

Ramp-Up of the Hydrogen Economy

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Outline

- Hydrogen – key to industrial transformation
 - Chemical industry
 - Steel production
- Infrastructure
- Electricity
- Electrolysis Ramp-up

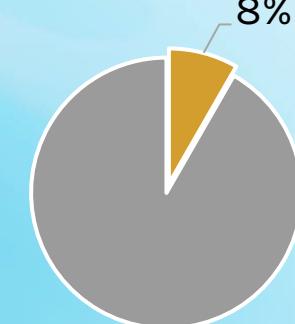
1 TWh correspond to about 30 kt
33 TWh correspond to about 1 Mt

Chemical Industry

Facts and Numbers



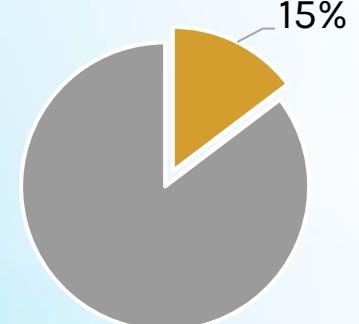
Energy demand
(2020)



215 TWh

> 20 % of industrial
emissions

GHG emissions
(2019)



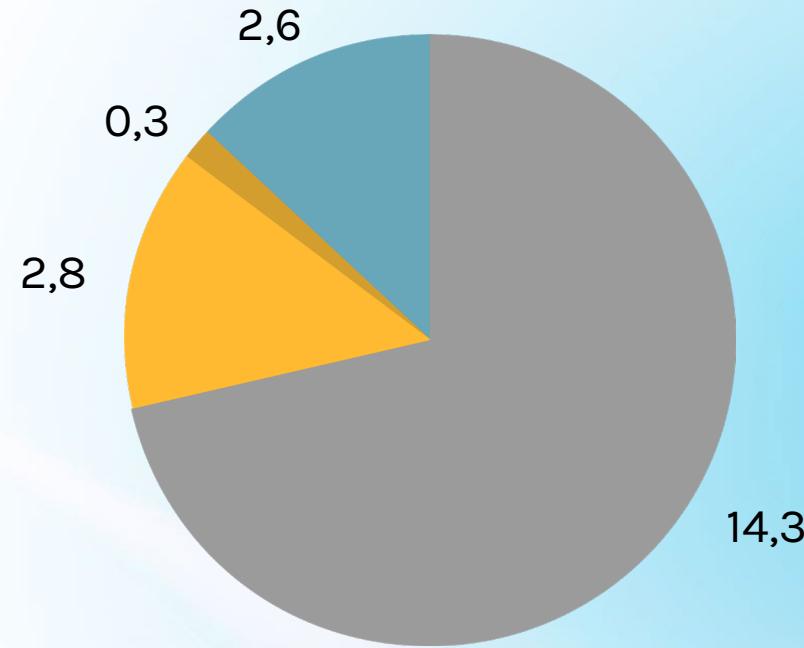
112,5 Mio t CO₂-eq.

Emissions caused by

- Cracking of fossil Naphtha
- Hydrogen production
- Provision of steam and heat
- End-of-life emissions

Chemical Industry

Material utilization of raw materials



- In 2020 **20 Mt raw materials** were utilized material-wise.^[1]
- Material utilization of raw materials is dominated by **Naphtha and other mineral oil derivatives**^[1]
- Renewable resources contribute only **slightly more than 10%** to the raw material basis.^[1]
- Recycling hardly plays a role.

