

Supplement of

MESSAGEix-Materials v1.1.0: representation of material flows and stocks in an integrated assessment model

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S1 Data Sources in MESSAGEix-Materials for Parametrization

Below table summarizes the data sources and their purpose of use for different industry sectors that are represented in MESSAGEix-Materials.

5 **Table S1** Techno-economic data sources for the industries in MESSAGEix-Materials

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S2 Regions in MESSAGEix-Materials

30 **Table S2** Regions in MESSAGEix-Materials

Figure S1 shows the integration of MESSAGEix-Materials which is depicted as Reference Material System with a MESSAGEix-GLOBIOM base scenario which is referred as Reference Energy System. GDP-driven energy demand consists

- 40 of transportation, buildings and the residual industry for the sectors that are not explicitly represented in the model. Material demand is either GDP driven and exogenously provided or can be endogenously represented such as the power sector that is connected to the Reference Material System (see section 2.4). Similarly, other demand side modules such as transport and buildings can be also added to the framework and provide information on material demand and end-of-life material release which is not available in this version.
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Figure S1 Integration of MESSAGEix-Materials in MESSAGEix framework

S4 Extension of MESSAGEix Model Formulation

It is mentioned in the main text that the MESSAGEix formulation currently can represent flows related to the activity (operation) of the technologies such as the energy flows. Figure S2 shows the newly added parameters to the model formulation

- 55 and how they work to represent material flows related to the technology capacity. Boxes represent the decision variables in the model. Blue boxes that represent activity (ACT) and the purple ones that represent capacity (CAP) are already part of the current model formulation together with the parameters *input* and *output* associated with technology activity (e.g., coal input to produce 1 GWh of electricity). The parameters associated with the capacity are newly added. These flows can be either related to newly built capacity (CAP_NEW) or existing cumulative capacity (CAP). Material flows related to construction use
- 60 CAP_NEW variable while material flows related to retirement and maintenance use CAP variable in the formulation.

Figure S2 Change of model formulation to represent the material flows related to technology capacity

ACT: Activity of a technology (yearly average over period duration)

65 CAP_NEW: Newly installed capacity (yearly average over period duration) CAP: Total maintained capacity in an operational and vintage year combination

input: Relative share of input per unit of activity

output: Relative share of output per unit of activity

output_cap_new: Relative share of output per unit of new capacity built. (Material released during the construction of a technology).

70 input_cap_new: Relative share of input per unit of new capacity built. (Material needed to build a certain capacity of a technology). output_cap_ret: Relative share of output per unit of capacity retired. (Scrap material that becomes available as a result of the retirement of a technology.) input_cap_ret: Relative share of input per unit of capacity retired. (Material needed for the retirement of certain capacity of a technology.) output_cap: Relative share of output per unit of capacity. (Material released during the operation of a technology.) input_cap: Relative share of input per unit of capacity. (Material needed during the lifetime of a technology for example for maintenance.)

S5 General Material Cycle System Definition in Economy-wide Material Flow Analysis

The system boundary in economy-wide material flow accounting is defined along the System of National Accounts as seen in Fig. S3, starting from: 1. the extraction of primary (i.e., raw, crude or virgin) materials from the national environment and the

- 80 discharge of materials to the national environment; 2. the political (administrative) borders that determine material flows to and from the rest of the world (imports and exports). Natural flows into and out of a geographical territory are excluded. The key unit of measurement in MFA are metric tons (Krausmann, 2017; Graedel, 2019). Economy-wide material flow accounts (EW-MFA) are rich empirical databases reporting domestic extraction and physical trade for all economies of the world, differentiating 50-60 raw material types (Eurostat, 2018; UNEP and IRP, 2023). From this data, policy-relevant headline
- 85 indicators are being derived, such as "Domestic Material Consumption" (DMC), in combination with an MRIO, the "material footprint" (MF), as well as relative indicators such as "Resource Productivity" (GDP/DMC or GDP/MF). These indicators are widely used for European and international policy such as in European Green Deal or SDG targets 8 and 12 (Lenzen et al.,2022; European Commission, 2020). Recently, EW-MFA has been further developed by integrating different socio-economic uses of material flows, material stock dynamics, as well as waste and GHG emissions, which enables analysing circular economies
- 90 (Haas et al., 2020; Kovanda, 2021; Schandl and Miatto, 2018), as well as deriving policy-relevant circular economy indicators for national economies (Mayer, 2019; European Commission, 2023; BMK, 2022).

Recently, research has begun expanding this framework towards explicitly including material stocks and industrial processes and supply chains, opening up the black of "the economy" shown below. This required merging principles of material flow

95 analysis which is relatively flexible, with the standardized economy-wide approach; resulting in a novel approach termed economy-wide material and energy flow analysis (Plank, 2022; Wiedenhofer 2019). For the MESSAGEix-Materials module, we draw on these recent developments to develop the integrative system definition shown in Fig. 2 in the main text.

