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# Interactions of flexibility demand and flexibility provision in a multi-coupled energy system

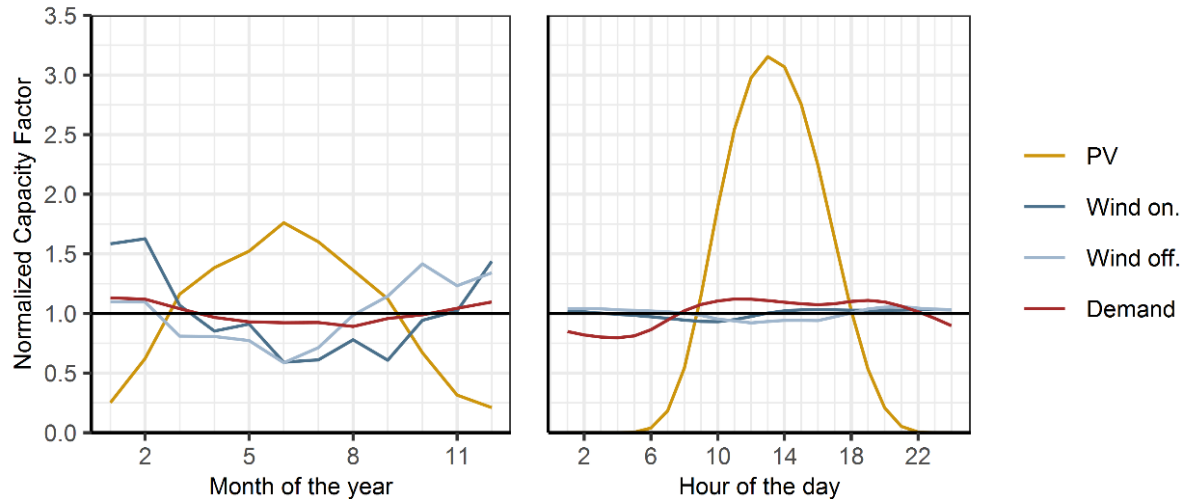
## Impact on optimal capacity expansions

# Agenda

- 1. Electricity generation characteristics of PV and Wind**
- 2. High RES scenarios with different wind-PV ratios in central western Europe**
- 3. Model approach including different flexibility options and sector coupling technologies**
- 4. Optimal capacity expansion for selected PtX and shifting technologies**
- 5. Summary**

# Future European renewable energy expansion mainly based on fluctuating renewable energy sources

Data: EMHRES Dataset; Meteorological data for 30 years across EU-28 and neighbouring countries



Differences in the electricity generation characteristics for wind and PV

- **Availability**
- **Temporal**
  - PV is correlating daily with demand
  - Wind is correlating seasonally with electricity demand
- **Spatial**
  - Day-night dependency of PV generation results in high spatial correlation
  - Stronger local variability of wind generation leads to spatial balancing effects

vRES-technology	Mean hourly correlation	Mean seasonal correlation
PV	0,78	0,98
Wind onshore	0,25	0,72
Wind offshore	0,29	0,75



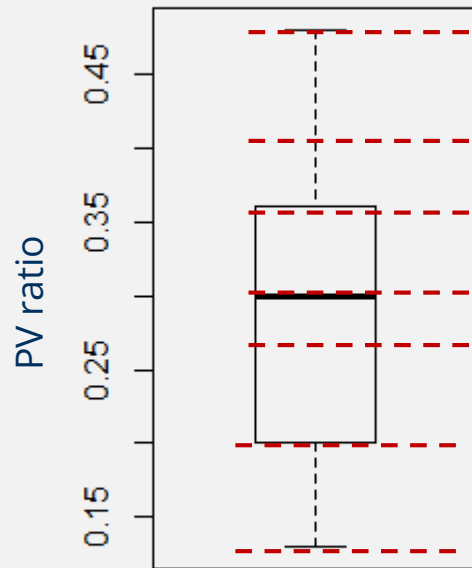
Additionally, future RES expansion not only driven by techno-economical factors, but also by challenges regarding land use and acceptance

# Varying future PV ratios in literature as basis for scenario development

Studies included with

- Europe as observed region
- Scenarios for the years beyond 2030
- Data for installed capacities or generation

## PV share in RES generation mix



TYNDP Scenario DG 2040

Roadmap 2050

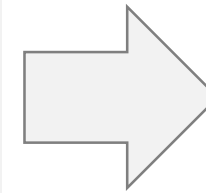
Greenpeace Revolution Scenario (100 % RES)

