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Decarbonization of Industry and Transport – interlinked Carbon Cycles

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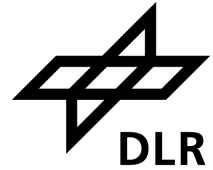
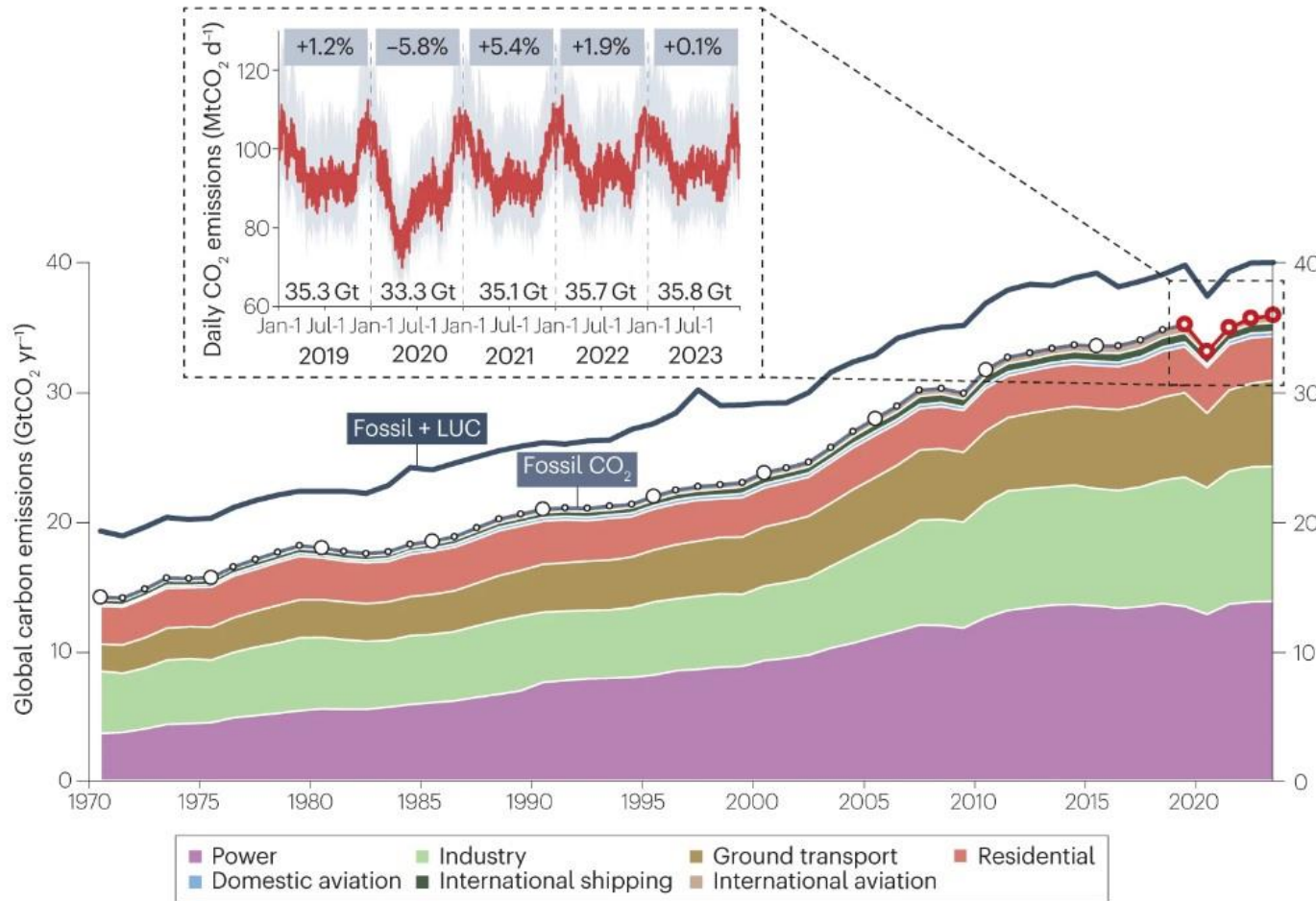


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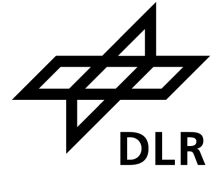
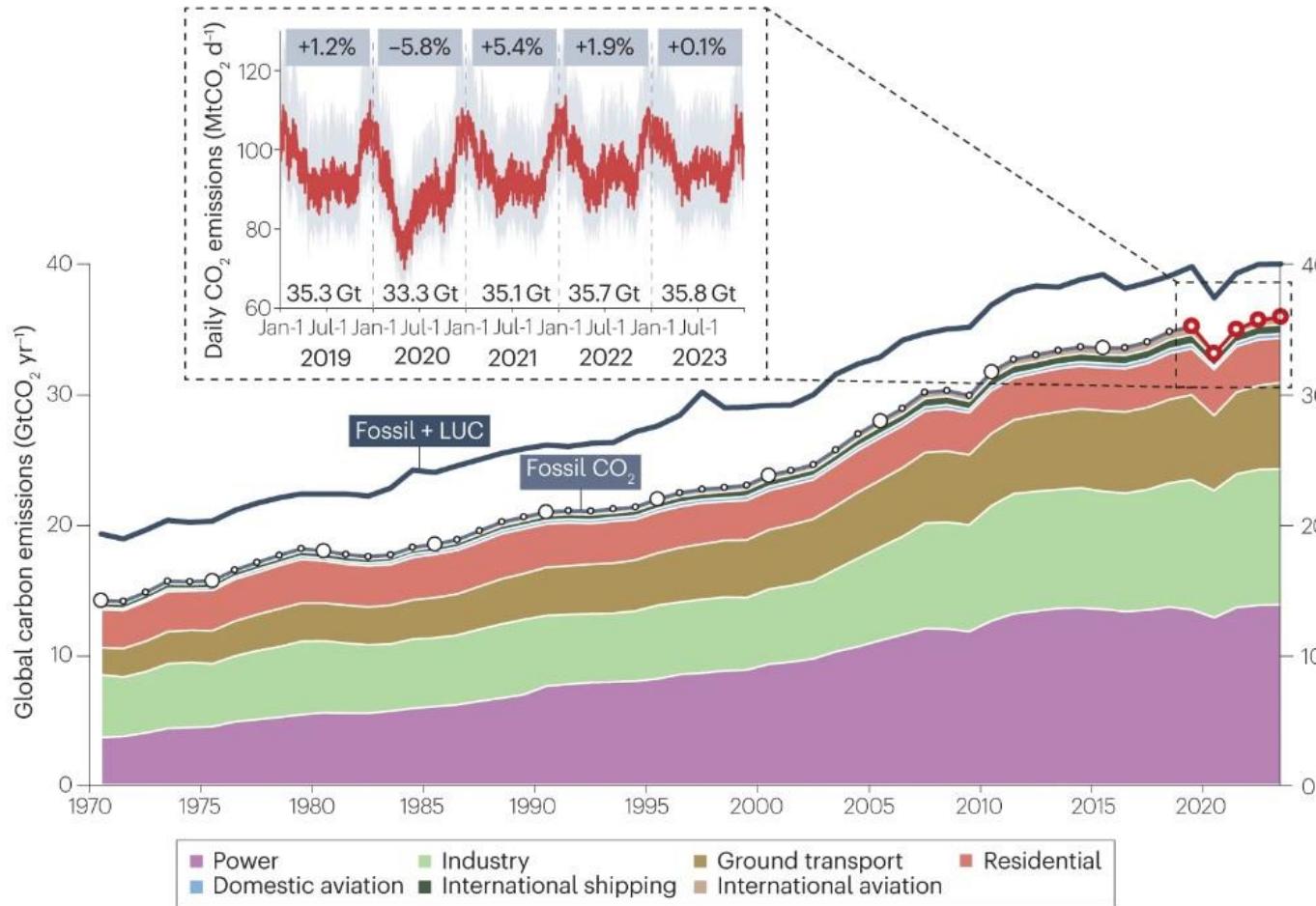
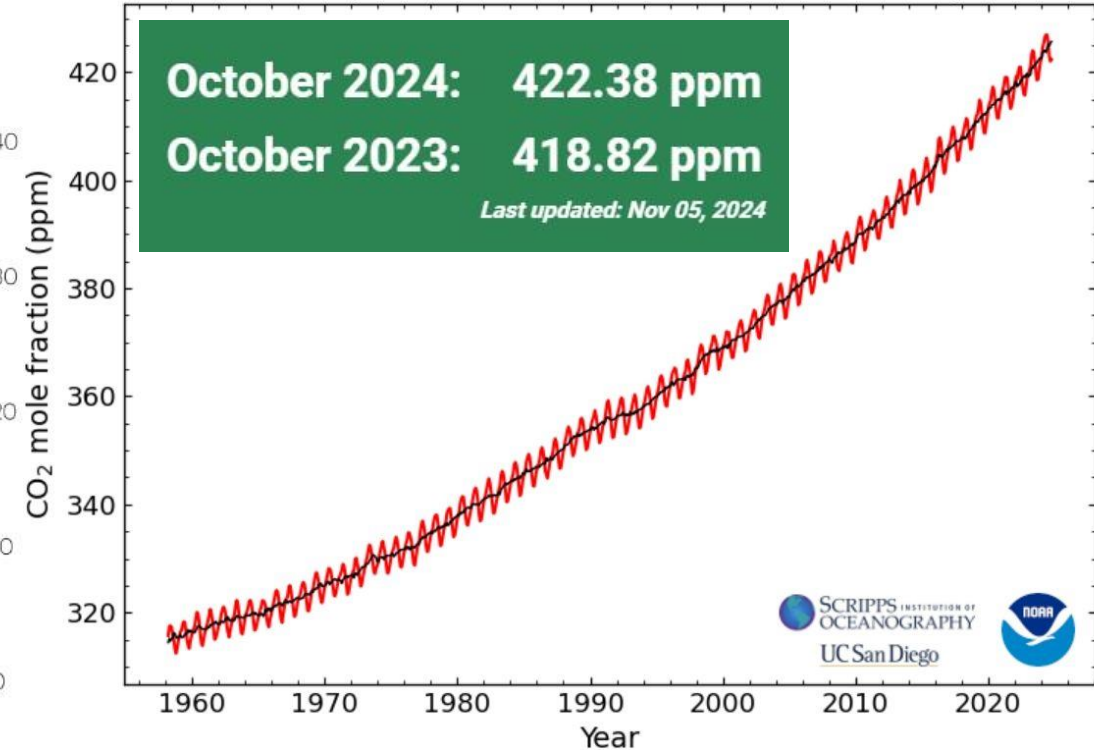


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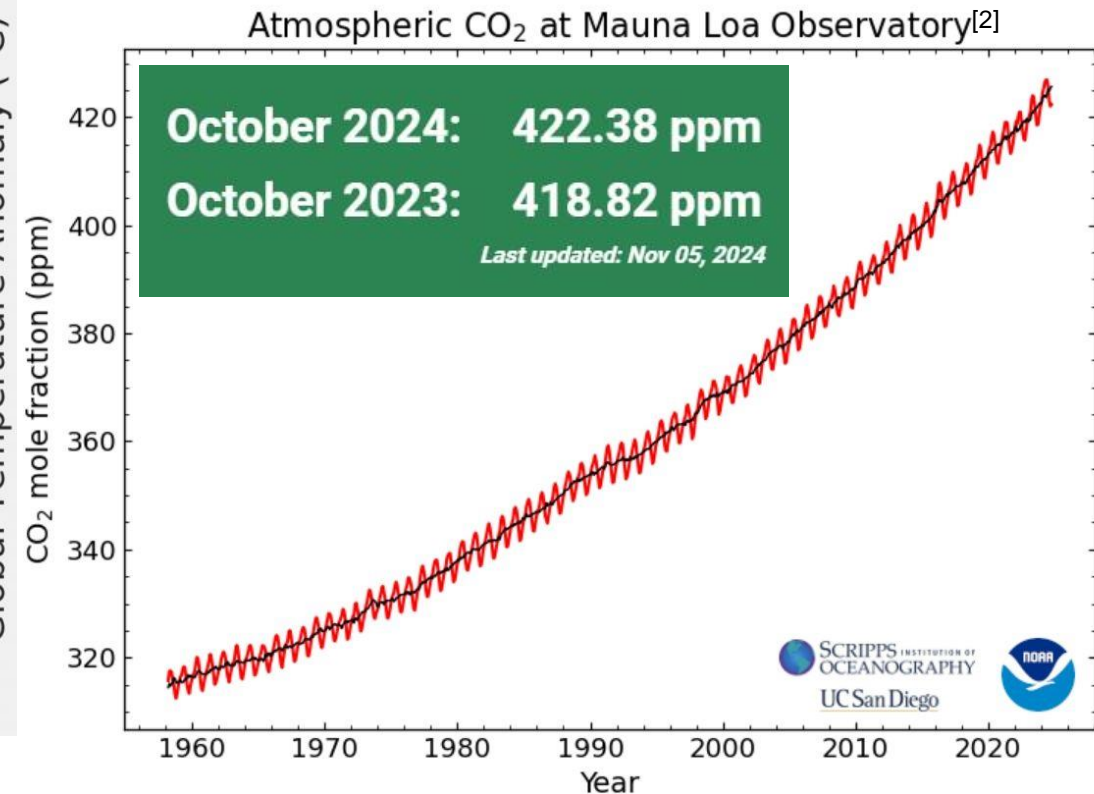
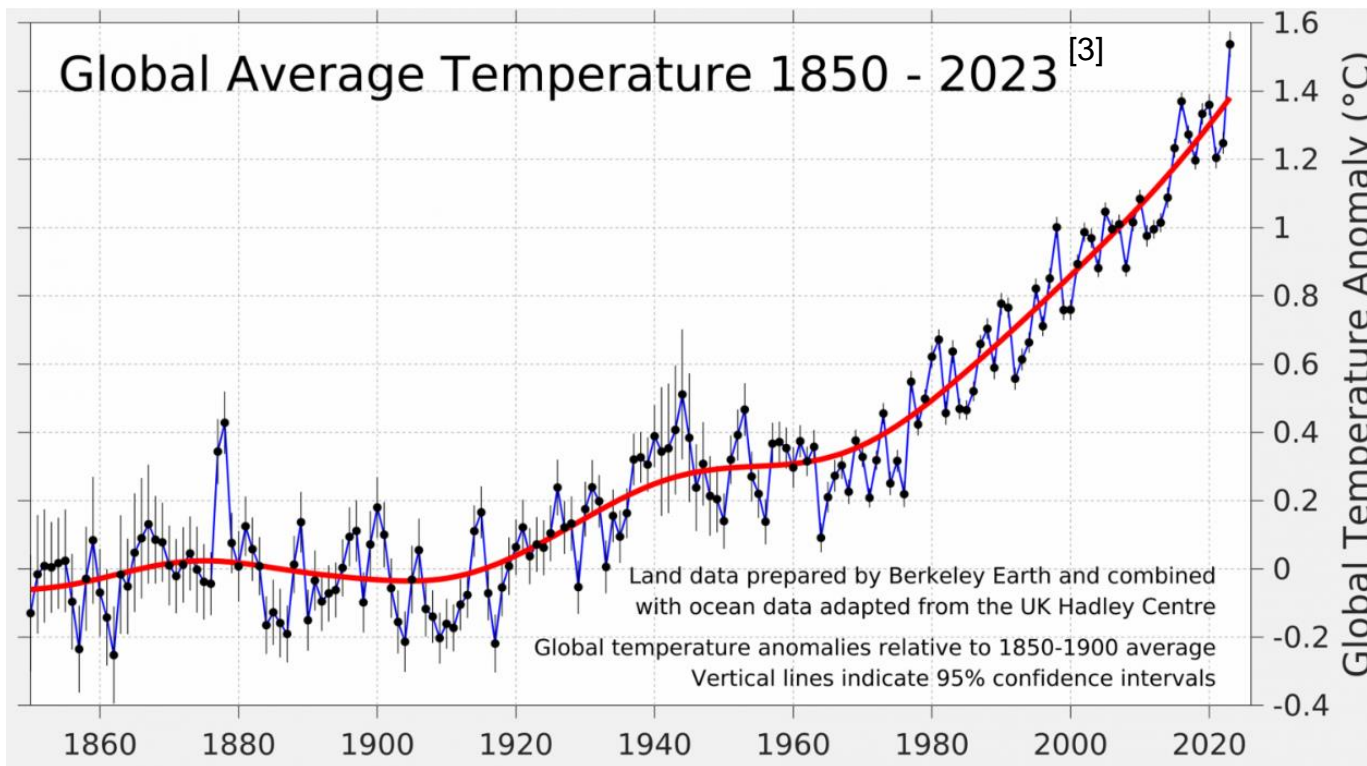


