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OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR ELECTRO-FUELS IN FUTURE AVIATION

Technical, economic and ecological assessment
of European sustainable aviation fuels (SAF) production

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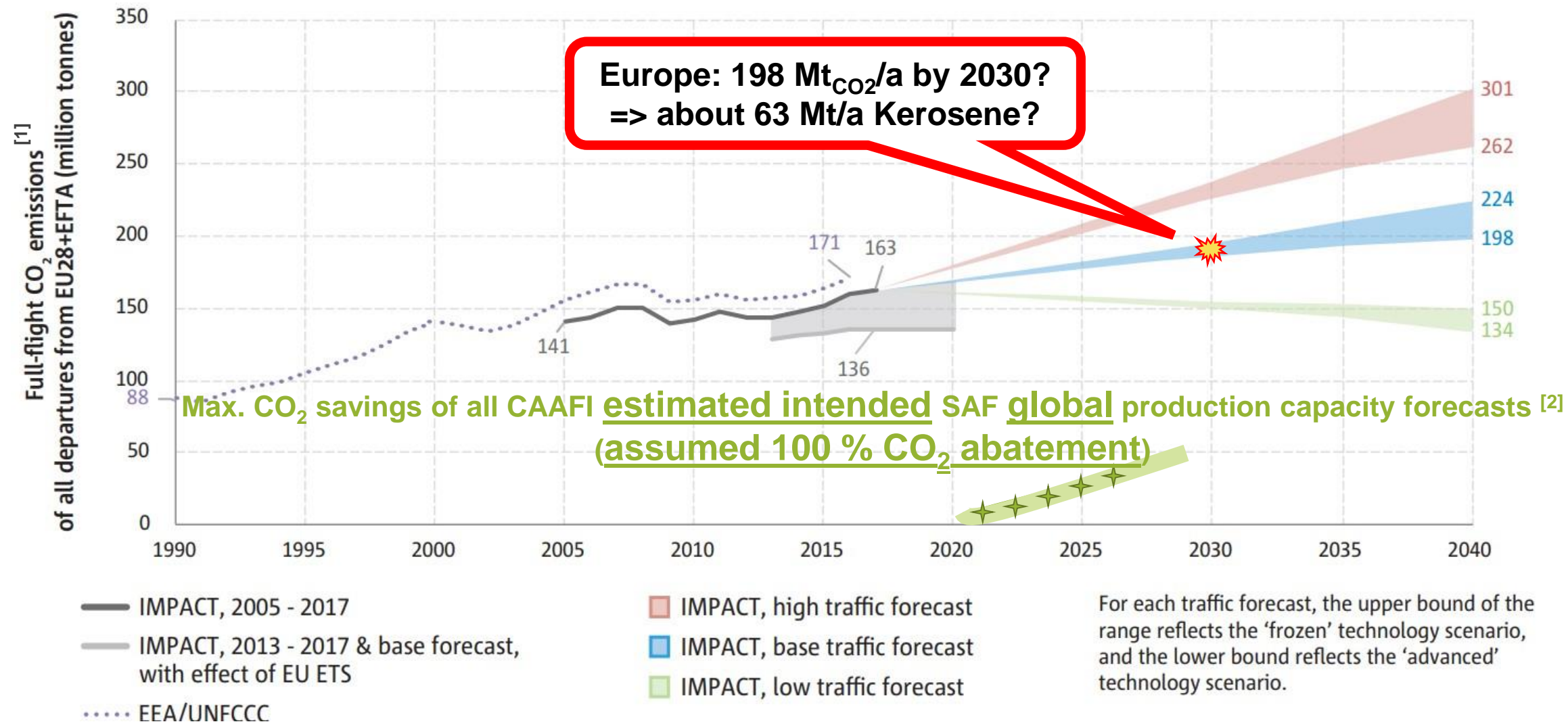


Opportunities and challenges for electro-fuels in future aviation - Agenda



1. SAF options and activities
2. Need for techno-economic assessment and life cycle analysis
3. Examples of
 1. Technical assessment
 2. Economical assessment
 3. Ecological assessment
4. Towards a European SAF roadmap
5. Proof of technological readiness
6. The Ambitious SAF deployment plan (Optimistic way forward, personal view)
7. Conclusion and outlook

SAF deployment too slow for significant CO₂ abatement



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

[2] calc. from (slide 2) S. Csonka, Aviation's Market Pull for SAF, https://www.caa.fi.org/focus_areas/docs/CAAFI_SAF_Market_Pull_from_Aviation.pdf.

Certified Alternative Jet Fuels

ASTM D7566 – 21 [1]



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Sugar from Biomass	Direct Sugars to Hydrocarbons (DSHC)	Synthetic iso-paraffins (SIP) / Farnesane
Bio-isobutanol (-methanol, -ethanol, -propanol, ...)	dehydration+oligomerization+hydration (Alcohol-to-Jet, AtJ)	AD-SPK

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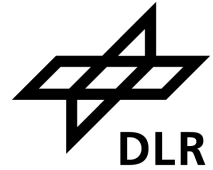
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Additional algae (percentage of botryococcus)	<p>Future role of 1st generation jet fuels within the aviation sector questionable due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Direct competition with food markets - Low area-related energy yields and limited cultivation area - Low technical development potential <p>→ How / Where / When to deploy 2nd generation SAF?</p>	
Biogenic lipid		
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Bio-isobutanol (methanol, ethanol, propanol, ...)		

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Assessment of SAF concepts / options / configurations / locations / ...



Feedstock availability towards 63 Mt/a

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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
≈ 3 times of SAF demand!
- Fischer-Tropsch synthesis
 - Large scale, commercial technology
 - Secunda CTL (Sasol): ca. 7 Mio.t/a – since 1980/1984
 - Pearl GTL (Qatar Petroleum + Shell): ca. 6 Mio.t/a – since 2011
- Fuel
 - Fully synthetic kerosene achievable ^[2]

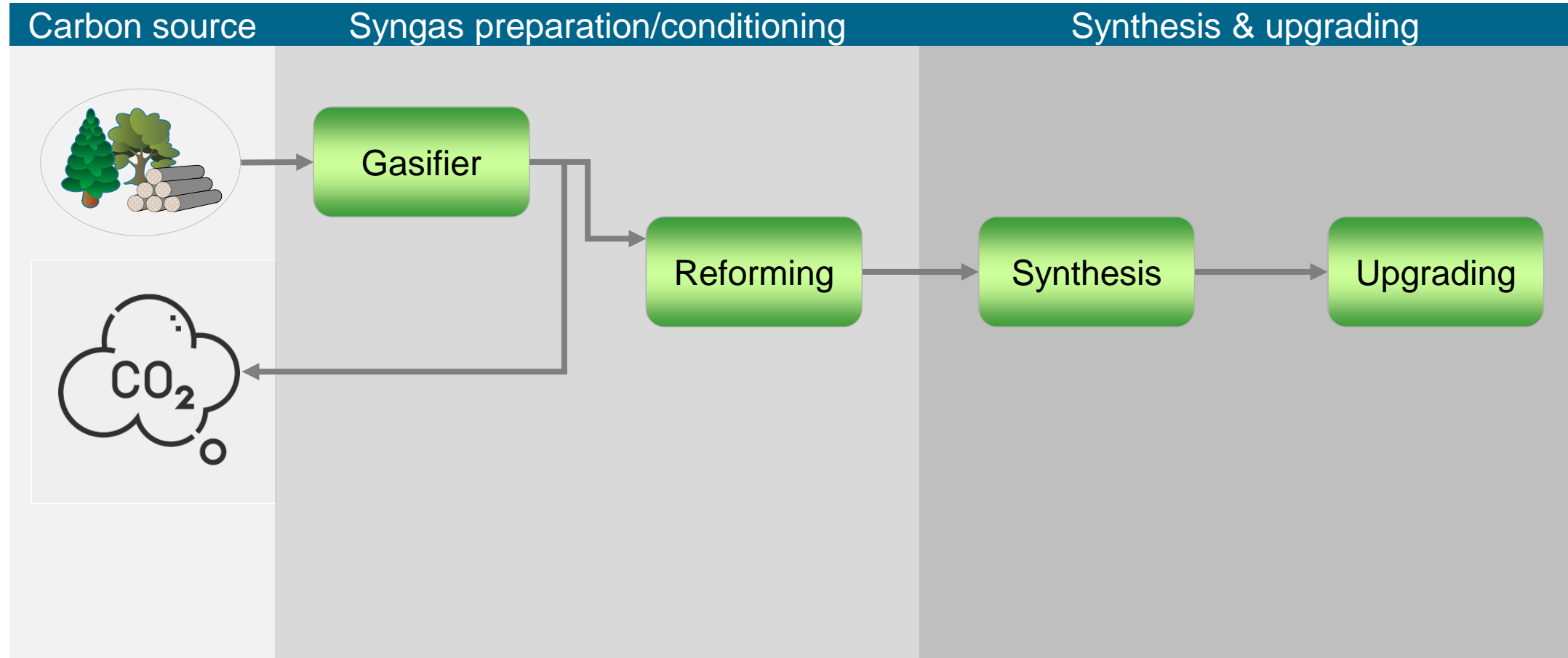
[1] European Environment Agency, "Europe's onshore and offshore wind energy potential," 2009

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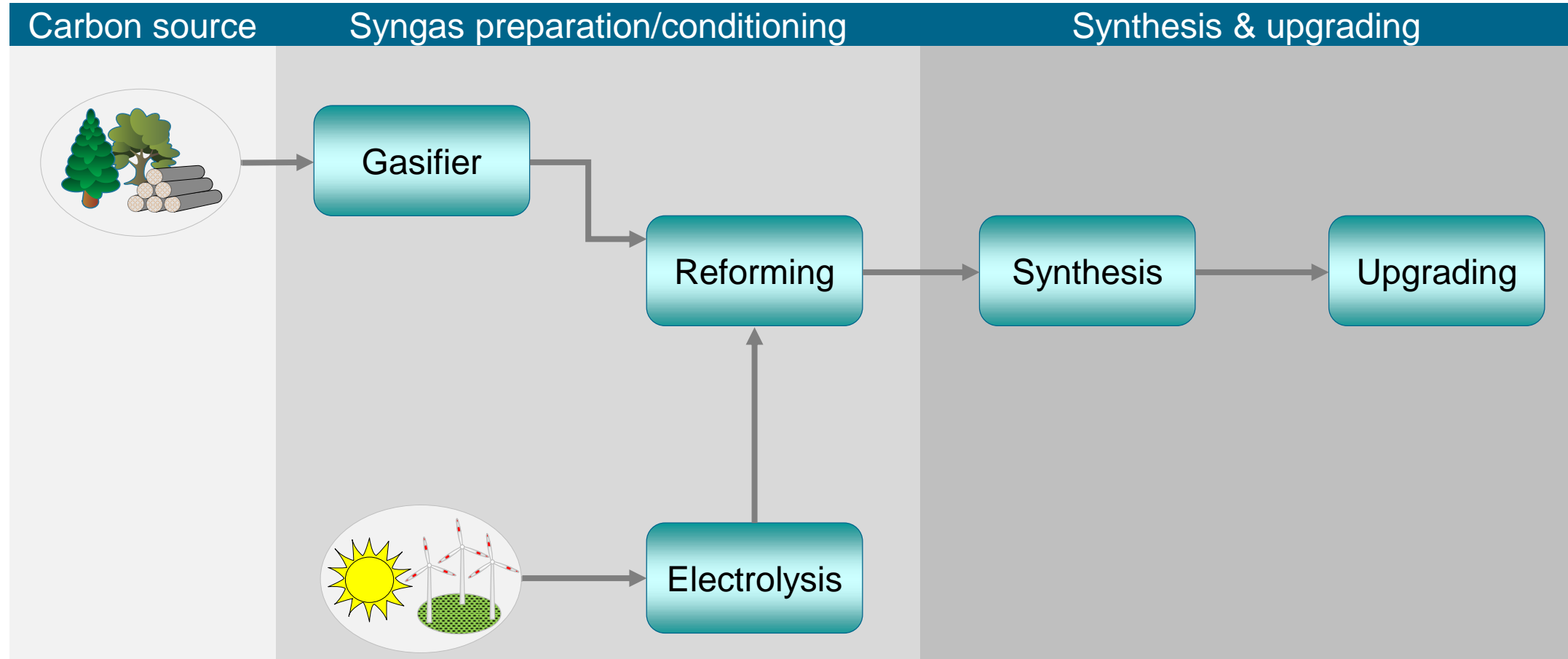
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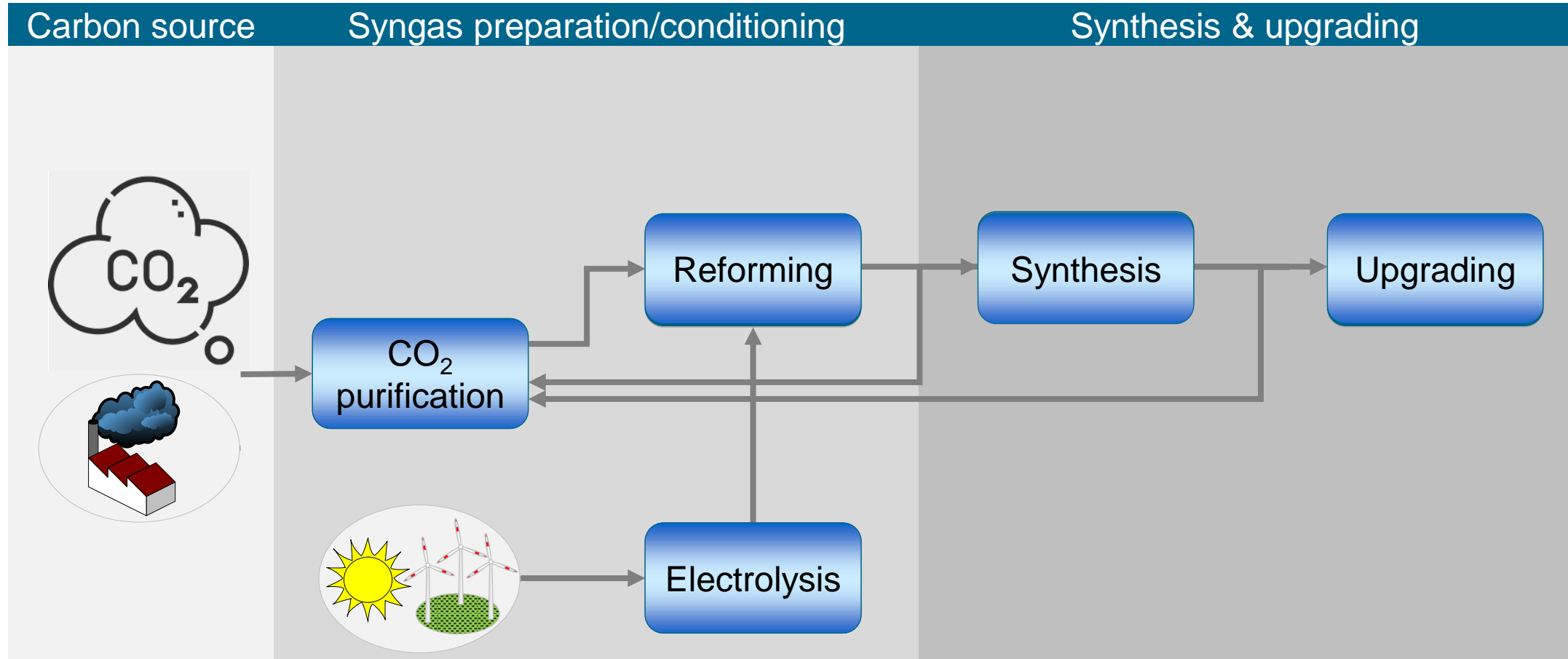
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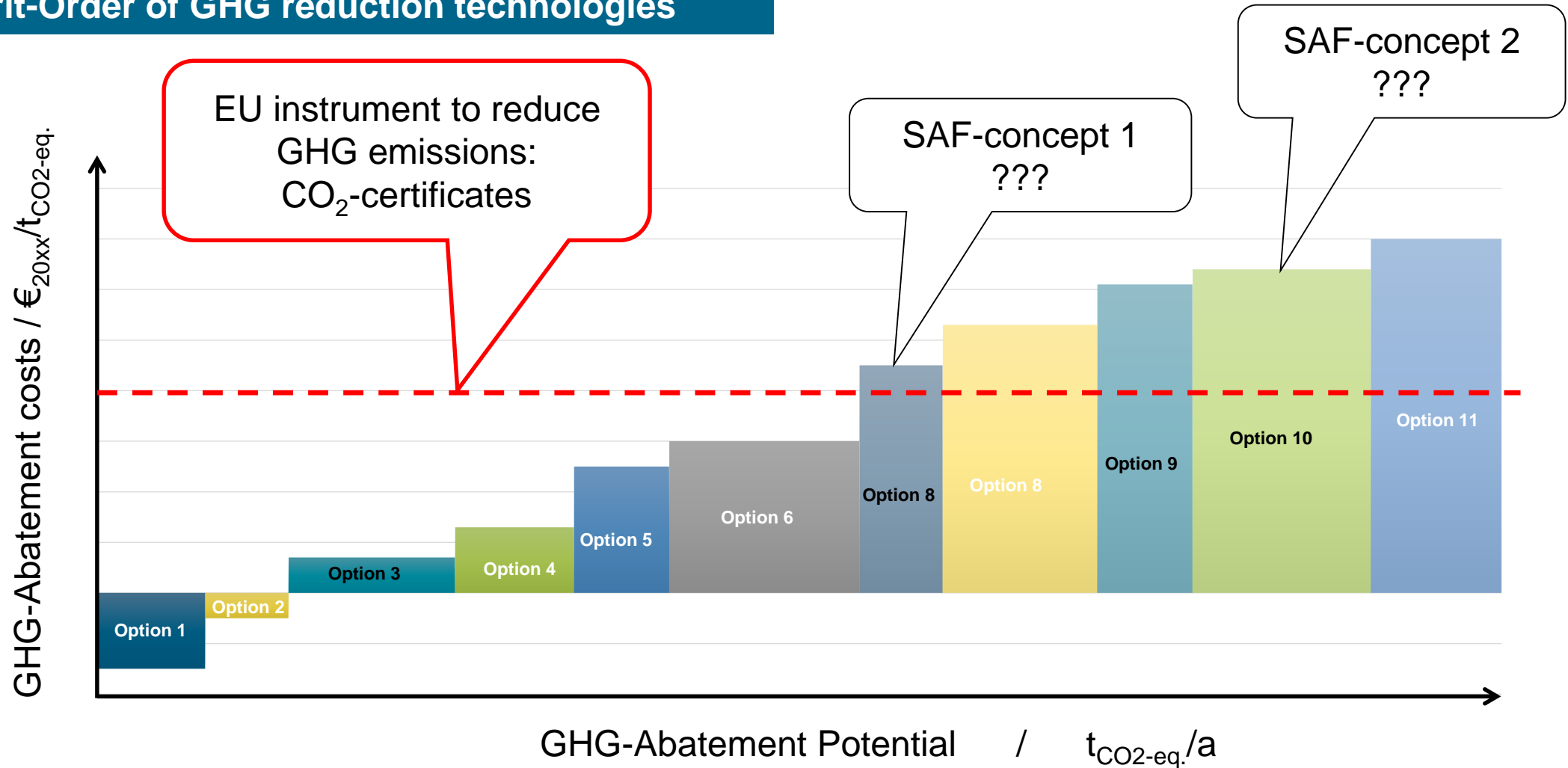
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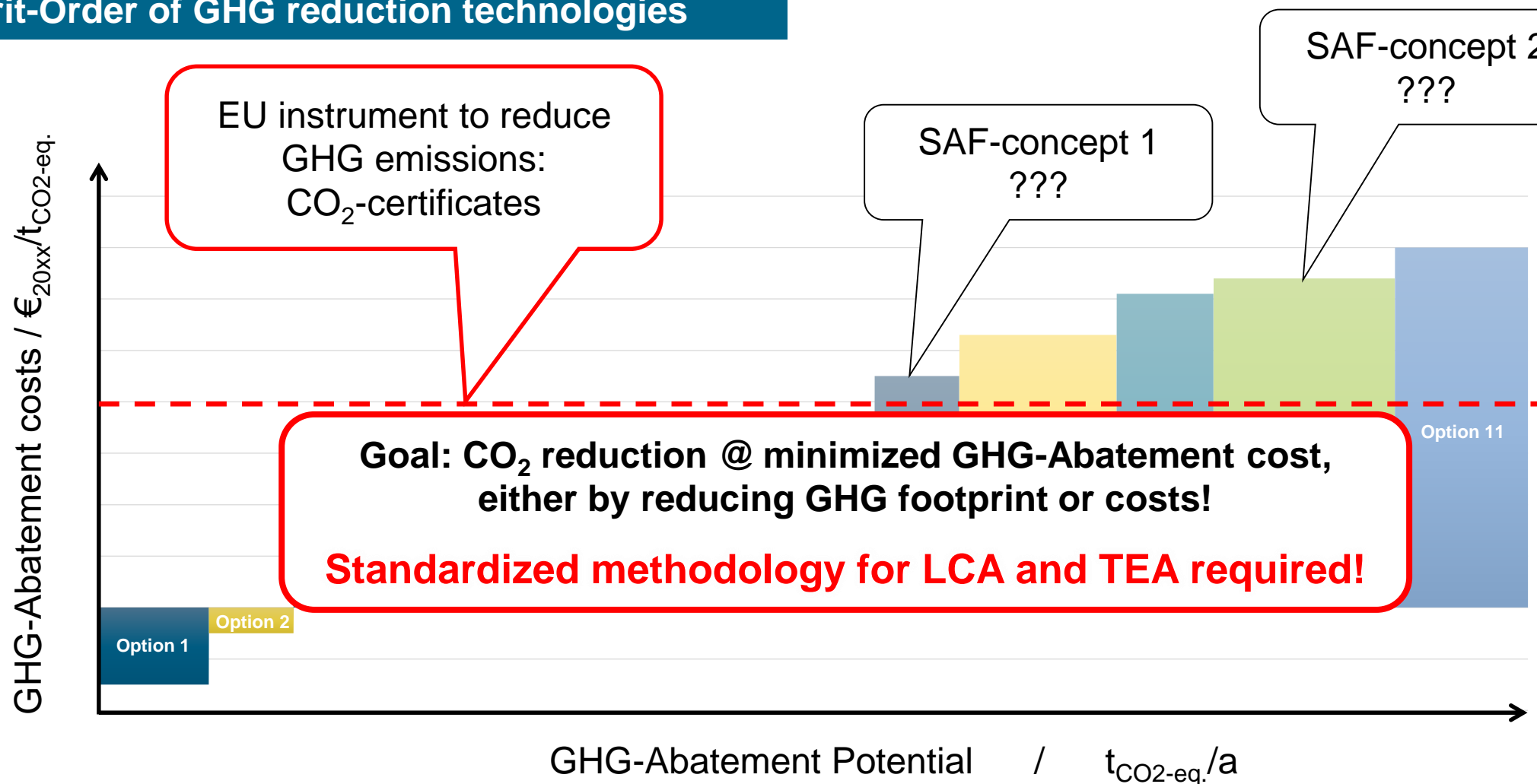


