

Modeling the transition towards a circular economy: production, collection, and treatment of food waste

Modélisation de la transition vers l'économie circulaire :
production, collecte et traitement des déchets alimentaires

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1. Introduction, Background :

- **PhD Start:** September 2023 
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- **Objective:** Transition toward a circular food system 

Problem



-55%

of food waste in EU happens at household level



- Each year, → more than 10 million tons of food are either lost or wasted in the country and most percentage happened at the consumer level.
- financial cost, → 16 billion euros annually.
- Per capita, this translates to approximately 150 kg of food waste per person each year.

What is the bio-waste?

Biowaste is any waste that can be recycled (valorised) organically.

- In France, around 30% of household waste is bio-waste
 - Large quantities to consider
 - They represent a cost for local authorities



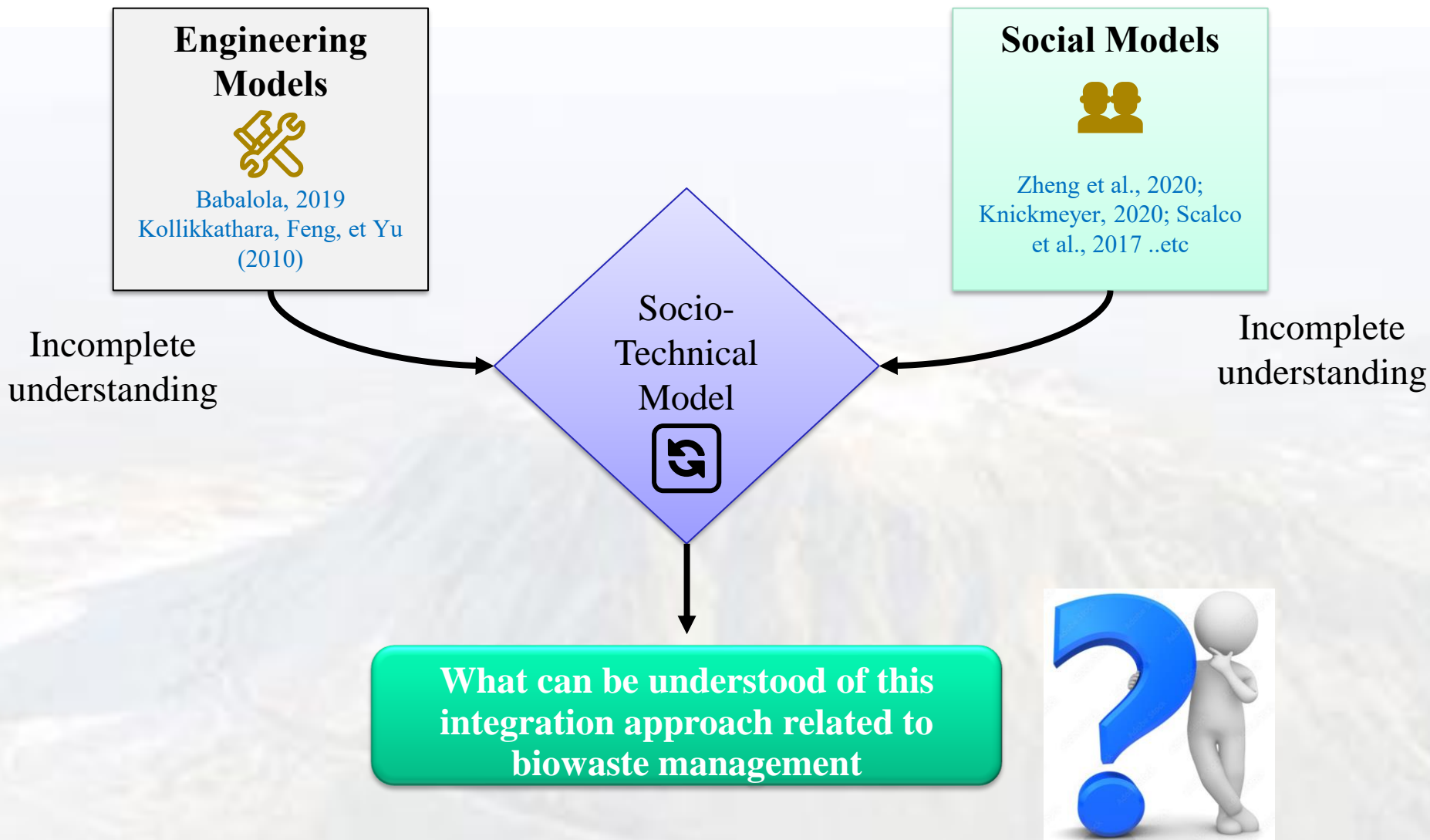
What and how to manage biowaste?

How do human behaviour and infrastructure interact in achieving biowaste policy objectives?

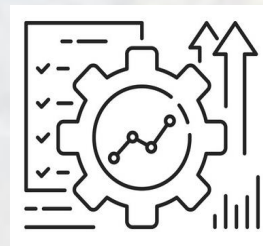
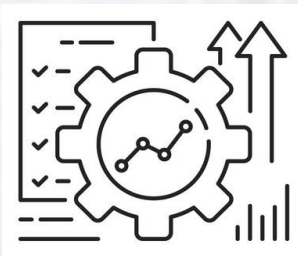
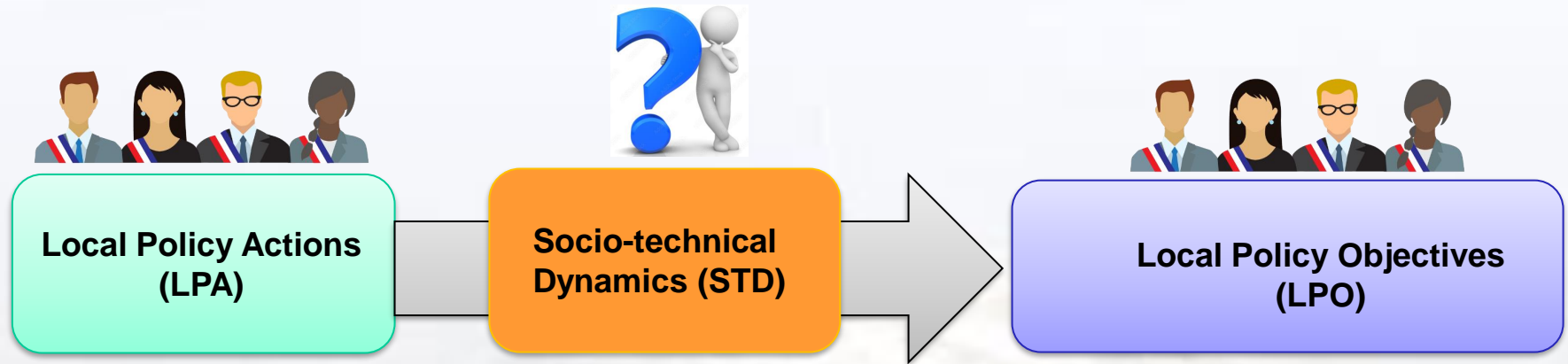
- Biowaste management ➤ Complex system
- System dynamics models ➤ Complex systems over time.
- Developing a system dynamics model



