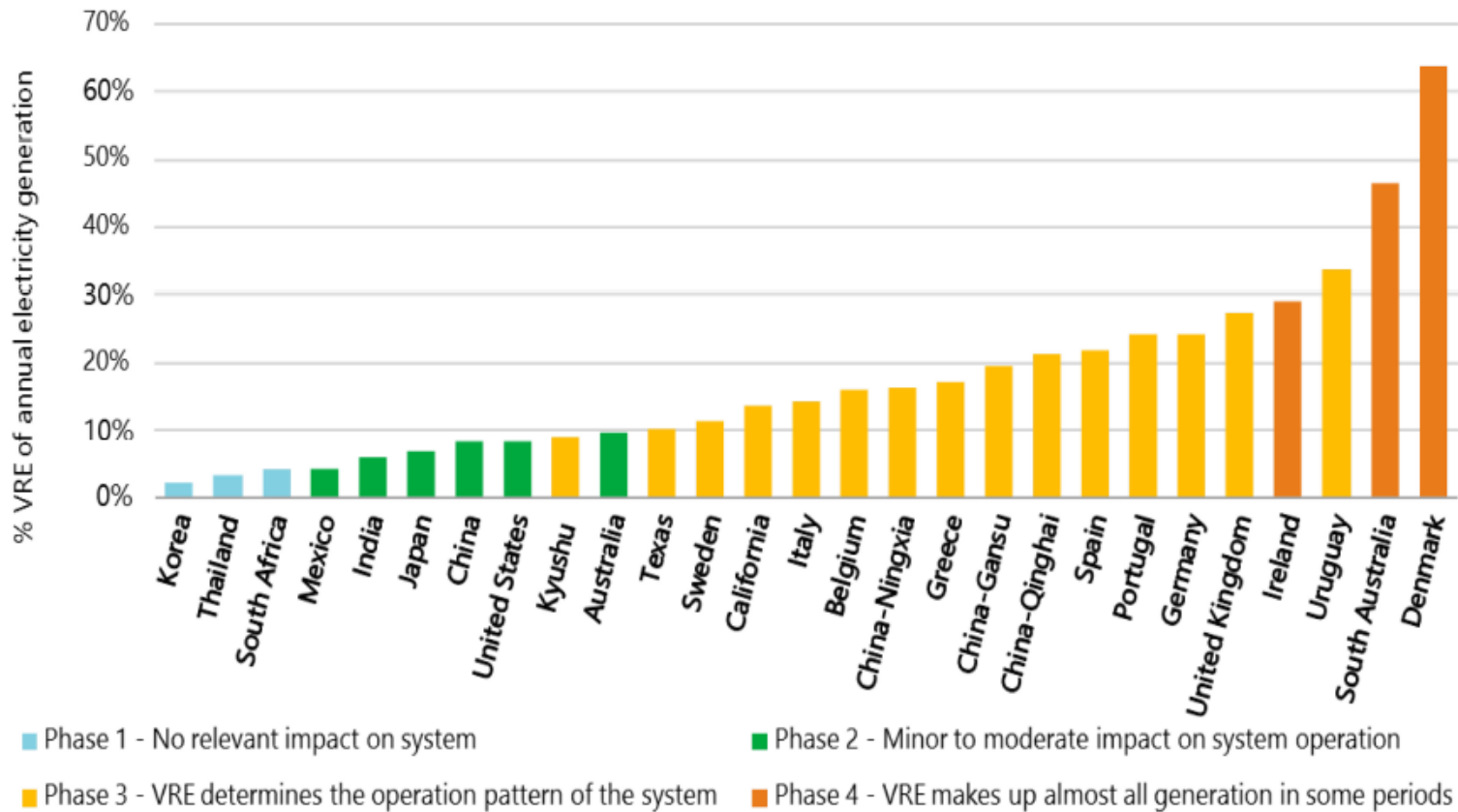
T.W. Brown^{a, b, c, d, e}, T. Bischof-Niemz^c, K. Blok^d, C. Breyer^e, H. Lund^f, B.V. Mathiesen^g

While social and political barriers exist, converting to 100% WWS using existing technologies is technically and economically feasible

Evaluated against these objective criteria, none of the 24 studies provides convincing evidence that these basic feasibility criteria can be met.

Based on a literature review we show that none of the issues raised in the article are critical for feasibility or viability.

Where do we stand



France (RTE)

2022: 32 GW of wind and solar

Up to 50 GW : current infrastructures ok

Above 50 GW : structural changes required

Source: IEA (2019a), *Status of Power System Transformation 2019: Power System Flexibility*.

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Electrical grid & electrical energy storage

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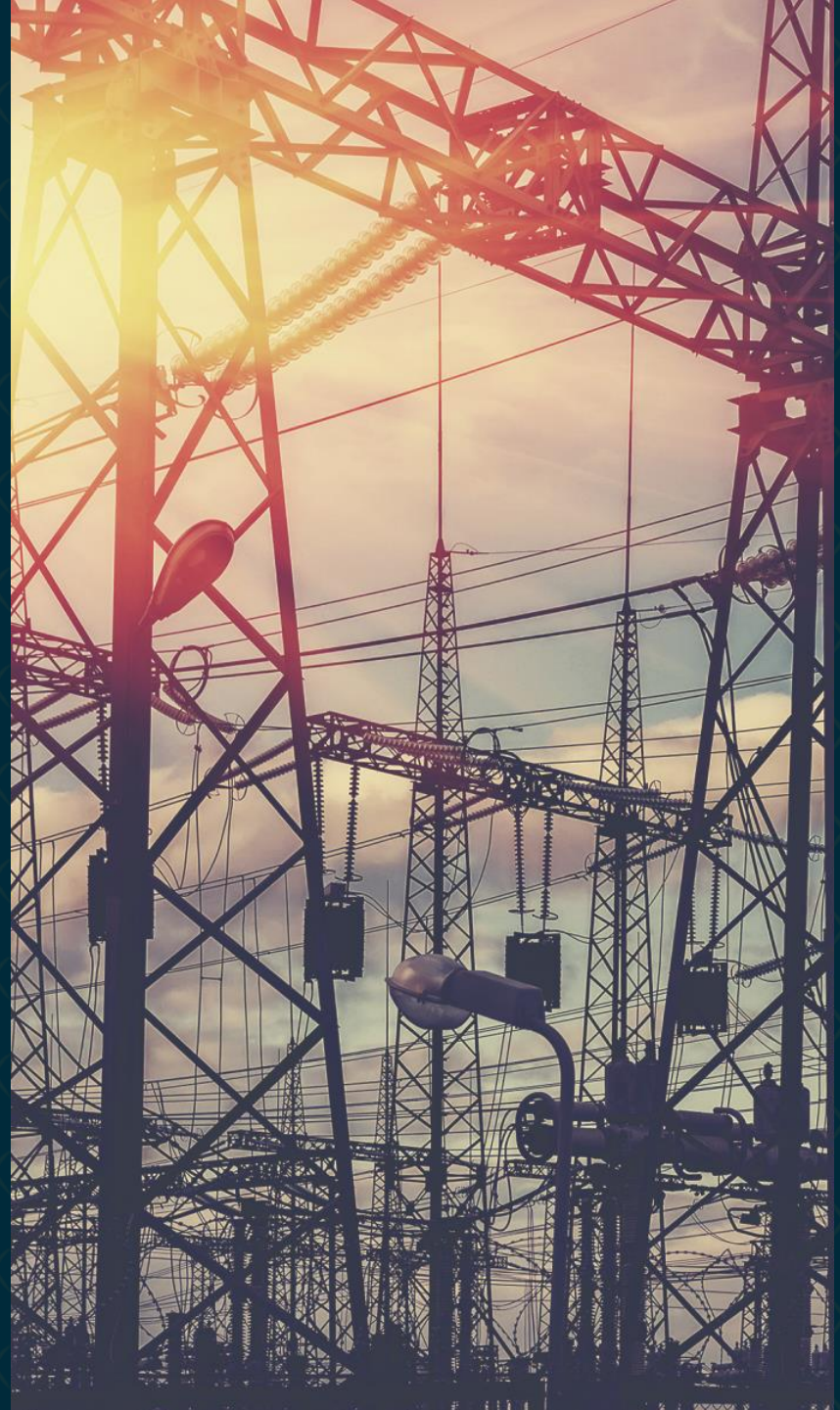
Time scales of grid stability

Challenges raised by wind and solar integration

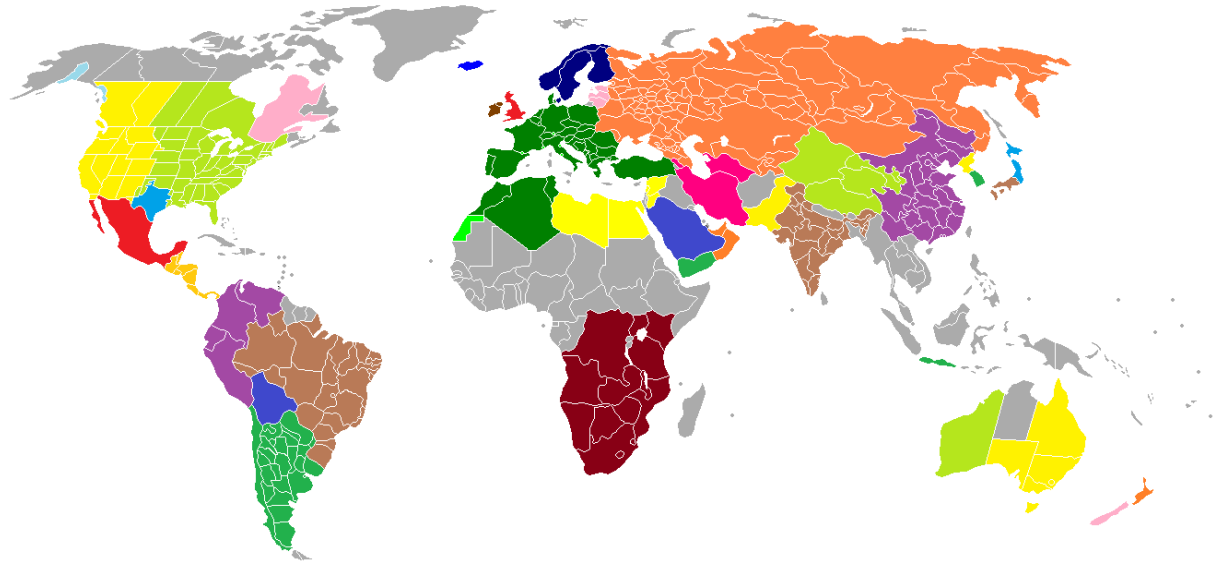
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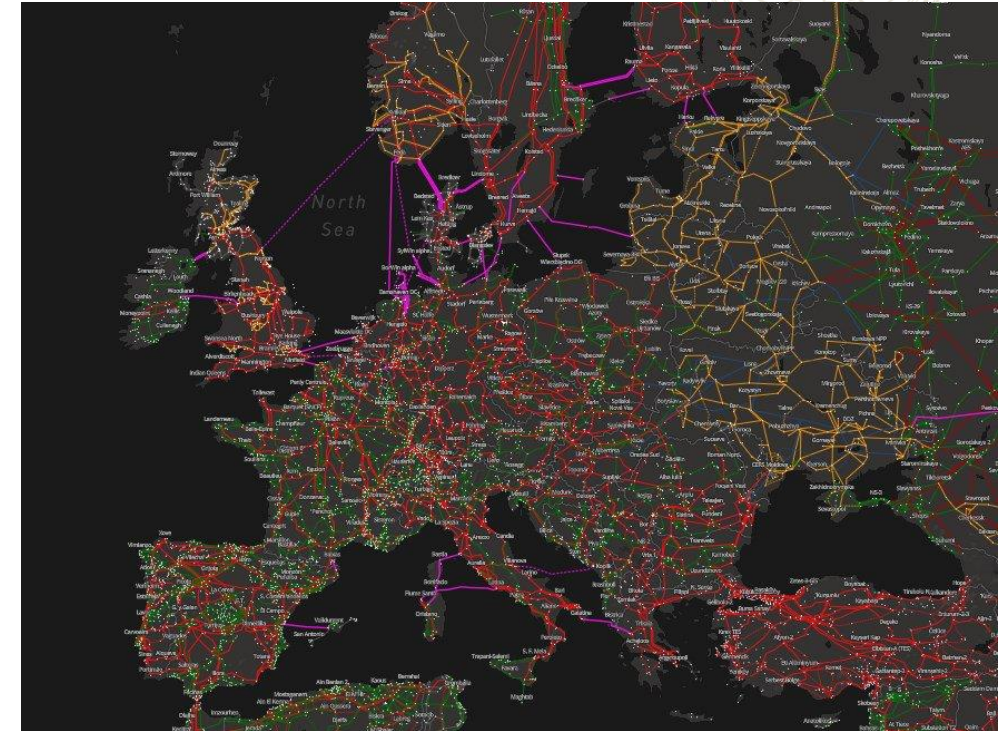
IV. Hydrogen



Welcome to the grid



Wide area synchronous grid

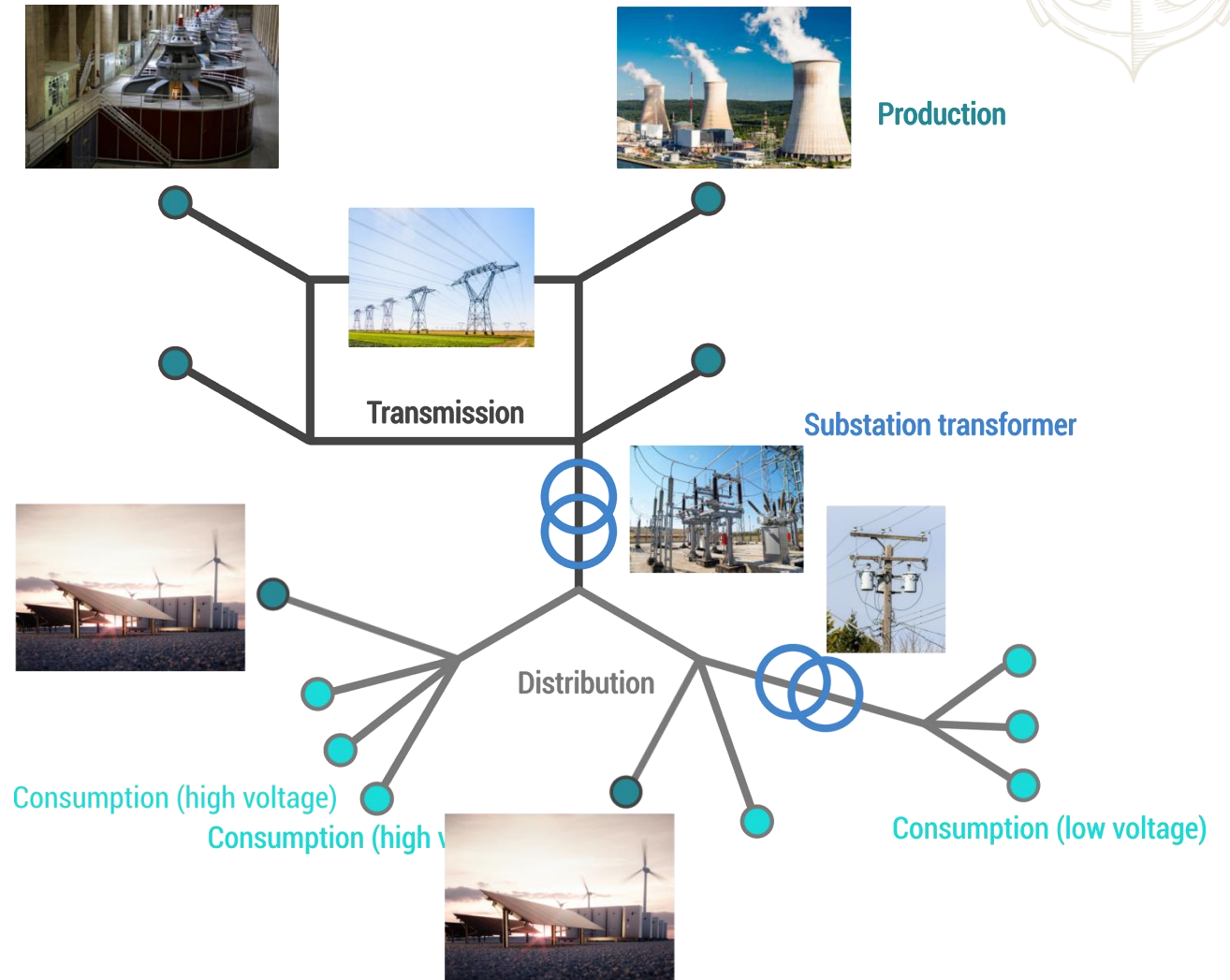
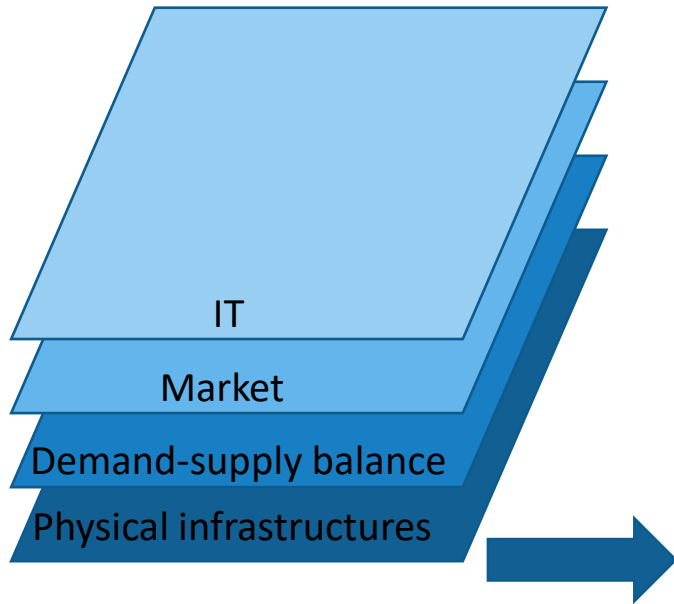


European grid:
36 countries
480 000 km
1100 GW

What is the grid?



A multilayer system



What is the grid?

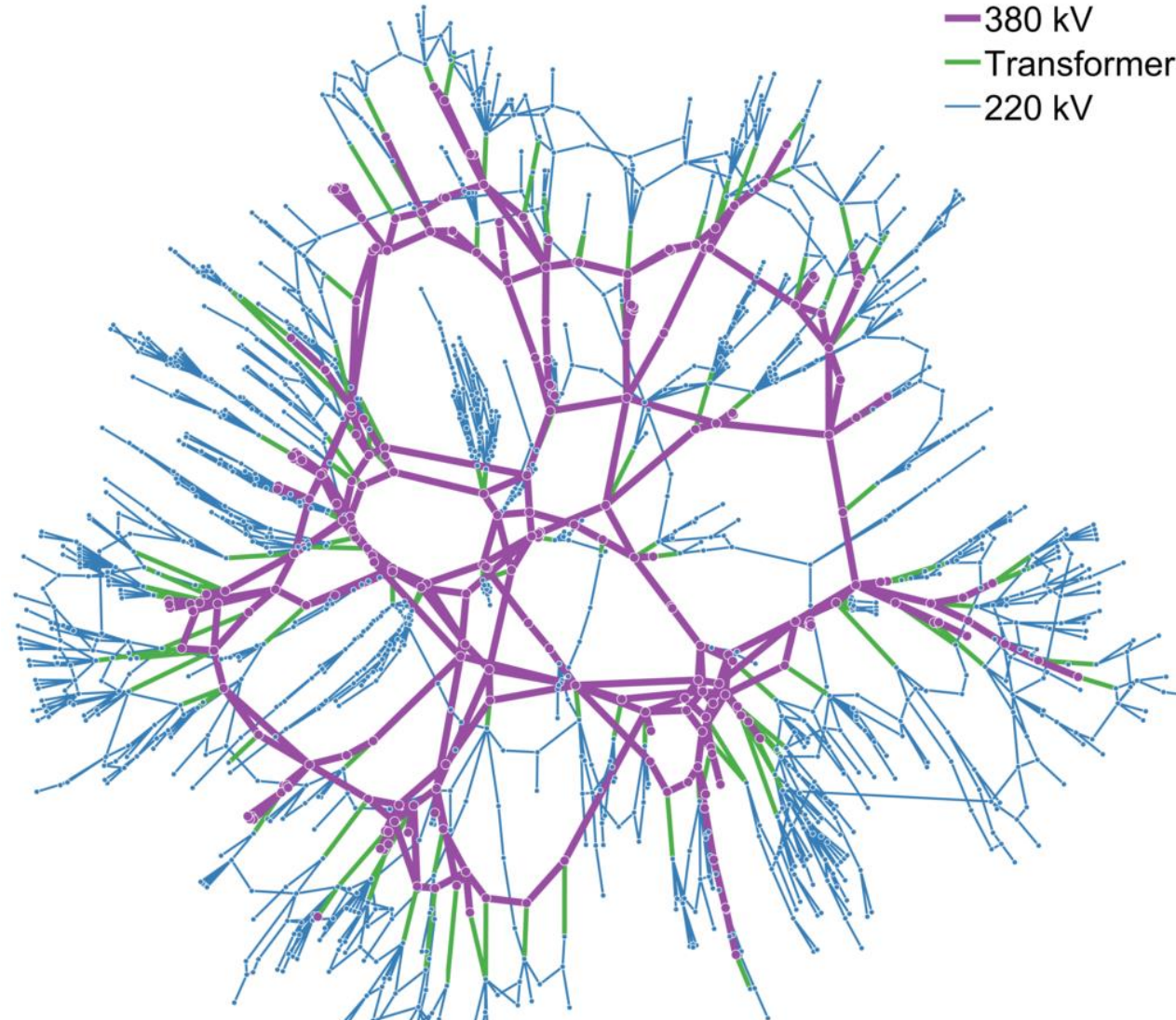
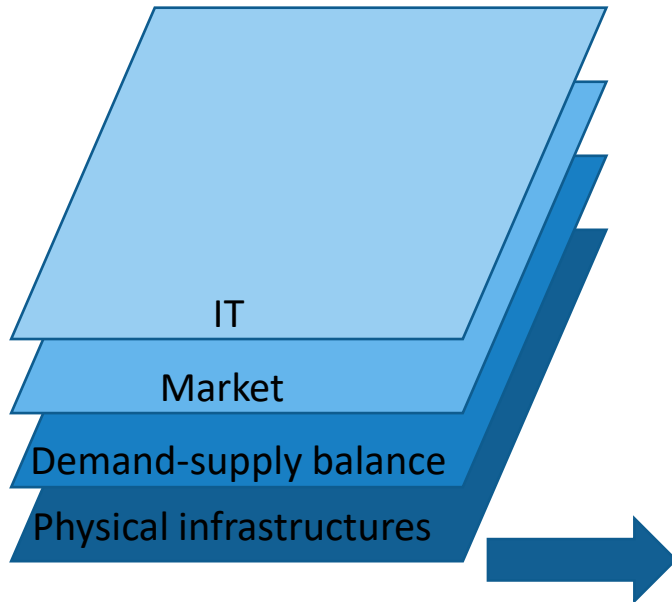


Meshed, redundant

Treelike

- 380 kV
- Transformer
- 220 kV

A multilayer system



Why is the grid?



- Not just an electron highway

Even if it's pretty impressive...

1.500.000 km de liaisons en France

- 100.000 km de réseau de transport (63kV à 400kV, RTE)
- 1.400.000 km de réseau distribution (220V à 20kV, Enedis et autres)

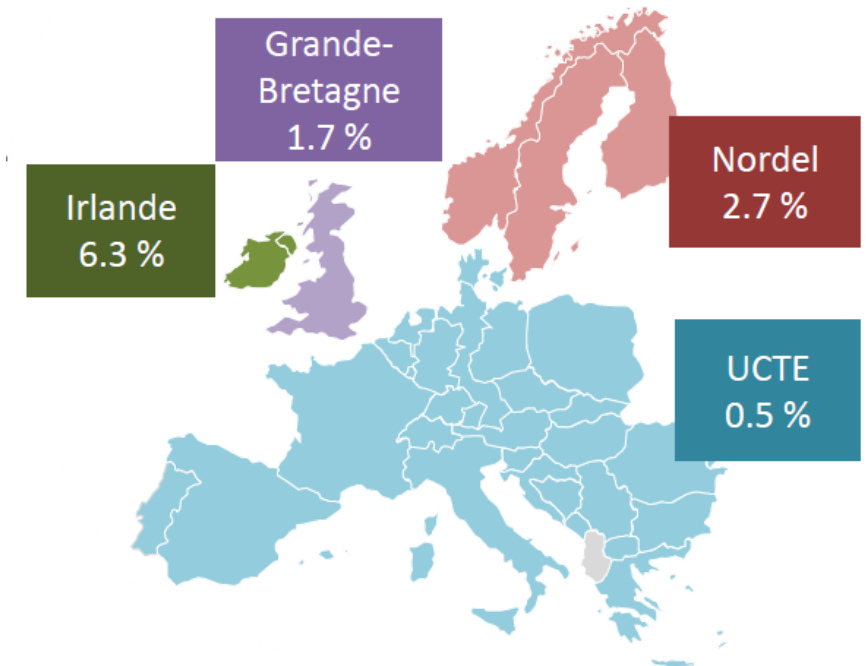
- Mutualize resources

Household max power (EDF contract) : 3, 6 or 9 kW

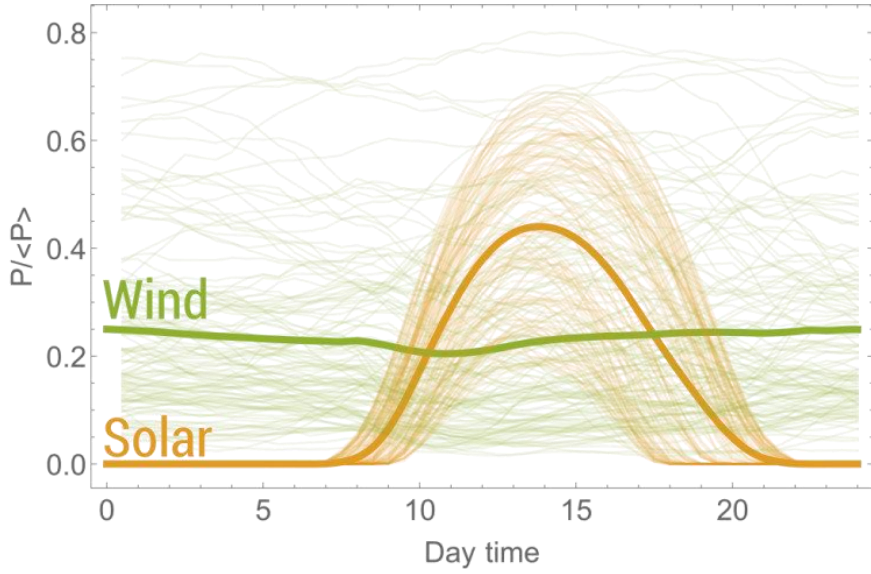
Peak consumption : 1,5 kW/pers.

- Ensures power balance *at all times*

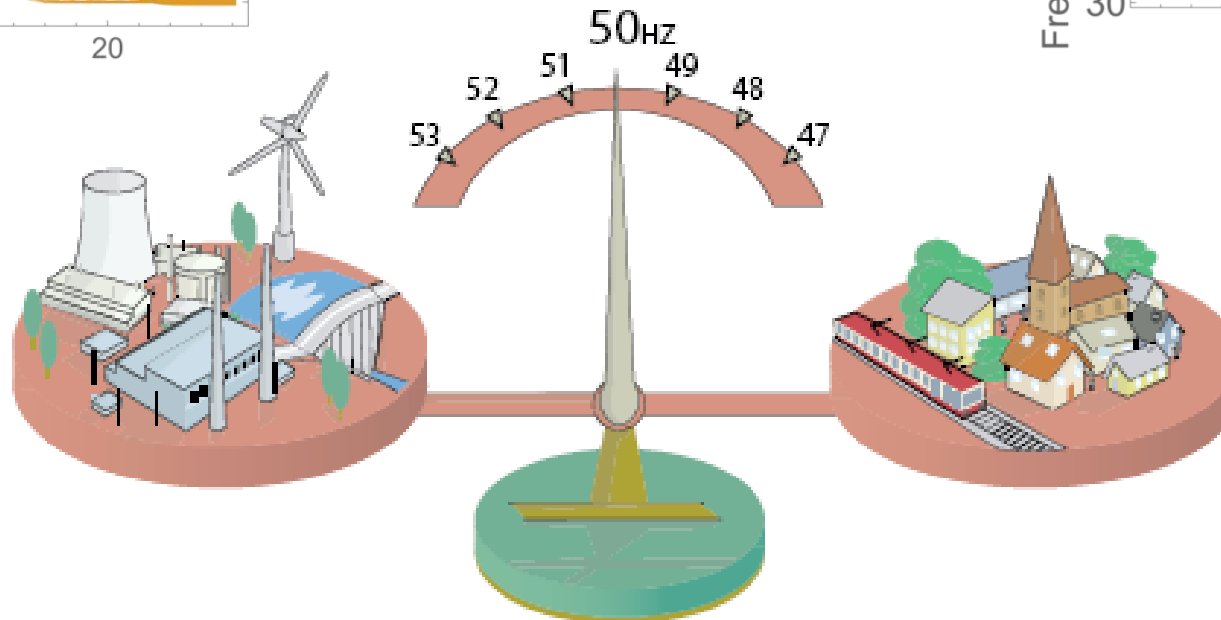
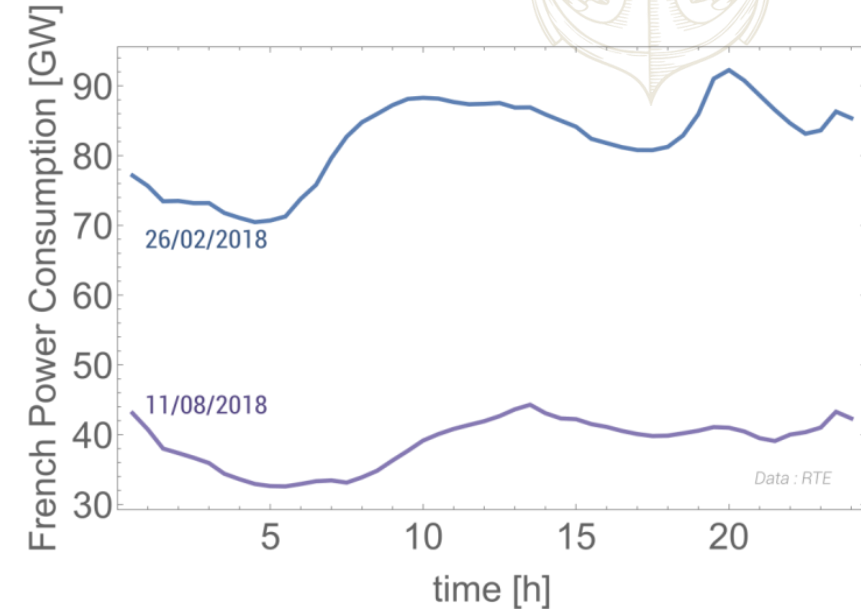
% of capacity kept for primary reserve



A key requirement : $P = C$



Production
=
Consumption
AT ALL TIMES



Power and frequency



Mains frequency

Why use a 50/60Hz AC system ?