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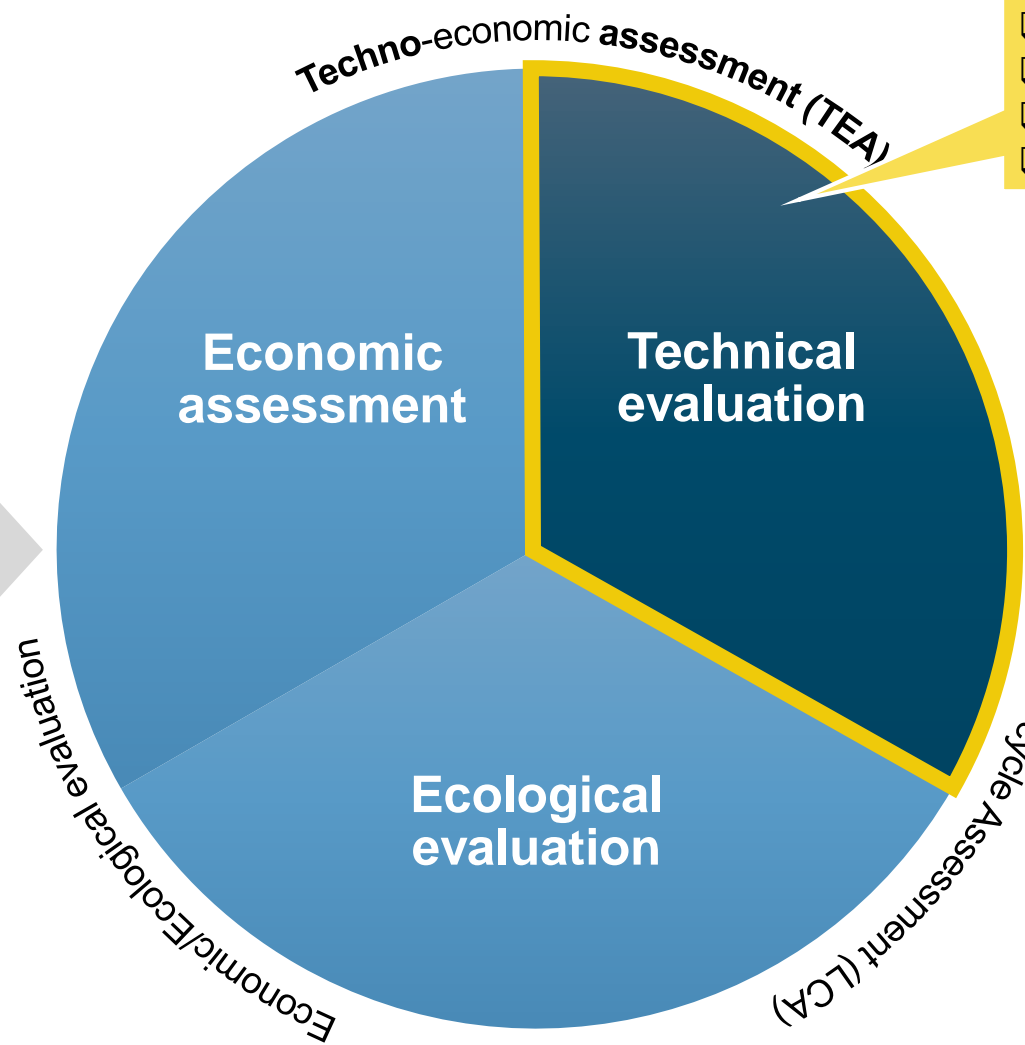
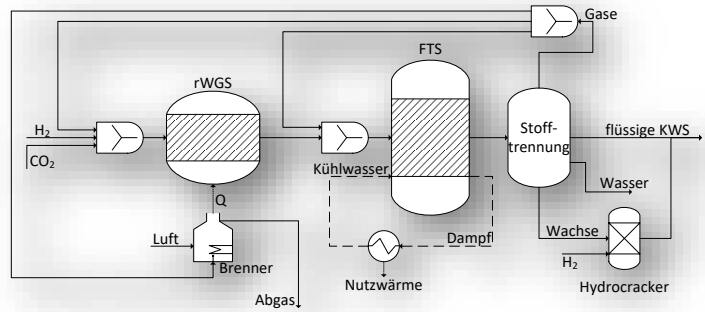
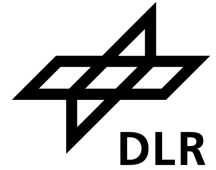


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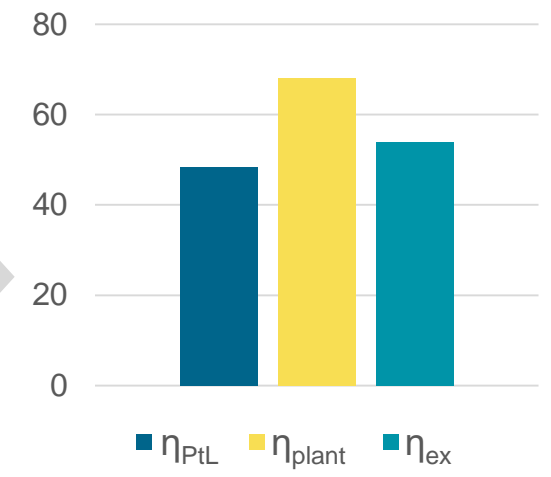
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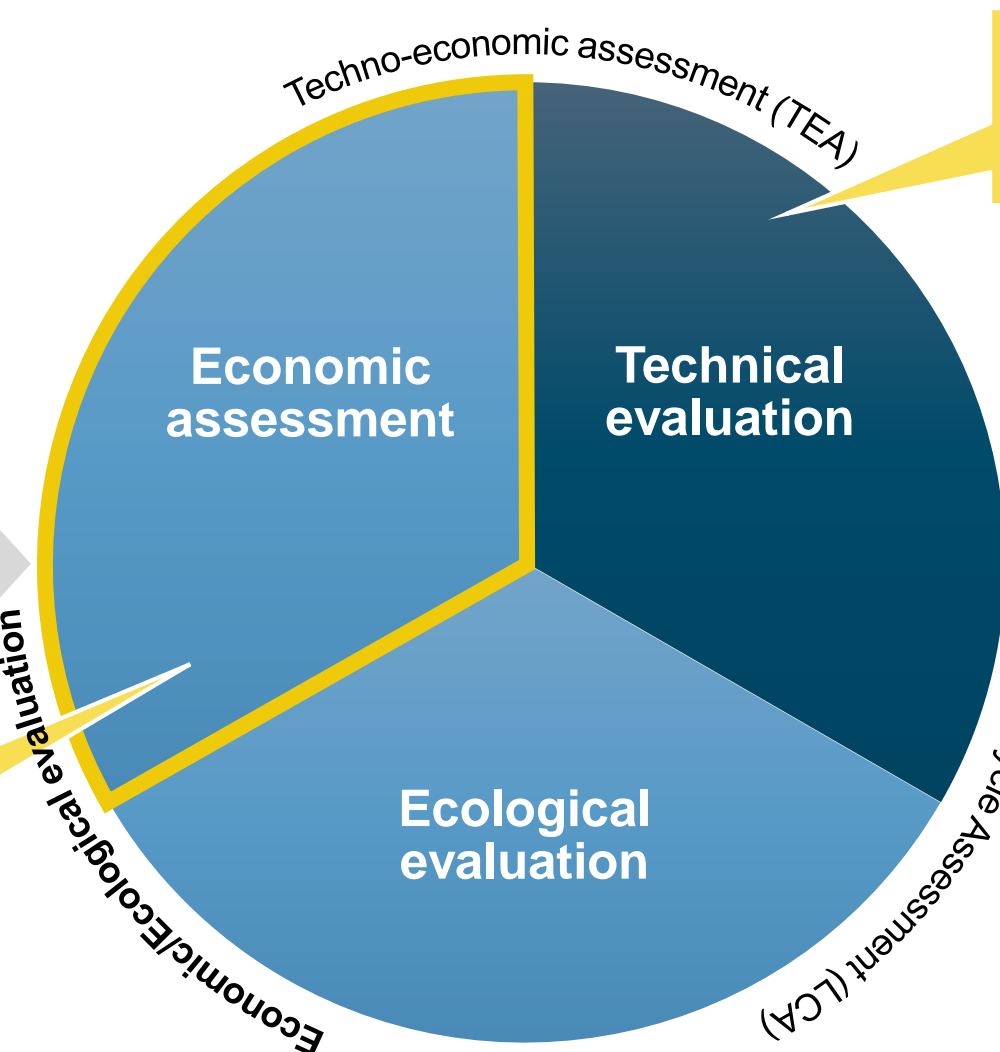
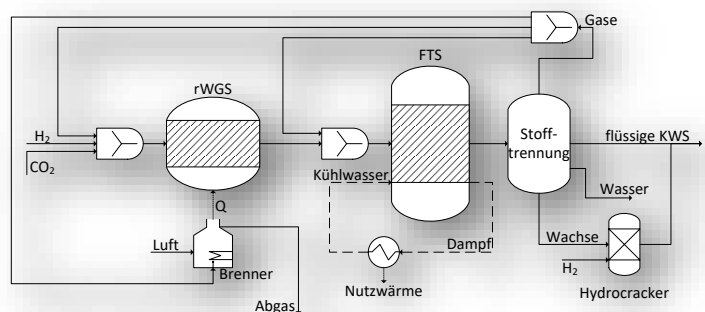
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- Specific feedstock demand
- Exergy analysis

