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# Energy storage for a more sustainable energy future

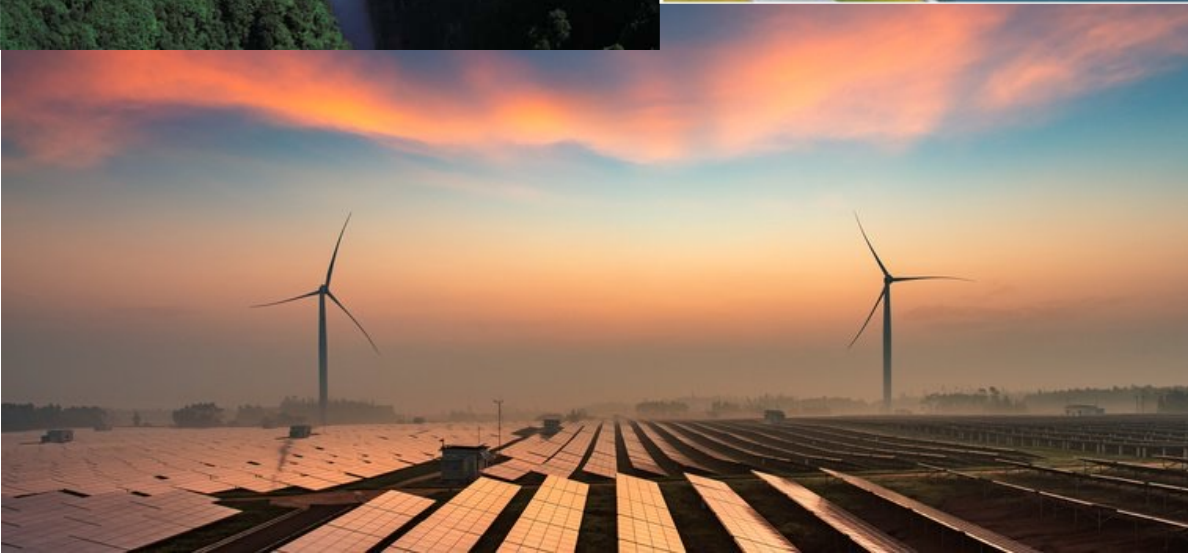
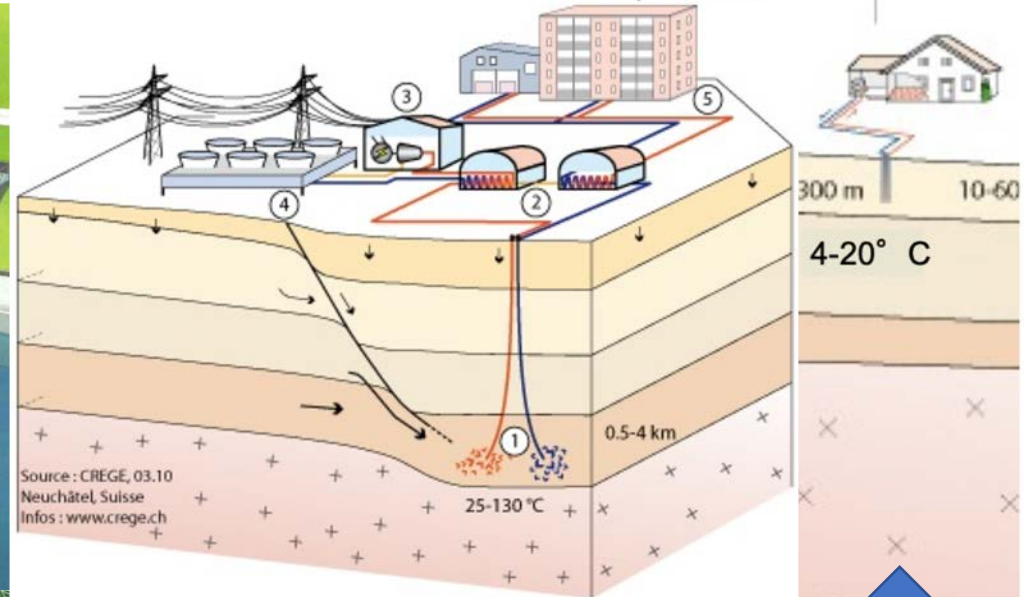
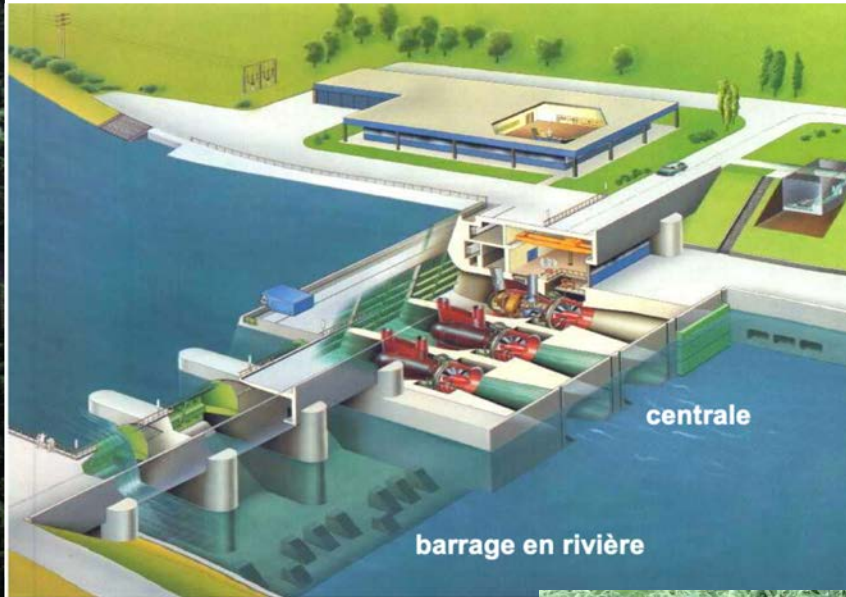


# Content

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- Keys to energy sustainability: renewables and efficiency
- Dominant fields of consumption and opportunities
- Classification of energy storage schemes versus time
- Efficiency and specific cost of energy storage technologies
- Synergies and example of advanced approaches for urban energy networks
- Conclusions

# Renewable energies



Allows seasonal heat & cold storage

Allows seasonal fuel storage

## Efficiency: large potential but confusing indicators

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Example:

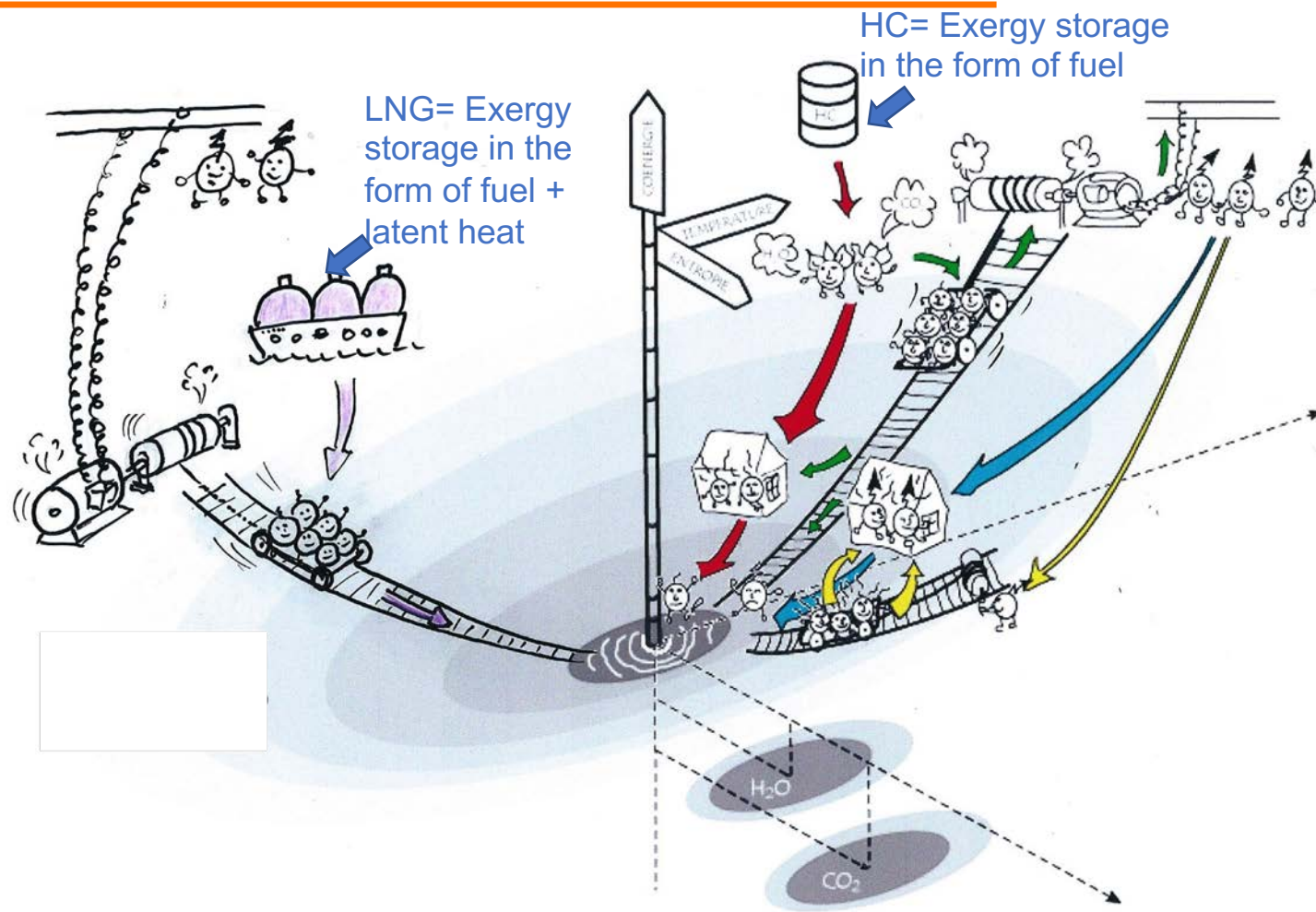
- First Law efficiency of domestic fuel boilers close to 100 % (or even more in commercial literature with condensing boilers)
- but Second Law efficiency (exergy efficiency of the order of **7%**)

For the same heating duty:

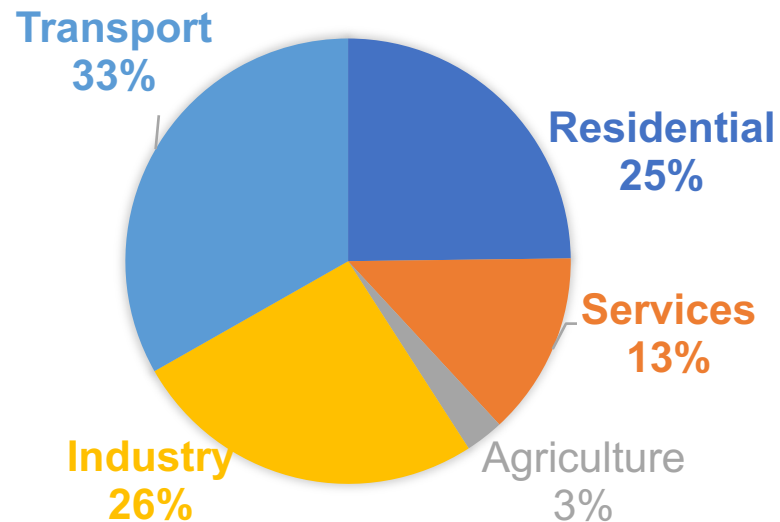
Exergy efficiency of heating based on cogeneration and heat pumps **>14%**  
and growing with technology improvements

- Wrong indicators for wrong strategic decisions
- Strong need to switch to **exergy efficiency as an indicator of the real potential of resources and therefore of improved sustainability**

# 3D cartoon exergy representations of common energy systems



## EU-28 Final energy use by sector



2014

- 38% for residential and services (mainly for building HVAC)
- 33% for transportation (of which only <1% using electricity)

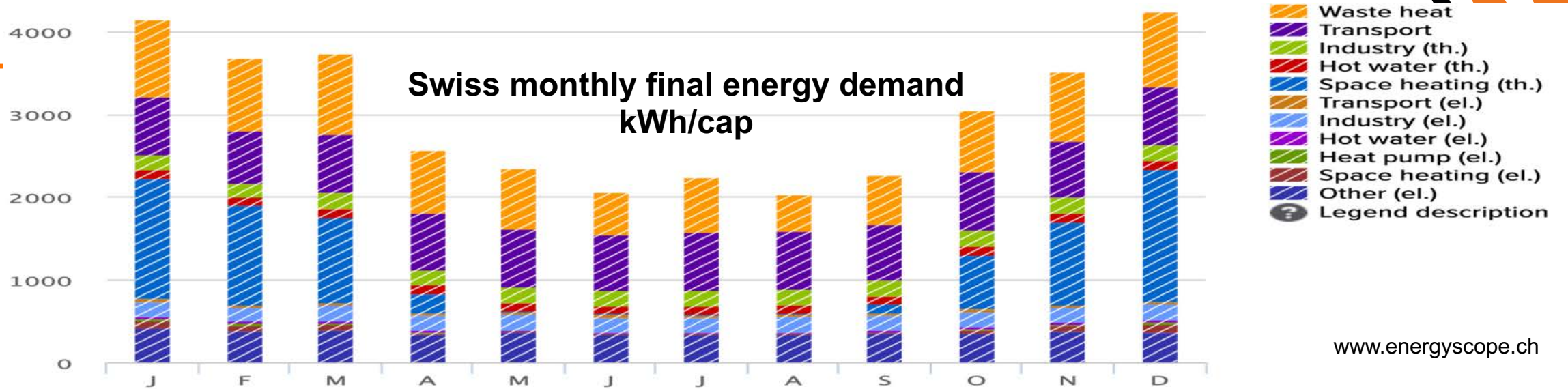
Major efficiency gains to be expected through:

- heat pumps, co- or trigeneration, District heating and cooling (DHC)
- Electric vehicles

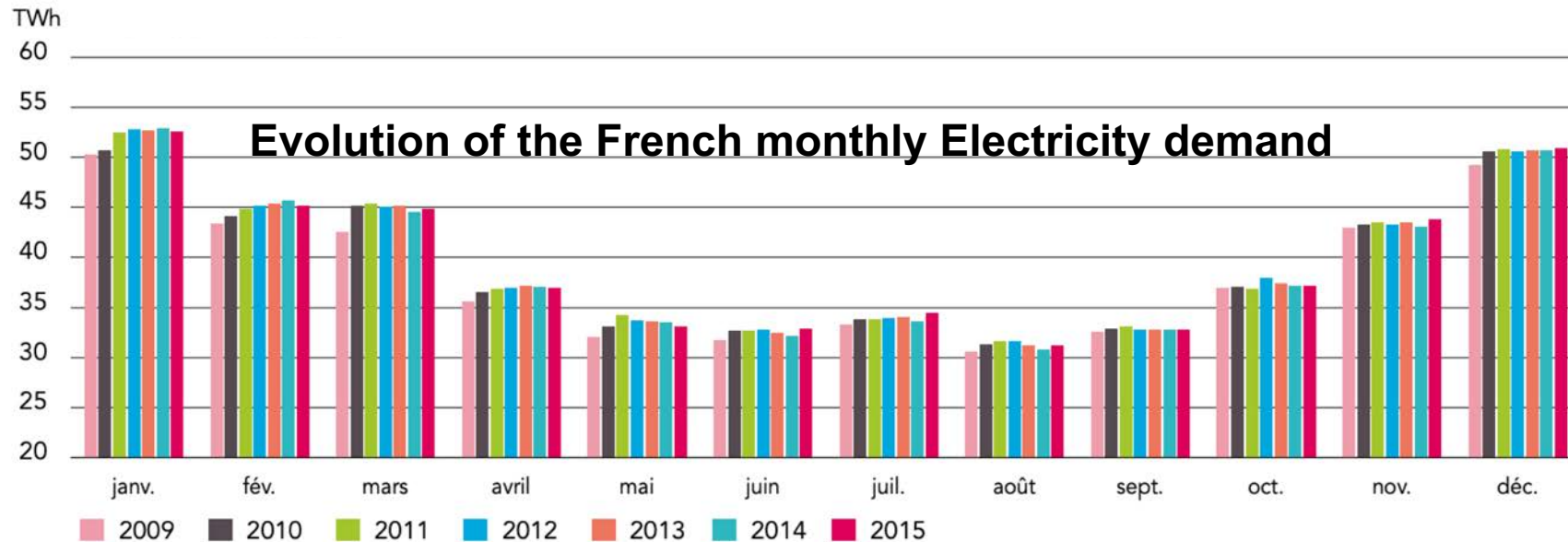
**Energy storage essential for both**



# Examples of seasonal variations



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## Storage types (time scale)

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### Seasonal

- Elevation of hydraulic accumulation dams
- Biomass and/or synthetic fuels
- Heat and cold ground storage

### Hourly/ Daily / weekly

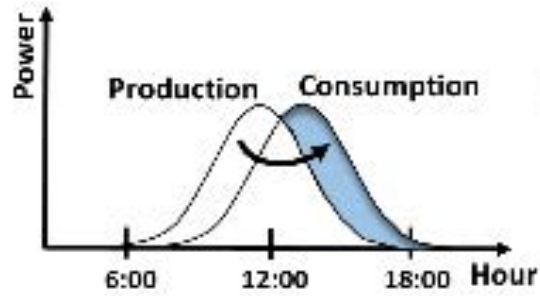
- Hydro pump-turbine plants
- Compressed air
- Electric batteries (including of vehicles)
- Hydrolyser+ H<sub>2</sub> storage + engine/fuel cells
- Thermal storage (hot water, ice, ground, molten salts)

