



Federal Ministry
for Economic Affairs
and Energy



SINTEG
SMART ENERGY SHOWCASES

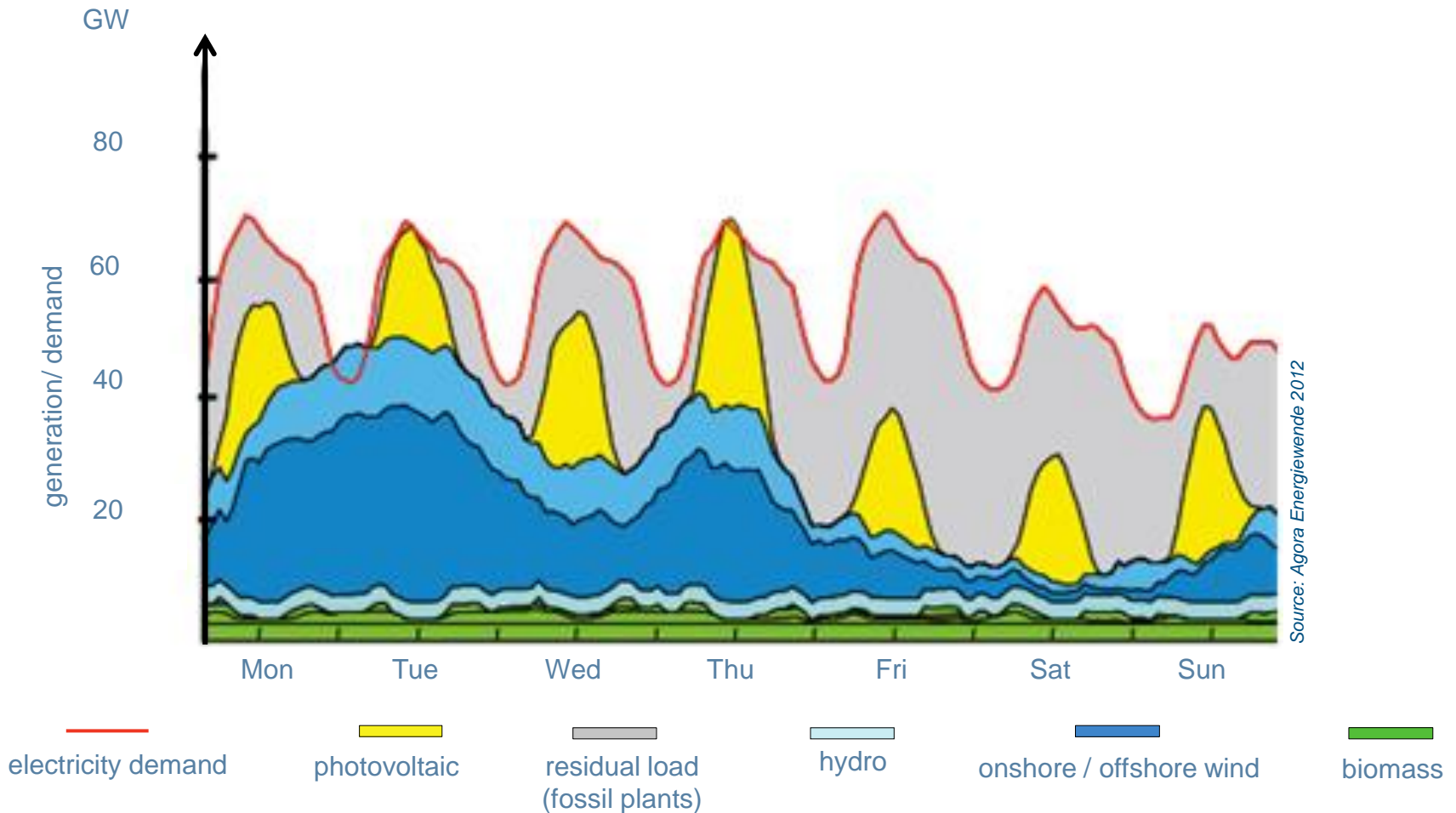
Digitisation of the energy transition in Germany

Alexander Folz, M.Sc.
Head of the SINTEG programme
Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy

