

Energy Connectivity: from Myanmar to GMS

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PARI-RAEL Collaborative Research: “Energy for Peace” initiative with NLD



Kick-off Meeting with Central Economic Commission of NLD
(May18, Rose Hall, Yangon)

- ✓ Before the Myanmar general election in 2020, we will craft the energy strategy in the era of national reconciliation.
- ✓ Dialogue with ethnic groups are surely important. At the same time, dialogue with neighboring countries (eg China) is most critical.
- ✓ We are collaborating with China to include their perspective.
 - ✓ One Belt One Road Center, Yunnan University.



Key Publications: Realizing Connectivity

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Increasing Importance of Energy Connectivity: from the point of GMS, Japan and USA

- Japan-Mekong Connectivity Initiative (July 2016) led by Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Japan
 - “Japan-Mekong Connectivity Initiative” by utilizing Japan’s contribution of 750 billion yen in three years from 2016 to realize *a vibrant and effective connectivity* in GMS.

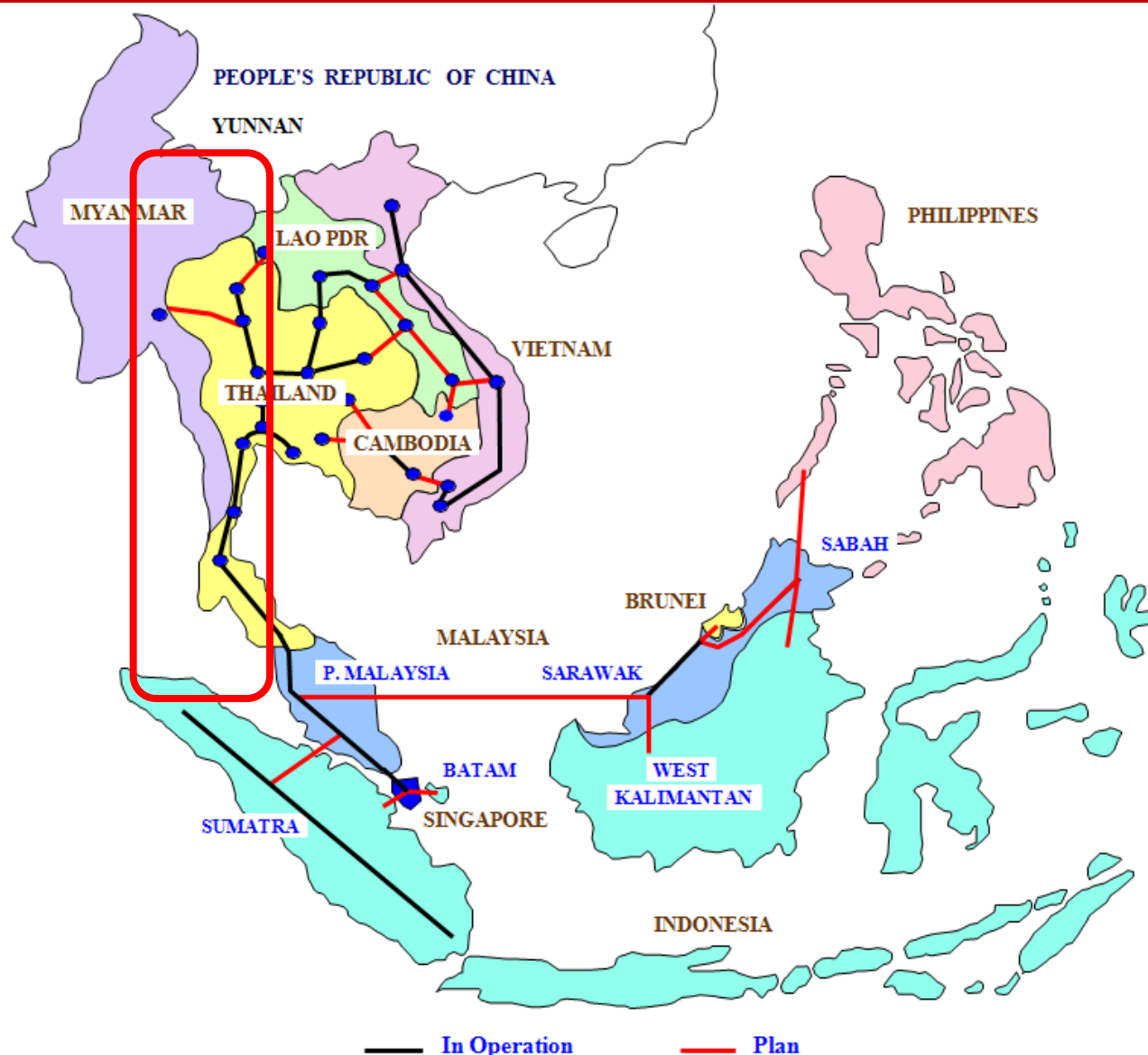


Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida in Chulalongkorn U in 2016

- Friends of the Lower Mekong (FLM) Conference jointly hosted by the U.S. and the Lao PDR (Feb 4, 2015)
 - Representatives agreed on the importance of an *integrated regional power grid* to support equitable, basin-scale nexus tradeoffs and the need to assist Mekong countries in harmonizing technical and performance standards.

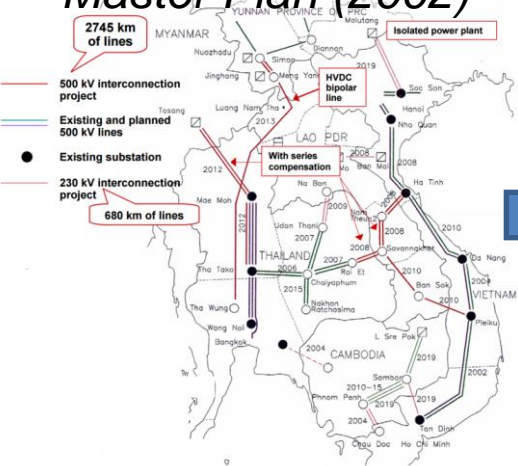


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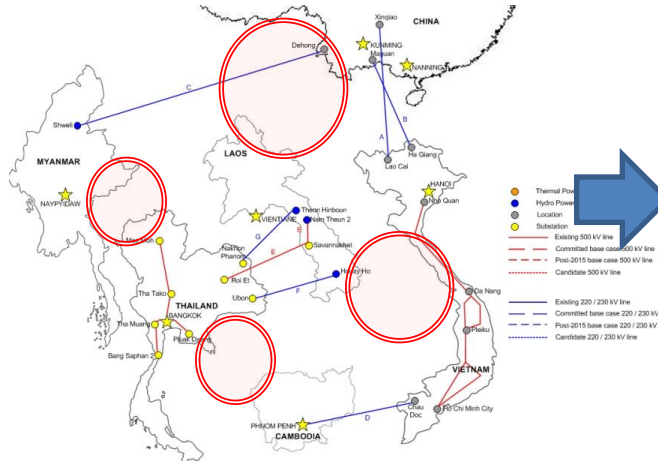


Recent studies on GMS connectivity: How to make pathways?

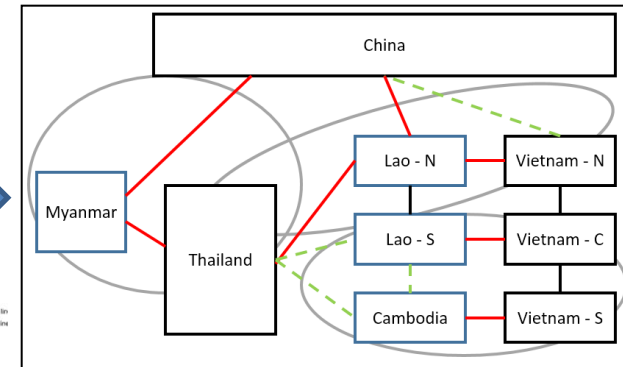
Regional Indicative Master Plan (2002)



Existing interconnections (by 2009)



RETA 6440 (2010)



Regional Power Trade Coordination Committee (RPTCC) facilitated by ADB

#1	Guilin, PRC	Jul, 2004
#2	Bangkok, Thailand	Dec, 2004
	...	
#22	Chengdu, PRC	Jun, 2017
#23	TBC, Lao PDR	Dec, 2017

*Basing the past discussions in RPTCC...
How we can make pathways for realizing power interconnections?*

Our Approach:

