

Integrating industrial ecology methods and IAMs

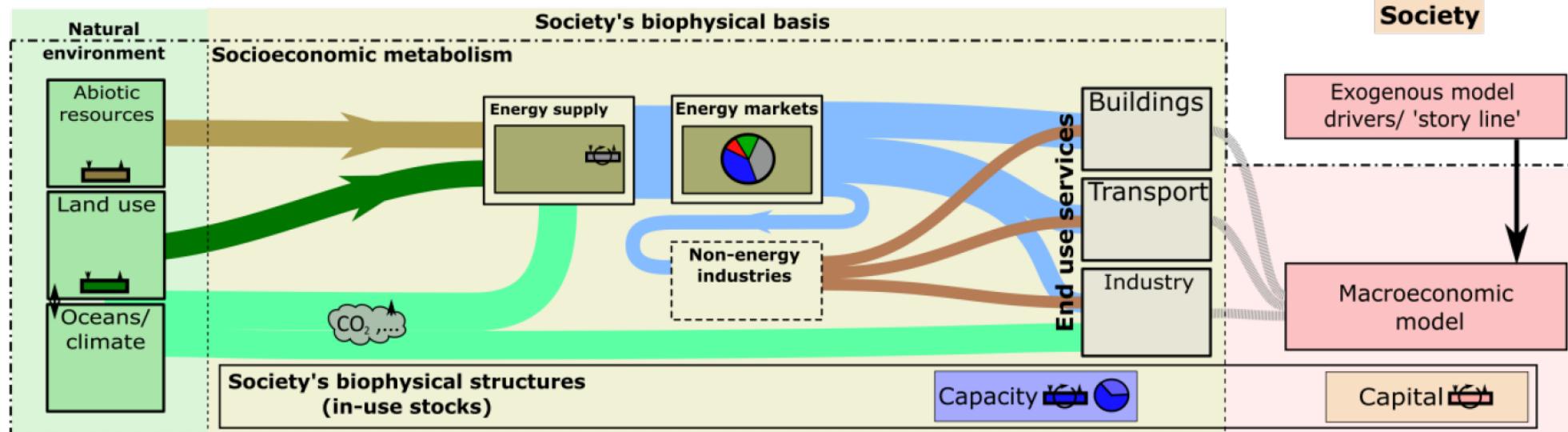
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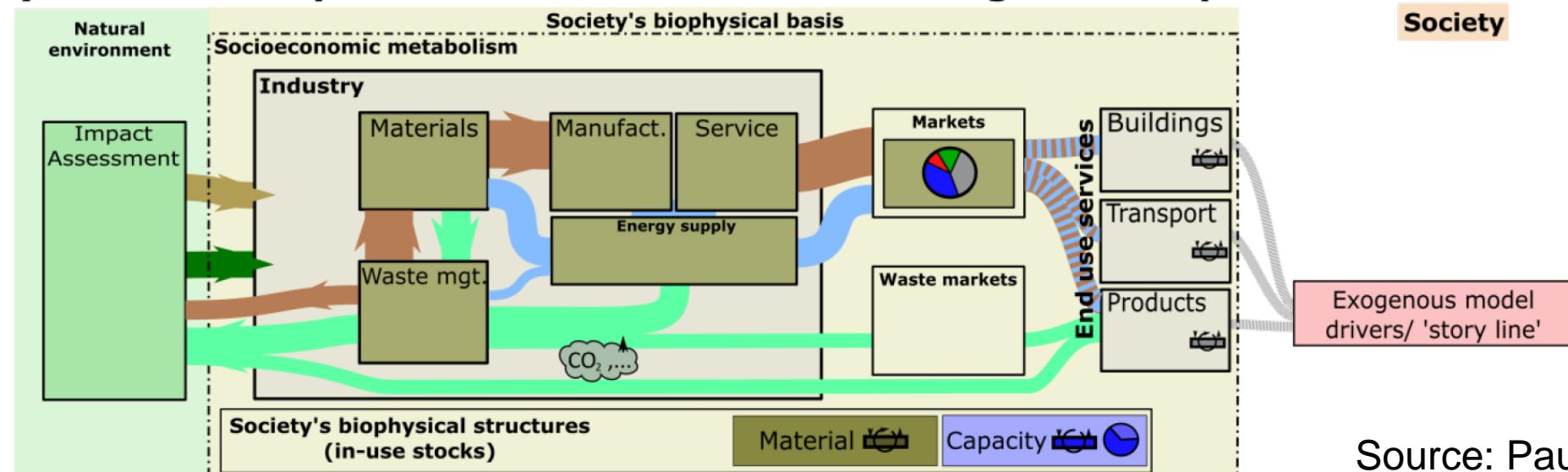
NTNU course: Integrated Assessment Modelling (EP8900)

IAM vs. IE perspectives on social metabolism

a) IAM standard practice: global multiregional scope



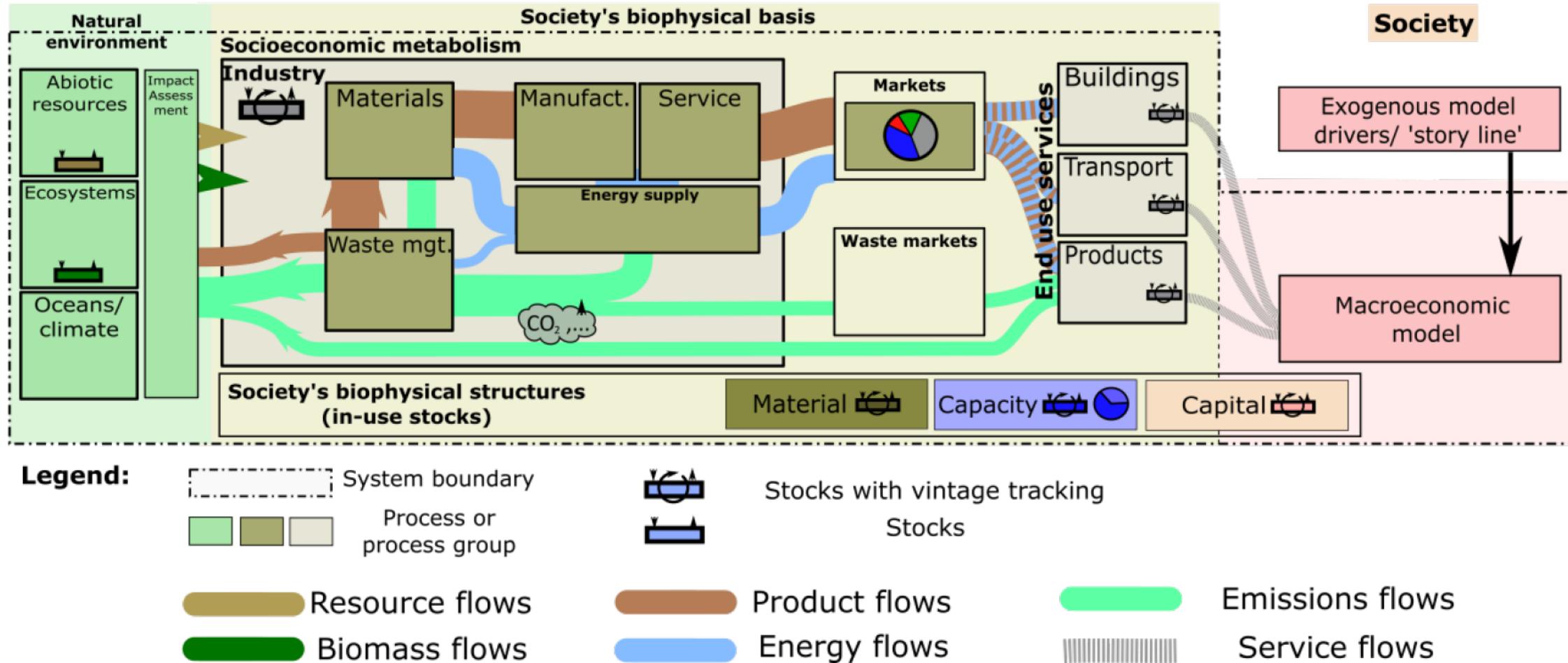
b) IE standard practice: limited sectoral and regional scope



Source: Pauliuk et al. (2017)

Integrated IAM-IE vision on social metabolism

c) Vision for integration of both perspectives : global multiregional scope



Combining IAMs with LCA and MFA

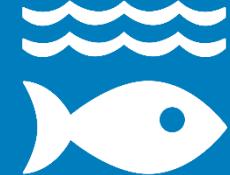
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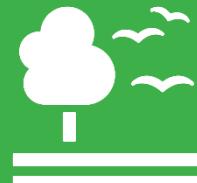
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Two common approaches

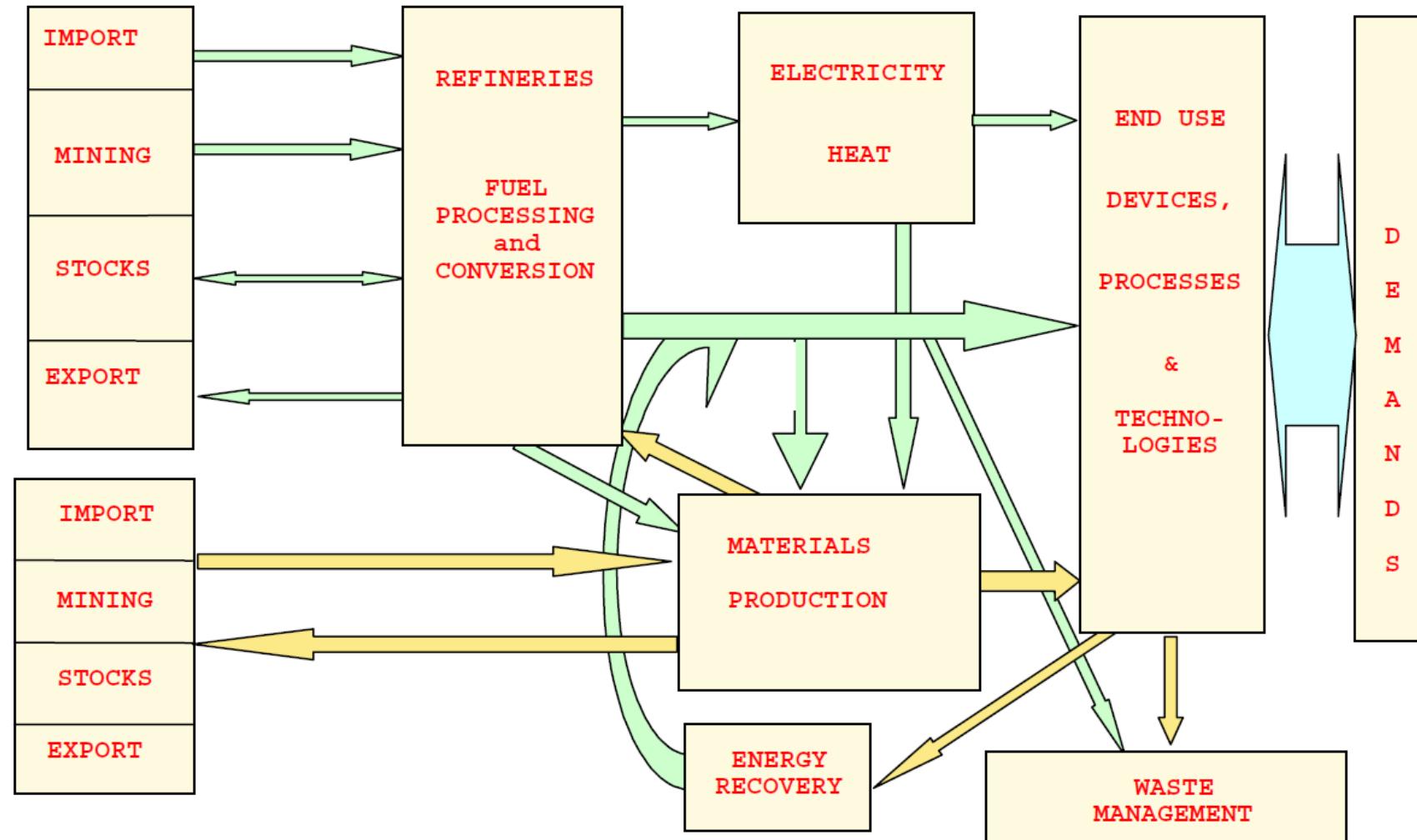
Endogenous representation

- e.g. integrating material supply chains directly into IAMs

Ex-post assessment

- e.g., applying prospective LCA to IAM scenarios

An early example: MARKAL-MATTER



MARKAL-MATTER

Coverage of materials in Western European MARKAL-MATTER model

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MATTER 1.0 A MARKAL Energy and Materials System Model Characterisation

D.J. Gielen
T. Gerlagh
A.J.M. Bos

Source: Gielen et al. 1998

Table 2.2 Materials in the Western European MARKAL model

Code	Material	Code	Material
MCA	CONCRETE BUILDING BLOCKS [T]	MPA	CELLOPHANE [T]
MCB	BRICKS [T]	MPB	PHB/PHV (BIOPOL) [T]
MCC	CEMENT [T]	MPC	BUTADIENE RUBBER (BR) [T]
MCD	READY MIX CONCRETE [T CONCR. EQUIV.]	MPE	POLYETHYLENE [T]
MCE	PREFAB CONCRETE [T CONCR. EQUIV.]	MPF	ACRYLONITRILE BUTADIENE STYRENE [T]
MCH	HIGH STRENGTH CEMENT [T CONV. CEM. EQUI]	MPG	STYRENE BUTADIENE RUBBER [T]
MCK	PORTLAND CEMENT CLINKER [T]	MPM	NYLON 6.6 [T]
MCL	SAND-LIME BRICKS [T]	MPN	NYLON 6 [T]
MCM	MARBLE AND GRANITE STONES [T]	MPP	POLYPROPYLENE [T]
MCQ	QUICKLIME (CaO) [T]	MPR	UF RESINS [T]
MCS	FLOOR TILES + STONEWARE [T]	MPS	POLYSTYRENE [T]
MCT	GLASS [T]	MPT	POLYETHYLENE TEREPHTHALATE [T]
MCY	GYPSUM [T]	MPU	PVC [T EXCL. ADDITIVES]
MCZ	KAOLIN [T]	MPV	PVC [T INCL. ADDITIVES]
MIA	NITRIC ACID [T]	MPW	PUR [T]
MIC	CHLORINE [T]	MSA	ASPHALT [T]
MIF	AMMONIA [T NH3 EQUIV.]	MSB	BENZENE [T]
MIK	POTASH [T K2O EQUIV.]	MSC	CAPROLACTAM [T]
MIN	NAOH [T]	MSD	DETERGENTS [T]
MIP	PHOSPHORIC ACID [T P2O5 EQUIV.]	MSE	ETHYLENE [T]
MIS	SODA [T]	MSF	PROPYLENE [T]
MIZ	SODIUM CHLORIDE [T]	MSG	C4-FRACTION [T]
MMA	ALUMINIUM [T]	MSH	BUTADIENE [T]
MMB	COPPER CATHODE [T]	MSI	BUTYLENE [T]
MMC	CAST IRON [T]	MSJ	BTX [T]
MMD	DRI QUALITY STEEL [T]	MSK	TOLUENE [T]
MMF	DIRECT REDUCED IRON [T]	MSL	LUBRICANTS [T]
MMH	HIGH QUALITY CRUDE STEEL [T]	MSM	CYCLOHEXANE [T]
MMI	IRON [T]	MSN	CUMENE [T]
MLL	LOW QUALITY CRUDE STEEL [T]	MSO	DIETHYLENE GLYCOL [T]
MMM	MEDIUM QUALITY CRUDE STEEL [T]	MSP	PAINT [T PAINT EQUIVALENTS]
MMN	REINFORCEMENT STEEL [T]	MSQ	XYLENES (MIXED) [T]
MMO	HOT ROLLED SECTION STEEL [T]	MSR	NATURAL ELASTOMERES (RUBBER) [T]
MMP	HOT ROLLED COIL STEEL [T]	MST	ETHYLENE OXIDE [T]
MMQ	COLD ROLLED COIL STEEL [T]	MSU	ETHYLENE GLYCOL [T]
MMR	COLD ROLLED COIL AT&F STEEL [T]	MSV	ACRYLONITRILE [T]
MMS	COLD ROLLED COIL F&P STEEL [T]	MSW	P-XYLENE [T]
MMT	HEAVY PLATE STEEL [T]	MSY	O-XYLENE [T]
MMU	WIRE ROD STEEL [T]	MSZ	XYLENE RESIDUE [T]
MMV	ALLOY STEEL [T]	MTA	TEREPHTHALIC ACID [T]
MMW	GALVANIZED/TINPLATE STEEL [T]	MTB	BUTANOL [T]
MMX	COPPER CONCENTRATE [T]	MTC	ACETONE [T]
MMY	SEMI-FINISHED COPPER [T]	MTD	PHENOL [T]
MNA	COMPOST (15% H2O) [T]	MTE	PHthalic ANHYDRIDE [T]
MNB	ROUNDWOOD (15% H2O) [T]	MTF	STYRENE [T]
MNC	CHIPBOARD [T]	MTG	VINYL CHLORIDE MONOMER (VCM) [T]
MNF	FIBER BOARD [T]	MTH	FORMALDEHYDE [T]
MNG	GRAVEL AND SAND [T]	MTI	UREA [T]
MNK	PALM KERNEL OIL [T]	MTJ	ANILINE [T]
MNL	MARIGOLD FLOWER OIL [T]	MTK	ACETIC ACID [T]
MNM	HIGH QUALITY WASTE PAPER PULP [T]	MTL	HEXYMETHYLENEDIAMINE [T]
MNN	LOW QUALITY WASTE PAPER PULP [T]	MTM	NITRO-BENZENE [T]
MNO	MECHANICAL PULP [T]	MTN	METHYL ETHYL KETON (MEK) [T]
MNP	PACKAGING PAPER AND SANITARY PAPER [T]	MTO	ADIPIC ACID [T]
MNQ	GRAPHIC PAPER [T]	MTP	I-PROPANOL [T]
MNR	NEWSPRINT [T]	MTQ	TOLUENE DIISOCYANATE [T]
MNS	WOOL [T]	MTR	2-ETHYLHEXANOL [T]
MNT	SAWN TROPICAL HARDWOOD (15 % H2O) [T]	MTS	CARBON BLACK [T]
MNU	CHEMICAL PULP [T]	MTU	SURFACTANT (AES) [T]
MNV	VISCOSE/RAYON [T]	MTV	ACETIC ANHYDRIDE [T]
MNW	OTHER SAWN WOOD/PLYWOOD (15 % H2O) [T]	ORE	IRON ORE [T]
		OXY	OXYGEN [T]
		PEL	PELLETS [T IRON EQUIV.]
		SIN	SINTER [T IRON EQUIV.]

