

# Roadmap 2050: A practical guide to a prosperous, low-carbon Europe

Volume I: technical and economic assessment

Highlights - Draft  
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## Roadmap 2050 project team



### ECF (Philanthropic European climate foundation)

- Overall sponsor and funder
- Final report will be ECF branded

### McKinsey & Company (Strategic consultancy)

- Overall content leadership, project management, data collection, analysis
- Reach out to industries, workshop facilitation

### ECN (Energy research center)

- Support on assumptions for technologies (lead on nuclear)
- Policy development and recommendations based on analytics

### KEMA (Technical grid consultancy)

- Grid design and investments, production capacity and costs associated with providing a plausible, secure electricity system for each of the pathways

### Imperial College London

- In-depth modeling of system balancing requirements, reliability, optimization of transmission and back-up investment

### The Centre (Political consultancy)

- Manage contact to EU-commission and parliament and ensure alignment with their needs. Participate in outreach to member states

### Office of Metropolitan Architecture – R. Koolhaas

- Provide creative participation in the development of narrative. Provide conceptual framing and visual communication

### ESC (European Strategy Centre)

- Design the report launch communication strategy
- Manage the launch of the report including holding presentations, meetings

### RAP (Regulatory Assistance Project)


- Provide technical and policy input from their global experience

### Oxford Economics (Macroeconomic consultancy)

- Provide analysis of macro-economic impacts of decarbonization scenarios

# Roadmap 2050 Core Working Group members

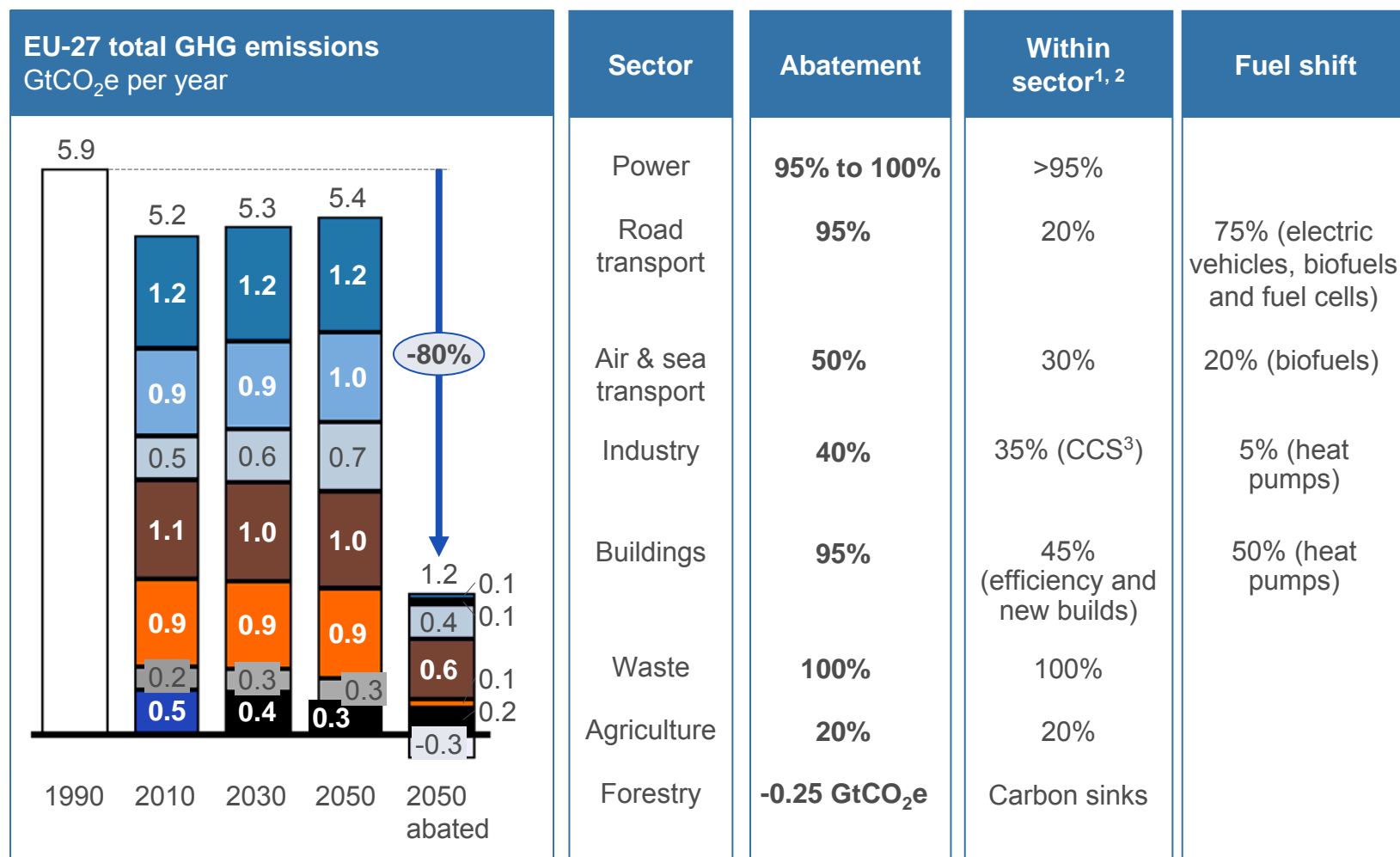
## Core Working Group participants

Utilities				
				
Transmission System Operators				
				
Manufacturers				
NGOs				

## Roles

- The core working group provides input, supports the project development and reviews results and conclusions
- A series of technology workshops, in person full day meetings and bilateral calls were held
- Information shared can be quoted but not attributed to a specific participant. Confidential information was not disclosed
- The core working group is not accountable for the messages in the end report. The members will be acknowledged for providing input and support to the project