IEA workshop on Digitalisation and Energy

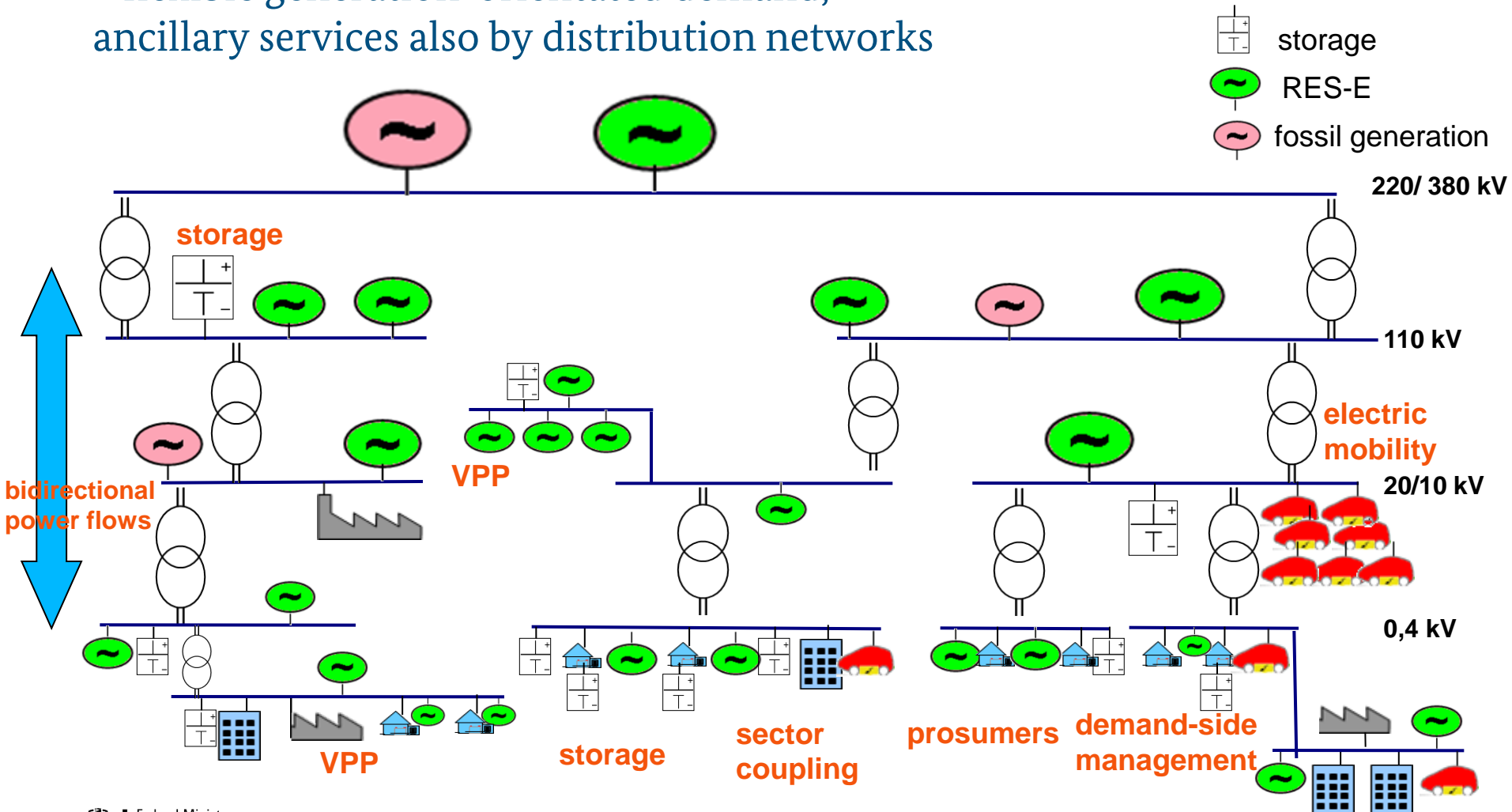
5 April 2017, Paris, France

Germany's electricity system in 2022: exemplary summer week



Energy system of the future:

flexible demand-orientated generation
+ flexible generation-orientated demand,
ancillary services also by distribution networks



Act on the Digitisation of the Energy Transition

- gradual phase in of smart meters in DE:
 - large-scale consumers and generating installations (start 2017)
 - smaller consumers later (start 2020)
- Smart meter: **intelligent metering systems** = digital meter + communications unit (smart meter gateway - SMG)
- Aim: development of a digital infrastructure
→ provide a secure **communication platform = data hub**
 - → Connect all players of the energy system:
 - consumers, generators, smart home, ...
 - system operators, utility, aggregators,...
- heavy focus on data protection and data security (e.g. “privacy by design”)
- Act is **start** → now development of specific use cases and products necessary

