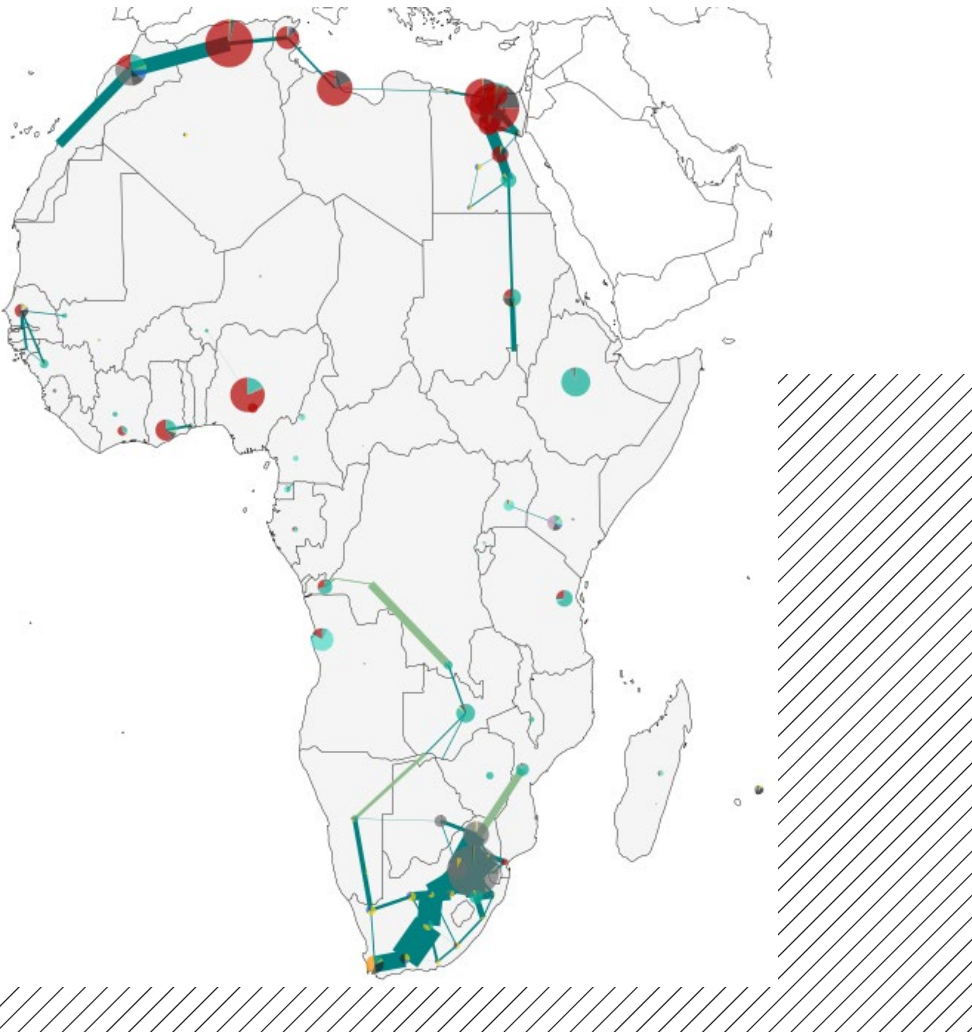




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## Key facts

- Period: 01.01.2023 – 30.06.2026
- Budget: 4.2 Millionen €
- Funded by the Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space

## Project partners



## Associated partners





### Energy and climate crisis:

illustrated importance of achieving climate targets and diversifying energy supply

→ for this, a ramp up of the international hydrogen economy is crucial



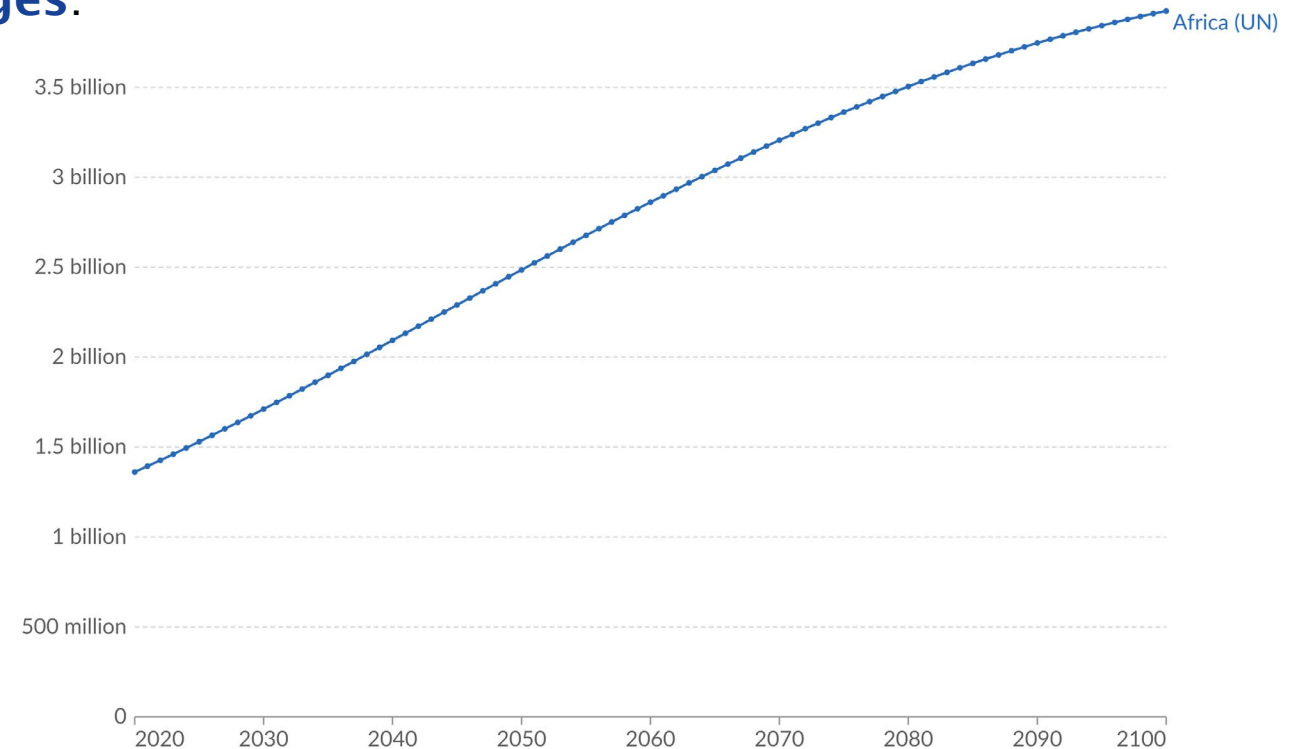
### For this ramp up two factors are elementary:

- Stable international partnerships
- Stable legal and financial framework

### Continent of Africa is facing major challenges:



Population doubles by 2050



Data source: United Nations, World Population Prospects (2022)

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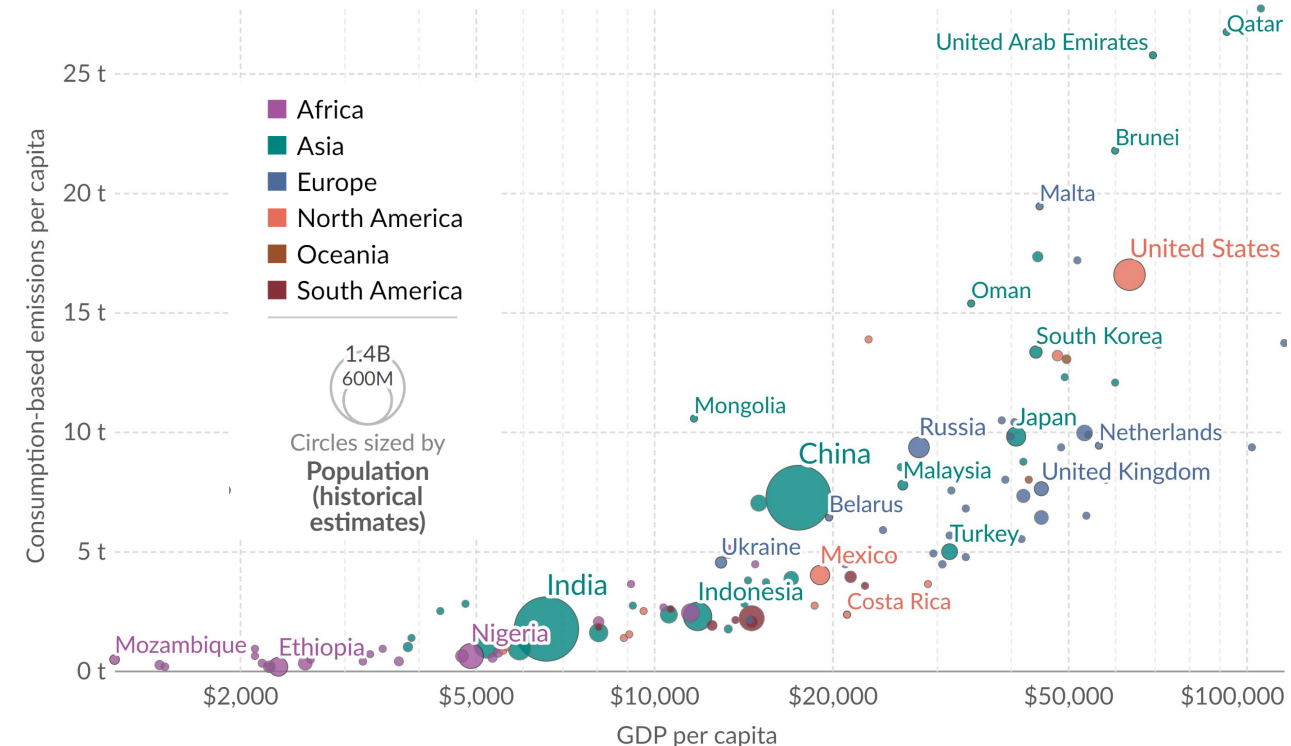
Average GDP of 2000\$ per capita  
(global average: 10,500\$)



Average CO<sub>2</sub> per capita of 0.8 t  
(advanced economies: 8 t)

### The Final Question:

Not if net-zero by 2050 is possible, but how  
with tenfold economic growth.



Data source: Global Carbon Budget (2023); Population based on various sources (2023); World Bank (2023)  
[OurWorldInData.org/co2-and-greenhouse-gas-emissions](https://OurWorldInData.org/co2-and-greenhouse-gas-emissions) | CC BY

### Goals:



Identify possible German-African green hydrogen partnerships



Bidirectional knowledge transfer



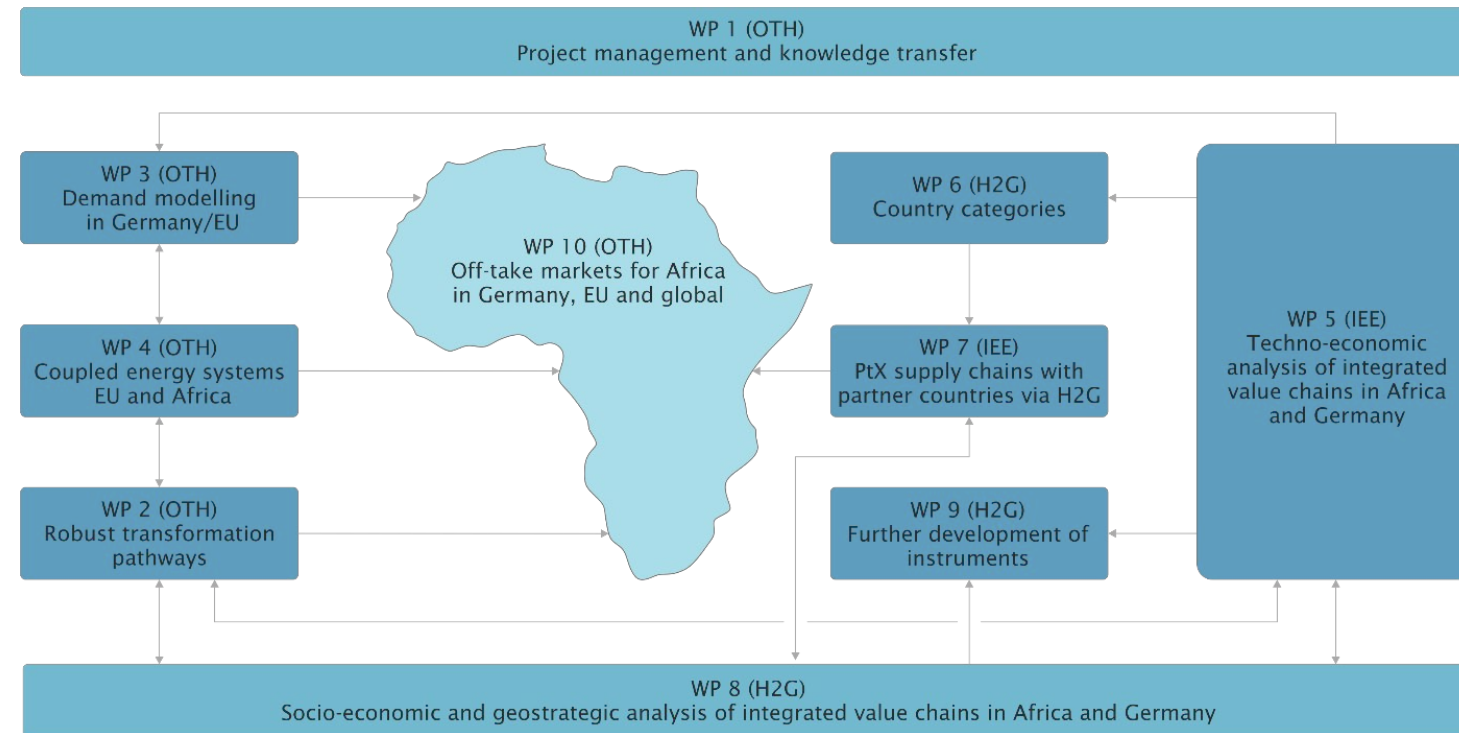
Evaluating specific H<sub>2</sub>/PtX value and supply chains with energy system modelling



