



# Climate Smart Futures- from Process Emissions to Planetary Boundaries

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# AGENDA

- Welcome, introductions and overview of series  
*Amanda Lake, Jacobs, (Moderator)*
- LCA in wastewater treatment  
*Eoghan Clifford, University of Galway*  
Q&A
- LCA in energy and resource recovery upgrades, VARGA project  
*Maria Faragó, Rambøll*  
Q&A
- Case study – Sustainability as a driver for Aarhus ReWater  
*Jacob Kragh Andersen, Envidan / Inge Halkjær Jensen, Aarhus Vand*  
Q&A
- Introduction to the GHG white paper  
*Amanda Lake, Jacobs, (Moderator)*
- Closing remarks (Encouragement to engage)

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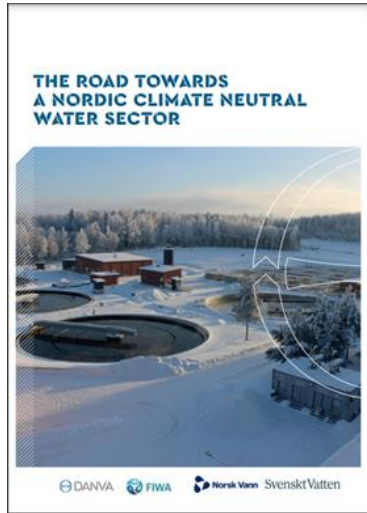


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## Climate Smart Futures: from Process Emissions to Planetary Boundaries

International Water Association, DANVA [Emissions Reductions, Climate Action, Life-cycle analysis, Planetary Boundaries](#)

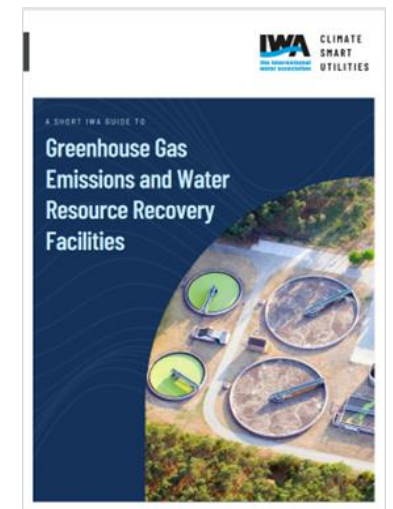
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# LCA in wastewater treatment – an example in aeration

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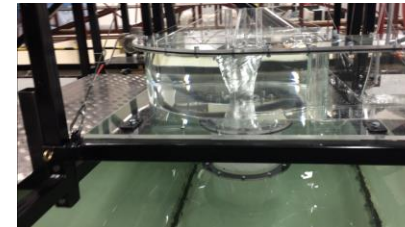


# BACKGROUND

- Head of Civil Engineering in University of Galway
- Technical advisor to Vortech Water Solutions (spin-out from our research group)
- Process engineering in water and wastewater
- Academic and industry background
- Fundamental to applied (almost full-scale) research



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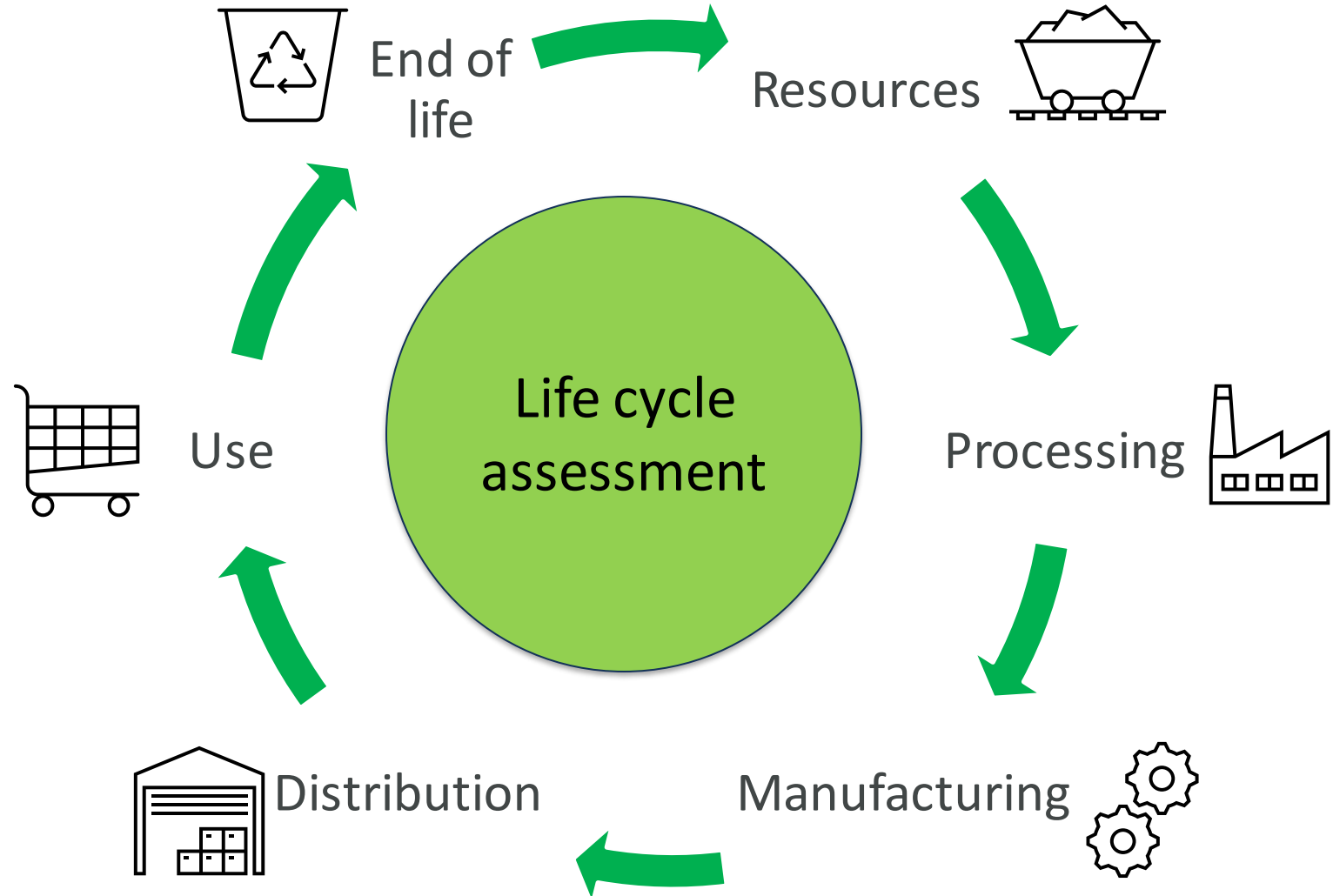


# LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT

Life cycle assessment

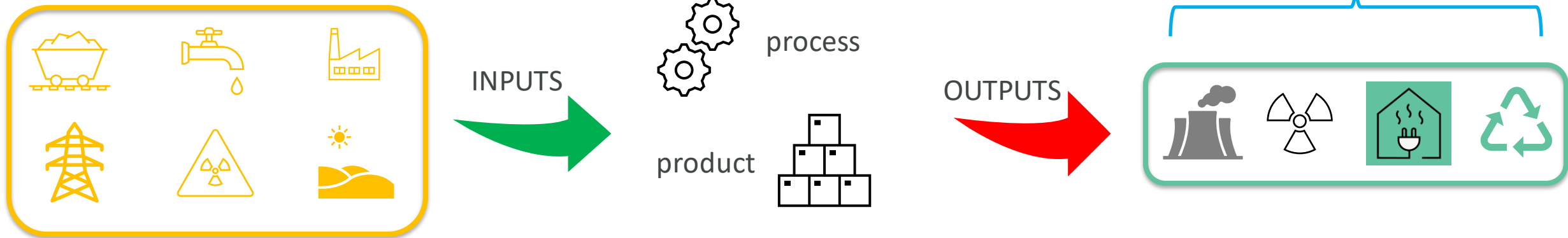
“A compilation and evaluation of the inputs and outputs and the potential environmental impacts of a product system throughout its life cycle.”

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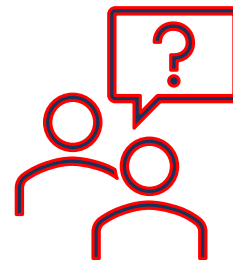
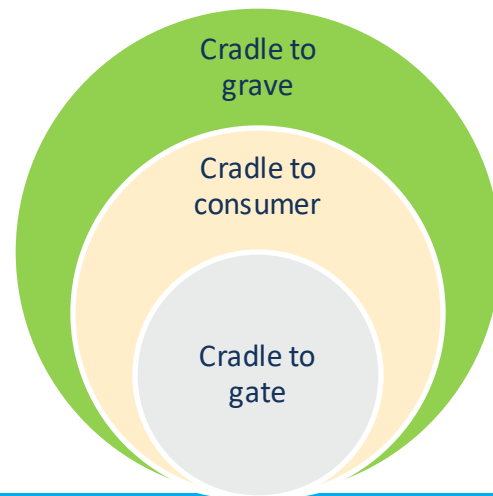


# LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT

## Life cycle assessment model



## Model boundary



## Functional unit

Impacts per....

- 1 500 mL water bottle
- 1 km driven
- 1 kg O<sub>2</sub> entrained

# DRIVERS FOR LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT

- Academic:
  - **Holistic** measurement of overall system/product impacts
  - Can drive innovation and mitigation
  - Evidence for policy
- Industry
  - Requirement at tendering stage (normally embodied carbon only)
  - Innovation and efficiency
  - Environmental credentials etc.
- Utility
  - Required for carbon reporting
  - Can drive green tendering processes
  - Can reduce whole life cycle costs and impacts



# CHALLENGES WITH LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT

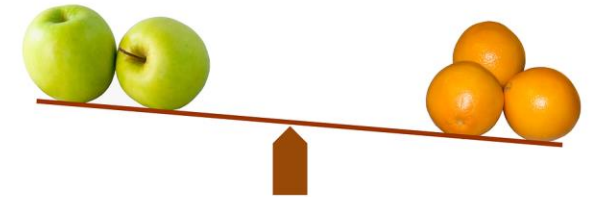
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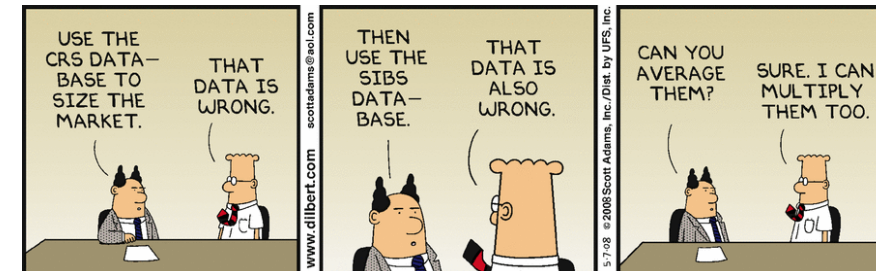
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comparisons



Expertise?



Data



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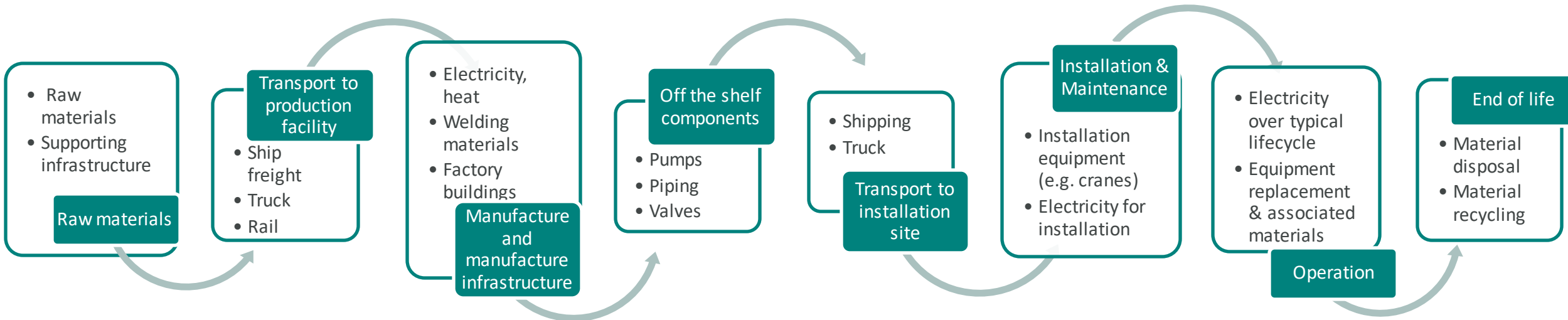
# THIS STUDY

- Aeration a key component in wastewater treatment
  - Underpins most biochemical processes
  - Key for process control
  - Major energy consumer
  - Impacts wider WWTP emissions (e.g. N<sub>2</sub>O)
- This study:
  - Part of an industry / academic collaboration
  - Developed LCA for an aeration product installed at a large WWTP
  - The first such study like this (as far as we know)..



