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Introduction to Energy Systems

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Energy Systems

Agenda

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Week 2



Lectures

Energy System
Fundamentals

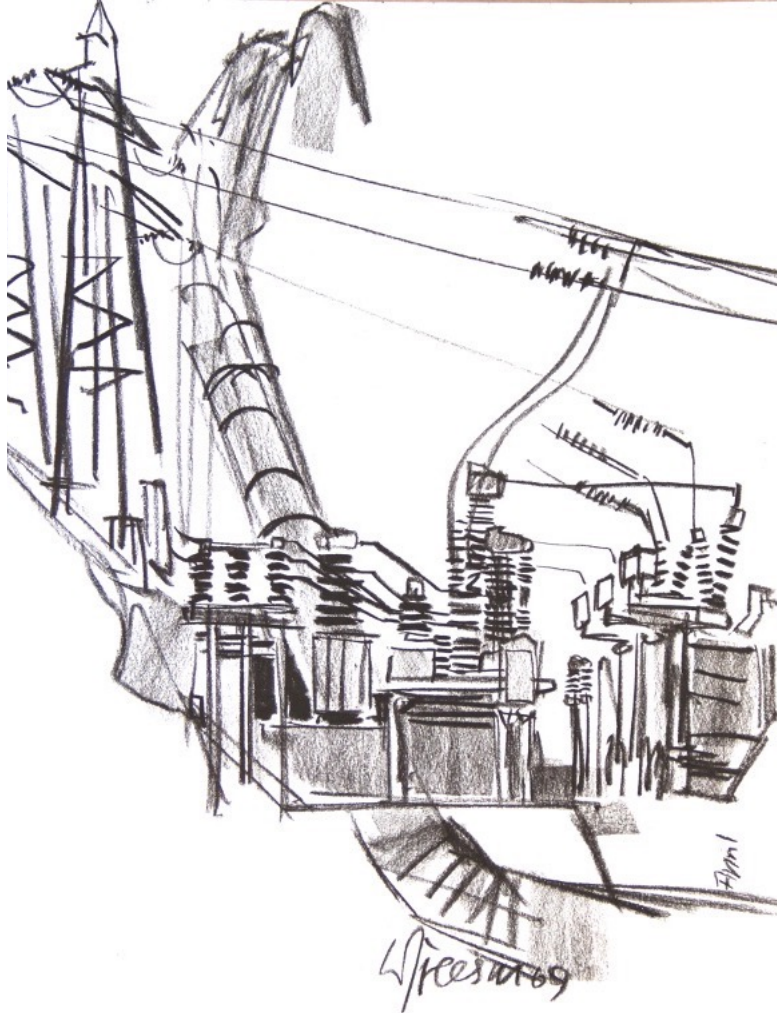
- Introduction to Energy Systems and Key Concepts
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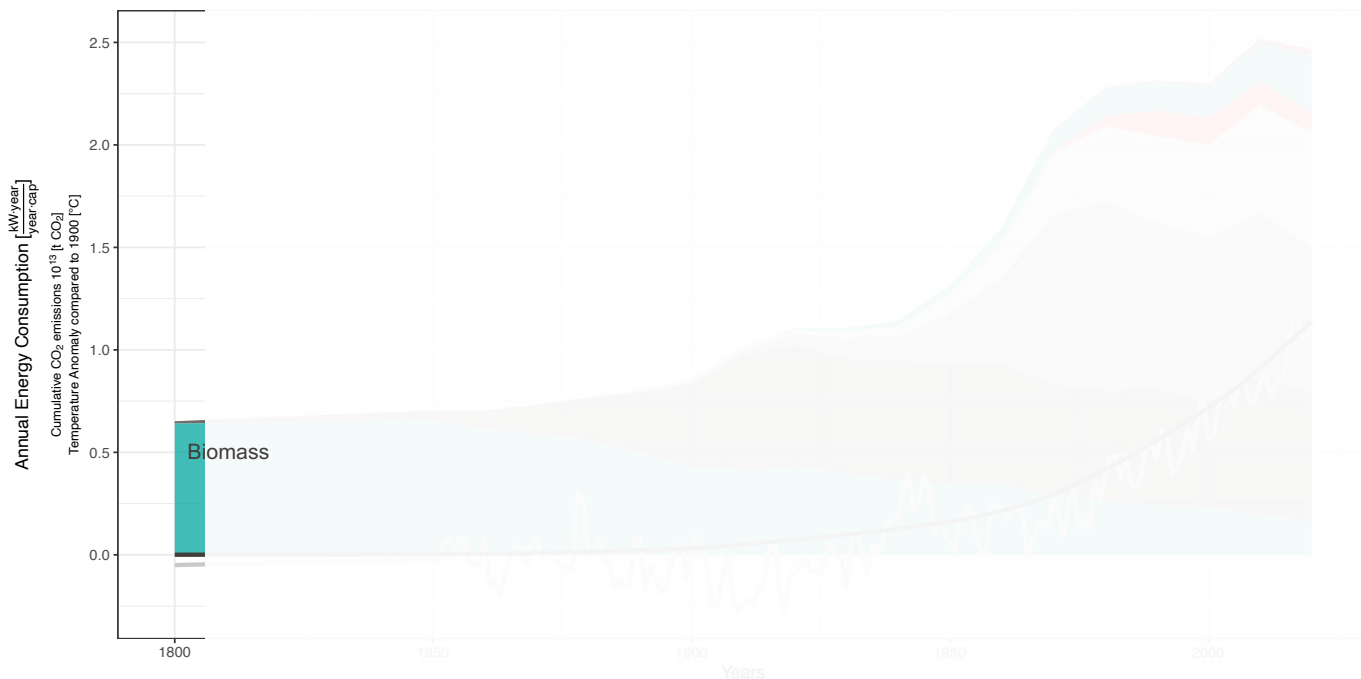
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The Foundation of Ingenuity and Survival

- Mastery of **fire** improved **warmth, protection, and cooking**, altering human interaction with nature [2–5].
- Fire use enhanced living conditions and enabled **migration** [2–5].



Population 0.8 billion

Energy $\left[\frac{\text{W} \cdot \text{year}}{\text{year cap}} \right]$ 400

CO₂ emissions $[10^9 \text{ t}]$ 0.12

$\Delta T_{1800} \text{ } ^{\circ}\text{C}$ 0



Global energy consumption per capita and temperature evolution.

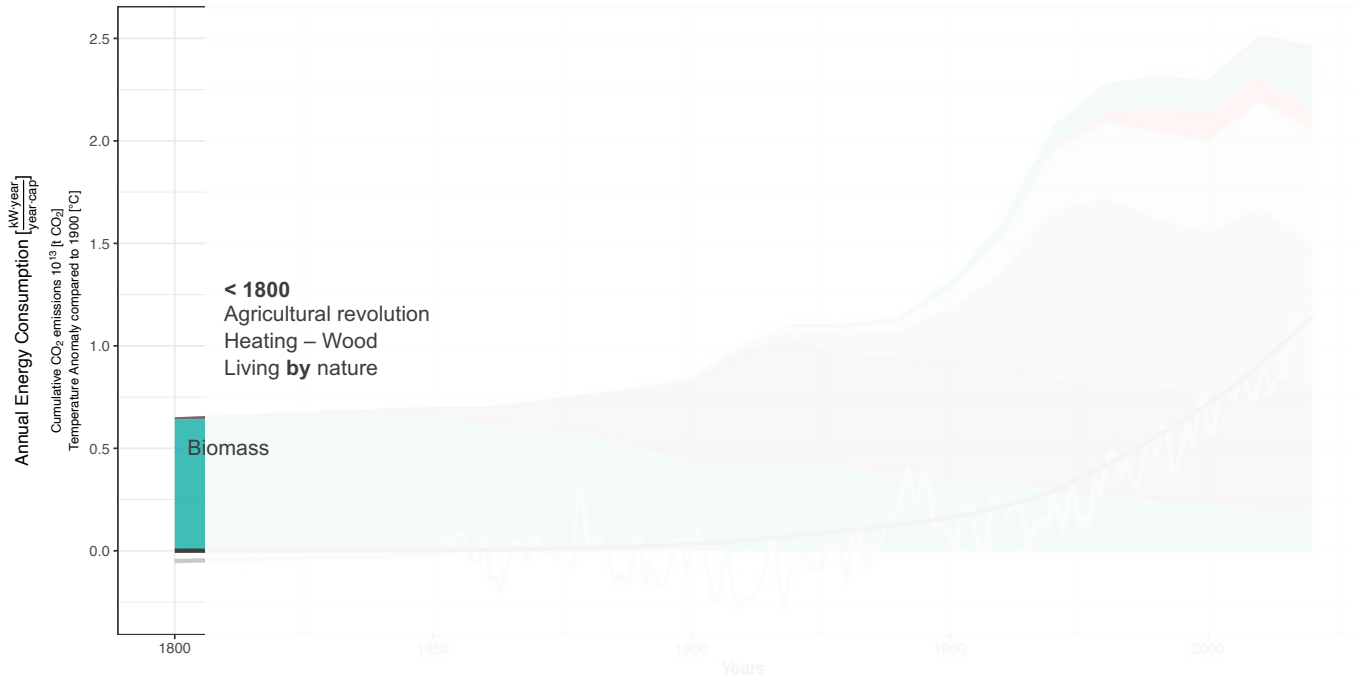
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A brief history of time

Symbiosis with Nature

- Agricultural Revolution began with **glacier retreat**, changing human-nature relations. [6–9]
- **Wood biomass** dominated energy use, meeting demands of 600 $\left[\frac{\text{W}\cdot\text{year}}{\text{year cap}}\right]$. [10,11]
- **Crop cultivation and animal domestication** improved efficiency and understanding of nature. [12, 13]



Population 1 billion

Energy $\left[\frac{\text{W}\cdot\text{year}}{\text{year cap}}\right]$ 656

CO₂ emissions $[10^9 \text{ t}]$ 0.19

ΔT_{1800} [°C] 0



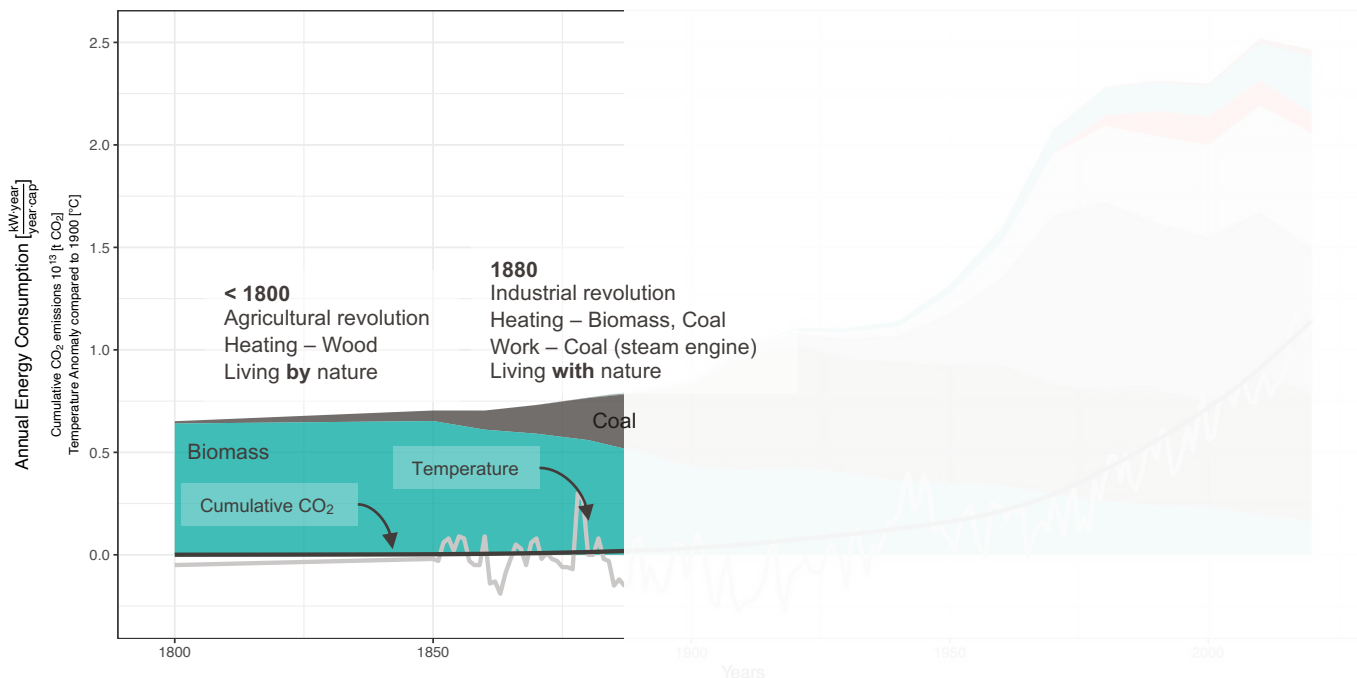
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Harnessing Power

