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INTRODUCING DLR'S TECHNO-ECONOMIC AND ECOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT

Towards Decarbonization of Aviation, Marine Fuels, Chemicals and Beyond

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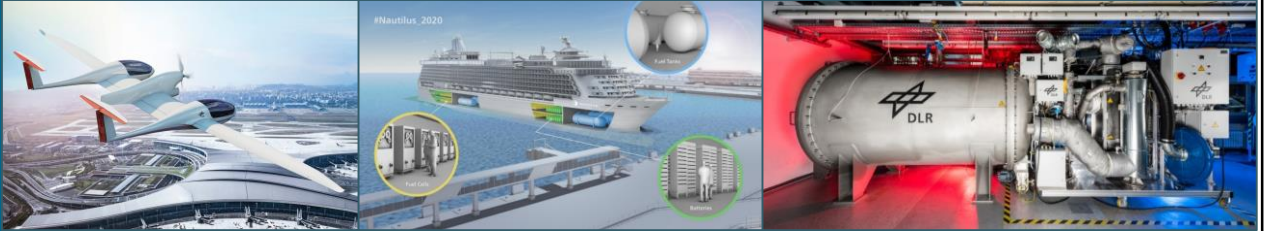
Presentation of DLR's capabilities regarding
techno-economic and ecological assessment of

- Sustainable aviation fuels (SAF)
- Decarbonization examples for transport, chemicals, power

AGENDA

- Introducing DLR Dep. Energy System Integration (TT-ESI) and Techno-Economic Assessment (TEA)
- Motivation and Approach
- Assessment Insight
- Assessment results
- Partner search

Department of Energy System Integration (ESI)



Our Mission

Develop fuel cell powertrains and integrated electrolysis systems for sustainable fuels
Reduce carbon intensity of hard-to-abate transport in general (aviation in particular)


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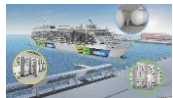

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DLR Dep. Energy System Integration (TT-ESI) develops:

- Fuel cell powertrains and integrated electrolysis systems for sustainable fuels
- In order to reduce carbon intensity of hard-to-abate transport in general (aviation in particular).

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GSY C. Gentner	FES C. Bänsch	NTE S. Razmjooei	HTE M. Heddrich	TEA R.-U. Dietrich
				
Modelled systems & critical qualification	Scale-up powertrain for aerospace	Low Temperature Electrolysis Systems	Solid Oxide Cell Systems	Techno economic & ecological analysis
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modelled system of integrated powertrains • New FC powertrain concepts & critical components • Freeze start-Up, optimization / degradation for fuel cell & -hybrid systems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scalable FC powertrain for aircrafts • Scalable qualified batteries for satellites • Integration and flying platforms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modelled MW systems & relevant tests • High pressure high temperature electrolysis systems • Integrated electrolysis systems with RES 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pressurizes SOC system development and testing • Development & up-scaling of SOC powertrains, & electrolysis • Integrated and hybrid SOC systems with RES, and downstream processes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy storage concept for stationary use • Design and integration of technical/holistic energy generation, storage & refueling systems

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DLR Dep. Energy System Integration (TT-ESI) is led by Dr. Asif Ansar, containing groups for

- Fuel cell powertrain development for aircraft applications (GSY, HH)
- Large scale fuel cell powertrain demonstration and scale up (FES)
- Low temp. electrolyzer development and implementation (NTE)
- High temp. electrolyzer and fuel cells development and implementation (HTE)
- Techno-economic and ecological assessment

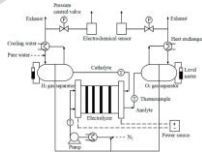
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Electrolyser Development & Integration @ DLR-TT-ESI



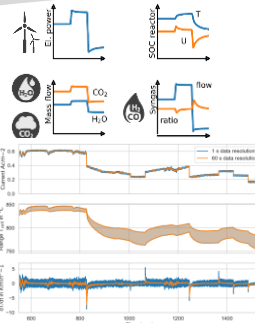
- Process engineering for electrolyser in multi-MW range applications, including upstream and downstream integration
- Stack and module testing up to 150 kW & 100 bars. Linking large-scale experiments with process system modelling
- Transient models & control systems for optimizing dynamic operations
- Demonstrators build-up and testing

● Process system
conceiving



● Experimental reactor
investigations

● Transient
process system
simulations



● Process system
experiments

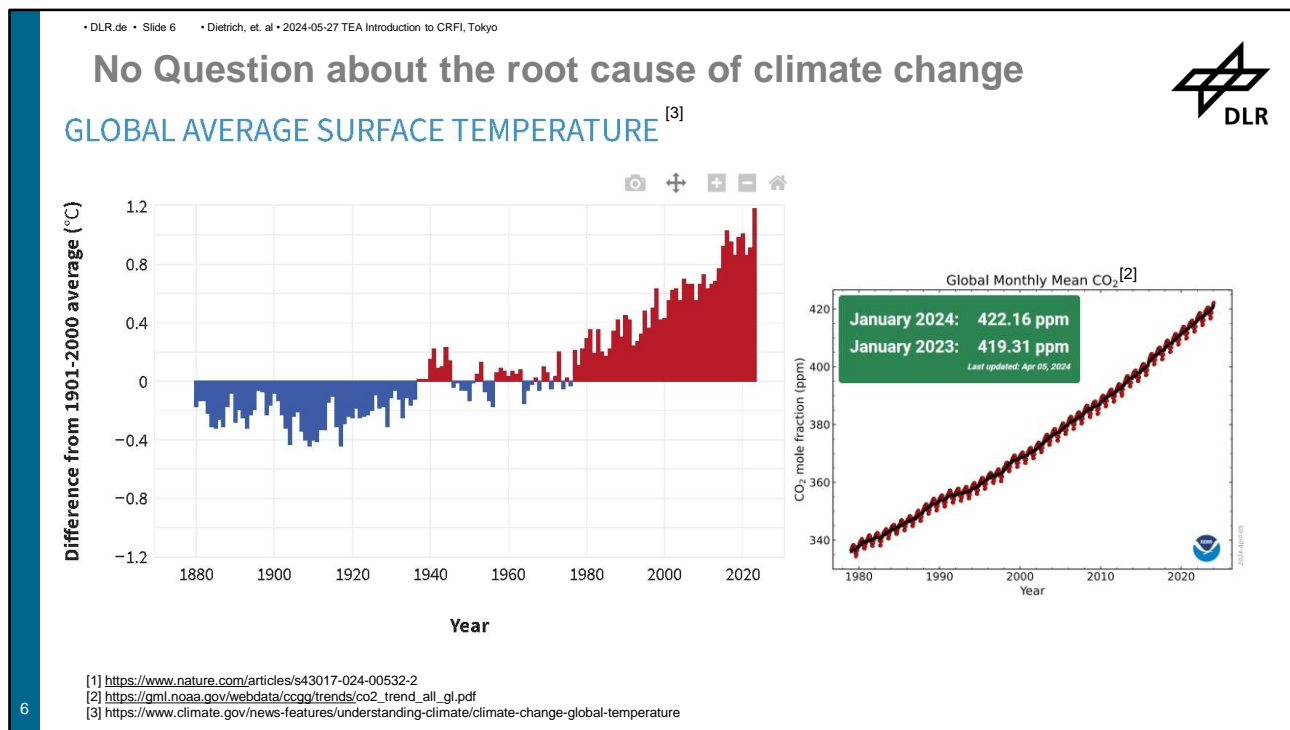


- One example of ESI's approach is the electrolyser development and integration: from system conceiving and testing individual stacks and modules to large scale systems and integration
- Research and Development of Solid Oxide Cell (SOC) systems
 - Process engineering for bringing electrolysis (EC) and fuel cell (FC) systems into the multi MW range applications
 - Linking large experiments with process system modelling
 - From concept KPIs to operation strategies
- SOEC-System in construction
 - Customized, transportable 40 feet sea container
 - 10 kW_{el} power input for electrolyzer
 - 90 electrolyte supported cells with 30 per stack
 - 8 to 25 bar operation pressure
 - Direct coupling to a Fischer-Tropsch synthesis unit
 - Offshore experiments to be performed in 2025



The following slides will address:

- Why is a rigorous assessment of decarbonisation concepts necessary?
- What should be discovered?
- How to compare different technologies?
- What accuracy is required? How to achieve sufficient confidence?