2. Literature Review



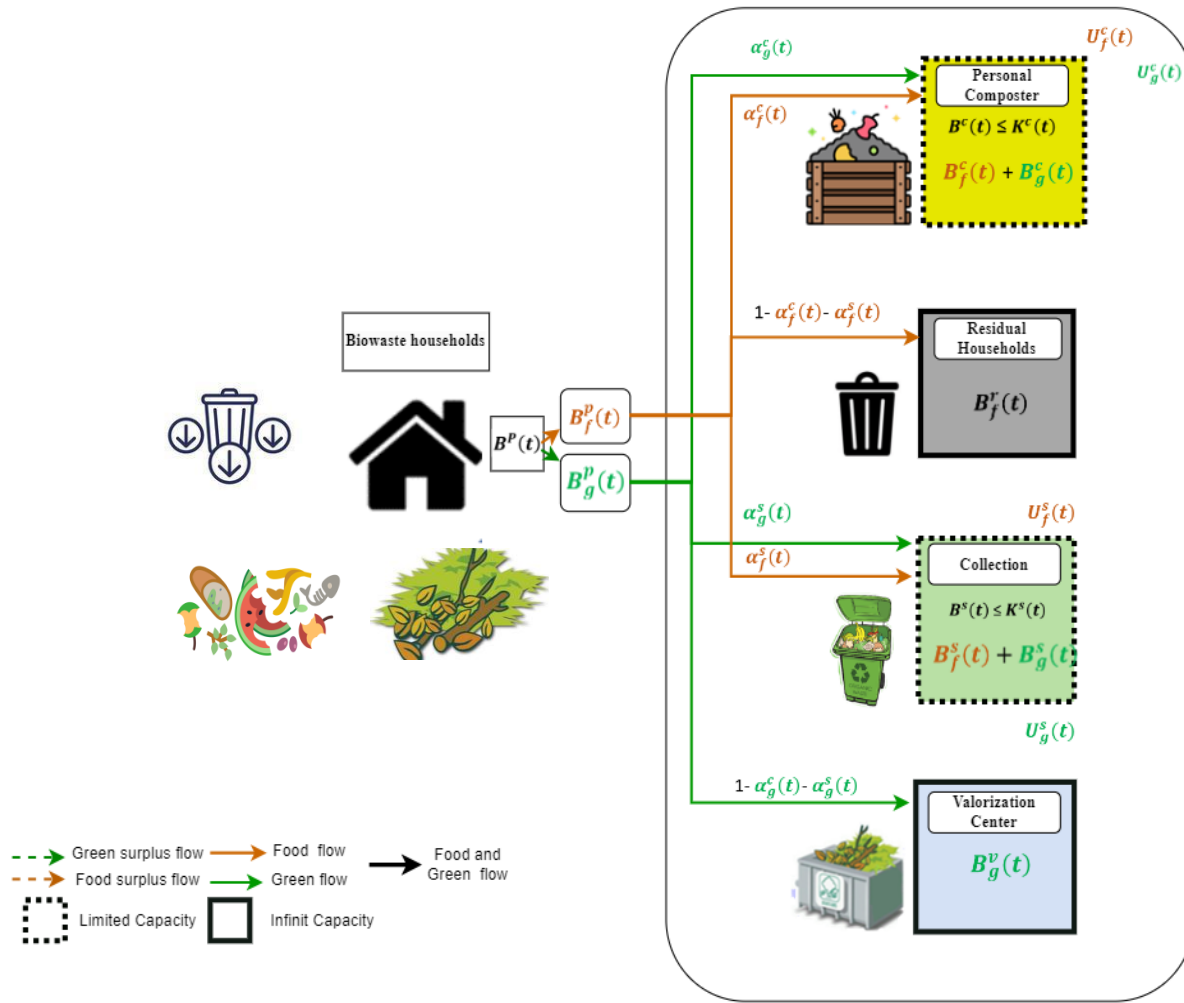
3. Methodology: General approach



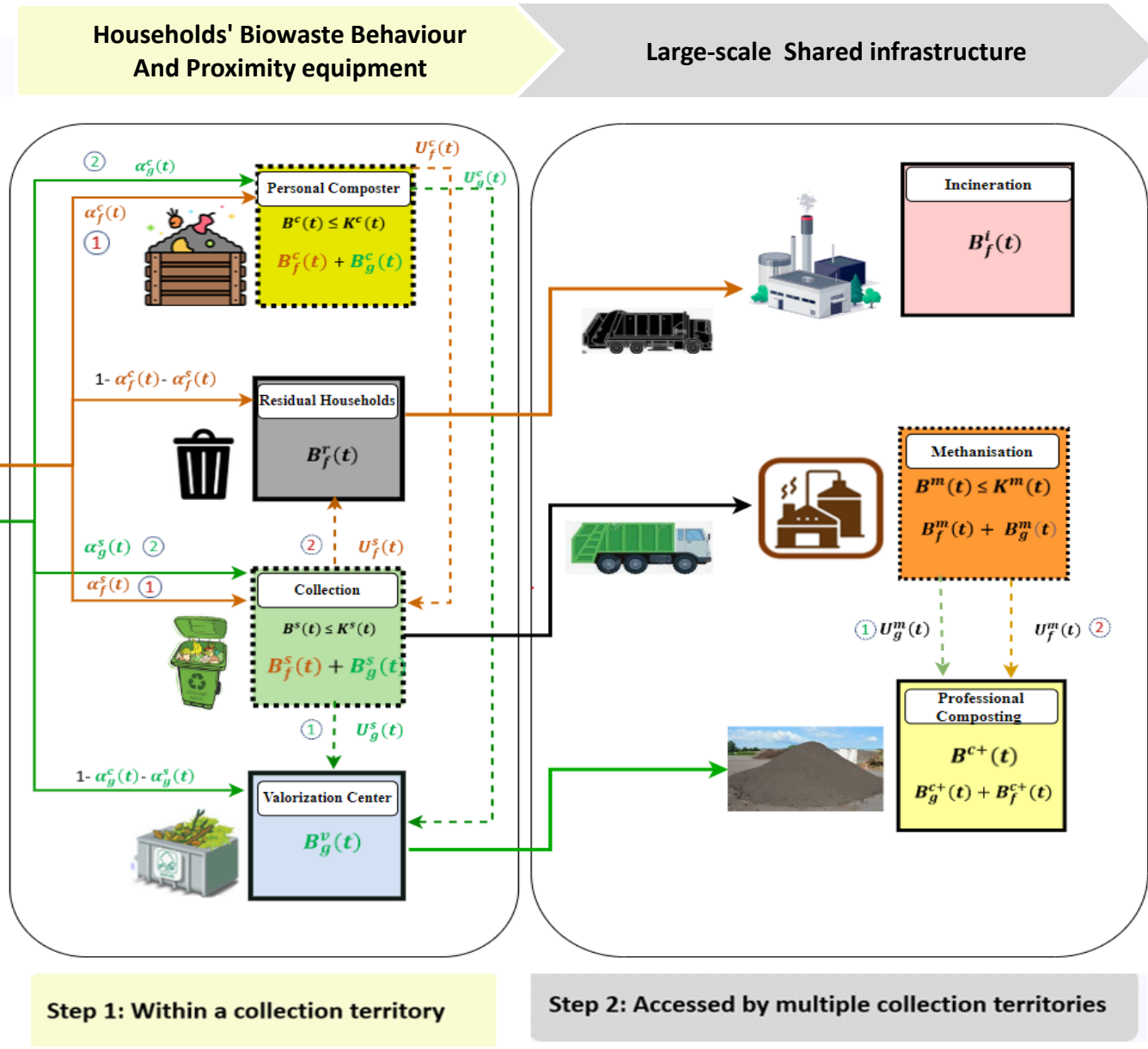
3. Methodology: Model Structure and Dynamics



Households' Biowaste Behaviour And Proximity equipment

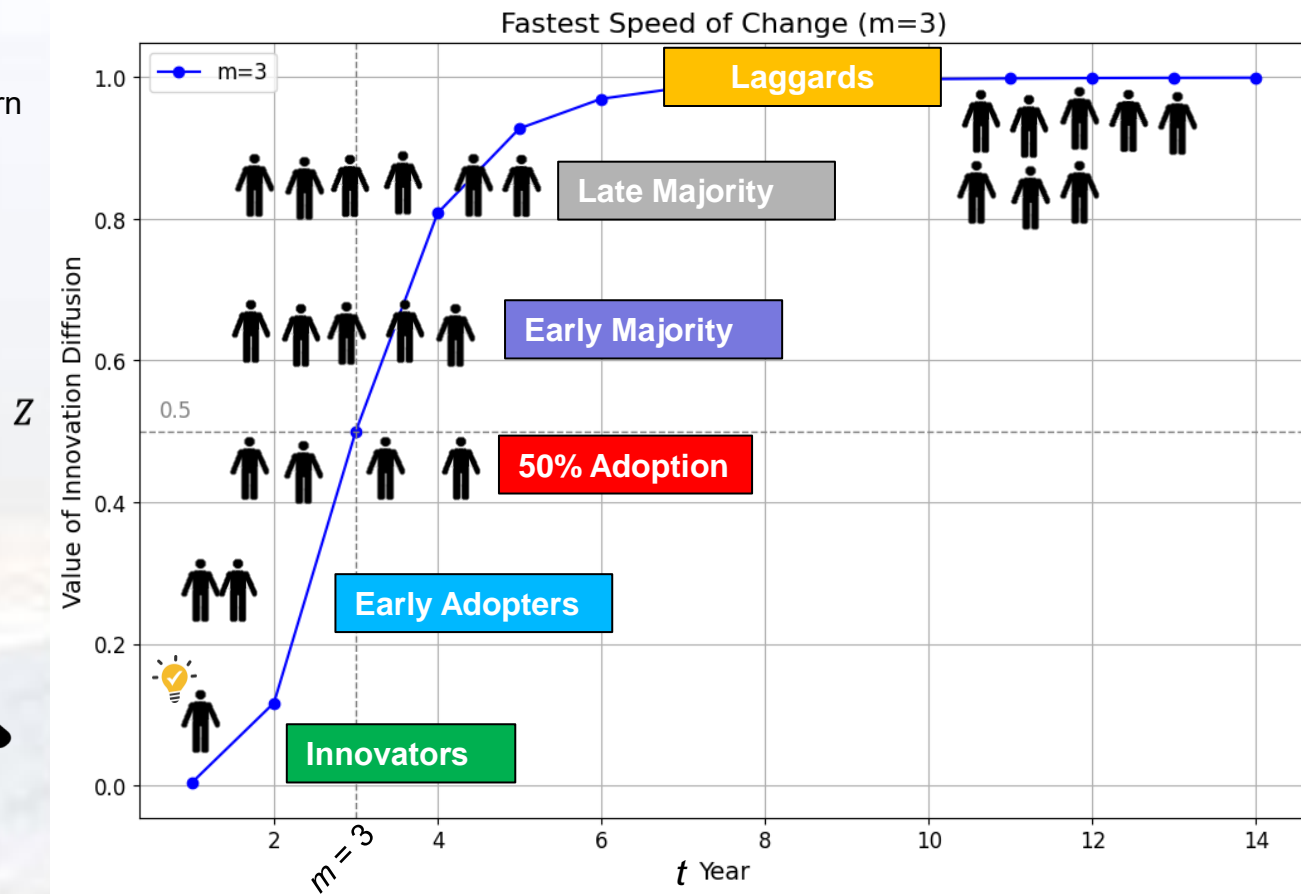


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3. Methodology: The innovation diffusion for modelling households biowaste behavioural changes

