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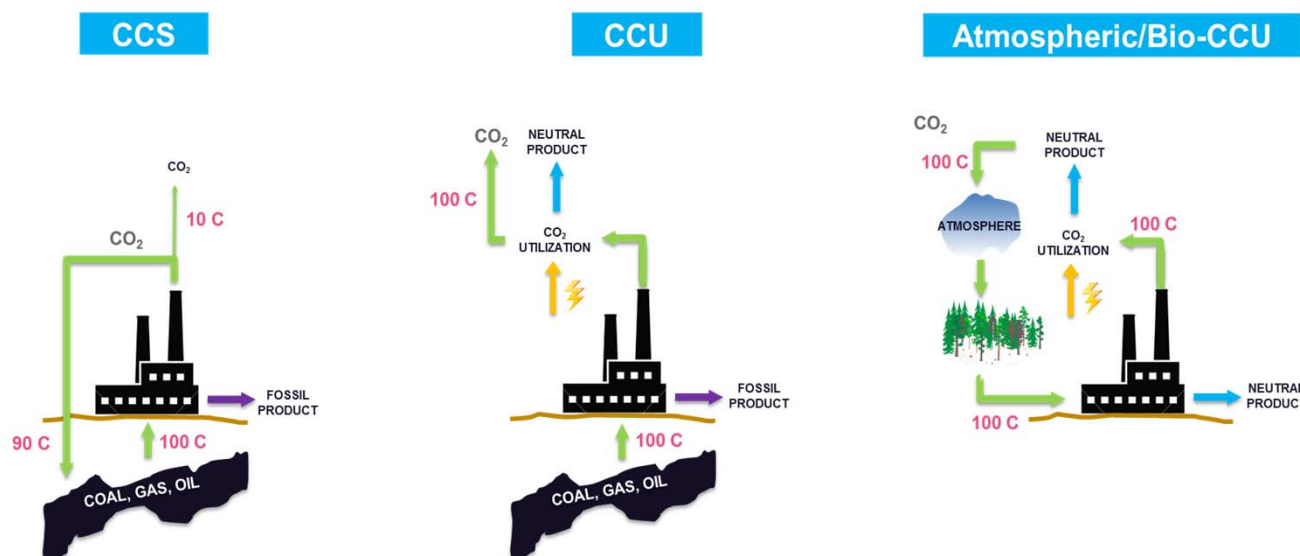


Ovatko CCU ja hiilen uusiotalous osa ratkaisua?

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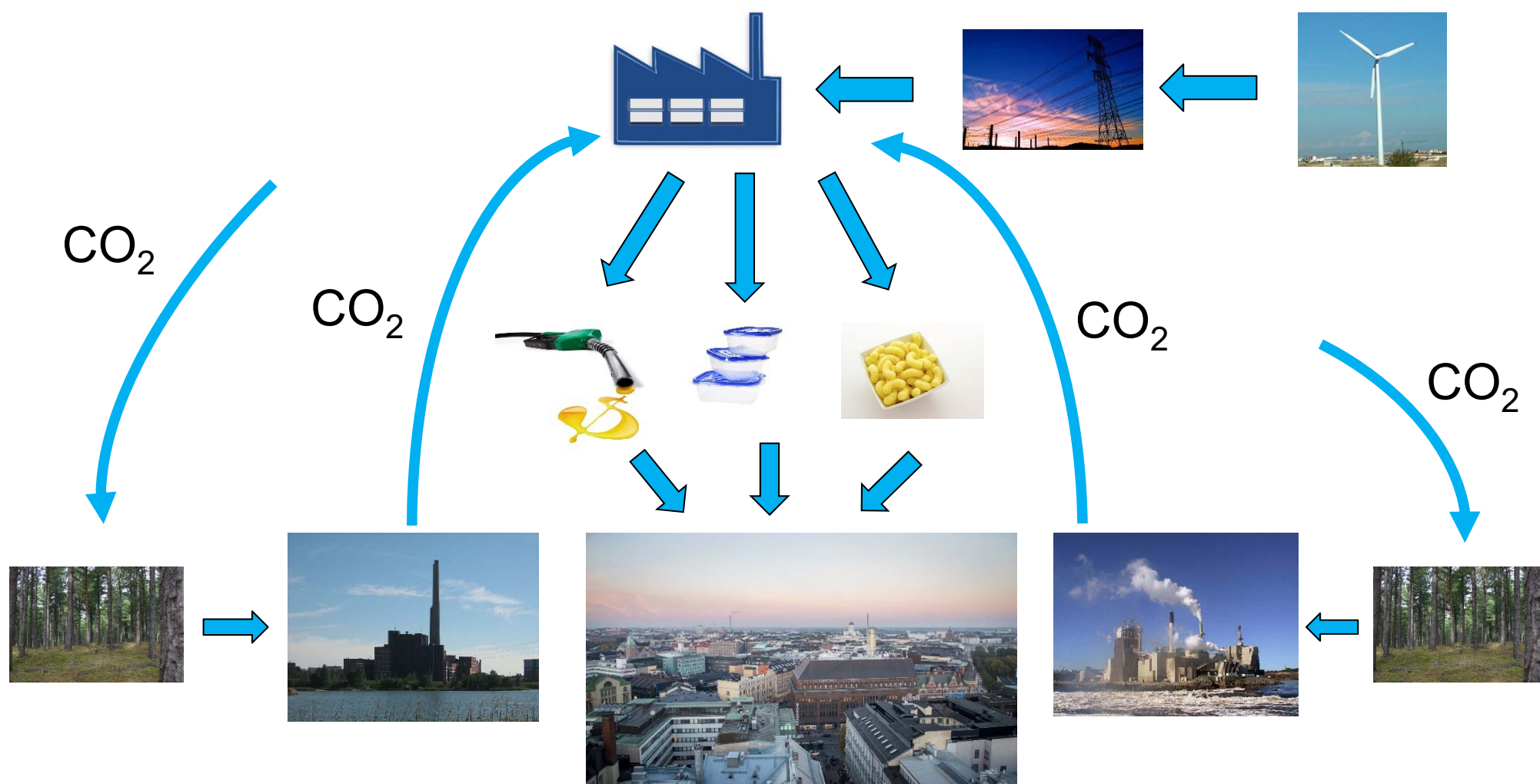
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CCU vs. CCS



- In CCS CO₂ is captured before release to the atmosphere and permanently stored in underground geological formations
 - CCS in connection with utilization of biomass or direct CO₂ air capture can offer negative emissions
- In CCU, the captured CO₂ is utilized as a source of carbon for the production of energy carriers, chemicals or materials
 - At its best, CCU can be carbon neutral

Carbon Reuse Economy



VTT Carbon Reuse Economy



VTT Mobile Fischer-Tropsch synthesis unit

CO_2 utilization by catalytic and chemical routes

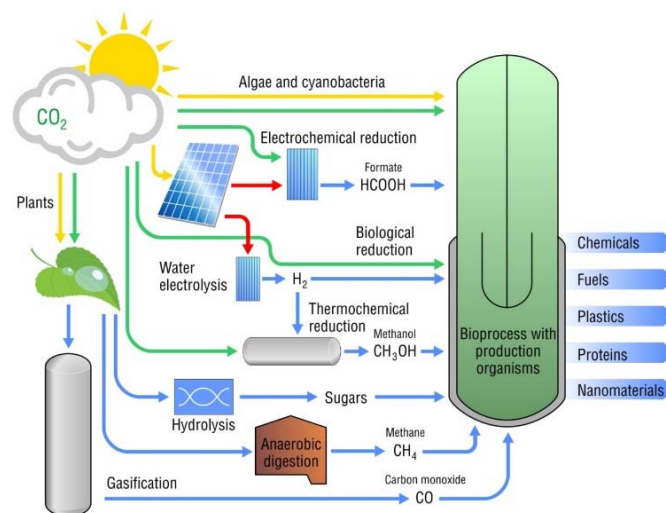
Microbial conversion of C1 compounds



Sustainable chemicals, fuels and materials without fossil resources

VTT competence

- Biotechnological upgrading
- Catalytic upgrading
- Thermochemical processes
- Energy systems
- Modelling
- Piloting facilities

