

# **“FLEXIBLE SECTOR COUPLING” - CONCEPT**

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# Energy Storage – Basic Definitions

## Definitions „Energy Storage“

### What is energy storage?

An energy storage system can take up energy and deliver it at a later point in time. The storage process itself consists of three stages: The charging, the storage and the discharging. After the discharging step the storage can be charged again.

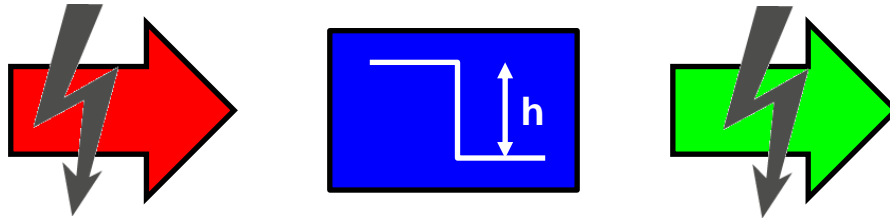


## Definitions „Energy Storage“

### What is actually stored?

The form of energy (electricity, heat, cold, mechanical energy, chemical energy), which is taken up by an energy storage system, is usually the one, which is delivered.

However, in many cases the charged type of energy has to be transformed for the storage (e.g. pumped hydro storage or batteries). It is re-transformed for the discharging. In some energy storage systems the transformed energy type is delivered (e.g. Power-to-Gas or Power-to-Heat).

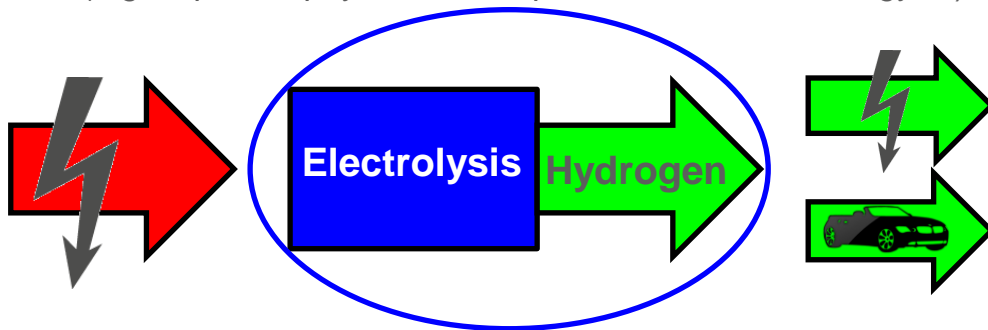


## Definitions „Energy Storage“

### Relation between energy storage systems and their applications

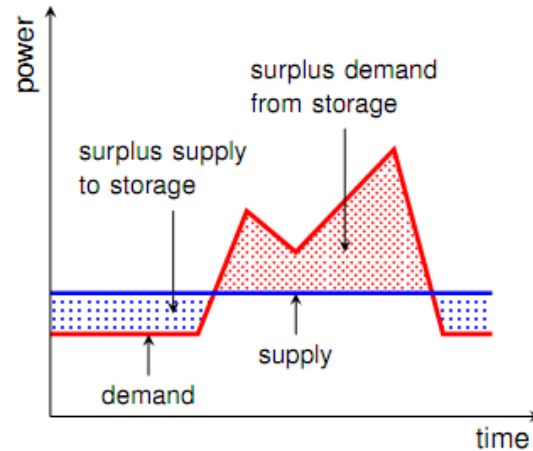
The technical and economical requirements for an energy storage system are determined by its actual application within the energy system. Therefore any evaluation and comparison of energy storage technologies is only possible with respect to this application.

The application determines the technical requirements (e.g. type of energy, storage capacity, charging/discharging power,...) as well as the economical environment (e.g. expected pay-back time, price for delivered energy,...).

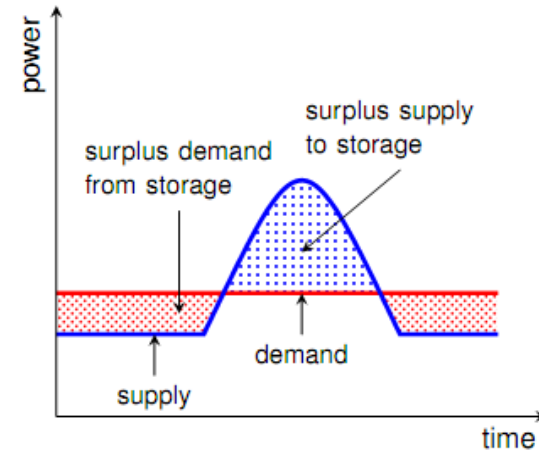


# Matching Supply and Demand

## Constant Supply



## Fluctuating Supply

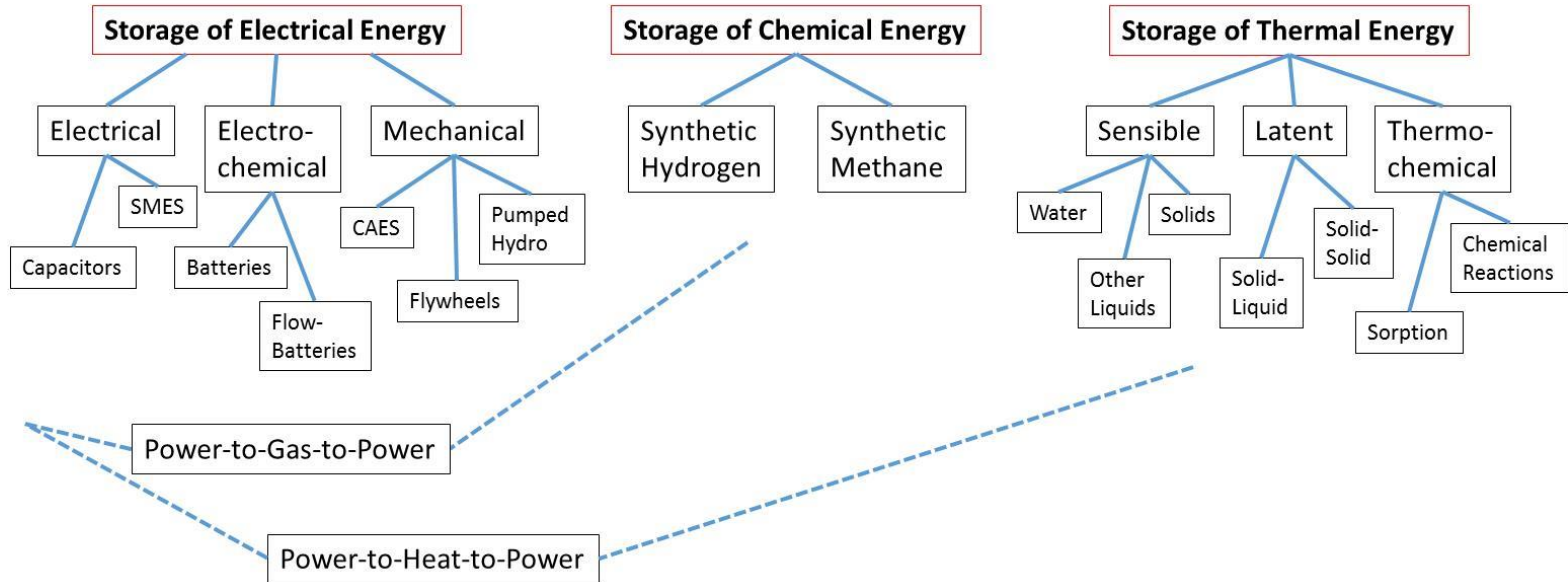


# Energy Storage – Technologies



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## Structure of Energy Storage Technologies following the Physical Storage Effect (not the relevance of the technologies!)





