

Das Energiesystem der Zukunft Neueste Forschungen am KIT

KIT Energy Center

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Energy transition – a challenge for research



Karlsruhe Institute of Technology

The Research University in the Helmholtz Association



Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)

Core tasks: Research, Teaching, Innovation

22,275 Students, 21% international

5,556 Researchers, 25% international

Researchers and students from 120 countries

Annual budget of € 1 090,7 million



KIT – Research and Innovation at 6 Locations



Campus North



Campus South



Campus East



Campus West



Campus Alpine



Helmholtz Institute Ulm

KIT Science Profiling – Discipline Diversity

Division I



Biology

Division II



Informatics

Division III



Mechanical Engineering

Division IV

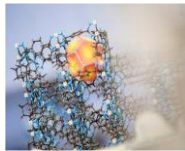


Civil Engineering,
Geo- and
Environmental
Sciences

Division V



Physics



Chemistry



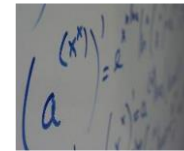
Economics



Electrical Engineering



Architecture



Mathematics



Process Engineering



Society

8 KIT Centers Link Discipline Diversity



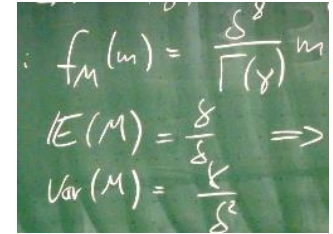
Energy



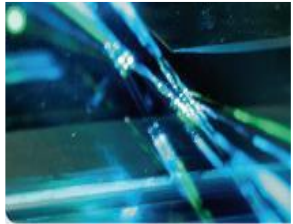
Mobility Systems



**Information
Systems
Technologies**



**Mathematics in Sciences,
Engineering, and
Economics**



Materials



**Climate and
Environment**



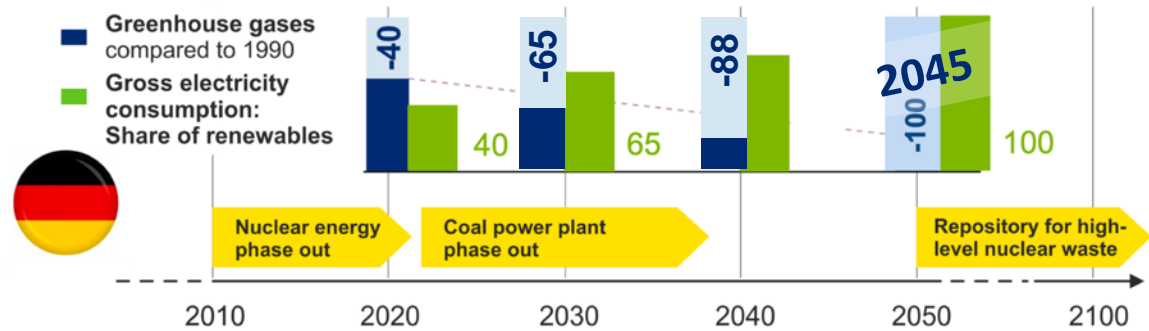
**Elementary Particle
and Astroparticle
Physics**



**Humans and
Technology**

Grand Challenges in Energy Research and Beyond

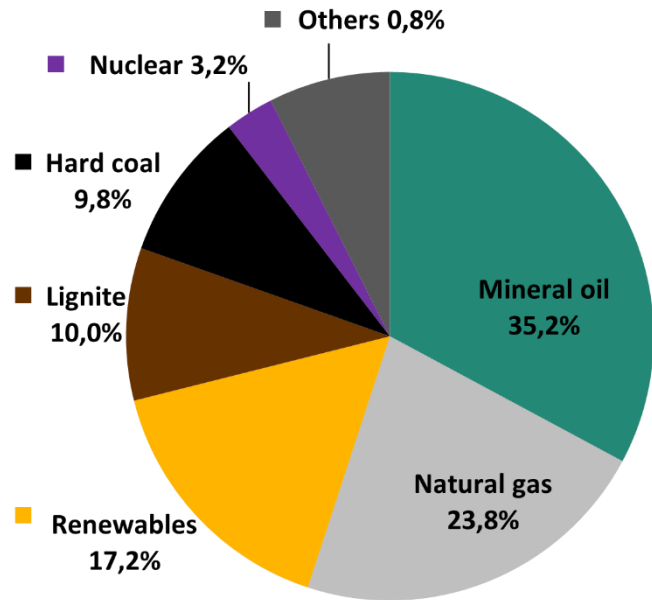
- Nuclear energy **phase out** in 2022
- Coal power plant **phase out** in 2038
- Reduction of greenhouse gases to **zero** in **2045**
- Share of renewables up to **100%** in 2050
- Feasibility of commercial **nuclear fusion**
- **NEW: Independence from Russian fossil fuels and raw materials**



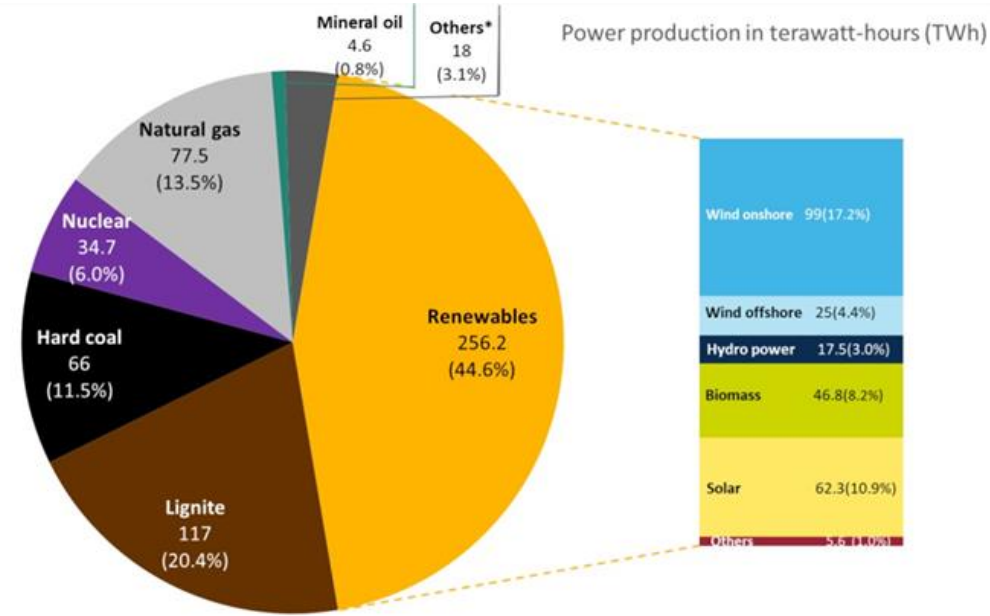
European Green Deal: "Net Zero" Greenhouse gas emissions by 2050

