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# *Some remarks on* **Climate Change and our Future Energy System**

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# **Climate Change & Stranded assets**

*Carbon budget & CCS*

# Austria's Pasterze Glacier has retreated hundreds of meters since nations began debating **limiting warming to +2°C**

**G7 Summit, 7-8 June 2015:**

*“All countries should (be enabled to) follow a low-carbon and resilient development pathway in line with the global goal to hold the increase in global average temperature below 2°C”.*

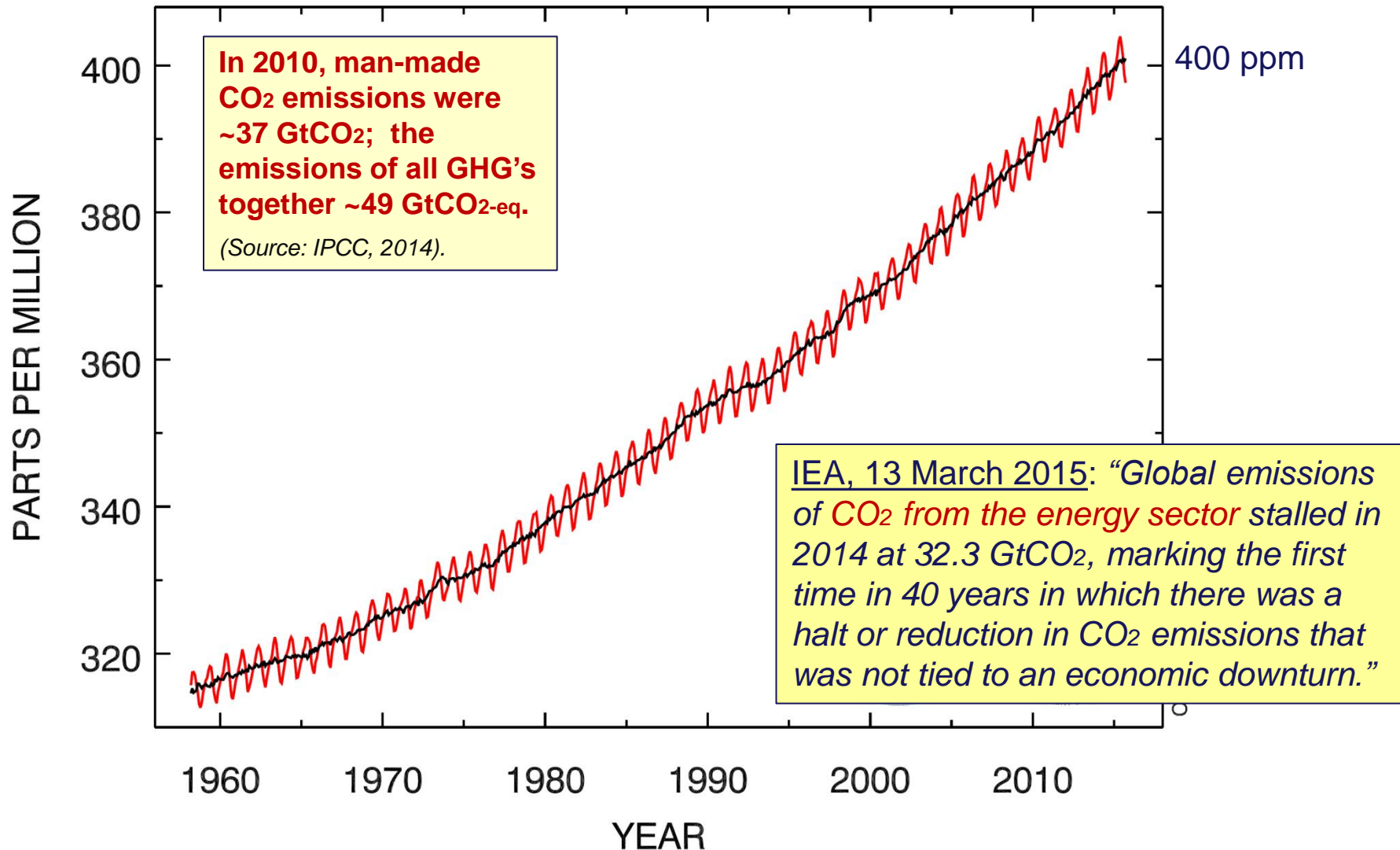


***“Science tells us that 1.5 °C might be considerably better.”***

*Nature, 2 April 2015*

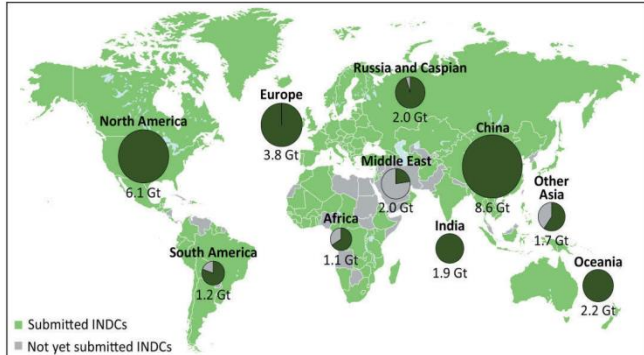
Source: J. Tollefson, 'Global-warming limit of 2°C hangs in the balance', *Nature*, 2 April 2015

# Monthly average CO<sub>2</sub> concentration in the atmosphere at Mauna Loa Observatory (1958 – September 2015)



# Impact pledges (INDCs) on global emissions of CO<sub>2</sub>

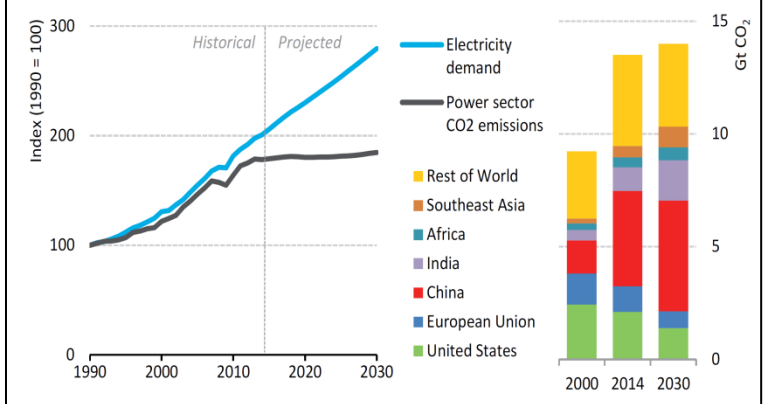
**Figure 1** ▶ National climate pledges submitted for COP21 and coverage in terms of energy-related CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in 2013



**“Global temp. may increase with 2.7 °C in 2100.”**

**“Pledges accelerate the transition, but it is not yet fast enough.”**

**Figure 2** ▶ Growth in world electricity demand and related CO<sub>2</sub> emissions since 1990 (left) and related CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by region (right)

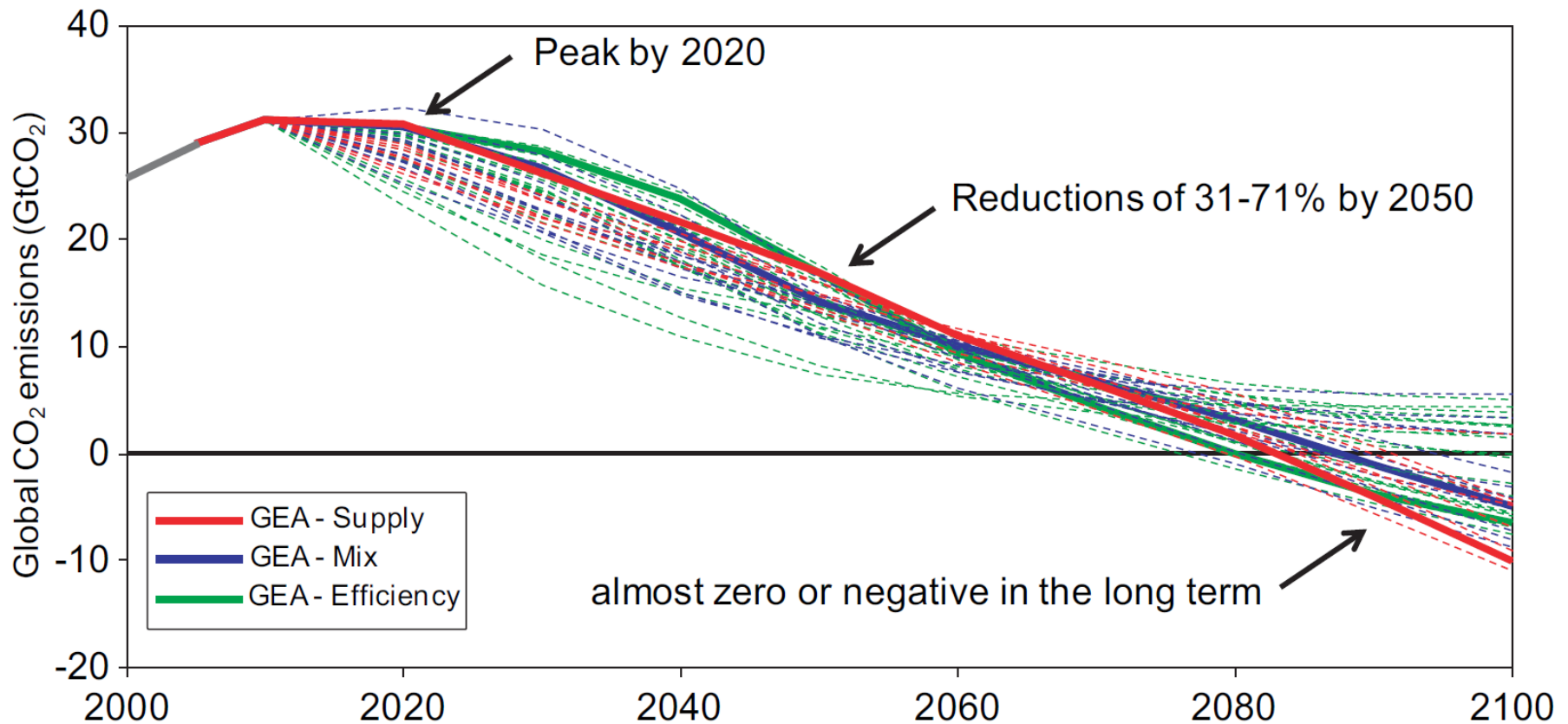


**Table 1** ▶ **Global energy- and process-related greenhouse-gas emissions in the INDC Scenario (Gt CO<sub>2</sub>-eq)**

