

Strategies for a Greenhouse Gas-neutral Energy Supply by the Year 2045

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- ▶ ... what have we done?
- ▶ ... how did we do it?
 - ▶ ... what does a greenhouse gas neutral strategy look like?
 - ▶ ... what conclusions can be drawn?

Scenario definition and assumptions

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Greenhouse gas-neutral scenario by 2045 ("net zero")

- ▶ Digressions on various topics, e.g..
 - ▶ LULUCF emissions sink
 - ▶ Expansion of renewable energies
 - ▶ Hydrogen import price
 - ▶ Defossilization of the chemical industry

Basic assumptions and framework conditions

- ▶ Greenhouse gas reduction targets from 2030 in accordance with the Climate Protection Act (KSG).
- ▶ GHG emissions from agriculture cannot be completely avoided
- ▶ Phase-out of nuclear energy and coal-fired power generation in accordance with the AtG and KVBG
- ▶ Annual GDP growth of 1.2%, moderately rising energy prices, etc.

LULUCF: Land use, Land-use change and Forestry

GHG: Greenhouse gases

AtG: Atomic Energy Act KVBG: Coal-fired Power Generation Termination Act

KSG: Climate Protection Act

Approach, models, methods

Core model



Integrated energy system model
ETHOS/NESTOR

Method

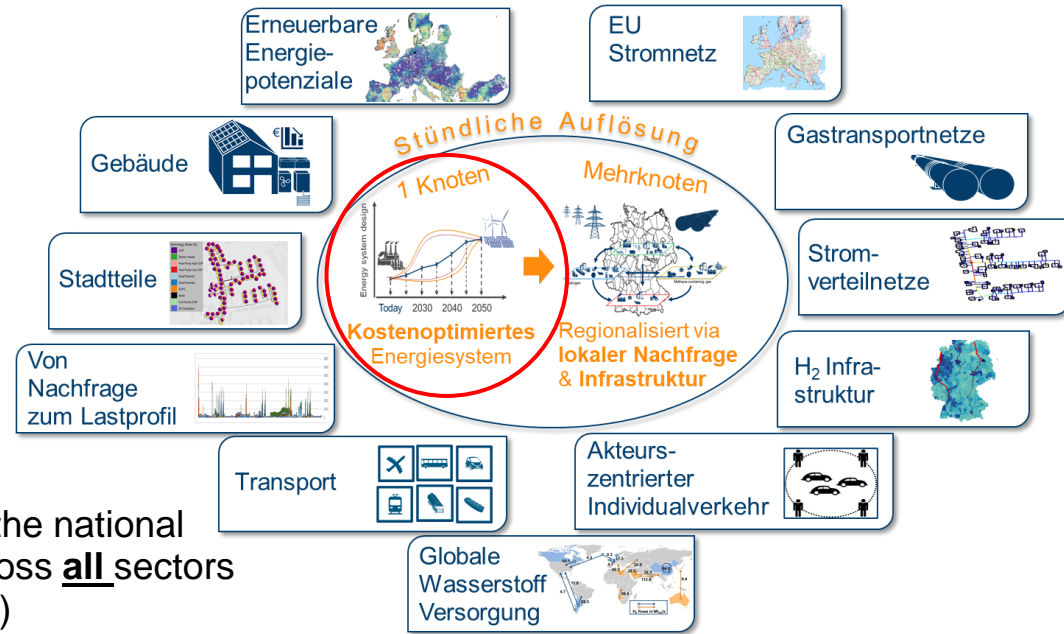


- Optimization of the national energy supply across all sectors** (cost minimization)
- Optimized H₂-infrastructure analysis**

Result

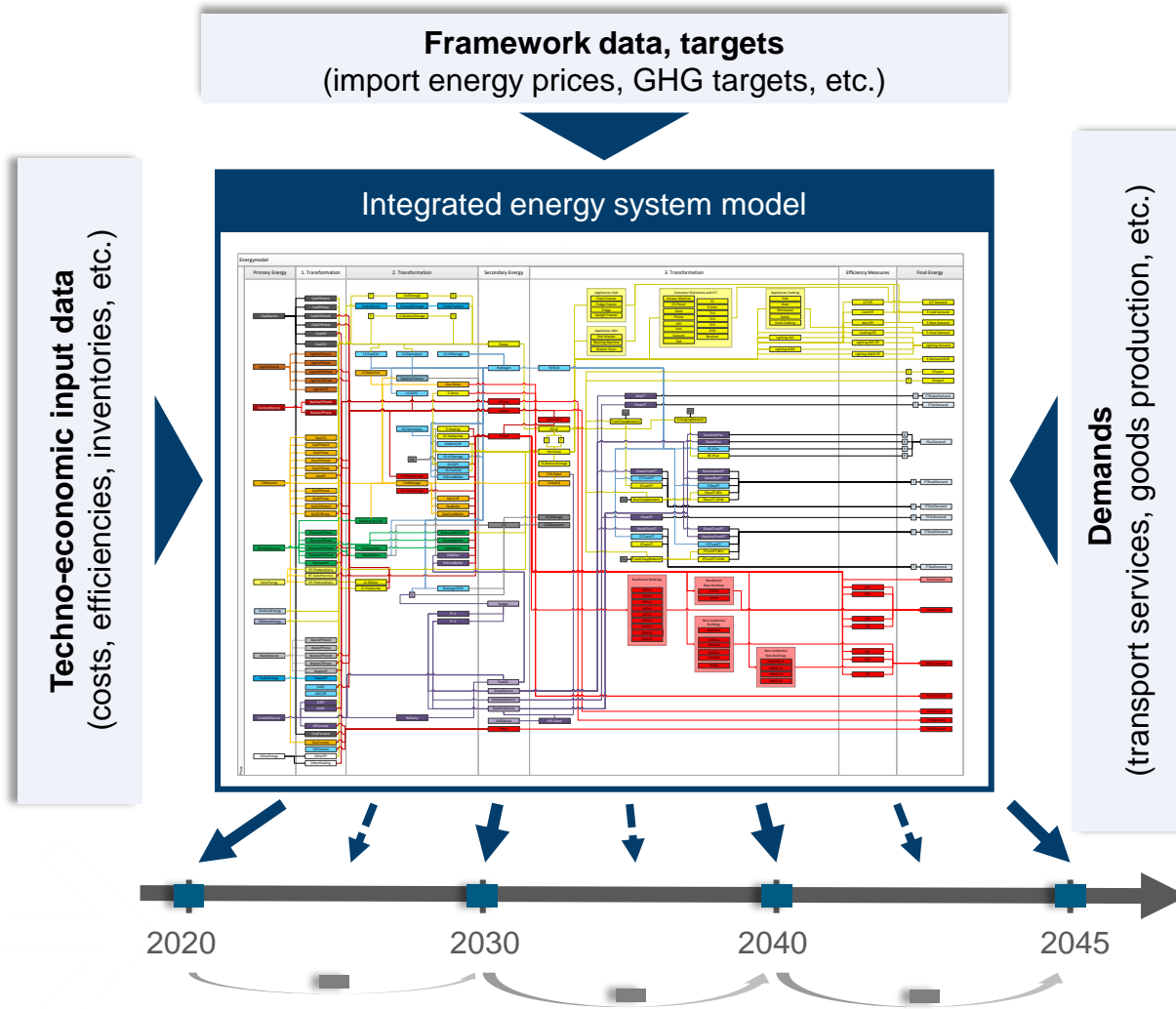


Cost-optimal scenario
under the set boundary conditions
"Omniscient planner"



