

# **A broad sustainability assessment of utilization of industrial **excess** heat based on MARKAL modelling**

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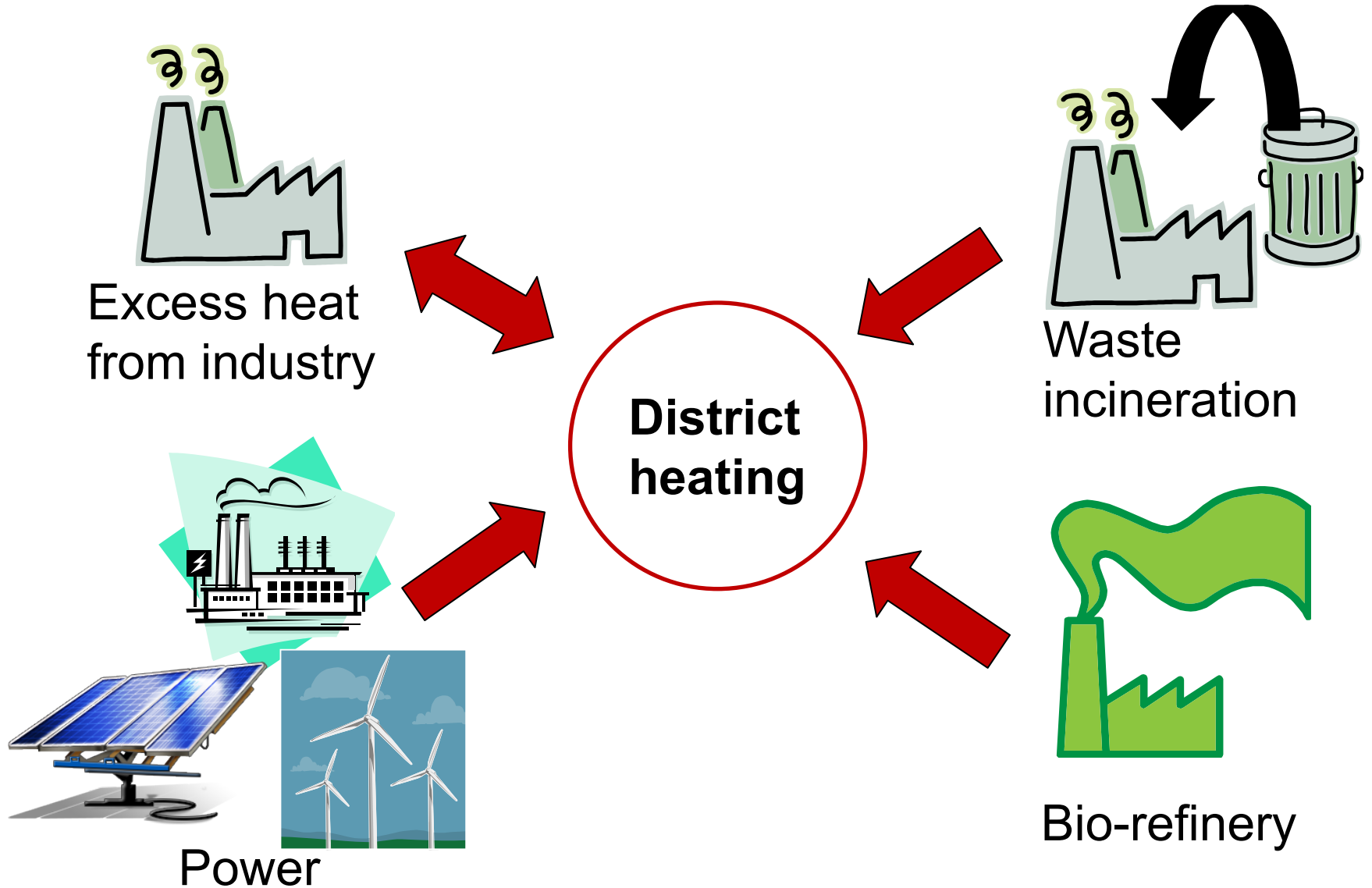
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# Point of departure

4<sup>th</sup> Generation District Heating

# Heat synergy collaborations



# Industrial excess heat

## Challenges

- Unknown energy system impacts
- Uncertain environmental impacts (of large importance for DH utilities)
- High investment cost
  - Lock-in effects ?

→ Sustainable ?

# Questions

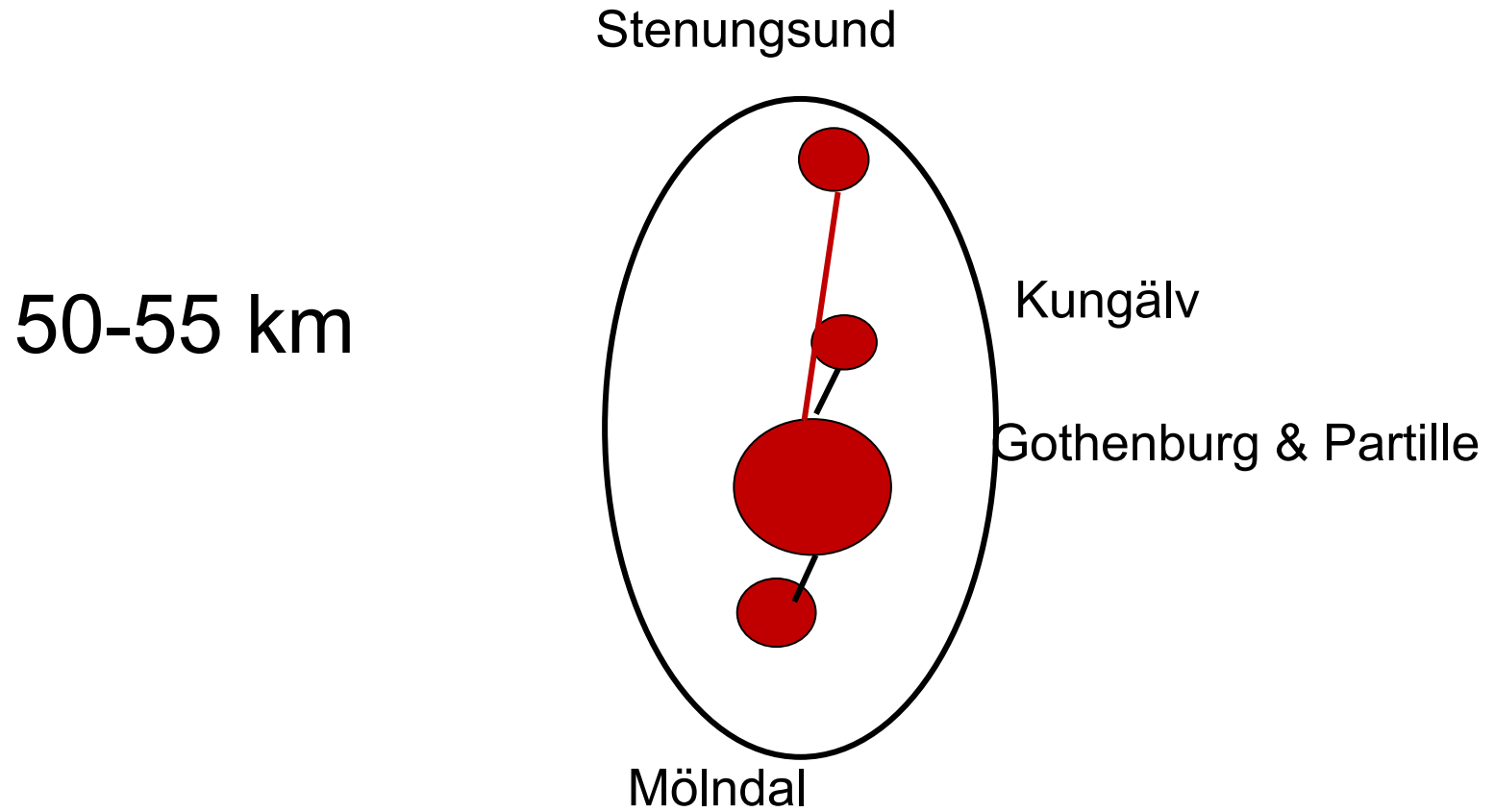
## Large-scale excess heat utilisation

- Is it economically sustainable?
- What are the CO<sub>2</sub>-emissions impacts?
- Are there other important sustainability impacts?

