

# Flexibility in Industrial Production – A view on status and prospects

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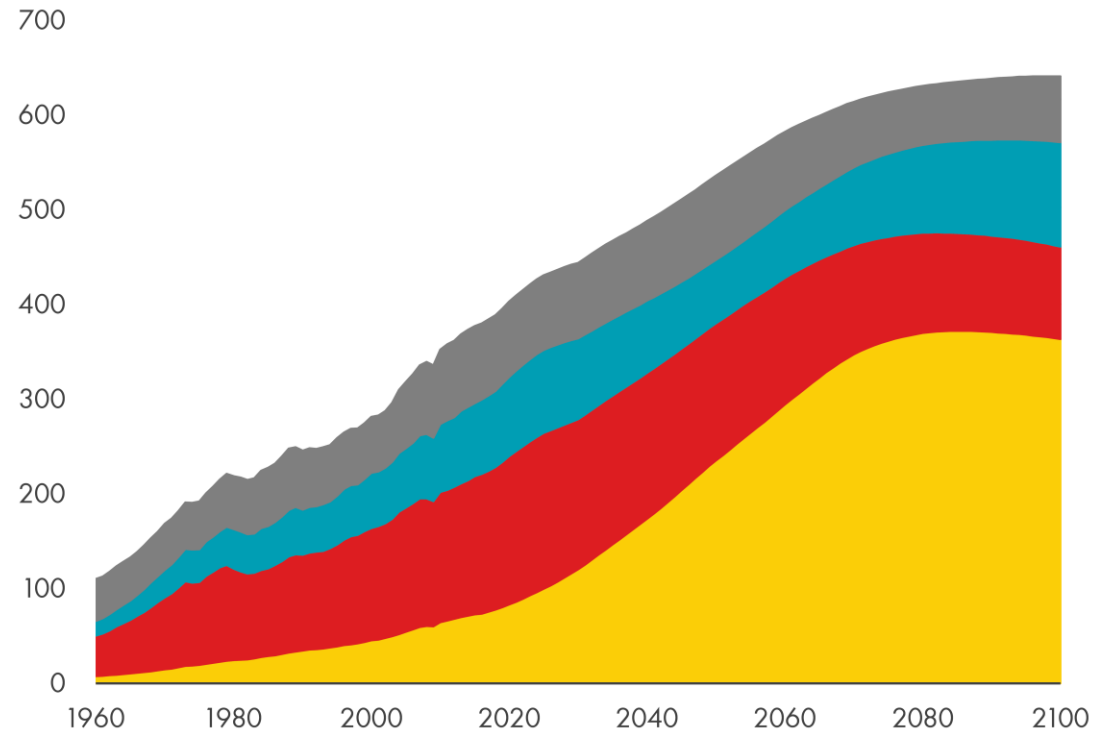
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# Energy outlook

