

Renewable Energy Trends and Prospects

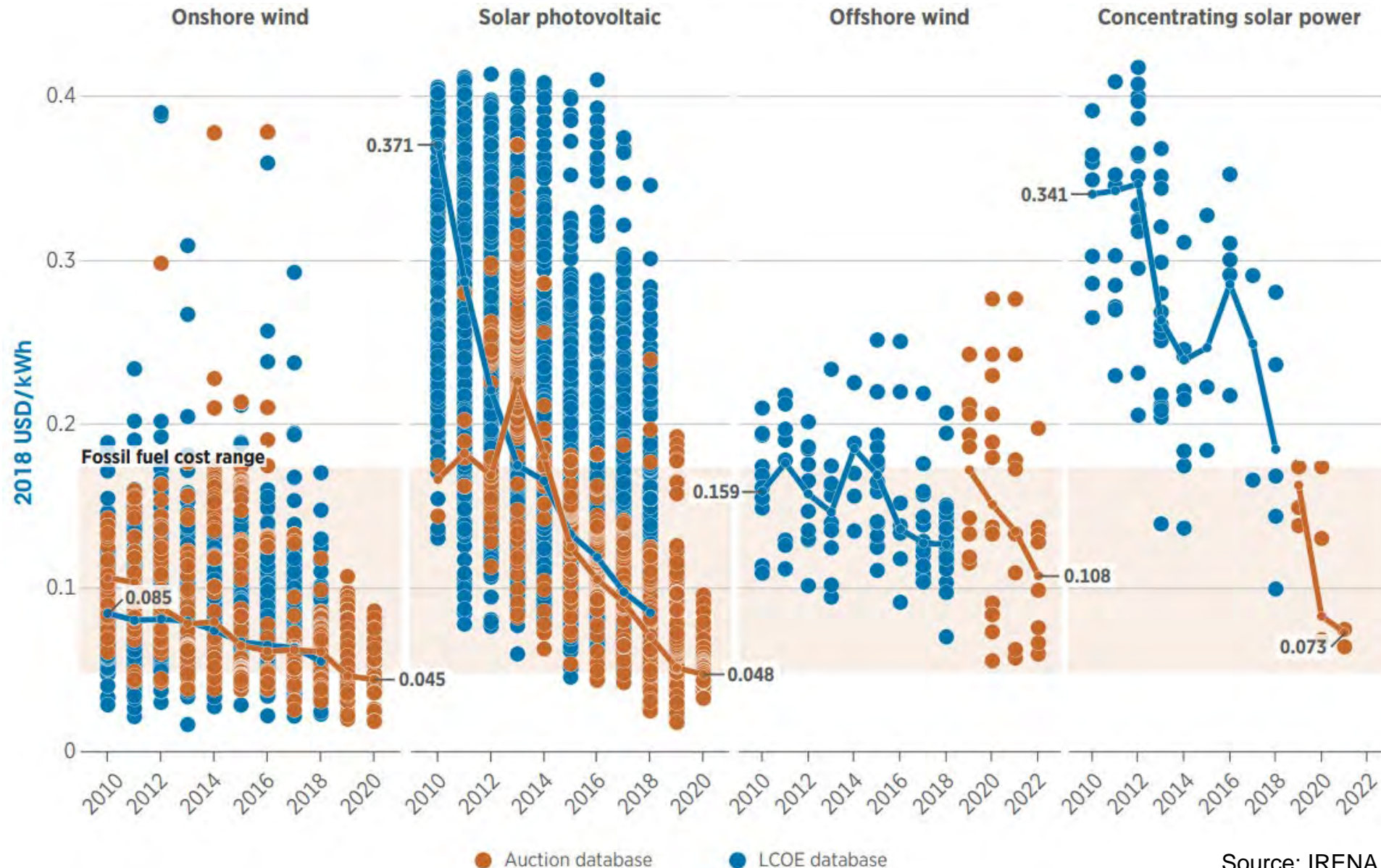


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Solar & Wind: LCOE/auction price evolution overview - Continued rapid cost reduction in the coming years

