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# The Importance of Efficiency in the Building Sector for the Achievement of long-term Climate Protection Targets

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# Agora Report on the Importance of Efficiency in the Building Sector (2018)

**Client:** Agora Energiewende | **Steering Committee:** BPIE, ECF, RAP

**Contractors:** ifeu, Fh-IEE, Consentec

**Overarching question:** What are the consequences for buildings, energy systems and networks if the planned savings measures for buildings are *not* implemented, but instead more heat pumps, synthetic fuels or other renewables are (have to be) used to achieve the climate target?

## Methodical approach:

- National economic perspective, climate target of -87.5 % GHG compared to 1990
- Compliance with the building target for 2030 of the climate protection plan (72 Mt CO<sub>2</sub>)
- Energy system optimisation with a realistically ambitious energy efficiency scenario as reference and four alternative scenarios



# Current Discussion for the German Building Sector



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**Thesis**

*The future is either  
"all electric" or „all gas“*

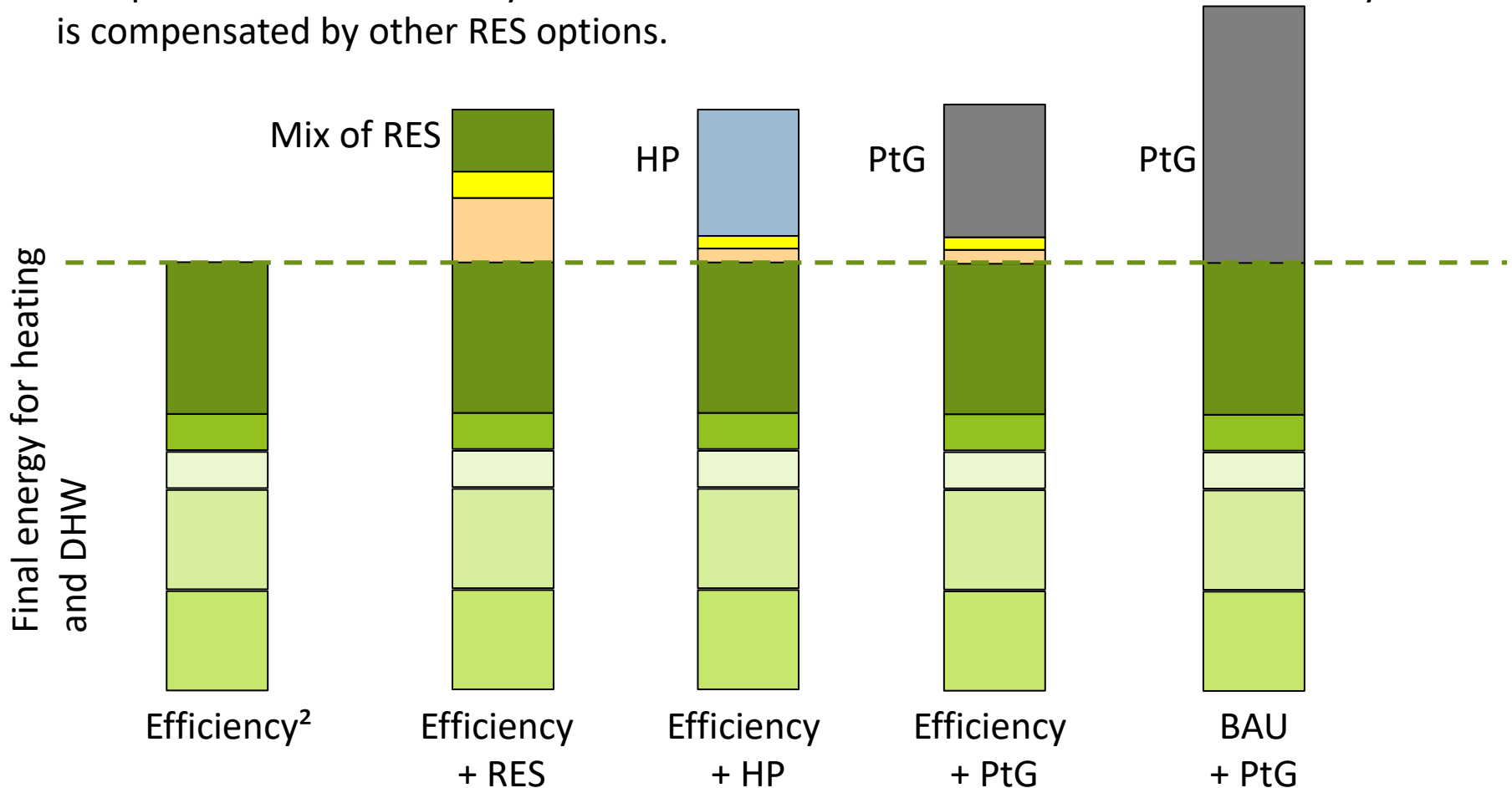
*Technological openness  
enables less insulation*

*PtX enables us to use  
existing technologies*

*Today's incentives and  
requirements for buildings  
are sufficient*

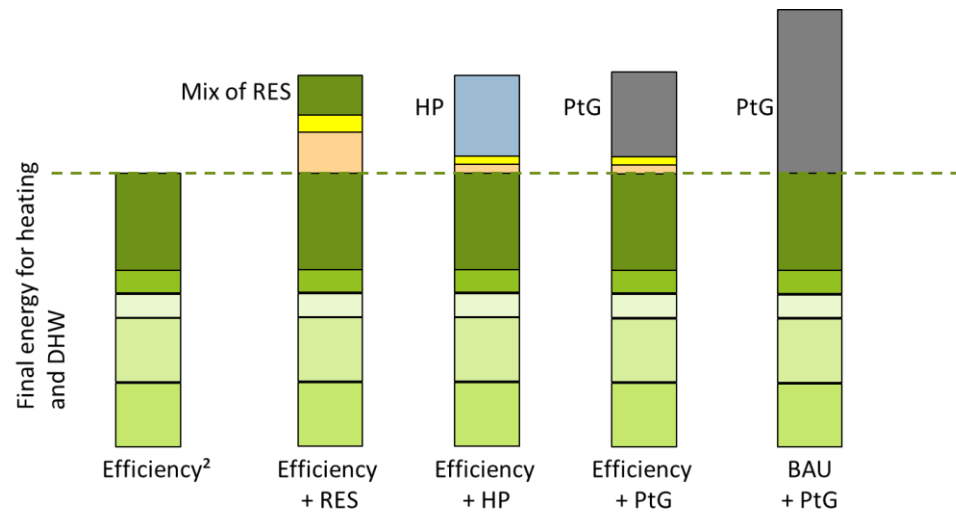
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Comparison of the Efficiency<sup>2</sup> scenario with scenarios in which reduced efficiency is compensated by other RES options.