Endogenous representation: The example of MESSAGEix-Materials

Based on material by Florian Maczek, Gamze Unlu

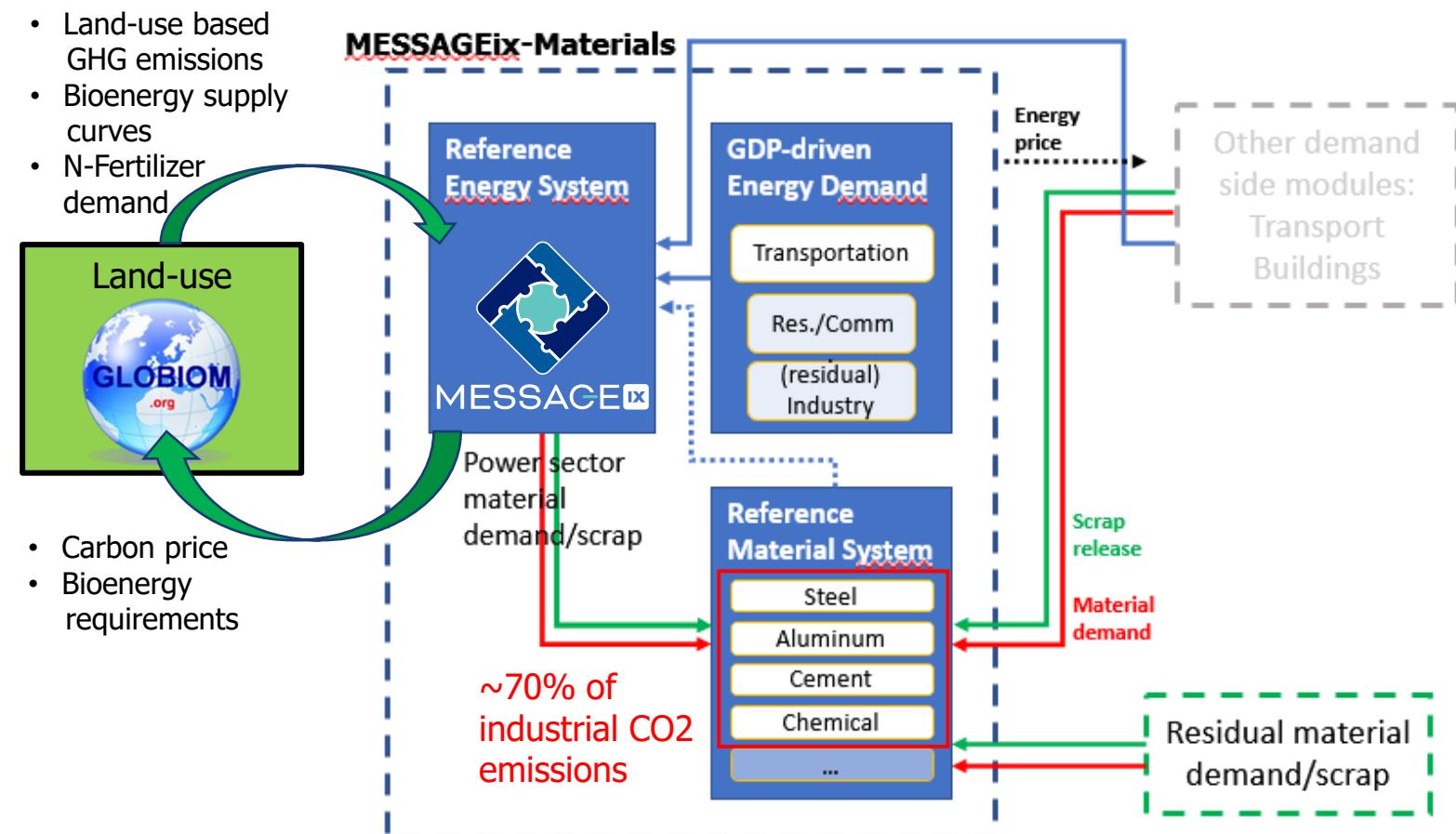
The MESSAGEix-Materials model

A **fully integrated extension** of MESSAGEix-GLOBIOM that adds:

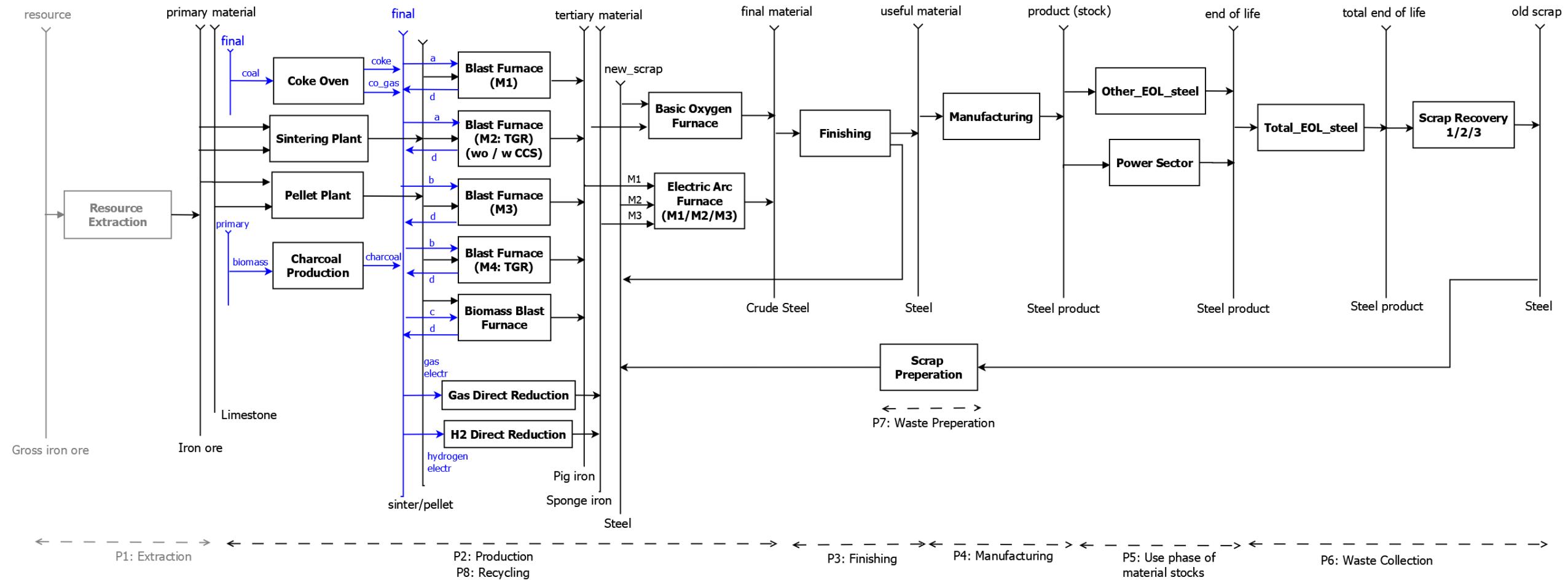
- Explicit process-based supply chain models
- A generalized framework for biophysical material flows in the anthroposphere
- Explicit material demands (exogenous and/or endogenous)

This allows:

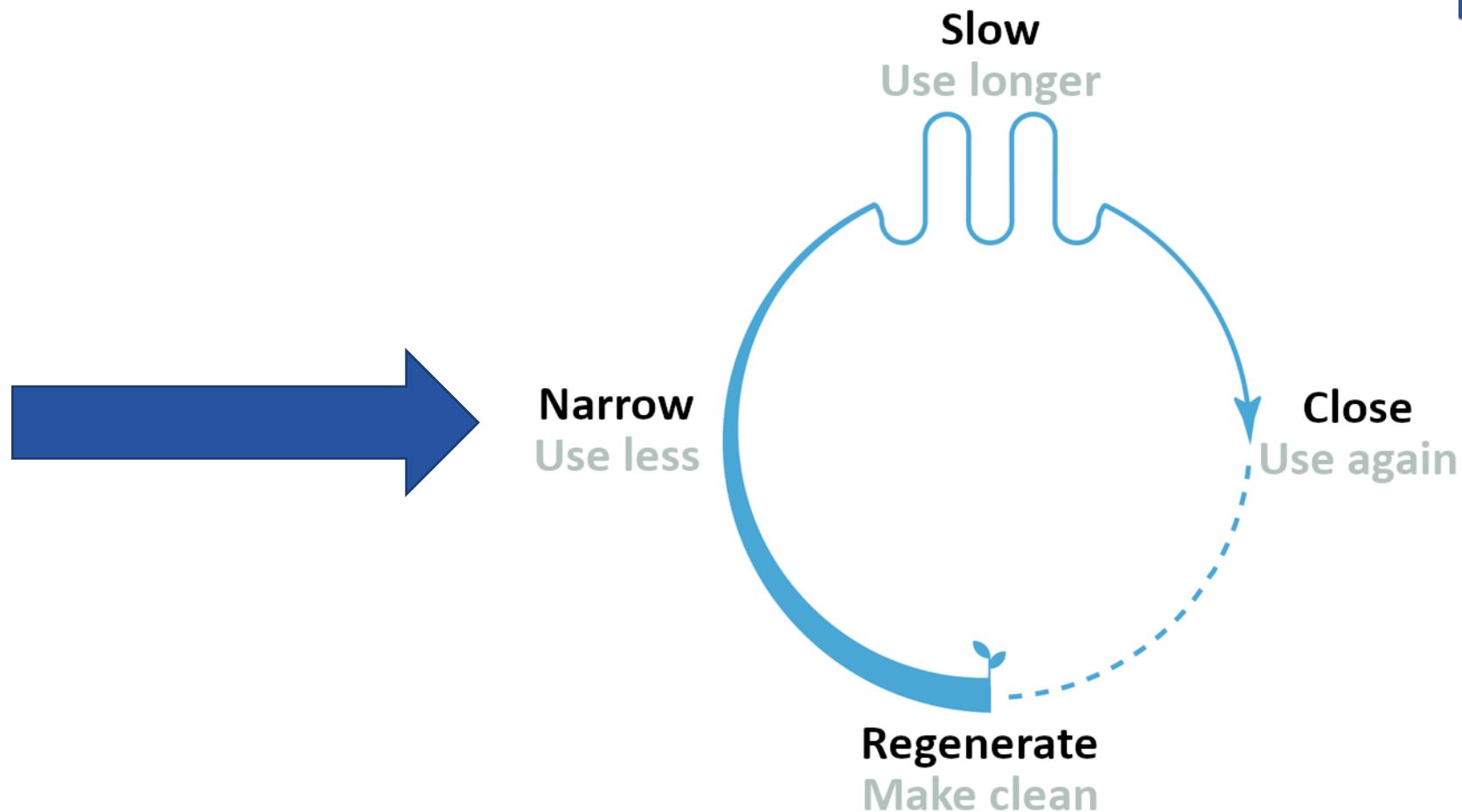
- Assessment of new low-emission technologies in industry supply chains
- Stock and flow accounting of materials
- Assessment of demand transformations like **circular economy**



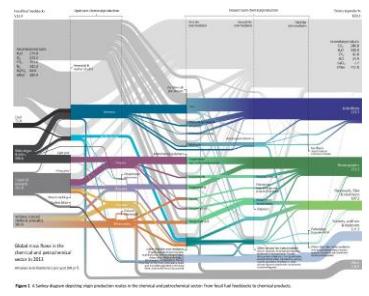
Material flows in MESSAGEix-Materials



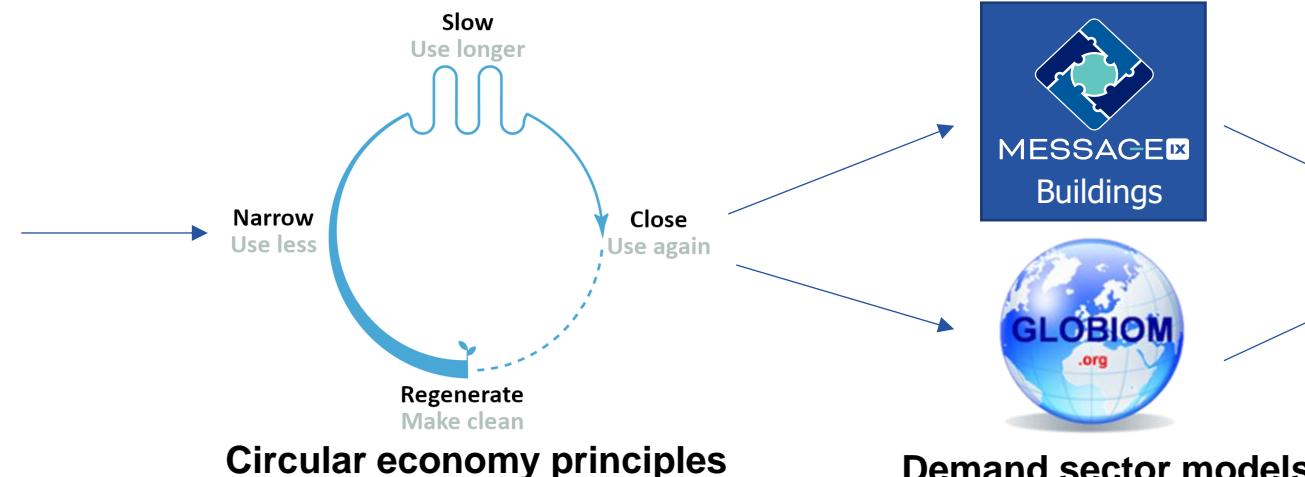
Principles of a circular economy



Mapping circular economy to industry

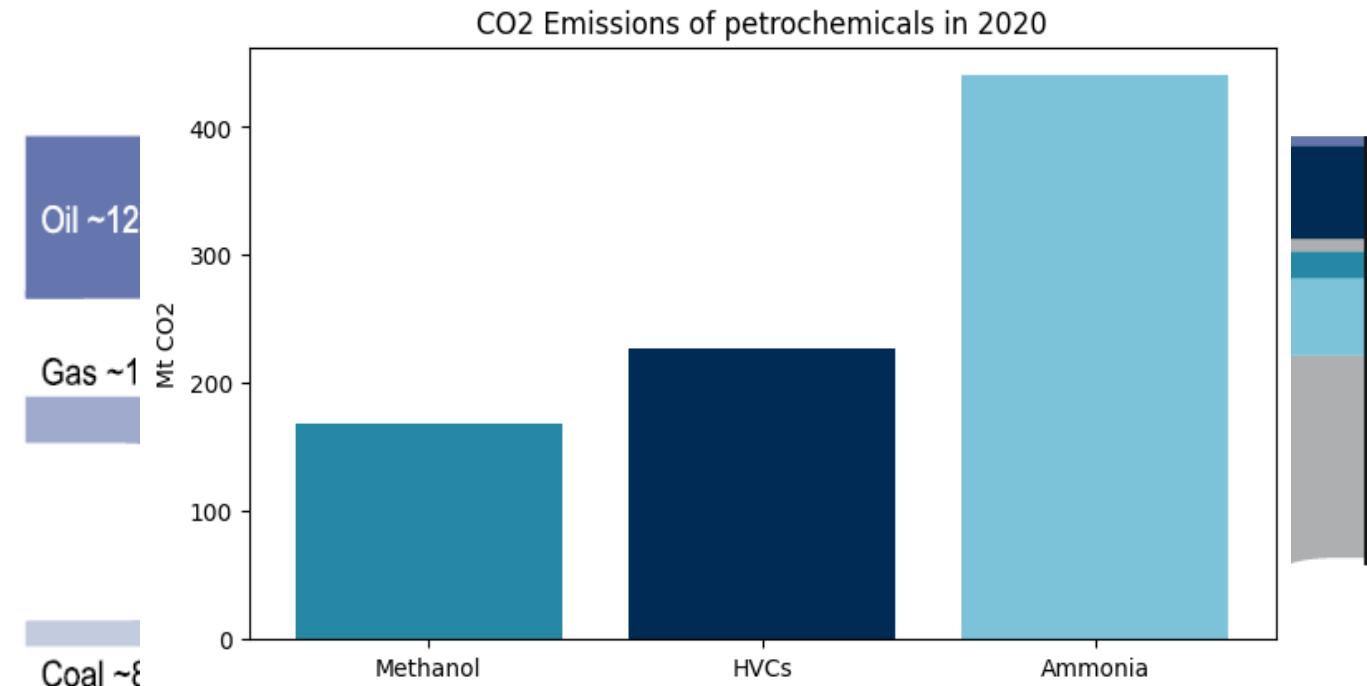


MFAs, LCAs, international industry data providers



The petrochemical sector

- 3 main primary chemical groups:
 - **High Value Chemicals (Ethylene, Propylene, Aromatics)**
 - **Ammonia**
 - **Methanol**
- building blocks for almost every organic chemical
- responsible for ~60% of overall sector emissions

