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Energy modelling plays a vital role in the transition to a net zero economy and contributes to energy security, with models underpinning decision making across policy, industry and civil society.

However, the energy sector remains one of the least gender diverse and women are significantly underrepresented in the energy modelling research area. Therefore, it is essential to build a network with multiple resources to encourage women from different disciplines and sectors to join energy modelling research and application.

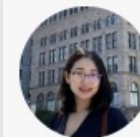
This project will open doors for women throughout the energy community, including academic researchers, companies along the energy supply chain, policymakers in both central and local government, NGOs and practitioners.

Research Activity



Whole Systems Networking Fund: Phase 4

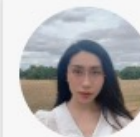
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AIM

- Build a diverse network in energy modelling from different disciplines (e.g., social sciences, engineering, and economics) and different sectors (e.g., local authority, industry, and NGO).
- Establish a platform with open learning resources to provide a quick and fun way to begin to become familiar with the identified energy modelling and to enable the discussion among peer community.
- Host a series of events with hands-on learning, mentorship by energy modelling practitioners and supportive peer community to enable more women to use energy modelling to solve practical problems.

WORK PACKAGES

Start Date: 10/01/2022

WP1 Network establishment

Task 1.1 Network building

Task 1.2 Platform development

WP2 Energy modelling learning resources development

Task 2.1 Energy modelling scoping

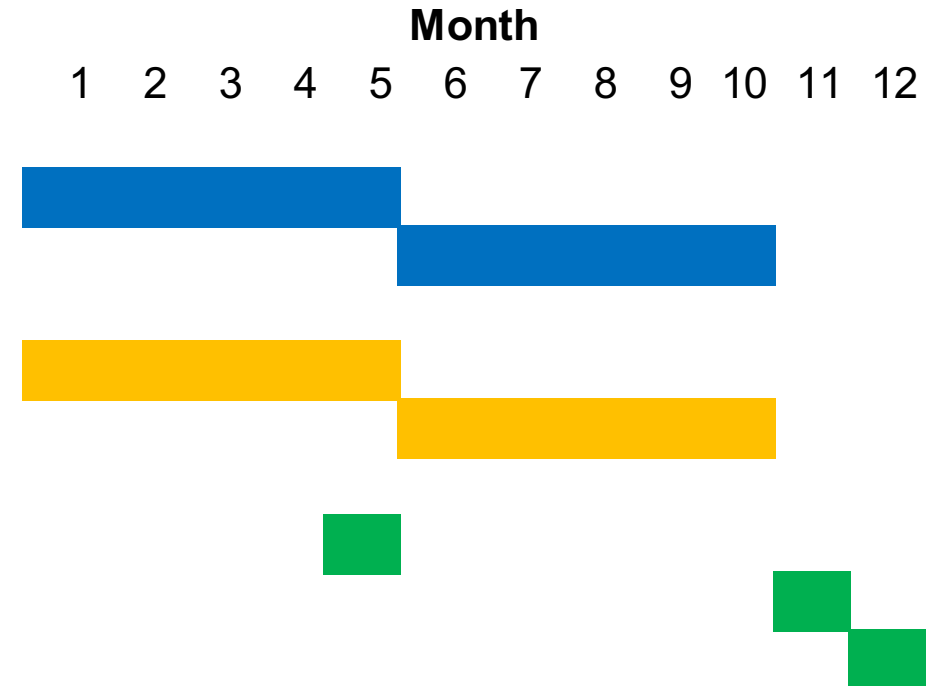
Task 2.2 Learning resources development

WP3 Network events and activities

Task 3.1 Kick-off workshop

Task 3.2 Summer Program

Task 3.3 Long-term network workshop



INTRODUCTIONS & WARM-UP ACTIVITY

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GET TO KNOW YOU BINGO

COFFEE BREAK

GROUP DISCUSSION

MODELLING PROBLEMS

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INTRODUCTION TO ENERGY MODELLING

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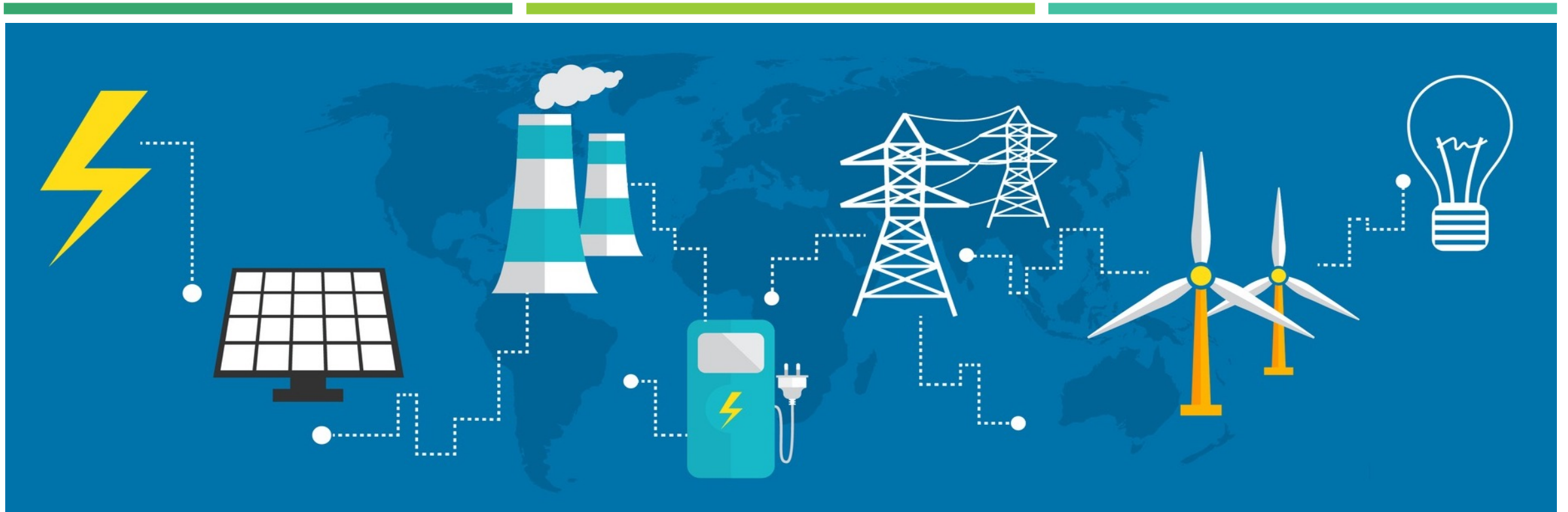
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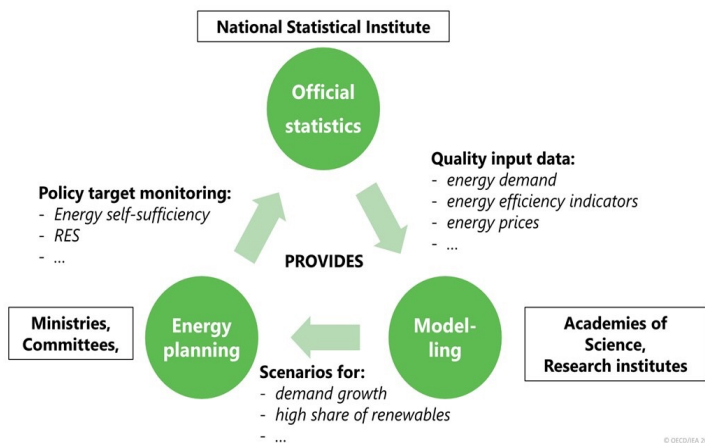
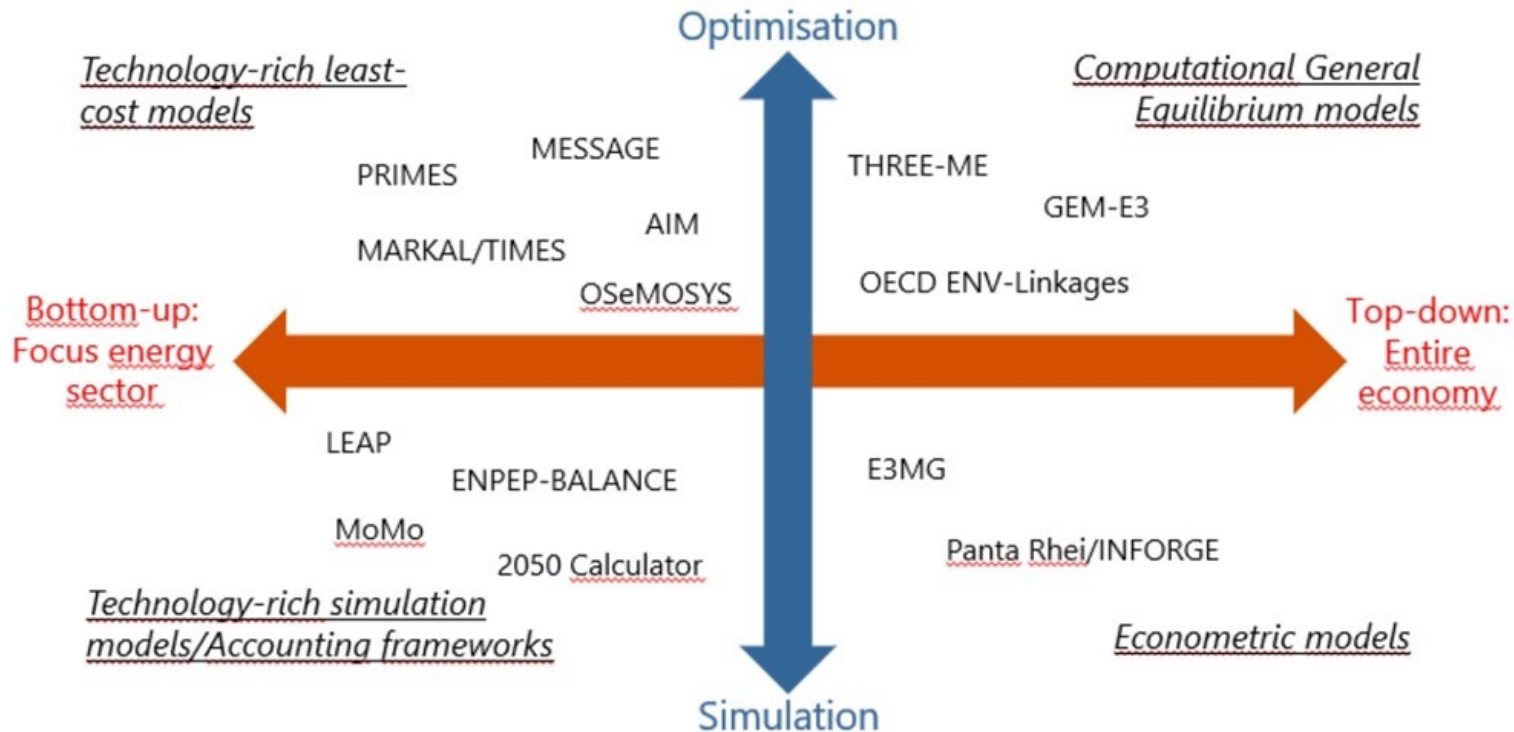


