

# Integrated Assessment Modeling for Sustainable Transformations in the Indus

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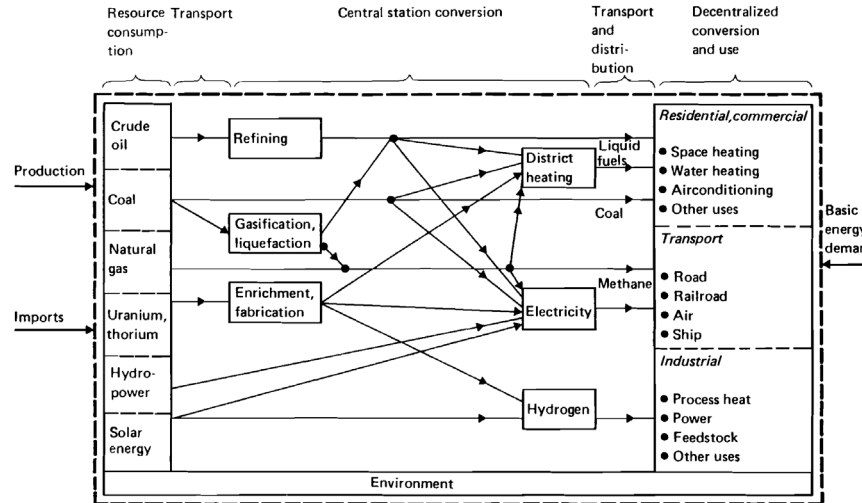
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# The MESSAGE Energy Supply Model

- Developed in the 1970's at IIASA's Energy Systems Program group
- MESSAGE is a dynamic linear programming model that minimizes the total discounted costs of supplying a given set of energy demands over a given time horizon.



Acronym: Model for energy supply systems alternatives and their general environmental impact



International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)

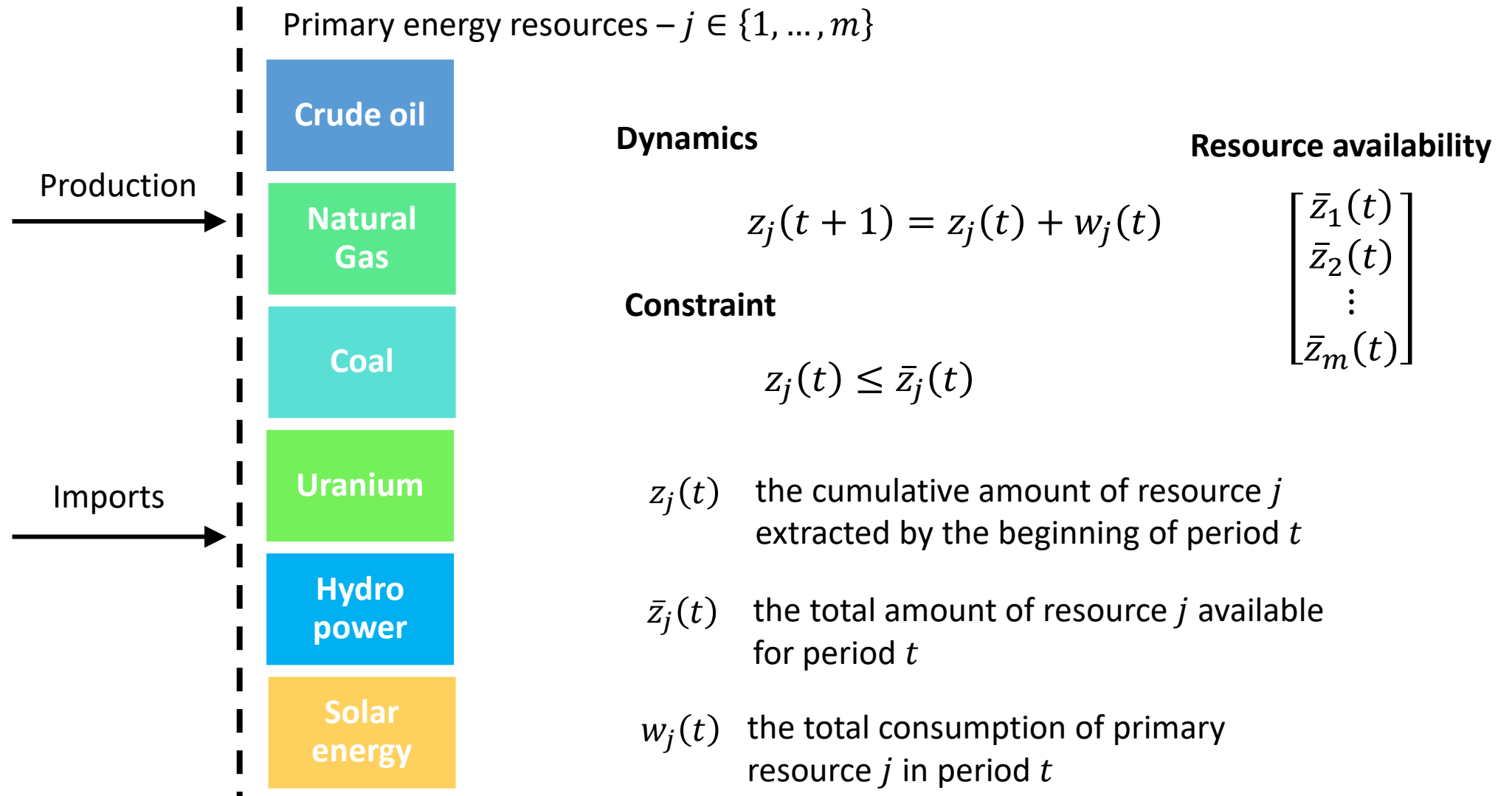
# Sectoral Decision Making: Energy Supply systems

Multiple technologies for energy production exist

- Fossil fuels
- Nuclear Energy
- Solar Energy
- Hydro power
- Geo-thermal
- And so on. . .

The purpose of ESS models is to determine the optimal mix of technologies over the next 25-50 years

# Resource consumption subsystem



# Energy end-use applications

Demand vector

$$\begin{bmatrix} d_1(t) \\ d_2(t) \\ \vdots \\ d_L(t) \end{bmatrix}$$

Demand Category –  $l$

**Residential,  
commercial**

- Space heating
- Water heating
- Airconditioning
- Other uses

**Transport**

- Road
- Railroad
- Air
- Ship

**Industrial**

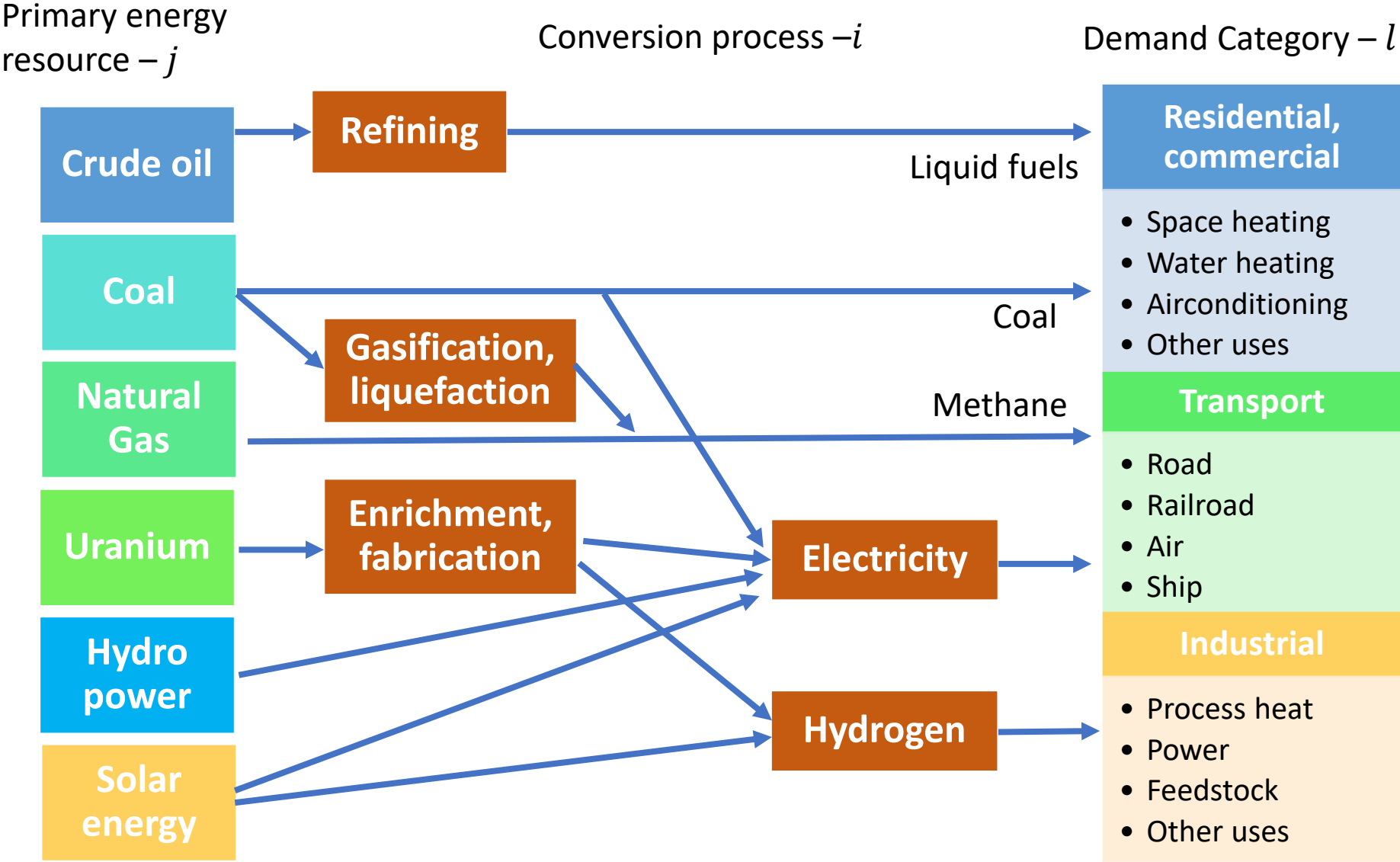
- Process heat
- Power
- Feedstock
- Other uses