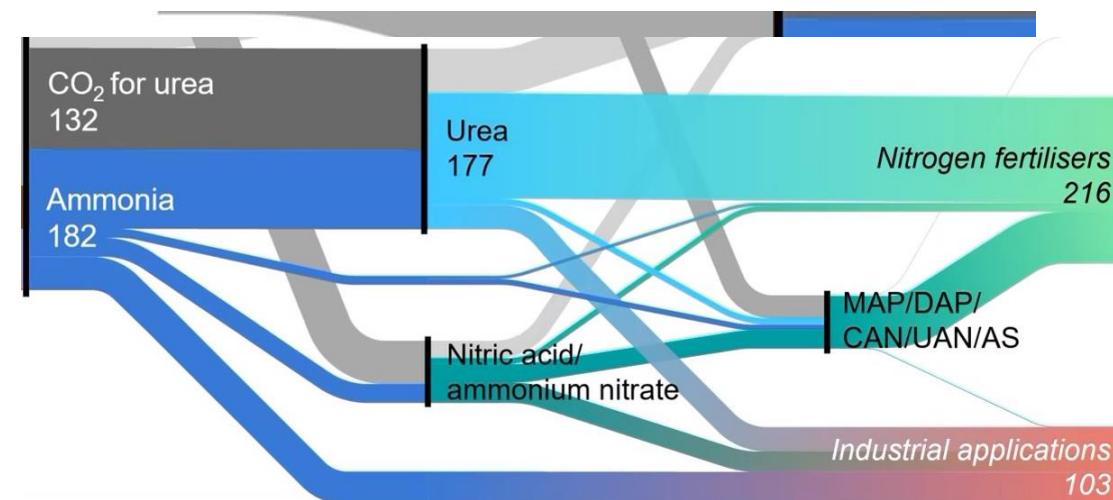


Scenario Design: Circular Economy and Climate policy

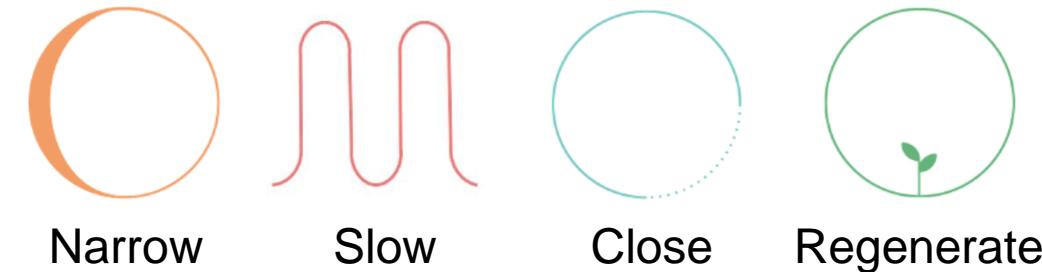
Circularity Measures		Climate Policy
Baseline	Circular Economy	
No Policy	No Policy + CE	No Policy 2 Degrees
2°C	2°C + CE	

Circular economy in the ammonia industry

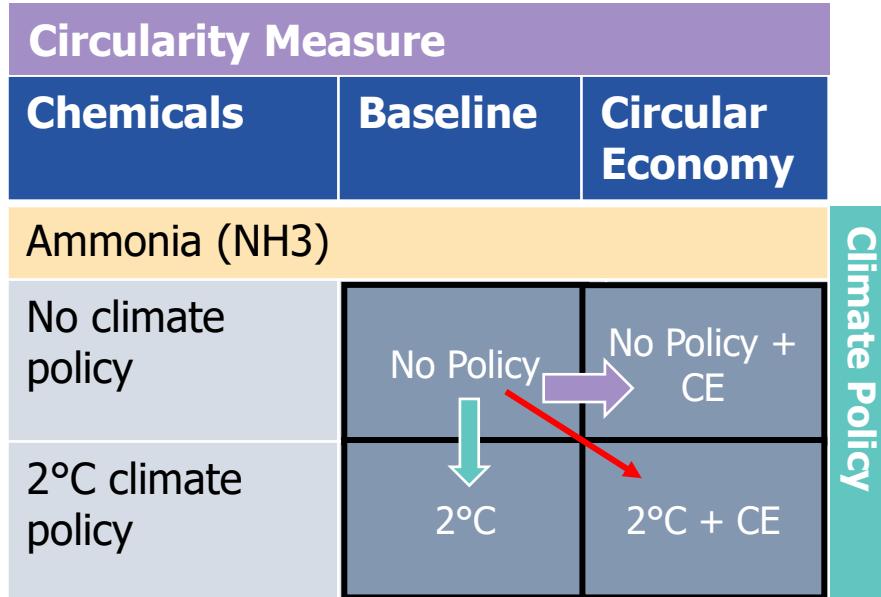
- 70-80% of ammonia is used to produce nitrogen fertilizers
- Ammonia is still produced from fossil fuels
- Fertilizer use can be used more efficiently
- Fertilizers are a „single-use“ product
- Fertilizers cannot be recycled
- Production from biomass or green hydrogen possible



IEA (2021), Ammonia Technology Roadmap, IEA, Paris
<https://www.iea.org/reports/ammonia-technology-roadmap>, License: CC BY 4.0

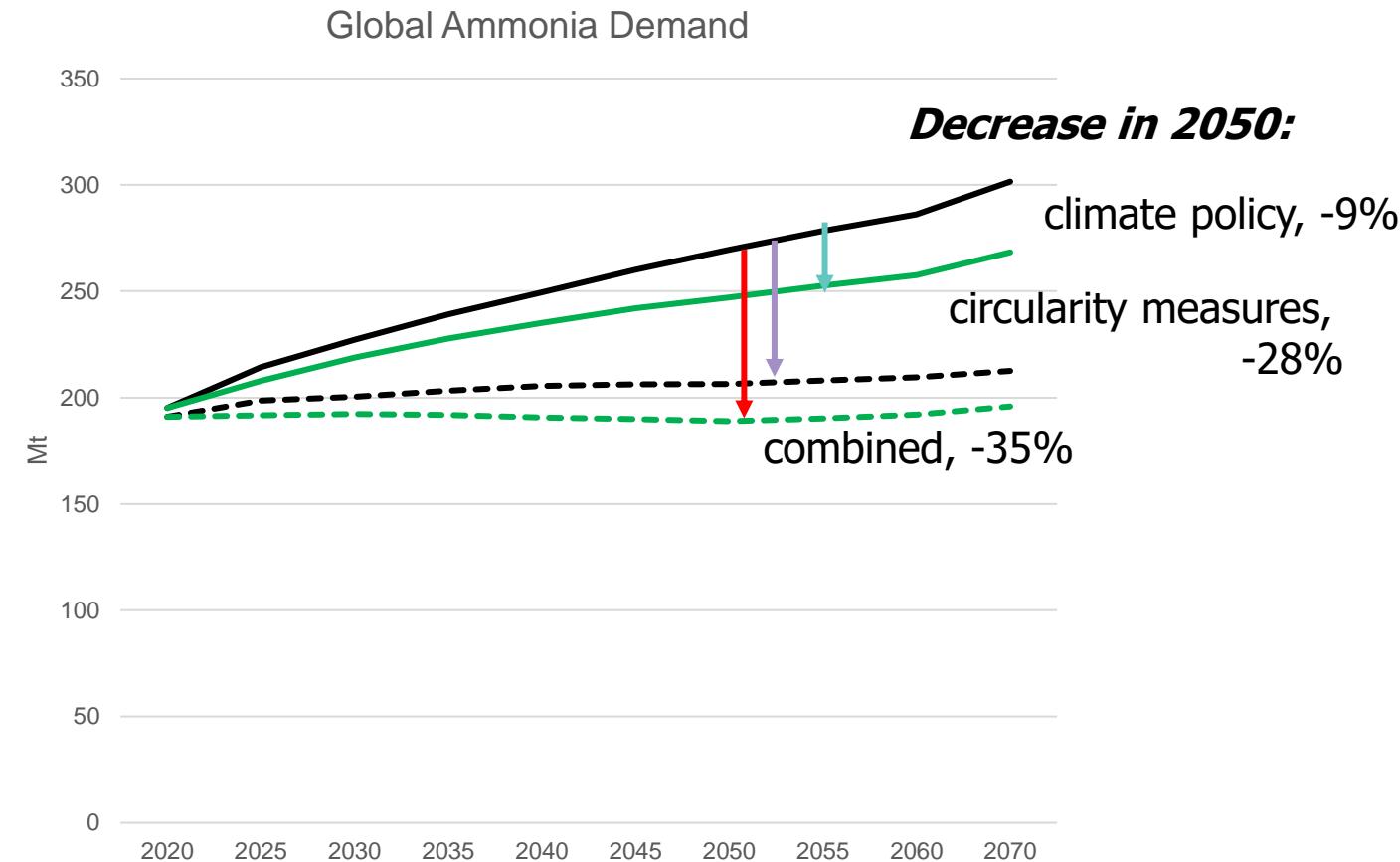


Modelling CE and climate change policy in the ammonia industry



Narrow:

SDG12: reducing livestock calorie intake in overconsuming countries to 430 kcal/capita/day and halving food waste



Ammonia production from MESSAGEix-Materials under different scenarios

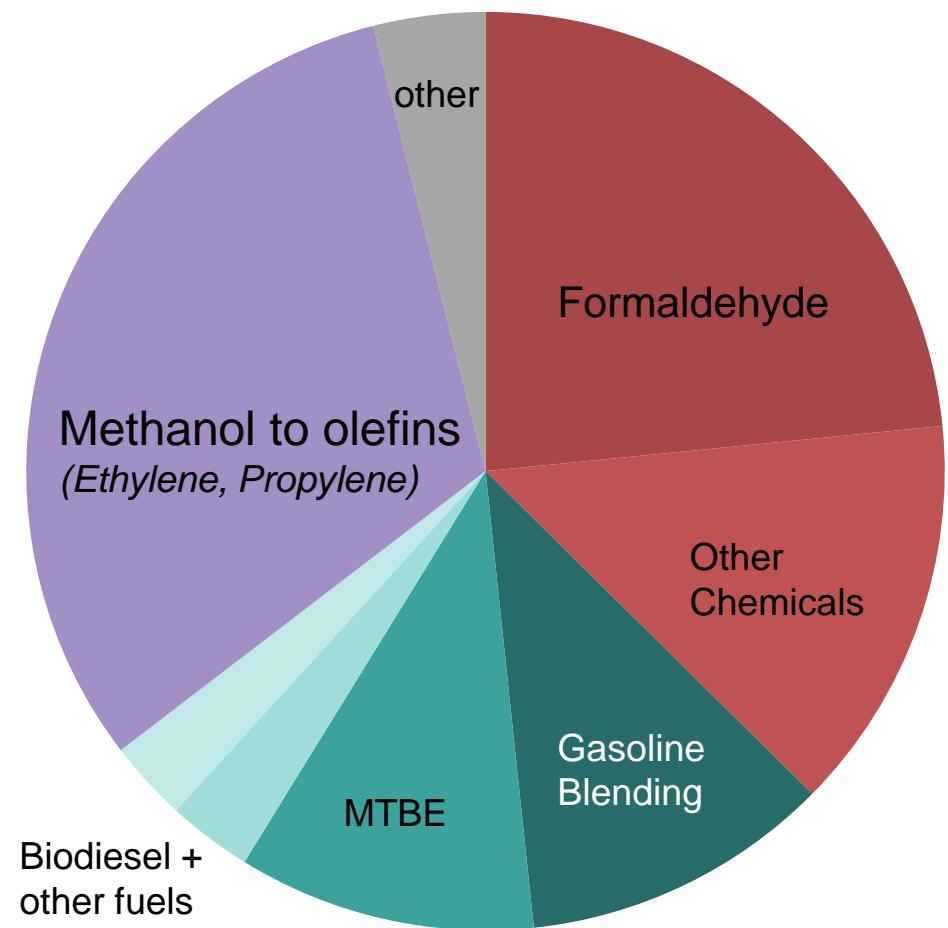
Circular economy and the methanol industry

Narrow and Regenerate:

1. Methanol to olefins

2. Formaldehyde

Global methanol demand

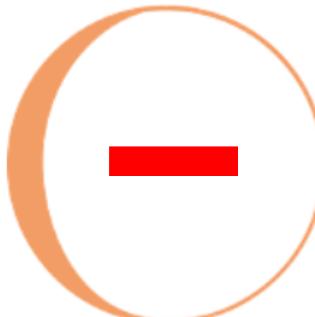


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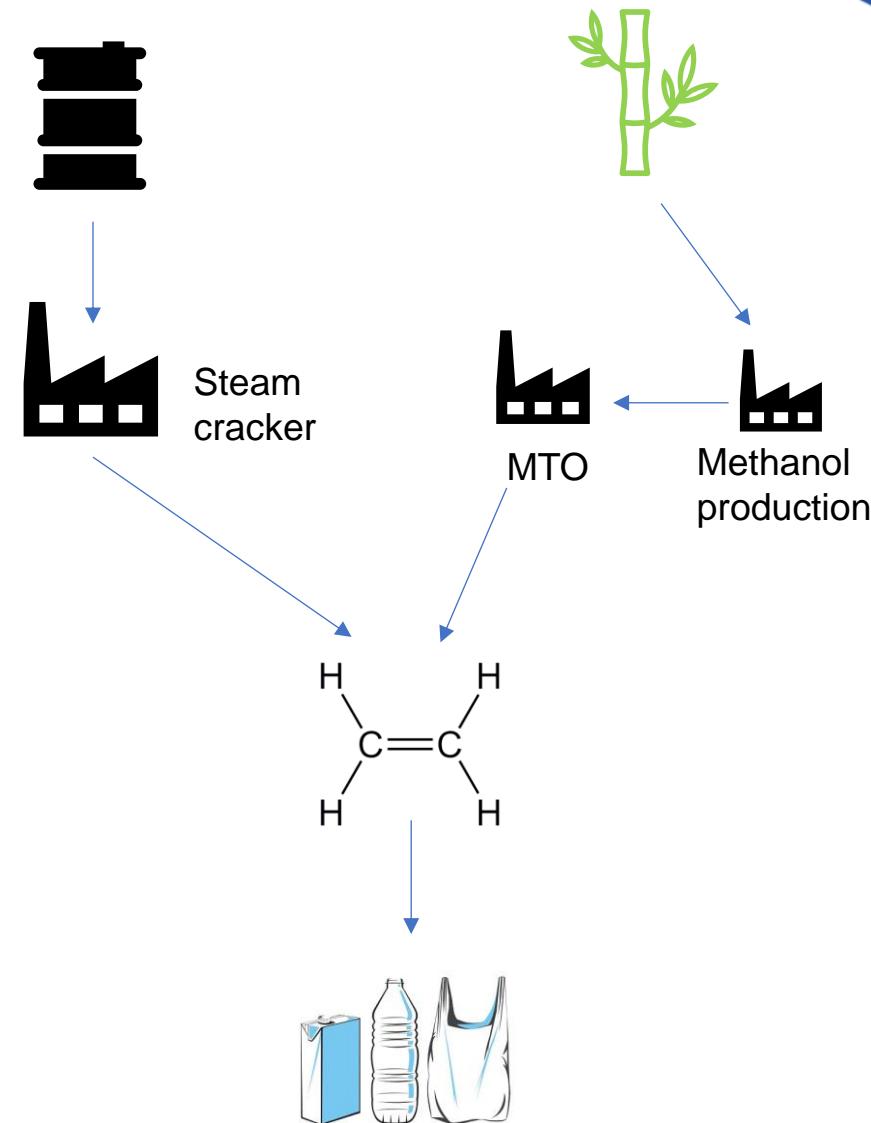
- Most mature alternative to conventional olefin production that can utilize biogenic feedstocks
Already deployed at industrial scale in China (using coal)
- Less efficient than conventional petrochemistry