BACKGROUND

What is energy modelling and what are the energy models in the UK?

ENERGY MODELLING

Energy modelling refers to the process of using mathematical and computational models to analyze and predict various aspects of energy systems. It involves simulating the behavior and interactions of different energy sources, technologies, and policies to assess their impacts and inform decision-making.

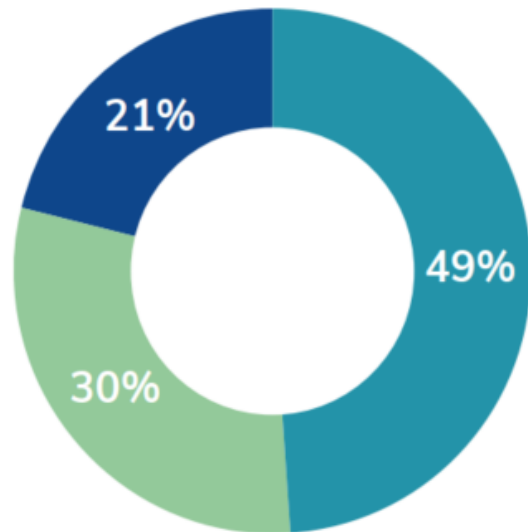


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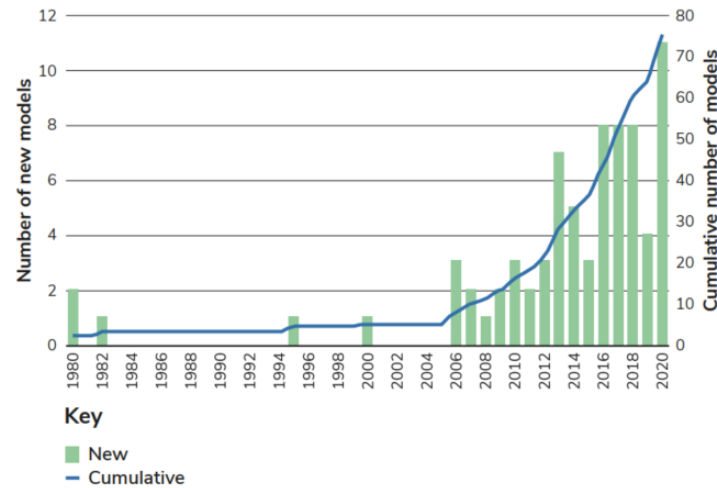