Changes in consumer patterns drive a shift in the primary energy mix

## Global end-use energy consumption

Exajoules



Solid



Gaseous



Liquid



Electricity



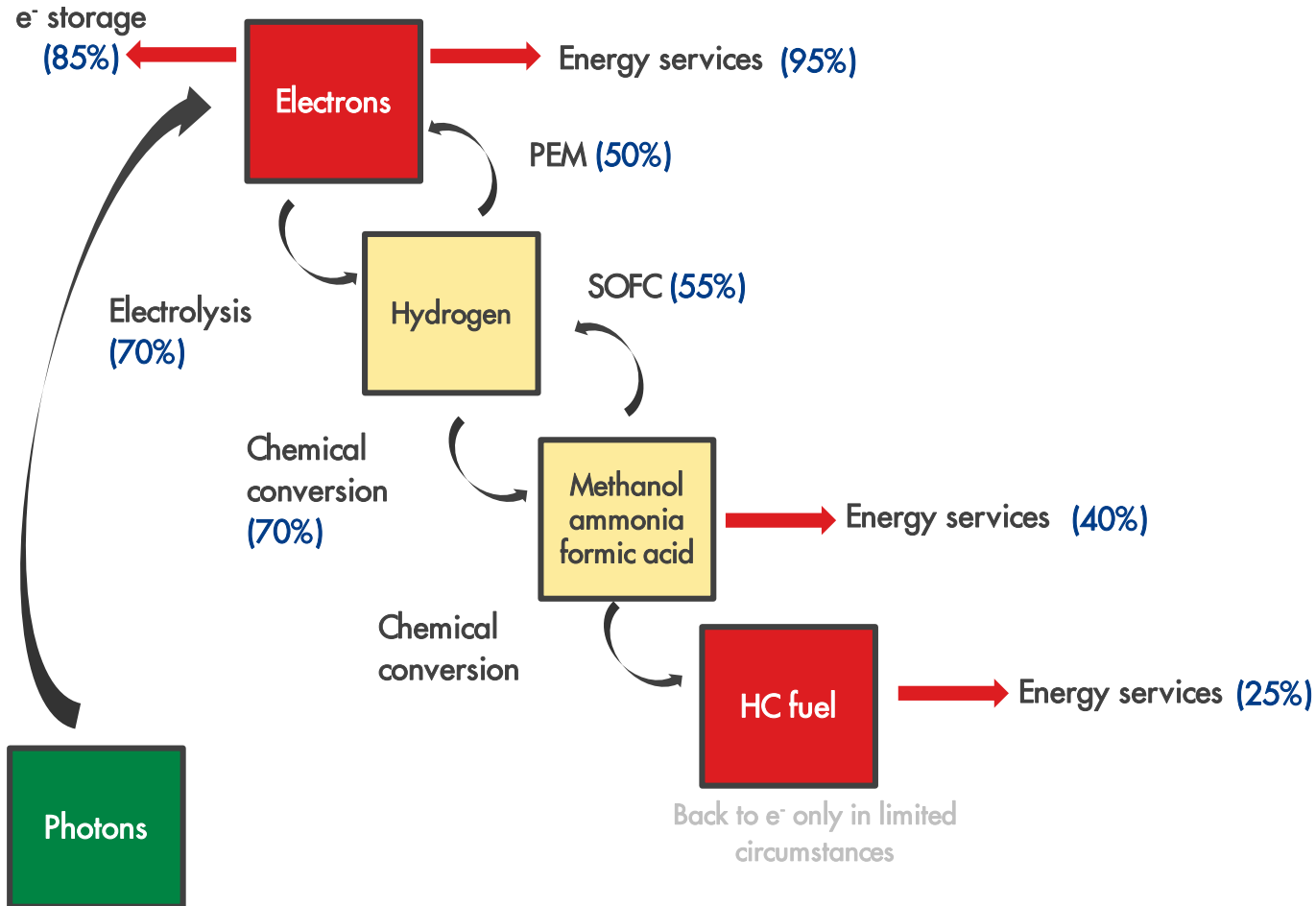
More people

More prosperity

Lower carbon

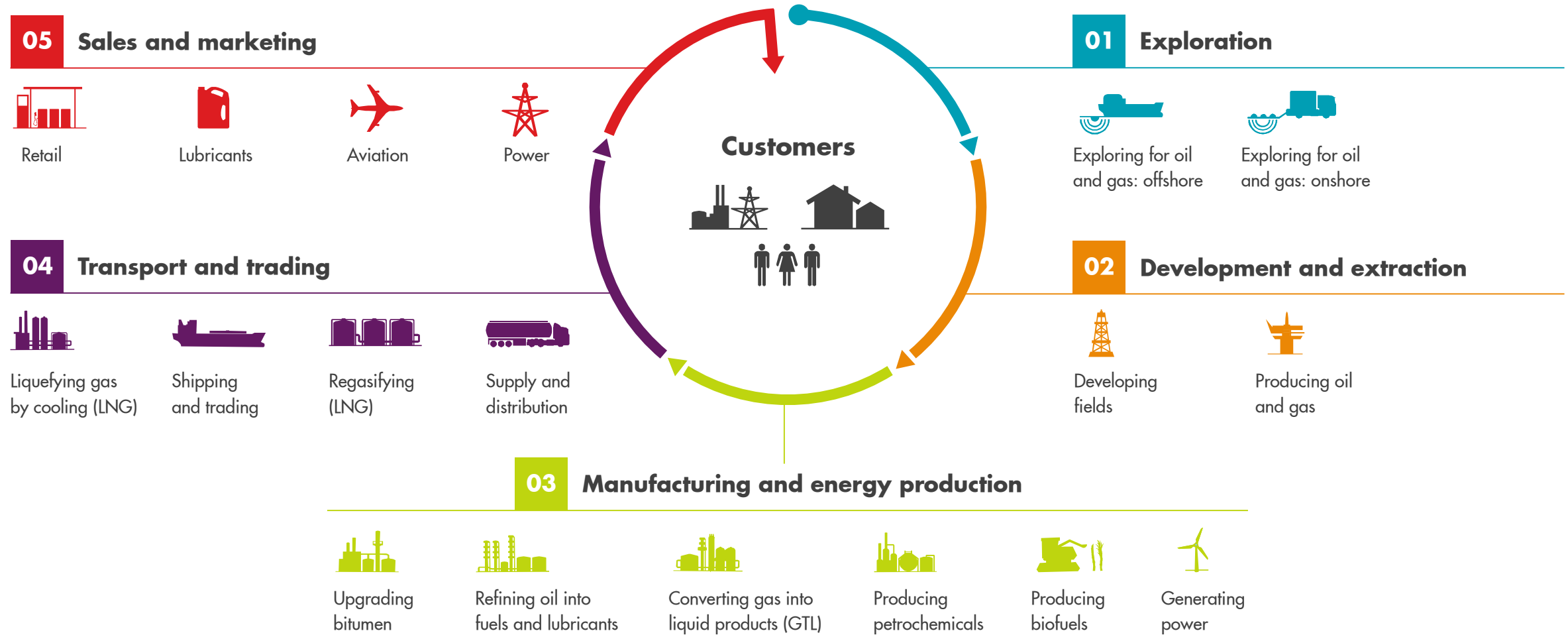
# Electricity: high quality energy

Significant reduction in primary energy demand to deliver equivalent services

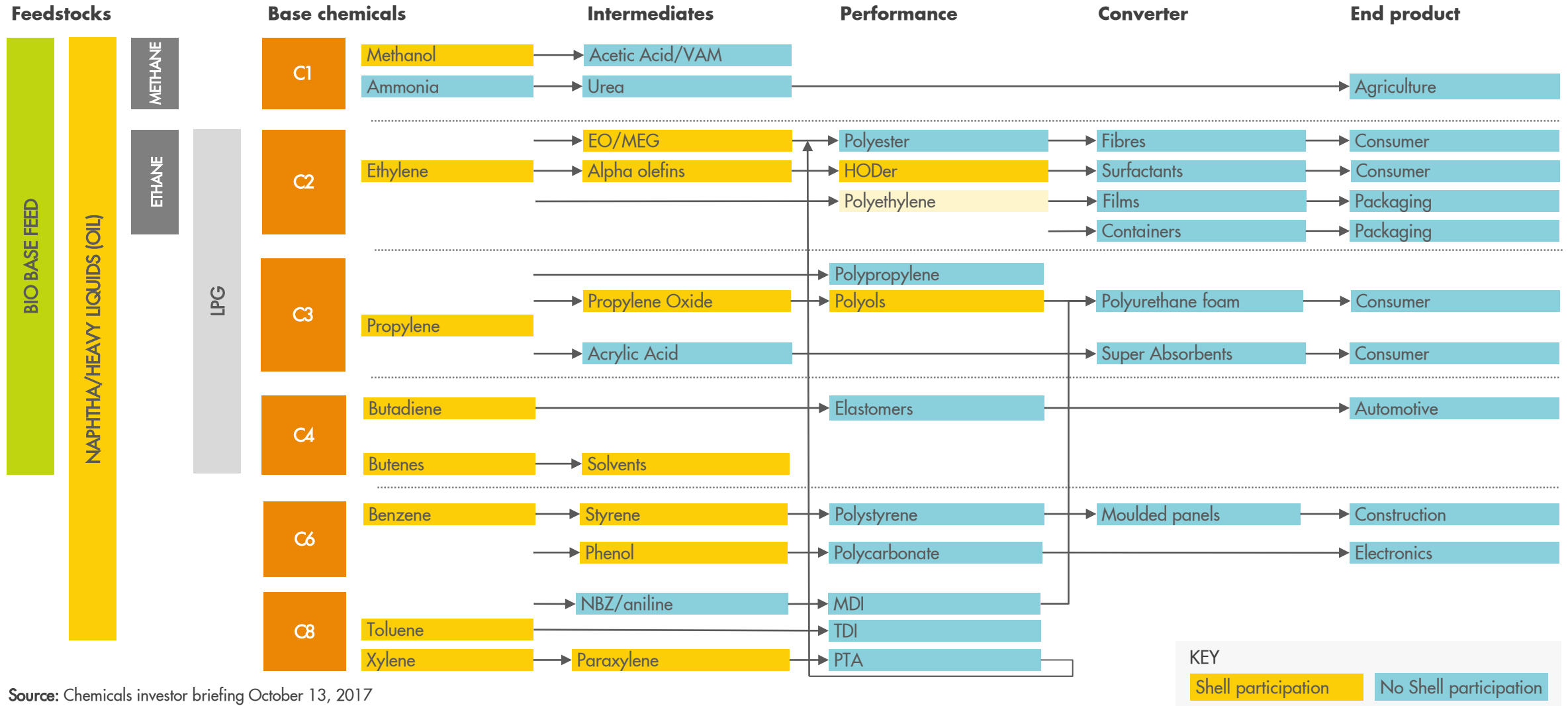


*The lower the conversion process efficiencies for each step, the more advantaged "electric-only" pathways are on a primary energy basis*

