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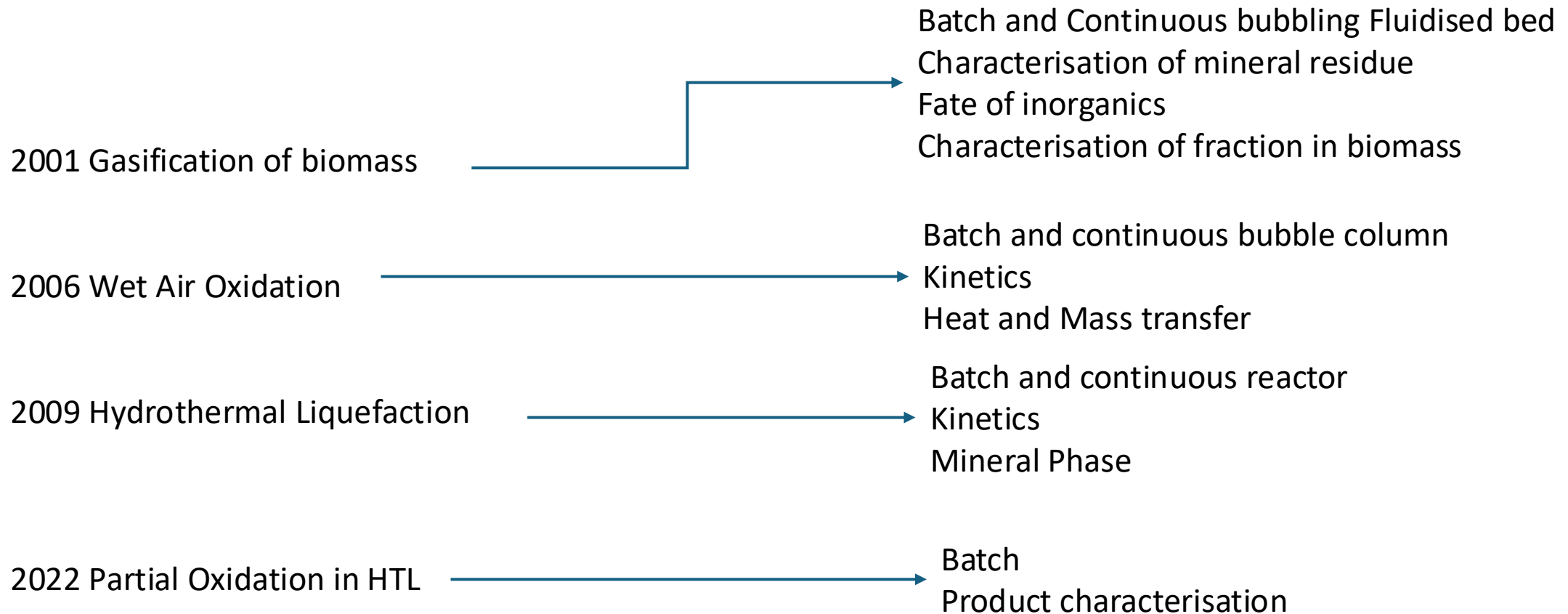
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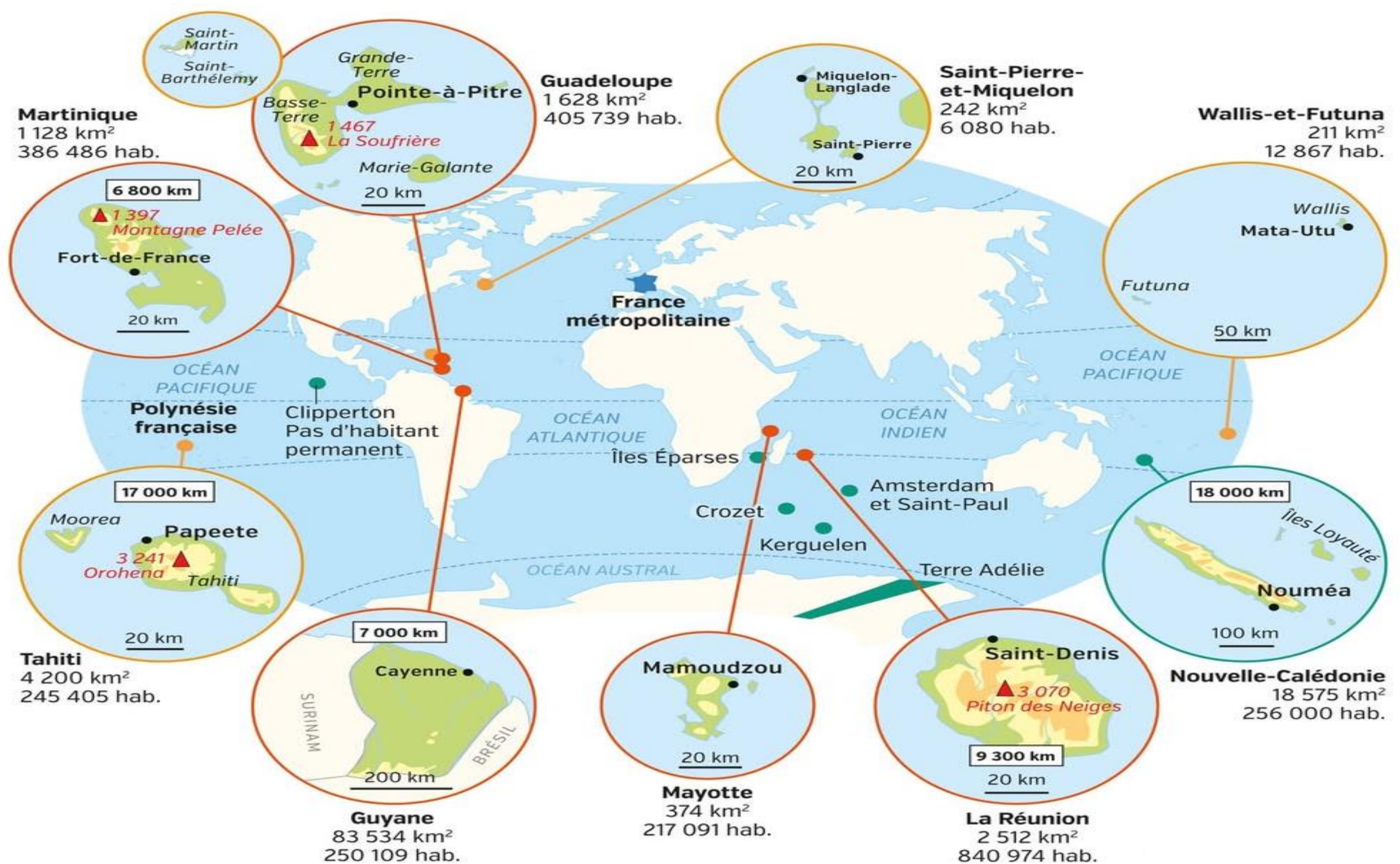
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Polynésie française

