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## CRITICAL RAW MATERIALS AND ENERGY TRANSITION: LITHIUM, COPPER, COBALT AND NICKEL A DETAILED BOTTOM-UP ANALYSIS

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## OUTLINE

- ✓ Review of literature
- ✓ TIAM Model Methodology
- ✓ Results of the World transportation modelling
- ✓ Conclusion

## REVIEW OF LITERATURE

- ✓ Raw materials supply risk and criticality have been widely discussed since the past decade:

Erdmann, L., Graedel, T.E., (2011); Achzet, B., Helbig, C., (2013); Moss et al. (2013); Helbig et al. (2016); Graedel, T.E., Reck, B.K., (2016); Dewulf et al. (2016); Jin et al. (2016); Hache (2018); Bonnet et al. (2018)

- ✓ An extensive part of the first literature was devoted to rare-earth elements criticality

Koltun P., Tharumarajah A., (2010); Du X., Graedel T.E., (2011); Goonan T. G., (2011); Hatch G.P., (2011); Alonso E. et al. (2012); Baldi et al. (2014); CRS, (2012); Golev et al. (2014); Klossek et al. (2016)

- ✓ One of the major challenges is the development of criticality assessment methods

- ✓ The dimensions of interest considered in criticality assessments are usually vulnerability and supply risk relying on economic, geological or technical concerns sometimes extended by environmental impacts or by social implications.

- ✓ **Originality of the paper** : In this paper, an endogenous integration of raw materials content into our detailed bottom-up model, TIAM-IFPEN, has been implemented in order to allow them to interact endogenously with the different scenarios which could be considered

