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### Energy security: an electricity system perspective

Session 2 - Keeping the electricity system secured in the long term: what's needed?

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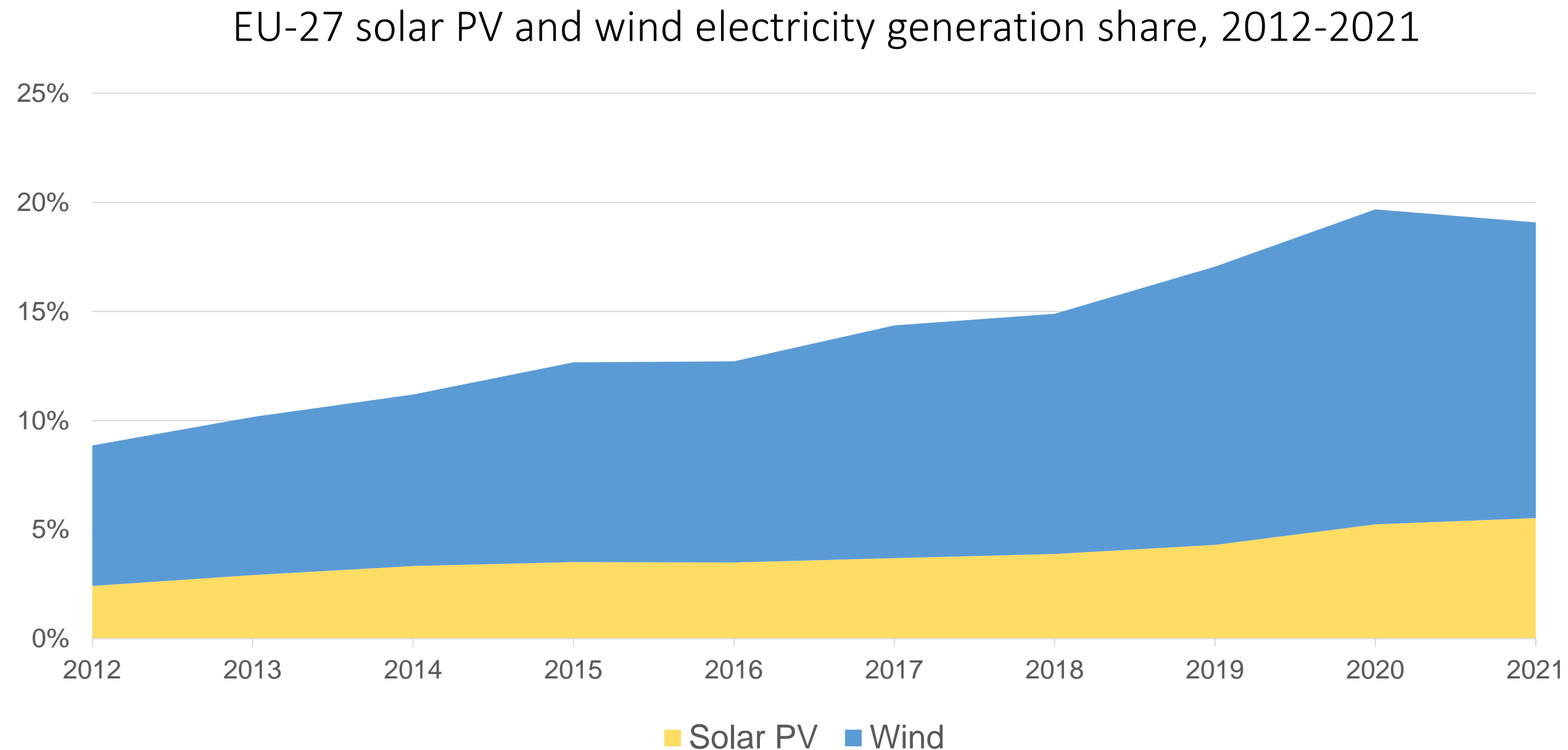


# Variable RES generation – current and future trends

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## Variable renewable energy production increases



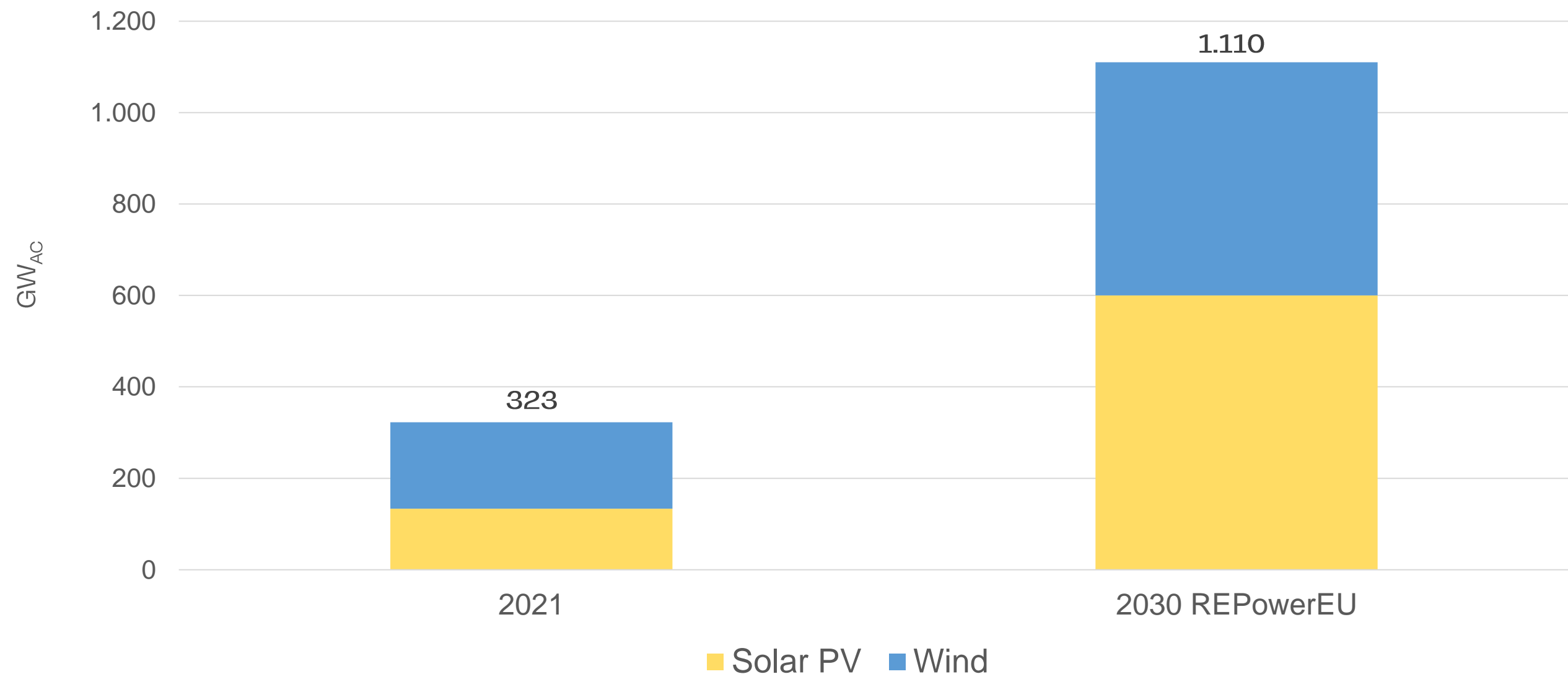
VRES generation from wind and solar PV has already grown from less than 9% in 2012 to **almost 20% in 2021**, but these technologies are expected to grow much faster in the future.