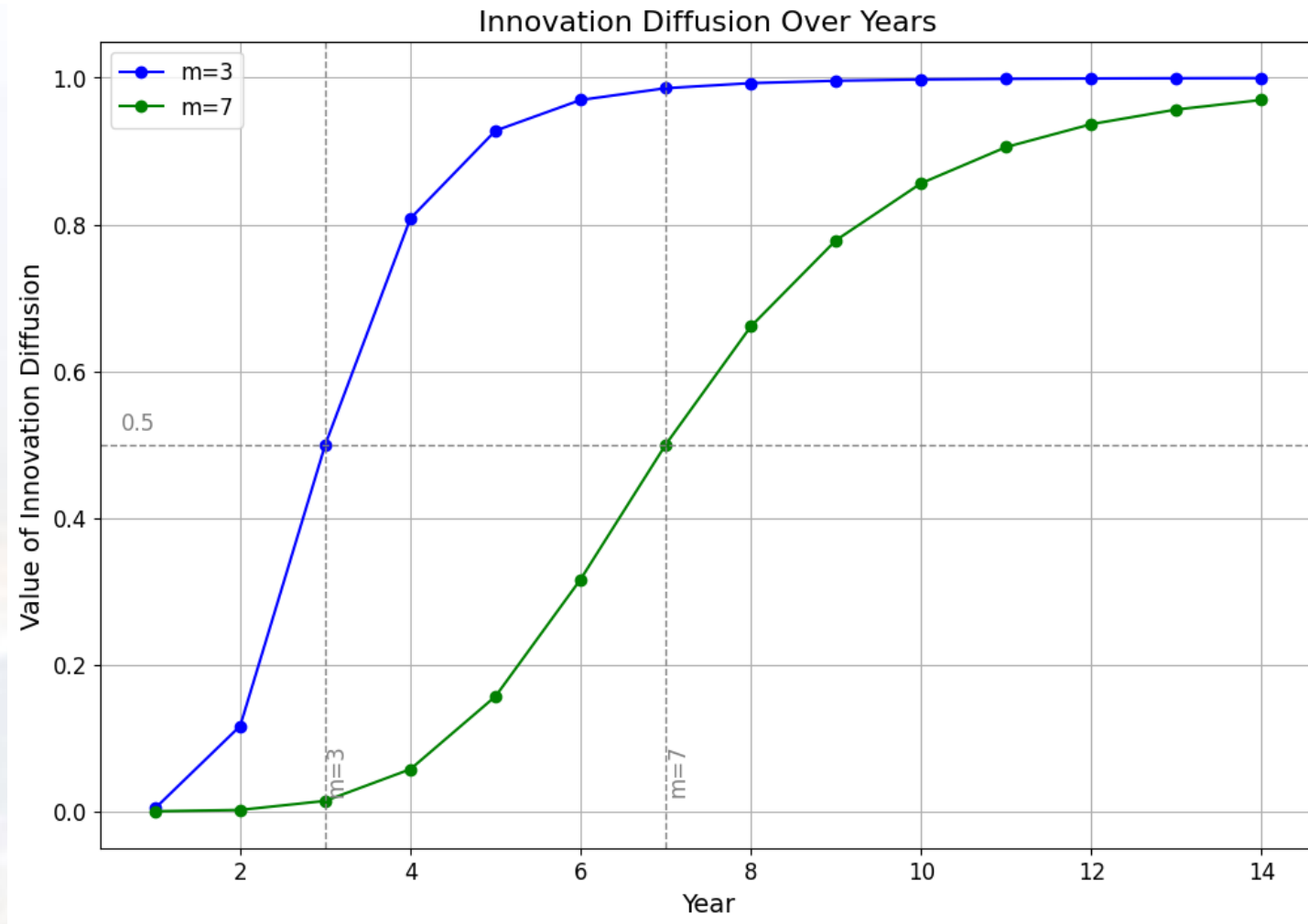
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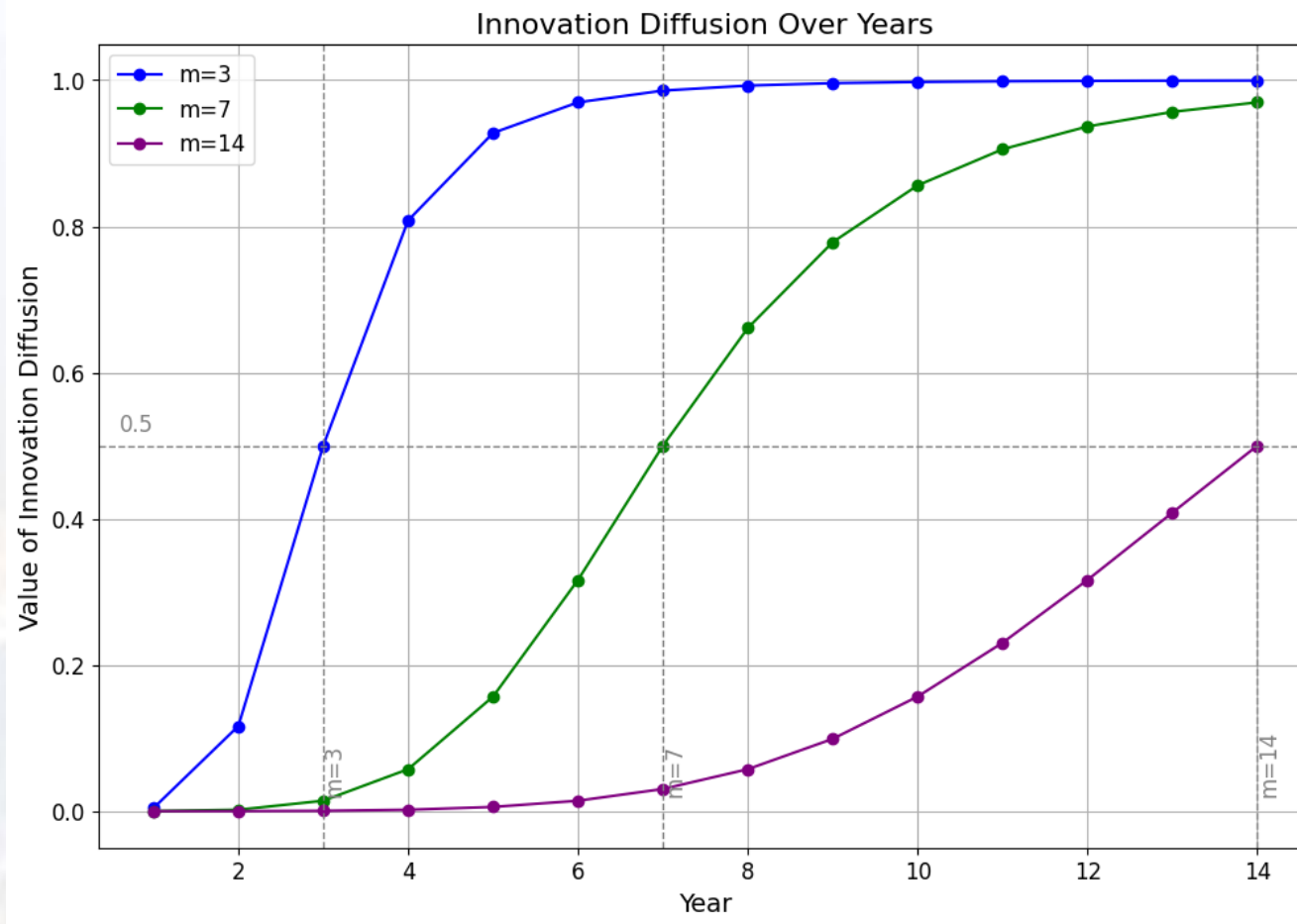
$$Z = \frac{t^5}{(t^5 + m^5)}$$

m: indicating how quickly the population reaches the midpoint of adoption intention.

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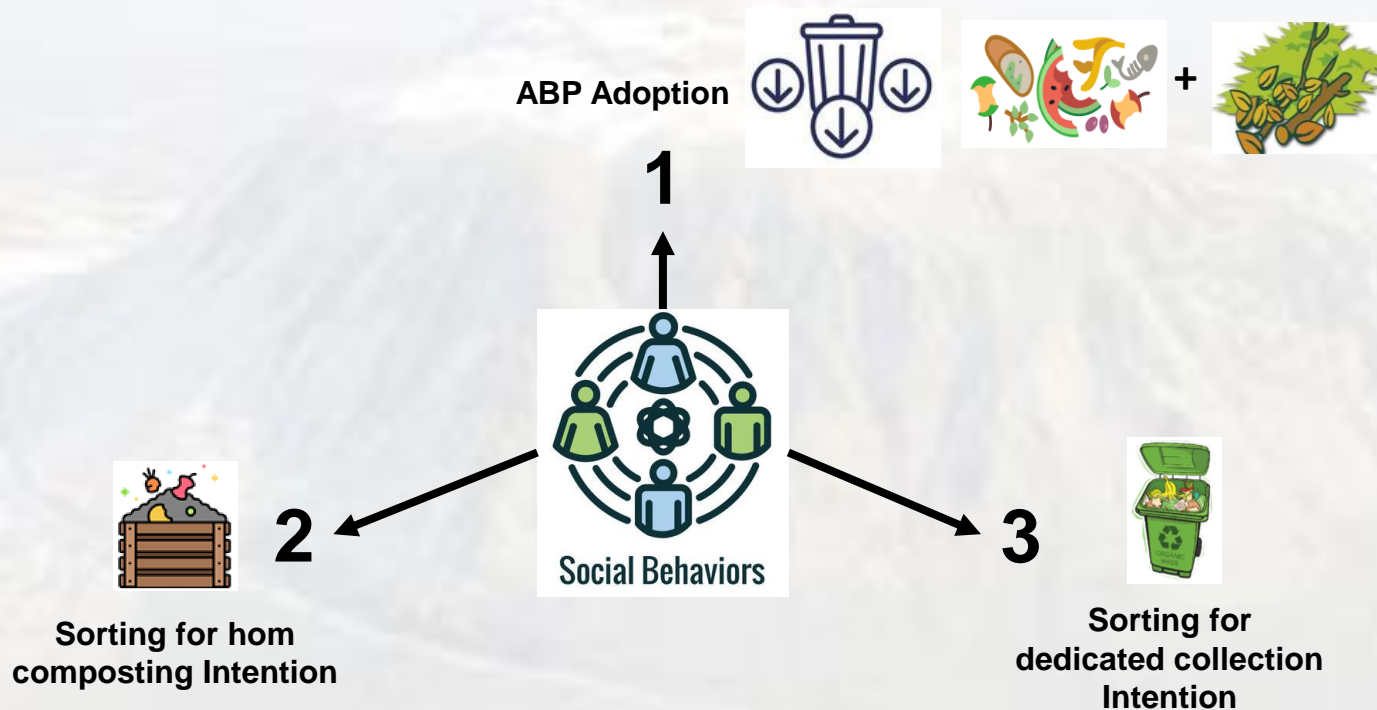


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In our model, we have three social behaviours that can be ruled regarding their speed by m value to represent different aspects of behavioral intentions:



3. Methodology: Changing the capacity of infrastructure according to the local policy action:

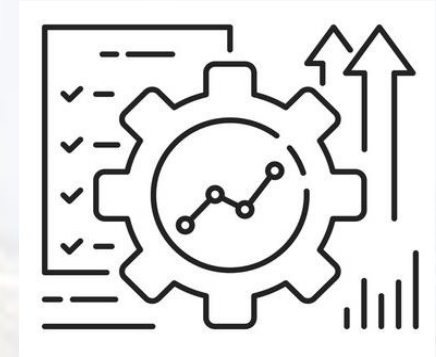
Capacity evolution

Initial Capacity

Planned Capacity

Linear function

$$K(t) = K(0) + (a(\tau) - K(0)) \frac{t}{d}$$



collection

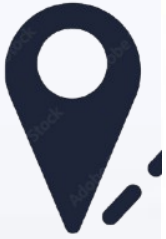


Compostage local



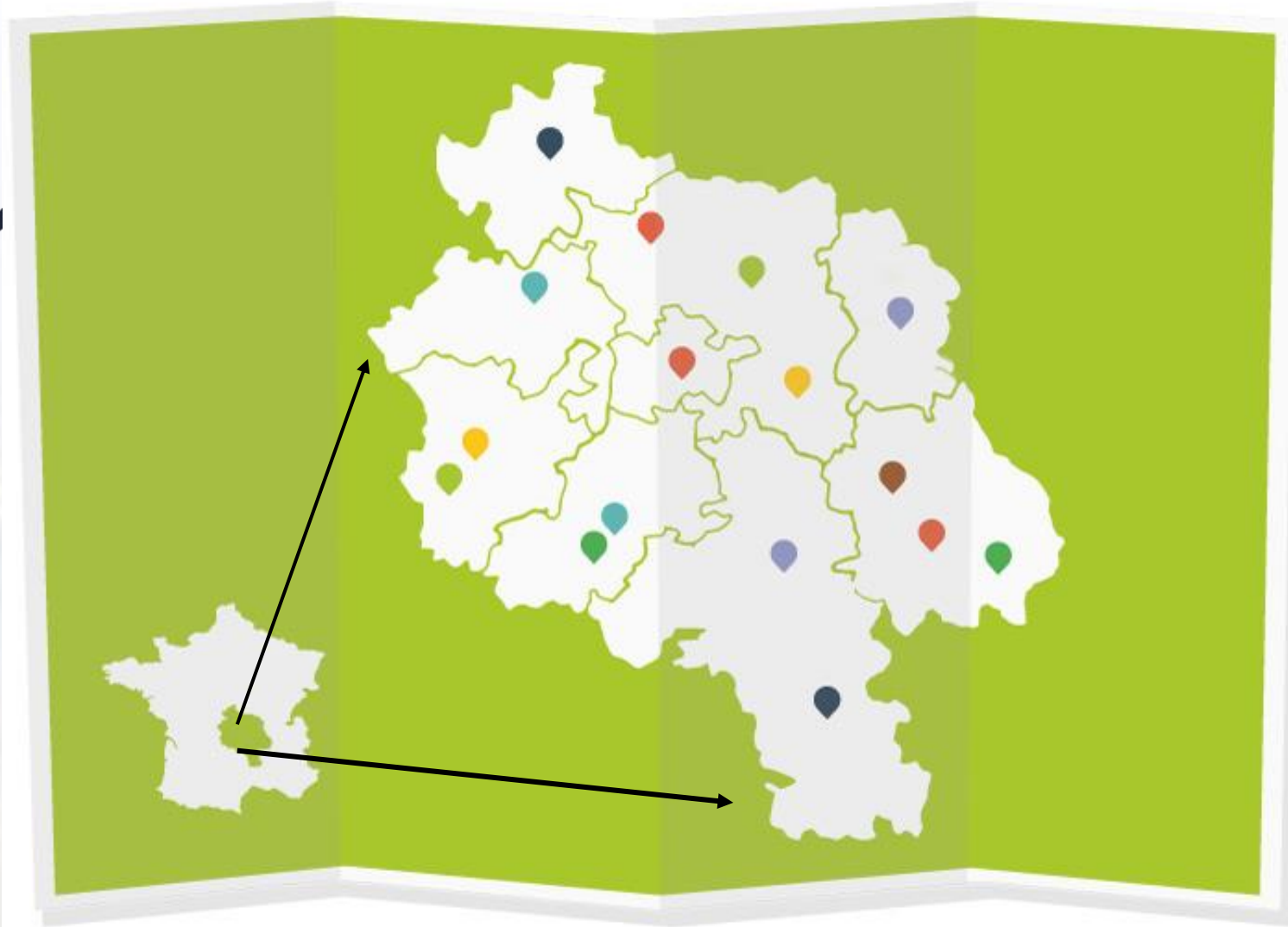
Méthanisation

3. Methodology : The use case of Valtom territory:



Puy-de-Dôme

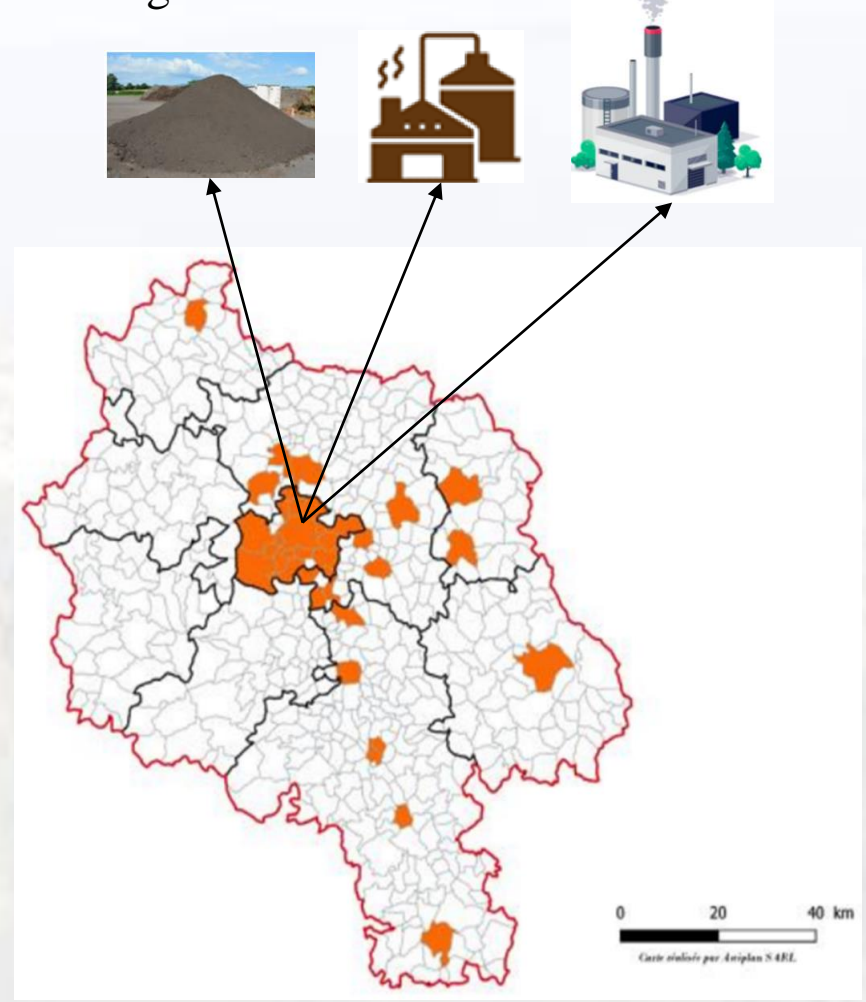
Northern Haute-Loire departments



3. Methodology: Nine collection territories in Puy-de-Dôme and northern Haute-Loire departments

Small-scale (proximity equipment)

Large-scale Shared infrastructure



700 000

9 collection territory 2 of them provided with collection infrastructure

3. Methodology : 4 Policy objectives for 2024



1. Reducing food waste in residual households by 50%.

$$\sum_{j=1}^n B_{f,j}^r(2024) \leq 0.50 \sum_{j=1}^n B_{f,j}^r(2017)$$



2. Reducing green waste in valorization centers by 12%.

$$\sum_{j=1}^n B_{g,j}^v(2024) \leq 0.88 \sum_{j=1}^n B_{g,j}^v(2017)$$



3. Increasing digested food waste in methanization units to at least 5,700 tons.

$$B_f^m(2024) \geq 5700 \text{ tons}$$

4. Increasing total biowaste in methanization units to at least 12,000 tons.

$$B^m(2024) \geq 12000 \text{ tons}$$



3. Methodology : Initialization and Parameterization

Collection territories	Demographic parameters		Initial per capita waste production in Kg/year		The initial intention expressed in % (composting and Sorting)				Infrastructure capacities (composter and Collection)	
	P	r	b_g^p	b_f^p	α_g^c	α_f^c	α_g^s	α_f^s	K^c	K^s

SBA

CAM

TDM

ALF

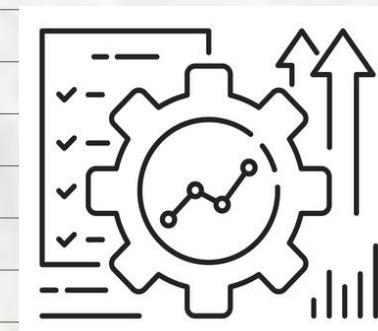
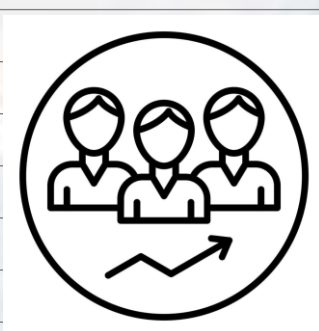
SCZ

