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# Technologies and Energy Carriers for an Integrated Energy System

Conference Presentation

Sektorkopplung: Welche Chancen und Herausforderungen für die Energiewende?

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# The German energy transition – pathway to a secure, environmentally-friendly and economically successful future

## Four energy transition targets by 2020

**35%**

of the electricity consumed in Germany  
to be covered by renewables by 2020

**20%**

less primary energy consumption  
by 2020 (from 2008)

**40%**

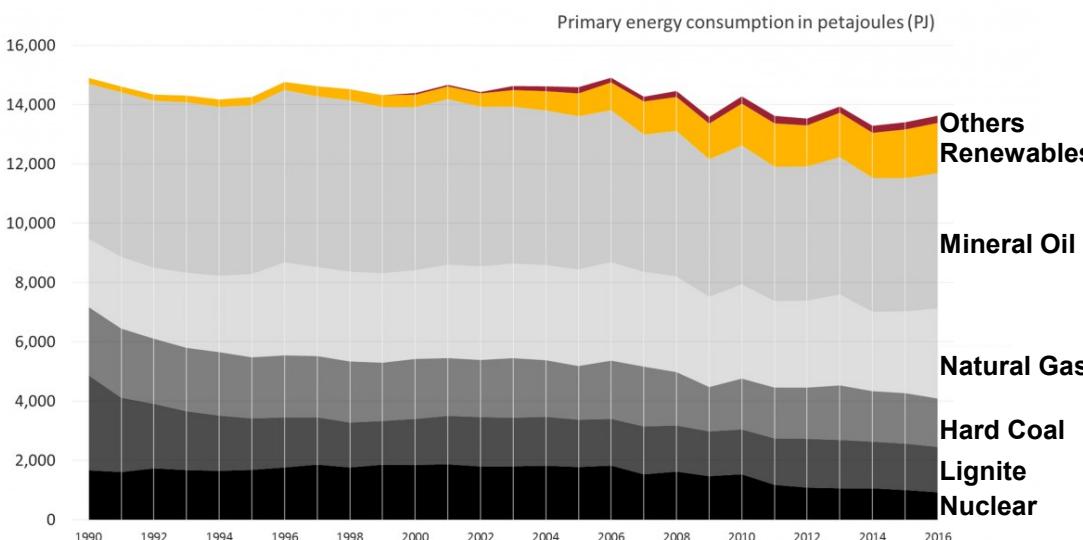
less greenhouse gas emissions  
by 2020 (from 1990)

**10%**

less final energy consumption in transport  
by 2020 (from 2005)

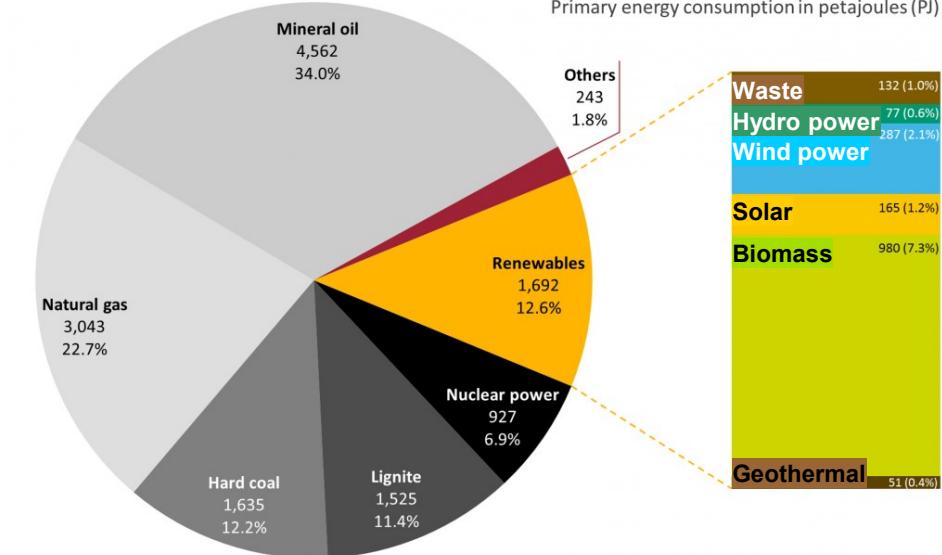
### German energy sources' share in primary energy consumption 1990 - 2016.

Data: AG Energiebilanzen 2016.



