
IAEE SESSION 7A: CLIMATE VII

POTENTIAL AND COSTS FOR CO₂ MITIGATION FOR REFINERIES IN EU-28 FOR 2050

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Motivation

- The European Council's reconfirmation of the EU objective of GHG mitigation by **80-95%** until 2050 compared to 1990
- In EU emissions trading system (EU ETS), the refinery sector has 130 installations emit 130 Mt in 2015: **25%** of emissions accounted for by industrial activities in the EU ETS
- Yet, comprehensive analysis on energy demand, CO₂ emissions, CO₂ mitigation potential and costs has not been studied for the European refinery sector at the plant level.

Research Questions

1. What is EU Refineries' status-quo in terms of production, energy demand and CO₂ emission on site-level?
2. How could the energy demand and CO₂ emission of the EU refineries change, driven by the production projection until 2050 under various scenarios?
3. What are the potential and costs for the EU refineries to reduce CO₂ emissions by employing energy saving options under various diffusion conditions?

Methodology

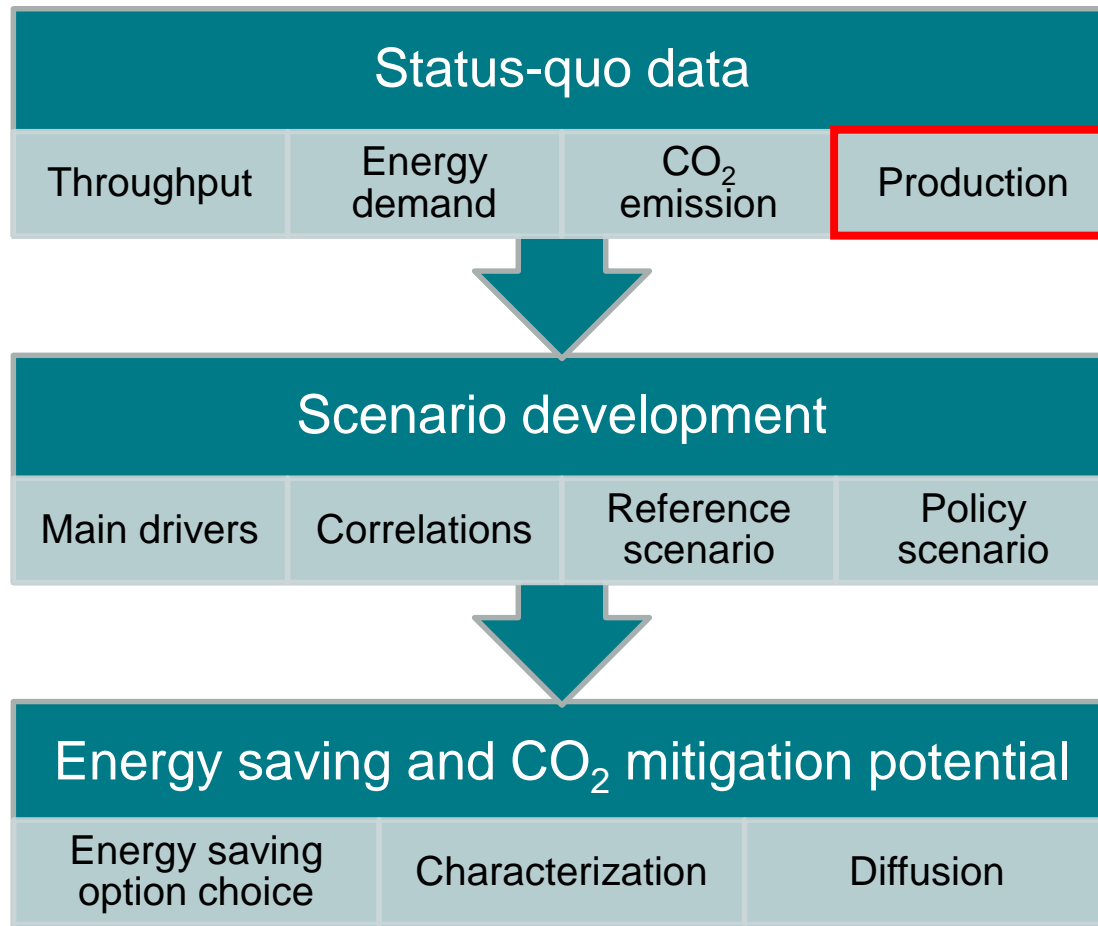


Figure 1. Research methodology based on bottom-up approach.