AC allows transformers

Too slow : flickering

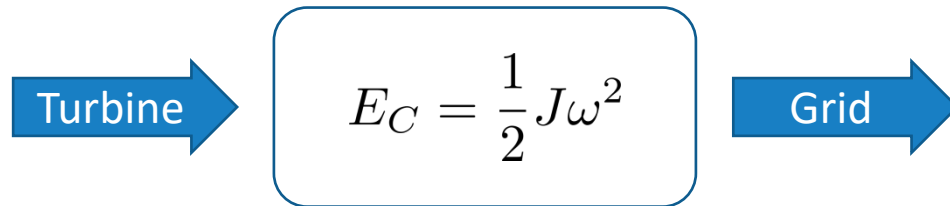
Too fast : mechanical constraints

Why frequency should be kept steady ?

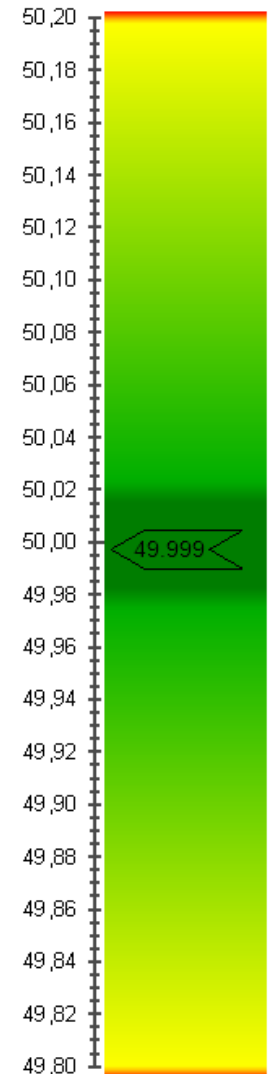
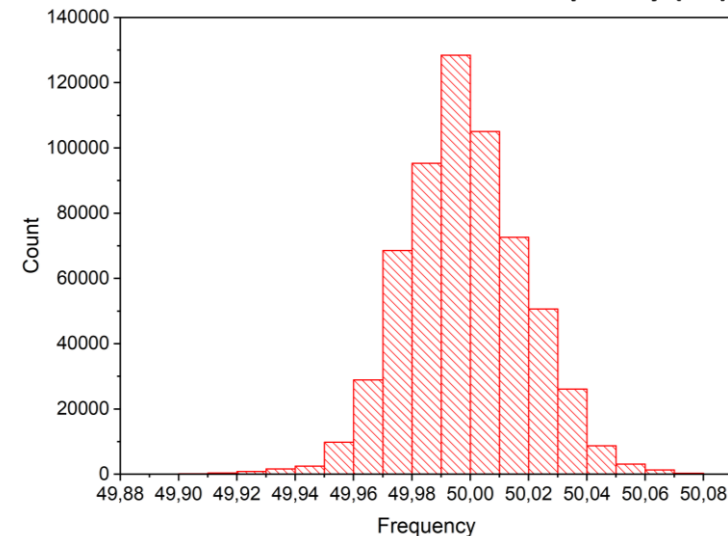
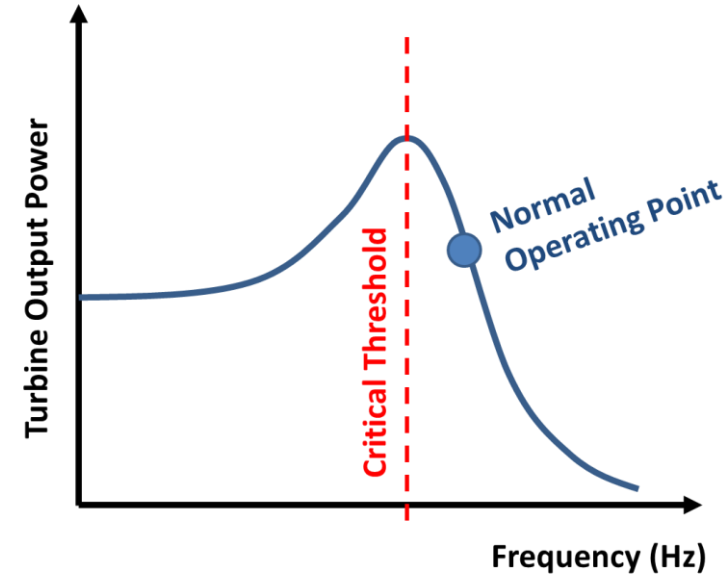
Power applications depend on frequency

How come frequency monitors the system's state ?

Energy conservation : power imbalance <-> frequency change



$$\frac{dE_C}{dt} = J\omega \frac{d\omega}{dt} = P_{in} - P_{out}$$



When everything goes wrong : a case study



"The sequence of events was triggered by a trip of [a transmission line with Switzerland] at 03:01, caused by a tree flashover. [...]."

Other lines had taken over the load of the tripped line, as is always the case in similar situations. Due to its proximity, the other Swiss 380 kV line. was overloaded.

This overload was acceptable in such emergency circumstances, according to operational standards, only for a short period [of 15 minutes].

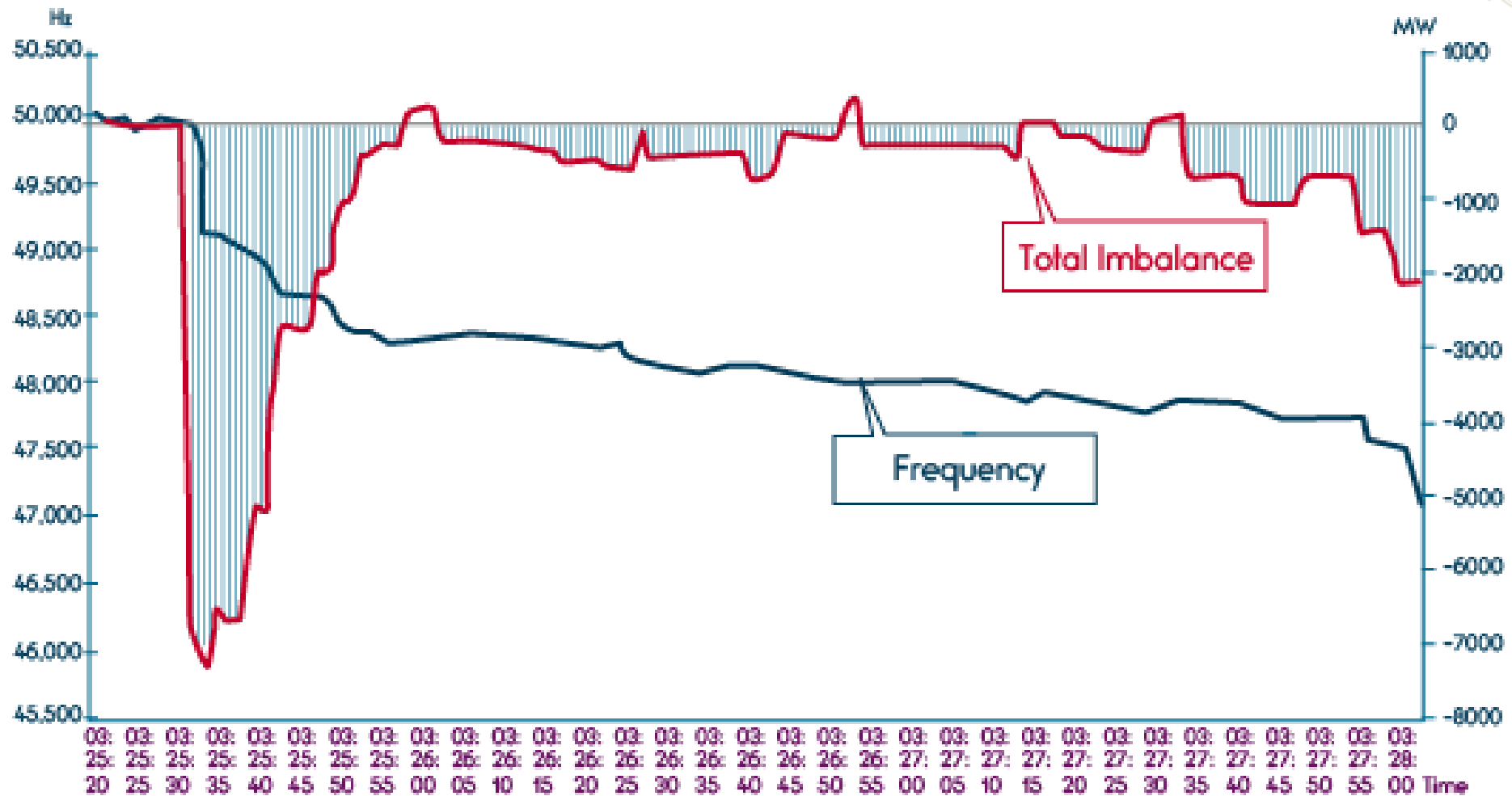
At 03:25, this second line also tripped after a tree flashover. This flashover was probably caused by the sag in the line, due to overheating of the conductors.

Having lost two important lines, the then created overloads on the remaining lines in the area became intolerable. By an almost simultaneous and automatic trip of the remaining interconnectors towards Italy, the Italian system was isolated from the European network about 12 seconds after the loss of the second line. [...]

[Despite all mitigation actions], the frequency continued to decrease and the system collapsed 2 minutes and 30 seconds after the separation of the country, when the frequency reached the threshold of 47,5 Hz."



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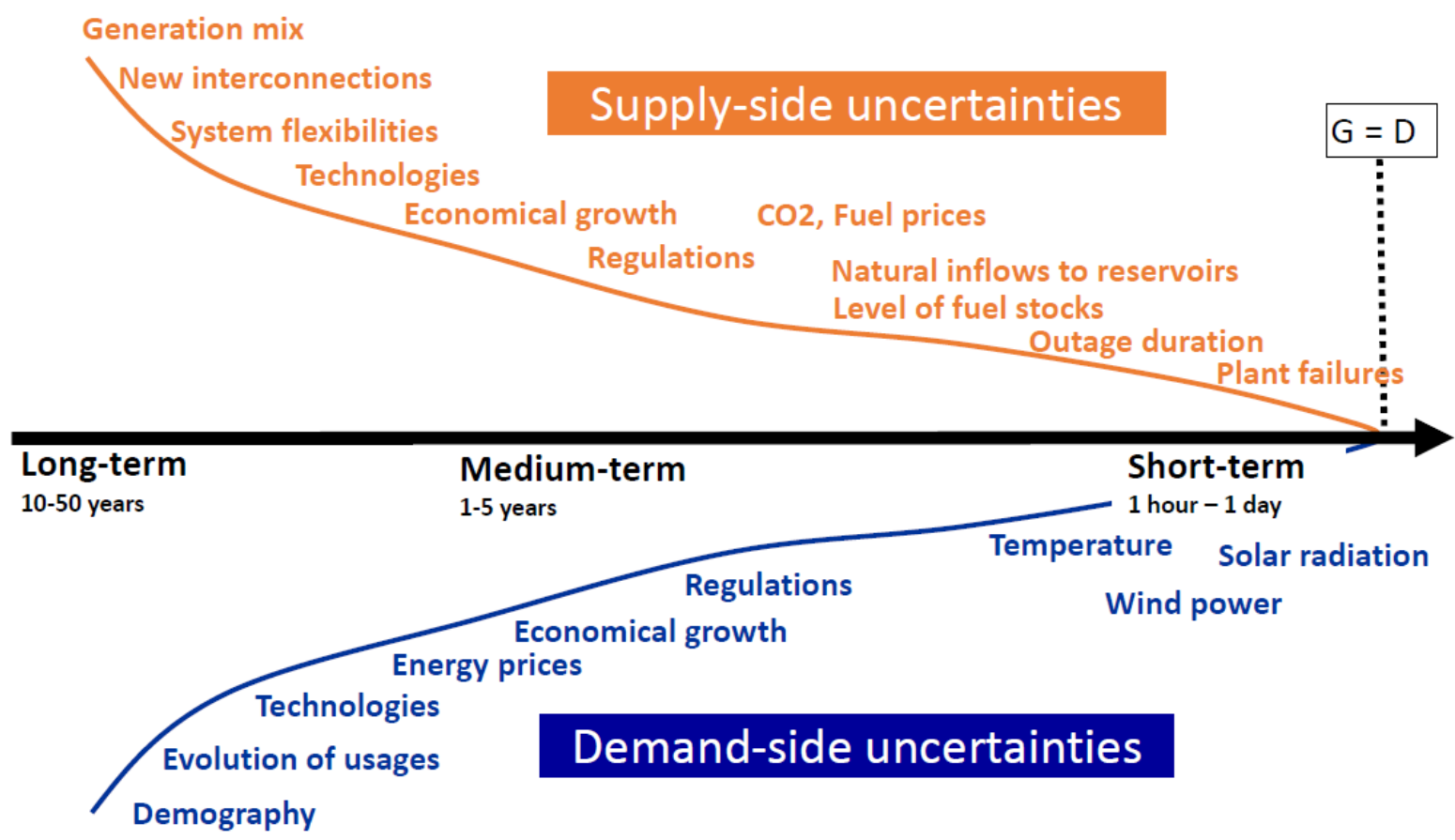
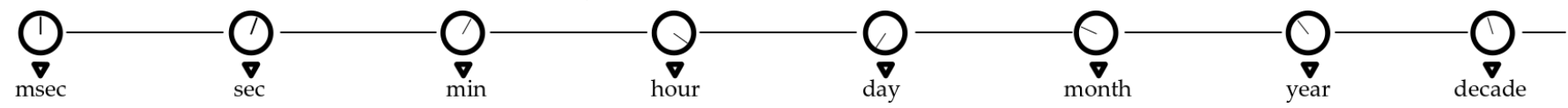
Lecture 9 – Grid and storage



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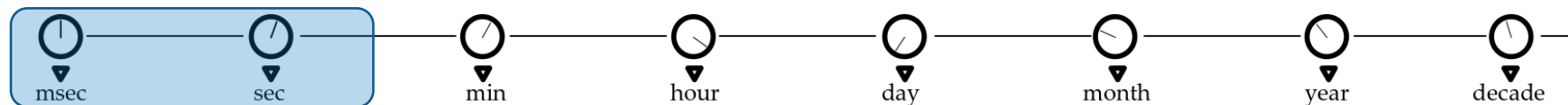


Grid stability – time scales





Seconds: inertia



Turbine

$$E_C = \frac{1}{2} J \omega^2$$

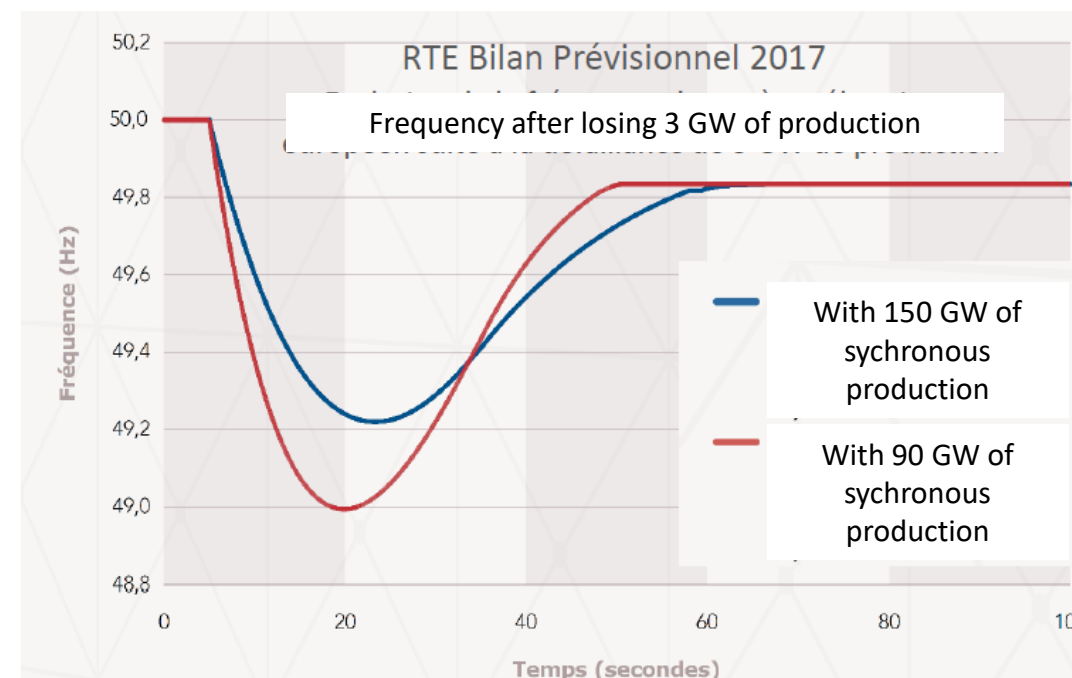
Grid

Moment of inertia $J_{\text{cylinder}} = \frac{1}{2} m r^2$

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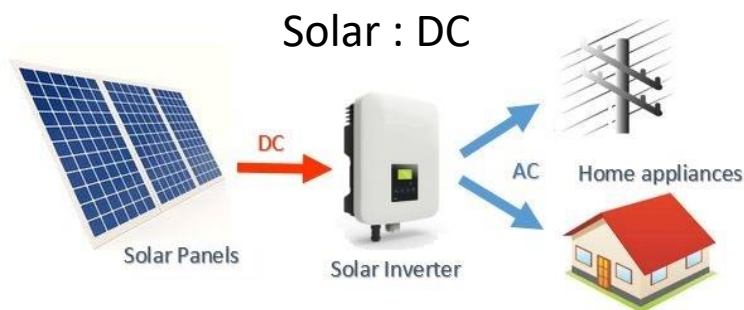
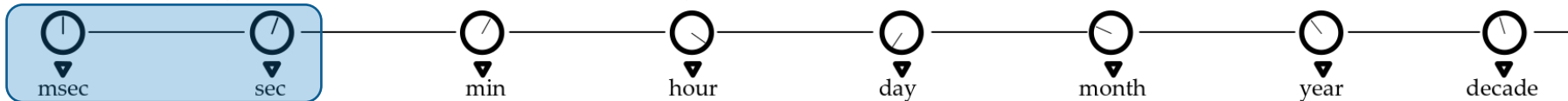
Rate of change of frequency (ROCOF)



6 mHz/s when losing a 1300MW power plant on the European grid



Asynchronicity

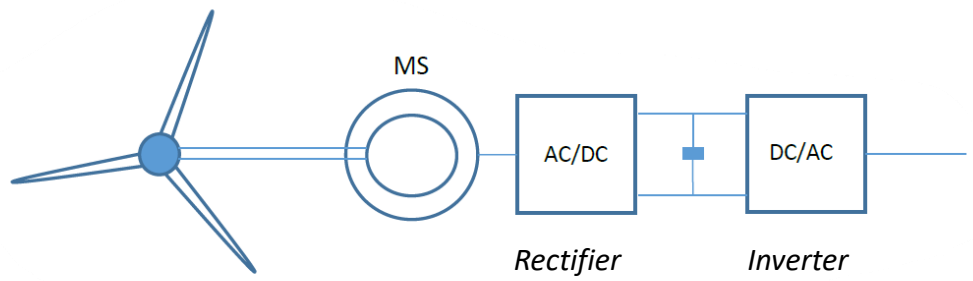


Solar : DC

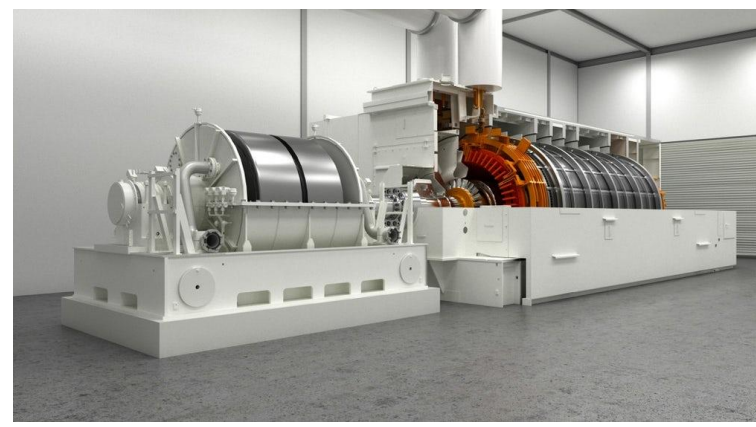
Grid forming inverters (power electronics)



Wind: AC at variable frequency (tip speed ratio)



Use generators as synchronous condensers



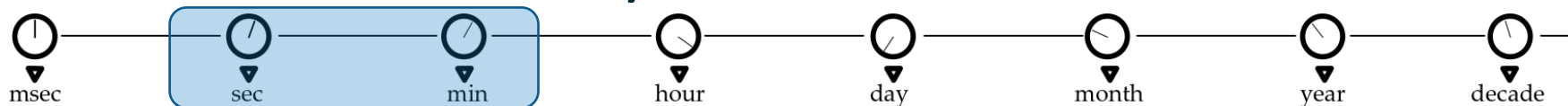
Wind and solar provide asynchronous productions and do not contribute to the system's inertia

Keep (or store) a bit of power to react when frequency shifts

First flywheel + synchronous generator installed in Ireland (Siemens, 2021)



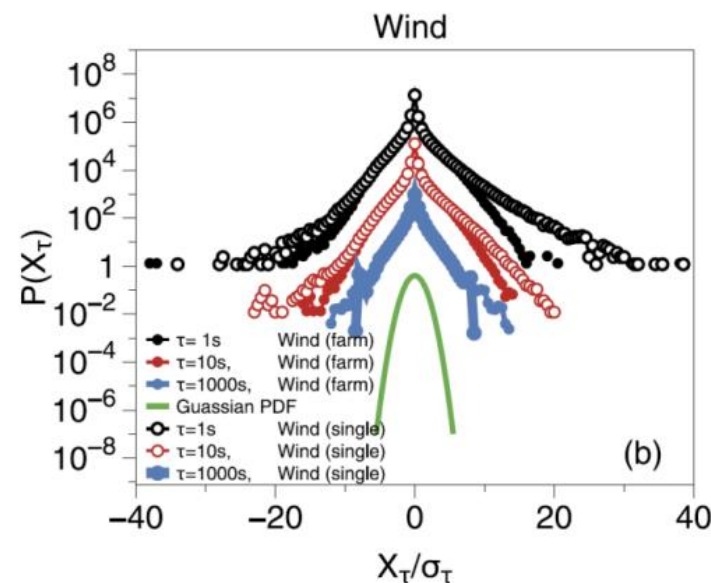
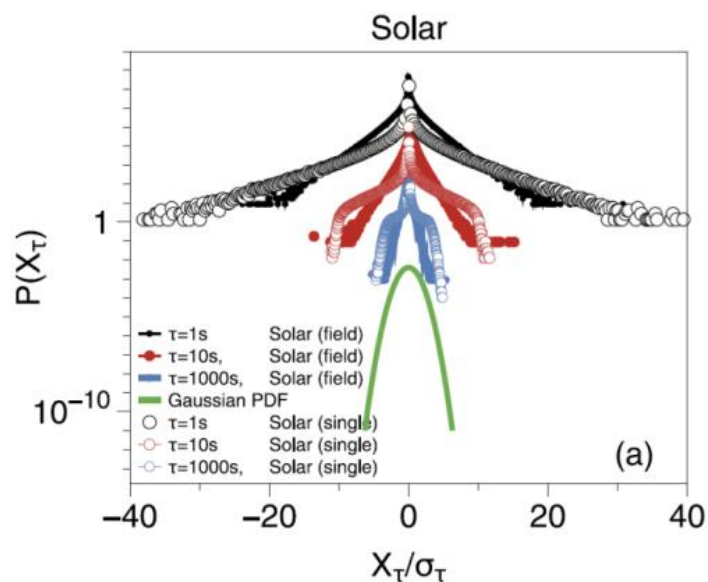
Intermittency



Intermittency : Rapid & abrupt variations of production

D. Suchet et al, *Energies* (2020).

Probability density function for $P(t + \tau) - P(t)$



Consider the 1-second variation
 20σ fluctuations occur :

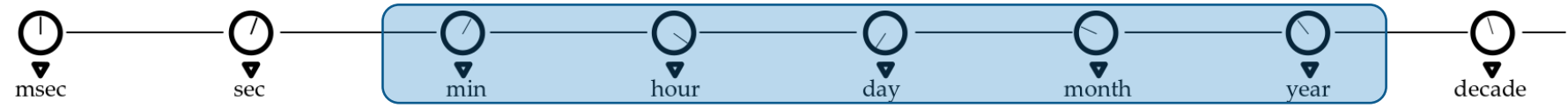
Gaussian : once every 3 millions years

Wind: once a month

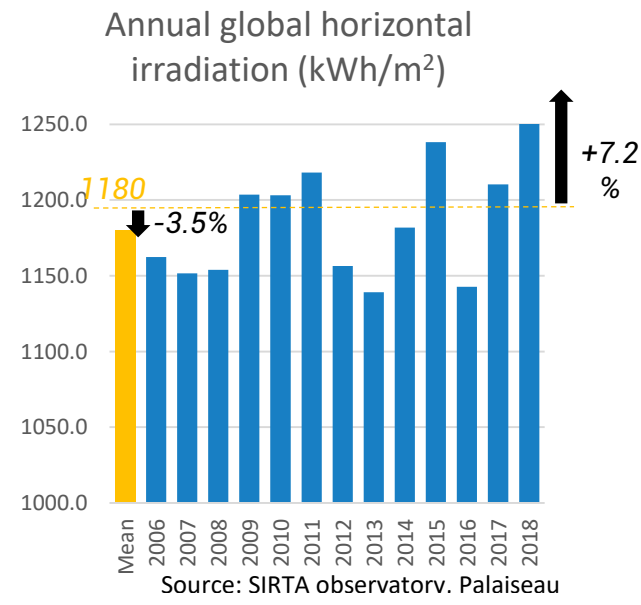
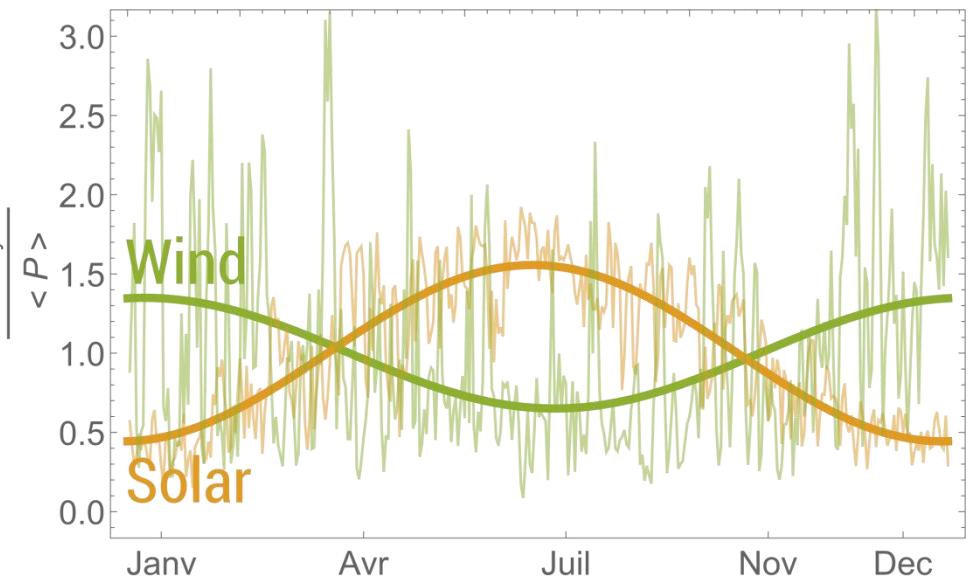
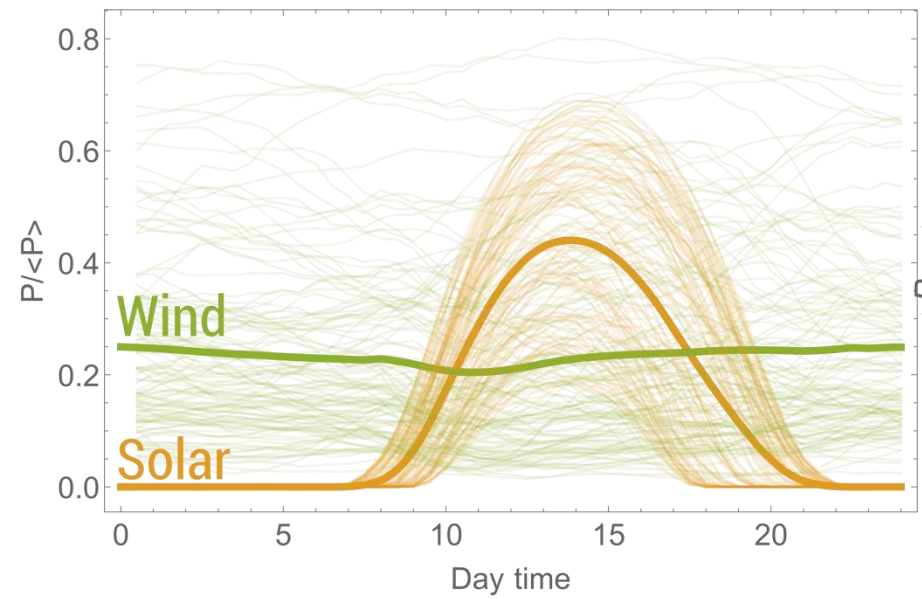
PV : 1000 times a month



Variability

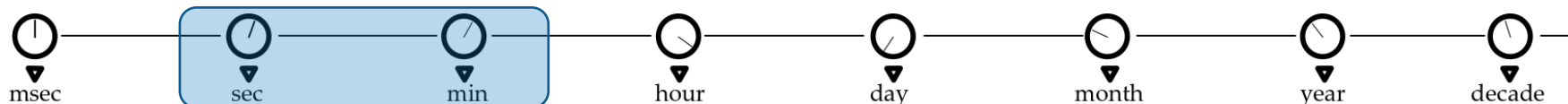


Hour to hour, day to day, season to season, year to year





Minutes: reserves



Primary reserve

Frequency Containment Reserve (FCR)

- Within 30 seconds, continues for up to 15 minutes.
- Automatic
- In Europe, FCR is aggregated among all countries, and calculated to handle the loss any two power plants (~ 3 GW).
- Open to markets, based on weekly calls.

