

ON THE ROLE OF ELECTRICITY STORAGE IN SMART ENERGY SYSTEMS

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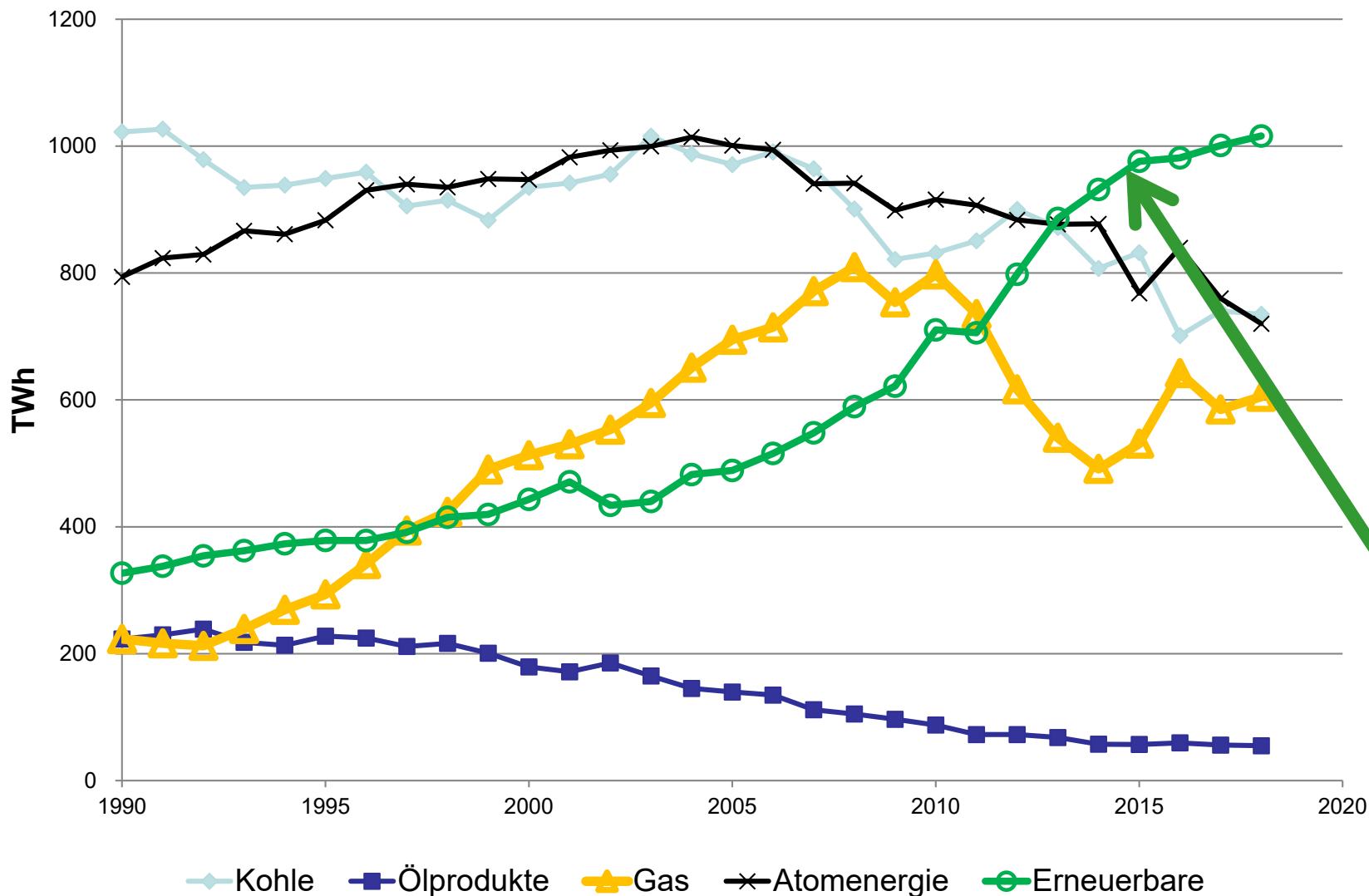
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Motivation:

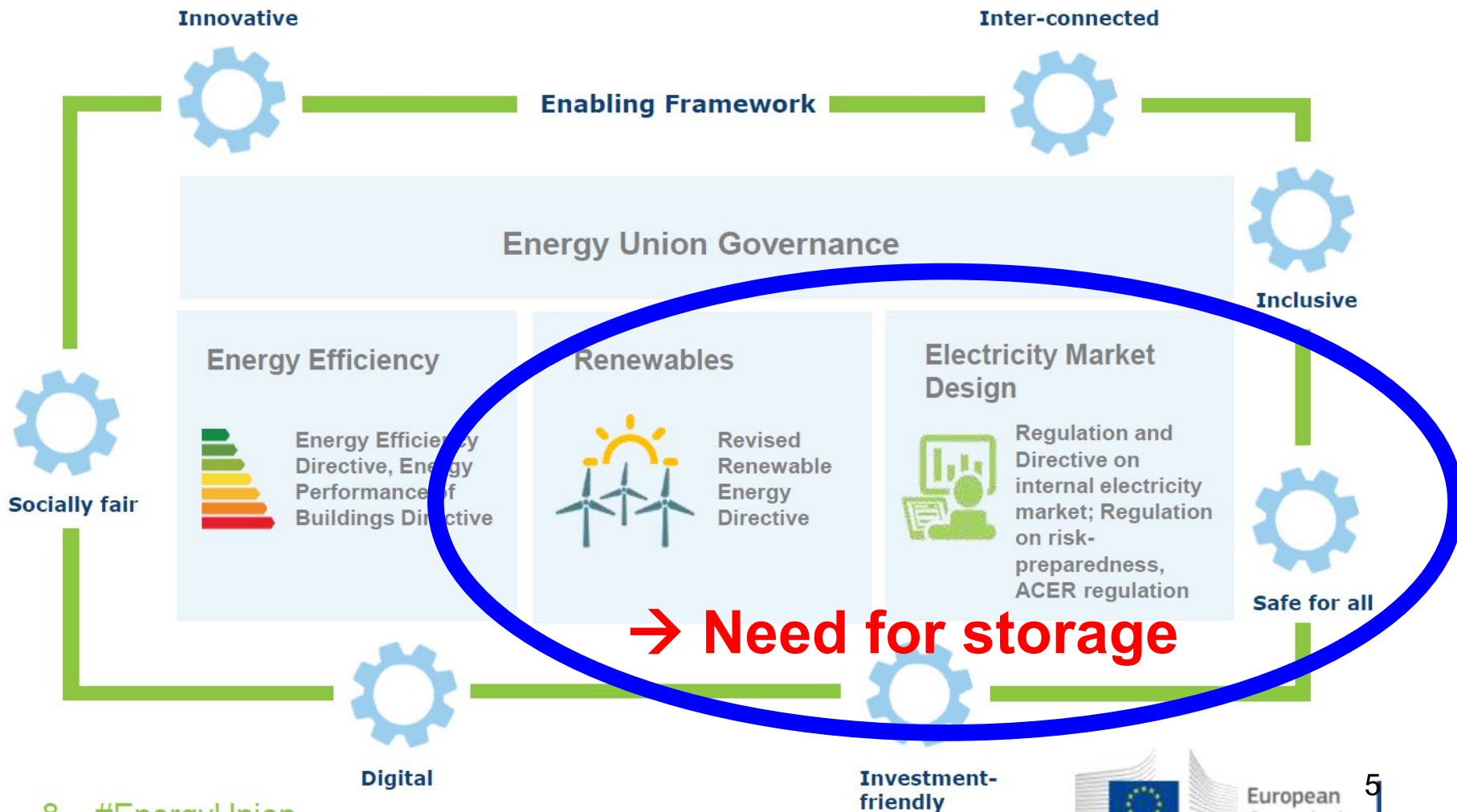
- * **Climate change → Paris agreements**
- * **Targets for renewables → Need for storage**
- * **Europe: The clean energy package → energy communities → Need for storage**
- * **Not possible to force variable renewables into the system → Need for storage**
- * **Strong desire of some customers to participate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

