

Supplementary Information for

Global production potential of green methanol based on variable renewable electricity

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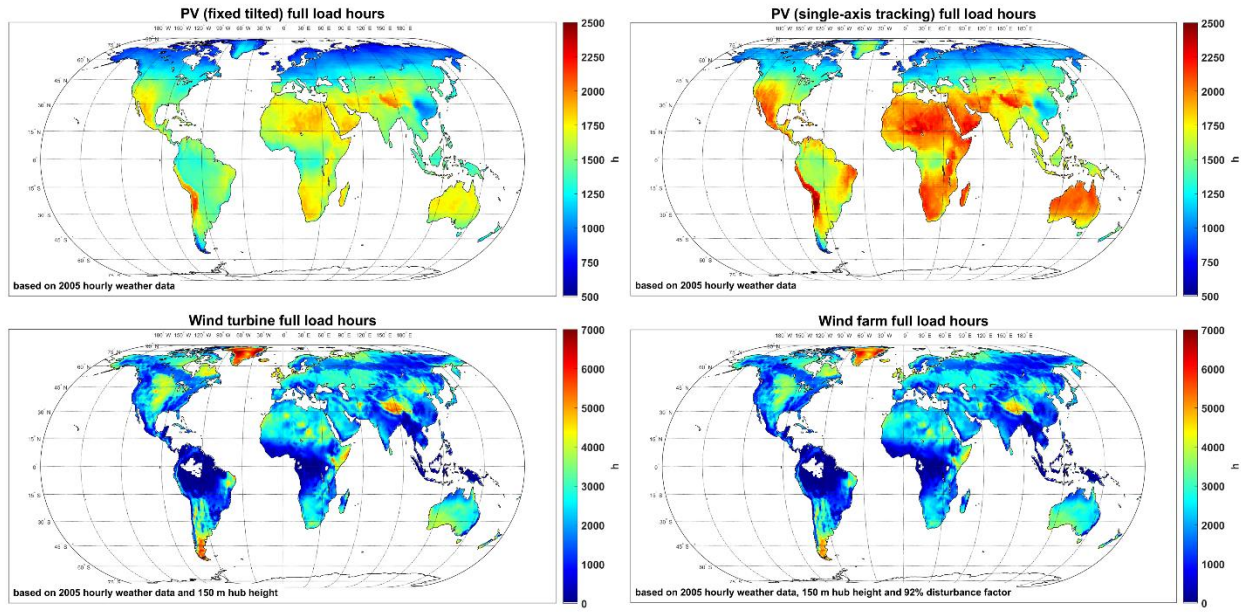


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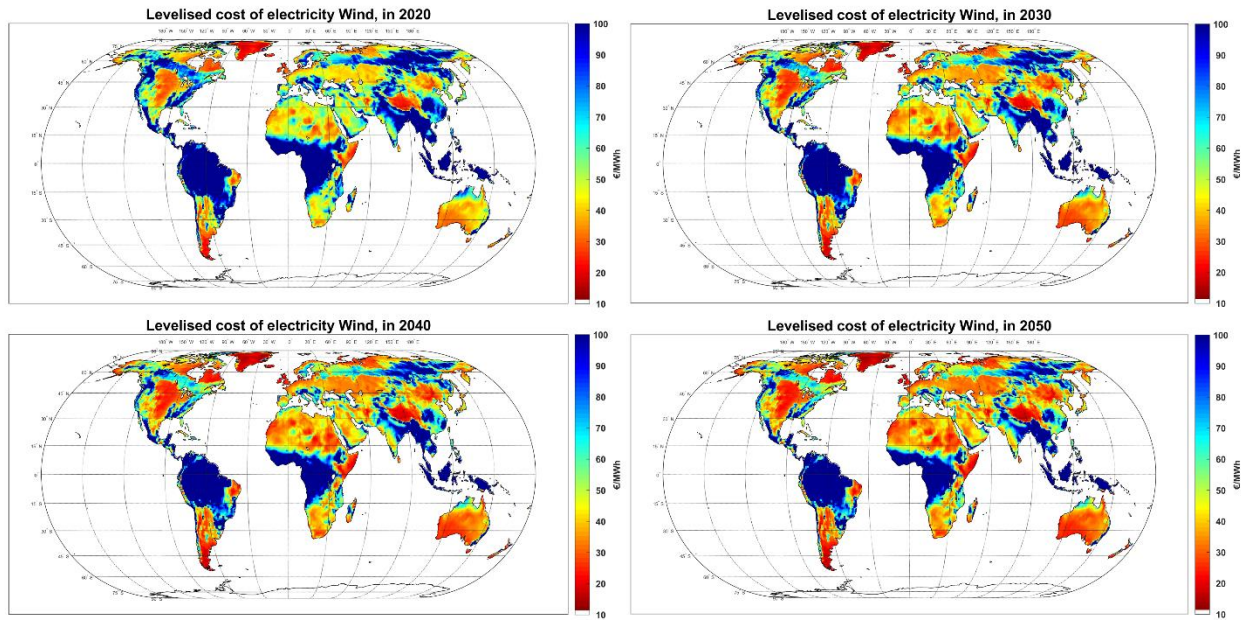


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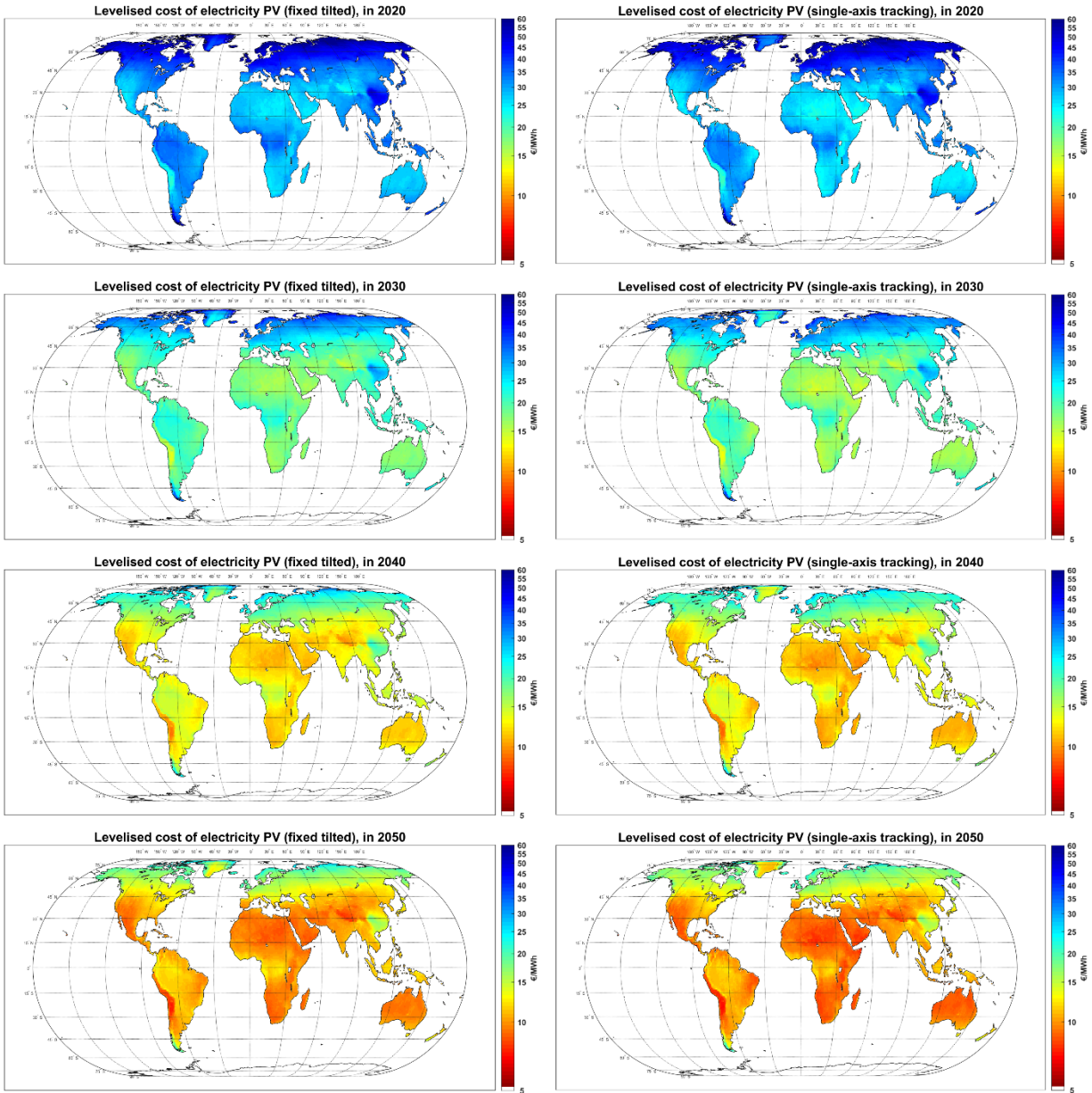


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S2. Optimal technology mix and operational behaviour

