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5TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON

## Smart Energy Systems

4th Generation District Heating, Electrification,  
Electrofuels and Energy Efficiency

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The International Conference on Smart Energy Systems and 4th Generation District Heating was expanded to include the research topics of Electrification, Electrofuels and Energy Efficiency.

The 5th conference took place on 10-11 September 2019 at Langelinie Pavillonen in Copenhagen next to the iconic Little Mermaid at the historical centre of Copenhagen – while the conference dinner took place at the famous Tivoli Gardens.

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# ON THE ROLE OF ELECTRICITY STORAGE IN SMART ENERGY SYSTEMS

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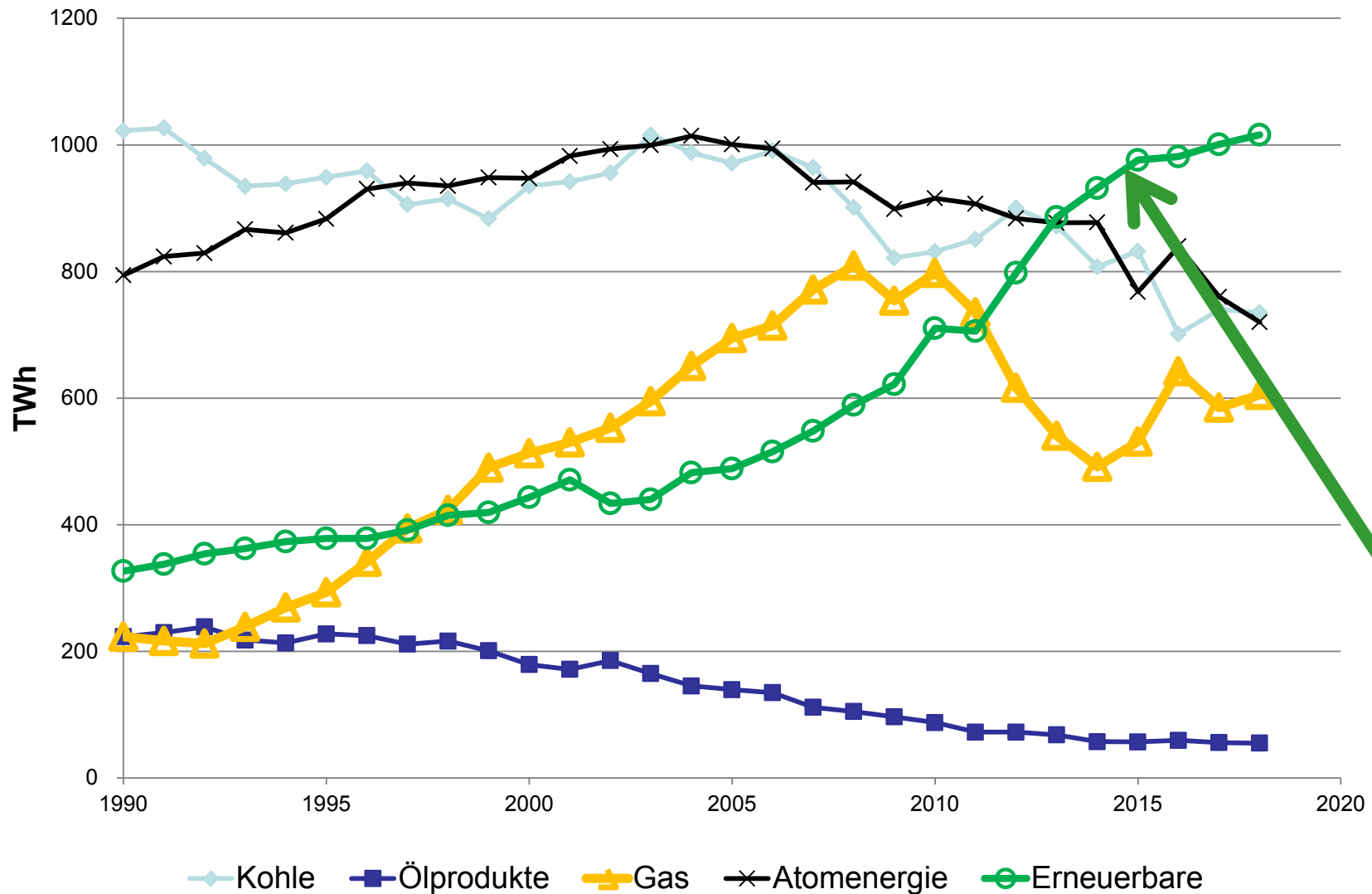
**Copenhagen, September 2019**

- 1. Introduction: Motivation**
- 2. How variable renewables impact the electricity system**
- 3. The costs of storage**
- 4. Storing every peak?**
- 5. The role of flexibility**
- 6. Conclusions**

