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CO₂ Abatement Scenarios for Vietnam's Power Sector to 2030

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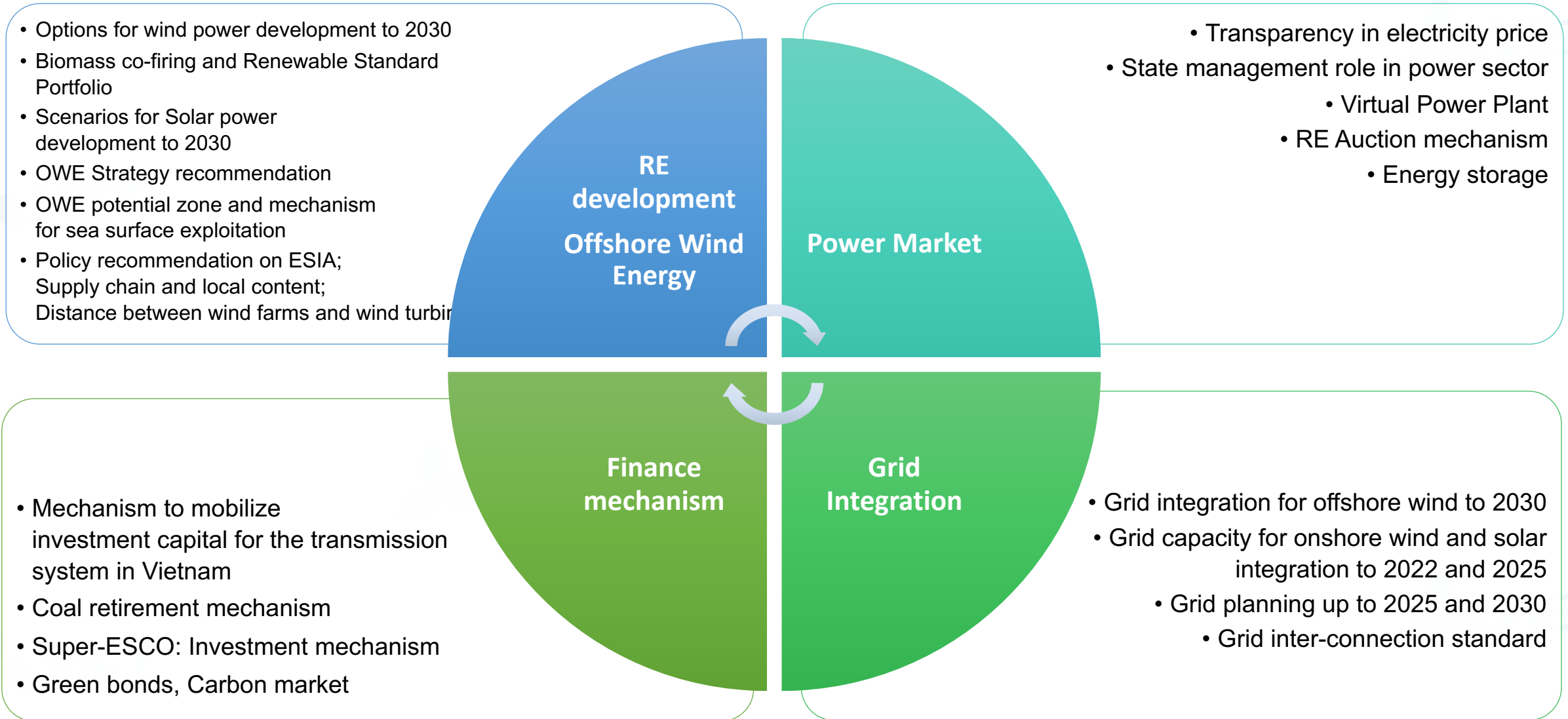
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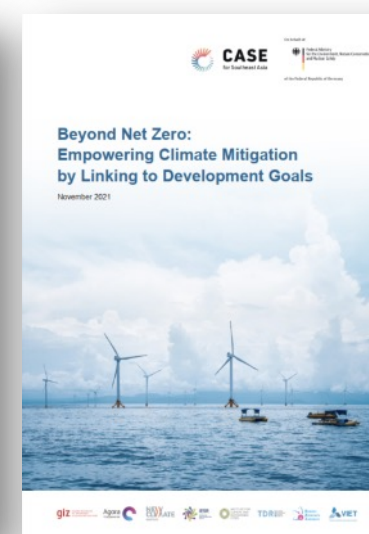
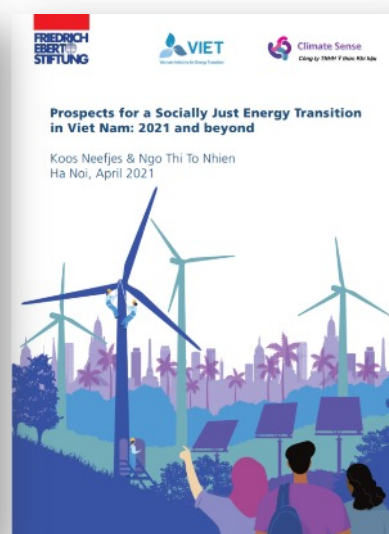
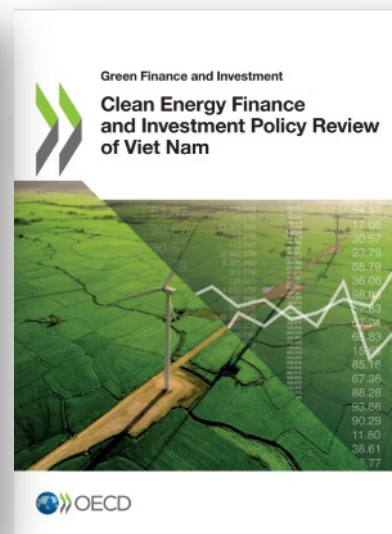
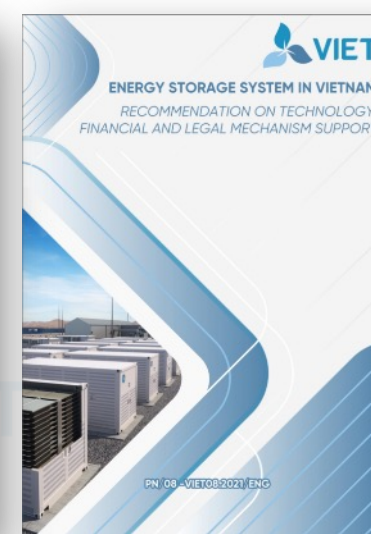
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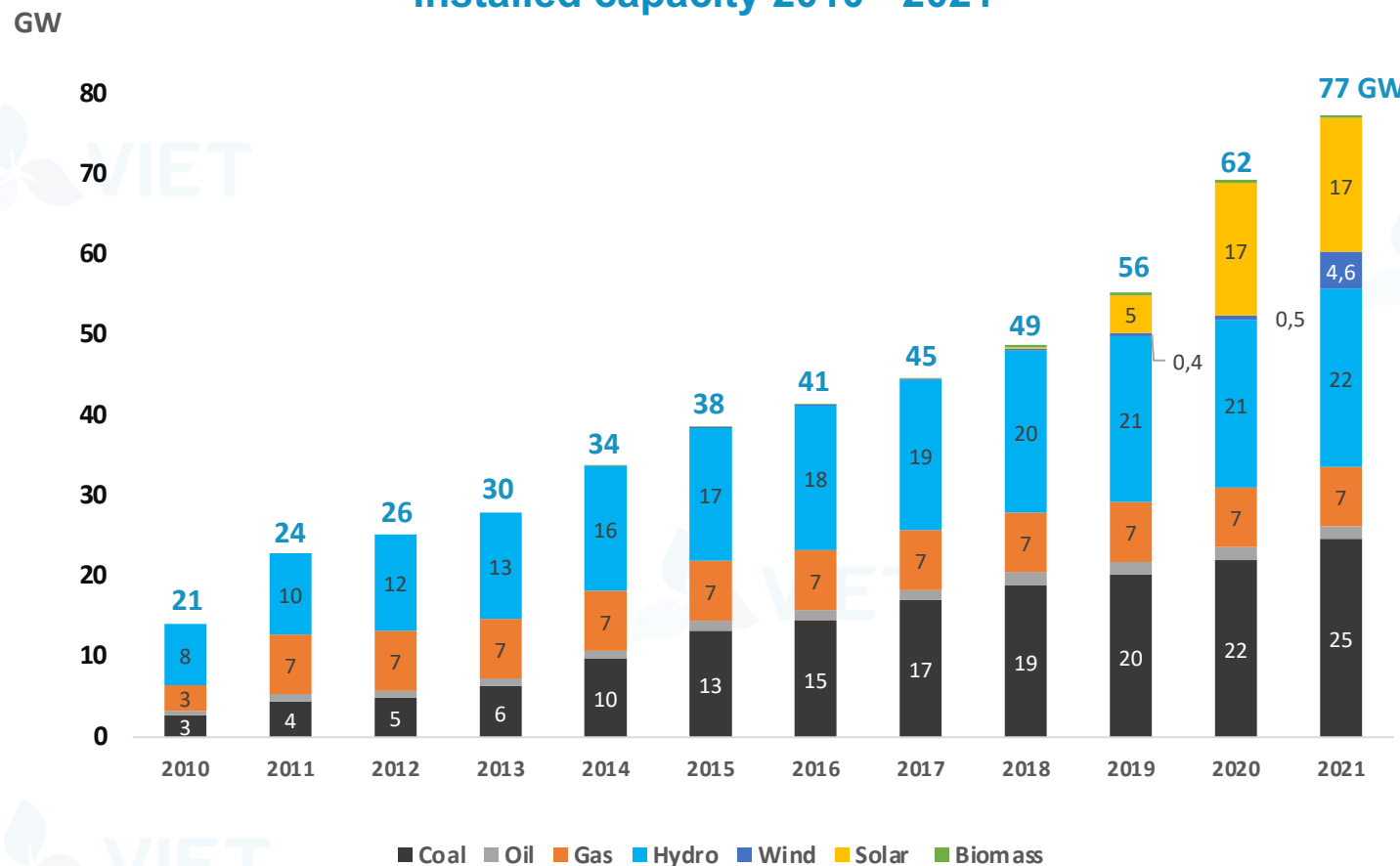