ENERGY MODELS OF THE UK

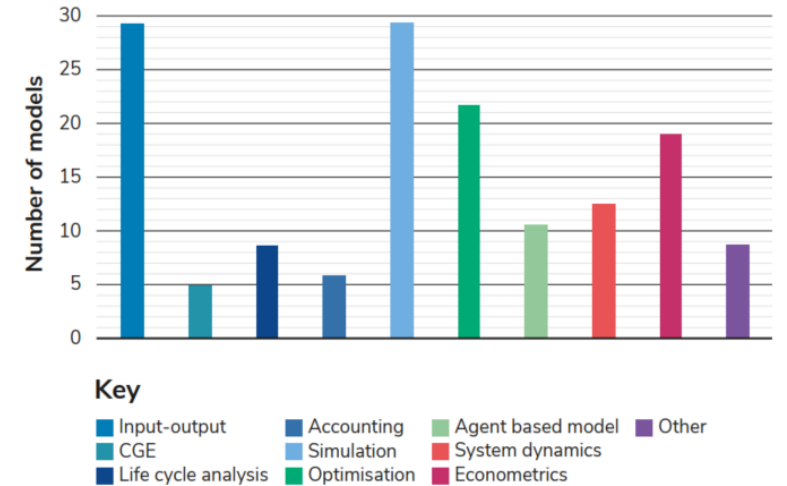
UK energy models by host organization



Development of UK energy modelling capacity

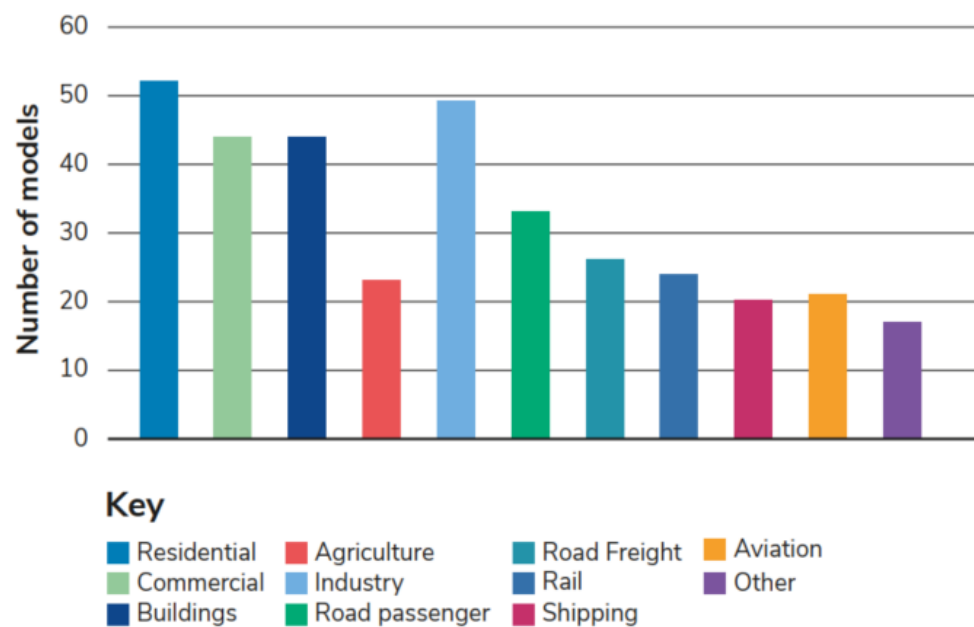


Analytical methods of UK energy models

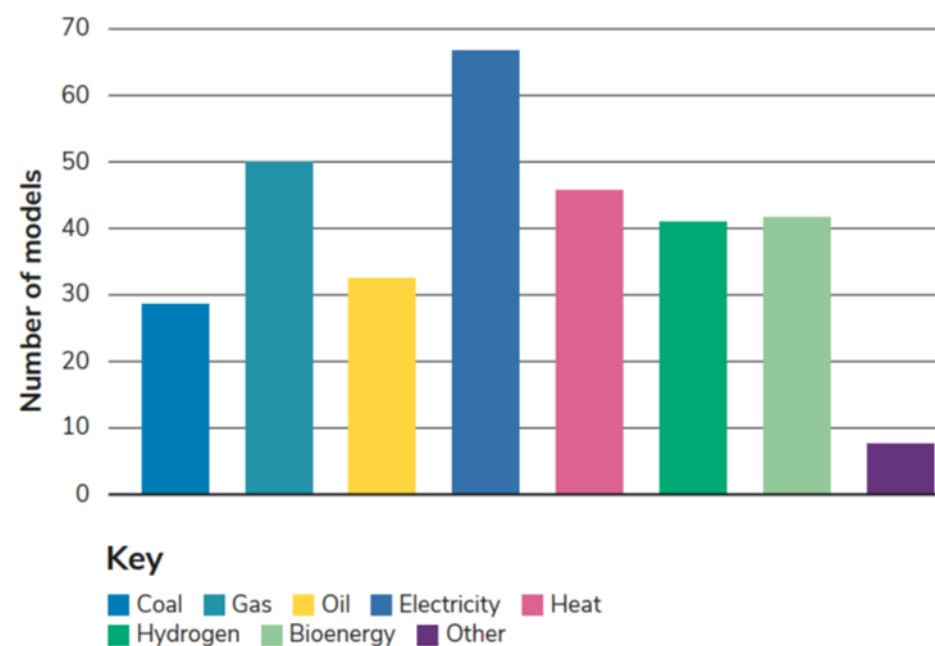


ENERGY MODELS OF THE UK

Sectoral coverage of energy models



Energy vector coverage of UK models



TIME TRENDS OF MAJOR APPLICATION OF ENERGY MODELS

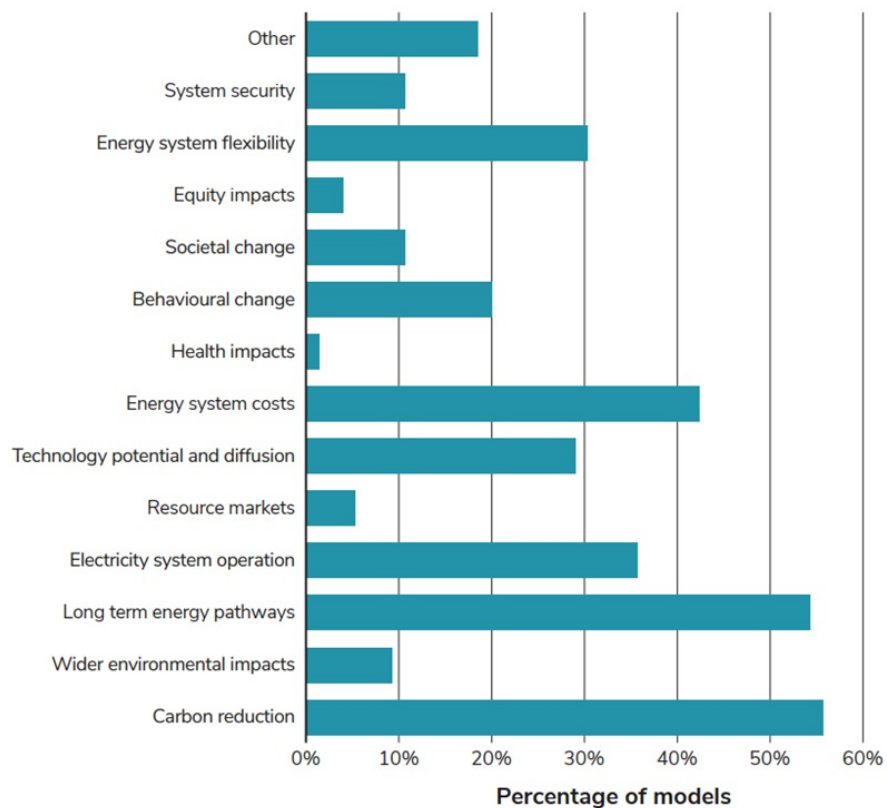
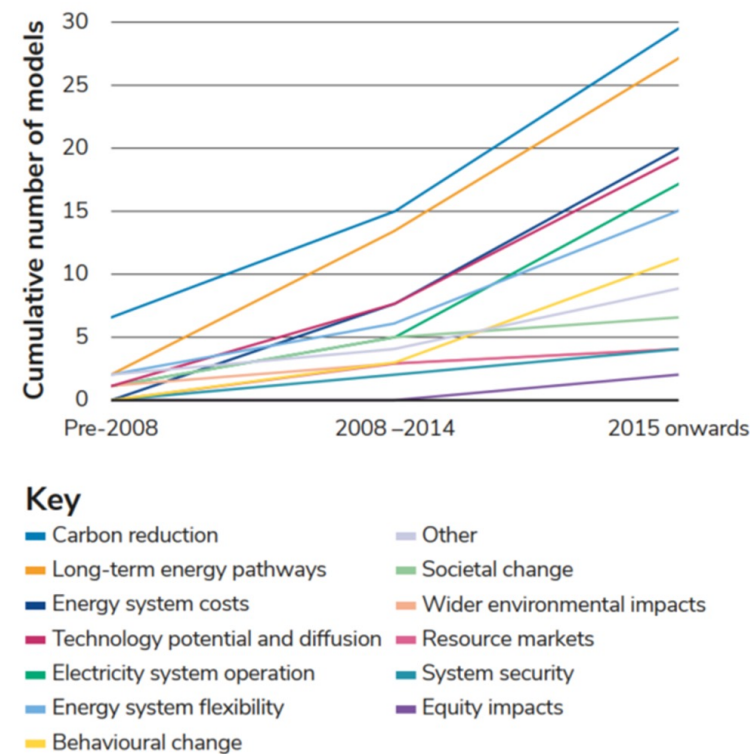