Basic  
Energy  
Demand

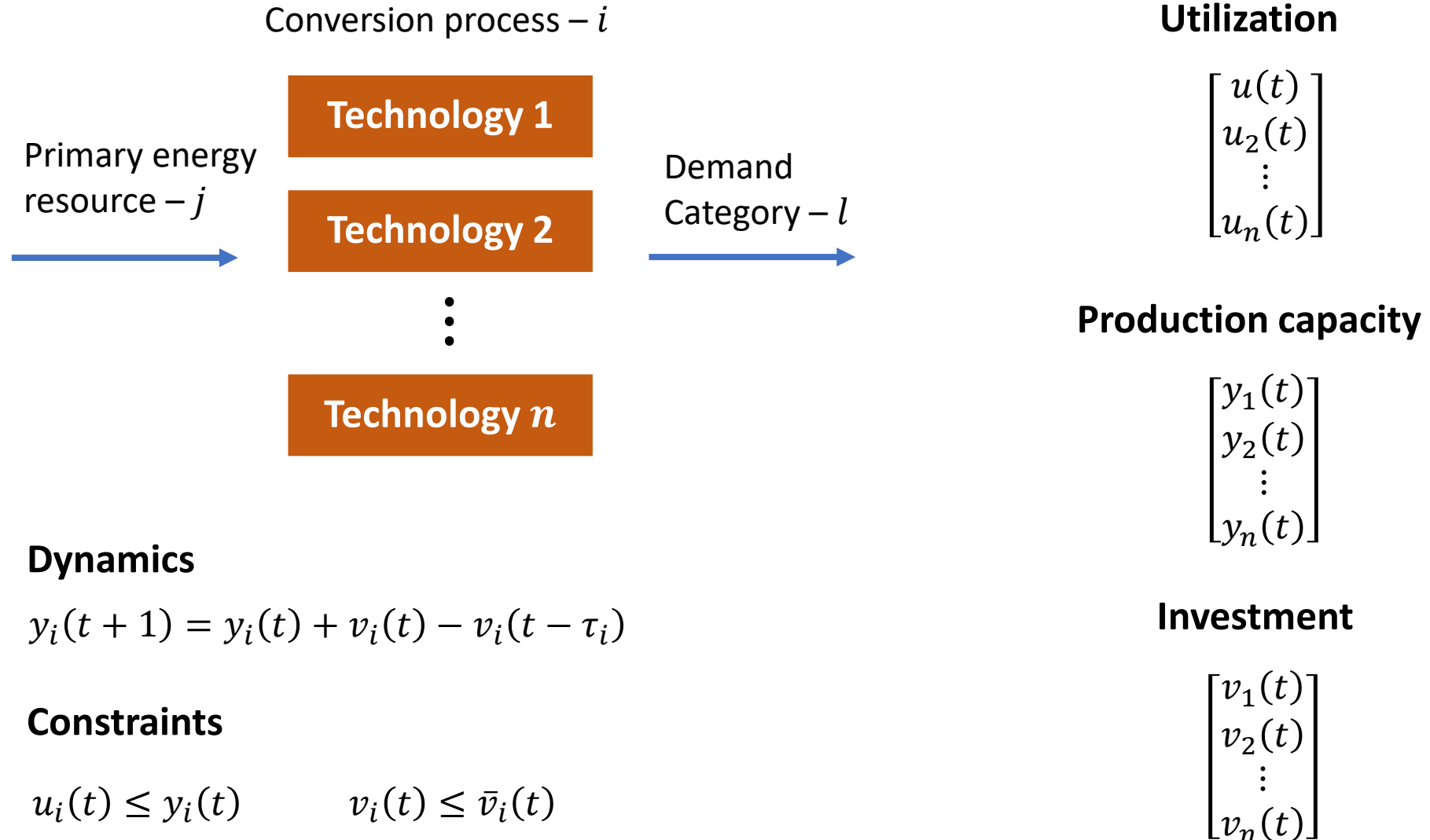


- Electricity
- Methane
- Natural gas
- Hydrogen

# Energy conversion processes



# Energy conversion processes



# Objective Function

$$J = \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} \beta(t) \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n {}^u c_i u_i(t) + \sum_{i=1}^n {}^v c_i v_i(t) + \sum_{j=1}^m {}^w c_j w_j(t) \right] \rightarrow \min$$

Cost of utilizing a process



Cost of investment



Cost of resource extraction





# Optimization Problem

## Objective

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## State Equations

$$y_i(t+1) = y_i(t) + v_i(t) - v_i(t - \tau_i)$$

$$z_j(t+1) = z_j(t) + w_j(t)$$

## Constraints

$$\sum_{i,l} \beta_{jil} x_{jil} = w_j(t) \quad \sum_{j,l} \gamma_{jil} x_{jil} = u_i(t) \quad \sum_{j,i} \alpha_{jil} x_{jil} \geq d_l(t)$$

$$z_j(t) \leq \bar{z}_j(t)$$

$$u_i(t) \leq y_i(t)$$

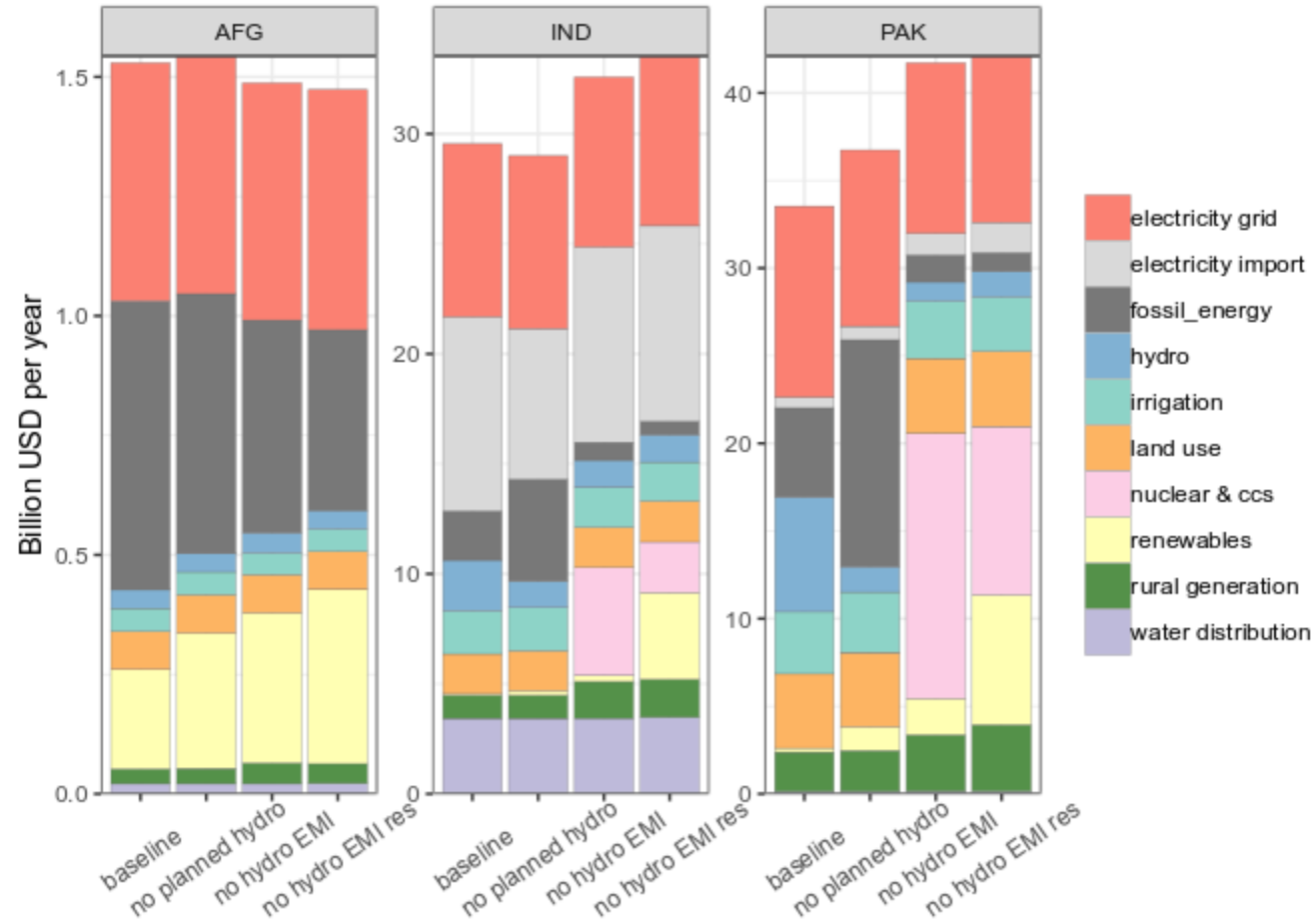
$$v_i(t) \leq \bar{v}_i(t)$$

## Decision variables

$\{x_{jil}(t)\}$  Technology activities

$\{v_i(t)\}$  Technology investments

# Typical Output



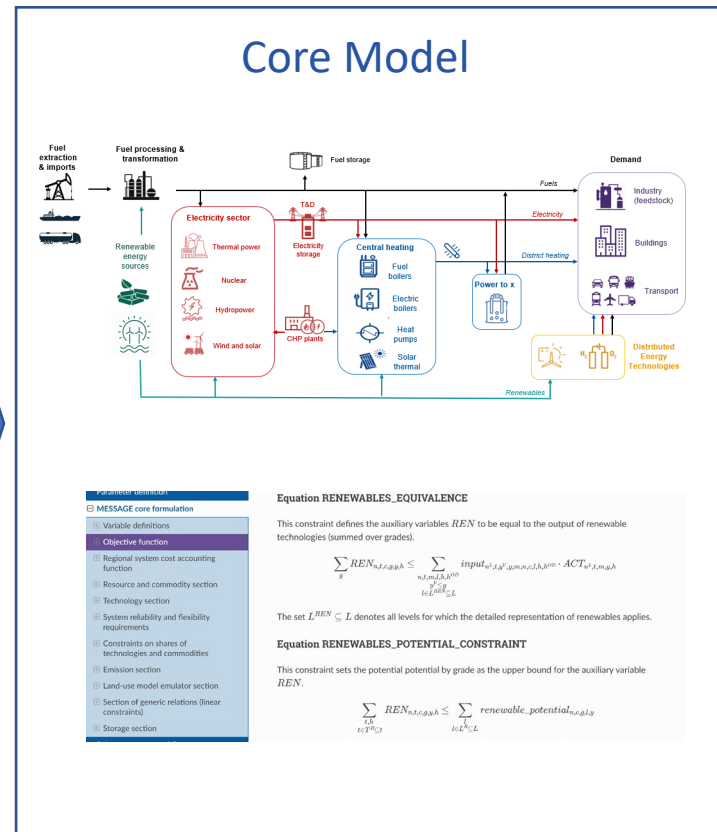
# Analysis using MESSAGEix: Input and Output Data

