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# **European Electricity Grid Infrastructure Expansion** in a 2050 Context

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#### Introduction

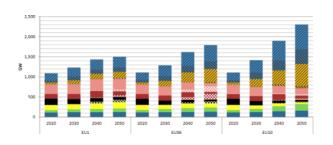
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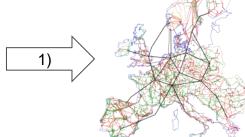
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## **Presentation on One Page**

#### Infrastructure for "National", "Regional" and "European" Scenarios of the Electricity System?

1) Allocate national capacities on nodal level

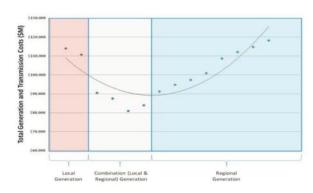




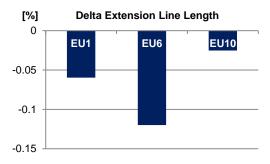
2) Model line sharp network investment



3) Correlation between regional character and total cost of generation and transmission



4) Sensitivities on line expansion costs to analyze regional character of scenarios



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## **Long-Term EMF Scenarios for Europe 2050**

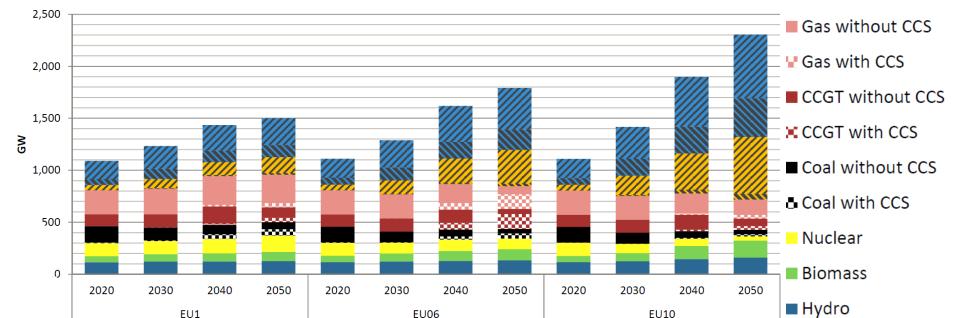
Technology dimension						
		Default w	Default	Dossimistic	Optimistic	Green
		CCS	w/o CCS	Pessimisuc		
CCS		on	off	off	on	off
Nuclear energy		ref	ref	low	ref	low
Energy efficiency		ref	ref	ref	high	high
Renewable energies		ref	ref	ref	ref	opt
Policy dimension for the EU	Policy dimension for the Rest of the World (ROW)					
No policy baseline (no policy,						
also without the 2020 target)	no policy	EU11				
Reference: including the 2020	"moderate policy" scenario ModPol; no emission					
targets and 40% GHG	trading across macroregions (but trade within					
reduction by 2050	macroregions e.g. within EU)	EU1	EU2	EU3	EU4	EU5
Mitigation1: 80% GHG	"moderate policy" scenario ModPol; no emission					
reduction by 2050 (with	trading across macroregions (but trade within					
Cap&Trade within the EU)	macroregions e.g. within EU)	EU6	EU7	EU8	EU9	EU10
	IMAGE2.9 scenario; full emission trading for ROW,					
Mitigation2: 80% GHG	but no emission trading between ROW and EU.					
reduction by 2050 (with	Regional relative contributions to mitigation based					
Cap&Trade within the EU)	on the Mitigation 1 scenario	EU12			EU14	
Mitigation3: global 480ppme	IMAGE2.9 scenario; emission trading is allowed					
target with full Cap&Trade	between all regions	EU13			EU15	
Scenario package for the models that go for the technology dimension (11						
Scenario package for the models that go for the policy dimension (7 altogether)						
included in both scenario packages						
Additional optional scenarios for models that go for the policy dimension						

## **Technology Specific Generation Capacity for Europe**

#### **Primes results in a European context; main aspects:**

- Renewable generation capacities
- CCTS as an option?
- Nuclear/coal vs. gas share with increasing renewable capacities