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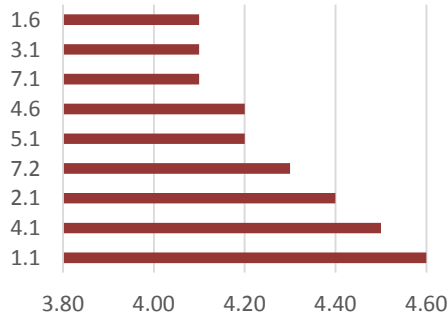
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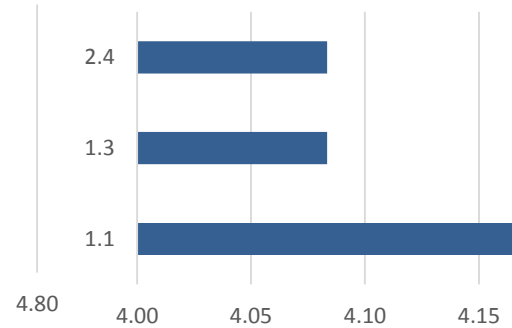
- Collective Policy Implications in GMS
 - ✓ Eg: Power trilemma among availability, sustainability, and affordability.
- Capacity Building program for each country
 - ✓ Strengthen the planning capacity of power trade in each PDP

Exploratory Stage: Result of Social Survey on Energy Connectivity

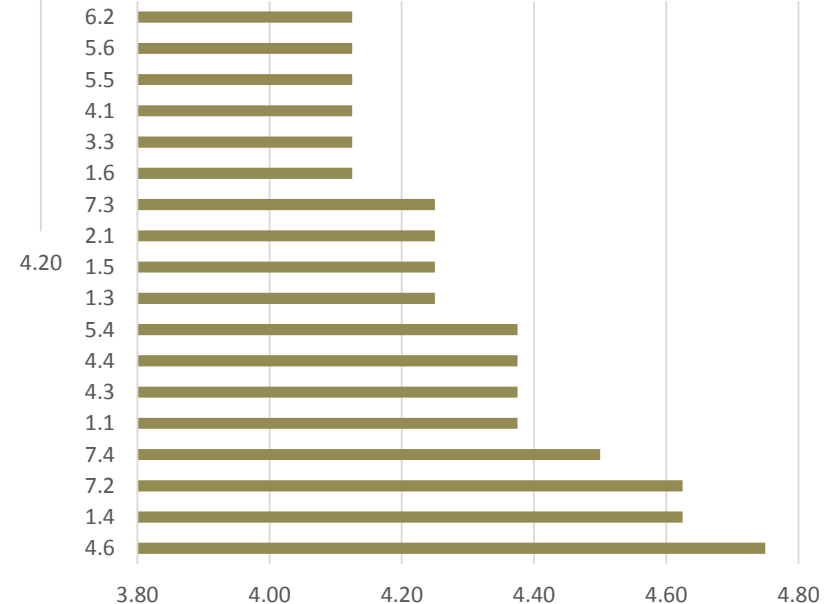
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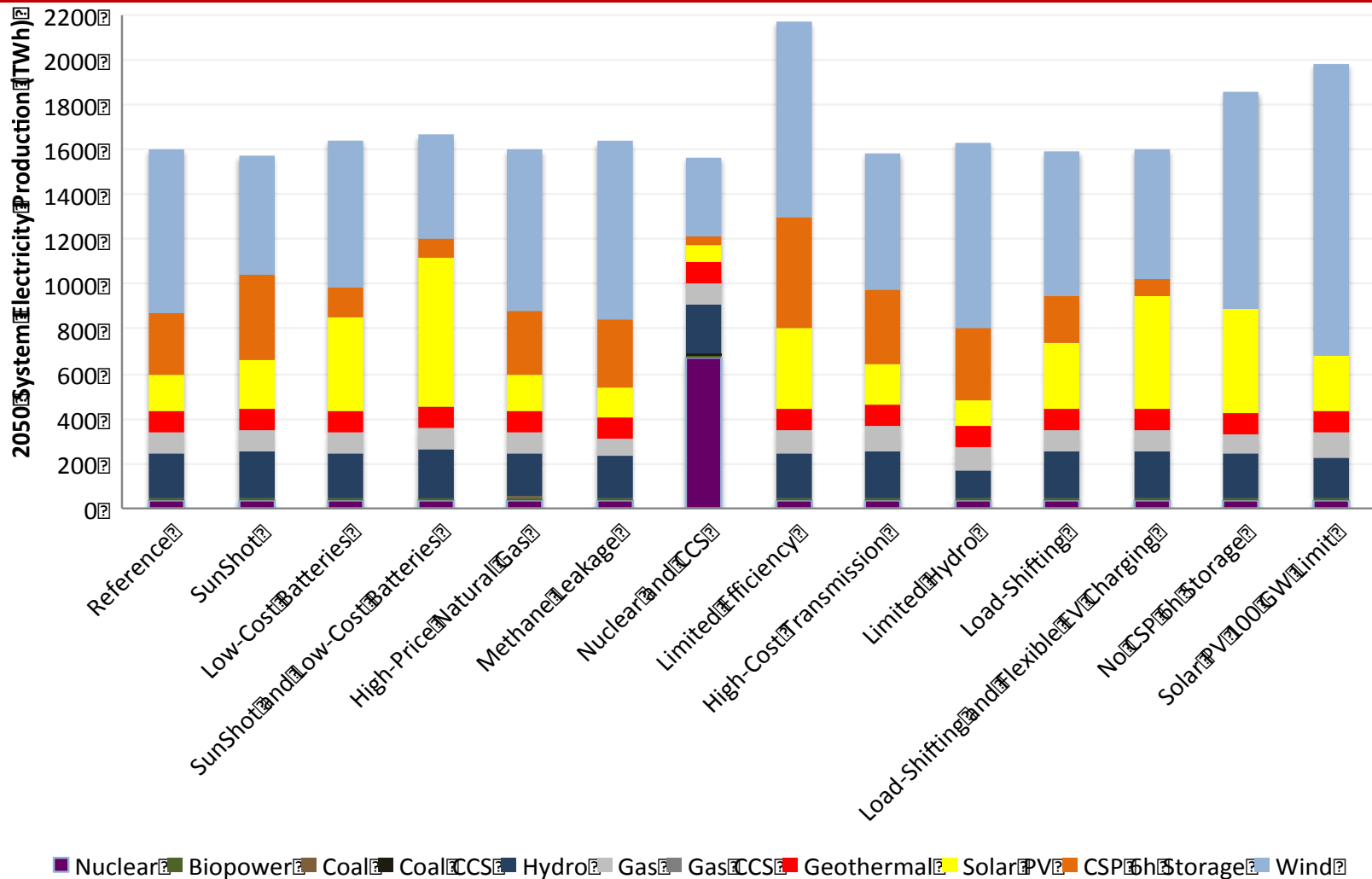
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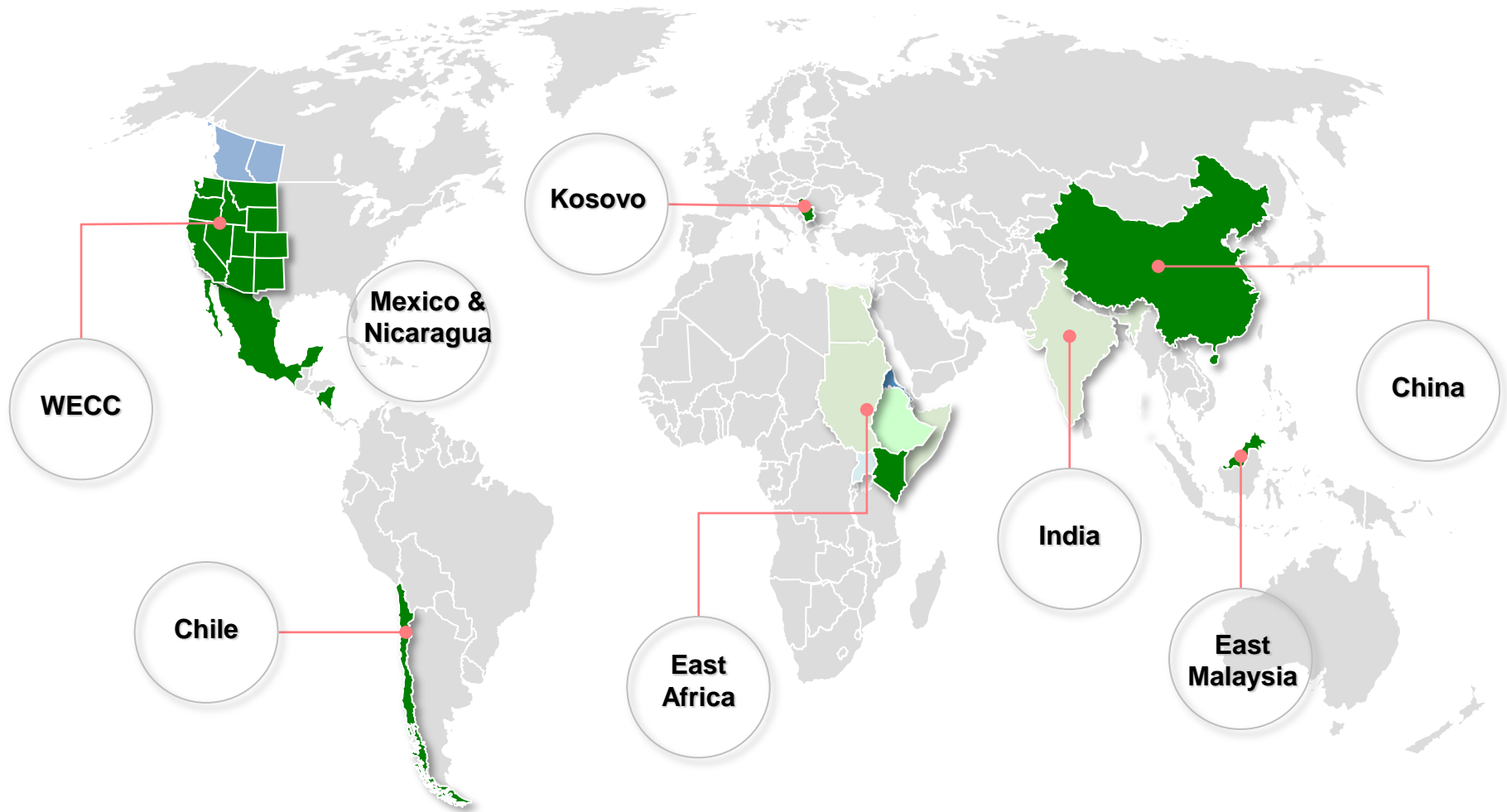
- ✓ Social result shows the different perspective on energy connectivity among stakeholders
- ✓ Based on each perspective, we will develop multiple energy connectivity scenarios in GMS
- ✓ This regional scenario will give the assumptions for forecasting model in the next stage