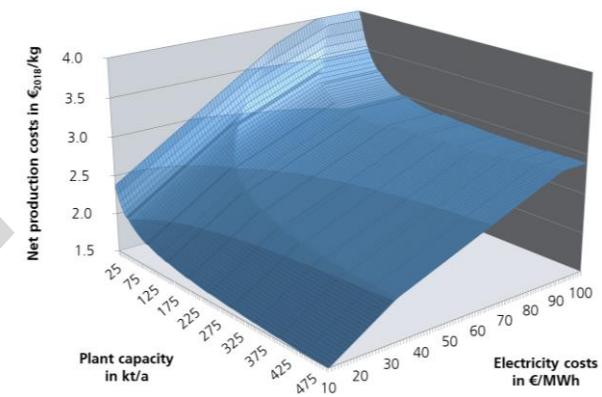


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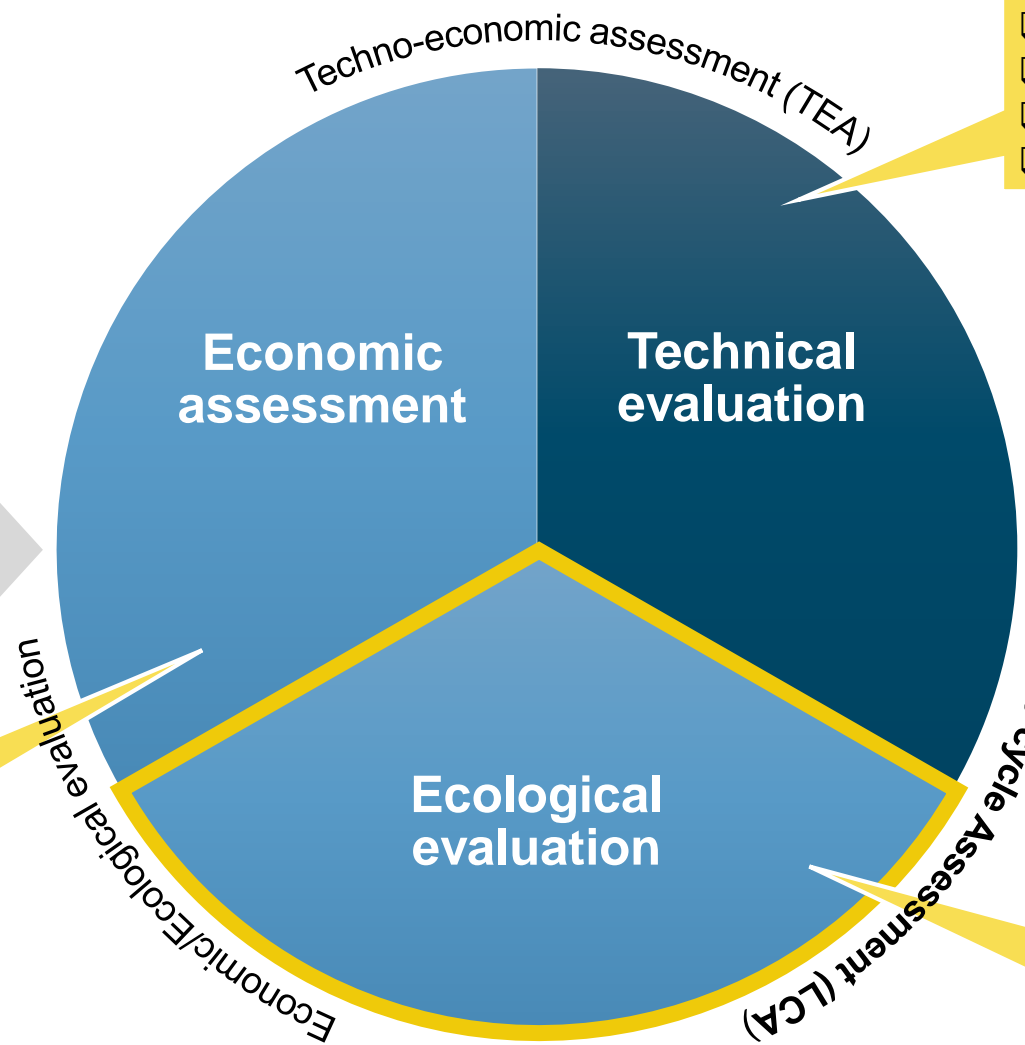
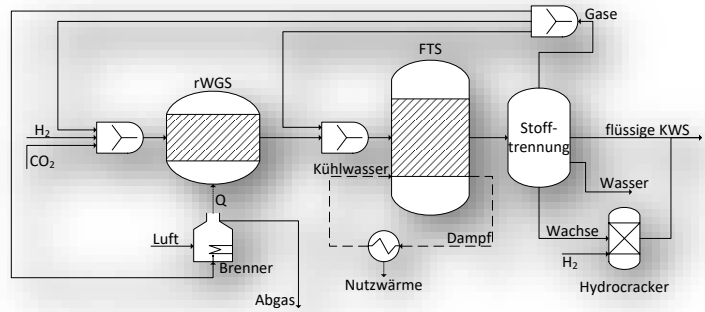


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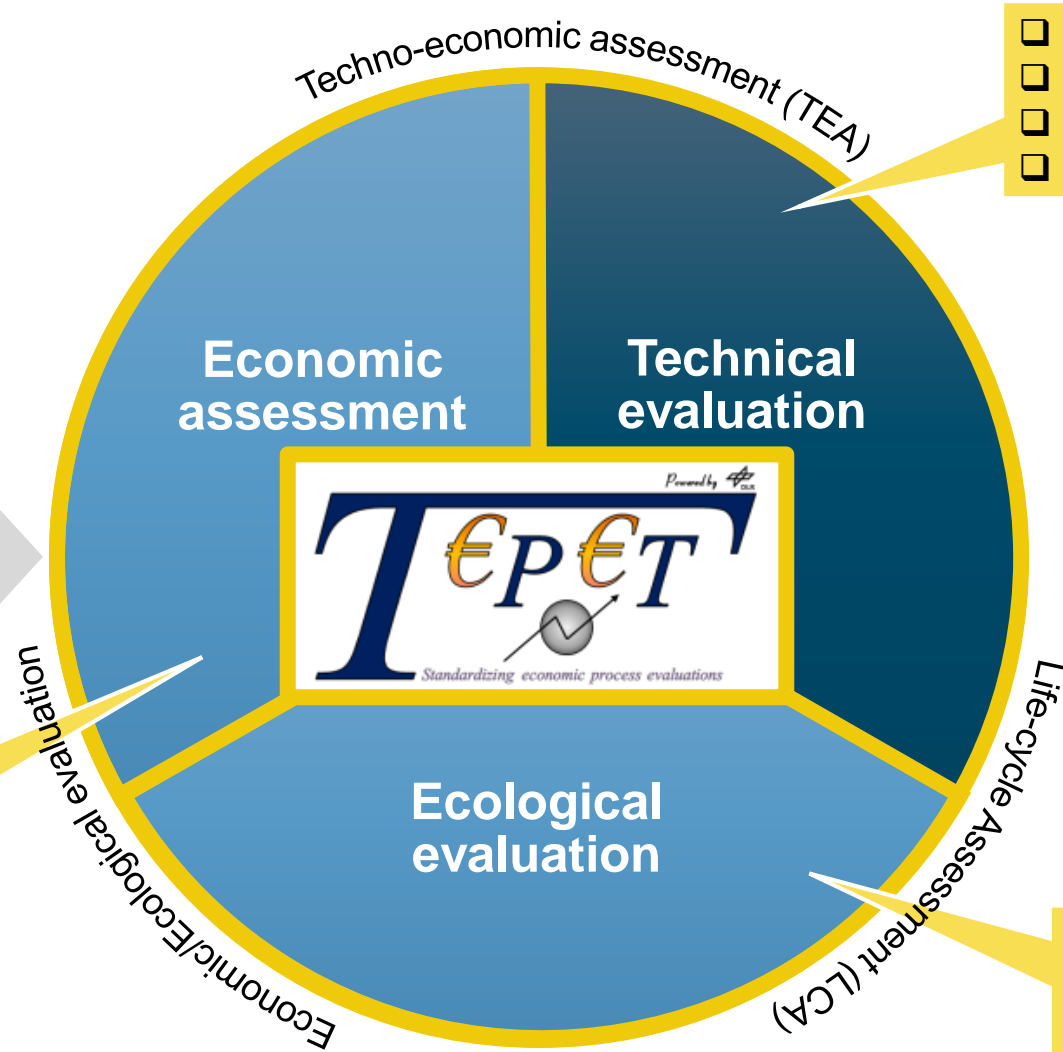
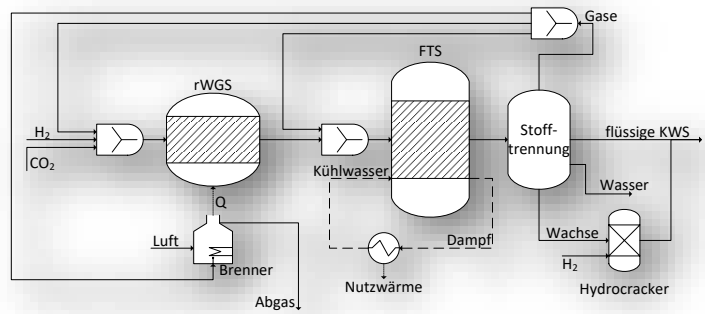
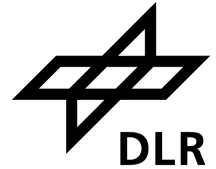
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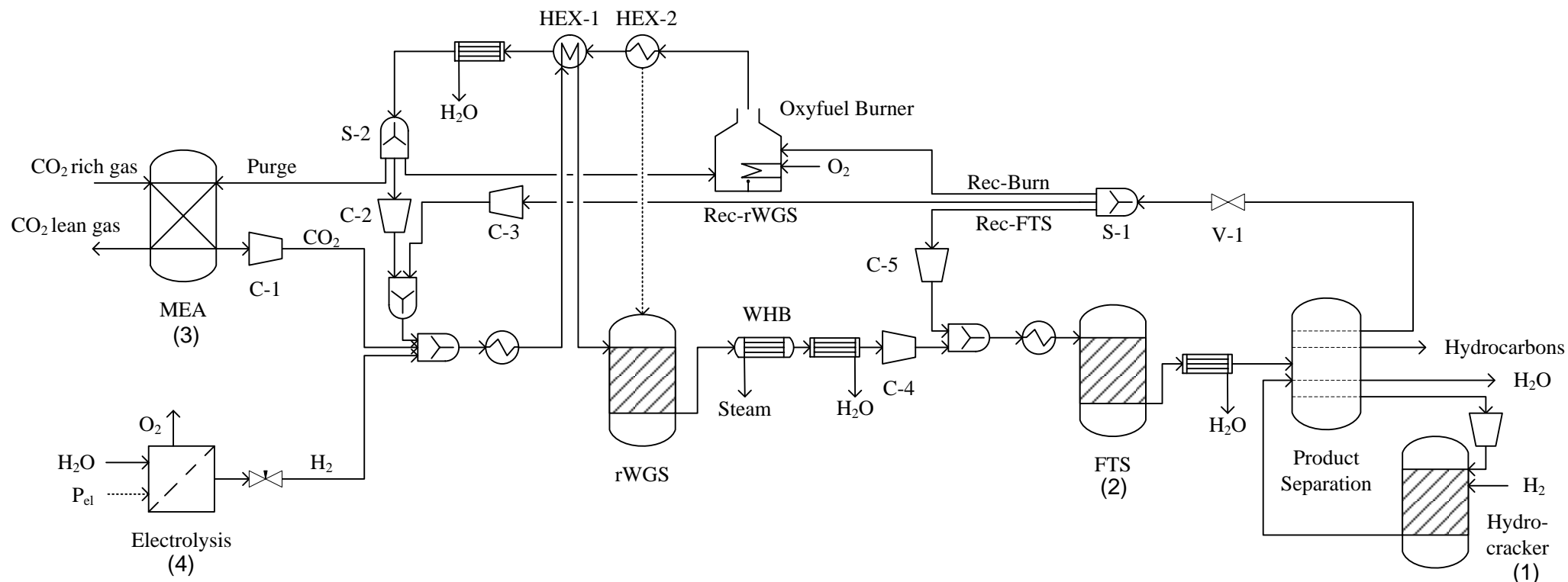
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TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT OF SAF (PTL)

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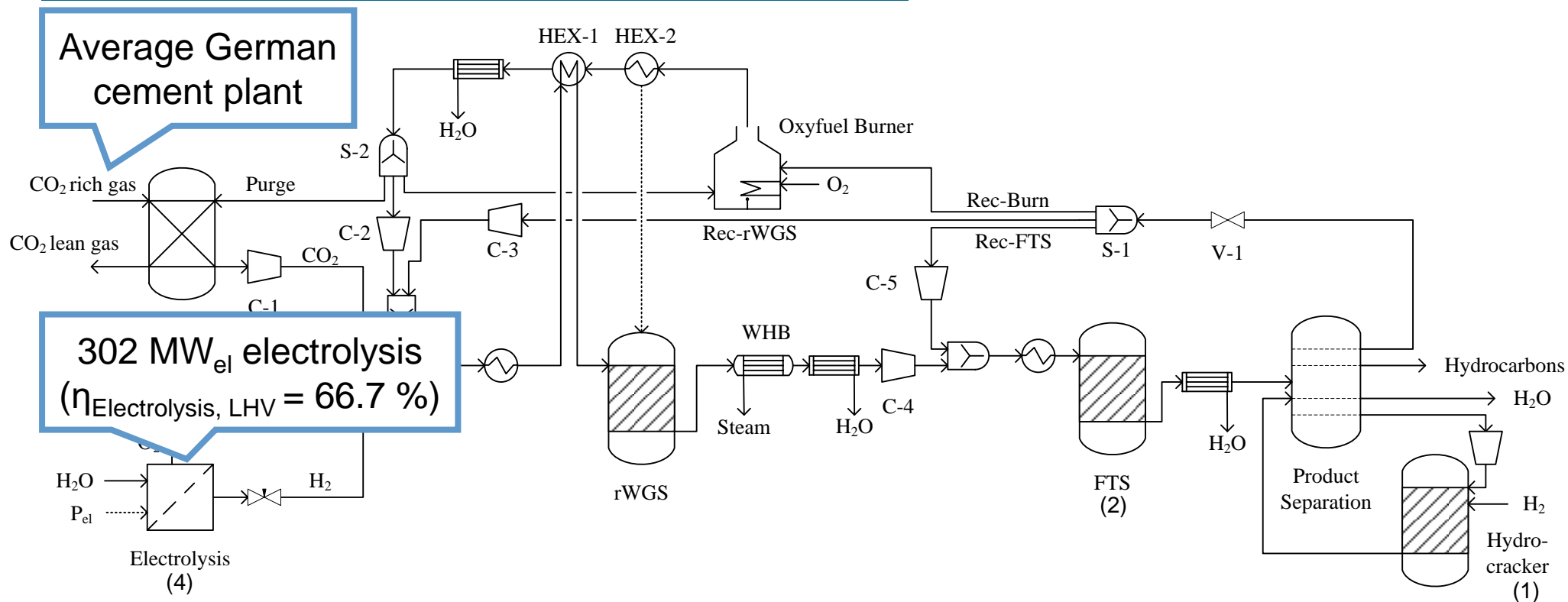
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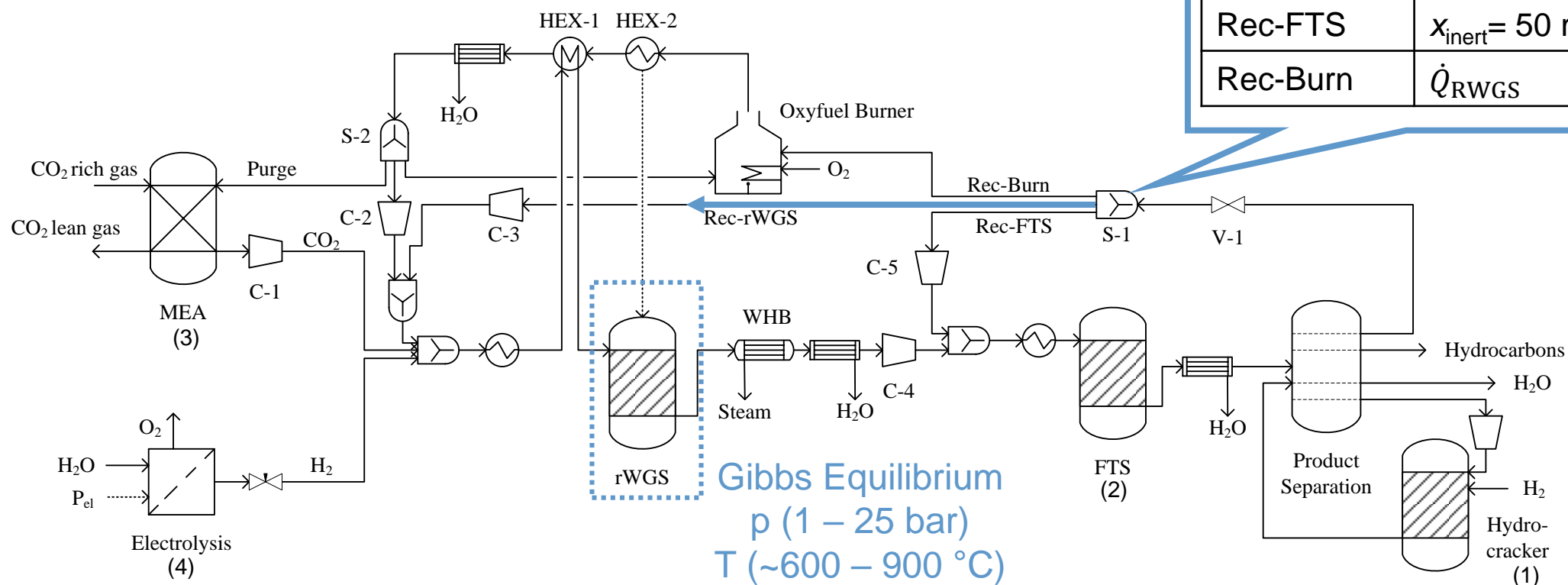
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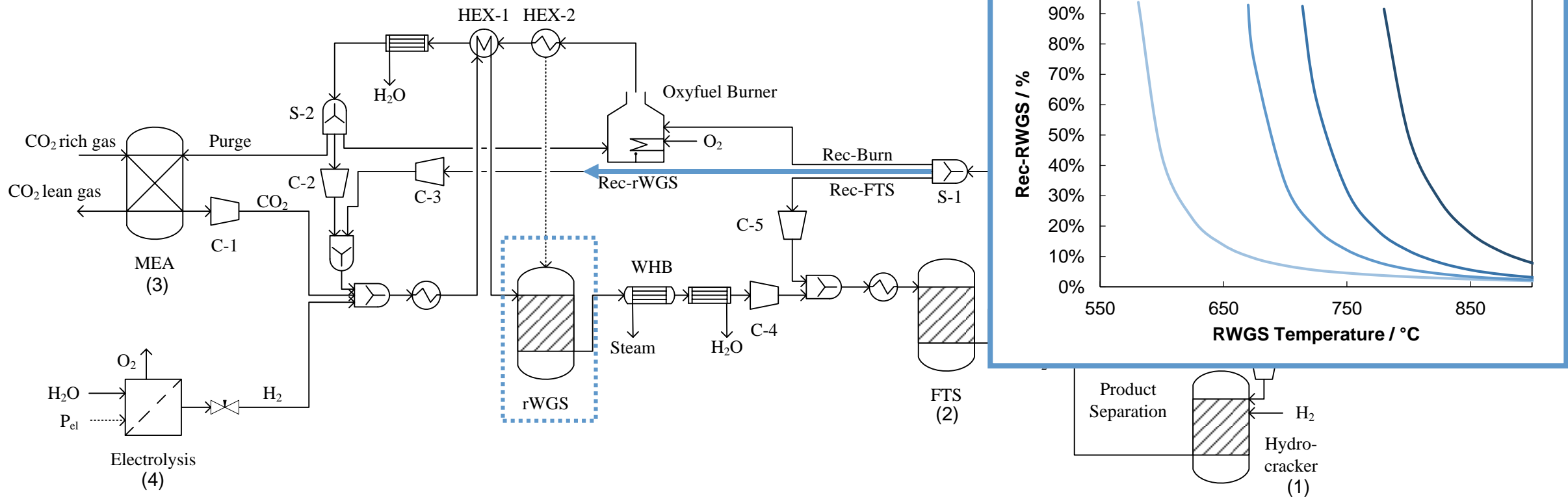