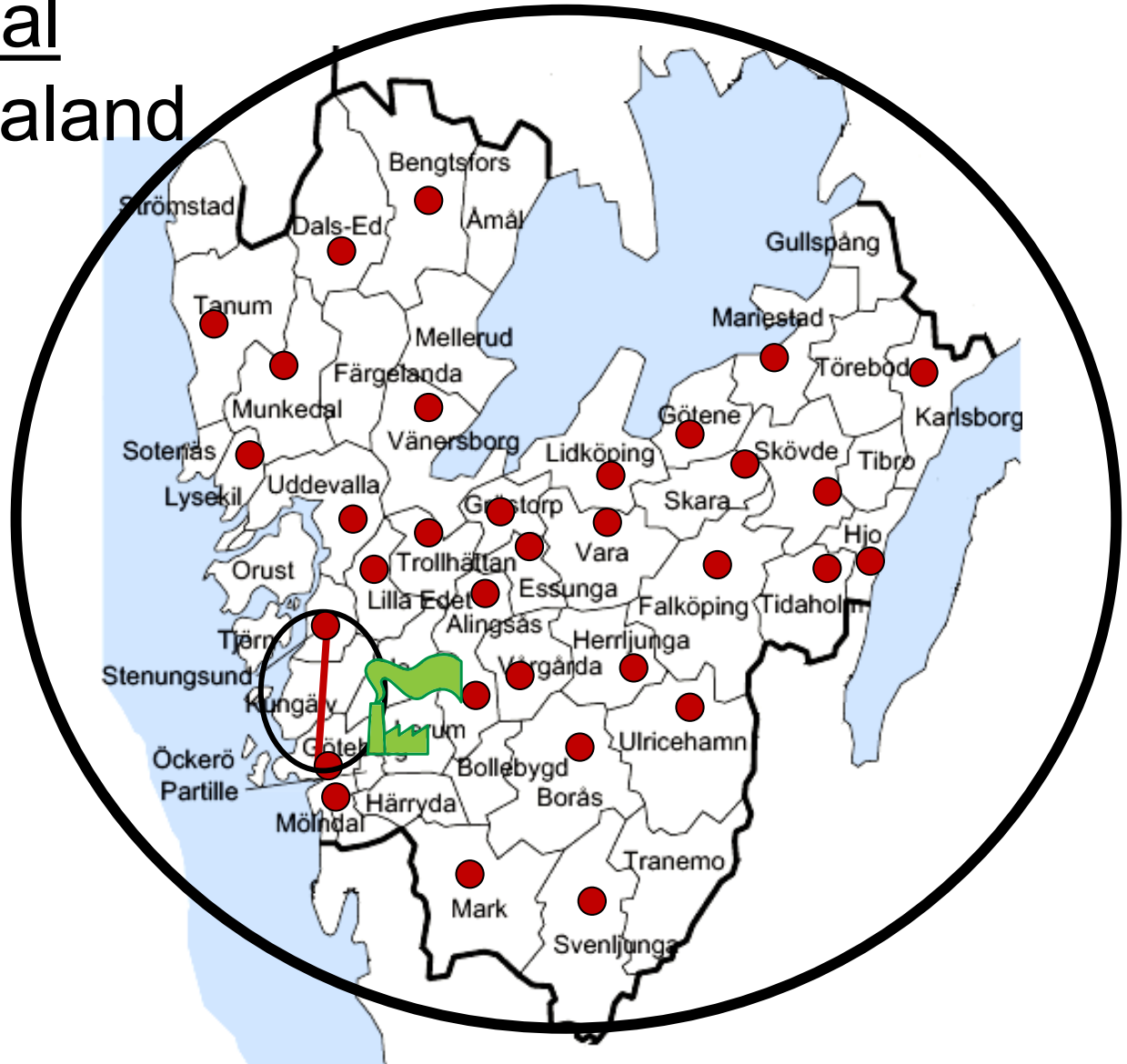
# Methodology

- **Case study**
- **Scales**
  - **Local**
  - **Regional (regional biomass market)**
  - **National/International (electricity market with cross-border trade)**

# The case - local



# Regional Västra Götaland (VG)





# DH today

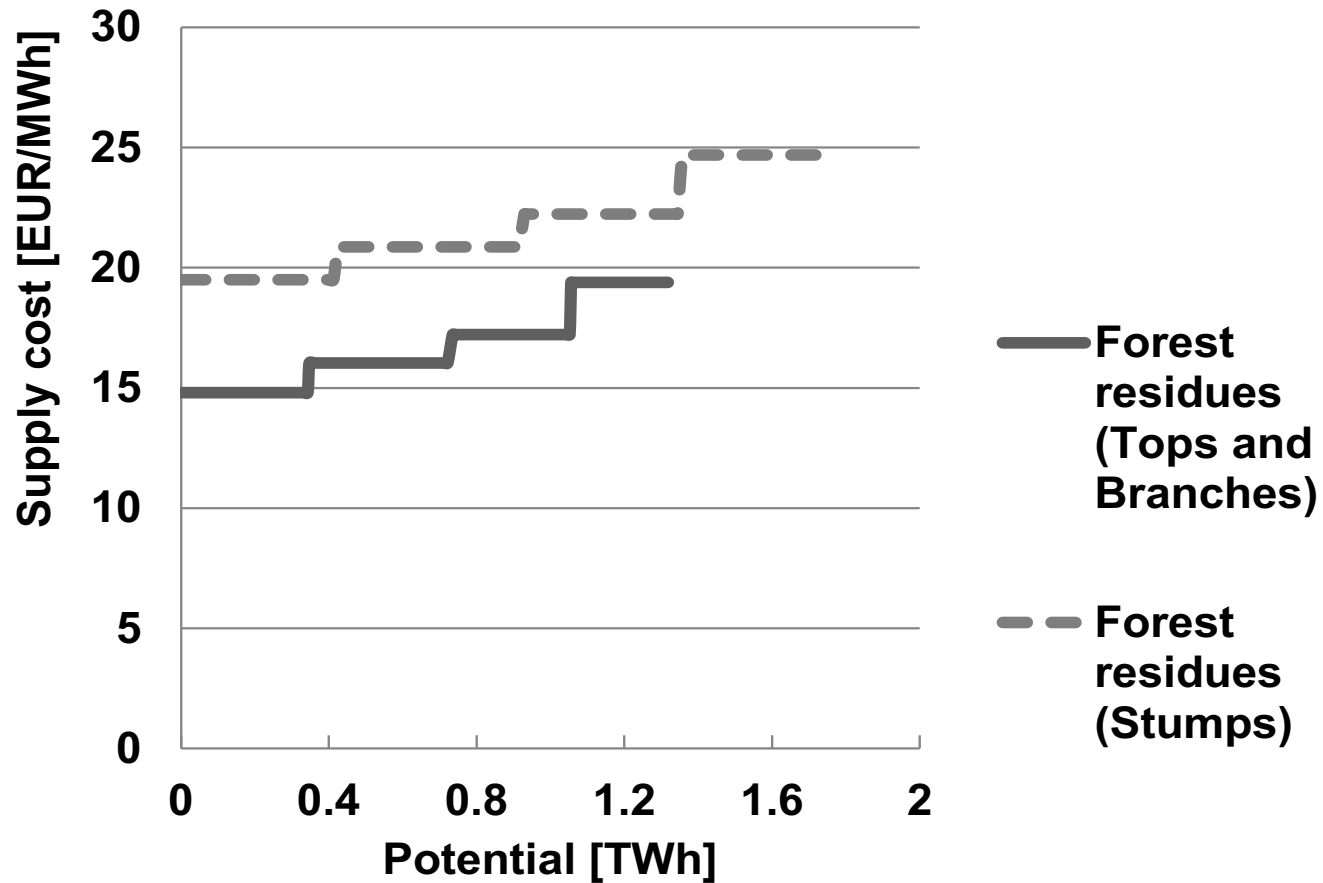
DH in the region:

