

# CHILE

## FRONT-LOAD NET ZERO CASO CHILE

### 100% DECARBONIZATION OF ELECTRICITY IN 10 YEARS!



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# FLEXIBLE PLANT GAS/H2 READY

## Traditional Peaker

- Operates only during annual peak hours
- Low Capacity Factors (0 to 10%)
- Provides capacity margin
- Characteristics:
  - Low CAPEX
  - High heat rate
  - High starting cost



## Transition flexible Balancer

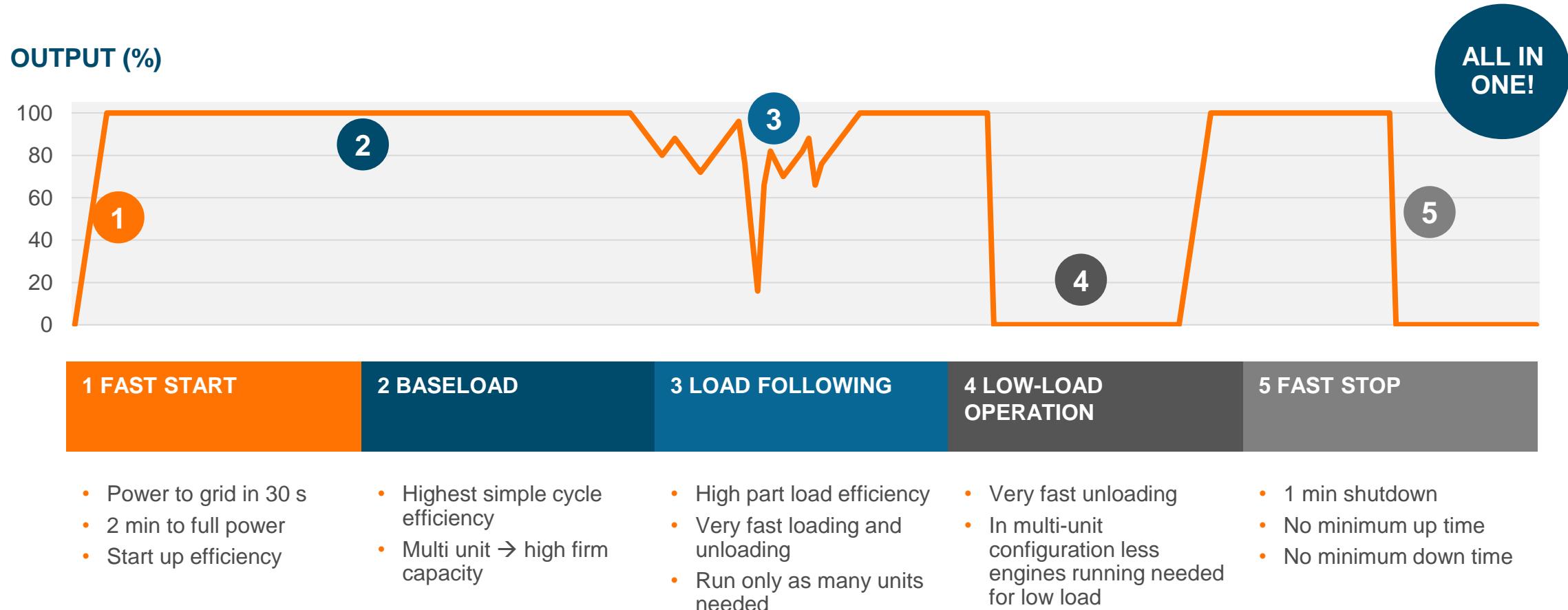
- Operates in pulses (300-1000 pulsing starts per year)
- Medium capacity factors (10-30%)
- Important role in balancing renewables
- Characteristics:
  - Adaptable
  - Fast start
  - Fast ramp
  - Minimal starting cost
  - Efficient at different load profiles



## Decarbonized flexible Balancer

- Operates when batteries are empty
- Low capacity factors (<10%)
- Infrequent starts dependent on system conditions
- Characteristics:
  - Operate with zero-carbon fuels
  - Minimal starting costs
  - Flexible output (0-100% of nameplate capacity)
  - Lowest possible heat rate