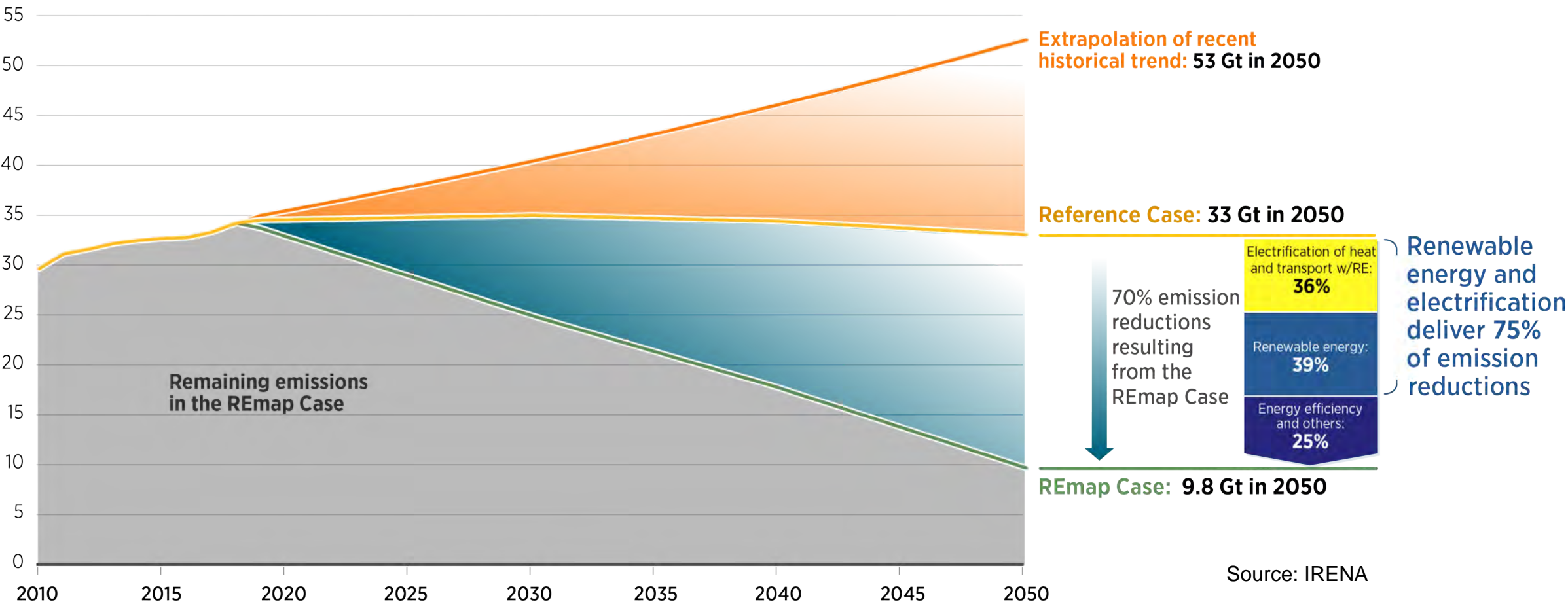


IRENA costing database of 15,000 large scale RE power projects and 1.5 million rooftop PV systems

