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Perspectives on 100% Renewable Energy Systems around the World

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Publications on 100% Renewable Energy

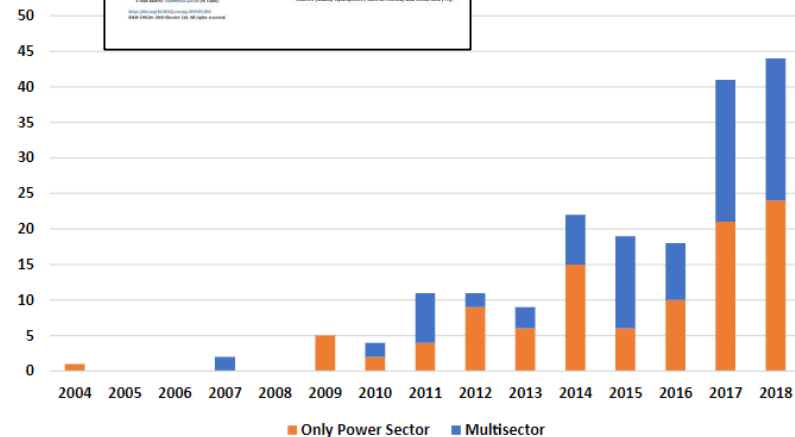
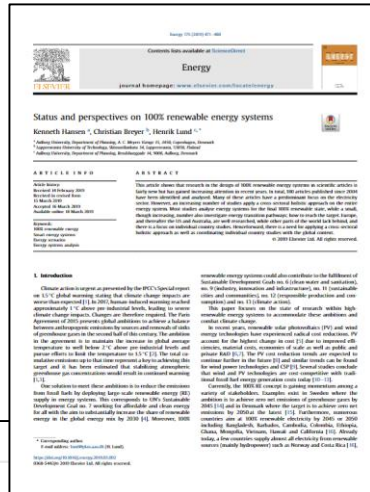


Fig. 1. Number of 100% RE studies for countries, regions and globally according to their publication year.

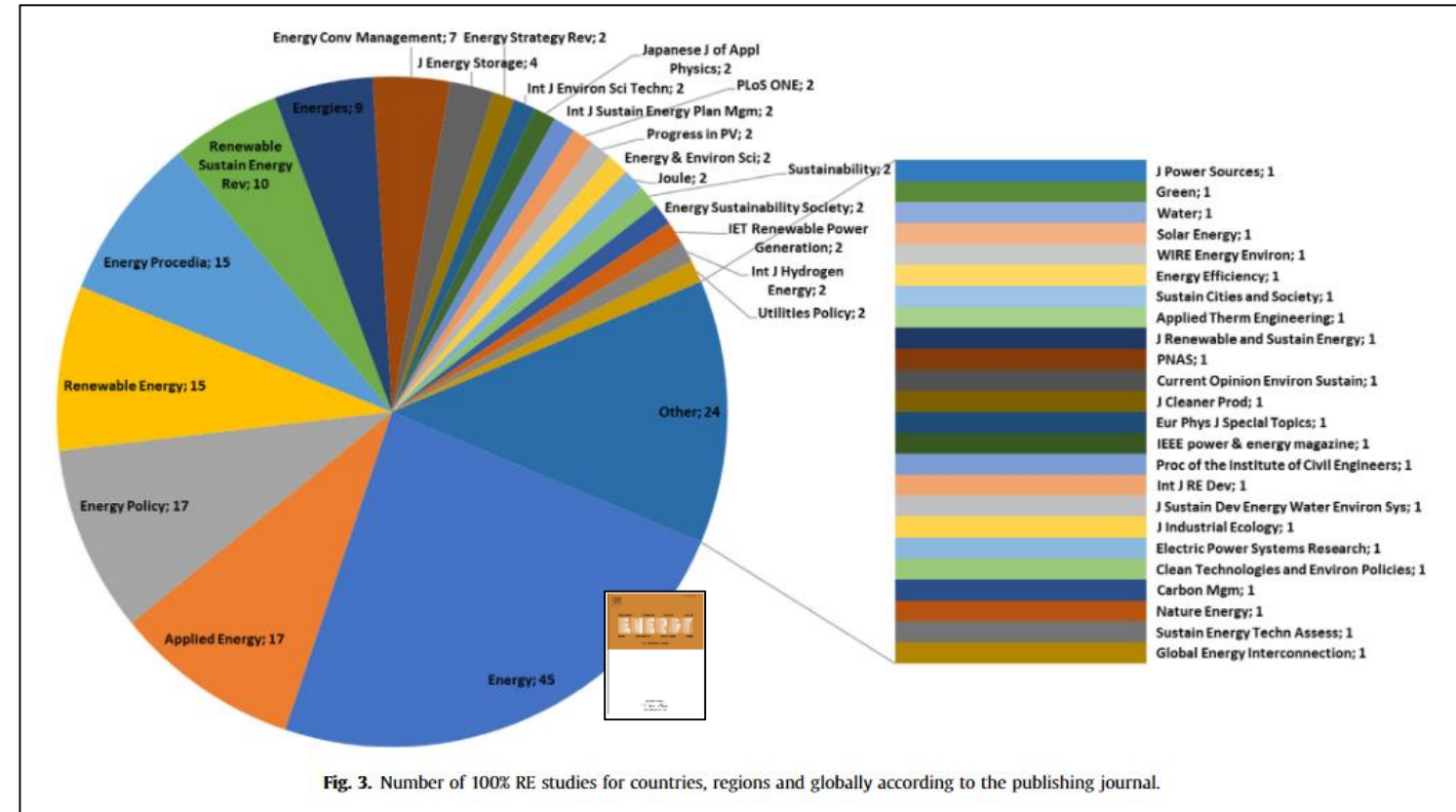
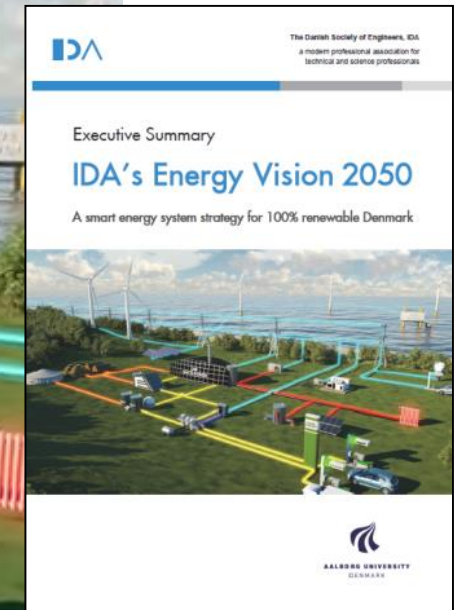
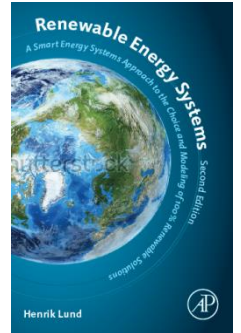