NESTOR: National Energy System with Sector Coupling

The ETHOS / NESTOR model



Special features & characteristics

- National energy supply
- Detailed implementation of:
 - Energy supply, industry, buildings and transport
 - PtX Technologies
 - Energy storage
 - CO₂ capture & storage
 - ...
- About 1300 techniques
- Hourly resolution

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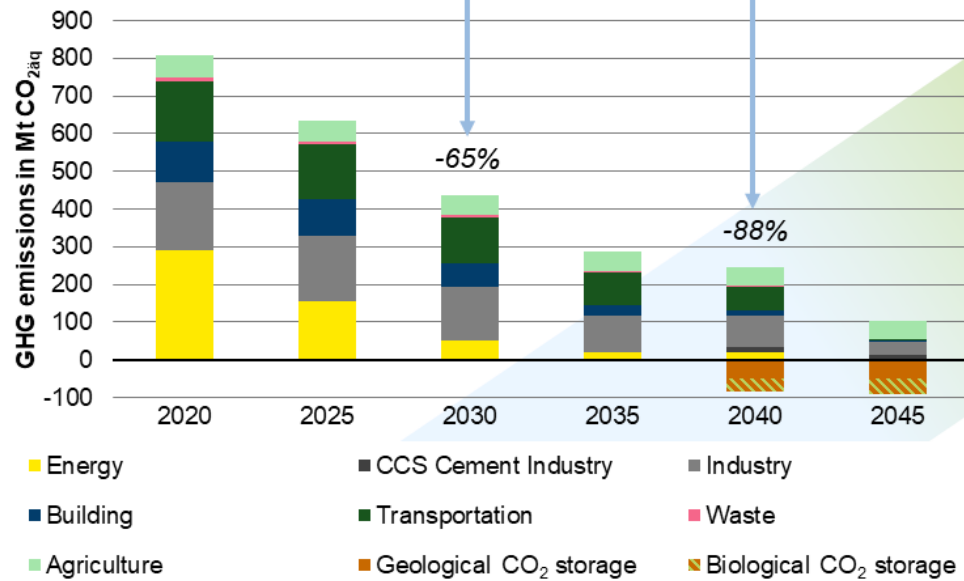
Cost optimization

"All mitigation measures are in competition with each other"

NESTOR: National Energy System with SectOR Coupling

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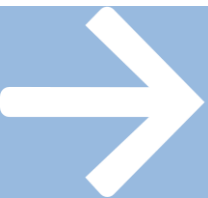
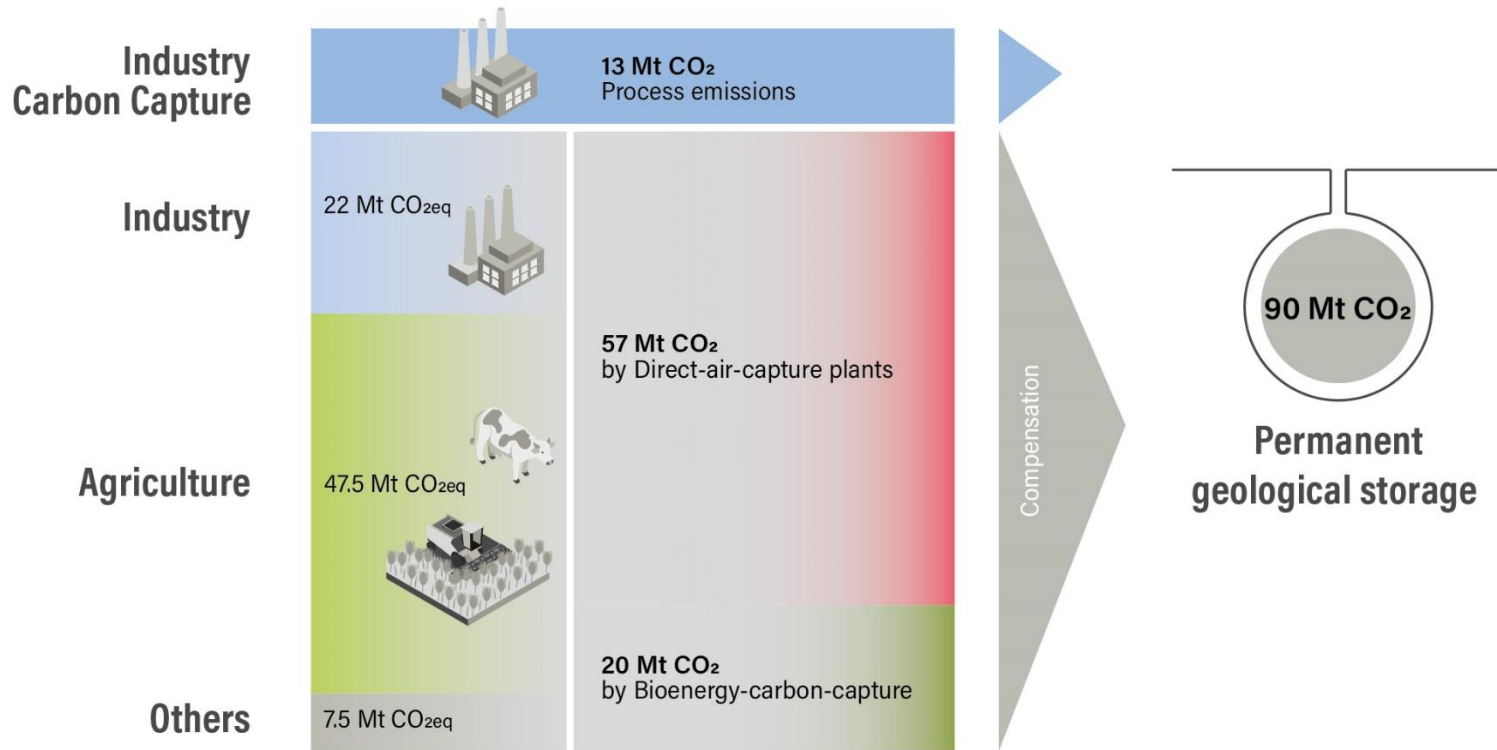
Greenhouse gas neutrality can only be achieved with permanent geological CO₂ Storage



► Adapt Carbon Dioxide Storage Act (KSpG)