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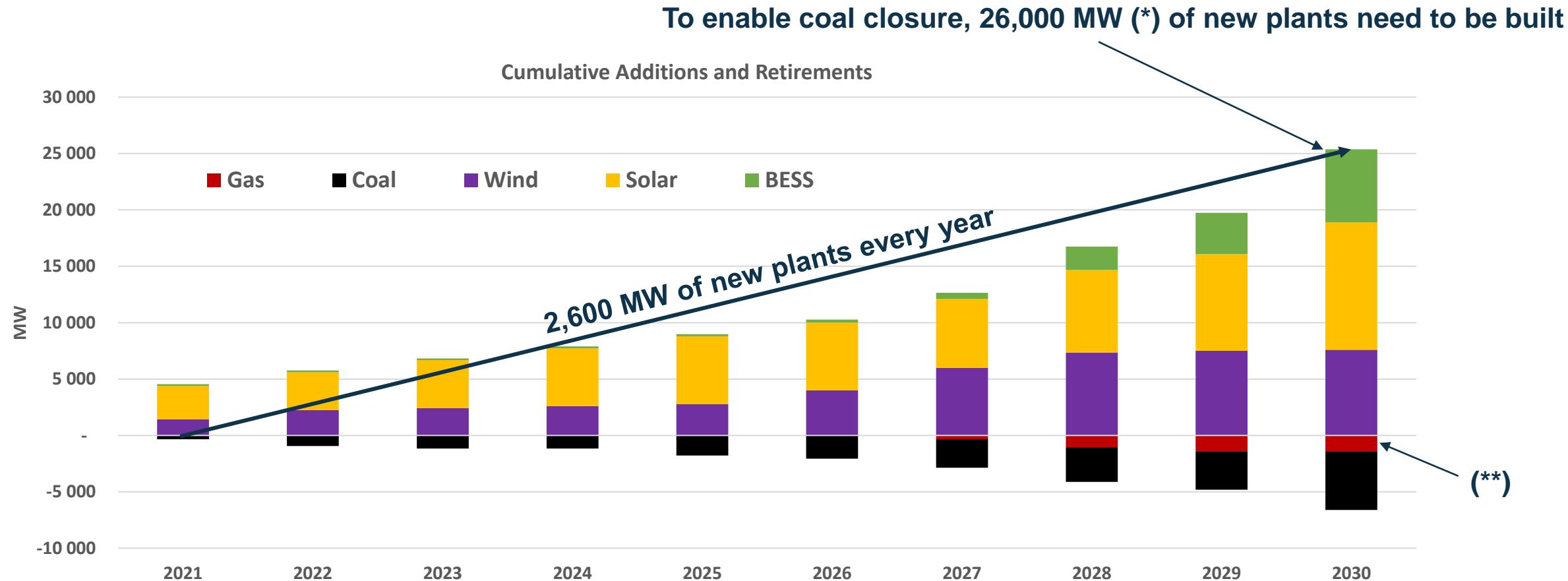
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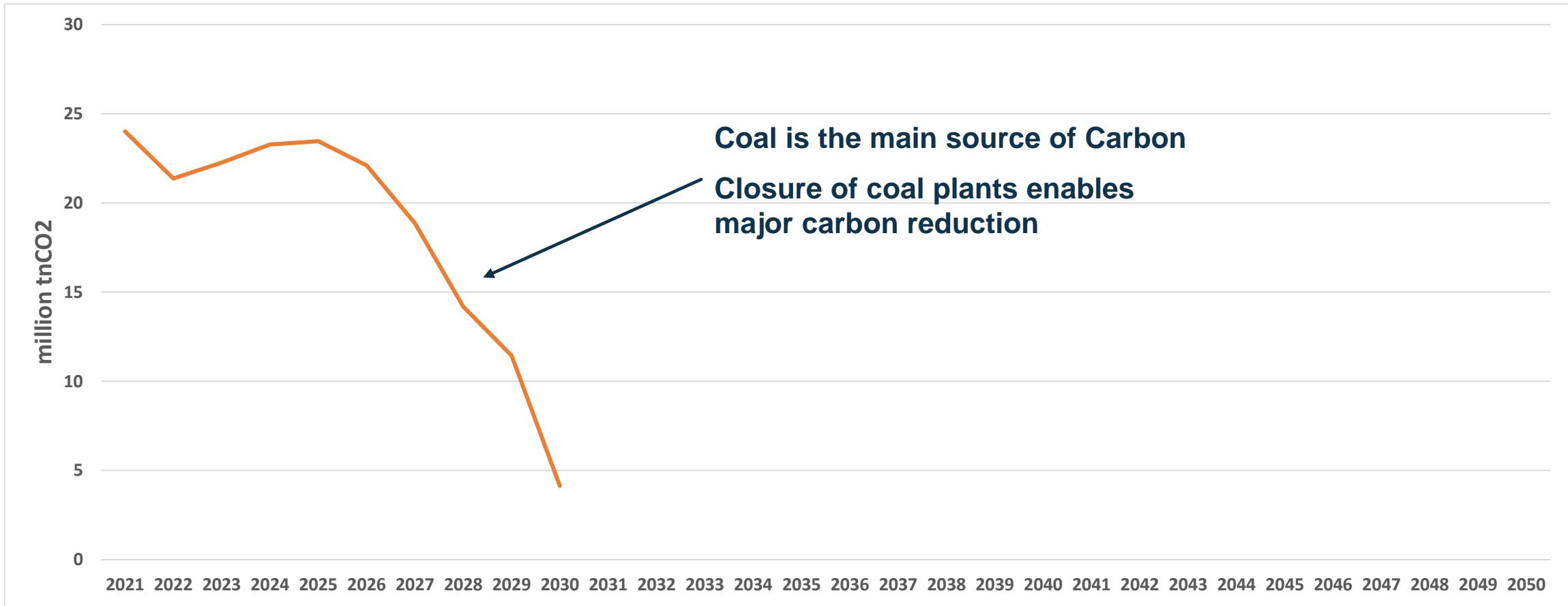
# Current Plan - Cumulative capacity additions & retirements during the 2020's



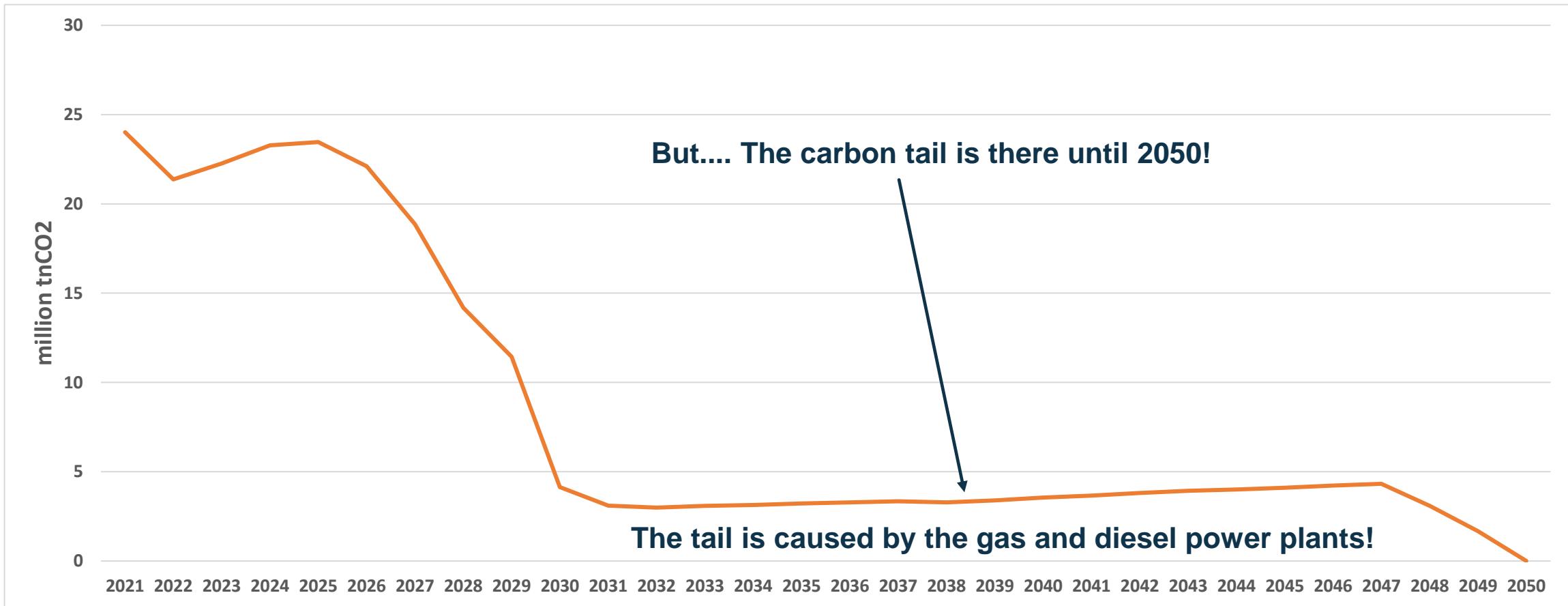
(\*) Assuming normal high operational availability and reliability of all technologies. Recent statistics show lower availability for example to coal plants (only 75 % at times)  
This would lead to a need to construct larger quantities of renewables, storage and flexible thermal earlier during the decade