Figure 9: Time trend of major applications of energy models



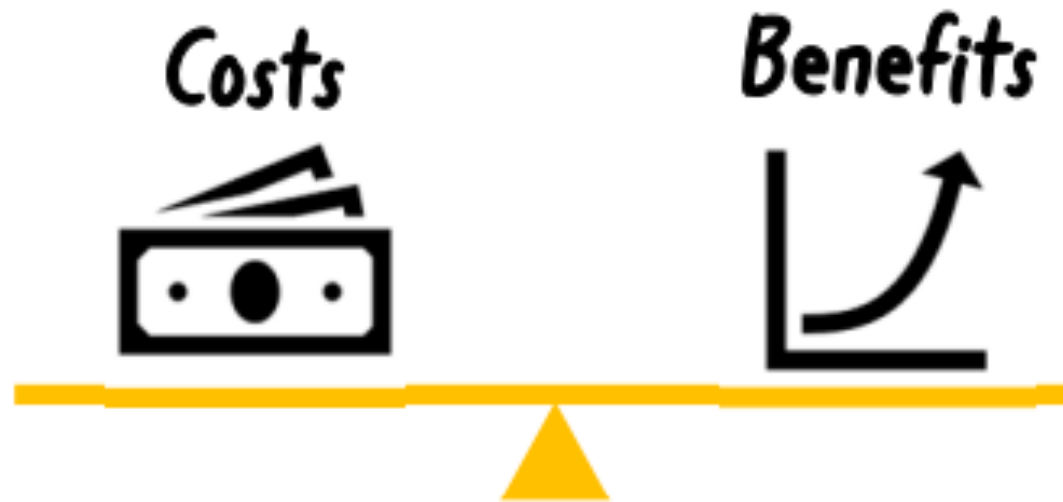


METHODOLOGY

Types and key Processes of energy modelling

TECHNO-ECONOMIC ASSESSMENT

Techno-economic assessment is a method for evaluating the economic performance of a technology



MANUFACTURING COST COMPARISON

Manufacturing Cost

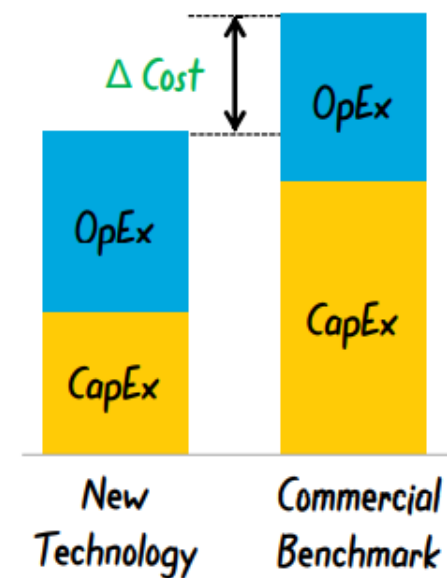
Capital Expenses (CapEx) (one-time)



Operating Expenses (OpEx) (recurring)