The SINTEG programme: “Smart Energy Showcases – Digital Agenda for the Energy Transition”



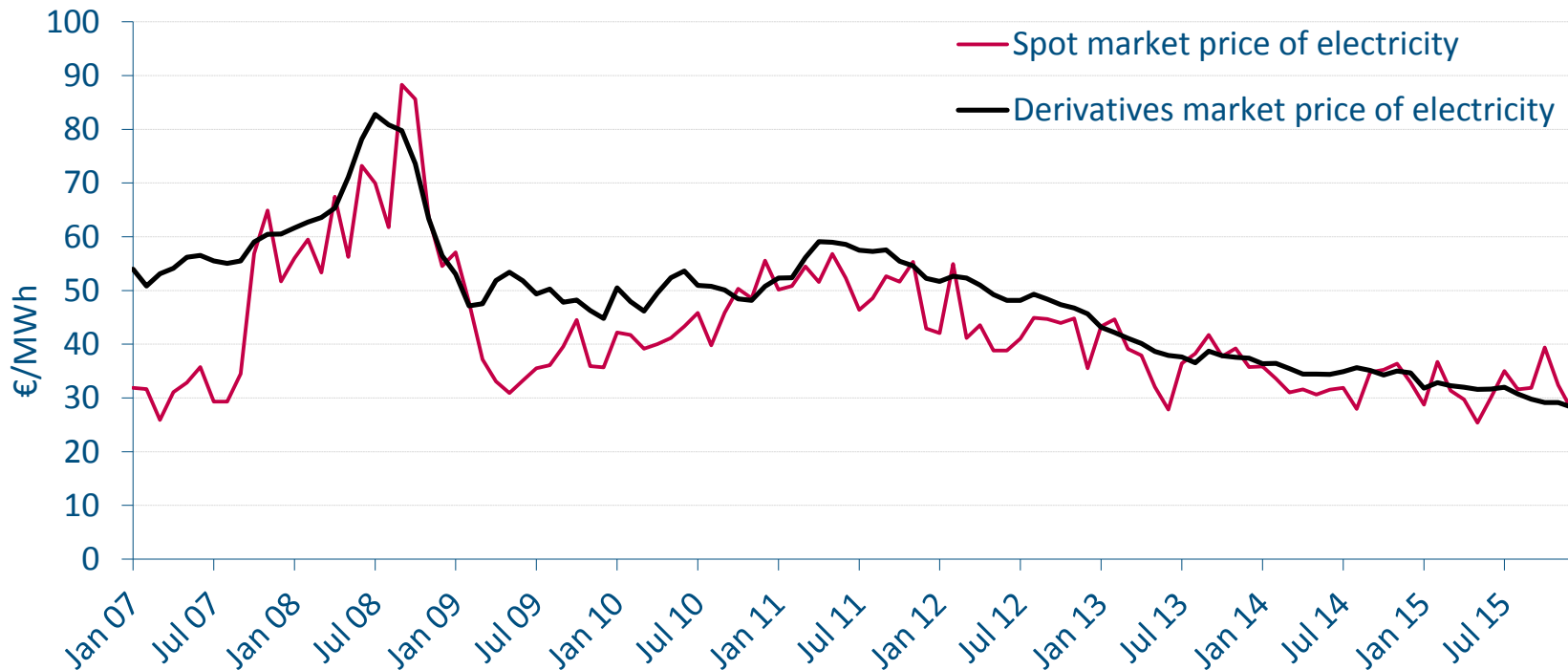
- Overall aim: develop solutions for a secure and efficient energy system relying on **temporarily up to 100% of RES**
- focus: **connect generation, demand side, storage, grids and market using ICT**
→ **smart grids/ market**
- Solutions are to be implemented in **five large pilot regions (showcases)**
→ **scalability/ preparing mass market**
→ **pilot solutions** for our future energy system (e.g. market platforms, sector coupling, ancillary services, TSO-DSO cooperation,...)
- **more than 300 firms + other players** involved; Start: 12/2016 + 01/2017
- Volume of funding: more than € 200 million; firms provide more than € 300 million → **some € 500 millions to be spent on smart grids**
- Solutions are to serve as a **blueprint for wider use**
- “**regulatory sand box**”: **gain experience** → **information on necessary adjustments to the regulatory framework** → **upcoming amendments**
- **part of the German government’s “digital agenda”**

Thank you for your attention!