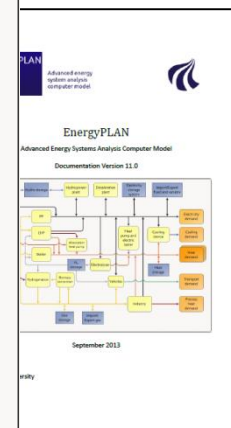
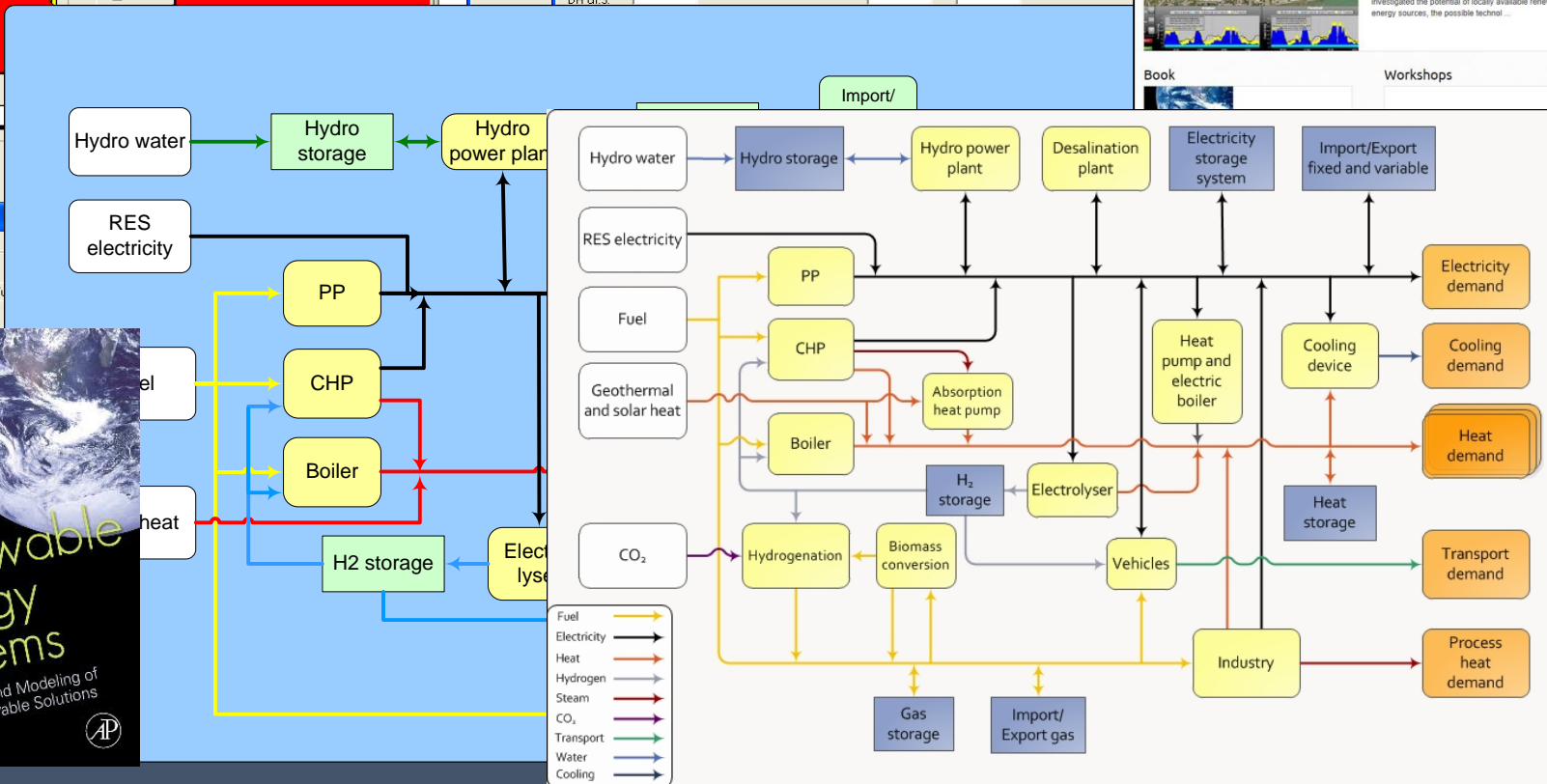
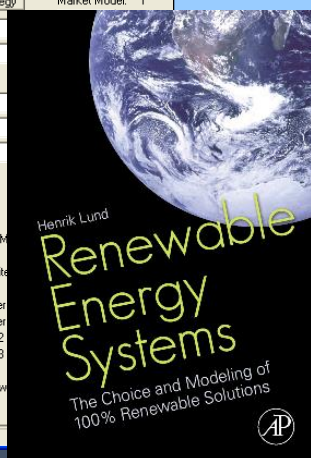
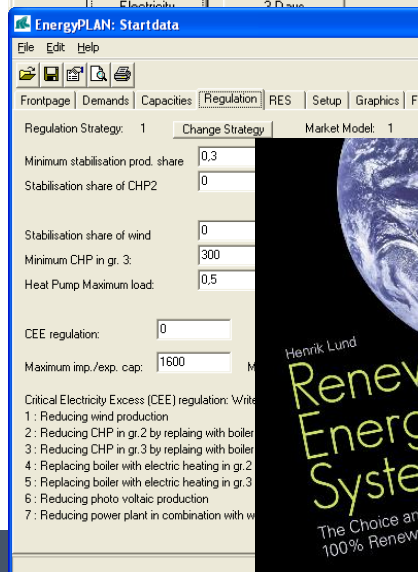
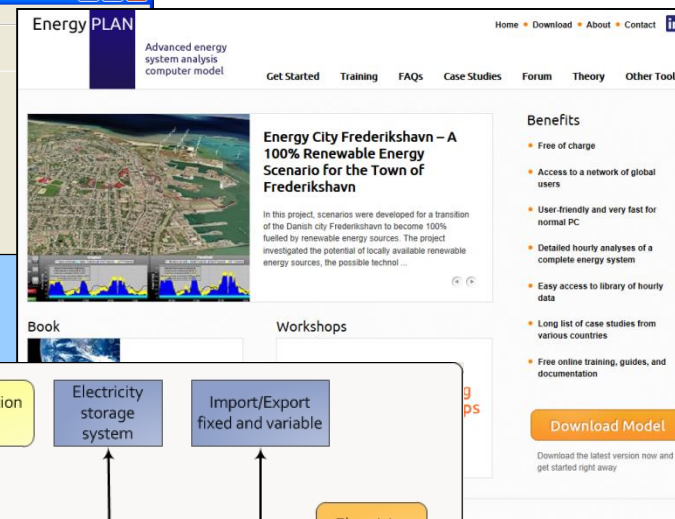
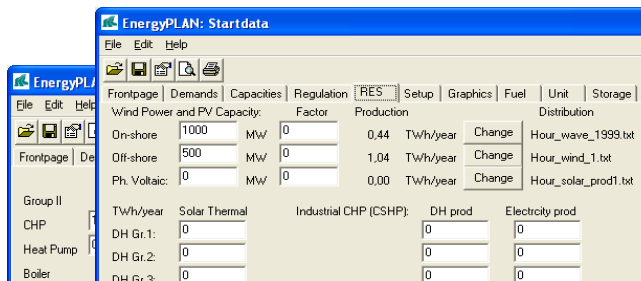
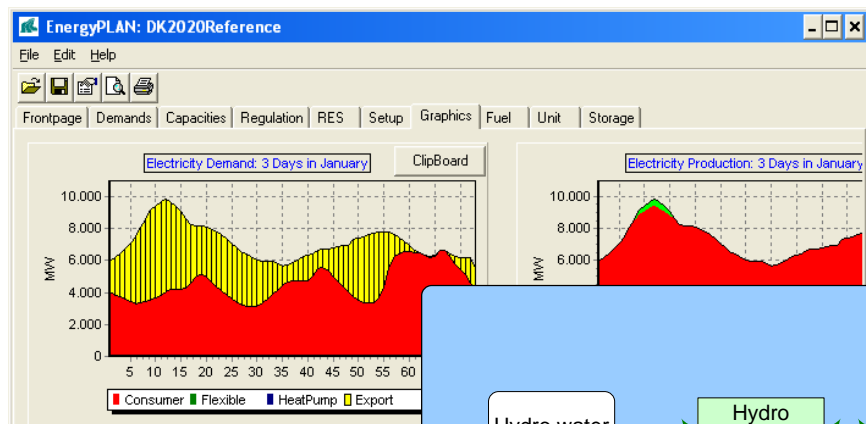
Fig. 3. Number of 100% RE studies for countries, regions and globally according to the publishing journal.



