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# **Assessing the sustainability impacts of Circular Economy Supply Chains: a new framework and a simulation tool for the washing machine industry**

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***CORRIERE DELLA SERA***

### Industria, Brescia prima provincia d'Europa: vale 10,1 miliardi

Al secondo posto Bergamo, poi la provincia tedesca dello Wolfsburg



- Metals
  - Steel, aluminium, brass...
- Automotive components
- Textiles
- Electronics





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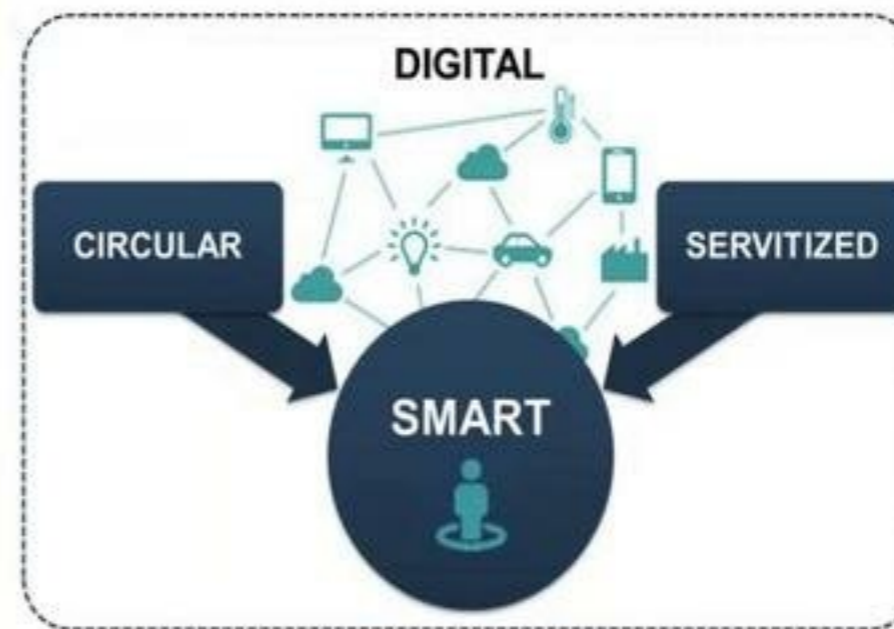


**Operations and  
supply chain  
management**

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**Rise LAB Vision:** we believe that the **supply chain** of the future will be **circular, digital** and **servitized**. Therefore we focus our research and dissemination activities mainly towards these three themes.



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## TODAY'S ECONOMY... AND ITS LIMITATIONS

The currently most-adopted production and consumption model is

### LINEAR



3. Resources availability

1. Waste generation


2. Climate Change



# 1. WASTE GENERATION



Globally: 50 million tonnes of e-waste each year



Equivalent of almost 4.500 Eiffel Towers



**E-waste:**  
C 48 Billion/y in EU



**Furniture:**  
9 million tons/y in EU



**Textiles:**  
1 truck / second worldwide



**Biodiversity loss**



**Emissions**



**Pollution**



19TH CENTURY



21ST CENTURY







## 2. CLIMATE CHANGE

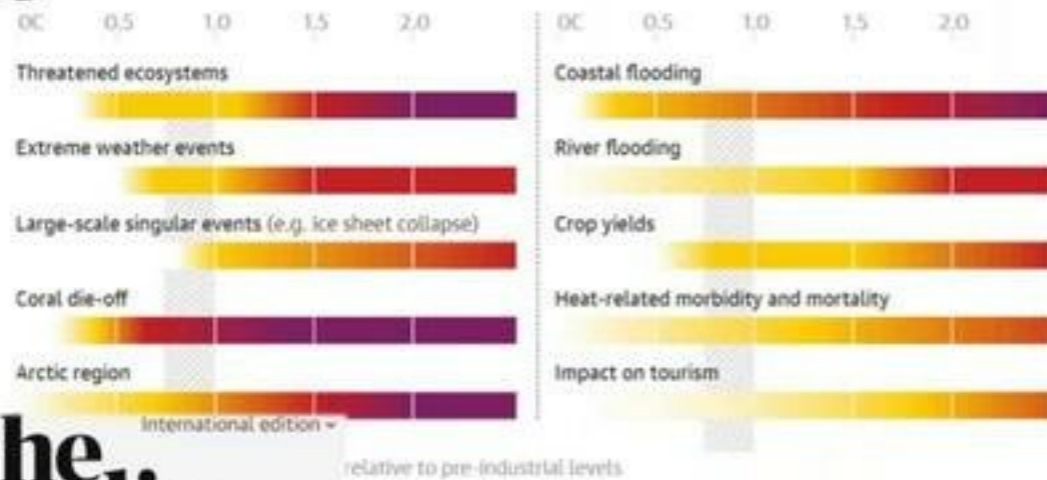


### Climate change

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2018/oct/08/global-warming-must-not-exceed-15c-warns-landmark-un-report>

# We have 12 years to limit climate change catastrophe, warns UN

### Rising temperatures, rising risks



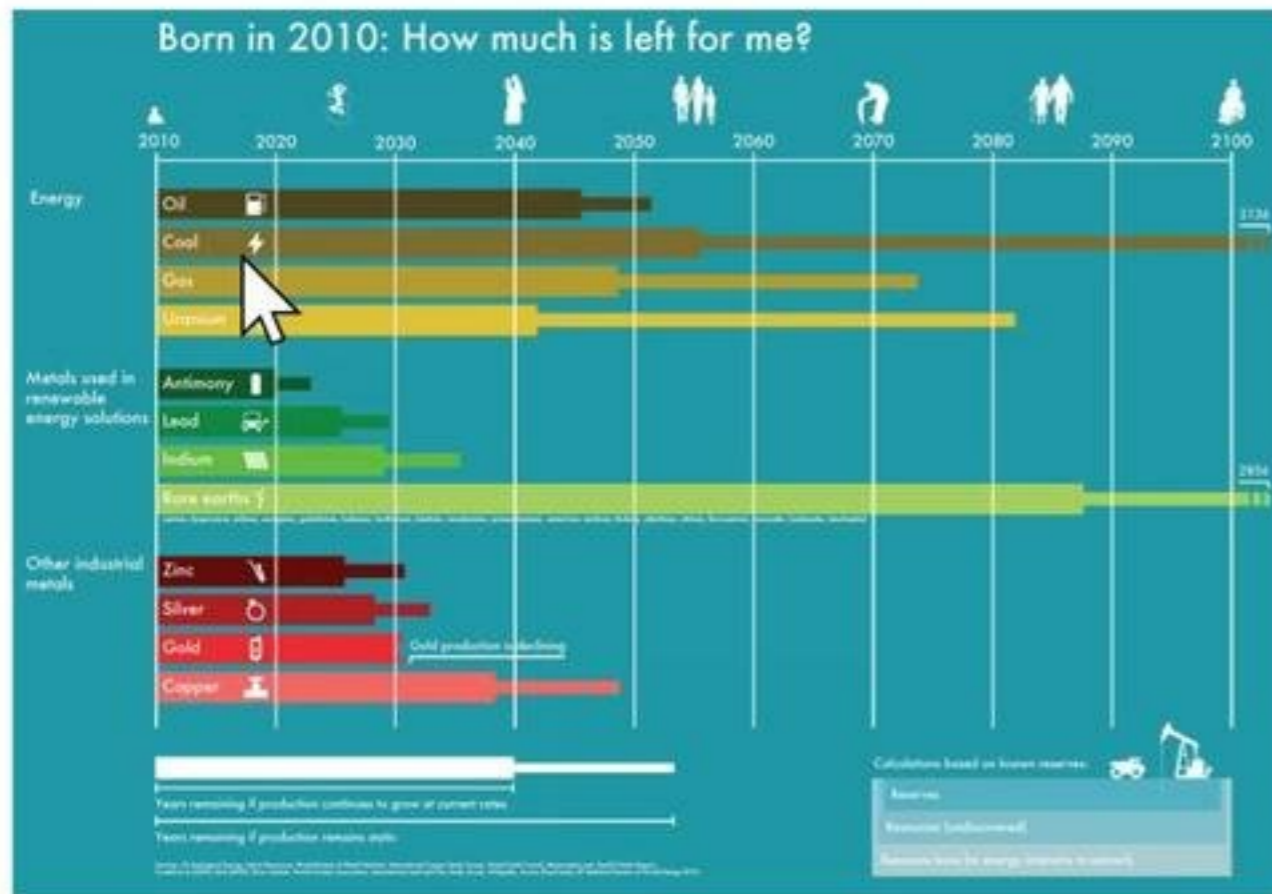
▲ A firefighter battles a fire in California. The world is currently 1C warmer than preindustrial levels. Photograph:



### 3. RESOURCES AVAILABILITY

- Waste Generation
- Climate Change
- Resources availability

## ENVIRONMENTAL...



<https://www.vlaanderen-circulair.be/nl>

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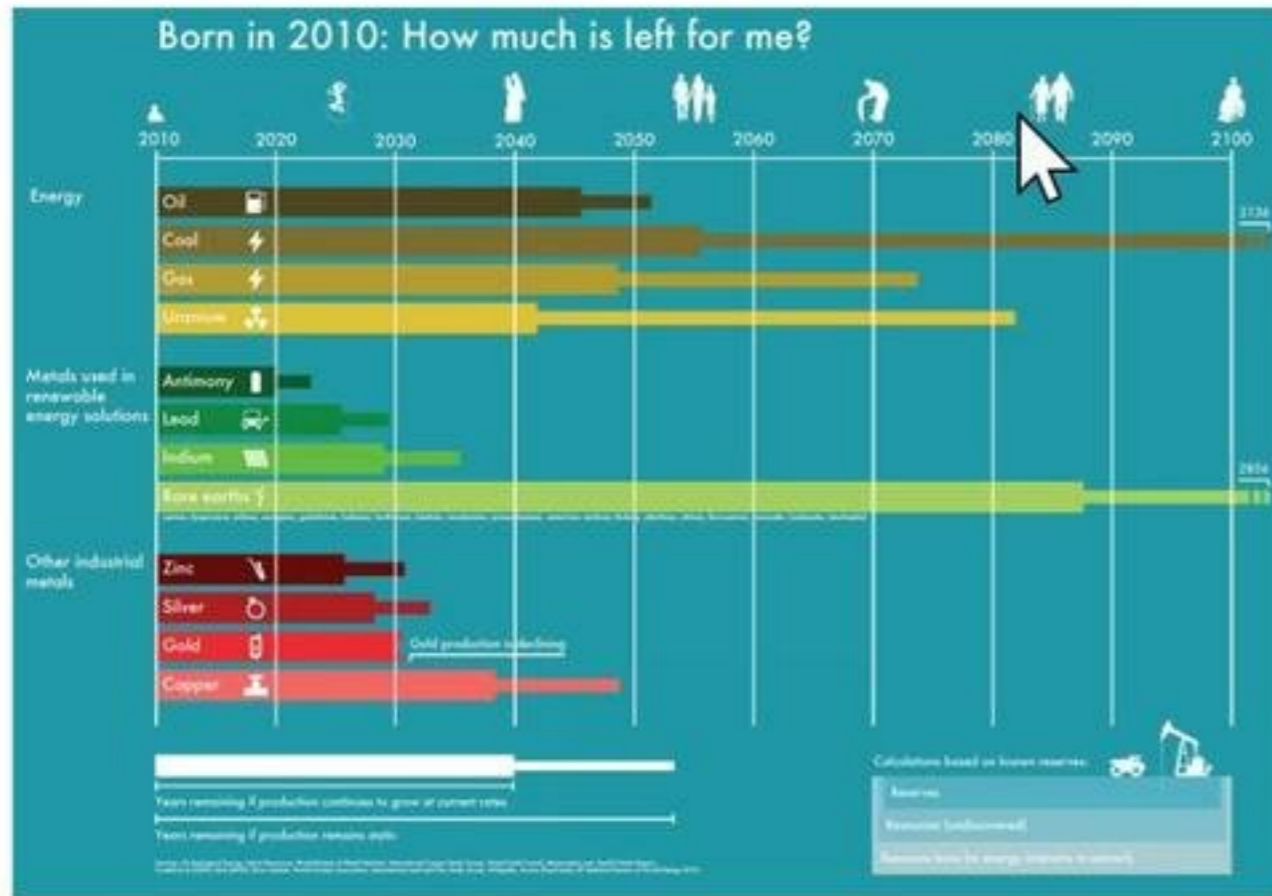


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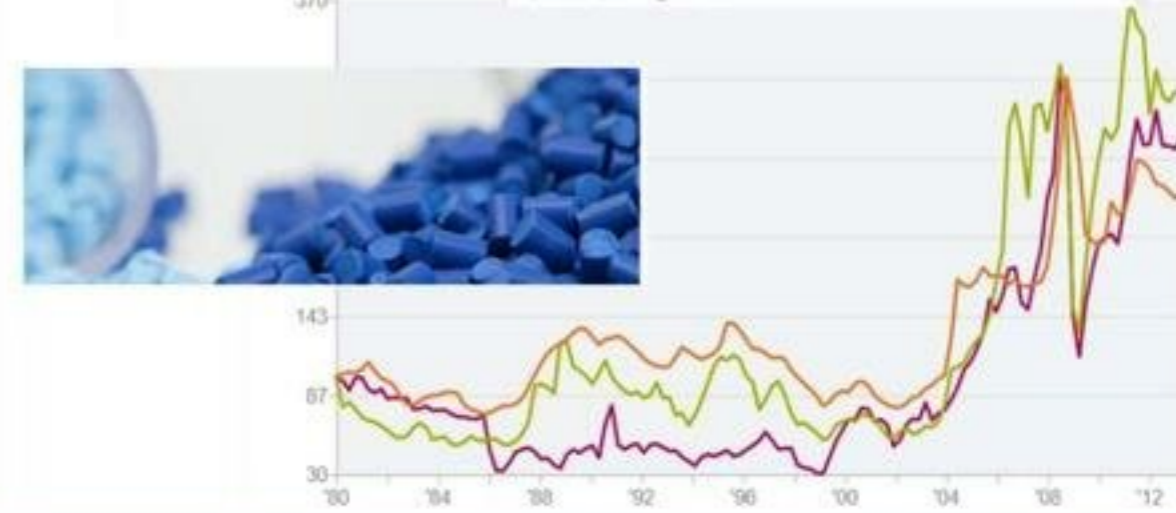
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- Climate Change
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ENVIRONMENTAL...

...AND ECONOMIC ISSUE!



What you need to know about the global chip shortage  
By The Washington Post | Mar 2, 2021



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# 3. RESOURCES AVAILABILITY

-  Waste Generation
-  Climate Change
-  Resources availability

Global: 29th July (1.75 Earths)



<http://www.footprintcalculator.org/>

## Country Overshoot Days 2021

When would Earth Overshoot Day land if the world's population lived like...



Your personal Earth Overshoot Day is:

# 18 Apr

If everyone lived like you, we would need

# 3.4 Earths



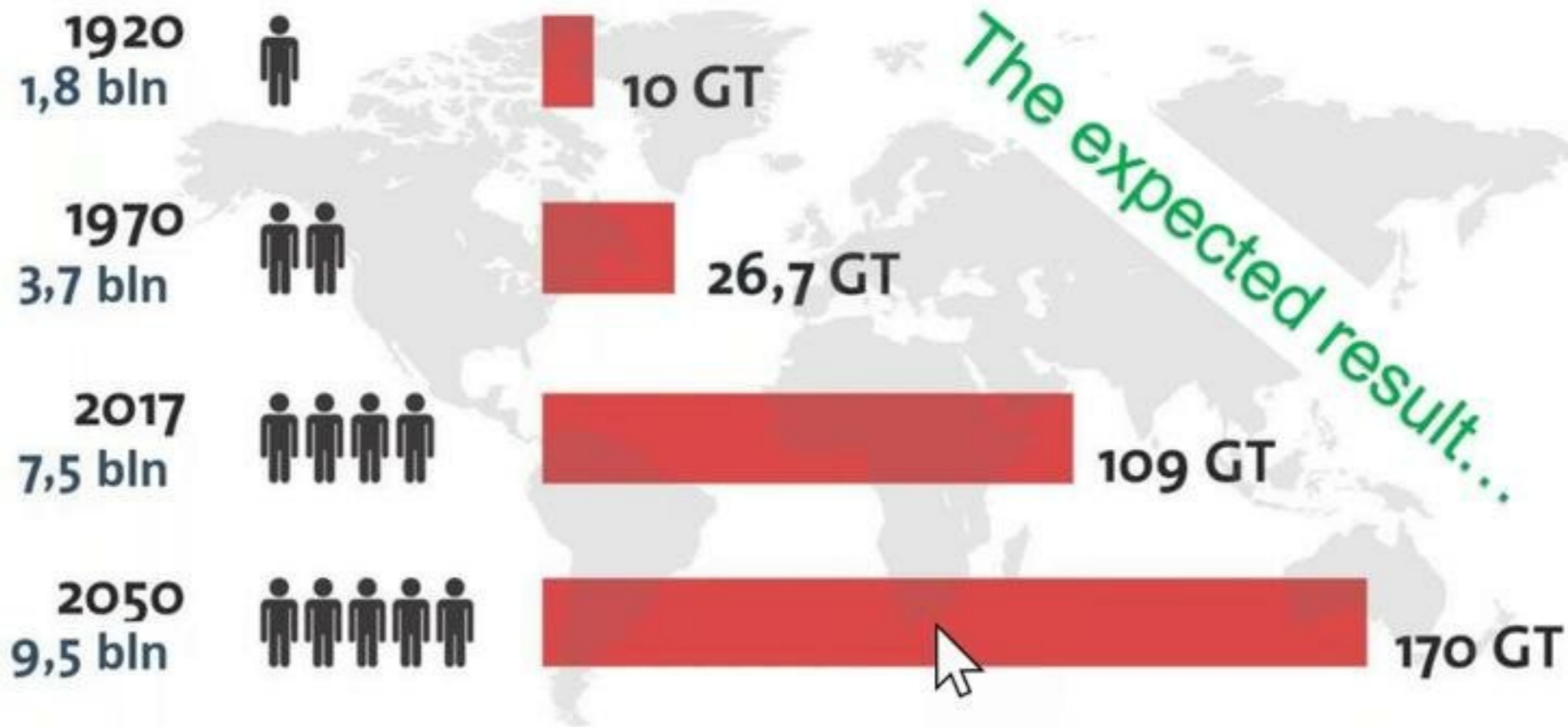
Source: National Footprint and Biocapacity Accounts, 2021 Edition  
[data.footprintnetwork.org](https://data.footprintnetwork.org)







## ... AND THE GLOBAL POPULATION?



Material  
consumption  
(GigaTon)

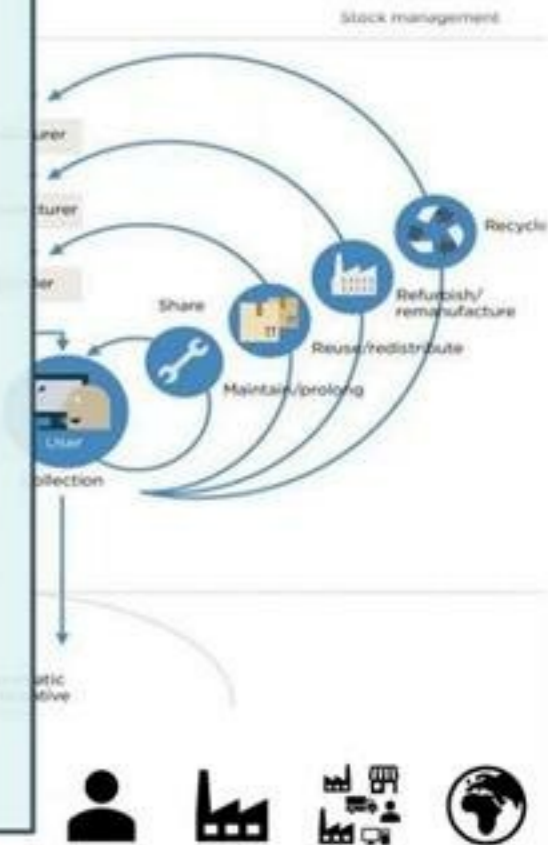
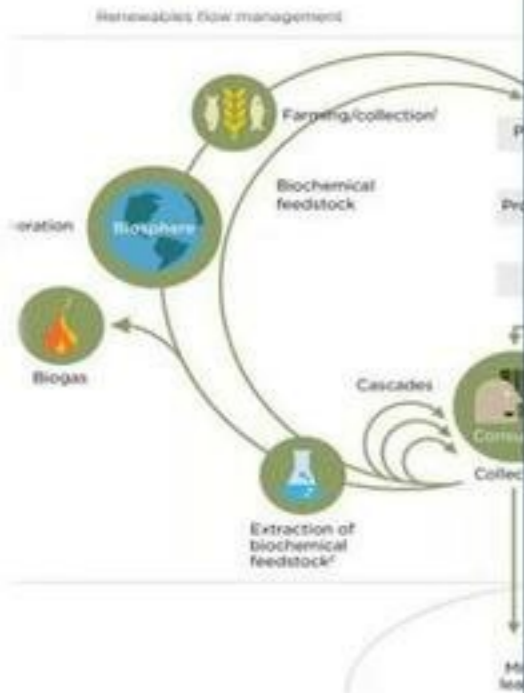
Global  
Population  
(Billion)