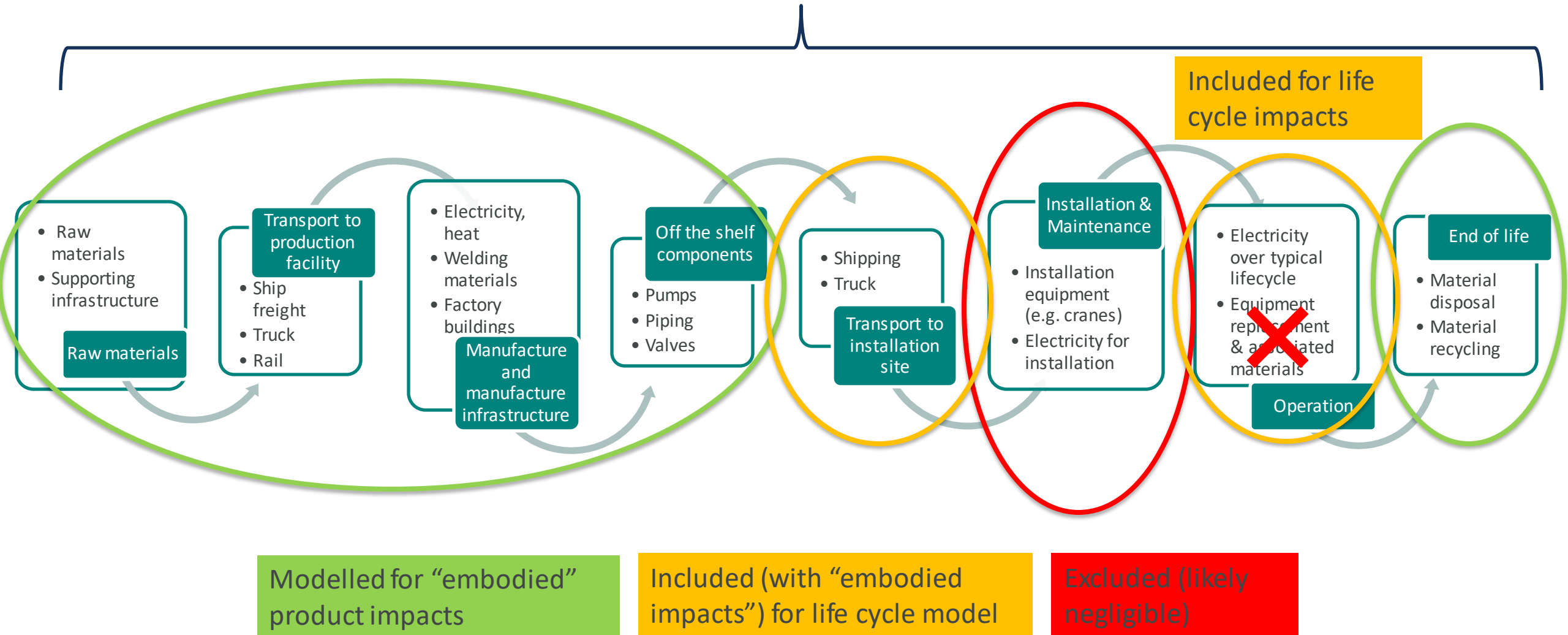
# LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT OF AERATION IN A CASE-STUDY WWTP

- Retro-fit of ~ 100,000 population equivalent wastewater treatment facility
- Utility required embodied carbon statement from supplier
- LCA carried out over product life cycle (using ecoinvent v3.9 & simapro)
- Non exhaustive list of product stages below



# MODEL BOUNDARY

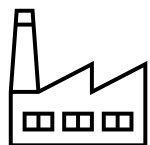
Full product lifecycle analysis



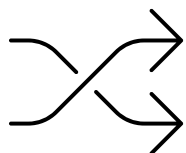
# DATA, FUNCTIONAL UNIT & METHODOLOGY



Inventory data: Infrastructure, electricity grid carbon intensity & raw materials



Bespoke data: Bill of materials, data from equivalent sites relating to oxygen transfer etc.



Mixed sources: Transport (inventory + shipping route data), material properties

## Functional units:

1 kg O<sub>2</sub> entrained in wastewater for a system operating for 40 years

1 aeration product (to gate & operated over 40 years) treating for 200,000 PE

**Methodology:** EN15804 + A2 revision which covers Environmental Product Declarations of construction products (incl. use of CFF Annex C v2.1 – 2020).

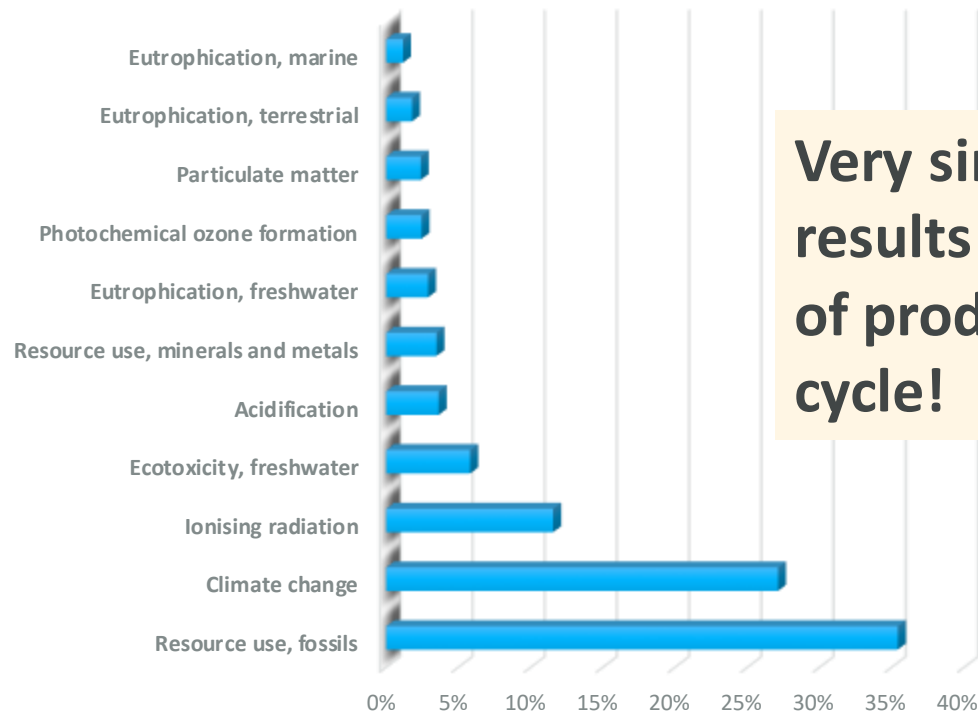
Data inputs and model results cross-checked using other sources as much as possible



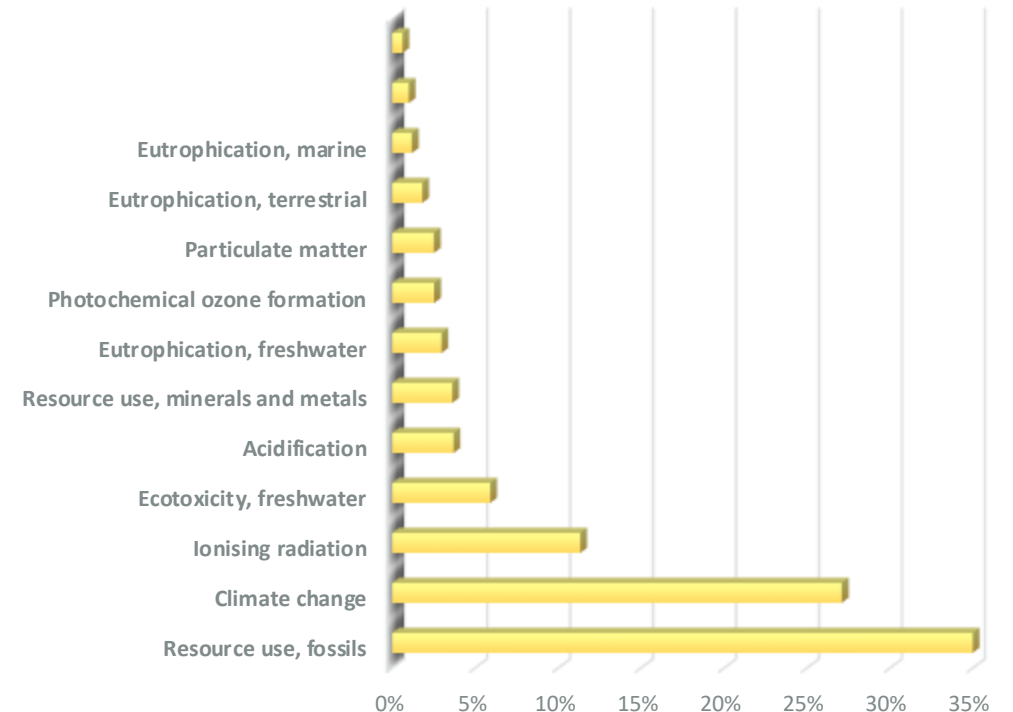
# RESULTS – CONTRUBITION OF IMPACT CATEGORIES TO OVERALL

- Overall life cycle impacts (40 year life cycle & 1 year life cycle)

% of each impact category contribution to overall impacts (40 year life cycle)



% of each impact category contribution to overall impacts (1 year life cycle)

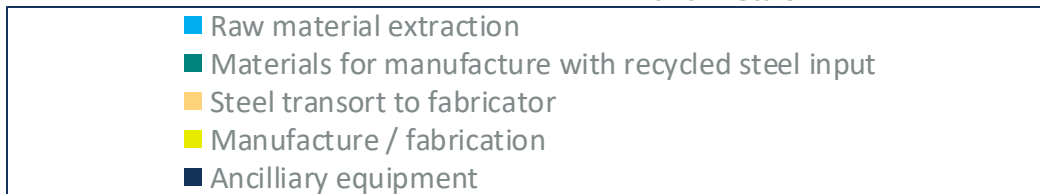
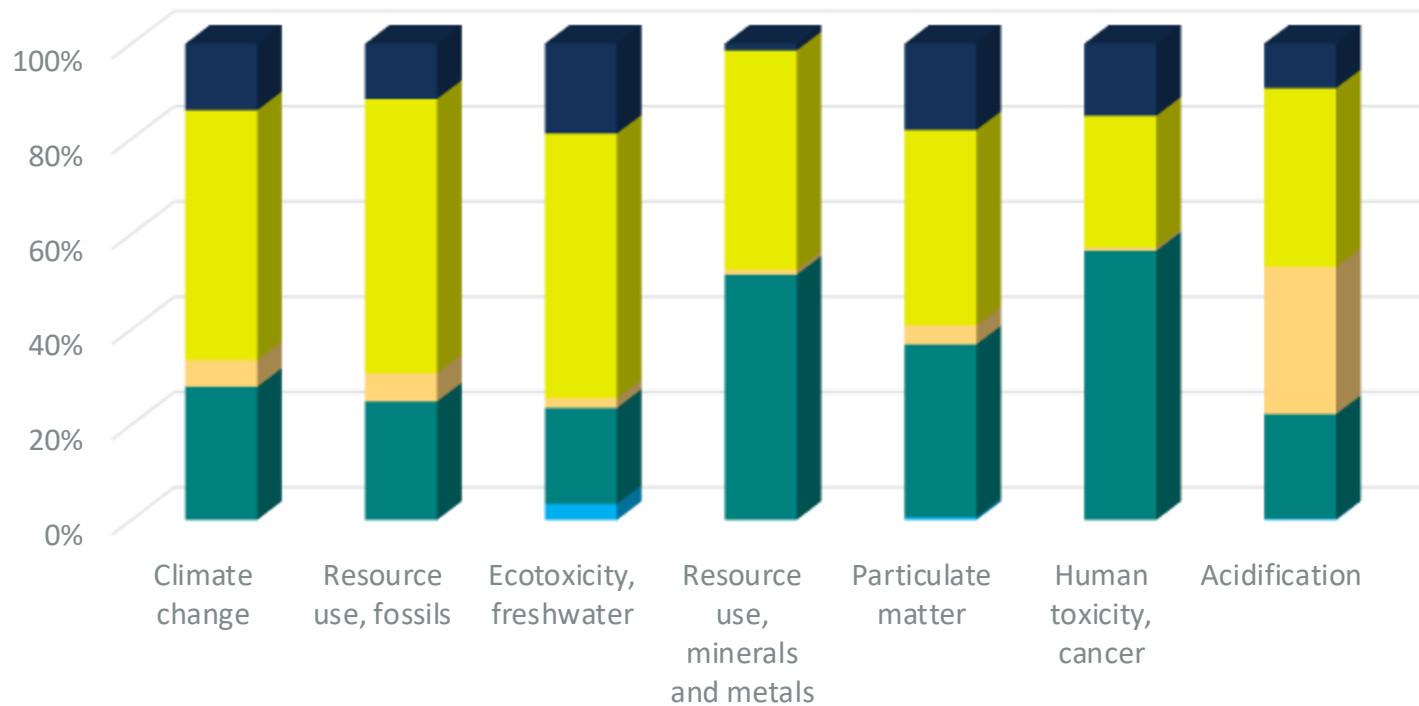


**Very similar results regardless of product life cycle!**

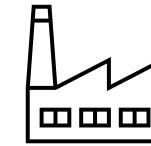
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# RESULTS – EMBODIED IMPACTS (CRADLE TO GATE)

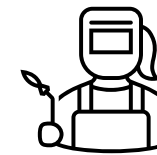
- Impacts related to product manufacture and end of life



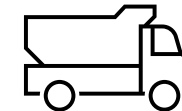
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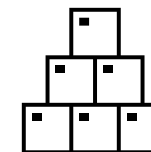
Product fabrication a key contributor



Steel production (key “offsets” due to recyclability at EOL)



Transport generally not significant (except acidification)

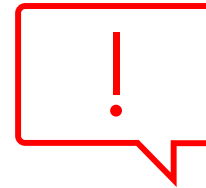
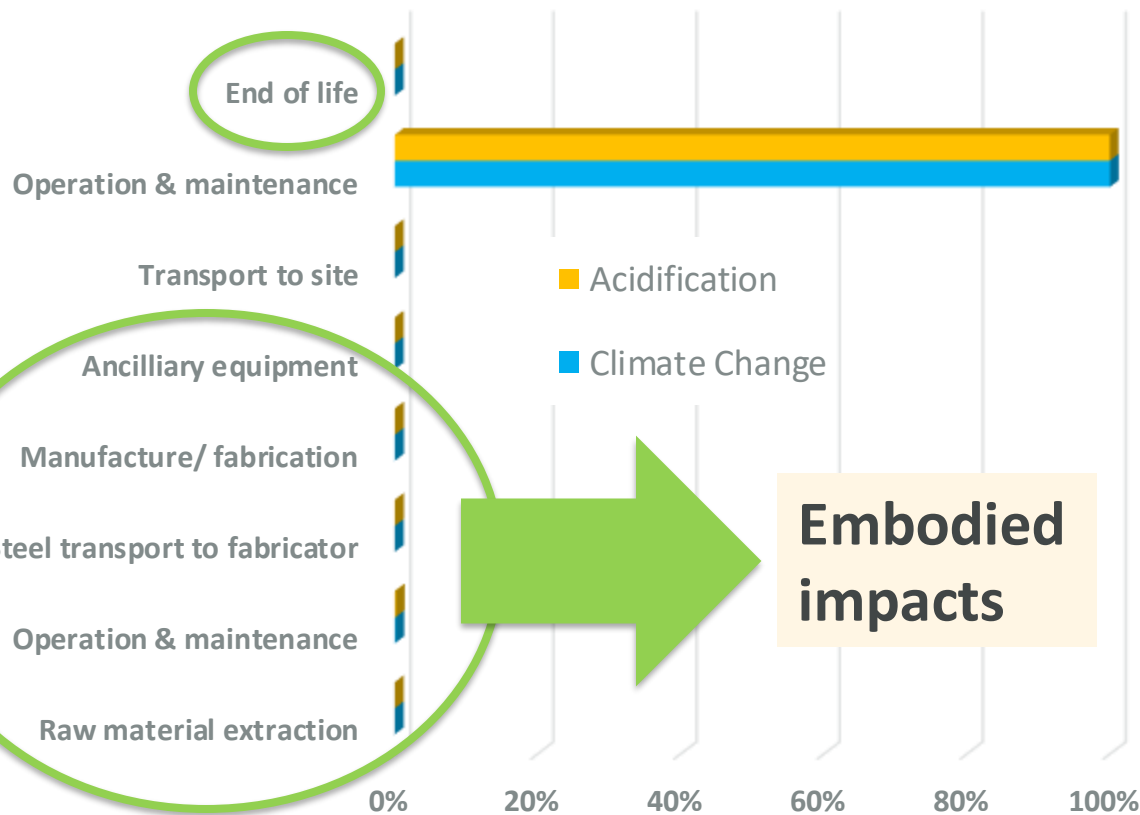