# 80% by 2050 only possible with zero-carbon power supply



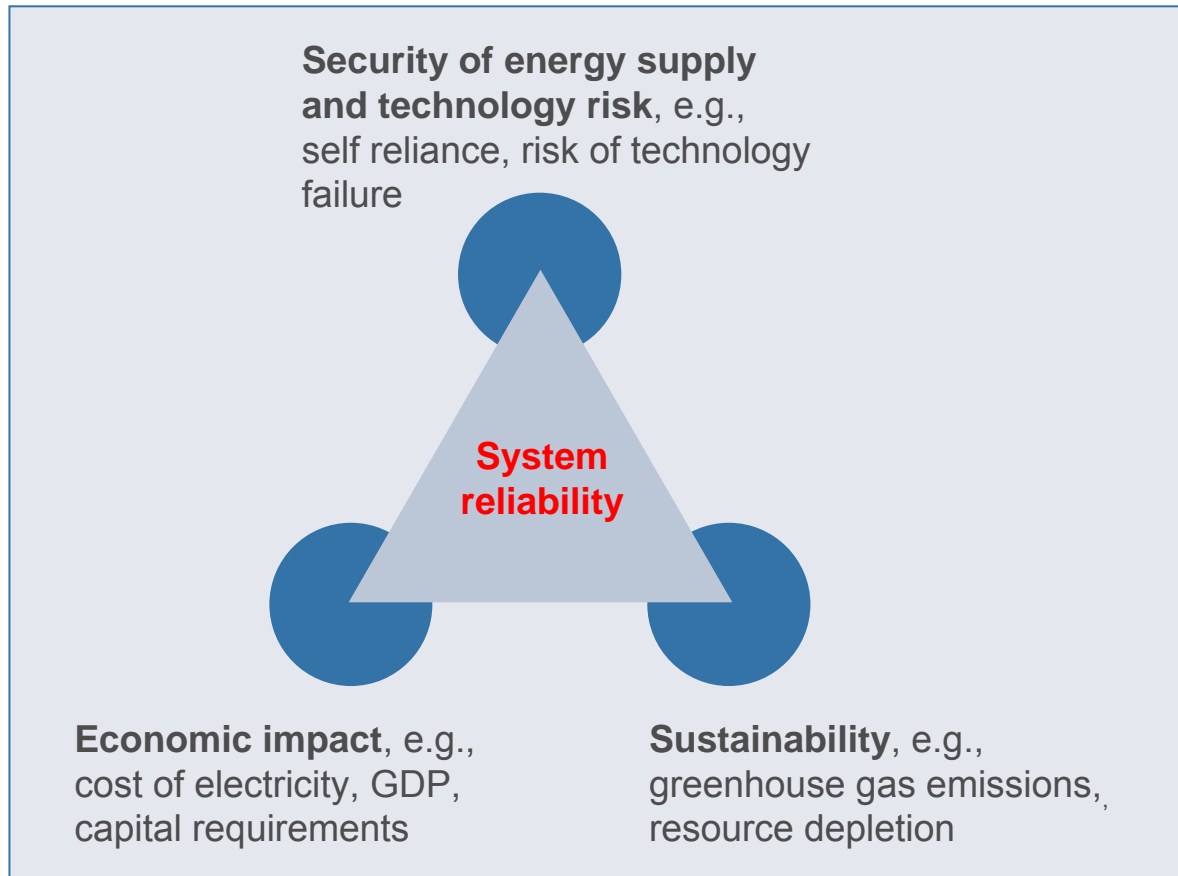
1 Based on the McKinsey Global GHG Abatement Cost Curve

2 Large efficiency improvements already included in the baseline

3 CCS applied to 50% of industry (cement, chemistry, iron and steel, petroleum and gas, not applied to other industries)

# Pathways must be reliable, technically feasible, have a positive impact on the economy...& be nearly zero carbon

## Assessment criteria



# Pathways are based on domestic European resources, using existing technologies developed over time

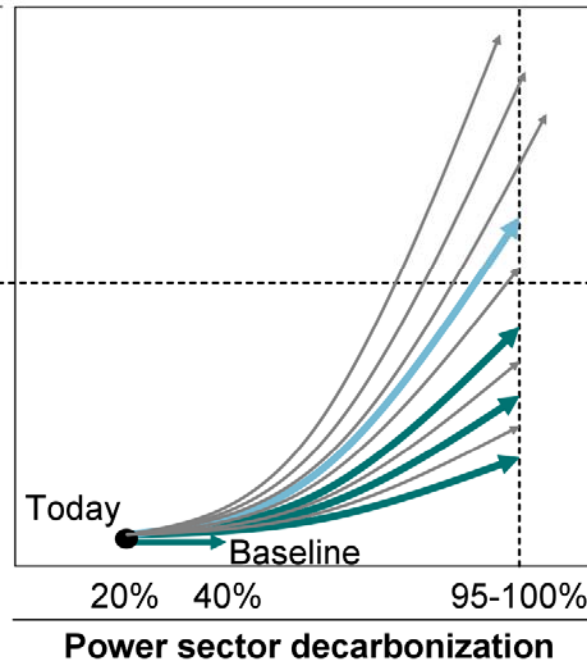
## EXHIBIT 1

**While a variety of decarbonized power mixes are feasible, this work is focused on four**

### Solution scope

Other regions and technologies

Focus on EU-27, Norway and Switzerland and existing technologies



- Technical and economical assessment
- Focus on the technical assessment

Tidal, EGS<sup>1</sup>, nuclear fusion, etc.  
Iceland, Russia, etc.

**100% RES<sup>2</sup> including EGS<sup>1</sup> and North Africa**

**3 pathways analyzed with**

- 40% to 80% RES<sup>2</sup>
- 10% to 30% nuclear
- 10% to 30% CCS<sup>3</sup>

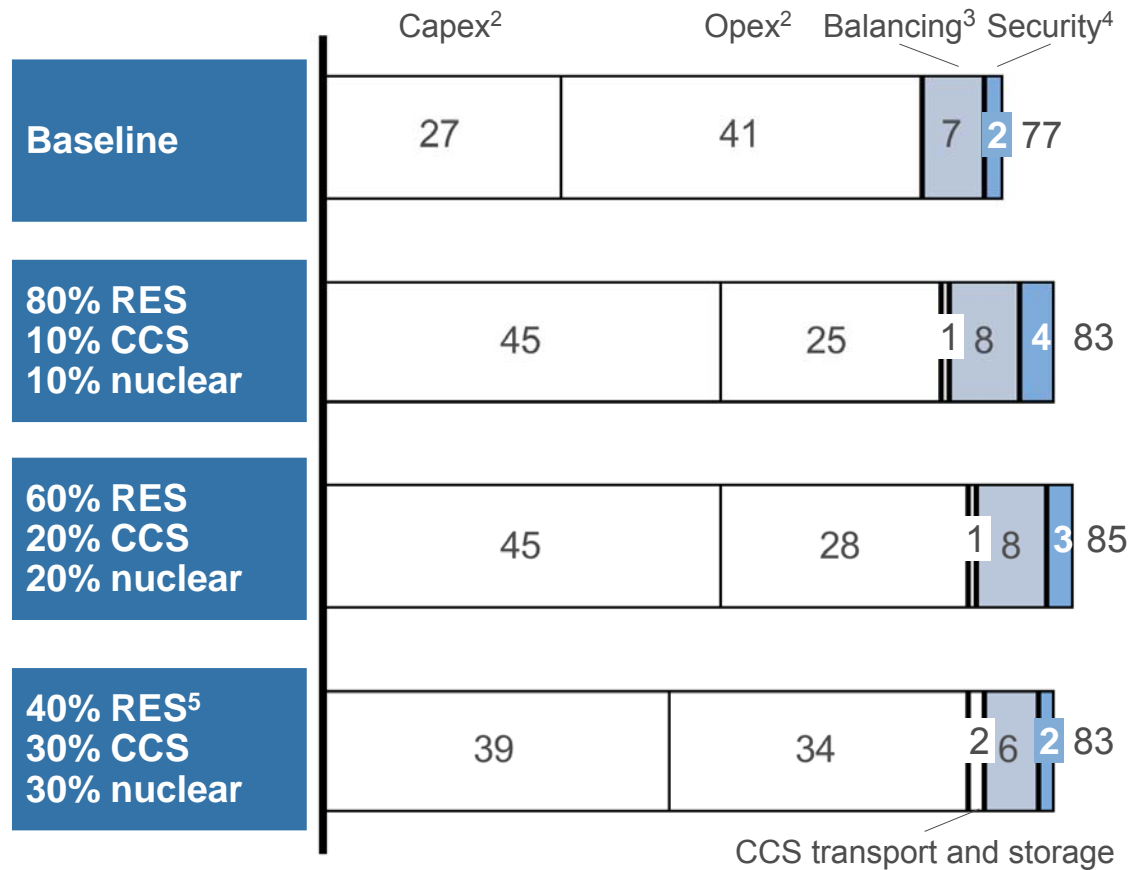
1 Enhanced Geothermal Systems

2 Renewable Energy Sources

3 Carbon Capture and Storage

# All pathways can deliver power with roughly the same cost and reliability as the baseline with carbon price $\leq \text{€}50/\text{tCO}_2$