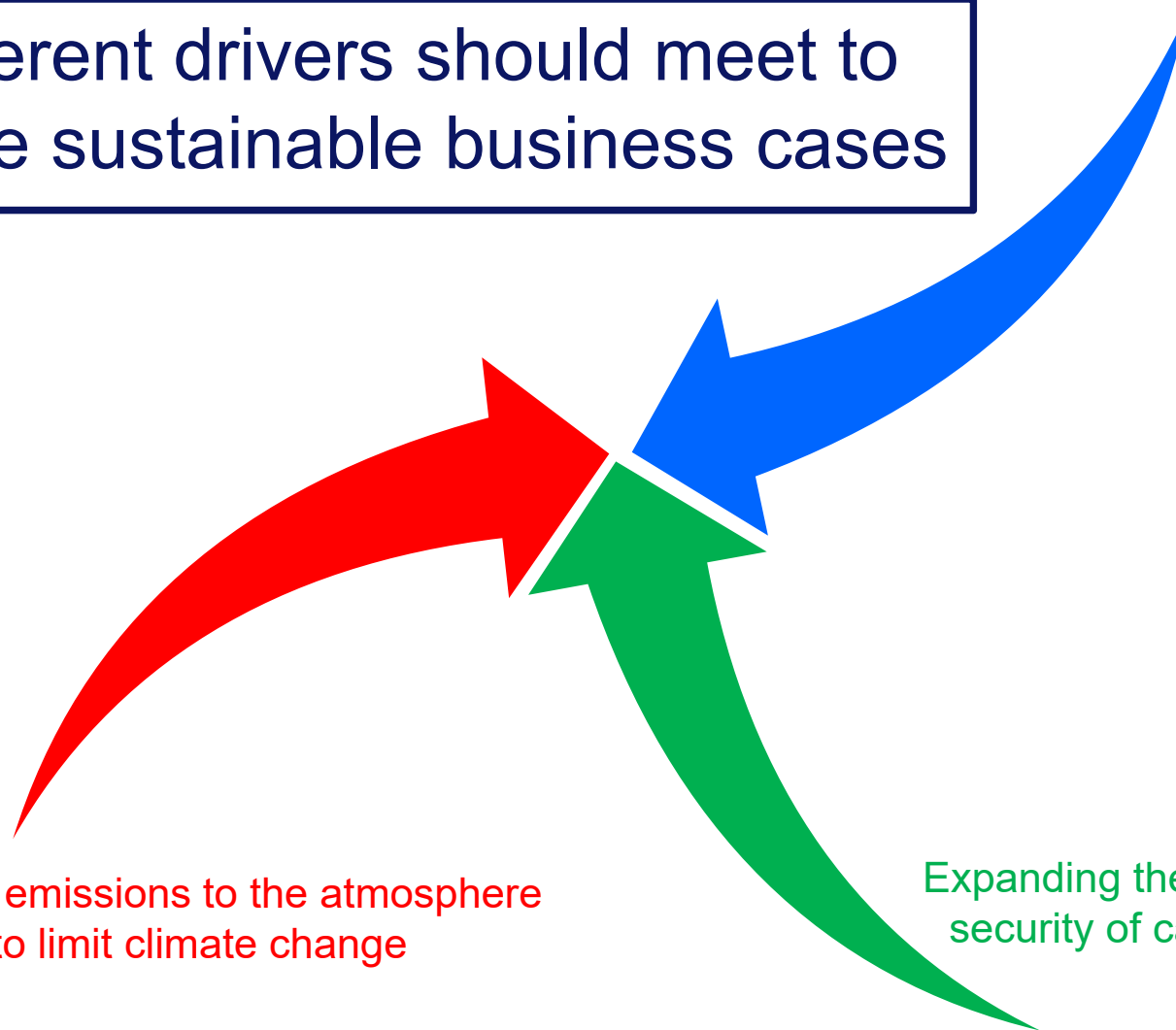


VTT biotechnological C1 utilization routes

VTT view on CCU

Different drivers should meet to create sustainable business cases

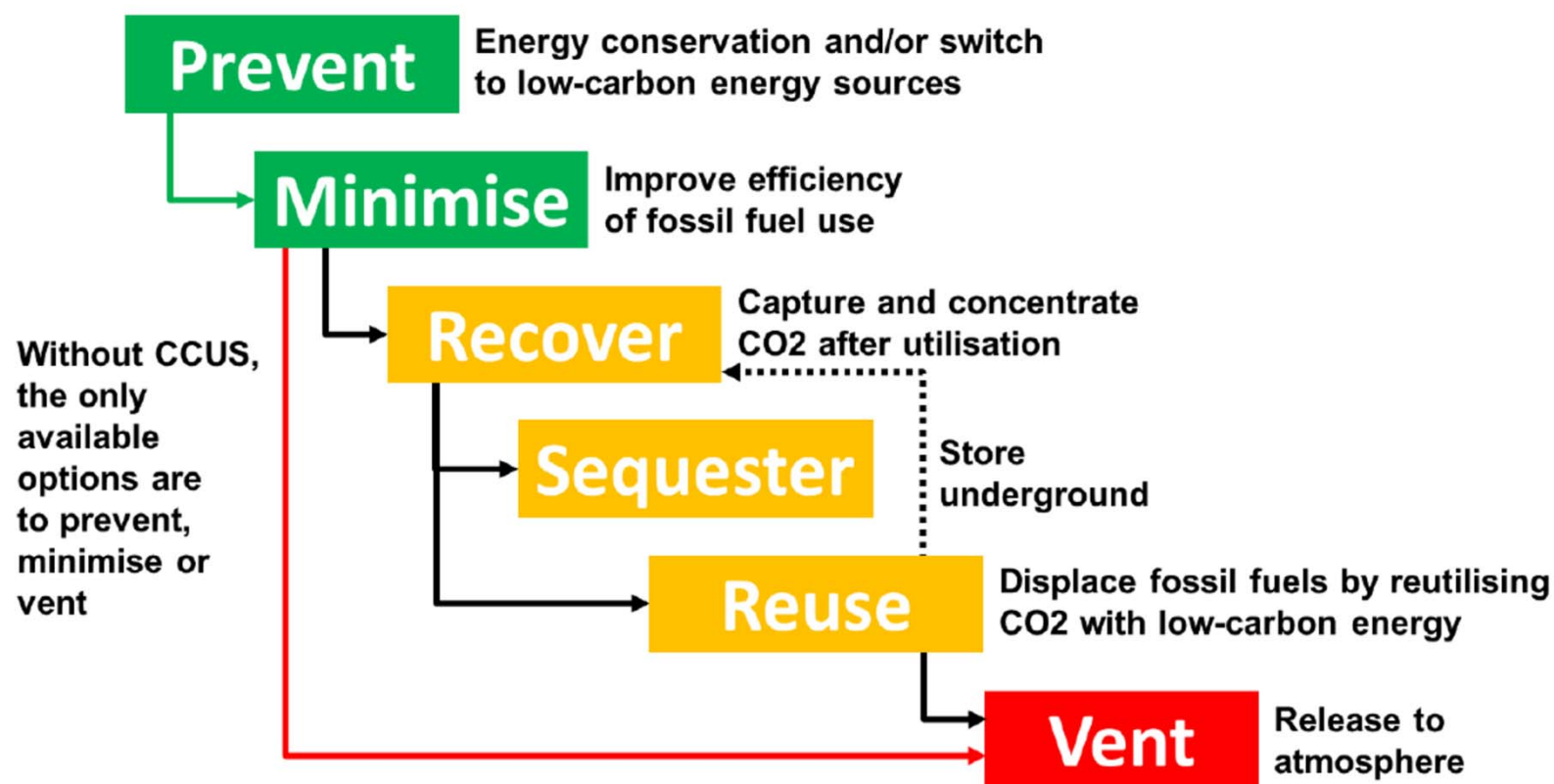
The potential for
new business



Decreasing CO₂ emissions to the atmosphere
in order to limit climate change

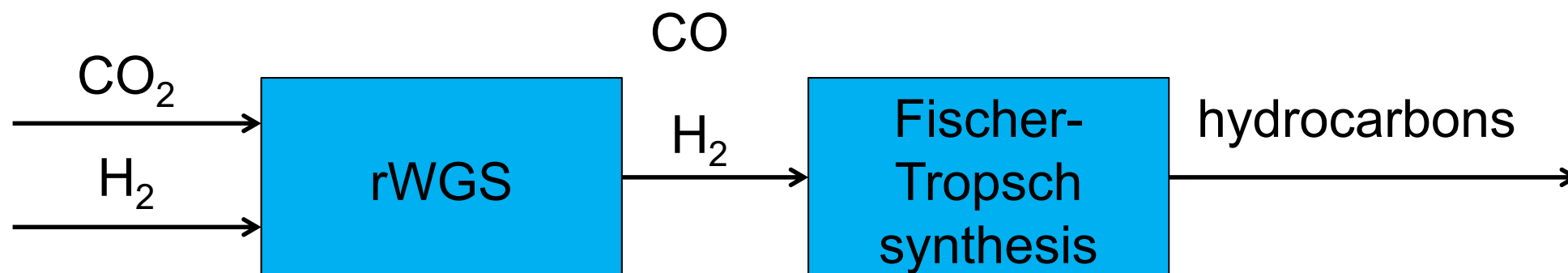
Expanding the resource basis and energy
security of carbon dependent industries

CCUS hierarchy



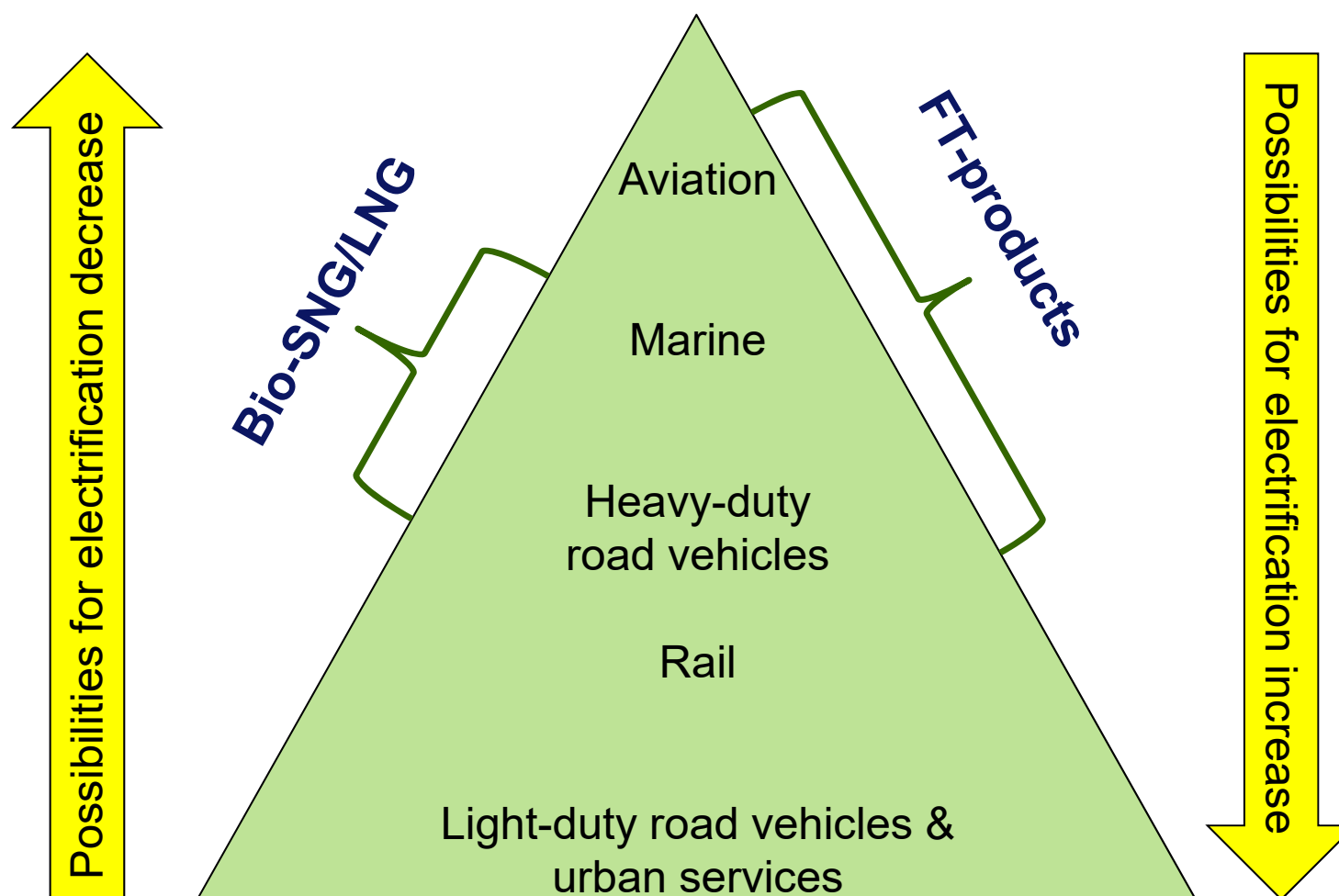
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Hydrocarbon fuels from carbon dioxide