### Rapid

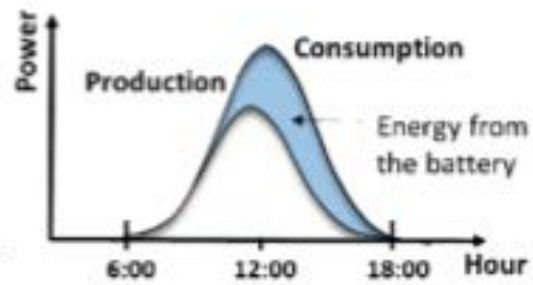
- Supercap, flywheel, magnetic

# Examples of use of electricity storage

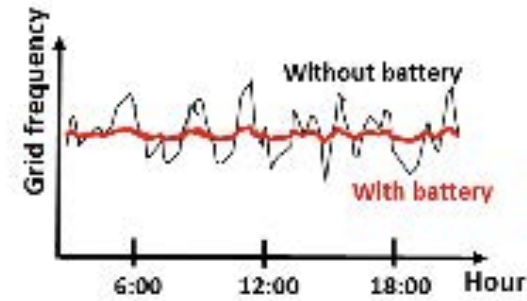
## Load balancing



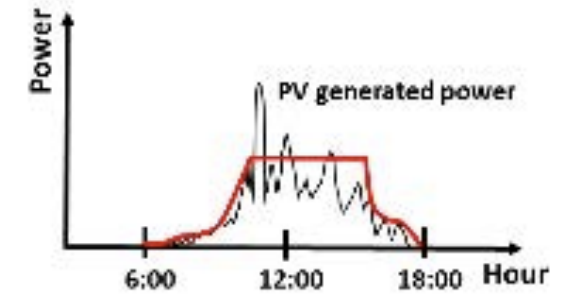
## Peak shaving



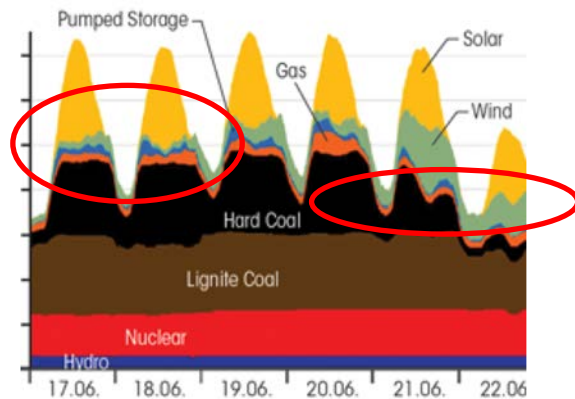
## Frequency control



## Smoothing supply



## Avoiding inefficient partial loads



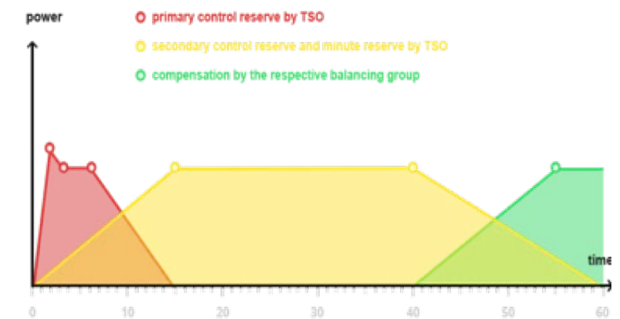
