

Distributed recycling for additive manufacturing: an ecosystem services perspective

Contents

1	Introduction	1
2	Background	2
2.1	Ecosystem services	2
2.2	Distributed recycling via additive manufacturing	5
2.3	Ecosystems services in the industrial systems: towards a reconciliation of two capitals for humanity.	6
3	Methodology	7
3.1	Planning	9
3.2	Assesment of Demand and Supply for key ES	13
3.3	Evaluation	15
3.4	Management	15
4	Case study: Distributing recycling via Additive Manufacturing	18
4.1	Indicators in Ecosystem Services Distributed recycling The	18
	References	19

1 Introduction

The current ecological urgency confirms that the understanding and managing the interactions between humans systems and the rest of nature is a major prerequisite for addressing the worsening environmental and social crises of the 21st century (Lomborg 2020). No country currently meets minimum thresholds for social development without exceeding planetary boundaries (O’Neill et al. 2018). Therefore, it is no possible to rely only on techno-centric interventations without considering

8 the finite planetary ecosystem characterized by profound uncertainty and the shared
9 goals of ecological sustainability and just distribution (ref?). We need to integrate
10 ecological carrying capacity since the fuzzy front end phase of a industrial systems.

11 However, the integration of ecological aspects in the decision-making seems not
12 evident given the complexity to define the boundaries and interactions of industrial
13 and ecological systems. The main purpose of this article is to propose a methodology
14 in order to evaluate the techno-ecological synergy with identifying relative and
15 absolute sustainability aspect of prospective industrial systems. This methodology is
16 based in the integration of the ecosystem services supply and demand analysis with
17 the purpose to identify scenarios and design improvements. As a case application,
18 the study of distributed recycling manufacturing will be describe. Plastic pollution is
19 a global concern that must be addressed collectively with the utmost priority because
20 it endangers the ecosystem and all life forms (Kumar et al. 2021). Therefore, new
21 approaches need to be explored in order to reduce ar at least recycling this material.
22 Thus, this study intends to explore the local impact derived from the implementation
23 of a distributed plastic recycling chain in a territory.

24 The expected results seek to address the following questions:

- 25 • What are the appropriate ecosystem service indicators for assessing an prospec-
26 tive filière as distributed plastic recycling?
- 27 • How does the implementation of a distributed plastic recycling chain impact
28 on ecosystem services?
- 29 • What are the barriers and drivers for the development of a distributed plastic
30 recycling chain in a territory? From a perspective of strong sustainability, we
31 look to identify a set of principles, criteria and indicators for deployments
32 distributed recycling approach,

33 In a methodological level, the expected in goals concern to the creation of decision-
34 tools to informed decisions about real impact of industrial systems in a territory. This
35 start by raising awareness of the dependence of natural capital in the technology
36 system towards quantification and valuation of technological impacts on ecosystems.

37 The article is structure as follows.... (to complete) section 2 ...

38 2 Background

2.1 Ecosystem services

Foundational ideas on ecosystem services seek for conceptual and methodological tools with the major goal to increase public interest in biodiversity conservation through the recognition, accounting and valuation of the societal dependence on the ecological life support systems for the human well-being (Gómez-Baggethun et al. 2010; De Groot, Wilson, and Boumans 2002). Today, ecosystems services field are being included in the decision-making through promotion of market Based Instruments for Payment for Ecosystems services schemes with the purpose of create and environmental governance according to the reality of impact on the natural capital (Laurans et al. 2013). Nevertheless, commodification of nature's services by reductionist thinking about individual services runs the risk of unintended harm and unbalanced outputs. Systems thinking is essential for avoiding such harm (Gopalakrishnan, Bakshi, and Ziv 2016).

Ecosystem services (ES) are the ecological characteristics, function or processes that contribute (actively or passively) to the human well-being (Costanza et al. 1997, 2017). Ecosystem goods (e.g; Food) and services (e.g. waste assimilation) illustrate the benefits that human derive from the ecosystem functions (Costanza et al. 1997). It is needed to distinguish between the ecosystem's functions and processes from the ecosystem services concept itself. The former describes biophysical relationships that are carried out by nature regardless of whether or not human benefits. By contrast, the latter are those processes and functions where people can (or could have the potential (ref?)) obtain benefits. The ecosystem services do not flow to human well-being without crucial interactions with the different forms of capital (Natural, Social, Human, Built), which entails the need of understanding, modelling, measuring, and managing ES in a trans-disciplinary approach. Likewise, the concept of ecosystem dis-service denotes the processes and functions that affect humans in 'negative' way, making damage and costs (ref?). One major point that ES make clear is to raise awareness on the recognition of humanity's primary dependencies on the 'functions of' natural capital which reflects the fact that, however they may perceive themselves, humans are part of, and not apart from, nature (Ekins et al. 2003). This entails the necessity to create knowledge for trans-disciplinary approaches using ES as boundary object for sustainability for diverse stakeholders (Honeck et al. 2021).

Using a systematic literature review approach, Torres, Tiwari, and Atkinson (2021) distinguished and categorized 8 major key themes and 22 approaches in the ES field. Key themes represent underlying meanings or ideas that are widely used, trending or rising in the ecosystem services research field. Key approaches include methods

75 (Harrison et al. 2018), tools, frameworks, perspectives and management strategies to
76 analyze, assess, and quantify ecosystem services. It was reported that, computational
77 modelling and non-monetary valuation are emergent topics that appear to be trending
78 upwards in terms of interest.

79 Efforts have been made in the literature to classify the methods used to assess
80 ecosystem services based on 27 case studies. Ecosystem service assessment methods
81 were classified into four broad categories: biophysical, socio-cultural, monetary, and
82 integrative.

83 Different initiatives have been reported to classify the ES, including the Millennium
84 Ecosystem Assessment (MEA 2005), The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity
85 TEEB (TEEB 2010), The Intergovernmental Platform of Biodiversity and Ecosystem
86 Services (IPBES) (ref?) and the Common International Classification of Ecosystem
87 Services (CICES). In the heart of the four main, they share four main categories
88 of ES: **Provisioning** (e.g. food and medicines); **Regulating** (e.g. pollination and
89 climate regulation), **Supporting** (e.g. soil formation and fixation of solar energy) and
90 **Cultural / Information** services (e.g. artistic inspiration and recreation) services are
91 four broad categories types of ES constitutes the core of most recent classifications
92 and that are shared by the most frameworks (Pedersen Zari 2019).