- Wind Onshore
- Wind Offshore
- Photovoltaik
- Concentrated Solar Power



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## **ELMOD Application: Expansion Pathways for the European Transmission Network**

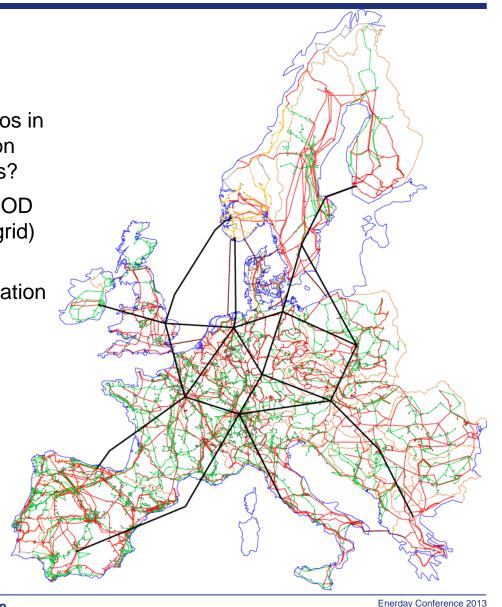
## Pan-European Transmission Investment for the EMF28 Scenarios

 Question: How do the different EMF 28 scenarios in their choice of technology and national allocation effect the demand on infrastructure investments?

 Bottom up DC Load Flow model based on ELMOD (3,523 nodes and 5,145 lines plus DC overlay grid)

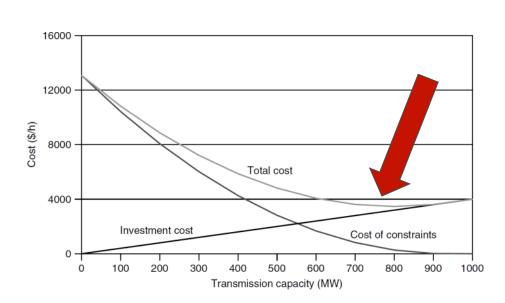
 Endogenous determination of grid investments needs up to 2050 in 10-year steps. The optimization minimizes the cost of the expansion as well as system operation.

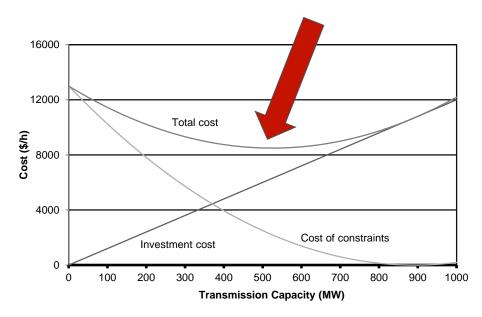
- Model runs for the EMF28-Scenarios
  - **EU1** (40% GHG reduction until 2050),
  - **EU6** (80% GHG reduction until 2050)
  - EU10 (green, 80% GHG reduction until 2050)
- Additional case for each scenario: doubling of costs for cross border lines



#### "Optimal" Transmission Investments

- "Optimal" infrastructure includes temporary congestions
- Transmission is a low cost option (compared to generation investment) for common assumptions on line investment costs (cable costs, etc.)
- Higher costs for transmission investment (transaction costs, etc.) reduce the "optimal" amount of infrastructure





Source: Kirschen, Strbac (2004) p 241

## **Iterative Solving of Mixed Integer Linear Problem (MILP)**

$$\min cost = \sum_{n,g,t} (g_{n,g,t} * MC_{n,g})$$

$$+ \sum_{d} (expdc_{d}) Cdc_{d})$$

$$+ \sum_{l} (up_{l} * Cup_{l} + (exp_{l}) * Cexp_{l})$$

$$(1)$$

s.t.

$$0 = \sum_{g} g_{n,g,t} + res_{n,t} + dcinput_{n,t}$$
  $\forall n, t$  (2)