Temperature data show: climate change is undeniable

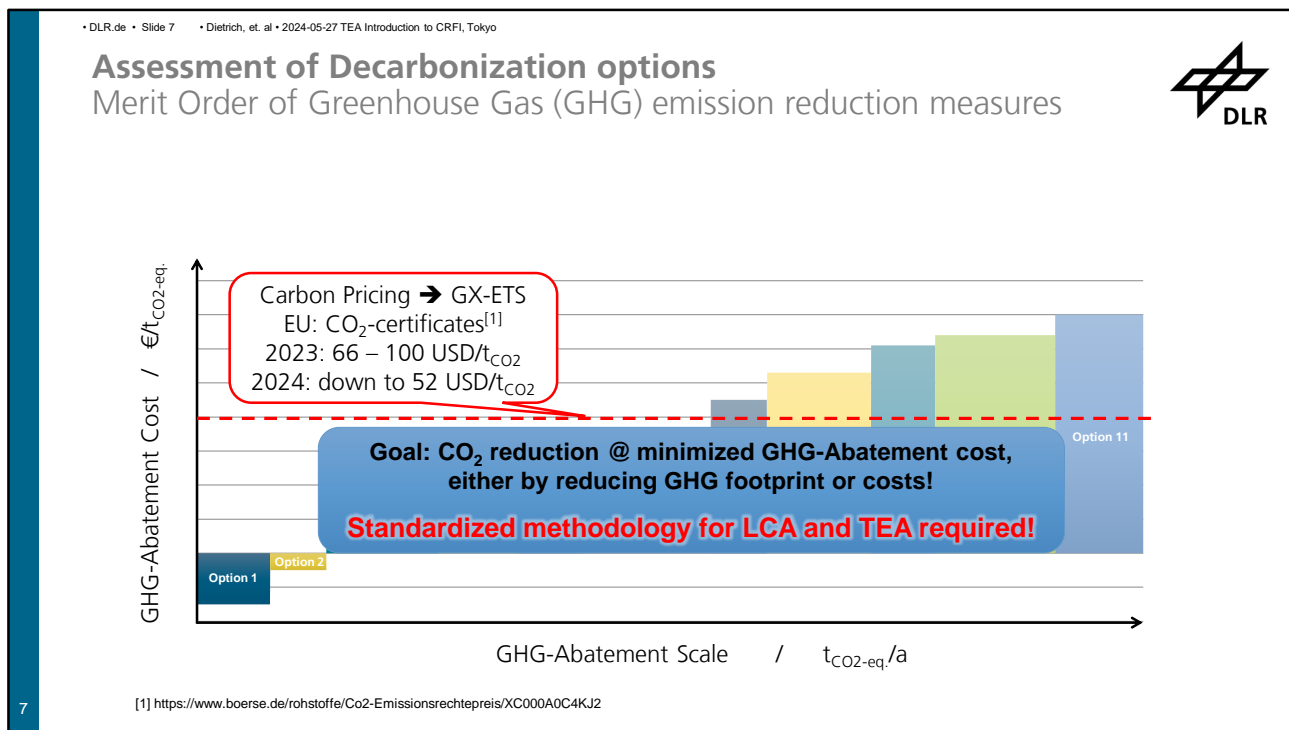
- No question about climate change root cause
 → anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions
 Power / industry / ground transportation / residential / aviation+shipping GHG emission contribution: 13.7 / 10.4 / 6.7 / 3.3 / 1.3 Gt_{CO₂} in 2023!
- Global Carbon budget until 1.5 degree exceeded by 2031²
- Immediate action required – no time to wait
 IEA¹: “Ramping up renewables, improving energy efficiency, cutting methane emissions and increasing electrification with technologies available today deliver more than 80% of the emissions reductions needed by 2030. ”

Meaningful action under growing pressure? → reasonable decision making required

¹ <https://www.iea.org/reports/net-zero-roadmap-a-global-pathway-to-keep-the-15-0c-goal-in->

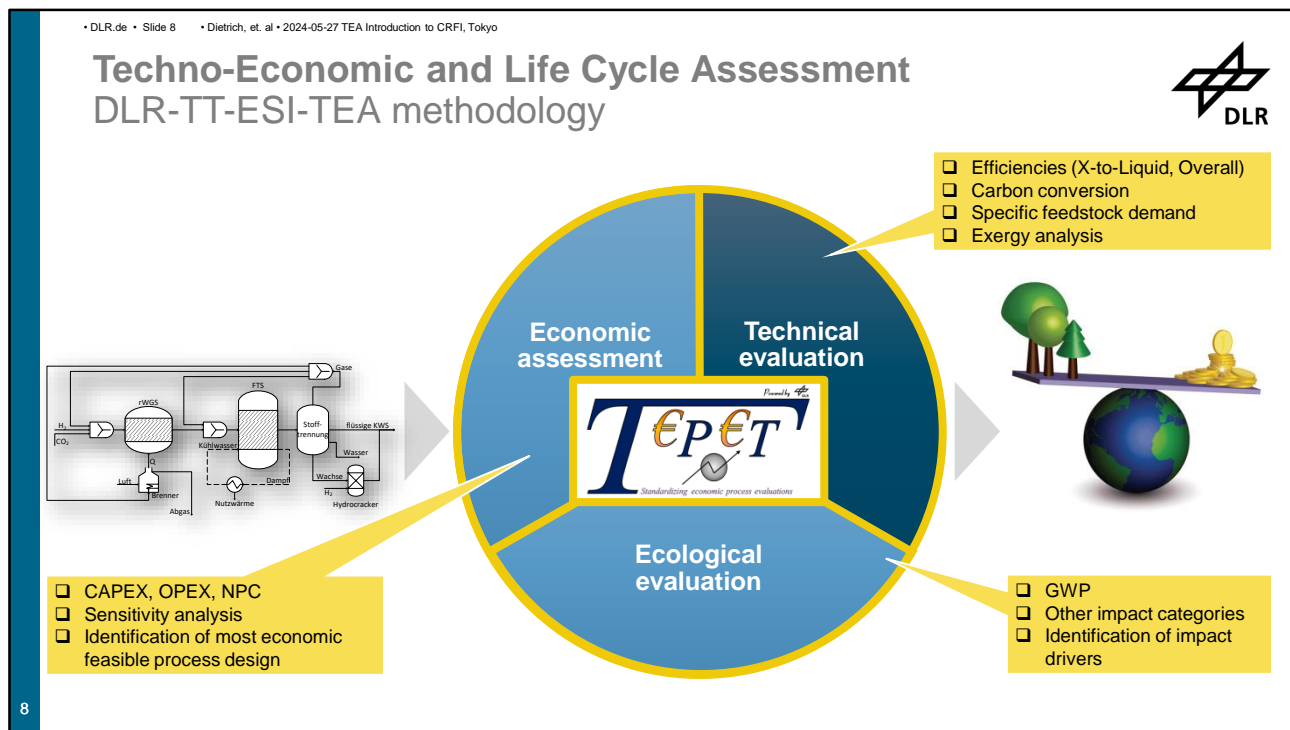
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² <https://globalcarbonbudget.org/carbonbudget/>



- GHG emission reduction efforts to be assessed
 - Bring global CO₂ emissions from 35.8 Gt in 2023¹ to Net-Zero in 2050
 - 2023 emissions depleted 13.3% of the remaining post-2020 budget to avoid 1.5 °C (300 Gt CO₂), remaining 143 Gt CO₂ potentially exhausted within 3.6 years.
 - Introduce multiple measures on all sectors, all regions
 - Understand the scale of each measure
 - Understand the impact of each measure
- Provide transparent and standardized assessment of each measures scale/impact
 - Support policy makers for efficient regulation
 - Support technology development to improve climate change mitigation

¹ Liu, Z., Deng, Z., Davis, S.J. et al. Global carbon emissions in 2023. Nat Rev Earth Environ 5, 253–254 (2024). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s43017-024-00532-2>



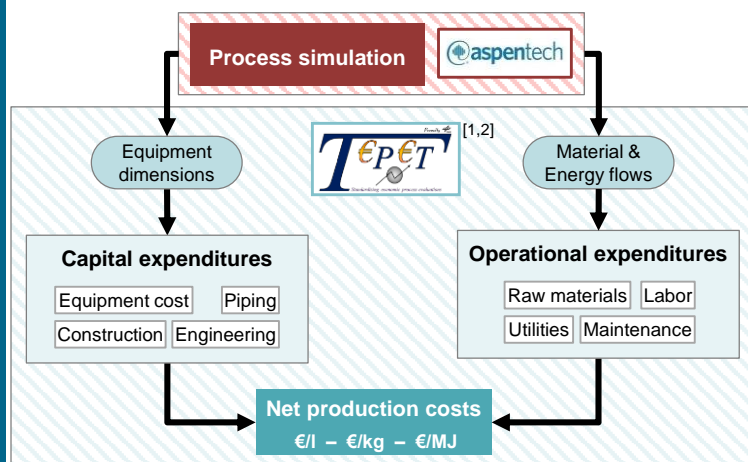
Standardized Techno-Economic and Life Cycle Assessment @ DLR provides reliable knowledge about multiple decarbonization measures in sectors like power generation, basic industry and transport.

- Technical assessment includes rigorous process simulation of experimentally validated units and processes
- Economic assessment follows standard chemical engineering cost estimation rules and procedures
- Ecological assessment quantifies each environmental impact compared to fossil alternative

The "Techno Economic Process Evaluation Tool" (TEPET)

- Was adapted from best-practice chemical engineering methodology
- Meets ACE class 3-4 methodology, with a predicted accuracy of +/- 30 %
- Uses year specific annual CEPCI Index
- Includes an automated interface for simulation control, seamless integration of data flows, exergy analysis, heating networks, ...
- LCA conforms to ISO 14040 and 14044 using current ecoinvent database
- Most recent LCA knowledge is adapted
- Allows sensitivity studies for each process parameter and boundary condition
- Can be extended using learning curves, economy of scale, ...