- Waste heat (MSW incineration + Refineries)
- CHP (biomass & natural gas) – produce electricity
- BioHOB
- Heat pumps – use electricity
- Oil and gas turbines

# Unused biomass

- CHP elsewhere
- Co-combustion with coal (export)
- **Transport biofuel production (SNG)**

# Regional biomass supply curve



# Climate policy scenarios

- 450PPM (450 ppm)
- NEWPOL (New Policies)

## Sensitivity analysis

- **No NG** (after 2030)
- **REHD** (reduced heat demand)
- **LIC** (50% lower pipeline cost)
- **INTRATE**
- **REFINERY** (cont´d operation)
- **RES-S** (cont´d el.certificates)
- **NOSNG** (NO alternative regional biomass demand)

# Optimisation modeling

- **MARKAL\_West Sweden**
- Time horizon: 2010-2050
- Load curves
- 37 DH system represented
  - Investment opportunities
- **Transport biofuel production**

# Assumptions I

## Marginal electricity

- Short-term
- Long term (built) – **calculated at the European level**

# Coincidence!

## Parallell processes

- Academic project/s
    1. Industrial process engineering
    - 2. Energy systems analysis**
    3. Energy market studies
  - Actors
    - Chemical industries
    - DH utilities
    - The region
- Project + reference/stakeholder groups

→ Common case

*The Stenungsund case*

→ Project:

*West Sweden collaboration on industrial excess heat*

→ *LCSA study*



# Assumptions II

## Industrial heat extraction

- Different levels requires various degrees of collaboration
- Extraction costs input to system calculations
- **Iteration?**

# Open space workshop

- Sustainability issues according to the **stakeholders**
  1. issues
  2. ranking

# Open space workshop results

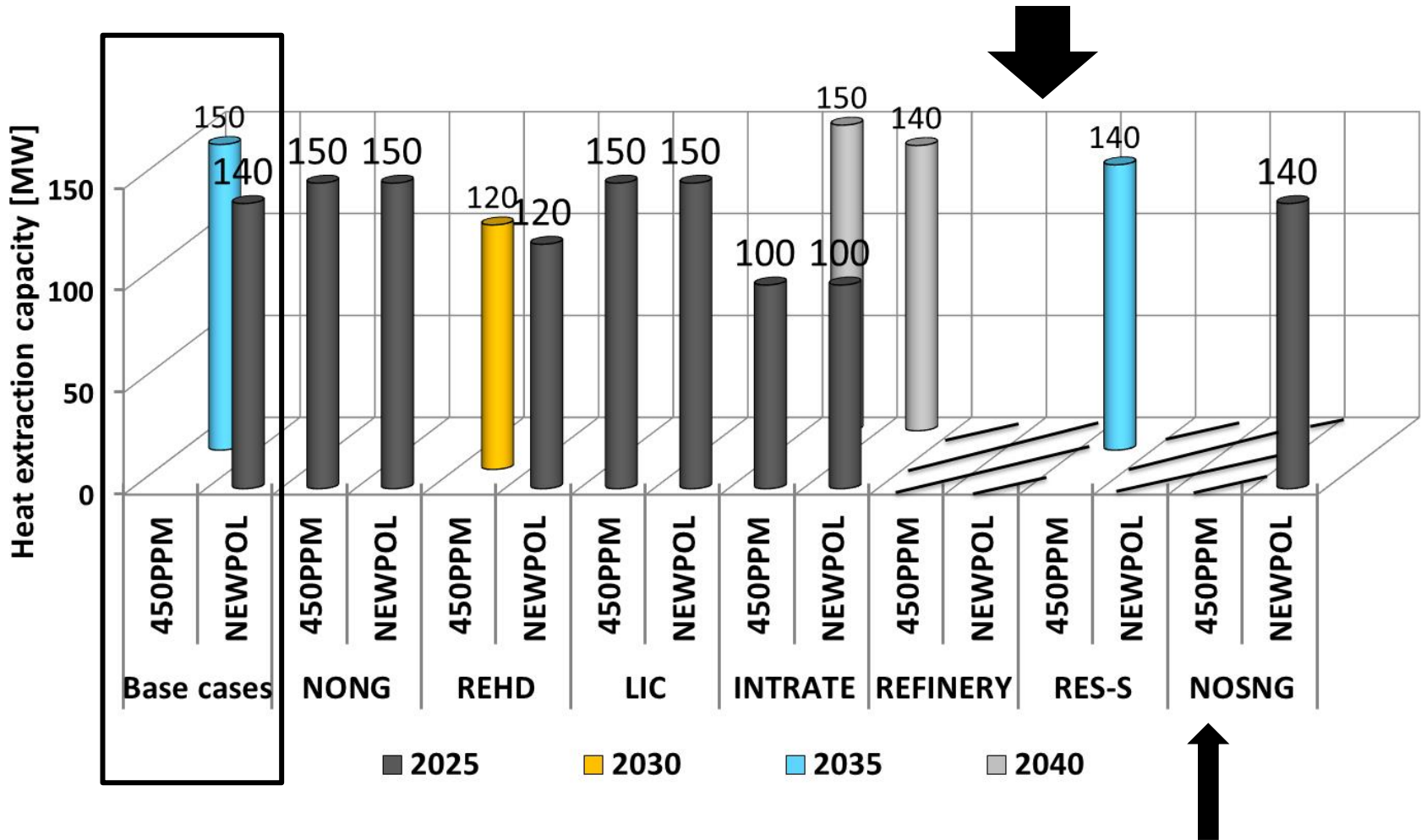
1. Investment principles and economic sustainability: 11 votes
2. Long-term profitability and competitiveness in all parts of the system: 10 votes
3. Heat demand all year? 5 votes
4. New heat sinks: 5 votes
5. Options and cost for the DH customer: 3 votes
6. Flexibility in temperature and demand for residual heat: 3 votes