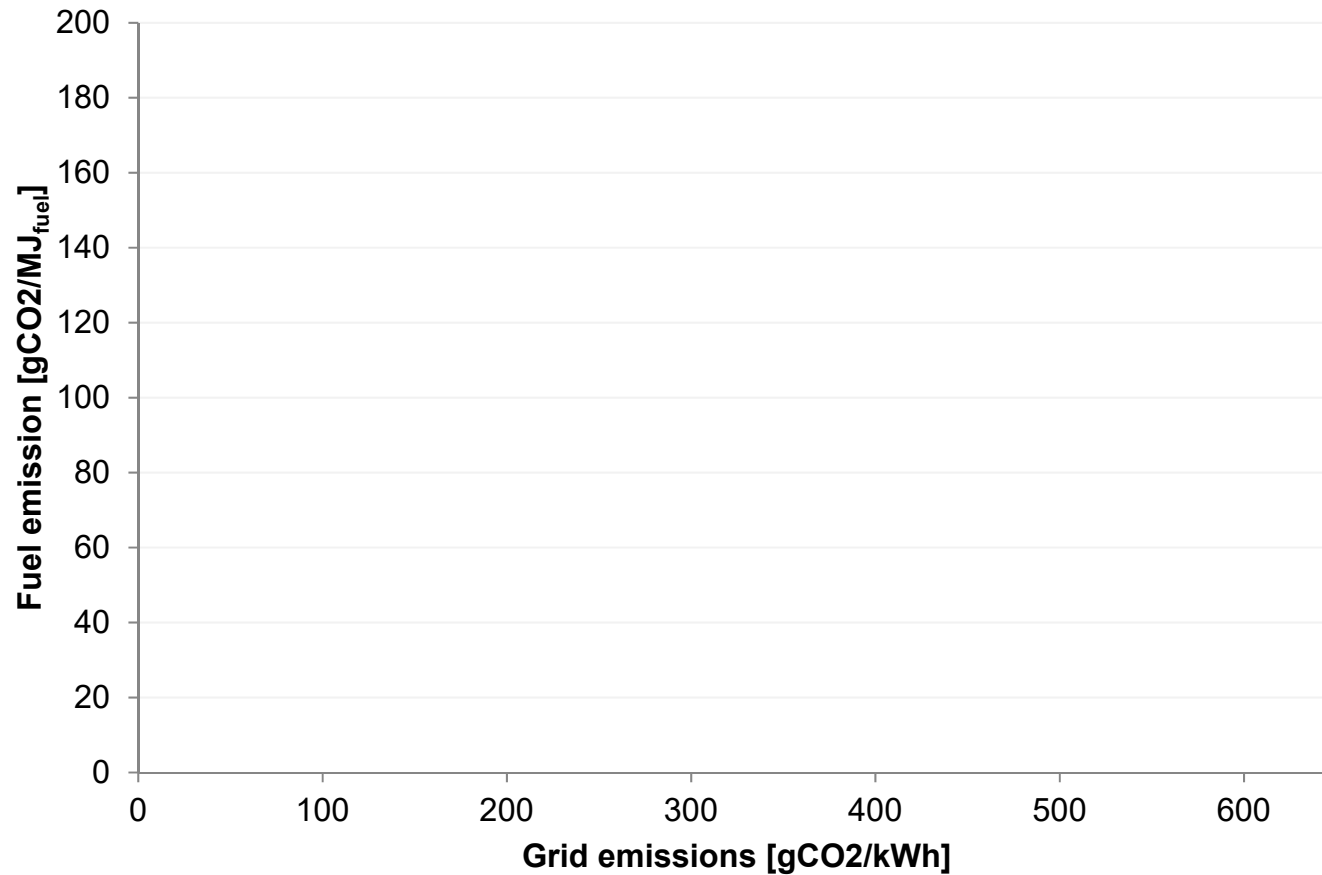


rWGS = reverse Water-Gas Shift reaction

Hierarchy of propulsion options

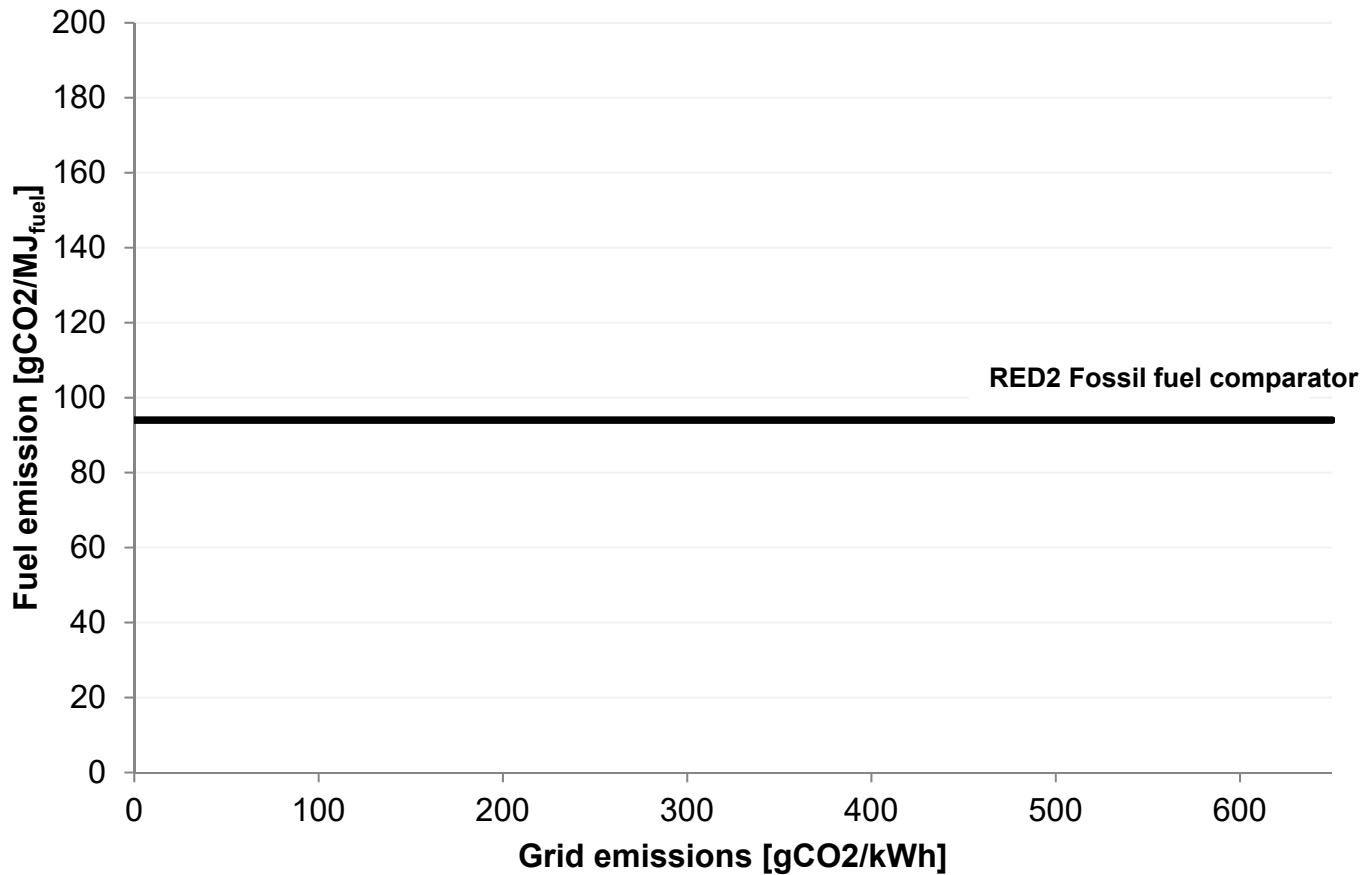


GHG balances for CCU-fuels



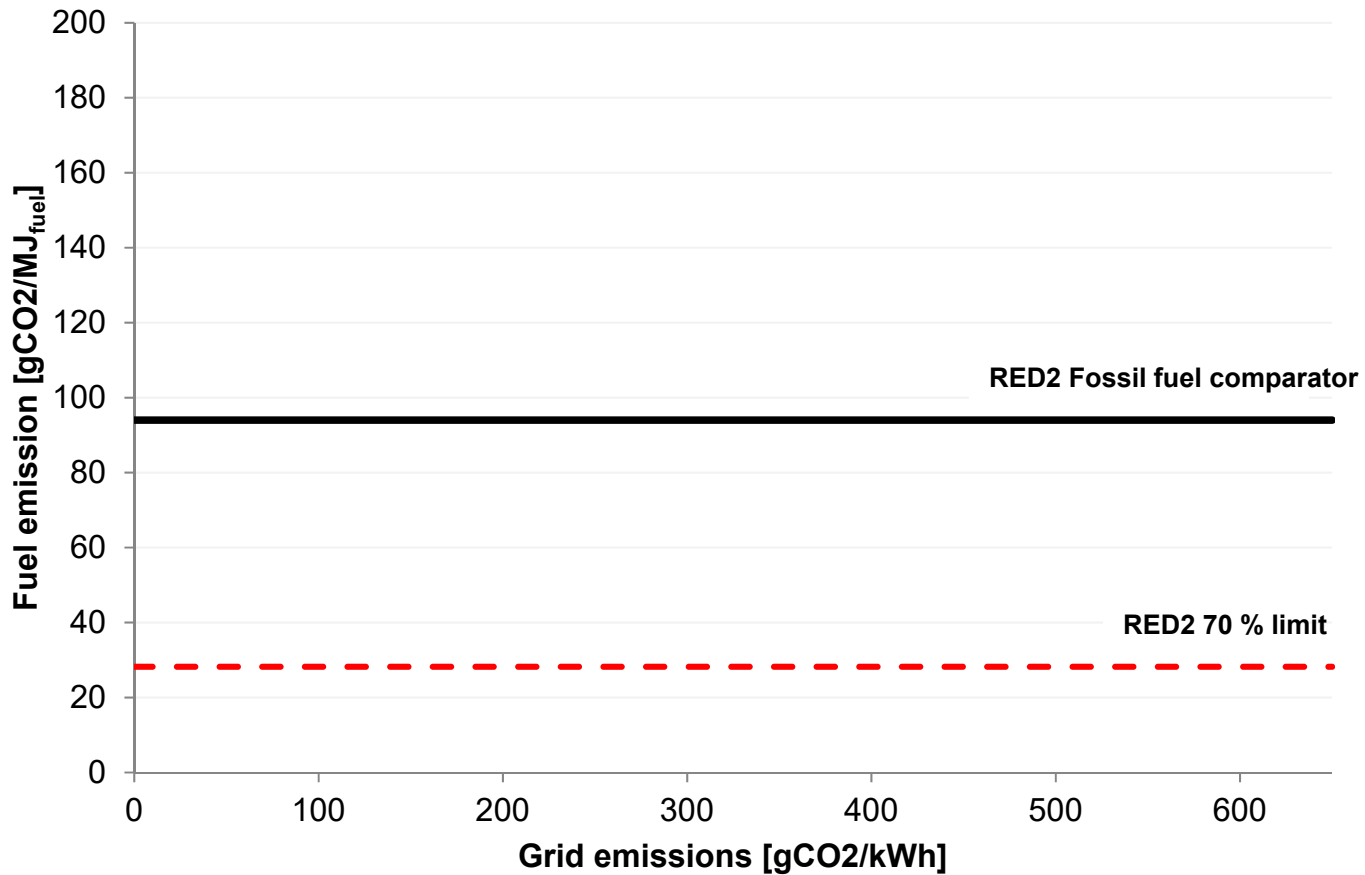
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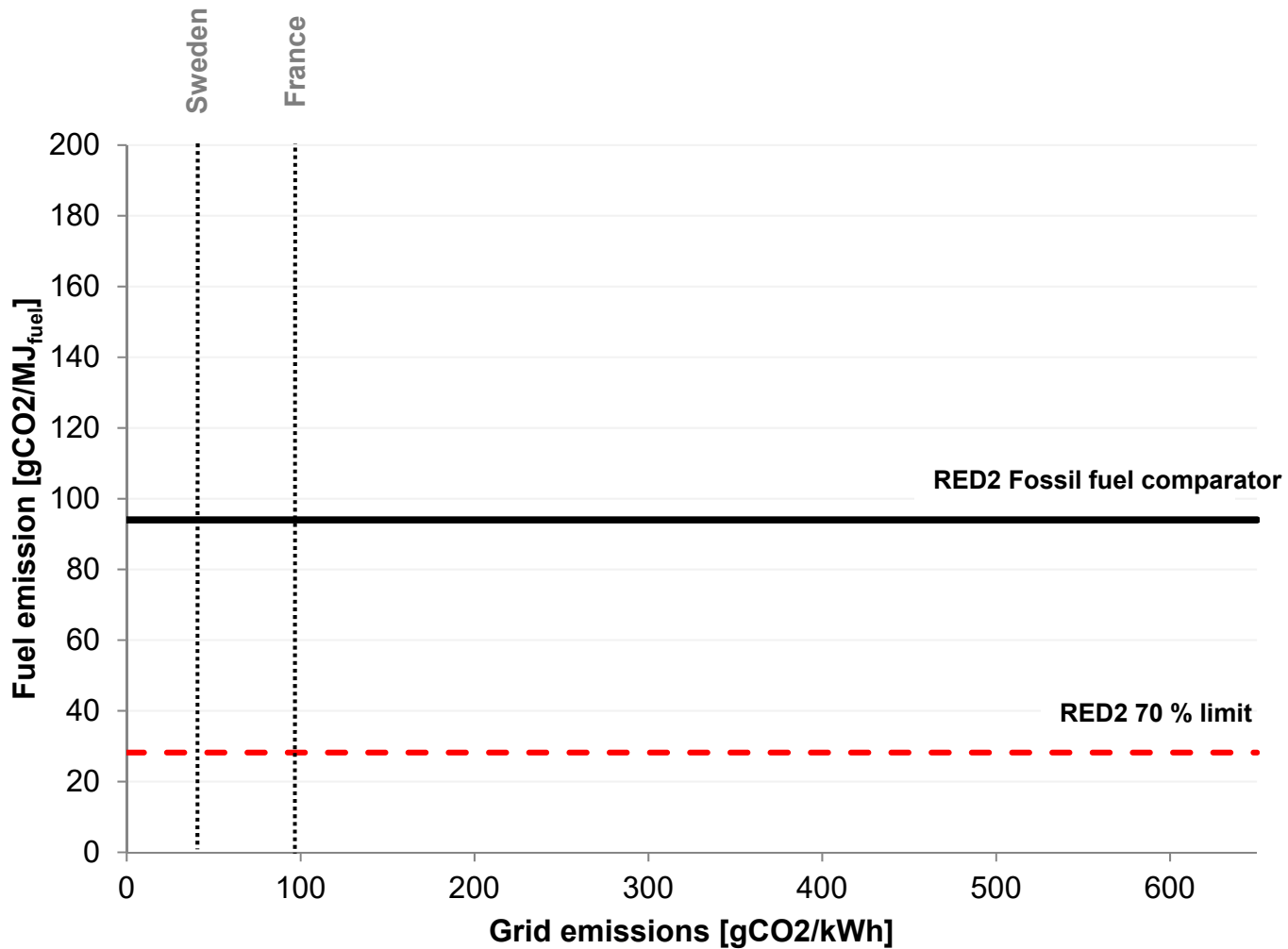