Forecasting Stage: Output image of SWITCH model



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Reference: SWITCH modeling efforts

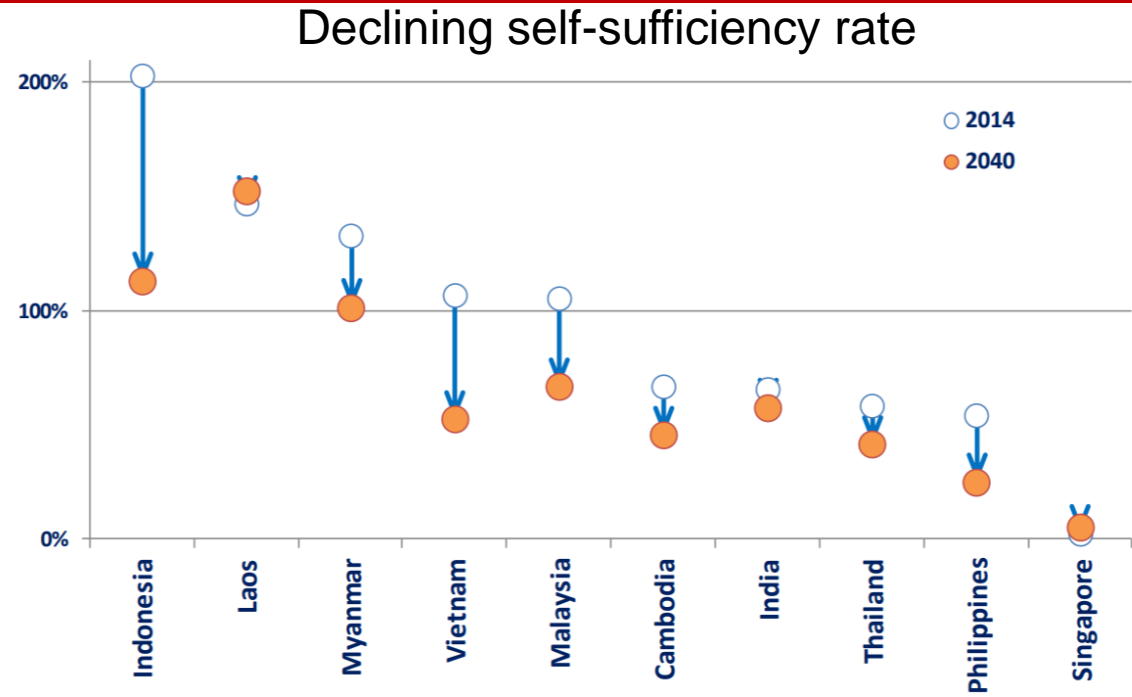


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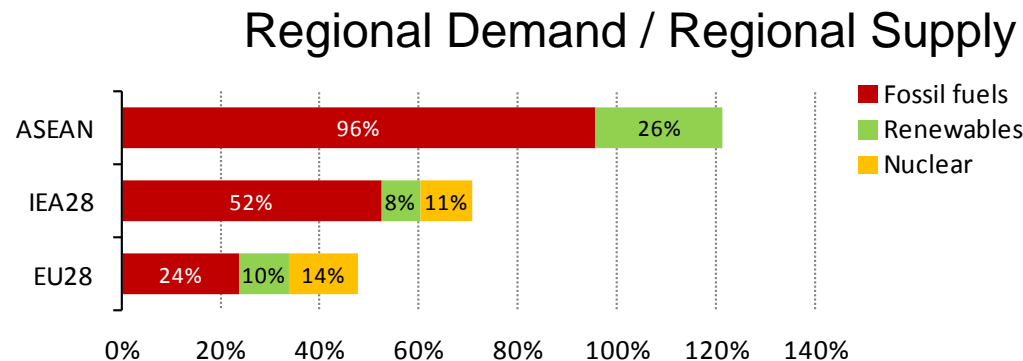
Outreach Stage:

Impact of connectivity of Self Sufficiency

- ✓ In ASEAN, domestic energy resources are abundant.
- ✓ If utilizing resources in the region, energy independence from middle east will be progressed.
- ✓ Yet, without connectivity infrastructure, self sufficiency rate is to be declined.
- ✓ How could power interconnections contribute to the domestic use of resources?



Source: Asia/World Energy Outlook (IEEJ, 2016)



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Step Forward: New collaboration with Mekong Institute



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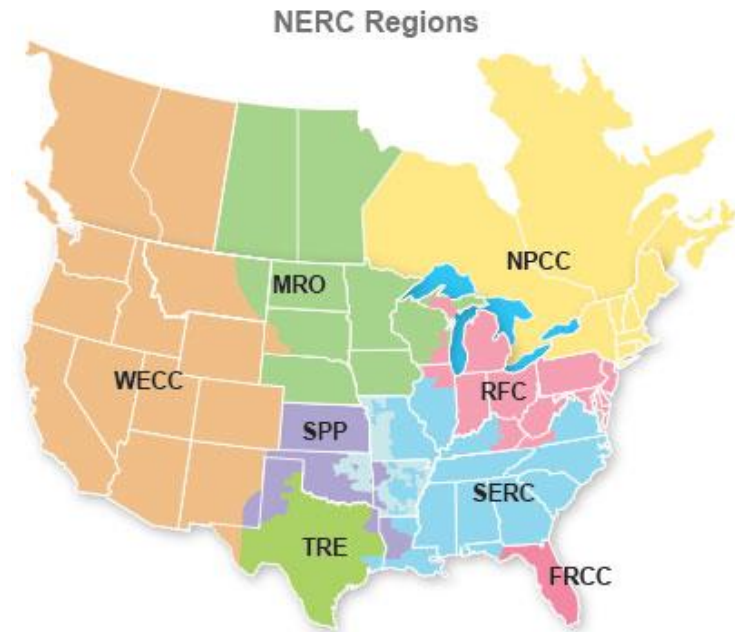
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II Forecasting Stage with Mekong Institute						
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	Scenario-Making			Capacity Building (SWITCH)		ADB's Clean Energy Forum in Manila
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	SWITCH model running				GMSarn	