## REPowerEU targets anticipate massive expansion in VRES generation

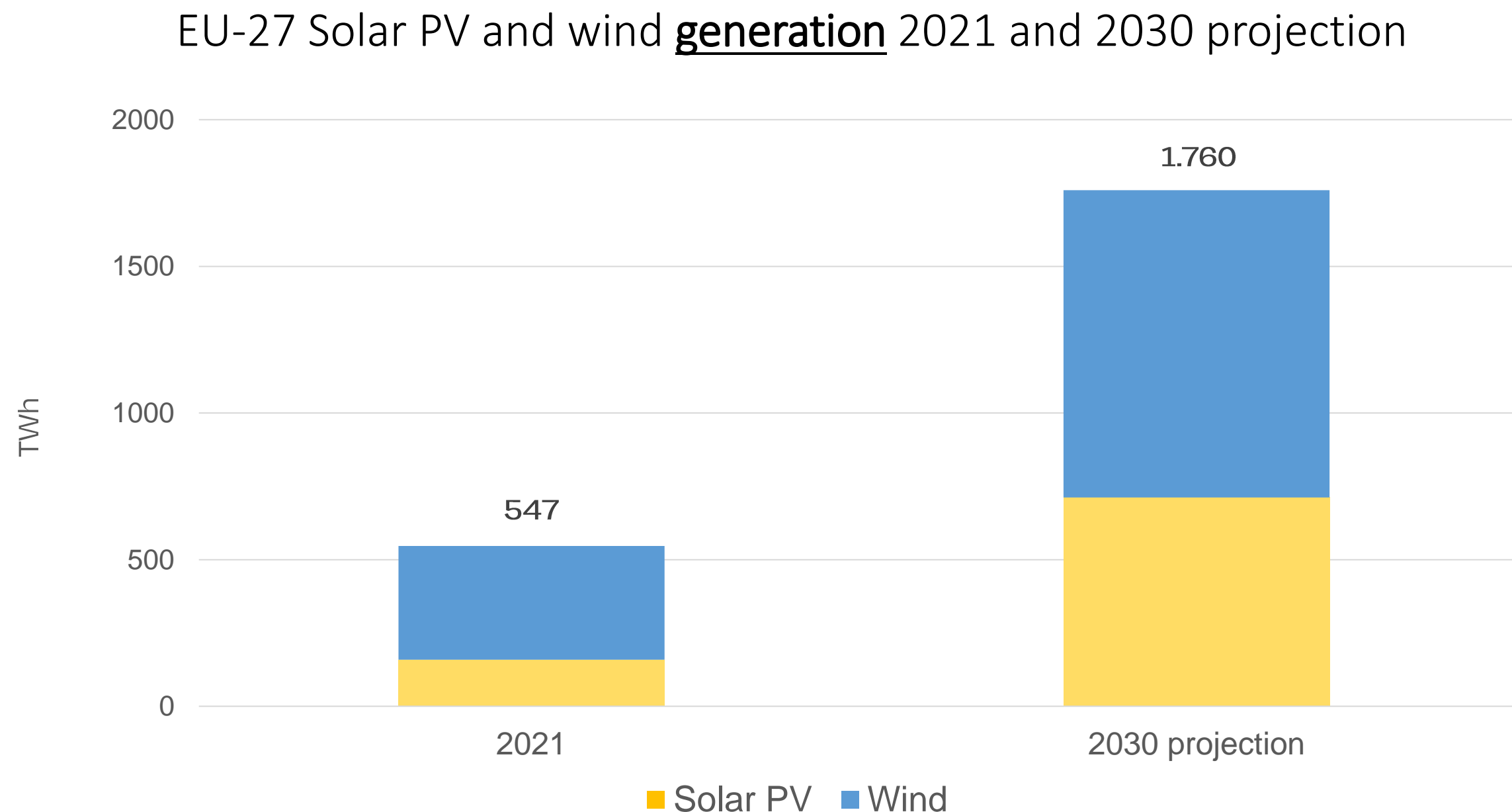
EU-27 solar PV and wind installed capacity 2021 and 2030 REPowerEU target



In 2021, solar and wind installed capacity in the EU-27 stood at 134 and 189 GW<sub>AC</sub> respectively. Under the REPowerEU strategy, solar and wind capacity is set to increase to **600 and 510 GW<sub>AC</sub> respectively**.



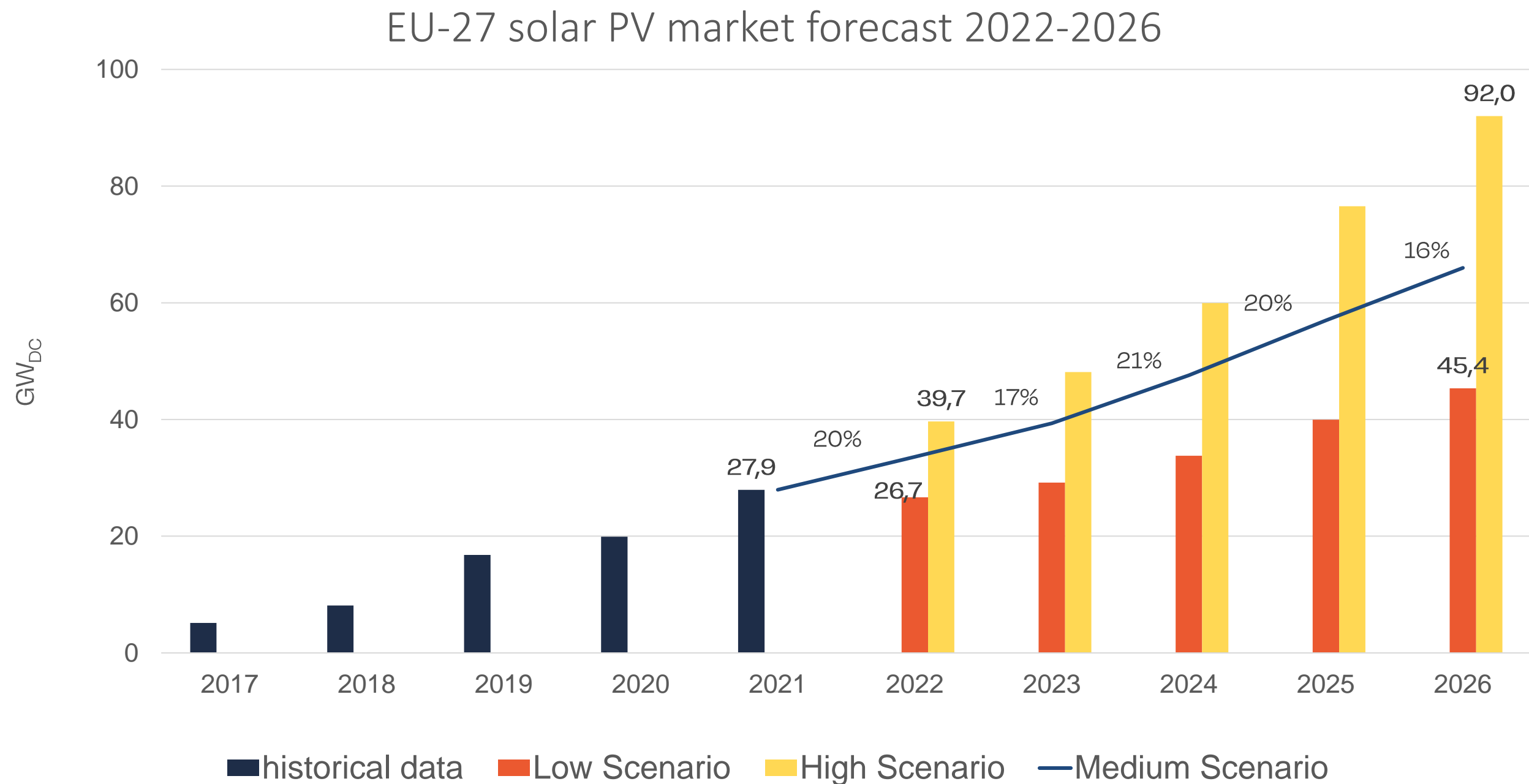
## Projected VRES electricity generation in accordance with REPowerEU



Even with very conservative assumptions on projected generation based on today's capacity factors, VRES **electricity from wind and solar is expected to more than triple by 2030** compared to 2021. RES are expected to make up **64-67% of EU electricity generation** with a 38-40% RES target for 2030.