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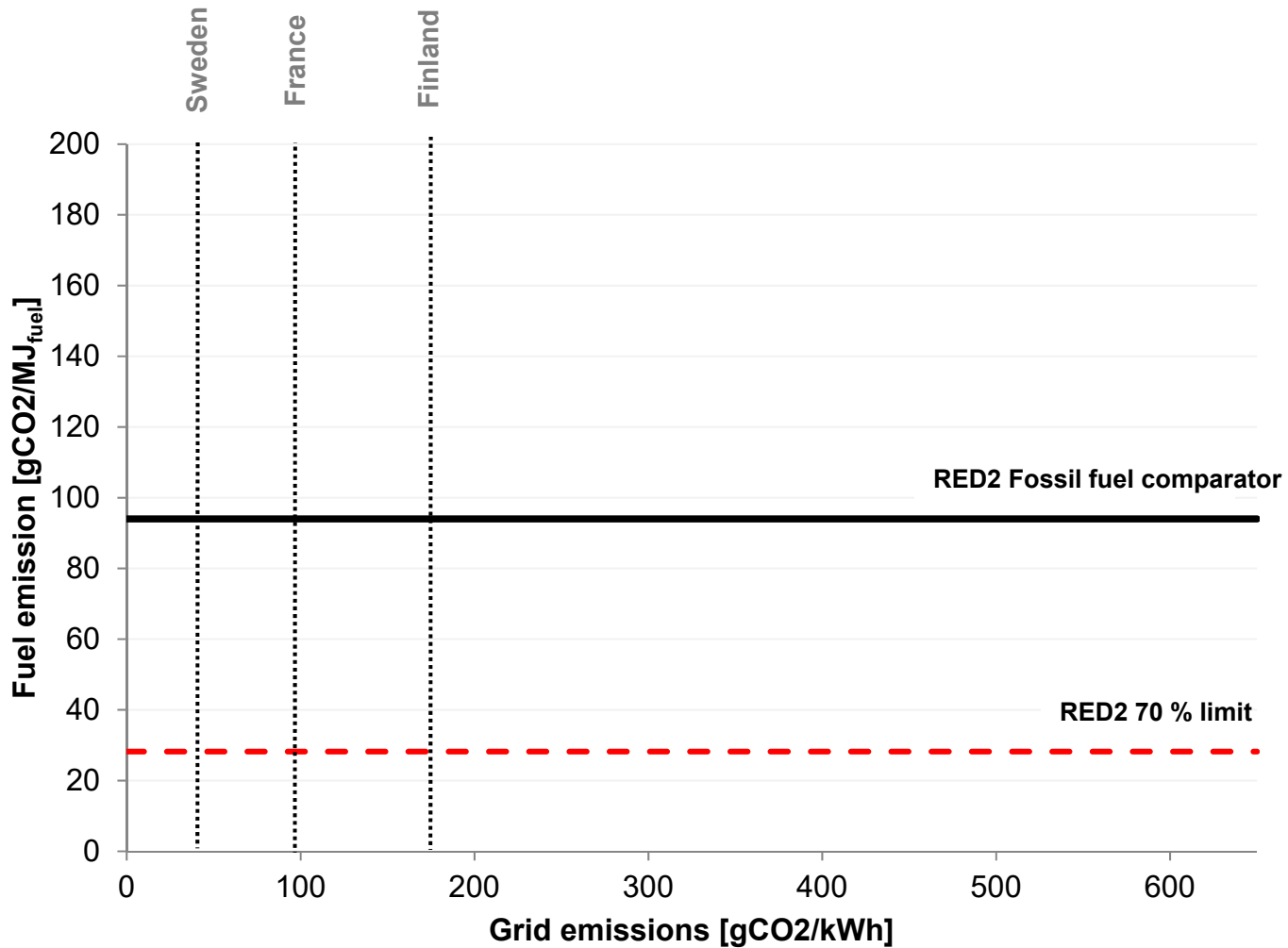
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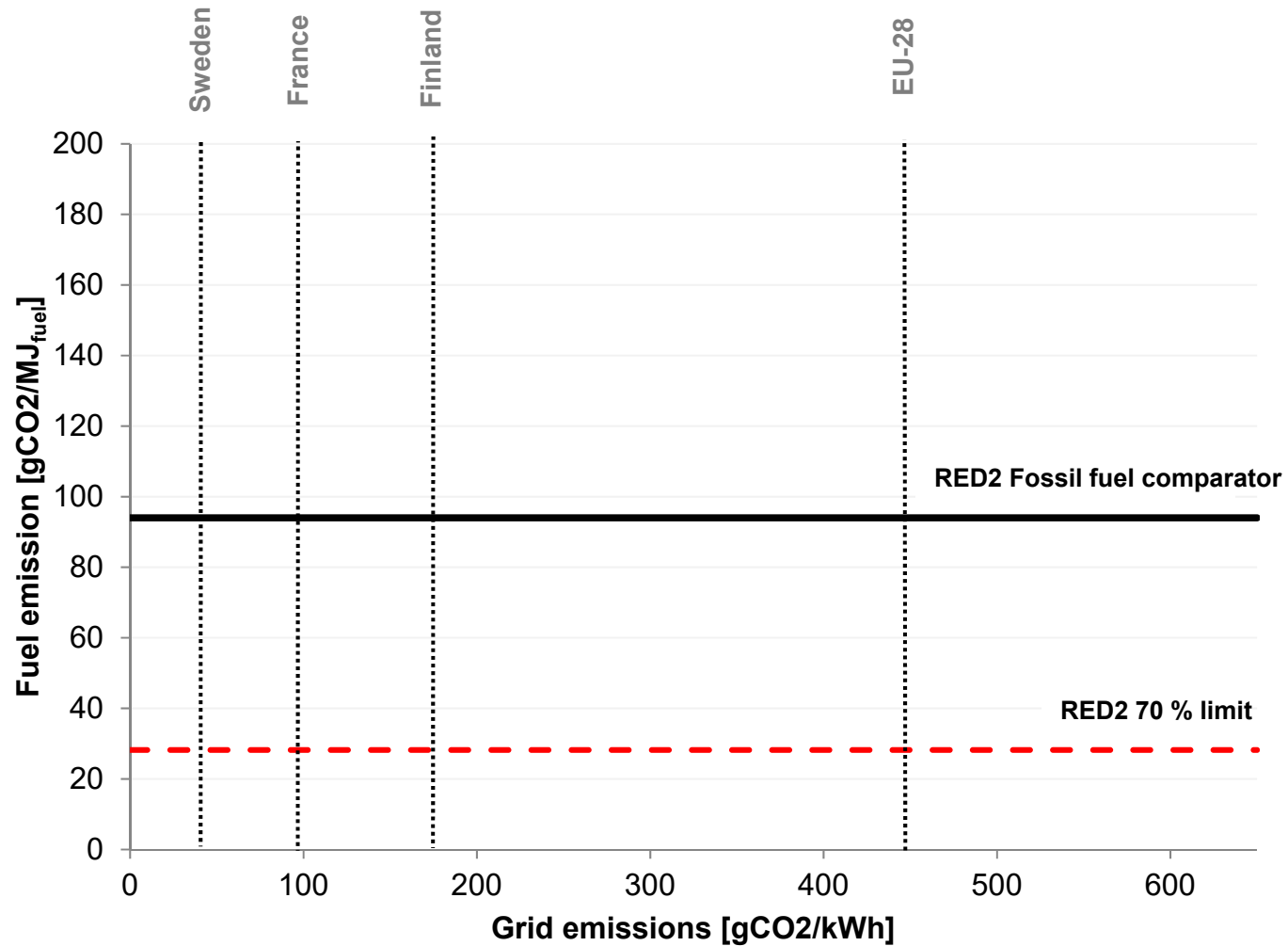
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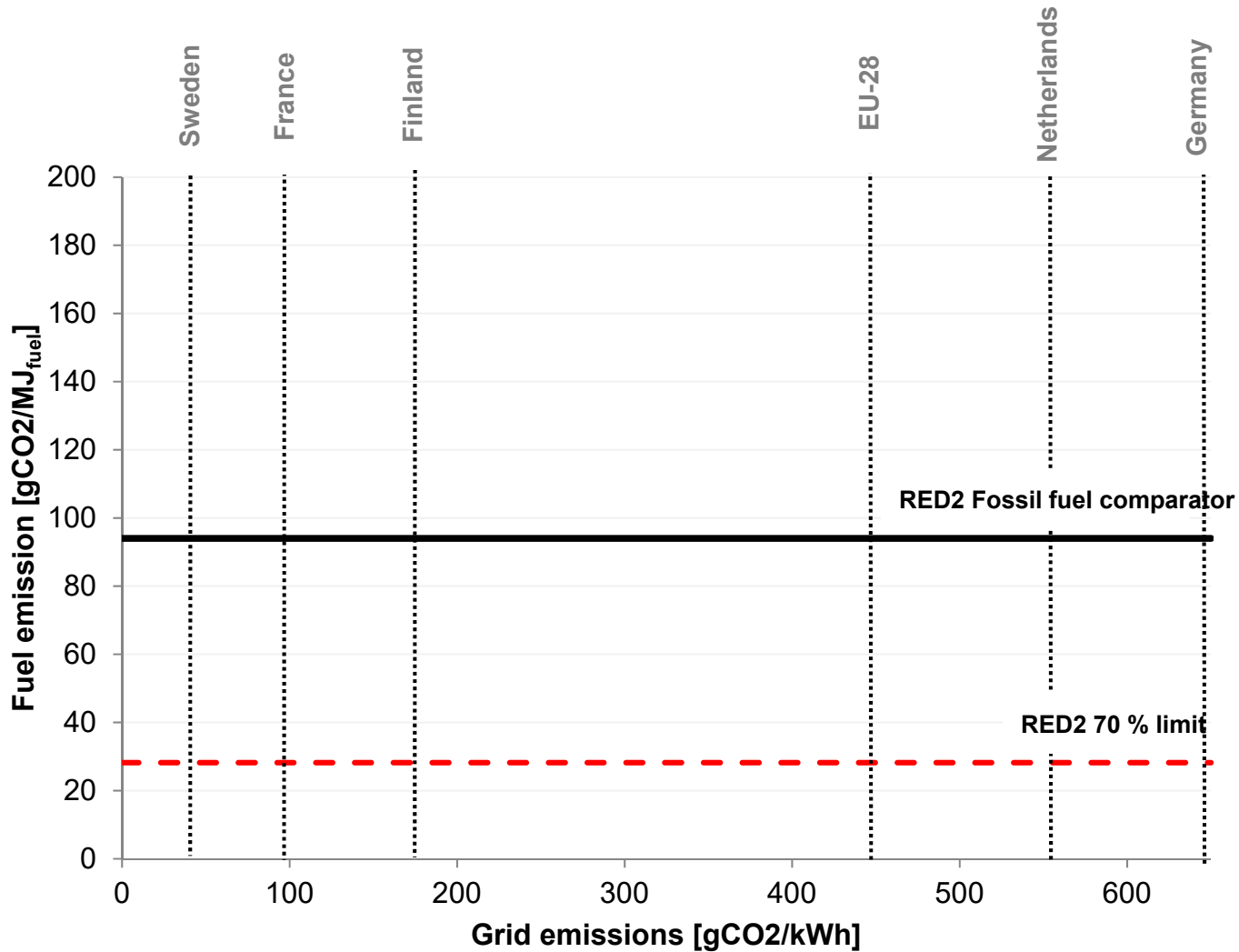