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Evaluation of scenario modeling in two ways

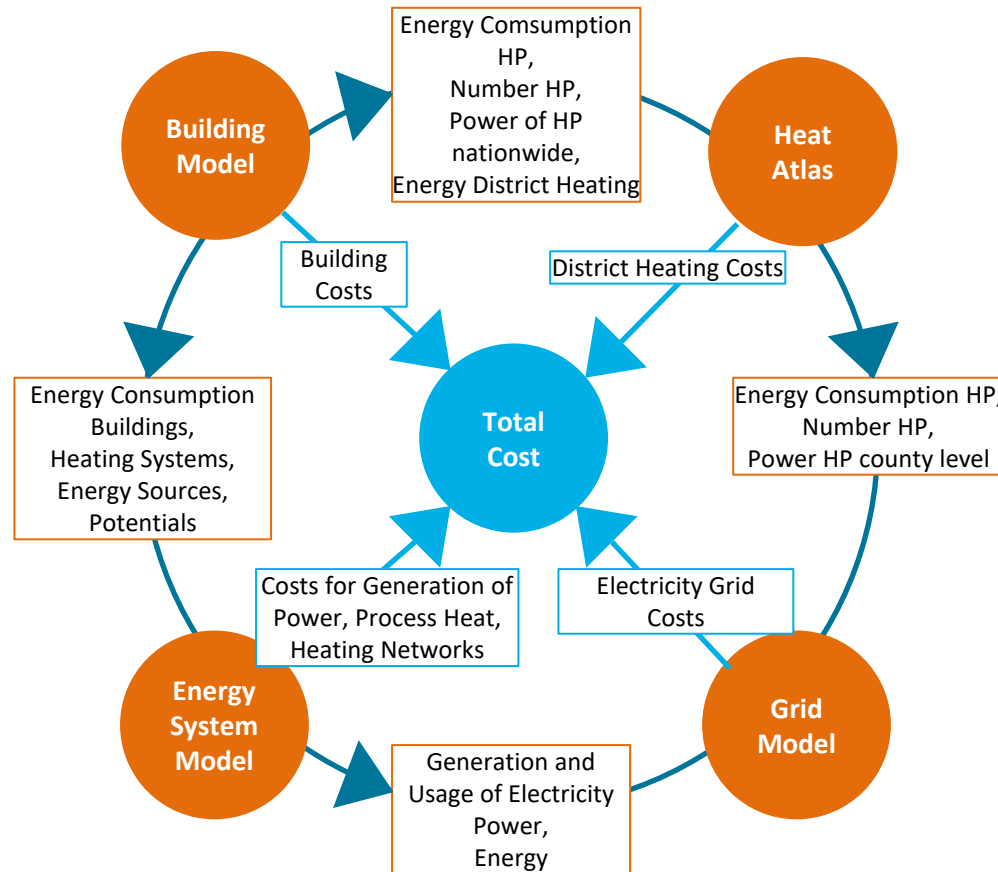


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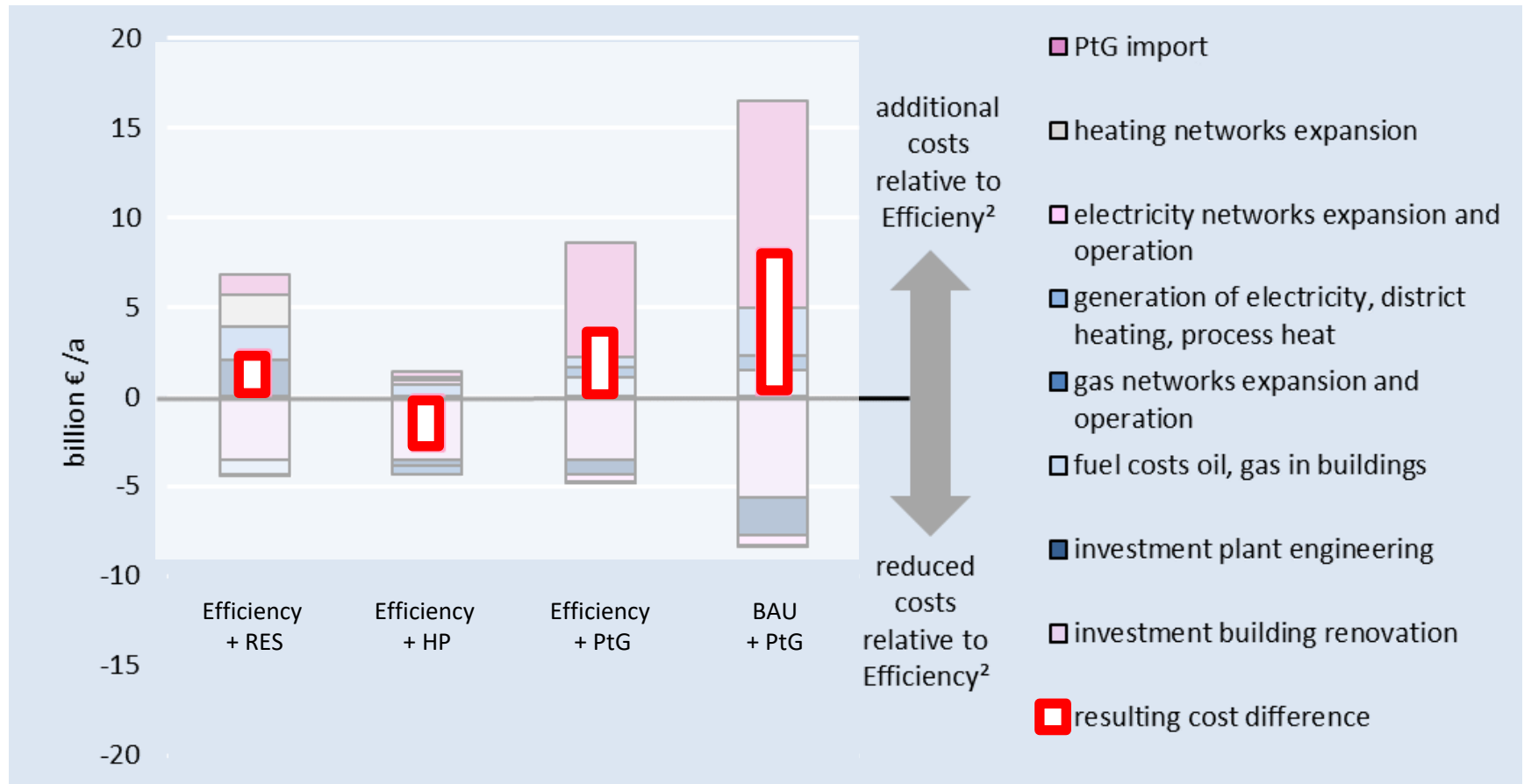
# Modelling