Methodology - Status-Quo Data: Categorization

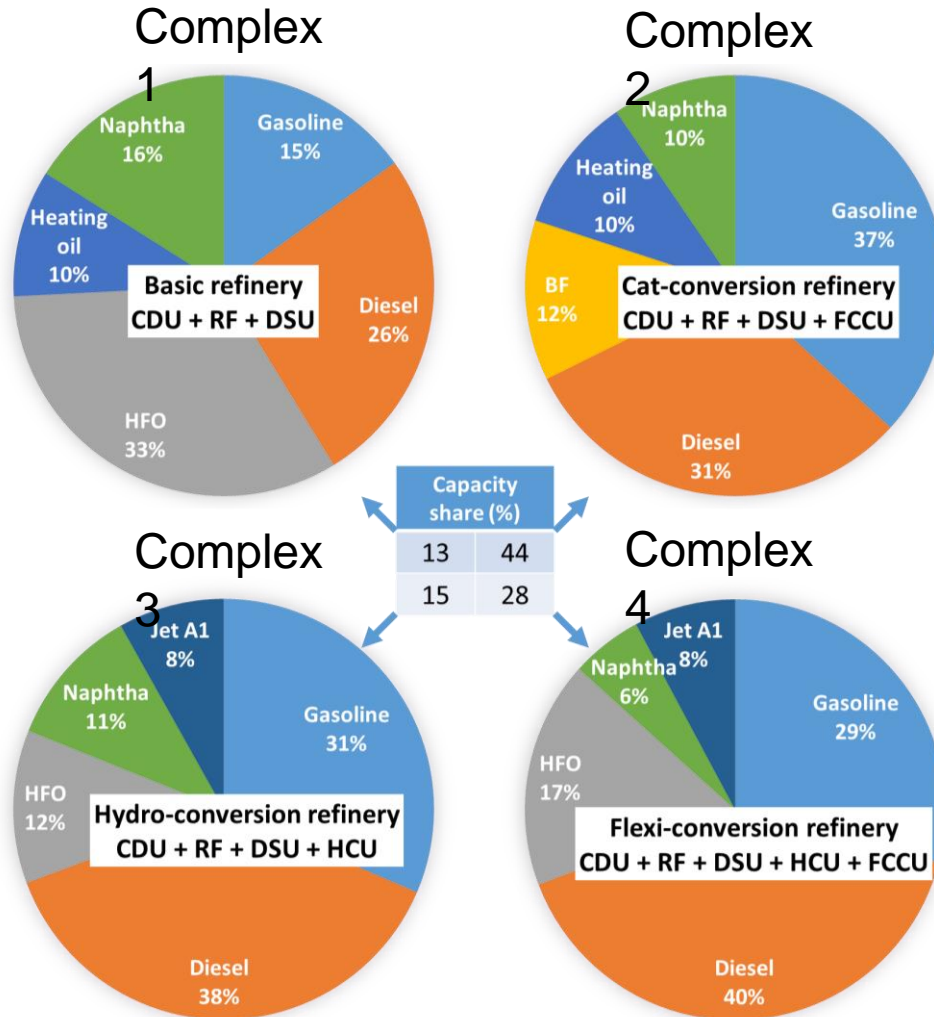


Figure 2. capacity share, process configuration and product slates of categories.

Note: CDU- Crude Distillate Unit, RF- Reforming unit, DSU- Desulfurization unit, FCCU- Fluid catalytic cracking unit, HCU- Hydrocracking unit.

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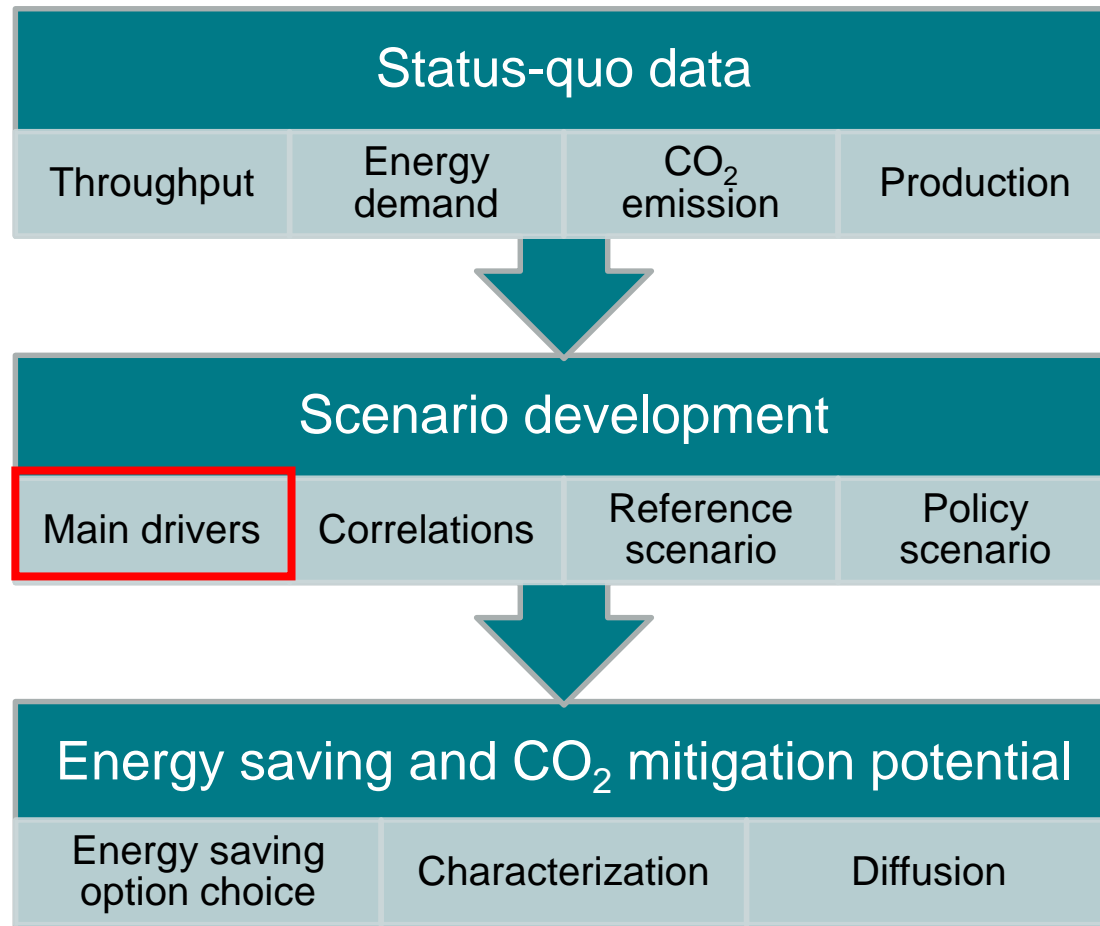