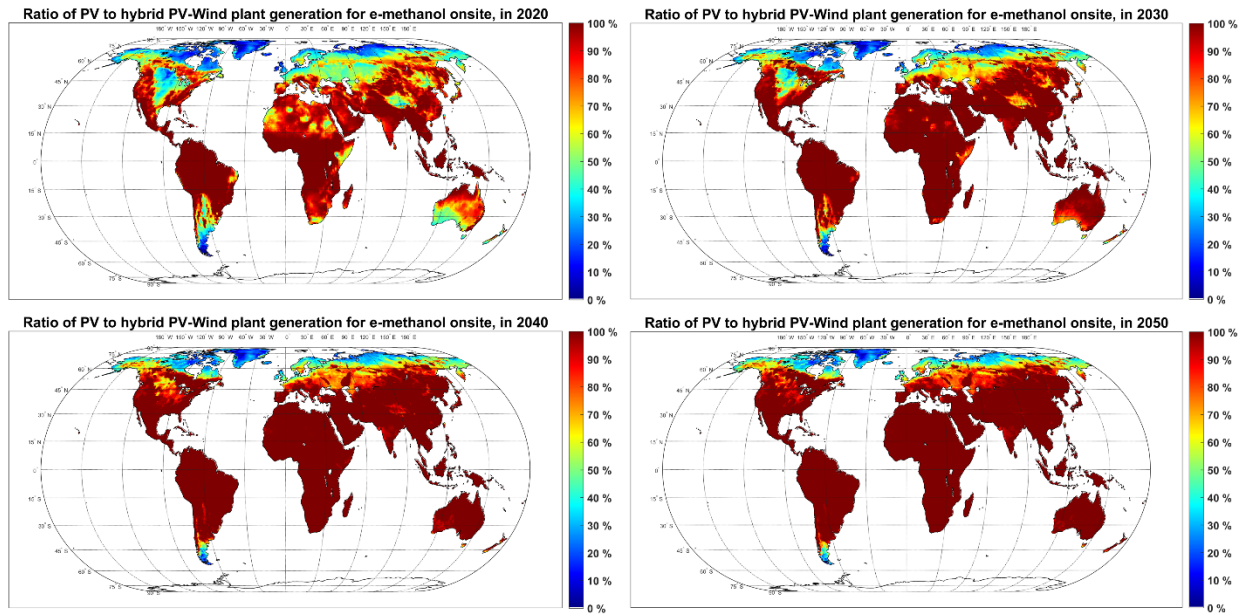


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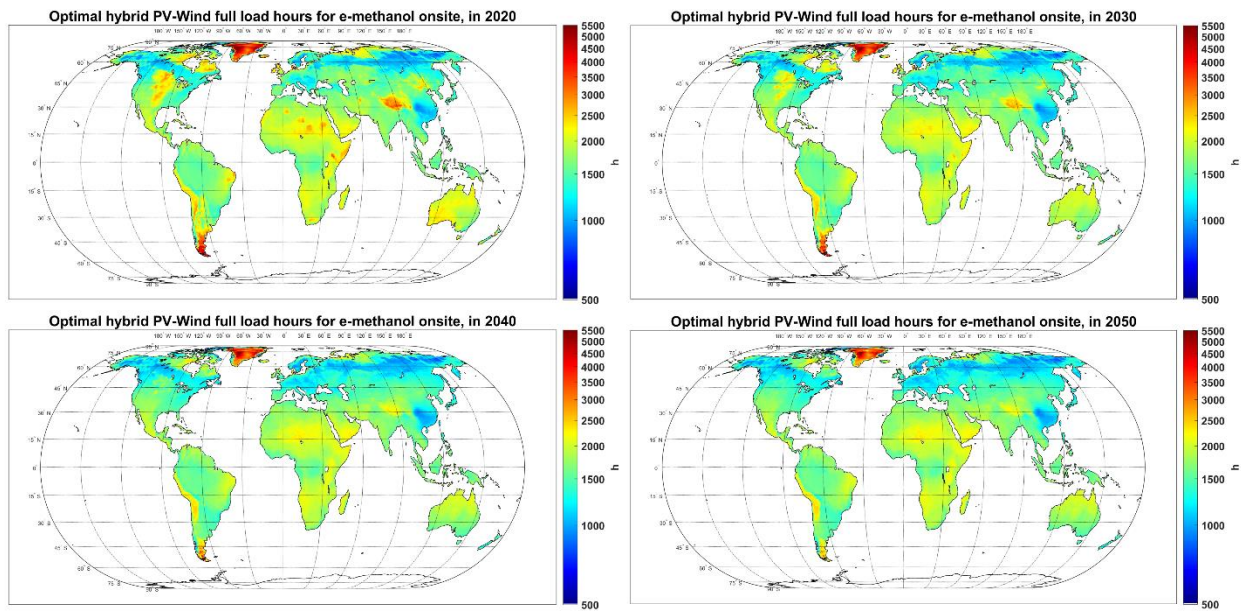


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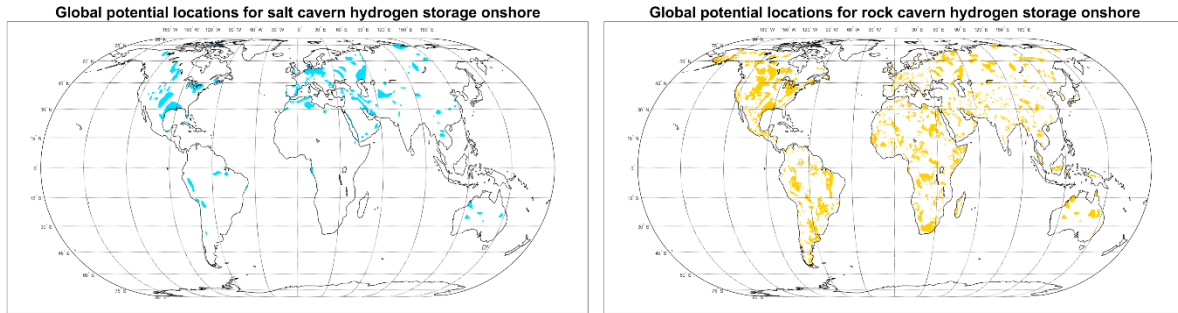


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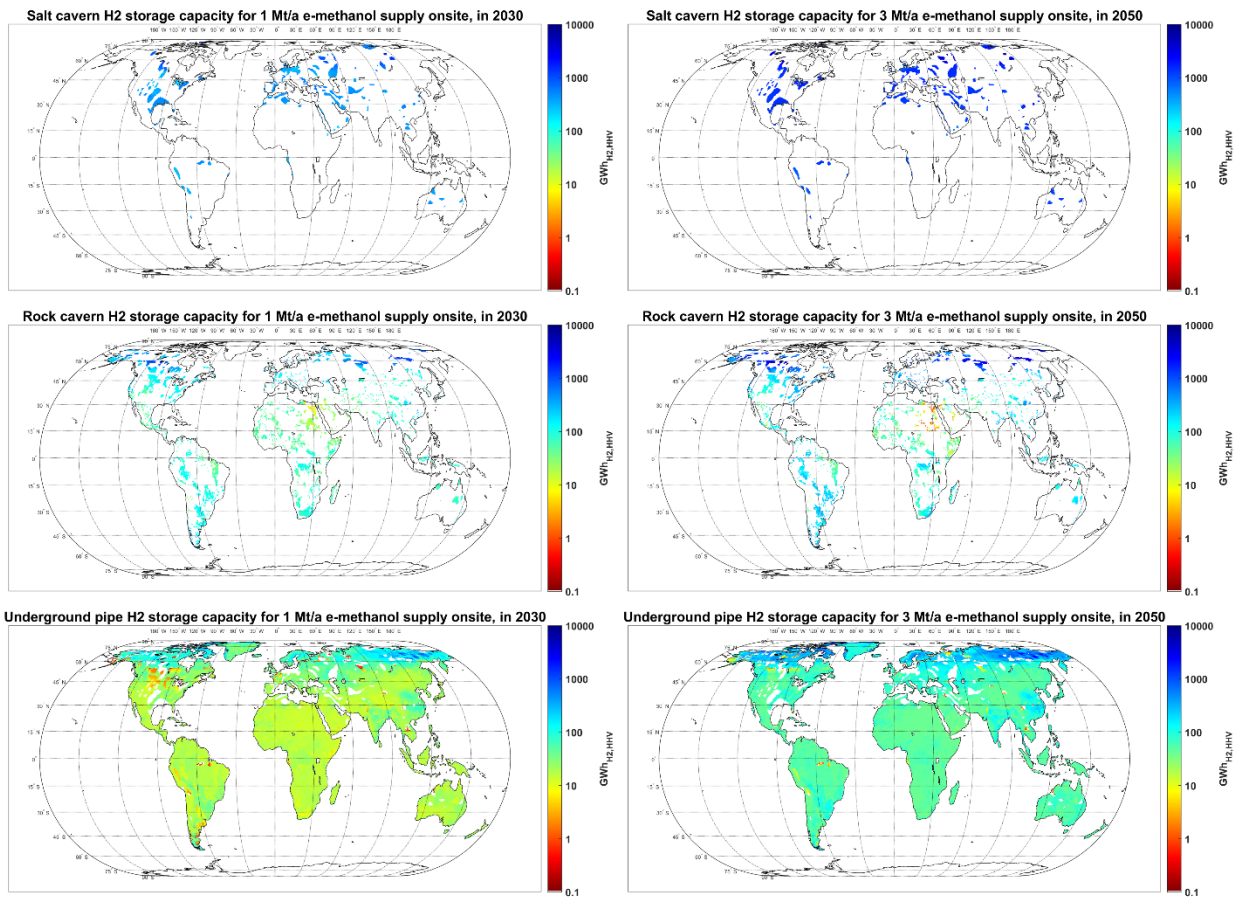


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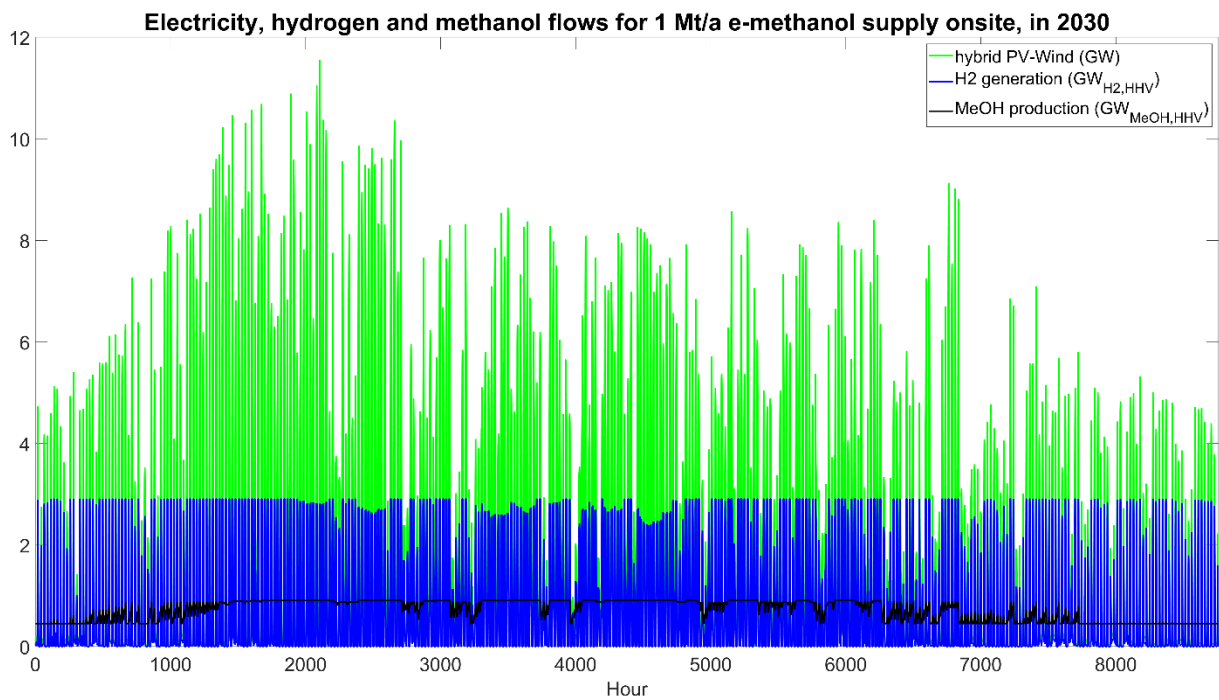


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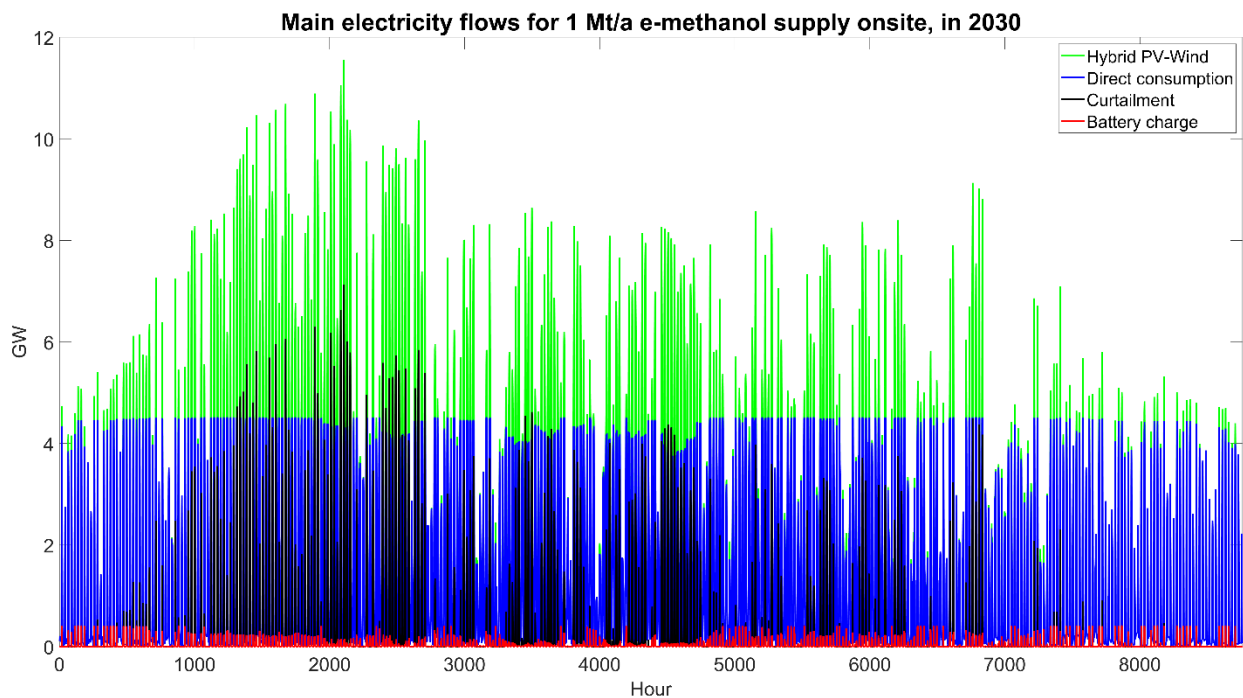


