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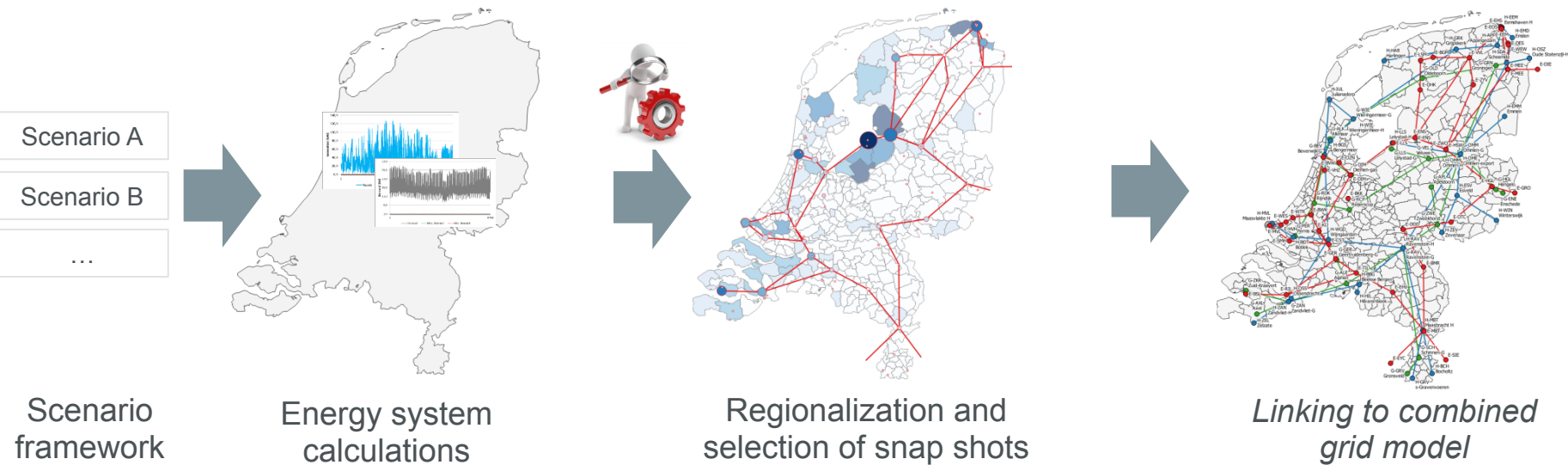


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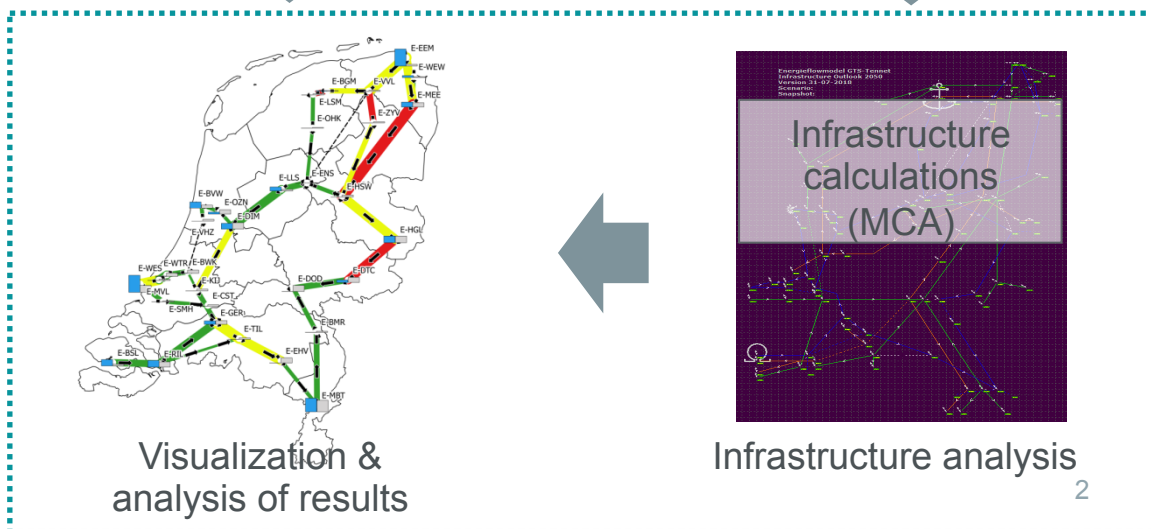
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Steps:

1. Scenario framework (2050)
2. Energy system calculations
3. Regionalization and selection of snap shots
4. Infrastructure analysis
5. Visualization & analysis of results



Methodology overview - explanation

- For 3 possible end situations of a decarbonized Dutch energy system in 2050 - *local, national and international*, the annual energy figures for electricity and gas are derived. The scenarios differ in socio-cultural and political factors influencing the energy transition.
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 - Low RES supply and high (final) demand
- Next to these so called '*base cases*' a number of sensitivities have been analysed to assess the impact of electrolyser locations (power-to-gas(h₂)), of more severe winter conditions, and of transit and loop flows from international energy transport.

Scenario framework

Scenarios: Overall framework

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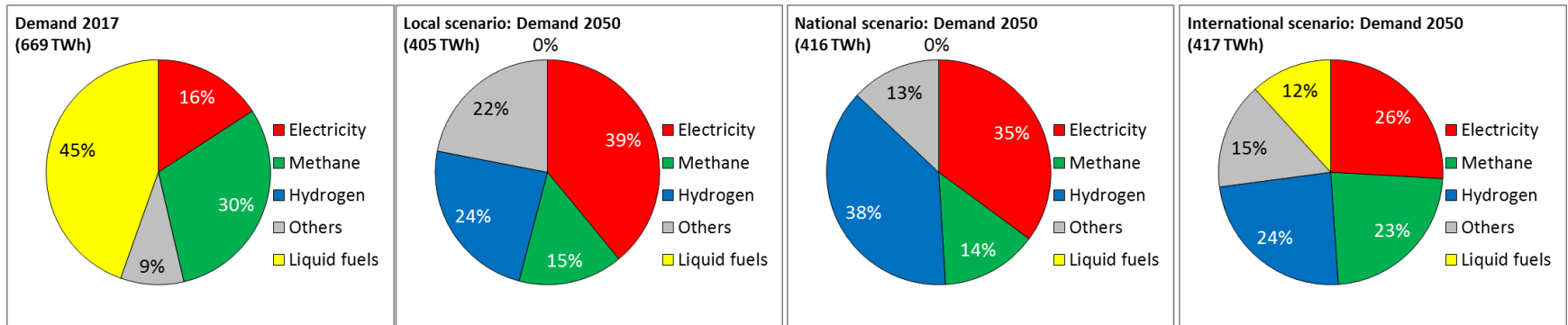
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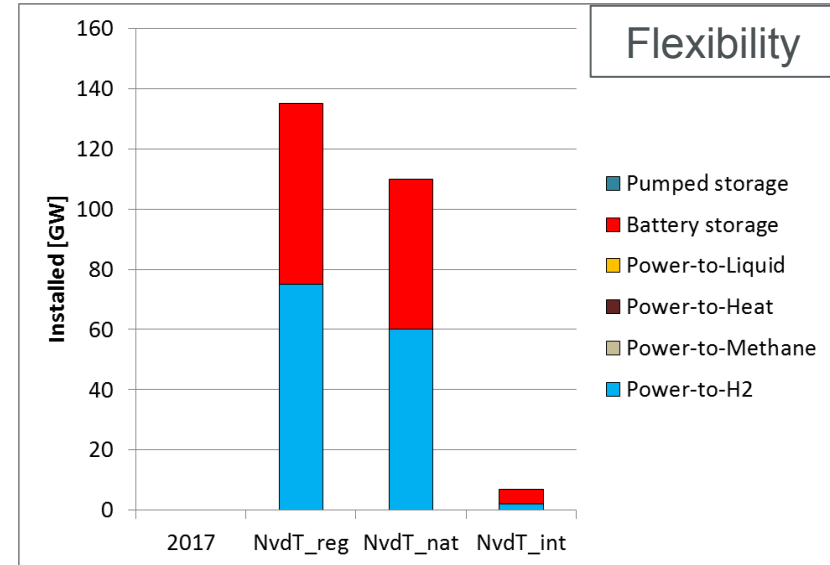
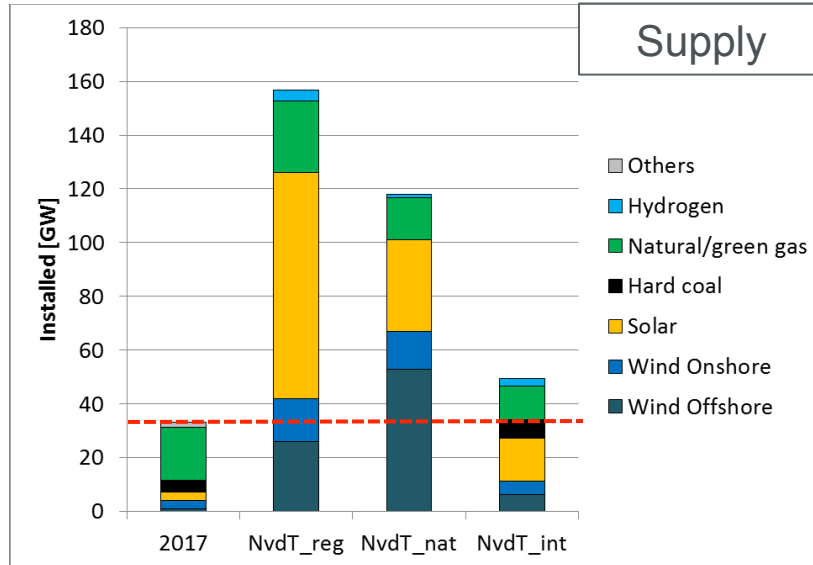
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Scenario framework (NL): Final energy demand (2017 and three 2050-scenarios)



Scenario framework (NL): Scenario numbers



Local:

- Supply dominated by decentral solar PV
- Significant amount of PtH2 and batteries

National:

- Supply dominated by wind offshore
- Significant amount of PtH2 and batteries

International:

- Mix of renewable and fossil supply
- Almost no domestic flexibility options available and focus on import/export of energy

Scenarios: Concrete dataset for 2050 (NL)

Category	Unit	2017*	NvdT_reg	NvdT_nat	NvdT_int
Supply					
Wind Offshore	GW	1	26	53	6
Wind Onshore		3	16	14	5
Solar		3	84	34	16
Hard coal		5	0	0	7
Natural/green gas		20	27	16	13
Hydrogen		0	4	1	3
Others		2	0	0	0
Sum of supply			33	157	118
Demand					
Households	TWh	102	59	79	84
Electricity		23	40	32	31
Methane		79	15	12	26
Hydrogen		0	5	36	27
Service sector		69	36	46	50
Electricity		33	32	32	32
Methane		36	3	5	8
Hydrogen		0	0	10	11
Industry		121	113	112	55
Electricity		30	50	50	23
Methane	91	4	4	7	
Hydrogen	0	58	58	25	
Transport	2	40	41	48	
Electricity	2	25	19	13	
Methane	1	0	0	13	
Hydrogen	0	15	23	23	
Agriculture	23	11	11	11	
Electricity	9	11	11	11	
Methane	14	0	0	0	
Hydrogen	0	0	0	0	
Other demand	24	102	31	66	
Electricity	24	12	12	12	
Methane	0	86	18	49	
Hydrogen	0	4	1	5	
Sum of demand		341	360	321	314
Flexibility					
Power-to-H2	GW	0	75	60	2
Power-to-Methane		0	0	0	0
Power-to-Heat		0	0	0	0
Power-to-Liquid		0	0	0	0
Battery storage		0	60	50	5
Pumped storage		0	0	0	0
Sum of flexibility			0	135	110

Energy system calculations (NL)

Energy system calculations (NL): “Energy Transition Model” (ETM)

NvdT-scenarios
applied to ETM



ENERGY TRANSITION MODEL
Independent, Comprehensive and Fact-based

Continue with current scenario...

Start a new scenario

Start an existing scenario

National scenarios

- SER Energieakkoord 2020
- SER Energieakkoord 2023
- Rli (voor)Beeld 80% CO2-reductie in 20...
- Rli (voor)Beeld 95% CO2-reductie in 20...
- 100% duurzame energie in 2030. Het k...
- Net voor de Toekomst Generieke sturing
- Net voor de Toekomst Internationaal
- Net voor de Toekomst Regie Nationaal
- Net voor de Toekomst Regie Regionaal

Scenarios for provinces and regions

- West- en Midden-Brabant regionale energi...
- West- en Midden-Brabant variatie met win...

Overig

- 80% CO2 reductiescenario
- 99% Duurzame Energie "Nederland krij...

Other features

- Local vs. global

Introduction to the Energy Transition Model

We all need energy every day. Fifty years from now, will energy still be cheap and abundant in the Western World? How can we plan for a future where energy is no longer a commodity? Using verified energy data, the Energy Transition Model (ETM) aims to give you insight into what may happen in the future.

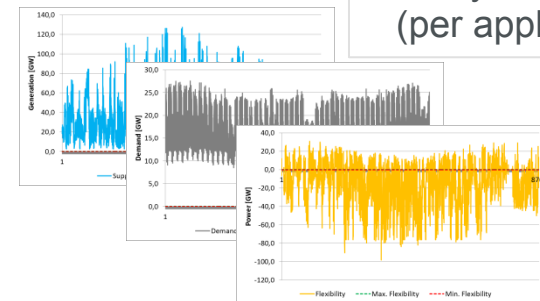
What is this?
How does this work?