# A POSSIBLE ANSWER... CIRCULAR ECONOMY

## CIRCULAR ECONOMY

- **Circular Economy** is an industrial system **restorative** and **regenerative** by design
- Implemented by **one or more supply chain actors** through **one or more of the four building blocks** (circular product design, servitised business models, reverse logistics and enablers)
- In order to replace the end-of-life concept with **reducing**, alternatively **reusing**, **remanufacturing** and **recycling** materials in production, distribution and consumption processes
  - For both **technical** and **biological** materials
  - With the aim to accomplish **sustainable development**
  - Operating at the **micro, meso and macro level**

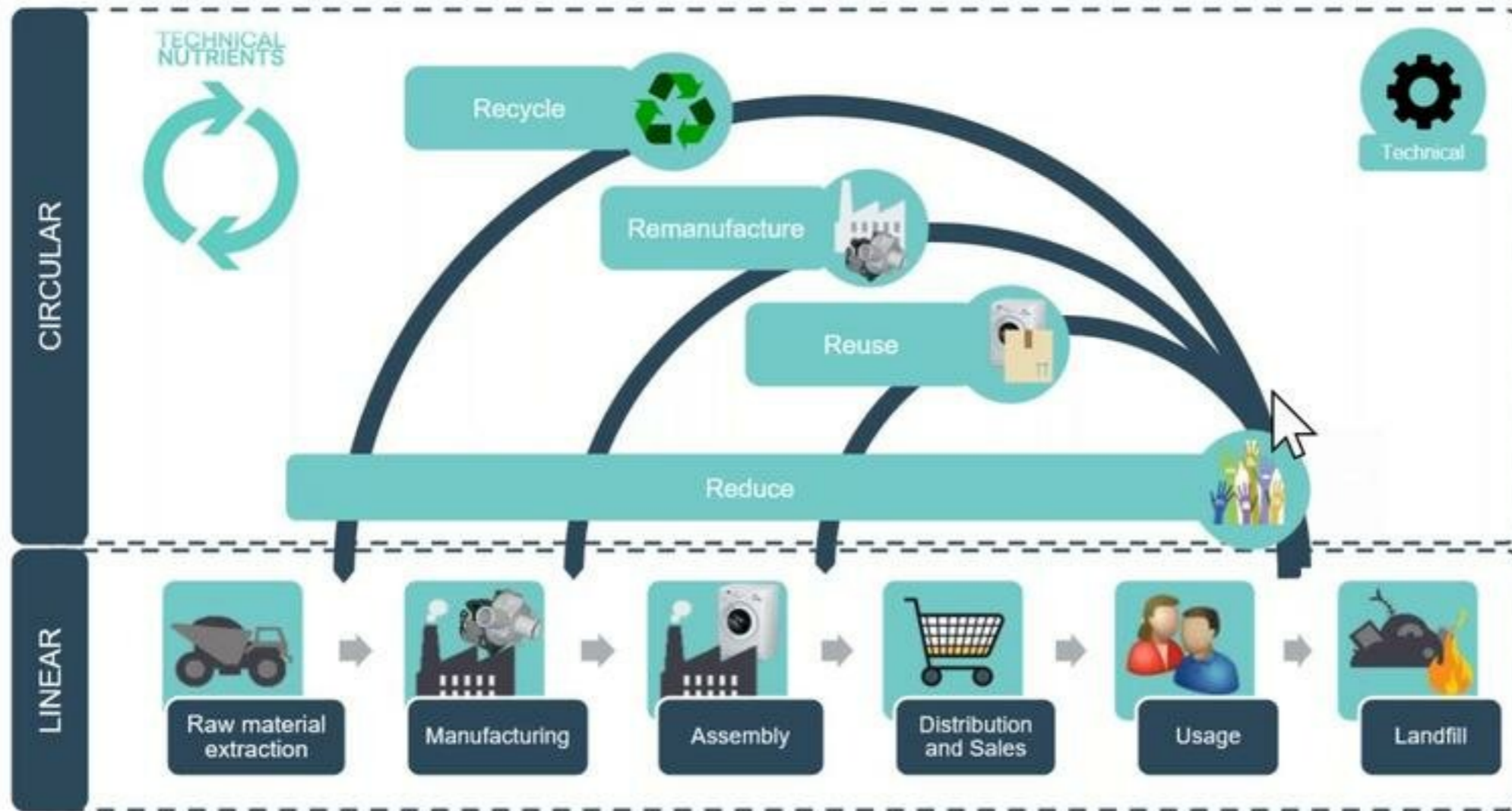


Source: Bressanelli et al. (2019) Challenges in supply chain redesign for the Circular Economy, *International Journal of Production Research*; Ellen MacArthur Foundation 2012; Kirchherr et al. (2017) *Resources Conservation and Recycling* 127:221-232





# A POSSIBLE ANSWER... CIRCULAR ECONOMY



- Source of CE value creation**
- ▲ Increase Resource Usage
  - ▲ Increase Resource efficiency
  - ▲ Increase product life
  - ▲ Increase components life
  - ▲ Increase materials life
  - ▲ Close the loop



## THE «4R» SCHEME OF CIRCULAR ECONOMY

### THE INERTIA PRINCIPLE

By Walter Stahel

**Do not repair**

what is not broken

**Do not remanufacture**

something that can be repaired

**Do not recycle**

a product that can be remanufactured

**Replace or treat only the smallest possible part**

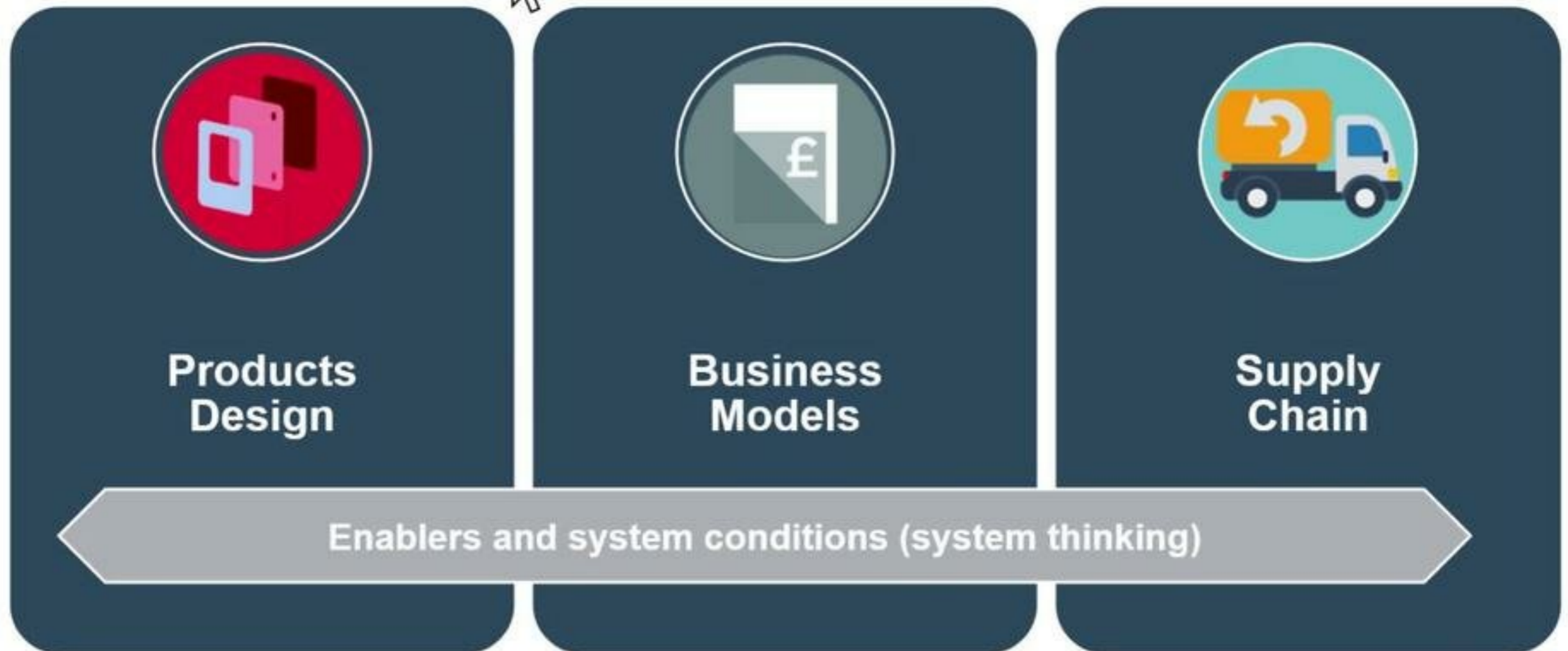
in order to maintain the existing economic value

Source: Bocken et al., (2017)





# HOW TO IMPLEMENT CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN COMPANIES? – BUILDING BLOCKS



Bressanelli et al. (2021) Enablers, levers and benefits of Circular Economy in the Electrical and Electronic Equipment supply chain: a literature review



# PRODUCT DESIGN



Circular Design

- Design for Durability
- Green materials choice (e.g. biodegradable)
- Modularity and Standardization
- Maintenance
- Upgradability
- Design for disassembly
- Design for Attachment and Trust
- Design for sustainable behaviour



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<https://www.fairphone.com/it/>

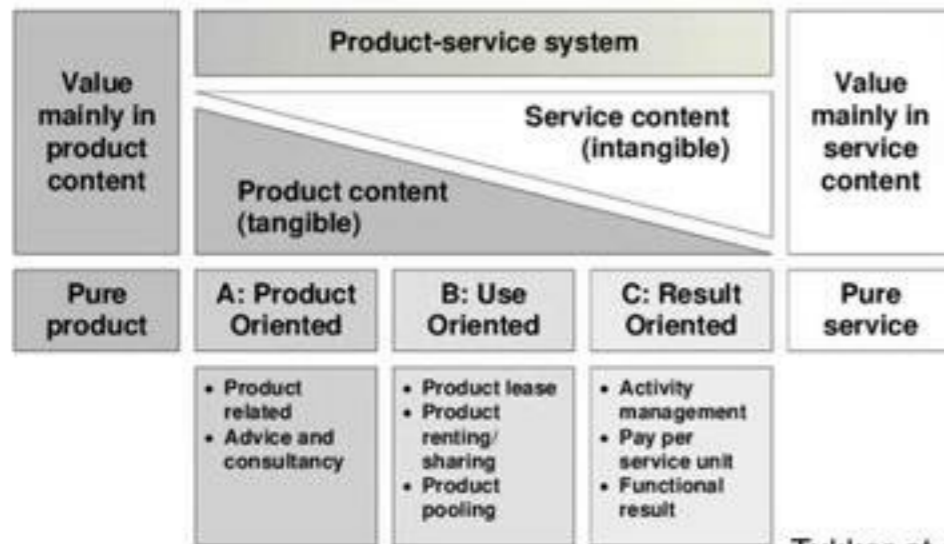




# BUSINESS MODELS



**SELL  
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Tukker et al., 2015

<https://mudjeans.eu/>



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## Making jeans circular

|                                 |   |   |  |                                 |
|---------------------------------|---|---|--|---------------------------------|
|                                 | Product-service system  |   |  |                                 |
| Value mainly in product content | Service content (intangible)  |   |  | Value mainly in service content |
|                                 | Product content (tangible)  |   |  |                                 |
| Pure product                    | <b>A: Product Oriented</b>  | <b>B: Use Oriented</b>  | <b>C: Result Oriented</b>  | Pure service                    |
|                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Product related</li> <li>Advice and consultancy</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Product lease</li> <li>Product renting/sharing</li> <li>Product pooling</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Activity management</li> <li>Pay per service unit</li> <li>Functional result</li> </ul> |                                 |

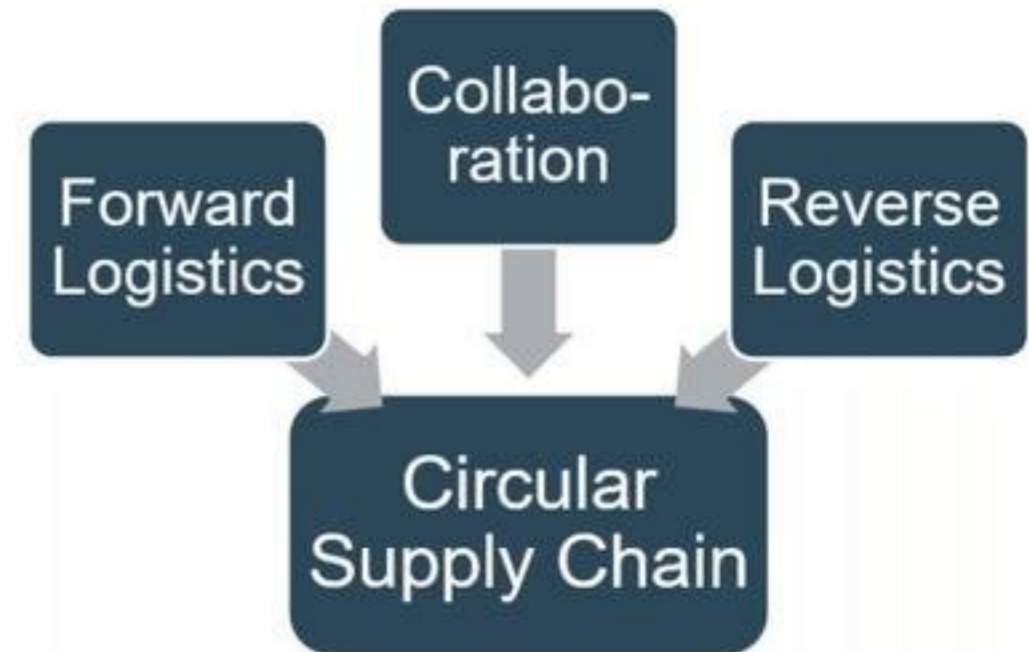
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# SUPPLY CHAIN



Integrated management of the forward-reverse processes, activities, resources, infrastructures, actors

From cost-focused supply chain to value-focused supply chain

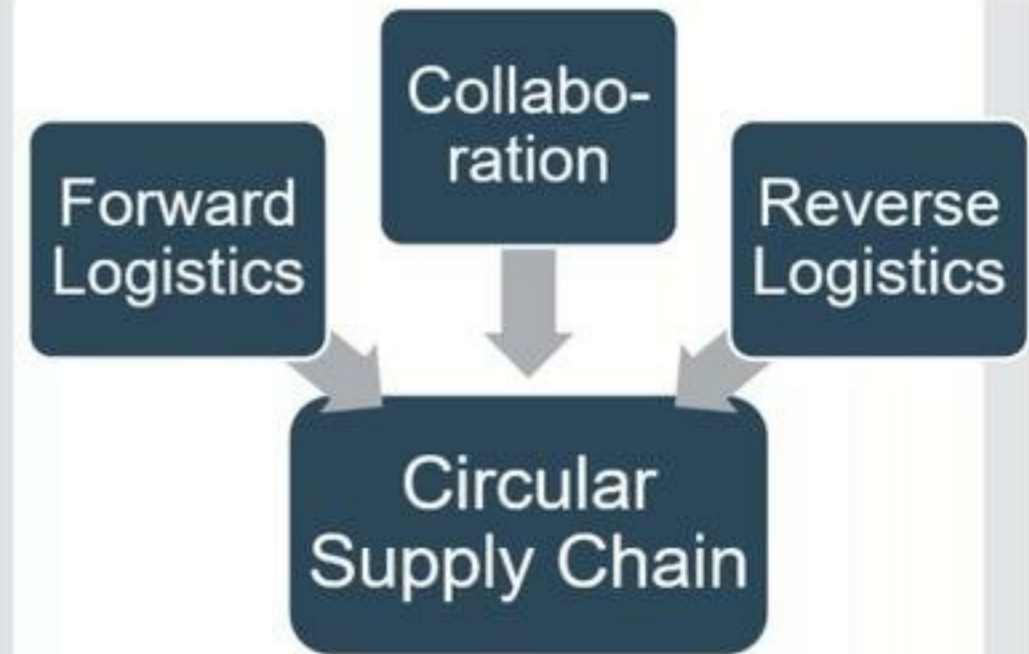
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# SUPPLY CHAIN


**Giving second-life to household appliances**



Integrated management of the forward-reverse processes, activities, resources, infrastructures, actors

From cost-focused supply chain to value-focused supply chain

Source: <https://www.ri-generation.com/it/>





# ENABLERS DIGITALIZATION



Exploring How Usage-Focused Business Models Enable Circular Economy through Digital Technologies

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| DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY |  |  | FUNCTIONALITY                            | LIFE CYCLE PHASE | SOURCE OF CIRCULAR VALUE CREATION |                 |                |
|--------------------|--|--|--|------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
|                    |  |  | Improving circular product design        |                  |                                   | Extend lifespan | Close the loop |
|                    |  |  | Product monitoring (status, usage, etc.) |                  | Increase resource efficiency      |                 |                |
|                    |  |  | Technical assistance and repair          |                  | Extend lifespan                   |                 |                |
|                    |  |  | Predictive Maintenance                   |                  | Extend lifespan                   |                 |                |
|                    |  |  | Optimization of the product usage        |                  | Increase resource efficiency      |                 |                |
|                    |  |  | Upgrade (digital and physical)           |                  | Increase resource efficiency      | Extend lifespan |                |
|                    |  |  | Regeneration (tracking)                  |                  |                                   |                 | Close the loop |

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# DIGITALIZATION AS ENABLER



EFFITRAILER™

LEVERS TO EXTRACT MORE VALUE FROM YOUR TRAILERS

CONNECT



IoT & Tires-As-A-Service

## IOT & BIG DATA TO REDUCE FUEL CONSUMPTION

Michelin in 2013 opened Michelin Solutions, a division to design, develop and market services (**tires-as-a-service**) for commercial vehicles

EFFIFUEL: **IoT sensor-based** system to collect and analyze **Big Data** such as fuel consumption, tire pressure, temperature, speed, position

Significant savings for customers: reduction in **fuel consumption** of € 3,200 / year (equal to 2.1% of the TCO) and savings for 8 tons of **CO2 emissions**

