



# Regional Power Master Plan

Harmonizing the Greater Mekong Sub region (GMS)  
Power Systems to Facilitate Regional Power Trade

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# Outline





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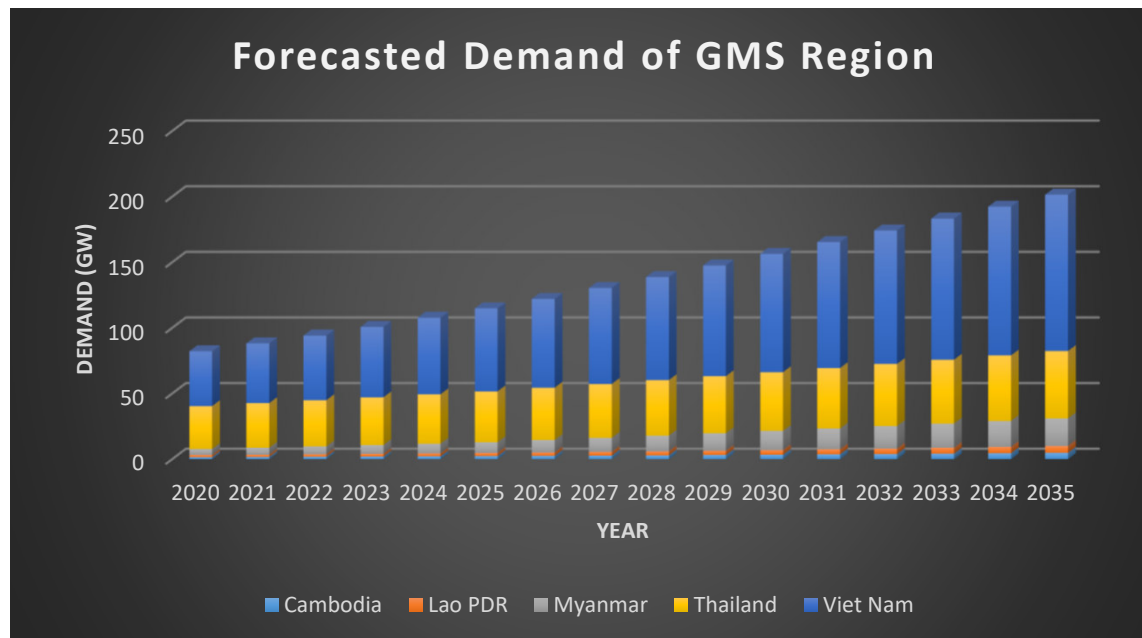
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# Project Background





## Project Background – Expected Load Growth

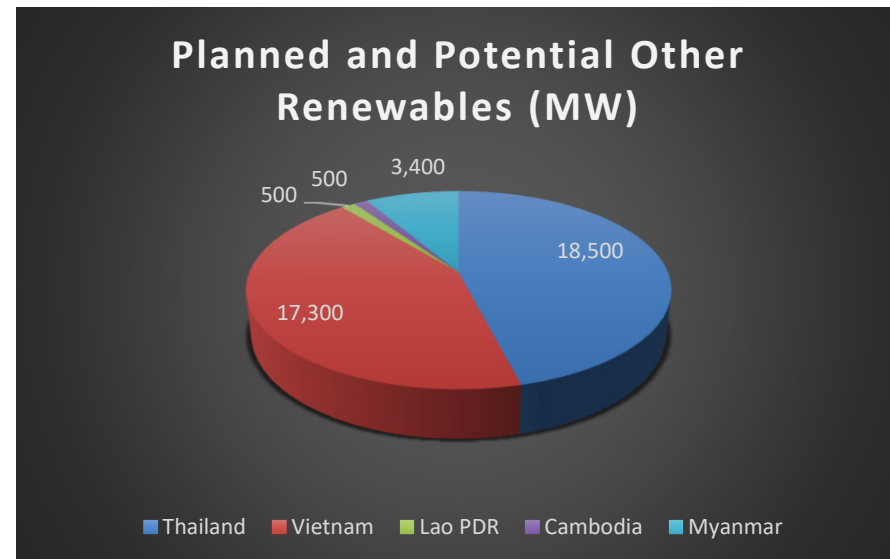
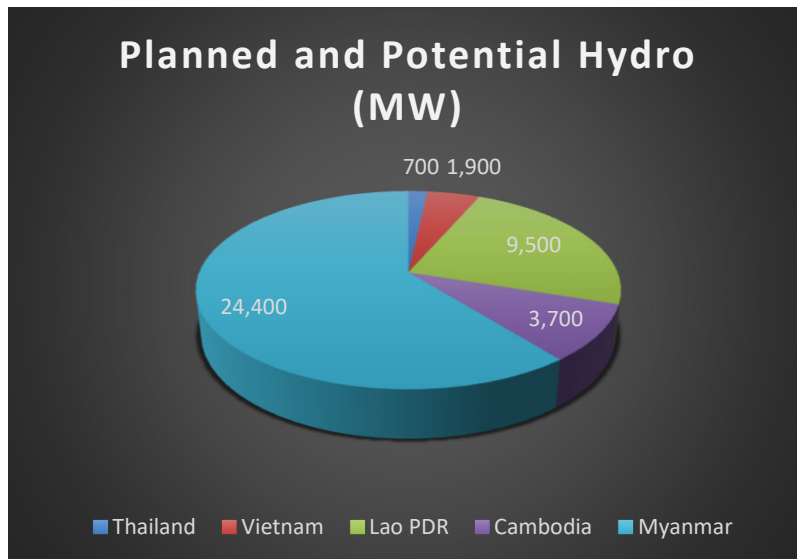


- Greater Mekong Sub (GMS) region has an increasing power demand.
  - Main contributors to the regional load demand are Thailand and Viet Nam

Note: China (Yunnan and Guangxi provinces) is modeled as a node with excess power for export.