III Implication Stage						
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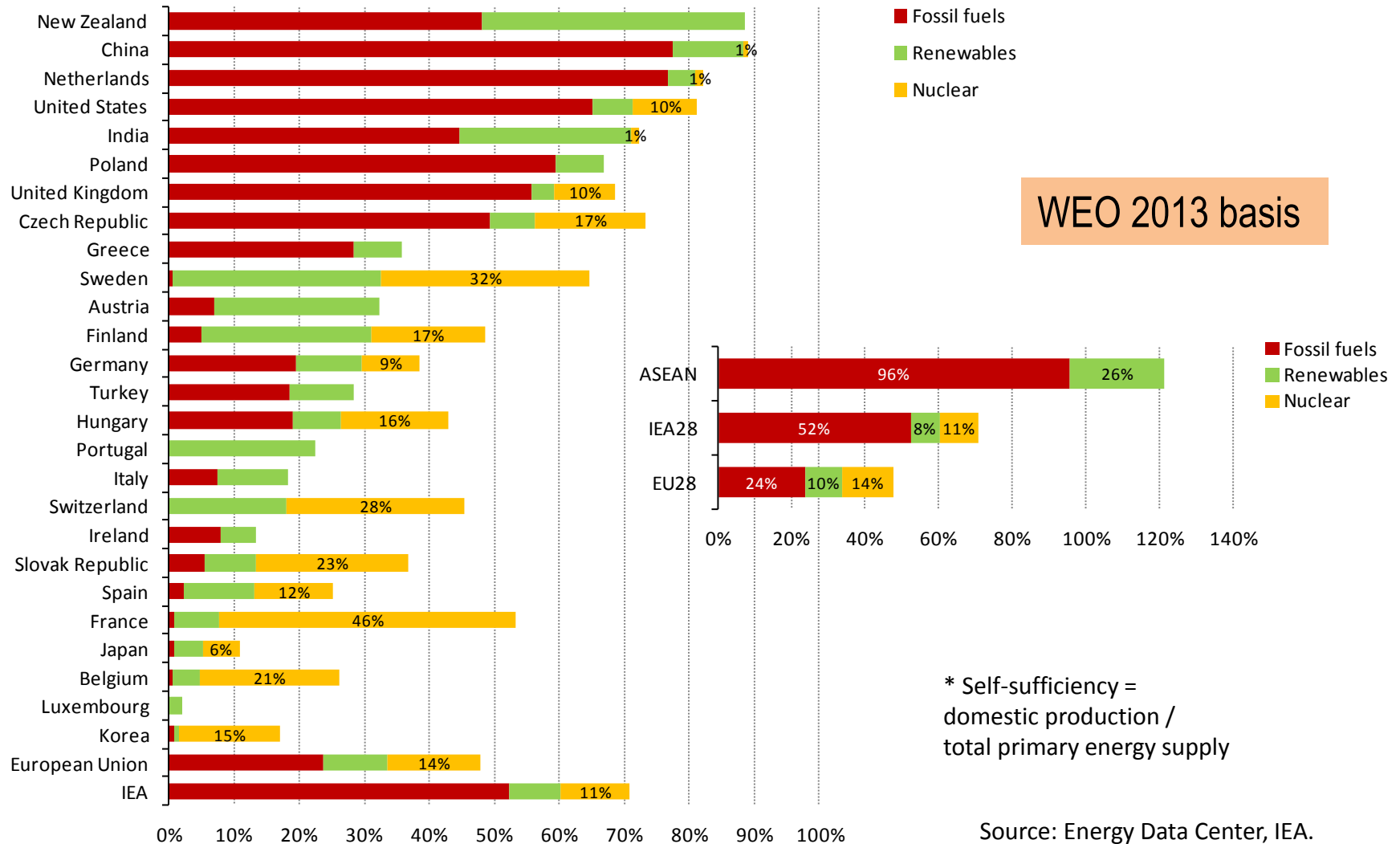
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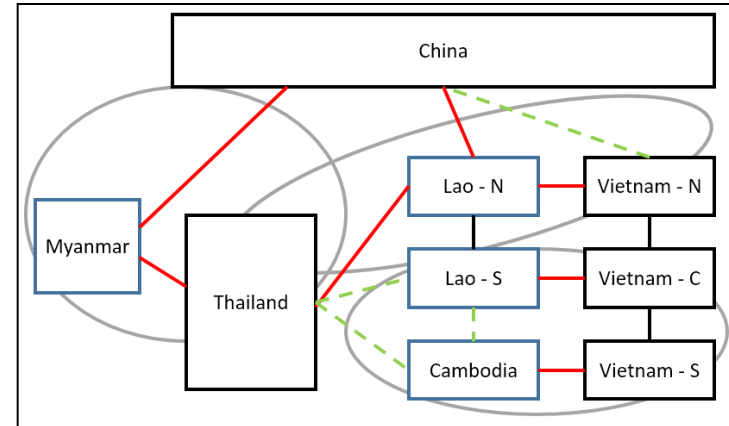
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- Energy Policy
- Nikkei Asian Review

- The importance of Energy Connectivity

Recent studies on GMS connectivity

- RETA 6440, Update of GMS Regional Master Plan (2008 – 2010)
 - Simulations considering different degrees on interconnectivity
 - Base case, case 2000 MW, High export, and No expansion
 - Three poles for regional power trade
 - Recommendation for creation of RPCC



North West pole

28 GW hydro pot. Myanmar
 Myan. - China: 20,000 MW
 Myanmar - Thai: 5,800 MW
 Between 2015-2028

East West Northern link

10 GW hydro pot. Lao N
 Thai – Lao N: 1,500 MW
 Lao N – NV: 2,400 MW
 New interconnection cap.

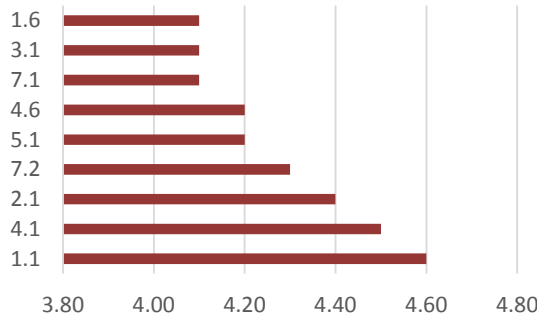
Southern grid

7 GW hydro potential in
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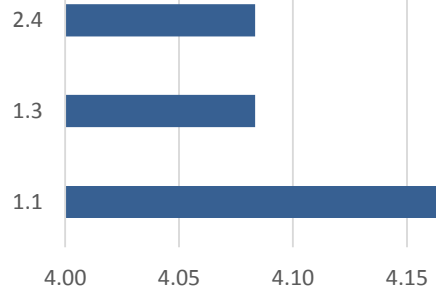
Studies for enabling further connectivity being conducted