	2014	2020	2025	2030
Energy-related GHG emissions	35.5	36.9	37.5	38.4
Process-related CO <sub>2</sub> emissions	2.8	3.2	3.4	3.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>38.2</b>	<b>40.1</b>	<b>40.9</b>	<b>41.9</b>

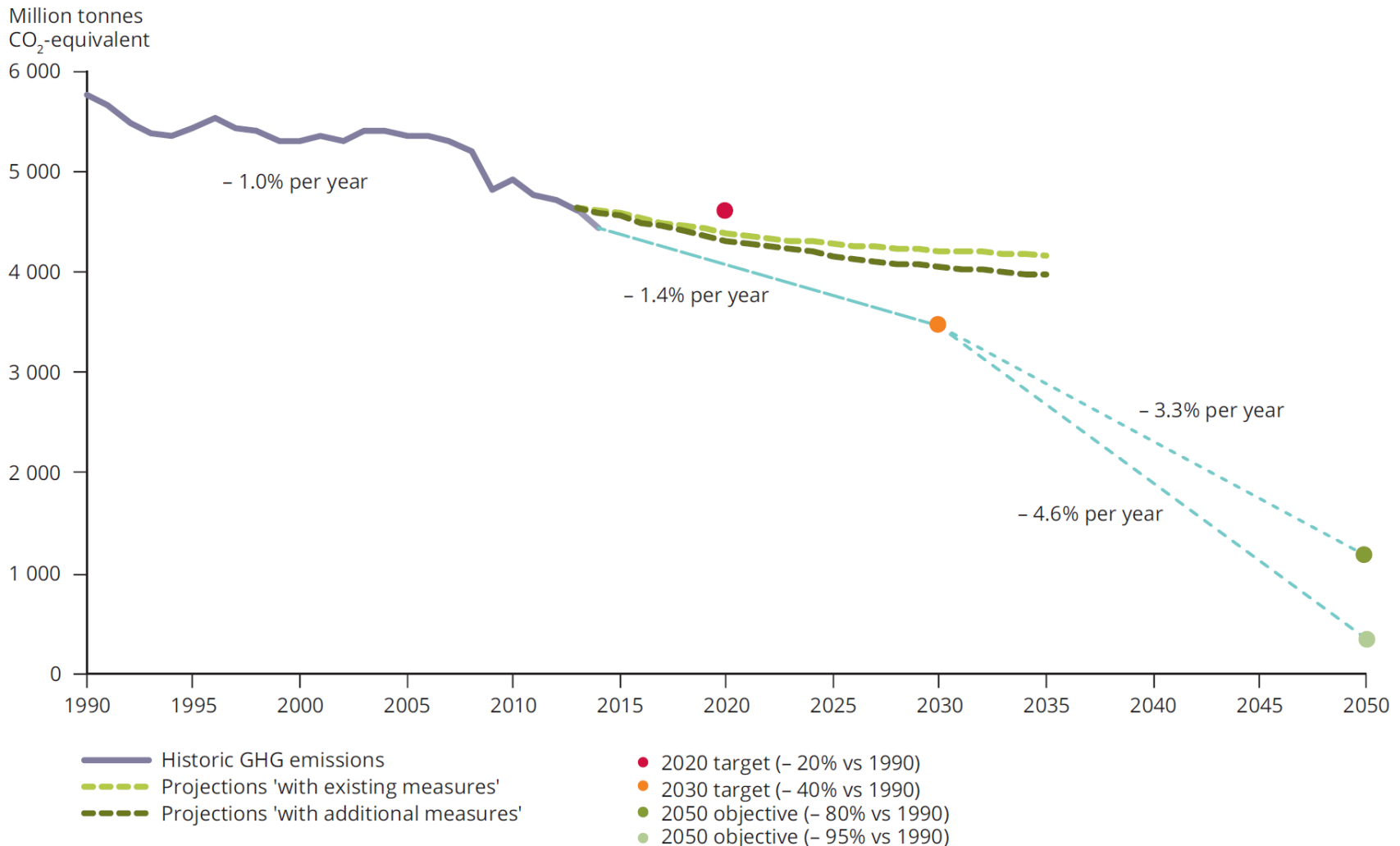
# Development of global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from energy and industrial sources to limit temp. change to below 2°C (prob. > 50%)

- *GEA energy pathways toward a sustainable future* -



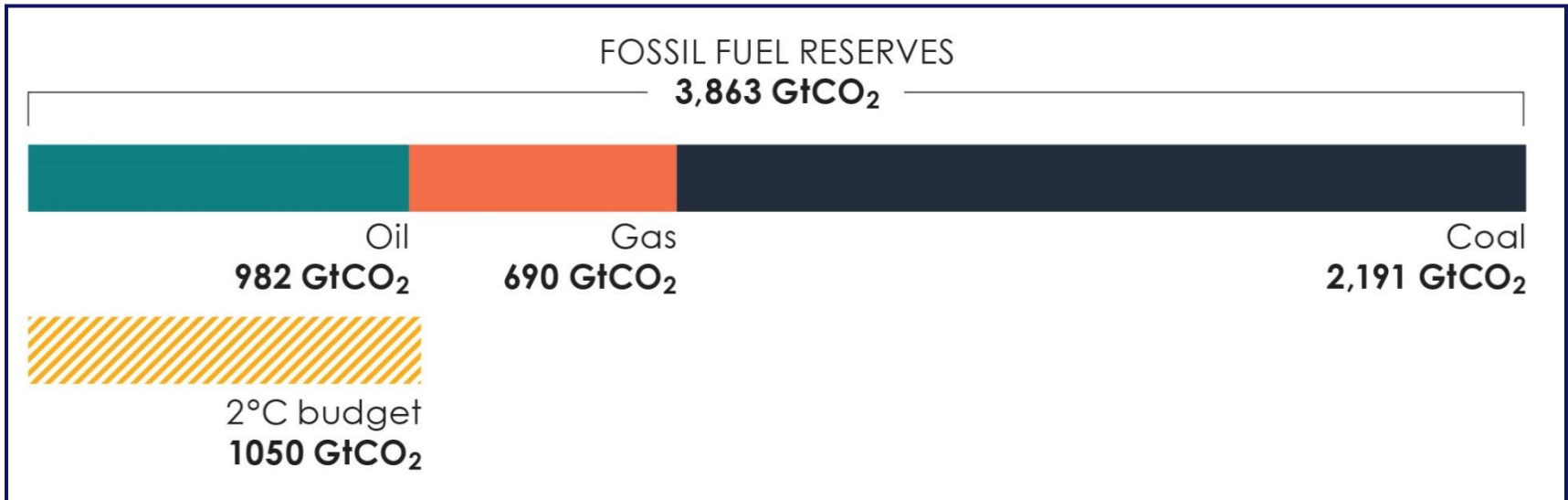
Source: *Global Energy Assessment, 2012*

# EU greenhouse gas emission: trends, projections and reduction targets



Source: EEA, October 2015

# Global Carbon budget compatible with limiting global warming to +2°C *versus* fossil fuel reserves



**Conventional and unconventional fossil fuel reserves of coal, oil, and gas and the global carbon budget compatible with scenarios limiting global mean warming to 2°C above pre-industrial temperatures (with a 66% probability).**