- ✓ Dynamic assessment of raw materials criticality

## TIAM-IFPEN MODEL

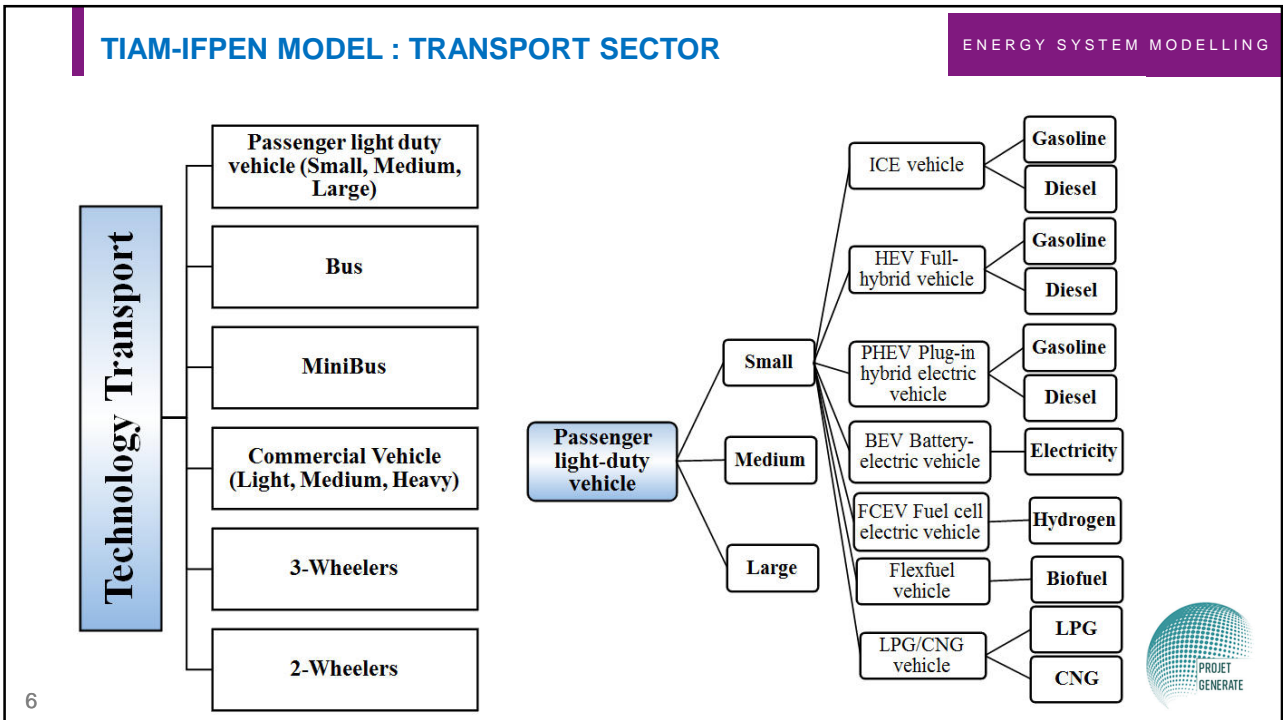
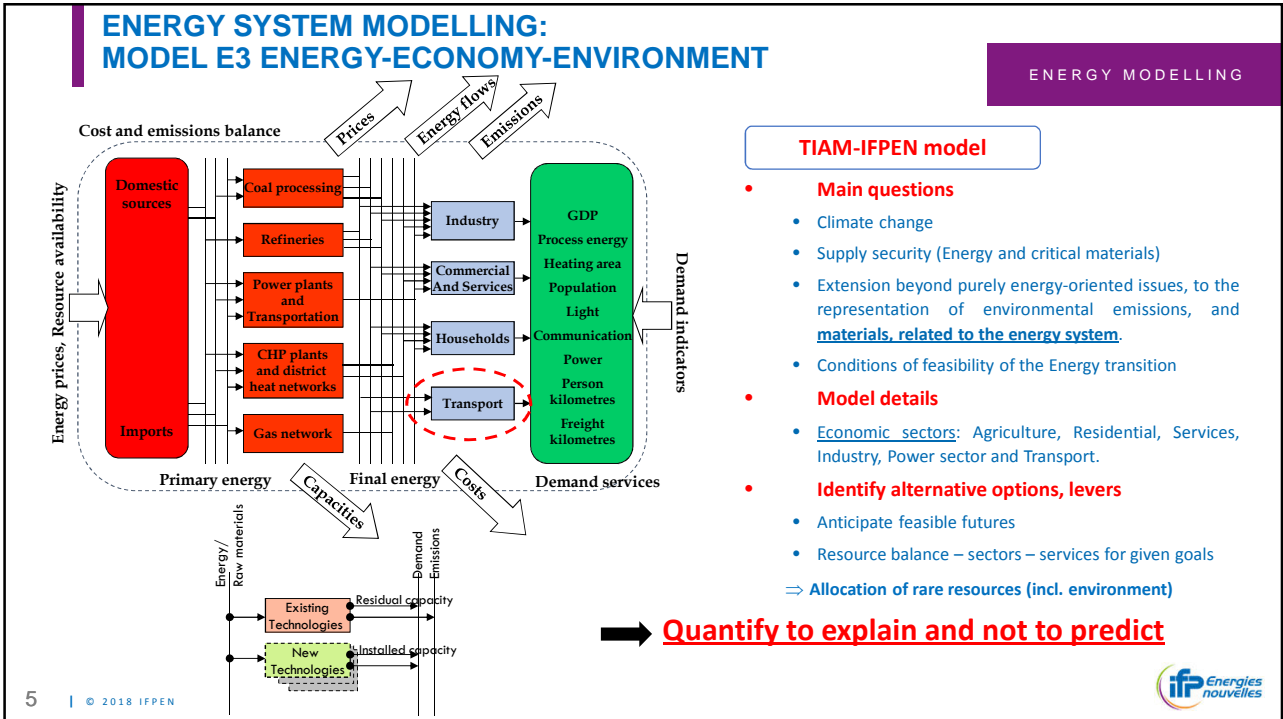
Table 1 : Regions of the TIAM-IFPEN

TIAM name	Region
AFR	Africa
AUS	Australia, New Zealand and Oceania
CAN	Canada
CHI	China
CSA	Central and South America
IND	India
JAP	Japan
MEA	Middle-east
MEX	Mexico
ODA	Other Developing Asia
SKO	South Korea
USA	United States of America
EUR	Europe 28+
RUS	Russia
CAC	Central Asia and Caucase (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan)
OEE	Other East Europe (Albania, Belarus, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Ukraine, Moldova)

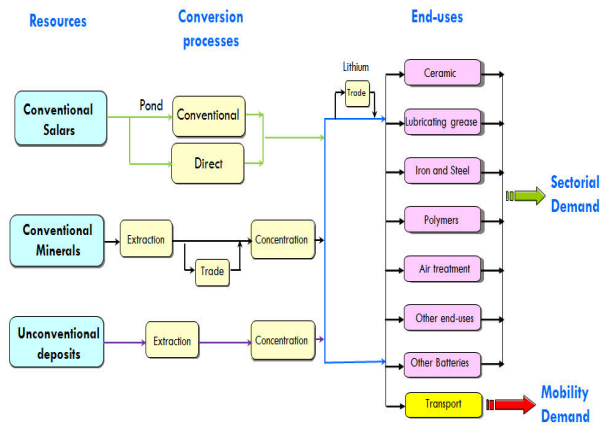
- ✓ The model is disaggregated into 16 regions where each region has its own energy system with their main demand sectors.