The Design of Renewable Energy Systems



Energy System Analysis and Modelling



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Gaps in 100% renewable energy research



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100% RES energy systems – electrification, hydrogen or e-fuels?



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The views from the IPCC SR1.5



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Decarbonization of China's Electricity Sector for the 2 Degree Target

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International pledges & national legally binding targets

■ NDC under the Paris Agreement

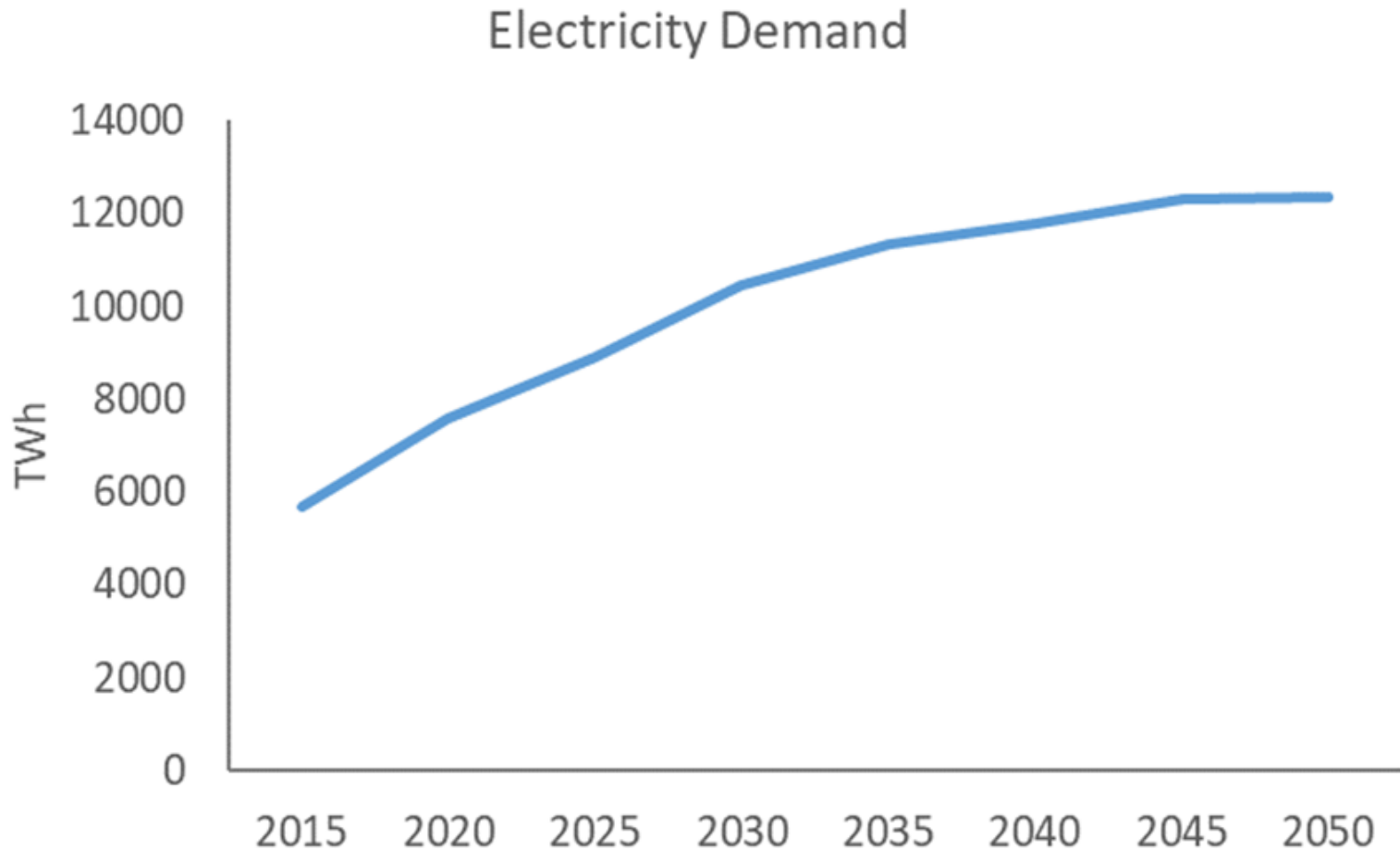
- To achieve the peaking of carbon dioxide emissions *around 2030 and making best efforts to peak early*;
- To lower carbon dioxide emissions per unit of GDP by 60-65% by 2030 from the 2005 level; and
- To increase the share of non-fossil fuels in primary energy consumption to around 20% by 2030.

■ National targets for the 13th Five-Year-Plan (2016-2020)

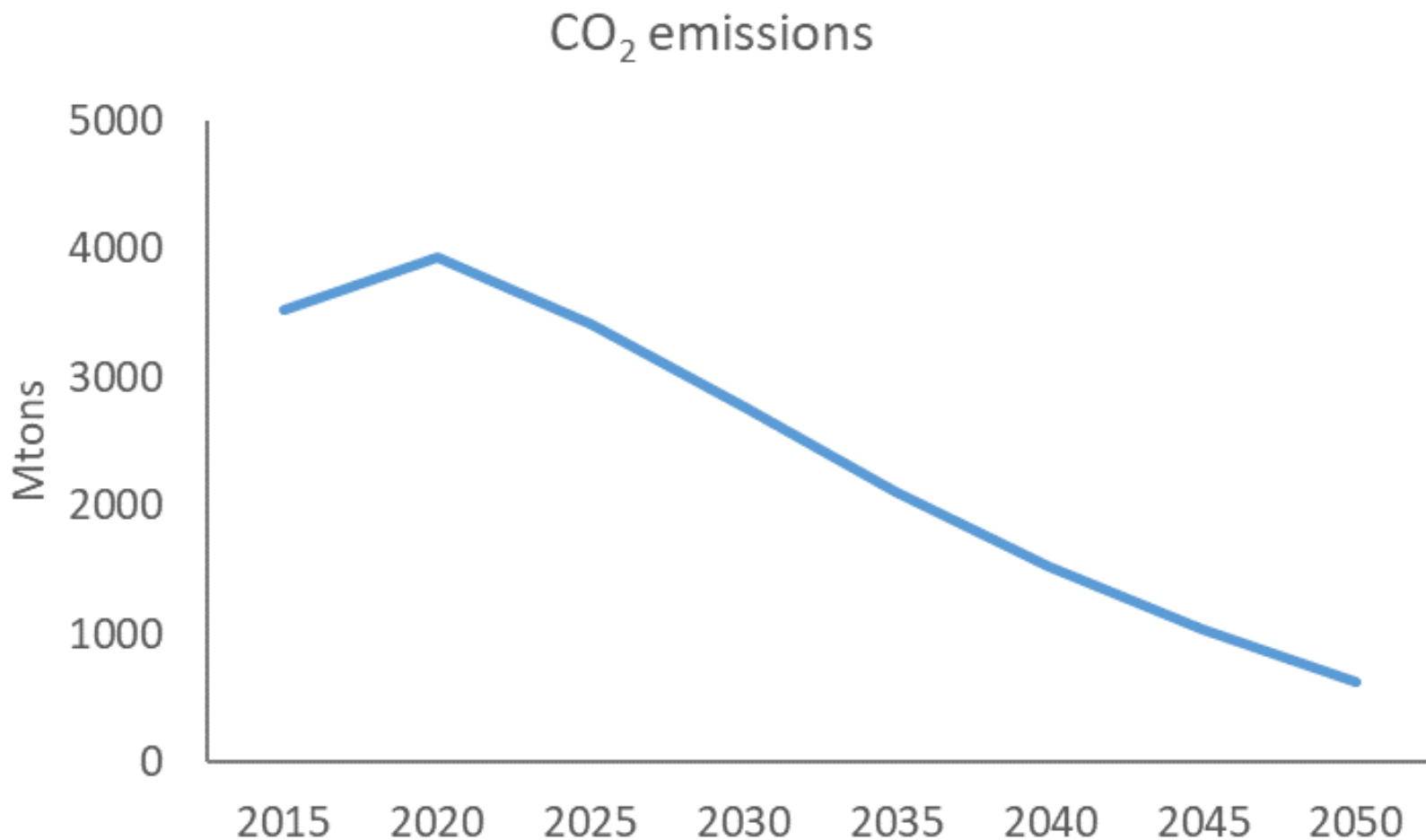
- Energy intensity target: reduce 15% relative to 2015
- Carbon intensity target: reduce 18% relative to 2015
- Non-fossil energy target: 15% of non-fossil fuels in primary energy supply by 2020