EU Reference Scenario 2050

Europe 2017 (EEA (2017))

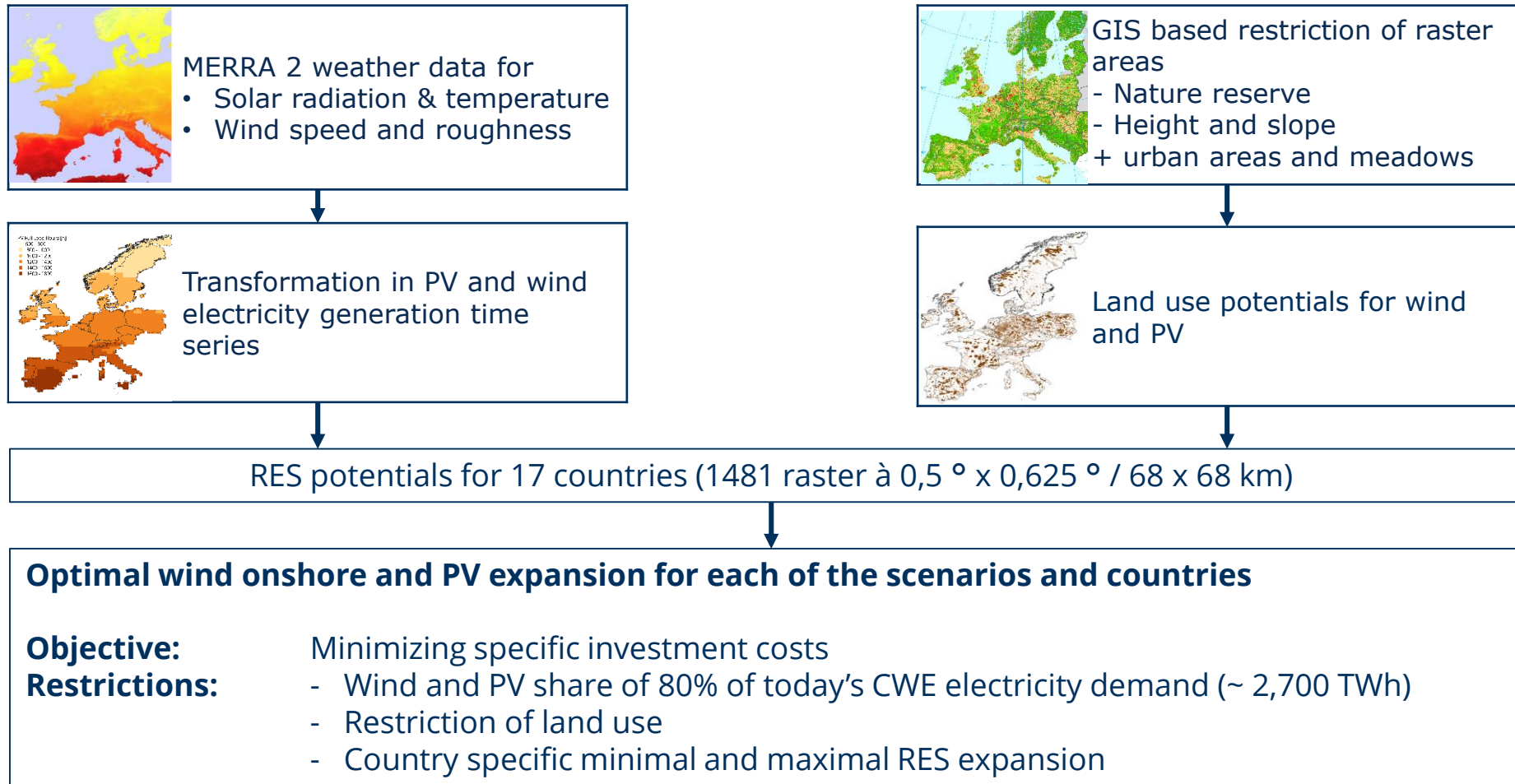
BMWi long-term scenarios, Base scenario 2050