Coupling of four models to calculate consistent and comparable scenarios.



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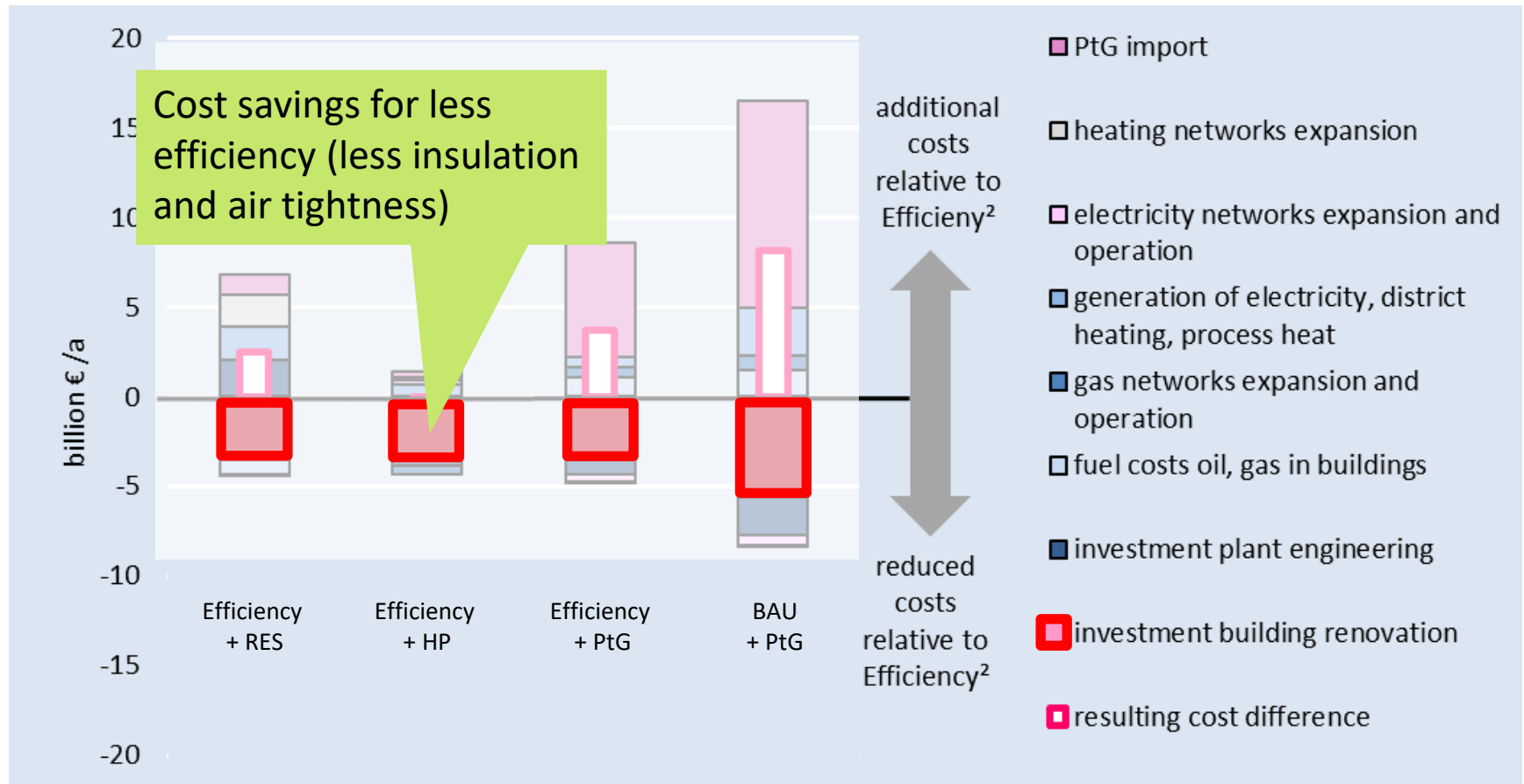
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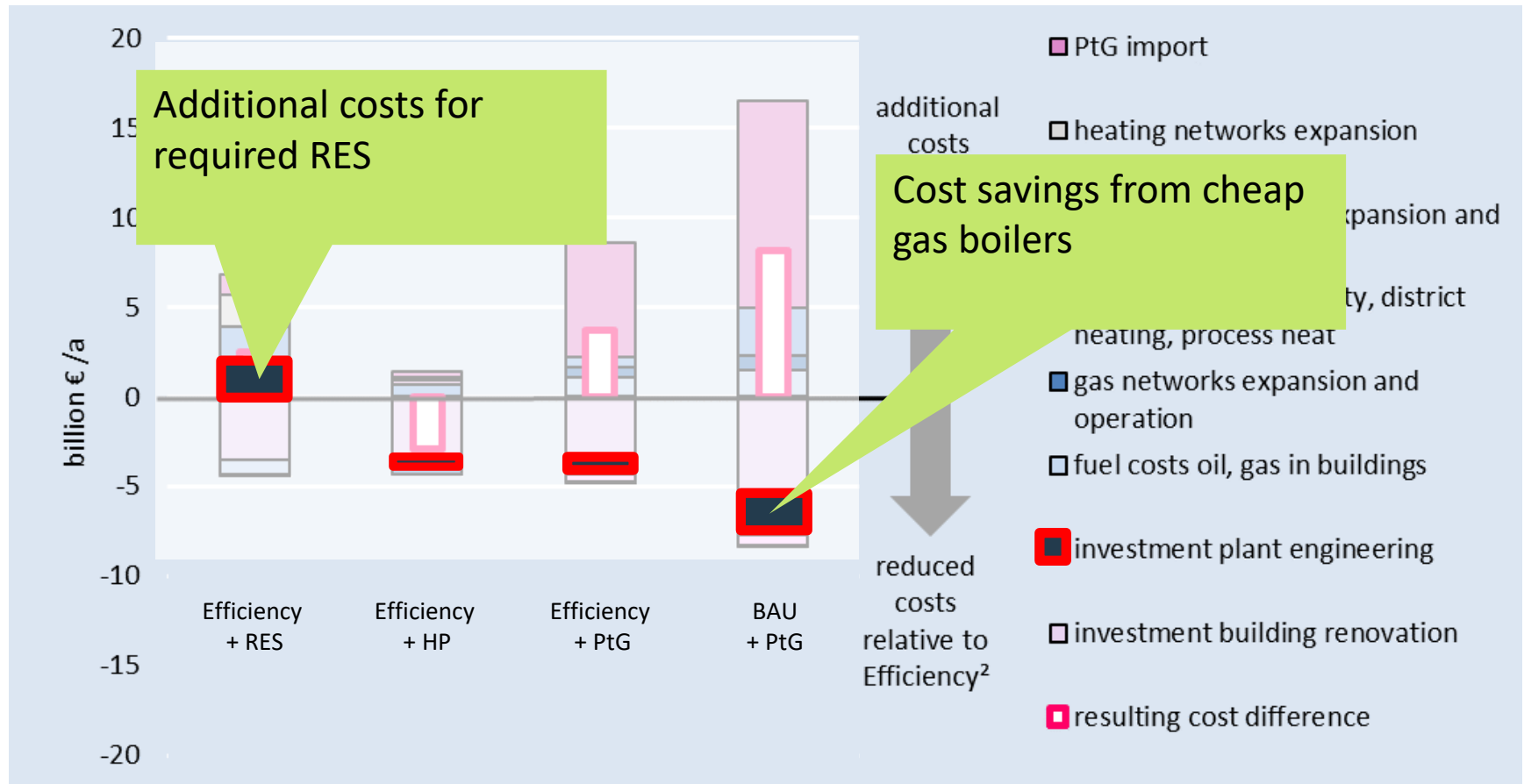


