

## Session\_2\_Presentation\_3

# Integrated Energy Systems Modeling Framework i7-AnyEnergy

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# Cellular Approach

## General concept

- e.g., from German Association for Electrical, Electronic & Information Technologies (VDE), German project C/Sells
- similarly: local energy management, energy communities, energy hubs, P2P energy trading, fractal-structured energy systems, ...

## Algorithms

- **Market mechanism for load balancing in fractal-structured smart micro grid models (hierarchies)**  
Apperley, M.: Modelling fractal-structured smart microgrids: Exploring signals and protocols. In: Sultan, M.N..V. (ed.) Proceedings of ENERGY 2019, The Ninth International Conference on Smart Grids, Green Communications and IT Energyaware Technologies. p. 13–17. IARIA (2019)
- **Recursive algorithm for the matching of supply and demand in a power grid with an acyclic connected graph structure (hierarchies)**  
Hekkelman, B., La Poutr´e, H.: Fairness in power flow network congestion management with outer matching and principal notions of fair division. In: Proceedings of the Eleventh ACM International Conference on Future Energy Systems. p. 106–115. e-Energy '20, Association for Computing Machinery, New York, NY, USA (Jun 2020). <https://doi.org/10.1145/3396851.3397701>
- **Distributed algorithm for the demand-side management in smart grids with cyclic connected graph structures (neighborhoods)**  
Dong, Y., Zhao, T., Ding, Z.: Demand-side management using a distributed initialisation-free optimisation in a smart grid. IET Renewable Power Generation 13(9), 1533–1543 (Apr 2019). <https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.1049/ietrpg.2018.5858>
- **Recursive algorithm for graph structures with hierarchies and neighborhoods (developed with **i7-AnyEnergy** framework)**  
Dengler, G., Bazan, P. & German, R. Simulation of a Cellular Energy System including hierarchies and neighborhoods. Energy Inform 5 (Suppl 4), 51 (2022). <https://doi.org/10.1186/s42162-022-00243-2>

### atomic energy cell (green)

- for demand, generation, storage ...  
(with cell controller)

### aggregated energy cell (blue)

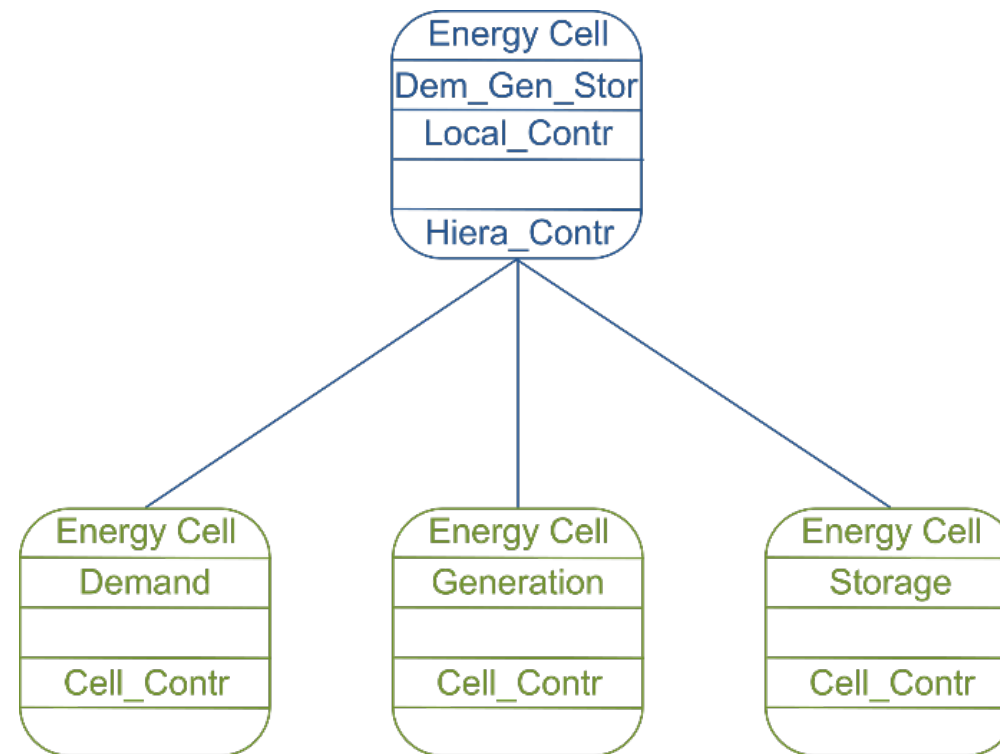
- for combining atomic  
and aggregated ECs

### hierarchical controller

- for energy exchange with **subordinated** ECs  
(with a selected strategy)

### local controller

- for energy exchange with **neighbor** ECs  
(with a selected strategy)