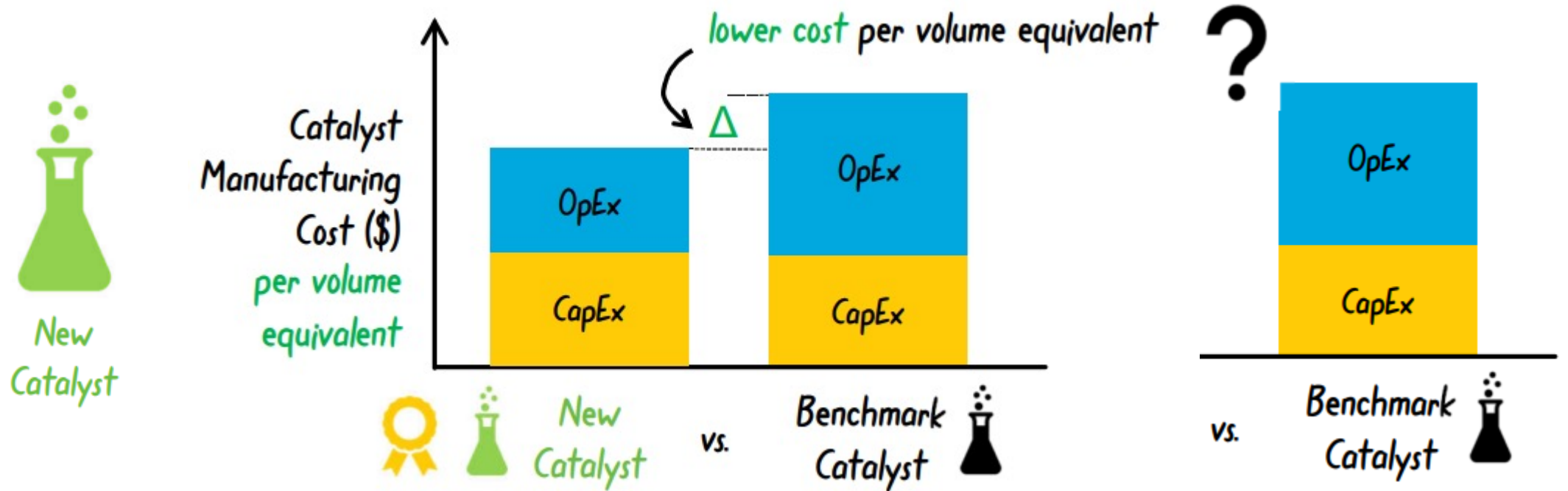


Cost Benchmarking

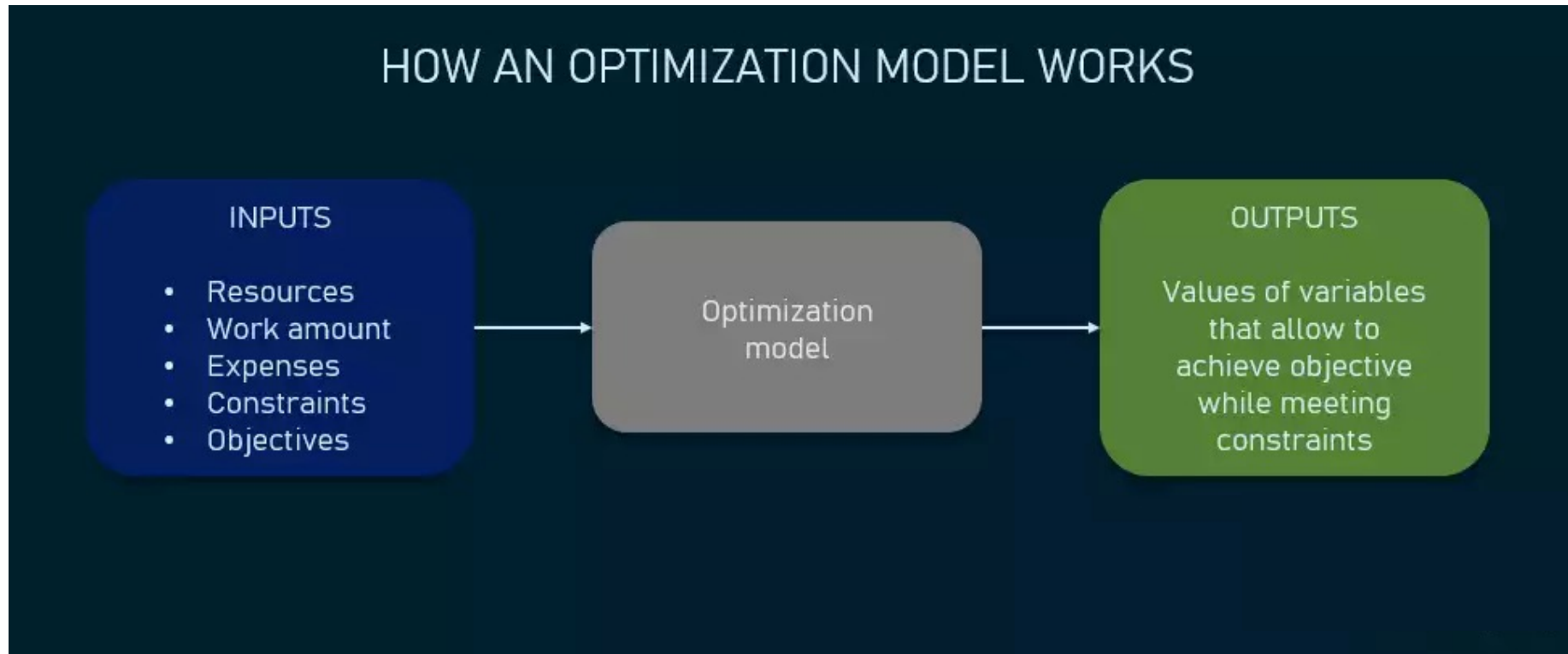


EXAMPLE

COST COMPARISON: CATALYSTS FOR ETHYLENE MANUFACTURING



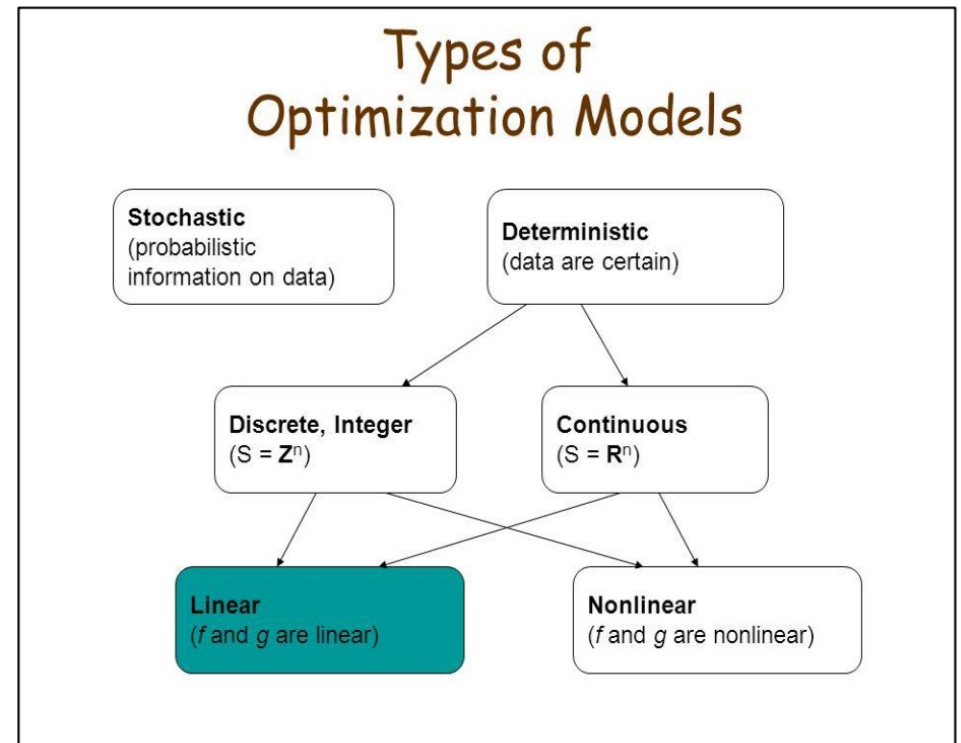
OPTIMIZATION MODEL (BOTTOM-UP ENERGY MODEL)



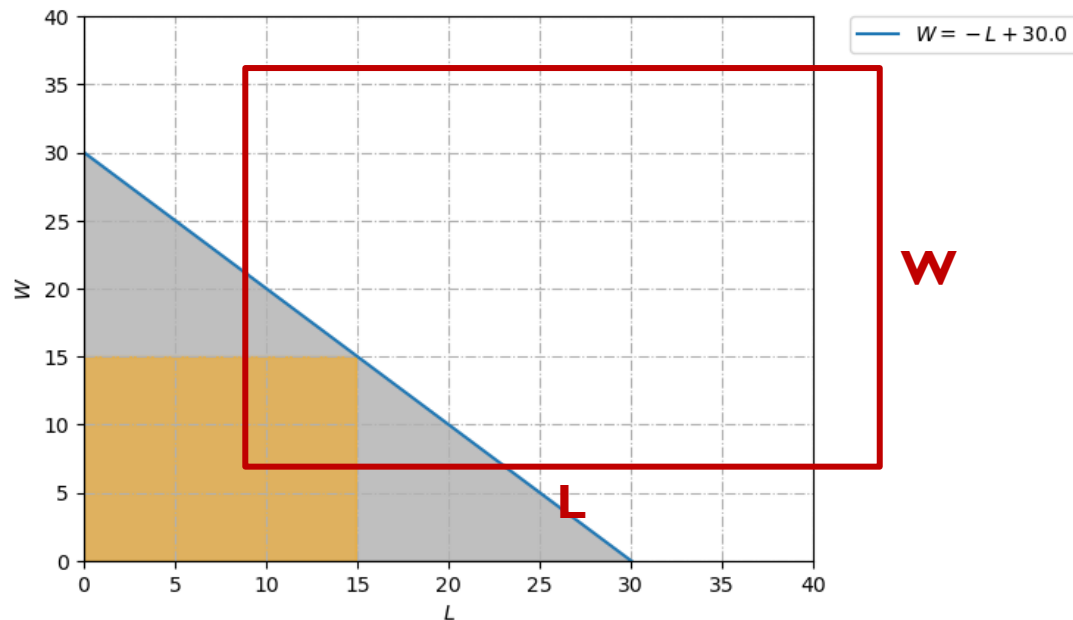
FEATURE OF OPTIMIZATION MODEL

An optimization model has three main components:

- An objective function. This is the function that needs to be optimized.
- A collection of decision variables. The solution to the optimization problem is the set of values of the decision variables for which the objective function reaches its optimal value.
- A collection of constraints that restrict the values of the decision variables.



SIMPLE EXAMPLE OF OPTIMIZATION



- Example: You have 60 feet of fence available, and wish to enclose the largest rectangular area possible. What dimensions should you choose for the fenced-off area?
- Variables: Length – L, Width – W;
- Objectives: max $L \cdot W$;
- Constraints:

$$2L + 2W \leq 60$$

$$L > 0$$

$$W > 0$$

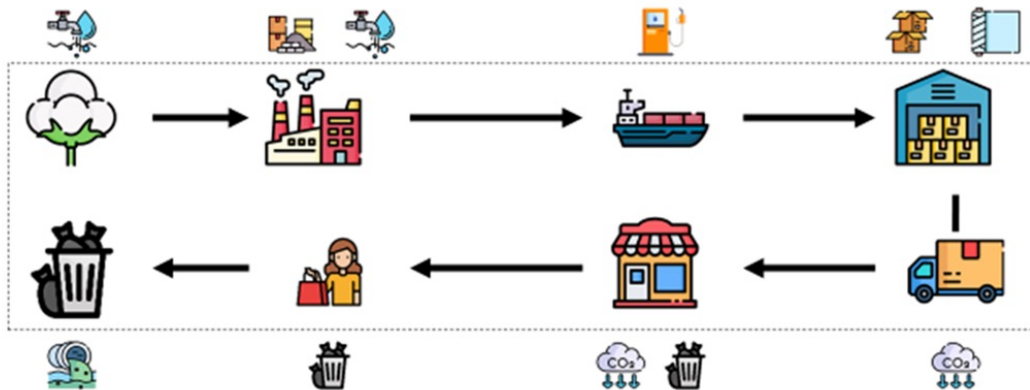
- Result: when $L=W=15$, max area = 225

LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT (LCA)