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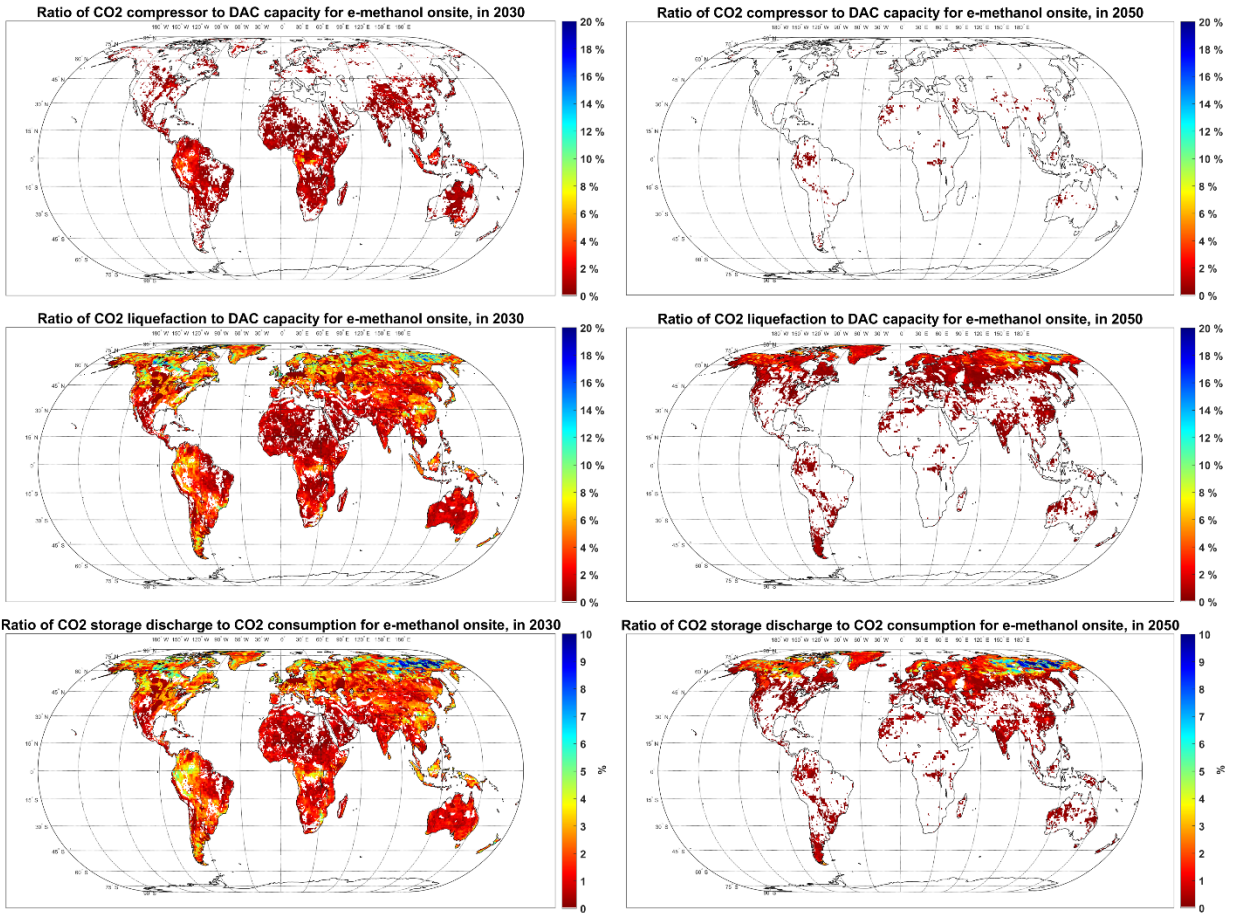


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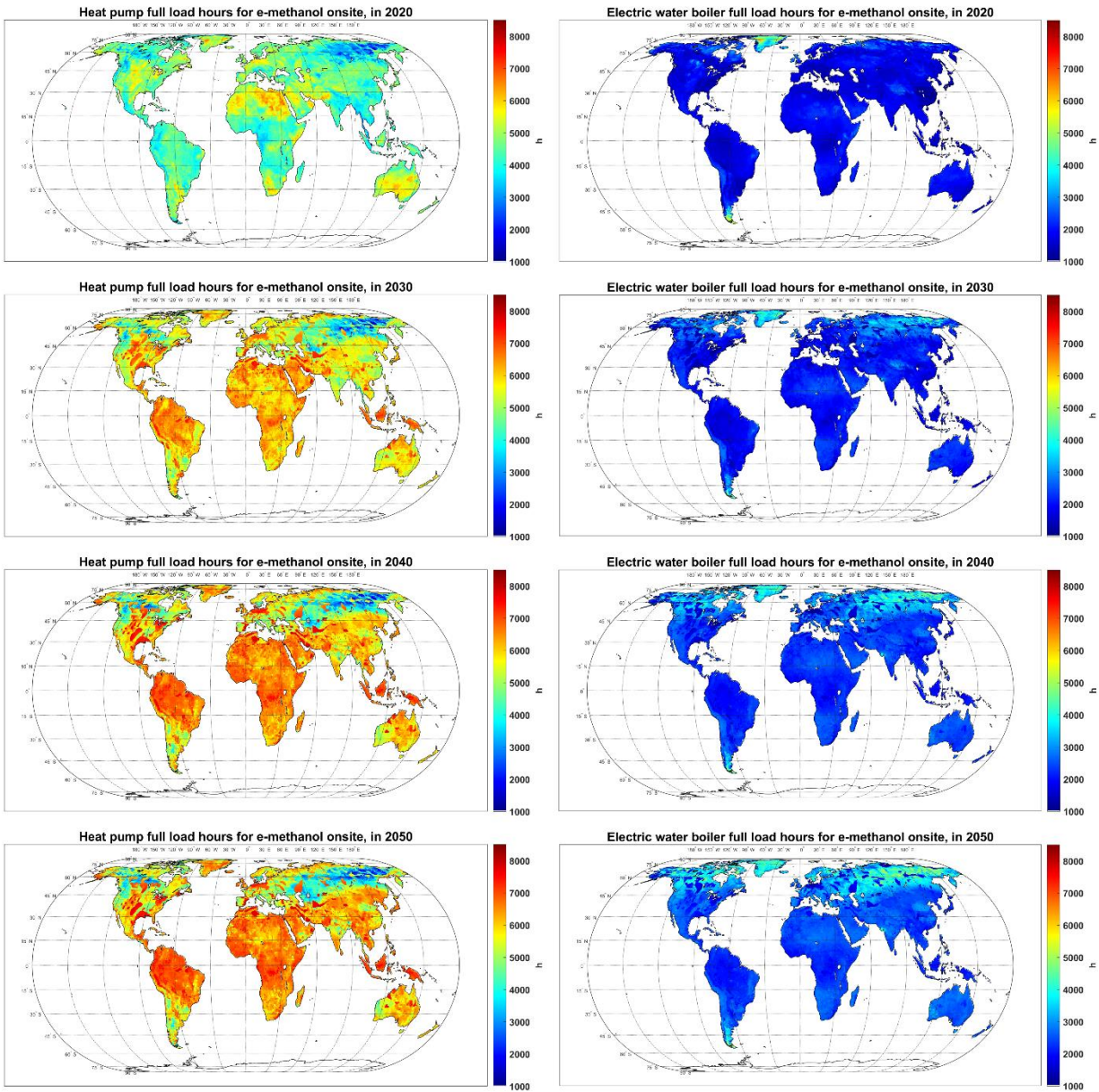


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S3. Levelised cost of methanol with customised colour bar range based on low-cost regions

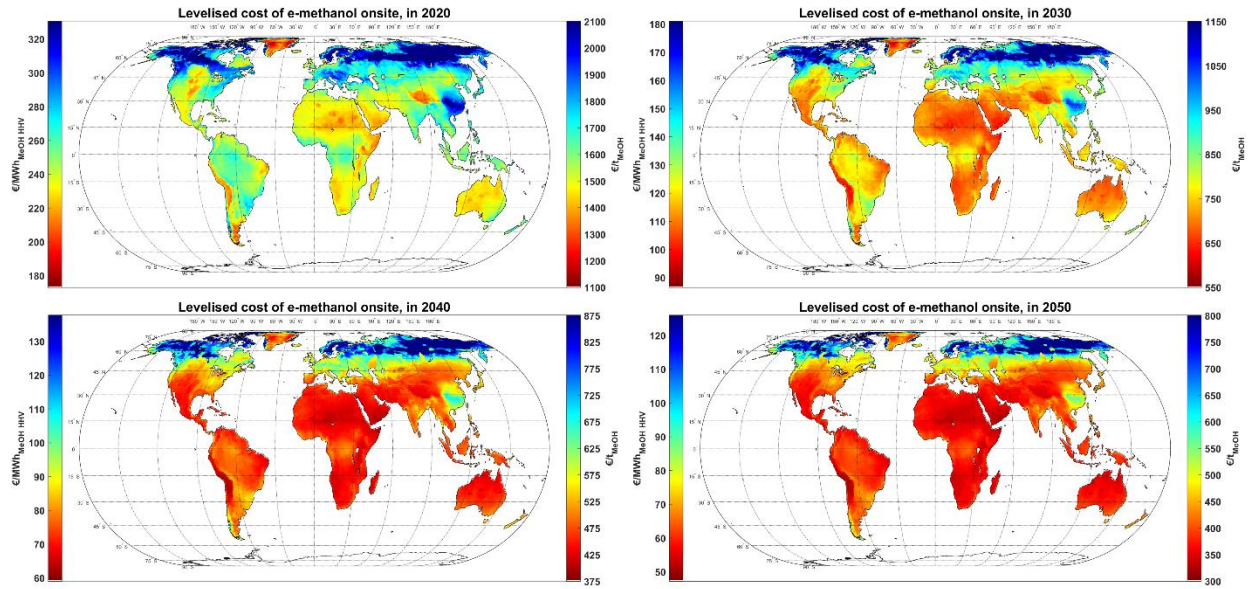


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S4. Energetic cost comparison of e-methanol and e-ammonia as fuel

While e-methanol and e-ammonia^{2,3} have their own distinguished roles in chemical and agriculture industry, both are also discussed as potential sustainable fuels for long-range marine sector⁴. Thus, a cost comparison of the two e-fuels based on unified assumptions and input data is provided in this section.

