

# Climate Change and Hydropower in Africa

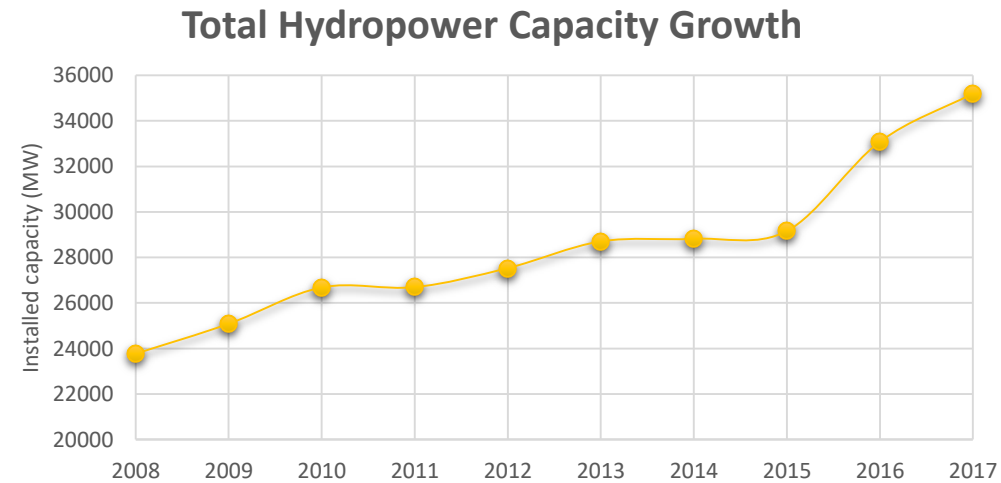
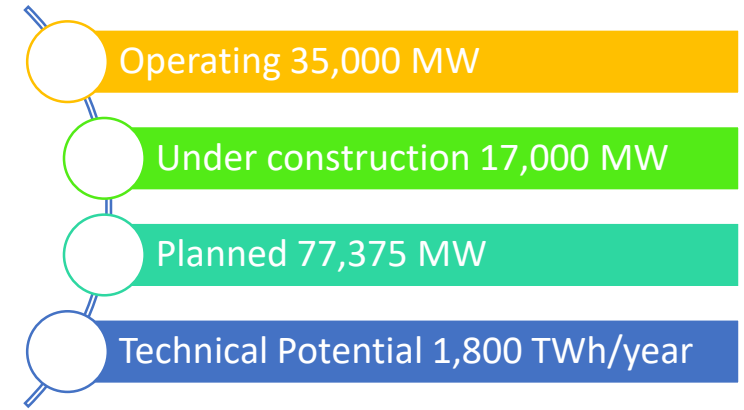
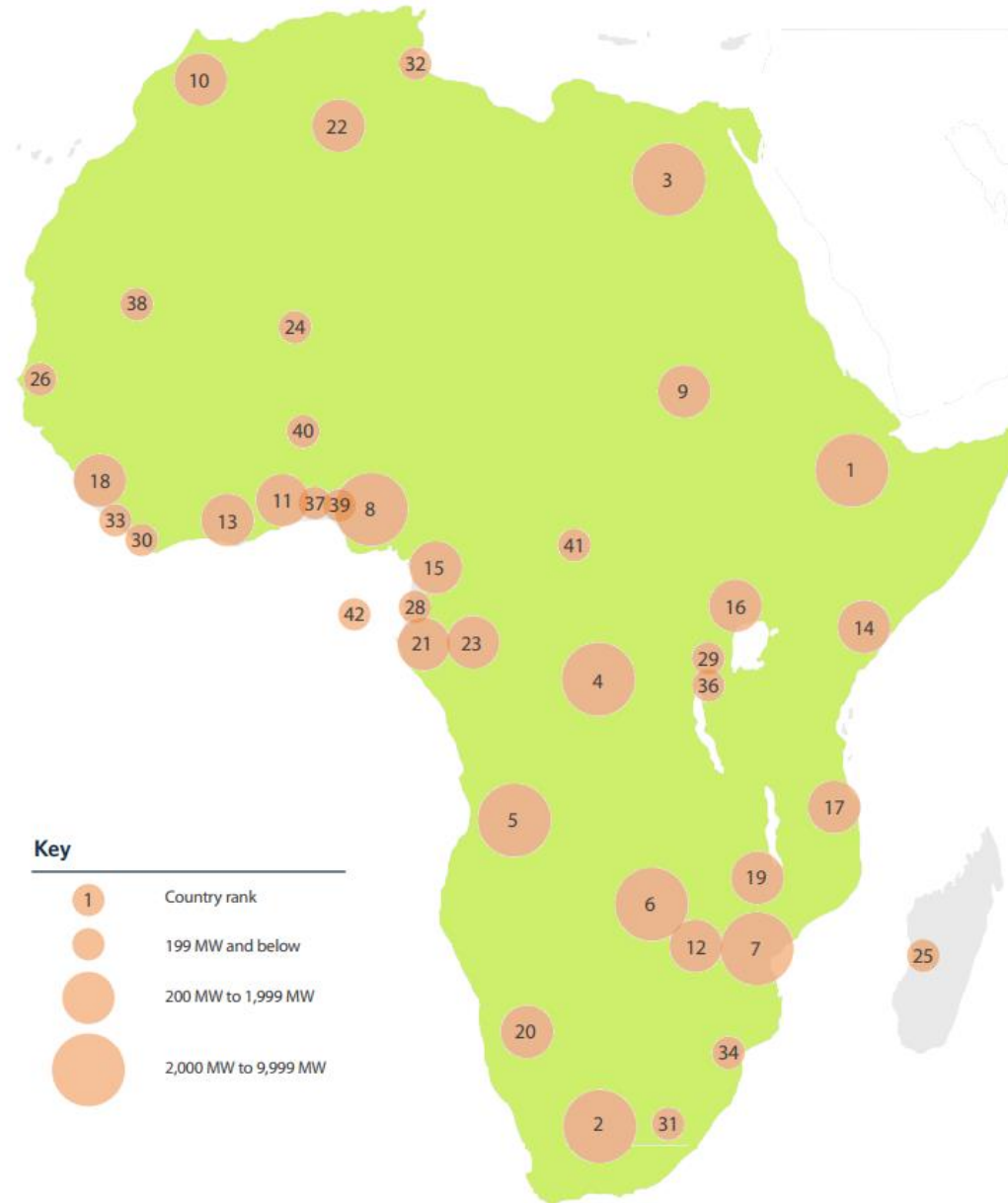
Impacts , Mitigation and Adaptation

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# Hydropower resource in Africa