Average new built CoE from 2010 to 2050<sup>1</sup>, EUR/MWh (real terms)



1 Weighted average based on the CoE in each 10-year time frame (2010, 2020, 2030, 2040, 2050)

2 Generation only

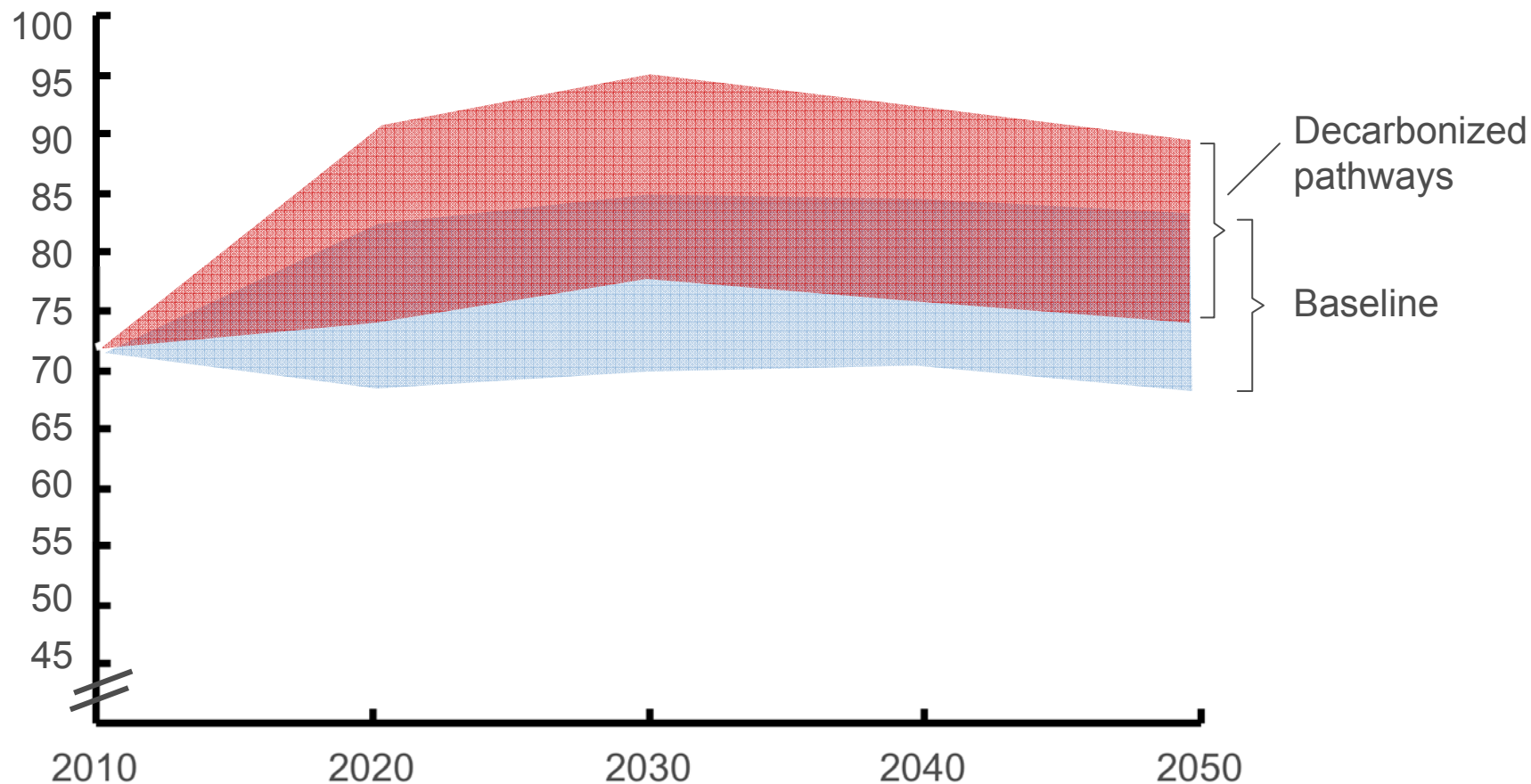
3 Cost related to non optimal plant use, system dispatch cost for secure operation, running backup plants, storage losses, reserve and response cost

4 Transmission and additional generation capex as well as fixed opex for transmission and backup

5 Grid not modeled by KEMA yet, impact estimated by interpolation from the other pathways

## Confidence ranges for assumptions: likely outcomes are within 10-15% of each other across all pathways

Likely ranges over time in the cost of electricity of new builds<sup>1</sup>  
EUR/MWh (real terms)



NOTE This is excluding a price for CO<sub>2</sub>. A price of ~€50 per tCO<sub>2</sub>e would be equivalent to the range shown in the baseline