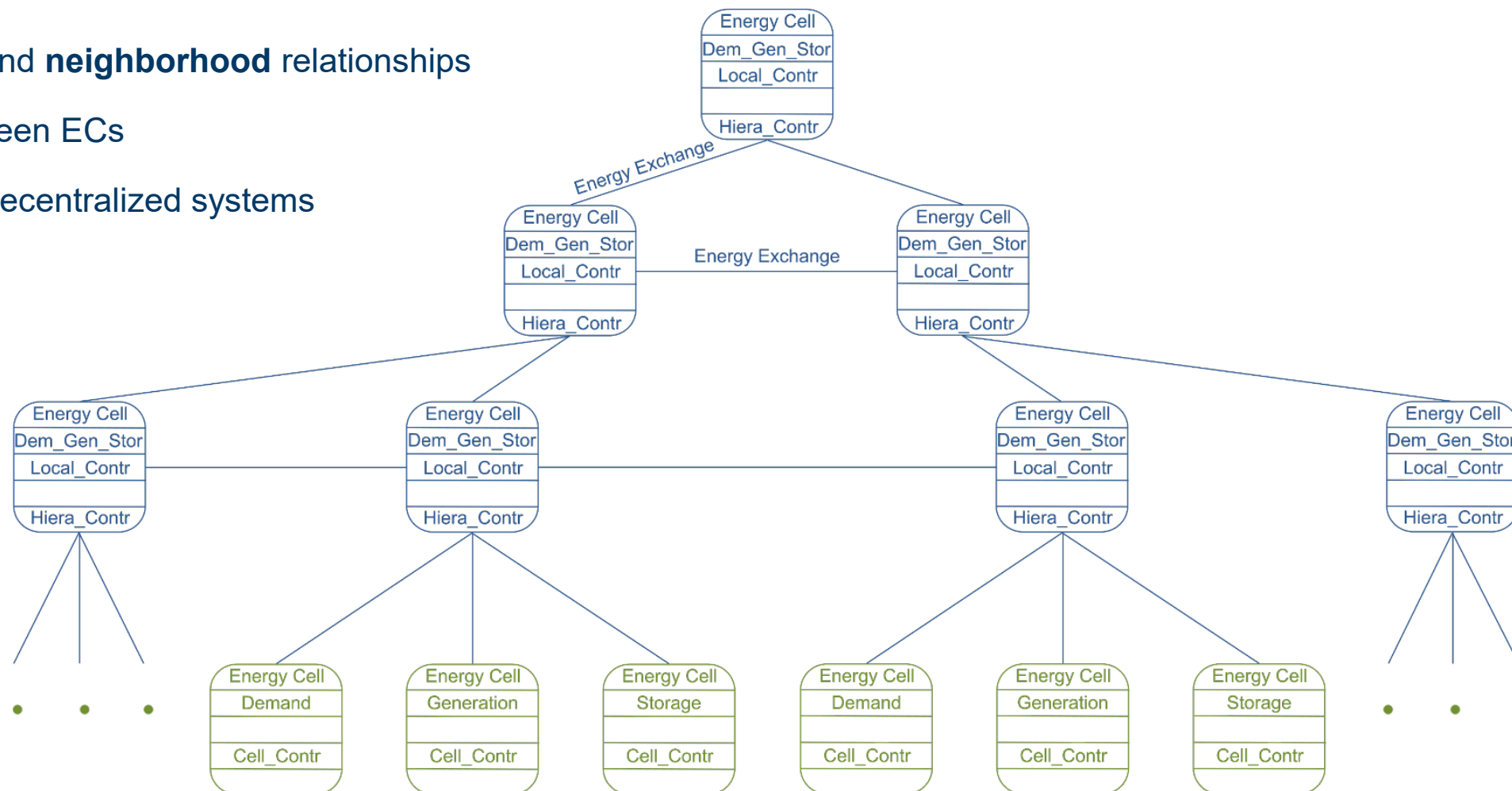


# Cellular Approach

Hierarchies and neighborhoods



- **hierarchical** structure and **neighborhood** relationships
- **energy exchange** between ECs
- **control strategies** for decentralized systems

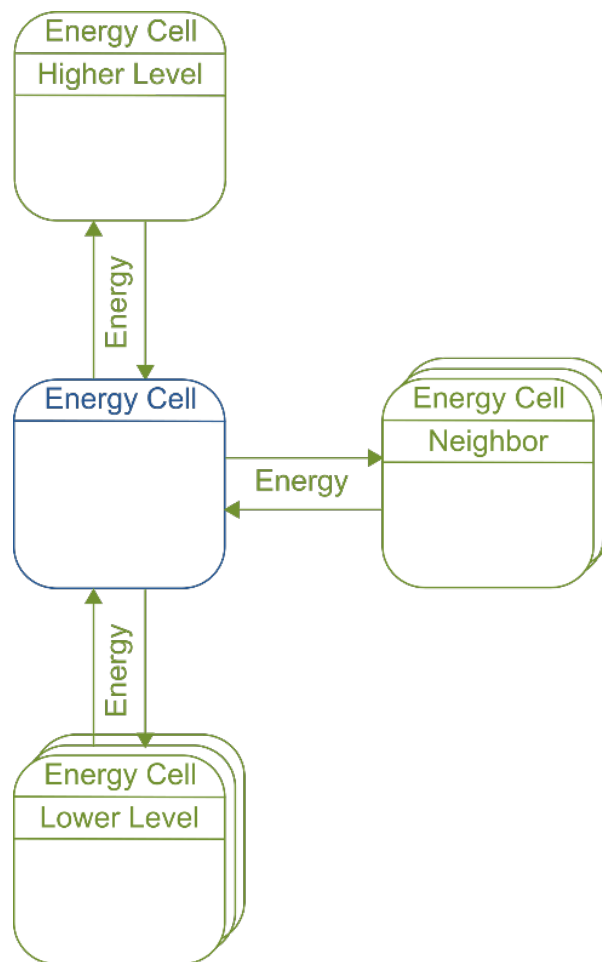


# Cellular Approach

Recursive, decentralized control strategy

## energy flows between EC and

- **lower level EC**  
(managed by hierarchical controller)
- **neighbor EC**  
(managed by local controller)
- **higher level EC**  
(managed by hierarchical controller of higher level EC)



## control strategies for energy flows

- can be set arbitrarily
- e.g., **local load compensation on all levels**
  - self consumption if possible
  - compensation of additional demand and excess by batteries
  - remaining balance via neighbor and higher level ECs
- recursively on all levels
- controls charging and discharging of all batteries in the system

## Energy carrier of a cell can be of type

- electricity
- heat
- natural gas, hydrogen

## Demand, generation and storage cells can also be used for

- cost flows
- material flows

## Hierarchical structures can be the

- technical perspective
- political perspective
- stakeholder perspective

## Integrated energy systems

- multiple cell types
- multiple hierarchical structures
- additional sub models for
  - transport
  - production processes
  - ...