Eurelectric Power Choices, Scenario 2050

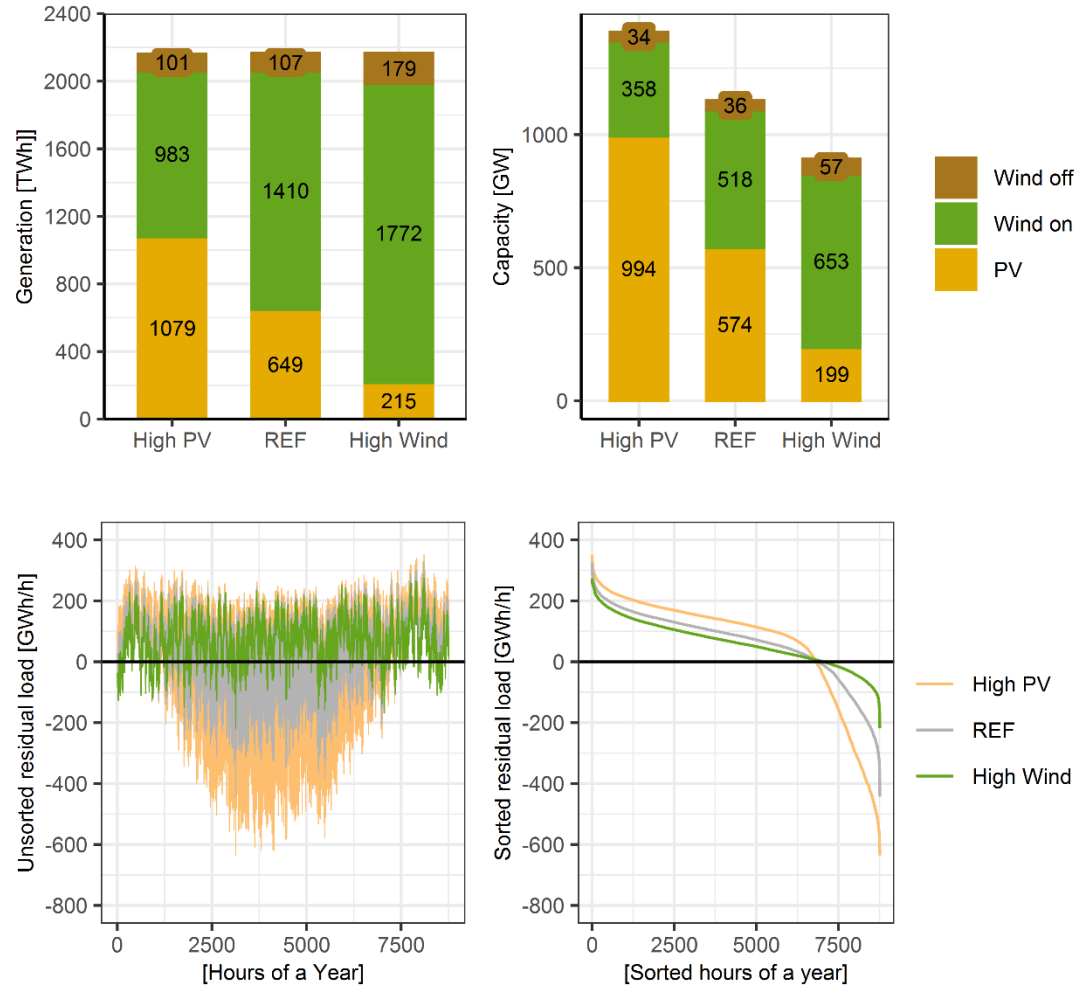


Scenario	PV-Wind ratio
High PV	50:50
REF	30:70
High Wind	10:90

# Weather- and GIS-Data based optimal wind and PV expansion achieving shares of 80% of today's electricity demand in CWE

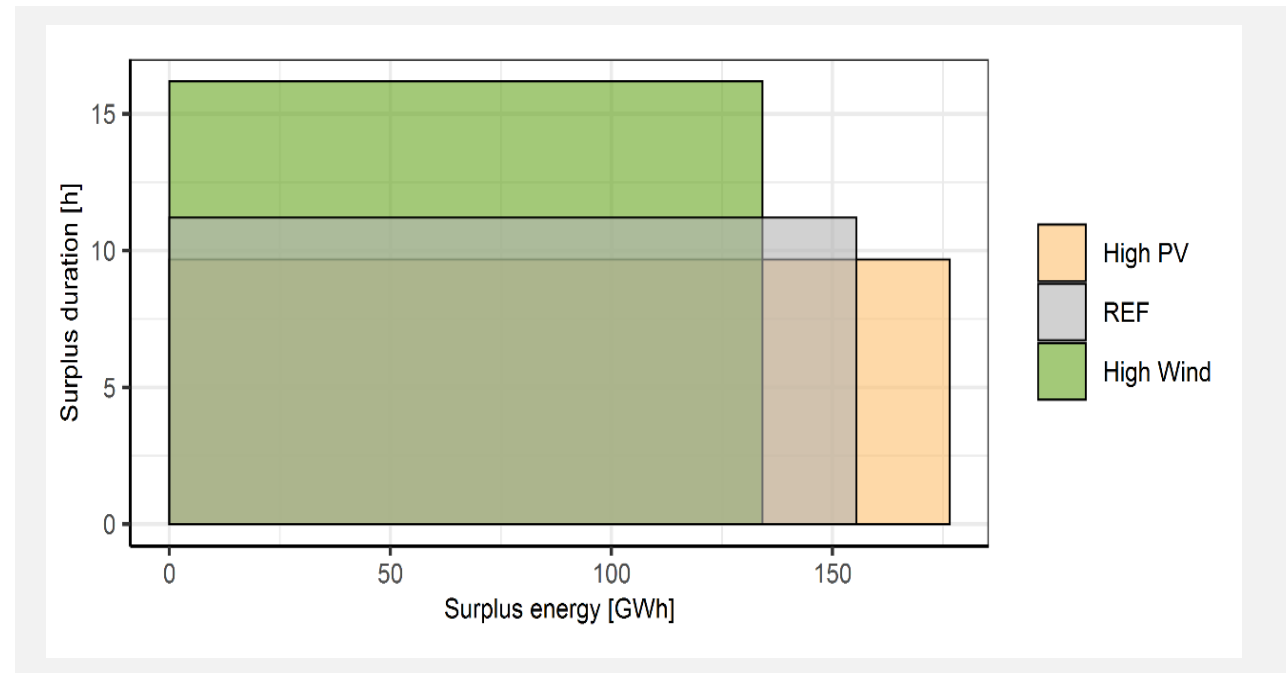


# Resulting overall RES installations and flexibility needs



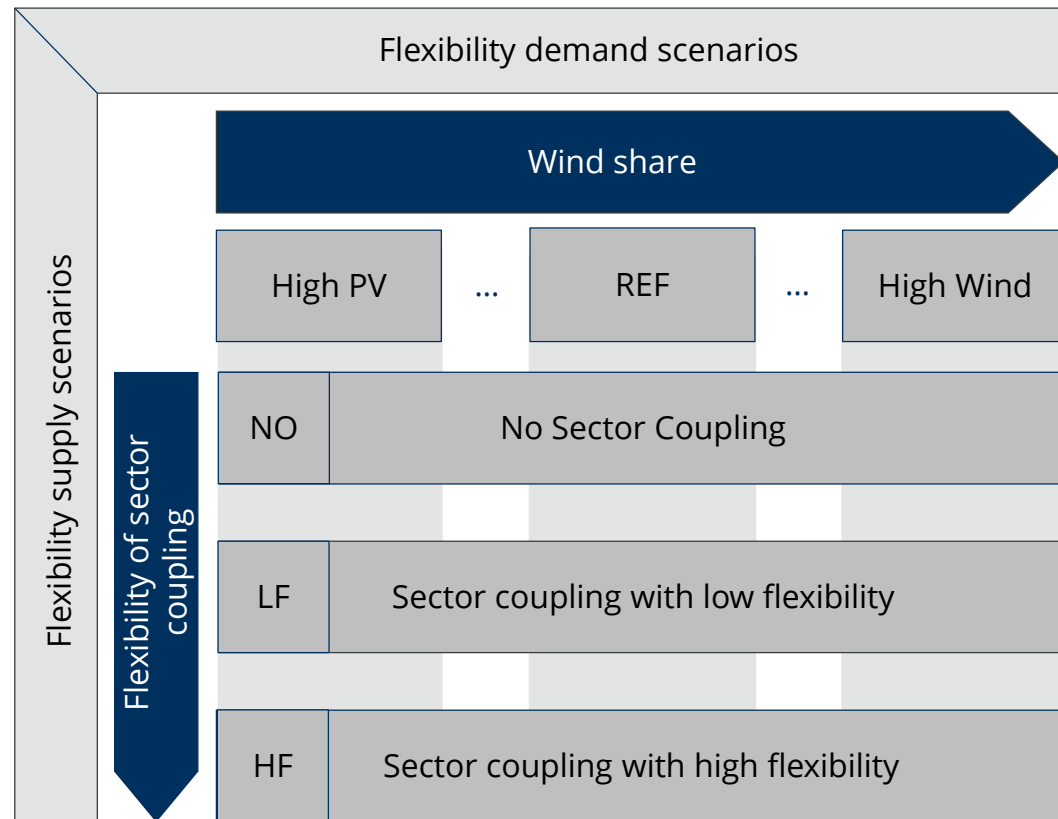
- More than 1000 GW fluctuating RES in each scenario
- Lower availability of PV results in higher capacity requirements
- Small differences in positive residual load peak
- With increasing PV share increasing amount of surplus energy and negative peaks
- Southern countries with very high surplus peaks during the summer days