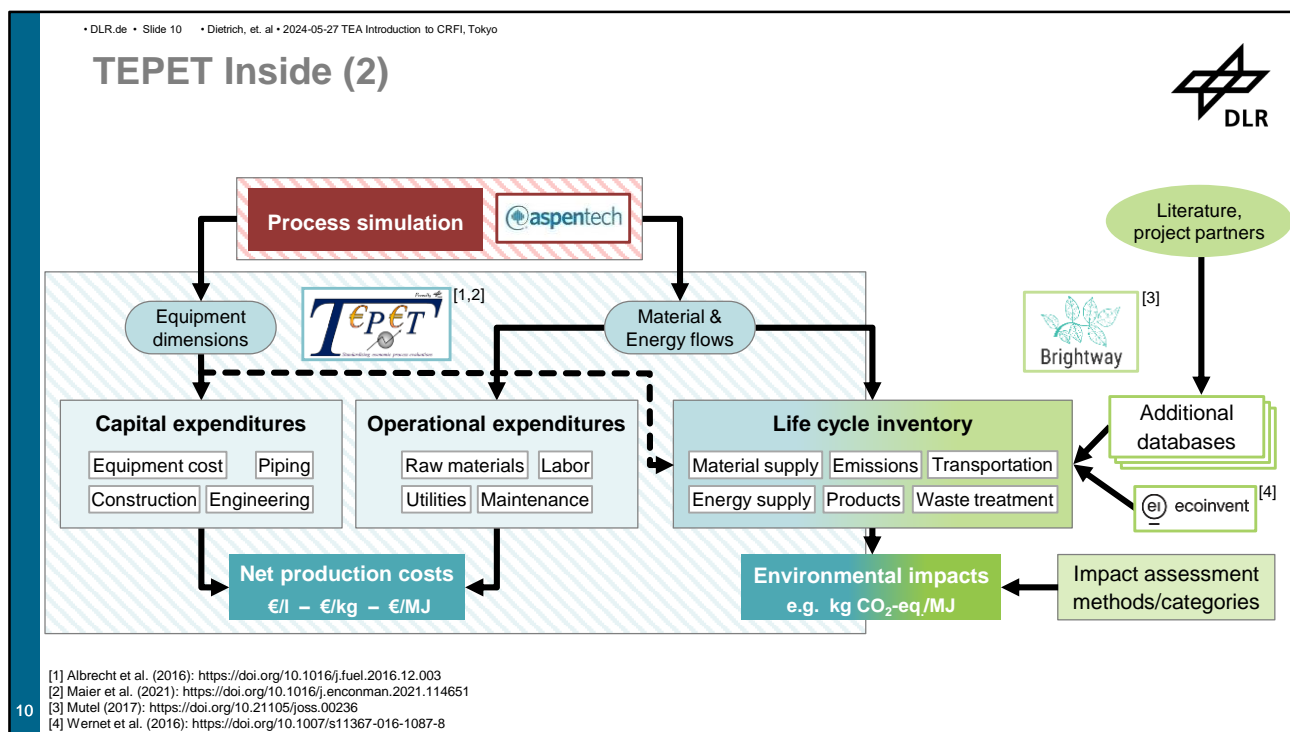
TEPET Inside



[1] Albrecht et al. (2016): <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.fuel.2016.12.003>
 [2] Maier et al. (2021): <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.enconman.2021.114651>

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- TEPET uses rigorous process simulation results
 - Stream data provide material and energy flows
 - Equipment data provide cost and performance
- CAPEX derives from connecting equipment dimensions with generalized equipment cost data
- OPEX derives from connecting stream data with material cost data
- Net production cost derive from CAPEX and OPEX

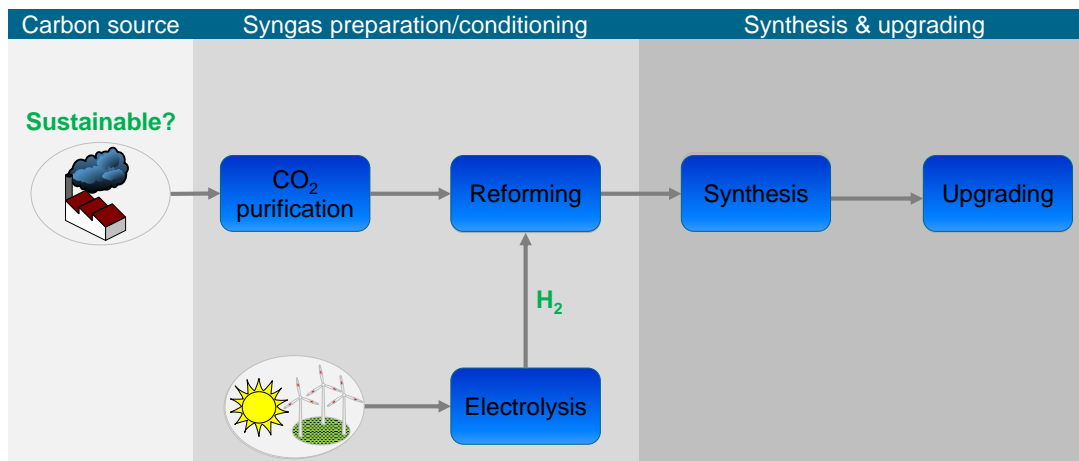


- Life Cycle Inventory (LCI) derives from connecting equipment dimensions and stream data with life cycle inventory datasets of commercial database, partially extended with external information
- Life Cycle Impact Assessment (LCIA) performed with Brightway2 (open source software) for each environmental impact category

Decarbonization of transport

Example: Fischer-Tropsch based Sustainable Aviation Fuels

Power-to-Liquid



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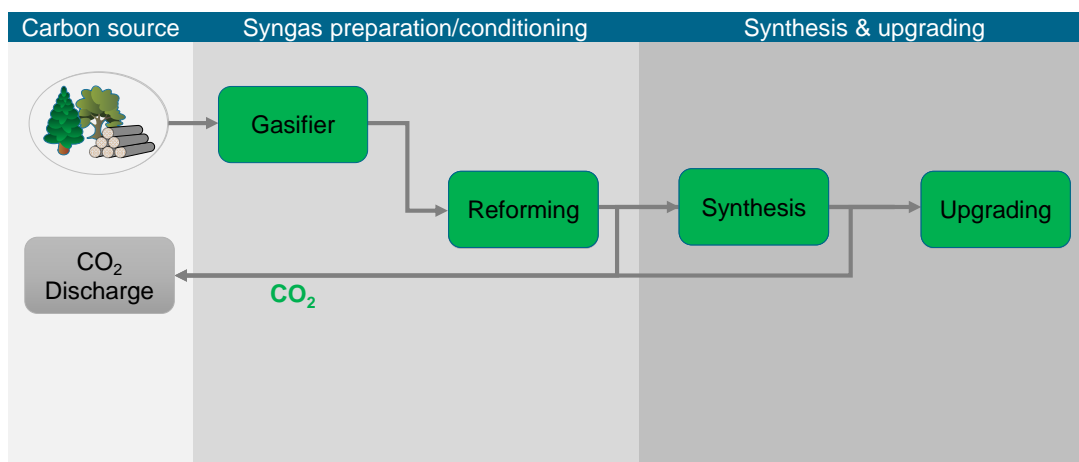
A first example to search for the production of sustainable aviation fuels (SAF) is the Power-to-Liquid process (PtL)

- CO₂ can be derived from industrial sources like cement factories or from direct air capture (DAC)
- Hydrogen is produced by water electrolysis, the power should be from renewable sources like wind or PV
- In a reverse water-gas-shift reaction CO₂ is converted with hydrogen to CO, H₂O is an unavoidable by-product
- The Fischer-Tropsch synthesis is a well-known reaction converting synthesis gas (CO+H₂) into liquid hydrocarbons, that will later be upgraded into aviation fuels

Decarbonization of transport

Example: Fischer-Tropsch based Sustainable Aviation Fuels

Biomass-to-Liquid



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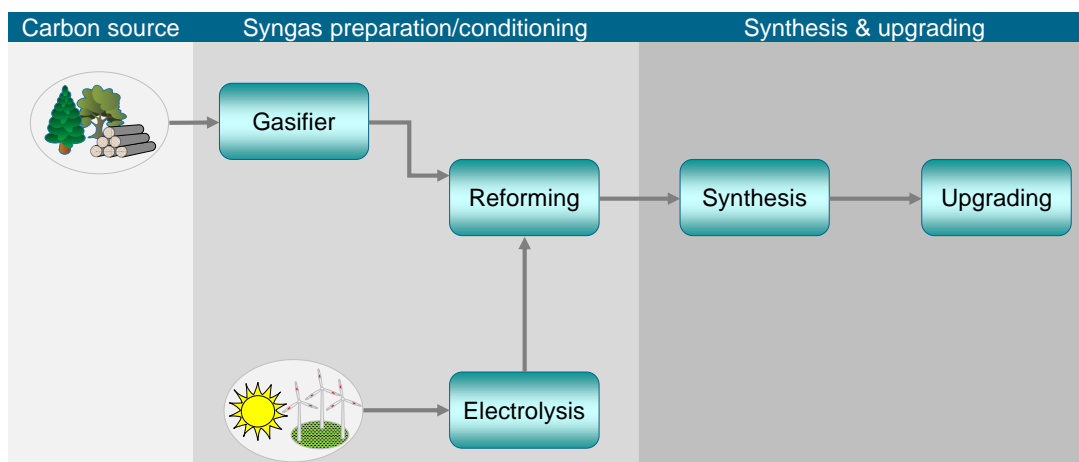
SAF can be produced via biomass gasification in a Biomass-to-Liquid process (BtL)

- Biomass can be converted into synthesis gas (CO+H₂) at high temperatures using oxygen and/or steam
- In a water-gas shift reaction CO is converted into CO₂, in order to achieve the right syngas composition
- In the following reformer, tars and methane are converted into CO, CO₂ and H₂, increasing the syngas amount and the right syngas composition for the synthesis
- The Fischer-Tropsch synthesis converts synthesis gas (CO+H₂) into liquid hydrocarbons, that will later be upgraded into aviation fuels

Decarbonization of transport

Example: Fischer-Tropsch based Sustainable Aviation Fuels

Power&Biomass-to-Liquid (PBtL)



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A third option to produce SAF is the Power&Biomass-to-Liquid process (PBtL)

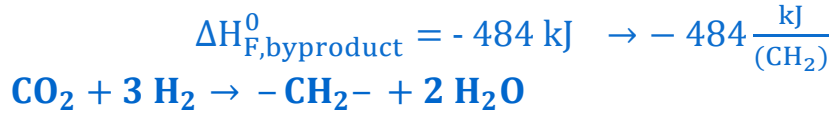
- Biomass is converted into synthesis gas ($\text{CO}+\text{H}_2$) at high temperatures using oxygen and/or steam
- Hydrogen is produced by water electrolysis, the power should be from renewable sources like wind or PV
- In the syngas reformer hydrogen is added in order to achieve the right syngas composition
- The Fischer-Tropsch synthesis converts synthesis gas ($\text{CO}+\text{H}_2$) into liquid hydrocarbons, that will later be upgraded into aviation fuels