Source: <https://rctom.hbs.org/submission/michelin-tires-as-a-service/>





# DIGITALIZATION AS ENABLER



## Value Creation

TOTAL CARE PROGRAMME: customers pay only for the flying hours

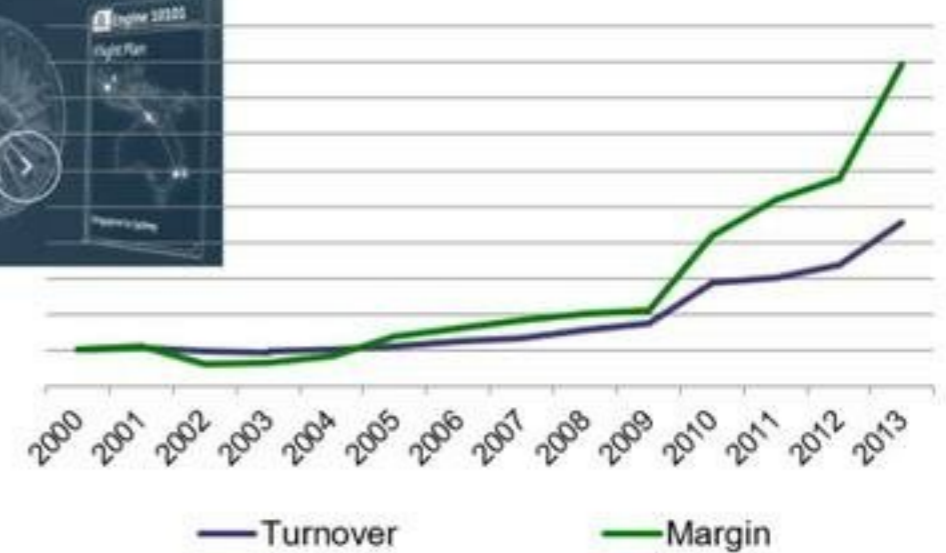
Product redesign

Spare parts management optimization

Advanced Analytics

Predictive maintenance

## IOT & BIG DATA TO PROVIDE ADVANCED SERVICES



<https://www.rolls-royce.com/products-and-services/civil-aerospace.aspx>



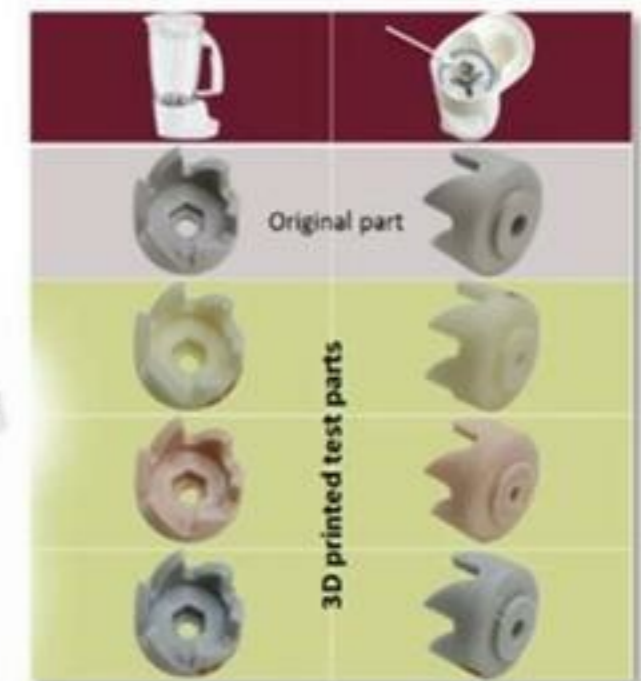
## DIGITALIZATION AS ENABLER



### 3D Printing



- Mission: repair (instead of substituting) small household appliances
- Aim: guarantee 10 years of useful life
- 3D printing directly in the Technical Assistance Centres
- Spare parts availability (also for out-of-production products)
- Product Upgrade



**Groupe SEB**  
**Repair, instead of Replace**

Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4gHHG4ibr-A>





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## PRACTICE AND RESEARCH GAPS

*“Circular Economy initiatives are not sustainable per se”*



Practice







## PRACTICE AND RESEARCH GAPS

*“Circular Economy initiatives are not sustainable per se”*

- **Limited application in practice**  
Companies are struggling with the implementation of Circular Economy into supply chains and **limited application** of the Circular Economy concept is observed in practice
- **Is it profitable?**  
One of the main factors hindering the implementation of Circular Economy is the **uncertainty regarding the potential benefits** that can be gathered from such a transition.

# Practice



- **Assessment: lack of systemic perspective**  
Works dealing with the assessment of Circular Economy impacts do not simultaneously evaluate and quantify in a **systemic and holistic manner** the benefits
- **Assessment: lack of knowledge on results**  
Whether Circular Economy can – or cannot – be a **Win-Win-Win-Win strategy** able to provide net benefits to the environment; to the society; to supply chain economics and to users' finances is still an open question

# Literature





## OBJECTIVE AND RESEARCH QUESTIONS



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To identify, assess and quantify the main **economic, environmental and social impacts of a Circular Economy transition** in a systemic and holistic perspective, in a way to also outline the most promising **Circular Economy Levers** and/or **Circular Economy Enabling Factors**





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RQ1

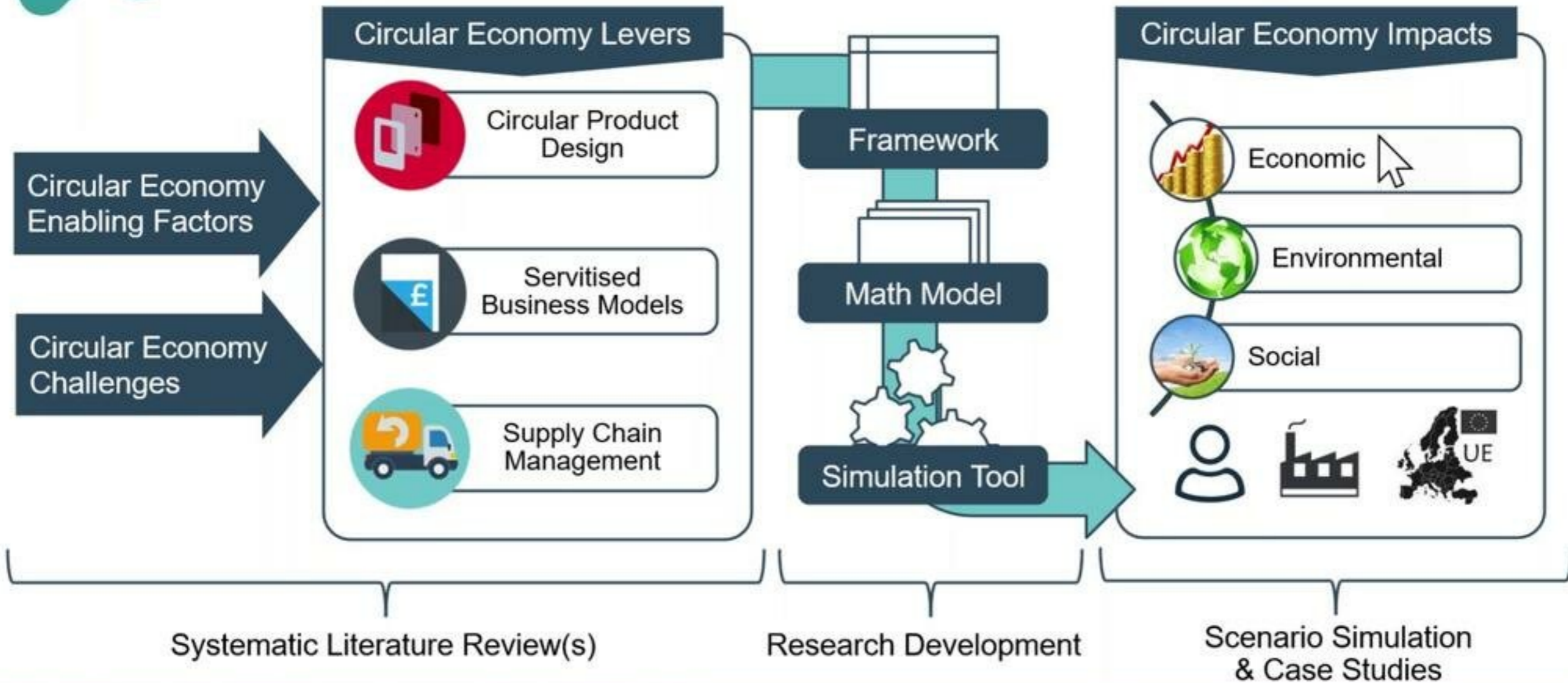
How the potential effects of a Circular Economy transition can be:  
- estimated ex-ante?  
- evaluated ex-post?

RQ2

Which are the most promising Circular Economy Levers and Enabling Factors from an environmental, social and economic perspective, and what are the potential benefits achievable?



# OVERALL RESEARCH PROCESS AND METHODOLOGY







# THE APPLICATION: THE WASHING MACHINE INDUSTRY

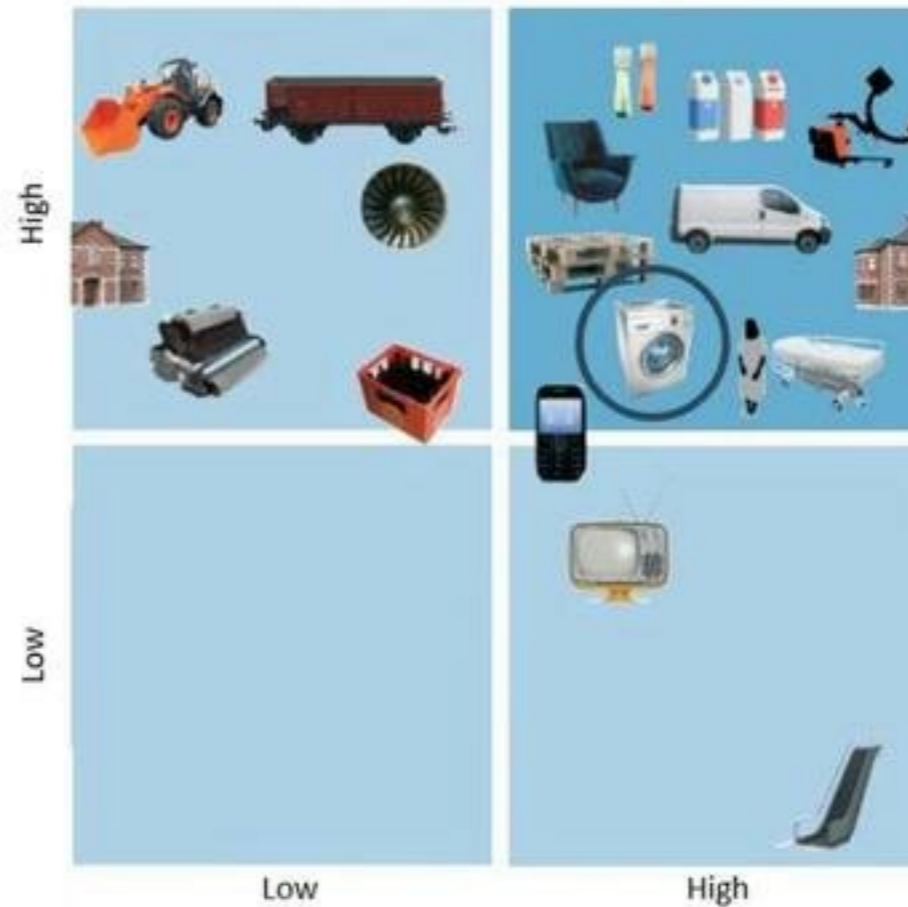




# THE APPLICATION: THE WASHING MACHINE INDUSTRY



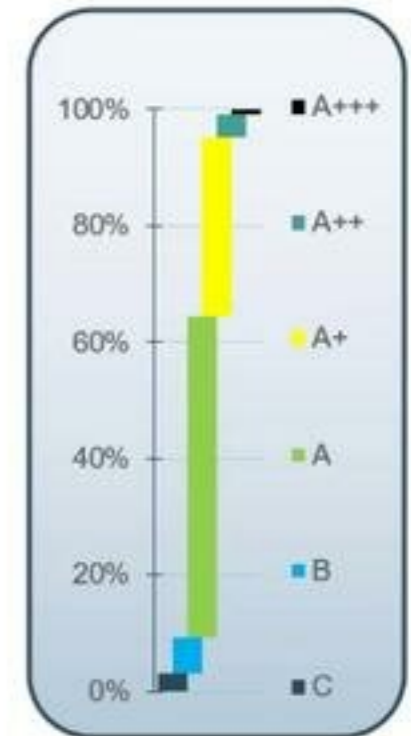
Potential for circular business practices



Low

High

Space of Improvement



LHA collected at EOL:  
**45 %**  
in Italy in 2020





# LITERATURE REVIEW #1

## CHALLENGES IN SUPPLY CHAIN REDESIGN FOR THE CE

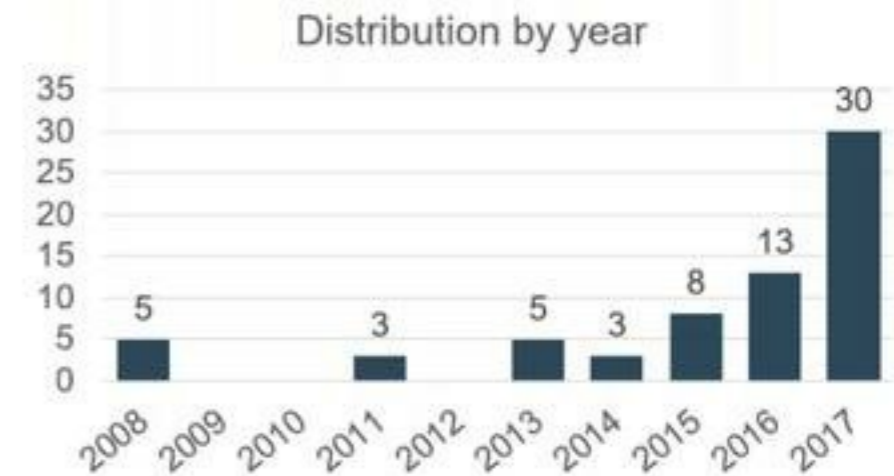
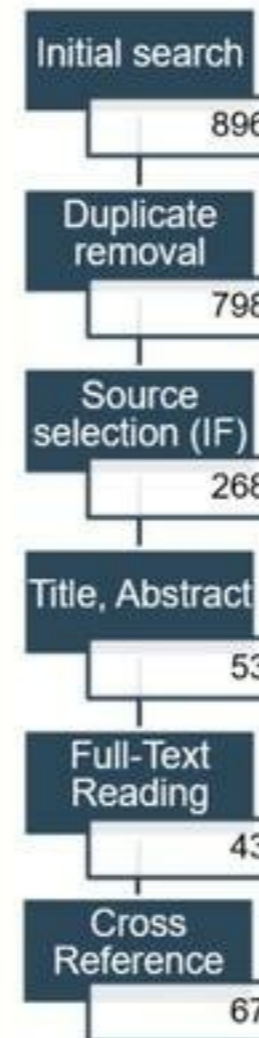


<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/00207179.2018.1542176>

**OBJ:** To identify and provide a categorization of challenges for supply chain redesign for the Circular Economy

- ▶ Systematic Literature Review
- ▶ November-December 2017
- ▶ Scopus

| Search string                          | N° Papers  |
|--|------------|
| Circular Economy AND Barrier           | 69         |
| Circular Economy AND Obstacle          | 24         |
| Circular Economy AND Challenge         | 239        |
| Closed loop supply chain AND Barrier   | 10         |
| Closed loop supply chain AND Obstacle  | 9          |
| Closed loop supply chain AND Challenge | 93         |
| Green supply chain AND Barrier         | 124        |
| Green supply chain AND Obstacle        | 20         |
| Green supply chain AND Challenge       | 308        |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>896</b> |



### Findings

- Emerging phenomenon that is gaining momentum
- Multidisciplinary characteristics
- Lack of systemic and holistic perspectives

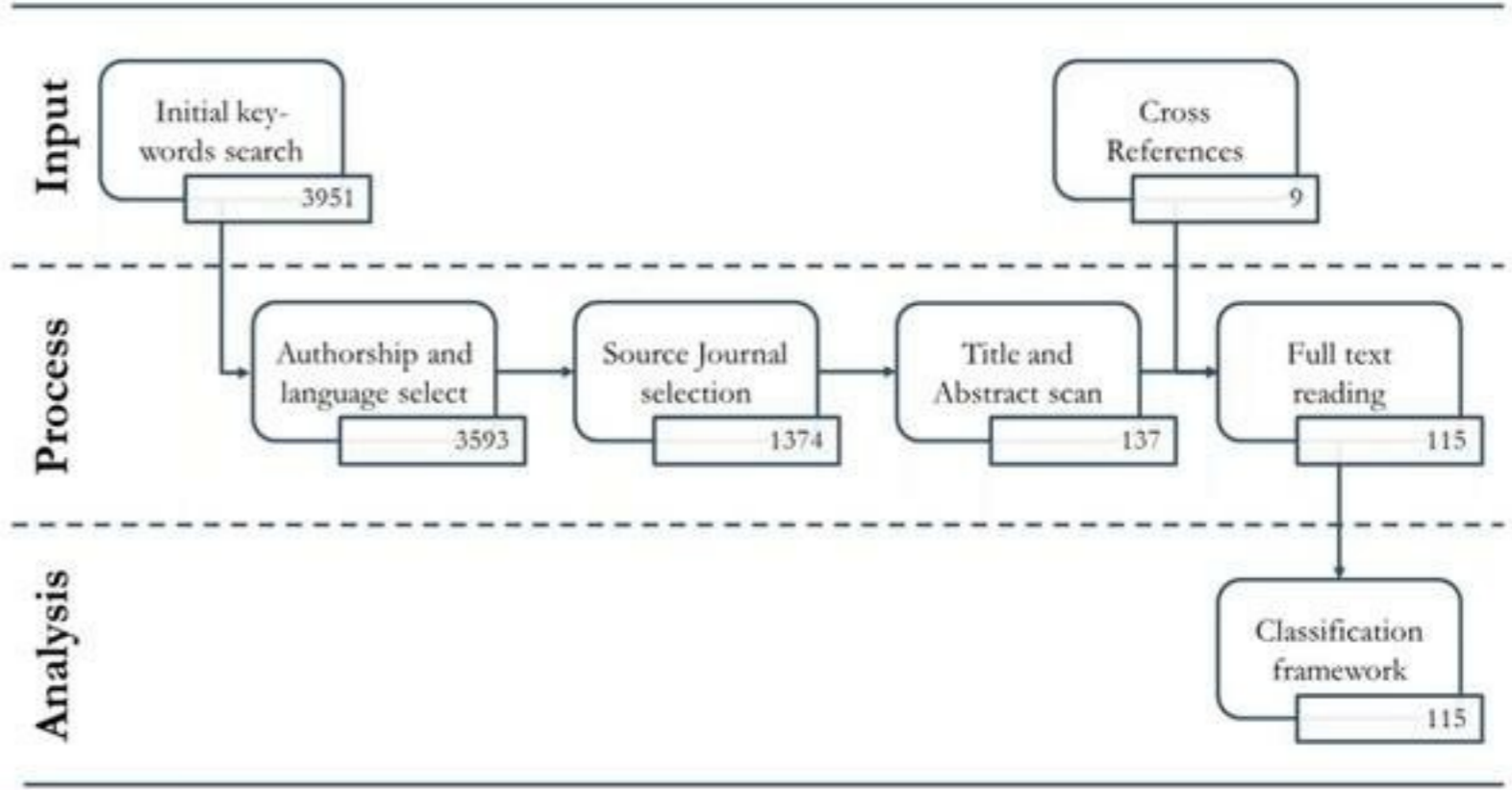


# LITERATURE REVIEW #2 & #3 CIRCULAR ECONOMY & WEEE



To explore the **state-of-the-art** of **Circular Economy** in the **WEEE industry** to spot research gaps, define a research agenda and future research directions