The production cost of e-ammonia is based on the model by Fasihi et al.² with updated input data to match the assumptions for shared components with the Power-to-Methanol chain in this study. The key update is the unification of electrolyser cost.

The results presented in Figure S13 show that, at 180-220 €/MWh_{MeOH,HHV}, the cost of e-methanol from a 0.5 Mt_{MeOH/a} supply plant at the least cost regions in 2020 is about double the e-ammonia production cost of 90-110 €/MWh_{NH3,HHV} by a 1 Mt/a ammonia supply plant. This cost difference is mainly due to relatively higher cost of atmospheric CO₂ capture for methanol synthesis compared to the cost of atmospheric N₂ capture for ammonia synthesis.

By 2030, as the cost and energy efficiency of DAC plants improve, together with the deployment of 1 Mt/a methanol supply plants at lower capex, the cost of e-methanol at best sites declines by about 50% to 94-104 €/MWh_{MeOH,HHV}. Comparatively, the cost of e-ammonia would decline by about 30% to 65-75 €/kWh_{NH3,HHV}. By 2050, the gap between production cost of e-methanol and e-ammonia further declines to about 10 €/MWh_{th,HHV} (or ~25%) for 50-55 €/MWh_{MeOH,HHV} and 39-45 €/MWh_{NH3,HHV}.

While the cost of e-methanol production remains higher than e-ammonia, choosing one as potential future sustainable marine fuel is affected by other factors. For example, due to the toxicity and gaseous phase of ammonia at ambient temperatures, methanol is a better option with respect to the cost and safety of fuel handling and transportation. On the other hand, e-ammonia provides the potential to fully eliminate carbon from the fuel supply system, though handling its higher NO_x emissions could be a challenge⁵. In addition, all technologies for e-ammonia production are mature and available at industrial scale today, whereas the realisation and scale of e-methanol production is largely dependent on future development of DAC technologies, as sustainable and unavoidable point sources are limited and may not match well with the sites of low-cost hydrogen availability⁶.

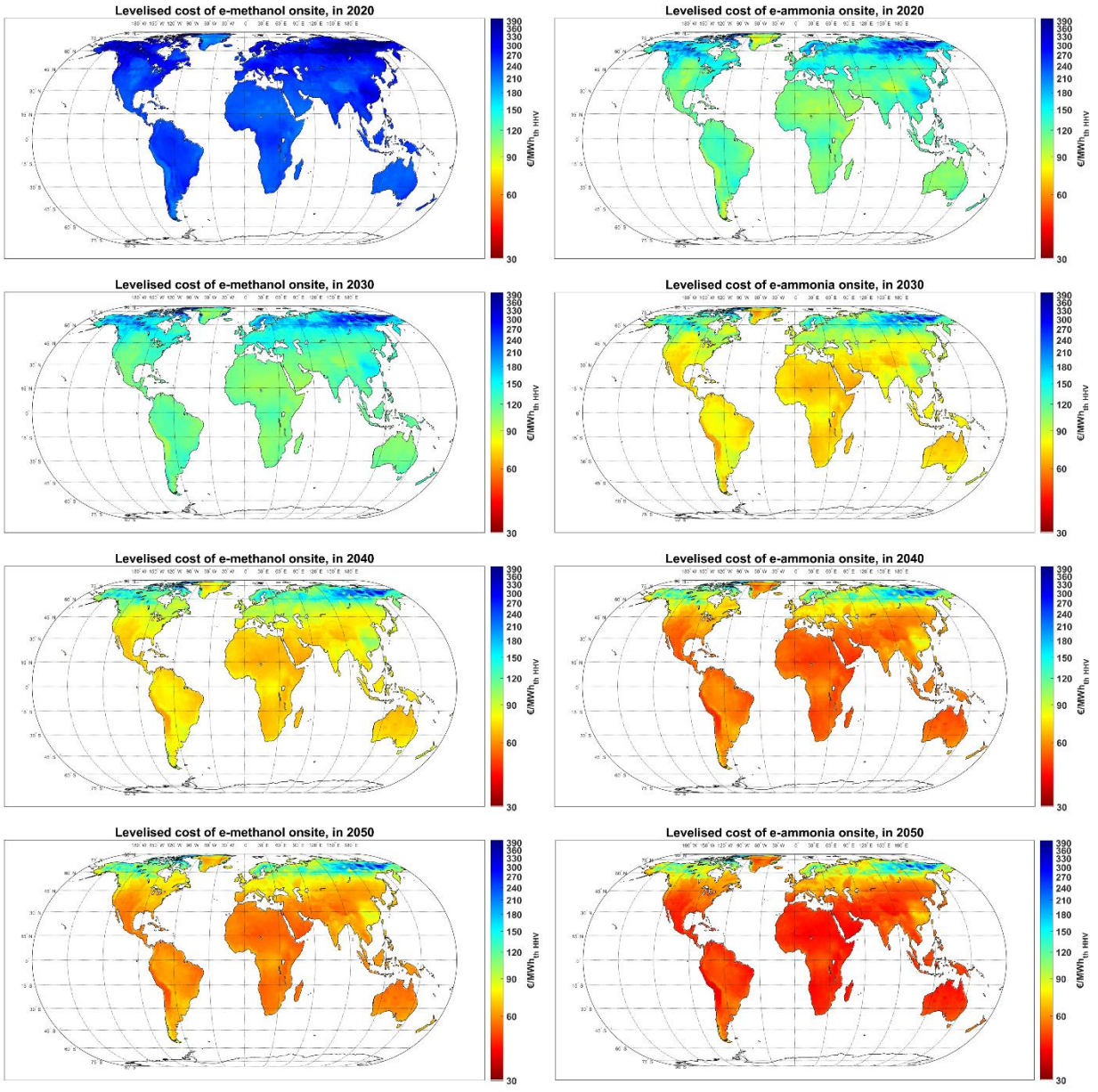


Fig. S13. Levelised cost of e-methanol (left) and e-ammonia (right) *Onsite* in 2020-2050.

S5. Cost benefits of integrated Power-to-Methanol-Ammonia plants

e-Methanol and e-ammonia could potentially have a complementary relation at the production stage. The high temperature waste heat from ammonia synthesis could be used as a source of heat for DAC units in the Power-to-Methanol chain. Thus, a combined Power-to-Ammonia-Methanol system (Fig. S14) has been modelled to assess the additional benefits of heat integration in 2030 and 2050 at different annual ammonia to methanol supply ratios.

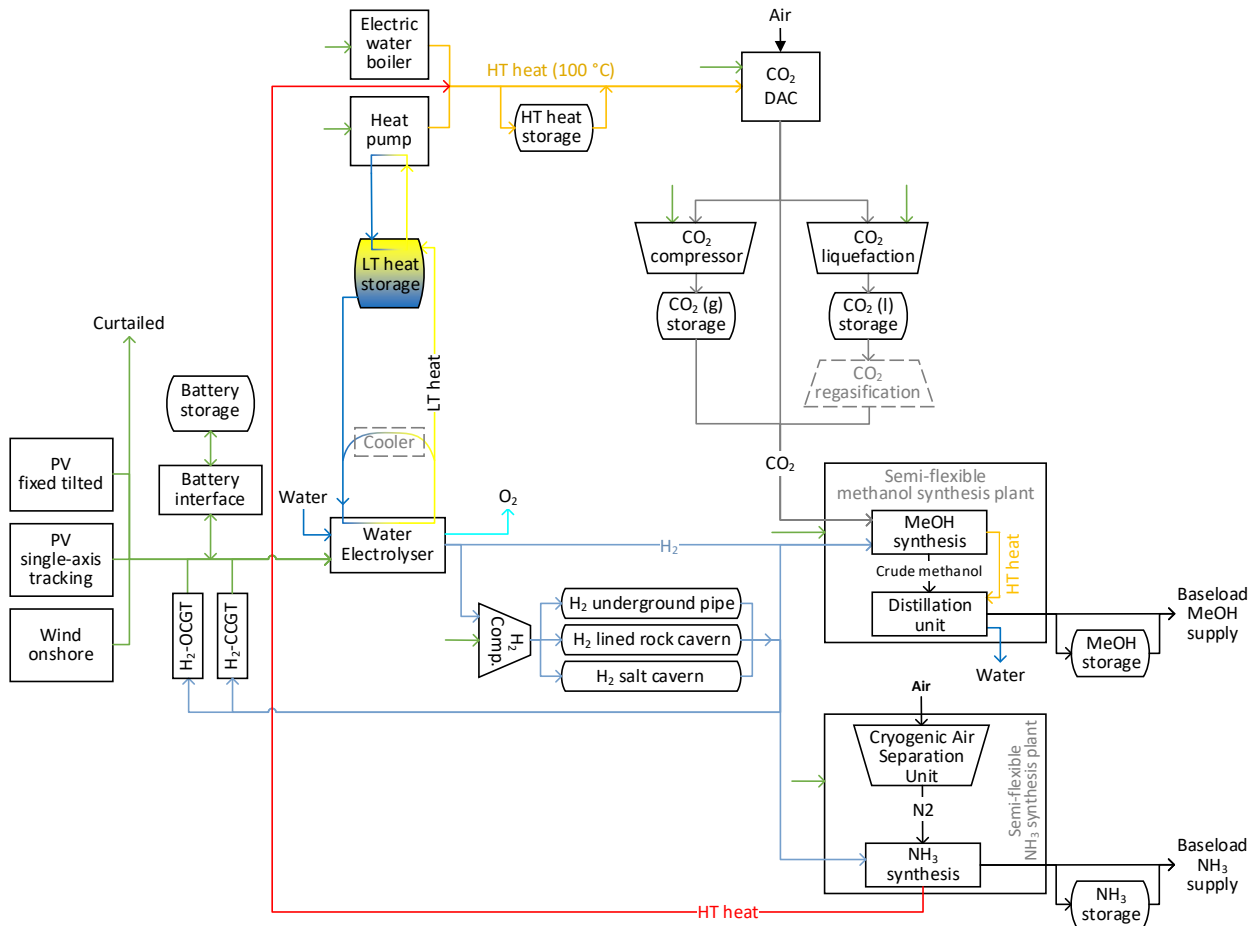


Fig. S14. Integrated Power-to-Methanol-Ammonia *Onsite* model configuration. Hydrogen-fuelled gas turbines are considered from 2030 onwards. Abbreviations: H₂- fuelled open cycle gas turbine (H₂-OCGT), H₂-fuelled combined cycle gas turbine (H₂-CCGT), compressor (Comp.), high temperature heat (HT heat), low temperature heat (LT heat), CO₂ direct air capture (DAC).

