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# Low-energy lights will keep the lights on

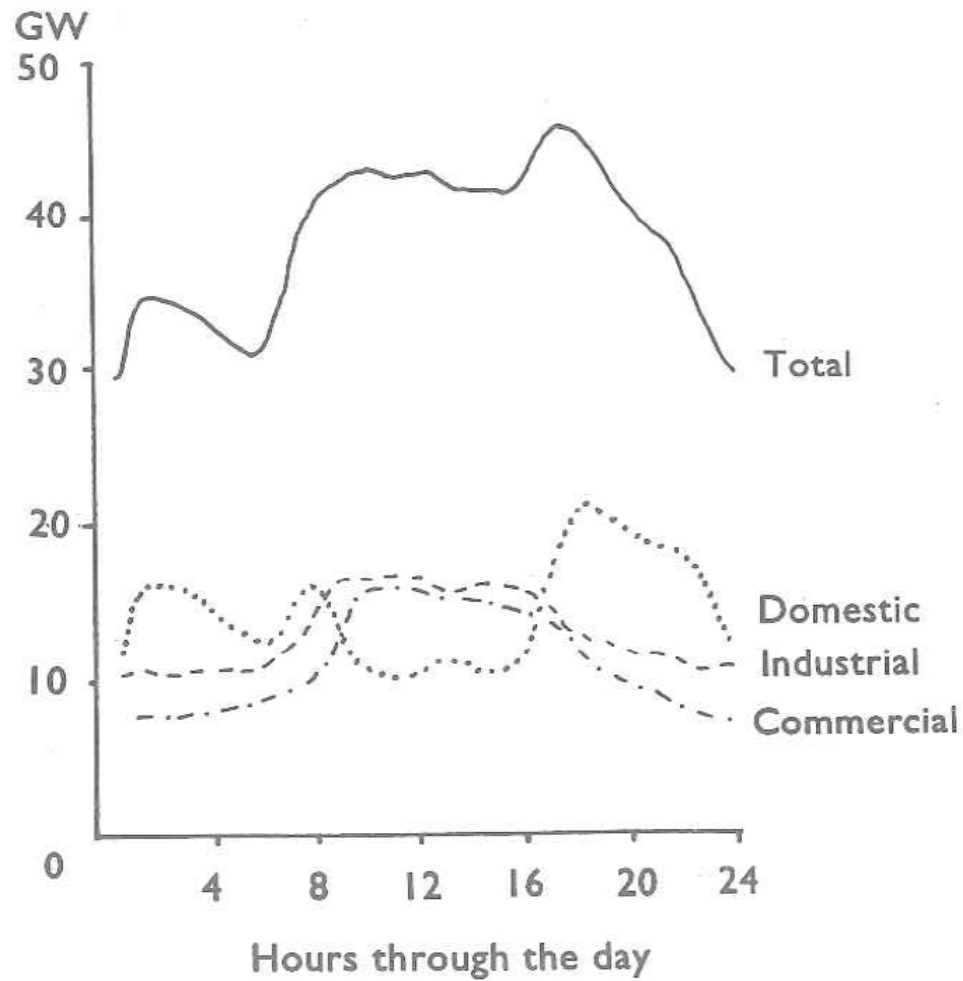