Alexander Folz, M.Sc.
Head of the SINTEG programme
Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy
Division III C 4 - Flexibility of Demand,
Technical System Integration, Storage -
Tel: +49 30 18 615 6904
Email: Alexander.Folz@bmwi.bund.de

back up

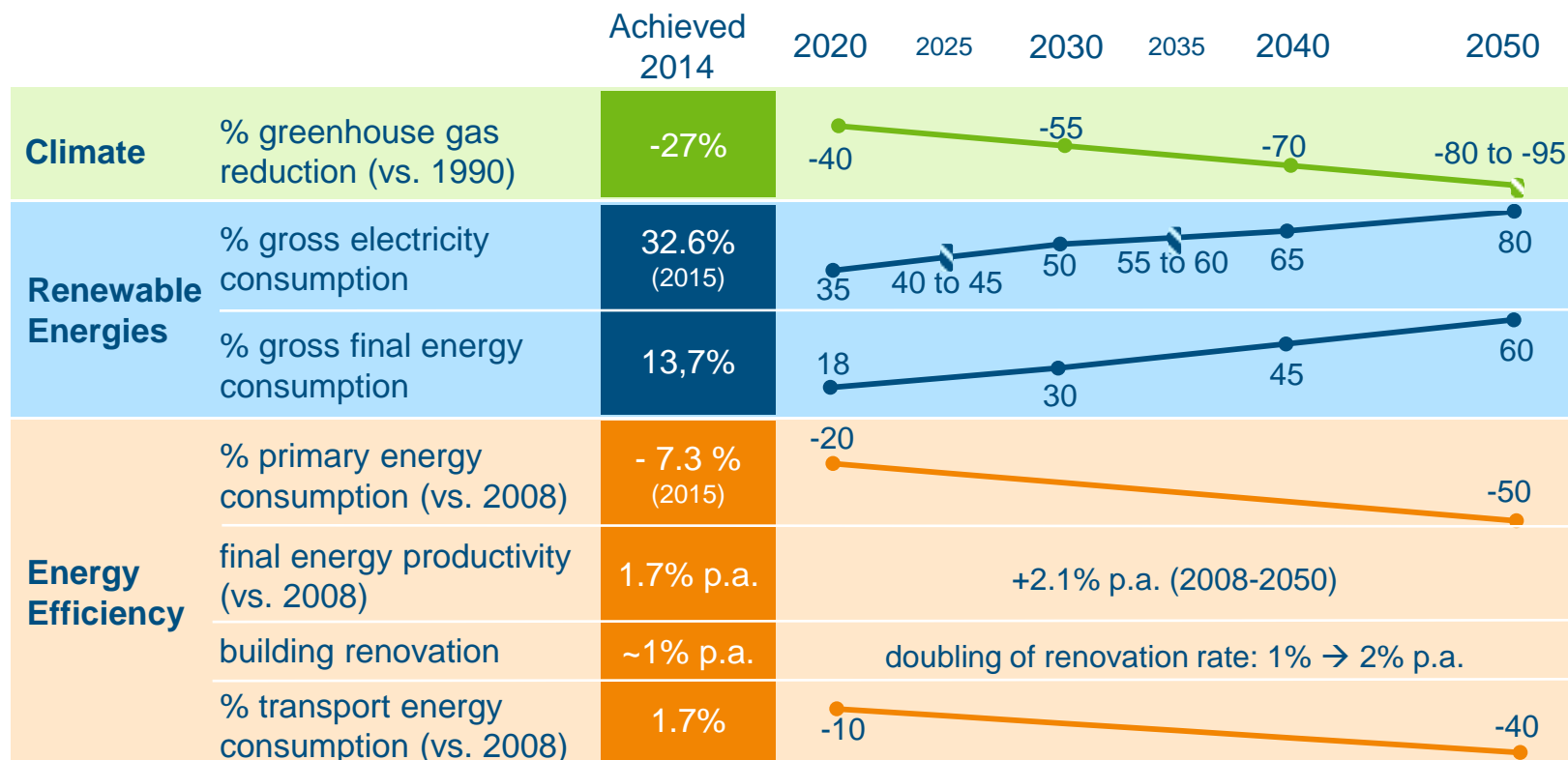
Electricity price in Germany (stock exchange)