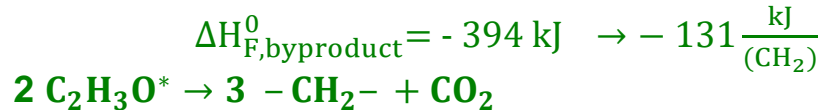
Fischer-Tropsch based hydrocarbons

Stoichiometric preference

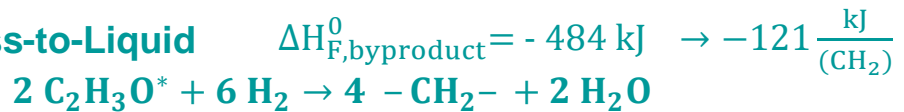
Power-to-Liquid



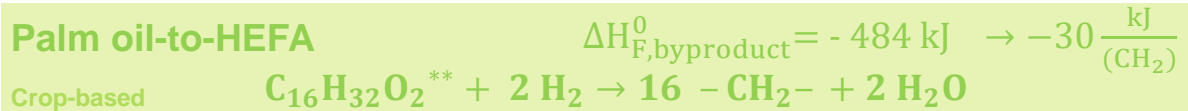
Biomass-to-Liquid



Power&Biomass-to-Liquid



Palm oil-to-HEFA



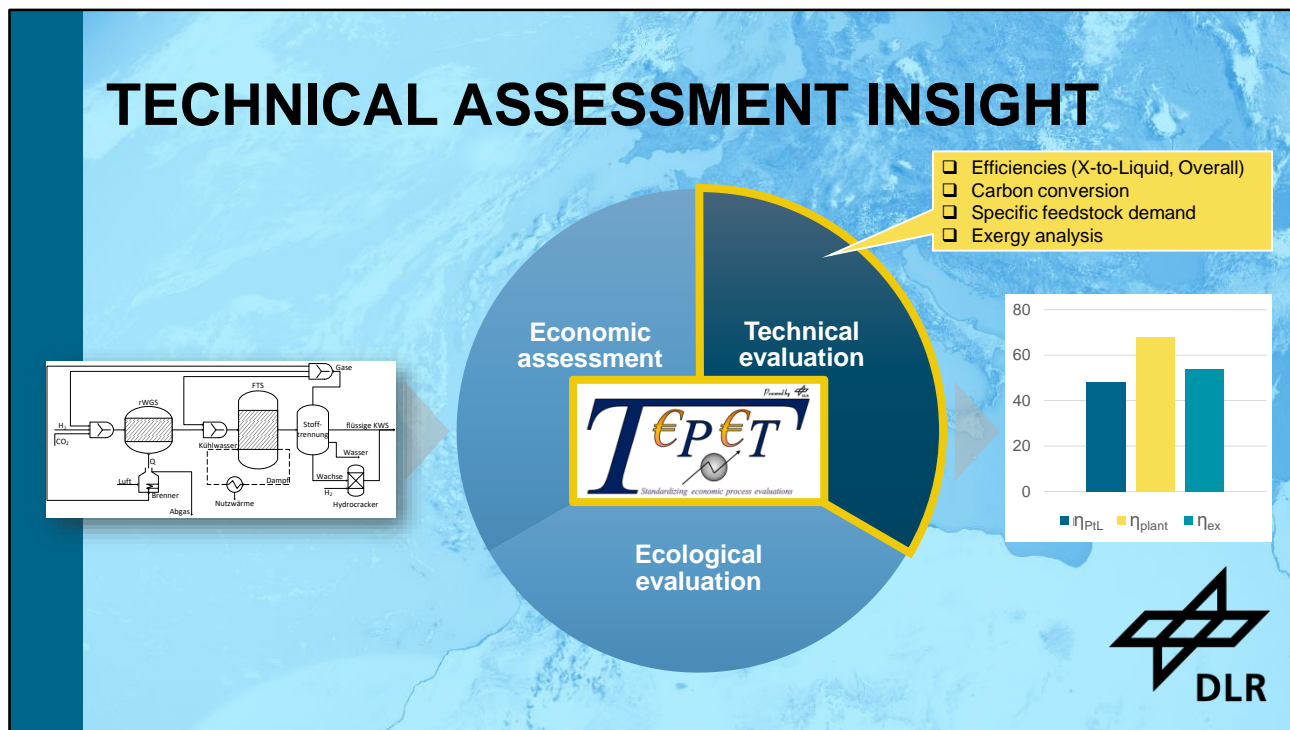
* Woody biomass elemental mass composition: $\text{C}_{52.1}\text{H}_{6.1}\text{O}_{38.5}\text{X}_{2.9}$

** Example: palmitic acid elemental molar composition: $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{32}\text{O}_2$

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- Regarding the goal of terminating CO₂ emissions from aviation : 1.0 Gt in 2019¹
- Simplified comparison of stoichiometric heat losses
 - PtL penalty: H₂O production
 - BtL penalty: CO₂ production
 - PBtL penalty: reduced H₂O production
 - HEFA penalty: least H₂O production for deoxygenation and chain partition – consider feedstock limitation

¹ <https://ourworldindata.org/global-aviation-emissions>





Technical assessment starts with rigorous process simulation

- Ensuring correct representation of the process
- Optimal by-product and heat integration
- Result: carbon / hydrogen / energy efficiency
- Exergetic analysis

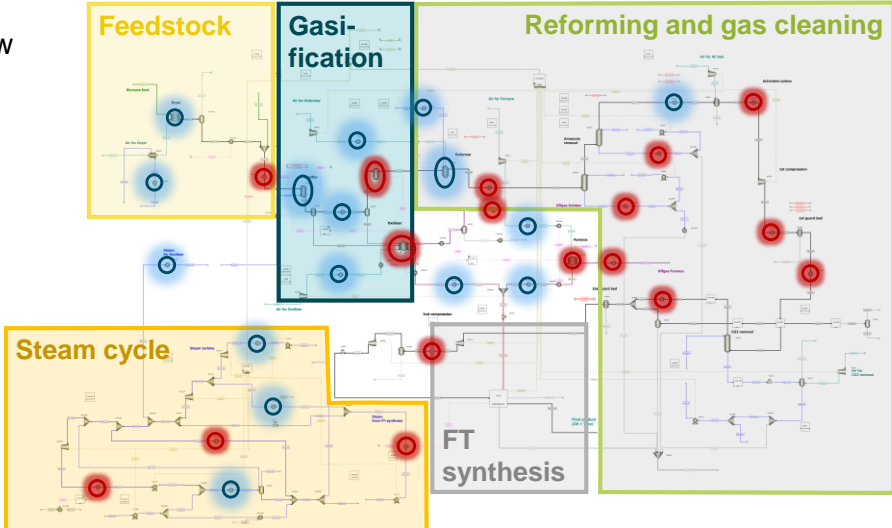
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Fischer-Tropsch based biofuels
Rigorous technical assessment

COMSYN COMSYN project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 727476.

- Validated process flow diagram
 - Component list
 - VLE method
 - Reaction kinetic, unit performance
 - Optimal heat integration
 - Realistic press. drop
- Additional process ideas
 - e.g. Steam cycle integration

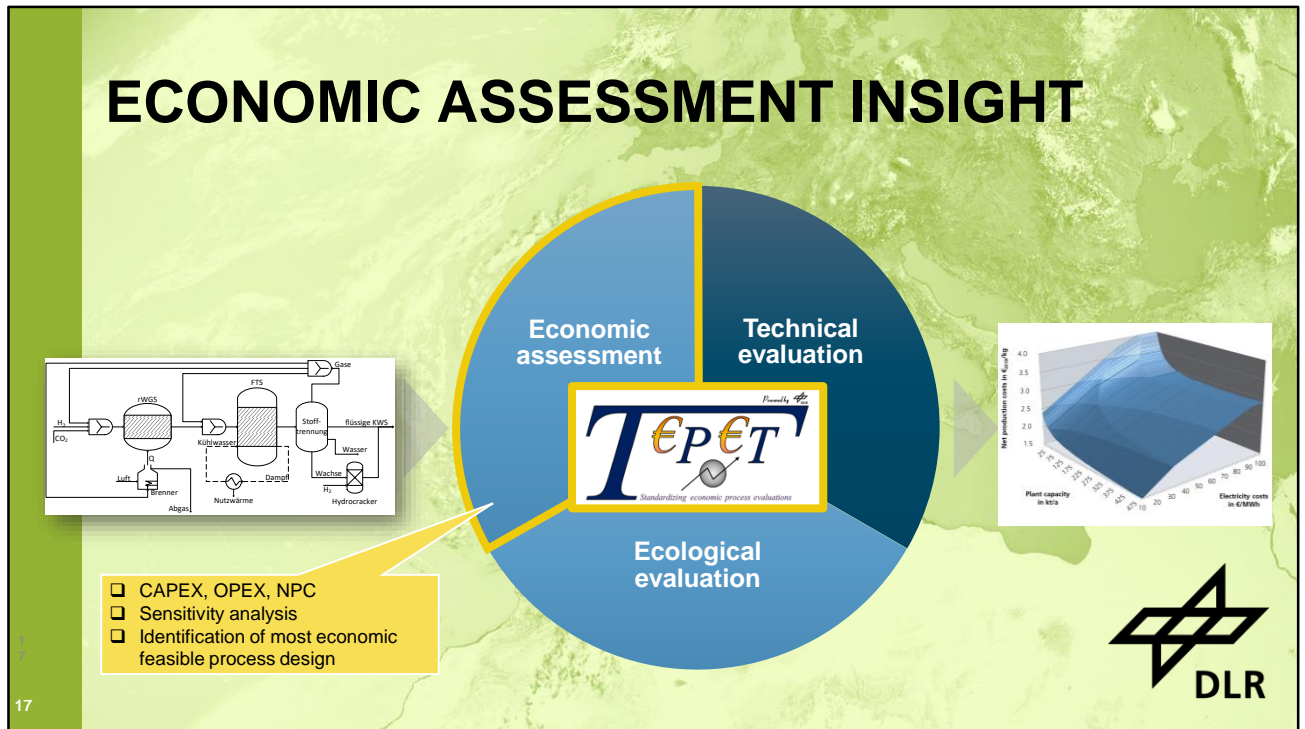


The diagram illustrates a complex industrial process flow for Fischer-Tropsch based biofuels. It is divided into several key sections: **Feedstock** (yellow box), **Gasi-fication** (blue box), **Reforming and gas cleaning** (green box), **FT synthesis** (grey box), and **Steam cycle** (orange box). The process involves multiple units, pipes, and heat exchangers, with red circles highlighting specific components or integration points. The steam cycle is integrated with the main process to utilize waste heat for power generation.