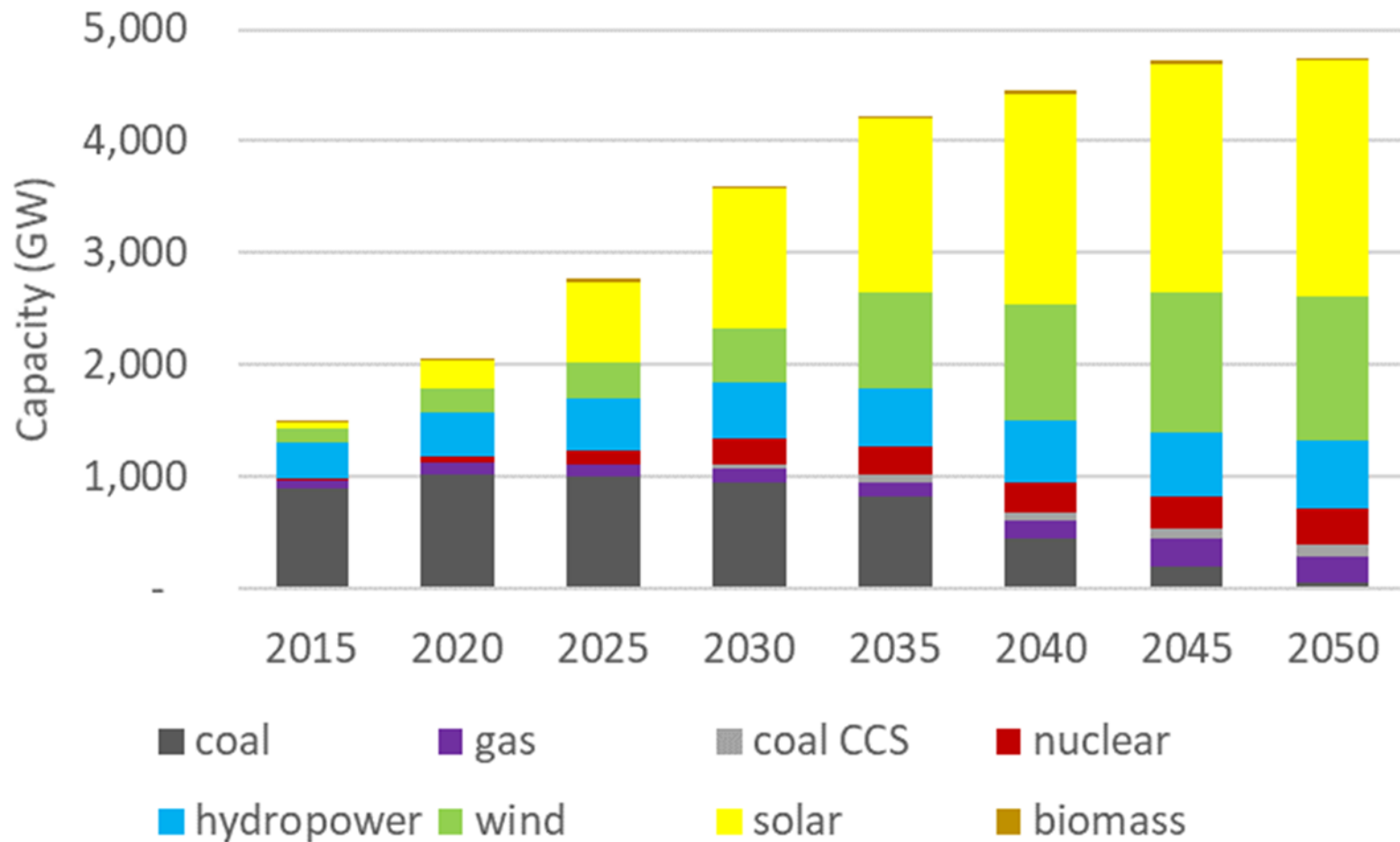
China's Electricity Consumption Growth



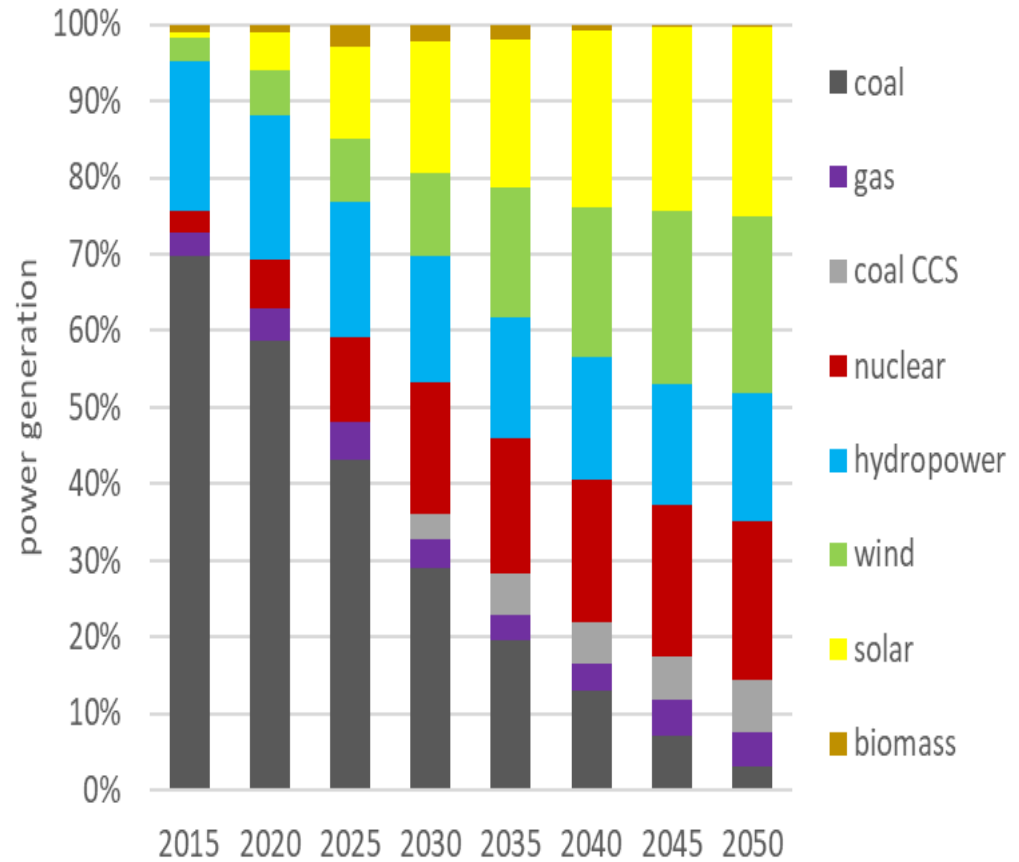
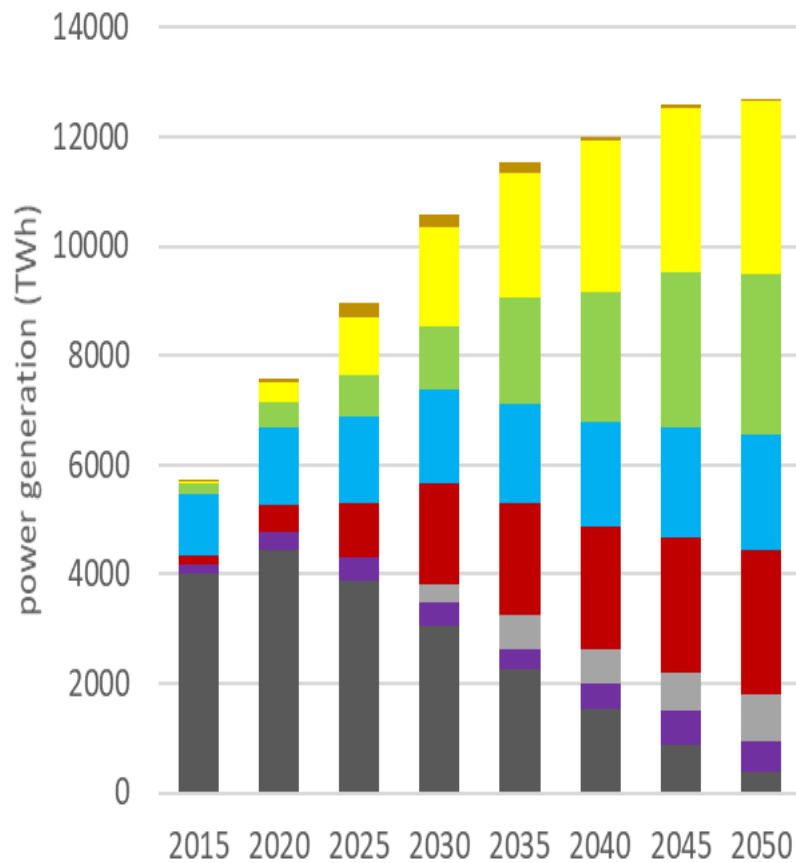
CO₂ Emissions of the Electricity Sector for the 2 Degree Target



