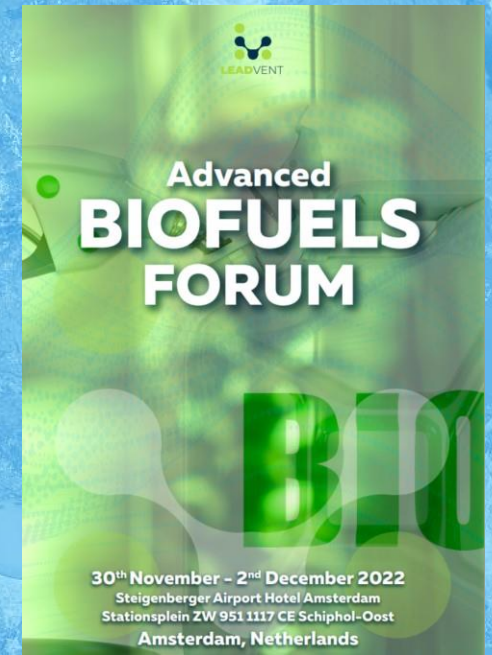


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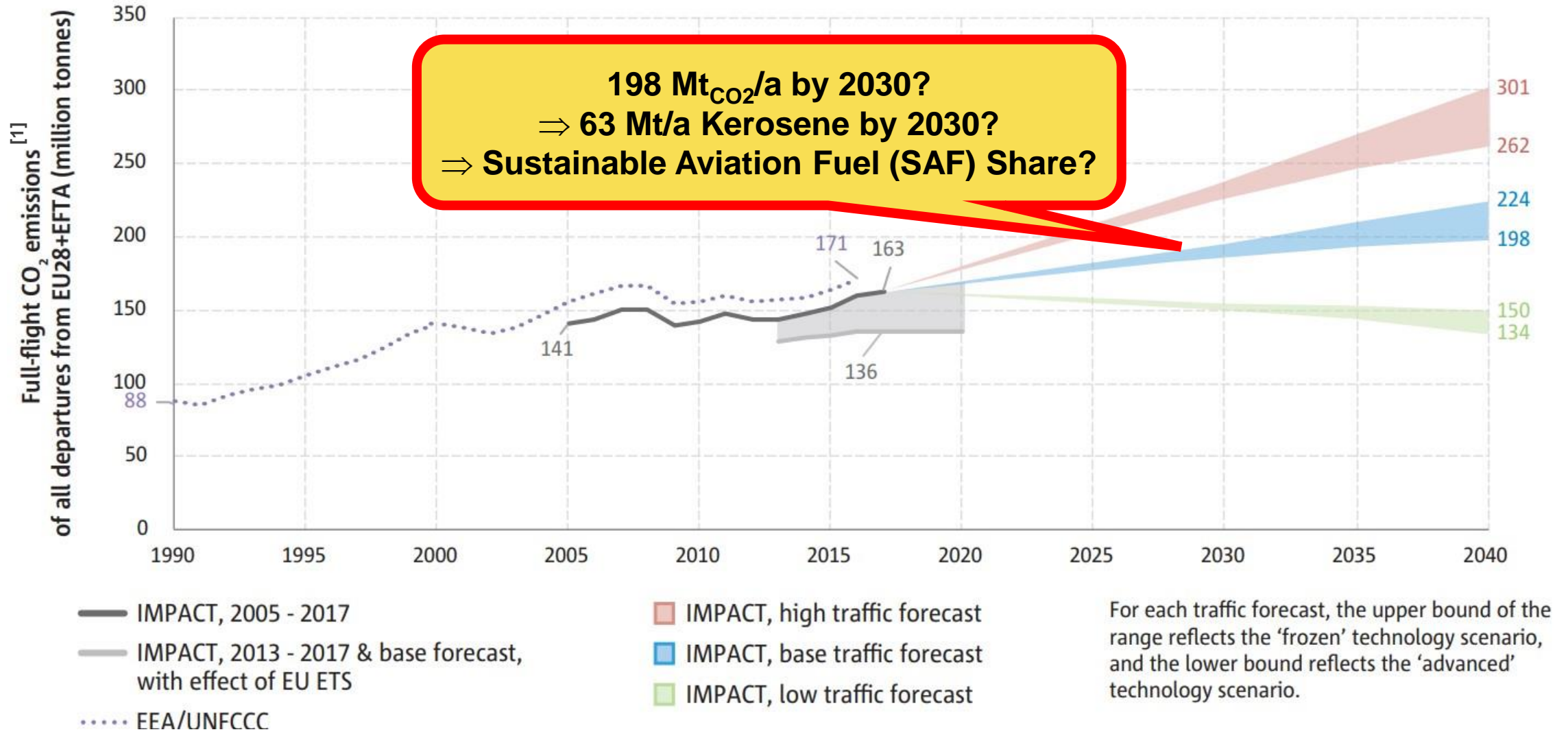


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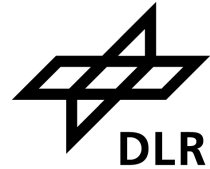


Future European aviation fuel demand



[1] European Aviation Environmental Report 2019, https://www.easa.europa.eu/eaer/system/files/usr_uploaded/219473_EASA_EAER_2019_WEB_LOW-RES.pdf

Certified Alternative Jet Fuels (ASTM D7566 – 21 ^[1])



Feedstock	Synthesis technology	Fuel
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Non-petroleum derived light aromatics (primarily benzene)	Blend aromatics produced by alkylation to FT-SPK	FT-SPK plus Aromatics (SPK/A)
Biogenic lipids (e.g. algae, soya, palm oil, jatropha)	Hydrogenation and deoxygenation of fatty acids and esters (HEFA) + subsequent hydrocracking, hydroisomerization, isomerization, ...	Synthetic paraffinic kerosene (HEFA-SPK)
Additional algae produced oil containing a high percentage of unsaturated hydrocarbons known as botryococenes,	Blend botryococenes hydrocarbons prior to hydroprocessing Esters and Fatty Acids (HC-HEFA)	SPK from Hydroprocessed Hydrocarbons, Esters and Fatty Acids (HC-HEFA)
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[1] ASTM International, „ASTM D7566-21 Standard Specification for Aviation Turbine Fuel Containing Synthesized Hydrocarbons“, 2021

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Σ	34.3 – 44.2	45.2

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Future role of 1st generation jet fuels within the aviation sector questionable due to:

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- supplier's reliability
- Low technical development potential

➔ 2nd generation SAF?

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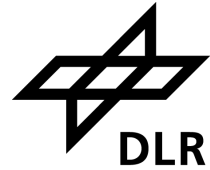
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- Feedstock
 - SAF via the Fischer-Tropsch pathway not restricted to certain feedstocks
 - Synthesis gas available from almost any carbon and hydrogen source → Sustainability?
 - Sustainable Hydrogen via RE: European wind power potential^[1]: 12,200 – 30,400 TWh_e
≈ 10 - 20 times of SAF demand!
 - Sustainable Carbon: carbon sequestration in European forest biomass^[2]: 155 Mt/a
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- Fischer-Tropsch synthesis
 - Large scale, commercial technology
 - Secunda CTL (Sasol): ca. 7 Mio.t/a – since 1980/1984
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- Fuel
 - Fully synthetic kerosene achievable ^[2]

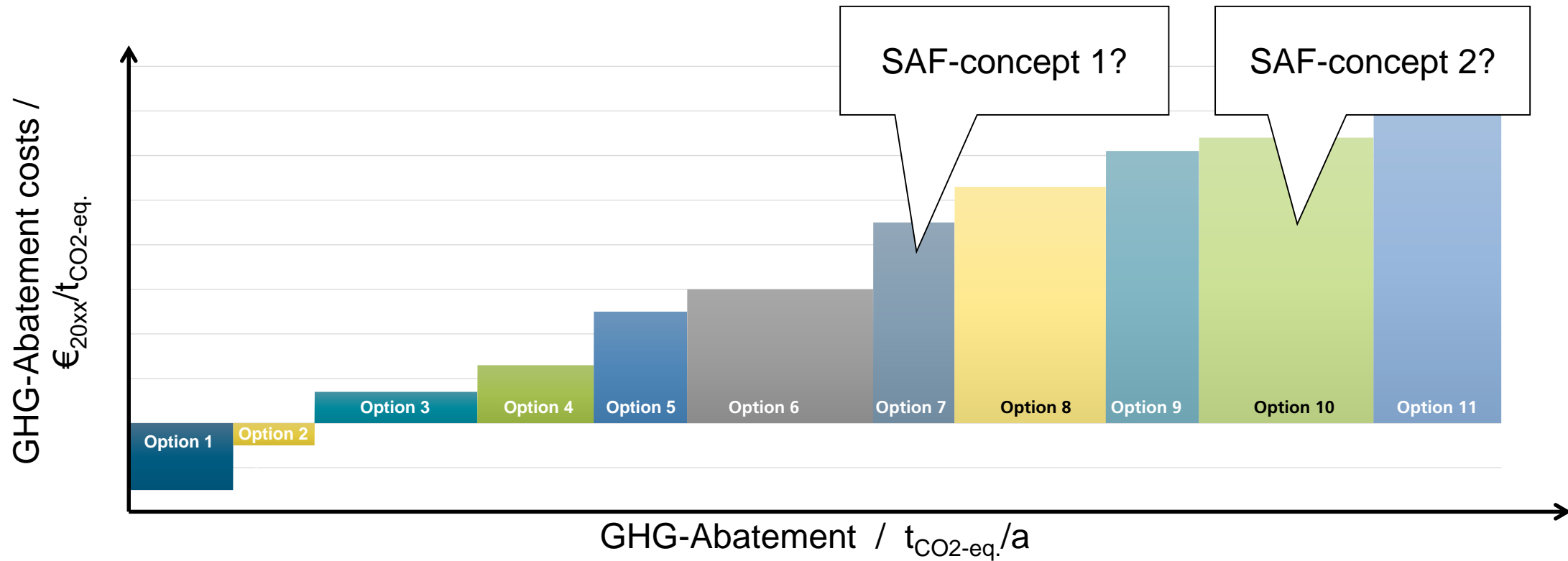
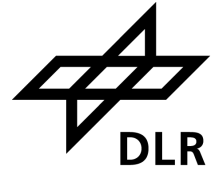
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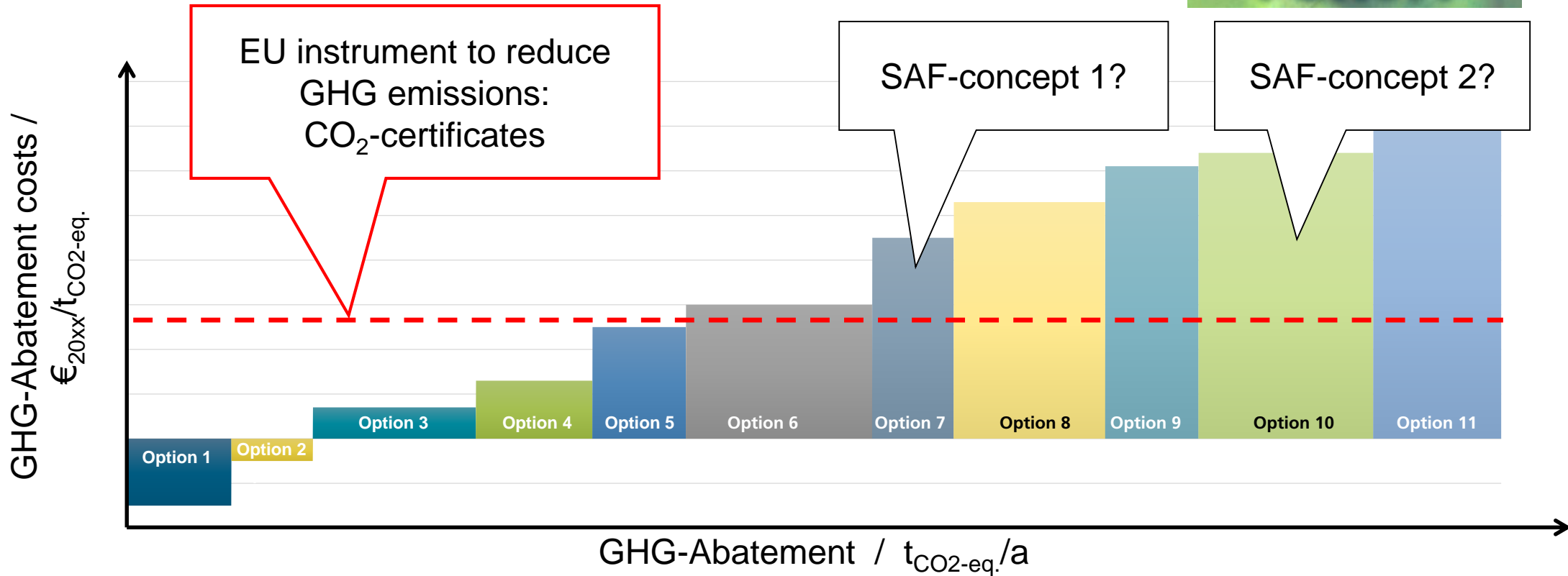
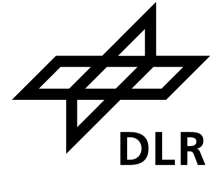
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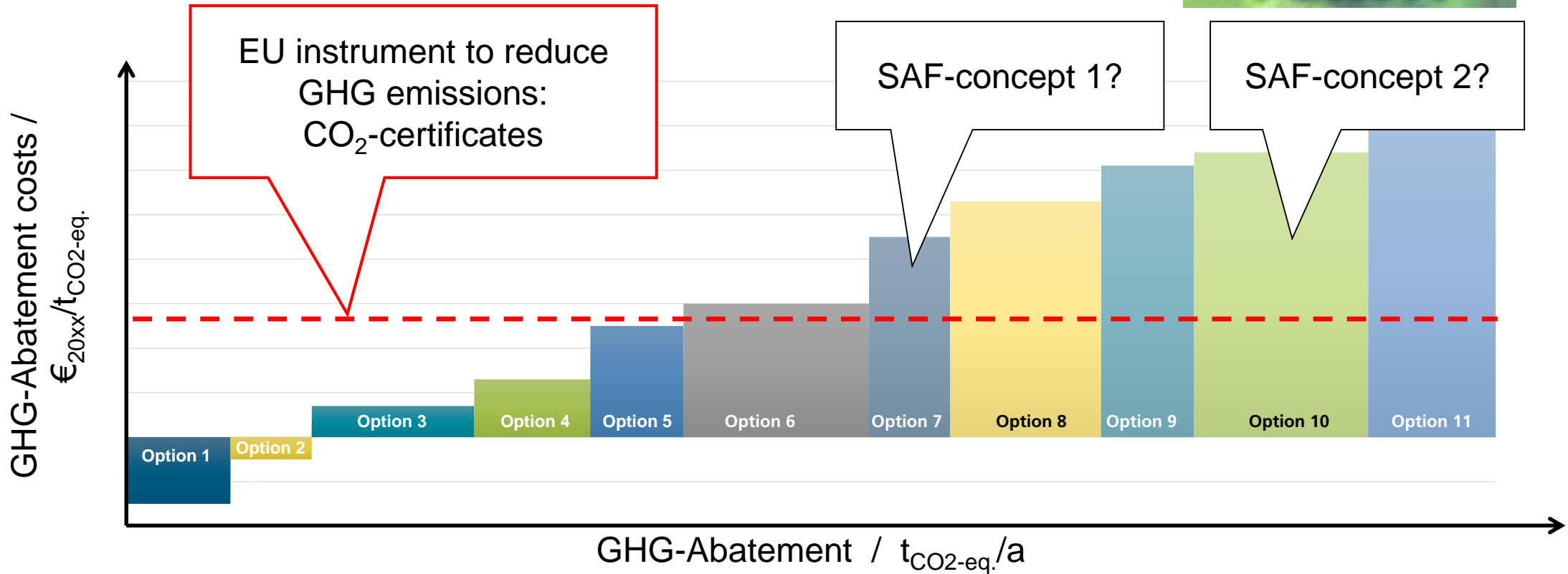
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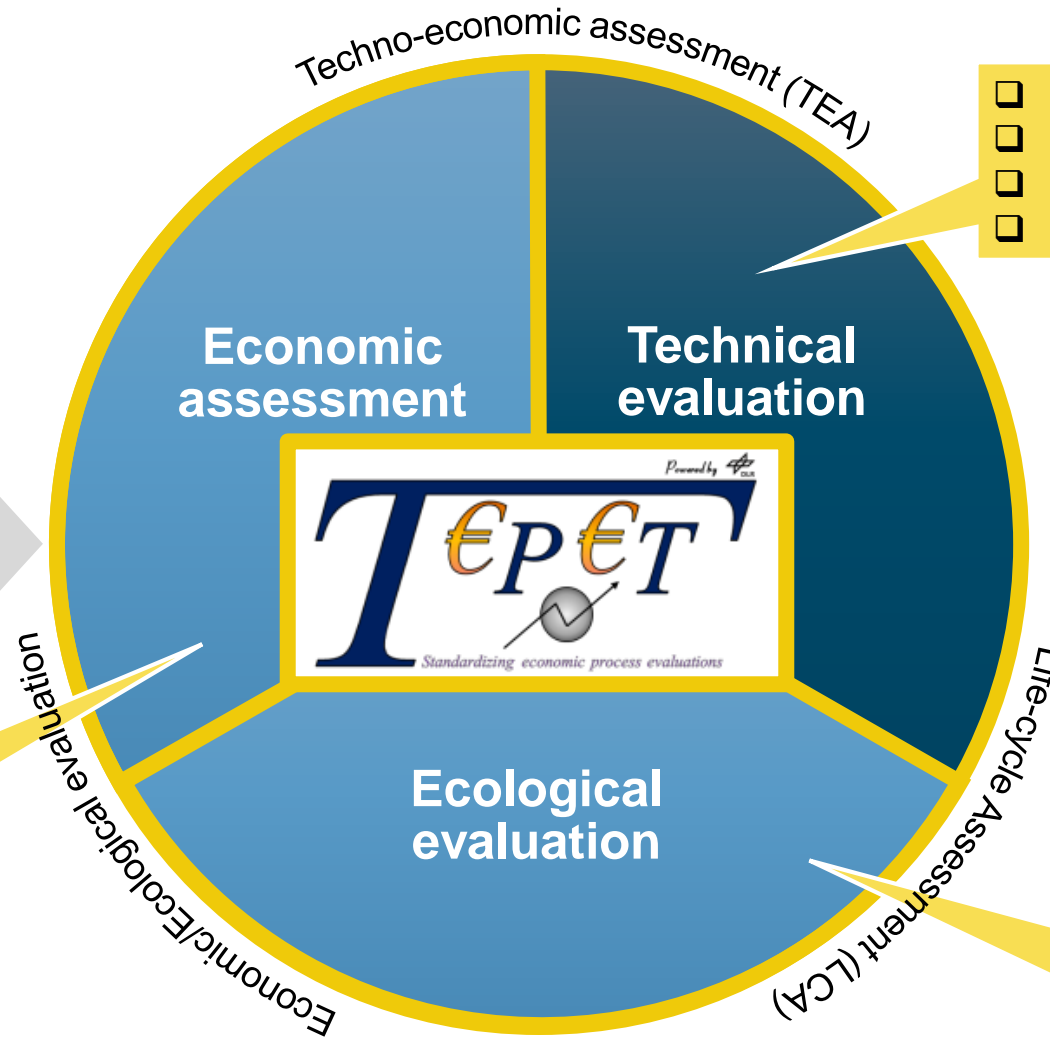
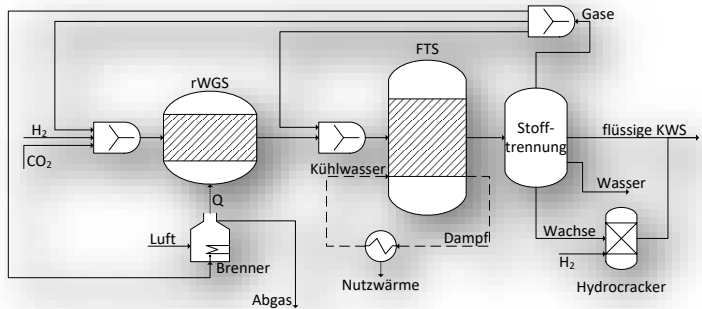
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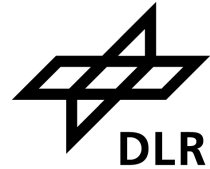
- Efficiencies (X-to-Liquid, Overall)
- Carbon conversion
- Specific feedstock demand
- Exergy analysis