## Model input data and output results

- Technology-rich, bottom-up model
- Suitable for analyzing energy transitions and GHG scenarios over several decades

### Input data & Assumptions

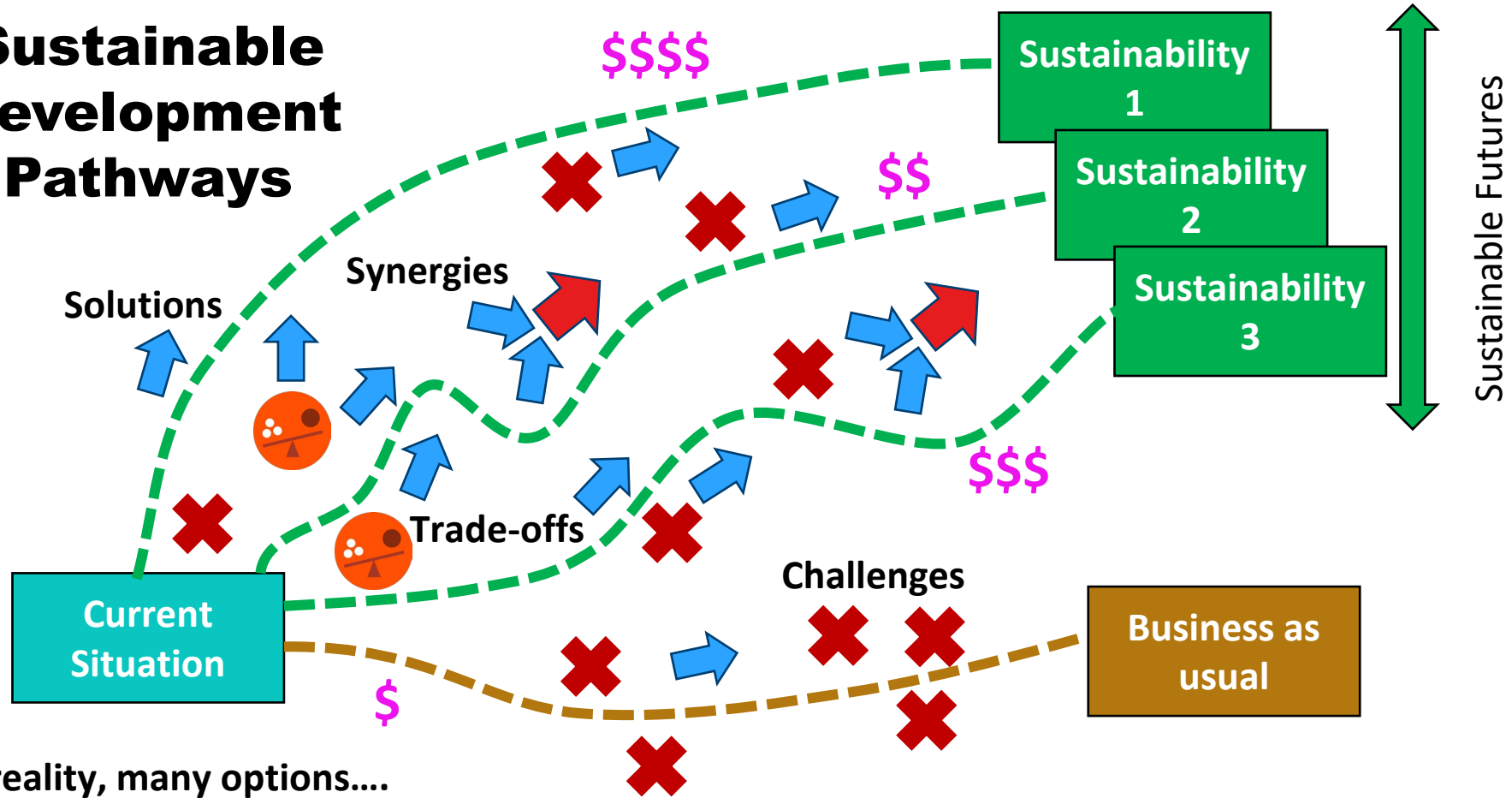
- Technologies & resources
- Technical data (lifetime, capacity factor, efficiencies)
- Economic data (capital costs, O&M cost, discount rate)
- Emission factors
- Fossil fuel reserves & resources
- Renewable potential
- Energy balances (historical generation & activity)
- Demand for energy services (Long-term forecasting)



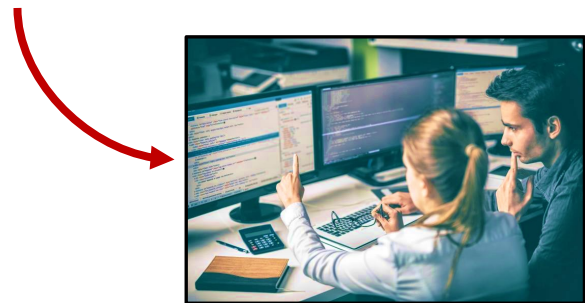
### Model Output

- Installed capacities
- Activities, generation & losses
- GHG & other Emissions
- Sectoral transitions (e.g. electricity)
- Final & primary energy
- Share of renewables
- Energy import/export
- Energy Prices

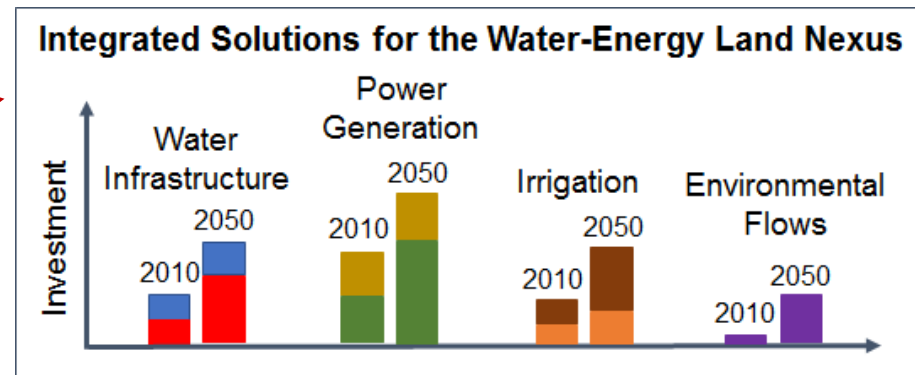
# Sustainable Development Pathways



In reality, many options....  
How to find *optimal* solutions?



Computational modeling

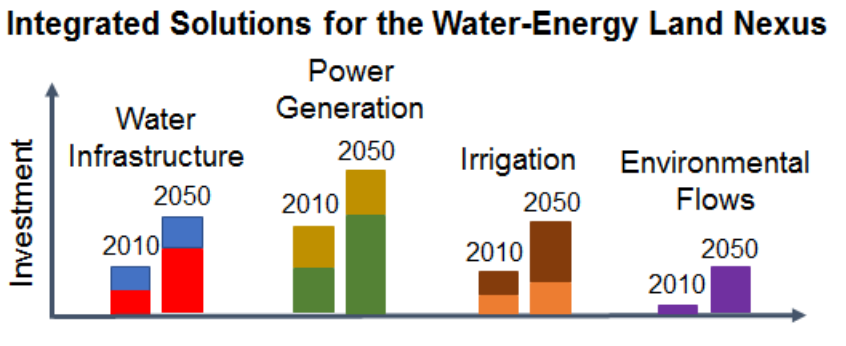
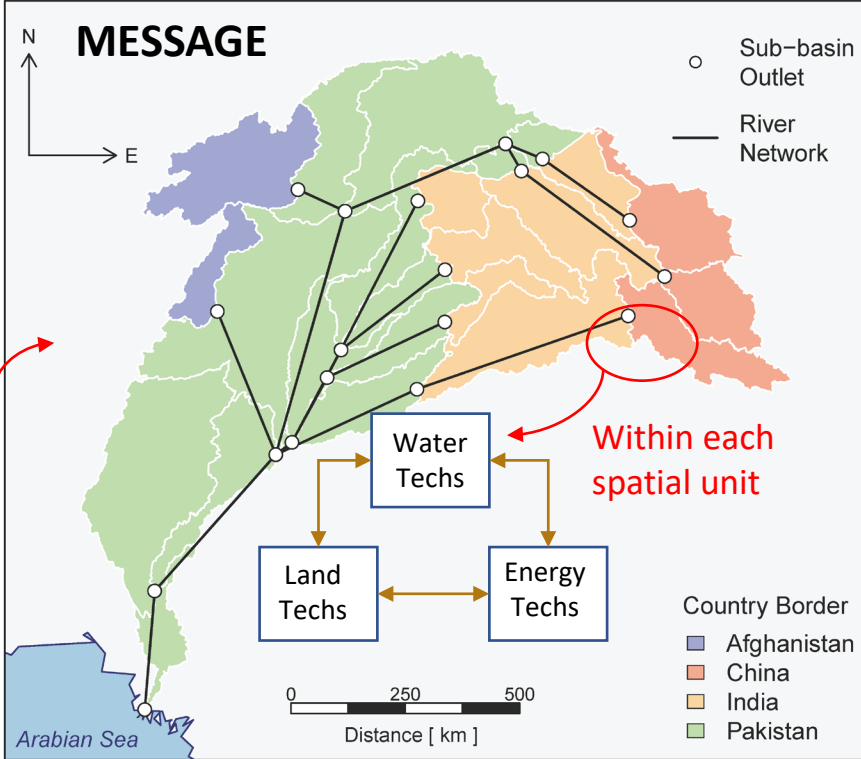
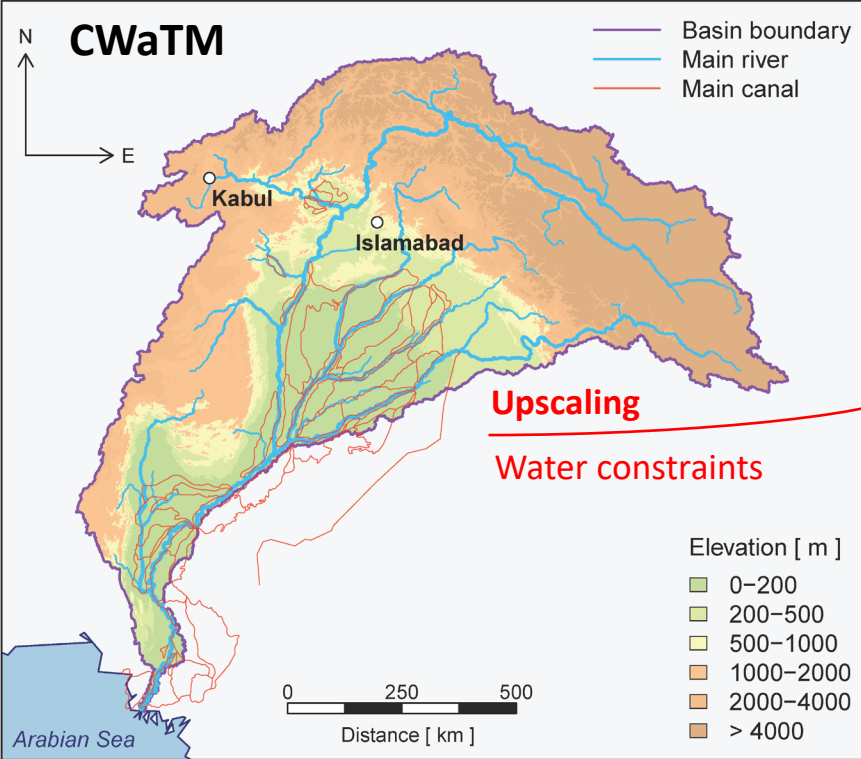