Result of Social Survey

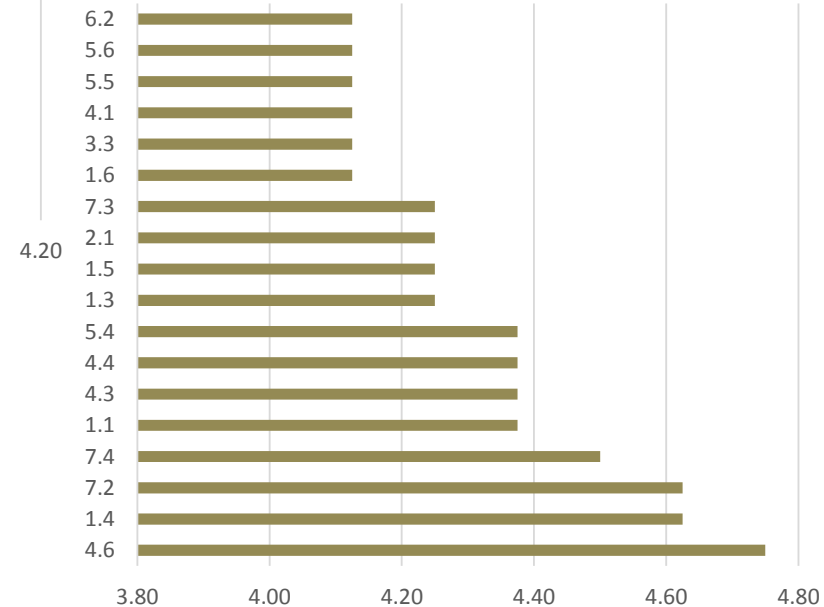
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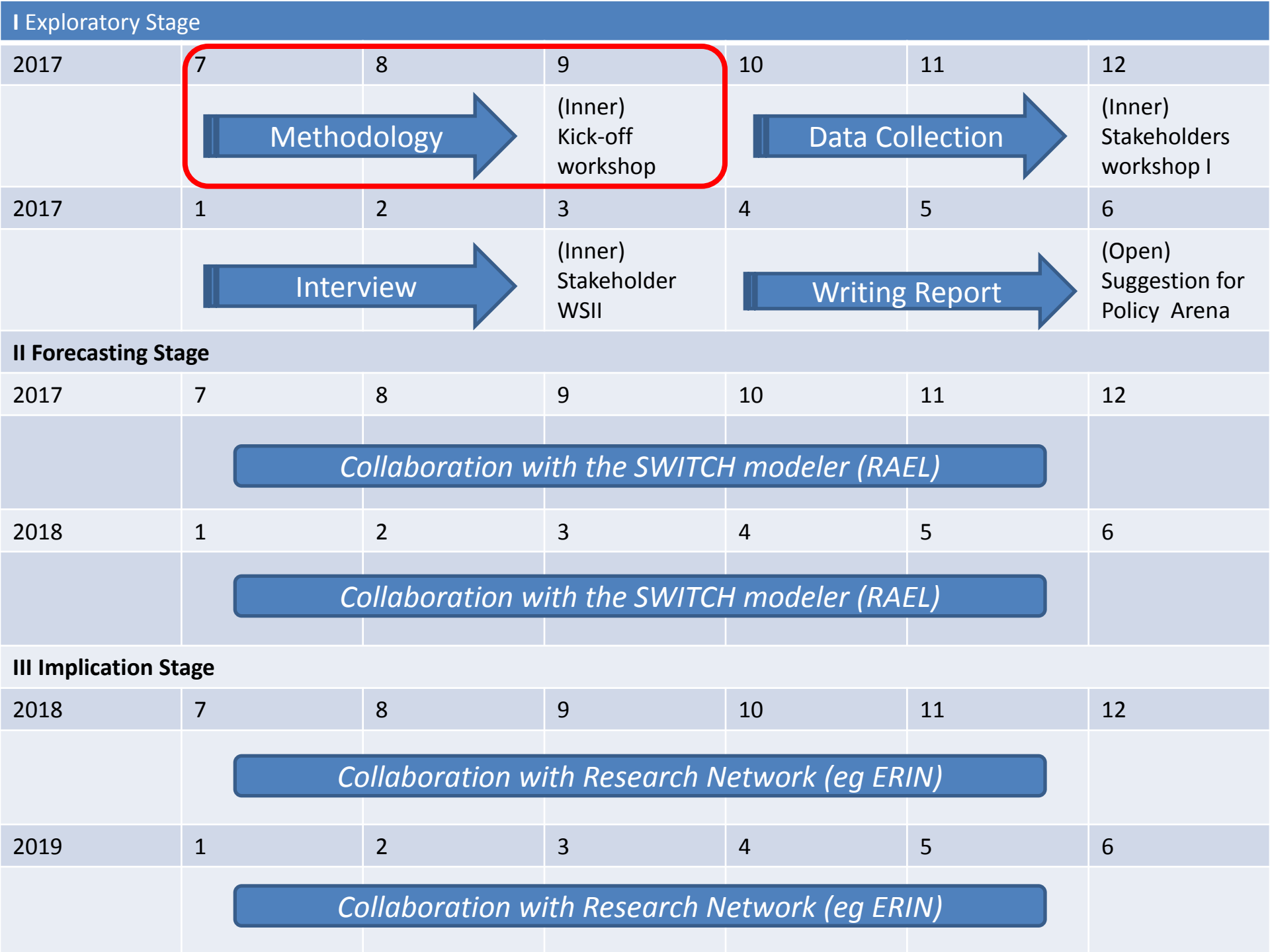
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Way forwards

- Starting collaborations on connectivity
 - Mekong Institute
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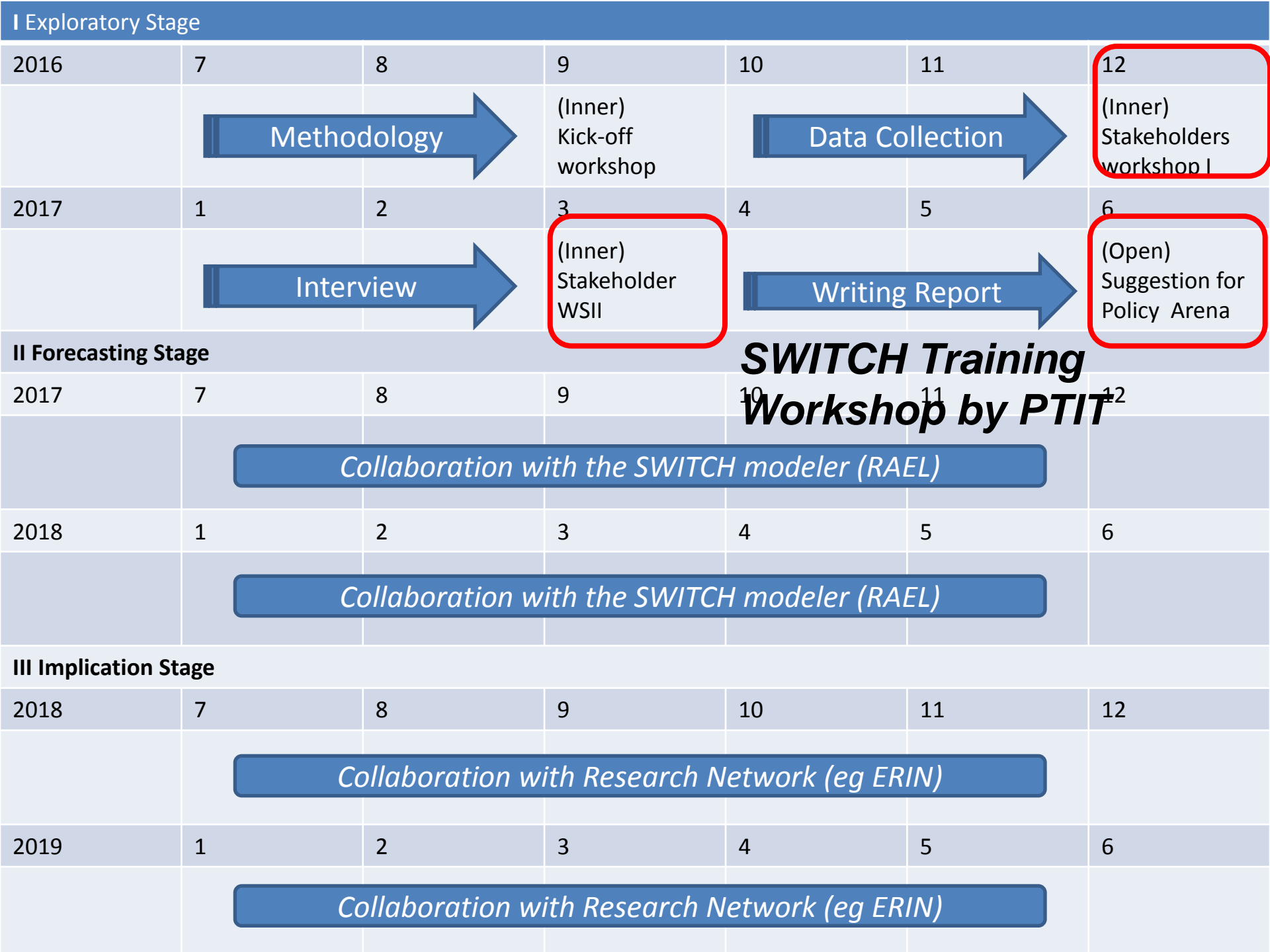
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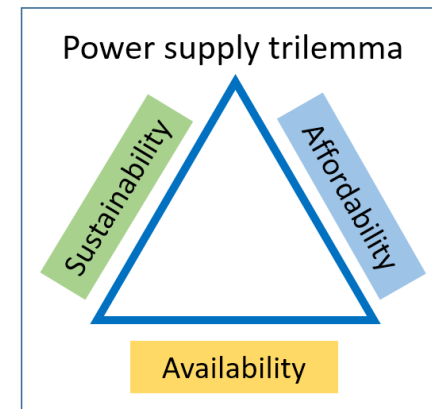
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Energy security & GMS power trilemma