- CAPEX, OPEX, NPC
- Sensitivity analysis
- Identification of most economic feasible process design

- GWP
- Other impact categories
- Identification of impact drivers

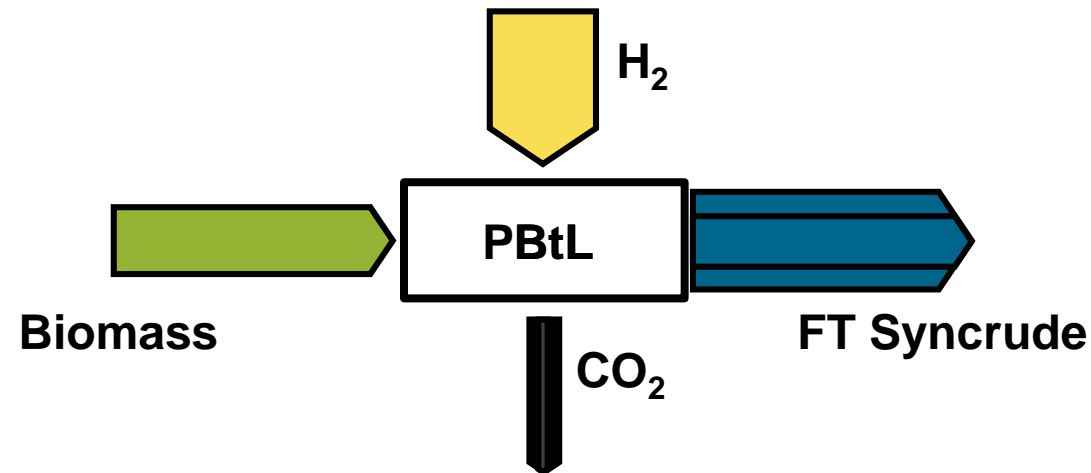
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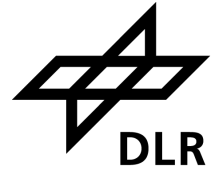
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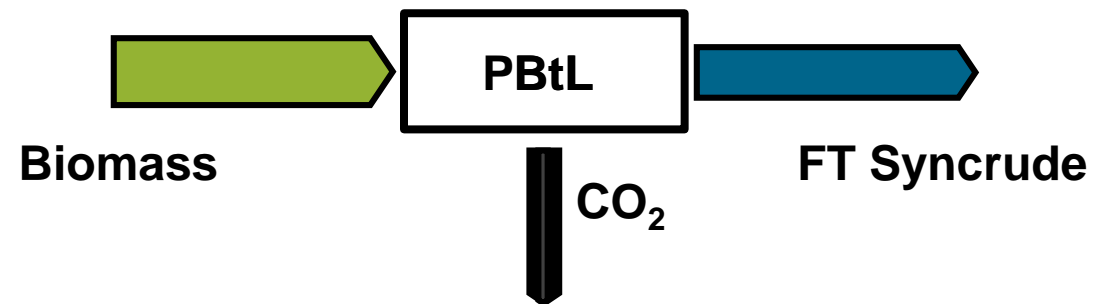
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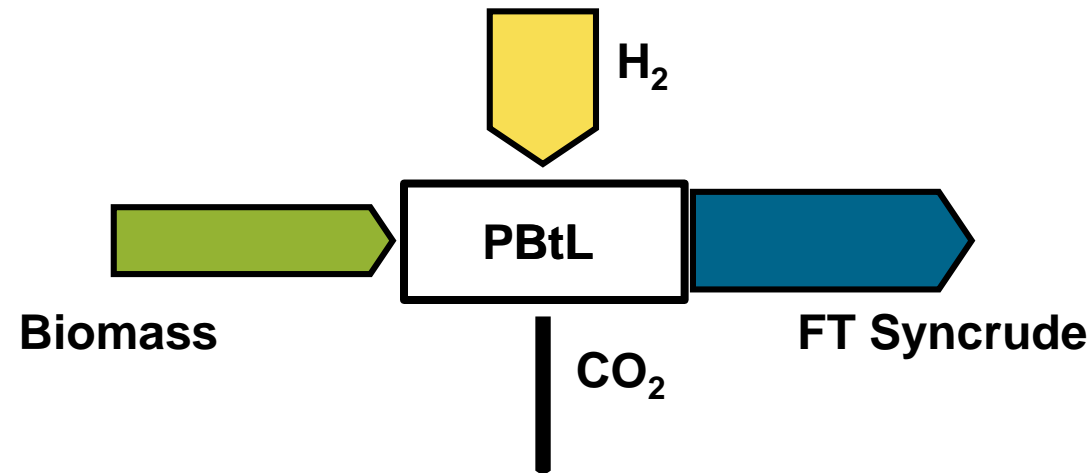
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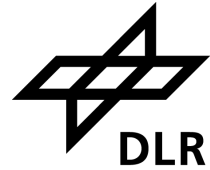
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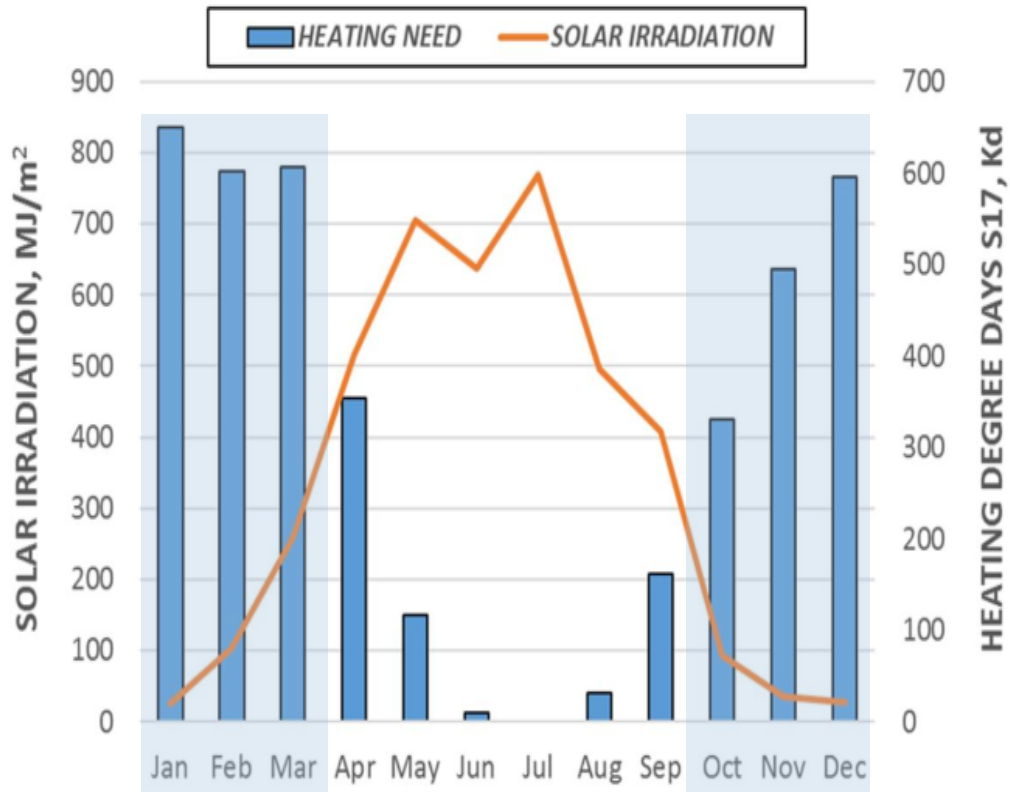
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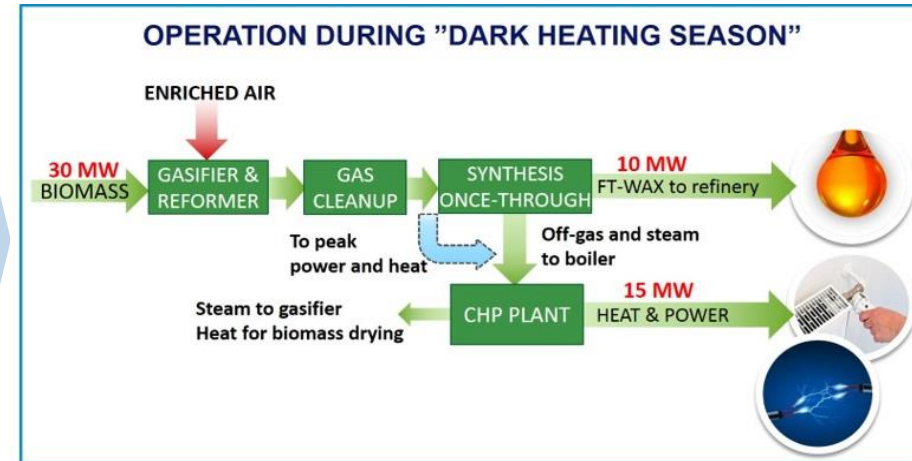
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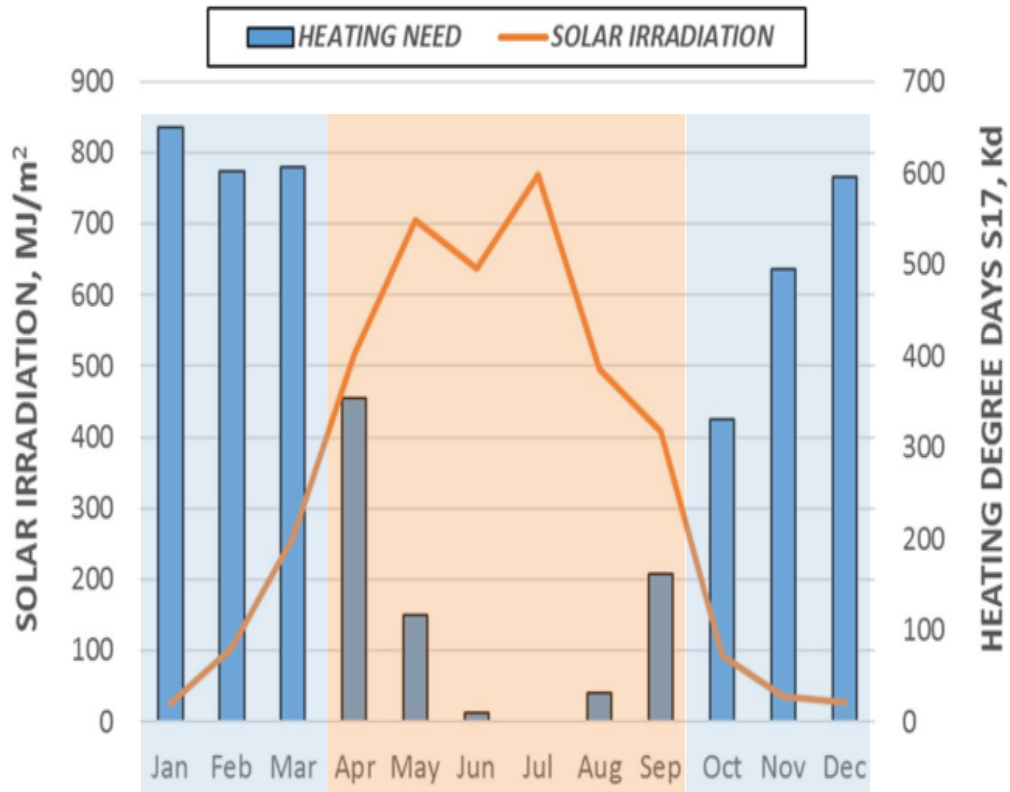
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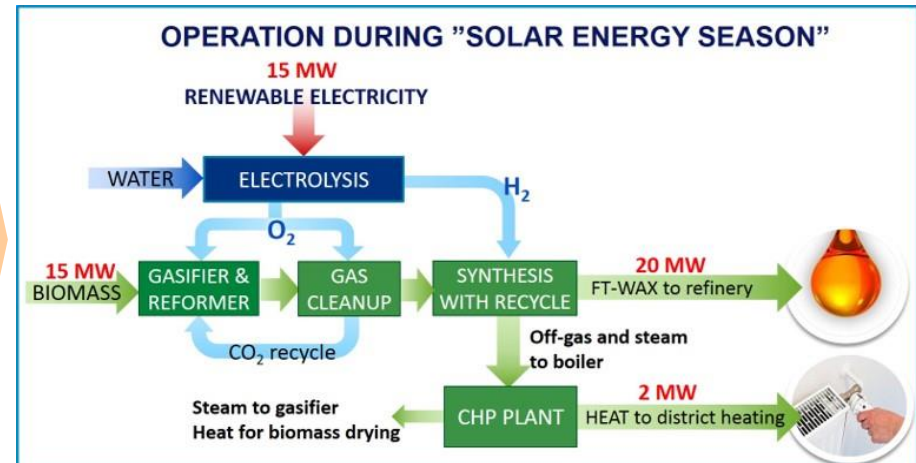
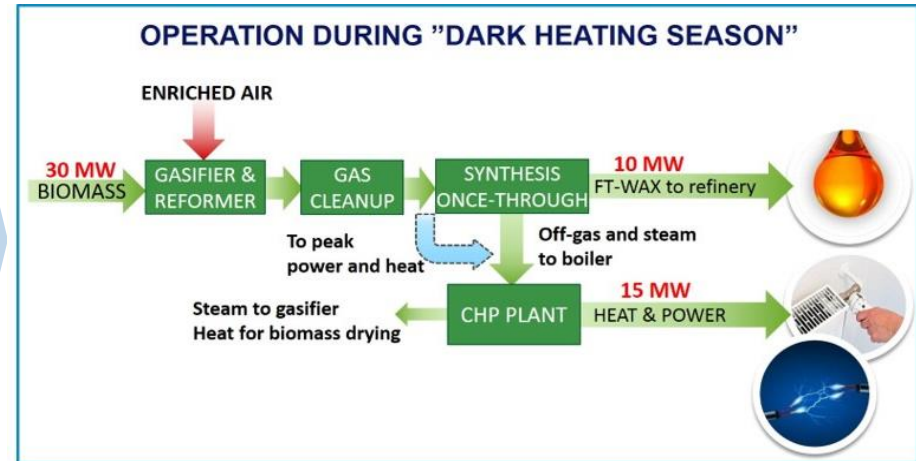