Electricity generation EU-28

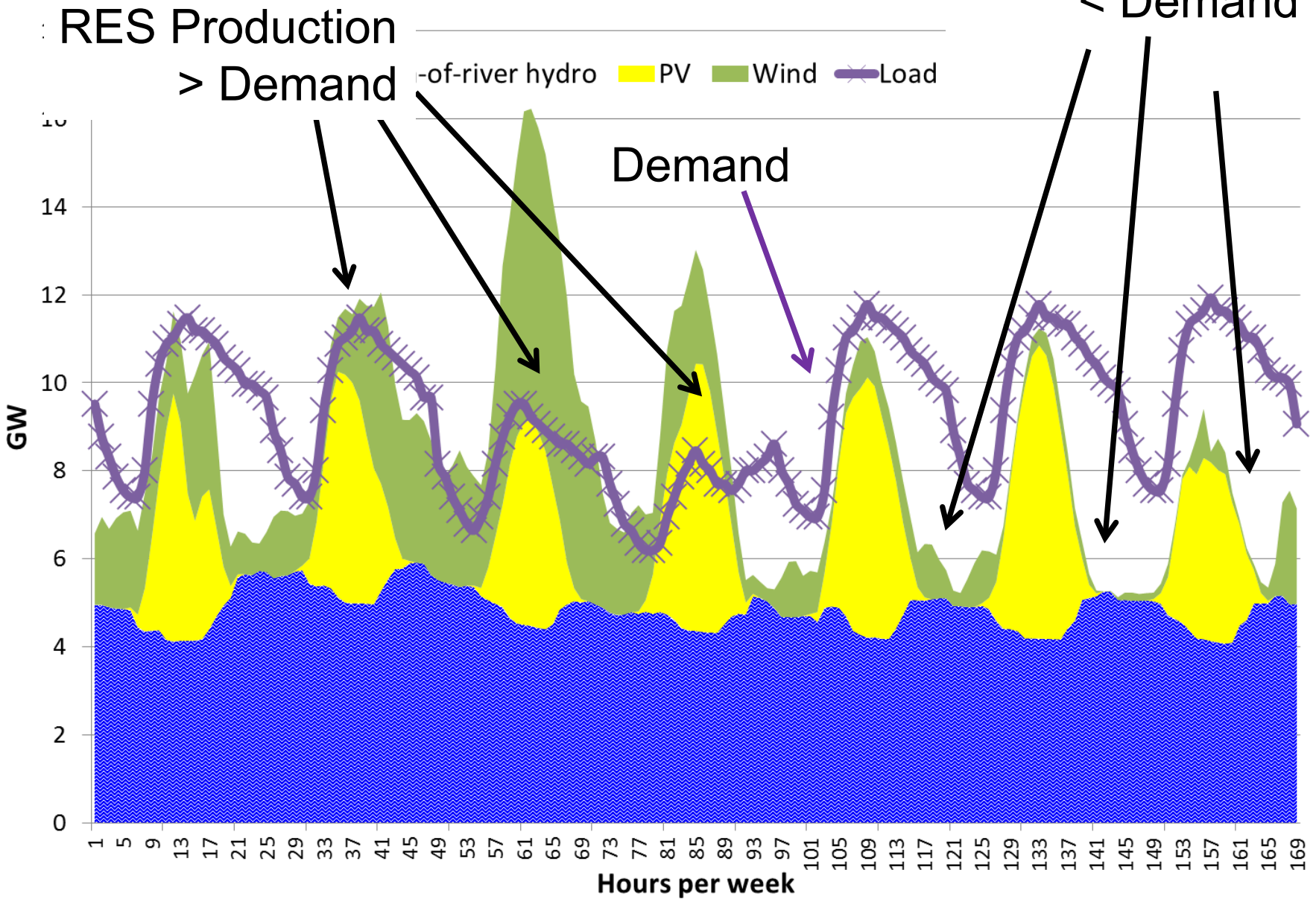


Werte für 2017 und 2018 vorläufig

Structure of the Package

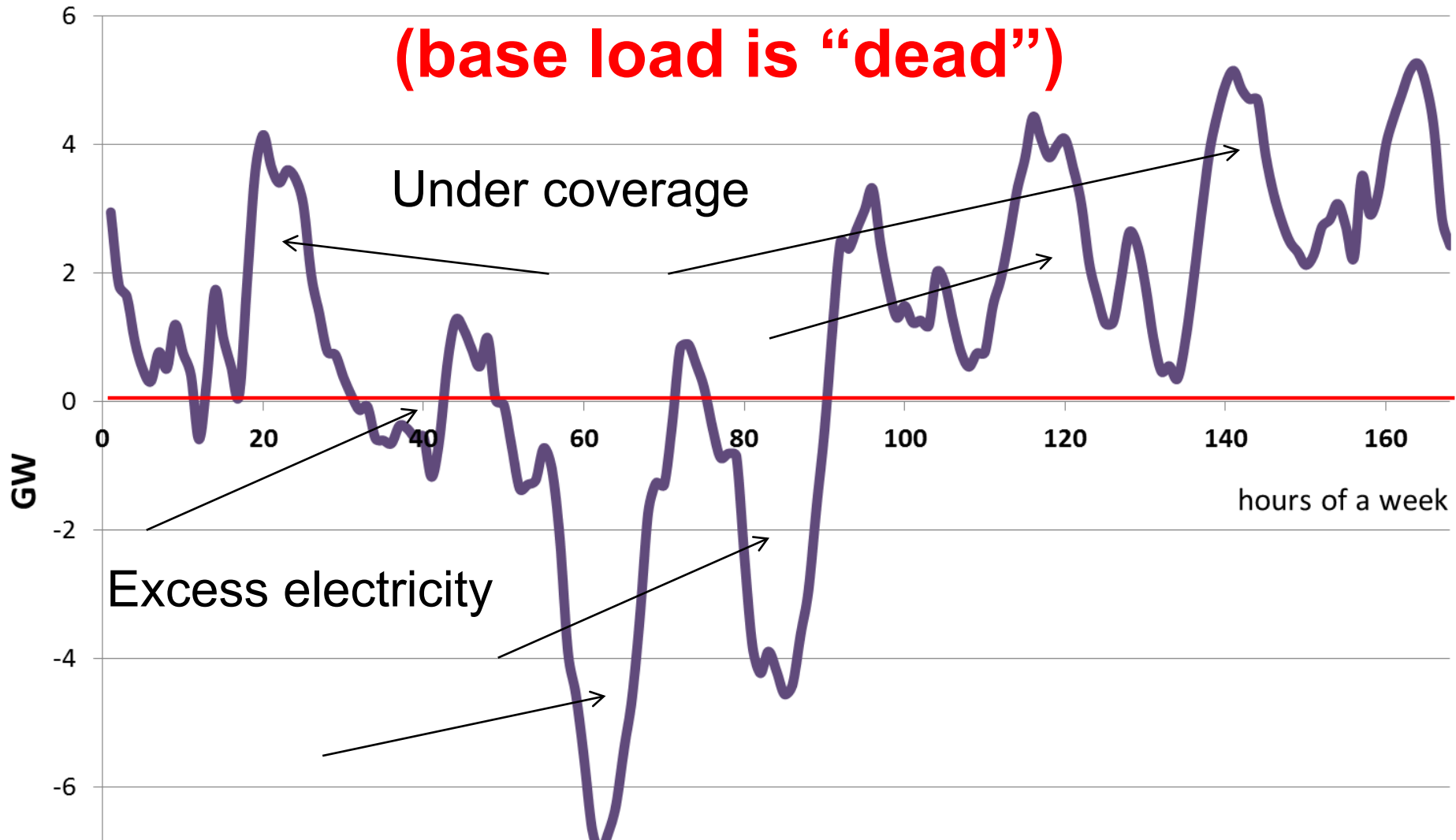


2 HOW VARIABLE RENEWABLES IMPACT THE ELECTRICITY SYSTEM



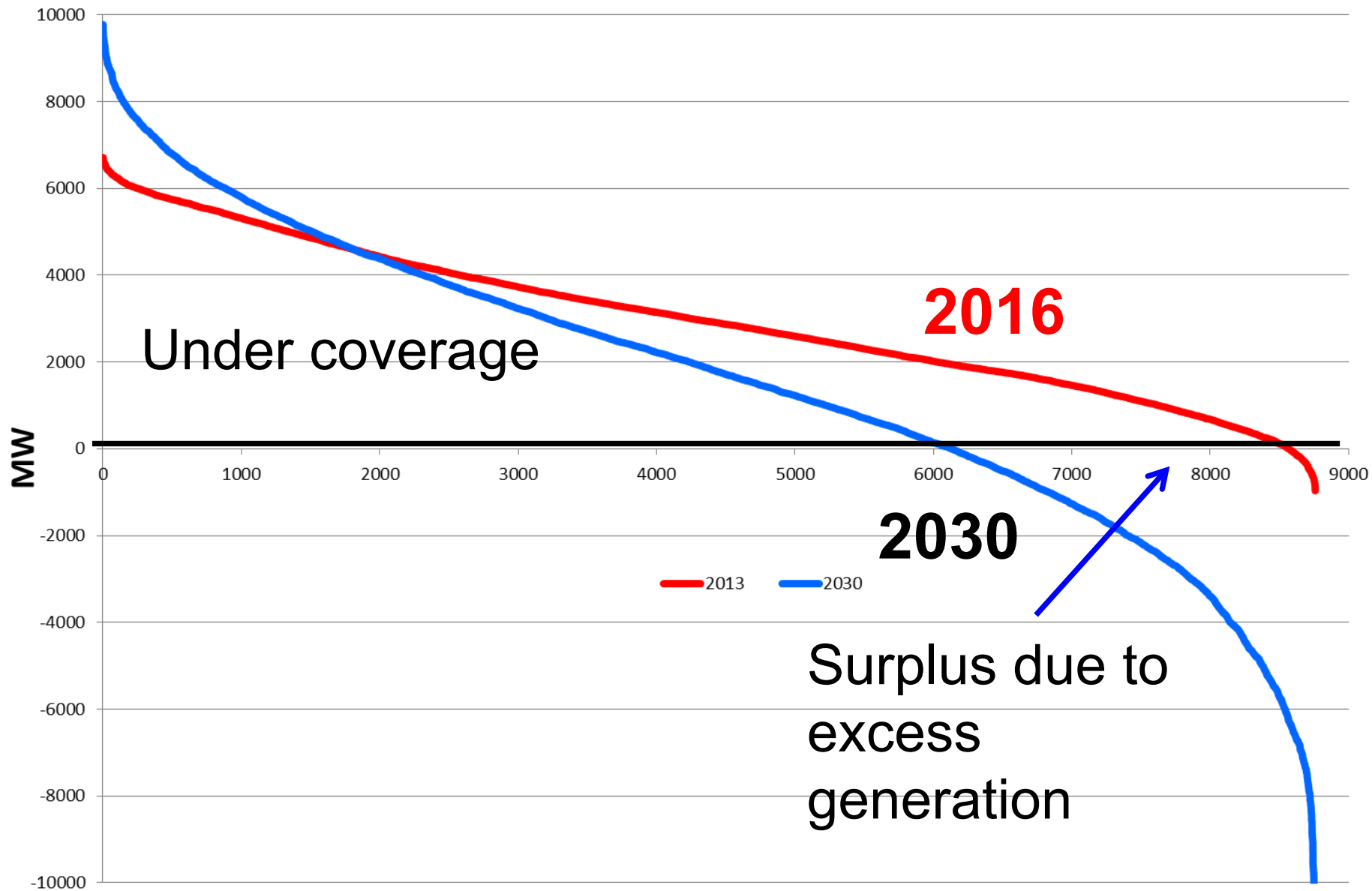
Key term of the future: Residual load

(base load is “dead”)