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Methodology- Main Drivers

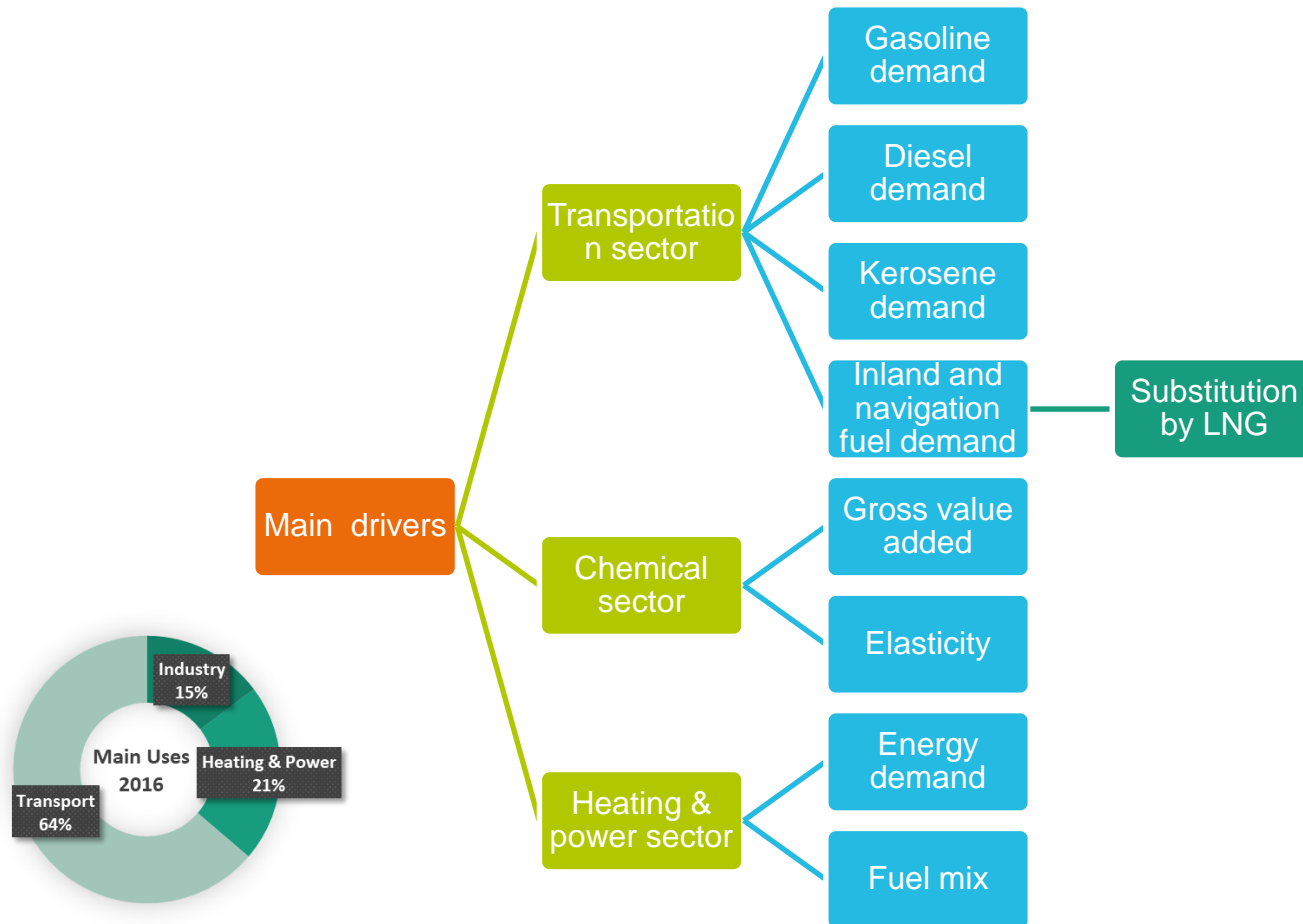


Figure 3. Main driver definition by main uses of the refinery products.

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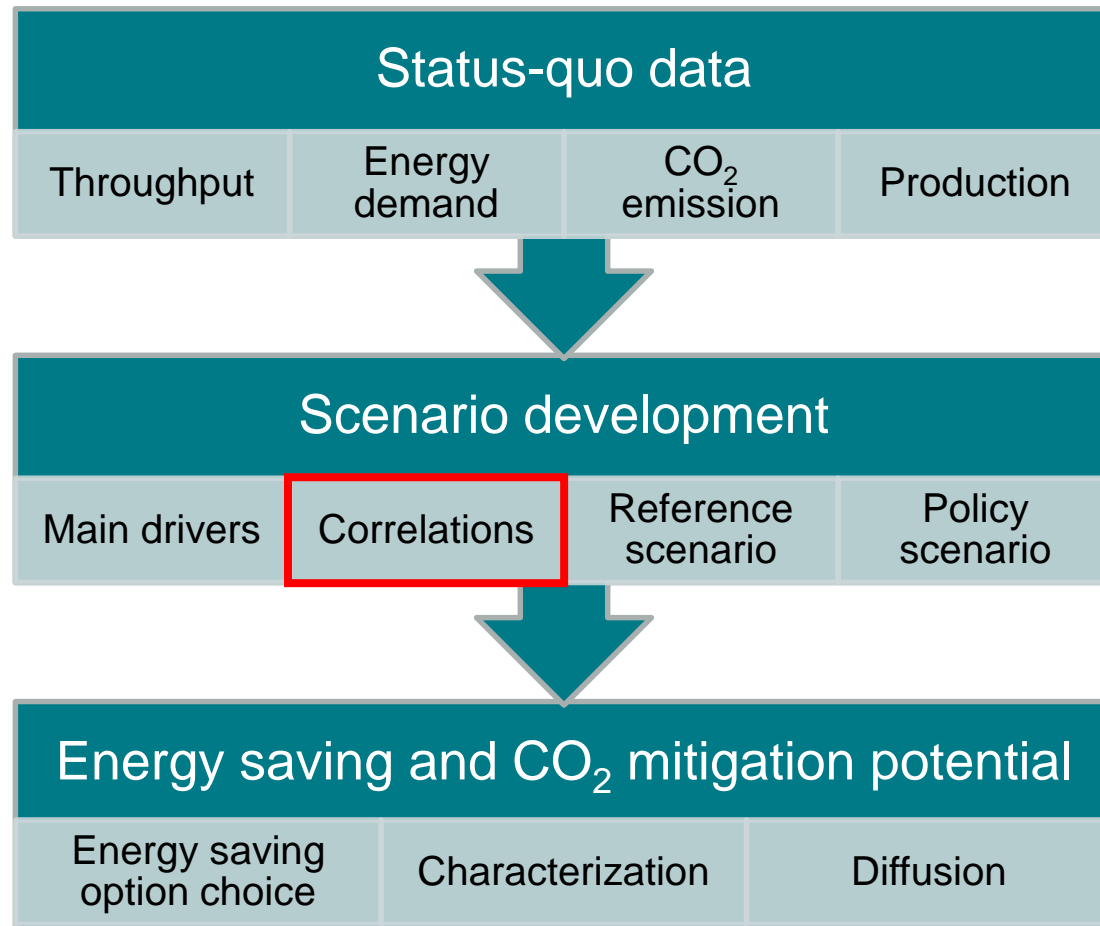


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Methodology-Correlations

Table 2. Main driver correlations to the refinery products.

| Product | Main use | Main driver |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| LPG | Industry, heating and power | Gross value added (GVA), elasticity, Energy demand and fuel mix |
| Naphtha | Industry | GVA, elasticity |
| Gasoline | Transportation | Gasoline demand |
| Jet A1 | Transportation | Kerosene demand |
| Diesel | Transportation | Diesel demand |
| Heating Oil | Heating & power | Energy demand, fuel mix of residential sector |
| HFO (Low sulfur and high sulfur) | Heating & power | Energy demand, fuel mix of residential sector |
| Bunker (Low sulfur and high sulfur) | Transportation | Energy demand from inland navigation, fuel substitution by LNG |
| Bitumen, sulfur, coke | Industry | Proportional production linked to gasoline |