## Project Background



- ❑ The load and the generation resources in the region are unevenly distributed.
  - Laos, Myanmar and Cambodia have high hydro power potential
  - Viet Nam and Thailand have high wind and solar potential.

# Study Objectives and Methodology





## Study Objectives

- The main objective of this project is to perform studies to develop a regional generation and transmission master plan for the Greater Mekong Sub-Region (GMS).
  - Determine **optimal regional generation planning scenarios** (for the period from year 2022 to year 2035).
  - Determine the **optimal cross-border power transmission scenarios** to facilitate generation plan for year 2022 to 2030.
  - Perform PSS<sup>®</sup>E based load flow studies to verify the technical feasibility of the proposed plans and identify additional system upgrades (if required).
  - Determine the **most ‘economically’ and technically feasible** cross-border transmission expansion plans and corresponding regional generation development scenarios.

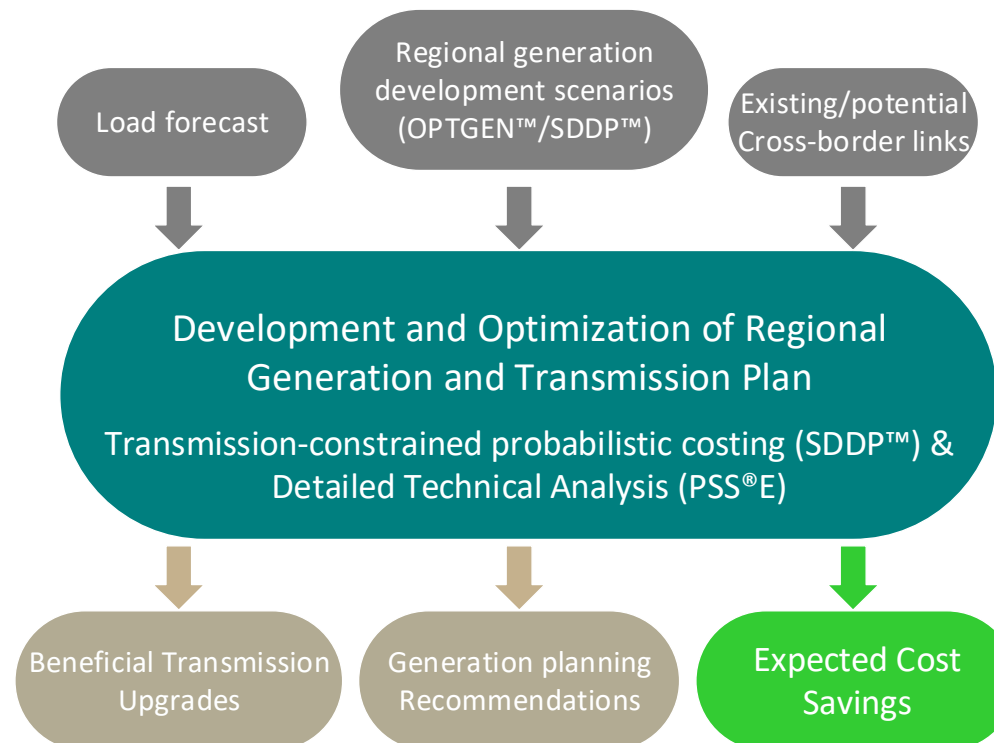




## Study Methodology

- Load forecast, existing generation plans and cross-border power trade plans are used to develop the regional generation and transmission plan

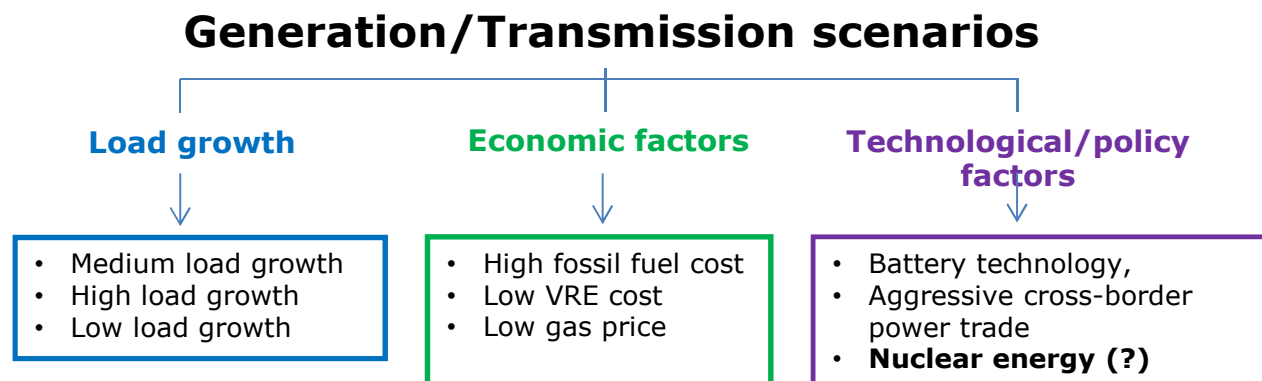
### Key inputs and expected outcomes of regional plan development





## Study Methodology

- A number of regional generation development scenarios are developed to include the uncertainty associated with the data inputs to generation/transmission plan
- Uncertainty in load growth, economic, technological and policy related factors are considered in the analysis.