# **Modelling results**

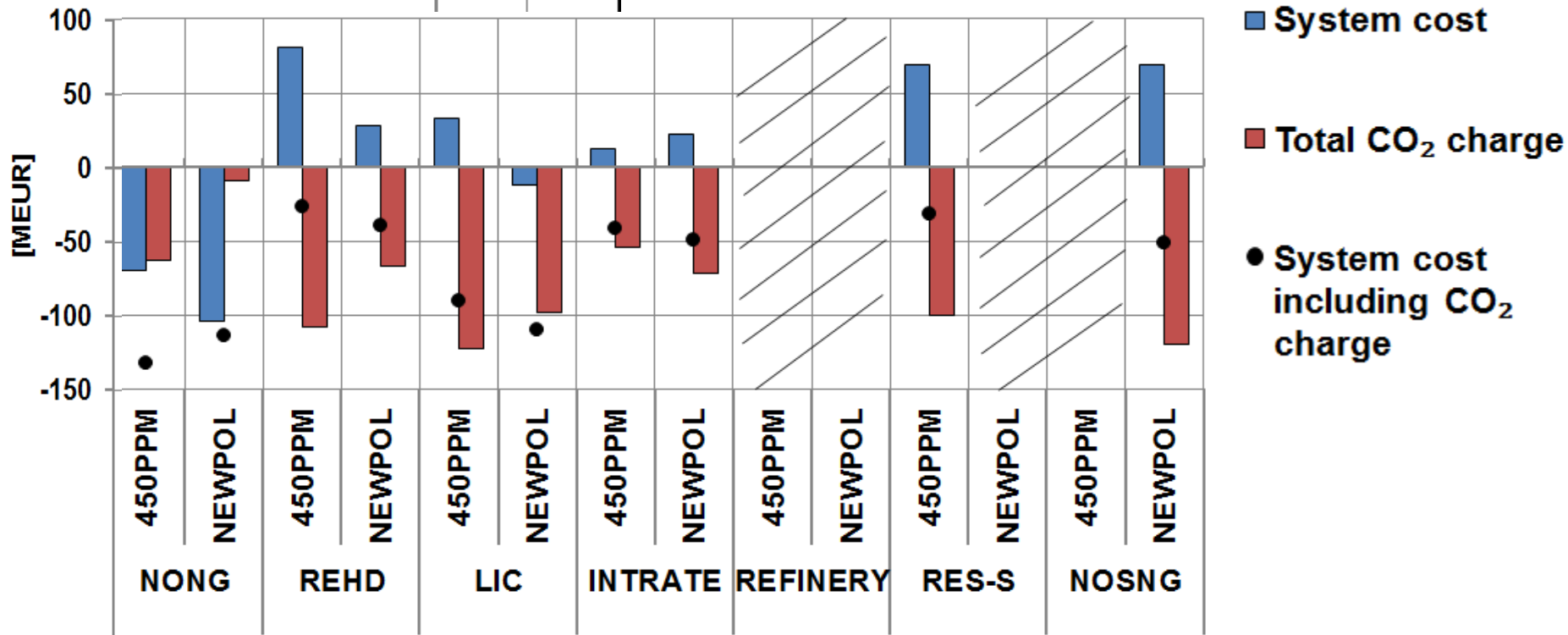
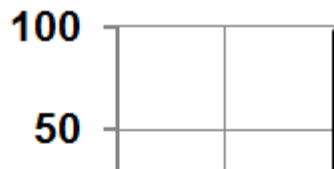
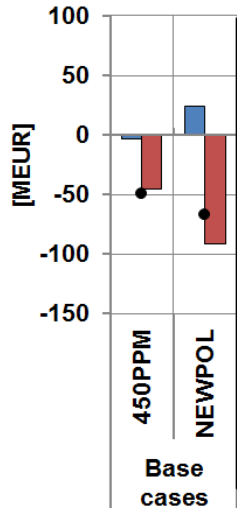
# **Does the model build the pipeline?**

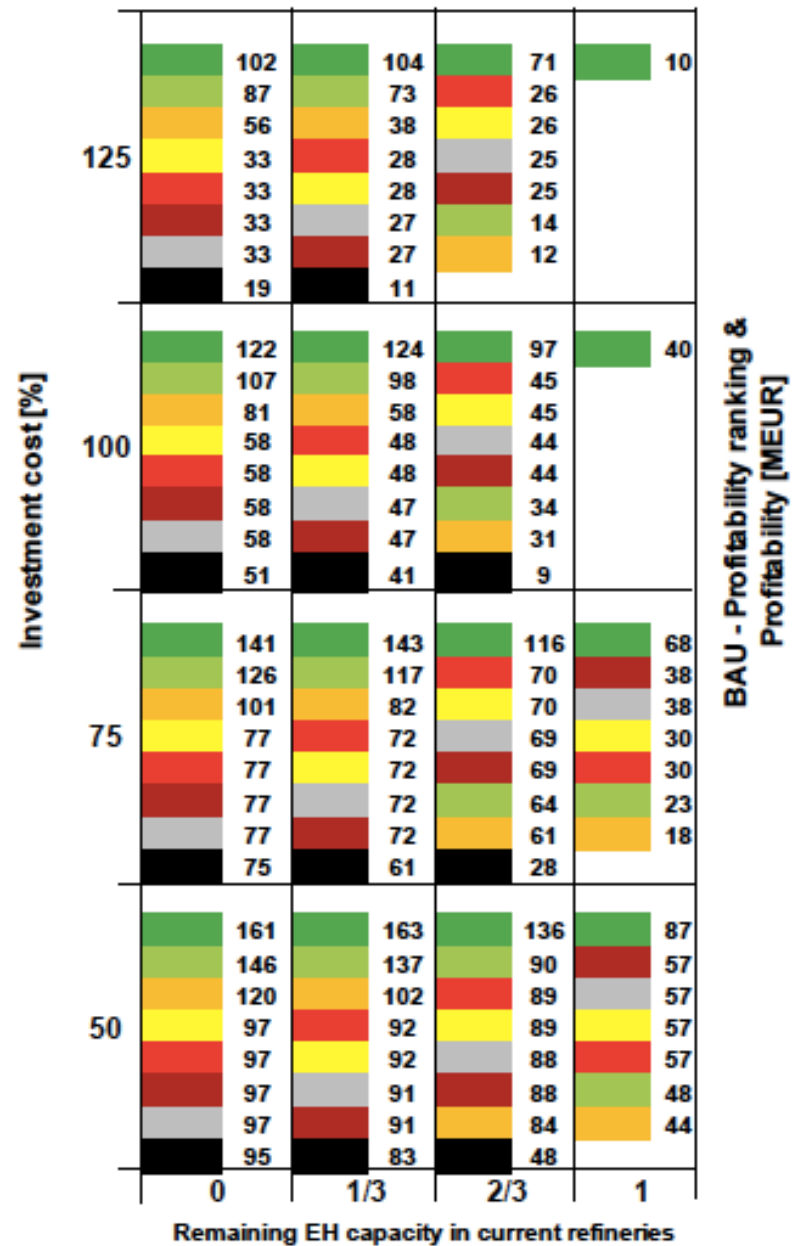
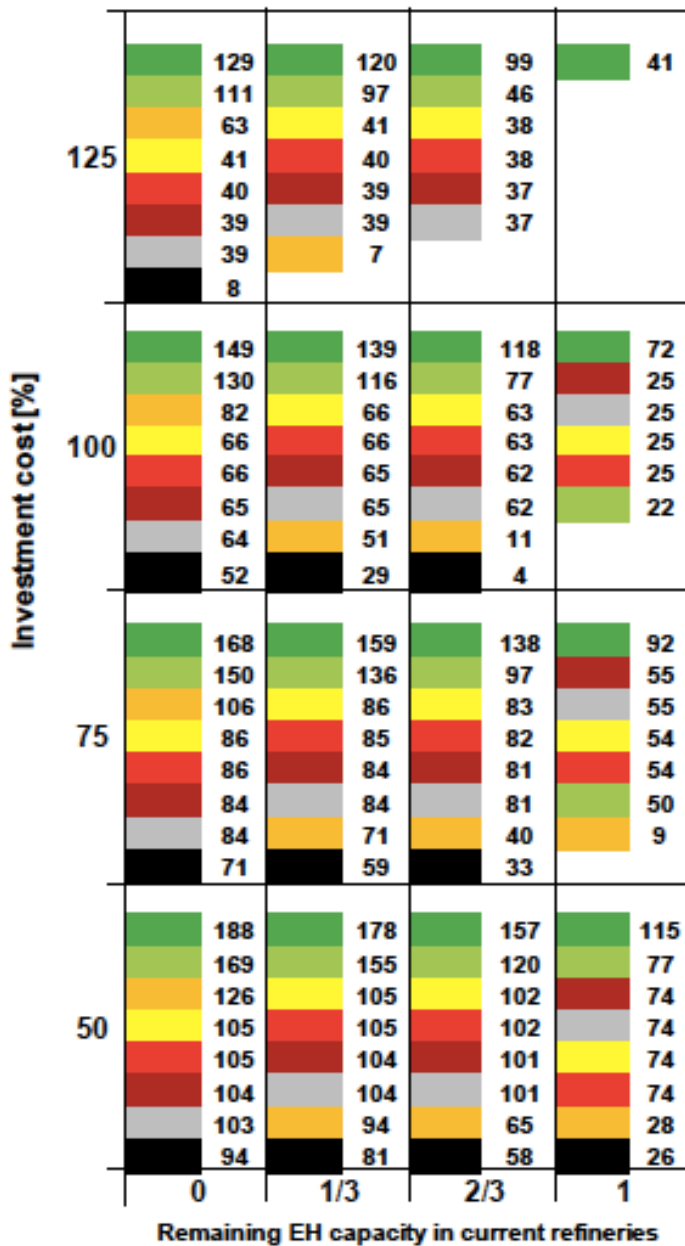
- Is this solution providing more welfare (more cost-efficient) than any other solution to supply the heat demand?