## Reducing rotating reserves



## Emergency supply & "black start"



## Power control & capacity market



# Seasonal storage

## Height increase of dams

- Storage of more water
- Better protection against floods

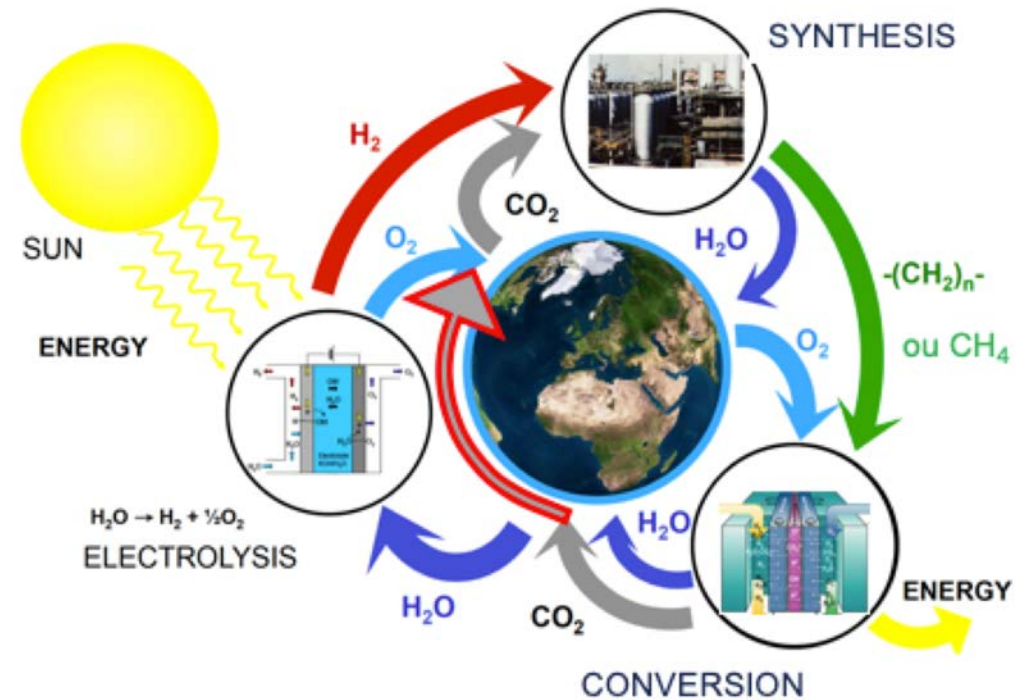


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Ex: alpine cheese

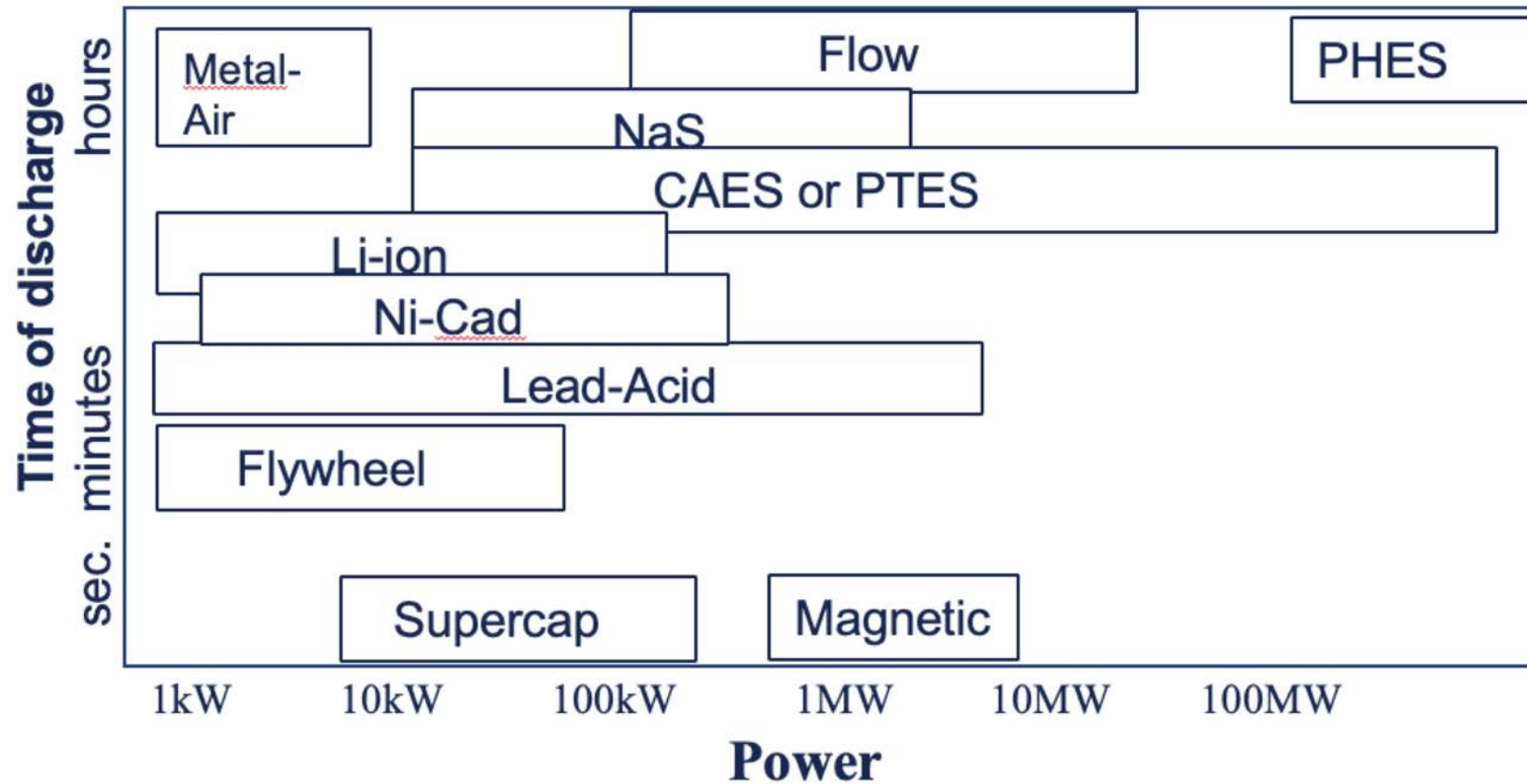


## Synthetic fuels (gas or liquid)



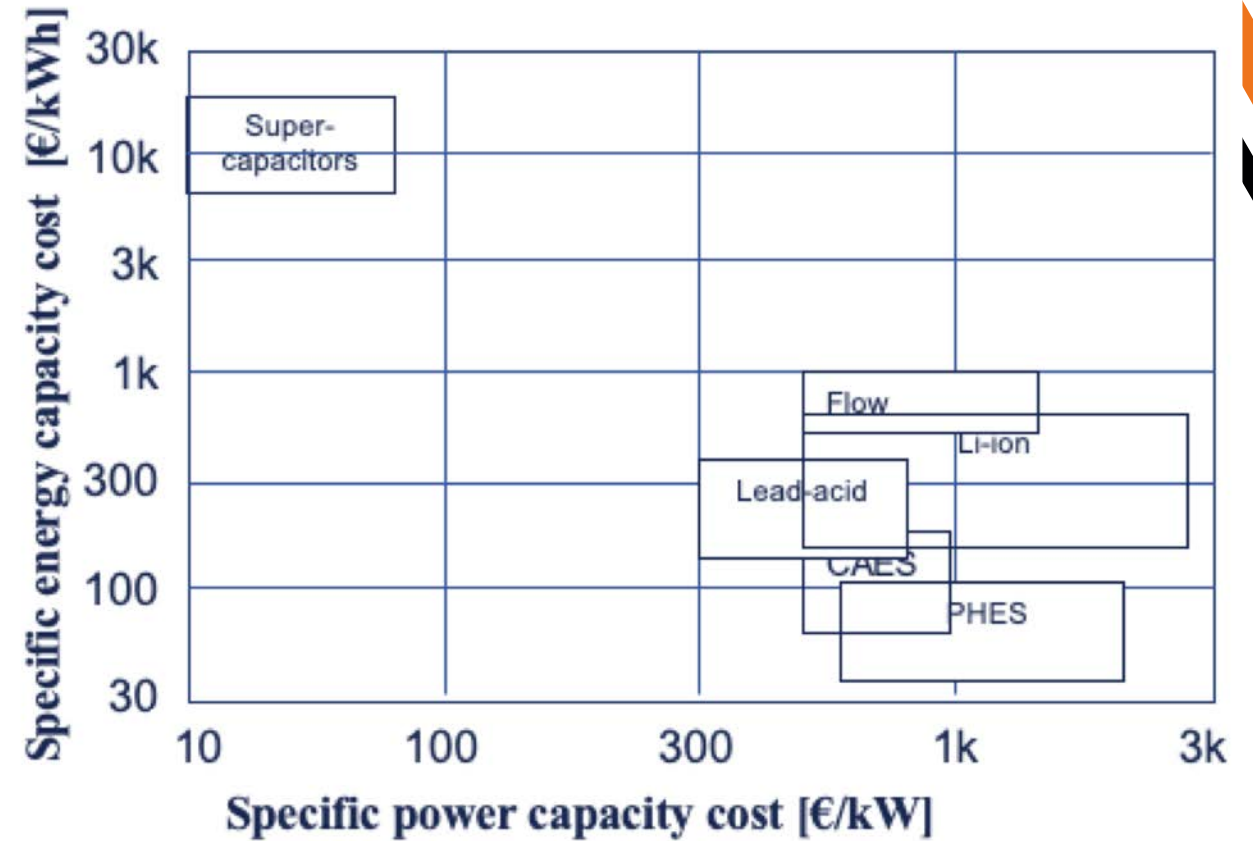
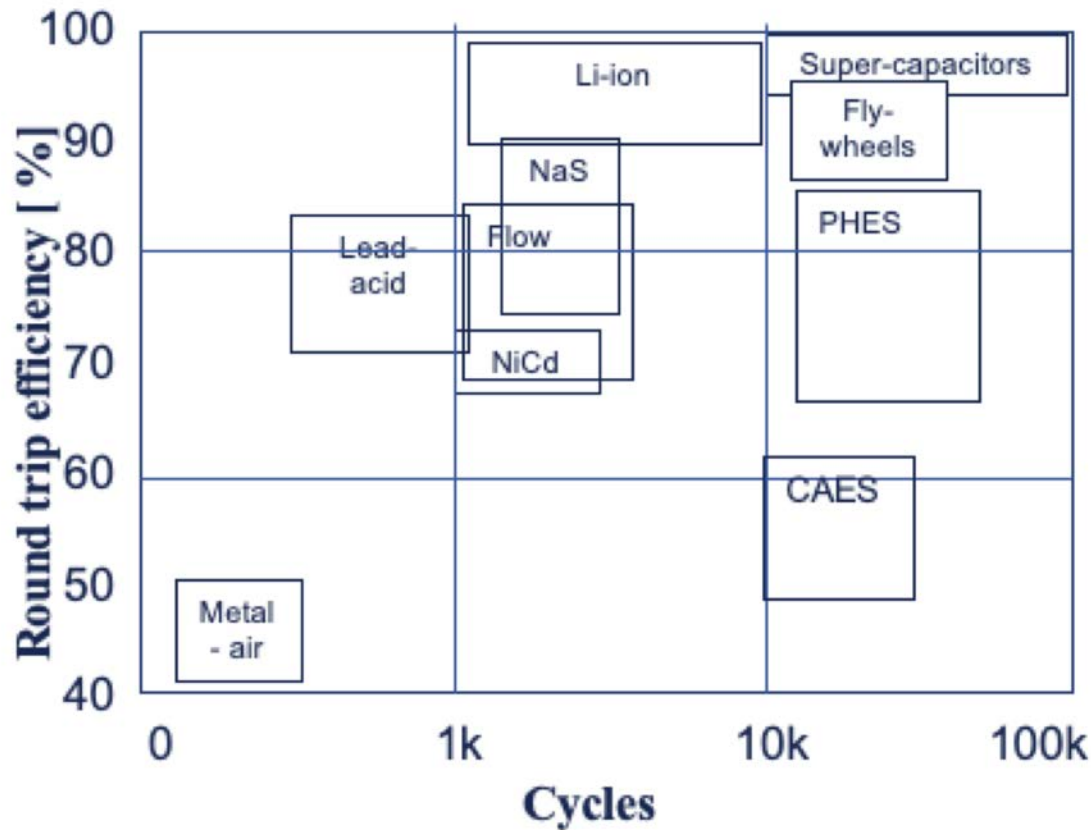
Adapted from Zuttel et al. sus. Energy & fuels 2017;1,1748