# GMS Regional Study Model and Scenarios





# OPTGEN™/SDDP™ Study model - Scenarios

- 33 (11 x 3) main study scenarios were used to account for the uncertainty in

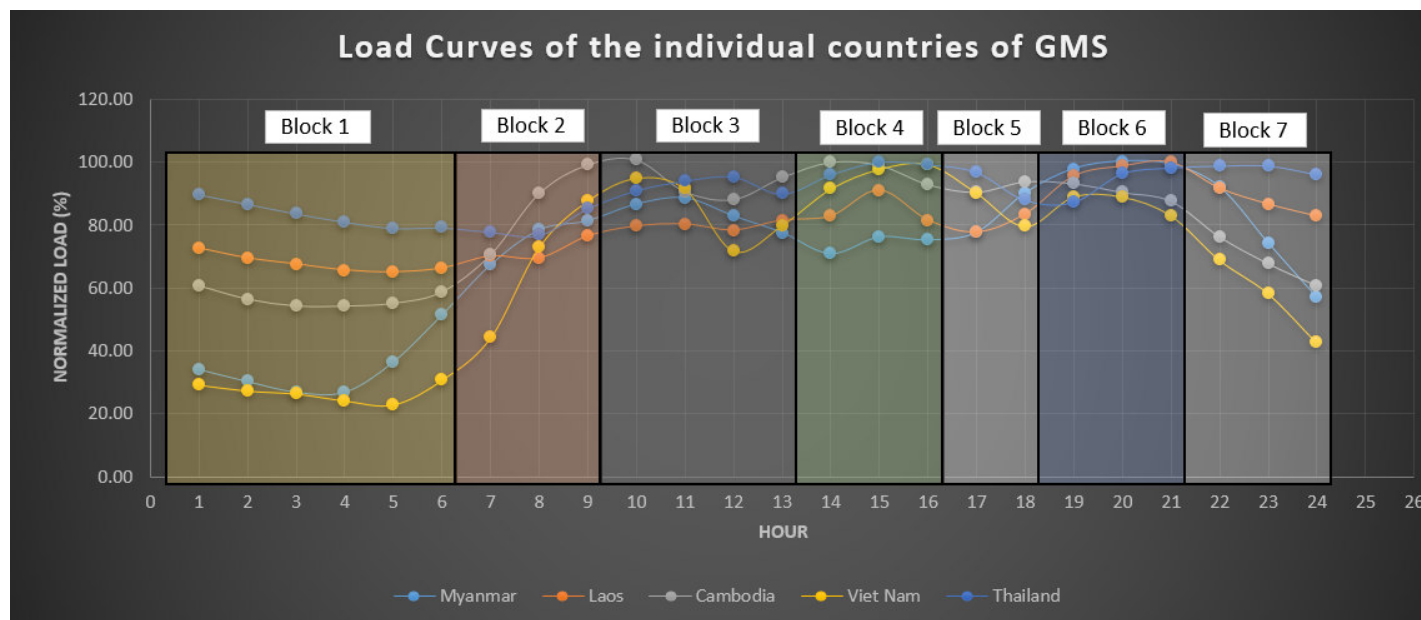
Scenario Summary												
Economic factor	Technological/Policy factor											
	Base			Solar-battery storage			Nuclear			High cross-border power trade		
Base	M	H	L	M	H	L	M	H	L	M	H	L
VRE cost reduced	M	H	L	M	H	L				M	H	L
High fossil fuel price	M	H	L				M	H	L	M	H	L
Low gas price	M	H	L									

- **Base study scenarios** are developed assuming the most likely generation and transmission development options (Based on current generation plans – optimized transmission considering cross border power trade)
- In addition, **3 reference study scenarios** are developed for comparison of costs
  - Generation and transmission development inputs are same as ‘Base’ study scenarios
  - No transmission optimization (only the existing/planned transmission links)



# OPTGEN™/SDDP™ Study model – Representation of load

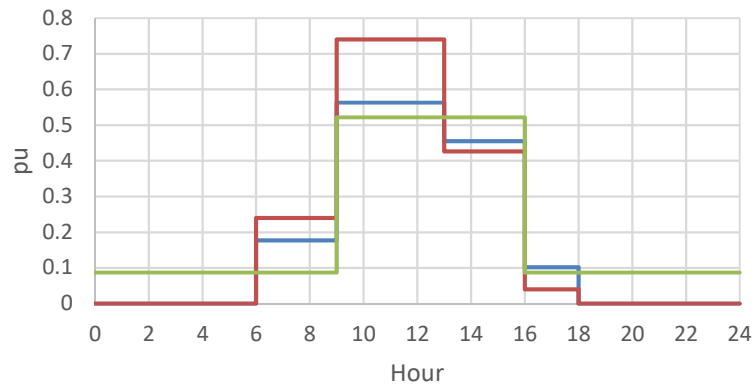
- The discretized daily load curve was modeled using 7 load “blocks”





