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# RTE's Long-Term Load Forecasting for System Planning

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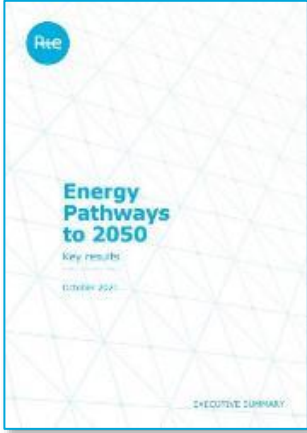
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# A strong need to link long-term and medium term prospective



- The « *Energy pathways to 2050* » report published in 2021 looked at mixed scenarios **to reach carbon neutrality**
- Together with ADEME's scenarios, they are the basis for the preparation of the new **French Energy-Climate Strategy**
- The 2050 horizon assumptions and results remain valid, but the **2030-2035 horizon needs to be revised, which is the target of the next Mid-term adequacy report**. Needs motivated by:
  - New EU climate ambitions (« Fit for 55 »)
  - Energy independence and re-industrialization of France
  - Latest geopolitical changes
  - Revised technical assumptions



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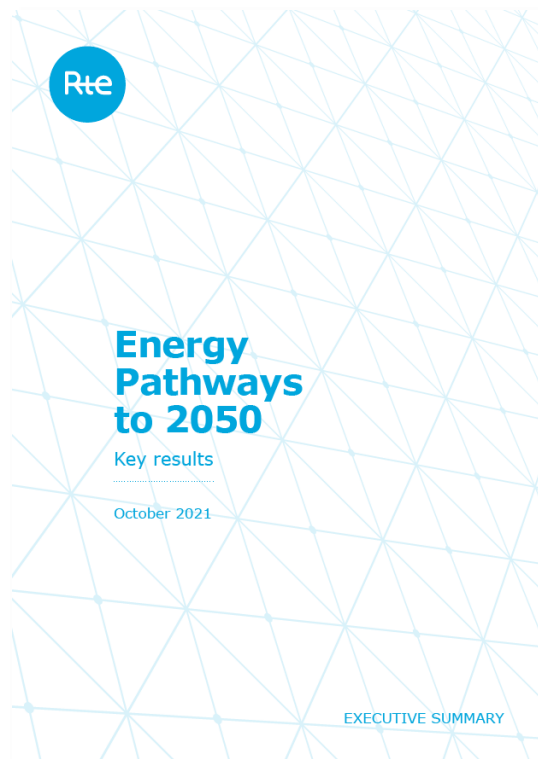
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# Long term load forecasts from last year's report


















## CONSUMPTION TRAJECTORIES OUT TO 2050

Final electricity  
consumption  
per sector

 Industry  
 Residential

 Tertiary  
 Transport

 Hydrogen

SCENARIOS			
	ASSUMPTIONS	LEVEL 2050	KEY CHANGES
Baseline	Gradual electrification (substitution for fossil fuels) and ambitious targets for energy efficiency (NLCS assumption). Assumes continued economic growth (+1.3% per year from 2030) and demographic growth (INSEE's low fertility scenario). The baseline trajectory assumes a high degree of efficacy of public policies and plans (stimulus, hydrogen, industry). The manufacturing industry expands, and its share of GDP ceases to decrease. Building renovation is factored in but so is the related rebound effect.	645 TWh	 180 TWh  134 TWh  113 TWh  99 TWh  50 TWh
	ASSUMPTIONS	LEVEL 2050 (vs. baseline)	KEY CHANGES (+ difference vs. baseline)
Sufficiency	Lifestyles change to increase energy sufficiency in terms of end-uses and consumption (less individual travel favouring soft mobility and mass transport, less consumption of manufactured goods, sharing economy, lower set point temperatures for heating, increase in remote working, digital sustainability, etc.), resulting in an overall reduction in energy needs, and thus electricity needs.	555 TWh (-90 TWh)	 160 TWh (-20 TWh)  111 TWh (-23 TWh)  95 TWh (-18 TWh)  77 TWh (-22 TWh)  47 TWh (-3 TWh)
Extensive reindustrialisation	Without returning to the same level as the early 1990s, the manufacturing industry's share of GDP rebounds sharply, reaching 12-13% in 2050. This scenario models an investment in cutting edge, strategic technologies and takes into account the reshoring of some high-carbon production in order to reduce the carbon footprint of consumption in France.	752 TWh (+107 TWh)	 239 TWh (+59 TWh)  134 TWh (0 TWh)  115 TWh (+2 TWh)  99 TWh (0 TWh)  87 TWh (+37 TWh)



# The 2030-2035 adequacy report is a multi scenario exercise

## Prospective exercise

### Scenario A

« **Successful acceleration** »  
*(achievement of the Fit for 55 objectives)*

Detail the electrical system  
(with different possible  
configurations) to achieve the  
objectives of the public  
authorities

## Risk analysis exercise

### Scenario B

« **Partial impairment** »  
*(a few years late)*

Establish what the electrical  
system could be in a scenario  
where the objectives are not  
achieved

### Scenario C

« **Thwarted globalization** »  
*(adverse context)*

Study the effects and possible  
adaptations of the  
decarbonization strategy in a  
degraded context