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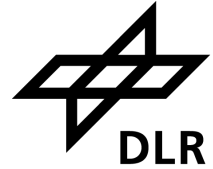
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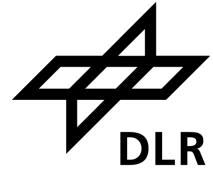
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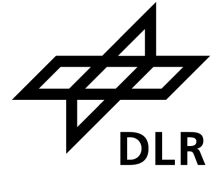
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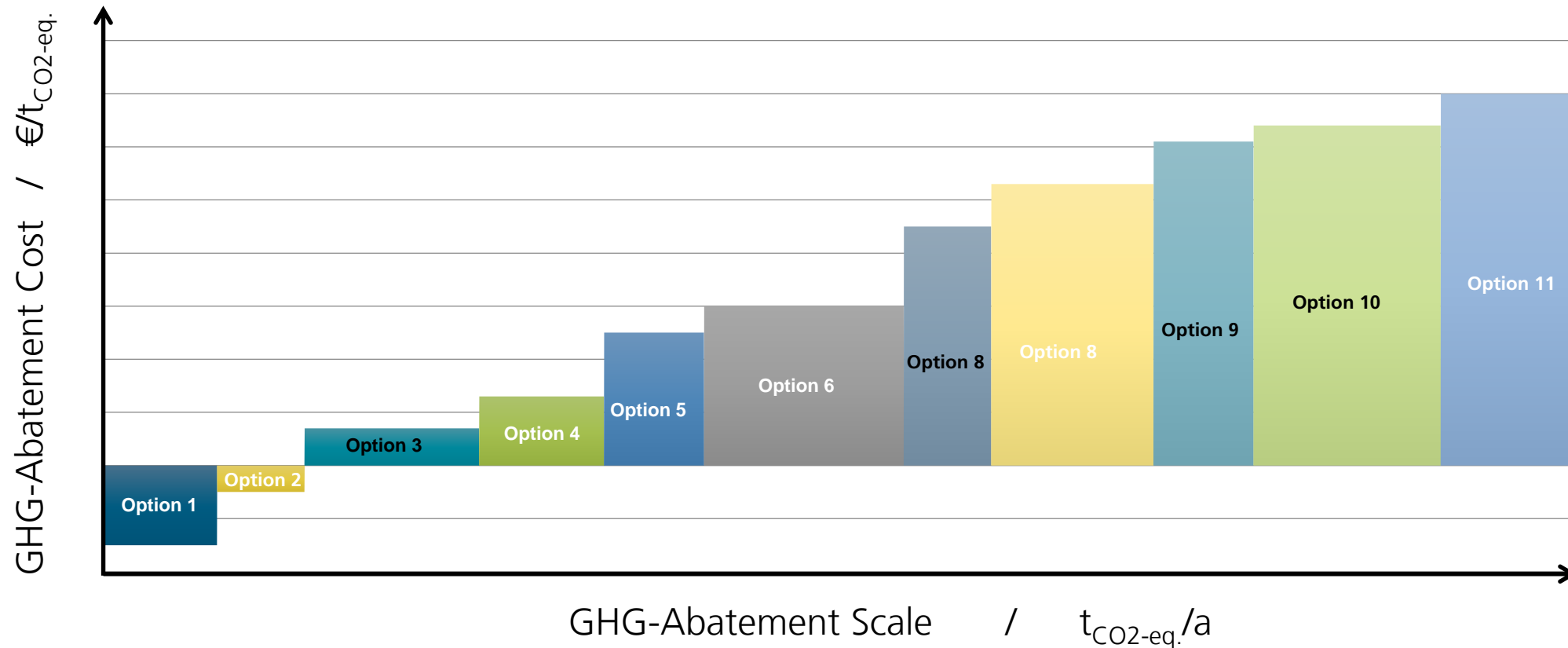
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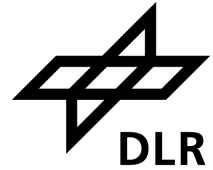
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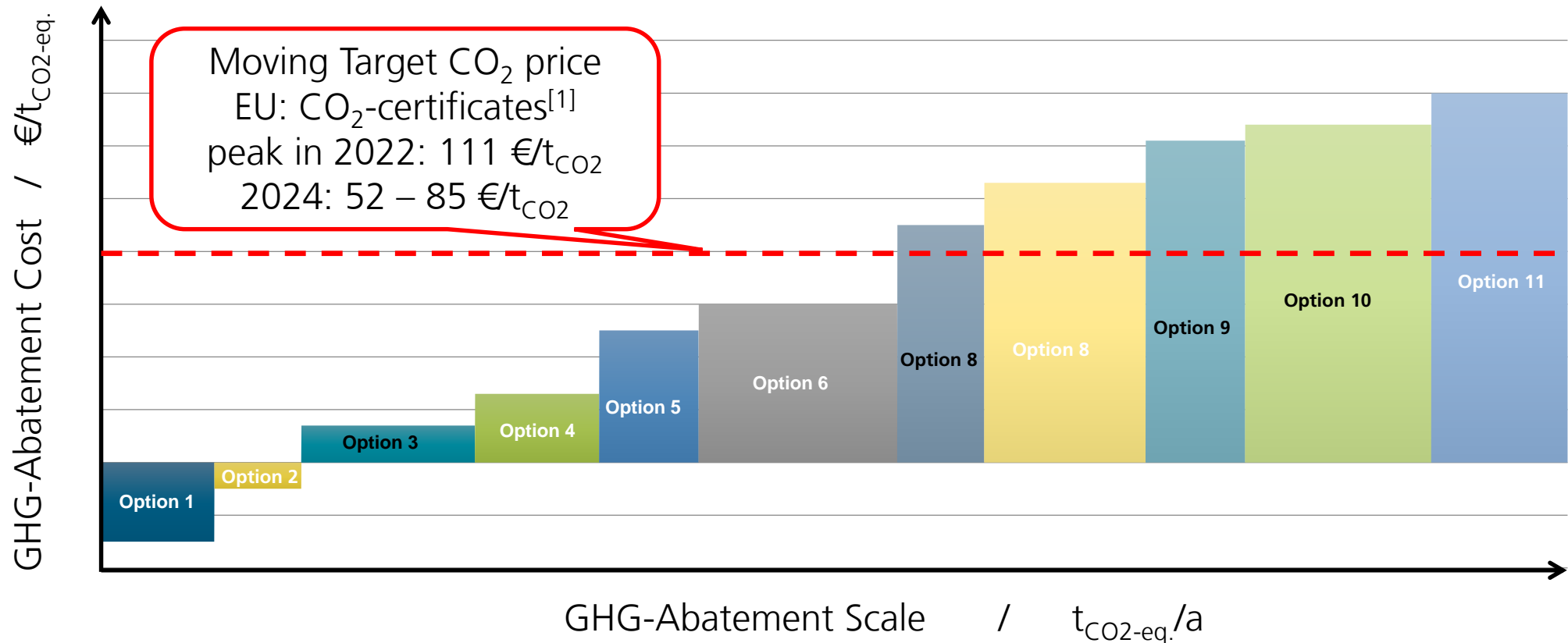
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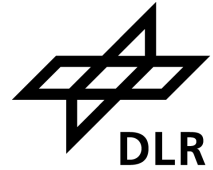


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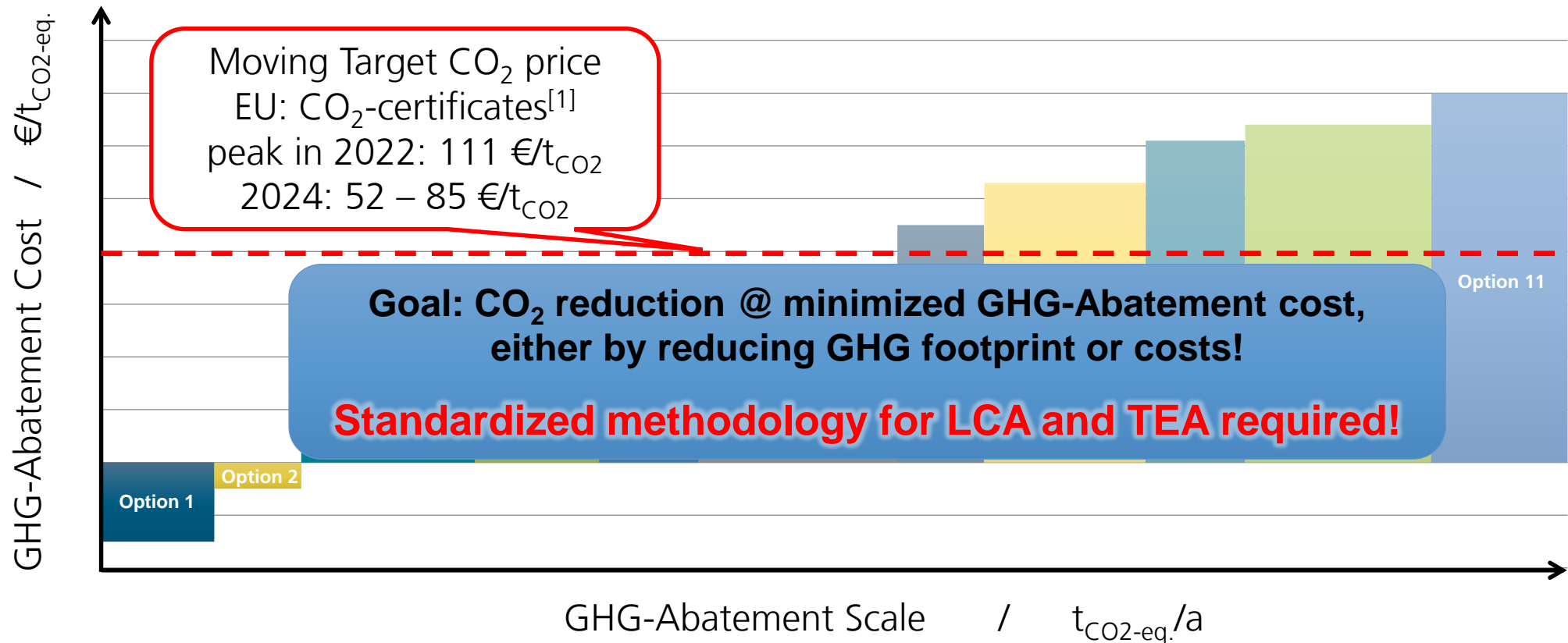


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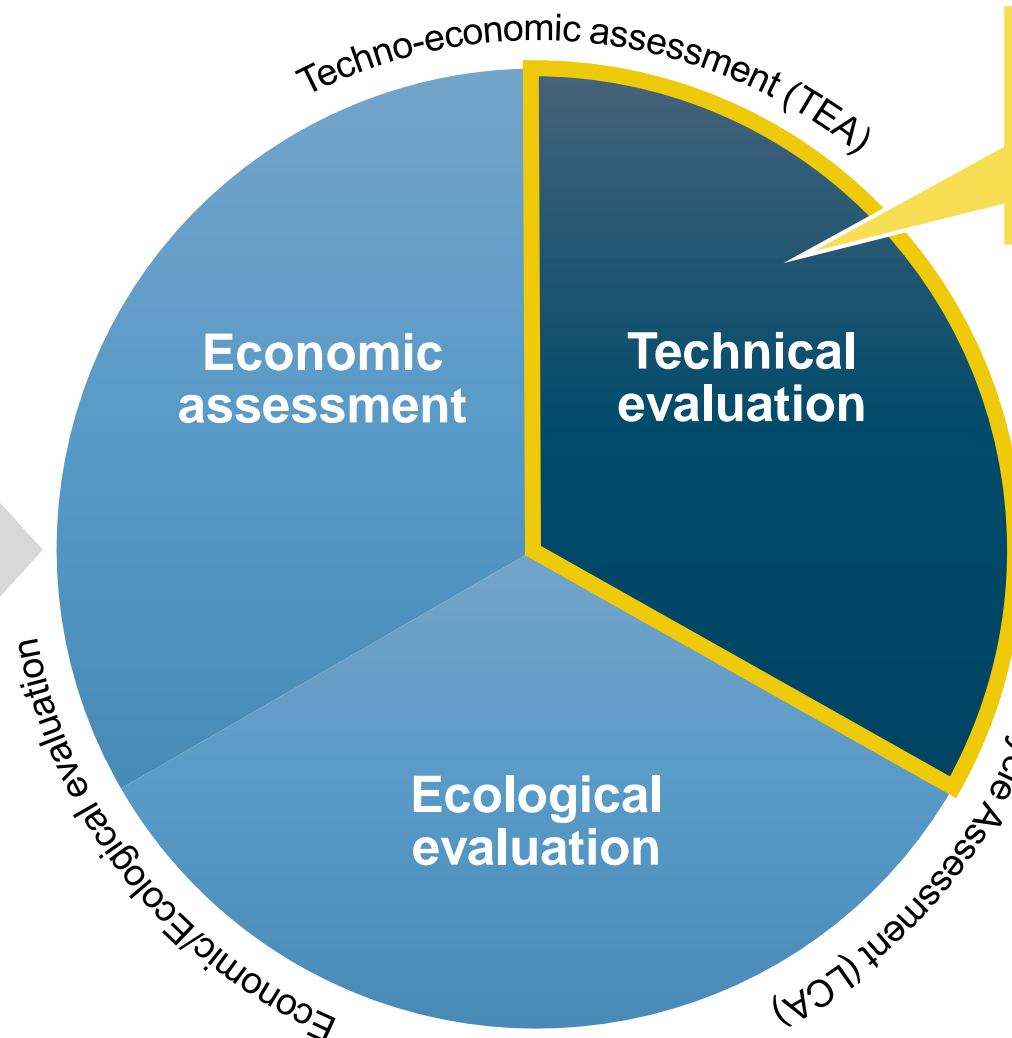
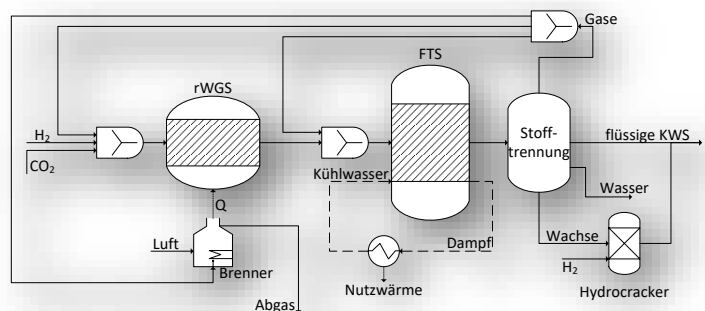