Secondary reserve

Auto. Frequency Restoration Reserve (a-FFR)

- within the first 10 minutes
- In Europe, a-FFR is specific to each country.
- In France, a-FFR = 500 MW to 1200 MW –
any producer with a capacity >120 MW must contribute

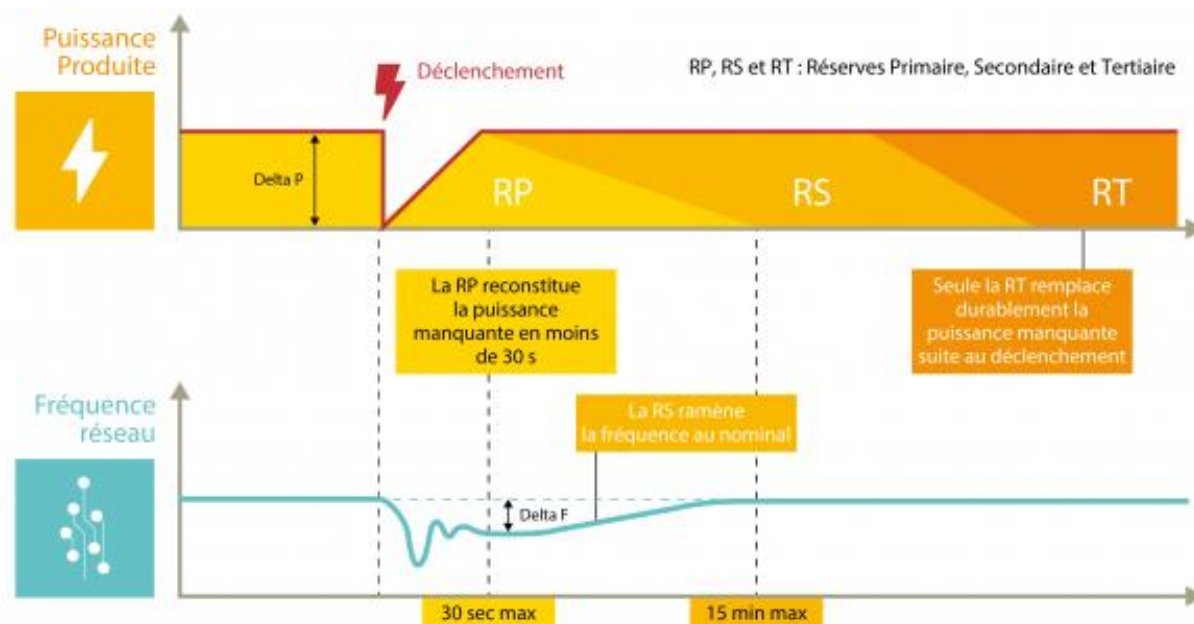
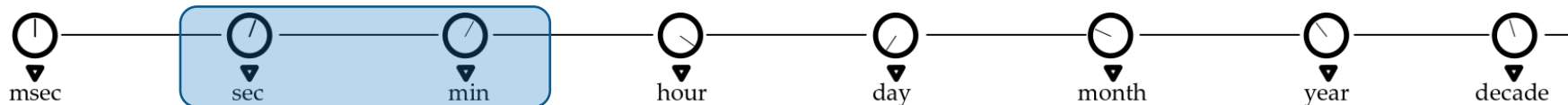
Tertiary reserve

Manual Frequency Restoration Reserve (m-FFR)

- 30 or 60 minutes



Minutes: reserves

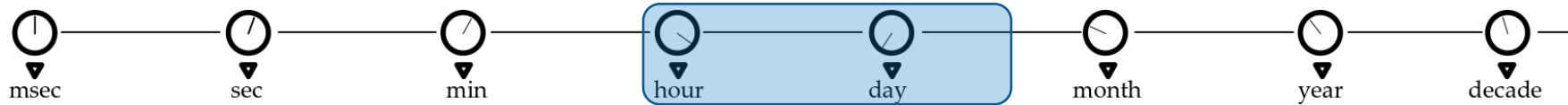


Moyens à disposition de RTE		Puissance concernée	Sens	Délai d'action	Acteurs concernés	Participation
UE	FCR	~ 600 MW	▲▼	< 30s	Producteurs et consommateurs européens	Appels d'offres
	aFRR	500 ~ 1 000 MW	▲▼	< 15 min	Producteurs français	Prescription
FR	Réserve primaire (automatique)					
	Réserve secondaire (automatique)					
	Réserve tertiaire (manuelle)					
mFRR	Rapide	1 000 MW	▲	13 min	Producteurs et consommateurs français	Appels d'offres
	Complémentaire	500 MW	▲	30 min	Producteurs français	Appels d'offres
	Consommateurs	1 750 MW en moyenne	▲	< 2 h	Consommateurs français	Appels d'offres
RR	AUTRES	Variable	▲▼	Variable	Producteurs français	Obligation d'offrir le disponible
			Producteurs RPD consommateurs Acteurs étrangers	Volontaire		

Mécanisme d'ajustement
Toutes les offres sont mises en concurrence

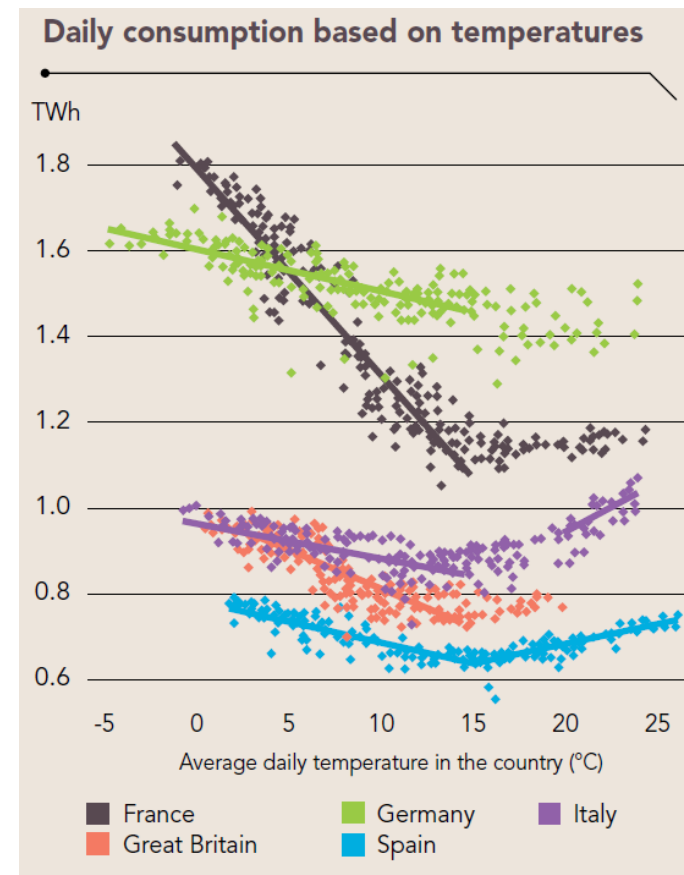
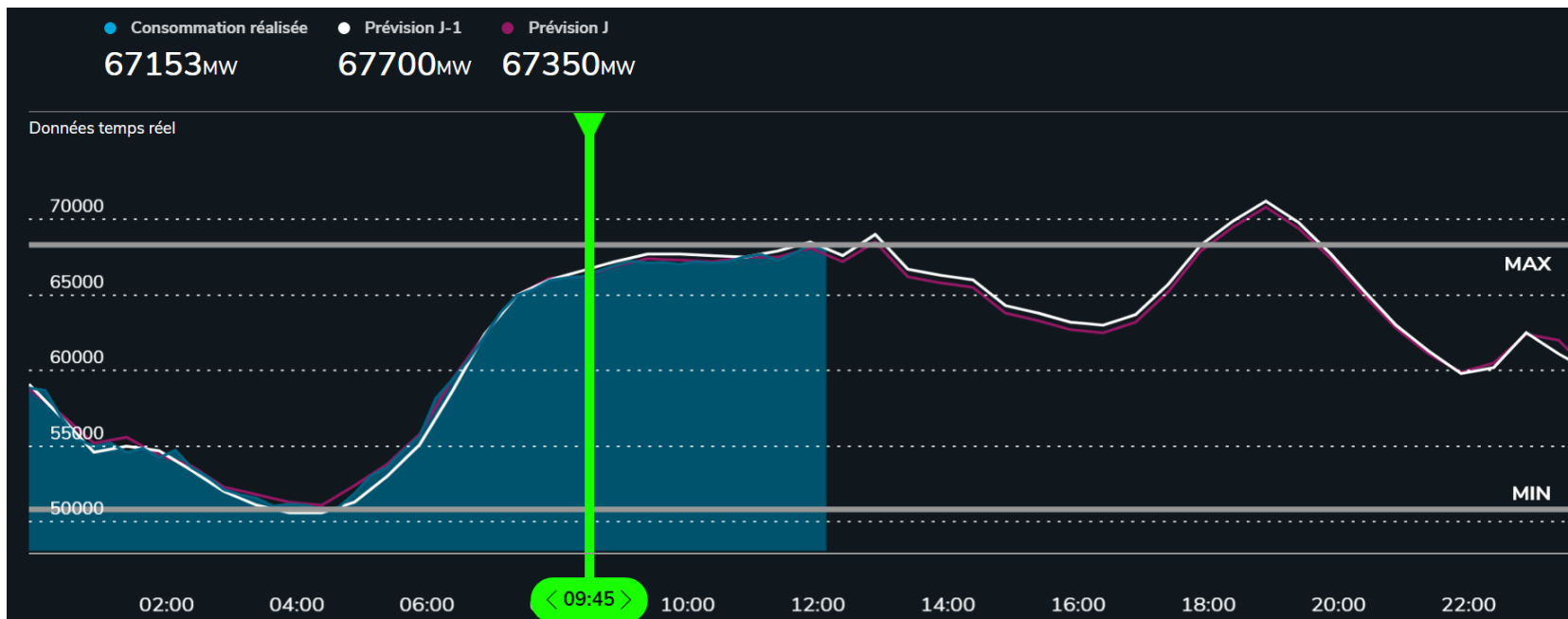
Activation à la hausse ▲
Activation à la baisse ▼

Days: previsions



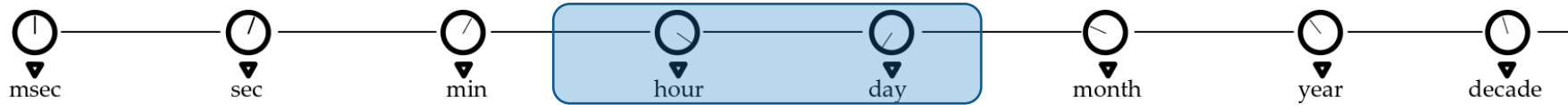
Up to long term previsions !

rte-france.com/eco2mix

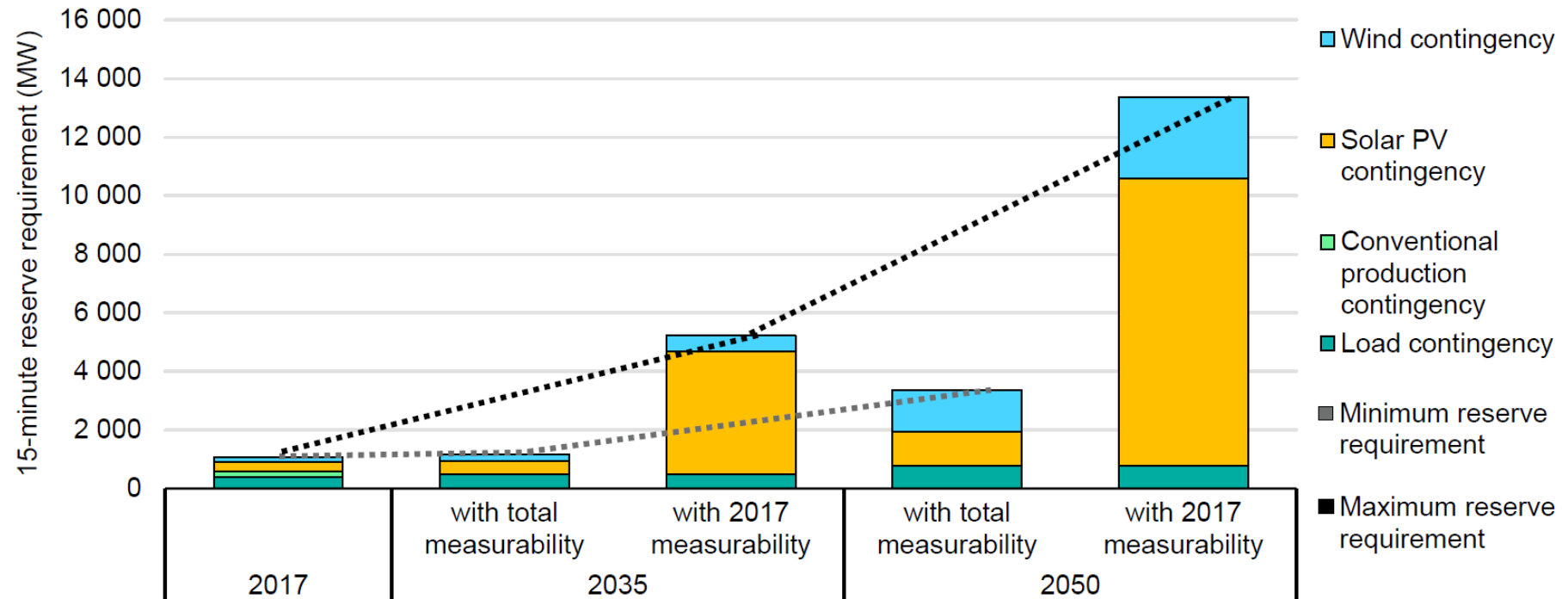




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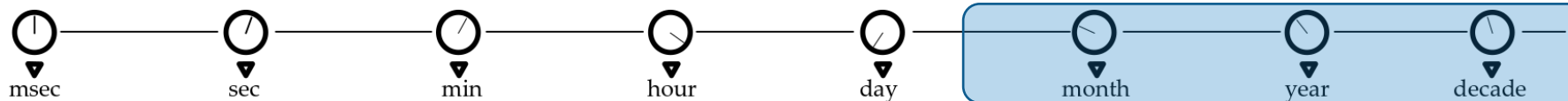


More uncertainty → need more reserve to handle unexpected situations





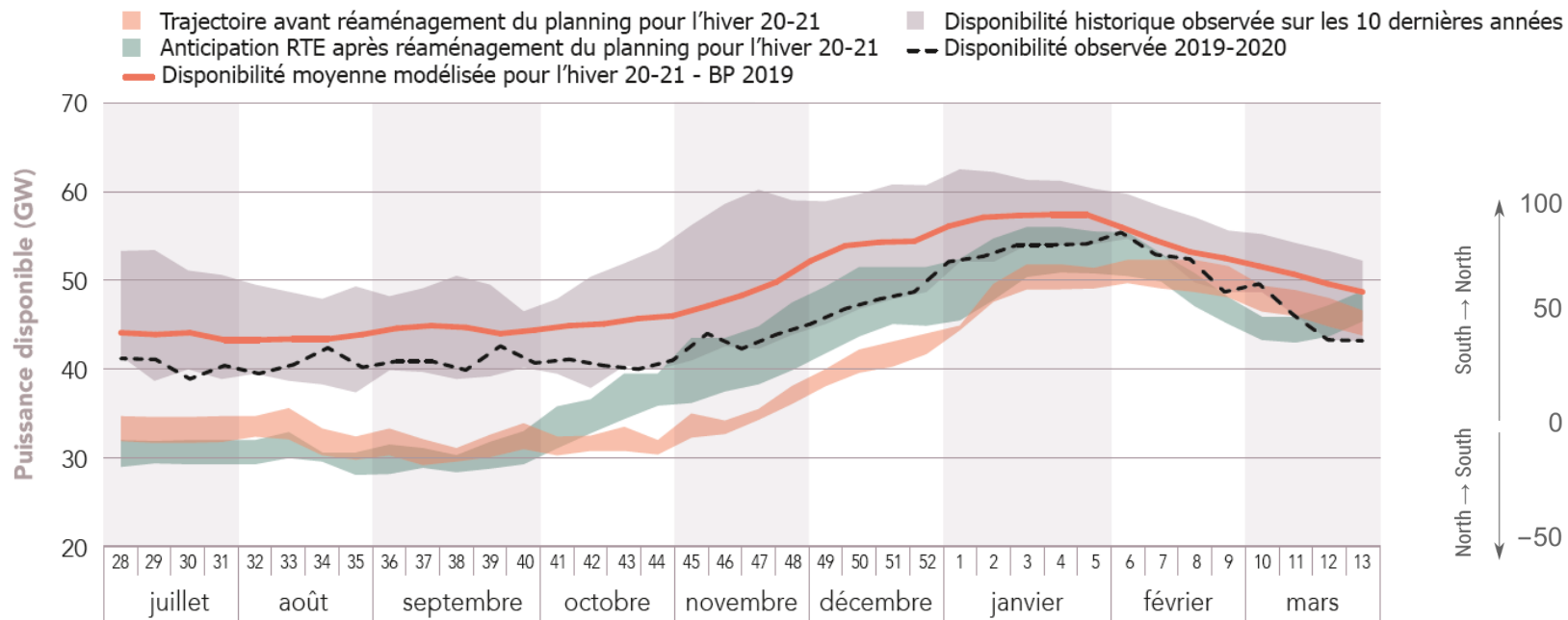
Longer time scales



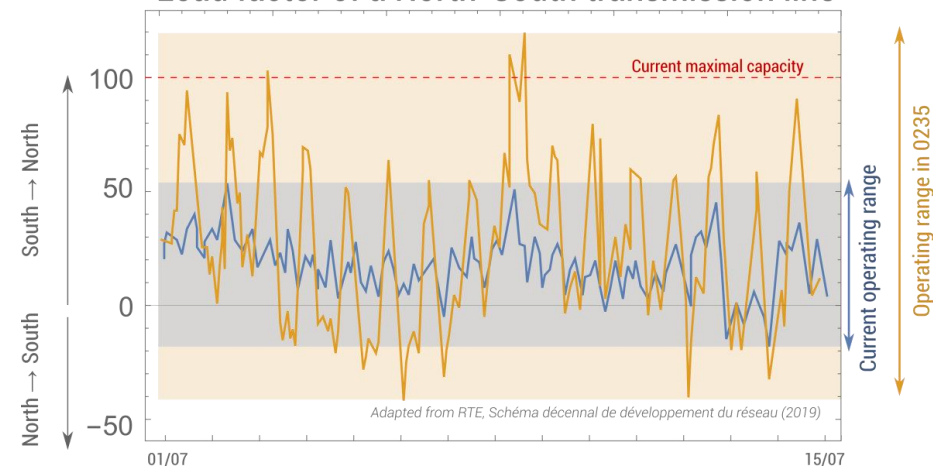
Operation and maintenance

Development

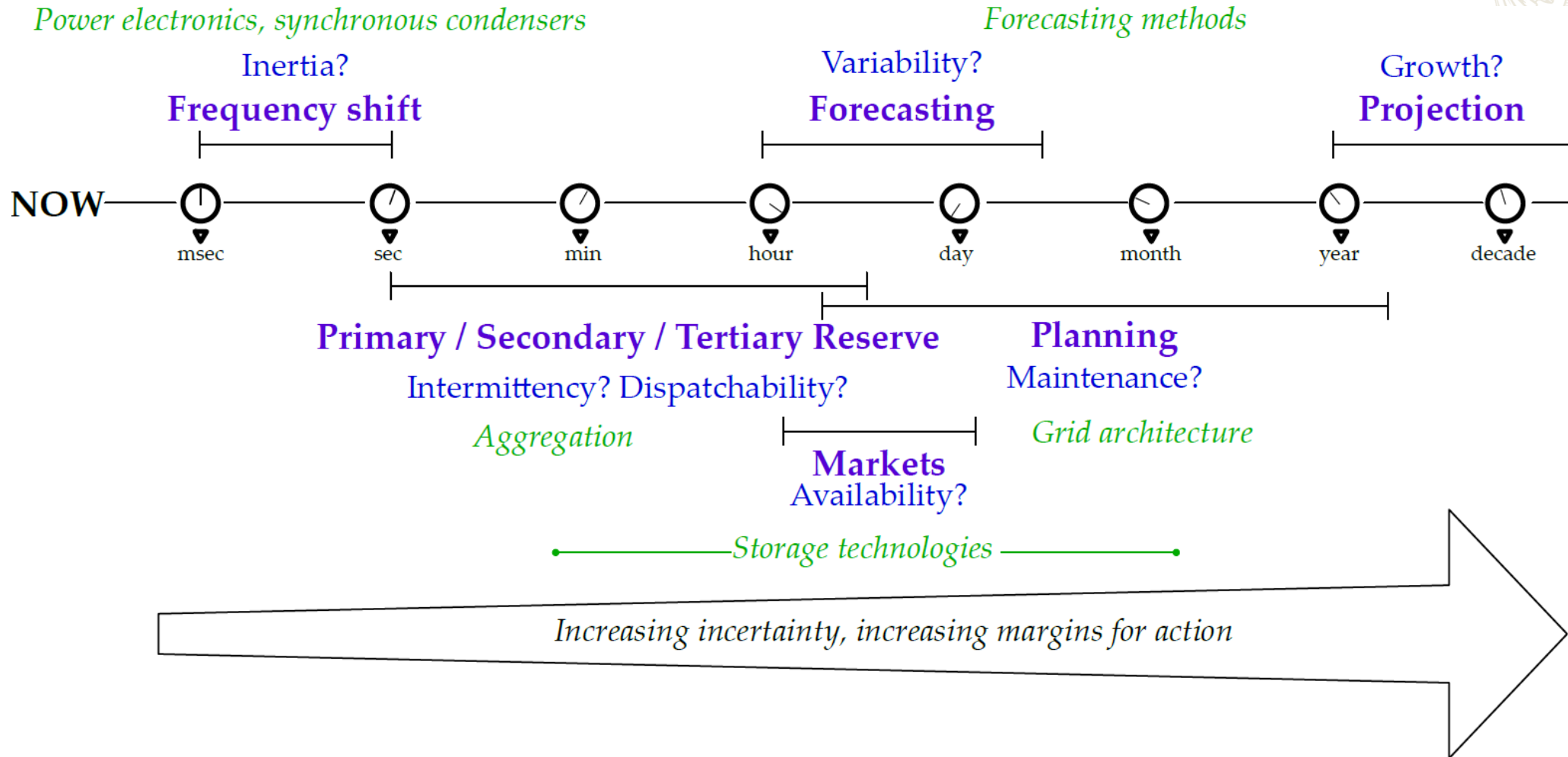
(demography, additionnal usages, behaviors, regulations...)