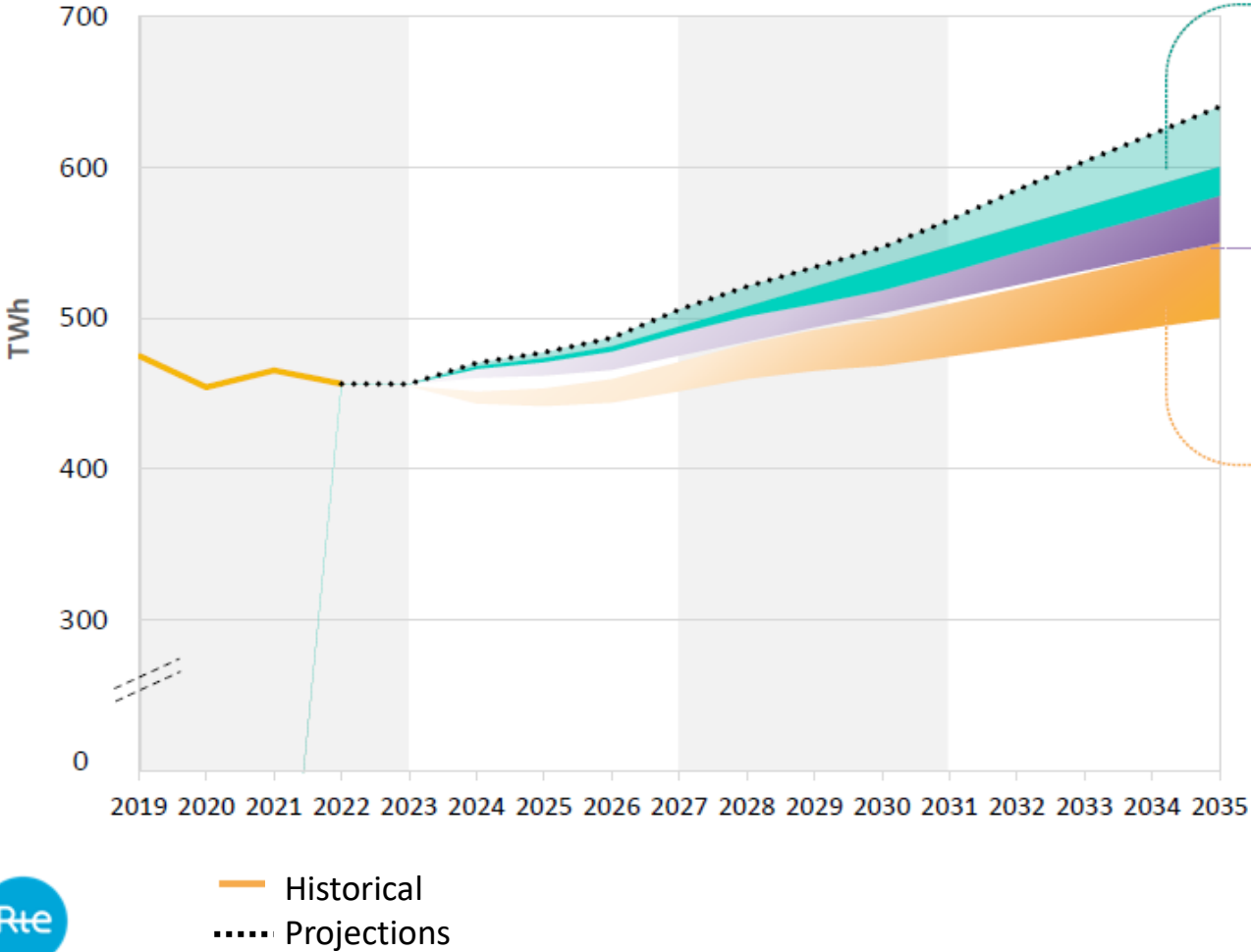
What are the consequences of not achieving the objectives  
in terms of CO<sub>2</sub>, costs, security of supply, resilience, etc.



Current  
scenarios

# It envisages different trajectories for consumption

Evolution of electricity consumption in the different scenarios by 2035



**Scenario A**  
*Targets are reached*

**Scenario B, partial achievement**  
Lower consumption level (delays in electrification)

**Scenario C Thwarted globalization**  
different shape of the trajectory (stall at beginning, stronger growth after)

Contrasting consumption trajectories are being studied as part of the Assessment Forecast 2023