What is the Energy Transition Model
from Energy Transition Model

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Hourly time series
(per application)



Analysis, filtering and
snapshot selection



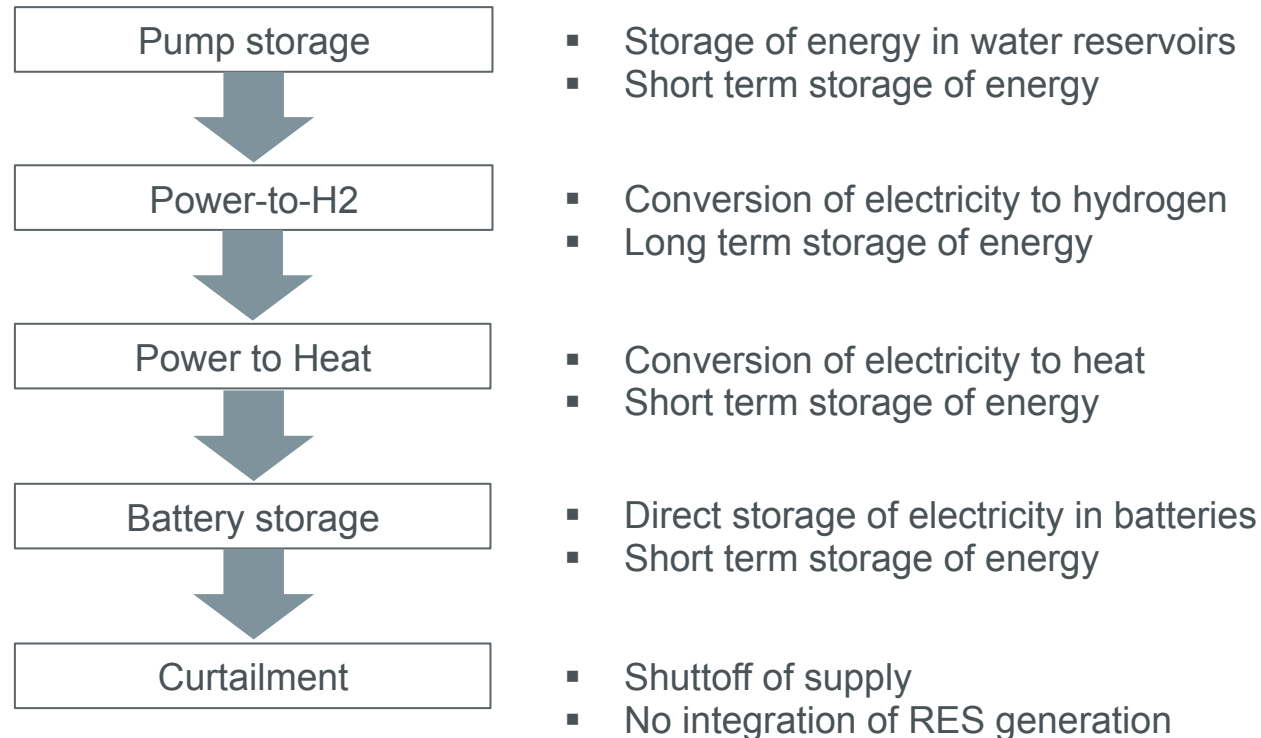
Energy system calculations (NL): “Energy Transition Model” (ETM)

Link: <https://pro.energytransitionmodel.com/>

Main model features:

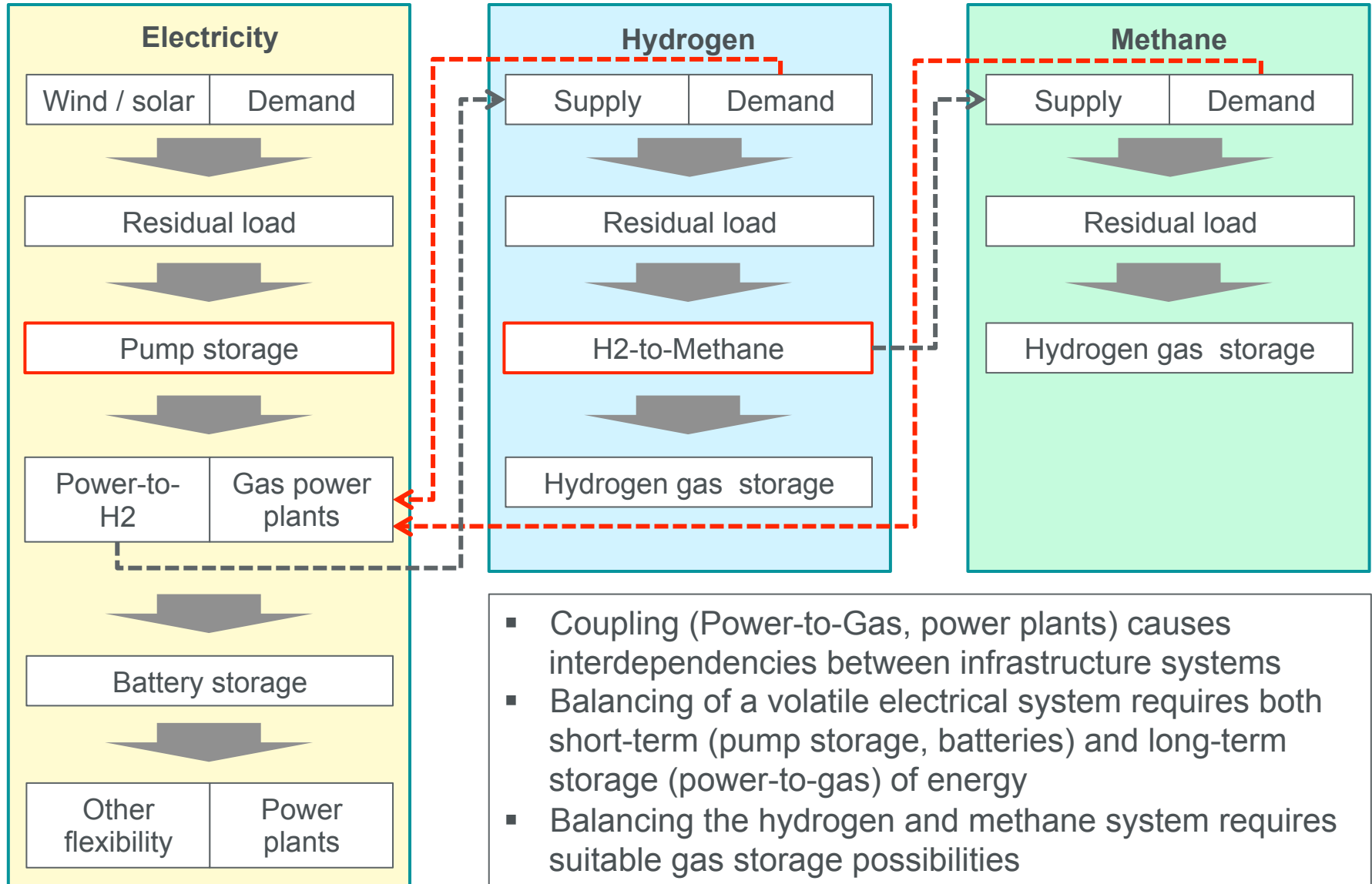
- Model to determine total energy generation, demand and interrelations between both on a national level
- Comprehensive possibilities to define scenarios
- Simplified merit-order model to determine hourly dispatch of generation units and flexibility options
- Instant calculation of target figures related to energy use (e.g. CO₂-emissions, costs, share of RES,...)
- Data export and graphical analysis functionalities

Energy system calculations: “Merit order” of flexibility options



Energy system calculations: General scheme coupling

Only modeled for DE

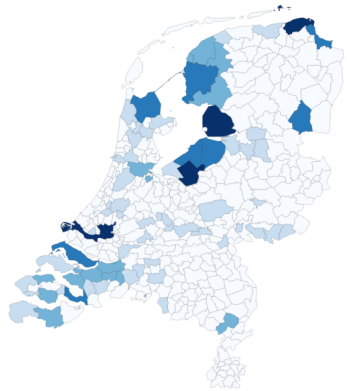


Regionalization of scenario data (NL)

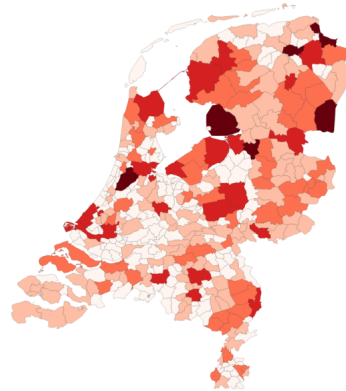
Regionalization (NL): Base assumptions for distribution keys

Category	Distribution key (per mun.)	Source
Wind onshore	Installed capacities wind onshore 2017 + provincial goals for 2020	Klimaatmonitor.nl, rvo.nl
Wind offshore	Foreseeable wind offshore connection capacities	TenneT
Solar PV	Installed capacities solar 017	Klimaatmonitor.nl
Hard coal	Installed capacities hard coal 2017	TenneT power plant list
Natural gas	Installed capacities natural gas 2017	TenneT power plant list
Green gas	Installed capacities natural gas 2017	TenneT power plant list
Hydrogen	Installed capacities natural gas 2017	TenneT power plant list
Other		
Household demand / battery storages households	Number of households	Klimaatmonitor.nl
Buildings demand	Energy demand of buildings 2017	Klimaatmonitor.nl
Industry demand / Power-to-Heat	Energy demand of industry 2017	Klimaatmonitor.nl
Agriculture demand	Energy demand agriculture 2017	Klimaatmonitor.nl
Transport demand / battery storages vehicles	Number of vehicles	Klimaatmonitor.nl
Other demand		
Power-to-H2	<i>Variable</i>	
Storage (hydrogen/methane)	Suitable geographical locations	GasUnie
Import / Export	Import / export capacities of interconnectors	TenneT, GasUnie
Green gas / hydrogen production	Installed capacities biomass 2017	Klimaatmonitor.nl

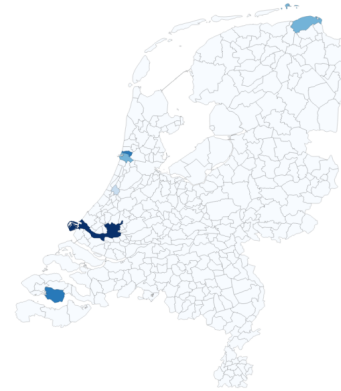
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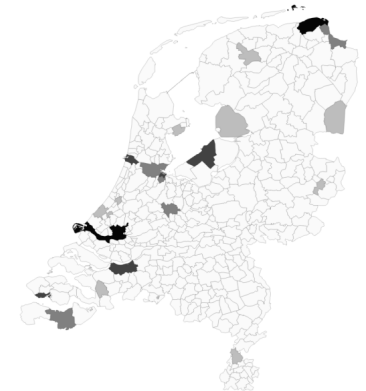
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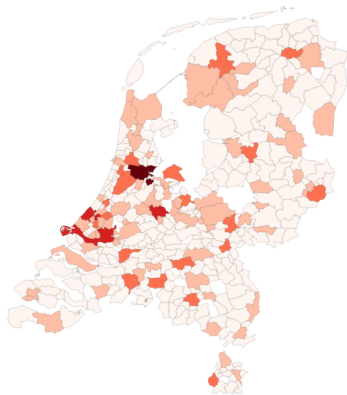
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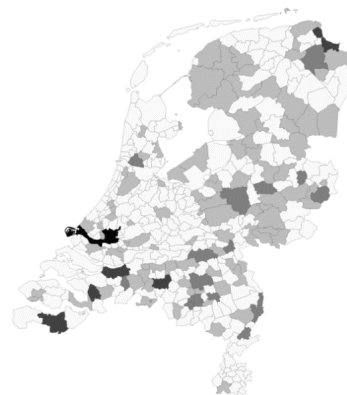
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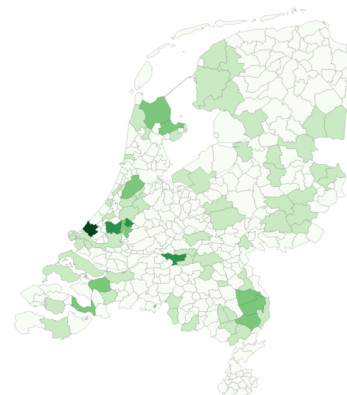
Gas power plants



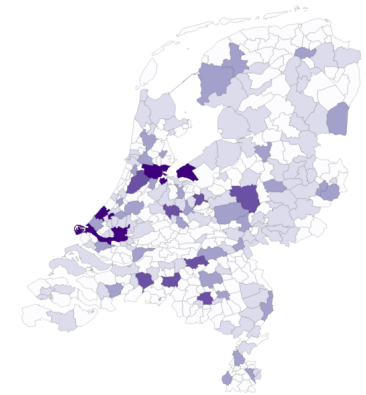
Household demand /
batteries



Industry demand /
PtHeat



Agriculture
demand

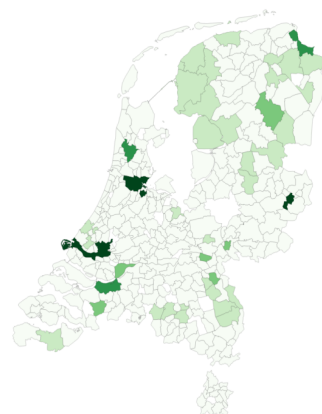


Transport demand /
batteries

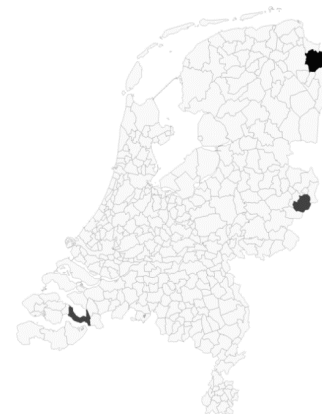
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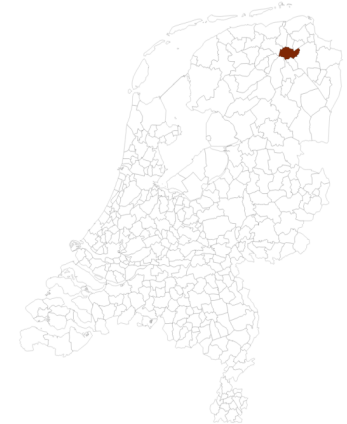
Import / Export (E)