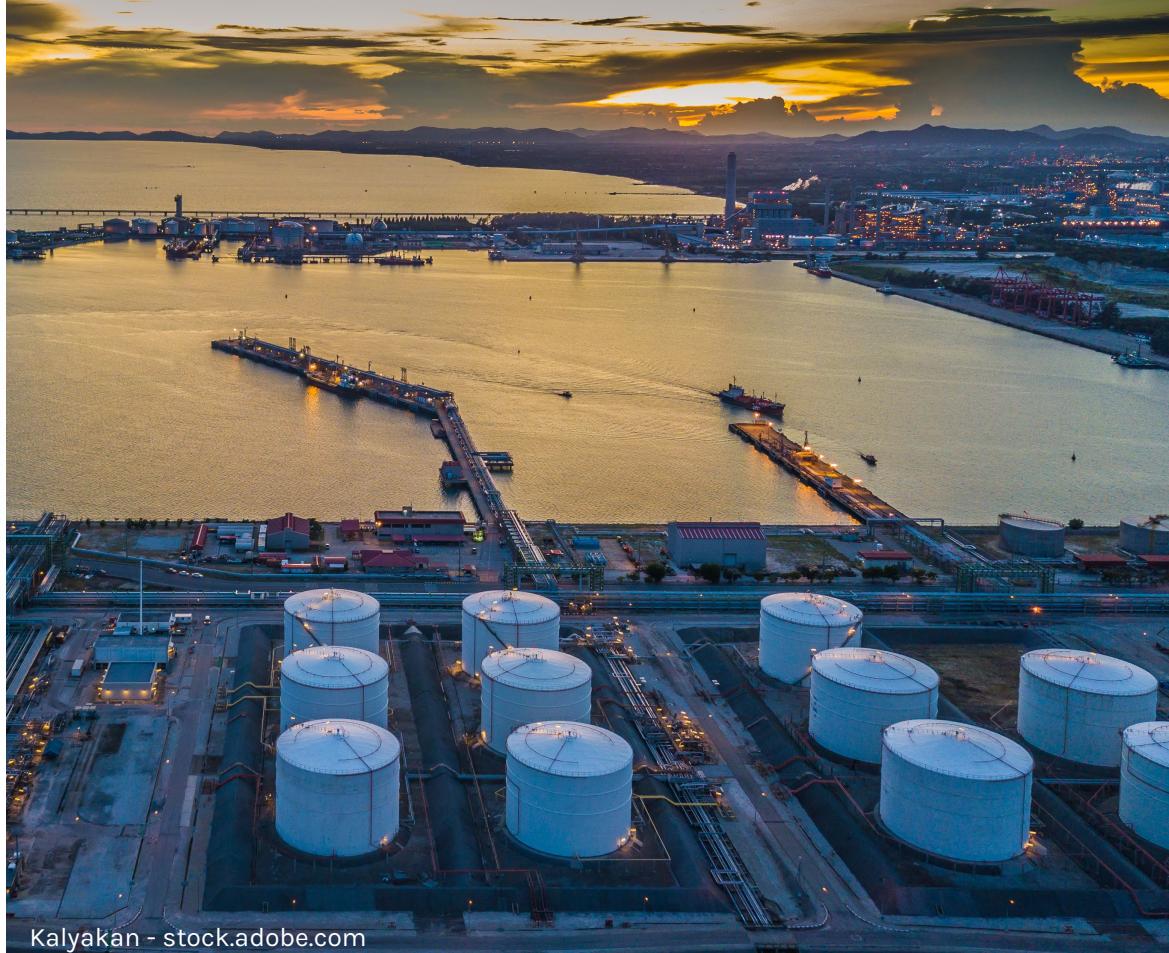
[1] VCI, Energiestatistik 2022



 Naphtha,
mineral oil
derivates Natural
gas Coal Renewable
ressources

Chemical Industry

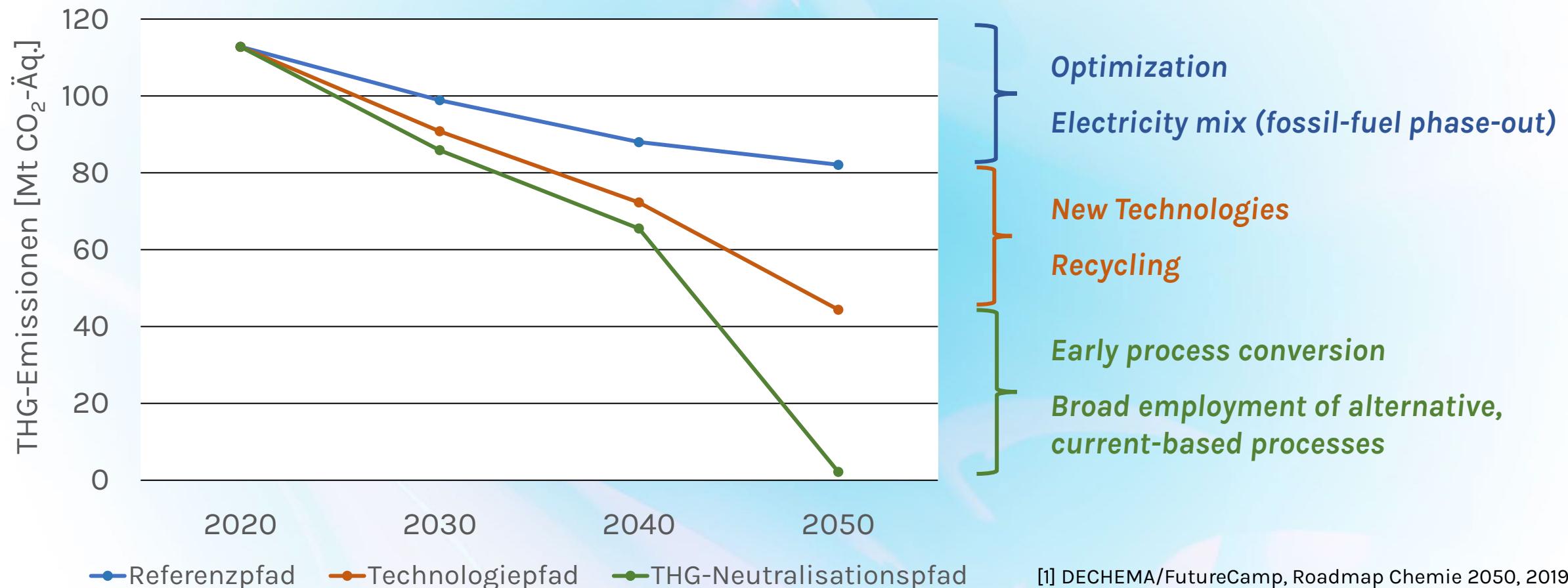
Process heat



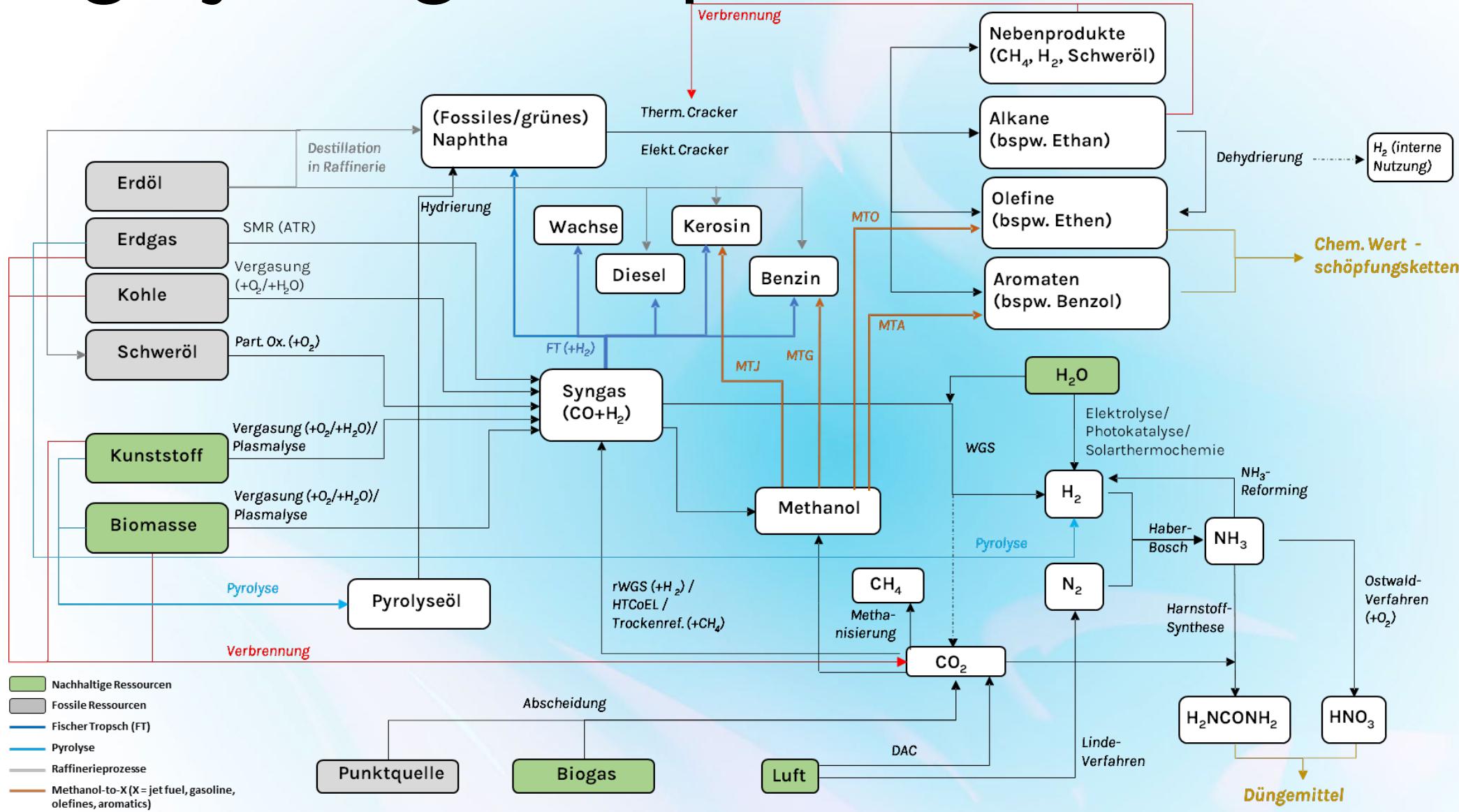
- Mainly **middle and high-temperature-processes**
 - Low temperature processes hardly relevant
- Direct Electrification is challenging,
energy-related use of raw material will
be essential also in future

Green house gas emissions

Largest lever for reduction^[1]