Develop measures to promote market ramp up



Key project results will be available open source



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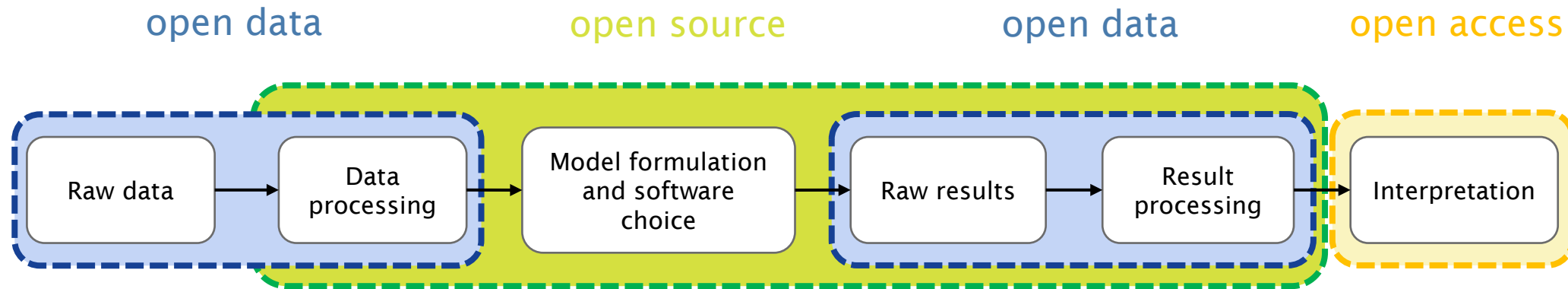


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## Following the Idea of Open Energy Modelling

The whole chain from raw data to modelling results should be open:



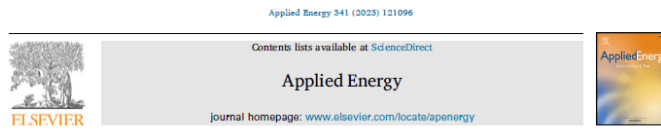
open data + free software → transparency + reproducibility

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## Energy Transformation Pathways

### Main Models:

- PyPSA-Earth
- PyPSA-Earth-Sec
- PyPSA-Eur



### PyPSA-Earth. A new global open energy system optimization model demonstrated in Africa

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### GRAPHICAL ABSTRACT



### ARTICLE INFO

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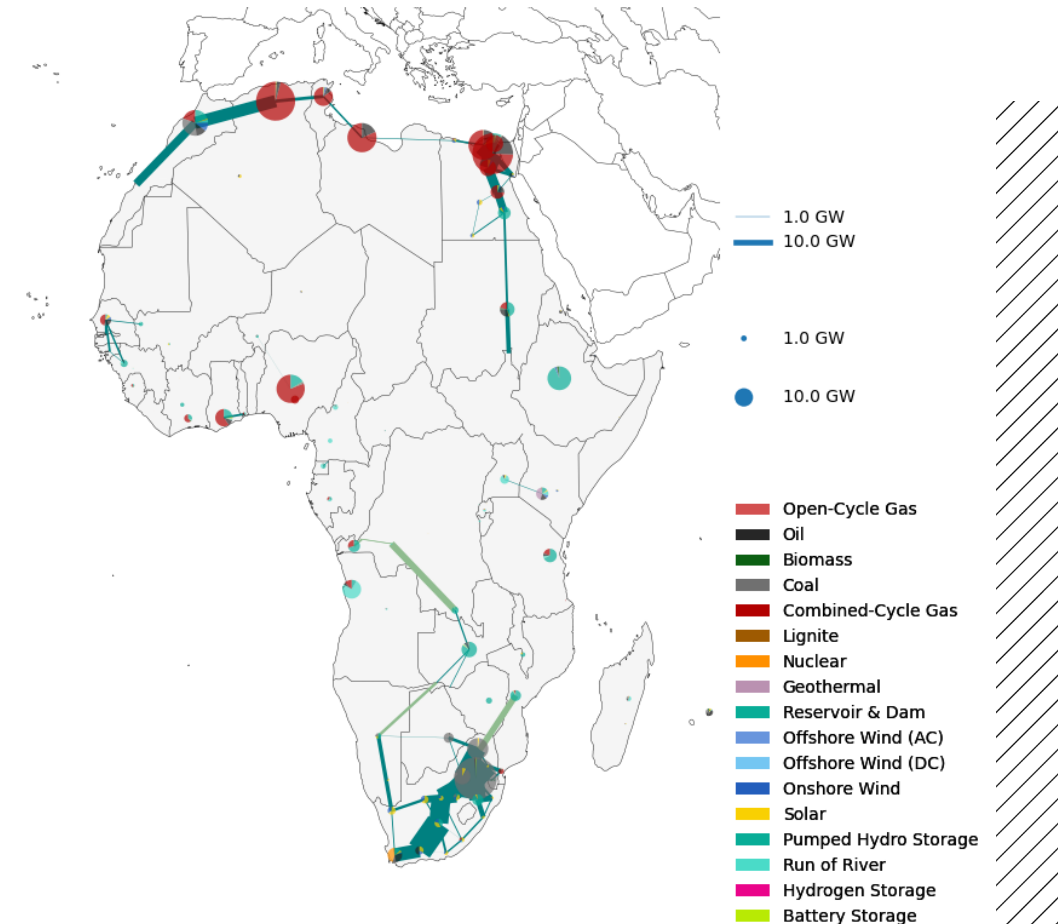
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Macro-energy system modelling is used by decision-makers to steer the global energy transition towards an affordable, sustainable and reliable future. Closed-source models are the current standard for most policy and industry decisions. However, open models have proven to be competitive alternatives that promote science, robust technical analysis, collaboration and transparent policy decision-making. Yet, two issues slow the adoption: open models are often designed with particular geographic scope in mind, thus hindering synergies from collaborating, or are based on low spatially resolved data, limiting their use. Here we introduce PyPSA-Earth, an open-source global energy system model with data in high spatial and temporal resolution. It enables large-scale collaboration by providing a tool that can model the world's energy system or any subset of it. The model is suitable for operational as well as combined generation, storage and transmission expansion studies. In this study, the novel power system capabilities of PyPSA-Earth are highlighted and demonstrated. The model provides two main features: (1) customizable data extraction and preparation with global coverage and (2) a PyPSA energy modelling framework integration. The data includes electricity demand, generation