In the integrated Power-to-Methanol-Ammonia system, methanol and ammonia synthesis units share the same power and hydrogen supply systems. The shared power and hydrogen systems have higher capacities to meet the elevated demands but could potentially benefit from system coupling for a relatively smaller overall capacity. The additional low-temperature waste heat from the elevated hydrogen production system is available as a heat source for the heat pump and the excess high temperature heat from the ammonia synthesis plant is added to the portfolio of high temperature heat resources. e-Ammonia production in Fasihi et al.², adopted from Morgan⁷, is based on the Haber-Bosch process at 150 bar and 480 °C, which generates 1188 kWh of heat (at 108–394 °C) per tonne of ammonia. However, this design did not consider steam generation and 31% of generated heat (362 kWh/t_{NH₃}) is at 108 °C which may not be suitable for heat delivery at 100 °C for utilisation by DAC units. On the other hand, Frattini et al.⁸ reported on 1129 kWh of high temperature excess heat per tonne of e-ammonia production from a Haber-Bosch ammonia plant at 250 bar and 550 °C (888 kWh at 550 °C from the synthesis reactor, and 241 kWh at 150 °C from the compressors' cooling system). While such reactor conditions differ to some extent from those in Fasihi et al.², there are no major differences and the overall heat generations are comparable. Thus, Frattini et al.⁸ is chosen for representing the full potential of e-ammonia plants for delivering excess heat at temperatures above 100 °C. On the other hand, as the energetic efficiency of DAC increases over time, the e-methanol production system would have a heat demand of 4380, 1936, 1565 and 1432 kWh_{th}/t_{MeOH} in 2020, 2030, 2040 and 2050, respectively. Therefore, these process conditions suggest that, to supply the total heat demand of e-methanol plants by the waste heat from a standard 1 Mt/a e-ammonia supply plant, the annual e-methanol supply should be limited to 0.26, 0.58, 0.72 and 0.79 Mt in 2020, 2030, 2040 and 2050, respectively. However, e-ammonia plants are expected to be significantly larger to benefit from economies of scale. To study such counter effects, the annual e-ammonia supply from the integrated ammonia plant is set at 1 Mt/a in all scenarios, while the e-methanol supply is set at 0.5 and 1 Mt/a in 2030, as well as 1 and 3 Mt/a in 2050.

Equation S1 is used to evaluate the cost of e-methanol production in the integrated methanol-ammonia system. All the potential benefits of system integration and utilisation of waste heat from ammonia synthesis are assumed to be allocated to the cost reduction of e-methanol supply.

$$LCOF_{MeOH,integrated} [\text{€}/t_{MeOH}] \quad (S1)$$

$$= \frac{\text{Annualised Cost}_{integrated\ system} [\text{M€}] - LCOF_{NH3,solo} \left[\frac{\text{€}}{t_{NH3}} \right] \cdot 1\text{ Mt}_{NH3}}{e\text{-methanol supply from MeOH-NH3 integrated system} [Mt]}$$

As illustrated in Figure S12, the heat integration by co-production of 1 Mt/a of e-methanol and 1 Mt/a of e-ammonia in 2030 could reduce the cost of e-methanol by 20–30 €/t_{MeOH} (3–5 €/MWh_{MeOH,HHV}) in most parts of the world, with cost reductions up to 50 €/t_{MeOH} (8 €/MWh_{MeOH,HHV}) at latitudes above 55 °N. Such absolute cost reductions are equivalent to 3–5% cost drop compared to the Base Cost Scenario (BCS).

The benefits of heat integration in most regions could be increased to 30–50 €/t_{MeOH} (5–8 €/MWh_{MeOH,HHV}) by reducing the size of e-methanol supply to 0.5 Mt/a in the hybrid system, while the cost reduction at latitude above 55 °N could be 70–100 €/t_{MeOH} (11–16 €/MWh_{MeOH,HHV}), representing a 5–7% cost decline.

In 2050, combining the reference plant for 3 Mt/a e-methanol supply with 1 Mt/a ammonia supply plant would only reduce the cost of e-methanol supply by 5–10 €/t_{MeOH} (0.8–1.6 €/MWh_{MeOH,HHV} or ~2%), with parts of the Northern regions reaching 10–15 €/t_{MeOH} (1.6–2.4 €/MWh_{MeOH,HHV} or 2–3%) cost reduction. The lower cost reduction in 2050 compared to 2030 is associated with 55% lower heat integration per tonne of e-methanol as a result of 27% lower heat demand by DAC units and increasing the size of the integrated methanol plant from 1 to 3 Mt/a supply. In addition, heat could be generated for lower costs by cheaper electricity and heat pumps in 2050 compared to 2030, which makes the availability of partial free waste heat less relevant in 2050.

The results show that, unlike 2030, down-scaling the integrated e-methanol plant from 3 to 1 Mt/a supply in 2050 to elevate the share of waste heat supply per tonne of e-methanol would increase the cost of e-methanol production from the integrated system in most parts of the world, as the gain by higher share of waste heat supply is less than the loss of economies of scale for the methanol synthesis unit. Nevertheless, e-methanol from the 1 Mt/a integrated methanol supply system would still be 1–6 €/t_{MeOH} (0.16–0.94 €/MWh_{MeOH,HHV} or 0.5–1.5%) lower in cost compared to the Base Cost Scenario with a solo 3 Mt/a methanol supply system. Thus, scaling the methanol plant has a larger impact on e-methanol production cost than heat integration from ammonia plant

in most parts of the world in 2050. An exception would be some Northern regions beyond 60 °N, where the cost reduction of e-methanol is higher for the integrated system with lower methanol plant as more costly power and hydrogen balancing would be avoided.

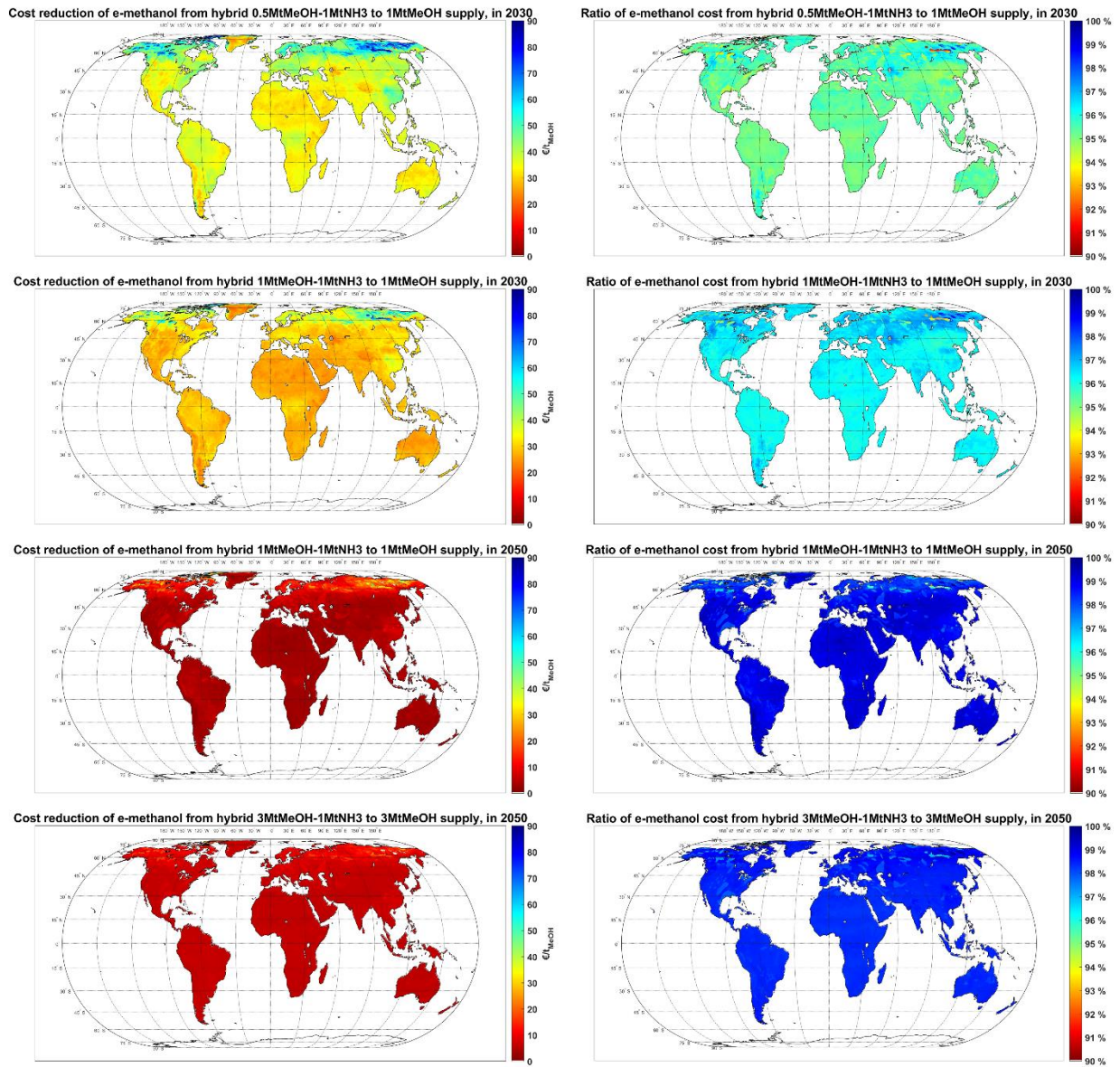


Fig. S15. Cost reduction of e-methanol in integrated Power-to-Methanol-Ammonia synthesis plants compared to solo e-methanol plants *Onsite* in absolute (left) and relative (right) values in 20230 (top and centre top)2050 (centre bottom and bottom).

S6. Sensitivity Analyses

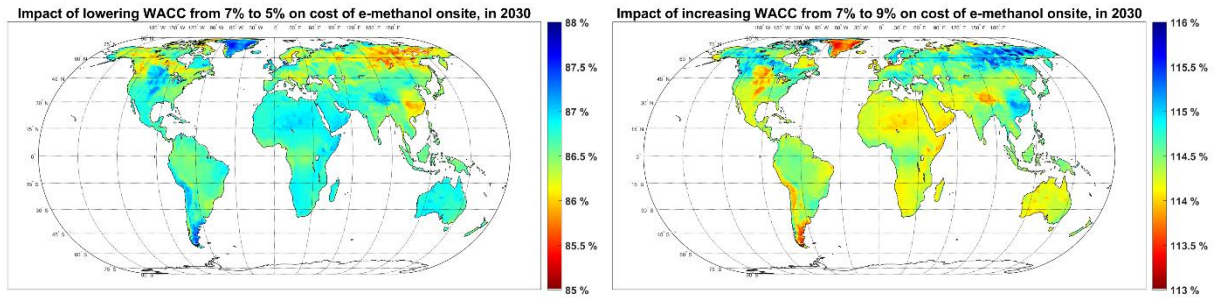


Fig. S16. Impact of decreasing WACC to 5% (left) and increasing WACC to 9% (right) in comparison to e-methanol production cost by a WACC of 7% in 2030.

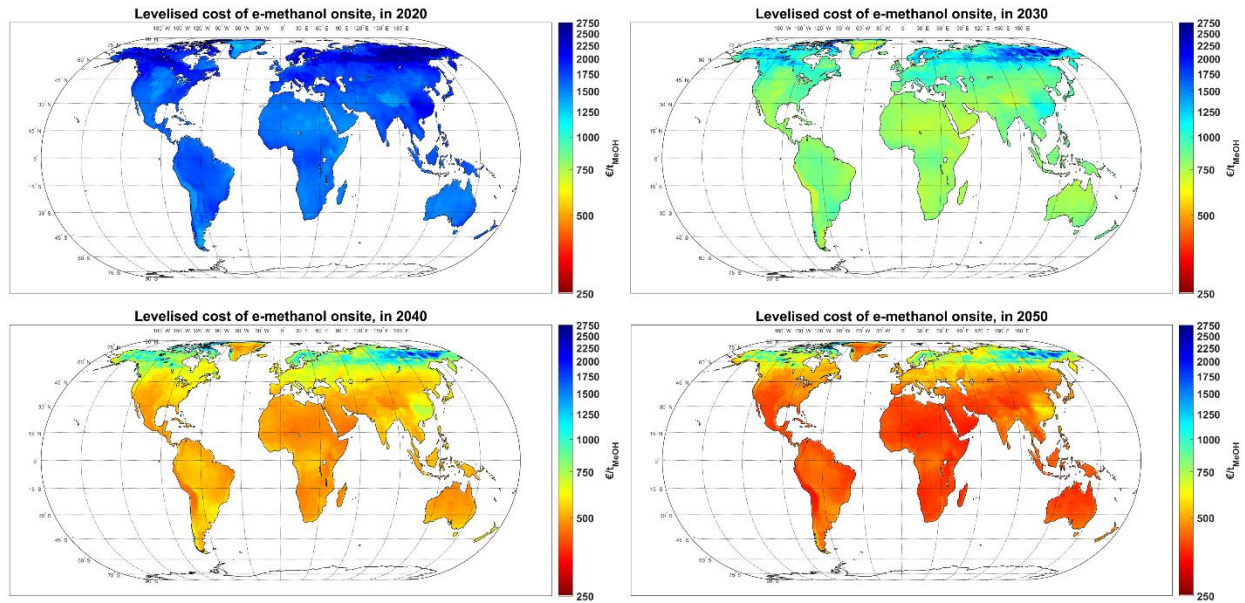


Fig. S17. Levelised cost of e-methanol *Onsite* in 2020 (top, left), 2030 (top, right), 2040 (bottom, left) and 2050 (bottom, right) for the *High-Cost Scenario*.