(\*\*) Gas power plants older than 35 year are retired by Plexos if they after rehabilitation cannot provide adequate value for the power system

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# 5 STEPS TO “GET RID OF THE TAIL” AND DECARBONIZE BY 2032!!!!

1. DURING 2020'S ADD  
28 GW OF  
RENEWABLES AND  
BATTERY STORAGE \*

2. STARTING 2028 ADD  
2 GW OF FLEXIBLE &  
SUSTAINABLE \*\*  
GAS CAPACITY \*\*

3. RETIRE ALL COAL &  
DIESEL OIL PLANTS BY  
2030

4. IN 2032, CONVERT THE  
FLEXIBLE GAS PLANTS TO  
GREEN HYDROGEN-BASED  
FUELS (TOTAL 3.1 GW)

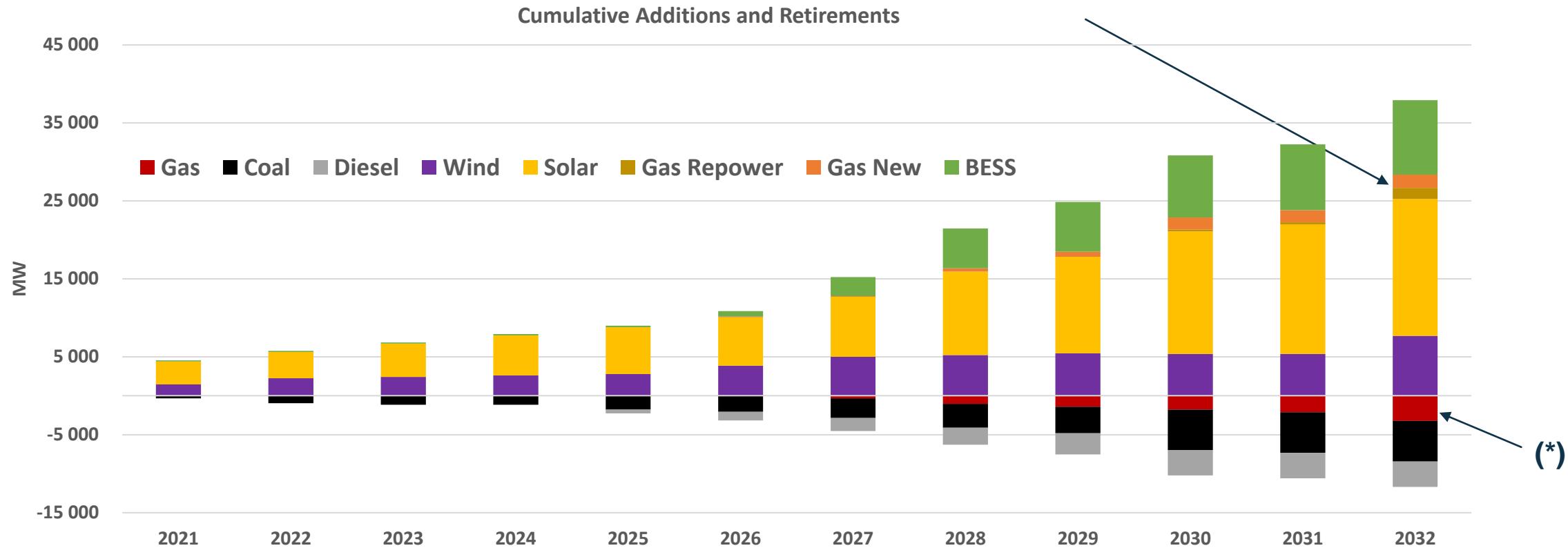
5. END OF 2032 100 %  
DECARBONIZED  
ELECTRICITY!!

\* Geographic locations important, defined in 4 zones in the Wärtsilä study

\*\* Fast starting plants which can be converted to green hydrogen-based fuels at any chosen time