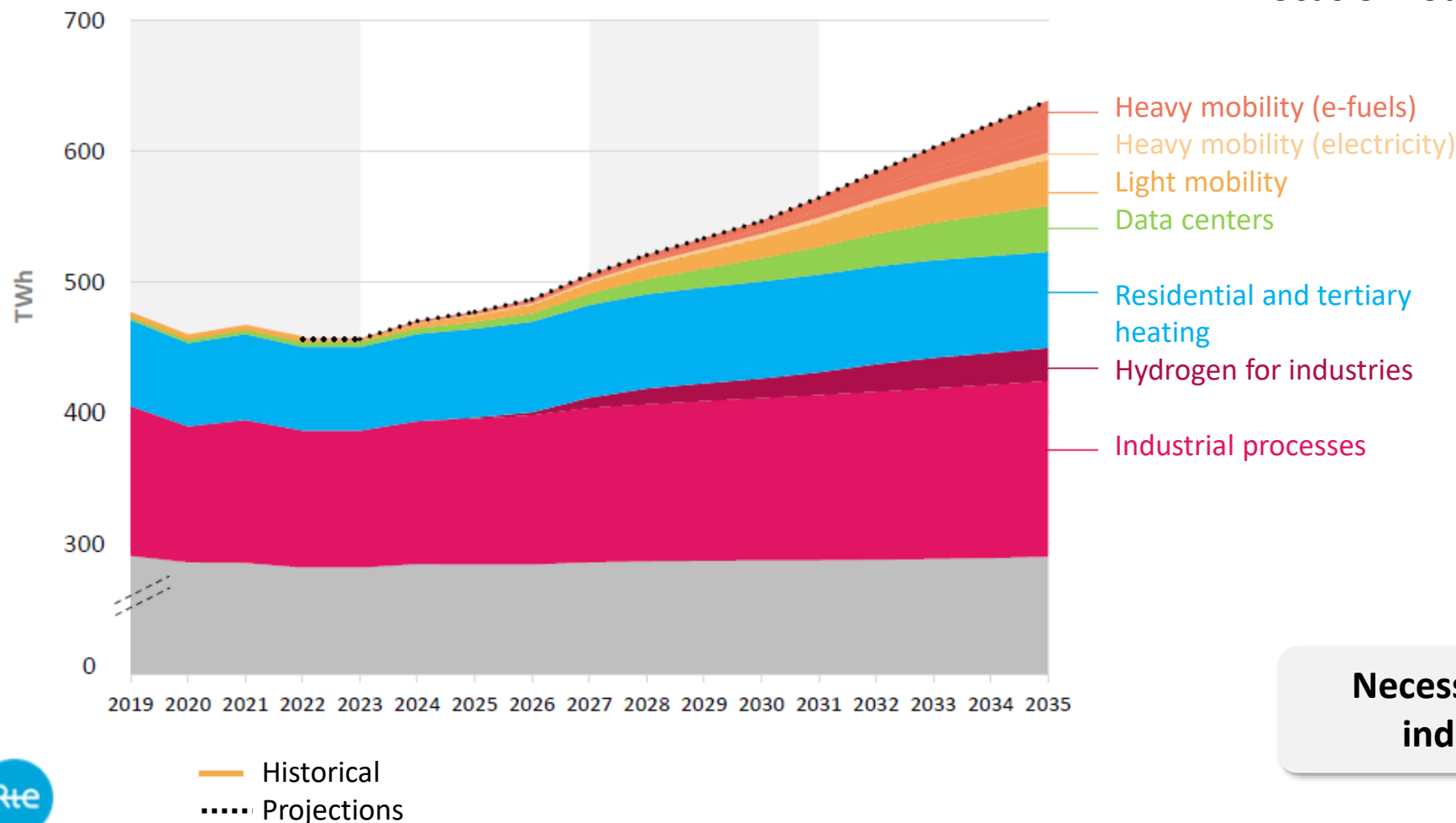




Current  
scenarios

## In a scenario of achieving climate objectives and reindustrialisation, a growing prospect of increased consumption

Domestic electricity consumption broken down by use  
(example in the highest trajectory)



Focus on four sectors/uses concerned by  
major changes:

Transportation



Digital



Heating



Industry



Necessary transformations on the  
industrial and daily life plan

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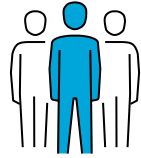
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## R&D Activities

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*Pride: Power consumption predictions, the historical expertise of R&D*



## Use of panels and load metering



### Residential

- Panel ELECDOM (100 households / individual power plugs / time step=10 minutes)



### Tertiary

- Panel ELECTER (creation of a representative sample of tertiary consumers)



### Industries & co

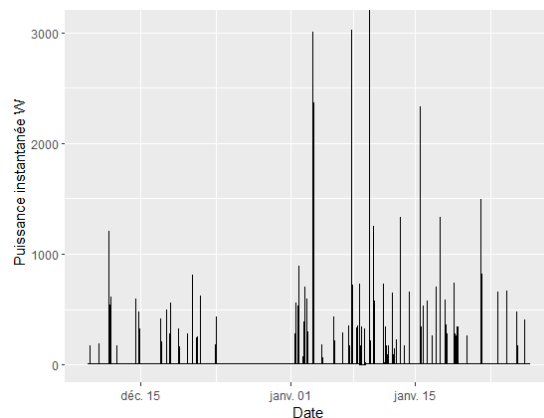
- Extraction of data from industrial customers, SNCF, large tertiary sites



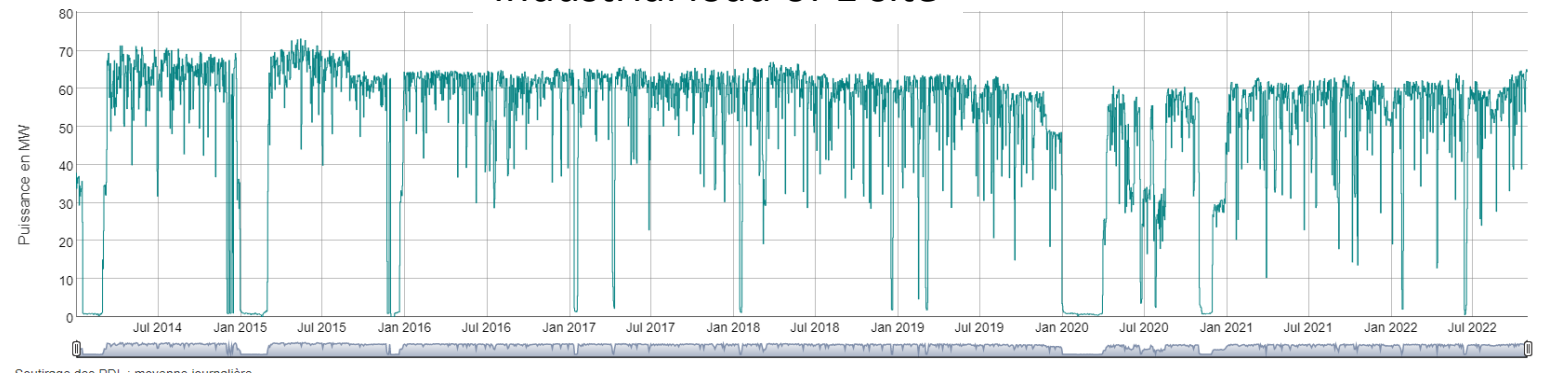
### Transport

- Displacement profiling (Moverte tool)