- Overview of Vietnam Power System
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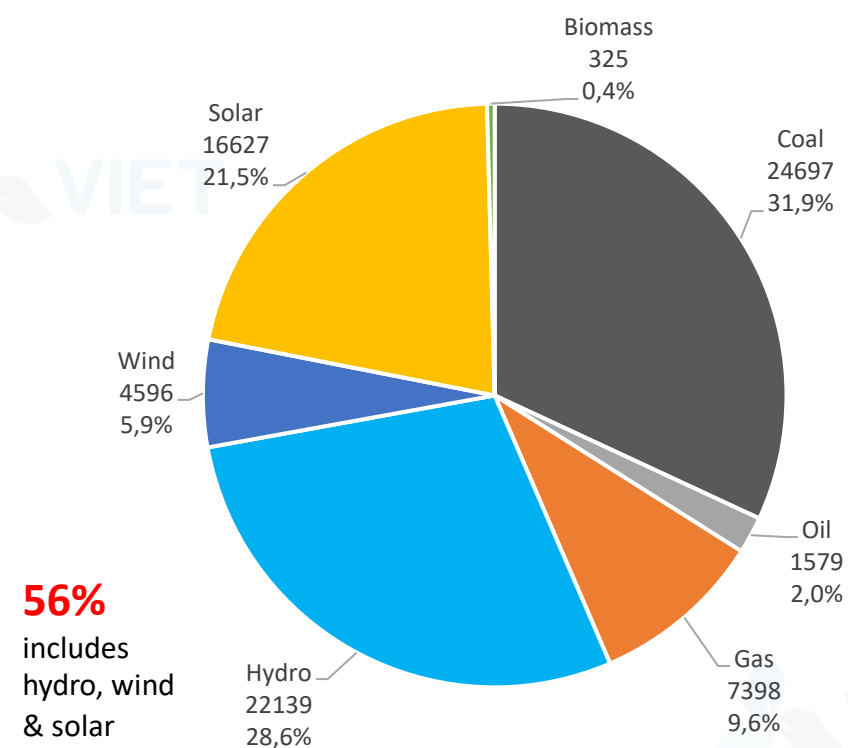
Vietnam Power System

Power Installed Capacity

Installed capacity 2010 - 2021

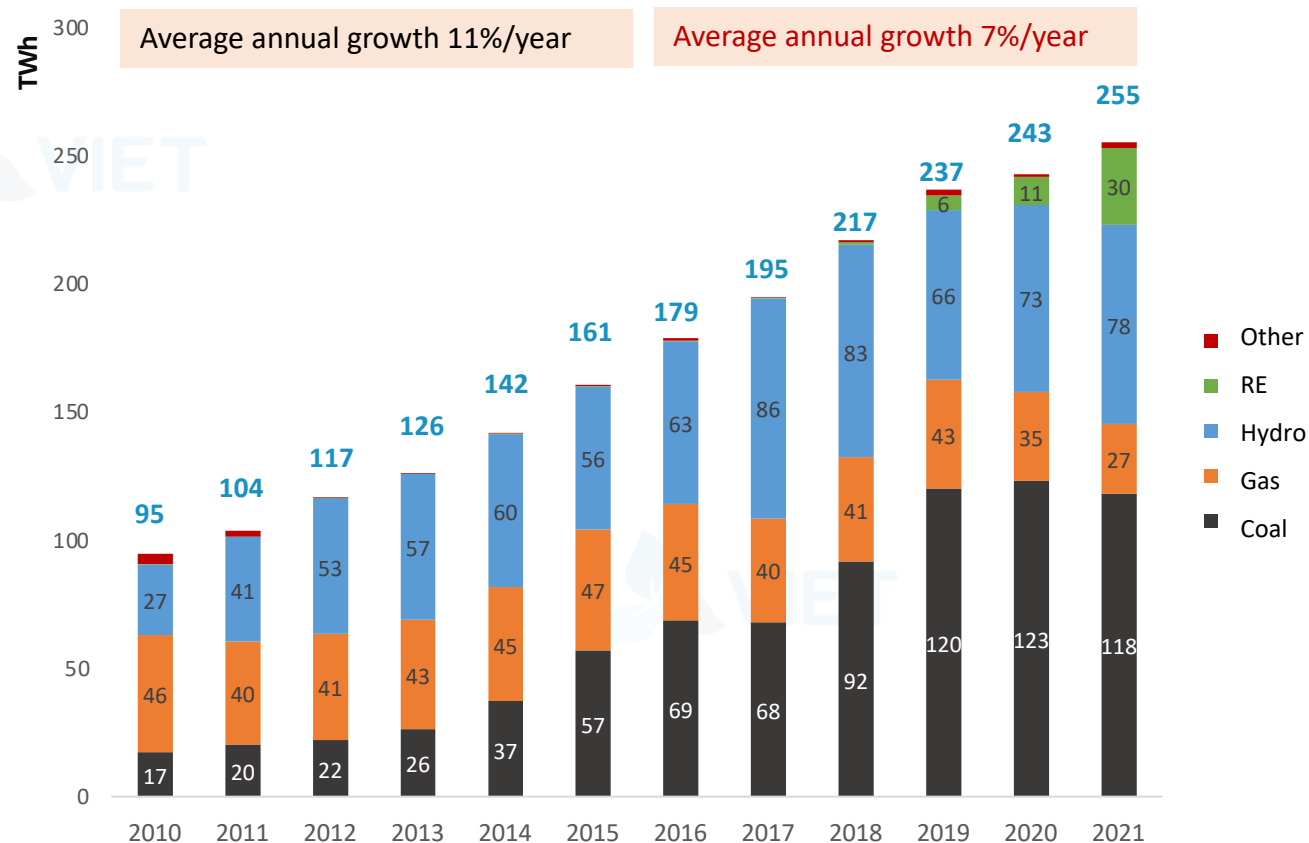


Installed capacity in 2021
(77.361 MW)