# Energy Storage Technologies

## Electrical Energy Storage

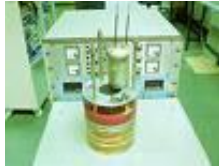
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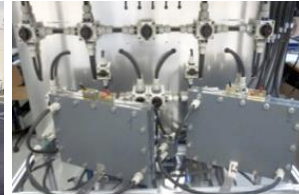
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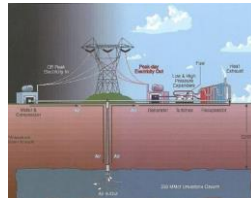
- Super-conducting Magnetic Energy Storage (SMES)
- Super-Capacitor

## • Storage as Electro-chemical Energy



- Lithium-Ion Battery
- Sodium-Sulfate Battery (NaS-Cells)
- Lead-Acid Battery
- Redox-Flow Battery

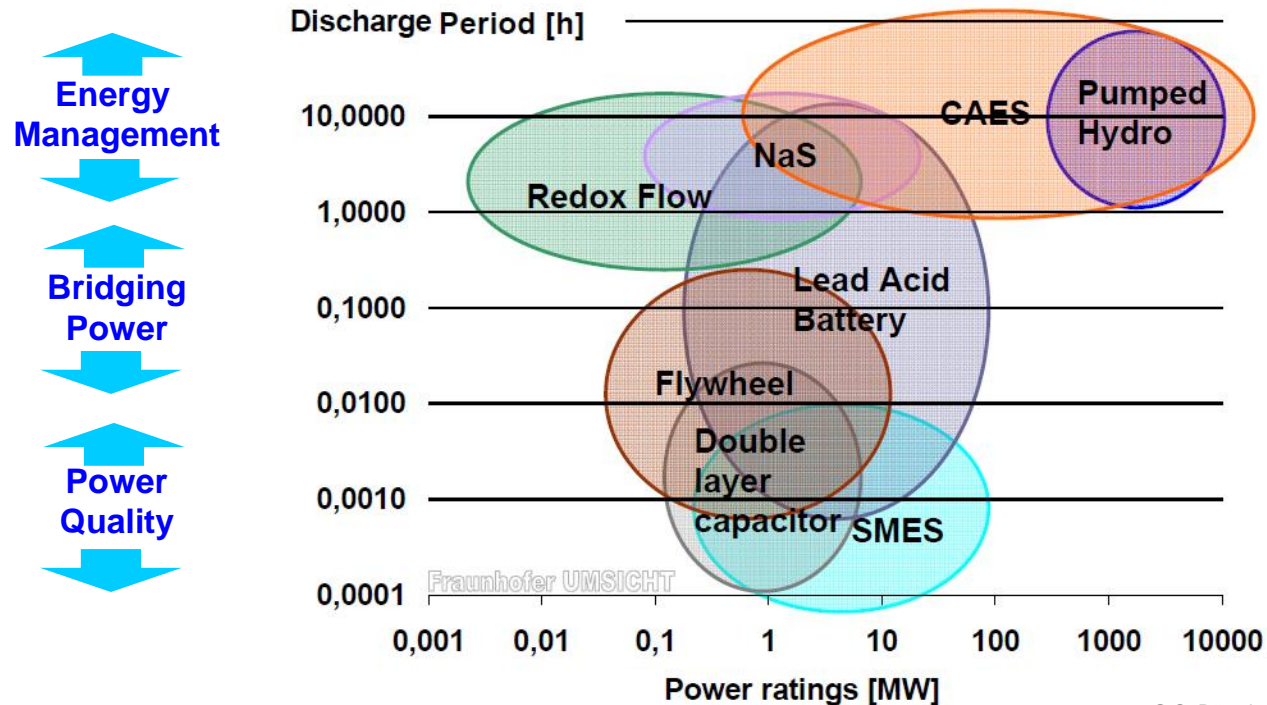
## • Storage as Mechanical Energy



- Pumped Hydro Storage
- Compressed Air Energy Storage (CAES)
- Flywheel

# Electrical Energy Storages

## Storage Period and Discharging Power



# Thermal Energy Storages

- **Thermal Energy can be stored as sensible heat**



- Hot Water Tank
- Underground Thermal Energy Storage (UTES)

- **Thermal Energy can be stored as latent heat**



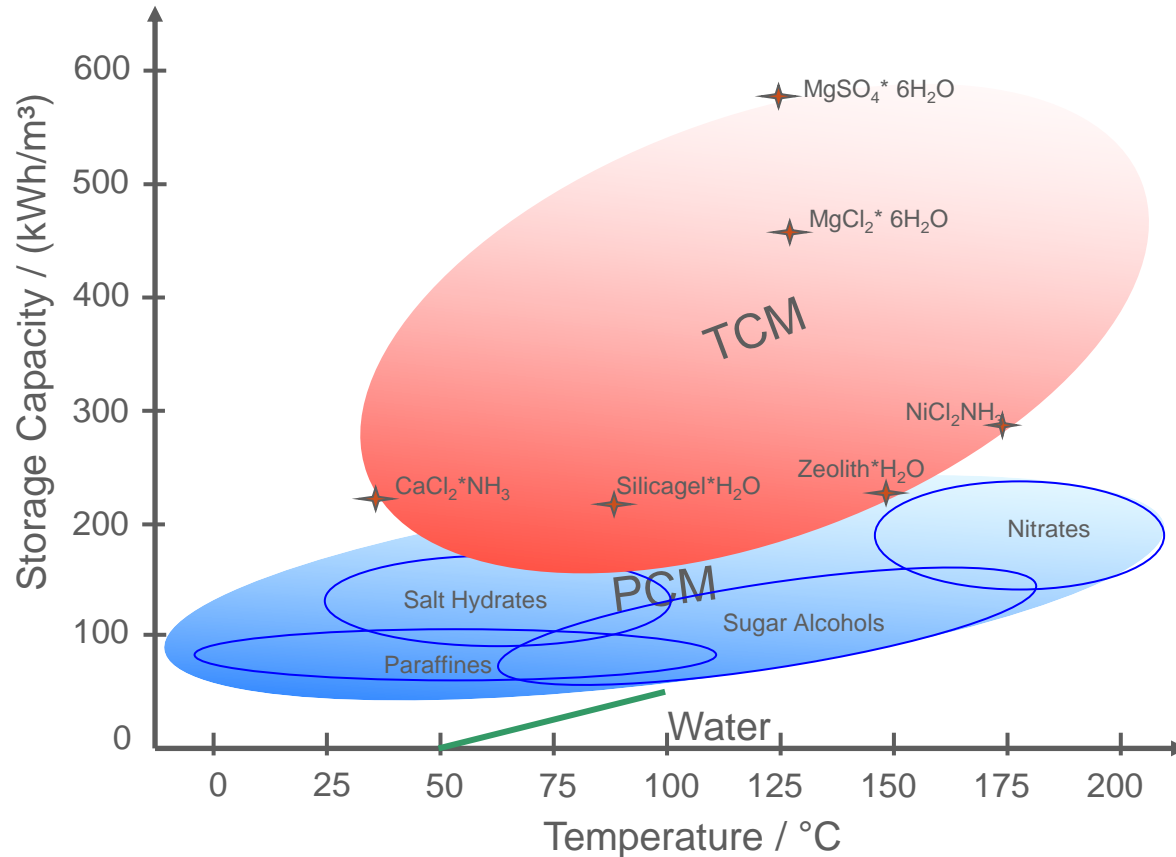
- Macro- / Micro-encapsulated Phase Change Materials (PCM)

- **Thermal Energy can be stored thermo-chemically**



- Adsorption (Zeolite) and Absorption (LiCl) Storage
- ThermoChemical Materials (TCM)