Green gas / green hydrogen



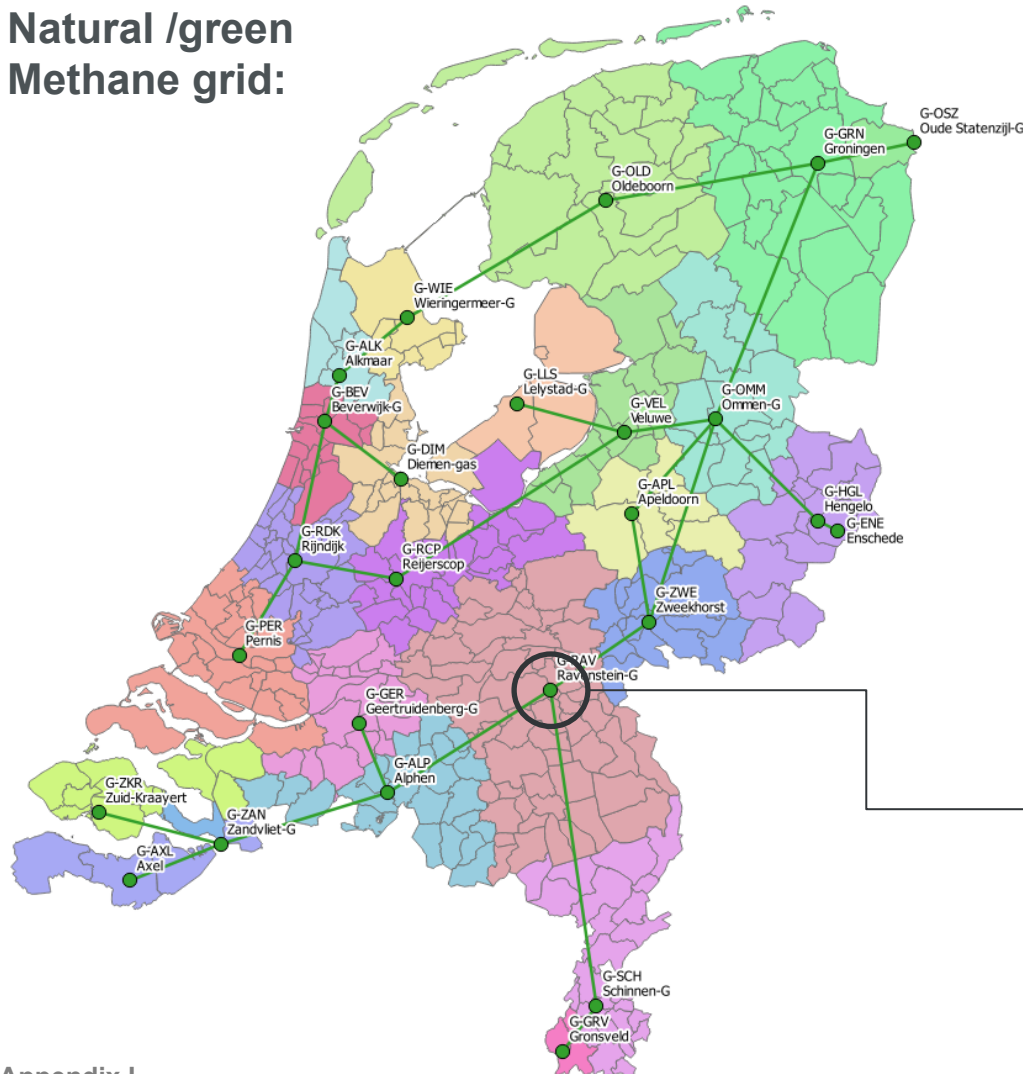
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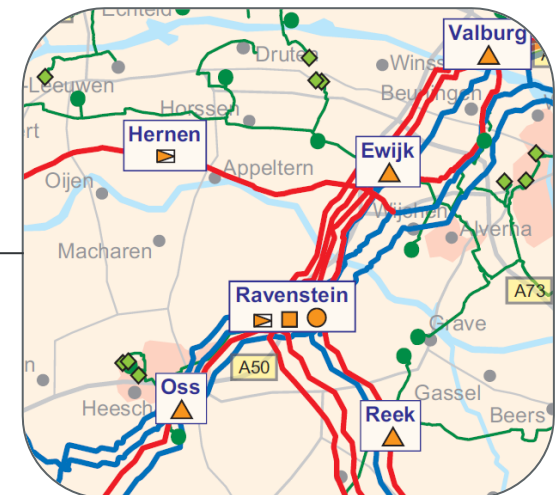
Regionalization (NL): Linking of municipalities to grid nodes

Natural /green Methane grid:



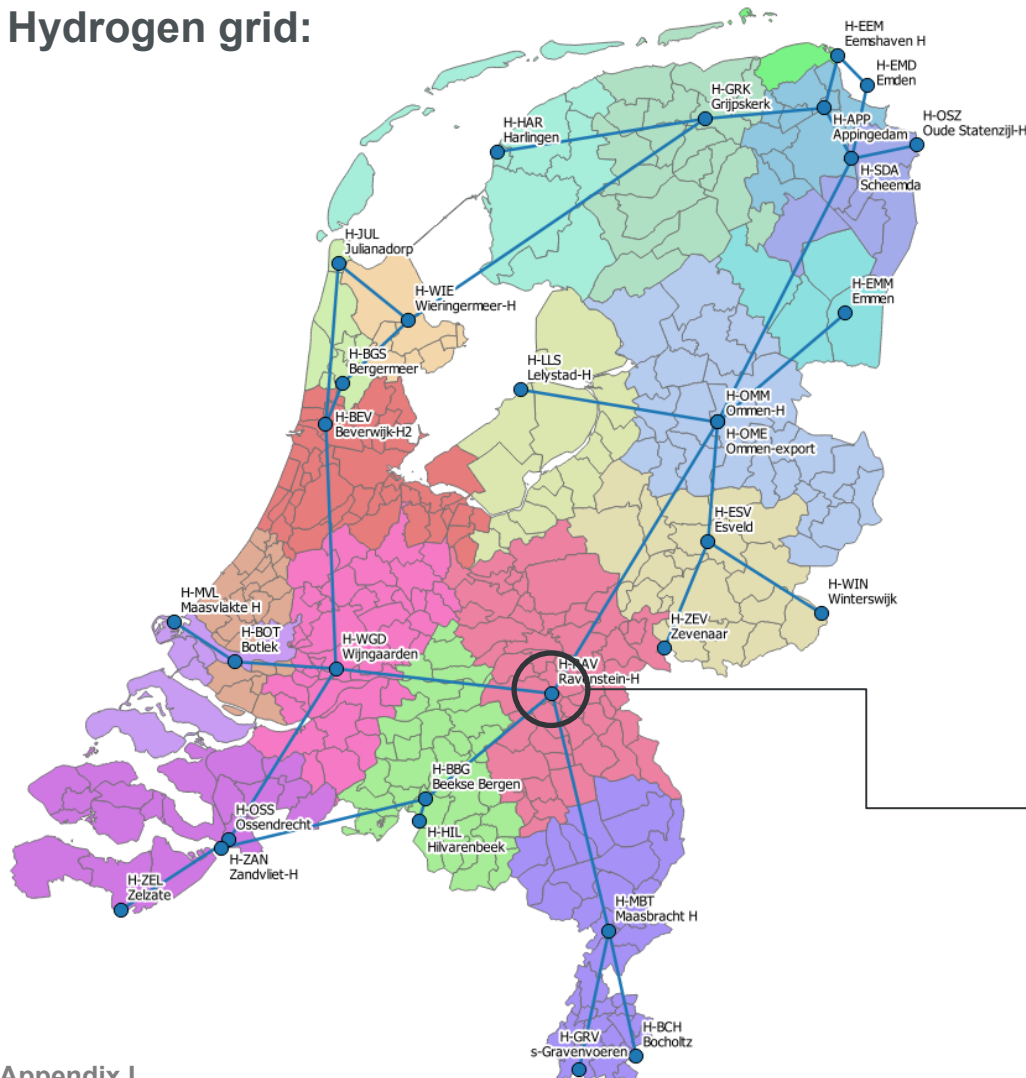
Linking of municipalities to Methane grid nodes:

- Filtering of grid nodes
- „Nearest neighbour“ approach
- Manual validation / adjustment using real grid map



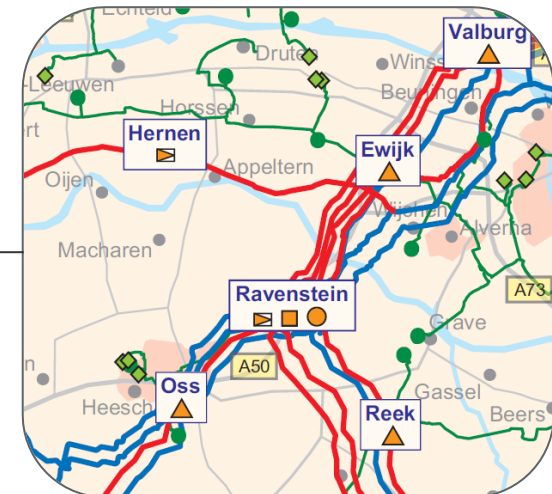
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Hydrogen grid:

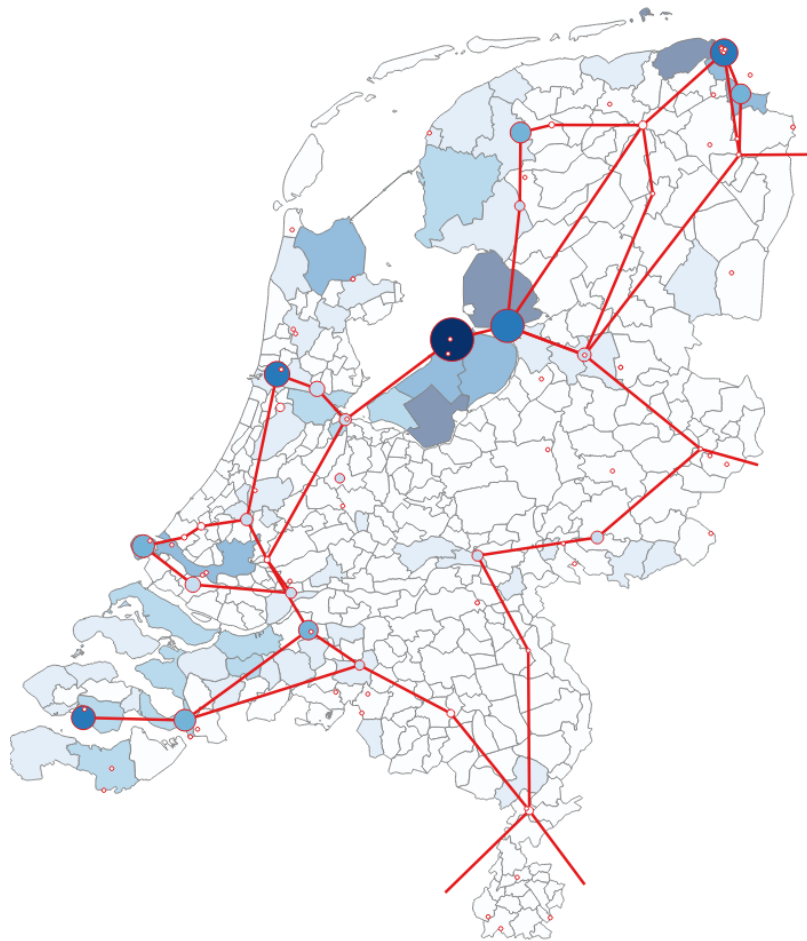


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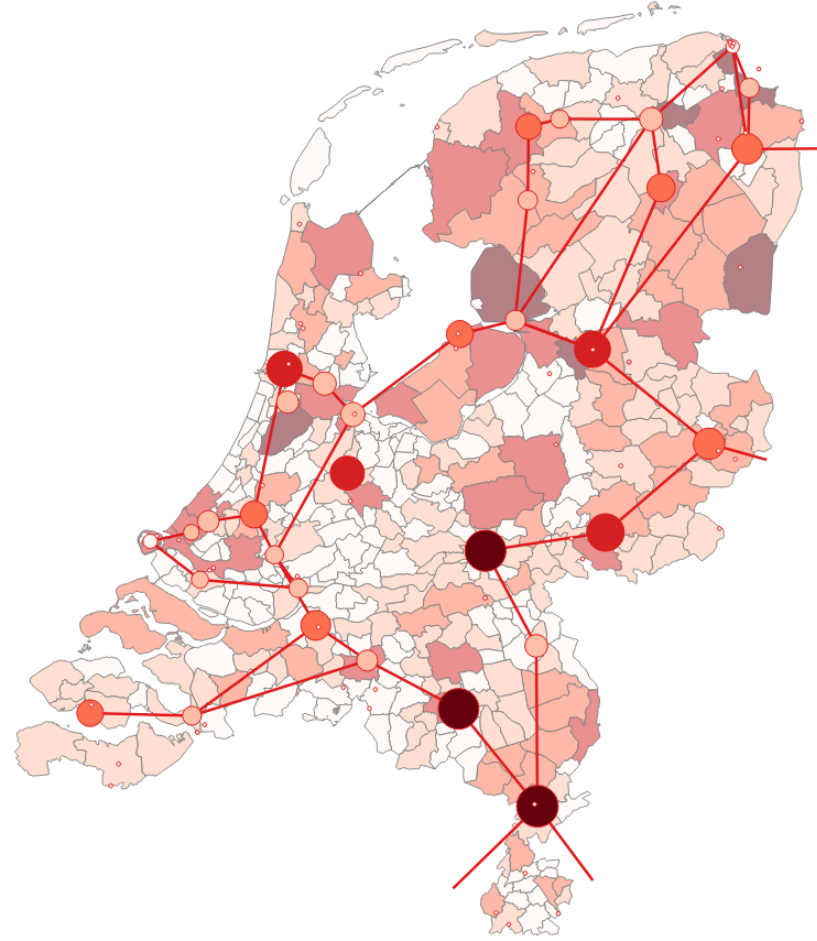
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Regionalization (NL): Exemplaric results



Wind onshore



Solar PV

Snapshot selection

Snapshot definition and considerations

General definition „snapshot“: Situation („hour“) with a specific (regional) occurrence of supply, demand, use of flexibility options and exchange with neighbouring countries

Considerations for selecting snapshots:

- The **operating envelope** of the infrastructure: What are the maximum capacities the infrastructure should meet?
- The **transport momentum** of energy: Are transport of large quantities of energy across long distances foreseen that result in a high load on the infrastructure?
- The **regional distribution** of energy: Do future projected supply and demand locations combine with existing (and foreseen extension of) infrastructure?
- The **choice and (regional) locations for flexibility options** (especially electrolyzers) determines to an extent the load on the electrical or gas infrastructure
- The selection is **scenario dependent** due to different assumptions about supply, demand, flexibility and exchange possibilities
- Additional sensitivities based on selected base snapshots allow to investigate impacts of singular changes in scenario assumptions

Snapshot selection: operating envelop

- The operating envelope determines the **(max) capacity requirements of the infrastructure**
- Supply, consisting of a high share of intermittent RES should meet demand (in this analysis matched on a hourly basis)
- **Three main corners of the operating envelope** were identified:
 1. High RES supply and high (final) demand
 2. High RES supply and low (final) demand
 3. Low RES supply and high (final) demand
- Flex options balance the gap between supply and demand
- Furthermore, we can distinguish offshore wind, onshore wind and solar RES
For each a different set of flex options could be selected