93 Efforts on biodiversity conservation relies on the highlight of the economic aspects
94 of biodiversity and the natural capital (Costanza et al. 1997) and the environmental
95 inaction related to the cost of policy damage occurring in the absence of an effective
96 regulatory framework (Bruel et al. 2016). From a strong sustainability perspective,
97 a declining capital stock is an unambiguous indicator of unsustainability in the flow
98 of goods and services that derive from it (Ekins et al. 2003). More important, the
99 recognition of the non-substitutability of natural capital with regard to the other
100 forms of capital; acknowledging the characteristics of irreversibility (such as species
101 extinction or climate change), uncertainty and the existence of *critical* components
102 that make a major contribution to welfare. The main core of the environmental
103 problem relies on the use of ecosystem's functions, mainly those that generate
104 economic welfare, that are making a negative impact and influence on the natural
105 capital stock, and even worse, on those functions that are responsible for ecosystem
106 stability and resilience (Ekins et al. 2003).

107 The Common International Classification of Ecosystem Services (CICES) was devel-
108 oped to provide hierarchically consistent and science-based classification to be used
109 for natural capital accounting purposes (ref?). In CICES framework, Potschin-Young
110 et al. (2018) argued the conceptual framework of cascading aspect from ecosystem

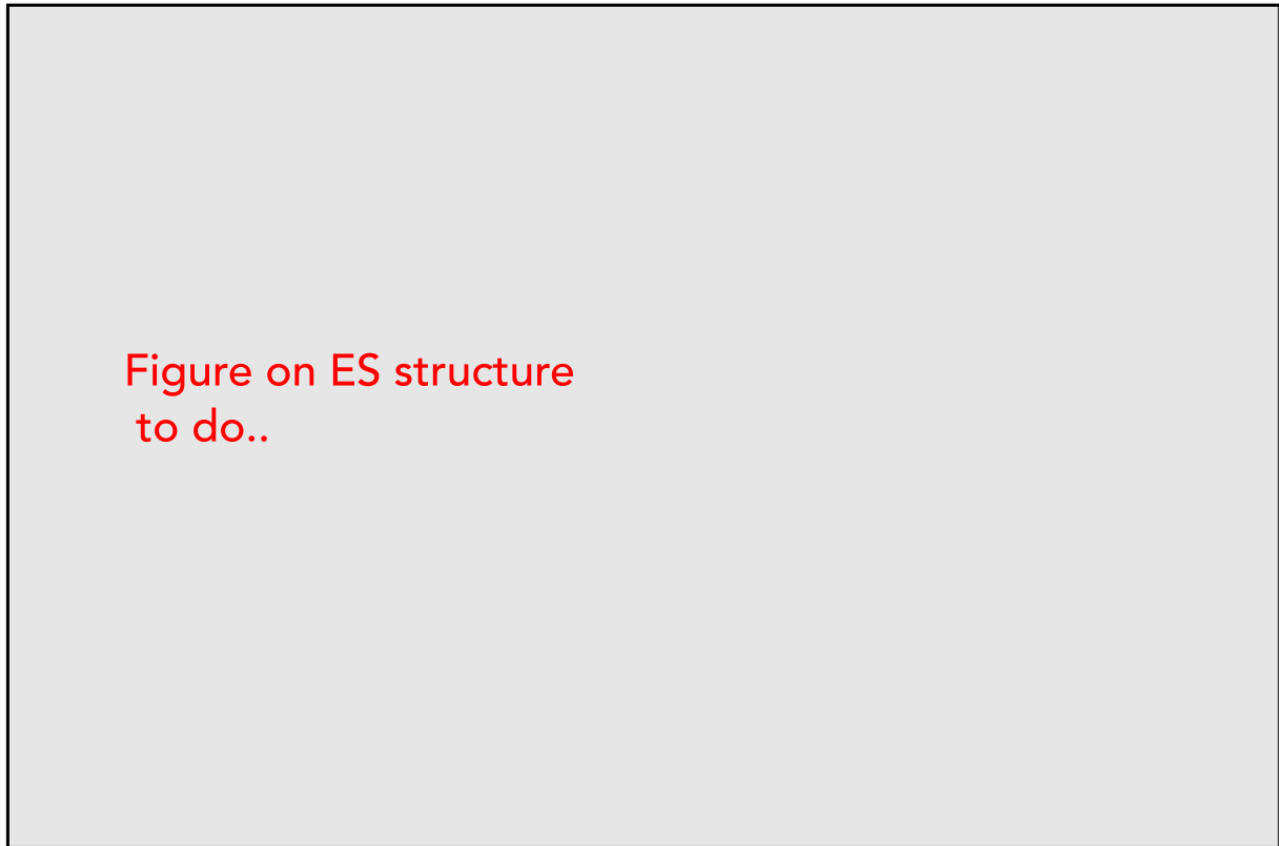


Figure 1: ES conceptual framework

(#fig:Fig:ES)

111 service are commonly divided Groups, division.

112 to complete ...

113 2.2 Distributed recycling via additive manufacturing

114 Distributed plastic recycling has emerged in the literature to face the socio-
115 environmental challenges related to plastic waste management (Cruz Sanchez et
116 al. 2020; Santander et al. 2020). The main hypothesis relies on the fact that a
117 distributed and local spaces can provide recycled feedstock to transform it into finish
118 (or prototypes) for a local community. To do so, the use of additive manufacturing
119 enables the technical paths to achieve this objective. While not all types of materials
120 can be recycled given the technical difficulties, the estimation of the environmental
121 advantage is needed to assess at early stages the pertinence of this distributed

