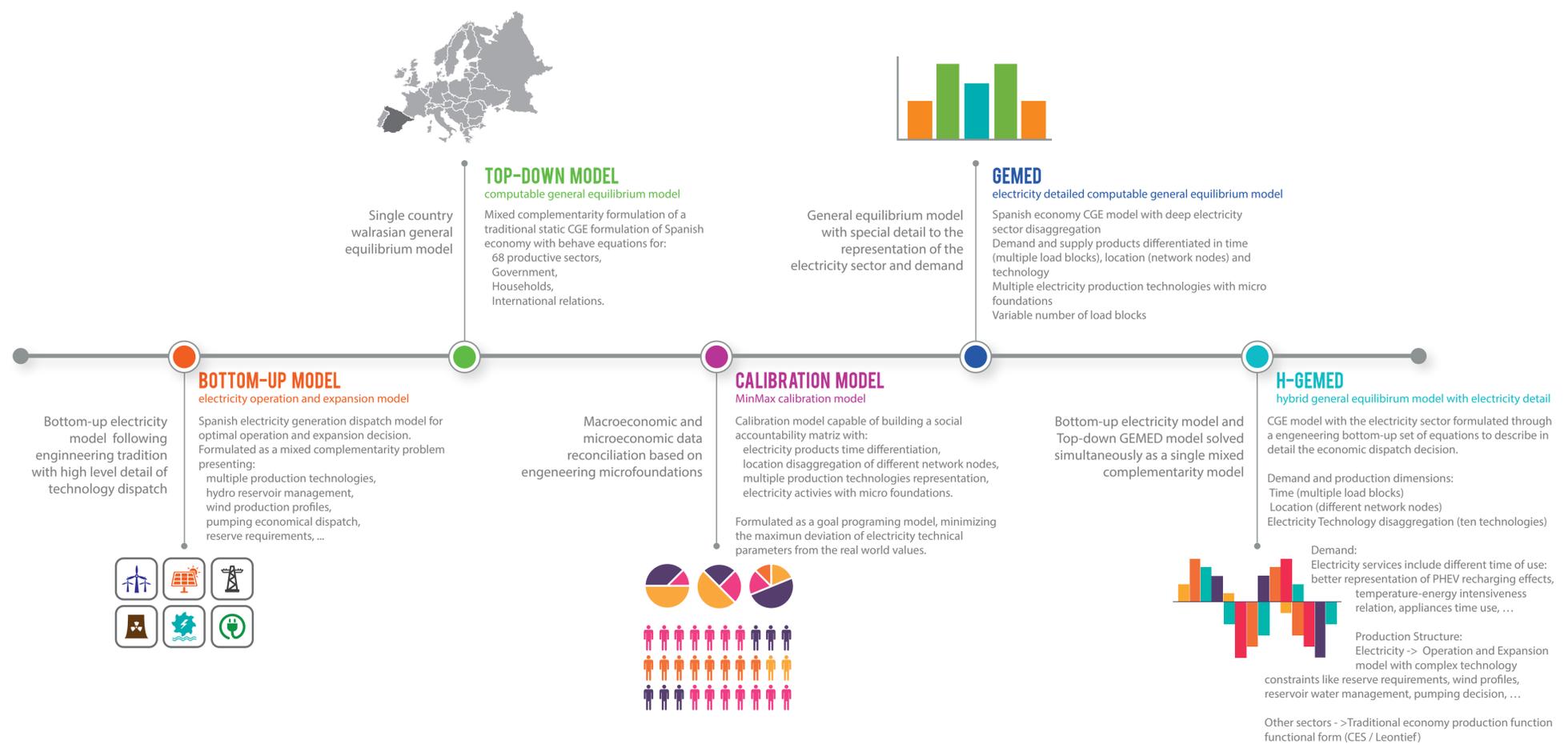
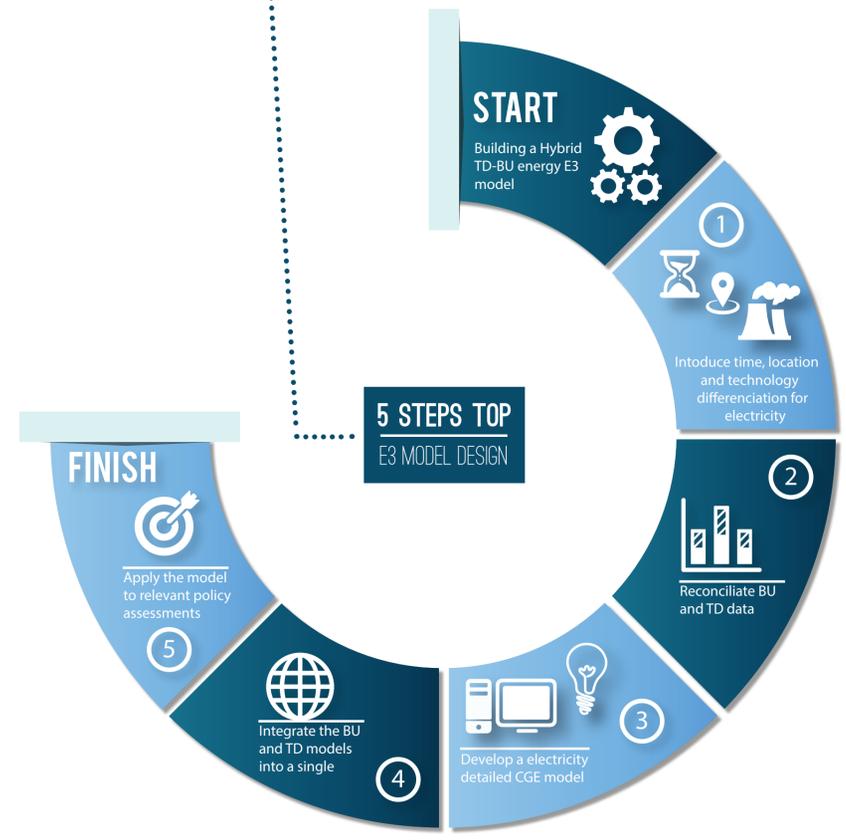