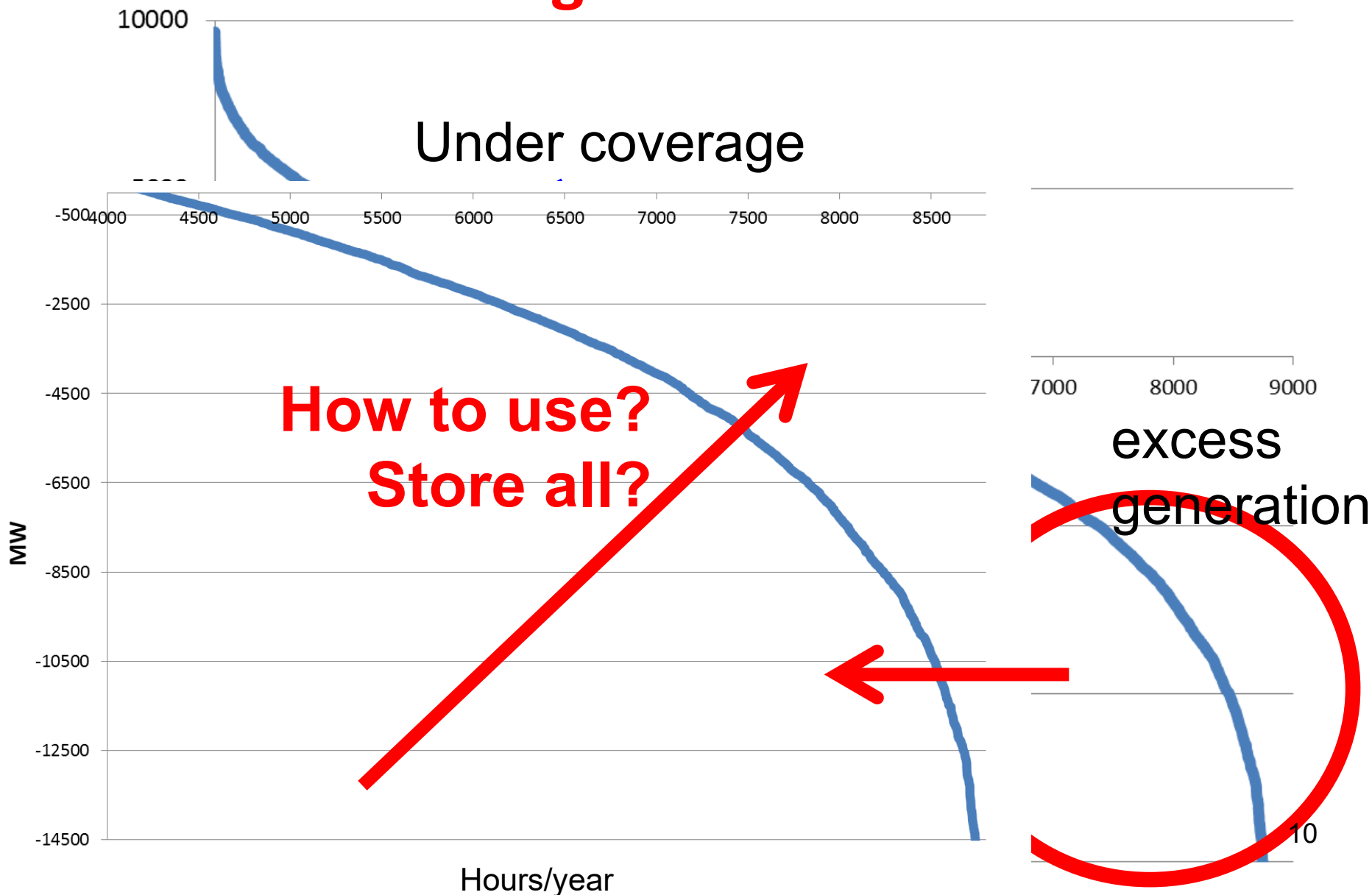


Residual load = Load – non-flexible generation

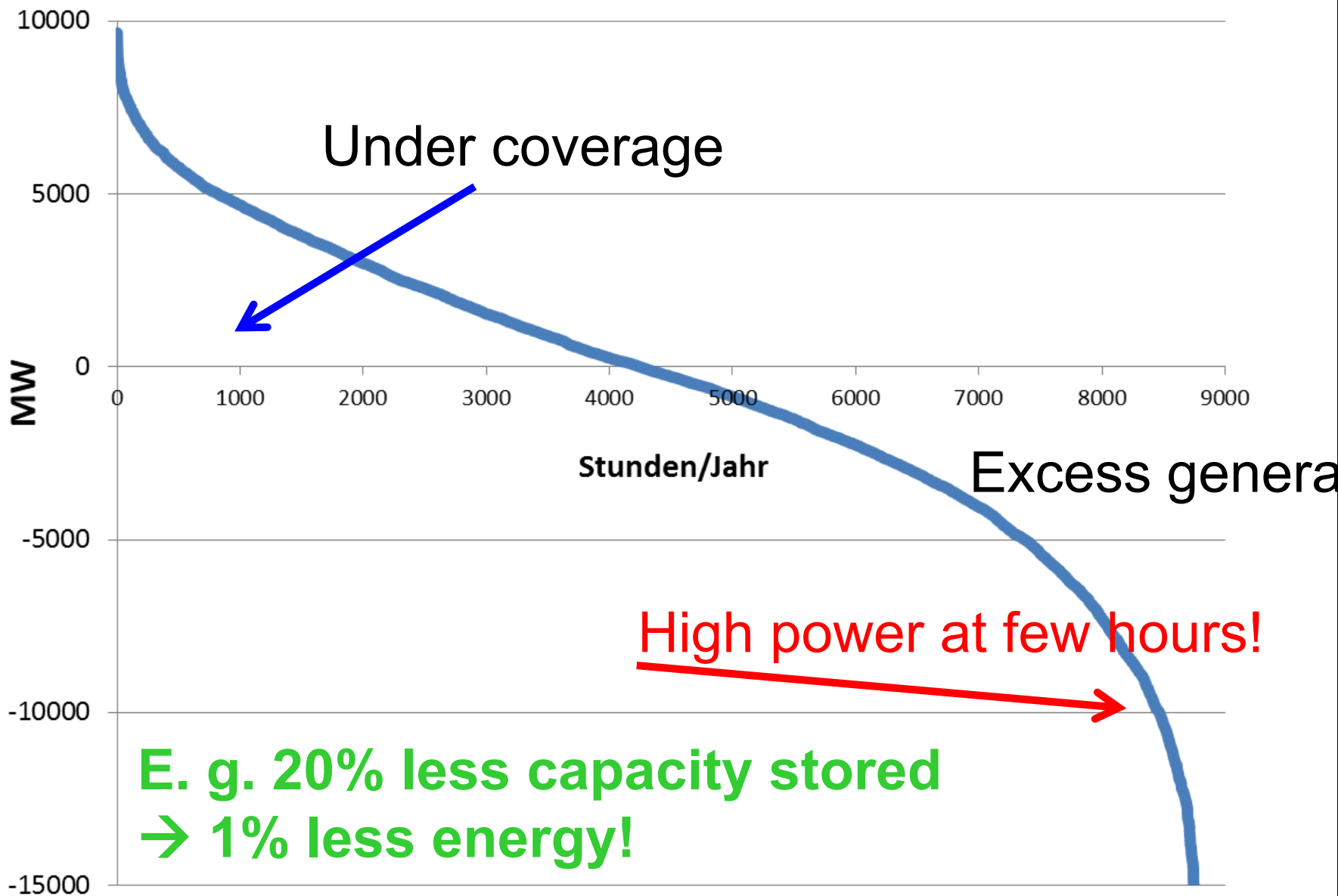
Classified residual load over a year



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



Storing every peak?