HIGH
RES

Flex options:

Demand management

Battery

Conversion

Export

Curtailment

GW

High demand
conventional

Snapshot selection: Infrastructure operating envelop

Situation A:

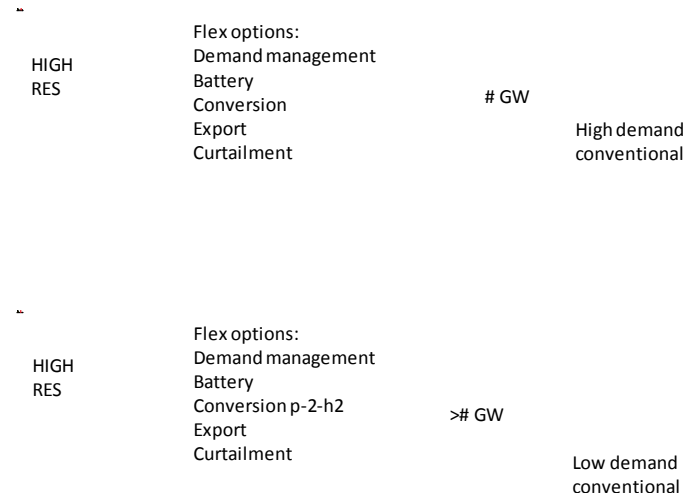
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Situation B:

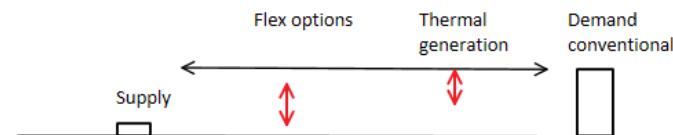
- High wind and/or solar supply
- Low final demand
- *NOTE: The need for flexibility options could be larger compared to situation 1*

Situation C:

- Low wind and/or solar supply
- High final demand
- *NOTE: thus could result in a need for back-up power plants*



Case: High RES WIND and low conventional demand



→ Selection of suitable „snapshot hours“ that fulfill the defined criteria

Modeling limitations and points for improvement

Energy system modeling (ETM):

- Only rudimental consideration of energy exchange with neighbouring countries
- Only one national weather year pattern for RES infeed and demand
- Simplified determination of power plant dispatch (merit order) without consideration of further „real world“ boundary conditions

Regionalization:

- Fixed distribution keys for supply, demand, flexibility and exchange categories mostly based on today's distribution and according to statistical data

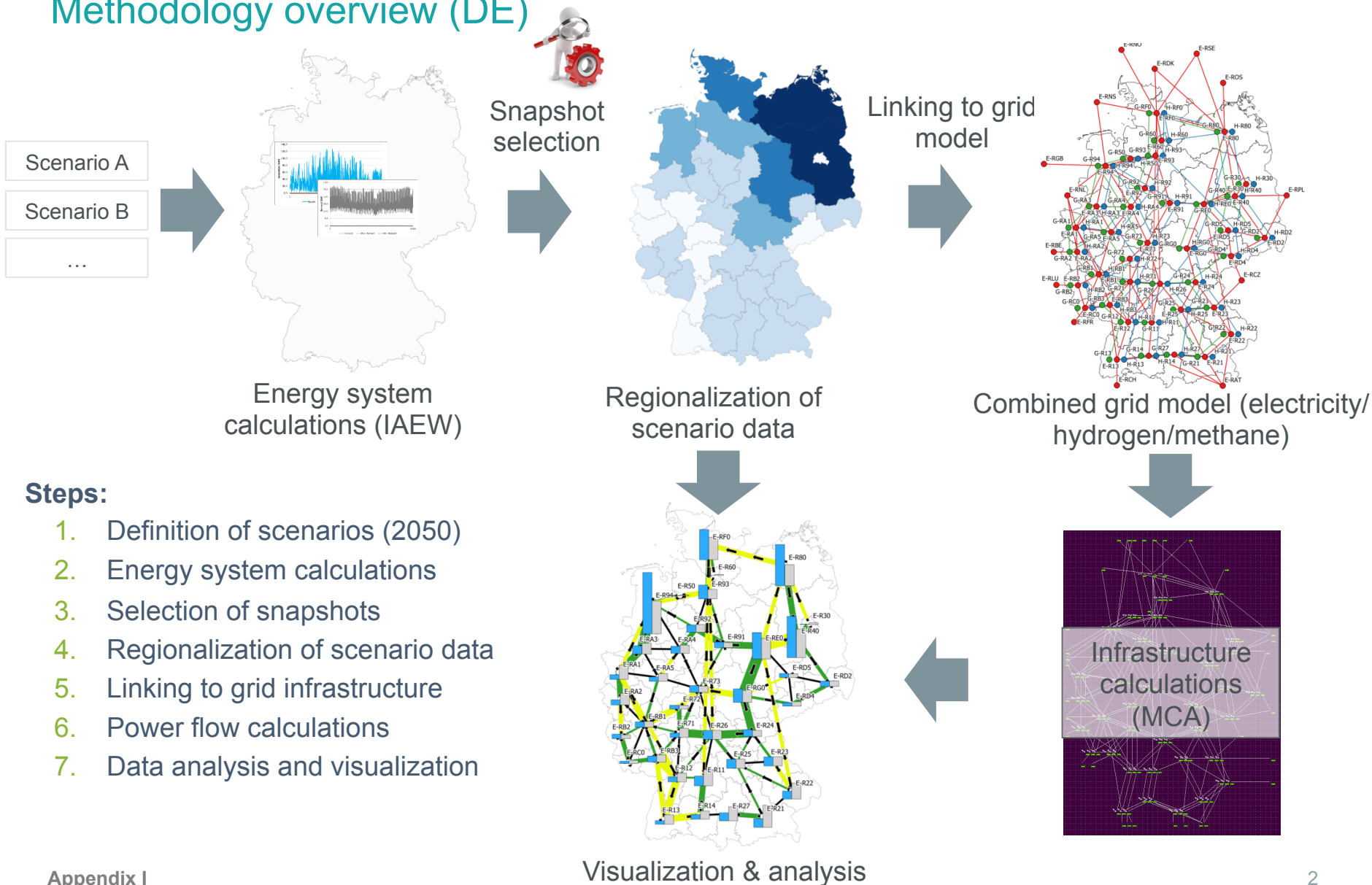
Infrastructure modeling & calculations:

- Underlying energy infrastructure not modeled (electrical grid < 220kV, Methane grid < 40 bar)
- Linear optimization scheme to determine grid power flows not fully reflecting real world flow patterns (but providing rough indication if power can be transported)

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- Beside the 'base case' setup the sensitivity of the load on the different grids to the location of the electrolyser (P2Gas(H2)) has been studied

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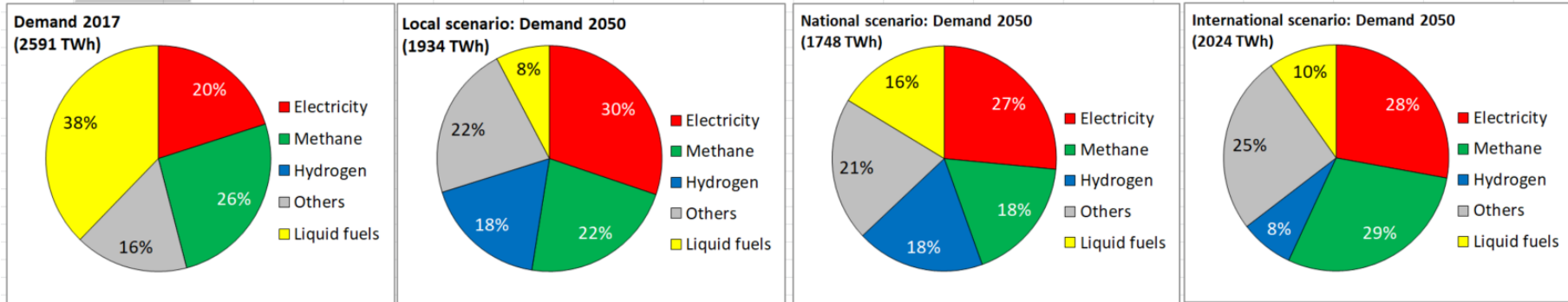
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Scenario framework (DE): Final energy demand (2017 and three 2050-scenarios)

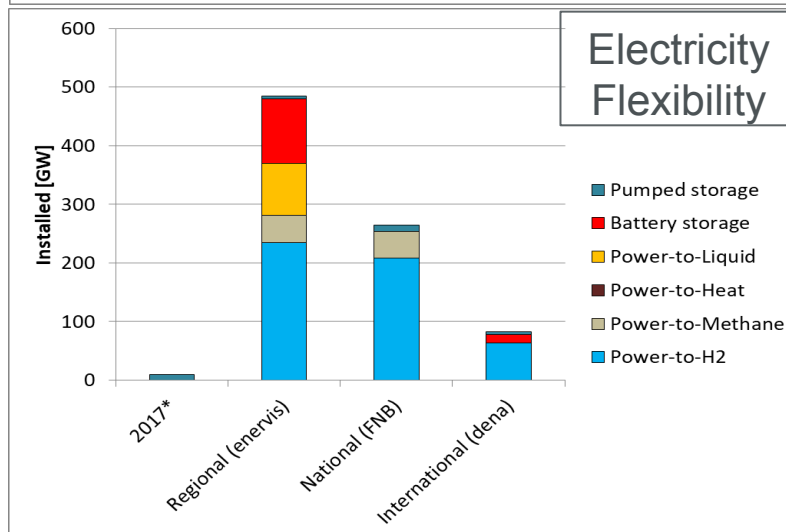
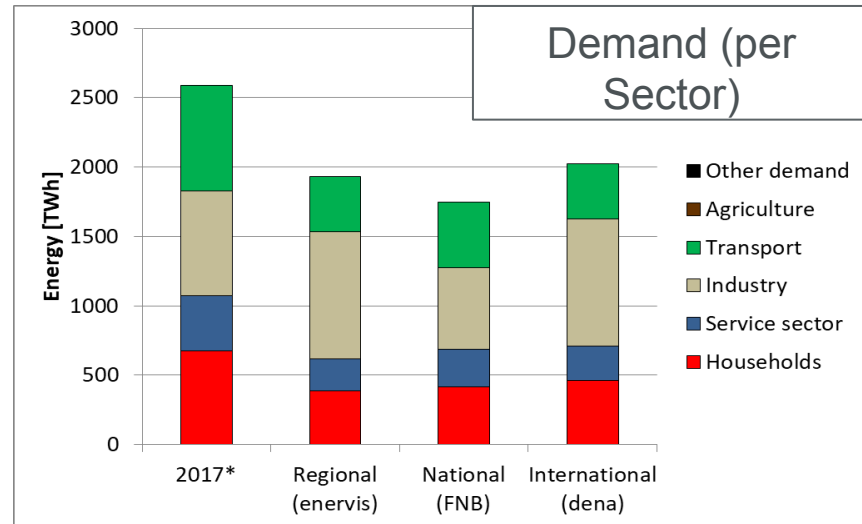
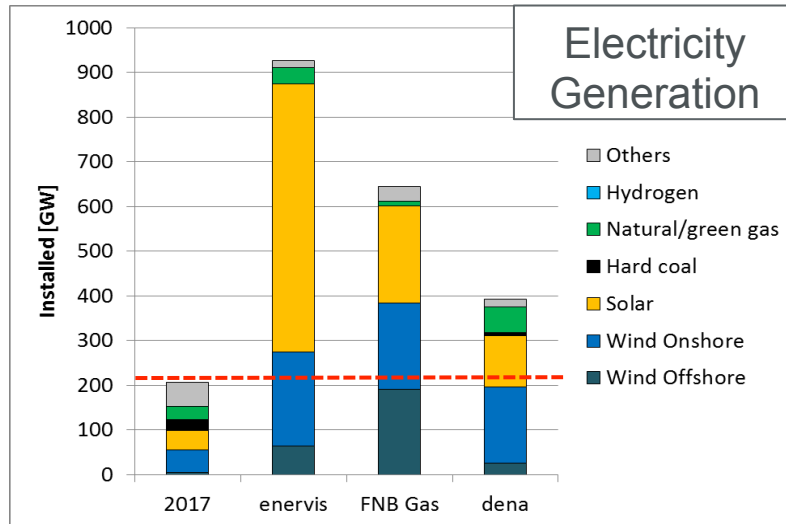


Category others: Includes coal, biomass and district heating

Category liquids: Includes oil and power-to-liquid

*(Source: BMWi, [Zahlen und Fakten Energiedaten](#))

Scenario framework (DE): Scenario numbers



Local (Enervis):

- Supply dominated by decentral solar PV
- Very high amount of PtH2 and batteries

National (FNB):

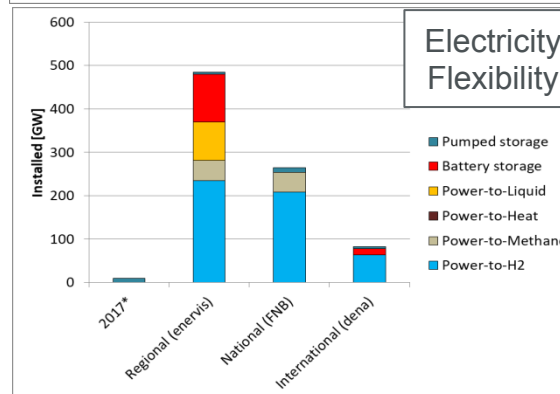
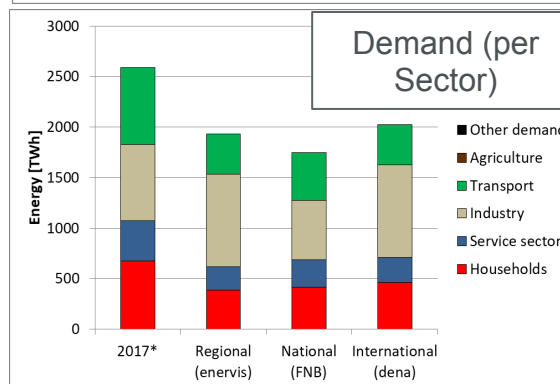
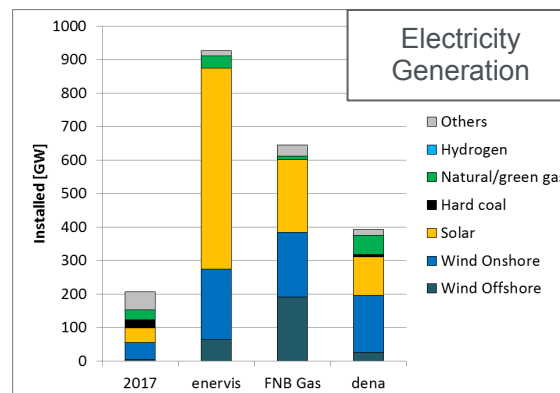
- Supply mix of wind offshore, onshore and solar
- High amount of PtH2 and batteries
- Import of green liquid fuels