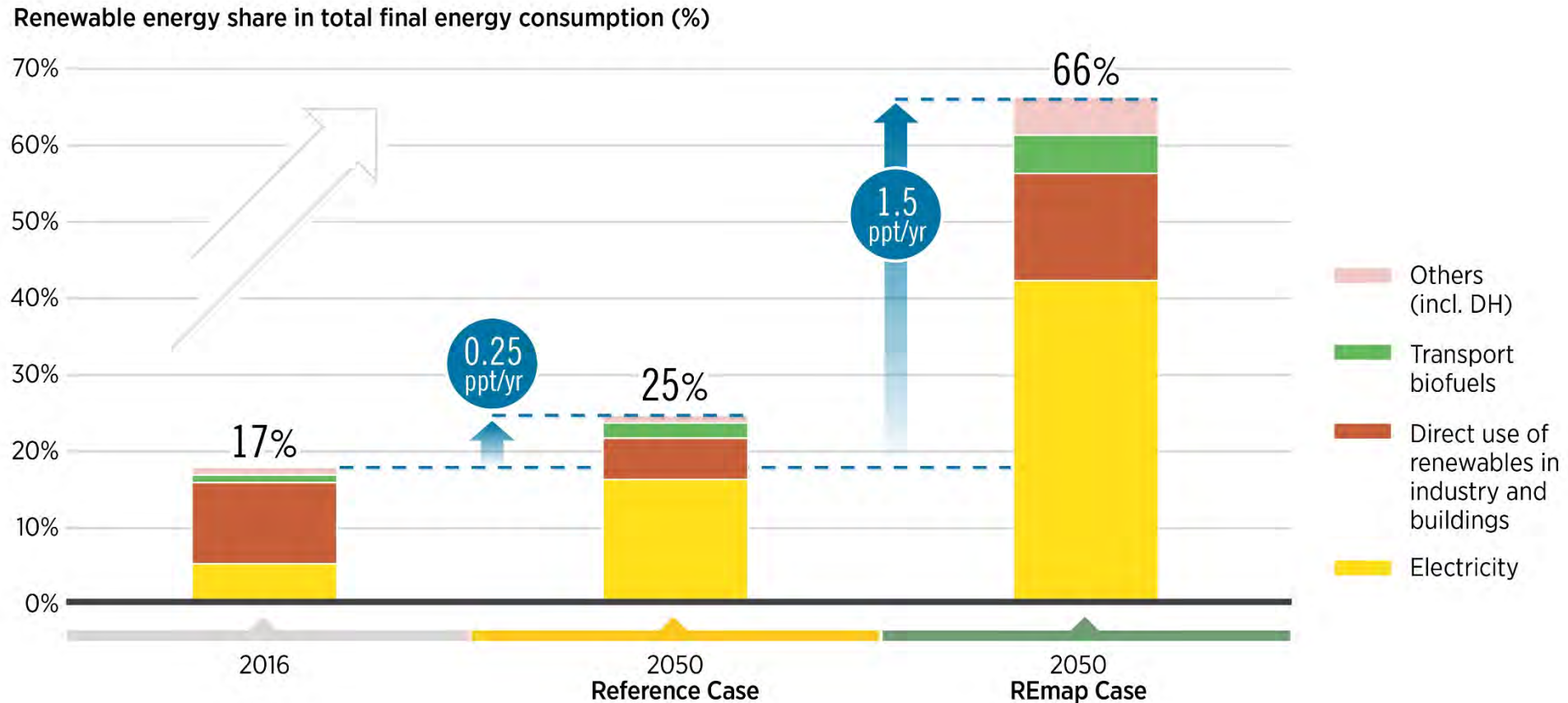
Covering half of all existing and planned RE capacity

Renewables & electrification can deliver 75% of energy-related CO₂ emission reductions needed

Annual energy-related CO₂ emissions, 2010-2050 (Gt/yr)



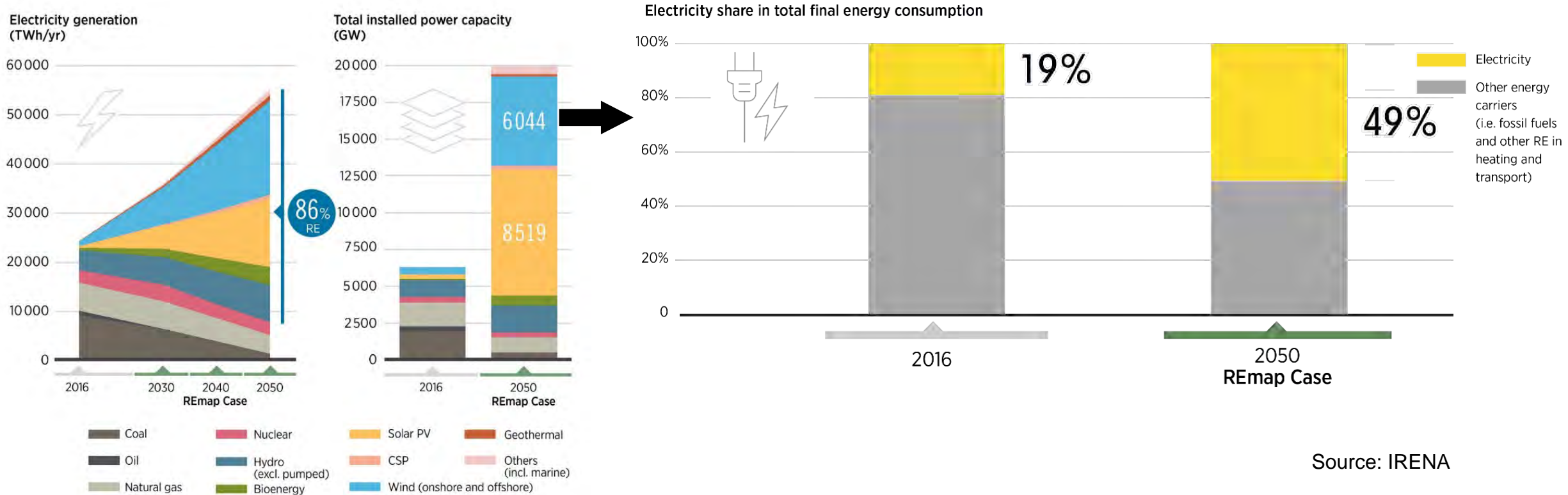
Growing share of renewables in final energy consumption – RE power and electrification are key



