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Introduction to Energy System Modelling and the TIMES Modelling Framework

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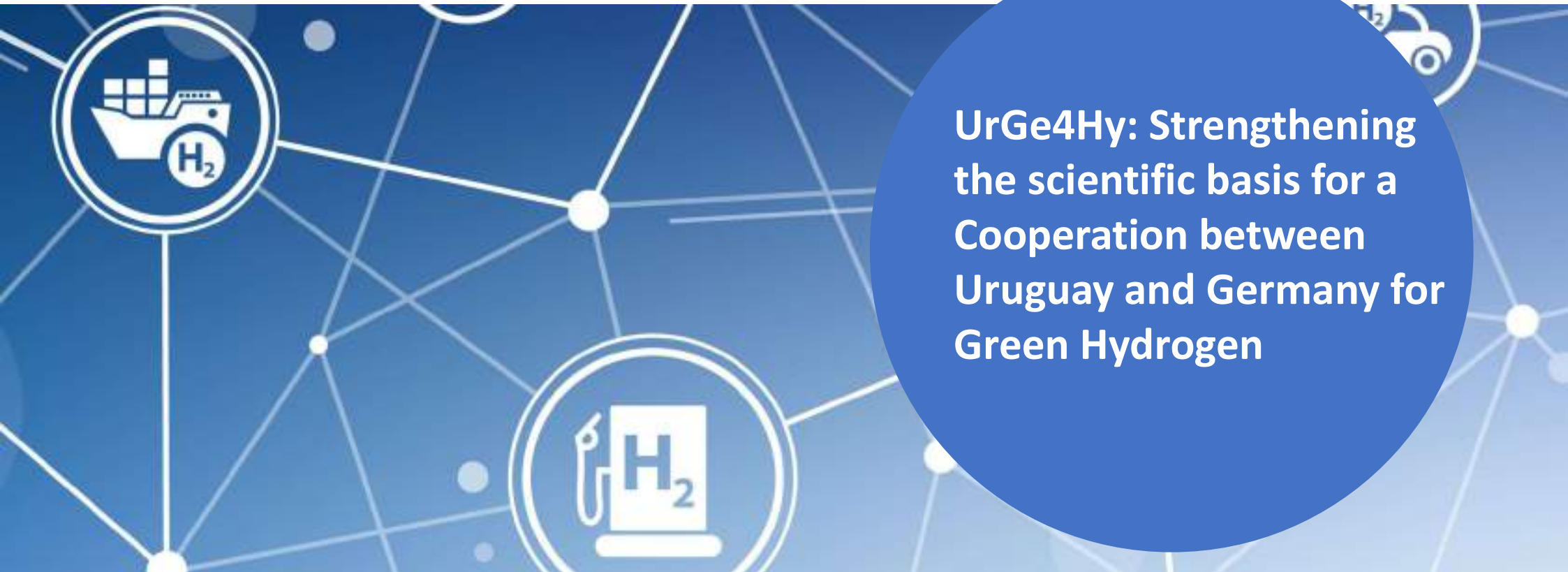
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- Interdisciplinary collaboration of experts from engineering, economics, natural, political and social sciences
- Development and application of decision-support tools for the analysis of complex systems
- Support of political and entrepreneurial decisions under uncertainties and high complexity

Optimisation models

Energy & Economy: NEWAGE

Energy systems: TIMES

Energy markets: E2M2



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Externalities

EcoSense



Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)

GABI/SimaPro



Spatial Planning

ArcGIS



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URGE4HY Project

Strengthening the scientific basis for a Cooperation between Uruguay and Germany for Green Hydrogen

Call. Funding of scientific and technological cooperation (STC) between Uruguay and Germany – ANII-MIEM-BMBF

Main Theme. Processes and strategies for hydrogen transportation and supply chains, including life cycle analyses, storage, and conversion pathways

Partner. Uruguay: Instituto de Ingenieria Quimica (IIQ), Universidad de la Republica (UdelaR), Facultad de Ingeniera → Dr. Mariana Corengia, Dr. Jimena Ferreira & Team



Germany: Institute of Energy Economics and Rational Energy Use (IER), University of Stuttgart, Faculty 4 Energy, Process and Bio Engineering
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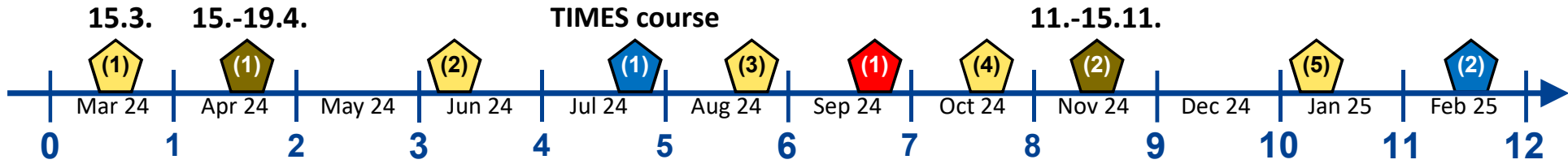
Project goals.

- to strengthen the scientific basis for the integration of green hydrogen into transformation pathways towards carbon neutrality in Uruguay and Germany.
- To analyse the role of green hydrogen as a basis for restructuring industrial value chains
- To explore how the German and Uruguayan energy systems can be connected through green hydrogen
- To collaboratively explore opportunities for the entire green hydrogen-based value chain





URGE4HY Project

Strengthening the scientific basis for a Cooperation between Uruguay and Germany for Green Hydrogen

Project duration. 01.03.2024 – 28.02.2025 (12 months)



Activities.

-  Online Meetings
-  Project Meetings in Stuttgart
-  Project Meetings in Montevideo
-  International Conference



- 1: Conference with expert lectures
- 2: Excursion to innovation locations/spaces for green hydrogen
- 3: Project development in discussion rounds with local partners
- 4: Involvement and activation of interest groups (stakeholders)

URGE4HY Project

Strengthening the scientific basis for a Cooperation between Uruguay and Germany for Green Hydrogen

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- Challenges and opportunities for companies and national economies are identified
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Work goals.

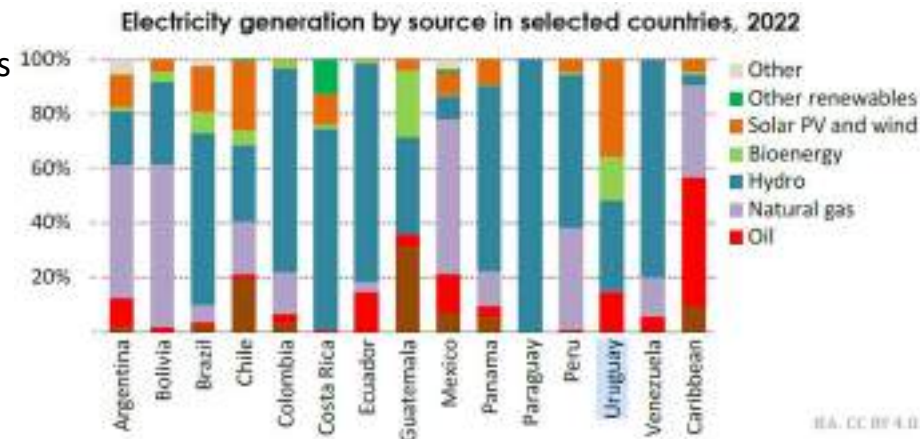
The project explores how the German and Uruguayan energy systems can be connected using green hydrogen. The project focuses on creating a collaborative opportunity among Uruguay and Germany over the complete green hydrogen-based value chain. Moreover, the widely-used energy system modelling framework TIMES will be introduced to the partners in Uruguay.

Structure of the overall project.

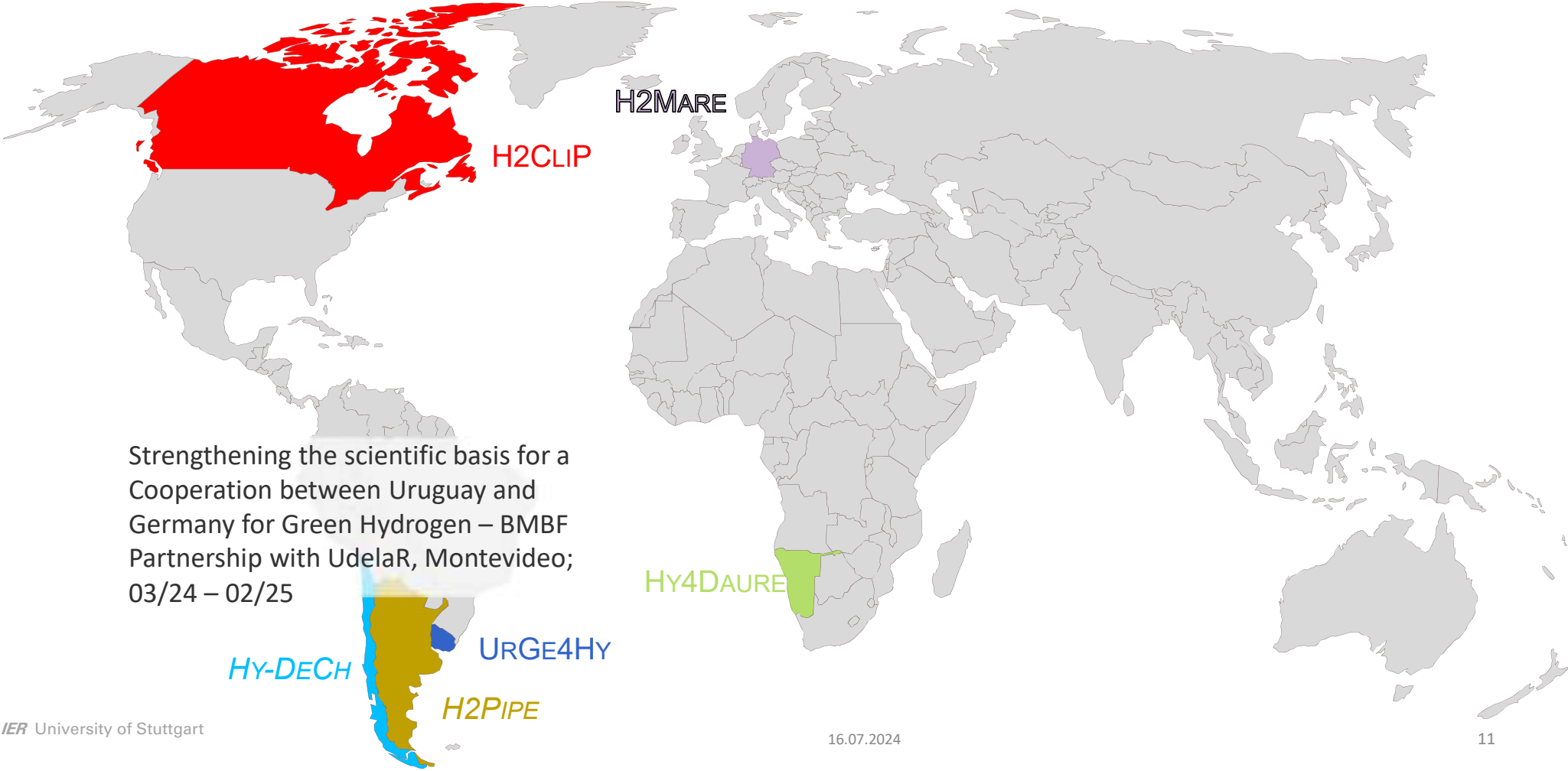
The collaboration in the project is enhanced through various kinds of exchanges between the partners. The exchanges lead to an inter- and trans-disciplinary connection between science, practice, politics and society.