# Resulting cost-optimized excess heat capacity



# System cost change (I)





450PPM/BAU  
NO SNG  
NO NG  
LO FUEL

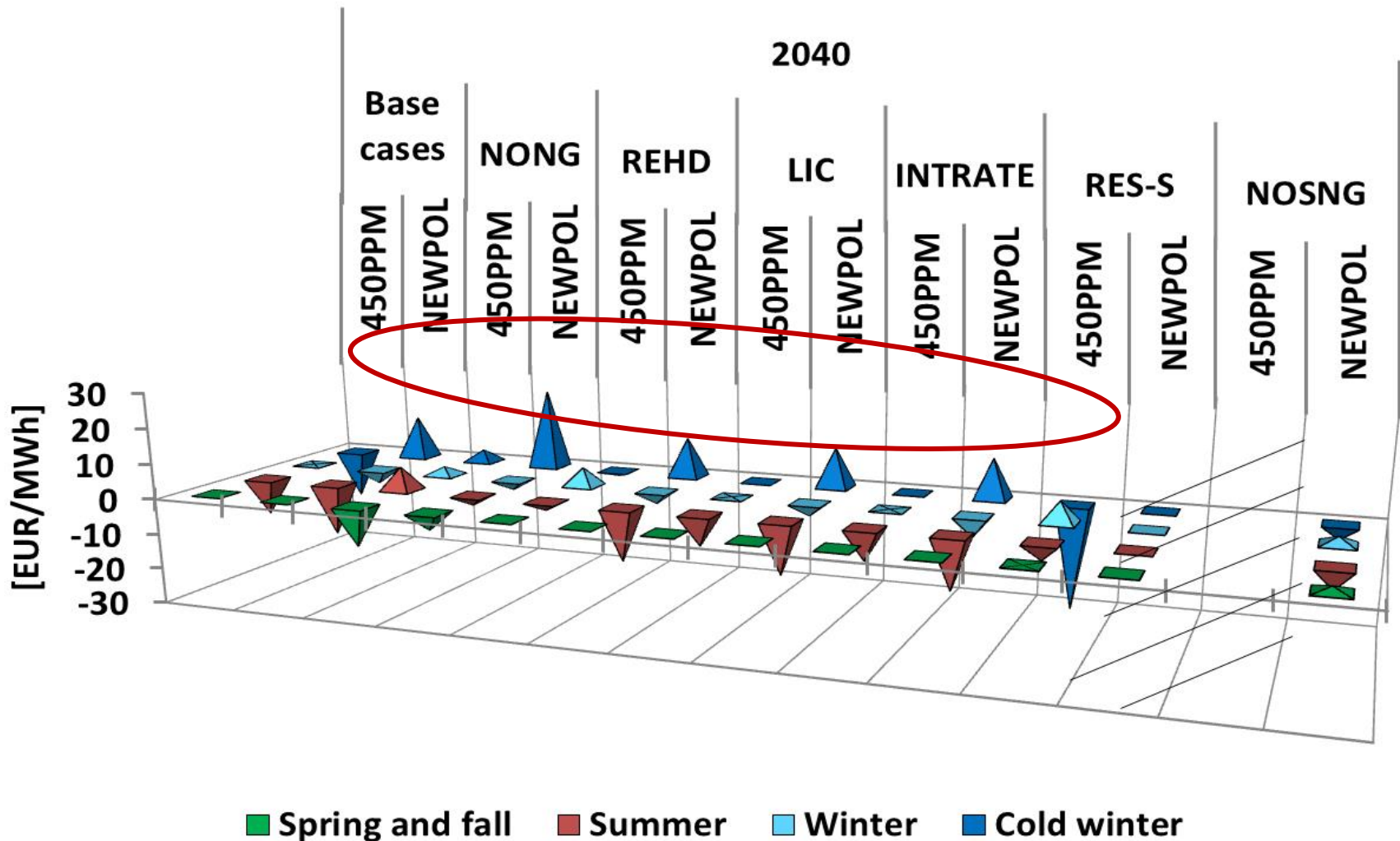


NO SNG + NO NG  
NO SNG + LO FUEL  