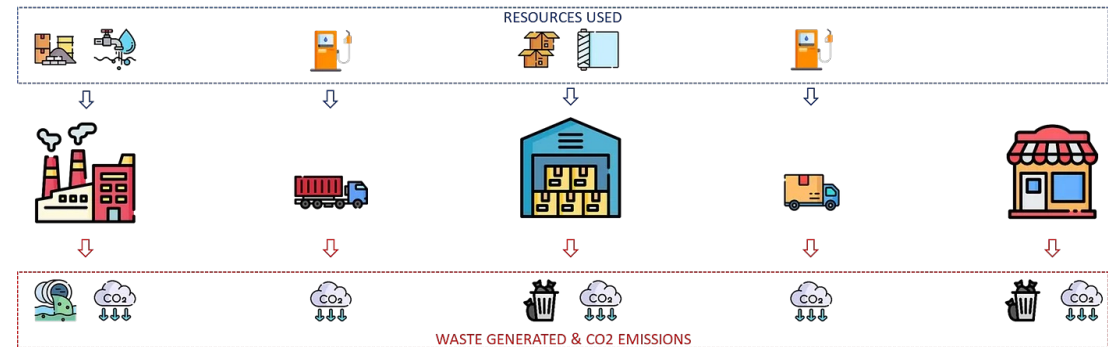
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Use Data Analytics to evaluate the environmental impacts of a fast-fashion retail product over its entire life cycle from production to disposal

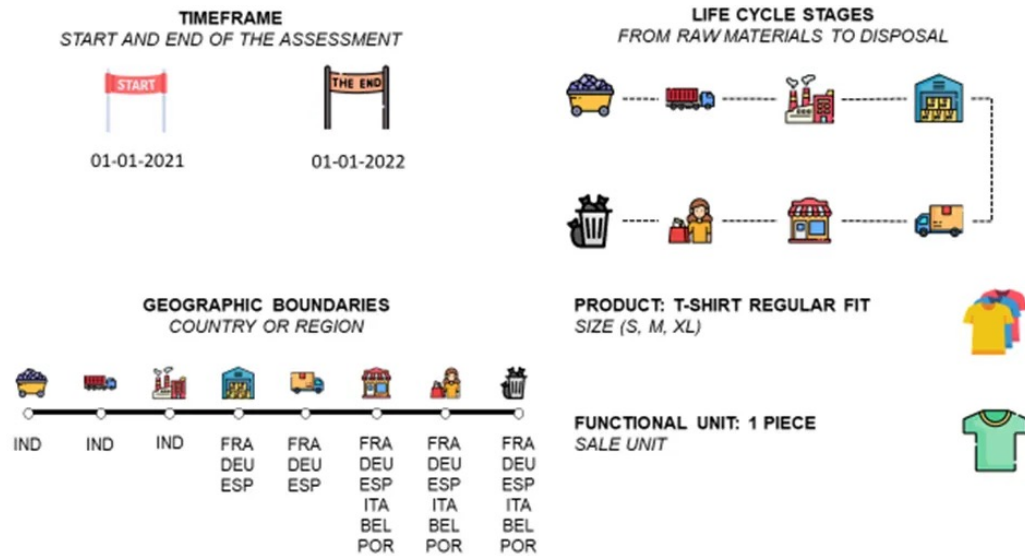


What is the environmental impact of the cheap t-shirt?