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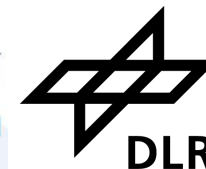
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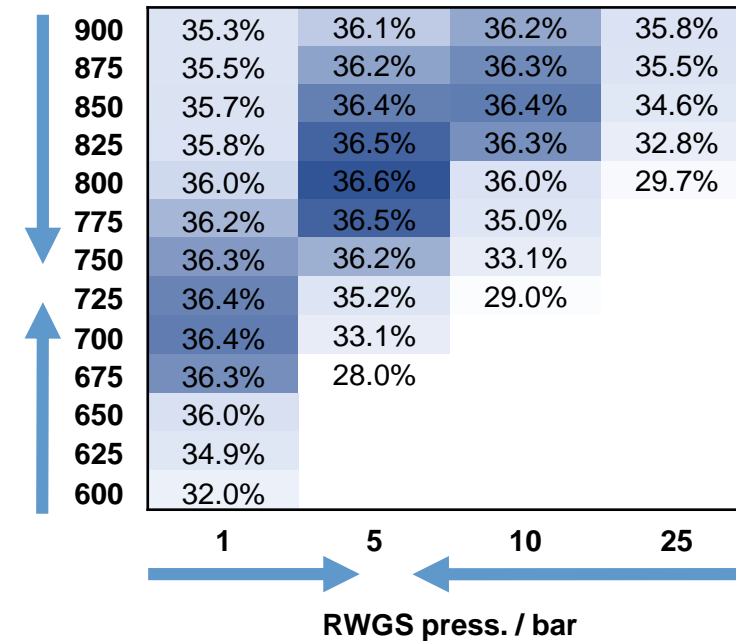
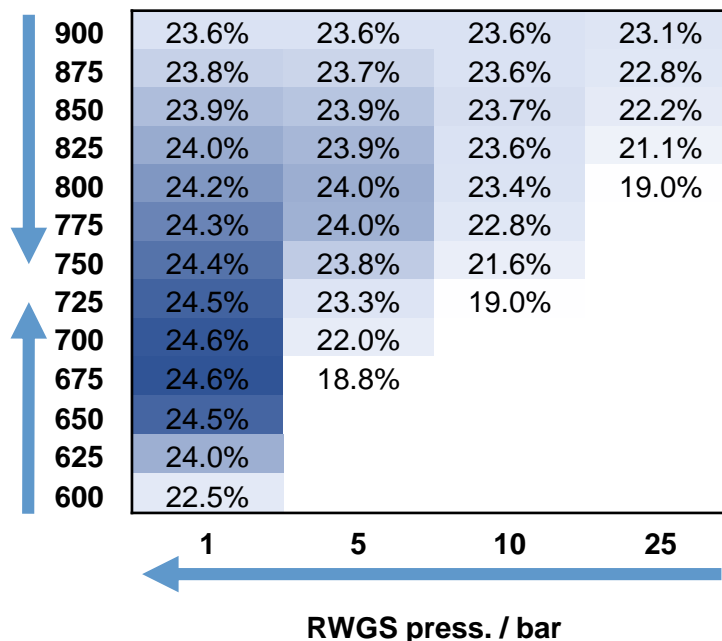
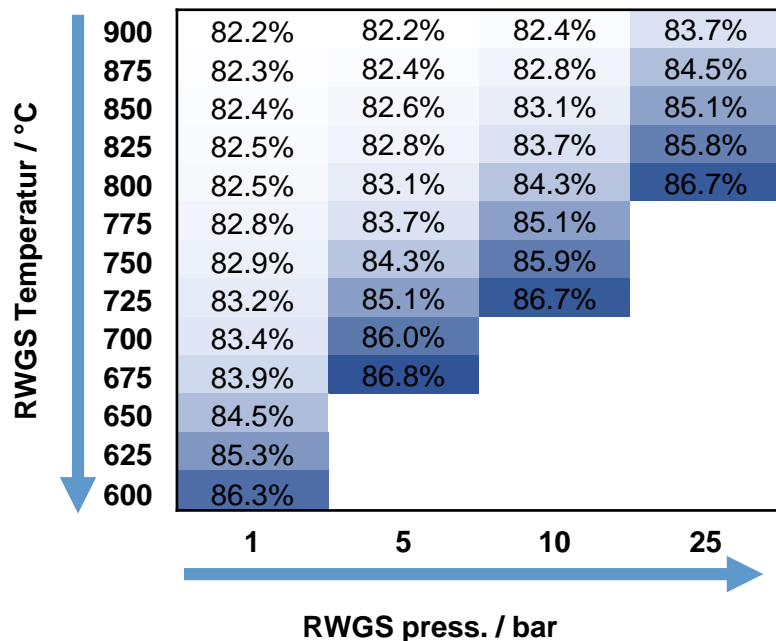
Process Parameter dependent Material / Energy Efficiency ⁽⁵⁾

■ = Highest efficiency

$$\eta_C = \frac{\dot{n}_{C,C5+}}{\dot{n}_{C,feedstock}}$$

$$\eta_H = \frac{\dot{n}_{H,C5+}}{\dot{n}_{H,elektrolysis}}$$

$$\eta_{PtL} = \frac{\dot{m}_{C5+} LHV_{C5+}}{P_{elektrolysis} + P_{MEA} + P_{compressor}}$$



Higher recycle rate to RWGS increases C efficiency

Less water formation increases H efficiency

High H efficiency plus low compression demand maximizes PtL efficiency

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ECONOMICAL ASSESSMENT OF SAF (PTL)

Economical Assessment: Power-to-Liquid



Process Parameter dependent Net Production Costs ^[1] / NPC in €₂₀₁₉/kg_{C5+}

 = lower NPC

H₂-Input: 4.1€/kg_{H2}

RWGS Temperature / °C	1	5	10	25
900	3.16	3.09	3.09	3.18
875	3.15	3.08	3.08	3.19
850	3.14	3.07	3.07	3.26
825	3.13	3.06	3.08	3.41
800	3.12	3.06	3.12	3.71
775	3.11	3.07	3.19	
750	3.10	3.10	3.36	
725	3.10	3.18	3.78	
700	3.10	3.37		
675	3.11	3.91		
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600	3.52			

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H₂-Input: 2.3 €/kg_{H2}

RWGS Temperature / °C	1	5	10	25
900	1.90	1.82	1.82	1.89
875	1.90	1.82	1.81	1.89
850	1.89	1.81	1.81	1.91
825	1.89	1.81	1.82	1.99
800	1.88	1.81	1.84	2.15
775	1.88	1.82	1.88	
750	1.88	1.85	1.98	
725	1.88	1.90	2.22	
700	1.88	2.01		
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H₂-Input: 7.6 €/kg_{H2}

RWGS Temperature / °C	1	5	10	25
900	5.63	5.55	5.56	5.7
875	5.60	5.53	5.54	5.74
850	5.57	5.50	5.53	5.87
825	5.55	5.49	5.54	6.16
800	5.53	5.48	5.6	6.76
775	5.5	5.49	5.73	
750	5.49	5.54	6.05	
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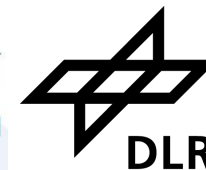
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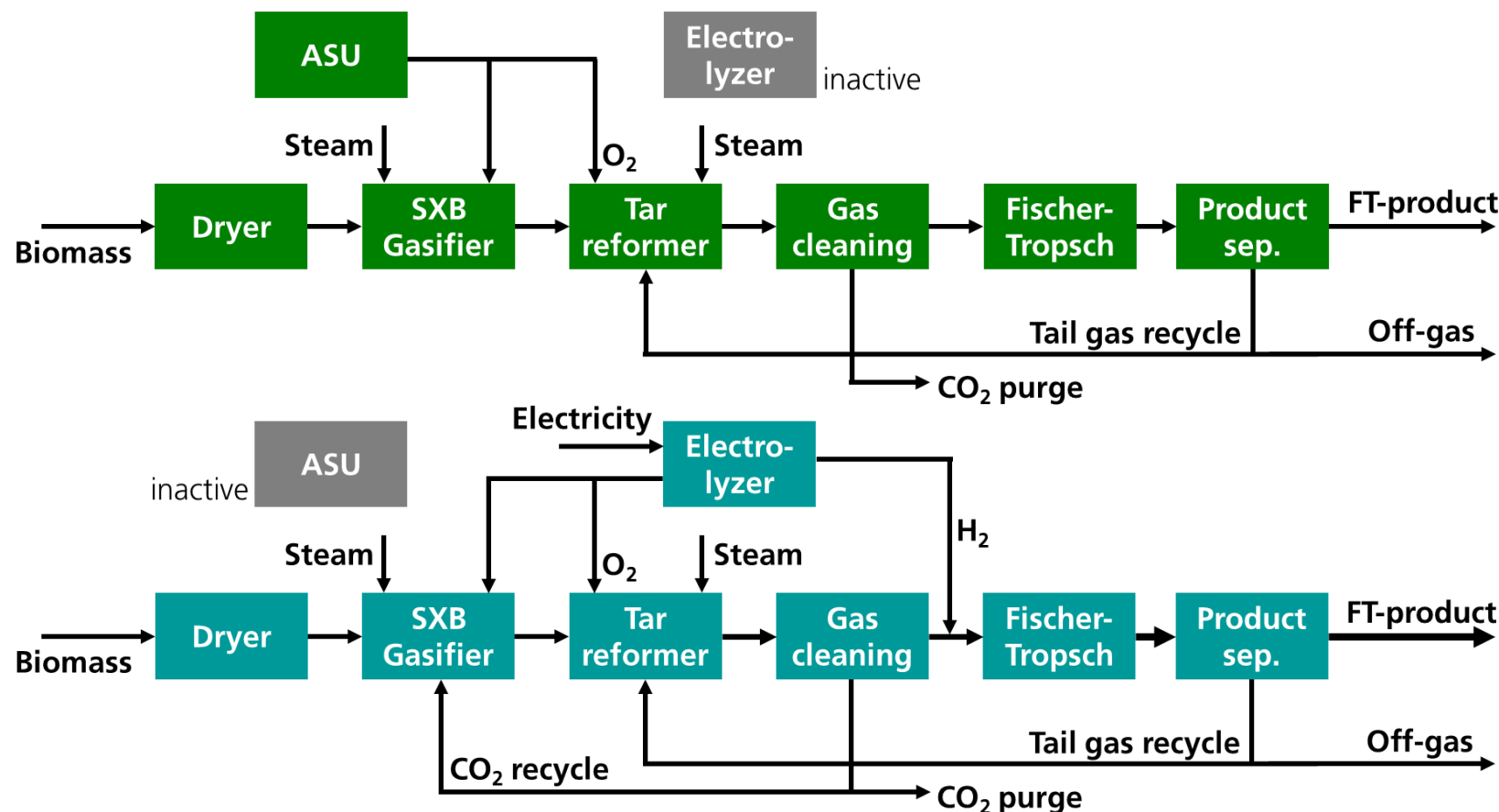
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Dual configuration concept [1]:



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BtL with ASU:

- high heat demand
- low renewable power

PBtL with electrolyzer :