(Le territoire de la Polynésie française s'étend sur une superficie maritime de 5 millions de km², soit la taille de l'Europe.)

Les îles Marquises

Les Îles de la Société

1,371 km
(852 mi)

Wallis-et-Futuna

15,802 km
(9,819 mi)

Nouvelle-Calédonie

16,136 km
(10,026 mi)

Saint-Pierre et Saint-Martin et Saint-Barthélemy



3,787 km
(2,353 mi)

6,184 km
(3,842 mi)



6,200 km
(3,853 mi)



6,300 km
(3,915 mi)

Guyane française



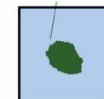
6,512 km
(4,047 mi)

Important : Cette carte ne montre pas toutes les parties de la France, il manque plusieurs petits territoires comme : les îles Éparses , Bassas da India, Europa, îles Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Tromelin , l'Île de La Passion, Terre Adélie et Nouvelle-Amsterdam.



7,025 km
(4,365 mi)

Réunion



8,374 km
(5,304 mi)

10,503 km
(6,257 mi)

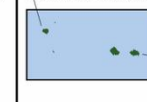
Terres australes et antarctiques françaises

Saint-Paul-et-Amsterdam



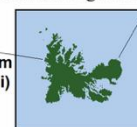
1,279 km
(795 mi)

Les îles Crozet



1,263 km
(785 mi)

Les îles Kerguelen



400 km (250 miles)

Overview of biomass and organic waste in France

Public policy :

Since 2015 : « Energy Transition for Green Growth Act » (LTECV)

Public Policy lead by the ADEME ("French Agency for Ecological Transition")

(DENA in Germany, DOE in the US, DEA in Denmark...)

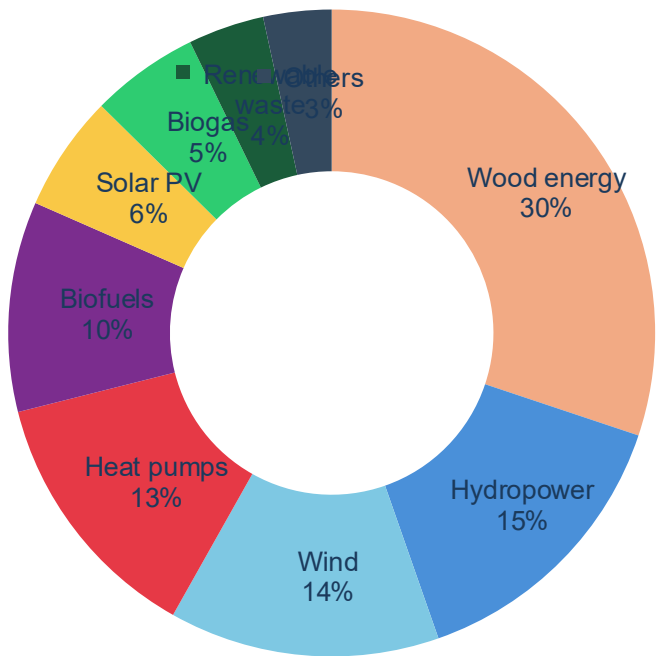
ADEME helps to have the picture to set the final destination (“carbon neutrality in 2050”)

But not the road to use to go up to 22 Mtoe of gas (~60%?) and liquid fuel (~40%?)