# Shell business overview



# Chemicals value chains

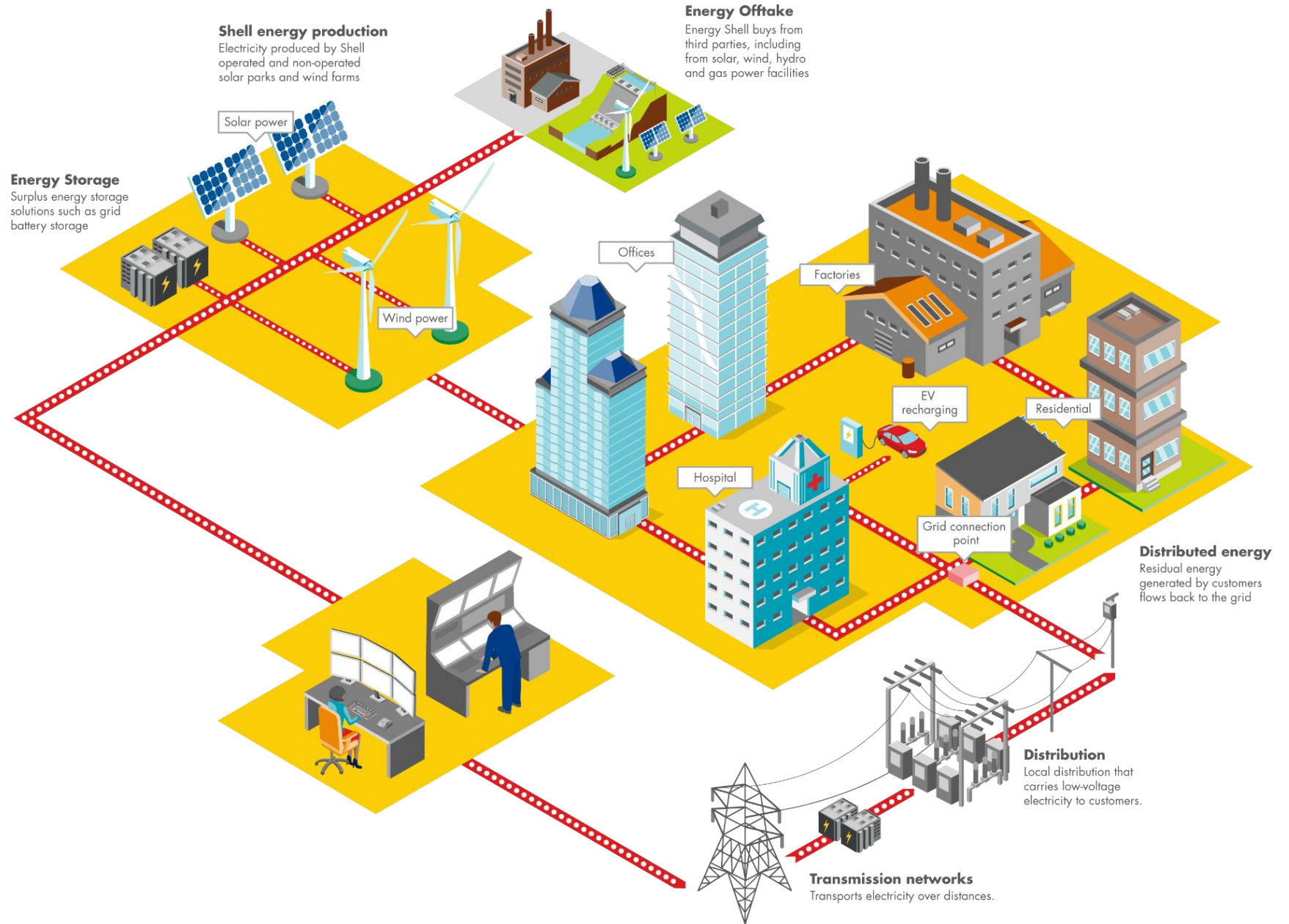


Source: Chemicals investor briefing October 13, 2017

# Shell and the integrated power system

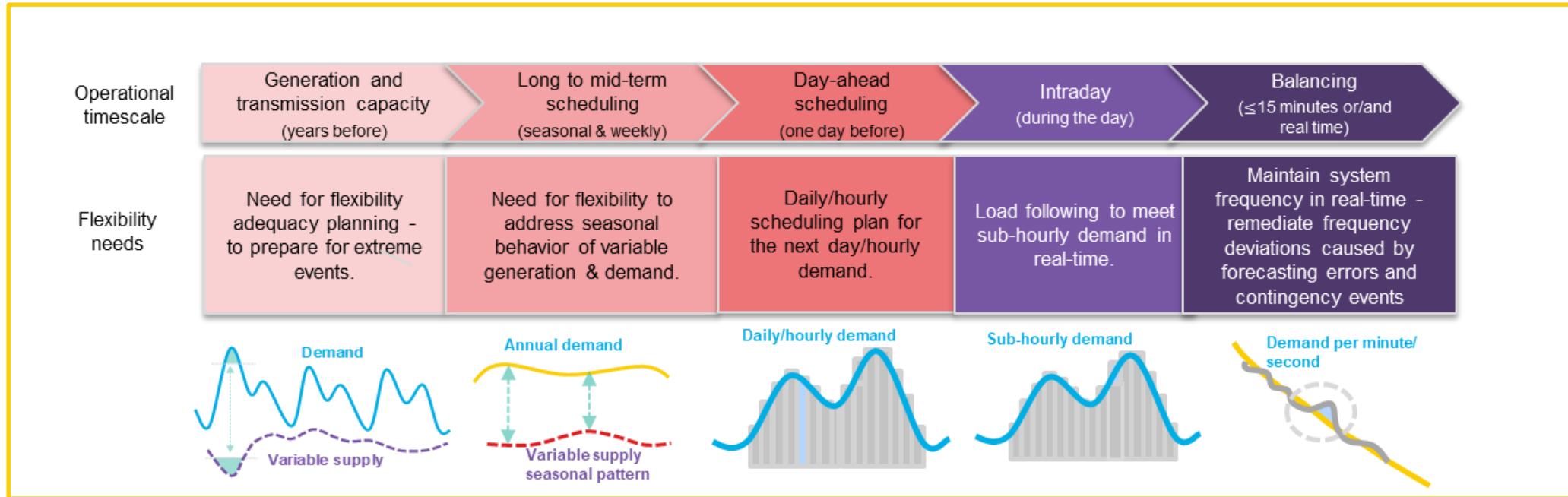
## Investments and acquisitions

- Limejump, UK, 2019
- sonnen, Germany, 2019
- Greenlots, USA, 2019
- First Utility, UK, 2018 (Shell Energy Retail)
- GI Energy, USA, 2018
- Borssele 3 and 4, Netherlands, 2018
- Silicon Ranch, USA, 2018
- Cleantech Solar, Singapore, 2018
- NewMotion, UK and Europe, 2017
- Shell Recharge, UK, 2017
- MP2 Energy, USA, 2017
- WonderBill, UK, 2015



# The grid requires flexibility of different types at different timescales

Manufacturing processes have analogous planning, scheduling, optimization, & control timescales

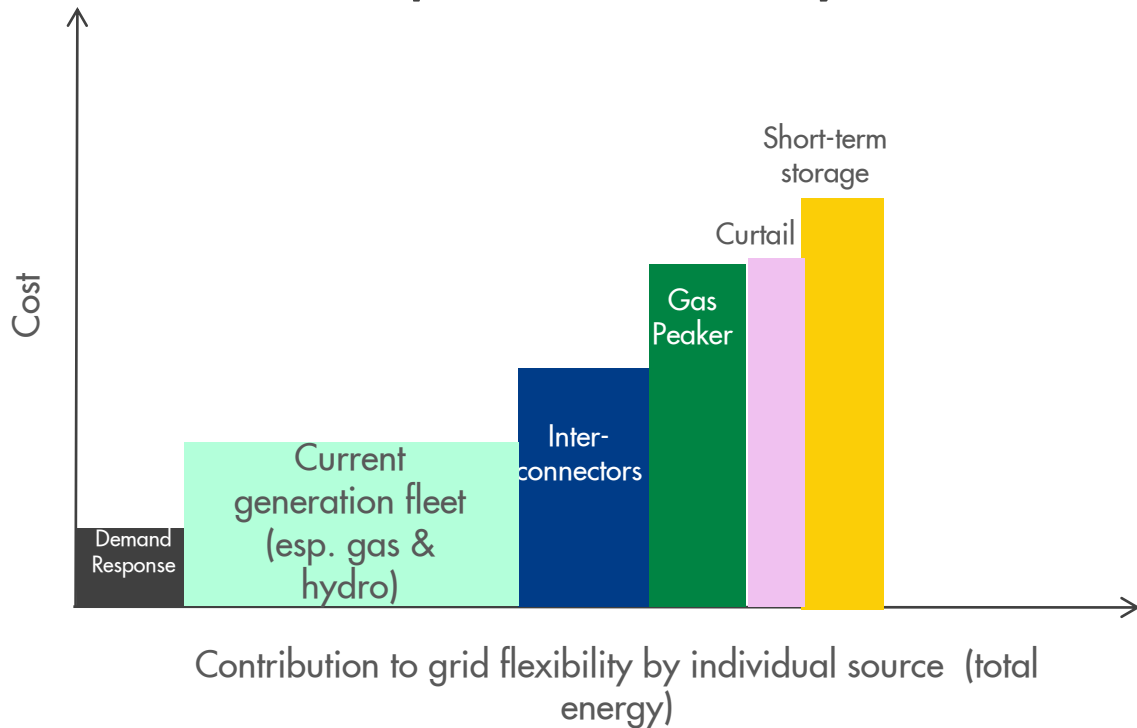


*IRENA defines flexibility as “the capability of a power system to cope with the variability and uncertainty that solar and wind energy introduce at different time scales, from the very short to the long term, minimising curtailment of power from these variable renewable energy (VRE) sources and reliably supplying all customer energy demand” (IRENA, 2018a).*

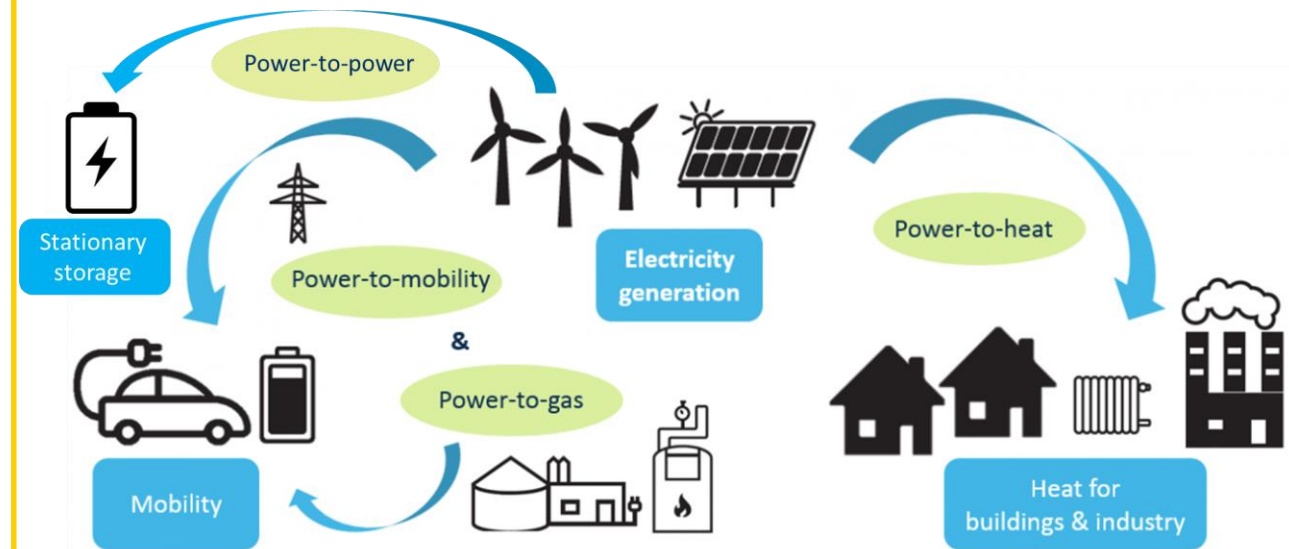


# Flexibility can be provided in multiple ways by multiple sources

## Conceptual representation of today: power sector only

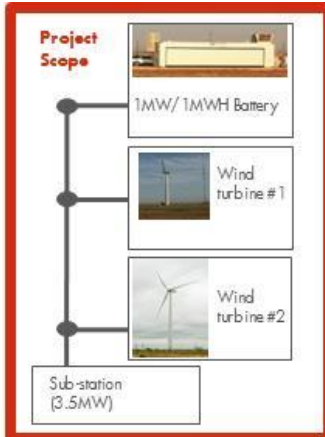


## Potential future: Sector Coupling



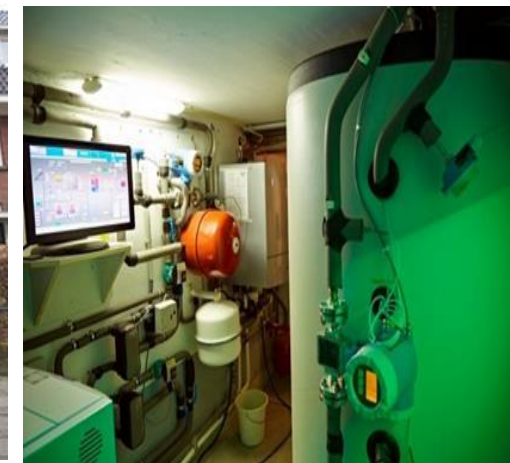
# Shell's Approach: R&D Examples of Stationary Energy Storage

Using storage at multiple scales for flexibility



## Microgrid at Shell Technology Center Houston

- Commercial & industrial scale
- Solar PV, batteries, gas generator, and load bank
- Coupled to building loads



## EcoGenie House (The Hague, NL)

- "Living Laboratory" at residential scale
- Low-carbon electricity and heating technologies
  - Solar PV (rooftop), energy storage (batteries & thermal), heat pumps, boilers

## Wind Integration in West Texas

- Observed performance of MW-scale wind + lithium-ion battery for key applications
- Multiple applications of storage are technically feasible, which enables increased revenue capture and improved economics

# Industrial electrification is not new

...but the paradigms for future processes could be

## "Industrial Electrification & New Technology" (EPRI, 1983)

I. Leslie Harry

Electric Power Research Institute  
Palo Alto, California

### ABSTRACT

Today, I'd like to discuss the subjects of industrial electrification and new technology. I hope, that by the end of my presentation, you will have answers to the following questions of:

- What is Industrial Electrification?
- Why is it of significance or value?
- Where and how is it being utilized?
- What are its economic implications?, and
- What is the status of US/EPRI activities?