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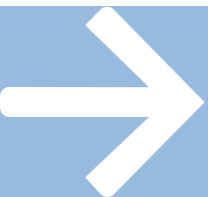
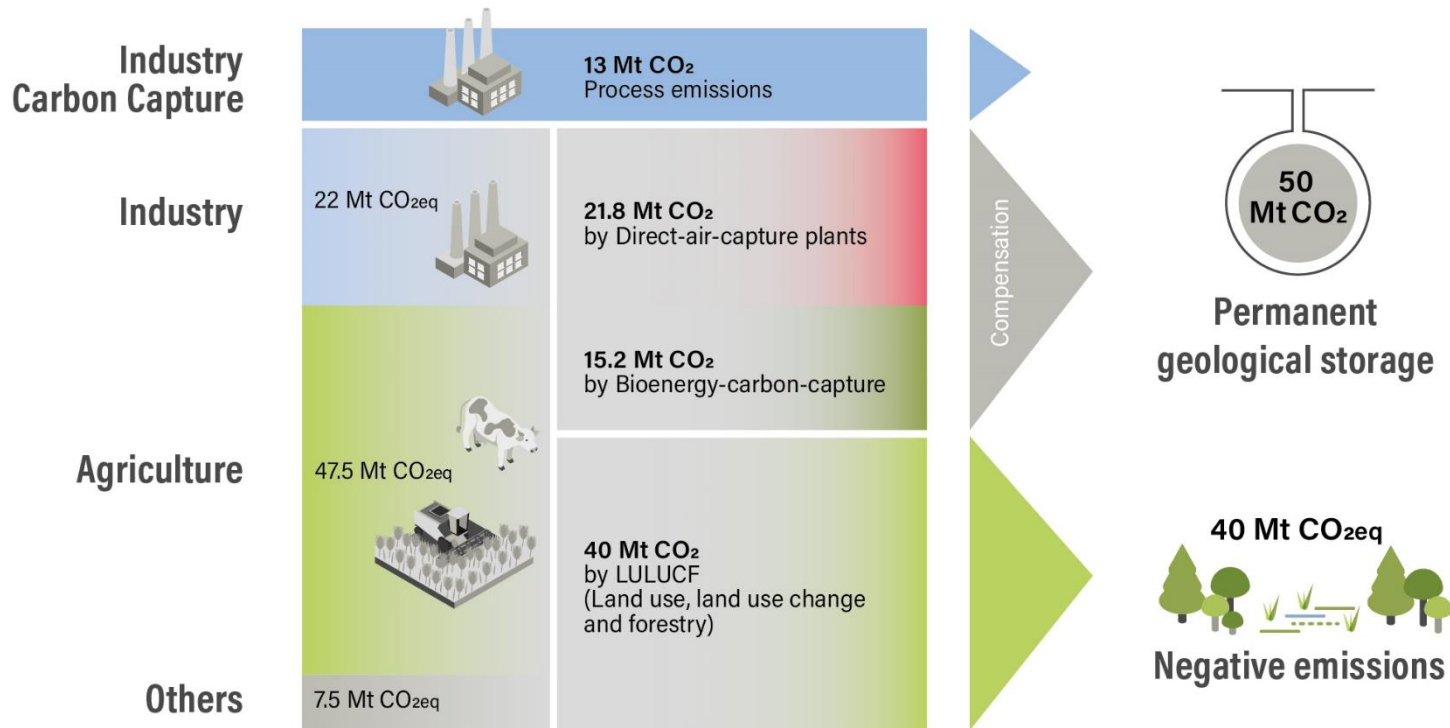
01 Annual geological CO₂ storage demand **without** LULUCF measures in 2045



▶ Annual geological CO₂ storage of approx. 90 million t in 2045

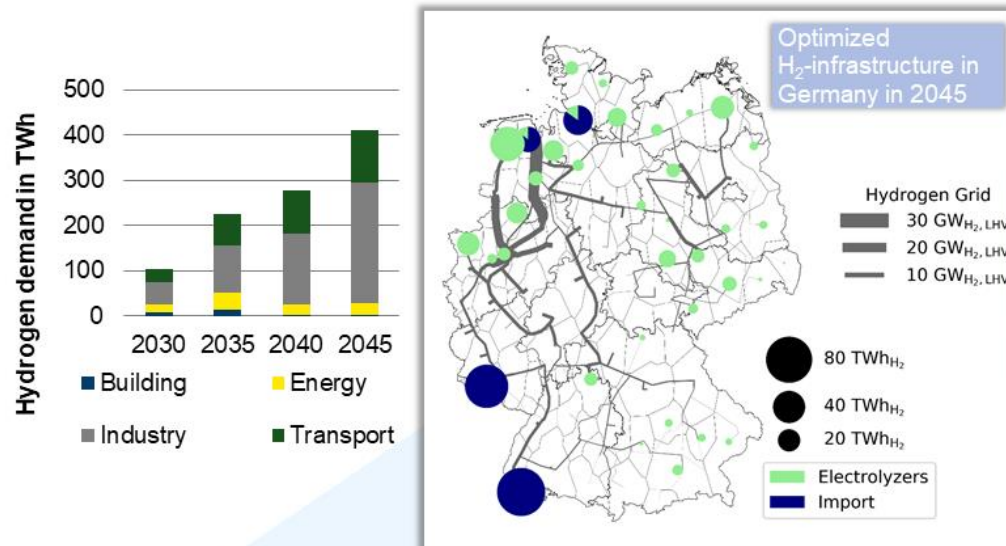
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- ▶ Even with LULUCF measures, geological CO₂ storage is necessary: 50 million t/a.
- ▶ Adapt Carbon Dioxide Storage Act (KSpG)

02 Hydrogen is an important building block for the success of the energy transition

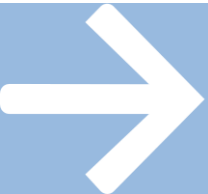
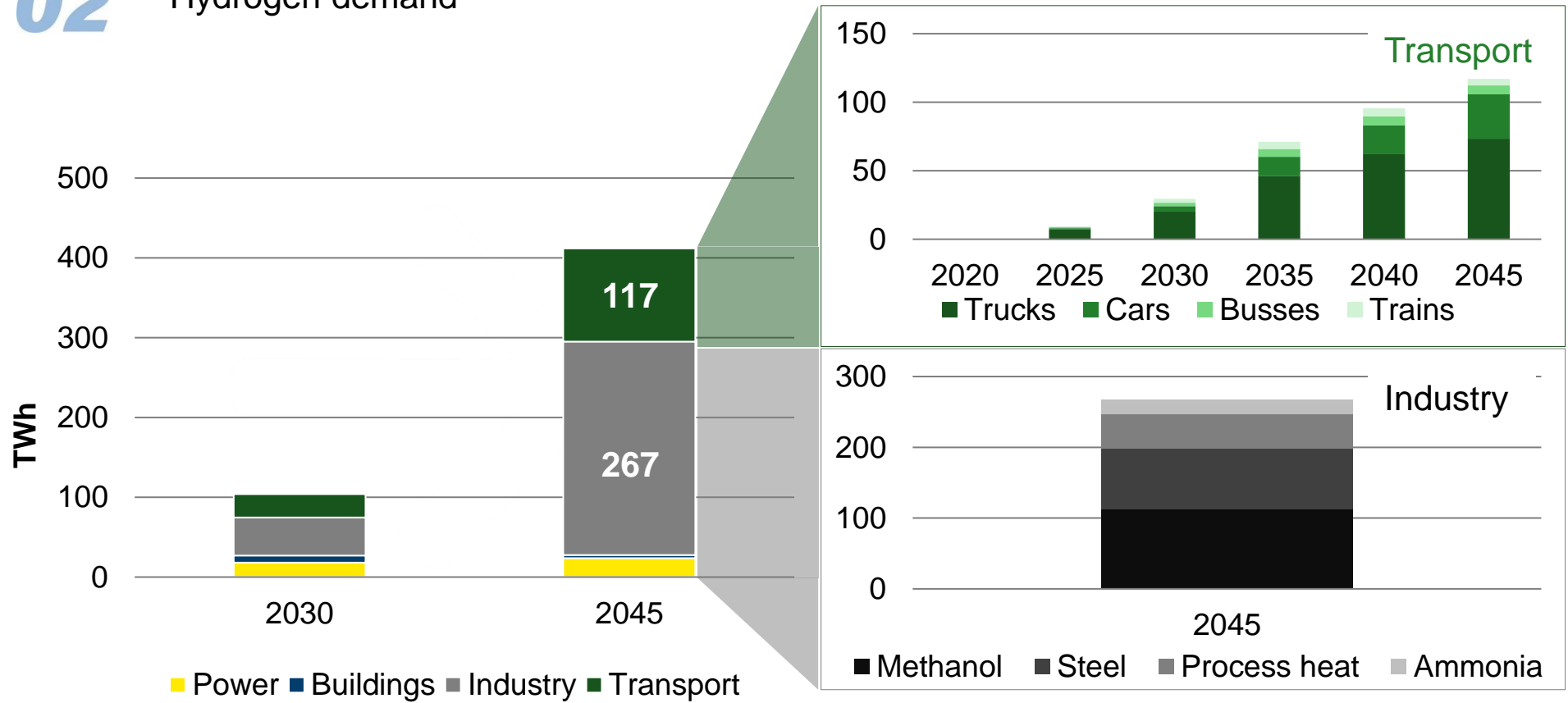