## Motivation:

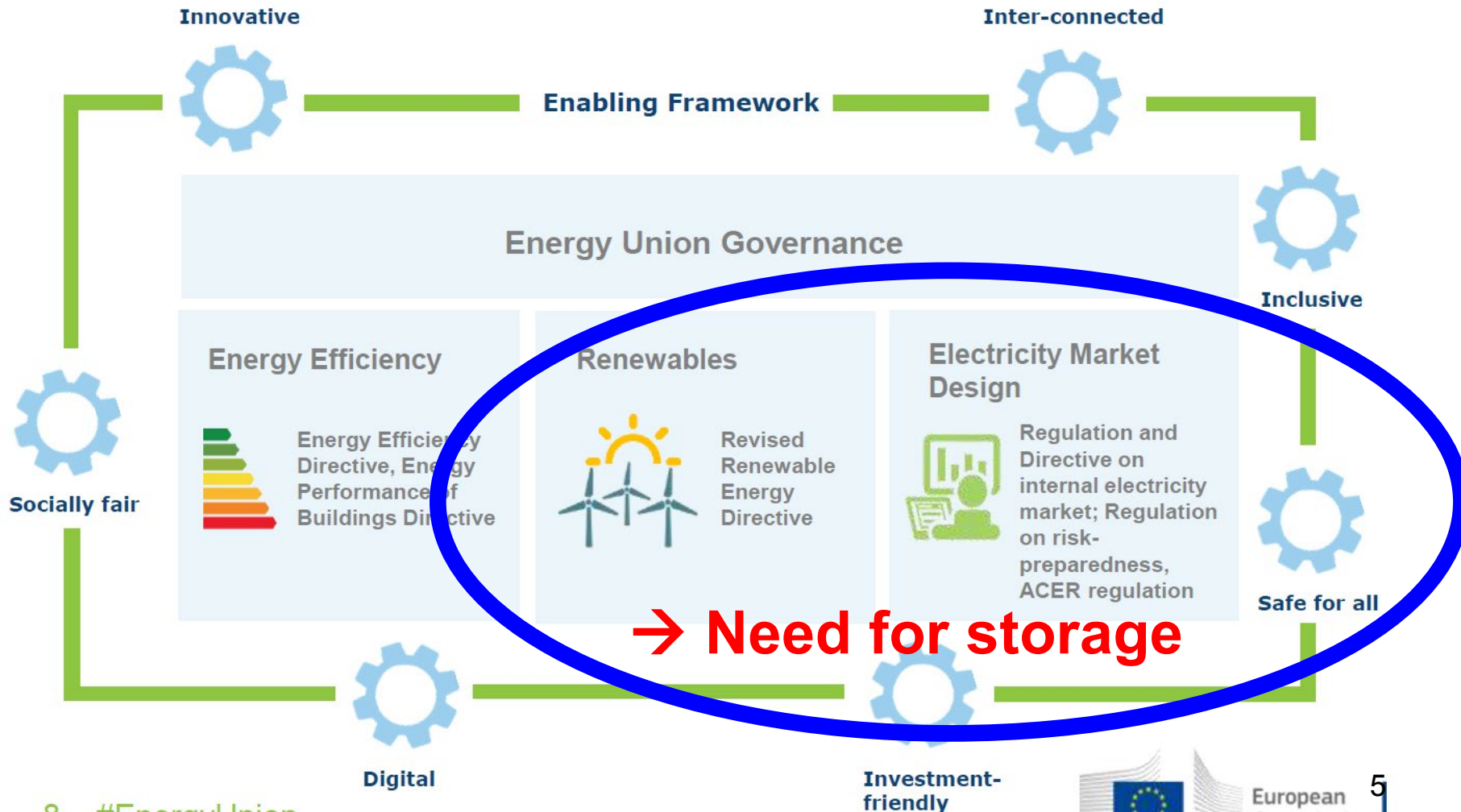
- \* Climate change → Paris agreements
- \* Targets for renewables → Need for storage
- \* Europe: The clean energy package → energy communities → Need for storage
- \* Not possible to force variable renewables into the system → Need for storage
- \* Strong desire of some customers to participate in electricity supply

# Electricity generation EU-28



Werte für 2017 und 2018 vorläufig

## Structure of the Package





## **2 HOW VARIABLE RENEWABLES IMPACT THE ELECTRICITY SYSTEM**

RES Production

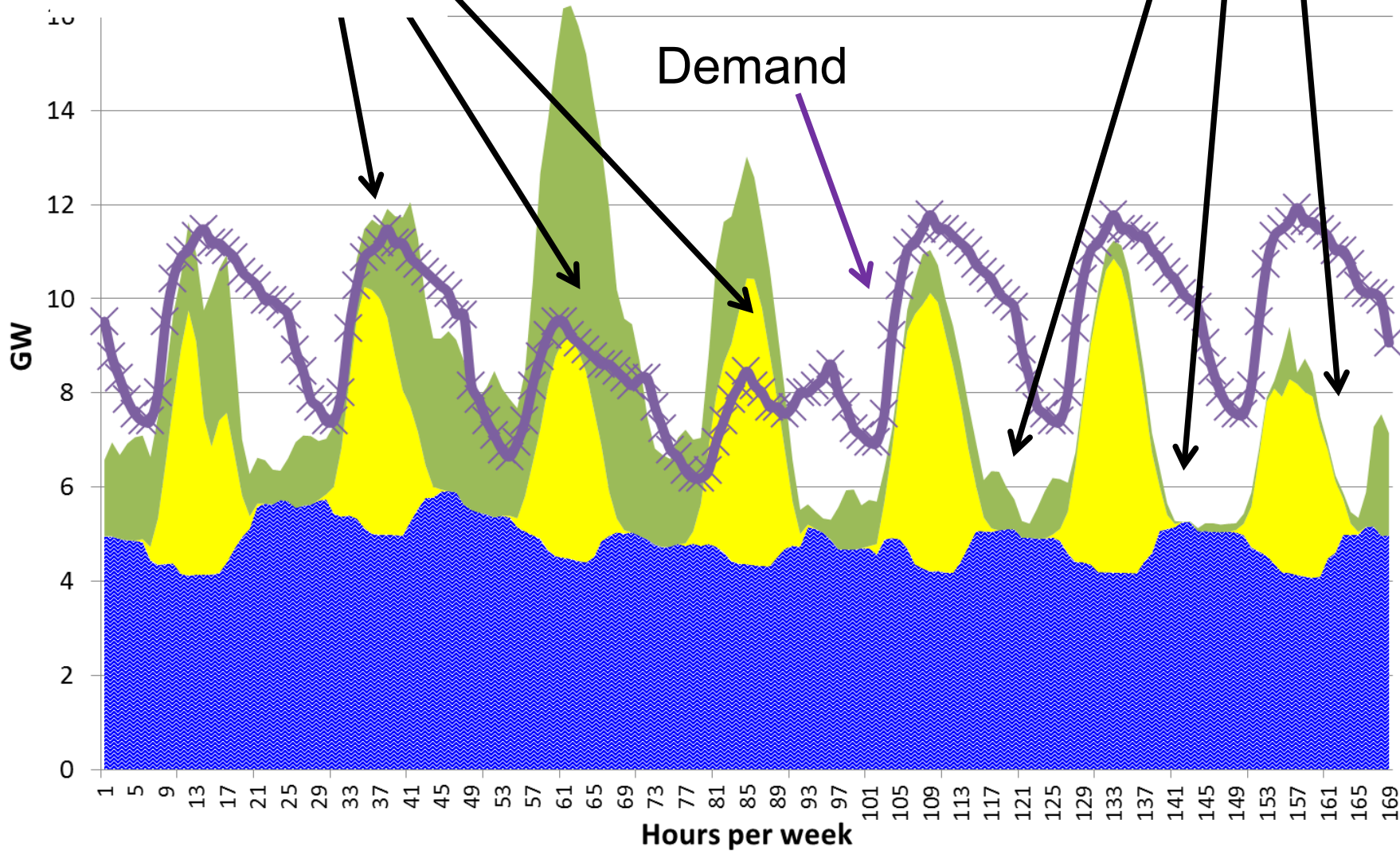
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on-river hydro PV Wind Load