Finally, I'll end by making a few comments on why industrial electrification might be of particular significance to the Middle Eastern Countries.

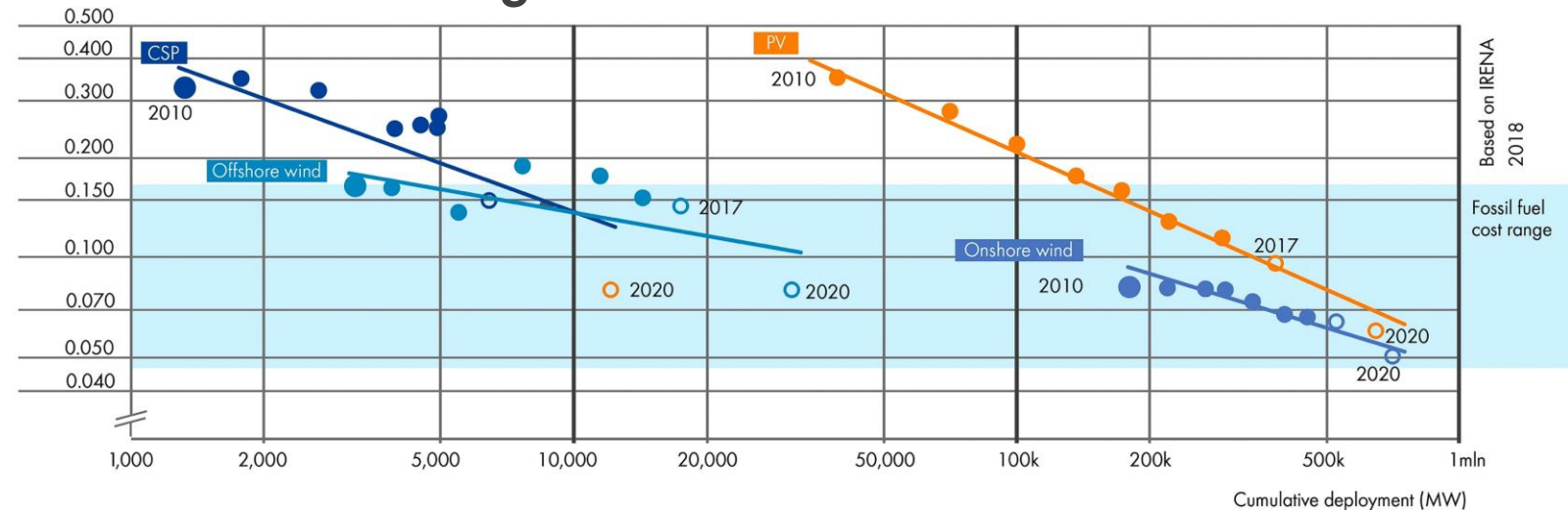
### KEYWORDS

Electrification, new technology, industrial electrification, fuel switching, electric steelmaking, primary energy source.

### INTRODUCTION

Industrial electrification implies substitution of electricity as the primary energy source in an industrial process. This concept sounds relatively simple, particularly in light of the economic reality of the value of petroleum when defined as a "scarce resource". However, why would someone, rather some company or industry, want to substitute electricity -- which now costs industrial customers about \$15 per million Btu -- for oil (costing \$8) or gas (at about \$4)? Well, the answer to this paradox -- and the reason why electrification of industry is fast becoming a concept of

## Price declines for electricity begin to close historical gap among fuels on an MMBTU basis



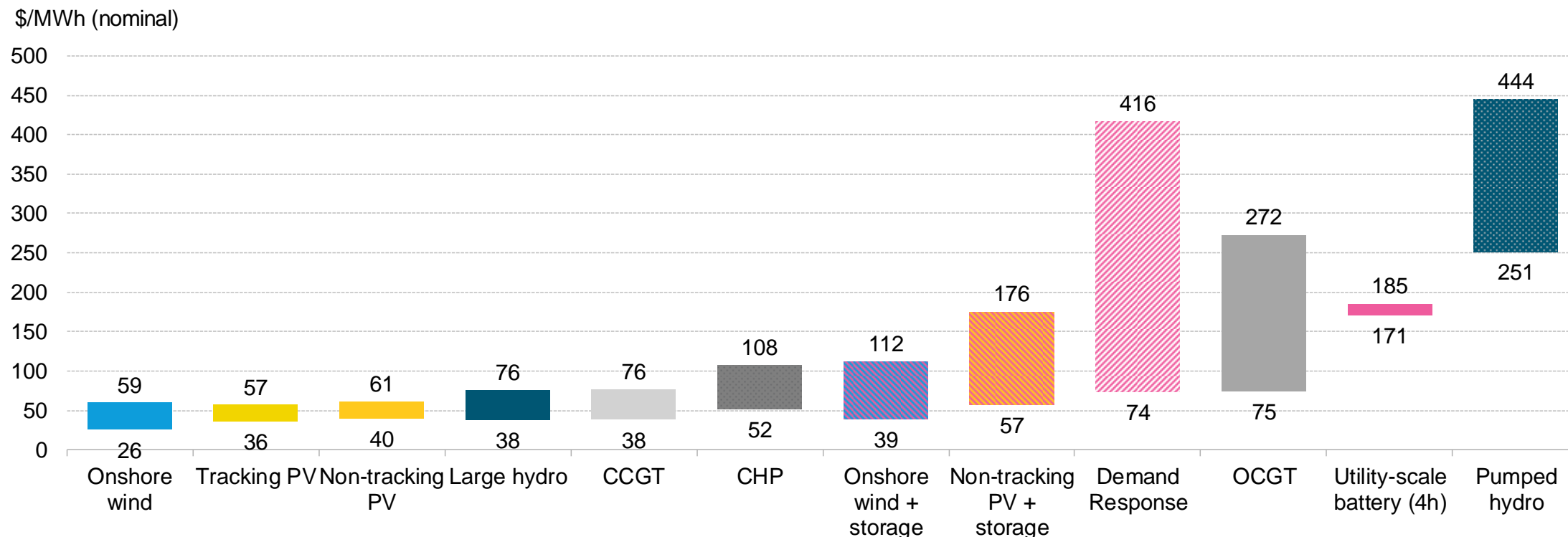
Cost curves are based on global weighted averages. Fossil fuel-fired power generation costs are shown for G20 countries in 2017 and vary between USD 0.05 and USD 0.17/kWh.

## Notional power cost thresholds for large-scale electrification

Cement: \$25-50/MWh  
 Steel (via H<sub>2</sub>): \$25-40/MWh  
 Ethylene: \$15-\$25/MWh

# Economics: U.S. levelized costs of electricity

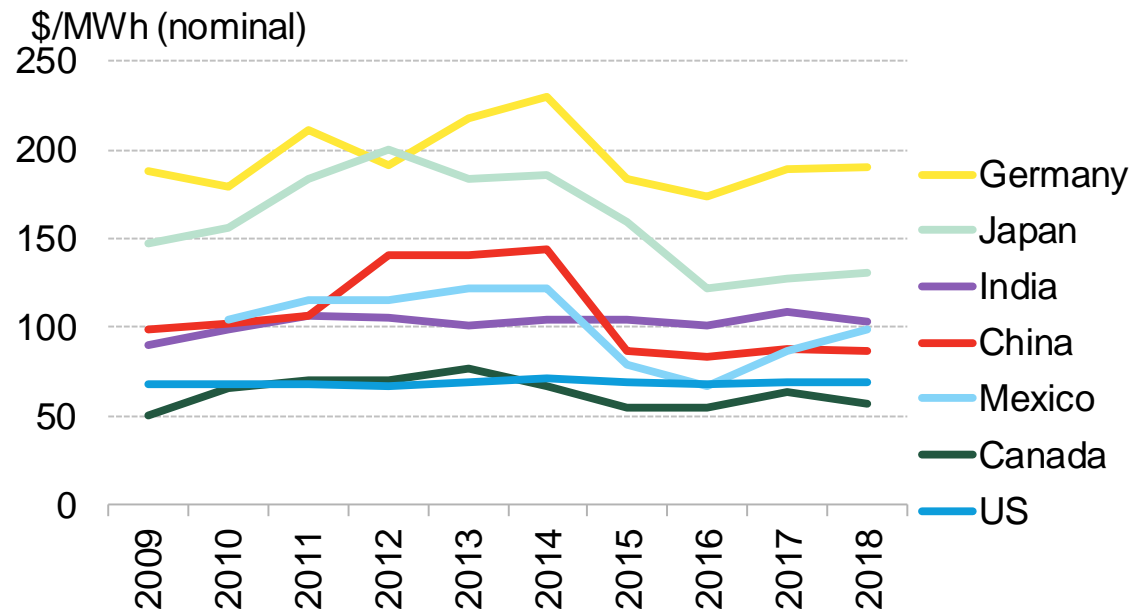
(unsubsidized for new build, 2H 2019)