# Average power and duration of surplus across all 17 countries



- Higher PV ratios result in shorter but larger surplus periods due to day-dependency and simultaneity of PV generation
  - In *High PV scenario* on average + 16 % surplus energy compared to *High Wind scenario*
  - In *High PV scenario* on average - 40 % surplus duration compared to *High Wind scenario*

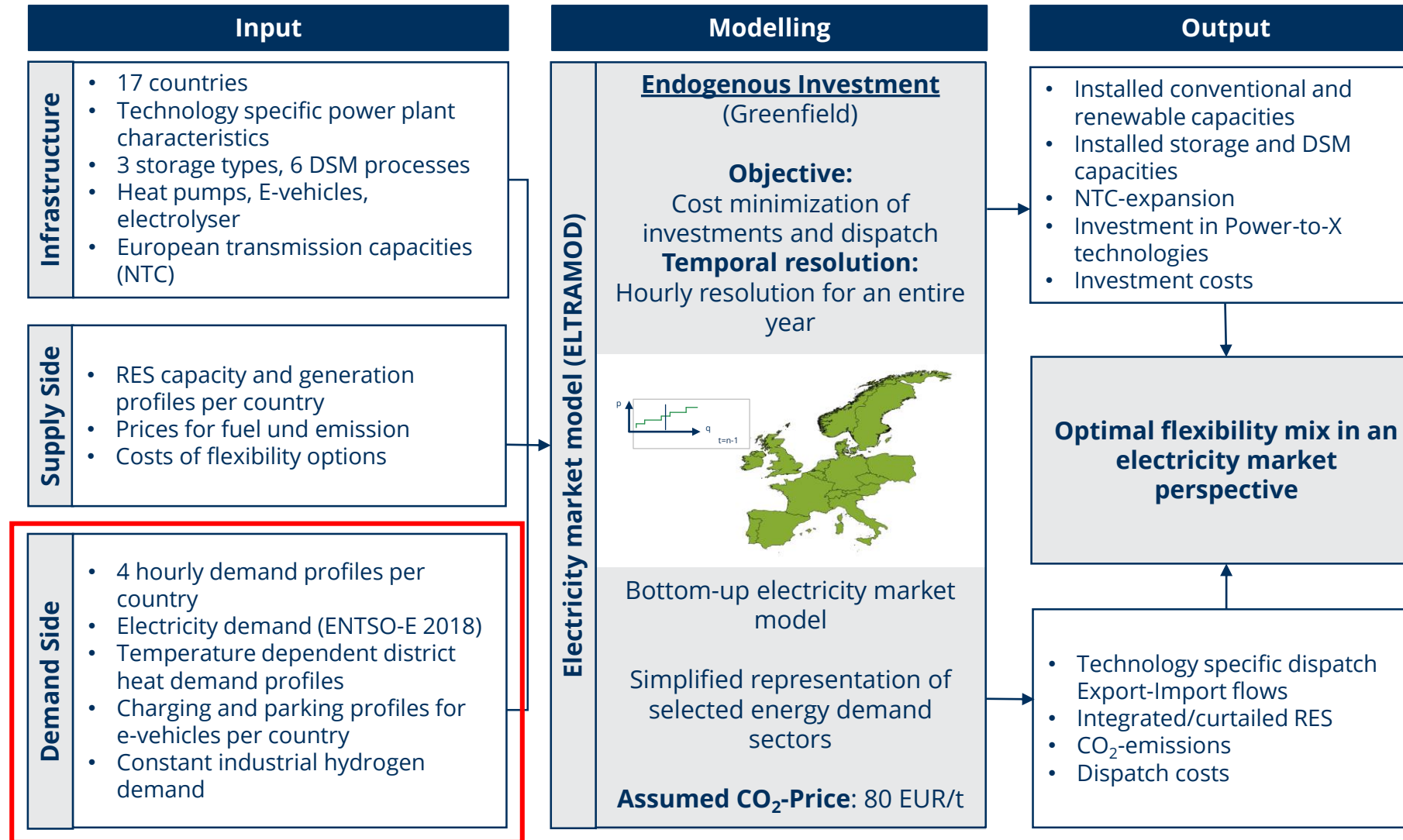
# Sector coupling as additional dimension in the scenario framework