Demand

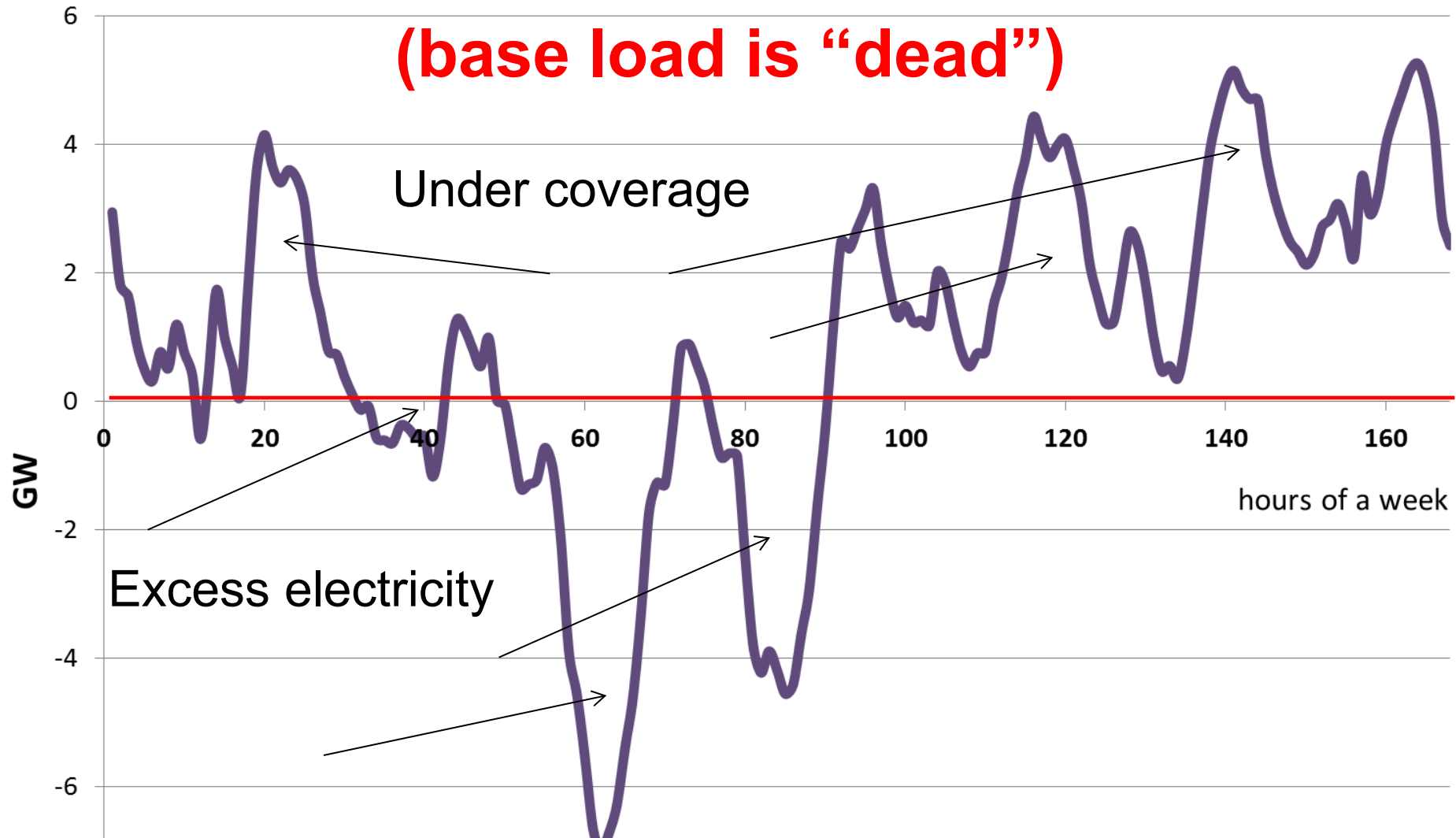
RES Production

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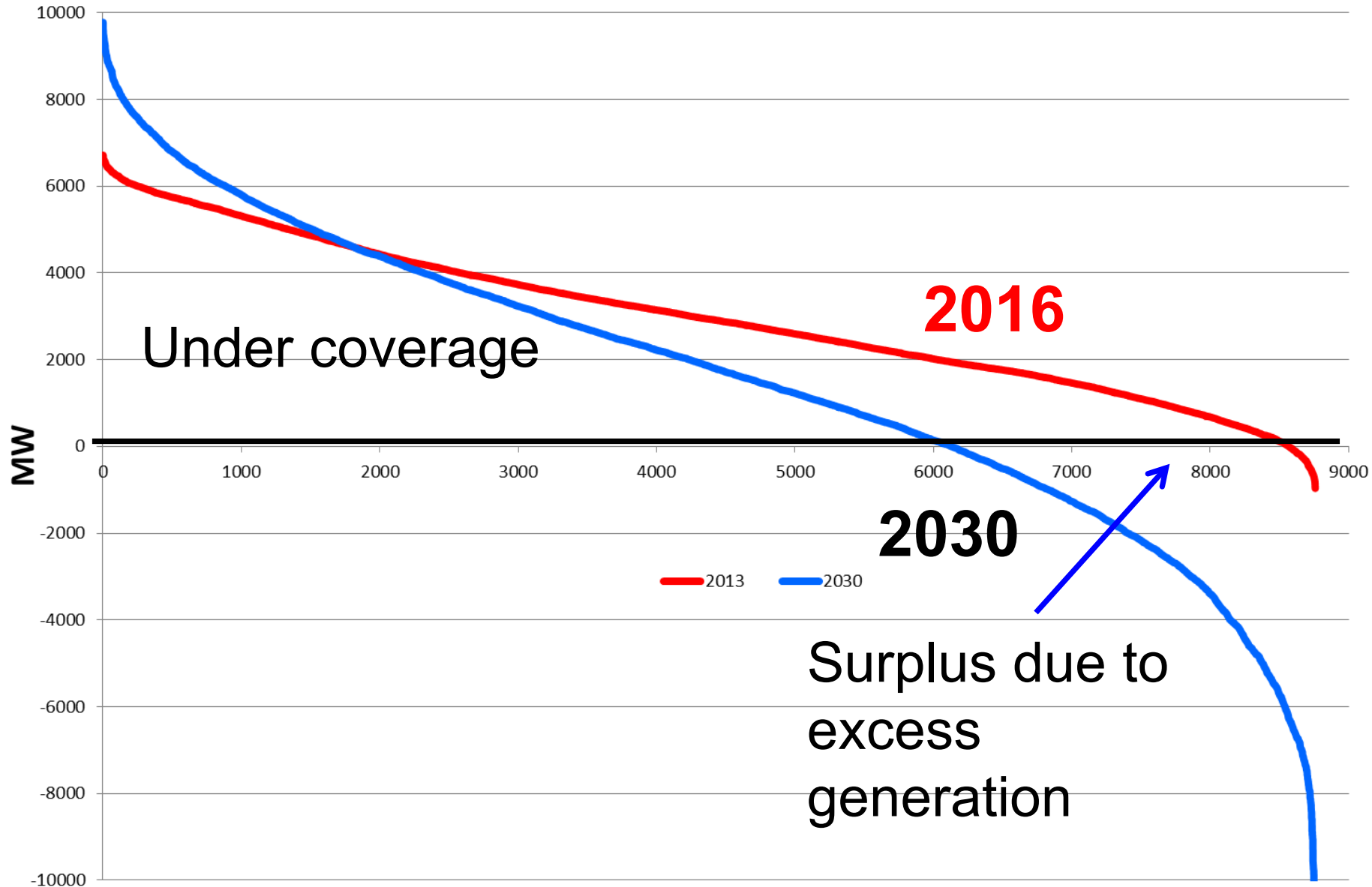


# Key term of the future: Residual load (base load is “dead”)



**Residual load = Load – non-flexible generation**

# Classified residual load over a year



# 3. Specific question: How much storage do we need?

10000

Under coverage

-500 4000 4500 5000 5500 6000 6500 7000 7500 8000 8500

-2500

-4500

-6500

-8500

-10500

-12500

-14500

MW

How to use?  
Store all?