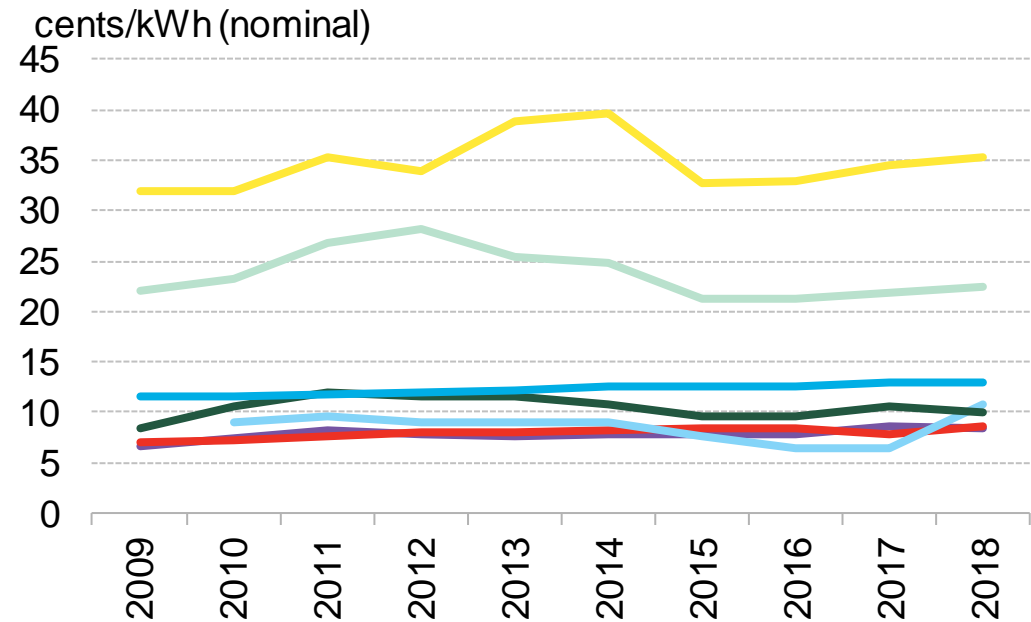
Source: BloombergNEF. Note: The LCOE range represents a range of costs and capacity factors. Battery storage systems (co-located and stand-alone) presented here have four-hour storage. In the case of solar- and wind-plus-battery systems, the range is a combination of capacity factors and size of the battery relative to the power generating asset (25% to 100% of total installed capacity). All LCOE calculations are unsubsidized. Categorization of technologies is based on their primary use case.

# Average electricity rates by country

## Industrial power prices



## Residential power prices



Source: BloombergNEF, government sources (EIA for the U.S.) Notes: Prices are averages (and in most cases, weighted averages) across all regions within the country. Japanese data is for the C&I segment and 2016 figures come from a different source than preceding years.

# Solar energy

Electrons could become the lowest cost energy

Electricity is moving from being one of the most expensive energy carriers to that with lowest cost, with solar generation offering highest energy utilization and smallest footprint.



- Highest energy utilization
- Lowest production costs
- Smallest production footprint

**Photons**

TO END-USER

- Heating
- Lighting

**Electrons**

TO END-USER

- Power
- Cooking
- Heating/Cooling
- Personal mobility
- Rail

**Hydrogen**

TO END-USER

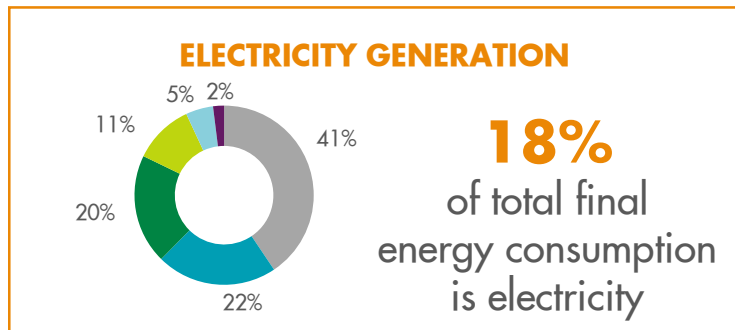
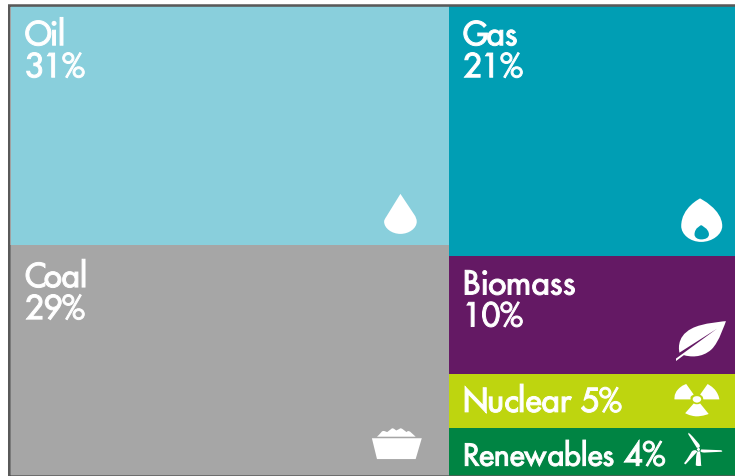
- Personal mobility
- Heavy transport
- Industrial heat
- Power
- Rail
- Cooking
- Heating/Cooling