NO NG + LO FUEL  
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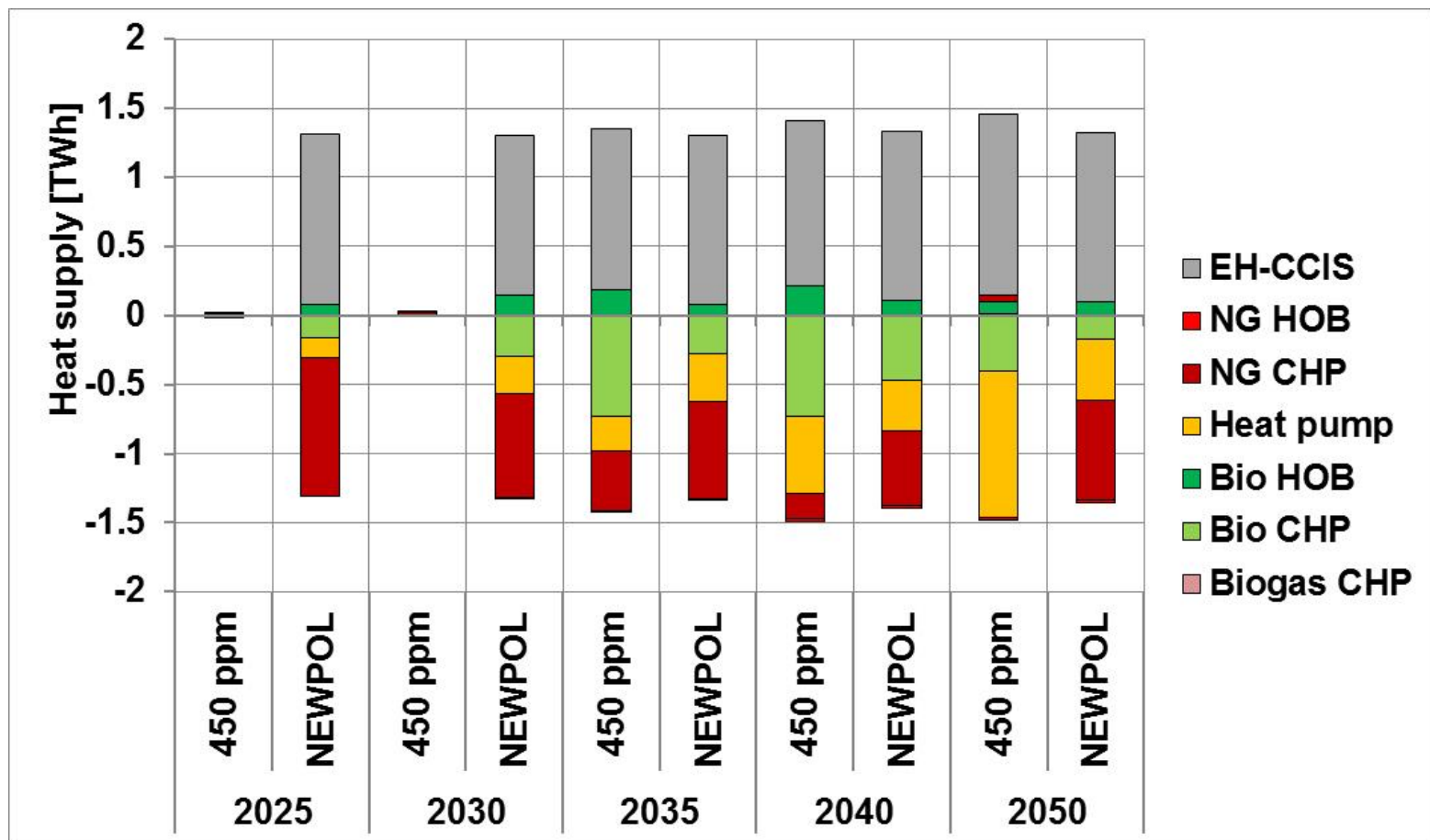




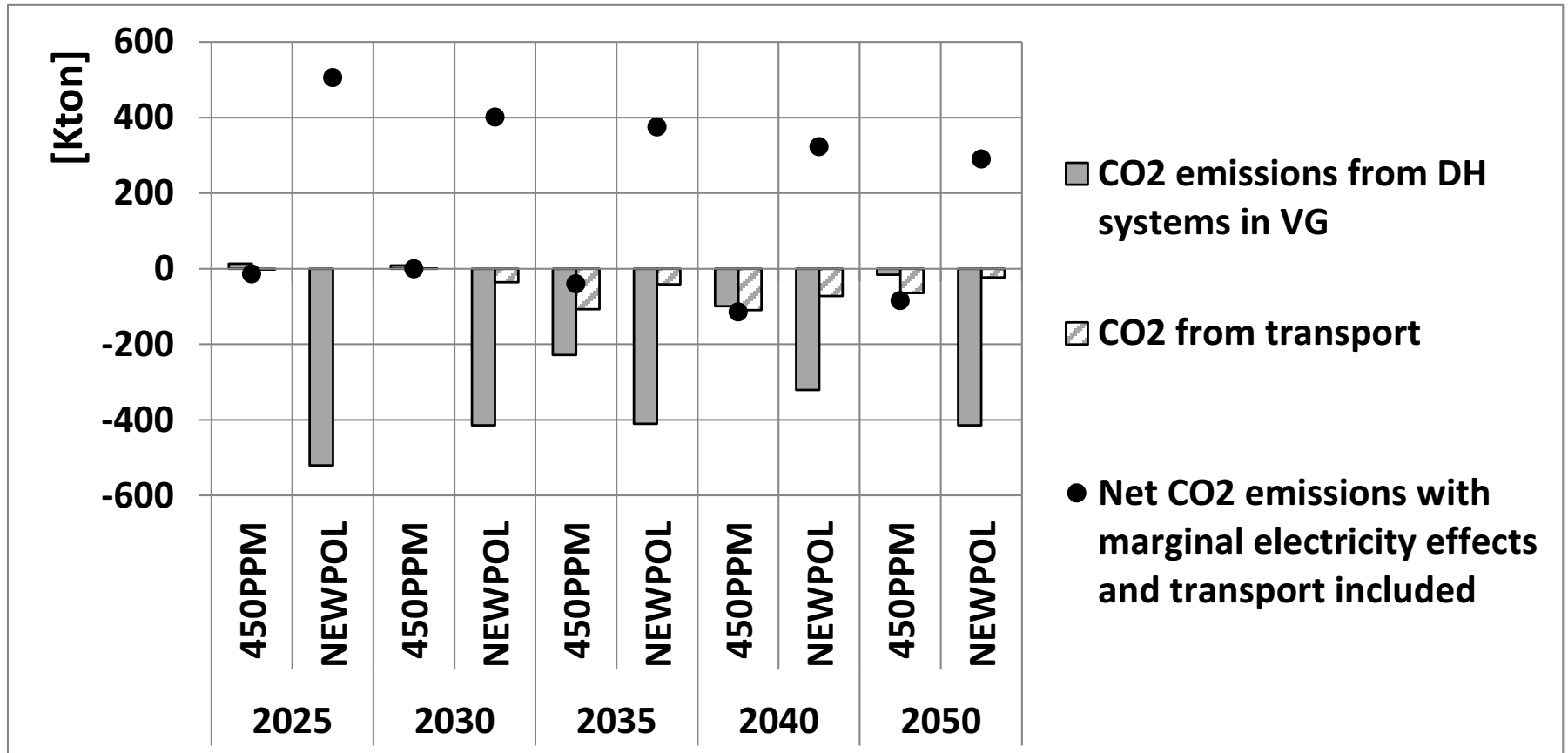
# Marginal cost change (Göteborg)