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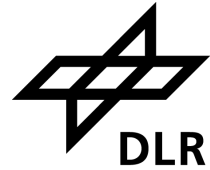


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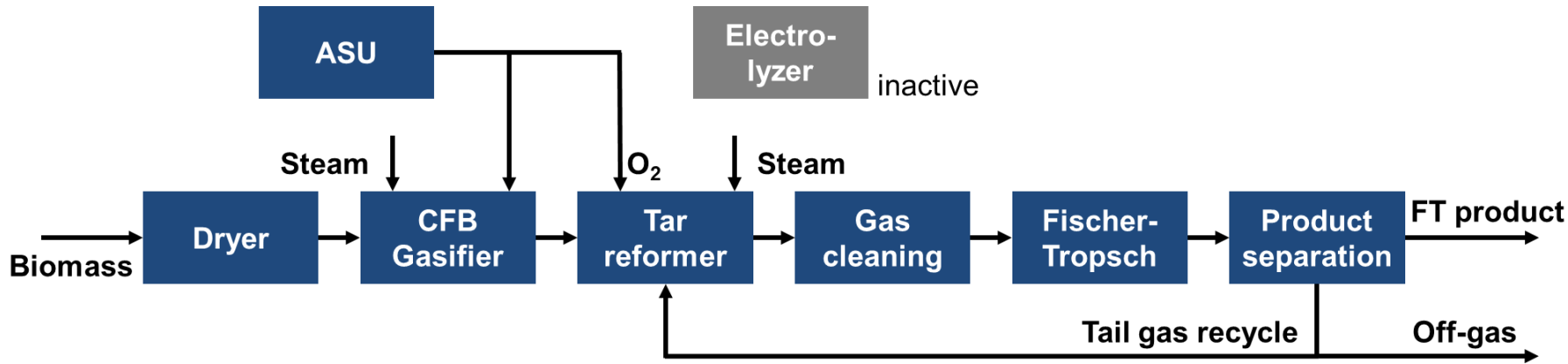
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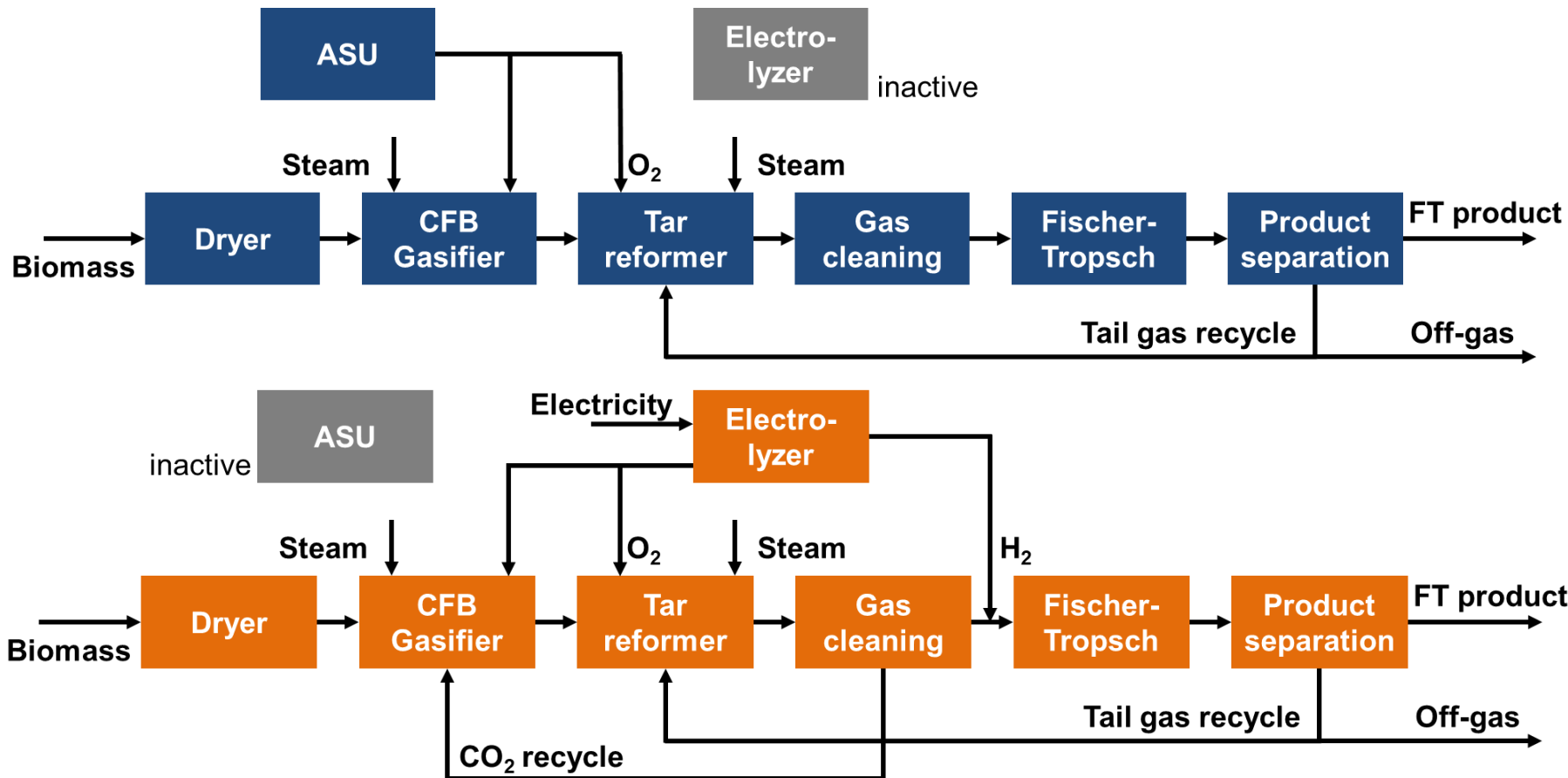
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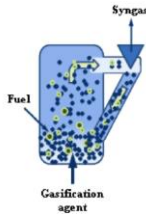
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Technology options for the PBtL processes



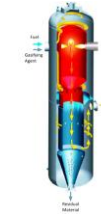
Gasifier [1]



Fluidized bed
 + Fuel flexibility
 - Difficult control



Fixed bed
 + Proven for small-scale applications
 - Limited scale-up



Entrained flow
 + High conversion efficiency
 - High fuel specificity

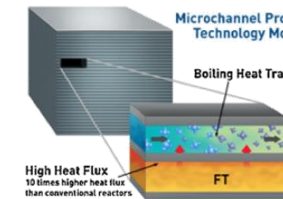
Fischer-Tropsch reactor [2]



SBCR
 + Simple thermo management
 - Difficult product separation

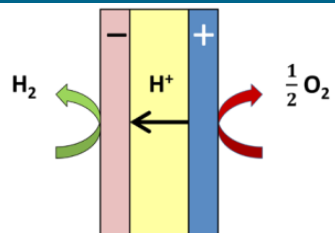


Fixed-bed
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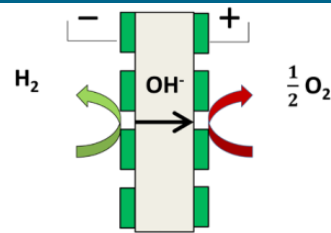


Microreactor
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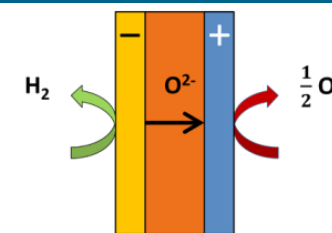
Electrolysis [3]



PEM
 + Load flexibility (0-100 %)
 - Low heat integration potential



AEL
 + Lowest investment cost
 - Limited system efficiency (< 60 %_{LHV})



SOEC
 + High electric efficiency
 - Low technology readiness level (largest SOEC plant 225 kW)