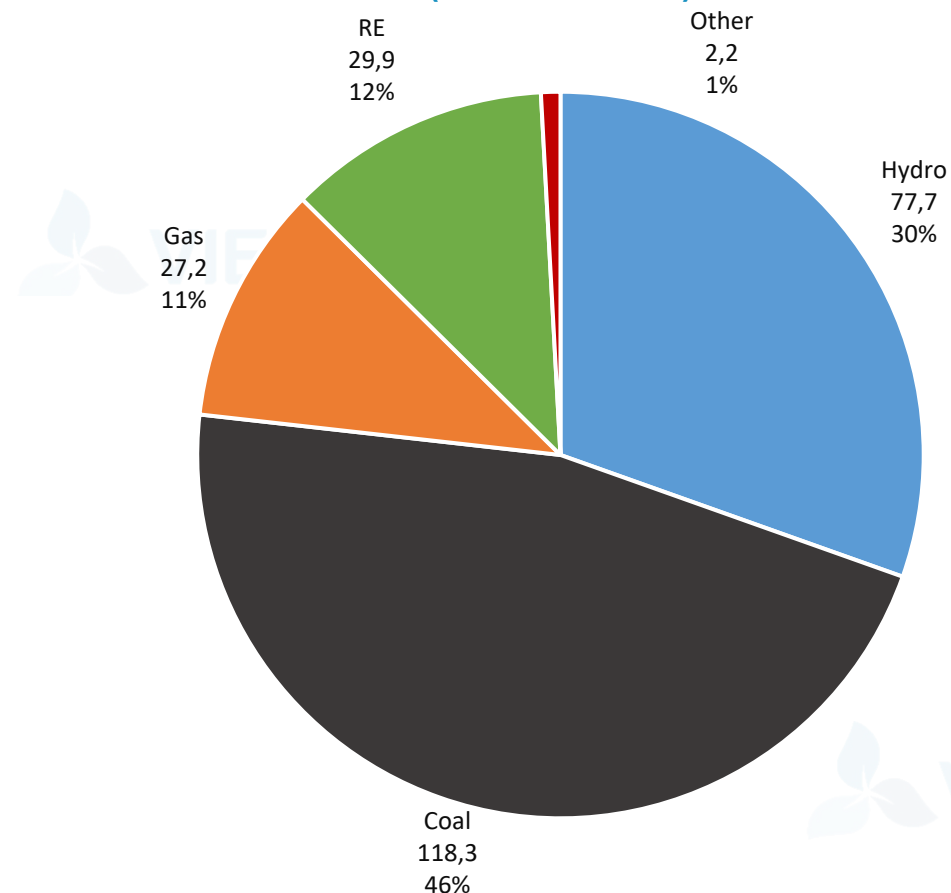


Power Generation

Power generation by sources 2010 - 2021

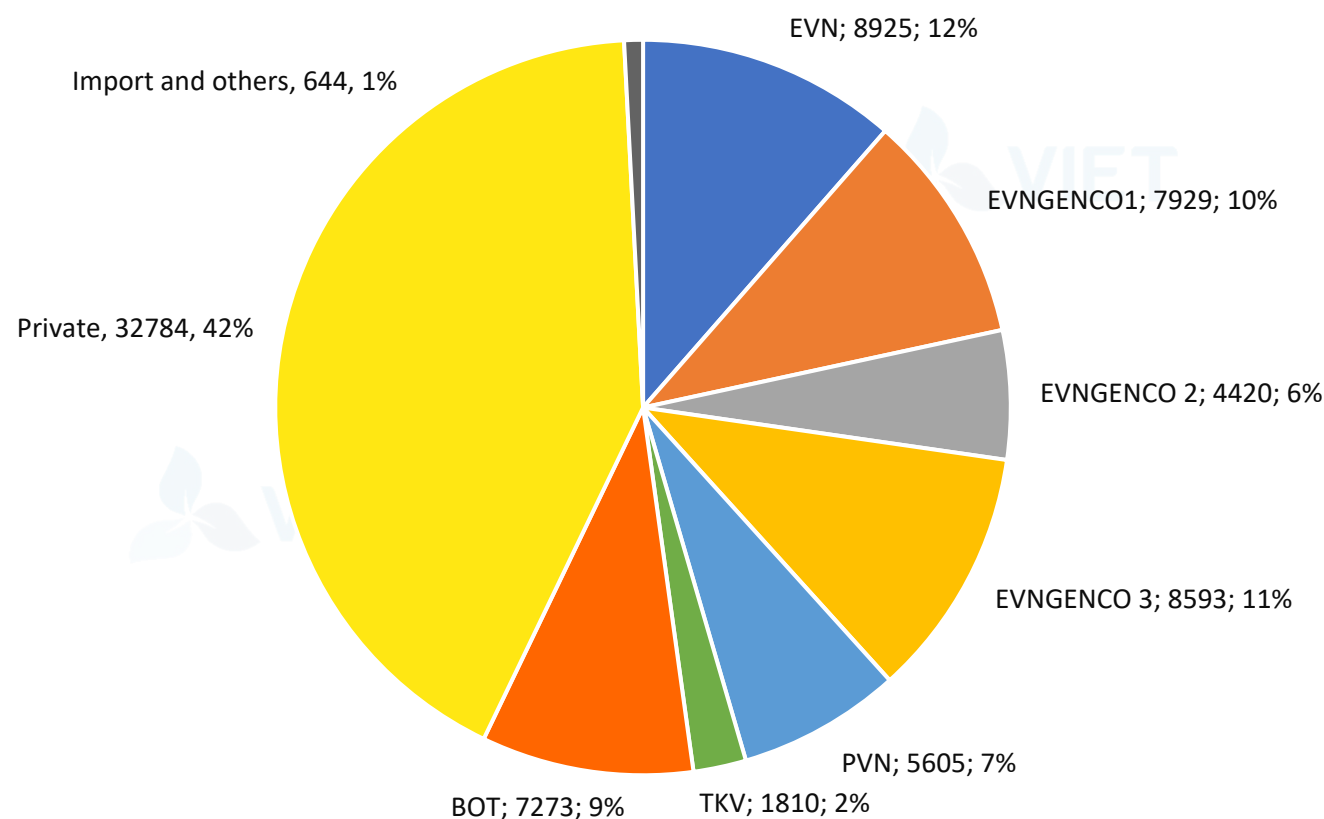


Power generation by sources 2021
(total 255 TWh)

