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# Wasserstoff aus Abfällen und landwirtschaftlichen Reststoffen

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**Advanced Carbon  
Conversion  
Technologies**

**Clean Combustion  
and Process Heat**

**Secondary Resources  
and Assessment**

## **Facts**

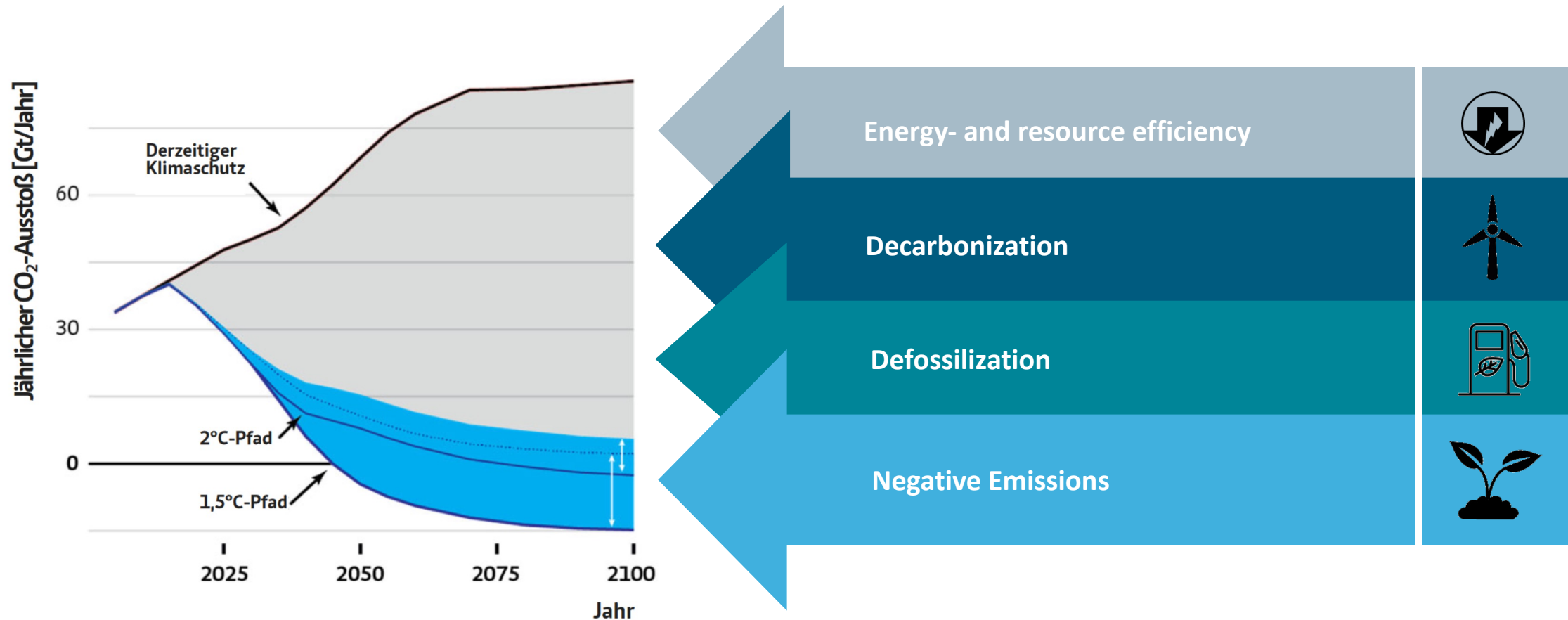
100 staff members  
2100 m<sup>2</sup> Technical labs  
10 Mio. EUR Turnover

## **SERVICES**

Process- and plant development  
Laboratory and analytics  
Waste- and resource strategies  
Technology assessment and LCA

# Background: Reduction of global CO<sub>2</sub>-Emissions

Meeting the 1.5 degree target requires fast action and a mix of measures

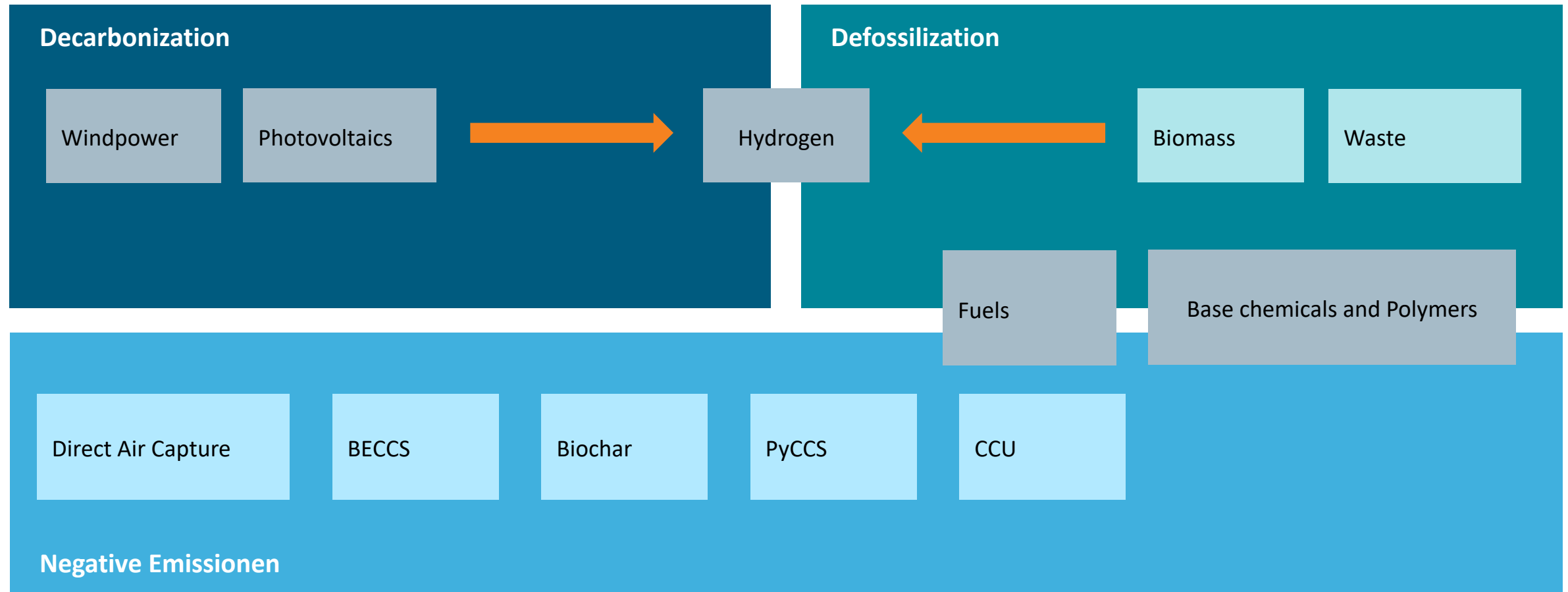


Szenarien zur Erreichung des 1,5 bzw. 2 Grad-Ziels.