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Hydrogen projects at IER



Strengthening the scientific basis for a Cooperation between Uruguay and Germany for Green Hydrogen – BMBF Partnership with UdelaR, Montevideo; 03/24 – 02/25

Hydrogen projects at IER

H2Mare-PtX-Wind & -TransferWind: Offshore production of Hydrogen and further power-to-X products in Germany; BMBF, 2021-2025, [https:// www.wasserstoff-leitprojekte.de/leitprojekte/h2mare](https://www.wasserstoff-leitprojekte.de/leitprojekte/h2mare)

H2ClIP: Hydrogen and Climate Partnership - A new hydrogen network between Canada and Germany as a key component of a climate-neutral energy system; BMBF, 2022-2025

Hy4Daure Namibia Module 2 Research Component: The Daures Green Hydrogen and PTX Project as a key component of the German-Namibian Partnership on Green Hydrogen – Module 2 “Research for a sustainable approach”; BMBF, 1. phase 2023 - 2025



Gratik: Projektträger Jülich im Auftrag des BMBF



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Hydrogen projects at IER

H2Mare

Hy4Daures

H2ClIP

Techno-economic analysis

Use cases / Process chains

Life-cycle analysis (LCA)

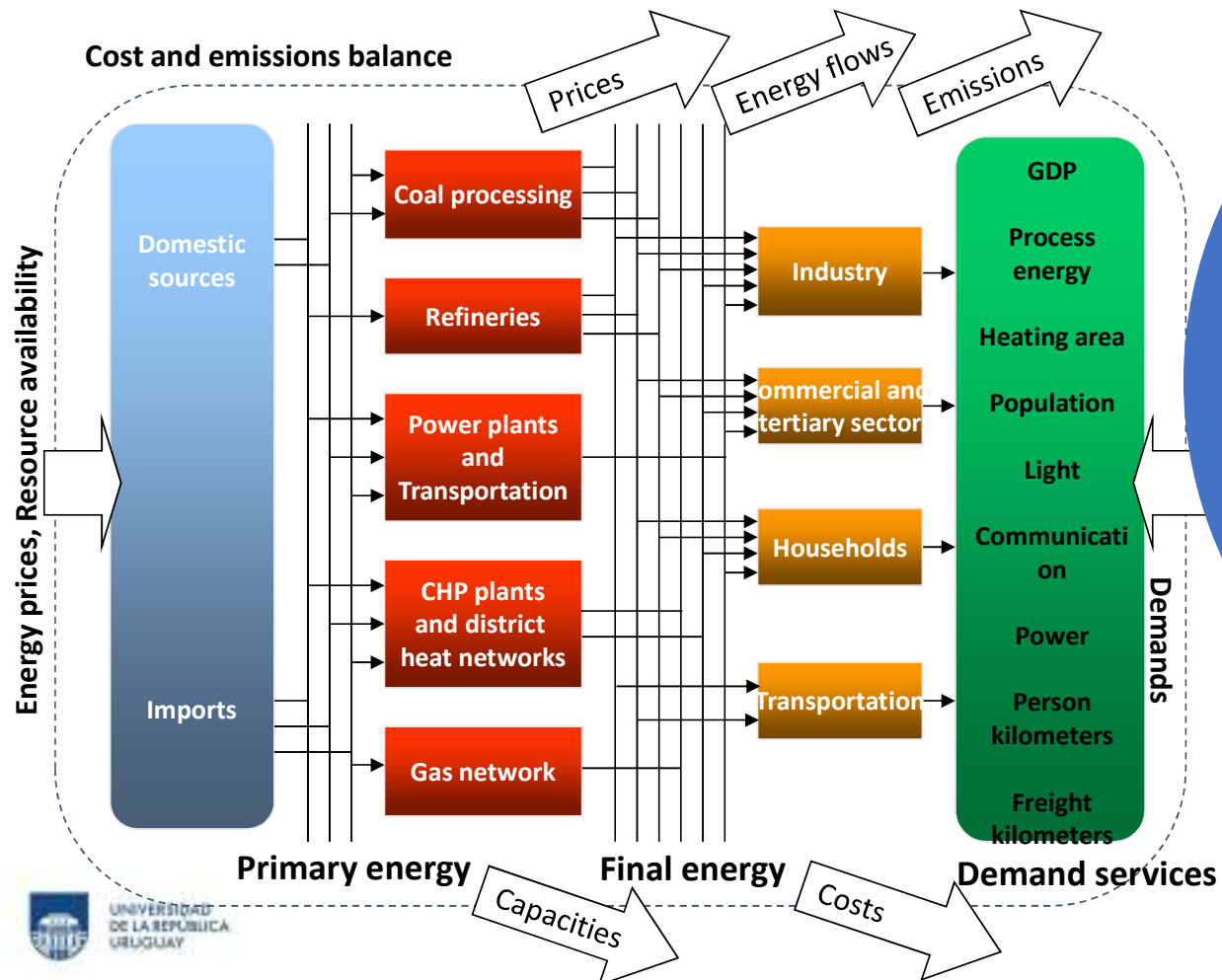
Energy systems modelling

TAM

TIAM

Macro-economic modelling

CGE



Basics of Energy Planning and role of Energy System Models

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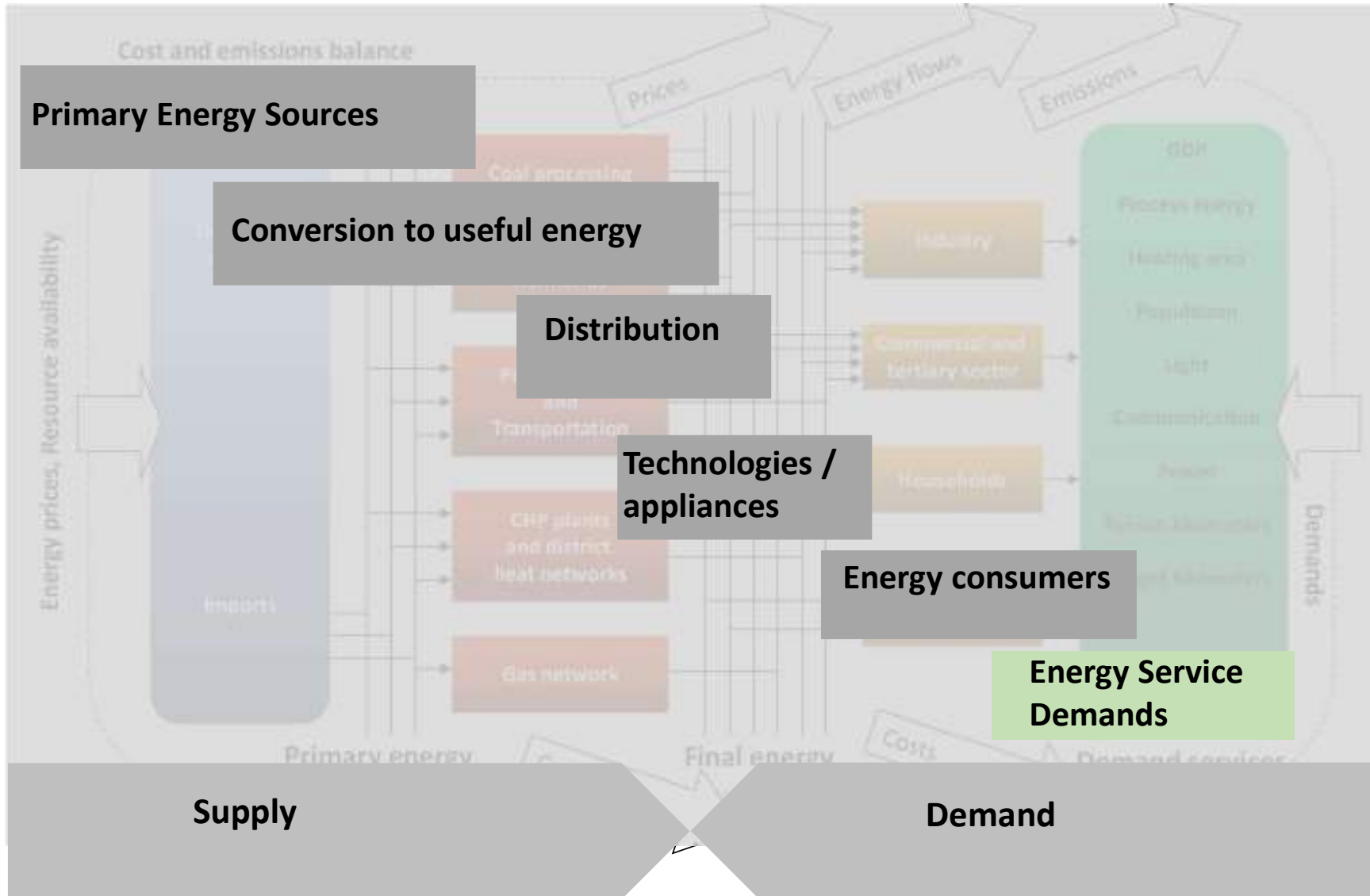


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Structure of the energy system



Supply options:

- Wind
- Solar
- Biomass
- Coal
- Natural Gas
- Crude Oil
- Nuclear
- etc.

Energy service demands:

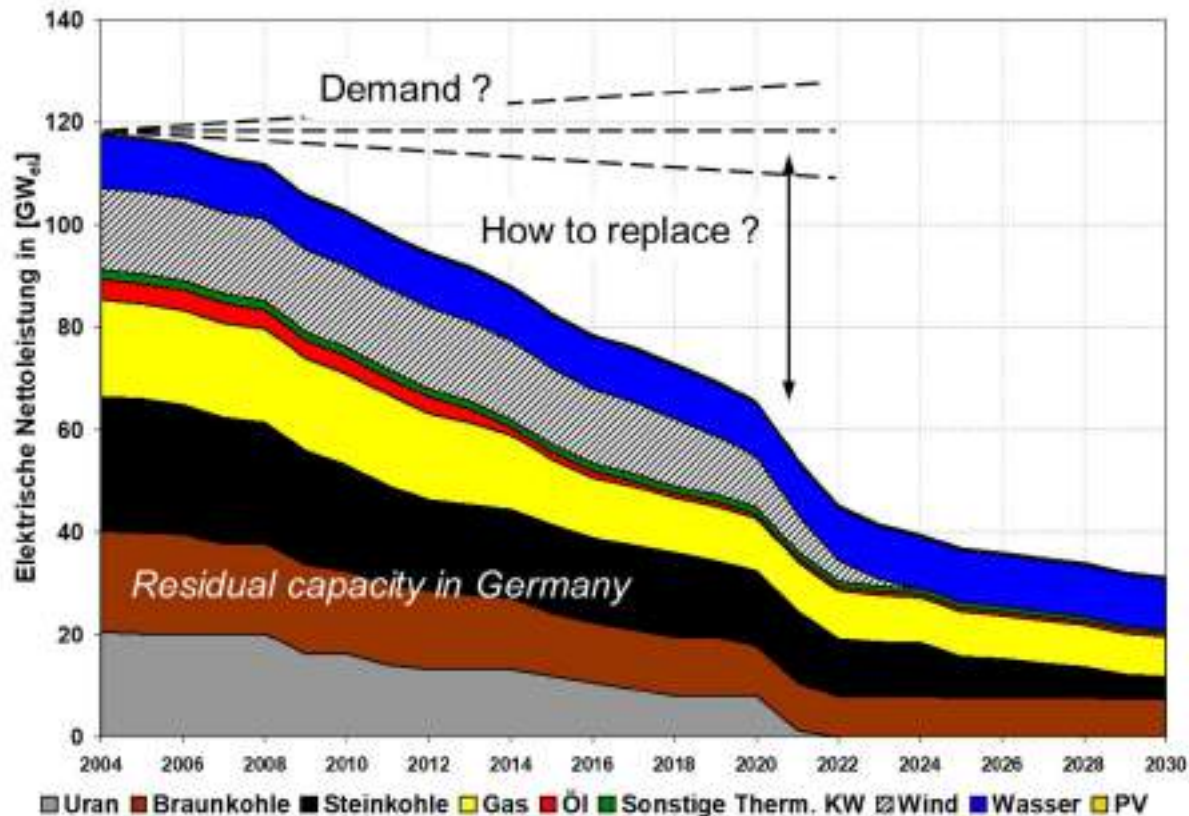
- Transportation
- Heating, cooking, lighting
- Commercial services
- Industrial processes
- Etc.

Challenges of Energy Systems

- Complexities
- Uncertainties
- Multi-dimensionalities
- Conflicting objectives
- Long-running nature



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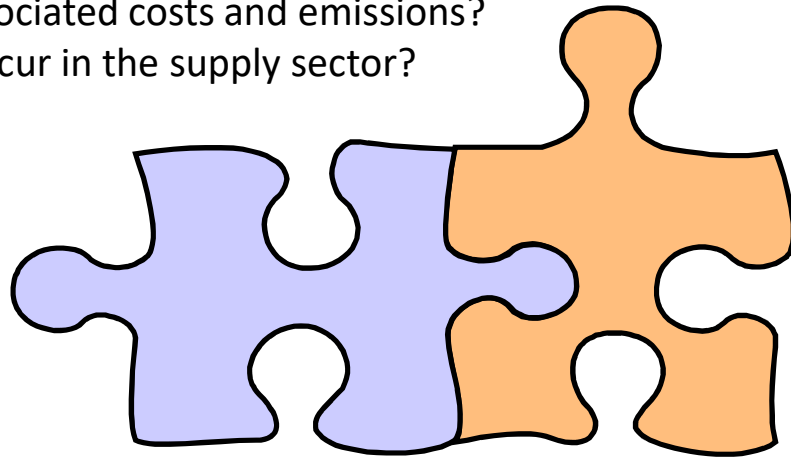


- Complexities
- Uncertainties
- Multi-dimensionality
- Conflicting objectives
- Investment decisions
 - Aging power capacity has to be replaced
 - High upfront capital requirements
- Decisions have to take into account long time horizon with uncertain conditions:
 - Long and varying lead and life times?
 - Long-term energy prices of various carriers?
 - Market conditions?
 - Economic development and objectives?
 - Demands?
 - Climate and energy strategies?

Challenges of Energy Systems

SUPPLY:

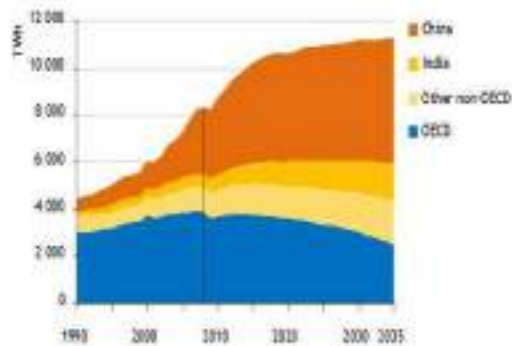
- How can supply meet demand?
- What are the associated costs and emissions?
- What changes occur in the supply sector?



DEMAND:

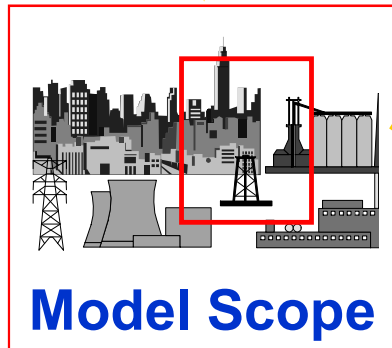
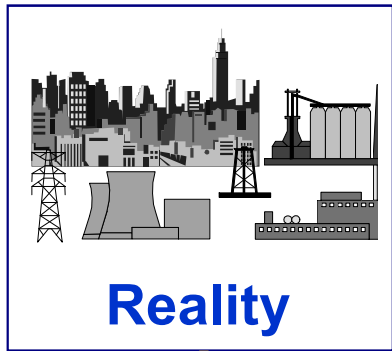
- Which factors influence energy demand and how do these change over time?
- What influence does energy demand have on the supply side?