Installed Capacity of Electricity Generation



Mix of Electricity Generation



Key Technological and Policy Measures

- System flexibility
 - Improve the flexibility of coal-fired power plants
 - Encourage the development of flexible power plants and storage
 - Enhance the interconnection of power grids
 - Encourage the development of demand response
- System reliability and frequency management
 - Renewable power forecasting
 - Integration with other energy systems
 - Storage and back-up units
 - Frequency management
 - Ancillary service
- Policy and institutional reform
 - Complete electricity market
 - Renewable portfolio standard
 - Carbon emissions trading system



Thank you for your attention.

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Panel: Perspectives on 100% Renewable Energy Systems around the World

The views from the IPCC SR1.5

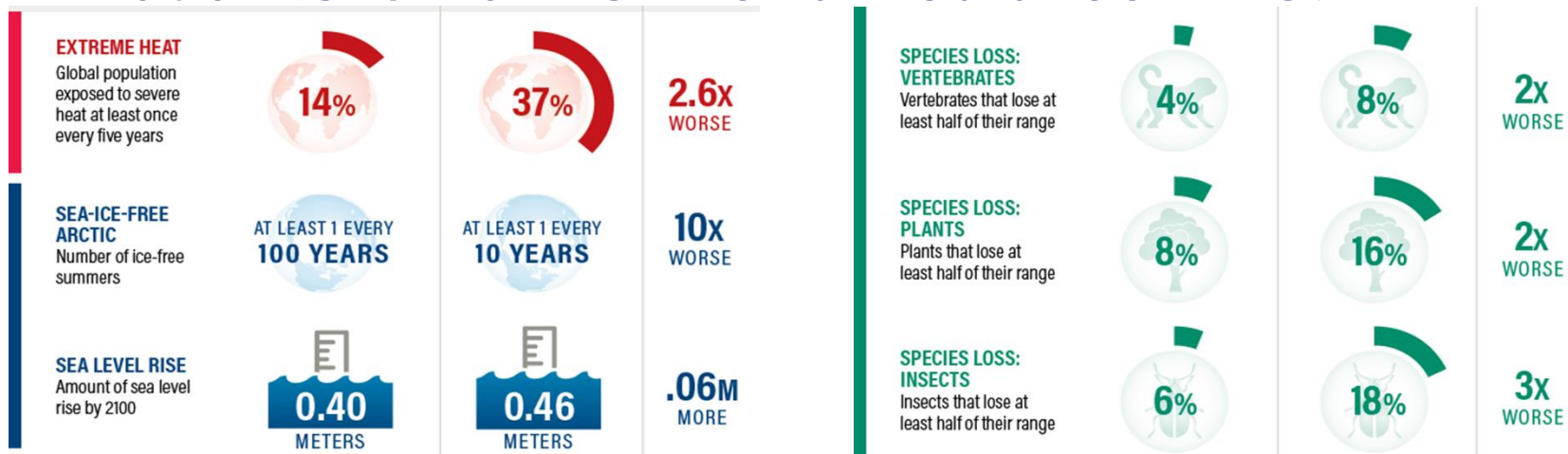


Numbers behind the science:

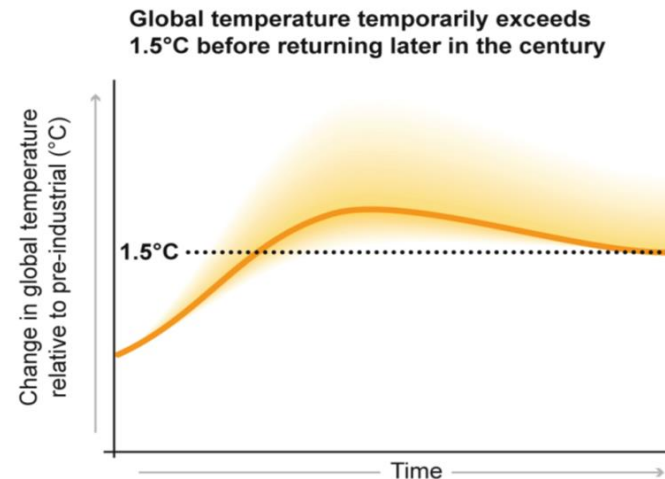
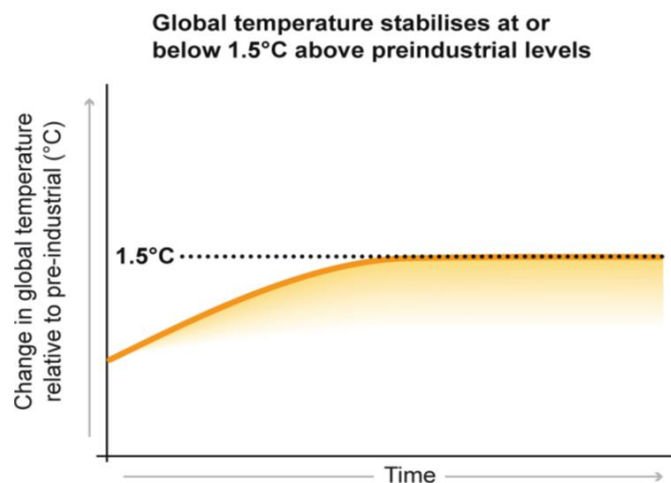
- More than 6000 research papers assessed
- 91 authors and editors from 40 countries
 - 9% Africa, 20% Asia, 37% Europe, 11% South America, 4% North America, 9% Oceania
 - 32% women
- More than 42 000 comments received in three reviews

SR1.5 Assessments

What a 1.5°C warmer world would look like?