Hours/year

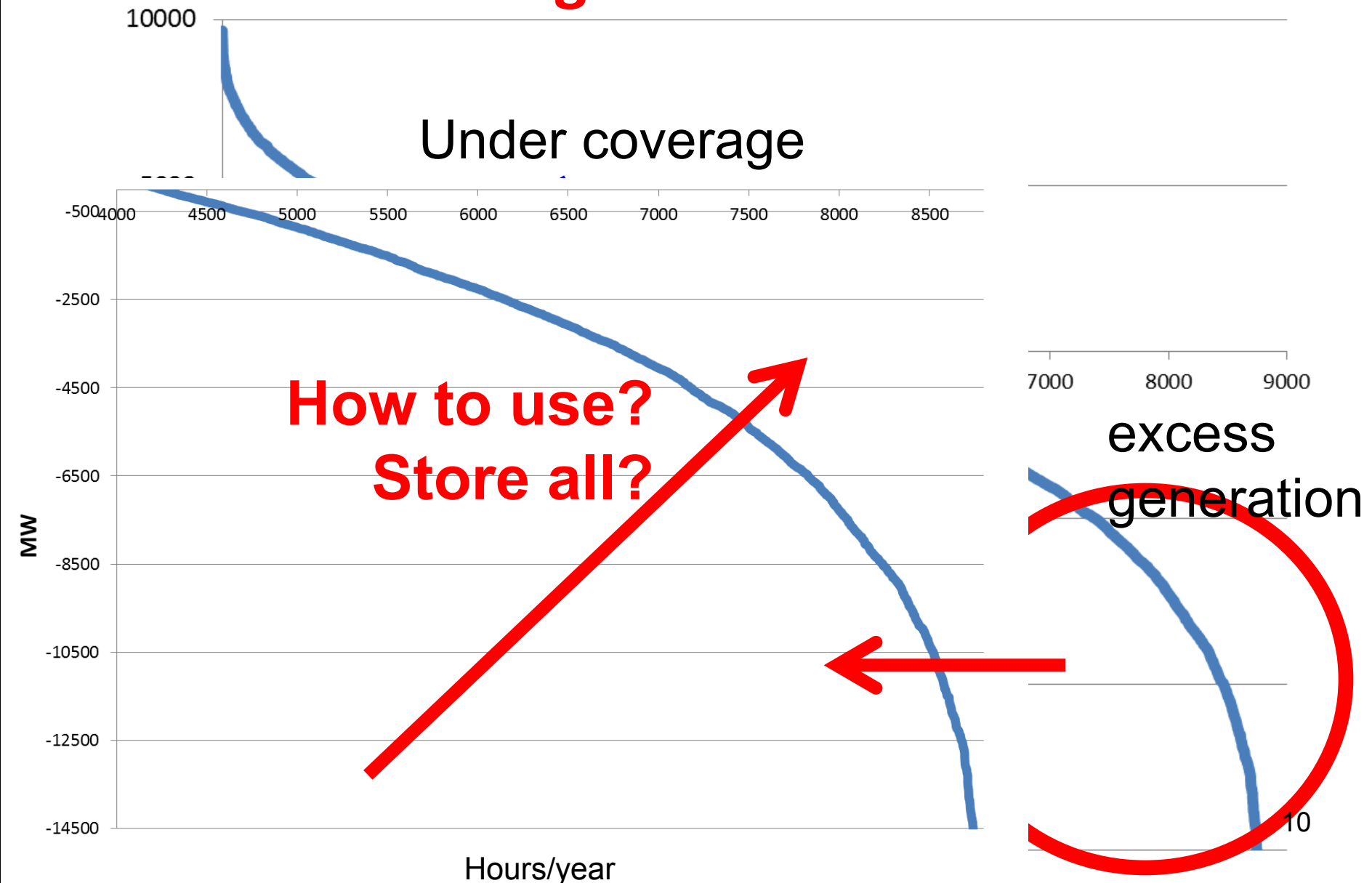
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8000

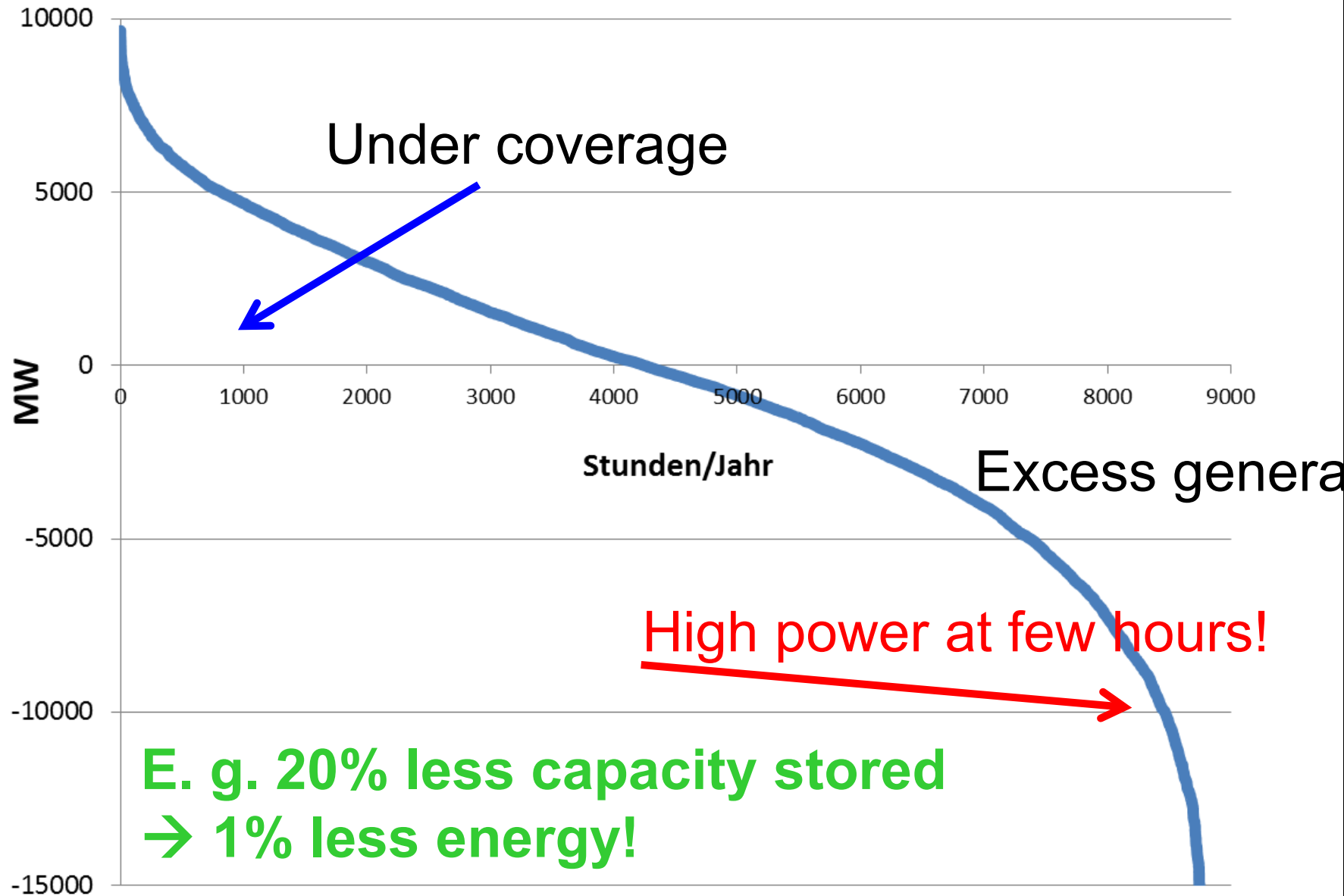
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excess  
generation