# Time of discharge and power range



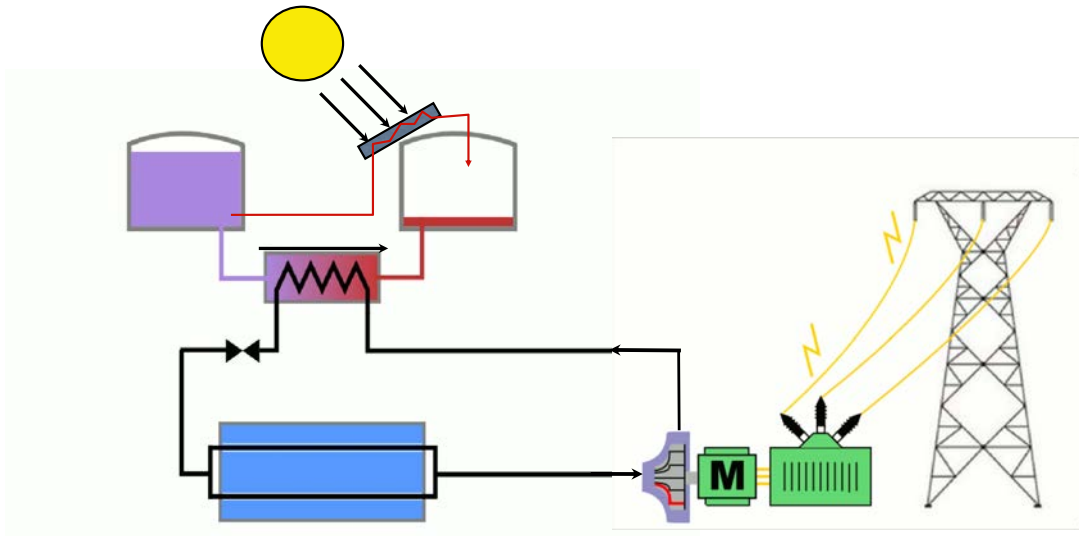
PHES= Pumped Hydro Energy Storage  
PTES=Pumped Thermal Electricity Storage  
CAES= Compressed Air Electricity Storage  
NaS= Sodium Sulfur battery

# Daily or hourly storage: round trip efficiency and cost

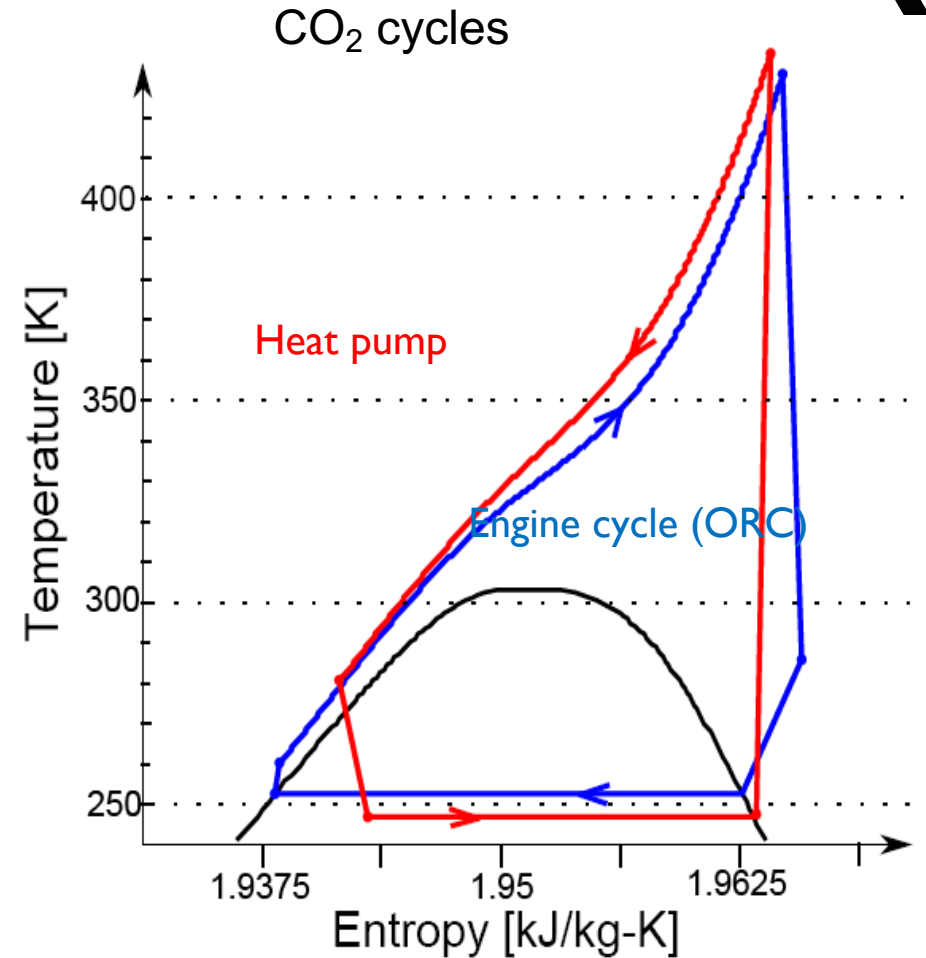


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# Alternative to batteries for daily storage: PTES: Pumped thermal electricity storage