- **Industrial Revolution** increased energy use per capita, raising CO₂ levels. [14–17]
- **Water and steam power** innovations drove technological progress and urbanization. [18–20]
- **Coal** became a major energy source, fueling steam engines. [21]
- Industrialization (1850) doubled the **population** to 2.5 billion; energy consumption reached 27.2 GJ/year per capita. [13,22]



Population	1.4 billion
Energy $\left[\frac{\text{W} \cdot \text{year}}{\text{year cap}} \right]$	766
CO₂ emissions $[10^9 \text{ t}]$	6.41
ΔT_{1800} $[\text{°C}]$	0.05



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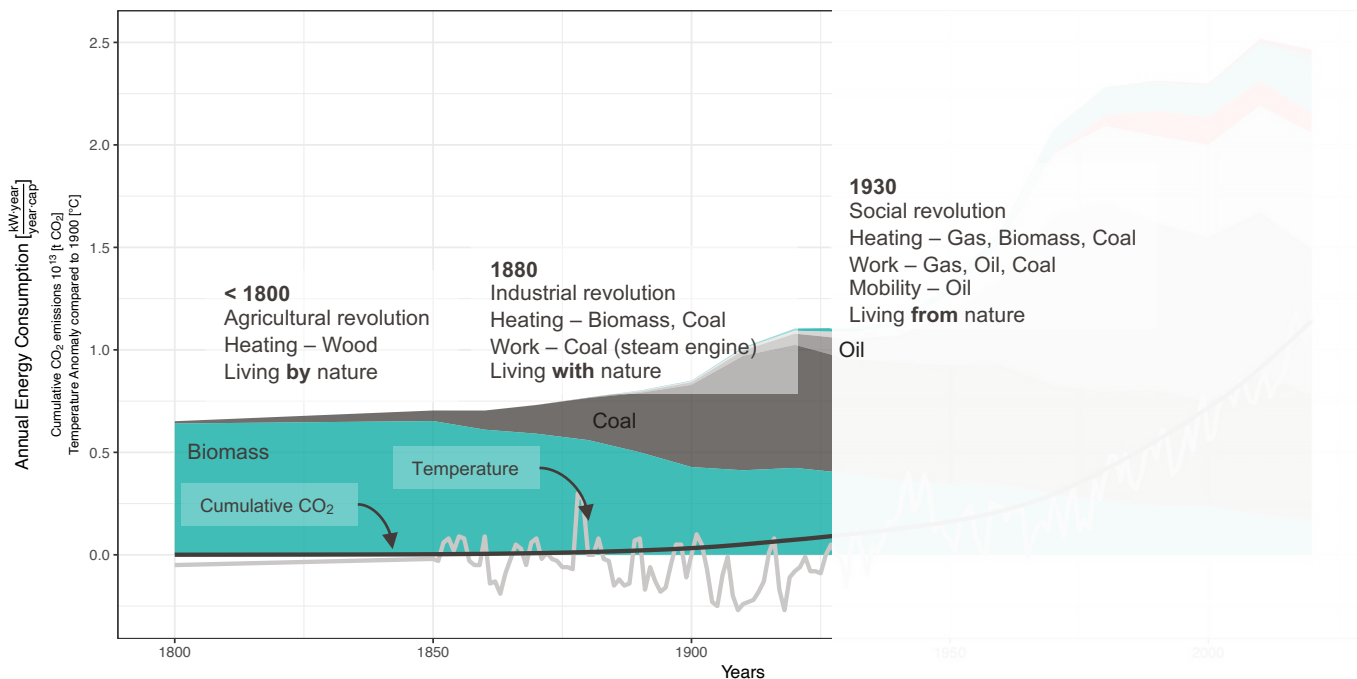
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Growth and Consequences

- **Oil and electricity** discovery enabled **technological** advancements. [10,23,24]
- **Energy services diversified**: coal for electricity, oil for mobility, natural gas for heating. [25–27]
- Fossil fuels raised CO₂ levels to 415 ppm and temperatures by 0.9°C post-1950. [13,28,29]
- **Oil crises** and conflicts influenced energy patterns. [25–27]



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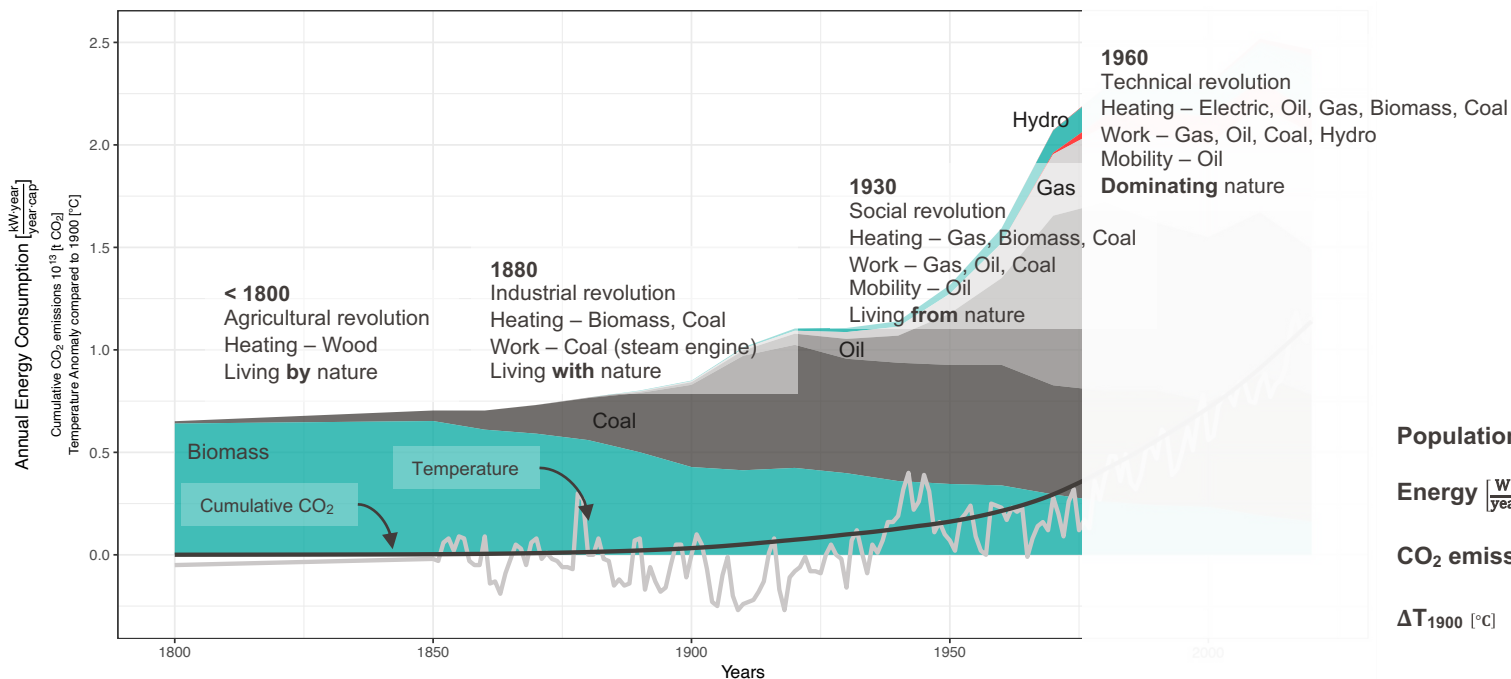
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Population	2.1 billion
Energy $\left[\frac{\text{W} \cdot \text{year}}{\text{year cap}} \right]$	1086
CO₂ emissions $[10^9 \text{ t}]$	27.3
ΔT_{1800} $^{\circ}\text{C}$	0.12



The Nuclear Dilemma and Environmental Awakening

- **Nuclear energy** exploration driven by Cold War and physics advances. [30–34]
- Incidents highlighted **environmental and safety** concerns. [35–39]

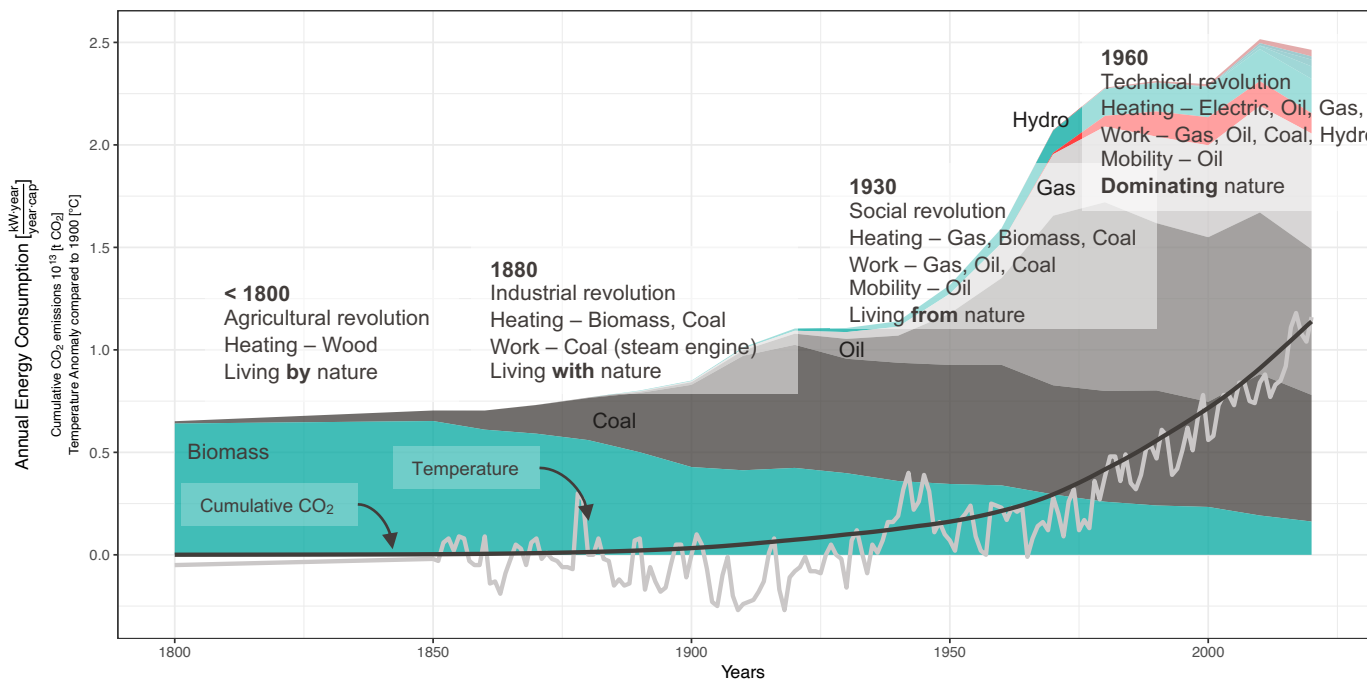


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The environmental turning point