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- Rigorous process simulation provides complete mass and energy balance
 - Trace material and energy flow through a complex value chain, across various plants/sectors/industries
 - Optimal heat integration via TEPET
 - Determine yields, efficiency, losses
- Example: biofuels production from woody biomass and straw gasification, reforming and gas cleaning, Fischer-Tropsch synthesis (COMSYN EU project)
- Steam cycle can utilize waste heat for power generation

ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT INSIGHT



- Standard chemical engineering cost estimation
 - Fixed capital investment (FCI) costs consist of equipment costs (EC) and further capital requirements in the construction phase.
 - Database consisting of cost functions for main chemical process equipment as well as for fuel synthesis equipment included in TEPET based on data from scientific reference literature
 - Chemical Engineering Plant Cost Index (CEPCI) to account for inflation and temporal cost variations of equipment
 - Results: CAPEX, OPEX, Net Production Cost
- Sensitivity of each process parameter on production costs
- Search for cost improvements, potential operation sweet spots
 - Comparing different process designs
 - ➔ Identifying the ideal process configuration at given boundary conditions
- Accuracy of chemical process cost estimation is expected to be $\pm 30\%$ according to class three/four of the classification system of ACE (Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering) ^[1]

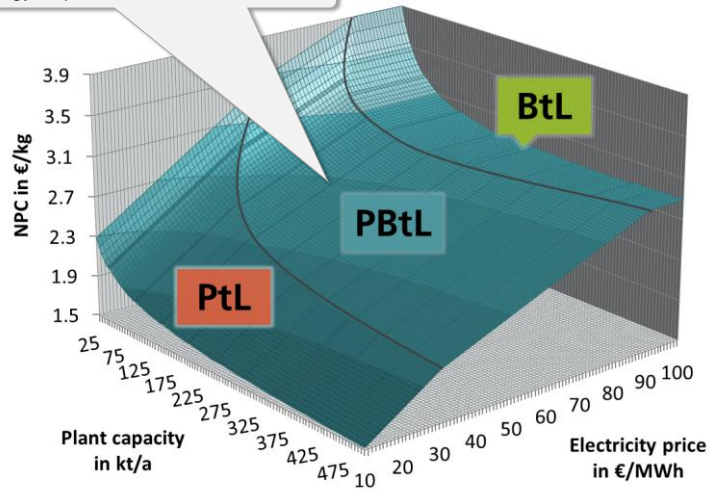
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Example: TEEA sensitivity of BtL/PBtL/PtL Plant construction in Germany – Base year: 2018



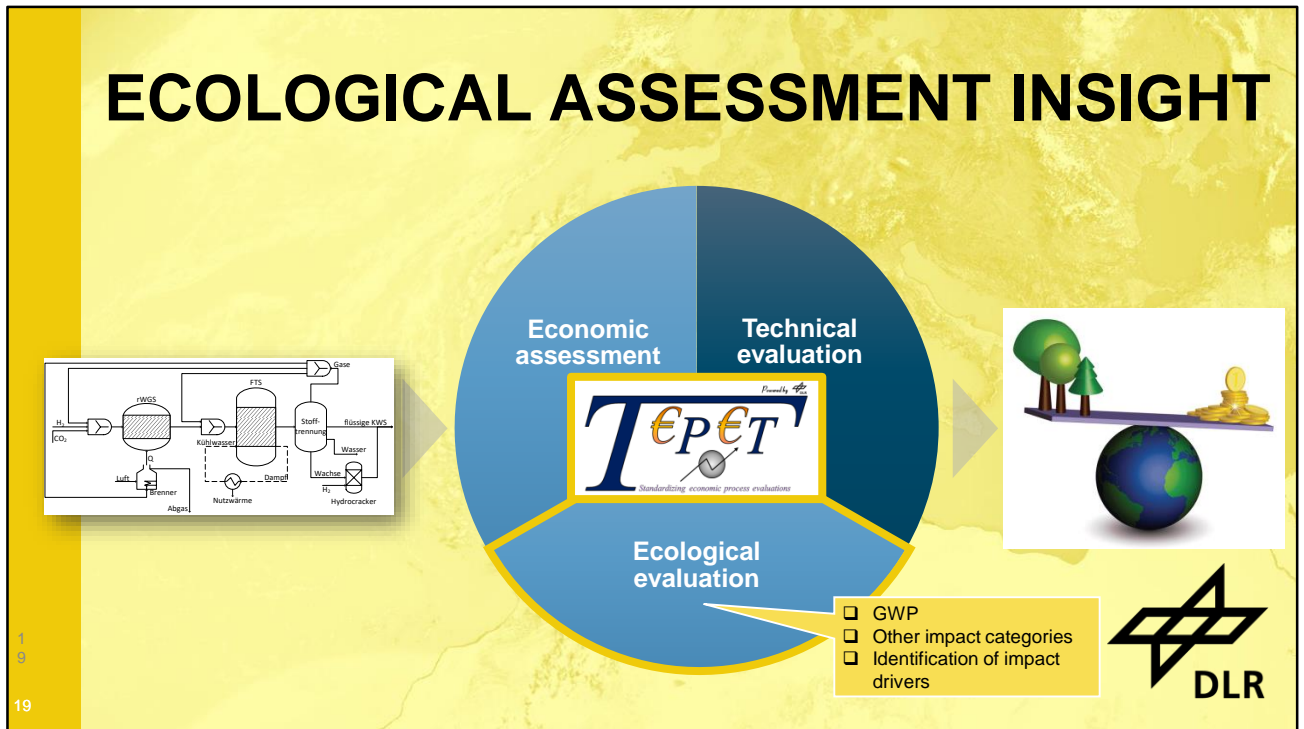
Preferred technology depends on local conditions



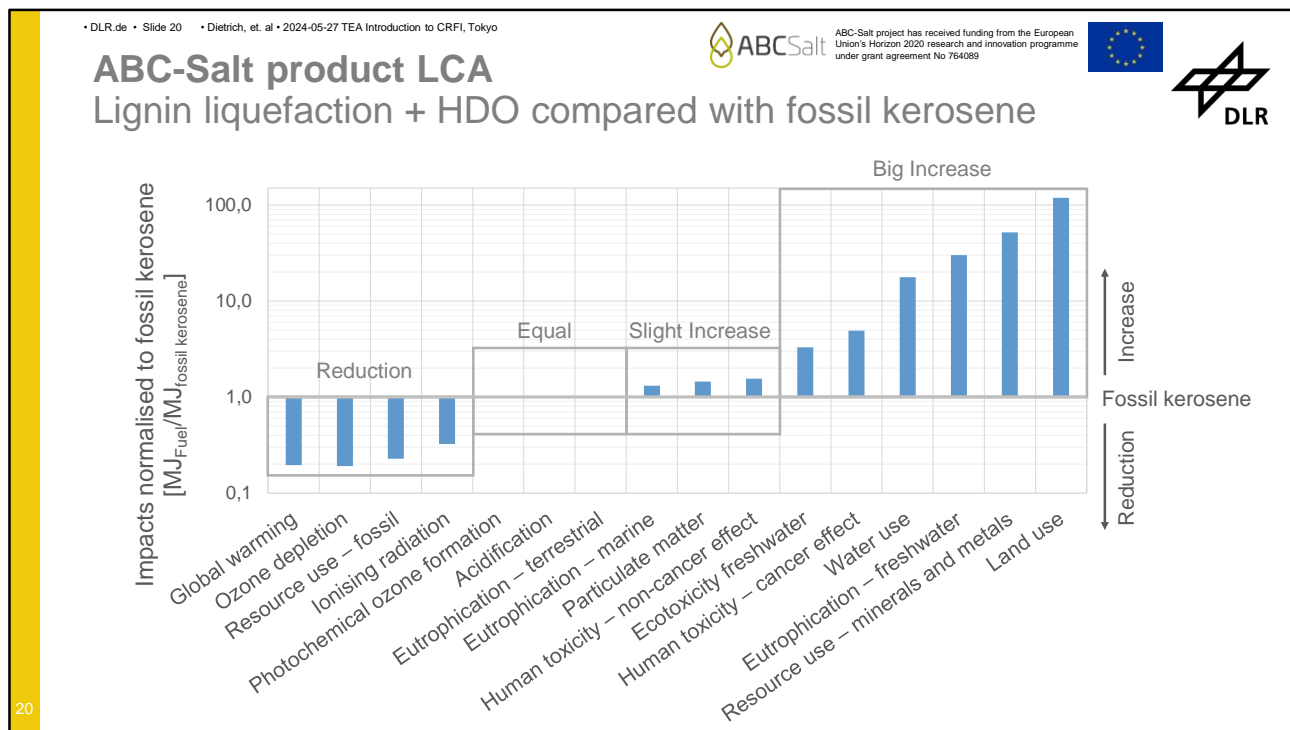
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- Economic assessment example:
Net production cost (NPC) based on electricity cost and plant size for three different process routes.
- The results show beneficial SAF production options

ECOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT INSIGHT



- In order to determine the environmental impact of renewables integration compared to state-of-the-art fossil based processes
- Committed to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions
- Environmental impact analysis



- LCA provides all environmental impacts of alternative production routes compared to fossil reference
 - Local impacts might outweigh global warming benefits
- Example: biofuels production from lignin liquefaction, hydrolysis plus hydrodeoxygenation (HDO) (ABC-Salt EU project)
 - Comparison with fossil kerosene shows impact categories with clear reduction, neglectable impact and increased environmental impact



Following are examples of techno-economic and environmental assessment for different decarbonization options

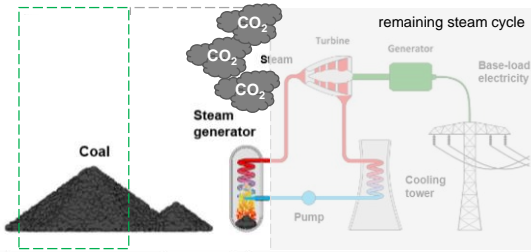
- Tackling scientific and industrially relevant questions.
- Applying the assessment methodology to processes in the fields of
 - Power supply
 - Transportation
 - Aviation
 - Basic chemicals
 - Renewable energy imports

Decarbonization of power generation

Example: 2nd life of coal power plants



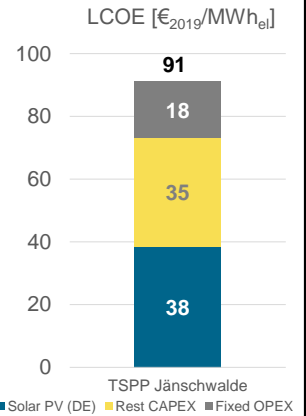
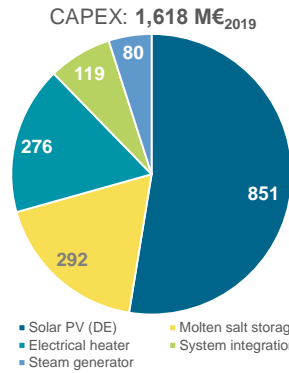
Locations of the coal power plants worldwide (ca. 7000 in operation)
Source: <https://globalenergymonitor.org/>



Thermal storage power plant (TSPP) power plant coupled with Carnot-battery

Jänschwalde power plant
Brandenburg, DE, 500 MW_{el}-power class

CO₂-abatement costs: 85 €₂₀₁₉/tCO₂



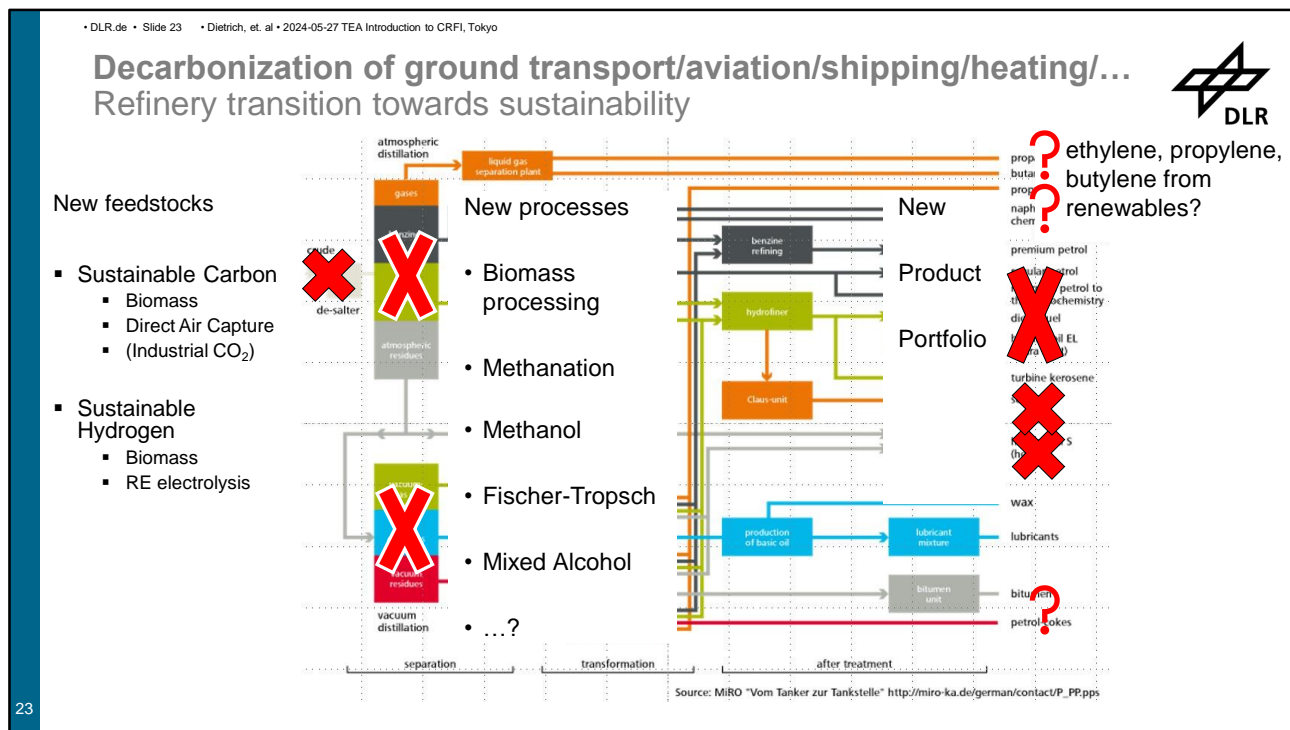
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- Goal: Termination of 15.2 Gt CO₂ emissions from global coal power plants in 2022¹ (iea.org: 15.5 Gt from coal in 2022²)
- Integration of high shares of RE into power systems operations, providing flexibility
- Reuse of steam cycle, auxiliaries to convert fluctuating wind and solar power into demand-driven base-load power
- Search for individual solution for each of 7.000+ global coal power plants

- ➔ To be included into Japan's Green Transformation Policy, "GX Policy"?
- ➔ Technology option to help Japan's international decarbonization initiative focusing on Southeast Asia: the "Asia Zero Emission Community" (ERIA's Technology List)?
- ➔ Support for Japan/Asia to set coal power phaseout dates?

¹ <https://ourworldindata.org/emissions-by-fuel>

² <https://www.iea.org/reports/co2-emissions-in-2022>



- Goal: Termination of 11.9 Gt/a CO₂ emissions from oil consumption in 2022¹ (iea.org: 11.2 Gt from oil in 2022²)
- Refinery transition towards sustainability requires new feedstocks /processes / product portfolio
- Increased pressure
 - Regulation
 - Customer base
- Search for individual solution for each refinery

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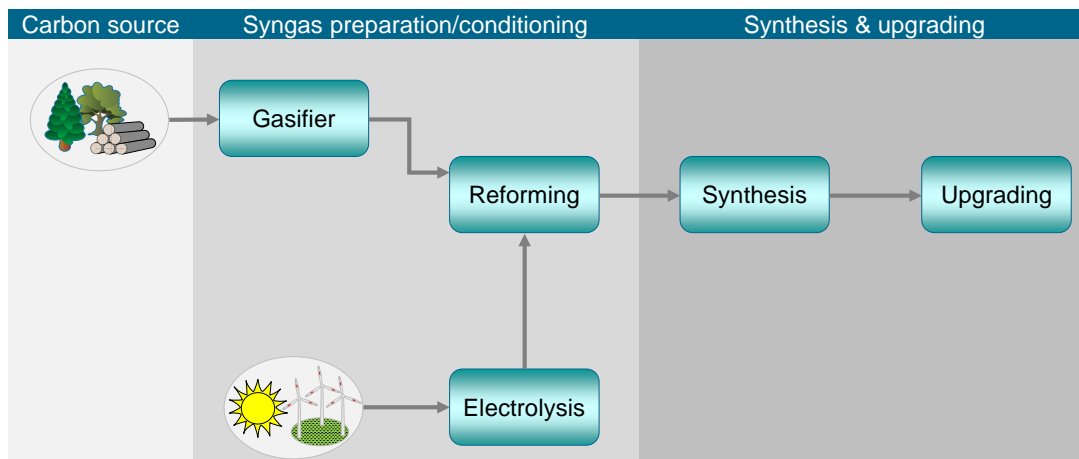
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Decarbonization of transport

Example: Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF) concept

Power&Biomass-to-Liquid (PBtL)



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- Goal: Termination of 1.0 Gt/a CO₂ emissions from aviation in 2019¹ (last year before Corona), full rebound is expected soon
- Maximize SAF production from renewables
 - Adding hydrogen from renewable power increases carbon efficiency of SAF production
 - Local availability of renewable electricity, water and biogenic carbon required

¹ <https://ourworldindata.org/global-aviation-emissions>



Decarbonization of transport

Example: Average PBtL plant for European SAF

Key economic Assumptions

Investment costs:

AEL-Electrolyzer	1 M€/MW ^[1]	→ 900 MW _e Electrolyzer
Fischer-Tropsch SBGR:	5.9 k€/m ³ ^[2]	→ 400 kt/a SAF
Selexol:	5.5 k€/kmol _{CO₂} /h ^[3]	
Fluidized bed gasifier:	0.5 M€/(kg _{dry biomass} /s) ^[4]	→ 400 MW _{th} gasifier

Average plant size

Raw materials and utility costs

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

General economic assumptions:

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

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- In order to safe 1.0 Gt CO₂ emissions from aviation in 2019¹, 300+ Mt/a SAF production are required globally
- PBtL enables to maximize SAF production from renewables in Europe (about 60 Mt/a expected in 2030)
 - Unutilized woody biomass could be harvested in a sustainable forestry
 - Adding hydrogen from renewable power increases carbon efficiency of SAF production
 - Local availability of renewable electricity, water and biogenic carbon required

