An aerial photograph of a city, likely Zurich, showing a river with a dam, various buildings, and a prominent domed structure. A blue semi-transparent box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing text.

EV charging behaviour affects large-scale electricity system planning in Germany

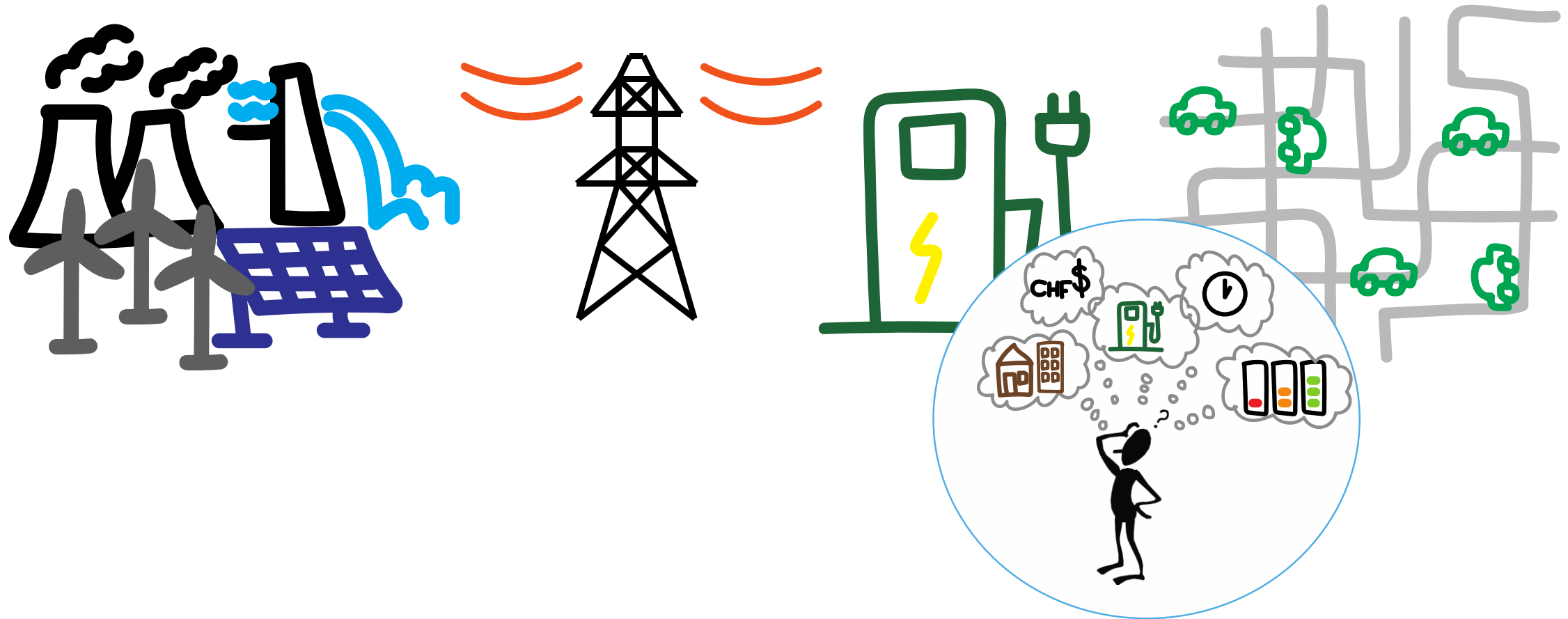
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EV charging couples the transportation and electricity sectors