# Project

- Integrated Solutions for Water, Energy and Land (ISWEL)
- IIASA, Global Environment Facility (GEF) and United Nations Development Organization (UNIDO)
- Sub-project on the Indus Basin
- Integrated solutions to water, energy, food and ecosystem security

# The Nexus Solutions Tool (NEST)

## Multi-scale modeling for transforming systems



**Upscaling**  
Water constraints

**Within each spatial unit**

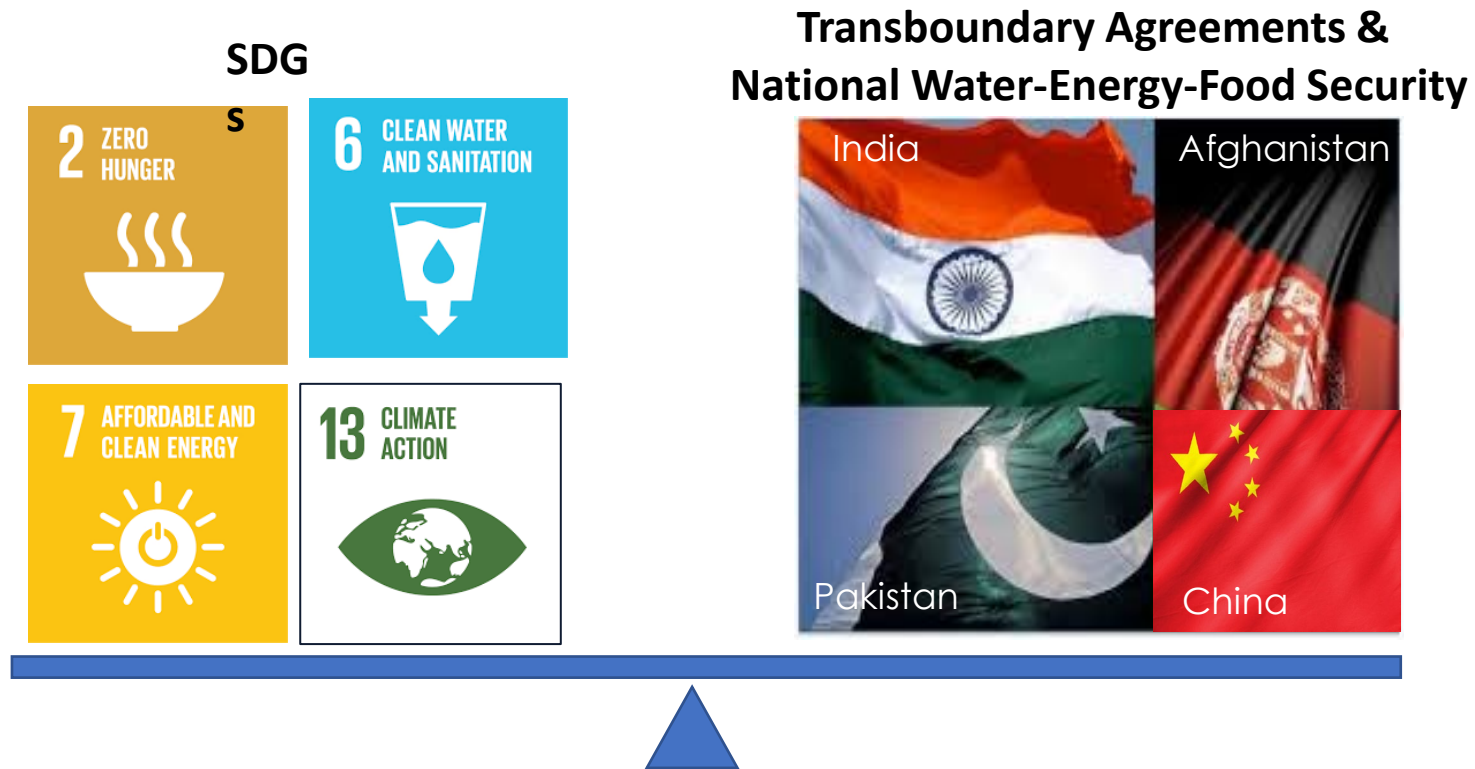
**Downscaling**  
Water and land-use

**Multi-criteria optimization:**  
Capacity and operation of technologies

Vinca, Adriano, Simon Parkinson, Edward Byers, Peter Burek, Zarrar Khan, Volker Krey, Fabio A. Diuana et al. "The NEXUS Solutions Tool (NEST) v1. 0: an open platform for optimizing multi-scale energy–water–land system transformations." *Geoscientific Model Development* 13, no. 3 (2020): 1095-1121.

## Indus Analysis

How to strike a balance between objectives?  
... and at what cost?



# Scenarios

Name	Description	Type	Constraints
Baseline	No SDG targets; no environmental constraints; expansion of planned hydropower; follow historical trends and agriculture practices (SSP2, RCP 6.0 for all scenarios)	Reference scenario	Planned hydropower in 2030; Land use and irrigation choice (mostly flood)
Multiple objective	SDG related targets: water access and treatment, energy water impacts and GHG emissions Regional targets identified within this analysis: smart irrigation, environmental flow, hydropower expansion	Reference scenario	Water treatment + piped distribution, no once through cooling GHG emissions, +100% environmental flow 50% smart irrigation, planned hydropower in 2030
Extreme climate	90 <sup>th</sup> percentile of runoff distribution when aggregating yearly values from the hydrological model	Sensitivity case	90 <sup>th</sup> percentile on runoff distribution
Basin cooperation	Electricity trade between basin countries cross boundary canals different river allocation than Indus Water Treaty Crop products demand at basin scale, instead of country	Sensitivity case	Release constraints on cross border transmission/canals Release IWT constraints Basin food demand
Economy	SDG targets (water access and treatment); optimal land allocation and diversion from historical trends; expansion of planned hydropower no environmental constraints	Stakeholder pathway	Water treatment + piped distribution +50% environmental flow; Planned hydropower in 2030
Environment	Achieve SDG 6 and 7; No hydropower expansion; Constraints on GHG emission, environmental flow and groundwater use. Deployment of smart irrigation technologies	Stakeholder pathway	Water treatment + piped distribution GHG emission constraint; +200% environmental flow; 50% smart irrigation



# Transboundary Cooperation in Indus River Basin

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## Transboundary cooperation a potential route to sustainable development in the Indus basin