- By 2015, population reached 7.4 billion, energy consumption marked departure from **Holocene**. [13,27,40,41]
- Environmental awakening emphasized balancing energy development with ecological preservation. [42–47]



Population	7.8 billion
Energy $\left[\frac{\text{W} \cdot \text{year}}{\text{year cap}} \right]$	2463
CO ₂ emissions $[10^9 \text{ t}]$	224.5
$\Delta T_{1900} [^{\circ}\text{C}]$	1.23



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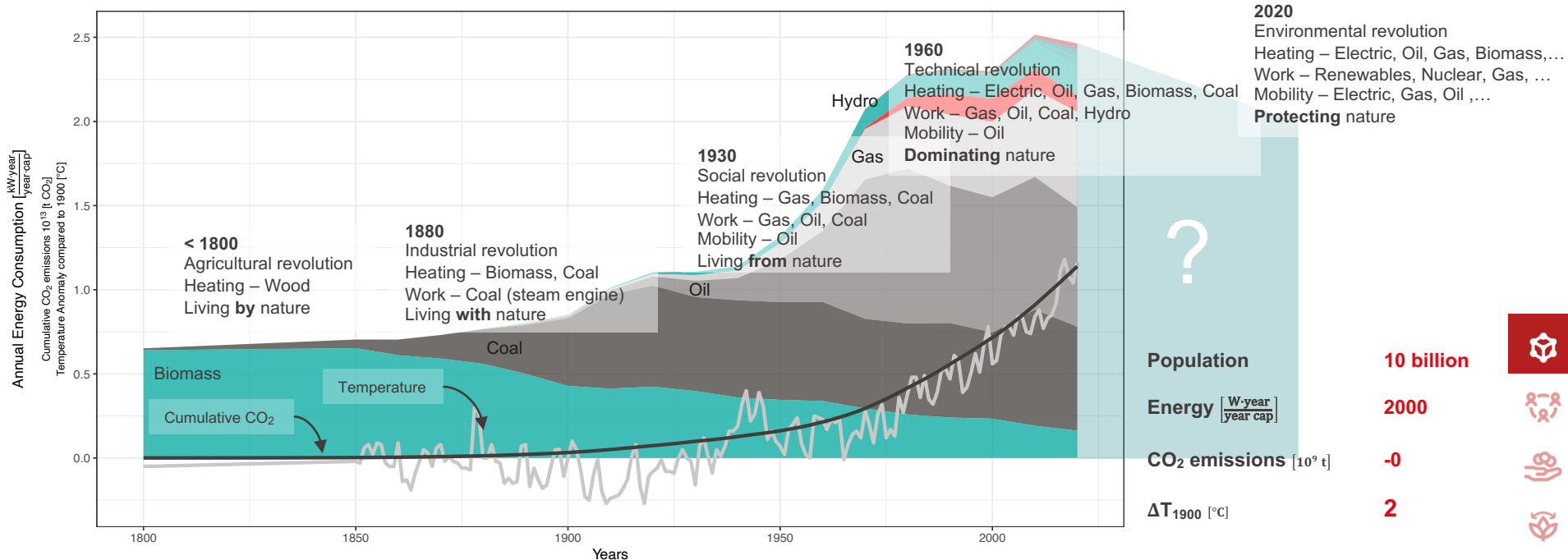
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The big question of the future

And now → 2050?

- Crossroad is both an **opportunity** and a **challenge**, requiring courage to abandon old patterns and enter a new era. [55,56]
- **Multiple sustainable pathways** exist, necessitating comprehensive modeling and quantification. [53,54]
- Equip **decision-makers with tools** to address the greatest challenge of the 21st century. [53,54]



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What is an energy system

A question of balance

“The energy system comprises all components related to the production, conversion, delivery, and use of energy” (where energy is defined as “the power of ‘doing work’ possessed at any instant by a body or system of bodies”)

O. Edenhofer, Climate change 2014: mitigation of climate change, volume 3, Cambridge University Press, 2015.

“It is important to realize that the use of energy is no end but is always directed to satisfy human needs and desires. Energy services are the ends for which the energy system provides the means.”

H. Groscurth, T. Bruckner, R. Kümmel, Modeling of energy-services supply systems, Energy 20 (1995) 941–958.

“The combined processes of acquiring and using energy in a given society or economy”

J. Keirstead, M. Jennings, A. Sivakumar, A review of urban energy system models: Approaches, challenges and opportunities, Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews 16 (2012) 3847–3866.

“energy systems are usually defined as technical and economic systems meeting the energy demand”

T. B. Johansson, A. P. Patwardhan, N. Nakicenovic, L. Gomez-Echeverri, Global energy assessment: toward a sustainable future, Cambridge University Press, 2012.



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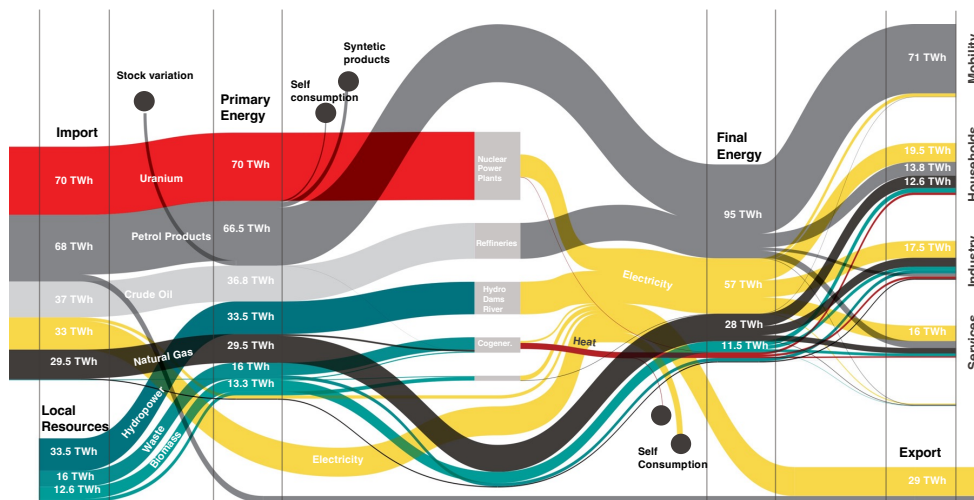
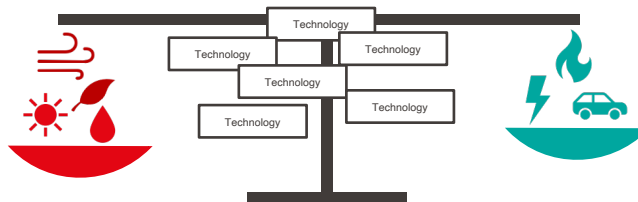
Resources

Costs & Emissions
Annual availability

Technology

Fossils & Renewables
Investments & O&M
Efficiencies & Emissions
Storage

Energy demands



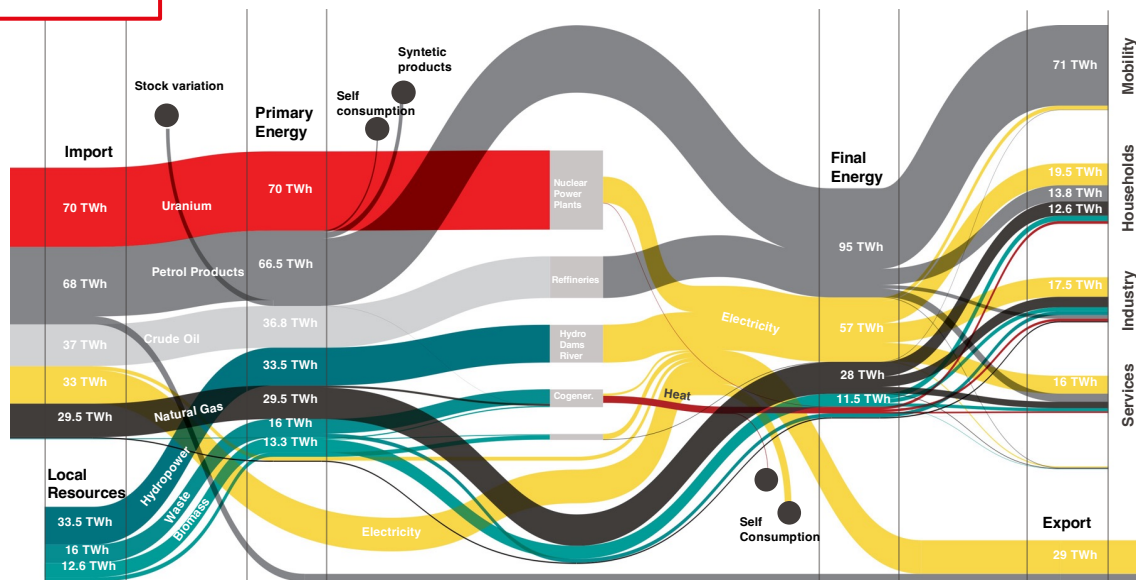
The energy system

Definitions

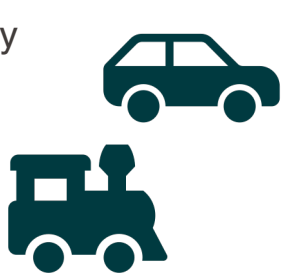
Primary energy is any extraction of energy products in a useable form from natural sources. This occurs either when natural sources are exploited (for example, in coal mines, crude oil fields, hydro power plants) or in the fabrication of biofuels.

Final energy consumption is the total energy consumed by end users, such as households, industry and agriculture. It is the energy which reaches the final consumer's door and excludes that which is used by the energy sector itself.

End-use energy demand, or useful energy, is the last measurable energy flow before the delivery of energy services.