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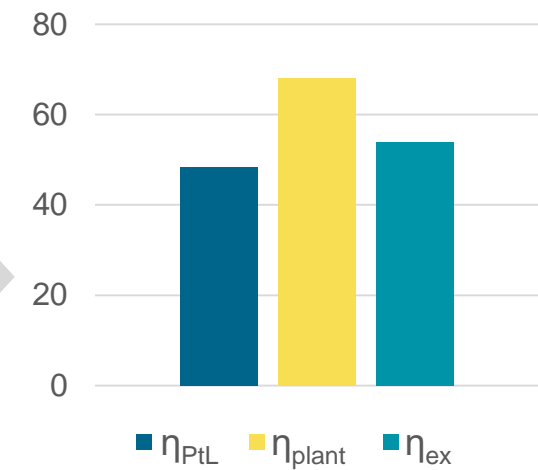
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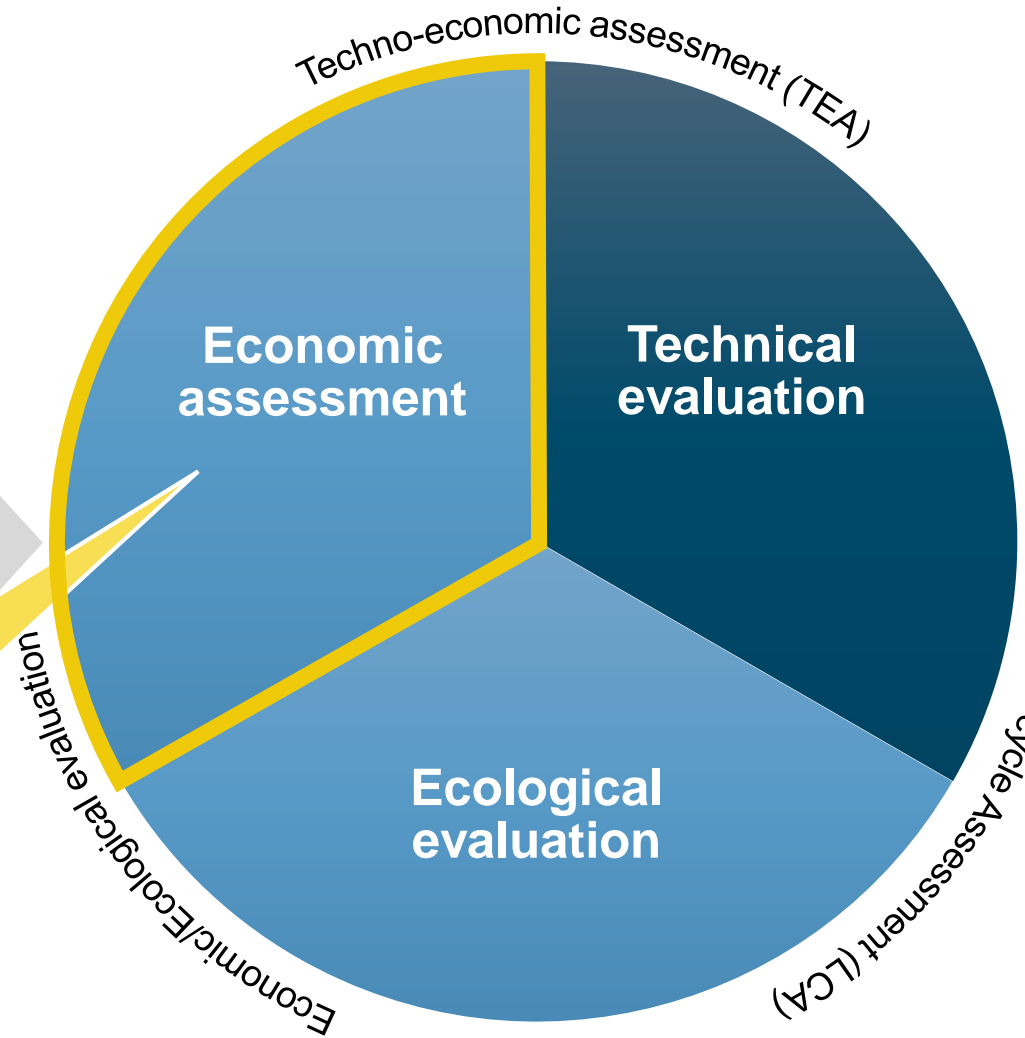
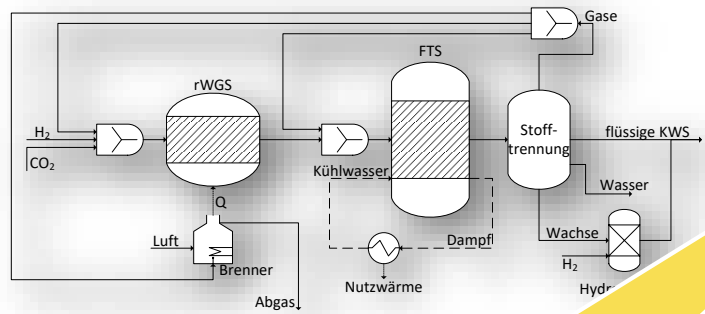
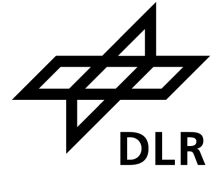
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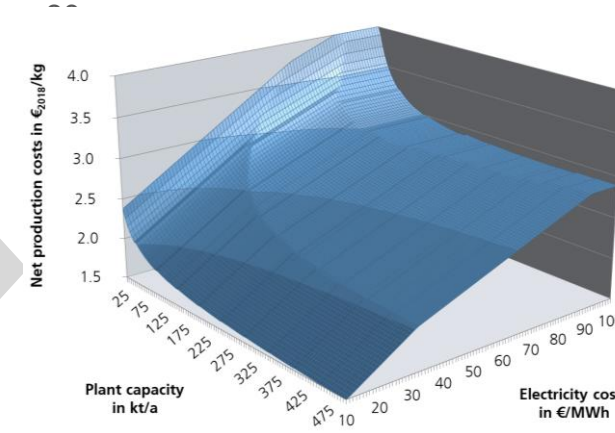




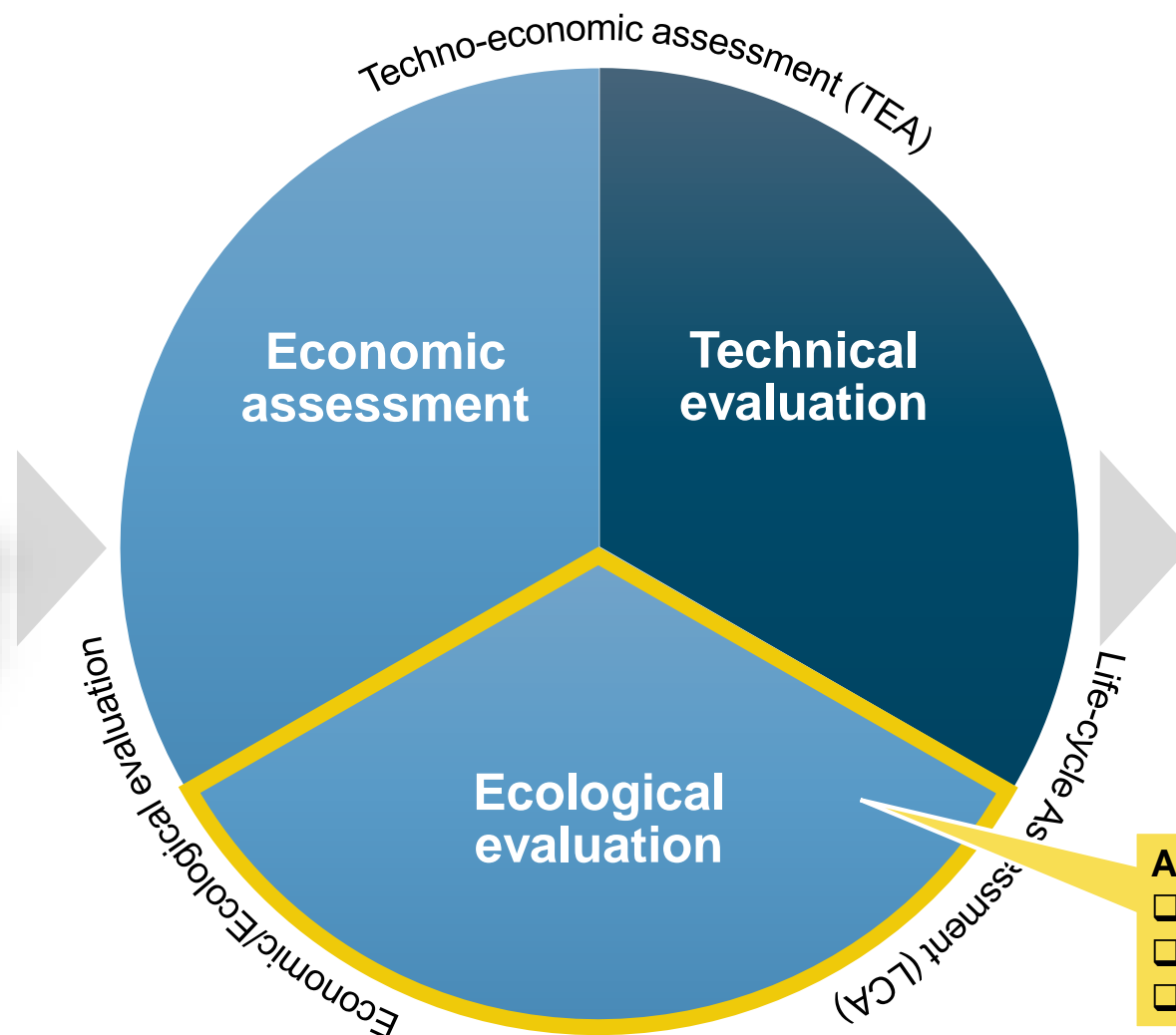
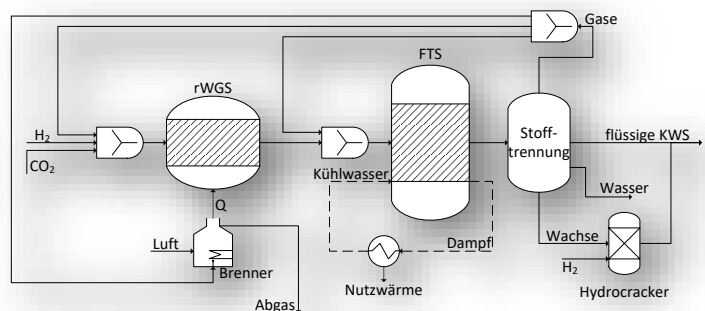
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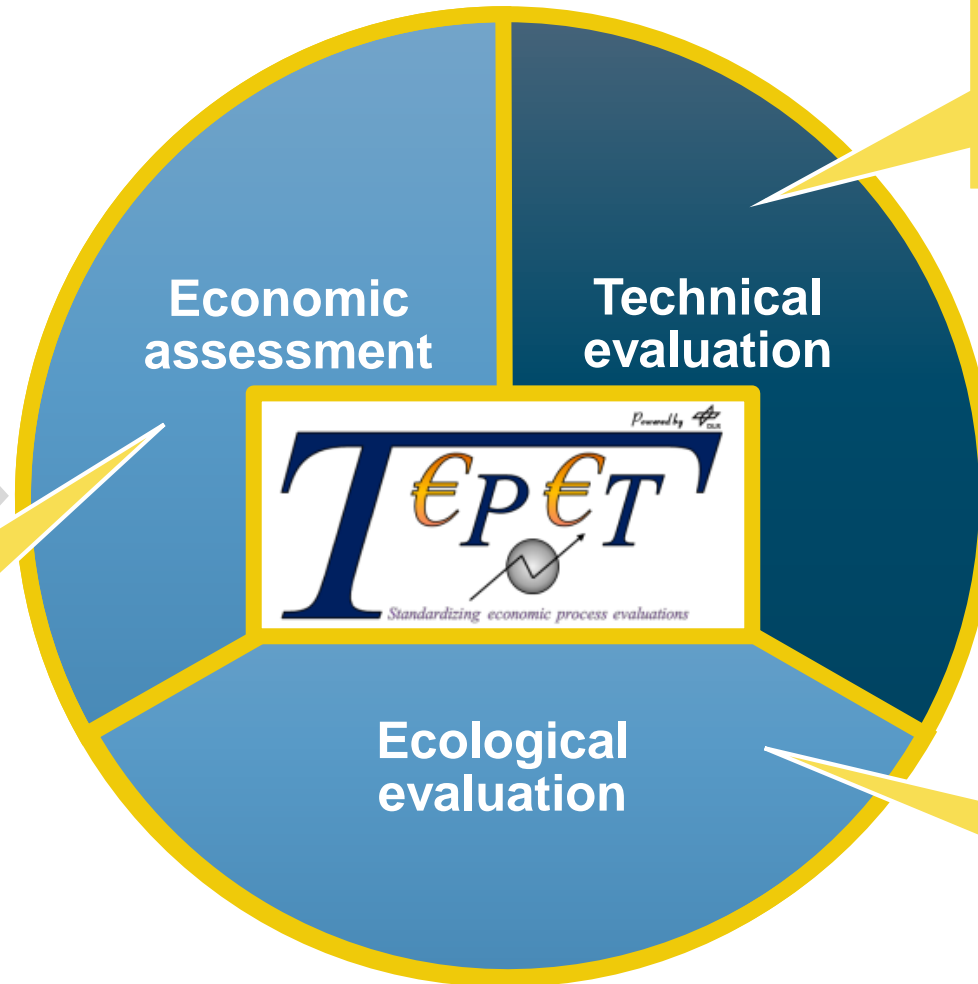
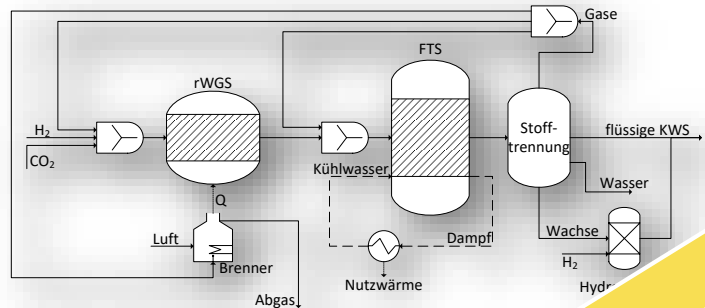
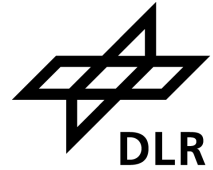


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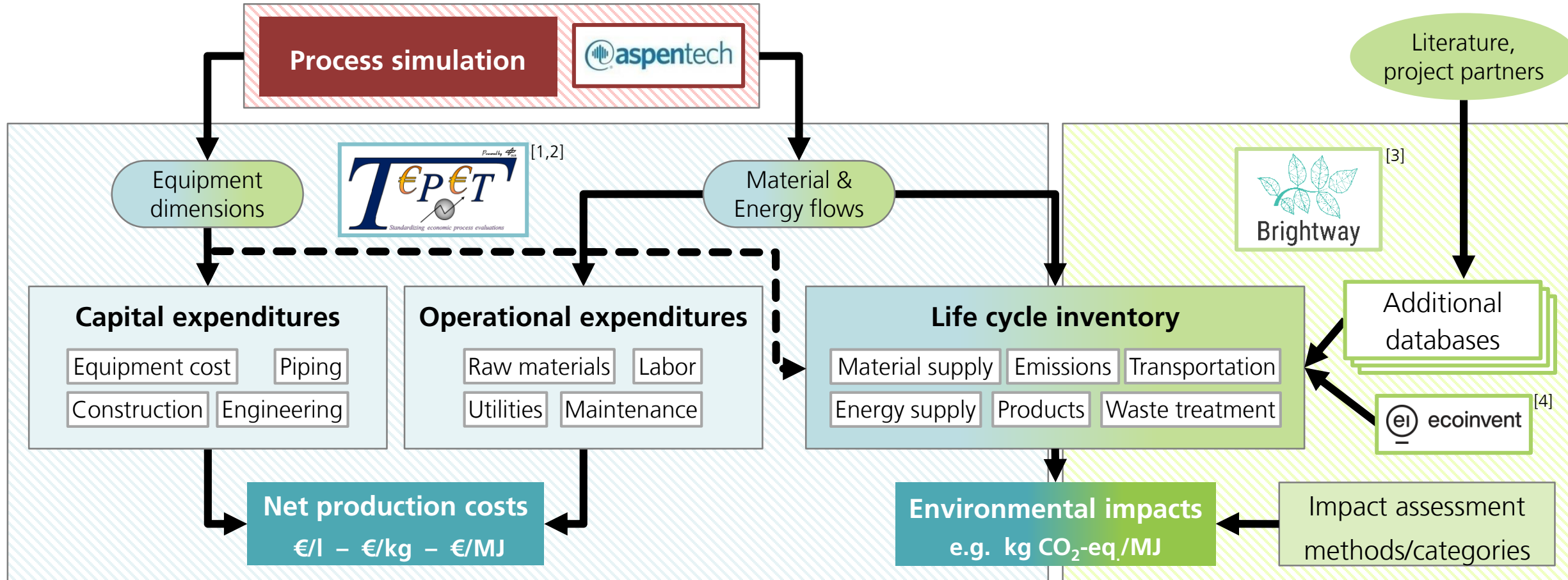
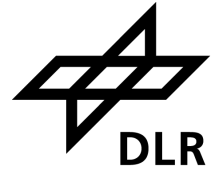
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# DECARBONIZATION OF POWER GENERATION