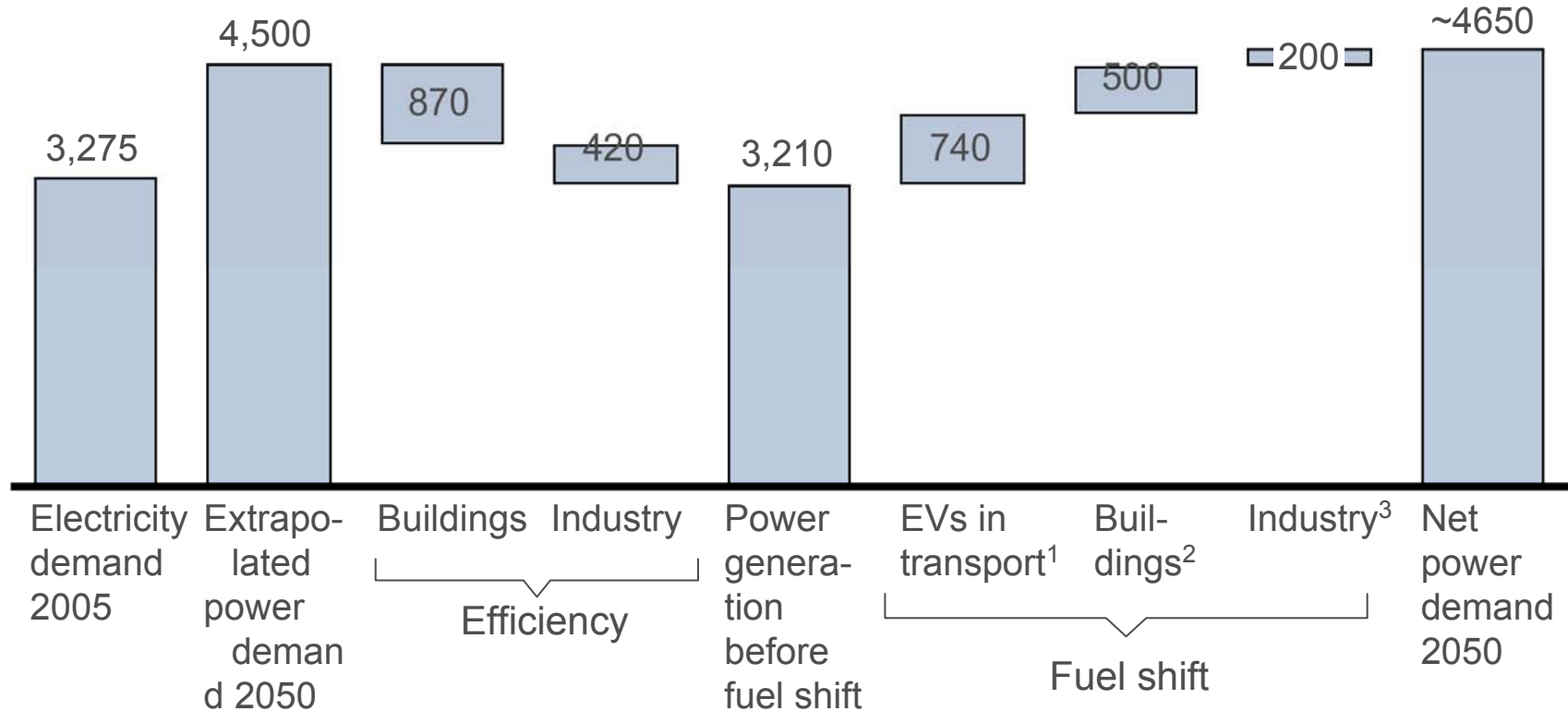
<sup>1</sup> Based on a WACC of 7% (real after tax), computed by technology and weighted across technologies based on their production; including grid

SOURCE: Team analysis

# Efficiency flattens demand growth, 'fuel shift' drives it back up to the same level as 'BaU', but far less energy intensive



EU-27 power demand, TWh per year



- 1 Assumption: electrification of 100% LDVs and MDVs (partially plug-in hybrids); HDVs remain emitting ~10% while switching largely to biofuel or hydrogen fuel cells
- 2 Assumption: 90% of remaining primary energy demand converted to electricity usage in buildings for heating/cooling from heat pumps; assumed to be 4 times as efficient as primary fuel usage
- 3 Assumption: 10% fuel switch of remaining combustion primary energy demand converted to electricity in industry for heating from heat pumps; assumed to be 2.5 times as efficient as primary fuel usage

# New inter-regional transfer capacity required (60% RES)

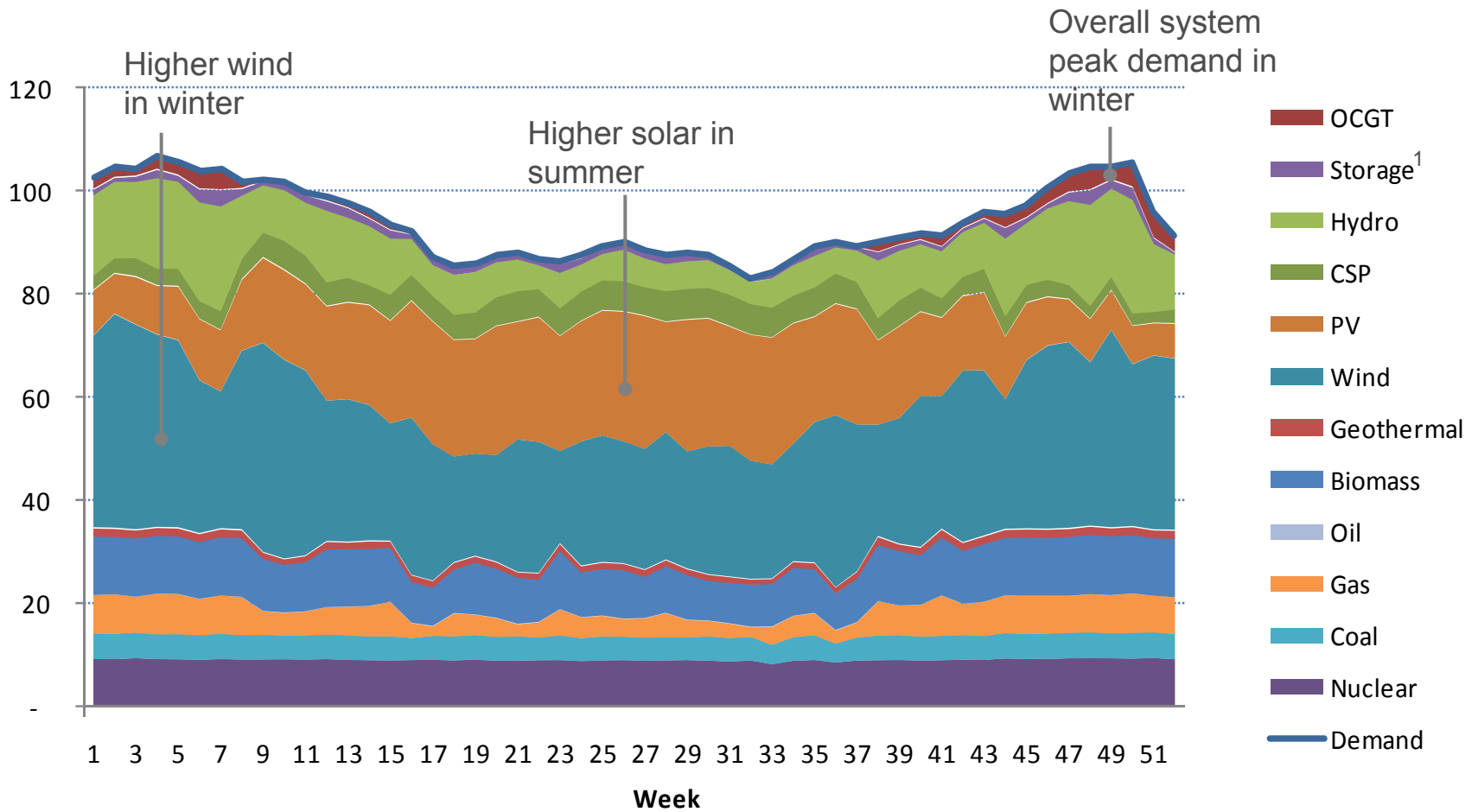


● Centre of gravity

Interconnection	Capacity additional (existing) [GW]	Annual utilization [%]
UK&Ireland-France	8 (2)	75
UK&Ireland-Nordel	0 (0)	0
UK&Ireland-Benelux&Germany	3 (0)	83
France-Iberia	32 (1)	83
France-Benelux&Germany	14 (6)	78
France-Central-Europe	7 (3)	93
France-Italy&Malta	0 (3)	92
Nordel-Benelux&Germany	0 (3)	75
Nordel-Poland&Baltic	4 (1)	60
Benelux&Germany-Central-EU	0 (4)	74
Benelux&Germany-Poland&Baltic	9 (1)	81
Central-Europe-Poland &Baltic	0 (2)	77
Central-South East EU	1 (2)	80
Central-Europe-Italy	0 (5)	58
South East EU-Italy	9 (1)	79
<b>Total</b>	<b>87 (34)</b>	