- **Flexibility demand scenarios** with different Wind-PV ratios
- **Flexibility supply scenarios** for optimal combinations of flexibility options considering selected PtX technologies
- **Enforced sector coupling:** minimum restriction to cover 50 % of energy demand in each sector by electricity
- **Flexibility of sector coupling:** low flexibility (LF) without additional energy storages vs. high flexibility (HF) with energy storages



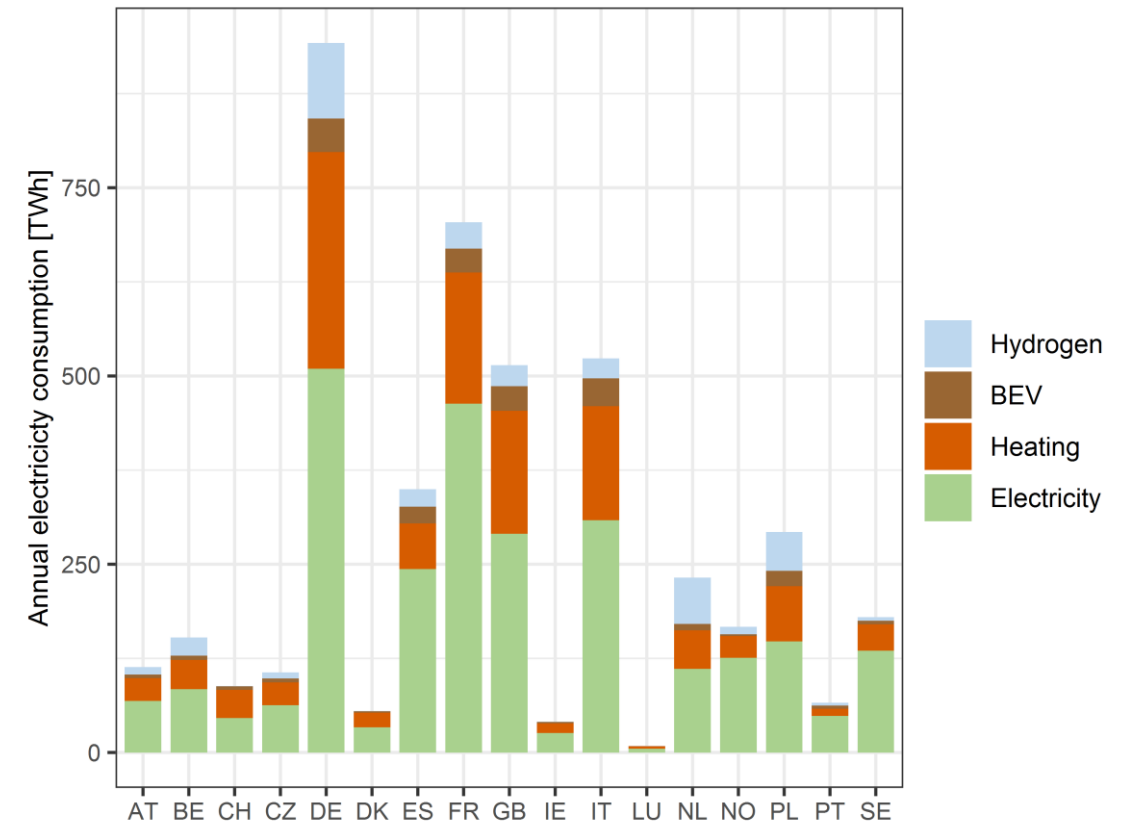
# Model based analysis of optimal combinations of flexibility options