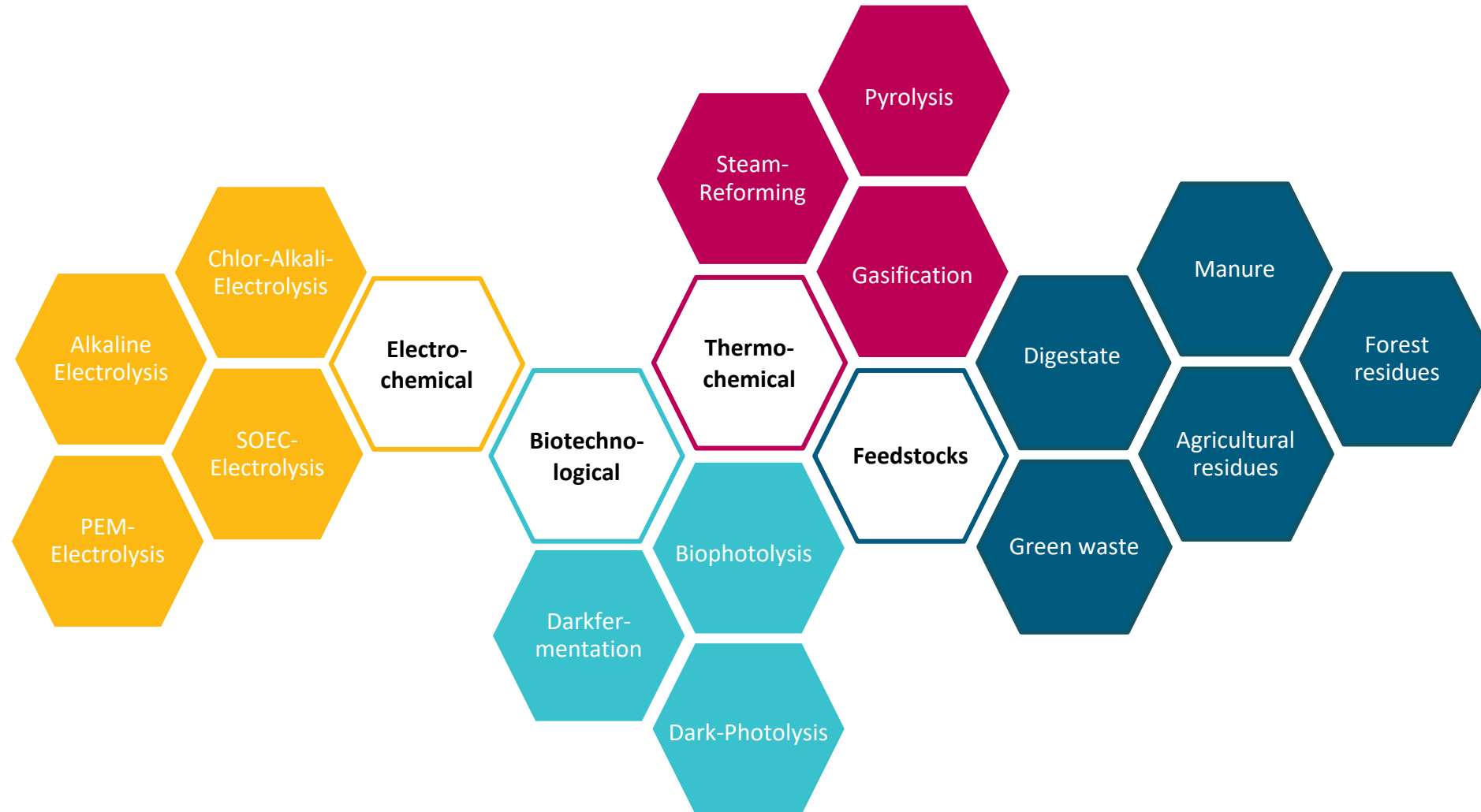
Quelle: Mercator Research Institute on Global Commons and Climate Change (MCC) gGmbH | Berlin