## Solar PV deployment is set to accelerate in the EU



Solar had a record year 2022 with 40 GW<sub>DC</sub> or more in line with SPE high scenario; 60+ GW<sub>DC</sub> in 2026 are expected, but growth could be faster **up to 100 GW<sub>DC</sub> by 2026**

Note that solar PV data is expressed in DC data, unlike the solar PV + wind target in REPowerEU. DC/AC conversion factor used is 1.25.

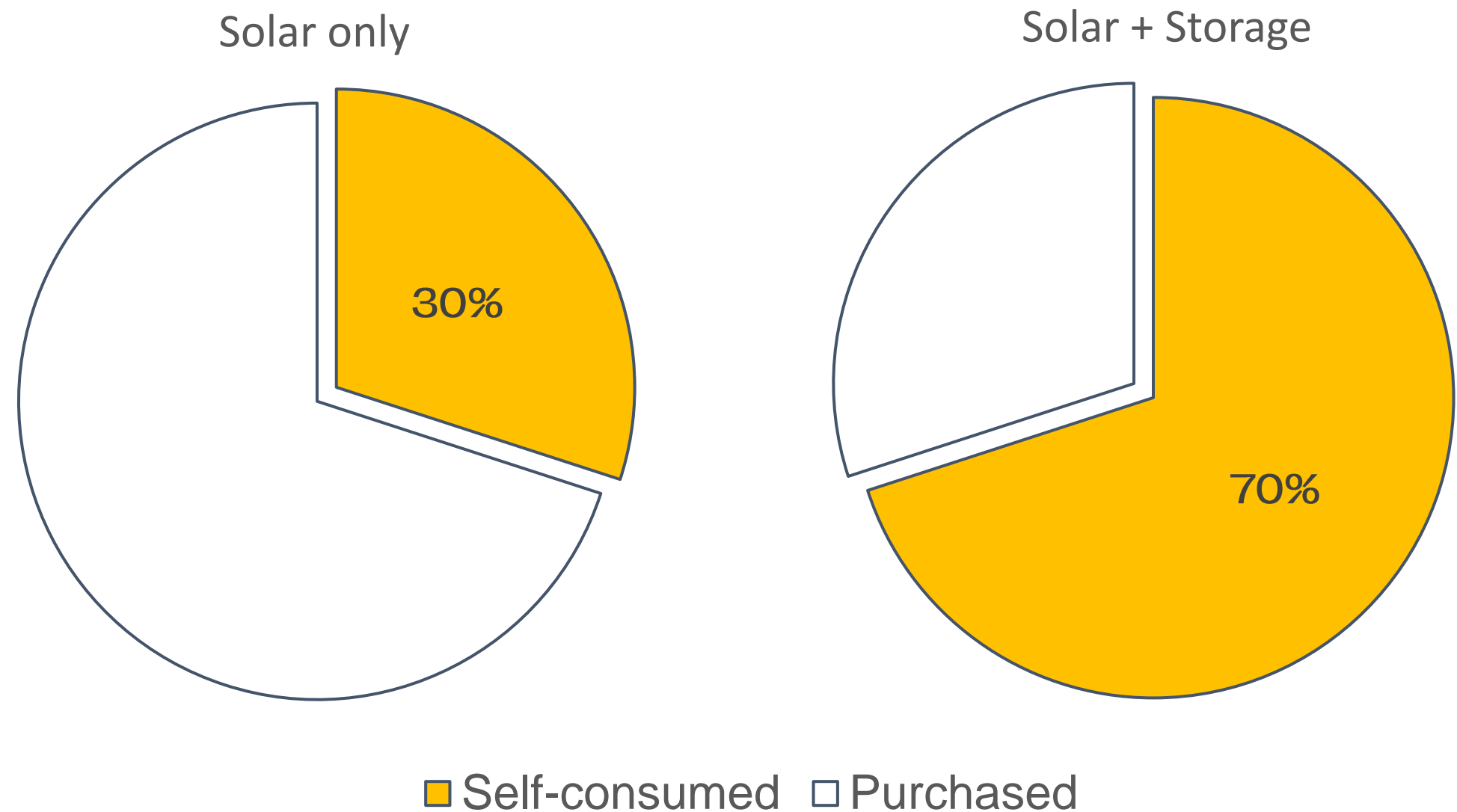


## Co-located storage improves self-consumption

**Rooftop solar works at its best when matched with battery storage:**

1. A better **use of energy**
2. Less **stress on the grid**
3. Less exposure to **price volatility**
4. Lower **energy bills**

Typical electricity self-consumption profiles





# Electricity storage for system integration

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# Surplus and shortage of renewable power

## Two main questions

- What happens at hours with **surplus** of renewables' production?
- What happens at hours with **shortage** of renewables' production?

In practice

In the electricity  
markets



## Surplus of power production

1. The grid operator tries to balance demand and supply with the intra-day and balancing markets

Still surplus?

+ imbalance costs €

2. The grid operator notifies one or more generators to adjust their production

Still renewables' surplus?

+ congestion  
management costs €

+ compensations to  
generators €

3. The grid operator notifies renewable generators to cut off their production

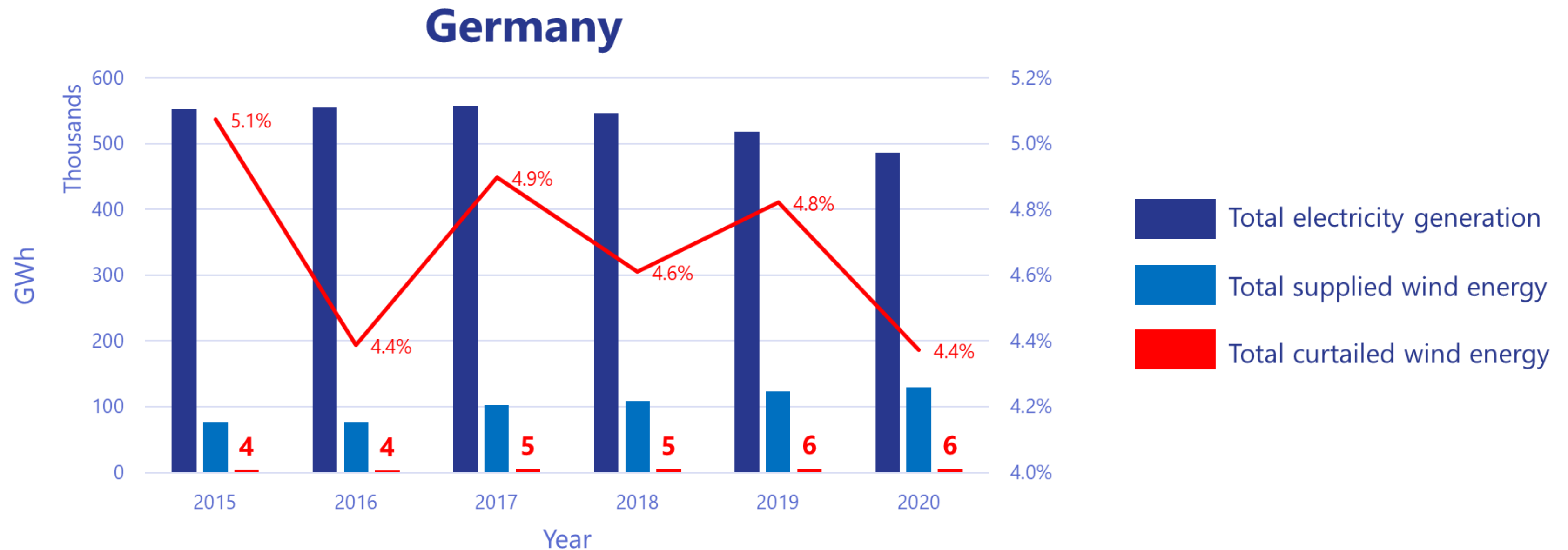
+ compensations for  
curtailed energy €

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Total bill??