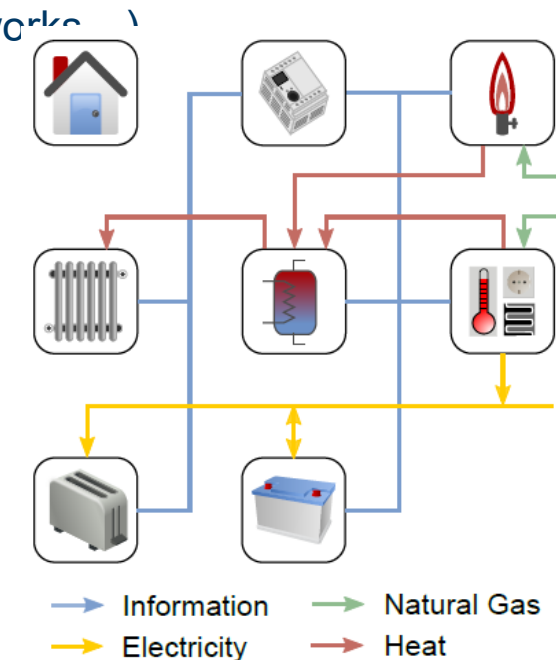




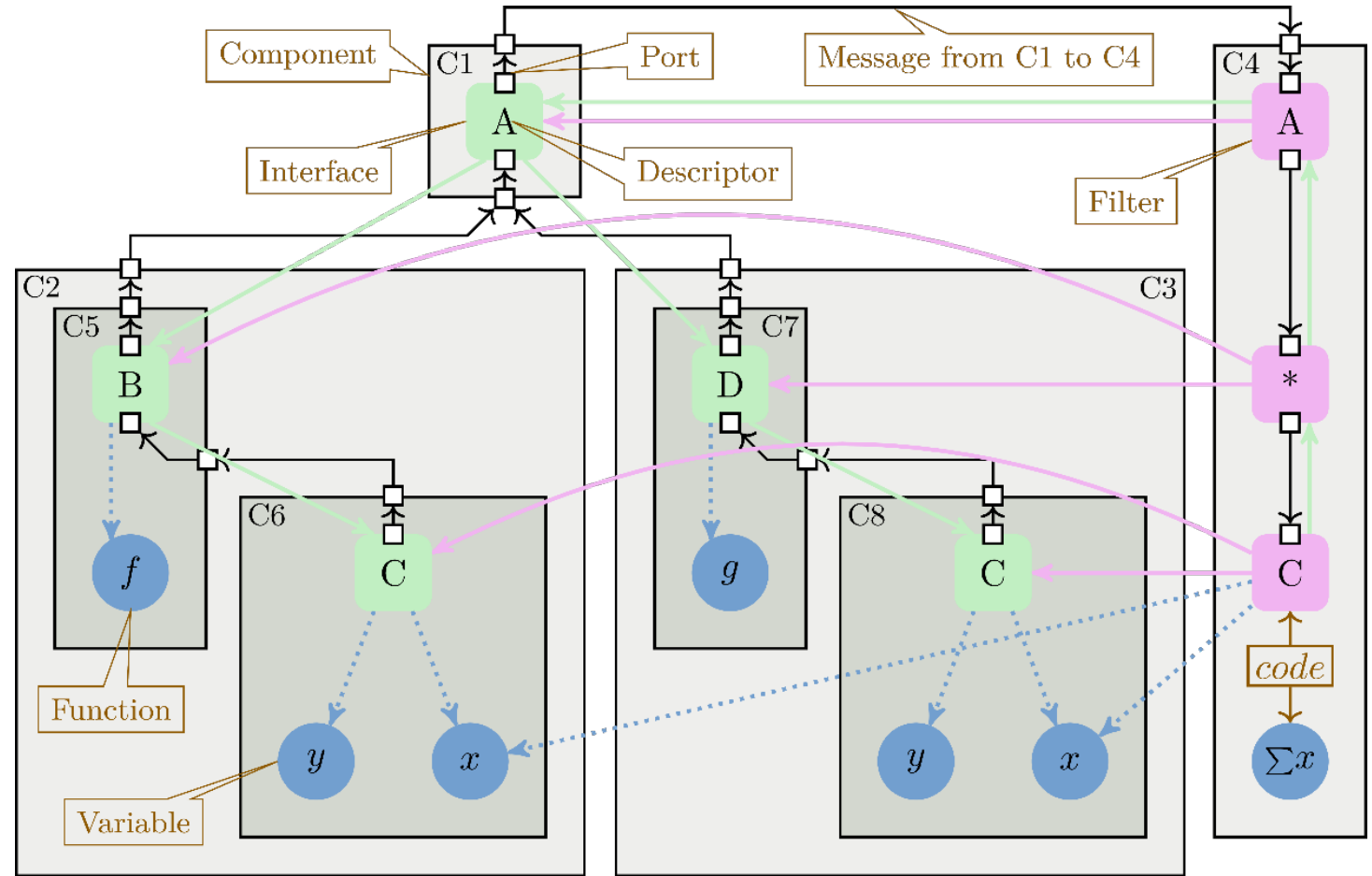
# i7-AnyEnergy Framework

- reusable and replaceable **agents** (demand, generation, PV, battery, heat, control, networks, ...)
- **multiple energy carriers** (electricity, heat, hydrogen, ...)
- **technical** and **economic** analyses
- **interface objects** for flexible and efficient access to all model parts
- **cellular approach** with **hierarchies** and **neighborhoods**
- configuration with **drag and drop**, **text files** or **databases**
- **visualization** and **animation**
- **open source**

→ <https://github.com/cs7org/i7-AnyEnergy>



- interfaces for variables and functions, can be aggregated
- other components use filters for access, can also be aggregated
- easy rearrangement of components
- established automatically at initialization time
- efficient direct access at run-time, modeler defined code
- configuration and transformation of model structure