Energy planning vs Forecast



- Although energy planning is focussed on the future, it is not the aim to predict the future.
- The aim of energy planning is to demonstrate the consequences of
 - different decisions (e.g. fully electrified system, decarbonisation, etc).
 - under specific assumptions (e.g. inflation rate, energy prices etc).
- **Scenario analysis** is often utilised as a method for energy planning.
 - Different scenarios demonstrate consequences of different decisions
 - Models are required since experiments are not feasible or possible.

Model-based energy systems analysis: Why use an energy system model?



Model

Model structure

$$P_{BHKW_S} = \eta_{BHKW} \cdot P_{Coal_BHKW}$$

$$O_{BHKW_CO_2} = \varepsilon \cdot P_{Coal_BHKW}$$

$$Q_{BHKW_H} = \eta_{2_BHKW} \cdot P_{Coal_BHKW}$$

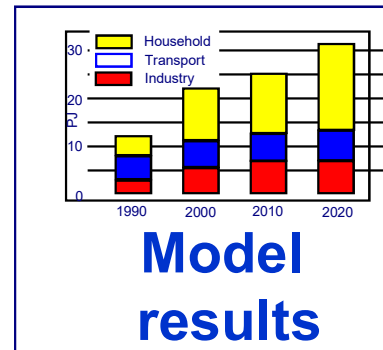
Mathematical description

Energieerzeugung und Kraftwerksgeneratoren (Menge, Erzeugungskapazität, CO ₂ -Emissionen) im Jahr 2000						
Erzeugungskapazität	Erzeugung	2000	2010	2020	2030	2050
1.1.1. Kohle	100	22.22	10.00	10.00	4	4
1.1.2. Gas	100	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
1.1.3. Öl	100	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
1.1.4. Biomasse	100	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
1.1.5. Wind	100	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
1.1.6. Solar	100	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
1.1.7. Wasserkraft	100	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
1.1.8. Sonstige	100	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
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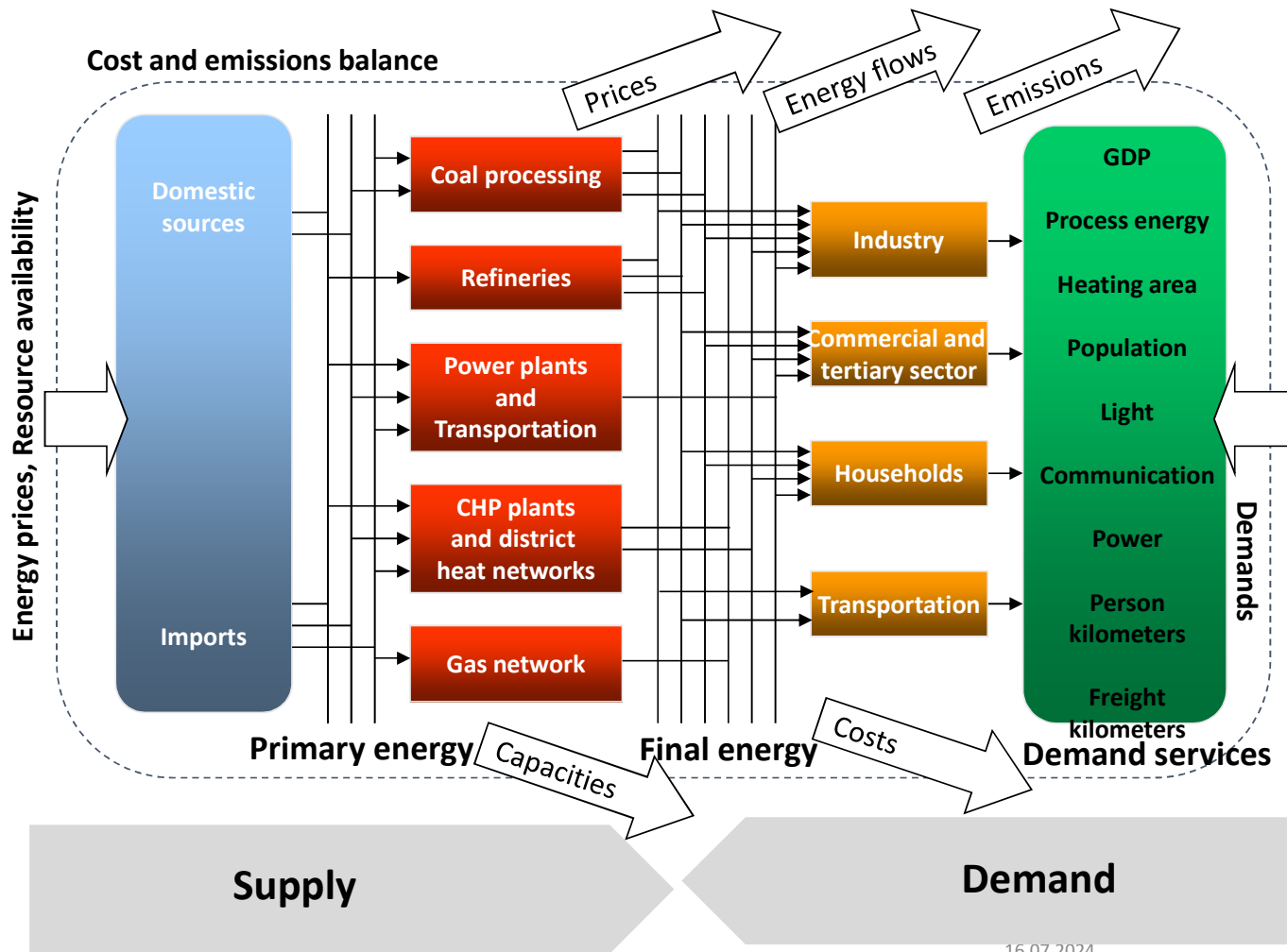
- to provide a **rational basis** for decisions on energy policy and energy-economic decisions and
- to **support decision making** for investments and achieving energy and climate targets



An energy system model can:

- Reflect complex systems in an understandable form
- Organise and process large amounts of data
- Provide ability to assess long-term decisions and optimize trade-offs between sectors, fuel types, technologies, etc.

Fundamental features of TIMES Energy System Optimisation Model

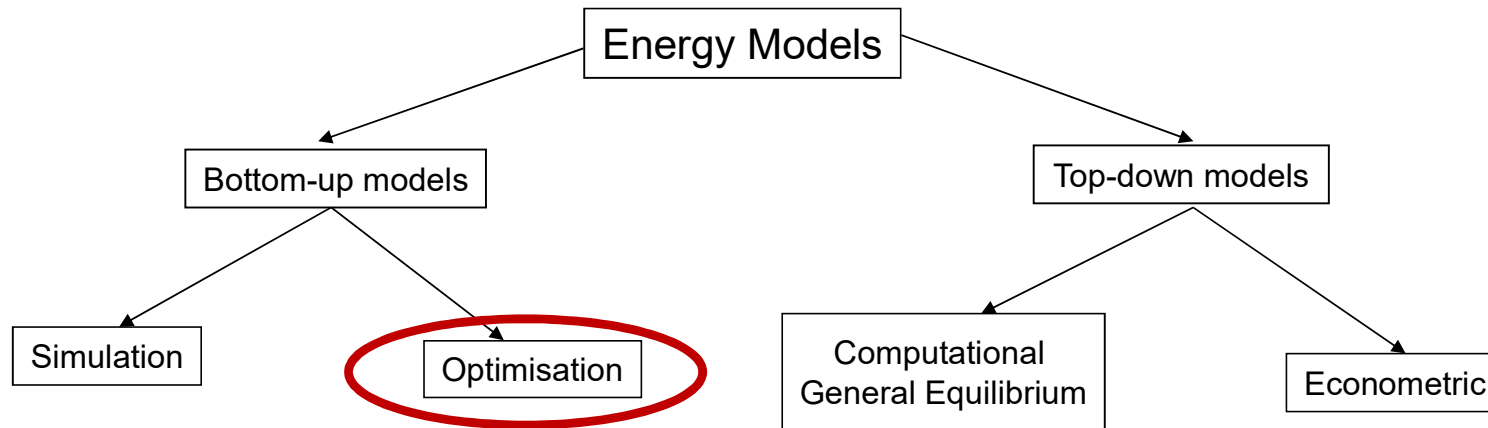


- Optimisation, bottom-up model
- Model structure
 - Flexible time horizon
 - User-defined time slice resolution within a year
 - Multi-regional
- Model formulation
 - Process description:
 - Single process type with access to all model features
 - Vintaged process properties
 - Transformation eqn with overall and commodity-specific efficiencies
 - Objective function:
 - Different treatment of process investments based on investment lead time
 - Other optimization functions than total system costs can be defined by modeller
- User constraints
 - Framework to formulate virtually any linear relationship between decision variables

Analysis and Scenarios

- Explorative scenarios (*what-if*): Impacts of policy measures, e.g.:
 - i. Consequences of coal phase-out or impacts of integration of hydrogen and derivatives in terms of structure of the energy sector, costs and emissions
- Normative scenarios (*how-to*): Achievement of policy goals, e.g.:
 - i. How to reach CO₂ reduction targets, renewable quotas, etc.
 - ii. Which sectors/technologies become important (renewables, CCS, efficiency)
 - iii. Associated costs
- Assessing the future role of energy technologies/energy carriers, e.g.:
 - i. Renewables
 - ii. Alternative fuel technologies
 - iii. Carbon capture and storage

Energy System Model classification and selection



Selection criteria:	Top-down	Bottom-up
Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General • Macroeconomic • Global or national energy system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Specific • Energy sector only or entire energy system
Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single or multi region • Recursive dynamic or perfect foresight • Predictive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single or multi region • Short or long term • Recursive dynamic or perfect foresight • Explorative
Methodology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aggregate data variables (energy, capital, labour) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disaggregated data • Detailed end-use technology descriptions and energy consumption
Parameters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prices • Elasticities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demand curves • Supply curves • Economic, political and social objectives

Development

- By ETSAP
- Implementation in GAMS

IER:

- Germany
 - TIMES-D
 - TIMES Actors Model (TAM)
- Europe (TIMES-PanEU)
- European electricity and gas sector model (TIMES-EG)
- Global model (TIAM-IER)
- Electricity sector model for South America (TIMES-ESA)
- Gauteng (TIMES-GEECO)

Other places:

- Finland (VTT, Helsinki)
- Belgium (KUL, Leuven)
- Italy (Turin)
- South Africa model, Village model (ERC, Cape Town)
- EU-NEEDS project
- Global models (EFDA, ETSAP-TIAM)

Methodology

- Bottom-up Model
- Perfect competition
- Perfect foresight (or myopic)
- Optimisation (LP/MIP/NLP)

Min/Max Objective function
subject to:

- Equations, Constraints
- Decision Variables \Leftrightarrow Solution
- Input parameters

TIMES

*(The Integrated MARKAL
EFOM System)*

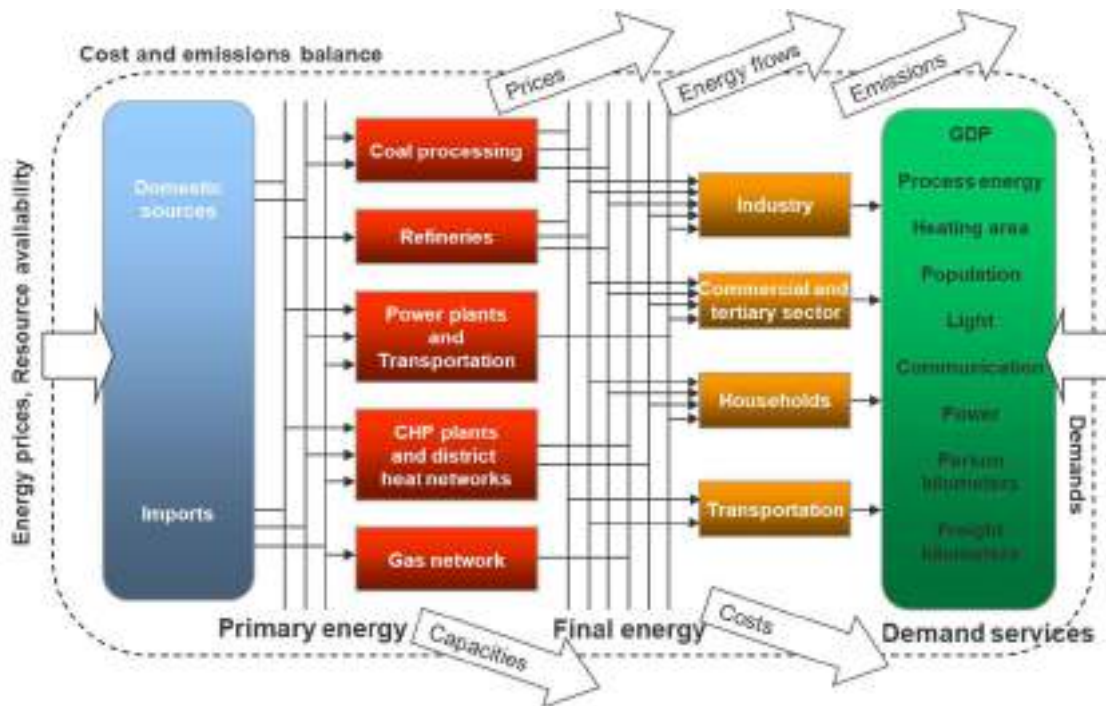
Advanced Features/Variants

- Multi-regional
- Inter-temporal
- Elastic demands
- Endogeneous learning
- Discrete capacity expansion
- Macroeconomic linkage
- Climate extension
- Stochastic programming
- Alternative objective functions
- Multi-criteria optimisation