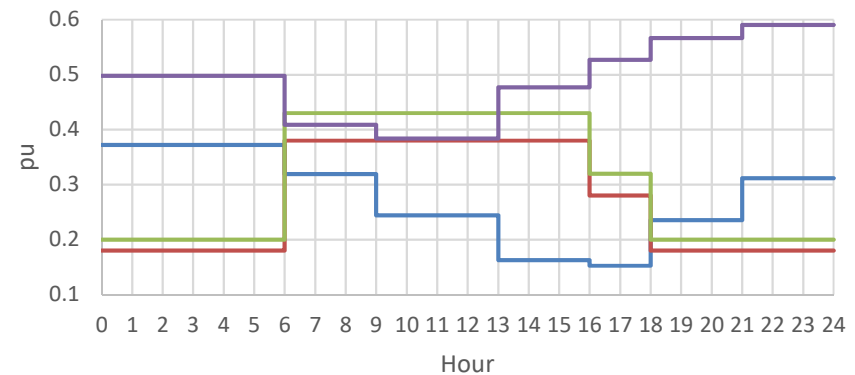
# OPTGEN™/SDDP™ Study model – Availability of Renewable based generation

Solar availability



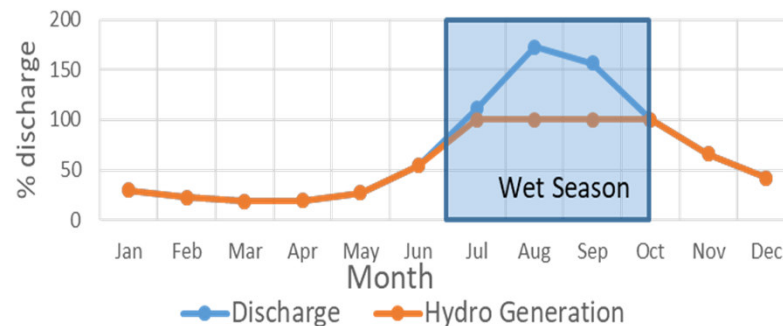
— Thailand, Viet Nam & Cambodia — Myanmar — Solar BSS

Wind availability



— Thailand — Central Viet Nam  
— South Viet Nam & Cambodia — Myanmar & Lao PDR

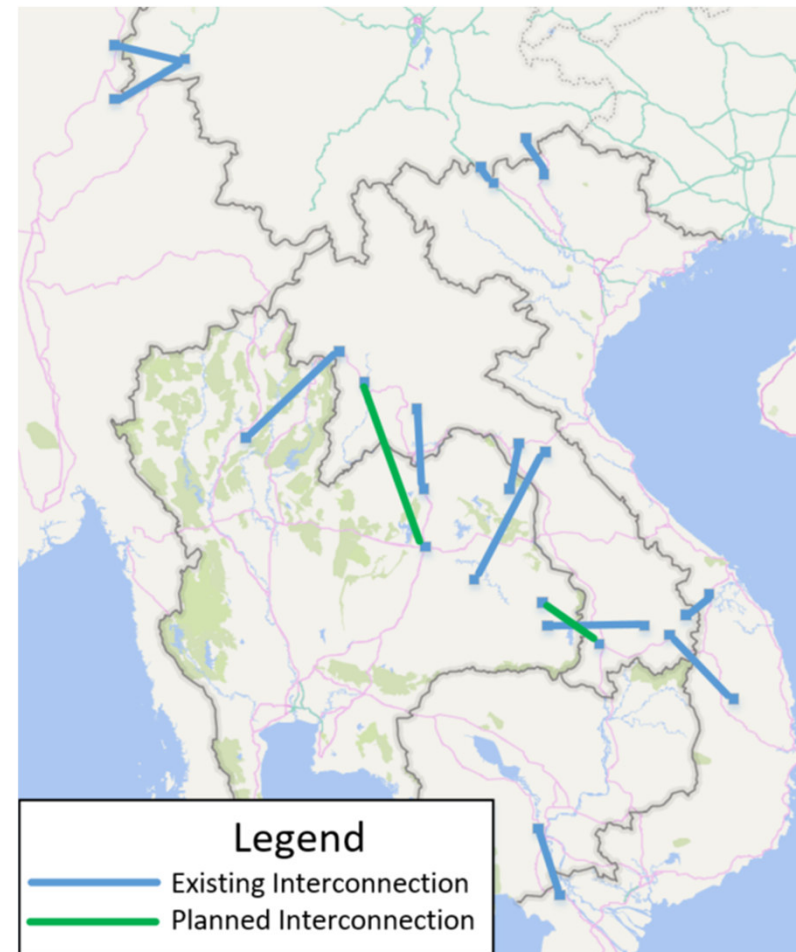
Mean Discharge and Hydro Availability





## OPTGEN™/SDDP™ Study model – Lines

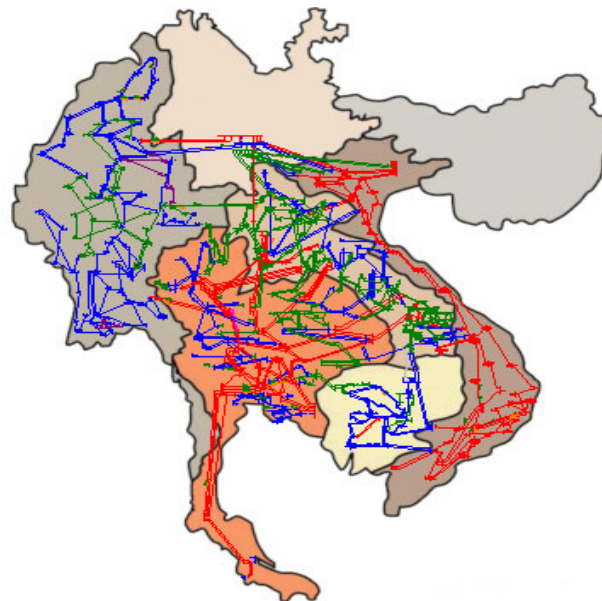
- Existing Cross-border transmission lines
- Planned Cross-border transmission lines
- Only 220 kV and above