# Hydropower and Climate Change

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- Impacts on precipitation & temperature
  - > Change in hydrology
  - > Change in Hydropower Generation
- Expected to play an increasing role in climate change adaptation
  - Hydropower :A renewable energy source
  - Climate adaptation services: Offer flood management and drought protection
  - Clean Battery: Energy storage and dynamic capacity to balance grids

# Impact assessment

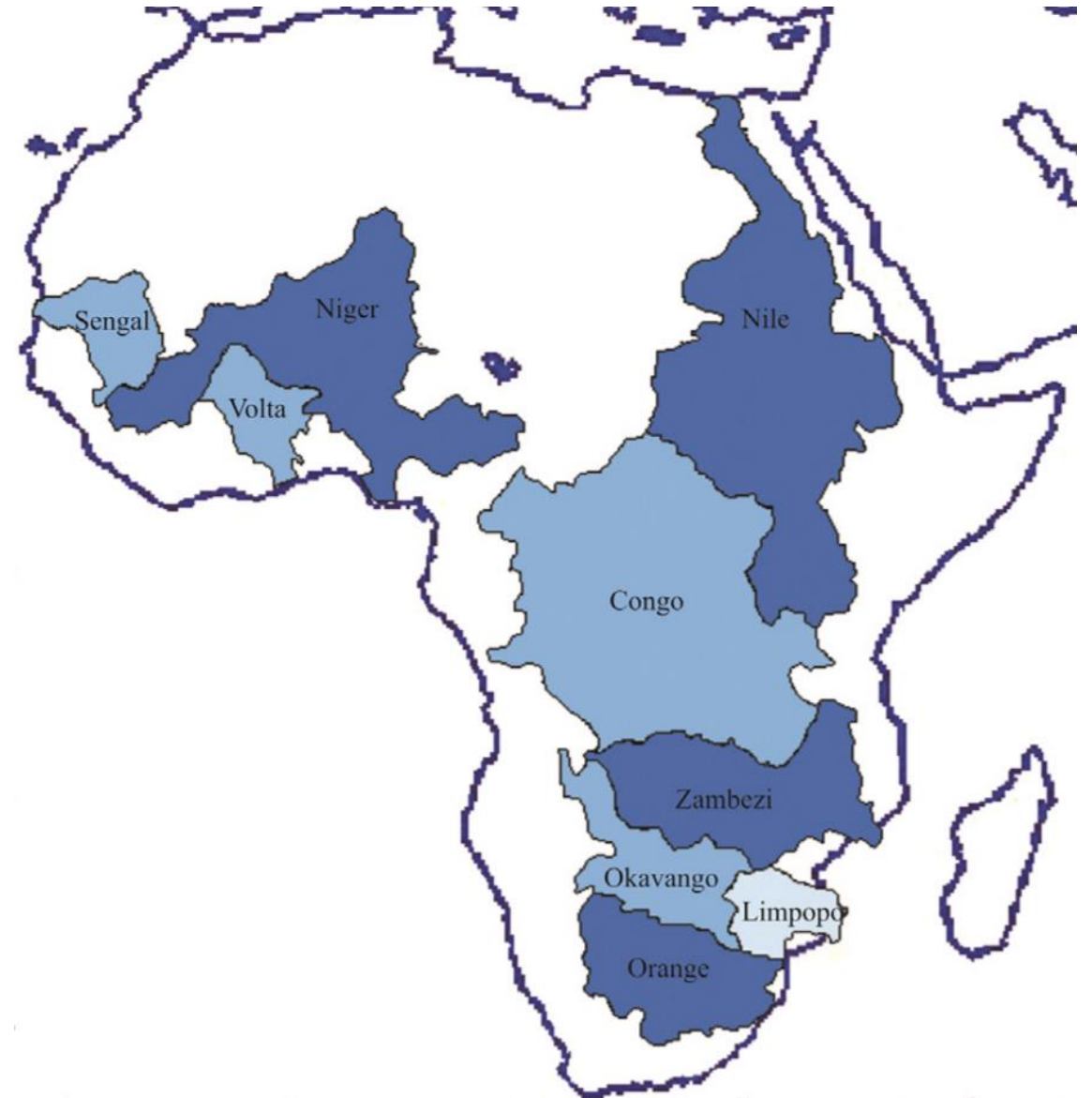
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## Water Models

- Hydrologic model
- Crop Model
- Water resources systems model

## Hybrid Frequency distribution (HFDs) (Schlosser et al. 2011)

- Two emission scenarios
  - Unconstrained emission (UCE)
  - Level 1 Stabilization (L1S)