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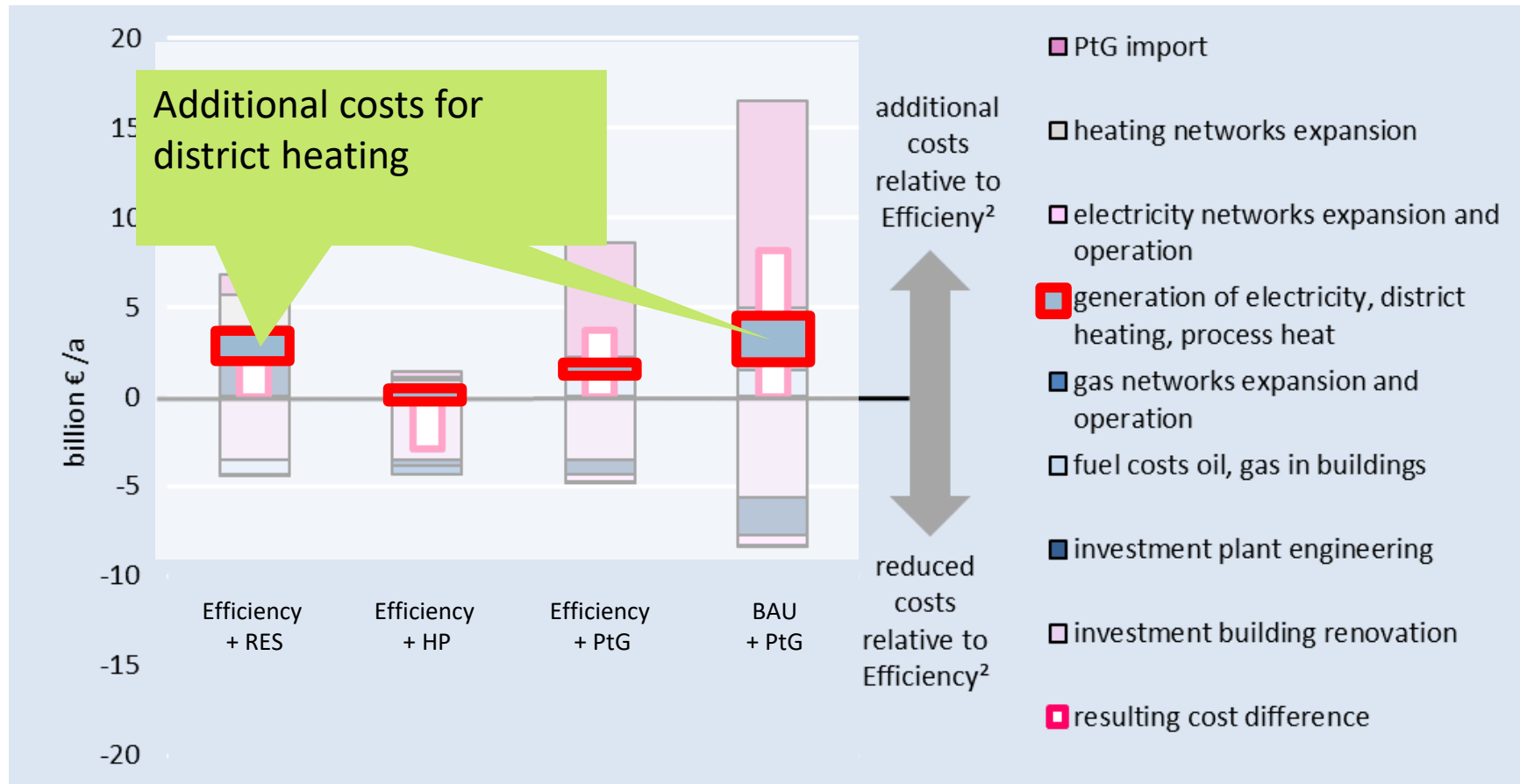
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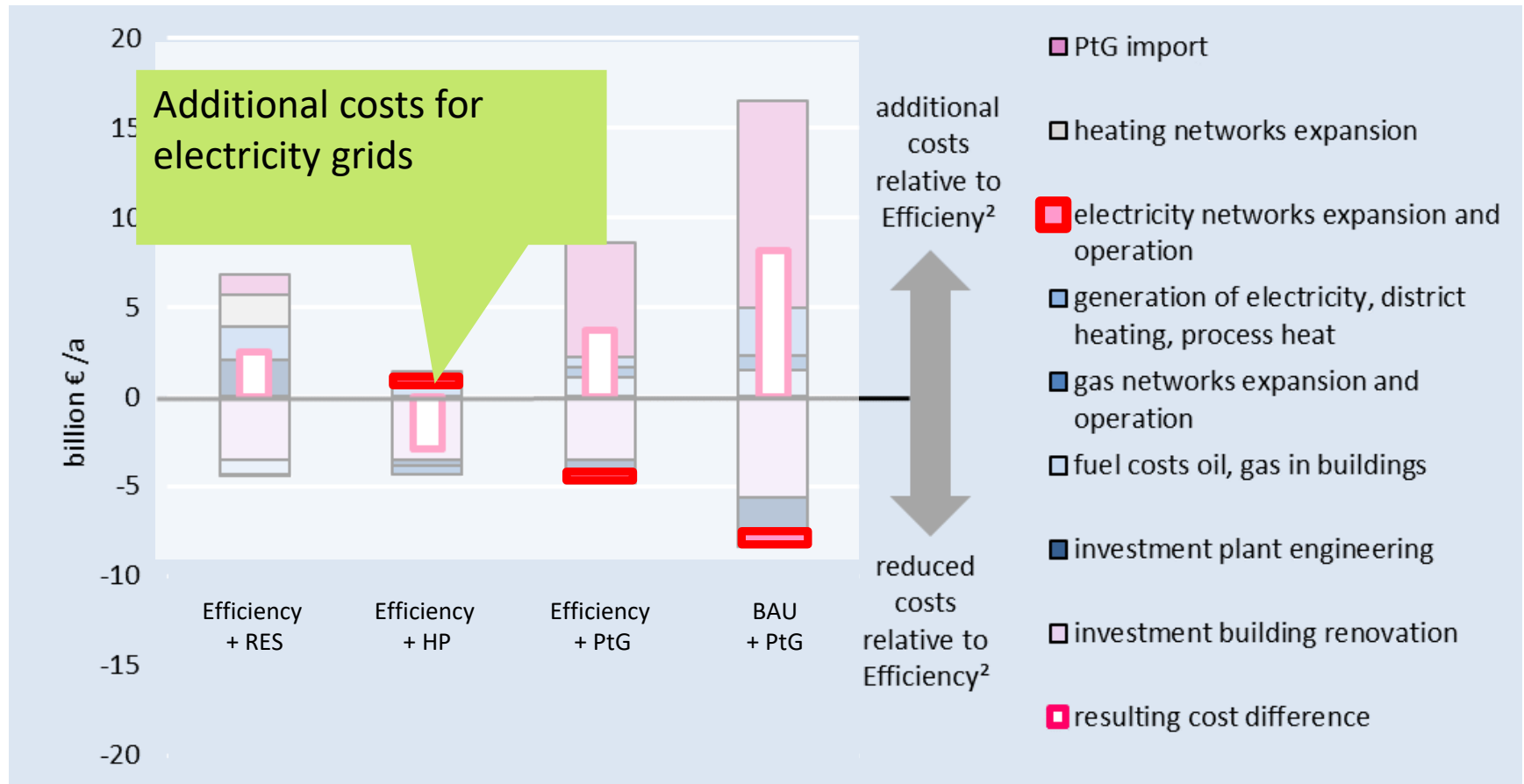