Check out  
PyPSA-Earth here:



Check out  
PyPSA-Earth-Sec here:



Quelle: Erstellt mit PyPSA-Earth und [https://github.com/pypsa-meets-earth/documentation/blob/main/notebooks/viz/regional\\_transm\\_system\\_viz.ipynb](https://github.com/pypsa-meets-earth/documentation/blob/main/notebooks/viz/regional_transm_system_viz.ipynb)

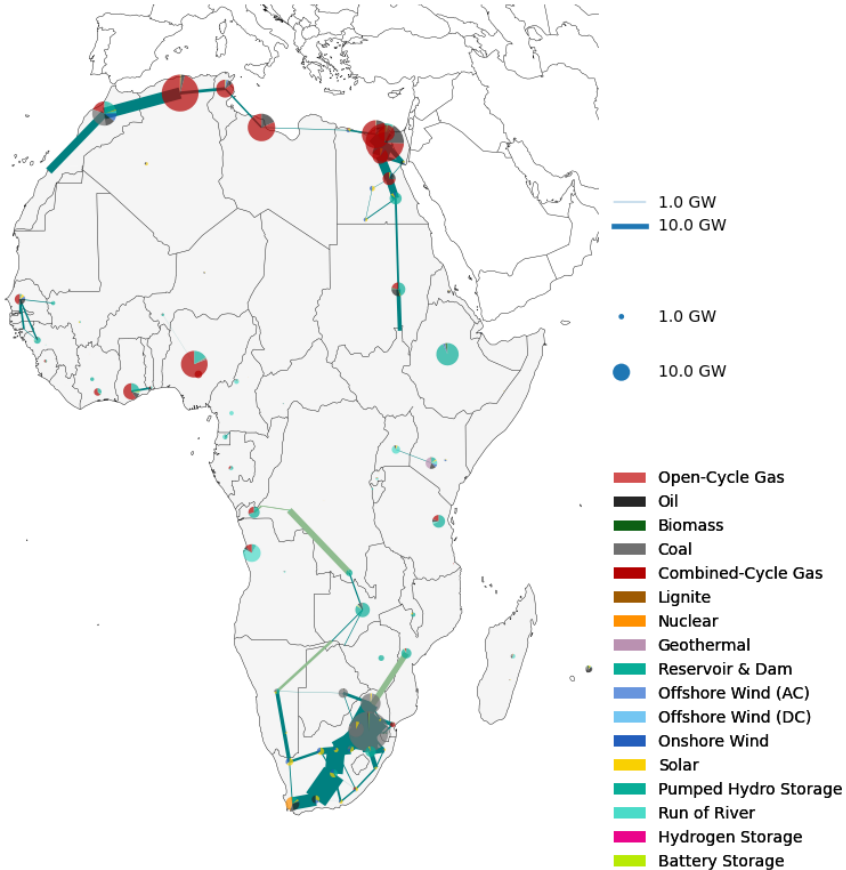


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## Model coupling Africa/Europe



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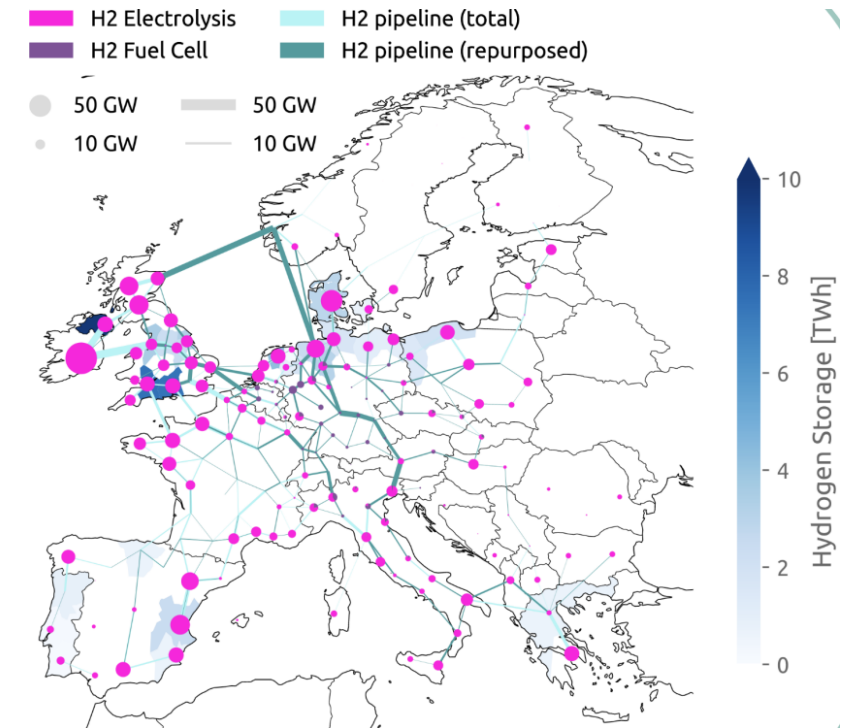