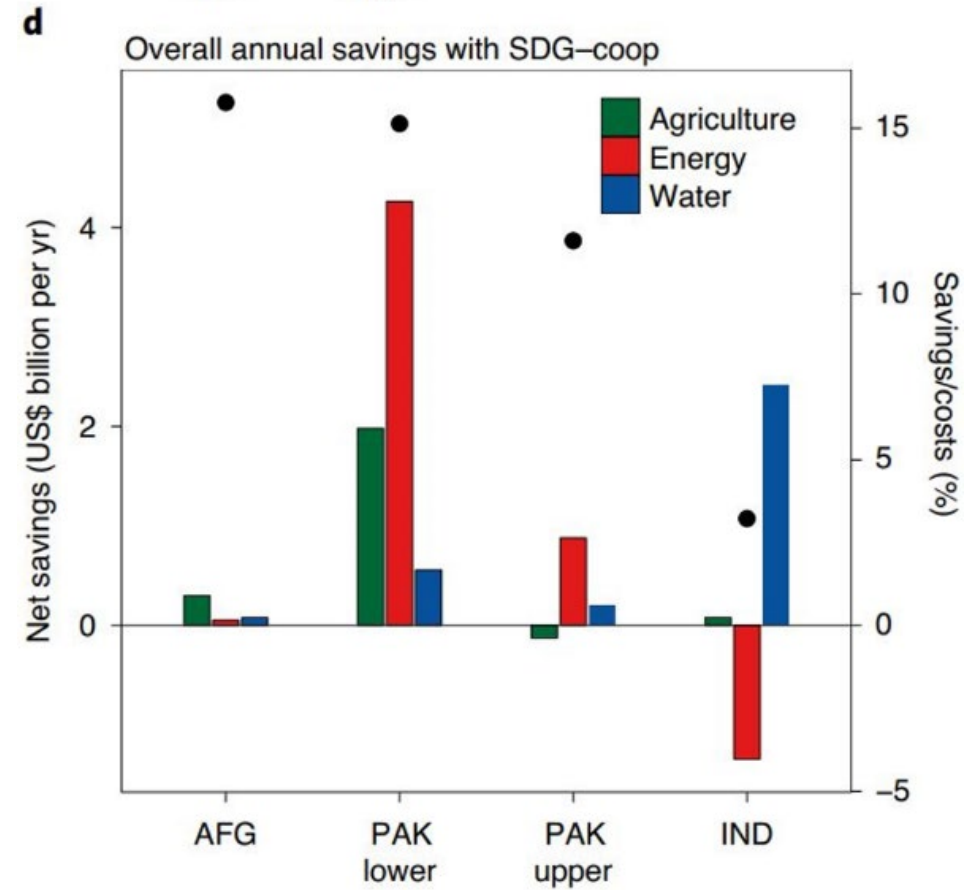
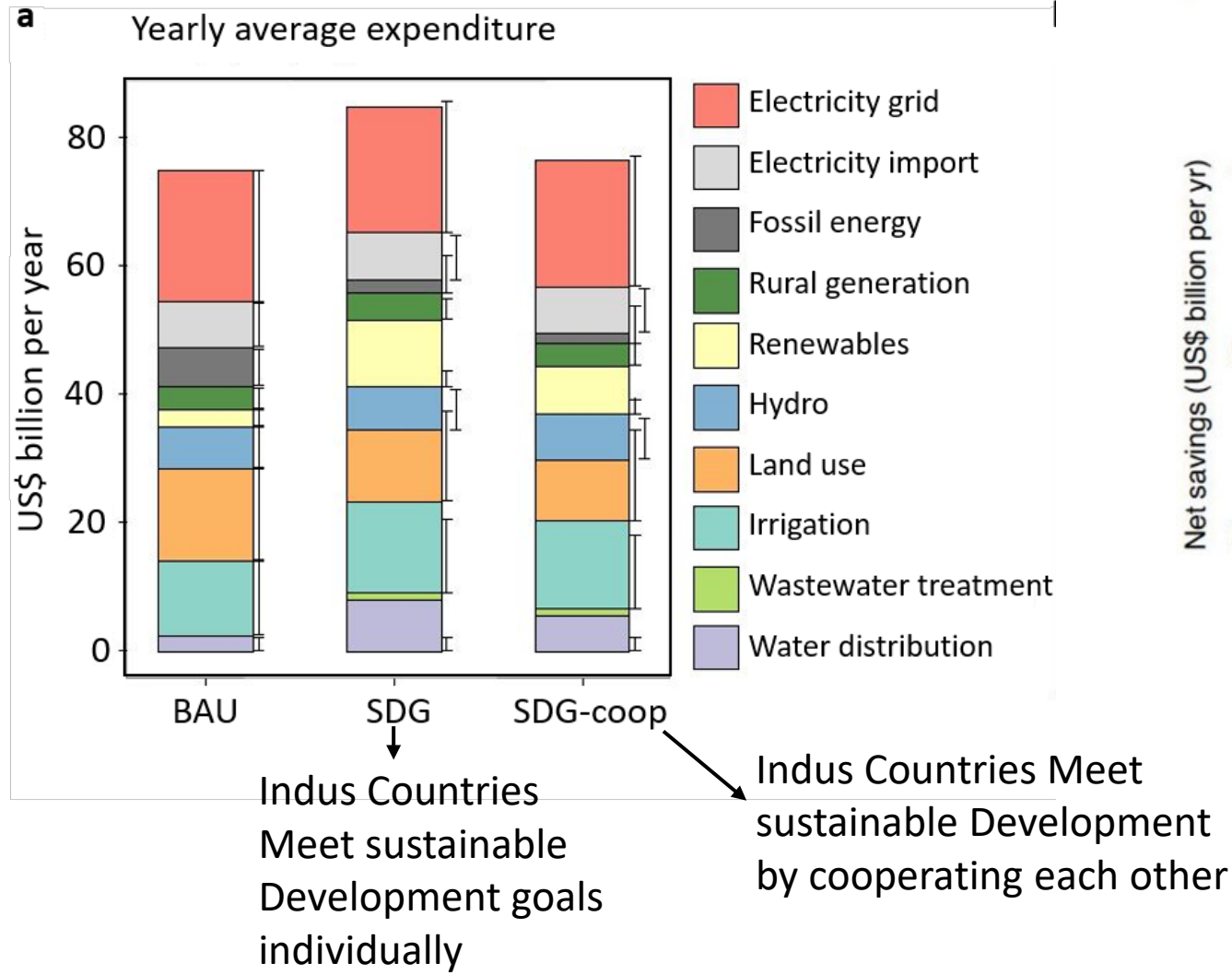
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How the countries in the Indus river basin could lower the costs for development and **reduce water stress by cooperating on water resources and electricity and food production?**

# Yearly costs under different scenarios

Indus Countries, Pakistan, India, Afghanistan, and China



# Future Scenario For Indus River Basin

What are benefits and consequence of adopting smart irrigation and hydropower penetration in Indus River Basin?

Policy mechanism	Scenario				
	Baseline	Hydro	Balance-0	Smart-50	Balance-50
Water conservation	No conservation targets for irrigation.	Minimum flow in Indus delta area of <b>46Mm<sup>3</sup>/d</b> (July-October) and <b>12Mm<sup>3</sup>/d</b> (October-March).	Minimum flow in Indus delta area of <b>46Mm<sup>3</sup>/d</b> (July-October) and <b>12Mm<sup>3</sup>/d</b> (October-March).	Minimum flow in Indus delta area of <b>46Mm<sup>3</sup>/d</b> (July-October) and <b>12Mm<sup>3</sup>/d</b> (October-March).	Minimum flow in Indus delta area of <b>46Mm<sup>3</sup>/d</b> (July-October) and <b>12Mm<sup>3</sup>/d</b> (October-March).
Smart irrigation	No smart irrigation technology is available	No smart irrigation technology is available	Smart irrigation is deployed if <b>cost optimal</b> .	By 2030, <b>50% of irrigated area</b> in each model region is utilizing smart technology.	By 2030, <b>50% of irrigated area</b> in each model region is utilizing smart technology.
Hydropower penetration	In future, Install <b>all planned</b> hydropower projects in the Basin.	In future, Install <b>all planned</b> hydropower projects in the Basin.	In future, Install <b>all planned</b> hydropower projects in the Basin.	In the future <b>no new</b> hydropower installed in the system.	In future, Install <b>all planned</b> hydropower projects in the Basin.



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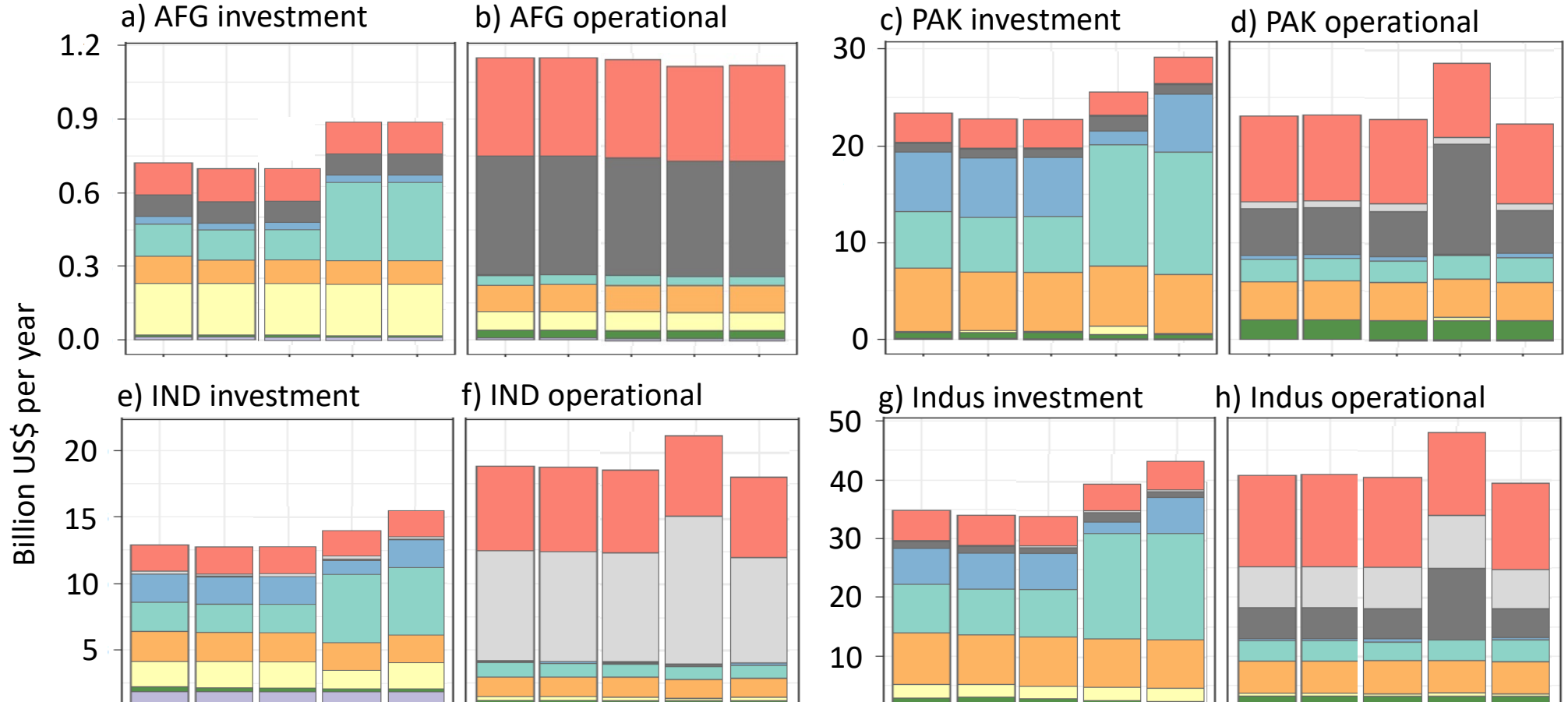
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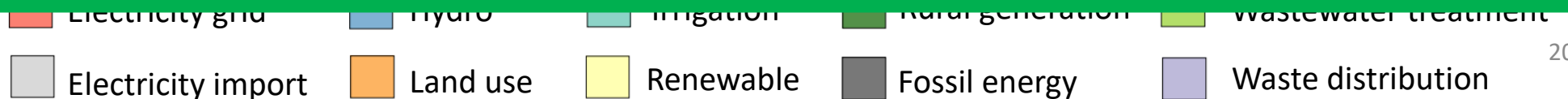
Balancing smart irrigation and hydropower investments for sustainable water conservation in the Indus basin