SIB

SCB

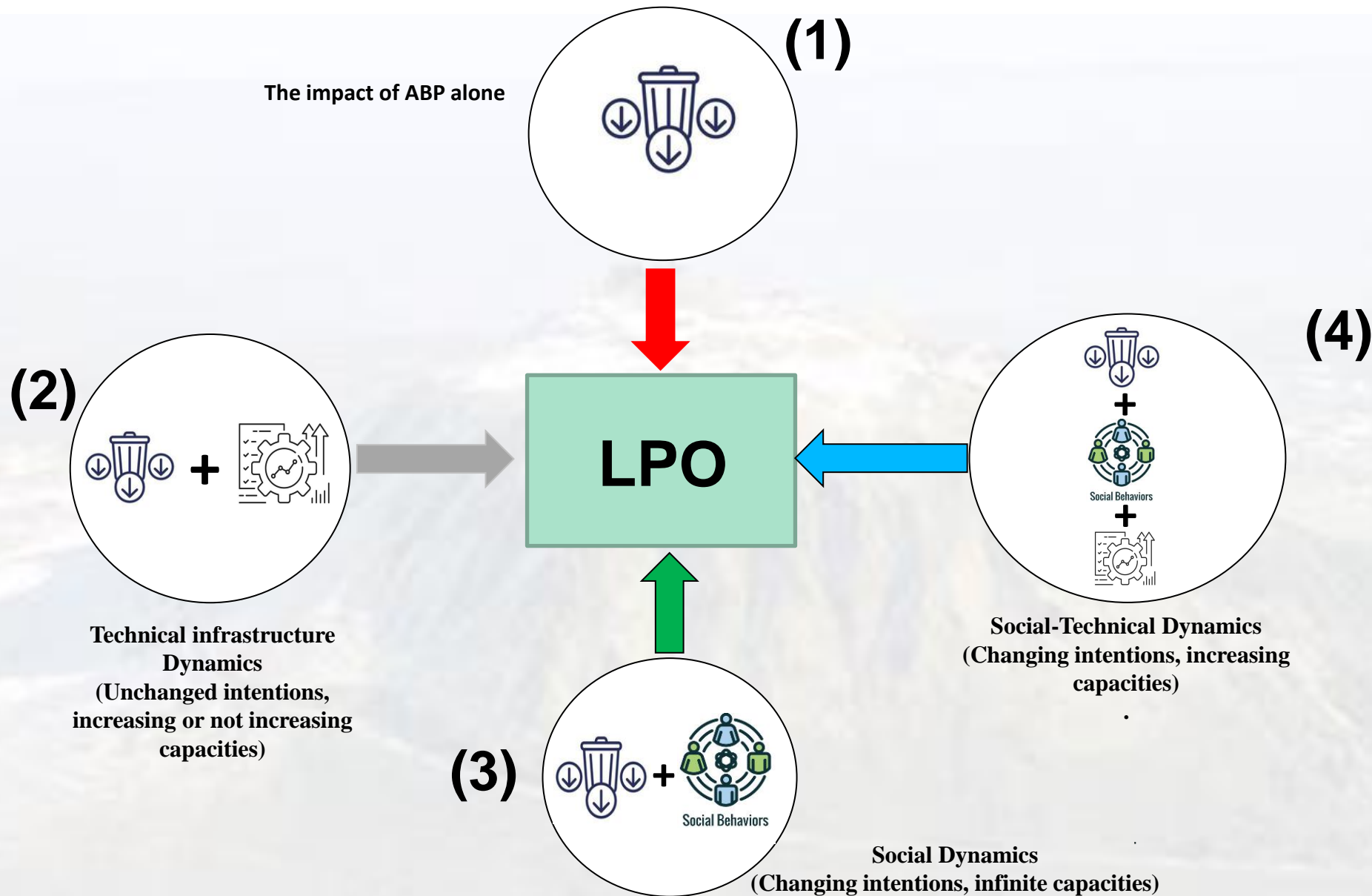
SDC

SHD




3. Methodology : The fixed parameters are

Collection territories Anti-biowaste characteristics	Anti-biowaste production ABP		
	Policy action of food reduction's values	Policy action of green reduction's values	Intention diffusion half-time (green and food) years
	a_f^p	a_g^p	m_f^p & m_g^p
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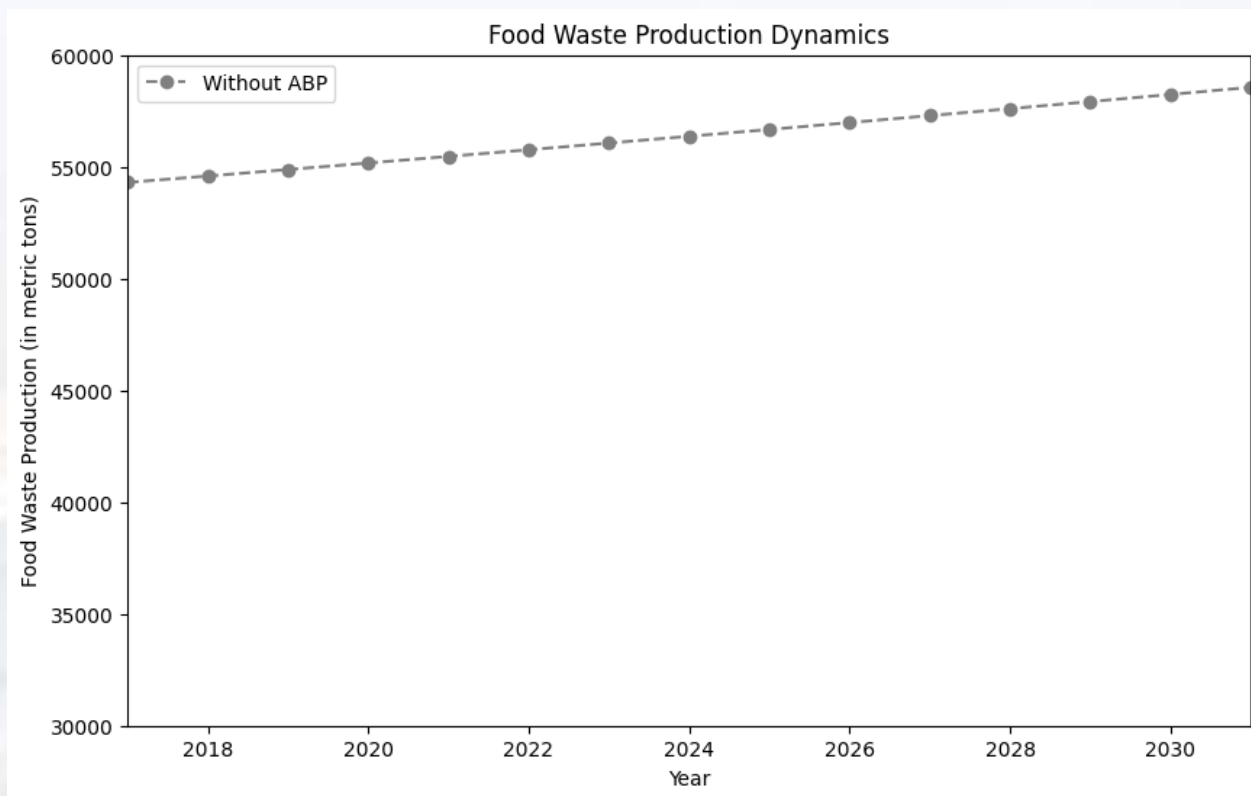