► Invest in salt caverns and pipelines promptly

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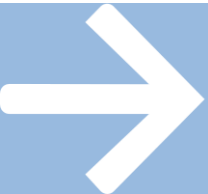
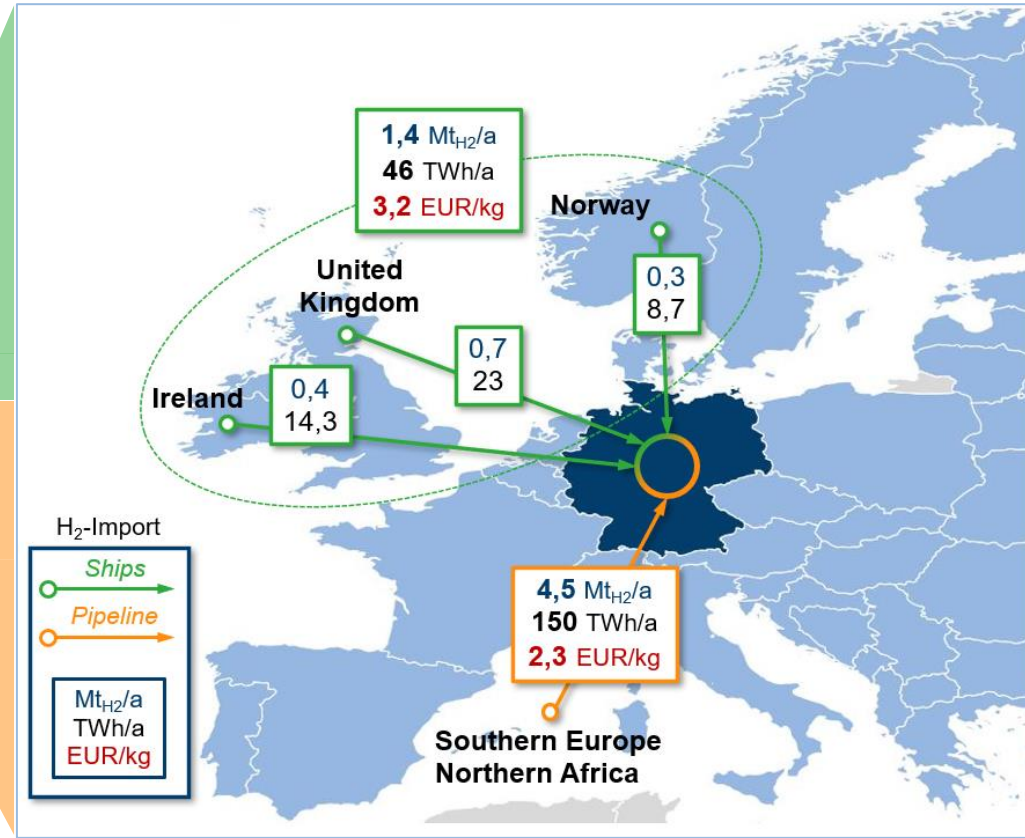
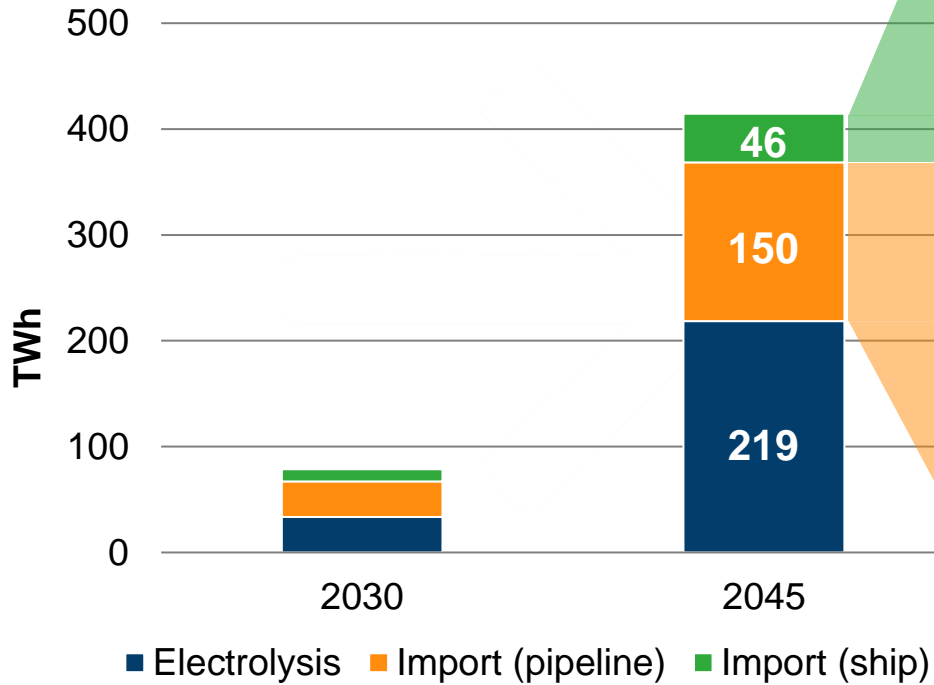
Hydrogen demand



- ▶ About 70% of future hydrogen demand is accounted for by industry
- ▶ Hydrogen use in buildings plays only a minor role

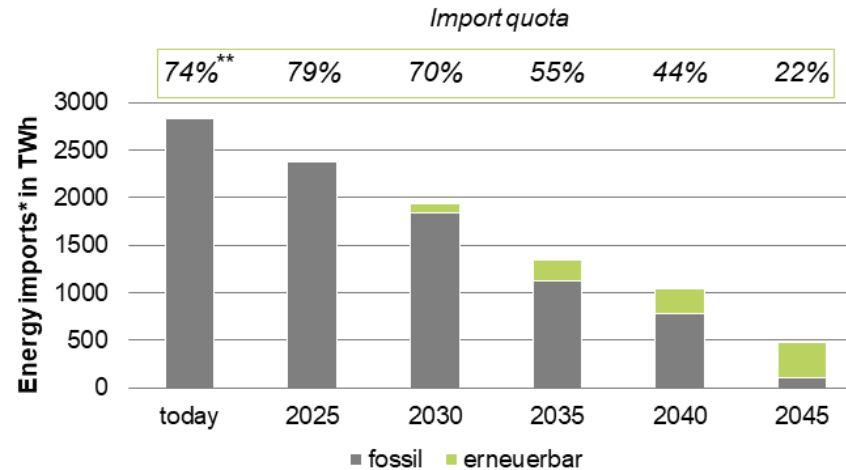
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Hydrogen production in 2045



- ▶ Hydrogen imports are necessary
- ▶ Domestic hydrogen production is also economically feasible