# Coal consumption: Power industry



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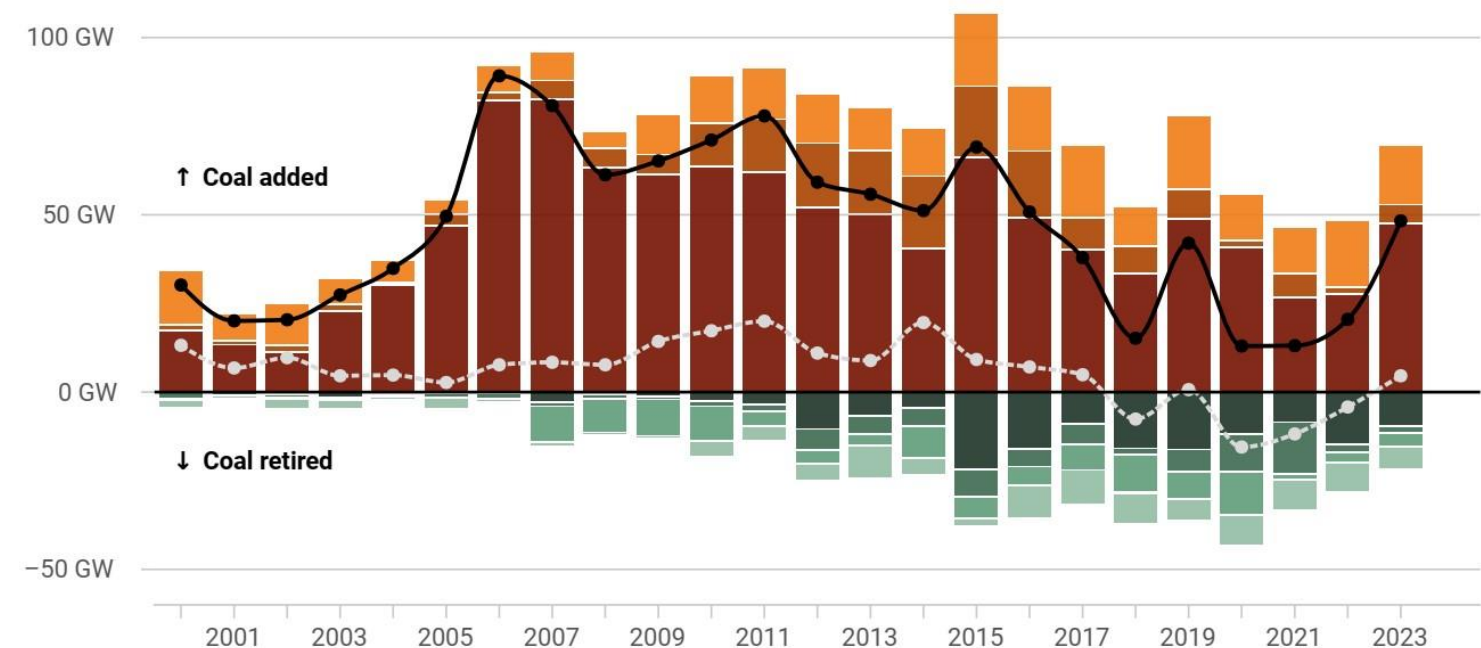
- annual growth: +48.4 GW, 2/3 in China
- Retirements at lowest level in over a decade [1]

- Emissions: 10.4 Gt<sub>CO2</sub>/a [2]

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Annual change in coal-fired power capacity, in gigawatts (GW)

● Net change ● Net change without China ● China additions ● India additions ● Other additions  
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Source: Global Coal Plant Tracker, January 2024



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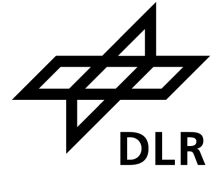
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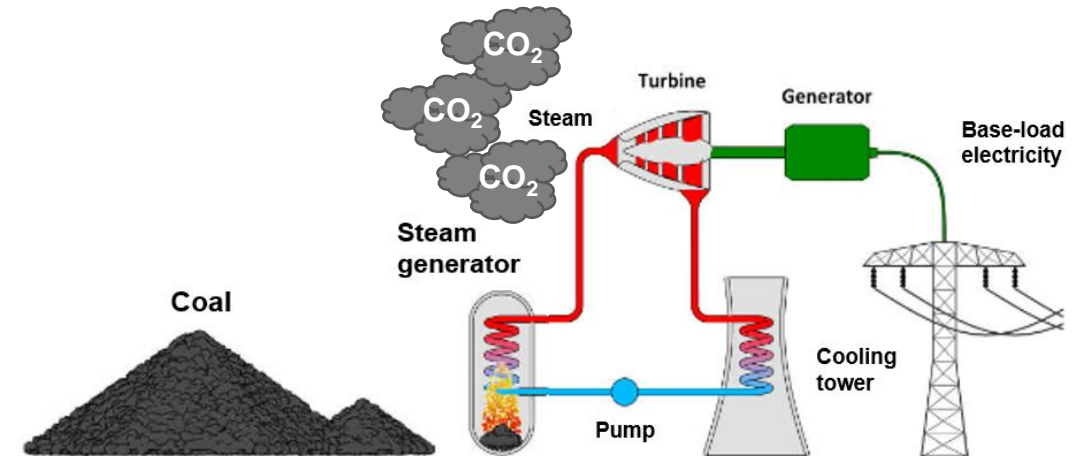
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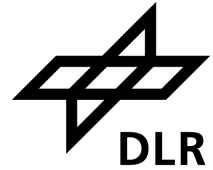


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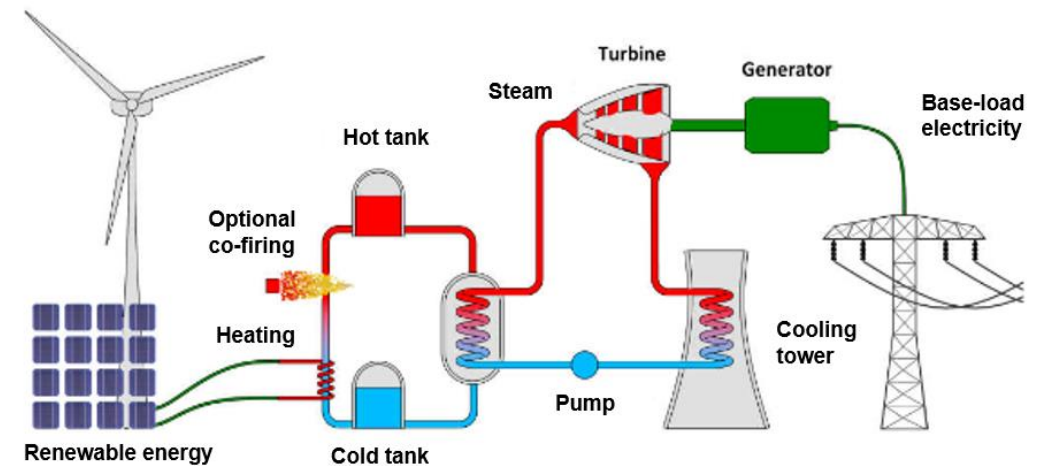
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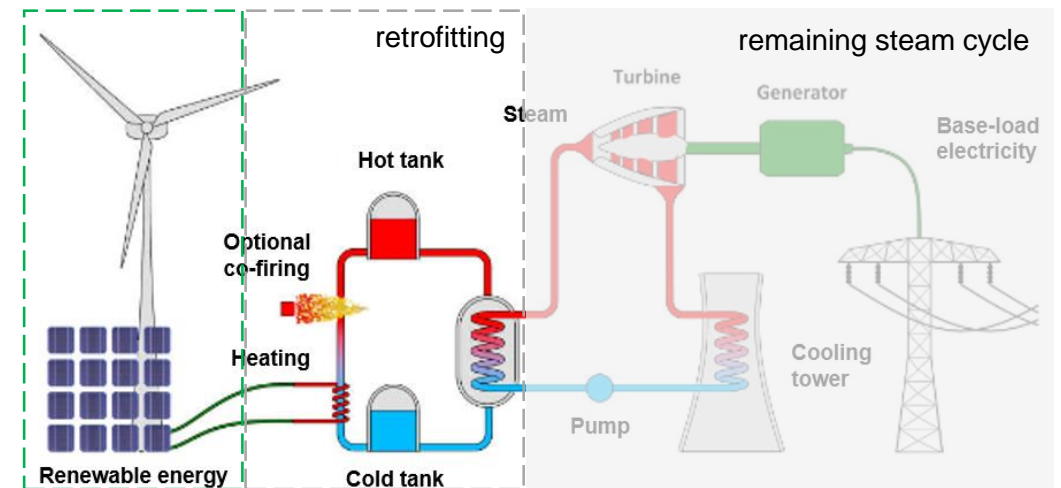
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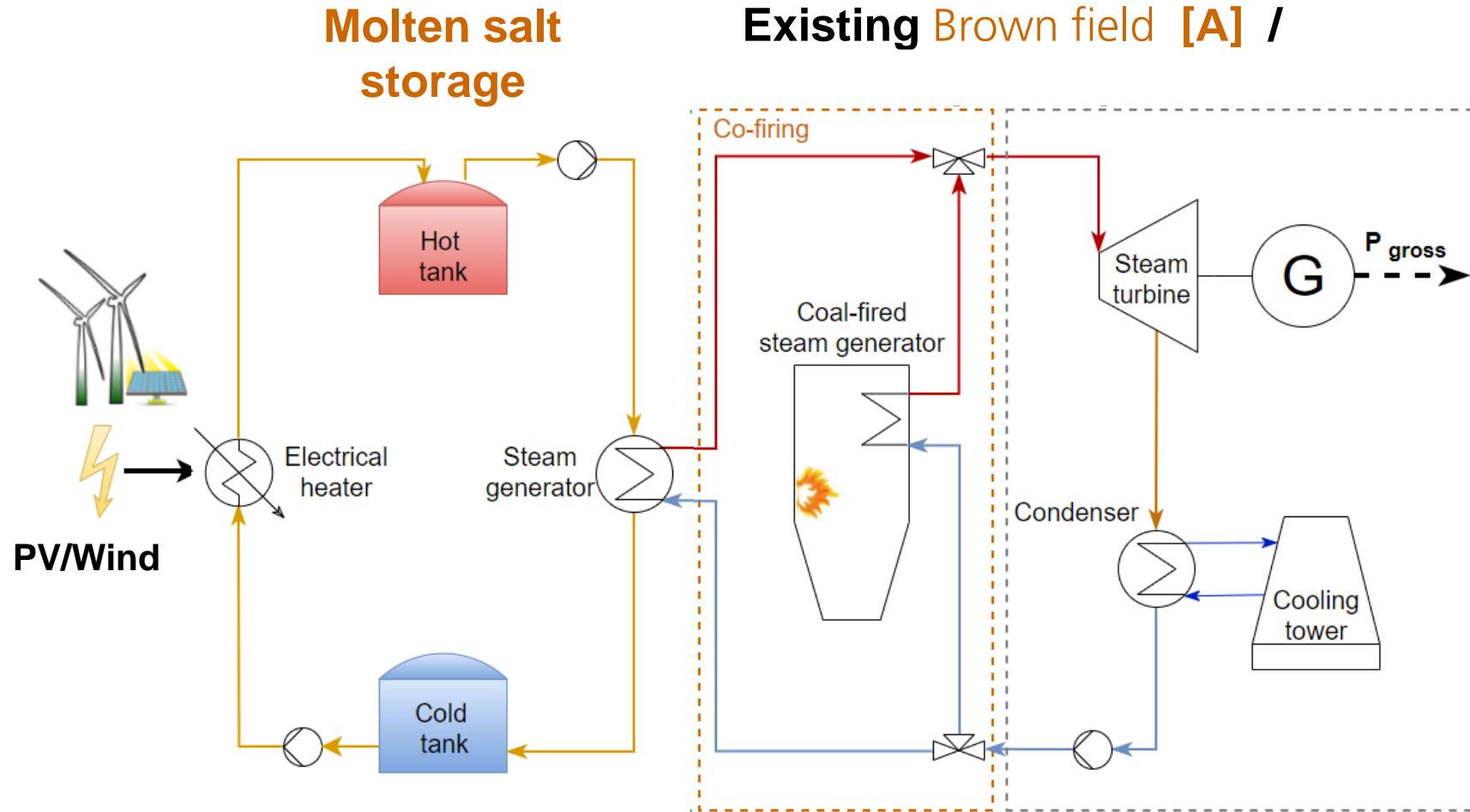
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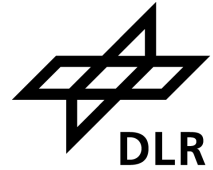
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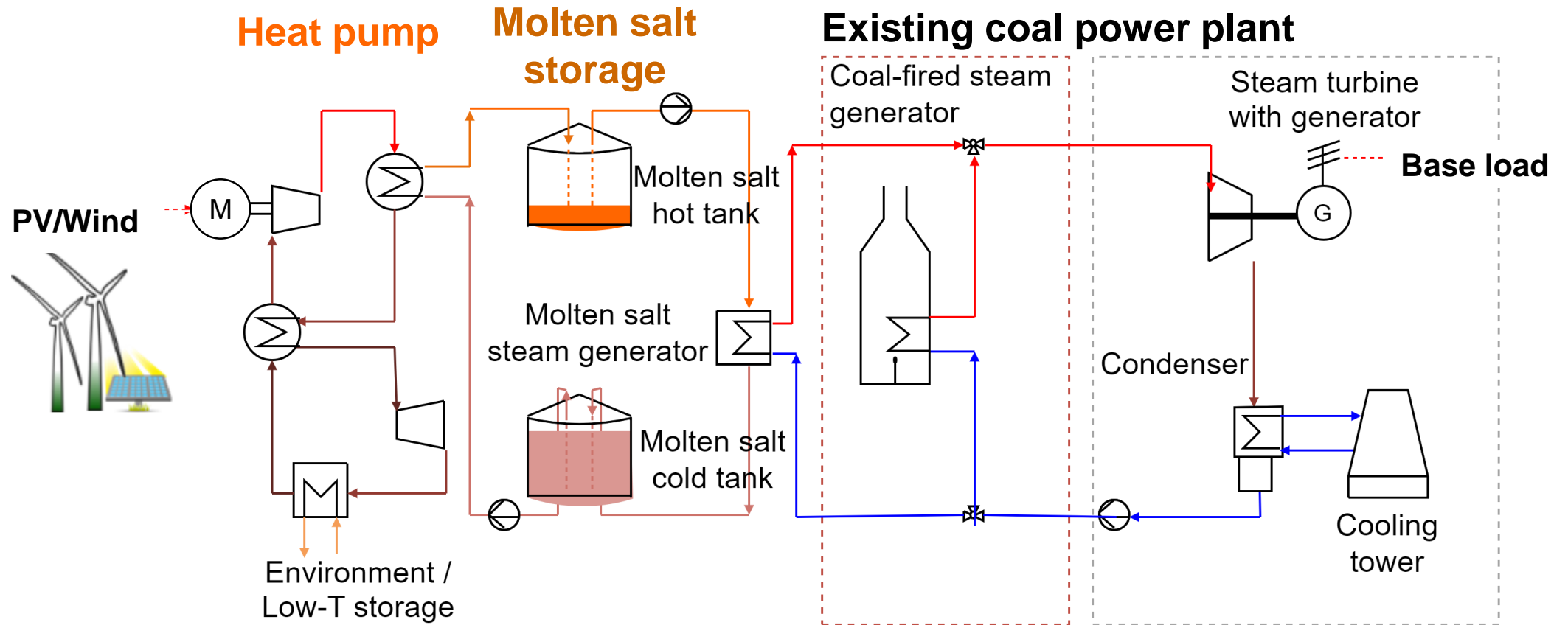