- 
- Keywords Set 1 – Circular Economy**
- Circular economy; Durability; Eco-eff\*; Sustainab\*; Closed-loop; Reverse supply chain; Reverse logistics; Reus\* OR re-us\*; Remanuf\* OR re-manuf; Refurbish\*; Disassembly; Repair; Eco-design; Shar\*; Product-service system
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- Keywords Set 2 – WEEE**
- WEEE; EEE; Appliance; Washing Machine; Laundry
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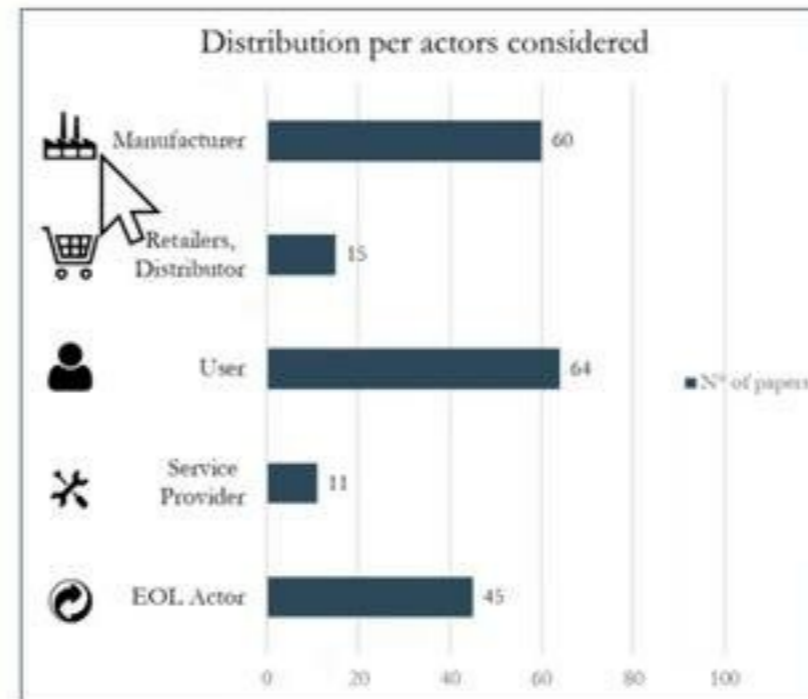
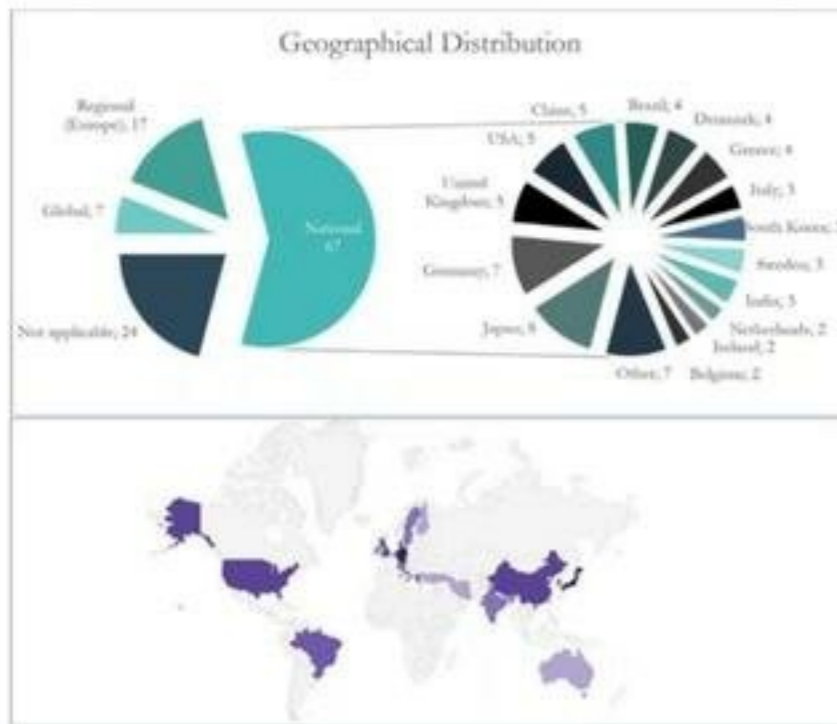




# LITERATURE REVIEW #2 & #3 CIRCULAR ECONOMY & WEEE



## ▼ Geographical distribution



## ▲ Supply Chain Actors

## ▼ Supply Chain Phases



Lack of systemic and holistic perspective when addressing Circular Economy in the WEEE industry, in terms of: Supply Chain actors, life cycle phases, R-Strategies, CE Levers, CE Enabling Factors and especially **Benefits**



# LITERATURE REVIEW #2 & #3 CIRCULAR ECONOMY & WEEE

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Journal of Cleaner Production 298 (2021) 126819

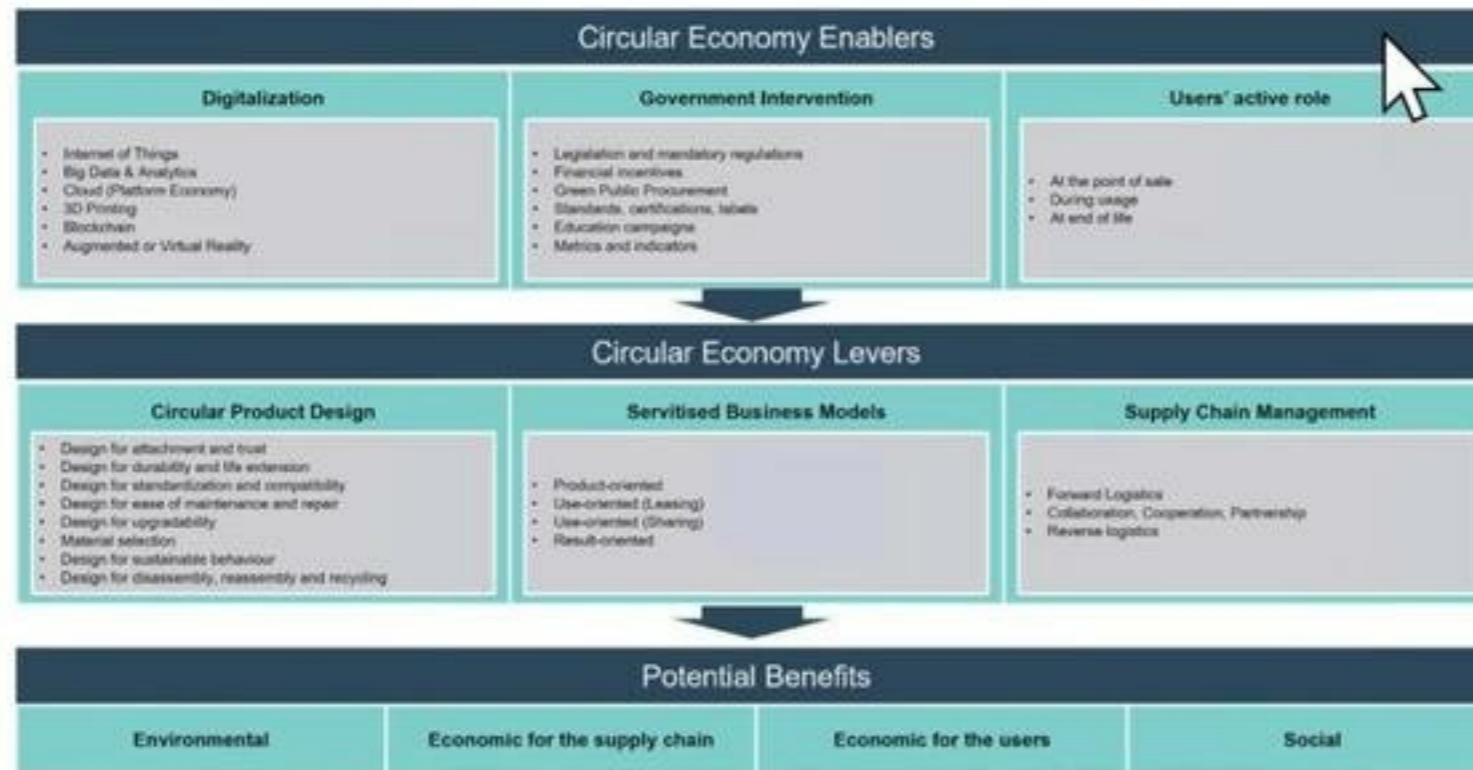
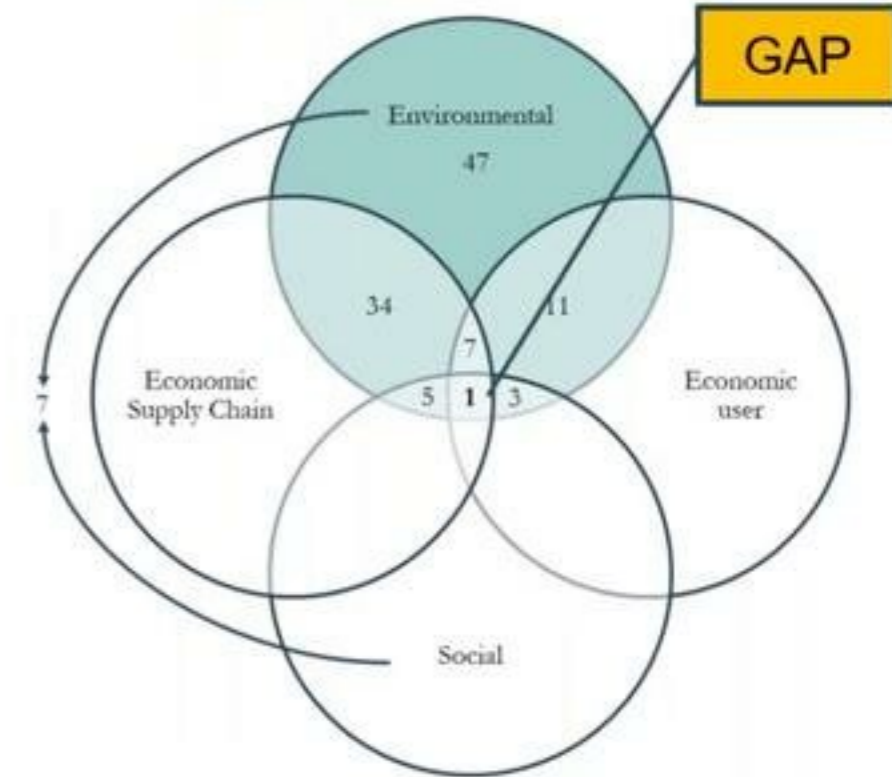


Fig. 4. Research framework.



▲ Circular Economy Benefits

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# LITERATURE REVIEW #2 & #3 CIRCULAR ECONOMY & WEEE



**Table 2**  
Research Gaps and Research Agenda

| Aspect                    | Research Gap   | Research Agenda   |
|---------------------------|--|---|
| Objective and Methodology | <p>Research up to now has had mainly explorative and impact evaluation purposes, with little attention put on the design of practical solutions.</p> <p>Research adopted especially quantitative approaches, with static simulation and assessment being the most used one. The survey methodology was used only for explorative purpose to collect data from users: no research has yet used this methodology in the WEEE industry for either collect data from a large set of companies or as a basis for theory testing. Most papers are single method: only 23% of the contributions adopts more than one methodology.</p> | <p>I.) Demonstrate how CE can be applied to the WEEE industry to solve practical problems, through empirical theory-testing and validation research.</p> <p>II.) Investigate CE in the WEEE industry by combining quantitative and qualitative approaches (such as survey and case studies) focused on companies and supply chains.</p> |
| Geography and Approach    | <p>CE in the WEEE industry has been addressed mainly in Europe and Asia. Lack of research comparing CE practices in different geographical areas.</p> <p>Top-down approaches dominated overall and especially on 'sustainability' papers. However, CE is seen as a strategy that companies are willing to implement even without regulatory pressures, given its assumed ability to generate economic advantages besides environmental and social ones.</p>  | <p>III.) Explore how geography-related factors may contribute or hinder the adoption of CE in the WEEE industry, across different regions (e.g. Europe, Asia and Africa)</p> <p>IV.) Investigate, quantify and validate the mechanisms for how CE changes companies' behaviour from top-down to bottom-up.</p>                          |



# LITERATURE REVIEW #2 & #3 CIRCULAR ECONOMY & WEEE



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| Actor and life cycle phase | <p>Research has paid little attention to retailers and service providers.</p> <p>Research has paid little attention to the manufacturing and design phases, where users have been rarely taken into account.</p> <p>Overall, CE research in the WEEE industry lacks a systemic and holistic perspective (joint consideration of several supply chain actors and life cycle phases).</p>   | <p>V.) Explore the role and the CE implications for retailers and service providers in the WEEE industry.</p> <p>VI.) Study the role and the CE implications for EEE design (especially taking into account users' habits and behaviour) and manufacturing.</p> <p>VII.) Consider all WEEE ecosystem's actors and all life cycle phases simultaneously, to avoid burden shifting and to ensure a systemic implementation (especially in terms of collaboration for achieving CE)</p>  |
| CE 4R scheme               | <p>CE in the WEEE industry mainly addressed the Reduce and the Recycle strategies, while limited attention has been paid to Reuse and Remanufacture.</p> <p>The cascading hierarchy among the 'R' strategies as well as the systemic and holistic perspectives of the CE '4R' scheme have generally not been adopted by the literature.</p> <p>CE in the WEEE industry has been mainly investigated as a way to bring economic advantages for the supply chain through Recycle, and as a way to provide economic savings to users through Reduce.</p> | <p>VIII.) Target more Reuse and Remanufacture strategies for WEEE, in order to ensure a higher potential for decoupling value creation from resource consumption.</p> <p>IX.) Address all the CE '4R' strategies jointly (including their cascading potential) in order to extend the lifetime of EEE to the highest possible level.</p> <p>X.) Explore how Reuse, Remanufacture and Recycle can create value to end-users, establish the right incentives for take-back systems and define the links among each 'R' strategy to the achievable social benefits</p> |





# LITERATURE REVIEW #2 & #3

## CIRCULAR ECONOMY & WEEE

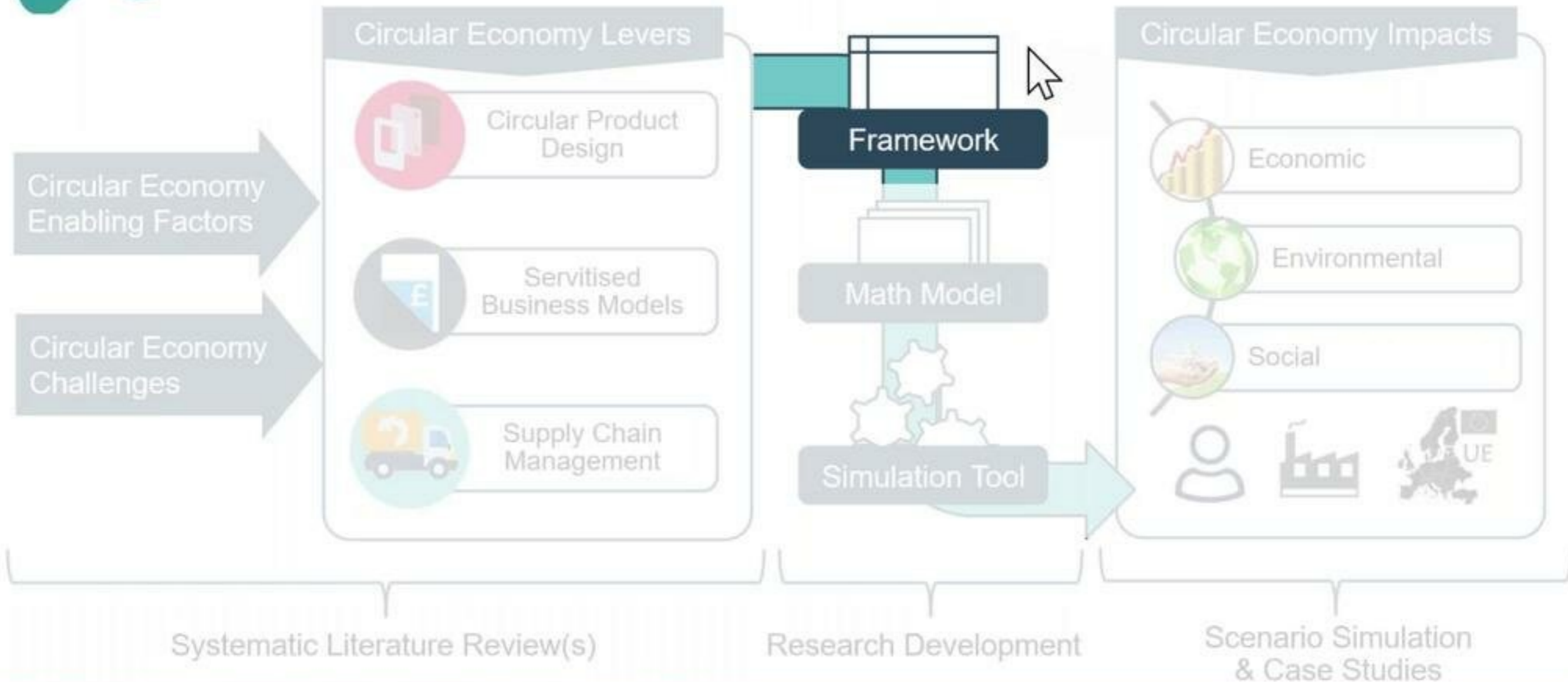


**Table 2**  
Research agenda.

| Layer           | Findings  | Research Agenda  |
|-----------------|---|--|
| <b>Enablers</b> | Government interventions and users' active role in enabling CE have been well addressed in the past. On the other hand, the enabling role of digitalization has been overlooked: few articles addressed IoT, Big Data and cloud technologies, while no study addressed augmented and virtual reality, blockchain or 3D Printing in the EEE supply chain | 1 - Investigate the role of digitalization in enabling CE in the EEE supply chain, especially regarding the enabling potential of blockchain, 3D Printing, augmented and virtual reality   |
|                 | Lack of a systemic perspective over the CE enablers. Digital technologies are rarely investigated together. The combination of government measures is very seldom addressed. The combined role of users' during purchase, usage and EoL has been rarely investigated  | 2 - At a higher level: investigate digitalization, government intervention and users' active role simultaneously. At a more detailed level: combine many technologies when researching on digitalization; combine more measures when researching on government intervention; combine all the lifecycle stages when researching on the users' active role |
| <b>Levers</b>   | Research has devoted limited attention to 'reduce' design strategies (durability, standardization, upgradability, attachment and trust)   | 3 - Investigate design strategies focused on 'reduce' (durability, standardization, upgradability, attachment and trust)   |
|                 | Research has devoted limited attention to sharing and to result-oriented SBM  | 4 - Investigate SBM based on result-oriented offering  |
|                 | Research has devoted limited attention to collaboration among supply chain actors and stakeholders  | 5 - Investigate the potential and the implications of collaboration in the EEE supply chain for the CE   |
| <b>Benefits</b> | CE levers have not been sufficiently investigated in a systemic and holistic perspective: circular design strategies are seldom investigated together; servitised strategies are seldom investigated together; the integration of forward logistics, collaboration and reverse logistics has been rarely addressed                                      | 6 - At a higher level, investigate circular product design, SBM and SCM simultaneously. At a more detailed level: combine more design practices if researching on circular design; combine different SBM types if researching on servitisation; combine collaboration, forward and reverse logistics if researching on SCM                               |
|                 | The application of CE to the EEE supply chain has been mainly focused on environmental impacts and on economic benefits for the supply chain, while few articles covered the social dimension of CE or the economic benefits for the users.   | 7 - Investigate how CE in general and digitalization in particular can bring social and economic benefits for the users  |
|                 | Benefits have not been investigated and quantified in a systemic and holistic perspective yet. Whether CE in the EEE industry can (or cannot) contribute to sustainability under a win-win-win strategy still remains an open question  | 8 - Simultaneously investigate and quantify economic, environmental and social benefits of CE implementation in the EEE supply chain   |