Narrow



Regenerate



Circular economy in the methanol industry

Narrow and Regenerate:

2. Formaldehyde

- Mainly used to produce formaldehyde resins
- resins mainly used in engineered wood products (EWPs)
- EWPs historically „upcycling“ of saw mill residues
- modern EWPs made of bigger solid wood pieces
- EWPs can replace concrete in buildings construction



Cross-laminated timber (Source: dataholz.eu)



HoHo Vienna (Source: dataholz.eu)

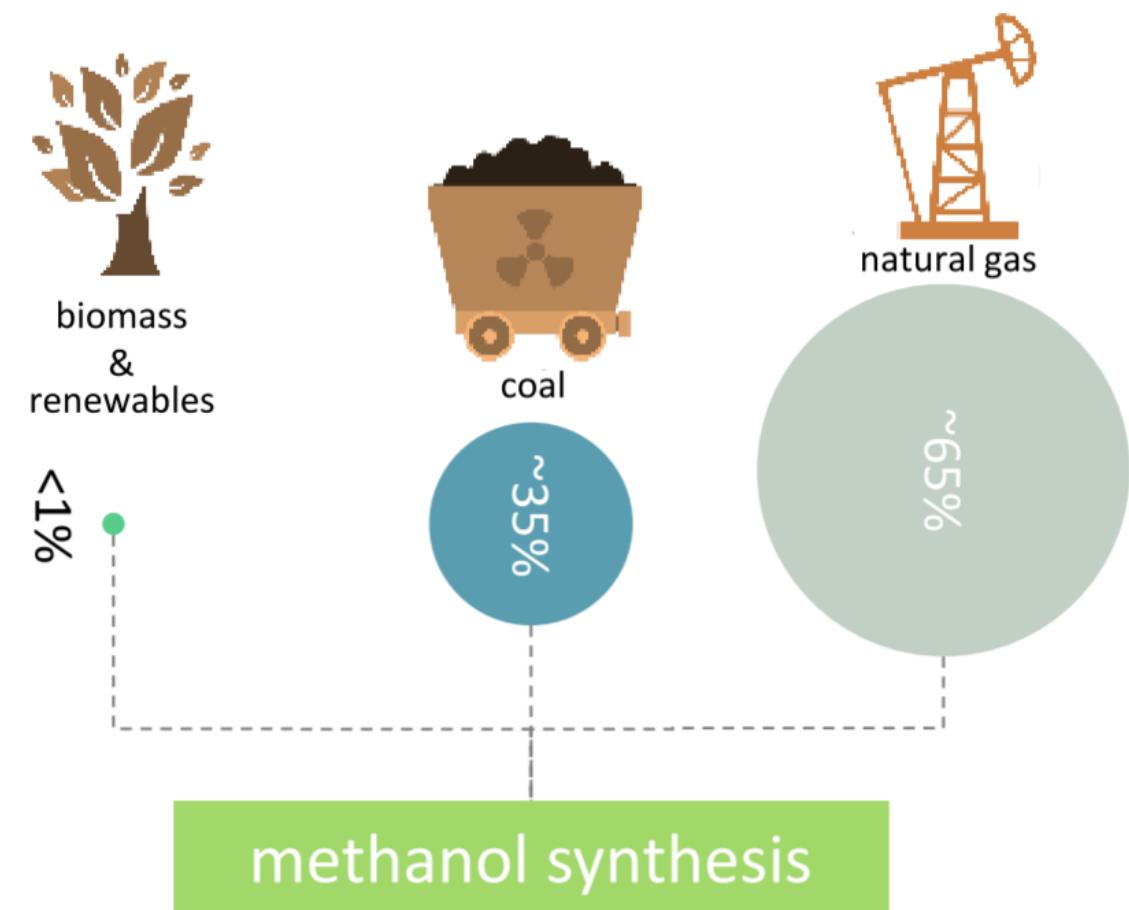
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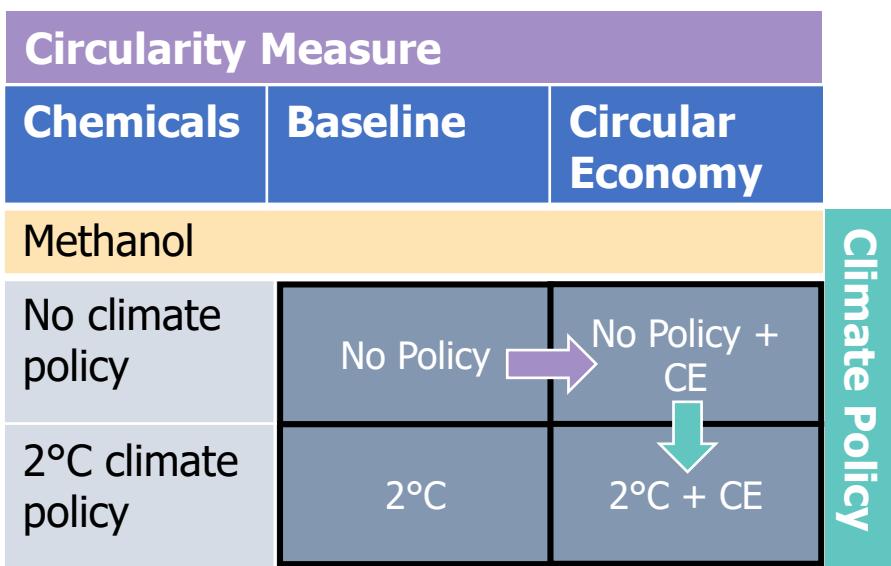
1. Methanol to olefins

2. Formaldehyde

3. Methanol is currently produced from fossil fuels

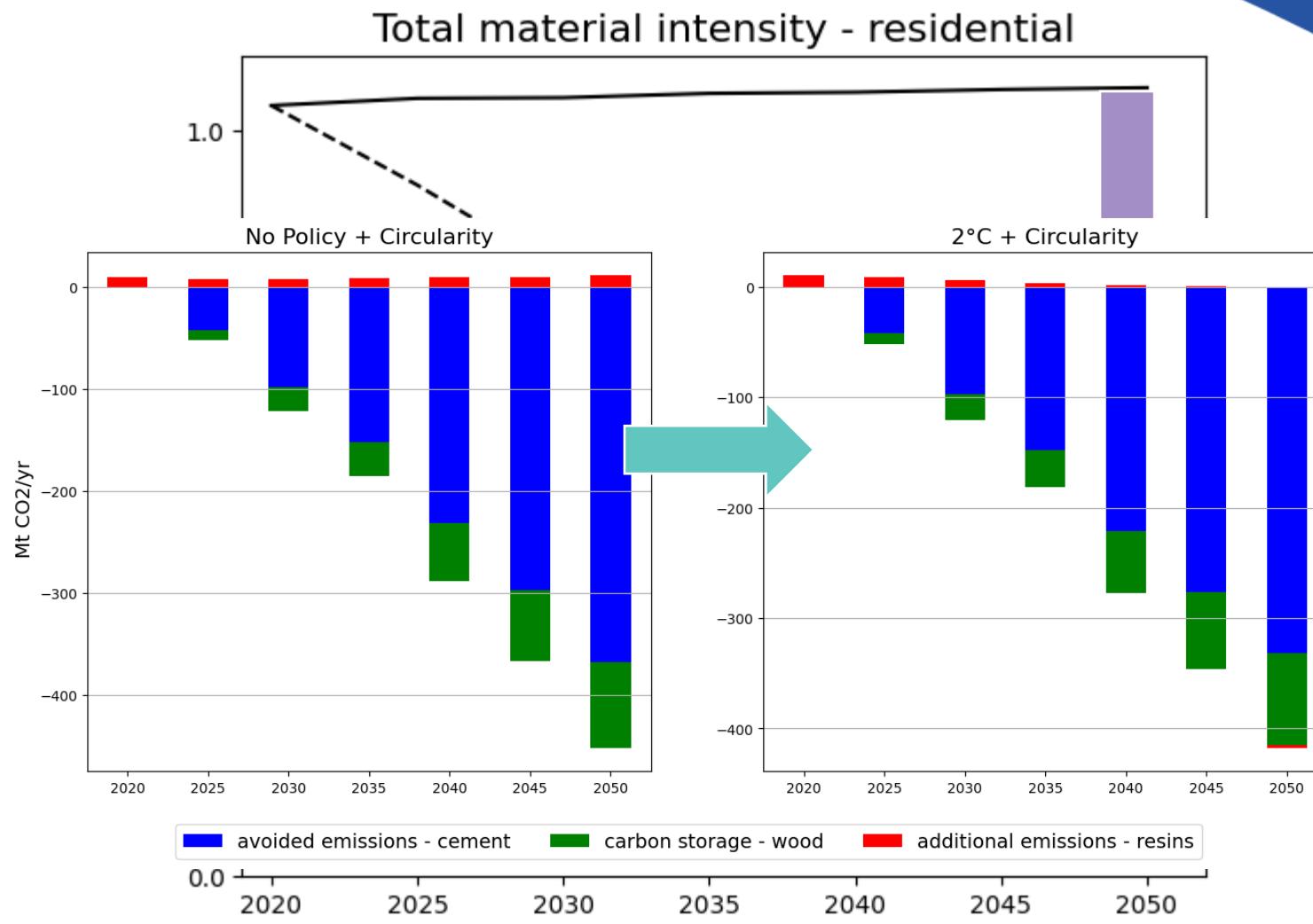


Methanol

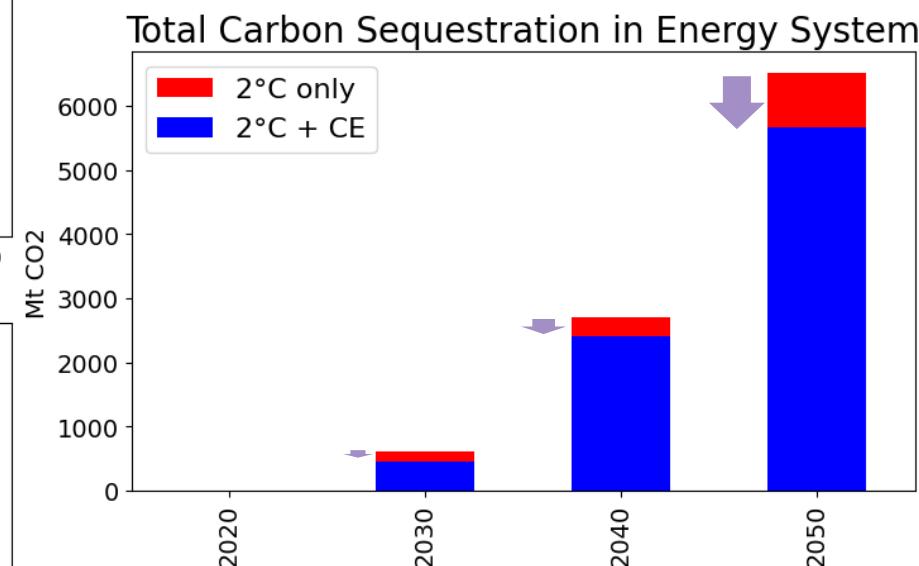
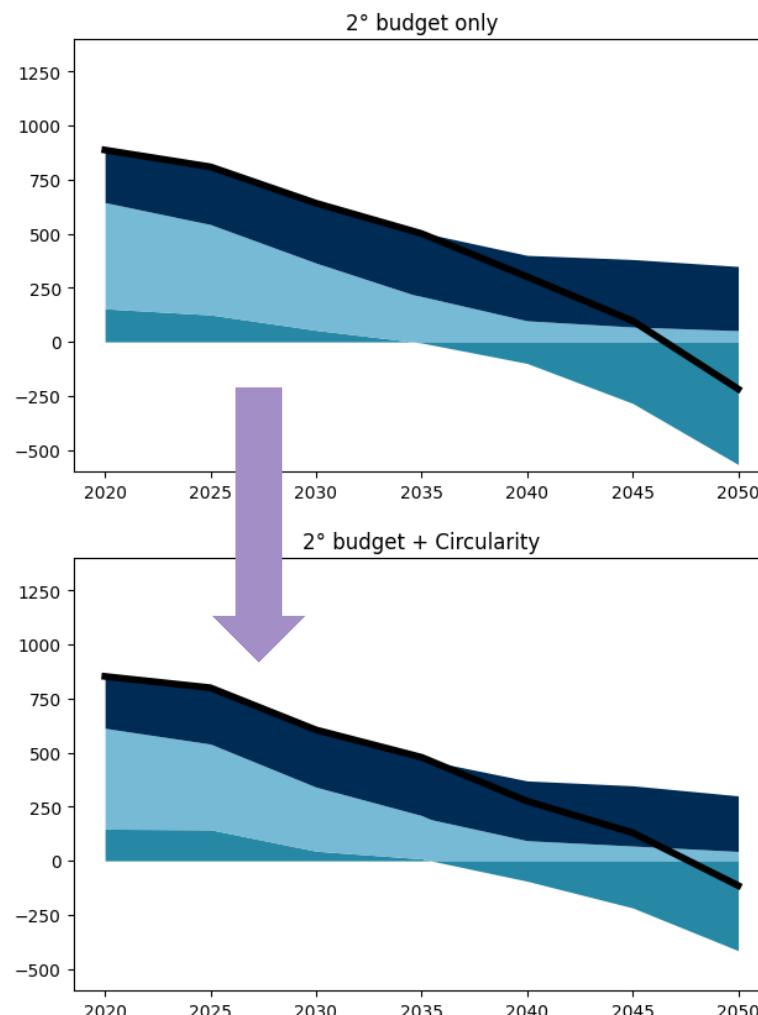
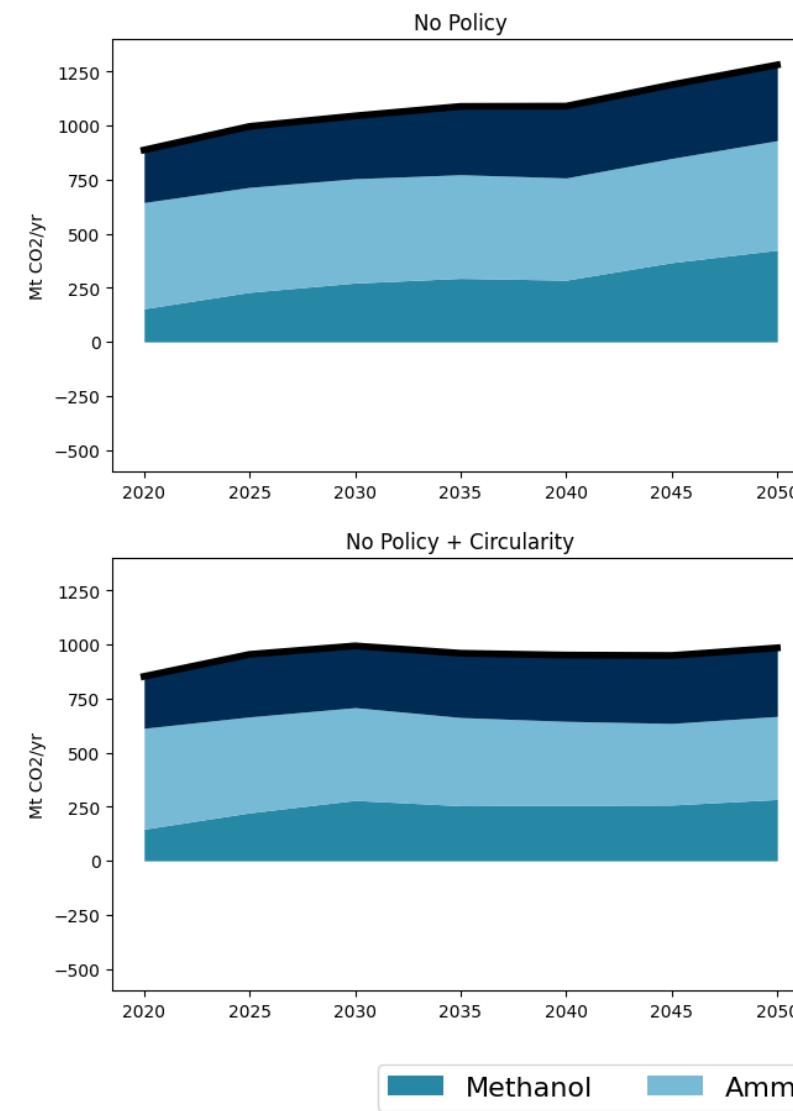