- ✓ Each region can trade fossil resources, biomass, materials or emission permits with other regions or in a centralized market.

- ✓ Thus, the model fully describes within each region all existing and future technologies from supply (primary resources) through the different conversion steps to end-use demands.



## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF LITHIUM SUPPLY CHAIN IN EACH TIAM REGION



- ✓ Two types of trade are included in the model:
- ✓ The first one is about lithium ore from the mineral deposits to the refining sites. The main flow is as of today from Australia to China.
- ✓ The second trade concerns the main lithium-based chemicals (LiOH and Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>).
- ✓ Both products are aggregated in the same trade flows as they are not distinguish according to a specific end-use. Taking into account the trade capabilities will allow analysing future international lithium exchanges according to the each regional needs and growth.

## SCENARIOS ASSUMPTIONS

- ✓ We run four scenarios where we have considered two climate scenarios with two different type of mobility each in order to assess the impact on the raw materials market along with the energy transition dynamic:

(1): Scen 4D which is consistent with limiting the expected global average temperature increase to 4°C above pre-industrial levels by 2100.

(2): Scen 2D which is a more ambitious scenario, which translates the climate objectives of limiting global warming to 2°C by 2100.

- ✓ In each climate scenario, two shape of mobility have been considered as abovementioned:

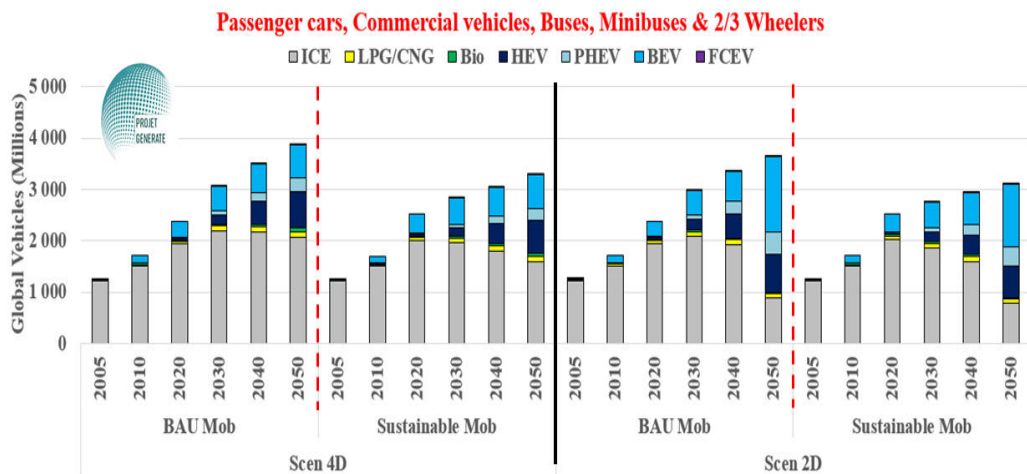
(1): Hypothesis of a High mobility where we assume the impact of urban dispersal, a worldwide phenomenon, on mobility and travel as well as the influence of urban land coverage on travel where we keep on having a huge car dependency and usage.

(2): Hypothesis of a Low mobility where the idea of a sustainability in mobility is assumed. This means taking into account social, economic and institutional dimensions to move beyond a focus on ecology and the natural environment. This assumption implies more compact cities, underpins an integrated approach to urban land-use and transport planning and investment, and gives priority to sustainable modes of mobility such as public and non-motorized transport as seen with the bus and minibus travel demands.