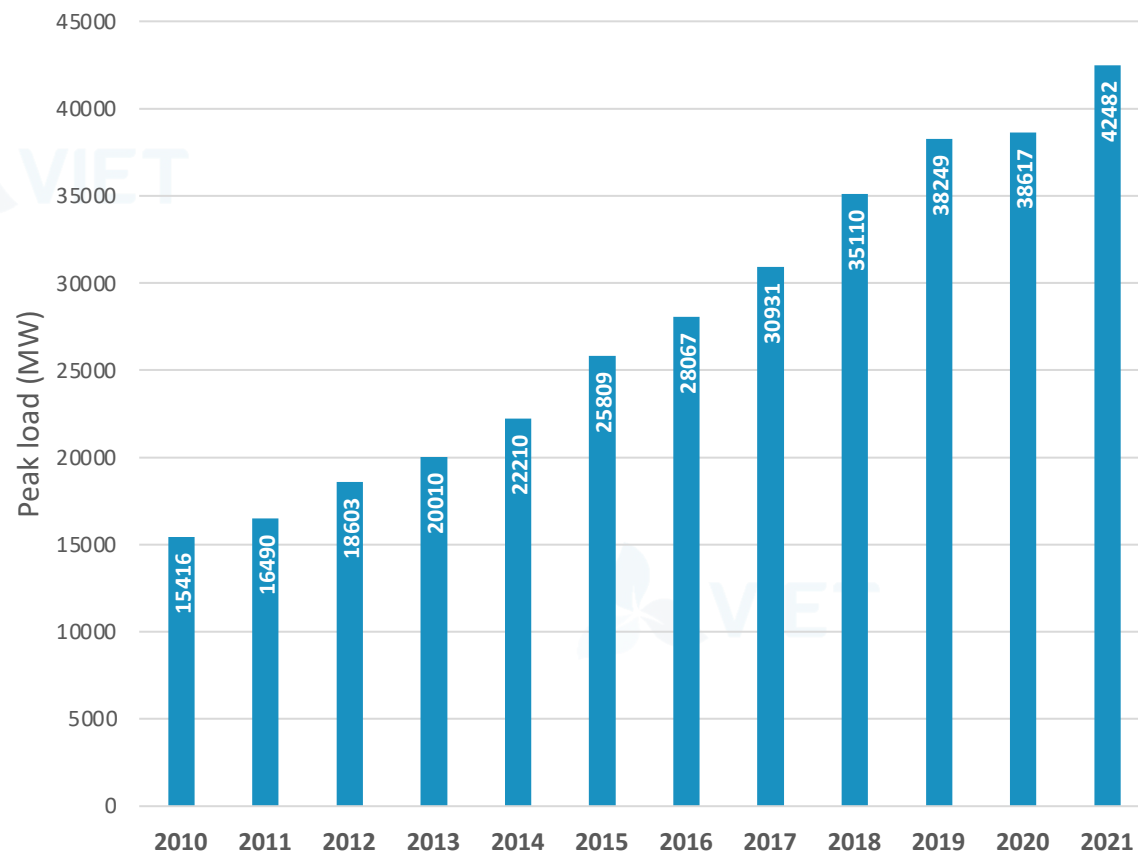


RE growth → private share in power sources increased

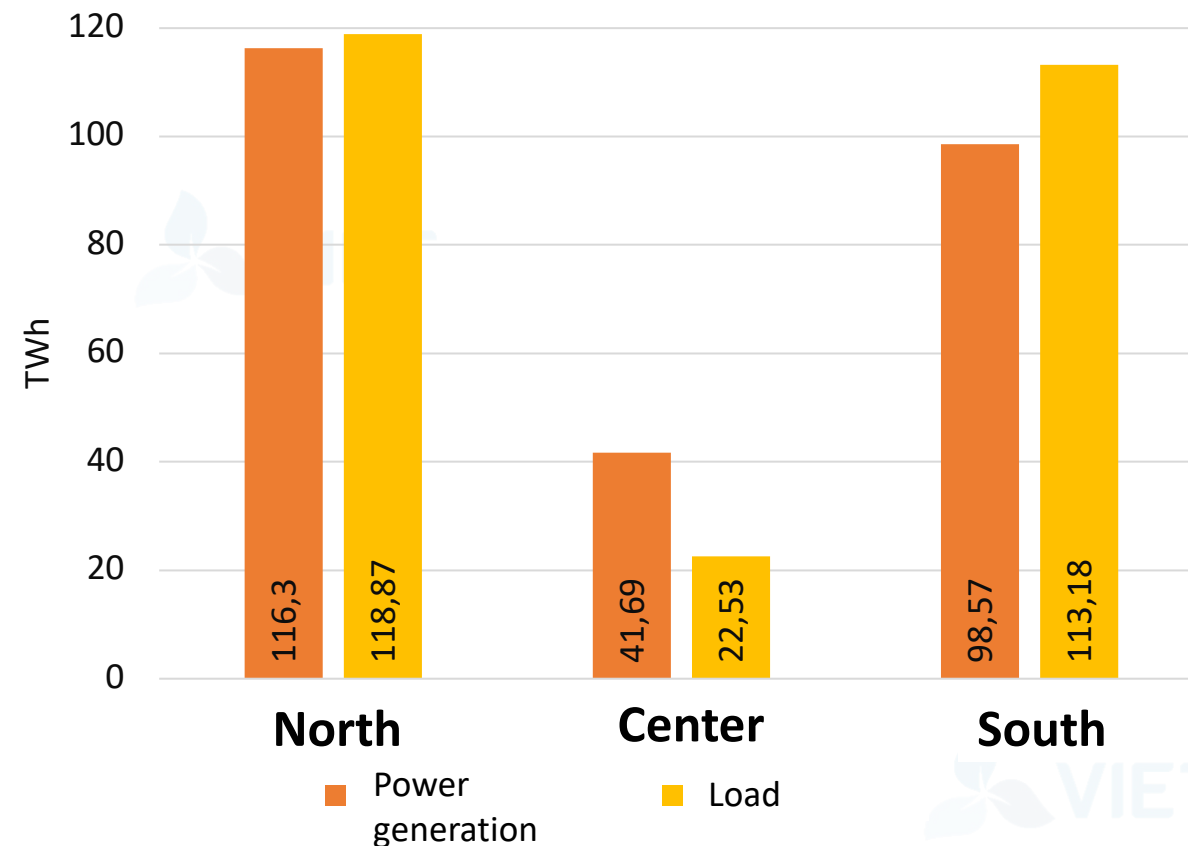
Share of power capacity (MW) based on owner ship in 2021



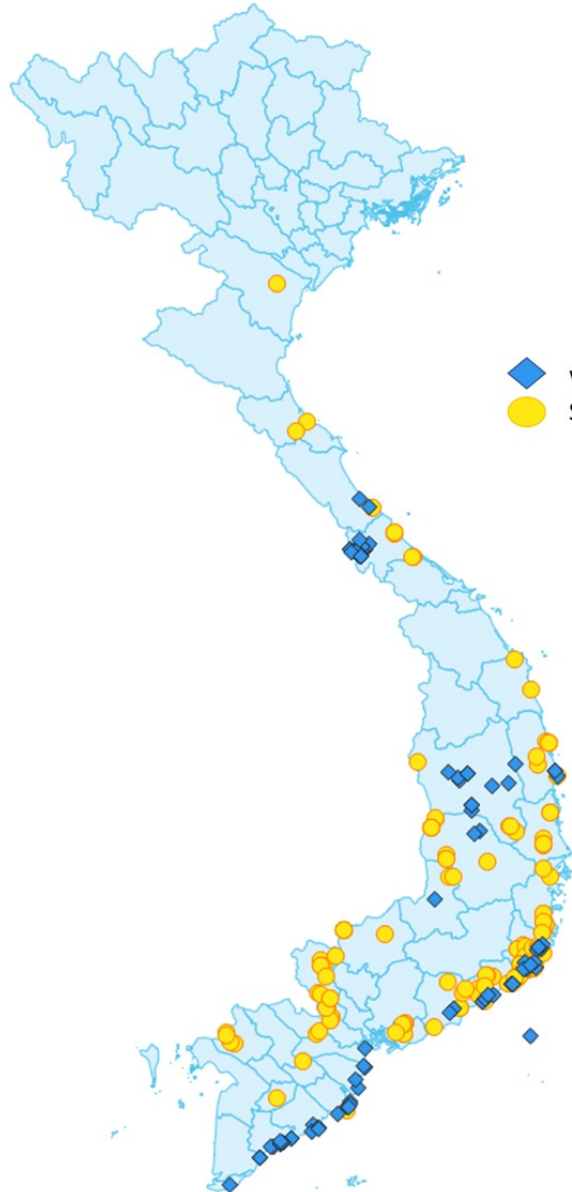
Growth of peak load 2010-2021



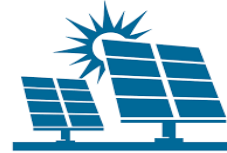
Power generation and load by region 2021



Wind and solar in operation (1/2022)



◆ Wind power plants
● Solar power plants



- **147** Solar plants ~ **8.87 GW**
- **104 k** Rooftop Solar System ~ **7.75 GW**