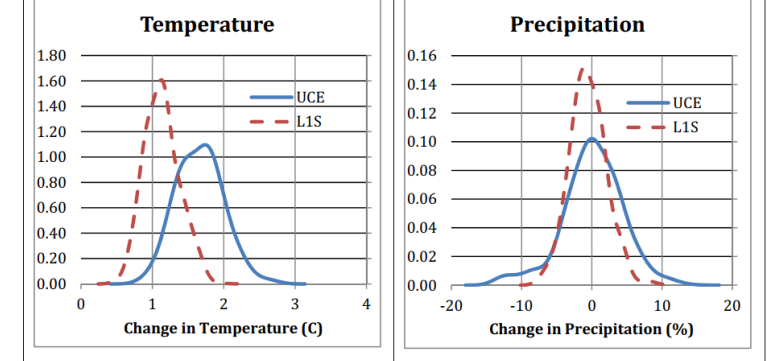


# Climate Change impacts on Hydropower : Zambezi

Botswana  
 Malawi  
 Namibia  
 Mozambique  
 Tanzania  
 Zambia  
 Zimbabwe

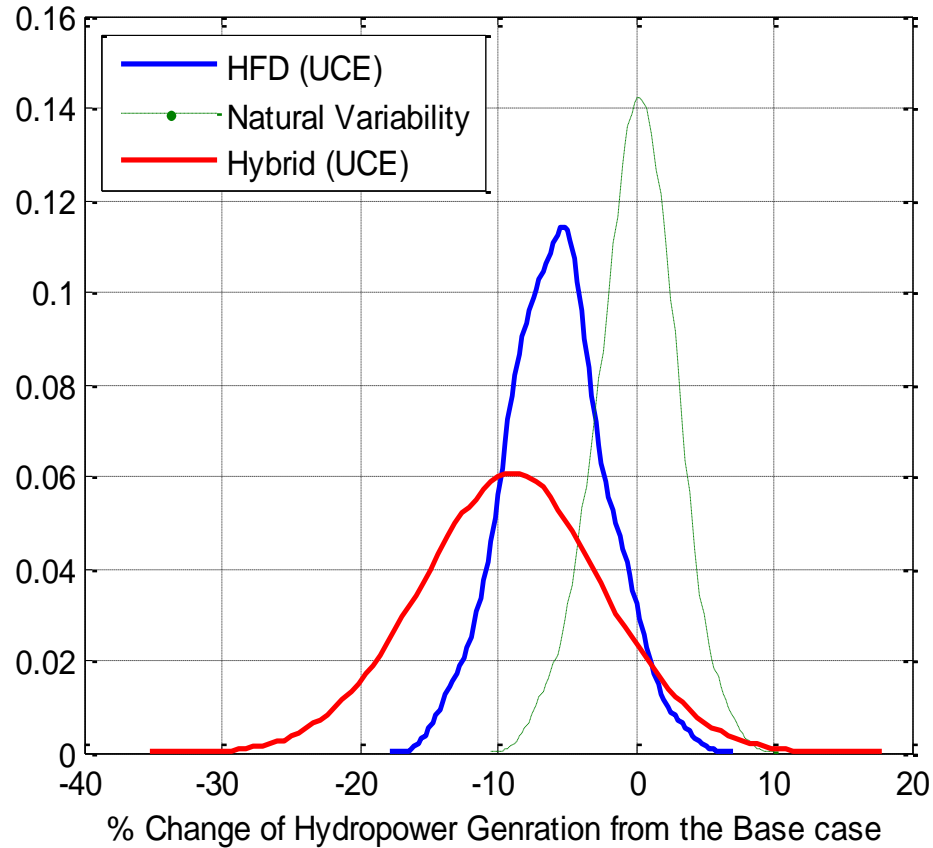


[10 <sup>th</sup> ] 50 <sup>th</sup> [90 <sup>th</sup> ]	Temperature (C)			Precipitation		
	Base	UCE	L1S	Base (mm)	UCE (%)	L1S (%)
Malawi	21.9	[1.26] 1.64 [2.05]	[0.90] 1.16 [1.52]	1180	[-2.8] 2.5 [8.7]	[-2.8] 1.1 [5.1]
Mozambique	23.8	[1.21] 1.58 [1.99]	[0.86] 1.13 [1.49]	1030	[-6.0] -1.5 [3.8]	[-4.2] -1.4 [2.5]
Zambia	21.4	[1.33] 1.74 [2.16]	[0.84] 1.11 [1.45]	1020	[-3.0] 2.0 [8.3]	[-2.9] 0.5 [4.0]
Zimbabwe	21.0	[1.25] 1.68 [2.12]	[0.80] 1.09 [1.43]	692	[-11.6] -2.6 [5.4]	[-7.1] -3.0 [2.2]

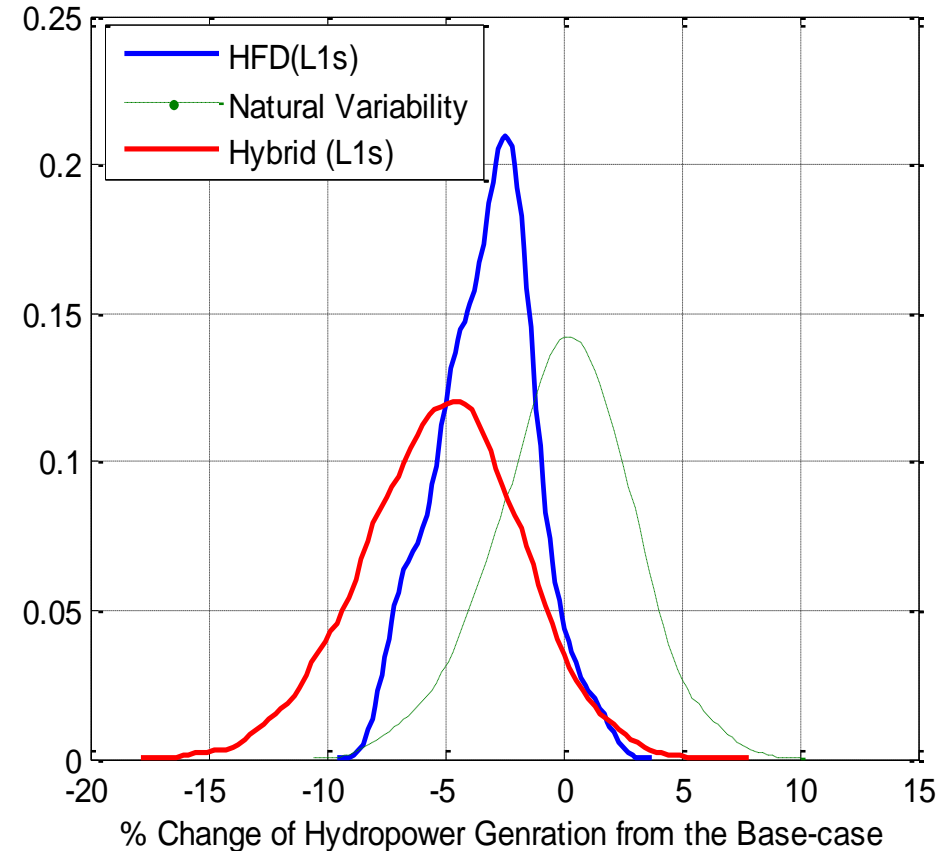


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Comparison of Energy generation average for the period of 2045-2050s



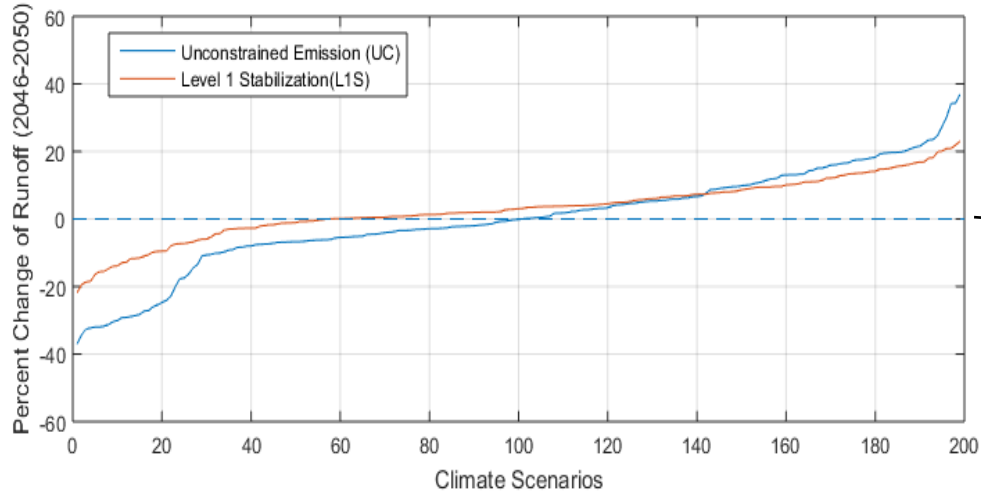
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no policy action is taken to limit greenhouse