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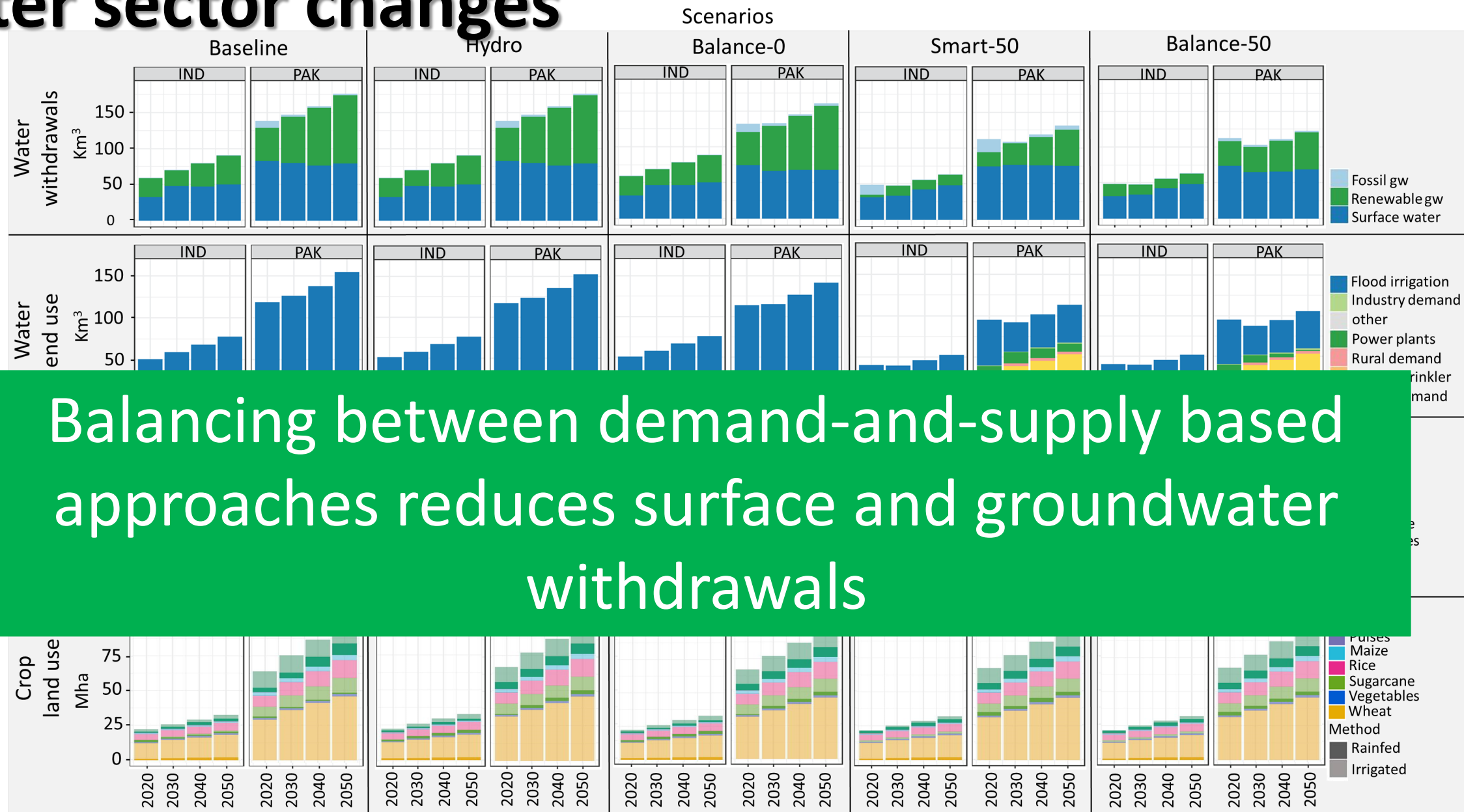
# Investment portfolio



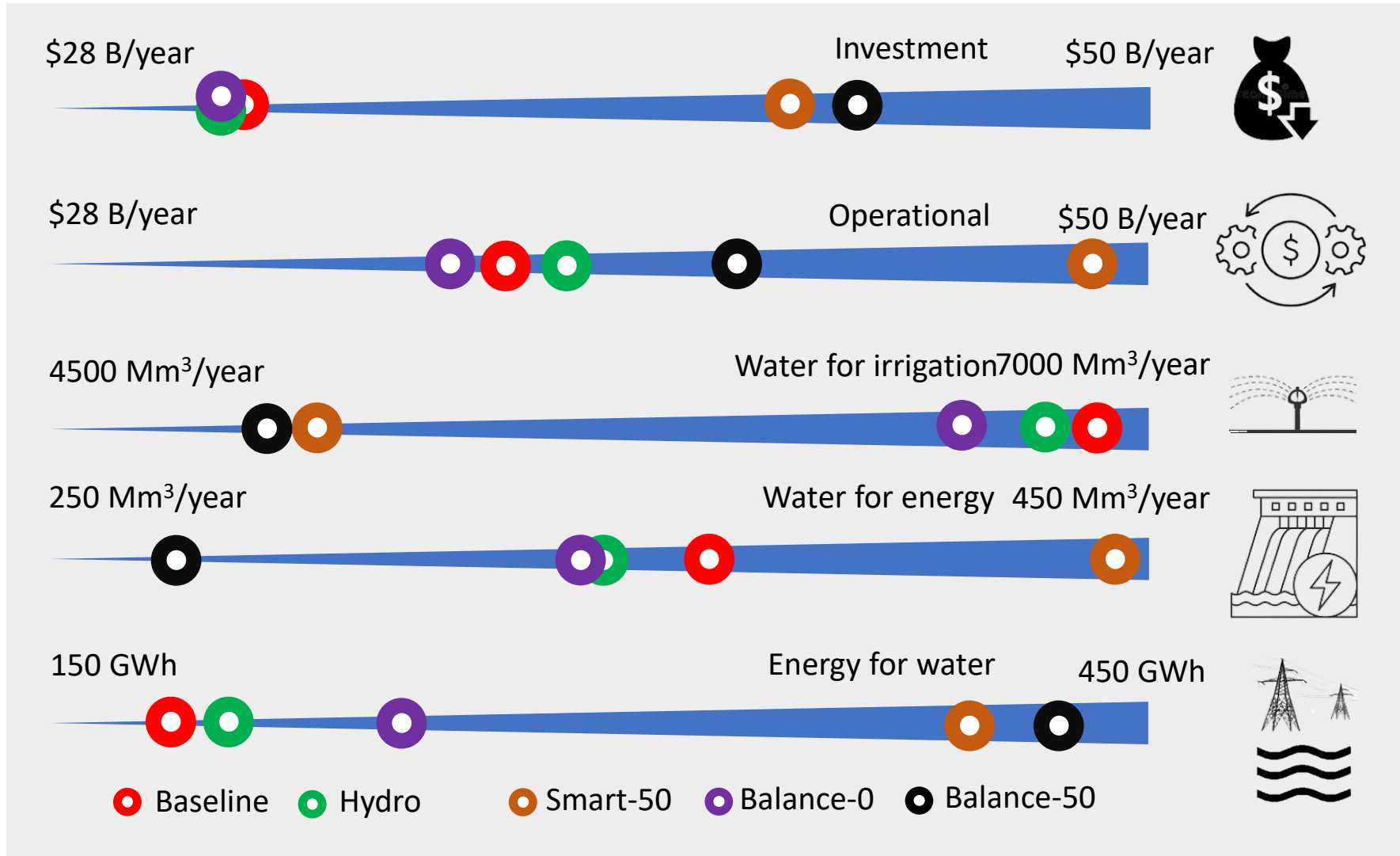
Balancing between demand-and-supply based approaches together reduces expenditures