### German energy mix 2016: Energy sources' share in primary energy consumption.

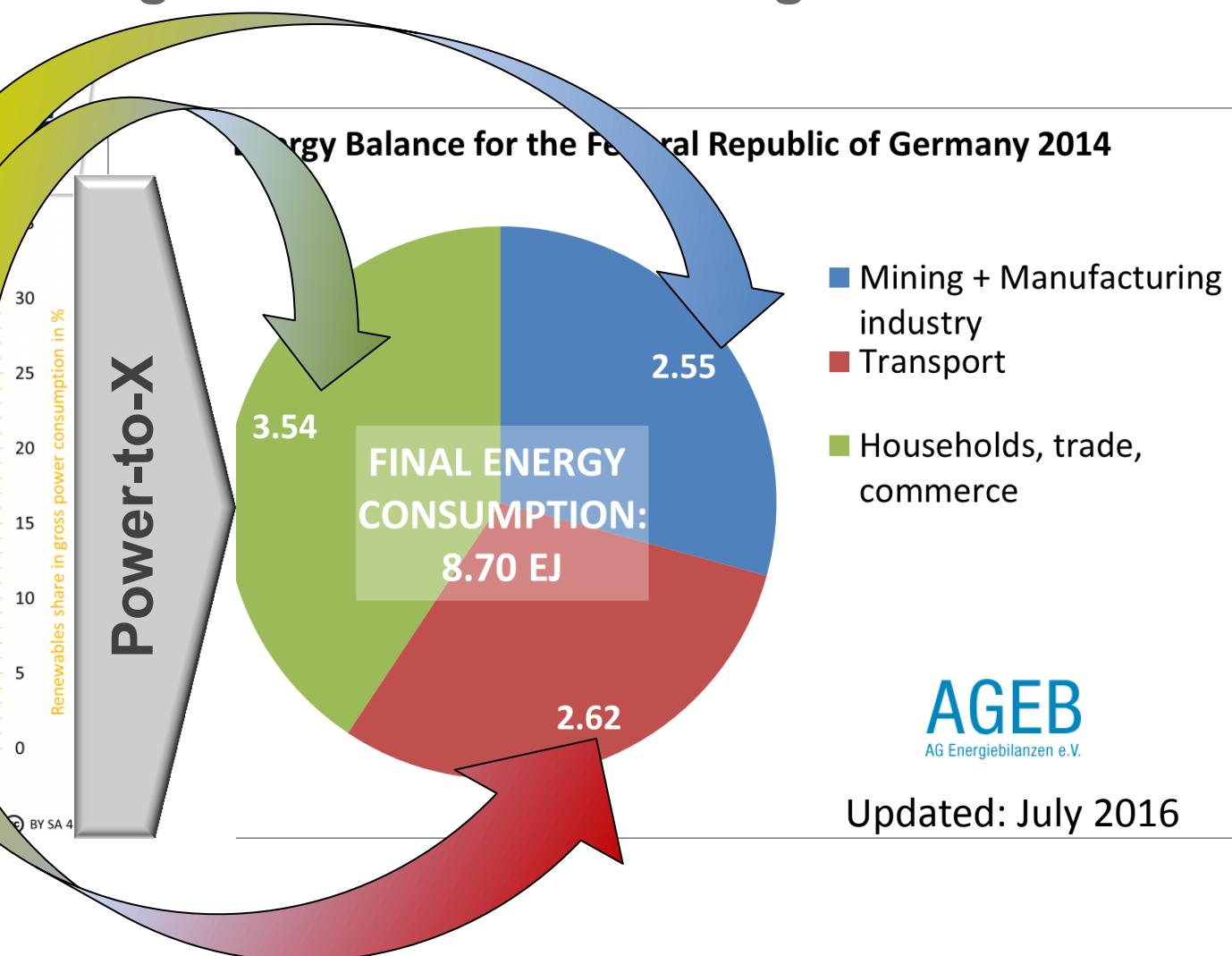
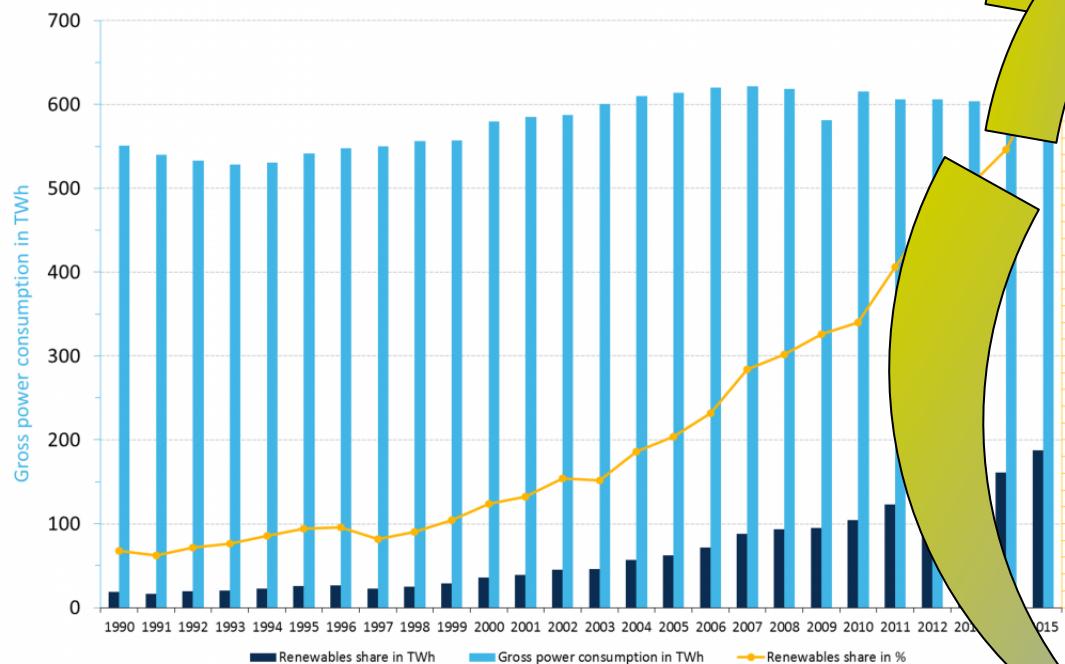
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# The German energy transition – challenges for renewables integration