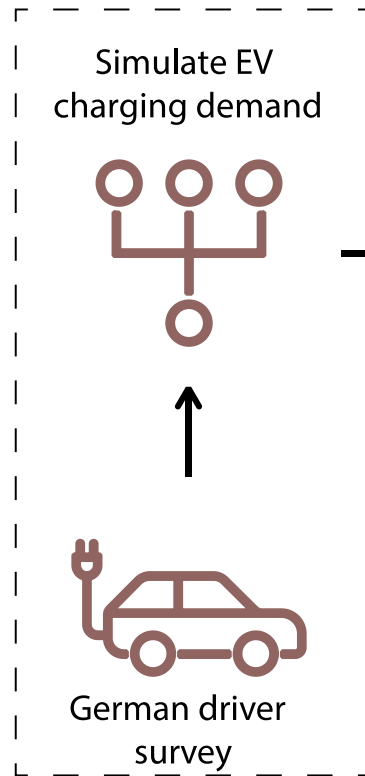


Research Question: *how can policies related to EV charging help optimize this coupling?*

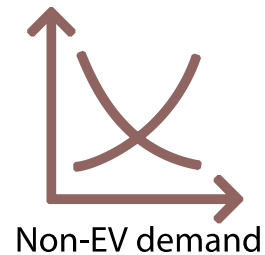
First step: understanding the impact of behaviour. Case study: Germany.