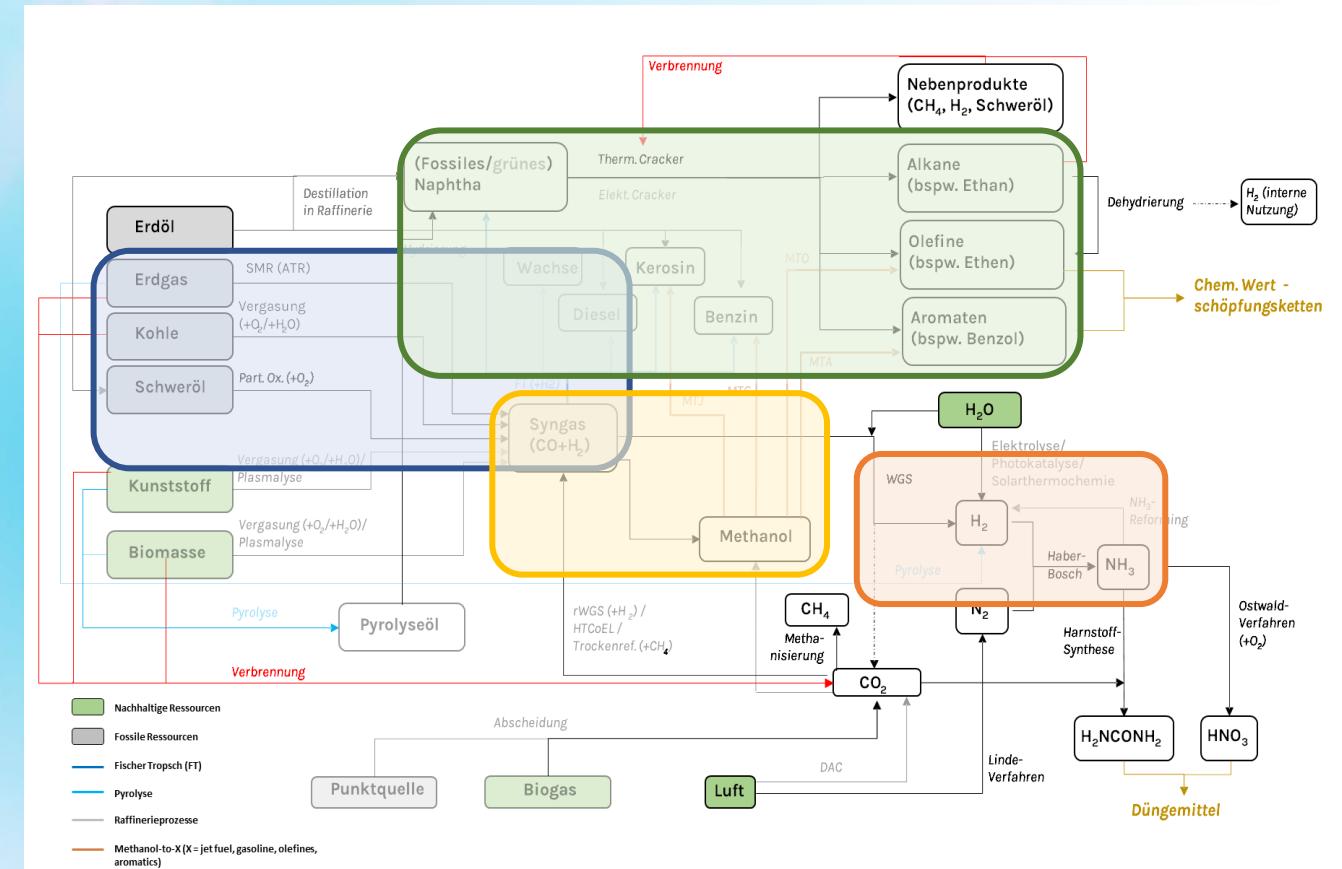
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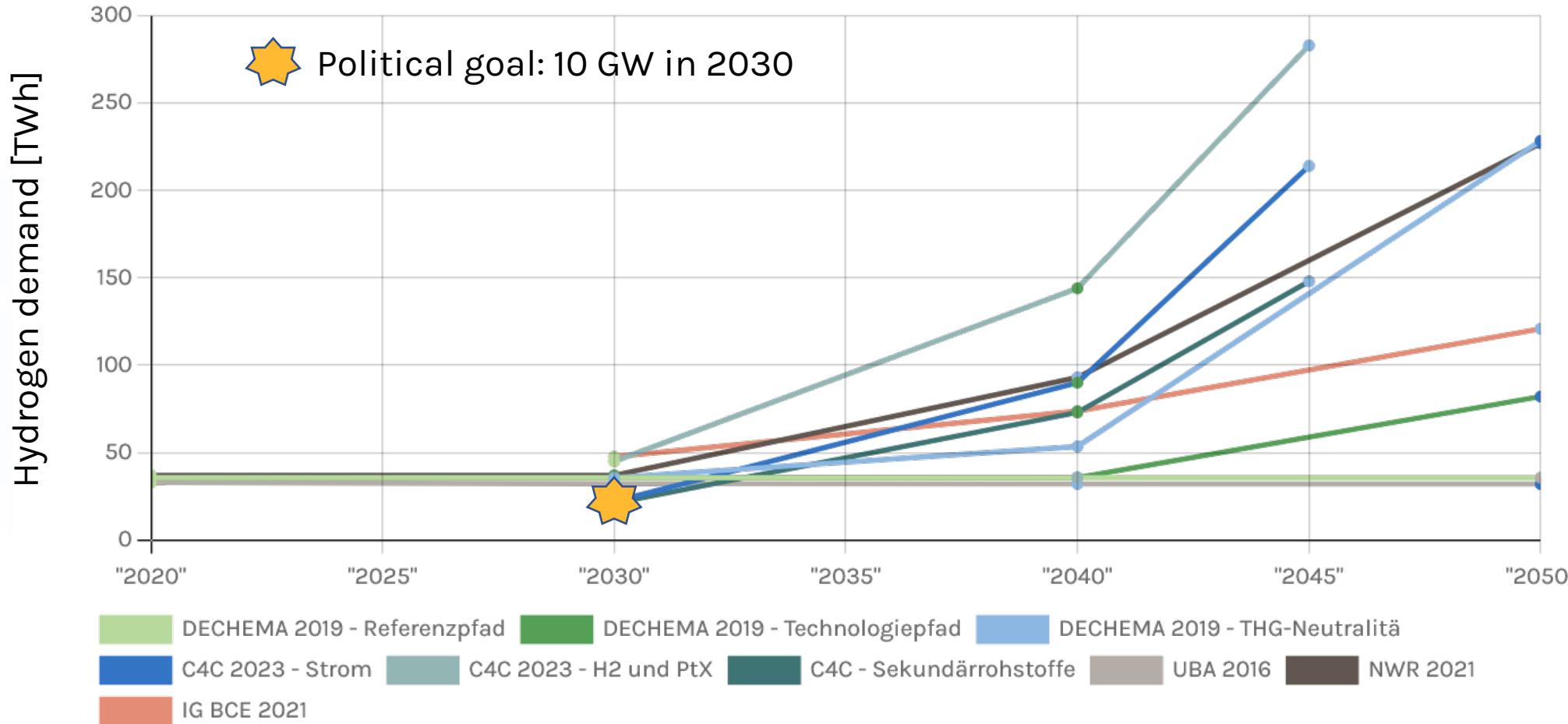
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Central Role of hydrogen

1. Substitution of hydrogen and synthesis gas production (**blue**)
2. Production of alkanes, olefines and aromatics from Naphtha and via alternative processes (**green**)
3. Production of methanol based on synthesis gas (**yellow**)
4. Production von ammonia with hydrogen (today mainly based on natural gas, in future based on electrolysis (**orange**)



Chemical industry

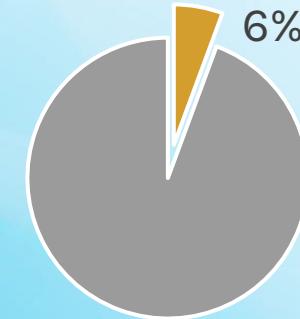


Steel production

From Blast furnace to directly reduced iron

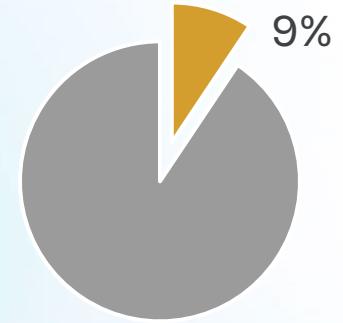


Energy demand



146 TWh

GHG emissions



70 Mt

- Germany: ~ **40 Mt steel per year**
 - 70 % primary steel (blast furnace)
 - 30 % secondary steel (recycling)
- Turnover in 2021: 41,4 billion €
- > 15 billion EUR investments needed to defossilize Germany's steel production

Steel production



© Energiron

- Ideal reactor width: ~6,7-7 m
→ annual production capacity of about 2,5...2,7 Mt iron
- Height: up to 35 m
- March 2023: Thyssen-Krupp starts to build its first DRI-facility (2,5 Mt iron capacity)
- Operation shall start end of 2026
- H₂-premium: 280 € / t Stahl
(Ann.: 4 € / kg H₂)

