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Adding the Social Perspective to Live Cycle Analysis (LCA) of Energy Transition Scenarios

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The Problem

- LCA (life cycle analysis) data includes +43.000 variables on ecological effects from technologies used in the transition to green energy production. Economic science offers hundreds of variables assessing the financial outcome of green energy production technologies.

→ Data on social impact for sustainable development is scarce and often not compatible for inclusive analysis.

- Our steps in Project InNOSys
 - Tracing which future & technologies Citizens prefer.
 - Fill gaps in the sustainability concept with qualitative data on Quality of life, justice between generations and justice of distribution of benefits of energy change

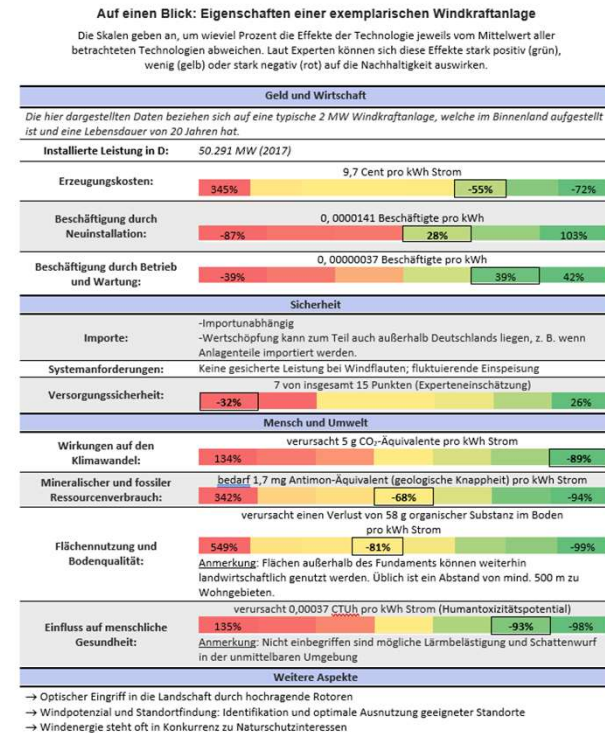
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Informing the Citizens

From LCA data to usable knowledge

We took the LCA-data for 7 power (& heat) technologies: wind turbine, photovoltaics (on field / on roof), natural gas, geothermal energy, Power-to-gas, Lithium- battery, heat pump. We translated an normalized it to 8 scales: Costs, employment (installation / maintenance) security of supply, contribution to climate change, usage of resources, land use, damage to ecosystems and damage to human health.

We expressed the numbers on a red to green (related to sustainability) scale with their change if implemented in percentage in comparison to the others.





Presenting paired-choices

breaking down complex information

- To convey a feeling that the technologies are not single solutions, we presented always paired-technologies as combined systems.
- To facilitate the decision and present more choices per respondent (n=12), the combined systems were presented as paired-choice experiment with the question to mark the more sustainable system.
- We conducted the experiment with 124 citizens, 60 only got the information and access to the online experiment, 64 got the information, met in 6 focus groups and then access to the online experiment.
- Among these 3 age groups were sampled: students, working people, seniors.

Welches der beiden Paare wäre aus Ihrer Sicht eine insgesamt nachhaltigere Stromversorgung in Deutschland?

Die Prozentzahlen stellen die Abweichungen vom jeweiligen Durchschnitt aller anderen betrachteten Paare dar. Werte sind entweder schlechter (rot/orange) oder besser (gelb/grün) als der Durchschnitt.)

	A: Windkraftanlage + PV-Anlage 	B: Gaskraftwerk + Geothermiekraftwerk 
Beschäftigung – Installation & Neubau	-7%	-7%
Beschäftigung – Betrieb & Wartung	-24%	+35%
Gestehungskosten	-35%	-21%
Versorgungssicherheit	-19%	+40%
Effekte auf menschliche Gesundheit	-55%	+11%
Wirkung auf den Klimawandel	-84%	+274%
Flächenverbrauch	-91%	-62%
Ressourcenverbrauch	-25%	-81%

Paar A

Paar B

Ranking of Technologies

paired-choice experiment (left) vs. direct ranking (right)

