

# Modelling regional energy systems using LEAP:

## Carnia case study



**Long-range Energy Alternatives  
Planning System**



Presentation outline:

- LEAP modelling tool
  - Characteristics
  - Interface overview
  - Data input
  - Results display
- Carnia
  - Framework overview
  - Scenario approach
  - Energy balance and calibration
  - Results visualization





**Long-range Energy Alternatives  
Planning System**

- Widely-used software tool for energy policy analysis, used at many different scales ranging from cities and states to national, regional and global applications;
- Scenario-based, can track energy consumption, production, resource extraction and GHG emissions within all economy sectors;
- Simulation and optimization for modelling electric generation and capacity expansion planning, with least-cost approach under user-input constraints;
- Medium to long term planning tool: calculations on an annual time-step, but allows to input profiles up to an hourly resolution;
- User-friendly graph visualization, Sankey diagrams and energy balance tables, with various sector and fuel type resolution.



- Demand and transformation divided into branches and sub-branches, for each one technologies with relative fuel are specified;
- By selecting the branch is then possible to specify the values of all variables, input yearly profile shapes and dispatch rules, and specify future values for technology shares and efficiencies.

Branch: All Branches Variable: Activity Level Scenario: Current Accounts

Activity Level Final Energy Intensity Demand Cost All Variables

Activity Level: A measure of the social or economic activity for which energy is consumed. [Default="0"]

Branch	Expression	Scale	Units	Per
Trasporti	Key\N* Auto[Auto]		Vehicle	
Trasporto strada	623300000/Key\N* Auto[Auto]		Vehicle-km	per Vehicle
Benzina	35,13	Percent	Share	of Vehicle-kms
Diesel	63,34	Percent	Share	of Vehicle-kms
GPL	1,29	Percent	Share	of Vehicle-kms
Metano	Remainder(100)	Percent	Share	of Vehicle-kms
Ibrido	0	Percent	Share	of Vehicle-kms
Elettrico	0	Percent	Share	of Vehicle-kms

LEAP: carnia UTI FL

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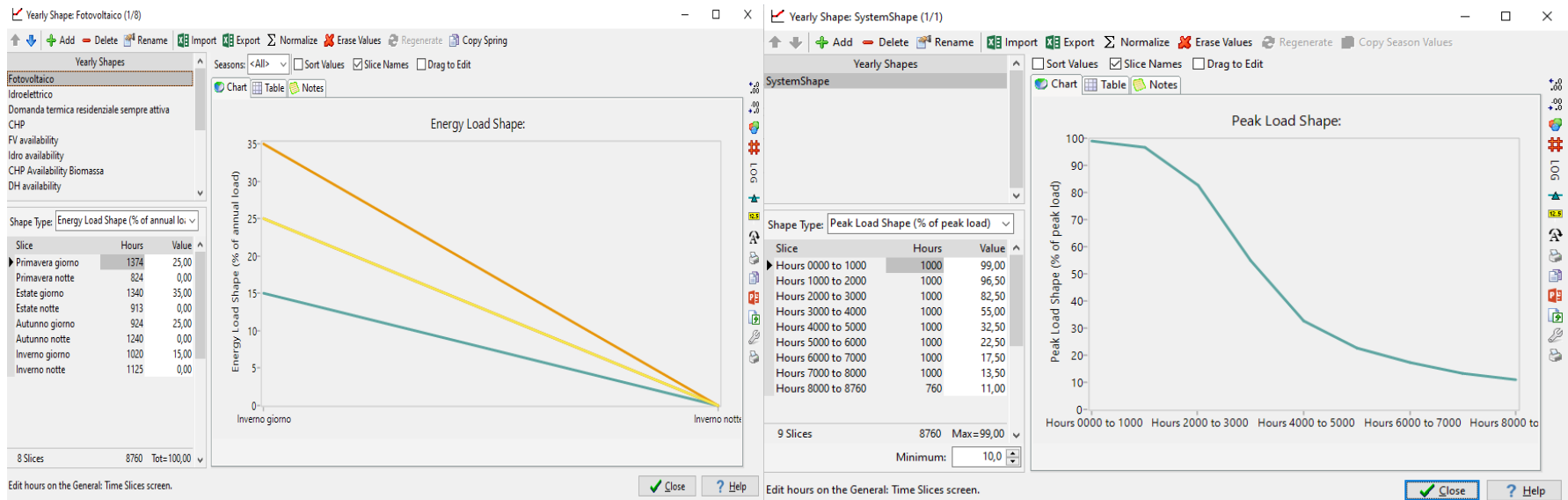
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Analysis Results Energy Balance Summaries Overviews Technology Database Notes