# Background

## Decarbonization, defossilization and negative Emissions

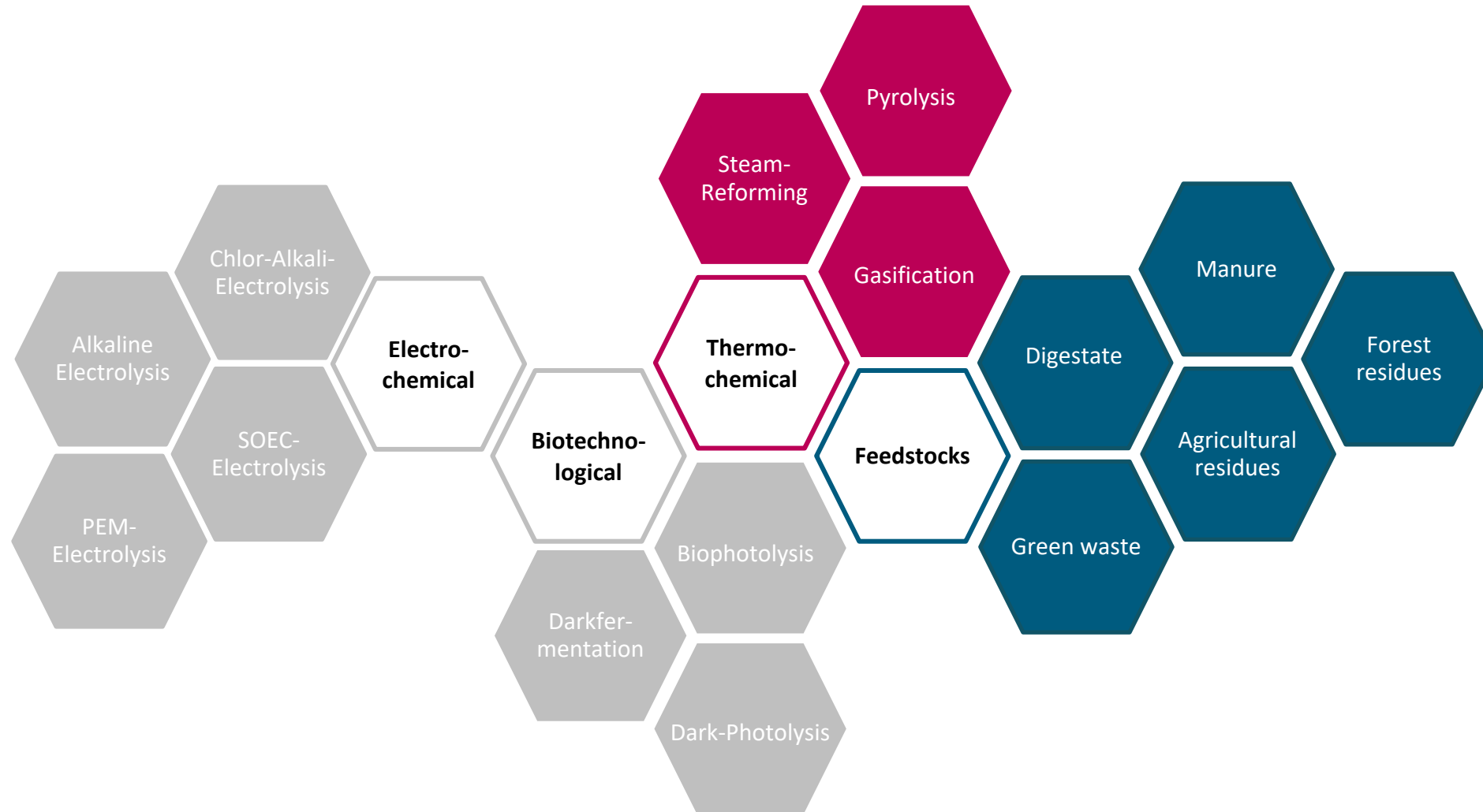


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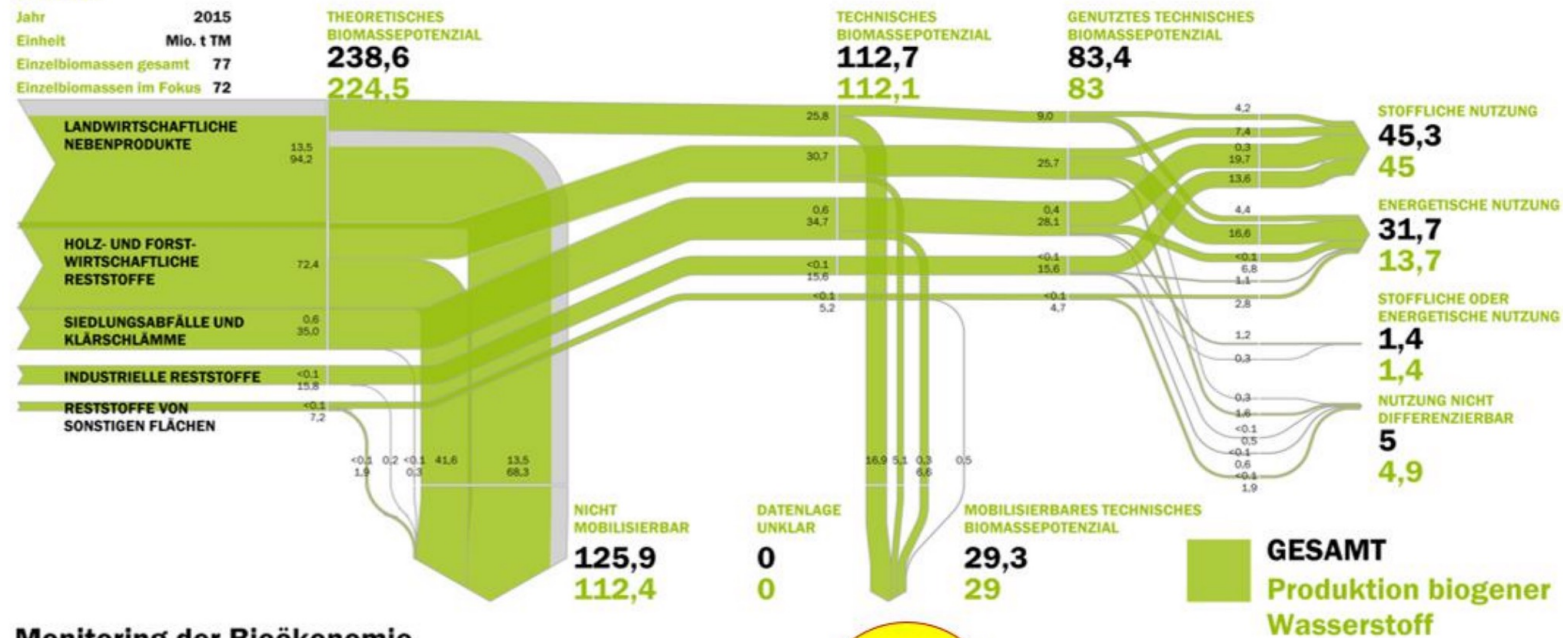
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## BIOGENE RESTSTOFFE IN DEUTSCHLAND

### Mittel



## Monitoring der Bioökonomie Ressourcenbasis und Nachhaltigkeit

Arbeitsgruppe Biomassereststoffmonitoring (AG BioRestMon)