Cooking load of 1 household



Industrial load of 1 site

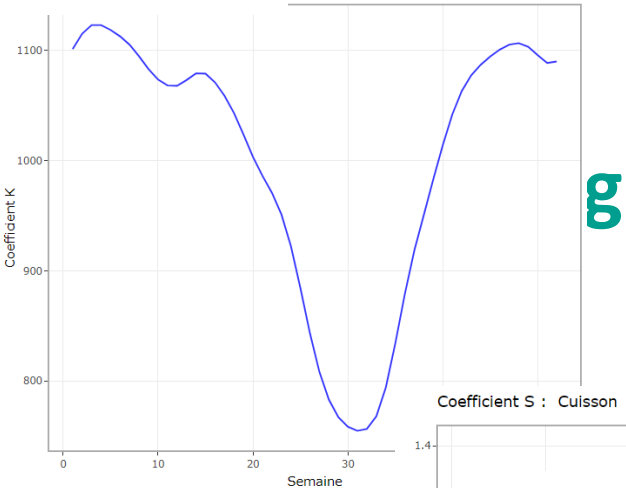




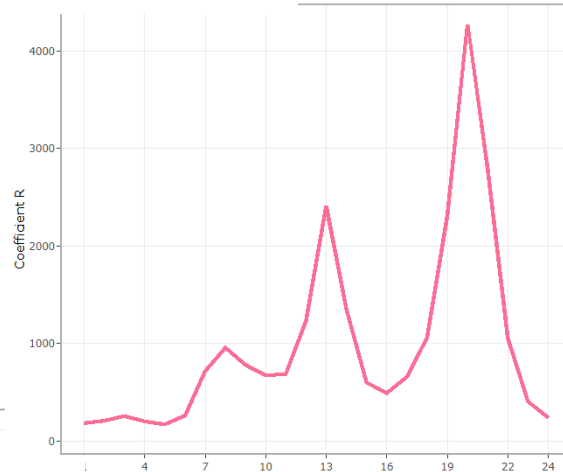


## Decomposition of the load curve to increase representativeness

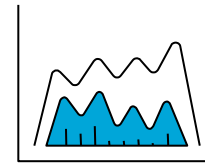
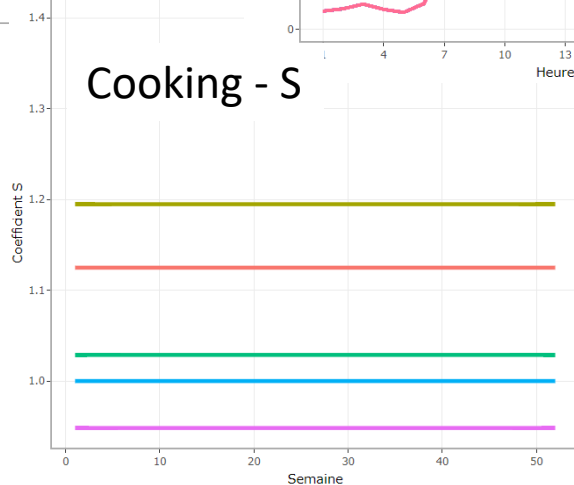
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Cooking - R