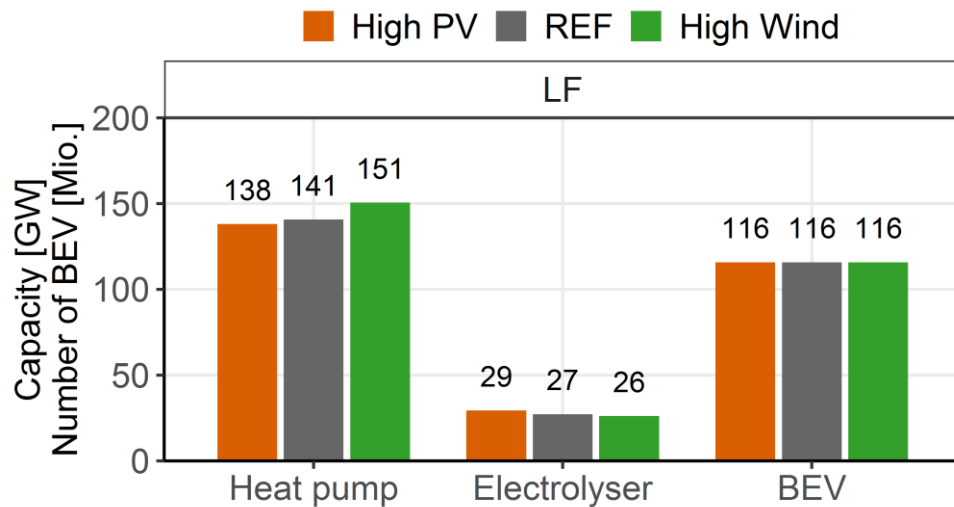
# Assumed enforced electrification of energy demand sectors due to decarbonisation targets

	Power-to-Heat	Power-to-Vehicle	Power-to-Gas
Selected applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heat supply by heat pumps to cover <b>50% of district heat demand</b></li> <li>Total additional electricity demand: 242 TWh</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>50 % BEV for passenger transport</b></li> <li>Charging power: 11 kW</li> <li>Total additional electricity demand: 260 TWh</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>50 % of industries hydrogen demand</b> by electrolyzers</li> <li>Total additional electricity demand: 195 TWh</li> </ul>
Low flexibility (LF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Without thermal energy storages</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uncontrolled charging</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Constant electrolyser dispatch</li> </ul>
High flexibility (HF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>With thermal energy storages</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bi-directional charging</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>With hydrogen storages</li> </ul>

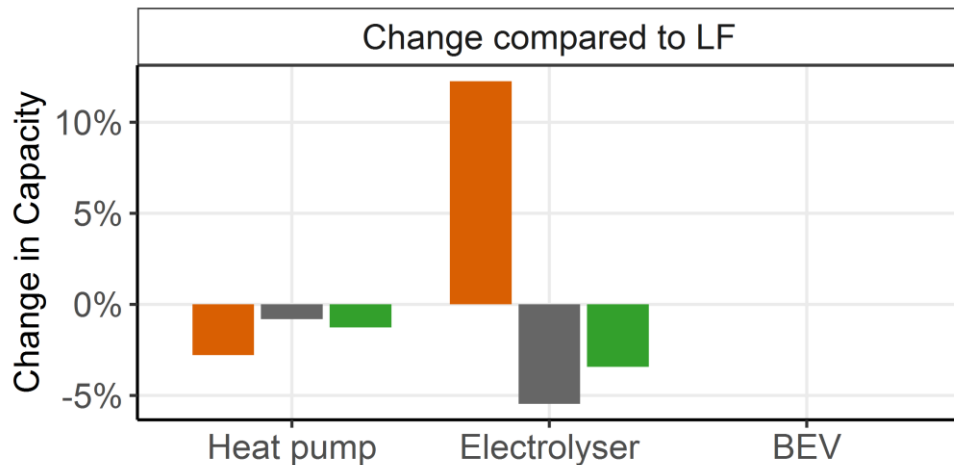
Direct and indirect electricity demand  
(for PtX 50 % of calculated total energy demand)