- Energy security relies on three pillars:
 - Adequacy and reliability of physical energy supply
 - Environmental sustainability
 - Affordable access



Source: IEA, 2015

Demand to nearly double by 2035

	mtoe				AAGR [%]
	2009	2015	2020	2035	2009/35
Cambodia	5	6	7	11	3.0
Lao PDR	3	5	5	9	4.5
Myanmar	15	17	21	35	3.3
Thailand	103	121	140	215	2.9
Viet Nam	64	83	99	185	4.2
PRC	2,257	2,798	3,156	4,034	2.3
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Total /PRC	190	232	273	455	3.4

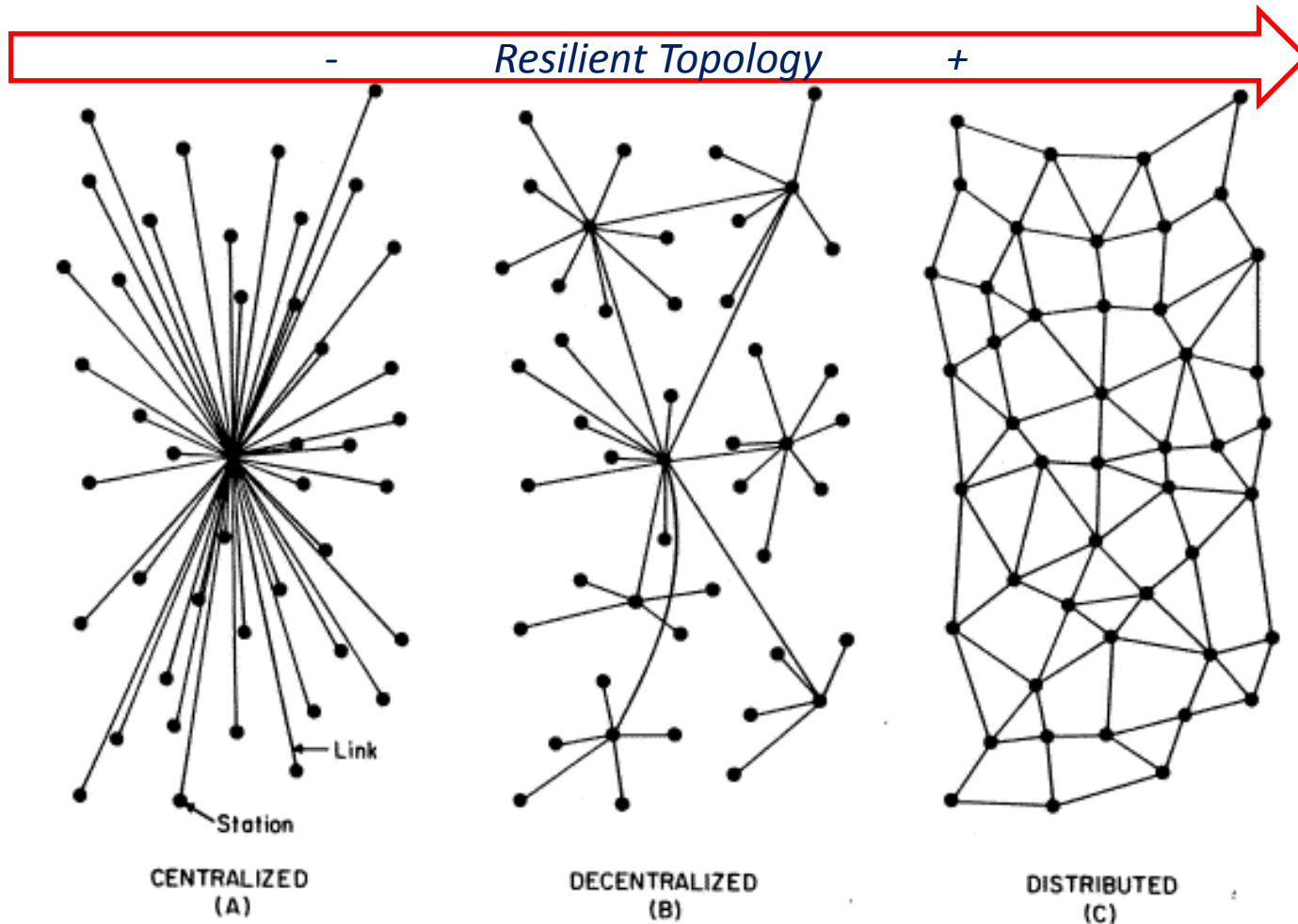
Countries pledges at Paris Agreements

Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs) by 2030	
Cambodia	To reduce CO2 emissions by 27% compared to BAU
Lao PDR	To increase forest area (70%), support neighbouring countries, increase small scale to 30% of total
Myanmar	To continue being a GHG sink
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PRC	To lower CO2 emissions per unit of GDP by 60-65%

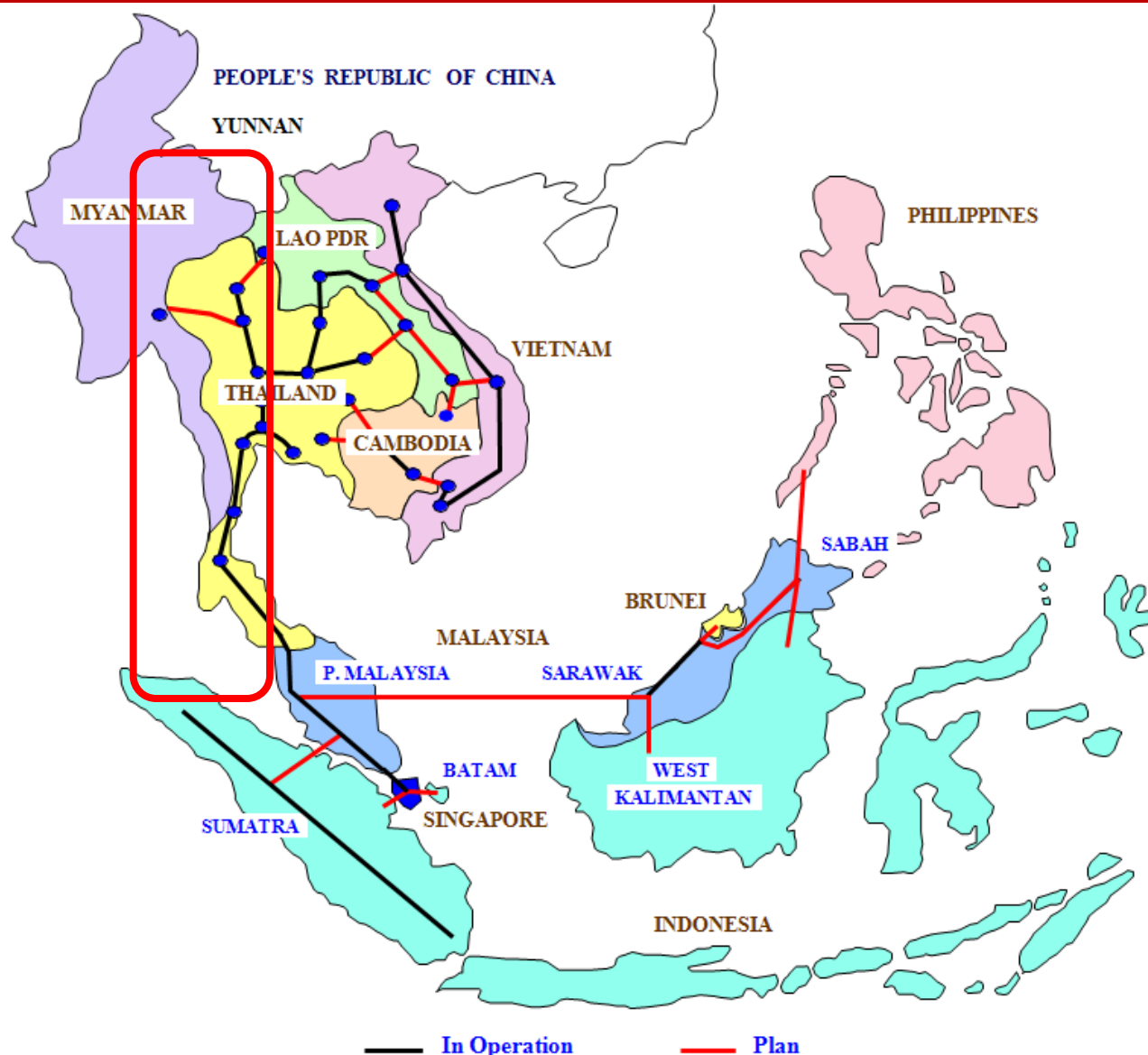
Social and environmental sustainable vision for increasing demand