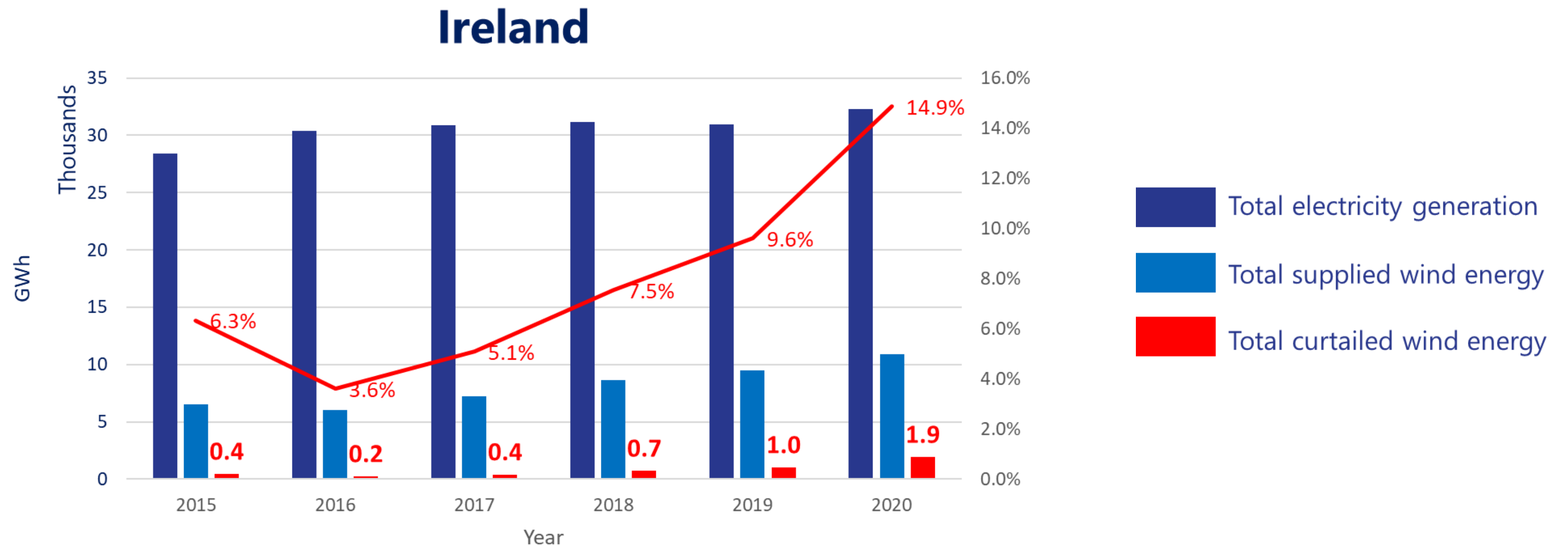
## How much renewable energy is lost?



Source: Bundesnetzagentur



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Source: EirGrid



## Congestion management costs

- **Germany:** €1.3bn (2019) and €1.4bn (2020)
- **United Kingdom** (only for wind curtailment): £0.3bn (2020) and £0.5bn (2021)





## Shortage of renewable production

1. Other inframarginal generation called upon. Demand response in some countries

+ generation costs €

Still shortage?

2. Coal and gas generation need to cover the residual load

+ generation costs € €

Still renewables' surplus?

+ dependence on  
imported fuels

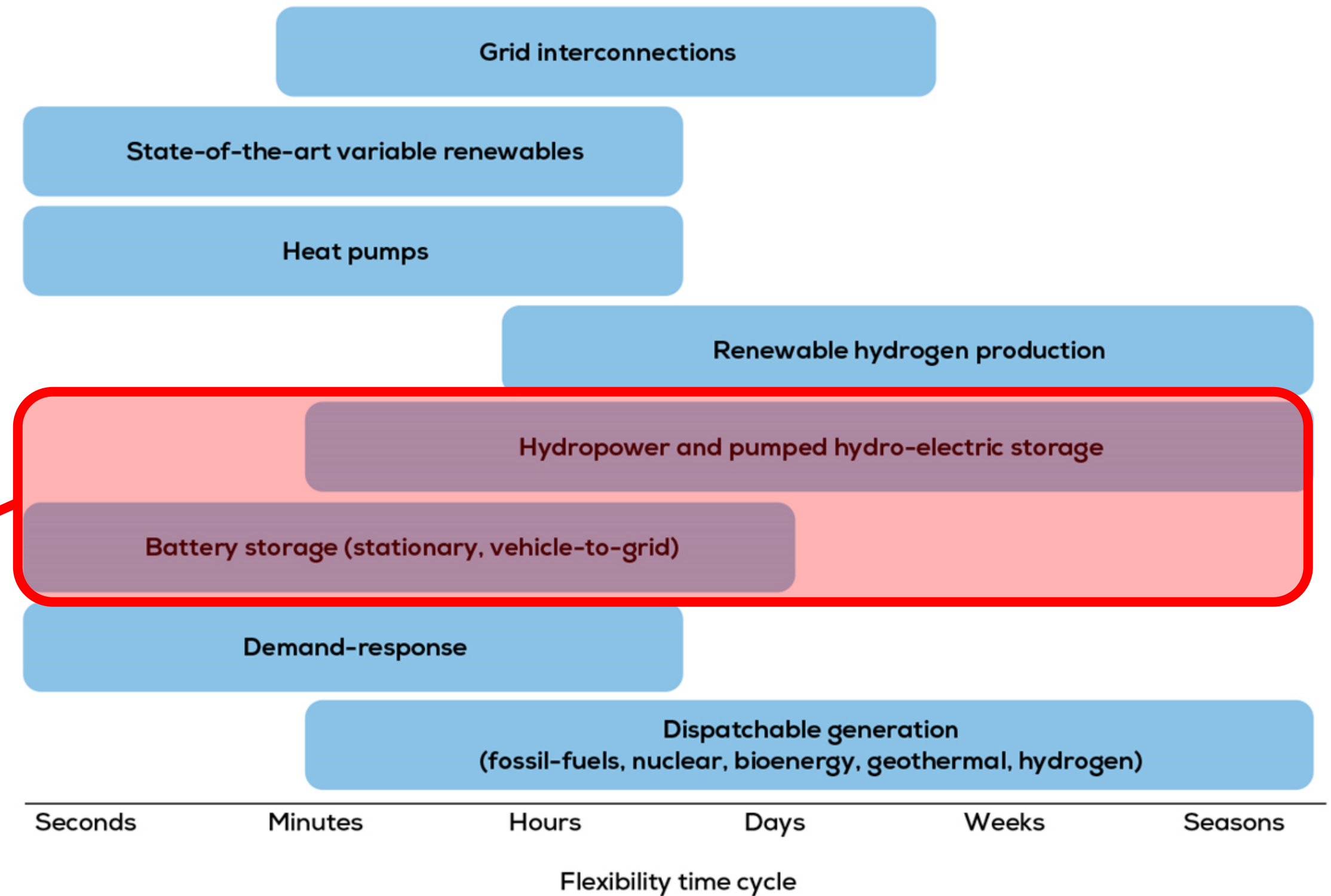


## What can change?

**Scale up flexible assets**  
**compatible with net-zero:**

- to channel surplus or shift it to shortage hours
- to cover up for renewables' shortage

**Energy storage can cover the entire time cycle**



Source: ETIP Wind, WindEurope, [Getting fit for 55 and set for 2050](#)



## Wind co-located with storage in Europe

26 projects

1.7GW wind/

0.37GW storage

Source: WindEurope

Country	Name of project	Plant type	Wind capacity (MW)	Solar capacity (MW)	Storage capacity (MW)
Denmark	Husahagi wind farm	Wind + Storage	11.7	-	2.4
Denmark	Vestas Lem Kær ESS	Wind + Storage	12	-	1.2
Finland	Viinamäki wind farm	Wind + Storage	21	-	6
France	Venteea Project	Wind + Storage	18	-	2
Germany	Regelkraftwerk Feldheim	Wind + Storage	72	-	10
Germany	Braderup ES Facility	Wind + Storage	18	-	2.3
Germany	Naturstromspeicher Gaildorf	Wind + Storage	13.6	-	16
Germany	Curslack wind farm	Wind + storage	12.6	-	0.7
Greece	Tilos	Wind + PV + Storage	0.8	0.4	2.8
Greece	Amari Pumped Hydro Hybrid	Wind + Storage	89.1	-	72
Greece	Naeras	Wind + storage	2.7	-	4.1
Ireland	Tullahennel	Wind + Storage	37	-	2.6
Ireland	Kilathmoy wind farm	Wind + Storage	23	-	11
Italy	Pietragalla	Wind + Storage	20	-	2
Netherlands	Princess Alexia	Wind + Storage	122	-	3.2
Netherlands	Haringvliet Zuid	Wind + PV + Storage	22	38	12
Portugal	Graciosa	Wind + PV + Storage	4.5	1	6
Portugal	Pego Municipality	Wind + PV + Storage	264	365	168
Scotland	Gigha community wind	Wind + Storage	0.675	-	0.105
Spain	Barasoain experimental	Wind + Storage	15	-	1
Spain	La Muela	Wind + PV + Storage	0.85	0.245	0.4
Spain	El Hierro Hydro-Wind	Wind + Storage	11.5	-	11
UK	Burbo Bank Storage	Wind + Storage	90	-	2
UK	Pen y Cymoedd Wind Energy	Wind + Storage	228	-	22
UK	Batwind- Statoil	Wind + Storage	30	-	1
UK	Whitelee wind farm	Wind + Storage	539	-	50



# Energy Storage

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# What is energy storage?