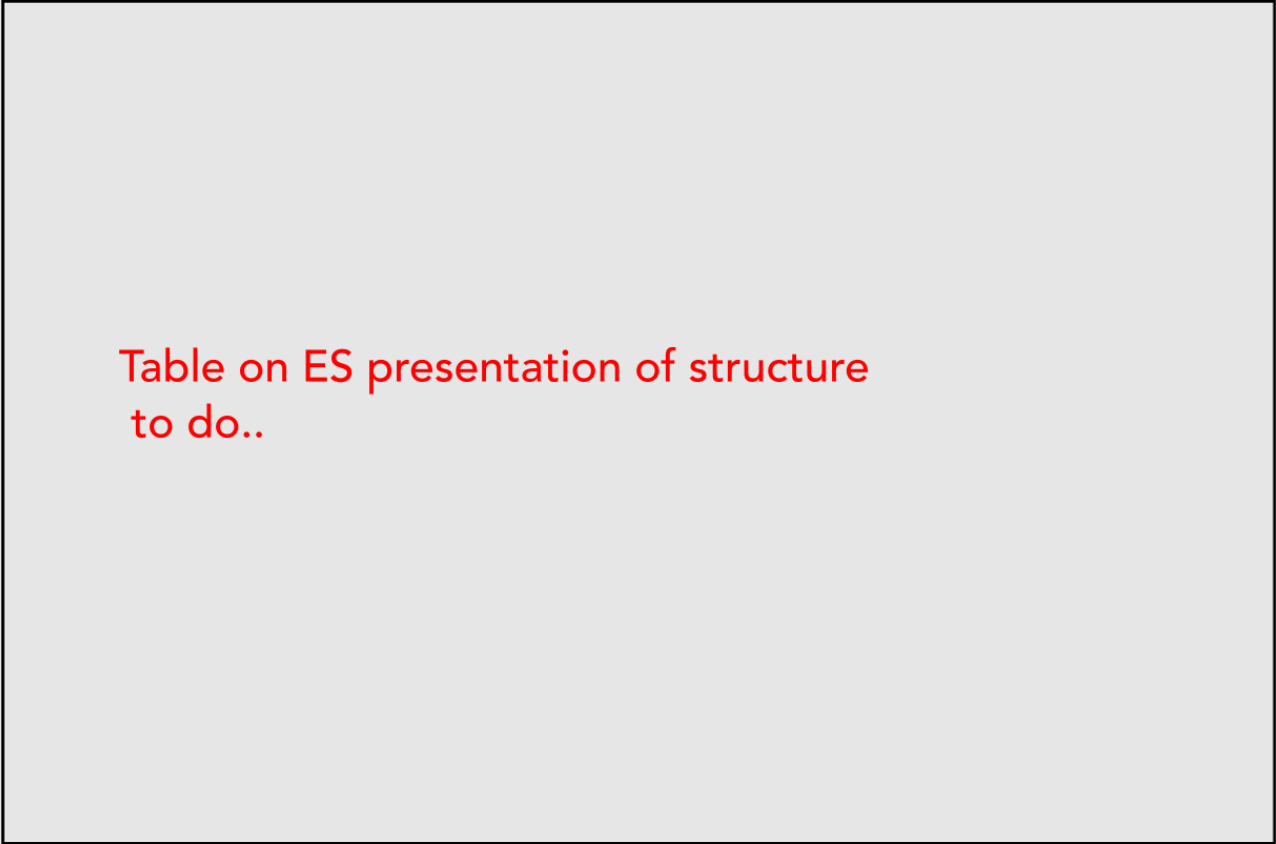


Table on ES presentation of structure
to do..

Figure 2: ES conceptual framework

approaches. However, as with any recycling system, its feasibility and real impact must be evaluated before its implementation. Although research has been conducted regarding on the technical and logistical feasibility of distributed plastic recycling, little is known about its pertinence from the ecosystem services perspective in a territory.

To complete ...

2.3 Ecosystems services in the industrial systems: towards a reconciliation of two capitals for humanity.

The economic valuation of ecosystem goods and services gives an elegant framework highlighting their importance for society and human welfare. However, there is a need to explicitly account for their contribution when designing and developing products and services (Diwekar et al. 2021). The engineering discipline developed the implicit

134 assumption that ecological systems have nearly endless capacity to provide resources
135 and adsorb wastes. This blindness in the engineering vision can be explaining by the
136 fact that at the beginning of the technological industrialization, the human activities'
137 impacts on the earth remained marginal. This scenario is not true today. The need
138 for ecosystem services research has become evident due to the impacts of population
139 growth, economic activities, and urbanization on natural capital (Torres, Tiwari, and
140 Atkinson 2021). The loss in value associated with biodiversity loss and the related loss
141 of ecosystem services is often invisible and does not influence decision makers (Bruehl
142 et al. 2019). It is difficult to provide information about pressure from industrial
143 systems in corporate information systems. Engineering within ecological constraints
144 need to acknowledge the capacity of relevant ecosystems to supply the demanded
145 goods and services while the ecosystems and natural capital must be protected,
146 restored and developed to be capable of continuing to supply those services that
147 industry (and society) relies on (ref?).

148 According to the Millenniums 15 out of 24 ecosystems services examined are degraded
149 or being used in an unsustainable manner (MEA 2005). Likewise, using the planetary
150 boundaries framework, it is argued that anthropogenic activities already exceed the
151 biophysical limits of the "safe operating zone" in terms of carbon and nitrogen cycles,
152 and biodiversity loss (Rockström et al. 2009; O'Neill et al. 2018). Among the root
153 causes of ecological degradation is ignorance about the exceedance of the ecological
154 carrying capacity in many decisions (Liu and Bakshi 2019). Another crucial issue
155 is that current design approaches based on life cycle characterization and footprint
156 methods focus on continuous improvement by reducing life cycle impacts per unit of
157 product, encouraging improvements by doing "less bad," which need not translate
158 into keeping human activities within ecological constraints. Ideally, it is needed to
159 (re)designed industrial activities to reduce the demand for the demand of ecosystems
160 services creating for a local 'island of sustainability' (Wallner, Narodoslawsky, and
161 Moser 1996) which is that the demand should not exceed the supply at the local
162 scale (Gopalakrishnan, Bakshi, and Ziv 2016). Therefore, it's urgent to expand the
163 boundaries for engineering design from the lowest molecular level to the process
164 level, and from individual process to the higher levels of value chains, ecosystems
165 and the planet (Martinez-Hernandez 2017).

166 Ceschin and Gaziulusoy (2016) putted forward the evolution of *Design for Sustainability (DfS)*
167 framework showing the different approaches that have evolved from
168 a product innovation level to socio-technical systems level. They pointed out that
169 engineering interventions at only technological unit operation/product level are
170 necessary, but not sufficient condition for sustainability. Bakshi, Ziv, and Lepech

(2015) reported a framework of Techno-Ecological Synergy (TES) in order to expand the scope of the usual techno-centric perspectives. The main point argued is that TES develops ways of enhancing synergies between a local scale manufacturing process and the land around it. The final aim is to encourage a more robust analysis of technological and ecological systems at multiple spatial scales ranging from local (e.g. for small systems such as a house and its yard, a manufacturing process and its site) to a larger scale systems that extend to consider the entire life cycle.

Based on this background, in the following section a methodology will be presented in the analysis of the To complete ...

3 Methodology

The purpose of this article is to propose a conceptual framework to evaluate the synergy of prospective industrial filières considering the technological and ecological spheres.

Four major steps are proposed as illustrated in figure ?? .

The goal of *Planning* step is to identify the boundaries for the technological and ecological systems to be evaluated. In the *Assessment* step, the main aim is to jeopardize the key ecosystems services and the respective scales that are going to be included in the analysis. These elements will be a intersection of the technological and geographical issues based on a analysis of each systems. In the *Evaluation* stage, the main purpose is to establish the demand and supply of ES based on respective inventory and models. This include the specific allocation Finally, in the last step *Management*, the main goal is to establish scenarios of evaluation based on the 'Business-as-usual' and Synergy frameworks. This will enable to take a more informed decision to stakeholder at the evaluation of prospective projects.

An application of the framework will be presented in Section XX using as case study of the distributed recycling chain via additive manufacturing.. In the following sub-sections, each stage of the methodology is explained.

3.1 Planning

Three main elements needs to be carry out in this phase: 1) definition of the technological and ecological spheres, 2) prioritization of the territorial issues, and 3) identification of the industrial issues.