Steel industry

Hydrogen demands



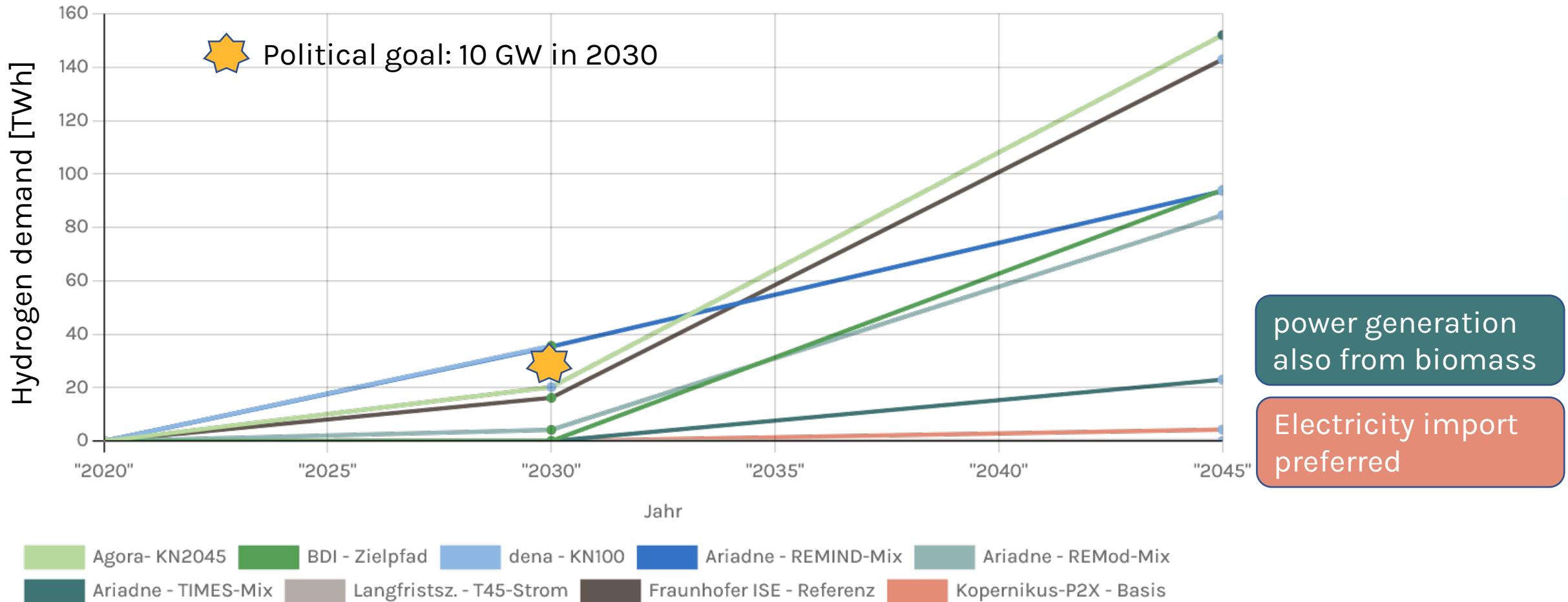
Electricity system



- High backup power needed:
 - **2019: 30 GW**
 - **2030: 32-106 GW**
 - **2045: 43-181 GW**
- Backup power plants will rarely be in use:
 - **2020: 3000 full load hours**
 - **2030: 1629-3333 full load hours**
 - **2045: 86-1166 full load hours**

Electricity

Hydrogen demands

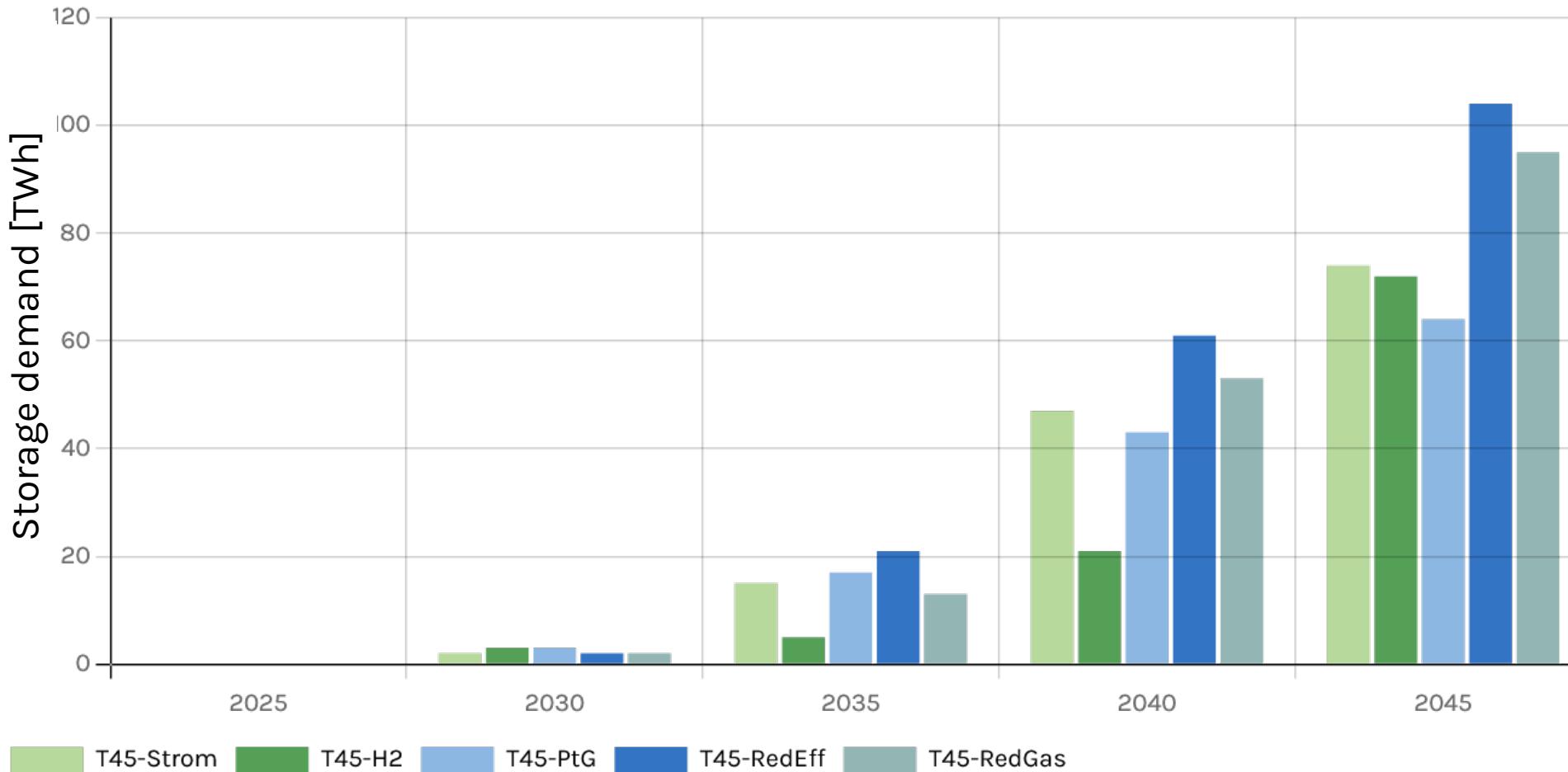


Infrastructure – H₂ storage

- **Total natural gas storage potential: 262 TWh**
 - Distribution determined by geology
 - Salt caverns (168 TWh) only in the north
 - Pore storages very likely not suited
 - Largest salt formation with storage potential in Europe
 - Due to lower energy density and compressibility
→ H₂ stores only 20% of the energy that natural gas does at the same volume
- **33 TWh H₂ storage potential** in available storages
- there is potential for more storages