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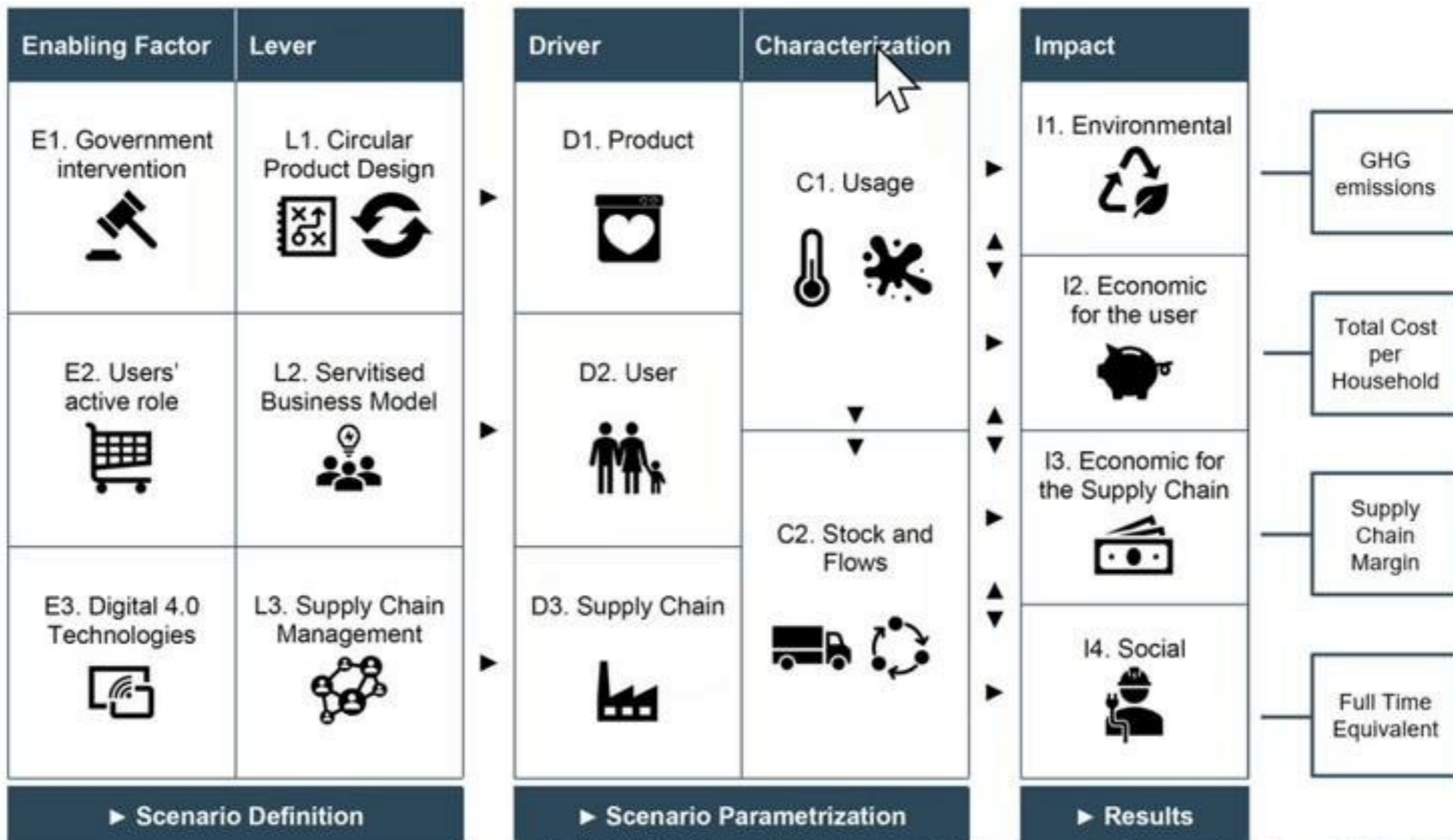




# CIRCULAR ECONOMY FRAMEWORK TO ASSESS THE IMPACTS



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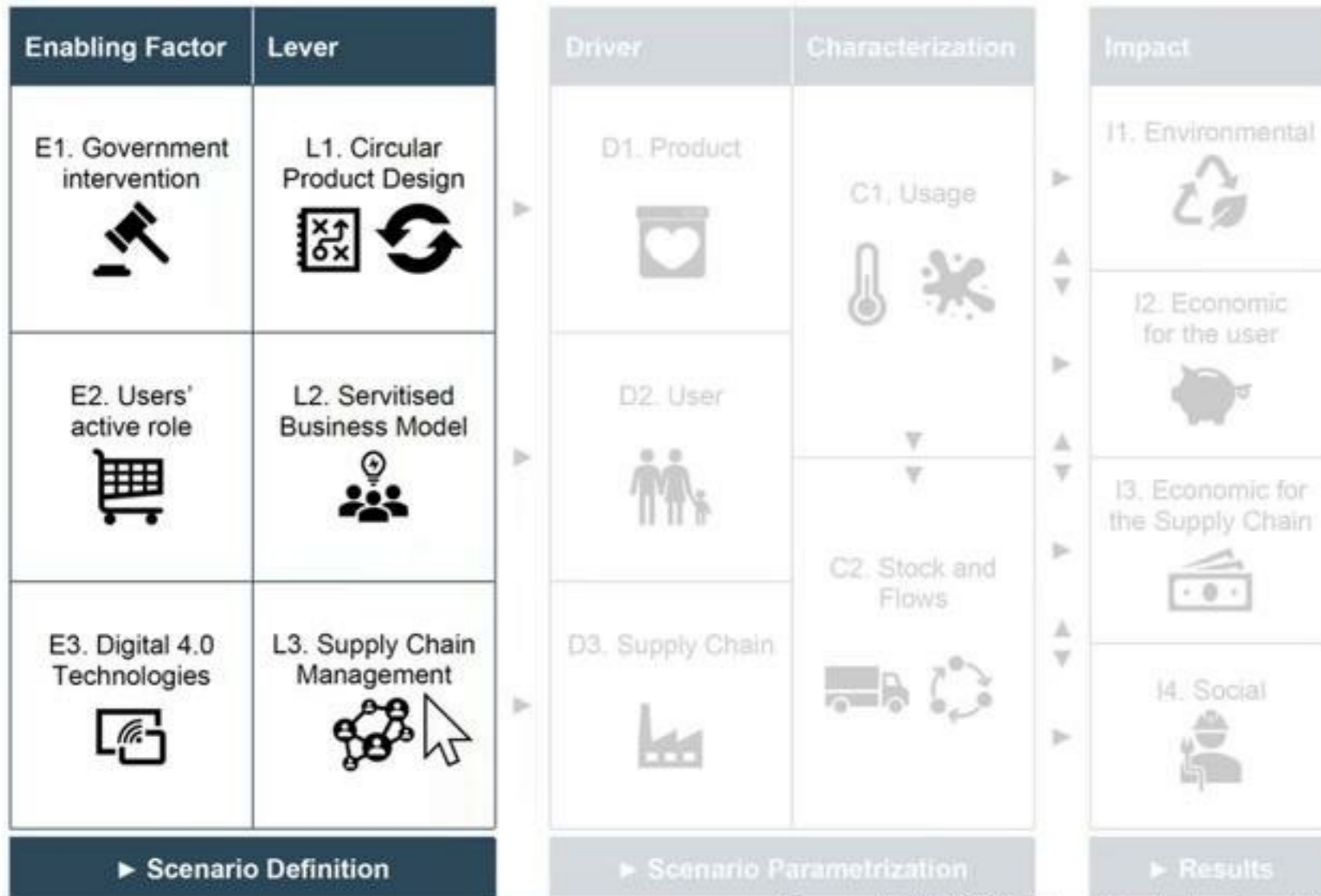


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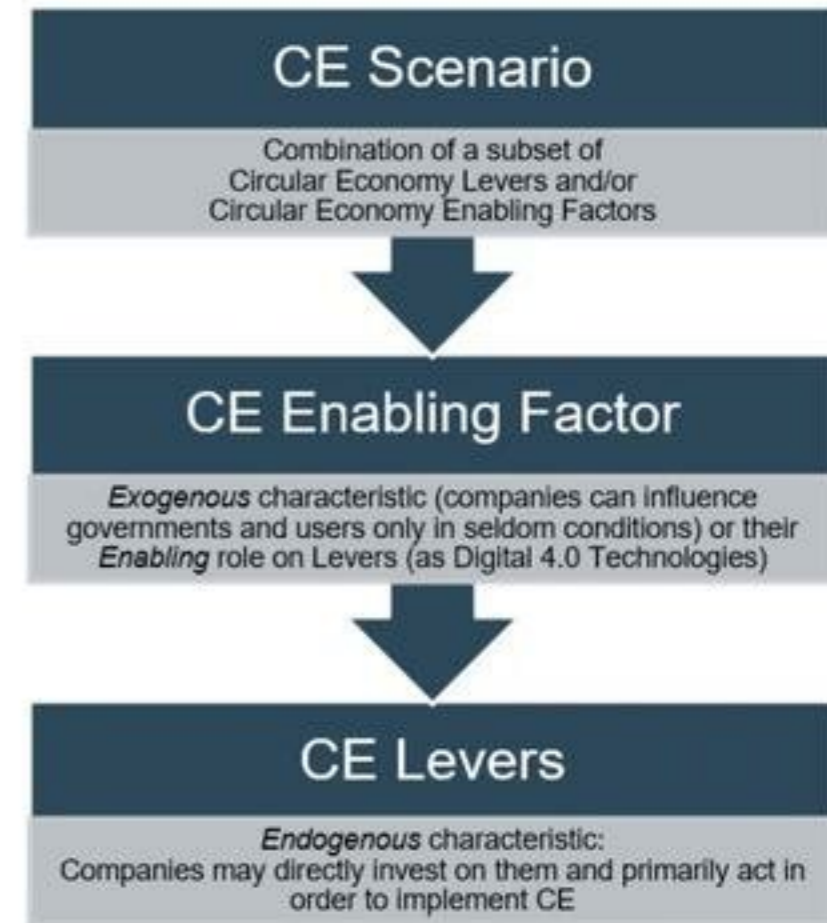
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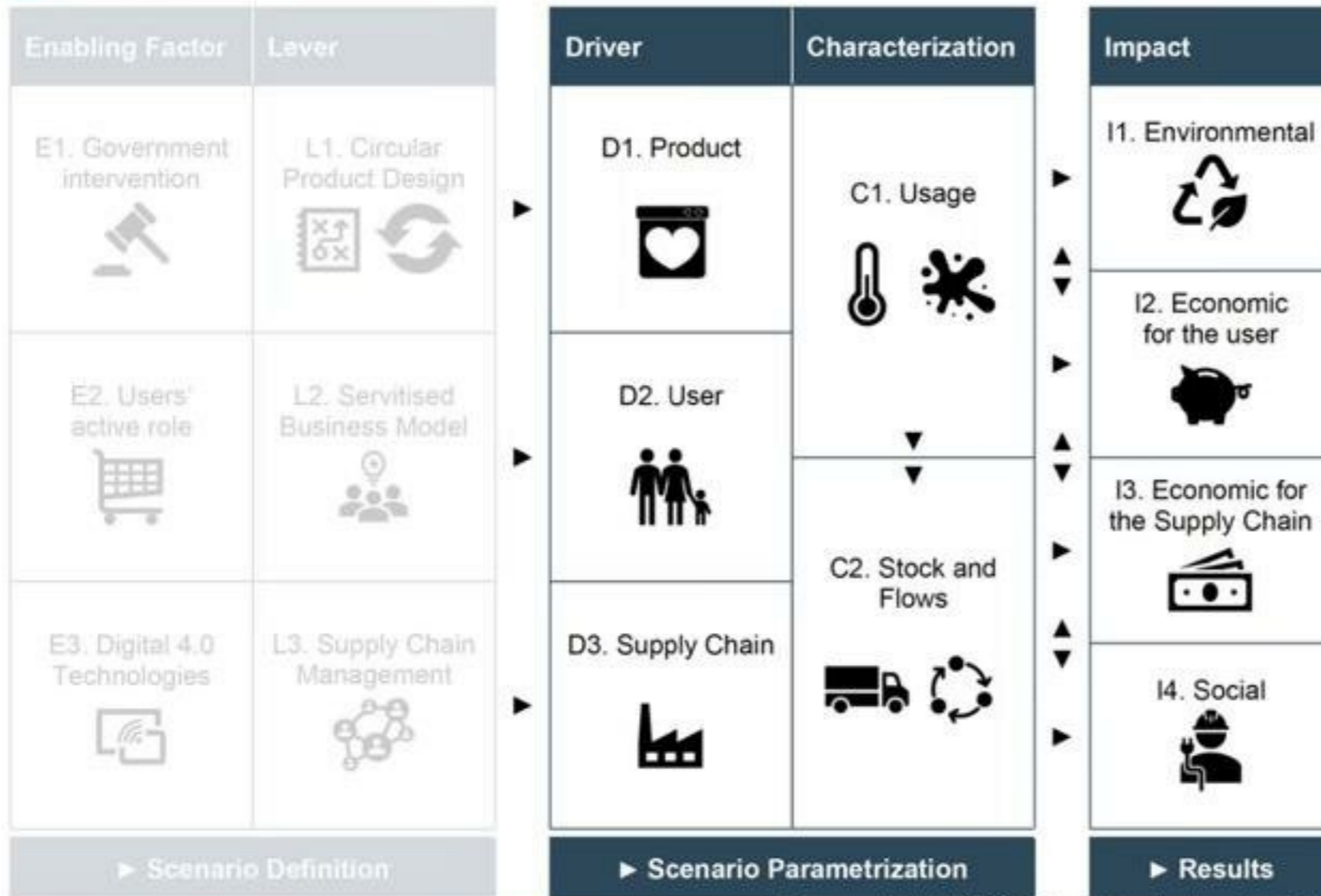


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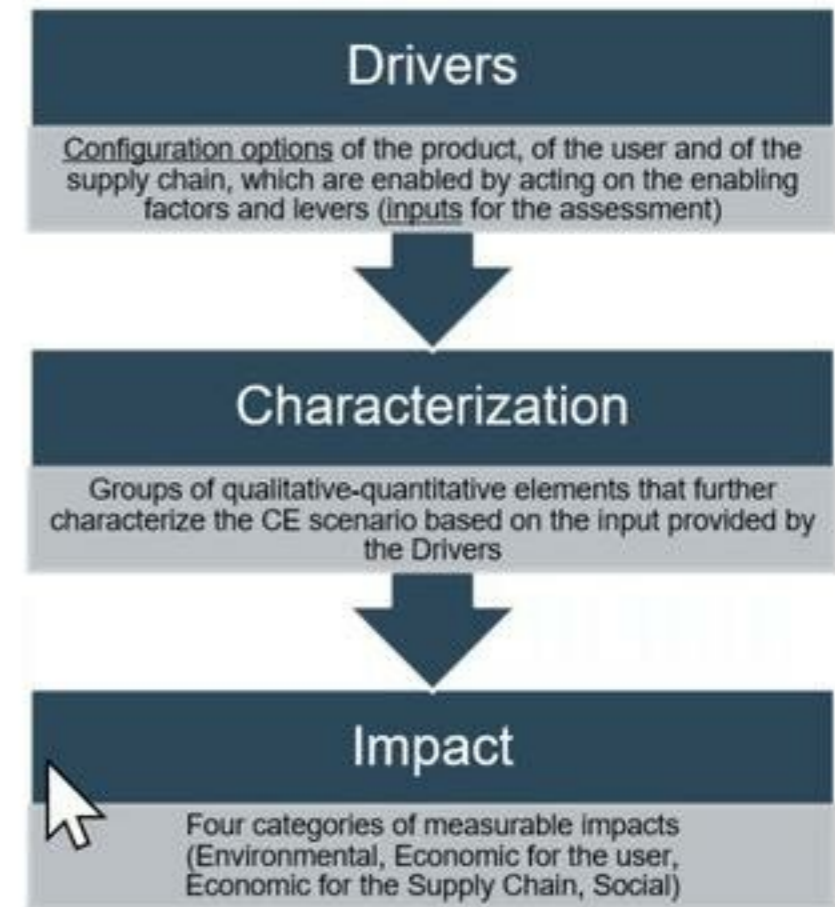




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## STEP 2



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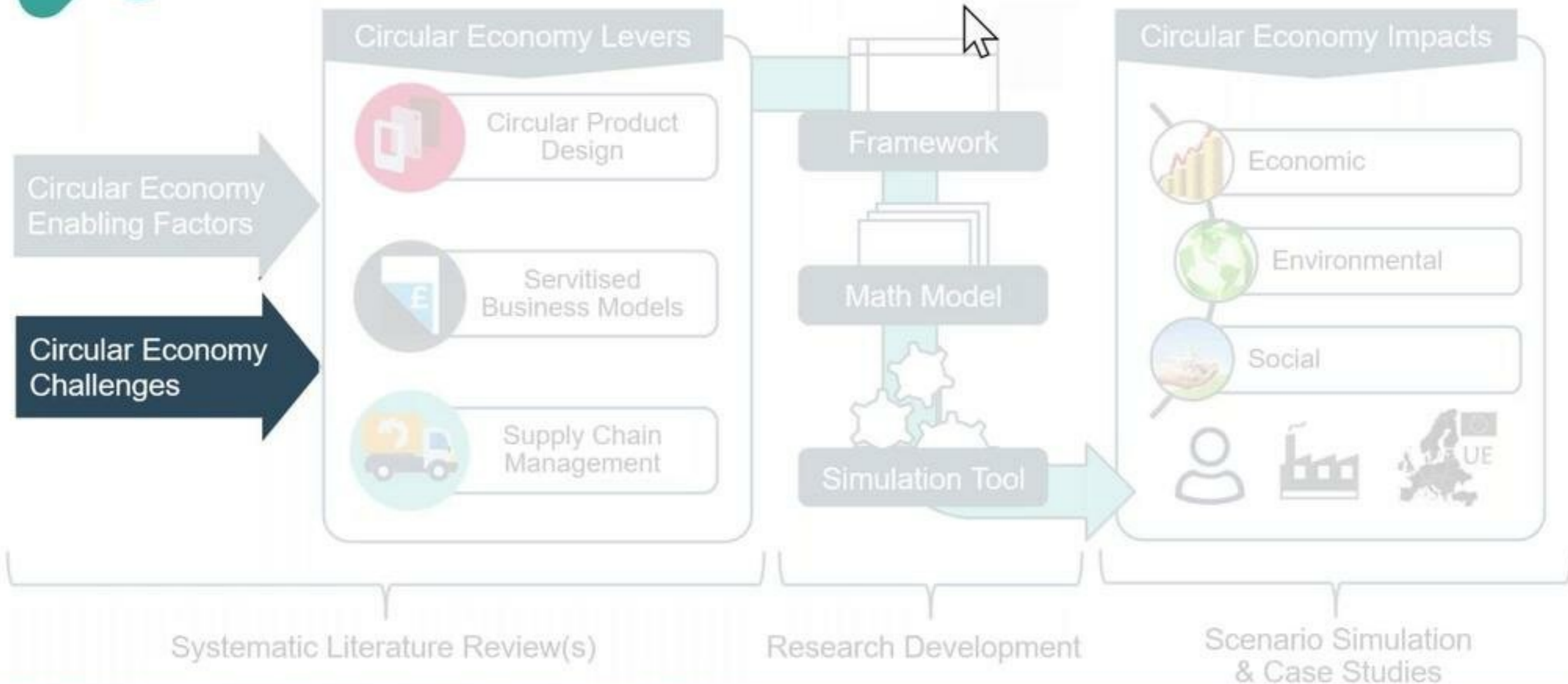








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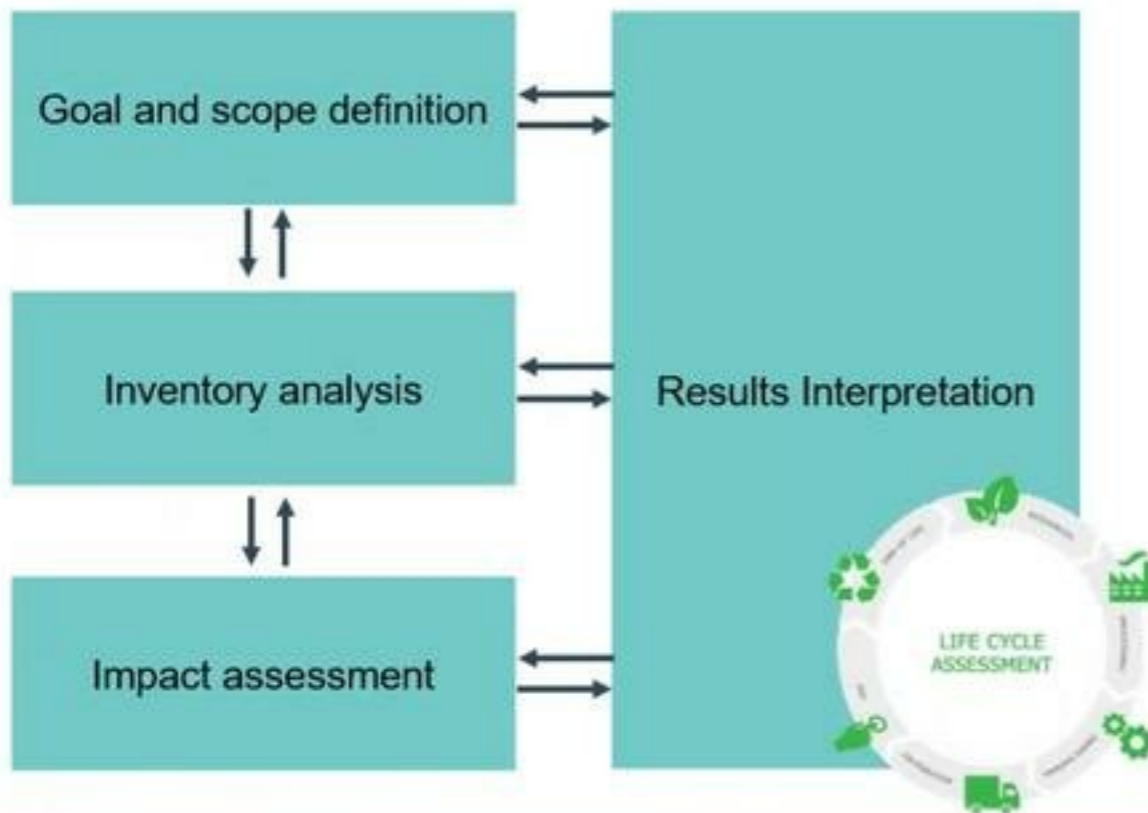




# LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT

## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

- Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) ISO 14040



## ECONOMIC IMPACTS

- Life Cycle Costing (LCC)
- Total Cost of Ownership (TCO)

## SOCIAL IMPACTS

- (social) Life Cycle Assessment (sLCA)



# LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT

## LCA limitations

- It provides a "static" analysis
- It is expensive in terms of time (LCA analysis takes months!) and resources
- It requires specific software, especially for accessing the database (eg. SimaPRO, GABI, ...)
- It is difficult to model the reuse of products, components and resources (but not impossible)
- It should be coupled with LCC, TCO and sLCA methodologies to determine economic and social impacts
- ...