Mobility



Housing



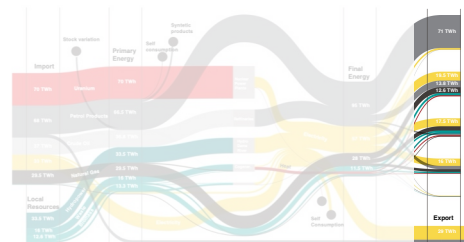
Sectors



Industry
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Agriculture



Services



Low Temperature



Heat



Process Heat

End-Uses

Electricity



Passenger [pkm/year]

Transportation

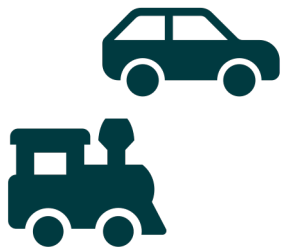


Freight [tkm/year]



Demands

Mobility



 14030 p km

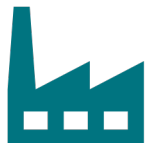
 3970 t km



 41 W

 101 W

 147 W



Industry

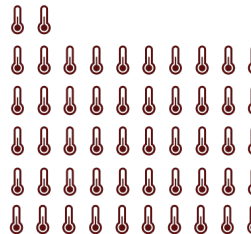


10 W



Housing

 135 W

 523 W

139 W

199 W



Services

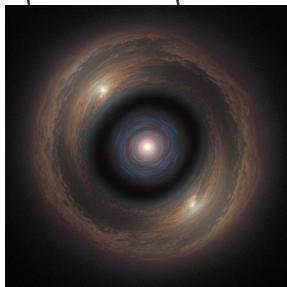
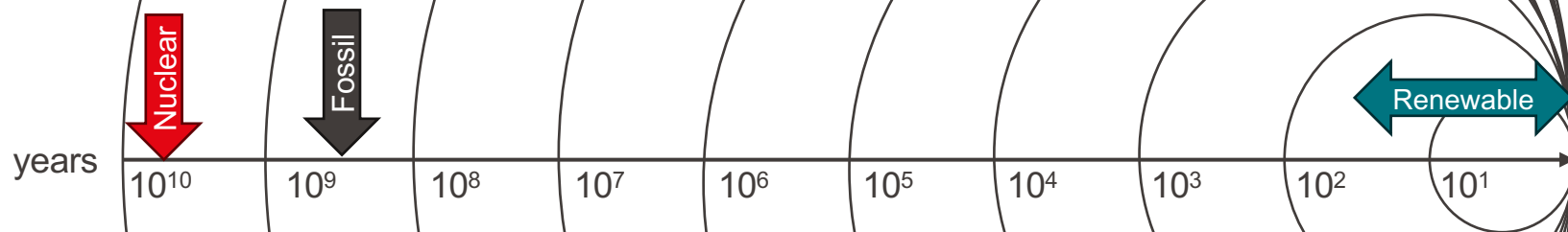
Annual Energy Demand 2050
Annual Power Average per Capita
10 Million inhabitants

Schnidrig et al. "EnergyScope 2.0",
ARAMIS BFE



Resources

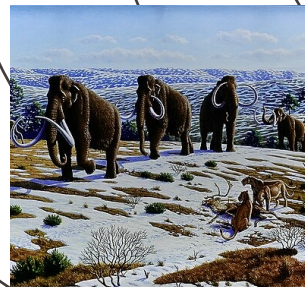
Renewable vs non-renewable



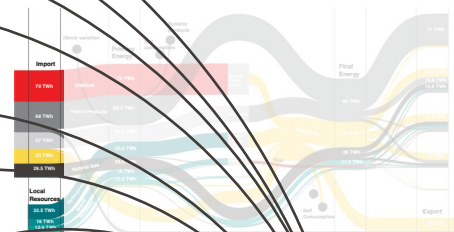
An Impression of the Big Bang Exploding from Nothing.
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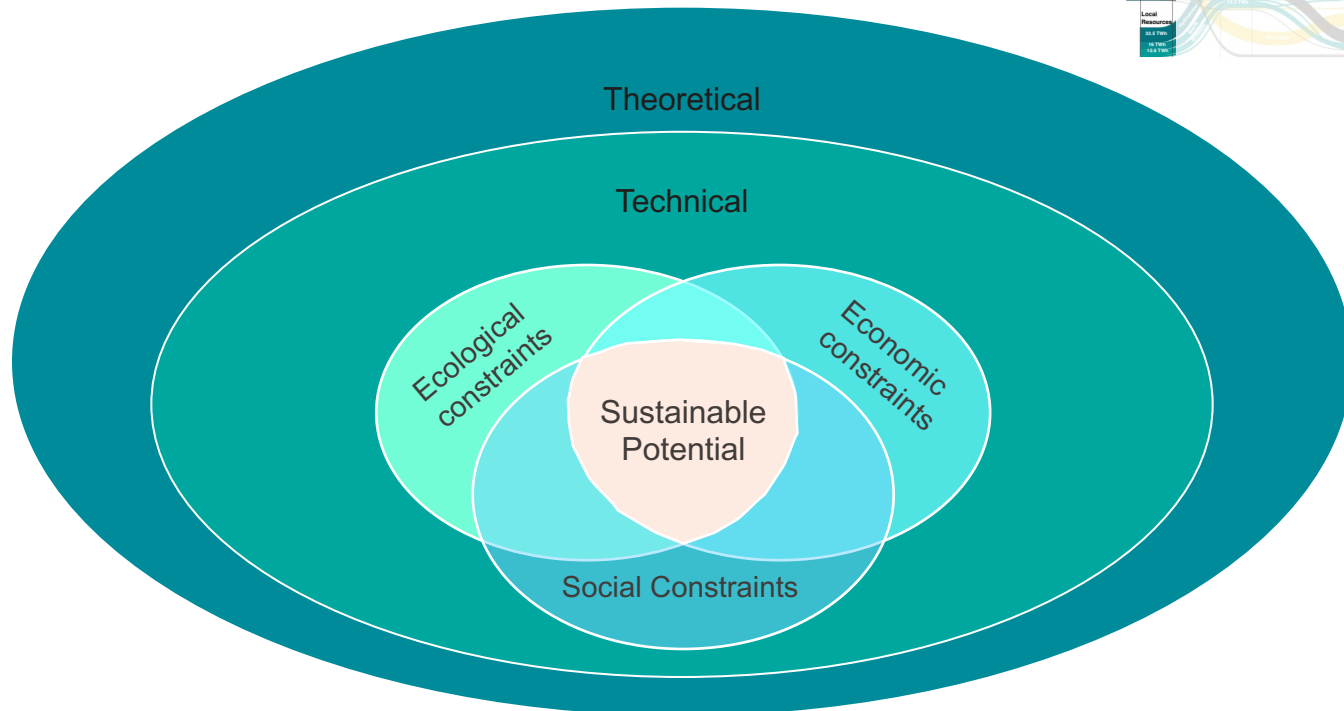
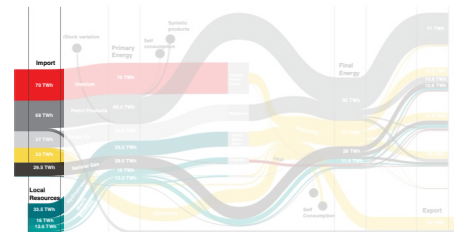
Life restoration of Barosaurus lentus defending itself from a pair of Abasaurus fragilis.
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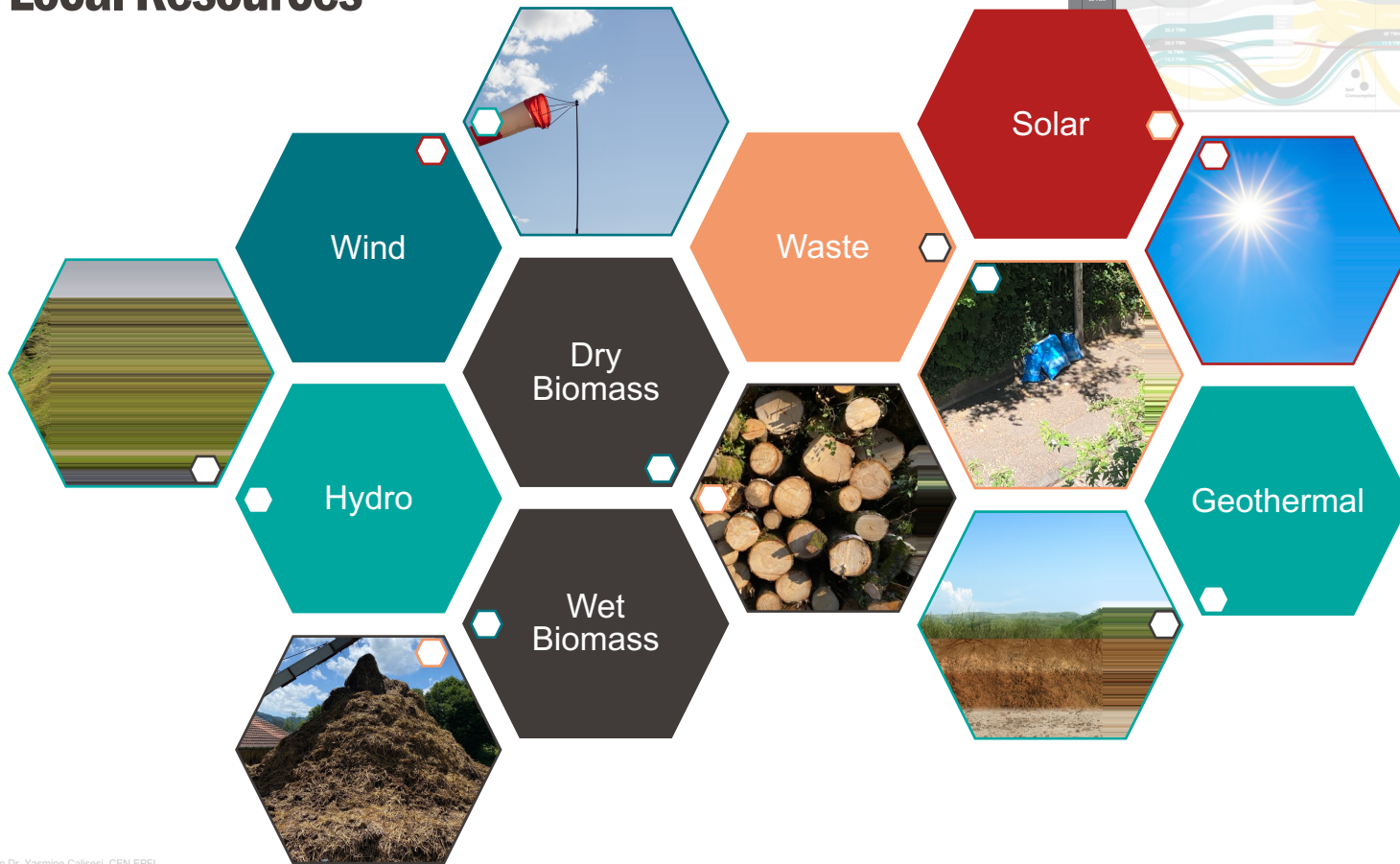


