

Integrating technology innovation in sustainable production processes & systems.

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Knowledge

Eco-sphere
Geolocalised

Renewable resources

Where-When-How much ?

Techno-sphere

Technology innovation - Infrastructure

Investments

Technologies and storage

Choose - Size - Connect & Operate

Waste-Water-Energy Nexus & Circularity

Waste to products - Waste to energy

Socio-sphere

Needs & Preferences

Needs

Food & Water
Products
Services

- Comfort
- Data
- Mobility

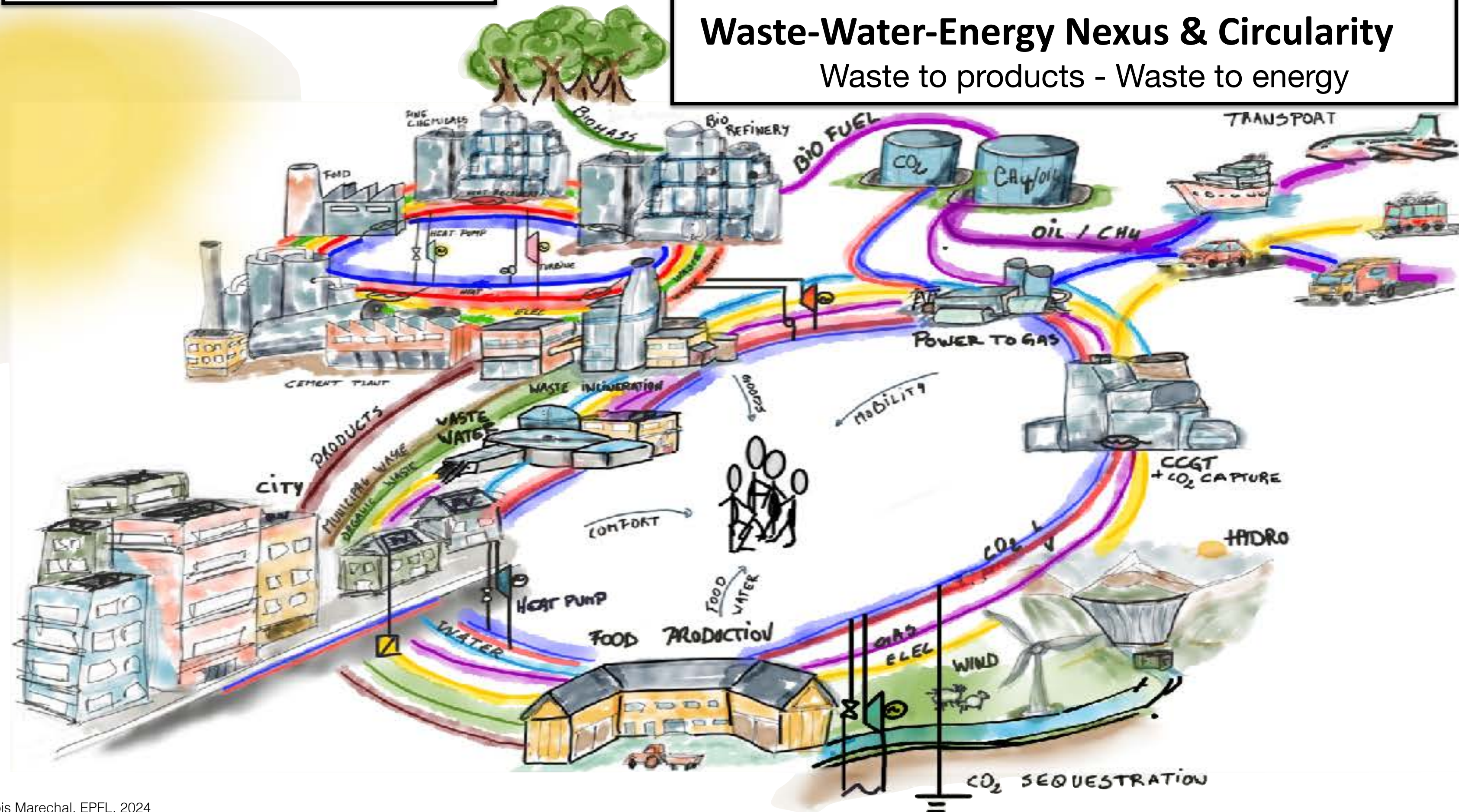
Goals & Constraints

Sustainability metrics

Well being
Environment
Health