4. Results: The impact of ABP alone

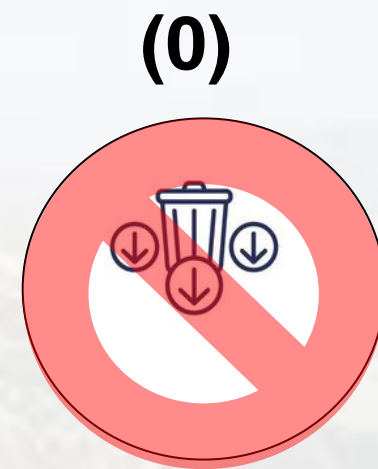
Biowaste households



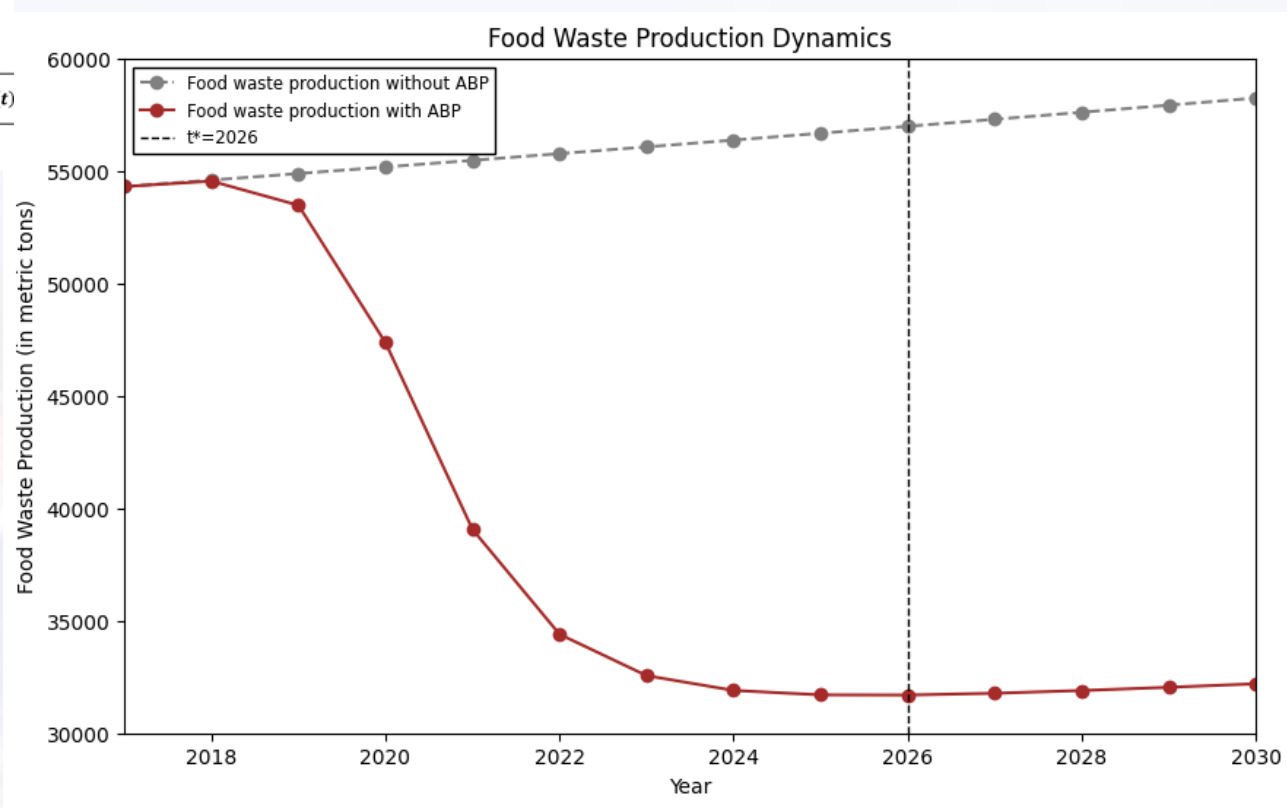
$B^p(t)$



(a) food waste dynamics



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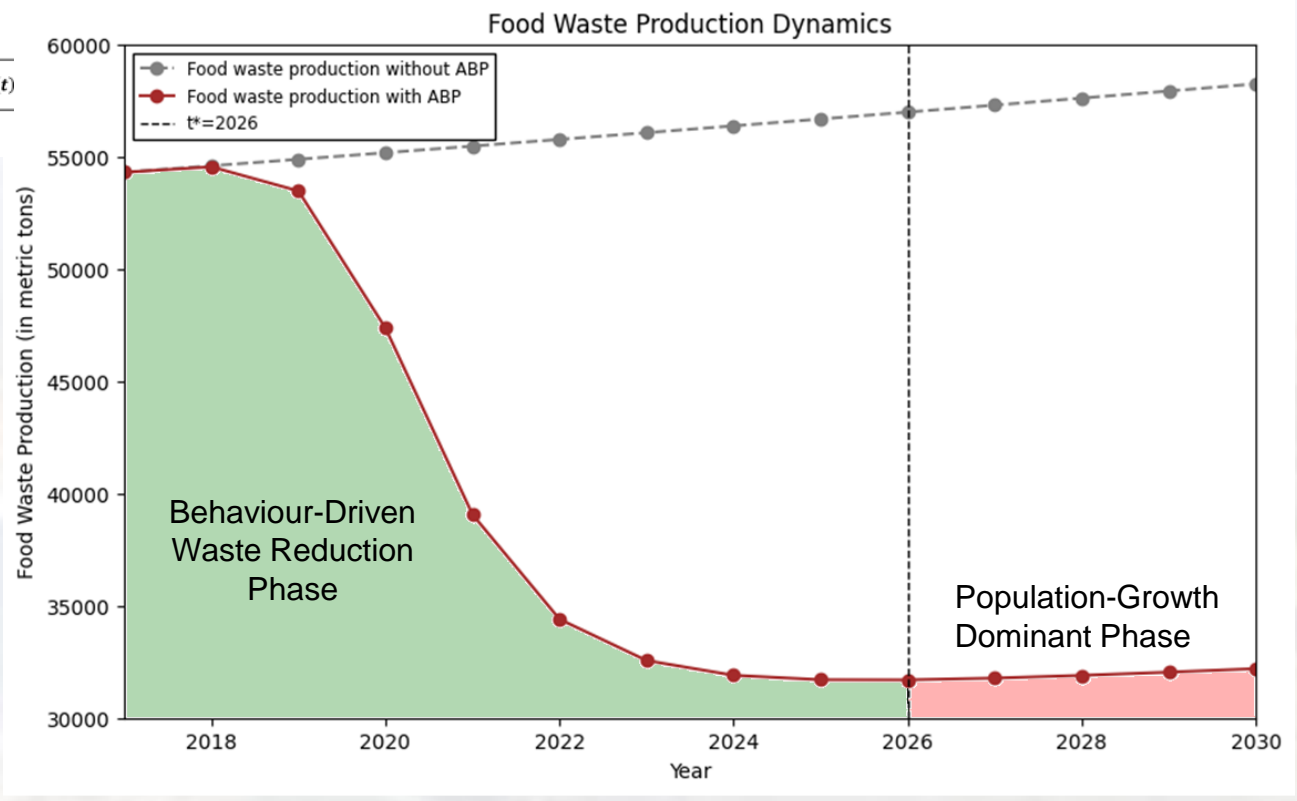
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Bio-waste households



Change of behaviour > population growth

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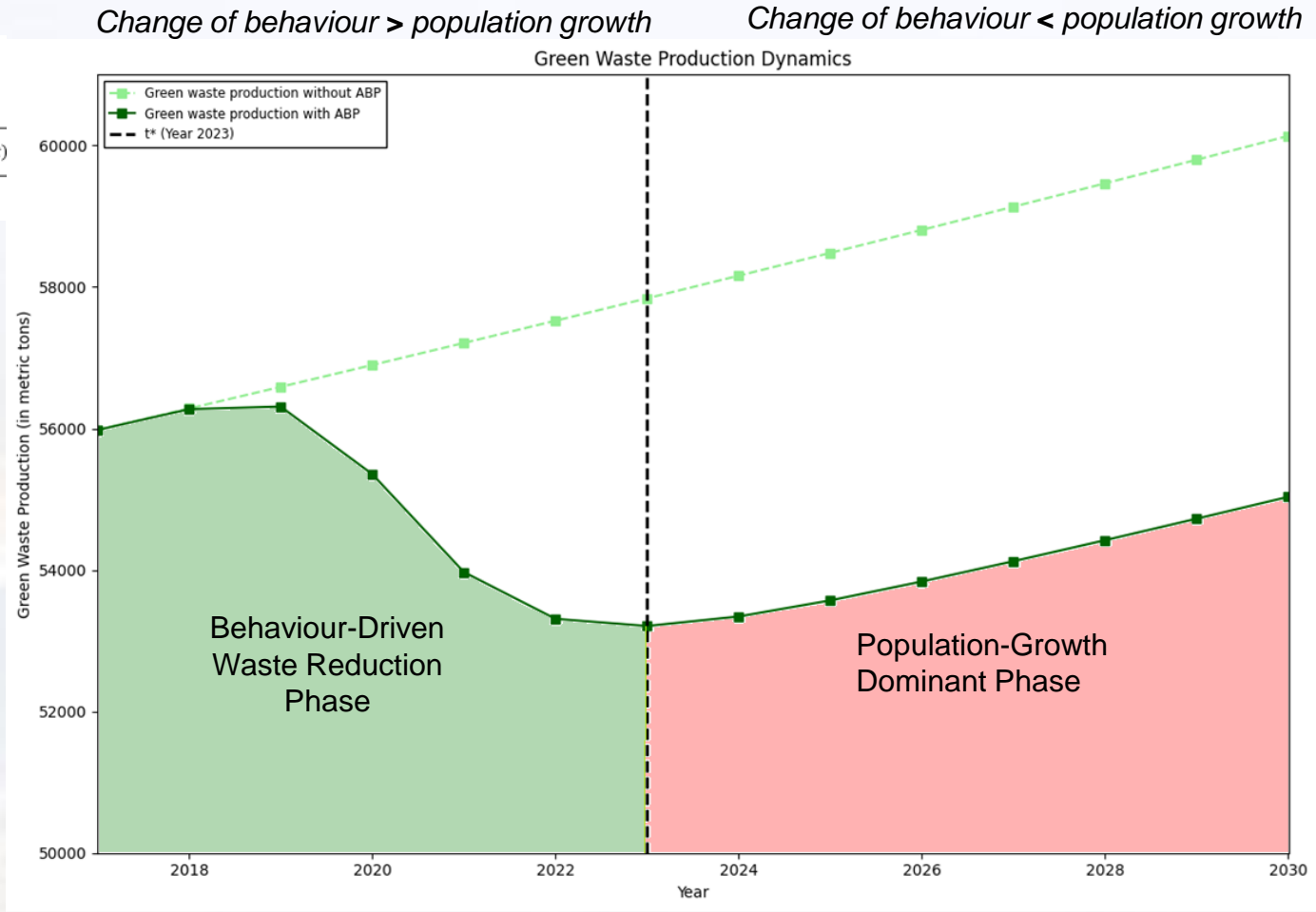
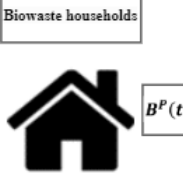


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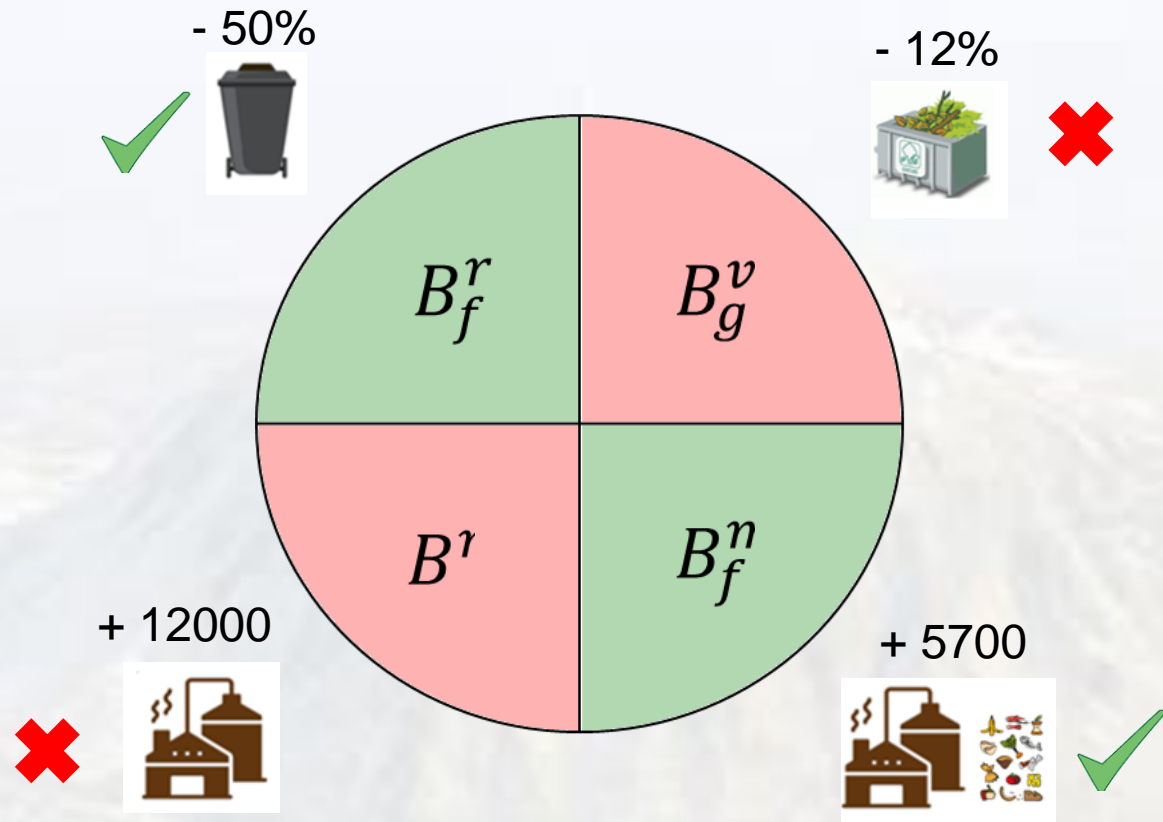
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(b) green waste dynamics