- **Particular strengths:**
 - i. Detailed representations of energy technologies and their linkages across sectors
 - ii. Consideration of inter-dependencies in the energy system
 - iii. Analysis of competition and substitution effects between technologies
 - iv. Detailed representation of results: energy flows, new capacities, emissions, costs
- **Limits:**
 - i. Partial equilibrium model,
 - ii. only energy sector considered,
 - iii. effects of energy policies on the remaining economy not always included

TIMES for analysis of role of hydrogen in the energy system

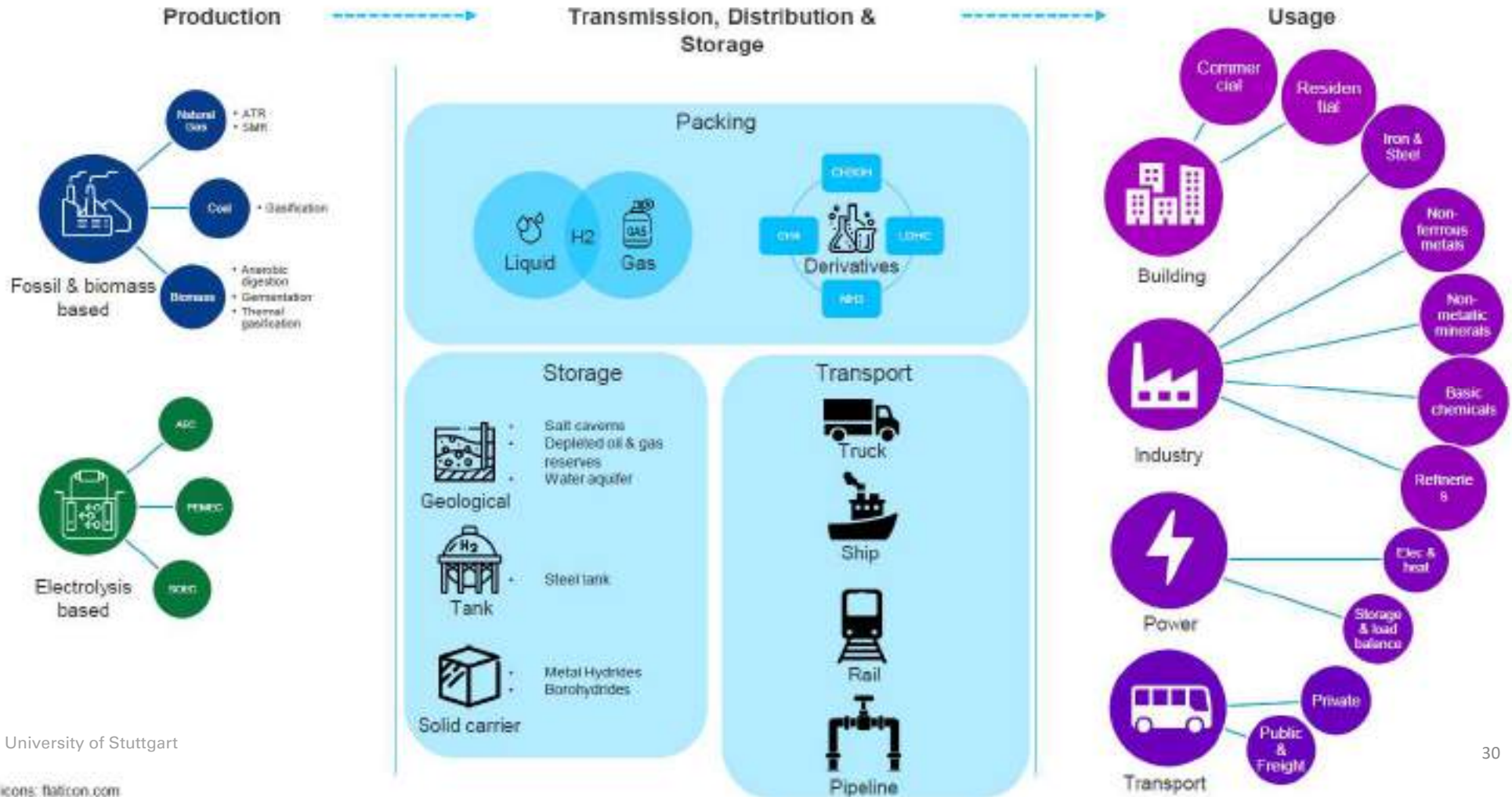
→ Towards a carbon-neutral energy system in 2045 in Germany



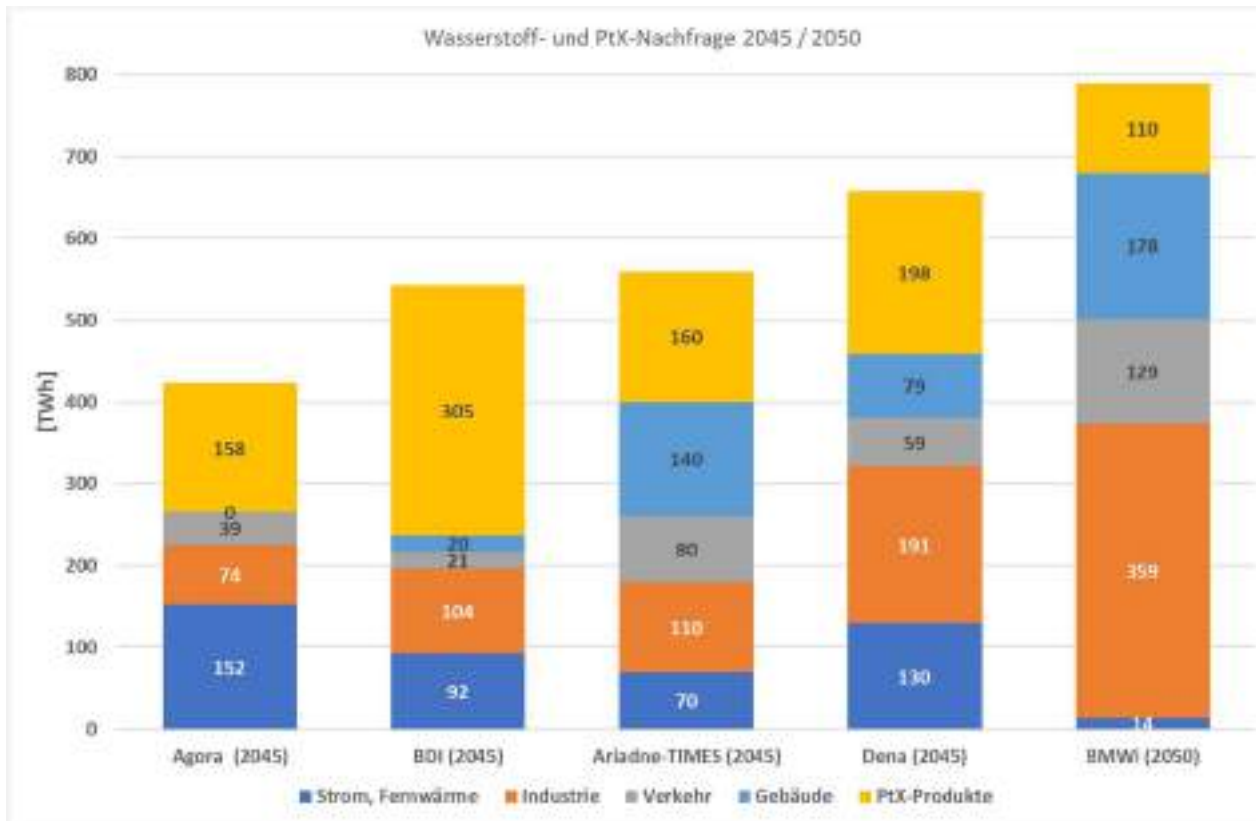
Example research questions from UrGE4Hy:

- How, where and when can hydrogen play a role in the Uruguayan and German energy system?
- What role can green hydrogen play for restructuring industrial value chains?
- What are the challenges and suitable frame conditions (e.g. on price developments volatility, networks/grids, transport routes, regulatory frameworks) in the **Uruguayan, German and international energy system?**
- What are the possible impacts toward a **carbon-neutral energy system** (in Uruguay and Germany)?

Hydrogen system integration



Possible modelling outputs



- Demands for hydrogen by sector
- Curtailment, storage, investment in more expensive renewables within a region or grid development for power exchange.
- ✓ Techno-economic aspects of both grids in the regions, i.e. transmission and distribution, is incorporated in the model.
- ✓ Overview of consumption by sector
- ✓ Associated cost and emissions

TIMES as a tool for Hydrogen Analysis

- An energy system model is a useful tool to
 - analyse options for hydrogen export or direct use
 - support decision-making
 - explore long-term options
 - assess competition between energy carriers and end-uses
 - determine how best to achieve specific energy and climate-related targets
 - associated costs and emissions of different investment decisions

**Showcase:
Results & Analyses
possible with ESOMs
– Overview of Insights**

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Modelling Frameworks

- [MESSAGE](#) – Model for Energy Supply Strategy Alternatives and their General Environmental Impact
- [OSeMOSYS](#) – Open Source Energy Modelling System
- [NEMS](#) – National Energy Modelling System
- [ESME](#) – Energy Systems Modelling Environment
- [PyPSA](#) – Python for Power System Analysis
- [TIMES](#) – The Integrated MARKAL-EFOM System

- And many others..

- Different based on:
 - Regional Scope
 - Temporal Scope
 - Language written
 - Accessibility – Open Source/Not
 - Focus of model – power/energy/material
 - Contributing and usage stakeholders

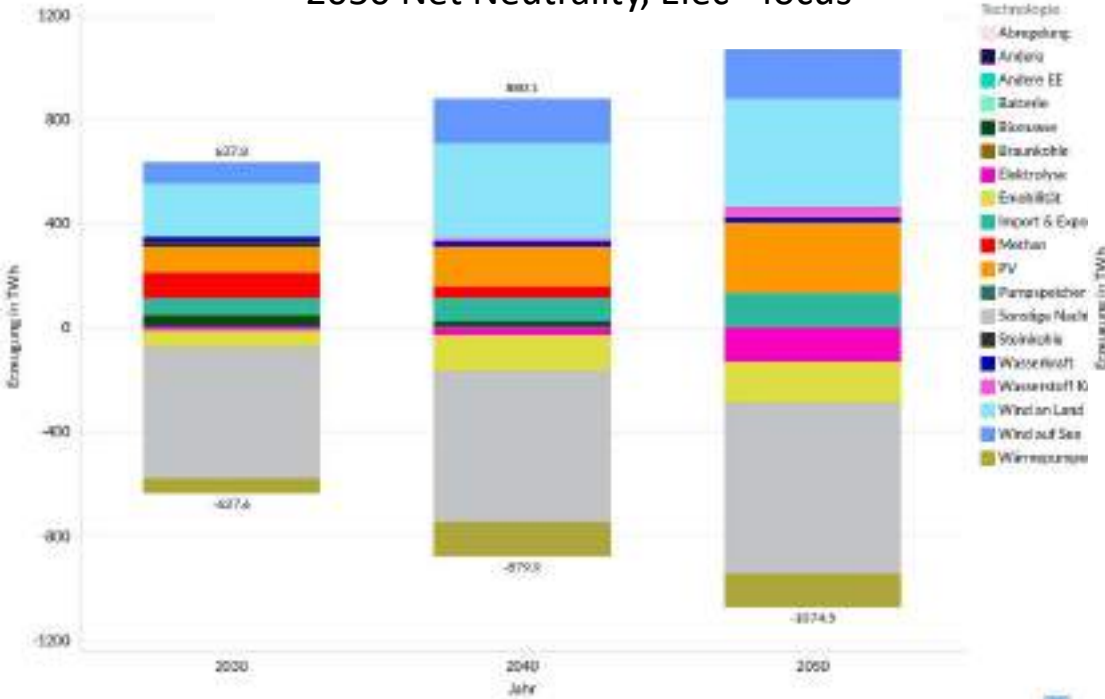
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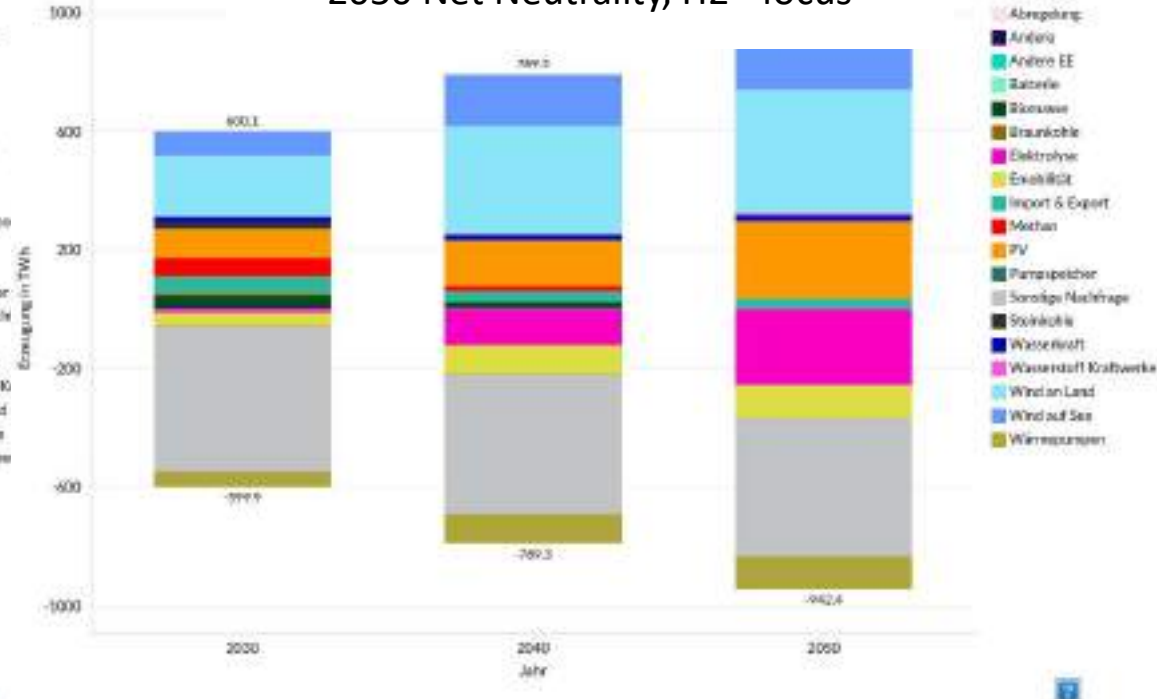
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Electricity Balance: Supply & Demand