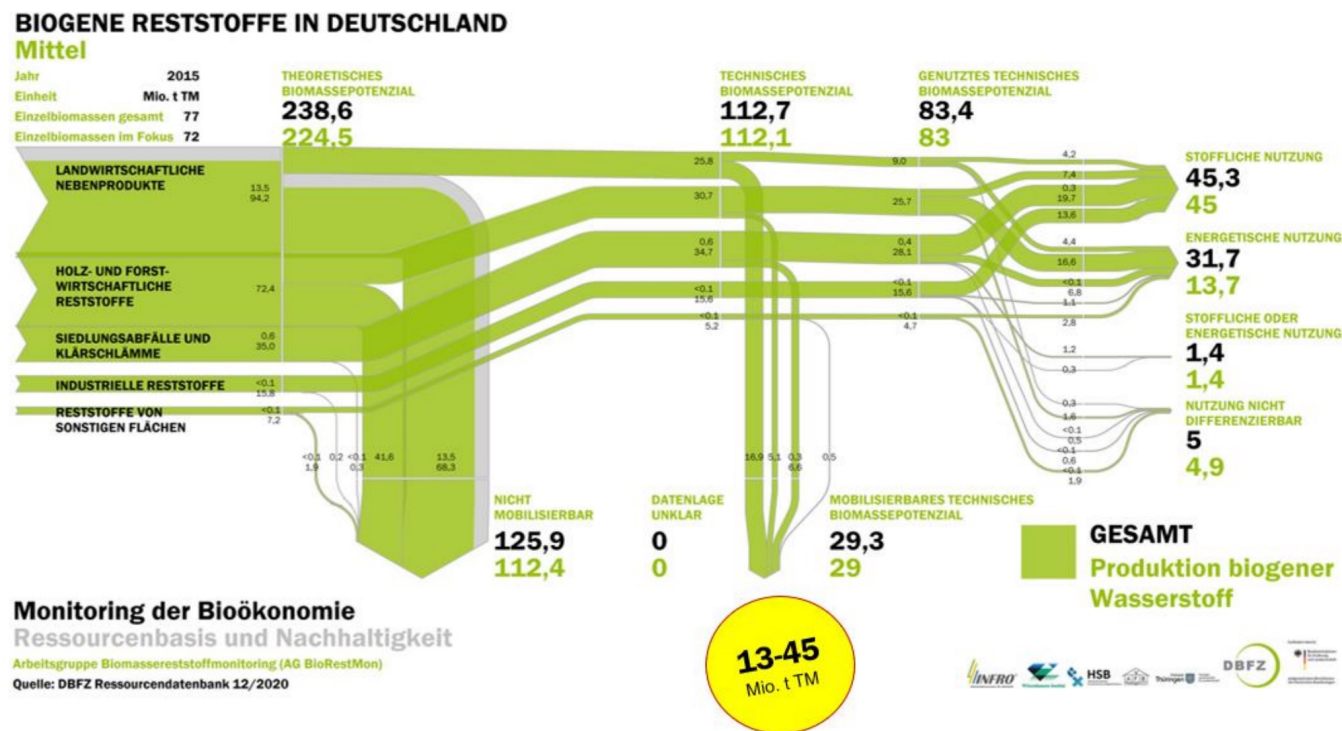
Quelle: DBFZ Ressourcendatenbank 12/2020

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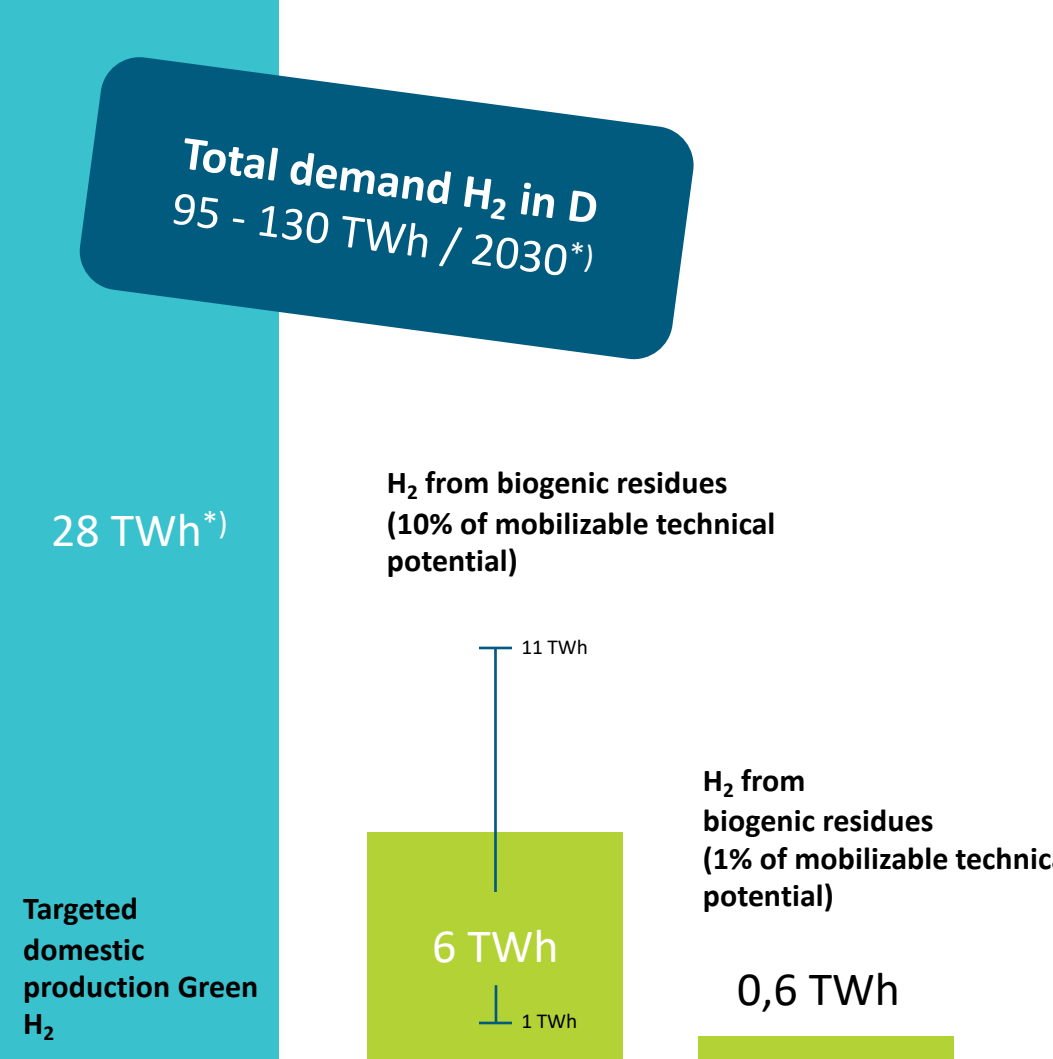


Quelle: DBFZ Report Nr. 46 | BIO2HY | Wasserstoff aus Biomasse, Leipzig: DBFZ, 2022

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\*) Quelle: BMWK: Fortschreibung der Nationalen Wasserstoffstrategie, Berlin, Juli 2023



H<sub>2</sub>-potential from share of biogenic residues in biogas plants excluded (7-10 TWh, DBFZ 2022)