Load factor of a North-South transmission line



Timescales



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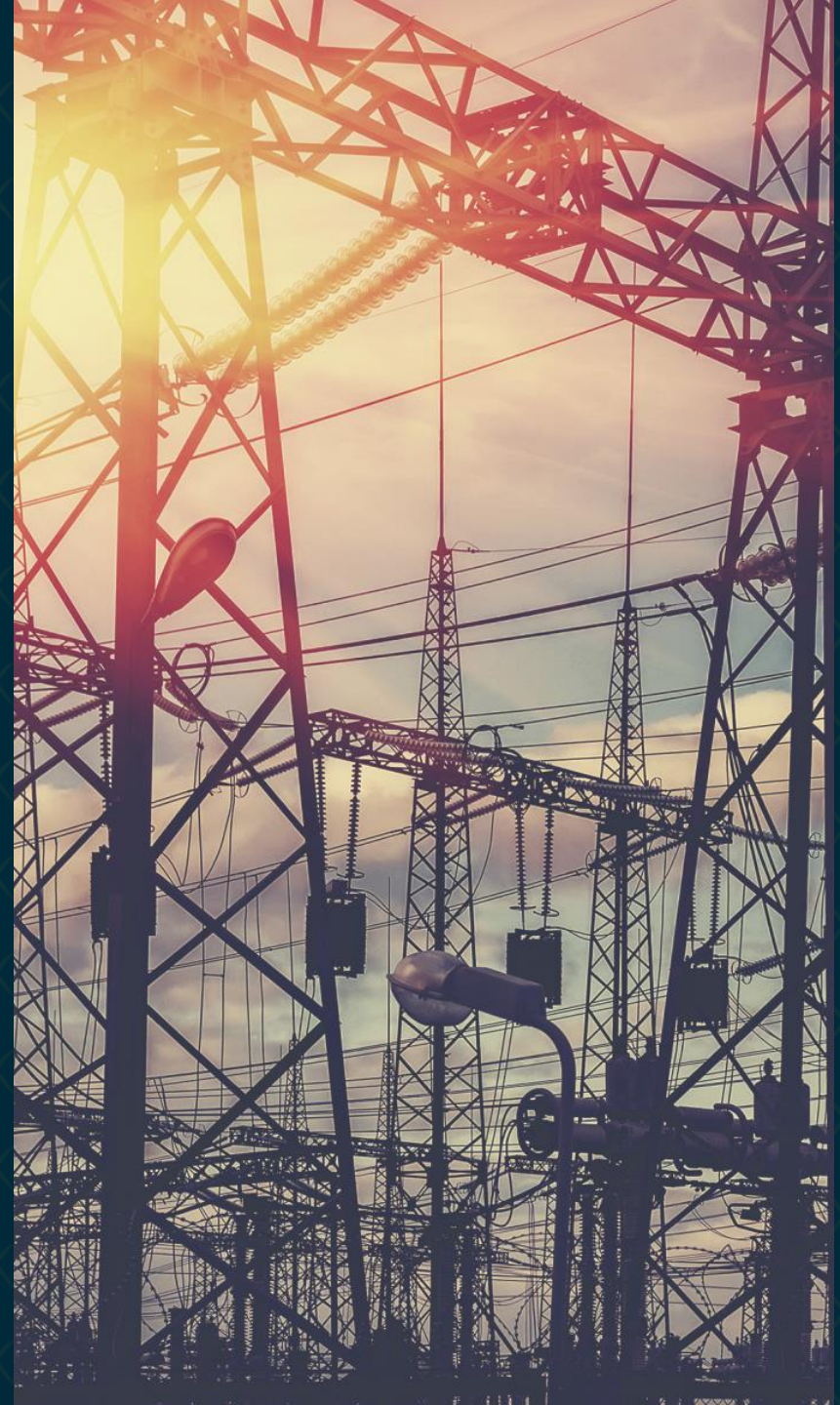
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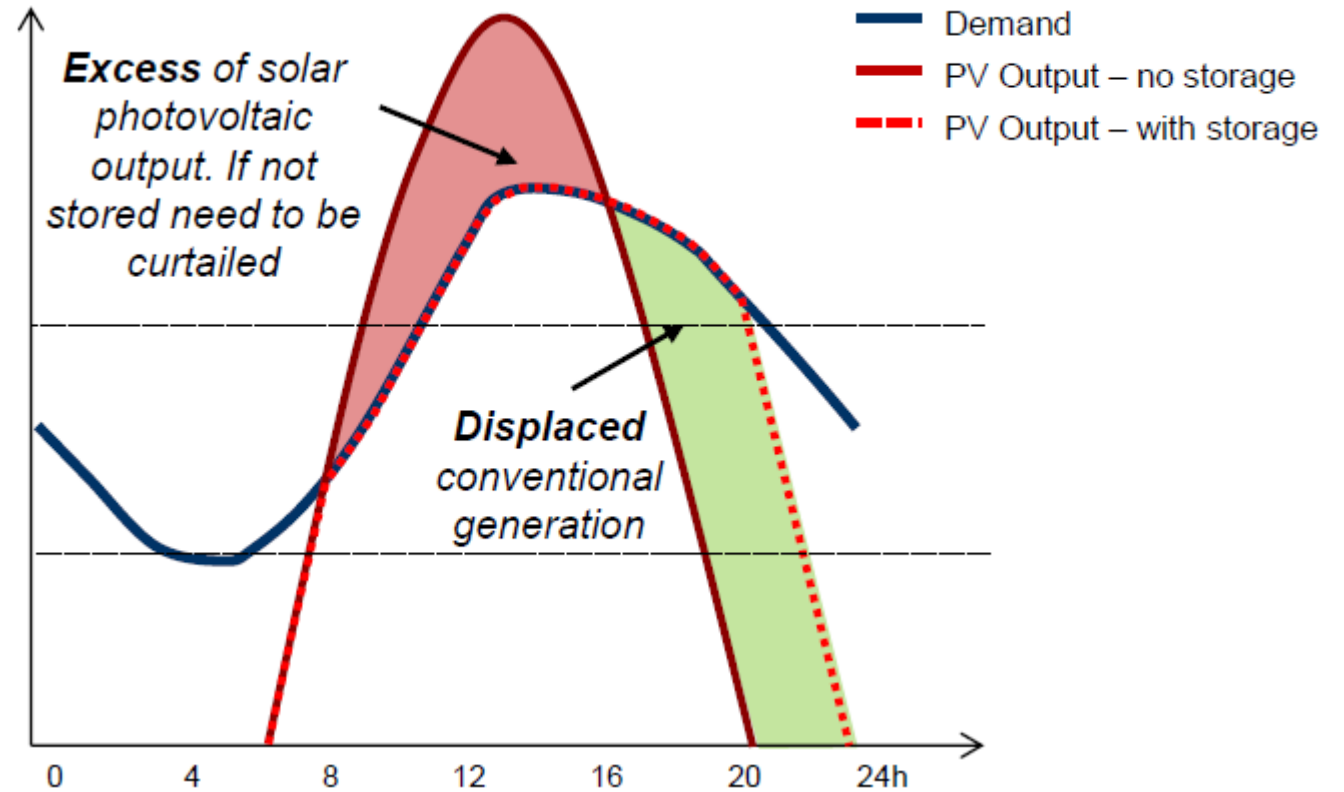
Storage technologies



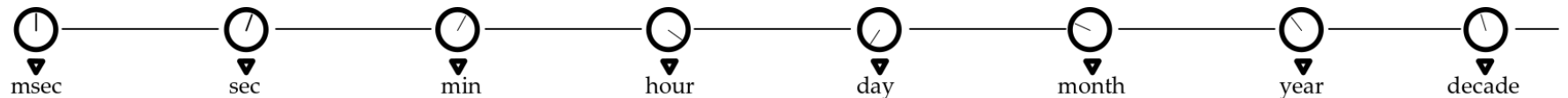
General idea:

Stock power when overproducing

Tap storage when underproducing



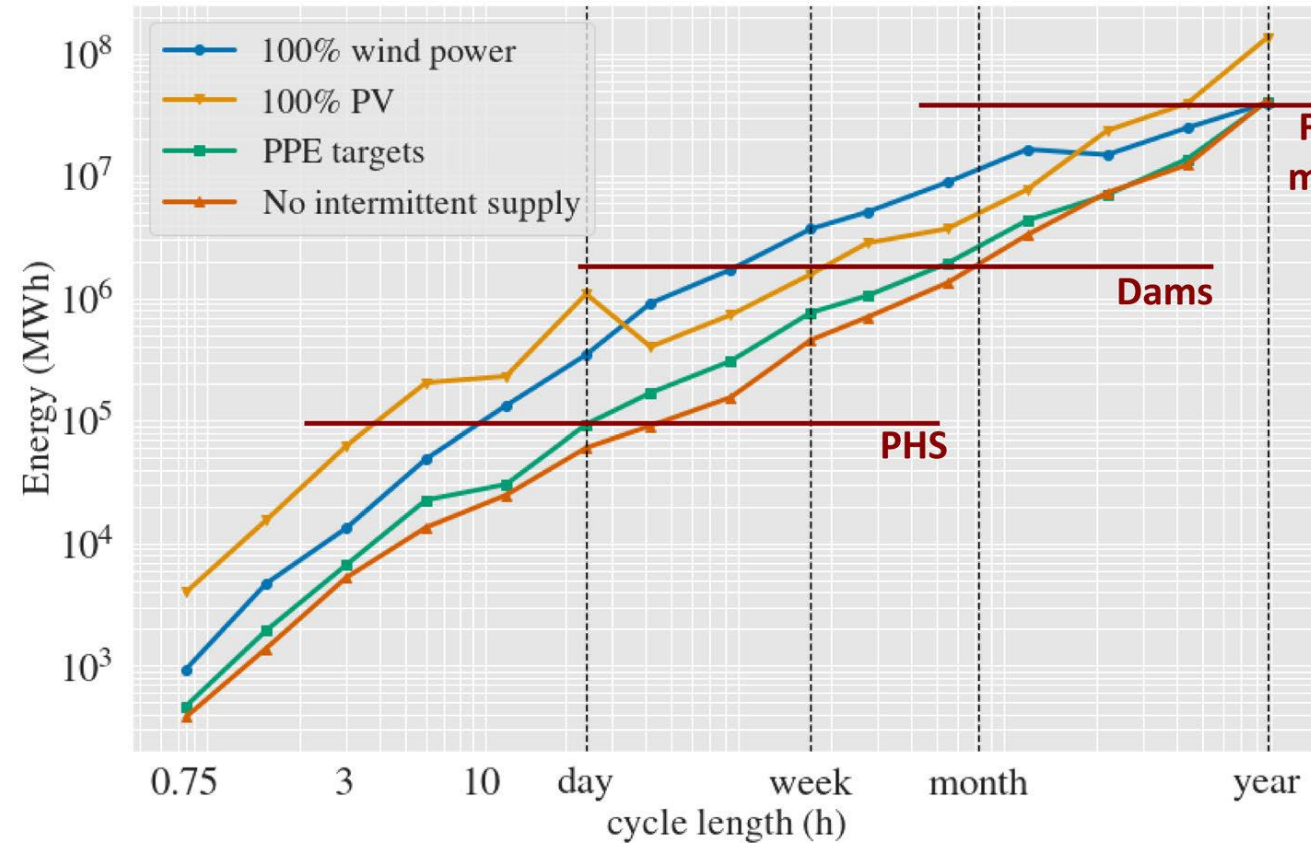
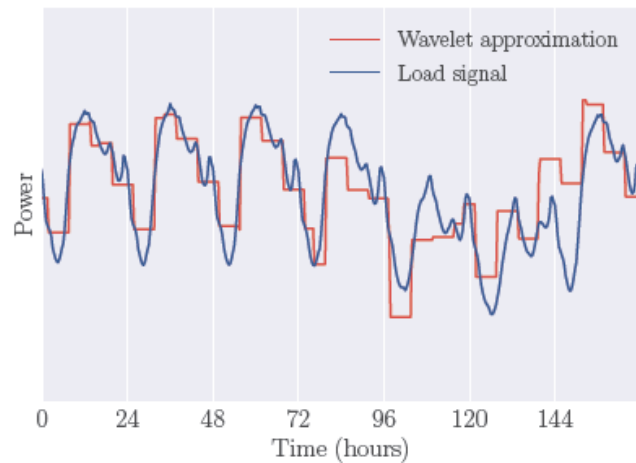
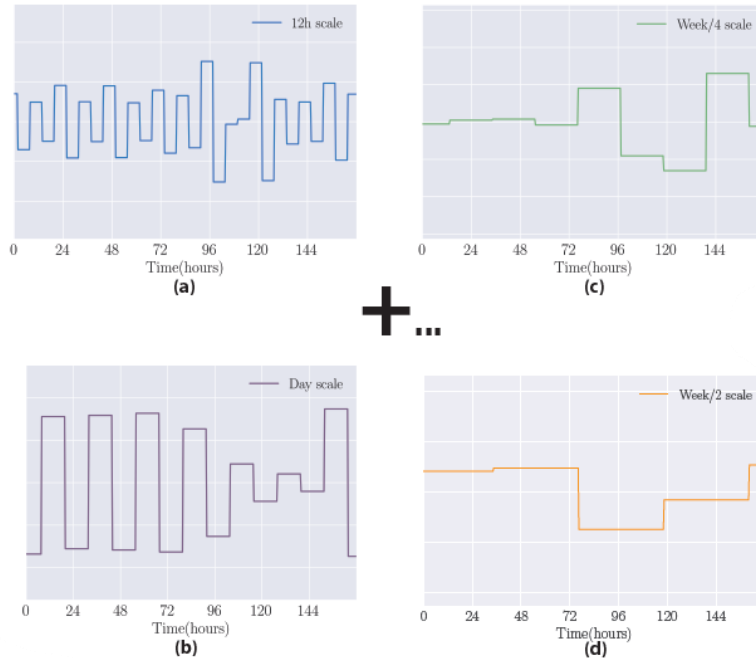
Remember !
Many time scales



Storage requirements – wavelet analysis



A. Clerjon & F. Perdu, *Energy Environ. Sci.*, 2019,12, 693-705



Power to X



How to store electricity when production is large and consumption is low
in prevision for low production, large consumption periods?

Can we use the (excess of) electricity production for other applications?

Basic indicators :

Efficiency

energy out / energy in

Self discharge / storage duration

How long can energy remain stored?

Lifetime / number of cycles

How long can the storage be used?

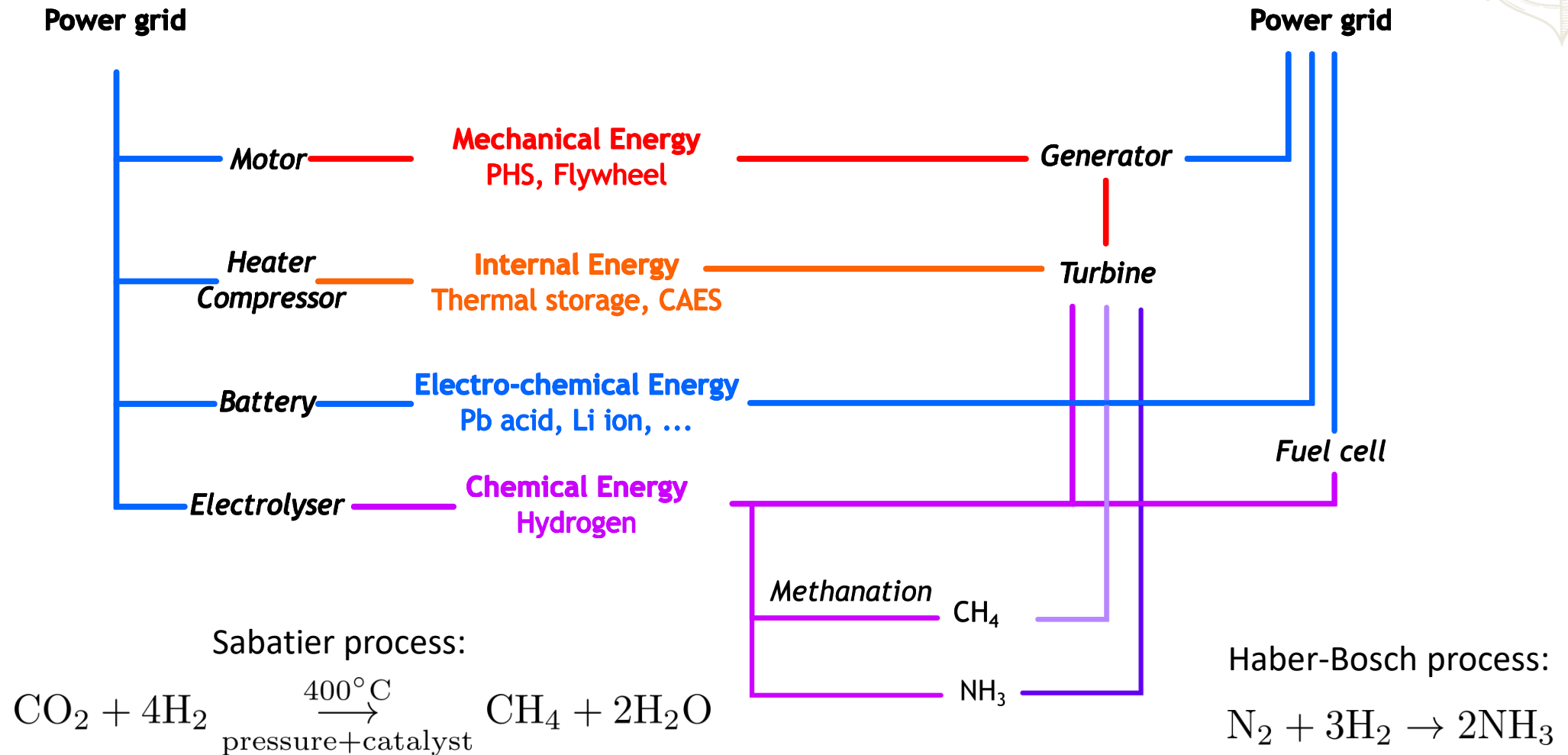
Storage capacity : Wh/kg or Wh/m³

How much energy can be stored ?

Power rating : W/kg or W/m³

How much power can the device handle?

Power to power

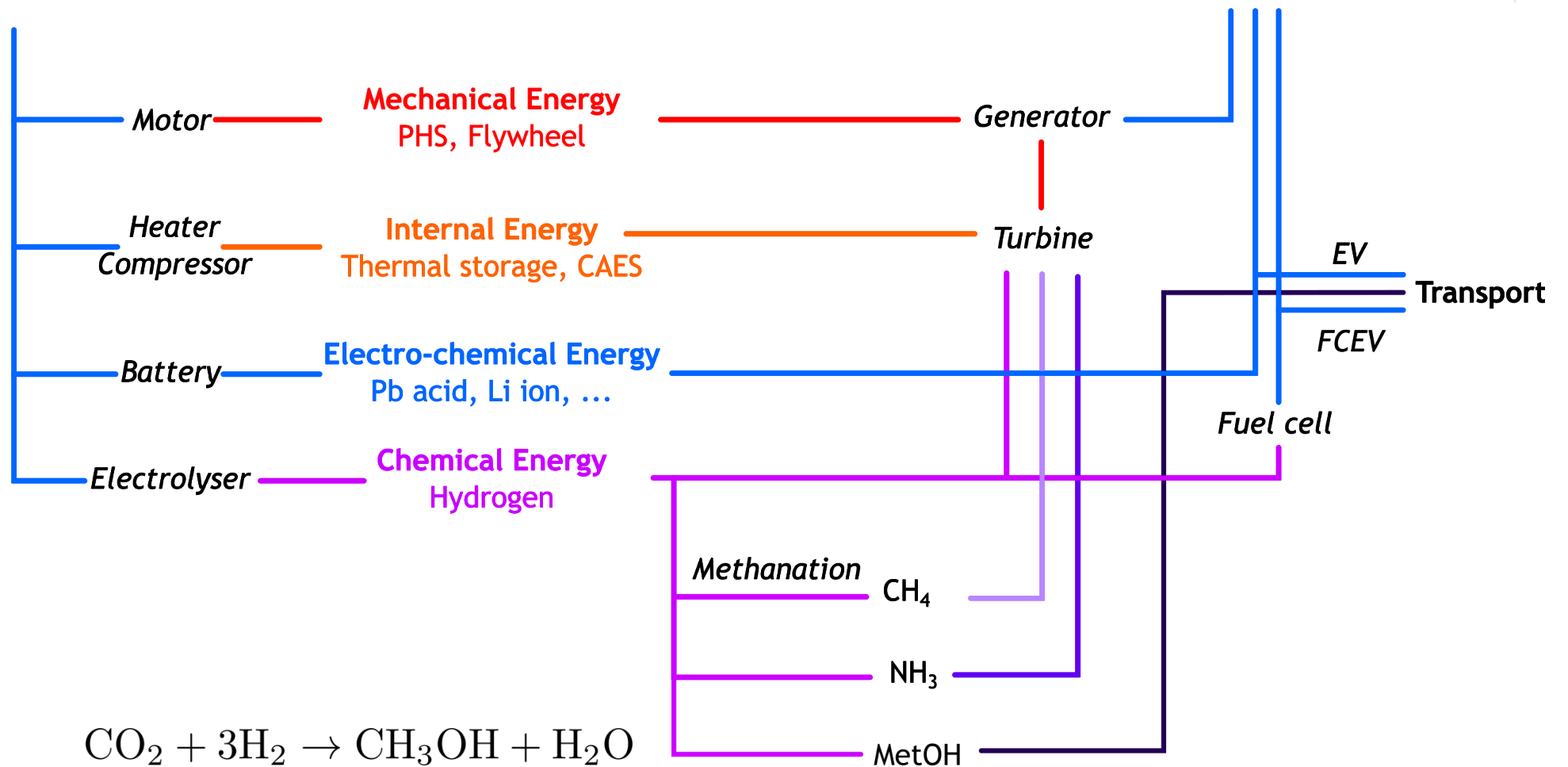


Power to mobility

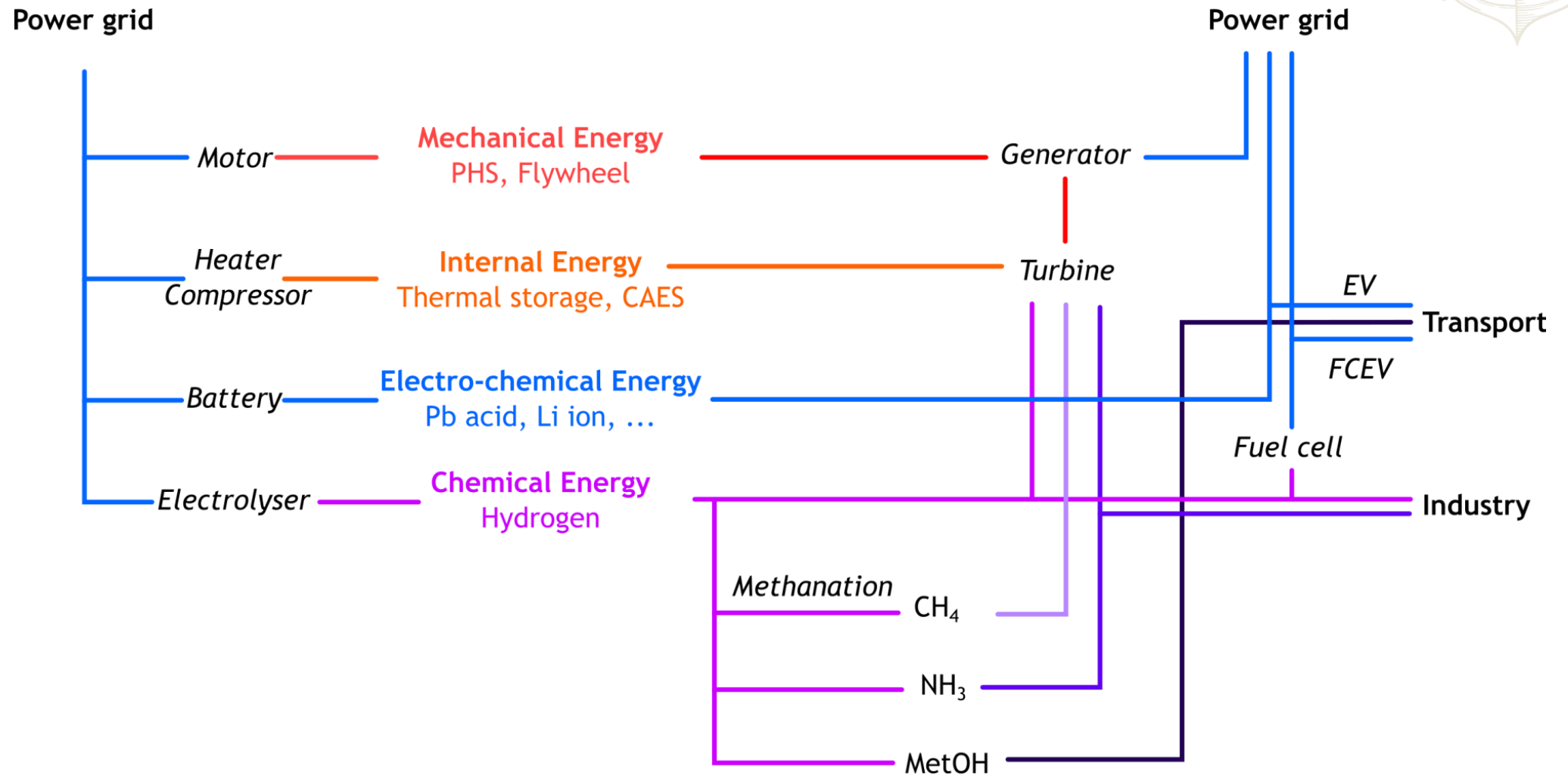


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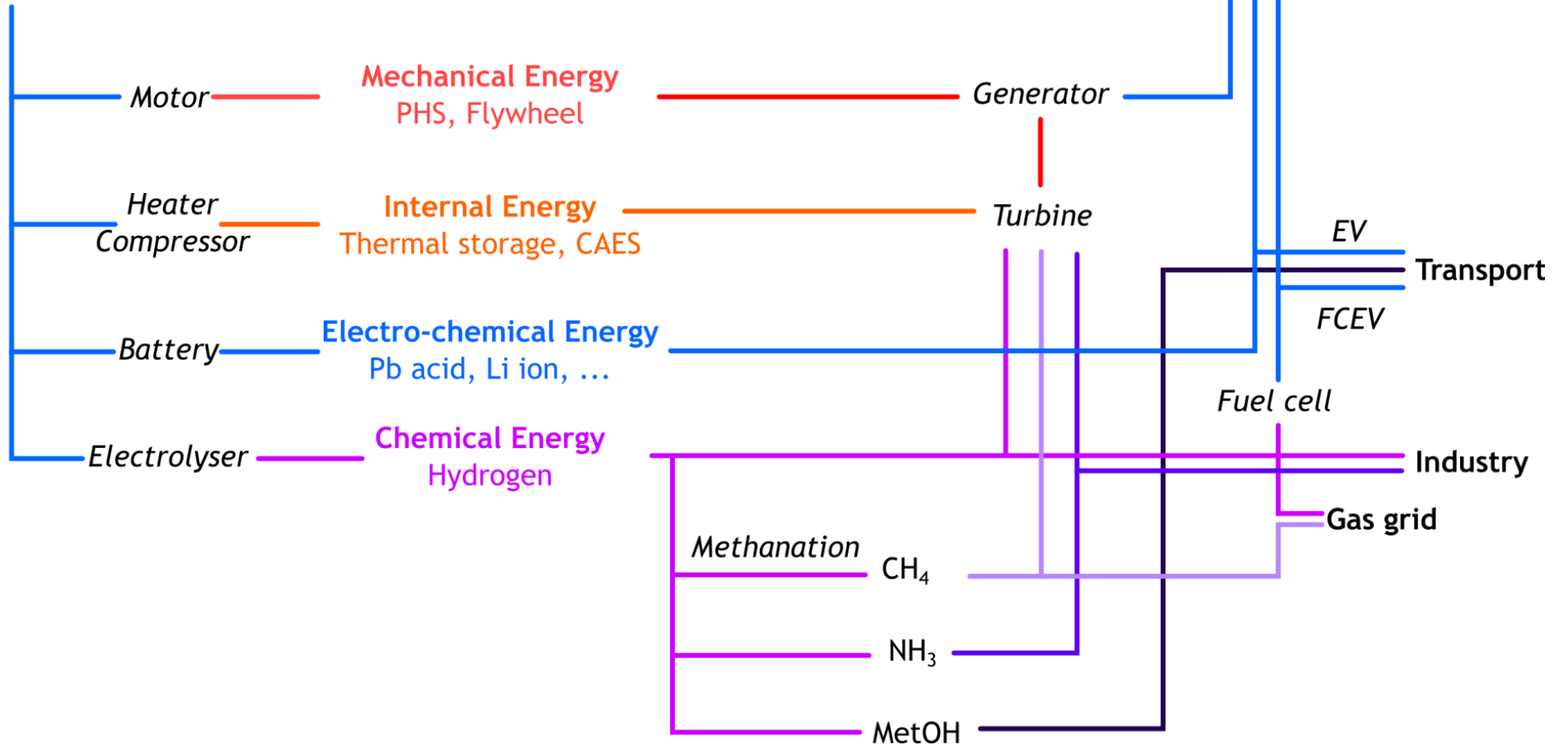
Power to chemicals



Power to gas



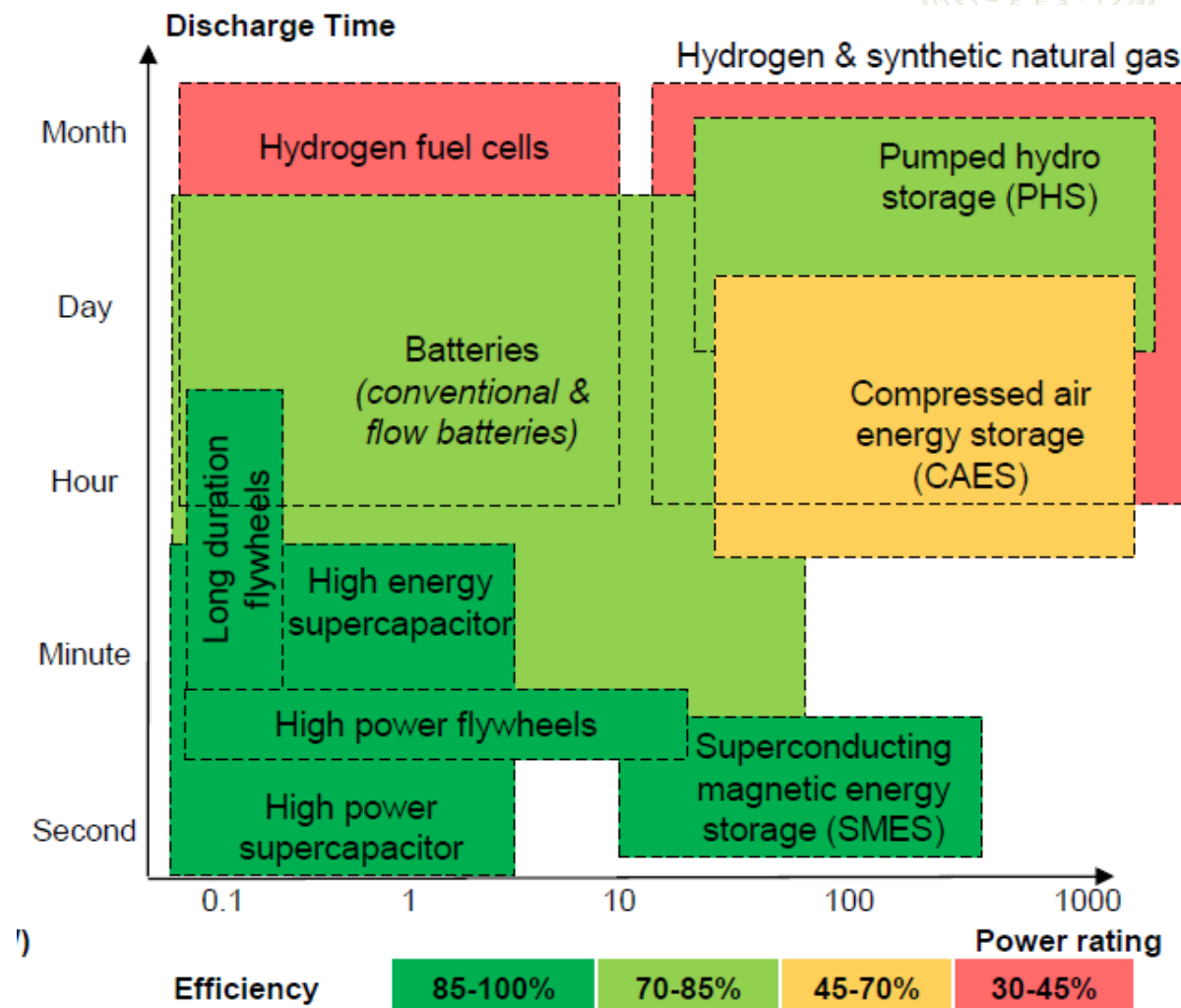
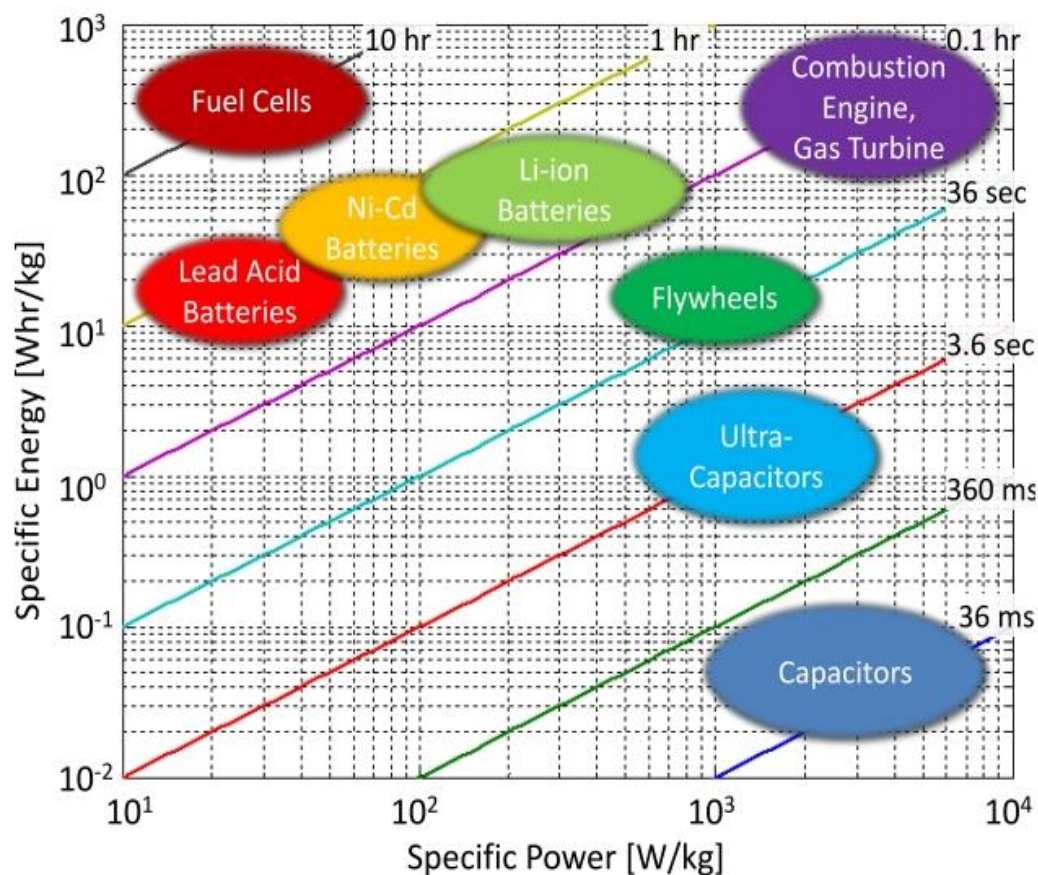
Power grid





Which storage for which application?