03 Greenhouse gas neutrality causes a decrease in the energy import dependency



* incl. non-energetic demand

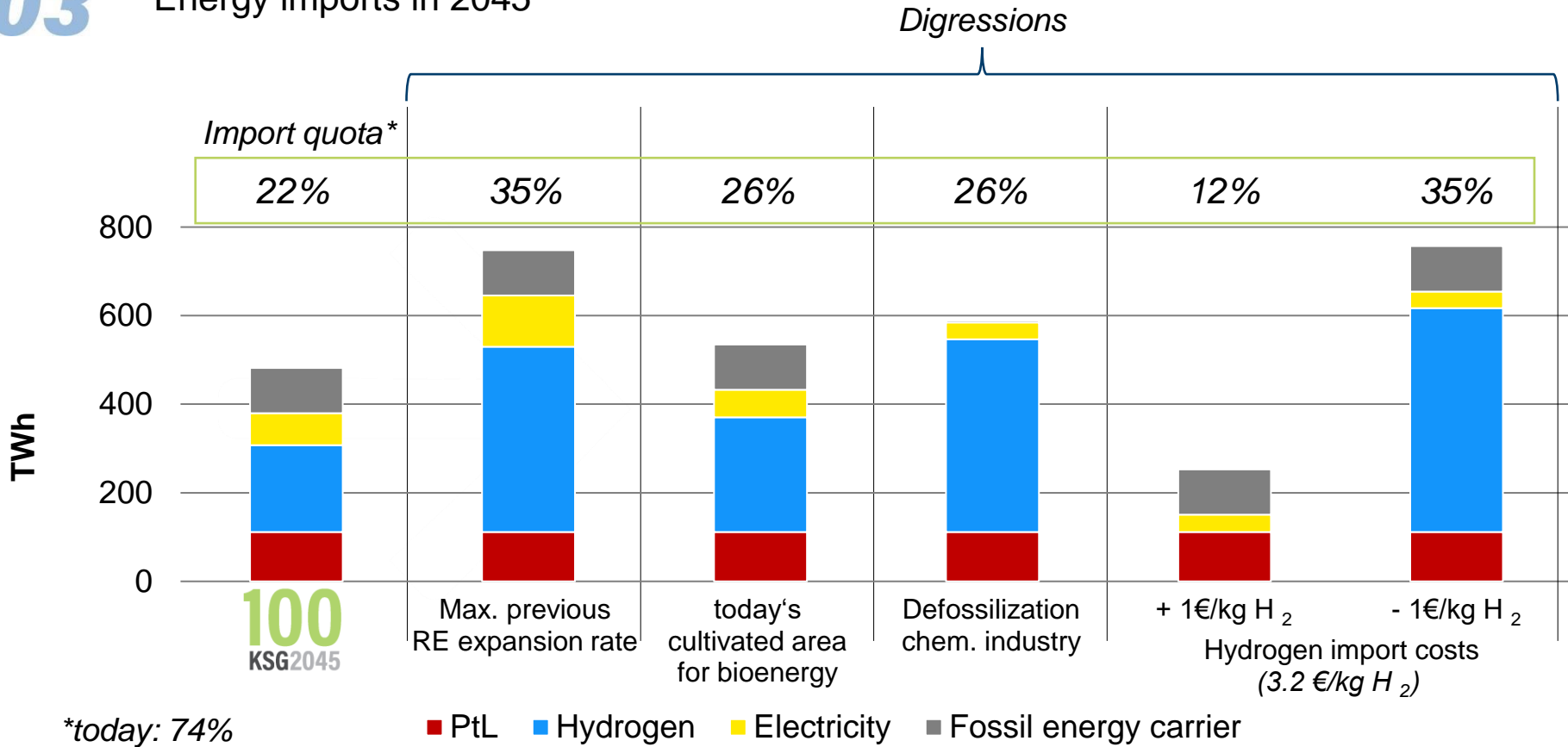
** AGEB: energy balance 2019, <https://ag-energiebilanzen.de/7-0-Bilanzen-1990-2016.htmlx>

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► Greater independence from energy price risks

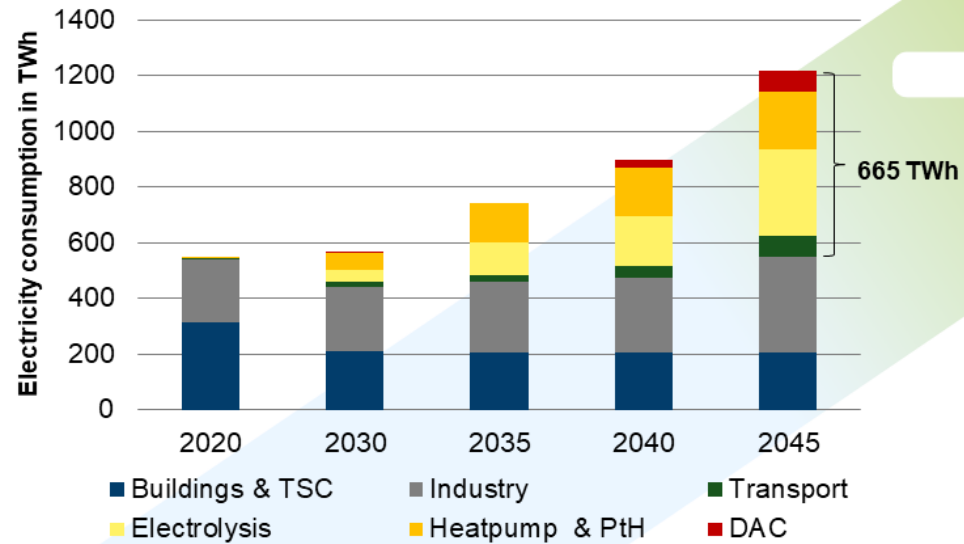
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Energy imports in 2045



➤ A maximum of around one-third of the energy supply will have to be imported in 2045

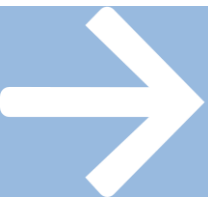
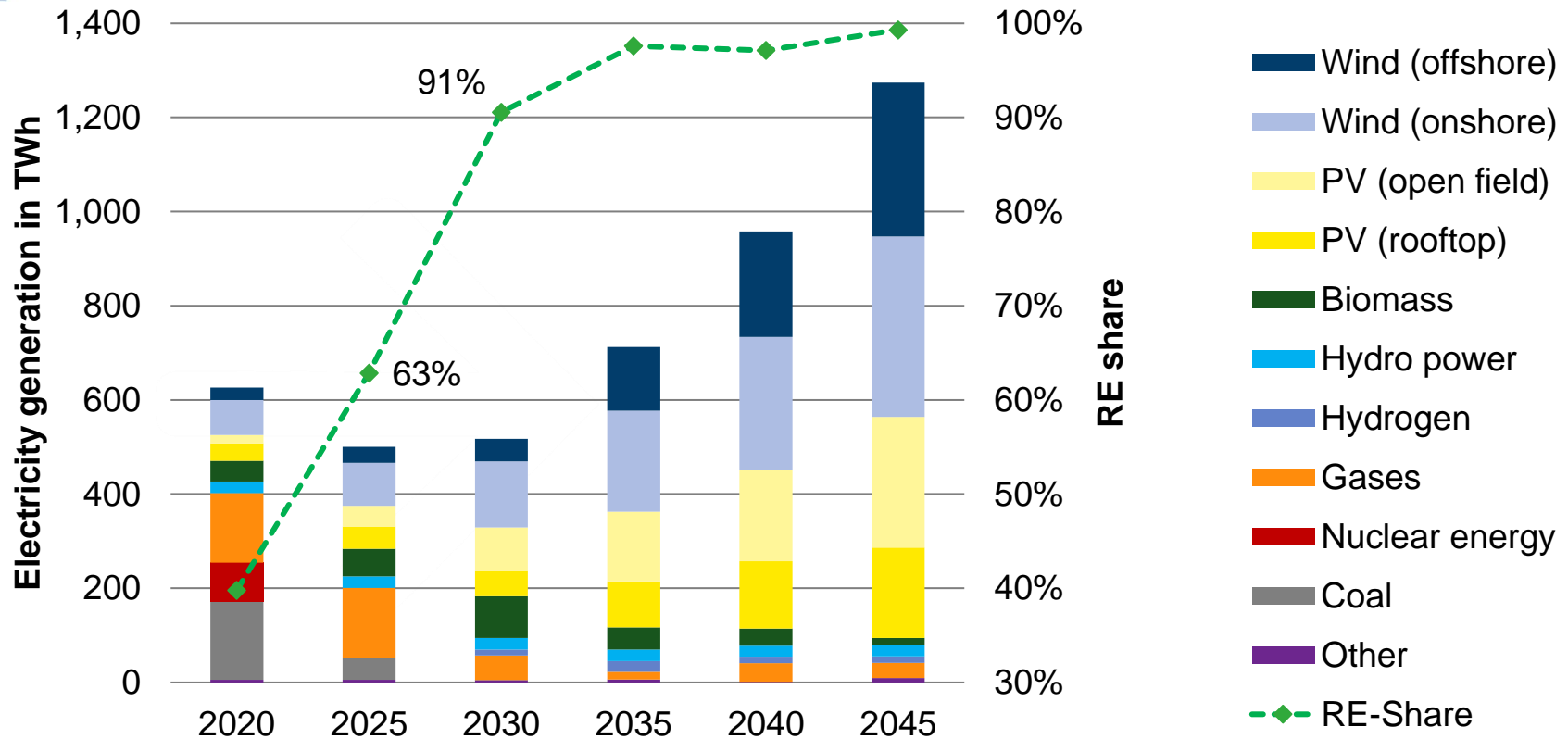
04 Sector coupling doubles electricity consumption in Germany