Narrow & Regenerate:

Substitute conventional concrete-steel construction with modern timber construction using EWPs



Global CO₂ Emissions of petrochemical industry by chemical



**-15% CCS system-wide in 2050 if
CE policies are applied to
petrochemical sector**

Conclusion

- The petrochemical industry will remain to be an energy-intensive sector:
 - Conventional processes are close to thermodynamic optima
 - Renewable production is more energy intensive
- Thus, circular economy is highly relevant by increasing the feasibility of net-zero targets
- Integrated assessment models allow to assess cross-sectoral effects of circular economy strategies

Circular strategies for a low-carbon building sector

Based on material by Alessio Mastrucci, Xiaoyang Zhong, Florian Maczek, Fei Guo, Bas van Ruijven

CIRCULARITY SCENARIOS FOR THE EU RESIDENTIAL SECTOR

Motivation

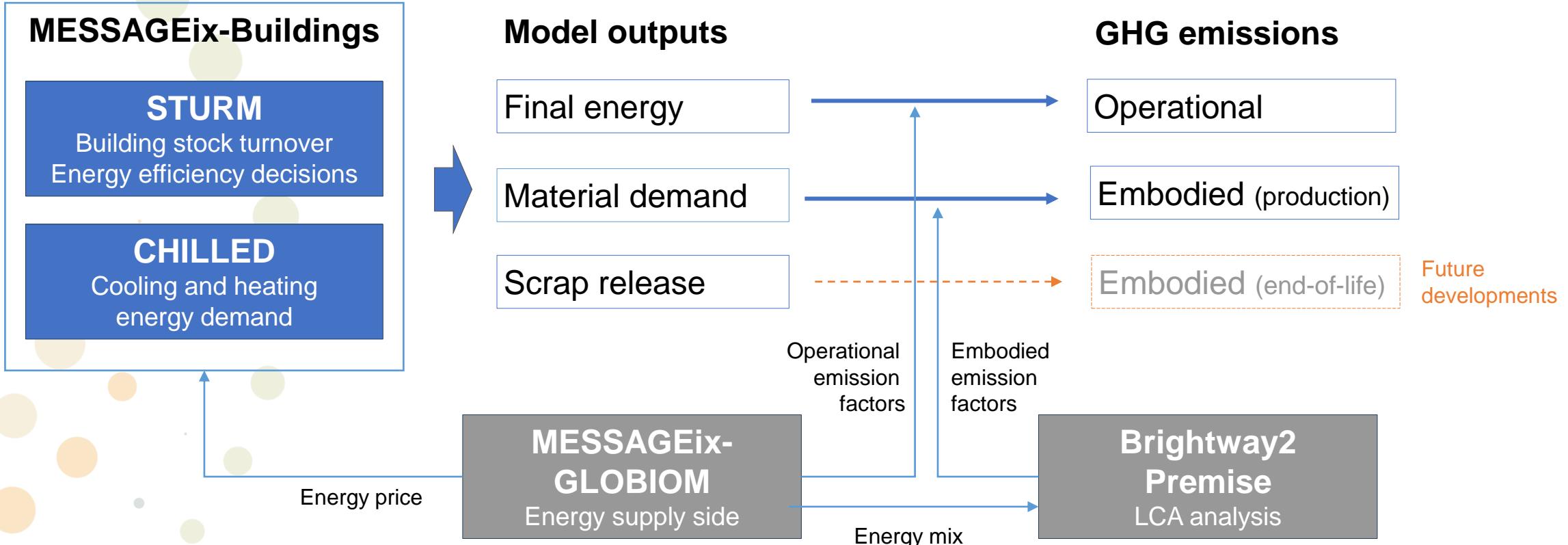
- The built environment and construction sector are responsible for about 50% of all extracted material in the EU.
- **Circularity strategies** have great potential to reduce material demands and GHG emissions of buildings along their life-cycle.

Goals

- Explore the **effects of circularity interventions in future climate change mitigation scenarios** for the EU residential building stock.
- Develop illustrative circularity scenarios using a detailed **building sector model** (MESSAGEix-Buildings) linked to integrated assessment modelling (IAM).



MODELLING FRAMEWORK



Ref: Mastrucci et al. (2024) Circular strategies for building sector decarbonization in China: A scenario analysis. *Journal of Industrial Ecology*

MESSAGEix-BUILDINGS: CHILLED – STURM MODELS

Energy demand model (CHILLED)

- Variable Degree Days
calculated over a spatial grid



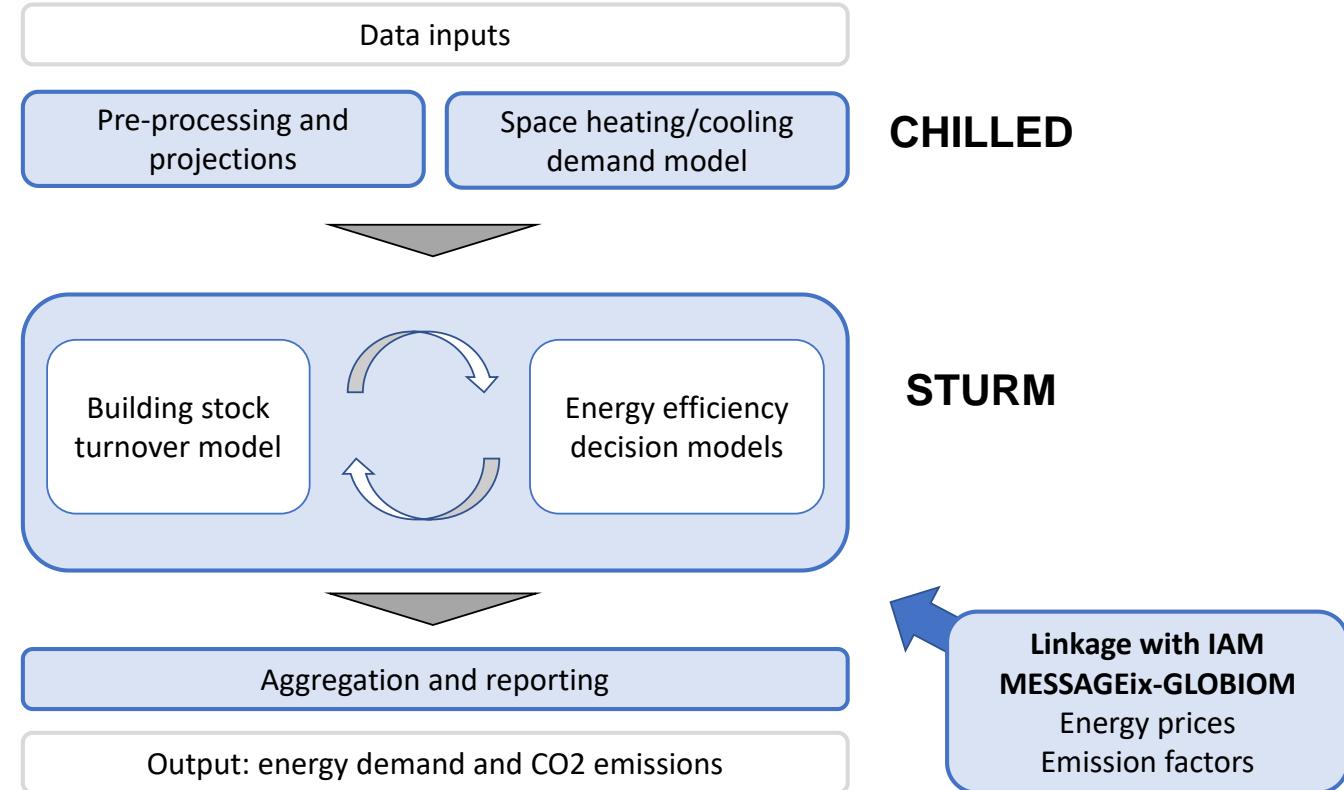
Stock turnover model (STURM)

- Material Flow Analysis

New constructions and demolitions

- Discrete choice models

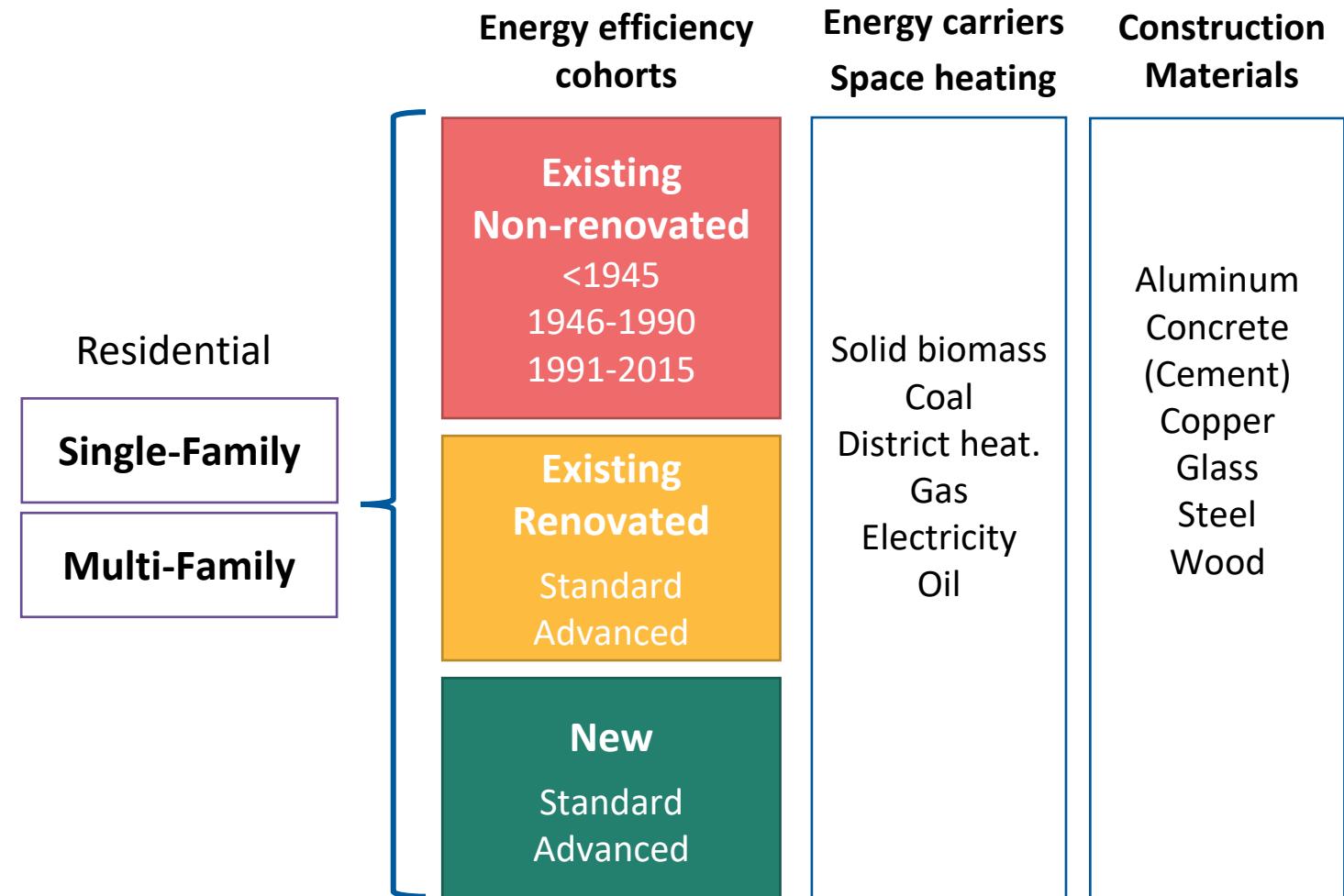
Household decisions on renovation and new construction based on life-cycle costs (investment, operation, intangible)



Ref: Mastrucci et al. (2021) Global scenarios of residential heating and cooling energy demand and CO₂ emissions. *Climatic Change*.

RESIDENTIAL IMPLEMENTATION FOR THE EU

- **Temporal resolution:** 5-10 years
base year 2020
- **Spatial resolution:** country
- **End-uses:** Heating, Hot water, Cooling
- **Dimensions:** Climatic zones,
Location (urban, rural), Housing types,
Household types, Energy carriers,
Construction materials
- **Input data:** statistics, building libraries,
household surveys data, literature



CIRCULAR ECONOMY STRATEGIES

Narrow-Slow-Close Framework

- **Narrow:** focus on reducing material stock buildup
- **Slow:** focus on keeping stocks in use for longer
- **Close:** focus on recycling and reuse

Circular: Combined Narrow-Slow-Close

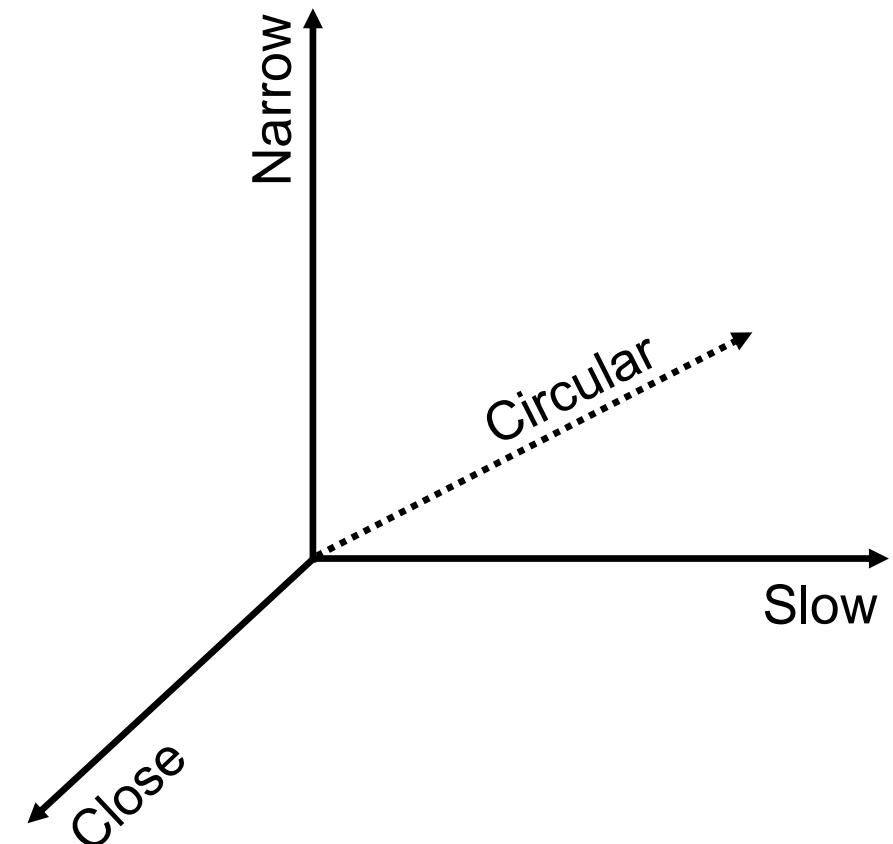


Figure courtesy: Volker Krey

CIRCULARITY SCENARIOS FOR THE EU RESIDENTIAL SECTOR

Scenarios

Reference

Shared Socioeconomic Pathway SSP2
Continuation of current trends

Floor

Floorspace reduction

Reduction in new and existing buildings via co-housing and compact urban forms (-10% per-cap by 2050)

Wood

Switch to wood-based construction

Gradual switch in new constructions (up to 50% by 2030)

Lifetime

Lifetime extension

New buildings (+25%): improved design
Existing buildings (+10%): higher renovation (2%/yr)

Circular

All strategies above combined

Climate policies

Current Policies (NPi)

No stringent climate policies

Stringent climate policies (1.5°C)