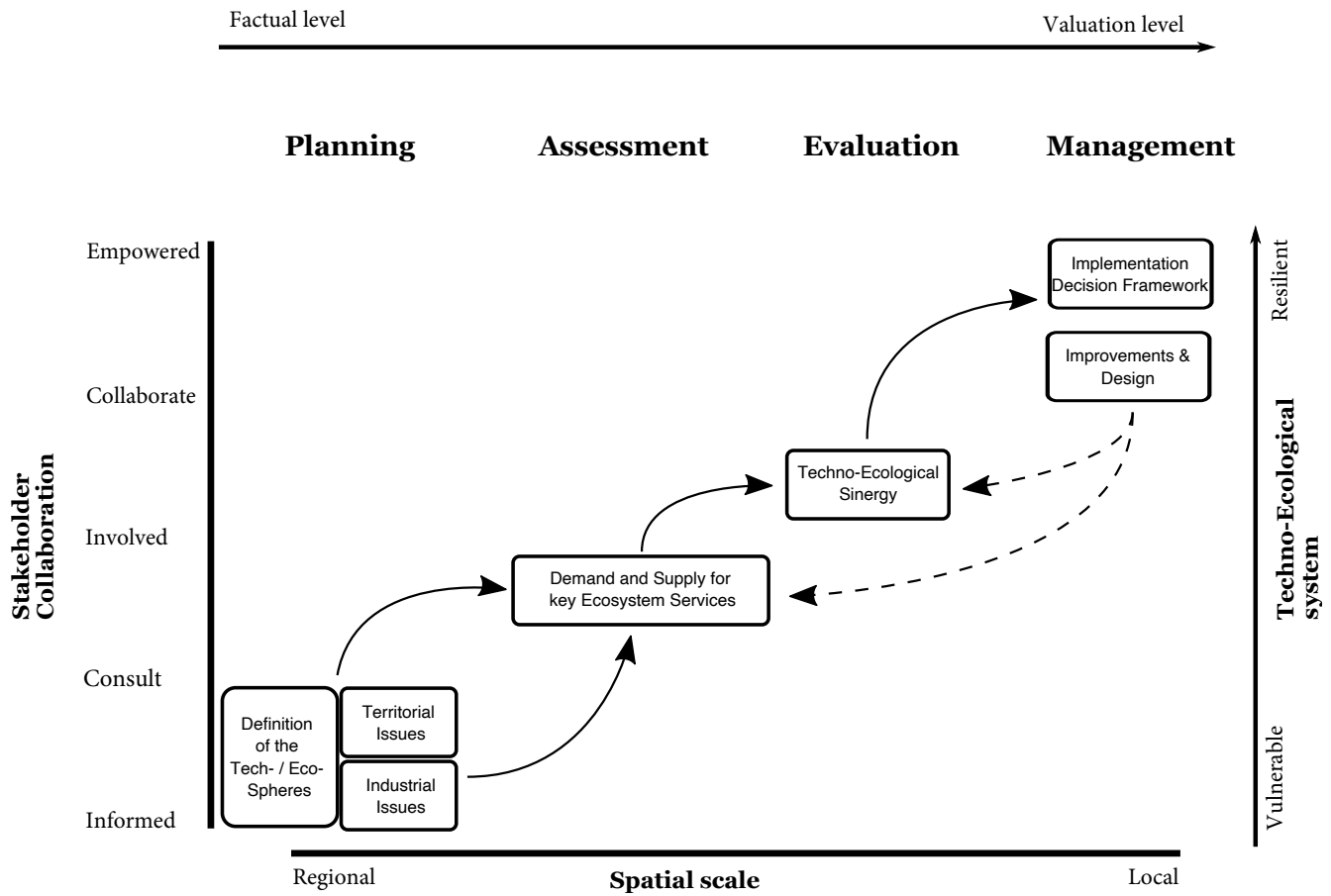


Figure 3: Operational framework for evaluating the ecosystem services of industrial systems

Table 1: Terminology used in the definition of the spheres

Sphere	Terminology	Definition	Exemple
Techno-sphere	Equipement scale	Detailed models	Corn production at a location
	Value chain scale	Average activities	Average corn production in a region
	Economy scale	Industrial sectors	Grain farming sector
Eco-sphere	Ecosystem Services (ES)	Benefits humans received from Nature	
	Serviceshead	Area providing the ES to specific users of that servicee	

Sphere	Terminology	Definition	Exemple
	ES demand	Emissions and resource use by technological systems	
	ES supply	Ecological capacity to mediate/sequester/absord impacts	

3.1.1 Territorial issues

More than two thirds of the world's population are expected to live in cities by 2050 (ref?). Thus, the integration of ecosystem services in the urban and peri-urban planning is a key issue for on quality of life in cities (Gómez-Baggethun and Barton 2013). Urban ecosystems are especially important in providing services with direct impact on health and security such as air purification, noise reduction, urban cooling, and runoff mitigation (Bolund and Hunhammar 1999). Gómez-Baggethun and Barton (2013) draws on the developments of the ecosystem services for urban planning. They formulated a classification of ecosystem services and disservices in urban areas, including valuation methods and tools.

The main purpose in this step is the identification of the main urban priorities in the territorial context, from a perspective of ecosystem services.

example, if agroecosystems are critical for food production, wetlands for nutrient cycling, and forests for carbon sequestration, Which ecosystem services in a given city are most relevant varies greatly depending on the environmental and socio-economic characteristics of each site.

To complete based on articles that reading on Sabrina (so far) ...

3.1.2 Industrial Issues

To complete based on article that reading on...

3.1.3 Definition of the Tech-Sphere

It is needed to define two types of scopes: technological and ecological. Regarding the technological sphere, three scales are analysed: *Equipment*, *Value chain* and