Methods soft-couple EV and grid models for Germany

Agent-Based EV Model

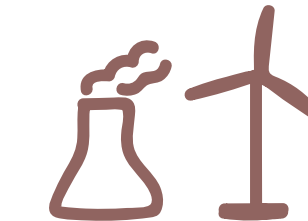


Total hourly electricity demand



MANGOelec

Optimize electricity system capacity investments



Electricity System Data

Outputs

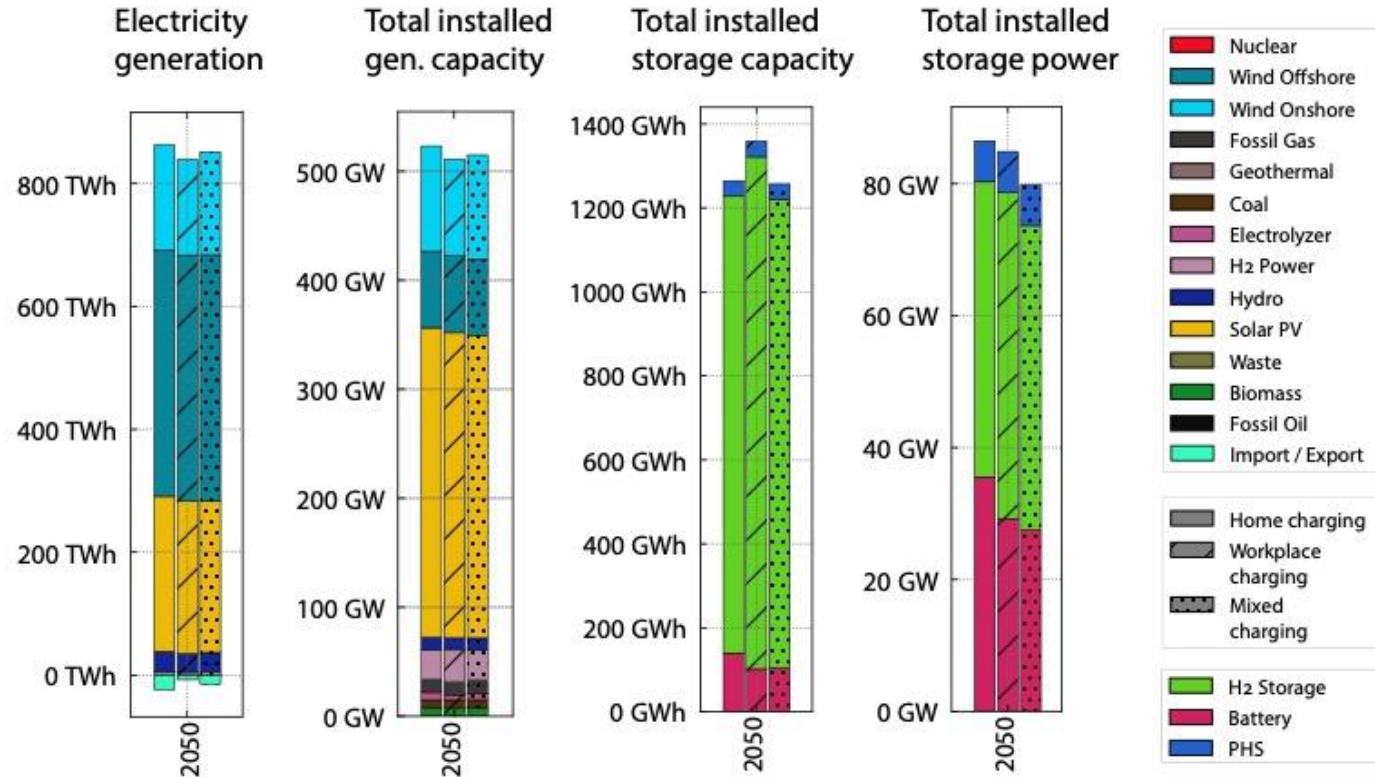
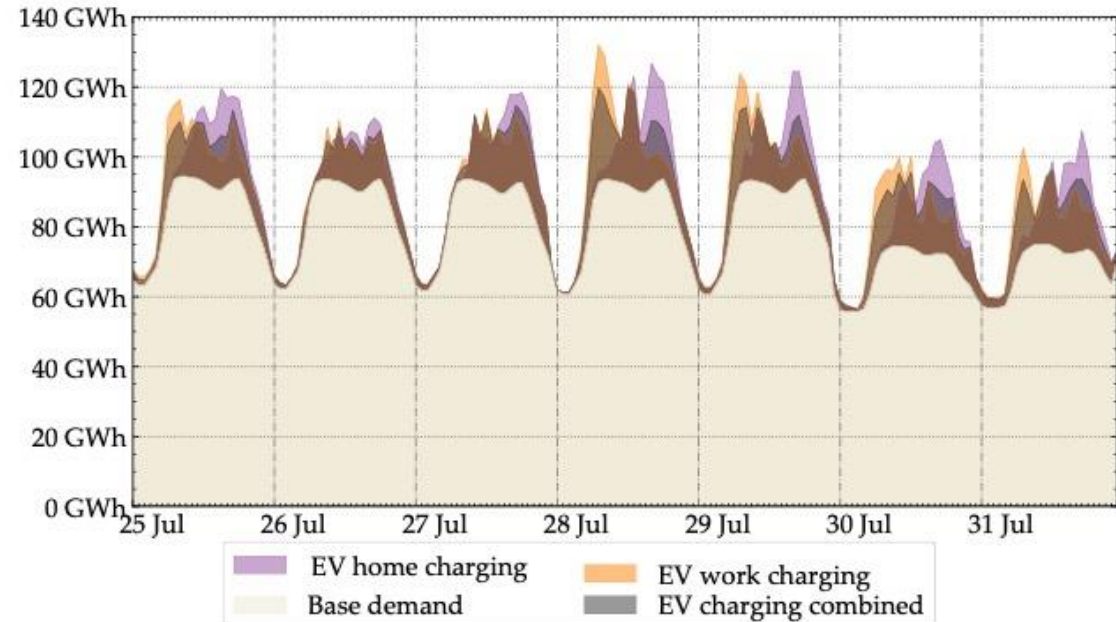
- Costs
- Generation Capacity
- Storage
- Investment Timeline

- ABM encodes different behaviour patterns [1]
- Parameterize on drivers' region to estimate future, large-scale demand (future: socioeconomics) [5, 6]

- MANGOelec: MILP of capacity investments 2022 – 2050 with 5-year investment stages [2]
- Seasonal storage represented by linking daily profiles [3]
- Non-EV demand from DESSTINEE model [4]

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Early results show benefits from daytime charging behaviours



We compare three behaviour scenarios:

1. All drivers can and prefer to charge at home
2. All drivers who work can and prefer to charge at work
3. Drivers in the north prefer home, in the south prefer work.

Early results:

- Home charging → high cost, more solar + battery, higher exports
- Work charging → low cost, less generation, more seasonal storage
- Mixed charging → medium cost, lowest need for storage

Conclusion: Behaviour matters! Many next steps and ongoing further analysis.

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