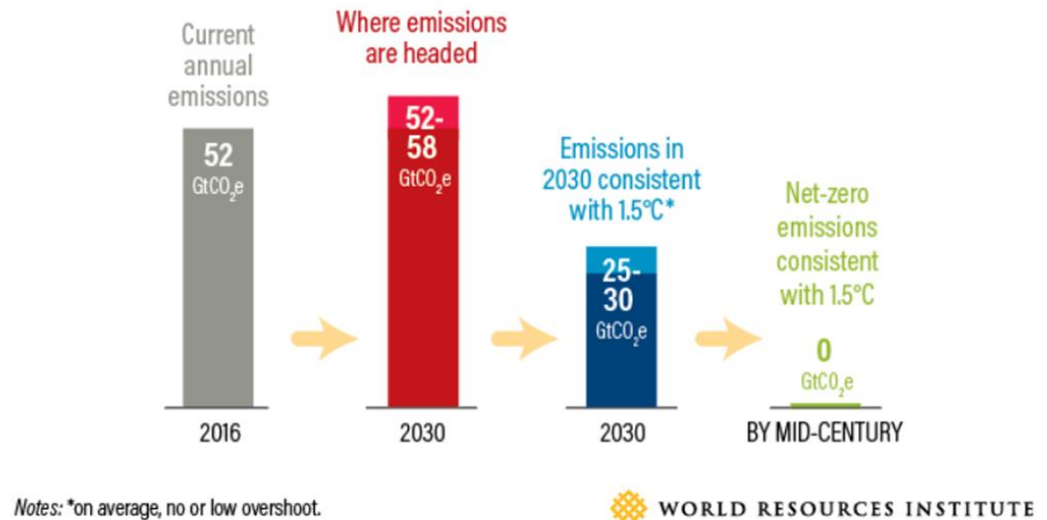


Pathways that limit global warming to 1.5°C



Common features of 1.5°C pathways

By 2030, halving the emissions, and by mid-century, CO₂ emissions falling to net-zero



- Renewables supplying 70 percent to 85 percent of electricity and unabated coal use being largely phased out
- Use of carbon dioxide removal (CDR) in the order of 100 – 1000 GtCO₂ over the 21st century

CDR deployed at such a scale is unproven, and is a major risk to our ability to limit warming to 1.5°C !!!

100%- renewable energy scenarios

- Acknowledges the growing body of relevant scientific literature which goes beyond the wide range of Integrated Assessment Models (IAM) projections of renewable energy shares in 1.5°C and 2°C pathways.
- Updated representation of renewable energy resource potentials, technology costs and system integration in IAMs since the AR5.
- Higher renewable energy deployments in many cases.
- **None of the IAM projections identify 100% renewable energy solutions for the global energy system as part of cost-effective mitigation pathways.**

100%- renewable energy scenarios

Will the SDEWES science shed a different light?

Gaps in 100% RE research



- all sectors to be included: power, heat, transport, industry, also non-energetic fuel use in industry; new sector CDR/NETs
- industry sector and transport sector beyond road transport to be more investigated
- better reflection of infrastructure, e.g. grids (power, heat, gas, etc.), and implications on system change with and without stranded assets
- overnight scenarios are helpful, but transitions scenario are more helpful to describe investment lock-ins, or at least risk for stranded assets
- better geographic coverage in high resolution.
 - Europe is understood best in most energy sectors
 - US/ Australia is understood well, but often only for the power sector
 - Africa, Latin America, Africa, Middle East, South Asia, East Asia lack research
- investigation of key cost assumptions, in particular for PV, batteries, electrolyzers
- flexibility is key, thus all forms of flexibility have to be studied (supply response, demand response, grids, sector coupling, storage)
- sector coupling to be better understood, e.g. in flexibility, efficiency, cost, etc.

Gaps in 100% RE research



- international power-to-X (fuels, chemicals, material refining) trading to be studied
- material resource availability research requires much more emphasis
- net energy/ EROI analyses are helpful for understanding overall system efficiency
- Energy System Models have to cover all energy sectors and fuels use plus CO₂ management and CO₂ carbon removal/ negative CO₂ emission technologies
- global 100% renewables scenarios are needed for the entire 21st century, this allows to compare to the energy sector scenarios of Integrated Assessment Models
- combined use of highly resolved Energy System Models and the valuable system interaction modelling of Integrated Assessment Models may create new insights
- IEA, IPCC and others have an institutional bias against 100% - why?
- How to incorporate societal aspects of all kinds in models? Where is the limit of constraints?
- How to project discount factors/ cost of capital/ WACC for an energy transition?
- more review articles in the field of 100% RE are needed



100% RES energy systems – electrification, hydrogen or e-fuels

A view from Europe

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SDEWES 2019, 100% RES Panel, October 2, 2019





EU climate energy policy

- GHG reduction of 20% by 2020
- GHG reduction of 40% by 2030, but 32% RES & 32.5% EE leads to 45% GHG reduction by 2030 – compatible with s 2 °C
- 55-60% by 2030 compatible with 1.5 °C, EC/EP decided for 55%
- EU ETS CO₂ ≈ 25 EUR/t, coal phase out by 2030





EU climate energy policy

- GHG reduction of 80% by 2050 – compatible with 2 °C
- Climate neutral EU by 2050 – GHG reduction by 95% – compatible with 1.5 °C, EC proposal





How to avoid stranded costs?

- 2050 – no fossil fuels used
- Gas boilers and ICE cars have lifetime of 20 years
- So, selling them should stop at latest by 2030, sooner the better
- NL banned new gas boilers in 2018, UK after 2025
- NO bans sales of ICE cars after 2025, more countries by 2030

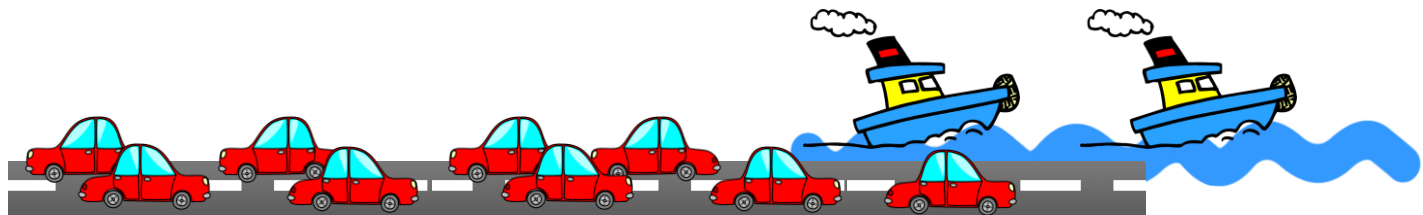
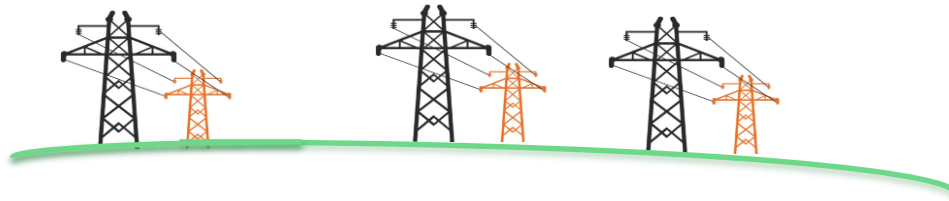




Which way to go?