Variations of Connectivity

APEC Energy Ministers ministers affirm the importance of energy resiliency and energy security in the energy trade and investment framework. (Philippines, 2015)



Focusing on Myanmar-Thai



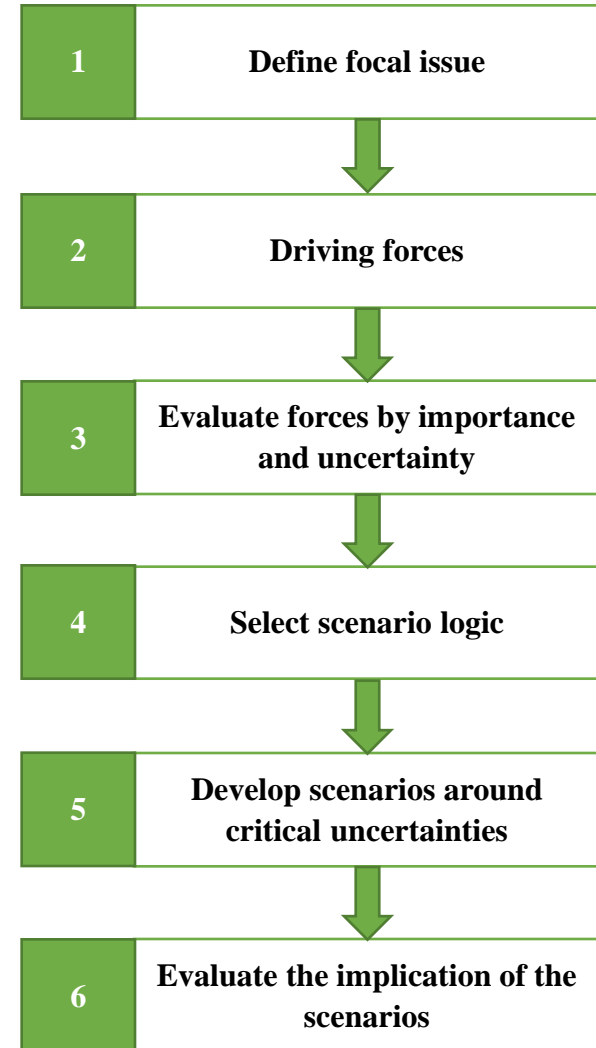
Chula-U Tokyo Collaborations

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 - Prof. Bundhit => Prof. Tharapon => Prof. Dawan => Prof. Veerapong
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 - Policy Process: Oil/Gas pipeline between China/Myanmar (アジア研ワールドトレンド 2015)