84 wind plants— **4.6 GW**

Hoang Sa

Truong Sa

2020

FIT 2 solar (\$c/kWh)
Ground: 7.09
Floating: 7.69
Rooftop: 8.38
End 31/12/2020

2018

FIT 2 wind (\$c/kWh)
Onshore 8.5
Offshore 9.8
End 31/10/2021

2017

FIT solar: 9.35 \$c/kWh
End 30/06/2019

2011

FIT for Wind: 7.8 \$c/kWh

Challenges

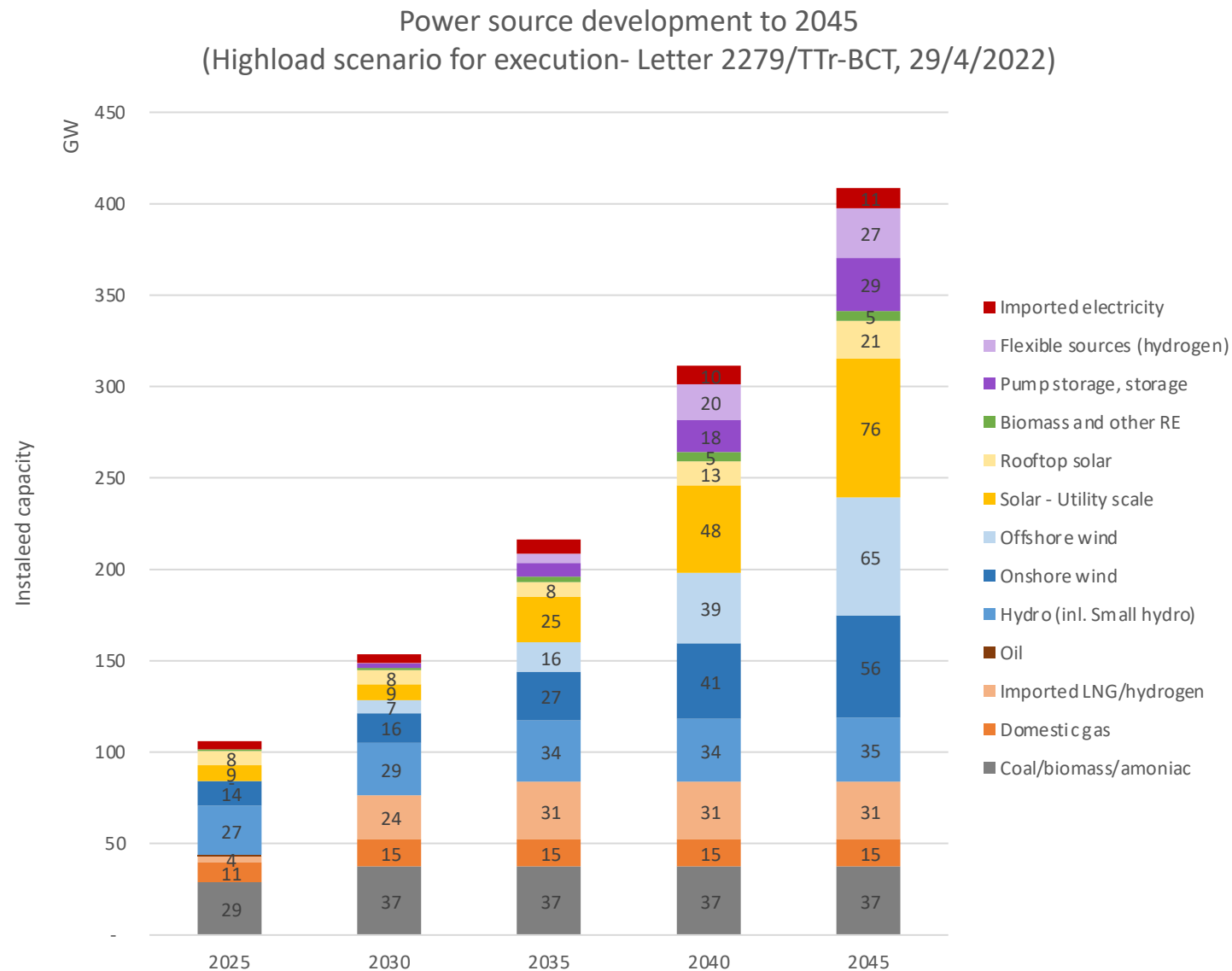
- Transmission overload:
 - 20 lines/MBA 220/110kV is overloaded
 - 159 plants are facing generation restriction
 - Impact to 500kV lines
- Low system's inertia
 - Risk of affecting system's stability
- Forecasting errors
 - Generation forecasting errors
 - Load forecasting errors → difficulties for grid planning
- Share of VRE in total installed capacity ~ 25% → challenges for system operation
- Pricing mechanism
 - Incentives for auxiliary services are not yet attractive → Lack of reserves for RE sources (due to increasing share of intermittent VRE sources)
 - Incentives for BESS are not yet in place

Power Development Plan

Power mix – Executing scenario

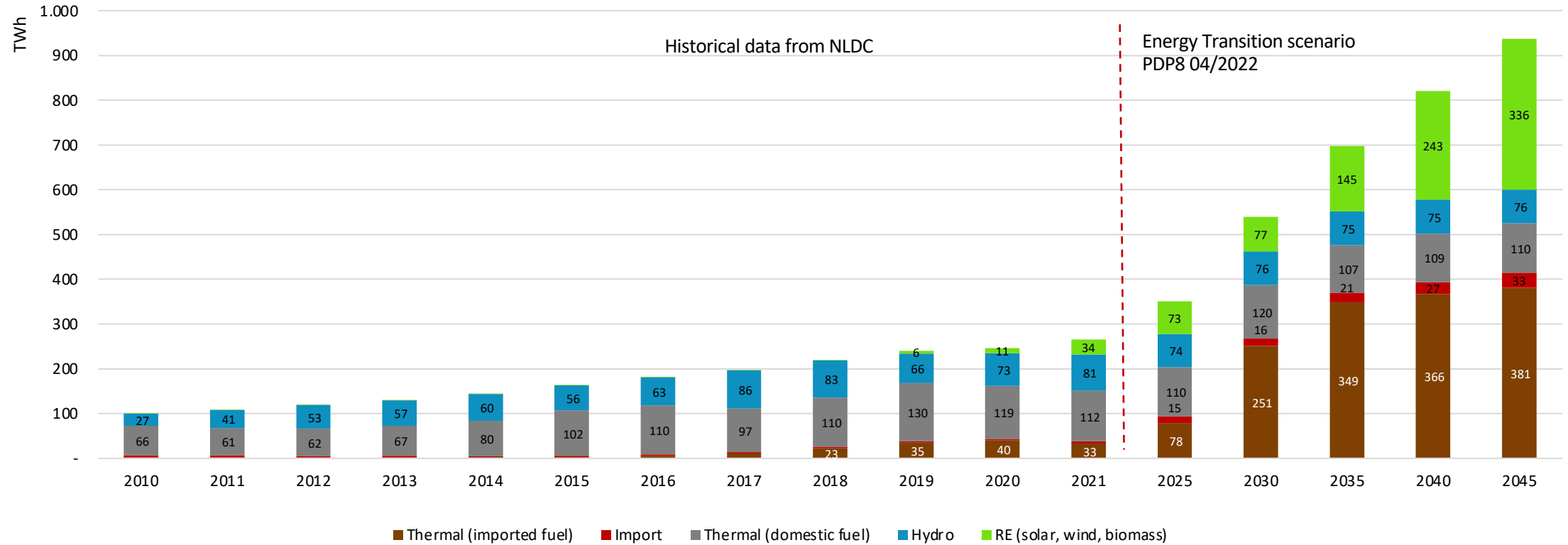
	Added capacity 2022-2030 (GW)	Added capacity 2031-2045 (GW)
Coal/biomass/amoniac	12.8	0
Domestic gas	5.9	0
Imported LNG/hydrogen	23.9	7.5
Oil	0	0
Hydro (incl. Small hydro)	6.8	6.2
Onshore wind	11.5	39.8
Offshore wind	7.0	57.5
Solar - Utility scale	0	67.3
Biomass and other RE	0.9	4.0
Pump storage, storage	2.5	26.5
Flexible sources (hydrogen)	0.15	27.2
Imported electricity	4.4	6.0
Rooftop solar	0	12.9
TOTAL	75.8	254.9

Source: PDP8 version 29/4/2022 (Letter 2297/TTr-BCT)