## Renewables share in gross power consumption in Germany 1990 - 2015.

Data: AGEE-Stat 2016.



# Technology options for Power-to-X



Quelle: welt.de

Renewable  
Electricity



Quelle: photovoltaikanlage.net

Power-to-X

Power-to-Heat



Power-to-Gas



Quelle: helmholtz.de

Power-to-Liquid



Quelle: keck-energie.de

# Power-to-Heat Applications: Power-operated Heat Pumps

- Fossil fuel substitution by renewable power:  $1 \text{ kWh}_{\text{el}} \rightarrow$  up to 3-4  $\text{kWh}_{\text{th}}$
- Established, user accepted Technologies, small investment required



- District heating
- Large power range (0.1 – 10 MW)
- 330 MW installed
- Huge storage capacity



- Domestic water heating
- Integrated with heating installation, PV, solar heat
- Model region with 200 homes in SH: excess wind power



- Process steam generation
- High pressure and capacity

Pictures: Klöpper-Therm GmbH & Co. KG

# Power-to-Heat Technologies: Heat Storage

- Uncoupling of heat supply and demand



HOTREG test facility: Storing high-temperature heat in small ceramic particles (175 kW, 830 °C)

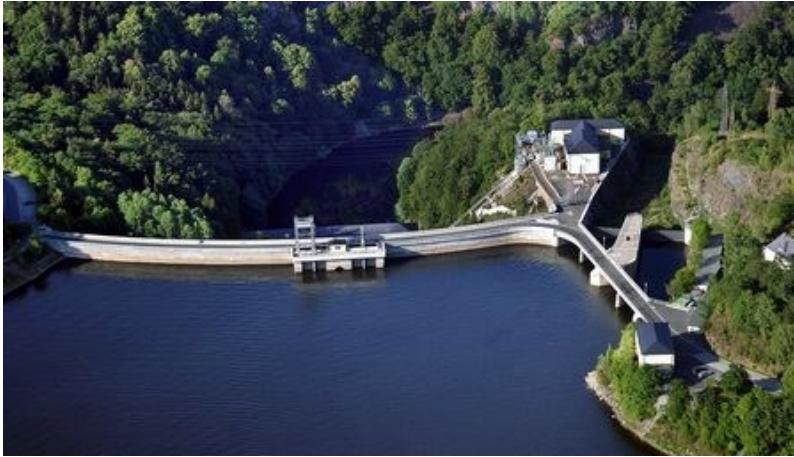


CeraStorE: Chemical heat storage by reversible gas- and solid-state reactions (High storage capacity using Lime)

## Power-to-Heat

# Large scale electricity storage: Power-X-Power

- Seasonal storage



- 33 pumped-storage hydropower plants ( $\Sigma$ : 6,6 GW)
- Limited potential



- Compressed Air Energy Storage (CAES)
- 320 MW Demonstration plant (2 h), Efficiency  $\approx$  42 %

