

# Heat and power sector

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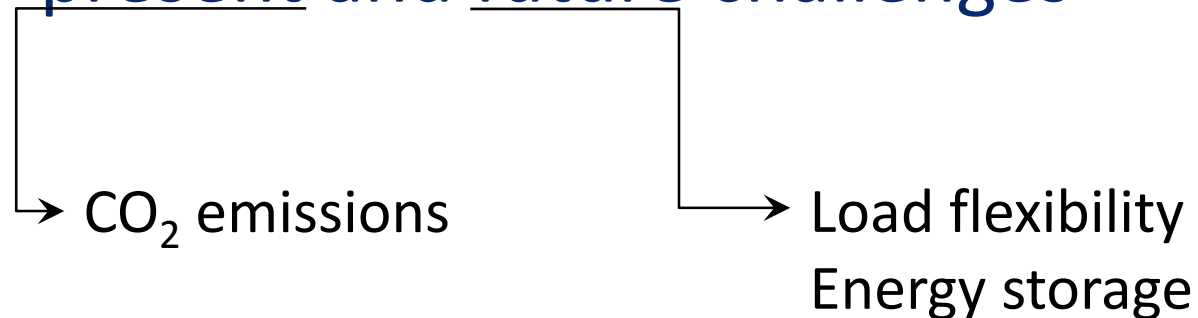
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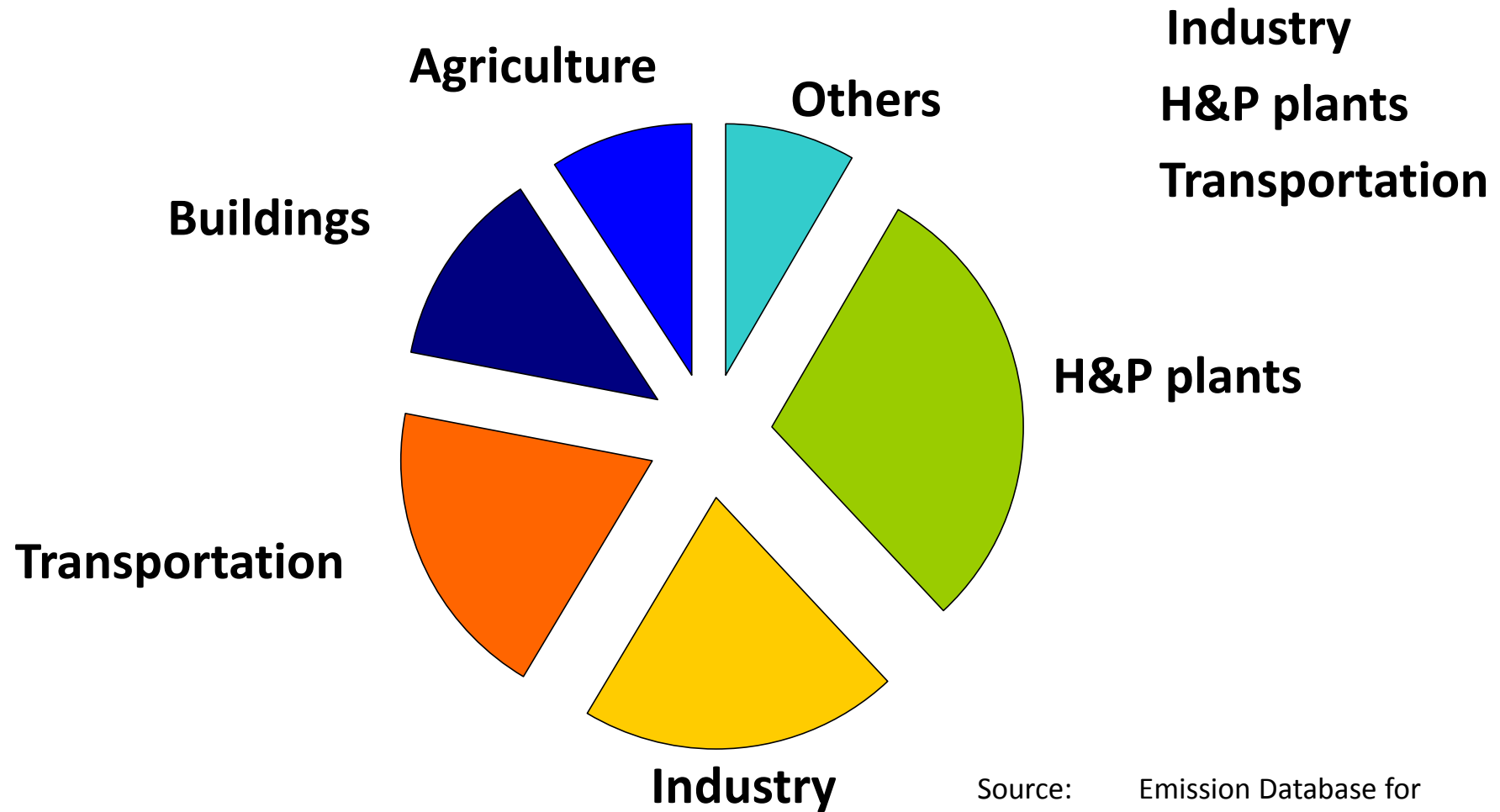
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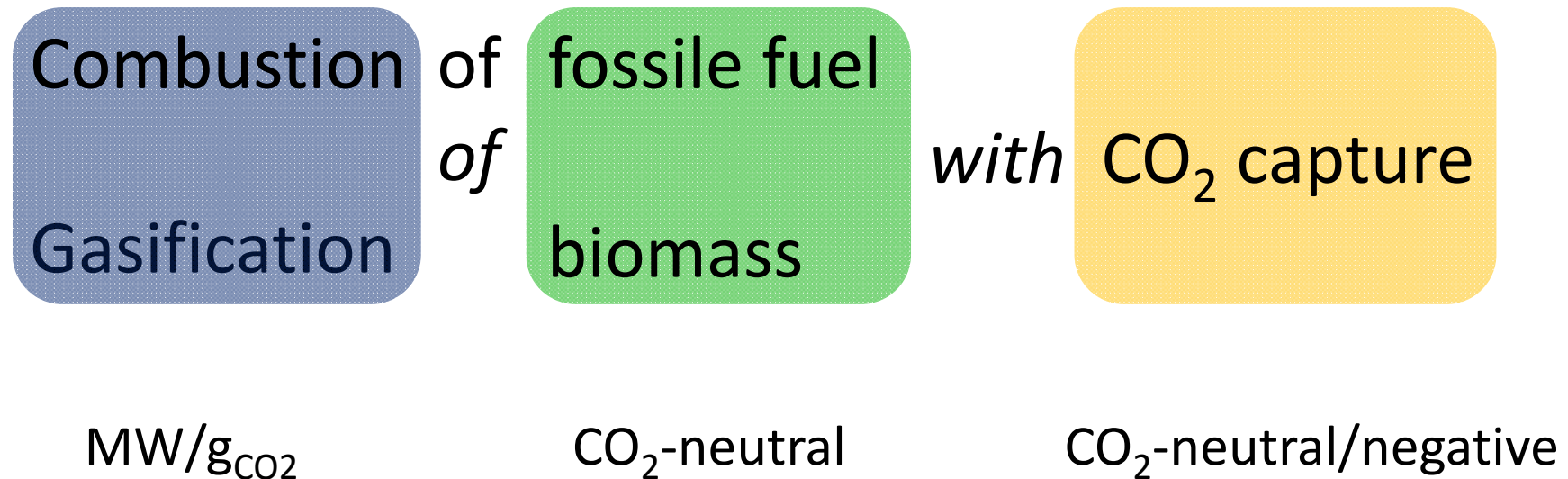
Present and future strengths:

It is dispatchable and, optionally, a zero-CO<sub>2</sub> technology

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## Current pool of H&P plants