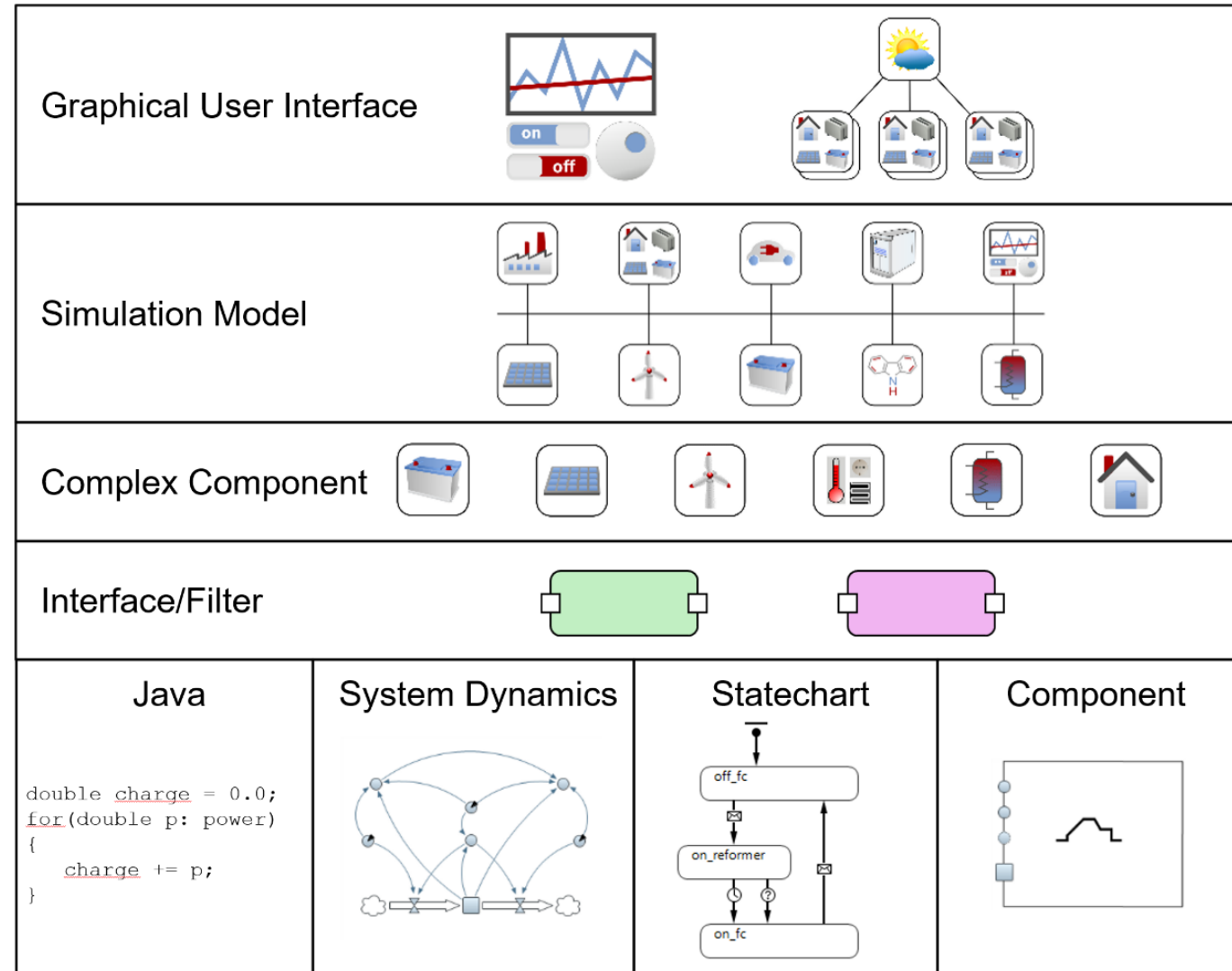
# i7-AnyEnergy Framework

Agent-Based Modeling architecture

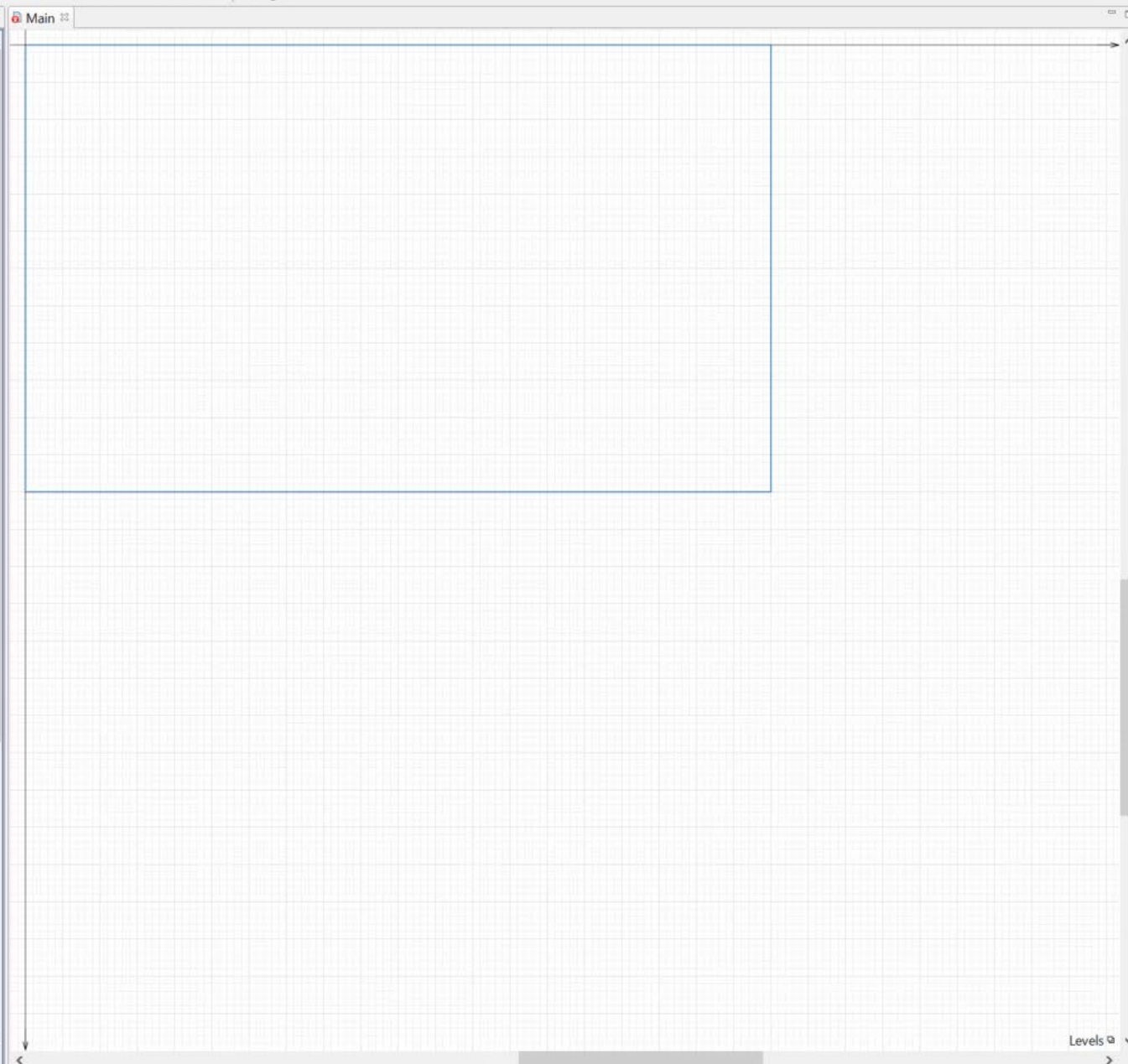


R. German, P. Bazan, "Rapid Prototyping with i7-AnyEnergy and Detailed Co-Simulation with SGsim", 7th D-A-CH+ Energy Informatics Conference, Oldenburg, 2018.

- **AnyLogic**  
agents, ports, state charts, system dynamics, Java, ...
- **component-based**  
agents are connected through ports
- **interfaces**  
interface objects
- **filters**  
access objects
- **infrastructure**  
registration, read/write, configuration files, timer, traces, optimization ...
- **conventions**  
naming, energy flows, ...
- **energy components**  
demand, PV, battery, ...
- **Rapid modeling of energy systems**



- Projects Palette
- Model\*
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        - Run Configuration: Main
        - Database
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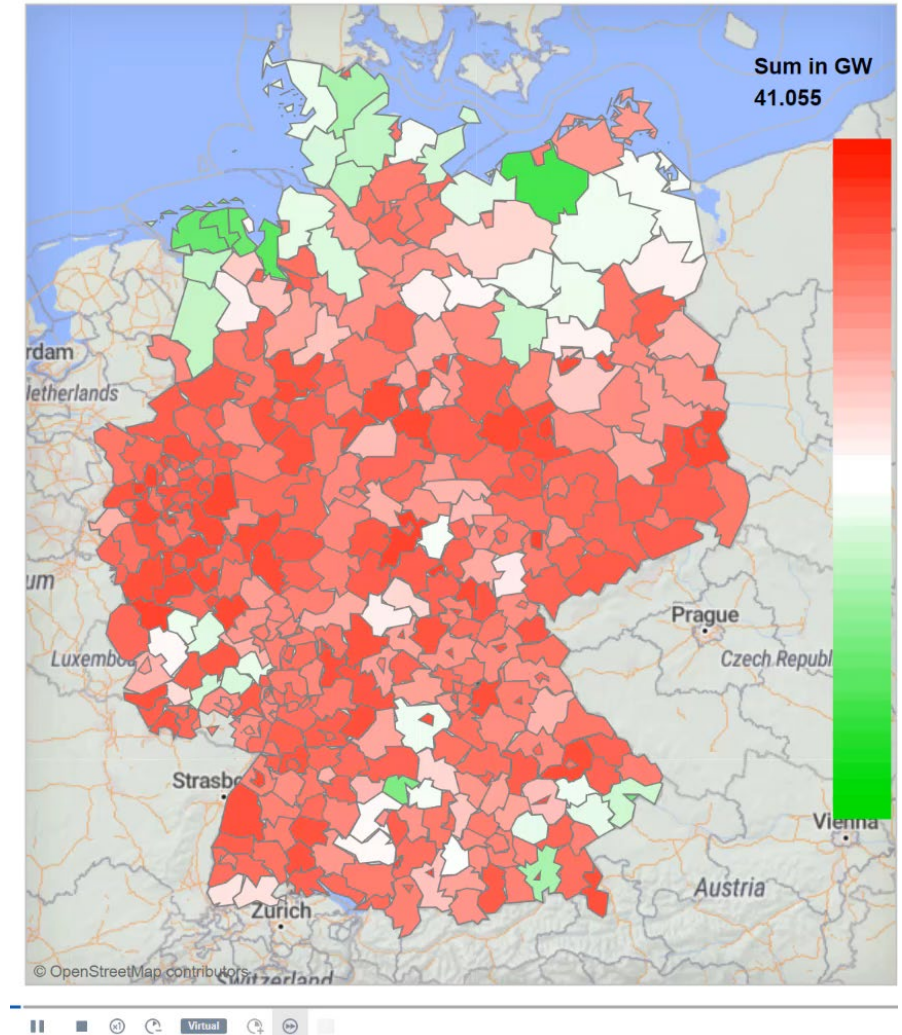


Properties

No elements are selected

Levels

- **Houses, neighborhoods:** house with PV, battery, heating; virtual battery storage with primary control power (SWARM, N-ERGIE, Caterva, Siemens); flexibility with Blockchain (ZD.B); thermal storage for renewable energy (EnCN)
- **Regional and national level:** Germany's electrical energy system (KOSiNeK, BMWi); sector coupling of electricity, gas, heat, mobility in Bayreuth (ESM-Regio, BMWK); Monash Microgrid (Monash Univ.); **hydrogen potential in the EMN (City of Nuremberg)**, transition paths for the EMN energy system (Climate Protection 2030+, BMBF)
- **Mobility related:** system services with electric fleets (ZD.B); e-bus port (N-Ergie, VAG); mobility on demand with robot taxis (Audi); multimodal employee mobility at Munich Airport (Munich Airport, Fraunhofer IIS); alternative drives for heavy commercial vehicles
- **Other:** Cement plant with renewables (ThyssenKrupp); data centers (noris networks); battery technologies (Siemens), real-time communication in smart grids (with Univ. Oldenburg, DFG); National Research Data Infrastructure for Energy (NFDI4Energy, DFG)