- no heat demand
- renewable power available

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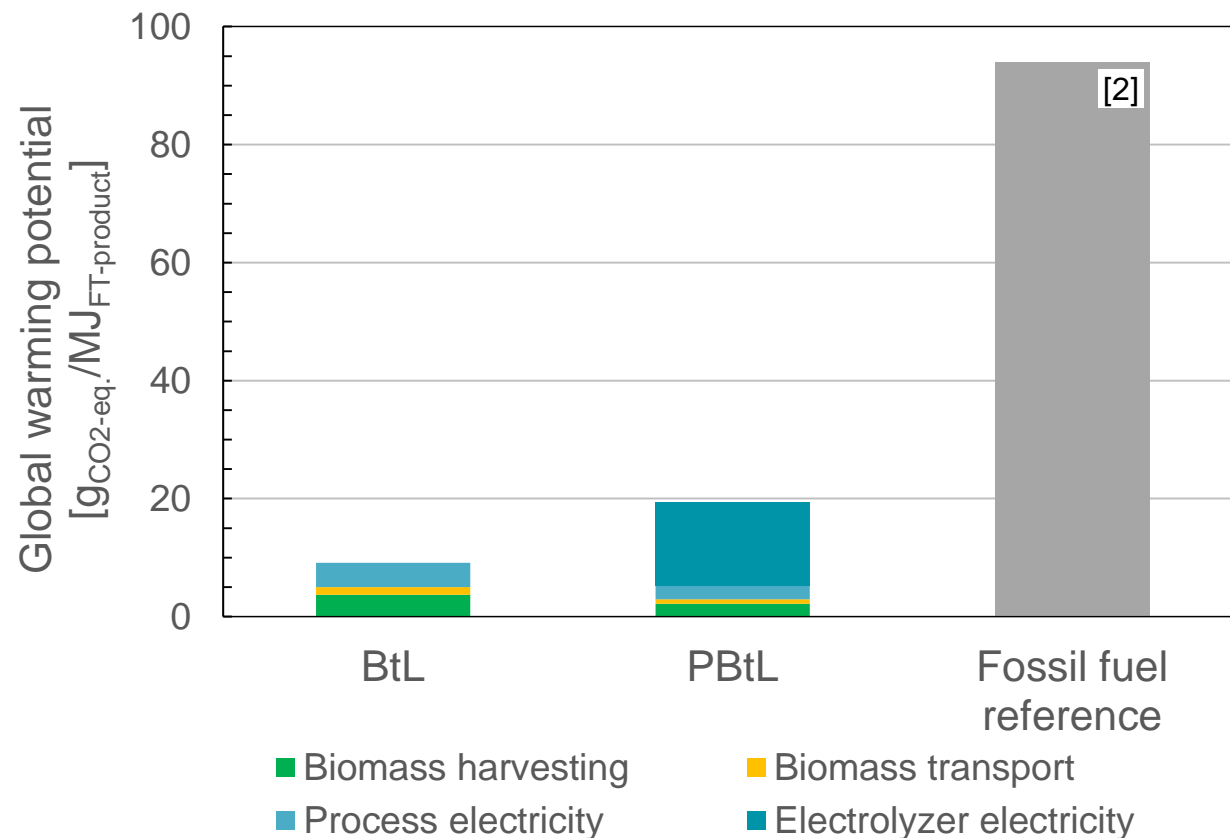
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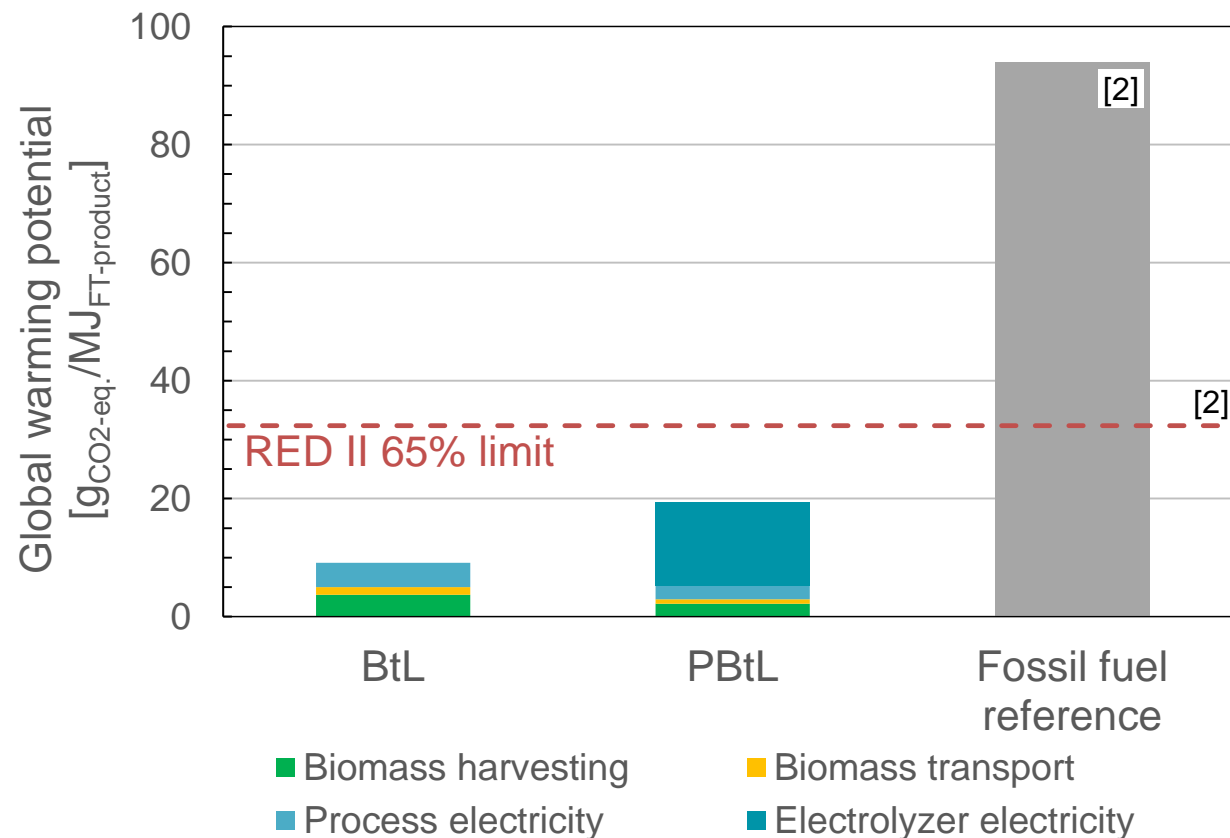
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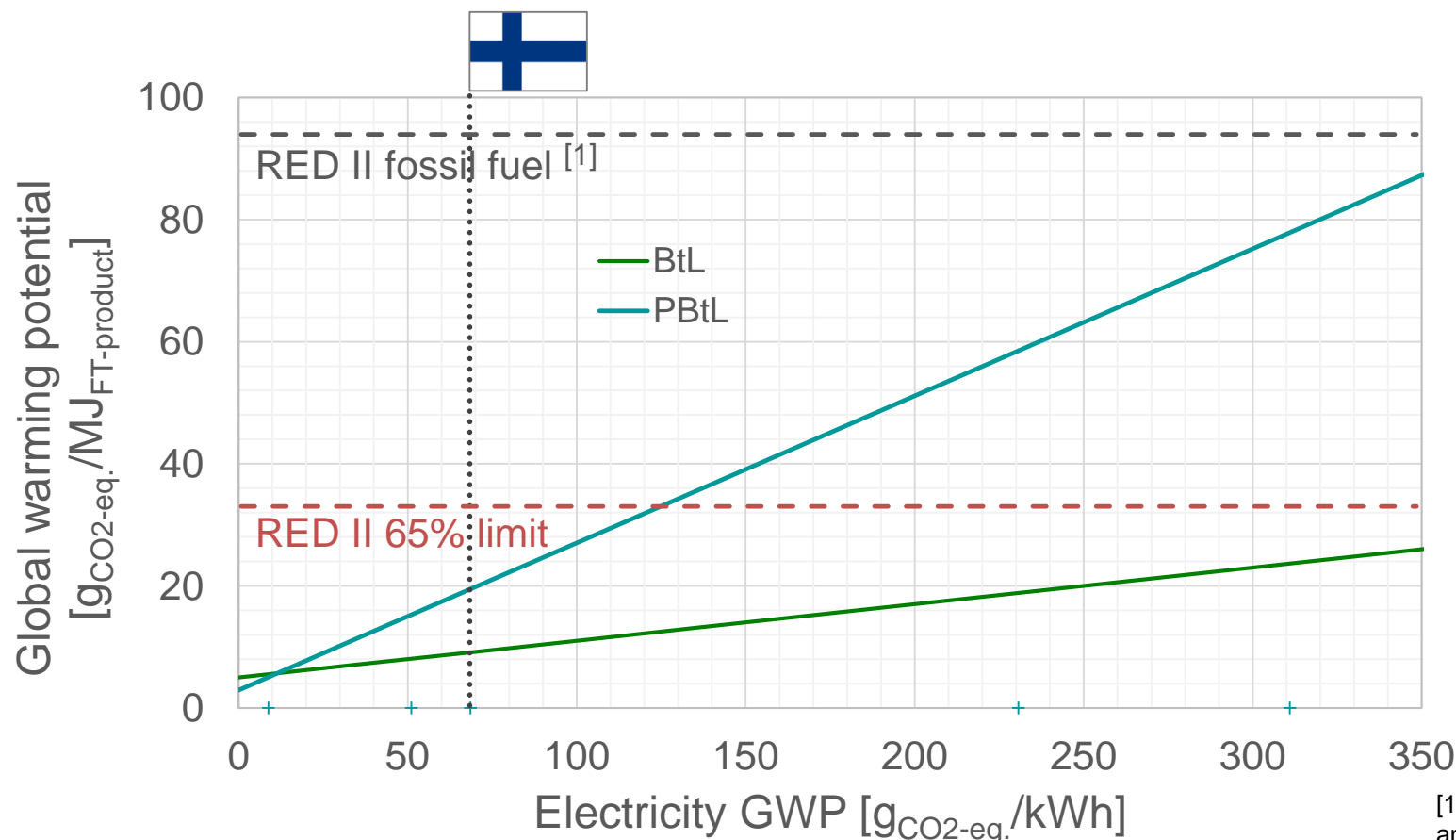
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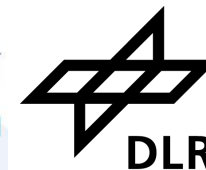
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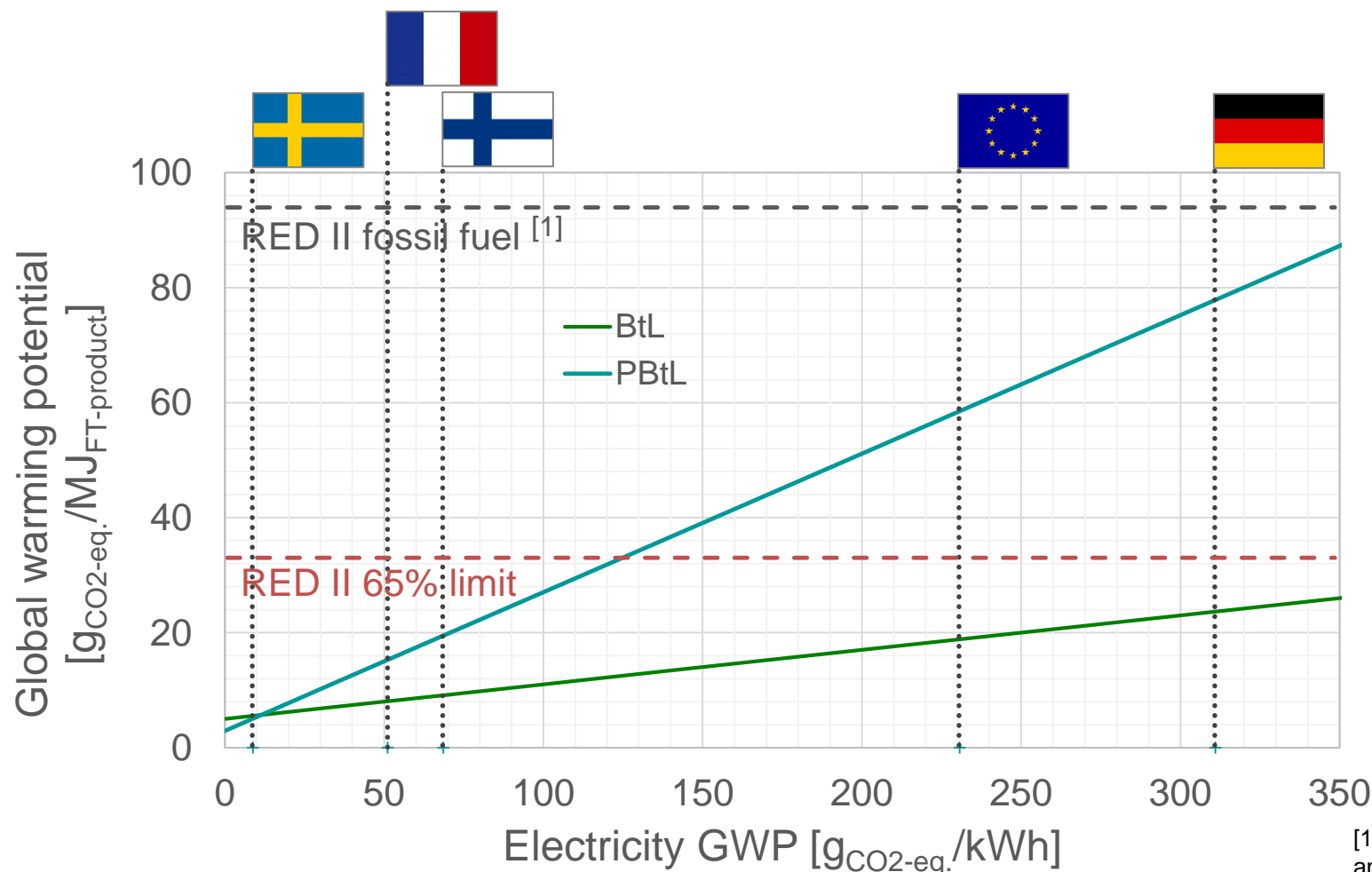
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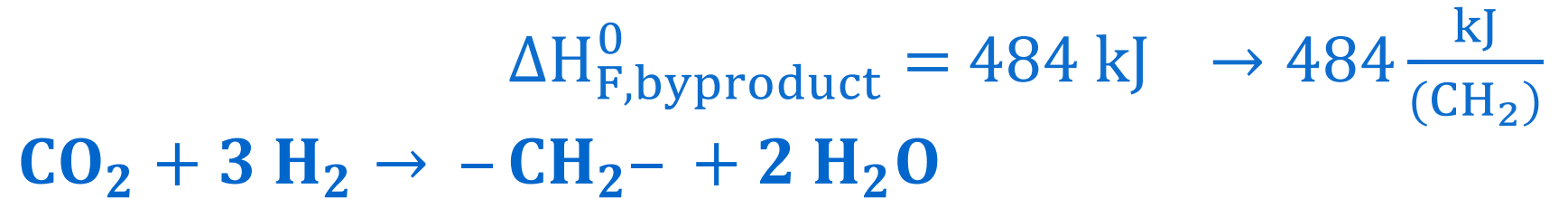
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TOWARDS A EUROPEAN SAF ROADMAP

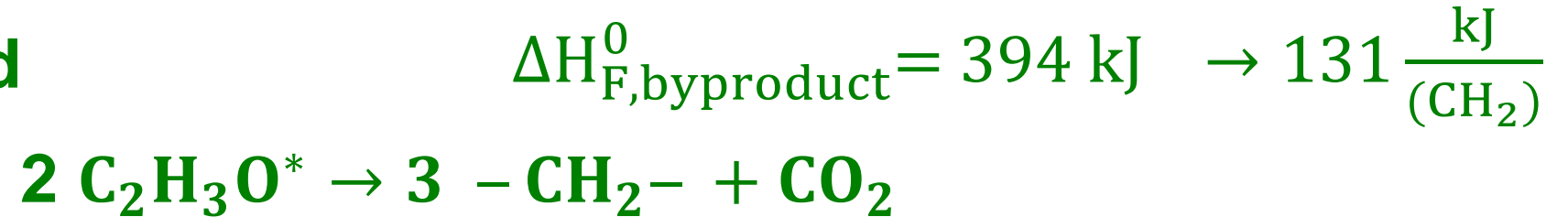
Fischer-Tropsch based SAF concepts

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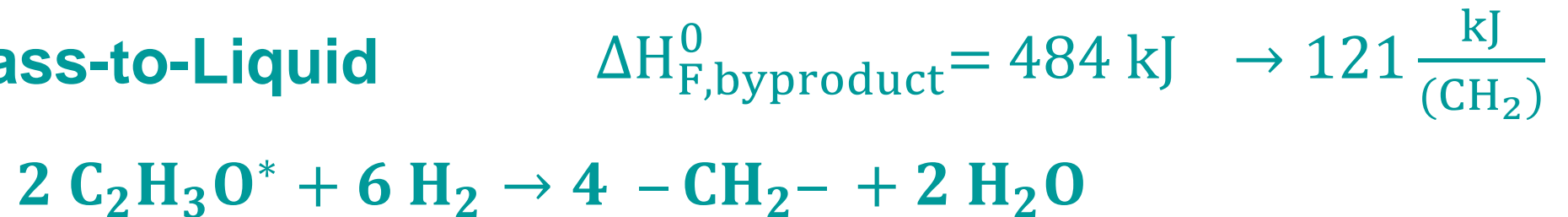
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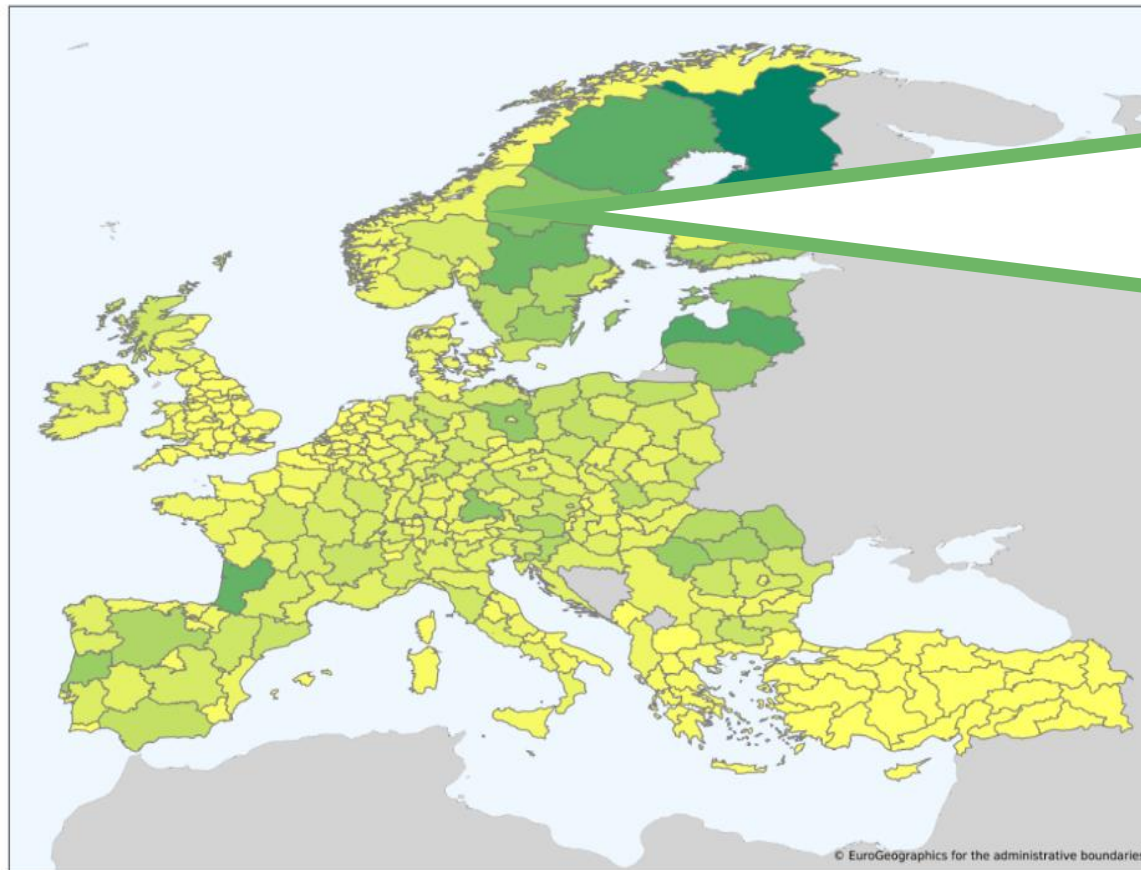
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* Woody biomass elemental mass composition: $\text{C}_{52.1}\text{H}_{6.1}\text{O}_{38.5}\text{X}_{2.9}$

PBtL potential analysis for Europe

Finding the sweet spots



NUTS2 region specific conditions:

Economic

- National electricity prices ^[1]
- Biomass prices ^[2]
- Transport distance
= f(biomass density)
- Nation-specific transport, labor costs

Ecological

- National grid mix GWP ^[3]
- Region-specific transport emissions

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Average PBtL plant for European SAF



