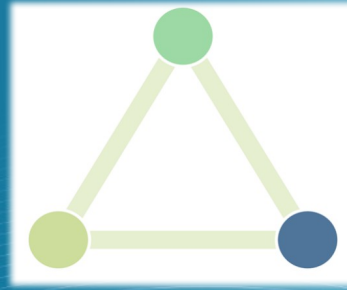


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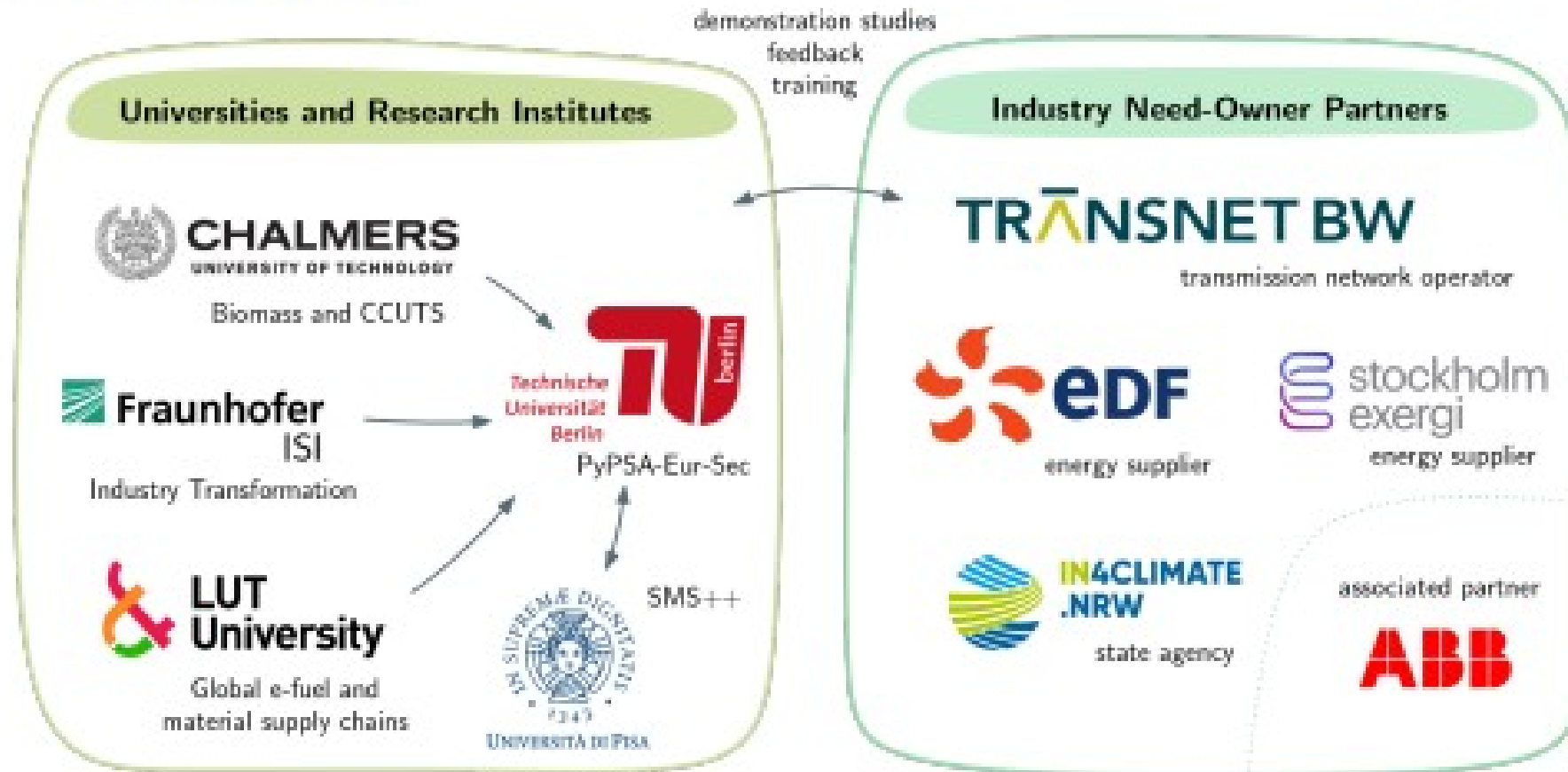
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