Ranking calculated via Conjoint / paired-choice experiment			Direct technology ranking from questionnaire		
1. Rank	1,41129032	Heat pump	1. Rank	5,92741935	Wind turb.
2. Rank	0,66532258	Wind turb.	2. Rank	4,73387097	Photovoltaics
3. Rank	0,17741935	Geotherm.	3. Rank	4,59677419	Heat pump
4. Rank	-0,15053763	Photovoltaics	4. Rank	3,46774194	Geotherm.
5. Rank	-0,74193548	Power-to-gas	5. Rank	3,33870968	Power-to-gas
6. Rank	-0,75806452	Natural gas	6. Rank	3,03225806	Li - battery
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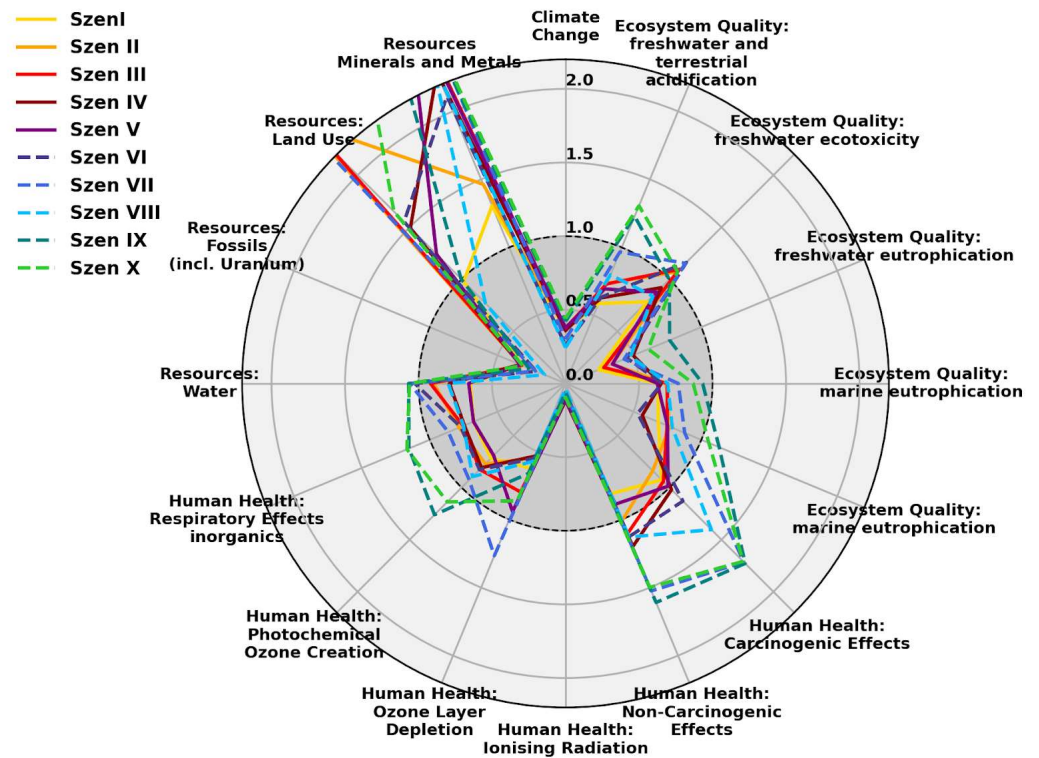
→ well-known technologies tend to be favoured beyond the appreciation of their properties in the direct ranking, paired-choice with small energy systems mask single technologies and show attitudes without publicity bias.

Conjoint Analysis of paired-choices with mixed logit model

The conjoint analysis then enables us to assess the attitude towards the properties behind every technology.

Overall climate impact is the most important factor followed by resource depletion, health issues and security of supply for assessing sustainability to any energy scenario.