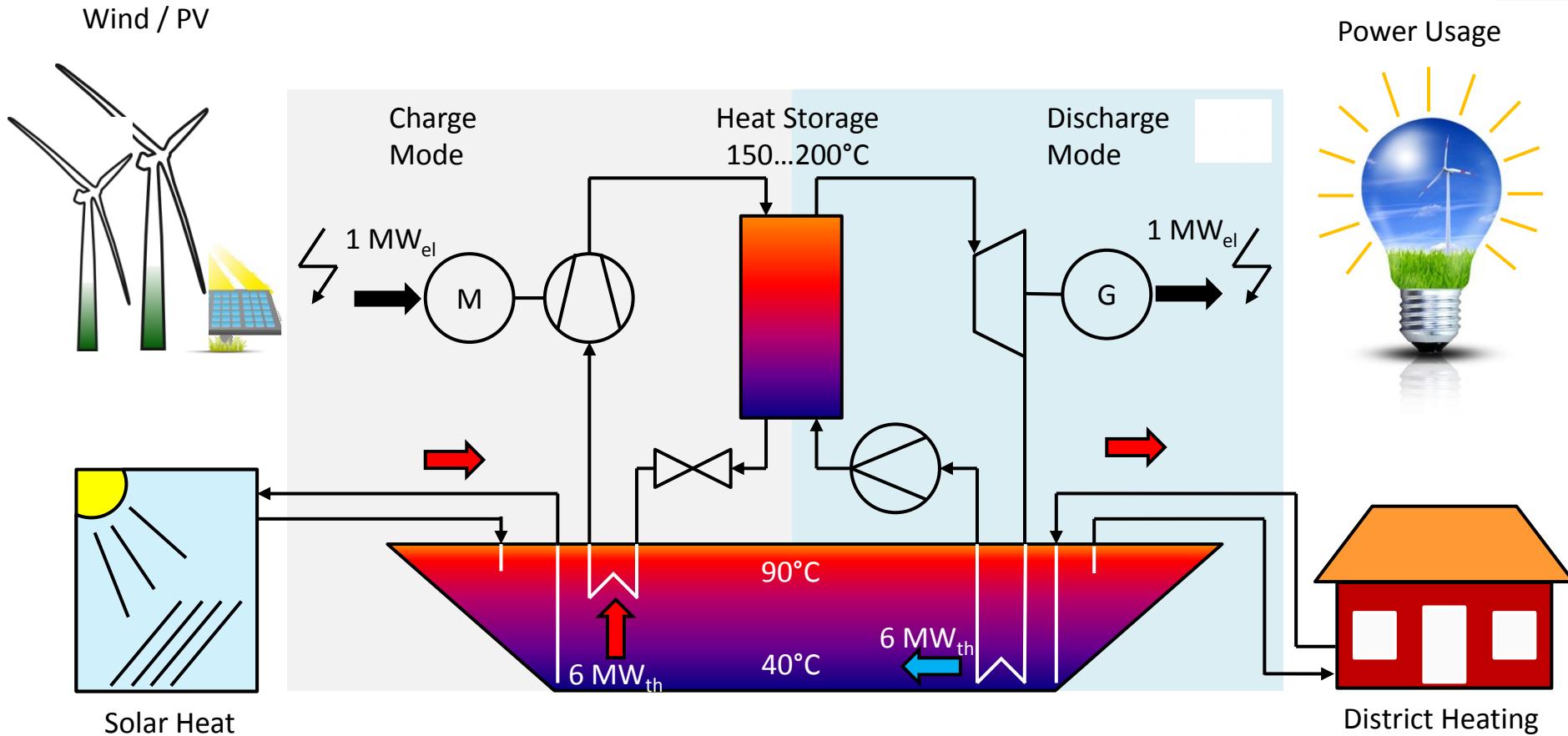


- **Adiabatic** compressed air energy storage concept
- Re-use of compression heat, Efficiency  $\approx$  70 %

## Power-to-Heat

# Combining electricity storage and District Heating: Smart District Heating Concept

- Seasonal electricity storage using hot water reservoir



# Power-to-Gas: H<sub>2</sub>O electrolysis

- Global electrolysis demand by 2030: 330 GW (Boston Consulting Group)
- Established, user accepted technologies – but continuous R&D efforts



**Alkaline Electrolyzer:**  
State of the Art



**PEM Electrolyzer:**  
Launch of Technology



**SOEC Electrolyzer:**  
Technology Development

- Energiepark Mainz:  
3\*1,3 MW demonstration
- Goal: 200 t/a H<sub>2</sub> @ 35 bar

- R&D: sunfire, DLR, ...
- Highest overall efficiency
- Allows reverse operation (SOFC)



# Power-to-Gas: Methane

- Synthetic Natural Gas (SNG) uses current gas infrastructure
- Mobile applications available today
- To compete with import natural gas



- Audi e-gas plant since 2013
- 1,000 Nm<sup>3</sup>/a SNG fueling
- 1,500 Audi A3 Sportback g-tron vehicles