- Highest product utility
- Lowest handling costs
- Most compact use

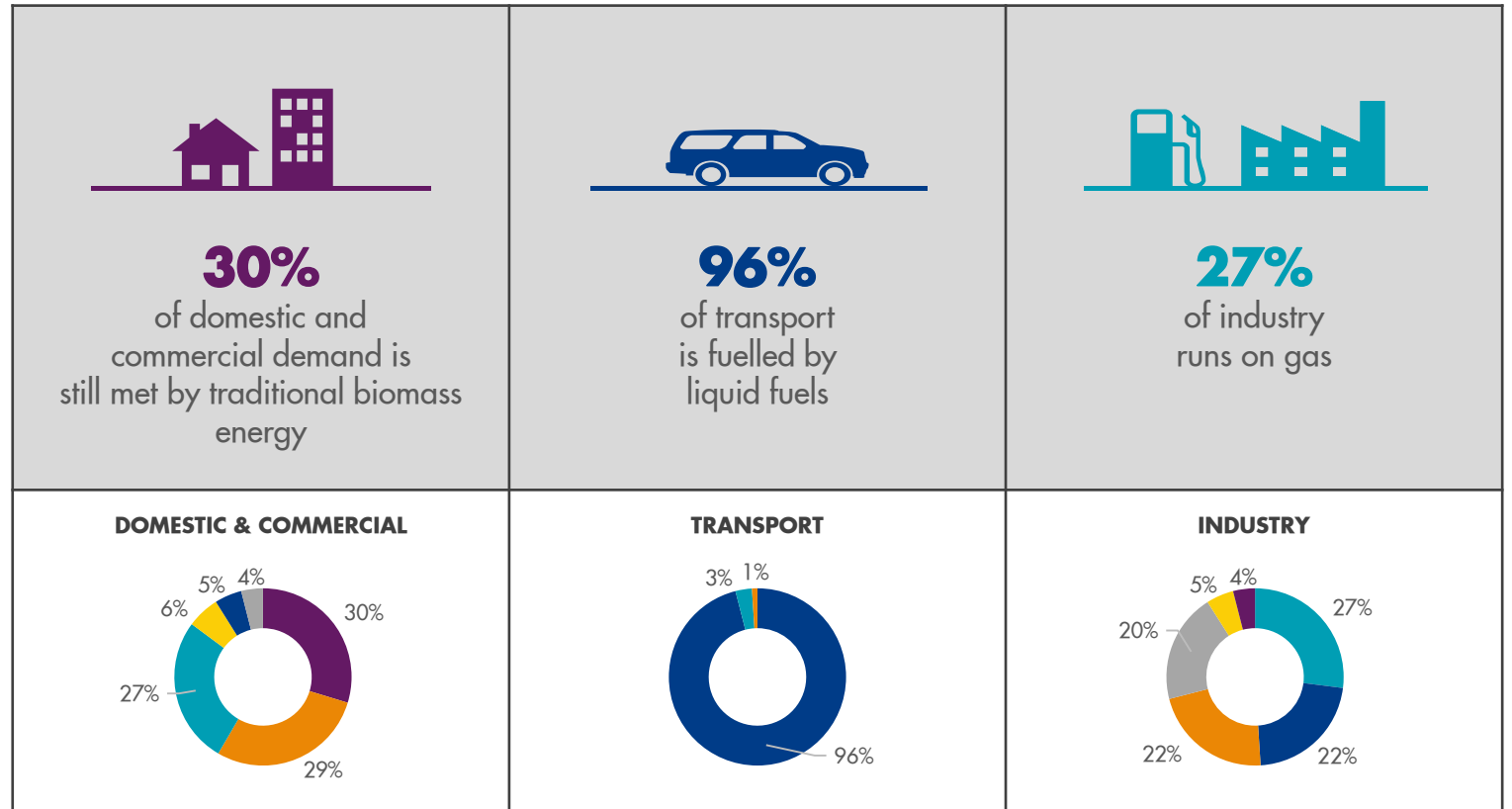
**Hydrocarbons**

# Today's Energy Mix

## Current Global Energy Demand



## Energy Consumption by Sector and Consumer Trends

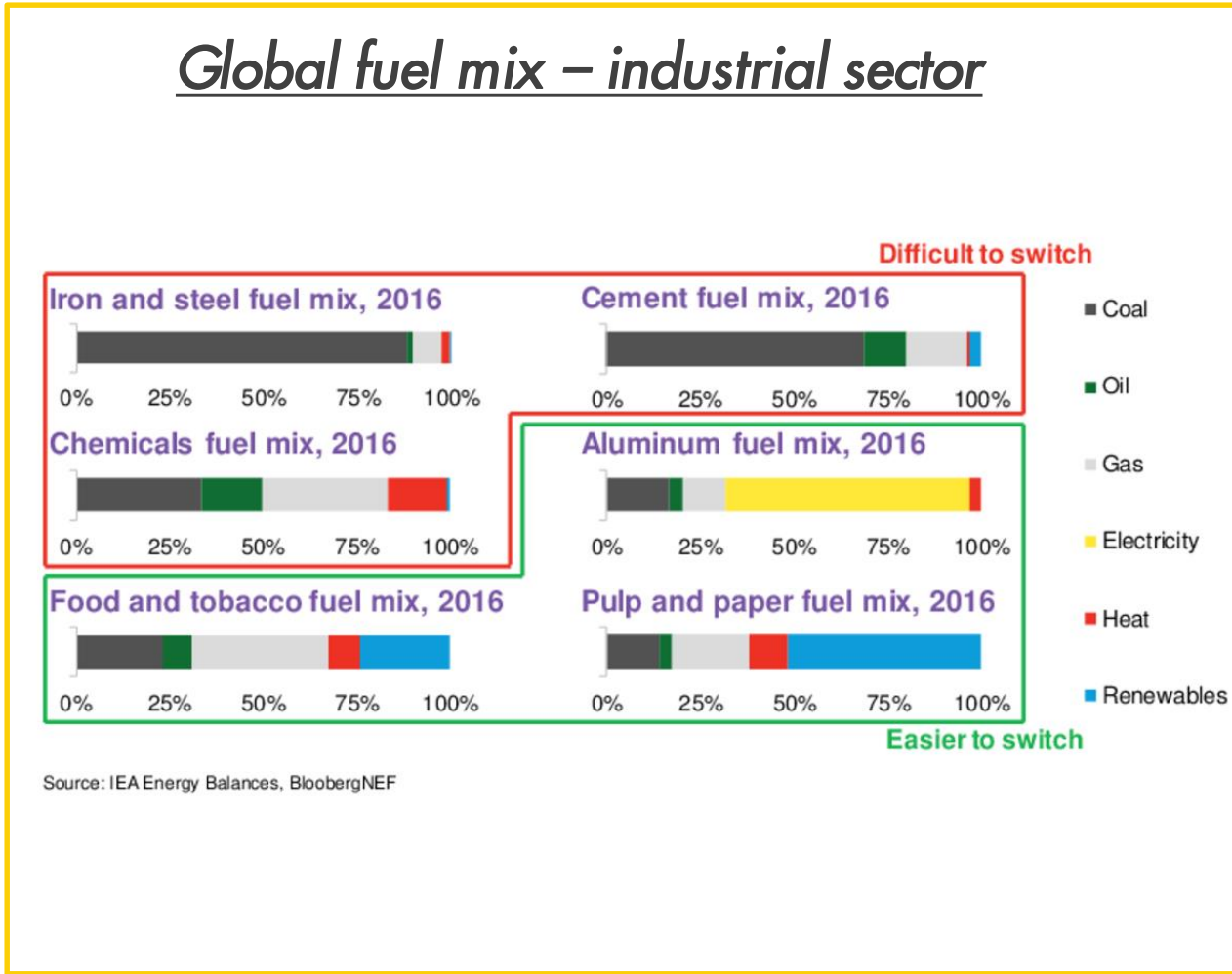
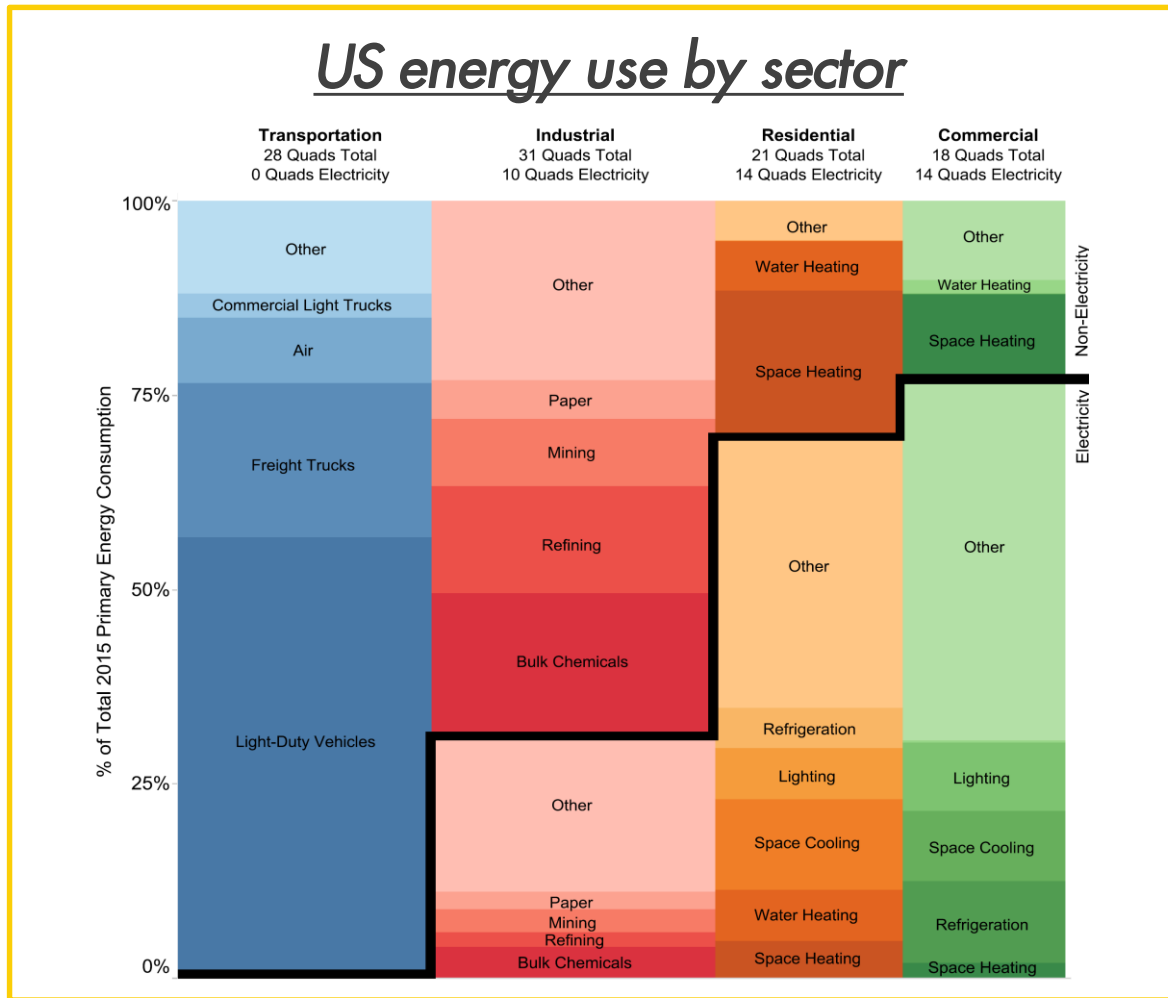


Oil Coal Gas Biomass Nuclear Renewables (including hydro) Electricity Heat Liquid fuels (including biofuels)

Source: International Energy Agency, World Energy Outlook

# Electrification lags in transportation & industry

Sector diversity requires multiple technology options to increase electrification





# Electricity in the industrial sector

■ 1892

Chlor Alkali

■ 1888

Aluminum

■ 1902

Air separation



Hydrogen

Base Chemicals

Specialty  
Chemicals

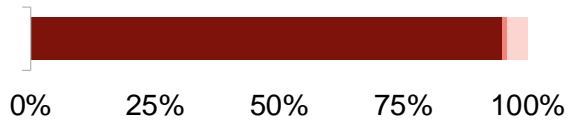
*What will this require?*

# Process heating needs for industrial applications

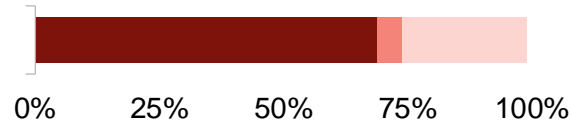
Electrifying heat could be a significant lever

## Heat requirements by sub-sector

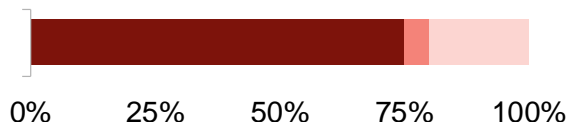
Iron and steel fuel mix, 2016



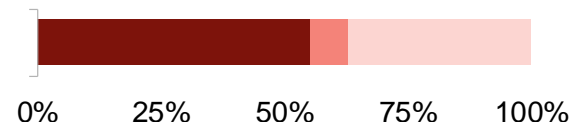
Cement fuel mix, 2016



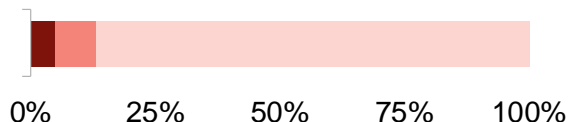
Chemicals fuel mix, 2016



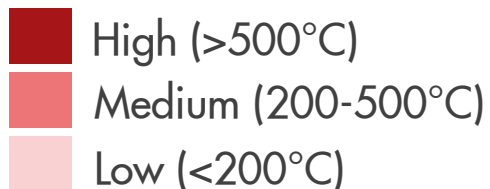
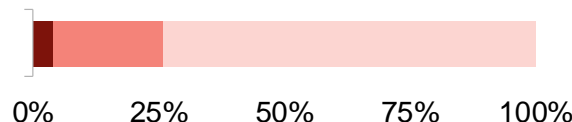
Aluminum fuel mix, 2016