Source Fossil Fuel reserves: *IPCC, 2011 (figure 1.7).*

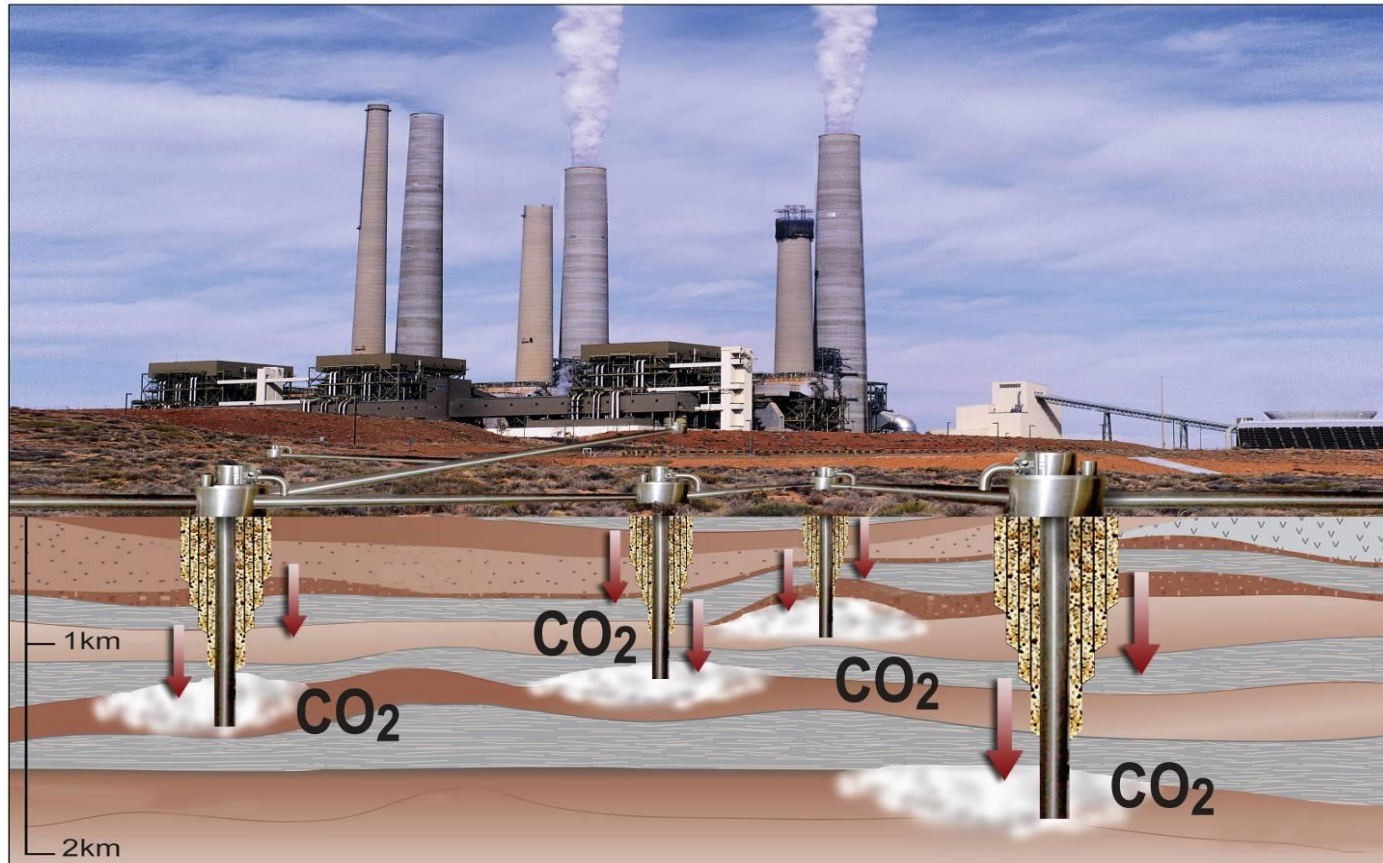
Source Carbon budget: *IPCC, 2013 and IPCC erratum, November 2013.*



# Unburnable Carbon and Stranded Assets

- Not the use of fossil fuels but **the emission of CO<sub>2</sub>** (at present ~37 Gton/yr globally) is the problem!
- *Carbon Tracker* and groups like *Urgenda* in NL don't give enough attention to **the potential of CCS**.
- CCS can have a large impact (~**2,000 GtCO<sub>2</sub>** till 2100) on 'unburnable carbon'.
- But: within about 20 years we can't allow **any** new investments in **unabated use** of any fossil fuel (given 'max +2°C), having **huge consequences** for Shell, Exxon, BP, Gasunie, Gasterra, EBN, RWE, E.ON, Vattenfall, ENECO, KVGn, etc. Therefore a Roadmap CCS for the Netherlands is urgently needed!
- Note also the statement of the EC (Dec. 2011): "*No new investments in fossil fuel power plants after 2030 without CCS*".

# Emissions of CO<sub>2</sub>, the most important long-lived anthropogenic greenhouse gas, can be reduced by CCS



Capture



Compression



Pipeline  
Transport



Geological  
Sequestration

# Removal of CO<sub>2</sub> from power plants

- **CCS: a proven technology that today securely stores 25 Mt CO<sub>2</sub> per year.**
- **There are 21 large-scale projects in operation or construction, all expected to be online by 2016. These will have the capacity to capture up to 40 Mt CO<sub>2</sub> per annum.**

- In Saskatchewan (Canada) the first commercial scale operation of CCS at a power plant started October 2014: the *Boundary Dam project* (Shell involved).
- It's a coal-burning plant that generates 110 MW and would emit more than 1 Mt of CO<sub>2</sub> per year. Its operators say, the project is “exceeding expectations.”

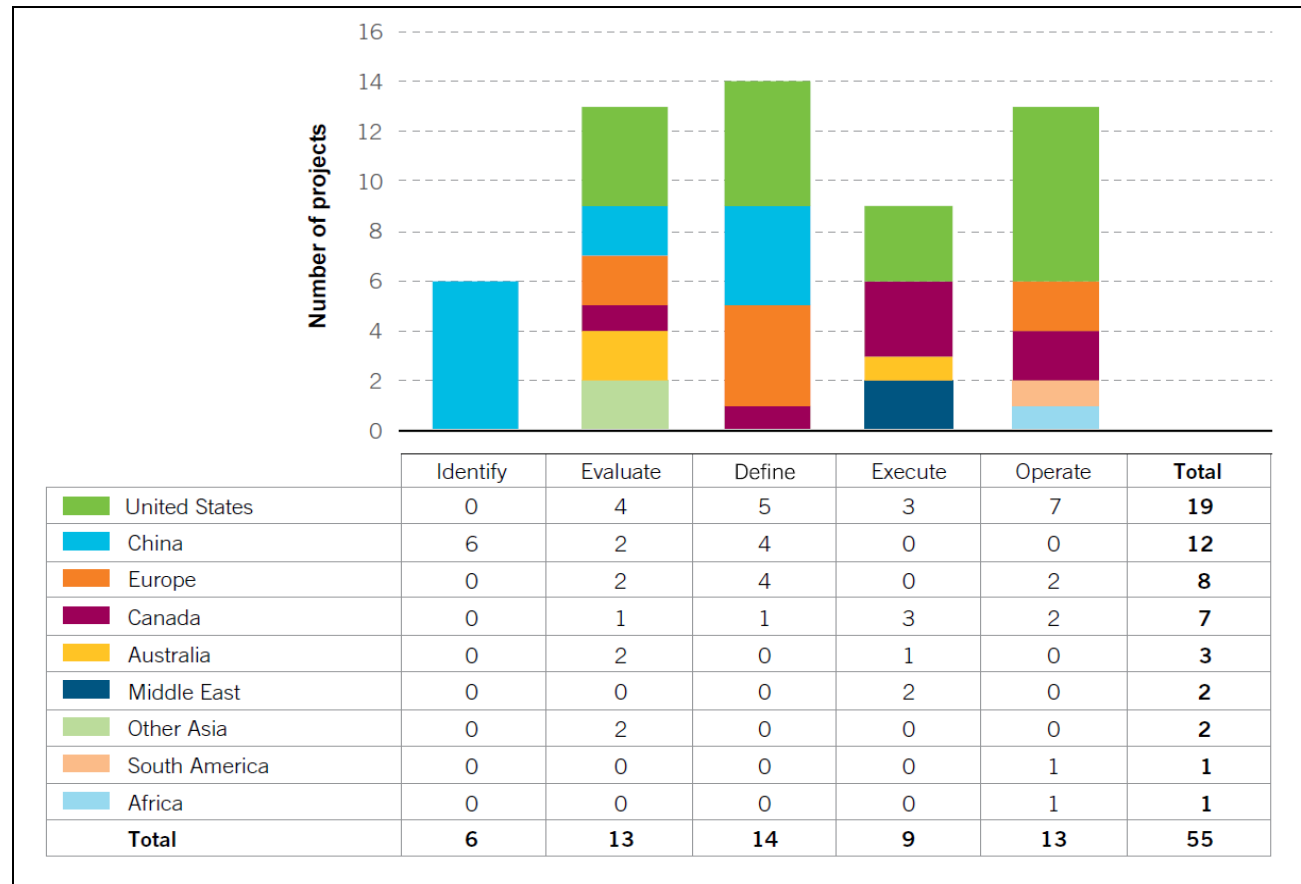


- Shell/Cansolv and SSE are looking to develop the world's first full-scale gas CCS project – the *Peterhead Project* (Scotland), with support of the UK Gov't



# Large scale CCS projects by country/region

## - Status Nov. 2014 -

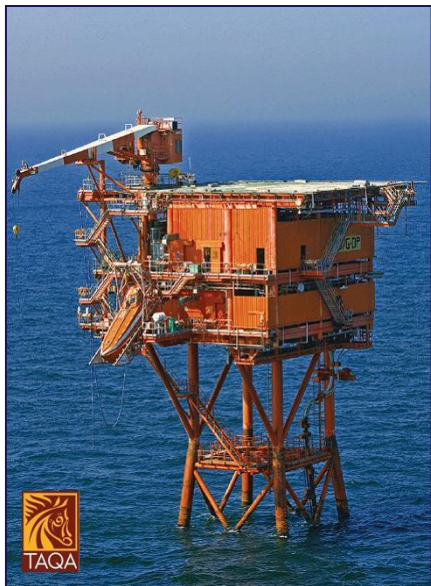


Source: GCCSI, 'The Global Status of CCS 2014', Melbourne, 2014

Conclusions Int. Conf. GHGT-12 (Oct. 2014): 'At present optimism on CCS in North America and China, pessimism in Europe, apart from UK and Norway.'  
 'Nowadays the ROAD-project is about the only EU demo-plant project left'.

# ROAD: EERP Demo project MPP3 - Rotterdam (NL)

CCS: 1.1 Mt/yr



Note WCT (29 Oct. 2015):  
Recent adaptations in set-up seem to solve the financial problems, making realization of the project quite likely.