# Water sector changes

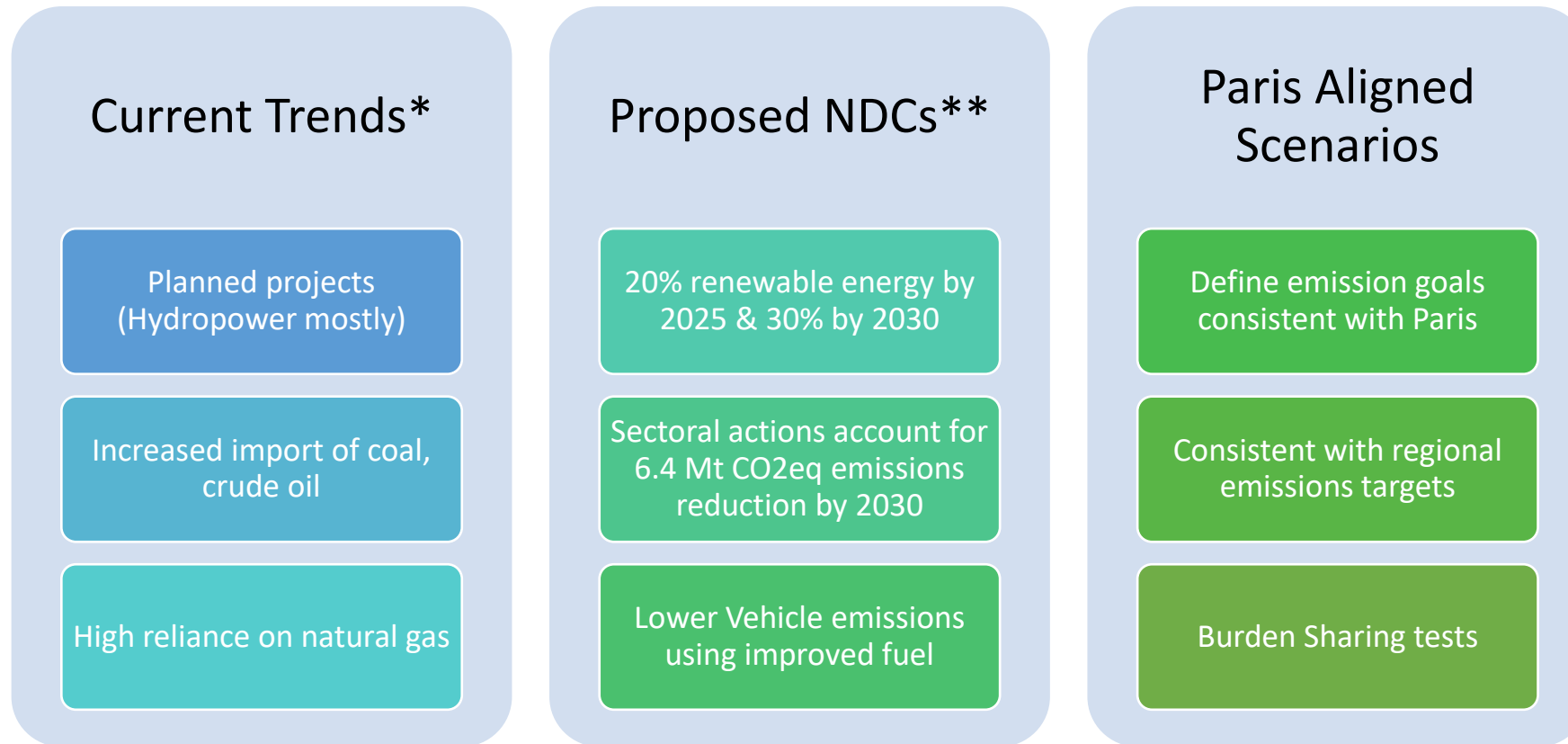


# Comparison of all scenarios



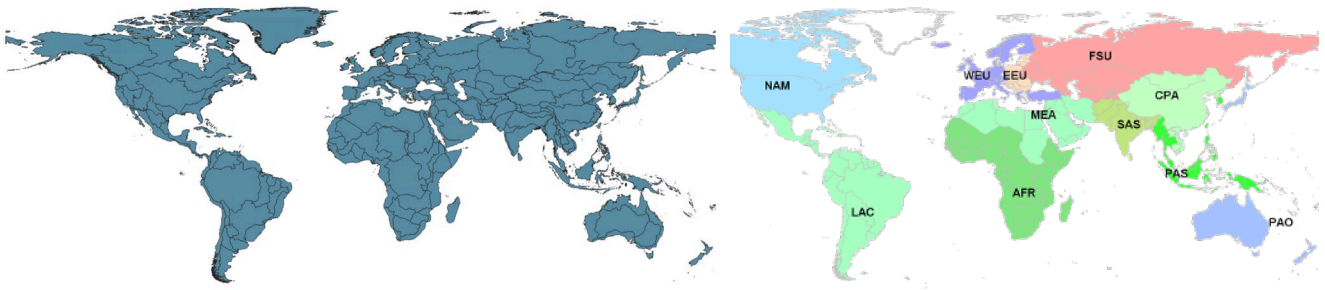
# MESSAGEix-Pakistan

“National-level energy model developed using the MESSAGEix framework to generate sustainable pathways for a low emission future for Pakistan”



# Current work

## MESSAGEix-Nexus (Global)



Downscale/Prototype (existing method)

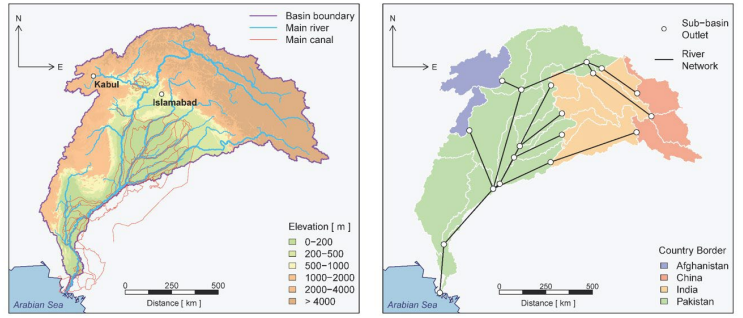


**MESSAGEix-Country**  
*Updated country scale model with water representation as in global model*

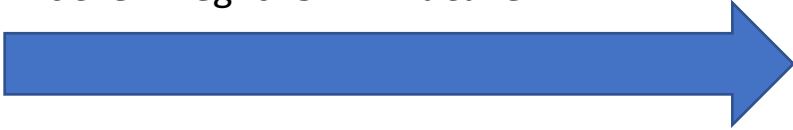
Top-down approach to downscale energy & water components from national model



## NEST Indus



Improve existing model structure to be flexible to other regions in future

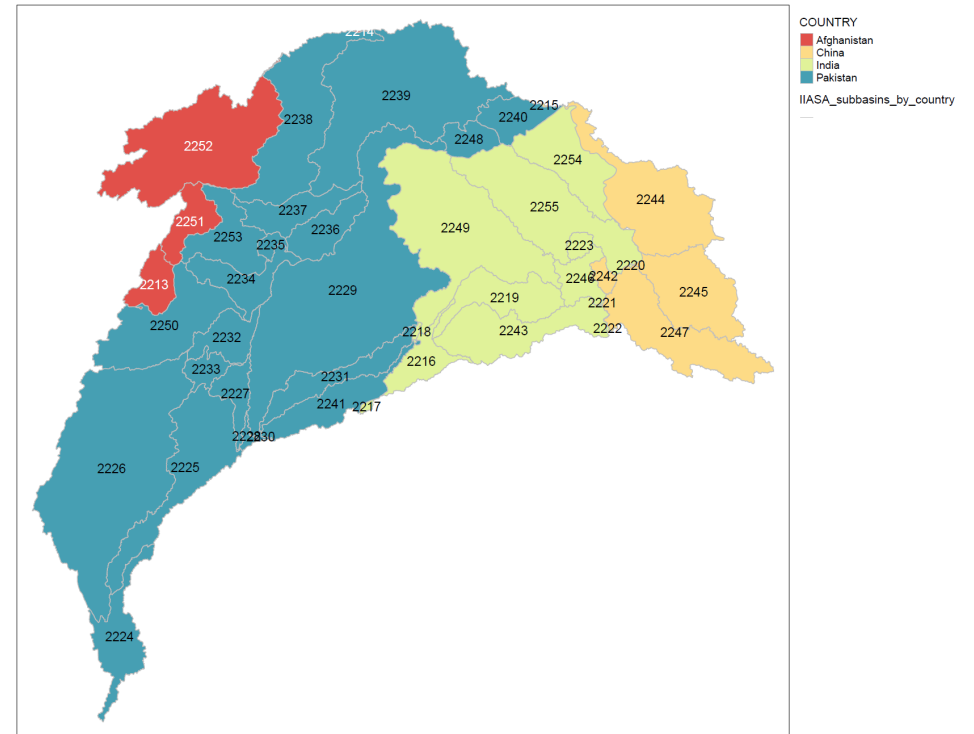
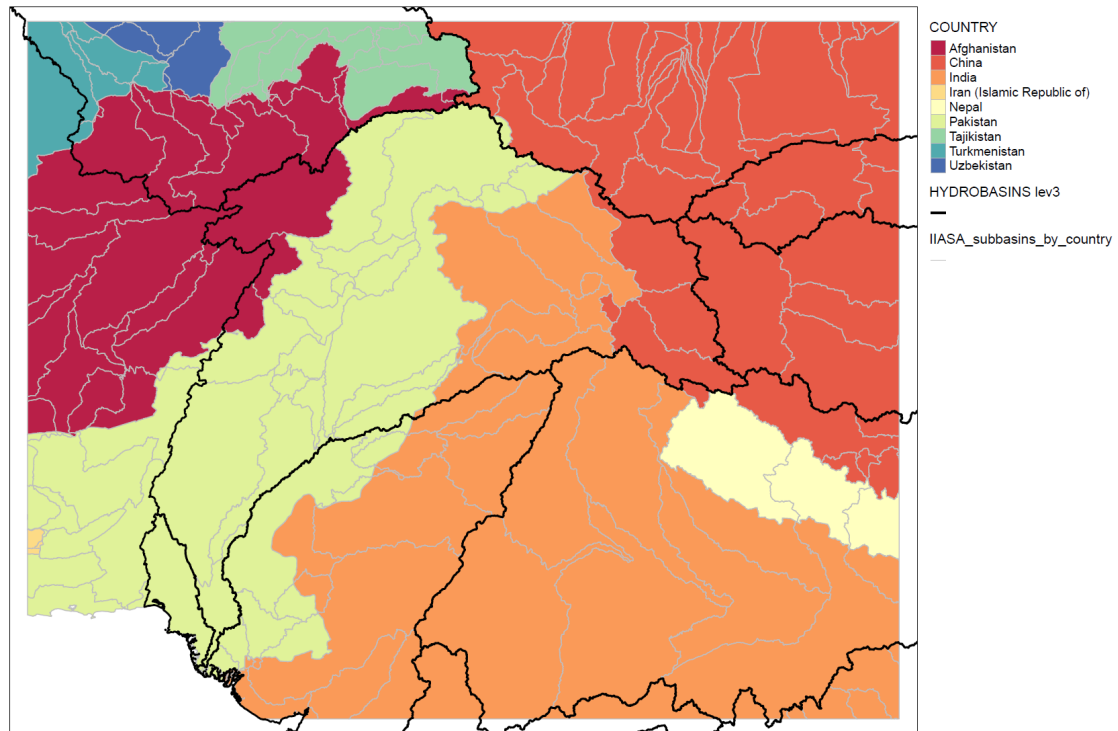