- UTI Carnia
  - Key Assumptions
  - Effects
  - Demand
    - Residenziale
    - Industria manifatturiera
    - Commercio
    - Agricolo
    - Terziario
    - Illuminazione pubblica
    - Trasporti
      - Trasporto strada
        - Benzina
        - Diesel
        - GPL
        - Metano
        - Ibrido
        - Elettrico
    - Stazioni di Pompaggio
  - Transformation
    - Distribuzione
    - Generazione Calore
    - Generazione Hydro
    - Generazione Fotovoltaico
    - Cogenerazione
    - Land Areas
    - Resources



- Profiles can have various time resolution and details, since LEAP allows different combinations of seasonal, weekday-weekend, night and day and hourly profiles;
- Can be written directly in LEAP or be imported from Excel;




PV availability: 4 seasons and night&day profiles


Peak Load Shape: hourly aggregated into 9 slices





- Multiple scenarios can be computed simultaneously, in such way it's possible to compare different measures and relative effects
- It also allows to combine different scenarios in order to analyse the synergy or overlapping of policies.

Energy Demand Final Units 

Scenario	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040
Baseline	239,6	288,8	349,8	421,3	513,1	631,6	784,8
CNG Buses	239,6	288,7	349,8	421,3	513,3	632,2	786,2
Efficient Industry	239,6	286,6	344,8	412,3	498,8	610,3	754,5
Efficient Lighting	239,6	288,0	348,0	418,5	509,1	625,7	776,6
Efficient Refrigerators	239,6	288,6	348,8	418,6	509,4	626,6	778,3
Gas and Renewables	239,6	288,8	349,8	421,3	513,1	631,6	784,8
Mitigation	239,6	285,7	341,8	406,7	491,3	600,2	741,0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.677,4</b>	<b>2.015,2</b>	<b>2.432,7</b>	<b>2.920,0</b>	<b>3.548,2</b>	<b>4.358,2</b>	<b>5.406,3</b>

Every Five Years 

**Scenarios**

+ Add - Delete  Rename  Duplicate ↑ ↓  Show Additional Scenarios in Tree (A)

Current Accounts

- REF: Reference
  - LED: illuminazione pubblica
  - RES: Residenziale metano DH legna
  - SCE: Scenario intermedio (A)
  - IND: Industria Cartiera
- INVOL: riqualificazione involucro
  - F\_FREE: fossil free (A)**
  - TELE: residenziale teleriscaldamento
  - TER: terziario teleriscaldamento
  - TRA: trasporti

Abbreviation:

GWP Values:

Include in MACC reports

Sensitivity (overrides Current Accounts)

**Inheritance** Notes

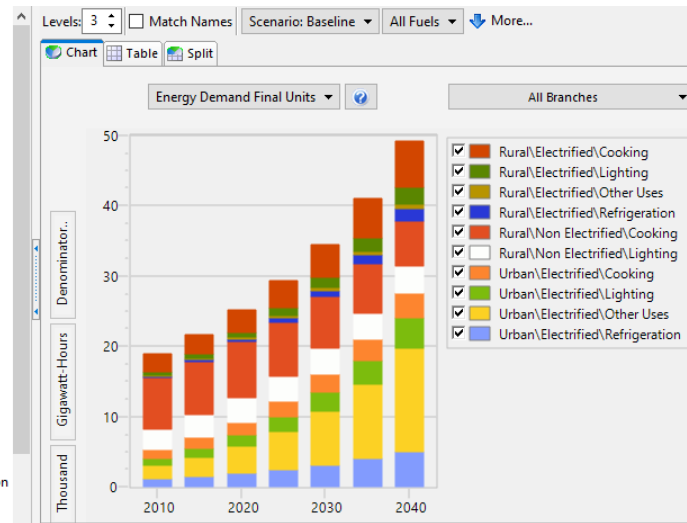
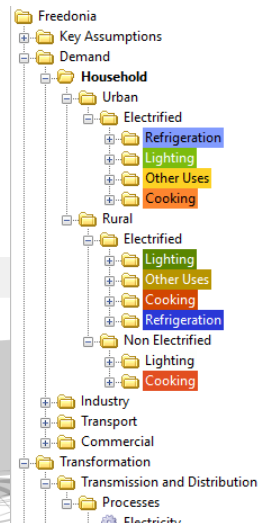
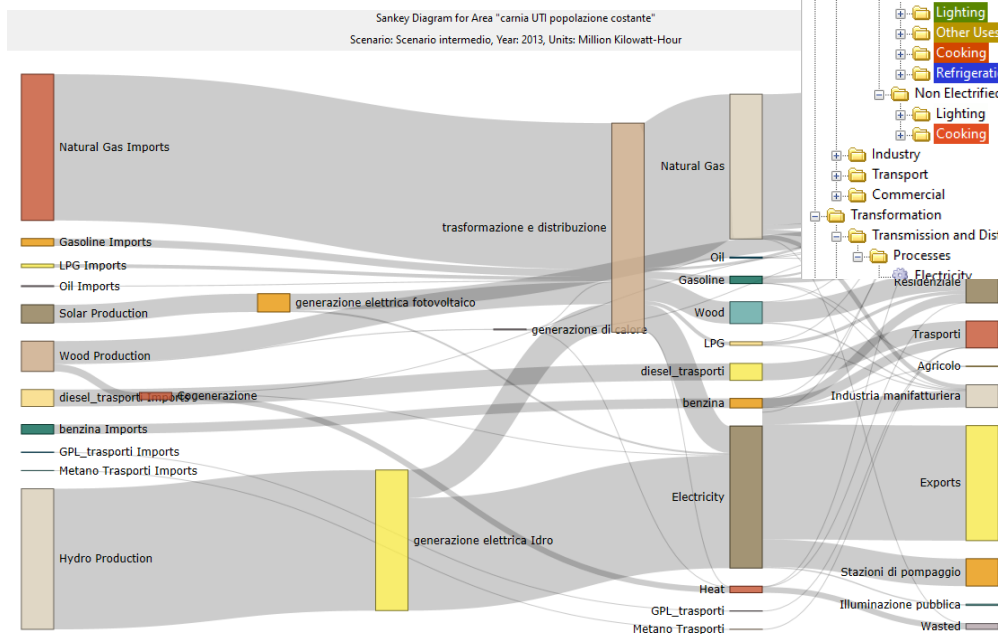
Based on:

**Additional Scenarios:**

Abbrev	Scenario
LED	illuminazione pubblica
TELE	residenziale teleriscaldamento
TER	terziario teleriscaldamento
TRA	trasporti
RES	Residenziale metano DH legna
IND	Industria Cartiera



LEAP allows to quickly visualize results by plotting several parameters, grouped by branch, fuel or scenario.



Besides that, it also offers Sankey diagrams and Energy Balance tables that can be exported in Excel.



Within the framework that will bring to the publication of the Carnia Energy Plan, fundamental milestones are:

- Data gathering and compilation of the Energy Balance;
- Production of an Energy Model that accurately represents the different energy sectors at the current state of things and its calibration;
- Scenarios development;
- Result analysis, technical and also economic evaluation;
- Action proposals within the results guidelines.



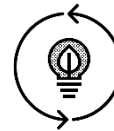


## OBJECTIVES OF CARNIA ENERGY PLAN



### ENERGY SAVING

through energy saving measures



### DEVELOPMENT OF RES

Increasing the presence and use of  
renewable energy sources



### GHG EMISSION REDUCTION

through energy saving measures and use  
of RES



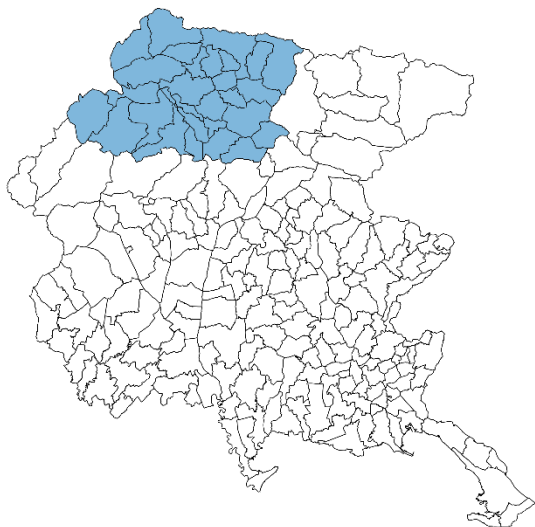
### LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

Industrial and socio-economic growth.