## PSS<sup>®</sup>E Study model

- Complete 500 kV and the relevant 230/220 kV and 110/115 kV networks.
- Detailed analysis including AC load flow based reliability studies
- Base scenario and selected scenarios are studied
- Study year - 2030



**Detailed bulk transmission model**



# Selected Results





# Cost Benefit Summary

Medium Demand Growth Scenarios Cost Savings (B\$)				
Economic factor	Technological/Policy factor			
	Base	Solar-battery storage	Nuclear	High cross-border power trade
Base	18	18	18	27
VRE cost reduced	20	20		29
High fossil fuel price	-10		-10	0
Low gas price	31			

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10-20 B\$
<10 B\$

High Demand Growth Scenarios Cost Savings (B\$)				
Economic factor	Technological/Policy factor			
	Base	Solar-battery storage	Nuclear	High cross-border power trade
Base	25	24	25	37
VRE cost reduced	26	27		39
High fossil fuel price	-8		-6	6
Low gas price	39			

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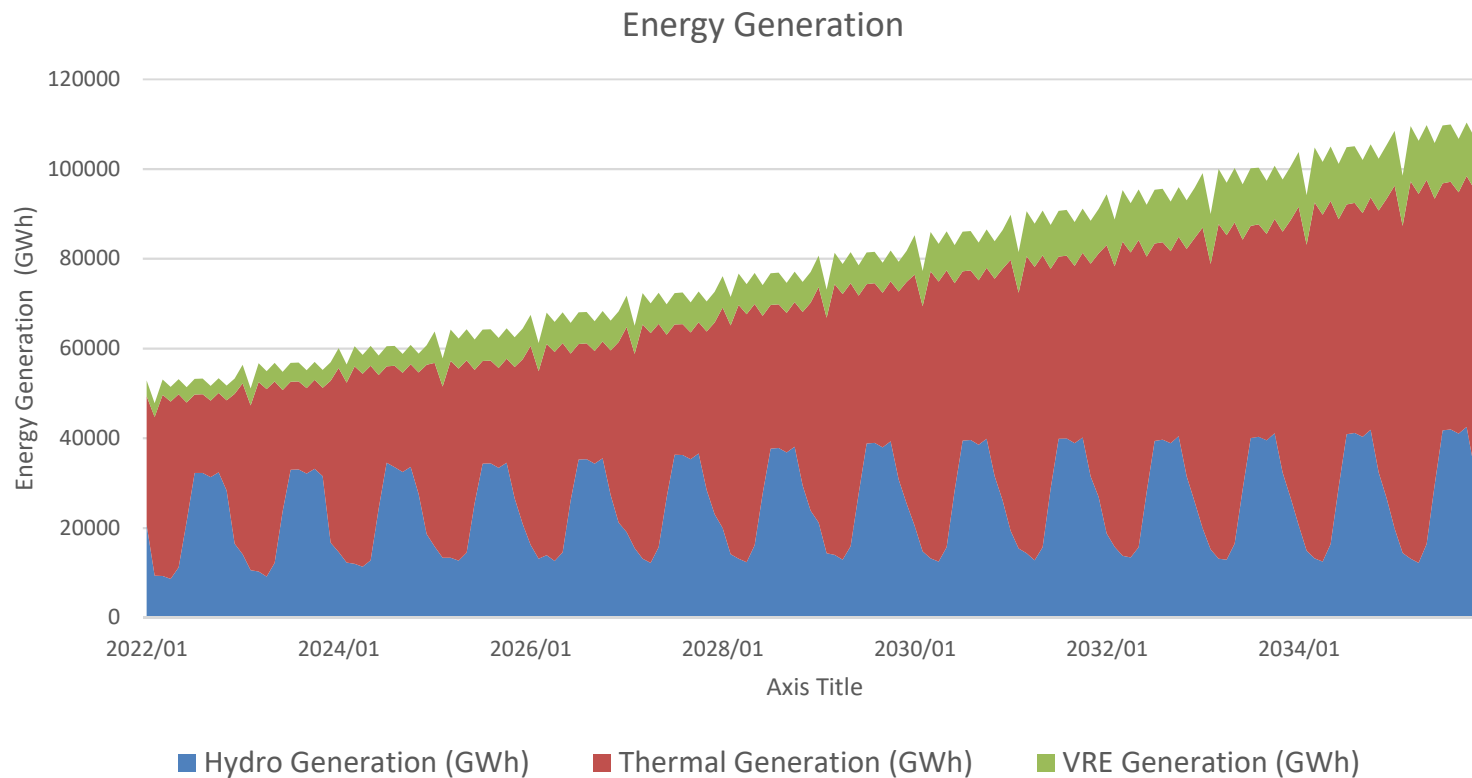
Low Demand Growth Scenarios Cost Savings (B\$)				
Economic factor	Technological/Policy factor			
	Base	Solar-battery storage	Nuclear	High cross-border power trade
Base	18	18	18	28
VRE cost reduced	19	19		29
High fossil fuel price	-7		-7	4
Low gas price	28			

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# Annual Progression of Energy Usage