Ragone chart:



Storage technologies



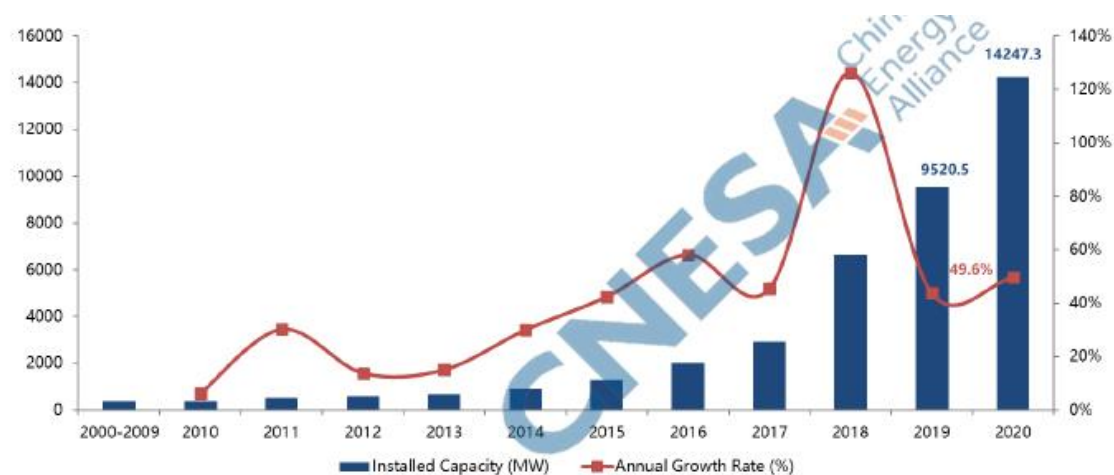
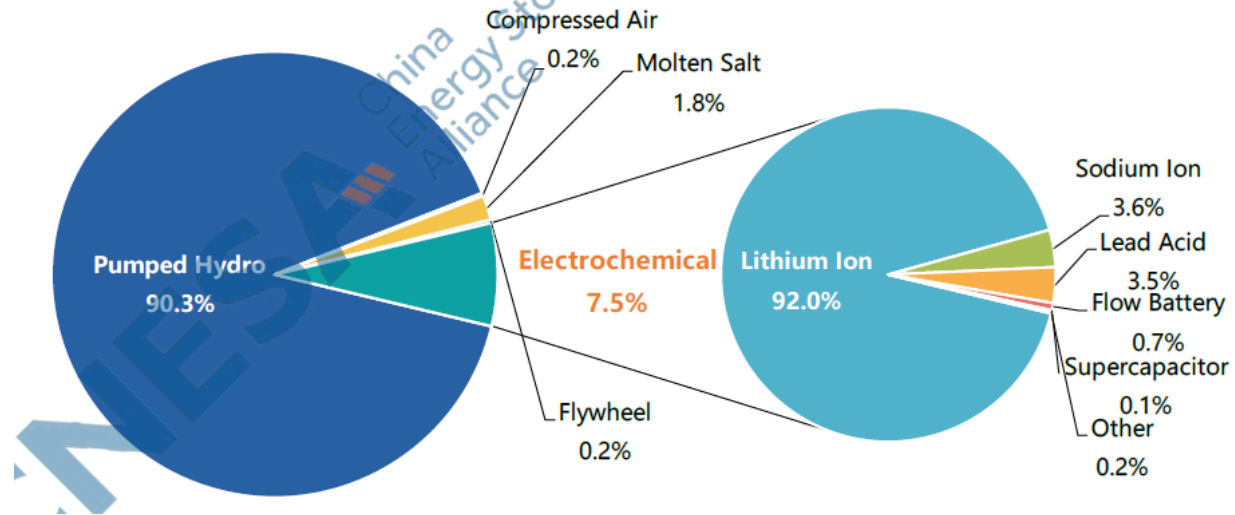
	Power rating (MW)	Storage duration (h)	Cycling or lifetime	Self discharge ⁸ Per day	Energy density (Wh/l)	Power density (W/l)	Efficiency	Response time
PHS ¹	100 - 1,000	4 - 12h	30 - 60 years	~0	0.2 - 2	0.1 - 0.2	70-85%	Sec - Min
CAES ²	10 - 1,000	2 - 30h	20 - 40 years	~0	2 - 6	0.2 - 0.6	40-75%	Sec - Min
Flywheels	0.001 - 1	Sec - hours	20,000 - 100,000	1.3 - 100 %	20 - 80	5,000	70-95%	< sec
NaS battery ³	10 - 100	1 min - 8h	2,500 - 4,500	0.05 - 20%	150 - 300	120 - 160	70-90%	< sec
Li-ion battery ⁴	0.1 - 20	1 min - 8h	1,000 - 10,000	0.1 - 0.3%	200 - 400	1,300 - 10,000	85-98%	< sec
Flow battery ⁵	0.1 - 100	1 - 0h	12,000 - 14,000	0.2%	20 - 70	0.5 - 2	60-85%	< sec
Supercapacitor	0.01 - 1	Ms - min	10,000- 100,000	20 - 40%	10 - 20	40,000 - 120,000	80-98%	< sec
SMES ⁶	0.1 - 1	Ms - sec	100,000	10 - 15%	~6	~2,600	80-95%	< sec
Molten salt	1 - 150	Hours	30 years	n/a	70 - 210	n/a	80-90%	Min
Hydrogen	0.01 - 1,000	Min - weeks	5 - 30 years	0 - 4%	600 (200 bar)	0.2 - 20	25-45%	Sec - Min
SNG ⁷	50 - 1,000	hours-weeks	30 years	negligible	1,800 (200 bar)	0.2 - 2	25-50%	Sec - Min

Installed capacities (2023)



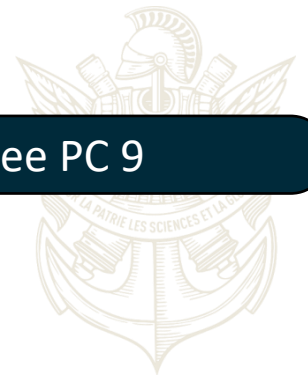
2021 CNESA White Paper

Global total storage capacity :
190 GW [2021]



Pump hydro storage

See PC 9



Over production :
Pump water up

Under production :
Turbine water down

Excellent efficiency (70-90%)

Low energy density ($g \cdot h < 10 \text{ kJ/kg}$)

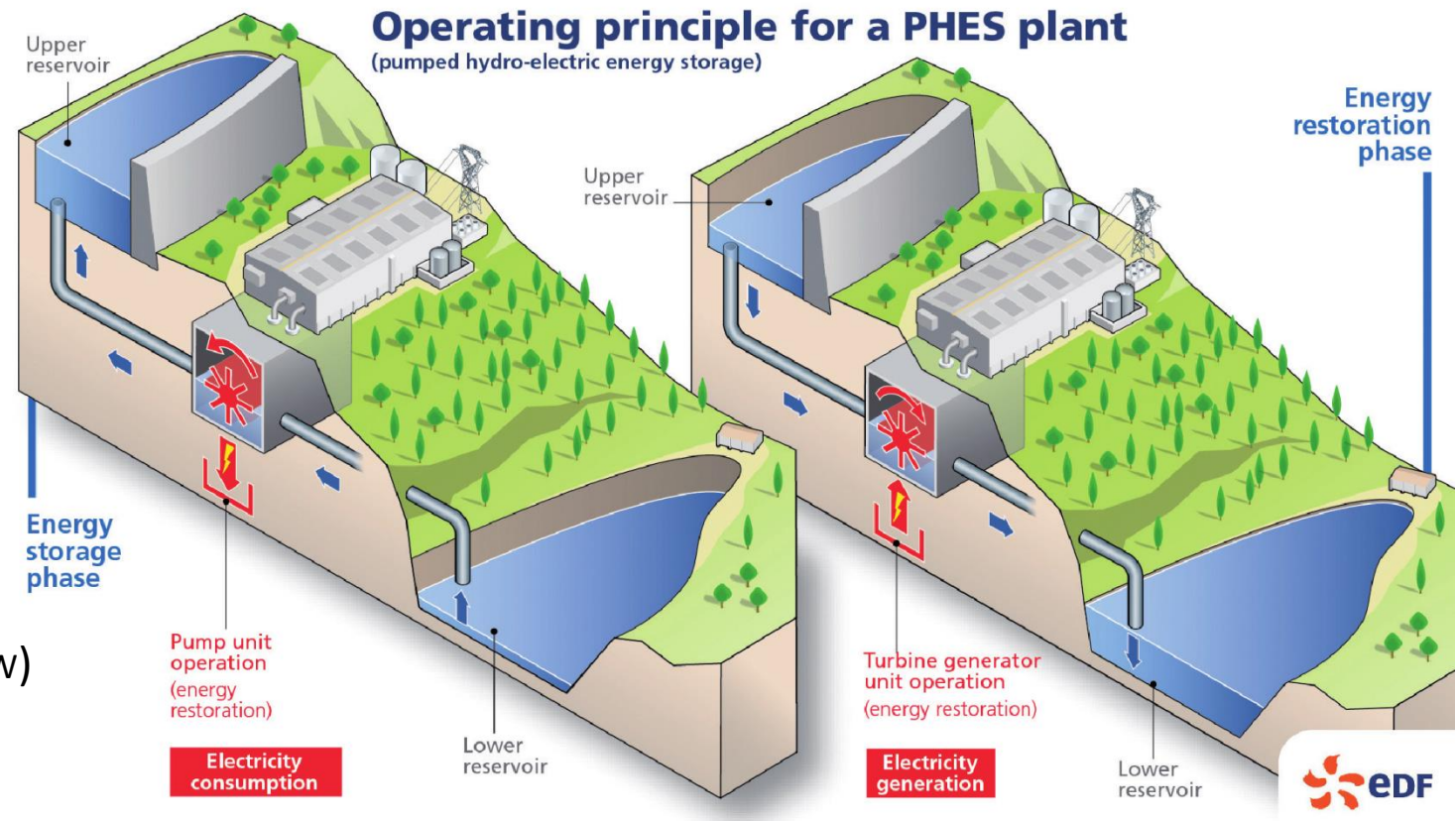
Large volume and power (Grandmaison : 300 GWh, 2GW)

Potential limited by available sites

France :

Installed capacity = 5 GW

Additional potential = 1-1,5 GW (ADEME)



Flywheel

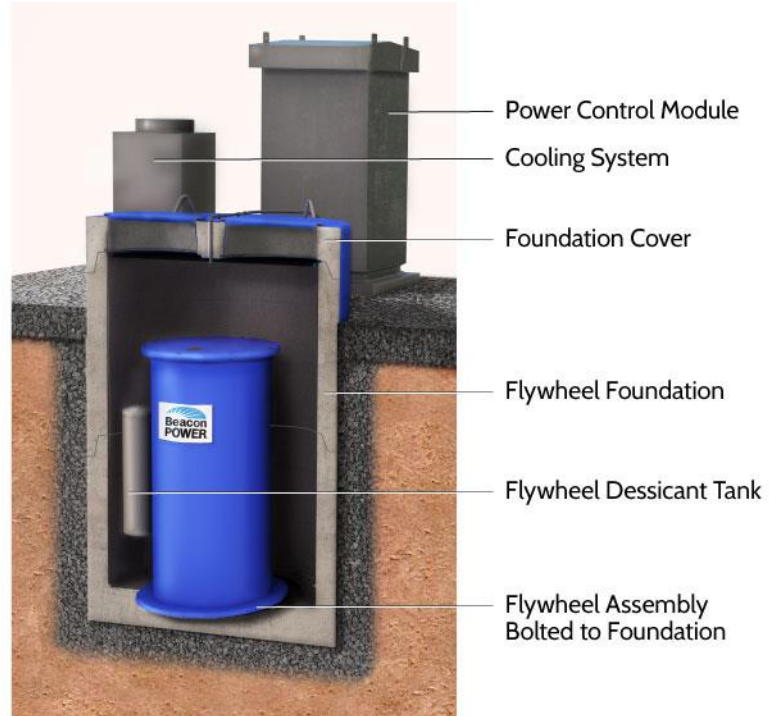
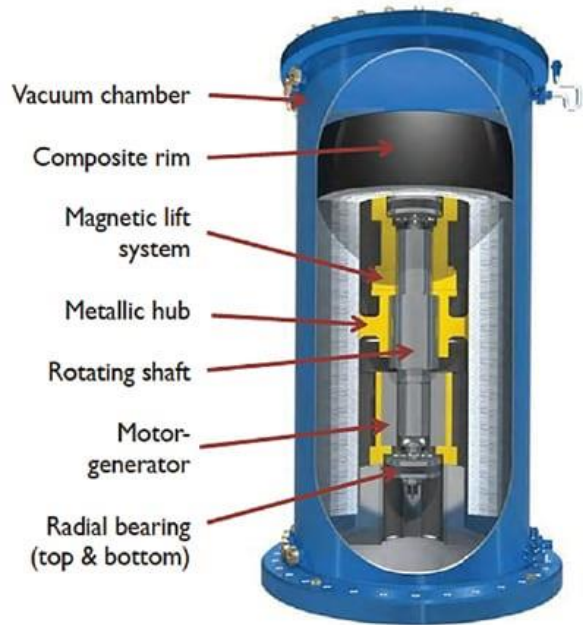
See PC 9

Storing energy as rotation speed

$$E_C = \frac{1}{2} J \omega^2 \quad J_{\text{cylinder}} = \frac{1}{2} m r^2$$

High power, limited energy

Mechanical constraints (stress on material, bearings...)



Hazle Township, Pennsylvania
200 flywheels, 20 MW for frequency regulation



Beacon power system

Compressed air

Adiabatic: $T \sim T_0 \times r^{\frac{\gamma-1}{\gamma}}$

Isothermal: $W^{\text{isothermal}} = V \left(p_H \ln \frac{p_H}{p_0} - p_L \ln \frac{p_L}{p_0} - (p_H - p_L) \right)$

Couple with thermal storage

$$\Delta N$$

$$p_0, T_0$$

$$N$$

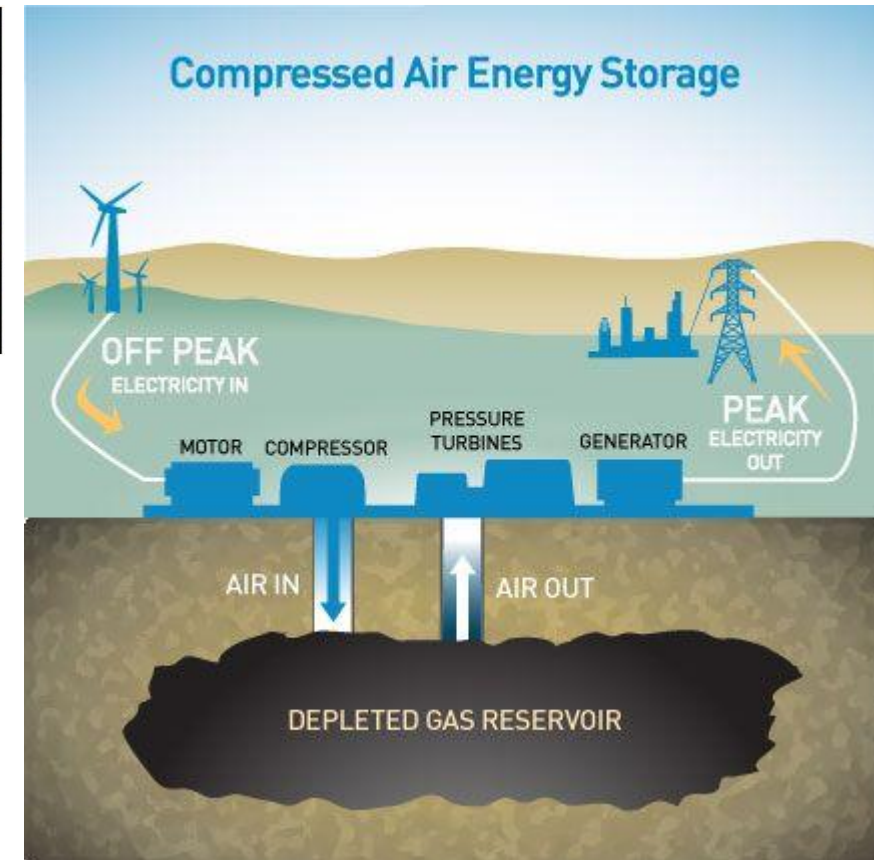
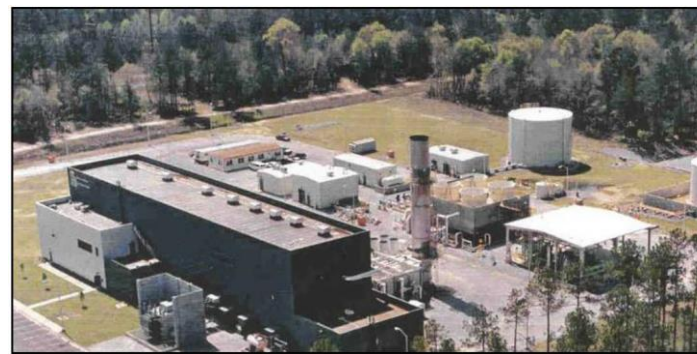
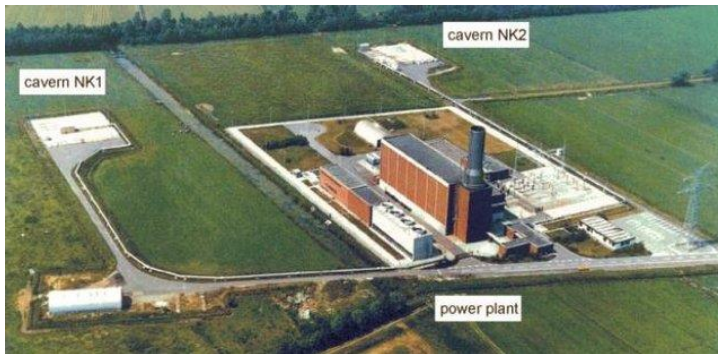
$$V$$

$$p_L, T_0$$

$$N + \Delta N$$

$$V$$

$$p_H, T_0$$



	Huntorf, Germany	McIntosh, USA
Pressure	45 to 70 bar	45 to 76 bar
Volume	310 000 m ³	560 000 m ³
Power	290 MW	110 MW
Energy	1160 MWh (=4h)	2640 MWh (=24h)

Lecture 9

Electrical grid & electrical energy storage

I. The many time scales of grid stability

Introduction to the electrical grid

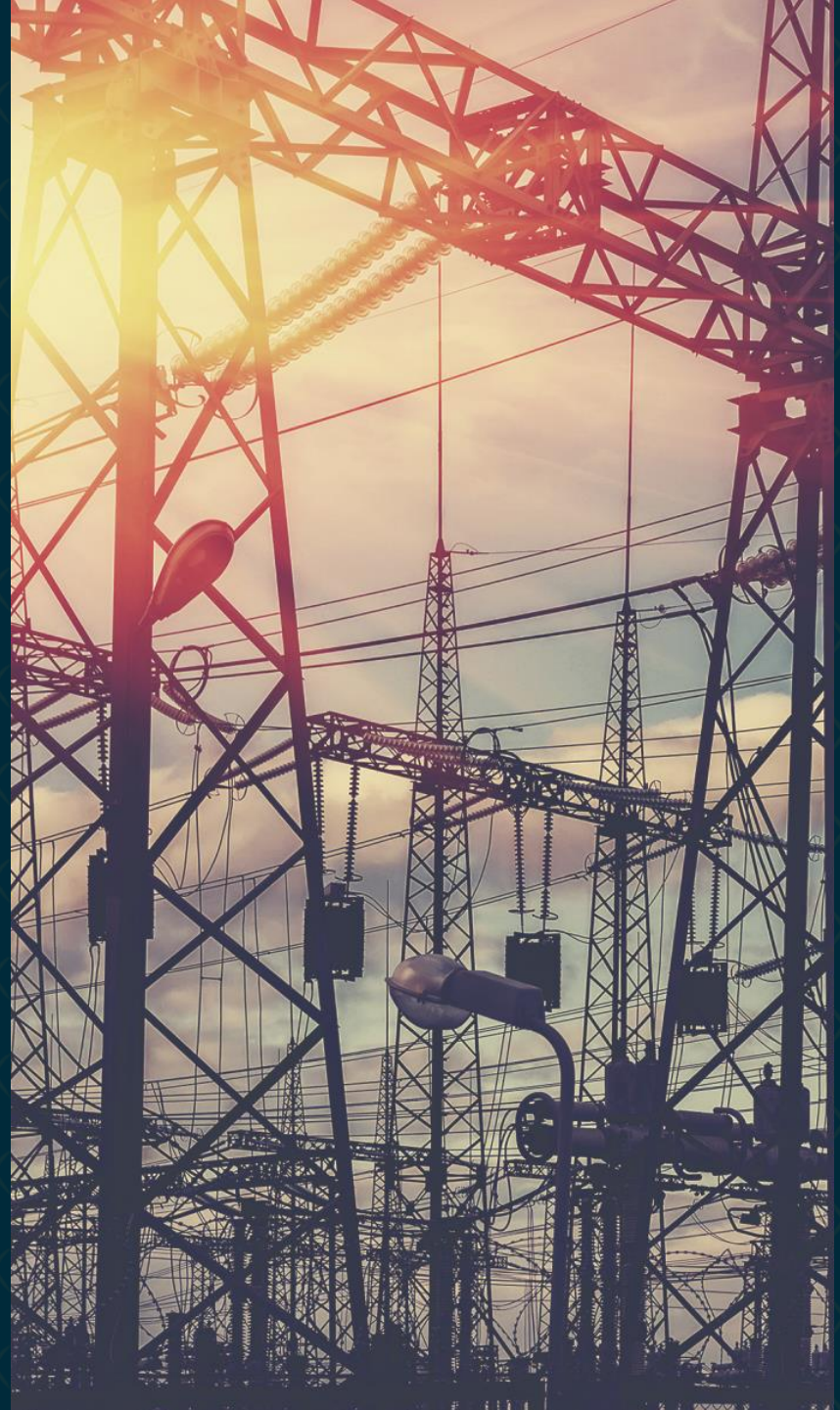
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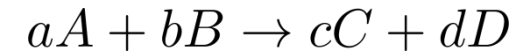
Batteries – driving force



“usual” chemical reaction

Spontaneous evolution:

$$\Delta_r G < 0$$



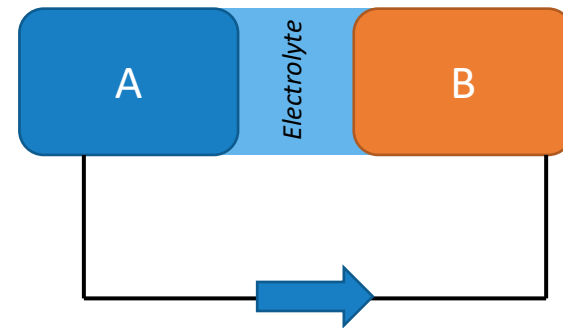
Battery: same reaction

ionic species can move through the electrolyte
but electrons have to go through an external circuit

Electron / ion duality

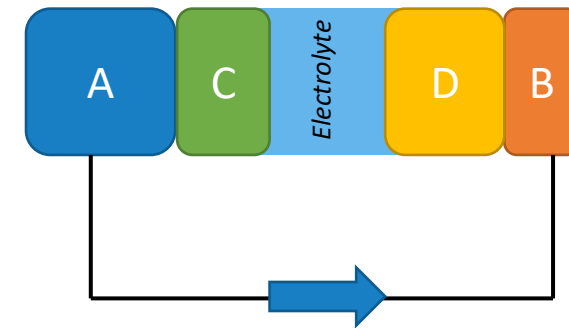
If electrons can't flow (e.g. open circuit),
the chemical reaction stops

If ions can't flow (e.g. contact issues...)
the electronic current stops



Anode
Oxidation
Gives electrons

Cathode
Reduction
Receives electrons



Batteries – Open circuit



Open circuit situation: no transport → independent of electrolyte

Open circuit voltage

$$U = -\frac{\Delta_r G}{zN_A e} \quad N_A e = 96\,500 \text{ C/mol} = \text{Faraday's constant}$$

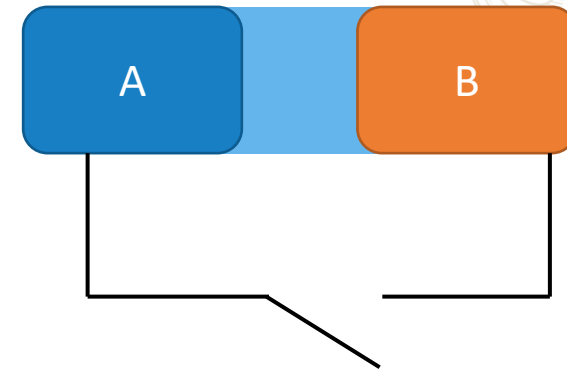
maximum theoretical specific energy (MTSE)

Real density = 20-25% of MTSE (electrolyte, casing...)

$$\text{MTSE [kWh/kg]} = -\frac{\Delta_r G}{\text{molar mass}} = 26.8 \frac{zU}{\text{molar mass}}$$



Strong interest for Li !