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Technical efficiencies ¹

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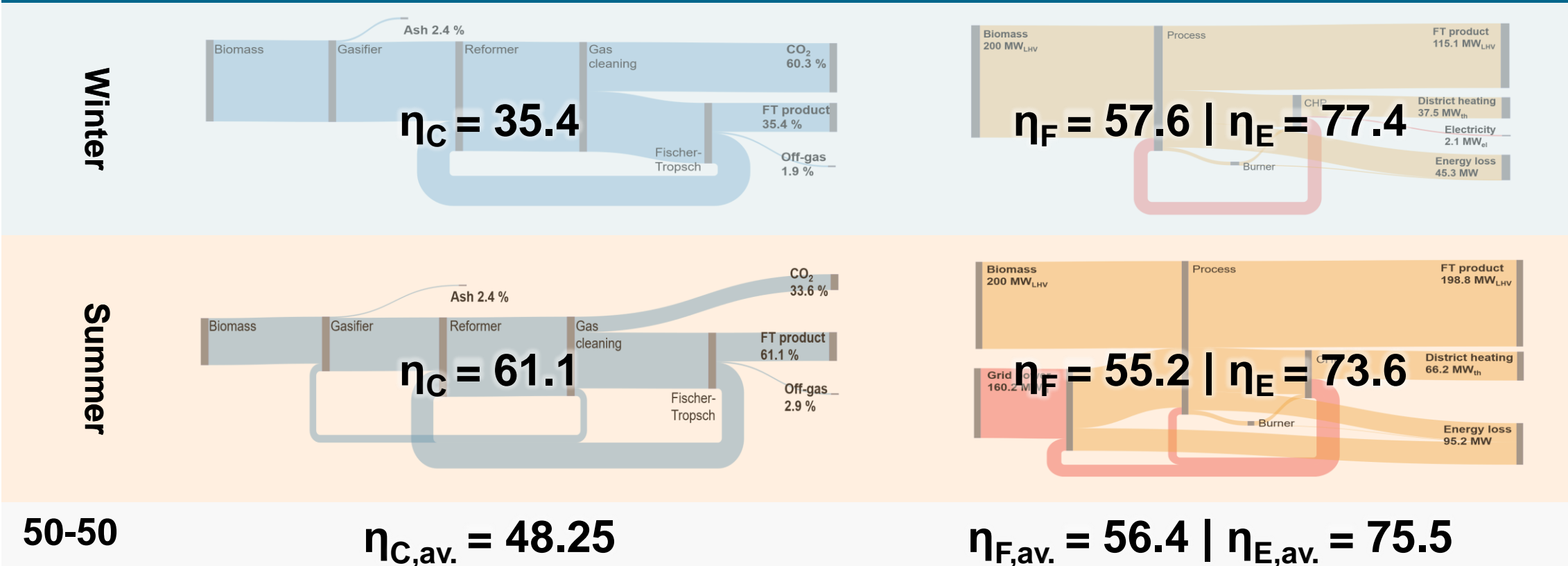


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Carbon efficiency η_C [%]

Fuel η_F | Process efficiency η_E [%]