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Direct model coupling



Common optimization of  
selected countries



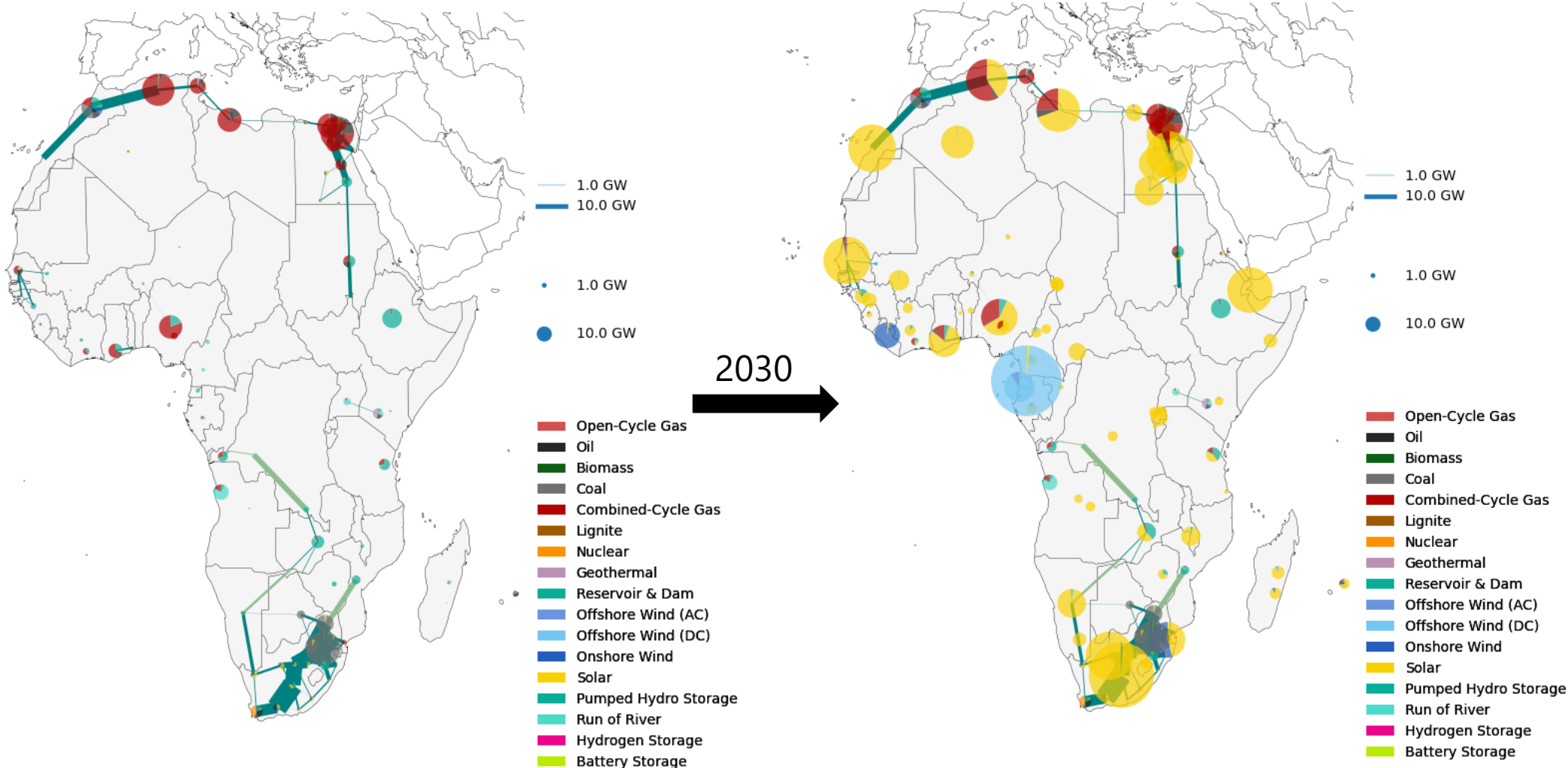
Quelle: Neumann, Fabian; Zeyen, Elisabeth; Victoria, Marta; Brown, Tom (2022): Benefits of a Hydrogen Network in Europe

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## Results



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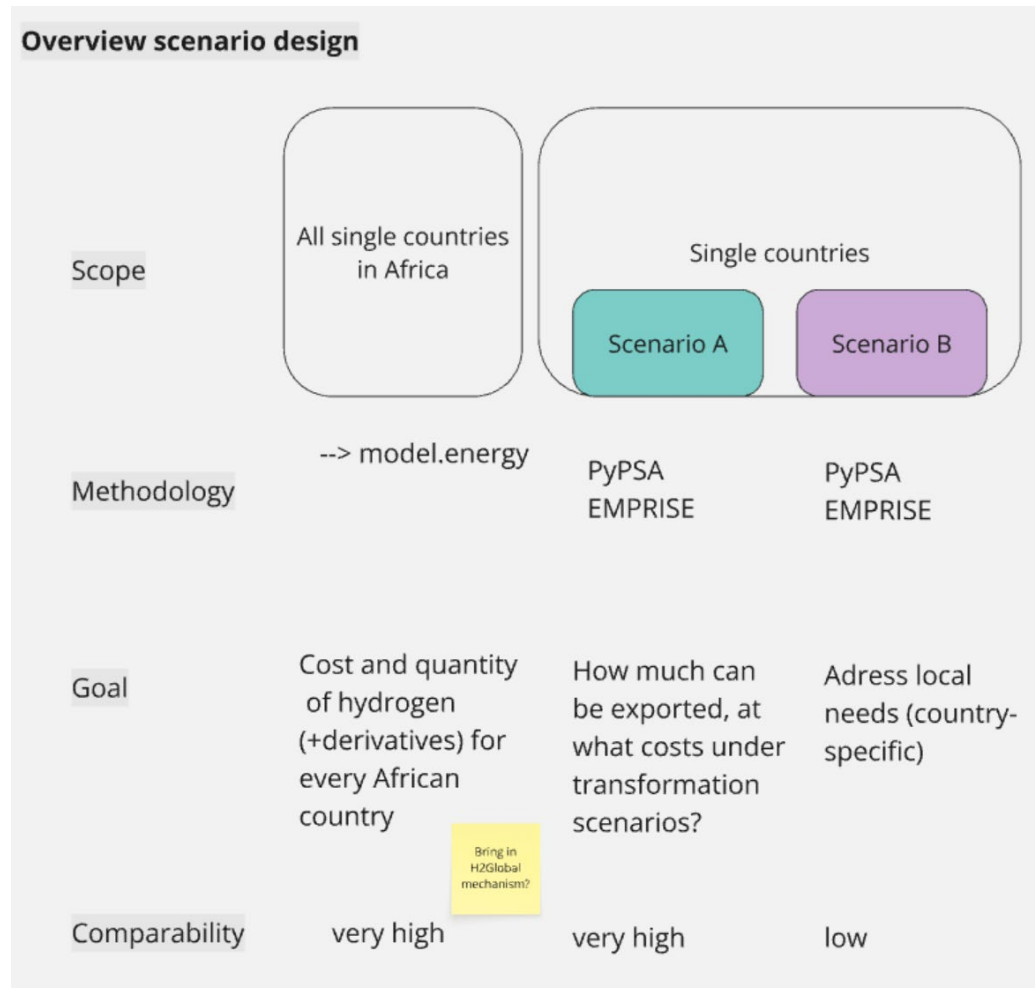