International (dena):

- Conservative increase of RES, gas still part of generation
- Almost no domestic flexibility options available and focus on import/export of energy

Scenarios: Concrete dataset for 2050 (DE)

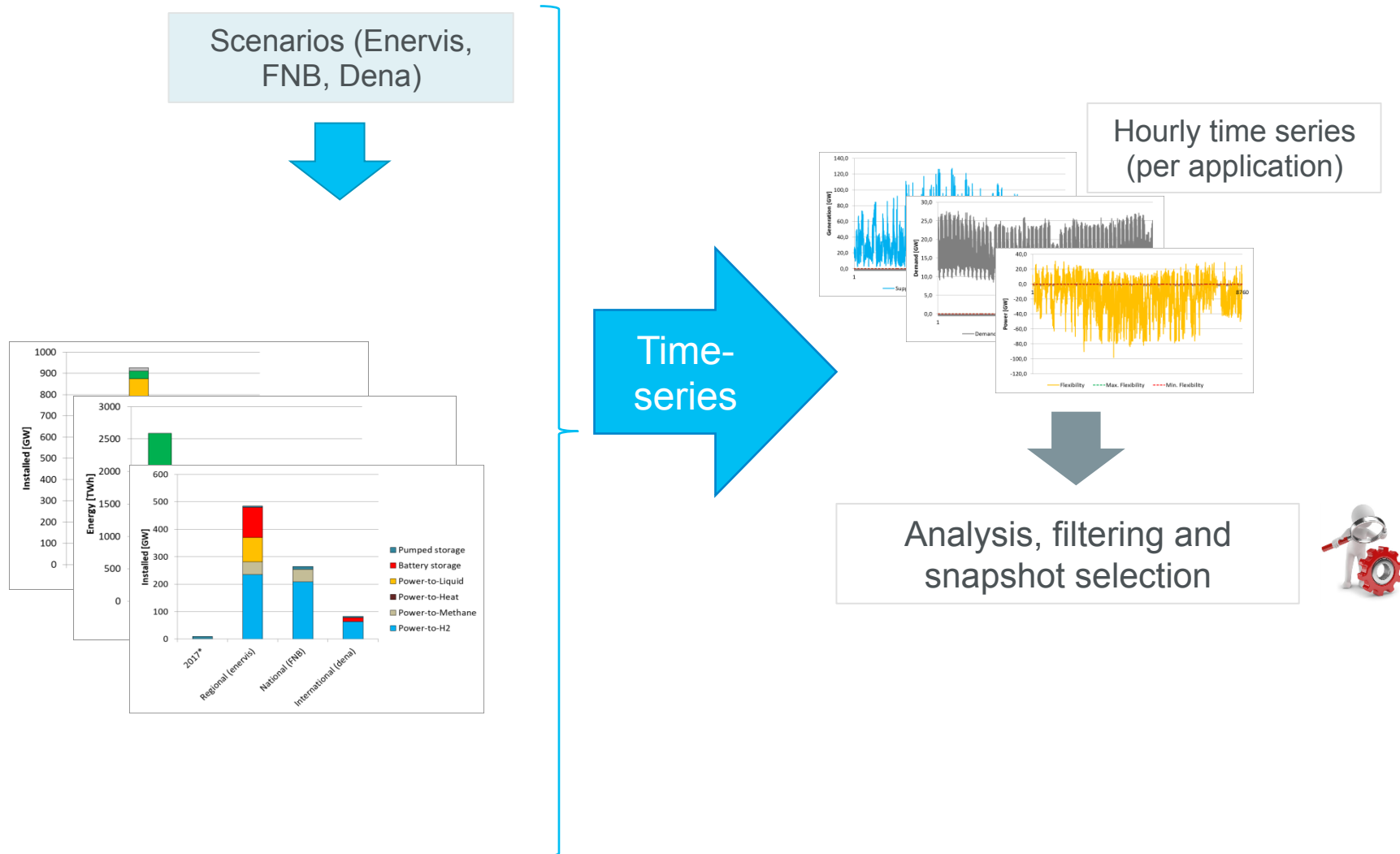
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Hydrogen		0	0	0	0	
Others		54	17	33	18	
Sum of supply			207	927	645	393
Demand						
Households	TWh	675	390	418	463	
Electricity		129	118	111	128	
Methane		273	74	149	100	
Hydrogen		0	0	0	0	
Others		143	197	157	206	
Liquid fuels		129	0	0	29	
Service sector		401	227	272	245	
Electricity		147	116	152	111	
Methane		133	32	59	42	
Hydrogen	0	0	0	0		
Others	40	79	62	80		
Liquid fuels	81	0	0	12		
Industry	750	915	582	918		
Electricity	232	239	168	239		
Methane	263	326	107	395		
Hydrogen	0	200	166	64		
Others	236	150	142	191		
Liquid fuels	19	0	0	29		
Transport	765	403	476	399		
Electricity	12	111	33	86		
Methane	1	0	0	52		
Hydrogen	0	142	157	92		
Others	4	0	0	40		
Liquid fuels	748	150	286	129		
Agriculture	0	0	0	0		
Other demand	0	0	0	0		
Sum of demand		2591	1934	1748	2024	
Flexibility						
Power-to-H2	GW	0	235	208	63	
Power-to-Methane		0	46	46	0	
Power-to-Heat		0	0	0	0	
Power-to-Liquid		0	89	0	0	
Battery storage		0	110	0	15	
Pumped storage		10	5	10	5	
Sum of flexibility			10	485	264	83



* Data source: BMWi, Zahlen und Fakten Energiedaten

Energy system calculations (DE)

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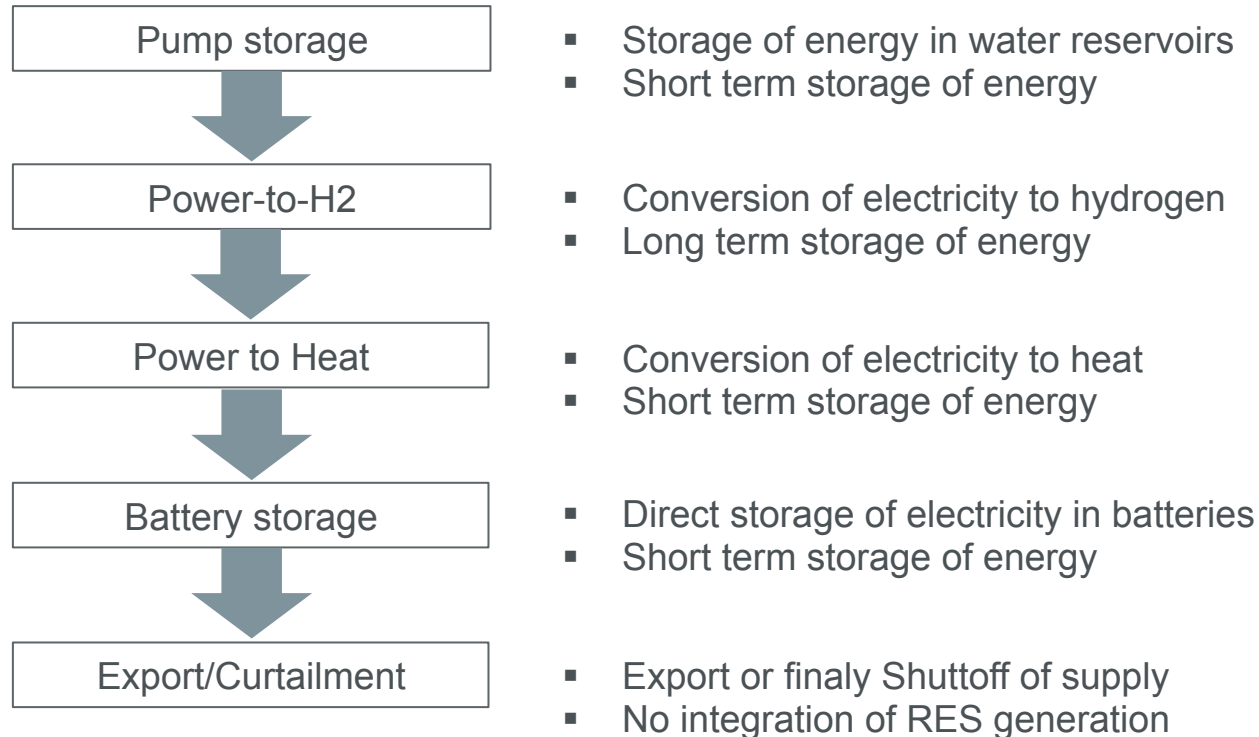
ETM used for:

- Check of scenario data
- Calculation/Check of target figures related to energy use (e.g. CO₂-emissions, costs, share of RES,...)

Modelling IAEW

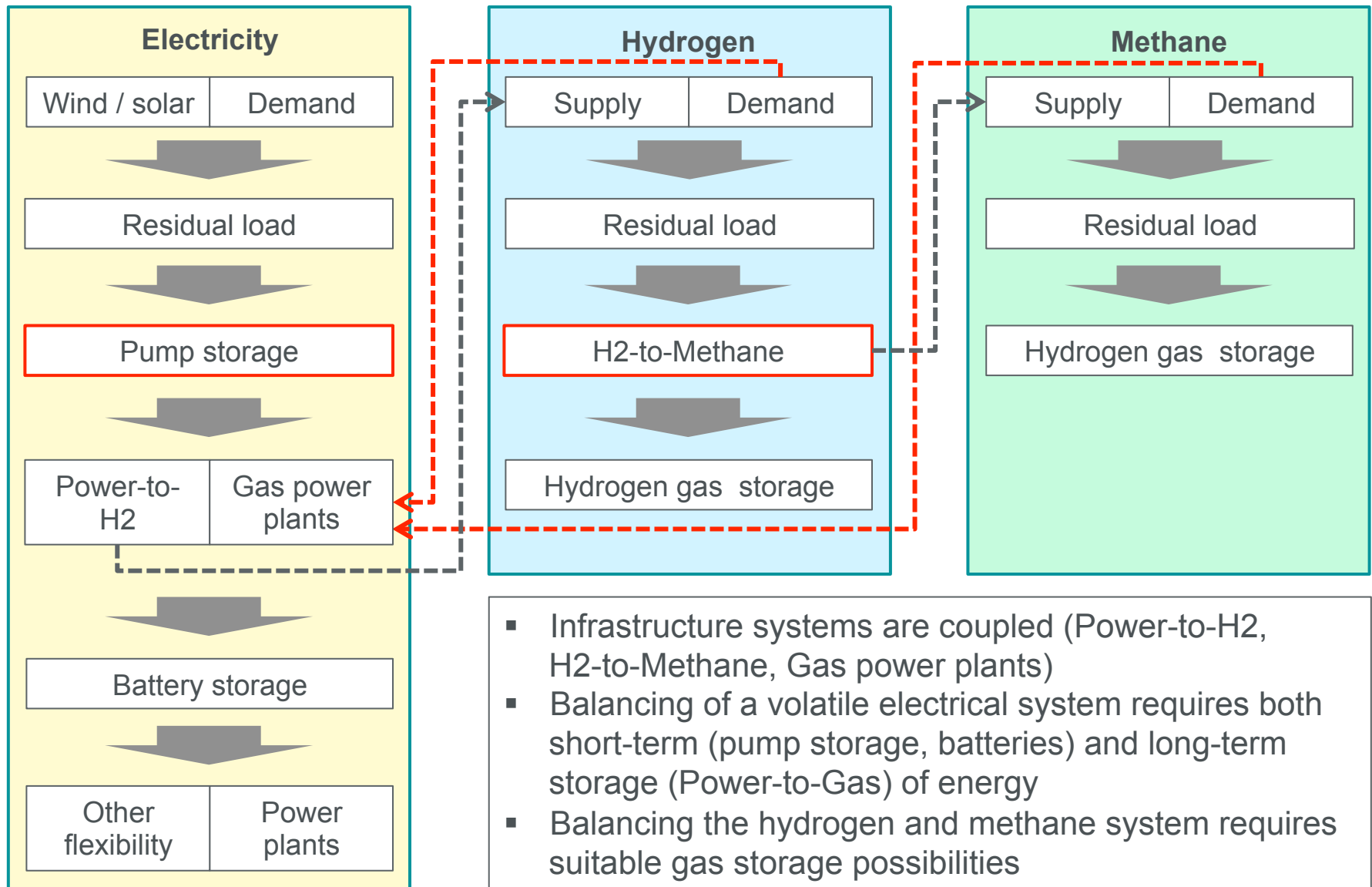
- Generation of Time-Series based on IAEW Know-How
- Generation Time-Series for different weather-regions
- Regionalization of Time-Series

Energy system calculations: “Merit order” of flexibility options



Energy system calculations: General scheme coupling

Only modeled for DE



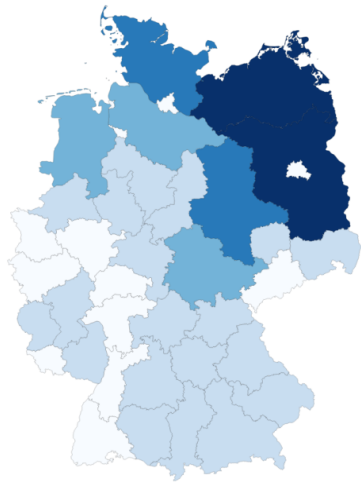
- Infrastructure systems are coupled (Power-to-H2, H2-to-Methane, Gas power plants)
- Balancing of a volatile electrical system requires both short-term (pump storage, batteries) and long-term storage (Power-to-Gas) of energy
- Balancing the hydrogen and methane system requires suitable gas storage possibilities

Regionalization of scenario data (DE)

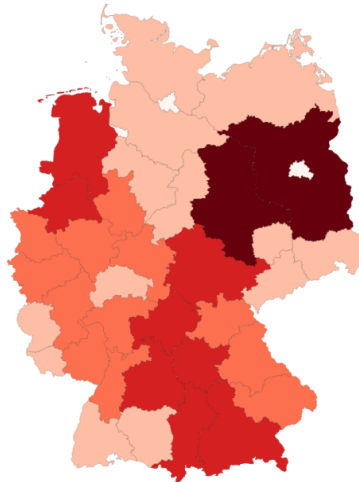
Regionalization (DE): Base assumptions for distribution keys