Base case definition for market roll-out:

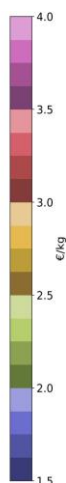
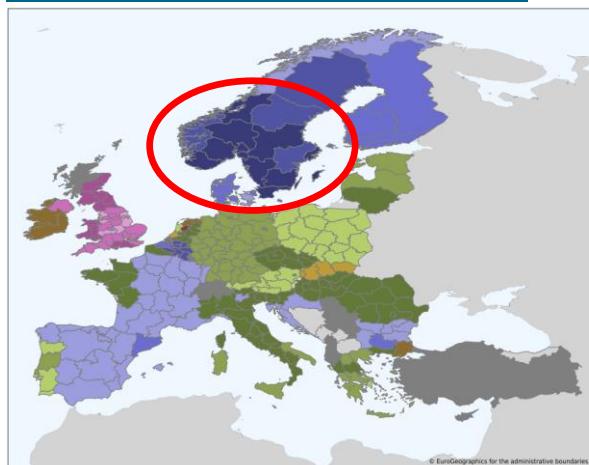
- All process equipment of PBtL concept is commercially available
- Plant size depend on biomass transport options

Towards an ambitious European SAF Roadmap

Exploring local onshore wind power utilization^[1]



Net Production Costs of PBtL SAF / €₂₀₂₀/kg



Standard PBtL plant

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

➔ Search for cheap biomass residue^[3] and inexpensive renewable power^[2]

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

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- PBtL cost distribution across Europe for one single plant configuration/size
- Local net production cost (NPC) depend mainly on electricity and biomass price

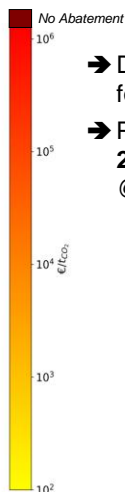
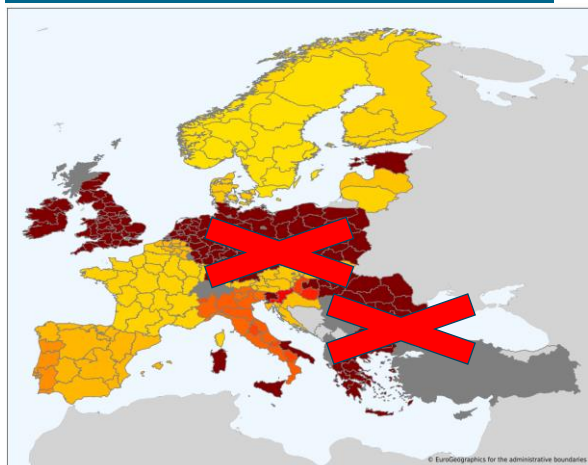
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Towards an ambitious European SAF Roadmap

Exploring grid connected PBtL sustainability^[1]



GHG Abatement of PBtL SAF / €₂₀₂₀/t_{CO2,eq}



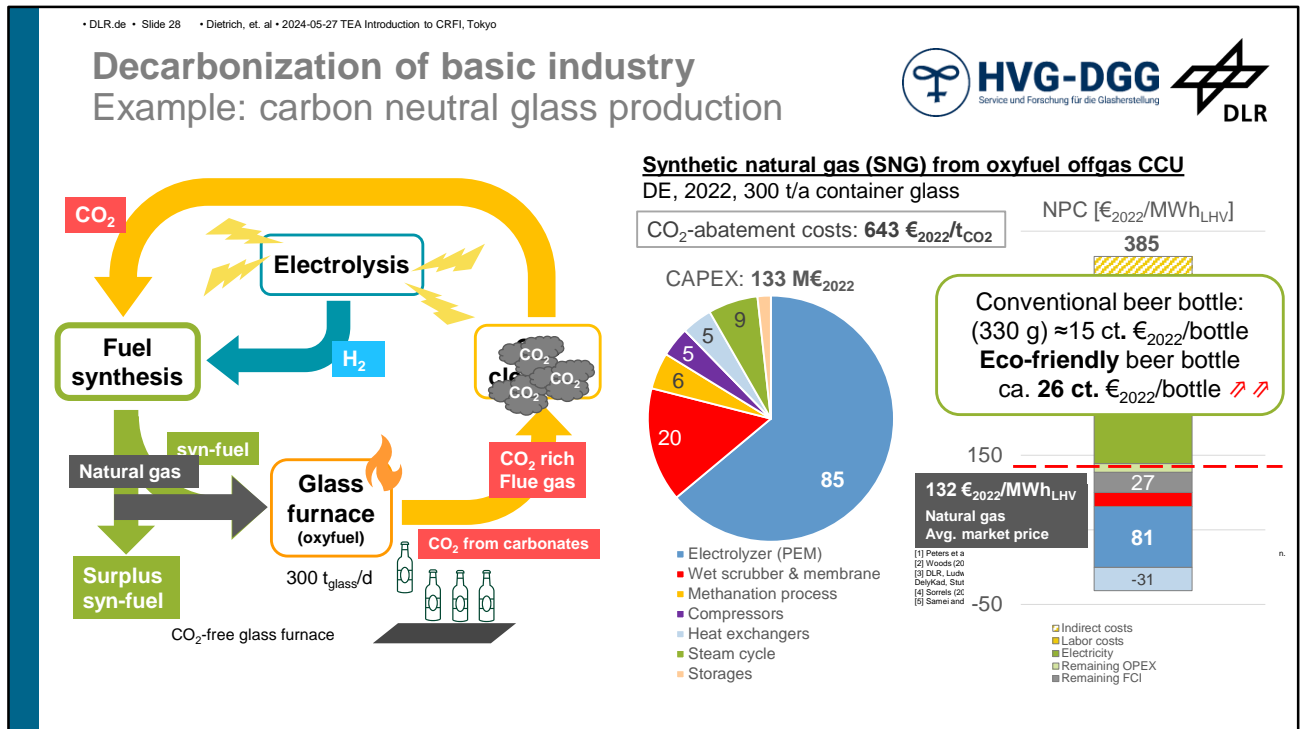
→ Decarbonized national grids necessary for effective PBtL roll-out

→ 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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- PBtL abatement cost distribution across Europe for one single plant configuration/size
- GHG footprint of PBtL SAF depend on electricity emissions



CCU to produce carbon neutral container glass (biggest GWP contributor in glass ind.)

- Termination of 9.2 Gt CO₂ emissions from industry in 2022¹, glass industry only minor part of GHG emissions compared to steel and cement production
- Glass industry faces the challenge of continuous 24/7 production while requested to shift to renewable fuels
- Process design of CCU-based SNG and methanol available, equipment performance and costs of state of the art technology are listed:

Reference function (EC _{i,ref})	EC _{ref}	Currency	sizing _{ref}	Unit	n
Compressor	3 035	\$	1	kW _{el}	0.68
Methanation reactor	57 794	\$	14 000	m ³ /h	0.52
PEM electrolysis	957	€	1	kW _{el}	1
Wet scrubber (limestone)	13 061	k\$	14	MW _{th}	0.72
Membrane PMP	9.76	m\$	525.6	kmol/h	0.6
Polynomial function (EC _{i,poly})	e	f	g	Sizing unit	Currency
Shell & tube HEX*	0	201.29	3853.3	Heat transfer area [m ²]	\$
Flash drum	-2.21	369.75	805.42	Length & diameter [m]	\$

- Compared to fossil fuel - Energy supply costs: Factor 5, glass supply cost: Factor 2
- Applicable to multiple industry decarbonization options using CCU

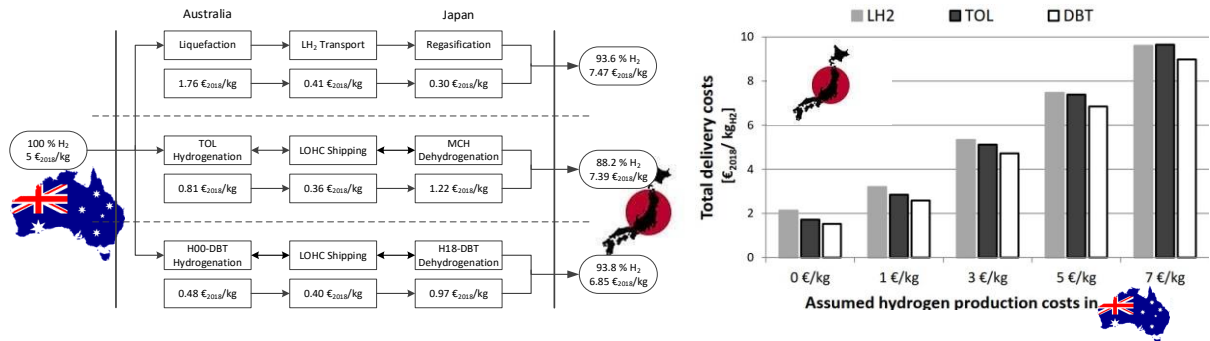
¹ <https://ourworldindata.org/emissions-by-fuel>

Large scale renewable energy import: Hydrogen ^[1]

Example: 225.5 kt_{H₂}/a AUS→JP (Kawasaki study^[2])



- Transport of renewable energy will play a relevant role in the future
- Japan, Germany and others will remain net energy importers