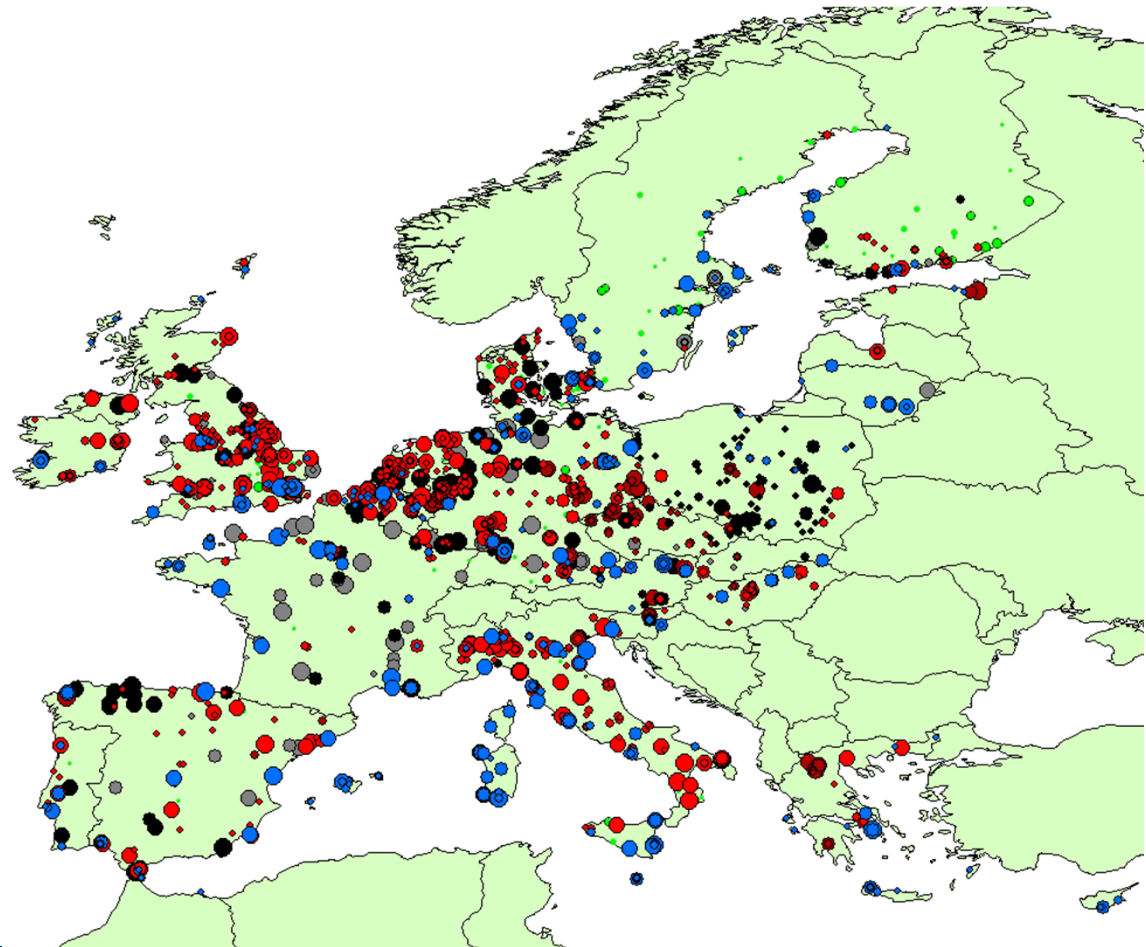
Gas

Coal

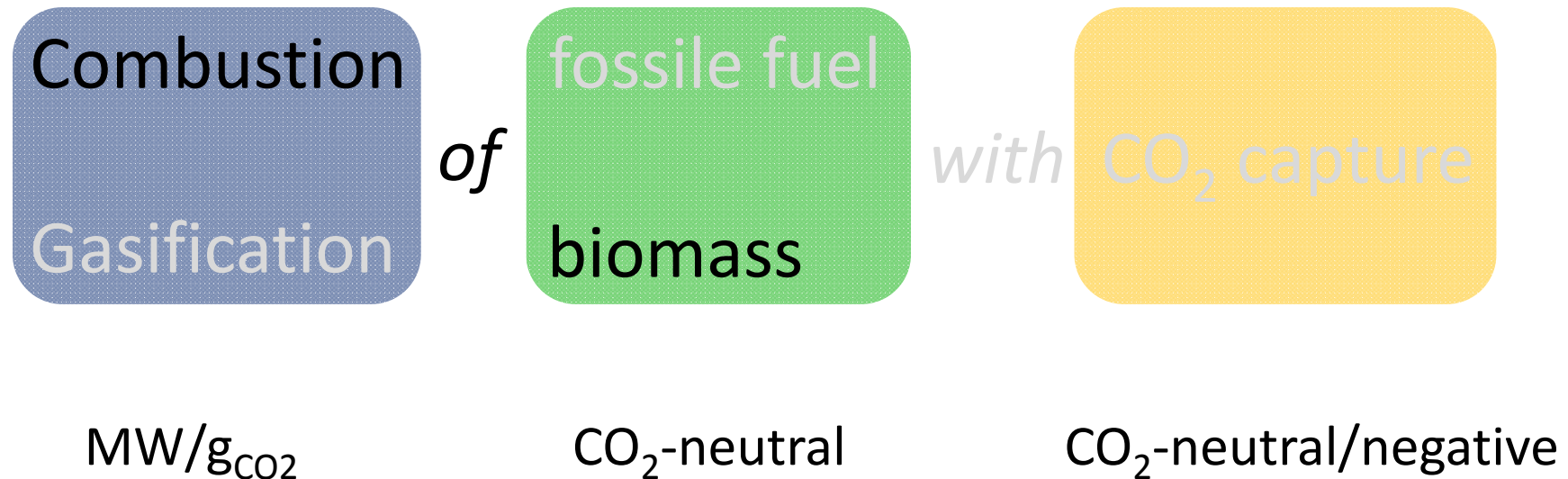
Oil

Nuclear

Biomass



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# Combustion of biomass

Alholmen (Finland), 265 MWe  
Fluidized bed unit, Valmet





# Co-combustion of biomass

Turow (Poland) , 765 MWe, 15% biomass, 85% coal  
Fluidized bed unit, Foster Wheeler



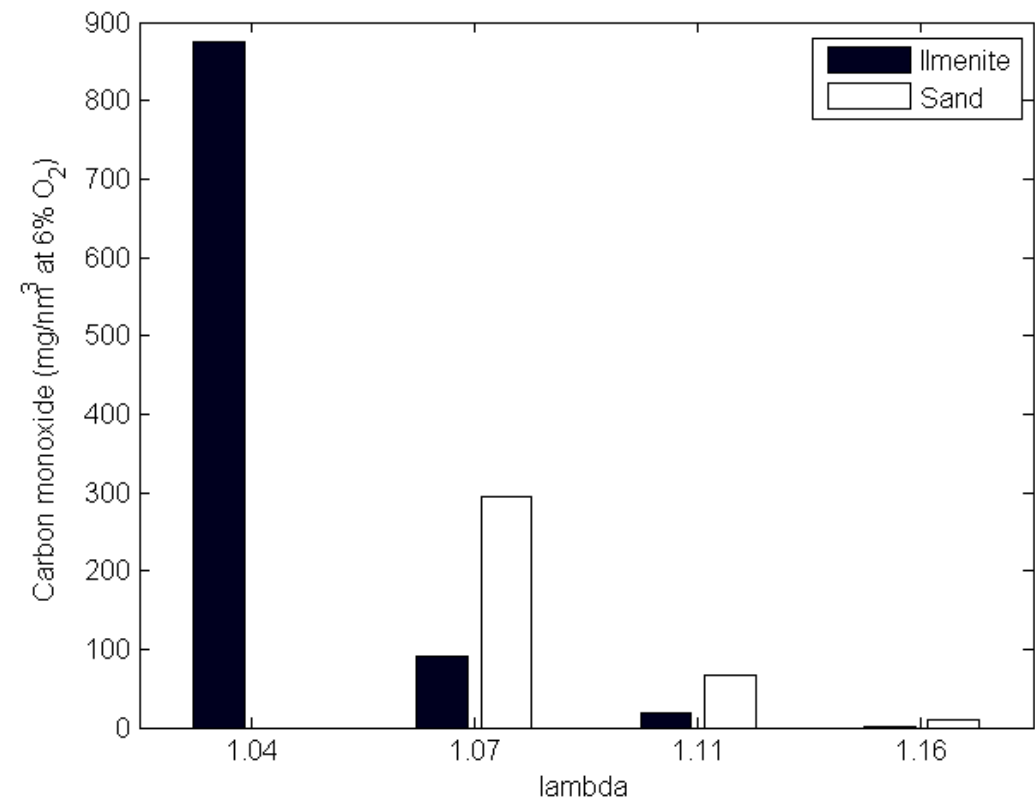
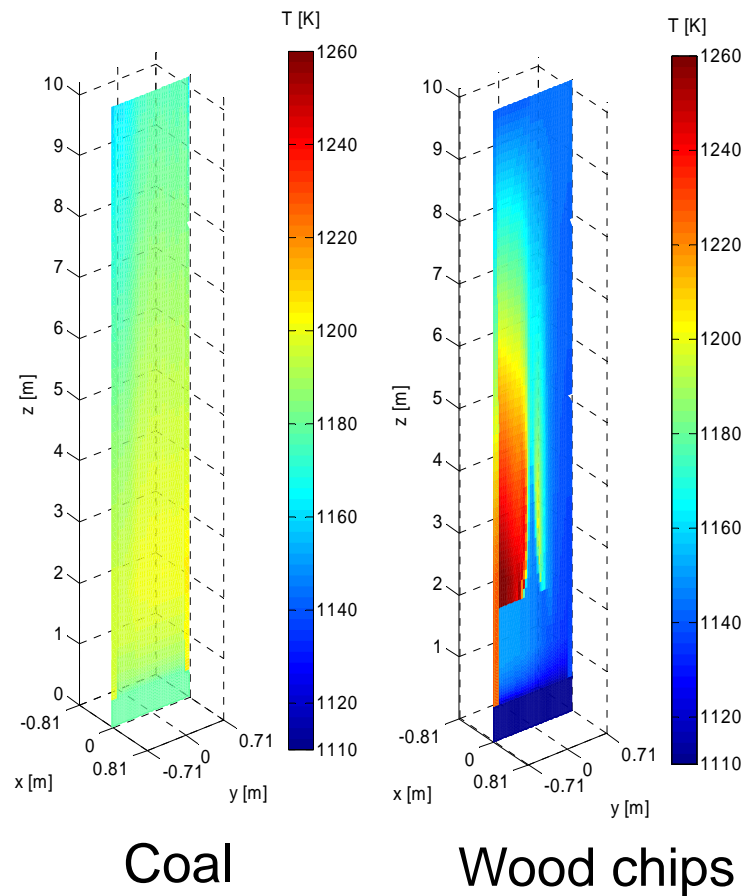


# Oxygen carriers: the black miracle



# Improved combustion of biomass

OCAC-combustion (patented by Chalmers and EOn)