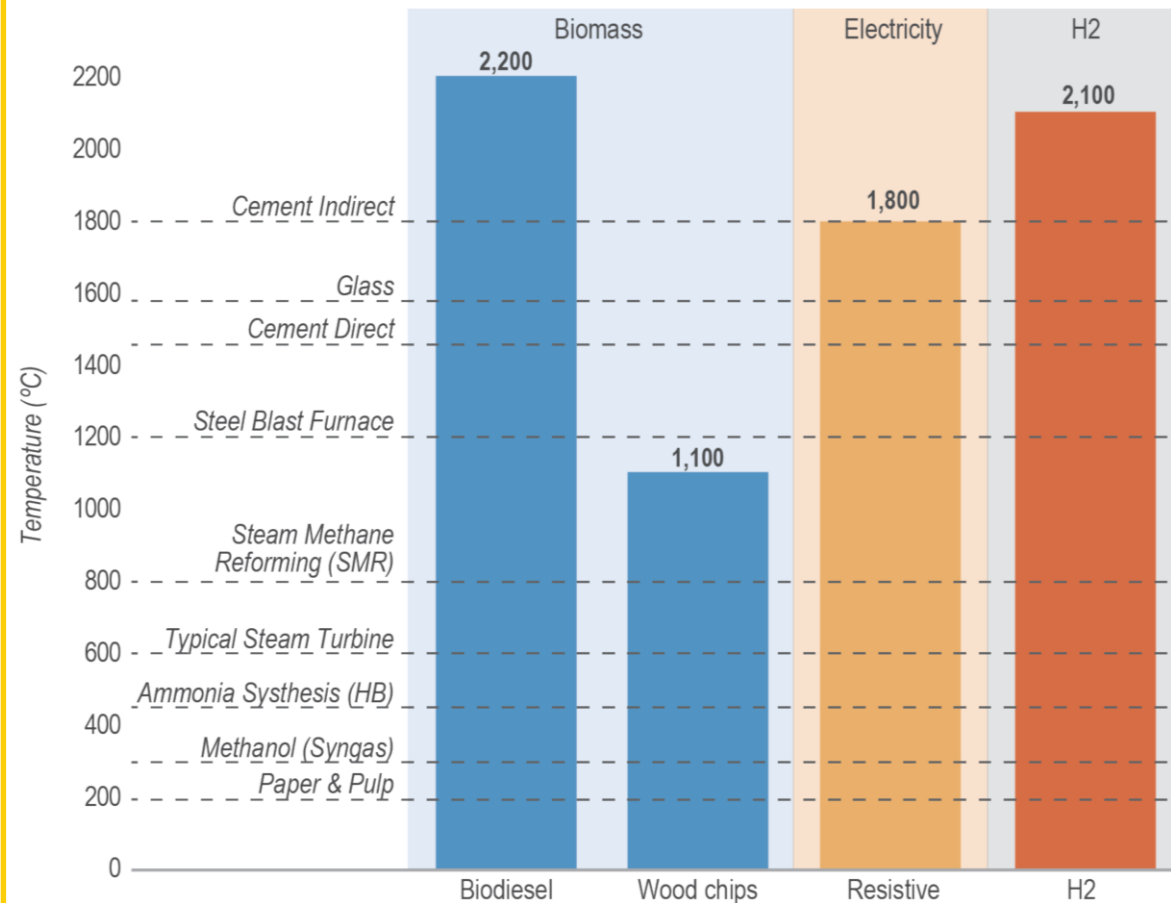
Food and tobacco fuel mix, 2016



Pulp and paper fuel mix, 2016



## Temperature requirements by process



# What innovations are needed to make this reality?

Range of temperatures needed provides options for technologies

## Step changes highlighted for improvements for industrial applications

### ELECTRIFICATION



Cheaper and more efficient batteries

Electric furnaces for cement and chemicals

Electrochemical reduction of iron for steel production

### BIOCHEMISTRY AND SYNTHETIC CHEMISTRY



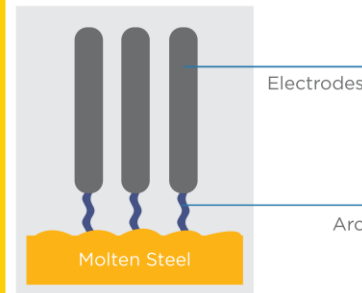
Increased efficiency in biomass transformation

Bioenergy and bio-feedstocks from lignocellulosic sources and algae

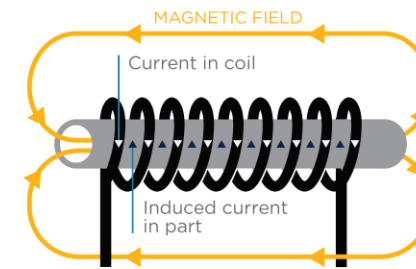
Synthetic chemistry, including direct air capture of CO<sub>2</sub>