4. Results: Influence of social dynamics: exploring behaviour change without infrastructure limitations

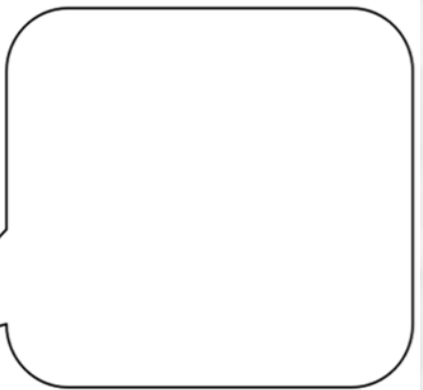
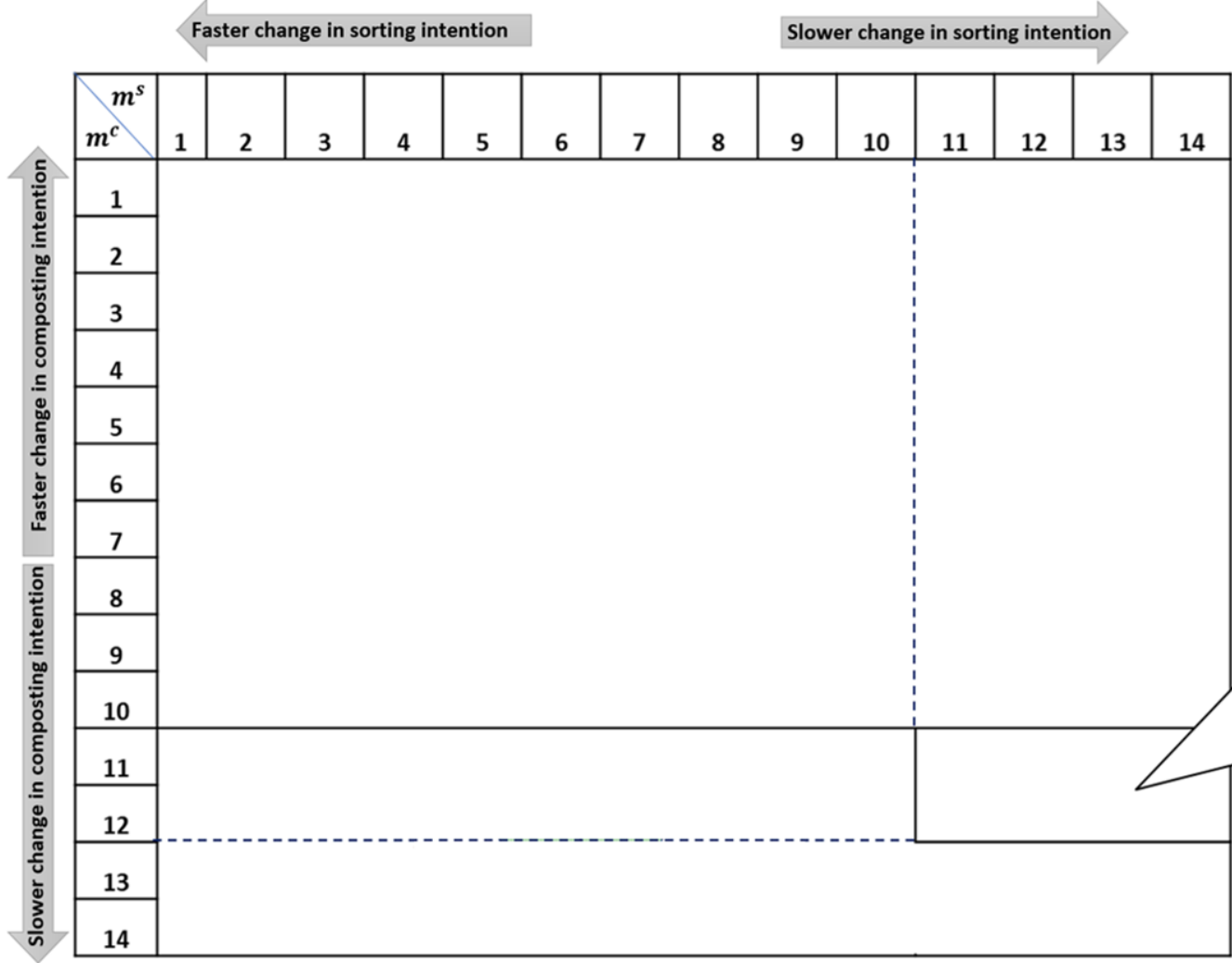


Two LPOs are achieved (green colour)

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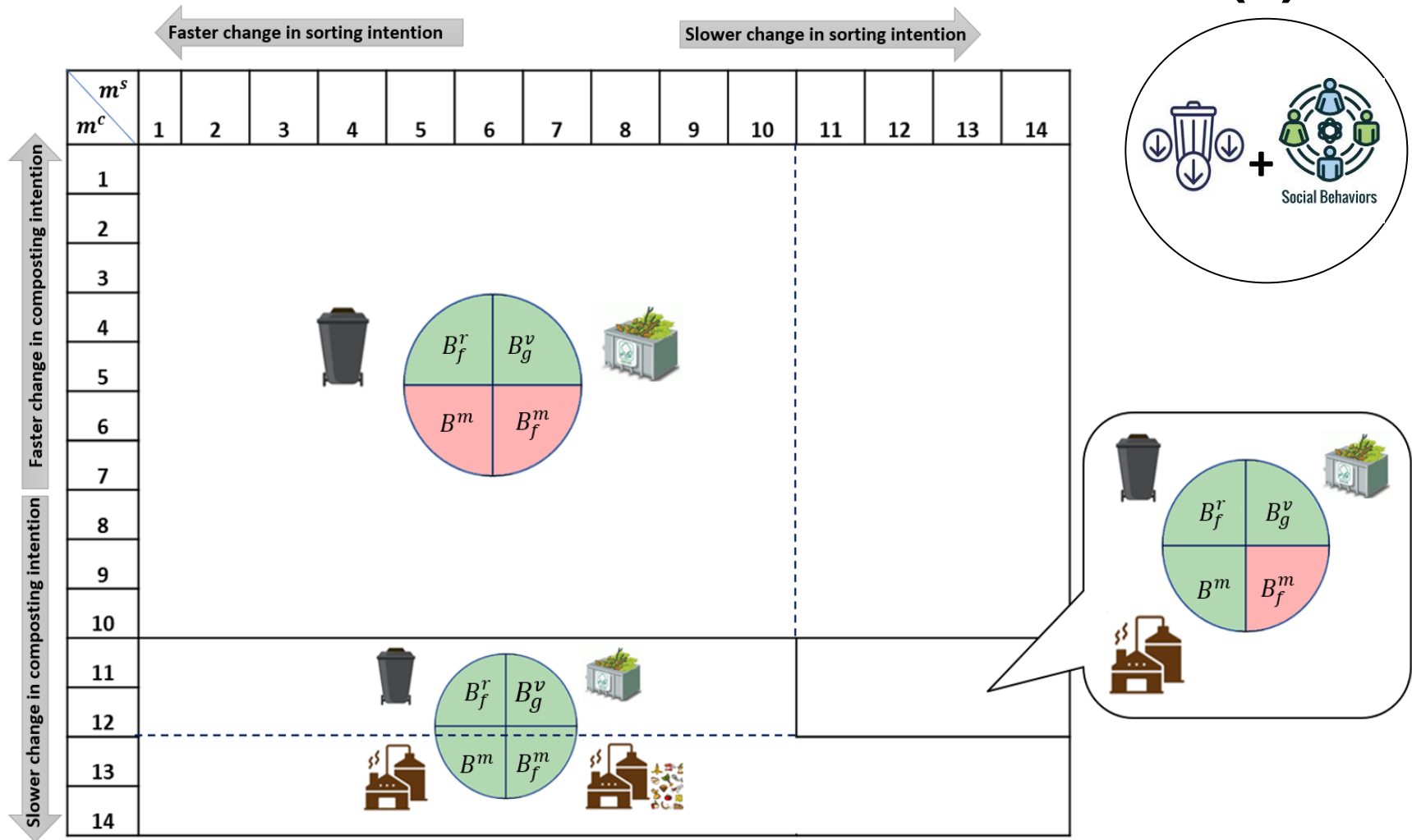
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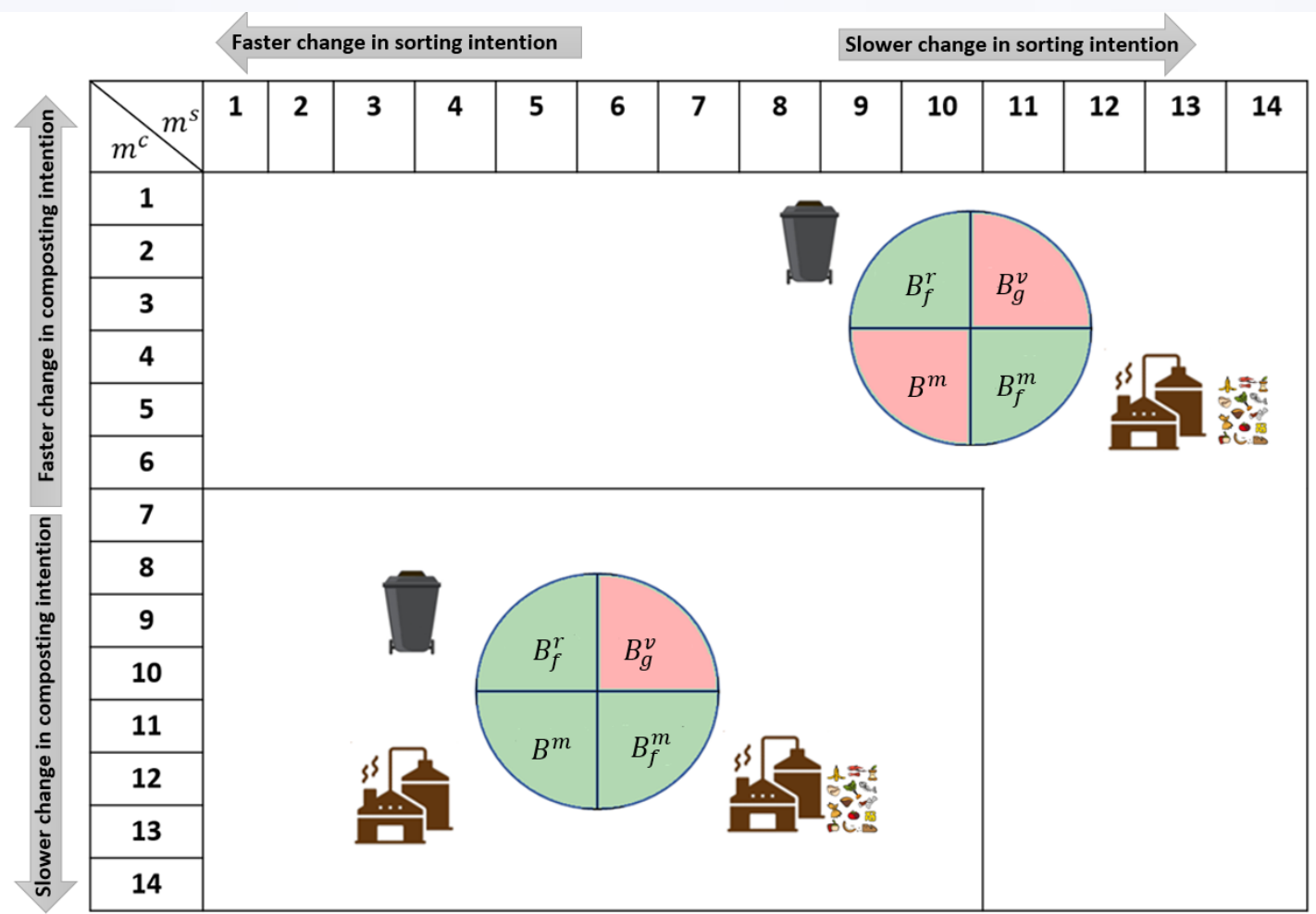
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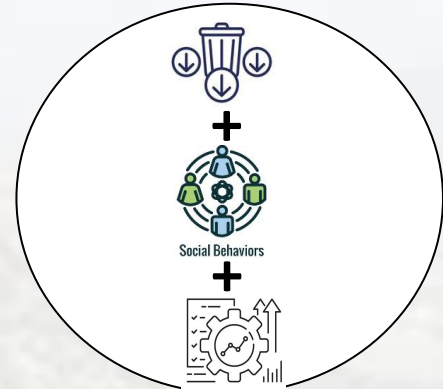