Resources Potentials



Resources

Local Resources

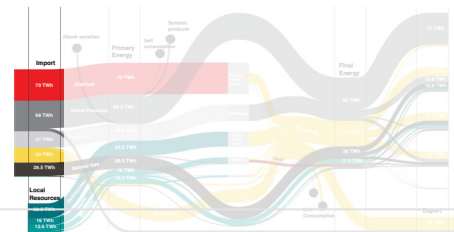
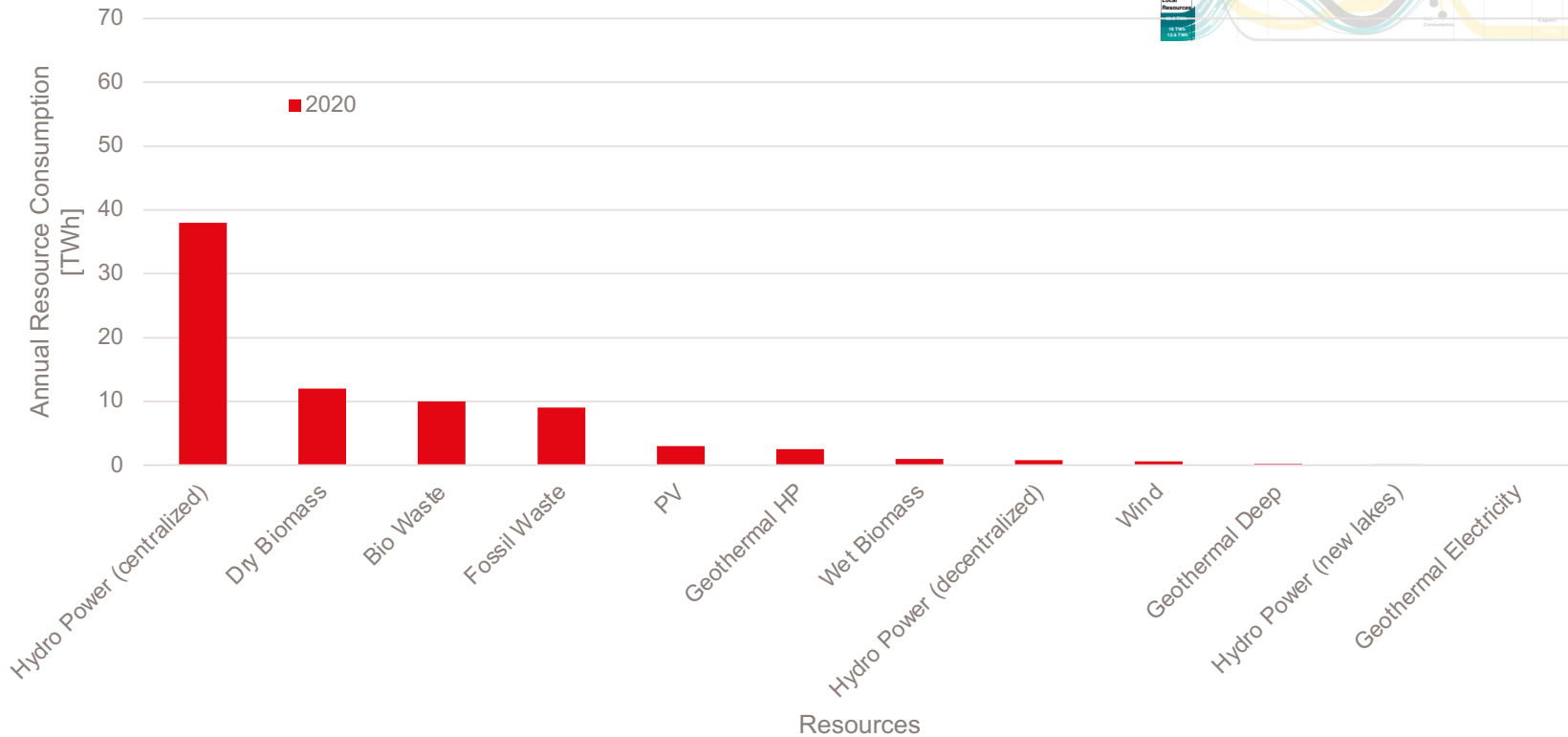


Resources Potential & Used

- Class the following resources by
 - Used Energy in 2020
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- | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| ■ Bio Waste | ■ Geothermal Electricity | ■ Hydro Power (new lakes) |
| ■ Dry Biomass | ■ Geothermal HP | ■ PV |
| ■ Fossil Waste | ■ Hydro Power (centralized) | ■ Wet Biomass |
| ■ Geothermal Deep | ■ Hydro Power (decentralized) | ■ Wind |



Resources Potential & Used



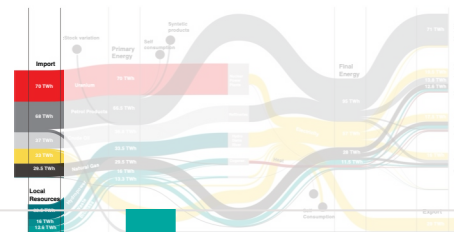
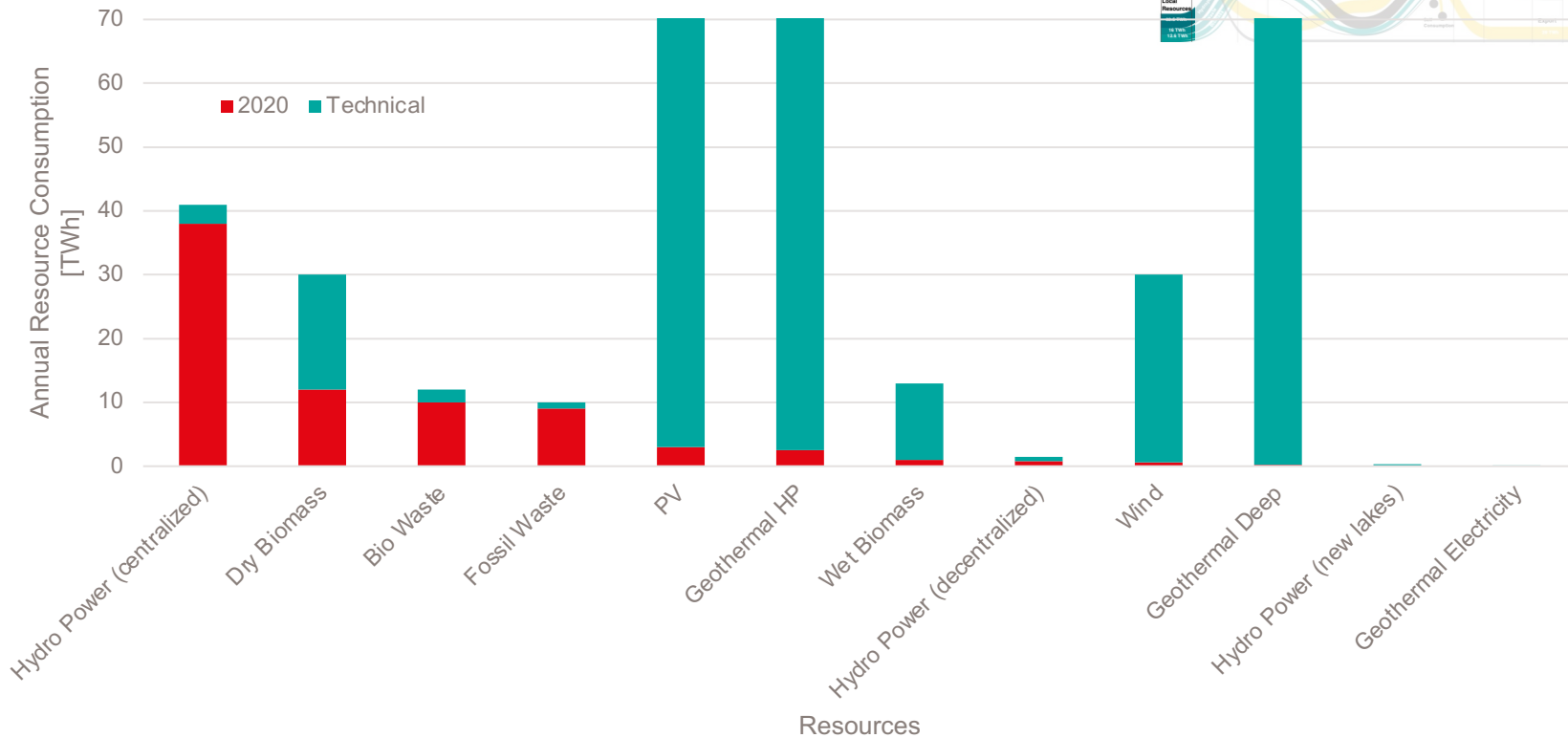
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 - Technical Potential

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Resources Potential & Used





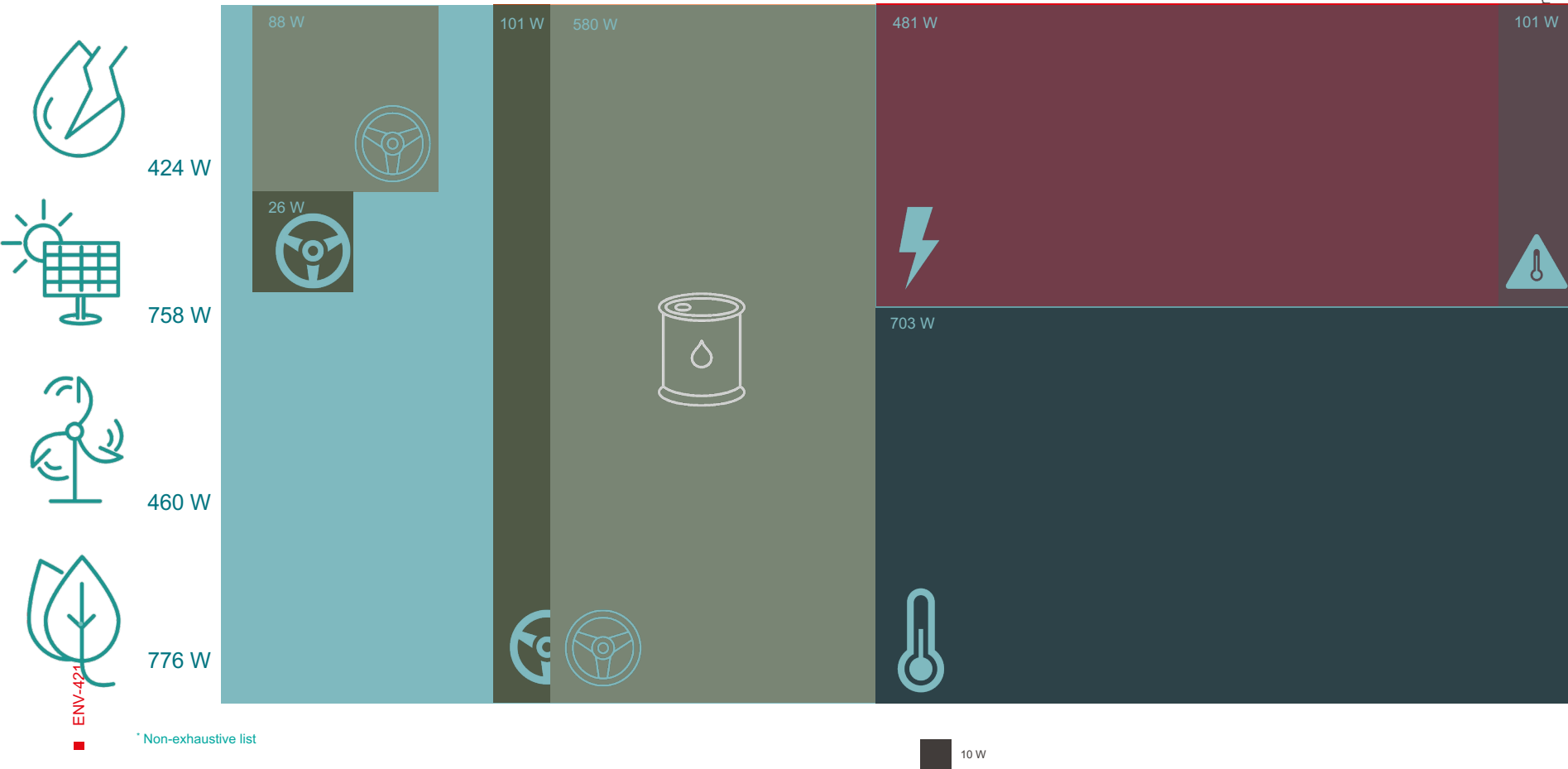
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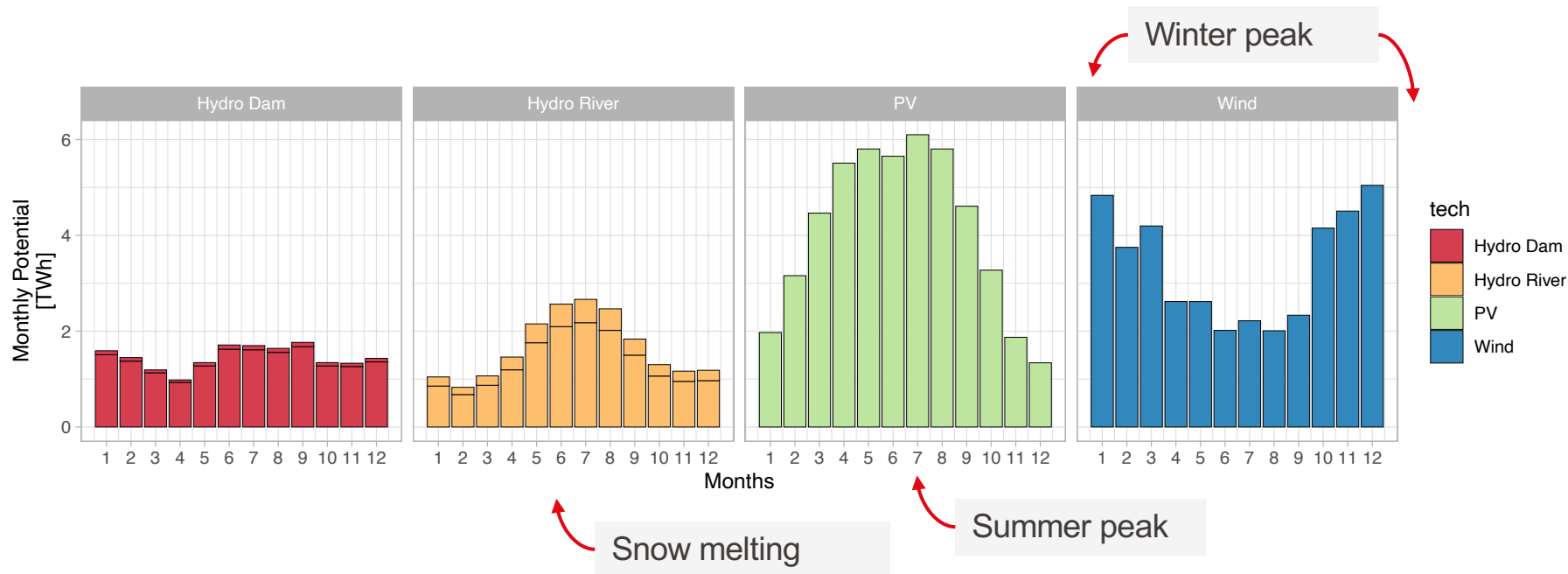
The Systemic Approach