Economy
Planetary limits
Security of supply

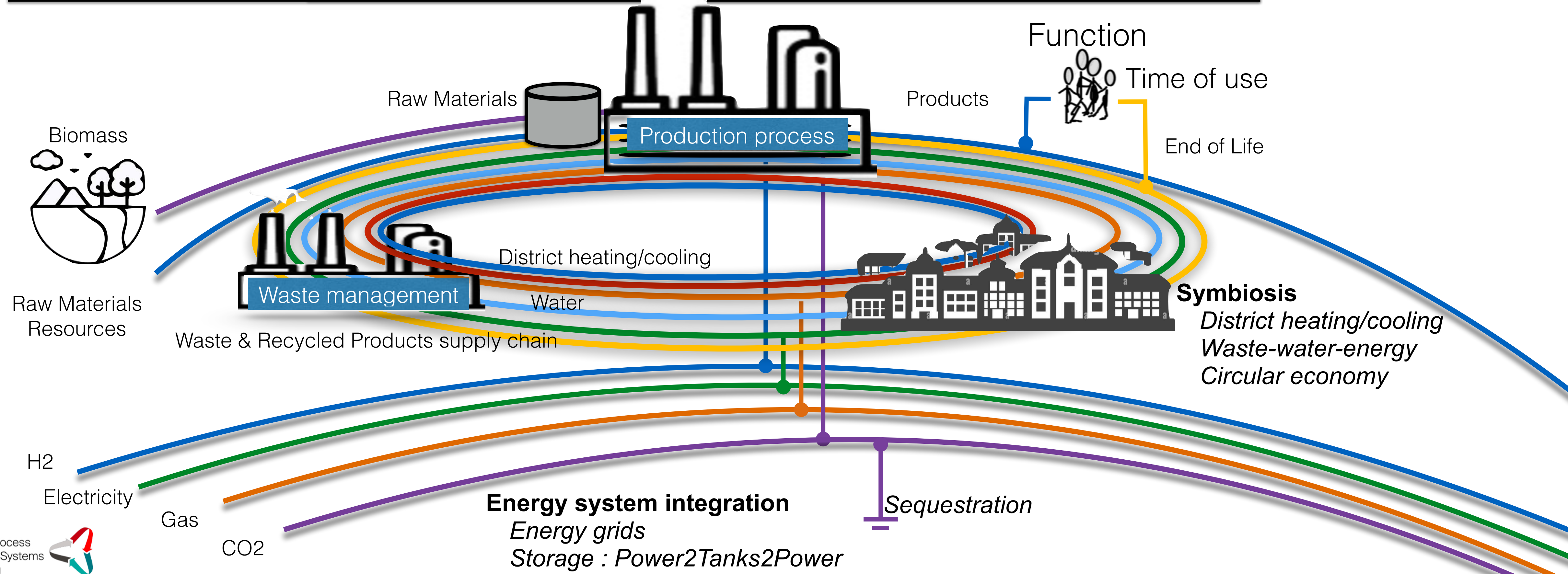
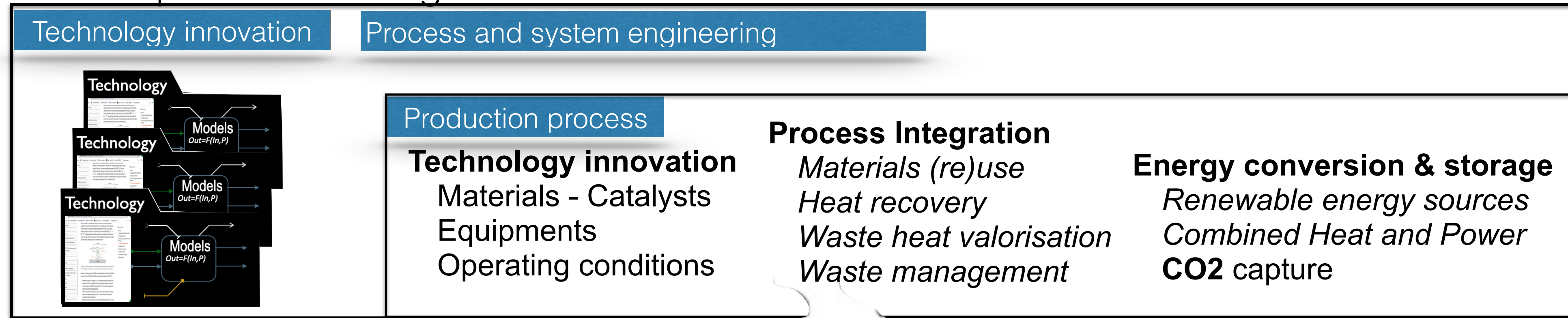
Habitability

Sustainability



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Technosphere Knowledge



- **Life Cycle Environmental impact & limits**

- CO2 footprint/climate change
- Resources usage
- Human Health
- Bio-diversity
- Planetary boundaries

- **Thermodynamic**

- Mass and Atoms economy
- Energy Efficiency
- Exergy
- Renewable energy

- **Life Cycle Economics**

- CAPEX : value of the mobilised capital
- OPEX : value of the flows exchanged
- Technology Readiness
- Transition dynamics