# Chalmers research plant (12 MW)

OCAC-combustion of biomass and indirect gasification of biomass



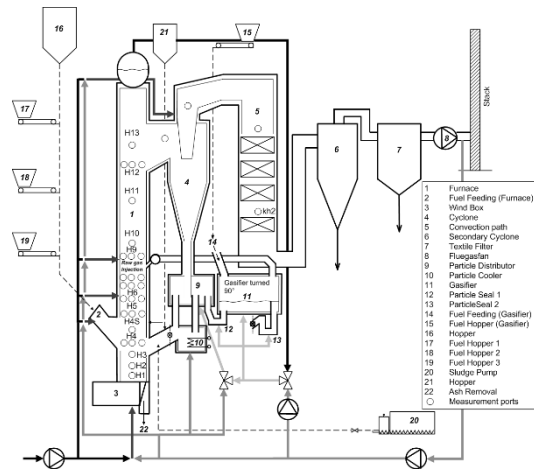
# Research from lab to commercial scale

Labscale reactor



2013

Chalmers 12MWth research boiler



2014

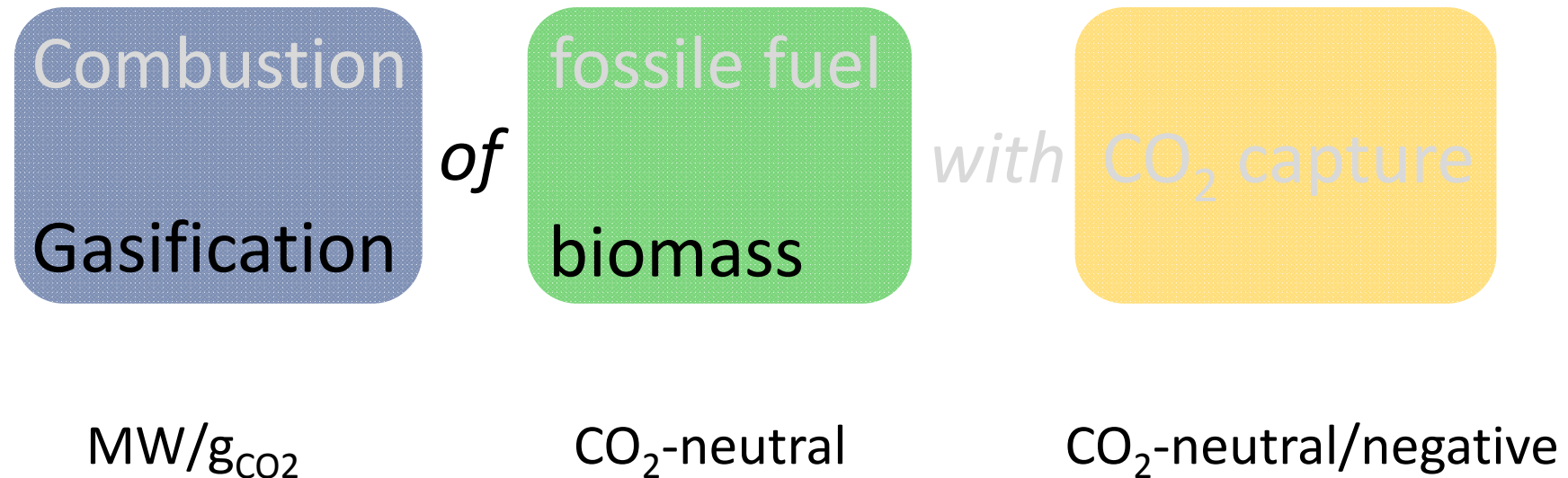
E.ON commercial waste boiler 80MWth



Continuous operation  
since February 2016

2014 - 2016

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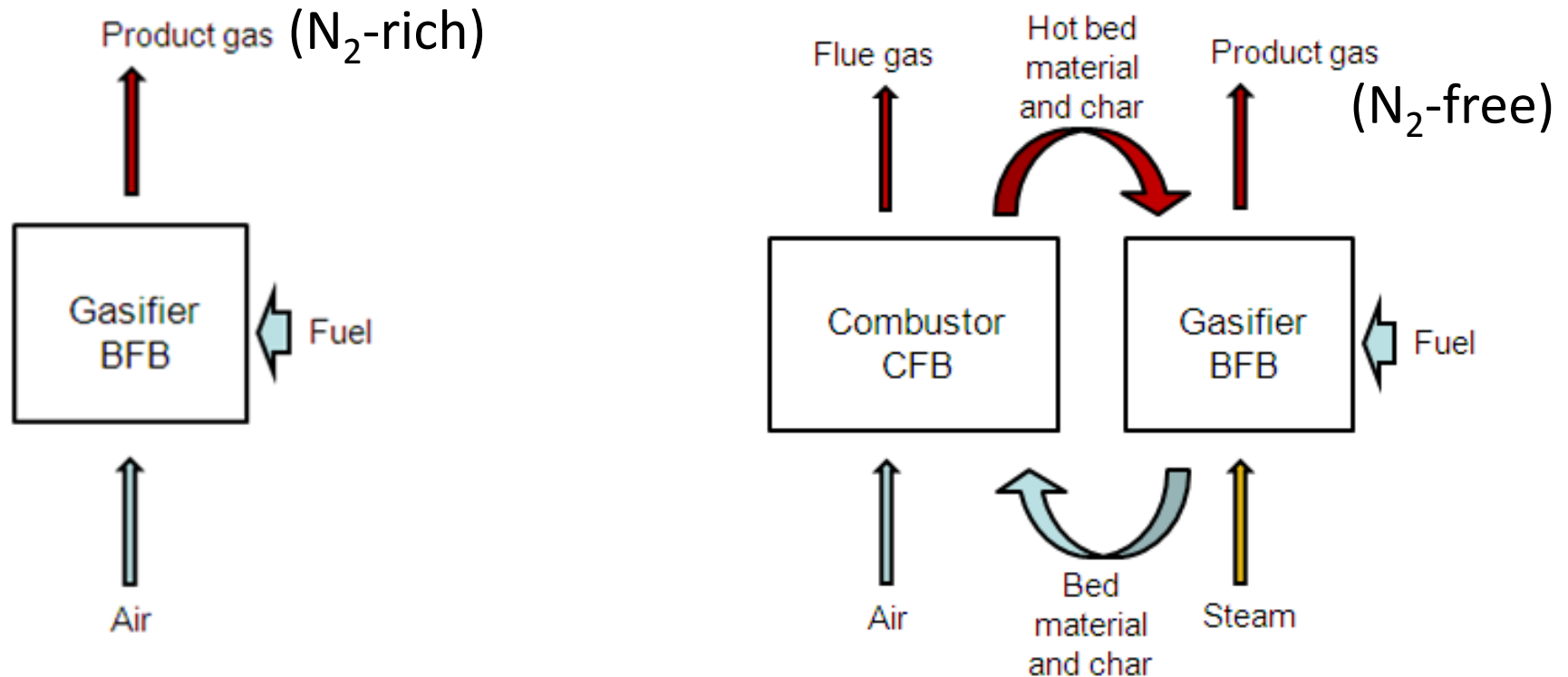
# Biomass gasification – a second birth





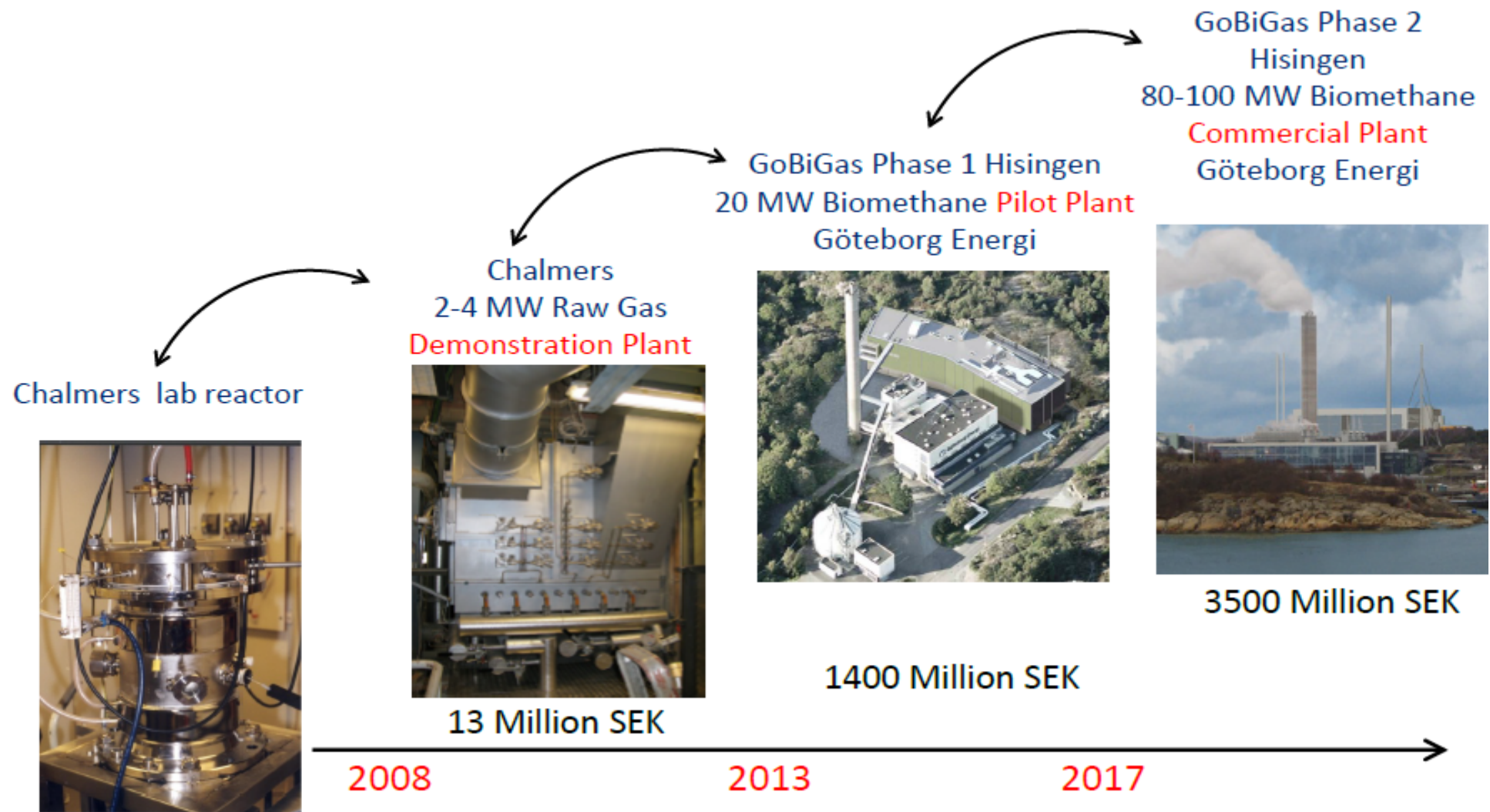
# Improved gasification of biomass

Indirect gasification (commercialized by Chalmers and Göteborg Energi)