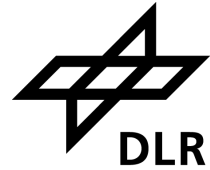


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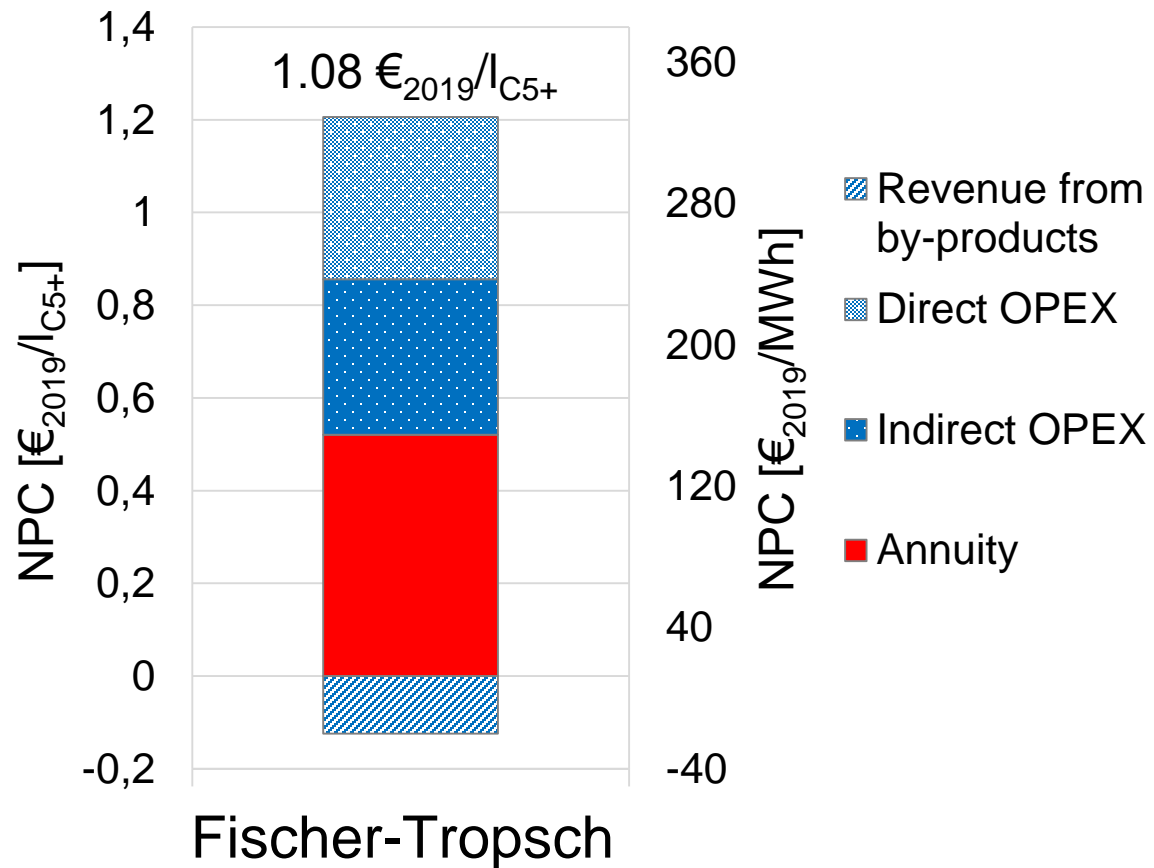
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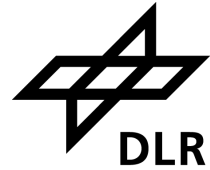
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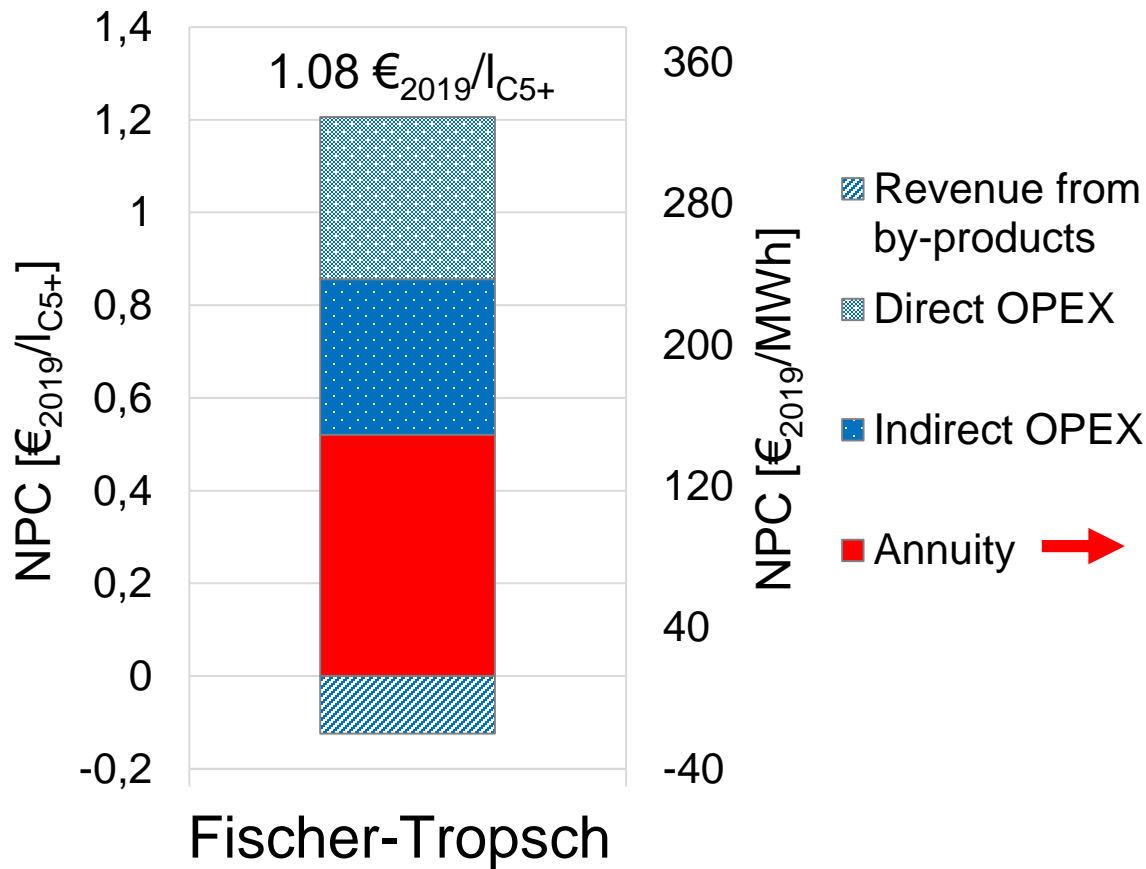
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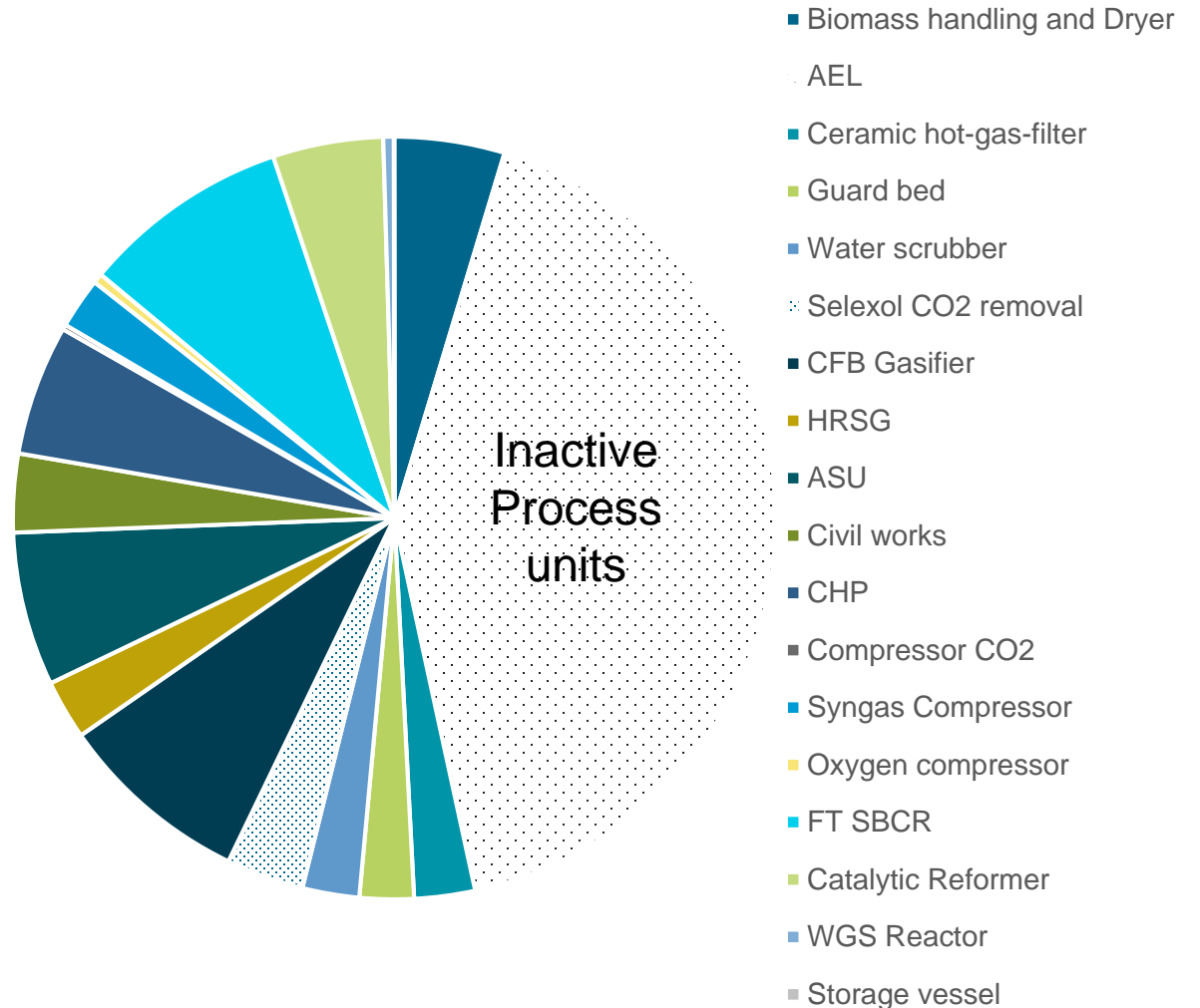
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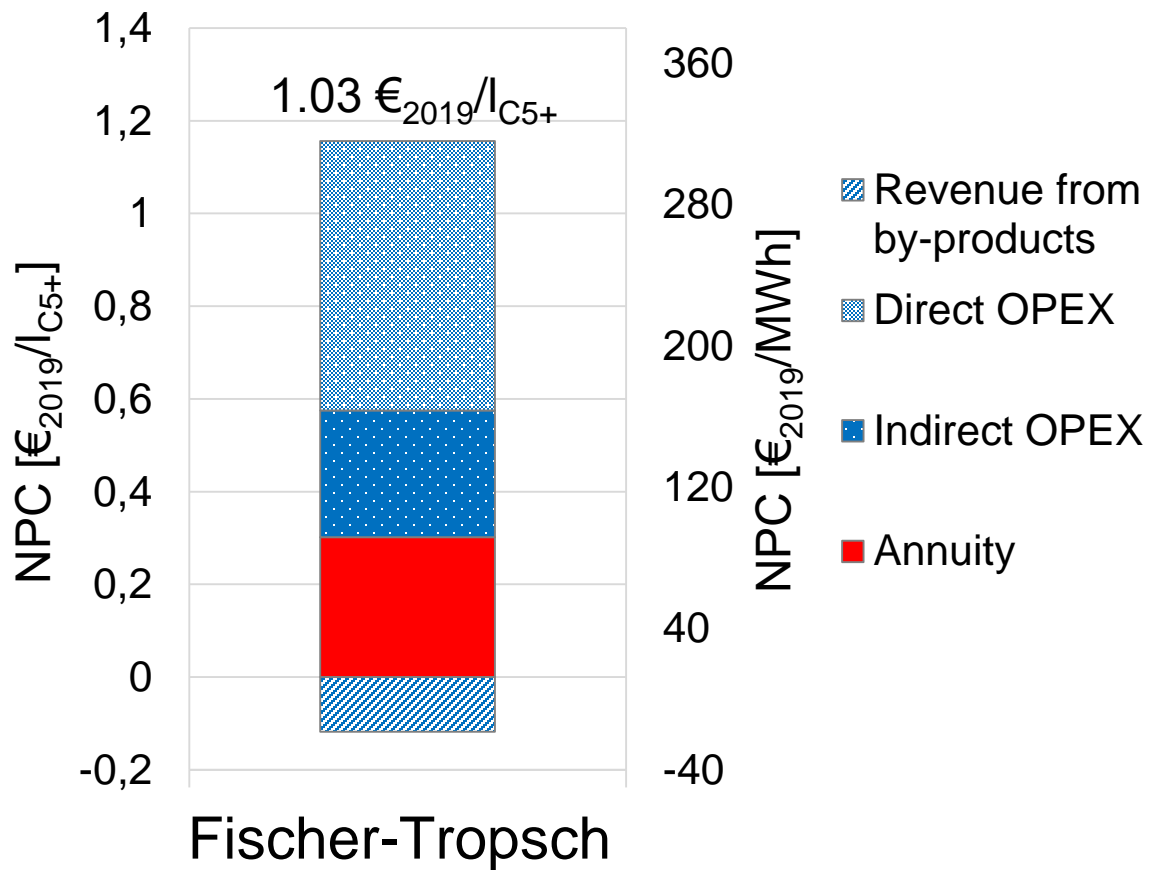
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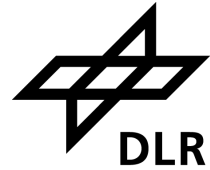
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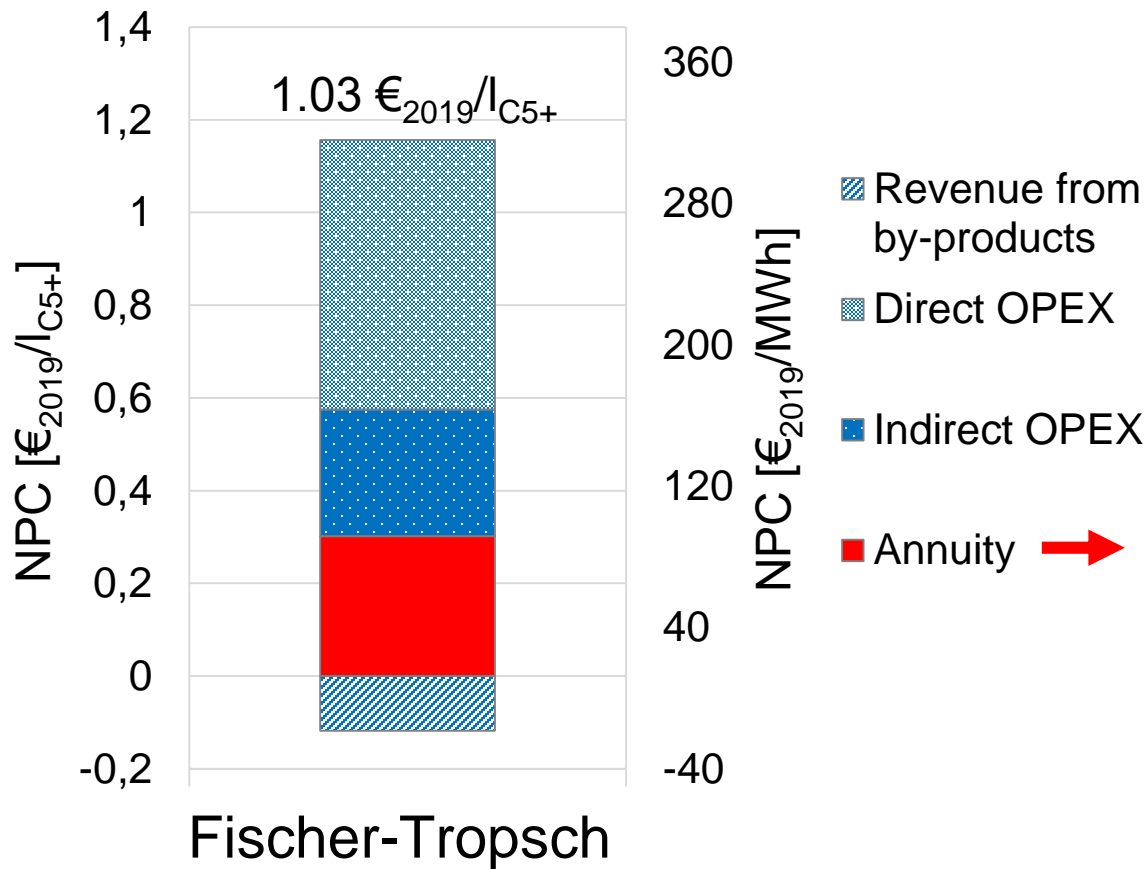
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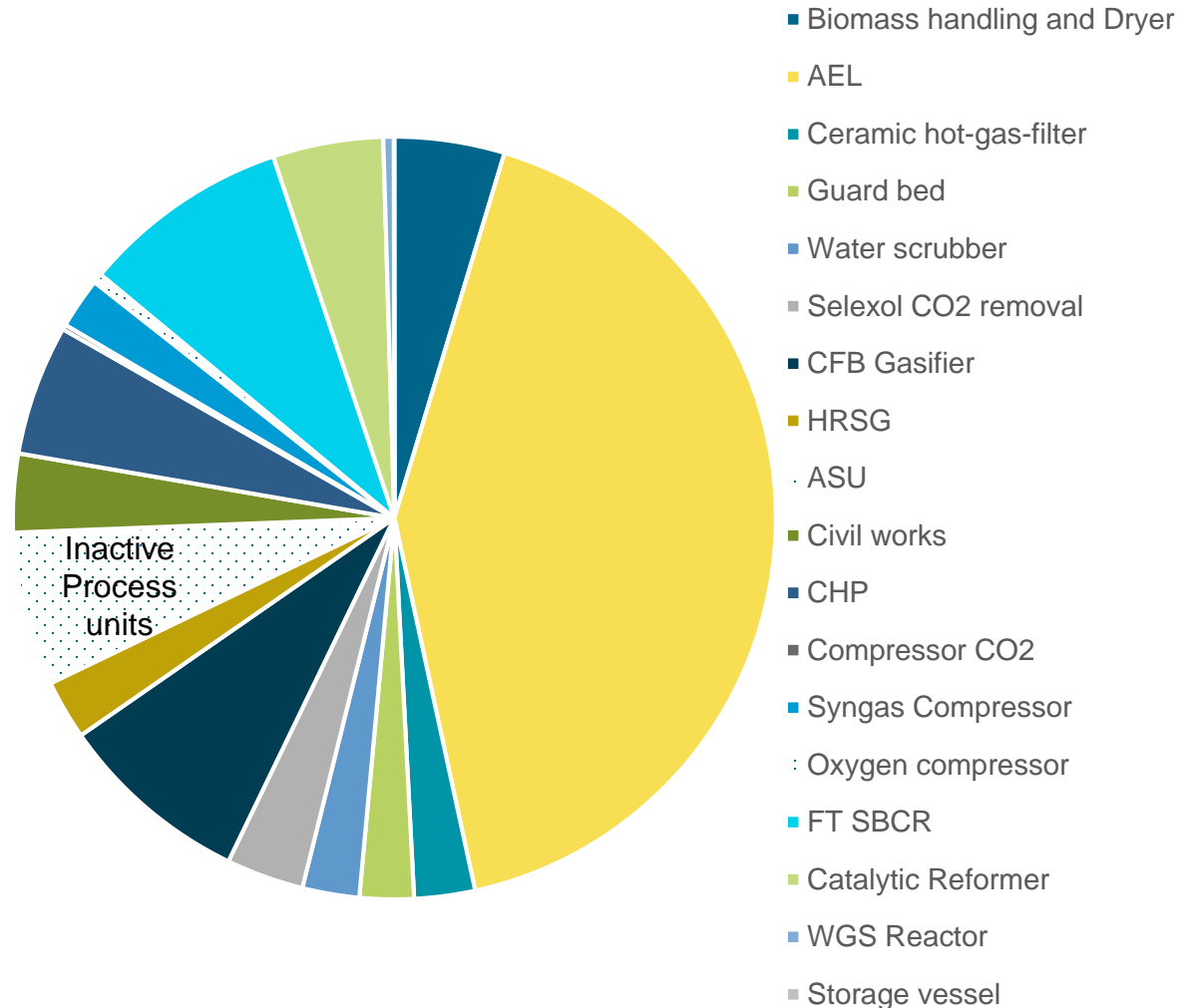
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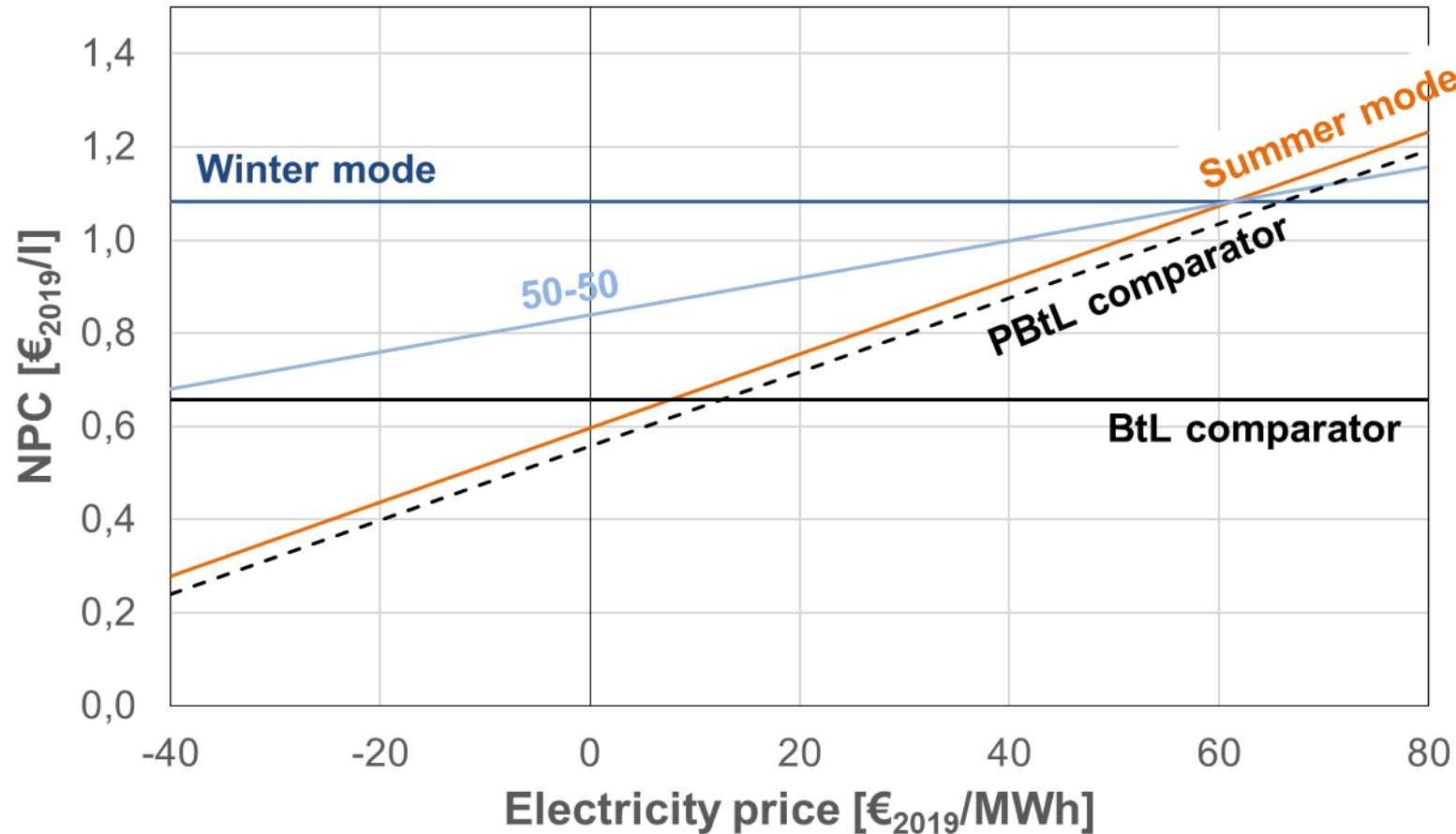
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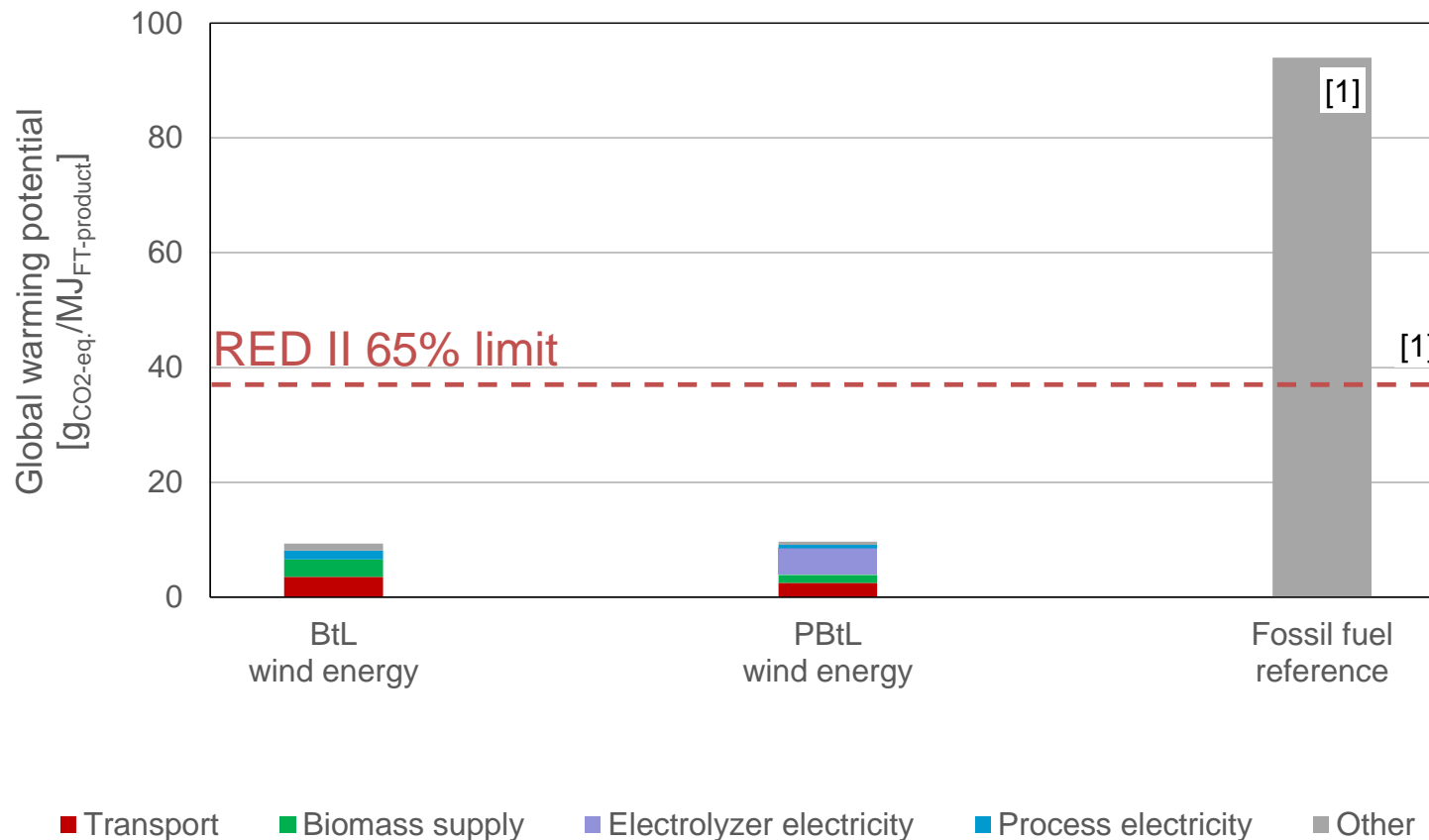
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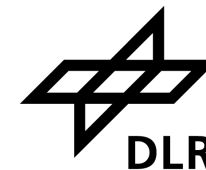
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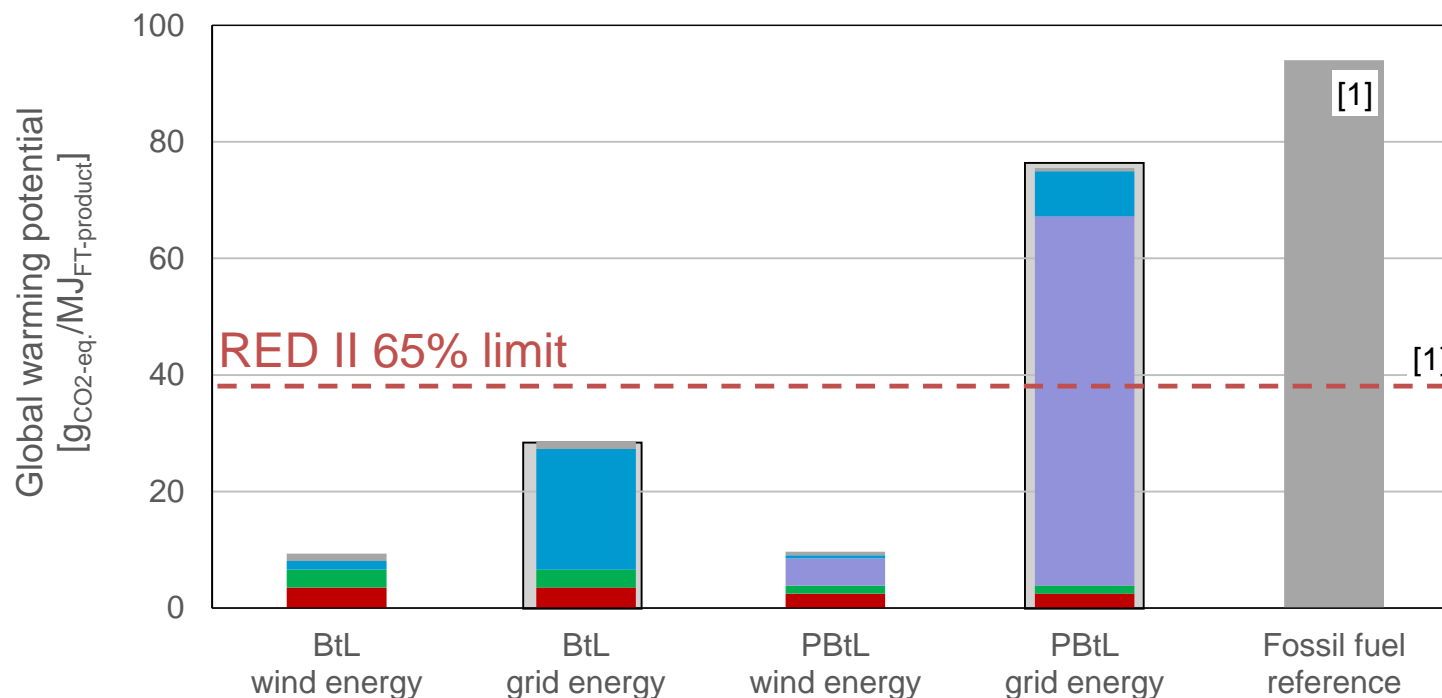
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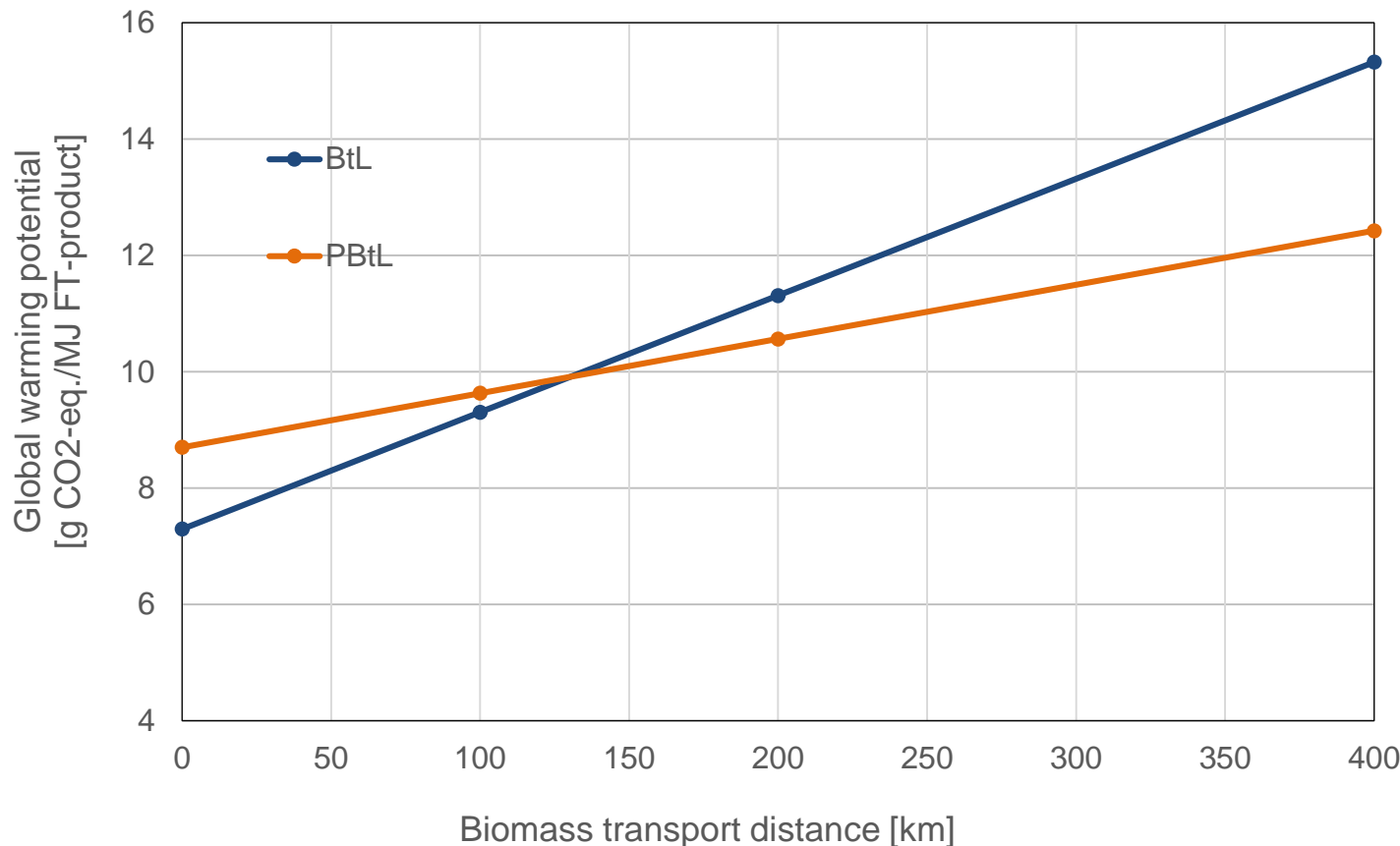
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Global Warming Potential (GWP)