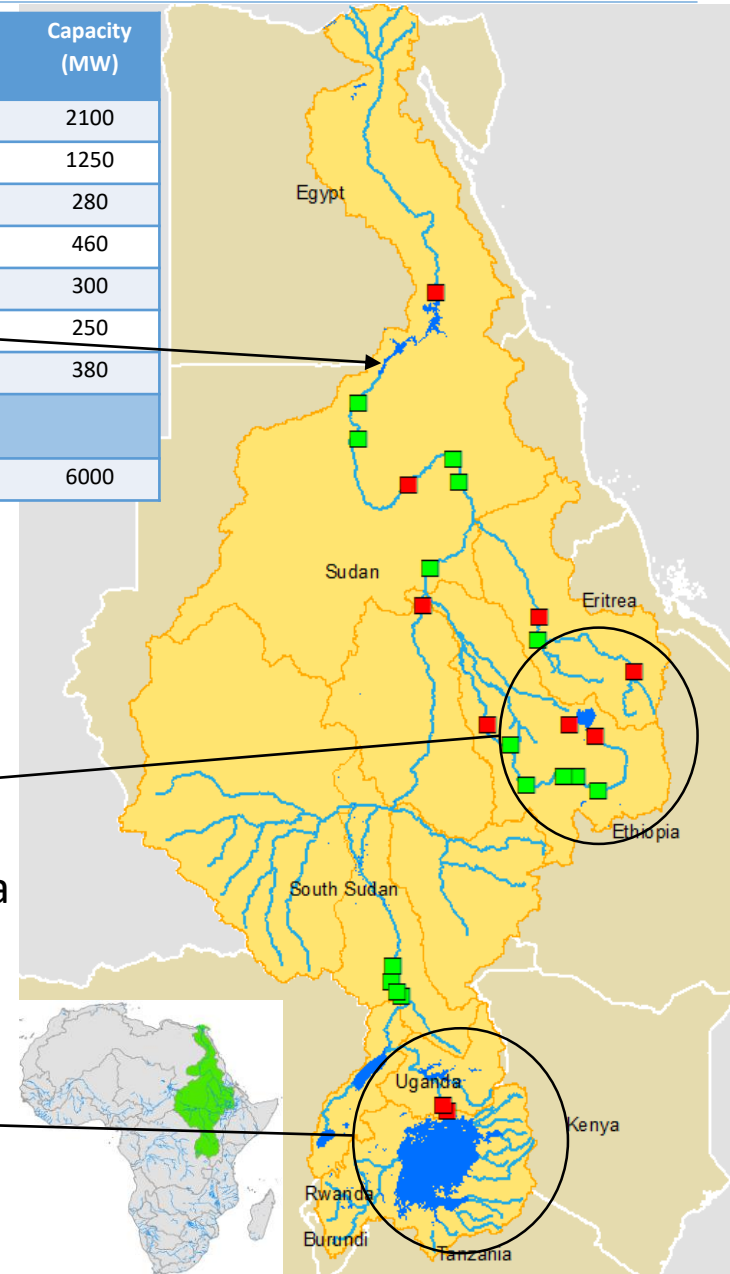
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# Climate Change impacts on Hydropower : Nile

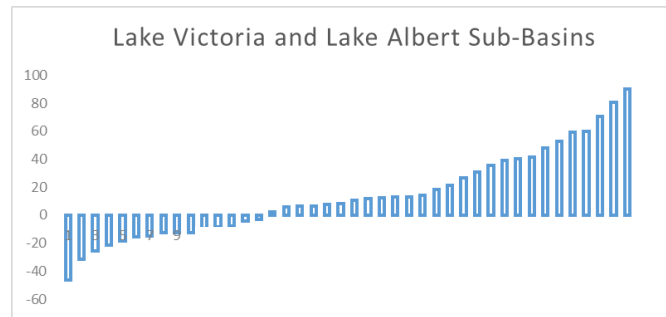
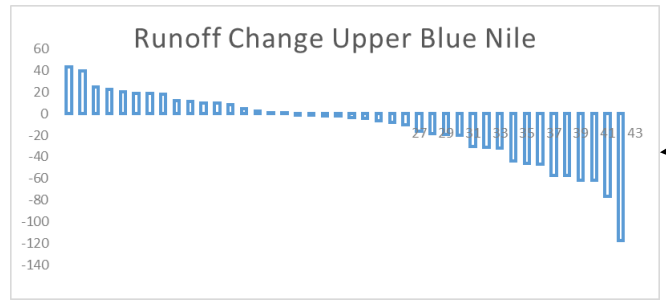
Change in Runoff across Climate scenarios for main Nile flow at Aswan