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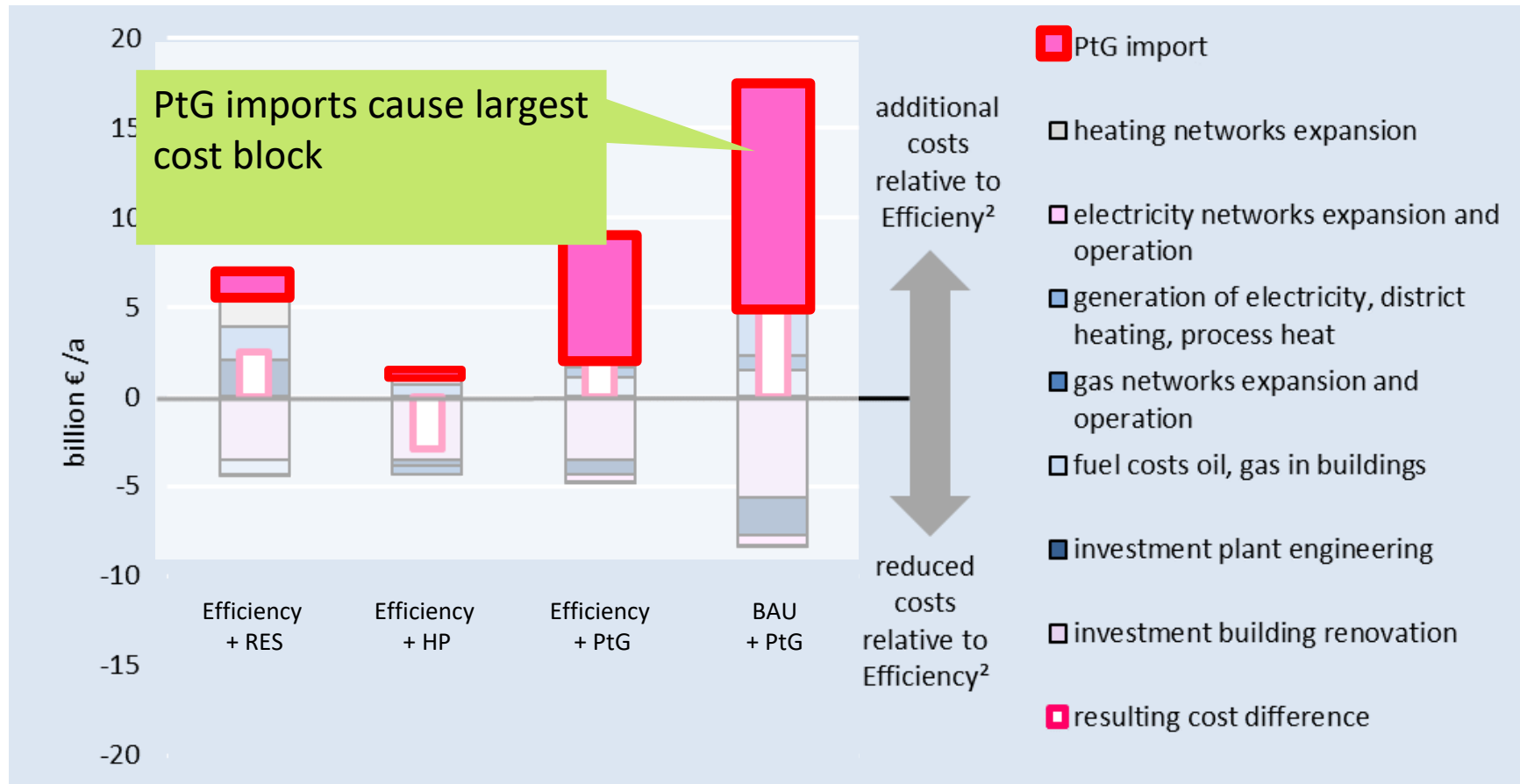
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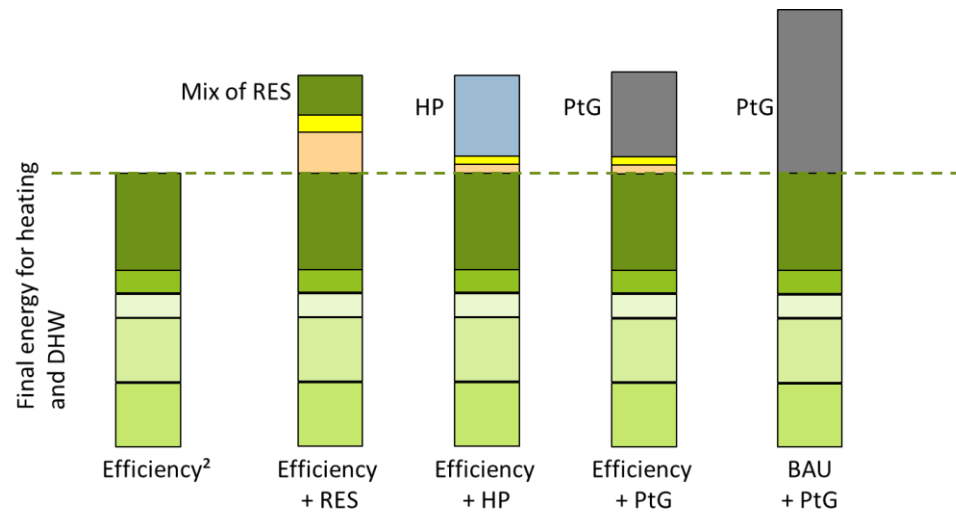
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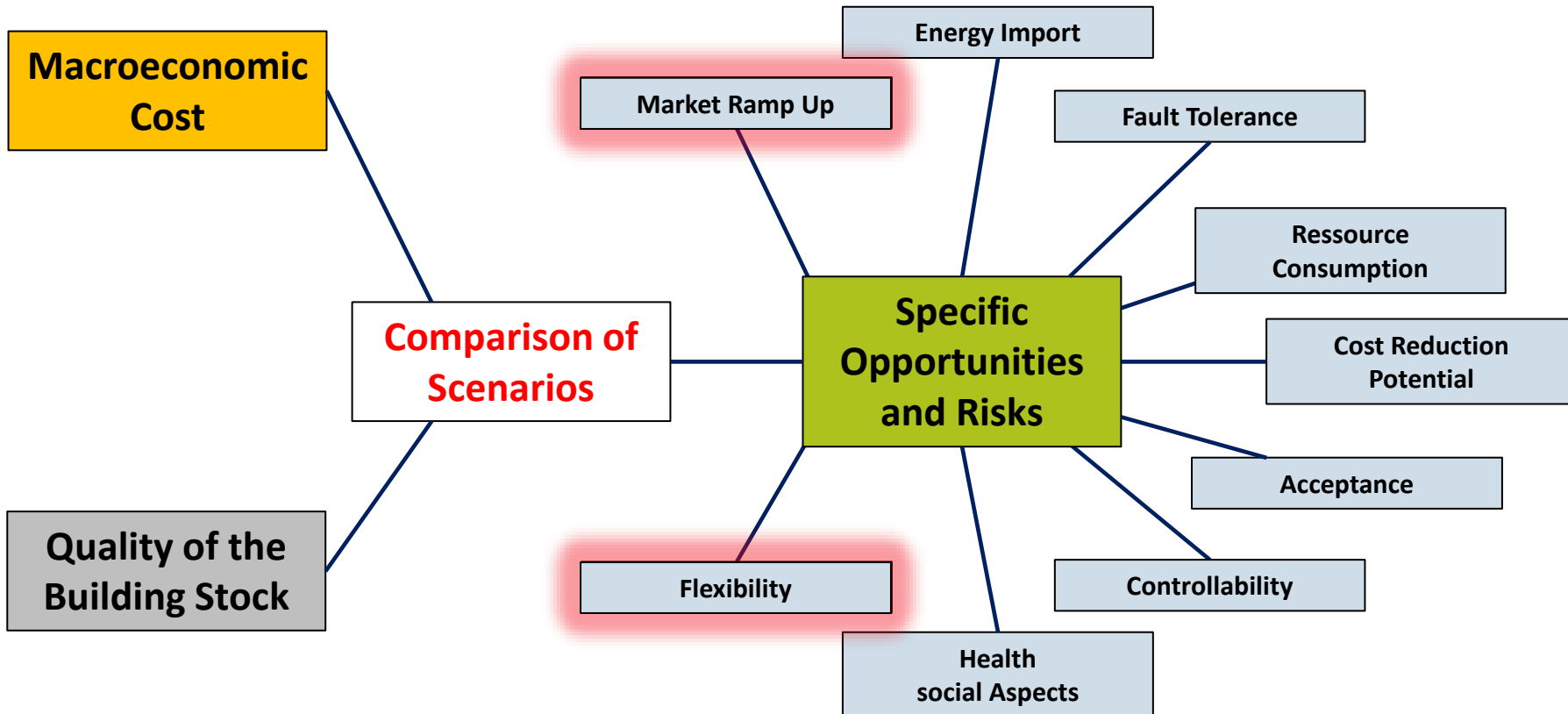
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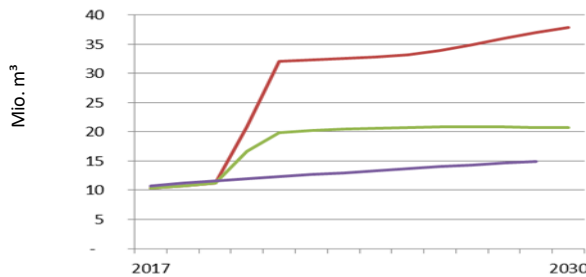
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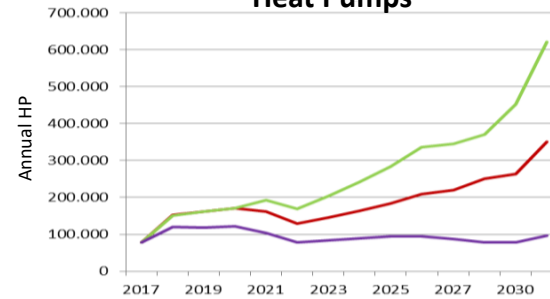