**Base study scenario – Medium load growth**





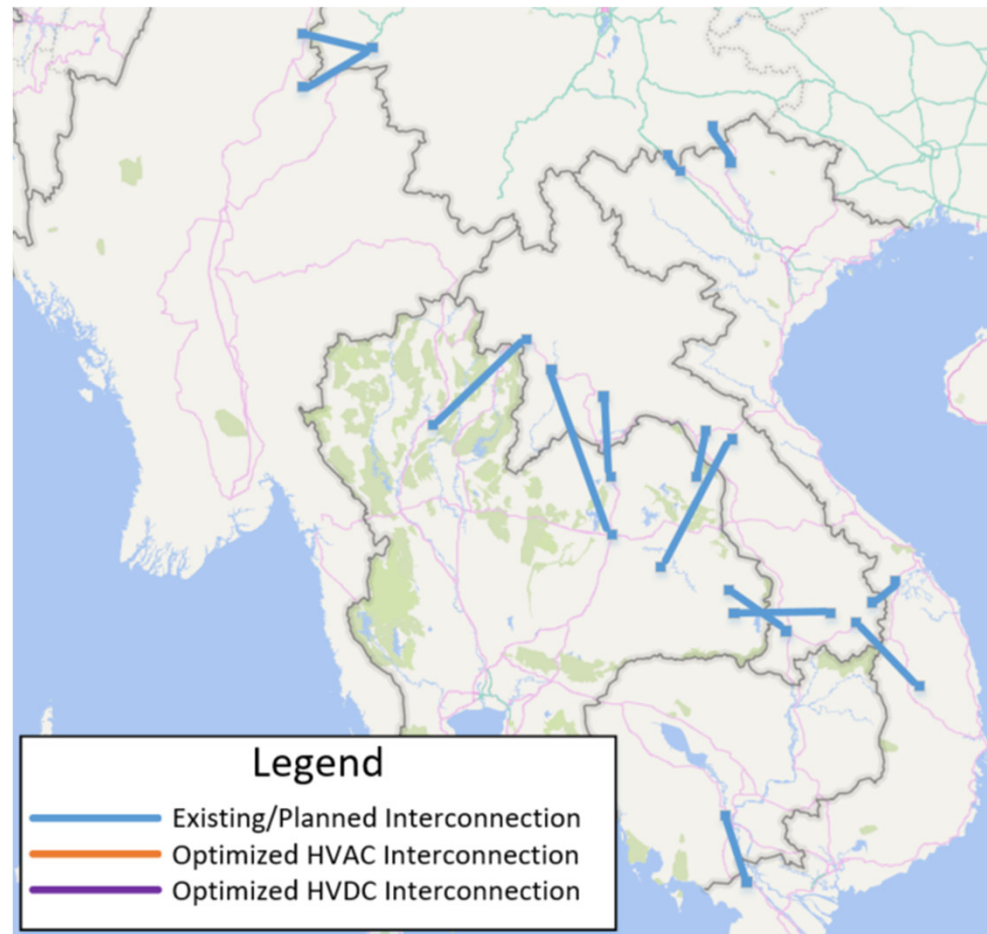
## Summary of regional transmission plans

Year	From	To	Connection Points	Type	Capacity	CAPEX (2022 NPV M\$)
-	China	Vietnam	Xinqiao (Guman) - Lao Cai	220 kV	500	-
-	China	Vietnam	Maguan (Malutang) - Ha Giang	220 kV	250	-
-	Myanmar	China	Shweli 1 HPP - Dehong	220 kV	500	-
-	Myanmar	China	Dapein 1 HPP - Dehong	500 kV	1500	-
-	Lao PDR	Thailand	Nam Theun 2 HPP - Roi Et 2	500 kV	3000	-
-	Lao PDR	Thailand	Houay Ho HPP - Ubon 2	230 kV	500	-
-	Lao PDR	Thailand	Theun Hinboun HPP - Thakhek - Nakhon 2	230 kV	500	-
-	Lao PDR	Thailand	Nam Ngum 2 - Na Bong - Udon 3	500 kV	3000	-
-	Lao PDR	Thailand	Hongsa TPP - Nan - Mae Moh 3	500 kV	3000	-
-	Vietnam	Cambodia	Chau Doc - Takeo - Phnom Penh	230 KV	500	-
-	Lao PDR	Vietnam	Xekaman 3 HPP - Thanh My	220 kV	500	-
-	Lao PDR	Vietnam	Xekaman 1 HPP (Hatxan) - Pleiku	220 kV	500	-
-	Lao PDR	Thailand	Xayaburi HPP - Tha Li - Kon Kaen 4	500 kV	3000	-
-	Lao PDR	Thailand	Pakse - Ubon 3	500 kV	3000	-
2022	Myanmar	Thailand	Yangon area - Mae Moh	500 kV	1500	153
2022	Myanmar	Thailand	Mawlamyine - Tha Tako	500 kV	1500	136
2023	China	Thailand	Gan Lan Ba - Tha Wung via Lao PDR-N	600 kV DC	3000	1056.7
2024	Myanmar	Thailand	Mae Khot TPP - Mae Chan	230 kV	250	47.5
2024	Lao PDR	China	Luang Prabang - Yunnan	500 kV	1500	116.9
2024	Myanmar	China	Mandalay - Yunnan	500 kV	1500	116.9
2025	Lao PDR	Cambodia	Ban Soc/Ban Hatxan - Tay Ninh via Stung Treng	500 kV	1500	58.3
2025	Cambodia	Vietnam	Ban Soc/Ban Hatxan - Tay Ninh via Stung Treng	500 kV	1500	58.3
2027	Lao PDR	Vietnam	Savannakhet - Ha Tihn	500 kV	1500	49.2
2028	Lao PDR	Vietnam	Xekaman 4 HPP - Ban Soc/Ban Hatxan - Pleiku	500 kV	3000	52
2028	China	Vietnam	Yunnan - Hiep Hoa	500 kV DC	3000	480.7
2029	Lao PDR	Vietnam	Nam Mo HPP - Ban Ve	220 kV	500	54.9
2029	Lao PDR	Vietnam	Luang Prabang HPP - Xam Nau (Lao PDR-N) - Nho Quan	500 kV	3000	108.3
2030	Thailand	Cambodia	Wangnoi - Banteay Mean Chey – Siem Reap - Kampong Cham	500 kV	3000	106.8
2030	Cambodia	Vietnam	Kampong Cham - Tay Ninh	500 kV	3000	31.4