4. The costs of storage

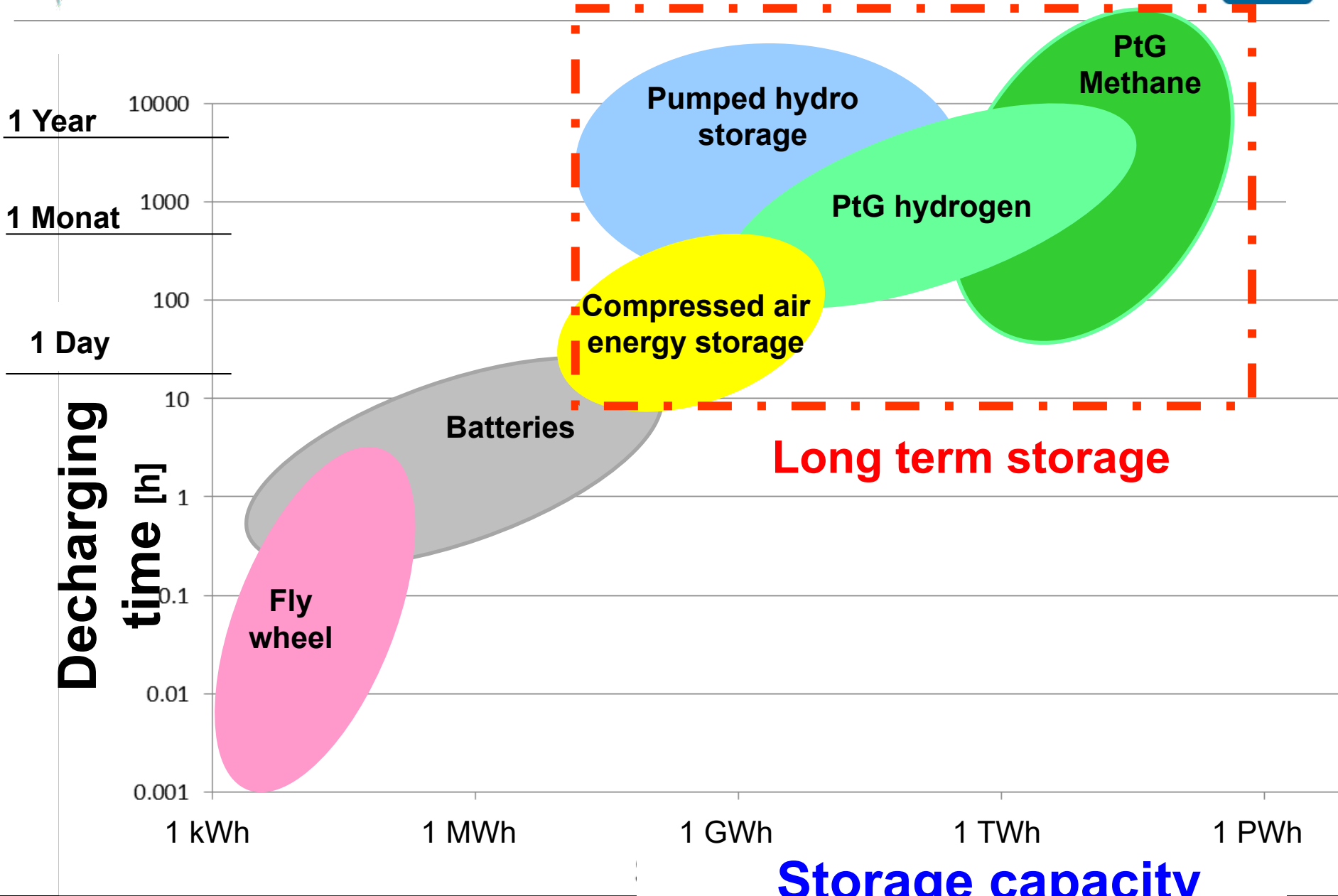
$$C = \frac{IC \cdot \alpha + C_{OM} + C_E}{T \cdot \eta_{STO}} \left[\frac{EUR}{kWh} \right]$$

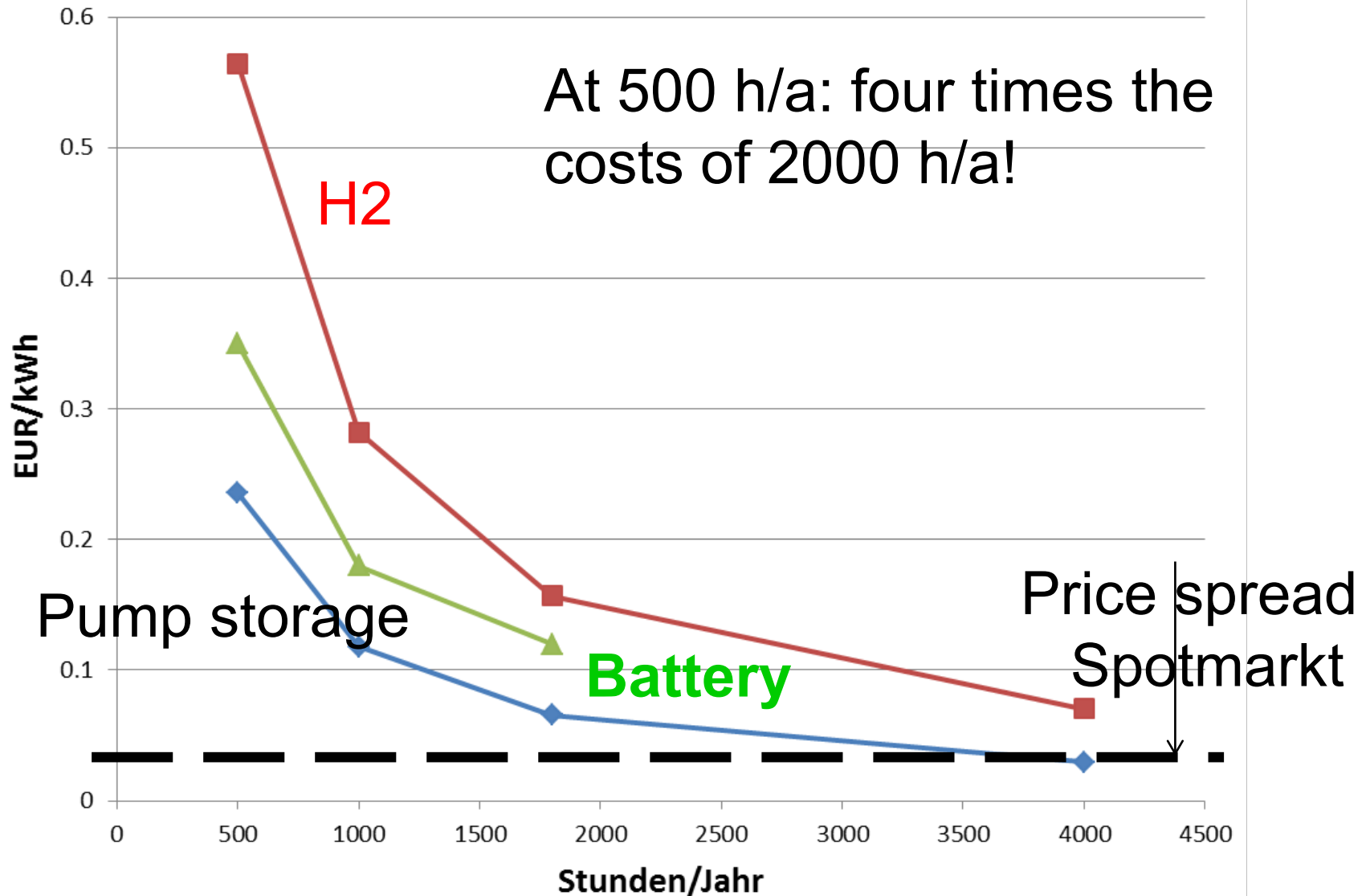
- C ... Storage costs (EUR per kWh)
- C_E ... Energy costs (EUR per kWh)
- C_{OM} ... O&M costs (cent per kWh)
- IC ... Investment costs (EUR/kW)
- α ... Capital Recovery factor
- T ... Fullloadhours (hours per year)
- η_{SP} ... Efficiency of storage