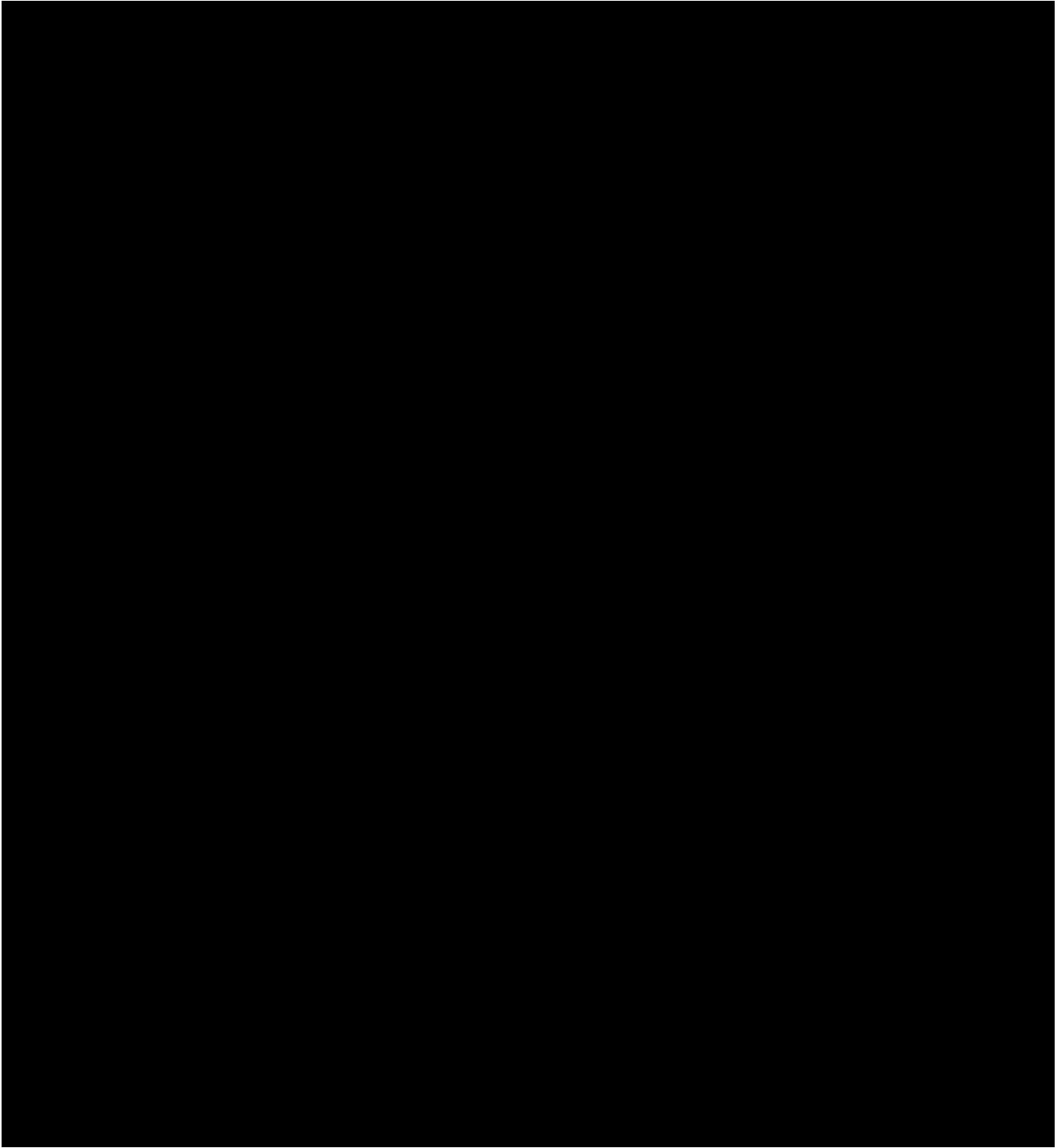


Figure 4: Notation for assessing techno-ecological synergies

²²⁴ *Economy* scales. The technological system at the equipment scale is represented as
²²⁵ $T_{i,j}$ which consists of the i -th facility for the j -th technological activity. For example,
²²⁶ in the case of a specific technological activity ($j = 1$) such as corn farming, $T_{1,1}$ and

227 $T_{1,1}$ represent two different facilities or farms for this activity. Technological systems
 228 at the value chain scale are indicated as $\overline{T_j}$. These represent average value chain
 229 activities within a region, whose information is generally available from inventory
 230 databases. Technological systems at the economy scale are represented as $\overline{T_j}$. These
 231 economic sectors, which aggregate similar activities at the value chain scale in the
 232 region or country, as in economic input-output models.

233 In a given problem, the scales at which technologies systems should be modeled are
 234 determined based on whether the data are available and whether the activities are
 235 site-specific.

236 3.1.4 Definition of the Eco-sphere

237 Concerning the ecological sphere, it relies on specifying the geographical regions
 238 where the activity is implemented. The main aim is to include explicitly the ecosystem
 239 goods and services, and the ecosystem itself in the system boundary. Thus, inter-
 240 actions within and between technological and ecological systems can be integred
 241 explicitly, enabling the assessment of regional variation and absolute environmental
 242 sustainability regarding each ES considered.

243 In this step requires information about ecosystems in which the selected technological
 244 systems are nested. Each technological activity is nested within a local ecosystem,
 245 indicated by the first circle around the rectangle. The ecosystem local to $T_{i,j}$ is
 246 represented by $E_{i,j}$. For example, this could be the campus around a manufacturing
 247 facility or an agricultural farm.

248 At the *value chain* scale, the “local ecosystem” for an activity may be approximated
 249 by aggregating similar activities in a specific geographical region, which is similar
 250 to the approach used for building a conventional LCI database. The averaged local
 251 ecosystem can be justified as the general landscape characteristics around the specific
 252 activity. For instance, electricity generation from coal-fired power plants needs a
 253 large amount of water for cooling: thus, it is likely that these facilities are located
 254 close to water sources.

255 Likewise, the local ecosystem for an *economic scale* may also be defined in the same
 256 manner, since an economic sector aggregates similar value chain scale activities, and
 257 may be denoted as $\overline{E_j}$. The aggregation relationships between activities and their
 258 surrounding ecosystems at various scales have been depicted by the dotted lines in
 259 figure XX.

3.1.4.1 Scope of Ecosystems Serviceshed The largest ecological scale that needs to be considered varies according to the type of ES. The “largest ecological scale” is analogous to the concept of a “serviceshed” in the ES literature (Liu and Bakshi 2019).

It is indicated by outer circles in figure X. The notation used is $E_{i,j,k}^*$ to represent the serviceshed for the k – th ES, in which the i – th facility of the j – th technological activity is nested.

For example, due to the global flow of CO_2 , the carbon sequestration ES provided by any part of the world can potentially satisfy the demand of this service anywhere else. Thus, the largest ecological scale to evaluate the carbon sequestration ES is the global scale. In contrast, criteria air pollutants, such as SO_2 and NO_x can only be transported and regulated by ecosystems within a narrower geographic boundary. Thus, the largest ecological scale to evaluate air quality regulation service is the regional scale. Larger ecological scales, such as a global scale, may not be relevant to this service.

If facilities $T_{1,n}, \dots, T_{m,n}$ are located in different servicesheds for a particular ES, these servicesheds need to be averaged for value chain activity \underline{T}_n . Although such averaging implicitly assumes substitutability by implying that ES produced in one serviceshed can be used by beneficiaries in another serviceshed, this average may have to be used in the absence of spatial information at the serviceshed or smaller scales. The average serviceshed is denoted as $\underline{E}_{j,k}^*$ for value chain activities and $\overline{E}_{j,k}^*$ for economic activities.

3.2 Assessment of Demand and Supply for key ES

3.2.1 Inventory of the Technological Systems

Consider a situation where a production flowsheet for an existing or new process is already available. A preliminary assessment of these environmental interventions must be carried out to obtain information about the different types of demands created by manufacturing facilities, and the kind of ecosystems that can supply these services to satisfy the demand.