## Potential technologies being evaluated

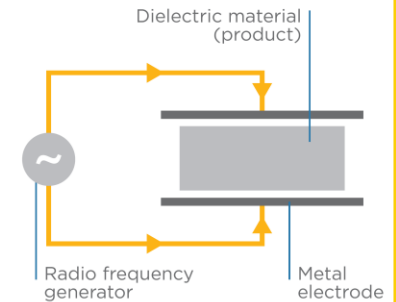
### ELECTRIC ARC HEATING



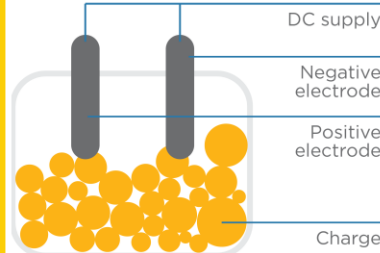
### INDUCTION HEATING



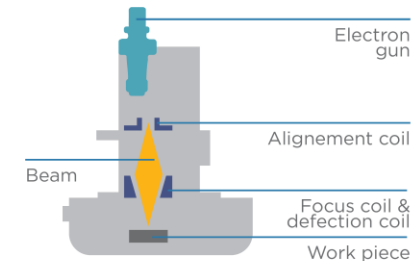
### DIELECTRIC HEATING



### DIRECT RESISTANCE HEATING

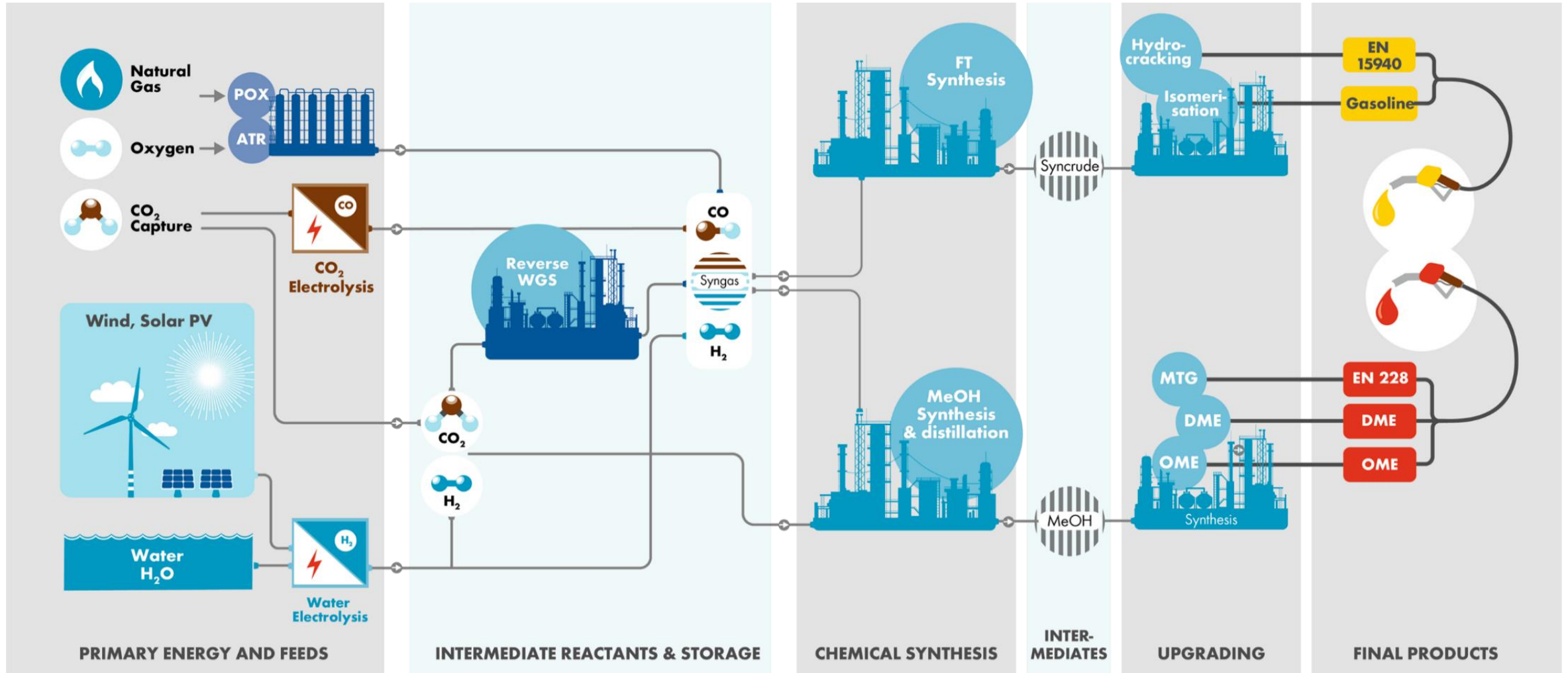


### ELECTRON BEAM HEATING



# Moving toward synthetic dense energy carriers

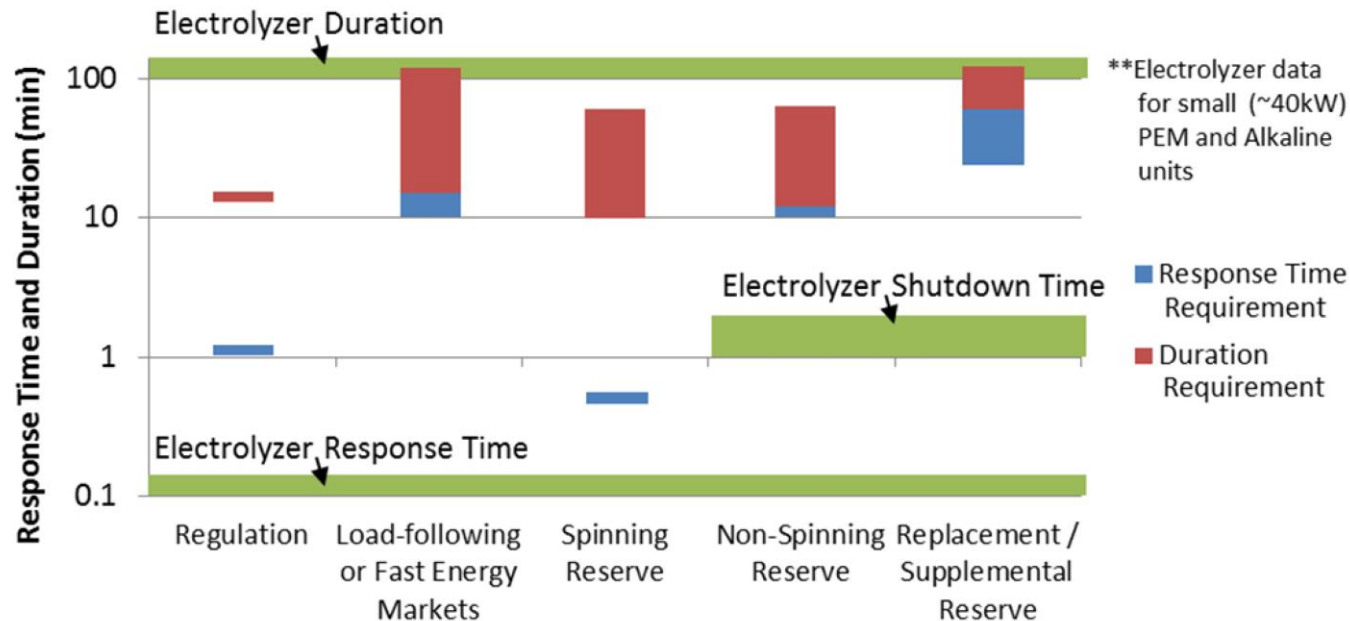
Significant role for electrified process technologies



# Hydrogen as an example of flexible demand

Continued improvement in technologies & service provision needed to realize opportunities

|                        | ALKALINE              | PEM                  |
|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Load range             | 15-100 % nominal load | 0-160 % nominal load |
| Start-up (warm - cold) | 1-10 minutes          | 1 second-5 minutes   |
| Ramp-up / ramp-down    | 0.2-20 %/second       | 100 %/second         |
| Shutdown               | 1-10 minutes          | Seconds              |



## Observations from NREL study

- PEM response is faster than alkaline
- Ramp up is faster than ramp down
- Both are sufficiently fast to comply with market requirements at the time of the study

Data on the impacts of cycling the equipment remains quite limited

# Resilience in integrated systems: flexible, operable, and controllable

Concepts are similar in chemical processes & electrical systems

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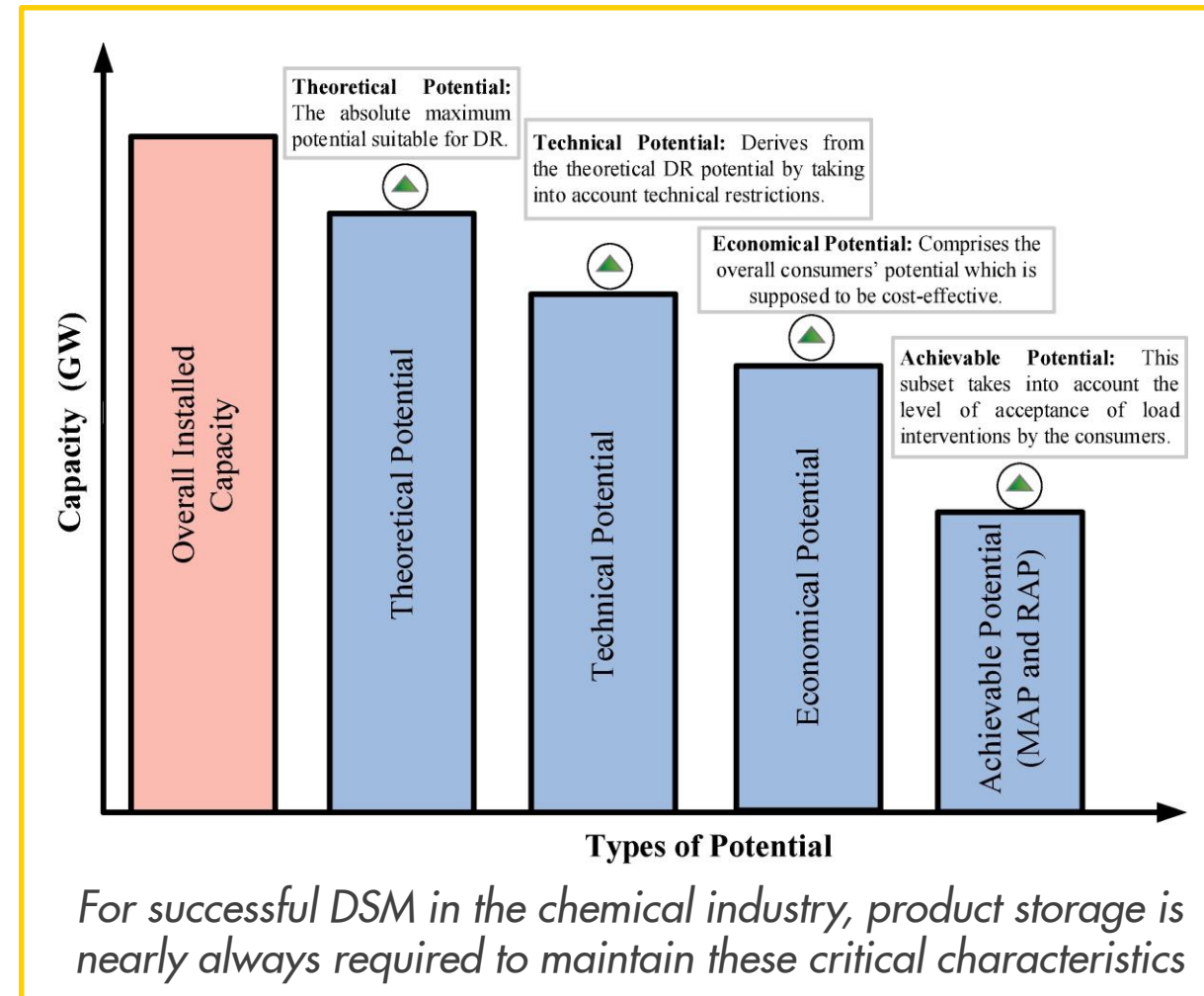
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### Abstract

This paper provides a historical perspective and an overview of the pioneering work that Manfred Morari developed in the area of resiliency for chemical processes. Motivated by unique counter-intuitive examples, we present a review of the early mathematical formulations and solution methods developed by Grossmann and co-workers for quantifying Static Resiliency (Flexibility). We also give a brief overview of some of the seminal ideas by Manfred Morari and co-workers in the area of Dynamic Resiliency. Finally, we provide a review of some of the recent developments that have taken place since that early work.



# A more detailed view at sector coupling

Incorporating flexibility & resilience throughout will be key to overall operability

|                    |                      | Role of direct electrification  | Role of electricity-based fuels  |   |  |
|--------------------|----------------------|--|--|---|--|
|                    |                      |  | Hydrogen  | Ammonia  | Synfuels  |
| Industry           | Cement               | Electrification of kiln heat (process emissions remain)  | As heat source   |   |  |
|                    | Steel                | Electrification of furnace heat<br>Direct iron electrolysis  | As reduction agent and heat source   |   |  |
|                    | Plastics             | Electrification of furnace heat  | As heat source   |   | Potential role as plastics feedstock   |
| Transport          | Heavy-road transport | Battery electric vehicle (BEV)<br>Catenary overhead wiring   | Fuel cell electric vehicle (FCEV)  |   |  |
|                    | Shipping             | Battery electric for short distance<br>Cruise and RoPax ships  | Burnt in ICE or used in fuel cells   | Burnt in ICE or used in fuel cells  |  |
|                    | Aviation             | Battery electric for short distance  | Fuel cell electric for medium distance   |   | In conventional jet engine   |
| Building heating   |                      | Through heat pumps or induction  | As substitute for natural gas  |   |  |
| Electricity system |                      |  | Energy storage   | Energy storage<br>Transportation of H <sub>2</sub>  |  |

Source: SYSTEMIQ analysis for the Energy Transitions Commission (2018)

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## Closing thoughts

- Growth in renewable electricity presents many opportunities alongside new research needs.
- The chemical process industry has a unique opportunity to incorporate deep knowledge of systems design, optimization, and control into the broader energy system.
- Electrification, electrochemical energy conversion, & multiple forms of storage have the potential to play key roles in future products, processes, and services.
- Thank you for your attention!







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