Cooking - S

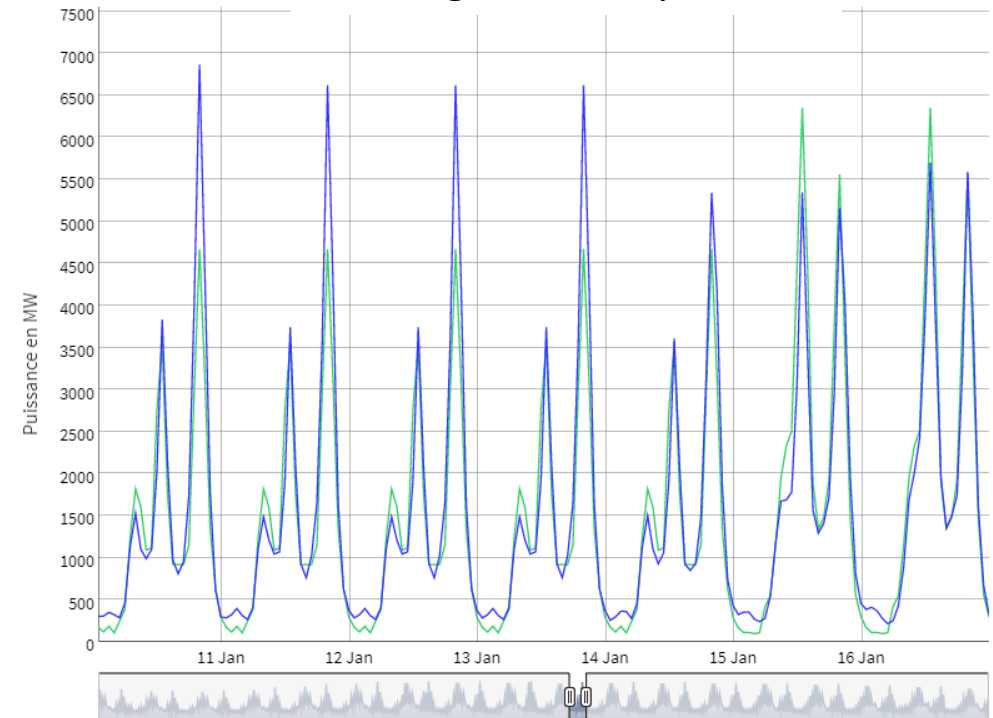


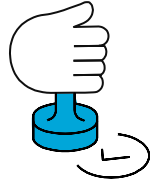
Weekly Coefficients : K

Daily Coefficients : S

Hourly Coefficients : R

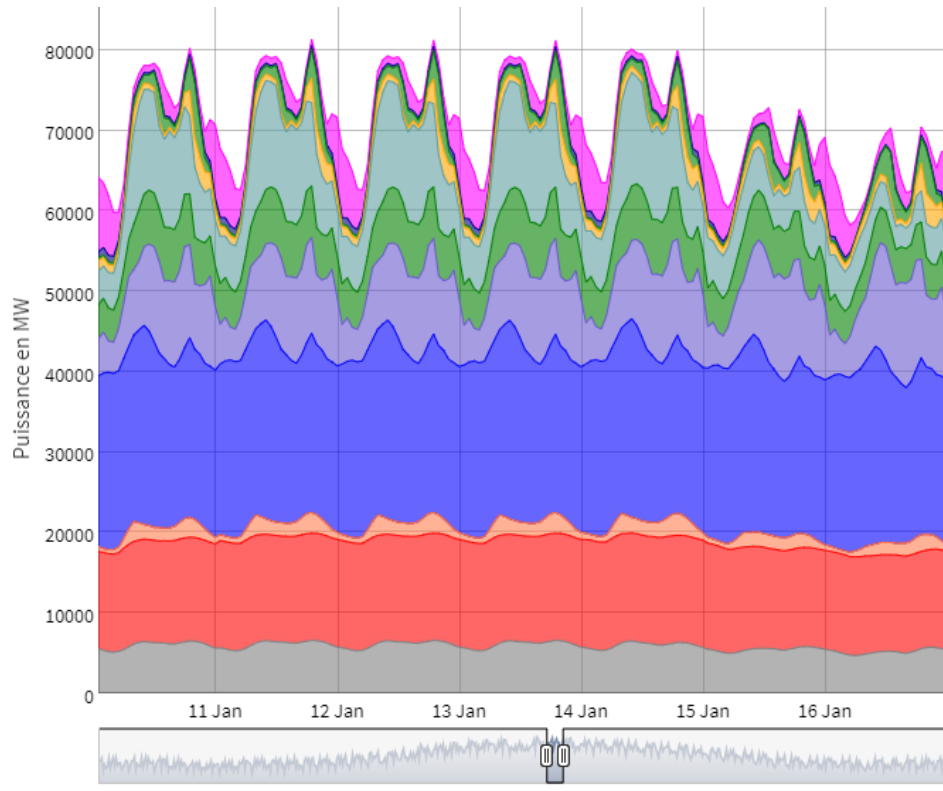
Cooking – All components



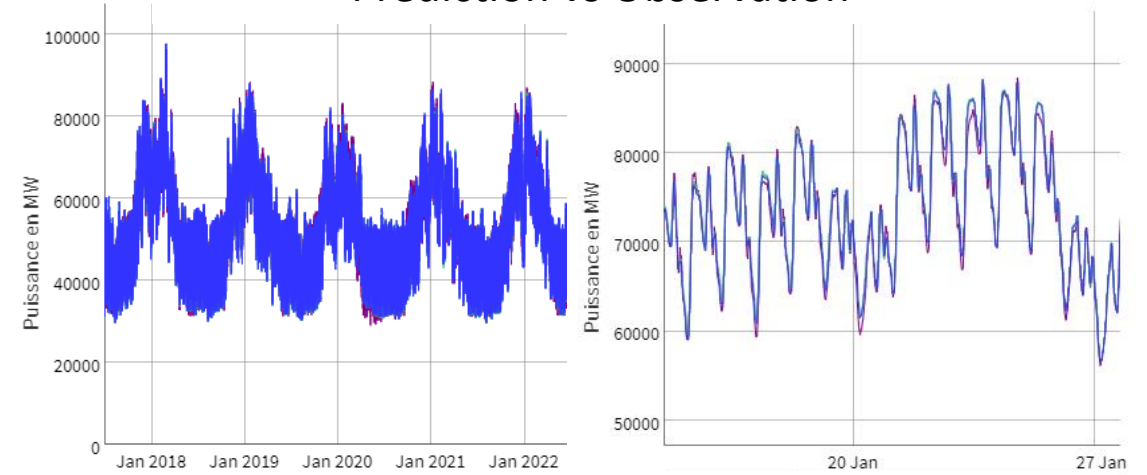


Profiling quality to predict  
power consumption

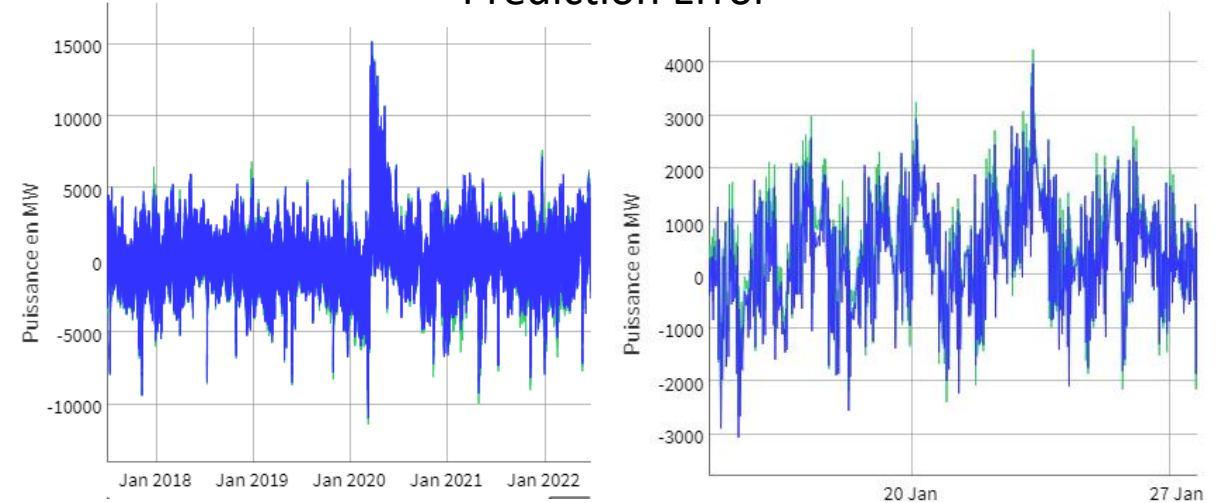
New profiles @ normal temperature



Prediction vs Observation



Prediction Error



## R&D Activities

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*Humility: the (difficult) art of prediction*

*To err is human, so are dreams*



# A little humility in the art of forecasting



## New York dung forecast

**Late 19th century:** 175,000 horses with a daily production of 3M pounds of manure per day

**Prediction:** 10m height horse dung across Manhattan with expected growth

**Reality:** cars!

Easter morning 1900: 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, New York City. Spot the automobile.



Source: US National Archives.

Easter morning 1913: 5<sup>th</sup> Ave, New York City. Spot the horse.



Source: George Grantham Bain Collection.



## Neo-malthusianism post-apo

**1968 : Paul R.Ehrlich, Stanford : The population bomb**

*"The battle to feed all of humanity is over. In the 1970s hundreds of millions of people will starve to death in spite of any crash programs embarked upon now. At this late date nothing can prevent a substantial increase in the world death rate..."*

**Reality:** Green revolution, industrialization...



## The future of Internet

**1994: Théry Report : Information Highways**

*"There is no means of invoicing on the Internet [...] The worldwide turnover on the services it generates only corresponds to one-twelfth of that of the Minitel. The limits of the Internet thus demonstrate that it cannot, in the long term, constitute the global network of highways on its own."*