# Change - regional district heat delivery

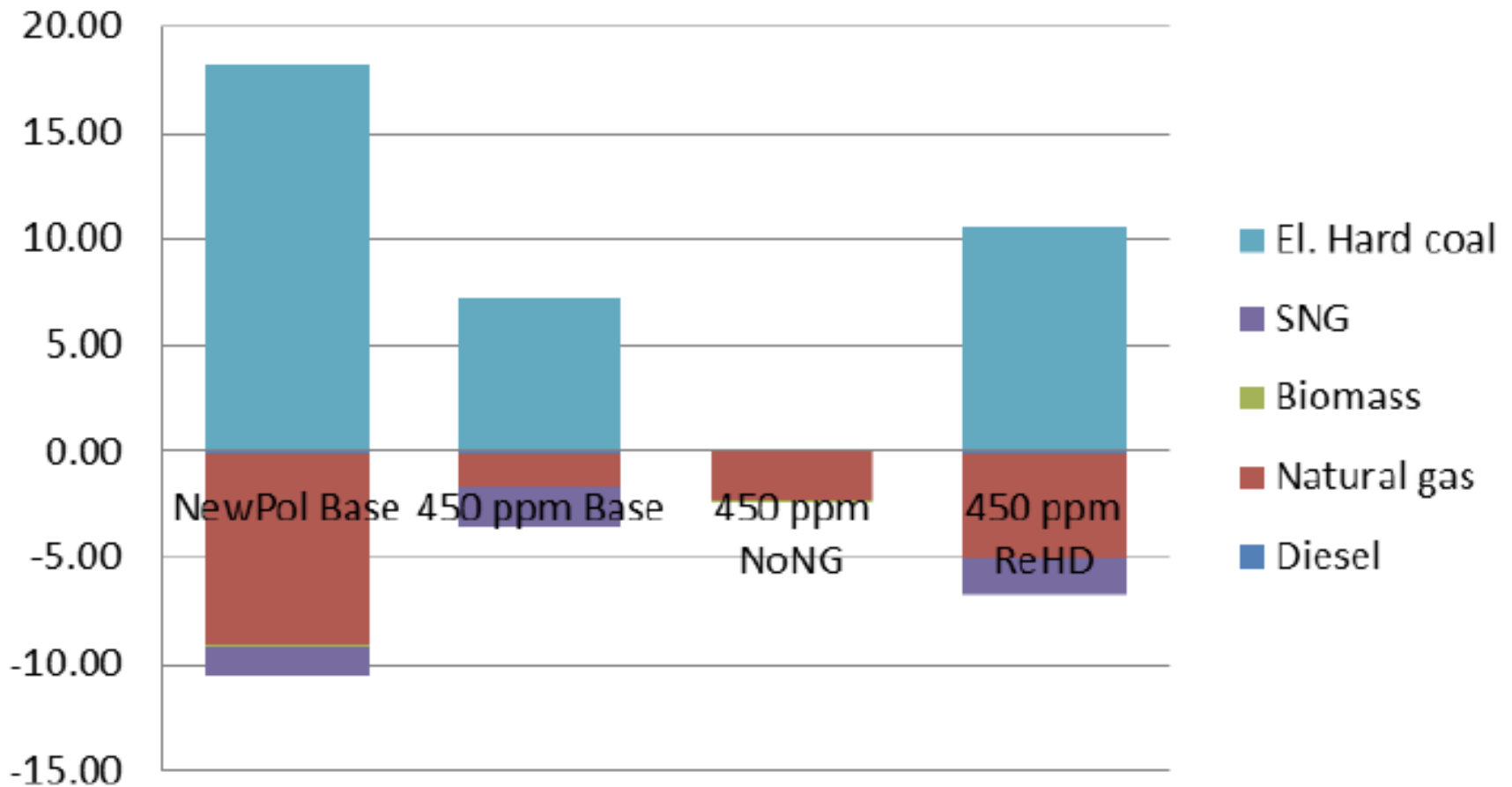


# Change CO2-emissions

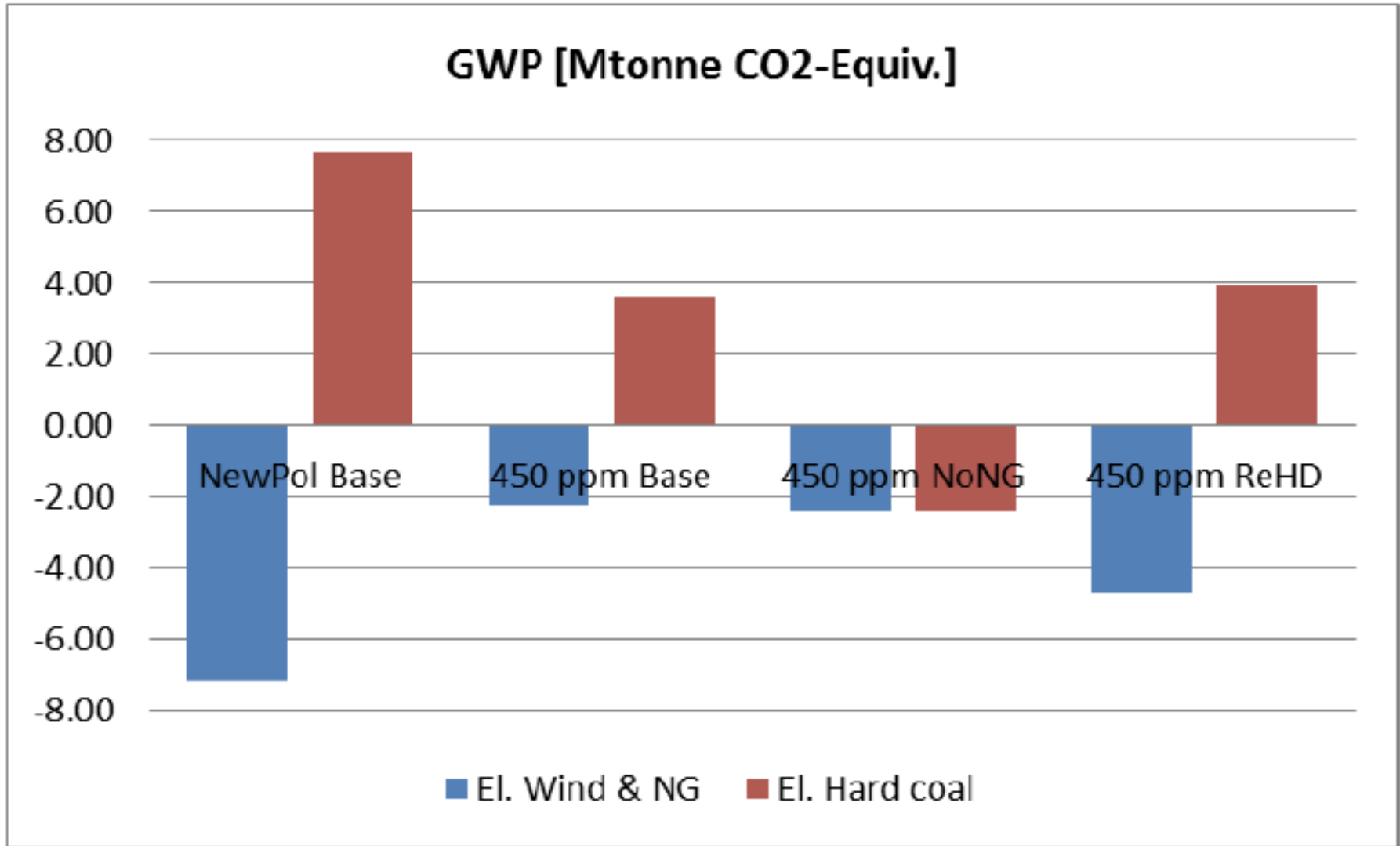


# Change CO<sub>2</sub>-emissions until 2040

GWP [Mtonne CO<sub>2</sub>-Equiv.]