Very little data on “off the shelf” products

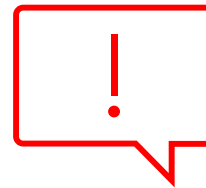
# RESULTS – EMBODIED VS OPERATIONAL IMPACTS

- Contribution of each product stage to various impact categories

% each product stage to overall climate change and acidification impacts



Operation accounts for virtually all impacts



Electricity mix is a key input variable



Oxygen requirements and transfer efficiency key input variables

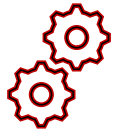
**Embodied impacts**

# RESULTS – FOCUS FOR IMPROVEMENT

Analysis Stage	Importance	Data accuracy	Improvements
Raw material extraction	Green	Yellow	Low impact – inventory data only used
Materials for manufacture with recycled steel input	Yellow	Yellow	More bespoke data from steel forming
Steel transport to fabricator	Green	Green	Low impact and likely relatively accurate
Manufacture/fabrication	Yellow	Yellow	More be-spoke data would help
Ancillary equipment	Green	Red	Suppliers to model their products. Modelled as equivalent mass iron.
Transport to client	Green	Green	Low impact and likely relatively accurate
Operation / maintenance	Red	Light Green	High importance. Model future grid carbon intensity.
End of life	Light Green	Yellow	Improve data around recycling

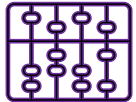
# CONCLUSIONS

## ■ Utilities



Technology selection must favour efficient/flexible operation

Impact (& cost) modelling must be based on equivalent **SITE** data **(not clean water!)**



LCA can enable full impacts to be modelled over an entire life cycle

## ■ Industry



Full impact analysis will be necessary (when, to what extent?)

Can and should drive innovation and efficiency

## ■ Challenges



Ensuring like by like comparison at design/tender stage

Industry having in-house skills to do LCA

Quality control (data and models)

# THANK YOU!



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## Design and implementation of a performance assessment methodology cognisant of data accuracy for Irish wastewater treatment plants

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Review

## Life cycle assessment of fish and seafood processed products – A review of methodologies and new challenges

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### Abstract

The Urban Wastewater Treatment Directive 91/271/EEC introduced a series of measures for the purpose of

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# LCA in energy and resource recovery upgrades, VARGA project

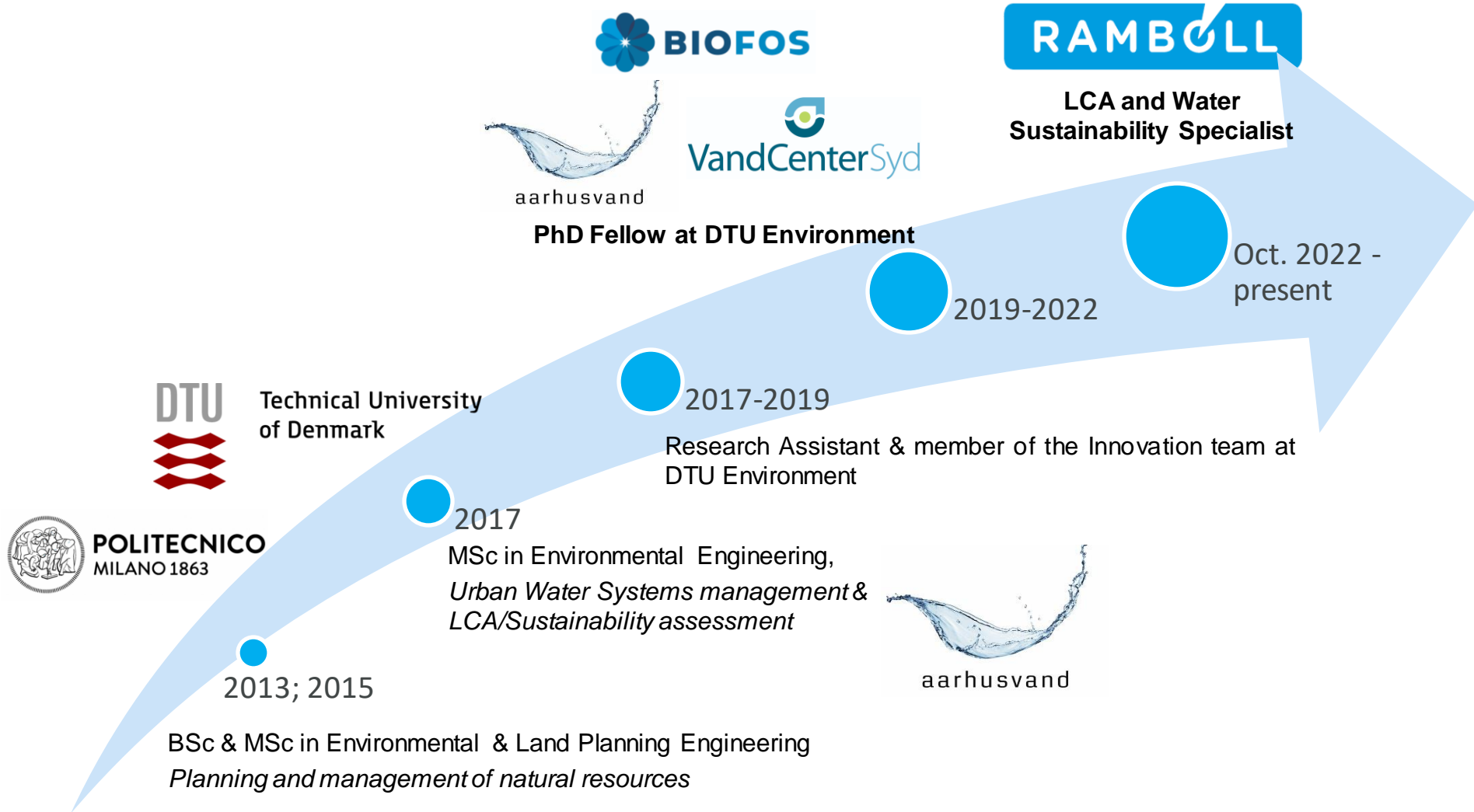
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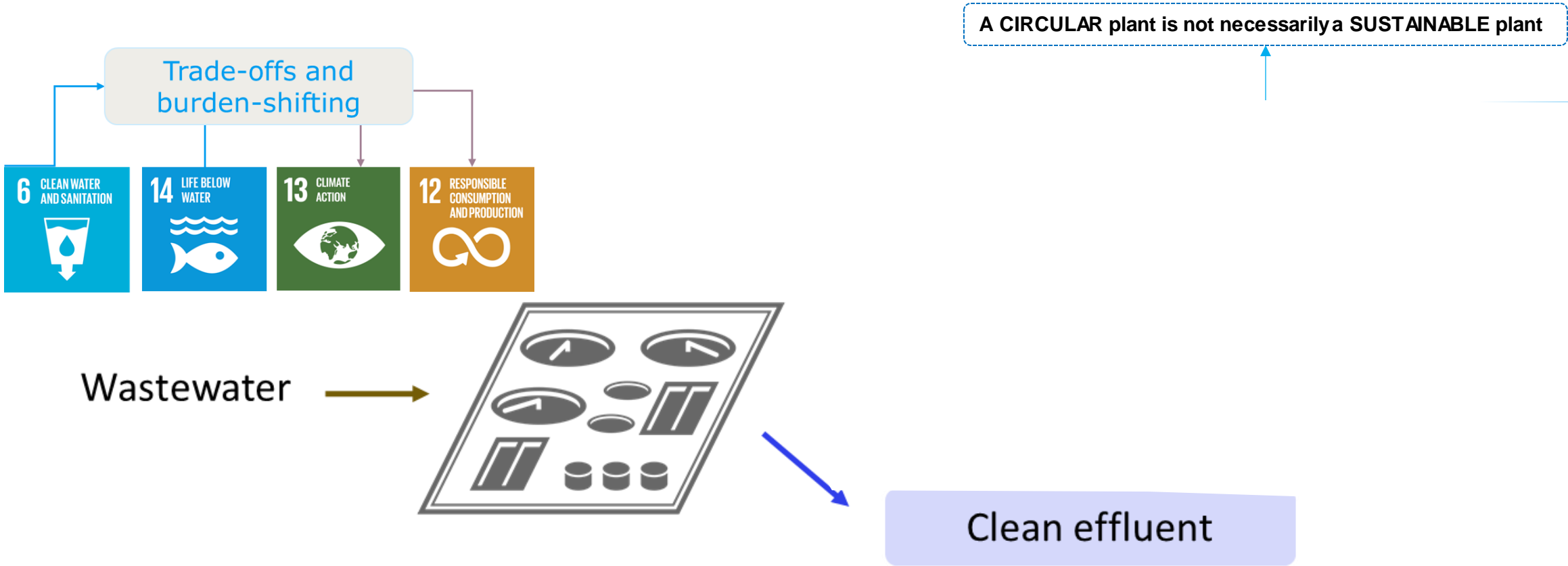


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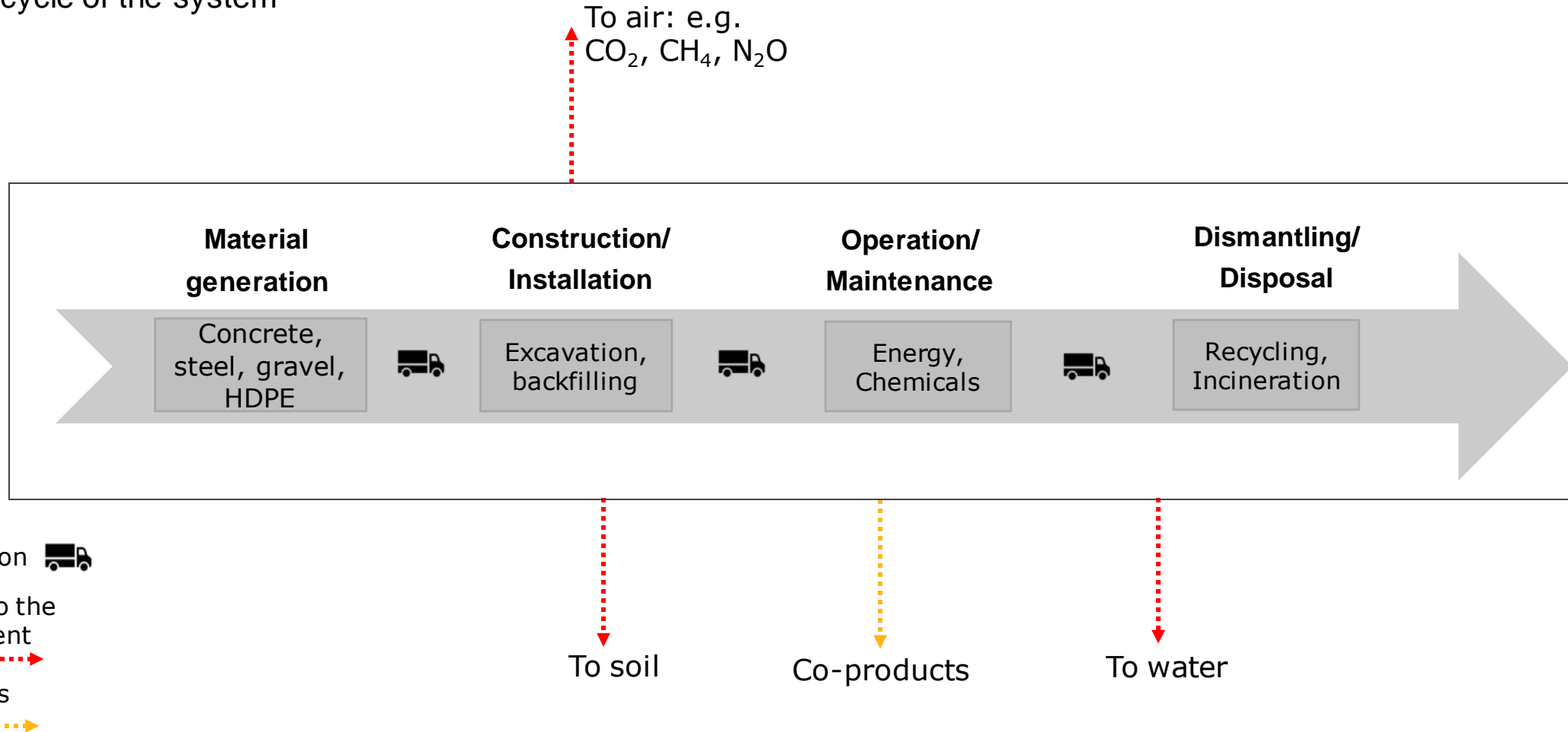