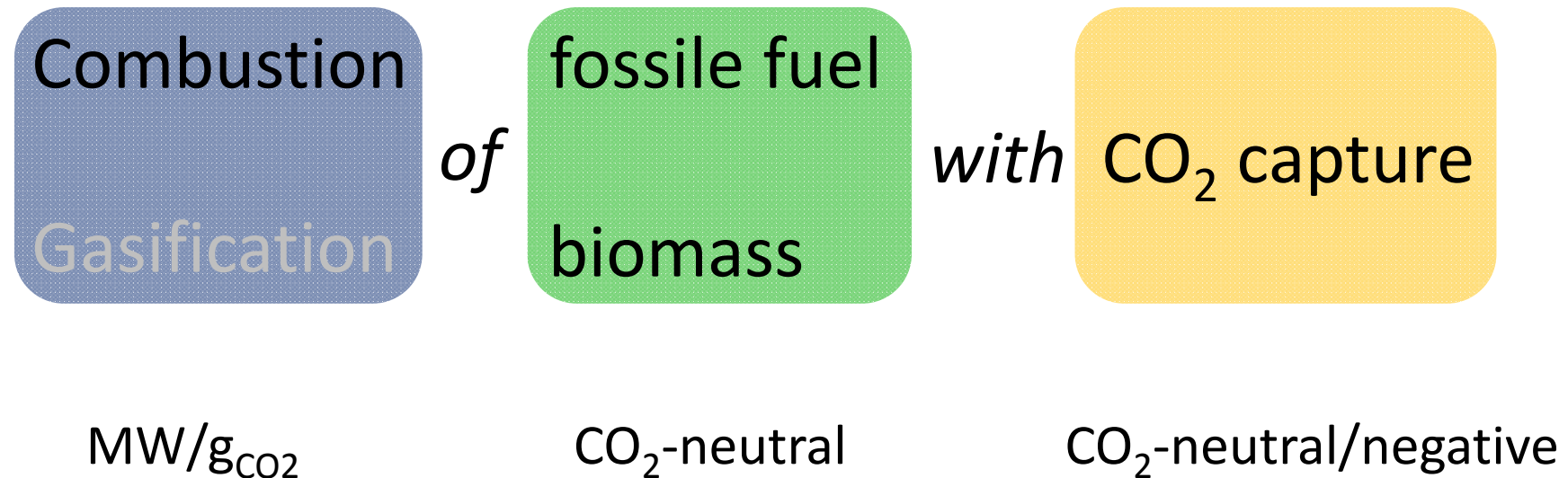


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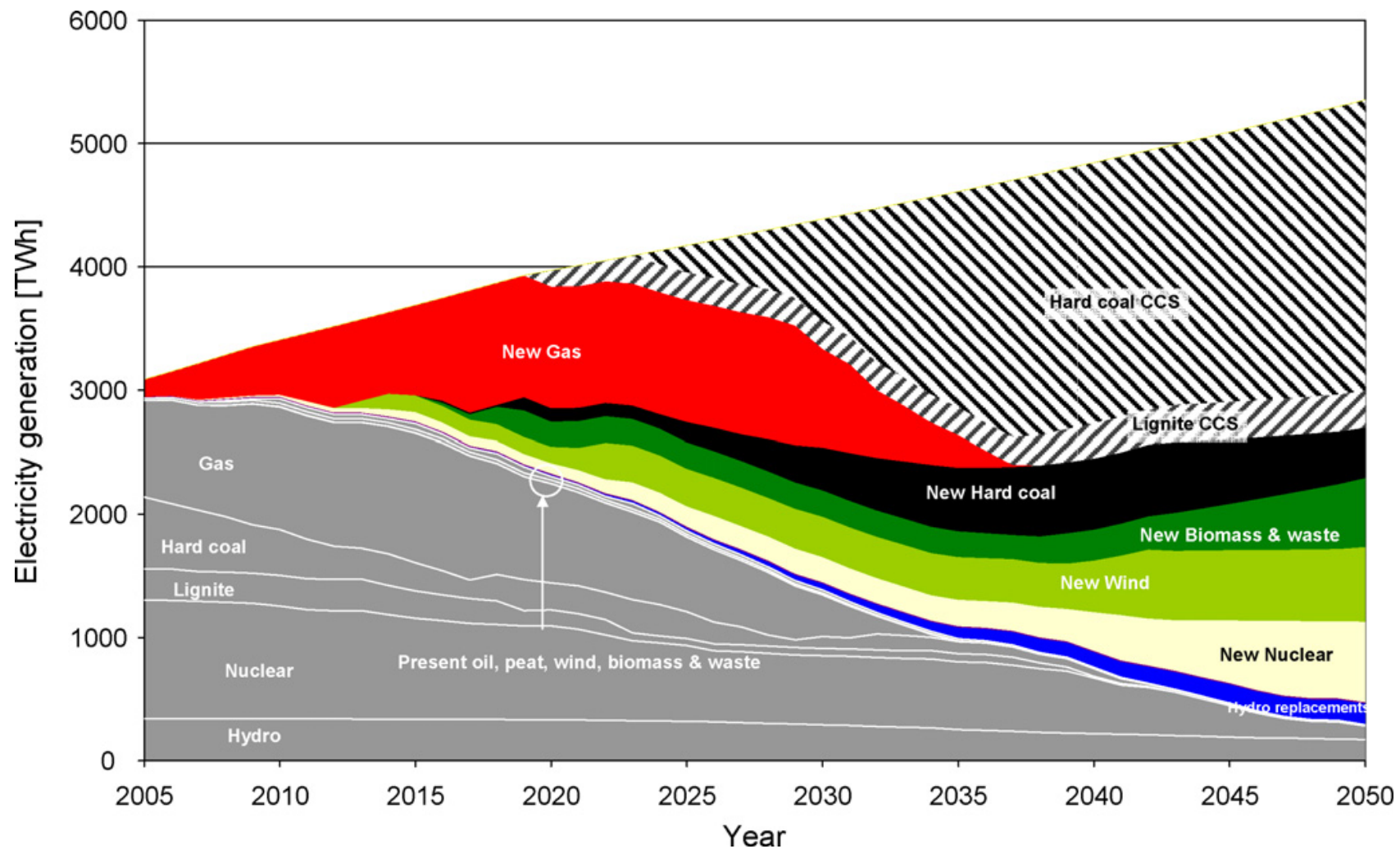
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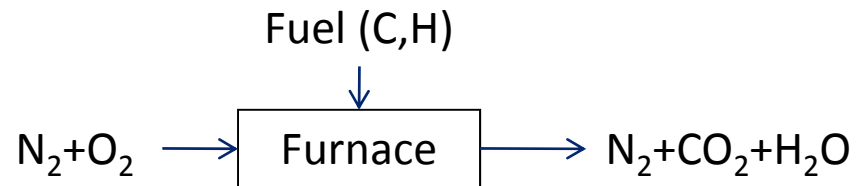