Source: IRENA

The share of renewables in total final energy consumption (TFEC) needs to **ramp up six-fold** – from a historical average of 0.25 percentage points per year to almost 1.5 percentage points per year

Electrification paired with renewables is a major solution for decarbonisation



Source: IRENA

By 2050,

- Electricity becomes the central energy carrier
- 86% of electricity generation will come from renewables

A transformed energy system: Scaling up renewables not just for power, but also for heat and transport

Innovation landscape for power sector transformation

EVs and smart charging



Storage

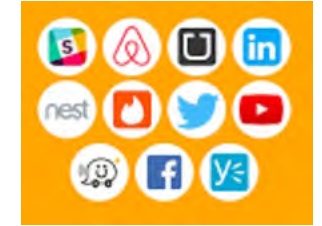
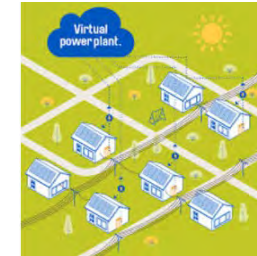


Artificial Intelligence



Platform business model

Aggregators- VPP



Digitalisation - IoT



Blockchain



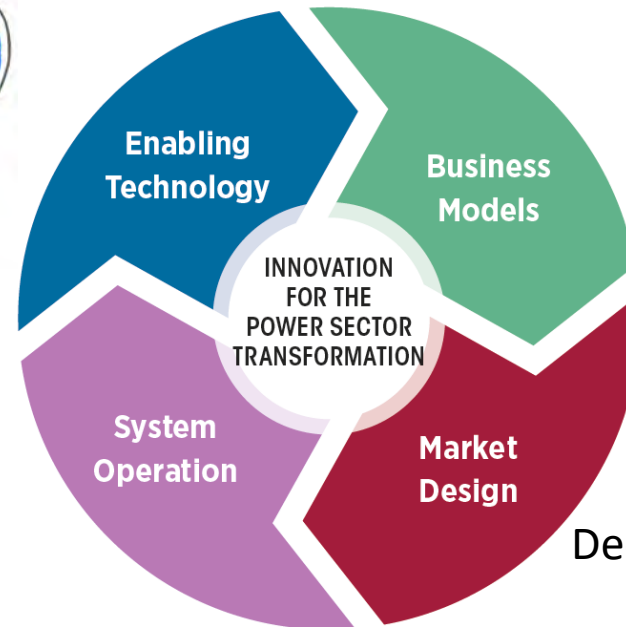
Hydrogen, PtX



Massive expansion of interconnections and supergrids