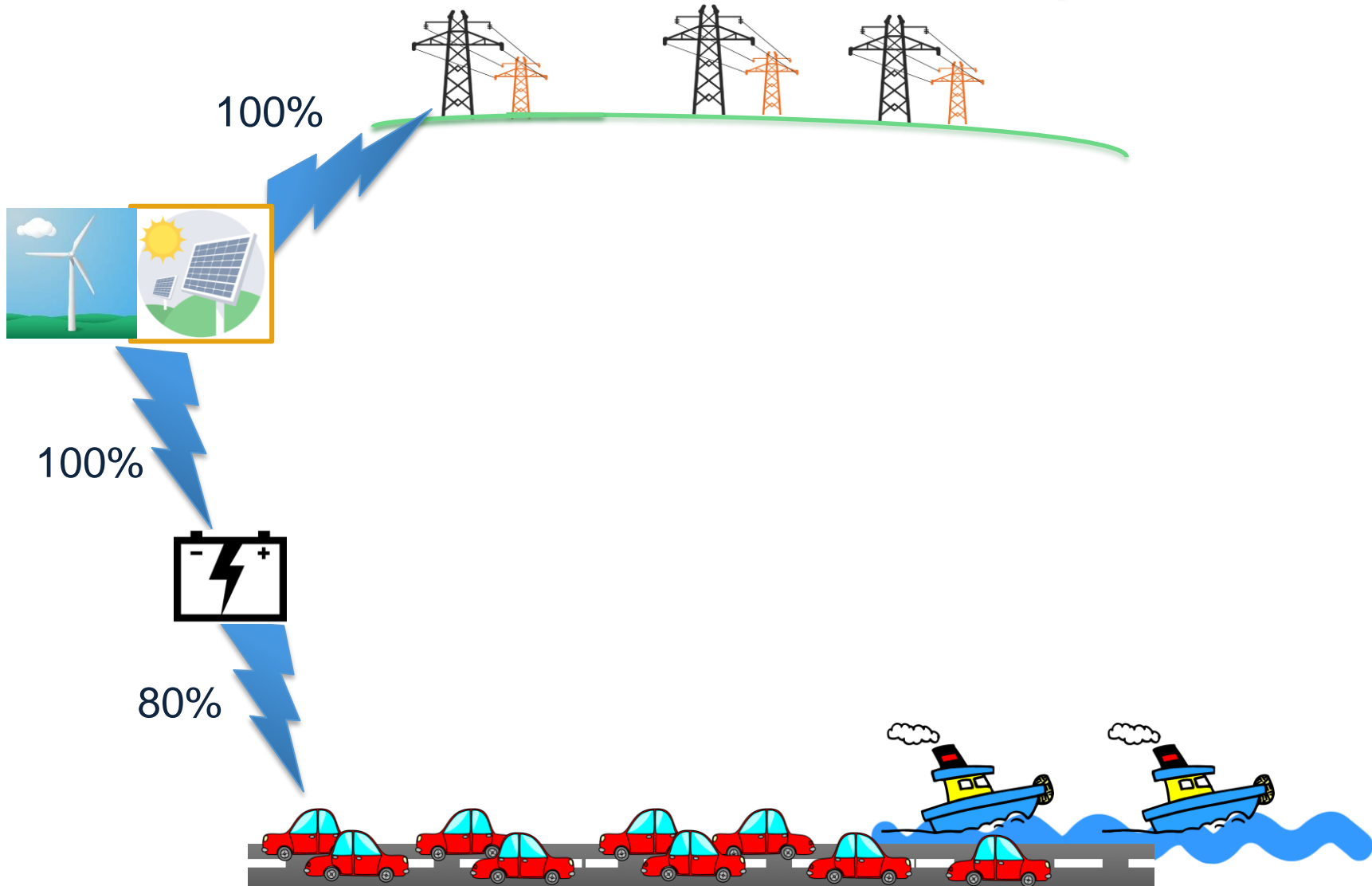
- Heating: which is the best way to decarbonisation?
 - District heating with power to heat plus heat pumps with heat storage or
 - Hydrogen or
 - Renewable gas (bio and e-methane)
- Transport: electricity, hydrogen or e-fuels?