ROAD = Rotterdam Opslag and Afvang Demonstratieproject  
EERP = European Economic Recovery Plan  
MPP3 = Maasvlakte Power Plant 3



# Consequences of Excluding CCS from the Mitigation Portfolio

## **1 Cost of mitigation will increase**

- *Including CCS reduces the cost of the overall mitigation portfolio*

## **2 Sufficiently large emission reductions will not be possible without CCS**

- *Base and peak load generation will be challenging without fossil fuels*

## **3 Political support for mitigation will be weak**

- *Fossil fuel-rich regions will resist mitigation*

## **4 Some geographic areas will not be able to reduce emissions rapidly enough**

- *Renewable energy and nuclear power may be poor options in some areas*

# **Energy scenarios & Renewables**

# World Primary Energy Supply in 2009

(using GEA substitution method to calculate contribution from renewables)

<b>Fossil fuels:</b>		<b>412 EJ</b>	<b>( 78 % )</b>
- oil	167 EJ		
- gas	106 EJ		
- coal	139 EJ		
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<b>Renewables:</b>		<b>89 EJ</b>	<b>( 17 % )</b>
- large hydro	30 EJ *)		
- traditional biomass	39 EJ		
- 'new' renewables	20 EJ *)		(~ 4%)
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<b>Nuclear:</b>		<b>27 EJ</b>	<b>( 5 % )</b>
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<b>Total:</b>		<b>528 EJ</b>	<b>( 100 % )</b>

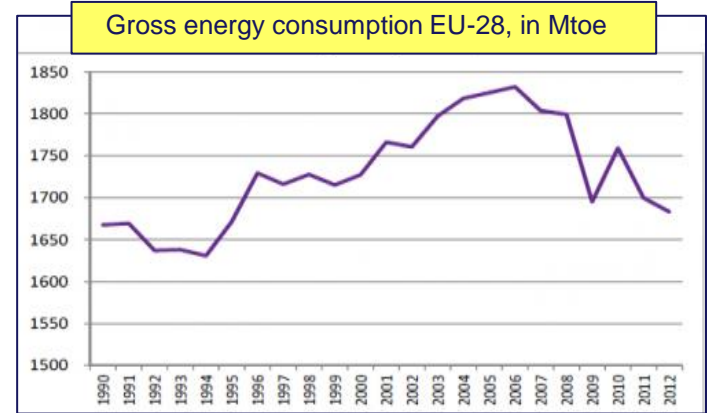
Figure NL:  
also ~ 4%

\*) Assuming for hydro, wind, solar and geothermal electricity: 1 EJ(el) = 2.85 EJ savings on fossil fuels, and for solar and geothermal heat: 1 EJ(th) = 1.17 EJ savings on fossil fuels.



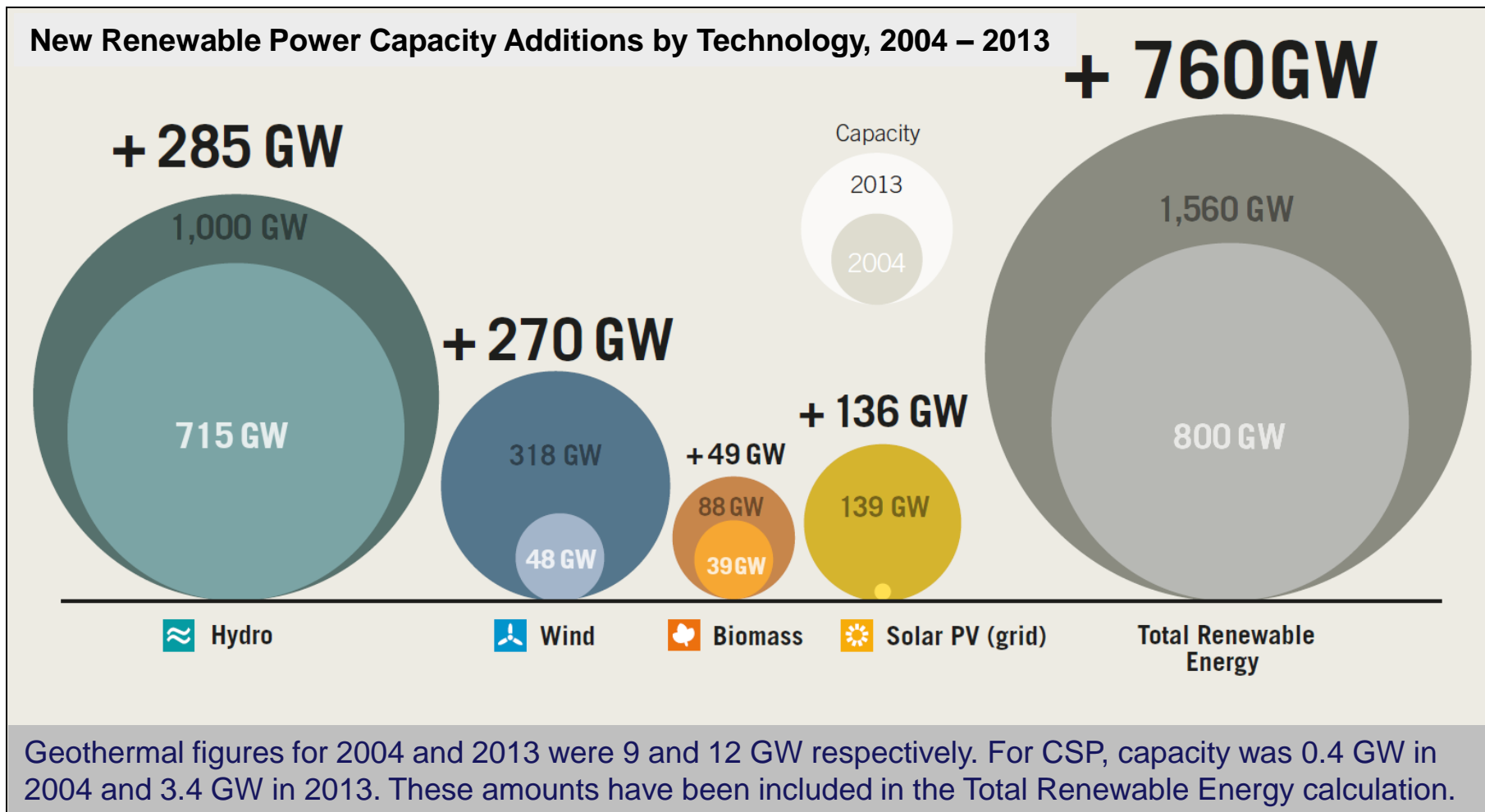
# Development gross inland energy consumption EU-28

- Between 2006 and 2012, gross inland energy consumption in the EU-28 has fallen by 8%.
- Between 2006 and 2012 energy consumption *fell* in 24 Member states, but *increased* in Estonia (+12%), Netherlands (+3%), Poland (+1%), and Sweden (+0.4%).
- In 2012, Denmark the only *net exporter* of energy.



	1990 (EJ)	2000 (EJ)	2006 (EJ)	2010 (EJ)	2012 (EJ)	% change 2006/2012		Energy dependence rate, 2012
<b>EU-28</b>	<b>69.82</b>	<b>72.31</b>	<b>76.71</b>	<b>73.65</b>	<b>70.46</b>	<b>-8%</b>		<b>53%</b>
Belgium	2.04	2.48	2.41	2.54	2.36	-2%		74%
Denmark	0.75	0.83	0.88	0.84	0.76	-14%		-3%
Germany	14.92	14.33	14.73	13.97	13.38	-9%		61%
<b>Netherlands</b>	<b>2.80</b>	<b>3.17</b>	<b>3.33</b>	<b>3.63</b>	<b>3.43</b>	<b>+3%</b>		<b>31%</b>
UK	8.83	9.66	9.65	8.84	8.47	-12%		42%

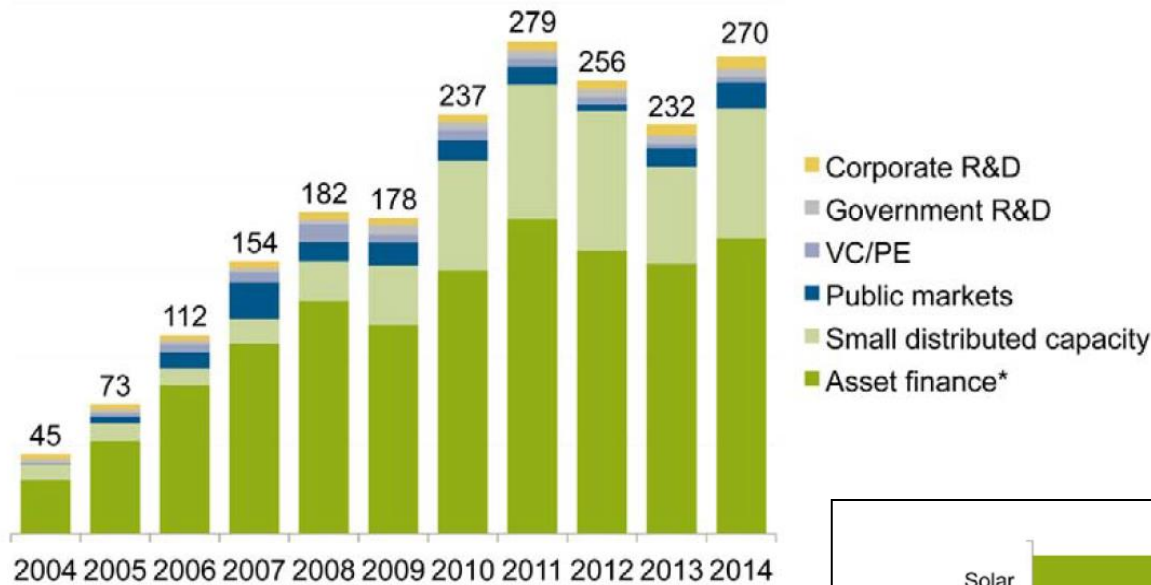
# Ten years of renewable energy progress (2004-2013)