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# Storing every peak?



## 4. The costs of storage

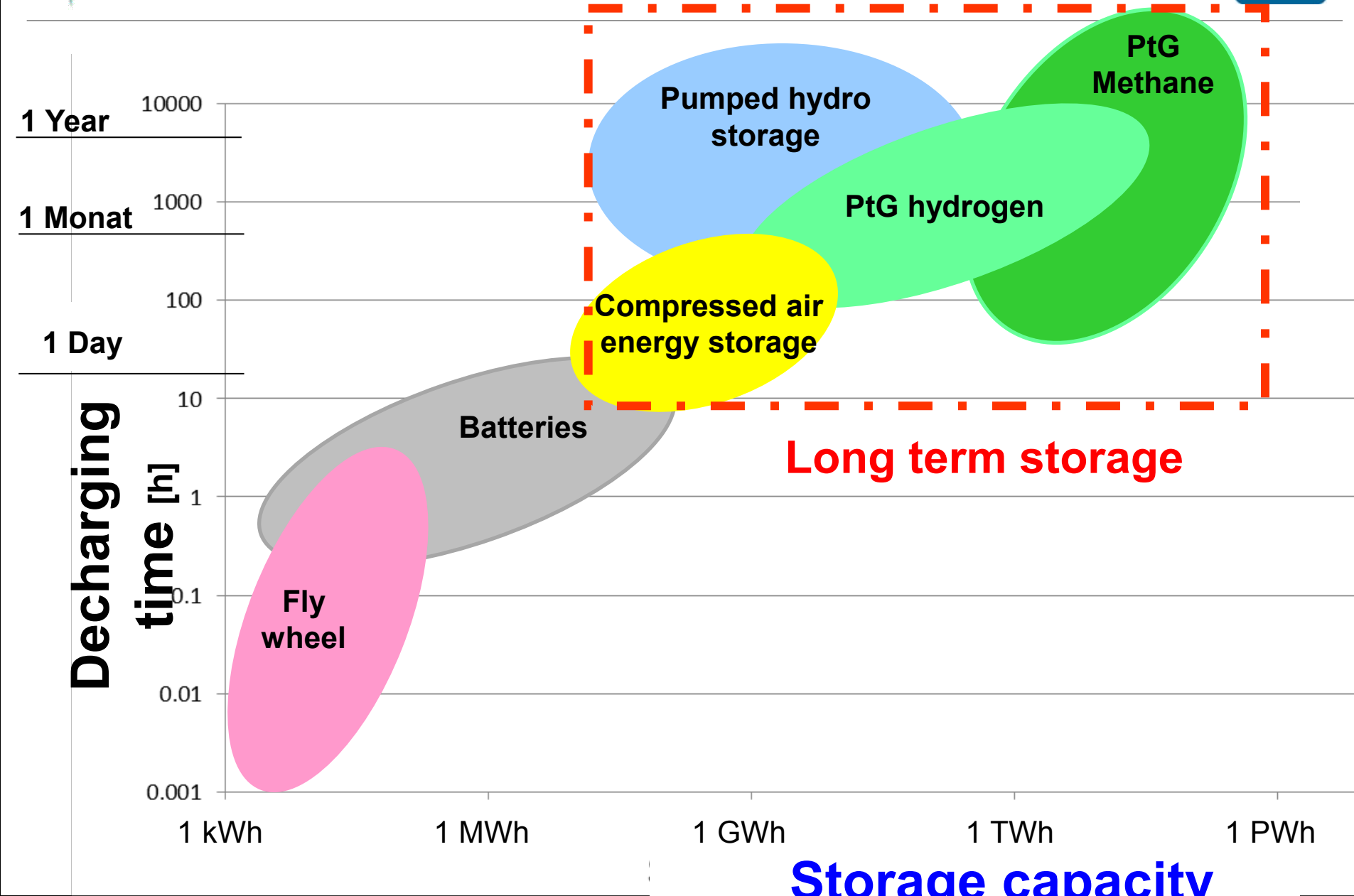
$$C = \frac{IC \cdot \alpha + \frac{C_{OM}}{T} + C_E}{\eta_{STO}} \left[ \frac{EUR}{kWh} \right]$$

- C ... Storage costs (EUR per kWh)  
 C<sub>E</sub> ... Energy costs (EUR per kWh)  
 C<sub>OM</sub> ... O&M costs (cent per kWh)  
 IC ... Investment costs (EUR/kW)  
 α ... Capital Recovery factor  
 T ... Fullloadhours (hours per year)  
 η<sub>SP</sub> ... Efficiency of storage