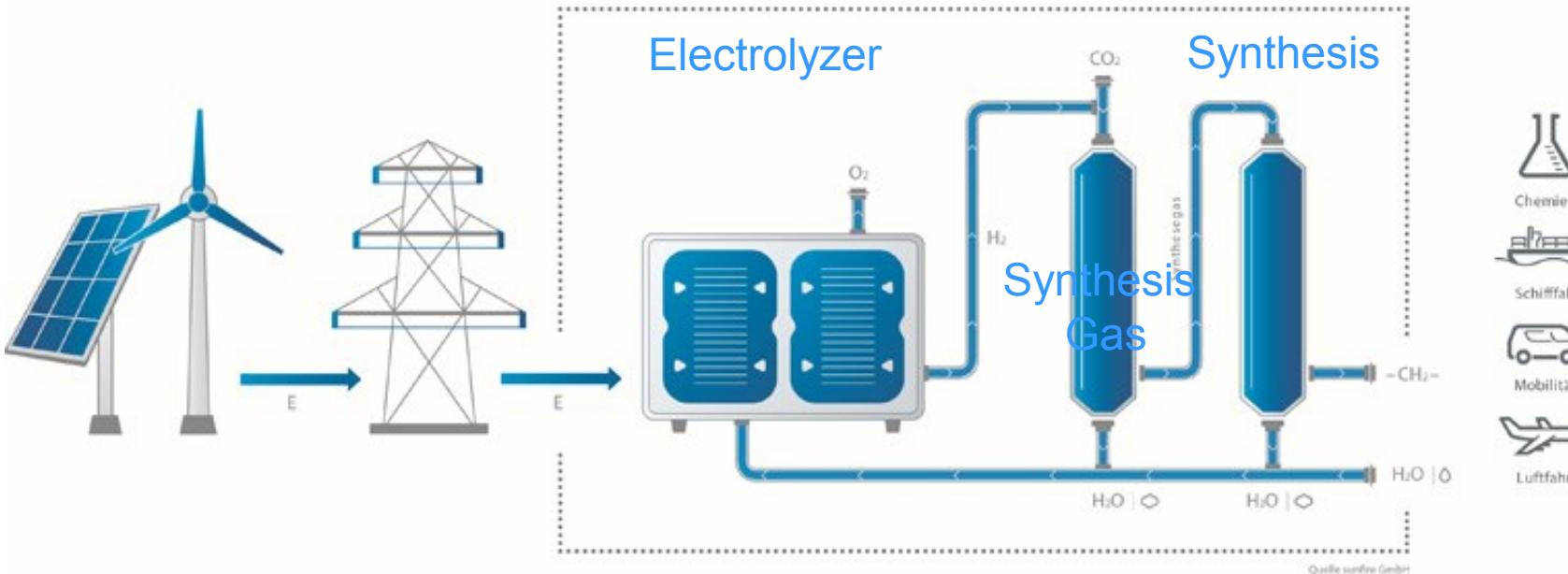


- Project pipeline @ [www.dvgw-innovation.de](http://www.dvgw-innovation.de)