# Storage Capacity vs. Temperature



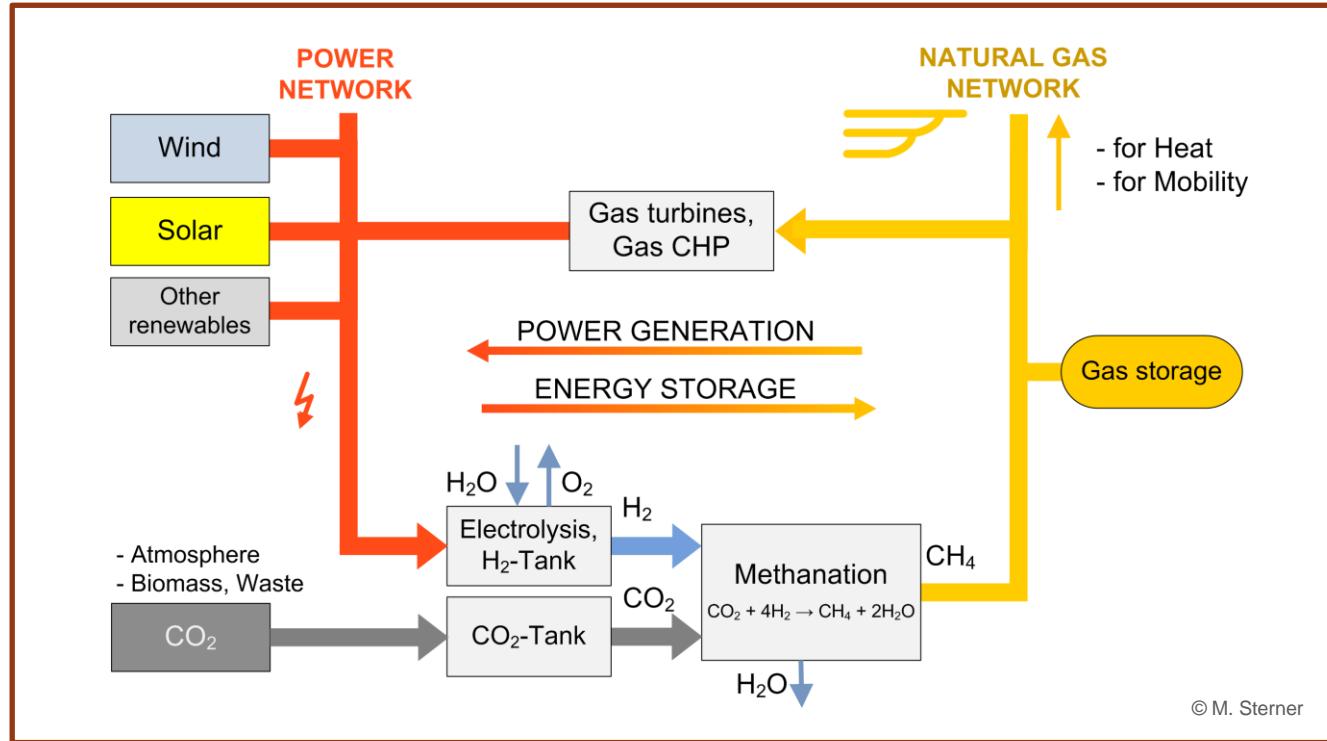
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## Energy Storage by Hydrogen Production and Storage

- Hydrogen is the **most powerful** fuel with regard to its mass
- Loss-free long-term storage possible
- Electricity production by fuel cells / H<sub>2</sub> turbines



# Chemical Energy Storage



# Energy Storage – Applications



## Renewable Energies

### Integration of Renewable Electricity

- Grid Stability
  - Frequency regulation
  - Voltage support
  - T&D congestion relief
  - Black start
- Grid balancing
  - Fast power reserve
  - Peak shaving
  - Self-consumption, Off-grid
- Demand Side Integration
  - Dispatchable Load
  - Power-to-Gas
  - Power-to-Heat

### Integration of Renewable Thermal Energy

- Concentrated Solar Power
- Solar-thermal Process Heat
- Solar-thermal Heating & Cooling

## Energy Efficiency

### Industrial Processes

- Waste Heat Utilization
- Recuperation of Mech. Energy

### Buildings

- Heating & Cooling
  - Day/Night-Balancing
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### Electricity Production

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- Heat Utilization of CHP
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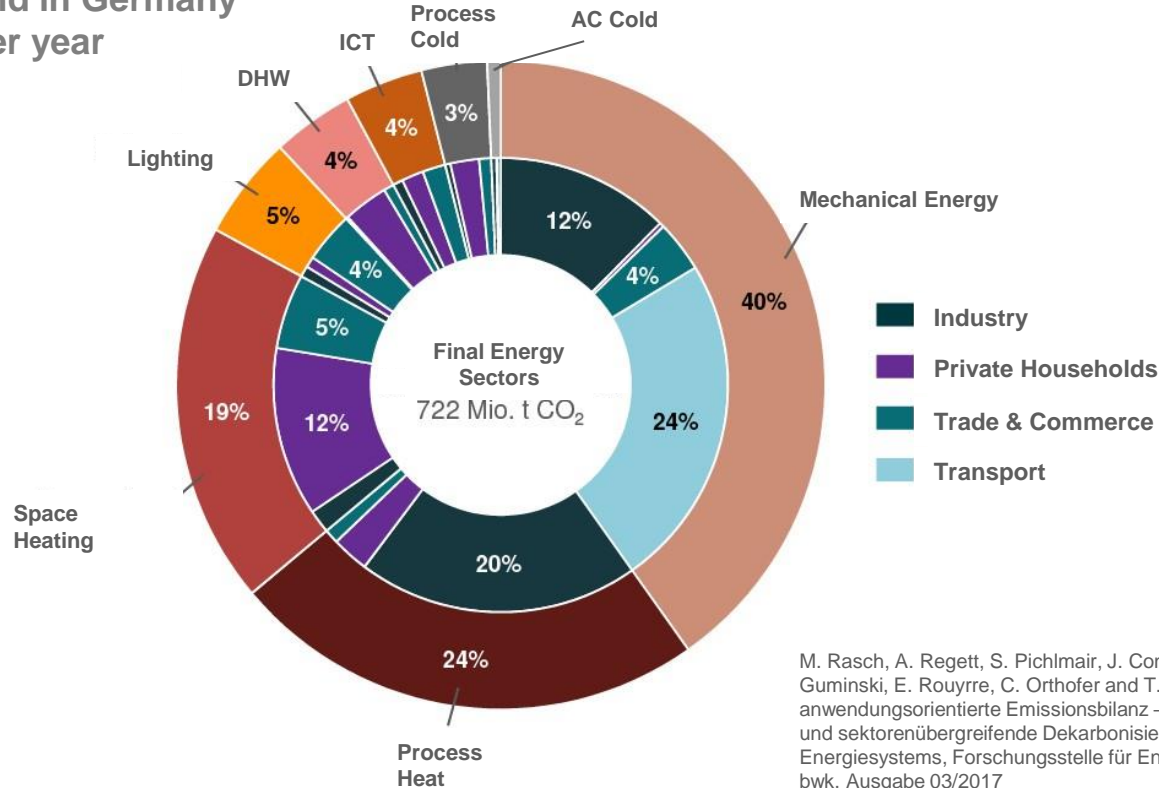
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**EES – TES – EES/TES/CES**

# **„Flexible Sector Coupling“ – Definition and Concept**

# Energy Demand Sectors and CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions

Final energy demand in Germany  
about 2,600 TWh per year



M. Rasch, A. Regett, S. Pichlmair, J. Conrad, S. Greif, A. Guminski, E. Rouyrre, C. Orthofer and T. Zipperle, Eine anwendungsorientierte Emissionsbilanz – Kosteneffiziente und sektorenübergreifende Dekarbonisierung des Energiesystems, Forschungsstelle für Energiewirtschaft FfE, bwk, Ausgabe 03/2017

## Sectors = Demand Sectors

### **Electricity-Sector:** (= electric energy)

- Main input from renewable sources (PV/Wind)
- „Everything that consumes electricity“?
- obvious = lighting, ICT, controlling,...but also electric motors in industry, appliances in households etc.

### **Mobility-Sector:** (= kinetic energy)

- Transportation of goods and people
- cars, trucks, trains, ships, planes,...

### **Thermal-Sector:** (= thermal energy)

- Heating & cooling in buildings and industry
- process heat & cold, space heating, DHW,...

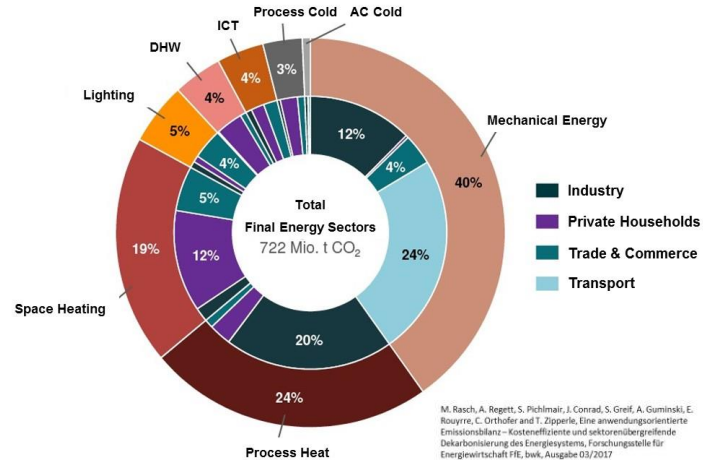


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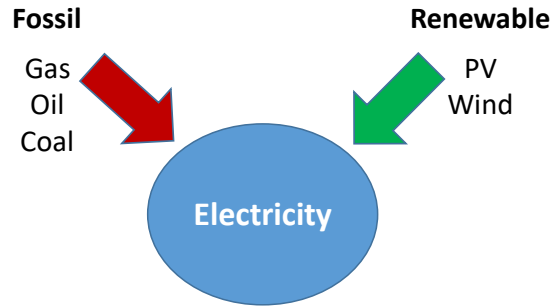
## Distribution of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions among the „Sectors“:

- **Electricity** **24%**
  - Lighting 5 %
  - ICT 4 %
  - Mech. Energy in Ind./T&C 16 %
- **Thermal** **> 50 %**
  - DHW 4 %
  - Process Cold 3 %
  - Process Heat 24 %
  - Space Heating 19 %
  - AC <1 %
- **Mobility** **24 %**

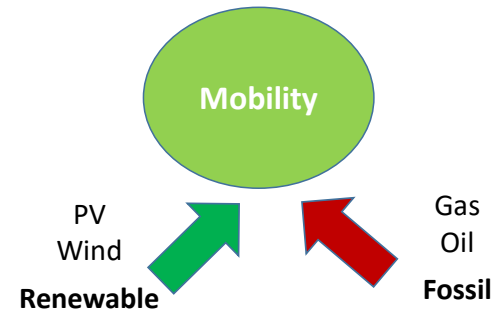
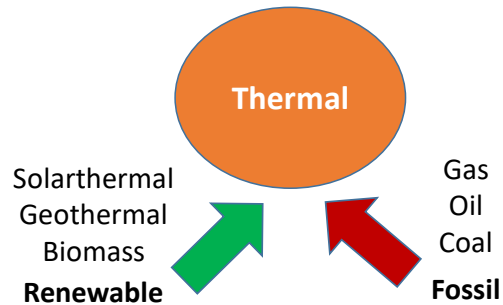


**The thermal and the mobility sector cause about 75 % CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in developed countries!**

# „Sectors“



## Energy Supply for different Sectors

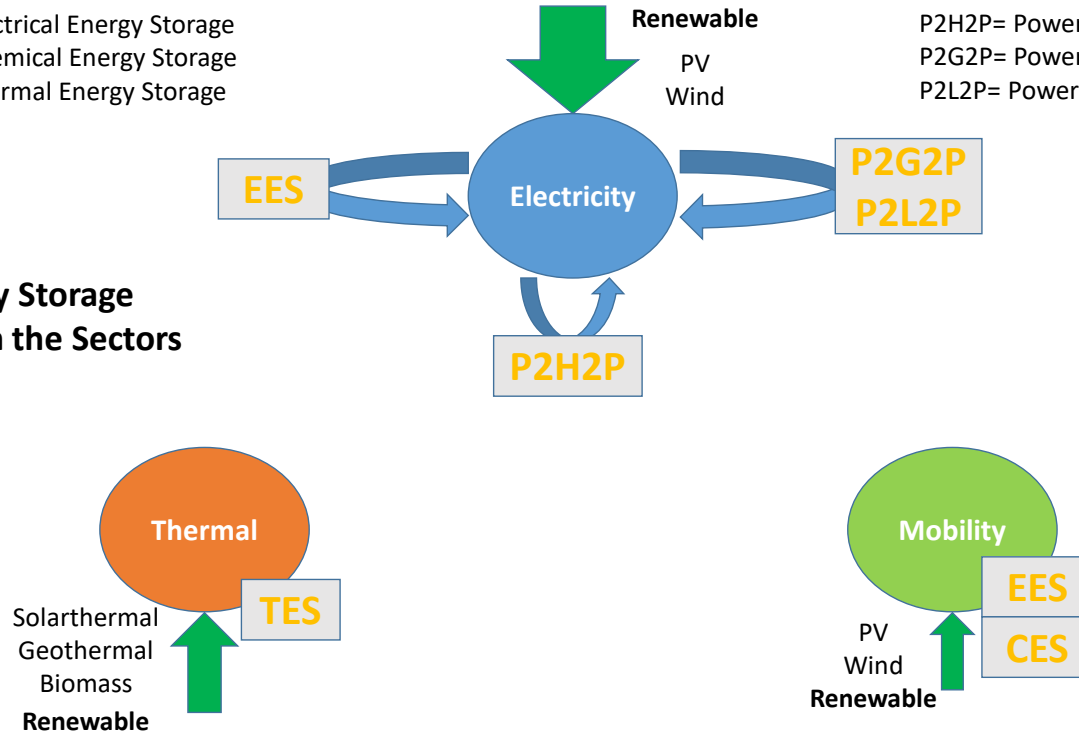


# Storage within „Sectors“

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TES = Thermal Energy Storage

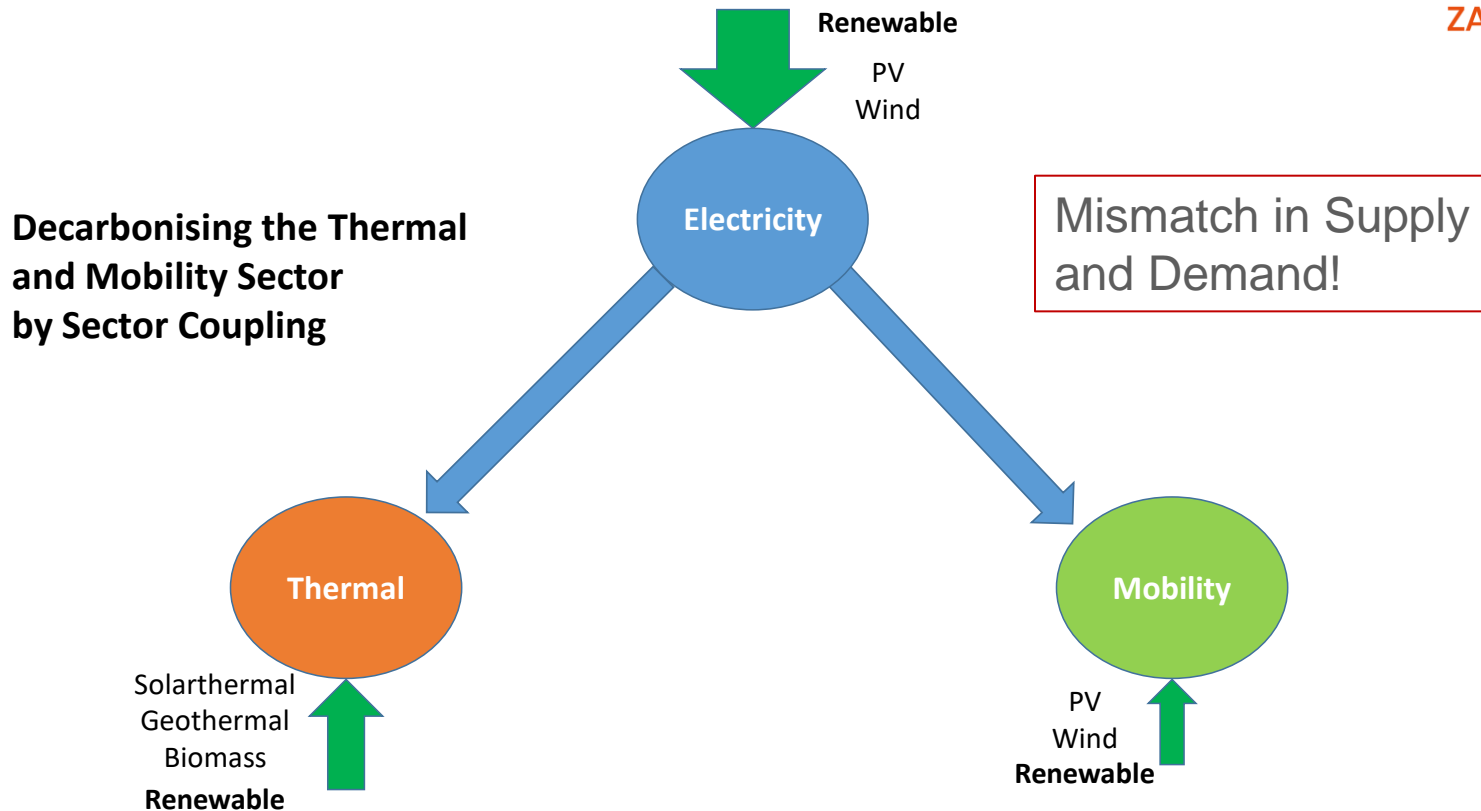
P2H2P= Power-to-Heat-to-Power  
P2G2P= Power-to-Gas-to-Power  
P2L2P= Power-to-Liquid-to-Power