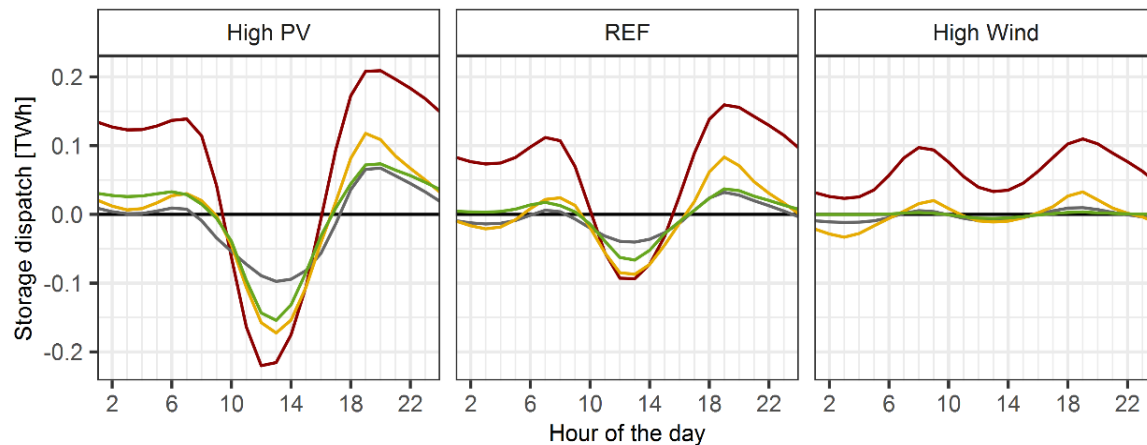
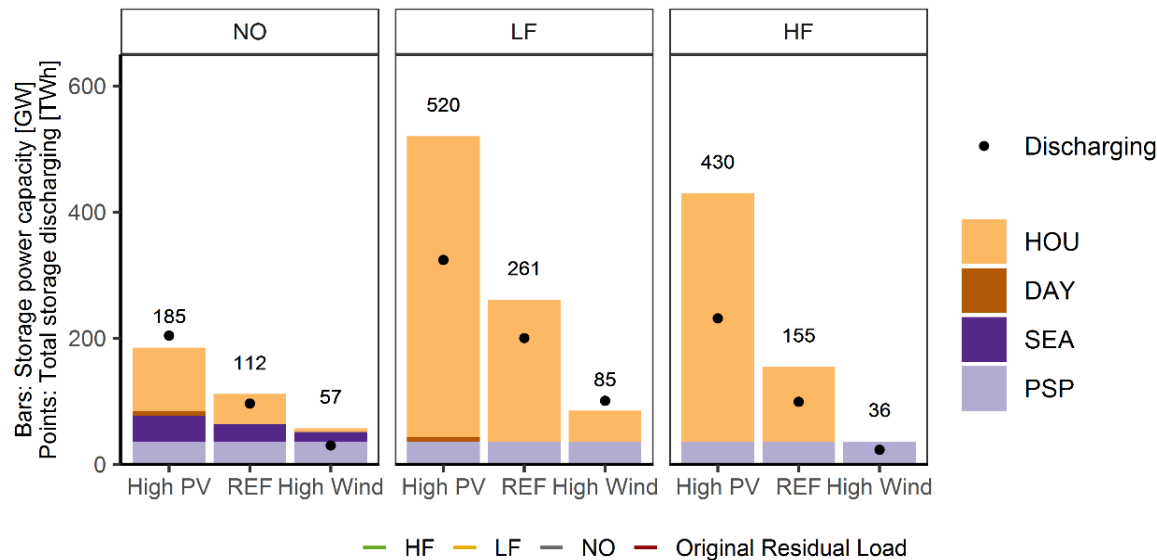
# Surplus availability influences optimal PtX investments



- Higher **heat pump** capacities with increasing wind share due to more vRES surpluses in winter
- Heat storages allow for lower heat pump capacities and more constant PtH supply
- **Electrolyser** investments driven by vRES surplus during spring and summer → increasing capacities with higher PV shares
- More flexible hydrogen production (with hydrogen storages) leads to significantly higher PtG capacities in the *High PV scenario*
- V2G potential does not endogenously increase number of **BEV**



# High PV shares and sector coupling leads to large storage demand



- Due to rather daily consumption pattern of PtX technologies:
  - **Hourly (battery) storages** play most important role for temporal shifting
  - With sector coupling **seasonal and daily storages** are not required
- High value of PV surpluses for sector coupling → increasing storage capacities with higher midday PV feed-in peaks
- Temporal flexibility provision provided by electricity storages also with flexible sector coupling (*HF*)

# Summary

- Lower availability and high spatial correlation of PV generation lead to higher flexibility requirements in PV dominated energy systems
- Wind-PV share in total RES generation strongly influences optimal flexibility provision
- An enforced sector coupling (e.g. resulting from subsidies or funding) requires additional flexible capacities in the electricity sector
- Hourly storages (batteries) are strongly influenced by PV share in RES technology mix
- Temporal (and spatial) shifting technologies are required to get access to RES surplus energy across multiple countries in Europe
- The demand for energy storages in other energy demand sectors are driven by two influencing factors:
  - Reduction of (capital intensive) PtX investments → mainly in wind dominated scenarios
  - Ability to access (cheap) electricity surplus periods → mainly in PV dominated scenarios

# Thank you for your attention