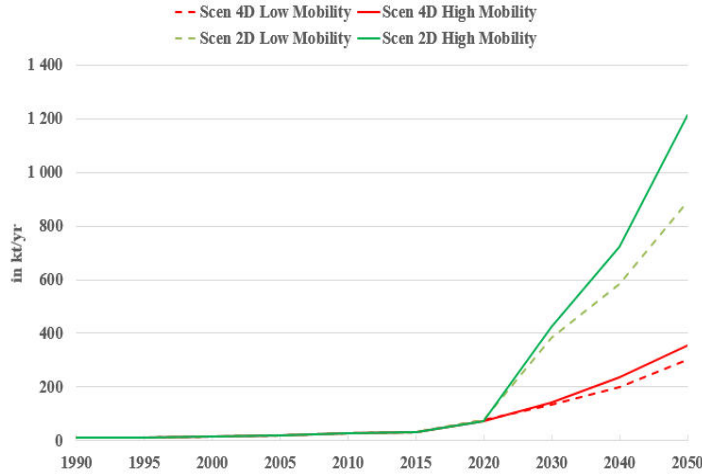
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## RESULTS: EVOLUTION OF THE GLOBAL VEHICLE STOCK BETWEEN 2005-2050

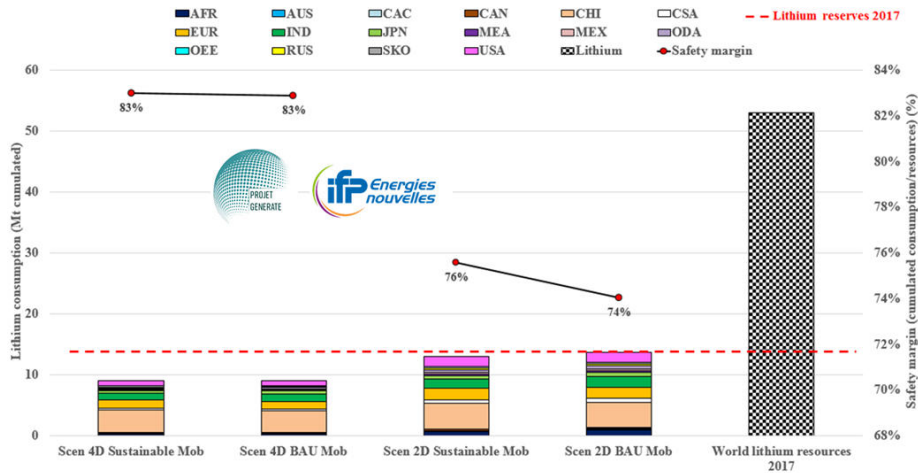


## EVOLUTION OF LITHIUM DEMAND FROM 1990 TO 2050 (HISTORICAL DATA UNTIL 2016)



## IMPACT OF THE GLOBAL EV EVOLUTION ON THE LITHIUM DEMAND

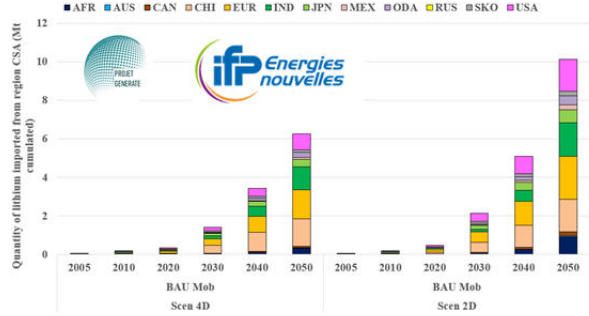
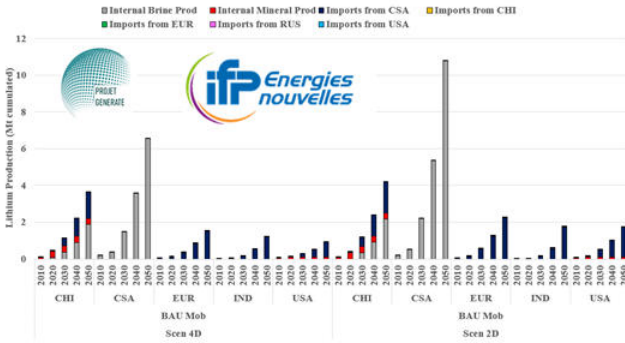
Comparison between the cumulated lithium consumption (2005-2050) and the world lithium resources in 2017