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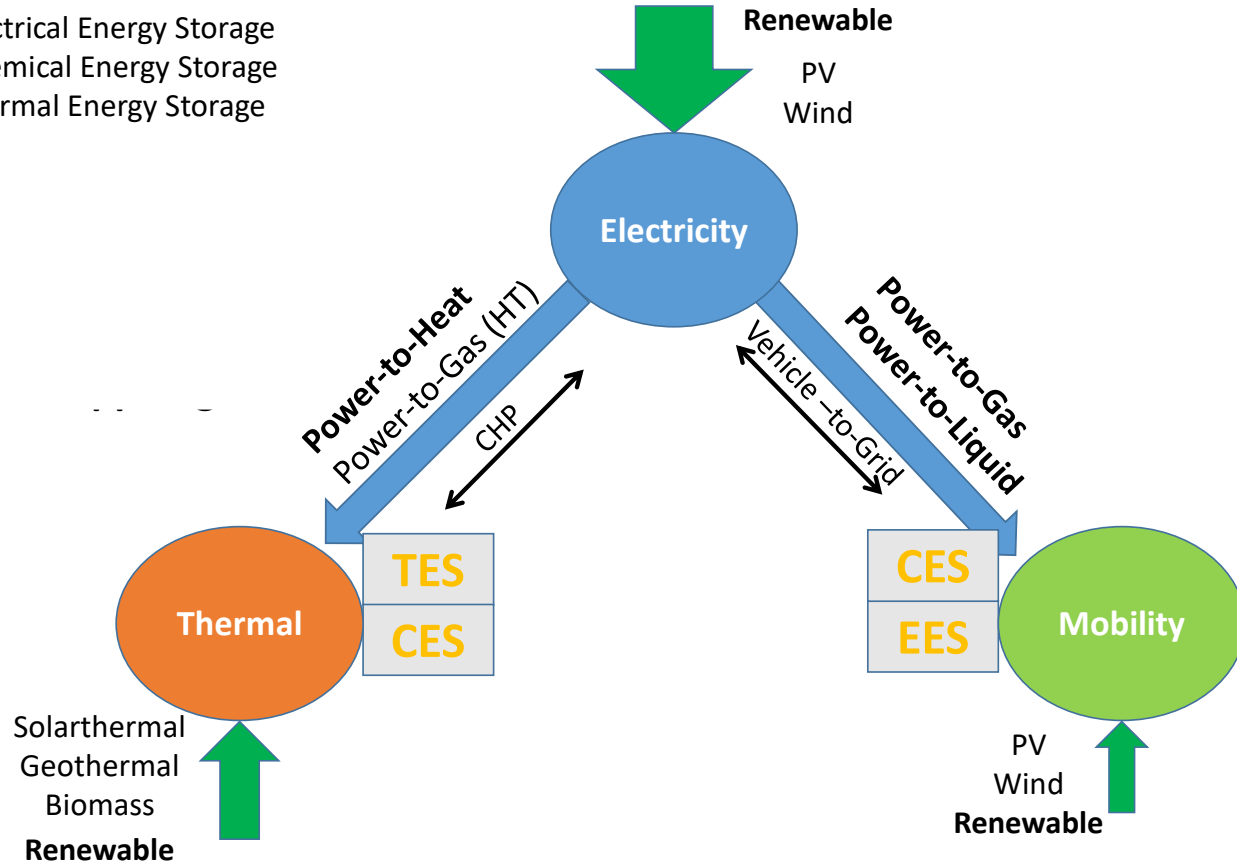


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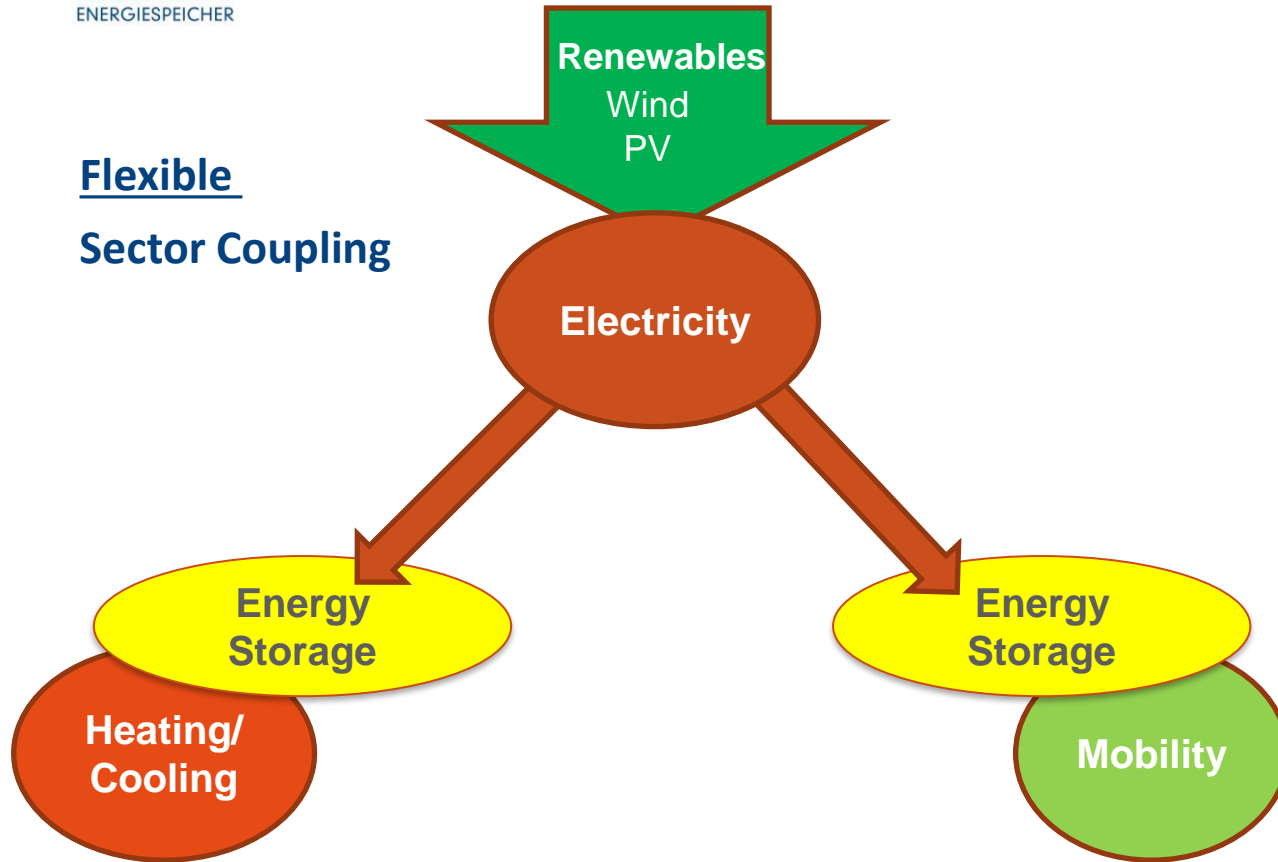
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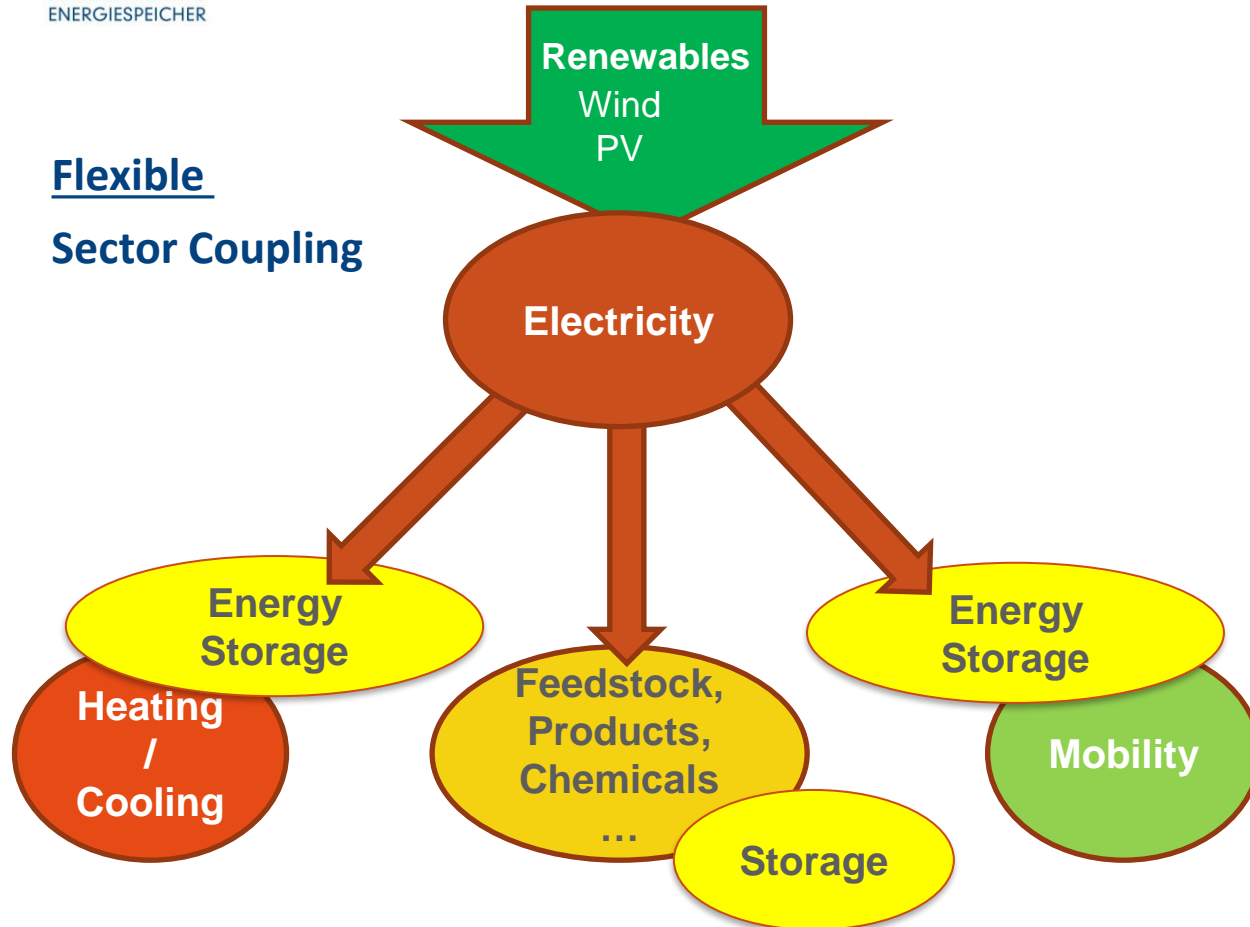