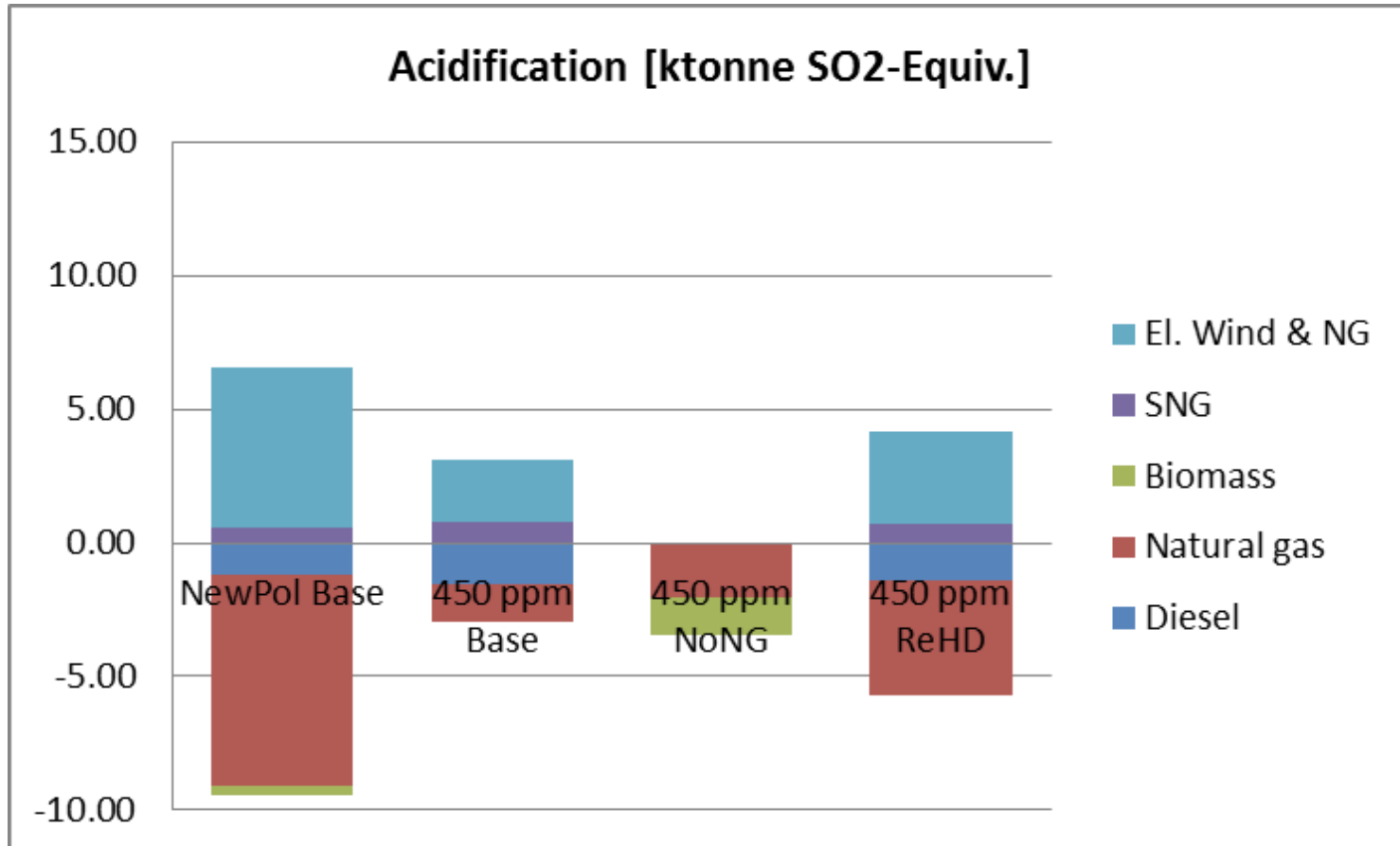


# Net climate effect until year 2040



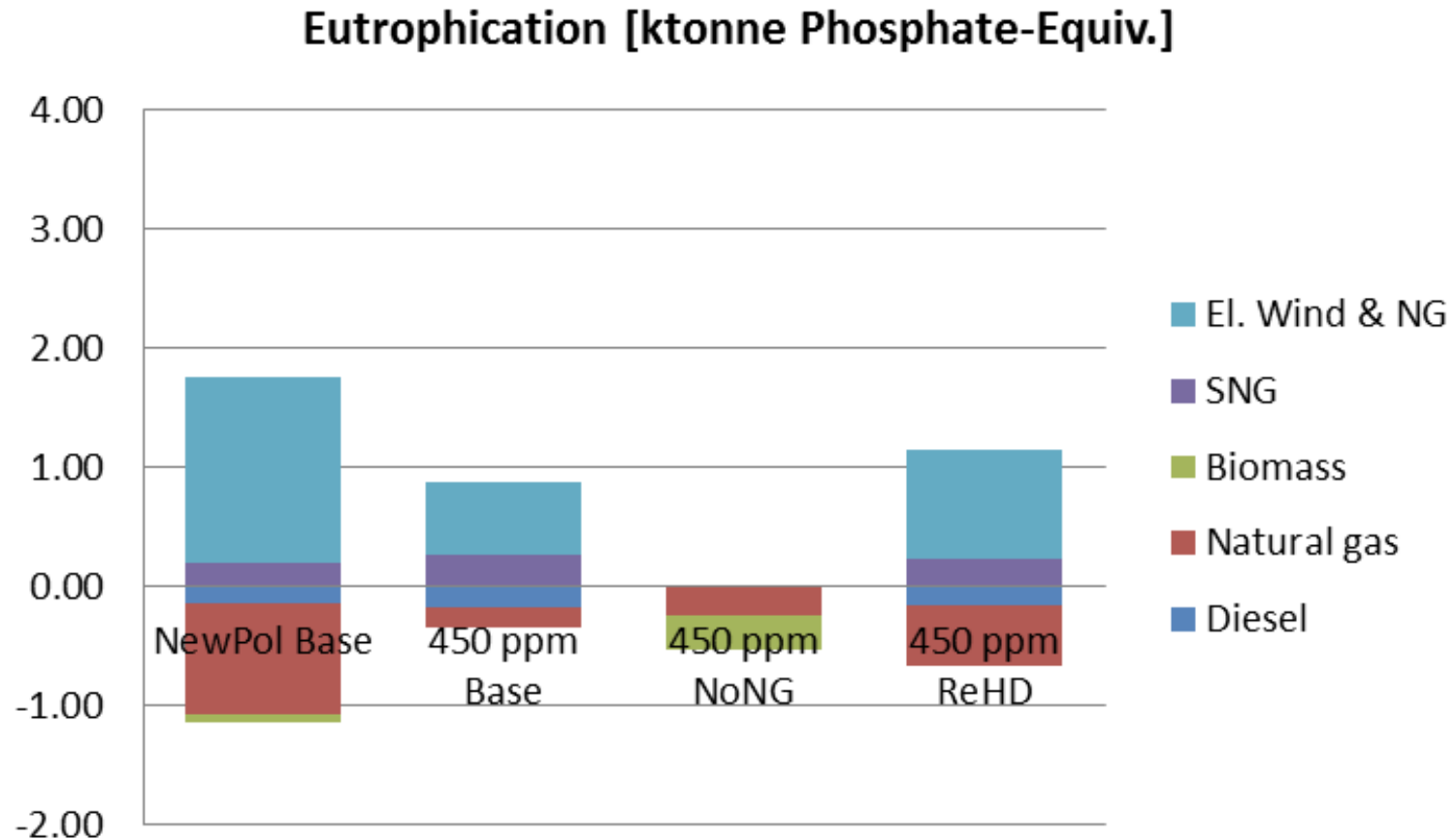
# Acidification

**Acidification potential impact in the four scenarios until the year 2040, assuming marginal built power is produced from wind power (80%) and natural gas turbines (20%).**



# Eutrophication

**Eutrophication potential impact in the four scenarios until the year 2040, assuming marginal built power is produced from wind power (80%) and natural gas turbines (20%).**



# Other sustainability impacts?

- ✓ Acidification
- ✓ Eutrophication
- Job creation
- **Risk**



# Conclusions

Investment profitable?



In most tested cases

Climate?



Dependent on  
perspective and marginal  
electricity

Generally?

Complex system effects

**Resource efficiency!**

# Process learning

- Collaboration
- Round-table discussions
  - Energy system model

**Will it be built?**

# Thank you!

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