2050 Net Neutrality, Elec - focus



2050 Net Neutrality, H2 - focus



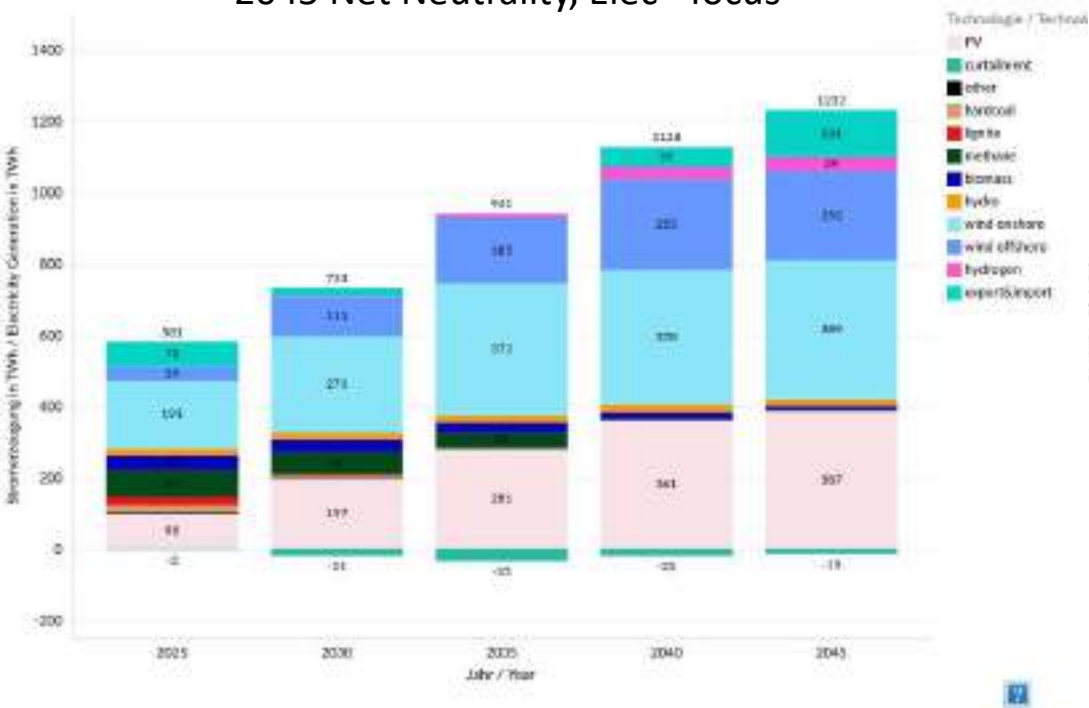
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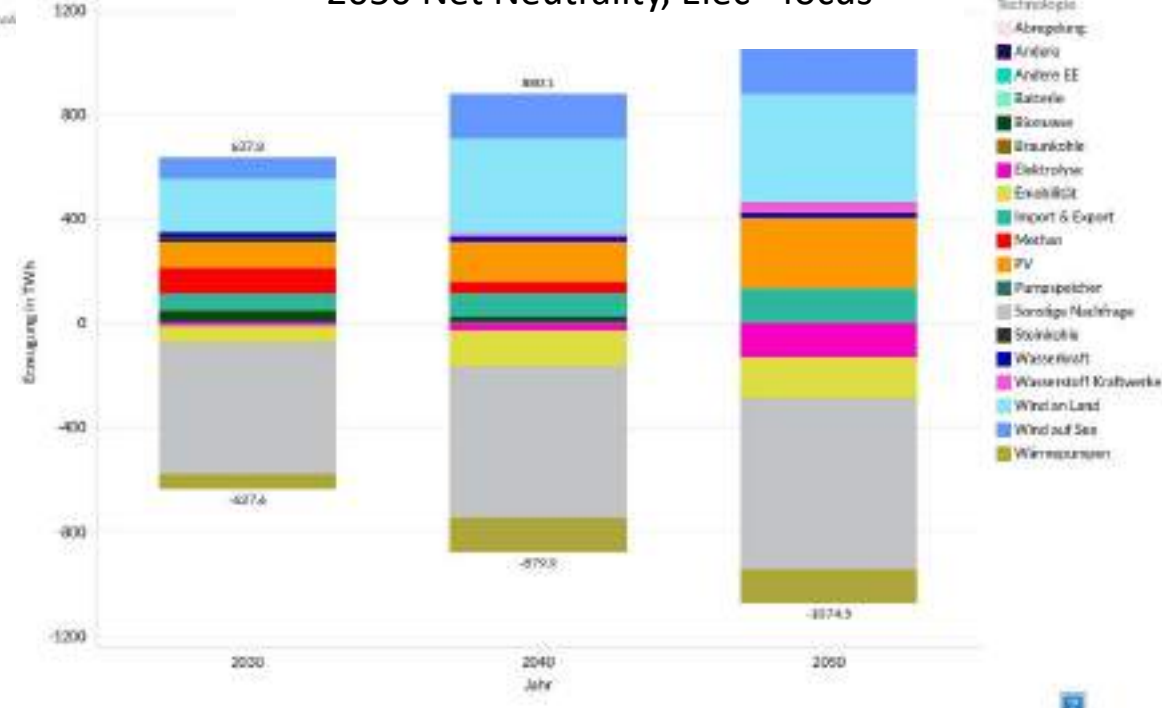
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Electricity Generation

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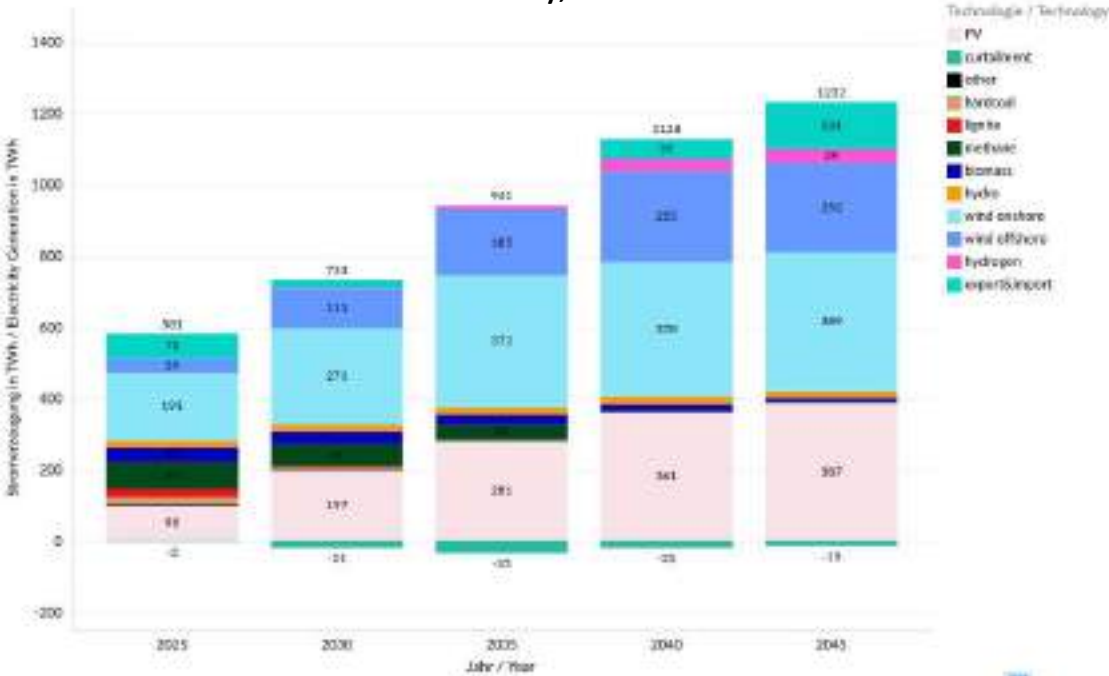
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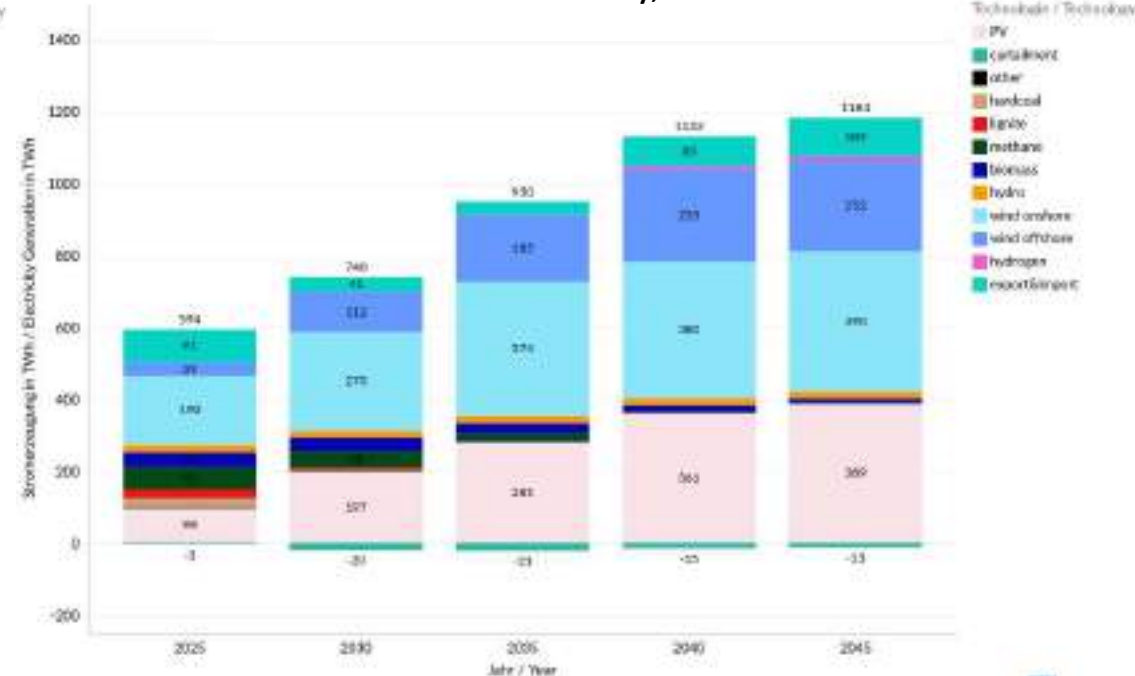
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RE share in Gross Elec. consumption