# Market Ramp Up

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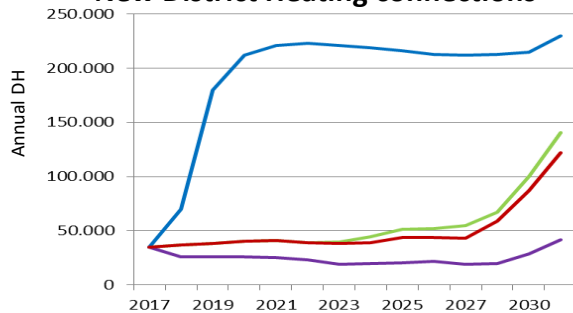


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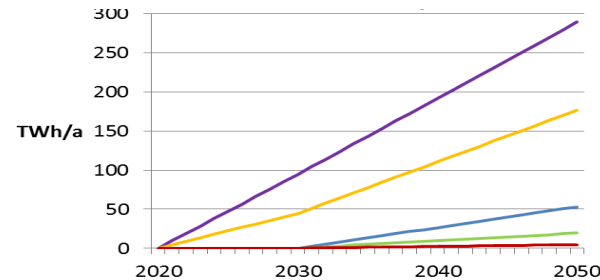


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### New District Heating connections

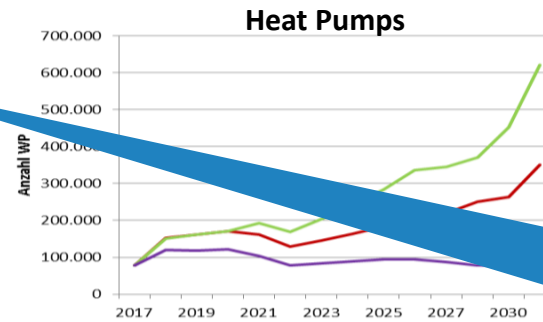
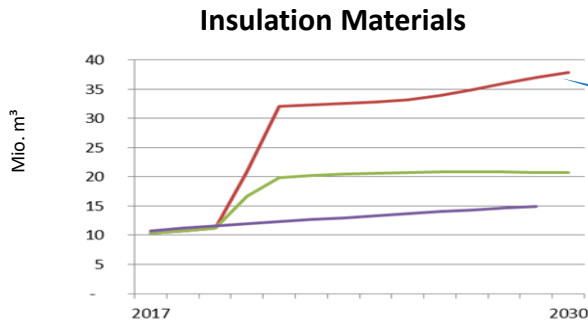


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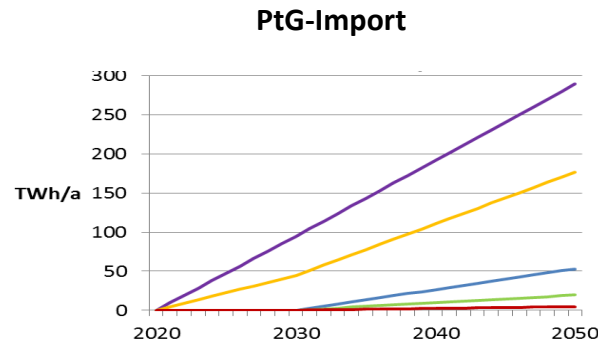
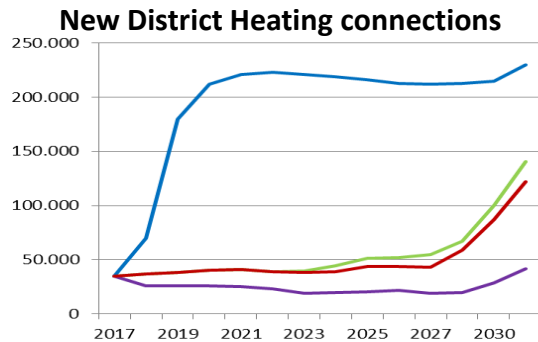
- Lower efficiency must always be compensated by an **EVEN STEEPER** growth in renewable energies.
- Efficiency **AND** renewables must be ambitiously implemented in the short term.
- The decisive factor is which technology meets the requirements with realistic effort.