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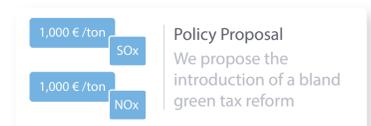
HYBRID MODELING FOR ELECTRICITY POLICY ASSESSMENTS

building a hybrid Top-down (TD) CGE and Bottom-up (BU) electricity operation and expansion model



01 ELECTRICITY DEMAND RESPONSE

02 GREEN TAX REFORM

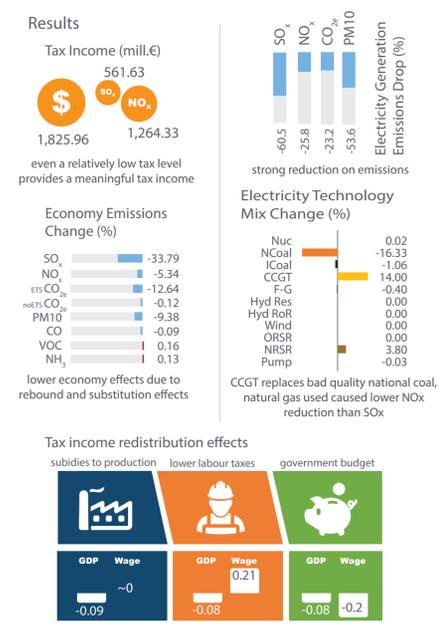


The policy is simulated using the H-GEMED model. The model has a hybrid formulation containing all equations pertaining to a TD CGE model representation of the Spanish economy and additionally all equations of a BU electricity operation and expansion model to represent the electricity sector in detail.

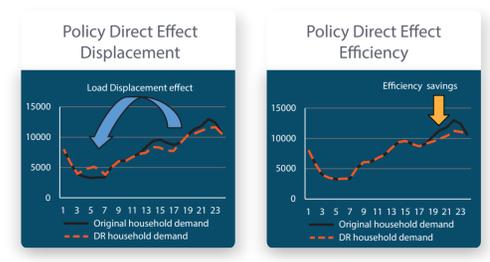
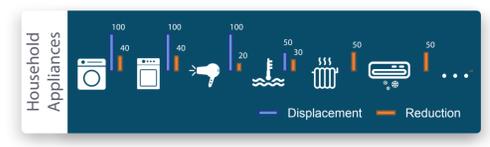
The CGE model component is necessary to evaluate possible rebound effects resulting from the changes in competitiveness introduced by the green tax. Additionally, the CGE model allows ther evaluation of alternative ways to distribute the newer tax income to influenciaste directly the government budget, acts as productive sector subsidies or lower the social contributions burden to labor.

The BU electricity model component is crucial to represent endogenously the technological changes caused by the new competitive situation and changes on the electricity generation optimal decision. Moreover the electricity detail allows the modelling tool to represent the demand consequences of agents with diferent electricity profile behaviour.

The results obtained comproues the potential of such policy on an environmental perspective and the possible economy repercussions of the alternative use of the tax income acquired.



Background and Policy
Increase of consumer price awareness allow households to adopt more efficient home appliances use



The policy is simulated using the GEMED model. The model has a CGE traditional formulation, however it includes electricity product differentiation in time (load block) and location, multiple generation technologies and micro foundations for the electricity activities.

The load block disaggregation is specially important because it allows to represent endogenously the demand profile changes promoted by the increase in the consumer electricity price awareness due to recent developments on smart mettering and time of use tariffs for example.

Two main direct effects can be identified from an increase of households electricity demand response. The awareness of different hourly prices provide incentives to shift consumption to lower costly electricity hours. Meanwhile, the increase on consumer information about appliances economical use modes and saving labels could cause an electricity demand retraction.

The general equilibrium formulation used allows the estimation of indirect effects like rebound effects that undermines the previous mentioned policy direct effects.

The policy results presented aim to compare the importance for using a model with the above described features when comparison with a traditional CGE or a pure BU formulation.