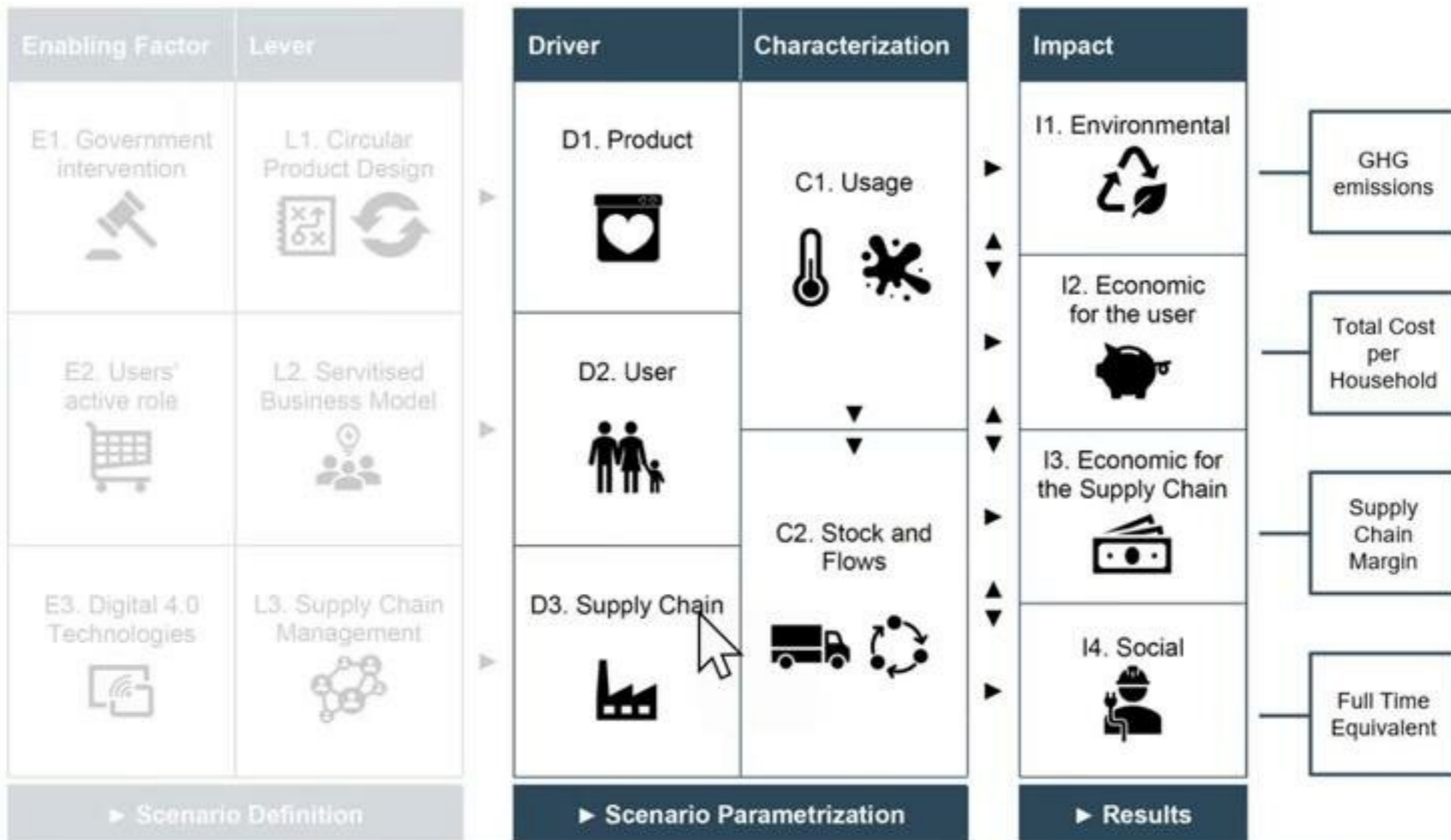
→ let's try to build a simulation model to quantify the impacts





# CIRCULAR ECONOMY FRAMEWORK TO ASSESS THE IMPACTS

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... 4 Impacts



## DRIVERS

### D1. Product (washing machine)

- $C$  Washing Machine Capacity (kg)
- $EEC$  Energy Efficiency Class
- $L_t$  technical life of the washing machine during its life  $l$ , in number of washing cycles

### D2. User

- $HS$  Family size ( $n^\circ$  of members)
- $Shr$  number of families sharing the same washing machine
- $T$  Washing temperature
- $LR$  Washing machine capacity saturation rate

### D3. Supply Chain

- $R_{rfb,l}$  Refurbishment rate, i.e.% of washing machines that are refurbished at the end of their life
- $R_{rec,l}$  Recycling rate, i.e.% of washing machines that are recycled at the end of their life





# C1. USAGE

C1. Usage



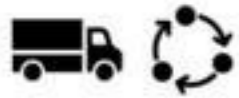
Quantify the consumption of the main resources during the use phase (energy, water, detergent)

| RESOURCE / IMPACT |  | SPECIFIC CONSUMPTION<br>(per each washing cycle)             | INTENSITY OF USE<br>(No. of washing cycles per<br>family per year)           |
|-------------------|--|--|--|
| Energy            |  | $E_{wc} \left[ \frac{kWh}{wc} \right] = f\{T; EEC; C\}$      | $N_{wc} \left[ \frac{wc}{hh \times year} \right] = \frac{Y LW}{C \times LR}$ |
| Water             |  | $W_{wc} \left[ \frac{Litre}{wc} \right] = f\{C; LR; WEC\}$   |  |
| Detergent         |  | $D_{wc} \left[ \frac{kg}{wc} \right] = f\{C; LR; DEC; DDF\}$ |  |

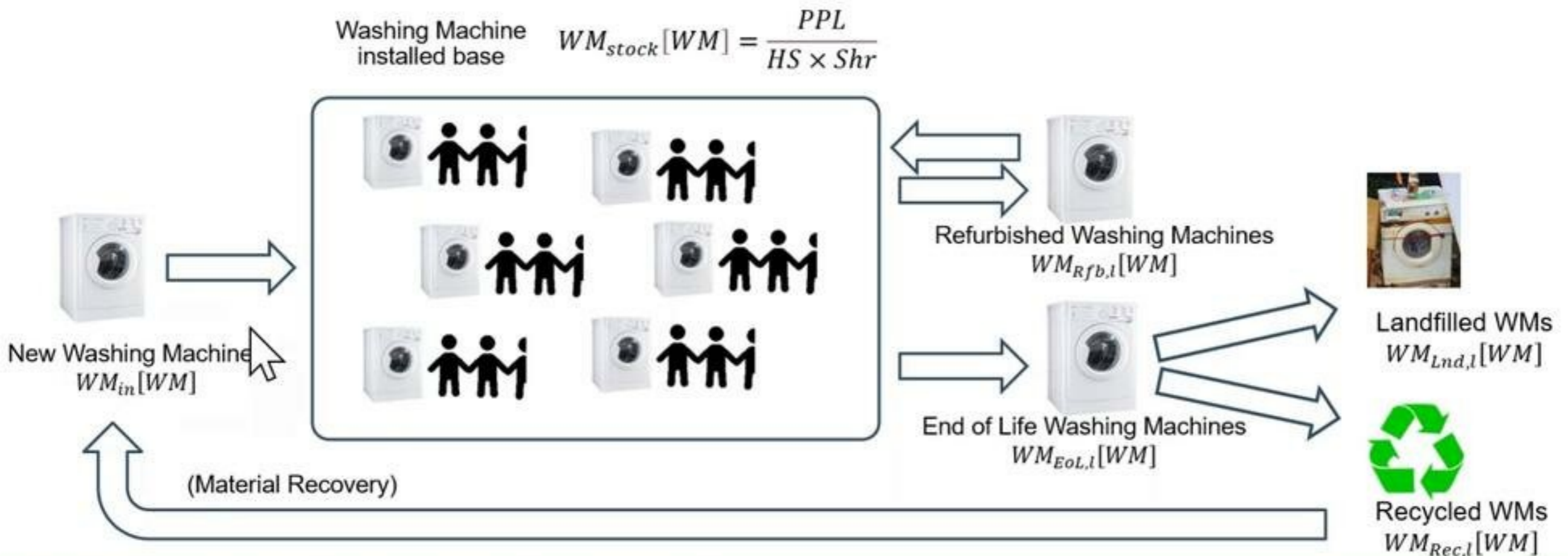


## C2. STOCK AND FLOWS

C2. Stock and Flows



Quantify the installed base of washing machines of the system in question, as a function of the population, the size of the household and the number of families sharing the same washing machine







# I1. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT



Rely on LCA studies. For simplicity, only one impact indicator (GWP) was considered

| Life Cycle Phase                             | Environmental Impact   |
|--|--|
| Raw materials (credits for money laundering) | $GWP_{RME} \times WM_{in,1} - GWP_{Rec} \times WM_{Rec}$                               |
| Production and Distribution                  | $+ GWP_{M\&A} \times WM_{in,1} + GWP_{Dis} \times WM_{in,1}$                           |
| Usage  | $+ (gwp_e \times EC + gwp_w \times WC + gwp_d \times DC) \times Shr \times WM_{stock}$ |
| Maintenanc                                   | $(GWP_{M\&R} \times Y_{M\&R}) \times WM_{stock}$                                       |
| Refurbishment                                | $+ \sum_{l=2}^{l_{max}} ((GWP_{RevLog} + GWP_{in,l} + GWP_{Dis}) \times WM_{in,l})$    |
| Landfill                                     | $+ GWP_{Lnd} \times WM_{Lnd}$  |



## I2. ECONOMIC IMPACT FOR THE USER

I2. Economic  
for the user



Three different payment methods are possible (sale, leasing, pay-per-wash).  
There is also a discount for reconditioned washing machines (second hand, third hand, ...)

### Traditional sale

Sale price (amortized over  
the life of the washing  
machine)

### Leasing scheme

Fixed monthly lease fee

### Pay-per-wash

Rate dependent on the  
number of washing cycles

Maintenance and Repair

Usage Cost (Energy, water, detergents)



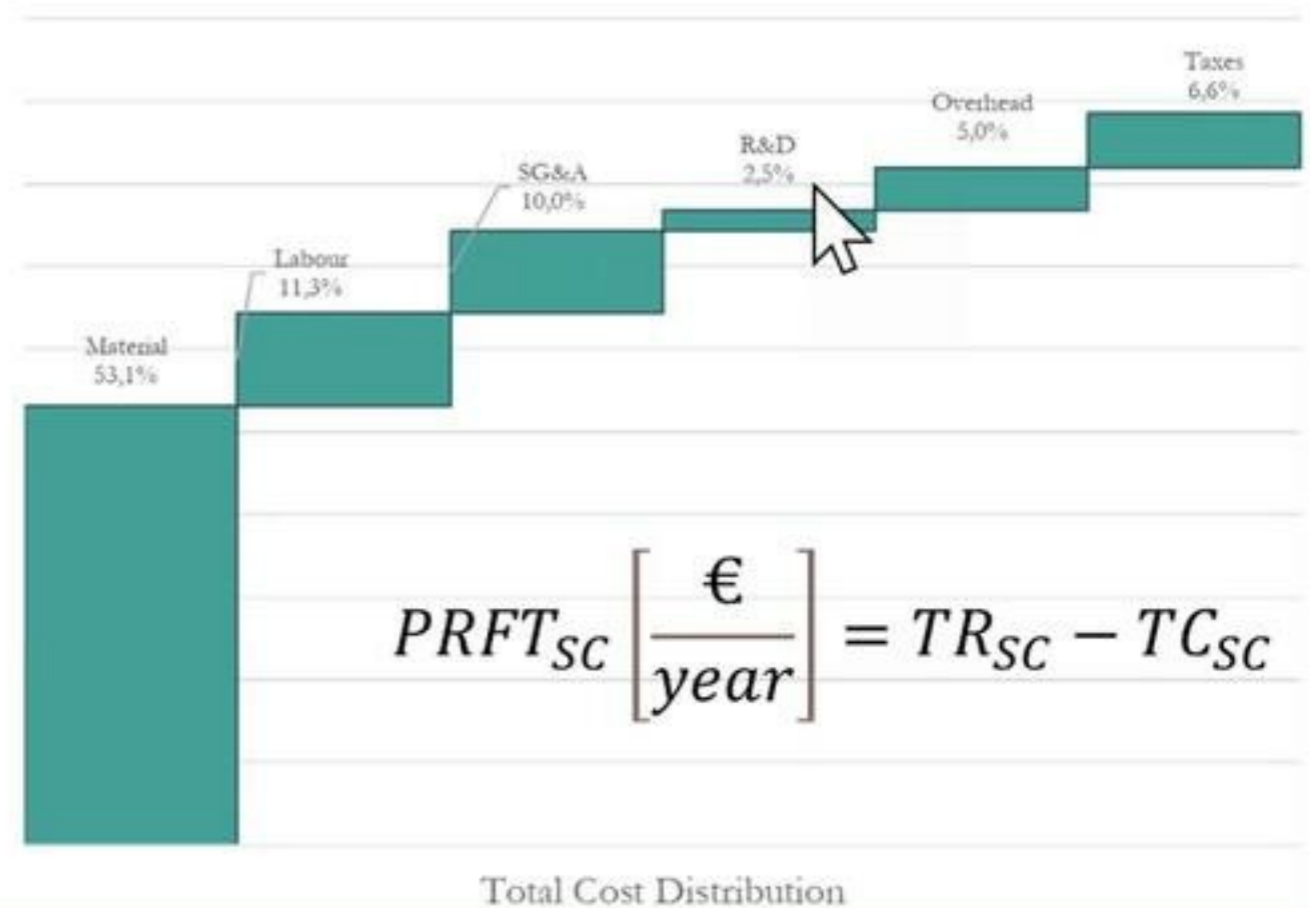
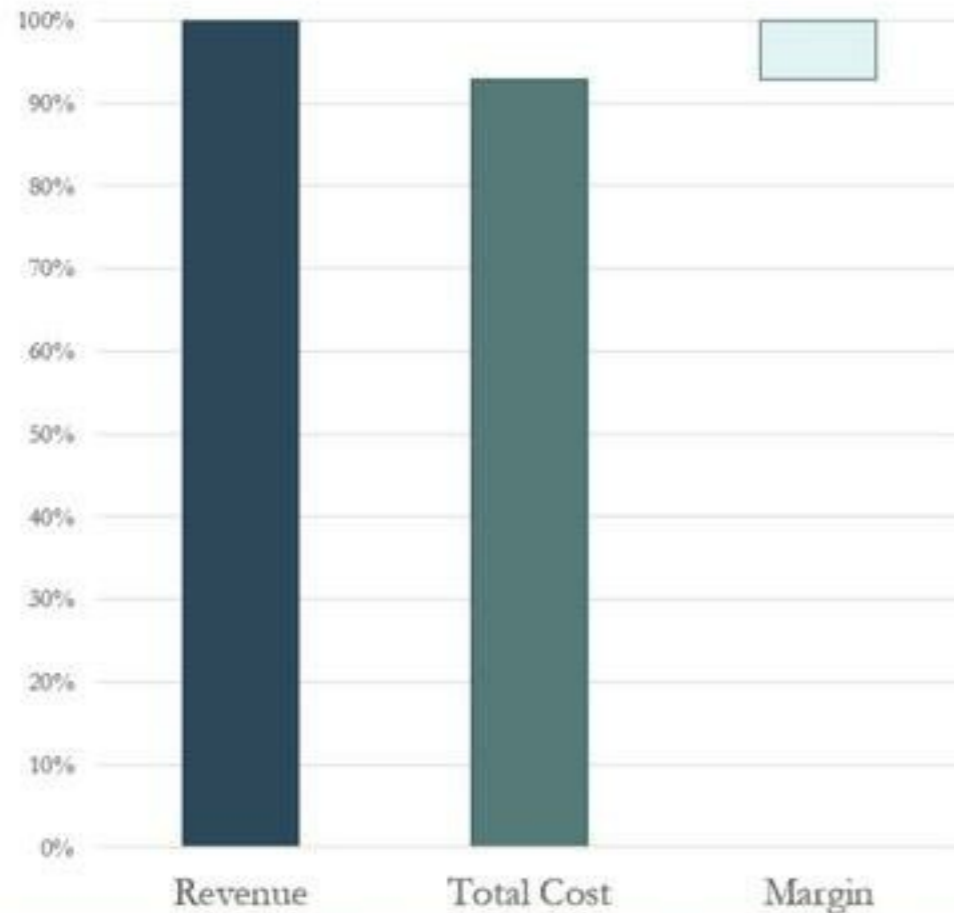


# 13. ECONOMIC IMPACT FOR THE SUPPLY CHAIN

13. Economic for the Supply Chain



Margin for the supply chain: Total Revenues (TR) net of Total Costs (TC)



$$PRFT_{sc} \left[ \frac{\text{€}}{\text{year}} \right] = TR_{sc} - TC_{sc}$$



# OVERALL: MATHEMATICAL MODEL (FORMULATION)

$$EC \left[ \frac{kWh}{hh \times year} \right] = N_{wc} \times E_{wc}$$

$$WC \left[ \frac{Litre}{hh \times year} \right] = N_{wc} \times W_{wc}$$

$$DC \left[ \frac{kg}{hh \times year} \right] = N_{wc} \times D_{wc}$$

C1. Usage characterization

To characterize the WM utilisation phase

$$WM_{Rev} \left[ \frac{WM}{year} \right] = WM_{In,t} \times \sum_{i=1}^{t_{max}} \left( R_{Ext,i} \times R_{Rev,i} \times \prod_{j=1}^{i-1} R_{Rf,j} \right)$$

$$WM_{Land} \left[ \frac{WM}{year} \right] = WM_{In,t} \times \sum_{i=1}^{t_{max}} \left( R_{Ext,i} \times R_{Land,i} \times \prod_{j=1}^{i-1} R_{Rf,j} \right)$$