- Full replacement of fossil energy carriers by renewables

Overview: Current Energy Situation in Germany



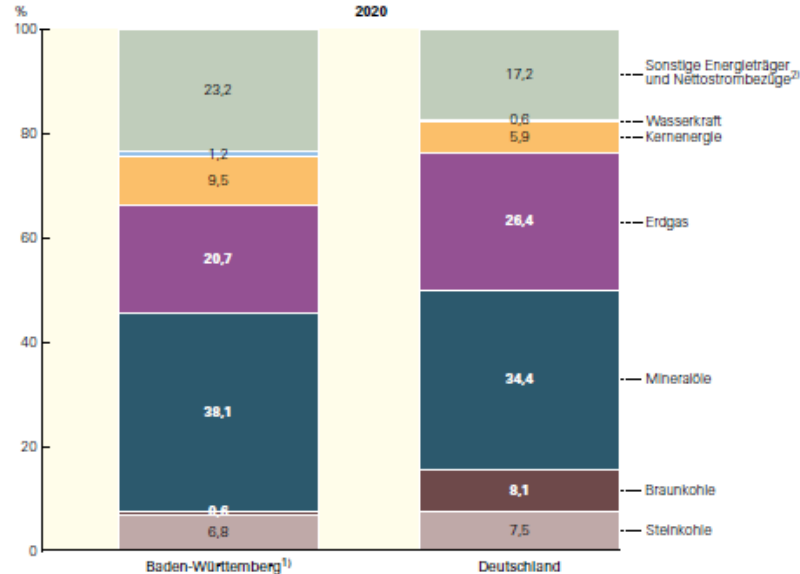
primary energy consumption
in Germany by energy source 2022*



gross electricity production
in Germany by energy source 2022*

Source: BDEW, Destatis, Statista, EEX, VGB, ZSW; 12/2022 *preliminary

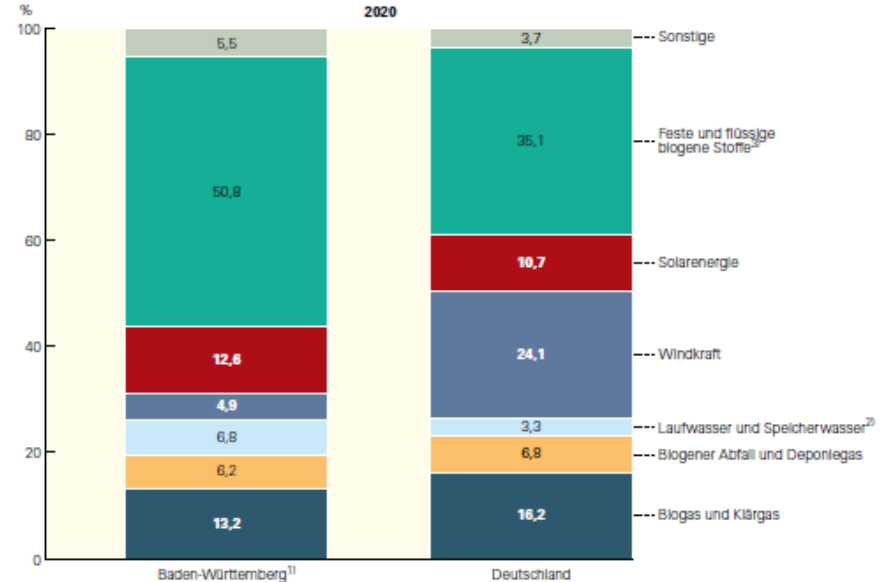
Primärenergieverbrauch in Baden-Württemberg und Deutschland 2020 nach Energieträgern



Statistisches Landesamt Baden-Württemberg

1) Energieverbrauchswerte enthalten teilweise Schätzungen, insbesondere bei den Energieträgern Mineralöle und Mineralölprodukten. 2020 vorläufige Ergebnisse. – 2) Grubengas, Windkraft, Solarenergie, Klärgas, Deponiegas, Biomasse und Sonstige.
 Datenquellen: Energiebilanzen für Baden-Württemberg. Für Deutschland: Arbeitsgemeinschaft Energiebilanzen e.V., Daten für 2019 Stand: 25.02.2021, Daten für 2020 Stand: 11.02.2022.

Primärenergieverbrauch erneuerbarer Energieträger in Baden-Württemberg und Deutschland 2020



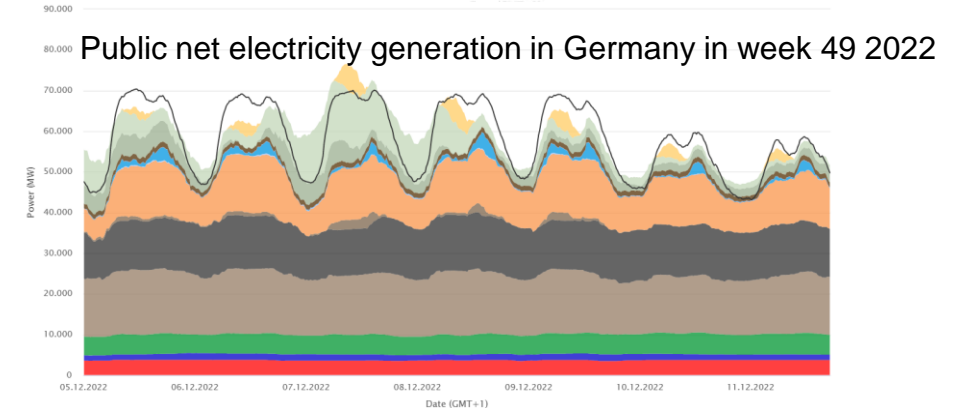
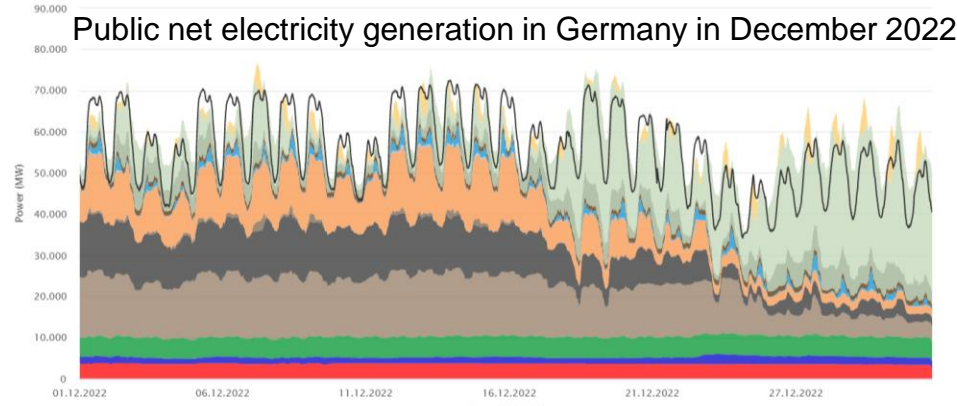
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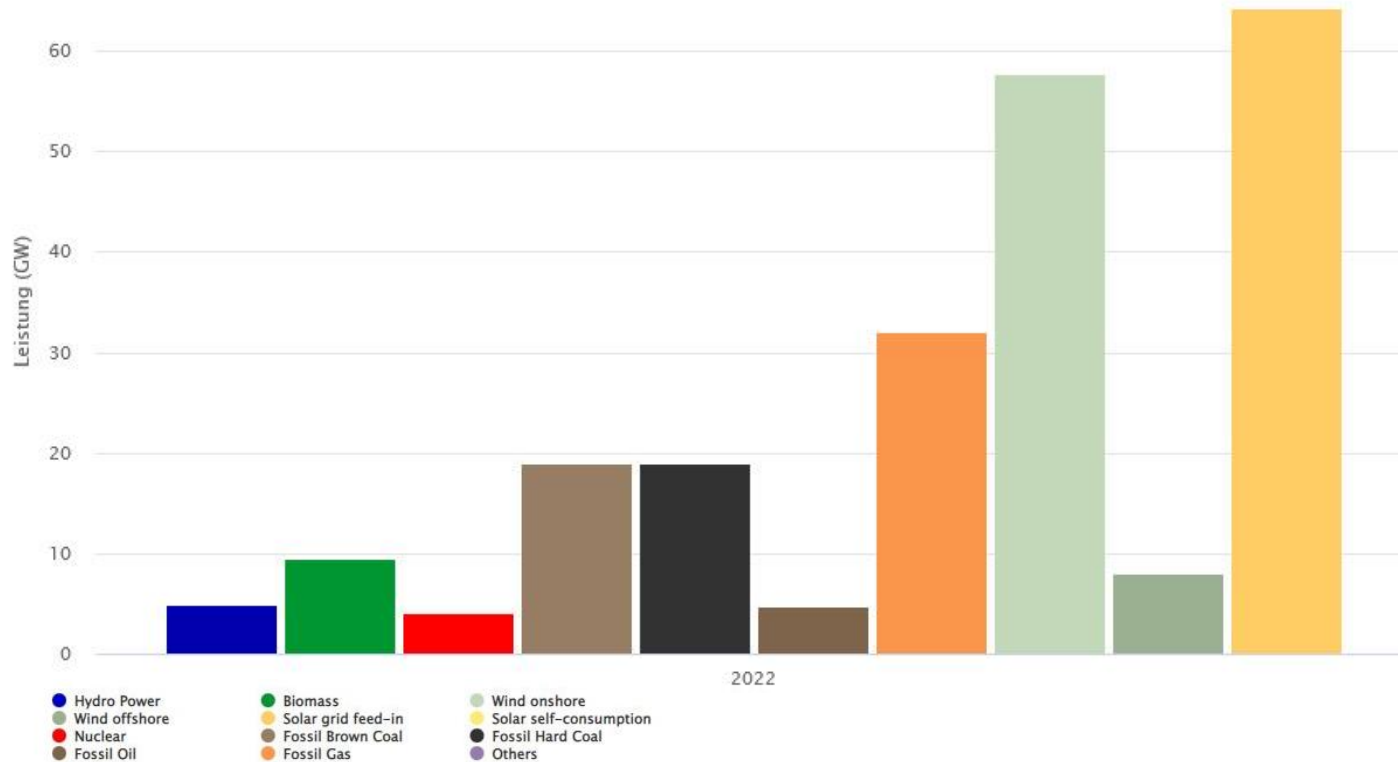
Public net electricity generation in Germany, 2022