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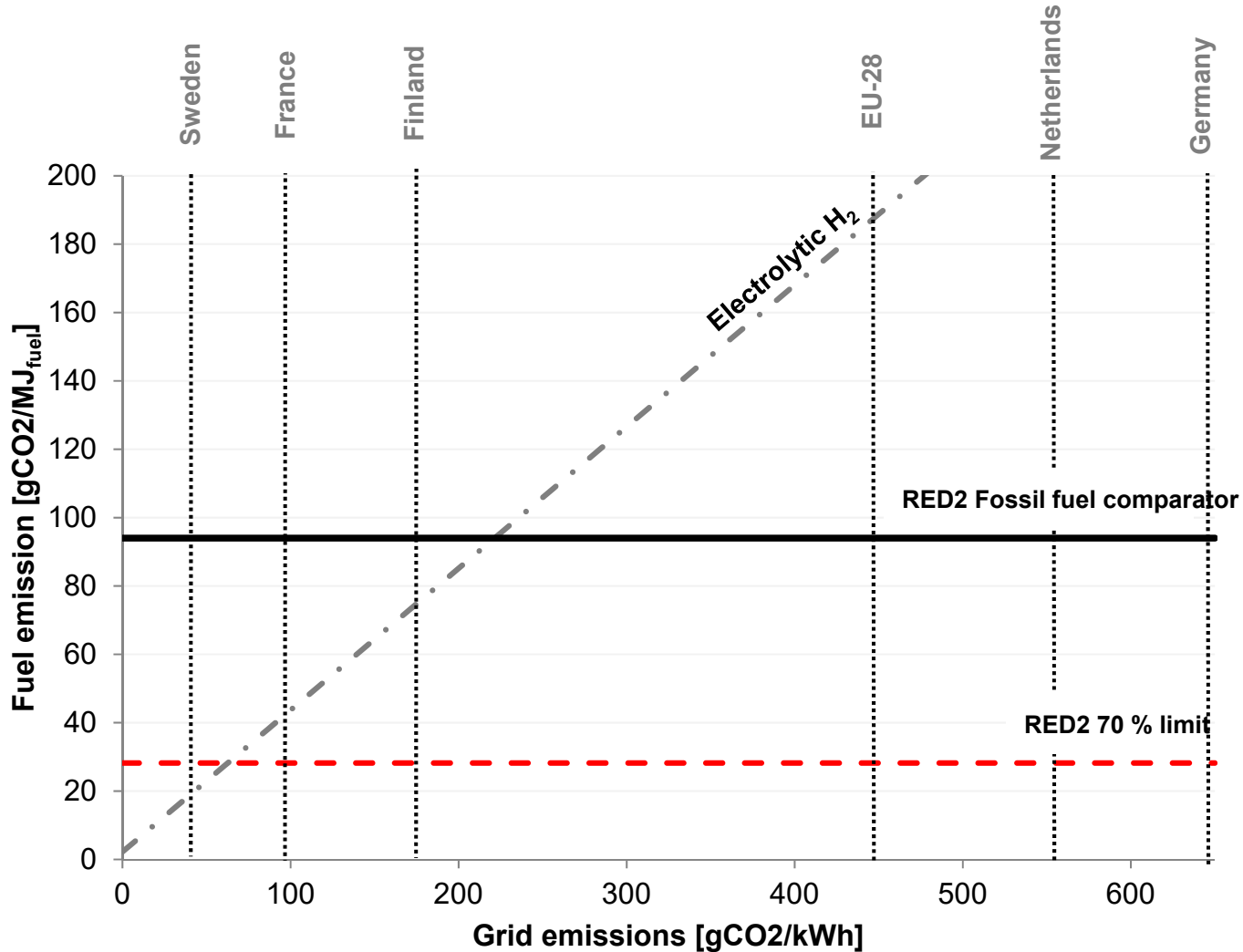
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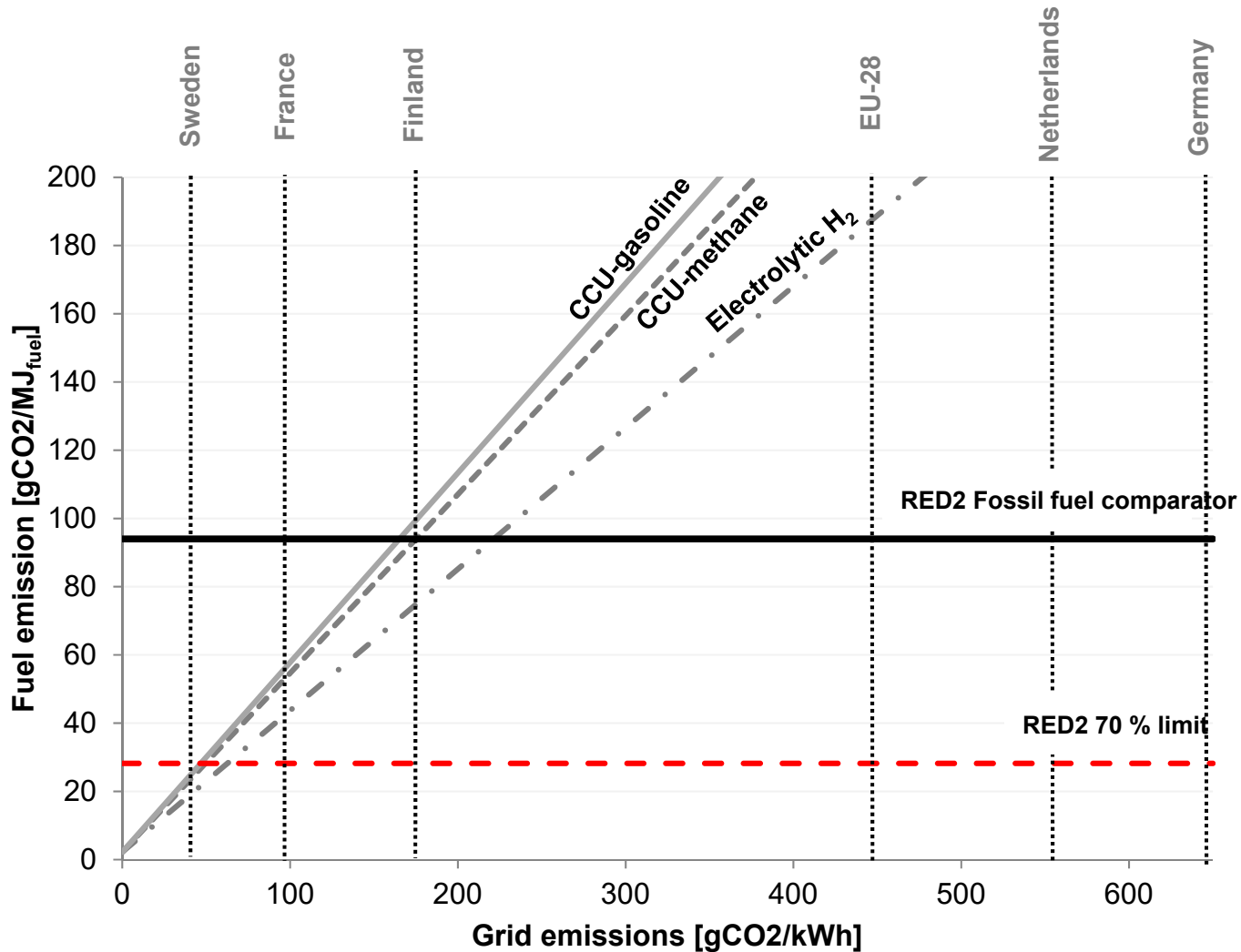
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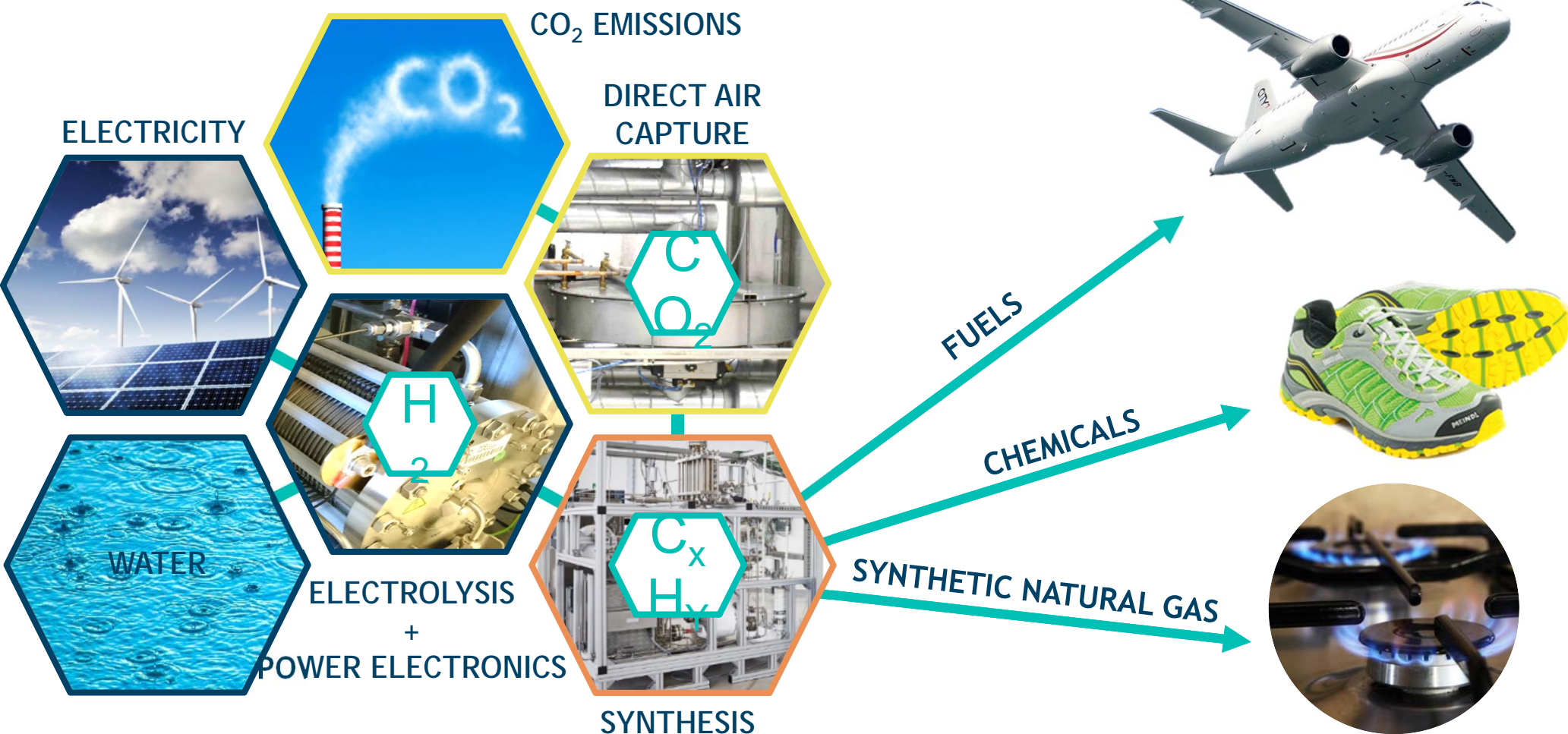
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SOLETAIR process