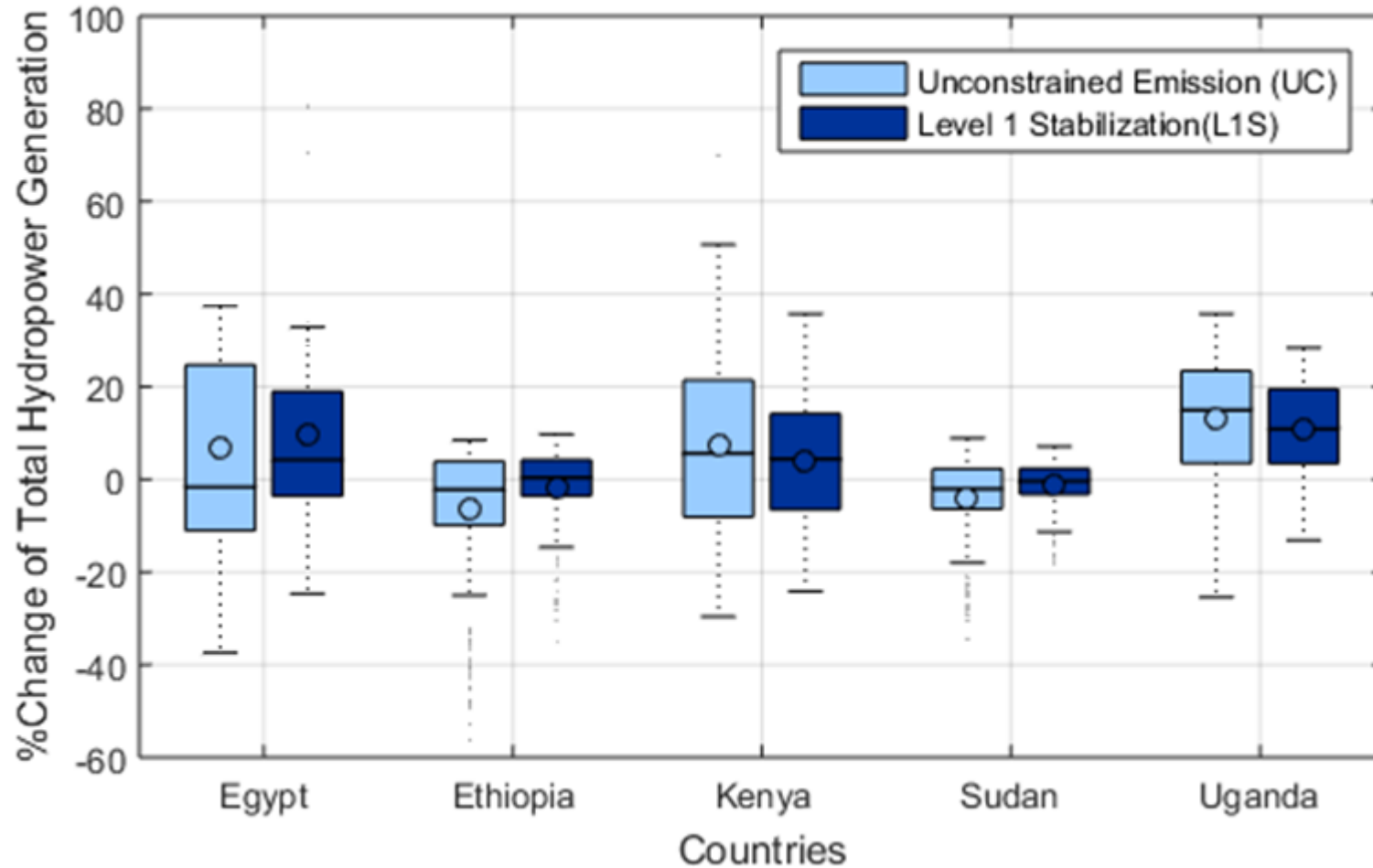
Major existing HP	Capacity (MW)
Aswan Dam	2100
Merowe	1250
Roseires	280
Tana Beles	460
Tekeze	300
Bujagali	250
Nalubaale	380
Under Construction	
GERD	6000



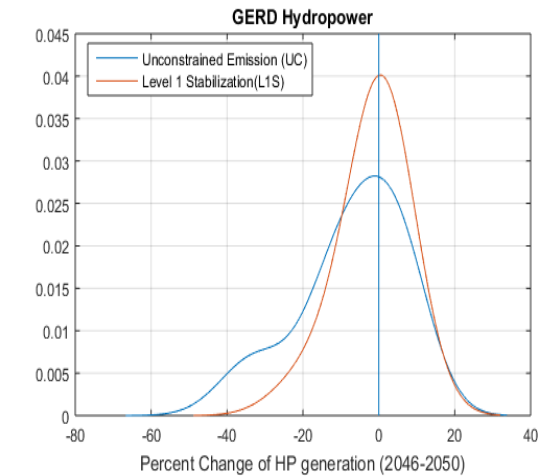
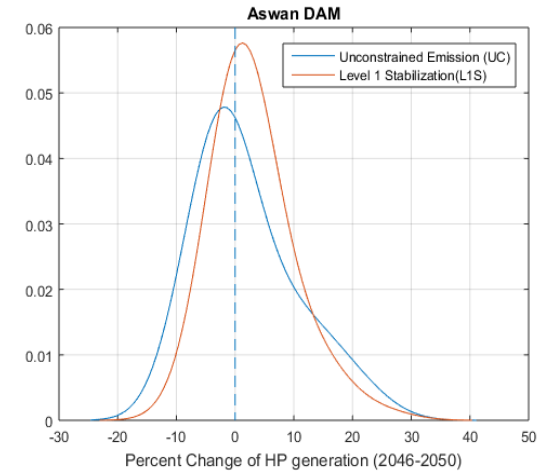
Burundi  
Egypt  
Eritrea  
Ethiopia  
Kenya  
Rwanda  
Tanzania  
Sudan  
Uganda



# Climate Change impacts on Hydropower : Nile



Percent change of Hydropower generation from reference case average over the years 2045-2050 for unconstrained emission (UC) and level 1 stabilization (L1S) climate change scenarios.





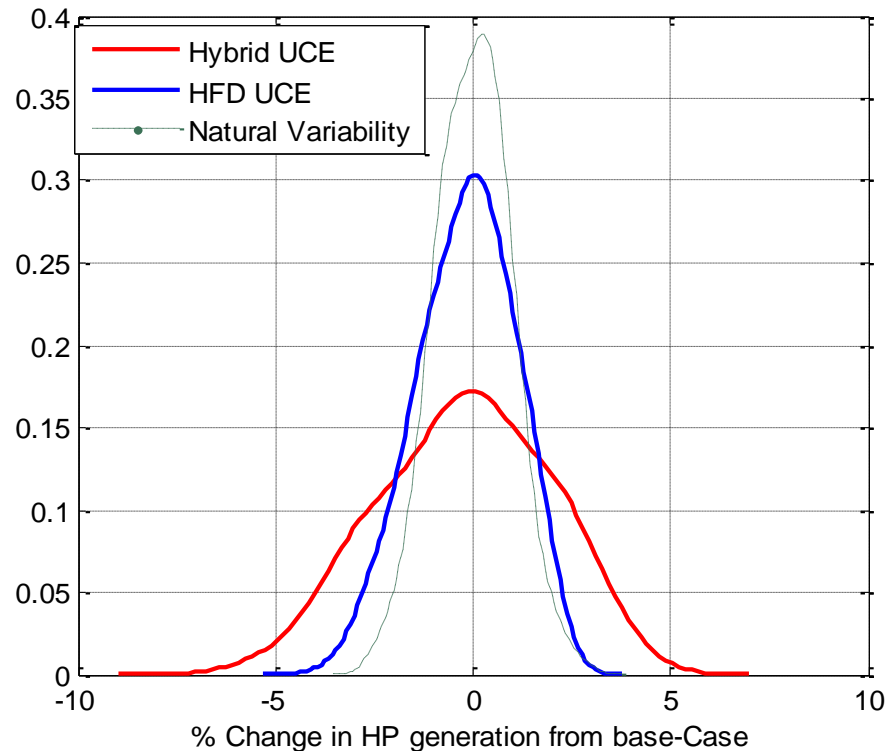
# Climate Change impacts on Hydropower : Congo