Liu and Bakshi (2019) argued that the conventional Life Cycle Inventory (LCI) of technological systems can be used as the **demand** (D_k) for the k – th ES. It represents the total amount of ES needed to mitigate the emission or satisfy the resource use. For example, the quantity of CO_2 emitted by a technology indicate the demand for

293 the carbon sequestration service.

294 Environmentally-extended input-output (EEIO) data for activities at equipment, value
295 chain and economy scale, LCI databases, and detailed engineering models can supply
296 information to quantify the respective demand for each service. Also, inventory of
297 technological systems comprises all relevant flows associated with the functional
298 unit, regardless of the scale at which technological activities are modeled.

299 3.2.2 Inventory of the Ecological Systems

300 Usually, Life cycle analysis do not integrate explicitly models and data about ecosystem
301 goods and services (ref?) Therefore, this information needs to be added directly to a
302 conventional inventory, which we refer to as the **supply** (S_k) of the $k - th$ ES.

303 The main object is to establish the ability of of ecosystems to provide the demanded
304 services. For example, green plants supply the carbon sequestration service by taking
305 up atmospheric CO_2 and sequestering it as organic matter through photosynthesis.
306 This can be understood as the dependence of production systems on ES. Alternatively,
307 it can be interpreted as the ES that nature can supply in order to produce the
308 functional unit.

309 There is a research efforts to establish the knowledge about the supply of ES using
310 ecological models such as i-Tree (USDA2016b), EPIC (EPIC 2016), InVEST(Nel- son
311 et al. 2009), and remote sensing data from sources such as the National Land Cover
312 Database (NLCD) (NLCD 2011) and EnviroAtlas..

313 to complete ...

314 1. to complete the different models for each ES?.

315 2. More references on this

316 3.2.3 Allocation

317 One key point is determining the allocation of each ES for multiple users in a selected
318 servicehed. Two possible allocation strategies are proportional or avoid allocation
319 (ref?).

320 Proportional allocation splits the ES supply according to selected quantities such as
321 population, demand, or money. Avoided allocation only considers total demand and
322 supply of an ES within the serviceshed.

Proportional allocation can face similar challenges as allocation between multiple co-products in conventional LCA. Allocating an ES between multiple users is analogous to determining their right of use. Two ethics of interpreting this are as follows:

- *Private ownership* implies that land owners own the ES produced from their land. In addition, they can also claim an allocated fraction of ES from publicly owned land in the serviceshed. For calculating ES supply under a private ownership scenario, land ownership information within the serviceshed is needed
- *Public ownership* implies that ES produced from all land belongs equally to every activity in the serviceshed, regardless of their ownership. This approach allocates all ES supply from the serviceshed based on the selected properties of the users. If allocation is done in proportion to the demand of ES, the resulting metric is identical to that of the avoided allocation approach.

However, there could be practical issues with this land ownership based allocation of ES are the public availability of land ownership data and the possible applicability of other ES ownership schemes.

Proportional allocation can provide local sustainability metrics; while for avoided allocation, all activities in a selected serviceshed are assumed to have identical sustainability metrics.

3.3 Evaluation

3.3.1 Techno-ecological synergy

In this step, the Techno-Ecological Synergy (TES) Sustainability Metrics is applied (Bakshi, Ziv, and Lepech 2015). Once the demand and supply are quantified and allocated, TES sustainability metrics may be calculated. For the k -th ES, the sustainability metric V_k is:

$$V_k = \frac{S_k - D_k}{D_k}$$

where, S_k and D_k are the supply and demand of the k – th ES, respectively.

The basic results from TES consist of pairs of numbers D

This metric indicates the extent to which the technological activity is within the relevant ecosystem’s carrying capacity, and may be calculated at each of the scales

discussed in Step 1 to obtain indicators at local, serviceshed and average scales. Absolute environmental sustainability for the $k - th$ ES is defined at the serviceshed scale (indicated by V_k^*) :

$$V_k^* \geq 0, \forall k$$

Strong sustainability requires satisfaction of this criterion in the corresponding servicesheds for each ES. If metrics are calculated for the average serviceshed, then satisfaction of equation (2) suggests only weak sustainability, since it implicitly assumes that the absolute environmental sustainability in one serviceshed can be used to compensate for unsustainability in another. Thus, the unsustainability in some servicesheds would be overlooked due to the averaging. This problem would be potentially solved by disaggregating the average serviceshed and calculating the metrics for each component serviceshed separately. However, this will require more data.

3.4 Management

3.4.1 Interpretation

A hierarchy of metrics The Techno-Ecological Synergy (TES) metric obtained are multi-scale and multidimensional. Therefore, these metrics may be interpreted by plotting the local and servicehed scale metrics.