4. Results: Influence of socio-technical dynamics: exploring behaviour change with infrastructure limitations

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4. Results: Synthesis of Influential Factors on achieving policy objectives for biowaste management

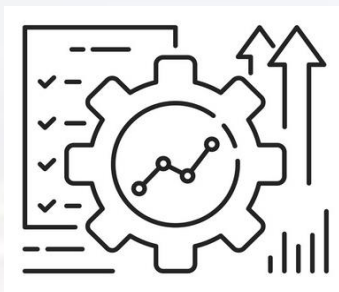
Table 5. Impact of various processes and/or scenarios on the LPOs

Factors LPOs.				
	 Negative impact Not achieved	 Not achieved	 Can be achieved	 Achieved
	 Negative impact Not achieved	 Not achieved	 Can be achieved	 Can be achieved
	 Positive impact Not achieved	 Not achieved	 Achieved	 Not achieved
	 Positive impact Not achieved	 Not achieved	 Achieved	 Achieved

¹Intentions are composting and sorting intentions $\alpha_f^c(t), \alpha_f^s(t), \alpha_g^c(t), \alpha_g^s(t)$, while ²'capacity' relates to the size in tons of the composters and collection technical infrastructure $K^c(t), K^s(t)$.

Conclusion about our Developed system dynamic model

The model highlights the complex interplay between the **infrastructure capacity** , **behavioural intentions**, and **demographic** trends in biowaste management transition .



It underscores the need for a detailed approach to policy implementation considering territory specific characteristics and potential trade-offs between different waste management strategies

5. Discussion and conclusion

Limitations of Current Study (Key Simplifying Assumptions) and Future Research

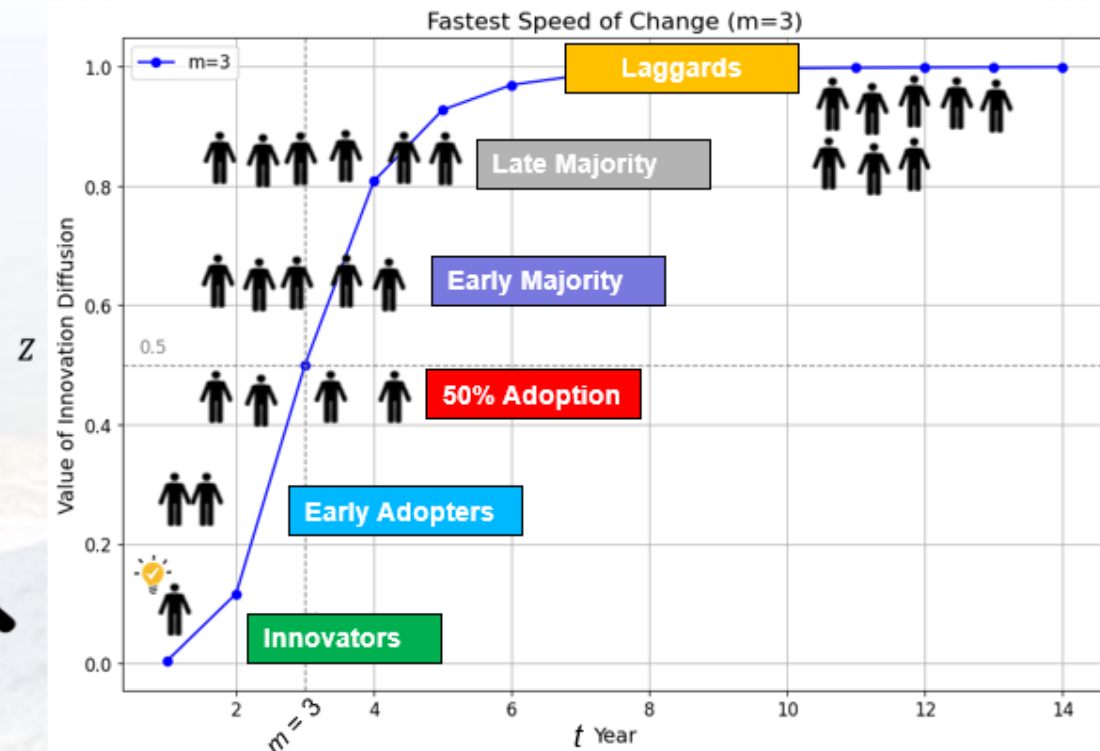
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• Simplified Behavioral Model:

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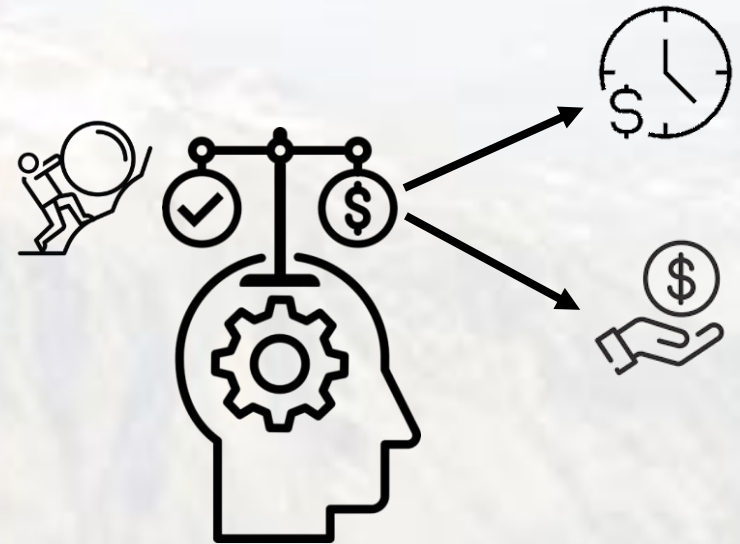
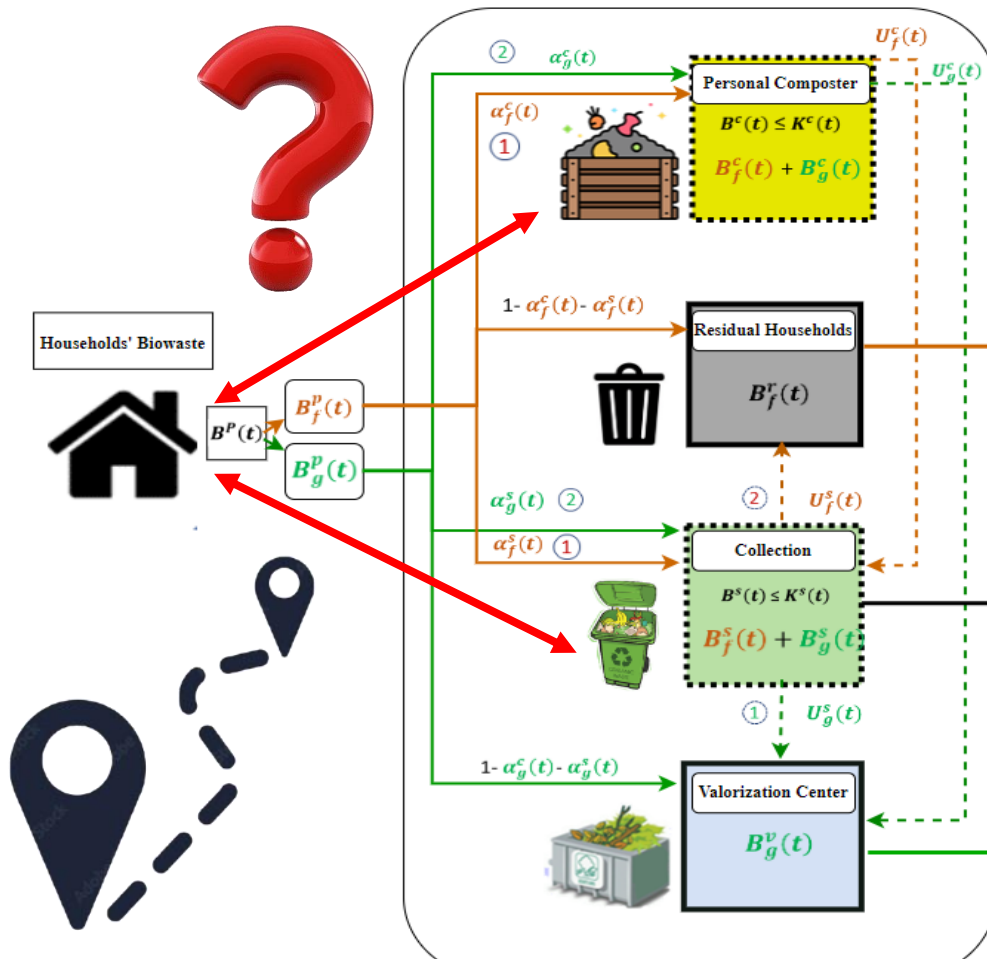
2. Behavior Independence



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Psychological Factors

Physical Factor

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