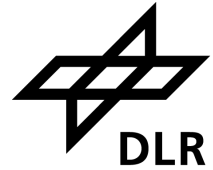
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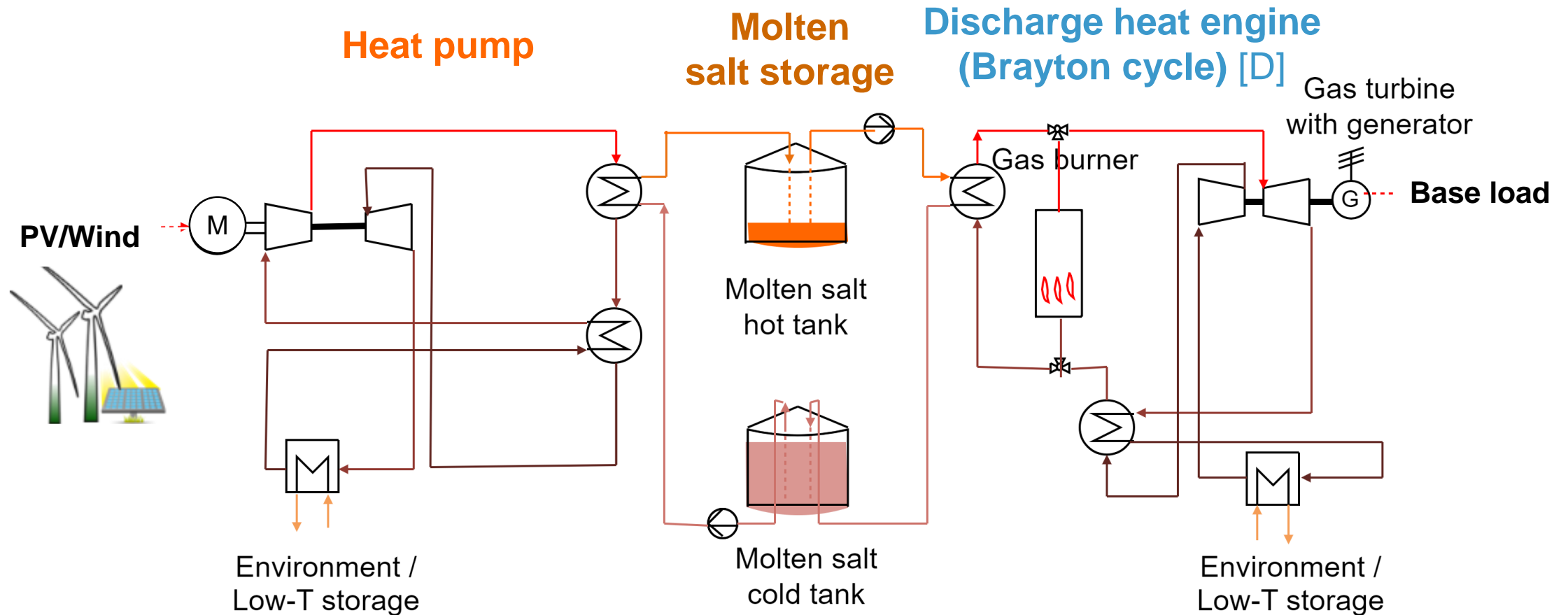
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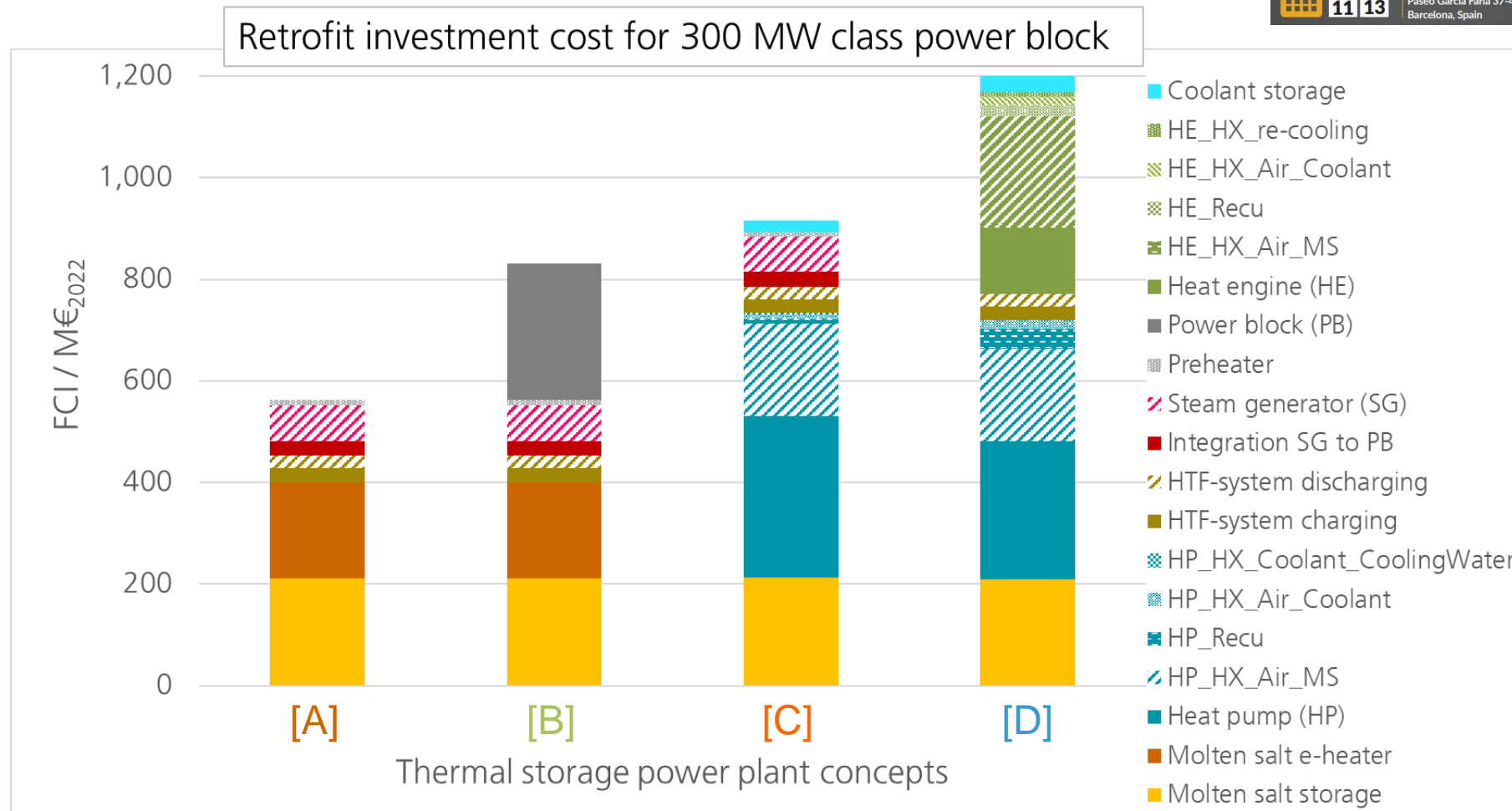






# Example Coal Power plant

## Thermal storage power plant (TSPP)



- Retrofit / new built cost: 400 – 900 M€ / 800 – 1.200 M€ for 300 MW block
- CO<sub>2</sub> abatement cost: 150 – 200 €/t<sub>CO2</sub>

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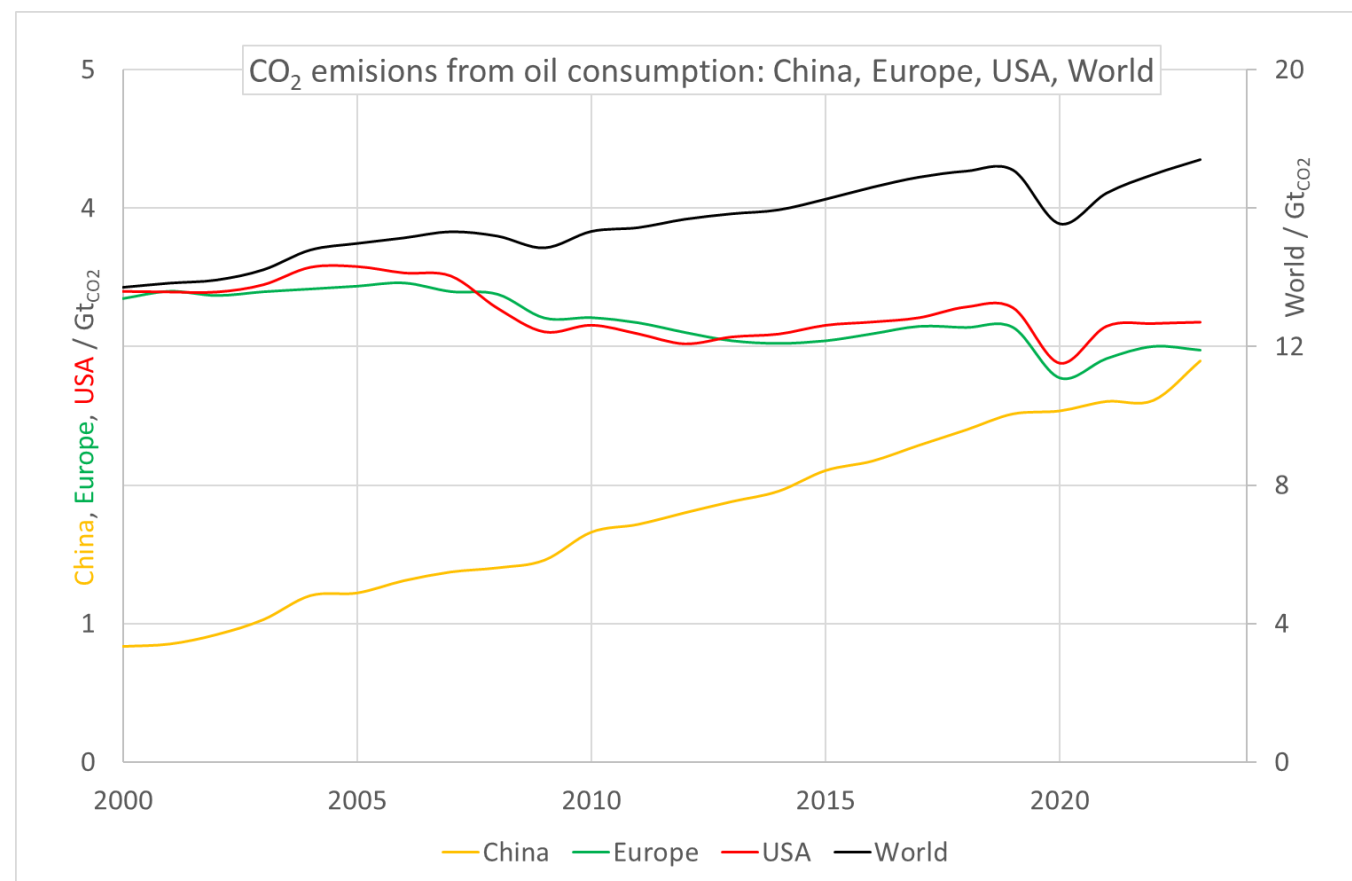


- Global oil consumption 2023: 54.6 GWh [1]

- annual growth: +1.34 GWh, 2/3 in China
- Steady increase of consumption, no sign of mitigation

- Emissions: 17.4 Gt<sub>CO2</sub>/a

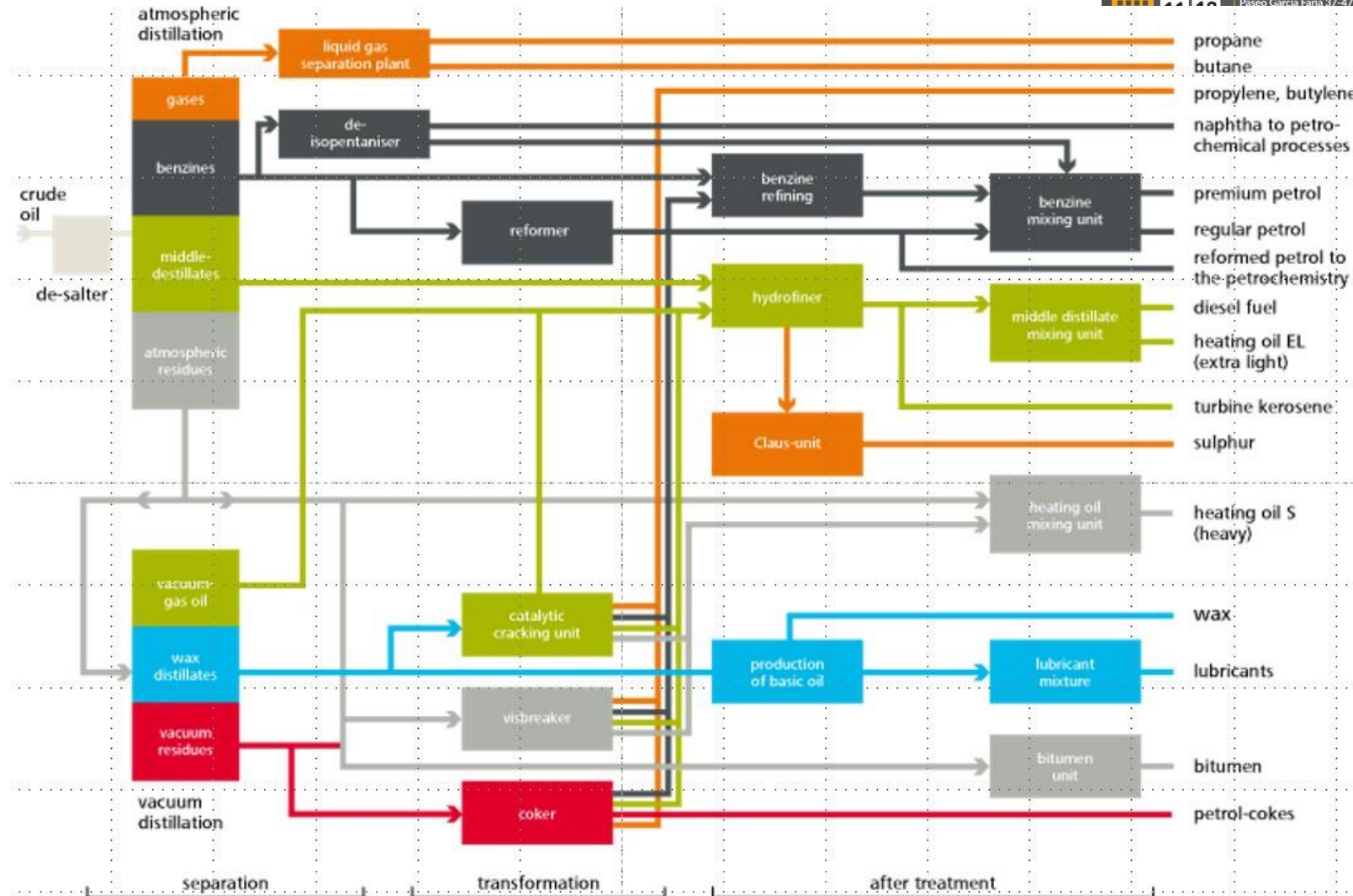
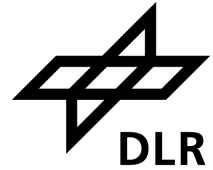
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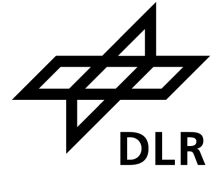