Electricity from domestic/import sources

Power generation by sources



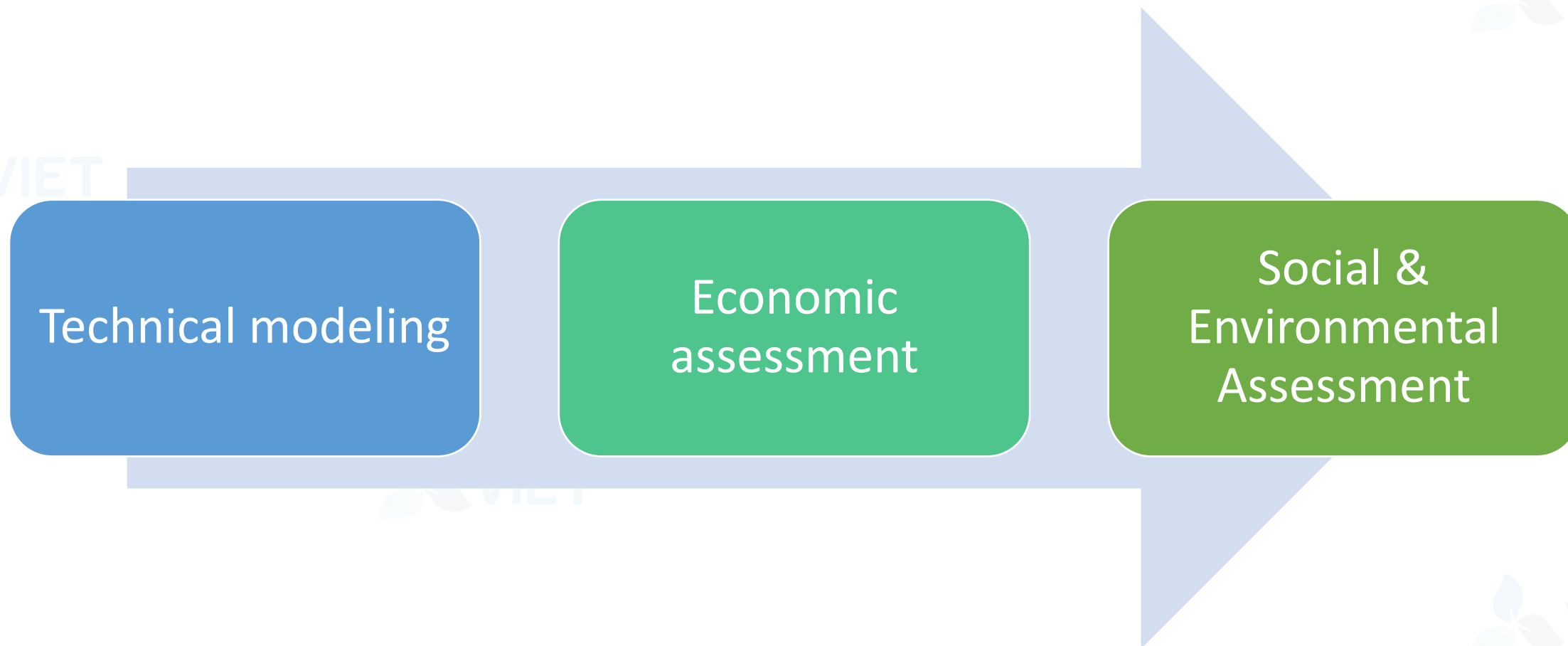
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Coal abatement scenarios

Priority Principle



Method to develop CO2 Abatement Scenarios

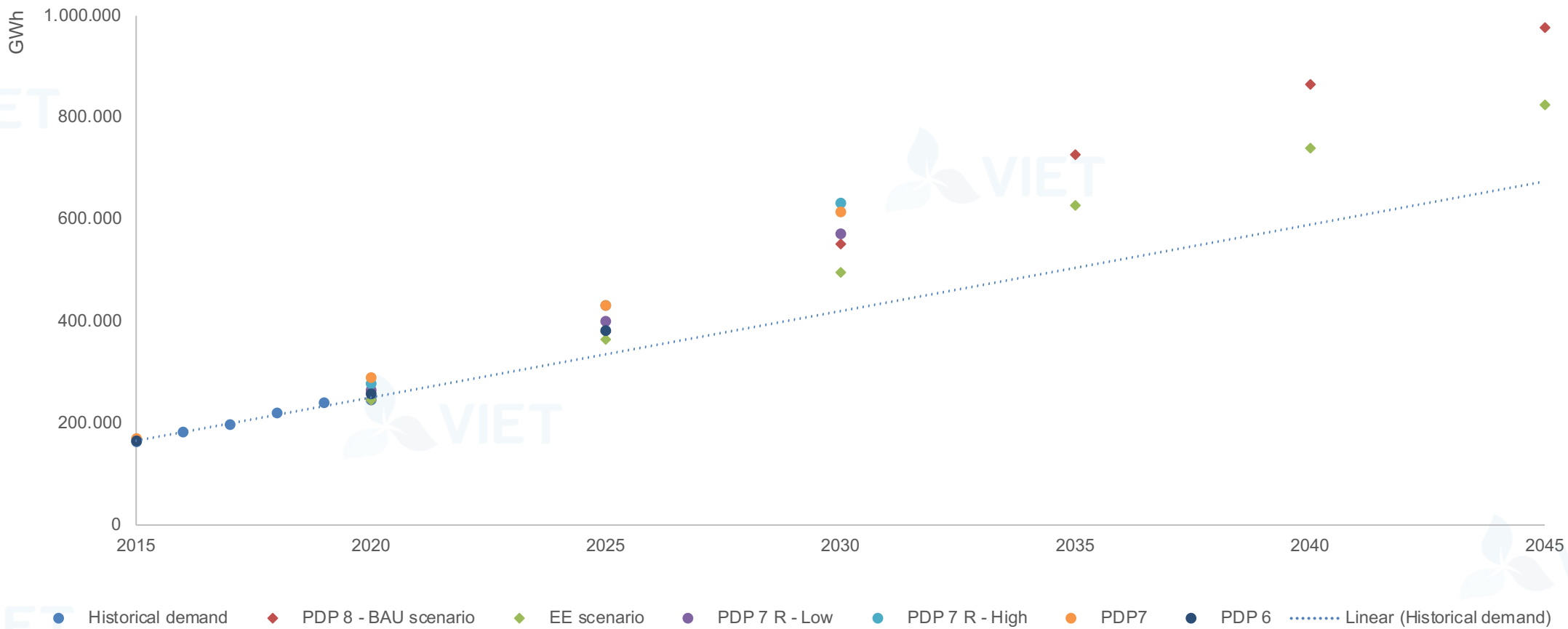


Assumptions CO2 Abatement scenarios

Assumption	Unit	2021 - 25	2026 - 30	2031 - 35	2036 - 40	2041 - 45
GDP growth rate	%/year	6.8	6.4	6.0	5.6	5.5
Electricity demand growth rate	%/year	9.09	7.95	5.8	3.66	2.61
Elasticity per GDP – BAU scenario		1.35	1.24	0.96	0.64	0.46
Electricity Generation – BAU scenario	TWh	378.3	551.3	727.0	864.9	977.0
Elasticity per GDP – EE scenario		1.2	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.4
Electricity Generation – EE scenario	TWh	364.0	496.4	627.5	740.2	825.3