C2. Stock and Flows

To characterize the Stock and Flows generated by the CE scenario (sales, refurbished, recycled and landfilled WMs)

$$E = GWP_{Ext} \times WM_{In,t} - GWP_{Rev} \times WM_{Rev} + GWP_{Rf} \times WM_{Rf,t} + GWP_{Land} \times WM_{Land,t} + GWP_{Stk} \times WM_{Stk,t} + (GWP_{Ec} \times EC + GWP_{Wc} \times WC + GWP_{Dc} \times DC) \times Shr \times WM_{Stk,t} + (Y_{Ext} \times GWP_{Ext}) \times WM_{Stk,t} + \sum_{i=1}^{t_{max}} ((GWP_{Rev,i} + GWP_{Rf,i} + GWP_{Land,i}) \times WM_{In,i}) + GWP_{Stk} \times WM_{In,t}$$



I1. Environmental Impact

$$E = \left( \frac{BM_{Ext} \times F_{Ext,t} \times WM_{In,t}}{Shr \times \sum_{i=1}^{t_{max}} WM_{In,i}} \right) + \left( \frac{BM_{Rf} \times F_{Rf,t} \times WM_{Stk,t}}{Shr \times WM_{Stk,t}} \right) + \sum_{i=1}^{t_{max}} \left( \frac{BM_{Rf} \times F_{Rf,i} \times WM_{Stk,i}}{Shr \times WM_{Stk,i}} \right) + \left( \frac{Y_{Ext} \times F_{Ext,t}}{Shr} \right) + (X_{Ext} \times (c_e \times EC + c_w \times WC + c_d \times DC))$$



I2. Economic Impact for the user

$$E_{in} \left[ \frac{€}{year} \right] = \sum_{i=1}^{t_{max}} (BM_{Ext} + F_{Ext,i} + (1 - R_{Ext,i}) \times WM_{In,i}) + \sum_{i=1}^{t_{max}} (BM_{Rf} + F_{Rf,i} + WM_{Stk,i}) + \sum_{i=1}^{t_{max}} (BM_{Rf} + F_{Rf,i} + Shr \times WM_{Stk,i}) + (Y_{Ext} + X_{Ext} + F_{Ext,t}) \times WM_{Stk,t}$$

$$TC_{in} \left[ \frac{€}{year} \right] = C_{Ext} \times WM_{In,t} + C_{Rf} \times WM_{Rev} + C_{Rf} \times WM_{Rf,t} + C_{Land} \times WM_{Land,t} + C_{Stk} \times WM_{In,t} + (1 - X_{Ext}) \times (c_e \times EC + c_w \times WC + c_d \times DC) \times Shr \times WM_{Stk,t} + Y_{Ext} \times C_{Ext} \times WM_{Stk,t} + \sum_{i=1}^{t_{max}} ((C_{Rev,i} + C_{Rf,i} + C_{Land,i}) \times WM_{In,i})$$



I3. Economic Impact for the Supply Chain

$$E = \frac{MWT_{Ext} \times WM_{In,t} + MWT_{Rf} \times WM_{Rev} + MWT_{Rf} \times WM_{Rf,t} + MWT_{Land} \times WM_{Land,t} + MWT_{Stk} \times WM_{Stk,t}}{T_{Ext}} + \frac{Y_{Ext} \times MWT_{Ext} \times WM_{Stk,t}}{T_{Ext}} + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{t_{max}} ((MWT_{Rev,i} + MWT_{Rf,i} + MWT_{Land,i}) \times WM_{In,i})}{T_{Ext}}$$



I4. Social Impact (Employment)





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# SCENARIO DECISION VARIABLES

## CIRCULAR ECONOMY LEVERS



### Circular Product Design

1. Attachment and trust
2. Durability
3. Standardization
4. Maintenance / repair
5. Upgradability
6. Material Selection
7. Sustainable Behaviour
8. Disassembly and Recycling



### Servitized Biz. Models

1. Product-oriented (maintenance, repair)
2. Use-oriented - Leasing
3. Use-oriented - Sharing
4. Result-oriented (pay-per-wash)



### Supply Chain Management

1. Forward Logistics
2. Collaboration, partnership
3. Reverse Logistics

## CIRCULAR ECONOMY ENABLING FACTORS



### Digital 4.0 Technologies

1. IoT
2. Big Data & Analytics
3. Cloud
4. 3D Printing
5. Blockchain
6. AR and VR



### Government Intervention

1. Legislation
2. Financial incentives
3. Green Public Procurement
4. Standards
5. Education
6. Metrics



### Users' active role

1. Green purchasing choice
2. Sustainable behaviour
3. EoL disposal

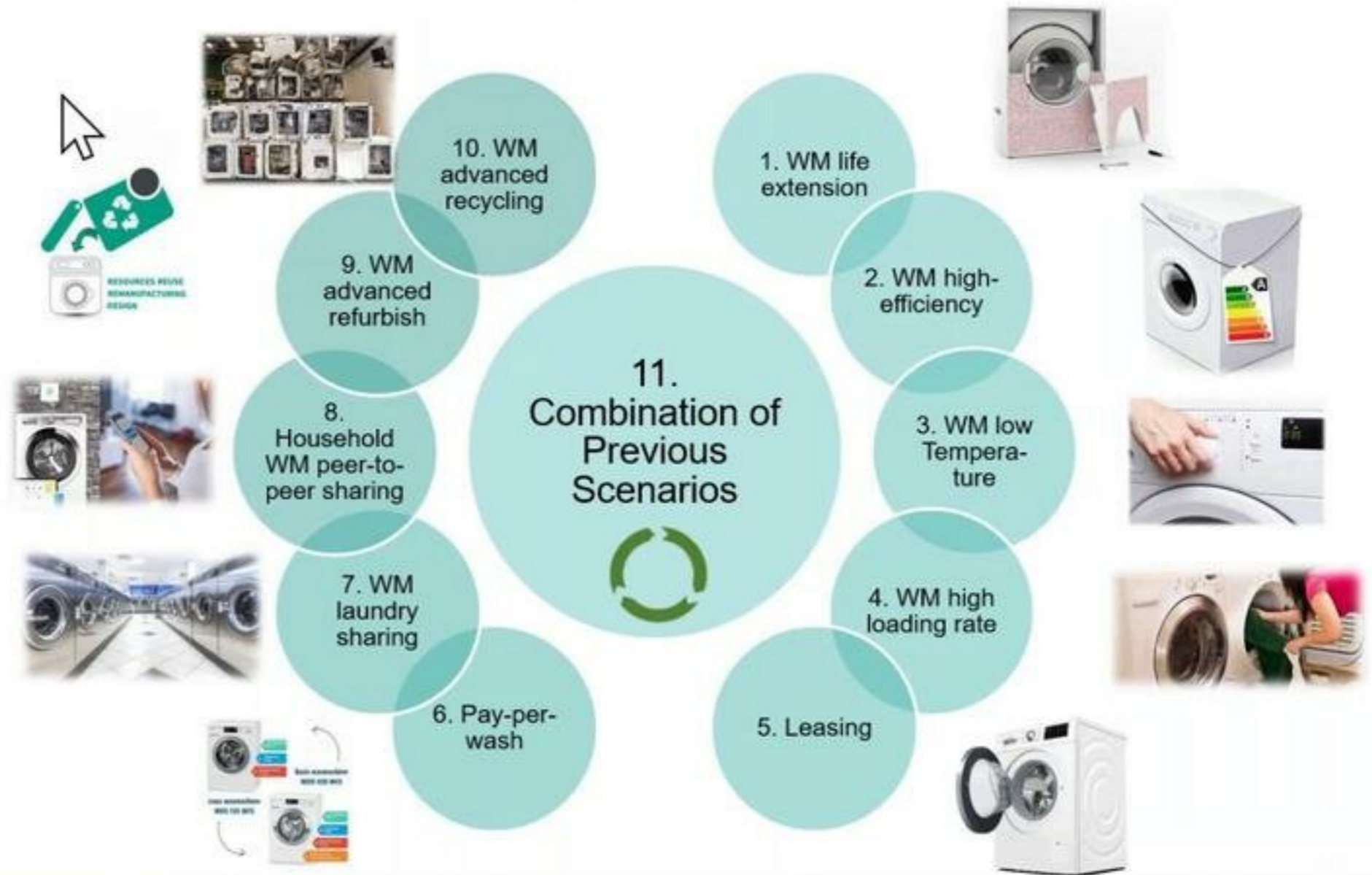




# CIRCULAR ECONOMY SCENARIOS

**10 + 1**  
Circular Economy  
Scenarios modelled  
and analysed  
compared to the  
ASI-IS

**Assessment at the  
European Level  
(EU28)**  
Population of 510  
million inhabitants





# CIRCULAR ECONOMY SCENARIOS

| ID | Scenario                                     | CIRCULAR ECONOMY Enabling Factors    |                            |                                   | CIRCULAR ECONOMY Levers                |   |                          |
|----|--|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------|
|    |  | Digital 4.0 Technology               | Government Intervention    | Users' Active Role                | Product Design                         | Servitised Biz Model                    | Supply Chain Mgmt        |
| 1  | Extend WM Lifespan                           |                                      |                            | Extending WM lifespan             | Durability                             | Maintenance and repair                  |                          |
| 2  | Replacing MWs with energy efficient ones     |                                      | Legislation, Labelling     | Purchasing A+++ WMs               |  |   |                          |
| 3  | Sustainable behaviour (low wash temperature) |                                      |                            | Users' behaviour                  | Sustainable behaviour                  |   |                          |
| 4  | Sustainable behaviour (adjusting capacity)   |                                      |                            | Users' behaviour                  | Sustainable behaviour                  |   |                          |
| 5  | Leasing WMs                                  |                                      |                            | Users' role in chose leasing      |  | Leasing (use-oriented)                  |                          |
| 6  | Pay-per-wash                                 | IoT and Big Data                     |                            | Users' role in chose pay-per-wash |  | Pay-per-wash (result-oriented)          |                          |
| 7  | Laundry facility (sharing)                   |                                      |                            | Users' role in chose laundry      |  | Sharing to reduce the WMs number        | Collaboration with OEM   |
| 8  | Sharing WMs peer to peer                     | IoT and Cloud                        |                            | Users' role in chose sharing      |  | Sharing to reduce the WMs number        |                          |
| 9  | Refurbishment                                |                                      |                            | Users' role in chose used WM      |  |   | Reverse Logistics        |
| 10 | Improved Recycling content                   | IoT to track products for collection | Forcing Legislation        |                                   | Material Selection                     |   | Reverse Logistics        |
| 11 | <b>Combination of previous scenarios</b>     | <b>IoT, Big Data, Cloud</b>          | <b>Driving legislation</b> | <b>Users' active role</b>         | <b>Durability; Material; behaviour</b> | <b>Sharing to reduce the WMs number</b> | <b>Reverse Logistics</b> |





# EXAMPLE: PAY-PER-WASH SCENARIO

## Scenario definition and parametrization



### PAY PER WASH

In this scenario, users no longer buy and own a WM, but instead pays a variable fee to gain the rights to use a WM. The fee depends on the washing results achieved (pay-per-wash). Usually, top-quality and high-efficient WMs are offered through this business model.

Assessment and comparison of the results to the EU28 AS-IS (Linear Economy)

| Enabling Factor              |  | Lever                         | Driver |                  |   |
|------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|--------|------------------|---|
| E1. Government intervention  |  | L1. Circular Product Design   | ▶      | D1. Product      | $C = 6.5 \text{ kg}$<br>$EEC = A + \pm 30\%$<br>$WEC = 90\%$ (from 100%)<br>$DEC = 90\%$ (from 100%)<br>$L_1 = 2.500 \text{ wc}$<br>$L_2 = 1.500 \text{ wc}$<br>$\Delta L_{MR,1} = 250 \text{ wc}$<br>$\Delta L_{MR,2} = 150 \text{ wc}$<br>$q_m = \{WM_{III}\}$ 'smart'<br>$rec_m$ : see table (Table 8.2) |
| E2. Users' active role       |  | L2. Servitised Business Model | ▶      | D2. User         | $YLW = 1,200 \text{ kg}$<br>$LR = 95\%$ (from 85%)<br>$PPL = 510 \text{ Mio}$<br>$HS = 2.3$<br>$Shr = 1/0.90$<br>$T = 40 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$<br>$DDF = 100\%$<br>$SL_{max,1} = 20$<br>$SL_{max,2} = 10$<br>$BM_{sale} = 0\%$<br>$BM_{ppw} = 0\%$<br>$BM_{ppw} = 100\%$                                  |
| E3. Digital 4.0 Technologies |  | L3. Supply Chain Management   | ▶      | D3. Supply Chain | $R_{Rfb,1} = 5\%$<br>$R_{Rfb,2} = 0\%$<br>$R_{Rec,1} = 65\%$<br>$R_{Rec,2} = 55\%$<br>$Y_{MR} = 100\%$ (from 5%)<br>$gwp_{x,m}$ : see table (Table 8.2)<br>$F_{Revlog} = 1.5$<br>$GWP_{Sav_{Rfb,2}} = 70\%$<br>$P_{ppw} = 0.35 \text{ €/wash}$  |



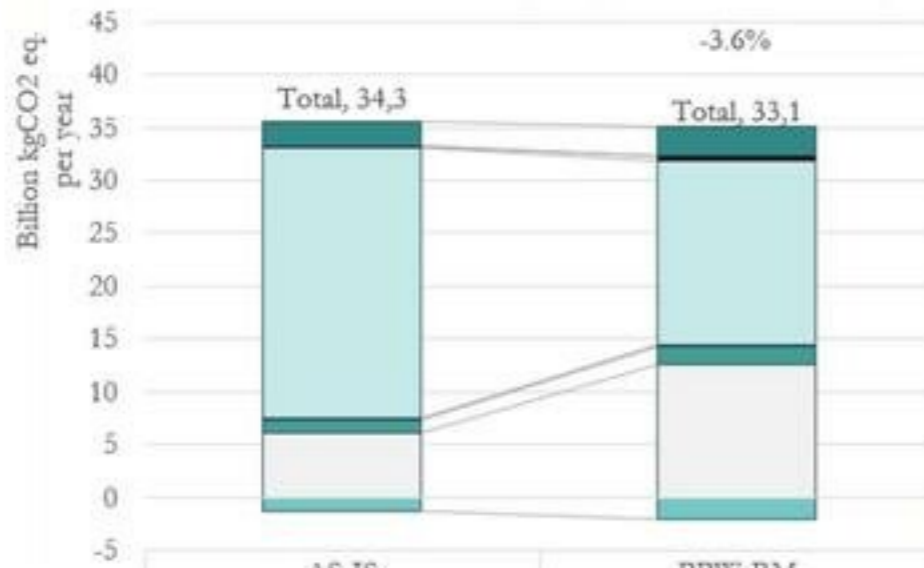
IoT and Big Data & Analytics



# EXAMPLE: PAY-PER-WASH SCENARIO

## I1. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Global Warming Potential



|                                   | AS-IS                 | PPW-BM                |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| ■ Landfilling                     | 2.345.137.206         | 2.701.662.622         |
| ■ Refurbishment (incl. logistics) | 40.739.759            | 42.473.744            |
| ■ Maintenance and Repair          | 24.856.930            | 503.554.496           |
| □ Usage                           | 25.597.101.672        | 17.435.603.679        |
| ■ Distribution                    | 160.916.279           | 131.543.283           |
| ■ Manufacturing and Assembly      | 1.375.014.964         | 1.735.388.930         |
| ■ Credits for Recycling           | -1.268.411.998        | -2.003.666.673        |
| □ Raw Materials Extraction        | 6.023.468.954         | 12.511.014.254        |
| <b>Total</b>                      | <b>34.298.823.766</b> | <b>33.057.574.336</b> |



- **Total GHG emissions reduced by the 3.6%**
- Impacts from use phase decrease (high-efficient washing machines)
- Raw materials extraction impact increases (high-quality washing machines)

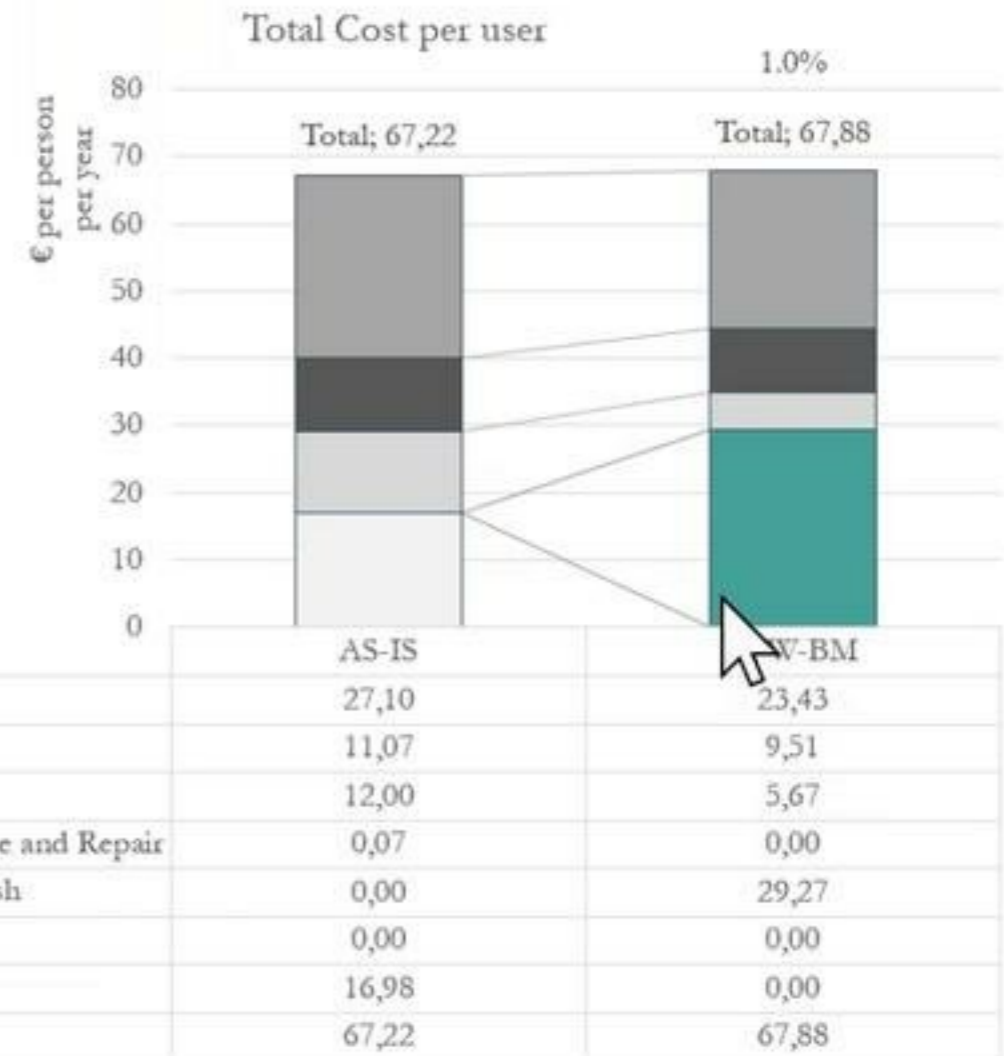




## EXAMPLE: PAY-PER-WASH SCENARIO I2. ECONOMIC IMPACT FOR THE USER



- **The cost for users is (more or less) the same (67 €/year)**
- **Change in the cost structure (from one-shot price to time-payments)**