**SECTORS**

**CARNIA**



28 municipalities of  
Friuli Venezia Giulia region



**RESIDENTIAL**



**TERTIARY**



**TRANSPORT**



**INDUSTRY**



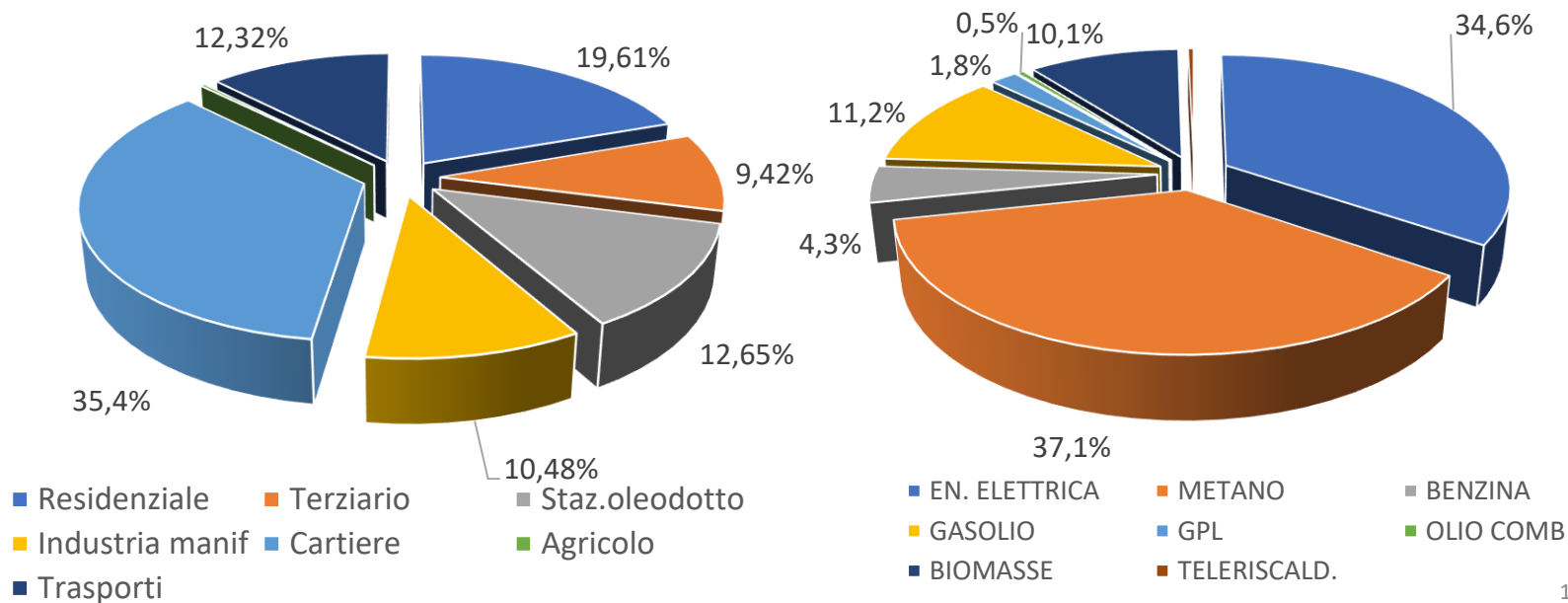
**AGRICULTURAL**

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- Paper Industry and pumping stations heavily affect the energy consumption;
- Methane is the largest energy vector, followed by electricity and oil products;
- Residential and transport will be the focus sectors for decarbonization.

2013 in tep by sector & fuel



For two population development trends (constant and decreasing), two scenarios have been developed for 2050, combining different measures at different penetration levels.

**2. INTERMEDIATE**

**3. GREEN POLICY**

RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

NG efficient boilers  
30% biomass-fueled DH  
Remaining biomass efficient boilers

40% heat-pumps  
40% biomass-fueled DH  
20% biomass efficient boilers  
100% energy savings coating

COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS

25% NG boilers  
75% DH

25% NG boilers  
75% DH

TRANSPORT

65% hybrid  
35% electric

100% electric

PUBLIC LIGHTING

100% LED

100% LED

INDUSTRY

2022: -25% NG consumption  
Tolmezzo Paper plant

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Tolmezzo Paper plant



## Considered costs:

- Fuel import costs;
- Demand cost: technology substitution costs for final energy use (e.g. car, boiler), annualized over its expected lifetime;
- Capital cost of new power plants, Fixed and Variable O&M;
- Externality costs: CO2 and PM10 emission costs.



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**GLOBAL COST  
SCENARIO**



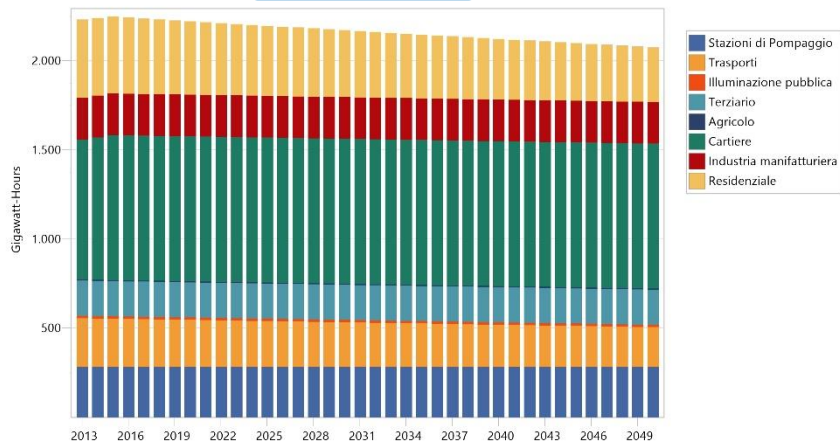
Energy balance and model calibration: checking that Base Year reflects actual sectorial consumptions.