- **Social**

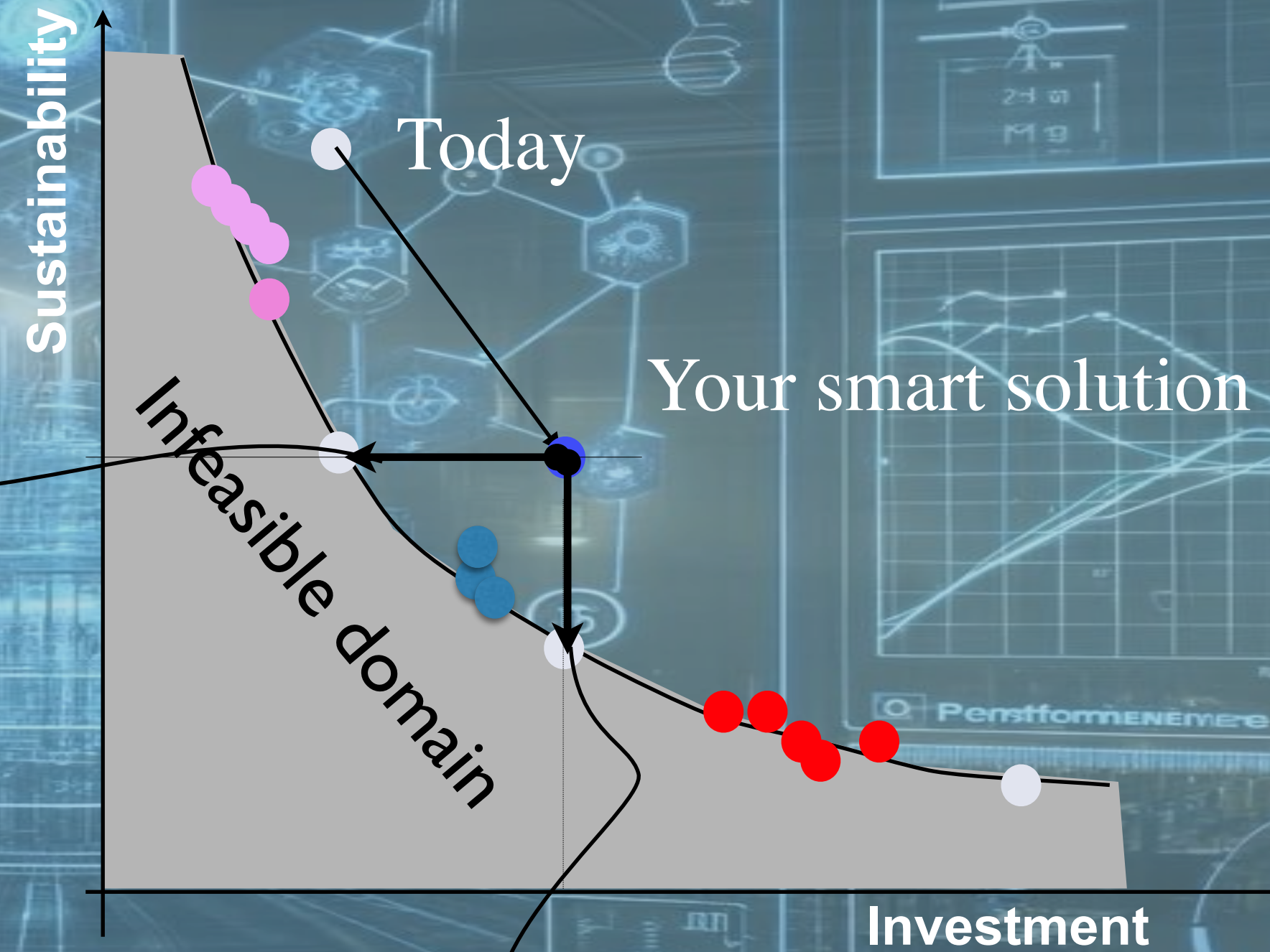
- Acceptance
- Business models & Markets
- Supply chains
- Jobs
- Regulation and Tarrifs