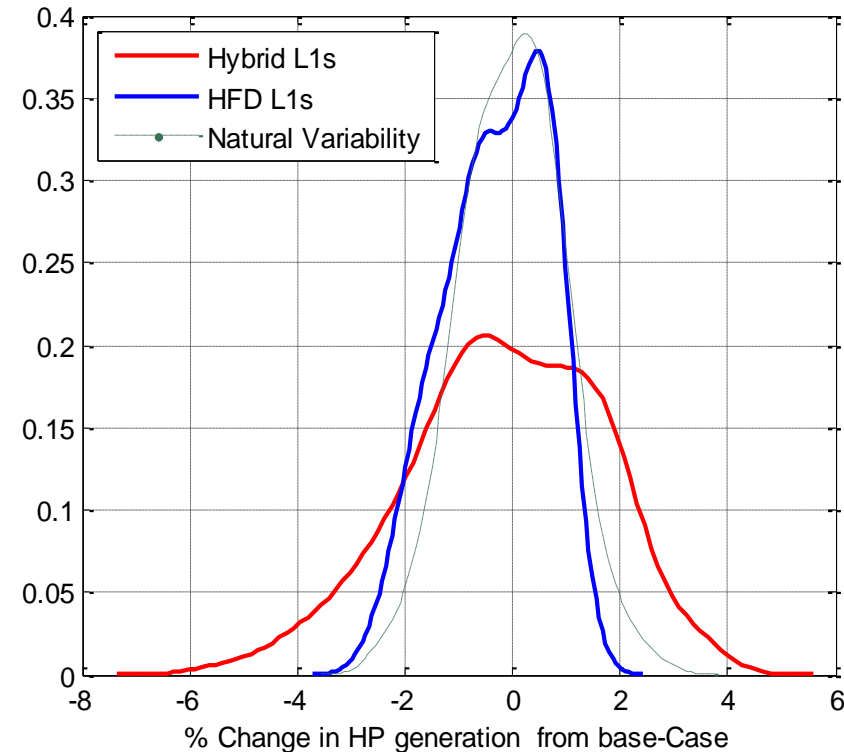
Hydropower Name	Capacity
Grand Inga	40,000 MW
Inga 3	4800 MW
Inga 2	1424 MW
Inga 1	351 MW

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# Remarks

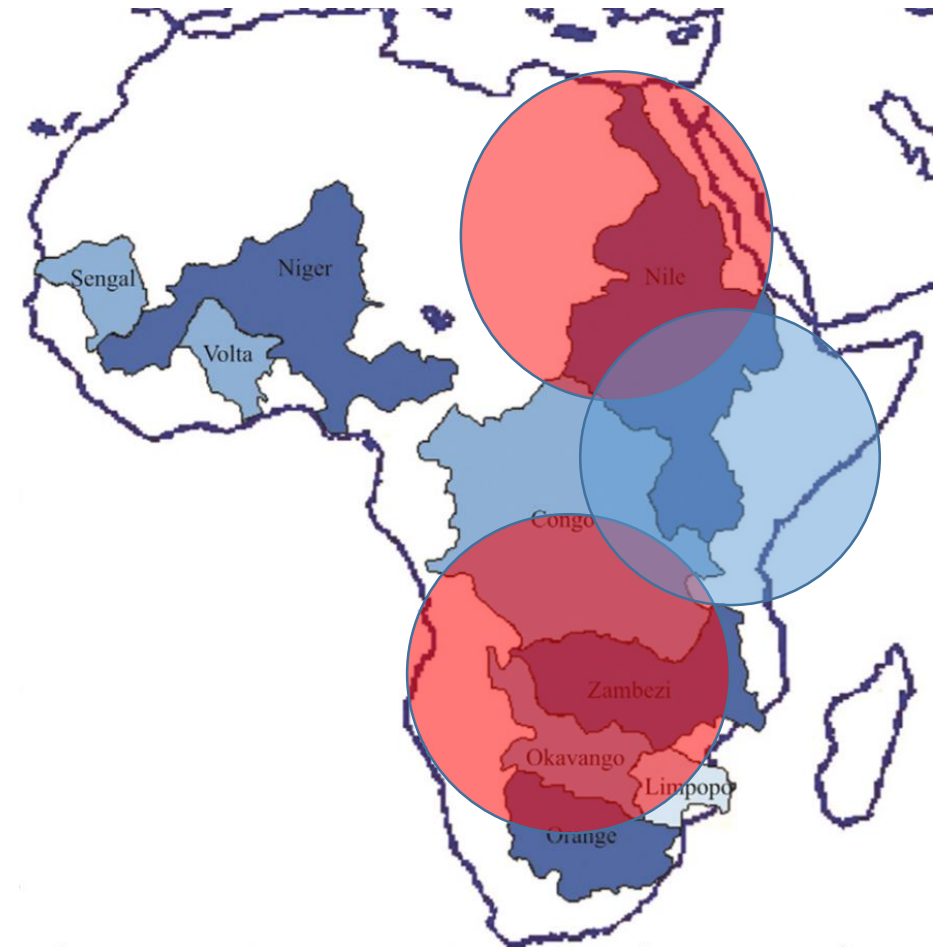
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## Climate Change impact on hydropower generation vary by location