Energy Balance for Area "carnia UTI FL"								
Scenario: Reference, Year: 2013, Units: Million Kilowatt-Hour								
	Natural Gas	Hydropower	Renewables	Biomass	Electricity	Oil Products	Heat	Total
Production	-	1.447,9	187,7	311,8	-	-	-	1.947,4
Imports	836,5	-	-	-	-	398,8	-	1.235,3
Exports	-	-	-	-	-671,5	-	-	-671,5
<b>Total Primary Supply</b>	<b>836,5</b>	<b>1.447,9</b>	<b>187,7</b>	<b>311,8</b>	<b>-671,5</b>	<b>398,8</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2.511,2</b>
Electricity Generation	-	-1.447,9	-187,7	-74,3	1.474,1	-	59,5	-176,4
Heat Generation	-	-	-	-10,9	-	-	8,2	-2,7
Distribution	-8,4	-	-	-	-32,1	-	-0,9	-41,4
<b>Total Transformation</b>	<b>-8,4</b>	<b>-1.447,9</b>	<b>-187,7</b>	<b>-85,2</b>	<b>1.442,0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>66,7</b>	<b>-220,5</b>
Residenziale	51,3	-	-	208,8	90,9	85,6	1,4	438,0
Industria manifatturiera	44,8	-	-	13,8	172,2	3,1	-	233,9
Cartiere	687,3	-	-	-	99,0	-	-	786,3
Agricolo	-	-	-	-	3,7	2,8	-	6,4
Terziario	44,2	-	-	4,1	109,2	32,5	6,8	196,8
Illuminazione pubblica	-	-	-	-	13,5	-	-	13,5
Trasporti	0,5	-	-	-	-	274,8	-	275,3
Stazioni di Pompaggio	-	-	-	-	282,0	-	-	282,0
<b>Total Demand</b>	<b>828,2</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>226,6</b>	<b>770,5</b>	<b>398,8</b>	<b>8,2</b>	<b>2.232,2</b>
<b>Unmet Requirements</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>0,0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-58,5</b>	<b>-58,5</b>





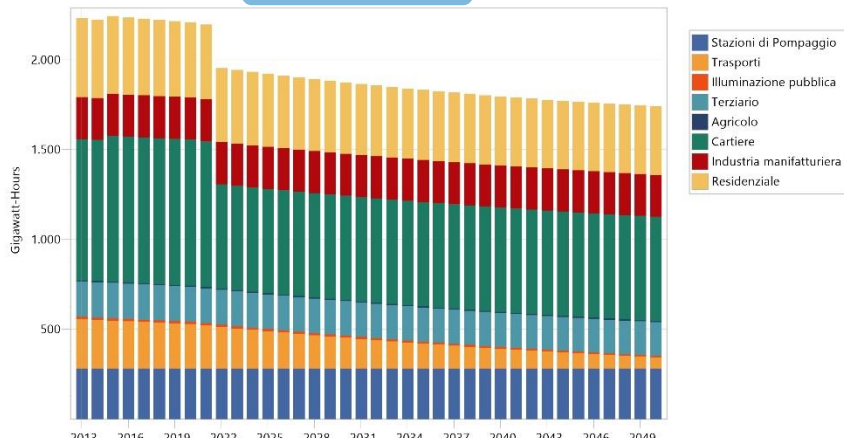
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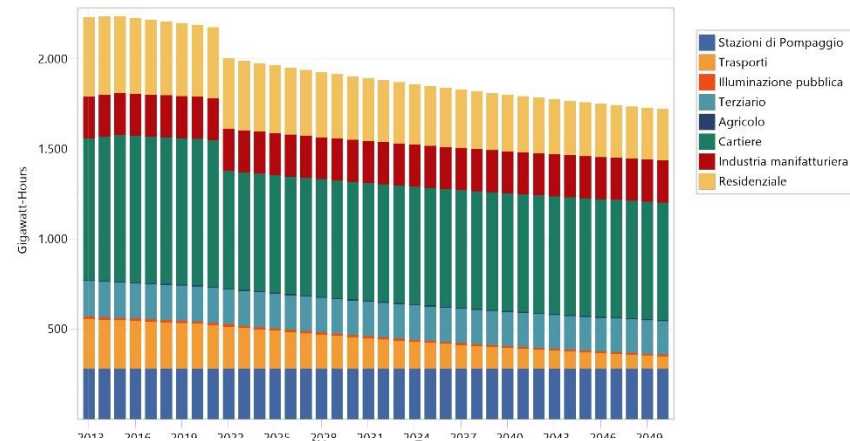
**Final Energy Demand by sector:**