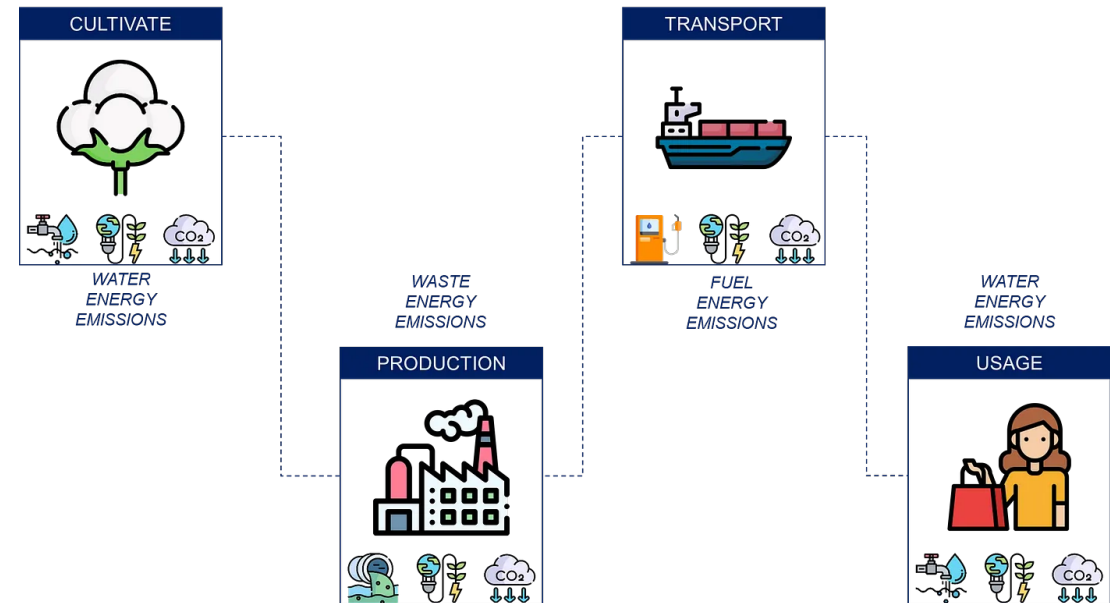


FOUR STEPS OF LCA

1. Goal and scope definition



2. Inventory Analysis

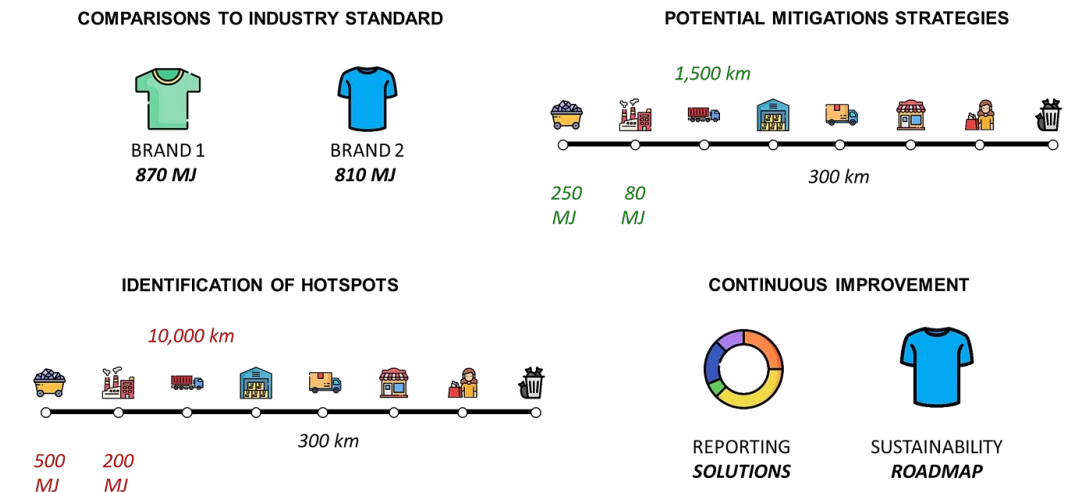


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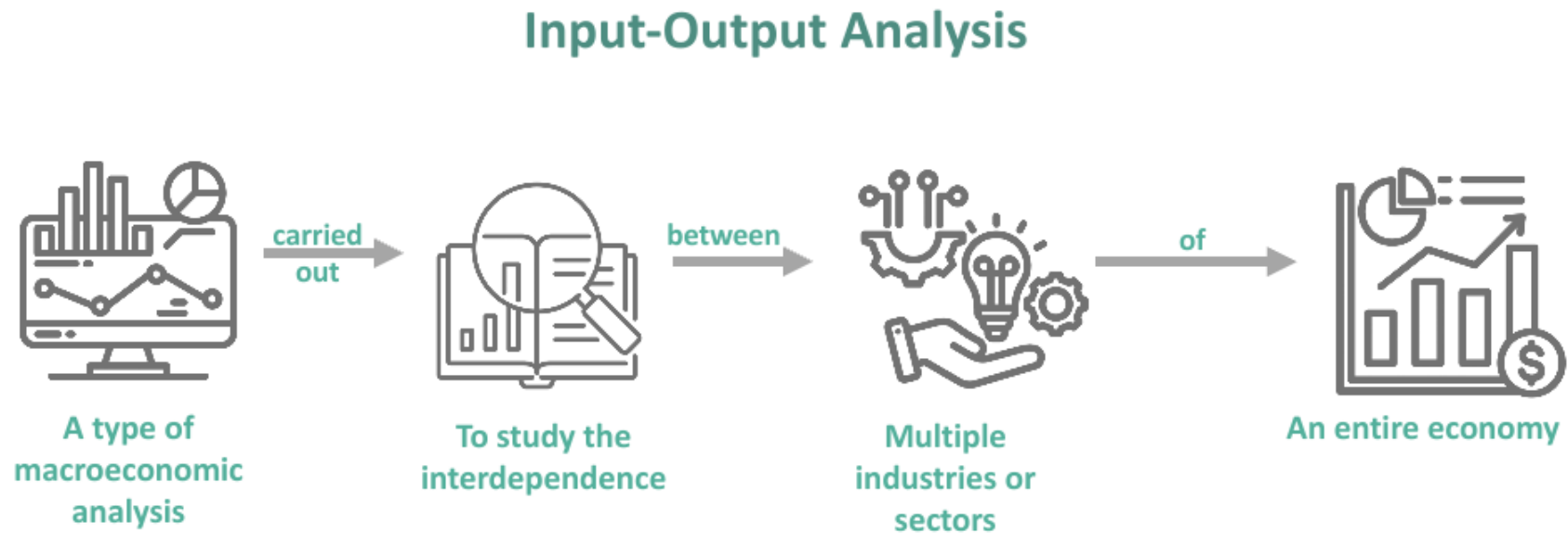
3. Impact assessment

- Energy consumption: 870 MJ -- 58% consumed during the production
- Greenhouse gas emissions: 46 kg CO₂e -- With a majority of emissions during production
- Water consumption: 3,500 L -- 57% consumed during production
- Solid waste: 0.5 kg -- generated during production
- Air pollution: 0.8 g of SO_x and 0.5 g of NO_x emissions -- emitted during transportation

4. Interpretation and evaluation



INPUT-OUTPUT ANALYSIS (TOP-DOWN ENERGY MODEL)



INPUT-OUTPUT TABLE EXAMPLE

Input flow from other industries to Industry 1

		To				Final demand categories (F)				Total (X)
		Industry				Households	Government	Investments	Export	
From		1	2	3	4					
	1	z_{11}	z_{12}	z_{13}	z_{14}	c_1	g_1	i_1	e_1	X_1
Industry	2	z_{21}	z_{22}	z_{23}	z_{24}	c_2	g_2	i_2	e_2	X_2
	3	z_{31}	z_{32}	z_{33}	z_{34}	c_3	g_3	i_3	e_3	X_3
	4	z_{41}	z_{42}	z_{43}	z_{44}	c_4	g_4	i_4	e_4	X_4
	Labor	l_1	l_2	l_3	l_4					L
Primary input factors	Capital	k_1	k_2	k_3	k_4					K
	Government	o_1	o_2	o_3	o_4					O
	Import	m_1	m_2	m_3	m_4					M
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Output flow from Industry 1 to other industries

INPUT-OUTPUT TABLE EXAMPLE

External economic shock

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- External economic shocks result in the unbalance of the I-O table;
- I-O table has to be rebalanced to reveal the influence on the whole economic system.
- I-O table can also be extended to analyze environmental impacts, such as carbon emission and air pollution and energy consumption.

EXAMPLE

External Shock

- Energy prices surged 20%
- The price of each barrel of crude oil increased and averaged \$106.96, up by 15.3% (used to be \$92.77).

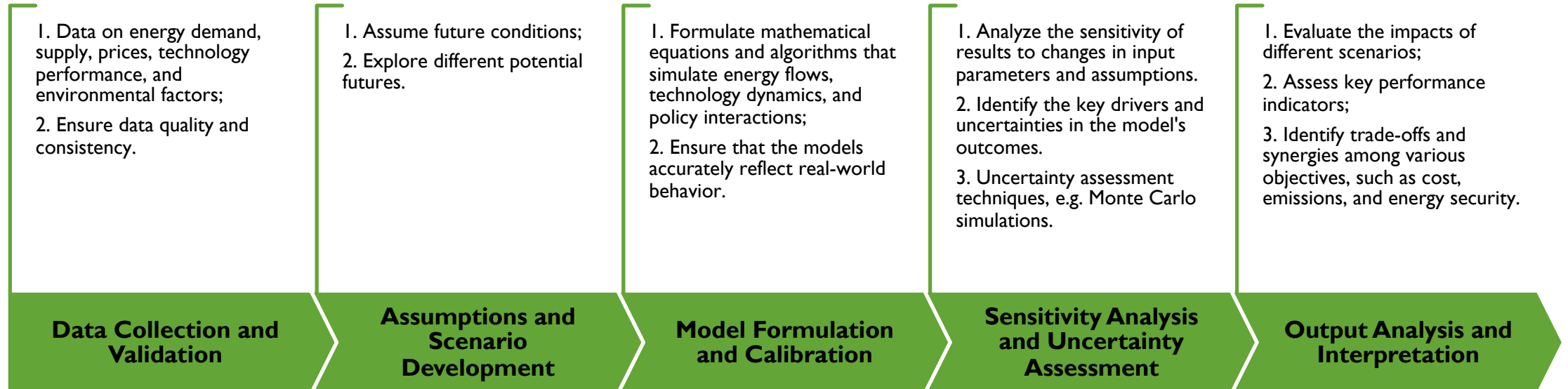
Direct Impact

- Consumers primarily purchase less durable goods, such as new houses and cars;
- Firms minimize their investment spending owing to uncertainty.

Spillover Effect

- Impact on real GDP;
- Lead to a fall in social surplus, decelerating economic growth;
- Result in higher global costs.