Infrastructure

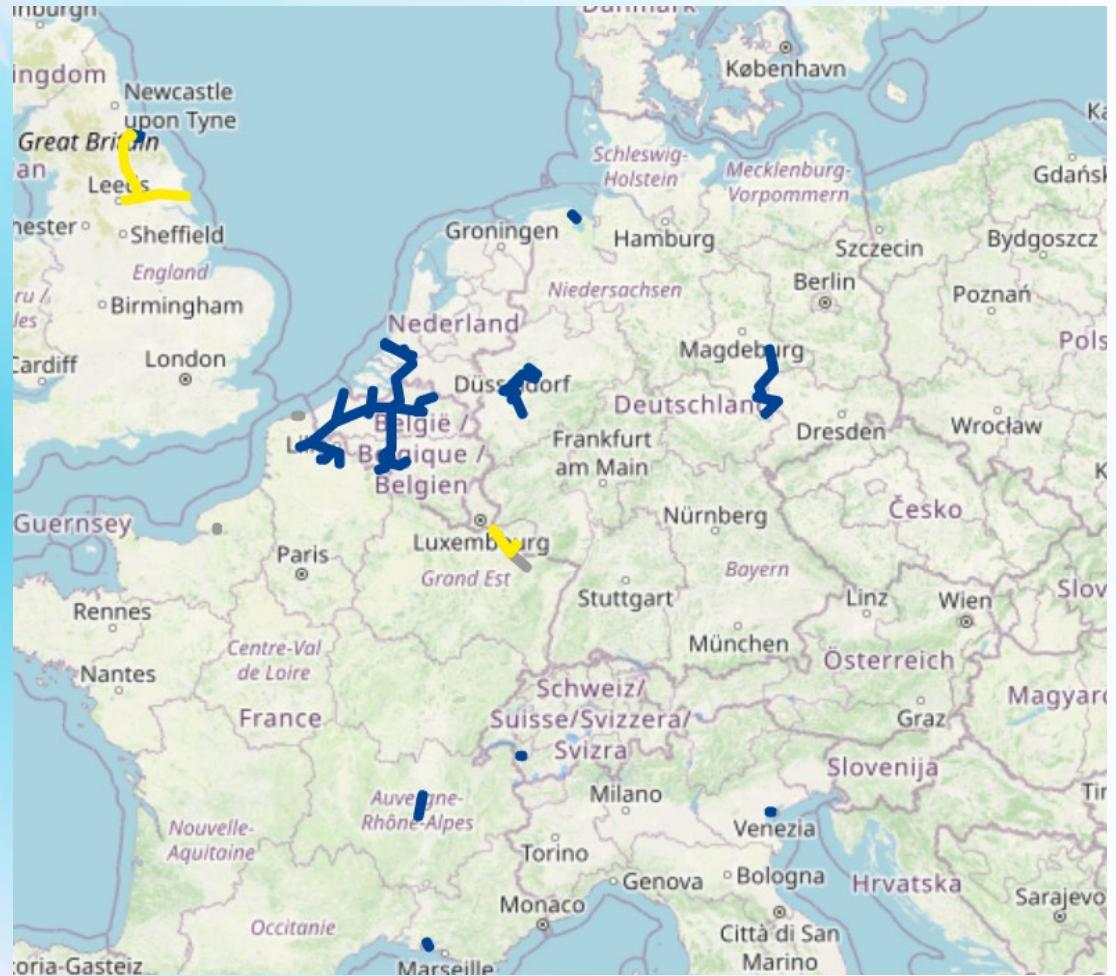
H2 storage



Existing H₂-pipelines

- Blau: existent
- Gelb: geplant

1.458 km in Europa gelistet
 190 km geplant
 56 km Status unbekannt



European hydrogen backbone

2030 und 2040

2030

- ~ **28.000 km length**
- Energy transport of up to 65 TWh / yr
- Substantial amount of new construction

2040

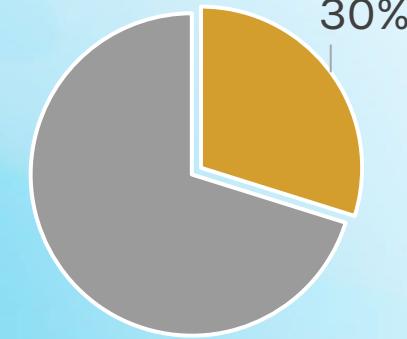
- Almost 53.000 km length
- 60% repurposed
- 40% new

Karten siehe: <https://www.ehb.eu/page/european-hydrogen-backbone-maps>

Building heat

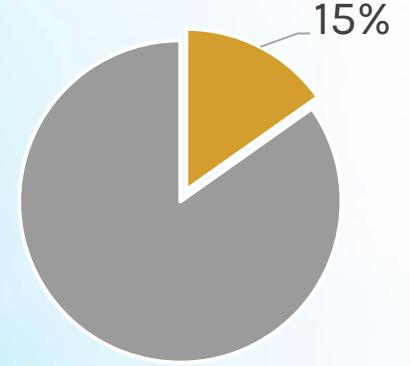


Energy demand



773 TWh

GHG emissions



118 Mt

Building heat

Energy retrofitting of buildings

Heat pumps

H₂ blending into gas distribution networks

100% H₂ in gas distribution networks

H₂ as module in self-sufficient buildings

Synthetic heating oil

Synthetic methane

Indirect use of H₂: waste heat from electrolyzers

District heat networks

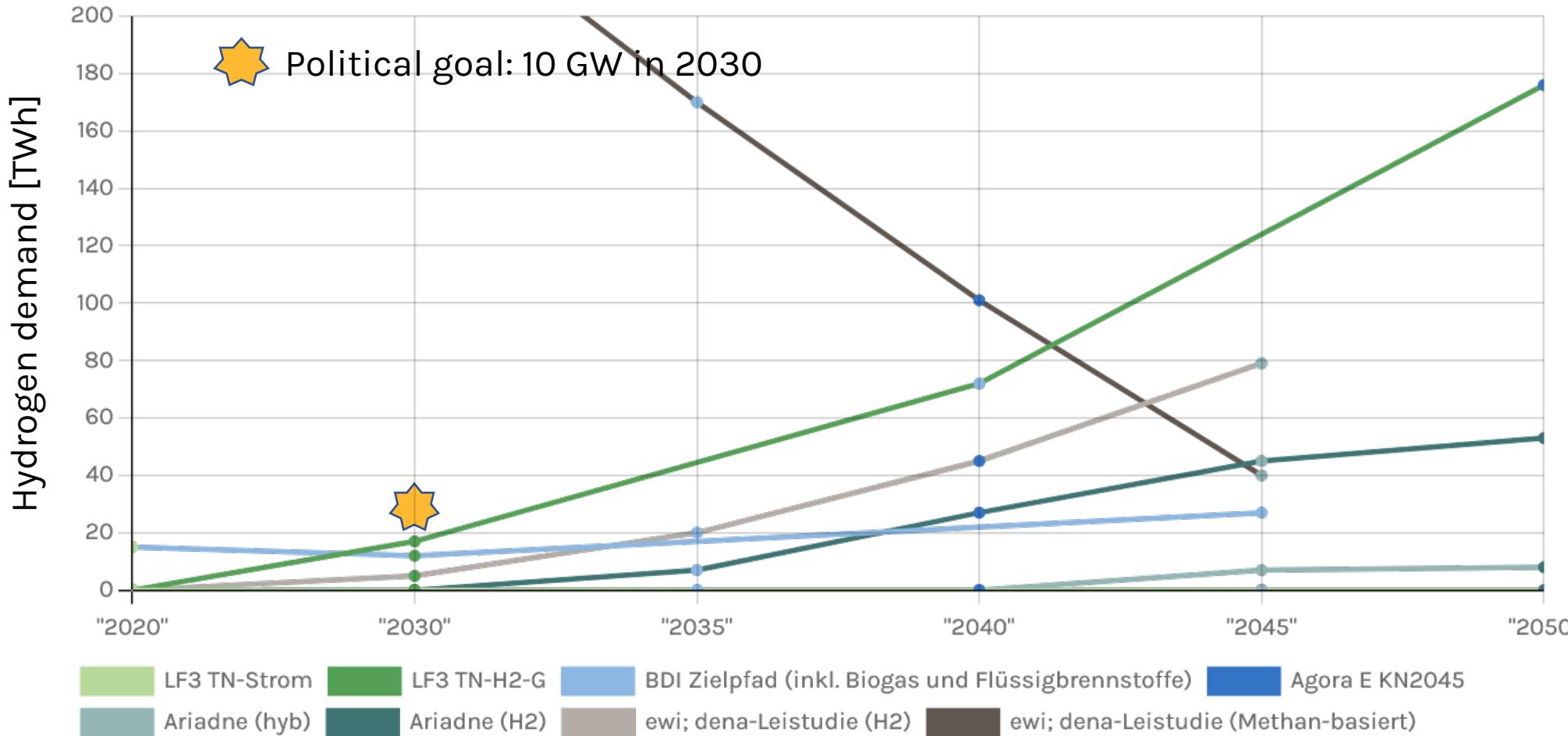
Energetic use of biomass

Biogenic heating oil

Bio methane

Gebäudewärme

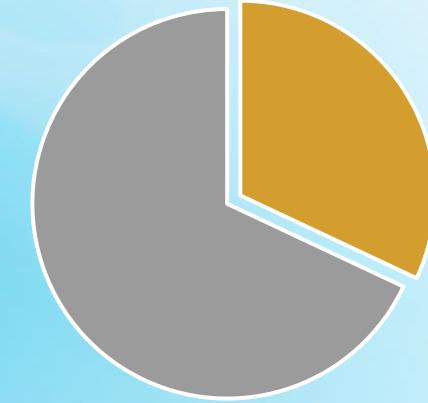
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Mobility and logistics