- Hydro pumped storage consumption
- Hydro Run-of-River
- Fossil hard coal
- Geothermal
- Others
- Wind onshore
- Biomass
- Fossil oil
- Hydro water reservoir
- Waste
- Solar
- Renewable share of generation
- Nuclear
- Fossil brown coal / lignite
- Fossil gas
- Hydro pumped storage
- Wind offshore
- Load



Source: Energy-Charts; 2023

Net installed capacity for power generation in Germany in 2022



Source: Energy-Charts; 2023

The Helmholtz Association of German Research Centres



- KIT is one of 18 Helmholtz Centers in Germany
- Helmholtz is Germany's largest scientific organisation
> 43.000 employees
annual budget of > € 5 billion
- Mission of Helmholtz: address the grand global challenges
- Helmholtz is promoting research in six research fields; KIT contributes to four of them:

ENERGY

EARTH and ENVIRONMENT

HEALTH

AERONAUTICS, SPACE AND TRANSPORT

MATTER

INFORMATION

Research Field Energy

Programs in POF IV at KIT 2021 – 2027

Helmholtz Energy Transition Roadmap (HETR)

- Science driven
- Research-strategy tool
- Advice to politics and society

Energy System Design

- Energy System Transformation
- Digitalization and System Technology

Fusion

- Stellerator Research
- Tokamak Physics
- Fusion Technologies and Materials
- Plasma-Wall Interactions



Materials and Technologies for the Energy Transition

- Photovoltaics and Wind Energy
- Electrochemical Energy Storage
- Chemical Energy Carriers
- High-Temperature Thermal Technologies
- Resource and Energy Efficiency

Nuclear Waste Management, Safety and Radiation Research

- Nuclear Waste Management
- Reactor Safety

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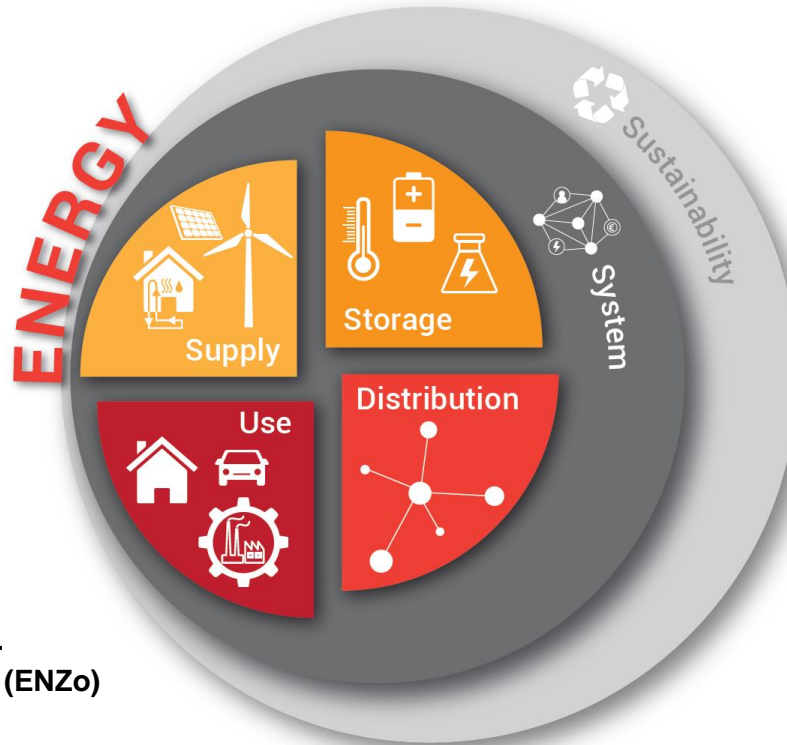
60 Institutes



67 Professors



Education
Graduate School –
Enabling Net-Zero (ENZo)



250 Mio.€
Annual Budget



1800 Scientists /
Tech Staff



International
Research
Cooperation

Large-Scale Research Infrastructures at KIT (Selection)



Cryogenic Material Test
Karlsruhe (CryoMAK)



KALLA Laboratory



Biomass to Liquid
(bioliq®)



Modular Low Temperature Cycle
Karlsruhe (MoNiKa)



PtL-Plant with Direct Air
Capture (Kopernikus Project)



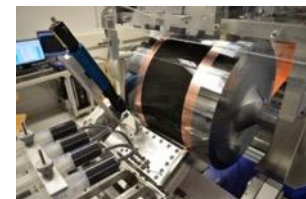
INE Laboratories



Energy Lab 2.0



3-Phase-Methanation Plant



Energy Materials Foundry
(HEMF)



CAT-ACT Beamline at
Karlsruhe Research
Accelerator KARA



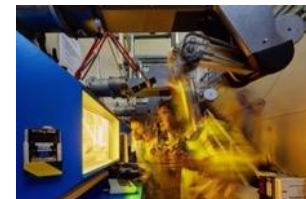
SEnSiCC Laboratory



CHF on Smooth and Modified
Surfaces (COSMOS)



