

PyPSA-Earth Model Validation for Zambia

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2 Introduction

This document keeps track of the PyPSA-Earth model validation for Zambia. To begin with, the same sections as in the paper by Parzen et al. 2023 presenting the PyPSA-Earth model have been used. We can modify them as we see fit, depending on the specific situation for Zambia.

[Albert S]: Beyond the sections in the pypsa-earth paper, I've added one on hydro given its importance in the Zambian case.

3 Network Topology and Length

4 Electricity Demand

5 Solar and Wind Power Potentials

6 Hydropower

7 Power Plant Database

8 Zambia 2022 - Dispatch Validation

This section corresponds to section 5.1 in the pypsa-earth paper. It is a validation of the state of the model in a recent year. We could try first with 2022 as it is the last complete year. If need be, we can go further in the past.

References

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