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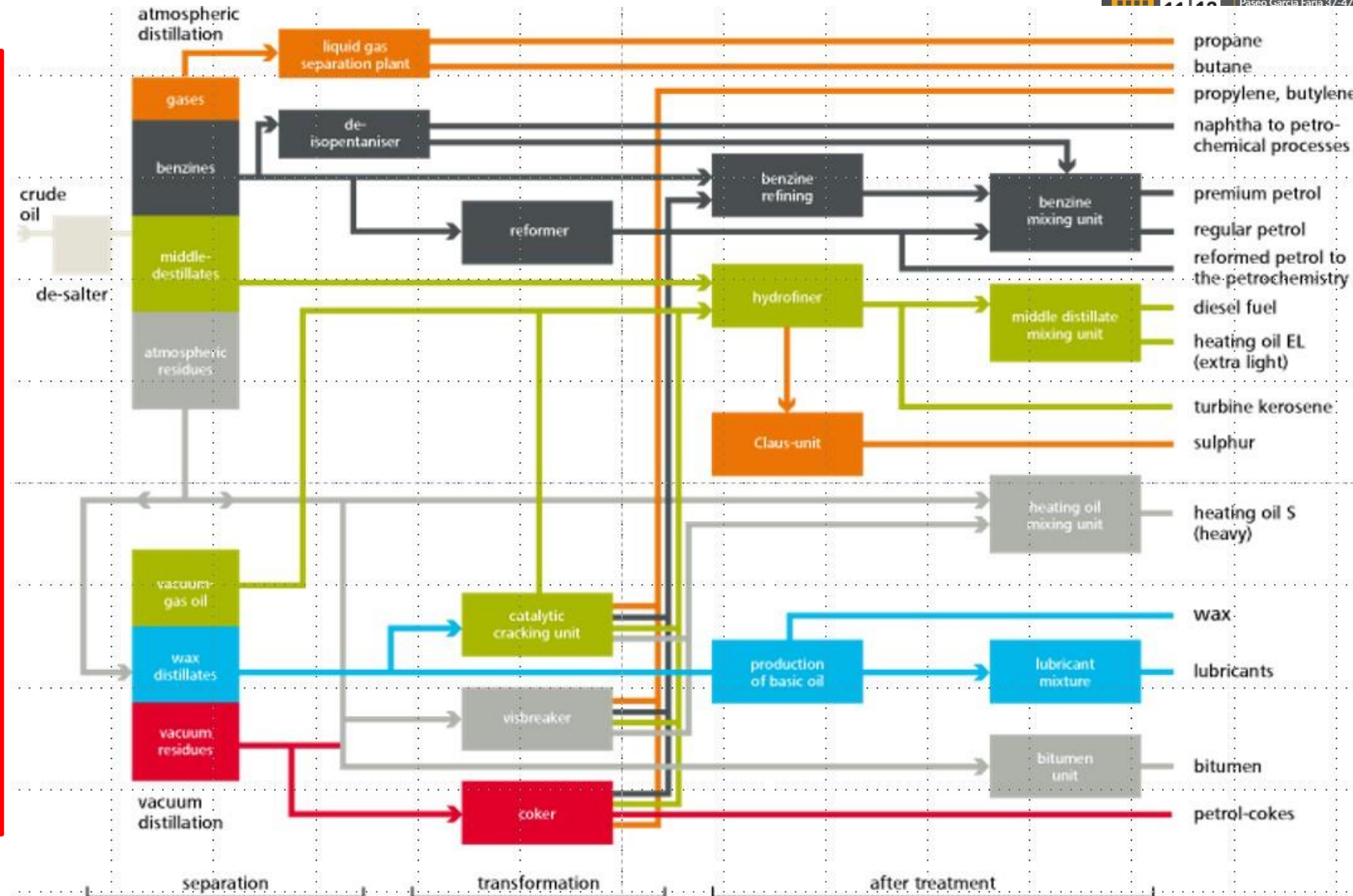
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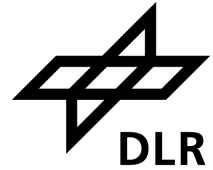
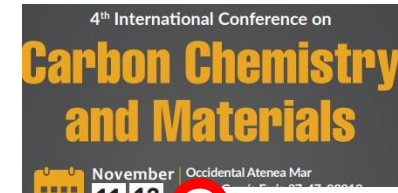
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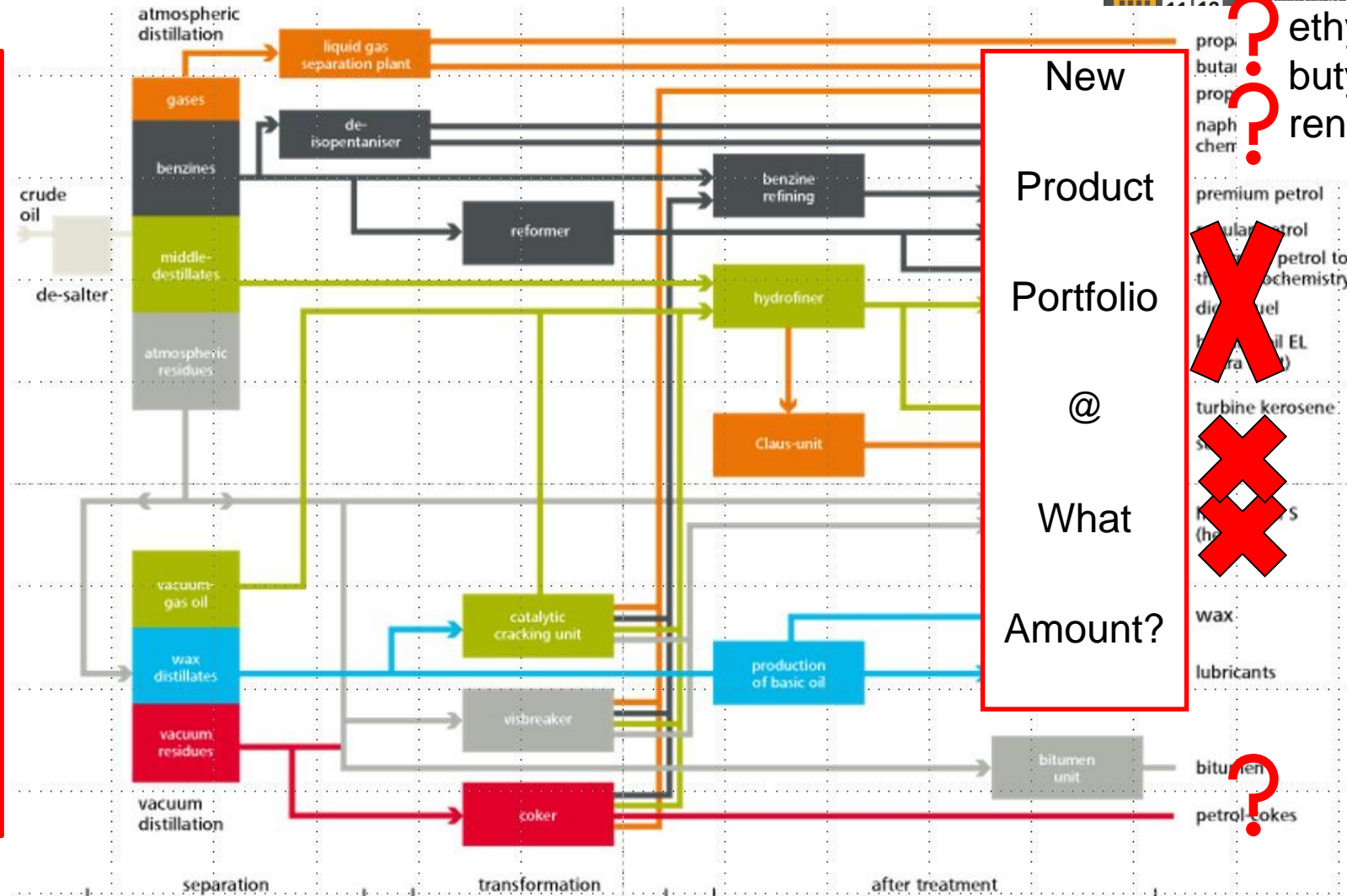
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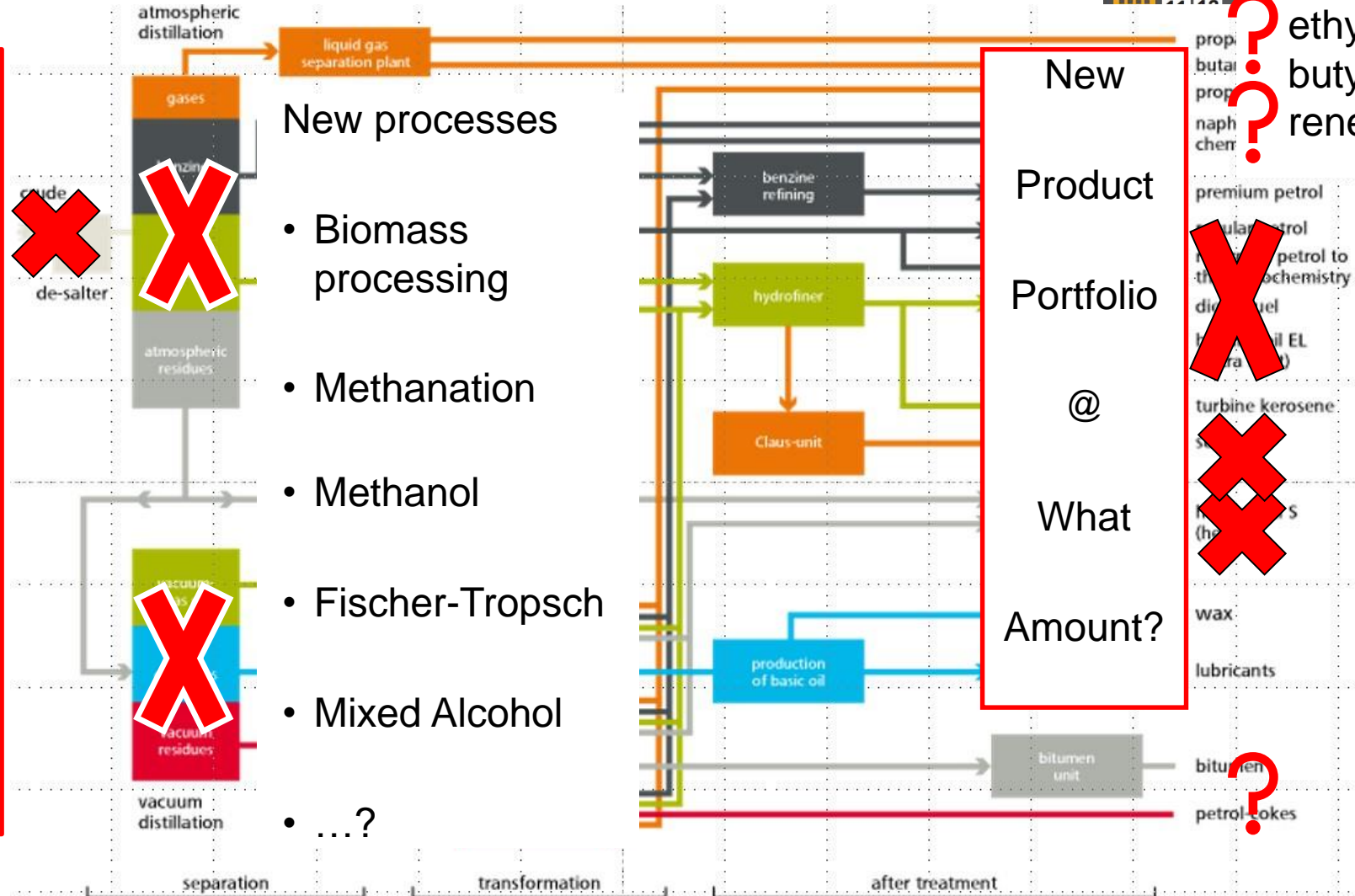


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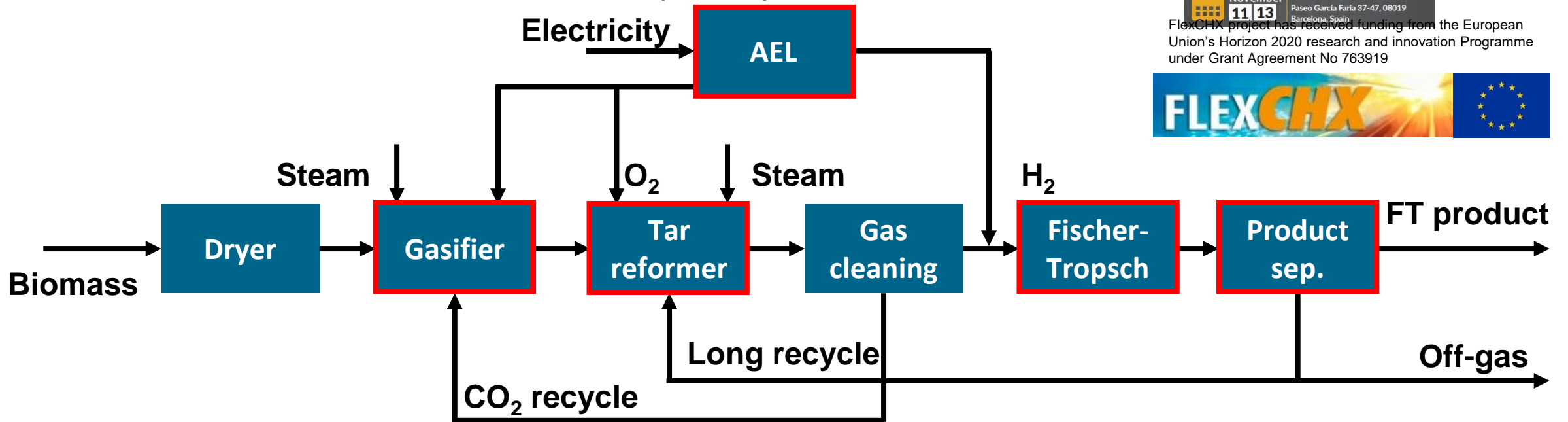


# Example aviation

## Sustainable Aviation Fuels (SAF)



FLEXCHX project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation Programme under Grant Agreement No 763919



### Process details:

- Plant size: 50, 200 and 400 MW<sub>th</sub>
- Experimentally validated gasifier and reformer model (literature/project data)<sup>[1,2]</sup>
- AEL electrolyzer – most mature electrolysis technology <sup>[3]</sup>
- Fischer-Tropsch: Slurry bubble column reactor <sup>[4]</sup>
- Fischer-Tropsch product C<sub>5+</sub> to be converted in to SAF in central refinery

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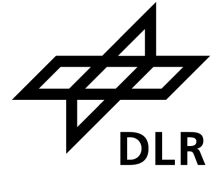
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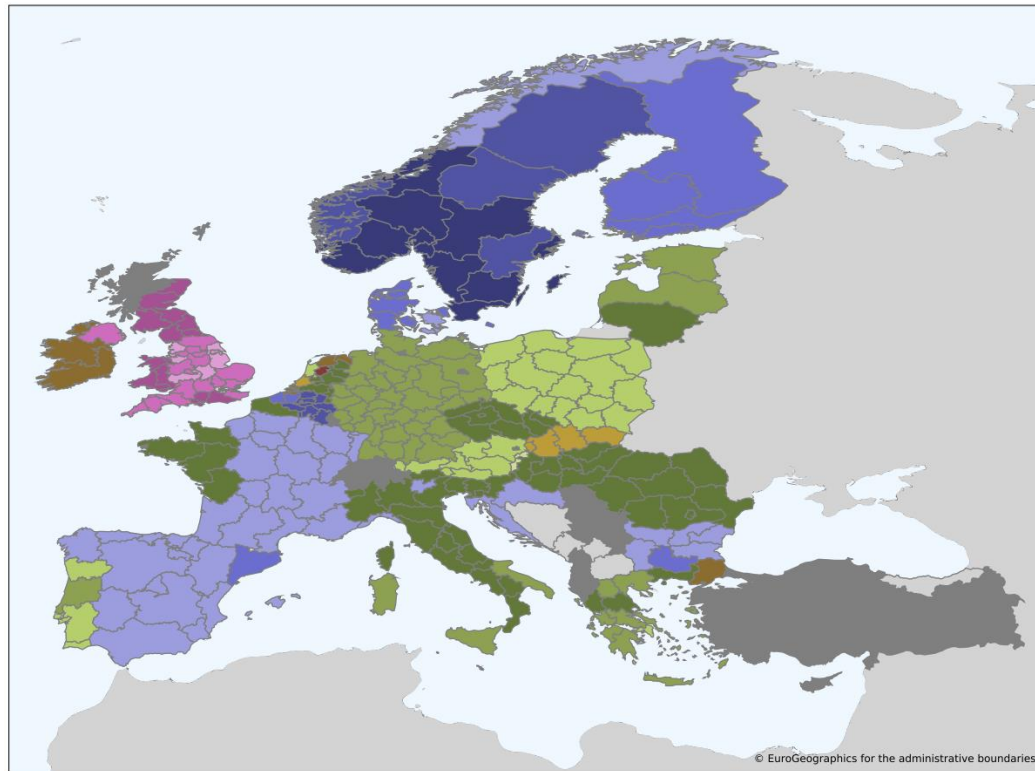
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# Grid connected PBtL: Northern Europe preferred