# Simulation Model for the Hydrogen Potential in the European Metropolitan Region of Nuremberg (EMN)

Study commissioned by the city of Nuremberg



<https://www.encn.de/nachricht/encn-stellt-wasserstoffstudie-fuer-die-metropolregion-vor>

# Hydrogen Potential in EMN

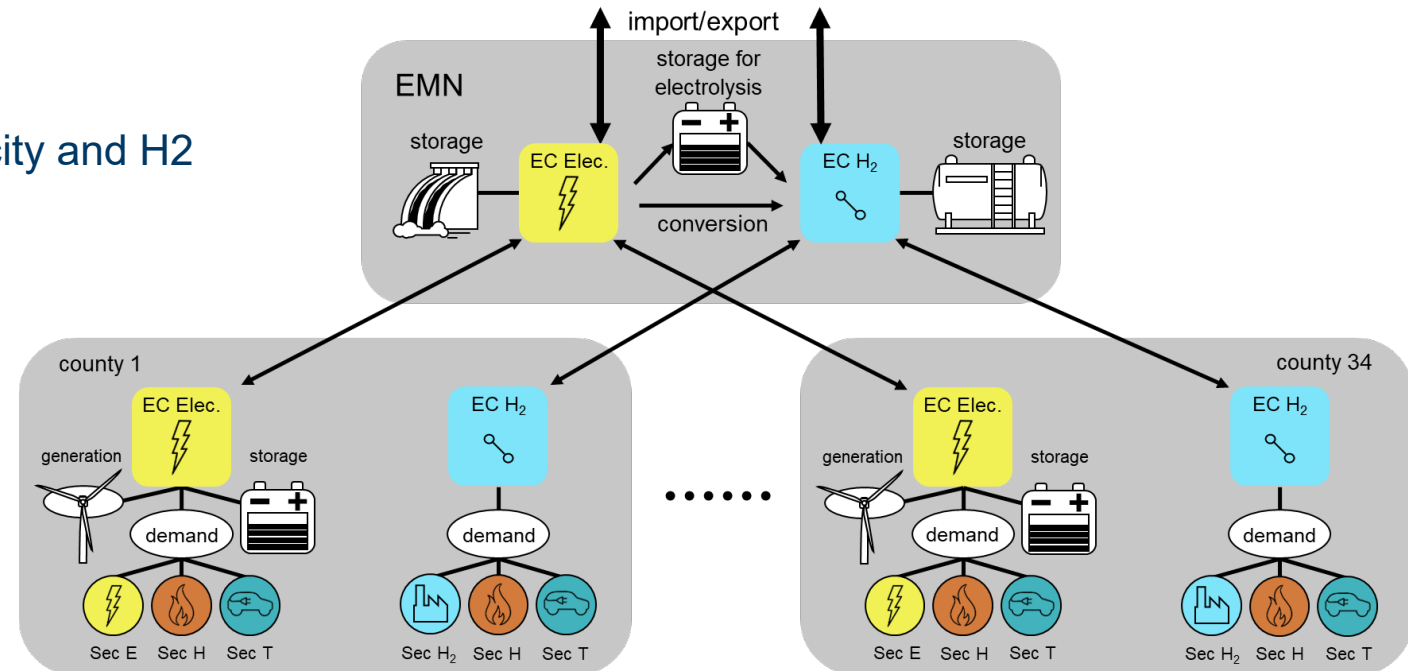
Model structure

## – 34 counties as energy cells

- energy carrier electricity: renewable generation, demand (electricity, heat, transport), battery storage
- energy carrier H2: demand (H2, heat, transport)
- unlimited transport capacities in EMN for electricity and H2