► Efficiency measures: cost-efficient & prevent greater power consumption

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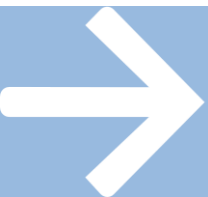
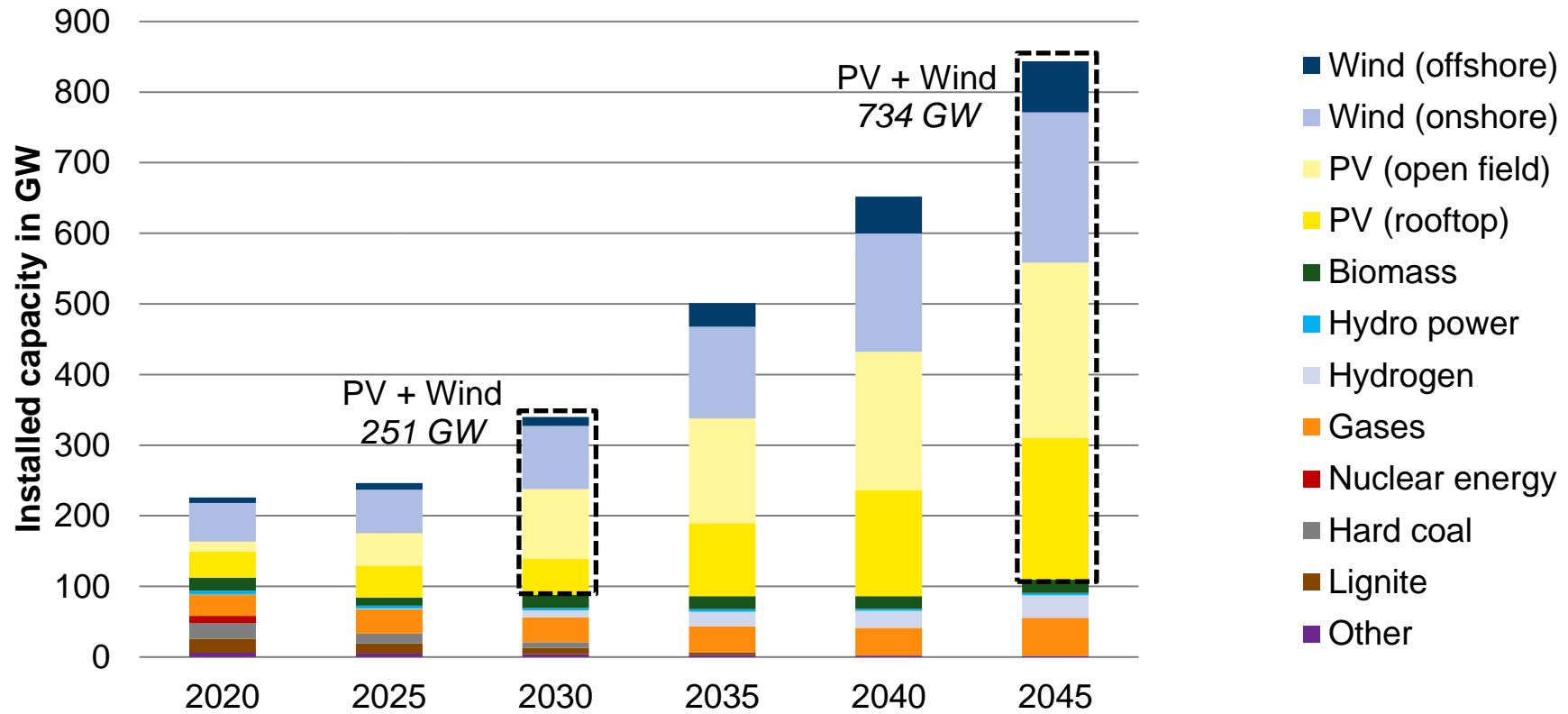
Power generation



- ▶ Exploiting electricity efficiency potential means lower generation
- ▶ Increase the share of renewables at a fast pace (2025: 63%).

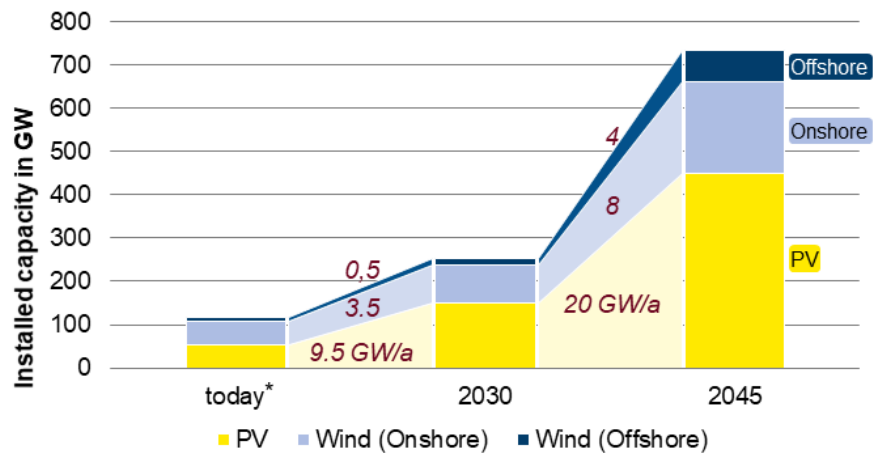
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Installed generation capacity



- ▶ Doubling of today's wind power and PV capacity by 2030
- ▶ Share of PV (open-field and rooftop) in 2045: 53%.