The intermittency Challenge



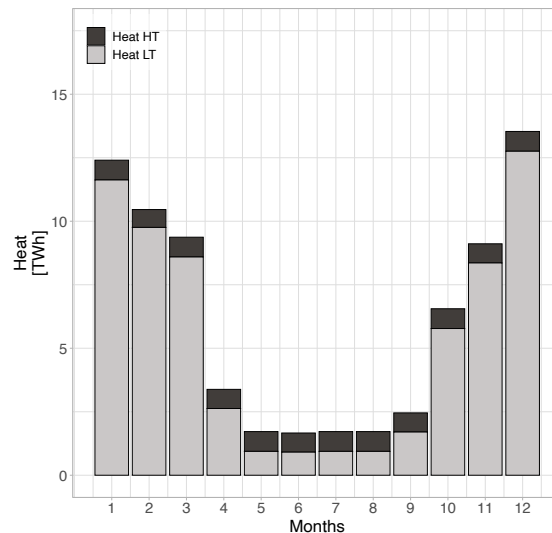
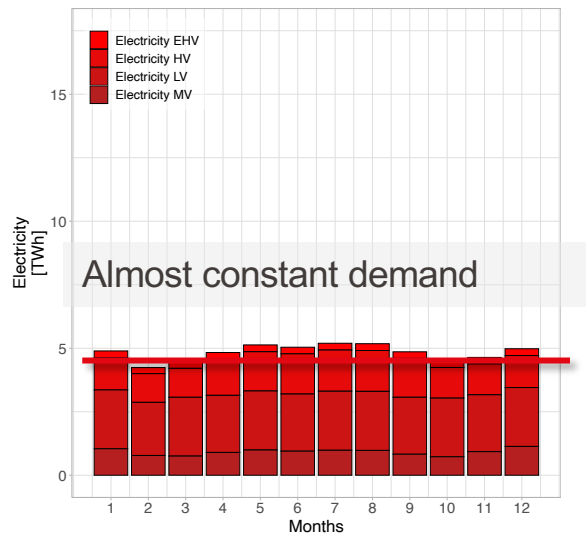
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Intermittency of Resources

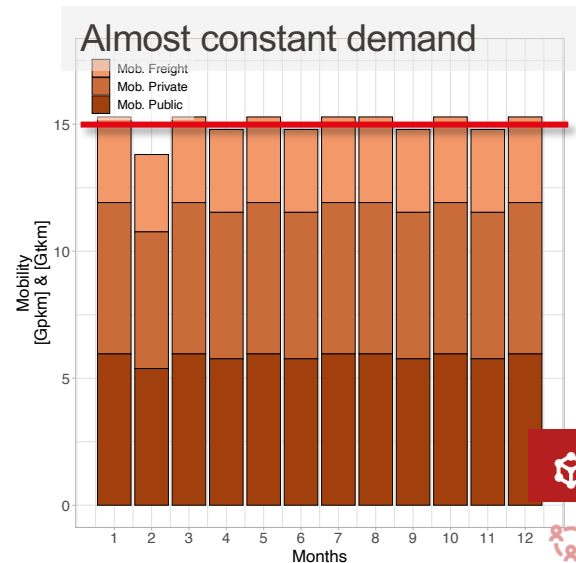


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Intermittency of demands

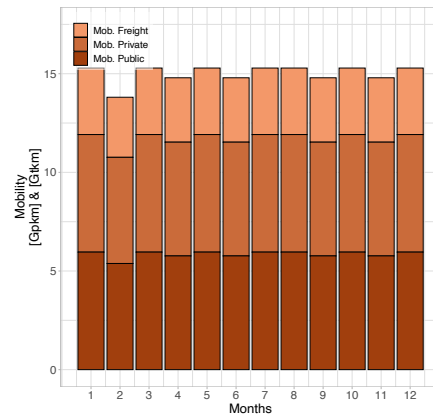
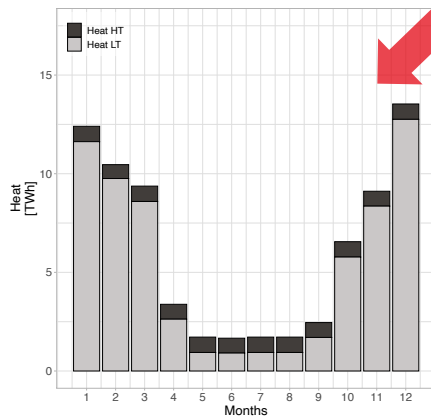
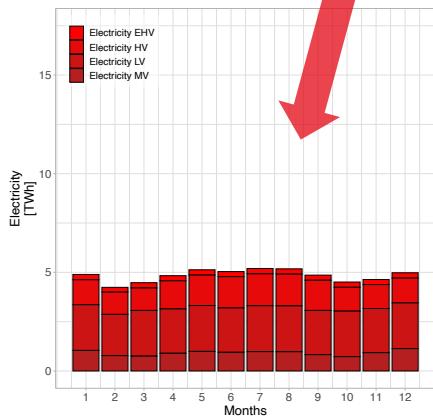
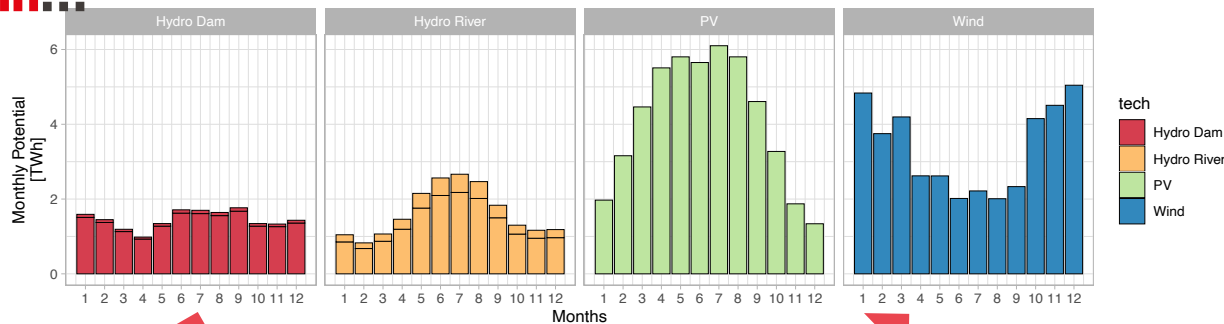


Winter heating

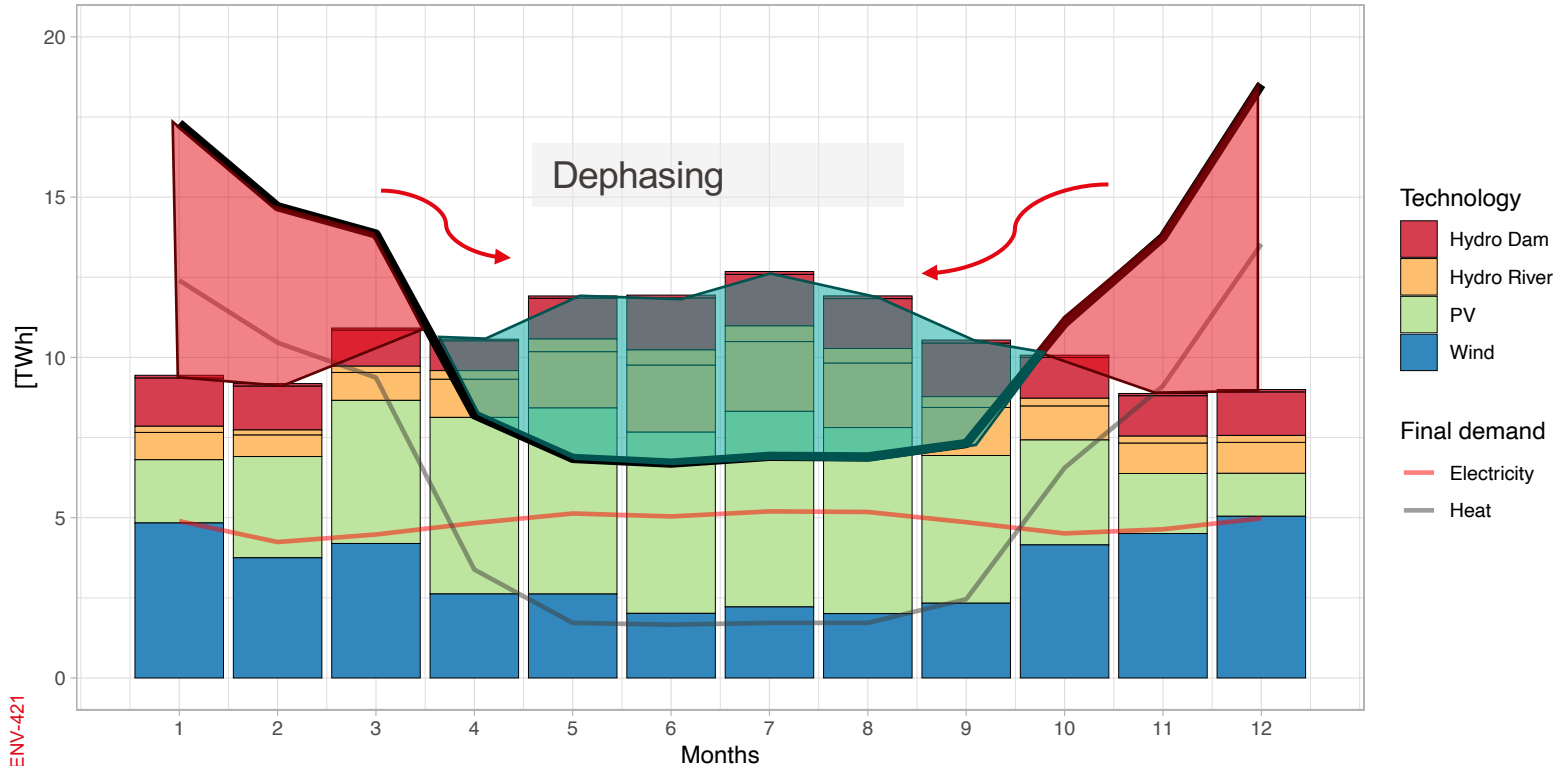


The Systemic approach

A question of equilibrium – again...