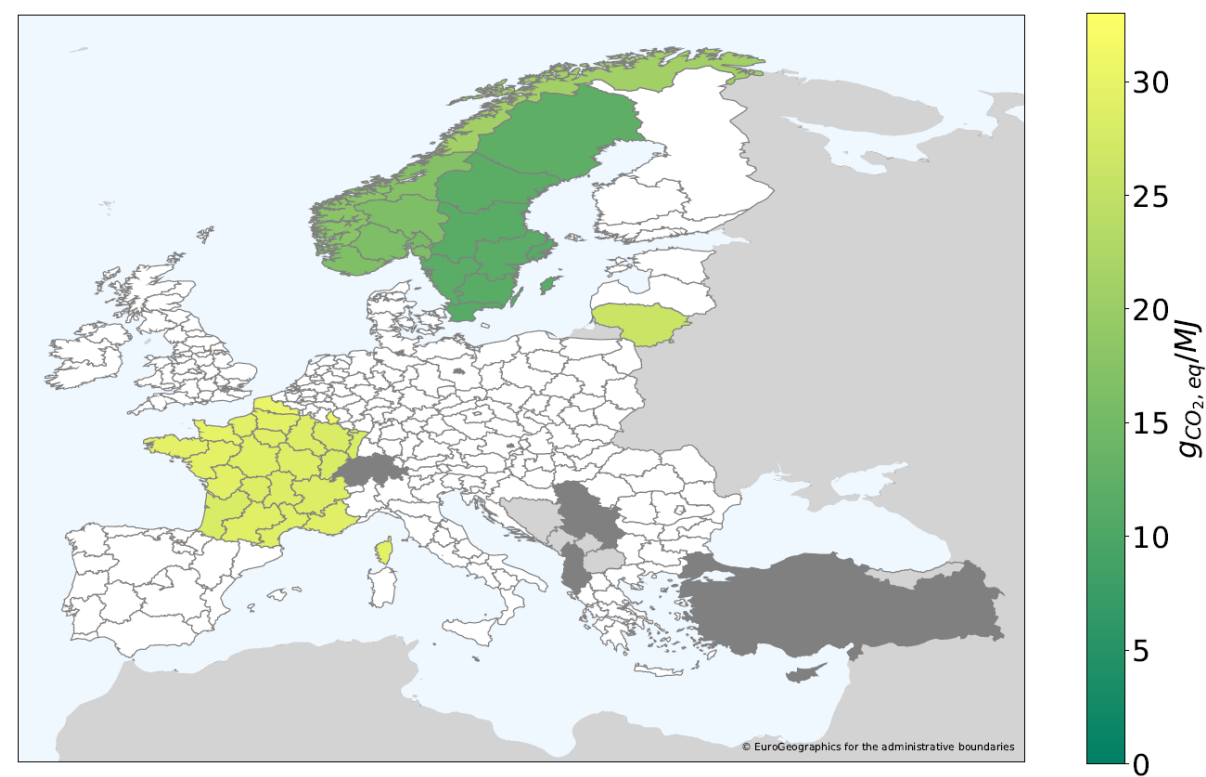
Net production cost [ $\text{€}_{2020}/\text{kg}_{\text{C5+}}$ ]:



**Net Production cost**

- + Abundant cheap woody biomass and low carbon electricity in Scandinavia

Fuel GWP 2020 [ $\text{g}_{\text{CO}_2,\text{eq}}/\text{MJ}$ ]:



**Greenhouse Gas Abatement**

- High carbon footprint of power production in most European countries



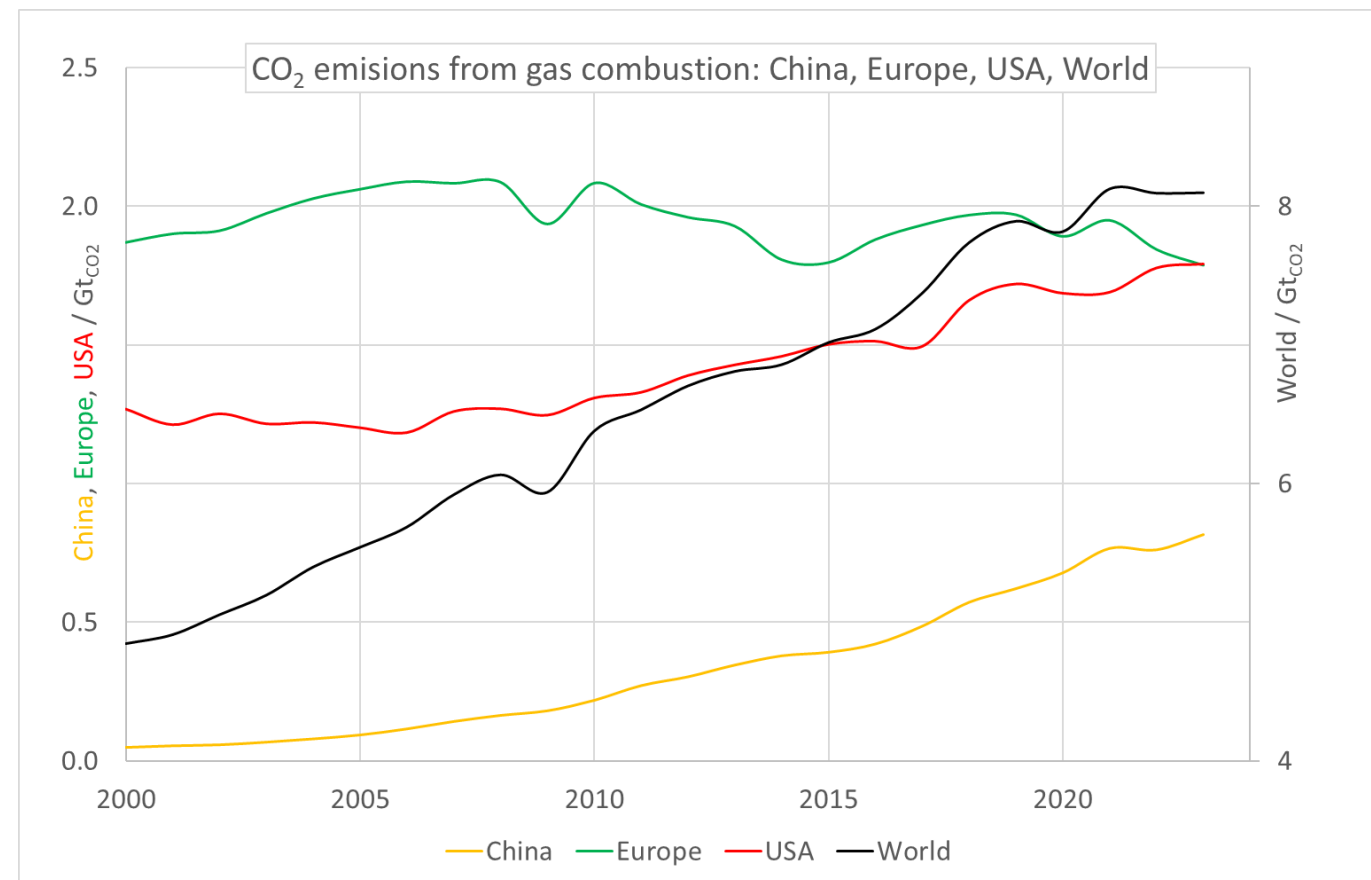
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# DECARBONIZATION OF INDUSTRY

# Natural gas consumption



- Global gas consumption 2023: 40.1 GWh<sup>[1]</sup>
  - annual growth: +0.5 GWh, gradual rebalancing after 2022 gas price shock<sup>[2]</sup>
  - “expected to see solid growth in 2024”<sup>[3]</sup>, no sign of mitigation
- Emissions: 8.1 Gt<sub>CO2</sub>/a (additional along supply chain)
- Reduction to ZERO according to COP28?



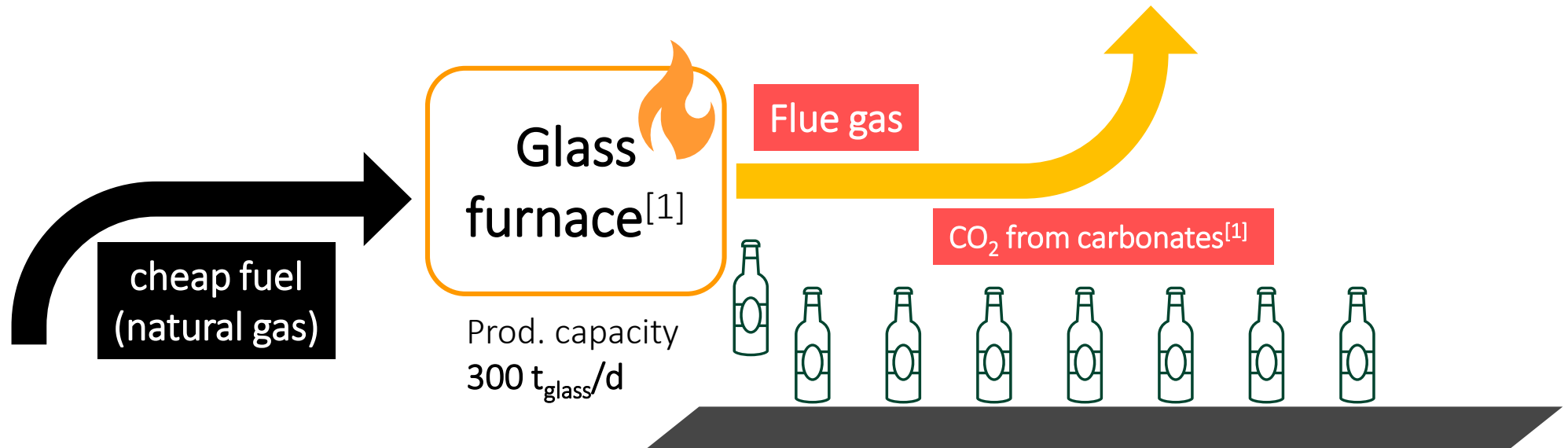
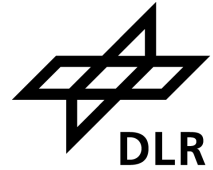
[1] Gas consumption in TWh from <https://ourworldindata.org/grapher/gas-consumption-by-country>, 1 TWh natural gas = 0.319 Mt CO<sub>2</sub>