Source: Ecofys 2015, EEX 2015

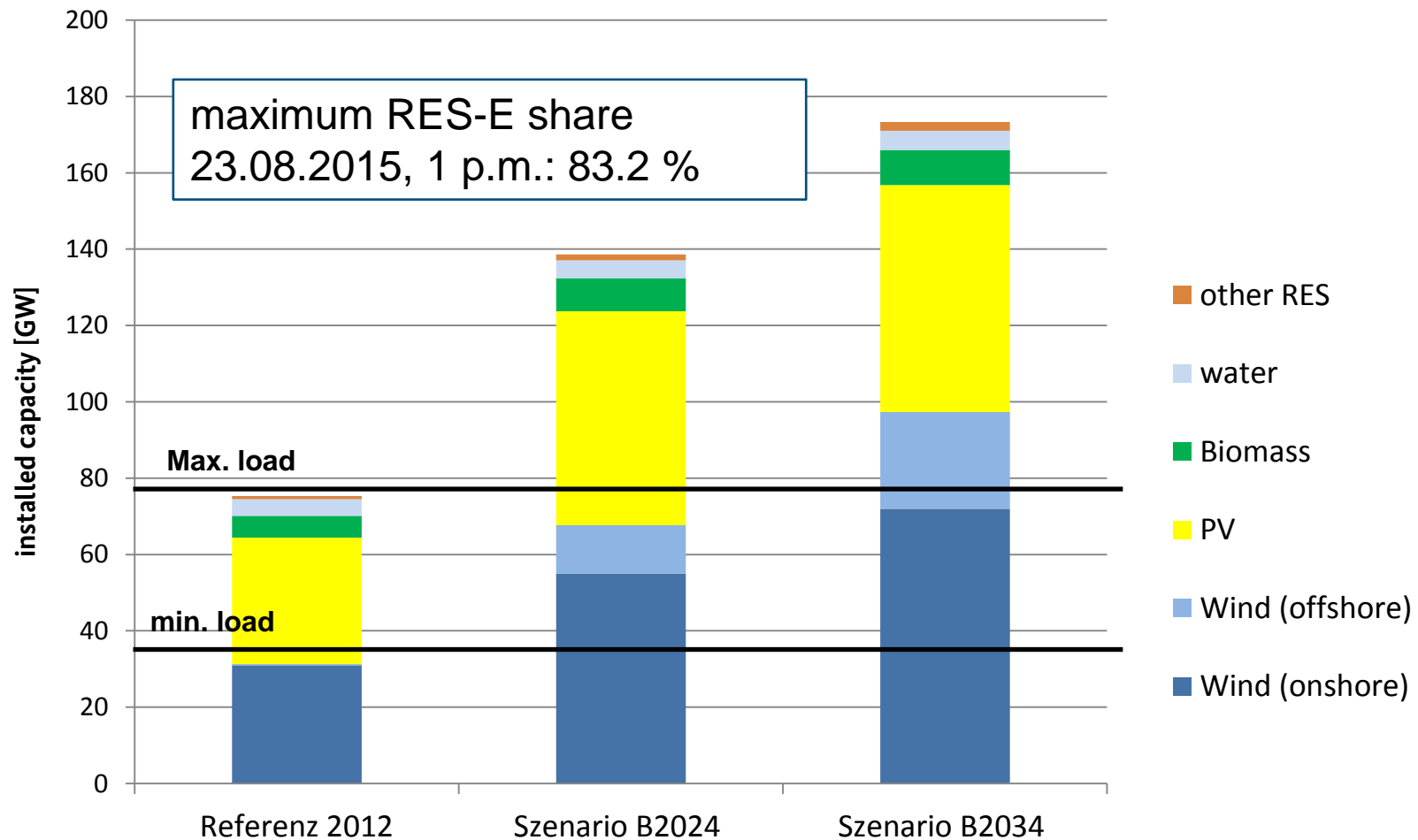
Electricity prices have declined and volatility sank over the past years.