Main objectives

- To **integrate** all individual components together.
- To learn how the concept can be realized in a feasible way.
- To learn what kind of business possibilities lie in the PtX concept.

The target KPI's of the project are

- Energy efficiency from power to gas 60 %
- Total nominal investment cost of the PtG unit < 1,2 €/We or < 2 €/W SNG



SOLETAIR pilot in LUT campus

All units are inside containers > Fully transferable

Operated in the showcase mode May – September, 2017



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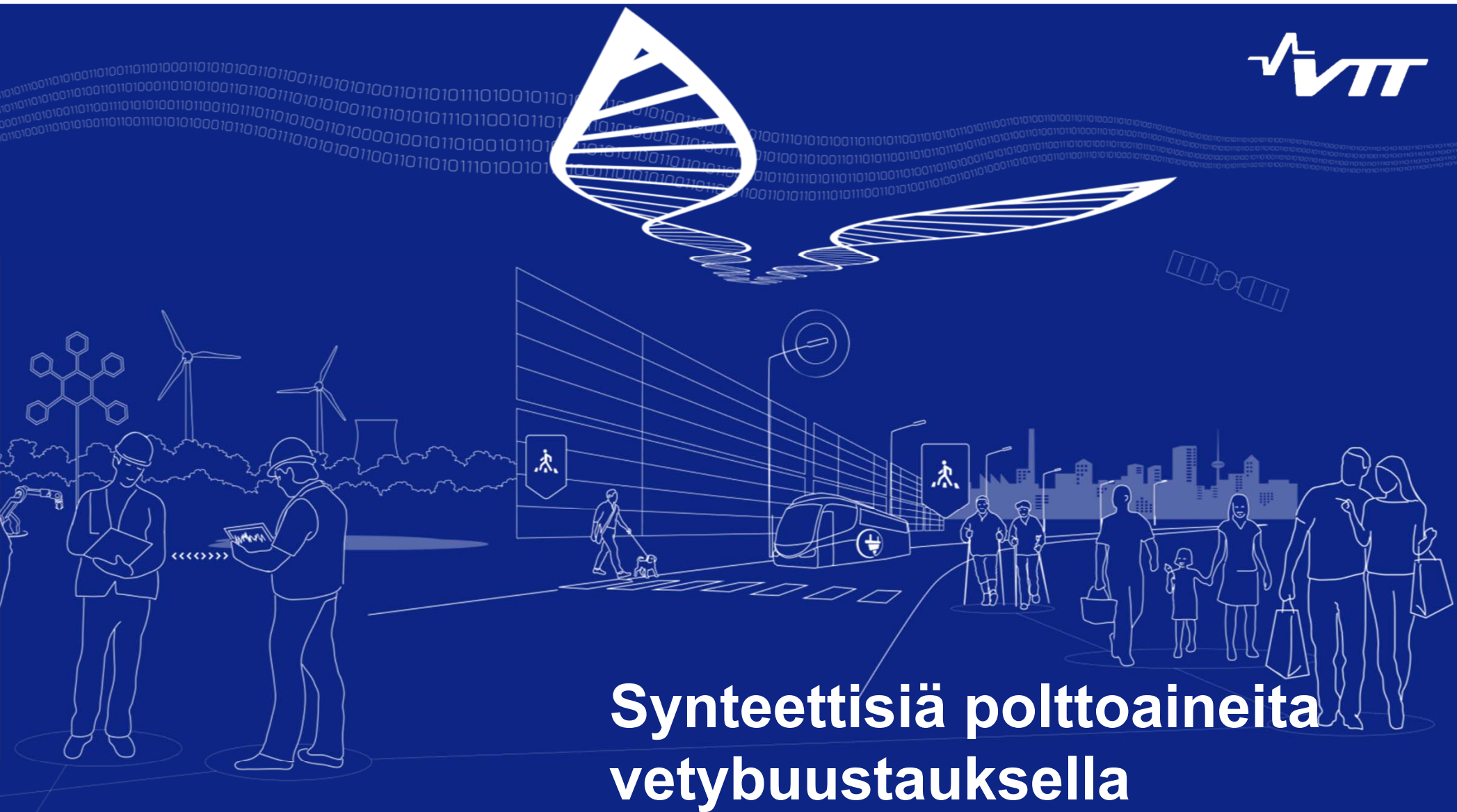