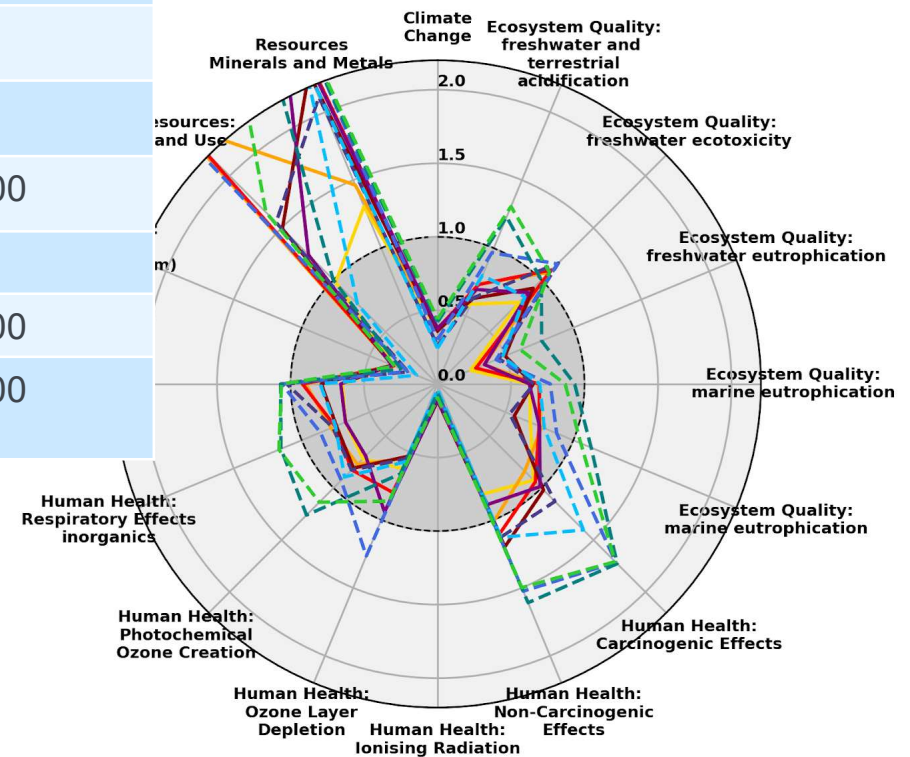
The coefficients now can be reincluded as social sustainability perception into the - soon to be published - results of our LCA colleagues.



Source: DLR

Table 1: Results Discrete-Choice Experiment

Factor	β coefficient	significance
costs	0.0138	0.037
Security of supply	0.0229	0.004
Employment	0.0137	0.006
Climate impact	0.0581	< 0.000
Human health impact	0.0252	0.006
Land use	0.0189	< 0.000
Consumption of resources	0.0299	< 0.000



Qualitative analysis of focus groups using Max QDA

Transferring audio records into transcripts 922
statements in total, about 153 per focus group

A code tree for all different arguments with
regards to content / topics discussed / opinions
found is created.

3 different social scientists (intercoder reliability)
mark the transcripts independently, then discuss
changes and adjustments to code base and unify
code mapping.

Crosschecking of mapping three times.
1.755 coded positions in total, 86 different codes