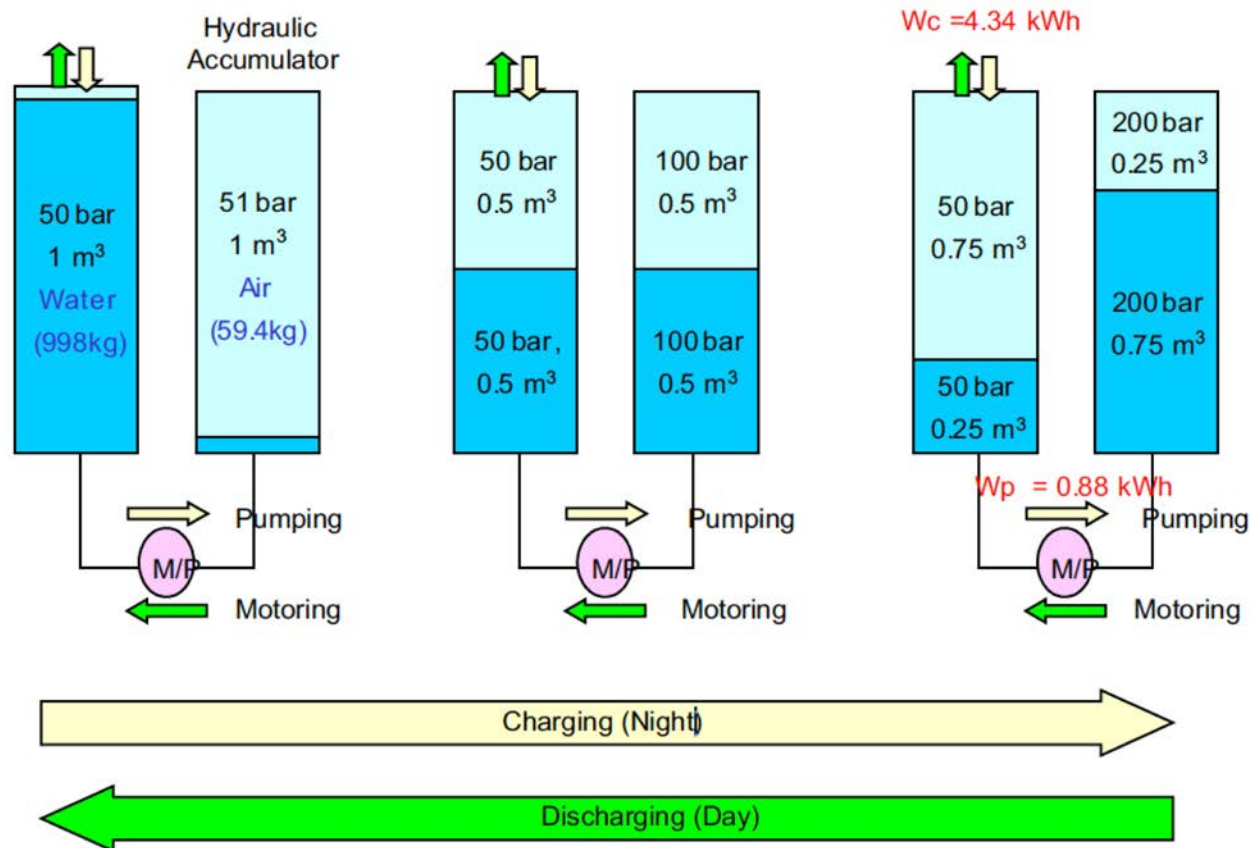


Charge: heating storage water using heat pumps  
Discharge: electricity production by engine cycles like ORC



# Compressed air-storage

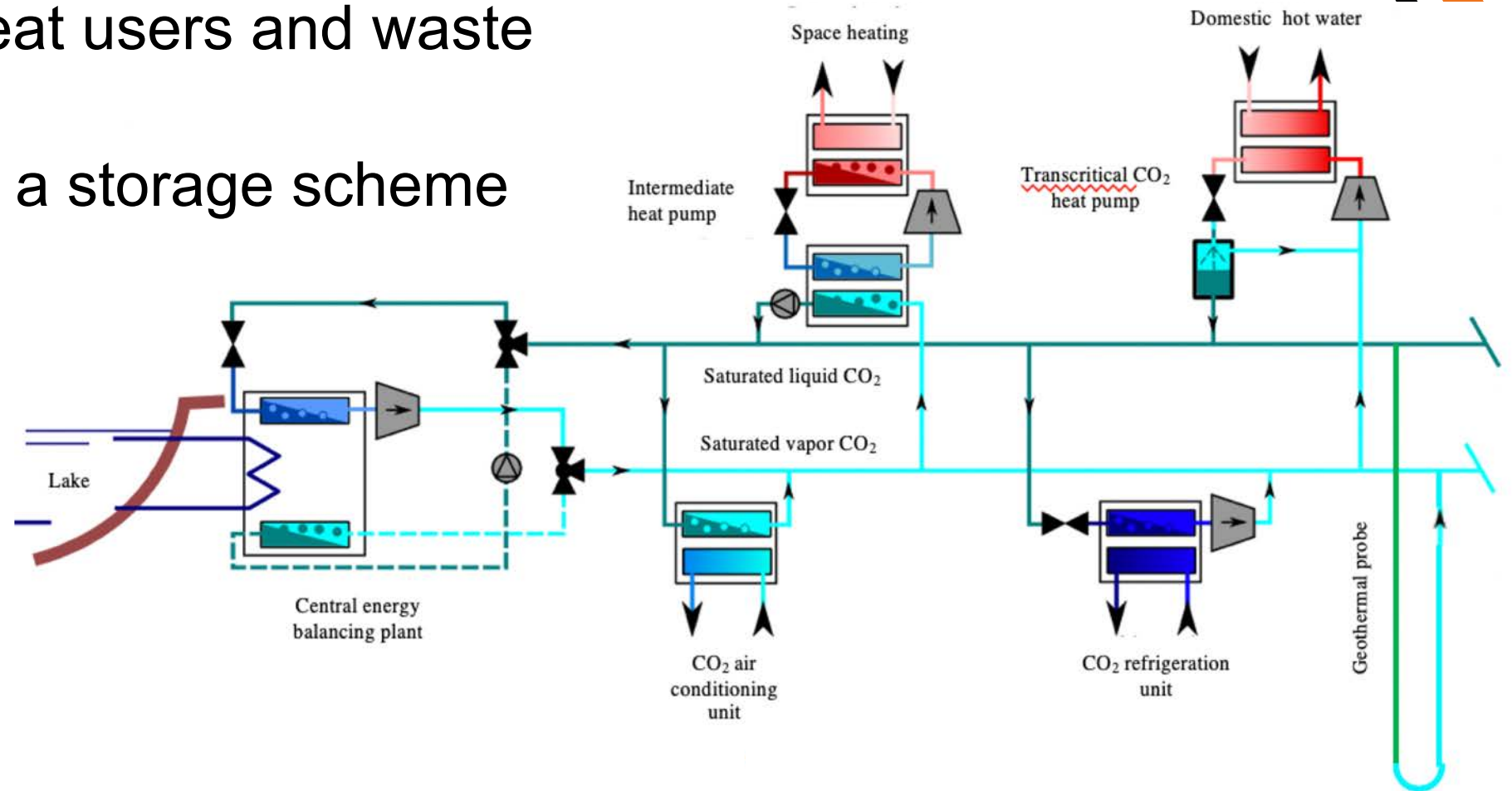
Schematic representation with so-called liquid piston for micro-CAES systems