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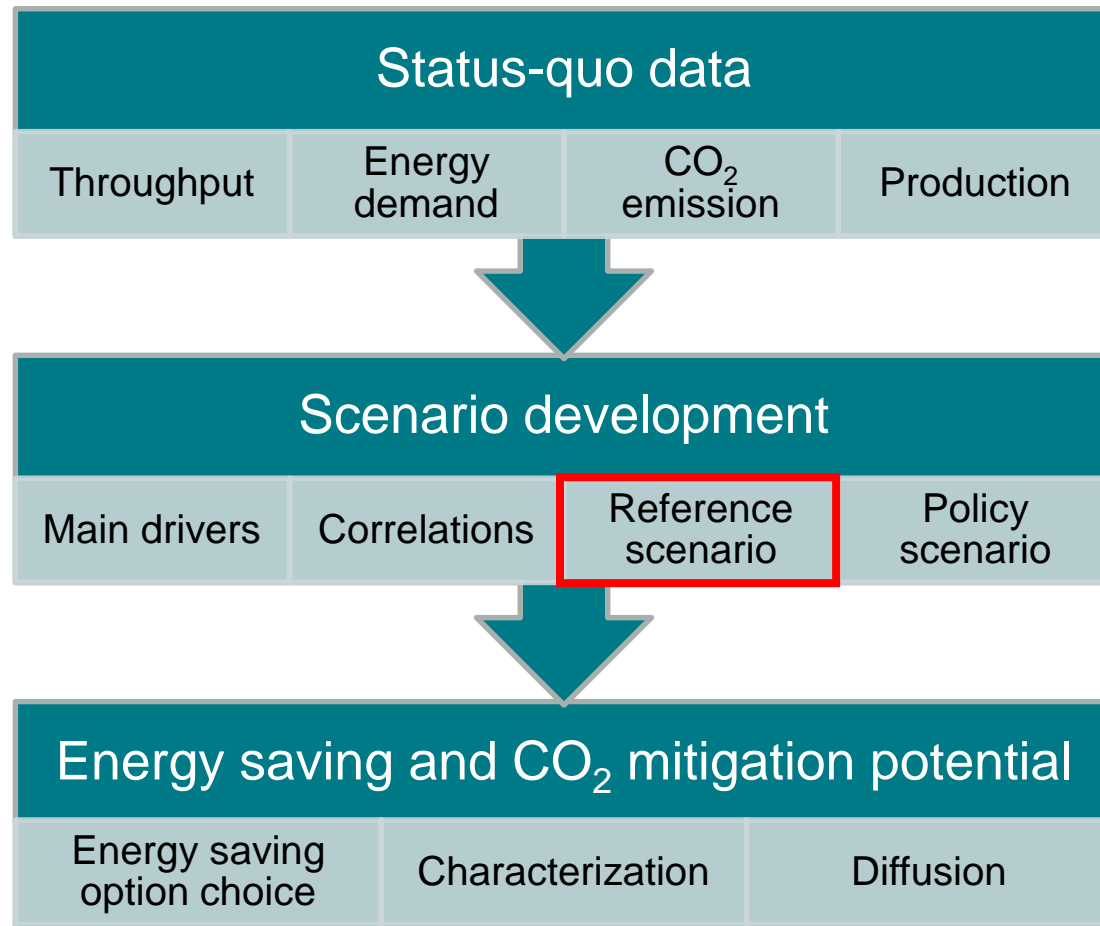


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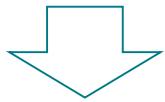
Methodology- Reference Scenario

$$P_{p,n,g,c,y} = P_{p,n,g,c,y-1} * (1 + \Delta ED_{p,n,c,y})$$

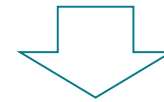
With:

- ΔED (%) as the annual change of the product demand.

-index: p as the specific product (jet fuel, gasoline, diesel and heavy fuel oil)



$$E_{r,c,y} = E_{r,c,B} * P_{t,n,g,c,y}$$



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With:

-E (toe) as the energy demand

-P (2015=100) as the relative production

-Indices: r as the refinery, c as the country and y as the year, B as the base year, t as the total, n as the complex, g as the geographical category.

Methodology- Main Drivers for Reference Scenario

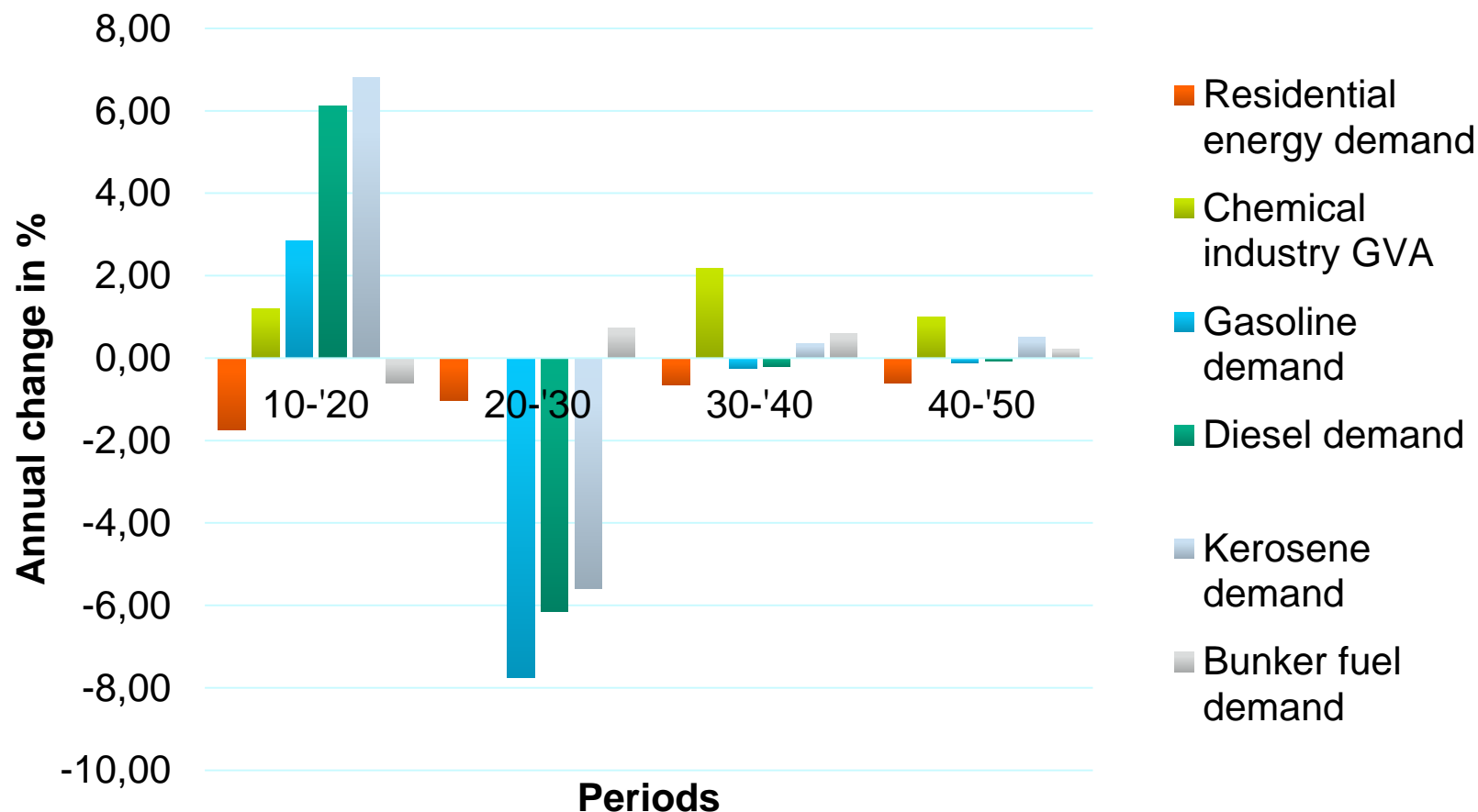


Figure 4. Change of activities as main drivers for EU-28 from EU reference scenario 2016