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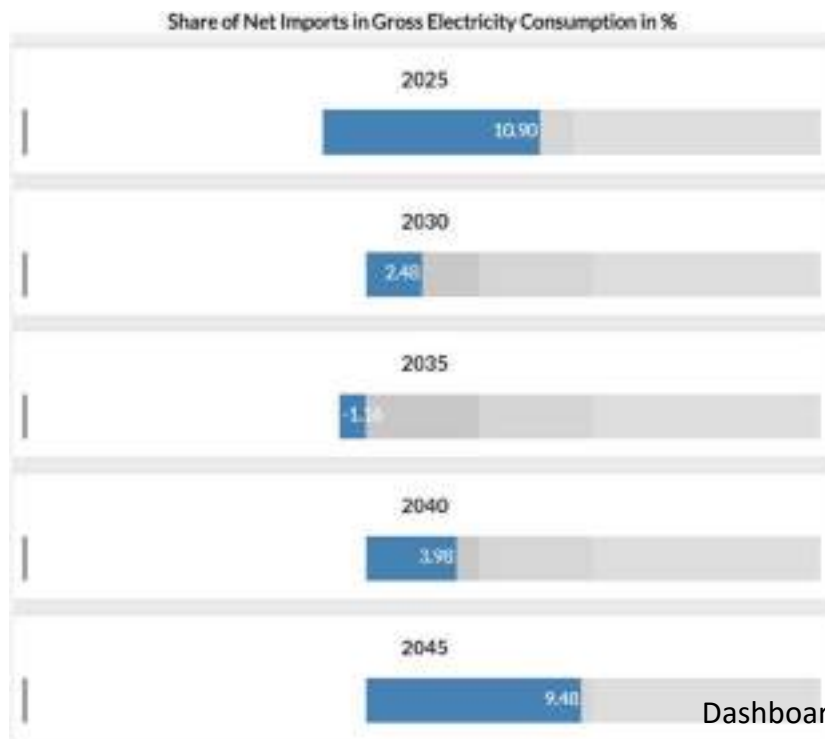
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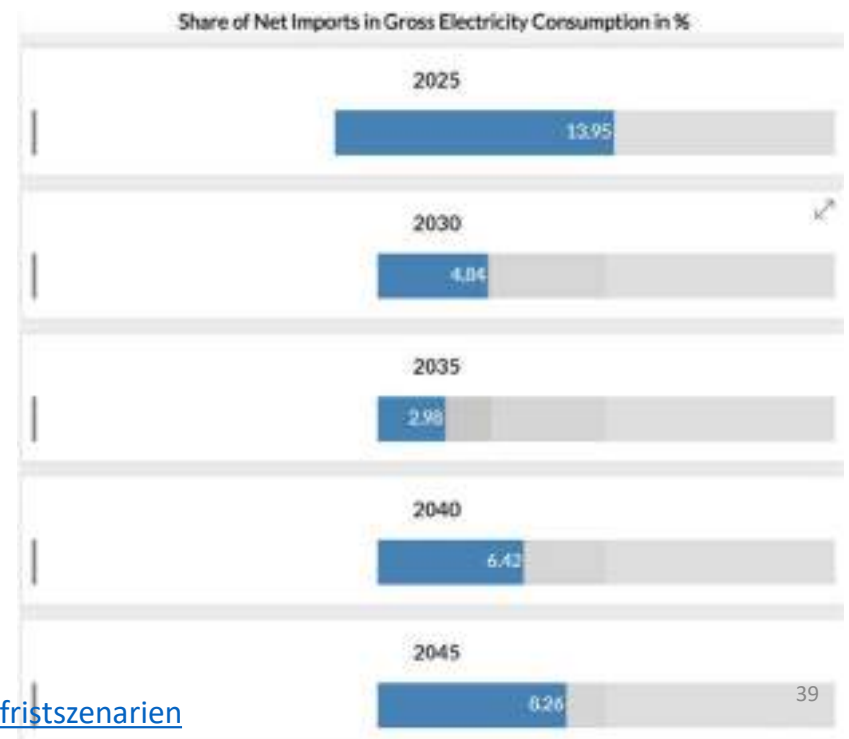
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Import share in Gross Elec. consumption

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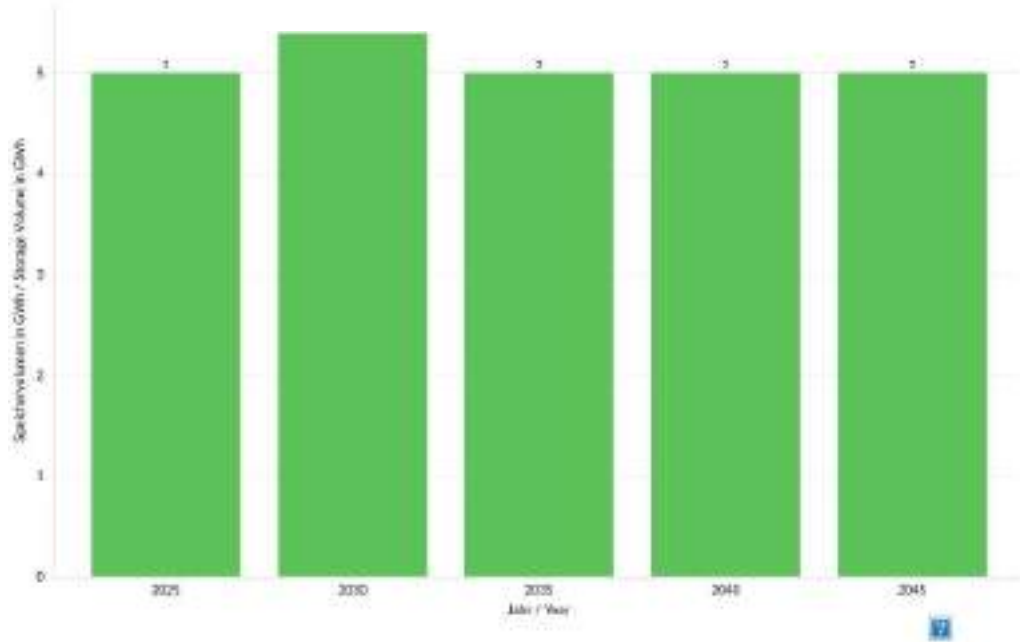
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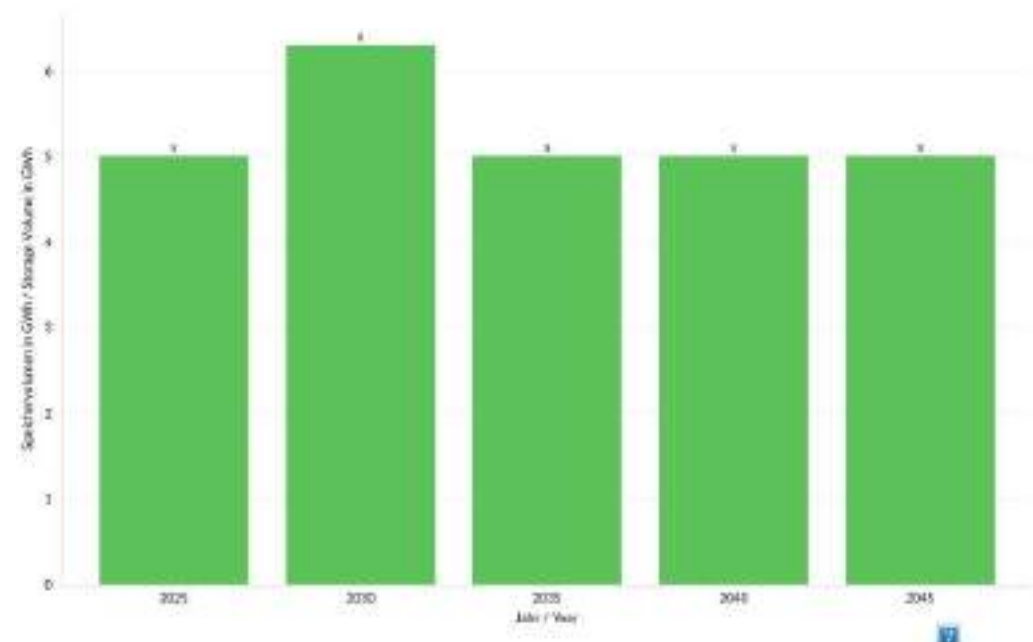
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Battery Storage

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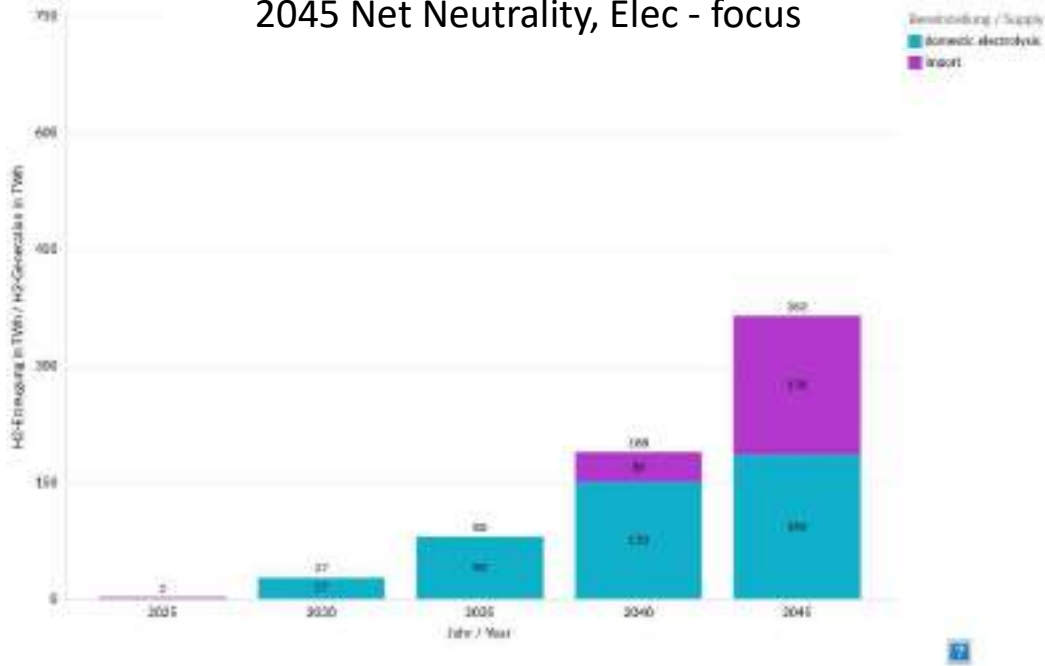
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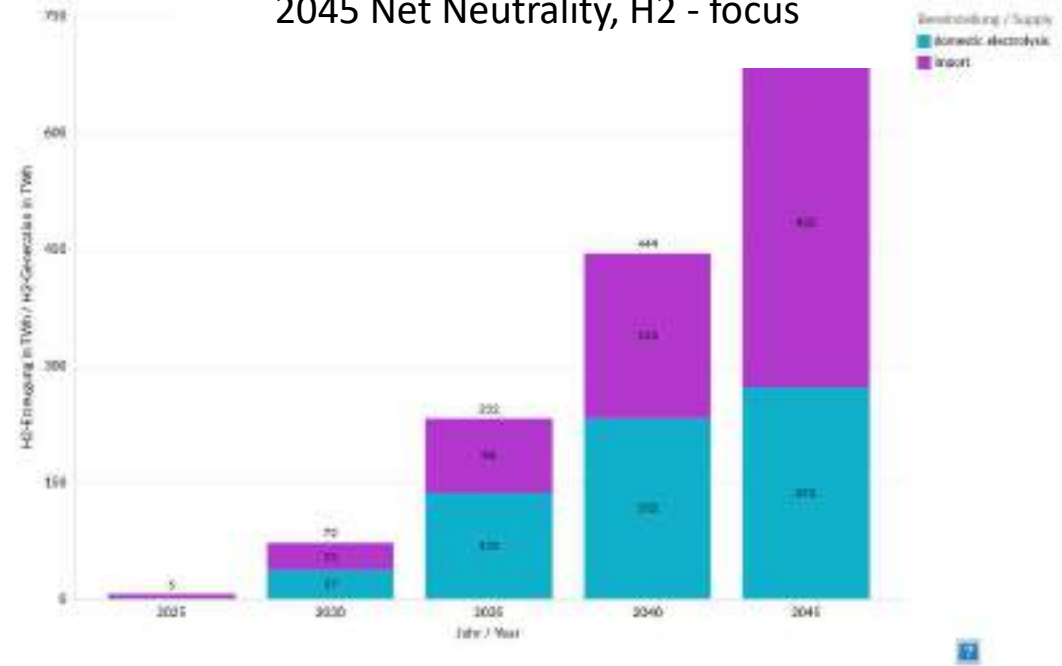
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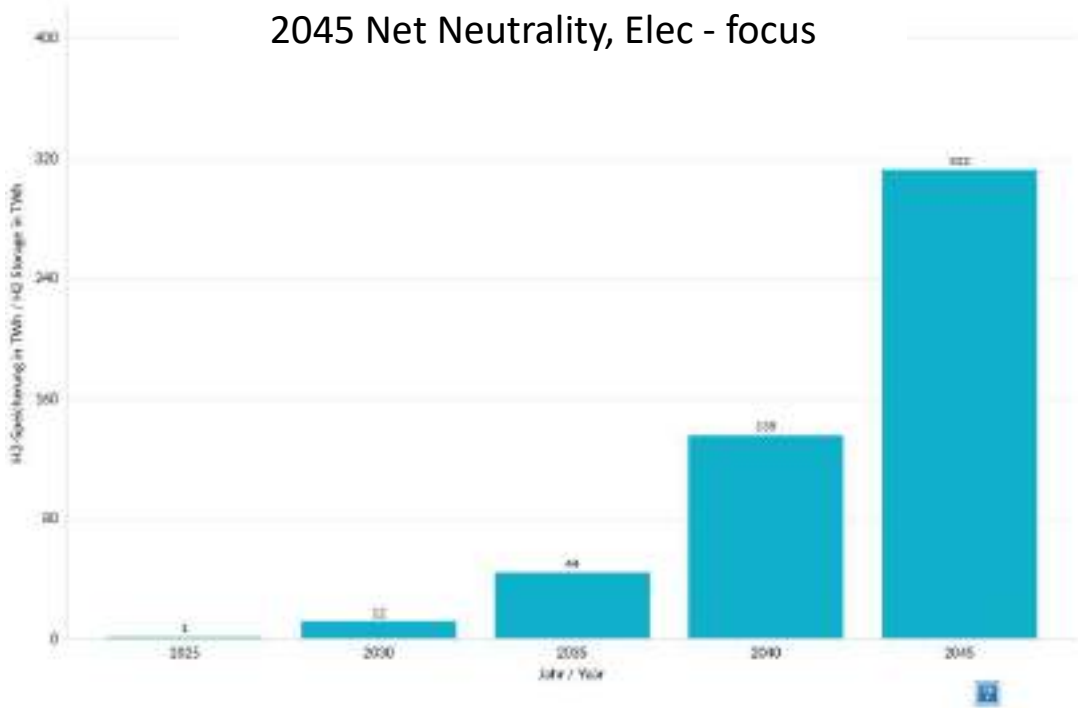
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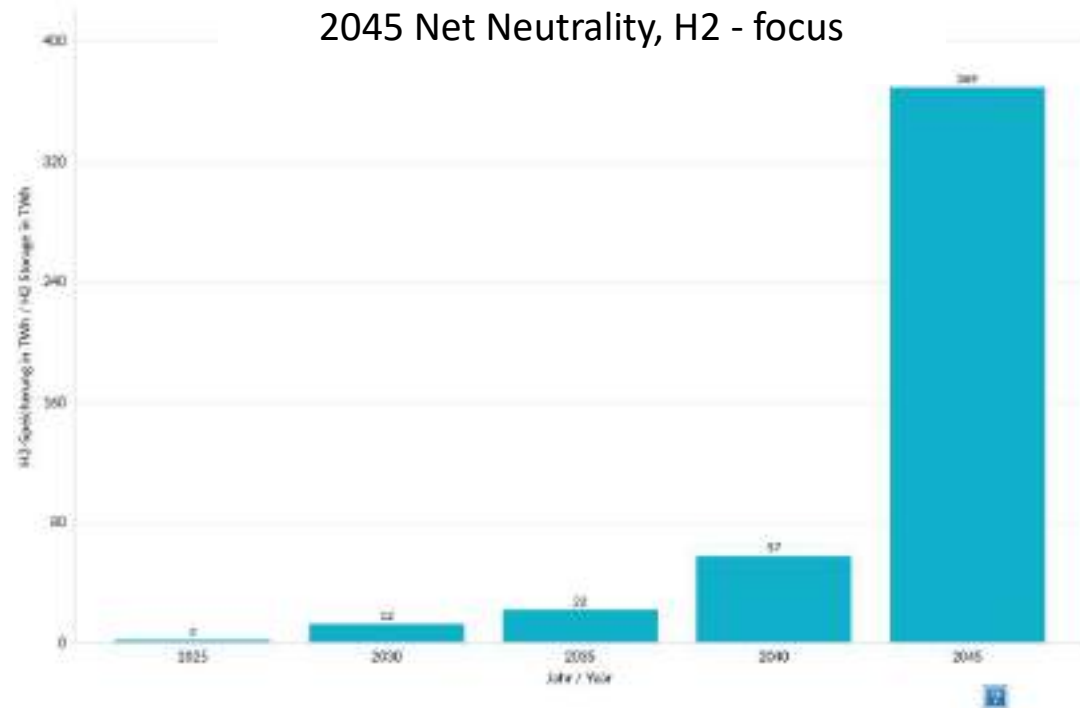
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H2 Storage in Europe