## – EMN as energy cells

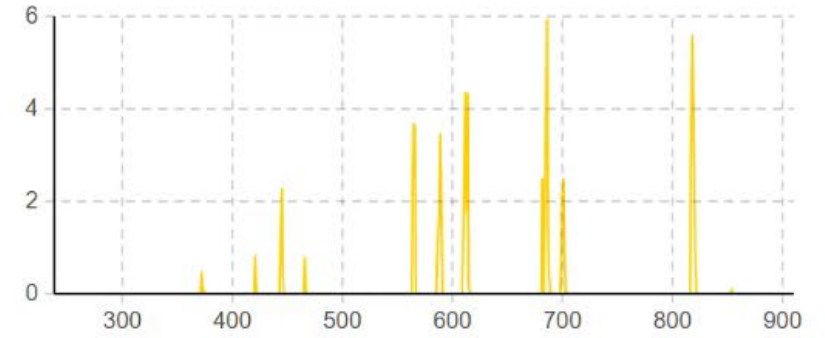
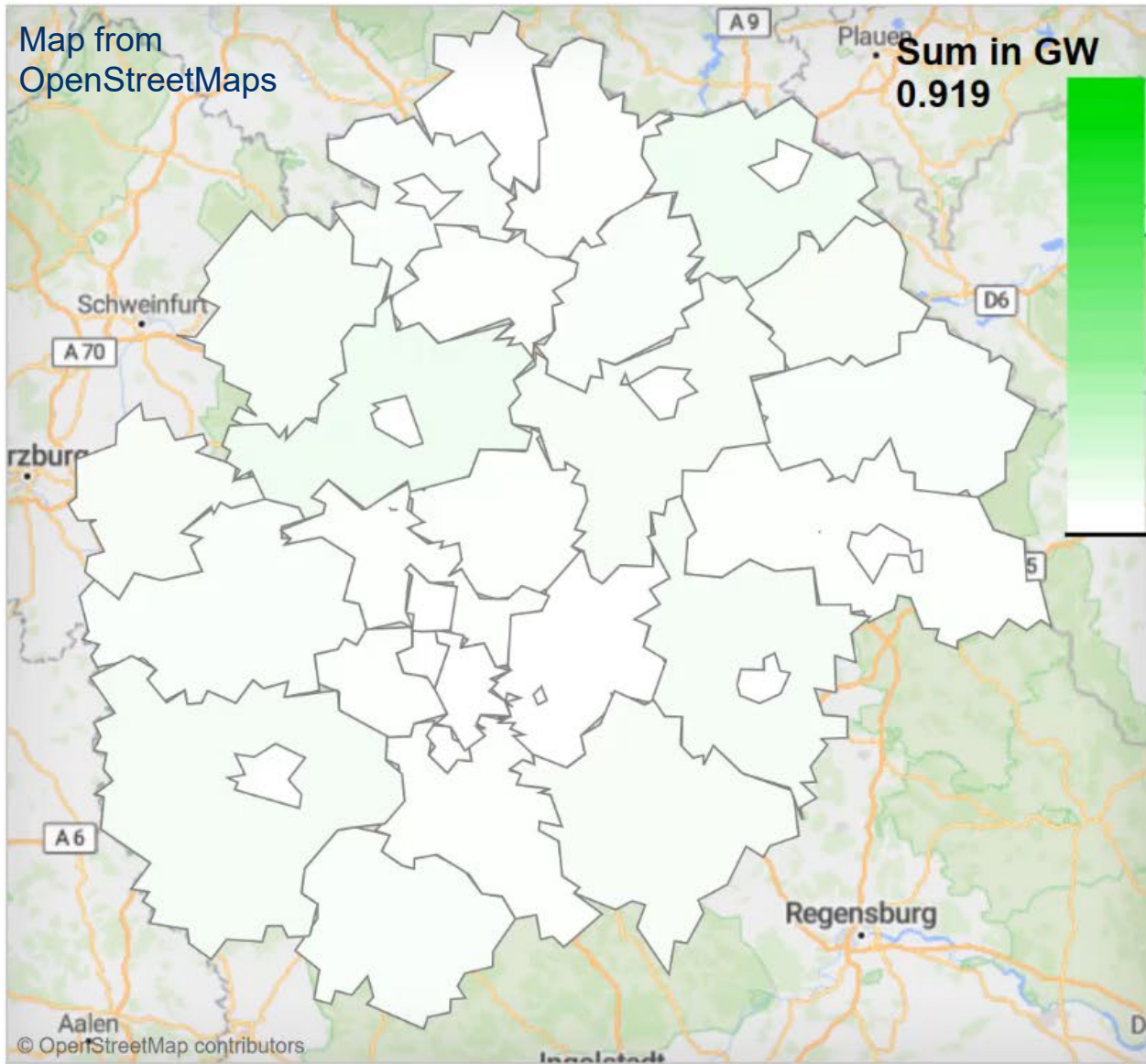
- pumped storage, H2 storage (unlimited)
- **Electrolysis to convert electricity → H2 (renewable surplus after filling all electrical storage units)**



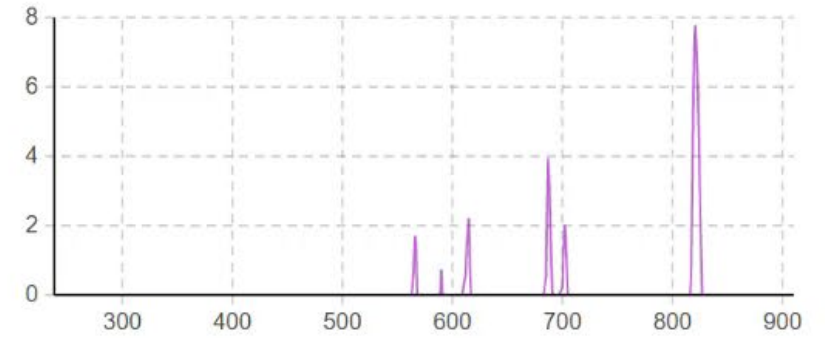
## – Scenario 3 (optimistic) from EMN's Energy Utilization Plan (ENP): Use all expansion potential



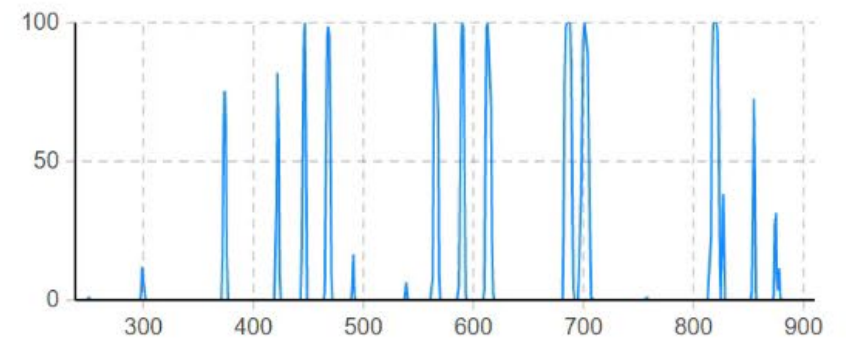
Map from  
OpenStreetMaps



● Power Consumption of Electrolysis in GW



● Content of Hydrogen Storage in GWh



● SOC of Pumped Hydro Storage in %



Generation



Residual Load



SOC Battery

# Hydrogen Potential in EMN

Results (scenario 2050)



power [GW]