Category	Distribution key (NUTS-2)	Source
Wind onshore	Potential analysis, regionalized time series	IAEW Aachen
Wind offshore	Distribution of NEP 2030 (2017)	TenneT
Solar PV	Currently installed capacities, regionalized time series	IAEW Aachen
Hard coal	Currently installed capacities	IAEW Aachen
Natural gas	Currently installed capacities (gas)	IAEW Aachen
Green gas	Currently installed capacities (gas)	IAEW Aachen
Hydrogen	Not modeled	Not modeled
Other	Currently installed capacities (hydro, biomass)	TenneT
Household demand	Population	IAEW Aachen
Buildings demand	Employment service sector (GHD)	IAEW Aachen
Industry demand	Employment industry (metal, chemistry, paper, oil)	IAEW Aachen
Transport demand	Number of vehicles	IAEW Aachen
Heat buildings	Number of buildings	IAEW Aachen
Power-to-Gas	Installed capacities of wind and solar (->Sensitivity)	IAEW Aachen
Storage (hydrogen/methane)	Current installed capacities/ WGV	GASUNIE
Import / Export	Import / export capacities of interconnectors	TenneT, GASUNIE
Green gas production	Currently installed capacities (biomass)	TenneT
H2-to-CH4	Based on the distribution of bio-methane production	GASUNIE

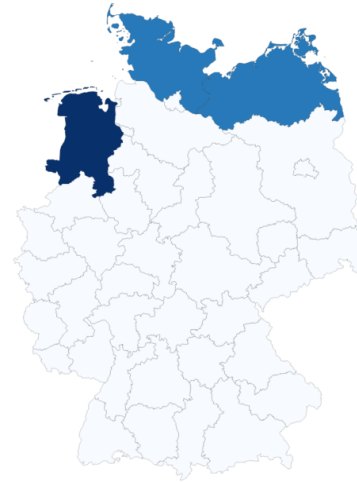
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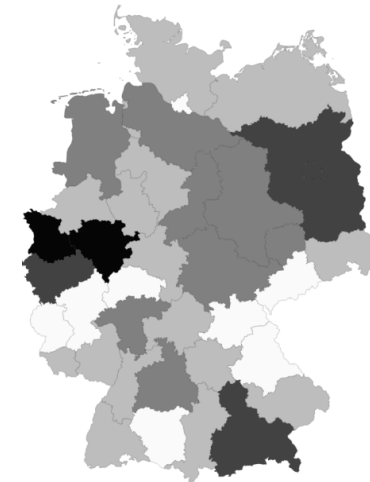
Wind onshore*



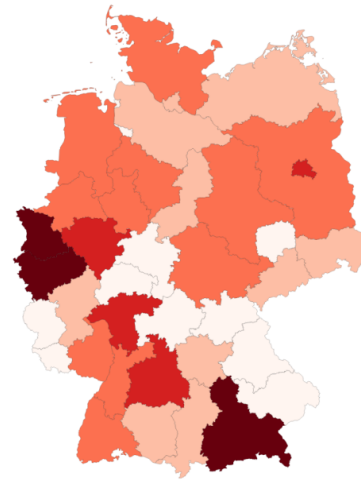
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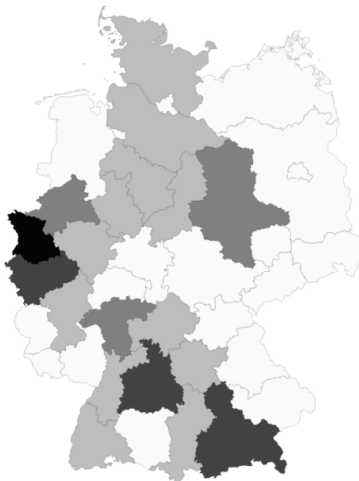
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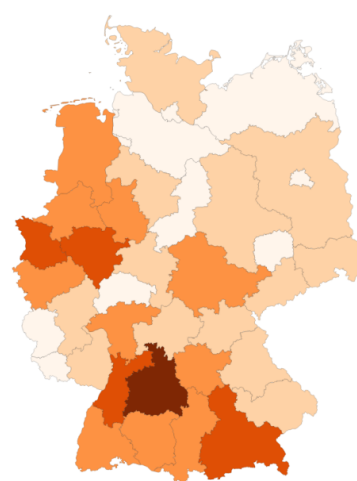
Gas power plants



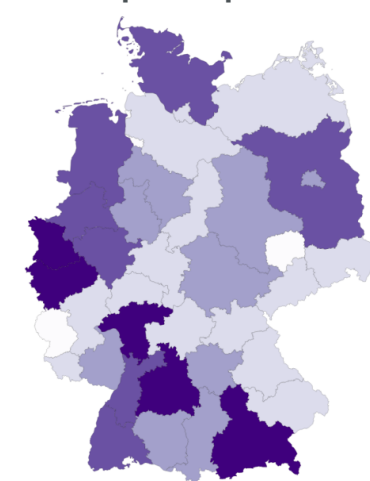
Household demand



Industry demand

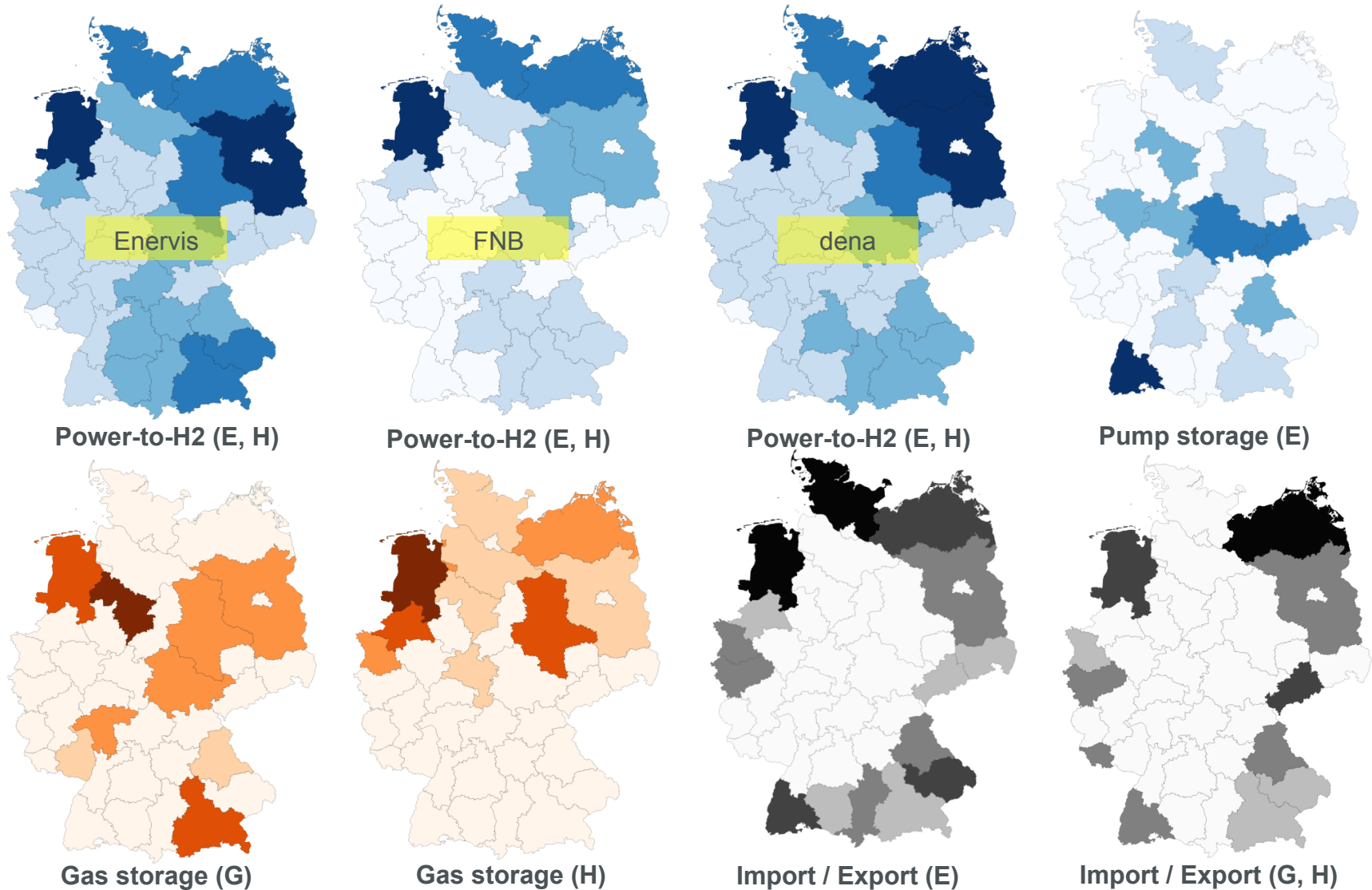


Buildings demand

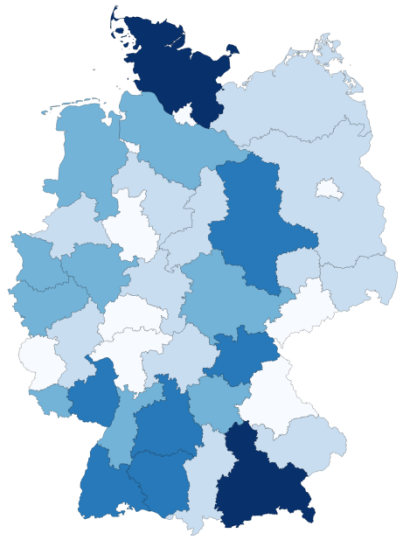


Transport demand

Regionalization (DE): Base assumptions for distribution keys



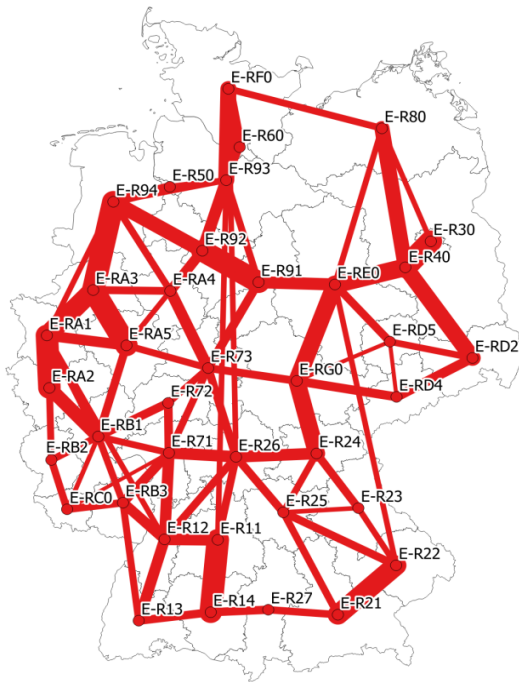
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H2-to-CH4 (G)

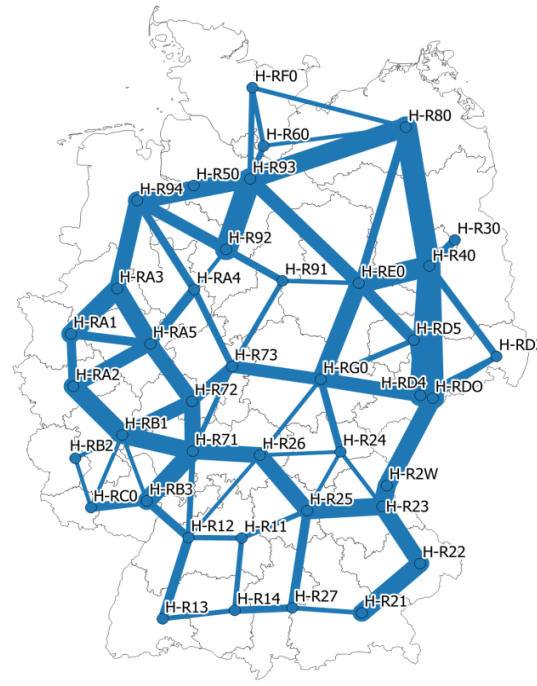
Infrastructure modeling (DE)

Infrastructure modeling (DE): Assumed topologies



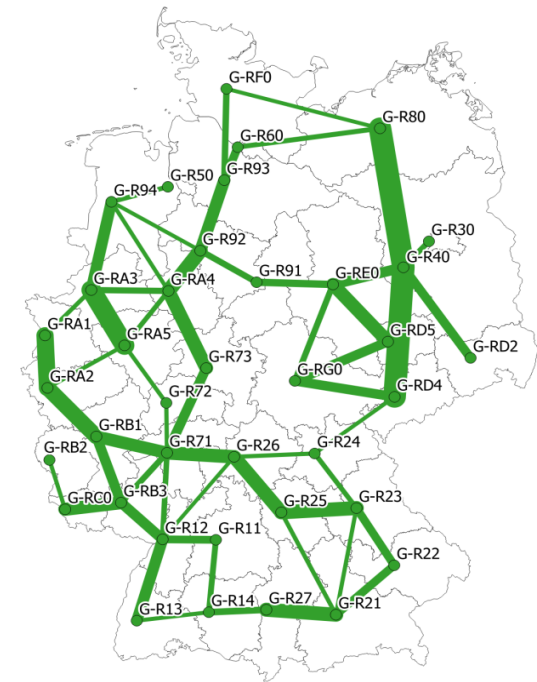
Electrical grid

- 220/380kV grid considered
- Today's grid + additional certain grid expansion measures until 2030 (confirmed - grid development plan 2017)
- Flow calculations with **70% of line capacities** to estimate „n-1“ operation



Hydrogen grid

- Based on today's natural gas grid
- Including Expansions of NEP2018
- Gas grid split into hydrogen and methane grid
- Hydrogen grid 'designed' as a strong back-bone