# Global new investment in renewables, 2004-2014 (\$bn)

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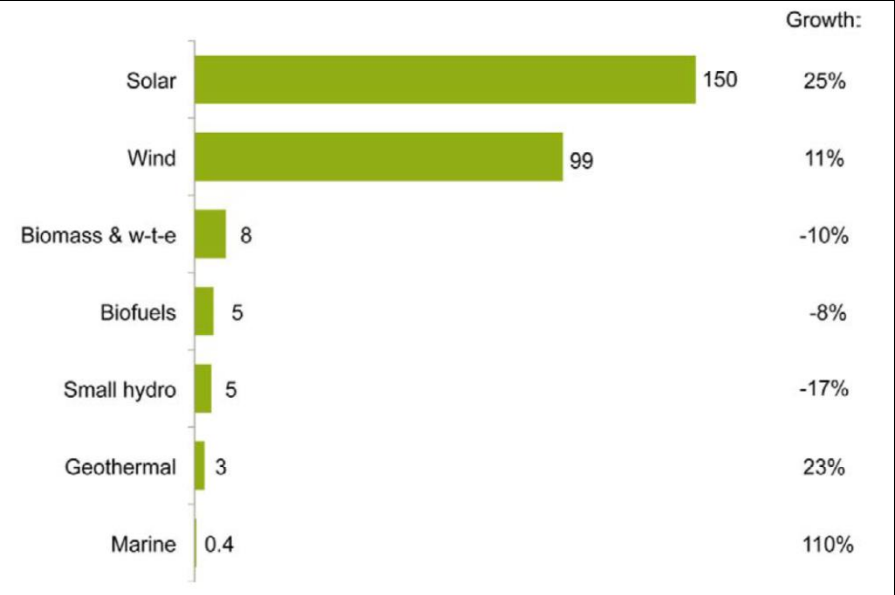
62% 54% 37% 18% -2% 33% 18% -8% -10% 17%



Source: BNEF, 2015

Increase investments in *new* renewables by a factor 100 between 1991 and 2011!

Global new investment in renewables by sector in 2014 (\$bn) and growth on 2013



# Global Market Overview – Power Markets

- Renewable energy comprises more than 26% of global power generation capacity in 2012.
- Almost 22% of global electricity was produced from renewable energy (with 16.5% from hydro).
- Renewables accounted globally for *just over half (51%)* of the estimated 280 GW of new installed electric capacity in 2012 (and in Europe even *70%*).
- We are witnessing **a revolution** in the energy field!

# Some recent energy scenario studies

- **Can we achieve a sustainable future? -**

- **Shell, 2013: 'New LENS scenarios' (*Mountains and Oceans*)**

- Global warming will continue up to at least +4°C.
- Increase energy efficiency: 1.4% per year.
- Contribution from renewables in 2050: 22%-31%.

**NO !**

- **GEA, 2012: 'Toward a Sustainable Future'**

- Many combinations of energy resources, end-use, and supply technologies that can simultaneously address the multiple sustainability challenges.
- Increase energy efficiency: 1.5% up to 2.2% per year.
- Contribution from renewables in 2050: 30%-75%.
- Cumulative storage of CO<sub>2</sub> in 2050: up to 250 GtCO<sub>2</sub>.

**YES !**

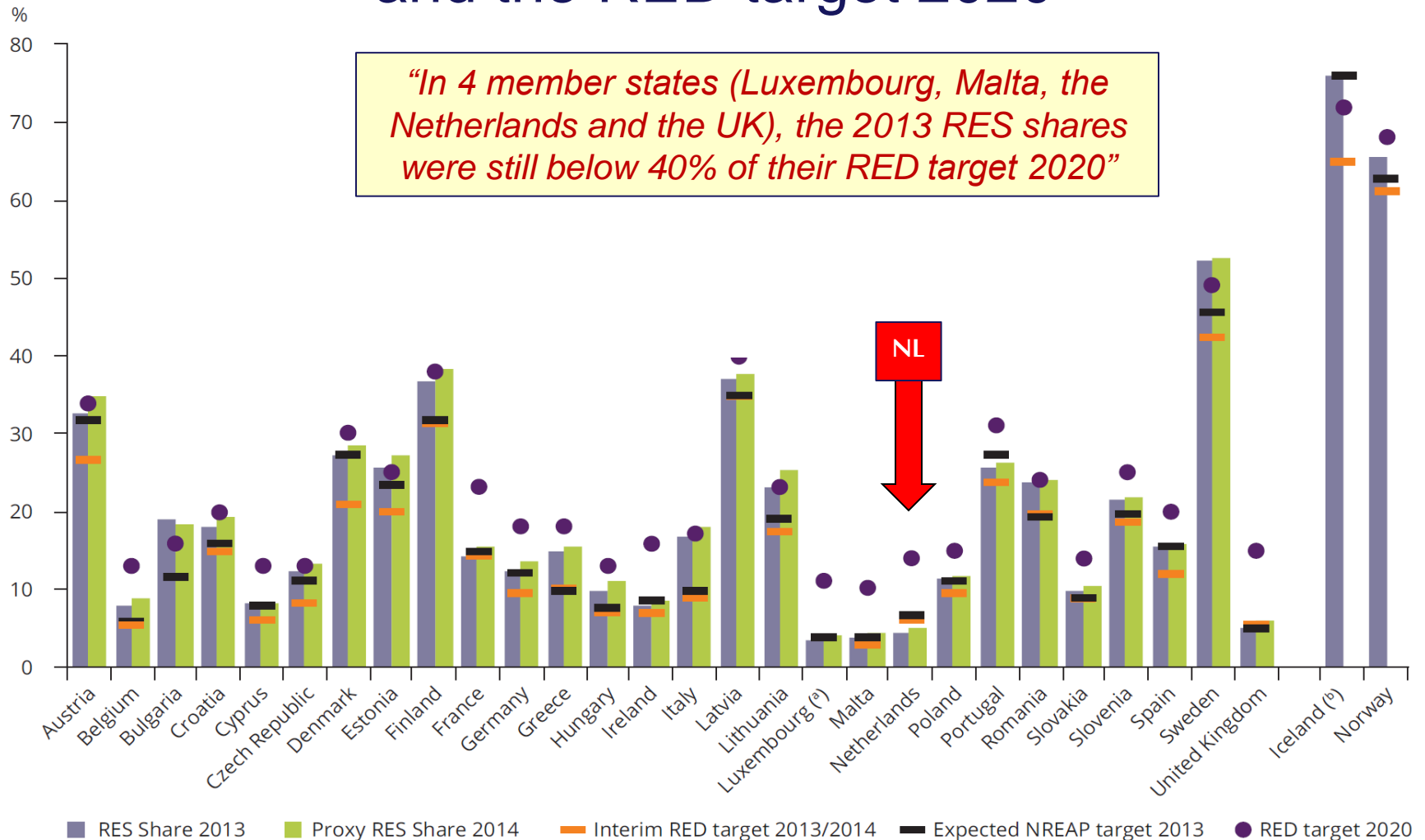
- **Ecofys and WWF, 2011: 'The Energy Report'**

- A fully sustainable system is possible by 2050.
- Increase energy efficiency: 3%-4% per year.
- Almost 100% of all energy carriers, all regions and all sectors of the global energy system can be renewable, by 2050.

**YES !**

# EU member states' RES shares (2013-2014)

## in relation to the indicative RED target 2013-2014 and the RED target 2020



# Contribution renewables to gross *energy* and *electricity* consumption in NL and EU-28 in 2012

## NL: Contribution RE to energy consumption in 2012: a ~ 4.5%

- mostly from biomass (86.9%) and wind (11.3%)
- from solar 1.3%, geoth. 0.3% and hydro 0.2%

## EU-28: Contribution RE to energy cons. in 2012: ~ 14.1%

- 65.4% from biomass energy
- 16.2% from hydro power
- 10.0% from wind energy
- 5.2% from solar energy
- 3.2% from geothermal energy
- 0.02% from tide, wave, and ocean power

## NL: Contribution RE to electricity consumption in 2012: ~ 10.5%

- nearly all from biomass and wind

## EU-28: Contribution RE to electricity cons. in 2012: ~ 23.5%

- mostly from biomass and hydropower

## Ranking NL on renew. energy: nr. 25 and on renewable electricity: nr. 24

### Note:

- NL has limited ren. energy resources:
  - small country (in km<sup>2</sup>);
  - hardly any hydro power resources;
  - limited availability of land for biomass energy cultures.
- Also: high ranking NL on population density: nr. 2 (less 'free space')