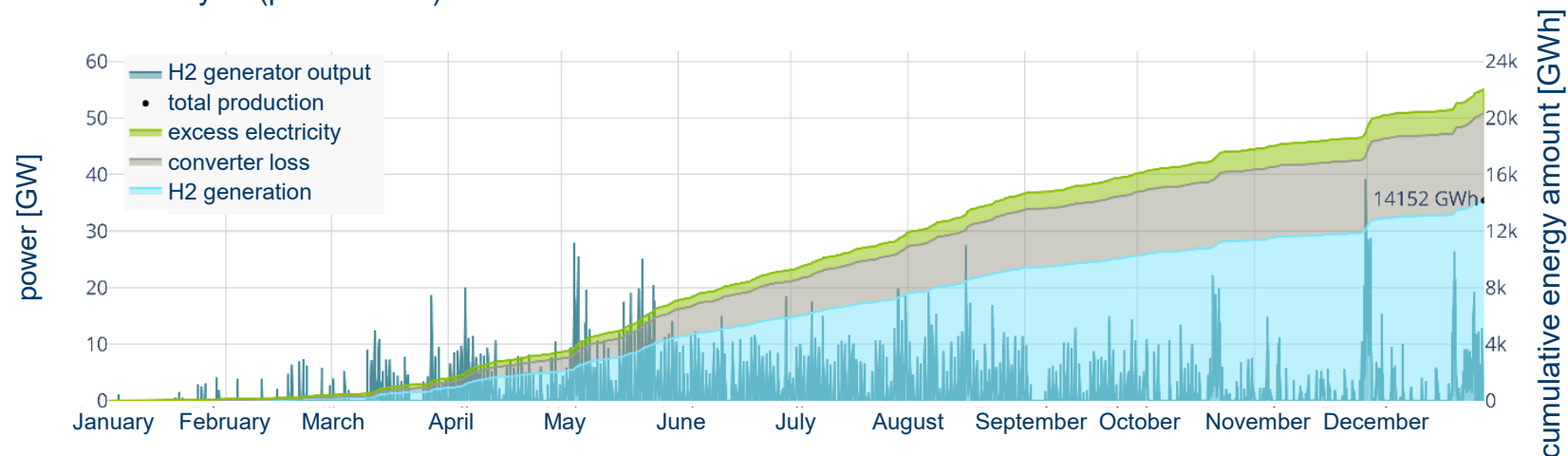
## Electrolysis:

- annual H2 production approx. 14 TWh
- very high power peaks

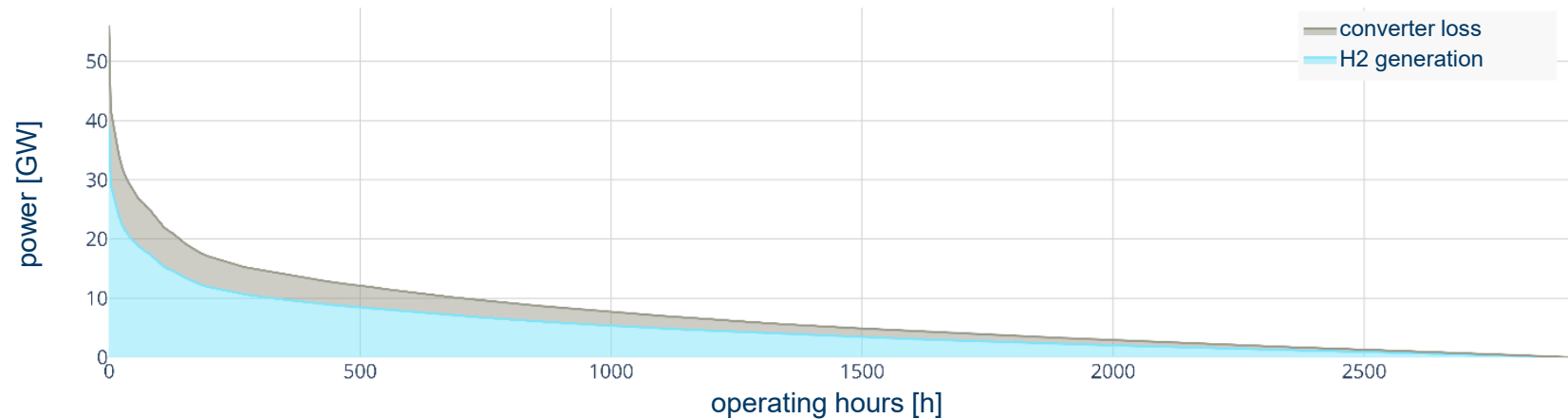
## Distribution of generation output:

- only 1/3 year operation

Electrolysis (power to H2) scenario 2050



H2 generation distribution scenario 2050



## Expansion of renewables

- annual H2 production approx. 14 TWh, demand approx. 7 TWh, overall H2 self-sufficiency possible (ideal assumptions)
- high peak performance at low utilization: unrealistic system dimensioning
- even if there is an annual electricity surplus (approx. 11 TWh), electricity imports are required

## Battery storage for electrolysis

- power limitation, smoothing, increase in utilization, advantages for smaller electrolysis outputs
- more realistic H2 production of 5 and 8 TWh
- for high electrolysis outputs, a utilization of 40% cannot be achieved, rather < 27%

## Reconversion of hydrogen

- signs of electrolysis power of around 6 GW
- complete re-conversion of electricity enables EMN to achieve approx. 80% self-sufficiency
- requires storage volume of around 100 GWh



# Conclusion

- **Cellular approach**
  - energy cells for electricity, heat, natural gas, hydrogen
  - simple demand, generation and storage cells can also be used for cost flows and material flows
- **i7-AnyEnergy framework supports modelling of**
  - energy, material and cost flow cells
  - hierarchical structures
  - centralized and decentralized control algorithms
  - integrated energy systems
- **Wide variety of applications**
  - e.g. Hydrogen Potential in EMN  
<https://www.encn.de/nachricht/encn-stellt-wasserstoffstudie-fuer-die-metropolregion-vor>
- **i7-AnyEnergy framework is open source**
  - <https://github.com/cs7org/i7-AnyEnergy>
  - MIT License
  - runs with AnyLogic (<https://www.anylogic.com>)