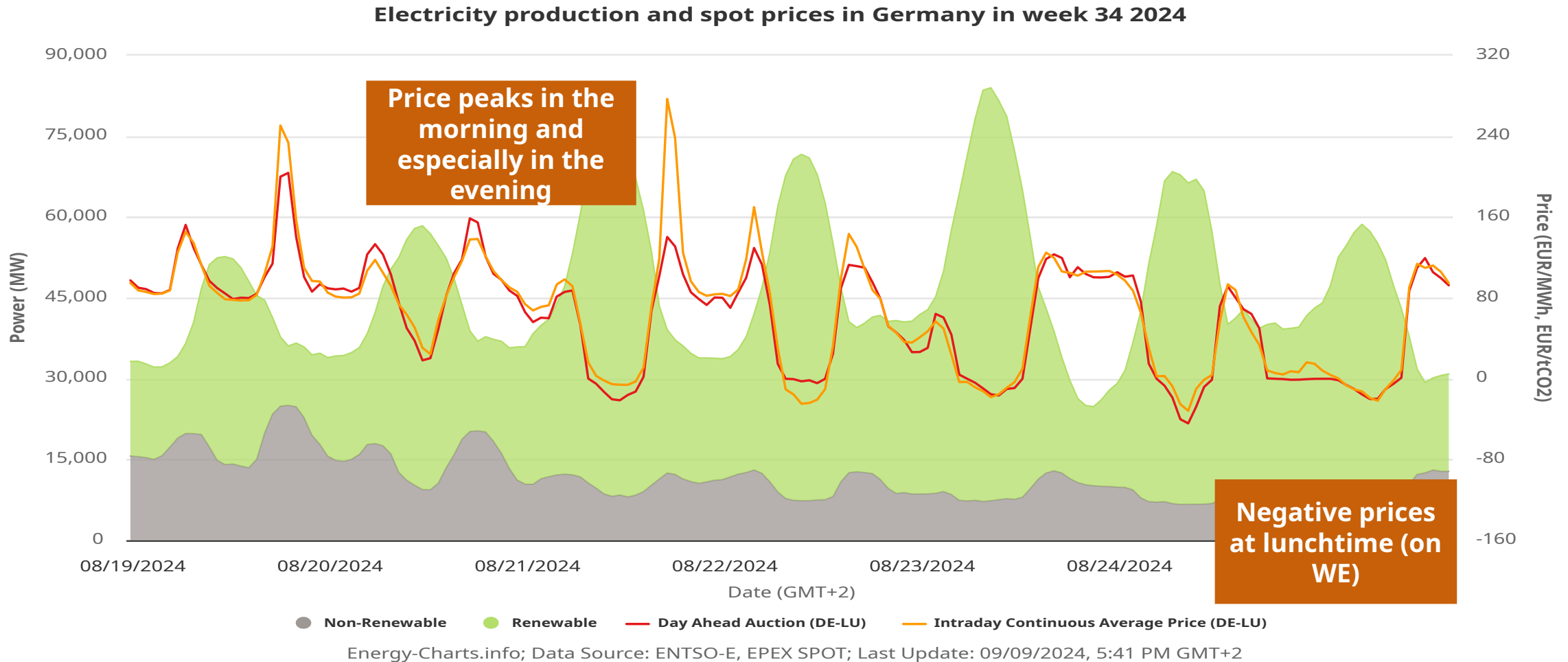
# Energy flexibility from industrial process heating - Relevance, system impacts and ways forward