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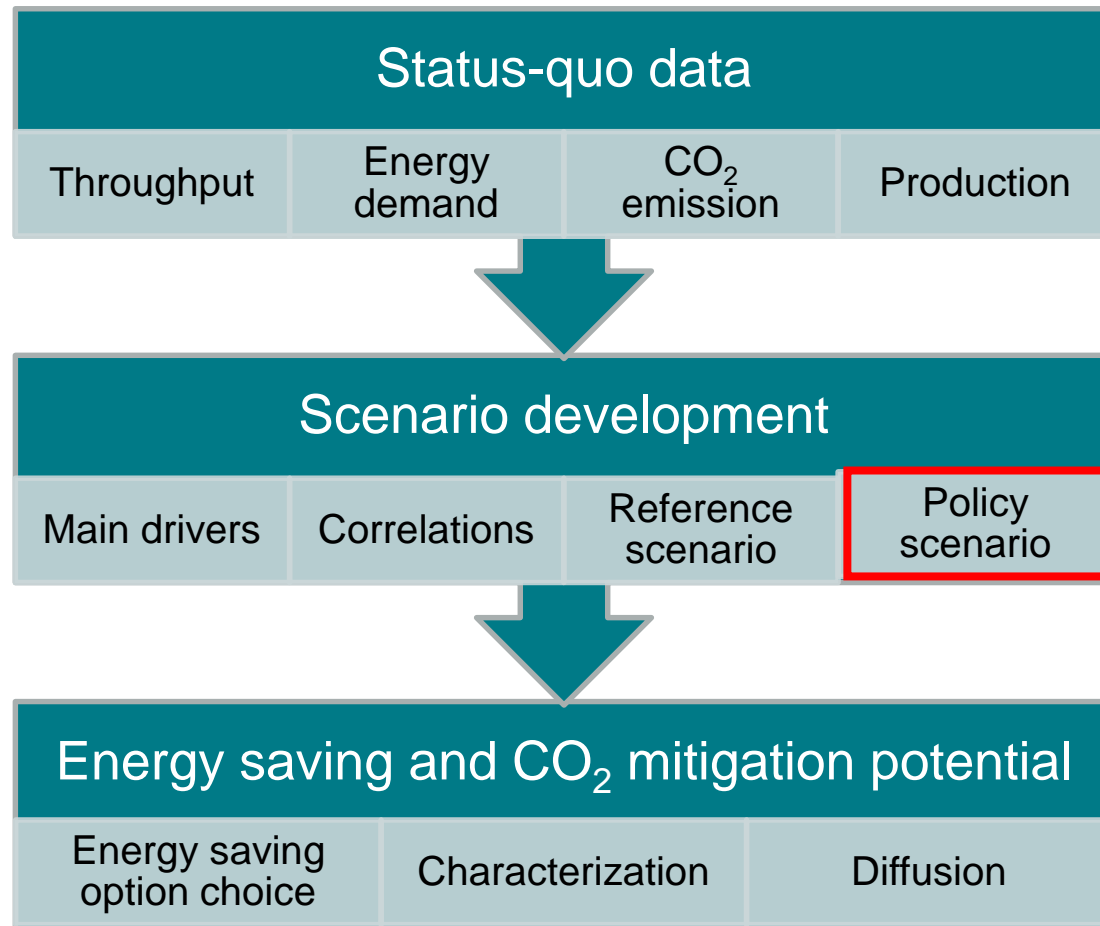


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Methodology- Policy Scenario

Comparison of two scenarios:

1. Decarbonization scenario in EU Roadmap (European Commission, 2011)
2. Reference scenario in EU Reference scenario (Vita et al., 2016)

Inputs for the policy scenario:

- Fuel mix change in transportation sector and residential sector
- Efficiency increase in industry sector

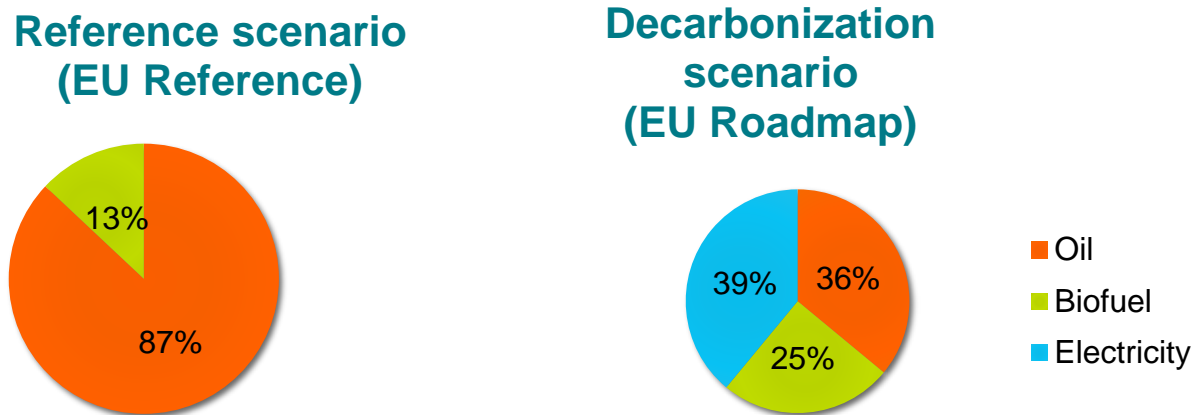


Figure 5. Fuel mix change comparison in road transportation in 2050.