Scenario development

- The process starts by identifying the key point
- Driving forces are noted down in step 2
- In step 3, the most important and highly uncertain driving forces are selected
- Different scenarios are created in step 4.
- Step 5 describes how future may unfold by composing storyline for each scenario.
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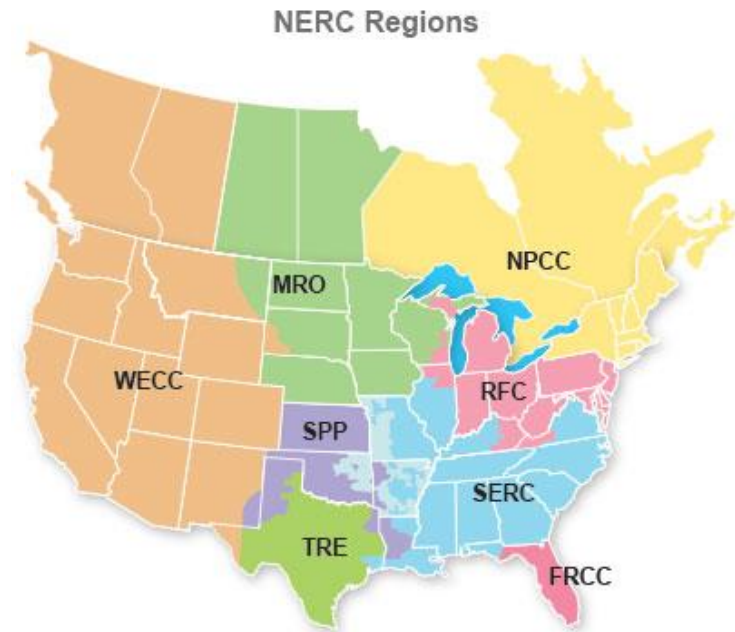
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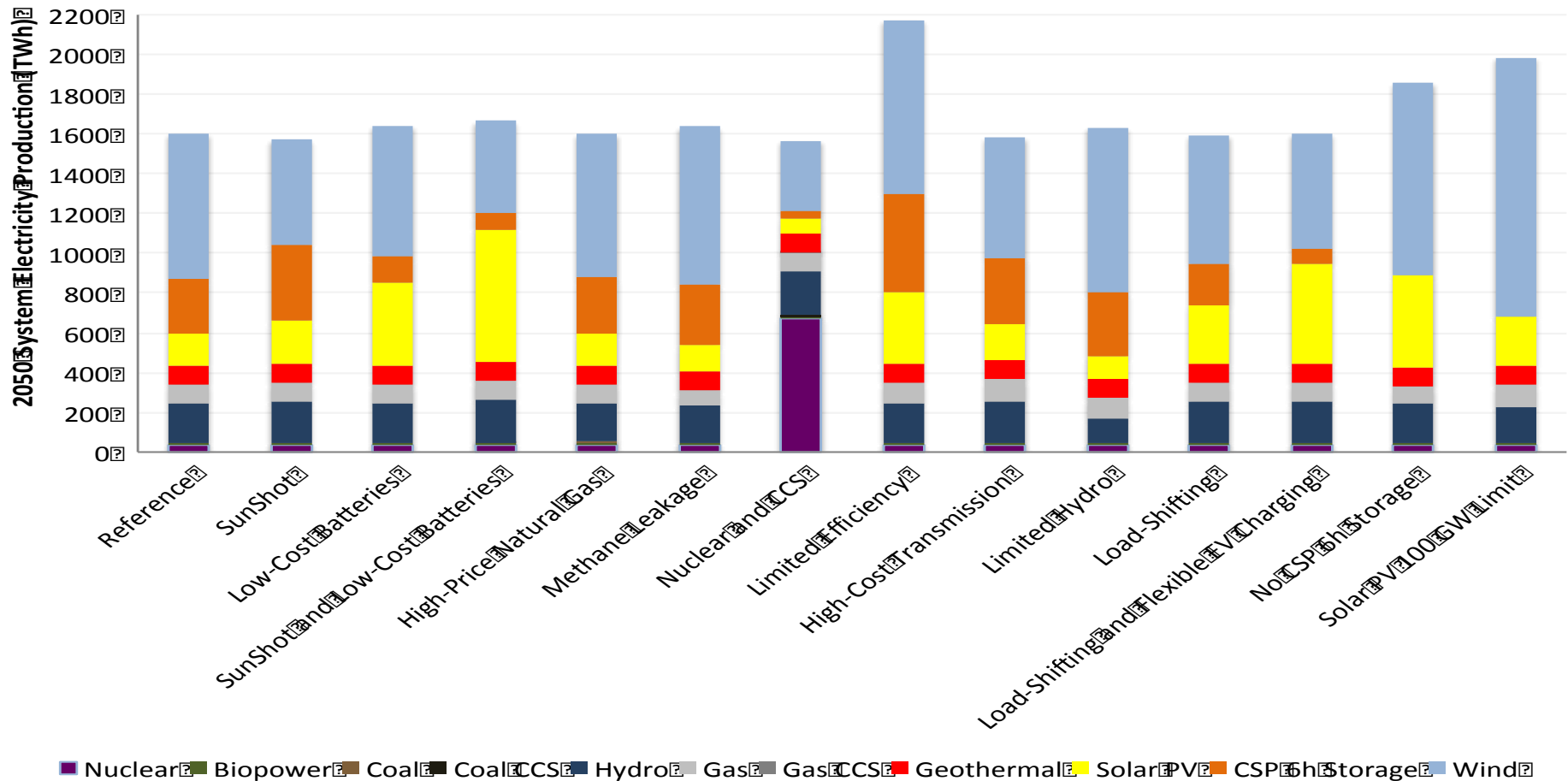
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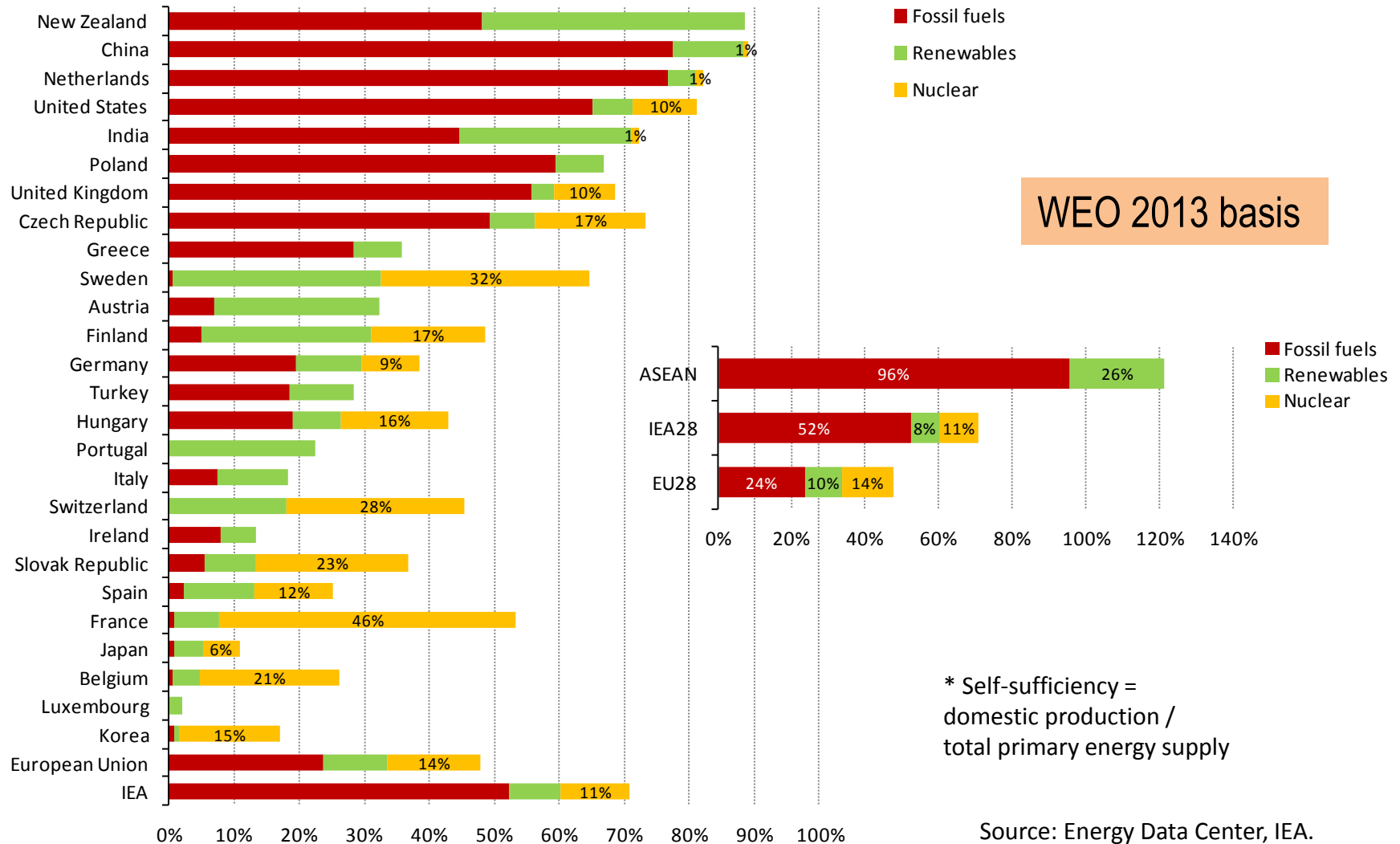
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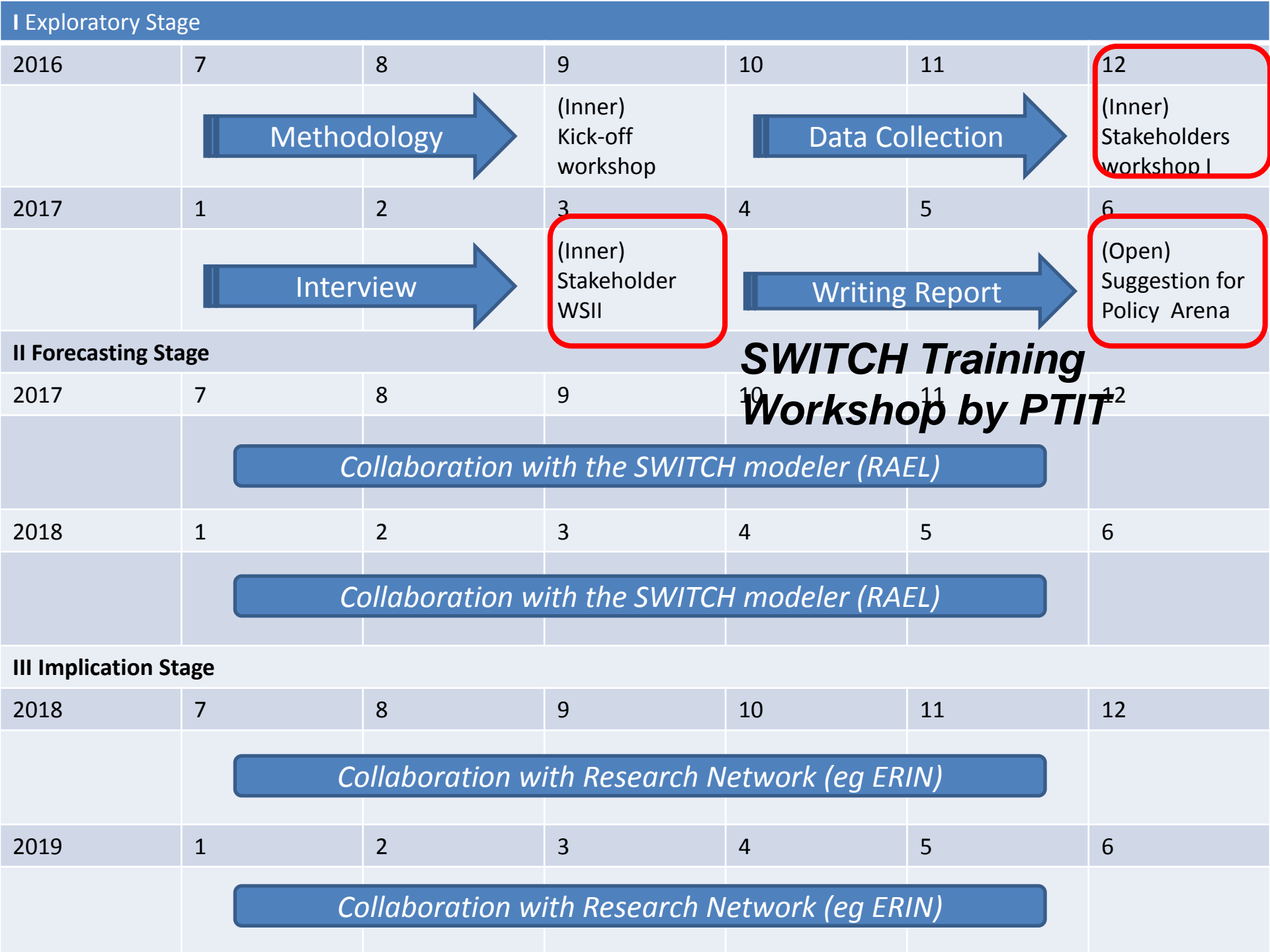
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