- Reductions in residential and transport sectors
- Step reduction in industry sector in 2022
- Oil pipeline and other industries left unchanged

**Intermediate**

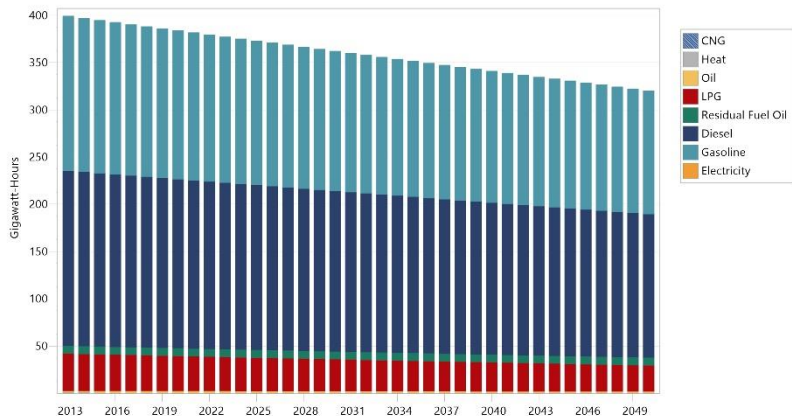


**Green Policy**





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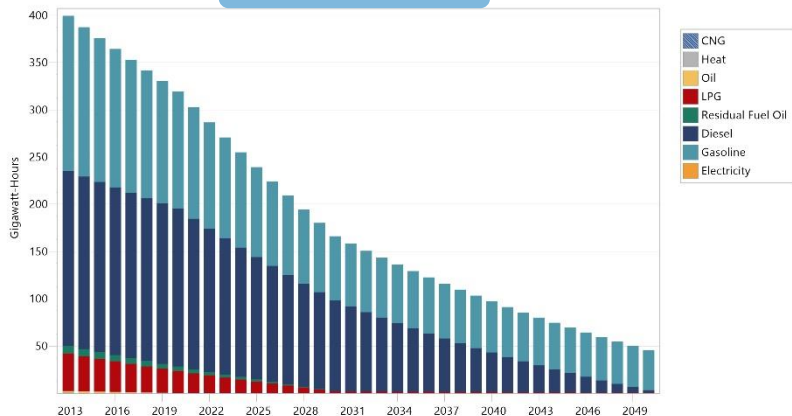
Primary fuel imports:

- 100% methane
- Dominated by industrial use

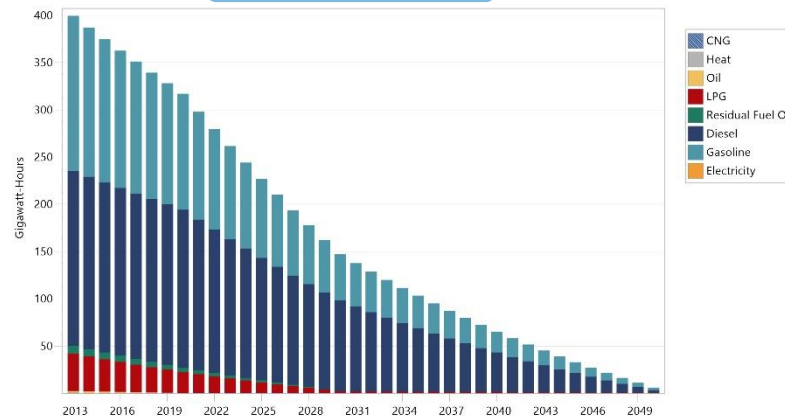
Secondary fuel imports (see graphs):