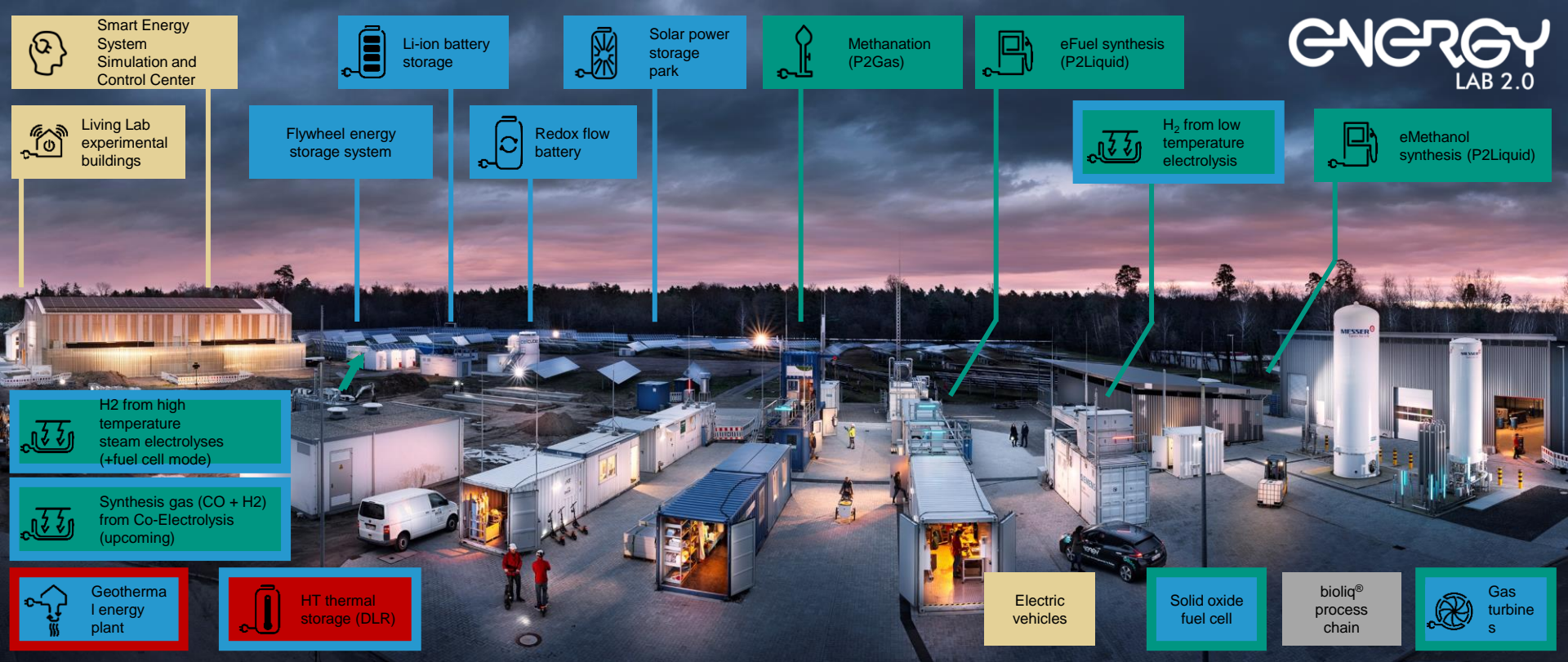
Engine Test Benches (IFKM)



Fusion Materials Laboratory
(FML)

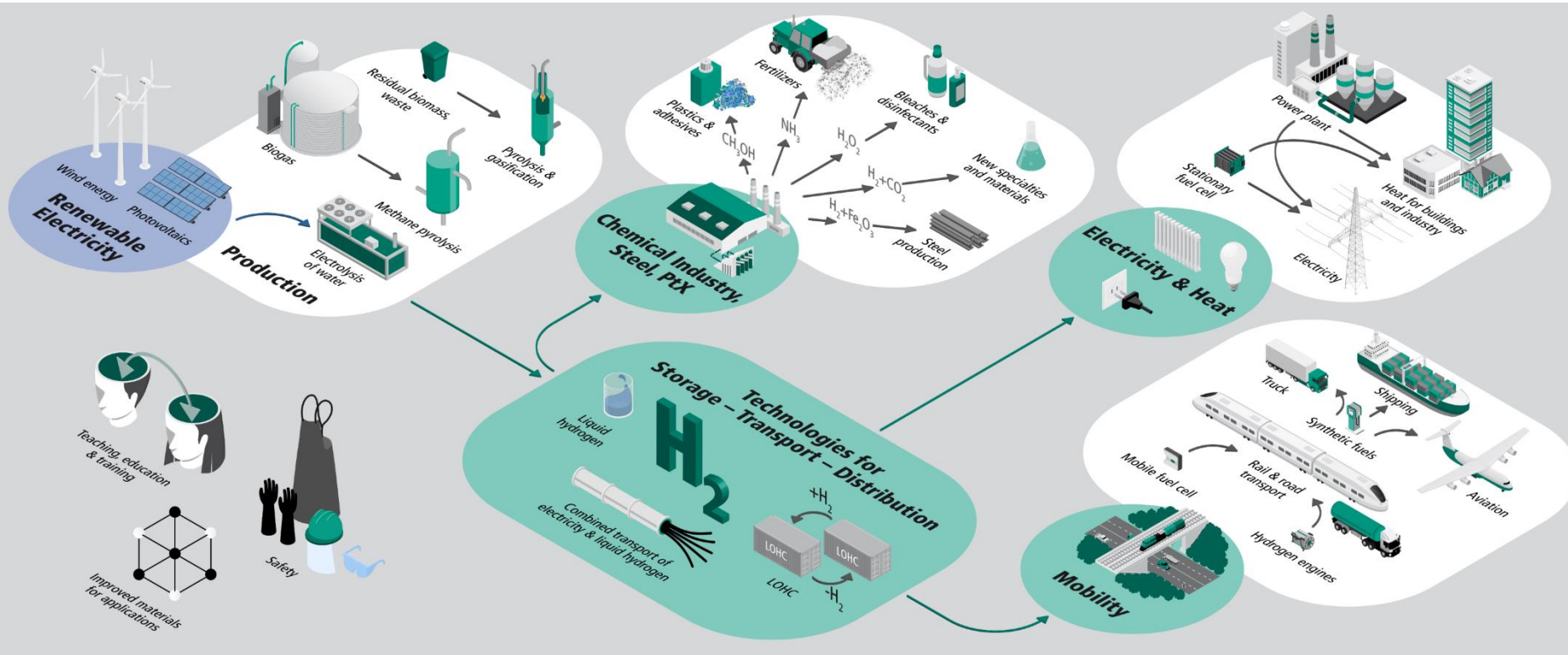


Power Hardware in the Loop
(PHIL)



The Energy Lab 2.0 is a Large-scale research infrastructure to investigate future energy systems and technologies based on renewable energies. Our mission is to develop technological solutions for the overall energy system in 2050 in order to successfully integrate the renewable energies into the power grid, especially by conducting technology-oriented research on a demonstrator scale and complementing it with comprehensive energy systems analysis.