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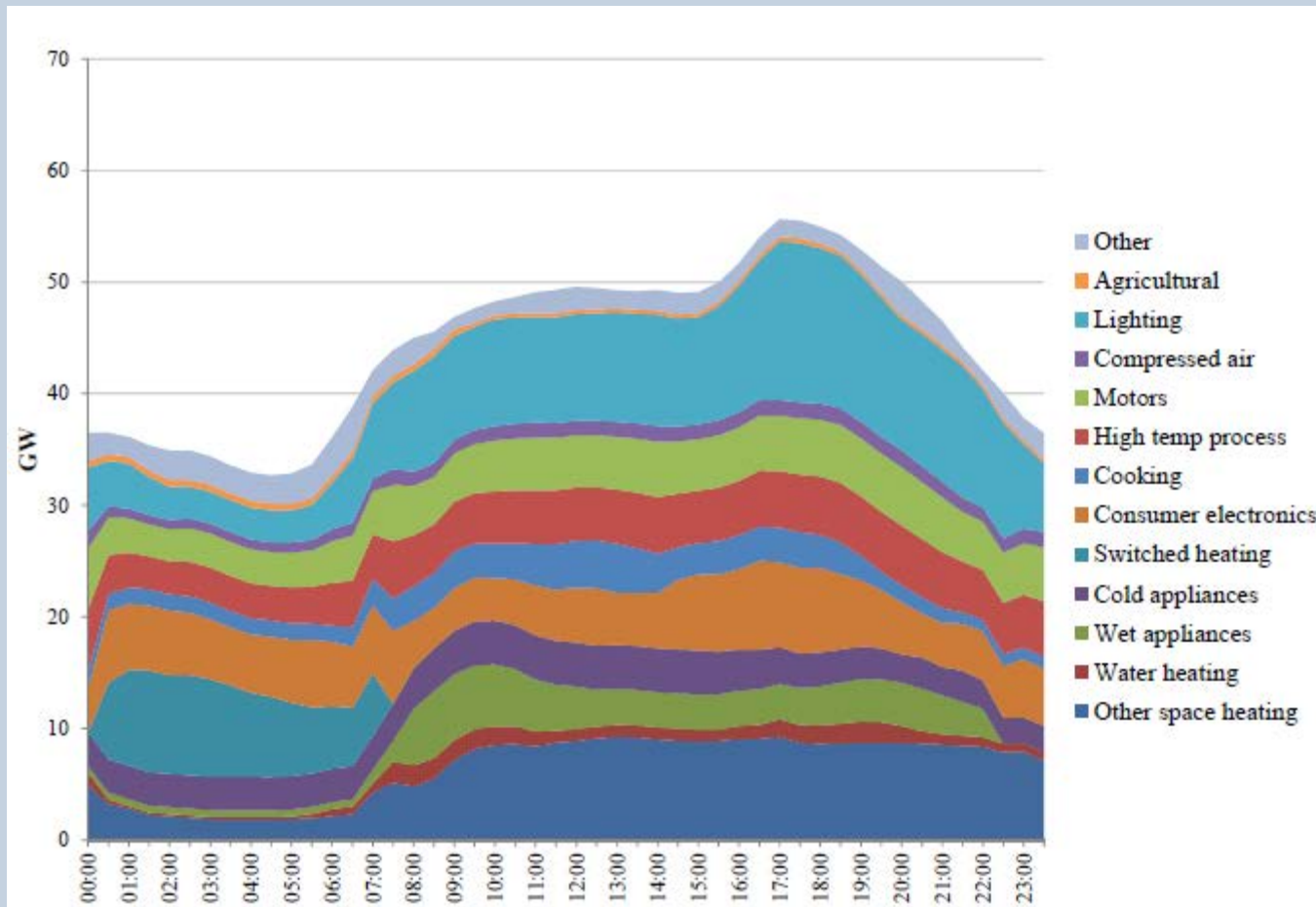
# Thesis