**...better keep it simple!**

Flexible  
**Sector Coupling**



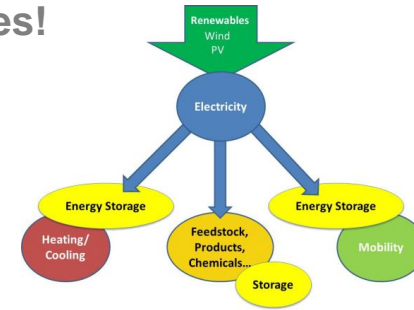
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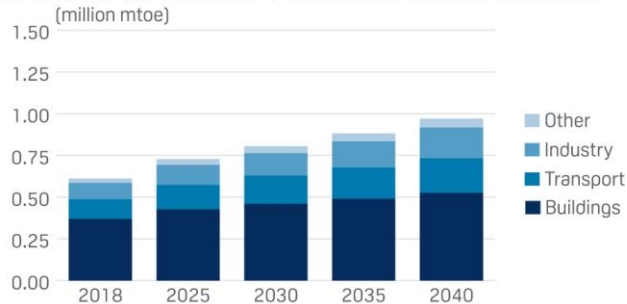
# Why Flexible Sector Coupling?

**Important: Higher degree of utilization of renewable sources!  
Economic justification!**

**Sector Coupling is key to  
decarbonization of all sectors!**

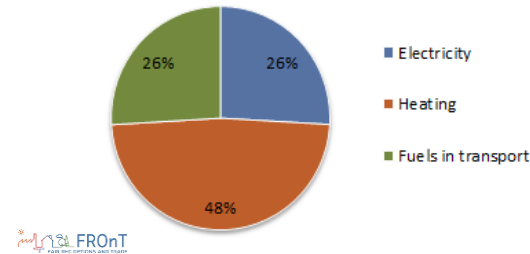


**AFRICAN FINAL ENERGY CONSUMPTION BY SECTOR**



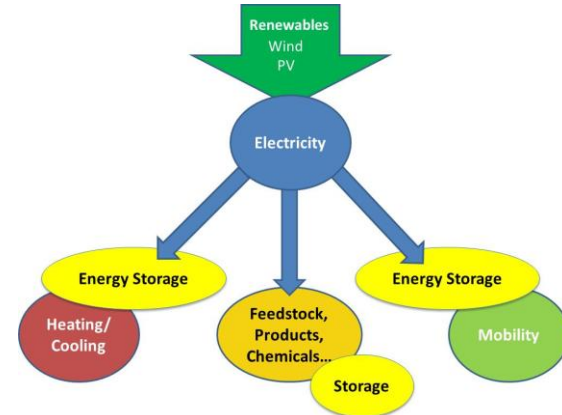
Note: Shows IEA's Stated Policies Scenario  
Source: IEA

**Final energy consumption broken  
down by sector (EU)**



## Possible Pathways from renewable electricity (from PV or Wind)

- Power-to-Heat
  - Power-to- Cold
- } Thermal Sector
- Power-to-Hydrogen
  - Power-to-Water
  - Power-to-Chemicals
- } Industry/Agriculture Sector
- Power-to-E-Mobility
  - Power-to-Hydrogen
  - Power-to-Fuel
- } Mobility Sector