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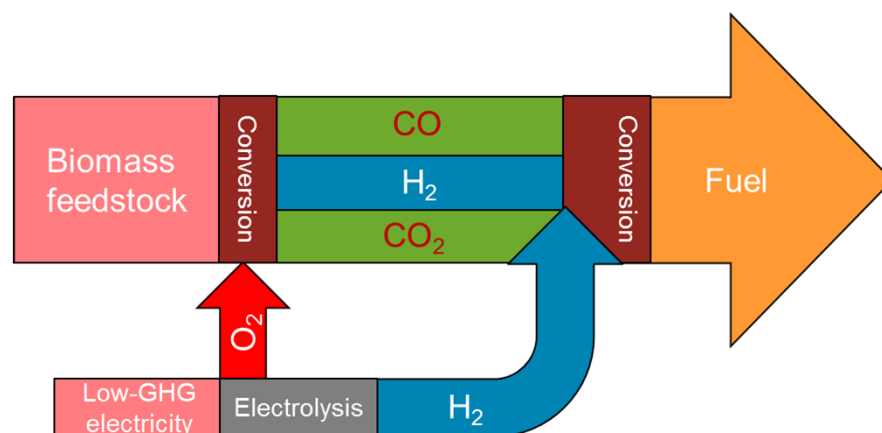


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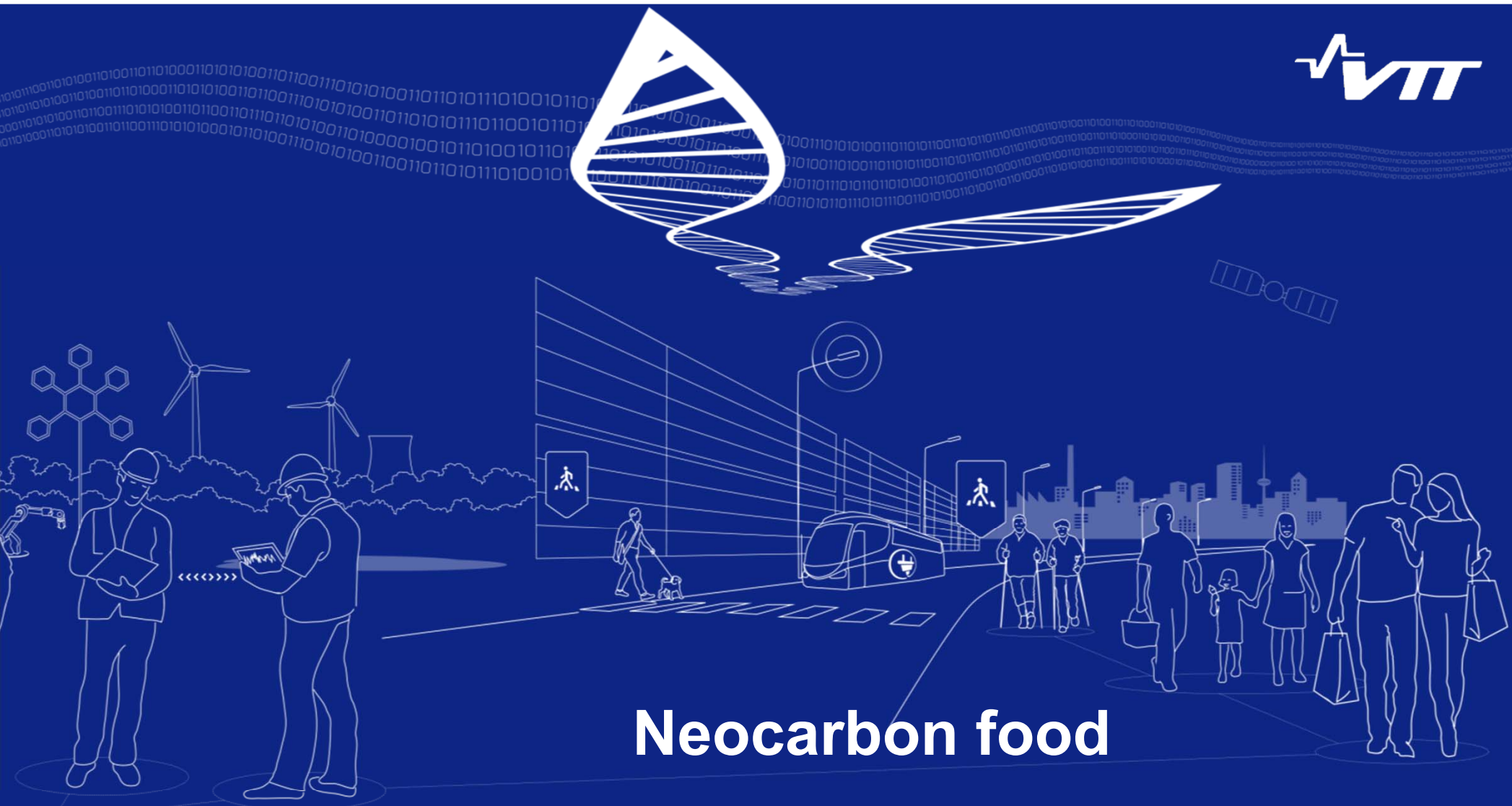




Hydrogen enhanced synthetic biofuels - More than twofold increase in biofuel output



- CC(U)S can have a role in processes relying on thermochemical conversion in future, such as industrial heat production, chemicals recovery, BTL and BTX
- If all sustainably available wastes and residues in the EU were collected and converted only to biofuels, using maximal hydrogen enhancement, the daily production would amount to 1.8 - 2.8 million oil equivalent barrels displacing up to 41 - 63 per cent of the EU's road transport fuel demand in 2030.
- Economically attractive over non-enhanced designs when the average cost of low-GHG hydrogen falls below 2.2-2.8 €/kg, depending on the process configuration





Why Neo-Carbon Food

1. One fifth of human caused greenhouse gas emissions is connected to food production.
2. World population 7.5 → 9 billion by 2050.
3. Climate change and draughts reduce food yields.
Global over fishing: peak annual catch in 1996.

Minimal requirements for protein production

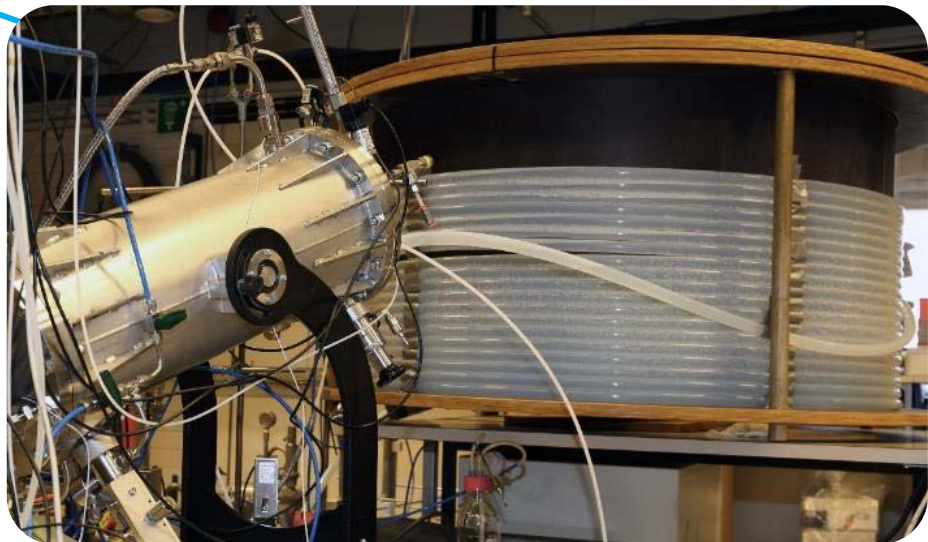
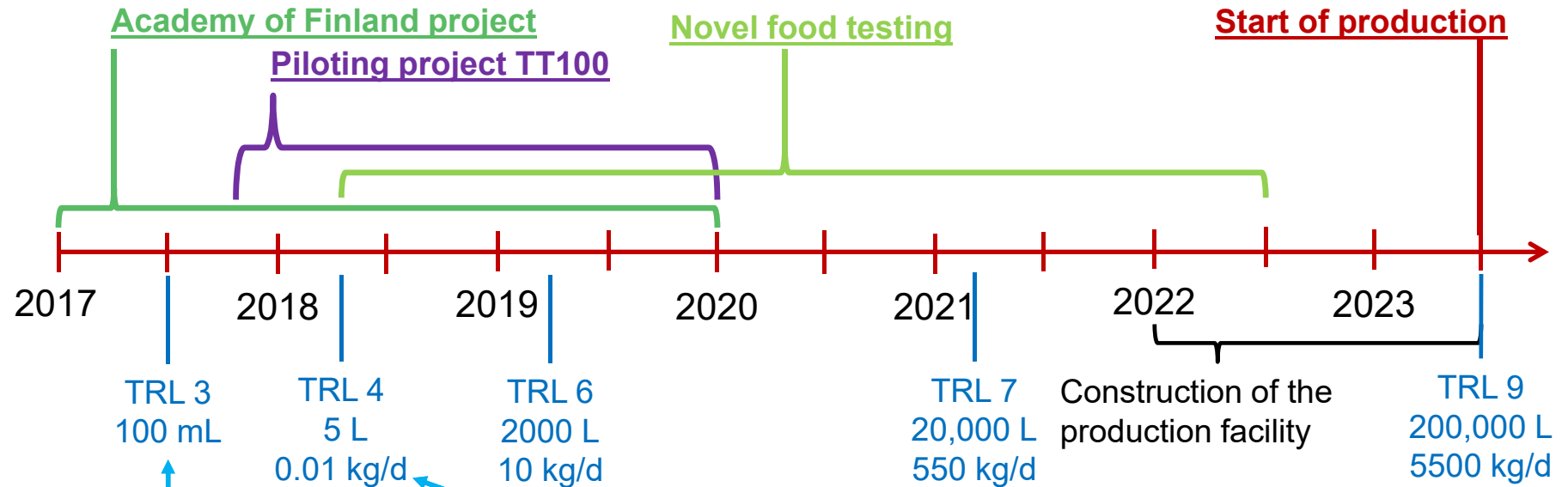