Hydrogen Research at KIT



Teaching, education & training

Improved materials for applications

Safety

R&D Flagships: New Technology Platforms



H₂Giga

Industrialization of electrolysis
112 Partners
Coordination: DECHEMA e.V.

KIT: Ulrike Krewer, Bettina Frohnepfel and others



H₂Mare

Offshore electrolysis & PtX
33 Partners
Coordination: Siemens Energy
Total budget ~ 100 Mio €

KIT: Roland Dittmeyer, Harald Horn, Thomas Kolb and others



TransHyDE

Hydrogen transport
89 Partners
Coordination: MPI CEC,
Fraunhofer IEG, RWE Renewables

KIT: Tabea Arndt, Thomas Jordan and others



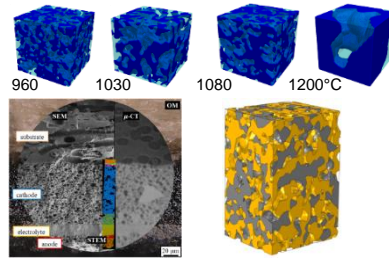
<https://www.wasserstoff-leitprojekte.de/leitprojekte>

H₂ Giga:

To cover Germany's demand for green hydrogen, large capacities of efficient and cost-effective electrolysers are needed

Fuel Cells and Electrolysis
High Temperature
Solid Oxide Cells
(500-900°C)

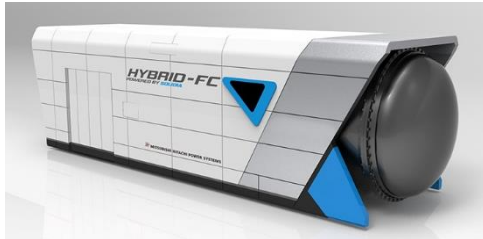
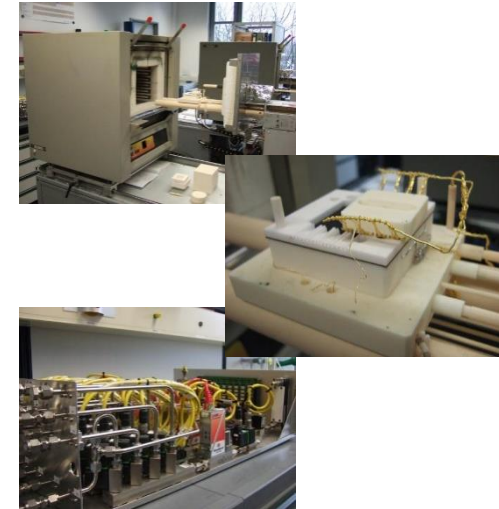
tomography (FIB-SEM, μ CT)



dynamic characterization



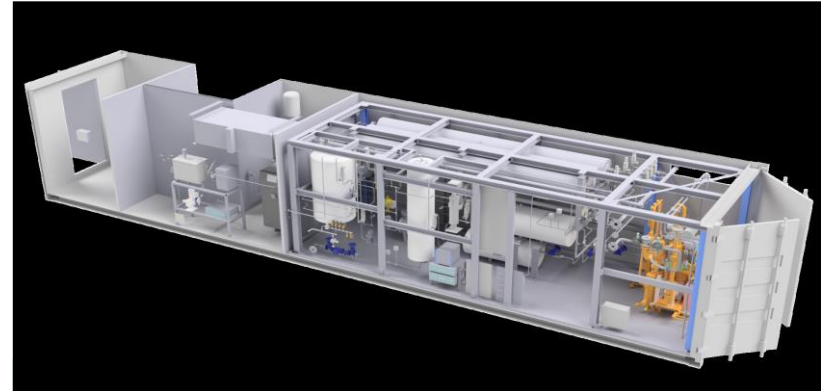
cell testing – performance and durability



- At sea, the conditions are ideal for generating renewable electricity.
- The direct production of green hydrogen from wind power in offshore facilities without grid integration can significantly reduce costs compared to onshore production.
- The H2Mare flagship project will therefore explore the offshore production of green hydrogen and other power-to-X products.

The HCM plant

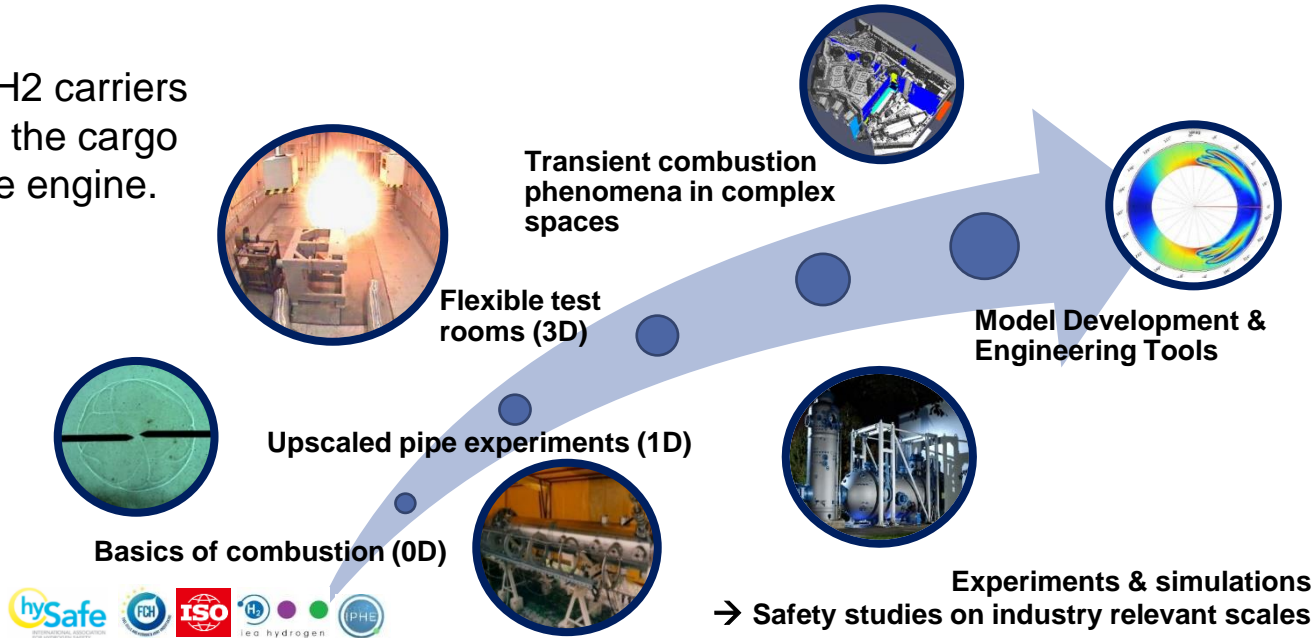
- The HCM plant will create research results for the production of renewable gaseous (CNG) and liquefied (LNG) methane.
- The operation of the interconnected plants will demonstrate the feasibility of the overall process on a technical scale.
- The innovative modular reactor system will speed up the evolution of optimized, large-scale methanation reactors for PtG and BtG processes.