# TRANSITIONING TO WATER RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITIES



# ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT: LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT

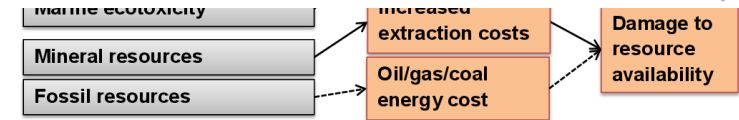
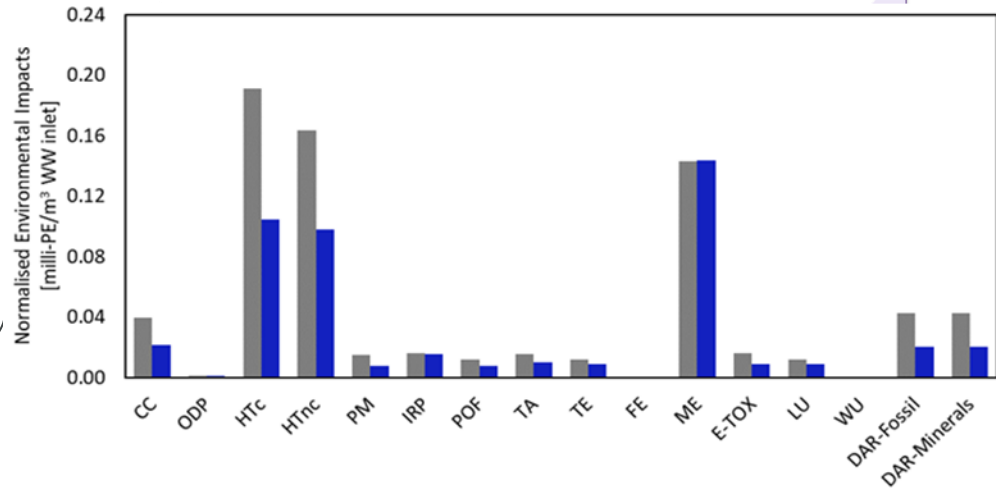
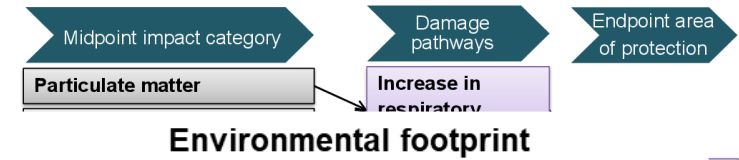
**Cradle to grave** approach: Inventory of materials' consumption and emissions along the life cycle of the system



# FROM CARBON FOOTPRINT TO A BROADER RANGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATORS



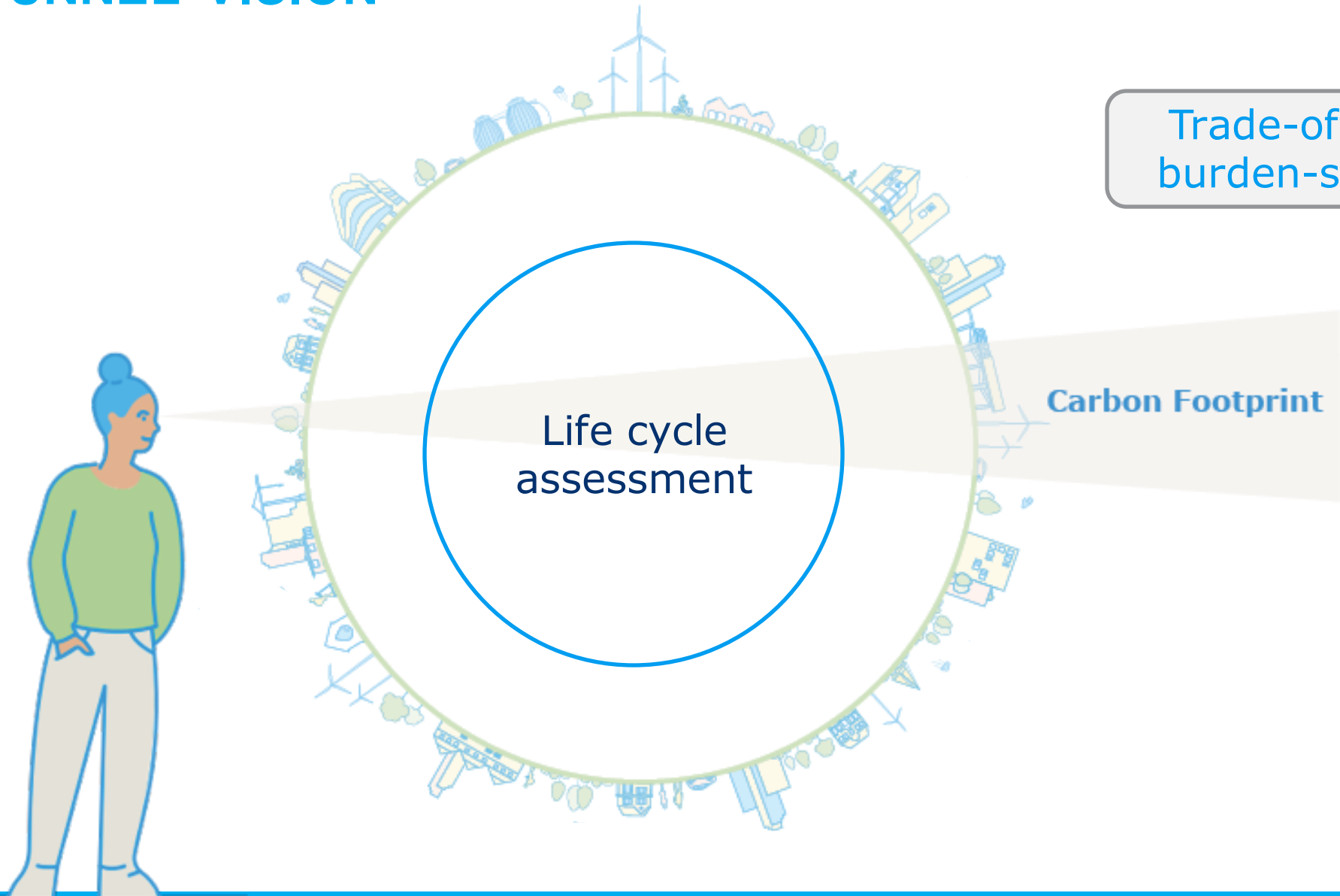
Cannot be used as a **single indicator** to track the environmental performance of WRRFs



Source: <https://www.rivm.nl/en/life-cycle-assessment-lca/recipe>

# CARBON TUNNEL VISION

Trade-offs and  
burden-shifting





**Paper I**



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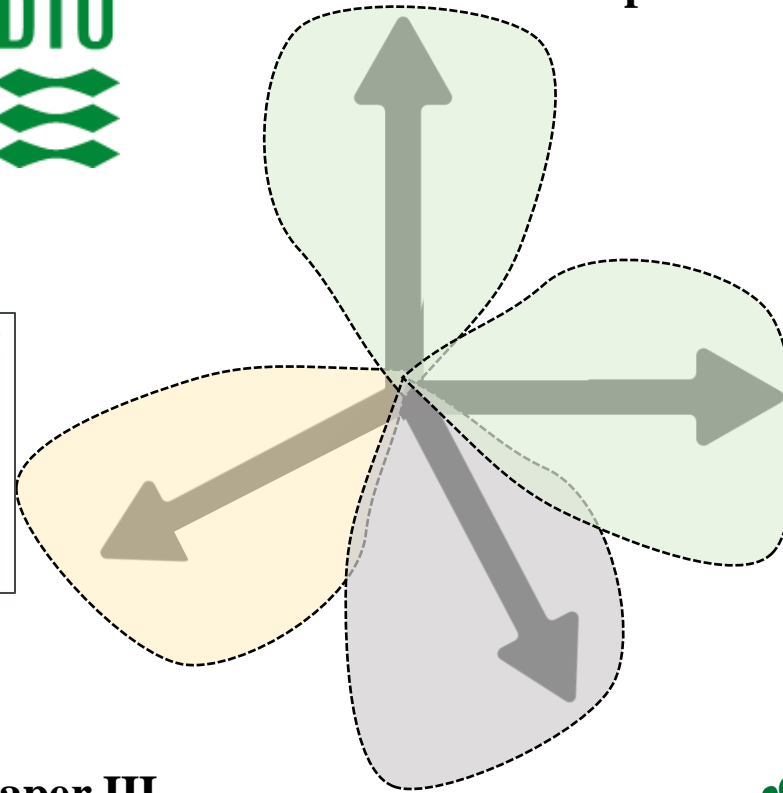
Challenges in carbon footprint evaluations of state-of-the-art municipal wastewater resource recovery facilities

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**Paper IV**

**A multi-criteria sustainability framework to support decisions in technology choices in water resource recovery facilities**

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**Paper II**



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From wastewater treatment to water resource recovery: Environmental and economic impacts of full-scale implementation

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**Paper III**



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Life Cycle Assessment and Cost-Benefit Analysis of Technologies in Water Resource Recovery Facilities: The Case of Sludge Pyrolysis

Maria Faragó,<sup>\*</sup> Anders Damgaard, Ivana Logar, and Martin Rygaard

- How can life cycle assessment (LCA) support decision-makers in selecting wastewater treatment and resource recovery technologies?