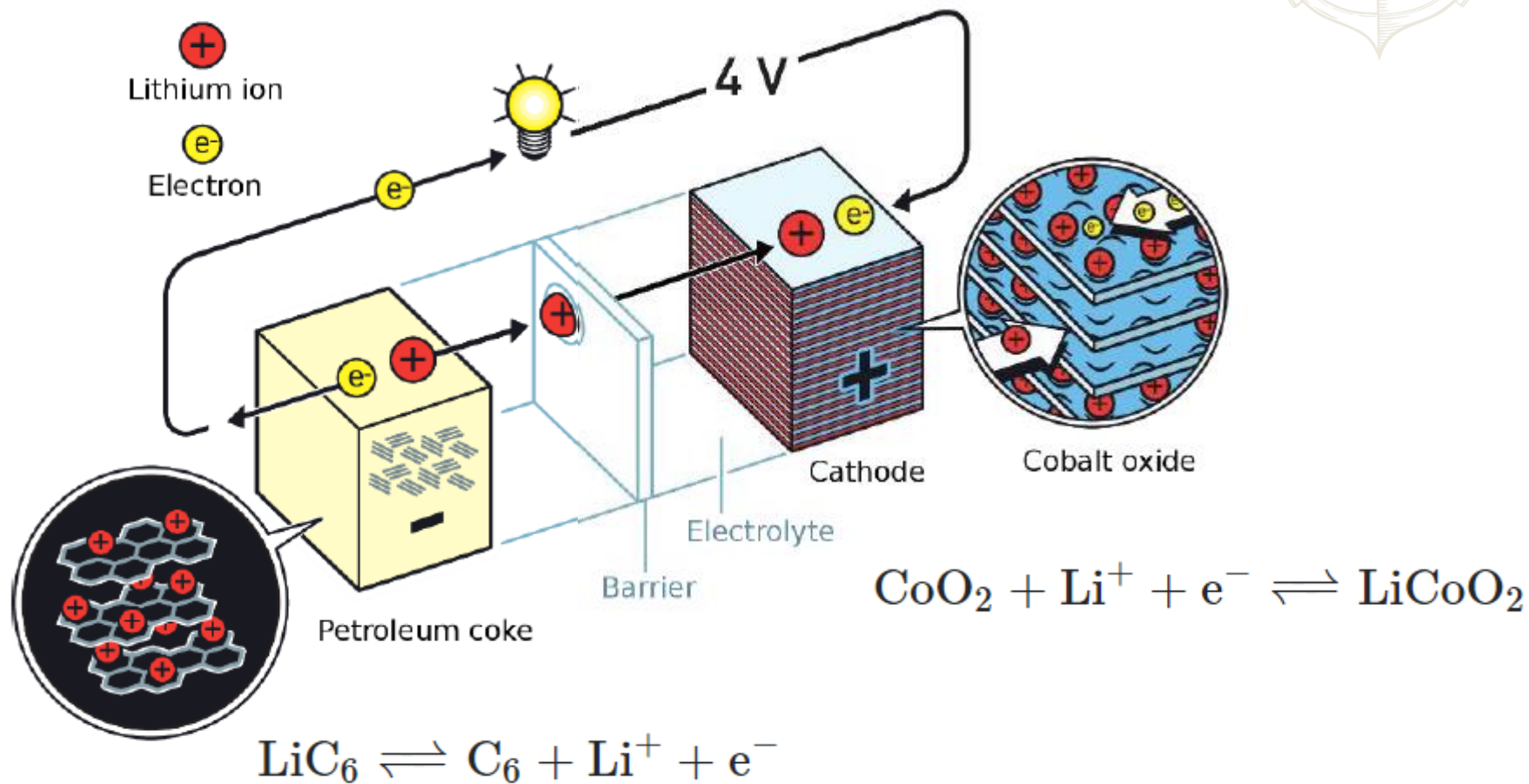


Oxidizing agent	Reducing agent	Reduction Potential (V)
$\text{Li}^+ + \text{e}^-$	Li	-3.04
$\text{Na}^+ + \text{e}^-$	Na	-2.71
$\text{Mg}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^-$	Mg	-2.38
$\text{Al}^{3+} + 3\text{e}^-$	Al	-1.66
$2\text{H}_2\text{O(l)} + 2\text{e}^-$	$\text{H}_2(\text{g}) + 2\text{OH}^-$	-0.83
$\text{Cr}^{3+} + 3\text{e}^-$	Cr	-0.74
$\text{Fe}^{2+} + 2\text{e}^-$	Fe	-0.44
$2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^-$	H_2	0.00
$\text{Sn}^{4+} + 2\text{e}^-$	Sn^{2+}	0.15
$\text{Cu}^{2+} + \text{e}^-$	Cu^+	0.16
$\text{Ag}^+ + \text{e}^-$	Ag	+0.80
$\text{Br}_2 + 2\text{e}^-$	2Br^-	+1.07
$\text{Cl}_2 + 2\text{e}^-$	2Cl^-	+1.36
$\text{MnO}_4^- + 8\text{H}^+ + 5\text{e}^-$	$\text{Mn}^{2+} + 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$	+1.49
$\text{F}_2 + 2\text{e}^-$	2F^-	+2.87

Li-ion battery



Lithium !
Non aqueous electrolyte
Avoid metallic electrodes



John B. Goodenough, M. Stanley Whittingham, Akira Yoshino
"for the development of lithium-ion batteries"



Batteries – under operation



Gibbs energy depends on mixture concentration

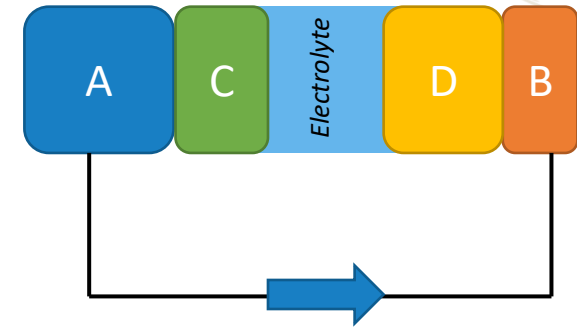
(a = activity = concentration in ideal case)

$$\Delta_r G = \Delta_r G^0 + RT \ln \frac{a_{\text{products}}}{a_{\text{reactants}}}$$

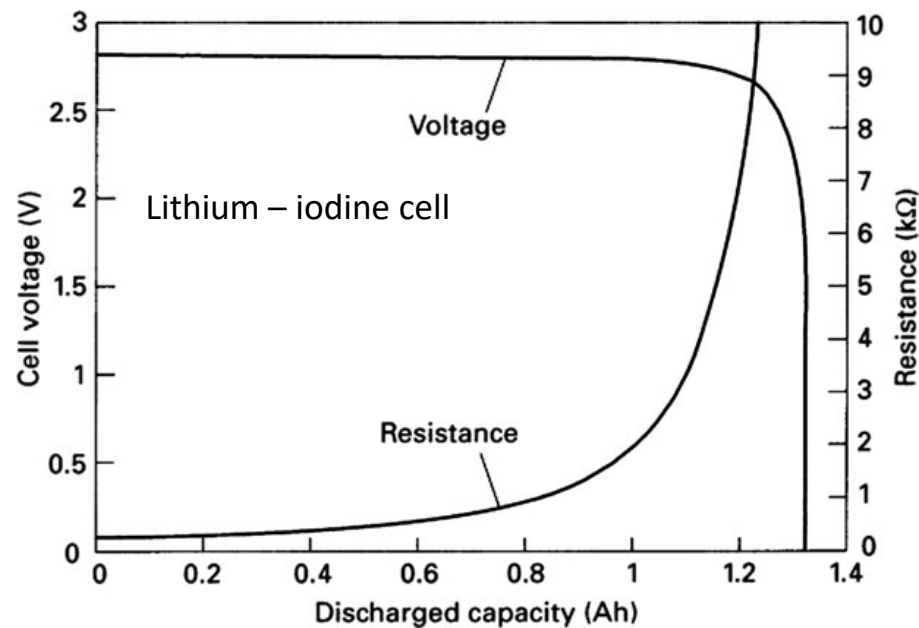


Nernst law

$$U = -\frac{\Delta_r G}{zN_A e} = U^0 - \frac{k_B T}{ze} \ln \frac{a_{\text{products}}}{a_{\text{reactants}}}$$



Voltage changes during cell operation



+ kinetic considerations (not addressed here)

A zoology of batteries



Table 2. Common Commercial Battery Systems

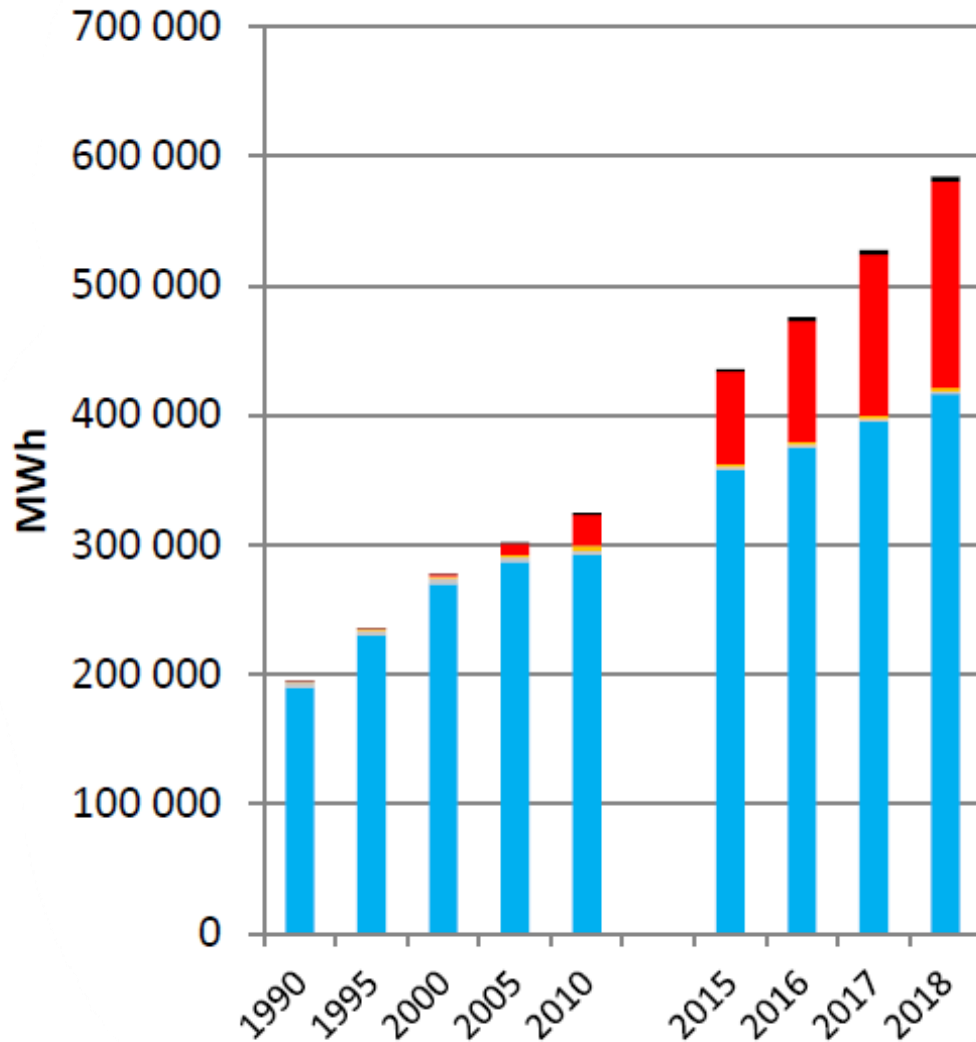
common name	nominal voltage	anode	cathode	electrolyte
primary				
Leclanché (carbon–zinc)	1.5	zinc foil	MnO ₂ (natural)	aq ZnCl ₂ –NH ₄ Cl
zinc chloride (carbon–zinc)	1.5	zinc foil	electrolytic MnO ₂	aq ZnCl ₂
alkaline	1.5	zinc powder	electrolytic MnO ₂	aq KOH
zinc–air	1.2	zinc powder	carbon (air)	aq KOH
silver–zinc	1.6	zinc powder	Ag ₂ O	aq KOH
lithium–manganese dioxide	3.0	lithium foil	treated MnO ₂	LiCF ₃ SO ₃ or LiClO ₄ ^a
lithium–carbon monofluoride	3.0	lithium foil	CF _x	LiCF ₃ SO ₃ or LiClO ₄ ^a
lithium–iron sulfide	1.6	lithium foil	FeS ₂	LiCF ₃ SO ₃ and/or LiClO ₄ ^a
rechargeable				
lead acid	2.0	lead	PbO ₂	aq H ₂ SO ₄
nickel–cadmium	1.2	cadmium	NiOOH	aq KOH
nickel–metal hydride	1.2	MH	NiOOH	aq KOH
lithium ion	4.0	Li(C)	LiCoO ₂	LiPF ₆ in nonaqueous solvents ^a
specialty				
nickel–hydrogen	1.2	H ₂ (Pt)	NiOOH	aq KOH
lithium–iodine	2.7	Li	I ₂	LiI
lithium–silver–vanadium oxide	3.2	Li	Ag ₂ V ₄ O ₁₁	LiAsF ₆ ^a
lithium–sulfur dioxide	2.8	Li	SO ₂ (C)	SO ₂ –LiBr
lithium–thionyl chloride	3.6	Li	SOCl ₂ (C)	SOCl ₂ –LiAlCl ₄
lithium–iron sulfide (thermal)	1.6	Li	FeS ₂	LiCl–LiBr–LiF
magnesium–silver chloride	1.6	Mg	AgCl	seawater

Usual battery technologies

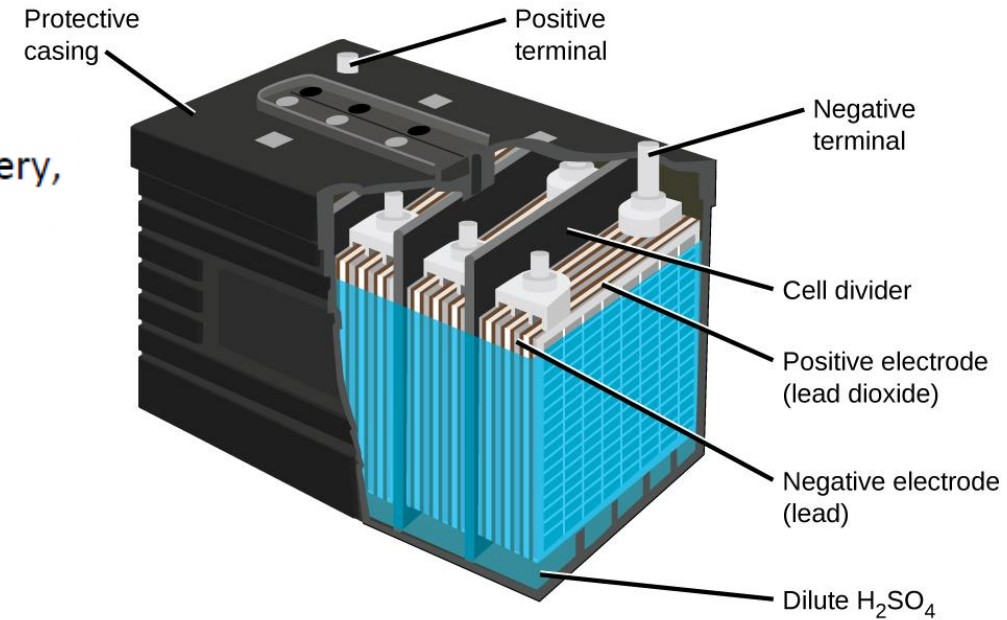


	Sodium-sulfur (NaS)	Lithium-ion (Li-ion)	Nickel-cadmium (NiCd)	Lead-acid (LA)
Efficiency %	70 - 90	85 - 98	60 - 80	70 - 90
Self-discharge % energy / day	0.05 - 20	0.1 - 0.3	0.067 - 0.6	0.033 - 0.3
Cycle lifetime cycles	2,500 - 4,500	1,000 - 10,000	800 - 3,500	100 - 2,000
Expected lifetime years	5 - 15	5 - 15	5 - 20	3 - 20
Specific energy Wh / kg	150 - 240	75 - 200	50 - 75	30 - 50
Specific power W / kg	150 - 230	150 - 315	150 - 300	75 - 300
Energy density Wh / Liter	150 - 300	200 - 400	60 - 150	30 - 80
Other consideration (<i>environment & safety</i>)	Need to be maintained at temperatures of 300°C to 350°C, entailing safety issues and preventing suitability to small-scale applications	Lithium is highly reactive and flammable, and therefore requires recycling programs and safety measures	Cadmium is a toxic metal that needs to be recycled. NiCd also requires ventilation & air conditioning to maintain the temperature	Lead is toxic and sulfuric acid is highly corrosive, requiring recycling and neutralization. Air conditioning required to maintain stable temperature

Battery market



- Others (Flow battery, NAS, ...)
- Li-ion
- NiMH
- NiCD
- Lead Acid

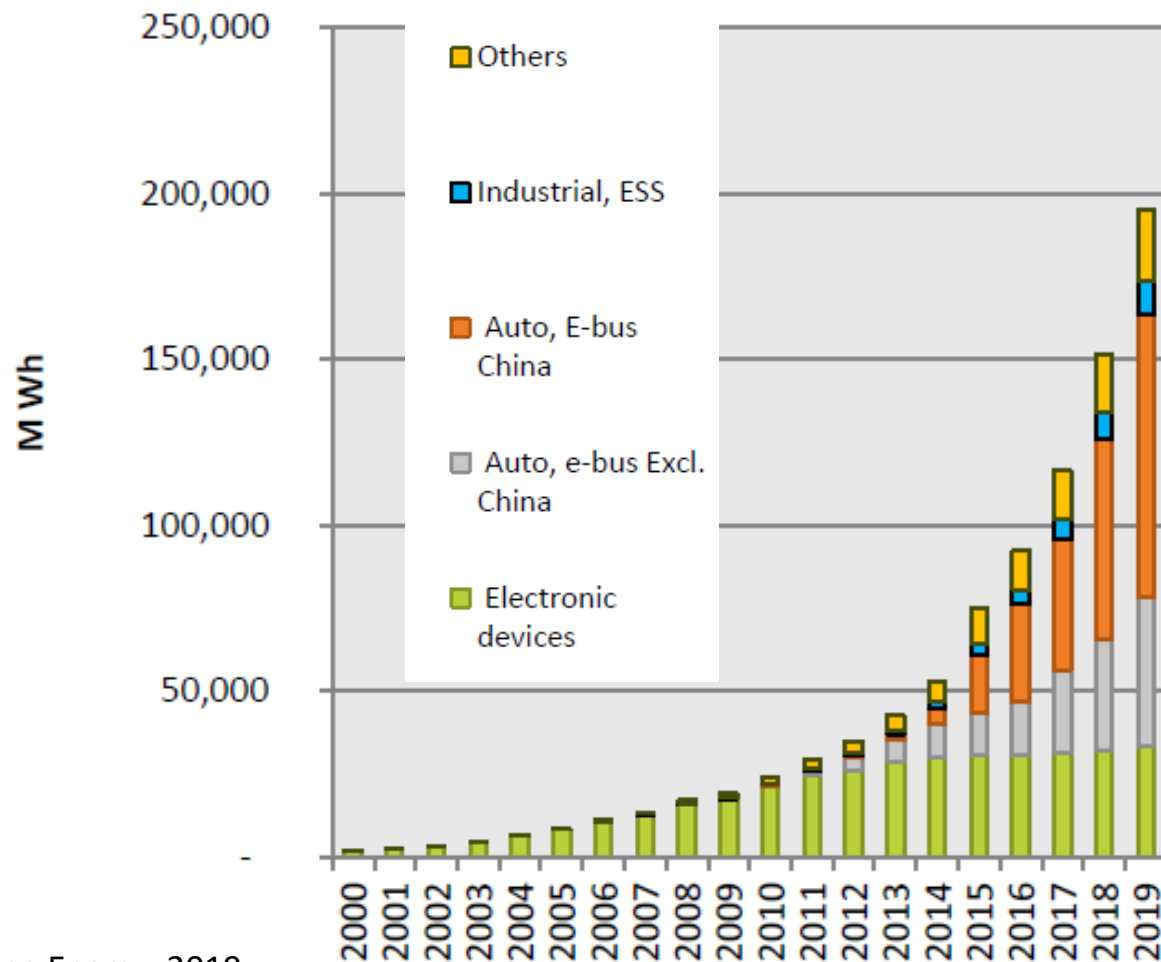


Reminder: Grandmaison : 300 GWh, 2GW

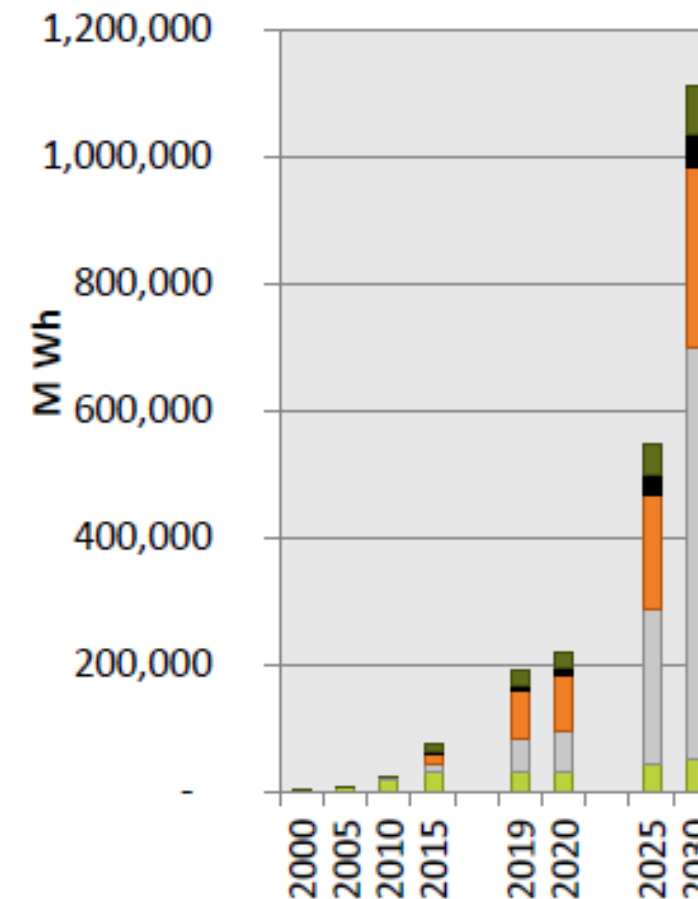


Focus on Li-ion batteries

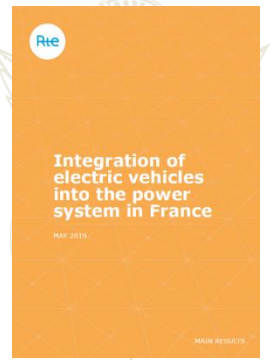
Li-ion Battery sales, MWh, Worldwide, 2000-2020



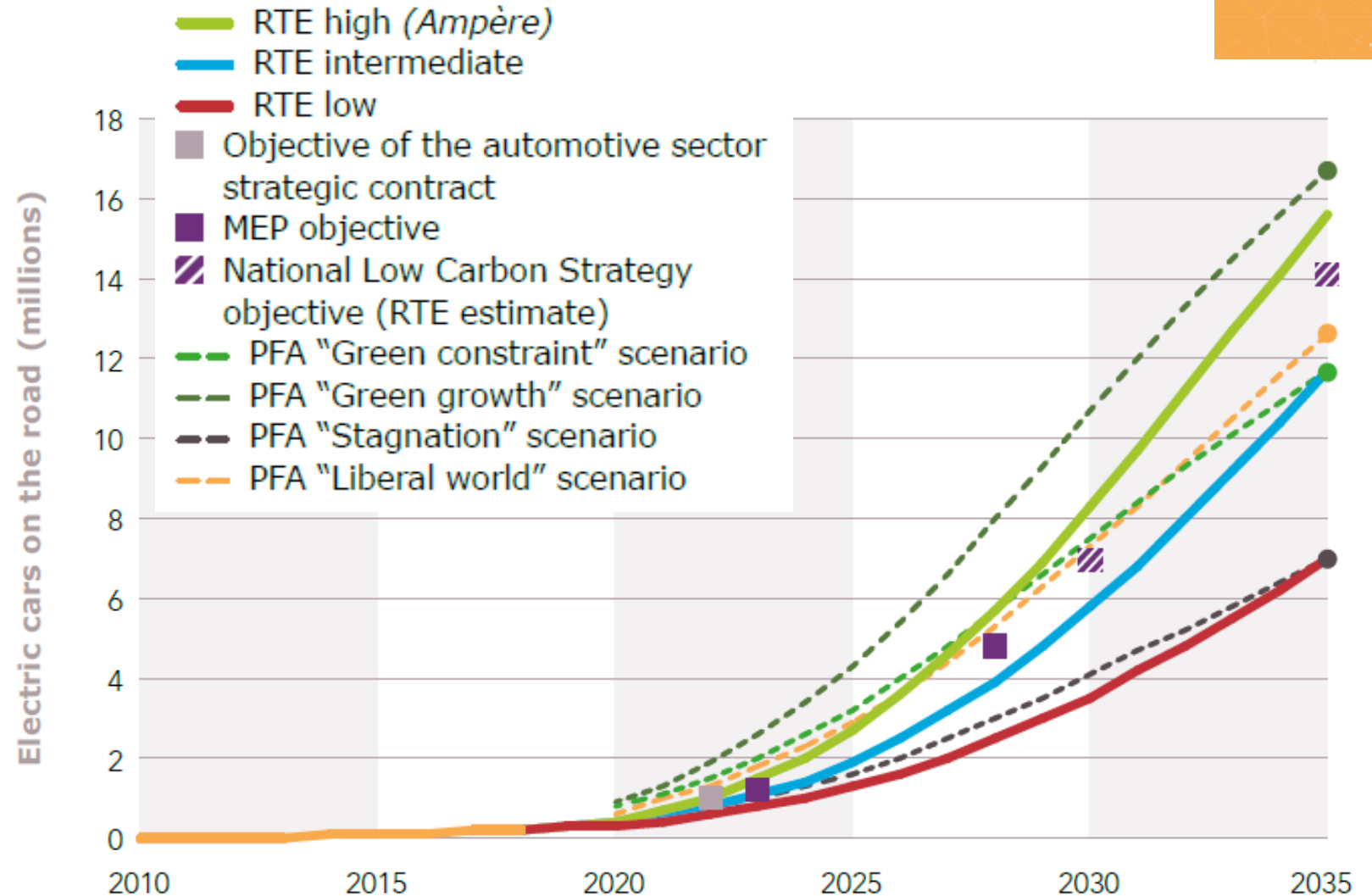
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E-mobility in France



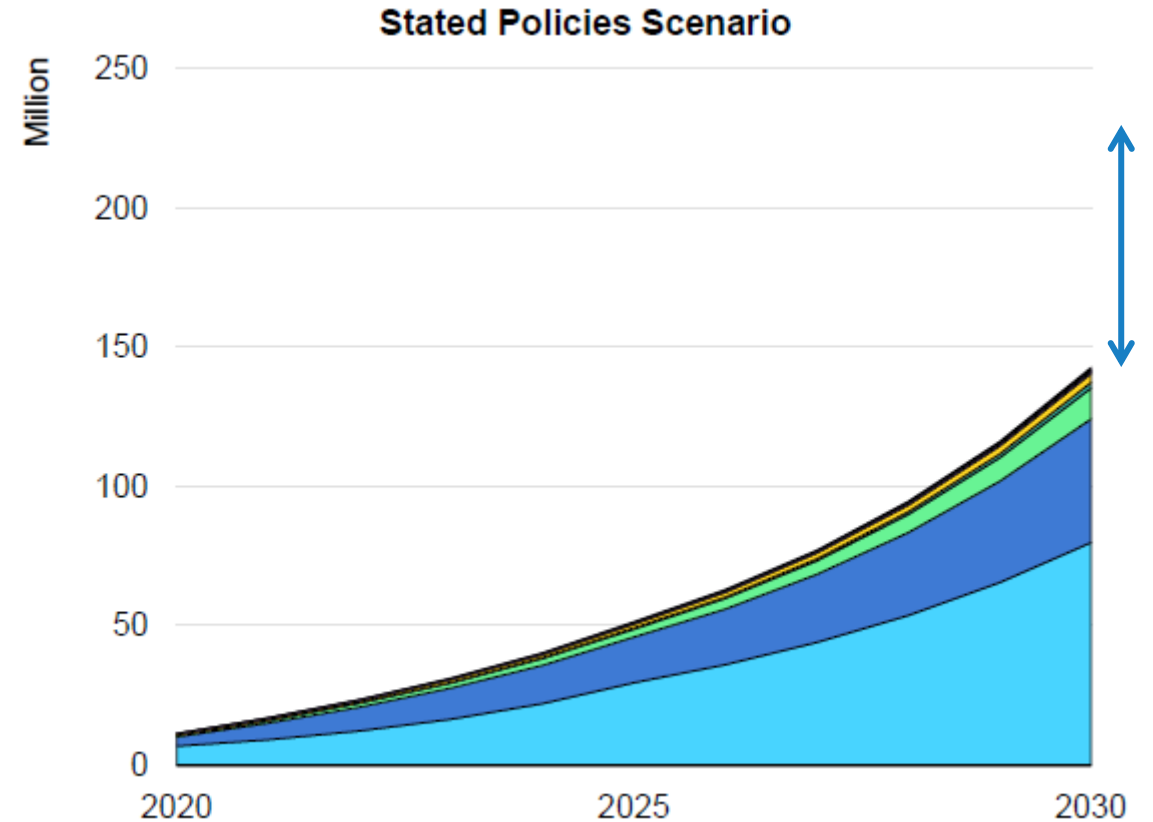
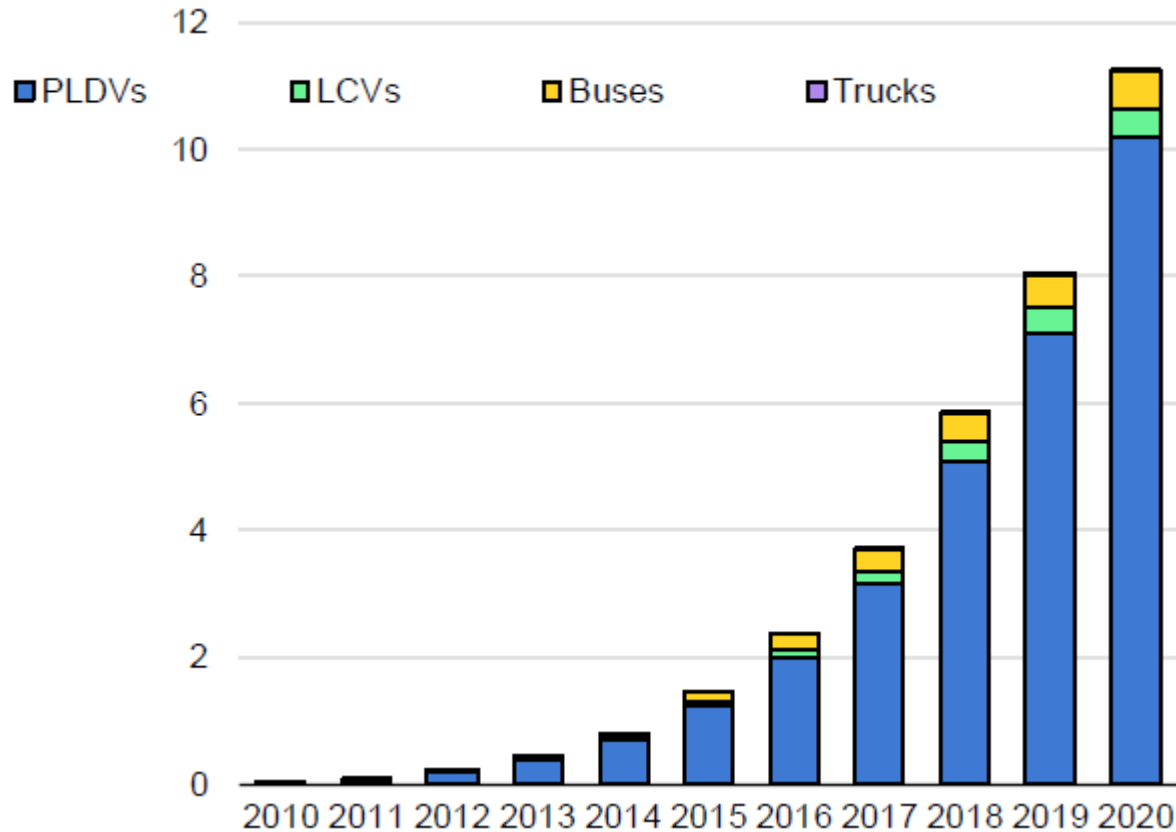
In 2020 in France
40 000 000 vehicles
~ 400 000 electric vehicles
1%