## Definition of Energy Storage in the CEP

Clean Energy Package definition of 'Energy Storage' in the electricity system is defined as:

Deferring the final use of electricity to a moment later than when it was generated, or the conversion of electrical energy into a form of energy which can be stored, the storing of such energy, and the subsequent [reconversion of such energy into electrical energy](#) or [use as another energy carrier](#).

### Power-to-X-to-Power

e.g. Batteries, V2G, PHS, Electrolysers (P2G2P)

### Power-to-X

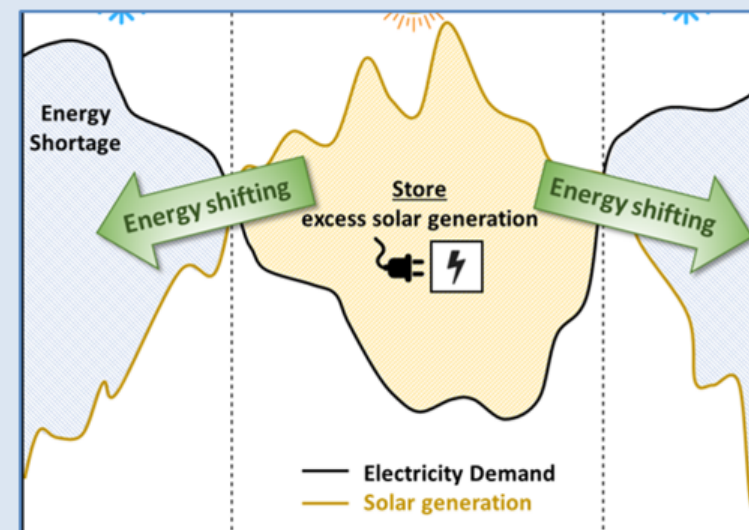
e.g. Electrolysers (P2G), TES (P2H), V1G

All solutions provide **System Flexibility**



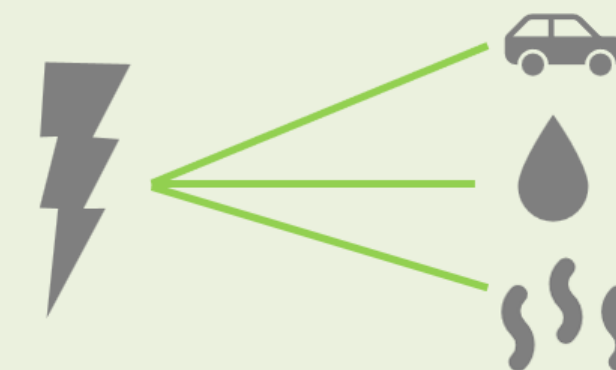
**bi-directional**  
Energy Shifting

Shifting electricity by storing at times of surplus and releasing at times of deficit ("bidirectional")



**one-directional**  
flexibility

Electricity flows in one direction and is not given back to the system as electricity – it is converted into another energy carrier.



Where: V2G: vehicle-to-grid, V1G: smart charging, P2G2P: Power-to-gas-to-power, P2H2P: Power-to-heat-to-power, P2G: Power-to-gas, PHS: pumped-hydro storage, CAES: Compressed air energy storage, LAES: Liquid air energy storage





# What is energy storage?

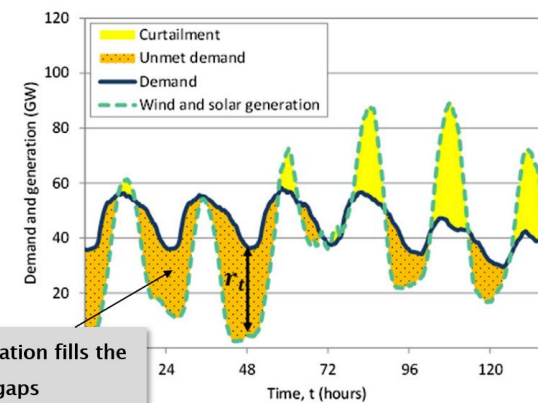
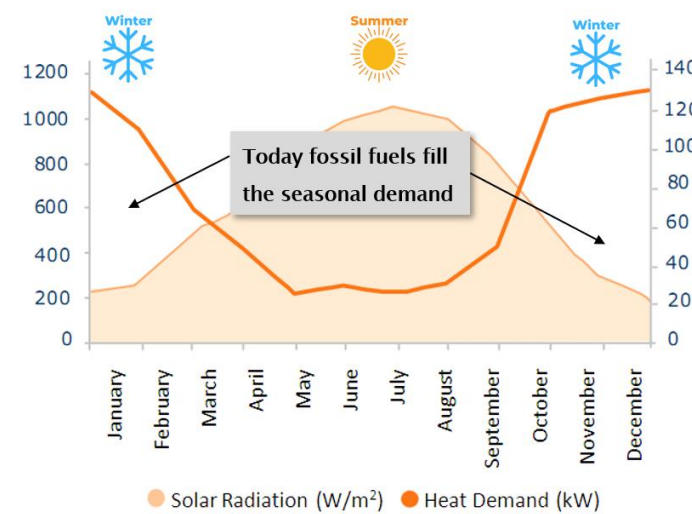


Fig. 2. Example of curtailment and residual demand in a power system.



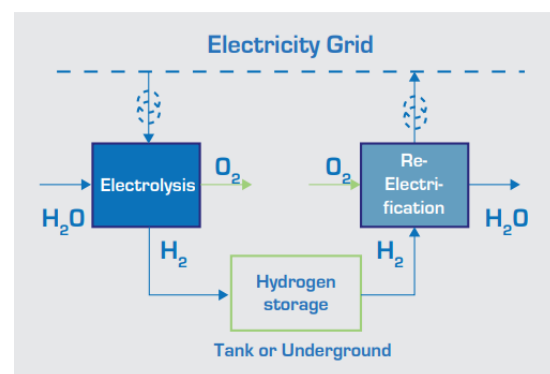
Source: [https://www.icax.co.uk/Heat\\_Recycling.html](https://www.icax.co.uk/Heat_Recycling.html)

✓ Solution    ✓ Partial solution

Flexibility duration	System Challenge	Dispatchable generation	Grid reinforcement	Curtailment or feed-in management	Energy Storage – bidirectional flexibility (energy shifting)	Demand-side response/Energy Storage – unidirection flexibility
Intraday	Intermittent daily generation	✓		✓	✓	✓
	Reduced grid stability	✓			✓	✓
Multiday, multiweek	Multi-day imbalances	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	Grid congestion	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Seasonal duration	Seasonal unbalances	✓	✓		✓	
	Extreme weather events	✓			✓	
Cross-cutting	Curtailment costs minimisation				✓	✓
	Investment deferral				✓	✓
	Sector integration				✓	
	Citizen empowerment				✓	✓