## Power-to-Liquid

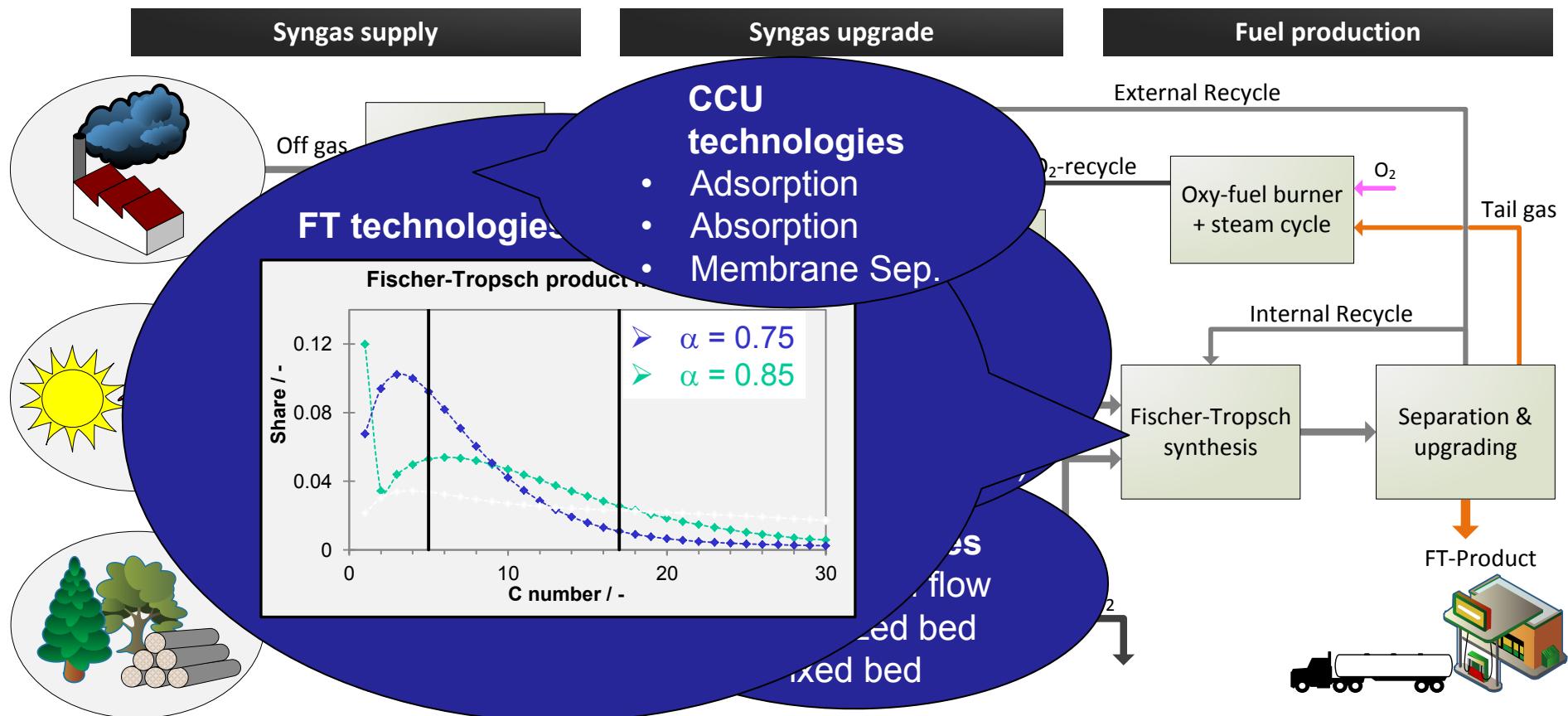
# Power-to-Liquid: More than a Concept?

- Advantage: Renewable Transport with current infrastructure
- Challenge: Currently not competitive to fossil fuels



- Dresden, 14.11.2014: Federal Minister of Education and Research Johanna Wanka fills the first 5 l of synthetic fuel from sunfire demo plant into her ministry car

# **Power-to-Liquid combined with biomass processing: Multiple Options for Renewable Transport**



## Power-to-Liquid

# Power-to-Liquid: Process Performance

### **Case study equipment selection and assumptions:**

- PEM electrolyzer,  $\eta = 4.3 \text{ kWh/Nm}^3$  [6]
- Entrained flow gasifier,  $T = 1200 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $p = 30 \text{ bar}$ , pure O<sub>2</sub> [7]
- Fischer-Tropsch synthesis,  $T = 225 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $p = 25 \text{ bar}$ ,  $a = 0.85$ , XCO = 40 % [8]



Process parameter	BTL	PBTL	PTL
Energy efficiency $\eta_{XTL}$	36,3 %	51,4 %	50,6 %
Power consumption	- 4.2 kWh/kg <sub>fuel</sub> <sup>*</sup>	15.8 kWh/kg <sub>fuel</sub>	24.4 kWh/kg <sub>fuel</sub>
Biomass/CO <sub>2</sub> demand	7.6 kg <sub>BM</sub> /kg <sub>fuel</sub>	2.0 kg <sub>BM</sub> /kg <sub>fuel</sub>	3.1 kg <sub>CO2</sub> /kg <sub>fuel</sub>
Carbon efficiency $\eta_C$	24.9 %	97.7 %	98.9 %

\*BTL can generate electricity from exhaust heat

- BTL fuel yield can be **increased by the factor 3 – 4** by the PBTL concept
- Approximately full carbon conversion for PBTL and PTL applying oxy-fuel combustion and recycle concept
- High XTL-efficiency for PTL and PBTL

[6] T. Smolinka, M. Günther and J. Garche, „Stand und Entwicklungspotenzial der Wasserelektrolyse zur Herstellung von Wasserstoff aus regenerativen Energien,“ NOW GmbH, 2011.