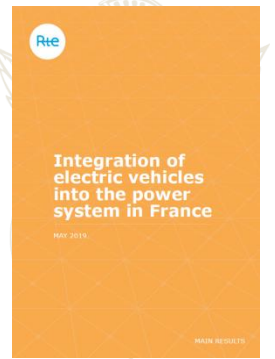
E-mobility in the world

In 2020 in the World, similar statistics
1 000 000 000 vehicles
10 000 000 electric vehicles
1%

Global EV Outlook 2021
Accelerating ambitions despite the pandemic

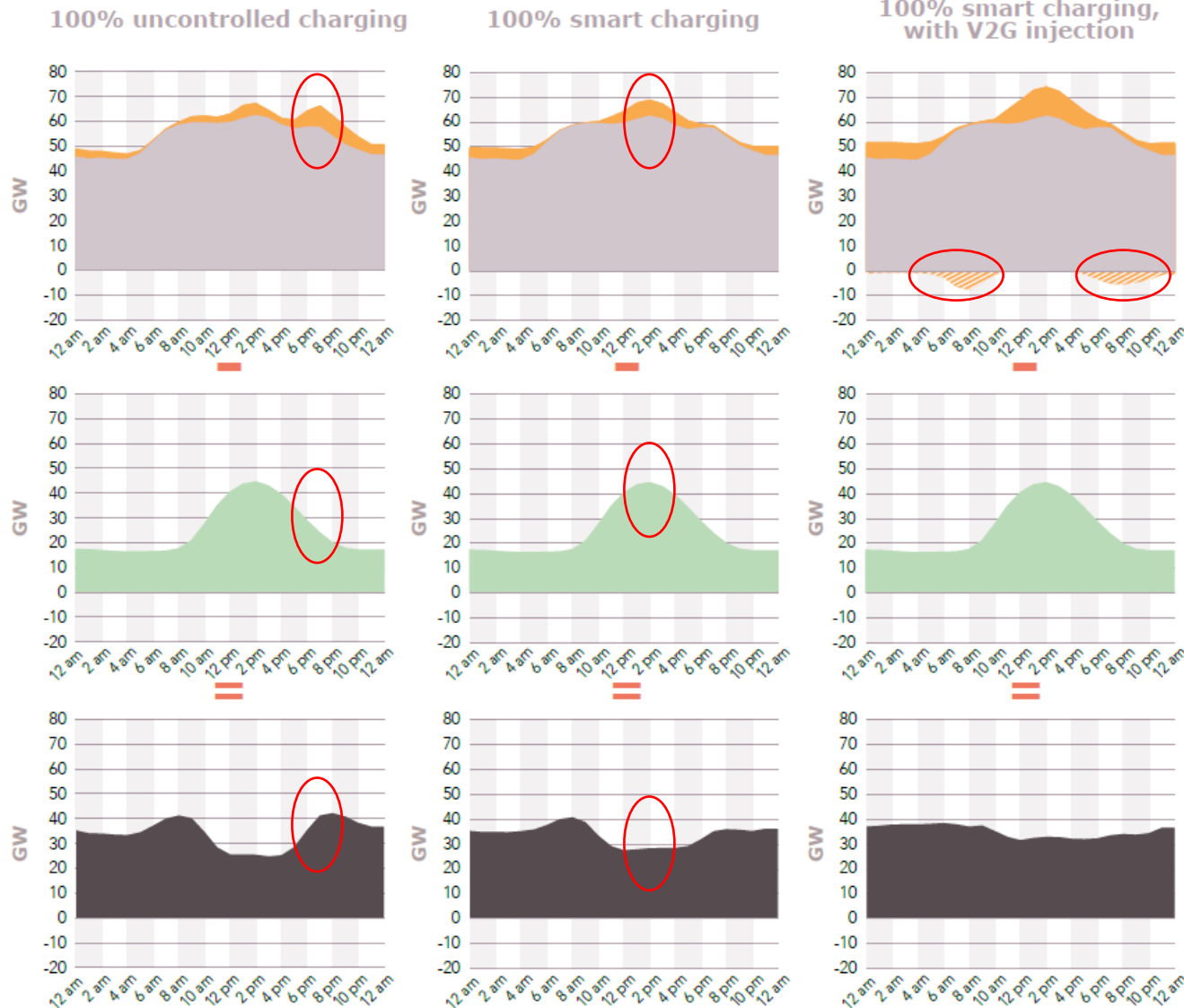


Integration strategies



400 000 EV
 ↓
 15 000 000 EV

Total demand



If uncontrolled charging:
 EV adds stress to the system
 daily operation more than holidays

Smart charging:
 Displace charging
 Not *required* (but useful) until 2035
 Required for larger developments

Vehicle to grid (V2G):
 Contribute to FCR and aFRR
 Not all vehicles

How many batteries ?



World : 10^9 vehicles, 50 kWh/vehicles = 50 TWh

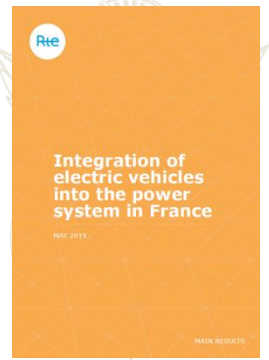
= 110 years of current Lead acid battery production

= 250 years of current Li-ion battery production

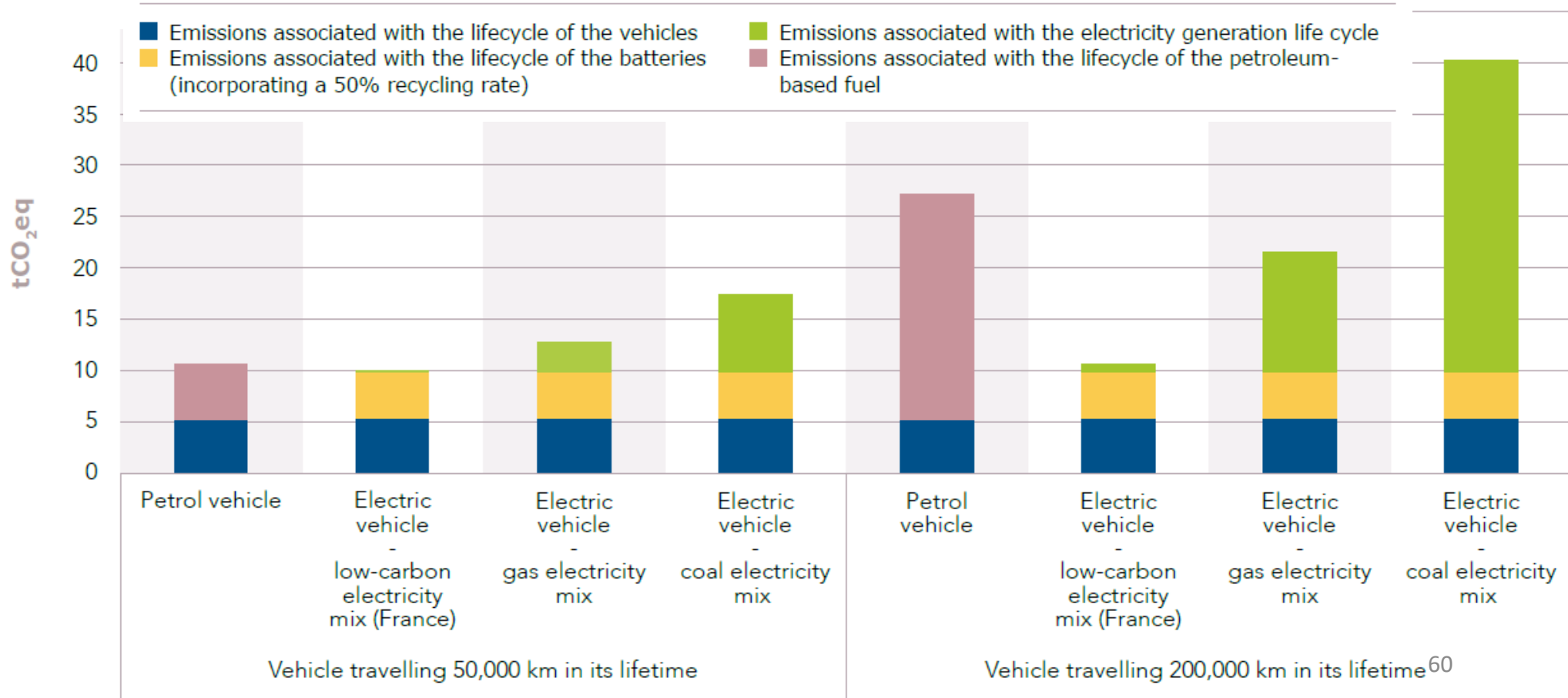
= 1 400 years of production by a Gigafactory



Electric vehicle: CO₂ issues

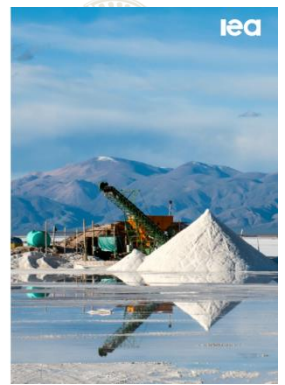


7.3 The carbon benefit of e-mobility is still significant when the whole life cycle of the vehicle is included, even with batteries that are made in China...



Electric vehicle: material issues

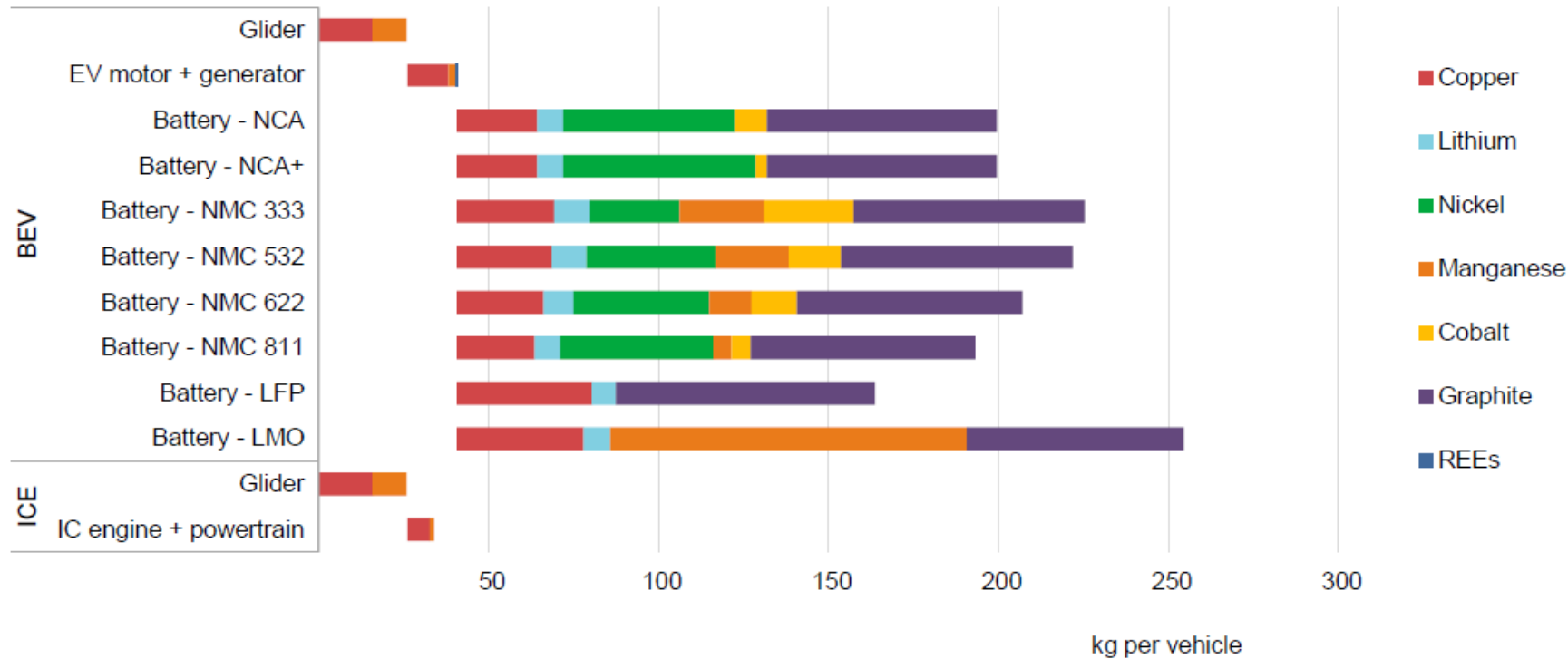
The Role of Critical Minerals in Clean Energy Transitions



World Energy Outlook Special Report

EVs use around six times more minerals than conventional vehicles

Typical use of minerals in an internal combustion engine vehicle and a battery electric vehicle



Remember that
no solution is
perfect !

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Notes: For this figure, the EV motor is a permanent-magnet synchronous motor (neodymium iron boron [NdFeB]); the battery is 75 kilowatt hours (kWh) with graphite anodes.

Sources: Argonne National Laboratory (2020b, 2020a); Ballinger et al. (2019); Fishman et al. (2018b); Nordelöf et al. (2019); Watari et al. (2019).

Lecture 9

Electrical grid & electrical energy storage

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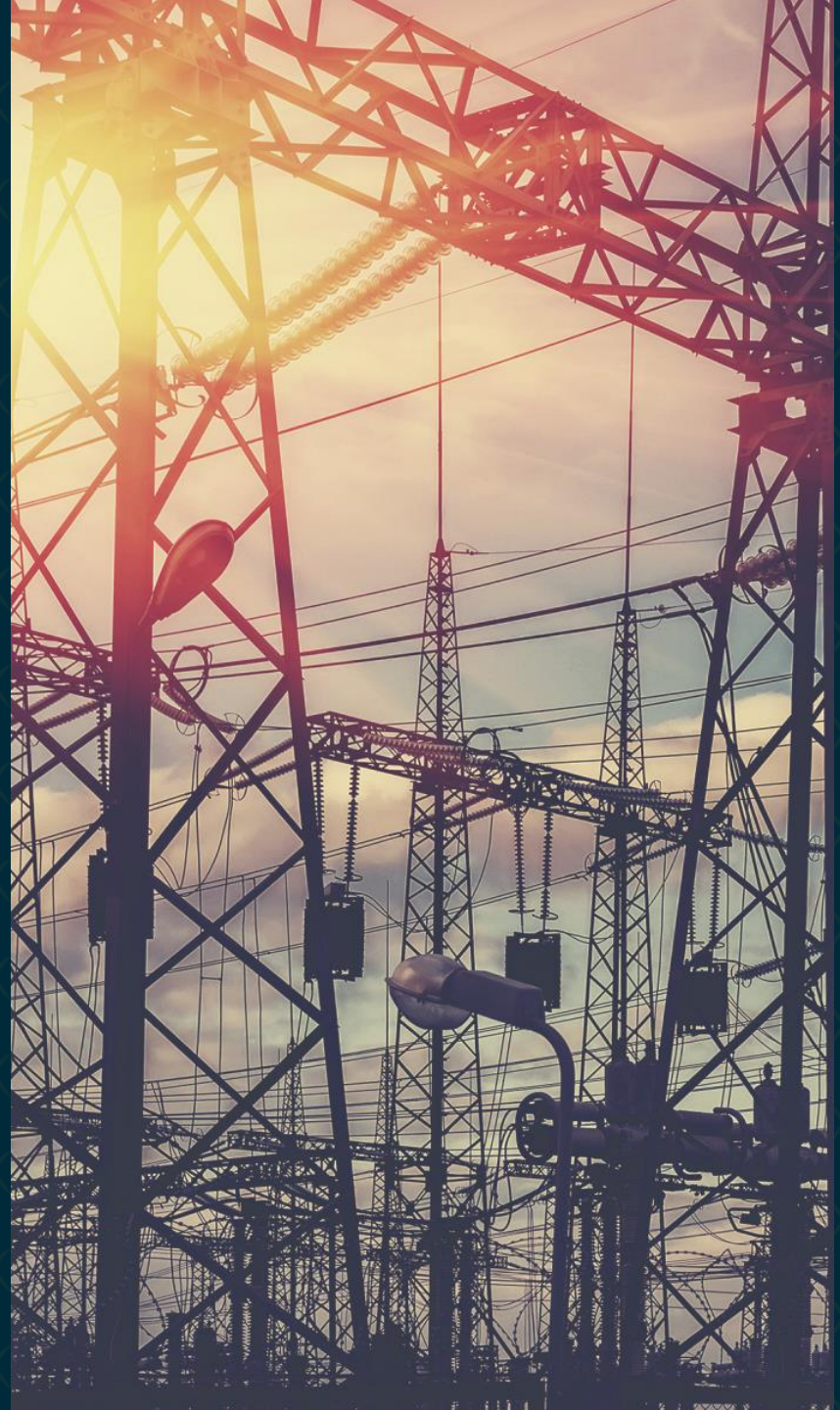
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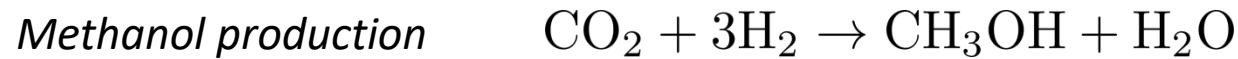
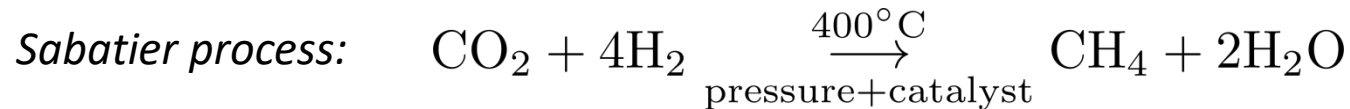



Hydrogen properties

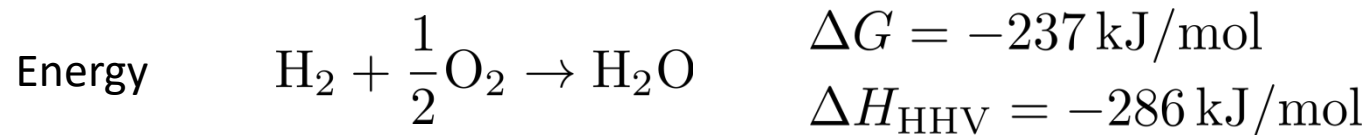


Own chemical properties (Sulfur removal in petroleum refinery...)

Produce new chemicals of interest (Ammonia, Methane, Methanol...)

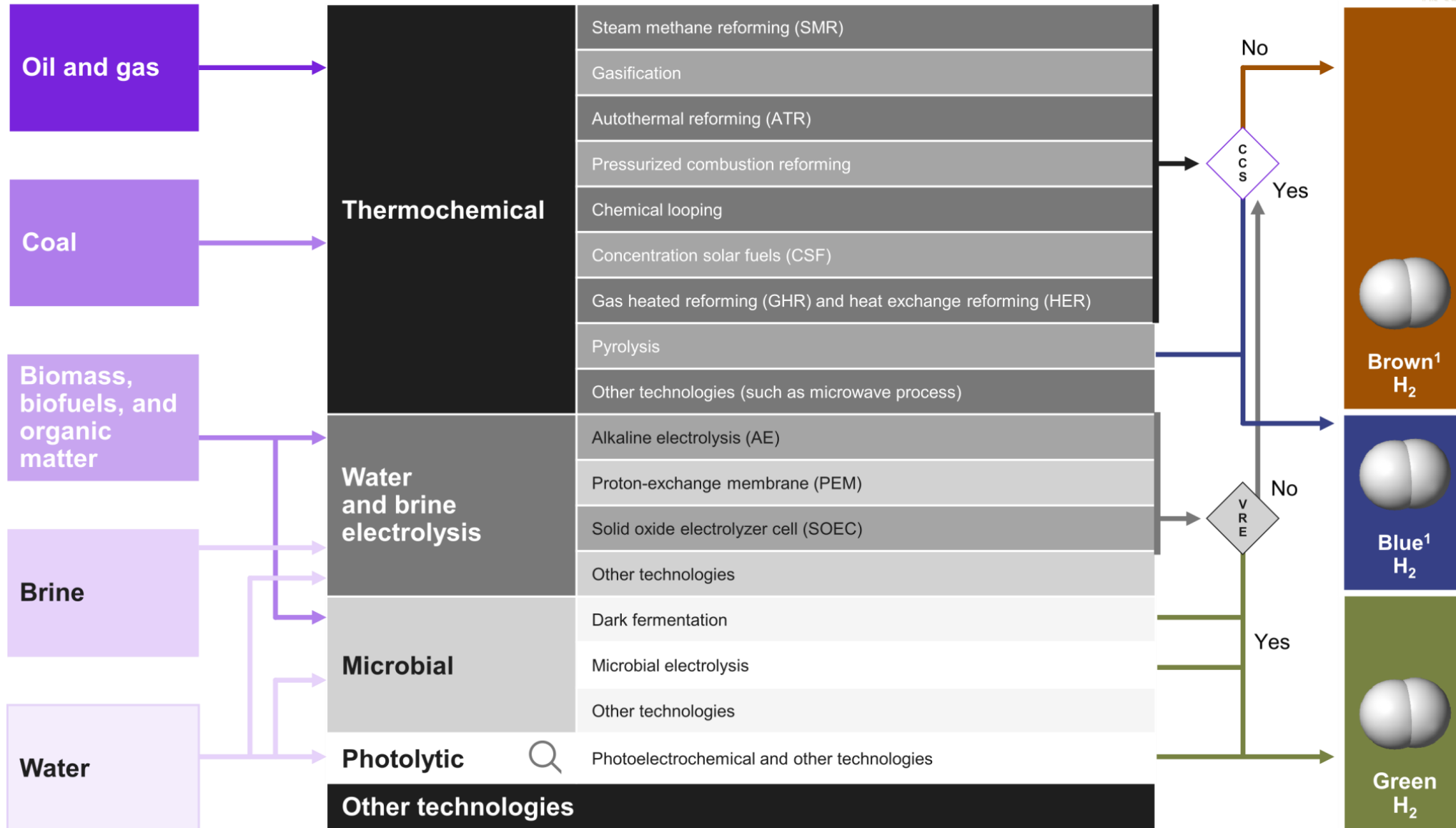


 *Synthetic fuels*



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Many ways of producing hydrogen



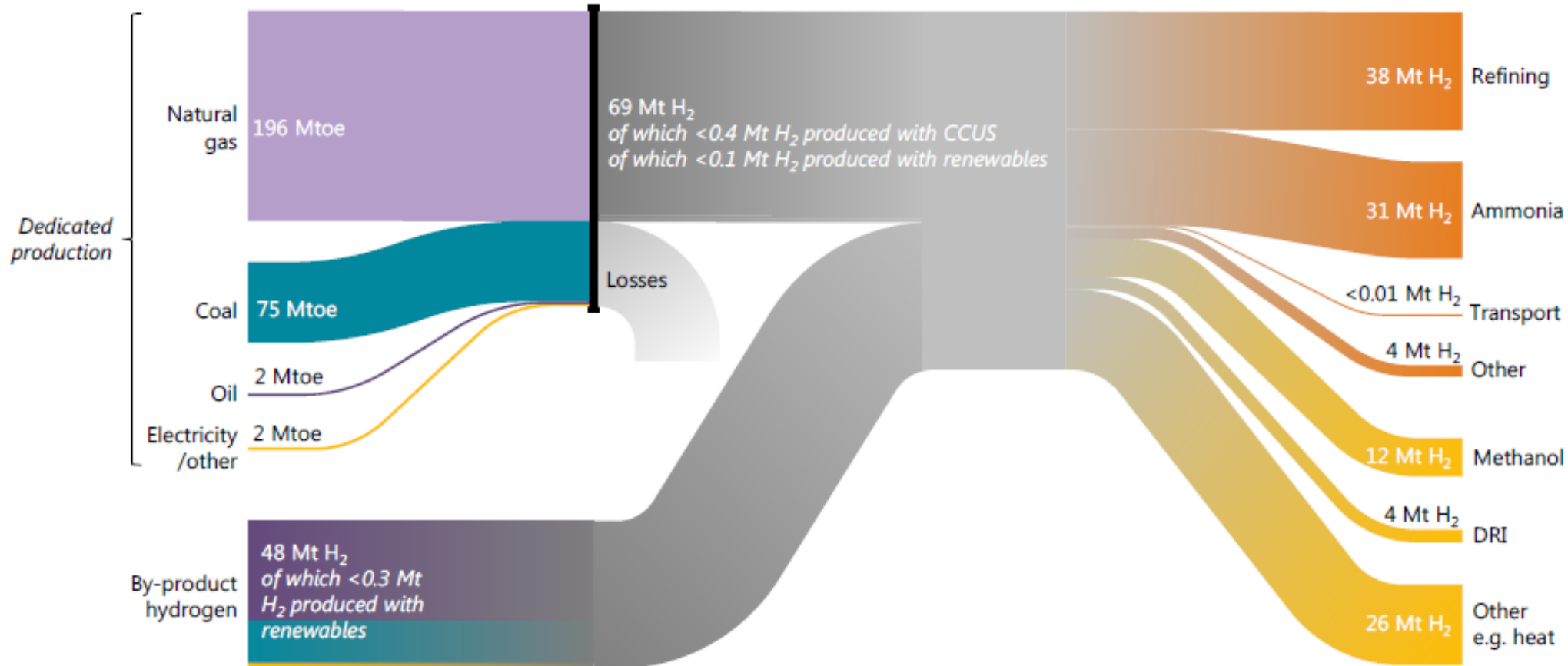
Many ways to use hydrogen



Feedstock	Industrial applications	Oil refining	Sulphur removal, heavy crude upgrade
		Chemicals production	Feedstock for ammonia and methanol
		Iron & steel production	Direct reduction of iron (DRI)
		Food industry	Hydrogenation
Energy	Mobility	High temperature heat	Fuel gas
		Light-duty vehicles	Fuel cells
		Heavy duty vehicles	Fuel cells
		Maritime	Synthetic fuels / Fuel cells
		Rail	Fuel cells
	Power generation	Aviation	Synthetic fuels / Fuel cells
		Co firing NH3 in coal power plants	Additional fuel for coal power plant
		Flexible power generation	Combustion turbines / Fuel cells
		Back-up / off-grid power supply	Fuel for fuel cells
	Gas energy	Long-term / large scale energy storage	Energy storage in caverns, tanks,...
		Blended H2	5-20% H2 mixed with CH4
		Methanation	Transformation into CH4
		Pure H2	100% H2 injected on network



Hydrogen today



Green hydrogen < 4% of hydrogen production

Main usage = chemical



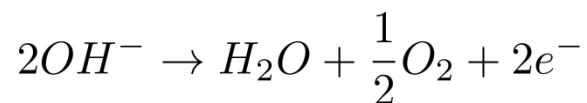
Water electrolysis



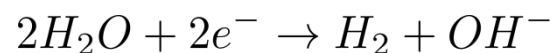
Need to provide ΔH energy in total,
with at least ΔG as work

Example: alkaline electrolyser

Anode

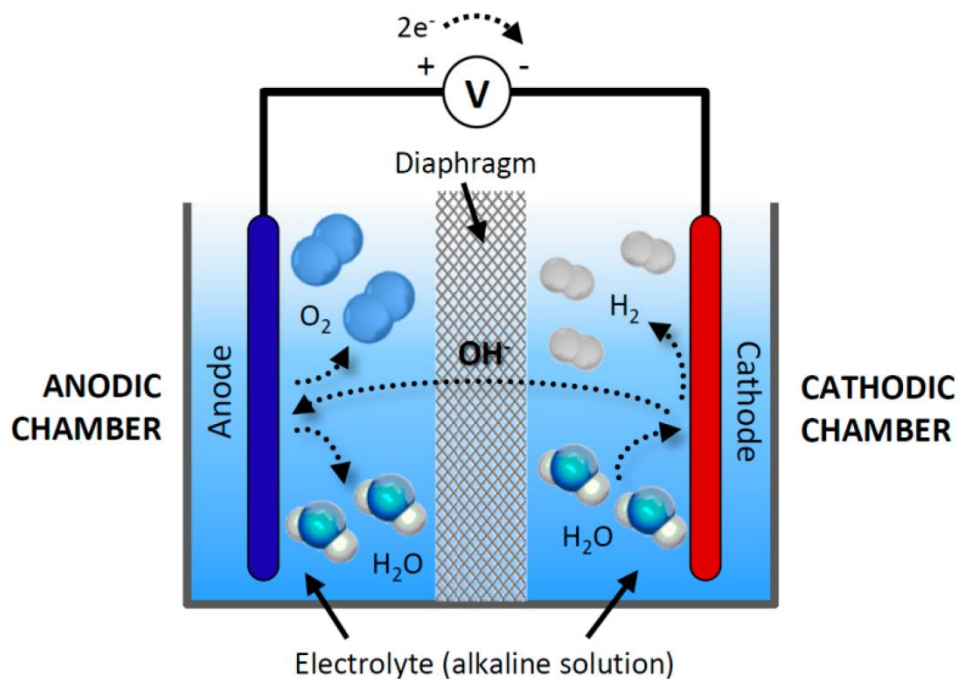


Cathode



Minimal voltage

$$U \geq \frac{1}{2} \frac{\Delta G}{N_A e} = 1.23 \text{ V}$$



Very similar to a battery
in reverse mode !