Key economic Assumptions

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 %

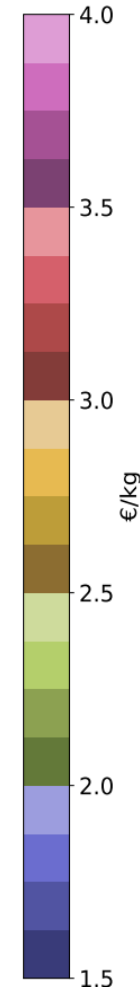
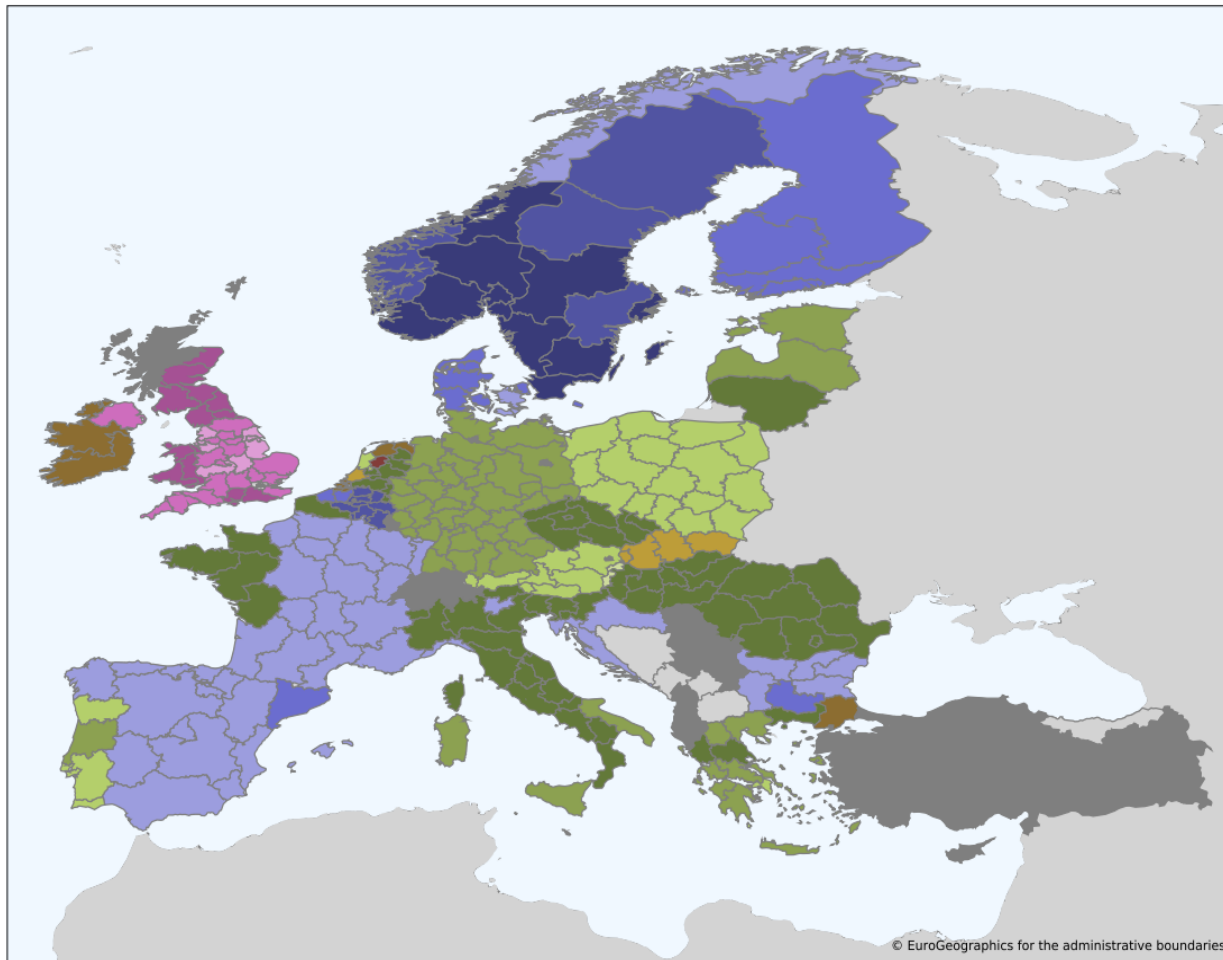
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Scandinavia → Lowest NPC (electricity price)



Net Production Costs of PBtL SAF / €₂₀₂₀/kg



Standard PBtL plant

- 900 MW_e Electrolyzer
- 400 MW_{th} CFB gasifier
- 400 kt/a fuel

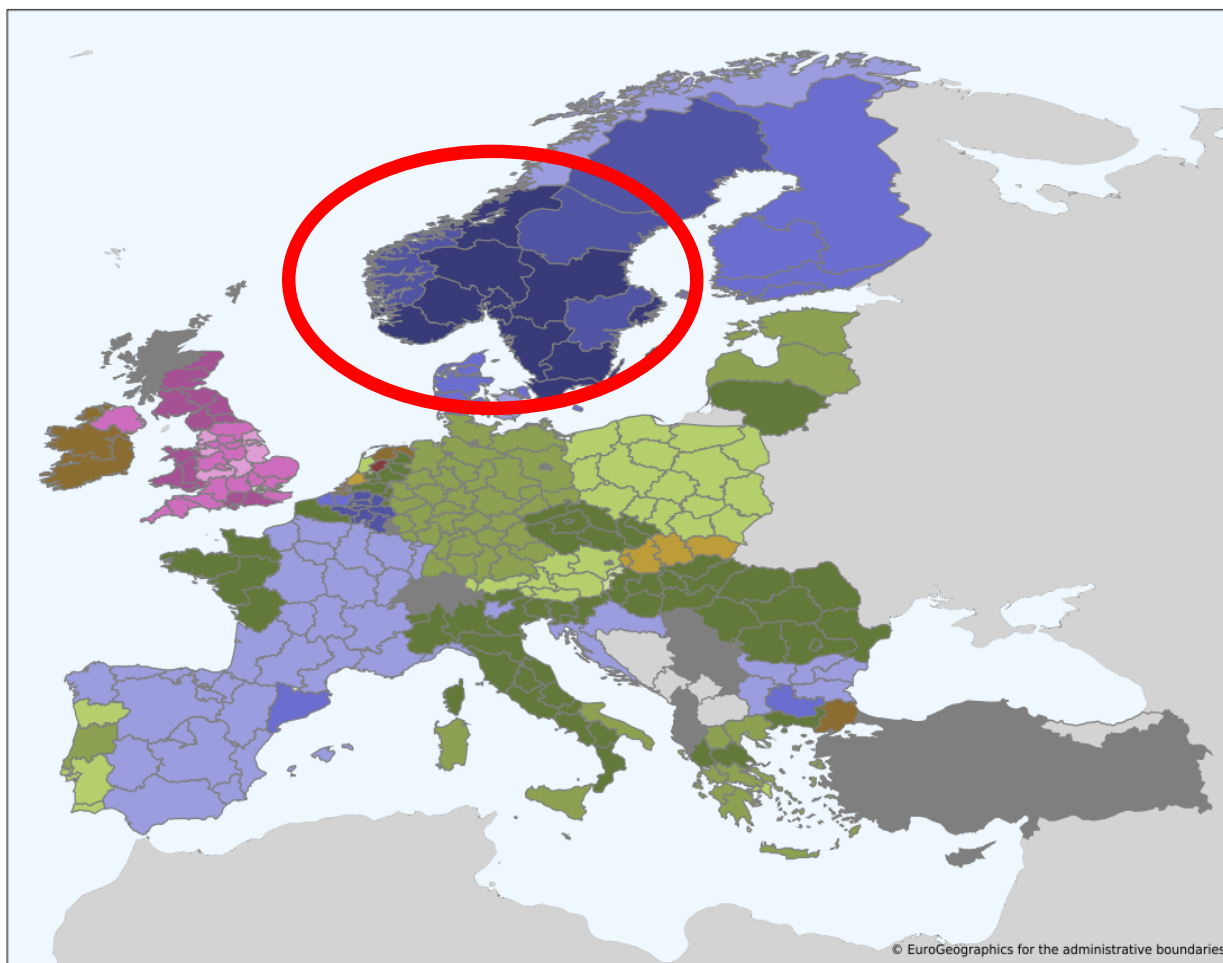
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→ Search for cheap biomass residue and inexpensive renewable power

1. Norway (57 PJ_{dry biom}/a)
@ 50.5 – 51.0 €₂₀₂₂/t
2. Sweden (276 PJ_{dry biom}/a)
@ 57.5 – 64.8 €₂₀₂₂/t
3. Finland (201 PJ_{dry biom}/a)
@ 61.5 – 61.9 €₂₀₂₂/t

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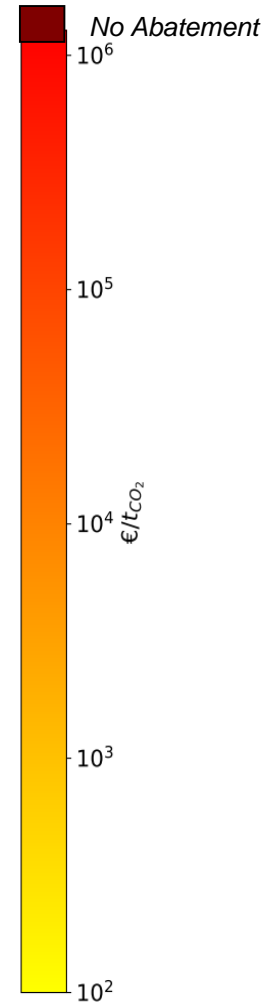
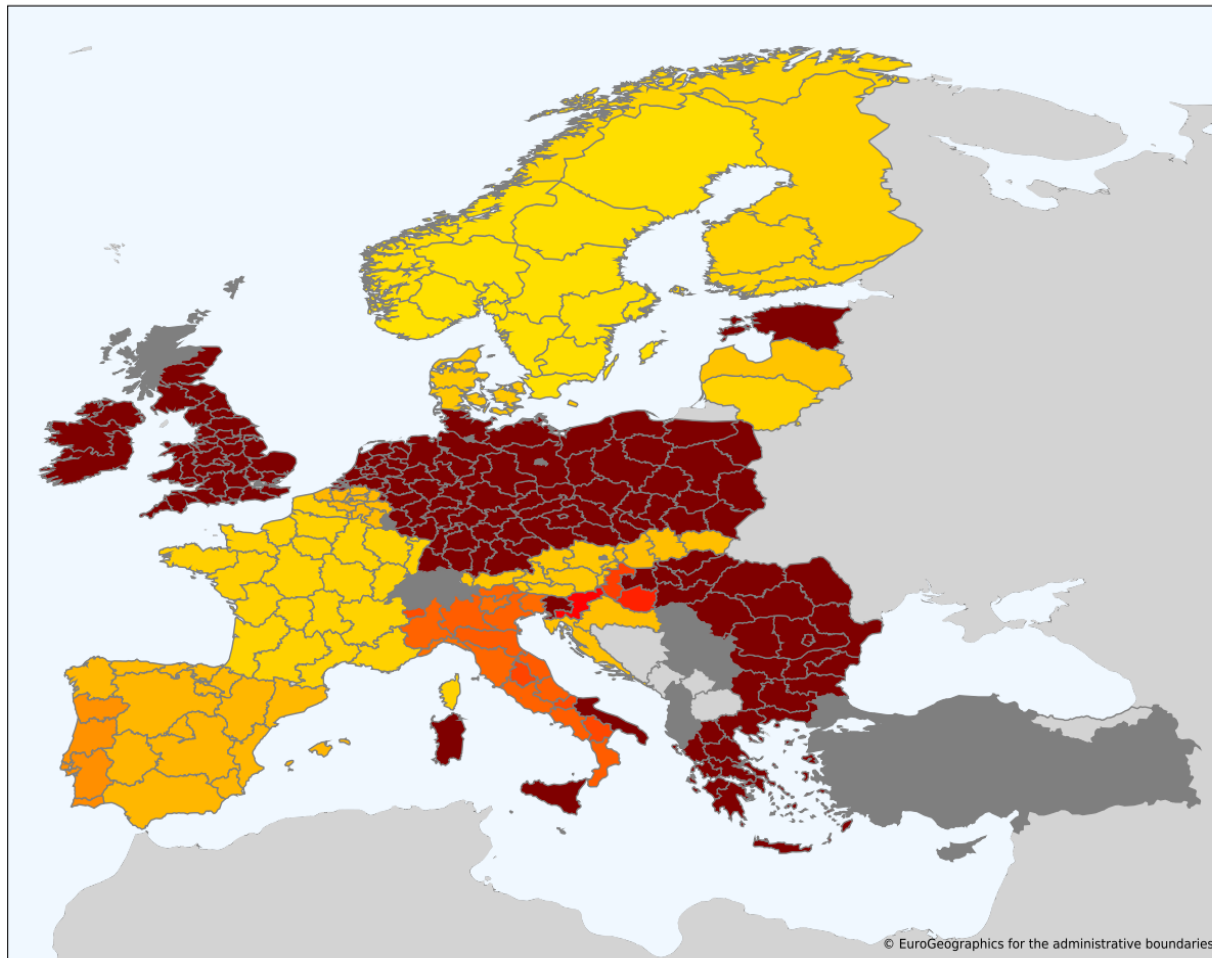
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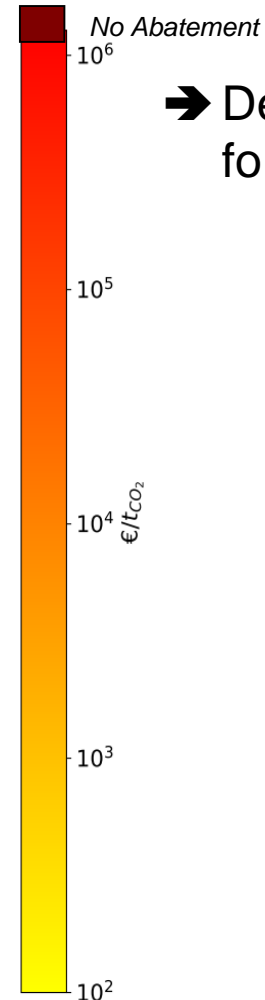
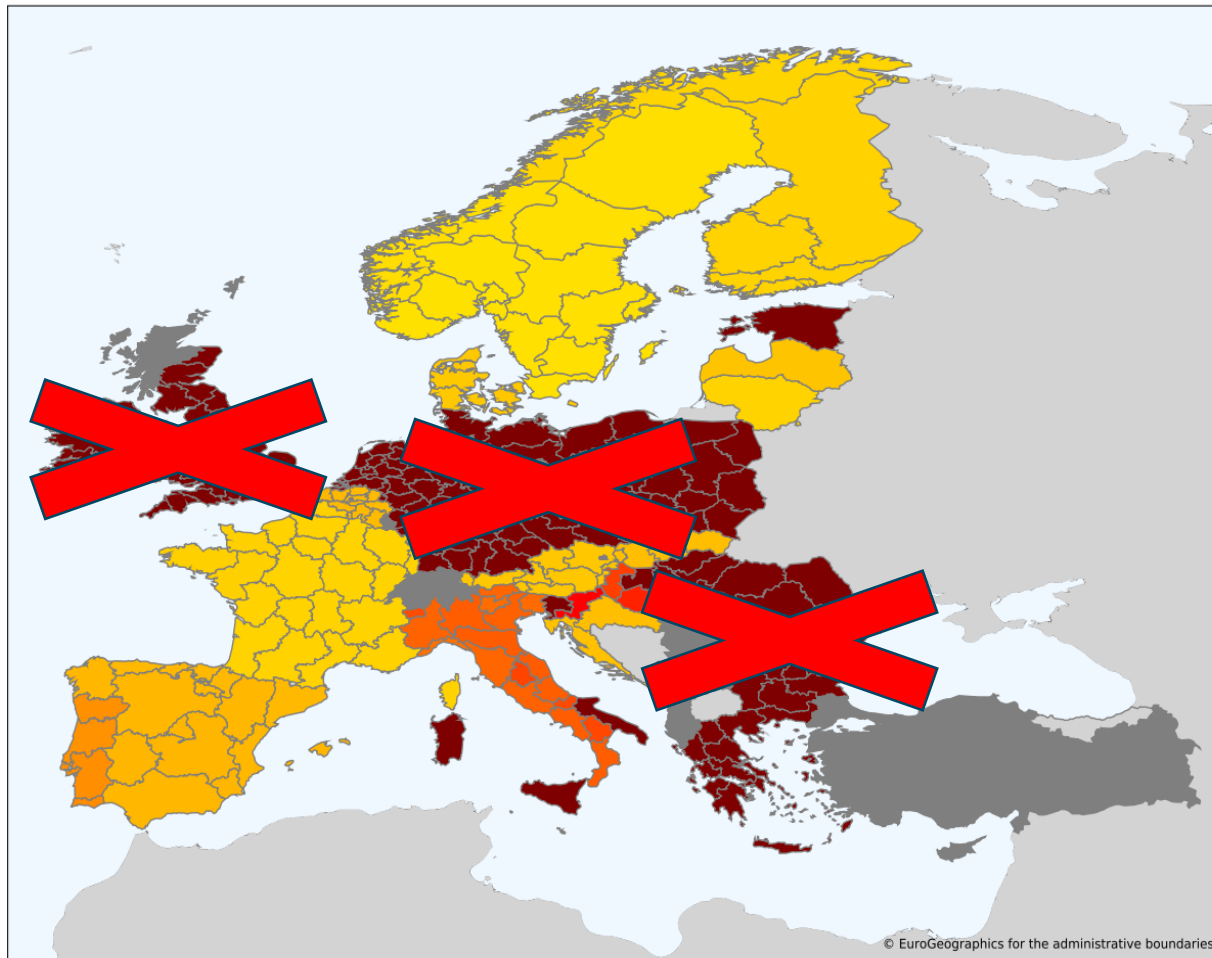