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## Scenario definition



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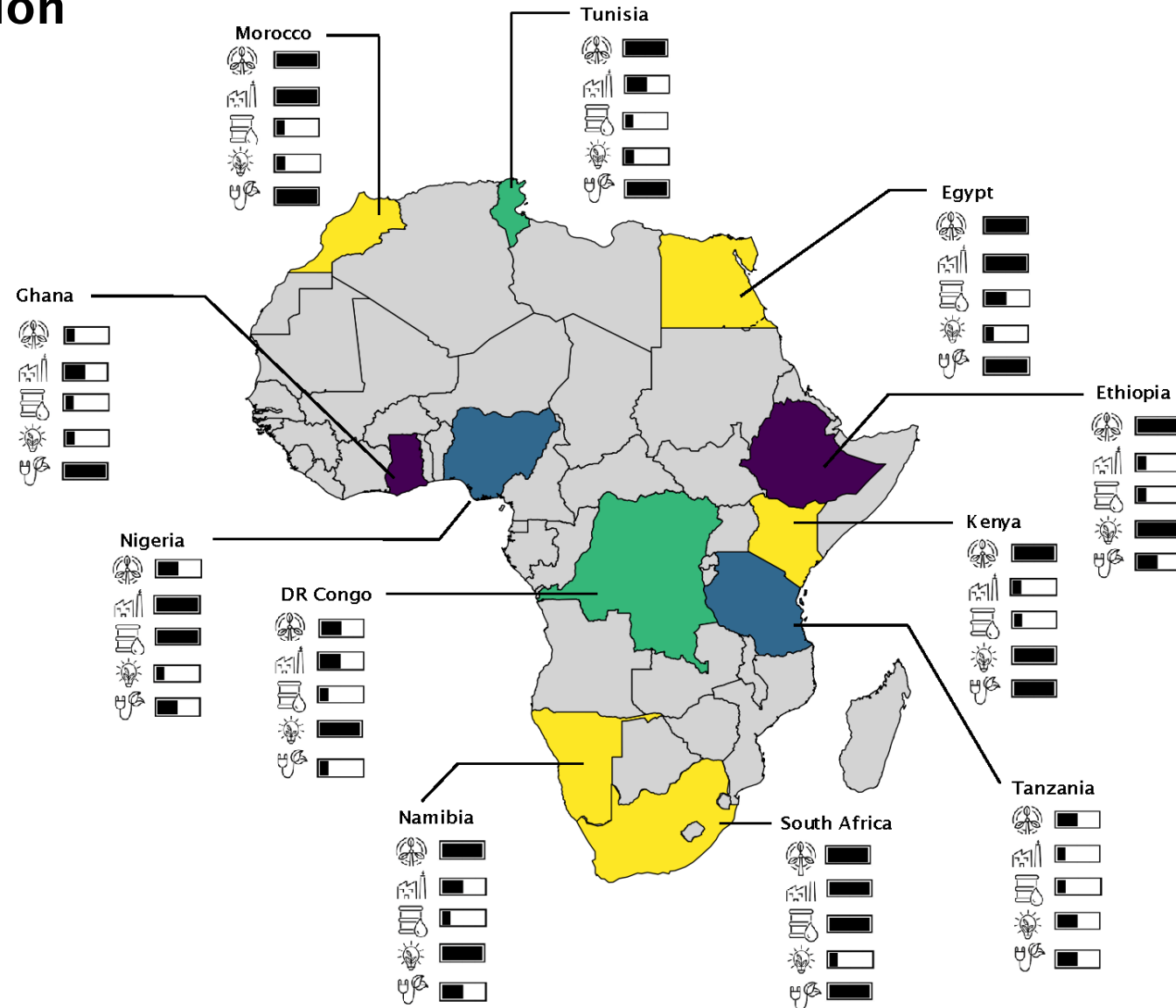