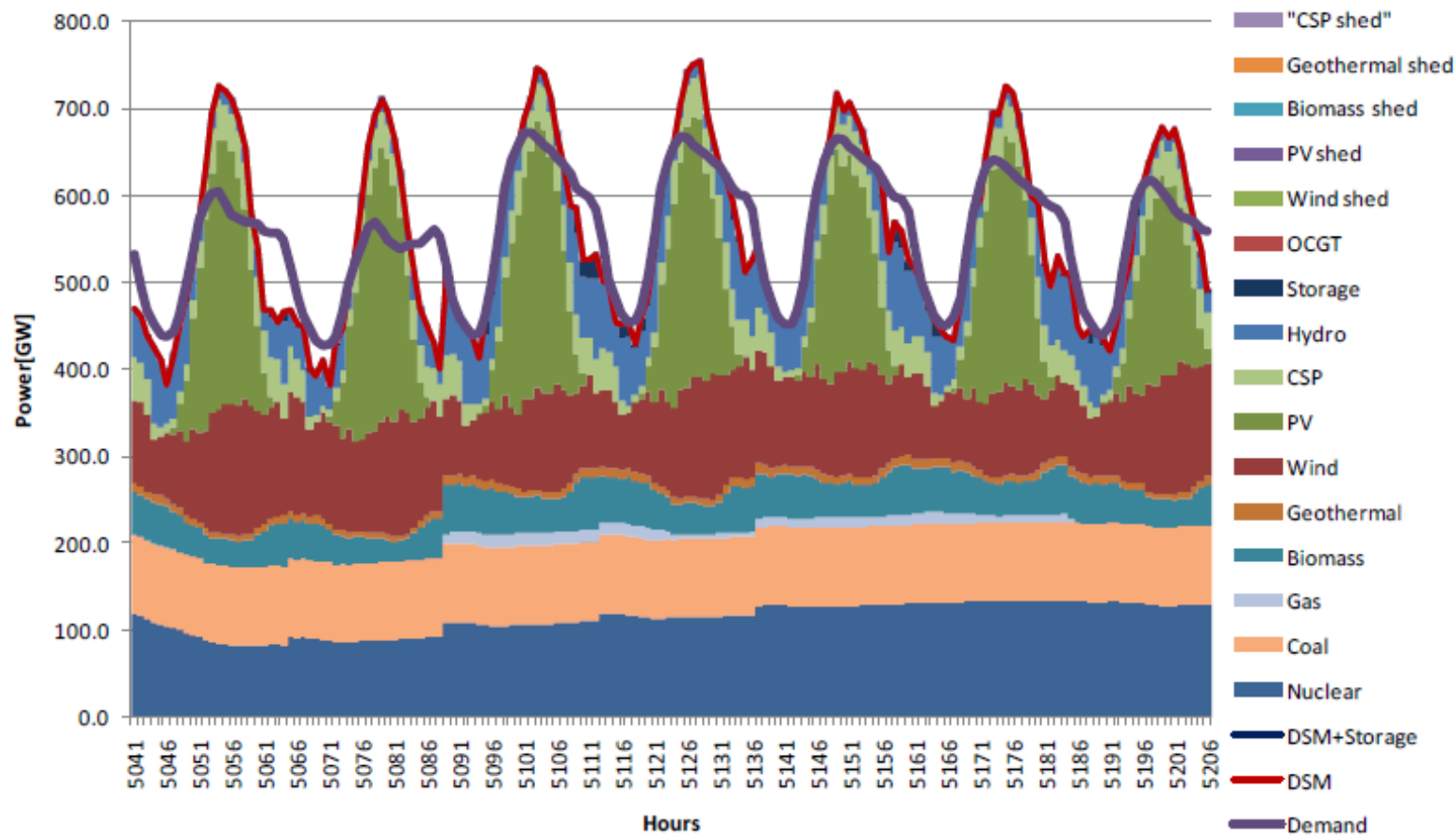
# Increased interconnectivity across regions exploits natural counter-cyclicity of primary European RE resources

Overview of yearly energy balance, 80% RES pathway, TWh per week



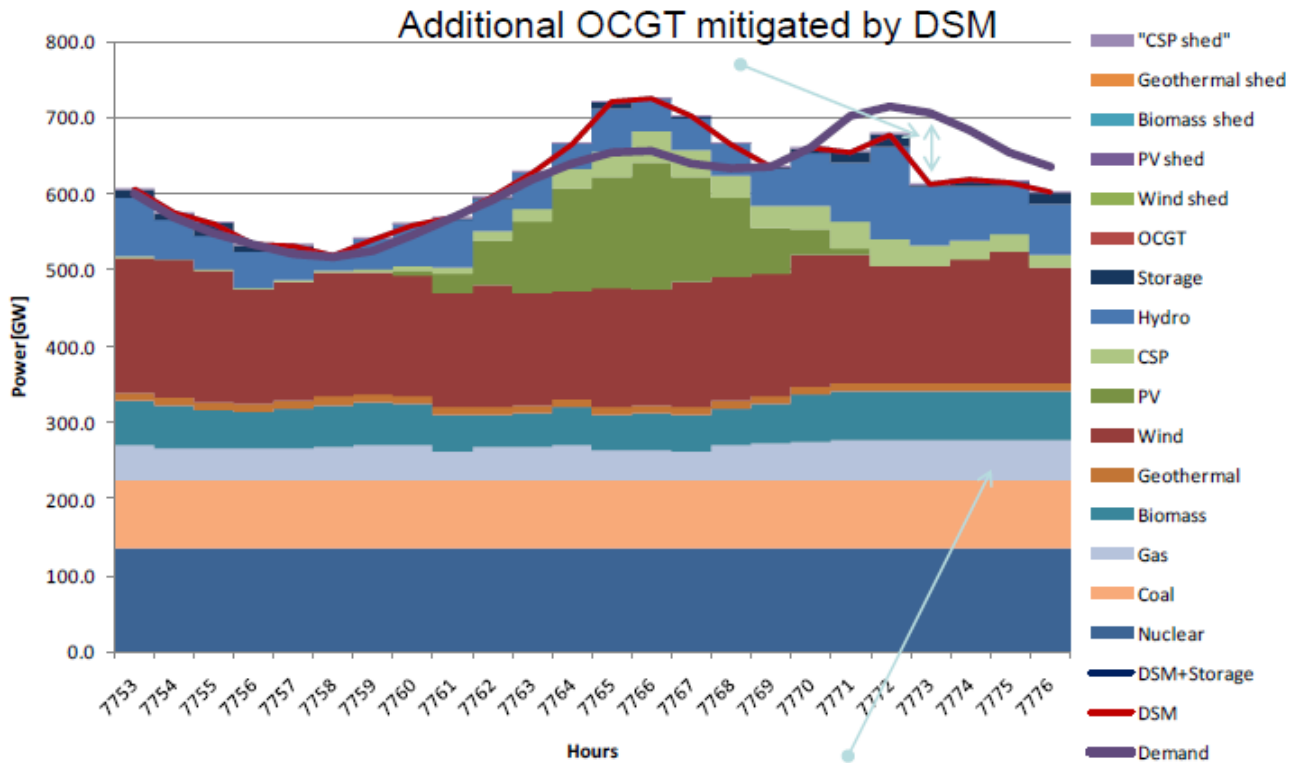
1 Storage included in the model relates to the existing hydro storage available across the regions