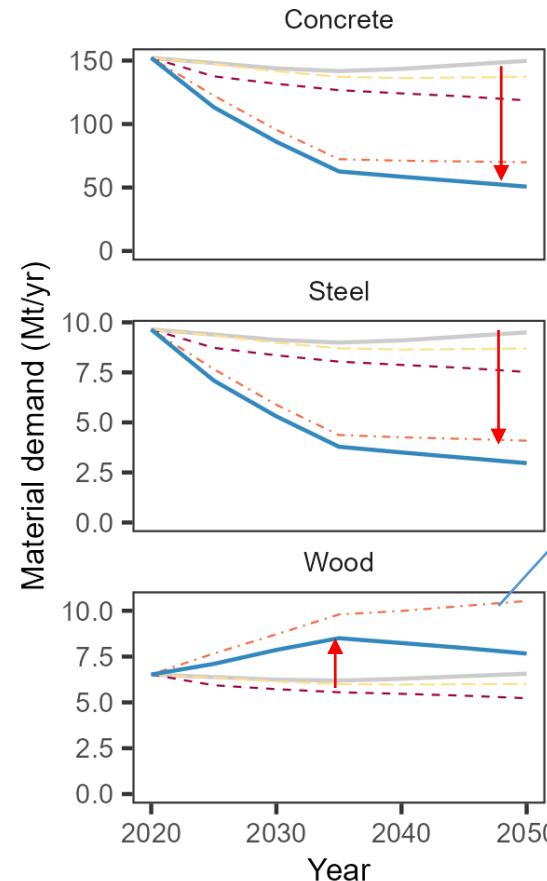
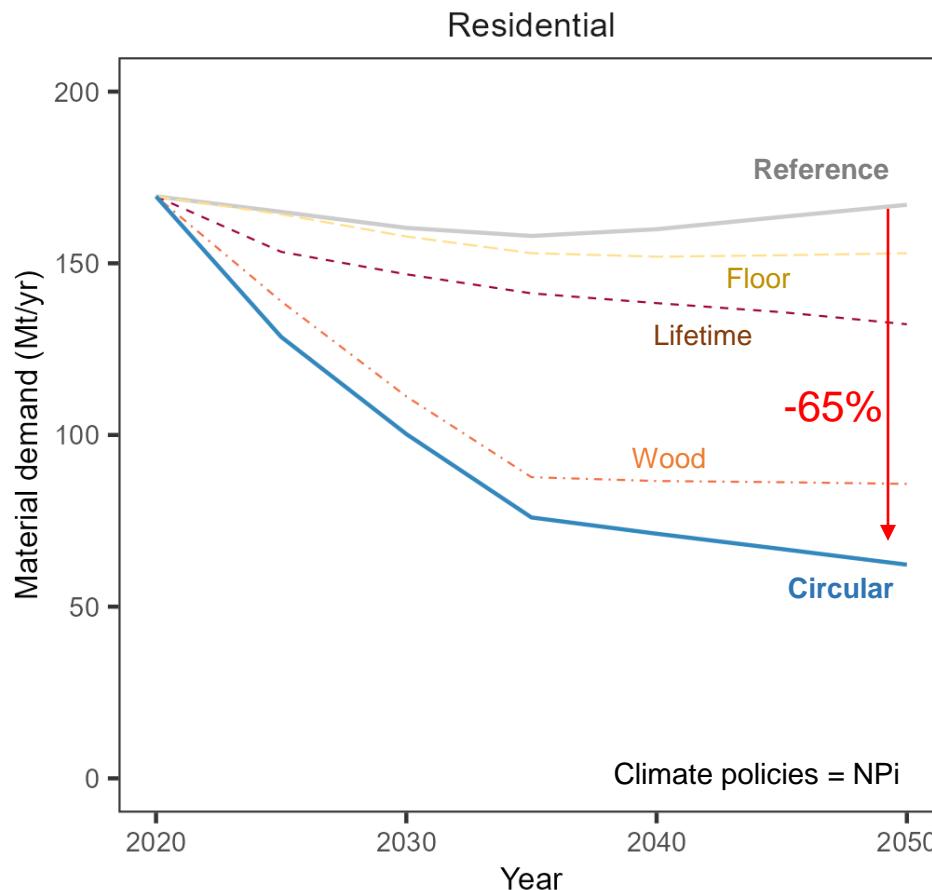
Climate policies consistent with 1.5C targets

Model: MESSAGEix-Buildings (IIASA)

Life-cycle stages: material production, building operation (heating and cooling)

Materials: concrete, steel, wood, aluminum, copper, glass

MATERIAL DEMAND - PRELIMINARY RESULTS



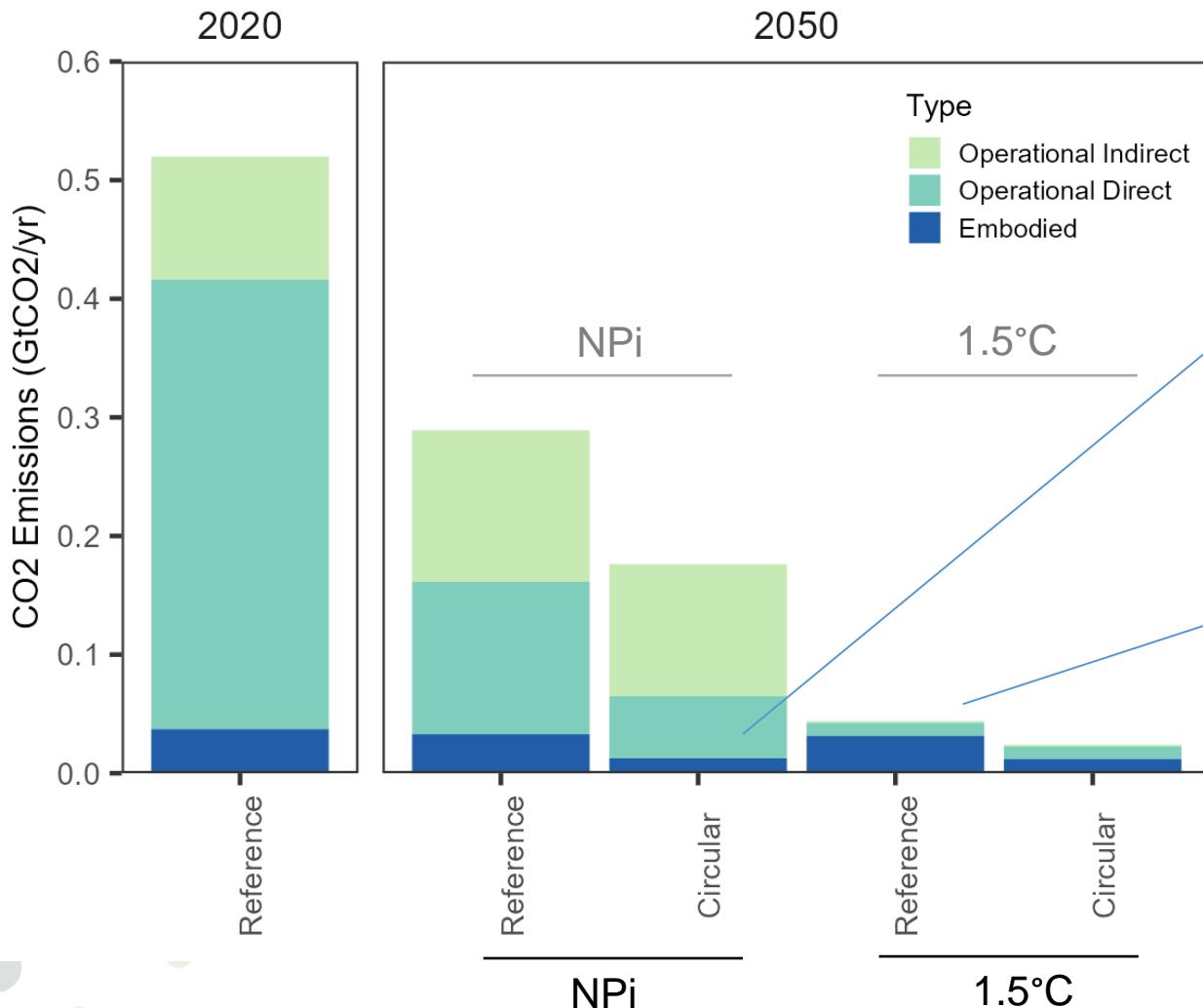
Circularity strategies (Narrow-Slow)
Material demand reduction potential:
65% by 2050 compared to Reference

Growth in wood demand driven by
material substitution in new buildings

Scenario

- NPi-Reference
- NPi-Lifetime
- NPi-Wood
- NPi-Floor
- NPi-Circular

CO₂ EMISSIONS - PRELIMINARY RESULTS



Circularity strategies (Narrow-Slow)

CO₂ emission reduction potential by 2050 with no stringent climate policies (NPi):

- 60% of embodied emissions**
- 40% of total emissions**
- (embodied+operational)

Climate mitigation scenarios (1.5°C):

Embodyed emissions dominate:
Circularity strategies can deliver additional emission reductions

CONCLUSIONS: CIRCULARITY IN BUILDINGS

- The three investigated circularity strategies can reduce **up to 65% material demand and 60% of CO₂ emissions embodied in residential buildings** compared to a reference scenario in 2050.
- These circular strategies deliver additional embodied emission reductions **critical to achieve ambitious climate targets**.
- Study published on the assessment of circularity strategies for building sector decarbonization in China.



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Ex-post assessment: Combining LCA methods and IAMs

Based on material by Gunnar Luderer (PIK), Romain Sacci, Alvaro Hahn (PSI)

Environmental assessment of alternative power sector decarbonization strategies

Key research questions:

- What are environmental co-benefits and adverse side-effects of the low-carbon transformation?
- How do alternative decarbonization pathways perform in terms of their environmental impacts?

Key publications:

- Pehl et al. (2017) “Understanding Future Emissions from Low-Carbon Power Systems by Integration of Life-Cycle Assessment and Integrated Energy Modelling.” *Nature Energy* 2 (11).
<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41560-017-0032-9>.
- Arvesen et al. (2018). Deriving life cycle assessment coefficients for application in integrated assessment modelling. *Environmental Modelling and Software*, 99, 111–125.
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Integrating IAM and LCA approaches

- **Integrated Assessment Modeling (IAM)** community considers the dynamics of the long-term transformation, but so far focused on climate change mitigation. Policy interventions can be considered explicitly using scenario approaches.
- **Life cycle assessment (LCA)** considers broad set of impacts, but mostly focuses on individual technologies and apply static assumptions, thus not considering the long-term system evolution



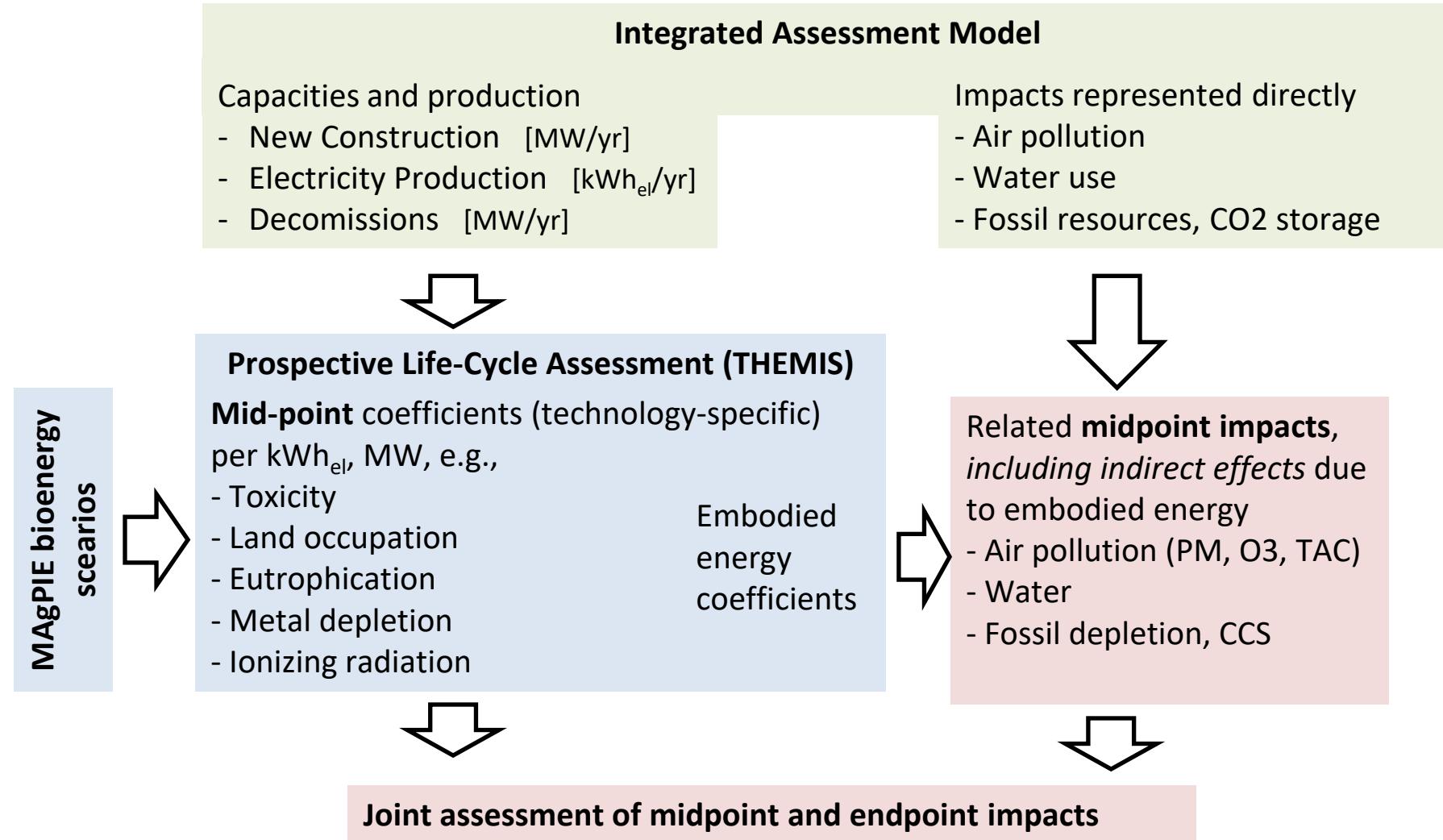
Prospective LCA methodology

- Aspects of future **technological change** addressed within the LCA
 - Changing performance of individual electricity generation technologies
 - Projected improvements in selected industrial processes
- **Coherent life cycle descriptions** for power generation options based on multiple case studies to allow for uncertainty estimates, choice of impacts based on ReCiPe methodology
- Separate **construction, operation, end-of-life** phases to be combined with tracking of capacity vintages in IAM
- **Embodied (upstream) energy requirements** of power technologies to account for indirect effects

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Workflow



Innovations

- **Integration of Integrated Assessment Modeling and Life-Cycle-Assessment**
- Air pollution and water use represented by source in IAMs
- Biomass land and fertilizer requirements, as well as land-use change emissions from the MAgPIE land-use model
- **Comprehensive coverage** of all major power technologies
- Other impact categories (**toxicity, material resource requirements, land occupation, ionizing radiation,...**) from prospective LCA model THEMIS, accounting for future changes in technology performance
- **Grid and storage requirements** estimated based on DLR's REMix model (Berrill et al., 2016; Scholz et al., 2016; Pietzcker et al., 2016)
- **Systematic uncertainty analysis** based on multiple case studies (LCA) and multi-model IAM ensemble