## LITHIUM TRADE

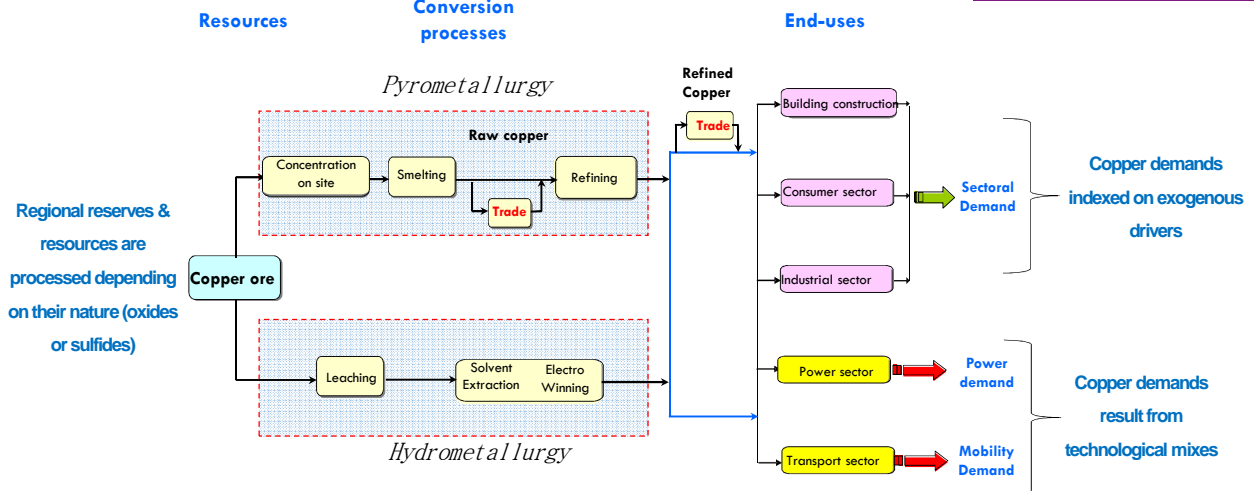
Internal production and imports in five major regions: China (CHI), Central and South America (CSA), India (IND), Europe (EUR) and United States of America (USA)

Profile of regionalized lithium imports from the Central and South America (CSA) region



## THE COPPER SUPPLY CHAIN IN THE TIAM MODEL

ENERGY MODELLING

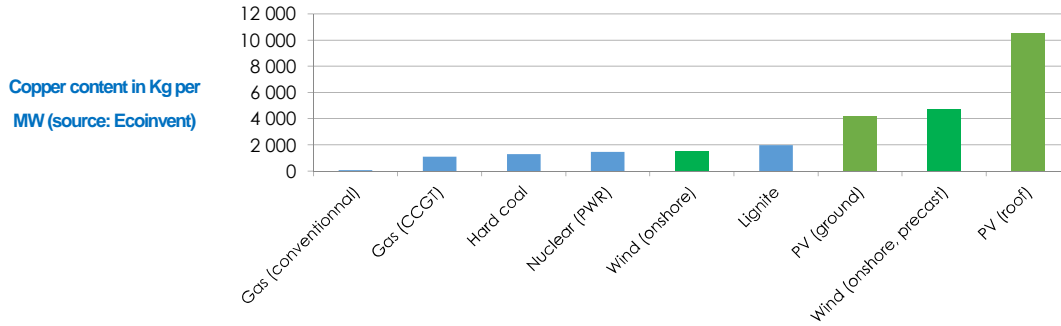


- Ore grades are assumed to be constant over time.

## COPPER IN THE ENERGY TRANSITION CONTEXT

INTRODUCTION

- Copper is widely used in the production of a broad set of low-carbon technologies.



- Copper availability can impede the diffusion of building-mounted solar PV technologies.
  - Cu contents range from 10 to 14,5 tons per MW (estimates for 16 building-mounted PV installations).
- Wind power turbines with precast concrete towers have a much more higher copper content than conventional turbines.
- They are expected to be widely used as they allow reaching higher installed capacity per turbine.