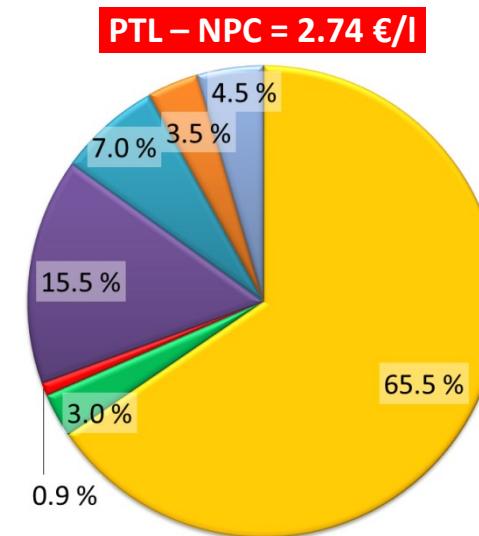
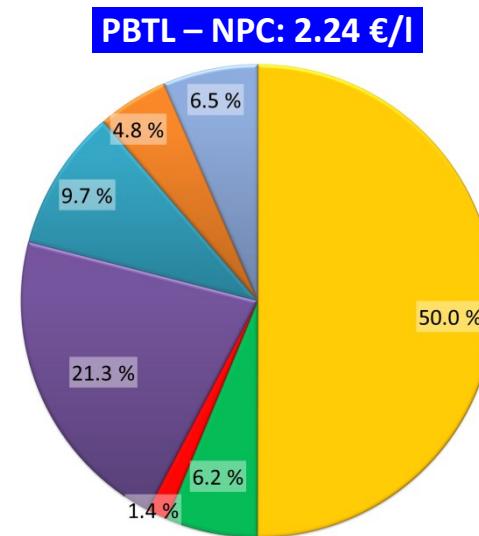
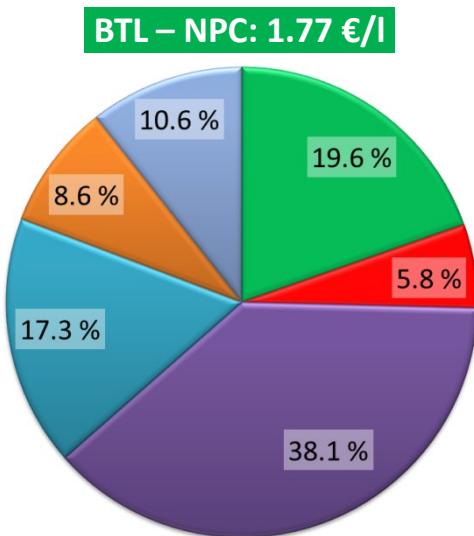
[7] K. Qin, „Entrained Flow Gasification of Biomass, Ph. D. thesis,“ Technical University of Denmark (DTU), Kgs. Lyngby, 2012.

[8] P. Kaiser, F. Pöhlmann and A. Jess, "Intrinsic and effective kinetics of cobalt-catalyzed Fischer-Tropsch synthesis in view of a Power-to-Liquid process based on renewable energy," *Chemical Engineering Technology*, vol. 37, pp. 964-972, 2014.