# Summary of regional transmission plans

Base Scenario

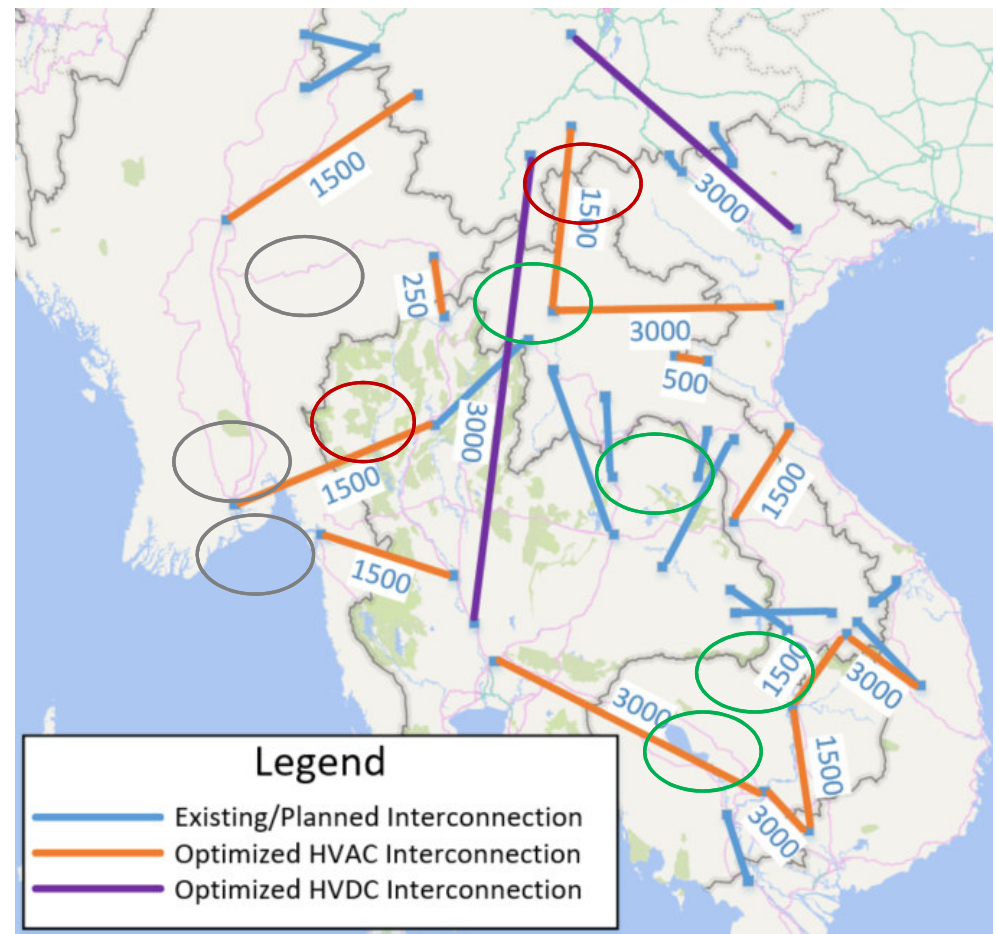




## Summary of regional transmission plans

Base Scenario (Medium Load Growth)

- **Four interconnections** are built between Laos and Viet Nam
- **HVDC lines** are built from China to Thailand and from China to Viet Nam
- Three interconnections are built between Thailand and Myanmar



# Conclusions and Key Study Outcomes





- Regional generation planning scenarios were identified for the period from year **2022 to year 2035**.
- Cross-border power transmission plans to facilitate generation plans were obtained for year **2022 to 2030**.
- Main future directions identified in the study for further analysis
  - Base scenario – Transmission optimized
  - Aggressive cross border power trade – Generation and added transmission
  - Reduced VRE cost – Overall impact studied
- Base scenario
  - **18 \$ Billion** total cost benefit
  - High cross-border transmission development in **Myanmar – Thailand** and **Laos- Viet Nam** interfaces