# What Solutions at our Disposal?



## Chemical

Ammonia

Drop-in Fuels

Hydrogen

Methanol

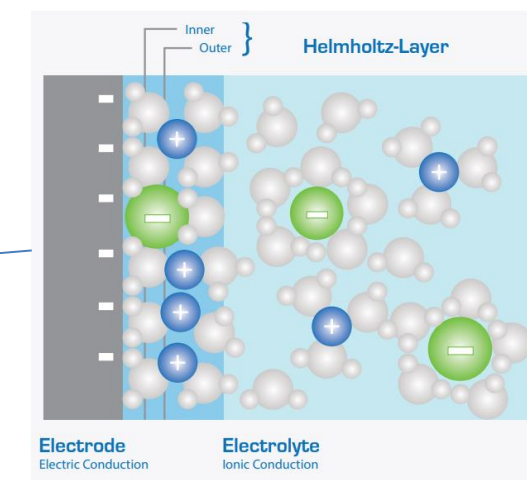
Synthetic Fuels

Synthetic Natural Gas

## Electrical

Supercapacitors

Superconducting  
Magnetic Energy  
Storage (SMES)



## Mechanical

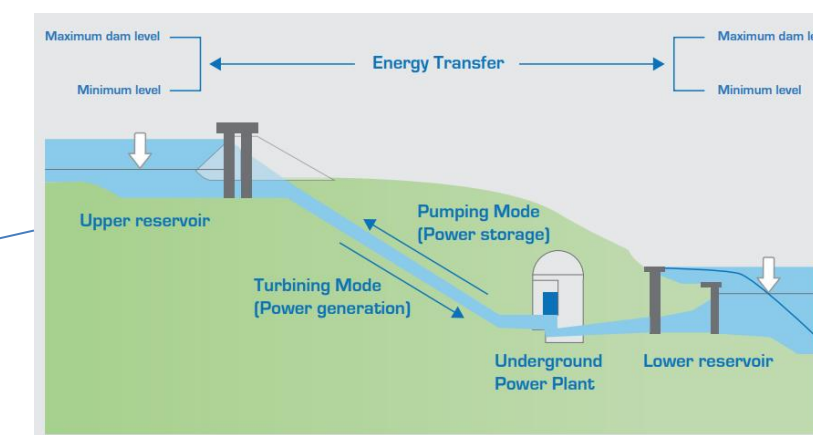
Adiabatic Compressed  
Air

Diabatic Compressed  
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Liquid Air Energy  
Storage

Flywheels

Pumped Hydro



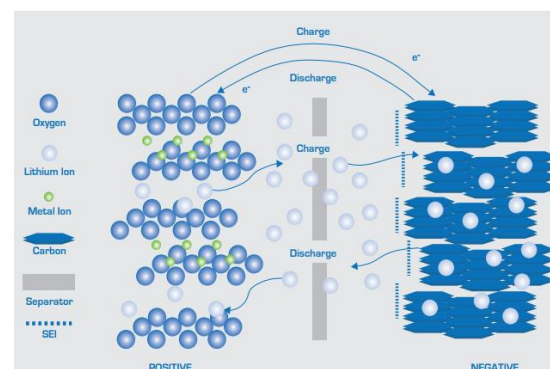
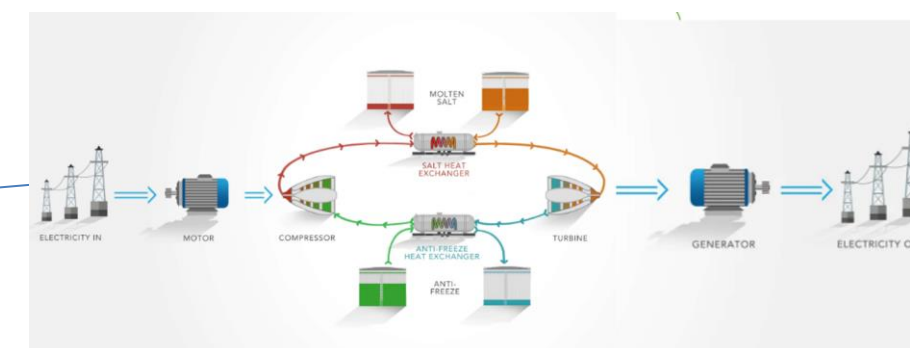
## Thermal

Latent Heat Storage

Sensible Heat Storage

Thermochemical  
Storage

Ice Storage



## Electrochemical

Classic Batteries

Flow Batteries

Lead Acid

Li-Ion

Vanadium  
Red-Ox

Zn-Br

Li-Polymer

Li-S

Zn-Fe

Metal Air

Na-Ion

Hybrid Supercapacitors

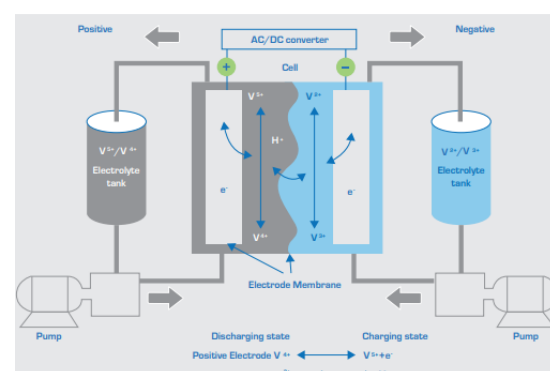
Na-NiCl<sub>2</sub>

Na-S

Electrochemical  
Recuperator

Ni-Cd

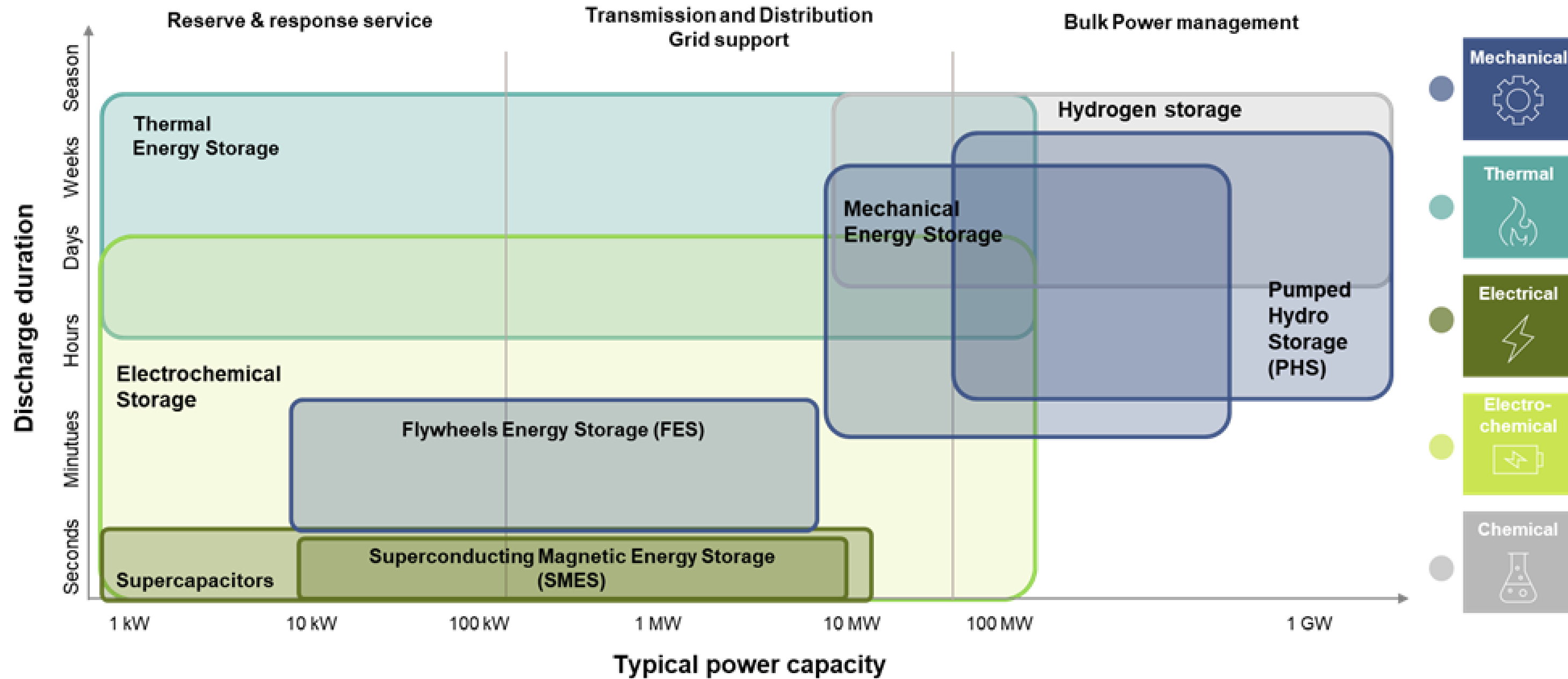
Ni-MH



Source: <https://ease-storage.eu/energy-storage/technologies/>



# What Solutions at our Disposal?



Source: Global Data (2019), IRENA (2020), WEC (2020), BNEF (2020), EU (2020), HEATSTORE project (2021)