# Proposed capacity additions & retirements until 2032

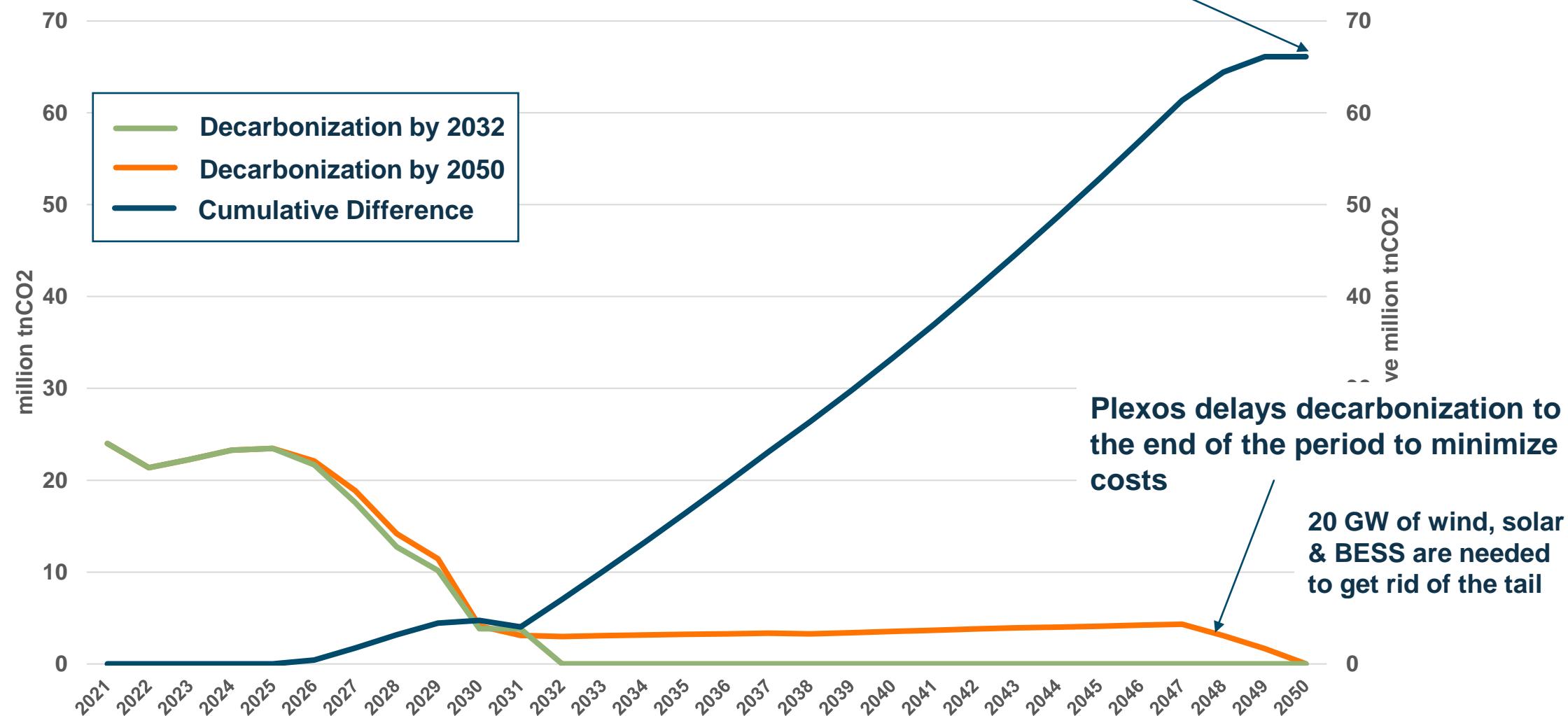
Replacing diesel and coal plants with 3.1 GW of Gas/H2 ready plants enables full decarbonization by 2032!



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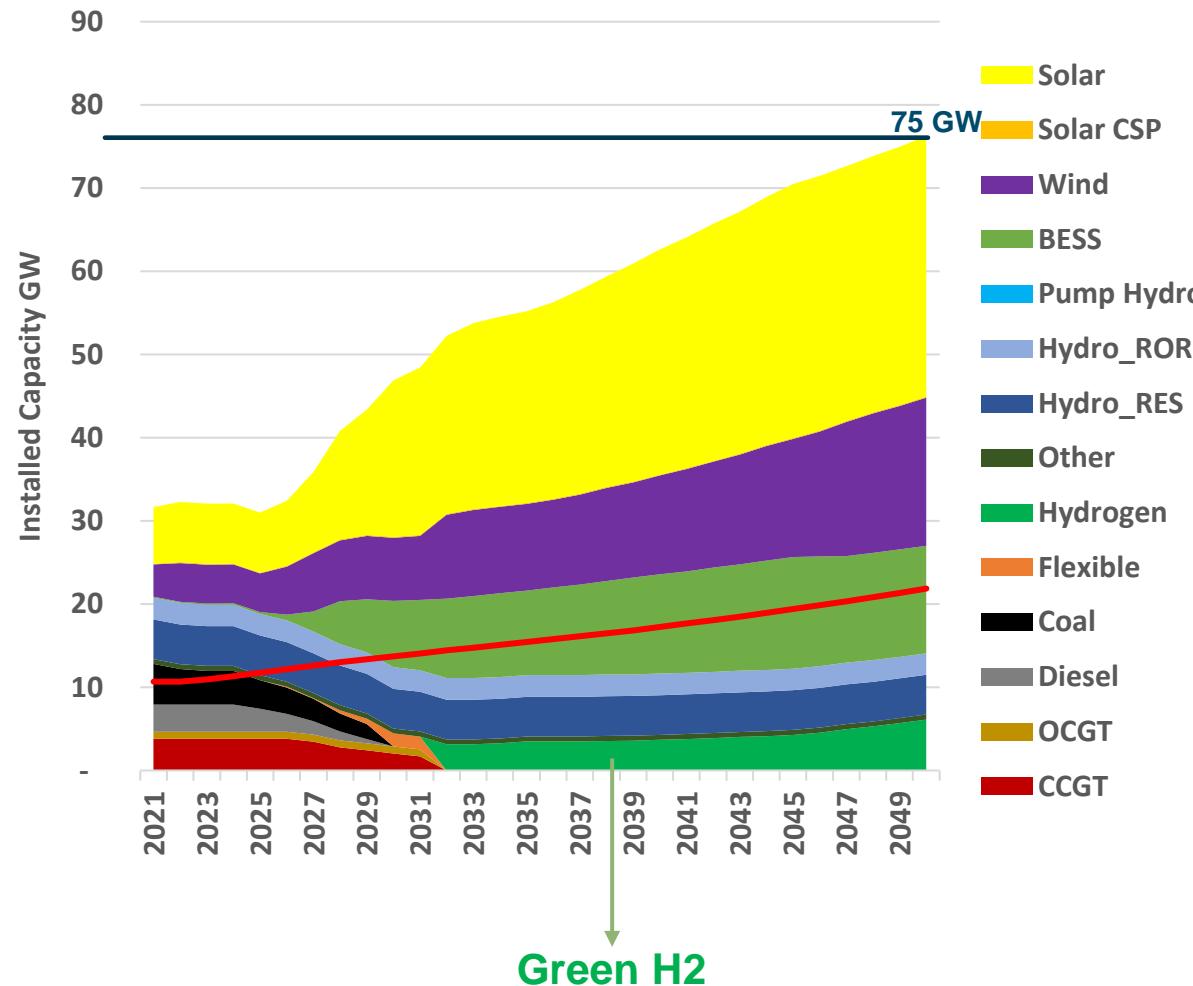
# CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS

Decarbonization by 2032 reduces cumulative carbon by 66 MTons!