# Engineering in the energy field

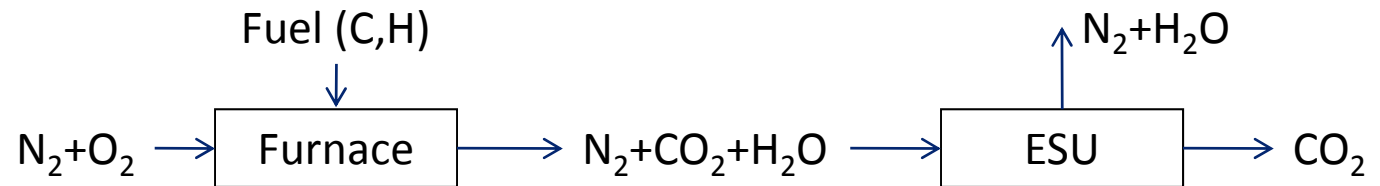


# Carbon Capture strategies

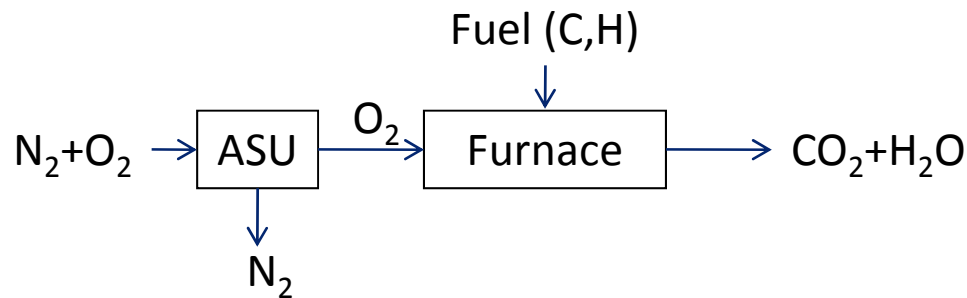
Current  
Combustion



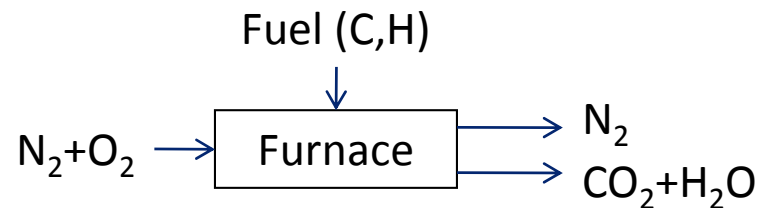
Post-cleaning  
combustion



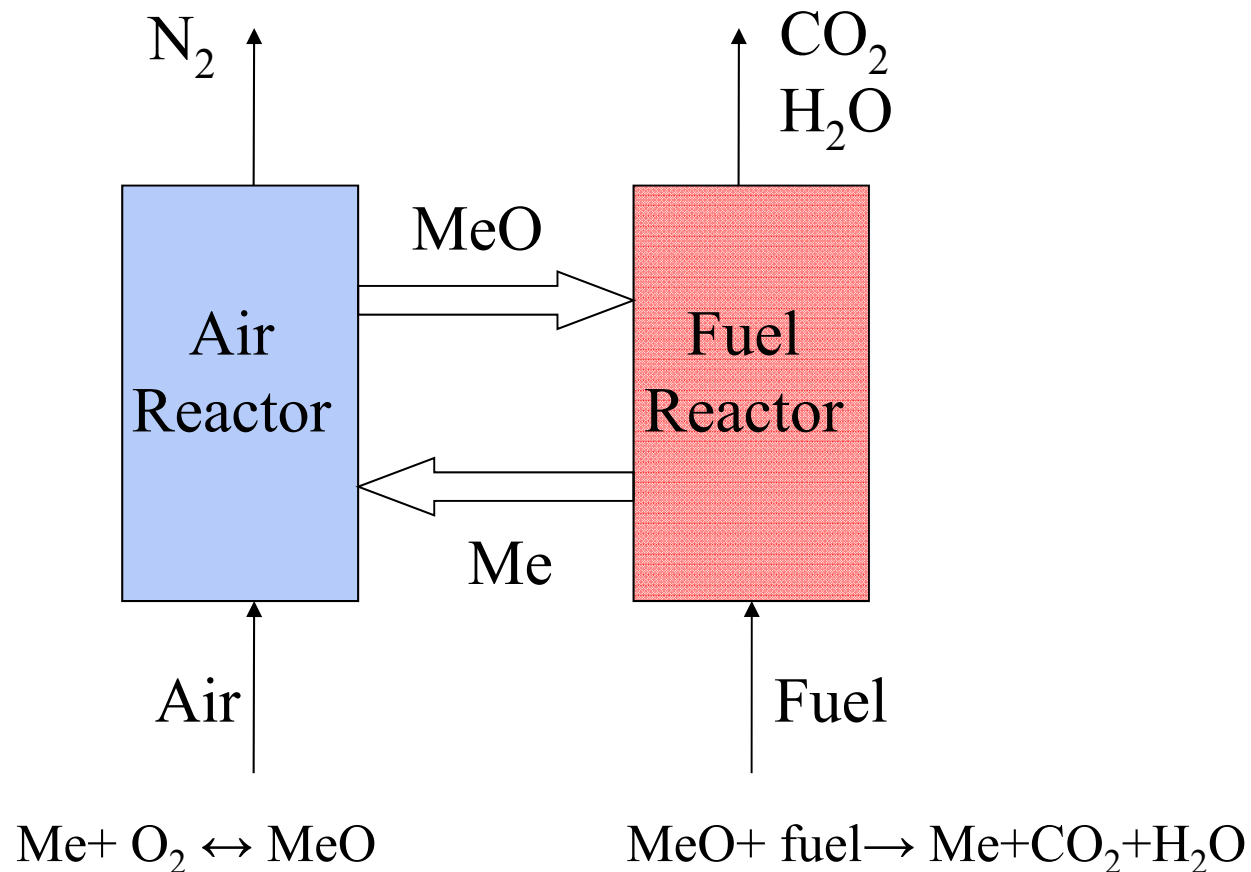
Oxyfuel  
Combustion



Chemical looping  
combustion



# Chemical Looping Combustion (CLC)

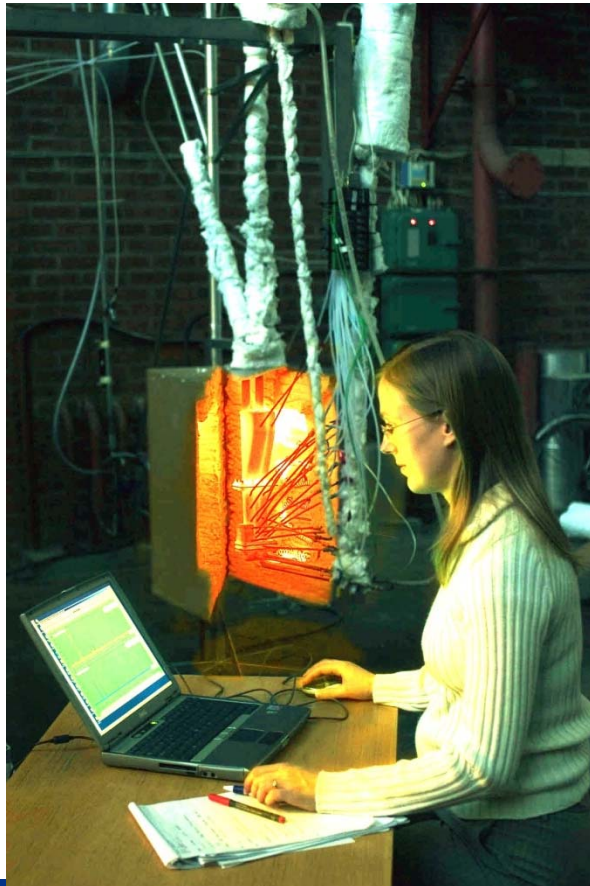




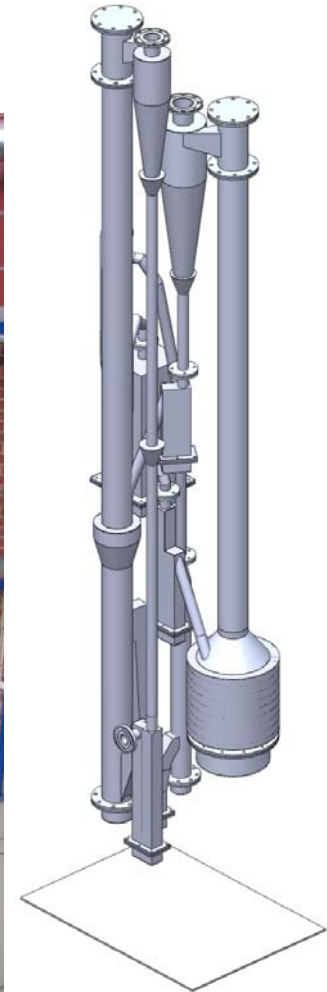
# Chalmers CLC research

5 out of 10 CLC units worldwide

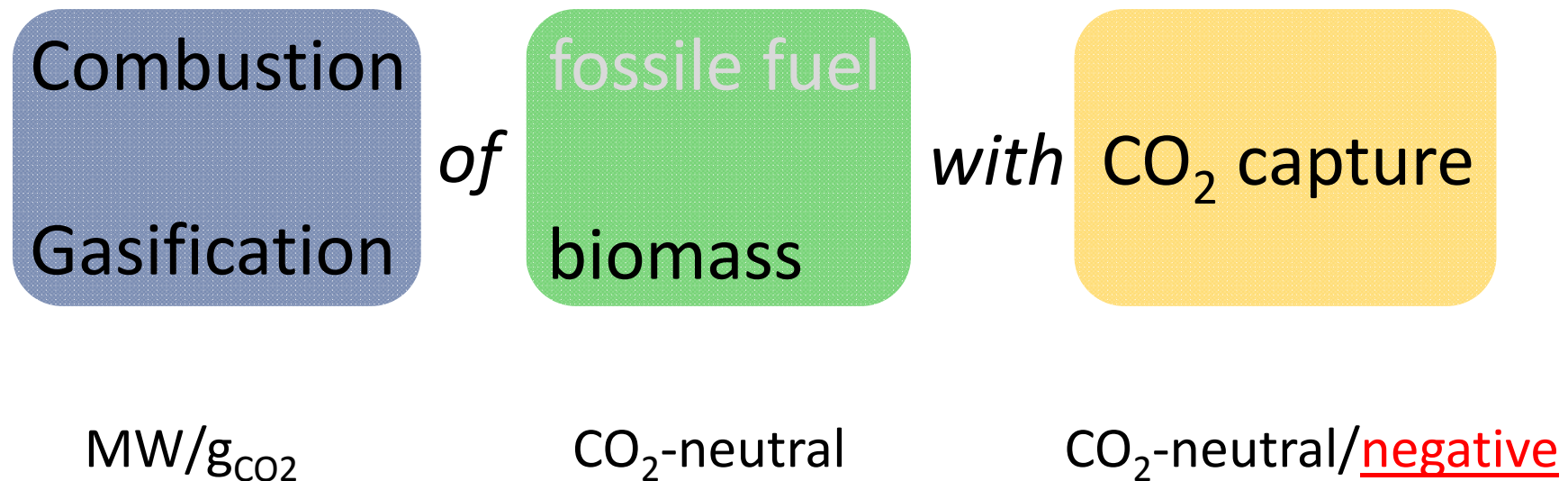
10 kW (2003)