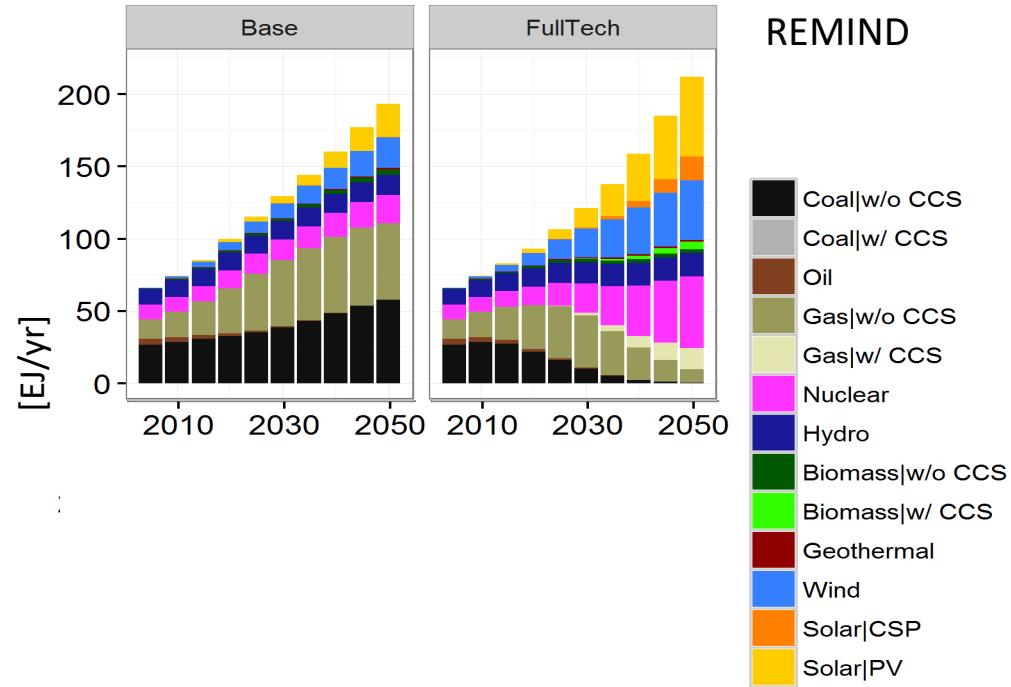
IAM scenarios considered

Climate policy implementation

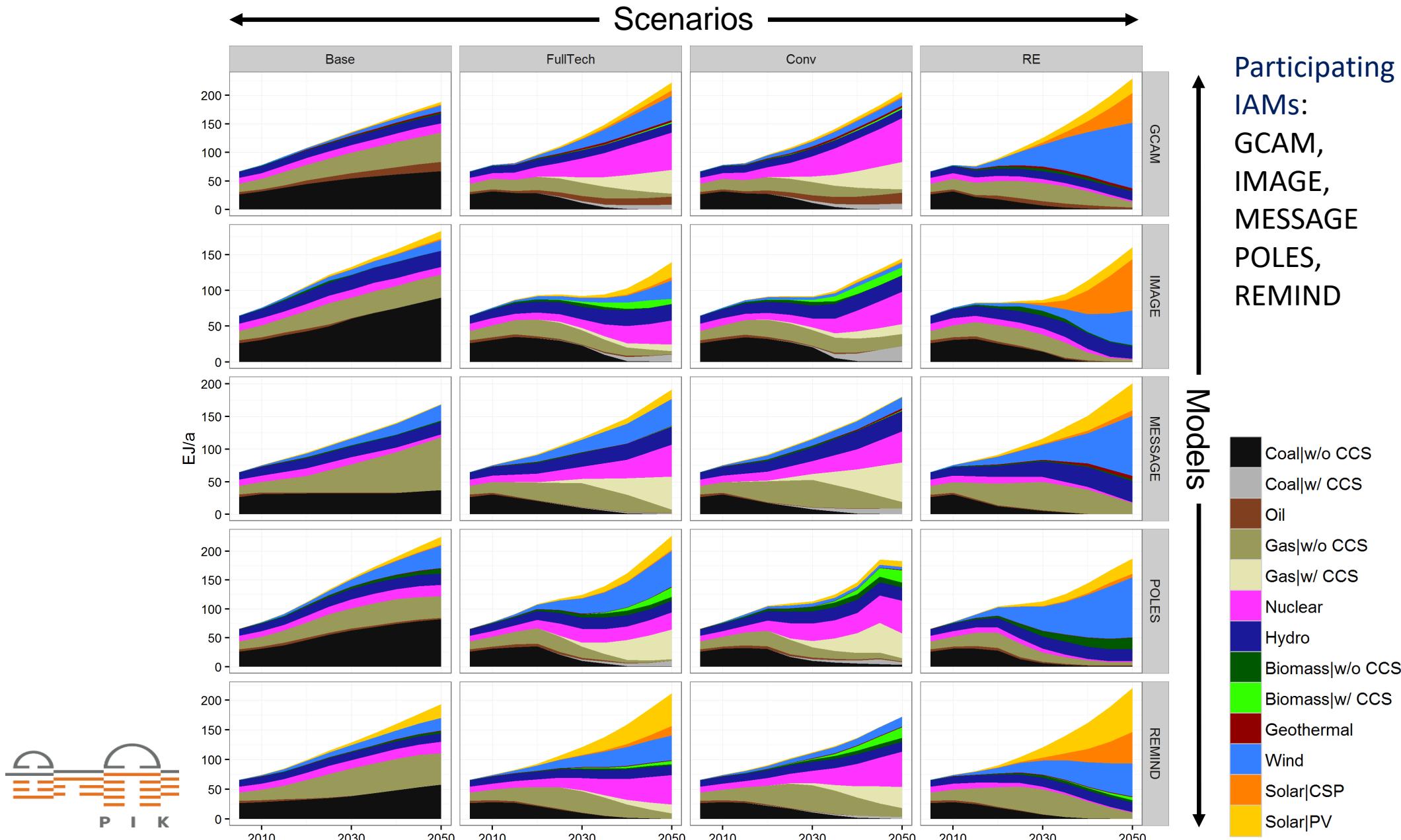
- Policy scenarios with constraint on cumulative 2011-2050 power sector emissions of 240 GtCO₂
- Comparable policy ambition in other sectors

Three different technology scenarios:

- **FullTech**
- **Conventional** (Wind and solar limited to 10%)
- **Renewable** (nuclear phase-out, no CCS for power stations)

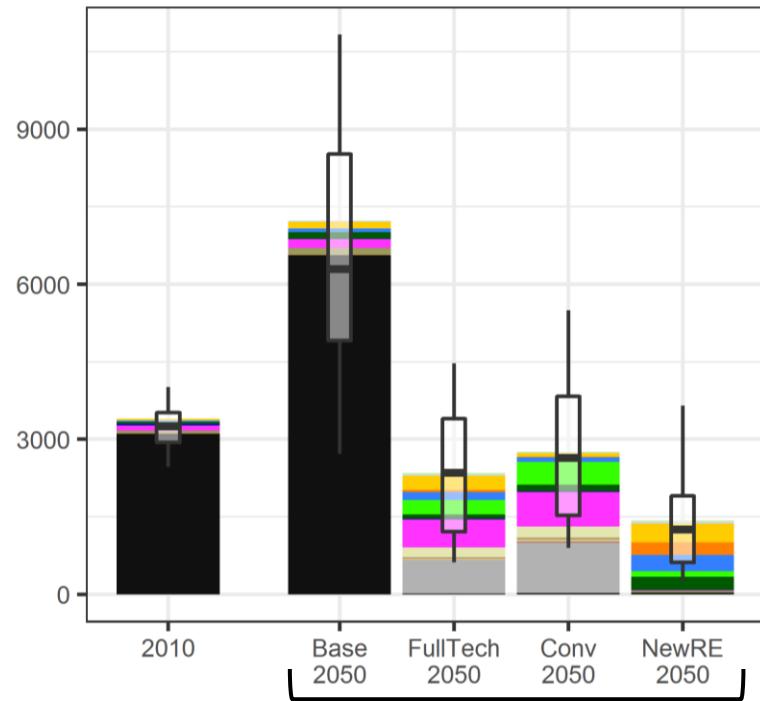


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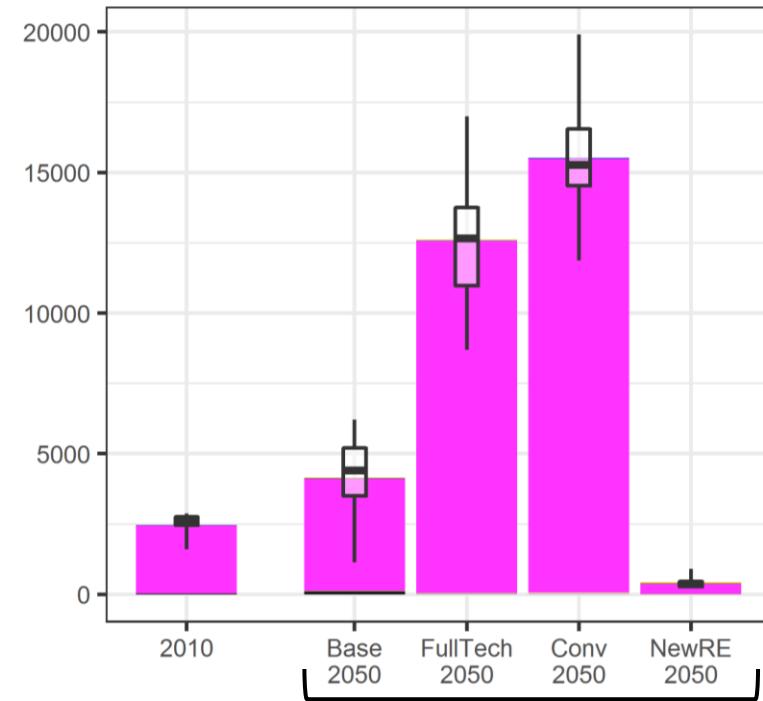


Health impacts (excl. air pollution)

Human toxicity [Mt 1,4-DCB-eq]



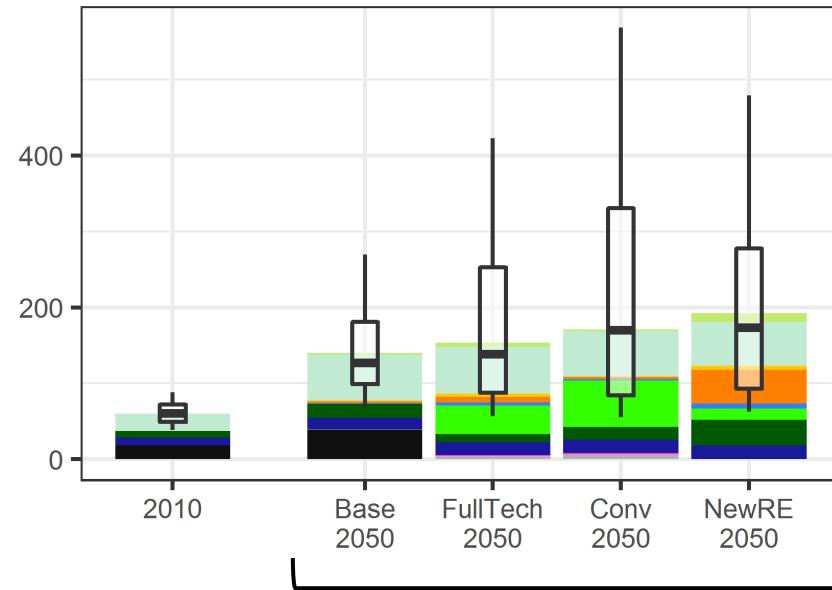
Ionising radiation [Mt U235-eq]



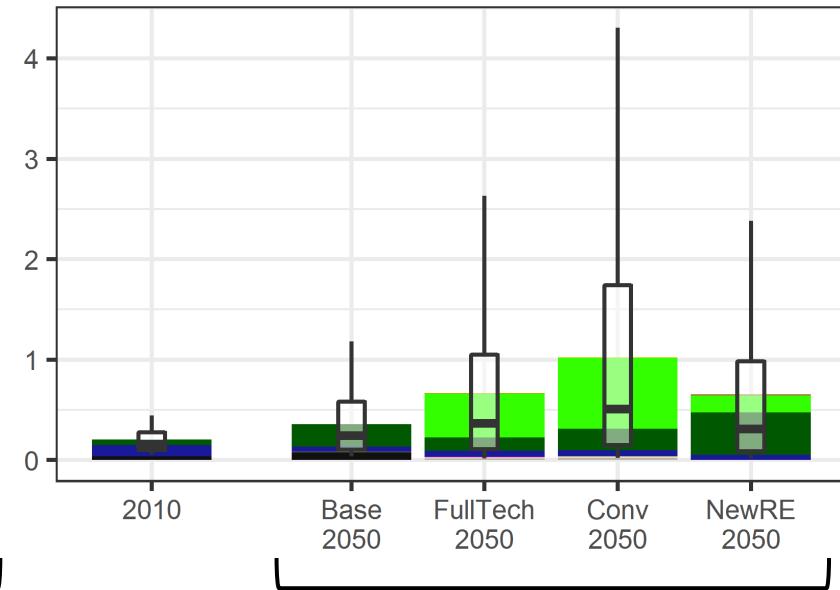
Land occupation and transformation



Land occupation [Mha]

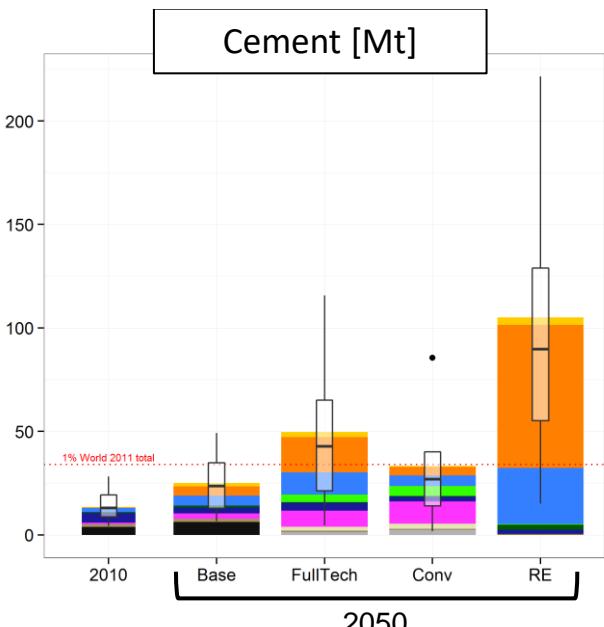
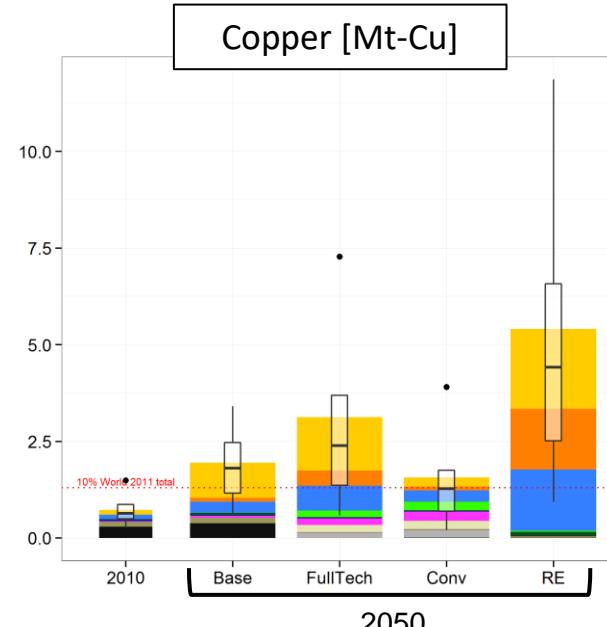
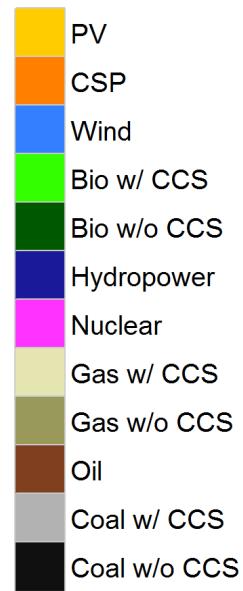
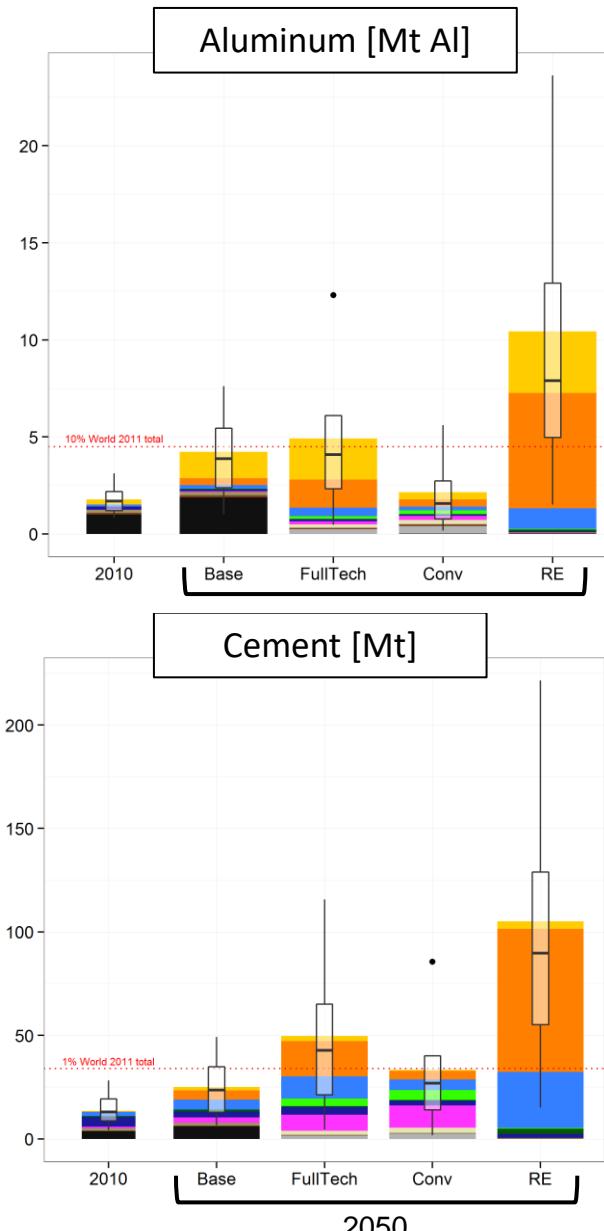
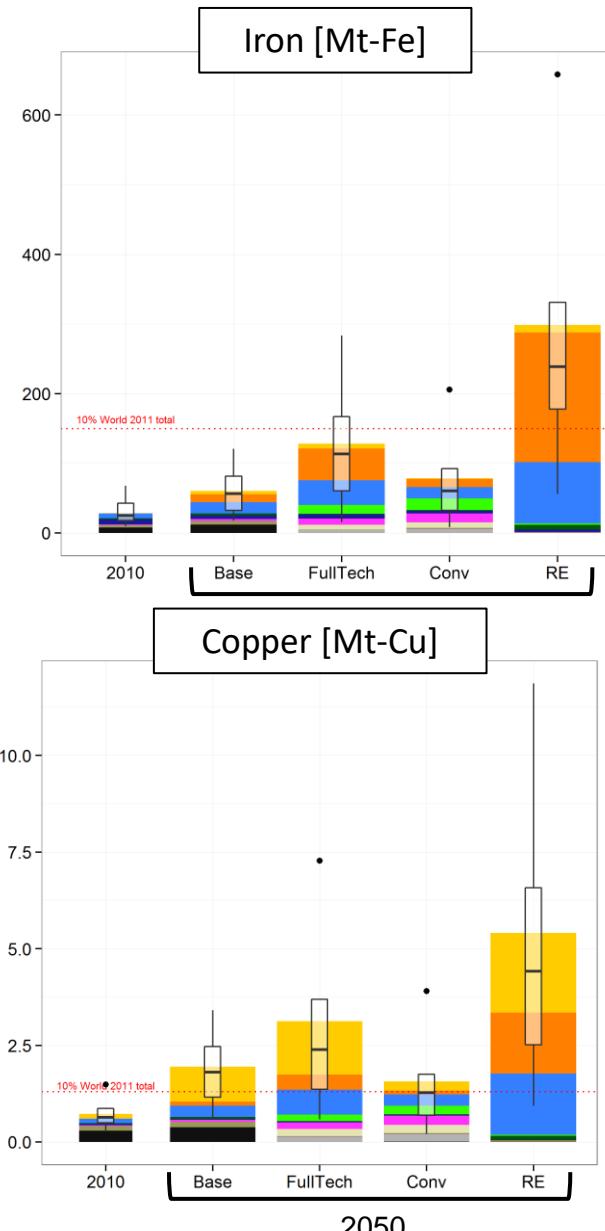