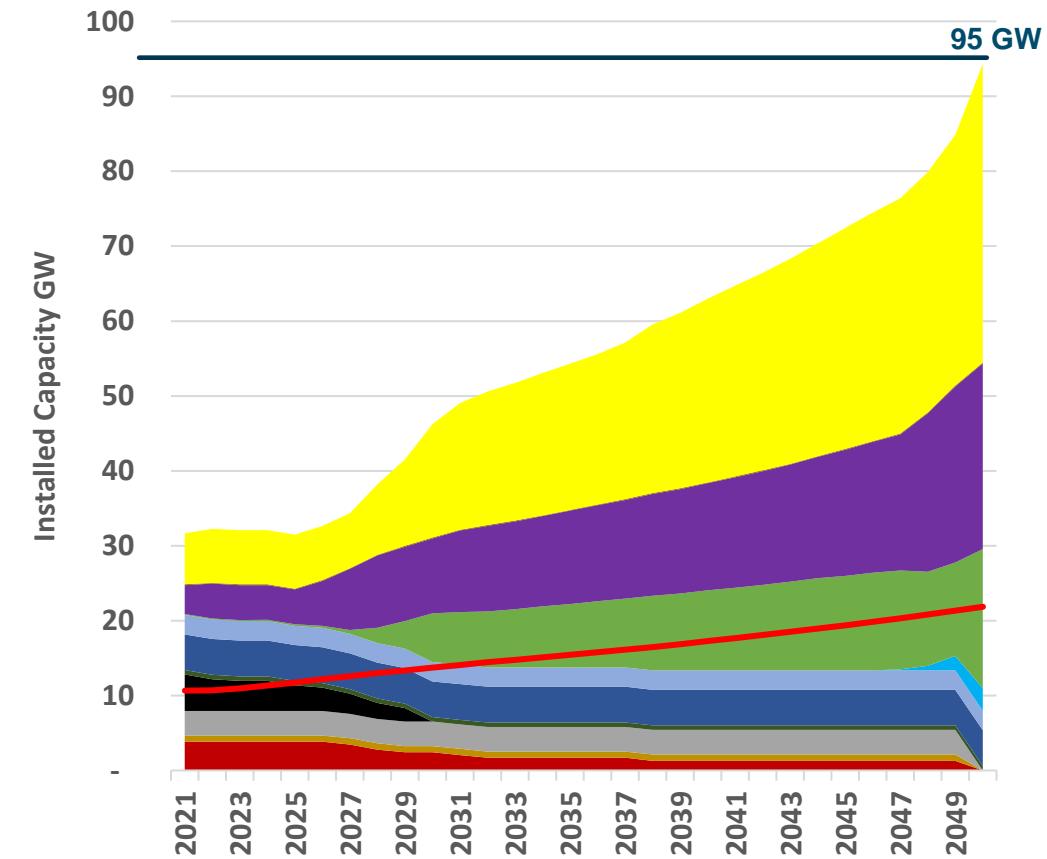


# INSTALLED CAPACITY 2021 - 2050

**Decarbonization 2032**



**Current plan – Decarbonization 2050**

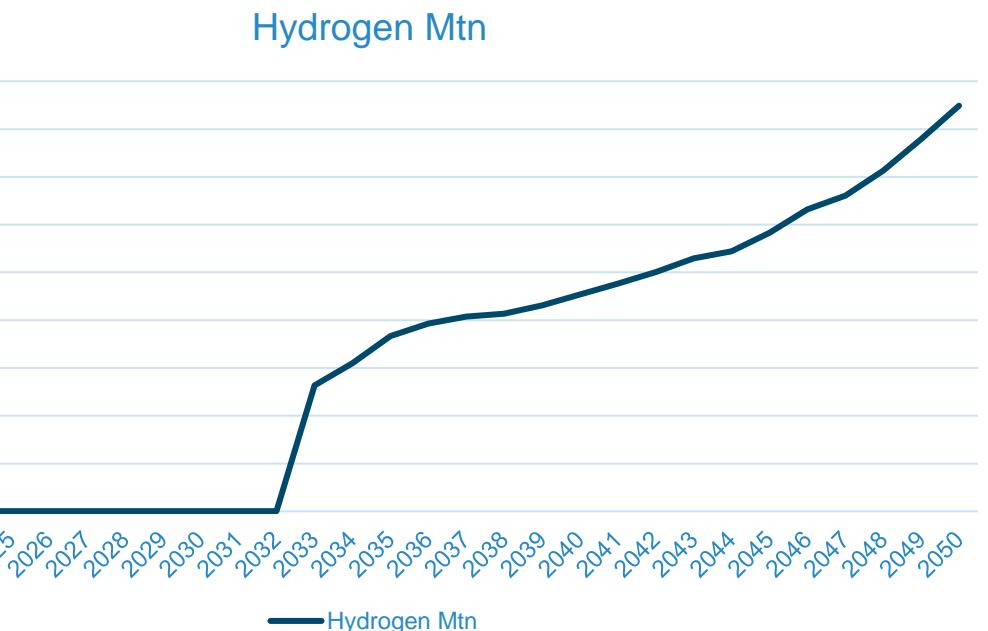


# Sustainable gas power plants use only a fraction of available domestic Hydrogen

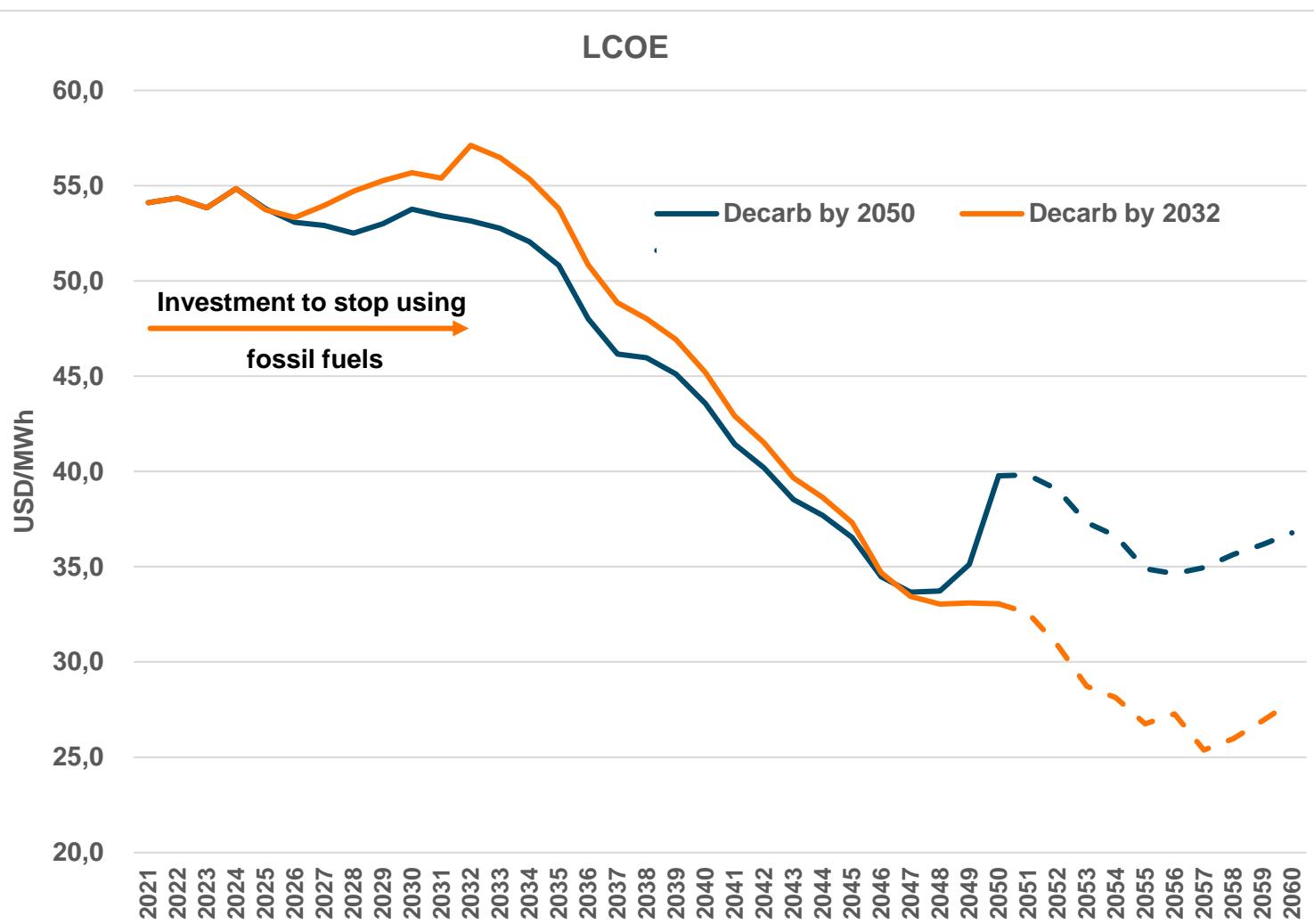