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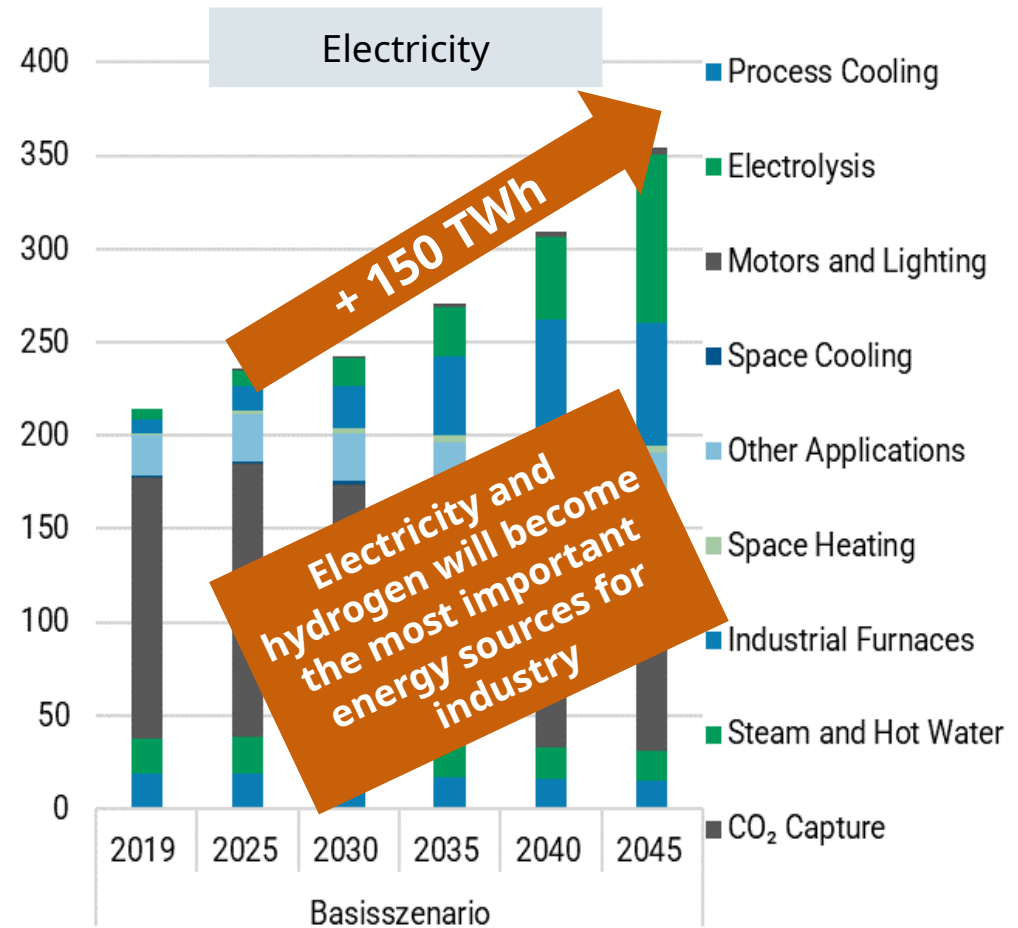
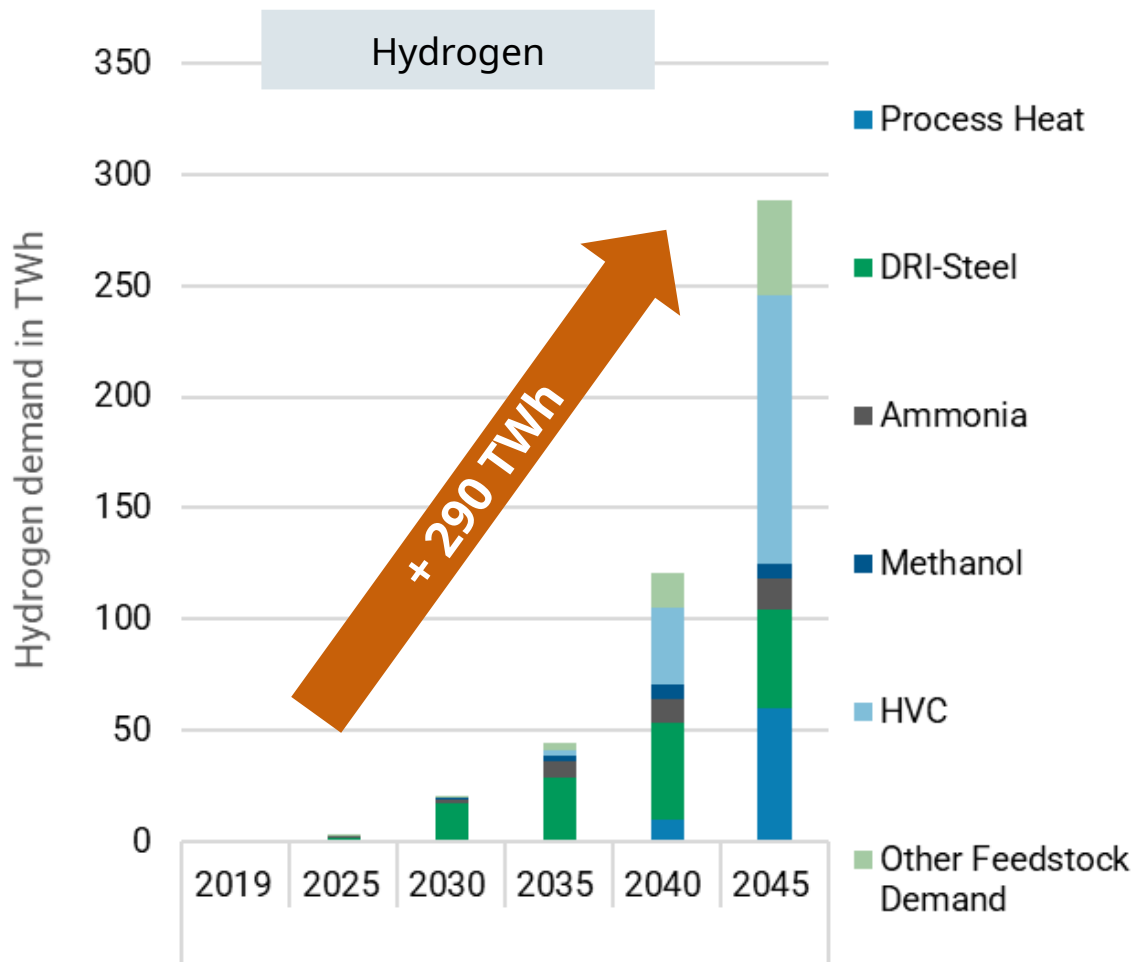