DIGITAL TWINS

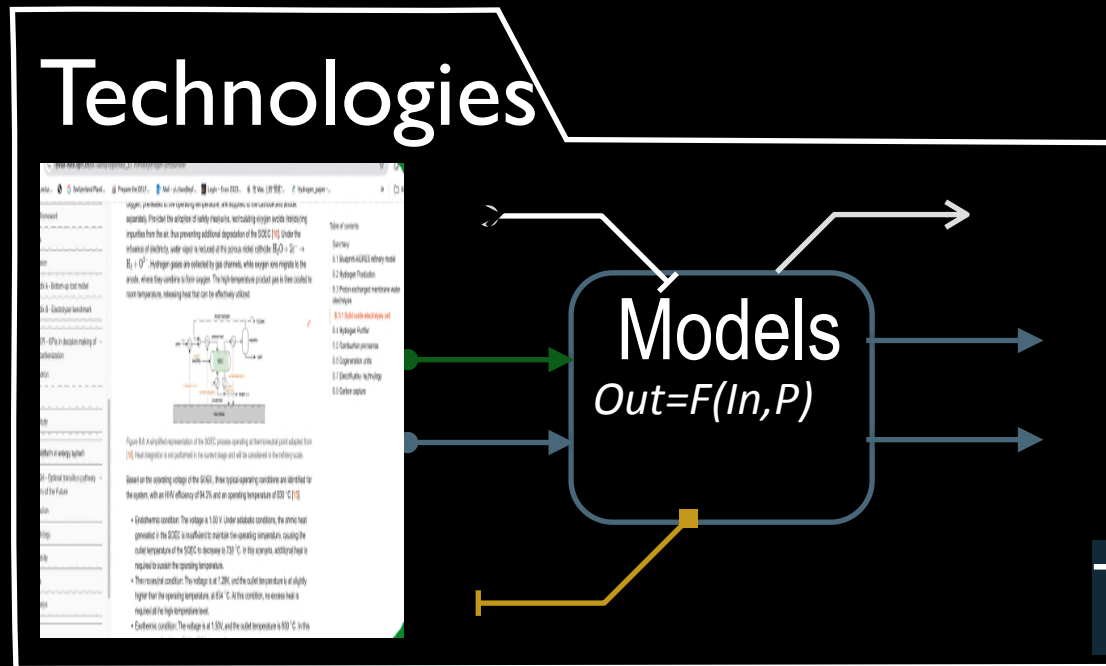
YOUR DECISION'S SPACE

Cheapest for the same impact

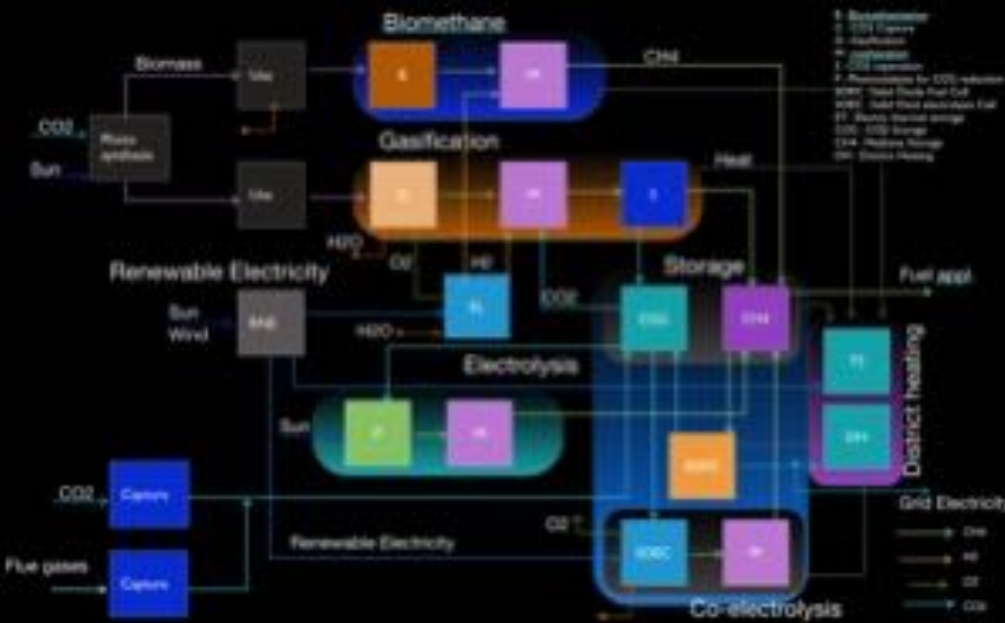
Competing solutions ?