Assumptions CO2 Abatement scenarios

Power demand forecast through different PDPs



Source: Power Development plans

Power mix in 2030

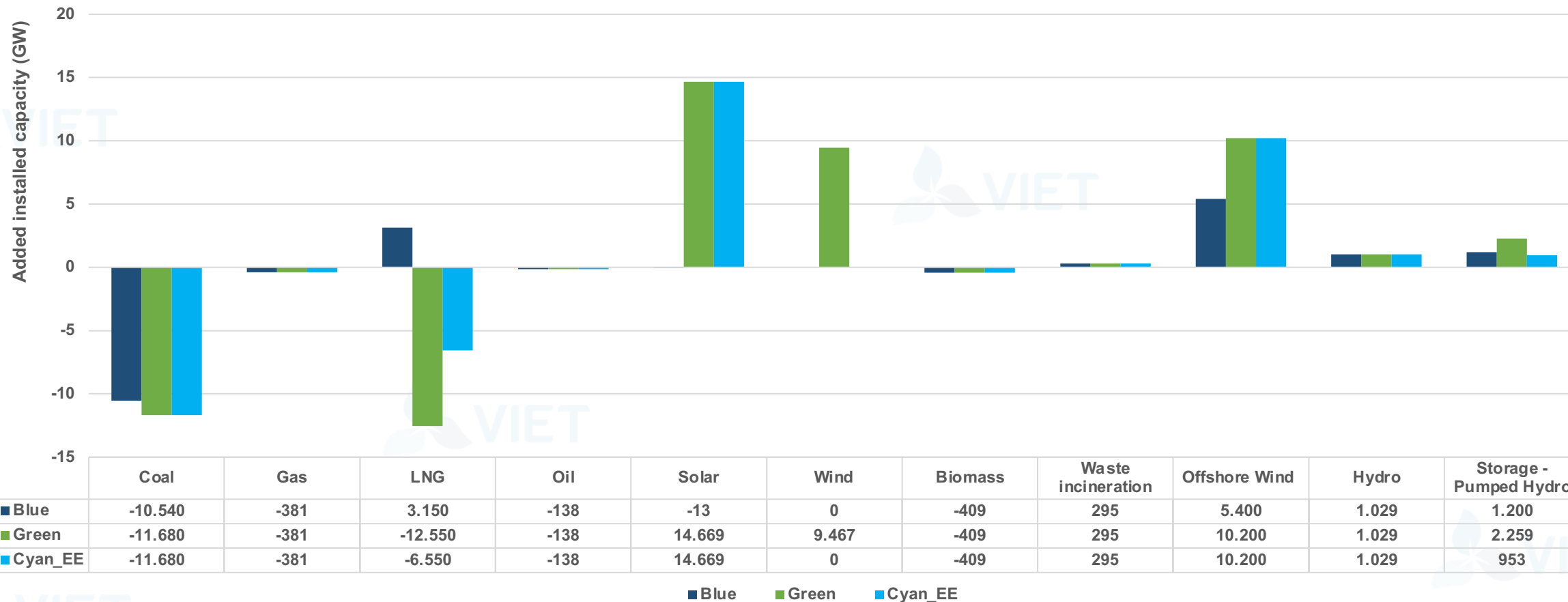
Scenario Power mix	Solar (GW)	Wind (GW)	Biomass & other RE (GW)	Hydro power (GW)	Coal (GW)	Oil & Gas (GW)	Storage (GW)
BAU (PDP8)	18.6	11.8	1.2	25.5	40.6	27.5	1.2
Blue (No new coal)	18.6 (draft PDP8)	11.8 onshore wind + 5.4 offshore wind	1.2	25.5 Increased operation efficiency by 10%	Existing capacity 22.1 + Under construction projects 7.4	14.4 Existing capacity and Domestic gas plants + LNG balanced source at 15.7	2.4
Green (Phase out coal)	18.6 (draft PDP8) + 5 RTS + 9.68 FLS	21.3 onshore wind + 10.2 offshore wind	1.2	25.5 Increased operation efficiency by 10%	22.1 Existing capacity - Old plants to be phased out* 1.14 + Under construction projects 7.4	14.4 Existing capacity + Domestic gas power plants	3.5
Cyan-EE (Real transition)	18.6 (draft PDP8) + 5 RTS + 9.68 FLS	Onshore wind balanced source 11.8 + 10.2 offshore wind	1.2	25.5 Increased operation efficiency by 10%	22.1 Existing capacity - Old plants to be phased out* 1.14 + Under construction projects 7.4	14.4 Existing capacity and Domestic gas plants + 6 LNG	2.15

* 3 Old coal-fired power plants to be phased out: Ninh Binh (operated since 1976); Pha Lai 1 (operated since 1986) and Pha Lai 2 (operated since 2001).

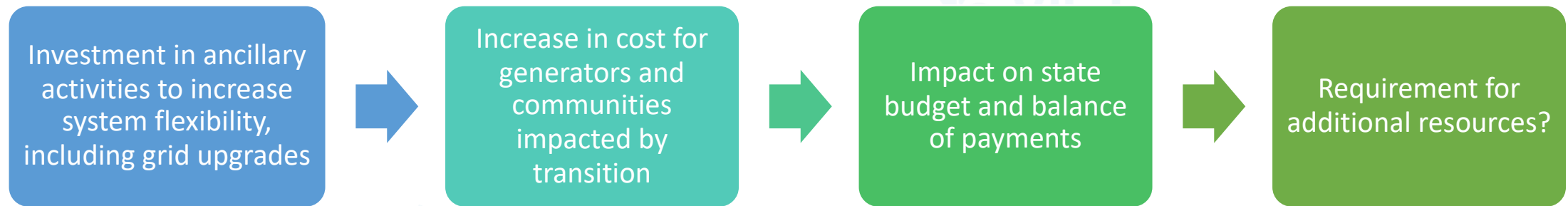
Modeling results – GAMS

Installed Capacity compared to BAU

2030

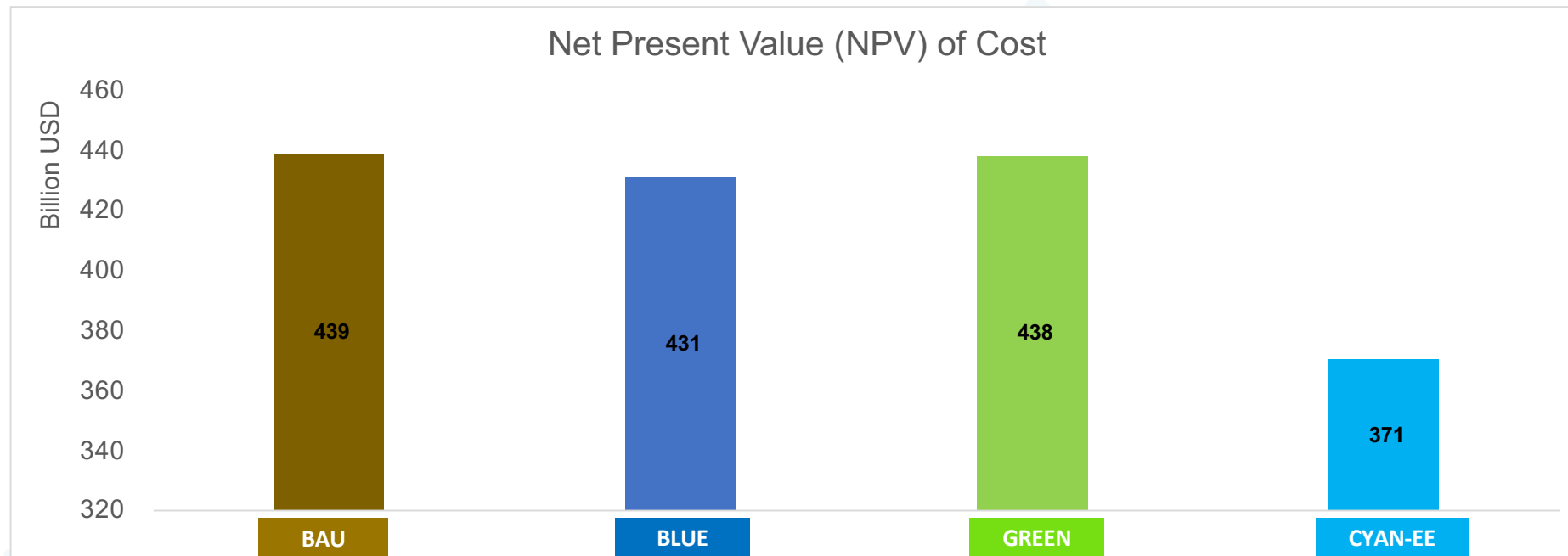


Economic Assessment



Total discounted scenario costs

- Multiple scenarios offer improved economics for the power sector, with cost savings realized compared to BAU in the longer term out to 2045 through the Blue, Green and Cyan-EE scenarios
- Cyan-EE offers the most significant reduction in total costs (expressed in net present value) with 16% savings compared to BAU