# Motivation: First a look back



# Strong increase in hydrogen and electricity demand from industry expected

## Hydrogen and electricity demand in industry by application



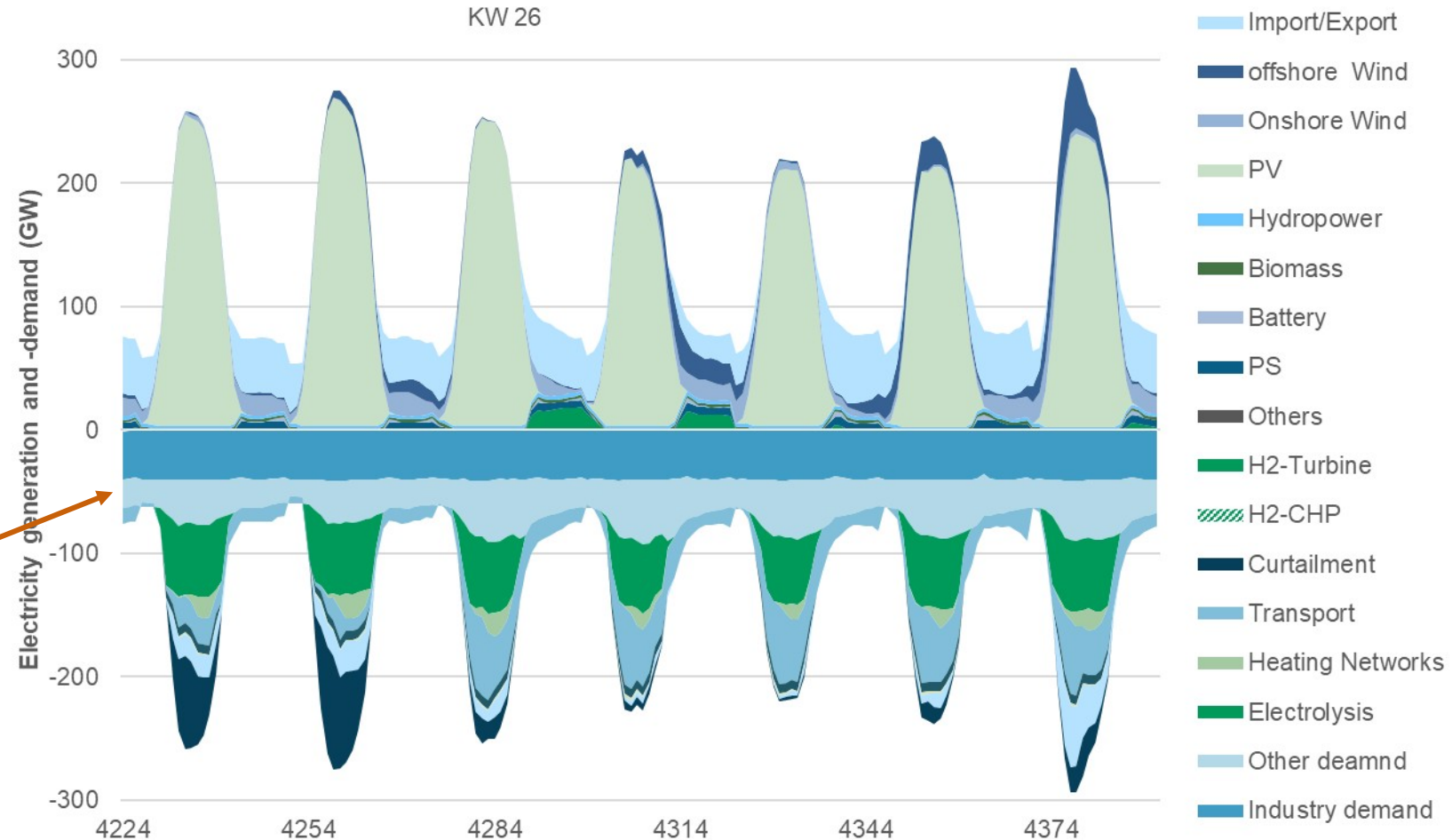
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## Electricity generation and load - summer week (week 26) in 2045

Electricity system 2045 compared to today:

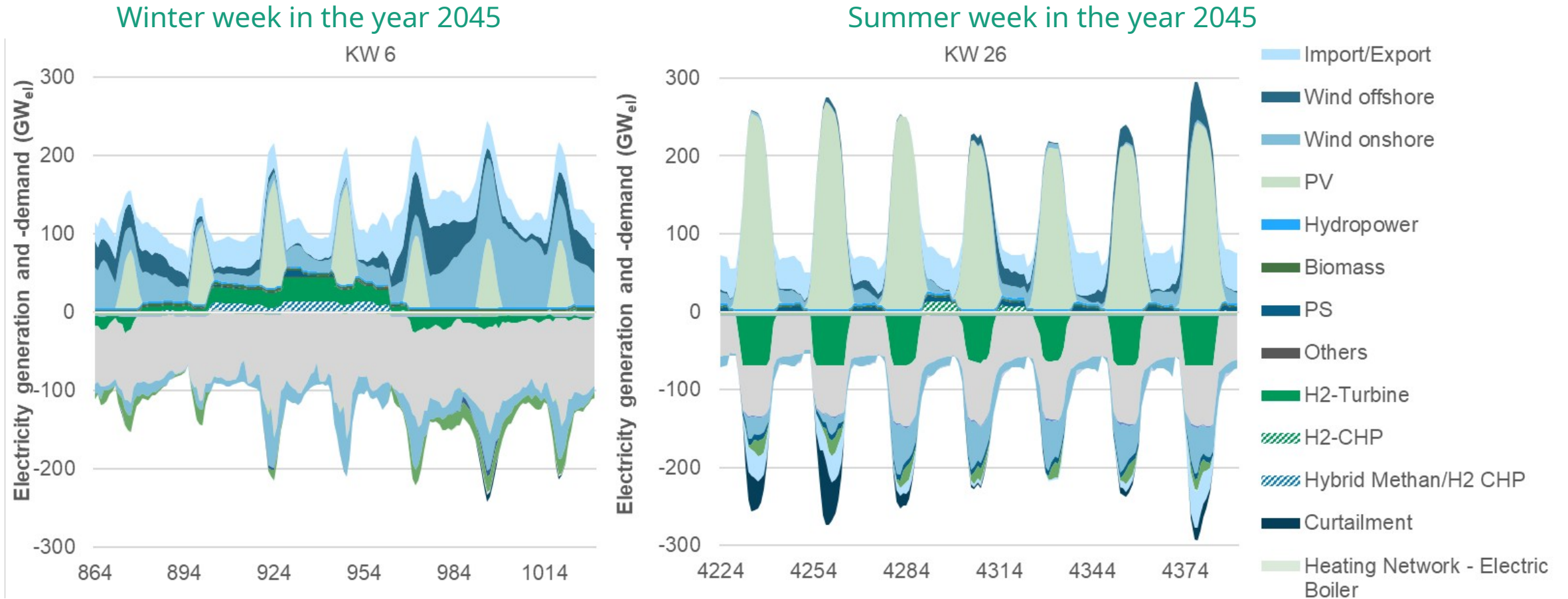
- 1. Electricity demand: +140%** to 1200 TWh (about 510 TWh in 2023)
- 2. Inst. capacity from wind and PV +300%** to 570 GW (150 in 2023)
- 3. Load + 300%** to around 50-300 GW (today about 40-80)

Literature analysis Flex potential of already electrified processes: ~5 GW load reduction for 4h