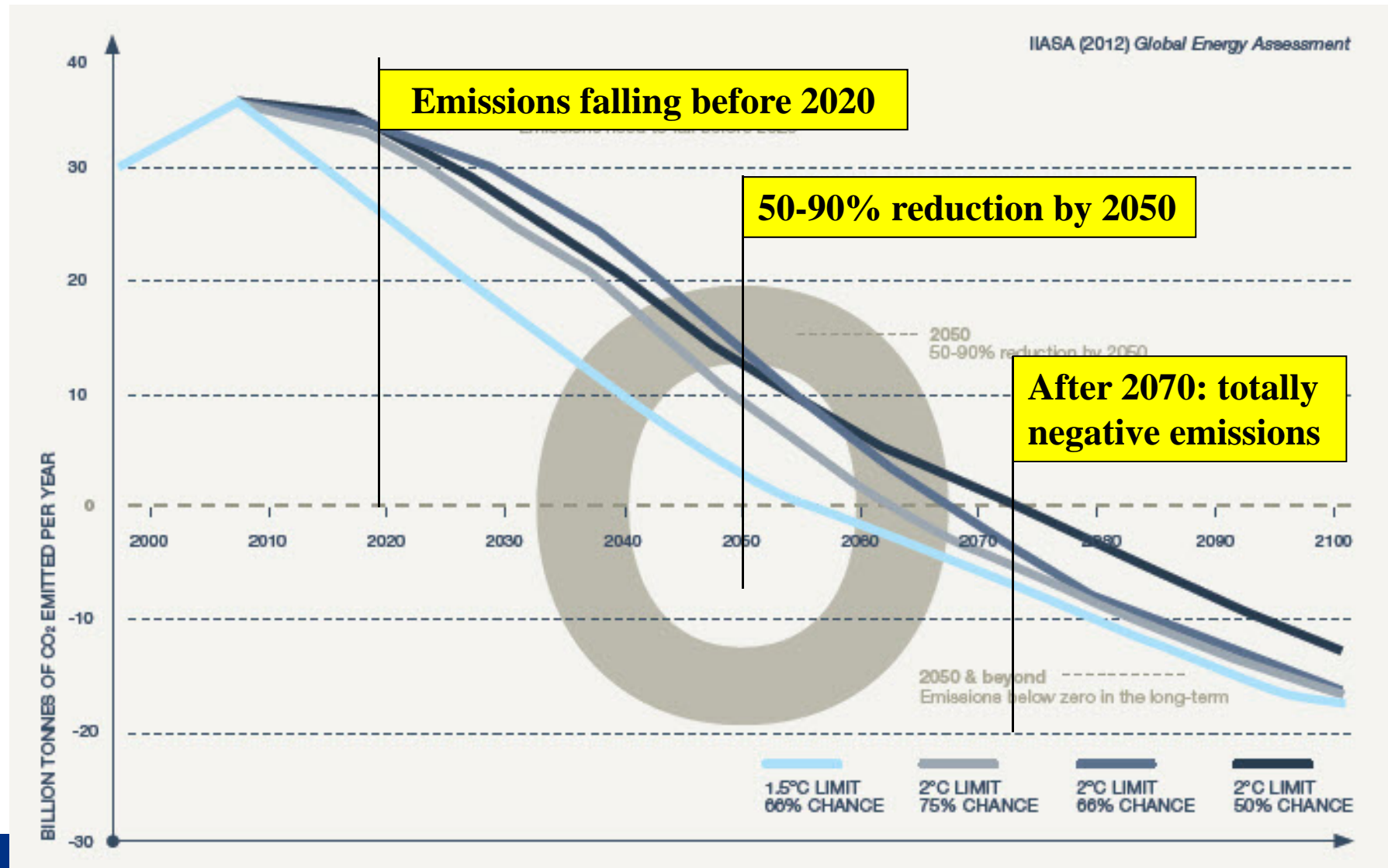
100 kW (2016)



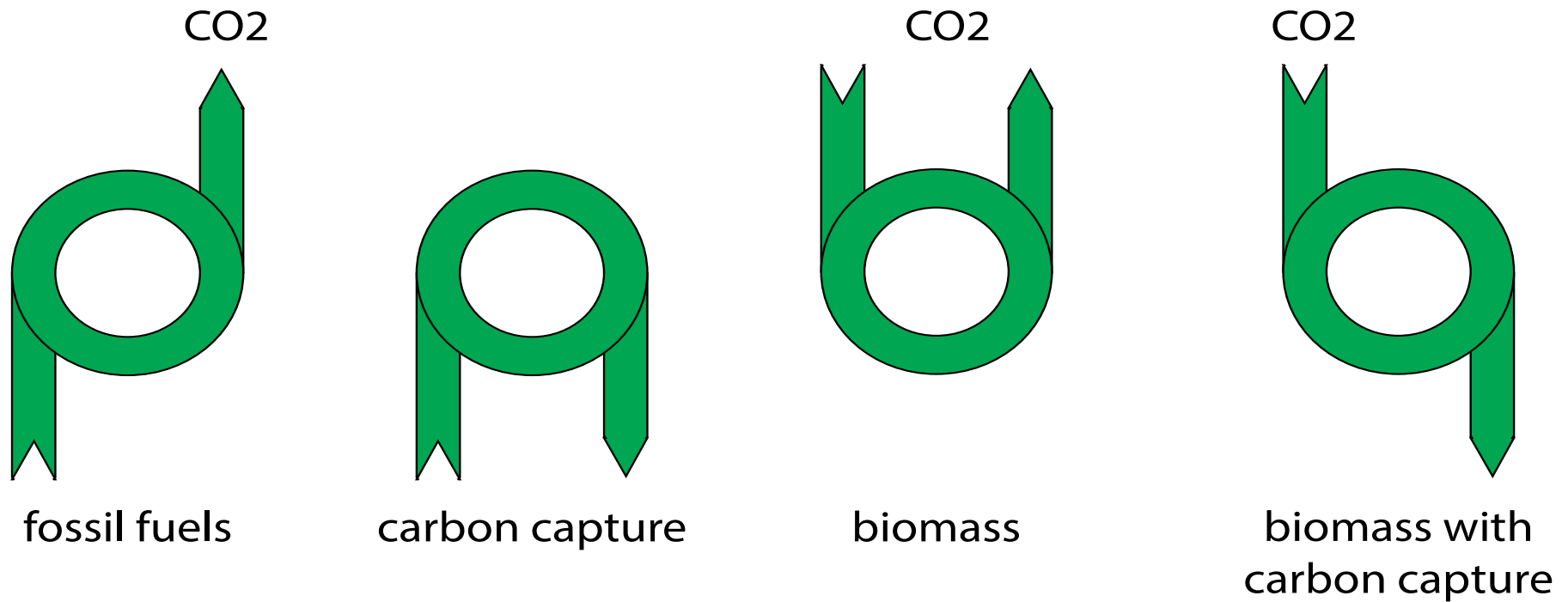
# Present challenge: reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions



To meet the 2°C target it is not sufficient to stop emissions of CO<sub>2</sub>, most likely we need negative emissions by the end of the century.