 $+ a cinput_{n,t} - Demand_{n,t}$ 

$$g_{n,g,t} \le Gmax_{n,g} \ \forall n,g,t \tag{3}$$

$$res_{n,t} \le Resmax_{n,t} \ \forall n,t$$
 (4)

$$dcinput_{n,t} = \sum_{d} dcflow_{d,t} * DCInc_{d,n}$$
(5)

$$acinput_{n,t} = \sum_{nn} (B_{n,nn} * \delta_{nn,t}) \tag{6}$$

$$\sum_{n} H_{l,n} \delta_{n,t} \leq PF0_l + PFexp_l * exp_l \forall l, t$$
(7)

$$\sum_{n} H_{l,n} \delta_{n,t} \ge -PFL0 \underbrace{PFexp_{l} * exp_{l}}_{} \forall l, t \qquad (8)$$

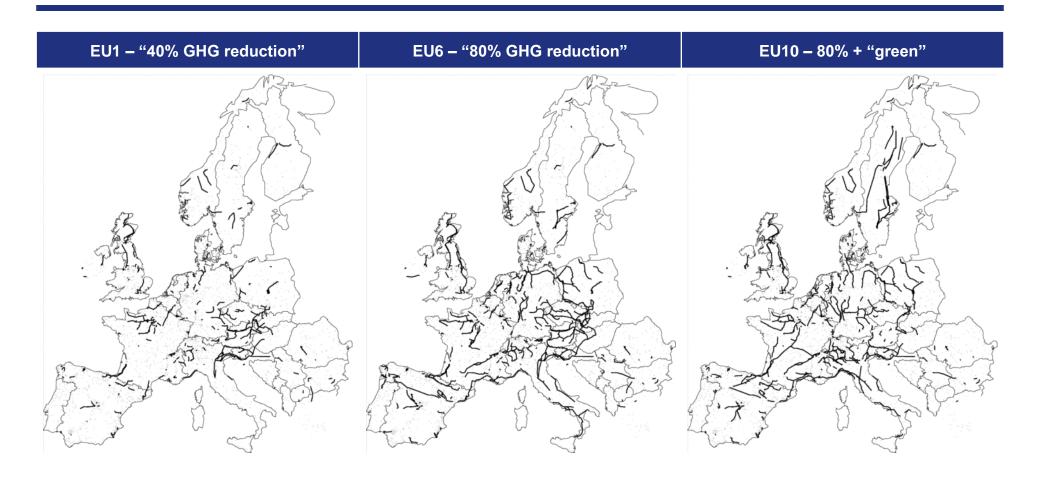
$$-PFup_{l} * up_{l}$$

$$dcflow_{d,t} \le PFdc0_d + expdc_d * PFdcexp_d \ \forall d,t \tag{9}$$

$$dcflow_{d,t} \ge -PFdc0_d - expdc_d * PFdcexp_d \ \forall d,t \tag{10}$$

Non-linear relation between physical line characteristics and DC load flow parameters: Calculations are repeated with updated line characteristics after expansion until they converge.

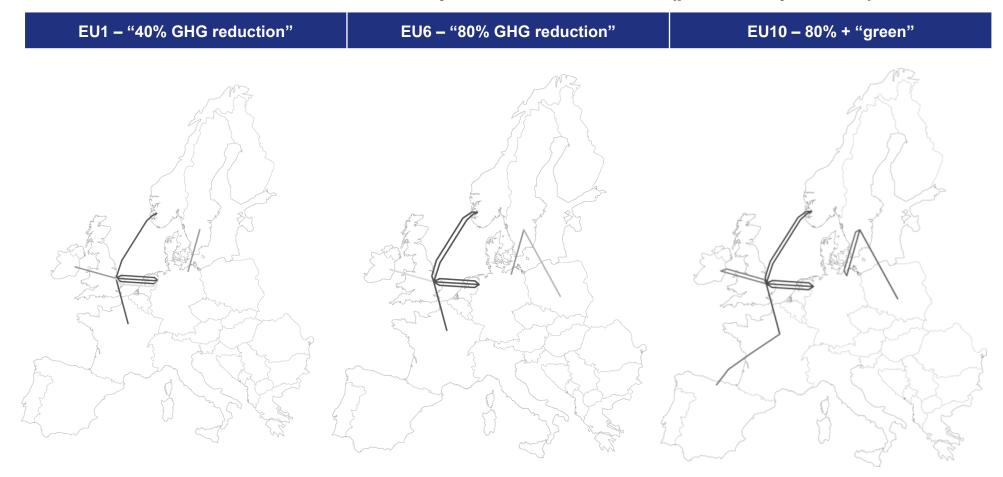
## **AC Investments by 2050**



- Investments in transmission lines increase with lower emission targets
- EU6 and EU10 are similar in the volume (km and €) of investments