Protein produced with microorganisms is called single-cell protein; SCP.

"Algae" *Spirulina* and *Chlorella* are produced using direct sunlight.

Mycoprotein Quorn is produced from sugar using a *Fusarium* fungus. Produced in closed bioreactors.

Indicative development roadmap



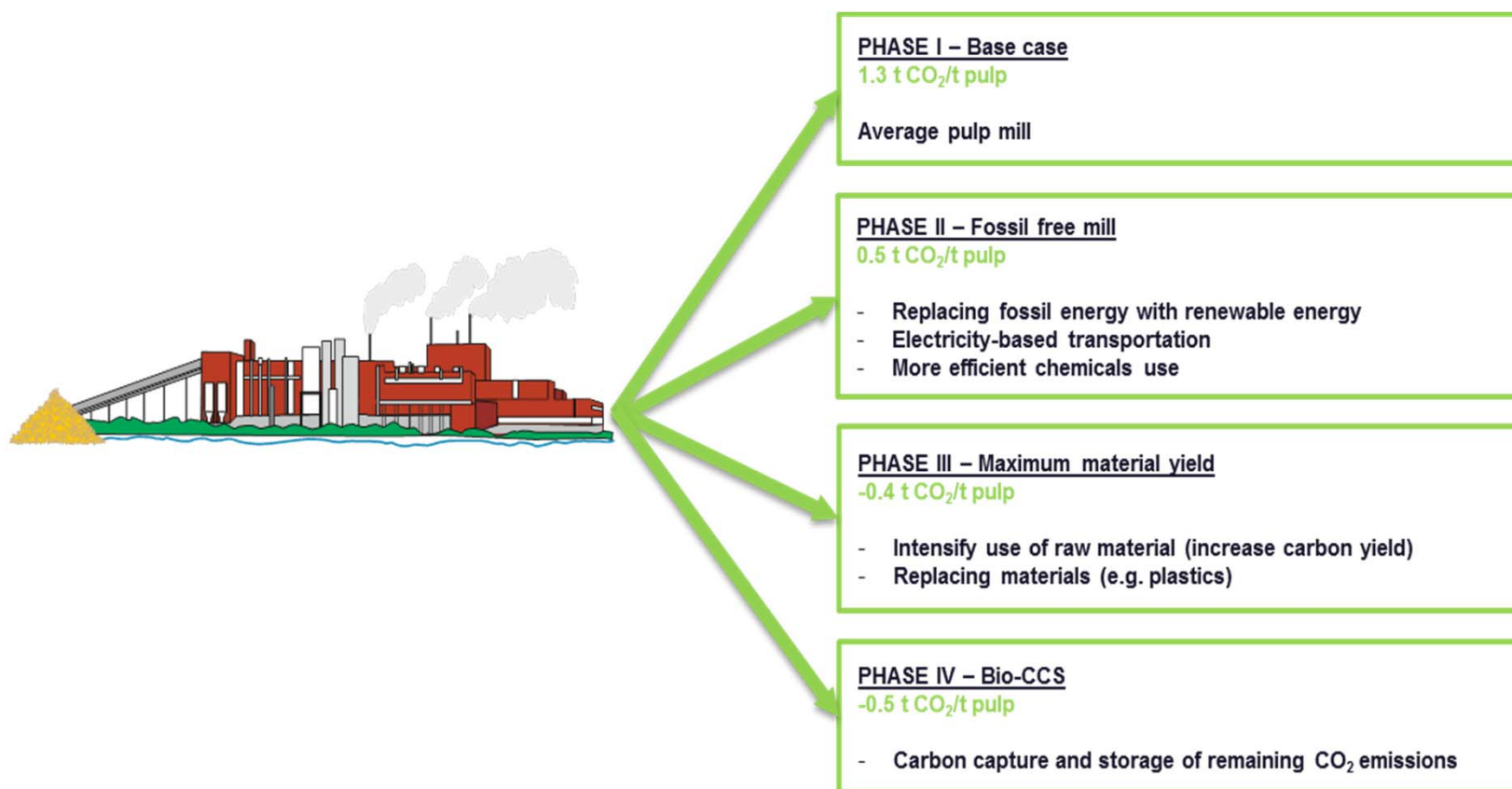


There is a constant progress in the forest industries to increase positive GHG effect

- Carbon efficiency of processes is increasing
 - More efficient use of side-streams like lignin
 - Modern pulp mill is carbon neutral and over self-sufficient in energy
- Expanding product lifecycle, e.g. pulp into structural products
- Production of fuels and chemicals to replace fossil-based products in co-operation with other industries
- Technological development towards novel fractionation technologies to replace current pulping processes in the future

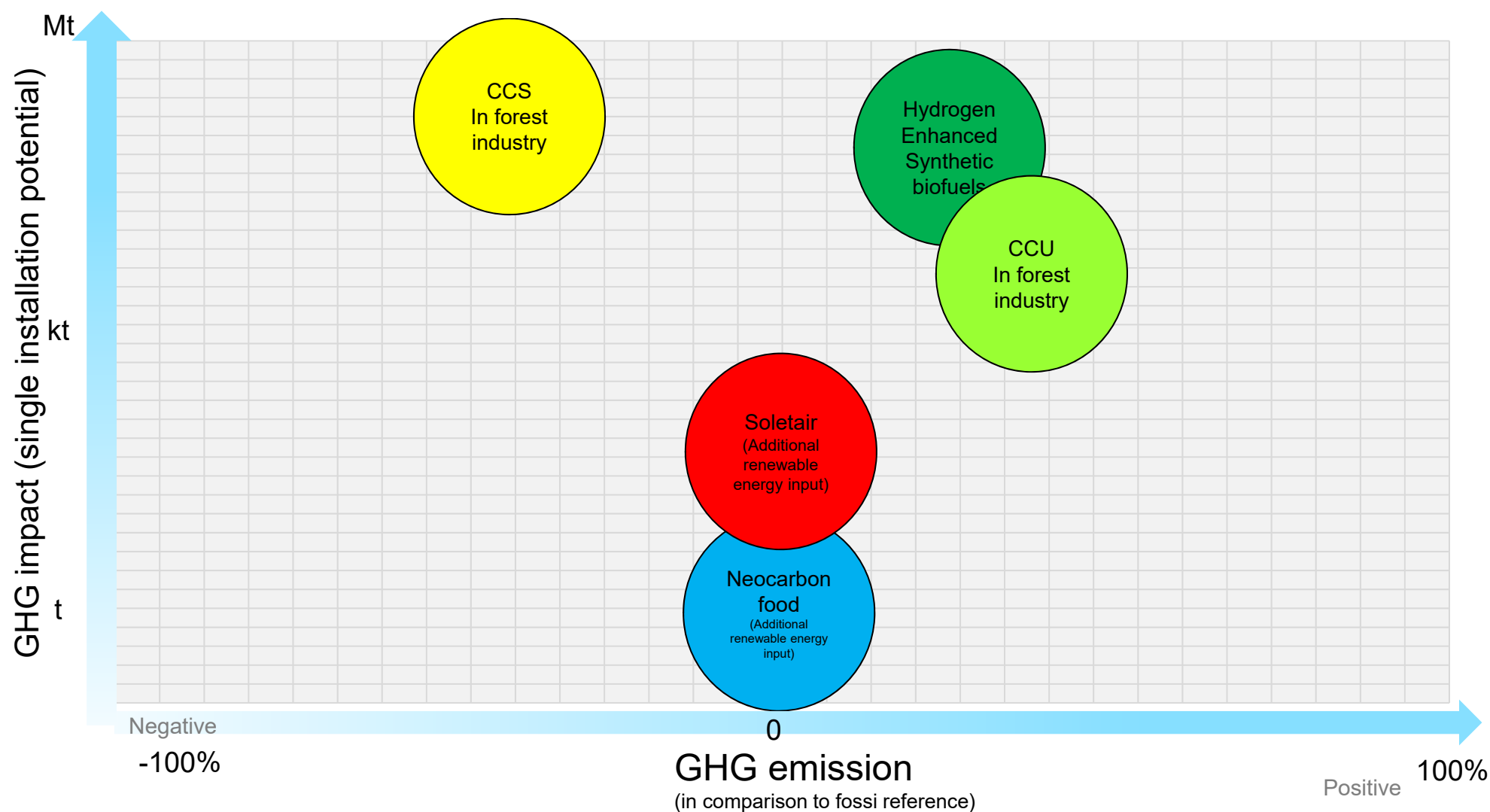
- Reforestation (increases carbon stocks in forests and secures future raw material supply)

Steps to negative emissions in forest industry





GHG impact of presented cases



Conclusions

- Different drivers of CCUS have to meet in order to create sustainable business
- Impact mechanisms of CCS and CCU on climate change mitigation are different
- By bio-CC(U)S, negative emissions can be reached
- There is a constant progress in the forest industry to become carbon neutral
- Business cases with near zero or even negative emissions can be established already now



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