Electrification of end use sectors

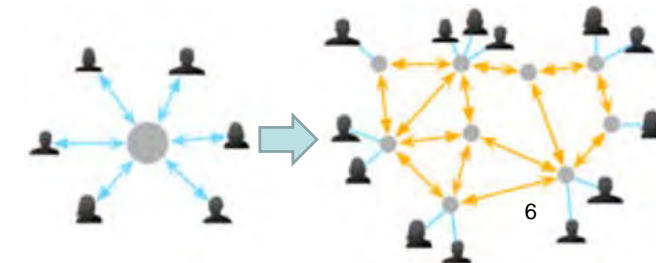


Encourage Flexibility, pricing that supports DSM/DSR



Decentralised system and Distributed generation

Value complementarities in VRE

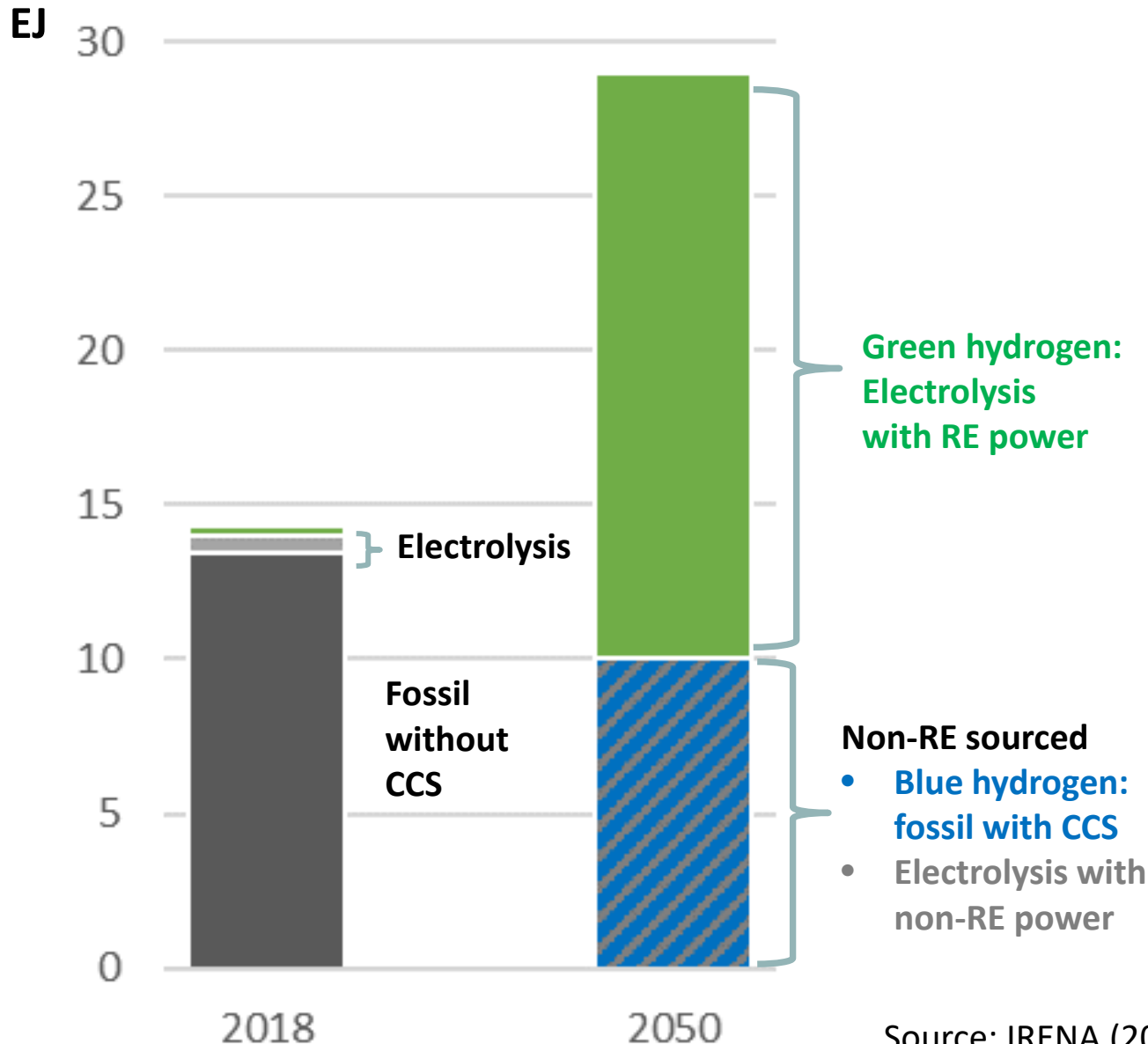


“The other half” – hard-to-decarbonise sectors

- Zero carbon 2050 means also a climate neutral industry sector
- The power sector is making progress
- Electromobility is emerging as a solution for light-duty vehicles
- This leaves “the other half”
 - Energy-intensive industry
 - Other transportation modes
- Solutions need to be tailored to sectoral needs
- Requirements:
 - Affordable technology
 - An enabling framework for sectors that are operating in an international and very competitive market (carbon leakage)
 - Fear of carbon leakage and loss of competitiveness has resulted in a lack of policy action to date