Germany's "Energiewende" targets until 2050

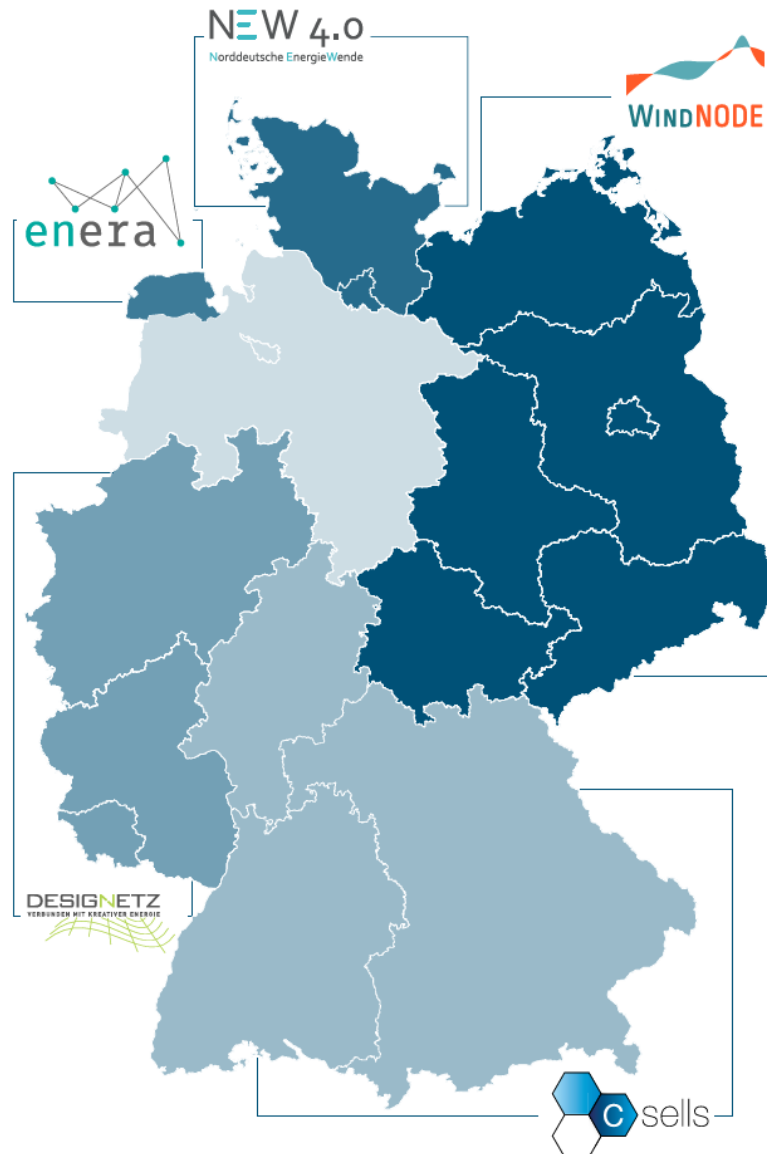


Source: Federal Government 2010, BMU/BMWi 2014, BMWi 2015, AGEE-Stat 2014, AGEE 2015, BMWi 2016

Development of installed capacity of RES-E in Germany



SINTEG Showcase regions



Showcase regions

- In common: show cases cover the entire smart energy system of the future
 - Efficient and **secure grid operation** with high shares of renewables
 - tapping **efficiency and flexibility potentials** (in terms of markets and grids)
 - Ensuring efficient and secure **cooperation of all players** in the **smart energy system** → **data explosion**
 - **New business models** in the energy sector
- Each of the project has different points of focus

Showcase regions

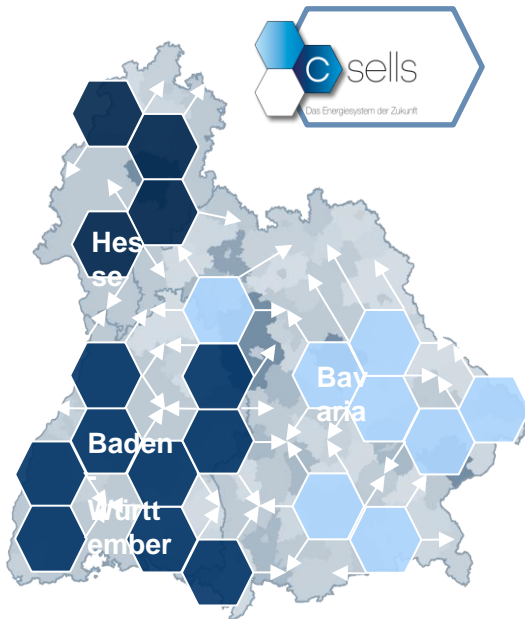
- Examples
 - Feeding regional information into the electricity market/stock exchange
→ **‘regional order books’**
 - **several hundred MW of demand-side management across different sectors** (PtH, PtC, PtG), e.g. to use excess electricity within the region
 - Use/roll-out of **> 300,000 iMSys**
 - **ICT platforms** for networking/coordination
 - **800 supermarkets to act as flexible consumers**
 - **Energy transition AppStore** for players involved (across different sectors, e.g. to help **increase the energy performance of buildings**)