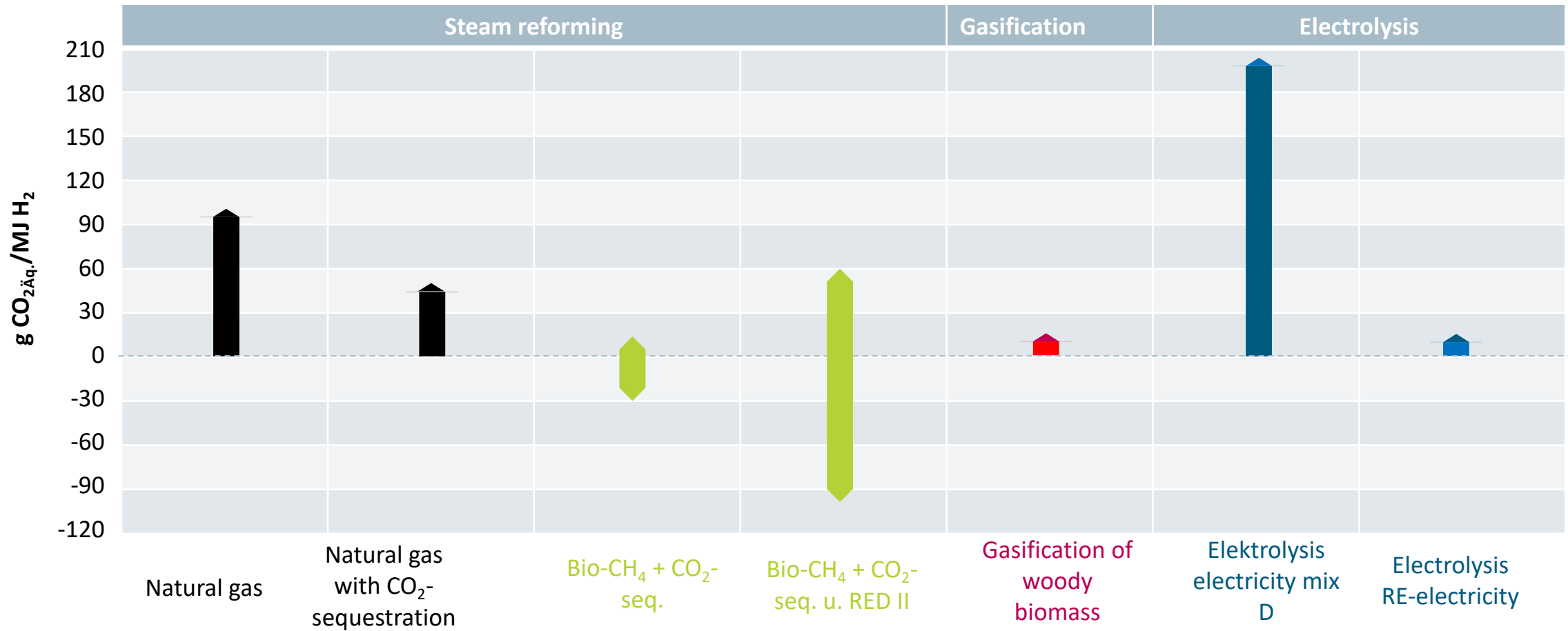
# Processes and maturity of different technologies for H<sub>2</sub>-production

| Process                         | Feedstock   | Technology Readiness Level |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|                                 |             | 1                          | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| Steam reforming                 | Biomethane  |                            |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |
| Steam reforming                 | Biogas      |                            |   |   |   |   | X | X | X |   |
| Methane pyrolysis               | Bio-methane |                            |   | X | X |   |   |   |   |   |
| Gasification* (O <sub>2</sub> ) | Biomass     | X                          | X |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Gasification (H <sub>2</sub> O) | Biomass     |                            |   |   |   |   |   |   | X |   |
| Pyrolysis                       | Biomass     |                            |   |   |   | X | X | X |   |   |

\*) < 1 MW<sub>FWL</sub>)

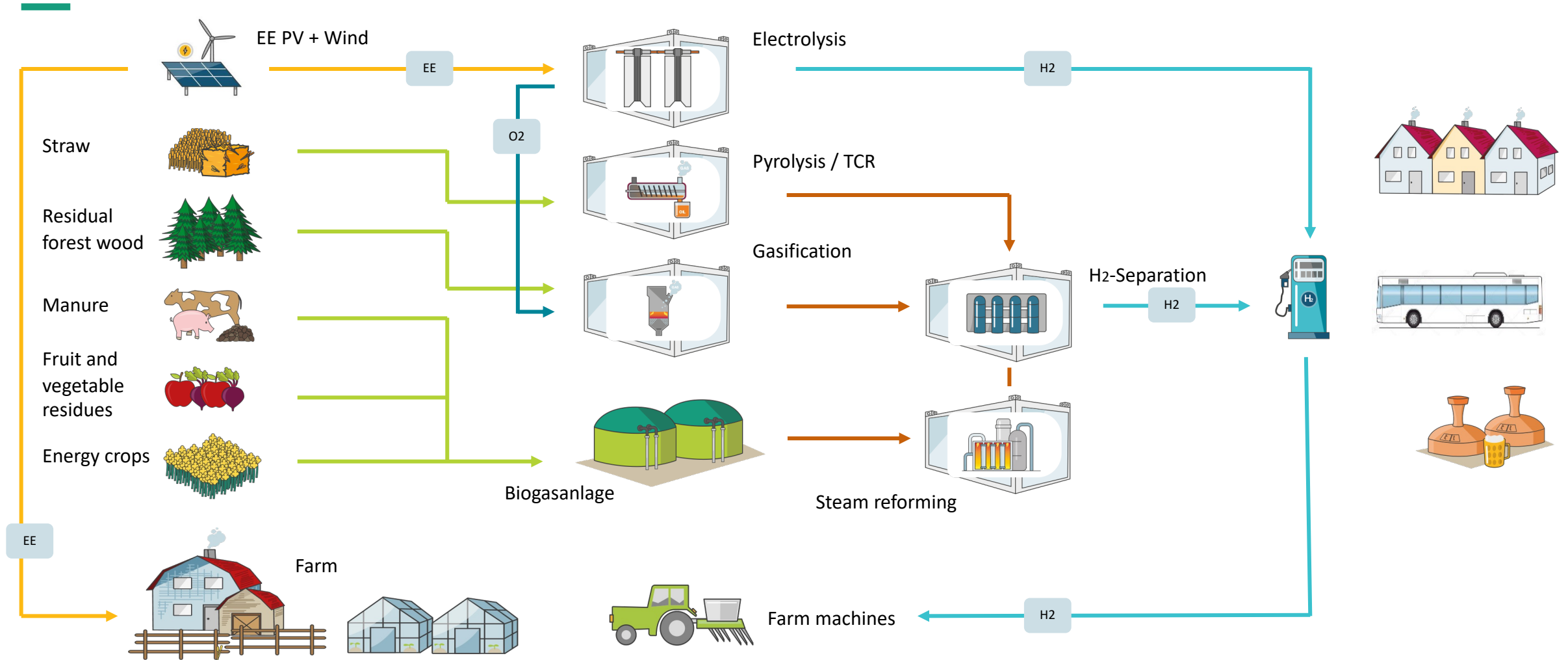
Plankenbühler et al. 2021

# THG-Emissions of different production paths for H<sub>2</sub>



Wolf et al. 2022; Antonini et al. 2020

# H<sub>2</sub> – Production and utilization options in agriculture





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# The TCR-Technology



# The Thermo Catalytic Reforming Technology (TCR)

## Patented Conversion of biogenic residues into sustainable products

### Use cases and outcome

- Utilization of biogenic residues (no food vs. fuel discussion)
- Decentralised application possible (regional added value)
- Products with near-zero carbon footprint possible