Source of hydrogen – today and 2050

A shift to clean hydrogen with a key role for green hydrogen



Source: IRENA (2019)

Today:

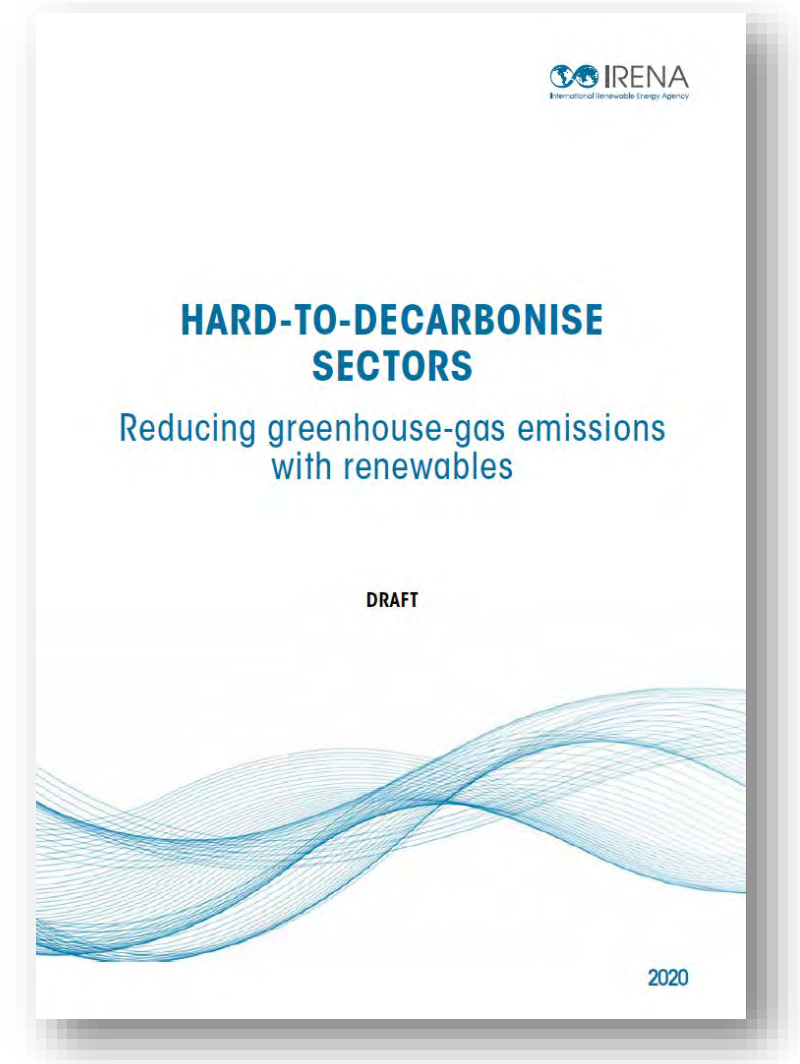
About 14 EJ hydrogen produced mainly from fossil source - **green and blue hydrogen production is negligible**

2050:

Two-thirds of hydrogen produced could come from green hydrogen

Demonstration projects with electrolysis – with increasingly bigger sizes (> 50 MW)

- Road freight transport
- Aviation
- Shipping
- Iron and steel making
- Aluminium making
- Chemicals and petrochemicals production
- Cement making
- Greening the gas system
- Desalination