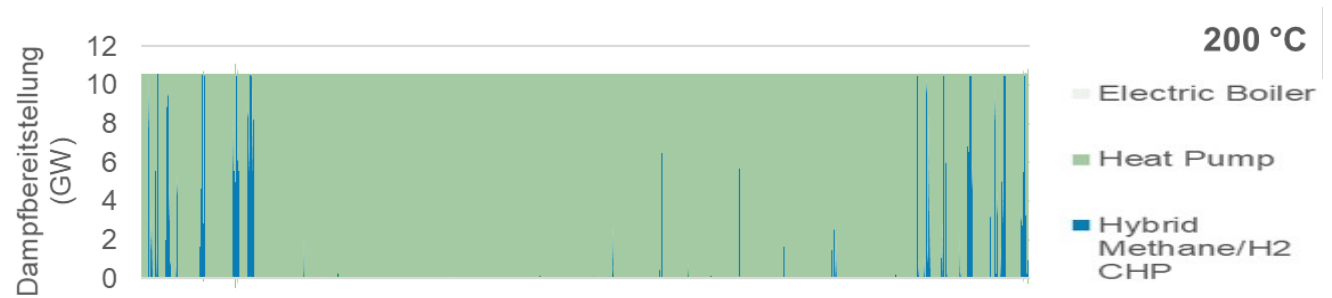
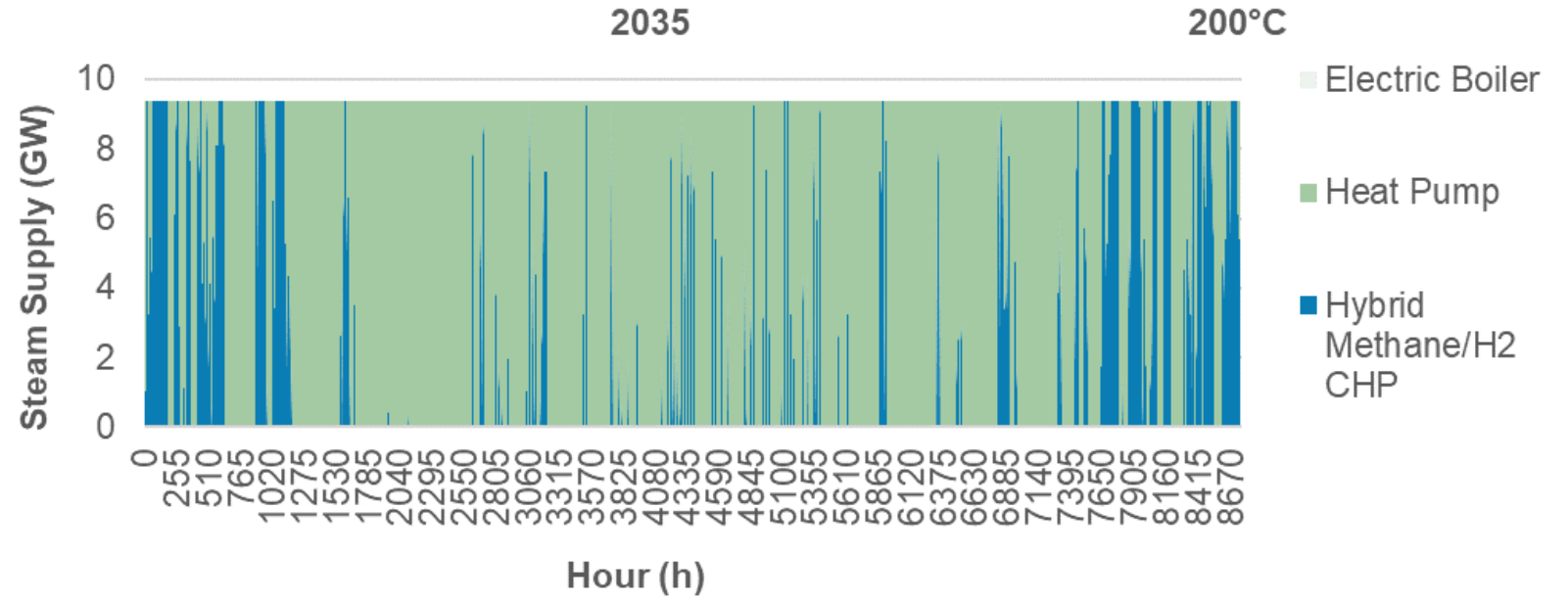
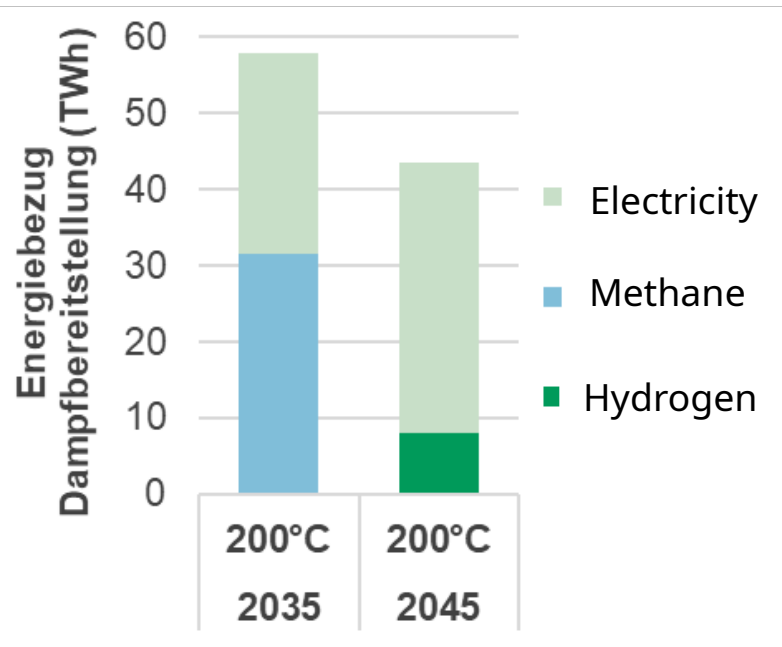
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## Electricity dispatch 2045 in winter and summer in comparison