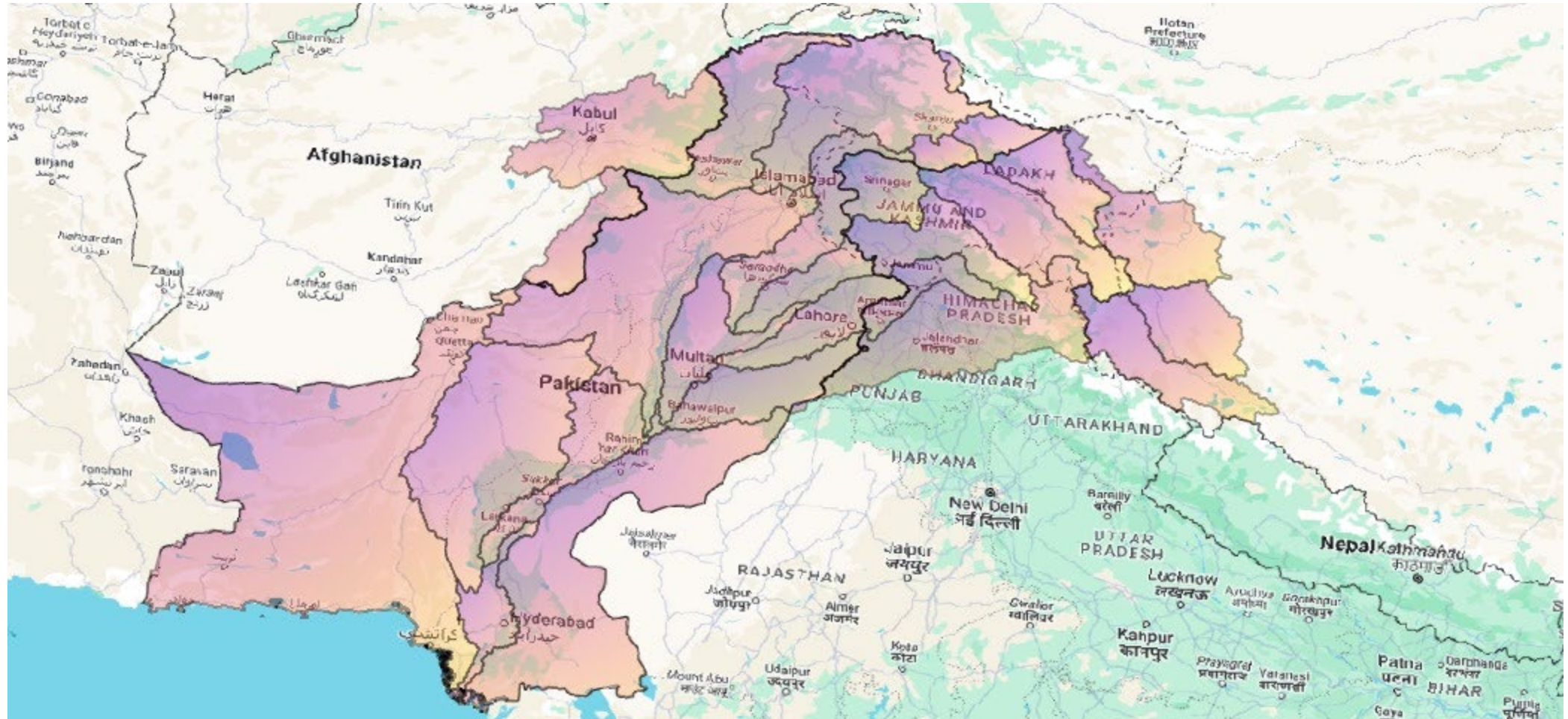
Bottom-up approach/sub-catchment level

**MESSAGEix-Nexus (National/Basin)**



# Spatial Units



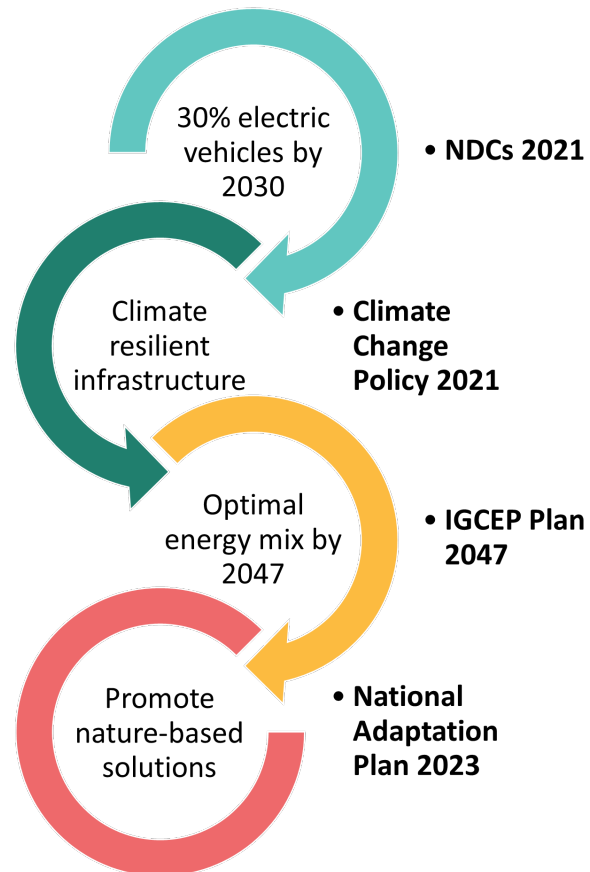


# Integrating Renewable Energy in Pakistan's Energy Sector: Policy Assessments and Low-Emissions Scenarios

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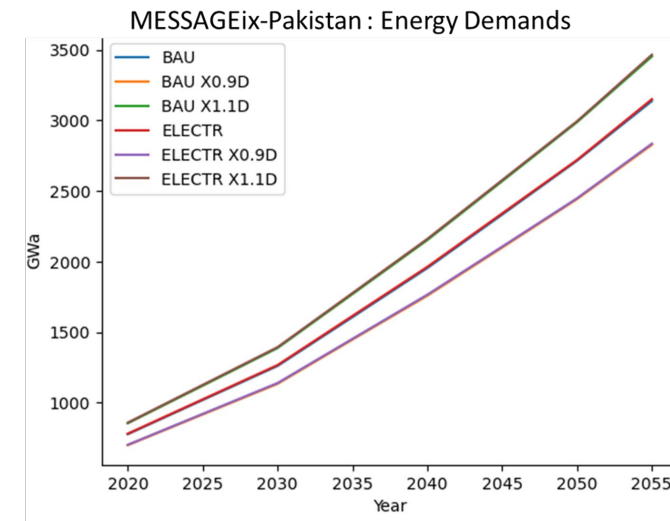
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## Mitigation Policy Objectives



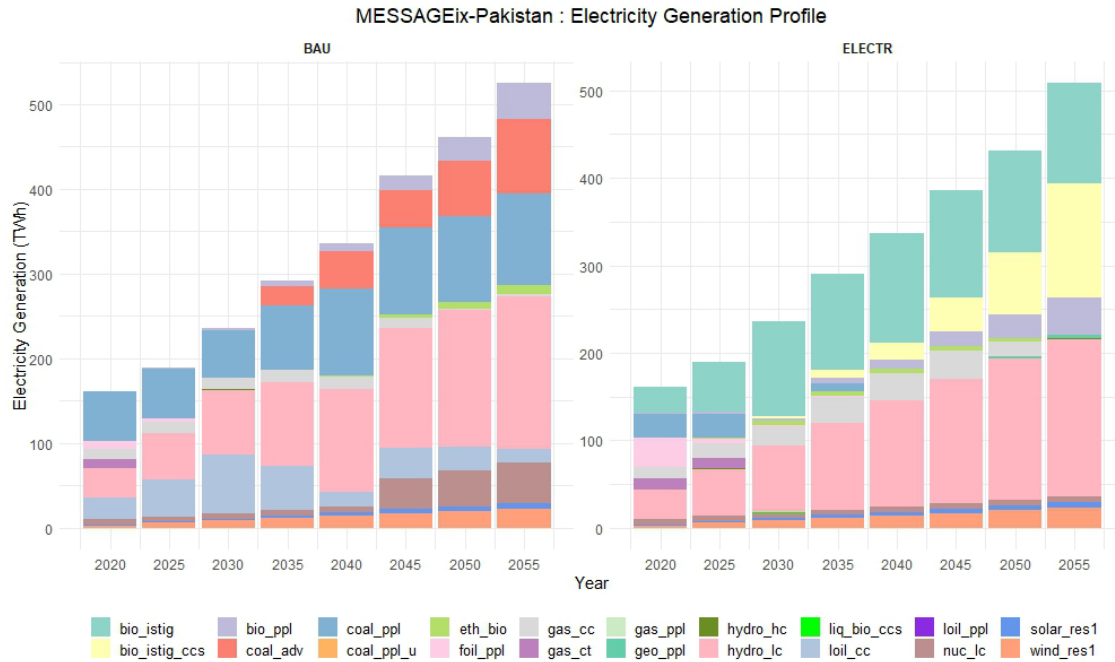
## Scenario Design

1. Baseline – BAU (Business as usual, 30% Renewable in 2020)
2. Policy Scenario - ELECTR (Rapid Integration of Renewable resources in energy mix)



**Demand sensitivity analysis to explore the impact of  $\pm 10\%$  demand variations for both scenarios**

# Insights



- Solution to lower energy sector emissions is integration of renewable resources, irrespective of the demands
- As demand increases, coupled with ambitious integration of renewables, operational and maintenance costs follow suit

# Future Plan

- Spatial units – Intersecting Administrative Boundaries with Agro Ecological Zones
- Improvement of hydrological scenarios
- Representation of National Policy and Investment Plan
- Integrating Agriculture and Land Use with Energy Sector
- Scenario Generation for Adaptation and Mitigation
- Micro-behaviors and human processes.