# Power-to-Liquid: Production costs for 11 t<sub>fuel</sub>/h capacity (2014)

## **Case study operating funds assumptions:**

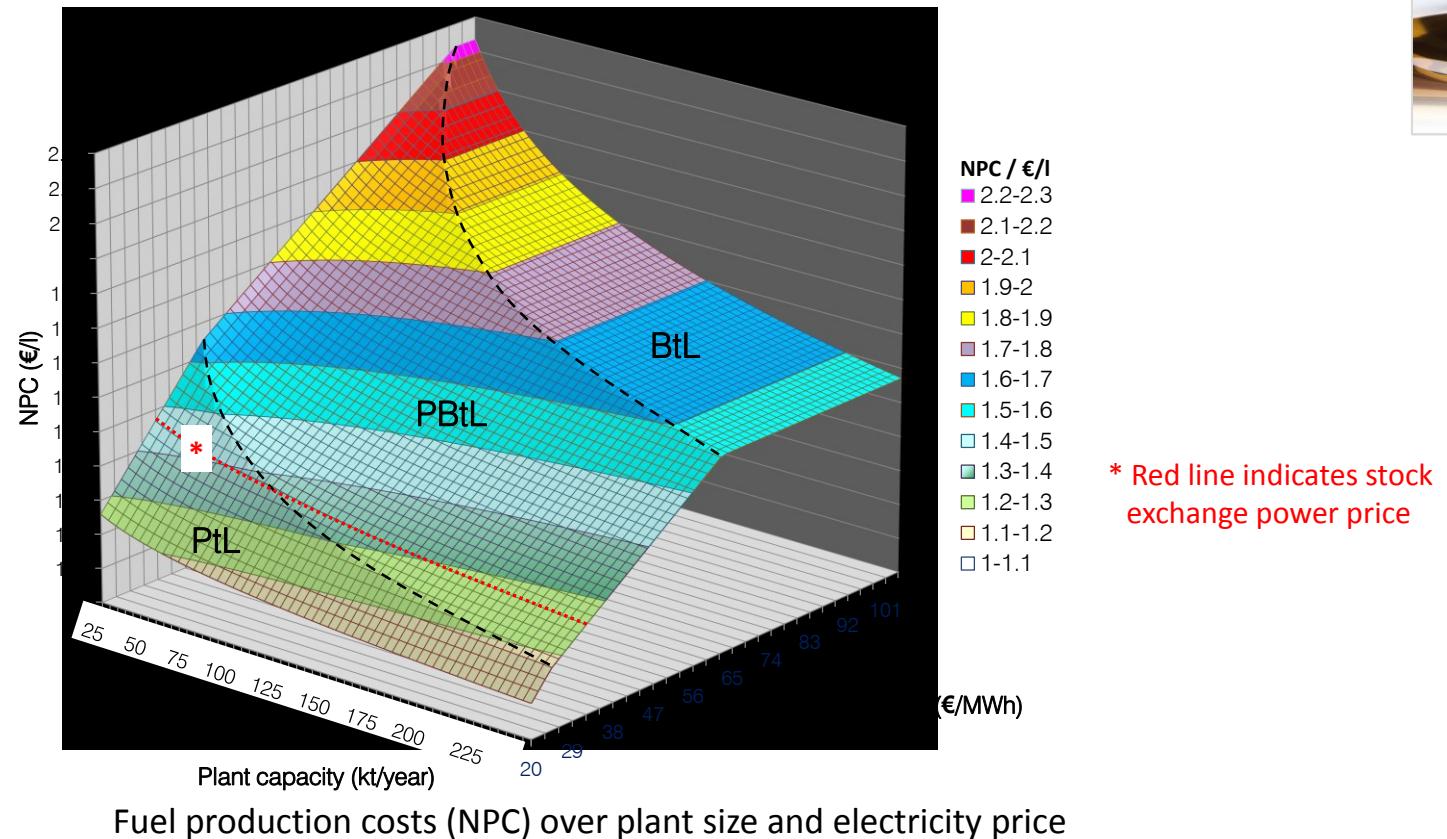
- Electricity: 105 €/MWh [12]
- Biomass (wood chips): 100 €/t<sub>wet</sub> [13]



[12] Eurostat, „Electricity prices for industrial consumers - bi-annual data (from 2007 onwards), 2016.

[13] C.A.R.M.E.N e.V., „Price development of wood chips“, 2015.

# Power-to-Liquid: Techno-economic assessment



- PtL preference: small plant size, cheap electricity
- PBtL preference: larger plant size (biomass availability?), current electricity prices

# Technology options for Power-to-X



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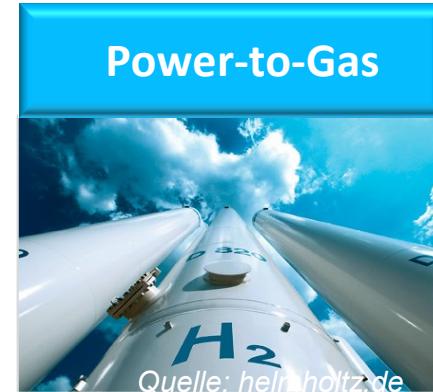
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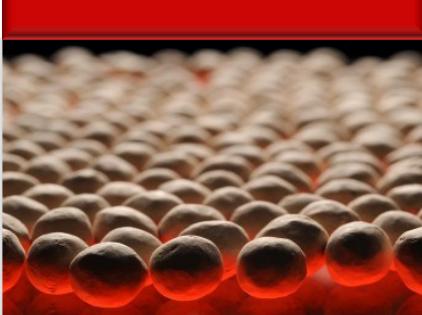
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Power-to-X

Power-to-Heat



- Cheap, state-of-the-art electroboiler for low temperature applications (exergy loss included)
- Currently not for seasonal storage
- High temperature applications required for sustainable industry

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Power-to-X

Power-to-Gas



- Industrial hydrogen demand can be supplied sustainable
- Growing demand of hydrogen applications not clear
- Hydrogen economy will require Power-to-Gas
- Gas production includes exergy losses
- Methane can be used for power production (grid stabilization)

# Technology options for Power-to-X



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Power-to-X

Power-to-Liquid



- Sustainable transport with current infrastructure requires sustainable fuels
- Sustainable chemistry from renewable power
- Exergy losses unavoidable for current transport system
- Huge long term storage potential

# Technology Demand for Power-to-X



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Power-to-X

- Large scale energy storage technologies (efficiency, maturity, costs)
- Electrolyzer mass production
- Efficient synthesis technologies for renewable transport

**The future integrated energy system will look different!**

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