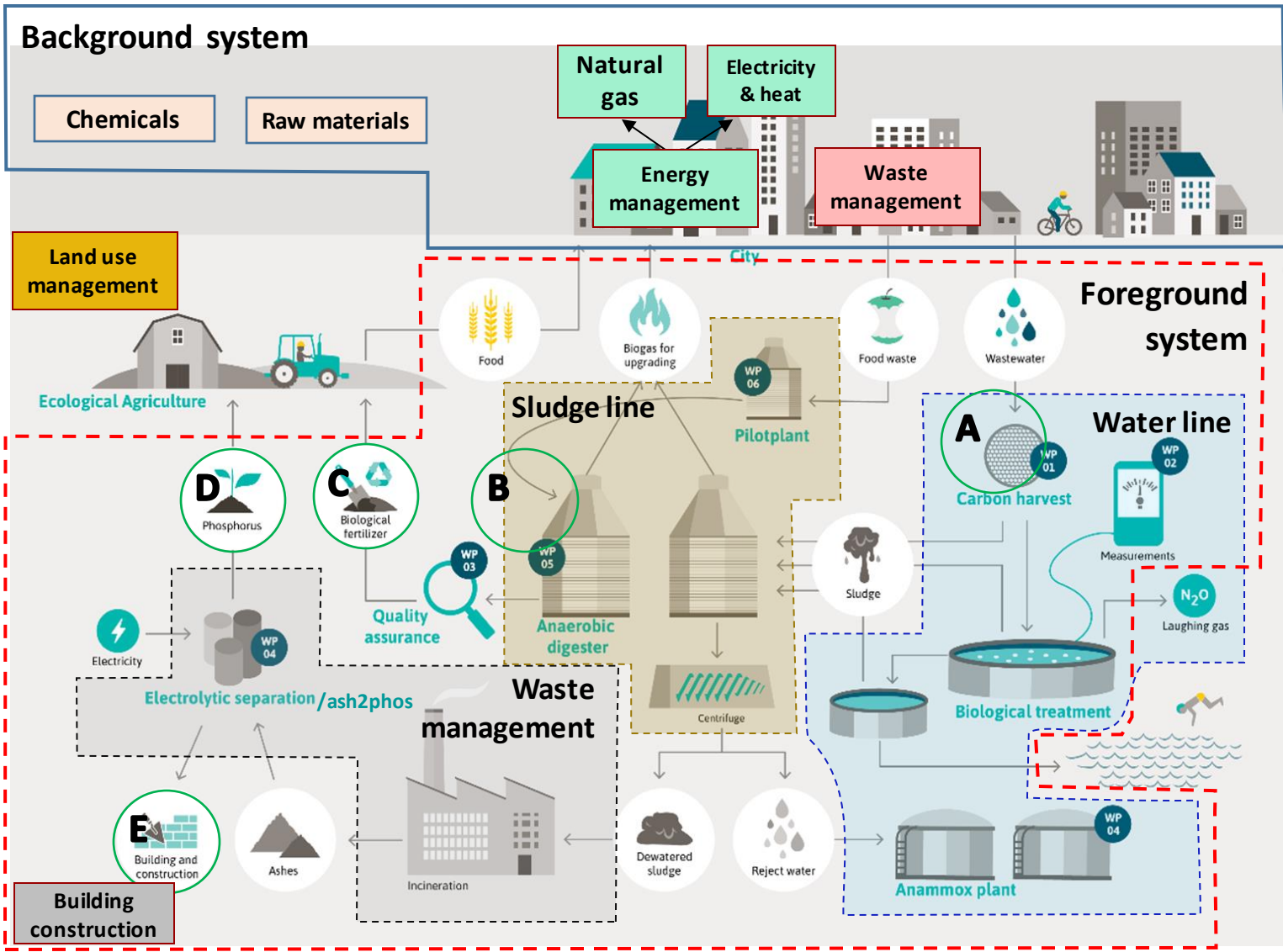
# RETROFITTING AN EXISTING WWTP TO WRRF



Avedøre

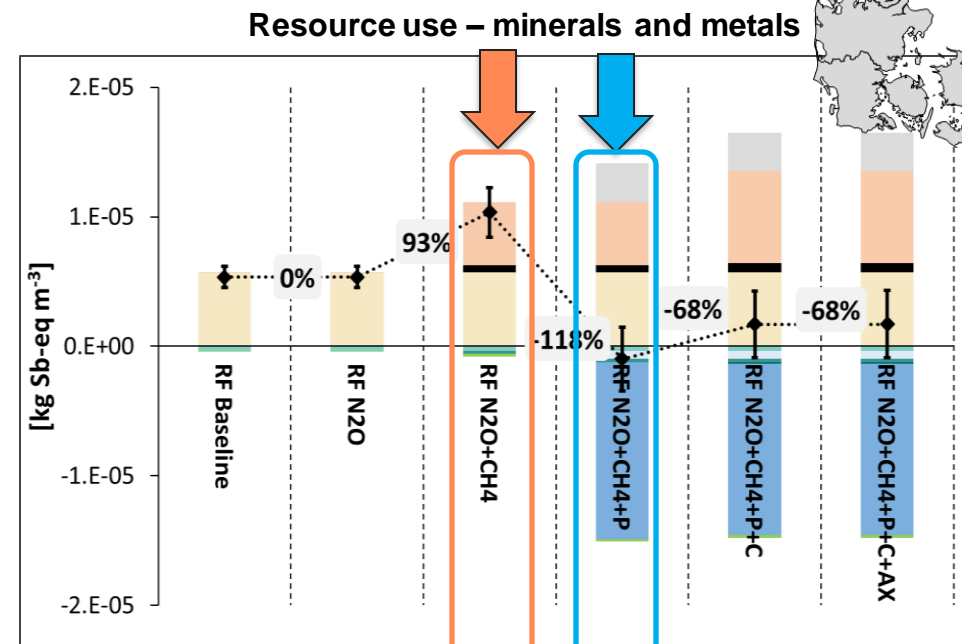
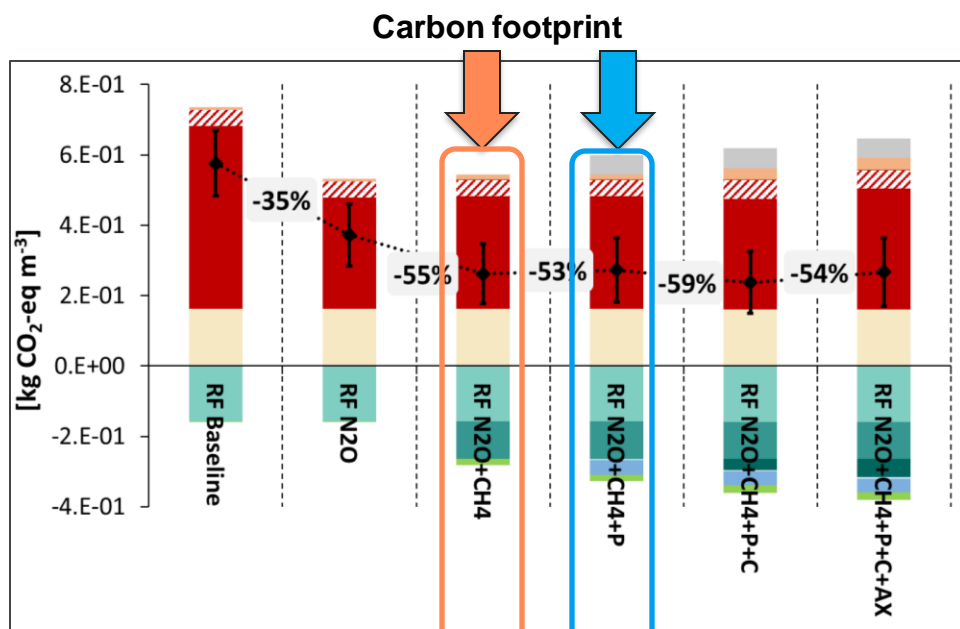
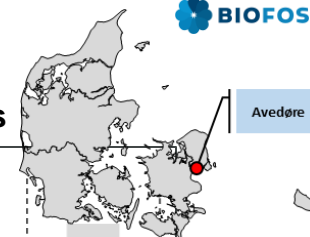


- Capacity of 400,000 PE
- Energy recovery plant
- Exporting biogas, heat



- **Water line:** real-time measurement & control of N<sub>2</sub>O, pre-filtration, anammox
- **Sludge line:** biogas upgrading + P2H
- **Waste management:** P, sand and chemicals recovery from sludge ashes

# LCA OF RETROFITTING AVEDØRE WWTP TO A WRRF



Phosphorus recovery from sludge ashes → MCP production

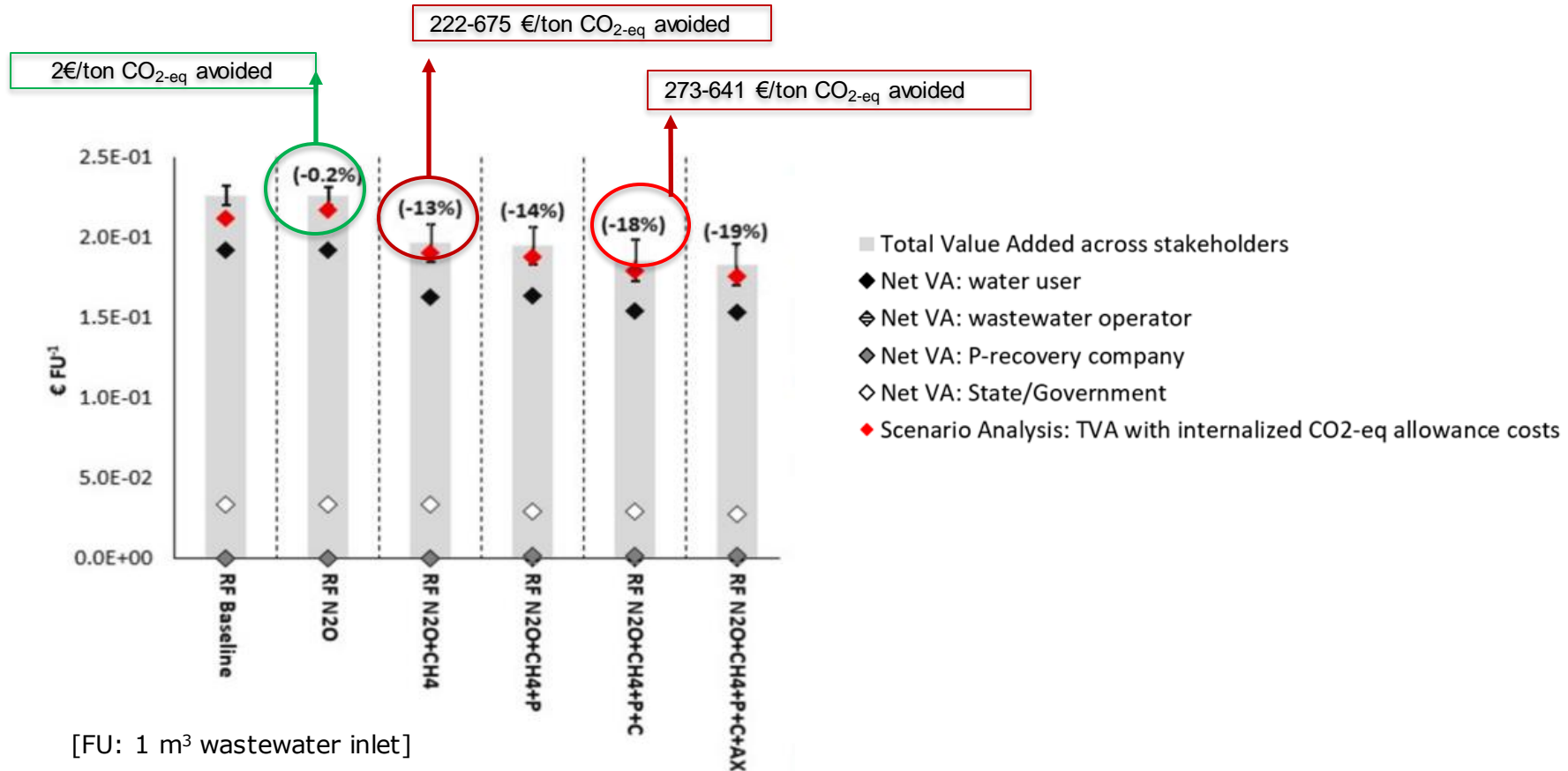
Hydrogen production + CO<sub>2</sub> from anaerobic digestion → more biomethane

Source: Faragò, M., Damgaard, A., Madsen, J. A., Andersen, J. K., Thornberg, D., Andersen, M. H., & Rygaard, M. (2021). From wastewater treatment to water resource recovery: Environmental and economic impacts of full-scale implementation. *Water Research*, 204, 117554.

- Wastewater treatment: baseline operation
- Discharge to sea: water pollution
- ▨ GHG direct emissions: CH<sub>4</sub>
- Biomethane → Natural gas substitution
- GHG direct emissions: N<sub>2</sub>O
- Neomethane (P<sub>2</sub>H) → Natural gas substitution
- P-recovery: other co-products substitution
- Additional bio- and neomethane (pre-filtration)
- P-recovery: chemicals & electricity consumption, landfill and transp
- P-recovery: Monocalcium phosphate (MCP) substitution
- Materials: new infrastructures
- Heat substitution
- Others
- ◆ Net impacts



# ECONOMIC IMPACTS AND CO<sub>2</sub>-ABATEMENT COSTS



- The TVA decreased with the implementation of resource recovery technologies by 19%, **primarily due to the increase in operational costs (+70%)** that counterbalanced **the increase in revenue (+26%)**. The real-time measuring and control of N<sub>2</sub>O emissions was the cheapest technology.
- **Internalising the CO<sub>2</sub>-eq emissions** did not significantly decrease the TVA in RF-Baseline suggesting that the current CO<sub>2</sub>-eq allowance price is either too low or that wastewater operator should take further actions to reduce emissions.

# CONCLUSIONS



In general, **retrofitting** the existing Avedøre WWTP to **WRRF decreased the environmental impacts** with a few exceptions e.g. freshwater eutrophication

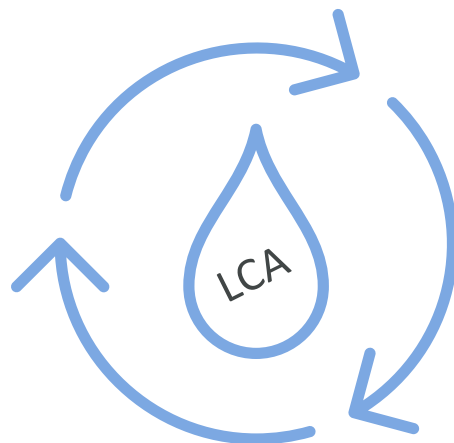
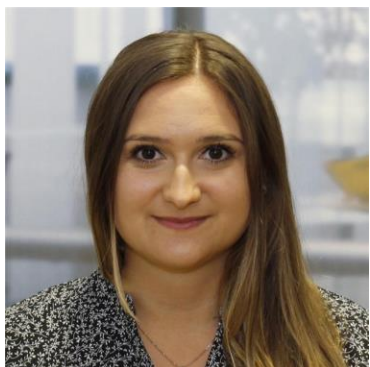


The **interplay of different types of technologies was the key to decrease impacts**: e.g. P2H+biomethanation, decreased climate change impacts while increased the demand of mineral resources. The increase in this category, was overcome by the implementation of P-recovery technology.



The **economic value** of the WRRF decreased by app. 20% compared to baseline. However, some technologies were cheaper than others. Especially **real-time monitoring and control of N<sub>2</sub>O** did not significantly decrease the economic value and **was most effective to reduce direct GHG emissions** (up to 40%).

# THANK YOU!



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# Case study – Sustainability as a driver for Aarhus ReWater

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# REWATER PROSPECTUS

- New WRRF by 2028 - capacity 480.000 -> 600.000PE
- Three old WWTPs will be decommissioned
- Huge focus on resource recovery, sustainability and innovation

## Aarhus ReWater— a trailblazer in resource utilisation

**A NEW RESOURCE AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT CLOSE TO MARSELISBORG WILL BE AN INTERNATIONAL TRAILBLAZER IN RESOURCE UTILISATION AND SUSTAINABLE TREATMENT OF WASTEWATER.**

Aarhus ReWater  
The World's Most Resource Efficient  
Wastewater Treatment Plant



The plant, which is expected to be completed in 2028, will become known as Aarhus ReWater and replaces Marselisborg Wastewater Treatment Plant, which in a few years will have too little capacity to treat wastewater from a rapidly increasing number of citizens in Aarhus.

In addition to treating wastewater, the plant must produce surplus energy and utilise the resources in the wastewater. In future, it will also be possible to produce nutrients, proteins, food, chemicals, and essentials for the healthcare industry from wastewater.

With its location close to the city and the sea, Aarhus ReWater also becomes a beautiful landmark for everything we can achieve at Aarhus Vand.

*Three visualisations of what the plant may look like.*

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# REWATER: PROJECT ORGANISATION

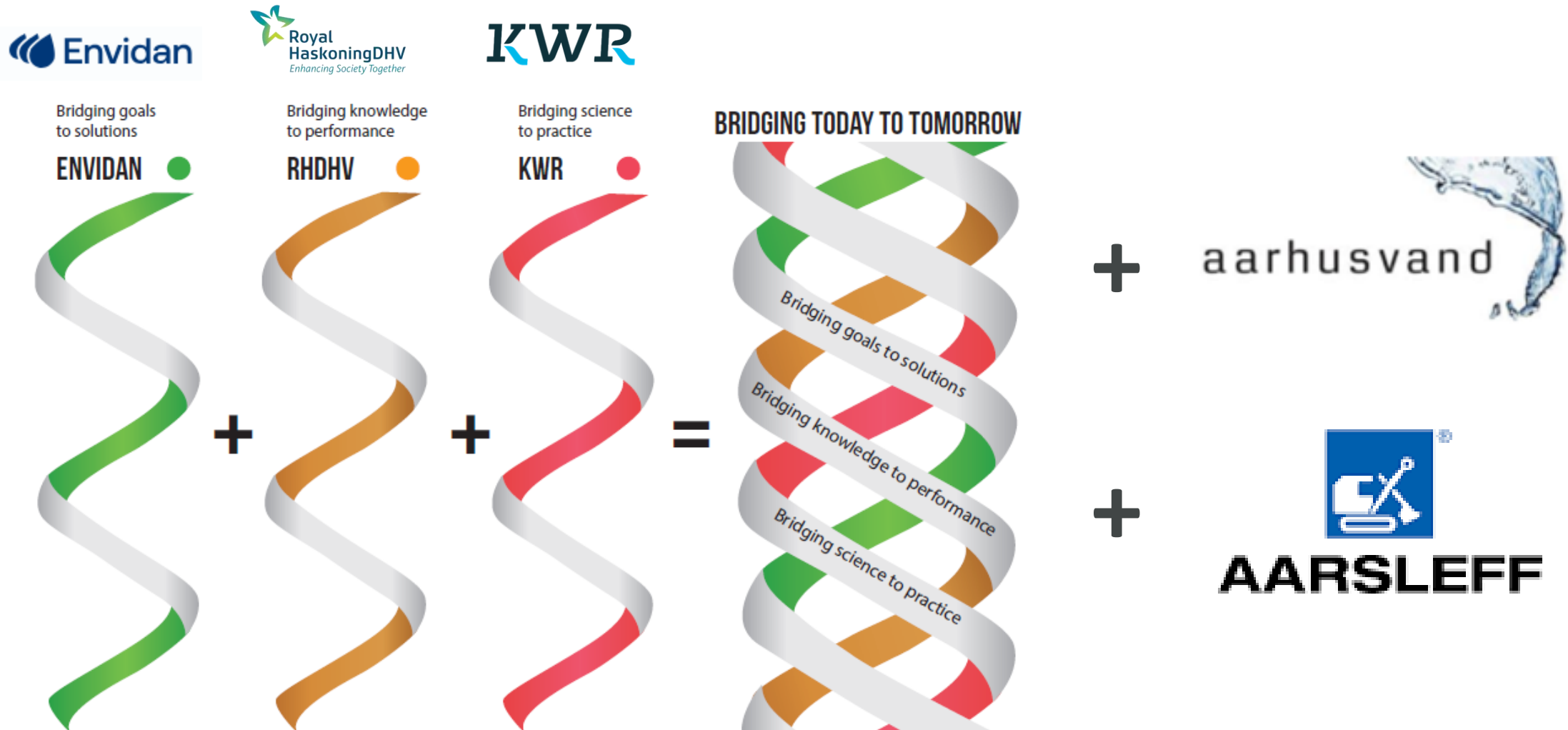


Figure 1: Triple helix DNA - the process consortium's innovation partnership 'Bridging today to tomorrow.'