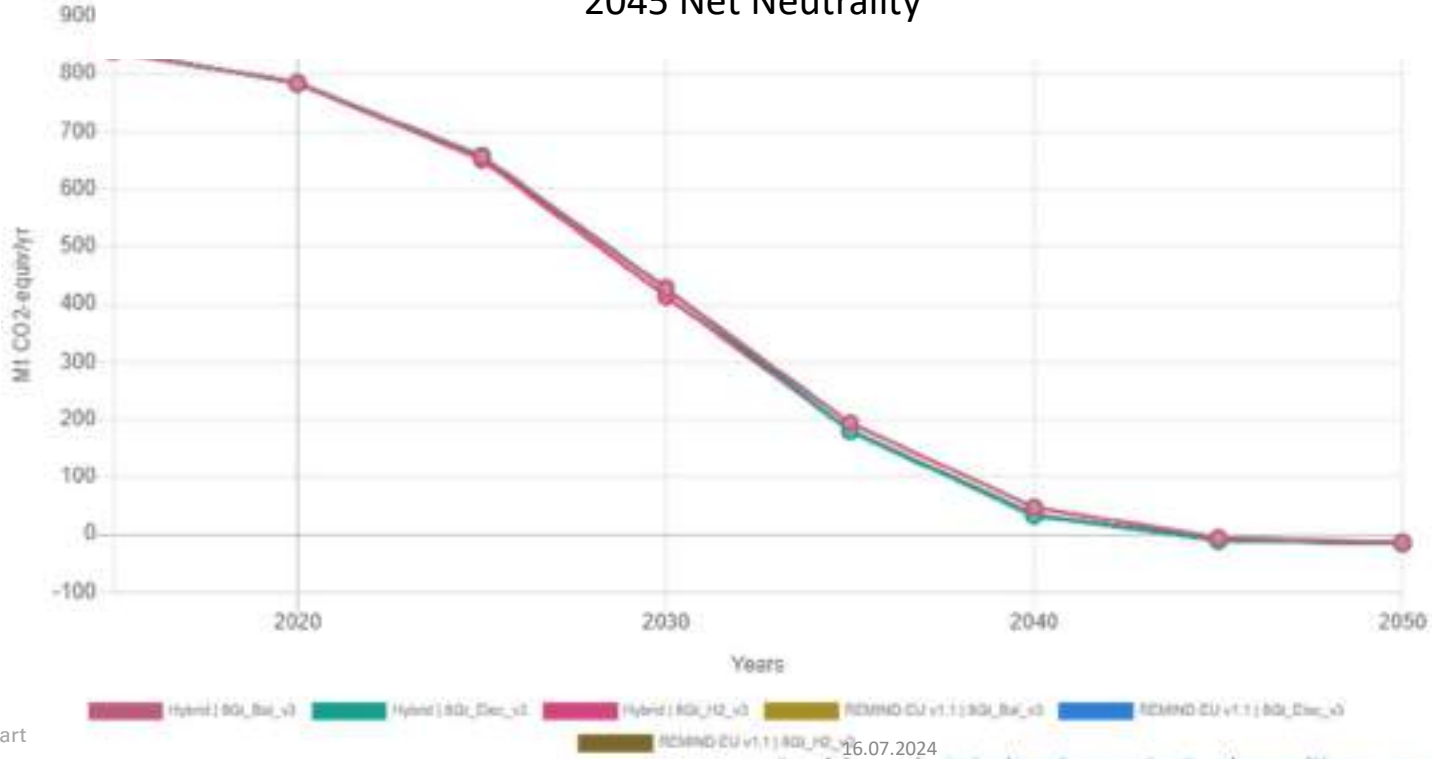
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Model Comparisons – CO₂ emissions

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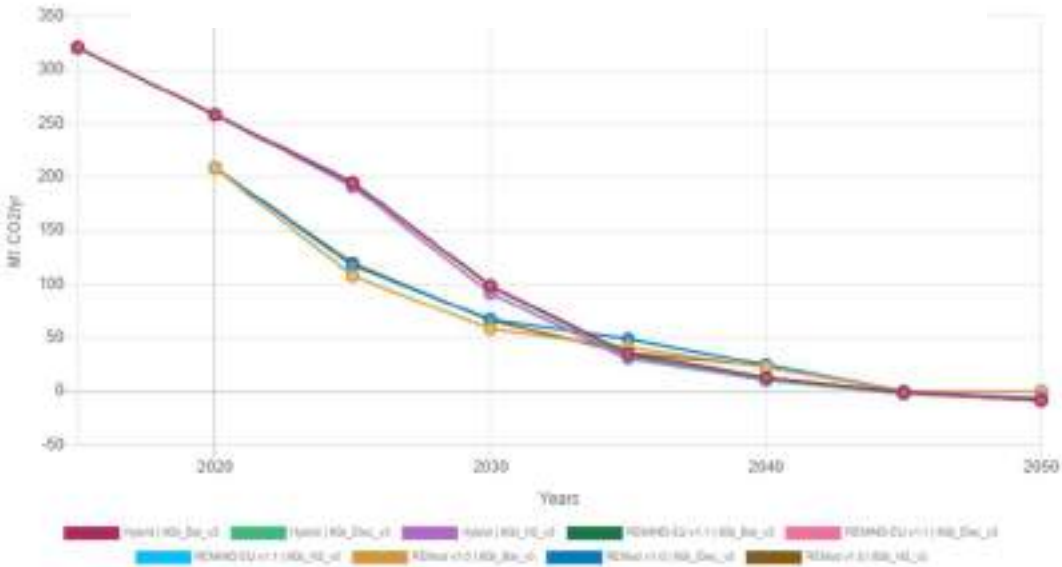
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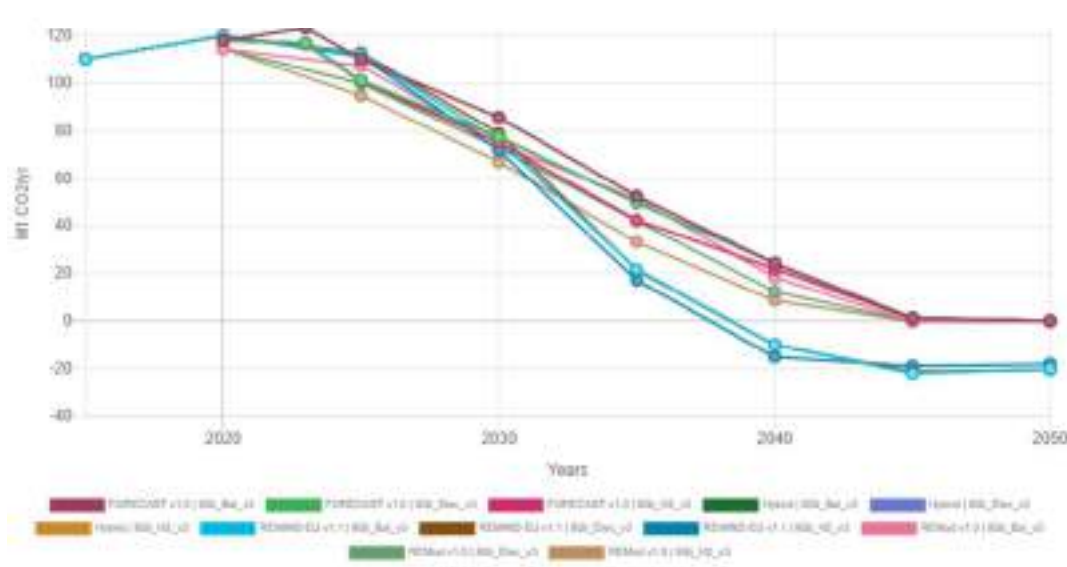
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Model Comparisons – Sectoral CO₂ emissions

2045 Net Neutrality, Energy Production



2045 Net Neutrality, Industry



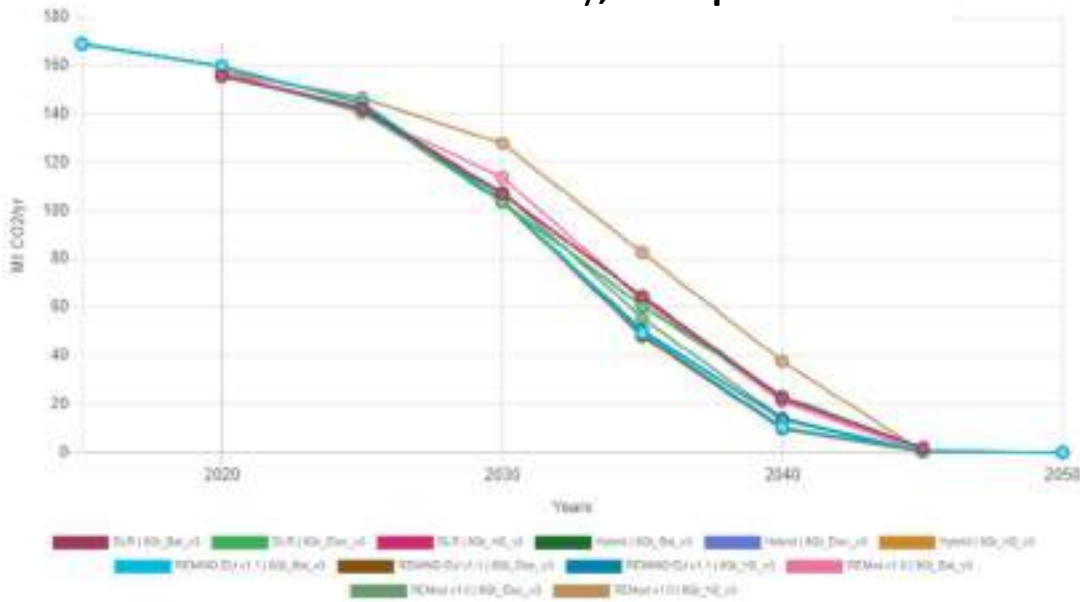
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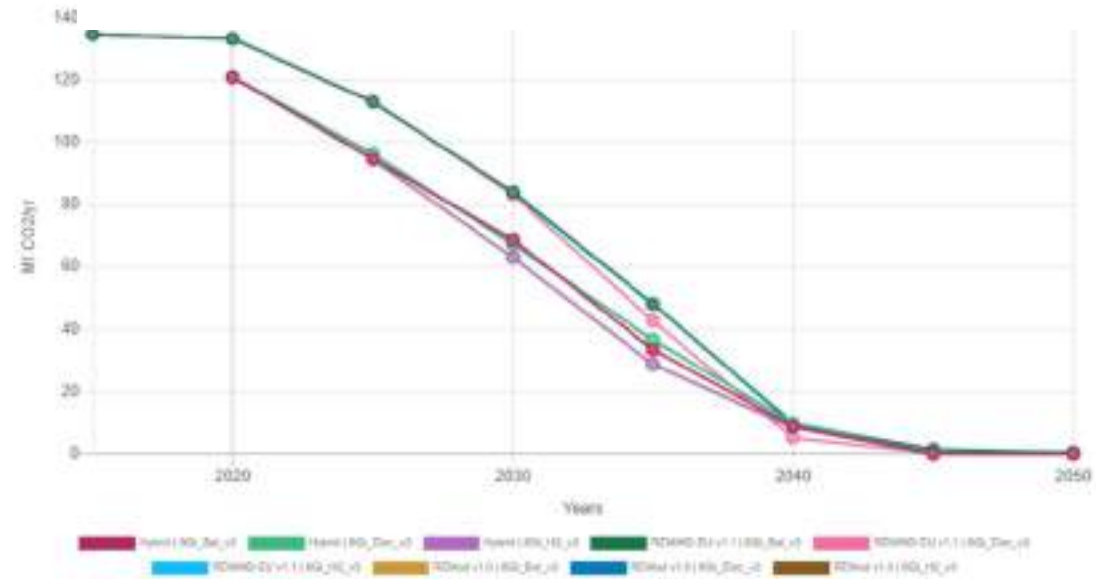
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Model Comparisons – Sectoral CO₂ emissions