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- **Transportation: truck (one-way)**
- longer biomass transport
= higher feedstock availability
- 200 km FT-products
- **Biomass: Harvesting woody residues (bark, saw dust, wood chips)**
- **Electricity: Finnish wind energy (electrolyzer excluded)**

Conclusion

- Biomass transport distance effects GWP of SAF
- Lower effect on PBtL GWP
- BtL requires short distance preferred < 130 km

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A satellite with two large solar panel arrays is shown in orbit above the Earth. The satellite is oriented horizontally, with its central body and instruments visible. The solar panels are extended outwards. Below the satellite, the Earth's surface is visible, showing a large body of water (the Mediterranean Sea) and the surrounding landmasses of Europe and North Africa. The atmosphere is a thin blue layer above the surface.

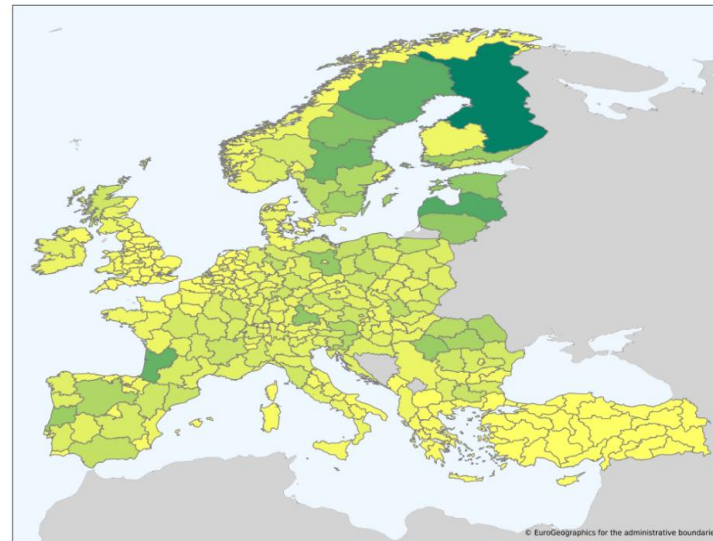
POTENTIAL EUROPEAN SAF ROADMAP

PBtL techno-economic-ecologic analysis for European SAF



PBtL as a suitable SAF production route for Europe?

- Significant contribution to future European aviation fuel demand^[1]
- Fuel production GHG below 32.9 g_{CO2,eq}/MJ (RED II) ^[2]
- Low production cost



63 Mt/a (2030?)



European aviation fuel demand
SAF potential ?

RED II compliant SAF?

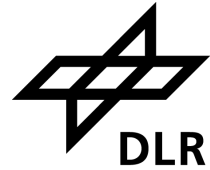
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European SAF Roadmap

key economic assumptions



Key Assumptions of multiple 400 MW_{th} biomass plants (400 kt_{SAF}/a)

Investment costs:

<i>AEL-Electrolyzer</i>	1 M€/MW [1]
<i>Fischer-Tropsch SBCR:</i>	5.9 k€/m ³ [2]
Selexol:	5.5 k€/kmol _{CO2} /h [3]
Fluidized bed gasifier:	0.5 M€/(kg _{dry biomass} /s) [4]

Raw materials and utility costs

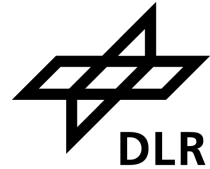
Selexol:	4.4 €/kg [5]
FT catalyst:	33 €/kg [6]

General economic assumptions:

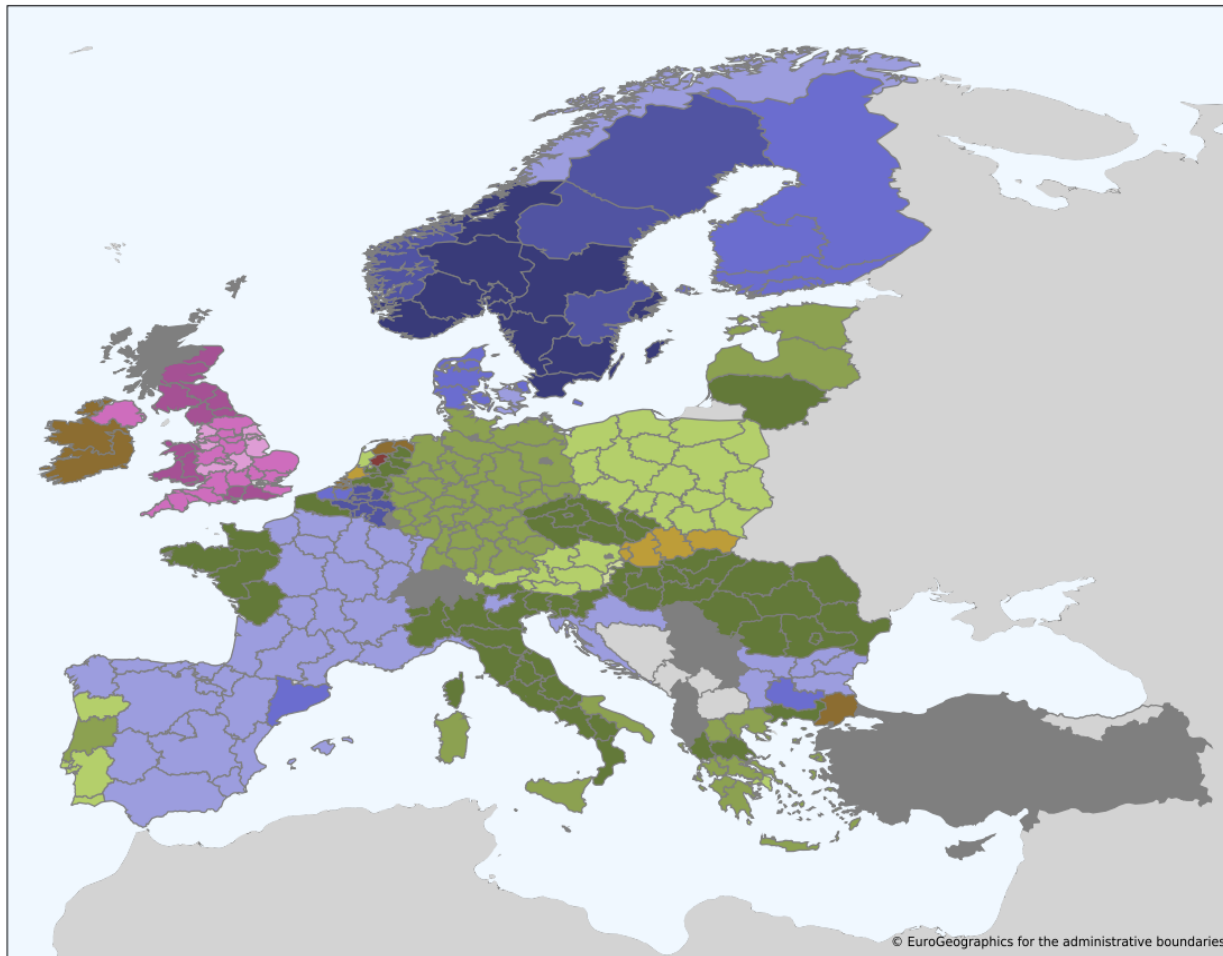
<i>Year:</i>	2020	<i>Plant lifetime:</i>	20 years
<i>Full load hours:</i>	8,100 h/a	<i>Interest rate:</i>	7 %

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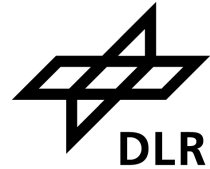
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- Transport distance as a function of biomass density
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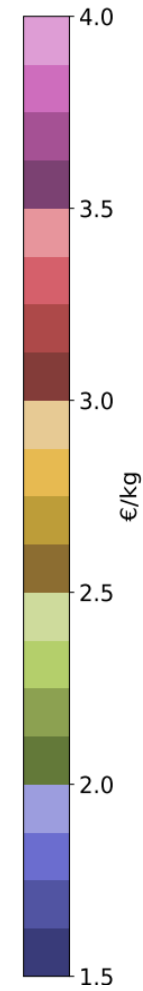
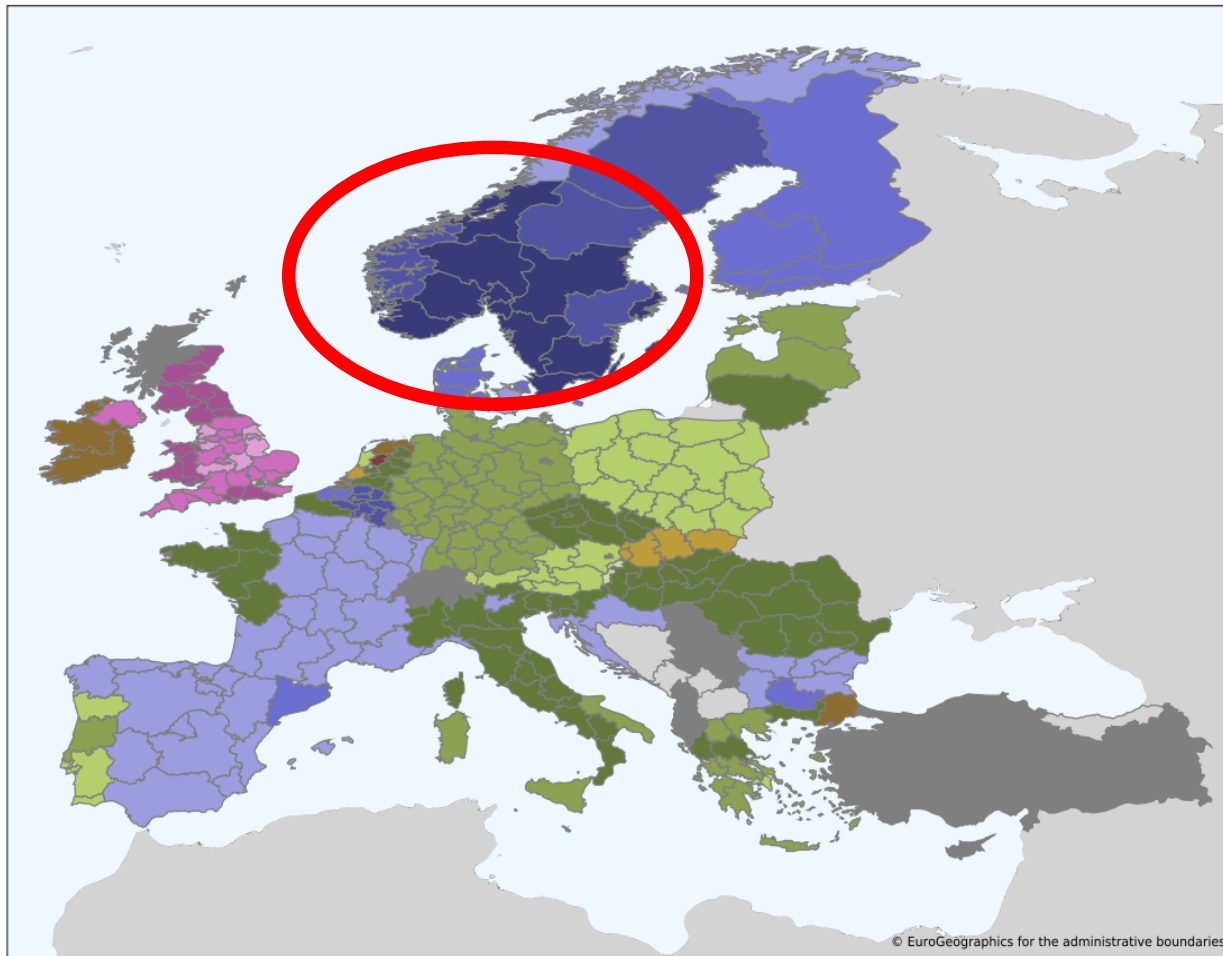
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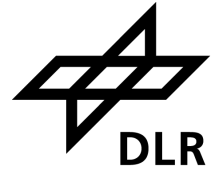
➔ Search for cheap biomass residue and inexpensive renewable power

1. Norway (57 MJ_{dry biom}/a)
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3. Finland (201 MJ_{dry biom}/a)

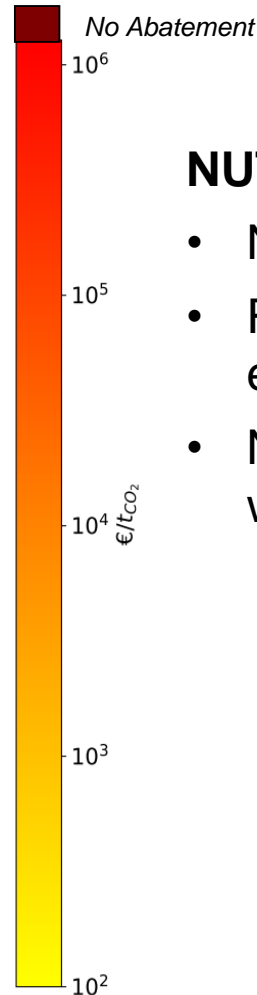
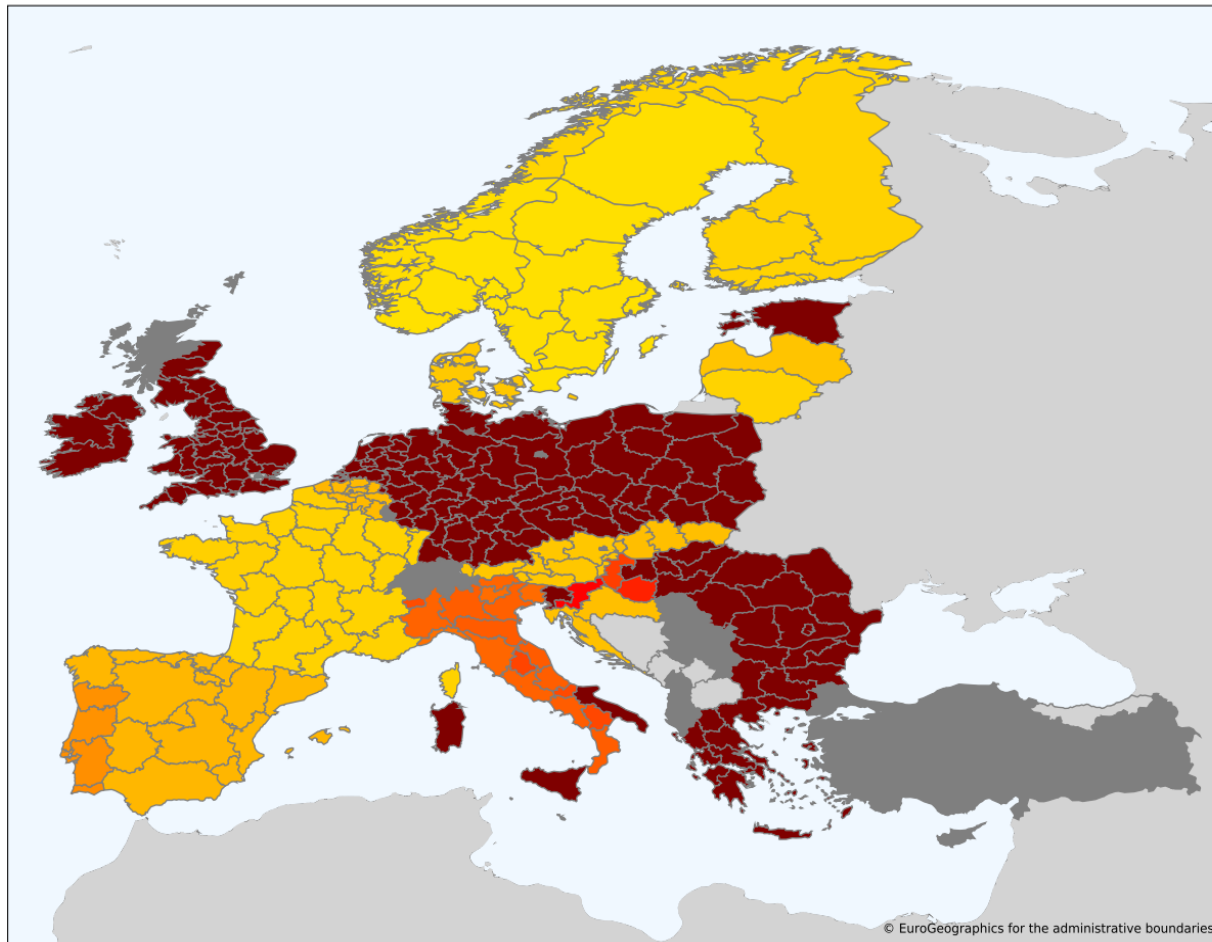
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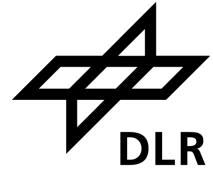


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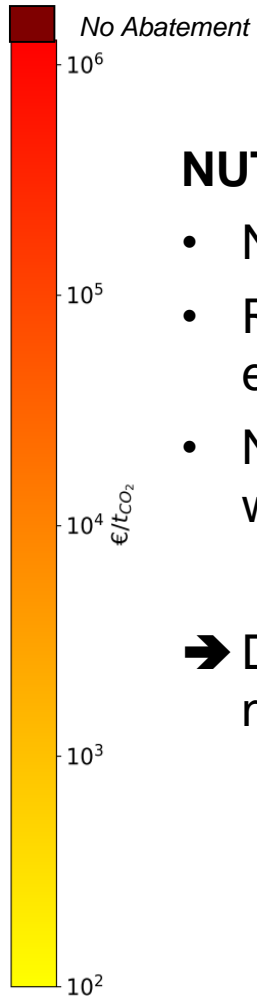
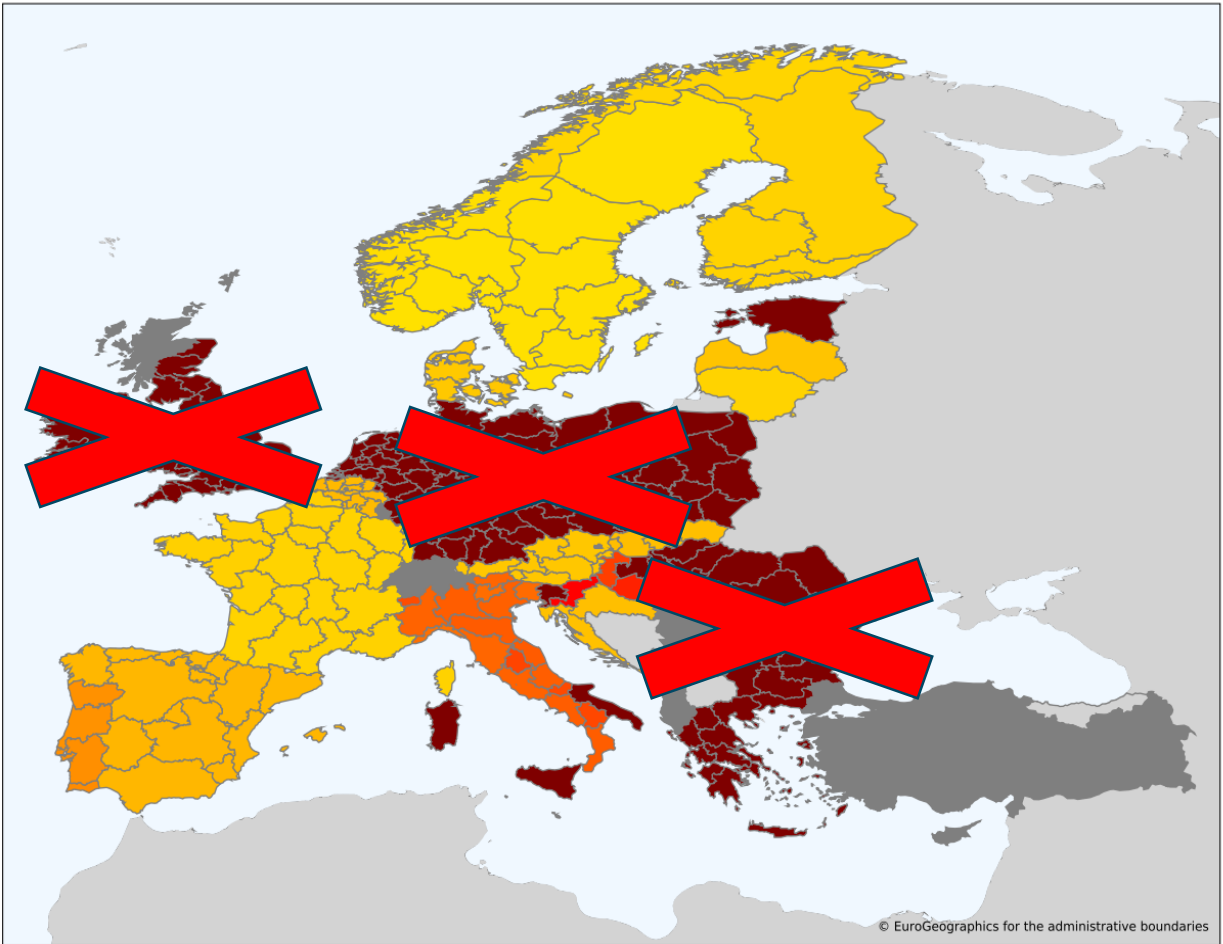
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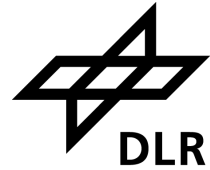