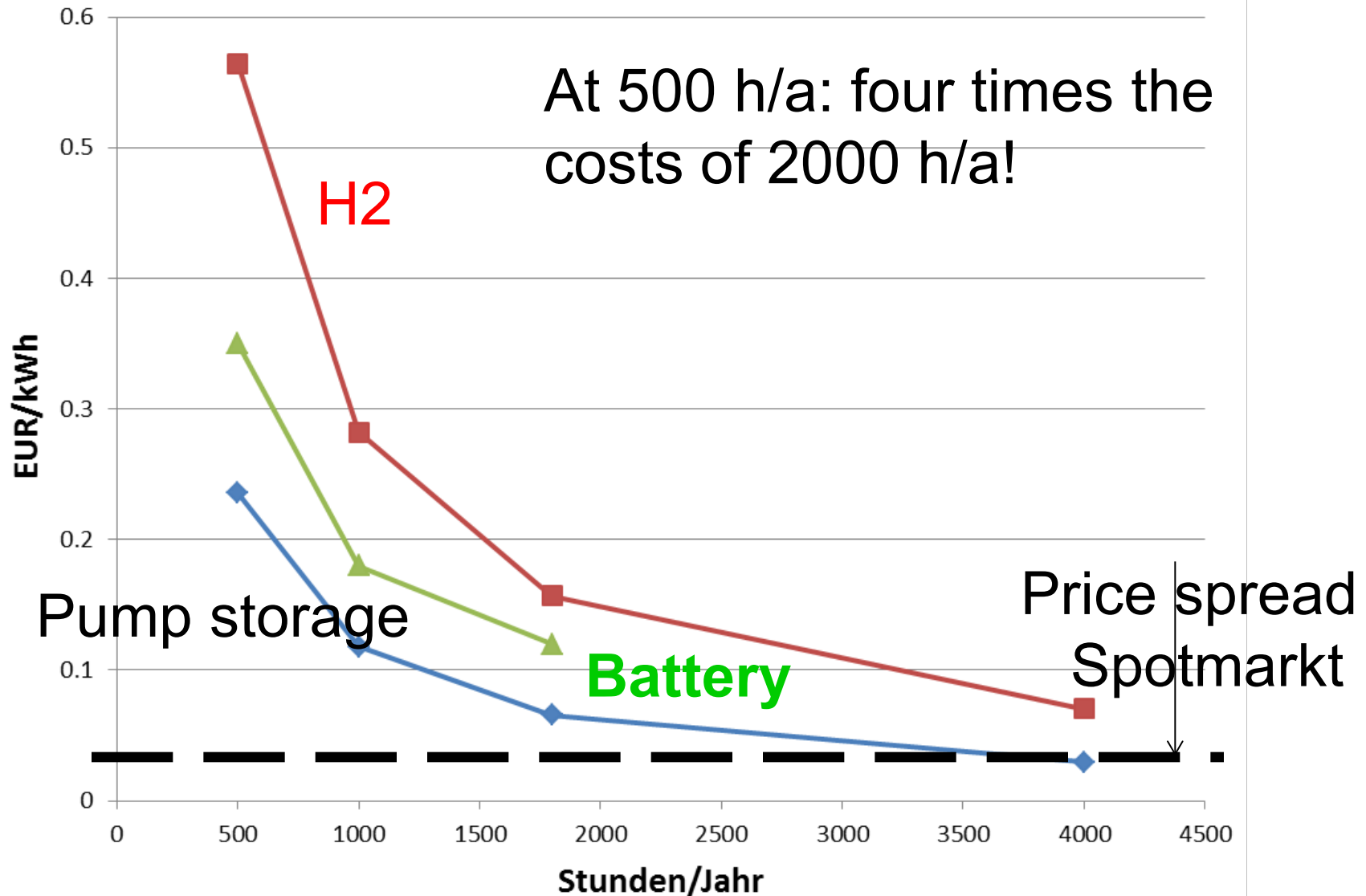
### Key factors:

- T (Fullloadhours)!
- C<sub>E</sub> (electricity price)