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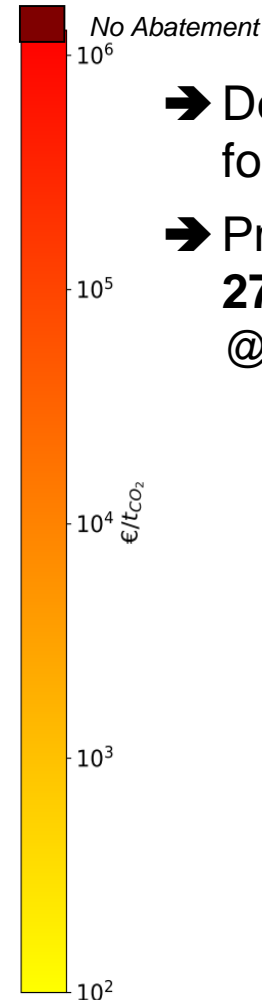
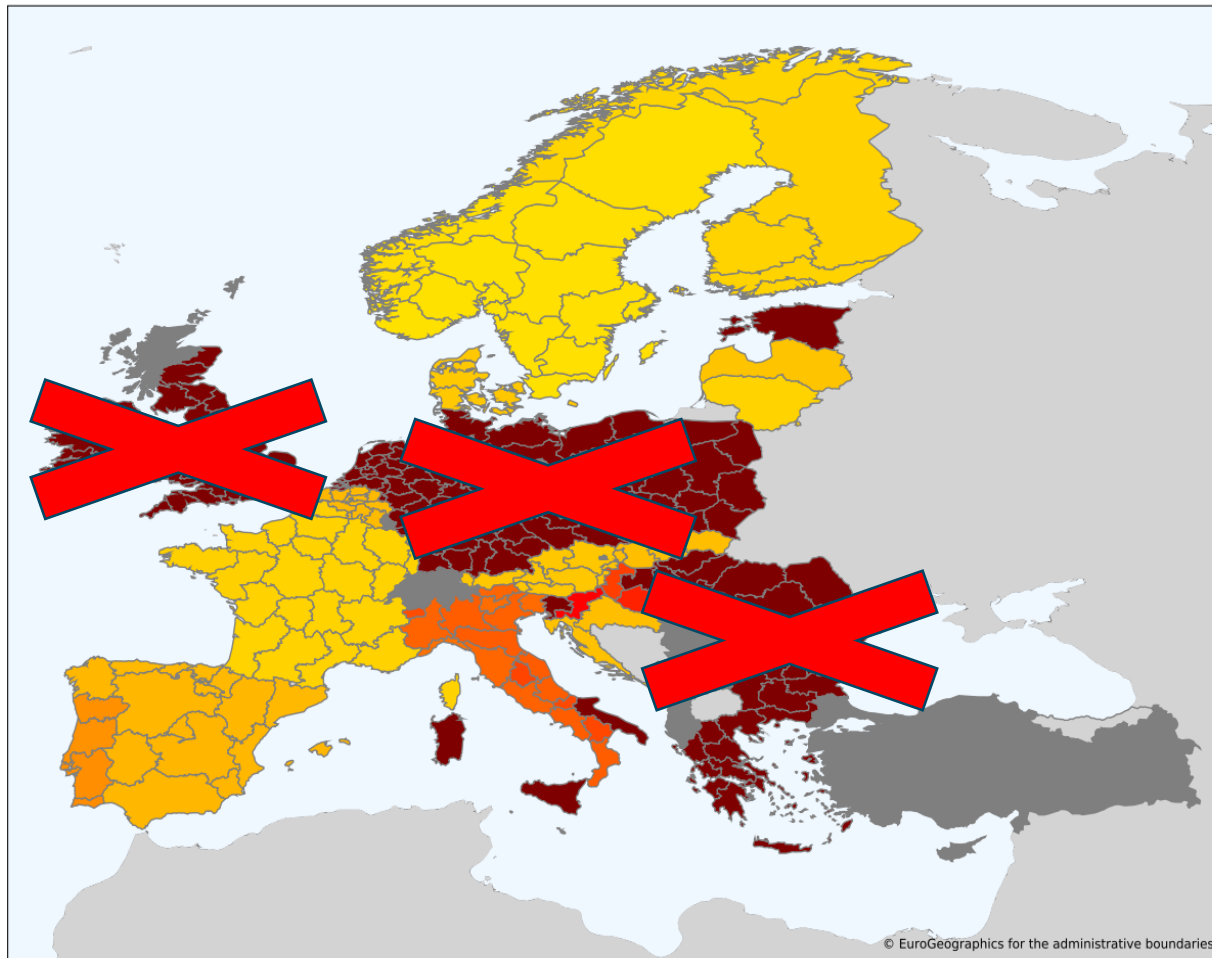
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- Decarbonized national grids necessary for effective PBtL roll-out
- Production volume under 1'000 €/t_{CO2-eq.}: **27 Mt_{C5+}/a** (all biomass residue to fuel) @ average NPC of **1.84 €₂₀₂₀/kg_{C5+}**

Country	SAF / Mt _{C5+} /a	Av. NPC / € ₂₀₂₀ /kg _{C5+}
	8.3	1,63
	7.3	1.95
	6.1	1.83
	1.7	1.66

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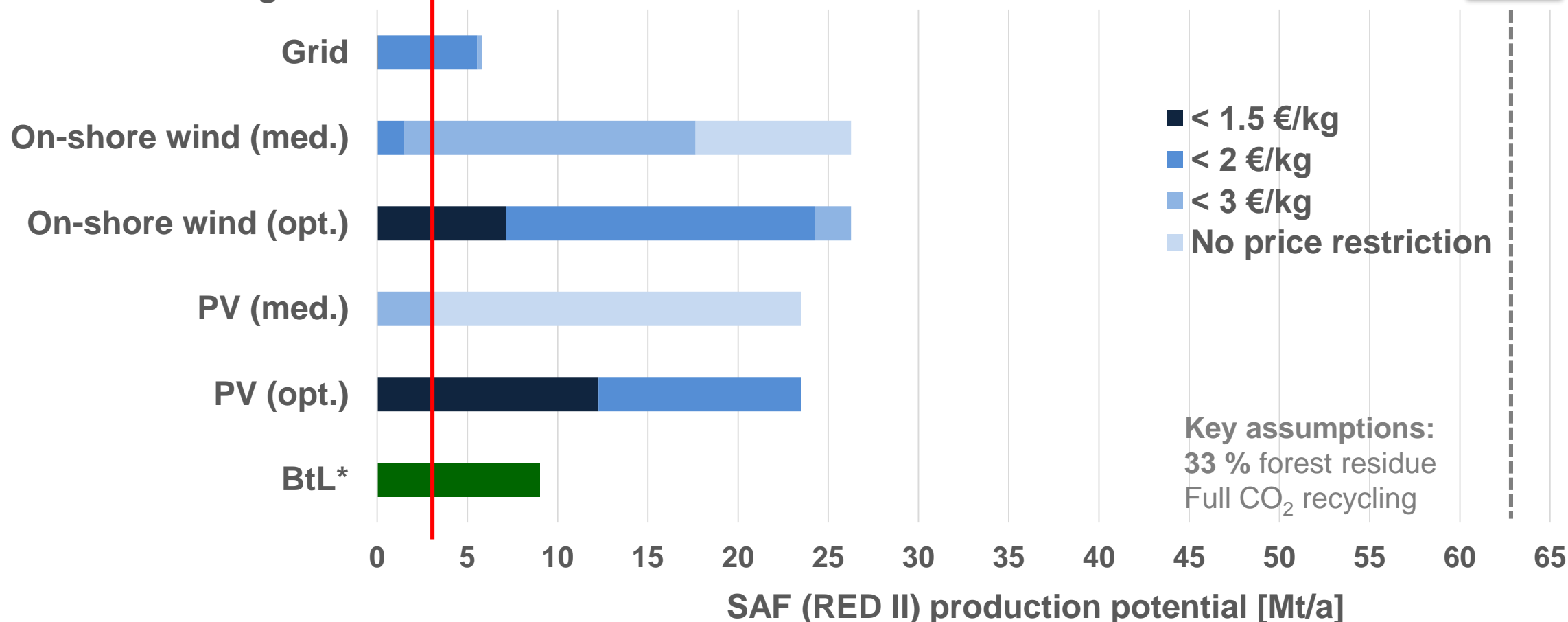
Aggregated European SAF production potential



ReFuelEU Aviation
SAF target 2030 [2]



Total aviation fuel
demand [1]

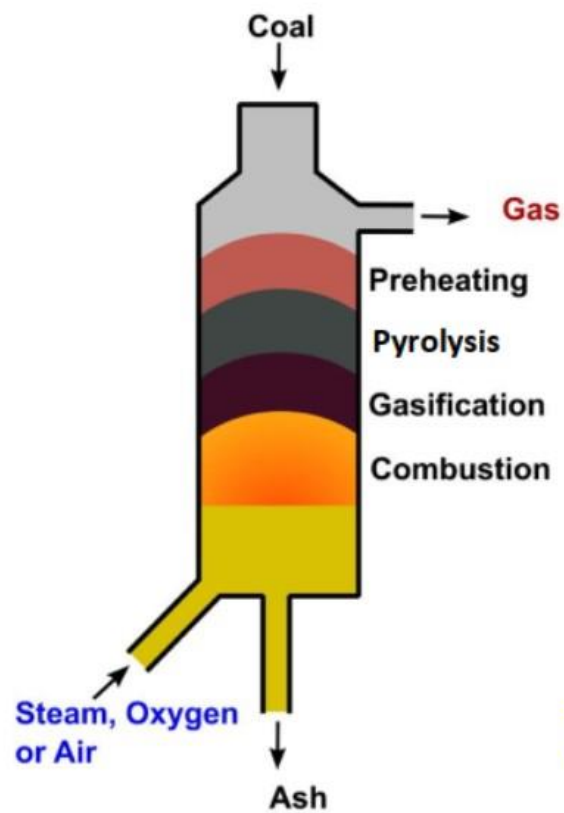


[1] S. Csonka, Aviation's Market Pull for SAF, https://www.caa.fi.org/focus_areas/docs/CAAfi_SAF_Market_Pull_from_Aviation.pdf. *Assumptions: 19.9 % biomass conversion, entire potential under RED II limit
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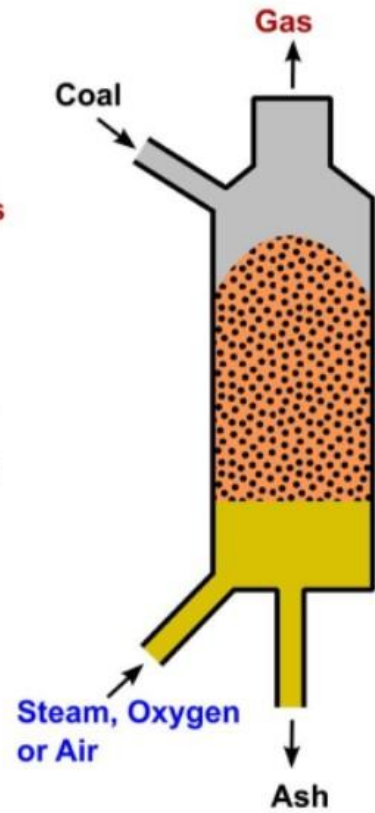
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SAF ROADMAP: TECHNOLOGY READINESS

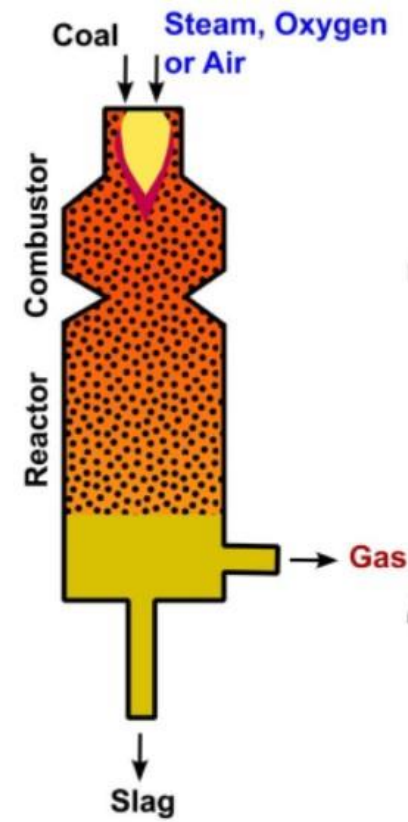
Gasifier: state-of-the-art coal technology



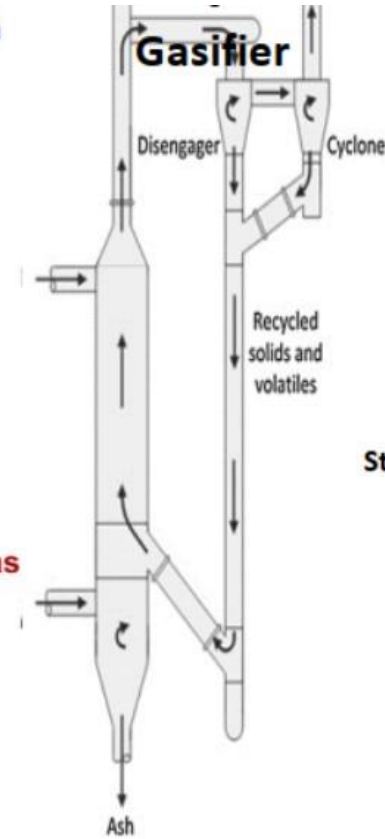
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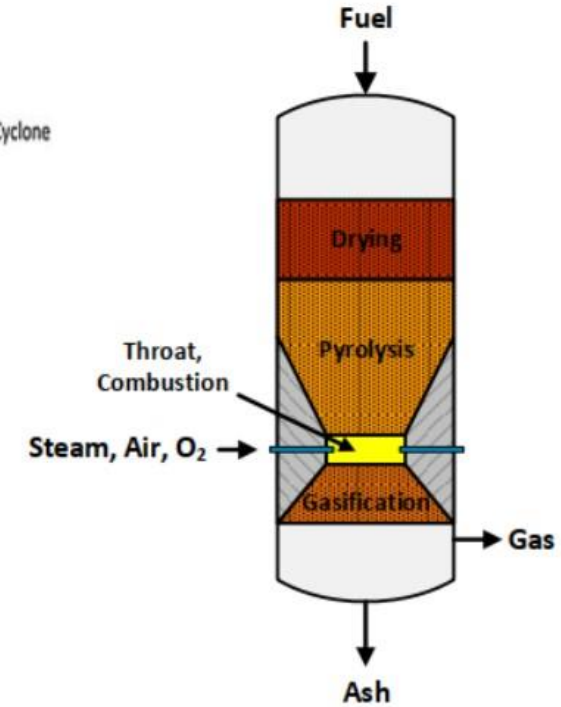
Fluidized bed



Entrained flow



Transport
Integrated



Downdraft

Gasifier: multiple installations, → biomass applications proven



Over 100 Gasifiers designed, built and put into successful operation by Uhde since 1941 ^[1]



[1] Dr. Alexander Schulz, Green methanol, part of Uhde's green technologies, Aachen, 13.09.2022

Electrolysis

Ongoing research

Table 2. Summary of parameters of state-of-the-art water electrolysis.

Technology	AEL	PEM	SOEC
Electrolyte	20–40 wt % KOH	water	steam
Operating temperature [°C]	60–90	50–80	700–900
Typical operating pressure [bar]	10–30	20–50	1–15
Current density [$A\ cm^{-2}$]	0.2–0.4 / 1.2 ^{b)}	0.6–2.0	0.3–2.0
Cell area [m^2]	<4	<0.3	<0.01
Specific energy consumption (stack) [$kWh_{el}\ Nm^{-3}\ H_2$]	4.2–4.8	4.4–5.0	>3.0
Specific energy consumption (system) [$kWh_{el}\ Nm^{-3}\ H_2$]	5.0–5.9	5.0–6.5	3.7–3.9 (4.7 $kWh\ Nm^{-3}\ H_2$)
Lower dynamic range [%] ^{a)}	10–40 / <10 ^{c)}	0–10	>30
Gas purity [%]	> 99.5 / > 99.95 ^{b)}	99.99	99.90
System response	seconds	milliseconds	seconds
Cold time start [min]	<60 / <1–50 % ^{b)}	<20	<60
Stack lifetime [h]	60 000–90 000	20 000–60 000	<10 000
Maturity	mature	commercial	demonstration
Investments costs [$€\ kW^{-1}$]	800–1500	1400–2100	>2000

a) Minimum operable hydrogen production rate relative to maximum specified production rate; b) thyssenkrupp system installed at Carbon2Chem[®]; c) Lüke and Zschocke [14].