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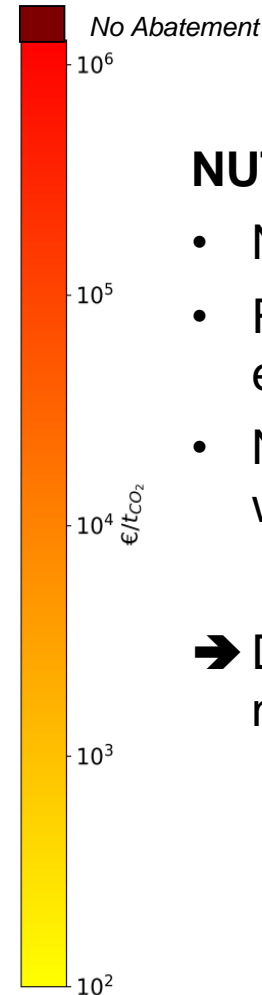
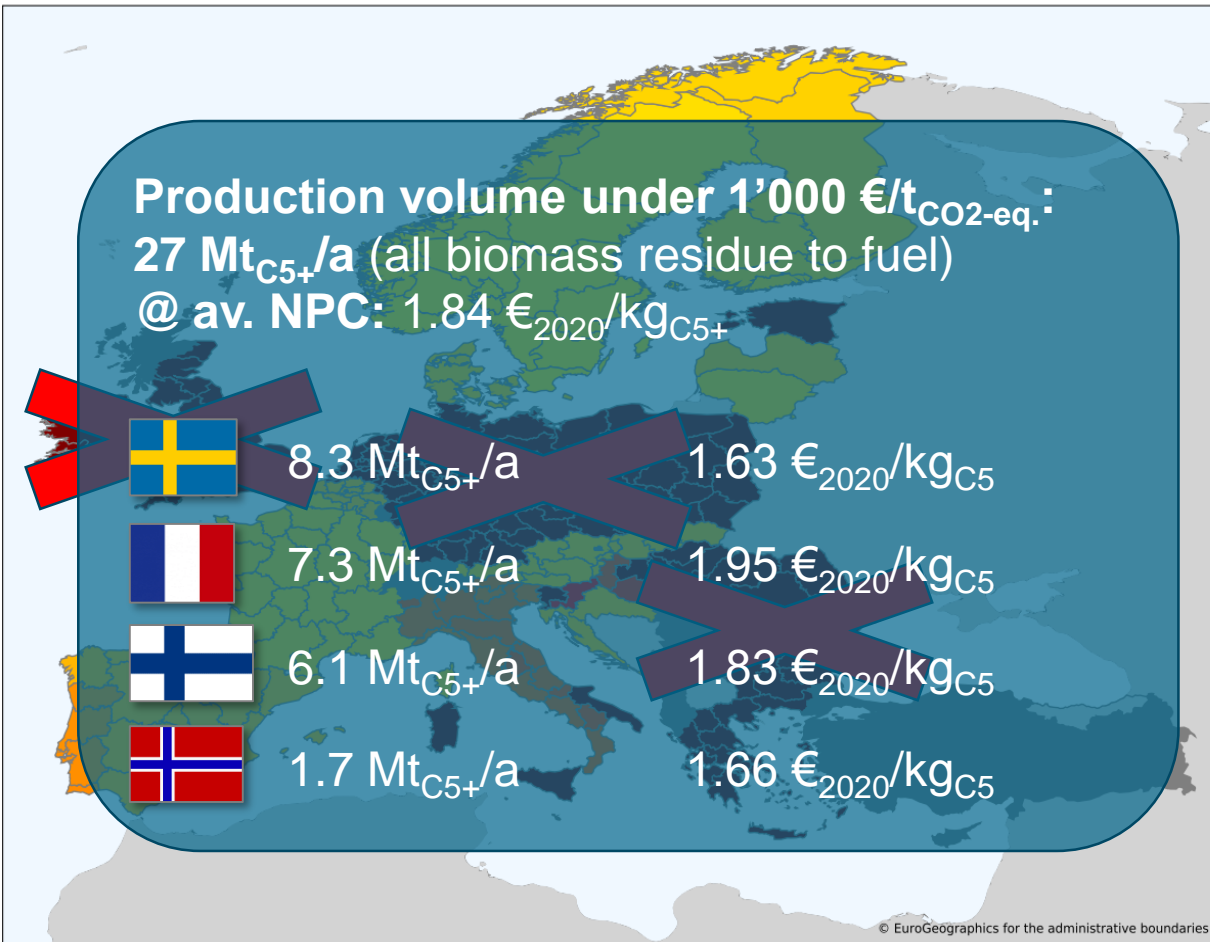
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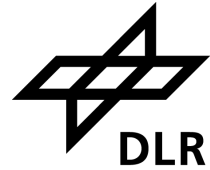


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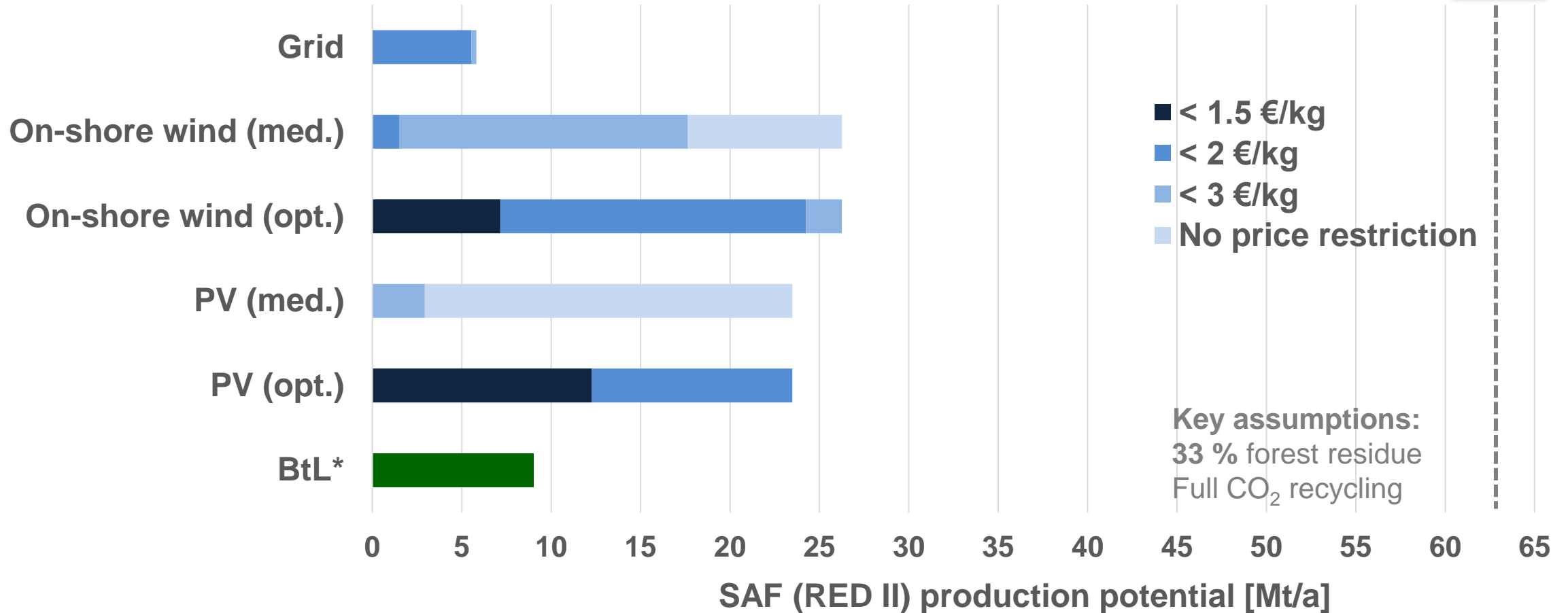
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Aggregated European SAF production potential



Total aviation fuel demand [1]



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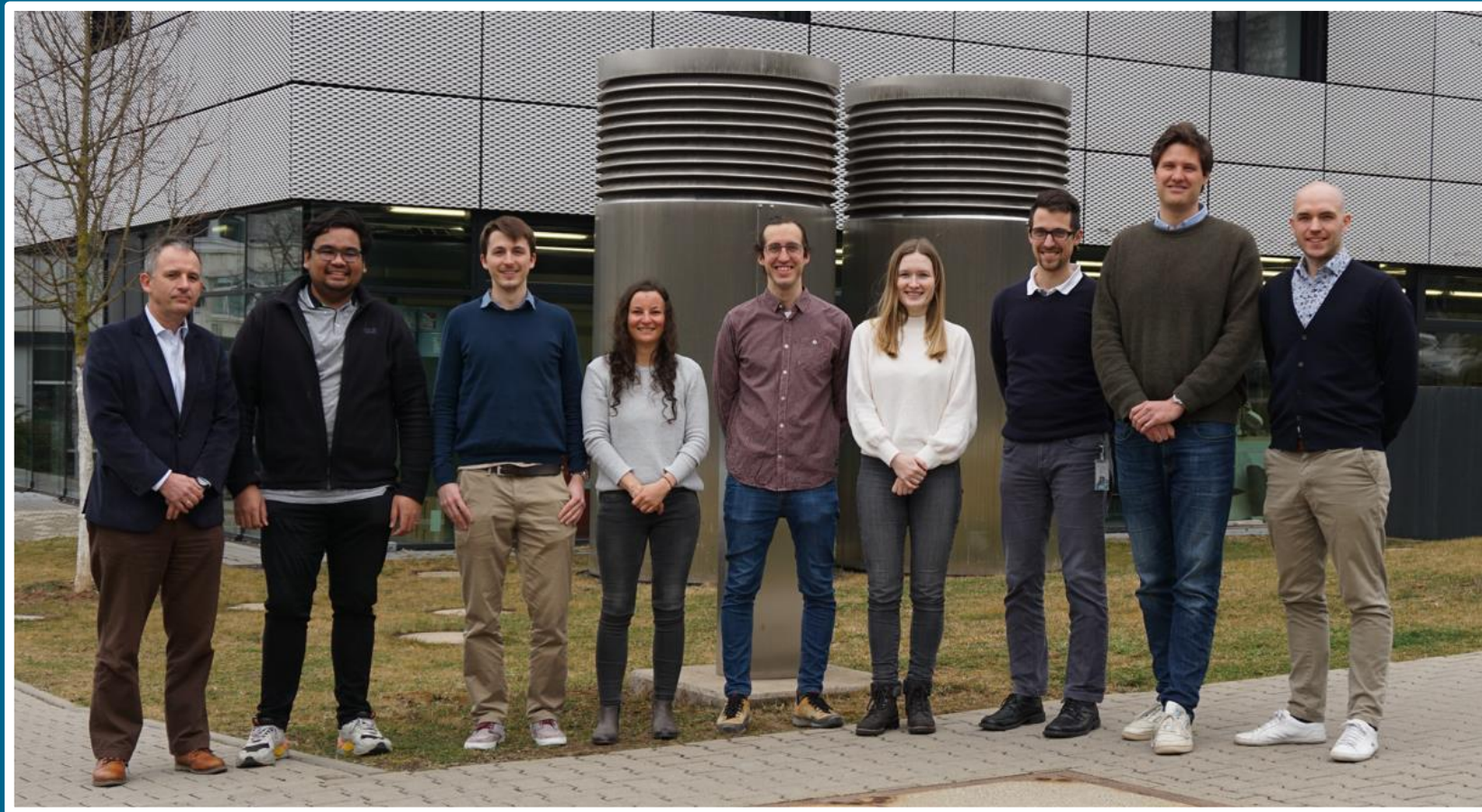
Technical, economic and ecological assessment of European SAF production



Summary

- Renewable fuels are required to meet the aviation contribution towards European climate change mitigation
- PBtL uses affordable renewable carbon and electricity → max. yield
- Renewable Carbon (biomass)
 - Local availability, competing demand, sustainability?
- Renewable Power
 - European ramp up to be accelerated
 - Integration of fluctuating renewable power at large scale?
- Transparent, standardized DLR assessment methodology
 - each technology option, roadmap creation, tracking of progress

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