# Latest Way of Visualizing the Concept



Electricity

Carrier / Storage

Thermal

Gas/Fuel

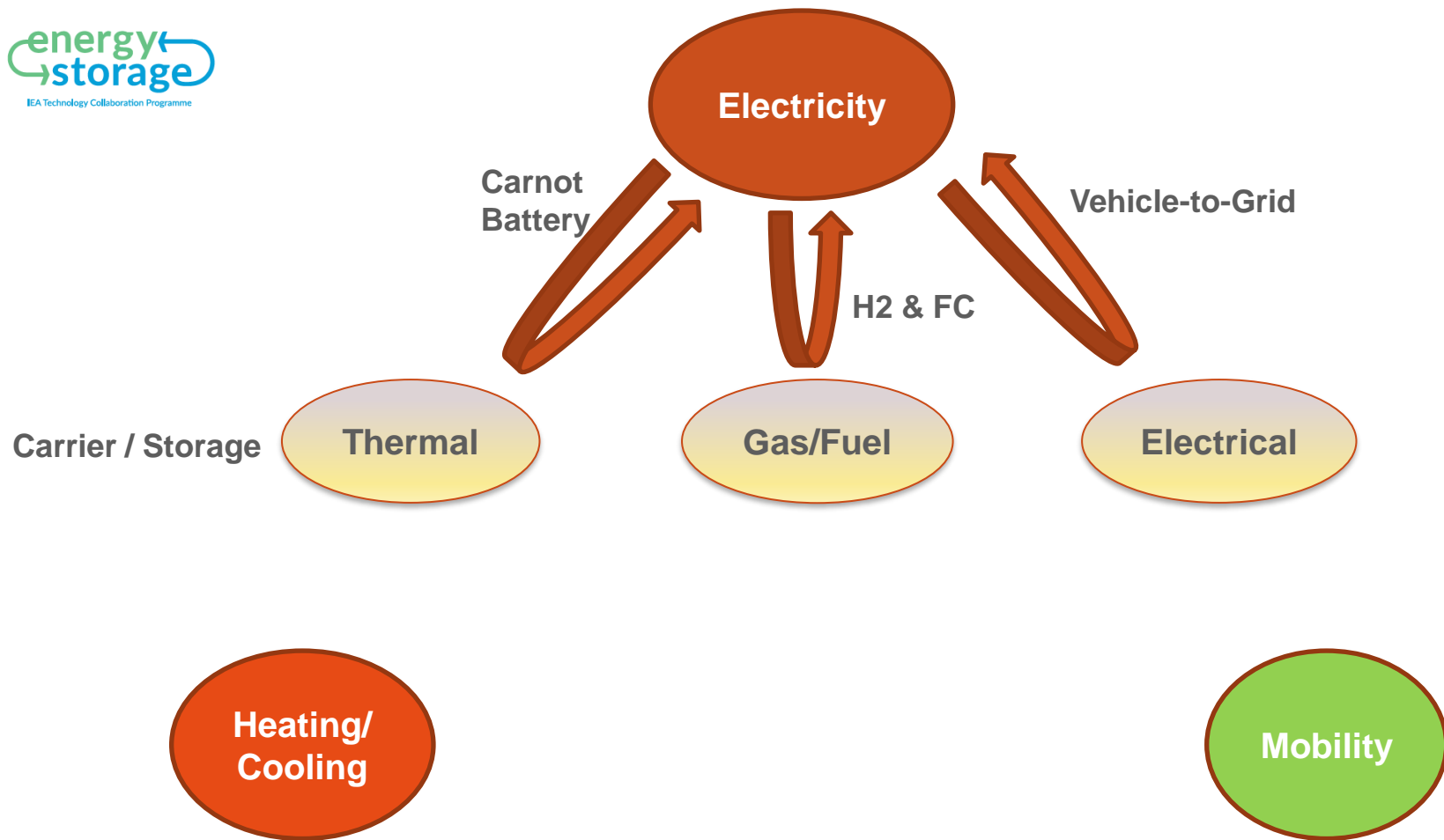
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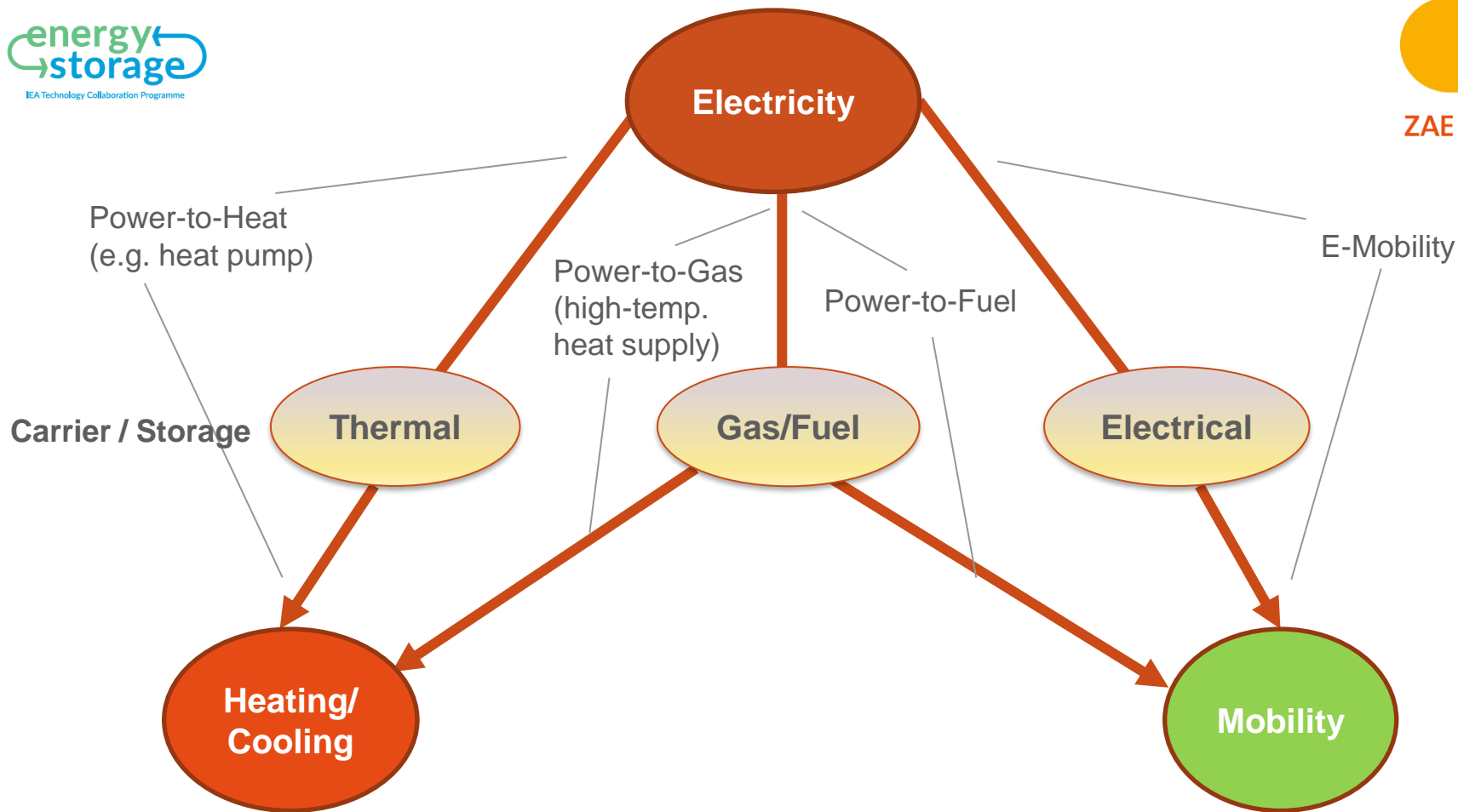
All Carrier = 100 % energy to store and to provide (thermal, electrical, chemical)

Heating/  
Cooling

Mobility



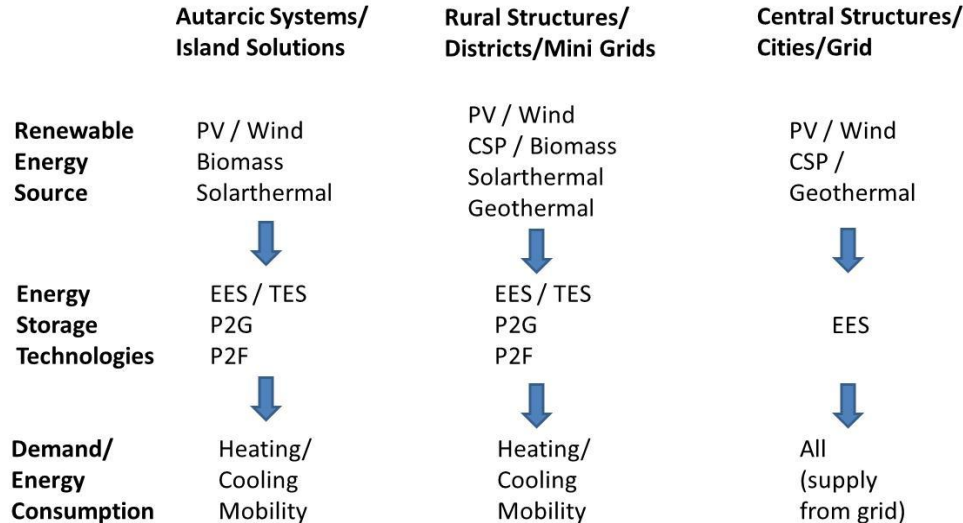




# Further Structuring the Energy Storage Solutions For Flexible Sector Coupling

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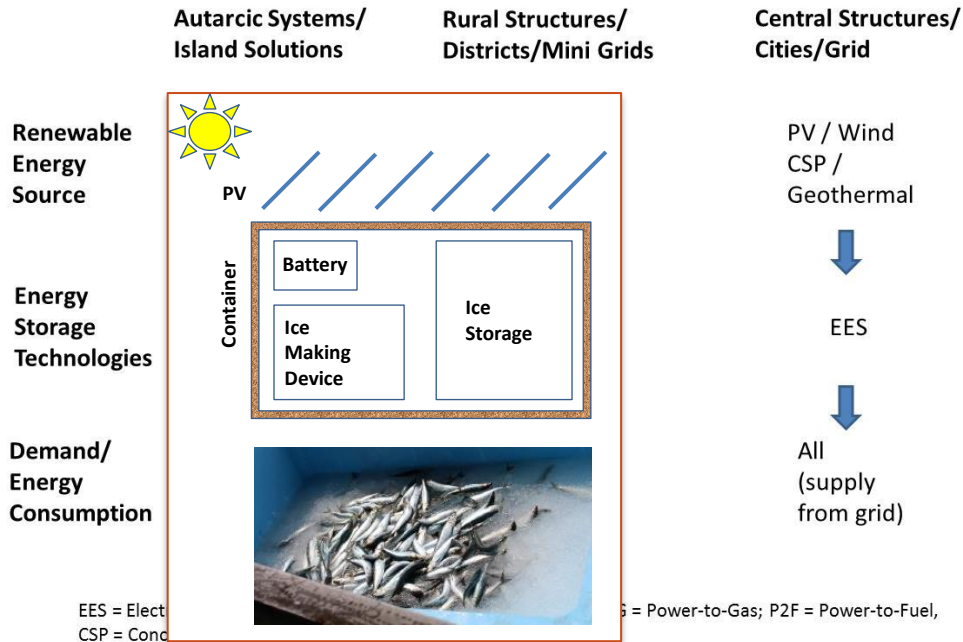
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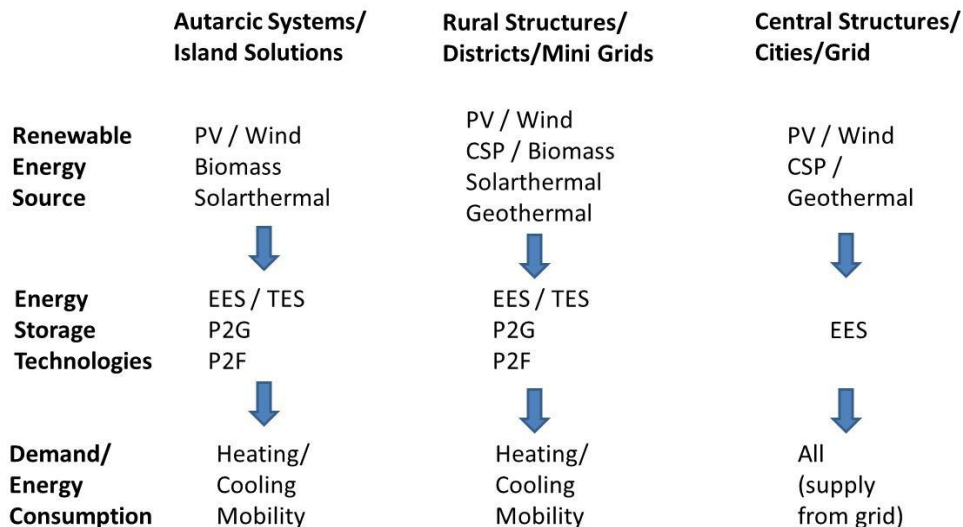