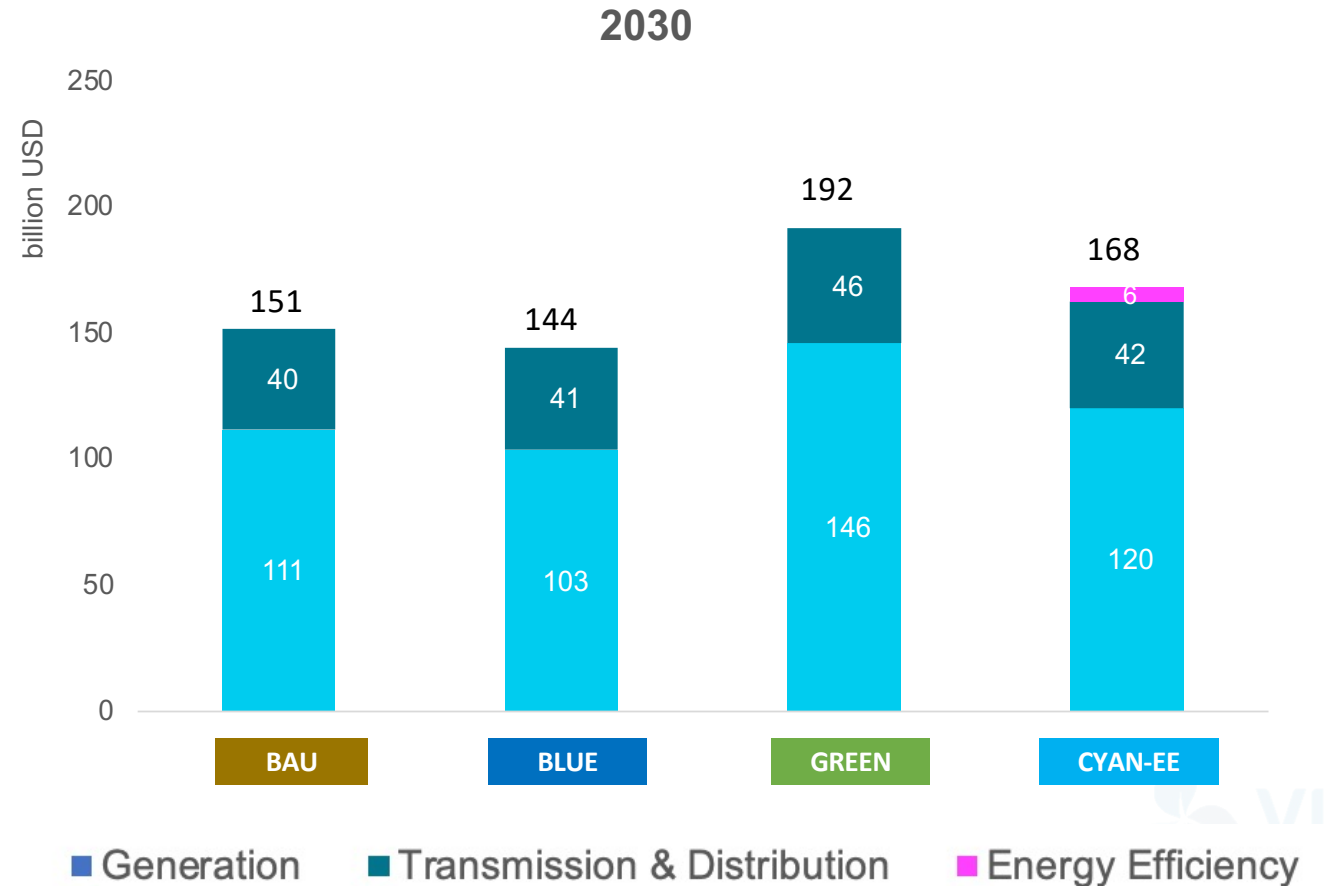
These cost savings help Vietnam's electricity sector remain highly competitive and supports national economic development.

Total investment cost for New generation resources and infrastructure

- **Overall, upfront investment costs for all scenarios are relatively similar (within 25%)**

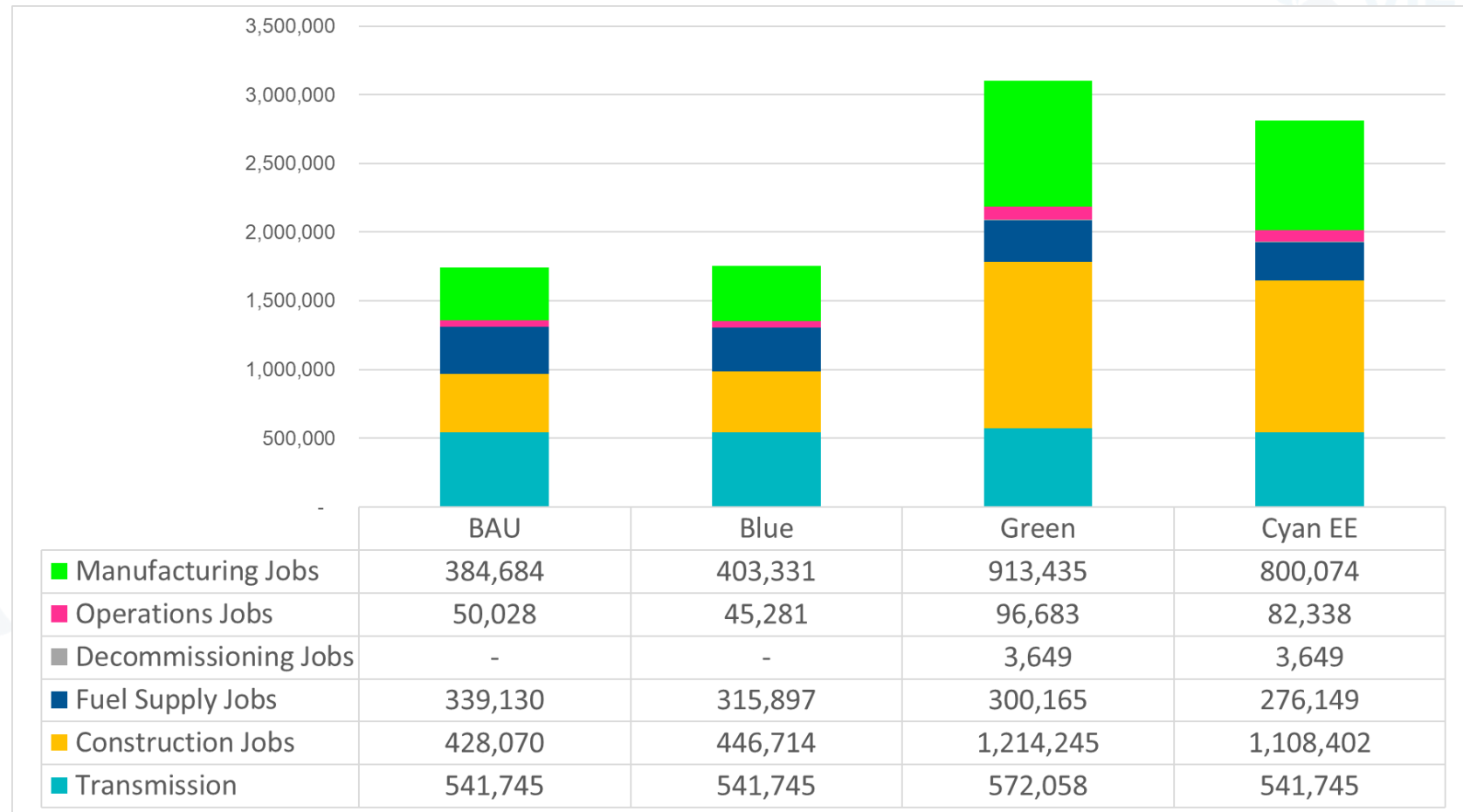
- Small amounts of savings can be realized with the Blue scenario compared to Business-as-Usual (5%)
- Green and Cyan-EE scenarios require more investment than Business-as-Usual, however, these scenarios can provide savings in the longer term

- **Generation makes up about 75% of the total new generation investment cost for each scenario**



Job created by each scenario for 2025-2030

- The Green and Cyan EE scenarios create the most jobs in the coming years
- Across scenarios, most employment is created during the construction period; more RE generation in Green and Cyan EE account for major increase in construction jobs
- Transmission and distribution creates at least 540,000 jobs per scenario



Modelling results – Abatement Scenarios for Power sector in Vietnam

Metrics	2030	2045
Energy efficiency and DSM	↑ From 1.5% to 10%	↑ From 1.5% to 16%
Electricity generated from renewable sources	54%, ↑ VRE contribution from 4% in 2020 to 28%	60%, ↑ VRE contribution from 4% in 2020 to 42%
Share of generation from coal	↓ 30% from 50% in 2020	↓ 19.5% from 50% in 2020
Import dependency of power sector	↓ 27% vs 42% for BAU	↓ 25% vs 46% for BAU
Total investment cost (for power, infrastructure and EE measures)	USD155 billion	USD410 billion

Recommendations

- ✓ Address barriers to clean technology – embedded subsidies for fossil fuels and lack of curtailment protection for VRE
- ✓ Energy efficiency could dampen the demand trajectory by 16% in 2045, just in BAU
- ✓ Balancing and flexibility capacity for the grid
 - Improve flexibility of existing infrastructure, especially hydro and coal
 - Addition of new resources – gas and LNG, battery storage, demand side
 - Add transmission and distribution, upgrade of substations
- ✓ Market solutions – emissions trading systems, and integrated ASEAN power market
- ✓ Financial levers – curtailment insurance for VRE, capacity development in domestic debt markets
- ✓ Financial mechanisms for coal to clean transition

Thank you!