#### DC Investments by 2050

#### DC Grid infrastructure investments mostly offshore connectors (preliminary results)



#### **Aggregated Figures for Investments until 2050**

#### Total investment costs for transmission capacity in Europe:

- Large investments in 2020 for all scenarios
- In EU6 and EU10 investments increase in 2040/50 after stagnation in 2030

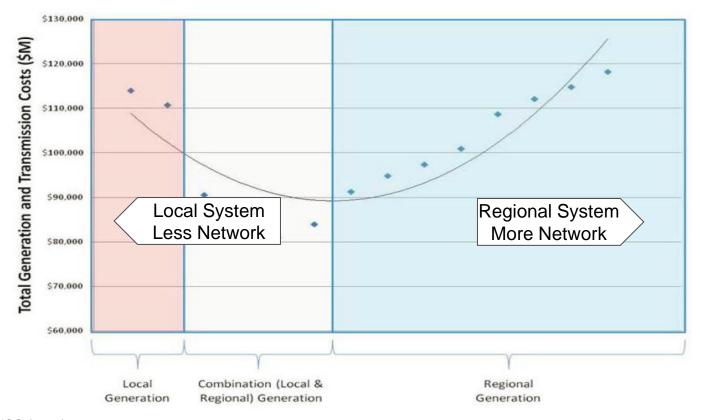
in mn €	2020	2030	2040	2050	Total
EU1	17,025	2,002	4,318	7,250	30,595
EU6	18,864	4,318	18,670	15,067	56,919
EU10	15,971	5,955	10,447	24,460	56,834

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## **Impact of Integrated System Planning**

Assumption: National (local) generation scenarios are less price sensitive in transmission investments to investment costs than European (regional) scenarios

Analyze impact of higher cross-border investment costs for EU1/6/10 scenarios



Source: Midwest ISO (2010).

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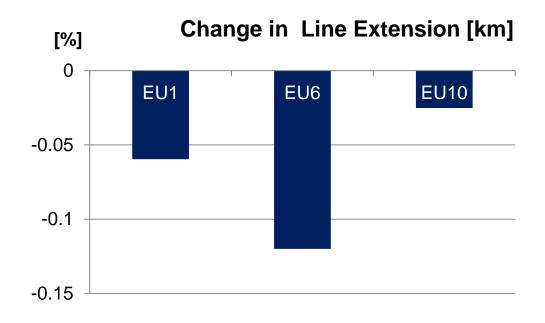
Scenario	Case	DC	AC National	AC Cross-Border	Total
EU1	European	4.174	19.194	4.611	27.978
	Regional	3.243	18.860	4.207	26.310
EU6	European	5.346	39.905	7.173	52.424
	Regional	3.194	36.132	6.808	46.135
EU10	European	7.057	39.799	4.138	50.993
	Regional	4.654	40.967	4.088	49.709

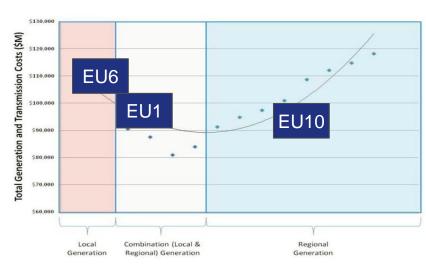
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- a) What is the cost minimal extension of the transmission infrastructure?
  - Investments include DC offshore connectors in the North and Baltic Sea but no onshore overlay network
  - Network investments increase with higher GHG reduction target but are similar for EU6 (80% & CCS/Nuclear) and EU10 (80% & RES)
  - Impact of regional correlation of wind/pv availability not considered!
- b) Are the scenarios different in their regional / national character?
  - Higher investment costs of cross-border lines to evaluate national / regional character of scenarios
  - Some indication for regional character:
    - → EU6 more National
    - → EU10 more European

#### Thank You for Your Attention!

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