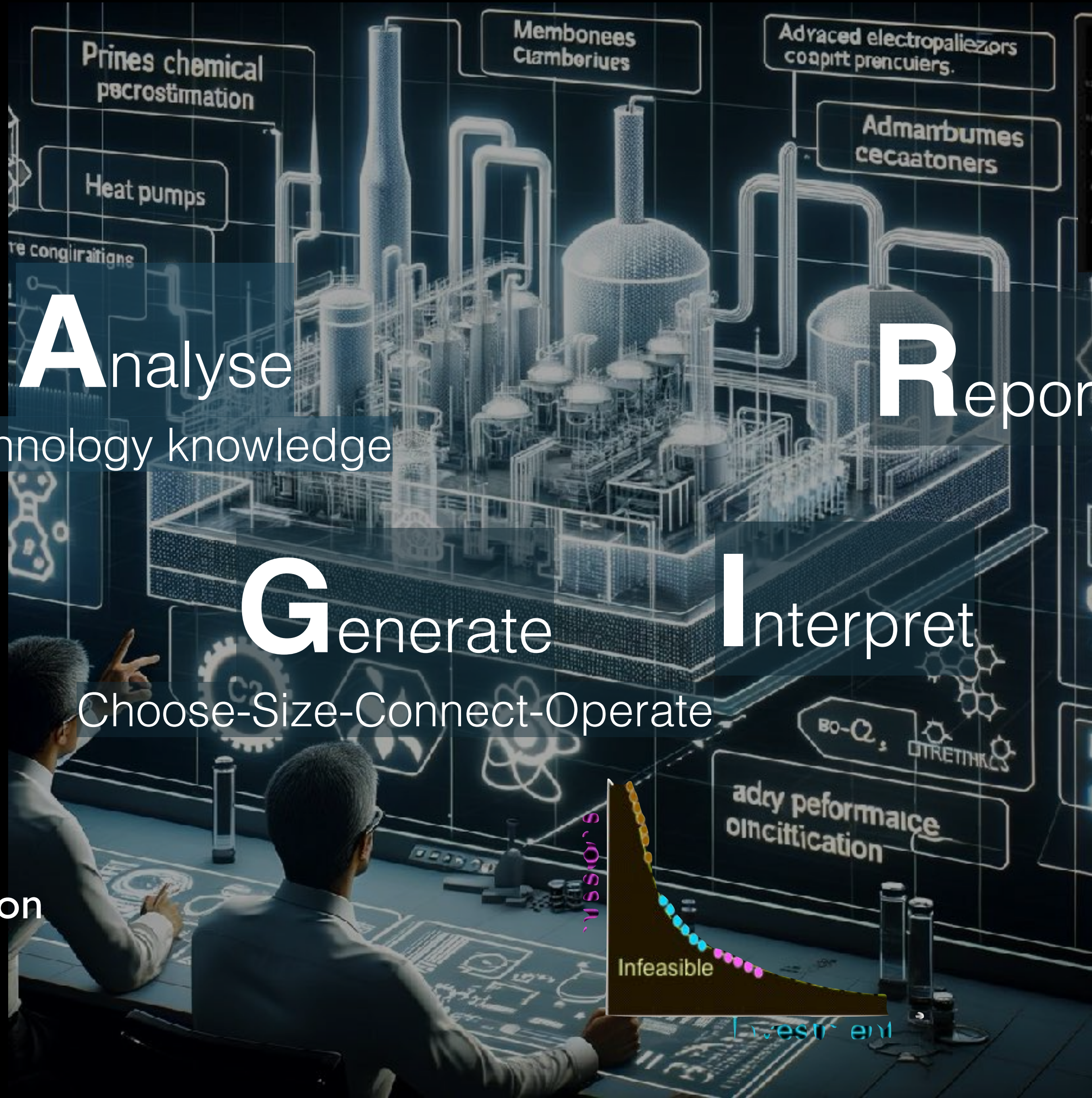
Lowest impact for the same cost



Superstructure



System integration



Analyse

Technology knowledge

Report

Generate

Interpret

Choose-Size-Connect-Operate

System configurations

Decisions

- Multi-criteria
- Explain differences
- Assess the Risk
- Sustainable Development Goals
- Planetary boundaries

Performances

- Economic
- Thermodynamic
- Environmental impact
- Social
- Risk

*AGIR : to act !

Aluminium industry

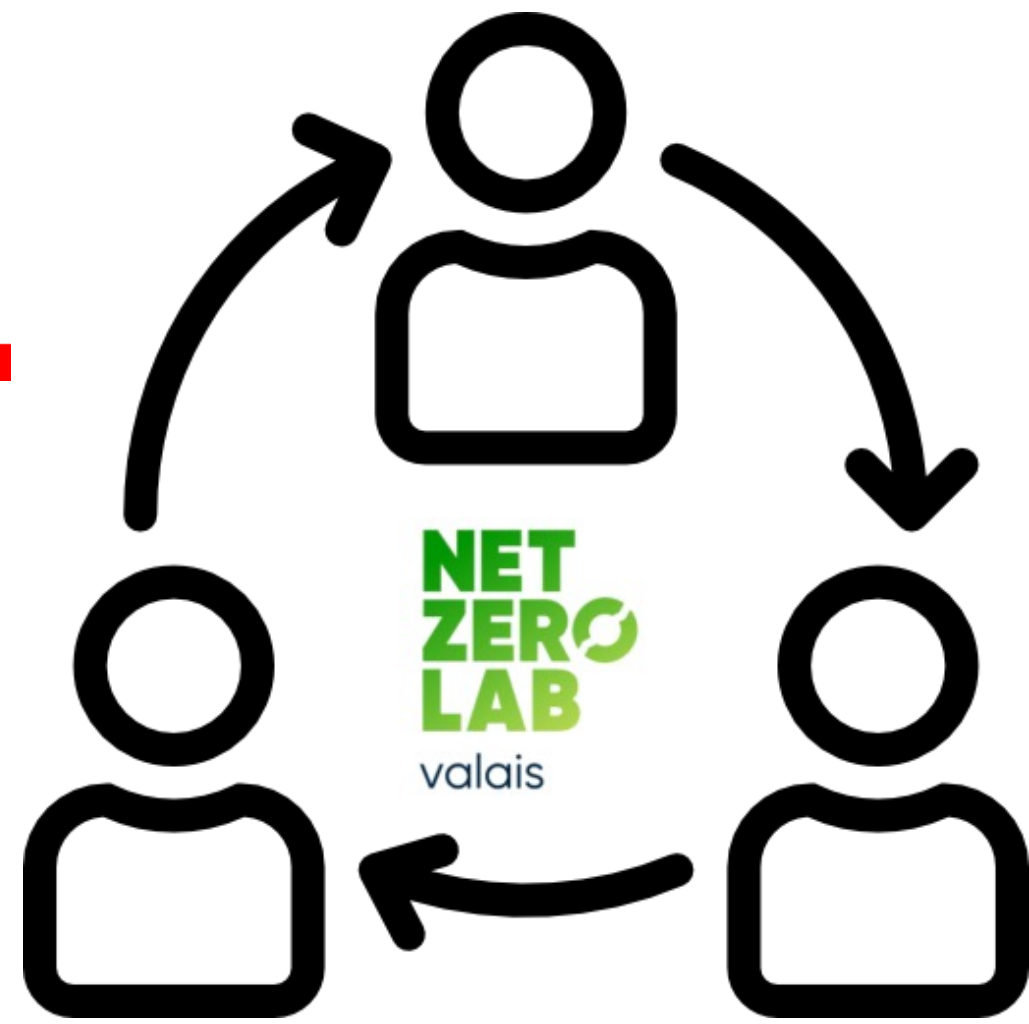
Net Zero Lab

Transition of the aluminium production and recycling towards negative emissions

Demo site : Sierre (Vs)