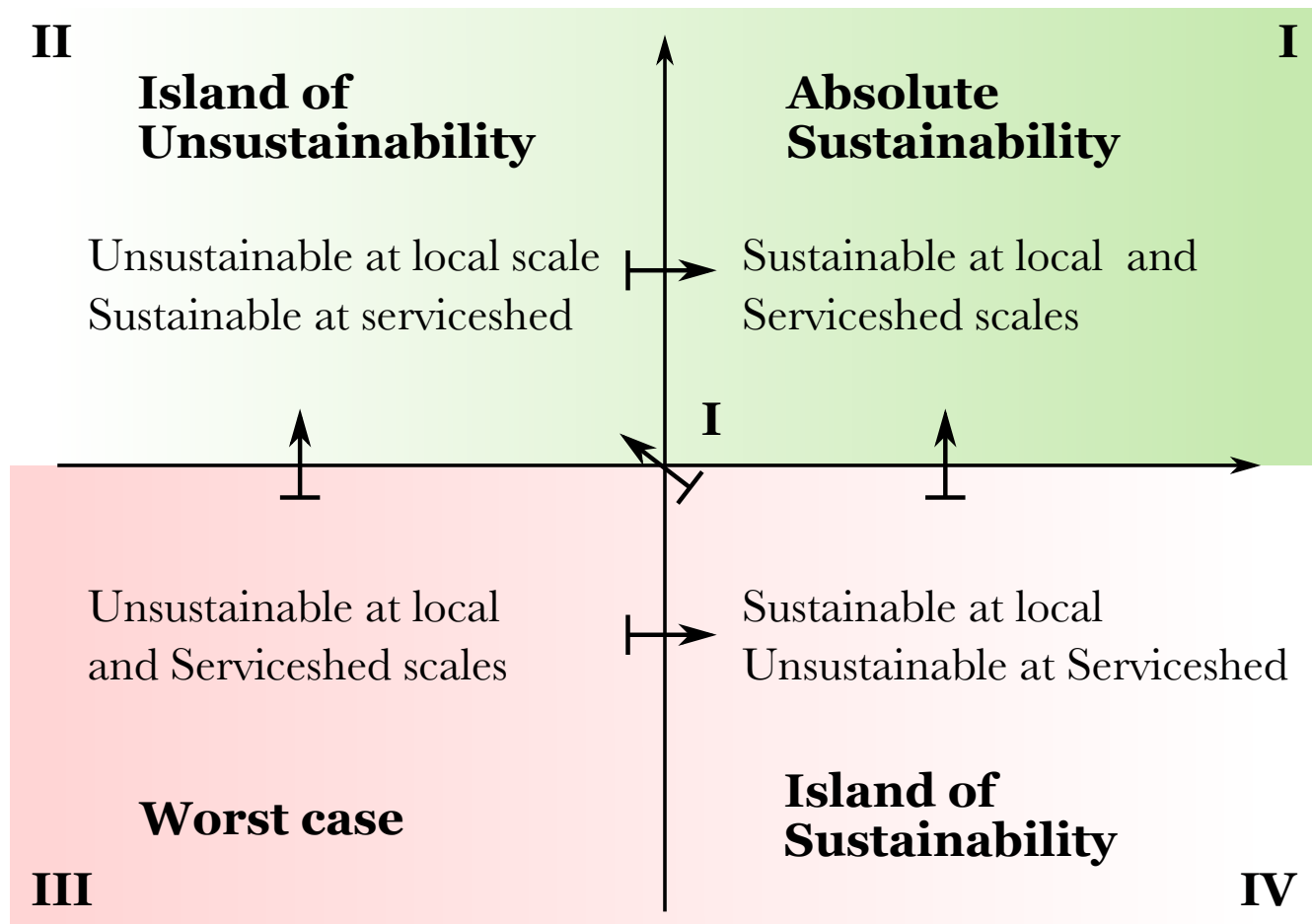


Figure ?? present four quadrants that represent the sustainability. Quadrant I illustrated the most desirable situation where local and serviceshed scale metrics are sustainable. In other words, the industrial activity is within the ecological capacity of local ecosystems, and global activities in the serviceshed are also within the serviceshed's ecological capacity. From a perspective of absolute environmental sustainability, all systems should strive toward or maintain this situation. On the other hand, Quadrant III represents the most undesirable situation where local neither servicehed scale are sustainable. Ecological overshoot exists at both local and serviceshed scales. Efforts toward improvement should reduce emissions and restore ecosystems at both

Regarding the quadrant II, it represents the situation where the ES is used sustainably in the serviceshed but not at the local scale. This implies that the activity is relying on ES outside its locality but within the serviceshed to satisfy its demand. Improvement of a system in this quadrant could involve enhancing local sustainability by either reducing demand, increasing the local ES supply, or payment to other activities in the serviceshed that provide support (ref?). On the contrary in Quadrant IV, the ES

is used sustainably in the local region, but not in the serviceshed. Here, the activity is an “island of sustainability” (Wallner, Narodoslawsky, and Moser 1996). If all activities within a serviceshed strive toward becoming such islands, it will help in achieving serviceshed scale environmental sustainability.

3.4.2 Improvements and Design in the system

In this step, the main goal is to put effort for making changes such that $V_{i,j,k} \geq 0, \forall \{i, j, k\}$. This may be achieved by enhancing technological efficiency to reduce the demand for ecosystem services, or by restoring and protecting ecological systems to increase the supply of ecosystem services. This final vision is to encourage engineering and human activities to be within ecological constraints.

Three main elements in terms of design is expected in this step The first is the explicit recognition of the inherent interdependencies between technological and ecological systems. Such recognition enables a better understanding of the resiliency of coupled techno-ecological systems during any enhancement of technological efficiency or restoration of ecological service provision. The collaboration with multi-stakeholders is expected in this step.

Typically, changes are likely to be easiest at the smallest scale, such as a manufacturing process. If there are emissions that cannot be absorbed or mitigated by ecosystems, then it will be impossible for $V\{i, j, k\} \geq 0$ for some values of i, j , and k . Examples include processes that emit molecules that do not occur in nature such as chlorofluorocarbons, various synthetic polymers, many pharmaceutical molecules, etc. For such molecules, the only way to satisfy the TES objective of $V\{i, j, k\} \geq 0$ is by technological changes. One approach is to treat such molecules as “technological nutrients” and like biological nutrients, to recycle in technological systems. Nonrenewable resources will invariably result in values of $V\{i, j, k\} \geq 0$. Therefore, this framework will discourage their extraction and encourage their reuse and recycling by efforts such as industrial symbiosis.

3.4.3 Establishment on Scenarios

to complete ...

4 Case study: Distributing recycling via Additive Manufacturing

4.1 Indicators in Ecosystem Services Distributed recycling The

References

- Bakshi, Bhavik R, Guy Ziv, and Michael D Lepech. 2015. "Techno-ecological synergy: A framework for sustainable engineering." *Environ. Sci. Technol.* 49 (3): 1752–60. <https://doi.org/10.1021/es5041442>.
- Bolund, Per, and Sven Hunhammar. 1999. "Ecosystem services in urban areas." *Ecol. Econ.* 29 (2): 293–301. [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0921-8009\(99\)00013-0](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0921-8009(99)00013-0).
- Bruel, Aurélien, Jakub Kronenberg, Nadège Troussier, and Bertrand Guillaume. 2019. "Linking Industrial Ecology and Ecological Economics: A Theoretical and Empirical Foundation for the Circular Economy." *J. Ind. Ecol.* 23 (1): 12–21. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jiec.12745>.
- Bruel, Aurélien, Nadège Troussier, Bertrand Guillaume, and Natalia Sirina. 2016. "Considering Ecosystem Services in Life Cycle Assessment to Evaluate Environmental Externalities." *Procedia CIRP* 48: 382–87. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.procir.2016.03.143>.
- Ceschin, Fabrizio, and Idil Gaziulusoy. 2016. "Evolution of design for sustainability: From product design to design for system innovations and transitions." *Des. Stud.* 47 (November): 118–63. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.destud.2016.09.002>.
- Costanza, Robert, Ralph D'Arge, Rudolf de Groot, Stephen Farber, Monica Grasso, Bruce Hannon, Karin Limburg, et al. 1997. "The value of the world's ecosystem services and natural capital." *Nature* 387 (6630): 253–60. <https://doi.org/10.1038/387253a0>.
- Costanza, Robert, Rudolf de Groot, Leon Braat, Ida Kubiszewski, Lorenzo Fioramonti, Paul Sutton, Steve Farber, and Monica Grasso. 2017. "Twenty years of ecosystem services: How far have we come and how far do we still need to go?" Elsevier B.V. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ecoser.2017.09.008>.
- Cruz Sanchez, Fabio A., Hakim Boudaoud, Mauricio Camargo, and Joshua M. Pearce. 2020. "Plastic recycling in additive manufacturing: A systematic literature review and opportunities for the circular economy." *J. Clean. Prod.* 264 (August): 121602. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jclepro.2020.121602>.
- De Groot, Rudolf S., Matthew A. Wilson, and Roelof M. J. Boumans. 2002. "A typology for the classification, description and valuation of ecosystem functions, goods and services." *Ecol. Econ.* 41 (3): 393–408. [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0921-8009\(02\)00089-7](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0921-8009(02)00089-7).