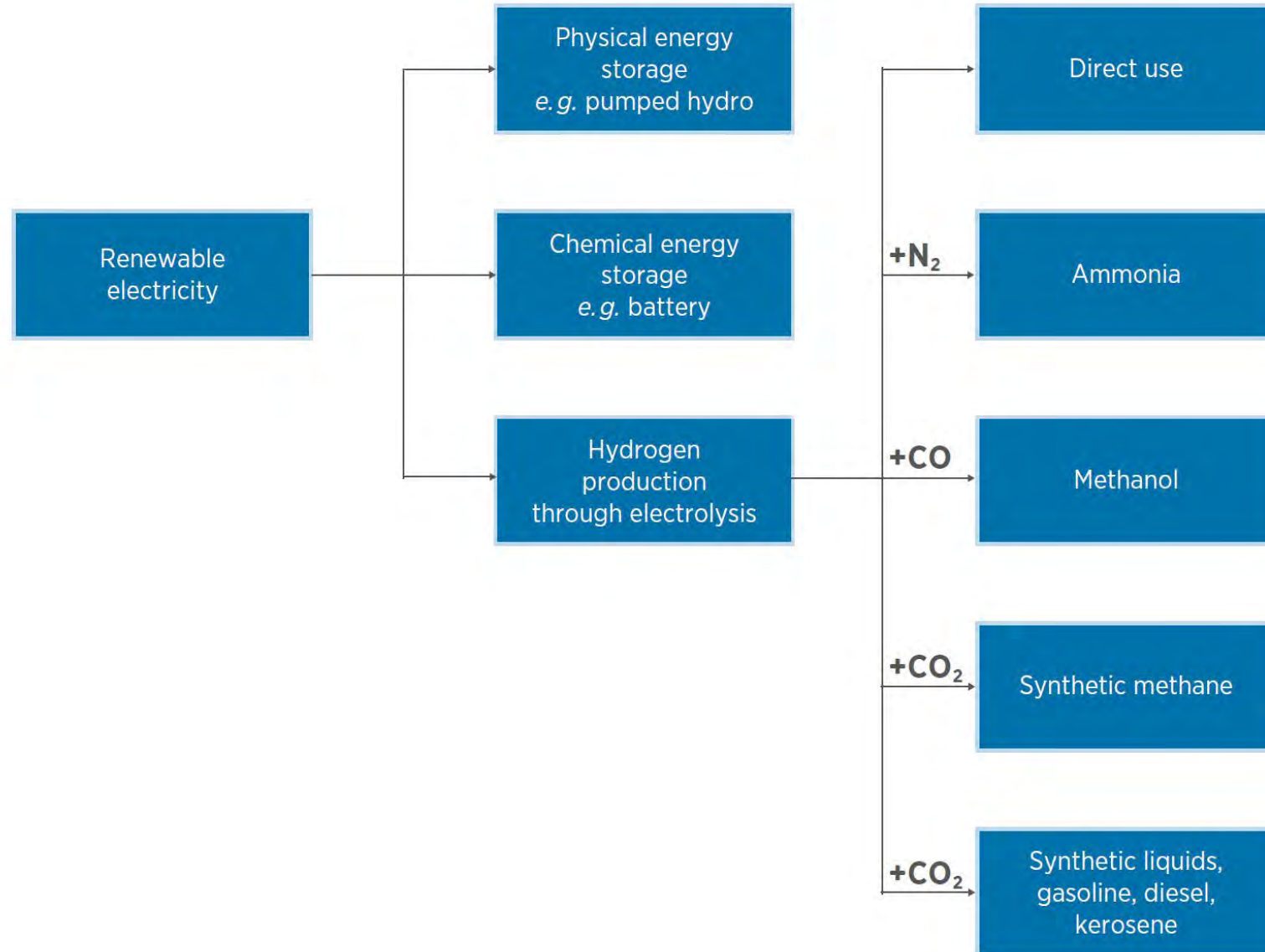
(2020, in preparation)

Global energy and climate relevance of hard-to-decarbonise sectors

Sector	2017 Final energy use	2017 CO ₂ emissions (Direct and indirect energy & process)
	[EJ/yr]	[Gt/yr]
Road freight	24.0	1.75
Aviation	13.5	0.85
Shipping	9.1	0.68
Iron and steel	34	3.63
Aluminium	6.0	0.85
Chemical and petrochemical	46.8	2.72
Cement	10.7	2.48
Gas sector	130.0	7.28
Total	274.1	20.24