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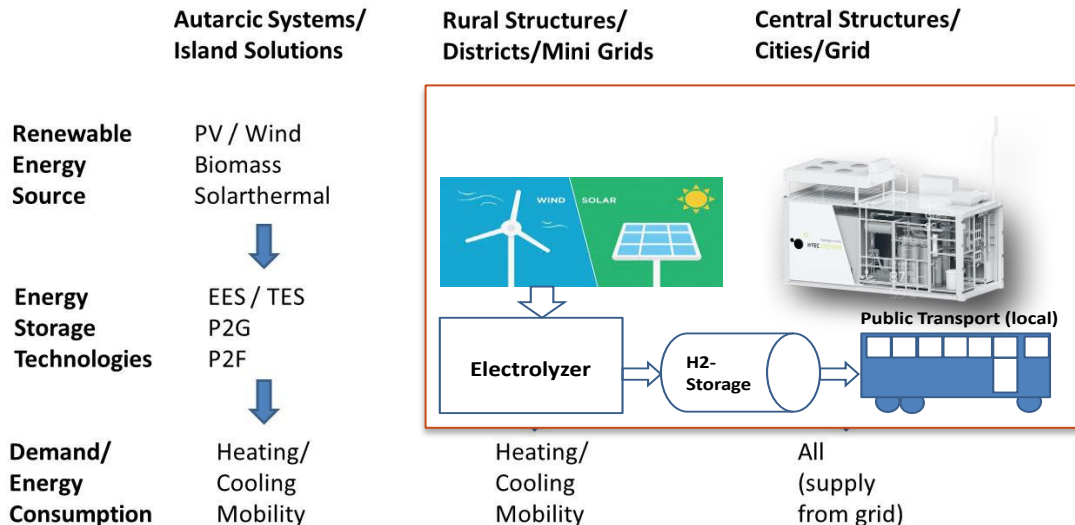
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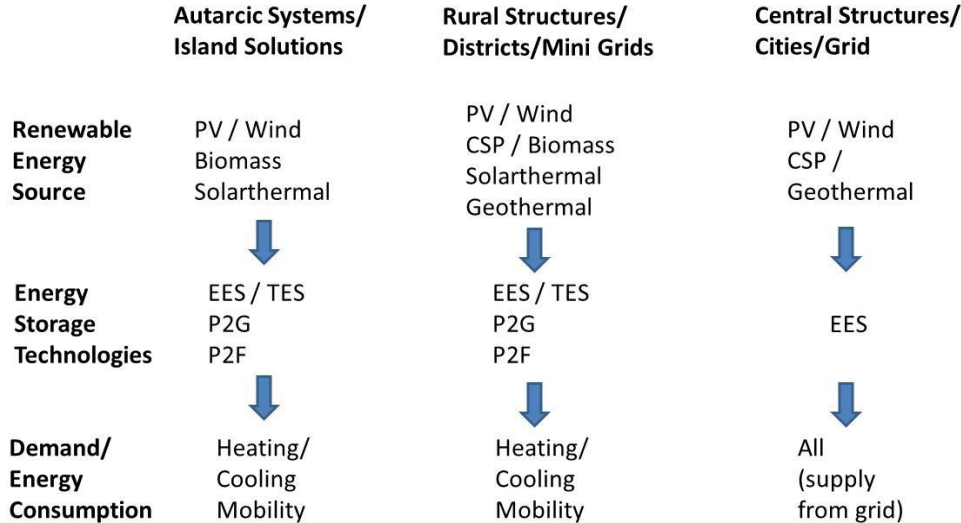
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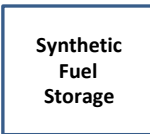
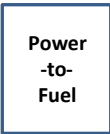
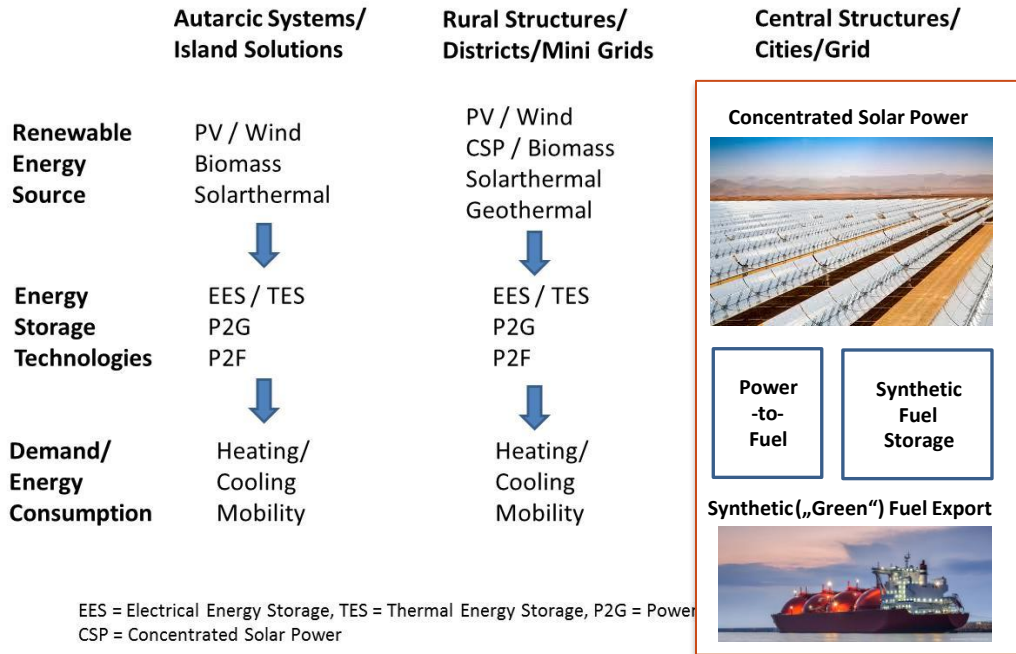


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## Conclusions

- ➡ The electricity sector will have the highest share of renewable energy input
- ➡ Thermal and the mobility sector are responsible for 75 % of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions
- ➡ Sector coupling is crucial for decarbonizing all sectors
- ➡ Only „Flexible Sector Coupling“ allows to match supply and demand!
- ➡ A number of energy storage technologies is available to address this approach

# Thank you very much for your attention!

# Difference between Power & Energy

„Storage of Power“



„Storage of Energy“



Dispatchable Load

# „Energy Sectors“ and CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions

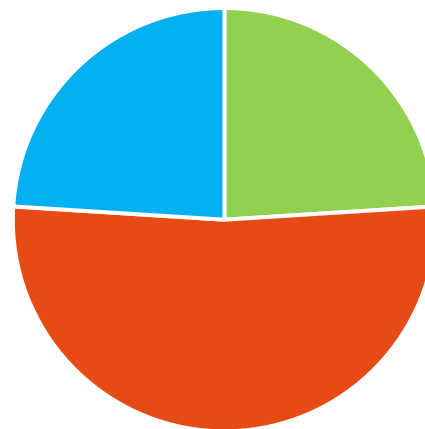
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