**Reality:** End of Minitel

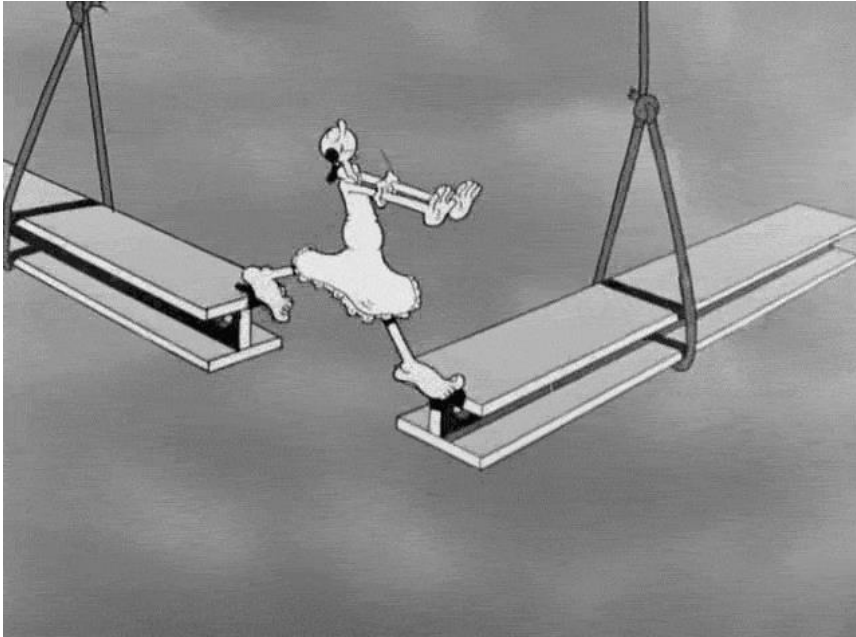


« I prefer an unpredictable future to an impostor future »  
Maurice Schumann



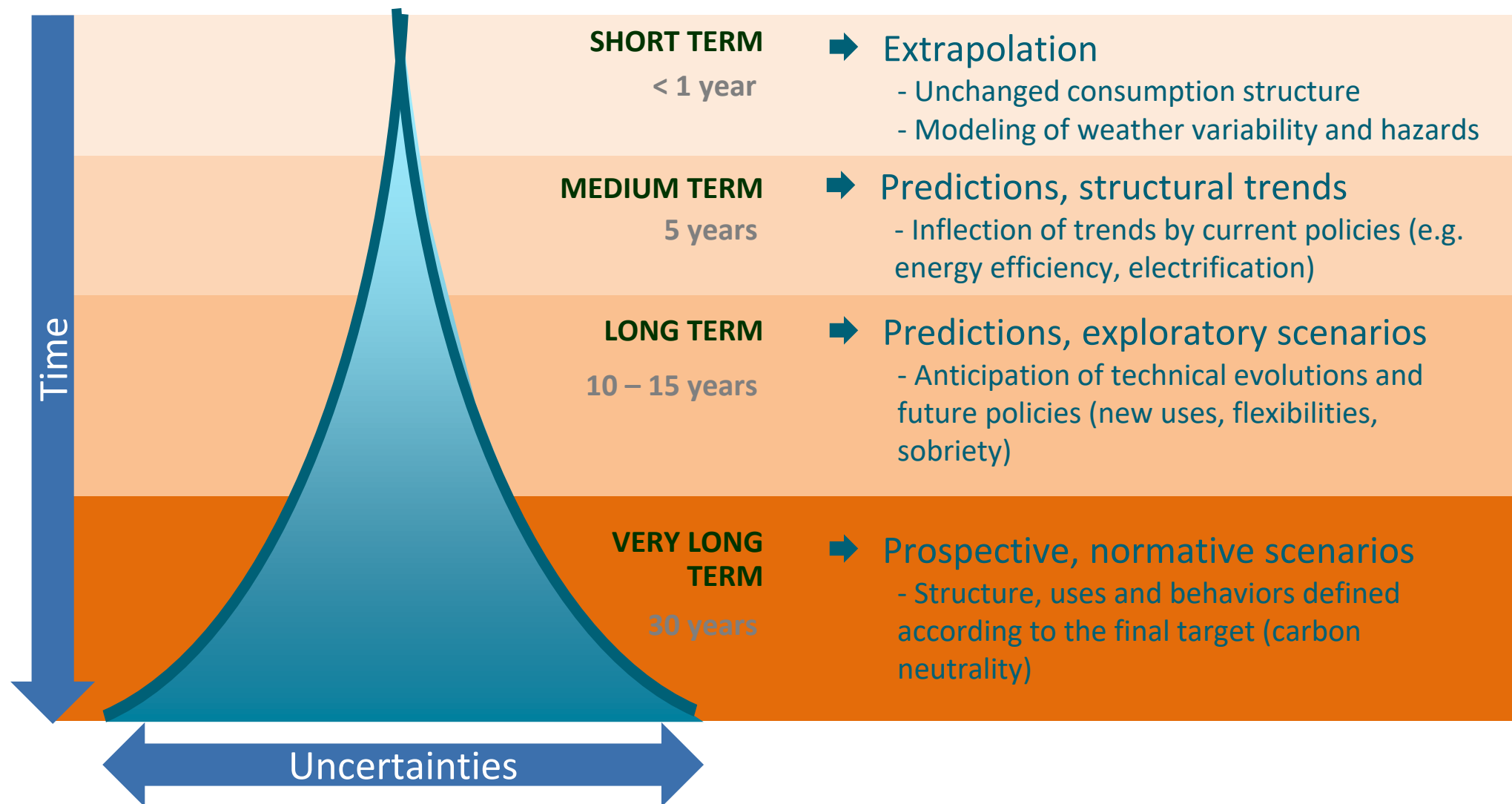


# How to predict the future?





# The time horizon under consideration influences the method's choice





# Analytical representation of demand



Detailed estimate for each sector and use

*Residential: number of equipped households*  
*Tertiary: equipped square meters per branch*  
*Industry: volume production by branch*

*Residential: unit consumption*  
*Tertiary: consumption per m<sup>2</sup>*  
*Industry: electrical intensity*

Consumption  
of a use or  
branch

=

Volume  
indicator

X

Intensity  
indicator



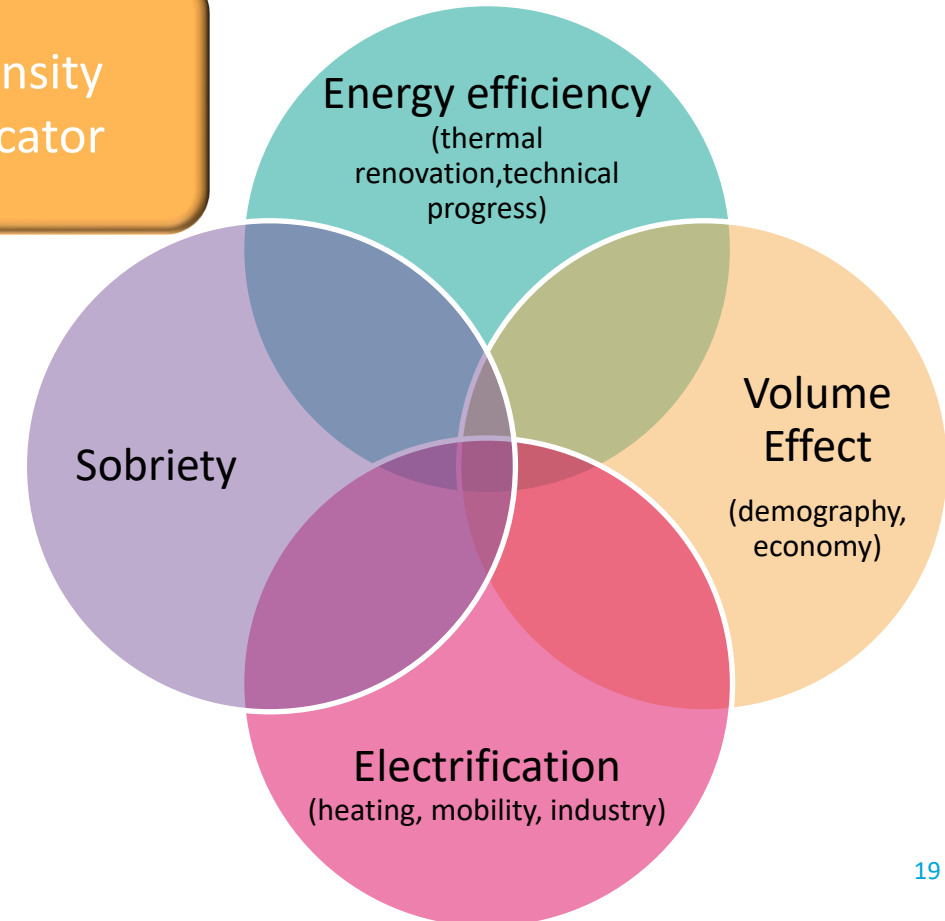
Integration of socio-economic, technological, behavioral, regulatory changes, etc