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## Country selection



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## Initial results

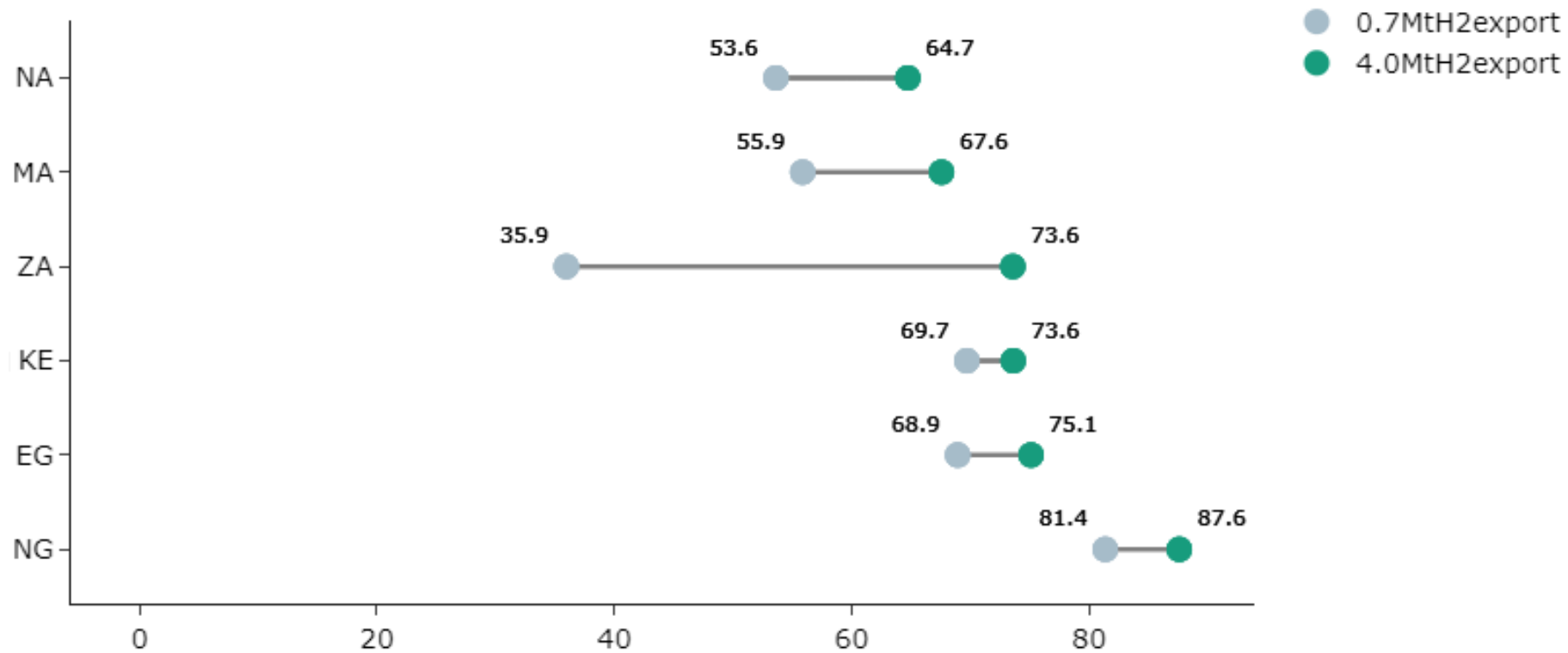


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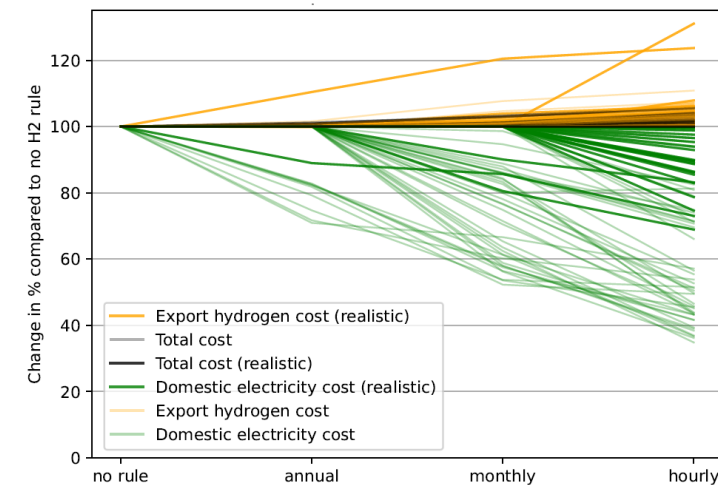
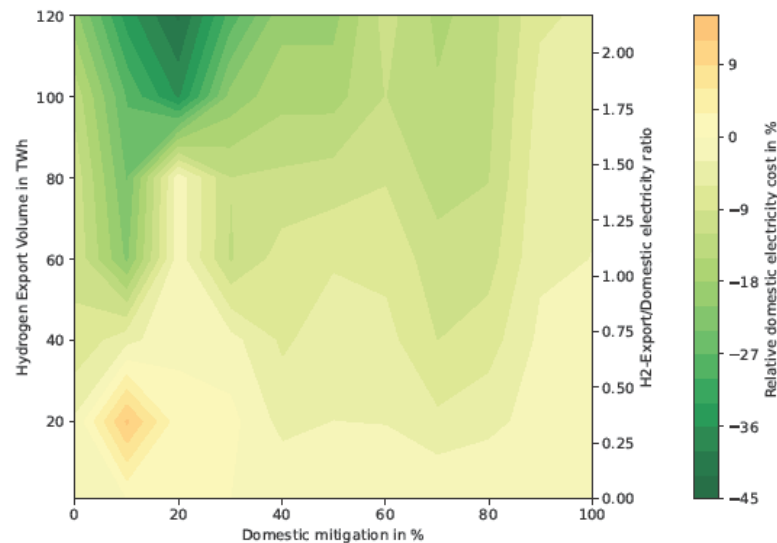
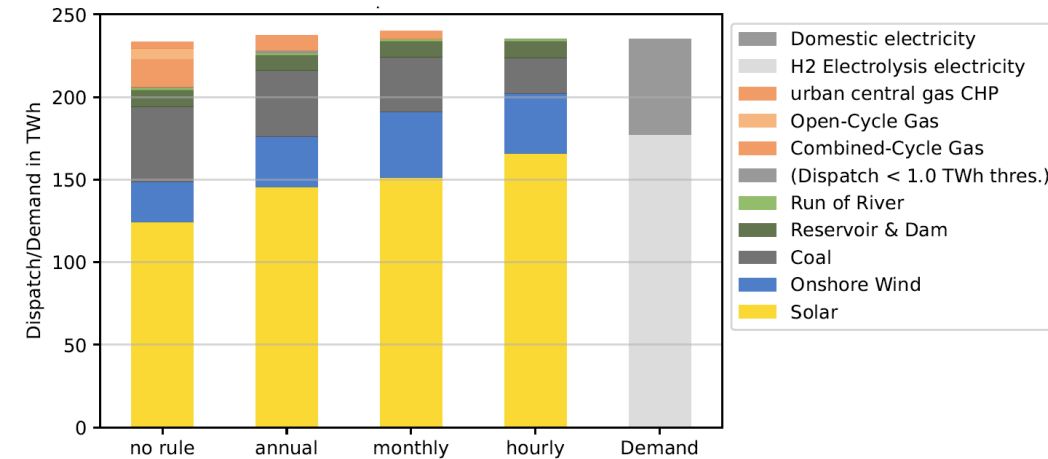
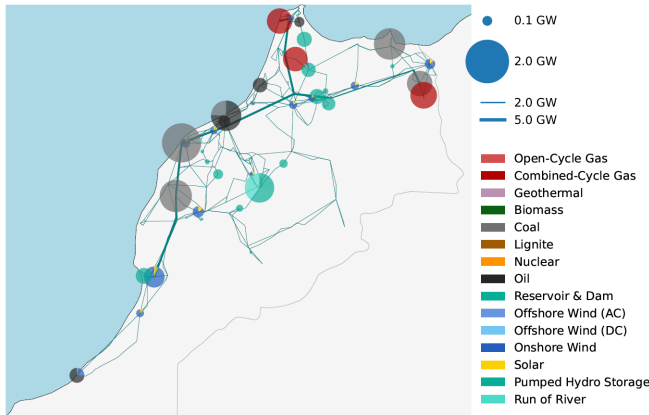
### Marginal price for H2 at export port in 2050