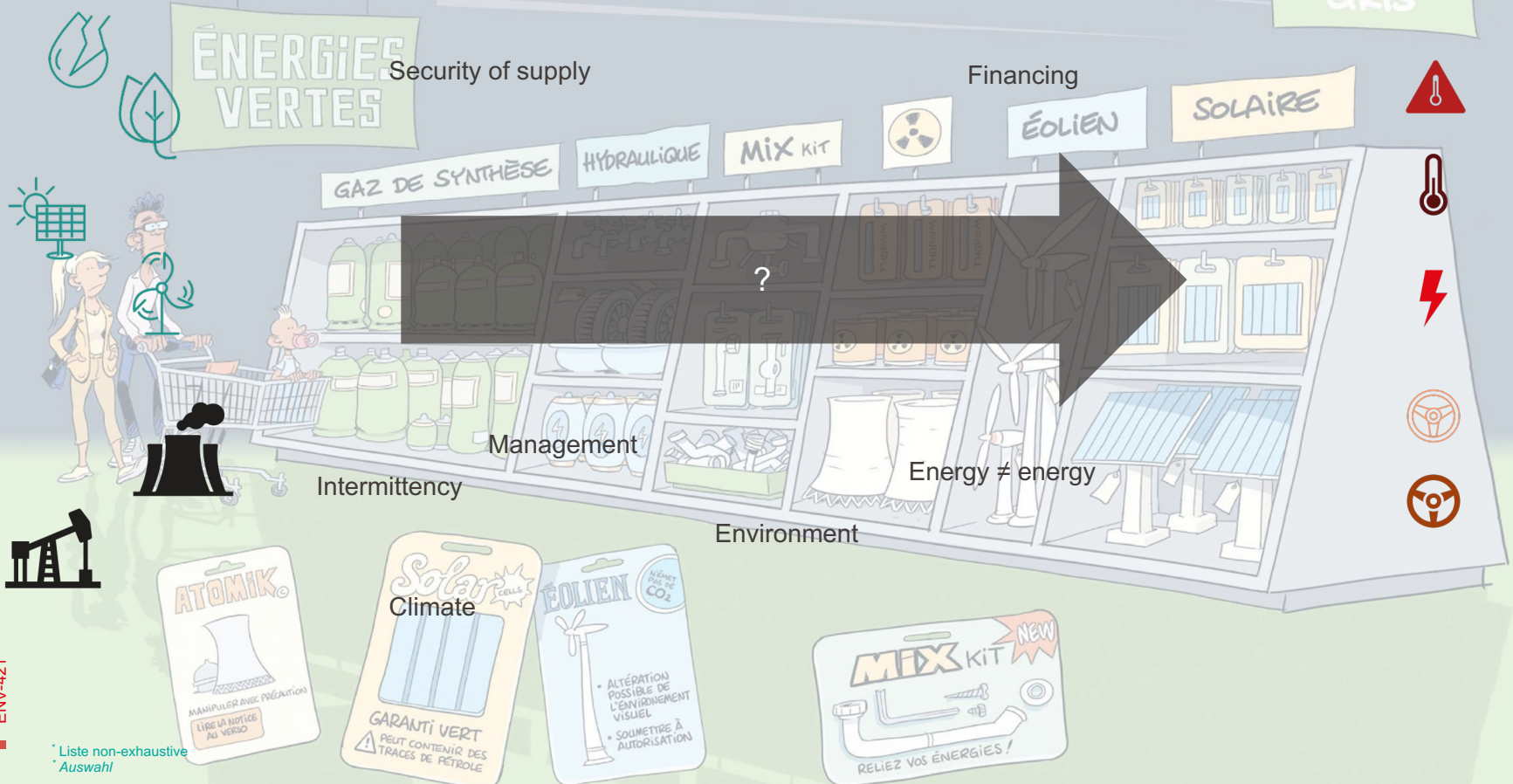
A question of management

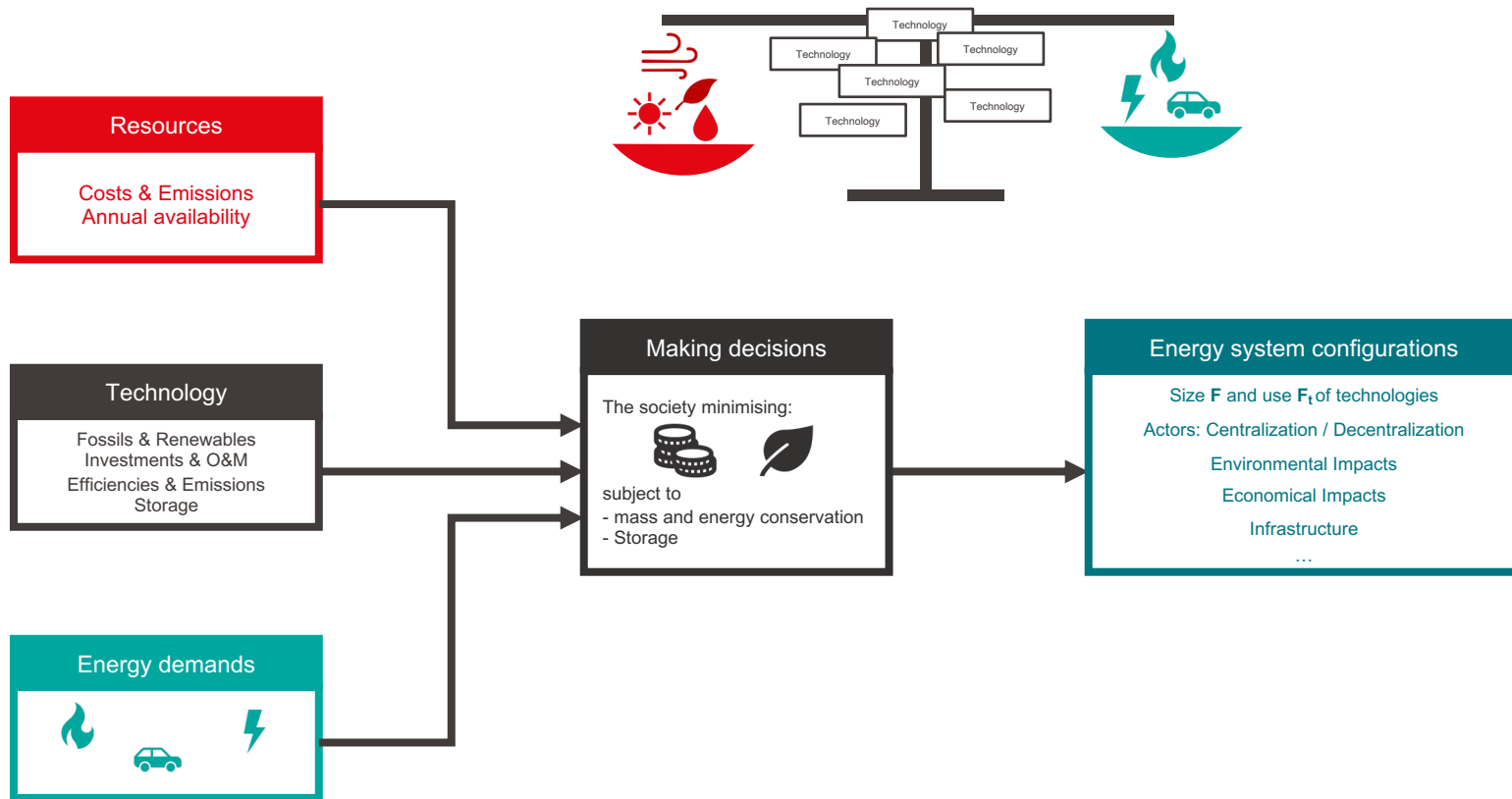


Distribution

Demand

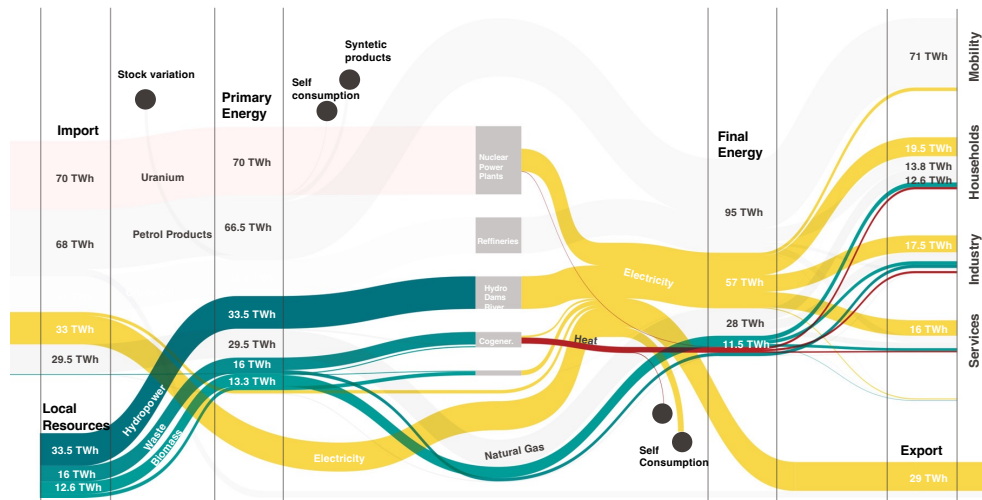
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The Swiss Challenge

In the Heart of Europe



Sankey Diagram Global Swiss Energy System Statistic 2022 [63]. Switzerland imports 79 % of its PE, of which 57 % is of fossil origin. The electricity share in the final energy amounts to 30 %: with 33 TWh of electricity import and 29 TWh export due to seasonal intermittency and transit. Local resources are dominated by hydropower, while waste incineration is used in cogeneration units to generate heat and electricity. The remaining renewable energy shares are negligible (1.2 %). Illustration adapted from Sébastien Fasel (Emphase Sàrl) [79]

Strategic Geographic Position



- Bridge of European energy network^[57].
- linking diverse energy systems, including Austria's, France's nuclear energy, Germany's renewable and fossil-based power, and Italy's energy imports from North Africa^[58-60].



Pioneering Renewable Energy Integration

- Historical reliance on hydroelectric power^[63-65]
- play with market fluctuations foundation for expanding renewable energy capacity^[63,66,87].



Decentralized Energy Potential

- Potential for decentralized renewable energy sources, such as photovoltaics, small hydropower, and wind^[64,66,67].
- Existing centralized renewable energy as opportunity for energy management and distribution^[69,70-73].