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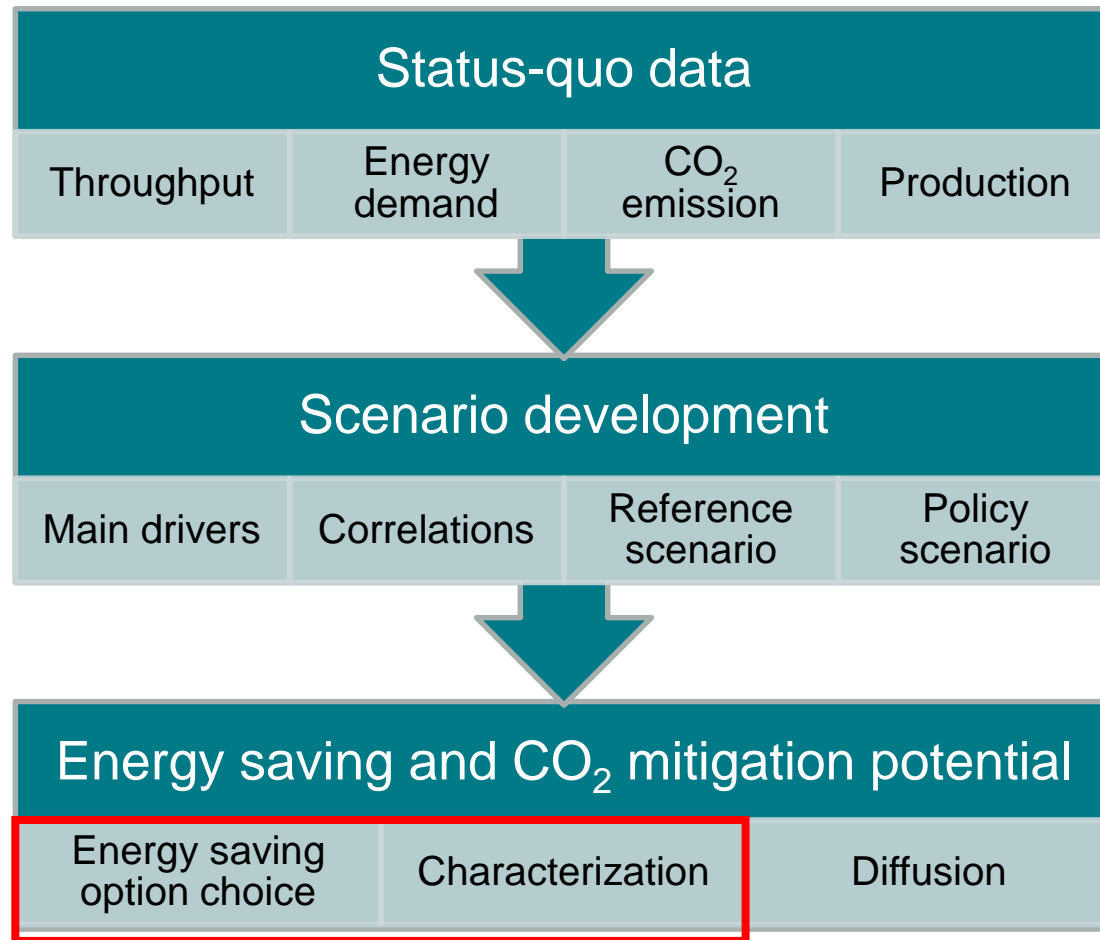


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Methodology-Energy Saving Options

- From the literature Morrow III et al. (2013) Assessment of Energy Efficiency Improvement in the United States Petroleum Refining Industry
- Five energy saving options were chosen based upon penetration rate, total fuel savings.

Table 3. Characterization of energy saving options.

| Number | Name | Fuel saving | Electricity saving | Payback period (year) |
|--------|--------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Installation of new internals | 0-1.57 % | 0.00-1.00 % | 0.7 |
| 2 | Flare gas recovery | 1.09 % | 0.67 % | 2.0 |
| 3 | Improvement of catalysts | 0.20-1.17 % | 0.01-0.13 % | 1.0 |
| 4 | Revamp heat integration | 0.00-0.05 % | 0.00-0.59 % | 2.0 |
| 5 | Installation of furnace air pre-heat | 0.09-0.10 % | 0.00 % | 3.0 |

Note: Adopted from Morrow III et al. (2013).

Morrow III, W. R., Marano, J., Sathaye, J., Hasanbeigi, A., & Xu, T. (2013). *Assessment of Energy Efficiency Improvement in the United States Petroleum Refining Industry*.

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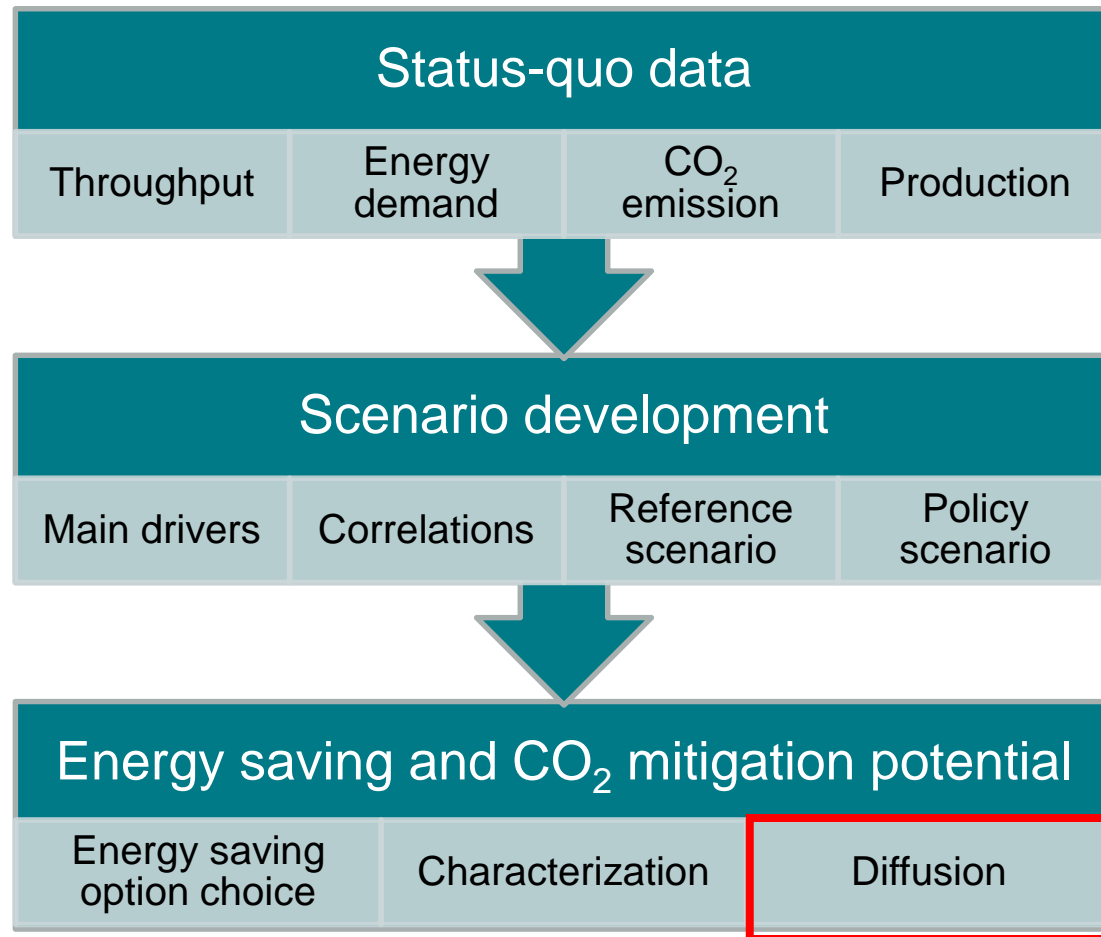