Per country and H2 export volume in €/MWh\_H2\_LHV



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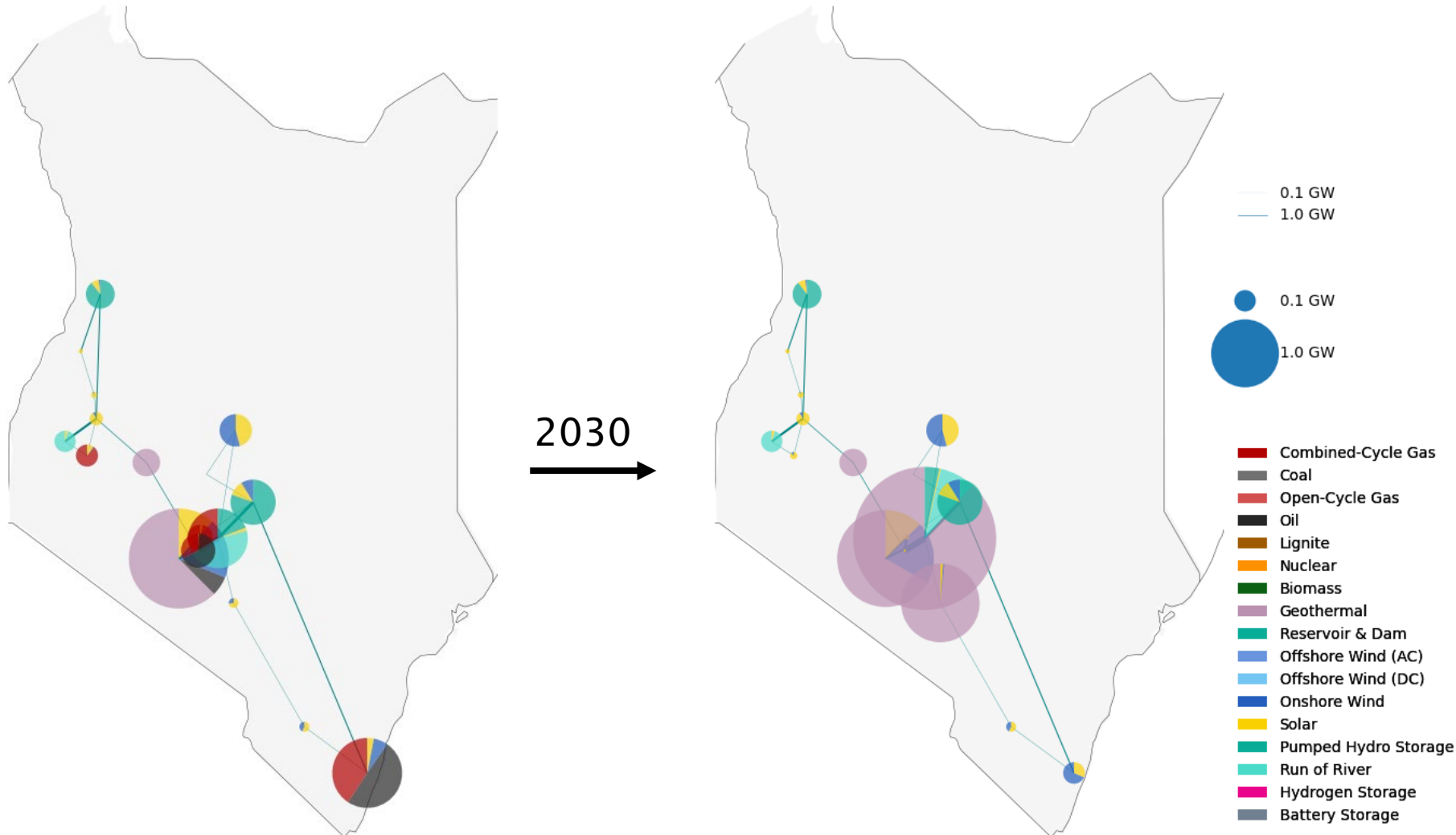


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Source: KenGen 2022.

Institute for Energy Networks and Energy Storage (FENES) | H2Global meets Africa | 2025 Project meeting Kassel



Additional 3.3 GW  
geothermal plant  
in Great Rift Valley



Cheapest source  
of energy



Potential use of the  
Great Rift Valley:  
4.3 out of 10 GW

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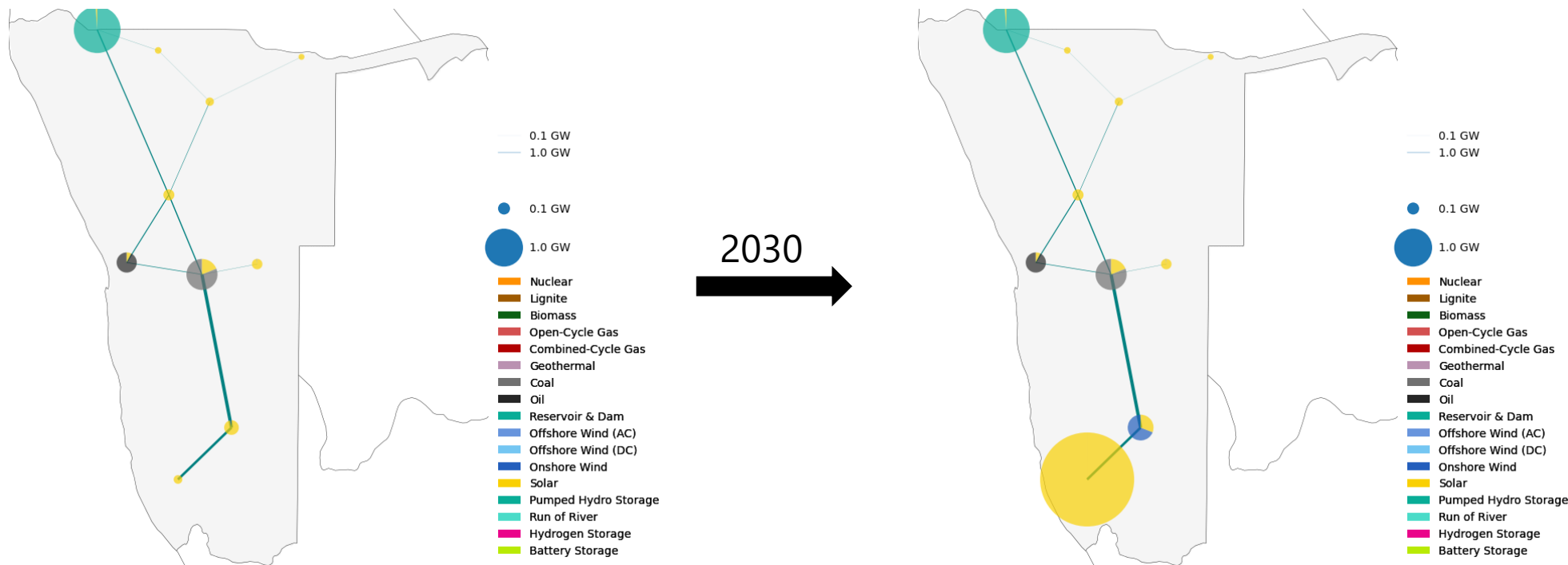
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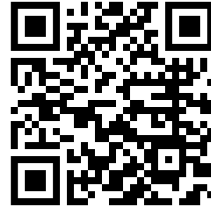
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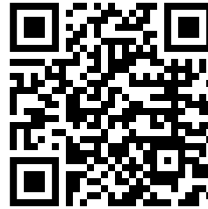


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