Actual Use and Potential

Renewable Energy in France (2023)

Primary energy consumption: 33.4 Mtoe



Source	%	Mtoe
Wood energy	30.1	10.04
Hydropower	14.5	4.84
Wind	13.5	4.50
Heat pumps	12.9	4.30
Biofuels	10.5	3.50
Solar PV	5.8	1.93
Biogas	5.4	1.80
Renewable waste	3.8	1.27
Others	3.4	1.13
TOTAL	(~50%) 100.0	~16 33.36

For comparison :
55 nuclear reactors produces 84 Mtoe primary energy
(28 Mtoe of electricity)

KEY RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Most players meet in
GDR Thermobio

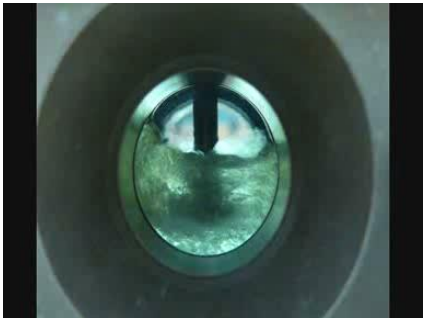


M2P2 Aix en Provence

Continuous reactor (6L/h), Multi injection system (including solids)

Calorimetry for high pressure

Batch reactors with cells and without



LRGP Nancy

Pyrolysis since 1970's. Lédé & Villiermaux were pioneers on the concepts of ablative pyrolysis, cyclone pyrolysis reactor and on the study of the softening behaviours of biomass upon pyrolysis.

Various reactors: fluidized, fixed, stirred, screw... at different scales: from g to kg scale. We operate the reactors from vacuum to 150 Bar.

Heat transfers from reactors to biomass particles, mass transfers and hydrodynamics, and kinetics.
Various analytical techniques notably: on-line mass spectroscopy, (in-situ) NMR of bio-oil and chars, GC/MS, etc.

Reflux (like a "distillation" packed bed) is of high interest to control the molecular weight of liquids from plastics pyrolysis (to convert waxes to liquids).

Softening and charring behaviours of various biomasses for the first time by in-situ rheology and in-situ NMR.



CIRAD Montpellier

(International Centre for Agricultural Research for Development)

- Actively involved in pyrolysis research for over 40 years.
- Recognized expertise in bio-oil analysis.
- Members, (some abroad) with expertise in fixed-bed reactors operating under autothermal or allothermal conditions and fluidized bed
- 600 m² experimental platform. lab-scale pyrolysis reactors for batch experiments (ranging from a few milligrams to 20 grams of biomass), as well as pilot-scale reactors capable of processing up to 10 kilograms of biomass in batch or continuous mode.
- A dedicated characterization laboratory supports detailed analysis of charcoal properties and bio-oil composition. Both laboratory and pilot reactors are also equipped to perform char activation.
- mobile sampling system allowing on-site measurements



GEPEA Nantes

- Continuous Hydrothermal liquefaction Pilot
- Microalgae recator

CEA² Liten - Grenoble

HTL. directly linked to Microalgae culture

Continuous reactor : 0,5 L; 2-3 L/h; RPA (300 rpm)

Technical and economical evaluation



RAPSODEE Albi

- Rotating Reactor : Up to 10 kg/h of biomass in pellet form, up to 900°C under different atmospheres, Residence time and solid/gas/wall contact can be adjusted



Liquéfaction :

Batch reactors of 5 mL and 500 mL
 $250^{\circ}\text{C} < T < 600^{\circ}\text{C}$, $P < 400 \text{ bar}$



- Small scale home made TGA for mechanistic studies

IFPEN- Lyon

- Catalytic hydrolysis (on going with very few information right now)
- Development of catalyst for many applications and patented processes for biomolecules as BioTcaT with their commercial subsidiary *Axens*

Others :

- Catalysts :

A lot of lab of chemistry are acting in the catalyst development for hydrotreatment

- TOTAL énergies : studying DTL and hydrotreating
- Charcoal producer : use of the liquid fraction (Bordet, Demio)
- Eiffage : Bituminem

Merci



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