# GUIDING STARS – TOWARDS 2060

## Scenario: Stay Cool

Marselisborg Renseanlæg viser vejen for en energipositiv og klimaneutral vandsektor



### Our promises

- Net energy production is pushed to the next level, creating more added value.
- All greenhouse gas emissions will be prevented and/or eliminated.
- Positive impact by implementation of solutions for carbon capturing concepts.

## Scenario: Resourceful

Slam fra aarhusianske renselanlæg omdannes til næringsrig biokoks og aktivt kul



### Our promises

- Application of technologies that will not downgrade or mix resources.
- Wastewater treatment is optimized for the production of valuable products.
- All outlets are valuable and this will be recognized by market and society.

## Scenario: Valuing Water



### Our promises

- Improve the quality of ecosystems with a positive impact on biodiversity.
- Taking full responsibility to minimize impact of the city on receiving waters.
- Continuous exploration for finding occasions for water reuse from effluent.

Photos: [WWW.aarhusvand.dk/cases/spildevand/marselisborg-renselanlaeg](http://WWW.aarhusvand.dk/cases/spildevand/marselisborg-renselanlaeg)

# SUSTAINABILITY – UNSDG AS A STARTING POINT

## aarhusvand

Aarhus Vand have put focus on four SDG's



## Aarhus ReWater

Aarhus ReWater introduce four extra SDG's as a driver for the facilities



**Goal 6: Clean water and sanitation**  
Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all



**Goal 11: Sustainable cities and communities**  
Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable



**Goal 13: Climate action**  
Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts



**Goal 17: Partnerships for the goals**  
Revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development



**Goal 4: Quality education**  
Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all



**Goal 12: Responsible consumption and production**  
Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns



**Goal 14: Life below water**  
Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources

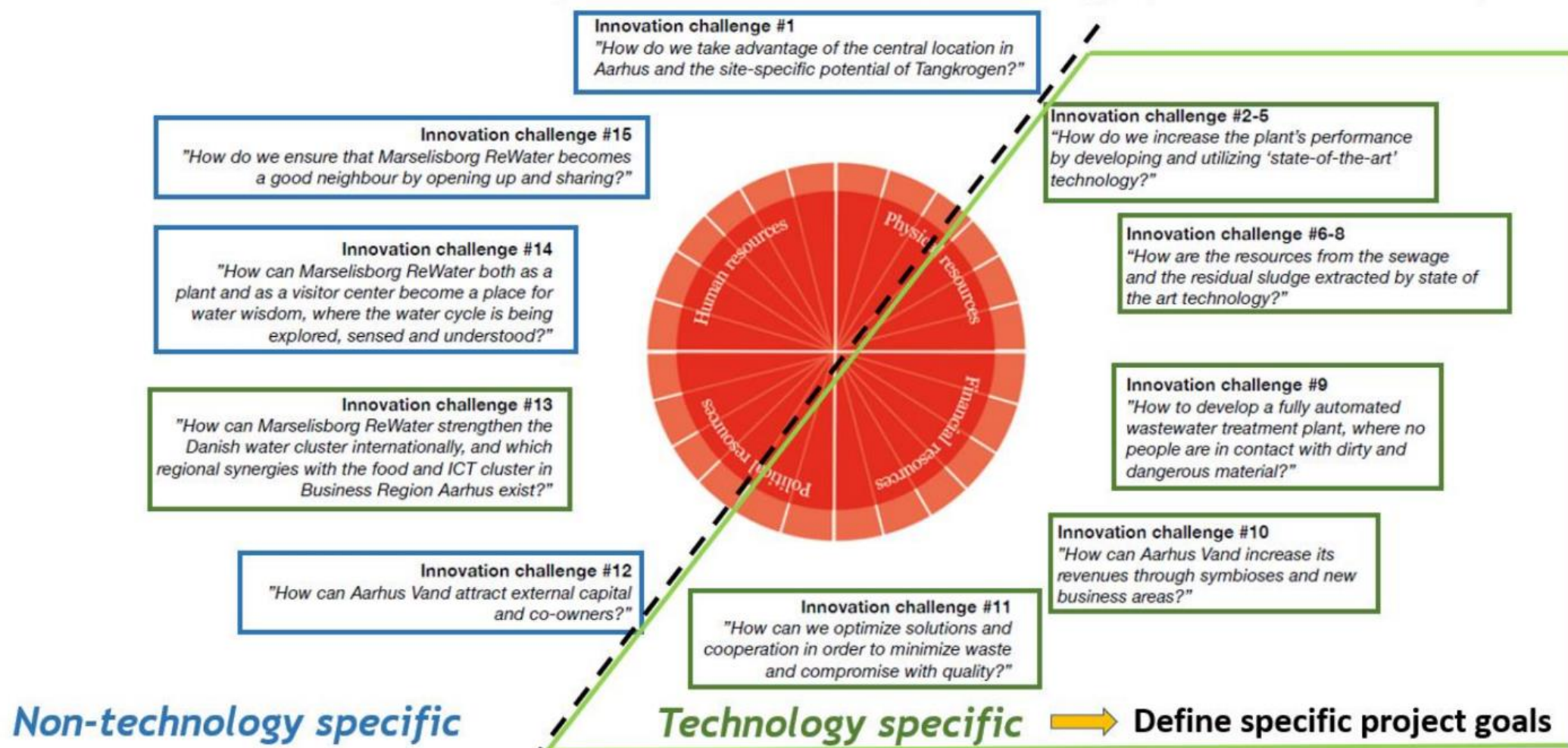


**Goal 15: Life on land**  
Sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, halt and reverse land degradation, halt biodiversity loss

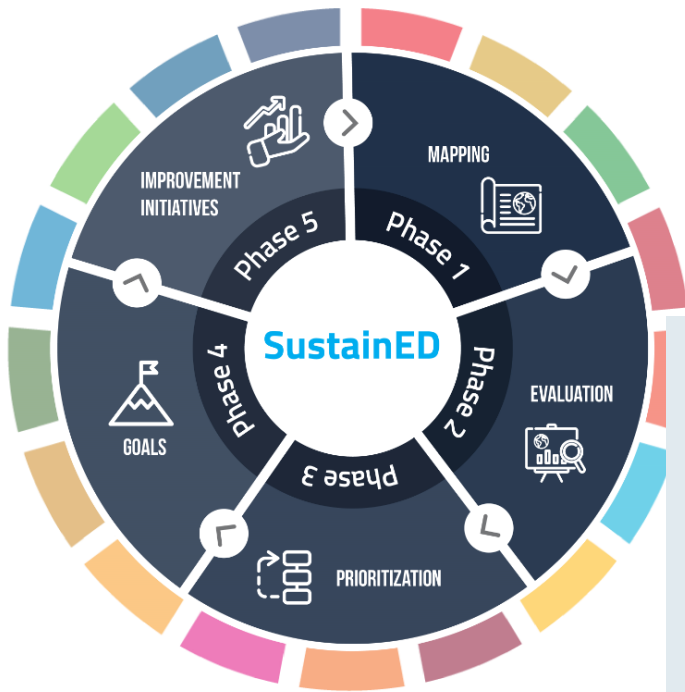




# INNOVATION CHALLENGES



# SETTING GOALS BEFORE SELECTING TECHNOLOGIES

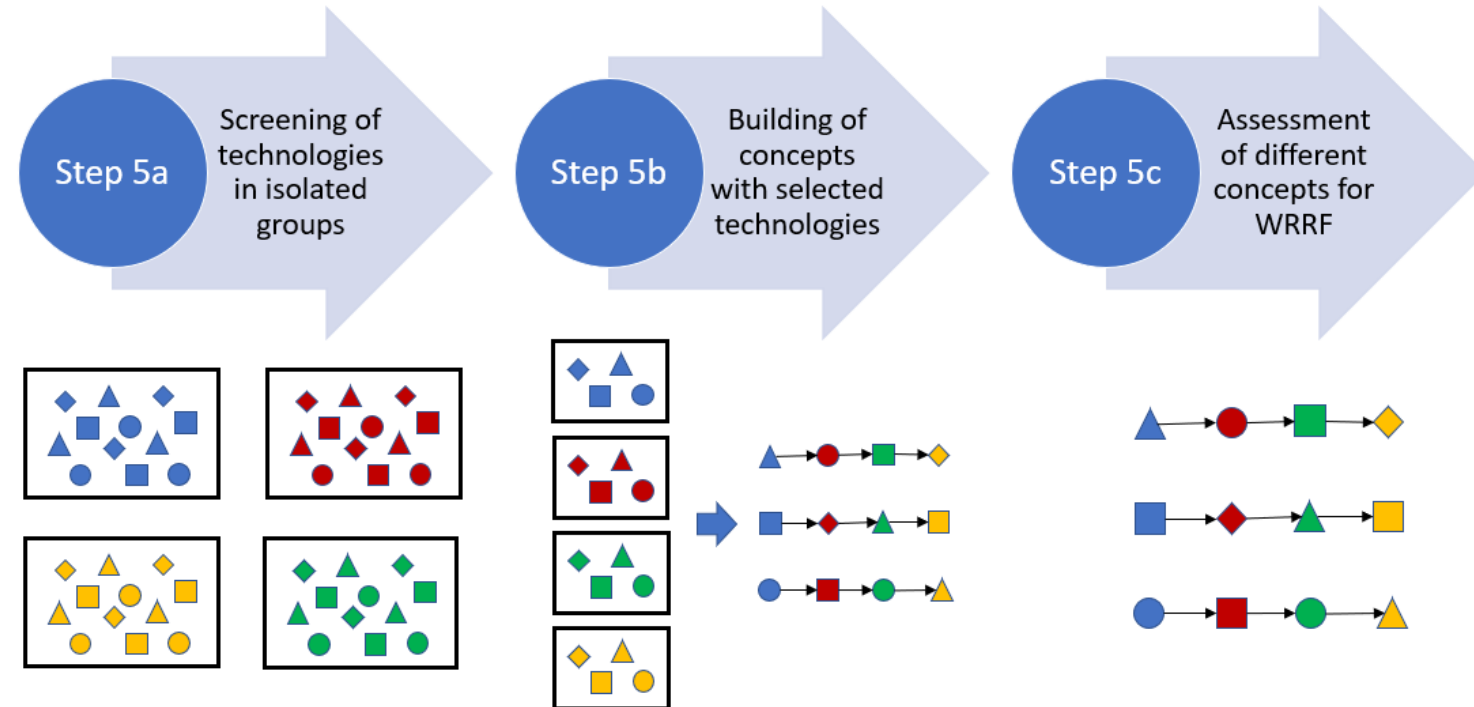
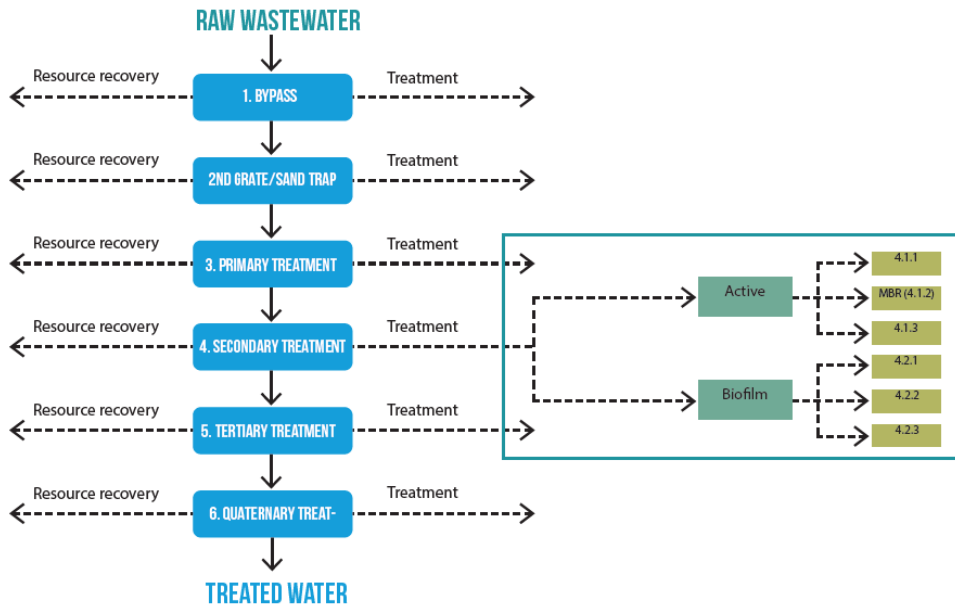


UN-SDG	UNSDG	Innovation Challenges, AAV ReWater	ReWater specific project goals
	sub-goal		
13 CLIMATE ACTION	#13.2 Integrate climate change measures into national policies, strategies and planning	#4 How do we achieve energy and CO <sub>2</sub> neutrality in the water cycle throughout Marselisborg's catchment?	<b>Operation phase:</b> #4.1: Energy neutral Marselisborg catchment (= xxx % net energy for ReWater). Operational phase. #4.2: CO <sub>2</sub> neutral Marselisborg catchment (= xxx % net CO <sub>2</sub> for ReWater). Operational phase.