- ... Change in Energy generation
- ... More risk in extreme values

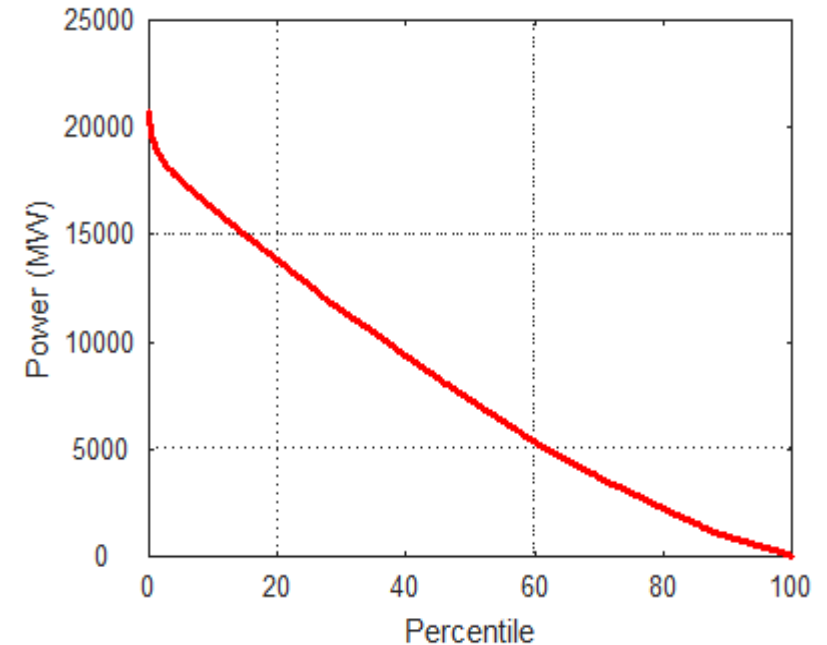
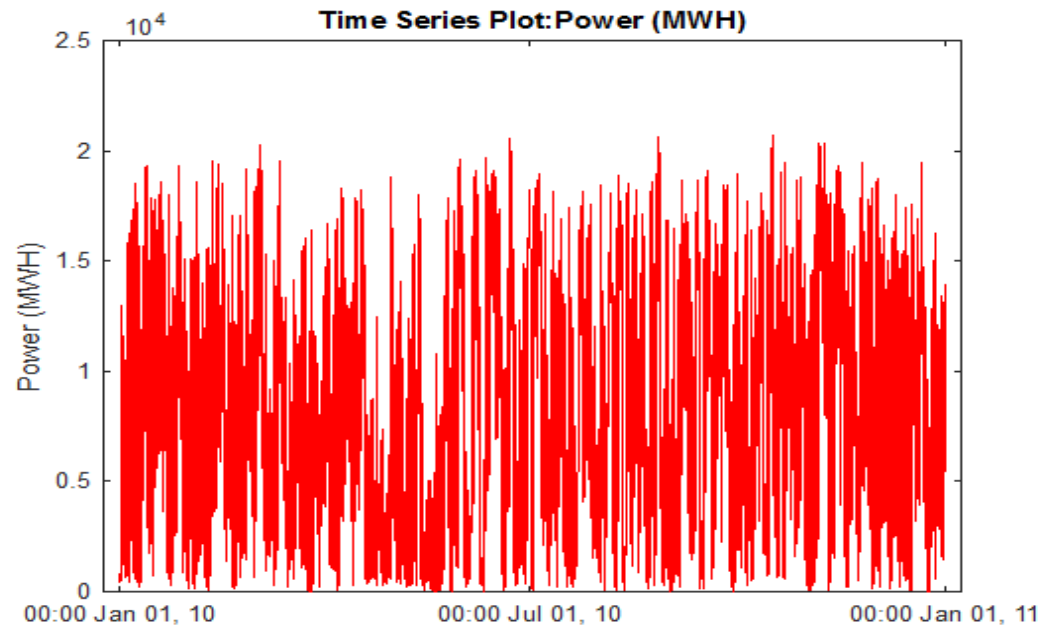
## Adaption

- ... to mitigate energy shortage
- ... to utilize opportunities



# South Africa – Zambezi: More clean energy hydro-wind integration

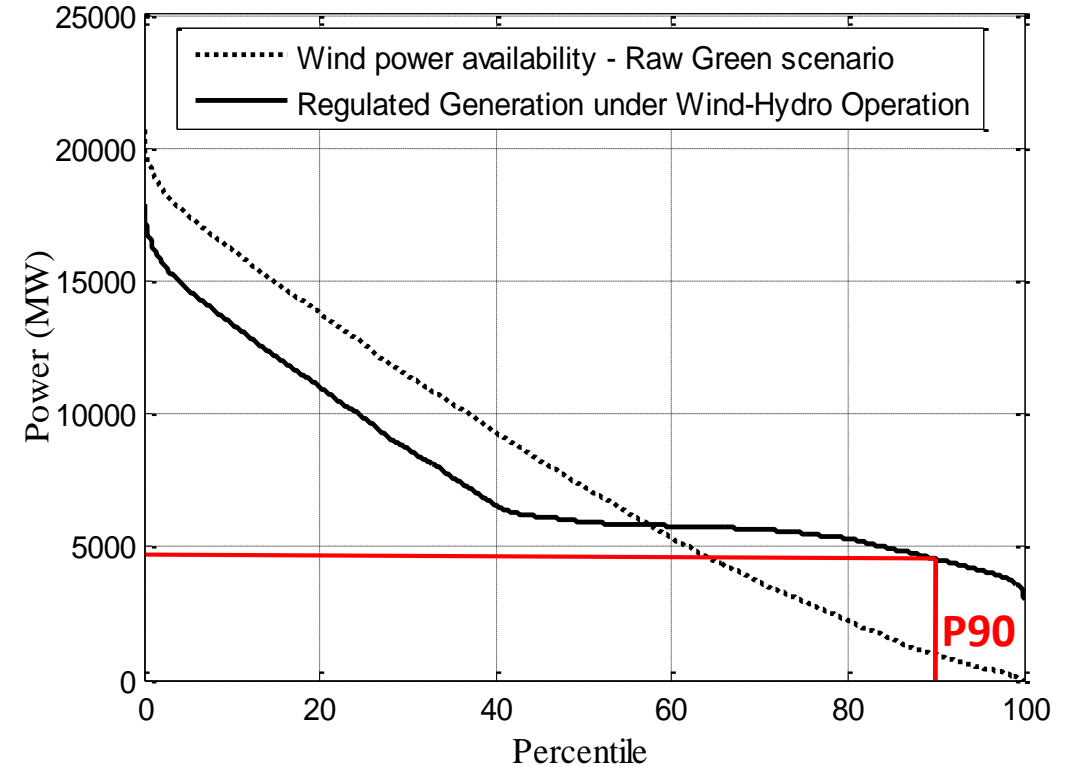
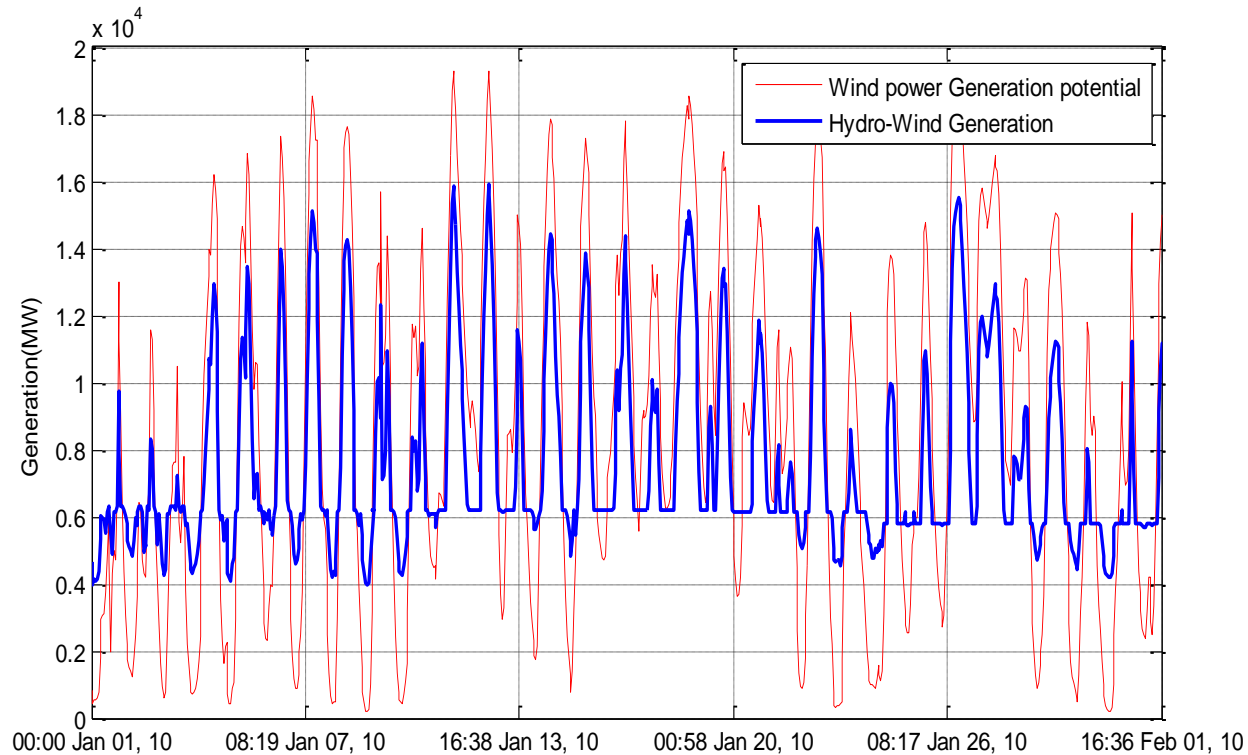
- High Temporal and Spatial variation of Wind and solar resources
- Inherently intermittent
- Non-dispatchable source of Energy