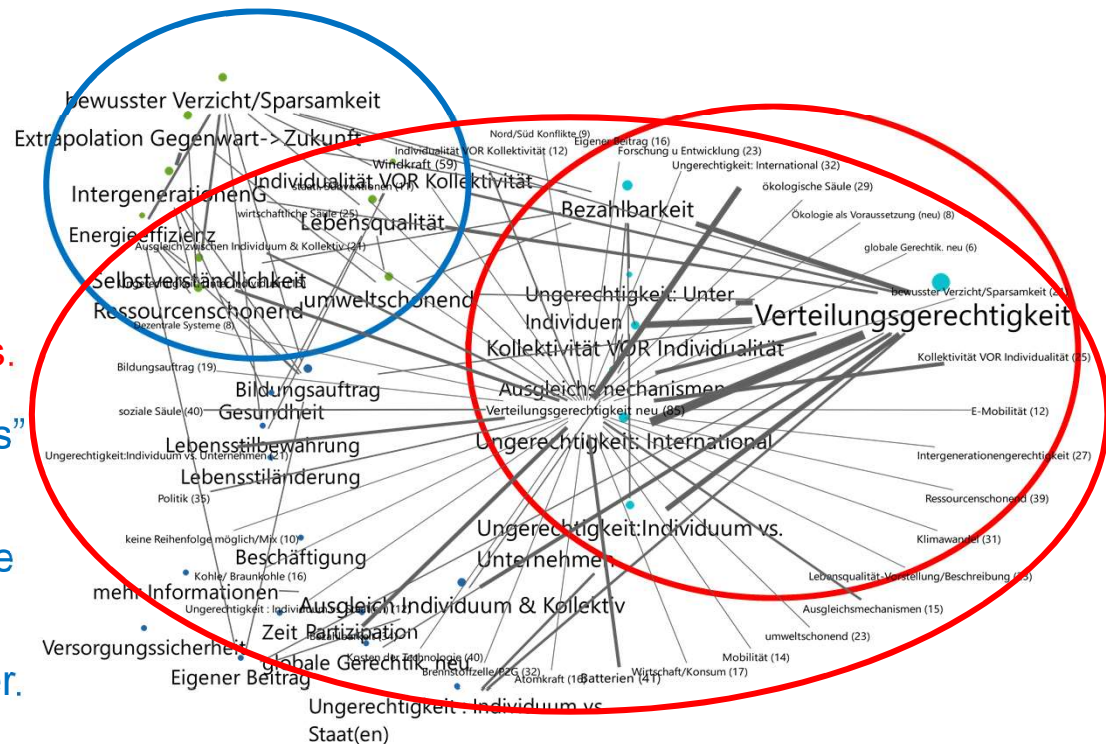
The screenshot displays the Max QDA software interface. On the left, the 'Liste der Dokumente' (List of Documents) pane shows a hierarchy of documents and sets. The 'Liste der Codes' (List of Codes) pane shows a detailed code tree with various categories like 'Lärm', 'optische Beeinträchtigung', 'Spiegelung', 'Flächenverbrauch', 'Boden Schädigung', 'Umweltschutz (Flora & Fauna)', 'Entsorgung/ Recycling', 'Klimawandel', 'Ressourcenschonend', 'weitere negative Aspekte', 'Bewertung der Technologien nach Farbskala', 'Verhältnismäßigkeit', 'Verhältnismäßigkeit von Technologien', 'Vergleich Deutschland/Global', 'weitere Aspekte', 'Digitalisierung', 'Forschung u Entwicklung', 'Standort/Region', 'Standortabhängige Technologien', 'Nord/Süd Konflikte', 'Dezentrale Systeme', 'contra dez. Systeme', 'pro dez. Systeme', 'Politik', 'Staat', 'Investitionen', 'staatliche Kontrolle', 'staatl. Subventionen', 'Wirtschaft/Konsum', 'Lobbyismus/ Macht von Unternehmen', 'Mobilität', 'Aspekte sozialer Nachhaltigkeit', 'Energieeffizienz und -suffizienz', 'Eigener Beitrag zur Nachhaltigkeit', 'Selbstverständliche Versorgung / Nutzung', 'Bildungsauftrag', 'Bzgh Individuum Kollektivität', 'Bezahlbarkeit', 'Partizipation', 'Versorgungssicherheit im Bz auf Nachhaltigkeit (neu)', and 'Gesundheit (neu)'. The 'Dokument-Browser: Studentinnen Stuttgart' pane on the right shows a transcript of a focus group discussion with various codes applied to different parts of the text. The codes are represented by colored lines and dots next to the text. The transcript includes statements from participants like H-SM, NW, OS, TN, FM, RP, and NW, discussing topics like research, technology, costs, and sustainability.