Economic and Environmental Synergy

- Environmental imperatives and economic goals, aiming for sustainability, efficiency, and reliability^[61,78].
- Imperatives on sustainability for unique landscape and tourism reasons.^[68,70-73, 84-86]





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The systemic perspective

Conversion – **some formulas**

- Energy conversion efficiency

$$\eta = \frac{\text{useful Energy}}{\text{required Energy}} = \frac{\text{useful Power}}{\text{required Power}}$$

- Thermal efficiency

$$\eta_{th} = \frac{\text{useful Energy}}{\text{required heat/fuel Energy}} = \frac{\text{useful Power}}{\text{required heat/fuel Power}}$$

- Combination of efficiencies

$$\eta_{tot} = \prod_i \eta_i$$



The systemic perspective

Conversion – some formulas

- Primary Energy

$$E_{primary} = \sum_{r \in Resources} E_r$$

- Secondary Energy

$$E_{secondary} = E_{primary} \cdot \eta_{conversion} = E_{primary} - L_{conversion}$$

- Final Energy

$$E_{Final} = E_{secondary} \cdot \eta_{distribution} = E_{secondary} - L_{distribution}$$

- End-Use Demand

$$E_{demand} = E_{Final} \cdot \eta_{end-uses} = E_{final} - L_{end-use}$$



The systemic perspective

Conversion – some formulas

Annual perspective

- Conversion efficiency

$$\eta_{conv} = \frac{E_{secondary}}{E_{primary}}$$

- Distribution efficiency

$$\eta_{dist} = \frac{E_{final}}{E_{secondary}}$$

- End-use efficiency

$$\eta_{end-use} = \frac{E_{end-use}}{E_{final}}$$

- Combination of efficiencies

$$\eta_{system} = \eta_{conv} \cdot \eta_{dist} \cdot \eta_{end-use}$$

Seasonality

- Conversion efficiency

$$\eta_{conv}(t) = \frac{E_{secondary}(t)}{E_{primary}(t)}$$

- Distribution efficiency

$$\eta_{dist}(t) = \frac{E_{final}(t)}{E_{secondary}(t)}$$

- End-use efficiency

$$\eta_{end-use}(t) = \frac{E_{end-use}(t)}{E_{final}(t)}$$

- Combination of efficiencies

$$\eta_{system}(t) = \eta_{conv}(t) \cdot \eta_{dist}(t) \cdot \eta_{end-use}(t)$$

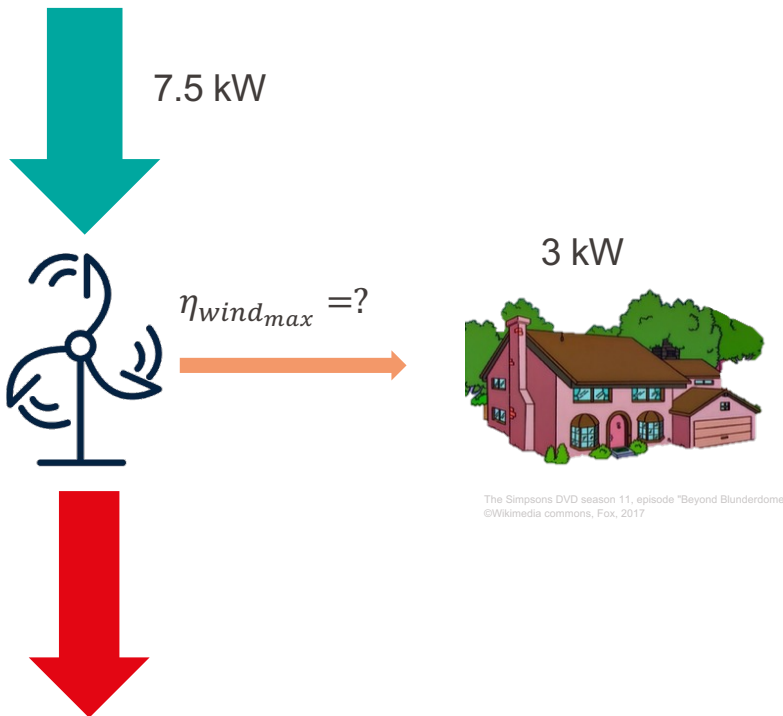


The systemic perspective

Conversion – the Simpsons live intermittently

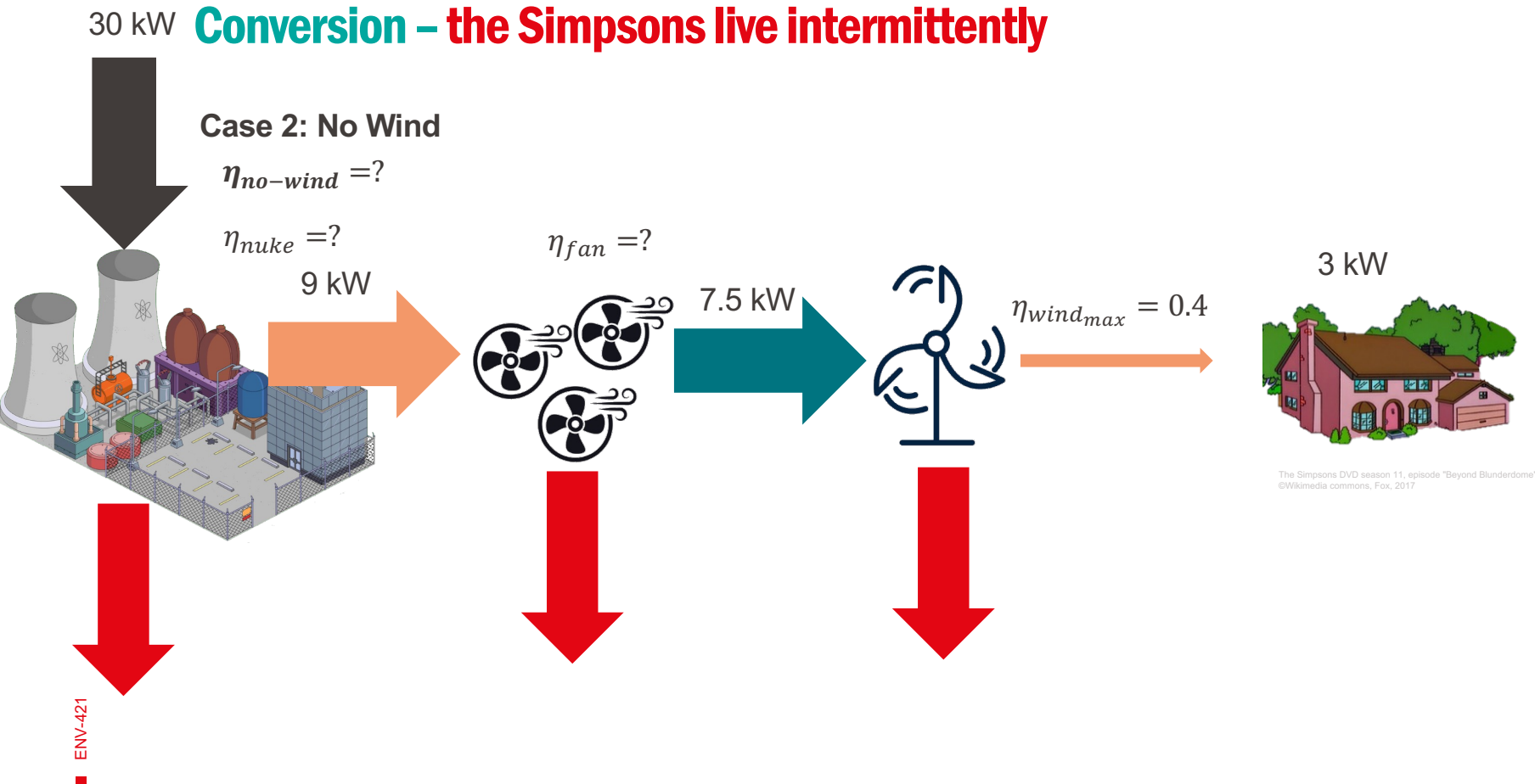
Case 1: Full Wind

$$\eta_{full-wind} = ?$$



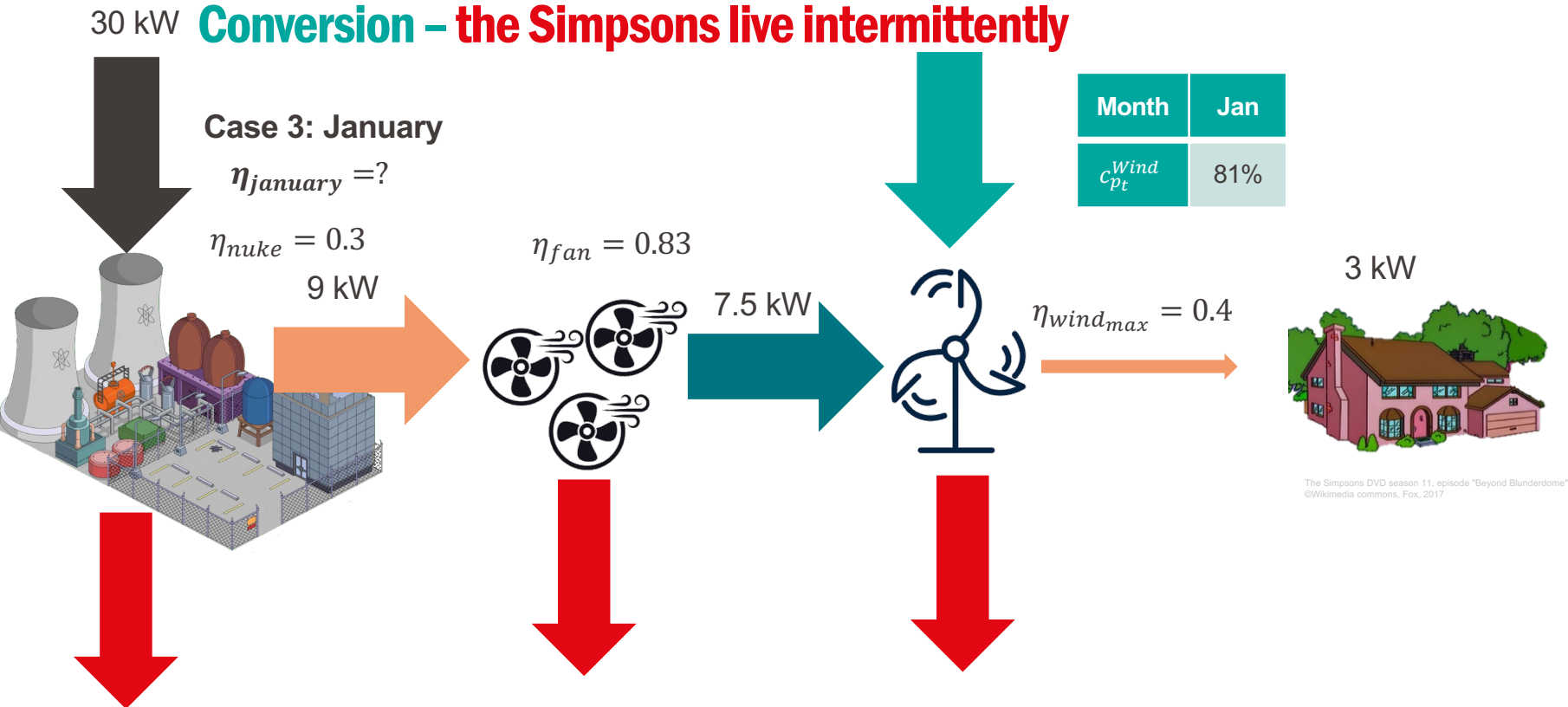
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