Selected showcase regions

No.	Title	Partners involved in project (associated partners/contractors)
1	C/sells: large-scale showcase in the ‘solar arch’ region in southern Germany	53 (15)
2	Designetz: a modular concept – from isolated solutions to an efficient energy system	35 (14)
3	enera: The next big step in the energy transition	32 (19)
4	NEW 4.0: The energy transition in northern Germany	37 (11)
5	WindNODE: showcase for smart energy from the north-east of Germany	49 (16)

C/sells – the solar arch in the south

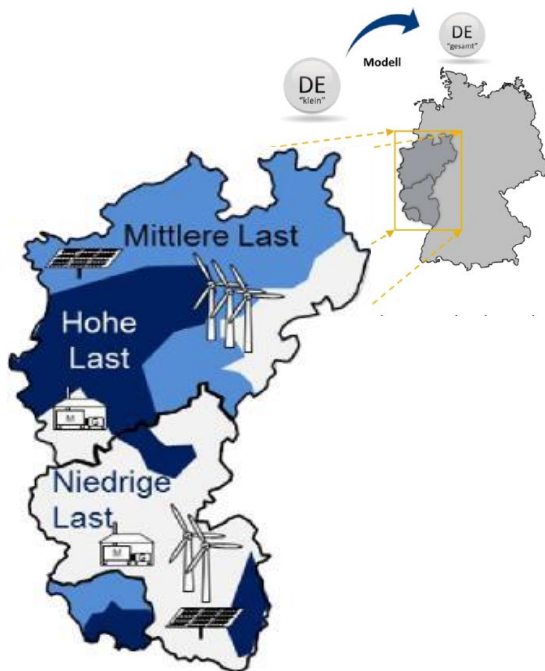
- 1,200 MW of load, 1m consumers, 15,000 distributed PV installations (500 MW); 200 electric vehicles, 1,000 controllable electric heating systems, 600 controllable loads



- Looks at flexibility across different sectors using an **energy system organised in cellular form** (subsidiary within and across cells)
- Autonomous regional cells that interact at supra-regional level
- **Cloud-based infrastructure information system (IIS)** serving as an ICT platform
- Expanding regional markets for ancillary services
- Flexibility between electric power, heat and transport

Designetz – a modular concept

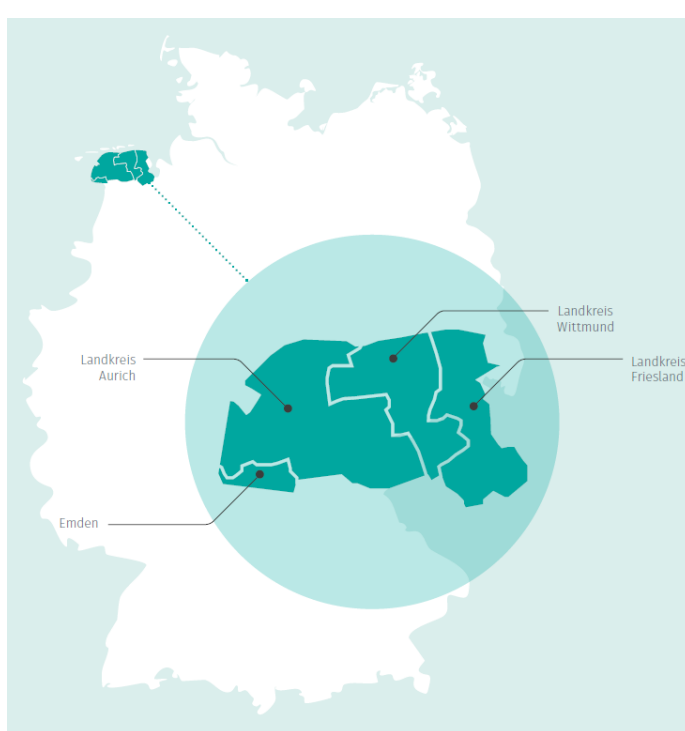
- Rural renewables vs. industrial centres of demand → typical situation in DE
- Distributed energy (mix of solar and wind) to be used to supply industrial centres of demand