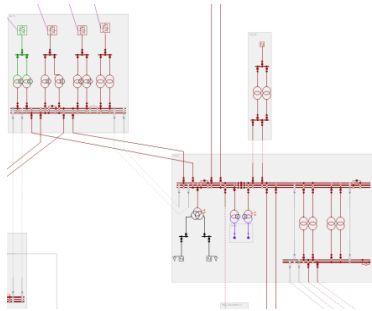


Methane grid

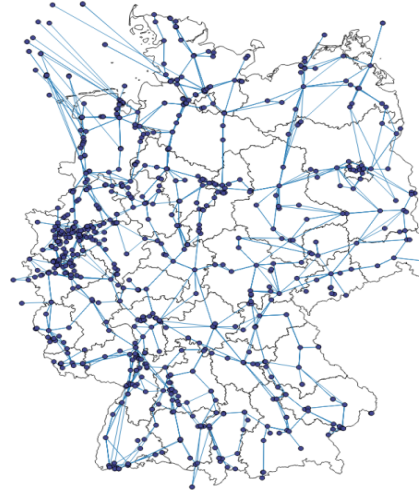
- Methane grid 'designed' to satisfy transport to end-customer (heat demand)

Remark: Line thickness indicates amount of maximum transport capacity

Infrastructure modeling (DE): Methodology (electricity)



Filtering of relevant grid nodes

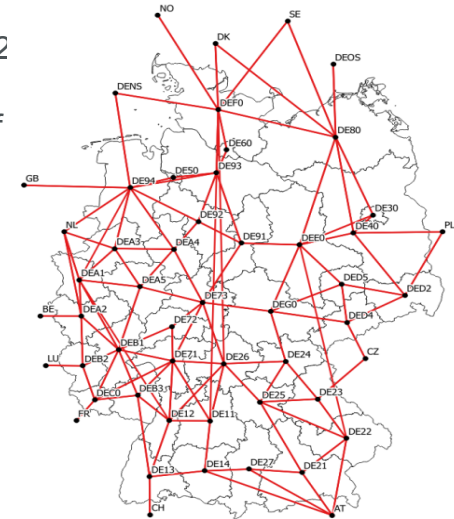


Electrical 220/380kV grid
(> 800 grid nodes)



Geographical data
on grid node
locations

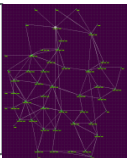
Linking of grid nodes to NUTS-2 regions and determination of connections between these



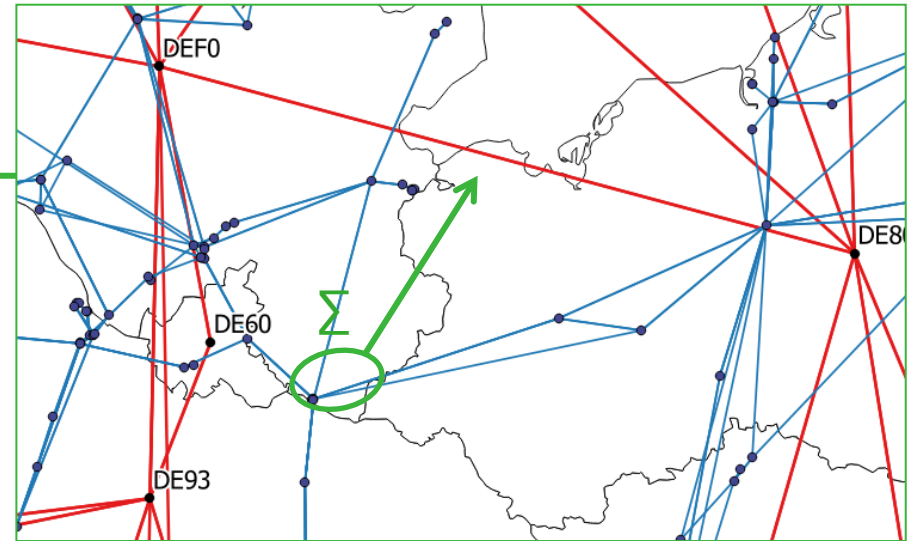
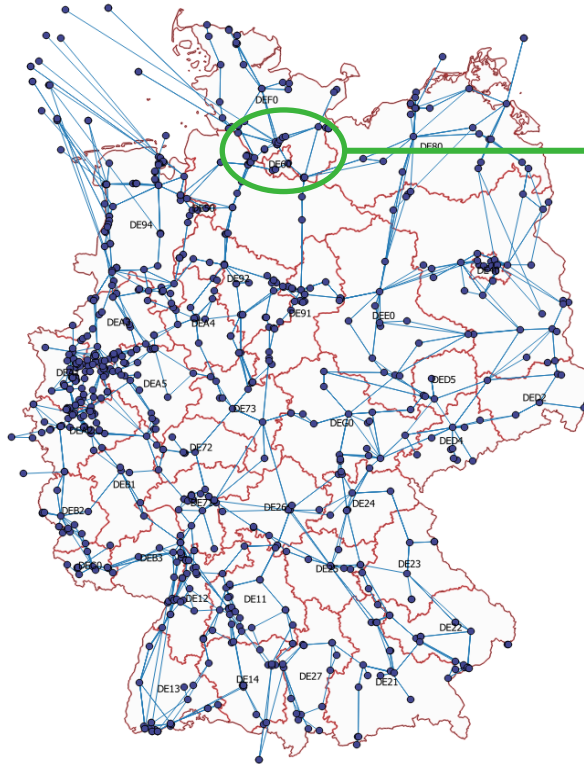
Simplified grid infrastructure
(38 + 13 nodes)



Infrastructure /
grid model
(MCA tool)



Infrastructure modeling (DE): Methodology (electricity)

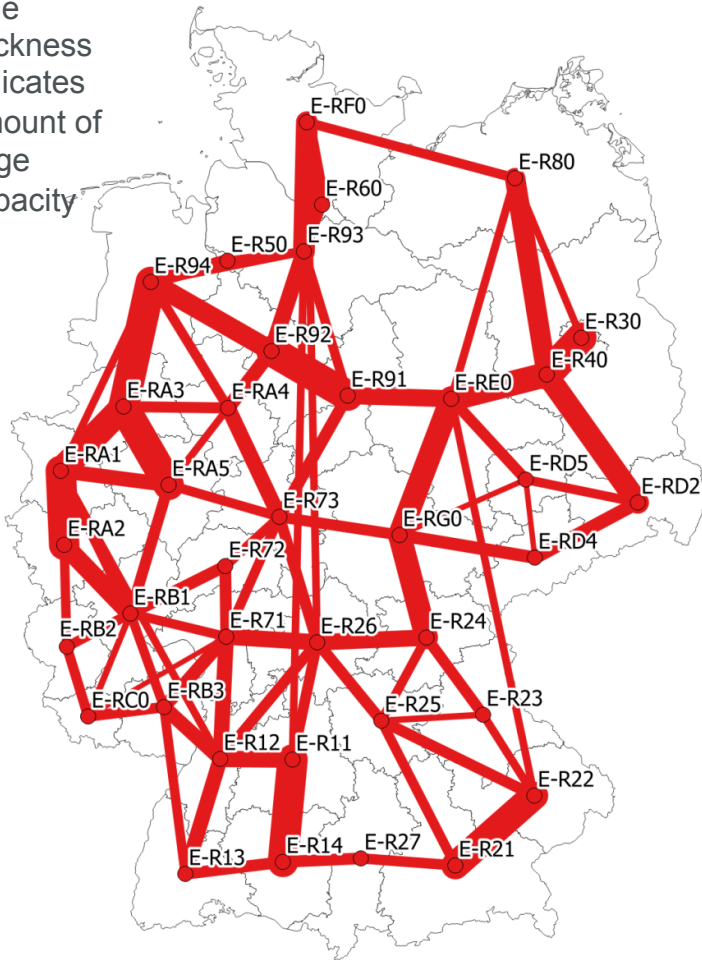


C_e Capacity of edge e
 C_i = Capacity of line i
 n = number of lines
 L_e = Weighted length
of edge e
 L_i = Length of line i
 n = number of lines

- Electrical power flows are in reality mainly dependent on impedance of lines
- MCA tool uses **capacity and length** of lines to determine flow patterns
- **Capacities:** Summing up of **line** capacities to achieve equivalent transmission capacity of **edge** (e.g. 2 x 1 GW line cap. = 2 GW)
- **Edge length:** Average of corresponding **line** lengths and division through number of lines

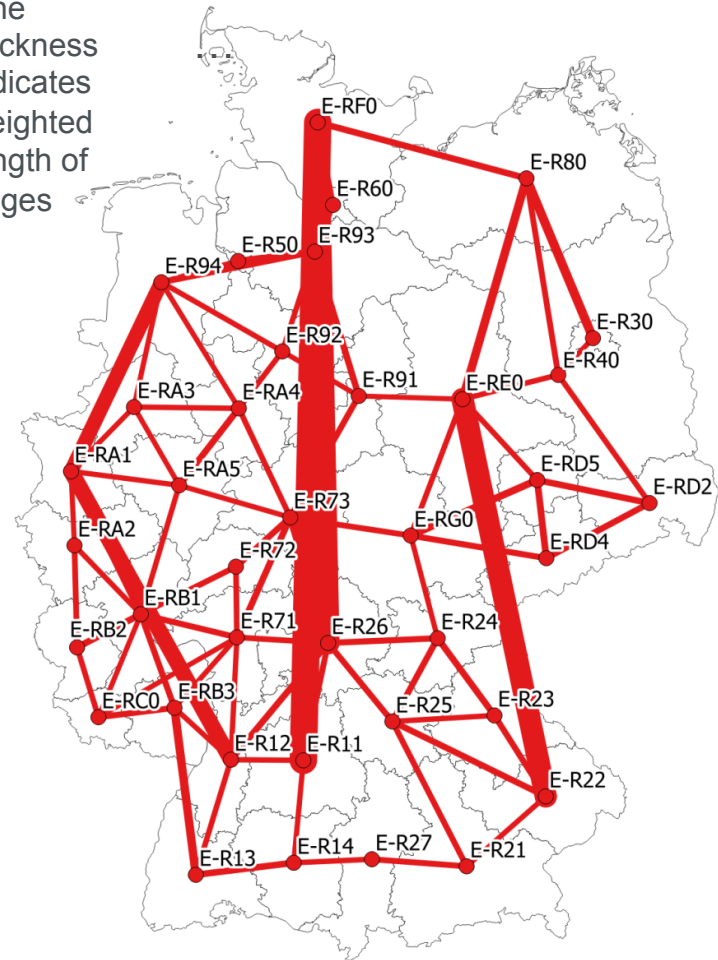
Infrastructure modeling (DE): Methodology (electricity)

Line thickness indicates amount of edge capacity



Line capacities (2030)

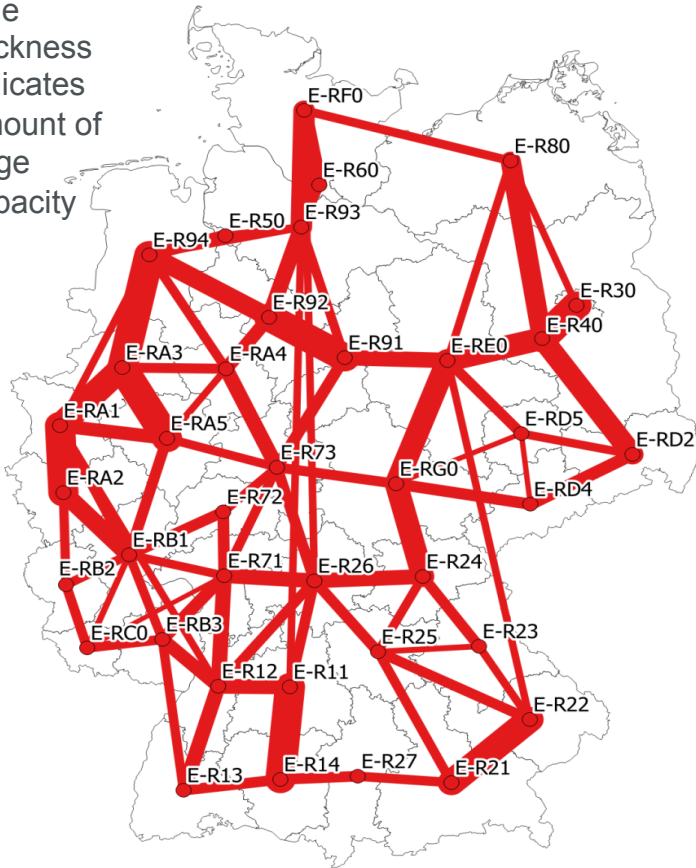
Line thickness indicates weighted length of edges



Weighted lengths (2030)