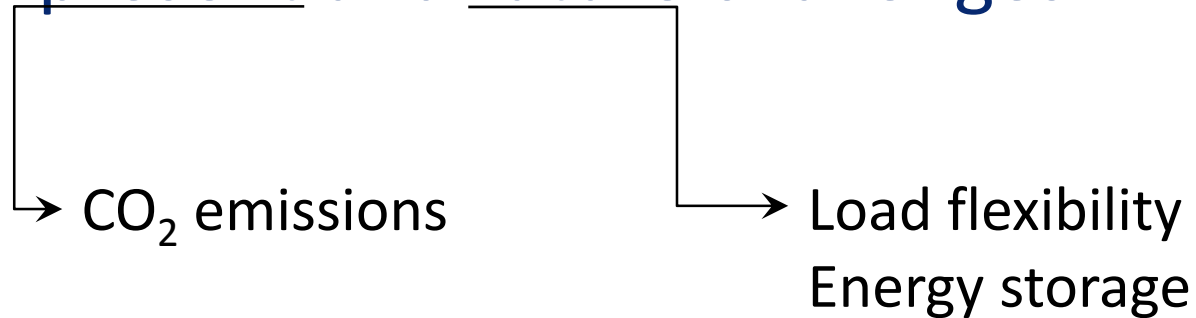


## ATMOSPHERE

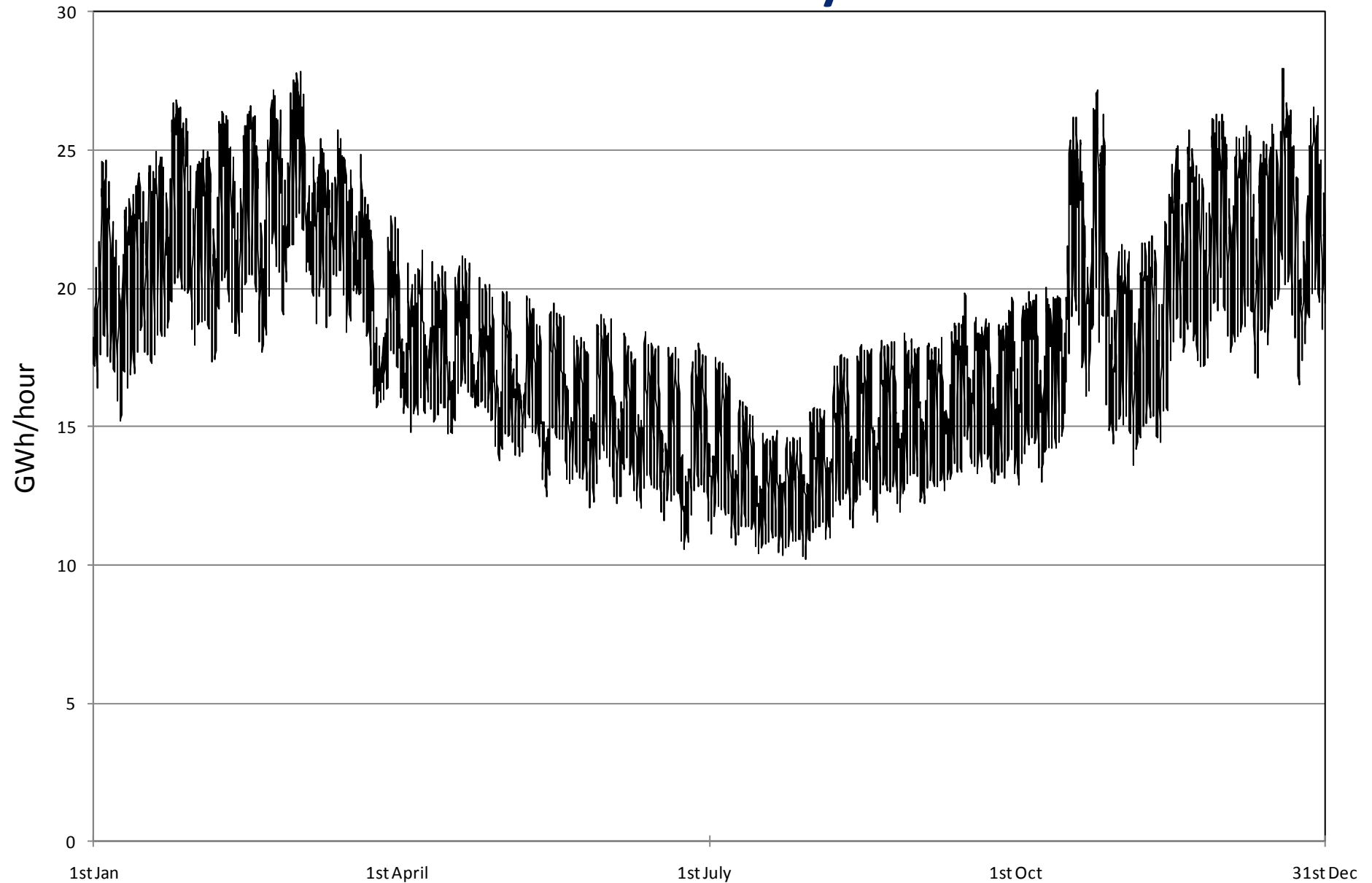


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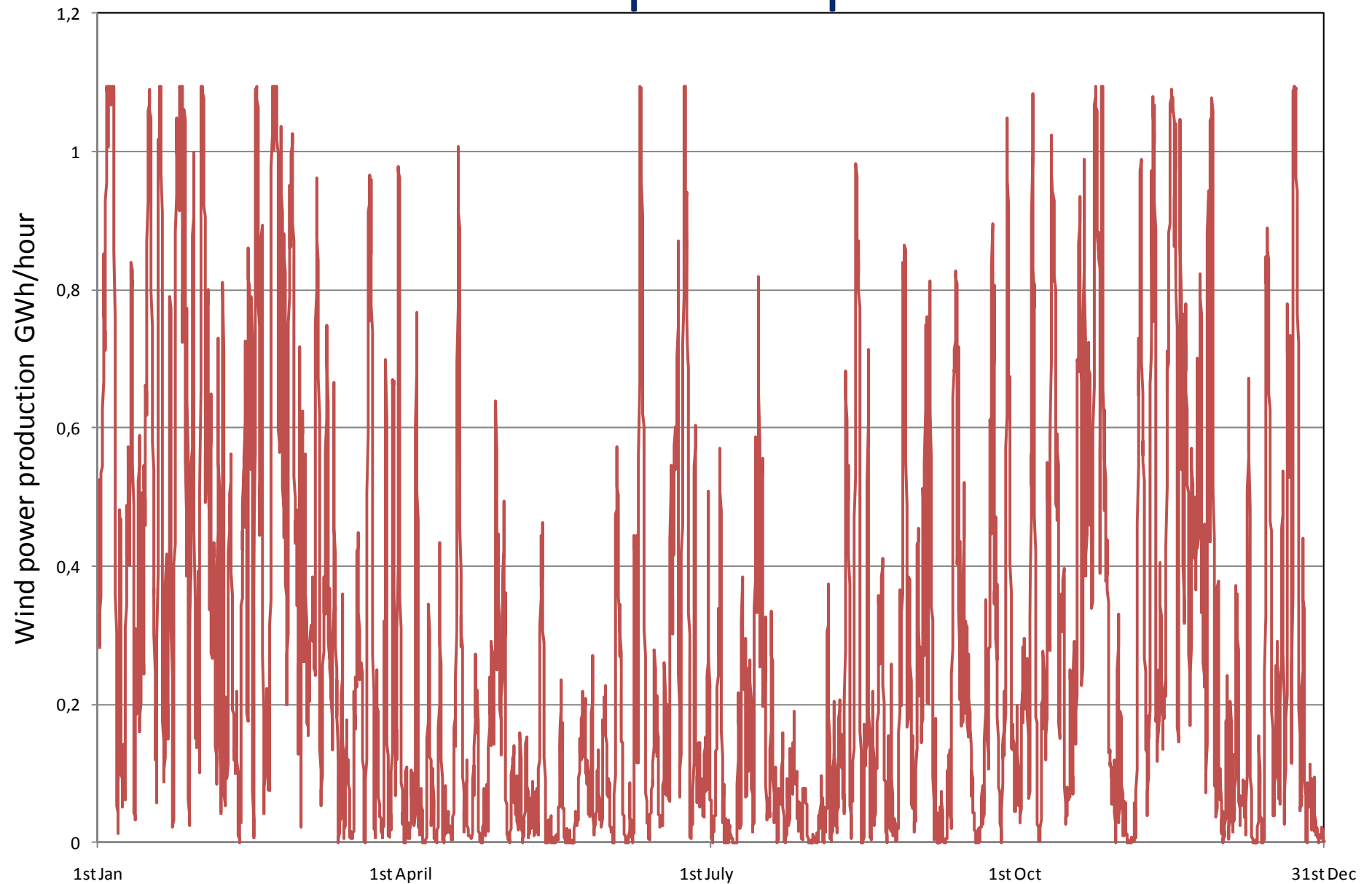


# Swedish electricity demand





# Swedish wind power production



# Dispatch – e.g. Swedish nuclear power



# Management of intermittent power

## Supply

### *Regulated/Dispatchable*



### *Variable generation*

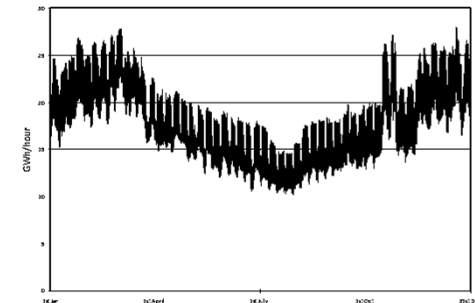


## Transmission

Balance

## Demand

### *Load*



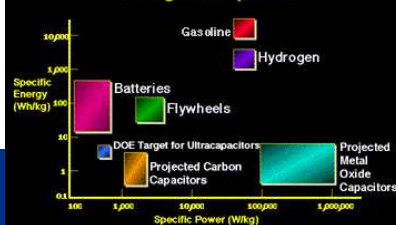
Storage

Storage

Trade

Management

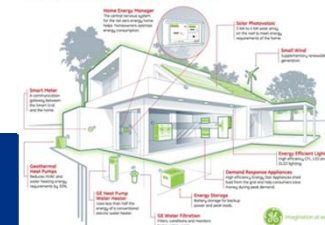
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### GE Targets Net Zero Energy Homes by 2015

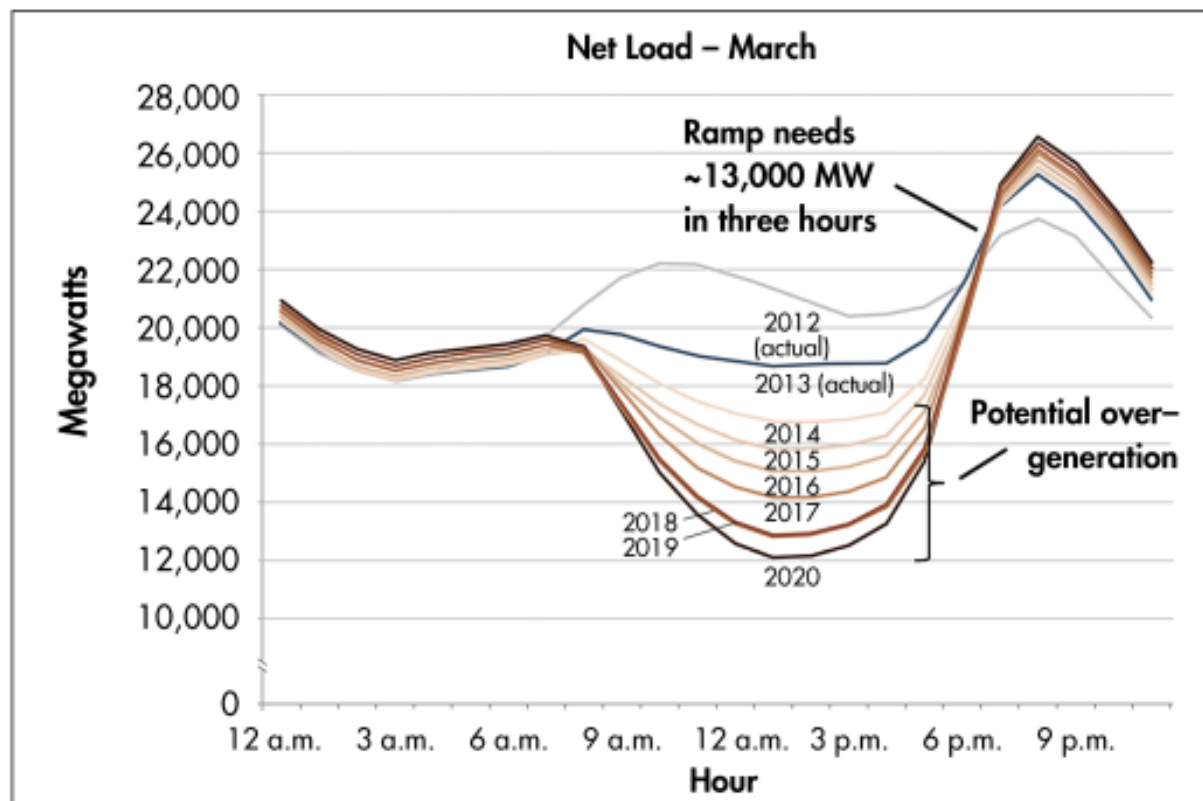


# Effect of wind and solar on net load curve

Net load = Demand – Non-dispatchable  
(wind&solar)