### Products

- Syngas with up to 50 % green hydrogen
- Oil with high thermal stability for processing into standard fuels
- Coal for soil application / storage / energetic use





# TCR - Functional principle

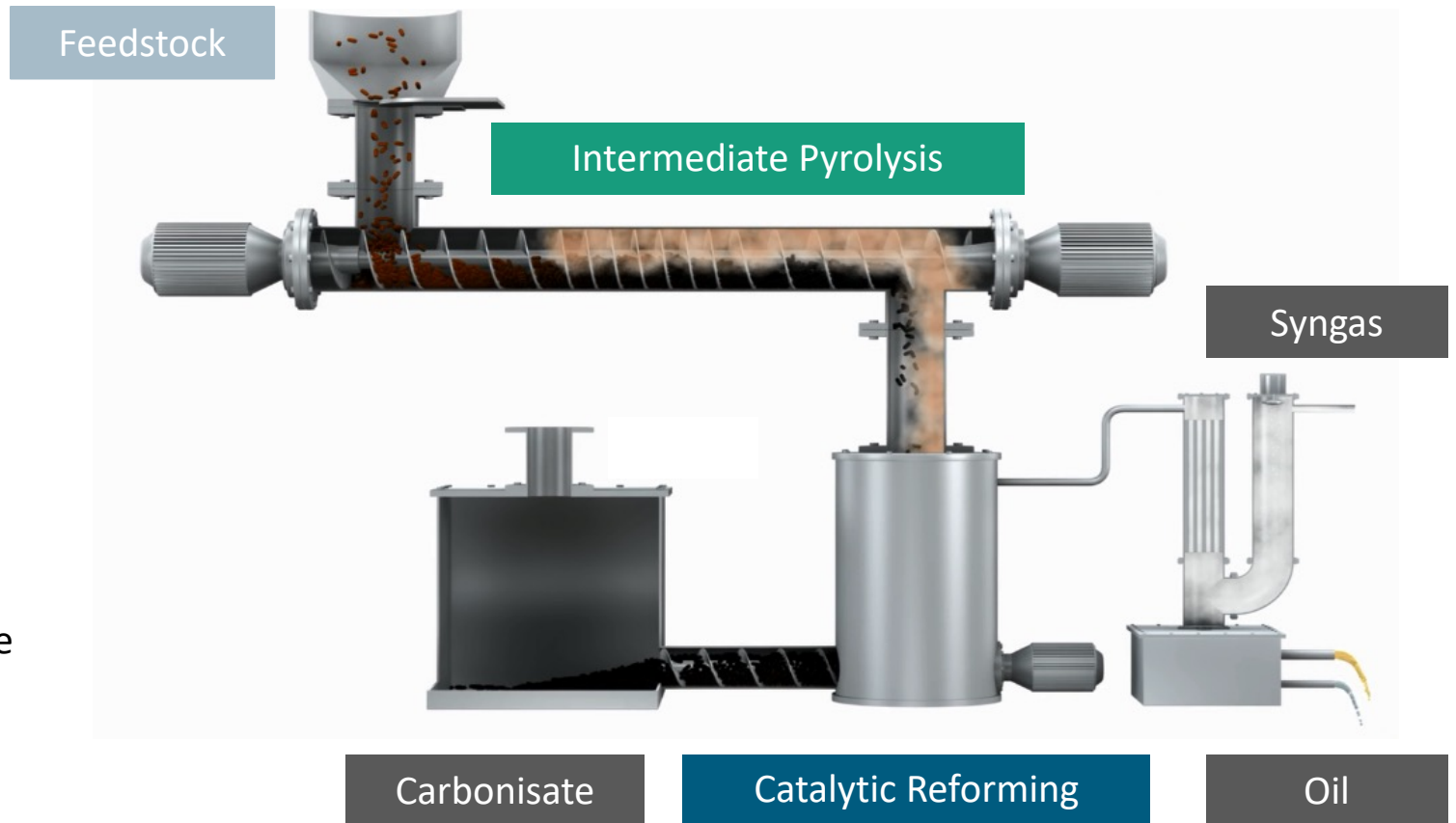
## Intermediate pyrolysis with integrated catalytic reforming step

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# TCR - Feedstocks

## High potential of input materials

- Variable biomass, biogenic residues, bio-waste and mixtures (>70% DM) can be used as feedstock
- More than **90 biogenic waste materials** already tested
- **Examples:**
  - Agricultural residues
  - Digestate
  - Sewage sludge
  - Spent grains
  - Paper residues
  - Leaves
  - Biowaste
  - ...