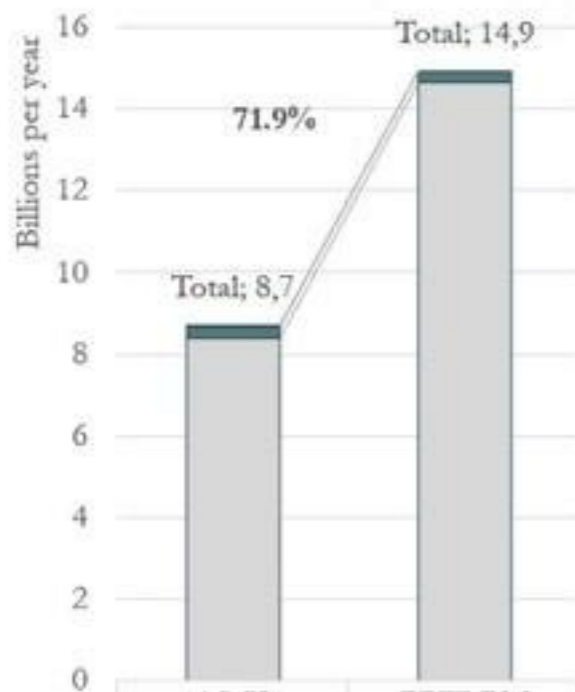




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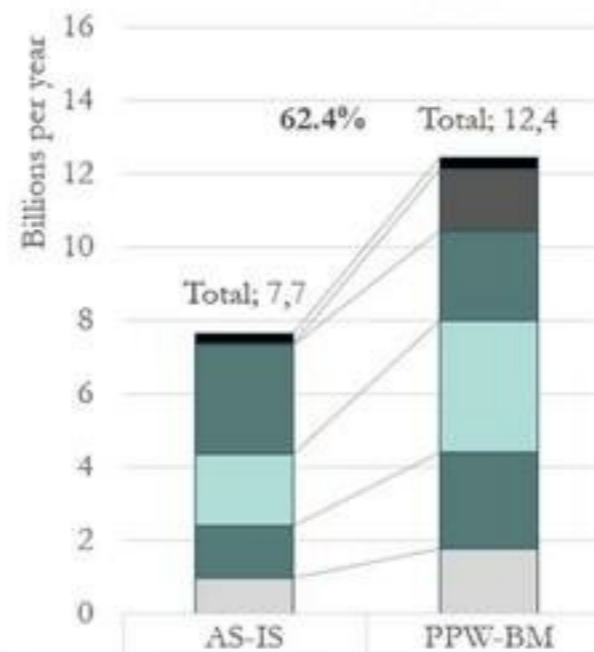
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Revenue Breakdown



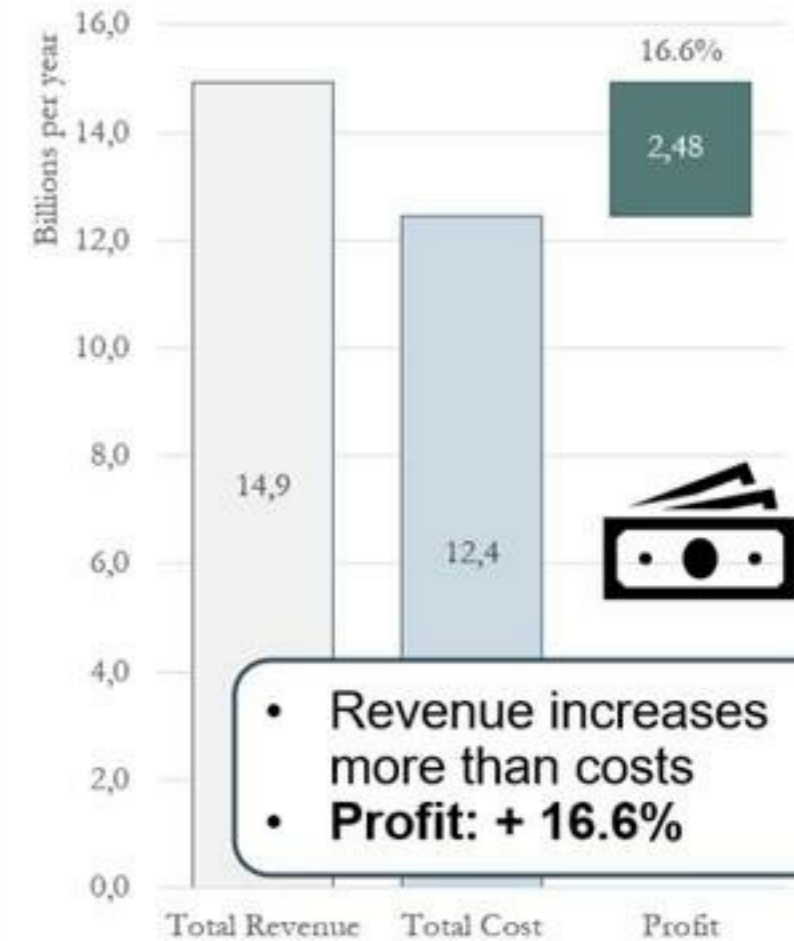
|                        | AS-IS                | PPW-BM                |
|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| □ M&R                  | 37.418.478           | 0                     |
| ■ Offering of 2nd-hand | 272.172.275          | 285.530.204           |
| □ Offering of 1st-hand | 8.374.11.538         | 14.642.574.550        |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>8.684.122.291</b> | <b>14.928.104.754</b> |

Cost Breakdown



|                 | AS-IS                | PPW-BM                |
|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| ■ Refurbishment | 297.761.121          | 328.982.519           |
| ■ M&R           | 37.418.478           | 1.683.831.522         |
| ■ Distribution  | 2.977.611.213        | 2.434.090.315         |
| ■ M&A           | 1.954.057.359        | 3.594.086.480         |
| ■ Recycling     | 1.438.671.241        | 2.646.139.754         |
| ■ Raw Materials | 957.953.358          | 1.761.958.110         |
| <b>Total</b>    | <b>7.663.472.771</b> | <b>12.449.088.701</b> |

Total Supply Chain Profit  
PPW-BBM



- Revenue increases more than costs
- **Profit: + 16.6%**



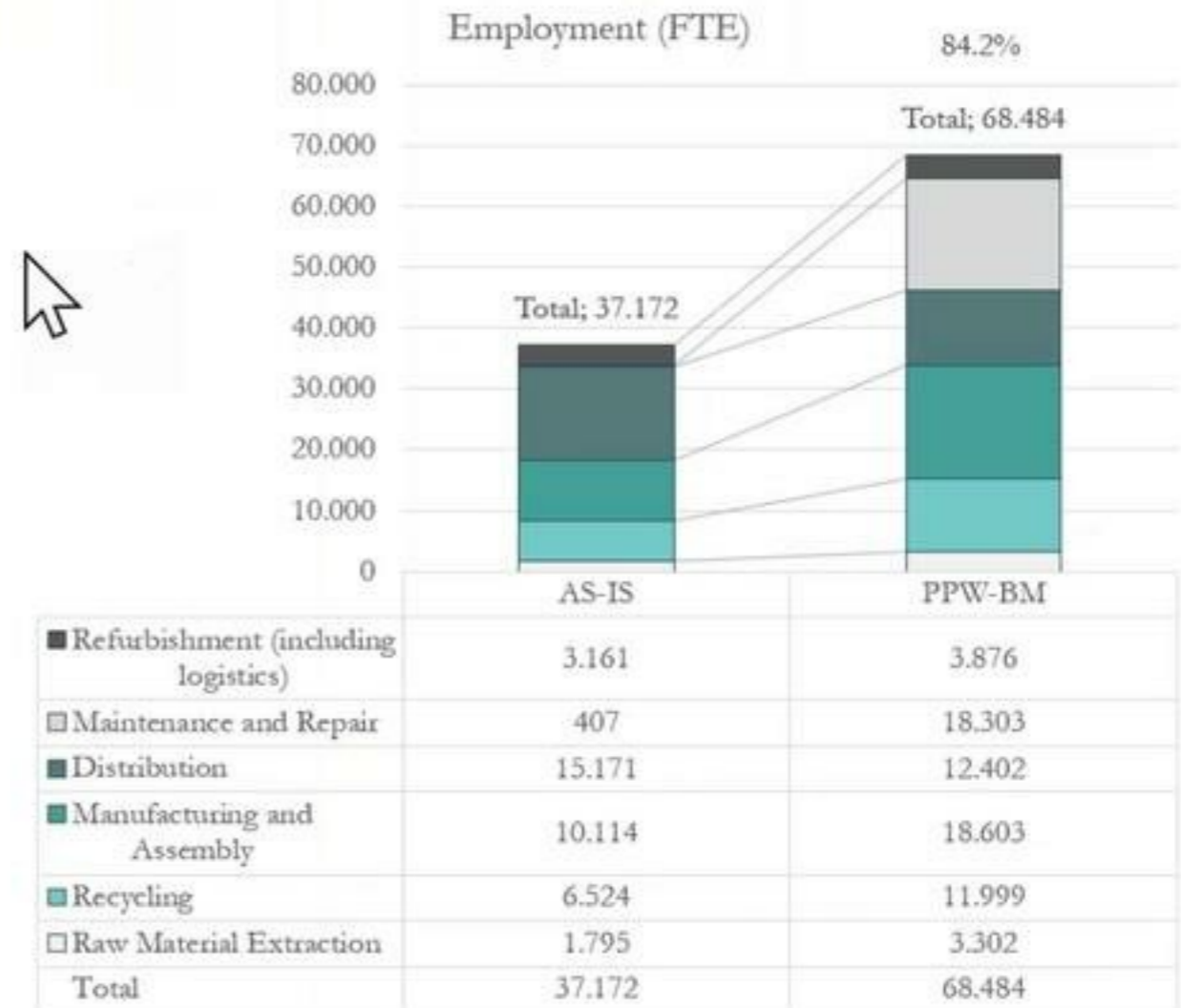


# EXAMPLE: PAY-PER-WASH SCENARIO

## 14. SOCIAL IMPACT

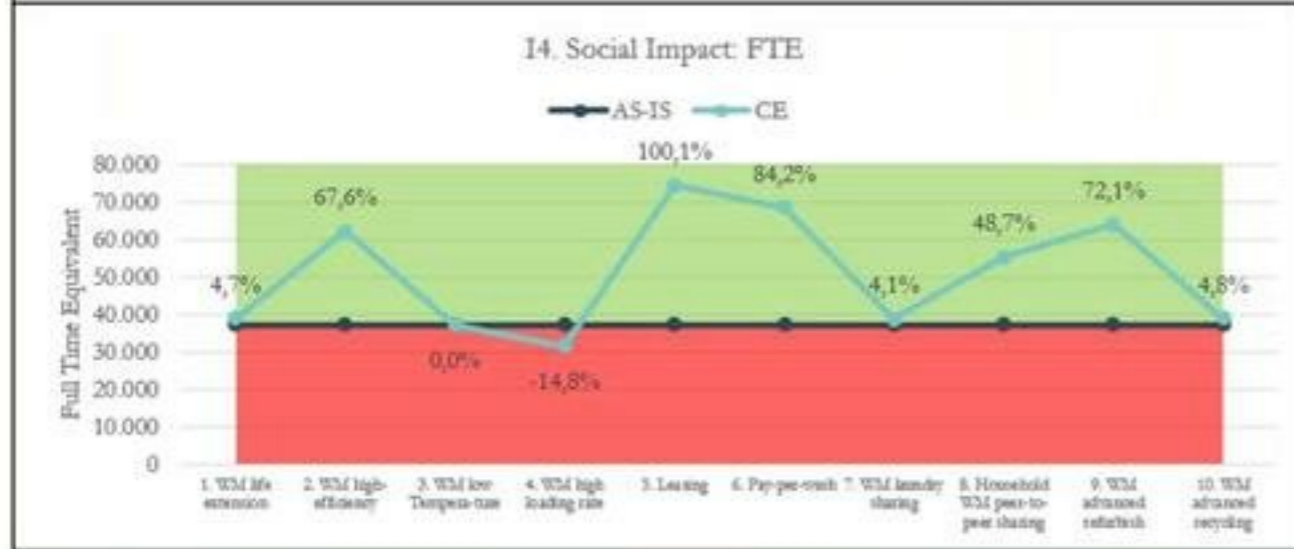
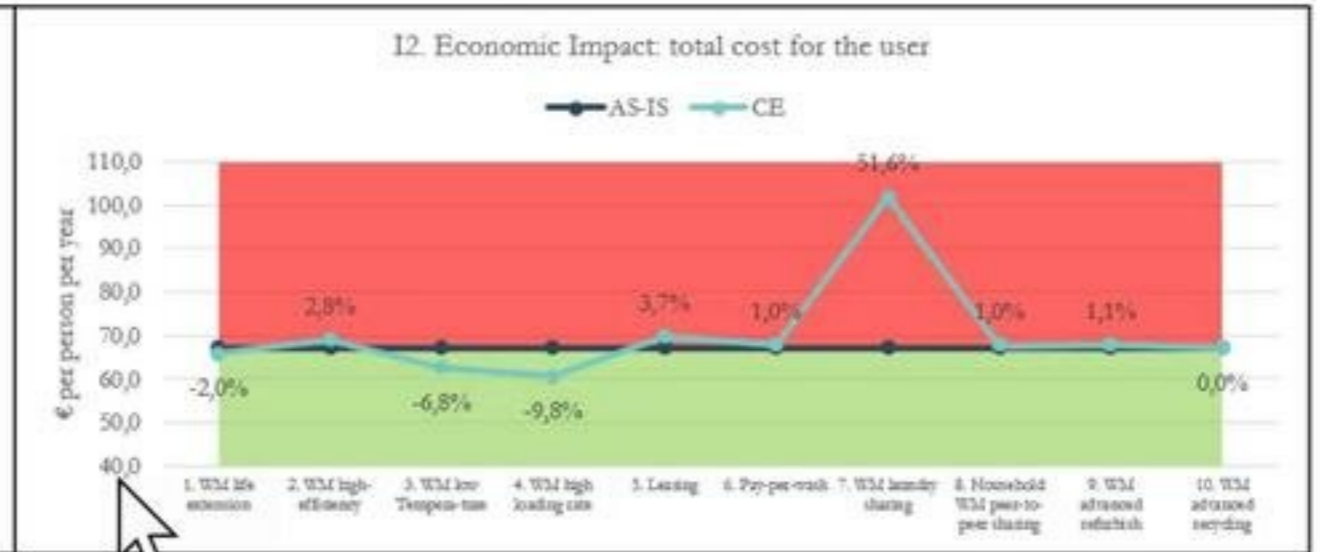
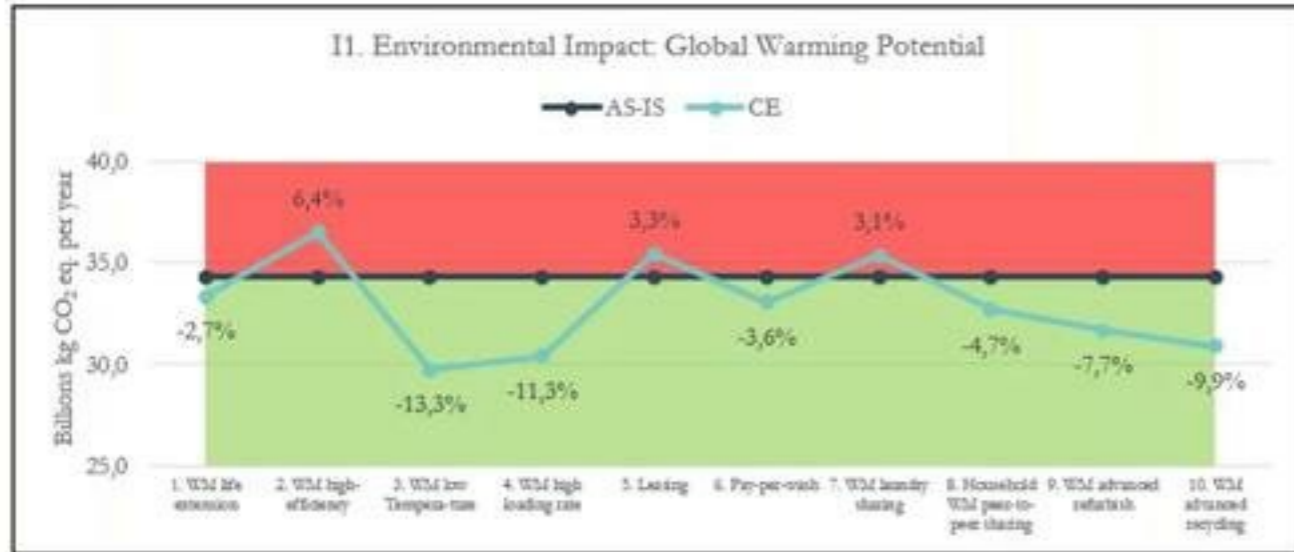


- **Employment opportunities increase by the 84.2%**
- Jobs are created especially in Maintenance and Repair (and production)





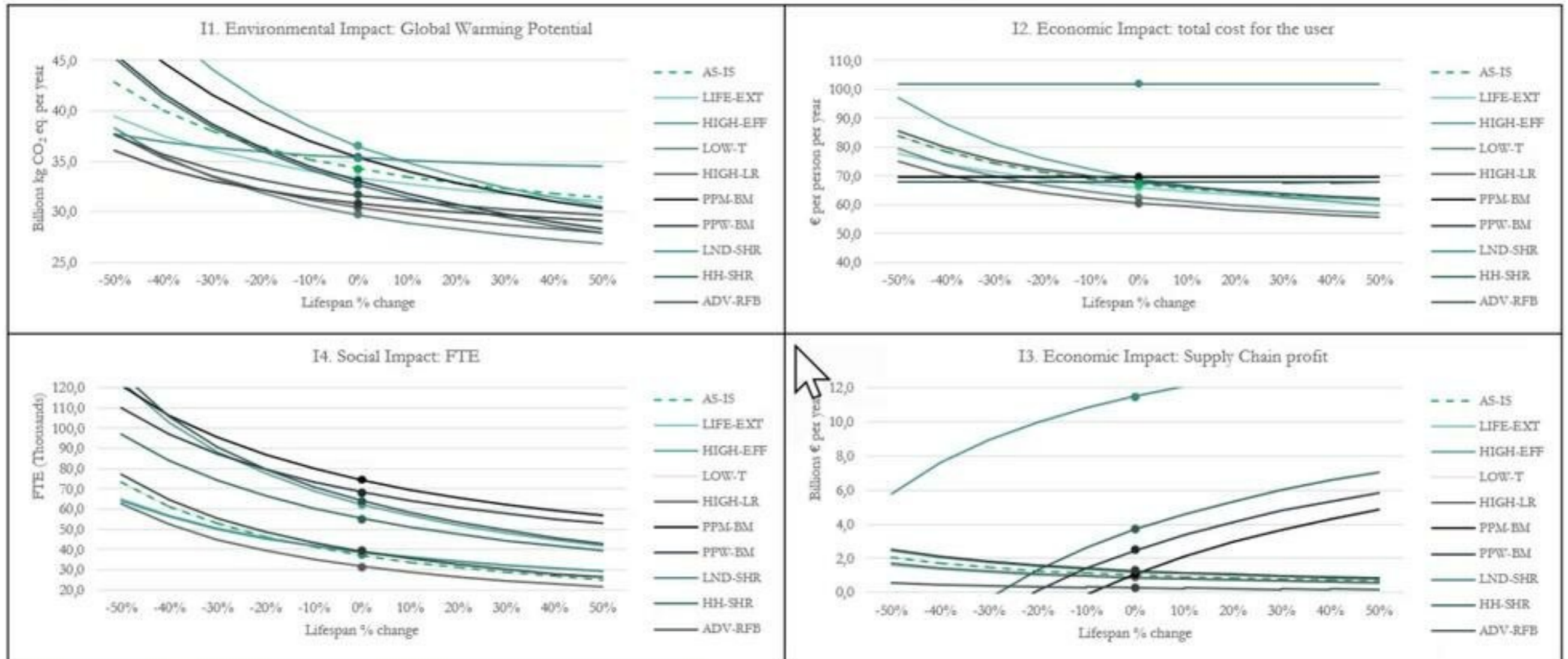
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## (MANY) NEXT STEPS

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