Hydrogen Safety Research

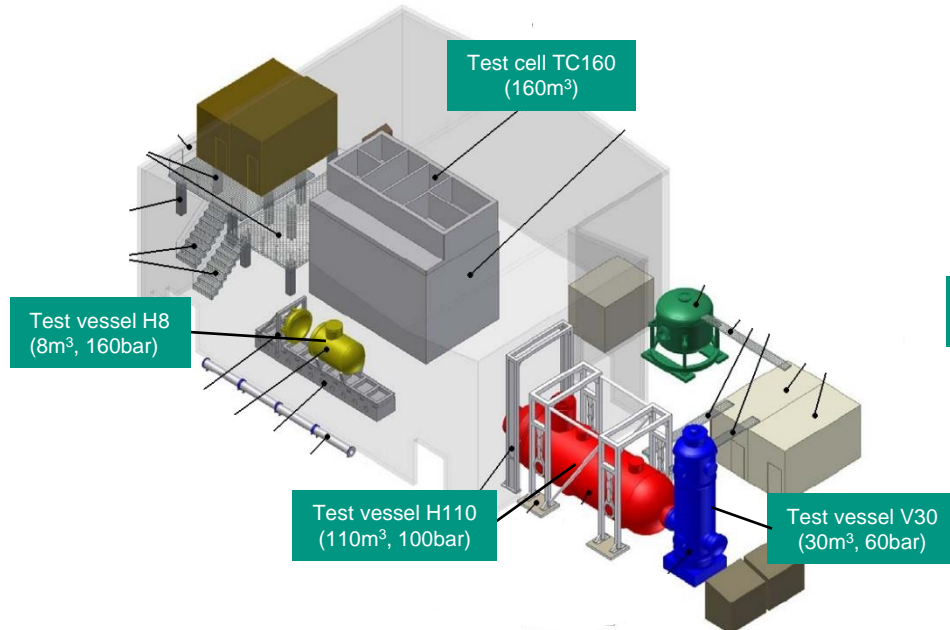
TransHyDE: Without a suitable transport infrastructure, the hydrogen economy cannot function.

Example: Next-generation LH2 carriers may use the boil-off gas from the cargo tanks as additional fuel for the engine.

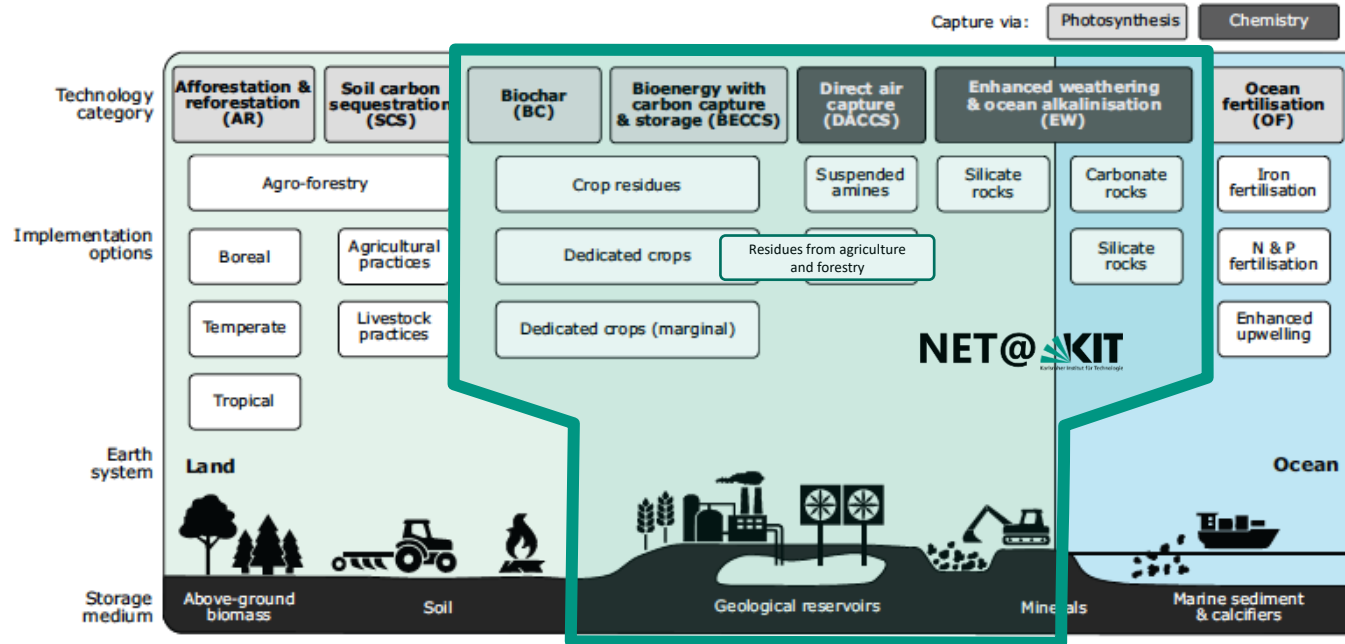


Hydrogen Safety Research Test Infrastructure:

Hydrogen Test Center HYKA

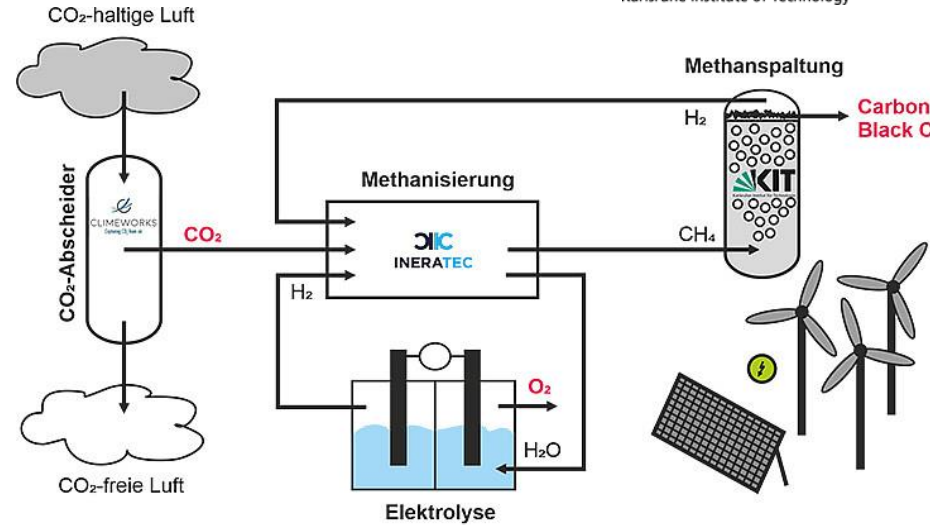


The positive turn for carbon dioxide: How greenhouse gas becomes a raw material



- At KIT we have all the necessary competencies to do this.
- Unique selling point within the national and international research landscape.

- In the joint project NECOC, a pilot plant for the conversion of climate-damaging carbon dioxide (CO₂) from ambient air into solid carbon as a usable raw material for industrial applications is built at KIT.
- Climeworks, INERATEC and KIT bring their know-how together to realize negative greenhouse gas emissions.



NECO₂C — vom klimaschädlichen Treibhausgas CO₂ zum Hightech-Rohstoff Carbon Black



Example of a commercial Direct Air Capture & Storage plant "Orca" by Climeworks in Iceland. Orca captures carbon dioxide directly from the ambient air and separates it using an adsorption-desorption process. At its core is a special filter material that acts as a membrane. (Image: Climeworks GmbH)



Reliability of Energy Supply („Zeitenwende-Projekt“)

Geotechnologies for future climate-neutral energy supply

* Current energy mix

- * $\approx 75\%$ of German primary energy from the geosphere (oil, gas, coal, nuclear fuels).
- * $\approx 75\%$ of German heat from fossile geo-resources.