Key factors:

- T (Fullloadhours)!
- C_E (electricity price)

Short term vs Long term storage



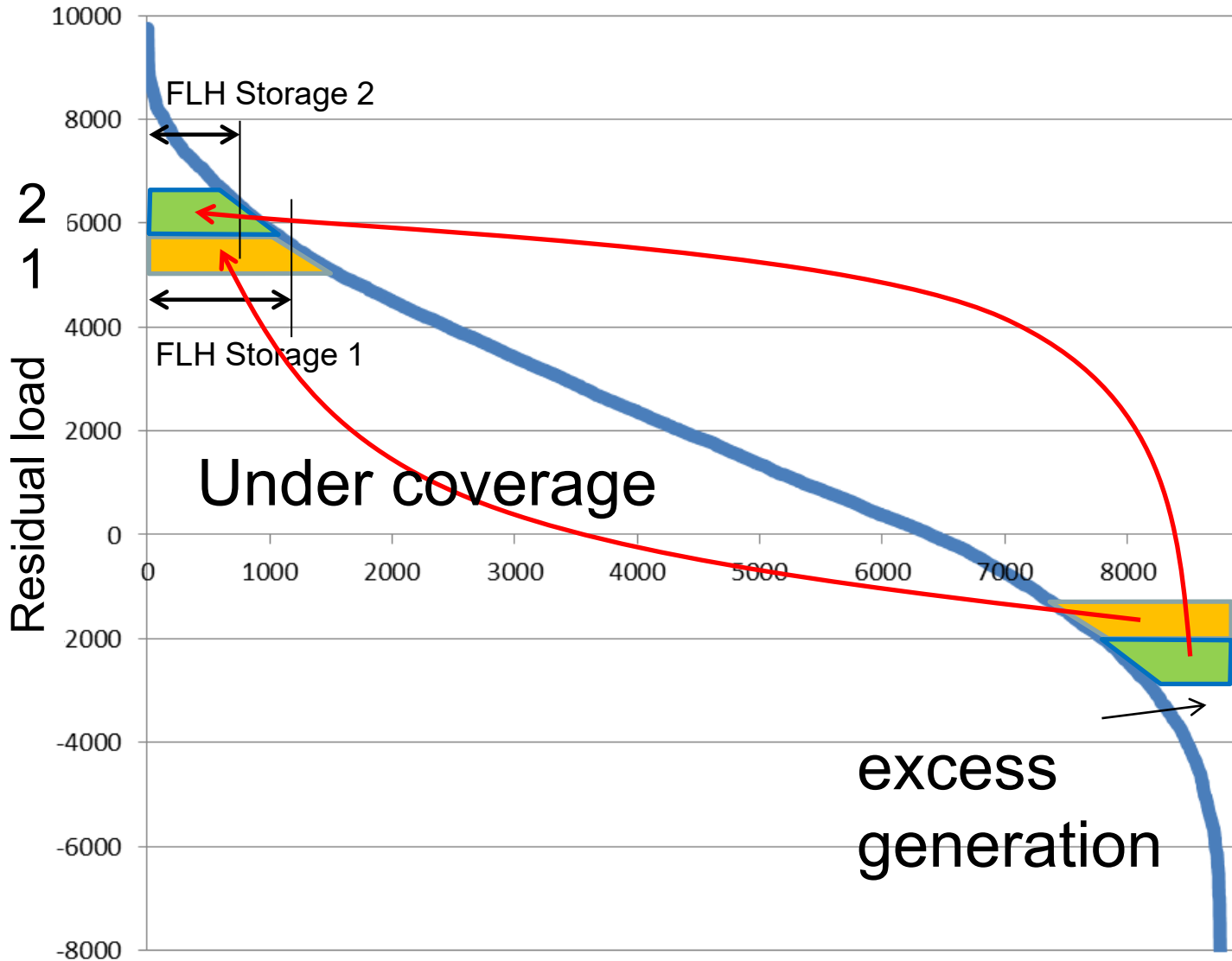


PRINCIPLE OF SELF CANNIBALISM IN ENERGY ECONOMICS:

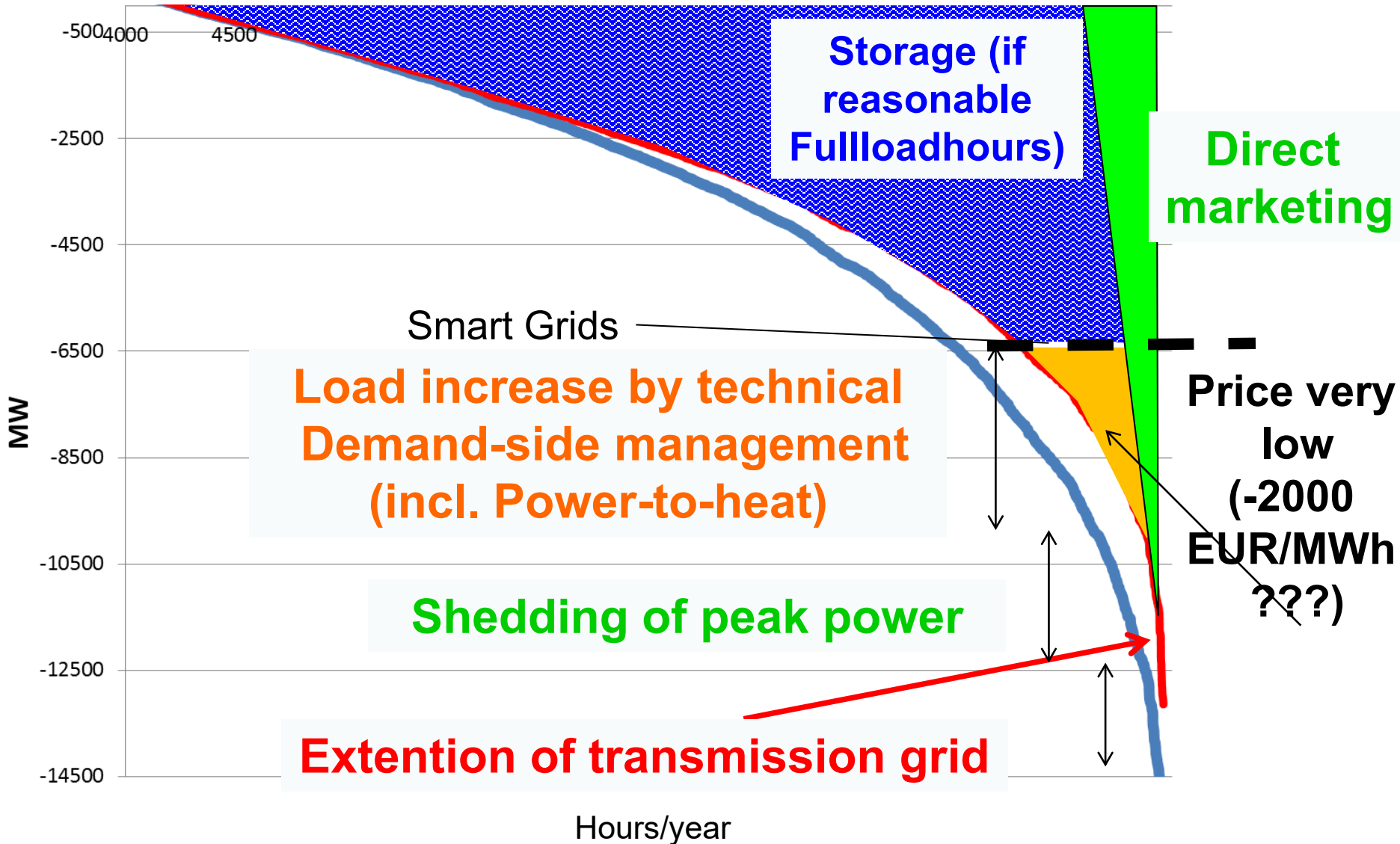
**Example storage:
Every additional storage
unit makes this one and
every other less cost-
effective!**