## Chile Hydrogen Strategy



## Annual Hydrogen offtake of hydrogen-fired power plants



# ANNUAL GENERATION COSTS - DECARBONIZATION 2032 VS 2050



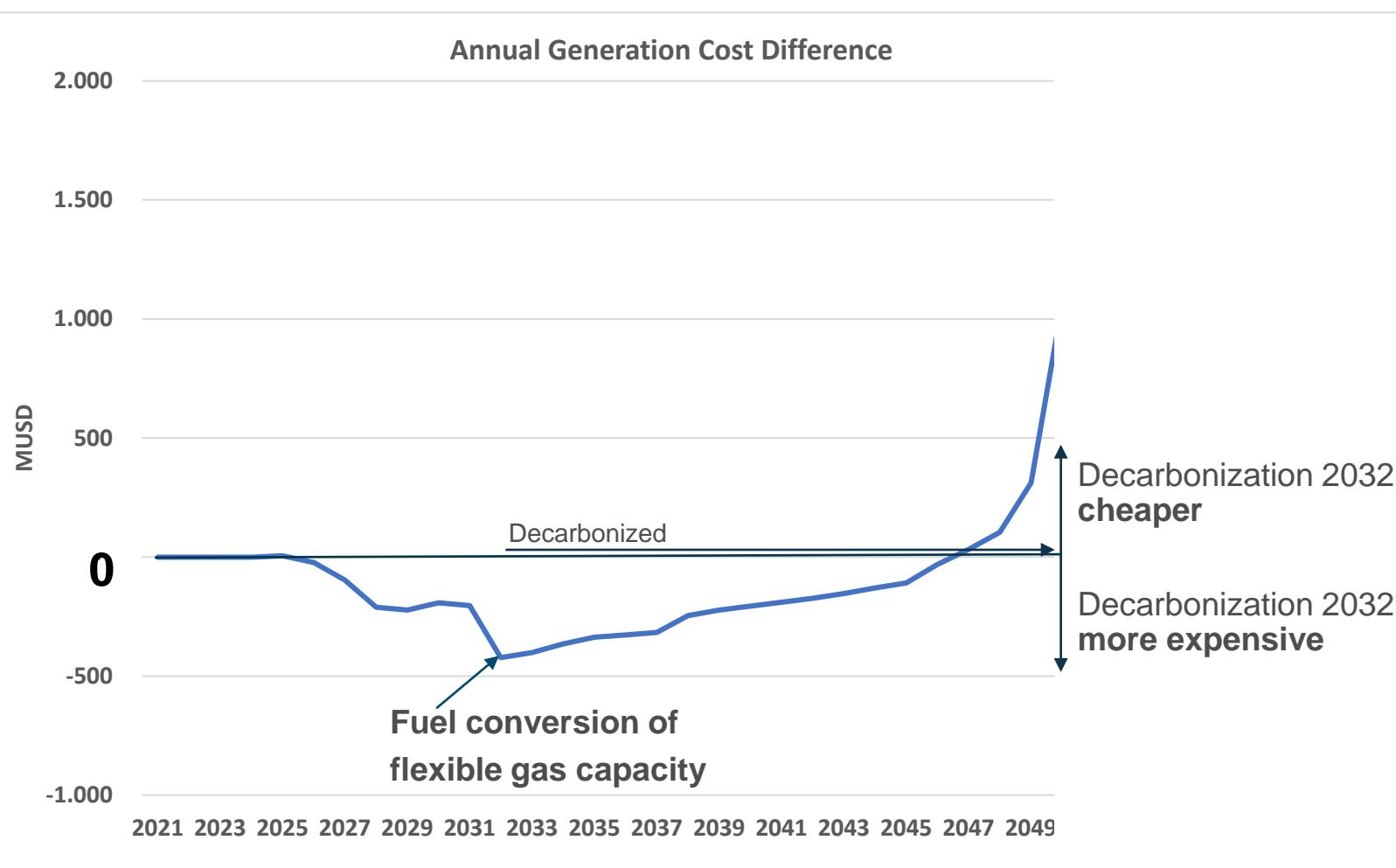
Contrary to common belief  
decarbonization reduces energy cost