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Result-Status Quo

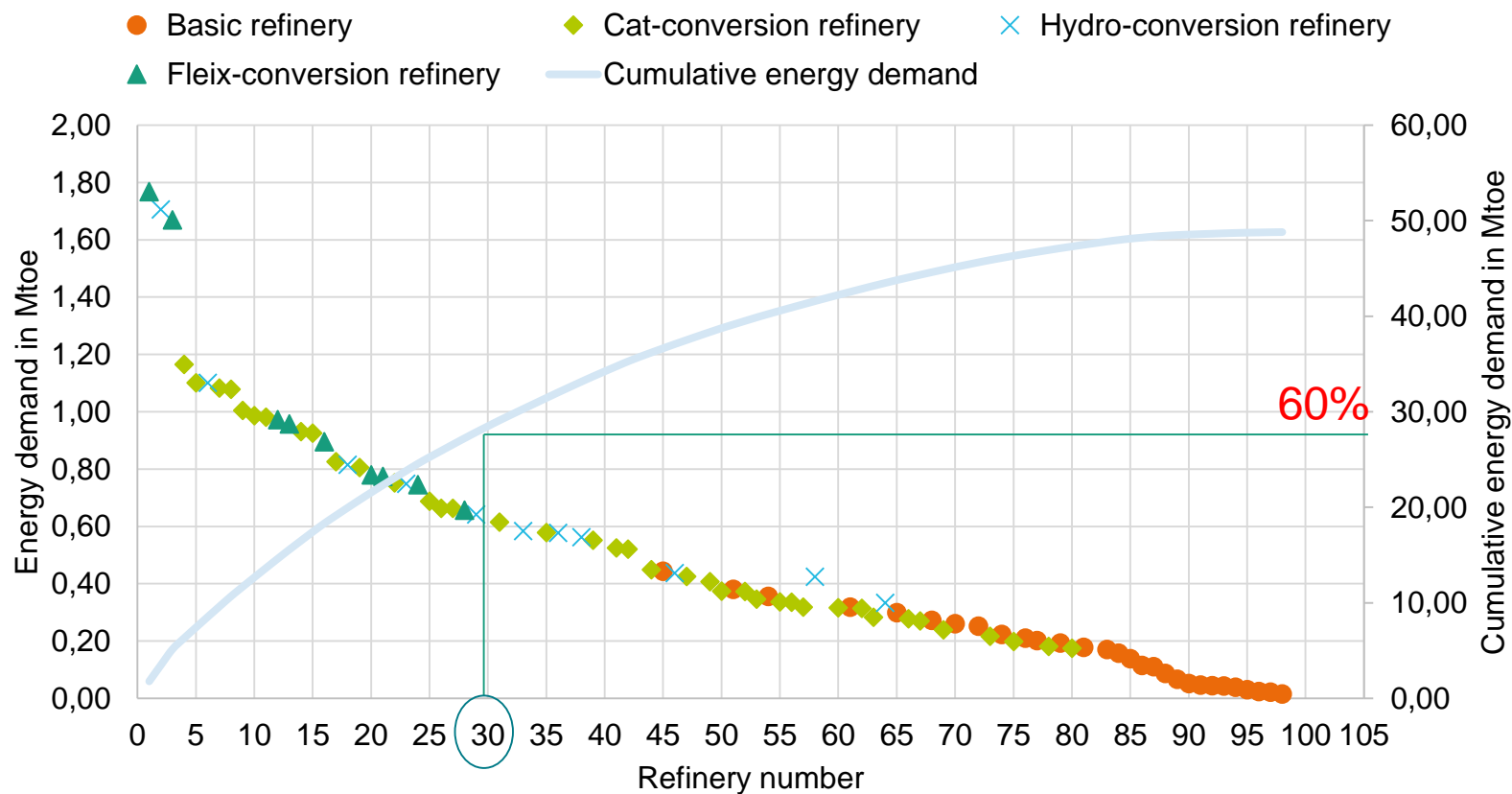


Figure 6. Status-quo of energy demand of refineries in EU-28 by the categories in 2015.