## Key Study Outcomes

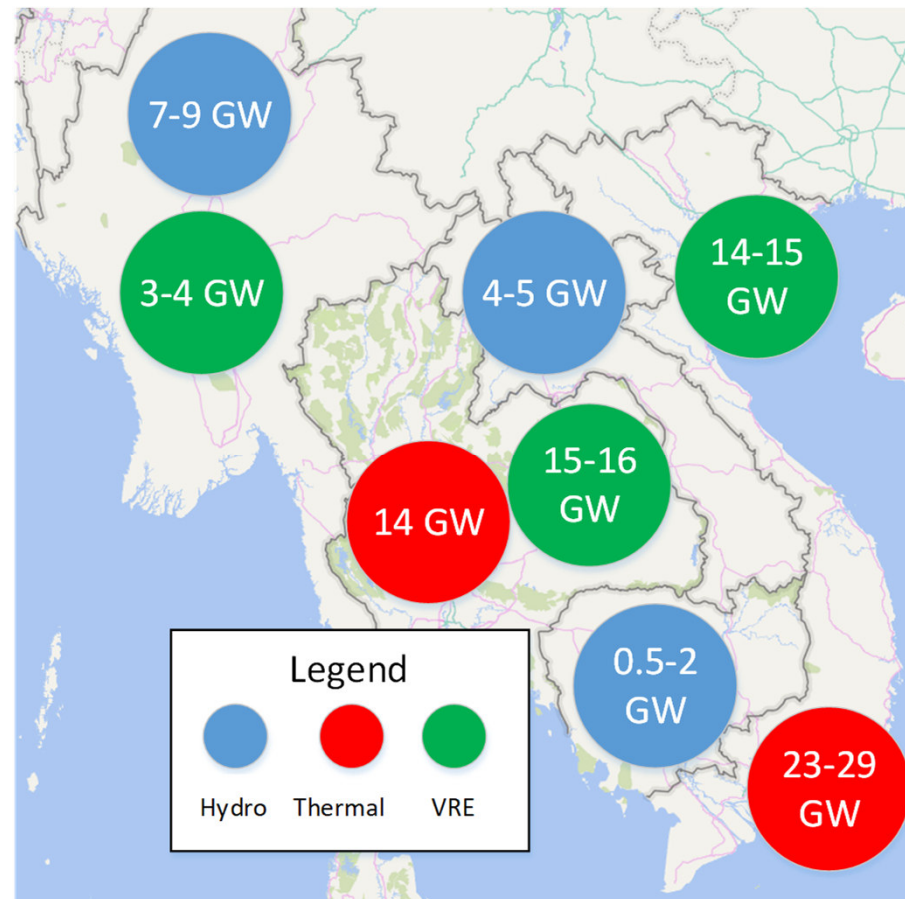
- Aggressive cross-border power trade scenario
  - 27 \$ Billion total cost benefit
- Reduced VRE cost scenario
  - 20 \$ Billion total cost benefit
- Regional transmission plan
  - Most of the candidate interconnections are optimized before 2030
  - These interconnections are largely beneficial to lower the total cost (CAPEX+OPEX) the GMS region



## Key Study Outcomes

Optimized generation developments

- Large hydro in Myanmar and Lao PDR
- Large thermal and VRE in Thailand, Viet Nam

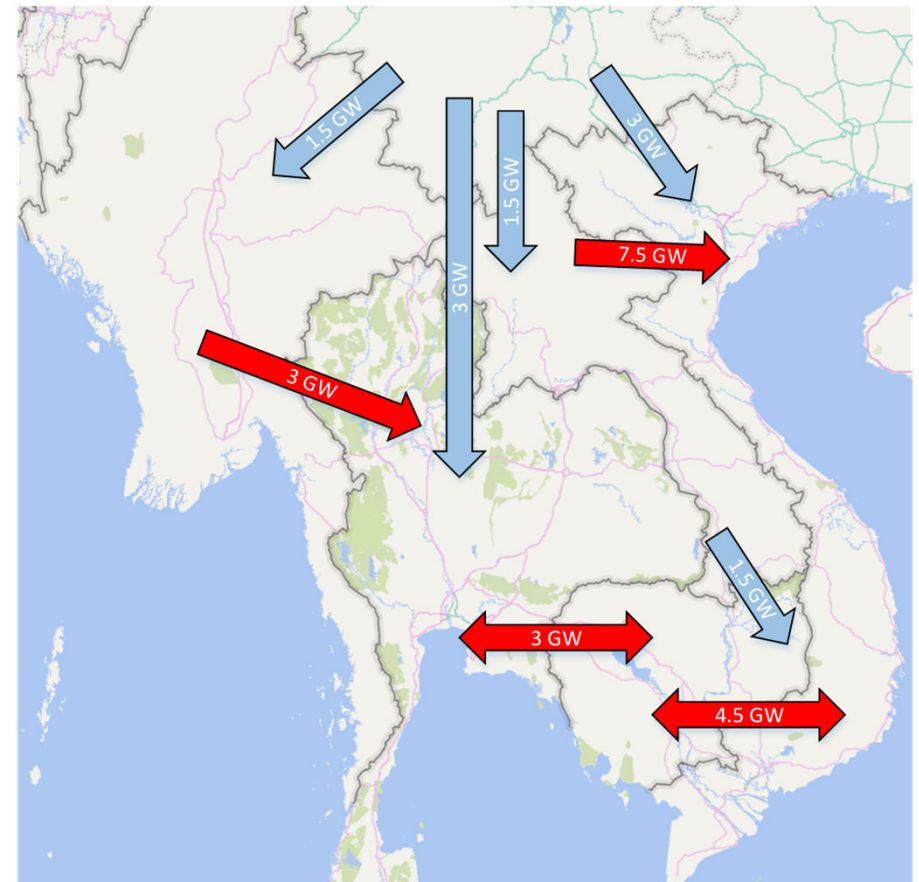




## Key Study Outcomes

Optimized cross-border developments

- Highly impacting interconnections
  - Myanmar – Thailand interconnections (developed early in the study period)
  - Lao PDR – Viet Nam interconnections
  - Thailand – Cambodia – Viet Nam interconnections
- Other optimized interconnections
  - Lao PDR – Cambodia
  - China to Myanmar, Thailand, Laos & Viet Nam ( Generally near the end of the period)





## Finalizing the study

- Update the study results **based on feedback**
- Finalize detailed analysis
- **Final report**

Thank you