KEY PROCESSES OF ENERGY MODELLING

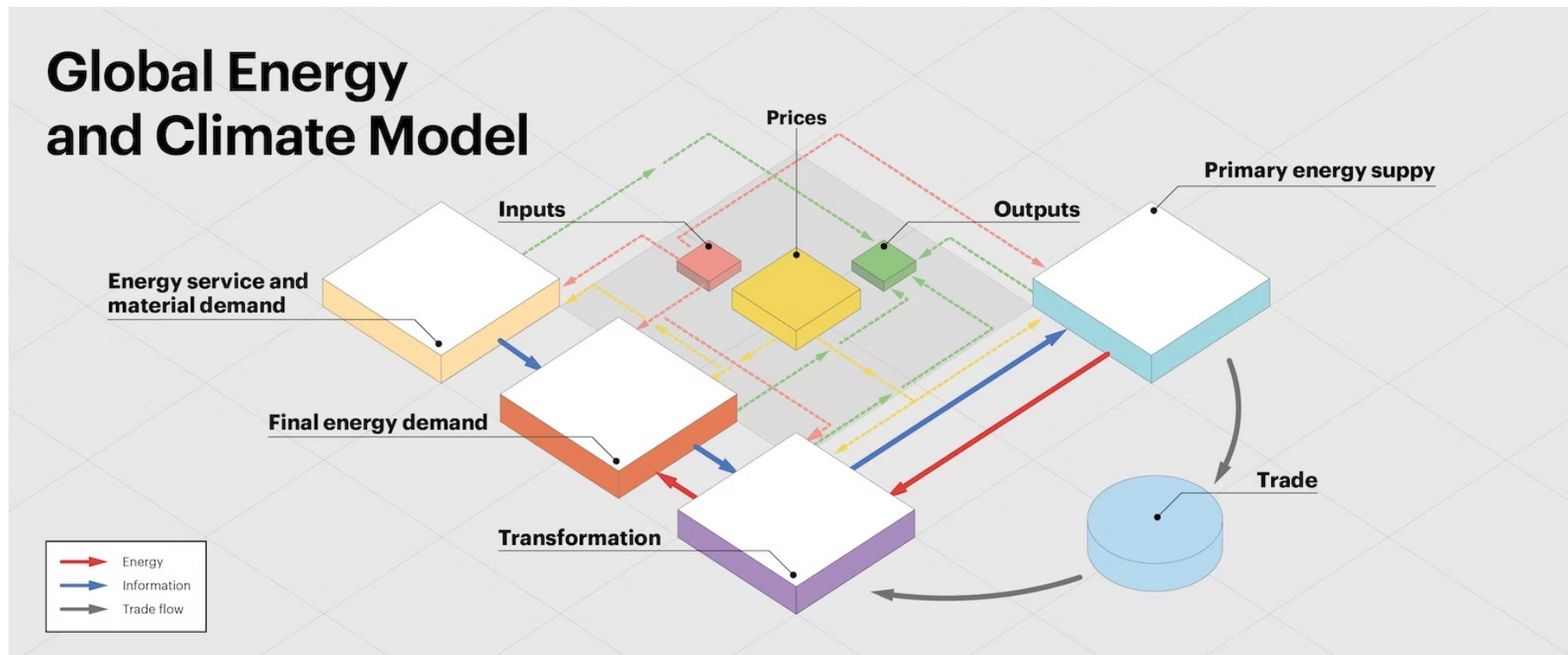




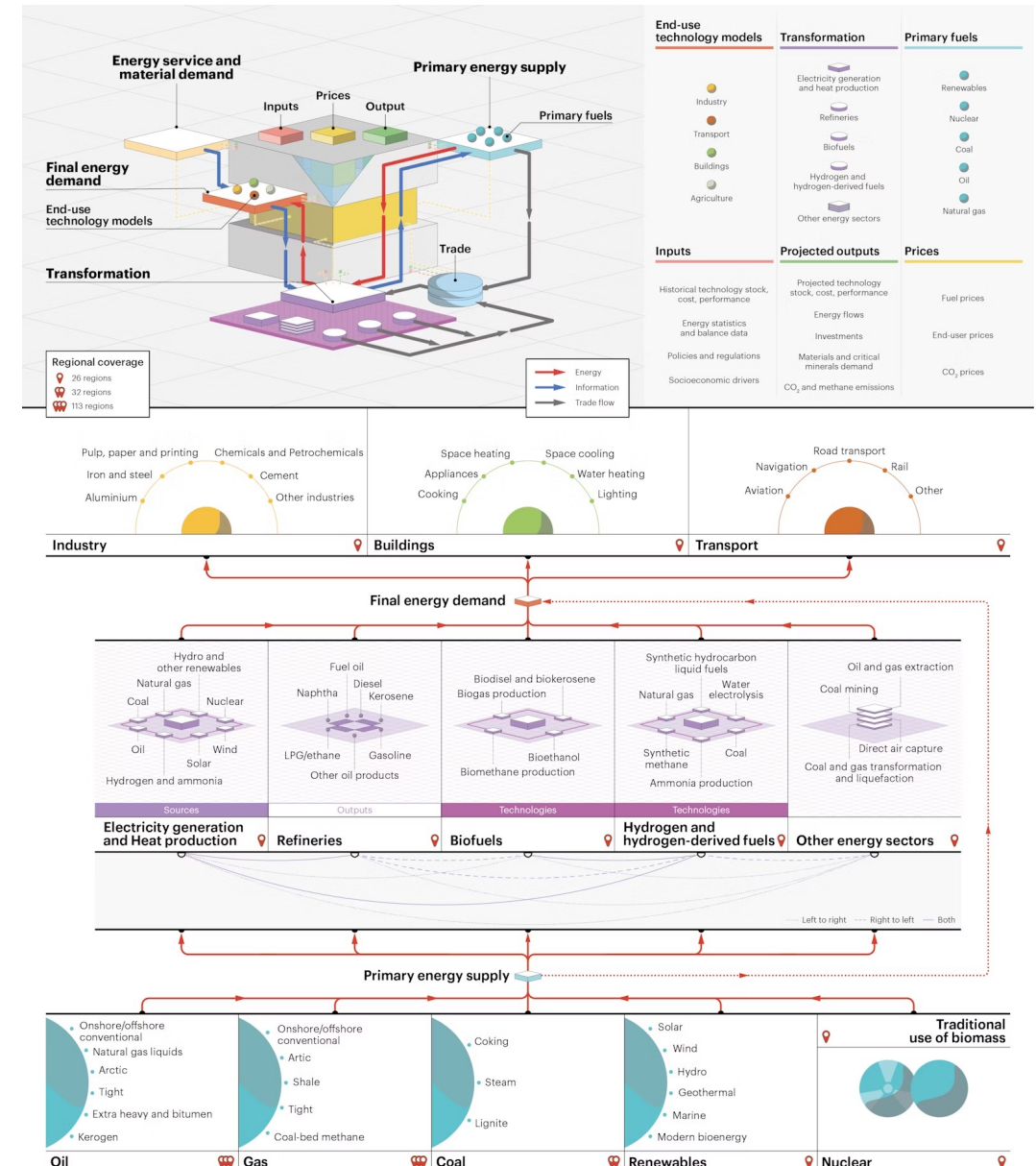
APPLICATIONS

Case study and future trends

IEA'S GLOBAL ENERGY AND CLIMATE (GEC) MODEL



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- Final energy demand, covering industry, transport, buildings, agriculture and other non-energy use. This is driven by detailed modelling of energy service and material demand.

- Inputs to the model include: historical technology stock, cost and performance; energy statistics and balance data; policies and regulations; and socio-economic drivers.

- Energy transformation, including electricity generation and heat production, refineries, the production of biofuels, hydrogen and hydrogen-derived fuels and other energy-related processes, as well as related transmission and distribution systems, storage and trade.

- Outputs from the model include: projected technology stock, cost, and performance; energy flows by fuel; investment needs and costs; materials and critical minerals demand; CO₂ and methane emissions.

- Energy supply, including fossil fuels exploration, extraction and trade, and availability of renewable energy resources.

- Prices, which are both inputs and outputs of the model, include: fuel, end-user and CO₂ prices.



CAPABILITIES AND FEATURES OF GEC MODEL

Global and regional energy trends:

- This includes assessment of energy demand, supply availability and constraints, international trade and energy balances by sector and by fuel;

Environmental impact of energy use:

- CO₂ emissions from fuel combustion, CO₂ process emissions, Methane from oil and gas operations are measured, which makes it possible to publish the CO₂-equivalent emissions for the entire energy sector;
- Local air pollutants are also estimated and the temperature outcomes of modelled scenarios are assessed.

Policy and technology developments:

- Alternative scenarios analyze the impact of a range of policy actions and technological developments on energy demand, supply, trade, investments and emissions.



TAKEAWAYS

Takeaways from today's workshop

TAKEAWAYS

Background

- Energy modelling does not predict the future, but provides insight for policy decisions and discussions;
- Choice of energy modelling tools is defined by the question to be analysed;
- A general change happened in the discourse from predominantly supply-side techno-economic solutions to more inclusive solutions that also consider societal and political factors.

Methodology

- Environmentally Extended Input-Output Analysis (EEIOA), which takes environment-related inputs into account by adding additional columns of inputs such as gasoline and coals.
- Life cycle thinking is important when evaluating the emission of a product or process;
- Optimization is the process of improving operational parameter, algorithm or energy system to reduce costs/emissions or increase efficiency/profit.

Application

- Models are being developed to assess the impact of renewable energy integration on grid stability, energy costs, and environmental sustainability;

THANK YOU

Q & A

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GROUP DISCUSSION

SOLVING PROBLEMS

BREAK

GROUP DISCUSSION

ENERGY MODELLING TOOLS

SURVEY

Please Complete The Survey Sheet

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Thank you for attending this workshop