# Potential of renewable energy sources in EU countries and contributions RES in 2011

Country	Renew. In 2011 (PJ/yr)	Share RE in 2011	RE/cap (GJ/cap)	RE/GDP (kJ/USD)	RE/km <sup>2</sup> (GJ/km <sup>2</sup> )	Wind	Solar	Hydro	Biom.	Geoth.	Ocean
Austria	367.3	26.5%	43.7	879	4,379	High	Medium	High	High	High	Low
Belgium	119.7	4.9%	10.9	233	3,944	High	Low	Medium	High	Medium	High
Bulgaria	56.6	7.1%	7.8	1,058	510	High	High	High	High	High	Low
Cyprus	5.1	5.1%	4.6	206	551	High	High	Low	Low	Medium	Low
Czech Rep.	125.2	6.9%	11.9	577	1,616	High	Medium	High	High	High	Low
Denmark	170.7	22.4%	30.5	512	3,961	High	Medium	Low	High	Medium	High
Estonia	34.8	15.0%	26.8	1,568	770	High	Medium	High	High	High	Medium
Finland	379.9	25.8%	70.4	1,444	1,128	High	Medium	High	High	High	Medium
France	765.0	7.2%	11.7	276	1,188	High	High	High	High	High	High
Germany	1,307.7	10.1%	16.0	363	3,660	High	Medium	High	High	High	High
Greece	89.3	7.8%	7.9	308	677	High	High	High	High	High	Low
Hungary	79.0	7.5%	7.9	564	849	High	High	Low	High	High	Low
Ireland	34.3	6.2%	7.5	158	491	High	High	High	High	High	Low
Italy	834.9	11.7%	13.7	381	2,771	High	High	High	High	High	Low
Latvia	60.1	34.7%	28.6	2,124	931	High	Low	High	High	High	Medium
Lithuania	44.2	15.1%	14.7	1,035	677	High	Medium	High	High	High	Medium
Luxembourg	5.1	2.9%	9.8	86	1,977	High	High	Low	High	High	Low
Malta	0.1	0.1%	0.24	11	323	High	High	Low	High	High	Low
Netherlands	138.1 (13)	4.2% (24/25)	8.3 (20)	165 (23)	3,697 (4)	High	High	Low	High	High	High
Poland	332.9	7.8%	8.6	647	1,067	High	High	Medium	High	High	Medium
Portugal	215.3	22.4%	20.3	907	2,335	High	High	High	High	High	High
Romania	212.2	14.0%	9.9	1,180	890	High	High	High	High	High	Low
Slovakia	57.2	7.8%	10.6	596	1,167	High	Medium	High	High	High	Low
Slovenia	39.7	13.1%	18.9	802	1,949	High	High	High	High	High	Medium
Spain	612.9	11.7%	13.3	415	1,211	High	High	High	High	High	High
Sweden	659.4	32.1%	70.1	1,222	1,464	High	Medium	High	High	High	High
Un. Kingdom	326.6	4.2%	5.2	134	1,347	High	High	High	High	High	High

- The colour table shows that, within the EU, NL is not a favourable country for developing renewable en. sources, apart from wind energy.

- Therefore alternatives like Gas+CCS also important for especially NL to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

high	High/medium	medium	medium/low	low	unknown	Not-applicable
High	High/medium	Medium	Medium/Low	Low	Unknown	Not-Applicable



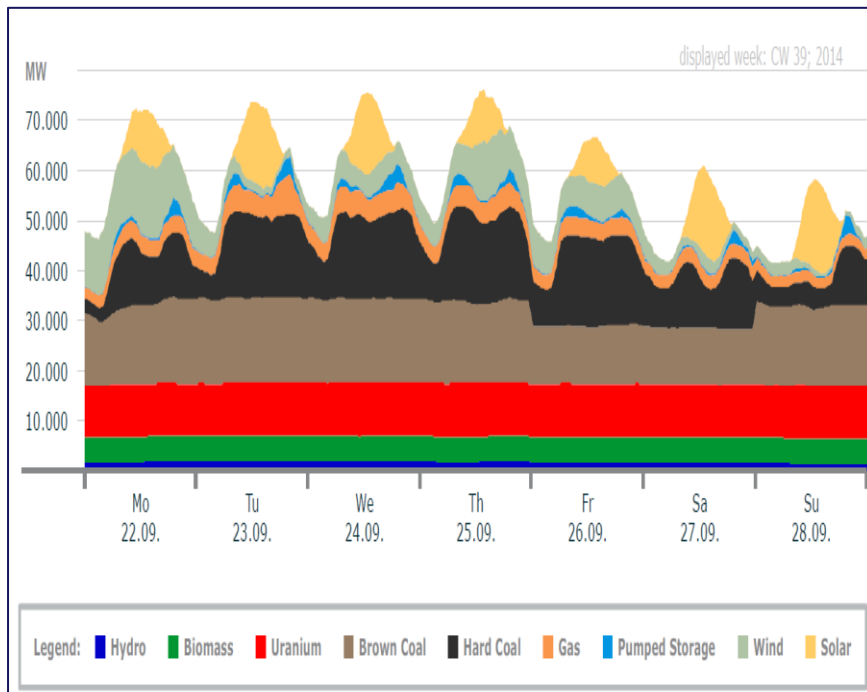
**How to deal with  
intermittent renewables  
(wind / solar-PV)?**

# Integrating intermittent renewables

## Electricity production in Germany

2014, Week 39 (22-28 Sept.)

- by solar PV, wind, pumped storage, conventional capacity, biomass and hydropower -

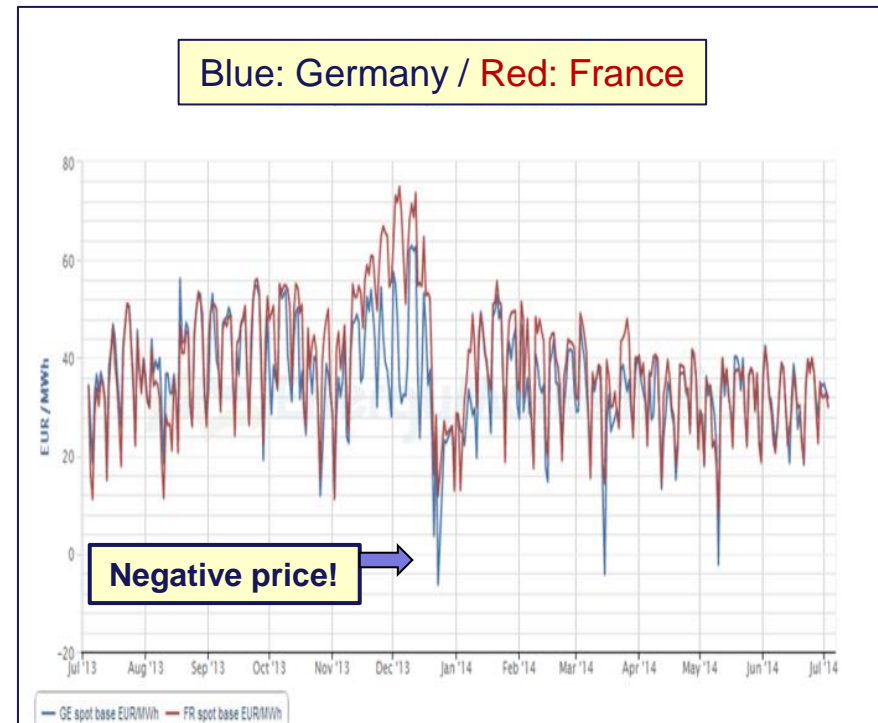


Source: Bruno Burger, Fraunhofer ISE, 2014

## Spot price of base load electricity

July 2013 – July 2014

(EUR/MWh)



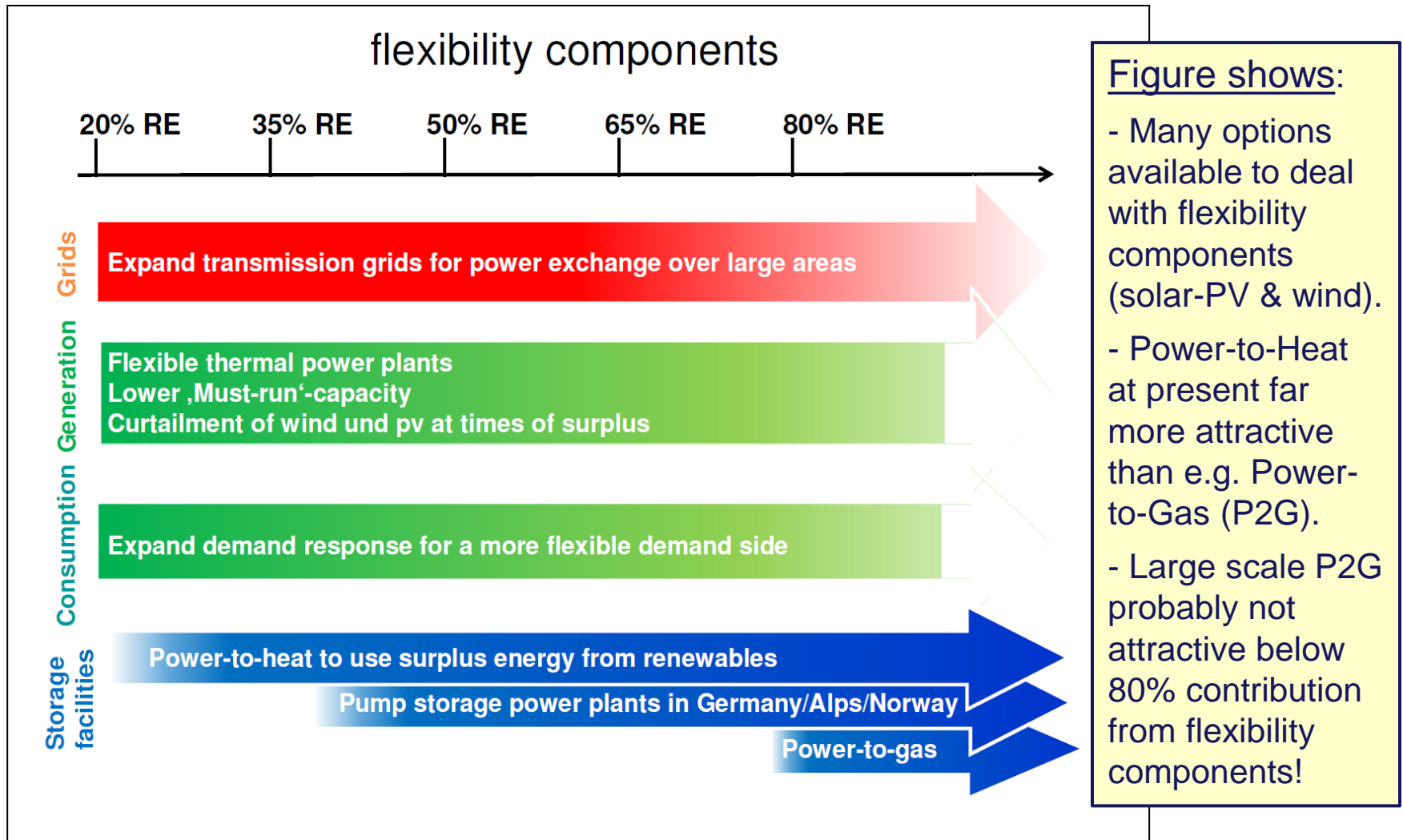
Source: Energy Market Price, 3 July 2014