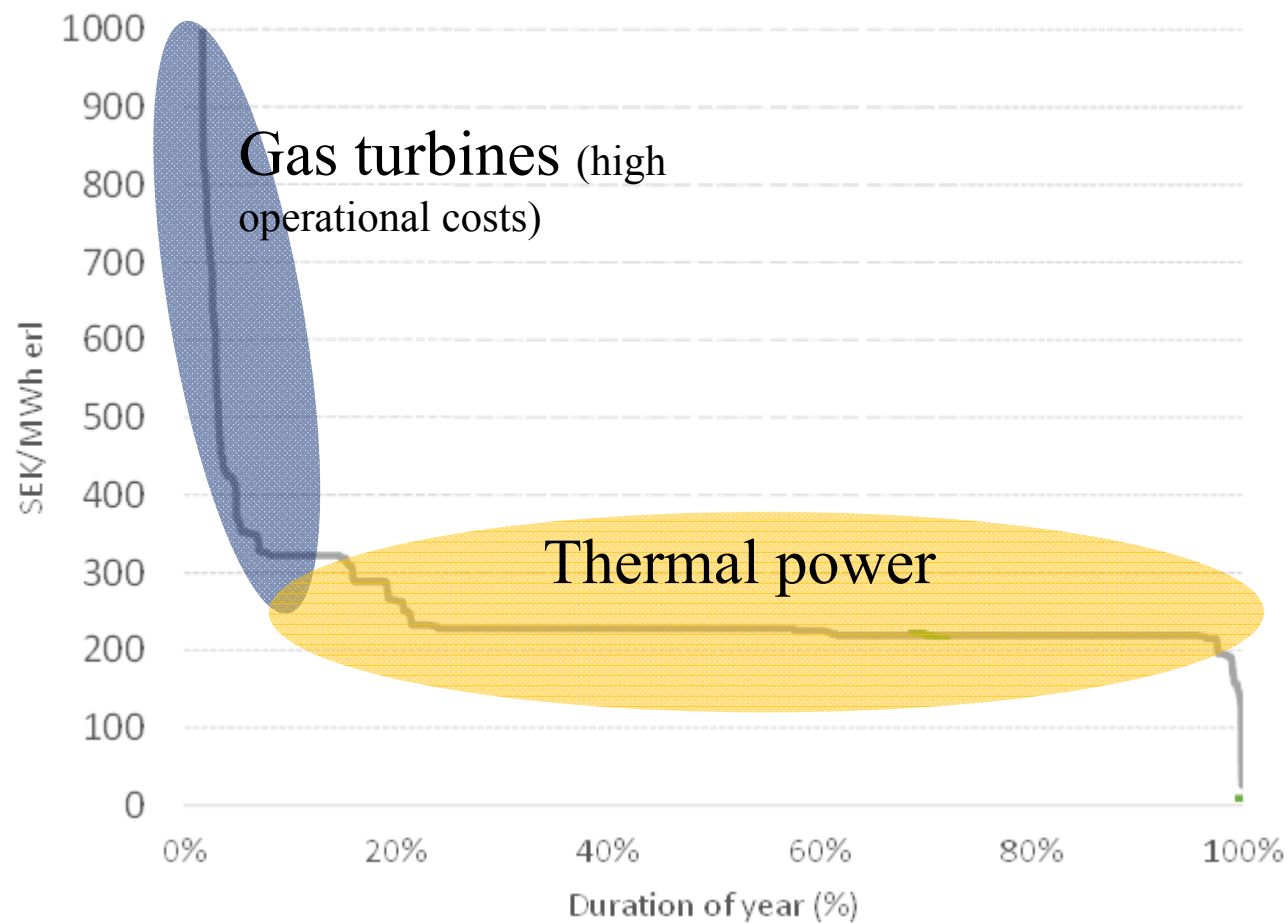
**Averaged** daily net load curve (intermittency to be added)

Figure 1: Net load on the CAISO system

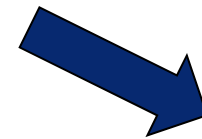


Source: CAISO

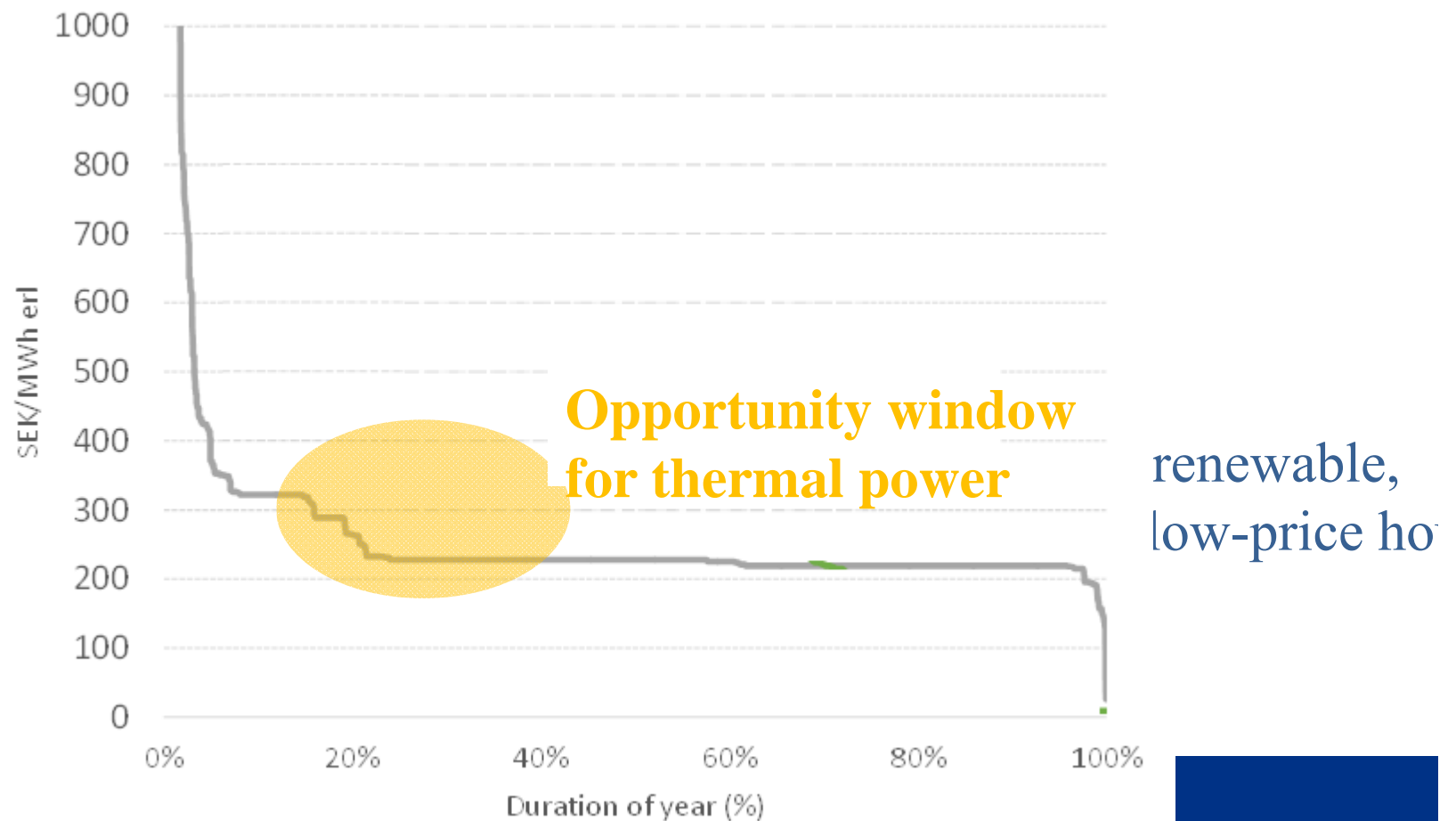
# Current typical price curve in EU



More solar&wind power (low operational costs)



Higher price variation





# Flexibility of heat and power plants

Increased wind and solar energy yield a larger share of intermittent and non-dispatchable power generation.

Stronger demands on the operational flexibility of the dispatchable power generation.

Ramp rates

Start-up times

Minimum load

Part load efficiency

Energy storage

# Key questions

Will fossil fuels be left on ground?

Are we ready to pay higher power prices?

Is *bridging* pragmatism or an excuse?

Can same demands be set to all countries?