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- Comparison of renewable energy transport options from Australia to Japan
 - Hydrogen liquefaction costly
 - Liquid organic hydrogen carriers (LOHC) have dehydrogenation costs in Japan
 - Production cost of renewable hydrogen are still dominant
- Cheaper renewable electricity abroad brings transport options into focus
 - Reliability of supply chains
 - Cost competitiveness compared to domestic RE production
 - GHG footprint in producing countries
- See: Raab, M., Maier, S., Dietrich, R.-U. (2021) Comparative techno-economic assessment of a large-scale hydrogen transport via liquid transport media. International Journal of Hydrogen Energy, Vol. 46 (21) 11956-11968, doi: 10.1016/j.ijhydene.2020.12.213

Large scale renewable energy import: H₂ derivatives ^[1]

Example: Namibia H₂ production (1 GW_{LHV}) from optimized Wind+PV



- Renewable H₂ derivate import might be attractive based on future demand

H₂: 98.4
€₂₀₂₁MWh_{LHV}⁻¹



	Unit	LH ₂	LOHC – H12-BT	LNG	MeOH	NH ₃	FT - Diesel
Production rate	t h ⁻¹	29.5	469.6	59.6	145.0	158.5	84
	m ³ h ⁻¹	417	536	141	183	232	59
	MWh _{LHV} ⁻¹	983.5	972.8**	827.6	801.1	817.9	639
η _{HtF}	% (GW _{LHV,F} GW _{LHV,H} ⁻¹)	98.4	97.3*	82.8	80.1	81.8	63.9
η _{PtF}	% (GW _{LHV,F} GW _{el} ⁻¹)	60.6	55.4*	57.3	54.7	53.6	43.3
η _c	%	-	-	98.5	95.2	-	95.5
NPC	€ ₂₀₂₁ kg ⁻¹	5.00	3.55**	2.05	1.10	0.71	3.37
	€ ₂₀₂₁ MWh _{LHV,F} ⁻¹	150	107.4**	147.6	198.6	137.6	306.5
Transport	€ ₂₀₂₁ MWh _{LHV,F} ⁻¹	8.4	6.6**	5.9	3.9	5.3	5.0
Regasification	€ ₂₀₂₁ MWh _{LHV,F} ⁻¹	9.0	26.7***	5.4	-	-	-
OPEX	M€ ₂₀₂₁ a ⁻¹	1,035	230*	1,059	1,084	786	1,123



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[1] Dietrich, R.-U. et al (2024) Large-scale transport of renewable energy via hydrogen and derivatives, Encyclopedia of Electrochemical Power Sources, 2nd Edition to be published 09/24)

- Comparison of renewable energy transport options from Namibia to Germany
 - Hydrogen liquefaction costly
- Hydrogen derivatives might provide higher user benefits
 - Energy import cost benefit for LOHC
 - Ammonia seems attractive, if used for urea/fertilizer
 - Demand expectations versus cost differences
- See: Dietrich, R.-U. et al (2024) Large-scale transport of renewable energy via hydrogen and derivatives, in Encyclopedia of Electrochemical Power Sources, 2nd Edition - September 2, 2024, Editor: Jürgen Garche, Elsevier, Hardback ISBN: 9780323960229, eBook ISBN: 9780323958226, <https://shop.elsevier.com/books/encyclopedia-of-electrochemical-power-sources/garche/978-0-323-96022-9>



- DLR's techno-economic and ecological assessment can provide transparent and standardized assessment of each measures scale/impact
 - Support policy makers for efficient regulation
 - Support technology development to improve climate change mitigation
 - Support demonstration, deployment, market ramp-up
- Towards decarbonization of aviation, transport, chemicals and power generation

Outlook



- Climate change mitigation is urgent on a global scale
 - GHG emission reduction required from 35.8 Gt/a to ZERO
- Developed countries need to provide technical solutions, international regulations need to ensure its commercial viability
 - Japan, Germany and others can be demonstrators, large emitters have to adapt
- Techno-economical and ecological assessment can provide transparent, technology-agnostic guidance
 - Choosing preferred technologies and locations
 - R&D demand and optimization potential
 - Purposeful regulation
- DLR standard is globally applicable →



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DLR is able to provide assessment support regarding

- What are urgent measures for climate change mitigation?
 - High impact, low cost?
- What technology is available short-term?
- Further development/improvement needs

Partner search towards Decarbonization



Looking for research partner

- Fuel consumer on the way to sustainable transport
 - Explore new fuels and its impact on your environmental footprint and costs
- Energy / fuel / chemicals supplier with pressure to become sustainable
 - Explore the integration of renewables into your production scheme
 - Find electrolyzer applications that fit into your production scheme
- Technology supplier for fuels and chemicals
 - Explore new process routes that include renewable feedstocks
- Technology developer for sustainable products
 - Search for the economic and ecological optimal production
 - Quantify opportunities for improvement, localize bottlenecks
 - Predict new processes market rollout

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Japanese – German cooperation can address different fields

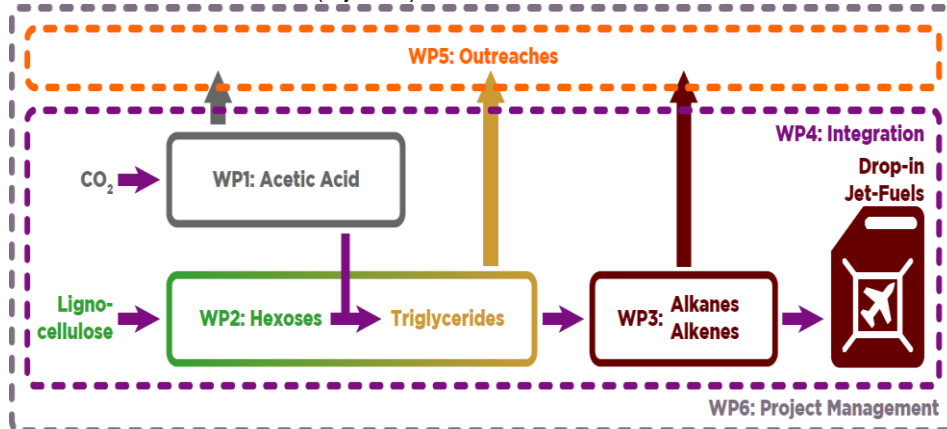
- New fuels, new processes, new feedstocks, new locations
- Joint technology development, demonstration, deployment, market ramp-up

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Japanese-German Cooperation Approach

- **M**ultidisciplinary **I**ntegration towards **R**edesign of **A**dvanced **I**ndustrial **R**enewable **F**uels catalytic production (**MIRAIFuels**) proposal
H2020-LC-SC3-RES-25-2020 call (rejected)

Project supported by:  Lufthansa  ANA  NESTE



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Japanese – German cooperation example: EU collaboration project funding

- Targeted topic: LC-SC3-RES-25-2020 - International cooperation with Japan for Research and Innovation on advanced biofuels and alternative renewable fuels
<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/lc-sc3-res-25-2020>
- Project coordinator: University of Lille (FR)
- To develop disruptive catalytic strategies for the conversion of CO₂ and lignocellulosic feedstocks into alternative renewable jet-fuel.
- Exploit two emerging concepts at the catalyst and process integration scale: hybrid catalysis ((electro)-chemo- and bio-catalysts) and biorefineries.
- Proposal rejection letter: the score obtained does not suffice (Total score: 13.00)
Criterion 1 – Excellence: Score: 4.00 (max. 5.00)
Criterion 2 – Impact: Score: 4.00 (max. 5.00)
Criterion 3 - Quality and efficiency of the implementation Score: 5.00 (max. 5.00)

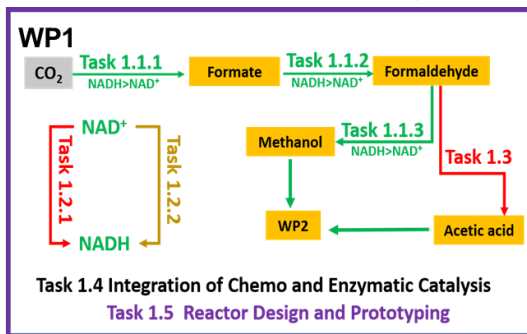
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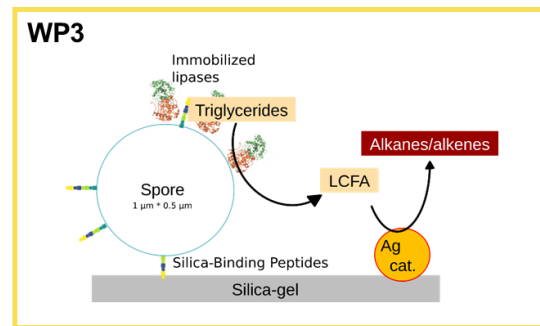
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Innovation1:

Hybrid Catalytic Conversion of CO₂ into Methanol and Acetic Acid in a single-pot, single-step process



Innovation2:

Hybrid Catalytic Conversion of Triglycerides into Fuels in a single-pot, single-step process

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- MIRAIFuels intended to develop disruptive catalytic strategies
 - Conversion of CO₂ into methanol via formate* and formaldehyde using three enzymes (F_{ate}DH, F_{ald}DH, ADH) at ambient pressure and temperature
 - Improved stabilization of enzymes via encapsulation into beads, supporting the enzymes on mesoporous materials or phosphates
 - Design and prototype a lab-scale reactor that may maximize the conversion of CO₂ into methanol and/or acetic acid
 - Acetic acid and methanol usage as co-substrates for yielding triglycerides
 - Combining cell wall-degrading enzymes with chemo-catalysts for depolymerization of lignocelluloses into fermentable sugars
 - Develop a batch reactor for lignocelluloses conversion to triglycerides
 - Develop a hybrid catalysis process for the triglycerides conversion into hydrocarbons.
 - Develop an innovative biorefinery concept with optimal integration of different process units to maximize energetic efficiency and biocarbon usage of a bio-jet fuel production pathway.

* Formate (IUPAC name: methanoate) is the conjugate base of formic acid. Formate is an anion (HCO_2^-) or its derivatives such as ester of formic acid.

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