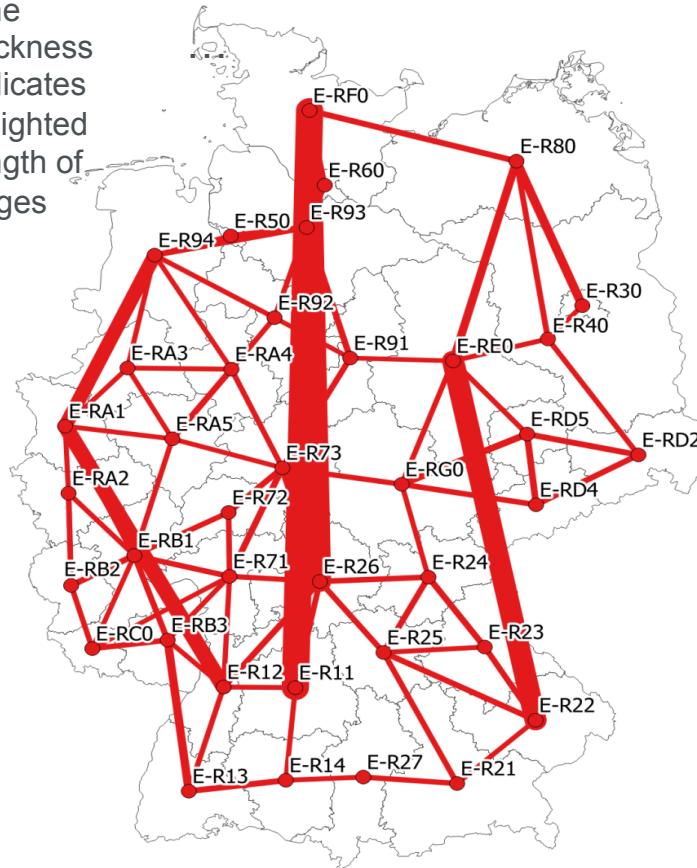
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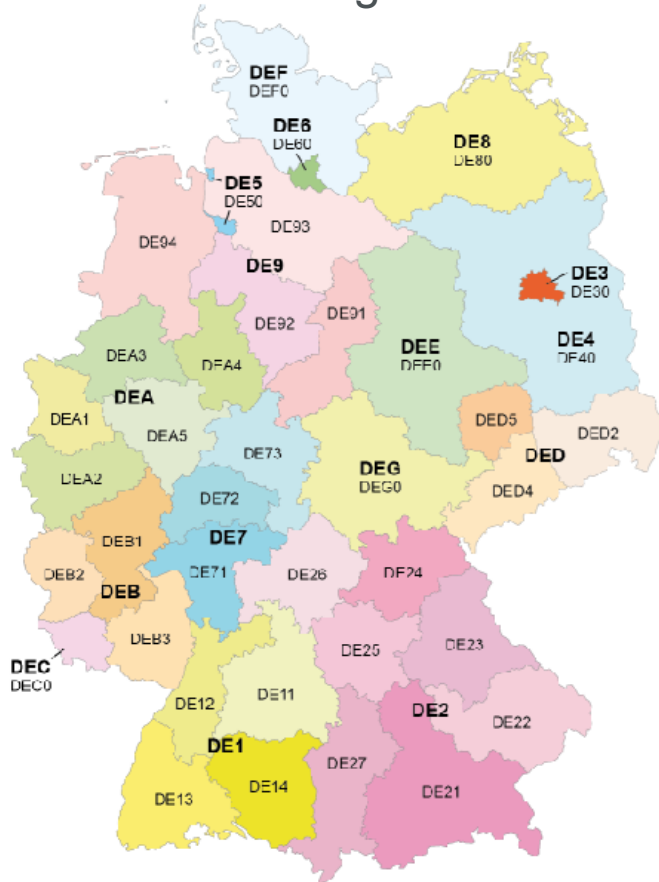
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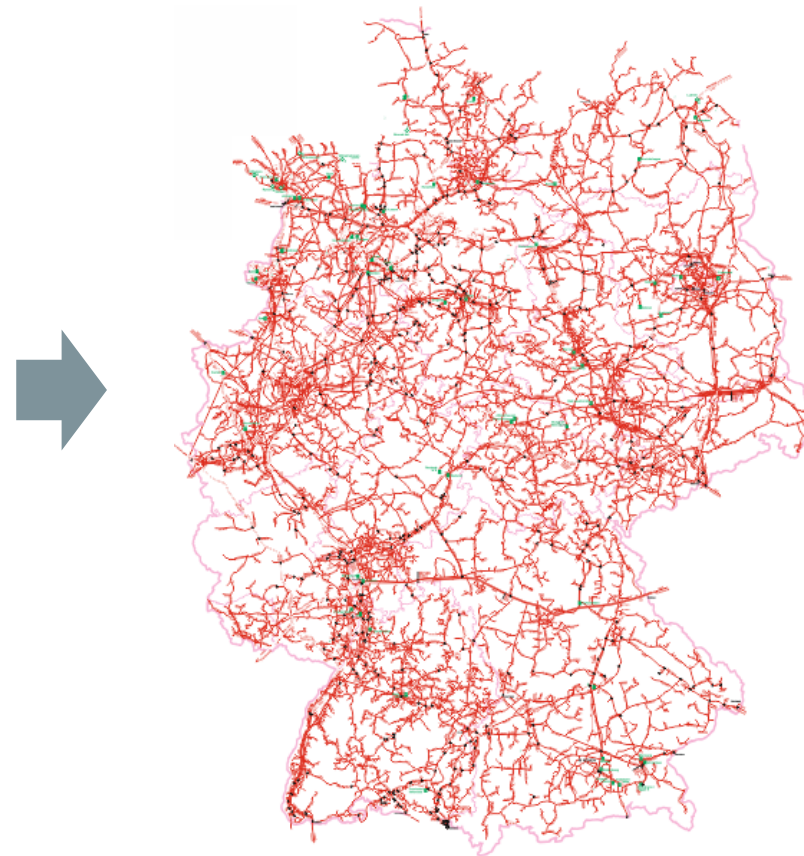
Weighted lengths (2030)

Infrastructure modeling (DE): Methodology (gas)

NUTS2 Regions



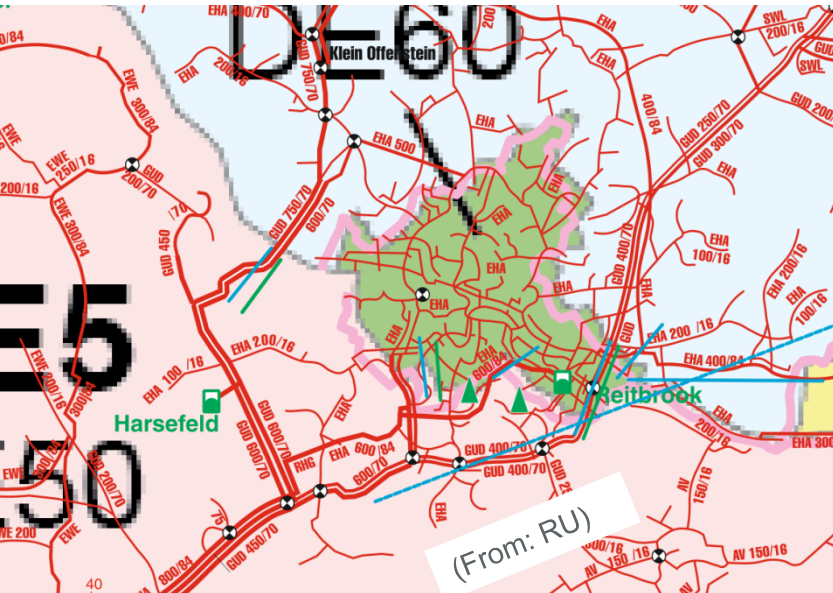
VGE MAP 2010 + Information NEP



- Merged the NUTS2 Regions with a gas infrastructure map „manually“
- Focus on the connection between the borders

Infrastructure modeling (DE): Methodology (gas)

Example: Hamburg



- Examination of the boundaries between the NUTS2 regions
- Considered Pipelines: max. Pressure > 40 bar
Diameter > 400 mm
- Categorization hydrogen / methane:
 - Focus on hydrogen
 - Loop lines methane
 - Import / Export dependent on country
 - Hydrogen: RU, NO
 - Hydrogen/Methane: NL, DK, FR, IT, AU, CH
- Interconnection points interregional modelled

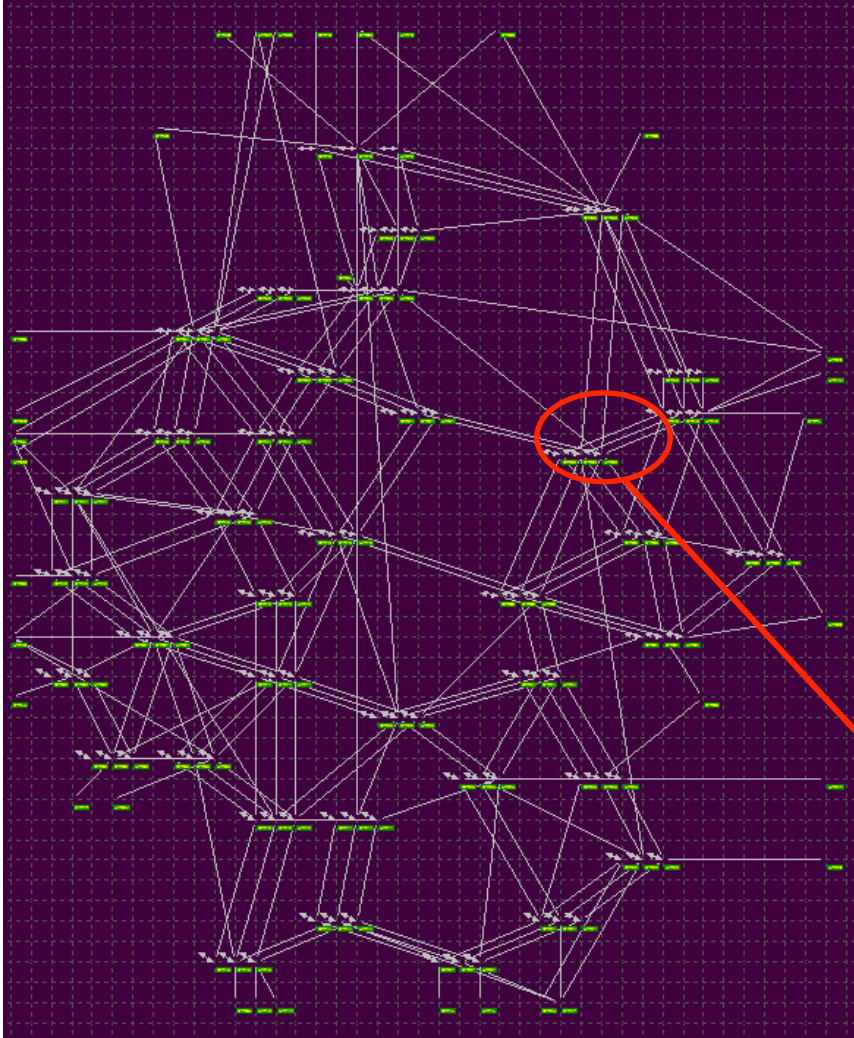
Capacity assumptions:

- pressure (75% of max. pressure)
- flow velocity (5 m/s)
- gas quality hydrogen $\hat{=}$ 80% of high calorific gas

➡ Capacity only depends on: diameter, pressure, velocity, gas quality

Outlook: allocation methane / hydrogen of the pipelines could be changed
implementation of GIS could automate the process

Infrastructure modeling (DE): Interface to MCA-tool

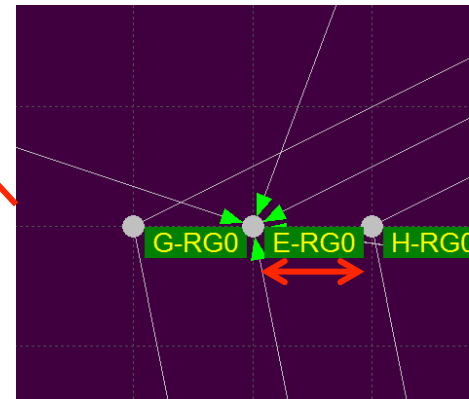


Standardized identifiers (IDs) for each grid node:

- E-RXX ID of infrastructure type
- G-RXX ID of NUTS-2-region
- H-RXX (e.g. „DE12“ = „12“)

Standardized identifiers (IDs) for each line between starting (X) and end point (Y):

- E-RXXRYY
- G-RXXRYY
- H-RXXRYY



Coupling of infrastructure:

- Power-to-H2
- Hydrogen / gas power plants
- H2-to-CH4

Snapshot selection

Snapshot definition and considerations

General definition „snapshot“: Situation („hour“) with a specific (regional) occurrence of supply, demand, use of flexibility options and exchange with neighbouring countries

Considerations for selecting snapshots:

- The **operating envelope** of the infrastructure: What are the maximum capacities the infrastructure should meet?
- The **transport momentum** of energy: Are transport of large quantities of energy across long distances foreseen that result in a high load on the infrastructure?
- The **regional distribution** of energy: Do future projected supply and demand locations combine with existing (and foreseen extension of) infrastructure?
- The **choice and (regional) locations for flexibility options** (especially electrolyzers) determines to an extent the load on the electrical or gas infrastructure
- The selection is **scenario dependent** due to different assumptions about supply, demand, flexibility and exchange possibilities
- Additional sensitivities based on selected base snapshots allow to investigate impacts of singular changes in scenario assumptions

Snapshot selection: operating envelop

- The operating envelope determines the **(max) capacity requirements of the infrastructure**
- Supply, consisting of a high share of intermittent RES should meet demand (in this analysis matched on a hourly basis)
- **Three main corners of the operating envelope** were identified:
 1. High RES supply and high (final) demand
 2. High RES supply and low (final) demand
 3. Low RES supply and high (final) demand
- Flex options balance the gap between supply and demand
- Furthermore, we can distinguish offshore wind, onshore wind and solar RES
For each a different set of flex options could be selected

HIGH
RES

Flex options:

Demand management

Battery

Conversion

Export

Curtailment

GW

High demand
conventional

Snapshot selection: Infrastructure operating envelop

Situation A:

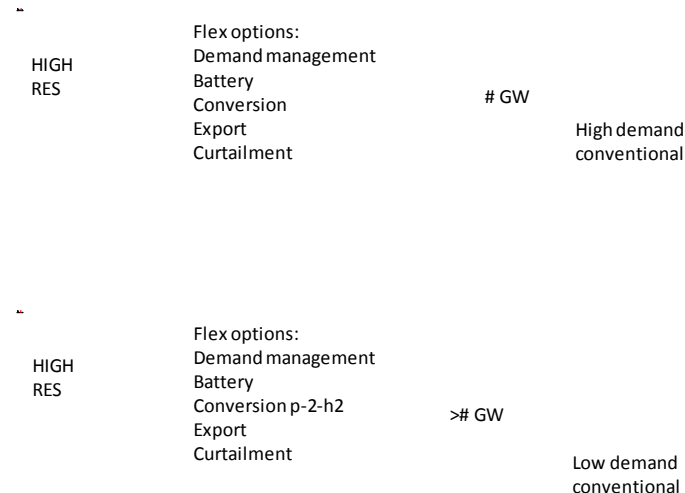
- High wind and/or solar supply
- High final demand

Situation B:

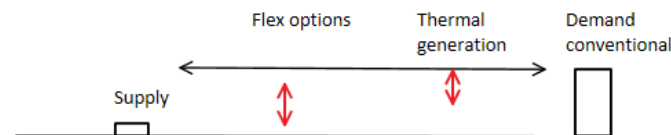
- High wind and/or solar supply
- Low final demand
- *NOTE: The need for flexibility options could be larger compared to situation 1*

Situation C:

- Low wind and/or solar supply
- High final demand
- *NOTE: thus could result in a need for back-up power plants*



Case: High RES WIND and low conventional demand



→ Selection of suitable „snapshot hours“ that fulfill the defined criteria

Modeling limitations and points for improvement

Energy system modeling (ETM):

- Only rudimental consideration of energy exchange with neighbouring countries
- Only one national weather year pattern for RES infeed and demand
- Simplified determination of power plant dispatch (merit order) without consideration of further „real world“ boundary conditions

Regionalization:

- Fixed distribution keys for supply, demand, flexibility and exchange categories mostly based on today's distribution and according to statistical data

Infrastructure modeling & calculations:

- Underlying energy infrastructure not modeled (electrical grid < 220kV, Methane grid < 40 bar)
- Linear optimization scheme to determine grid power flows not fully reflecting real world flow patterns (but providing rough indication if power can be transported)