- **Responsibility for the system across grid levels**
- **Cascading, bidirectional procedure:**
 - Requests for greater flexibility to be made by higher grid levels to lower grid levels
 - Lower grid levels provide projections of grid condition and of scope for flexibility
- Use of iMSys, sensors and actuators to assess the state of distribution networks and to control (including data from some 100,000 metering systems)
- includes gas and heat (PtG, PtH etc.)

Enera – the next big step

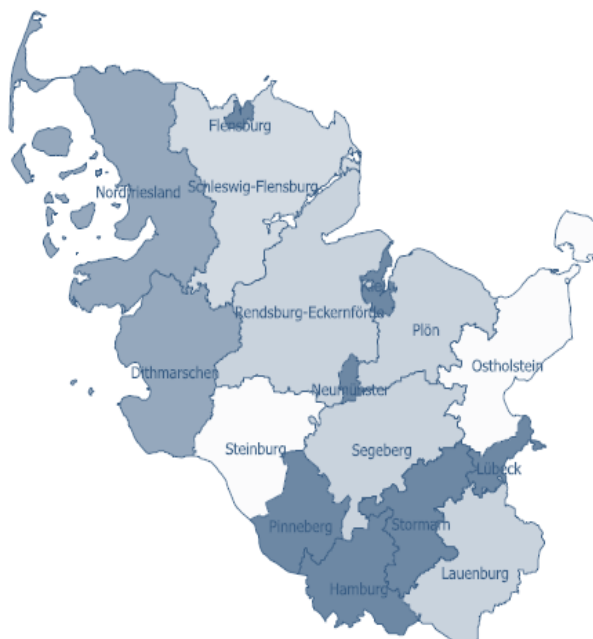
- Share of renewables > **170%** (wind, PV, biogas)
- 390,000 inhabitants, approx. 200,000 households, 1.75 GW RES-E (onshore wind: 1.5 GW, offshore wind: 175 MW; another 1,000 MW envisaged)



- Transition to a dynamic, distributed energy system
- Increasing flexibility of distributed generators, loads, storage
- **Regional ancillary services** to be treated as tradable, regional goods (e.g. voltage stability)
- Feeding in regional information into the **electricity exchange** to support **distribution networks**
- Rollout and management of 40,000 iMsys
- ‘Smart Data and Services’ platform
- 30-60 start-ups to develop new business models for a smart energy system for the future
- ‘Energy transition AppStore’

NEW 4.0 – energy transition in the north

- large centre of energy demand (Hamburg) with rural region as centre of supply of wind energy (Schleswig-Holstein)
- Project is to demonstrate that 70%-share of renewables in region's supply providing full energy security will be possible by 2025



- Main objective: **finding efficient ways of dealing with local surplus electricity**
Two-way strategy:
 - better export to other regions;
 - greater flexibility to use energy locally
- Greater flexibility mainly by means of **demand-side (load management, storage, sector coupling (100s of MW))**
- Minimising ‘must-run capacity’ of conventional power plants with the help of innovative ancillary services, DSM and flexible CHP

WindNODE –smart energy from the north-east of Germany

- Balancing zone of 50 Hertz (excluding Hamburg)
- Thousands of controllable loads, > 150 MW
- Installed renewables capacity (in 2014): 25 GW (59% wind, 33% PV),
- 42%-share of renewables in electricity consumption



- **Optimisation of overall system:** electricity, heat, mobility
- ICT platform connects generators, loads, grids, markets and provides for flexibility (e.g. flexible industrial loads, PtX, electric mobility, distributed small-scale generators)
- **More than 800 supermarkets involved, which will act as flexible loads**
- **New system operation TSO-DSO**
- “Regional power plants”/ VPP
- Urban-rural energy cooperation (Berlin and Brandenburg)
- Greater **system responsibility** assigned to balance responsible parties (BRP) and aggregators