Dramatically reduced fuel price volatility risk

Late decarbonization pushes up generation costs strongly after 2047 (40%)

- 20 GW of additional wind, solar and BESS need to be constructed
- If the polluting diesels were maintained in the system until 2050, a capacity payment of 1,400 M\$ dollar would have to be paid to them during 2030-2050 compared to the sustainable gas plants (not included in the cost graph)

# ANNUAL GENERATION COSTS DIFFERENCE - DECARBONIZATION 2032 VS 2050



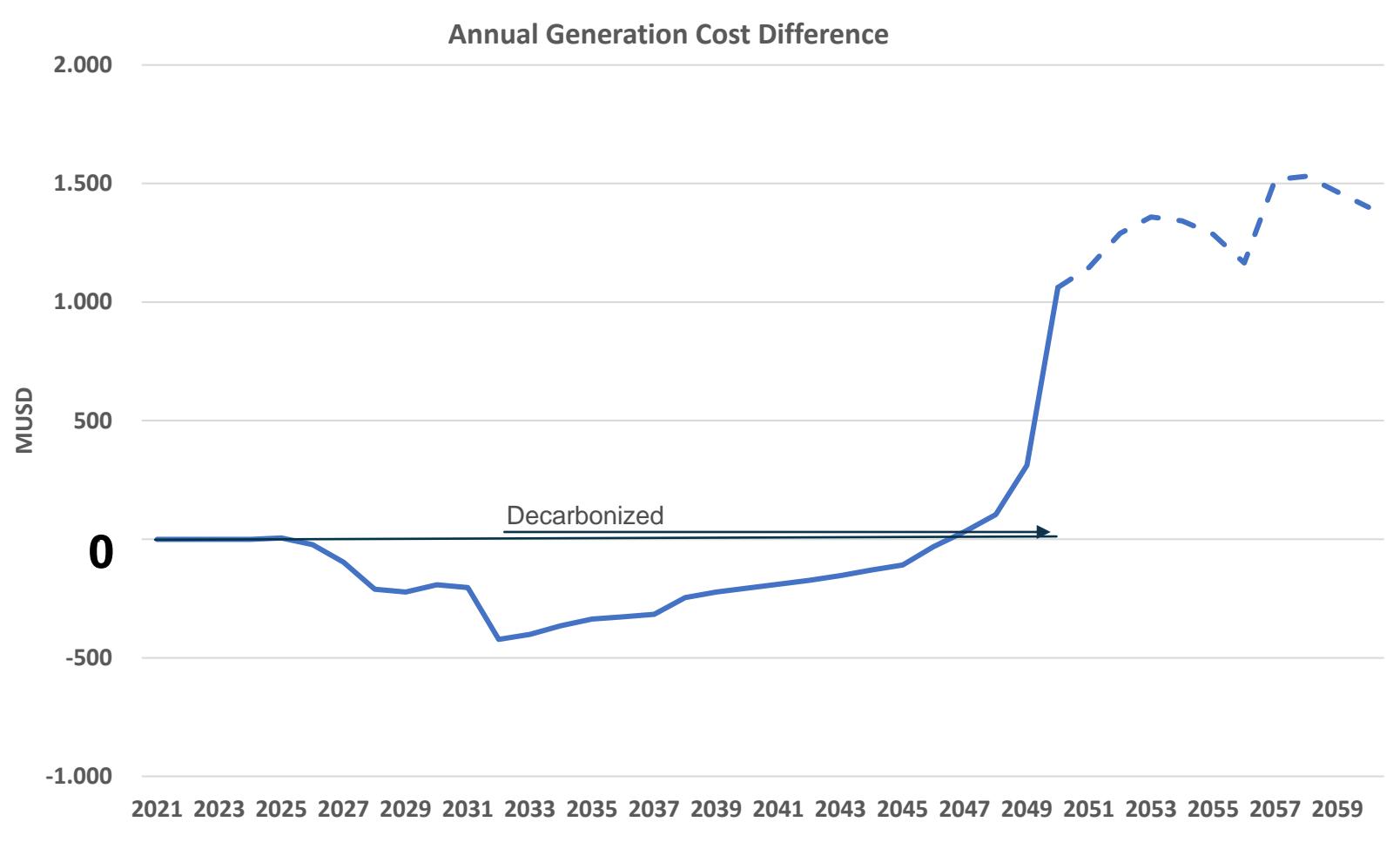
Total cumulative generation cost between 2022 – 2050 is 2,7 % higher with decarbonization in 2032 than decarbonization in 2050

- There will always be a cost related to getting rid of the last carbon

Total cumulative generation cost difference between 2022 – 2050 is minor in comparison with the **huge benefit of decarbonizing the system by 2032 instead of 2050**

The cost profile is shifted. Most of the costs in 2030 are **fixed**, and the **variable fuel costs have decreased** dramatically compared to the costs in 2021.