Service delivery



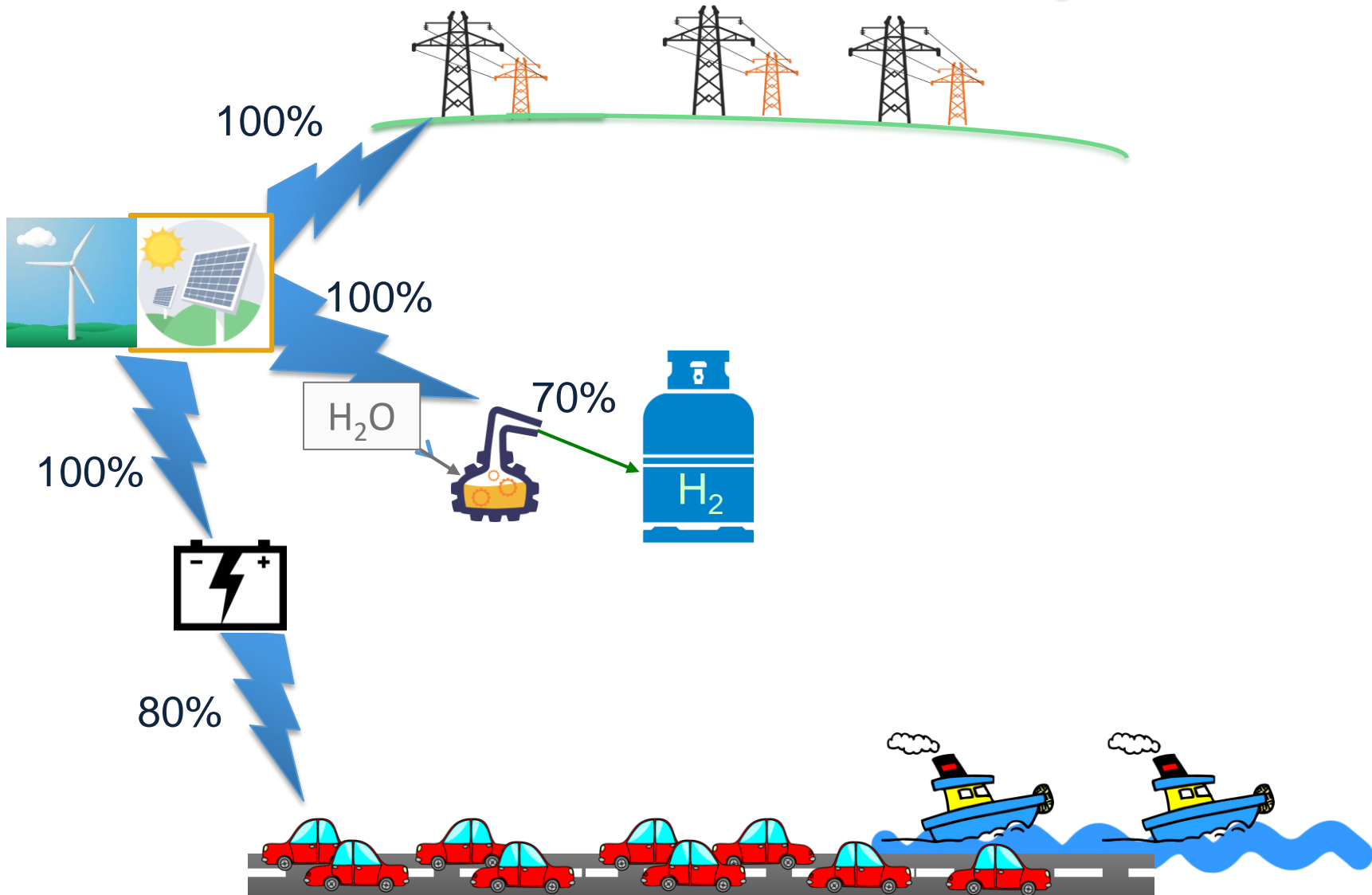
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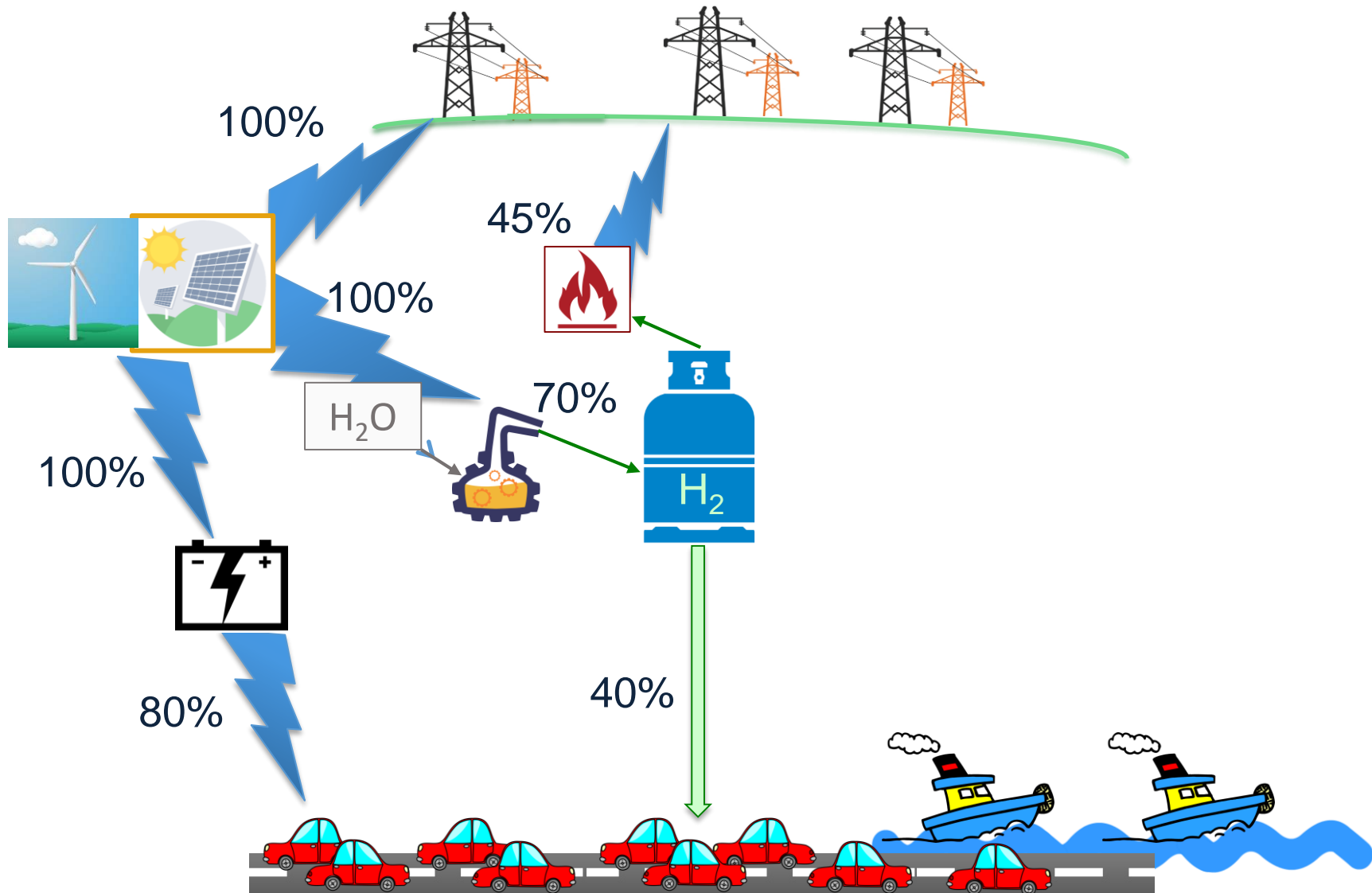
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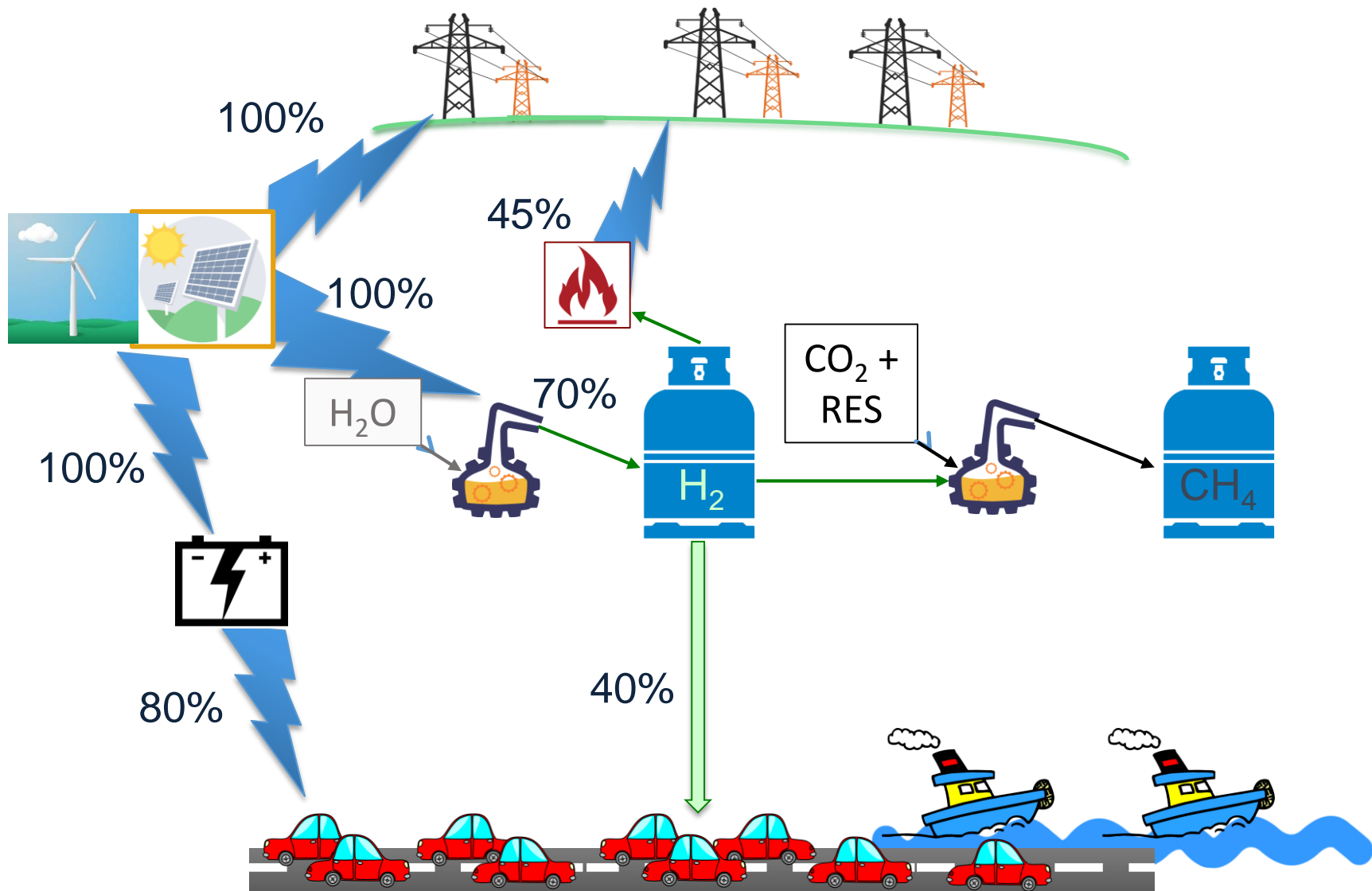
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Power-to-e-fuels