* State of development GeoEnergy

- * **Hydrothermal state-of-the-art technology:** Roadmap Deep Geothermal Energy for Germany (7-9, depending on regional conditions)
- * Enhanced Geothermal Systems (EGS) technology: towards site-independence
- * Storage: towards large-volume storage (MTET-goal: TRL5-6 in 2027)



*“Market potential of **hydrothermal resources** $\approx 25\%$ of total heat demand in GER”*

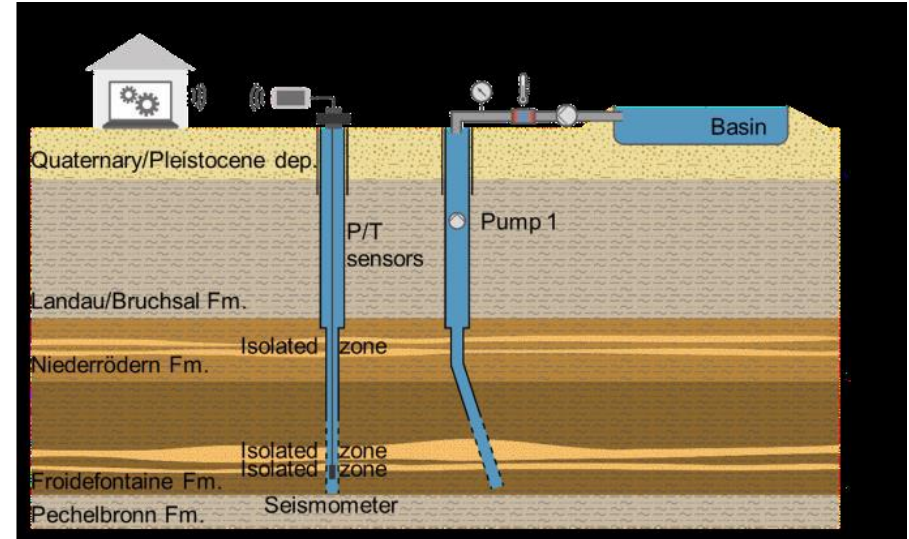
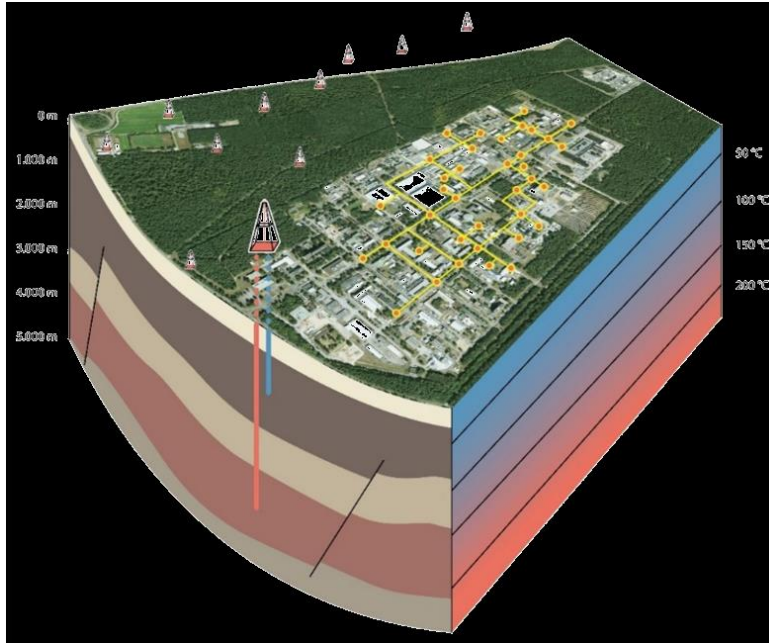
*“**Exploration drilling program** to reduce the exploration risk”*

*“**Demonstration and pilot plants with close scientific support**”*

DeepStor

High-temperature heat storage in the deep underground

DeepStor is a scientific infrastructure demonstrating the HT-ATES (High Temperature Aquifer Thermal Energy Storage) concept.

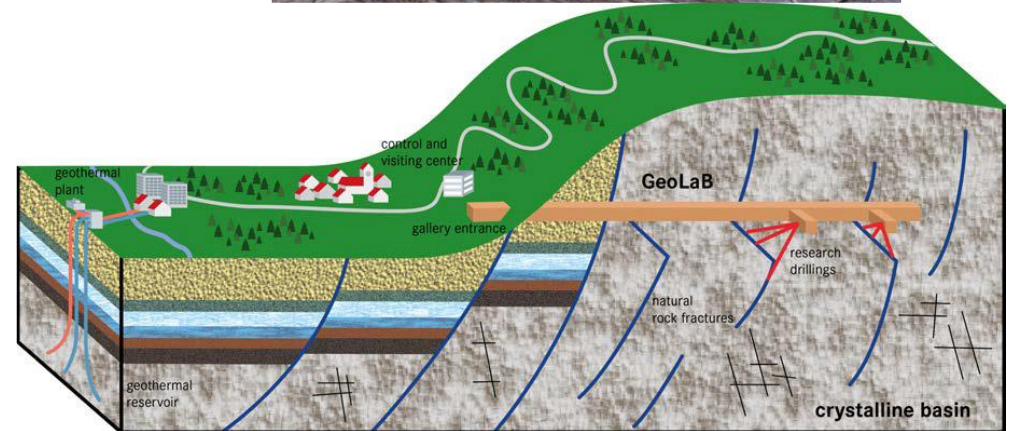
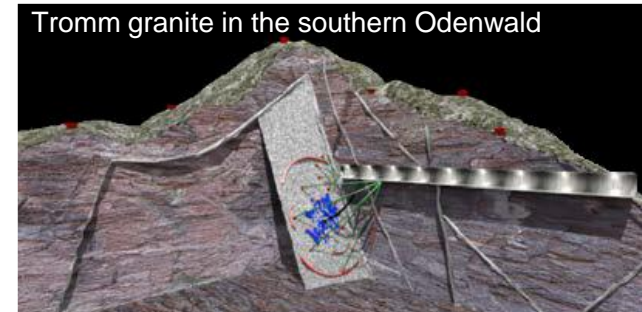


Largest known heat anomaly in Germany with about 170°C in 3 km

GeoLaB - A geoscientific underground laboratory

First large-scale geoinfrastructure in Helmholtz

- Approval of GeoLaB – Geothermal Laboratory in the crystalline Basin
- First generic geothermal reservoir simulator
- Largest geoscientific infrastructure for 35 years
- Addressing basic to applied research
- Cooperative project With (Inter-)national partners