# Options to balance the fluctuating supply from wind and solar-based electricity

## *In random order:*

1. Temporary curtailment of variable electricity generation sources;
2. Exchanging electricity surpluses with other countries;
3. More flexible utilization of part of the *electricity* demand (demand side response);
4. Flexible electrification of *energy* demand (e.g. Power-to-Heat);
5. Use of dispatchable gas-based electricity generation units (using natural gas or biogas, also combined with CCS);
6. Implementation of some type of electricity storage, such as Pumped Hydro, Compressed Air Energy Storage (CAES) and batteries (in homes / electric vehicles);
7. Converting electricity into a gaseous energy carrier (P2G).

# Interaction between renewable energy supply, conventional energy supply, and the demand side



Source: Steering Committee of the Renewable Energy Platforms, Germany, 15 Oct. 2012

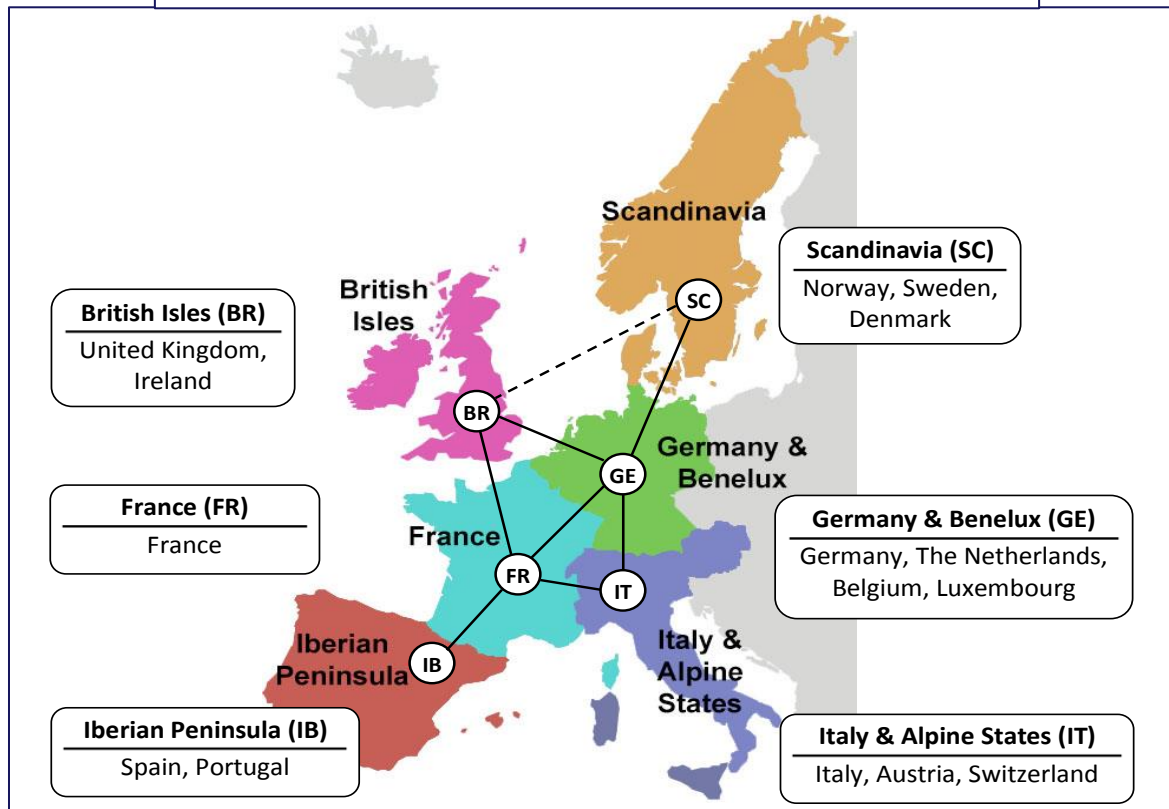
UU-study:

***‘Least-cost options for  
integrating intermittent  
renewables in low-  
carbon power systems’***

*(Applied Energy, 2016)*

# Hourly simulation of electricity supply in 2050 in Western Europe using the PLEXOS model

The six regions considered in the UU study



## Boundary conditions:

- 1) 96% reduction of power sector CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in 2050 compared to 1990
- 2) Maintaining reliability of supply (LoL < 0.1 day/year)
- 3) Increase RE in 2050 up to 40%, 60%, 80%
- 4) Looking for lowest costs electricity

## Some input data used in the study

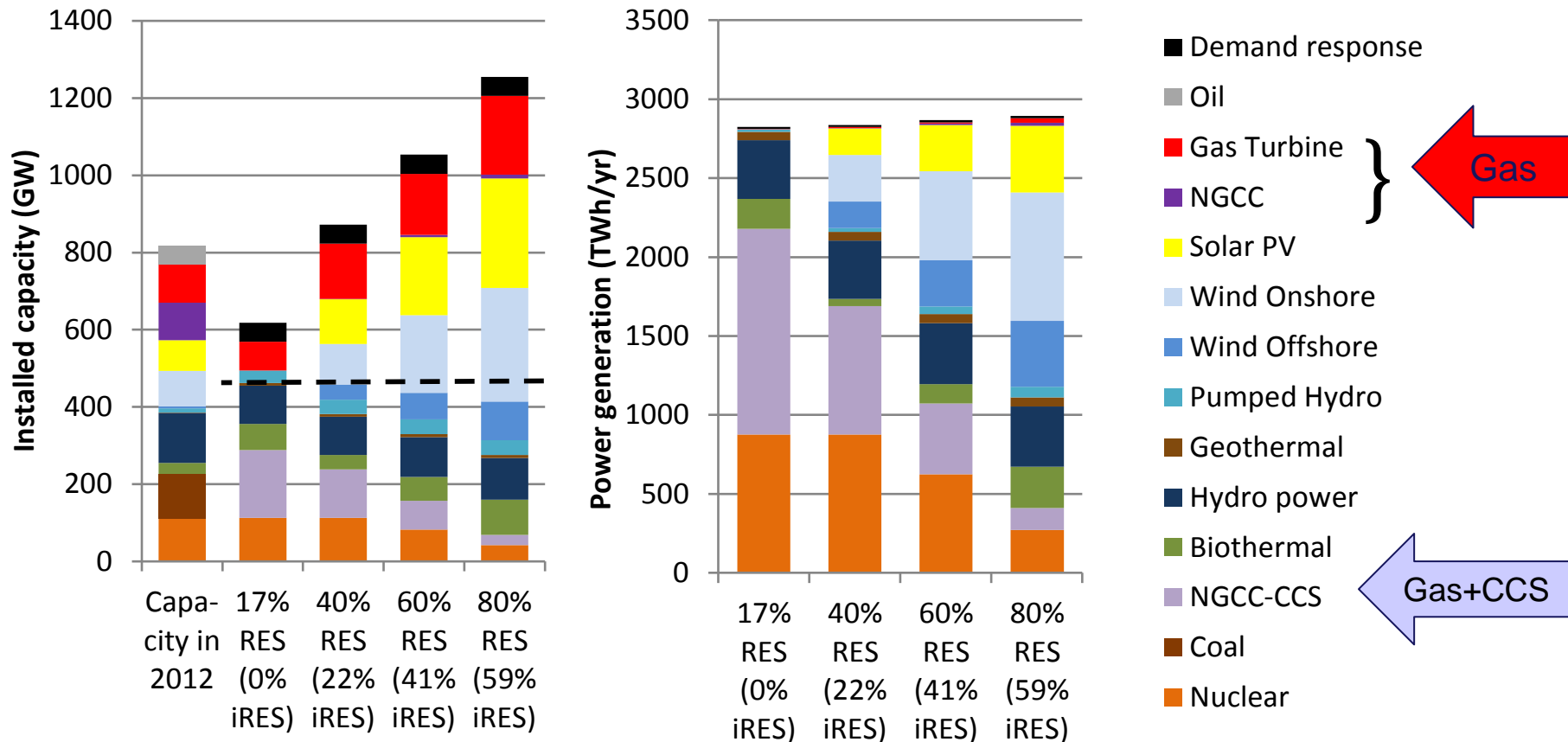
Category	Fuel / Technology	Cost per unit
<b>Fuel cost</b> (2035)	- Coal	1.7 €/GJ
	- Natural Gas	6.5 €/GJ
	- Uranium	1.0 €/GJ
	- Biomass	7.2 €/GJ
	- CO <sub>2</sub> transport en storage	13.5 €/tCO <sub>2</sub>
<b>TCR Investment cost</b> (2035)	- Gasturbine (GT)	438 €/kW
	- NGCC / NGCC+CCS	902 €/kW / 1,349 €/kW
	- PC / PC+CCS	2,088 €/kW / 2,847 €/kW
	- Nuclear power	4,841 €/kW
	- Wind onshore / offshore	1,402 €/kW / 2,655 €/kW
	- Solar PV	700 €/kW
	- Biomass power	1,644 €/kW
	- Geothermal power	2,151 €/kW
	- Hydropower	2,059 €/kW