Decreasing full-load hours of storages

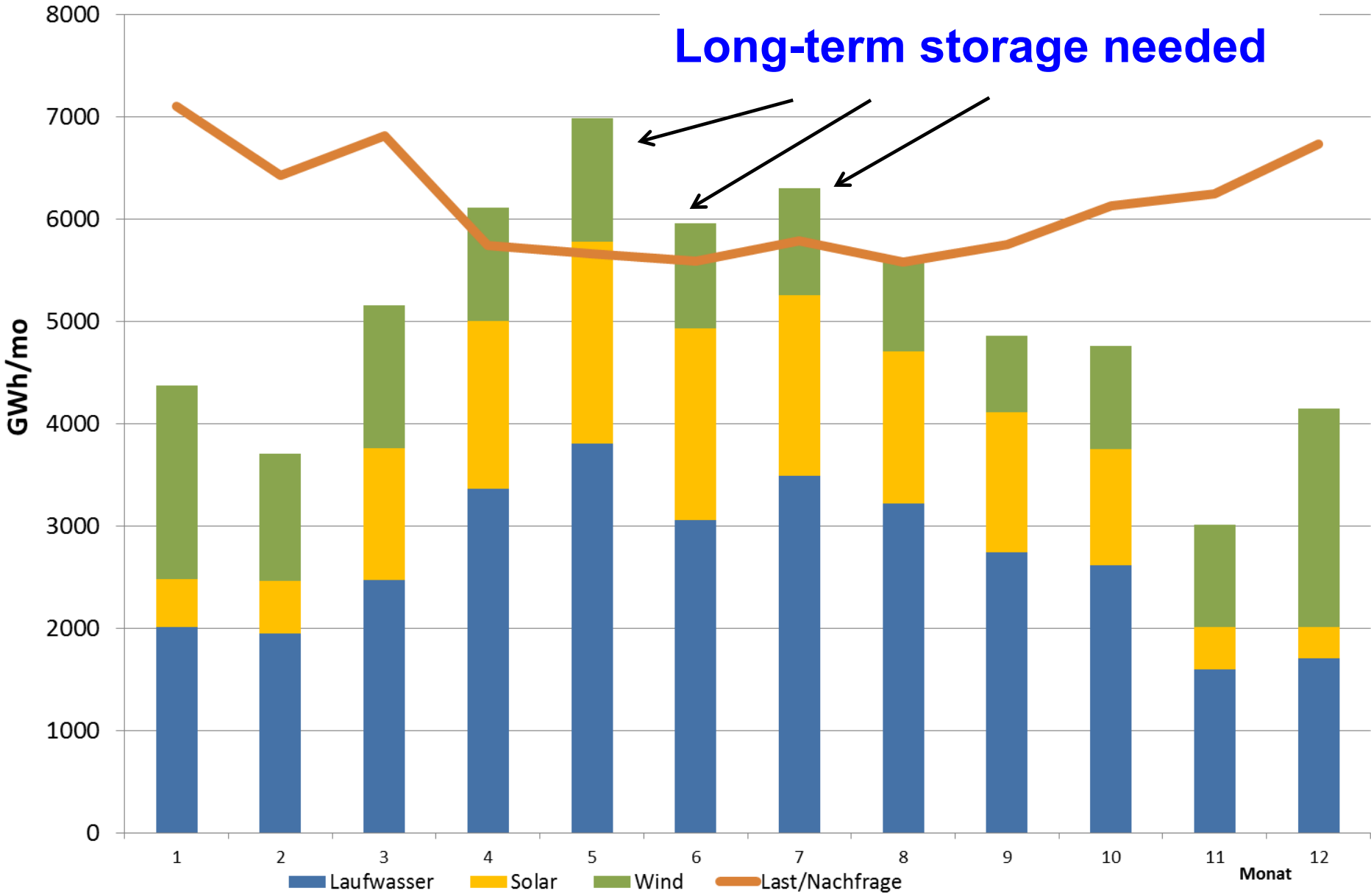
Storage 2
Storage 1



5. Flexibility



Demand for long-term storage



Sector coupling / Sector integration

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



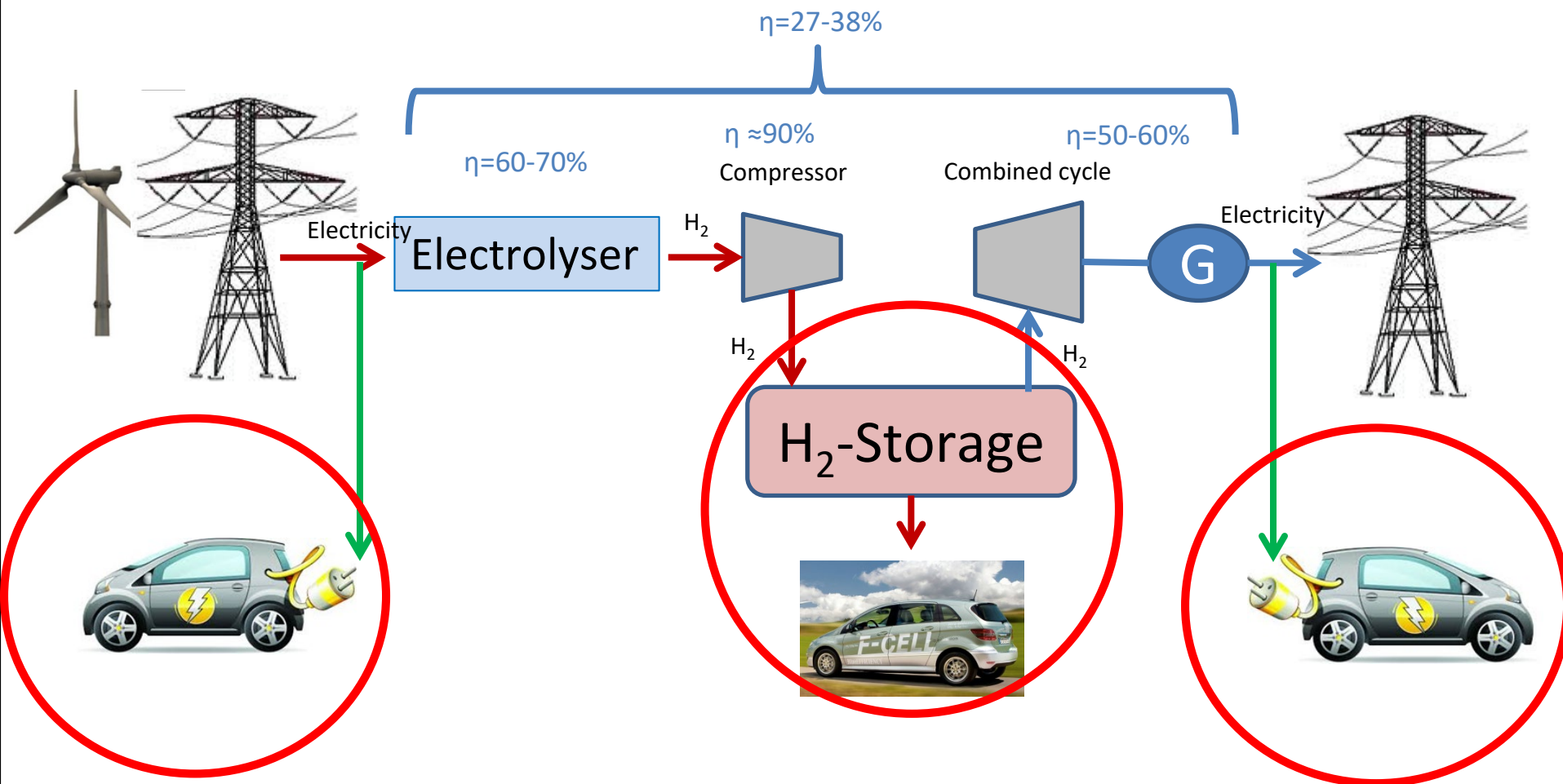
Heating/Cooling