Sector and total demands are calculated by aggregation ("bottom-up" approach)



Modeling particularly suited to medium and long-term analyzes



## R&D Activities

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*Lucidity: Strong need to localize (future) load*



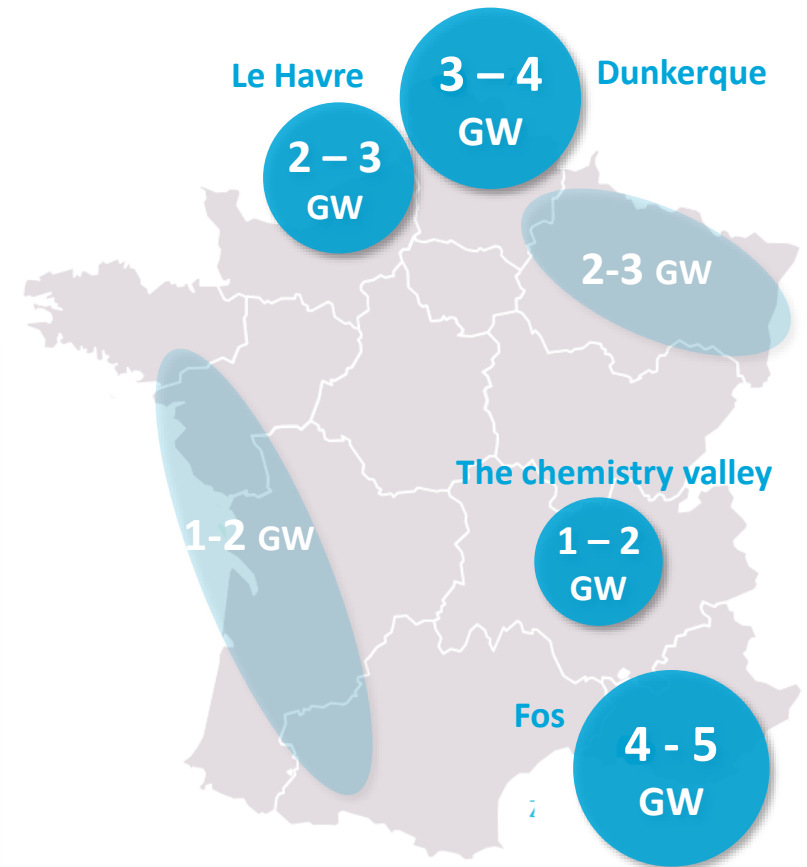
# A strong need to localize future industrial load

- The prospects for an upward shift in electricity consumption are given credibility by the number of connection requests received by RTE (~15 GW).
- These requests have different levels of maturity. They sometimes lead to explicit duplicates or concern projects that are clearly in competition for the same need.

To meet these demands, RTE has embarked on a new strategy for four major industrial-port zones (ZIP):

- **develop common infrastructure**
- **pool the cost for the beneficiaries**
- **benefit from administrative simplifications**
- **possibly prioritizing between projects** if the capacity is developed in a staggered manner over time.

"Geographically isolated" projects will also be able to benefit from simplified procedures (for sites emitting more than 250 ktCO<sub>2</sub>/year) and reduced connection costs.



*Connection requests received at the end of 2022*

## RTE internal data

- ✓ Ongoing work on **decarbonization zones**
- ✓ **Map of gas and electricity consumption** in France (consumption associated with an NAF code)
- ✓ The **work carried out internally** with the AMADEUS model in particular
- ✓ **Data on connection requests** (PTF in progress, finalized, abandoned, etc.)
- ✓ **The field knowledge** of the various regional delegates
- ✓ Current work on **hydrogen**
- ✓ **All other work to be defined**

## External data

- ✓ **Consumption data** present on the ODRE platform
- ✓ **All data/information used to feed industry files** (production process, decarbonization hypotheses, industry development, etc.)
- ✓ **France Relance data** to identify future projects related to decarbonization, relocation, energy efficiency, business development, etc.
- ✓ **All other data to feed our study**

## Interviews

- ✓ Interviews with **CCIs and territorial actors** to give their visions of the development of industry in their territory and the potential needs expressed by manufacturers
- ✓ **Interviews with industrial federations** to have a branch-by-branch vision
- ✓ **Interviews with development agencies** to feed the prospective vision of the study (France Business, development agency, etc.)
- ✓ **Interview with manufacturers** to refine the downscaling methodology and the data collected



**Create a parametric downscaling method applicable to network studies**

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- **Long term prospective starts with load forecasts, or rather load scenarios**
- **Electrification of fossil uses is a game changer**
- **The complexity of load forecasting is increasing a lot**
- **Data access, collection and capitalization is key**
- **Don't forget to take climate change into consideration!**





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