Result- Production Projection

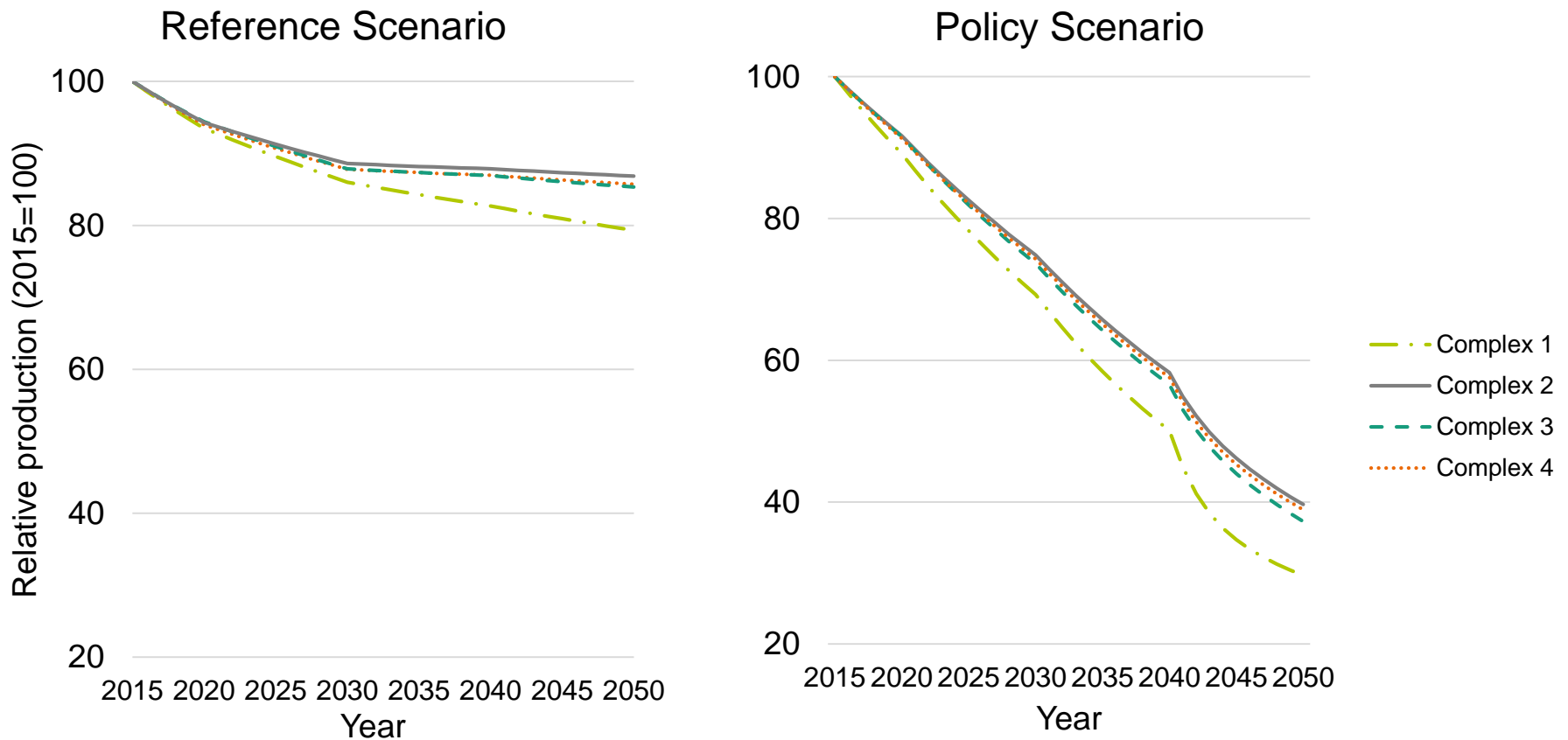


Figure 7. Production projection by complex in the reference scenario and policy scenario.

Result- Scenarios With Saving Potential

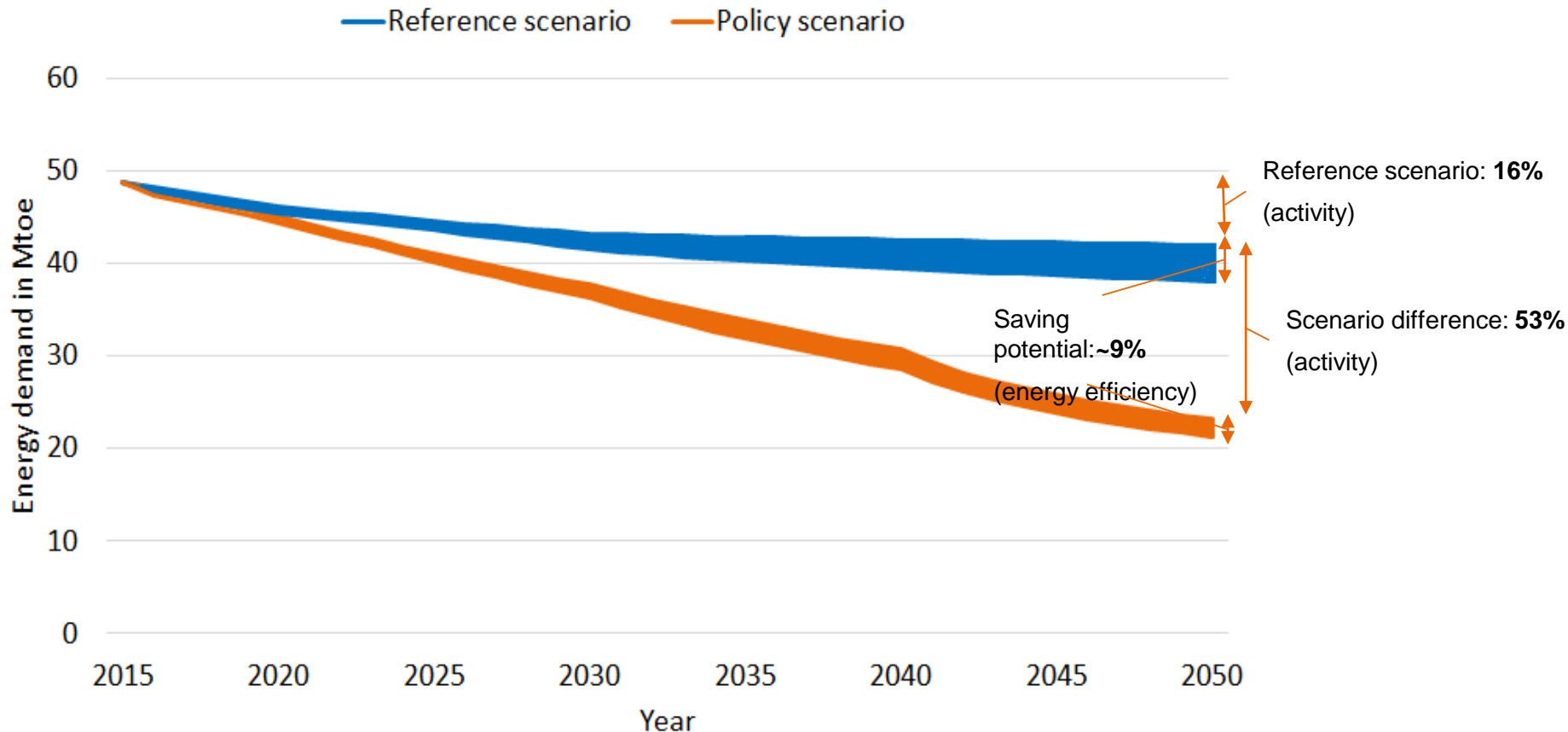


Figure 8. Energy demand projection in the reference and policy scenario with saving potential

Conclusion

- The study contributes to energy system research by;
 - First, bottom-up approach to model the refinery sector on site-level.
 - Second, projection methodology using production development.
 - Finally, calculation of energy saving and CO₂ mitigation potential of applying ESOs that are not likely employed yet, under different diffusion cases.

- Further research:
 - Elaboration of the correlations between demands and production (considering international trades).
 - Economic structure of refineries by type.

Bottom-up approach

Refinery status-quo

Energy demand

Categorization

CO2 emission

Production

Scenario Analysis

Main drivers correlations

Production projection

Reference scenario

Policy scenario

Energy saving &
Mitigation potential

ESOs Payback period

Technical diffusion Economic diffusion