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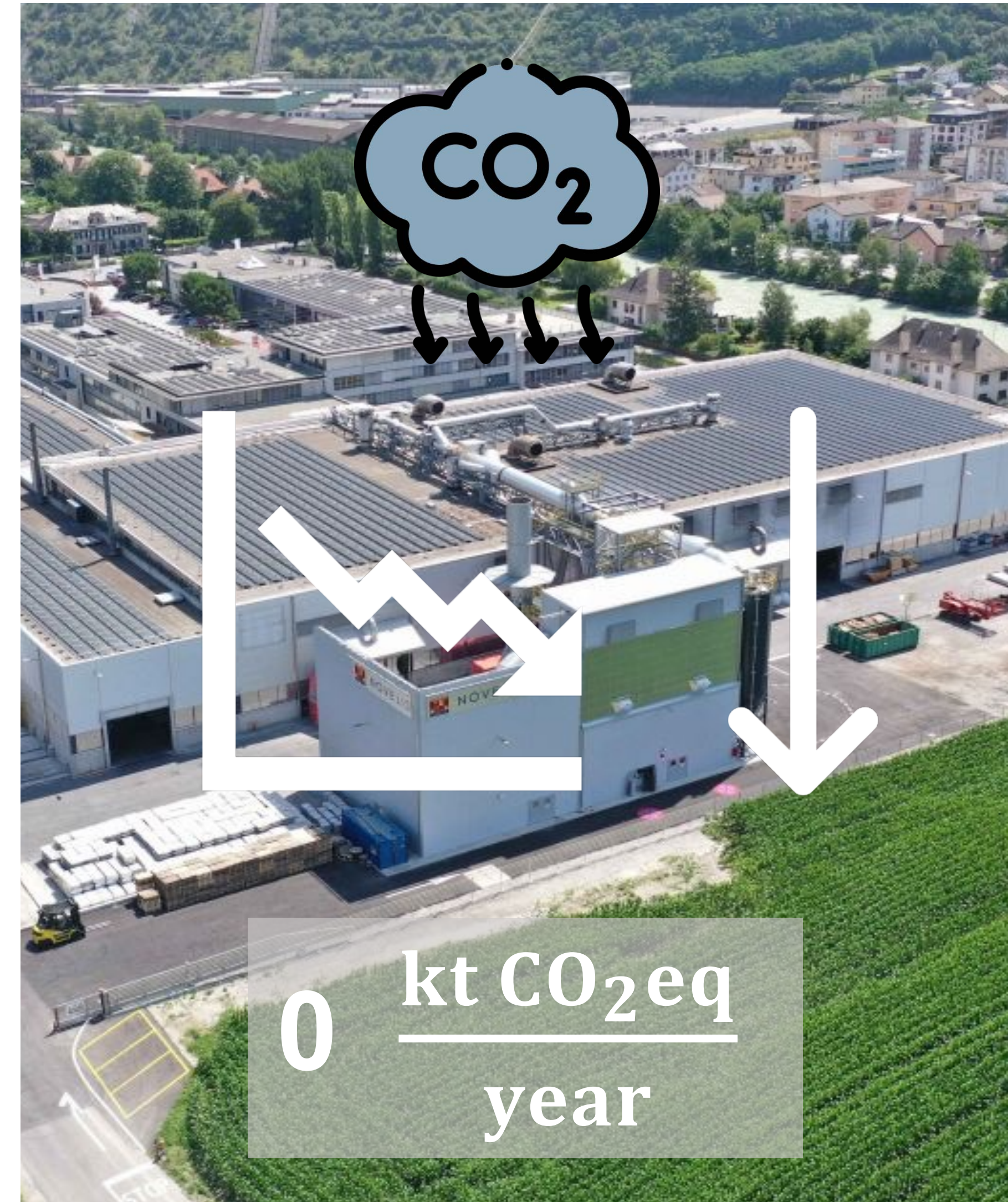
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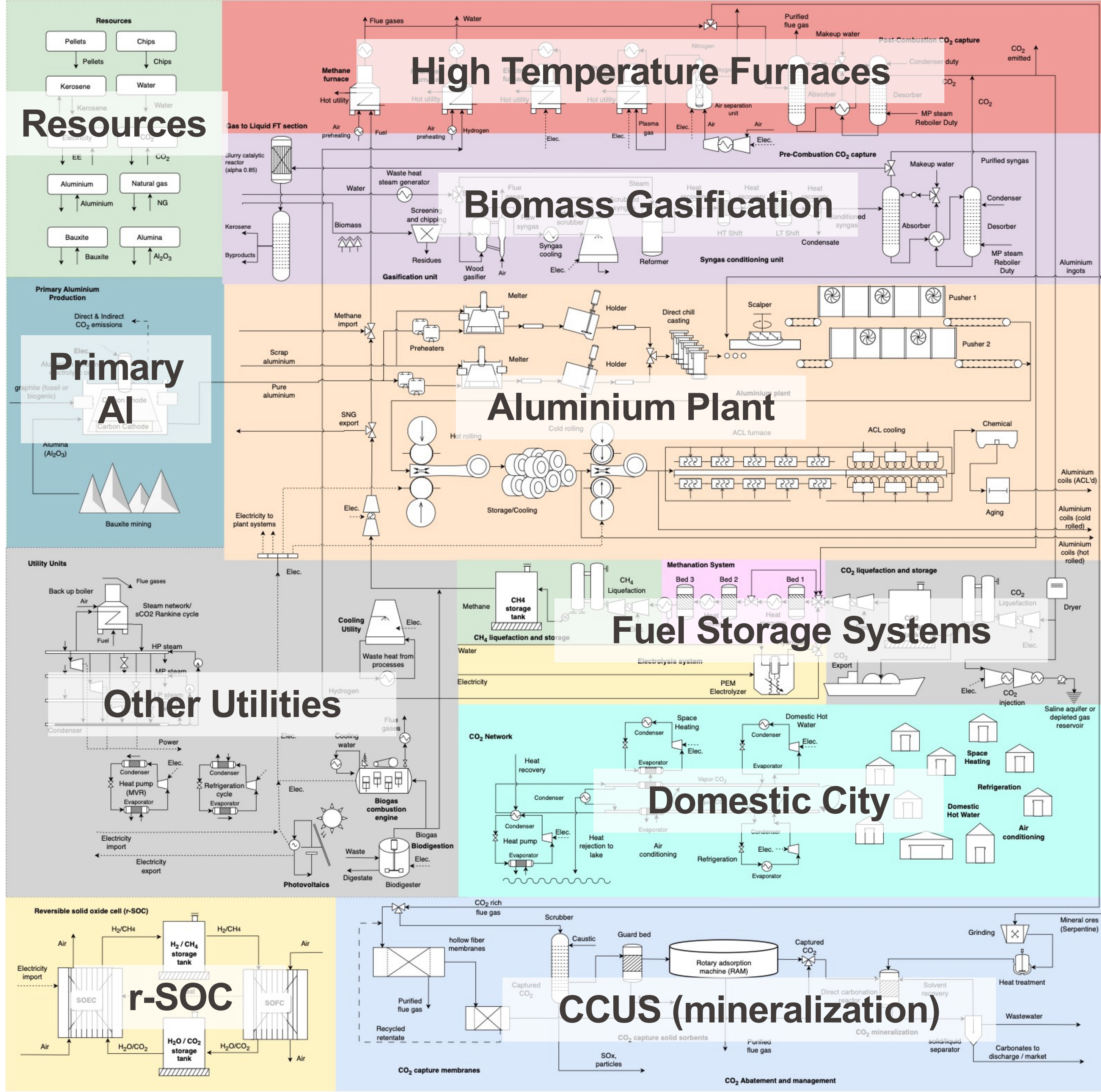
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Aluminium Decarbonization Superstructure