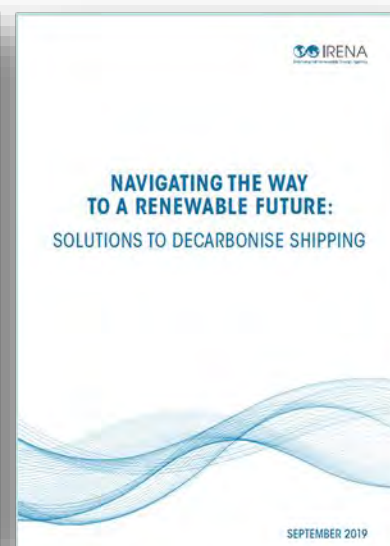
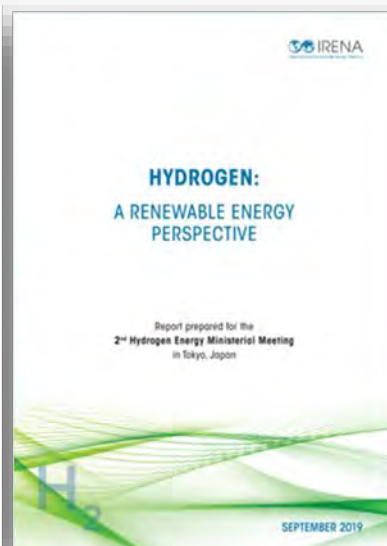
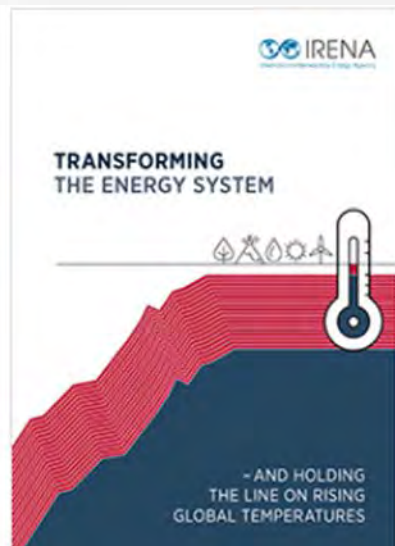
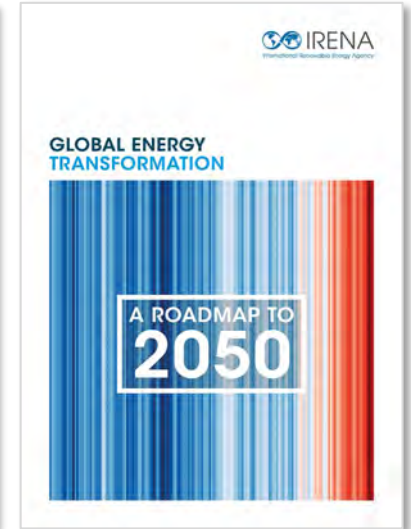
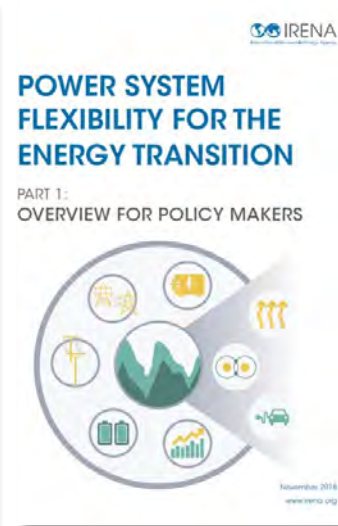
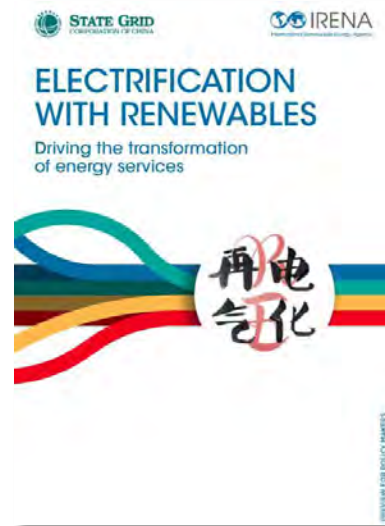
IRENA calculations

- Electrification
- Hydrogen
- E-fuels: Synfuels and synthetic feedstocks
- Circular economy
- CCUS
- BECCS



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