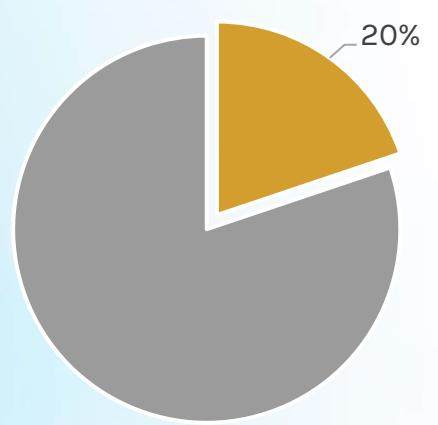


energy demand



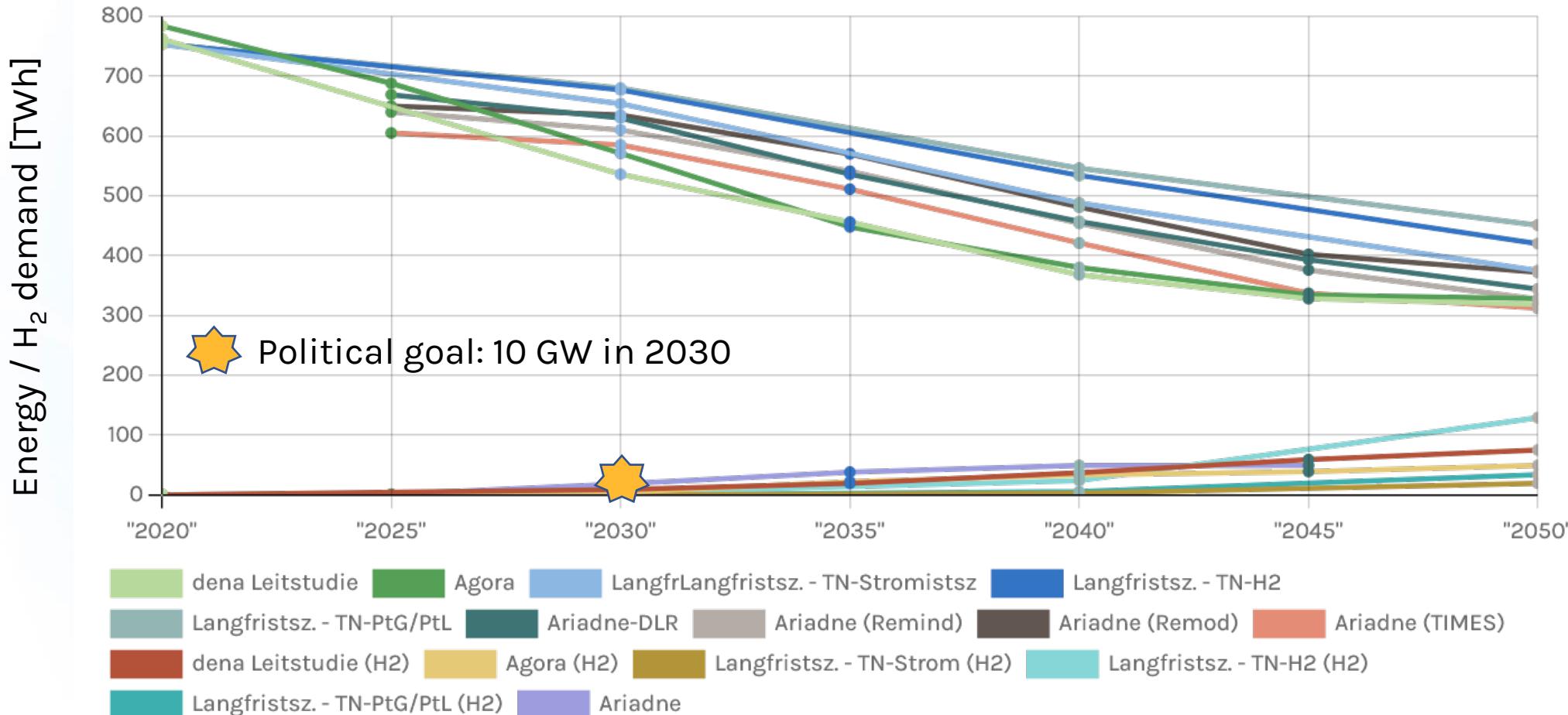
770 TWh

GHG emissions

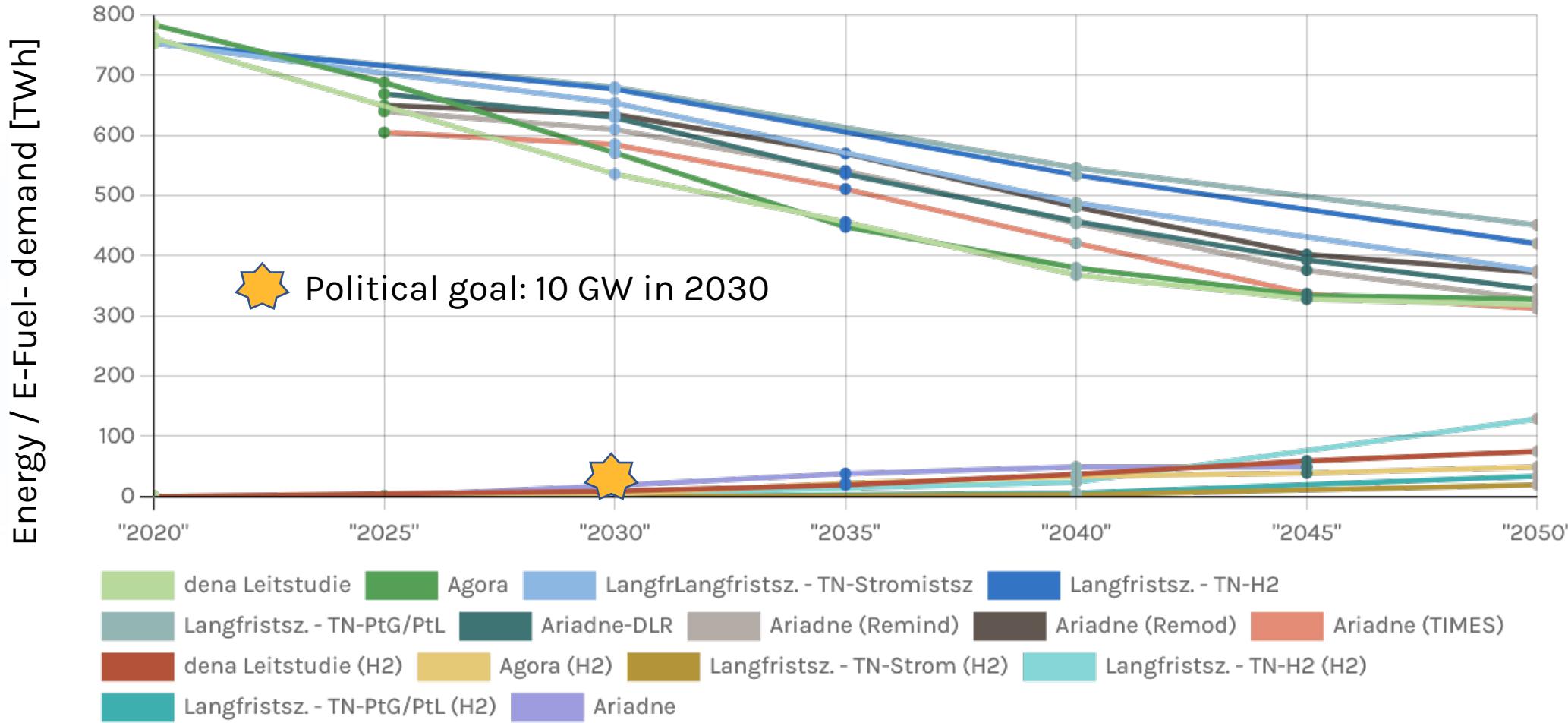


148 Mt

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