# What Solutions at our Disposal?

Shorter storage duration (seconds)	Energy storage form	Technology	Market readiness	Sector integration	Deployment
	Electrical	Supercapacitors	Commercial	/	approx. 1%
↓	Electrochemical	Classic batteries	Commercial	Electricity + Mobility	approx. 10%
		Aqueous electrolyte flow batteries	Pilot/commercial		
		Metal anode batteries	R&D/pilot		
		Hybrid flow battery, with liquid electrolyte and metal anode	Commercial		
↓	Mechanical	Novel pumped hydro (PSH)	Commercial	Electricity + Gas	approx. 85%
		Gravity-based	Pilot/commercial		
		Compressed air (CAES)	Commercial		
		Liquid air (LAES)	Pilot (commercial announced)		
		Liquid CO <sub>2</sub>	Pilot		
		Flywheel	Commercial		
↓	Thermal	Novel pumped hydro (PSH)	Commercial	Electricity + Heating and Cooling	approx. 1%
		Sensible heat (eg, molten salts, rock material, concrete)	R&D/pilot		
		Latent heat (eg, aluminum alloy)	Commercial		
		Thermochemical heat (eg, zeolites, silica gel)	R&D		
		Ice storage	Commercial		
Longer storage duration (season)	Chemical	Power-to-gas-(incl. hydrogen, syngas) -to-power	Commercial/pilot	Electricity + Gas	approx. 1%

*Longer duration technologies do not reach the market*



# Energy Storage Capacity Today and Tomorrow

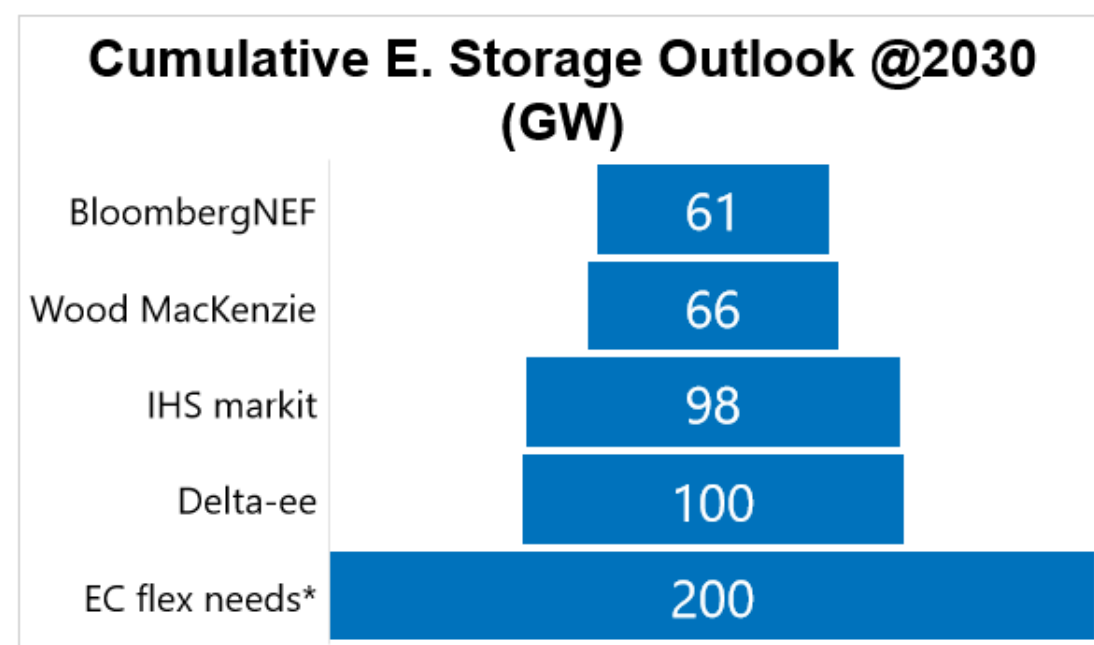
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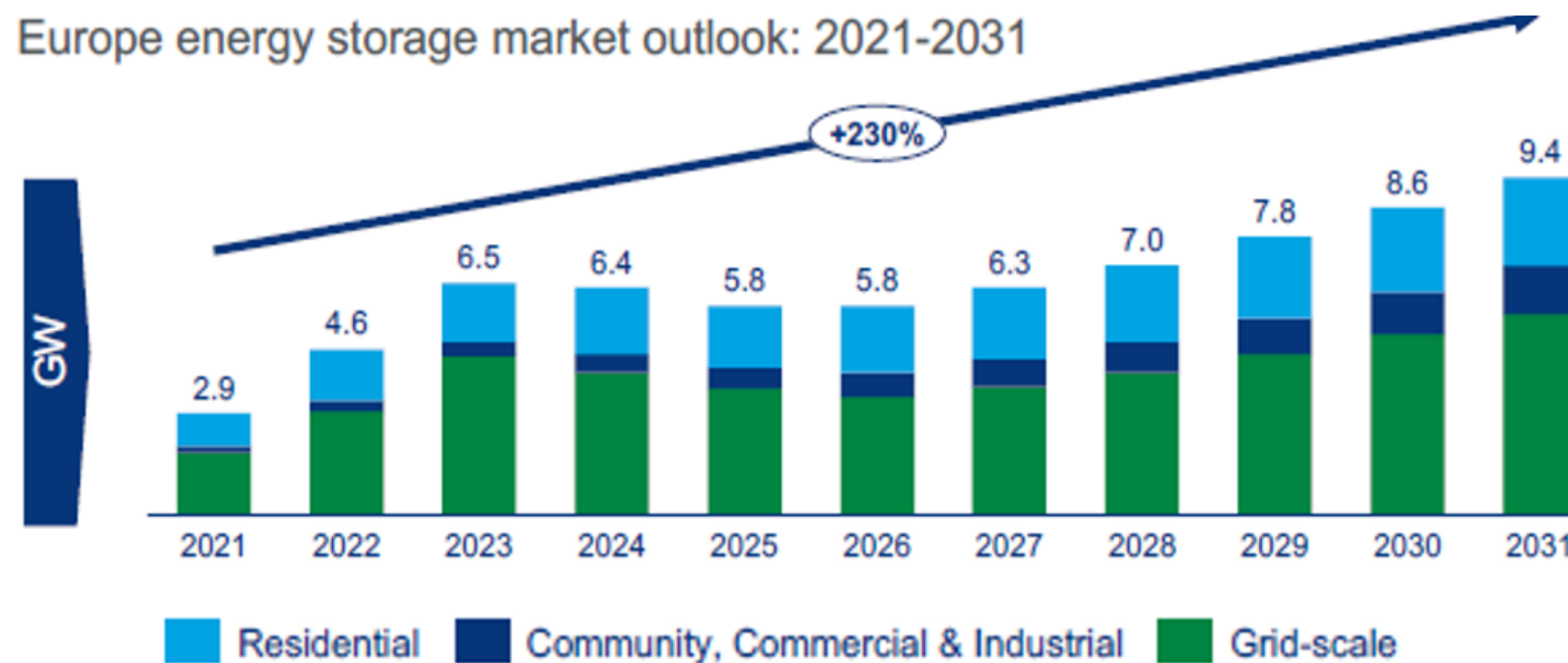