- Peak electricity demand determines size of supply system
- Any 'gap' occurs at peak
- Lighting is a large part of peak
- Peak electricity demand is dropping, largely because of lighting
  
- Lighting is becoming more energy efficient
- Electricity use for lighting is dropping
- Lighting will become more energy efficient (EU policy)
- UK policy could enhance this process
  
- Hence, as more low-energy lights are installed, there is less need for new capacity, less risk of a 'gap'
- So, low-energy lights will keep the lights on

# Peak electricity demand and sectors



# January electricity demand, GB 2010



# Peak electricity demand, UK, 2007 & 2012

	Peak demand (GW)	% of all capacity
2007	61.5	81.8
2012	57.5	70.3

# Annual household electricity consumption in lighting, UK

- 1997 720kWh
  - 2009 600kWh
  - 2010 537kWh
  - 2012 508kWh
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- ie 30% reduction in 15 years

Total residential lighting (1998:2012)

- 24% in 14 years

# Bulb phase-out

UK

Jan 2008

Jan 2009

Jan 2010

Jan 2012

incandescents  $\geq 100W$

incandescents  $\geq 60W$

incandescents  $\geq 40W$

all incandescents (C min)

B or better

EU

Sept 2009

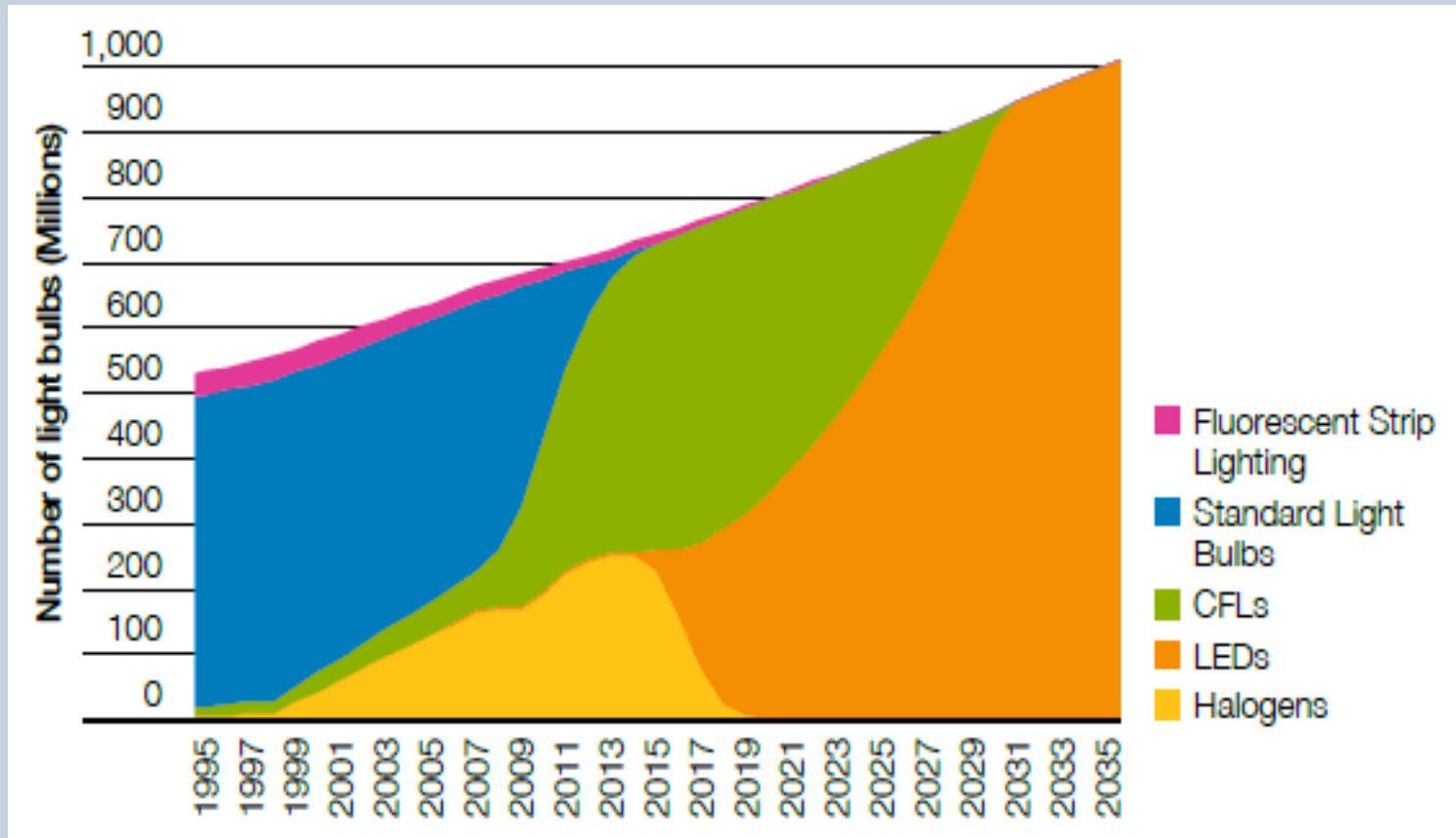
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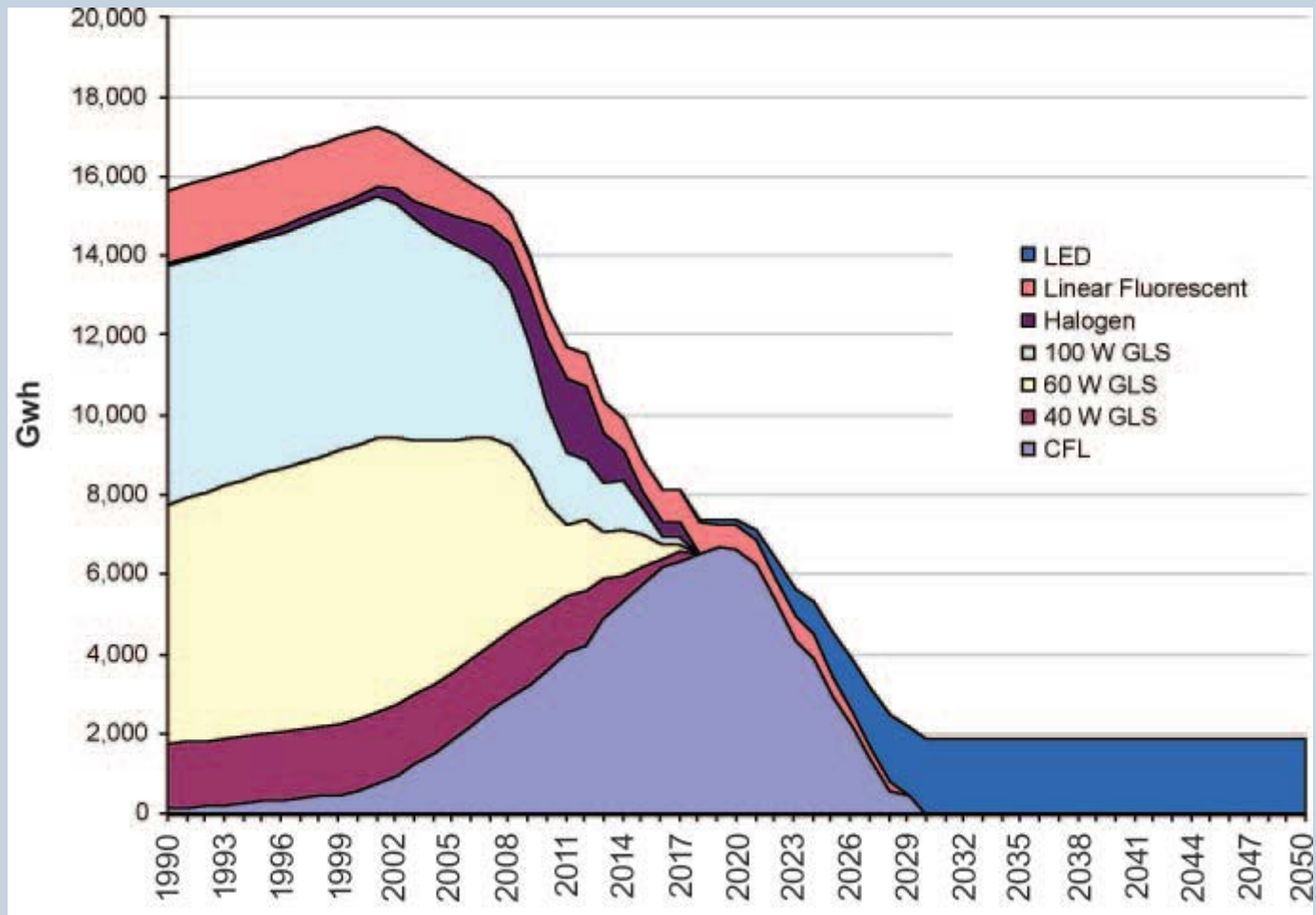
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# Number and type of light bulbs in NG 'gone green' scenario





# Electricity use in domestic lighting, UK 1990-2050



# Extra policy options

## EU

- Improve LED test standards
- Label luminaire, where integrated light
- Phase out halogens

## UK specific

- Enforce present regulations
- Extend the Building Regulations, so dedicated LEDs installed
- Controls for occupancy and daylight and timers in ND
- Mandate BS 15193: monitor and limit actual electricity used in kWh/m<sup>2</sup>
- Educate designers and electricians re need for multiple circuits, limited lights per switch

Thank you

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