# Short term vs Long term storage



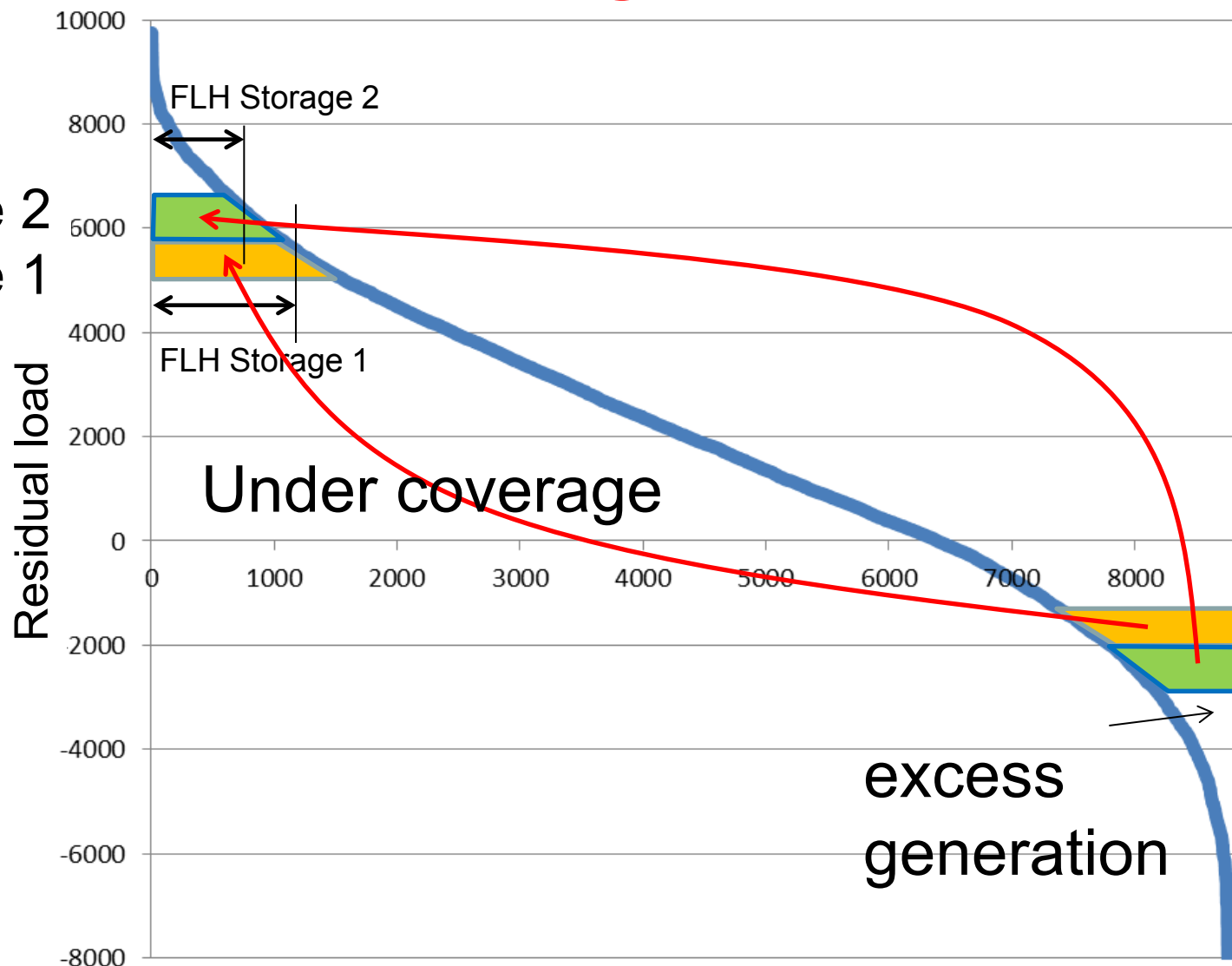




# **PRINCIPLE OF SELF CANNIBALISM IN ENERGY ECONOMICS:**

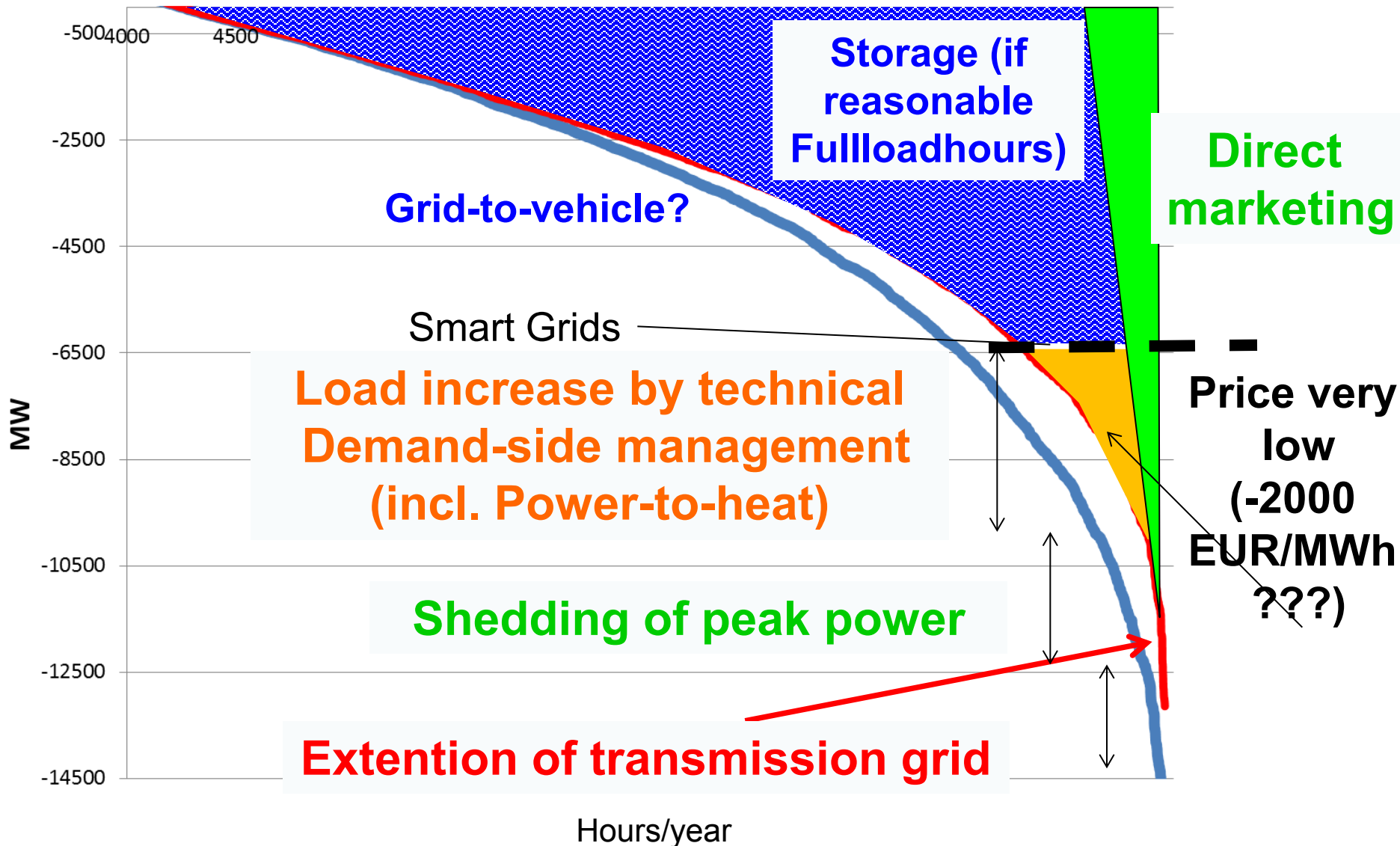
**Example storage:  
Every additional storage  
unit makes this one and  
every other less cost-  
effective!**

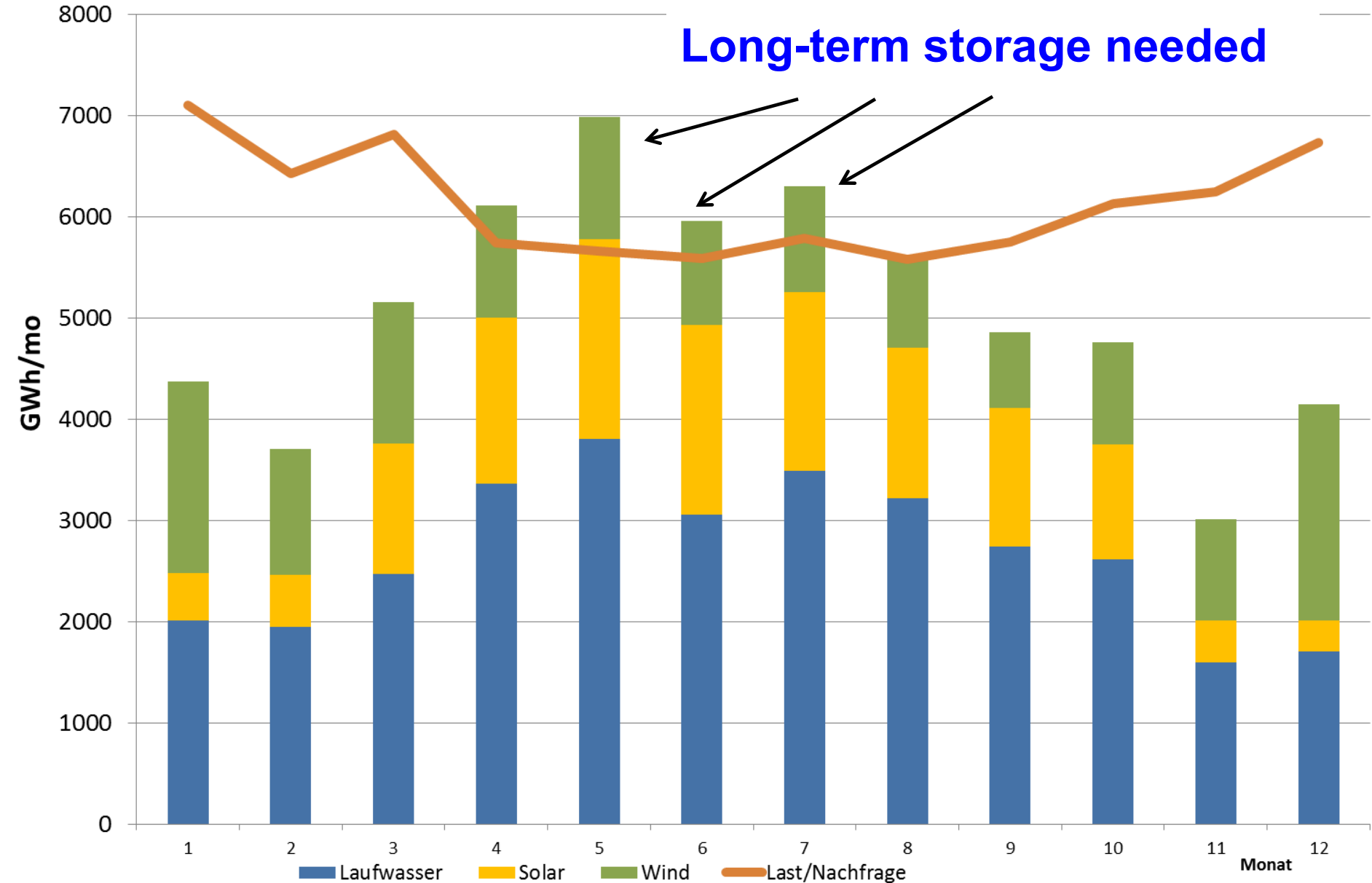
# Decreasing full-load hours of storages