[2] IEA (2022) <https://www.iea.org/reports/gas-market-report-q1-2024>

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# Example glass furnace

## Standard oxyfuel glass production [1]

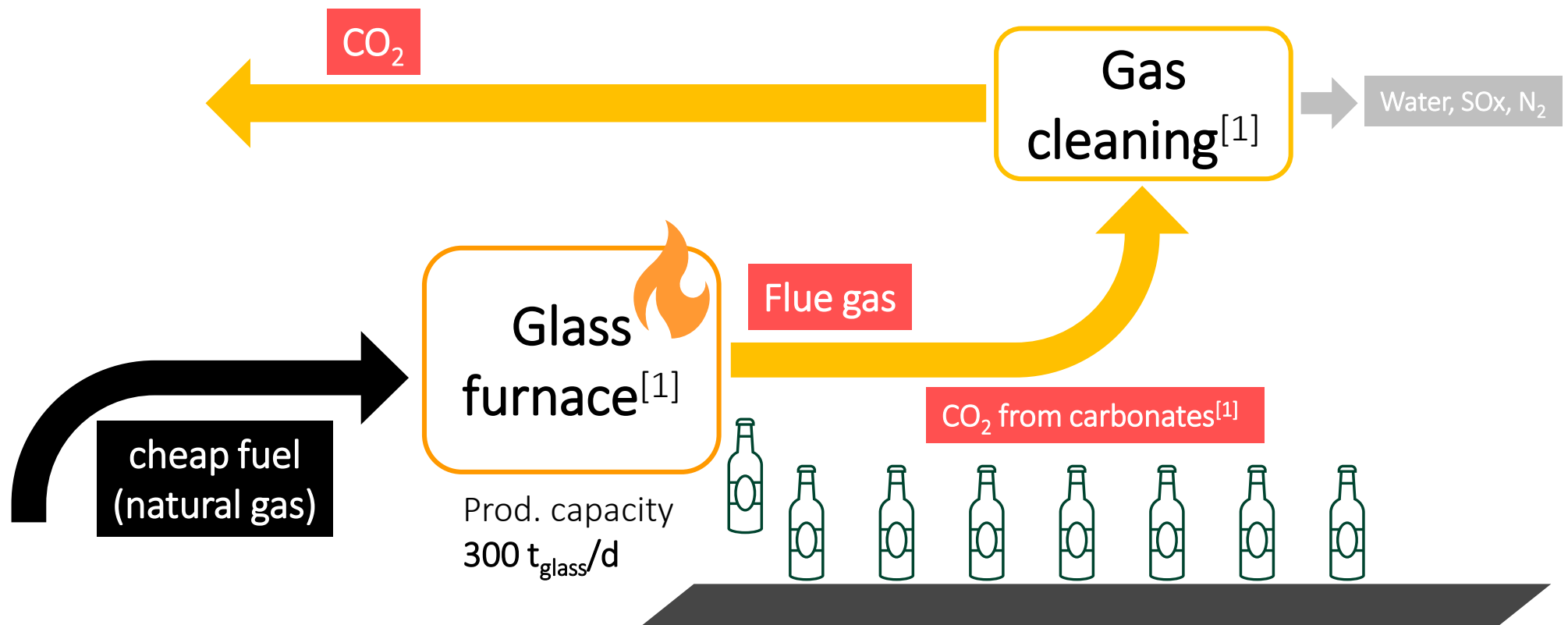


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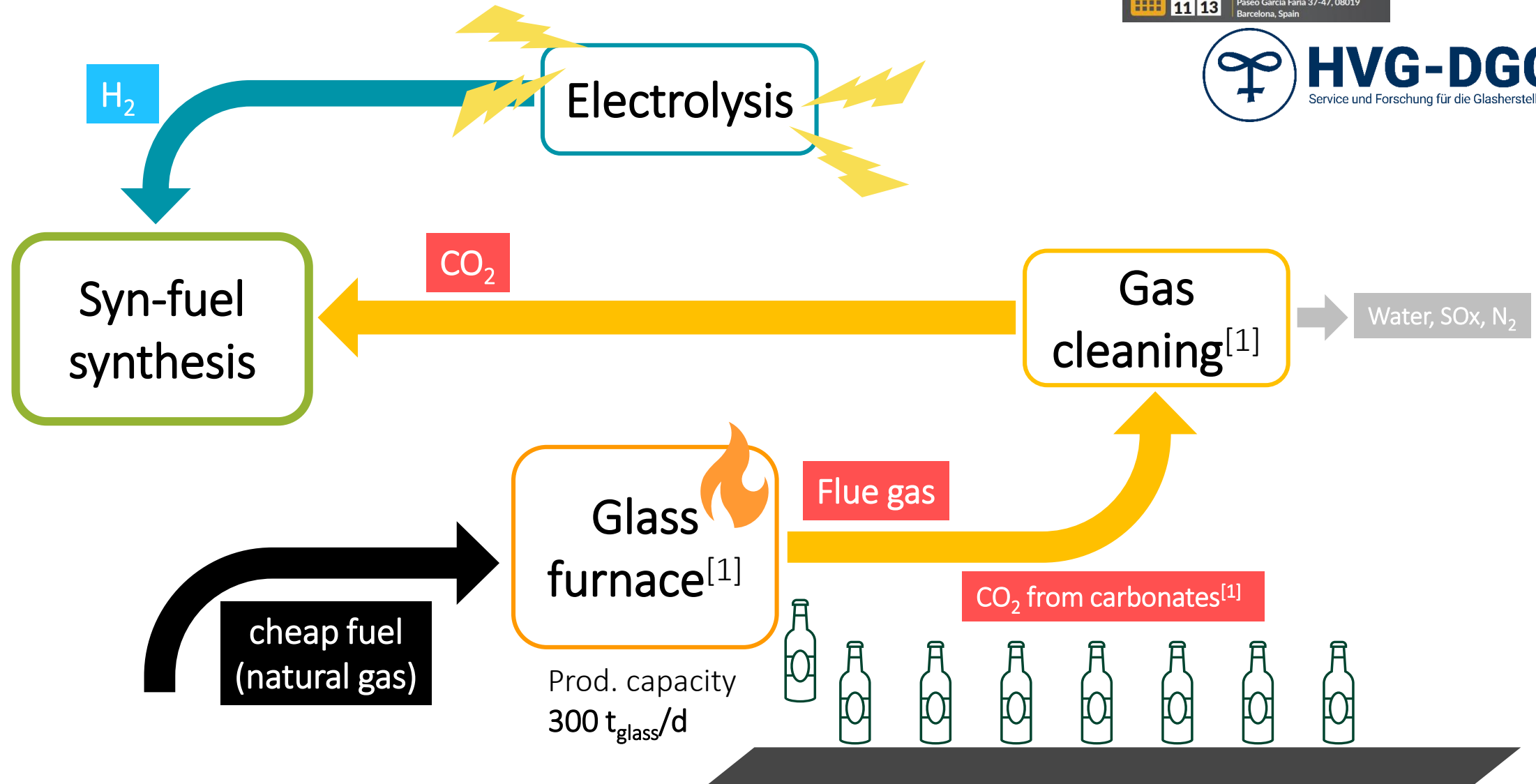
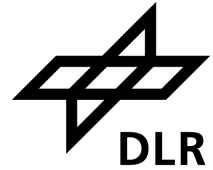
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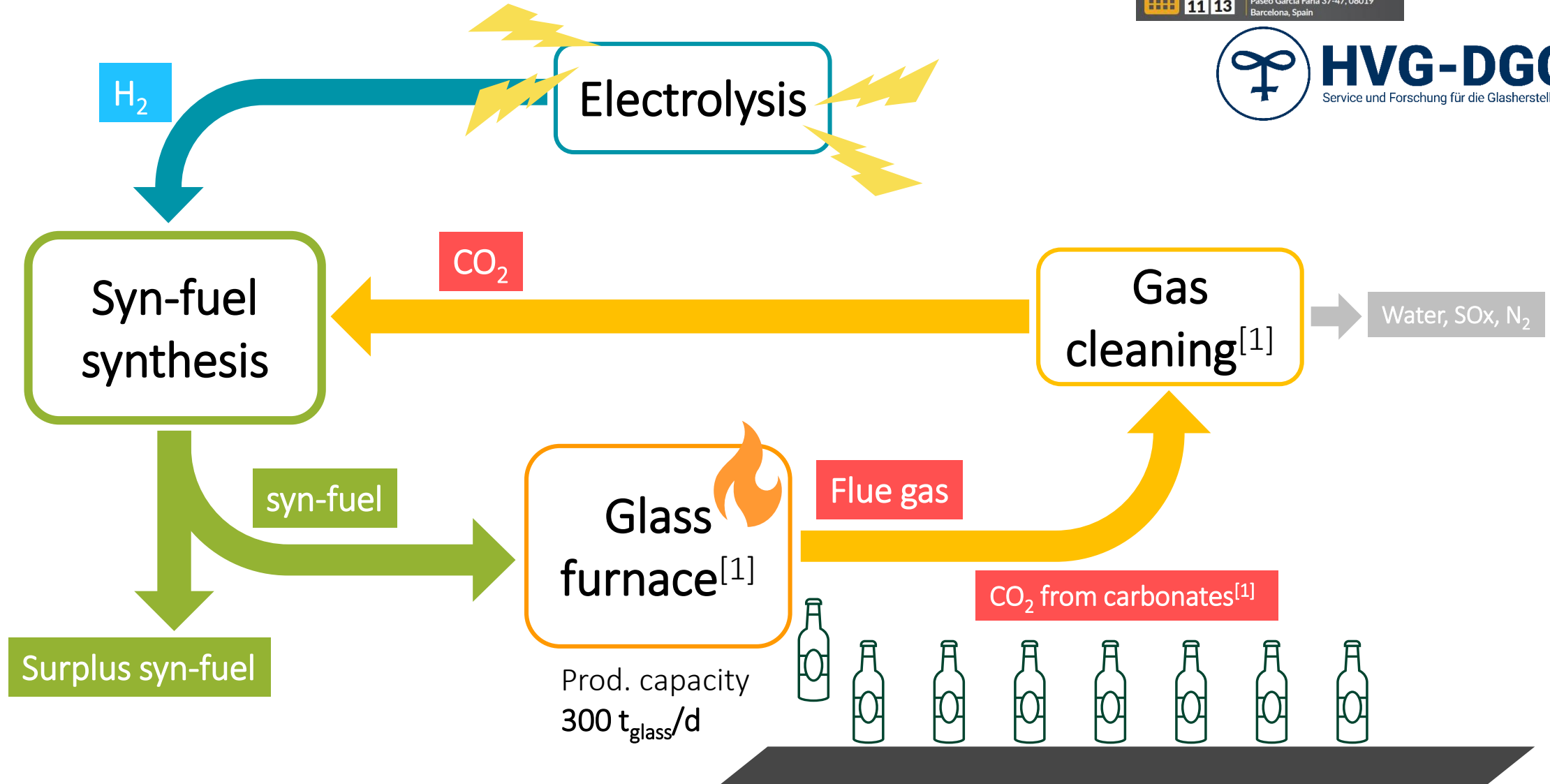
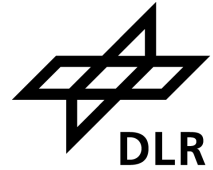
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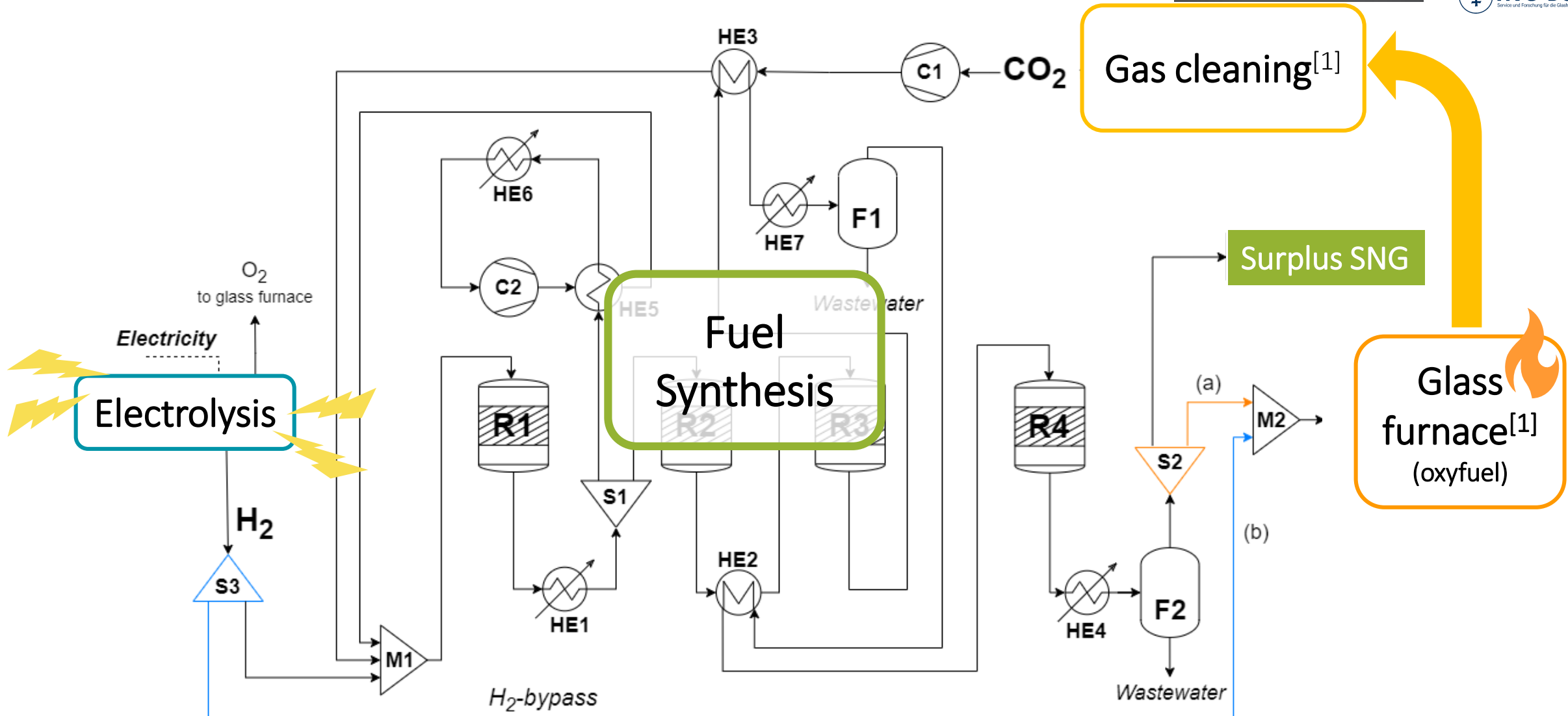
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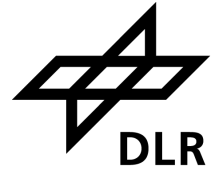
# CCU process description

## Process flow diagram: SNG



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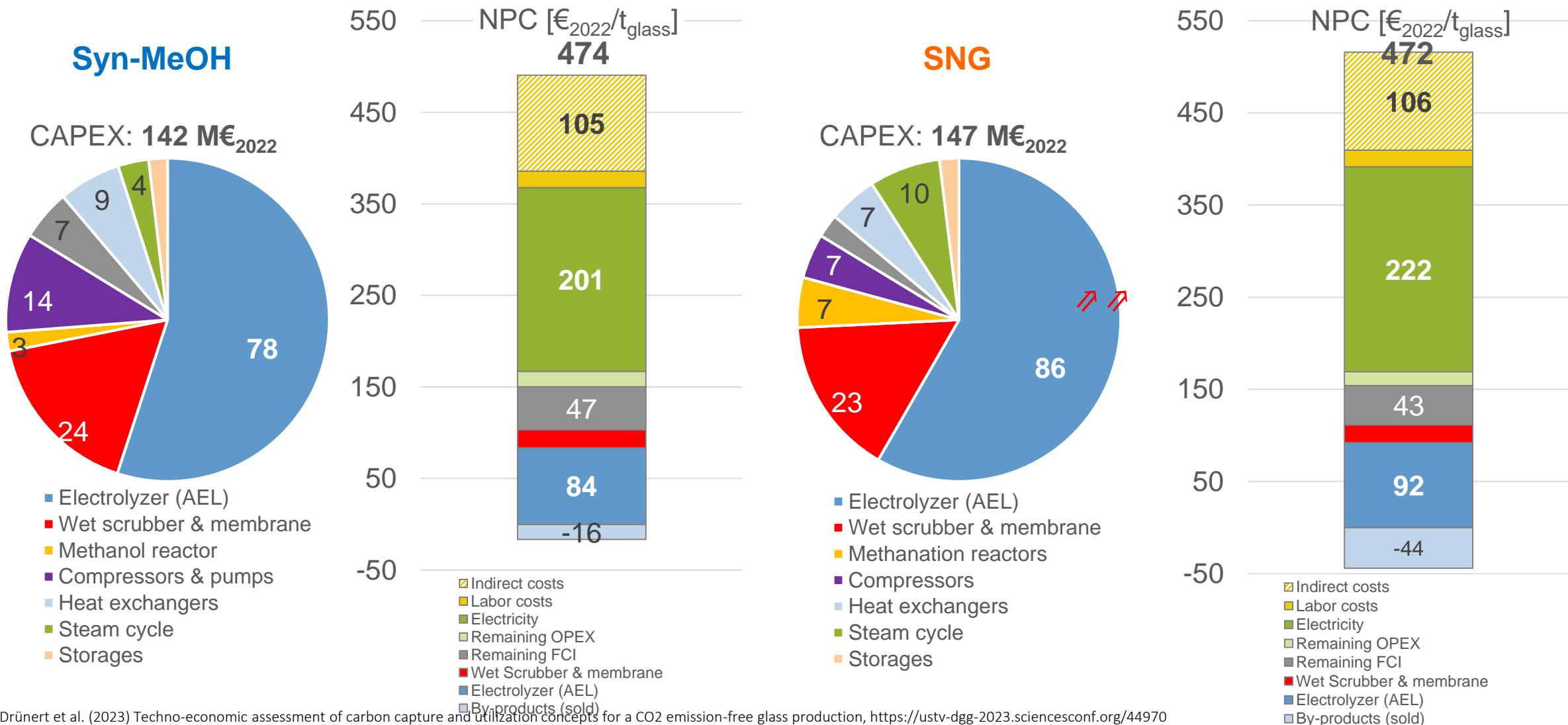




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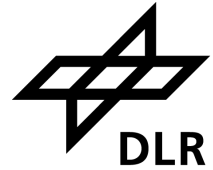


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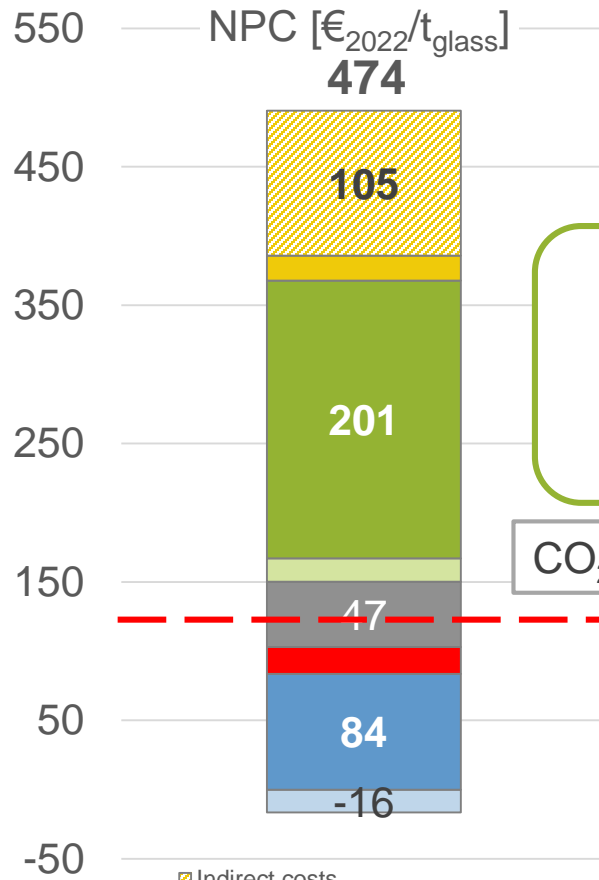
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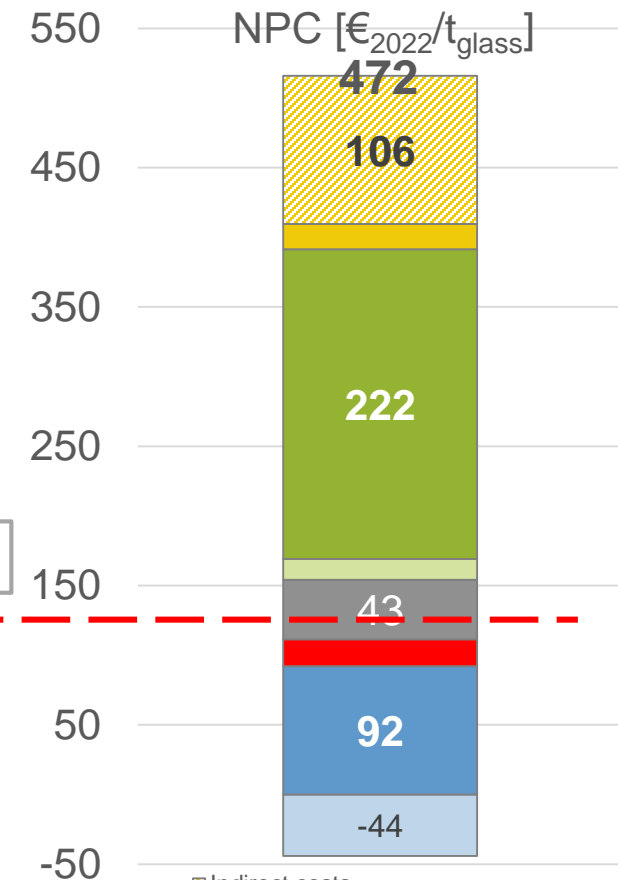
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**Syn-MeOH**



**SNG**



Conventional beer bottle:  
(330 g) ≈ 15 ct. €<sub>2022</sub>/bottle  
**Eco-friendly beer bottle**  
ca. **26 ct.** €<sub>2022</sub>/bottle ↗ ↗

CO<sub>2</sub>-abatement costs: **643 €<sub>2022</sub>/t<sub>CO2</sub>**

**130 €<sub>2022</sub>/t<sub>glass</sub>**  
**Natural gas**  
**Avg. market price**

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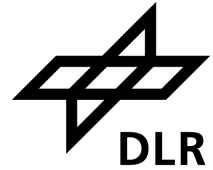
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# CONCLUSIONS / OUTLOOK

# 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
  - Europe 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 standardized methodology is globally applicable →





# 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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