€ = €<sub>2012</sub>

TCR =  
Total Capital  
Requirement

# Installed capacity (GW) and power generation (TWh/y) in the core scenarios in the year 2050

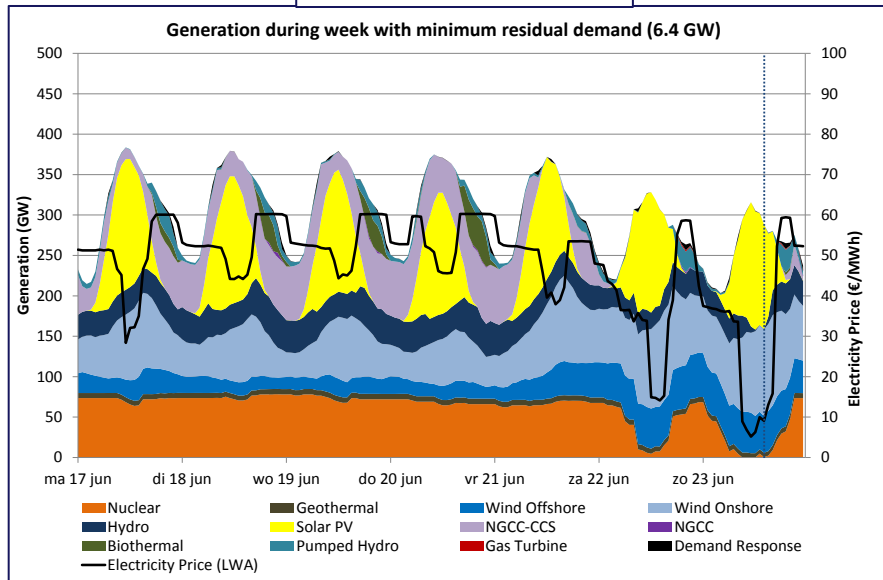
(The dashed line depicts the assumed peak load in 2050)



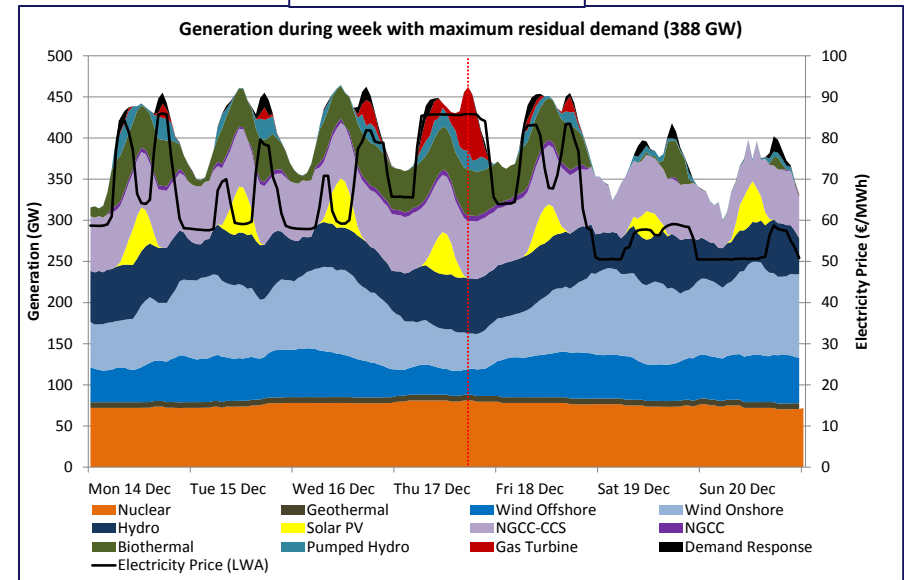


# Power generation in summer and winter (60% RES)

summer time



winter time



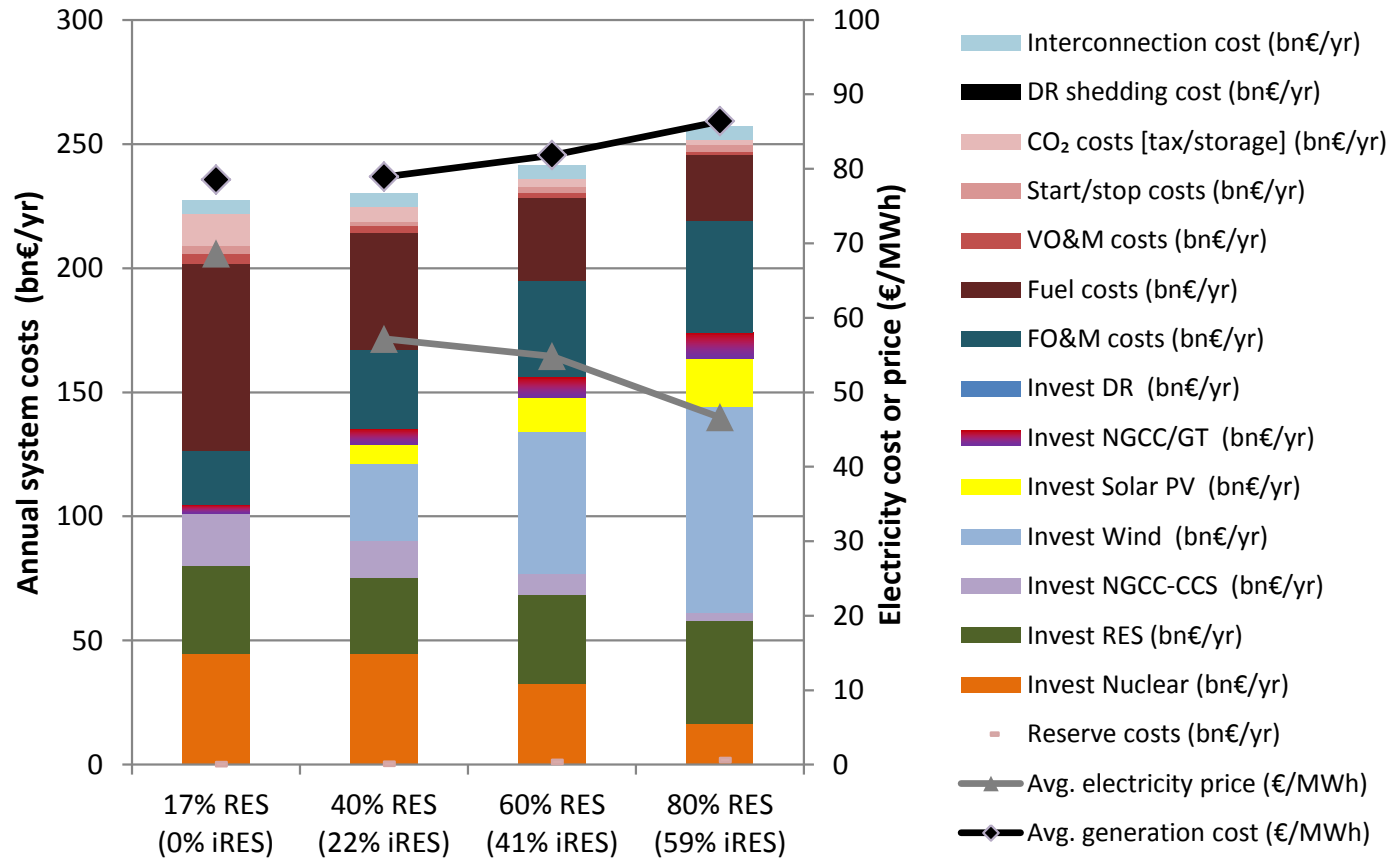
- NGCC+CCS generates power during the nights in the summer.
- Electricity storage could replace NGCCs in the summer but ...
- Baseload generation by NGCC+CCS during winter time is very costly to replace by (seasonal) storage.
- Gas turbines supply peak demand.

# Total annual system costs in the core scenarios in Western Europe in 2050

Also shown: electricity costs vs. electricity price (€/MWh)

## Conclusions:

- 1) Increase contribution renewables causes increase total system costs.
- 2) NGCC+CCS cost-effective balancing option.
- 3) Income per kWh less than costs per kWh, for renewables and for convent. power plants.



## Enige conclusies

- *Aanpassing vraag aan aanbod* en toepassing *curtailment* van belang voor goede inpassing zon- en windvermogen.
- Nog heel lang geen noodzaak *grootschalige opslag elektriciteit*, financieel voordeel ervan in de onderzochte scenario's nul tot negatief.
- Noodzaak nieuwe *zware koppelnetten* tussen de regio's in Europa niet heel groot. Uitbreiding bestaande koppelnetten levert financieel voordeel.
- Weinig of geen toekomst voor nieuwbouw van *kolencentrales+CCS*. (NB: er is niet gekeken naar de optie kolen+biomassa+CCS).
- Wel veel toekomst voor *aardgas+CCS*; toepassing van NGCC's met CCS levert grote kostenbesparingen t.o.v. toepassing heel veel hernieuwbaar.
- *Kerncentrales* komen vanwege kosten en bedrijfstijd niet gunstig uit de studie.
- Zonder aanpassing van het huidige '*energy only*' *marktmodel* gaan de systemen (met name de windparken en het balansvermogen) er niet komen.

# Thanks!

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