Natural land transformation [Mha]



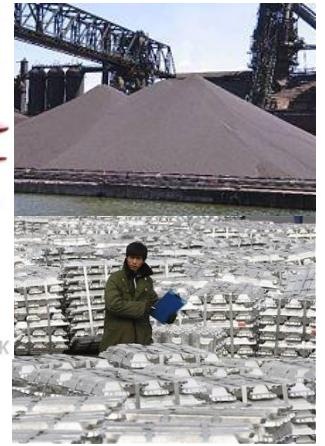
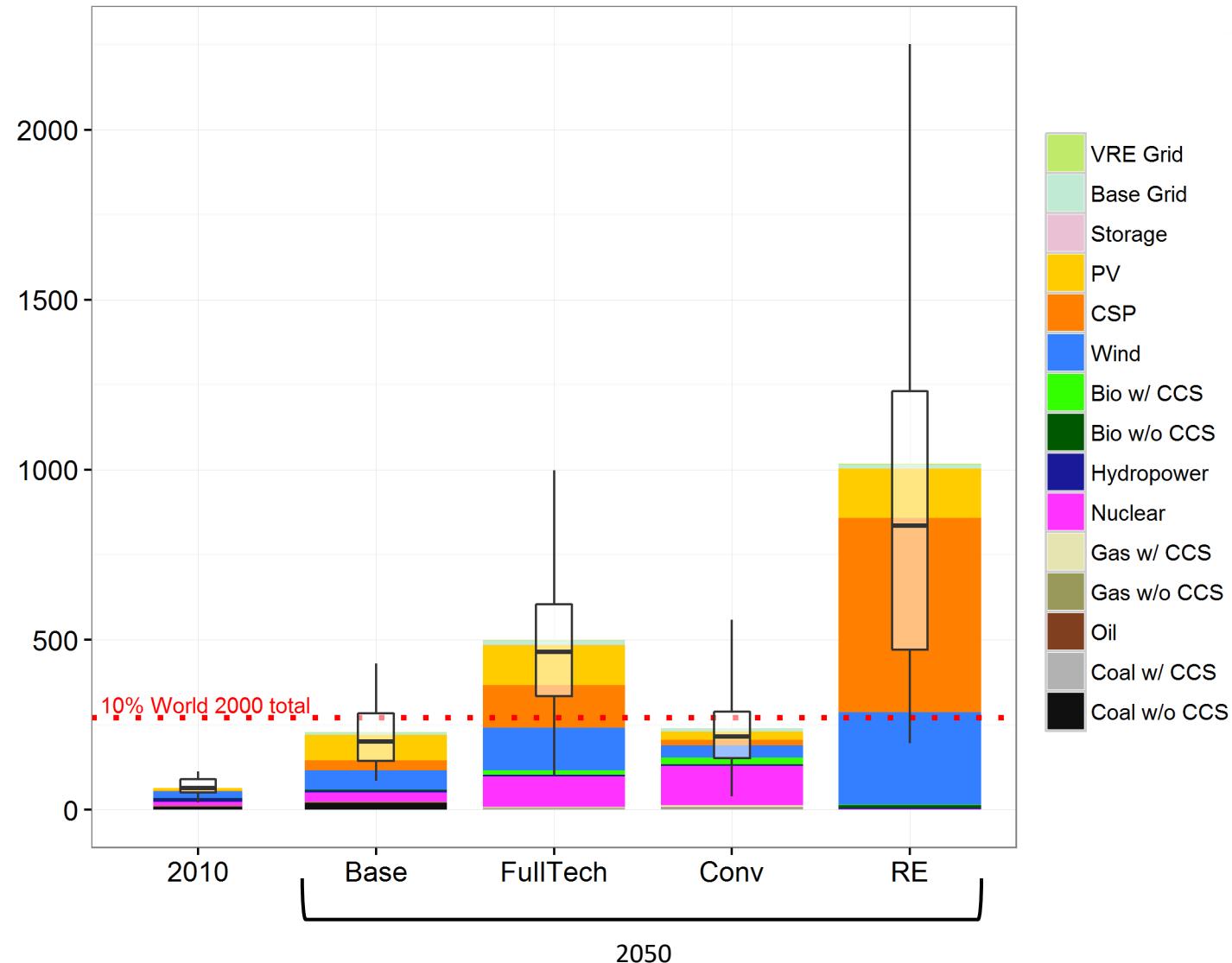
- VRE Grid
- Base Grid
- Storage
- PV
- CSP
- Wind
- Bio w/ CCS
- Bio w/o CCS
- Hydropower
- Nuclear
- Gas w/ CCS
- Gas w/o CCS
- Oil w/ CCS
- Oil w/o CCS
- Coal w/ CCS
- Coal w/o CCS

Bulk resource requirements



Mineral resource depletion

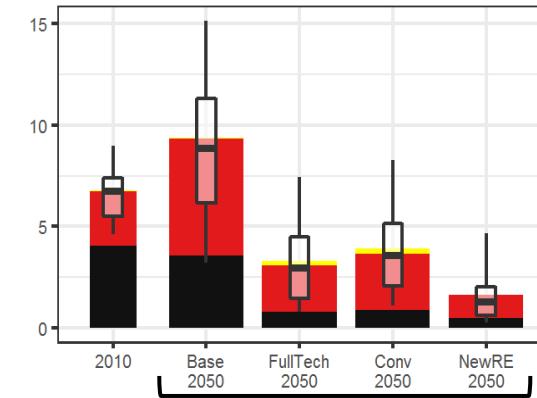
Mineral resource depletion [Mt Fe-eq]



Combined assessment

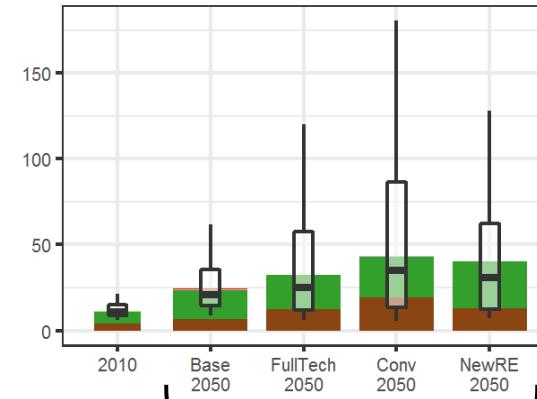


HumanHealth [mio DALY]



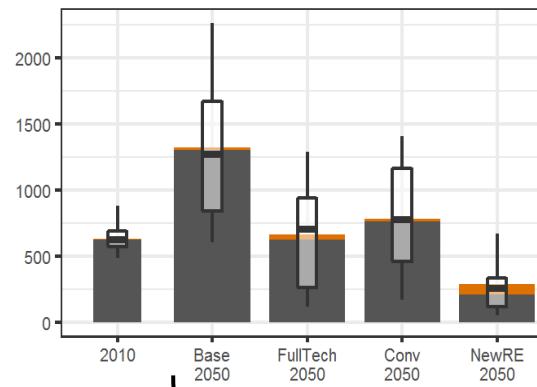
Oxidant formation
Ionizing radiation
Human tox.
PM-10

Ecosystem [10^3 species.yr]



Freshwater eutrophication.
Marine ecotox.
Freshwater ecotox.
Terr. ecotox.
Terr. acid.
Land occ.
Nat. land transformation

Resource [bn US\$]



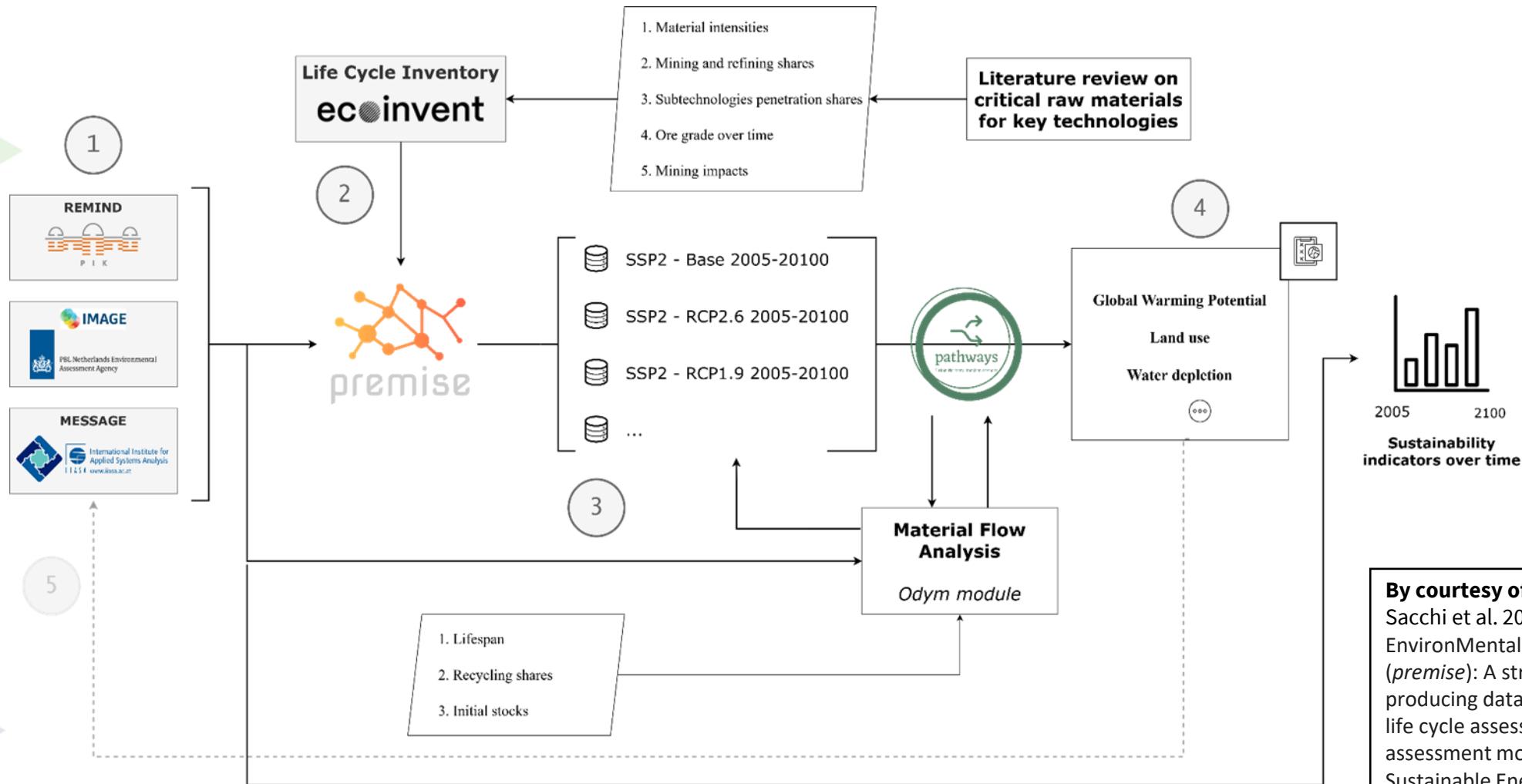
Metal
Fossil

Key insights

- Decarbonizing power supply has substantial co-benefits, especially for air and water pollution
- However, low-carbon transformation pathways have higher raw material requirements, higher risks related to radioactive substances, and increased land requirements
- Bioenergy has much greater adverse side-effects than the other renewables
- Conventional vs renewable power sector decarbonization strategies have distinctly different environmental risk profiles
 - Nuclear and CCS-based strategies are more water-intensive, higher radiation, and have fewer environmental co-benefits
 - Decarbonization based on wind and solar increases the requirements for raw materials



premise-pathways



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Coverage of minerals by technology



GitHub repository



~30 applications

Transport

Wind turbines

Photovoltaics

Concentrated solar

Nuclear

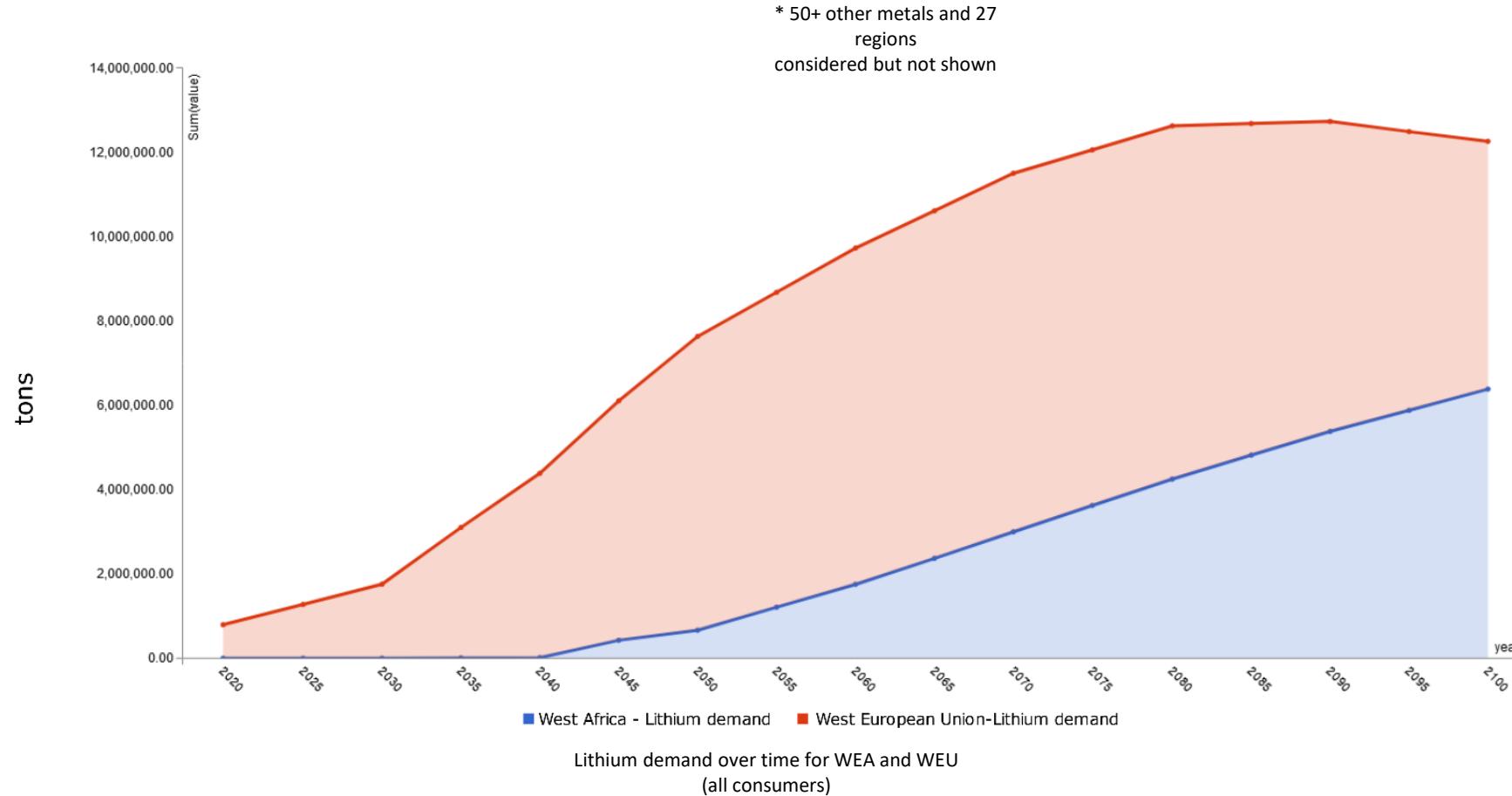
Batteries

Fuel cells

Electrolyzers

		56 metals							
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		AI	Sb	Be	B				
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Illustrative results: LCA and material demand



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