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SOURCE: Team analysis

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- DSM also reduces the need for additional OCGT plants
- The graph shows how the original demand line (purple) is shifted to earlier during the day (red line) when more power is available to match supply

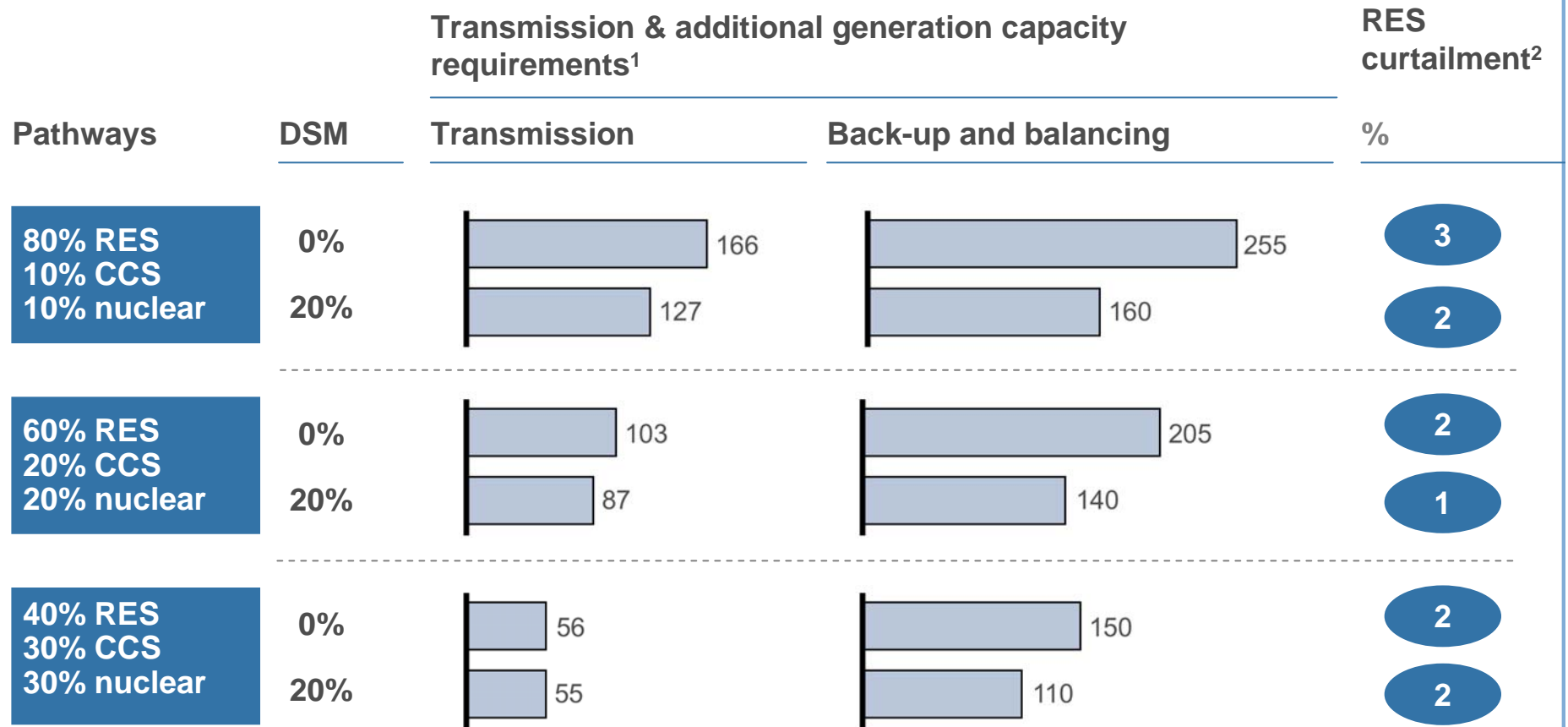
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All plants operate at max