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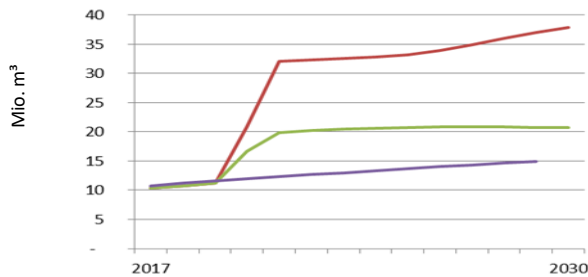
• **Efficiency²:** annually installed insulation volume in Germany must triple in short term



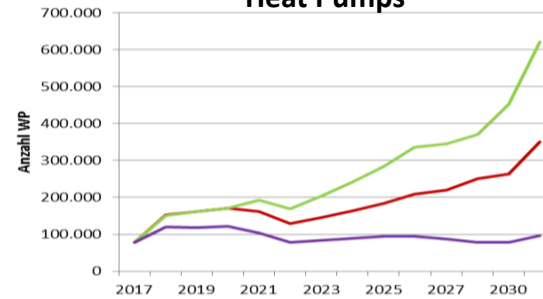


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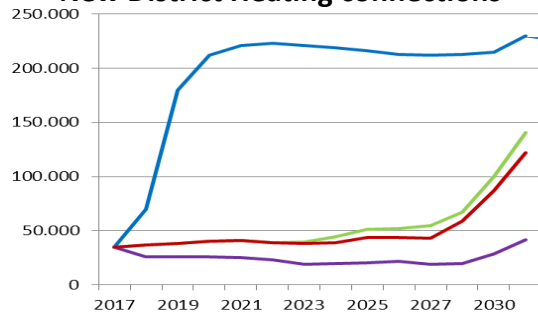


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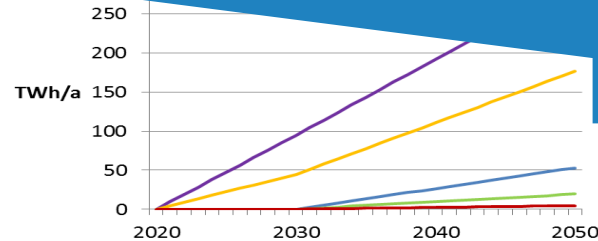


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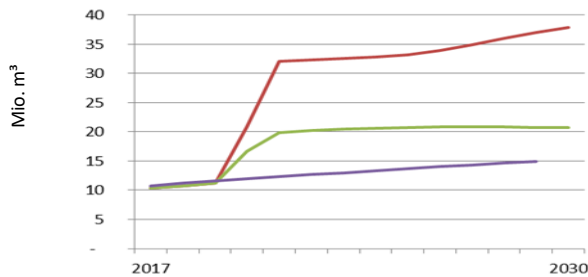
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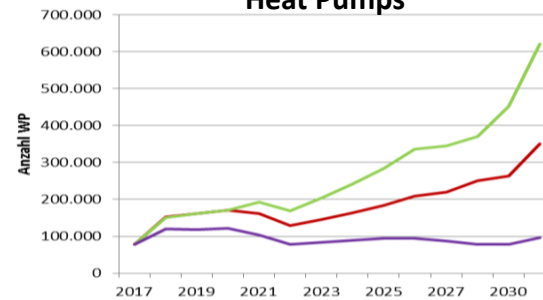
- **Effizienz + RES:** solar thermal systems must grow fifteenfold by 2030
- number of buildings supplied via heating networks must increase fourfold

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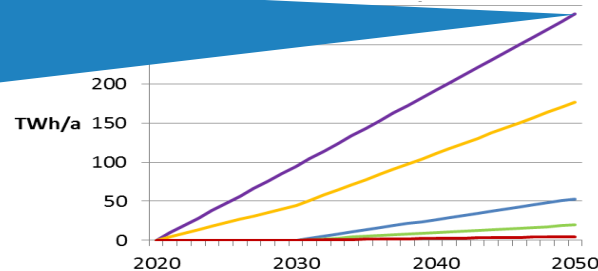


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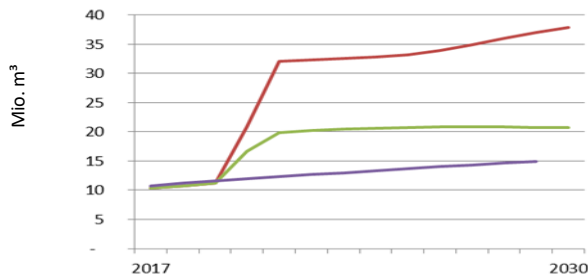
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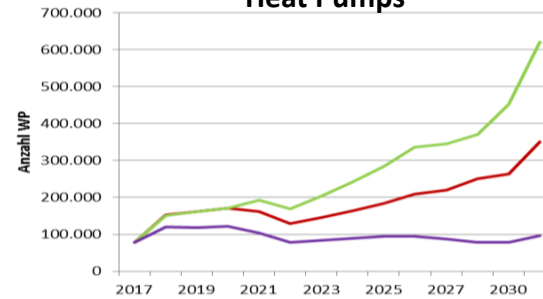
- **Efficiency + PtG:** 102 GW of generation capacity from renewable power plants by 2050
- **BAU + PtG:** 178 GW
- Current capacity in Germany: 118 GW

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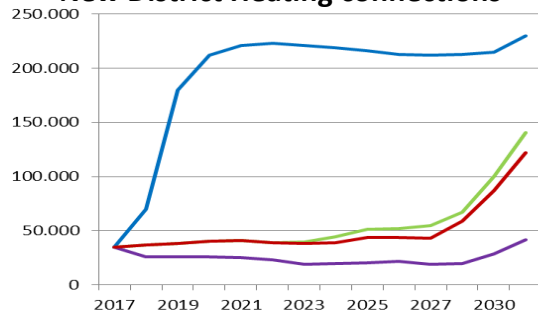
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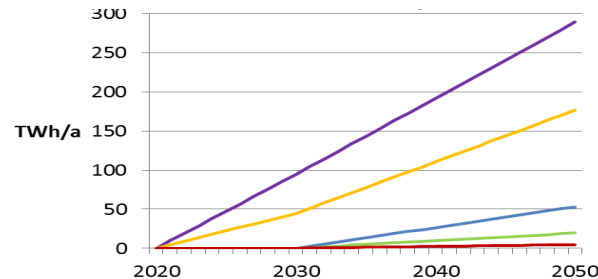
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• **Efficiency + HP:**  
annual sales must rise from 78,000 (2017) to 200,000 and by 2030 to 620,000

### New District Heating connections



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# Specific Opportunities and Risks

## Fault Tolerance and Flexibility

- Scenario Efficiency<sup>2</sup> enables even more ambitious climate targets (-100% GHG).
- Efficiency<sup>2</sup> enables to react flexibly to unexpected changes
  - RES potentials are not fully exploited
  - efficiency raises RES potentials