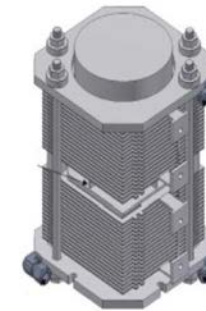
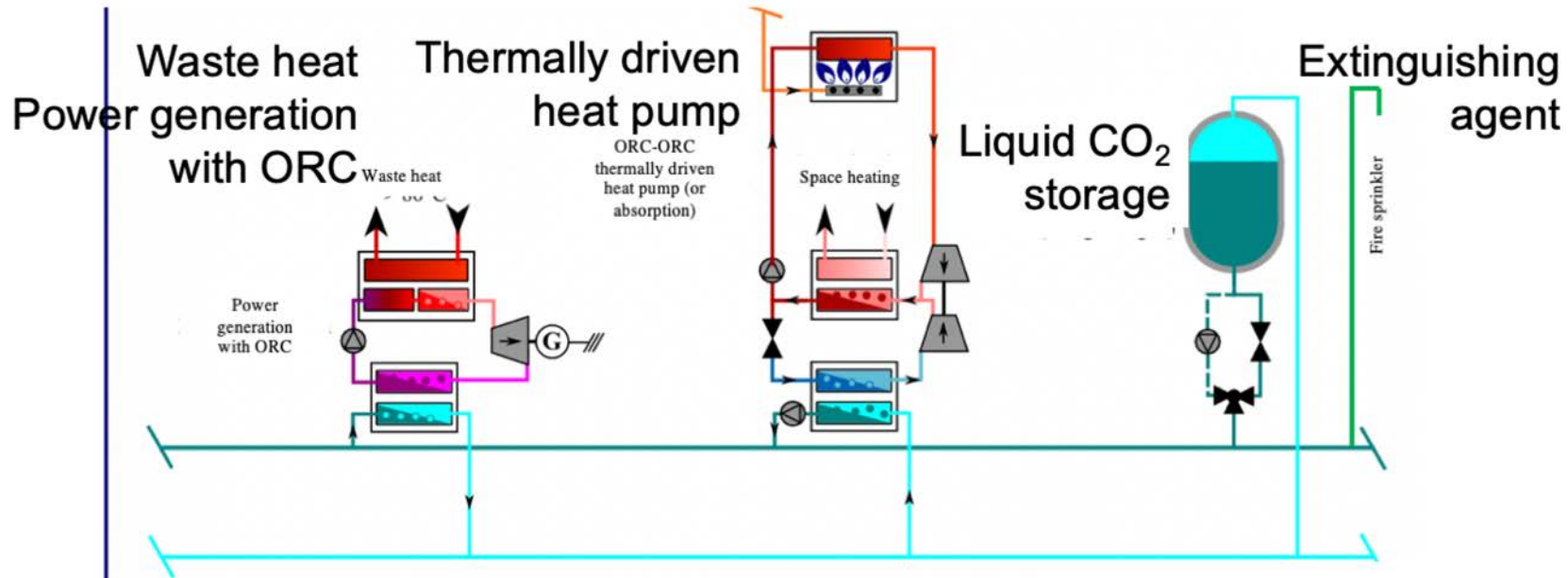
# Advanced CO<sub>2</sub> District Heating and cooling network

- Distributes energy between environmental heat users and waste heat providers
- Indirectly acts as a storage scheme



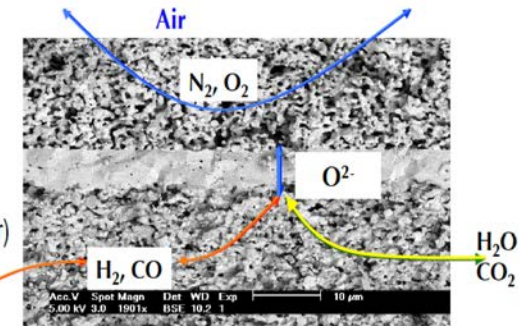
Concept ExerGo.ch

# Extensions of CO<sub>2</sub> urban network concept



Solid Oxide Fuel Cell stack

Operating regime :  
700-800°C  
1 bar (to 5 bar)

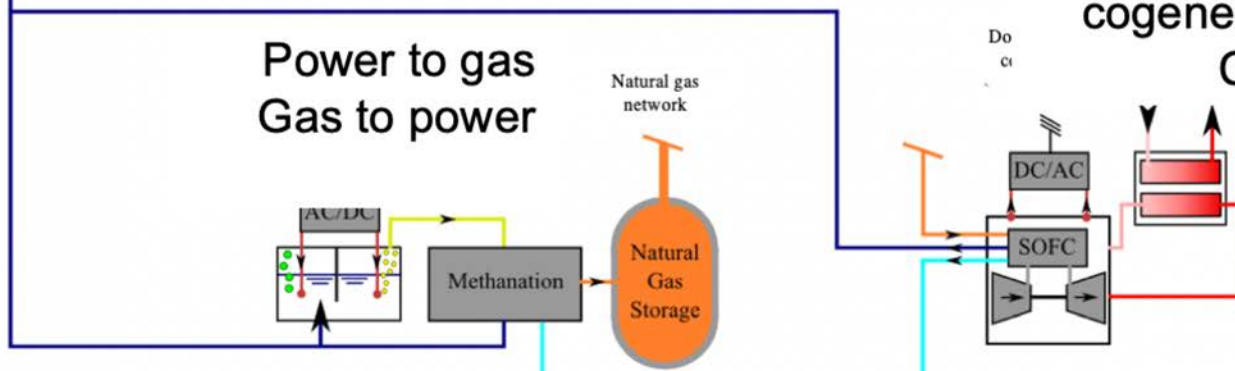


**Reformed Natural Gas**

Can potentially be inverted  
(High temperature electrolyser for storage)

**Hybrid SOFC-GT  
cogeneration unit with  
CO<sub>2</sub> separation**

and transfer  
through  
CO<sub>2</sub> network



## Conclusion

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- Major progress to be made in using more coherent efficiency definitions (exergy)
- Storage schemes should be differentiated according to time and cycle numbers
- Storage technology are essential and significant progress is expected
- Seasonal storage is energetically and economically difficult and will require an extensive use of synthetic renewable fuels (green fuels)
- Storage is an important part of future city networks

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