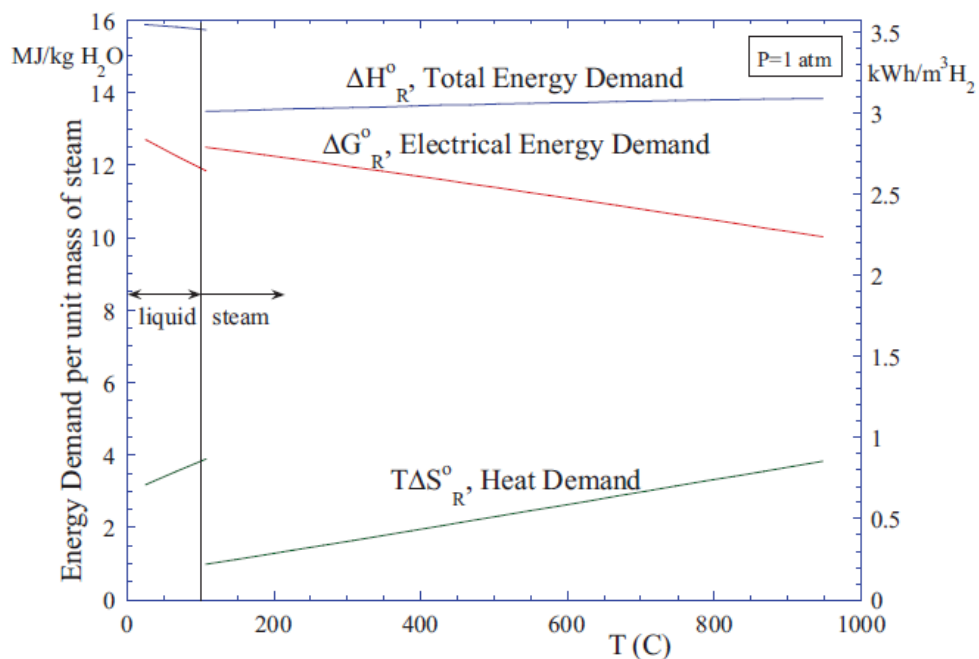


Water electrolysis in practice

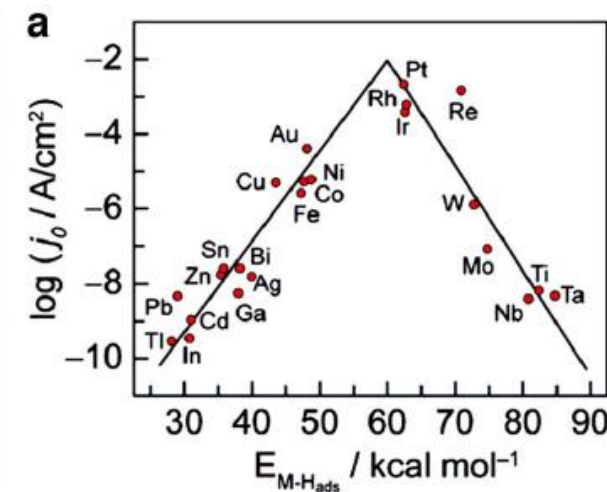
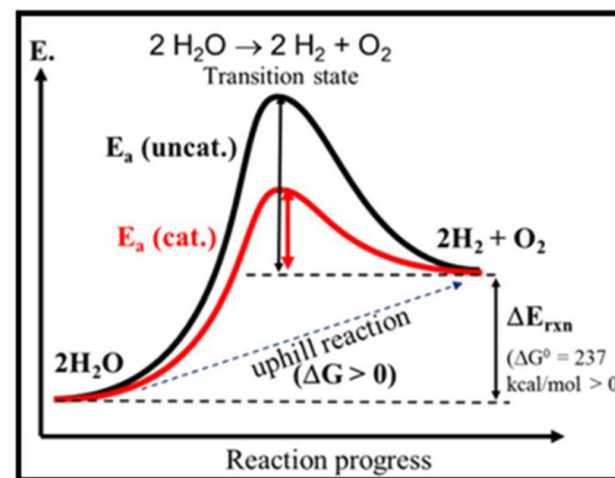


Need to provide ΔH energy in total,
with at least ΔG as work

Why high temperatures ?



Why catalyst?

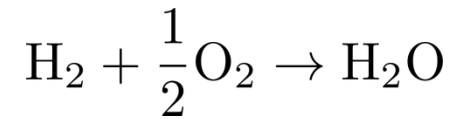
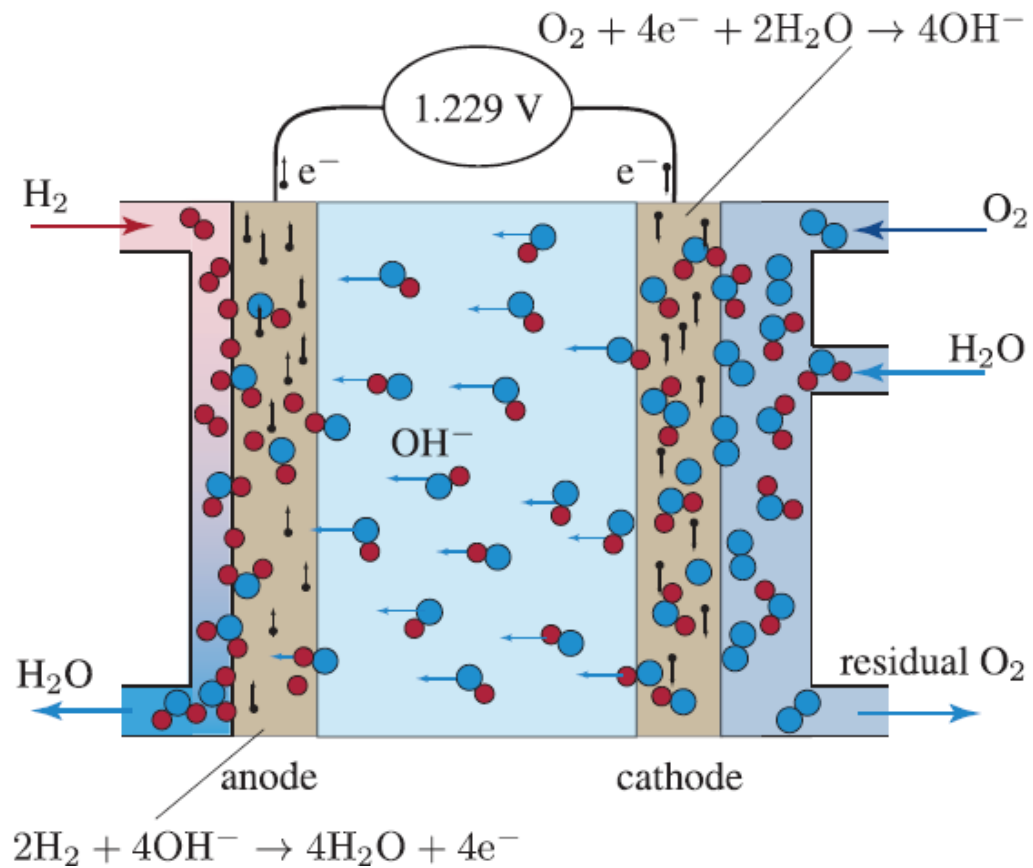


Electrolysers



	AE (Alkaline)	PEM	SOEC
Operating pressure (bar)	1–30	20–50	1
Operating temperature (°C)	60–80°C	50–80°C	650–1,000°C
Current density	0.3–0.5 A/cm ²	1–3 A/cm ²	0.5–1 A/m ²
Load range (% of nominal load¹)	10–110%	20–100%, up to 160%	20–100%
System efficiency (% LHV)	52–69%	60–77%	74–81%
Response time	Start: 1–10 minutes; shut: 1–10 minutes	Start: 1 second–5 minutes; shut: few seconds	High
Reverse mode (fuel cell mode)	No	No	Depends on design
Stack lifetime (hours)	60,000–90,000; 100,000–150,000 expected	30,000–70,000 (80, 000 achieved by ITM); 100,000–120,000 expected	10,000–30,000, 75,000–100,000 expected
Expected R&D improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Scaling benefits and lower cost of BoP – Improved lifetime of components through R&D – Improved heat exchangers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Scaling benefits, smaller footprint of stack, and lower cost of BoP – Improvement in materials and components lifetime (such as lower resistance membrane, catalyst coating, and current density) through R&D 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Improvement in component lifetime (especially ceramic membrane) by improving resistance to high temperatures – Improve response to fluctuating energy inputs
Pros and cons	Mature technology with track records of large scale projects but from old alkaline technologies	Highly reactive technology with small land footprint thanks to high current density	High potential of economical benefits if coupled with heat source, geothermal, or CSP

Fuel cell



$$\Delta G = -237 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

$$\Delta H_{HHV} = -286 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

Fuel cell versus combustion

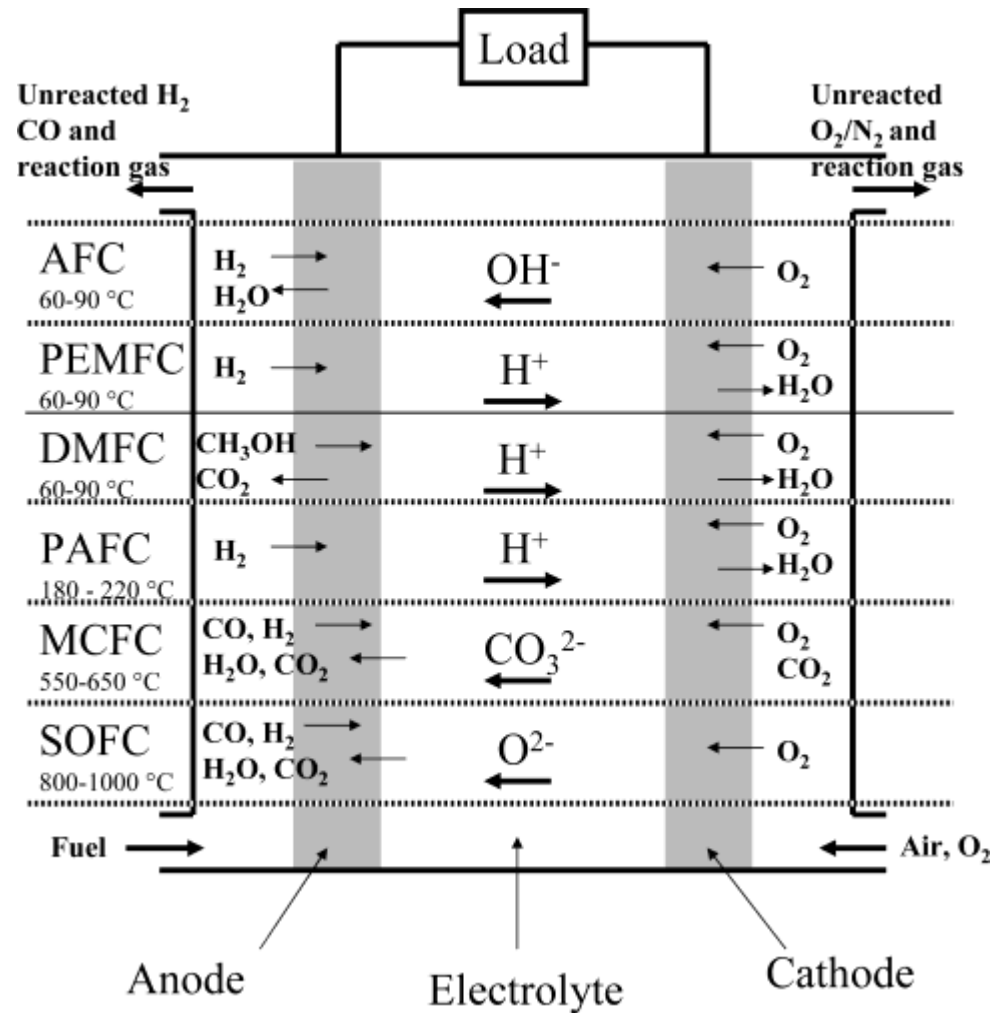
Energy transferred to (electro)chemical energy
not to thermal energy

Recover $W = -\Delta G$ rather than $Q = -\Delta H$

Fuel cell versus battery

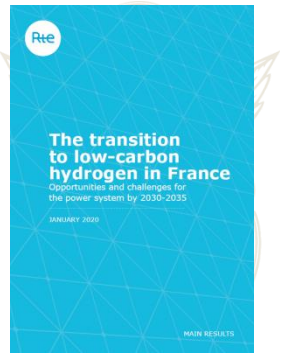
Fuel cell is not storing energy.
Reactants are stored elsewhere, and flow through the cell

Fuel cell technologies



	Temperature	Stack size	Electrical performance (LHV)
Polymer electrolyte membrane (PEM)	<120°C	<1-100kW	60%
Alkaline (AFC)	<100°C	1-100kW	60%
Phosphoric acid (PAFC)	<150-200°C	5-400kW	40%
Molten carbonate (MCFC)	600-700°C	300kW-3MW	50%
Solid oxide (SOFC)	500-1000°C	1kW-2MW	60%

Hydrogen and the grid



Short term :

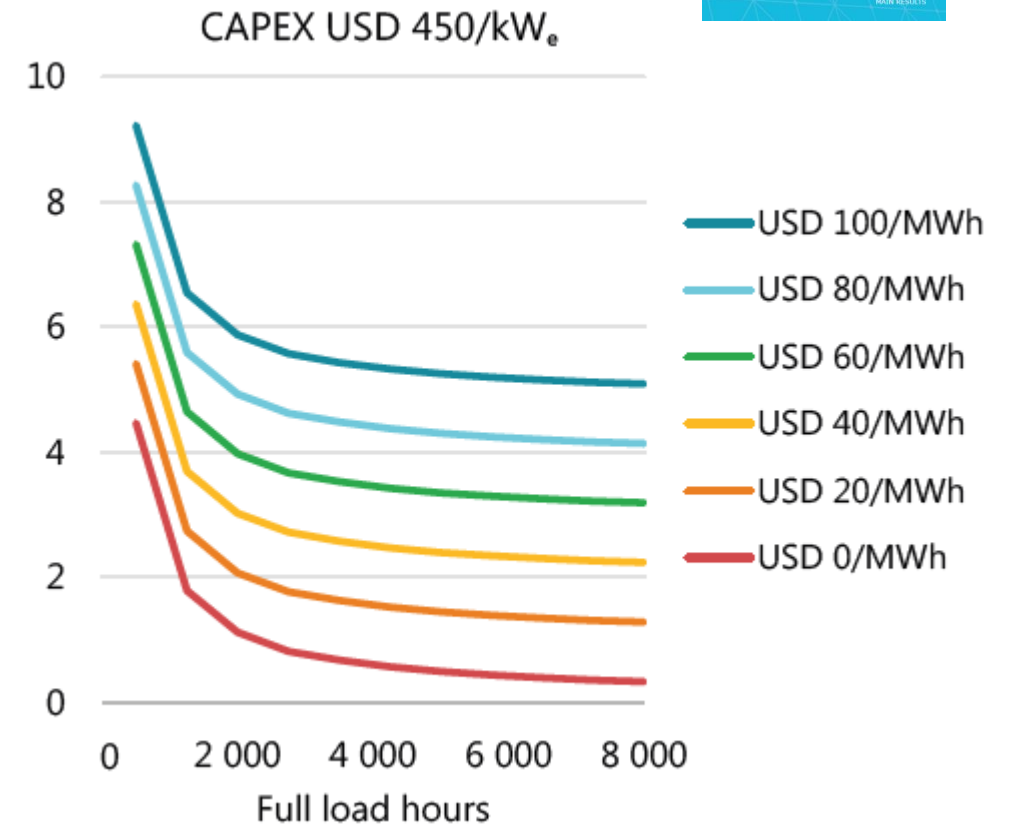
Use REN to produce decarbonized H
→ Decarbonize current H usage

Middle term :

Use electrolysers to provide grid flexibility
Develop new H usage

Long term :

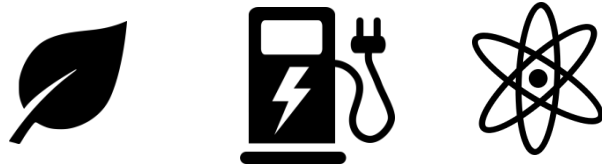
Seasonal storage via power to gas to power loop ?



electrolyser efficiency of 69% (LHV) and a discount rate of 8%.

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Hydrogen and transports



Technical specificities?

power density, freezing point...

Costs?

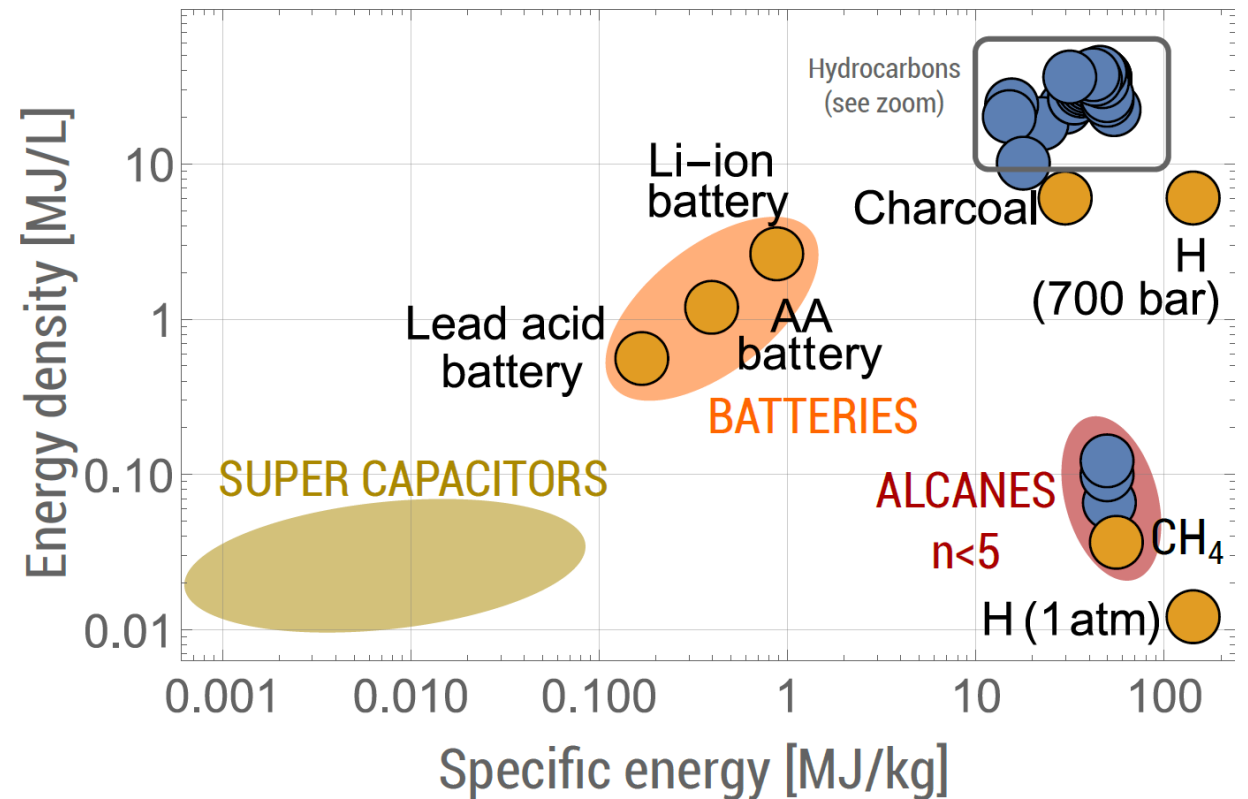
Overall efficiency, feedstock availability...

Supply chain?

Compatible with current infrastructures?

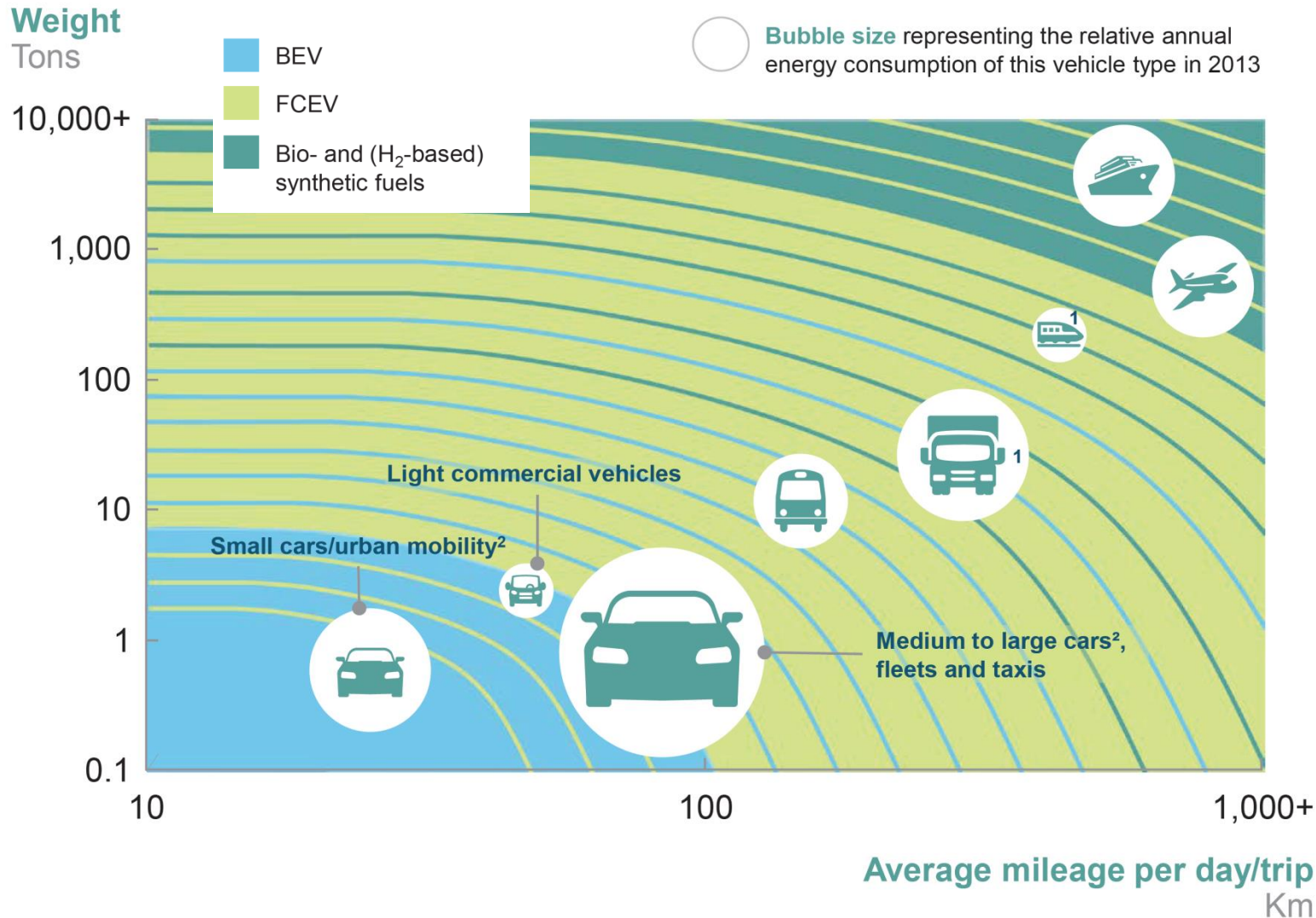
Environmental impacts?

Sustainability besides CO₂





The right fuel for the right transport

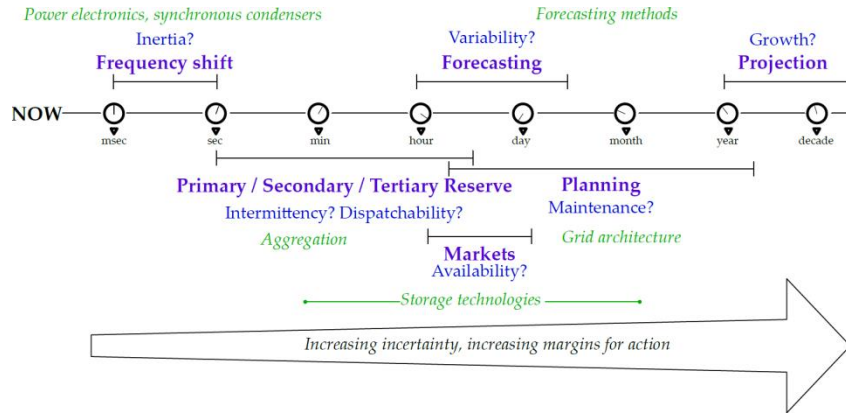


Vehicle and duty cycle compatibility		Synthetic efuels	Biomethane	Hydrogen	Electricity
City car			CNG		
Long distance car			CNG		
Urban van			CNG		
Heavy-duty truck			LNG		
Aviation	Short haul				
	Long haul				
Marine	Short journey		LNG		
	Long journey		LNG		

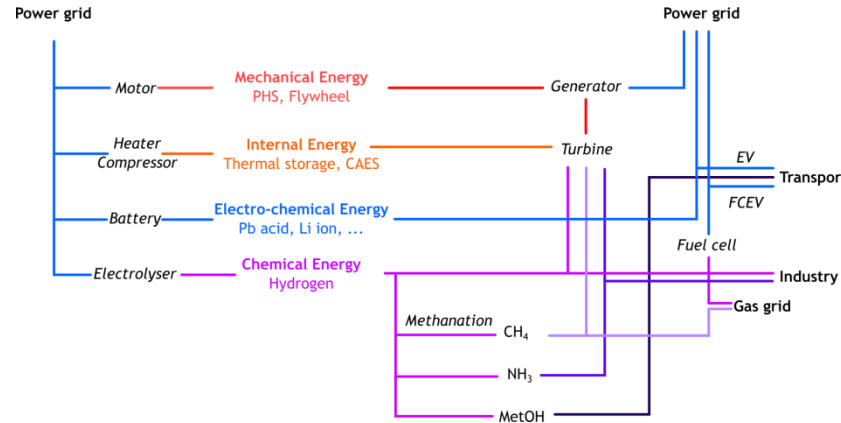


Take home message

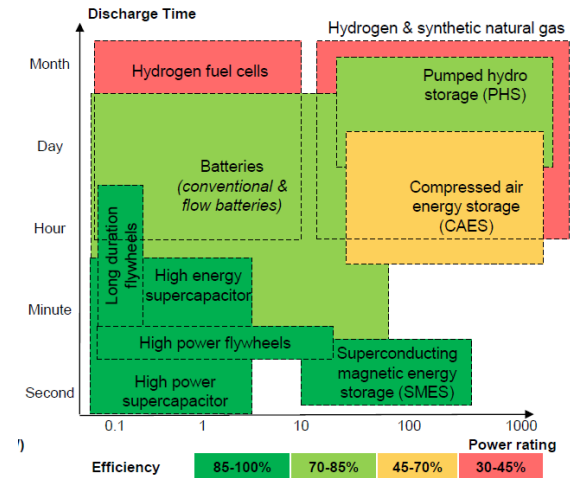
Grid stability timescales



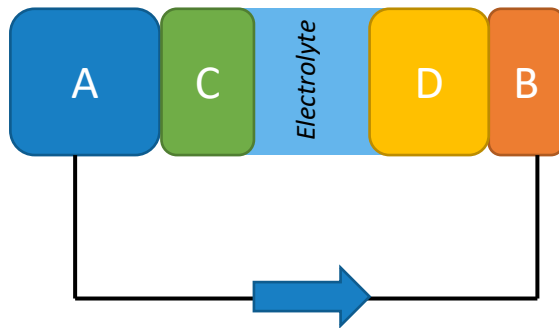
Power to X



Different solutions for different problems



Battery & thermodynamics



$$U = -\frac{\Delta_r G}{zN_A e} = U^0 - \frac{k_B T}{ze} \ln \frac{a_{\text{products}}}{a_{\text{reactants}}}$$

Hydrogen & thermodynamics