# Process steam: operation of hybrid systems is clearly seasonal

## Combined use of electric heating and CHP is cost-efficient



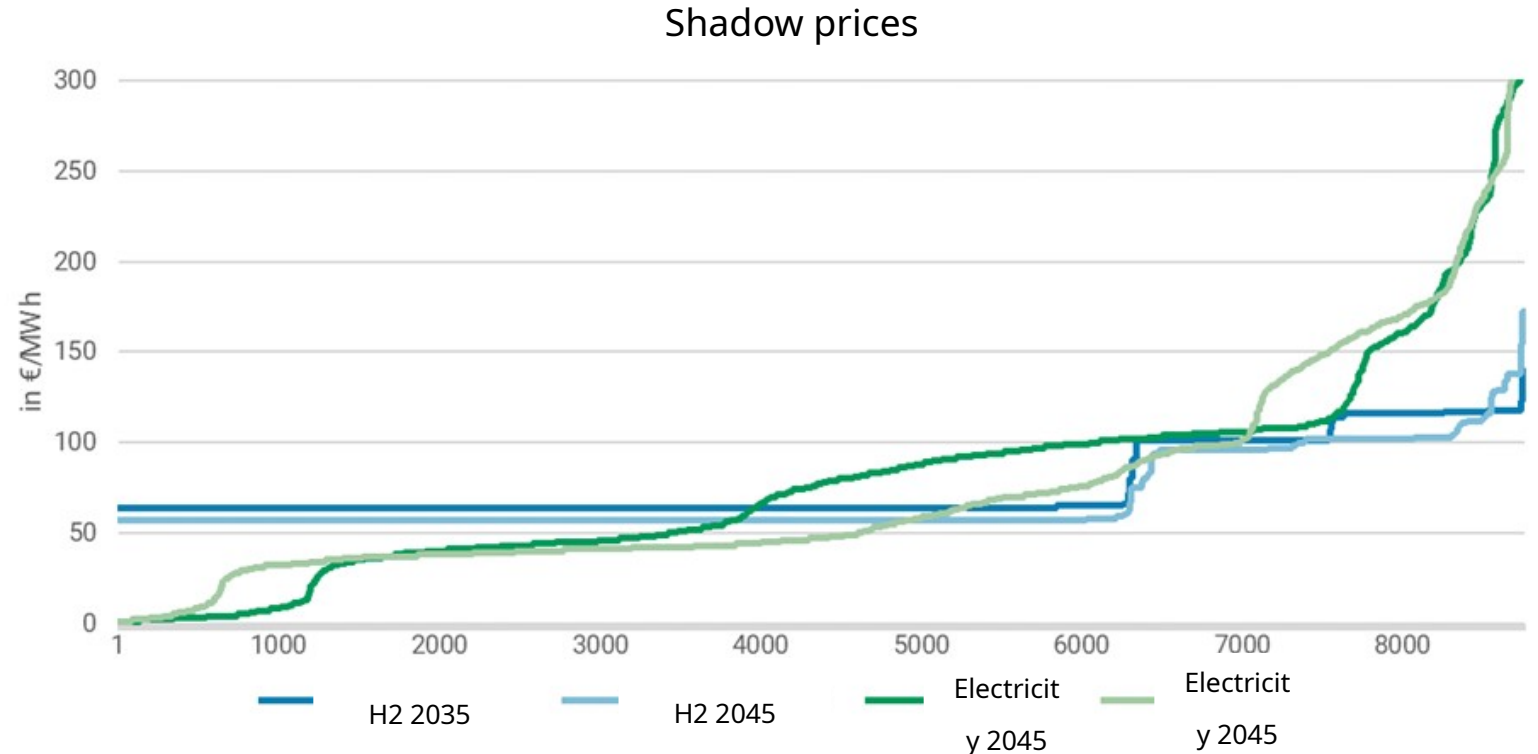
The flexible hybrid supply of process heat with natural gas/H2 and electricity is cost-efficient from a system perspective.

# Framework conditions for economic evaluation

## Price trends for gas, electricity and hydrogen

### Price trends and price variability:

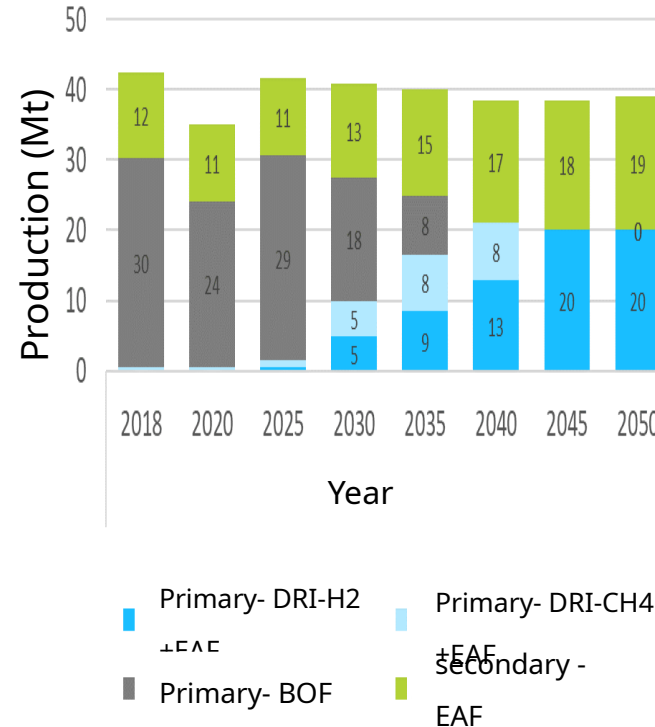
- **Energy price expectations** in the model:
  - Electricity prices with greater variability compared to hydrogen
  - Hydrogen storage systems dampen price variability
  - **Additional revenues in the** balancing power market and congestion management **possib**
- **price developments** in the energy market in the short term:
  - Gas cheaper than electricity
  - Hydrogen more expensive than electricity
- long-term **price trends** in the energy market:
  - Gas prices rise with ETS prices
  - Hydrogen prices fall with low electrolyser and storage costs, rapid wind/PV expansion