- 100% oil products
- Mainly for transport sector

**Intermediate**



**Green Policy**



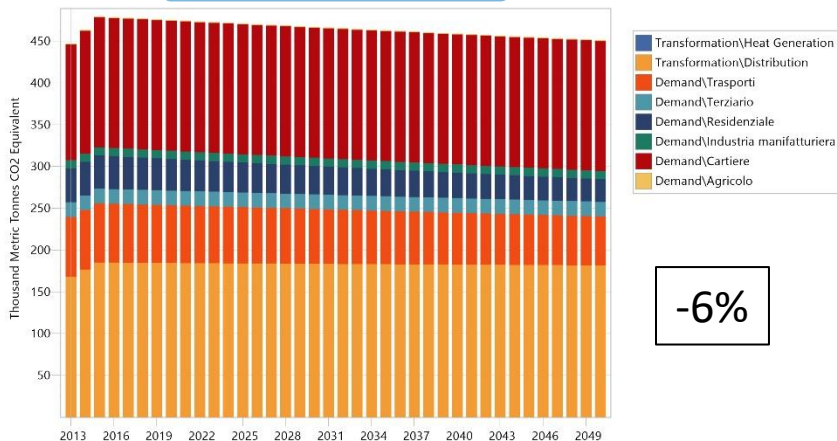




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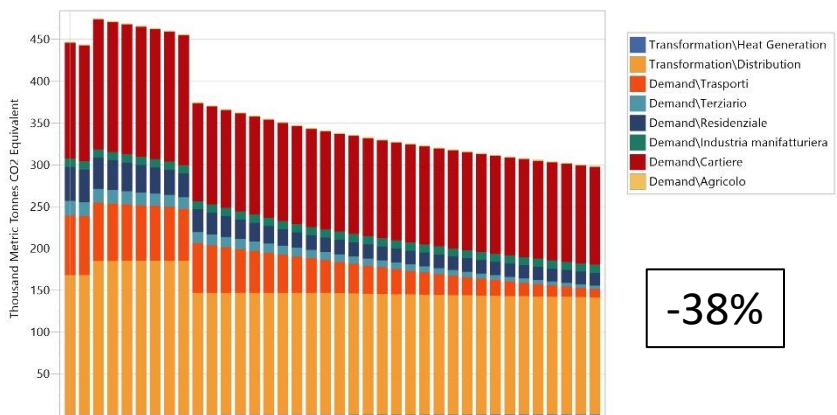
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Development Fund

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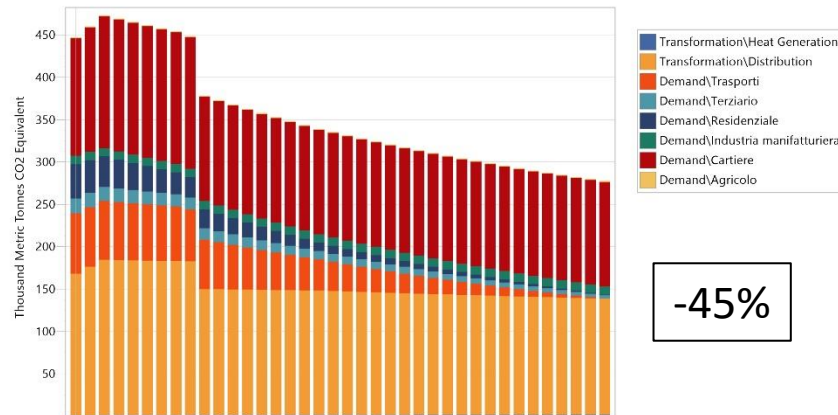


CO2 and PM10 emissions over decreasing population scenarios, with the only remaining emissions being industry-related.

**Intermediate**



**Green Policy**



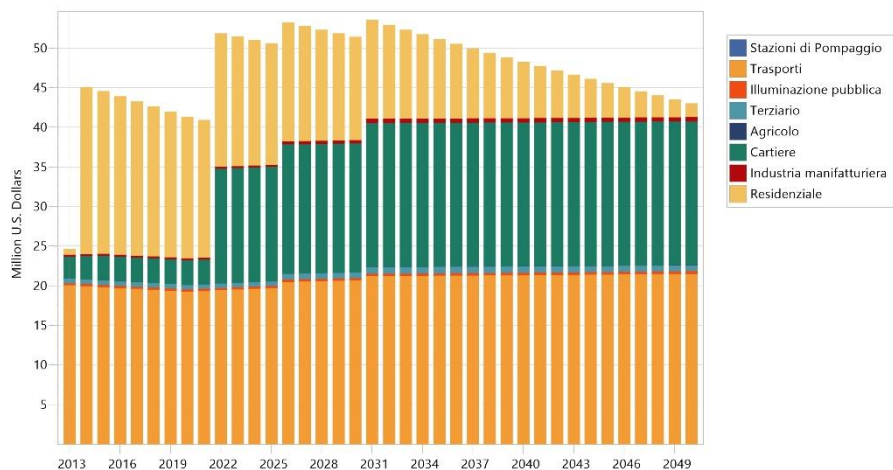


Demand social costs are influenced mainly by investment costs on:

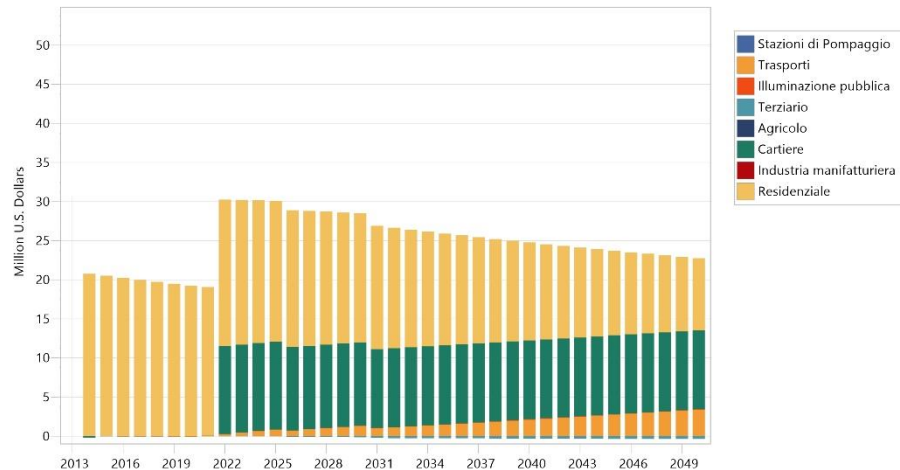
- Building coatings;
- Electric vehicles;
- Paper industry externalities.

**Green Policy**

**Absolute values**



**Vs BAU**



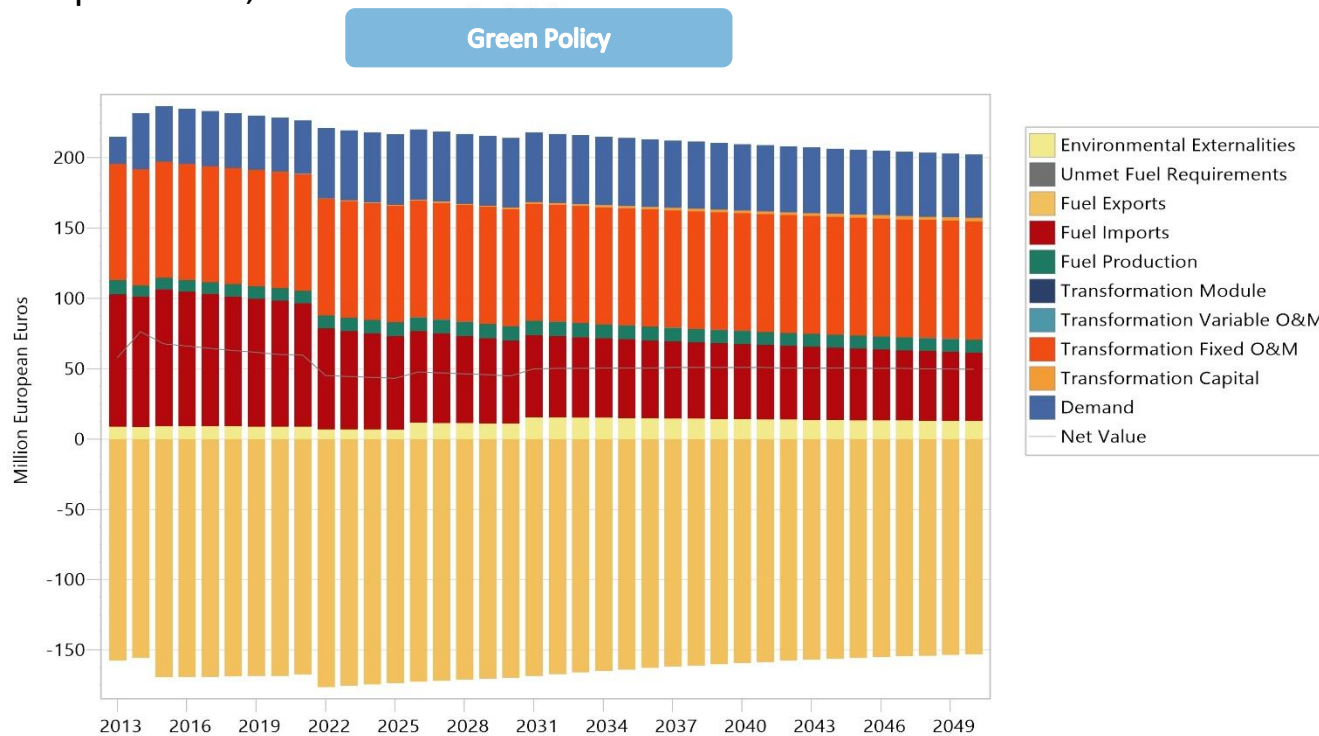
LEAP allows to plot the comparison between two different scenarios!





Total social costs allow to visualize together:

- Demand costs;
- Import & Export costs;
- Transformation CAPEX and OPEX;
- Environmental costs.



## Summarizing:

- LEAP is a powerful tool, suitable for current energy system analysis and long-term energy planning, not intended for operational optimization;
- Allows different levels of modelling accuracy, depending also on the availability of data;
- Scenario based, compares and combines different scenario measures, with quick and intuitive results visualization;
- Within the Carnia Energy Plan, it allowed to simulate different development projections and to provide useful guidelines for measures adoption.