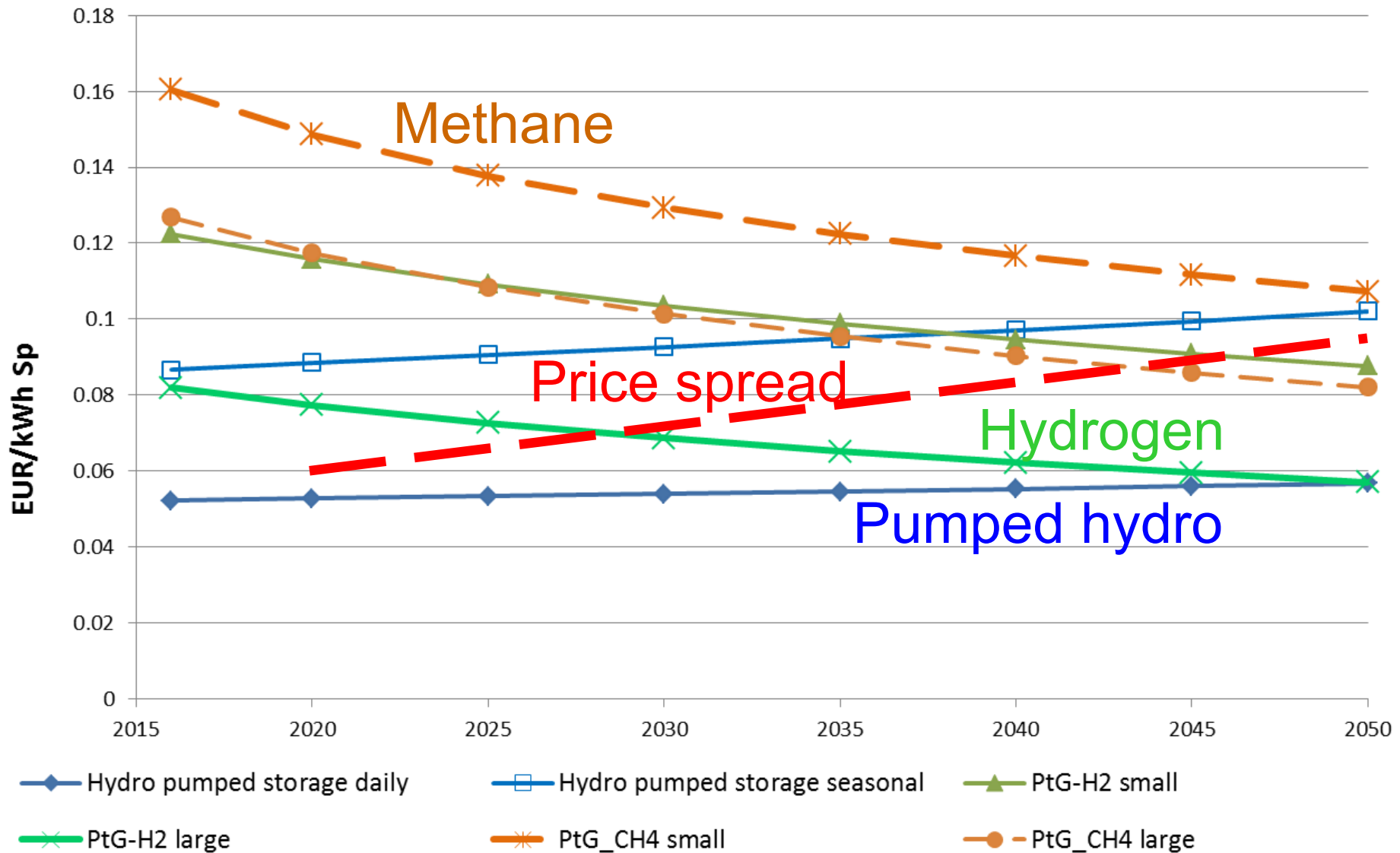


Transport

- * Vague simplified suggestions, no convincing long-term solutions
- * **Central** (Ptx approaches, e.g. H2) 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 heating ?

Sector coupling hydrogen: Storage and fuel in transport?





- 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**