Security of raw materials supply for the energy transition

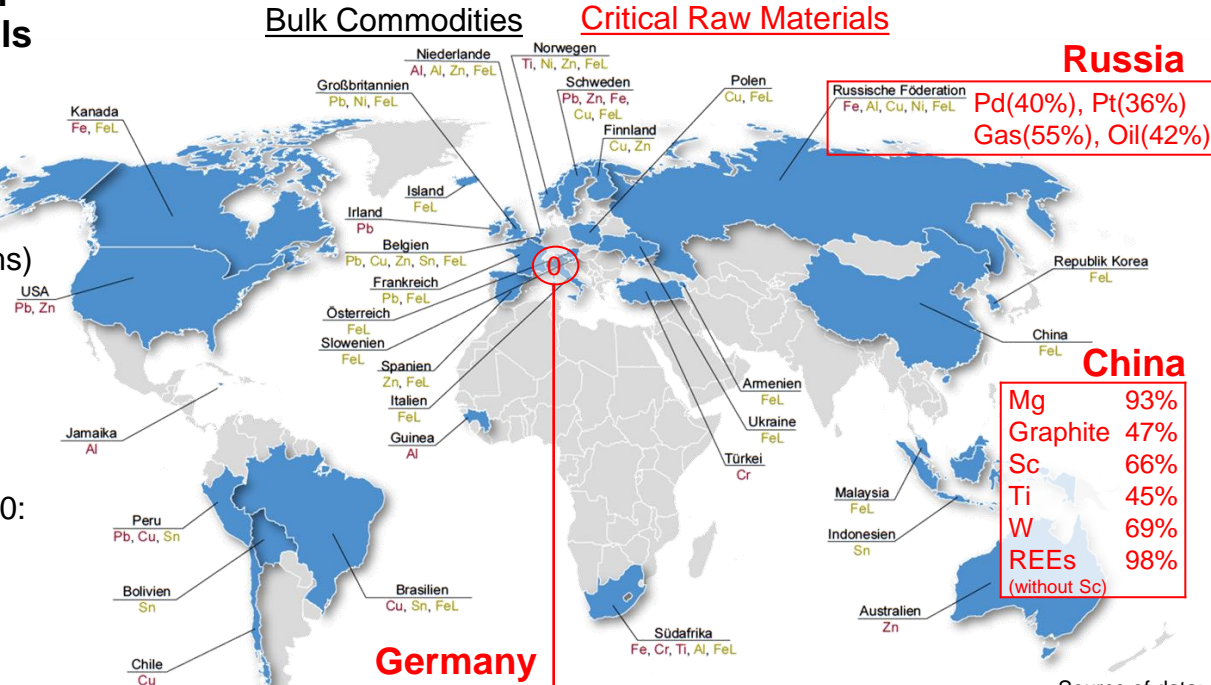
* Renewable energies require much more mineral & metal raw materials than fossile energy, e.g.:

- * Ni, Ti, Pt, Ir (electrolyzers)
- * Co, Li, Graphite (batteries)
- * Rare Earths (wind turbines)
- * Cu (digitalization, power based systems)

* Oil and gas dominant feedstocks for chemicals production

* Supply strongly dependent on Russia (and China!)

- * Germany imported from Russia in 2020: Ni 44%, Ti 41%, Pt 36%, carbon as material > 50%
- * China controls > 40% of most primary raw materials



• No relevant domestic mining sector
• Recycling contributes < 10% of metal and carbon demand

Source of data:
BGR (2021), EU (2020),
Statista (2022)

Security of raw materials supply for the energy transition

* Goal:

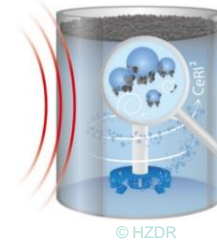
- * Independent supply through **closing of material cycles**

* Contribution:

- * Raw materials supply for the energy transition
- * Higher domestic carbon recovery
- * Energy demand reduction through recycling

* Proposal:

- * **Intensification** of technology transfer and industrial cooperation on recycling and recovery technologies
- * **Accelerating** realization of Helmholtz infrastructures FlexiPlant, CeRI² and CC-Lab for advanced processing and recycling research



CeRI²

Center for Resource Process
Intensification and Interface Studies

FlexiPlant

Flexible Processing Plant
Demonstrator Platform



C-Lab

Research & Development Platform for
the Future Carbon Cycle

Graduate School – Enabling Net-Zero (ENZo)



- **Shaping future technologies**
- **Lectures**
- **Real-World projects**



Graduate School „ENZo“ - Enabling Net Zero
Management Team: **Scientific Spokesperson: Jörg Sauer**, Coordinator: Heike Kull

Future of Energy Systems and Technologies
Focus: Sector Coupling and Circular Economy



Renewable Energies
(E. Schill, A. Colsmann)

- Geothermal Energy: Heat, Power, Underground Heat Storage
- Photovoltaics: Materials & Modules
- PV Integration / Electrical and Chemical Storage

Topic SCI: Sector Coupling Industrie –
Electricity, Heat, Chemical Energy (Sources)
(R. Dittmeyer, B. Ladewig)

- Coupling of Release, Storage, Application
- Decentralized Concepts

Topic SCC: Sector Coupling Construction –
Integral Building and Quarter Concepts
(A. Wagner, V. Hagenmeyer)

- Integrated Building and Energy Concepts
- Nearly Zero Emission Buildings
- Energy Management at Quarter Level

Topic CE: Circular Economy –
Use of Raw Materials and Energy
(D. Stappf, R. Volk)

- Anthropogenic Carbon Cycle
- Metals
- Construction materials

Topic HES:
Humankind in the Energy System
(W.-R. Poganietz, A. Ardone)

- Techno-economic Assessment
- Interaction Technology - Society
- Acceptance of Technological and Social Developments

Topic ML:
Machine Learning and digital Tools
(R. Mikut, R. Markovic)

- Time Series Modeling
- Generative Modeling
- Modeling Integration

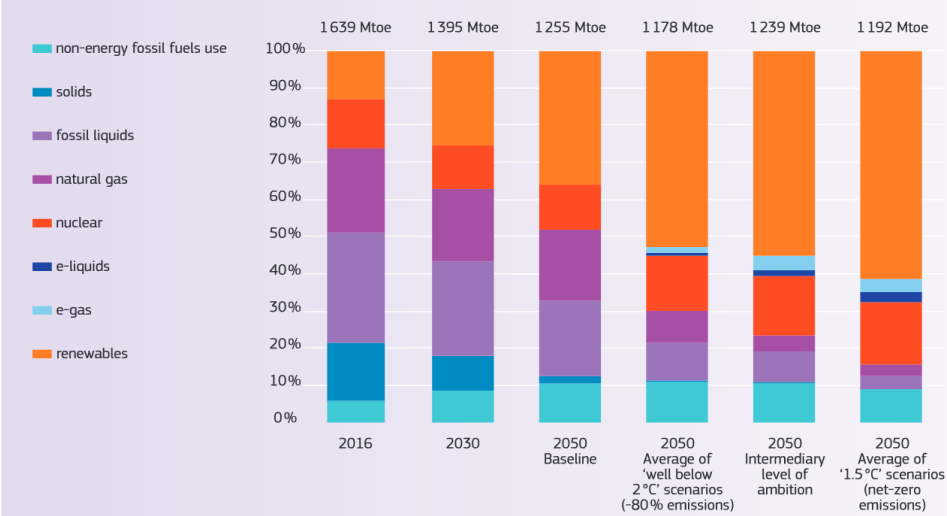
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The European Commission's vision outlines seven main strategic building blocks:

- maximise the benefits of energy efficiency, including zero emission buildings;
- maximise the deployment of renewables and the use of electricity to fully decarbonise Europe's energy supply;
- embrace clean, safe and connected mobility;
- a competitive EU industry and the circular economy as a key enabler to reduce GHG emissions;
- develop an adequate smart network infrastructure and interconnections;
- reap the full benefits of bioeconomy and create essential carbon sinks;
- tackle remaining CO₂ emissions with Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS)

Framework is required to:

- Spur research and innovation
- Scale up private investments
- Provide the right signals to market
- Ensure social cohesion so no one is left behind



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