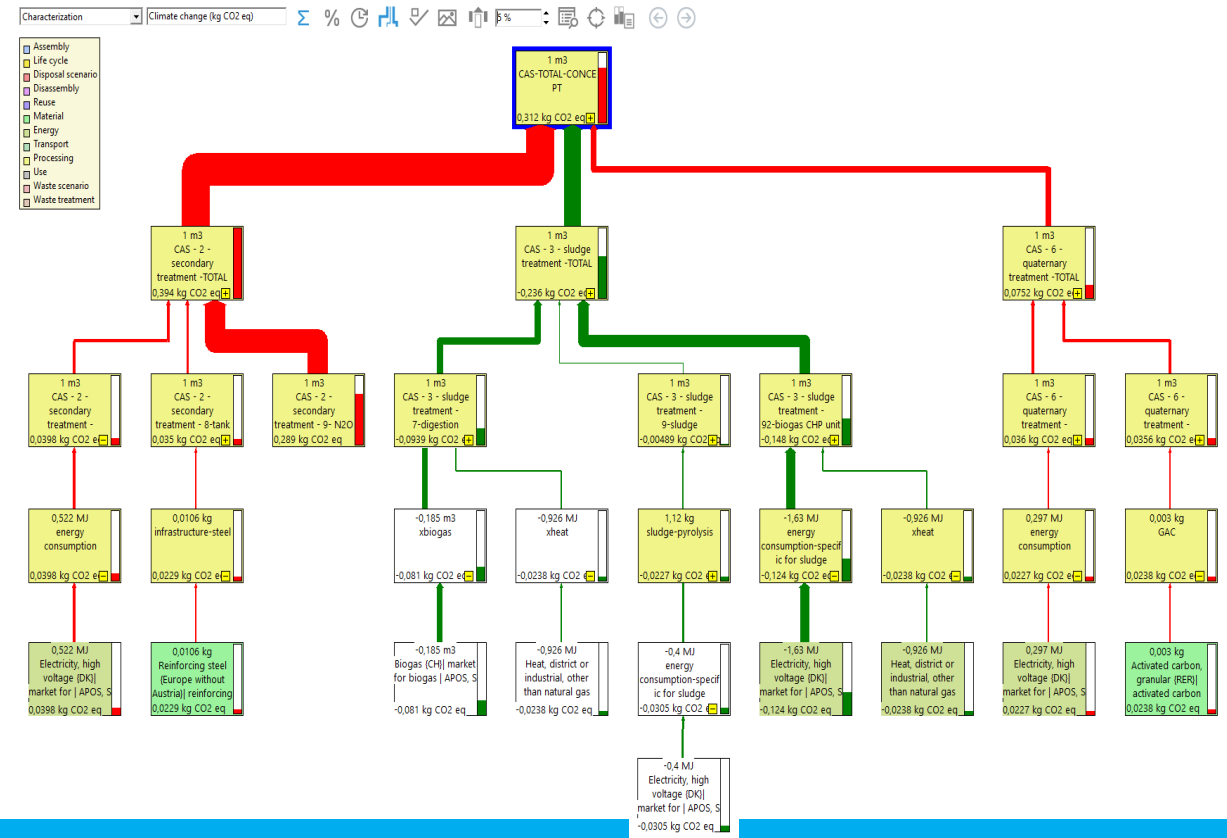
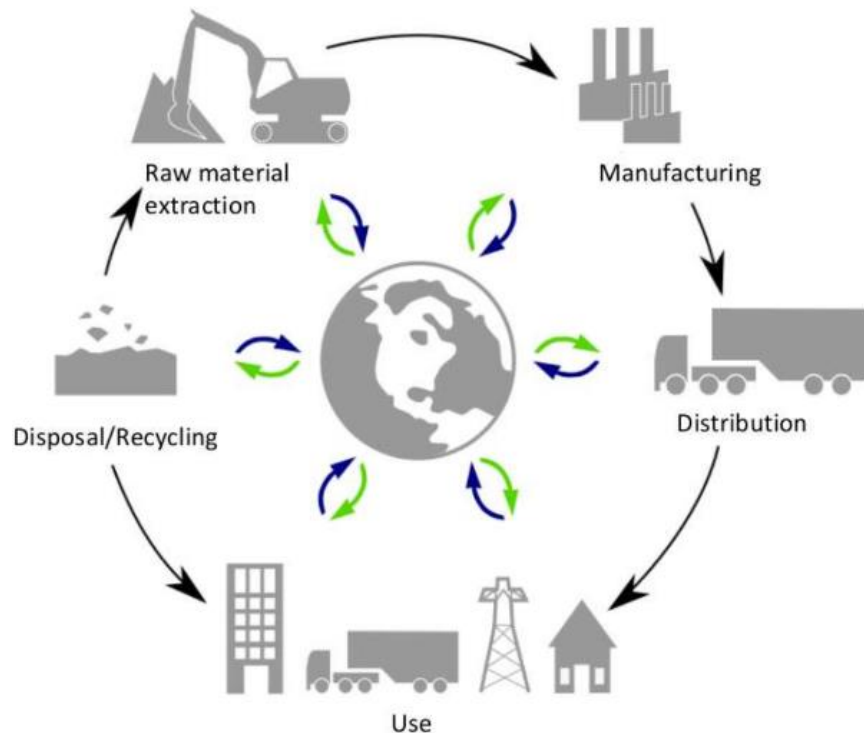
# FROM SINGLE TECHNOLOGIES TO CONCEPTS

## BAT-catalogue



# LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT (LCA)

- Holistic and standardised method for assessing the environmental load throughout the entire lifetime of a product / technology / system
- Decision supporting tool



# MULTICRITERIA ANALYSIS (MCA)

- Concepts evaluated by MCA, including criteria on:
  - Environmental sustainability (LCA)
  - Economical sustainability (TOTEX)
  - Social sustainability
  - + more technical criteria
- Next phase will focus on:
  - Green areas
  - Wetlands
  - Covered plant with vegetation on the roof
  - Health and safety

Criteria		Normalized score (0-1)				Weight (%)	Result = Weight x Normalized score			
		BL*	A	B	C		BL*	A	B	C
Environment	Better treatment than discharge limits									
	Eutrophication potential									
	Depletion of resources									
Climate change										
Resource recovery potential										
Economy										
Complexity										
Adaptability, Modularization, and Flexibility										
Total										

# BREEAM CERTIFICATION

- A holistic sustainability assessment framework, measuring sustainable value in 8 categories and validating this performance with third-party certification
- ~250 criteria to be evaluated

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ReWater

Information Sheet along with all other background information

Section and Ques No.	Section Titles & Criteria	Scope Out?	Initial Assess. Score as at dd/mm/yy	Evidence for scores awarded or reason for scoping out	Potential Score Still to Come	Evidence Required to achieve Potential Score	Potential Final Score
<b>Section 1 - Management</b>							
1.1.1	The project team has actively considered the principles of sustainable development in the planning, design, and construction of the project.	FIXED	35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AAV and HLA framework with SDG</li> <li>• Material from workmeeting 01</li> </ul>			35
1.1.2	The project team has actively adopted a sustainability-driven approach to the development of the construction management plan for the project.	FIXED	11				11
1.1.3	The selection process for (i) the principal Designer, (ii) the principal Contractor, and (iii) the key sub-contractor(s) included past environmental and social performance as one of the evaluation criteria.	N	12				12

# SUSTAINABILITY (LANDSCAPE)



**Goal 14: Life below water**

Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources



**Goal 14.5: Protect coastal and sea areas**

By 2030, conserve at least 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas, consistent with national and international law and based on the best available scientific information



**Goal 14.2: Protect and restore sea ecosystems**

By 2030, sustainably manage and protect marine and coastal ecosystems to avoid significant adverse impacts, including by strengthening their resilience, and take action for their restoration in order to achieve healthy and productive oceans



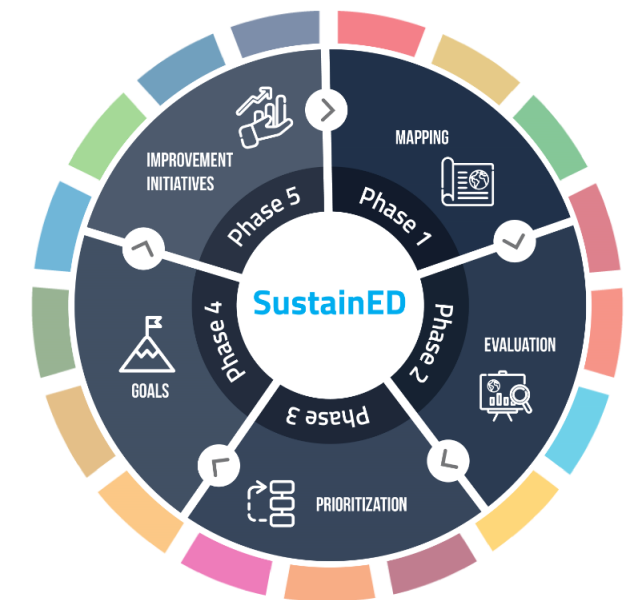
**Goal 14.A: Strengthen science, research and technology to make the oceans healthier**

Increase scientific knowledge, develop research capacity and transfer marine technology, taking into account the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission Criteria and Guidelines on the Transfer of Marine Technology, in order to improve ocean health and to enhance the contribution of marine biodiversity to the development of developing countries, in particular small island developing States and least developed countries.



# SUMMARY + WAY FORWARD IN REWATER

- Utilities set focus on sustainability upfront
- Work systematic and holistic with sustainability during project execution:
  - Spent time on setting specific project goals (ambitious but realistic)
  - Acknowledge the iterative process selecting technologies fulfilling the specific project goals
  - Use a multicriteria analysis for evaluating concepts (LCA, TOTEX etc.)
- Consider certification scheme like BREEAM
- Resource recovery
- **Aarhus ReWater:** next design phase still full focus on sustainability, innovation and resource recovery





# THANK YOU!



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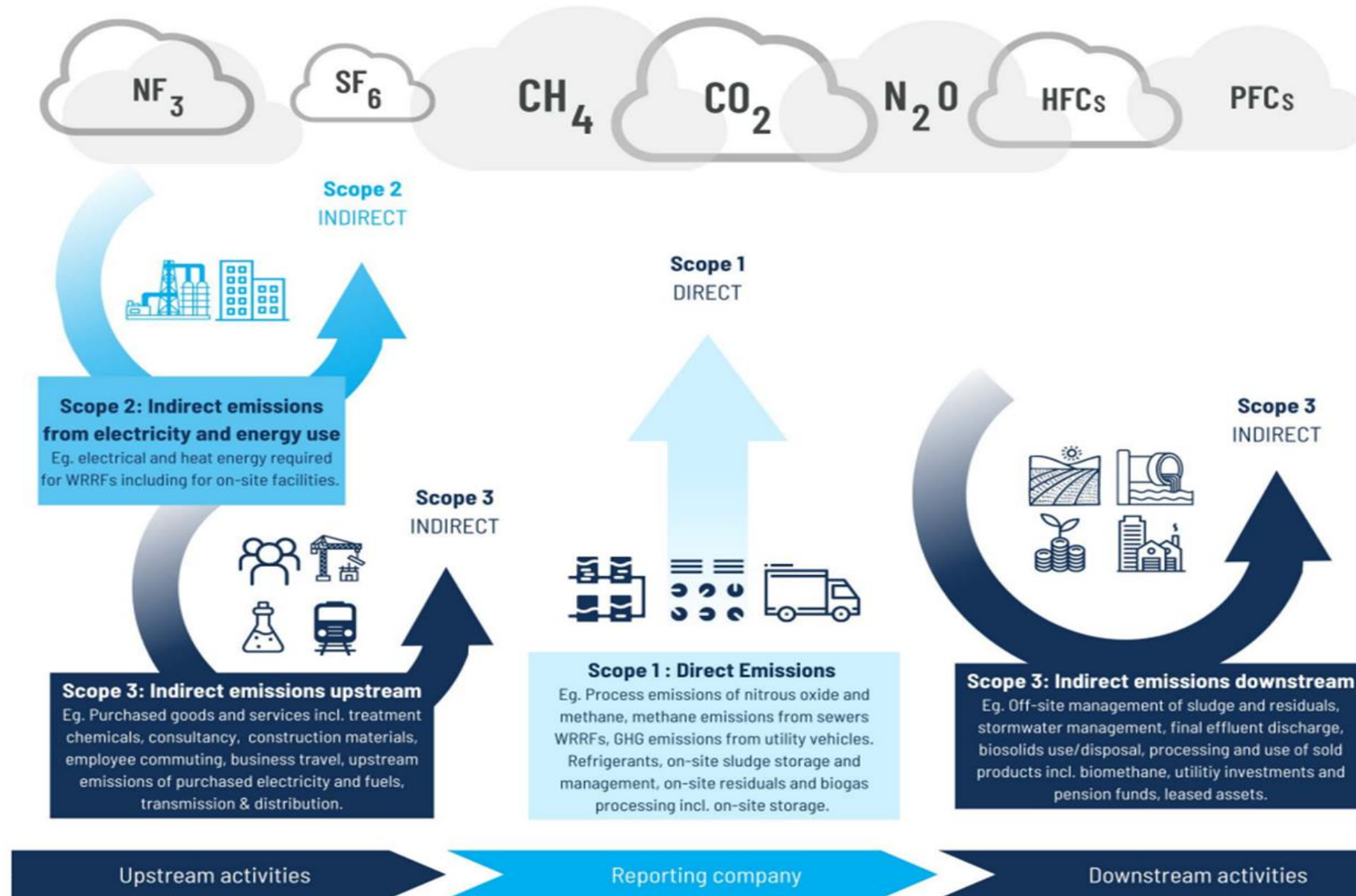
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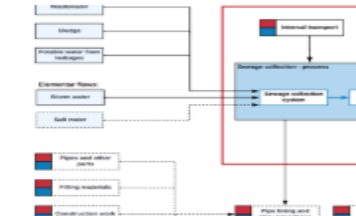
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Product System Water Treatment