# Demand flexibility reduces grid and related investments, minimizes low-carbon resource curtailment, minimizes cost



2050, GW

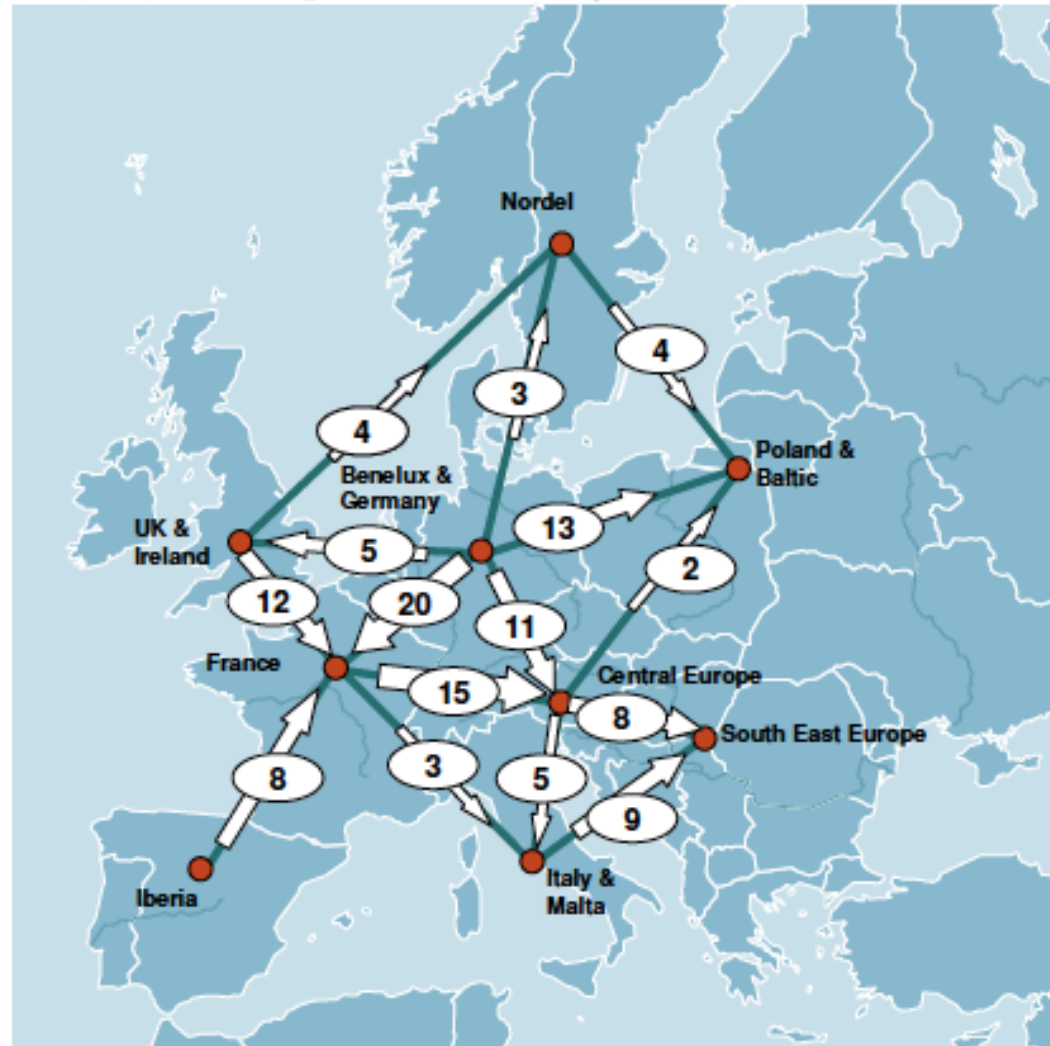


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# Back-Up

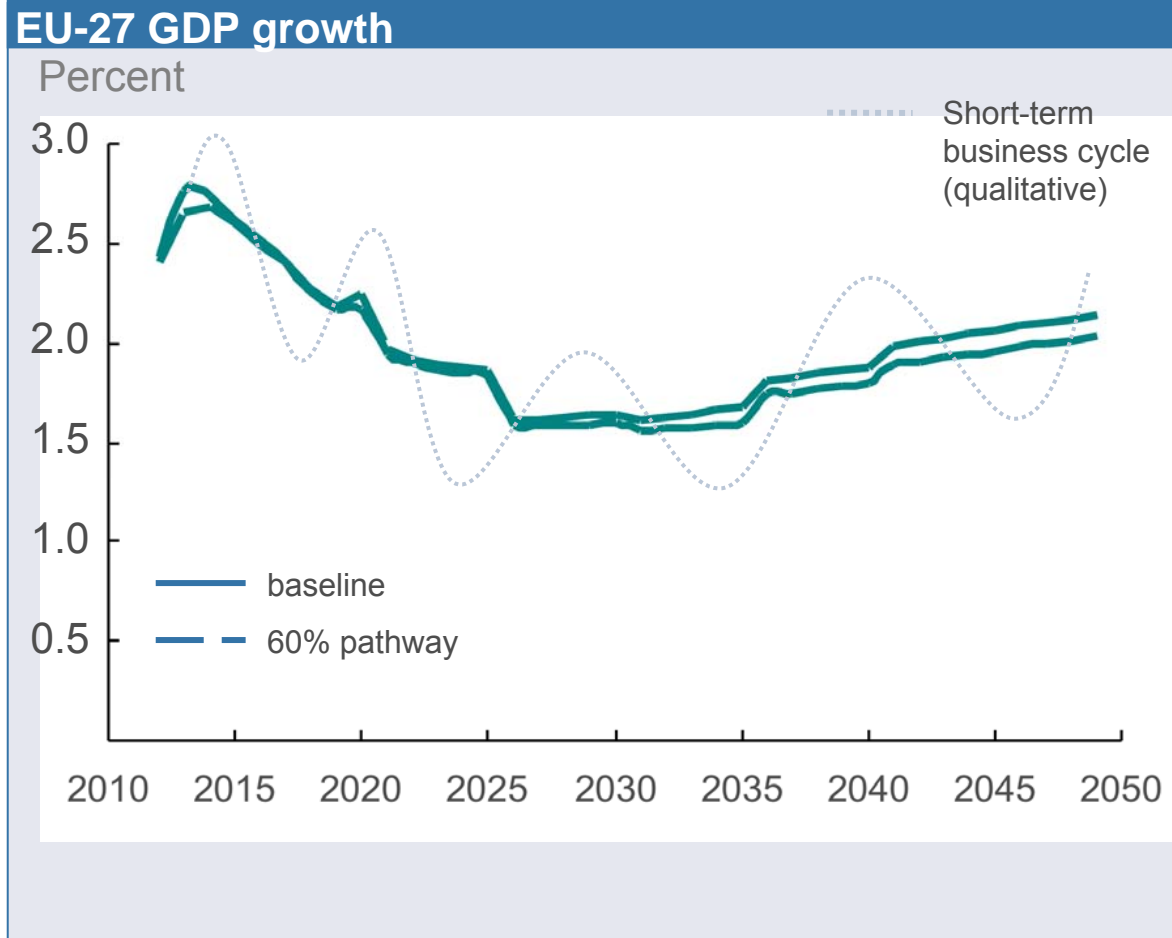
# The study methodology is uniquely robust on the crucial question of system reliability – ‘keeping the lights on’