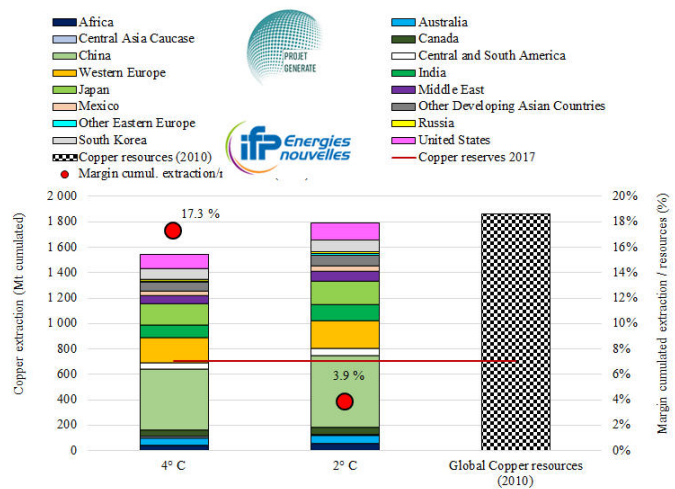


## IMPACT OF THE ENERGY TRANSITION ON COPPER CONSUMPTION: 4°C VS. 2°C

RESULTS

- The energy transition decreases by around 15 points the available copper resources in 2050.
- Copper reserves need to be multiplied by 2,7 between 2010 and 2050 in a 2°C scenario.
- It is plausible compared to the historical evolution of copper reserves (2,25-fold between 1996 and 2015)

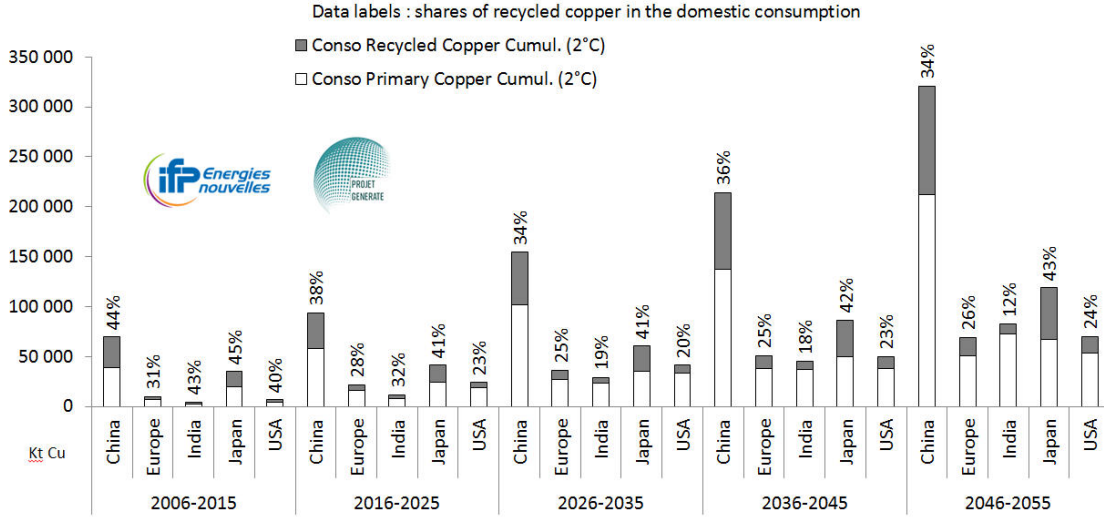
- Vulnerabilities: Water, production strategy