- 451 Diwekar, U., A. Amekudzi-Kennedy, B. Bakshi, R. Baumgartner, R. Boumans, P. Burger,
452 H. Cabezas, et al. 2021. "A perspective on the role of uncertainty in sustainability
453 science and engineering." *Resour. Conserv. Recycl.* 164 (January): 105140.
454 <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.resconrec.2020.105140>.
- 455 Ekins, Paul, Sandrine Simon, Lisa Deutsch, Carl Folke, and Rudolf De Groot. 2003. "A
456 framework for the practical application of the concepts of critical natural capital
457 and strong sustainability." *Ecol. Econ.* 44 (2-3): 165–85. [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0921-8009\(02\)00272-0](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0921-8009(02)00272-0).
- 459 Gopalakrishnan, Varsha, Bhavik R. Bakshi, and Guy Ziv. 2016. "Assessing the capacity
460 of local ecosystems to meet industrial demand for ecosystem services." *AIChE J.*
461 62 (9): 3319–33. <https://aiche.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/aic.15340>
462 <https://aiche.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1002/aic.15340>
463 <https://aiche.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/aic.15340>.
- 464 Gómez-Baggethun, Erik, and David N. Barton. 2013. "Classifying and valuing
465 ecosystem services for urban planning." *Ecol. Econ.* 86 (February): 235–45.
466 <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ecolecon.2012.08.019>.
- 467 Gómez-Baggethun, Erik, Rudolf de Groot, Pedro L. Lomas, and Carlos Montes. 2010.
468 "The history of ecosystem services in economic theory and practice: From early
469 notions to markets and payment schemes." *Ecol. Econ.* 69 (6): 1209–18. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ecolecon.2009.11.007>.
- 471 Harrison, Paula A., Rob Dunford, David N. Barton, Eszter Kelemen, Berta Martín-
472 López, Lisa Norton, Mette Termansen, et al. 2018. "Selecting methods for
473 ecosystem service assessment: A decision tree approach." *Ecosyst. Serv.* 29
474 (February): 481–98. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ecoser.2017.09.016>.
- 475 Honeck, Erica, Louise Gallagher, Bertrand von Arx, Anthony Lehmann, Nicolas
476 Wyler, Olga Villarrubia, Benjamin Guinaudeau, and Martin A. Schlaepfer. 2021.
477 "Integrating ecosystem services into policymaking – A case study on the use of
478 boundary organizations." *Ecosyst. Serv.* 49 (June): 101286. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ecoser.2021.101286>.
- 480 Kumar, Rakesh, Anurag Verma, Arkajyoti Shome, Rama Sinha, Srishti Sinha, Prakash
481 Kumar Jha, Ritesh Kumar, et al. 2021. "Impacts of Plastic Pollution on Ecosystem
482 Services, Sustainable Development Goals, and Need to Focus on Circular Economy
483 and Policy Interventions." *Sustainability* 13 (17): 9963. <https://doi.org/10.3390/su13179963>.

- 485 Laurans, Yann, Aleksandar Rankovic, Raphaël Billé, Romain Pirard, and Laurent
486 Mermet. 2013. "Use of ecosystem services economic valuation for decision
487 making: Questioning a literature blindspot." Academic Press. [https://doi.org/10](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jenvman.2013.01.008)
488 [.1016/j.jenvman.2013.01.008](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jenvman.2013.01.008).
- 489 Liu, Xinyu, and Bhavik R. Bakshi. 2019. "Ecosystem Services in Life Cycle Assessment
490 while Encouraging Techno-Ecological Synergies." *J. Ind. Ecol.* 23 (2): 347–60.
491 <https://doi.org/10.1111/jiec.12755>.
- 492 Lomborg, Bjorn. 2020. "Welfare in the 21st century: Increasing development,
493 reducing inequality, the impact of climate change, and the cost of climate policies."
494 *Technol. Forecast. Soc. Change* 156 (July): 119981. [https://doi.org/10.1016/j.te](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.techfore.2020.119981)
495 [chfore.2020.119981](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.techfore.2020.119981).
- 496 Martinez-Hernandez, Elias. 2017. "Trends in sustainable process design—from
497 molecular to global scales." *Curr. Opin. Chem. Eng.* 17 (August): 35–41.
498 <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.coche.2017.05.005>.
- 499 MEA. 2005. "Ecosystems and Human well-being: Synthesis." www.islandpress.org.
- 500 O'Neill, Daniel W., Andrew L. Fanning, William F. Lamb, and Julia K. Steinberger.
501 2018. "A good life for all within planetary boundaries." *Nat. Sustain.* 1 (2):
502 88–95. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41893-018-0021-4>.
- 503 Pedersen Zari, Maibritt. 2019. "Ecosystem services impacts as part of building
504 materials selection criteria." *Mater. Today Sustain.* 3-4. [https://doi.org/10.1016/](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.mtsust.2019.100010)
505 [j.mtsust.2019.100010](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.mtsust.2019.100010).
- 506 Potschin-Young, M., R. Haines-Young, C. Görg, U. Heink, K. Jax, and C. Schleyer.
507 2018. "Understanding the role of conceptual frameworks: Reading the ecosystem
508 service cascade." *Ecosyst. Serv.* 29 (February): 428–40. [https://doi.org/10.101](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ecoser.2017.05.015)
509 [6/j.ecoser.2017.05.015](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ecoser.2017.05.015).
- 510 Rockström, Johan, Will Steffen, Kevin Noone, Åsa Persson, F. Stuart Chapin, Eric F.
511 Lambin, Timothy M. Lenton, et al. 2009. "A safe operating space for humanity."
512 <https://doi.org/10.1038/461472a>.
- 513 Santander, Pavlo, Fabio A Cruz Sanchez, Hakim Boudaoud, and Mauricio Camargo.
514 2020. "Closed loop supply chain network for local and distributed plastic recycling
515 for 3D printing: a MILP-based optimization approach." *Resour. Conserv. Recycl.*
516 154 (March): 104531. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.resconrec.2019.104531>.

- 517 TEEB. 2010. *The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity Ecological and Economic*
518 *Foundations*. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781849775489>.
- 519 Torres, Angélica Valencia, Chetan Tiwari, and Samuel F. Atkinson. 2021. “Progress
520 in ecosystem services research: A guide for scholars and practitioners.” *Ecosyst.*
521 *Serv.* 49 (June): 101267. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ecoser.2021.101267>.
- 522 Wallner, H. P., M. Narodoslawsky, and F. Moser. 1996. “Islands of sustainability: A
523 bottom-up approach towards sustainable development.” *Environ. Plan. A* 28
524 (10): 1763–78. <https://doi.org/10.1068/a281763>.