Qualitative analysis of focus groups

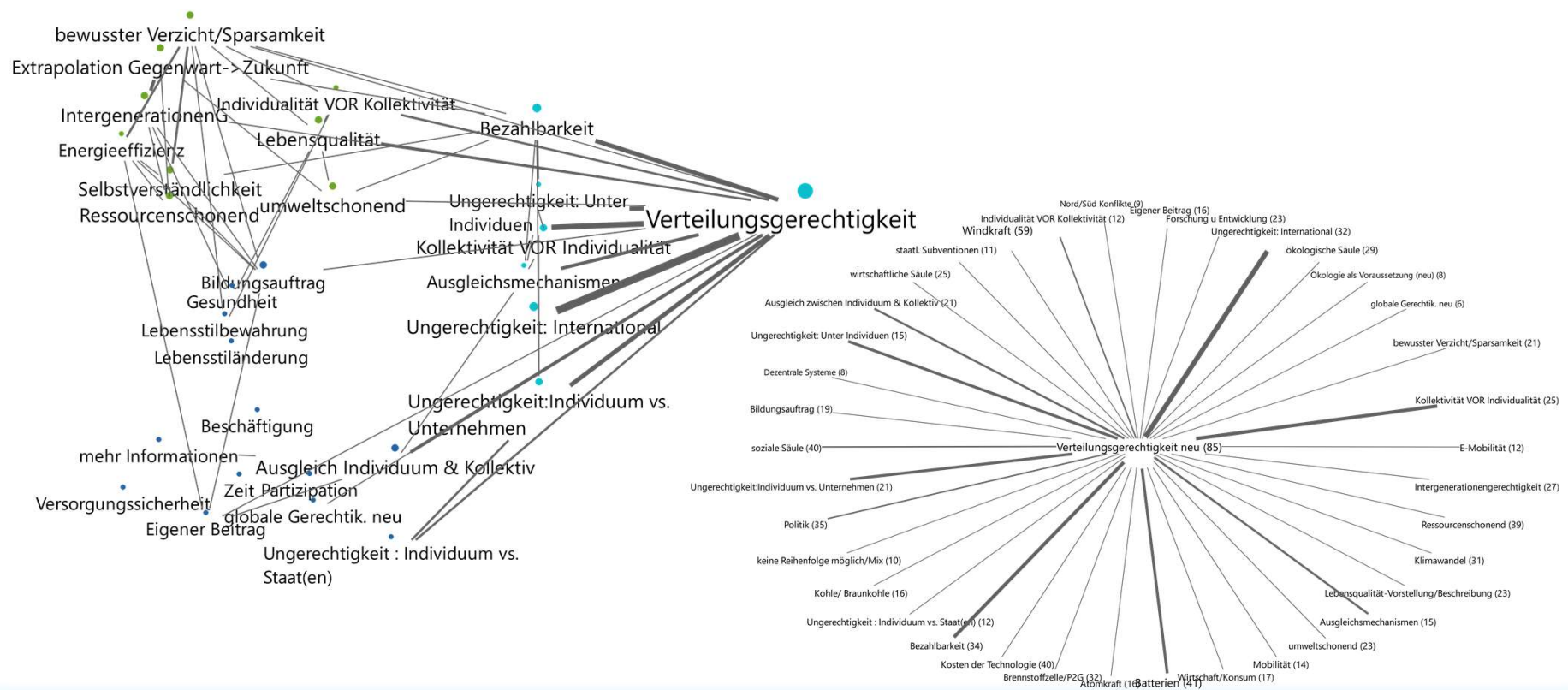
Code clusters

“Distributional justice” is the most talked about topic in the focus groups. It is strongly connected to arguments circling around ecology, injustice among individuals, injustice between individuals and corporations and costs.

The topic “justice between generations” is another argument cluster, mostly among retired participants. The debate between collectivist and individualist perspective is connected to this cluster.



(Lines show at least three connected statements, the more, the thicker)



Qualitative analysis of focus groups

subsample comparison

Rank		Retired	n	Working	n	Studying	n
1	Codes	Distributional justice	23	Distributional justice	32	Distributional justice	30
2		Individuum vs. collective	23	Future perspective	19	Individuum vs. collective	22
3		Saving environment	20	Saving environment	16	Quality of life	16
4		Own contribution	14	(Energy) costs	14	(Energy) costs	14
5		Education	14	Individuum vs. collective	13	Own contribution	12
6		Quality of life	13	Own contribution	11	Saving environment	11
7		Future perspective	11	Inter-generation justice	11	Employment	10

Overall many similarities.

Students focus more on costs and employment due to lack of security.

Middle aged participants often focus on options for future development among the scenarios.

Seniors tend to favour educational programs on energy saving & climate awareness.



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