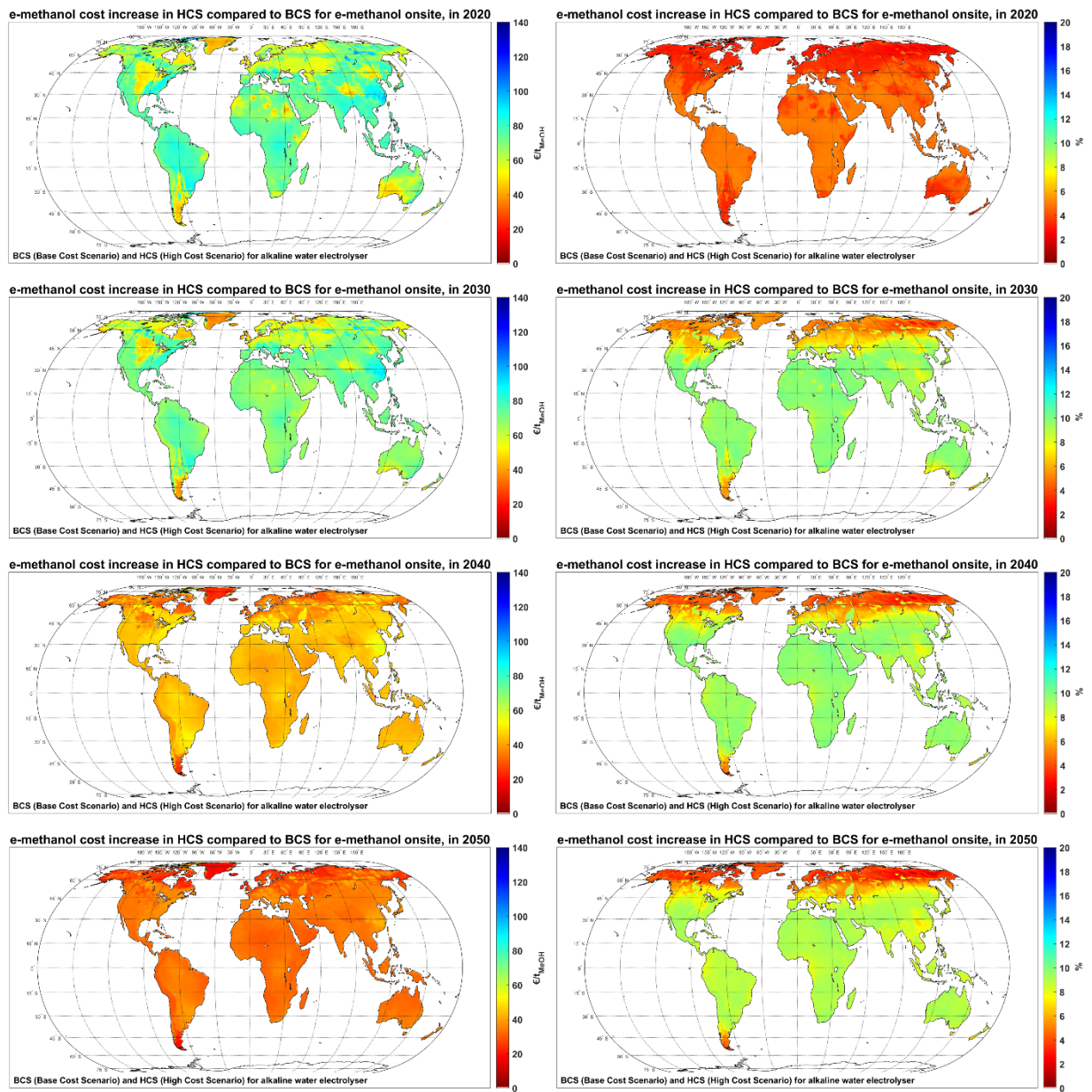


Fig. S18. Impact of the High-Cost Scenario for electrolyser capex and fixed opex on the levelised cost of e-methanol *Onsite* in 2020-2050.

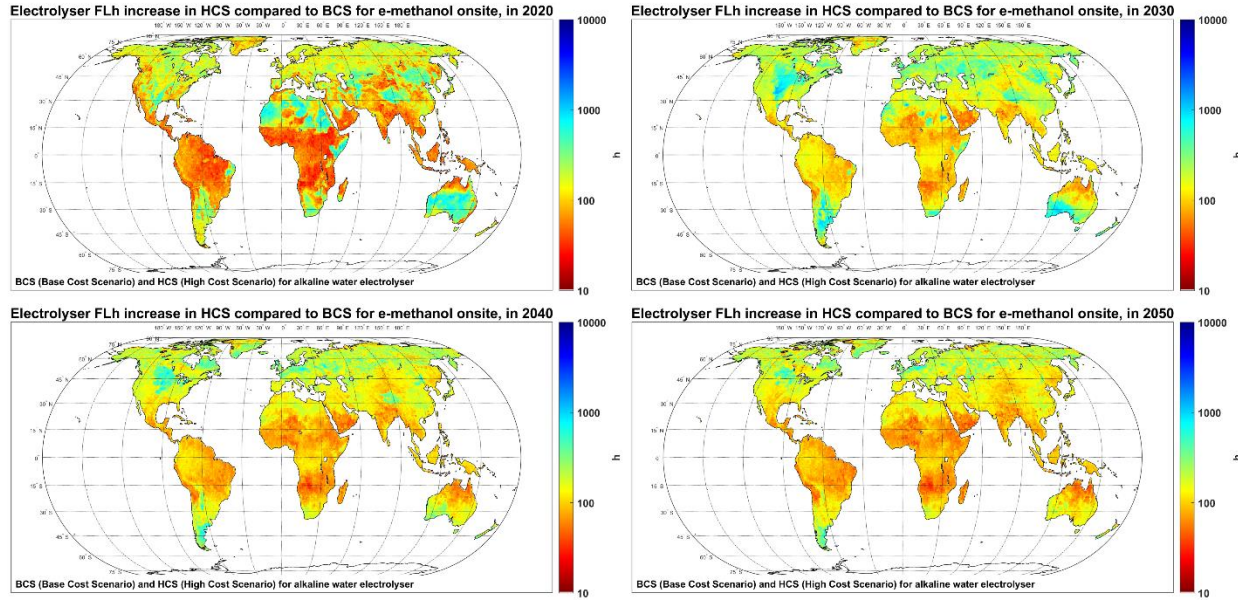


Fig. S19. Electrolyser FLh increase in the *High-Cost Scenario* compared to the *Base Cost Scenario* for 2020-2050.

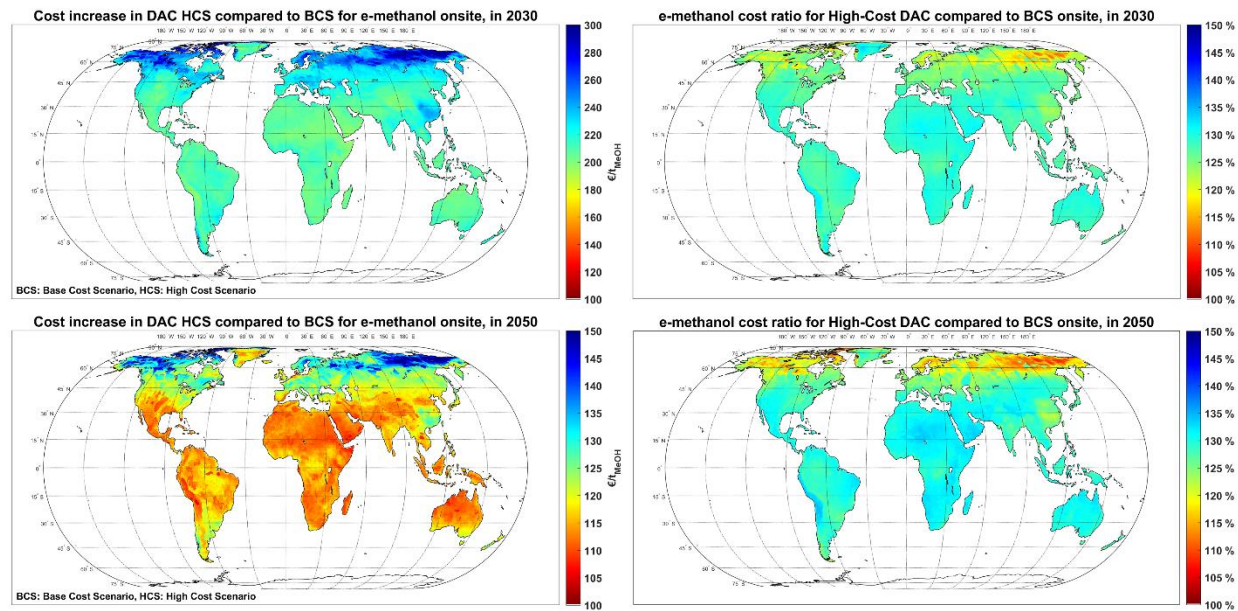


Fig. S20. Impact of the High-Cost Scenario for DAC capex and fixed opex, and energy demand on the levelised cost of e-methanol *Onsite* in 2030 (tops) and 2050 (bottom).