05 The pace of renewables expansion must be accelerated



* <https://www.bundesnetzagentur.de/DE/Sachgebiete/ElektrizitaetundGas/start.html>

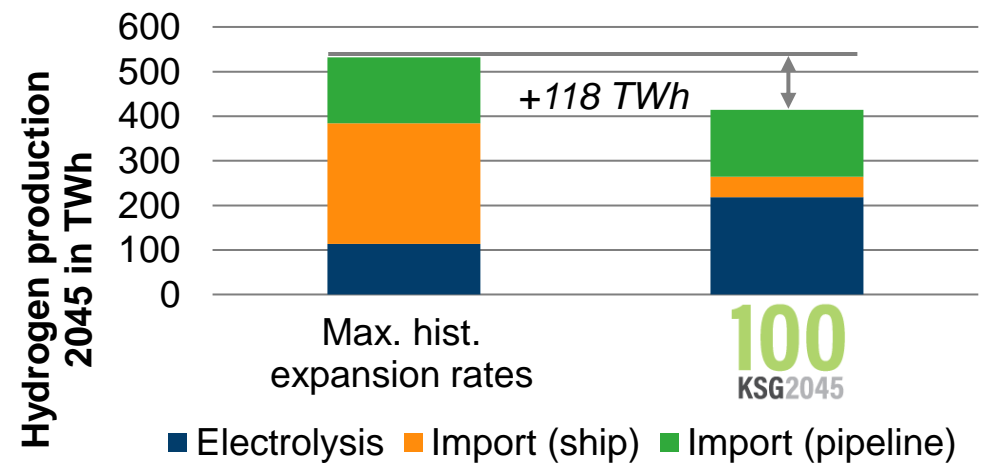
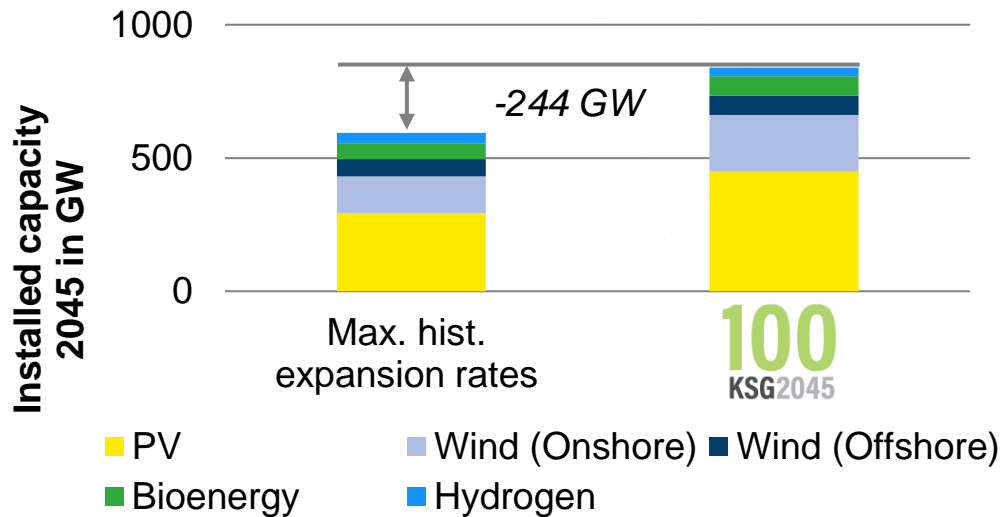
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▶ Shorten and simplify approval and planning procedures...

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Excursus on wind and PV expansion rates

<i>in GW/a</i>	Maximum expansion rates in the last 10 years ^[1]	Expansion rates required over the next 25 years
Wind-Onshore	4,9	6,3
Wind Offshore	2,3	2,6
PV	9,0	15,8

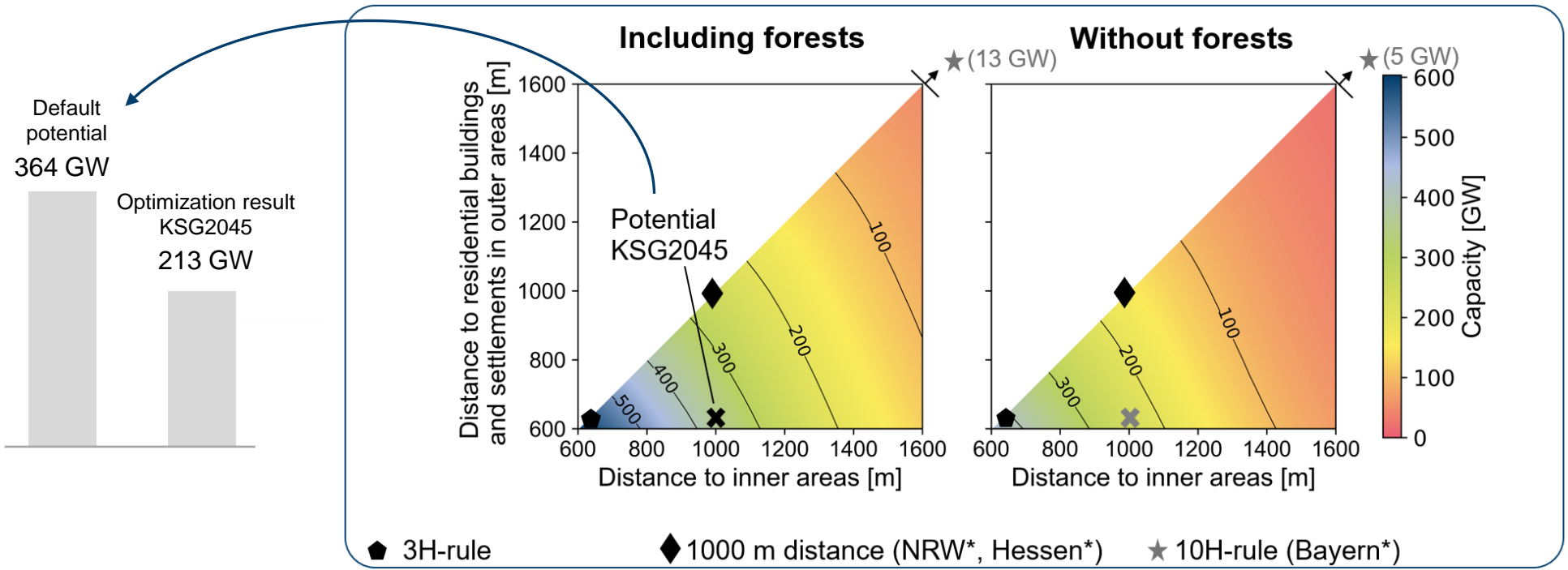


► If the expansion rates are not achieved, this will lead to higher energy imports

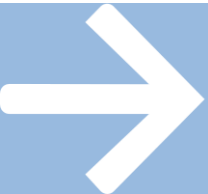
[1] BMWi Information Portal Renewable Energies. Renewable Energies Working Group - Statistics
<https://www.erneuerbare-energien.de/EE/Navigation/DE/Home/home.html>

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Potential analysis wind power onshore

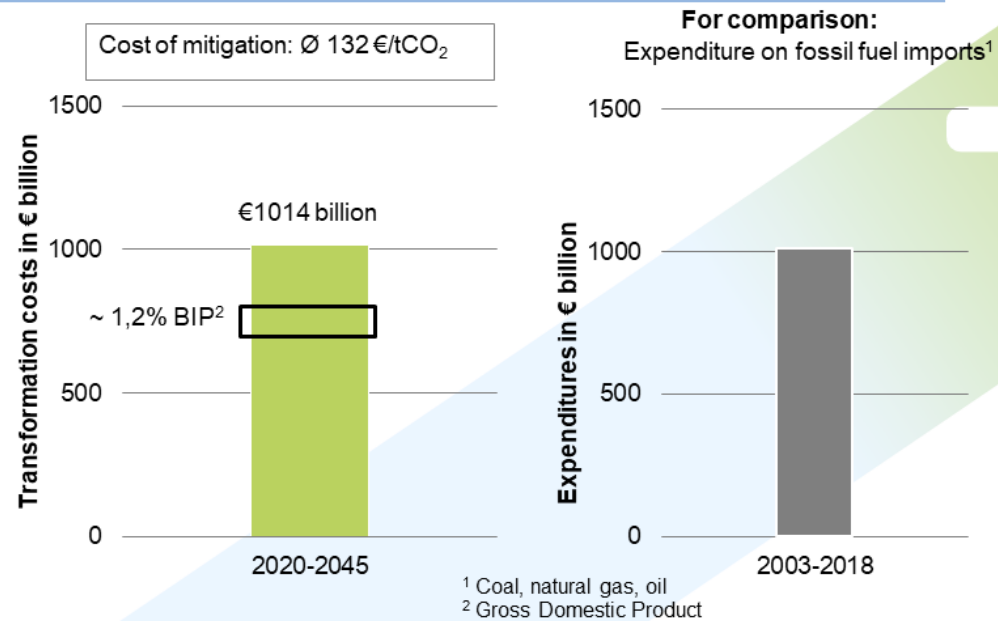


* Extreme case in which all residential buildings in outer areas are protected by outer area statute („Außenbereichssatzung“)