2045 Net Neutrality, **Transport**



2045 Net Neutrality, **Buildings**

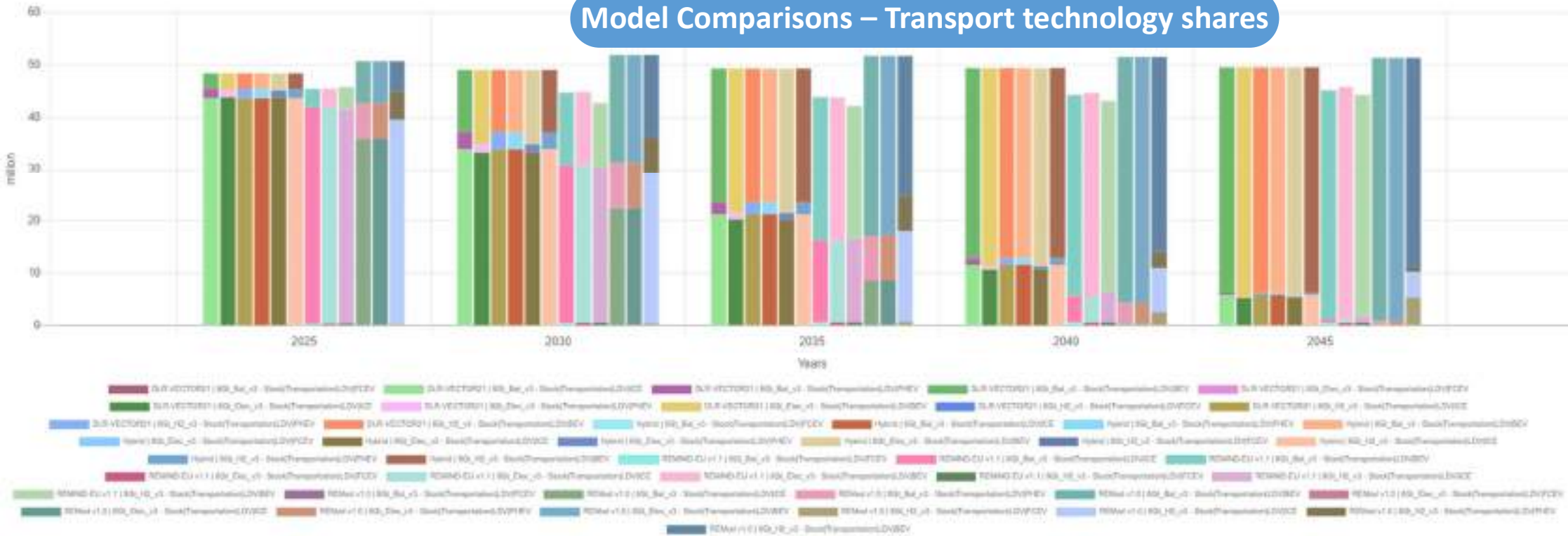


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Model Comparisons – Transport technology shares



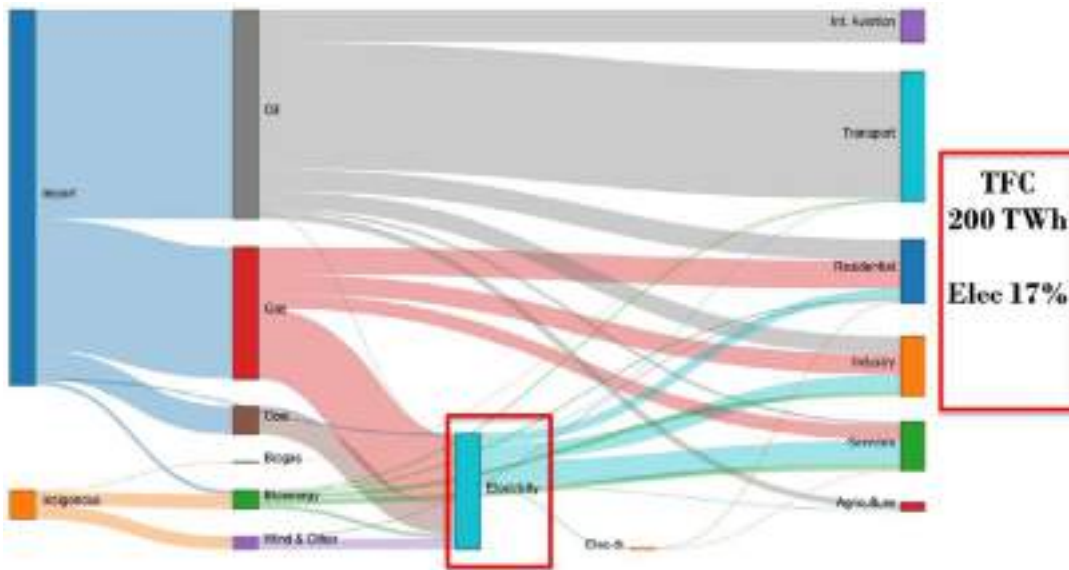
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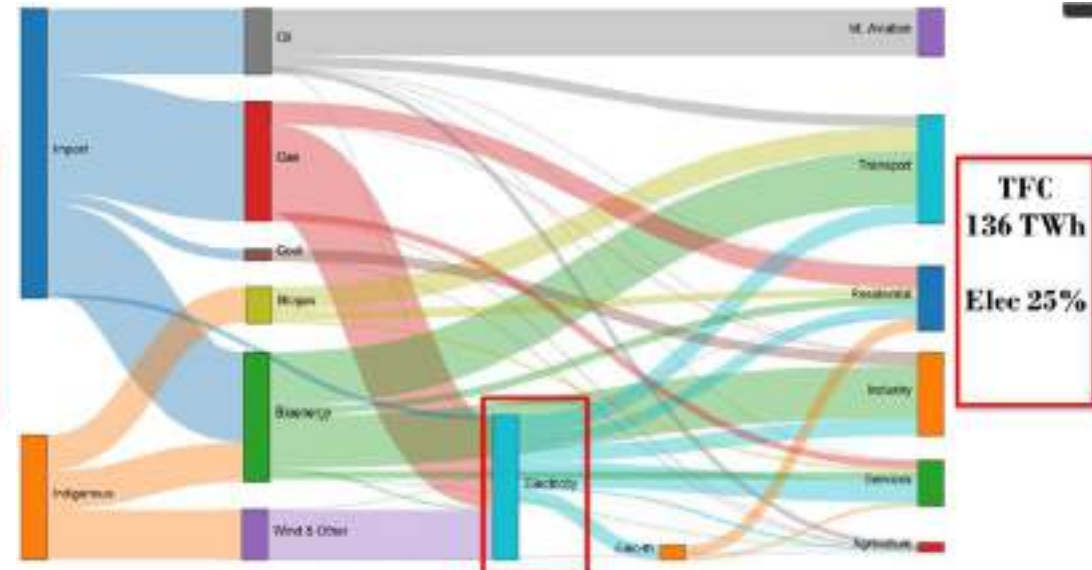
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Energy Balance: Supply & Demand

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Net Neutrality 2050, BAU



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Net Neutrality 2050, -80% CO2



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Model results

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Greece

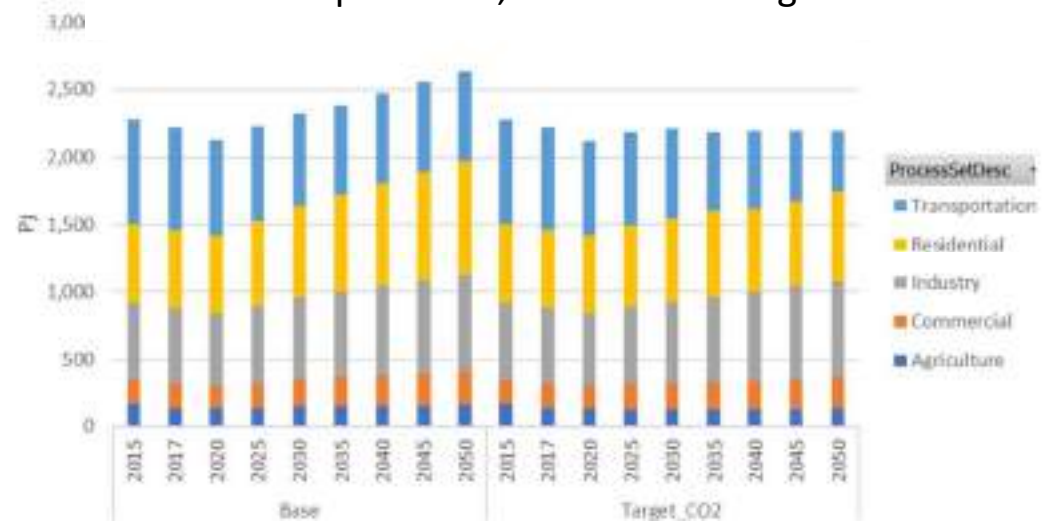


Primary (left) & Final (right) Energy Consumption

TIMES – Greece
Roadmap to 2035, BAU vs CO2 Target



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Roadmap to 2035, BAU vs CO2 Target



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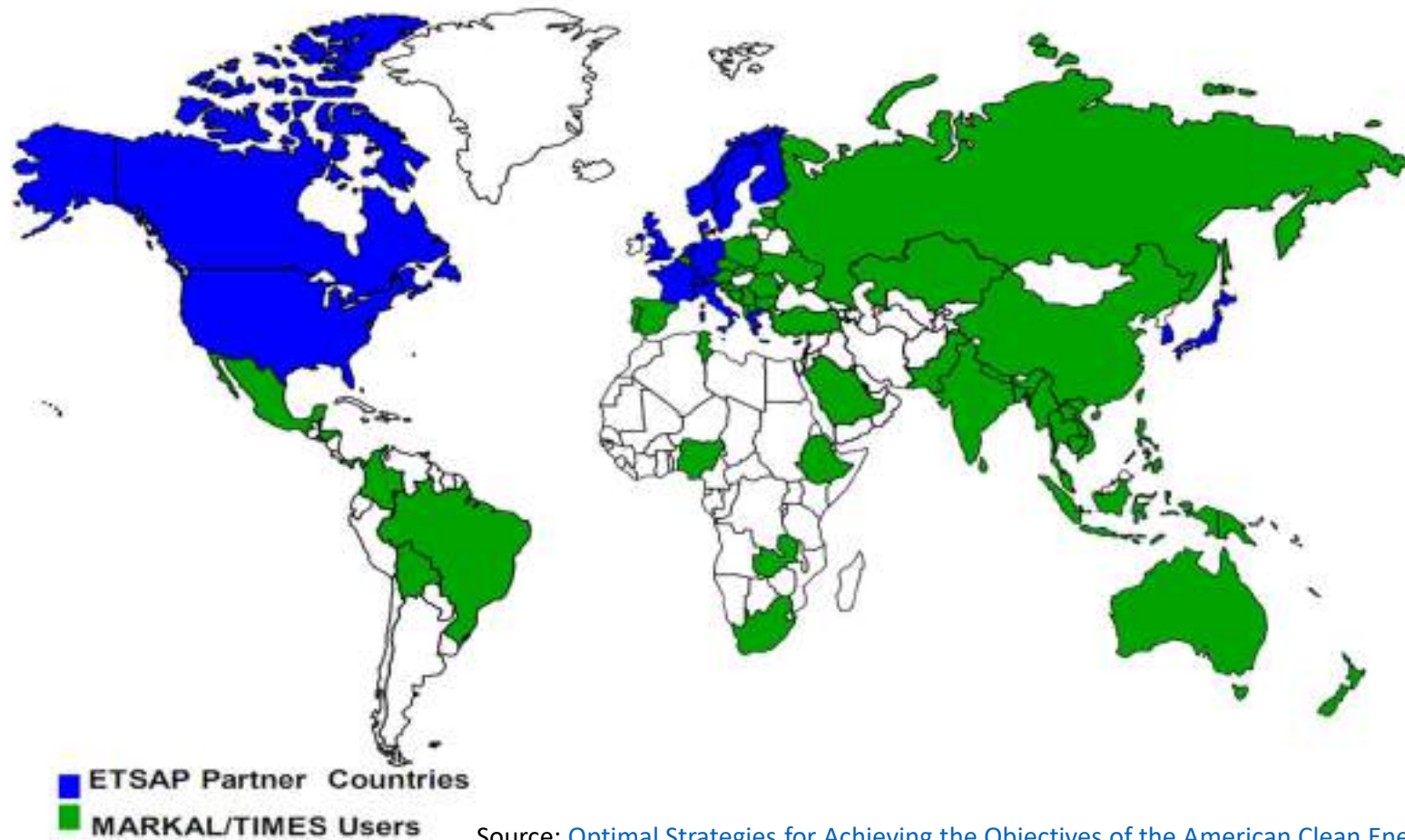
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Modal shifts in transport sector based on income groups (socio-economic aspects)



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Introduction to Uruguayan Energy System

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Troubleshooting – VEDA installation

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