- Regional Hydropower and Storage facility -> battery
- Wind Generating Capacity 23,000 MW
- HP Capacity 9,600 MW

# Firm Generation of Combined Power

## ➤ South Africa



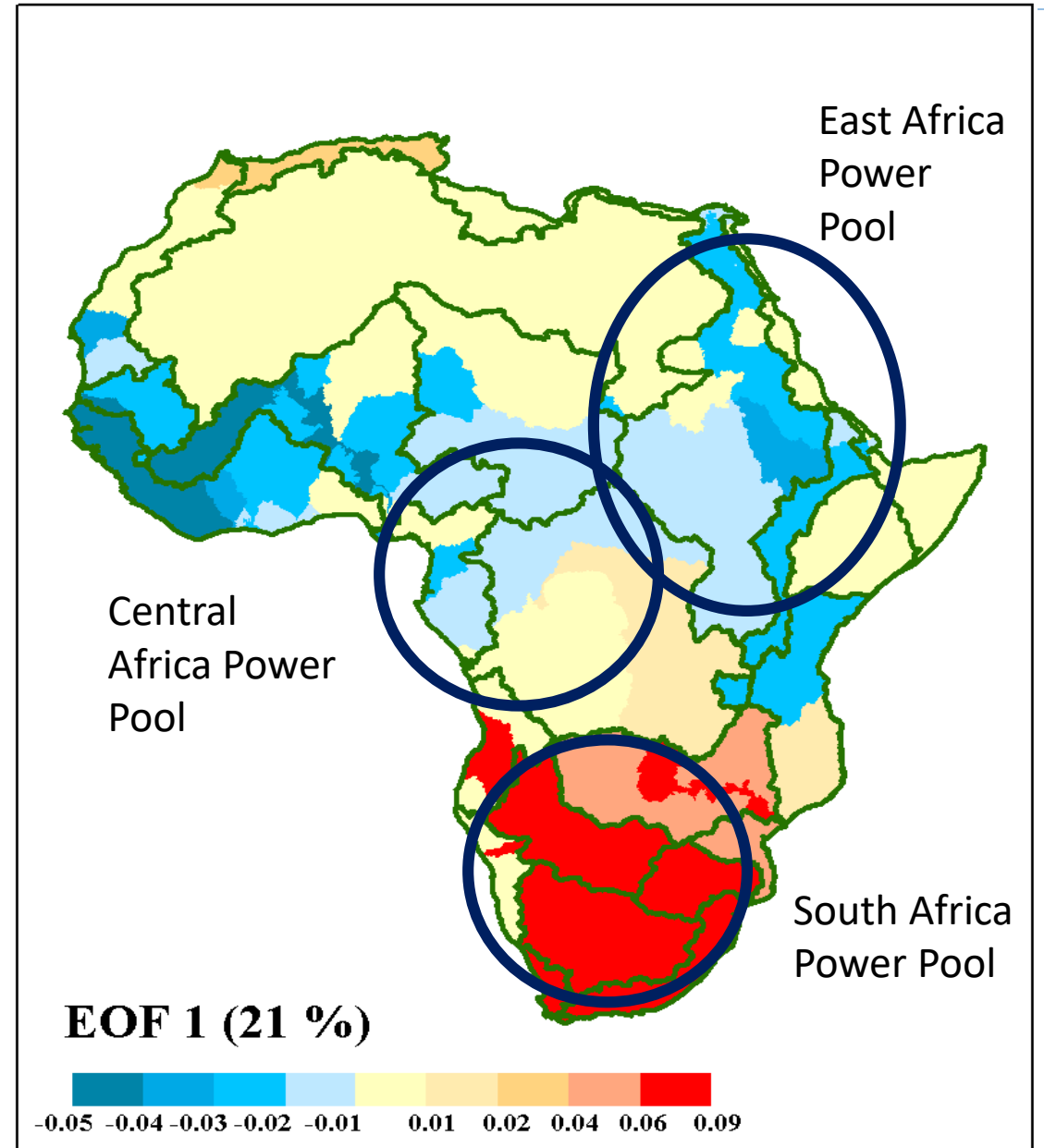
Power duration Curve for wind-hydro Operation

## ➤ HP facilities in Zambezi

Higher Reliability of meeting Power Target

# The Case for Regional Power Pools

Regional power interconnection  
adaption to climate change?



# Conclusion

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- No Single direction of impacts for the continent Africa , varies by location
- Climate Changes combined with variability, and change in variability
- Consider adaptations in the context of risk
- Flexible design of infrastructures
- Synergy of renewable resources for adaption
- Regional interconnection for better resilience