# Energy Storage: a look to the Future

REPowerEU is pushing the demand for flexible power solutions



Europe energy storage market outlook: 2021-2031



By 2030 there will be >50GW of pumped hydro and >50GW of batteries

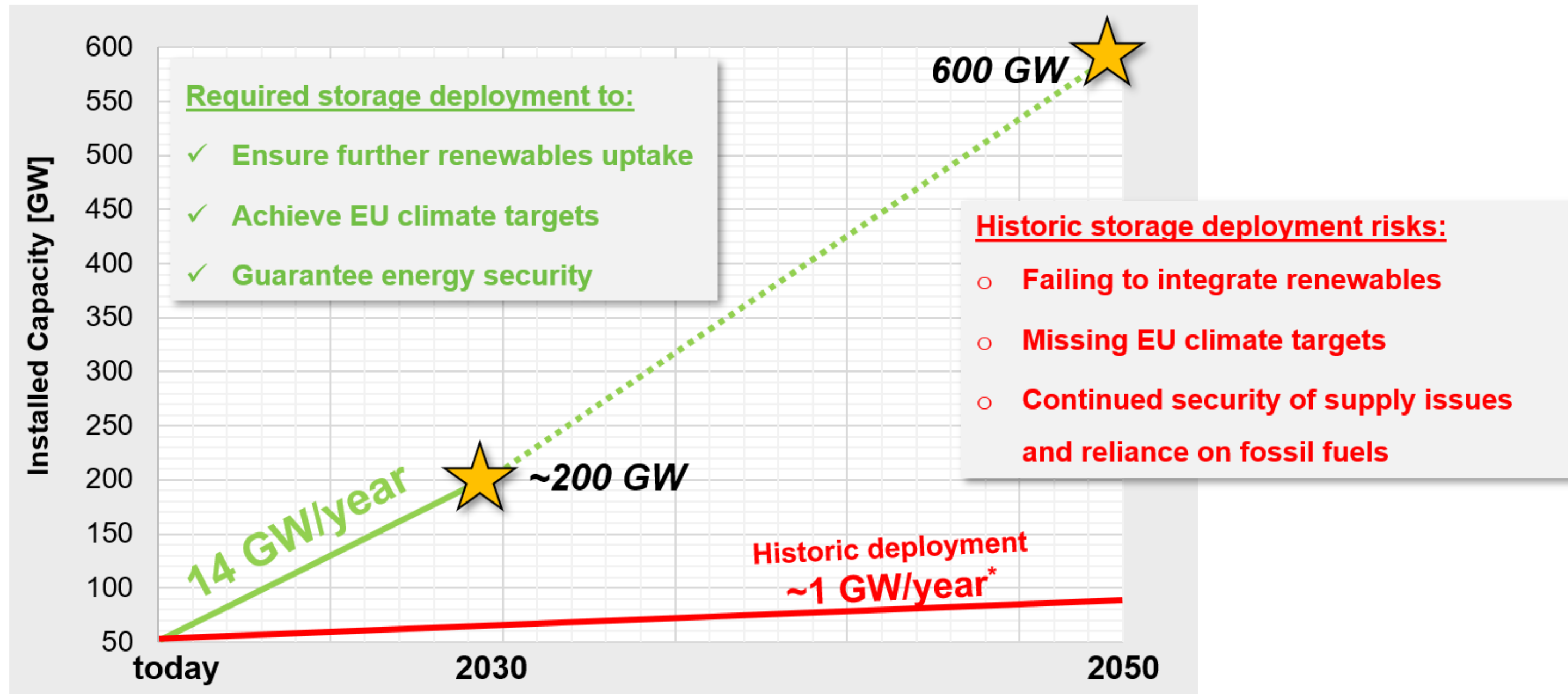
\* EASE estimate using European Commission data @ June 2022

Sources:

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- Bloomberg NEF "1H 2022 Energy Storage Market Outlook" – March 2022
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- Delta-ee "EUROPEAN MARKET MONITOR ON ENERGY STORAGE 6.0" – June 2022

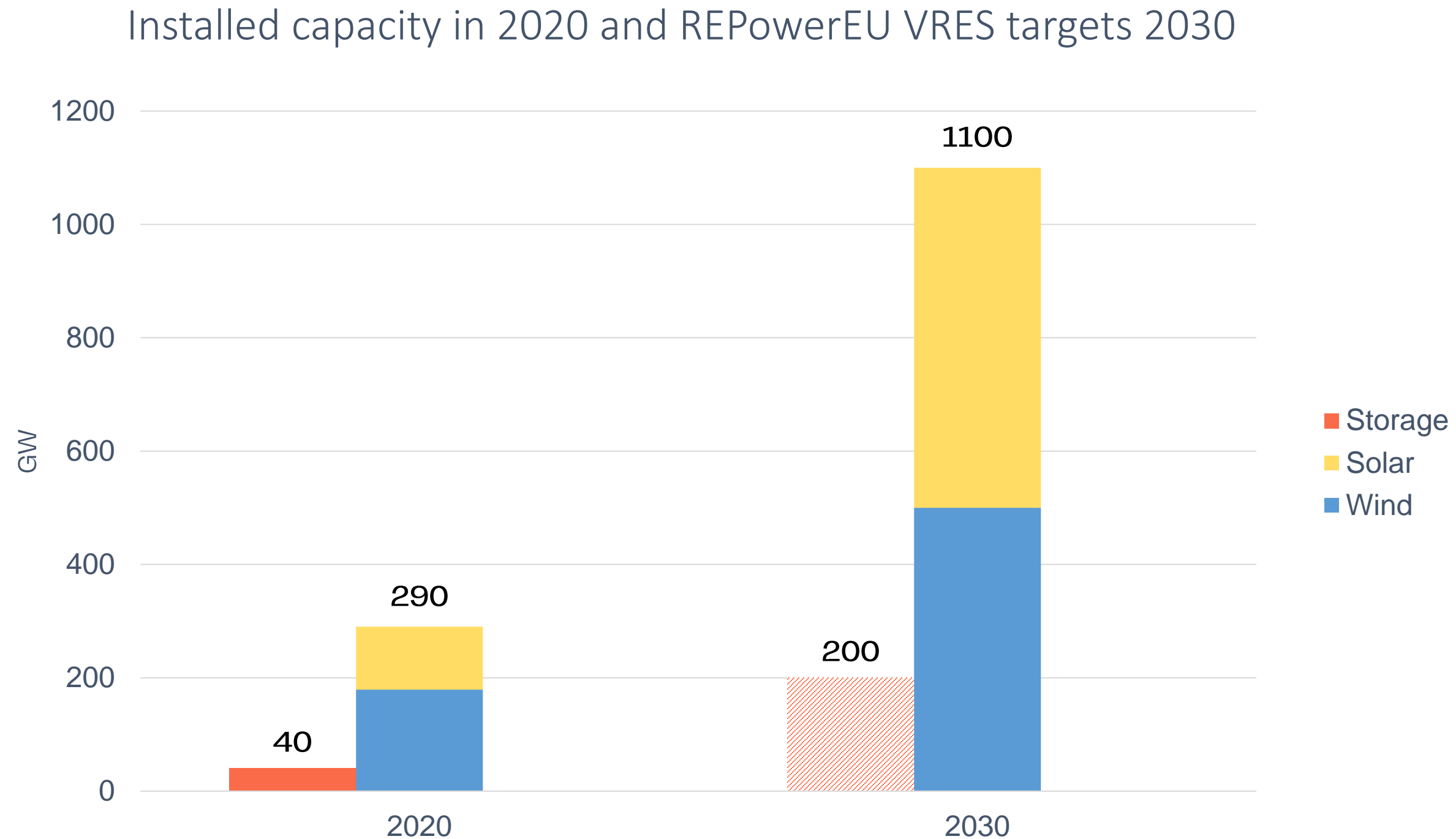


## Energy Storage: 2030 Needs





## EU electricity storage target for 2030



storage capacity should be developed in parallel to variable renewables deployment as set out in REPowerEU targets