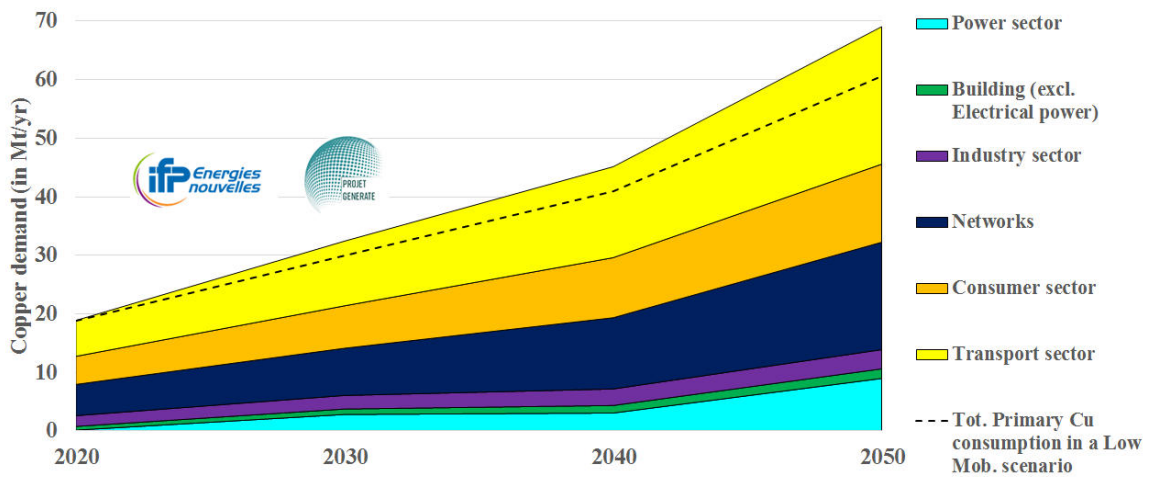
## RECYCLING ISSUE

RESULTS



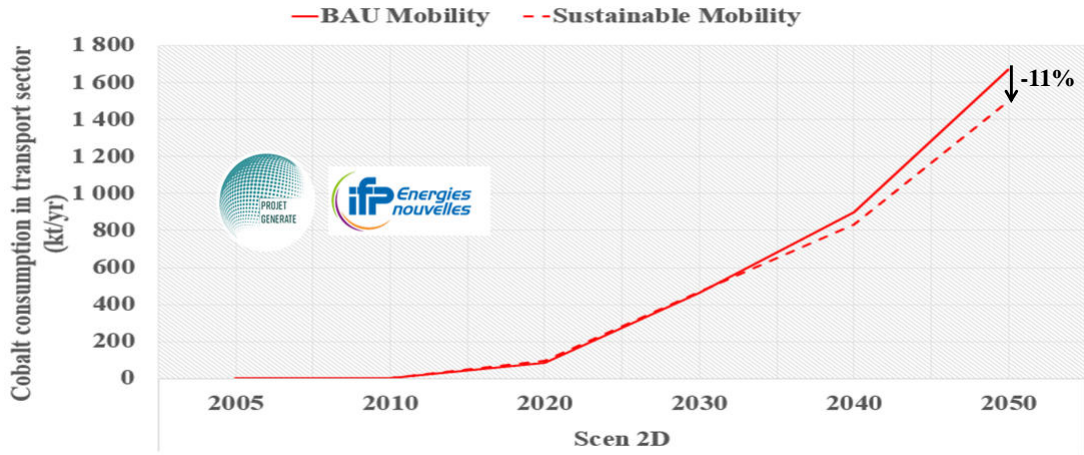
## SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY IS A KEY ISSUE

RESULTS



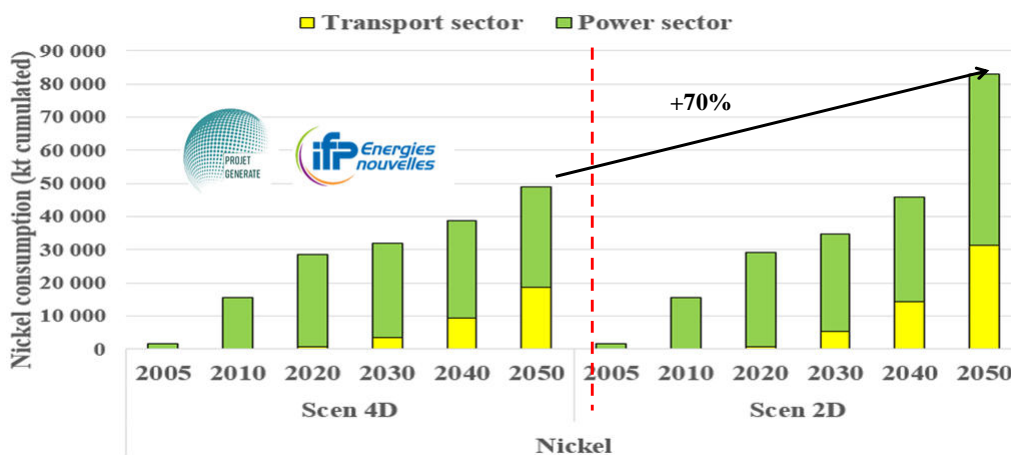
## COBALT CONSUMPTION

RESULTS



## NICKEL CONSUMPTION

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## CONCLUSION

- ✓ The scenarios developed in this article tend to show that energy transition dynamic could lead to a decrease in the metal safety margin in the 2°C, the most stringent climate scenario, and an hyper mobility.
- ✓ Long-term equilibrium dynamics in commodity markets tell us that the absence of geological criticality of reserves and resources does not hide different forms of vulnerability, whether economic, industrial, geopolitical or environmental
- ✓ Structural metals versus strategic metals
- ✓ Public Policy is a key issue
  - ✓ Recycling
  - ✓ Sustainable Mobility

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