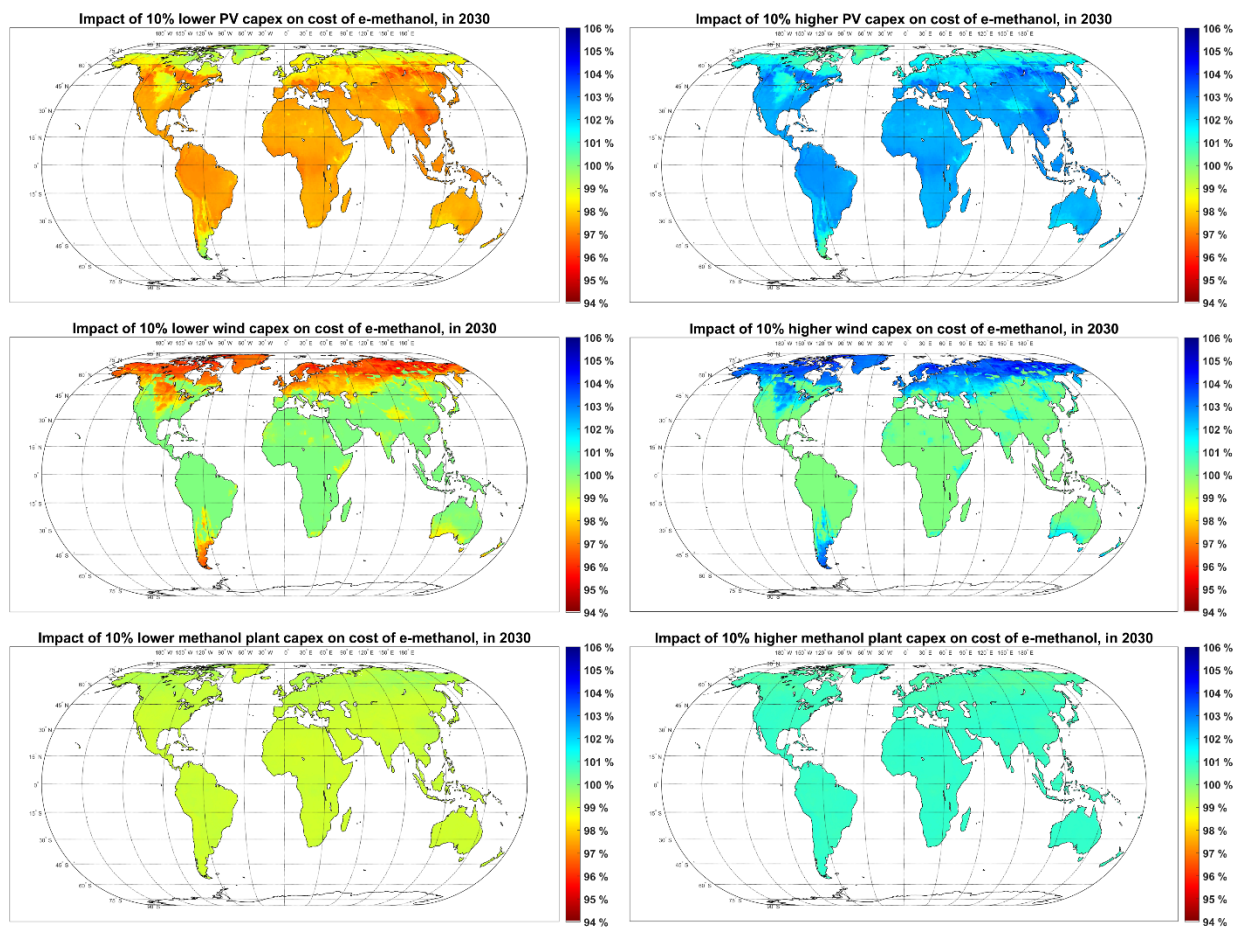


Fig. S21. Impact of 10% change in the capex and fixed opex of solar PV (top), wind power (centre) and methanol plants (bottom) on levelised cost of e-methanol *Onsite* in 2030.

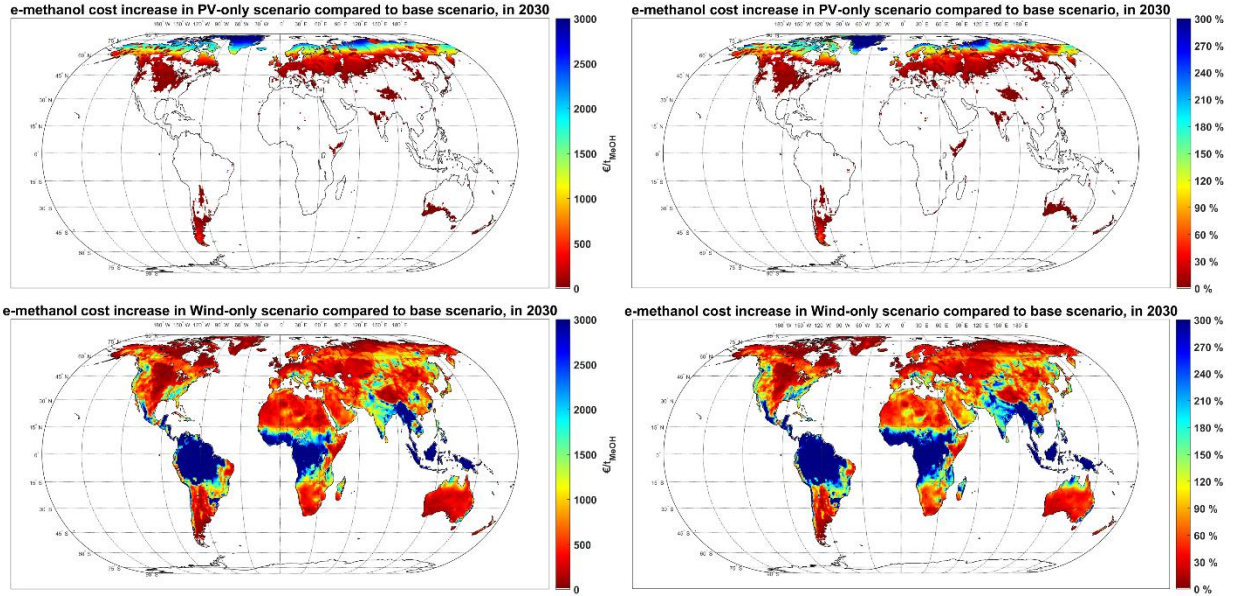


Fig. S22. Impact of PV-only (top) and wind-only (bottom) power scenarios on the levelised cost of e-methanol compared to the optimised hybrid PV-wind system in 2030.

S7. Cost projection of alkaline water electrolyser

Capex of a cluster of alkaline water electrolysers in 2020:

- 28 MW_p (17.5 MW_{H₂,LHV}) at 5 bara: 638 €/kW_p (confidential quote from a European supplier)
- 28 MW_p (17.5 MW_{H₂,LHV}) at 30 bara: 732 €/kW_p (including cost of H₂ compressor)
- 250 MW_p (156.3 MW_{H₂,LHV}) at 30 bara: 600 €/kW_p (based on scaling factors for electrolyser and H₂ compressor)

The cost development of alkaline water electrolysers, in Table S1, has been evaluated based on an assumed learning rate⁹⁻¹² and an S-curve deployment of operational capacity of water and chlor-alkali electrolysers for a supply of 50% of required hydrogen for e-fuels¹³ and e-chemicals¹⁴ in a 100% renewable energy system by 2050.

Table S1. Capex development of alkaline water electrolyser.

		2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050
Water and chlor-alkali electrolysers								
Operational capacity	GW _{el}	30	124	499	1 558	3 658	6 668	9 980
Newly installed capacity	GW _{el}	6.6	93	375	1 060	2 099	3 011	3 319
Cumulative installed capacity	GW _{el}	52	145	520	1 580	3 679	6 689	10 008
Water electrolysers - 250 MW _p at 30 bara								
Learning rate	%	18	18	17	17	16	16	15
Capex	€/kW _{el}	600	446	316	234	189	163	148

S8. Energy and cost projection of solid sorbent Direct Air Capture

The current and projected electrical and thermal energy demand of low temperature solid sorbent DAC technologies varies significantly in the literature, as shown in Table S2. The list includes data published over time by Climeworks (the only company with commercial scale solid sorbent DAC plants), recent academic literature, and a potential range of energetic demands by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine.

Table S2. Energy demand of solid sorbent DAC plants in the literature.

	electricity demand	heat demand	Comment
	kWh _{el} /tCO ₂	kWh _{th} /tCO ₂	
Climeworks factsheet (2018) ¹⁵	700	2200	including electricity demand for carbon storage process
Beuttler et al. (2019) ¹⁶	400	1600	long-term projections by Climeworks for DACCS
Climeworks website FAQ (2021) ¹⁷	650	2000	accessible via https://archive.org/web/
Deutz and Bardow (2021) ¹⁸	700	3300	based on Climeworks' Artic Fox unit in Iceland
	500	1500	future target values
Climeworks (2023) ¹⁹	direct number not available	not available	Climeworks' next generation technology is expected to halve the energy demand compared to the Orca plant
National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (2019) ²⁰	22	514	best scenario – a scenario that may be unachievable
	156	944	low scenario
	315	1333	high scenario
Sabatino et al. (2021) ²¹	80–160	1000–2500	based on several sorbents and different isotopes of CO ₂ and water (excluding outlying data)
Sendi et al. (2022) ²²	250	1930	CO ₂ capture at 20 °C and 50% relative humidity, and CO ₂ compression to 150 bar
	160	1930	excluding approximate electricity demand for CO ₂ compression to 150 bar
Wiegner et al. (2022) ²³	329–347	1704–1820	CO ₂ capture at 20 °C and 75% relative humidity (excluding outlying data)

Reliable data on investment cost of solid sorbent DAC plants based on actual plants is scarce. In this study, the current and near future energy demand and capex of low-temperature solid sorbent DAC are based on Climeworks' current and next generation plants (Table S3). With 4000 tCO₂ per year capacity, the Orca plant in Iceland is Climeworks' largest solid sorbent DAC plant operational since 2021. The capex of the Orca plant for carbon capture and sequestration is reported at 10–15 mUSD²⁴. We consider an average of 12.5 mUSD for carbon capture only (excluding the sequestration process) with a long-term USD/€ exchange rate of 1.2. So far, the average energy

consumption of the Orca plant has not been disclosed. However, it has been mentioned that the Orca plant has not been optimised for energy efficiency. Thus, we estimate its electricity demand to be same as earlier plants at 700 kWh/t_{CO2}, and its heat demand at 3000 kWh_{th}/t_{CO2}, considering some improvements compared to the heat demand of the Artic Fox DAC unit. Climeworks next project (Mammoth) is based on the same technology as the Orca plant and is expected to become operational in 2024. Regardless of 9 times larger capacity compared to Orca, Climeworks expects similar capex for the Mammoth plant. This is because addressing the problems identified during the operation of the Orca plant increases the capex of the Mammoth plant that offsets the benefit of the economy of scale. In the Direct Air Capture Summit 2023¹⁹, Climeworks revealed that their next project after Mammoth would be based on their next generation technology and about 10 times larger. The next generation technology is reported to have two times higher output density, leading to a scaling factor of 0.7 for a 10 times larger plant compared to the Mammoth plant. The next generation technology is also reported to reduce the energy demand by 50% compared to the Orca and Mammoth plants¹⁹. Since Climeworks has not distinguished the electrical and thermal efficiency gains, we consider the same reduction rate for both. Nevertheless, both electrical and thermal energy demand remain within the feasible range in the literature.

Table S3. Specifications of Climeworks' current and near future DAC plants.

Project name	Unit	Orca	Mammoth	Next generation technology	comment
Year		2021	2024	~2027	
Capacity	kt _{CO2} /a	4	36	360	
Full load hours	h	8000	8000	8000	self-assumption
Capital cost	M€	10.4	93.7	564	
Capex	€/t _{CO2} ·a	2378	2378	1192	
	€/kg _{CO2} ·h	20,833	20,833	10,441	
Electricity demand	kWh _{el} /t _{CO2}	700	700	350	self-estimation
LT heat demand	kWh _{th} /t _{CO2}	3000	3000	1500	self-estimation

According to the International Energy Agency (IEA), a total of 1.85 Mt_{CO2}/a of solid sorbent DAC projects are already at different stages for deployment by 2027²⁵. We then consider a S-curve development of the operational capacity of solid sorbent DAC to 2.5 Gt_{CO2}/a by 2050 (Table S4), well below estimations for required DAC capacity by mid-century²⁶. The capex and energy demand of DAC in 2028–2050 are then calculated based on the cumulative installed capacity of

DAC at each time-step and the respective learning rates. A capex learning rate of 10–18% and an energy consumption learning rate of up to 10% are often considered for modular low-temperature solid sorbent DAC plants^{19,27}. In this study, a learning rate of 12% and 4% are considered for capex and energy demand of low-temperature DAC, respectively. As such, the projected electricity and heat demand of DAC plants in 2050 (Table S4) remain well above the “low scenario” by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine provided in the Table S2. Young et al.²⁷ report on a sorbent cost of 37 USD/t_{CO2} and a learning rate of 10–18% learning rate. A learning rate of 10% for the sorbent is used in this study.