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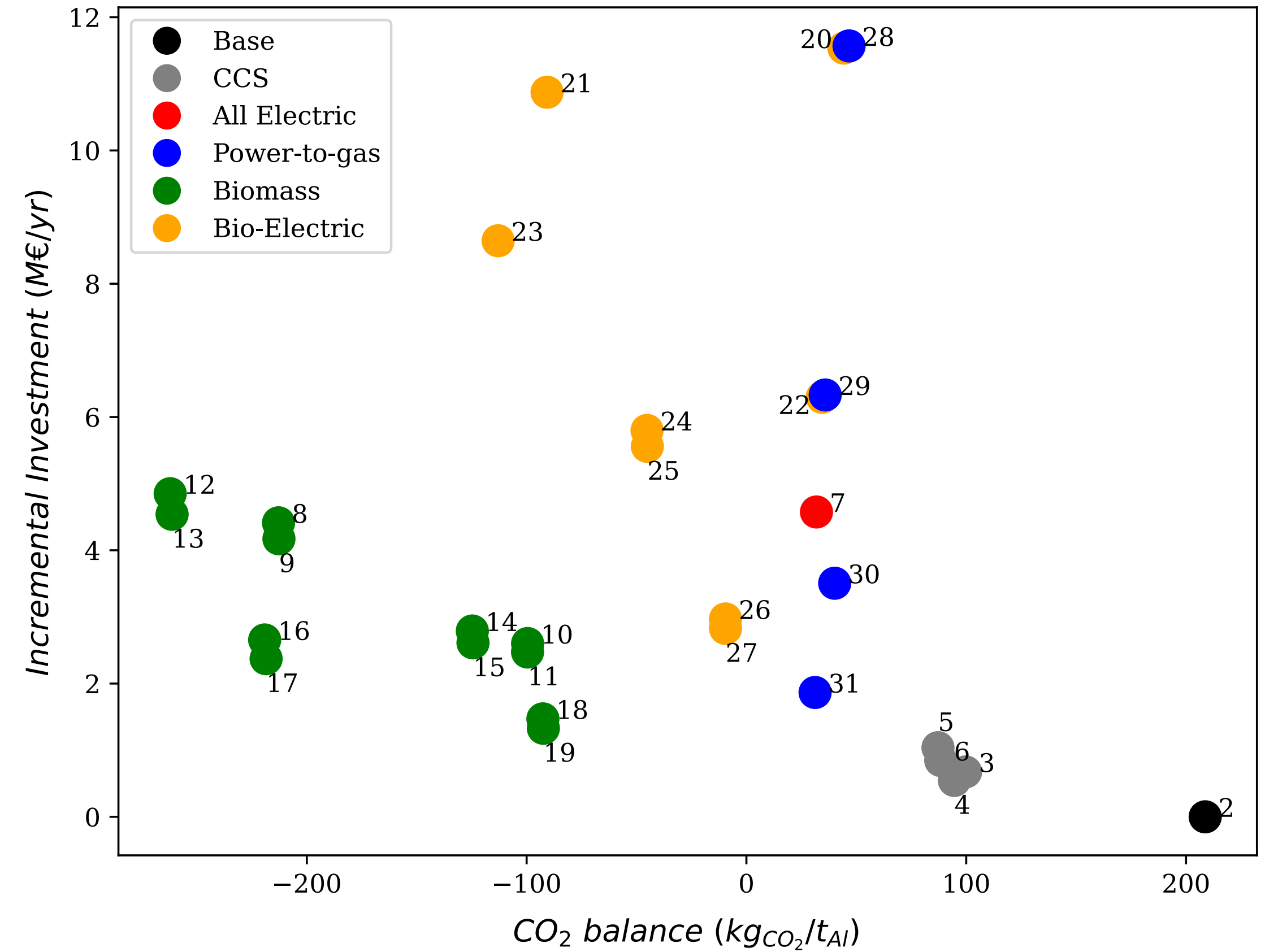
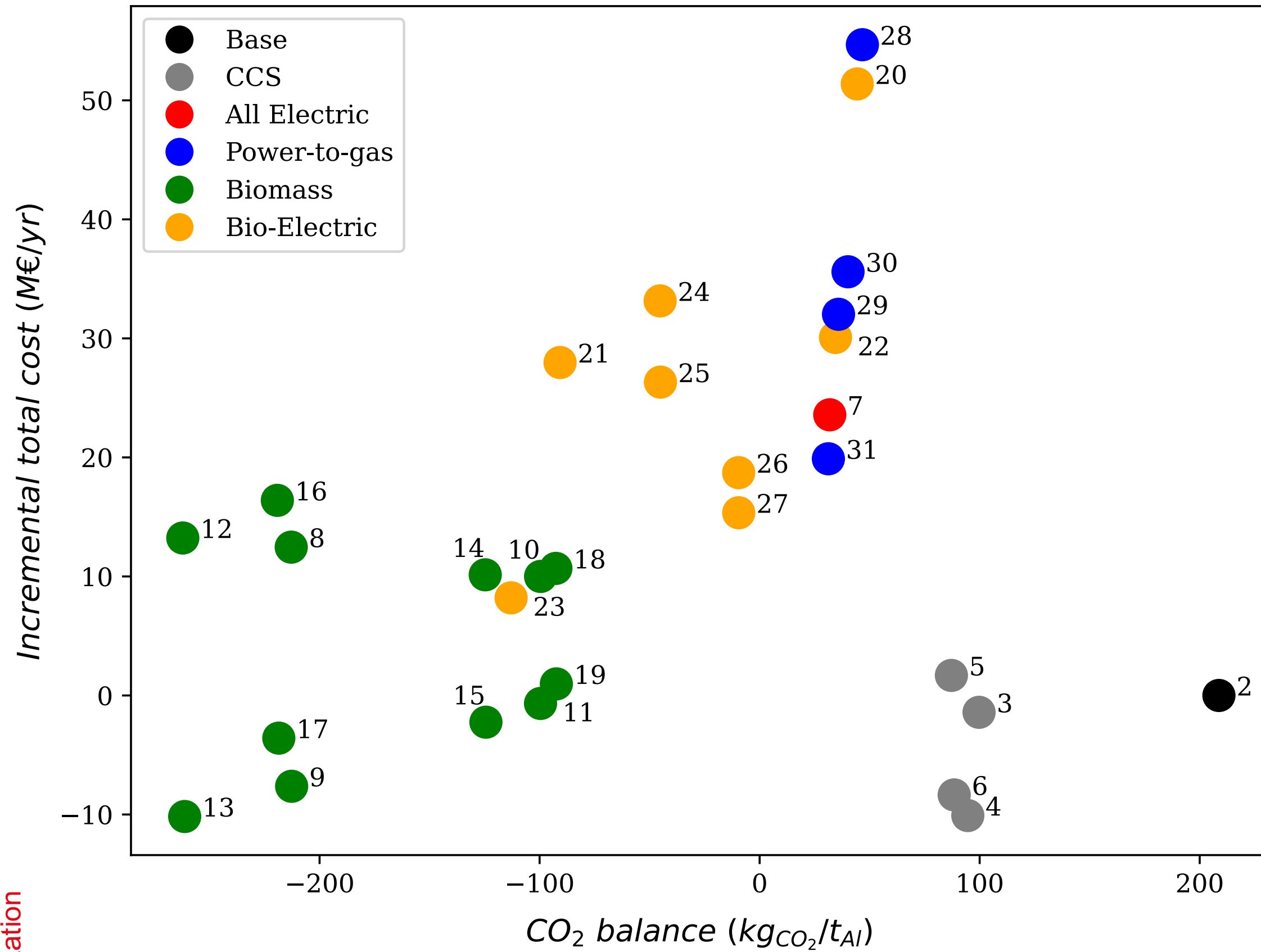
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Aluminium Decarbonization Options

List of decarbonization configurations (>30 options)



Economic performance vs. Net emissions

Note: Results at 100 €/tCO₂ tax, 0.15 €/kWh_{EE}, 0.045 €/kWh_{NG}, 0.06 €/kWh_{Biom}

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- **Knowledge models**
 - Socio-Techno-Eco-spheres
- **Digital Twins : geo-localised goals, constraints & needs**
 - Generate the possible options from knowledge models
 - Process and System's integration
 - Quantify the competition for the technology innovations
 - Socio-enviriono-techno-economic conditions of systemic integration
- **Sustainability metrics for decision support**
 - Life cycle approach
 - 3 pillars : economic - environmental - societal
- **Knowledge transfer**
 - Master of Advanced Studies : Sustainable Energy Systems Engineering