Capacity used (GW), modeling results of Monday Jan 16, 03.00 CET

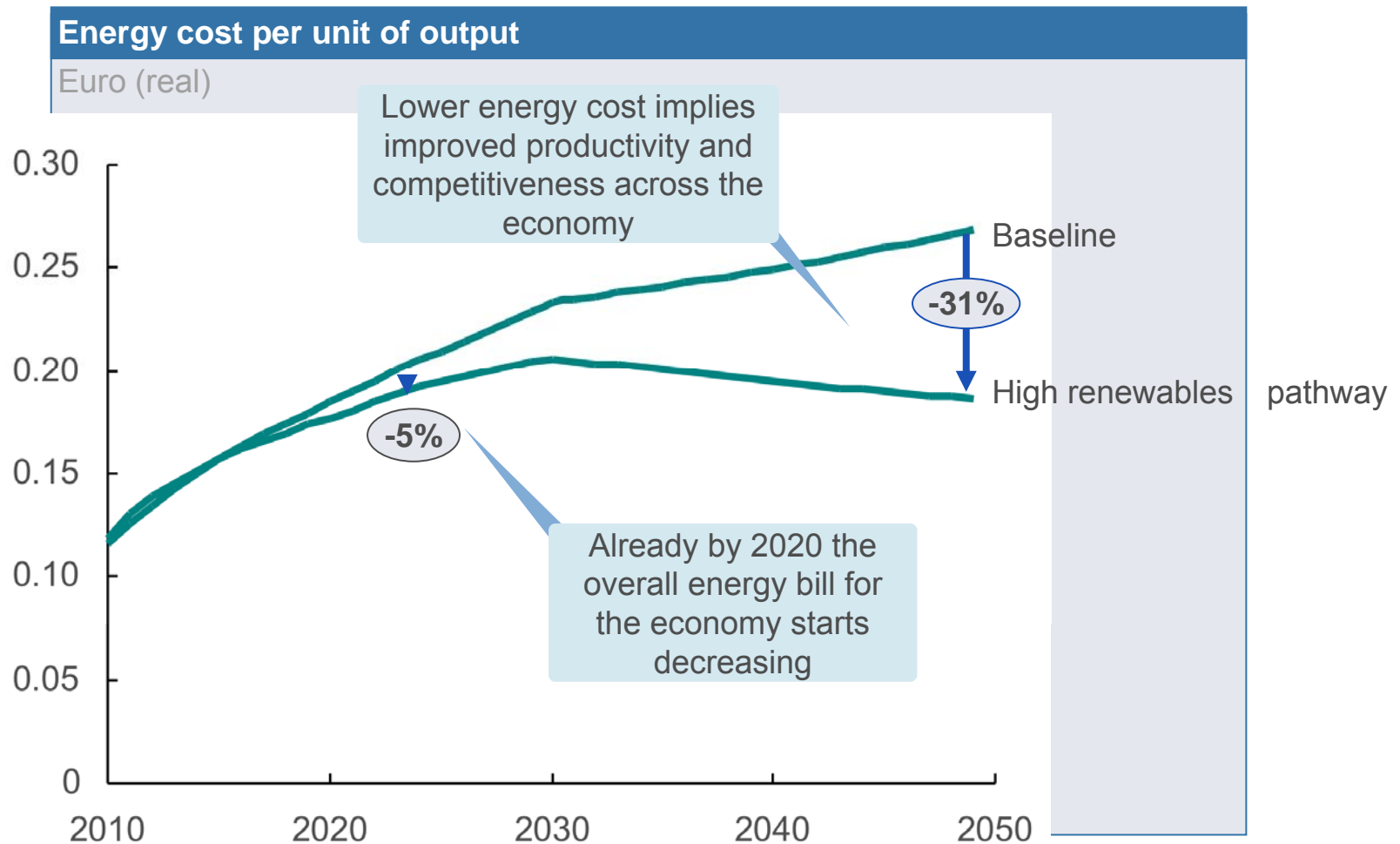


- Centre of gravity
- ⊗ Load on a winter night, 03.00 CET

# Despite slightly higher initial unit costs for power, impact on overall economic performance is neutral to positive



# The low-carbon economy, based on decarbonized power, spends ≈ 30% less on energy and is thus more competitive

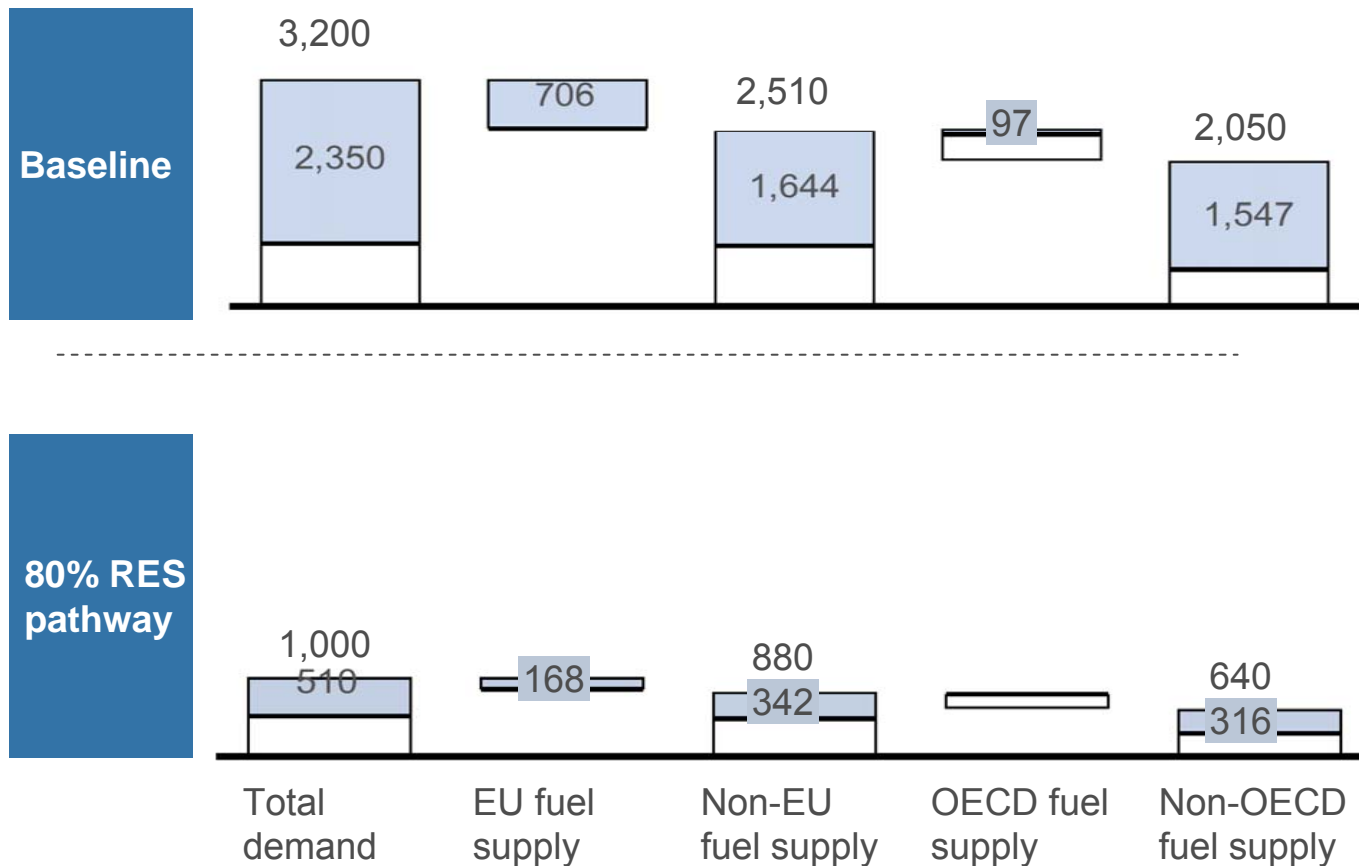


# In the “high RES” pathways, European imports of coal and gas decline from 35% of final consumption to 7%

TWh, 2050

ROUGH ESTIMATES

■ Coal and gas  
□ Nuclear



Availabilities 2050: biomass: 90% EU-27, 10% Non-OECD; nuclear: 2% EU-27, 43% OECD, 55% Non-OECD; coal: 50% EU-27; 10% OECD, 40% Non-OECD; gas: 16% EU-27, 0% OECD, 84% Non-OECD

# Critical market 'pull' for low-carbon resources is driven by steady, timely retirement of existing high-carbon assets

Power supply by existing and currently planned power plants and forecasted power demand, TWh

- Total power demand
- Existing nuclear
- Existing \*<sup>1</sup>
- Existing fossil