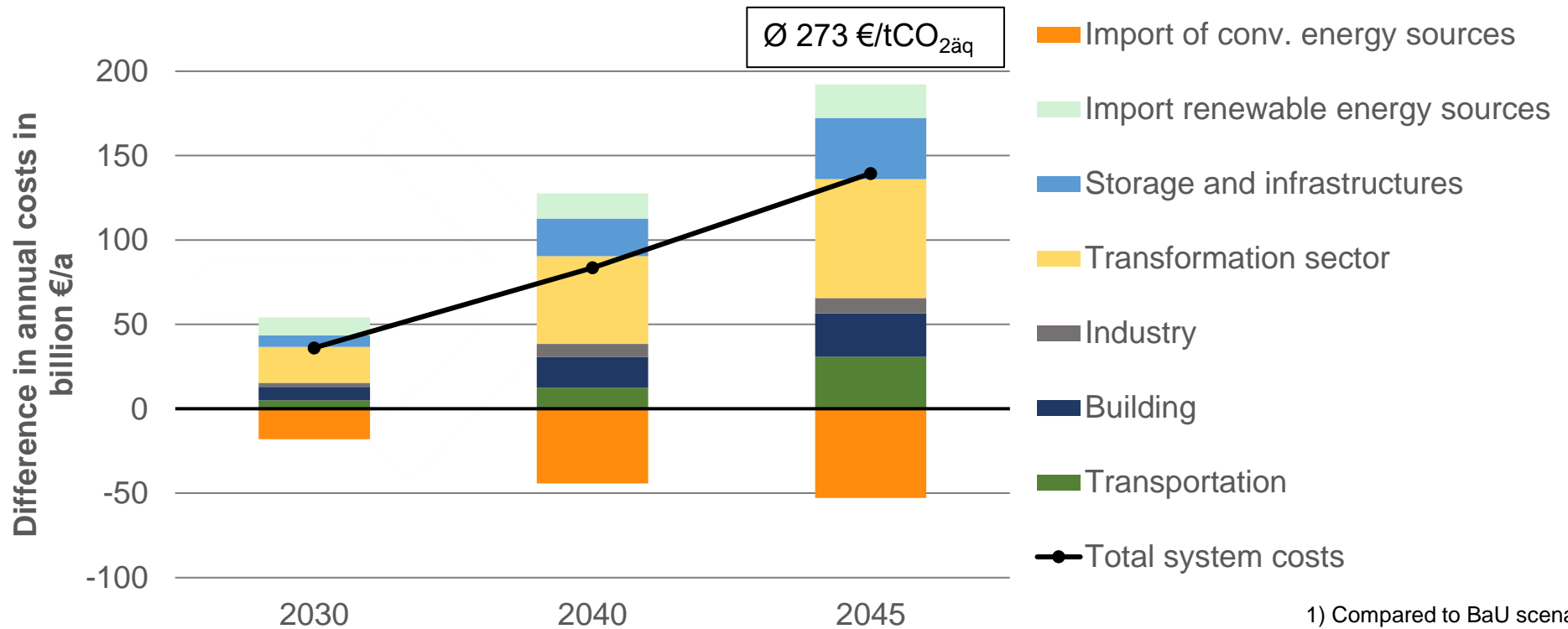
- ▶ Only 59% of the analyzed potential for onshore wind (364 GW) is utilized
- ▶ Even excluding the forest areas, there would be enough wind energy potential

Greenhouse gas neutrality by 2045 is technically and economically feasible

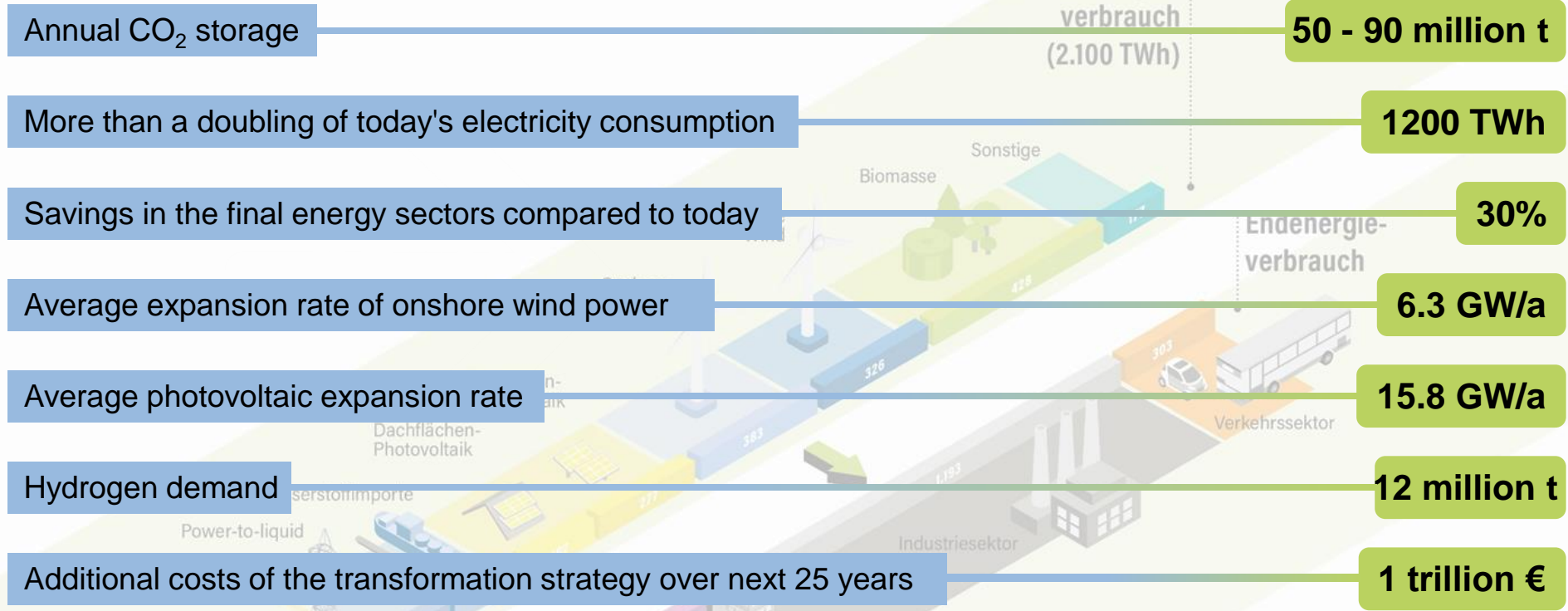


► Prerequisite: Transformation is tackled promptly in all sectors

Annual additional costs for greenhouse gas neutrality¹⁾



- ▶ Sharp increase in additional costs at the end of the period
- ▶ Largest share of costs: energy sector (RE expansion, electrolysis, DAC, etc.)



➤ Transformation is technically and economically feasible
 ➤ Action period: only 25 years - immediate action at all levels

Thank you for your attention!



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