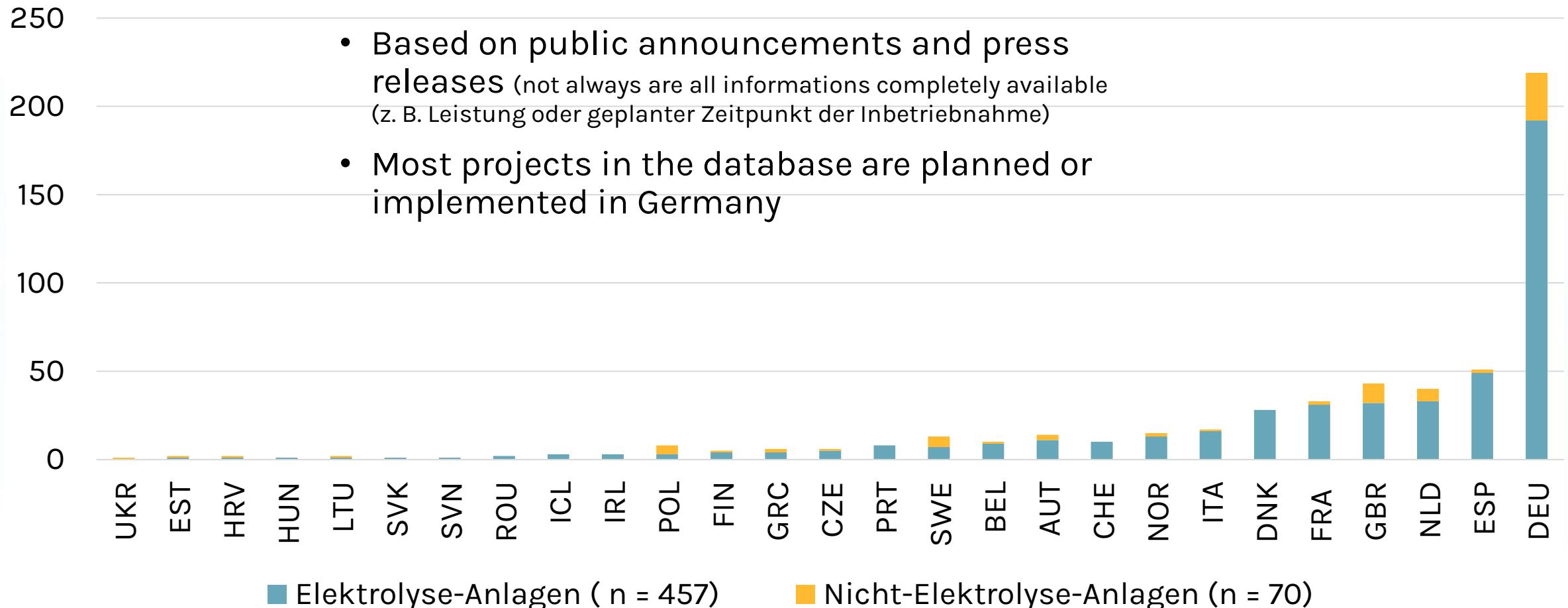


Mobility and transport



H₂-Electrolysis projects

H₂-compass' project database

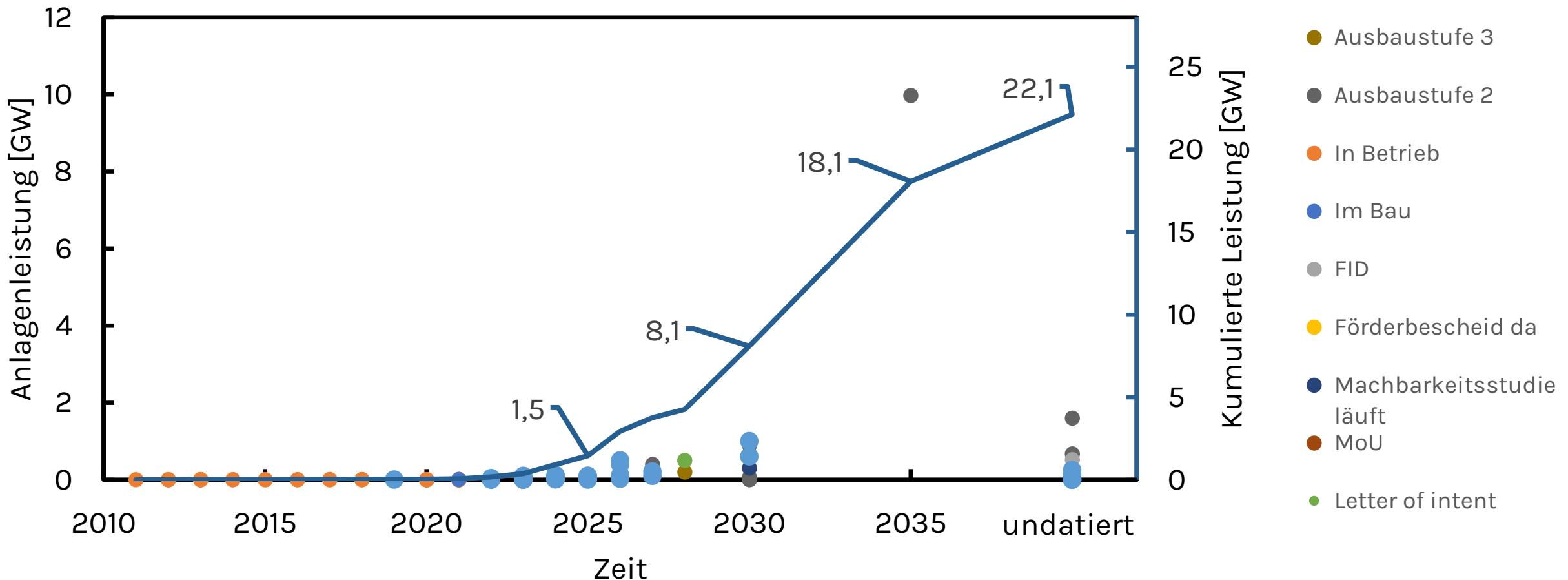


■ Elektrolyse-Anlagen (n = 457)

■ Nicht-Elektrolyse-Anlagen (n = 70)