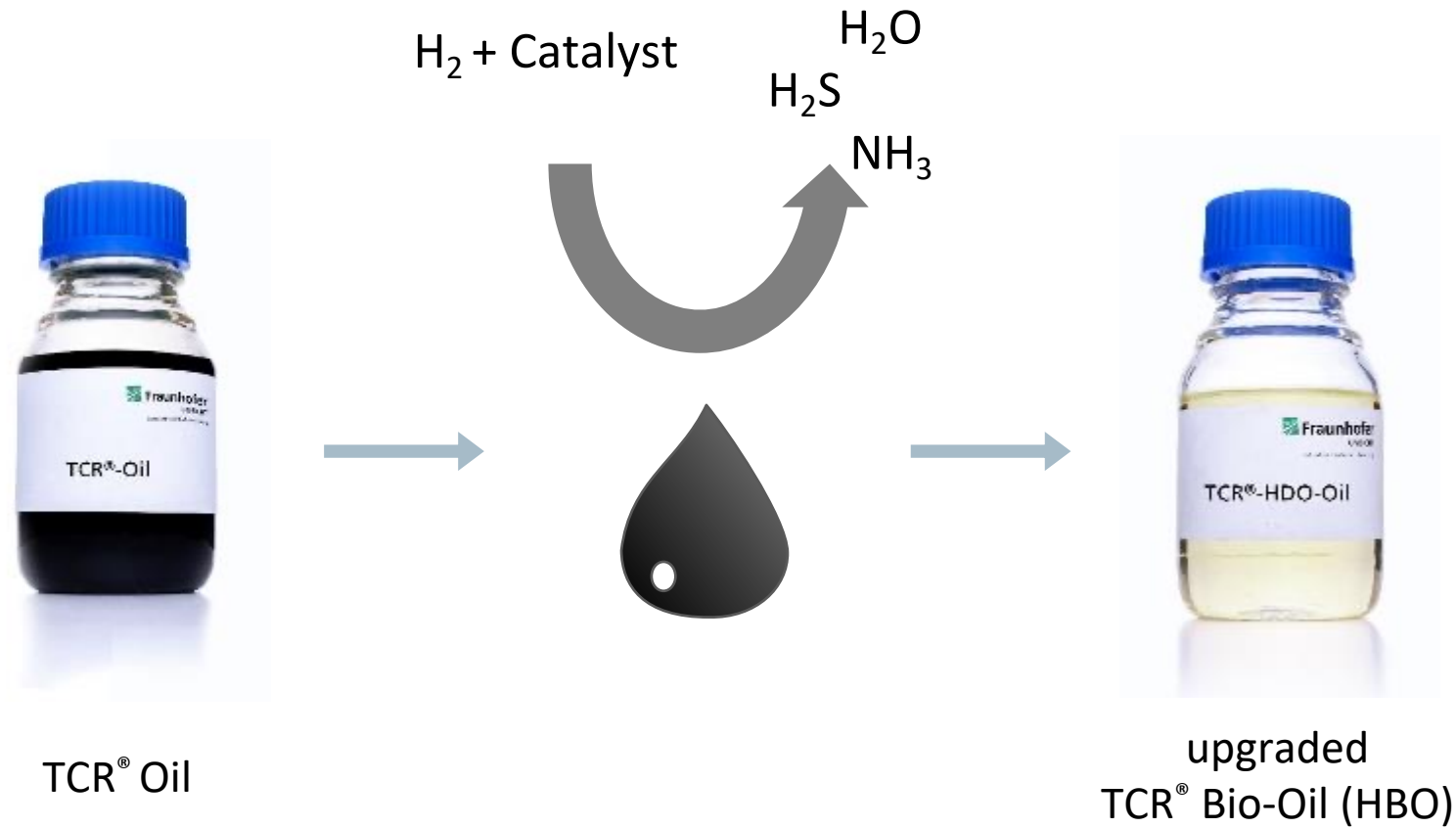
# TCR - Products

From biogenic residue to standard fuels



# TCR - Products

Thermal stability of TCR-Oil opens the path for hydrotreatment





### Gas treatment

- Cyclone
- Filter
- Condensation
- Electrostatic precipitator
- Scrubber

### Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA)

- H<sub>2</sub> Separation
- Up to 250 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h
- 10 bars
- 4 Columns

### HDO - Hydrooxygenation

- 30 l/h
- 110 bars
- 360-400°C

### TCR-Reactor

- 500 kg/h | 12 t/d

### CHP

- 220 kW<sub>el</sub>
- 350 kW<sub>th</sub>

Demonstrator Carbon Conversion

Fuels, base chemicals and hydrogen  
from biogenic residues



Car tour through europe

50,000 Liters of climate neutral  
crude oil from sewage sludge





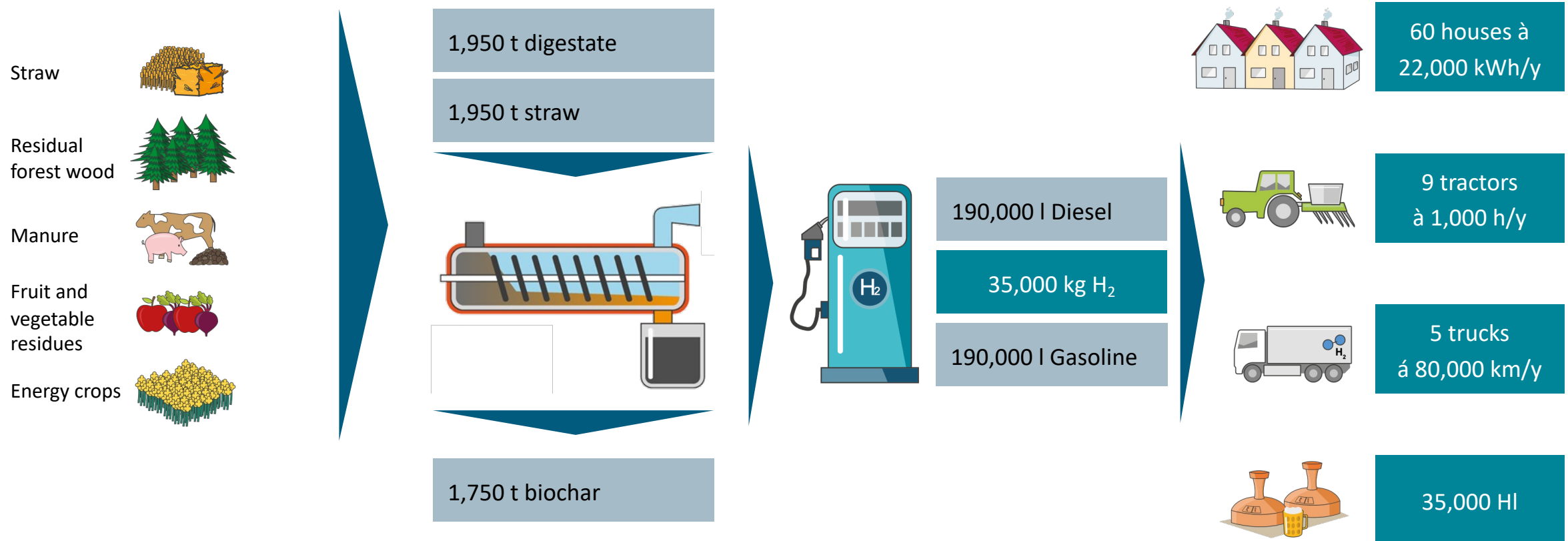


Outlook – current development

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Sustainable aviation fuel from  
biogenic residues at refinery scale