Electrolysis State-of-the-art

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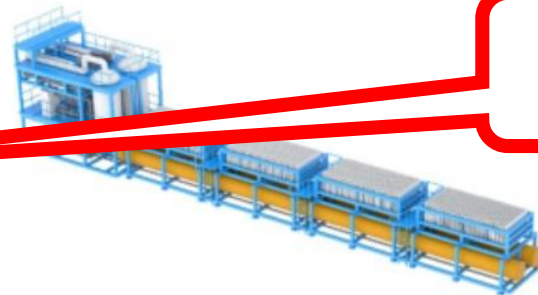
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Electrolysis technology is state-of-the-art

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State-of-the-art / GW installations in Europe

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GW scale electrolysis is common in Chlorine industry

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[1]

Location	Country	Operator	Capacity Chlorine (in 1000 t)	Diaphrag.	Membr.	Other	Electrolys. D MW	Electrolys. M MW
Runcorn	UK	Runcorn MCP	430		430		2.970	1.118
Rotterdam-Botlek	NL	Nobian	637		637			1.656
Dormagen	GER	Covestro	480		400	80[5]		1.040
Lillo	BE	INNOVIN	500		500			1.300
Tessenderlo	BE	Inovyn (INEOS)	400		400			1.040
Ludwigshafen	GER	BASF	595					0
Leverkusen	GER	Covestro	390		390			1.014
Lavera	FR	Kem One	341	341			989	0
Tavaux	FR	INNOVIN	370		370			962
Fos	FR	Kem One	333	178	155		516	403
Kazincbarcika	HUN	BorsodChem	480	384	96		1.114	250
Uerdingen	GER	Covestro	290		290			754
Marl	GER	Vestolit	260		260			676
Rafnes (Bamble)	NOR	Inovyn (INEOS)	315		315			819
Schkopau	GER	Dow	252		252			655
Knapsack	GER	Westlake Vinnolit	250		250			650
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[2]

Fischer-Tropsch Technology

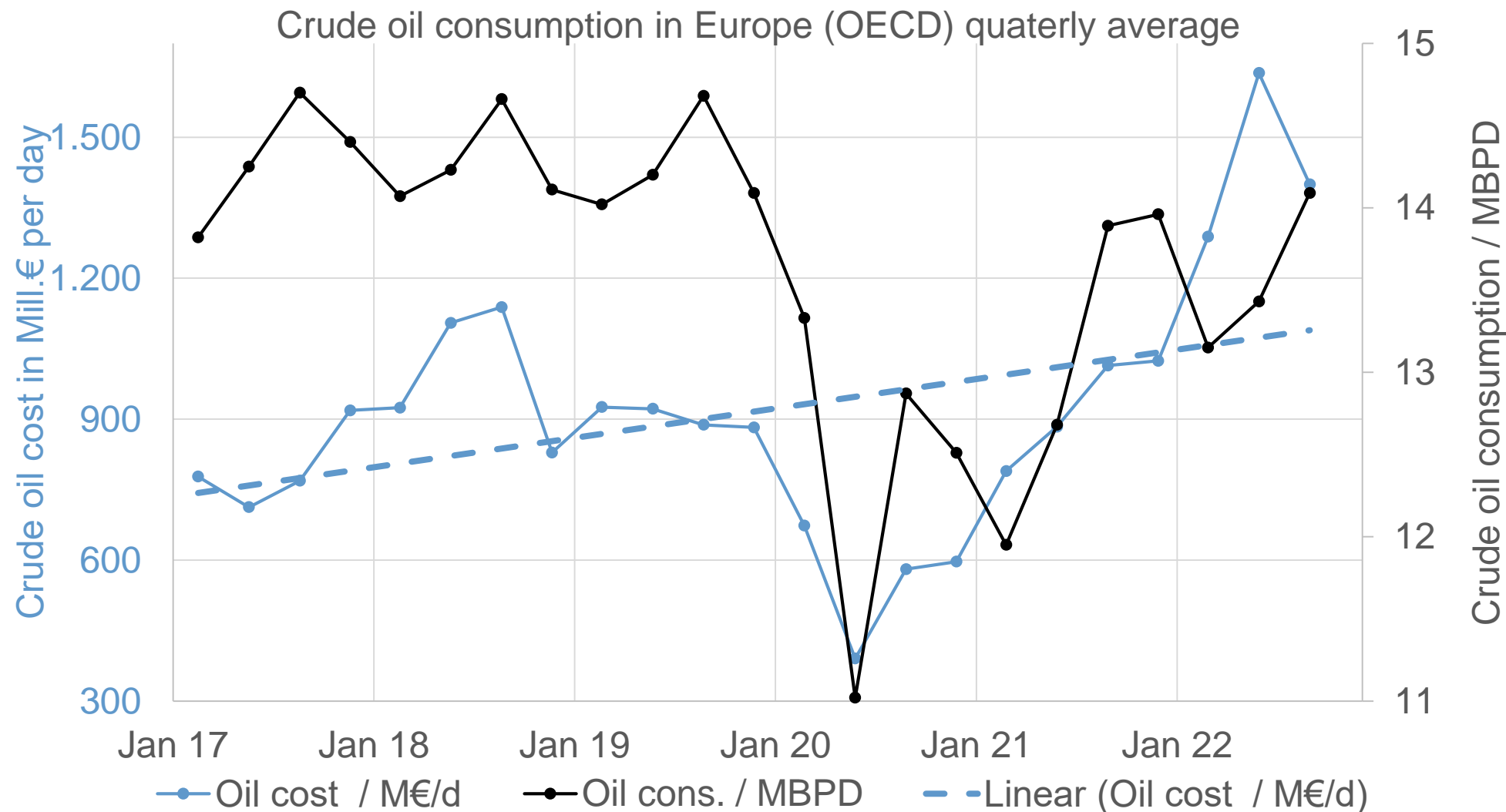
State-of-the-art / refinery size proven



[1] <https://alfin2300.blogspot.com/2011/11/gas-to-liquids-carbon-sciences-provides.html>

Aviation remains part of fossil oil business

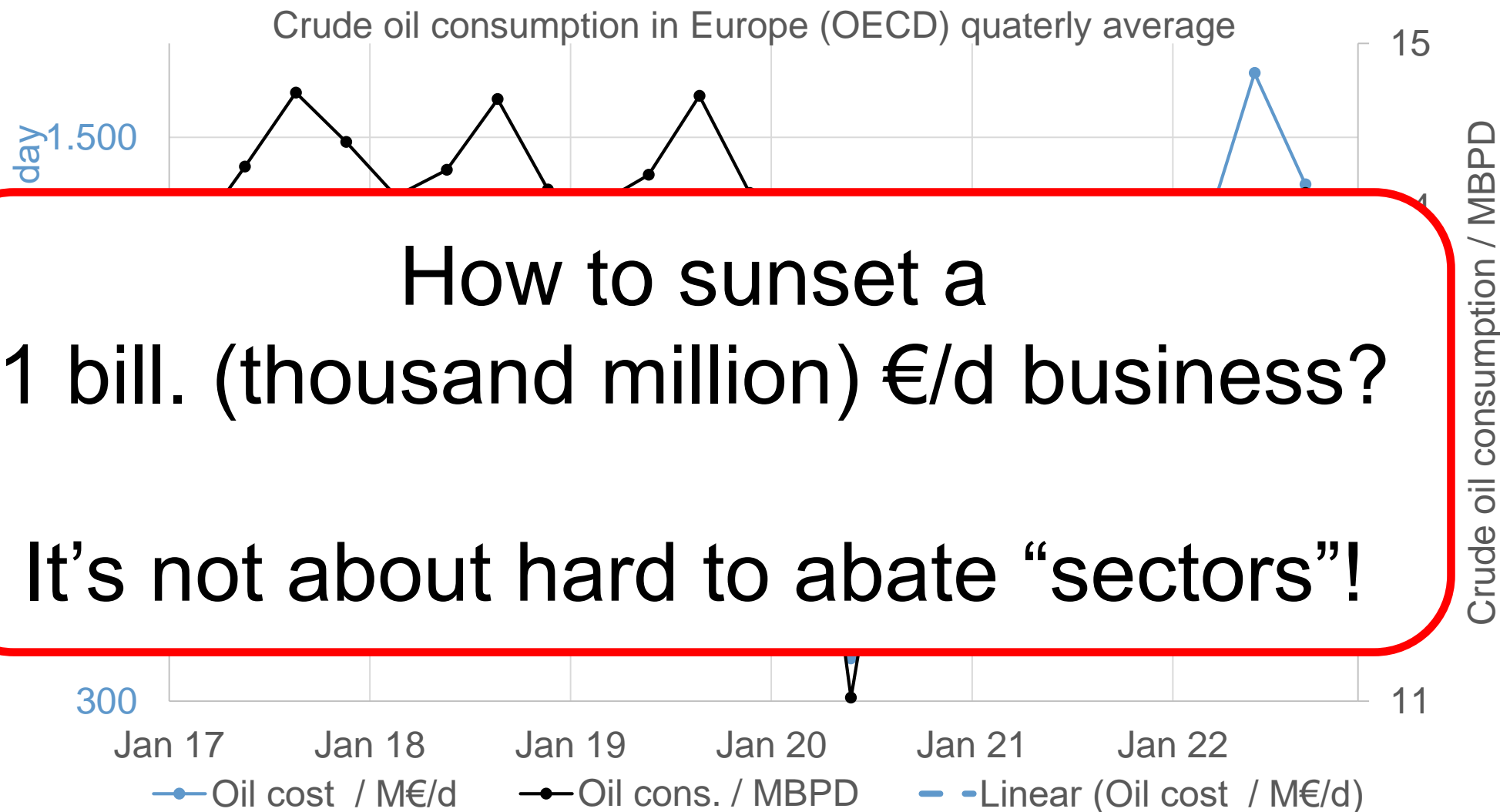
“Money makes the world go round”



[1] Bukold (EnergyComment), Ölverbrauch in Deutschland und Europa, Chem. Ing. Tech. 2020, 92, No. 10, 1586–1595

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AN AMBITIOUS SAF DEPLOYMENT PLAN

SAF deployment plan for Europe

Optimistic way forward (personal view)

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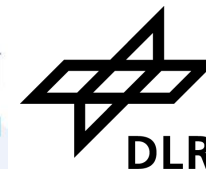
Compare with 3.4 Mt/a growth^[2] since 2020!

**Preference palm oil?
Not enough palm oil on earth!**

**Paris 1.5 degree commitment
intentionally violated!**

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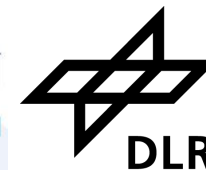
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- 25 plants across Europe á**
- **3.3 GW Wind (5.0 b€) or 6.3 GW PV (5.0 b€)**
 - **FT plant 400 kt_{SAF}/a (1.5 b€) incl. 0.9 GW Electrolyzer**
 - **Construction period: 2025 – 2028**
 - **Full operation before 2030**

**Investment:
 less than 6 months of
 Europe's crude oil spending**

[1] <https://www.easa.europa.eu/en/light/topics/fit-55-and-refueleu-aviation>



SAF deployment plan for Europe

Optimistic way forward (personal view)

	ReFuelEU Aviation SAF targets ^[1]	ReFuelEU Aviation Synfuel target ^[1]	Ambitious, but realistic, just PBtL SAF
2025	2 % (≈ 1 Mt/a)		
2030	56 % (≈ 3.8 Mt/a)	0.7 % (≈ 0.4 Mt/a)	10 Mt/a
2035	20 % (≈ 13 Mt/a)	5 % (≈ 3.3 Mt/a)	30 Mt/a
2050	63 70 % (≈ 54 Mt/a)	28 35 % (≈ 27 Mt/a)	75+ Mt/a = 100 %! (2045?)

• Backup, if H₂ aviation won't fly
 • additional SAF routes from 2035 onwards required, or
 → Less air traffic?

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The background of the slide is a high-resolution photograph of a satellite in orbit. The satellite is a rectangular platform with two long, thin solar panel arrays extending outwards. It is positioned in the center-right of the frame, with the Earth's surface below. The Earth shows a mix of green landmasses, blue oceans, and white cloud cover. The curvature of the planet is visible at the bottom of the image.

CONCLUSION & OUTLOOK

Reject misleading PtX hoax‘



If defossilization is the real goal ...

- Don't wait for research progress to meet climate obligations
 - “Too little too late” is not researchers malfunction
- Market won't solve, **ONLY REGULATION** will end fossil fuels utilization
 - SAF blending mandate can be set far more ambitious
- Expose any excuses for SAF deployment delay
 - PtX research, development, demonstration demand
 - Technology readiness
- Make sure, PtX research is not just “reinventing the wheel”
 - Millions research funding won't fulfill climate obligations

Opportunities and challenges for electro-fuels in future aviation



Summary

- Sustainable fuels are required to meet the aviation contribution towards Europe's climate obligations
- GHG abatement costs shall be the key decision criteria for large scale SAF deployment → PBtL: < 1.000 €/t_{CO2-eq.} achievable
- Europe can largely decarbonize its aviation, utilizing biomass residues, investing in renewable power
- PtX will only cover a minor portion of current crude oil consumption → Preventing + Shifting + Replacing of transport by **REGULATION**

Transparent, standardized DLR assessment methodology can help for reasonableness

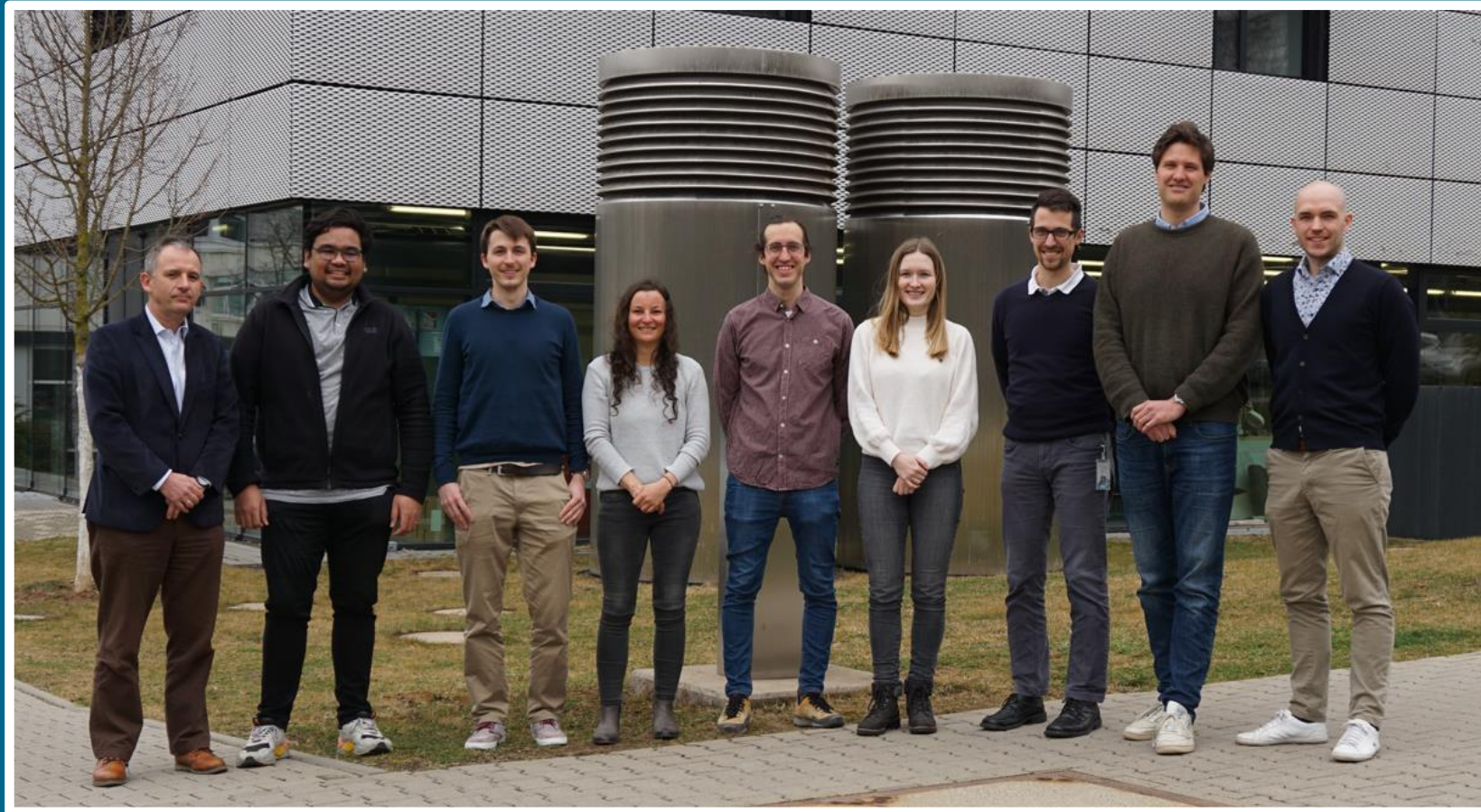
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