# Overview of the Iron and Steel Scenario Assumptions for Germany

- **Recycling:** Increase in secondary steel share from 30% (2018) to 50% (+8 Mt) by 2050
- **Process switch:** Replacing 17 Mt blast furnace production by direct reduced iron (DRI) by 2035
- **Flexibility in DRI operation** blending CH4 and H2.

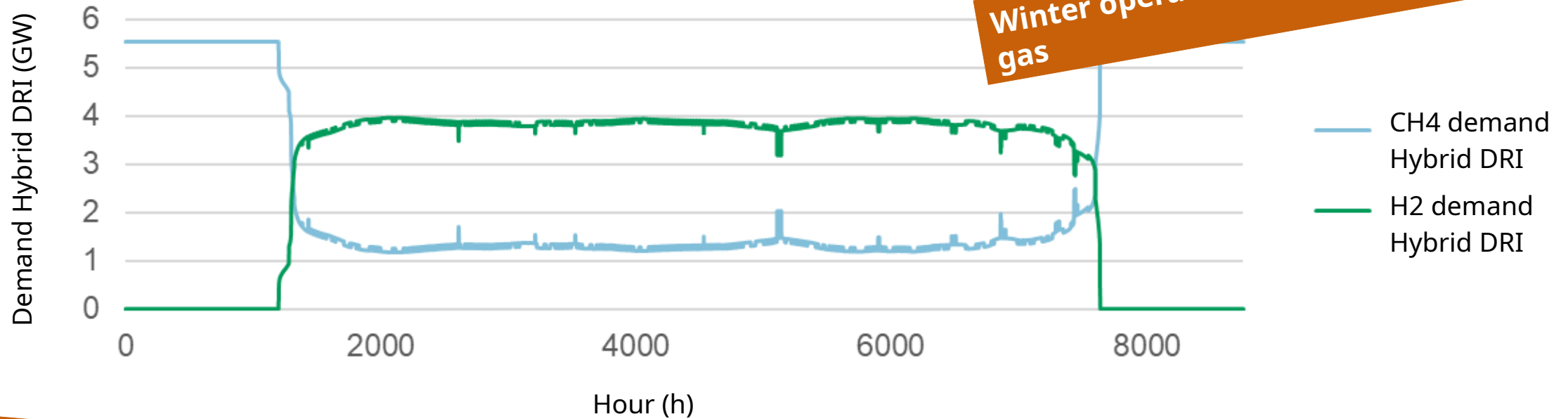


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# Hybridisation of steel production creates seasonal flexibility

## Use of H2 and natural gas in DRI production as an annual profile for 2035



Winter operation relying solely on natural gas

A clearly **seasonal profile** of the use of H2 and natural gas in DRI systems is cost-efficient from a system perspective – during the **transition phase**.

# Core results of the system analysis

1

The climate-neutral energy system will be strongly characterised by wind and PV as well as a high degree of sector coupling. There will be a high demand for hourly and seasonal flexibility.

2

In the coupled energy system, flexible loads follow the supply of renewable electricity. At the same time, the potential for industrial flexibilisation should be realistically assessed.

3

Hybrid systems as combinations of electric heating and CHP are cost-efficient and beneficial to the system.

4

**Initially, heat pumps or electric boilers should supplement gas-fired CHP systems, which can be converted to hydrogen in the long term.**

5

**If possible, natural gas and hydrogen should be used in a flexible mix during the transition period. The operation of future direct reduction plants in steel production in particular has great potential.**

# Outlook: Related work streams for the resilient project

## Endogenisation of the industry sector in the energy system model Pypsa-EurSec

- **Endogenous invest decisions in new plants** according to modernisation cycles for major energy-intensive industries
- **Operational flexibility** e.g. by using hydrogen and natural gas in the transition period
- Endogenous investment decisions for **hybrid systems in steam generation**
- Realistic technology potentials, e.g. for **high-temperature heat pumps**



# Thank you for your attention!

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