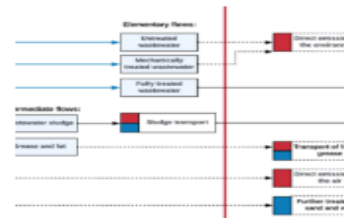
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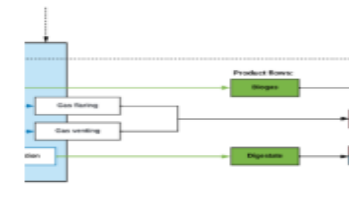
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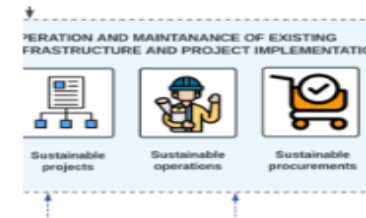
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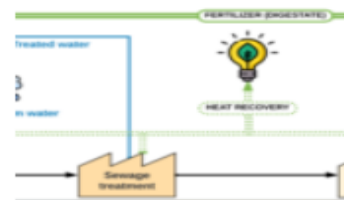
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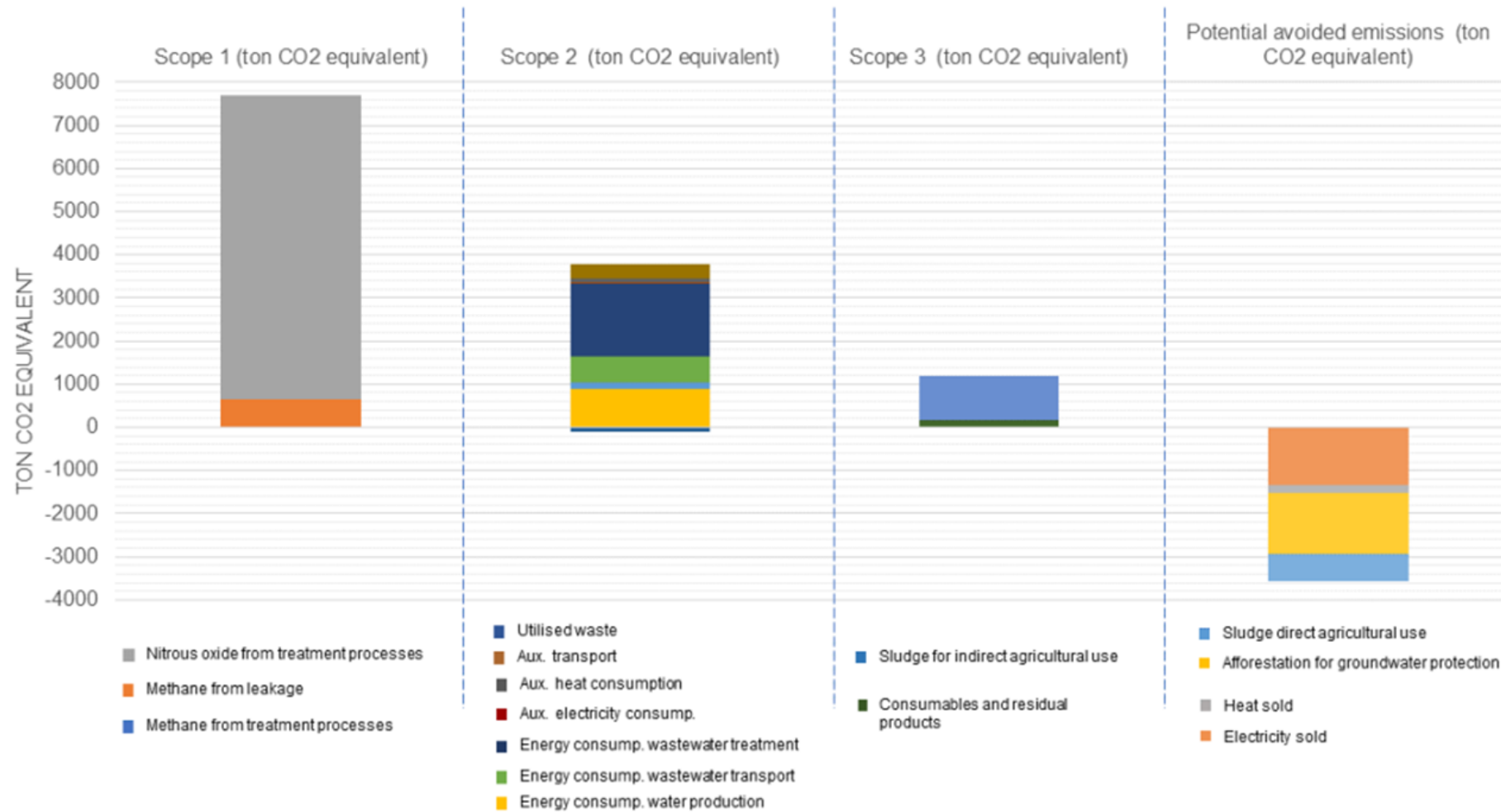
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## Carbon Tunnel Vision

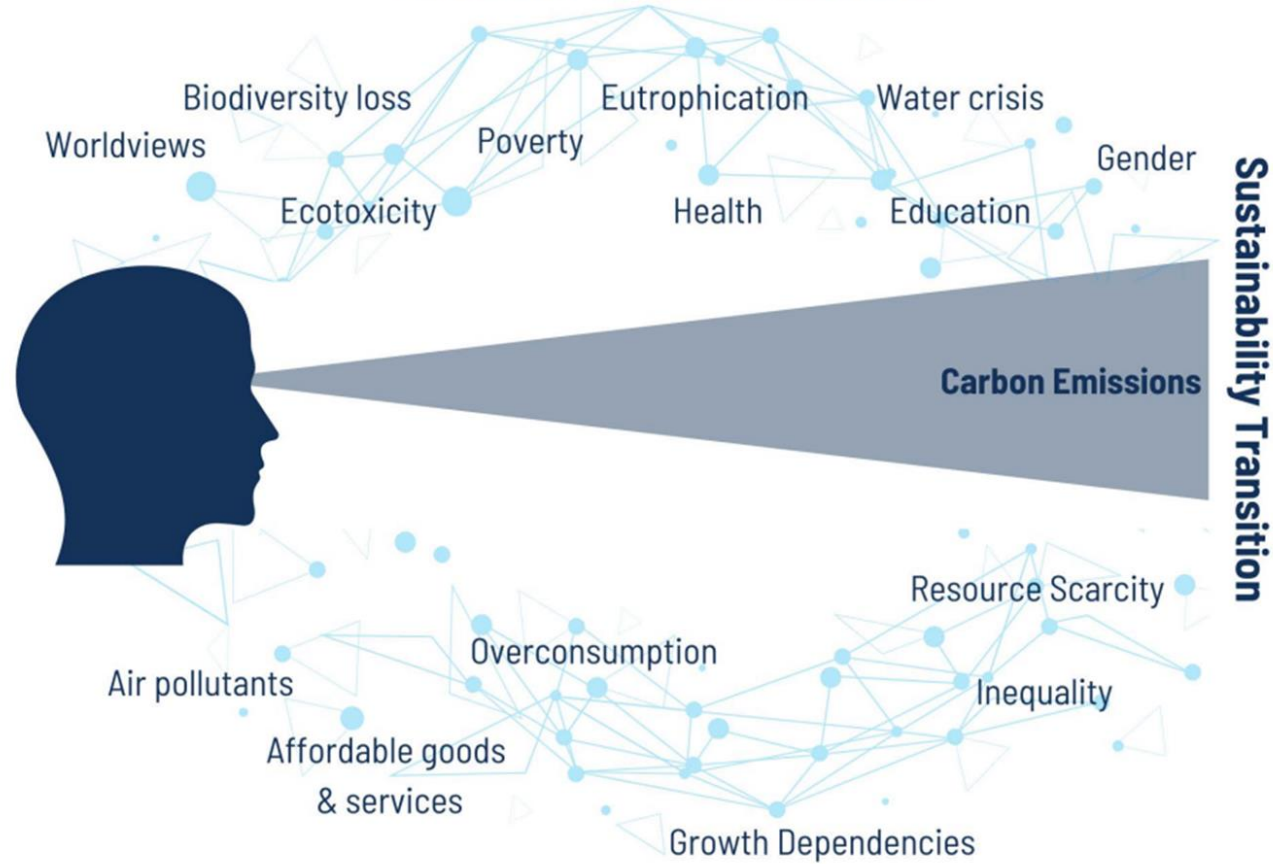
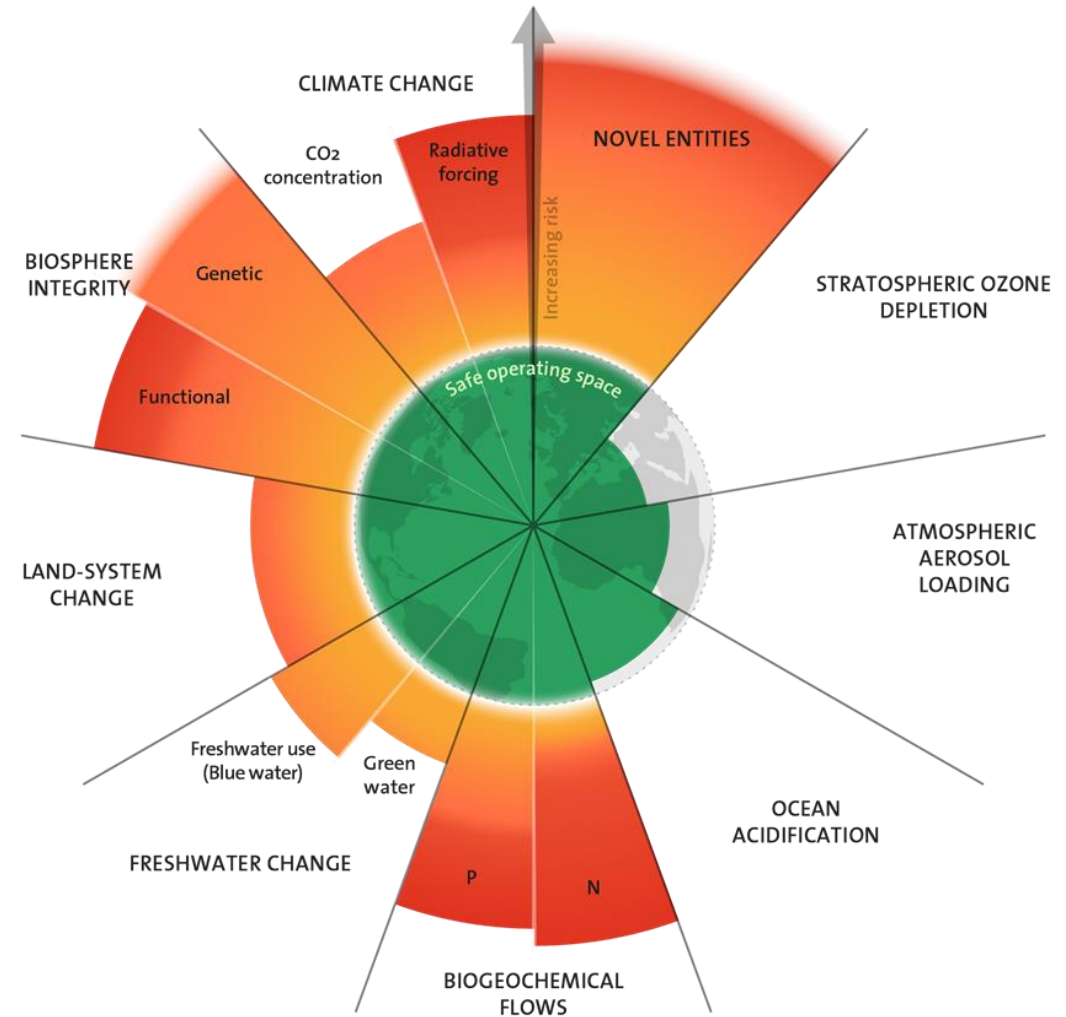


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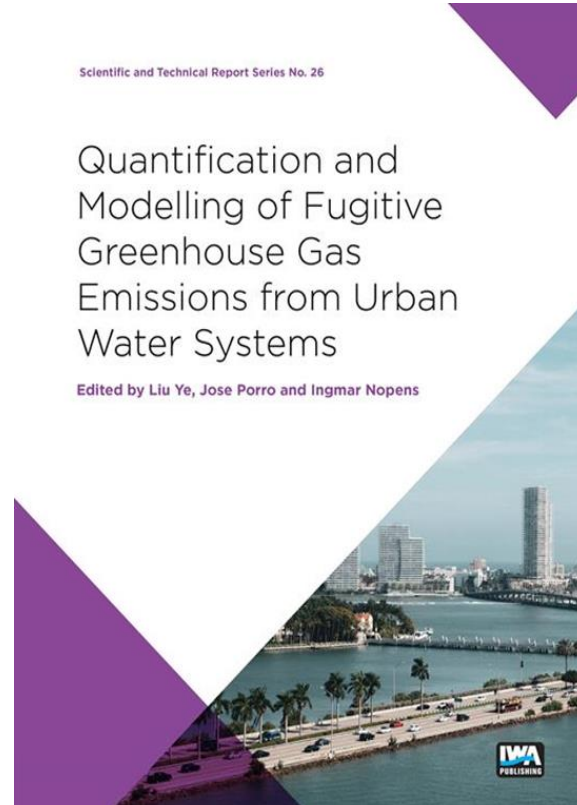
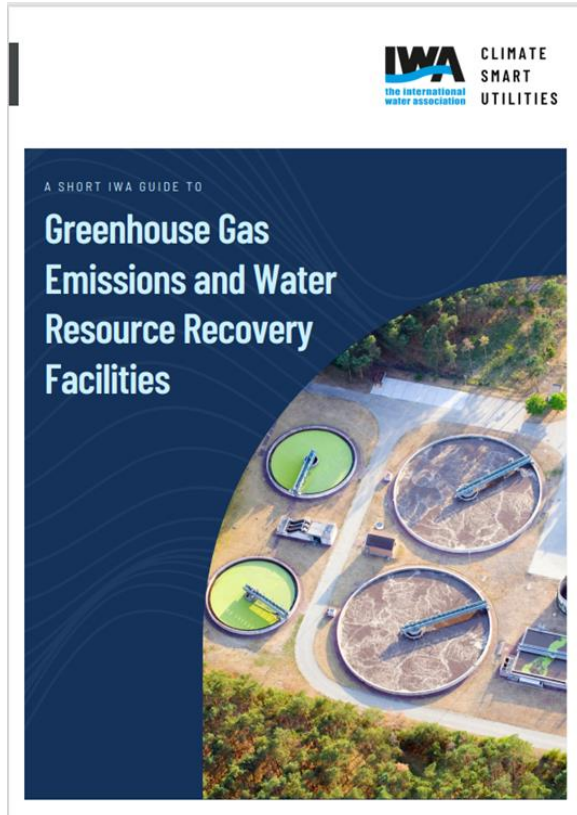


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