# Exemplary scenario TCR





Current development

## Integrated H<sub>2</sub>-production from residual and waste biomass

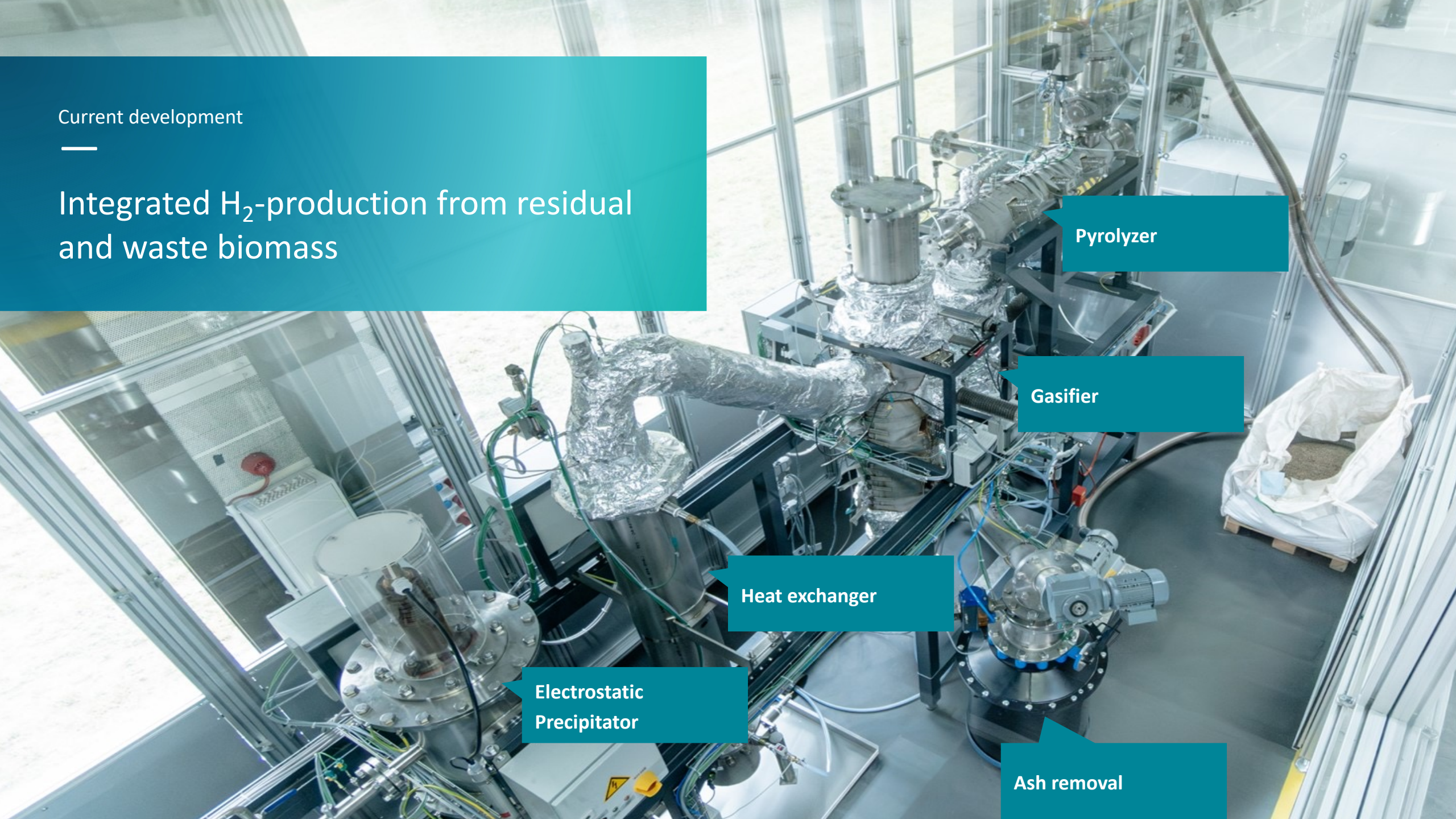
Pyrolyzer

Gasifier

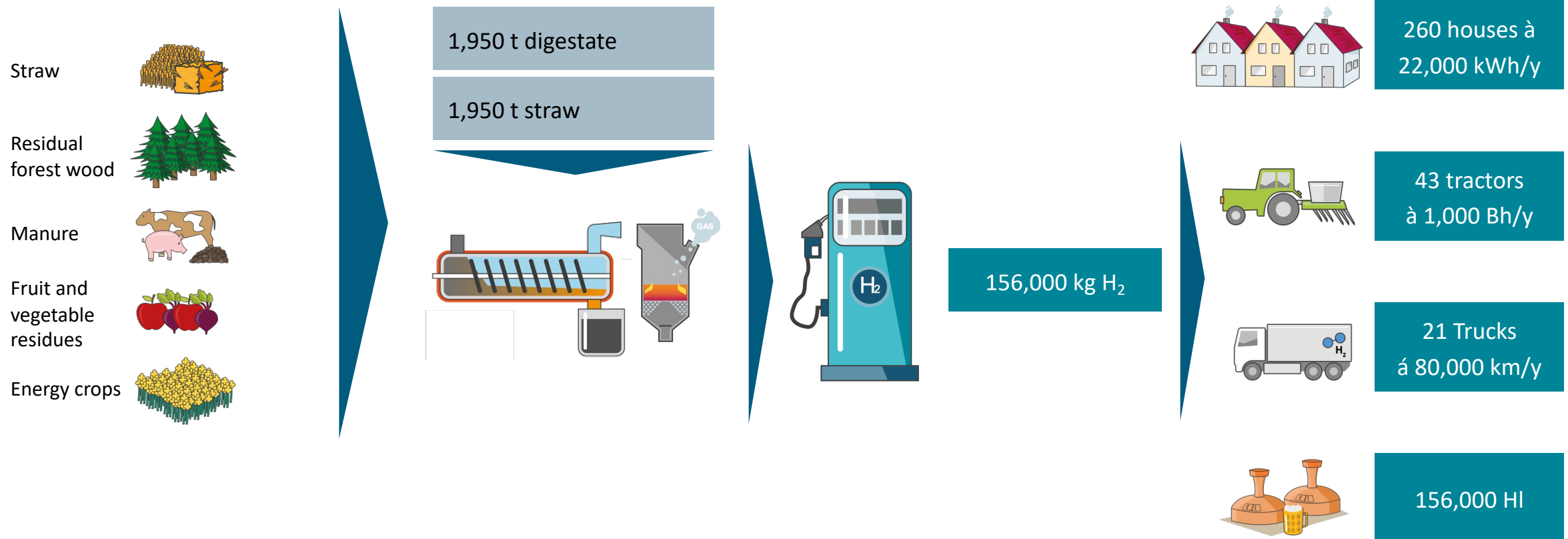
Heat exchanger

Electrostatic  
Precipitator

Ash removal



# Exemplary scenario TCR + Gasification





Many thanks for your  
kind attention!

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