Storage 2  
Storage 1

# 5. Flexibility





# Sector coupling / Sector integration

- \* In times of surplus generation: How to **use excess electricity** in meaningful way?



**Heating/Cooling**

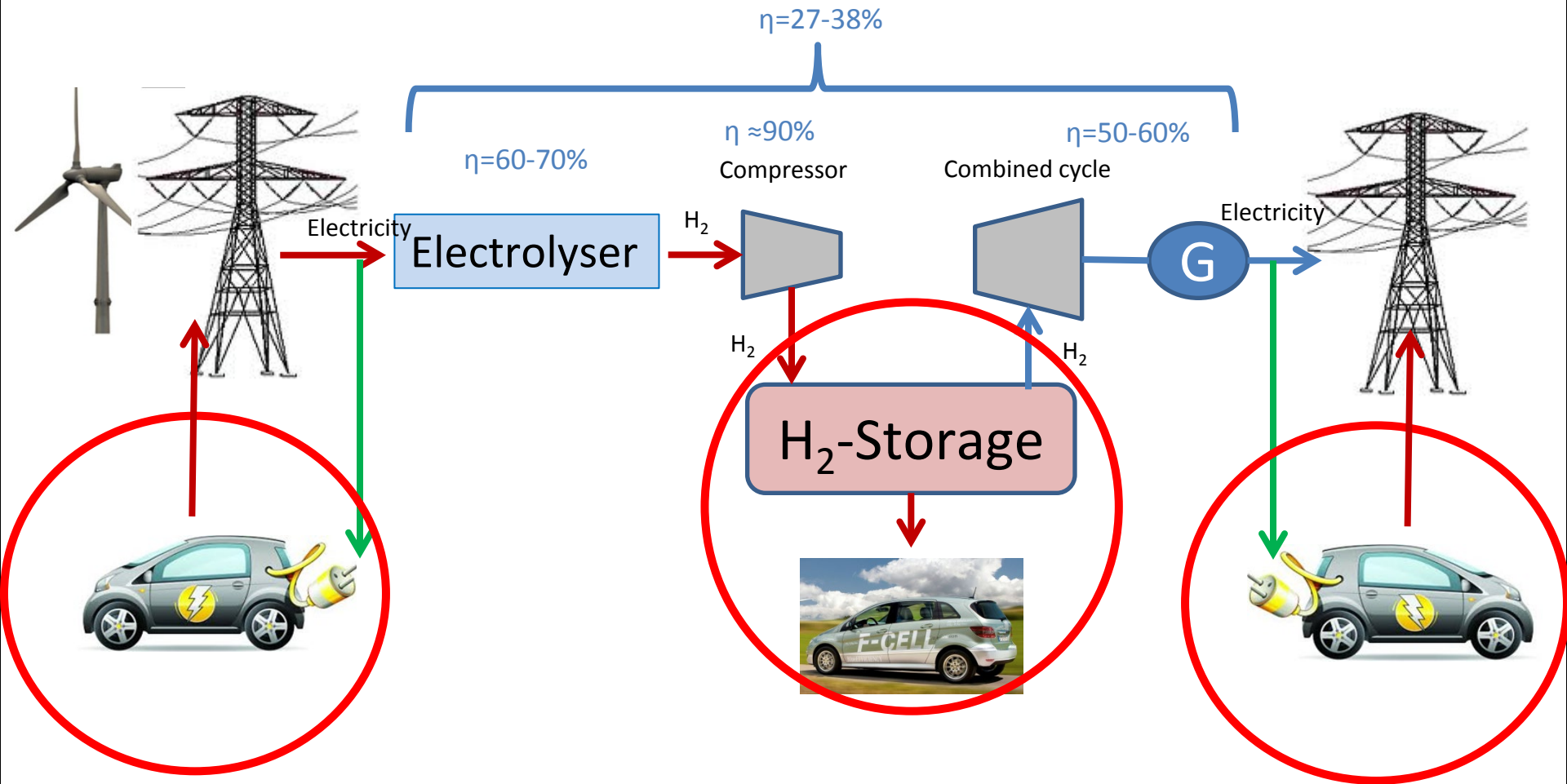


**Transport**

- \* Simplified suggestions, no convincing long-term solutions
- \* **Central** (Ptx approaches, e.g. H2, use electricity in public transport) vs **decentral** (end user level, E.g. EVs, heat pumps for heating) applications
- \* How to **fit use with time of surplus**, e.g. of PV for EVs ?



# Sector coupling electricity vs hydrogen:



**Including vehicle-to-grid!**

- Increasing electricity generation from variable RES → need for **new long-term storage** options
- **Economic problem** of all storage options:  
**low full-load hours**
- Decentralized batteries: major benefit **relieve of the distrib grid**
- PtG as electricity storage: **low round trip efficiency**
- Stated storage needs **do not comply with economics**
- In transport: **need for environmentally friendly technologies → Zero-emission vehicles**