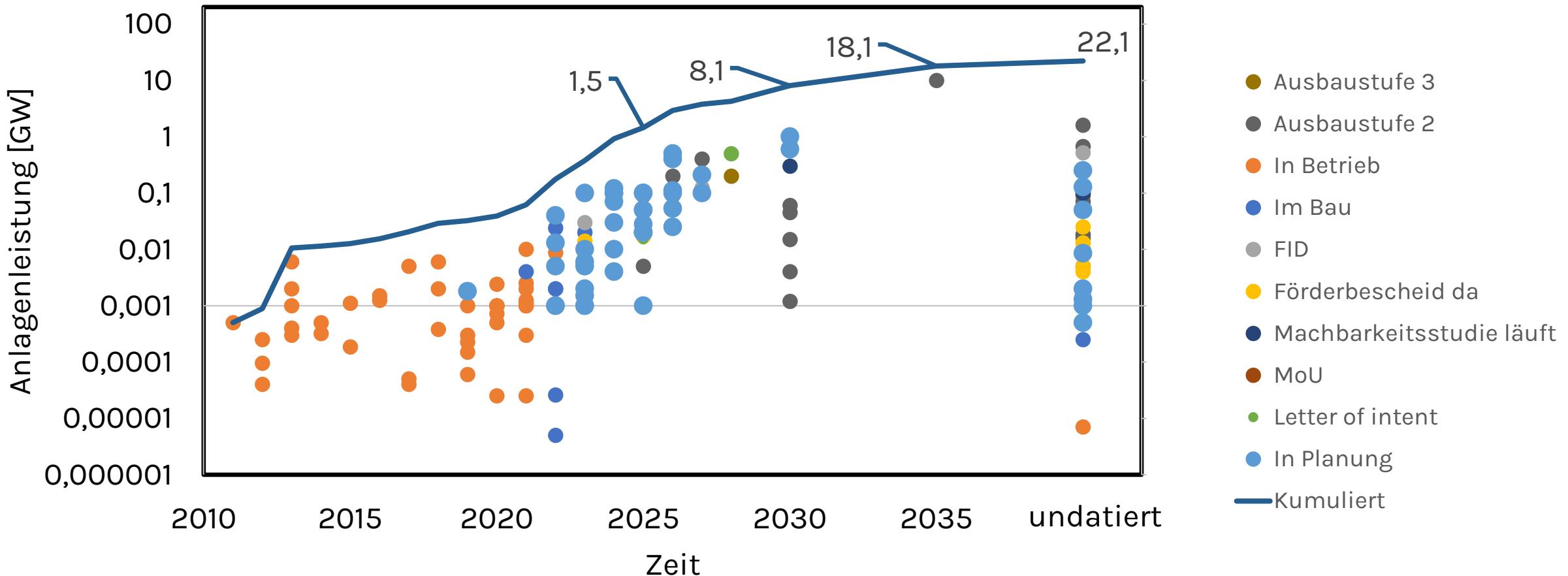
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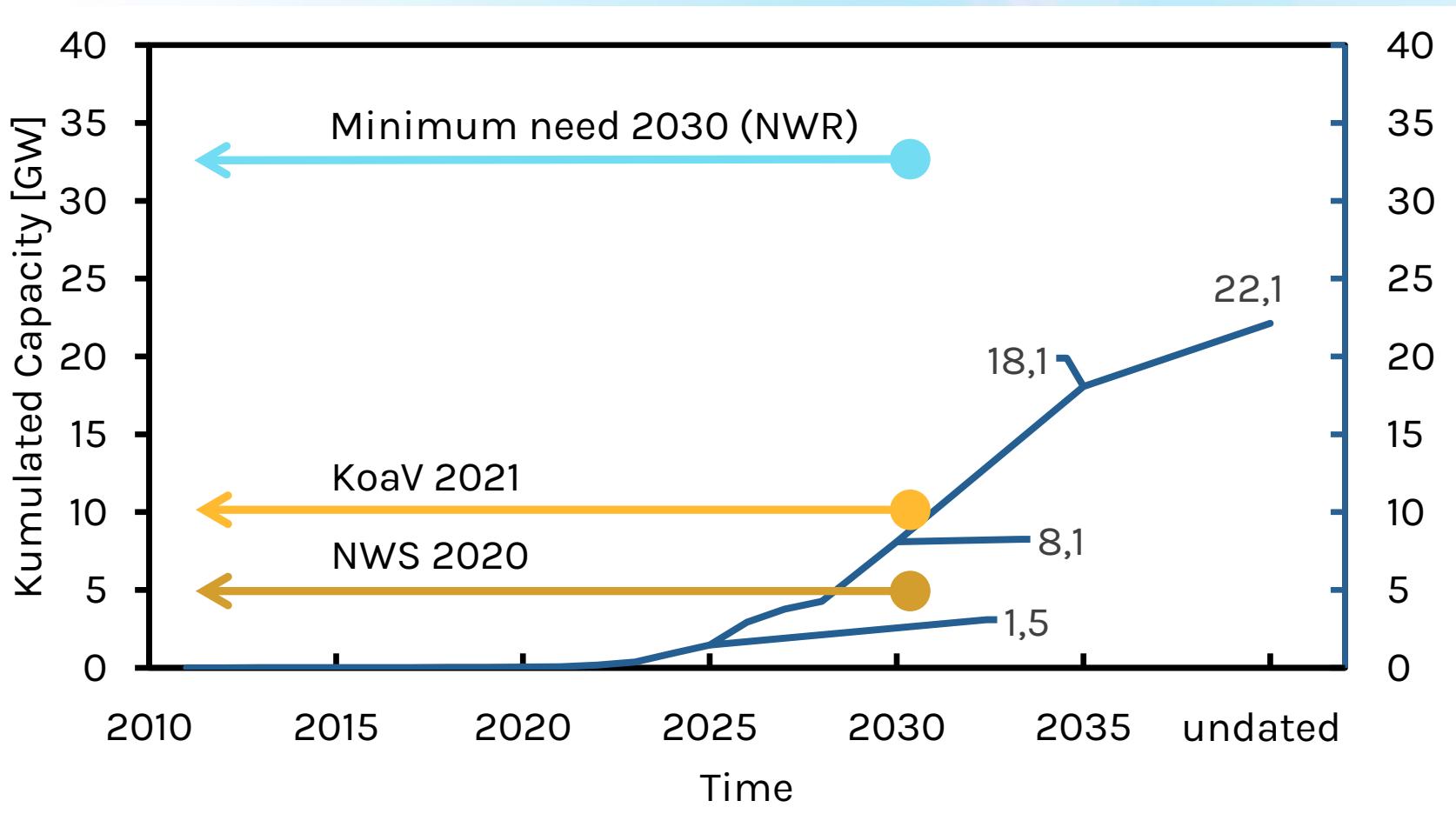
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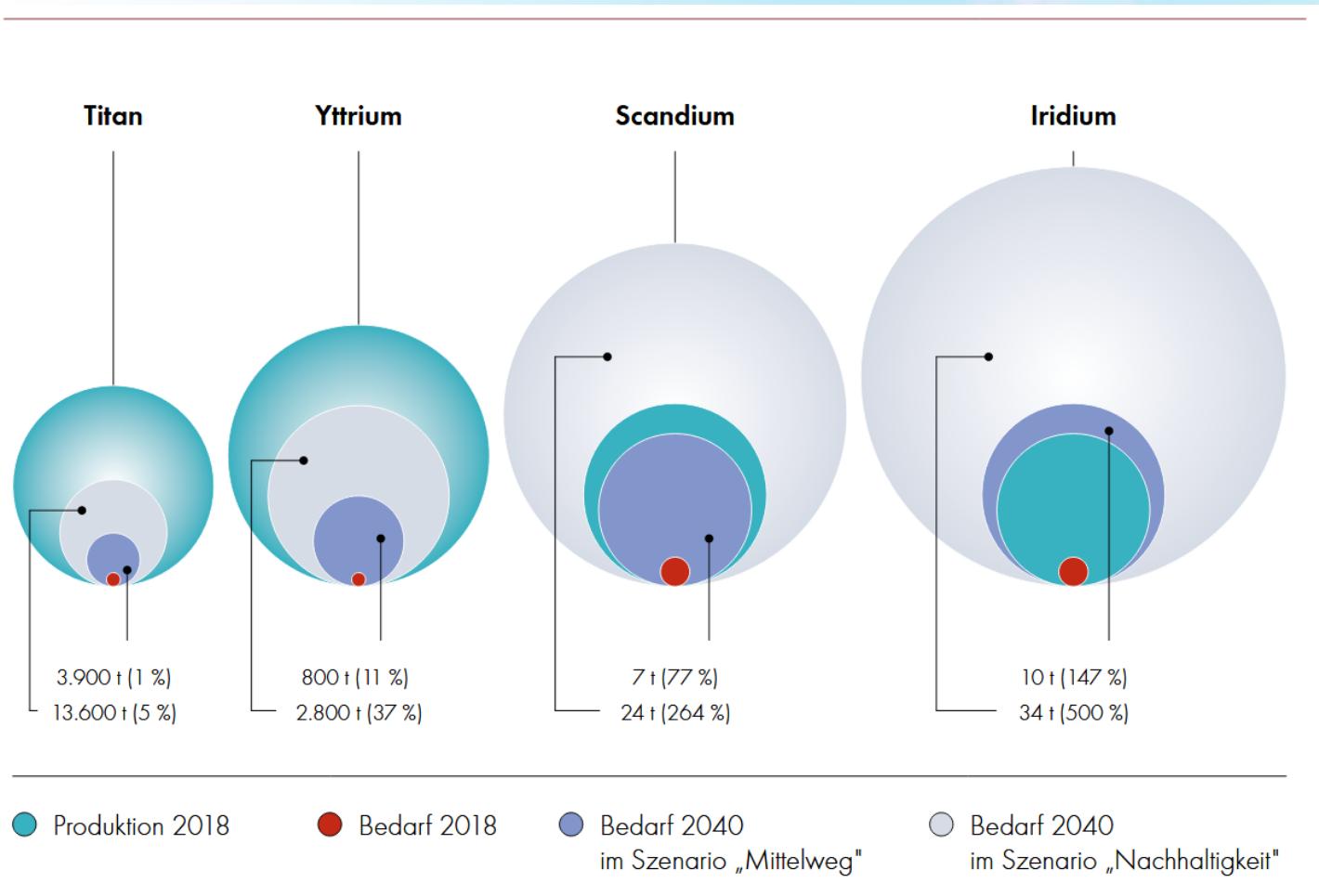


- Optimistic assumptions:
 - 4000 full load hours
 - 70 % efficiency
- Minimum needs 2030:
 - 92 TWh (NWR)
 - Corresponds to 33 GW

State: February 2023

Raw materials for electrolyzers

AEL, PEMEL and SOE



Dera-Themenheft:
[Mineralische Rohstoffe für die
Wasserelektrolyse, DERA](#)

Conclusions

- Ramp-up of Germany's Hydrogen economy is on its way.
- 10 GW electrolysis capacity by 2030 is within reach
- Germany's electrolysis projects can serve at most 1/3 of the German hydrogen needs in 2030
- Import of energy / hydrogen is further needed
- Transformation is challenging (infrastructure built-up, Upscale of electrolyzer production, raw material supply, man-power)



**Thank you very much for
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