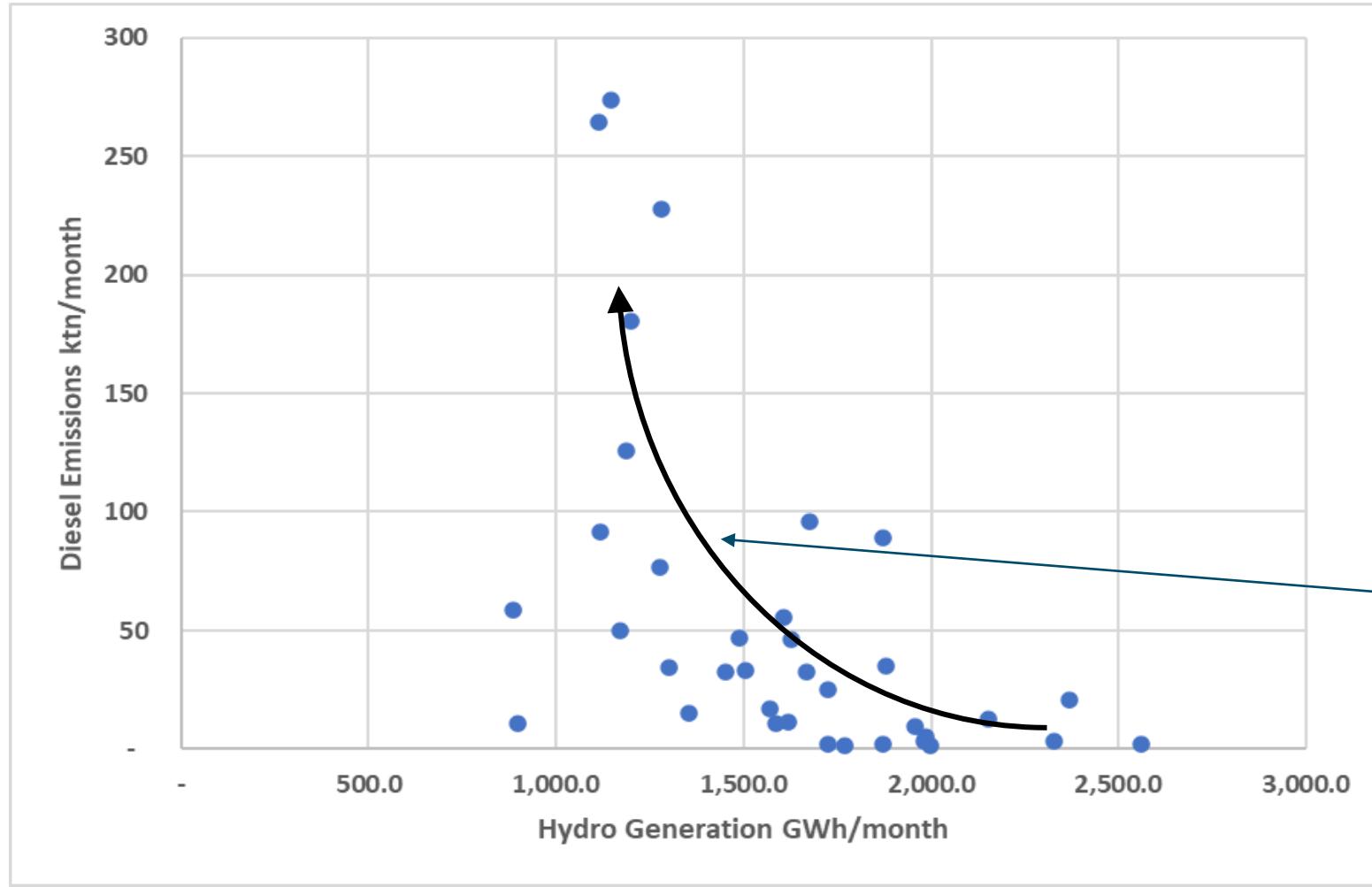
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Cumulative generation cost over 2022 – 2060 is 6.0 % LOWER with decarbonization 2032 than 2050

- Using sustainable fuel in power plants providing firm power reduces total power system size from 95 GW to 75 GW (20 GW / 27 % less!)
- Total investment savings of 14,337 M\$

# THE DIESELS WILL POLLUTE DURING DRY YEARS



If maintained until 2050, 5,000 M\$ of capacity payments are paid to the polluting diesels as a “security of supply insurance”

The same security is provided by the flexible gas plants that are converted to hydrogen-based fuels in 2032

- It is much better to pay the capacity payments to the clean, sustainable gas plants for the “reliability insurance” than for diesels
- Due to better efficiency, modern flexible gas power plants use less fuel than diesels, and provide much lower emissions due to cleaner fuels
- After fuel conversion the security insurance is 100 % carbon neutral

The diesels will not be part of the decarbonized power system for Chile

- Diesels use fossil fuels until retired, and produce high carbon when operated
- There is a clear relationship between hydrology and diesel running hours, and the carbon emissions
- It is not possible to convert the diesels to use Hydrogen

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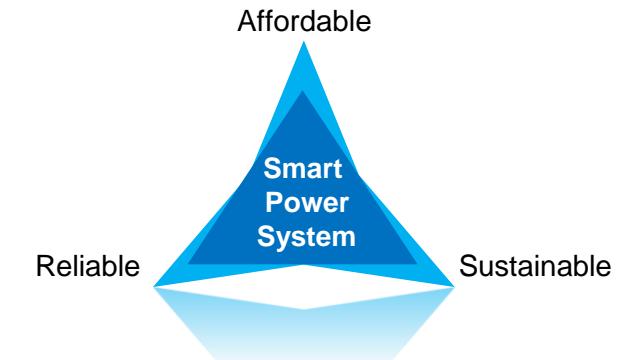
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# SUMMARY BENEFITS OF EARLY DECARBONIZATION IN 2032

## Sustainability

- Chile a Zero Carbon nation 2033 onwards (on electricity)
- 66 MT emission reduction during 2033 – 2050



## Reliability

- 3,1 GW firm generation capacity → Improved security of supply under all weather conditions

## Affordability

- Total cumulative generation costs
  - 6 % savings over 2022 – 2060 with > 1,200 M\$ annual savings after 2050
- 20 GW smaller power system total installed capacity (75 GW vs 95 GW) enables > 14,000 M\$ saving in investments
- 1,900 M\$ saving in cumulative thermal capacity payments during 2022-2050



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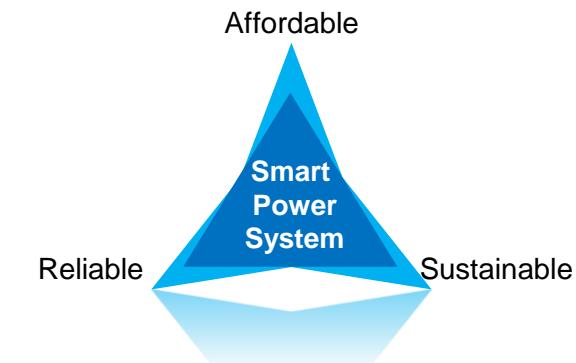
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# KEY TAKEAWAYS



- Chile has an ambitious plan to close coal plants by 2030, as part of decarbonizing electricity by 2050
- There is a technically and economically viable way to **decarbonize Chilean electricity by 2032!**
- This is an opportunity to
  - Become the **first country in the world to achieve carbon neutrality in the electricity sector**
    - Align power system development with national hydrogen strategy & use domestic sustainable fuels as long-term energy storage
    - Establish a global example of a most cost-efficient power system with minimal over-build
  - Ensure **better security of supply in any weather**
  - **De-risk fuel price and volatility impact**





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