Table S4. Projected long-term specifications of DAC plants.

	Unit	2020/21	2024/25	2027	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050
Cumulative capacity	Mt _{CO2} /a	-	-	1.85	15	110	550	1375	2500
Unit capacity	kt _{CO2} /a	4	36	360	360	360	360	360	360
Capex	€/t _{CO2} ·a	2378	2378	1192	810	561	417	352	315
	€/kg _{CO2} ·h	20,833	20,833	10,441	7096	4914	3653	3084	2759
Electricity demand	kWh _{el} /t _{CO2}	700	700	350	309	275	250	237	229
LT heat demand	kWh _{th} /t _{CO2}	3000	3000	1500	1326	1179	1072	1016	981
Sorbent cost	€/t _{CO2}	31	31	25.4	18.5	13.7	10.7	9.3	8.5

S9. Detailed installed capacities and annual flows of all components in 7 sample locations.

Table S5. Location of seven sample sites for e-methanol plants.

Abbreviation	CHL-PAT	AUS	US-CA	CHL-ATA	DEU	FIN	OMN
Location	Chile - Patagonia	Australia	US - California	Chile - Atacama	Germany	Finland	Oman
[Lat, Lon]	[-52.65, -72.45]	[-18.9, 123.75]	[35.1, -117]	[-23.85, -69.3]	[54, 12.6]	[63.45, 22.5]	[22.05, 58.95]

Table S6. Installed capacities of Power-to-Methanol plants for a 1 Mt/a methanol supply in 2030.

Item	Unit	CHL-PAT	AUS	US-CA	CHL-ATA	DEU	FIN	OMN
PV fixed tilted	MW	17.6	0.0	7 393.6	2 390.6	3 339.2	509.1	660.0
PV single-axis tracking	MW	0.0	6 041.0	0.0	3 458.0	369.7	3 301.1	5 886.2
Wind PP	MW	2 346.1	0.0	127.5	0.0	2 443.2	2 688.6	0.0
H ₂ -CCGT	MW	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
H ₂ -OCGT	MW	19.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	16.0	0.0	0.0
Battery interface	MW	0.0	343.5	278.0	321.9	53.8	68.3	374.4
Battery storage	MWh	0.1	1 731.9	1 024.1	1 384.8	231.5	279.9	1 517.2
Electrolyser	MW _{H₂,HHV}	1 454.0	2 536.5	2 674.6	2 386.7	1 705.7	1 764.8	2 402.1
H ₂ compressor	MW _{H₂,HHV}	456.9	1 632.2	1 739.4	1 411.6	786.1	766.2	1 435.0
H ₂ salt cavern	MWh _{H₂,HHV}	0.0	391 720.6	0.0	0.0	391 456.8	0.0	0.0
H ₂ rock cavern	MWh _{H₂,HHV}	178 597.6	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
H ₂ underground pipe	MWh _{H₂,HHV}	1 227.0	0.1	15 268.8	13 581.1	0.1	65 858.4	13 776.4
DAC	t _{CO₂} /h	203.0	184.3	210.6	203.0	188.1	200.0	197.7
CO ₂ compressor	t _{CO₂} /h	7.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CO ₂ liquefaction	t _{CO₂} /h	4.4	0.0	3.2	0.0	0.6	12.0	0.5
CO ₂ (g) storage	t _{CO₂}	131.4	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
CO ₂ (l) storage	t _{CO₃}	2 115.2	0.2	2 977.6	1.3	872.5	7 520.5	475.7
Heat pump	MW _{th}	260.9	212.7	155.8	155.4	247.1	262.1	187.5
Electric water boiler	MW _{th}	136.3	179.3	568.9	398.0	243.5	173.9	308.1
LT (78°C) heat storage	MWh _{th}	2 769.4	2 639.9	1 724.0	1 940.3	3 133.8	3 369.7	2 325.5
HT (100°C) heat storage	MWh _{th}	912.8	1 039.3	3 153.1	2 031.3	1 672.1	1 404.0	1 658.1
Methanol plant	t _{MeOH} /h	139.2	126.3	145.6	139.0	128.4	139.8	135.6
MeOH storage	t _{MeOH}	39 592.2	5 941.9	71 040.9	50 569.0	12 297.7	35 844.0	40 357.3

Table S7. Annual flows of Power-to-Methanol plants for a 1 Mt/a methanol supply in 2030.

Item	Unit	CHL-PAT	AUS	US-CA	CHL-ATA	DEU	FIN	OMN
PV fixed tilted	GWh	12.2	0.0	12866.2	4816.1	3230.0	499.1	1116.3
PV single-axis tracking	GWh	0.0	12386.0	0.0	8146.3	384.7	3659.9	11750.4
Wind PP	GWh	11886.0	0.0	331.2	0.0	8482.4	8756.1	0.0
H ₂ -CCGT	GWh	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
H ₂ -OCGT	GWh	4.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.6	0.0	0.0
Battery interface	GWh _{in}	0.0	632.2	326.9	505.1	44.1	43.7	553.9
Battery storage	GWh _{out}	0.0	588.0	304.0	469.7	41.0	40.6	515.1
Curtailed electricity	GWh	34.4	489.5	797.8	576.1	356.1	1015.5	731.9
Electrolyser	GWh _{H₂,HHV}	7854.8	7843.0	7843.0	7843.0	7852.3	7843.0	7843.0
Replaced stack	GWh _{H₂,HHV}	3202.1	0.0	0.0	205.6	2394.1	2195.6	156.2
H ₂ compressor	GWh _{H₂,HHV}	1659.1	4509.2	4177.0	4233.9	2270.8	2191.0	4281.9
H ₂ salt cavern	GWh _{H₂,HHV}	0.0	4509.2	0.0	0.0	2270.8	0.0	0.0
H ₂ rock cavern	GWh _{H₂,HHV}	1547.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
H ₂ underground pipe	GWh _{H₂,HHV}	111.6	0.1	4177.0	4233.9	0.0	2191.0	4281.9
DAC	kt _{CO₂}	1460.0	1460.0	1460.0	1460.0	1460.0	1460.0	1460.0
CO ₂ compressor	kt _{CO₂}	10.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CO ₂ liquefaction	kt _{CO₂}	19.2	0.0	12.6	0.0	5.2	34.9	2.6
CO ₂ (g) storage	kt _{CO₂}	10.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CO ₂ (l) storage	kt _{CO₂}	19.2	0.0	12.6	0.0	5.2	34.9	2.6
Heat pump	GWh _{th}	1467.0	1566.1	844.2	876.1	1658.5	1429.4	1226.3
Electric water boiler	GWh _{th}	470.6	375.5	1105.2	1071.2	282.2	509.8	718.1
LT (78°C) heat storage	GWh _{th,in}	1069.9	1142.0	615.7	639.0	1209.5	1042.6	894.3
HT (100°C) heat storage	GWh _{th,in}	75.8	269.0	636.1	542.4	223.6	148.5	404.2
Methanol plant	kt _{MeOH}	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0
Methanol storage	kt _{MeOH}	74.4	8.3	87.0	63.4	22.8	68.8	52.1

Lifetime	year	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	33
Cycle eff.	%	91	92	93	94	95	95	95	34
Self-discharge	%/h	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Battery interface (inverter, etc)									
Capacity	MW	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	29
Capex	€/kW	117	76	55	44	37	33	30	29
Opex _{fix}	€/kW	1.64	1.29	1.10	1.01	0.93	0.86	0.84	29
Opex _{var}	€/kWh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Lifetime	year	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	33
Combined cycle gas turbine									
Capacity	MW		580	580	580	580	580	580	35
Capex (conventional)	€/kW		775	775	775	775	775	775	35
Capex (H ₂ -fuelled)	€/kW		852.5	852.5	852.5	852.5	852.5	852.5	10% higher
Opex _{fix}	% of capex p.a.		2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	35
Opex _{var}	€/kWh		0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	35
Lifetime	year		35	35	35	35	35	35	36
Efficiency	% - LHV		61.2	61.2	62.3	63.3	63.3	63.3	35
Efficiency	% - HHV		52.2	52.2	53.1	54.0	54.0	54.0	
Open cycle gas turbine									
Capacity	MW		250	250	250	250	250	250	35
Capex (conventional)	€/kW		475	475	475	475	475	475	35
Capex (H ₂ -fuelled)	€/kW		522.5	522.5	522.5	522.5	522.5	522.5	10% higher
Opex _{fix}	% of capex p.a.		3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	35
Opex _{var}	€/kWh		0.011	0.011	0.011	0.011	0.011	0.011	35
Lifetime	year		35	35	35	35	35	35	36
Efficiency	% - LHV		43.8	45.4	45.9	46.5	47.0	47.5	
Efficiency	% - HHV		37.4	38.7	39.2	39.6	40.1	40.5	35
Alkaline water electrolyser									37–39 and LR
Capacity	MW	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	
Capex (BCS)	€/kW _{el}	600	446	316	234	189	163	148	
	€/kW _{H₂,HHV}	818	597	415	301	239	202	180	
Capex (HCS)	€/kW _{el}	792	659	495	373	303	261	238	
	€/kW _{H₂,HHV}	1080	882	649	480	383	324	290	
Opex _{fix}	% of capex p.a.	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	
Opex _{var} – excl. stack replacement cost	€/kWh _{H₂,HHV}	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	0.0002	
Opex _{var} – stack replacement cost (BCS)	€/kWh _{H₂,HHV}	0.0019	0.0014	0.0011	0.0009	0.0009	0.0009	0.0009	

Table S9. Technical specifications of applied storage technologies.

Storage	Energy to Power Ratio - charge	Energy to Power Ratio - discharge	maximum hourly charge	maximum hourly discharge	Cycle eff.	Charging eff.	Discharging eff.	Self-discharge
	h	h	%/h	%/h	%	%	%	%/hour
Battery 2020	1	1	100.00%	100.00%	91%	95.4%	95.4%	0.000%
Battery 2030	1	1	100.00%	100.00%	93%	96.4%	96.4%	0.000%
Battery 2040	1	1	100.00%	100.00%	95%	97.5%	97.5%	0.000%
Battery 2050	1	1	100.00%	100.00%	95%	97.5%	97.5%	0.000%
H ₂ salt cavern	240	240	0.42%	0.42%	100%	100.0%	100.0%	0.000%
H ₂ rock cavern	240	240	0.42%	0.42%	100%	100.0%	100.0%	0.000%
H ₂ underground pipe	6	6	16.67%	16.67%	100%	100.0%	100.0%	0.000%
CO ₂ gaseous storage	6	6	16.67%	16.67%	100%	100.0%	100.0%	0.000%
CO ₂ liquid storage	6	6	16.67%	16.67%	100%	100.0%	100.0%	0.000%
LT heat storage (warm water)	7	7	14.29%	14.29%	98%	99.0%	99.0%	0.005%
HT heat storage (hot water)	7	7	14.29%	14.29%	98%	99.0%	99.0%	0.005%
MeOH Storage	168	168	0.60%	0.60%	100%	100.0%	100.0%	0.000%

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