Figure S3 Economy-wide material balance scheme (excluding air and water flows) (European Commission, 2001)

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S6 Additional Details for Integrative System Definition

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Table S3 provides additional information on the Fig. 2 that is presented in the main text. For each process, the mass balance is shown based on the inflows and outflows in the column "Mass Balance". In addition, some generic flows that require more explanation about these processes are also listed in the column "Additional Description of Flows". For example, the term waste is used in general for many processes and the details about the type of waste are provided. The column "Material Levels for

115 Outflows in the Model" shows to which "level" the outflows from the processes go in the model. The definition of model levels and the Reference Material System approach is explained in Sect. 2.3.

Table S3 Additional Details for Processes in Integrative System Definition

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S7 Recycling Formulation

Recycling is constrained in the model by using the generic relations formulation.

r= relation, n = node relation, y = year relation, t= time, nl = node location, yv = vintage year, y' = year active, m=mode,

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r= maximum_recycling_limit relation_activity = 0.9 $REL_{r,n,y} = \sum_{t} \left(\left(ACT (scarp_recovery_steel)_{nl,t,yv,y\prime,m} \right) \cdot relation_activity_{(r,n,y,nl,t,y\prime,m)} \right. \ast$ $(ACT (total_EOL_steel)_{nl,t,\gamma v,\gamma',m}))$

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REL_{r,n,y} \le 0
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r= minimum_recycling_limit relation $\arct{activity} = 0.5$

135 REL_{r,n,y} = $\sum_{t} ((ACT(scarp_recovery_steel)_{nl,t,yv,y\prime,m,h})$ -relation_activity_(r,n,y,nl,t,y',m) * $(ACT (total_EOL_steel)_{nl,t,yv,y',m}))$

 $REL_{r,n,v} \geq 0$

140 For more information on the relation formulation in MESSAGE model refer to: https://docs.messageix.org/en/latest/model/MESSAGE/model_core.html#equation-relation-equivalence

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S8 Generic Representation of Material Cycles in MESSAGEix-Materials

Figure S4 shows the generic representation of material cycles in MESSAGEix-Materials by using the reference material system

 approach. All the thermal energy needs during these steps are satisfied by a set of generic furnace technologies seen at the left of the figure. These technologies allow fuel switching and enable different decarbonization pathways for the high-temperature heat demand in the industry. Below the figure, it is shown how the different processes from Fig. 2 relate to the reference material system.

Figure S4 Generic representation of material cycles in MESSAGEix-Materials.

220 **S9 Validation of the Base Year Model Results**

The comparison of the 2020 model values and statistical values is provided in the main text. Table S4 is the collection of data sources that are used as the expected values for 2020 based on different sources.

Table S5, S6 and S7 provide extra details on the comparison of the material stocks from power sector in 2015 in MESSAGEix-225 Materials with the other literature studies.

Table S4 Sources for data comparison between 2020 model values and statistics per industry sector

230 **Table S5** Exogenous data on globally installed capacity of electricity generation technologies in 2015 used by MESSAGEix-Materials (this work), Kalt et al. (2021) and Deetman et al. (2021). The three sources use different sets of technology classifications, which were mapped to the common technology set shown in the table below. Data from Deetman et al. (2021) are for the scenario 'BL default'. UNIT: GW

Table S6 Material intensities assumed in MESSAGEix-Materials (this work), Kalt et al. (2021) and Deetman et al. (2021). Where sources report different technology types for one technology category in table above, we calculated the mean for the table categories. For some sources in which regions showed different material intensities. Here we report the minimum and 240 maximum over all regions for MESSAGE-Materials. For Kalt et al. (2021) regional material intensities only differ for the

technology Solar PV, which is reported in comment **. To reproduce results, material intensities for each source and technology capacity need to be multiplied at the highest level of granularity. UNIT: ton/GW

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* material intensities for concrete from Deetman et al. (2021) and Kalt et al. (2021) were re-calculated to cement intensities at an assumed cement content of 15% in concrete**material intensities of Kalt et al. (2021) are different between regions for Solar PV power plants; the respective minimum and maximum intensities are respectively (t/GW): 18,440/29,150 (aluminum_low), 39,220/44,575 (aluminum_med), 60,000/60,000 (aluminum_high), 25,858/76,767 (concrete_low), 122,481/363,615 (concrete_med), 250 219,104/650,464 (concrete_high), 19,840/43,150 (steel_low), 55,215/106,827 (steel_med), 90,590/170,503 (steel_high)

Note on data from Deetman et al. (2021):

• From USA/Canada comparison: For Deetman et al., material stock results varied slightly for the year 2015 (0-2.2%) per material) in different scenarios, indicating slight deviations of base data. Due to the small differences, we did not follow up on these but instead used the baseline scenario ('BL' + 'default'; see resp. study for details)

unit: Mt	Aluminum					Steel					Cement				
technol	MESSA	Deet	Kalt	Kalt	Kalt	MESSA	Deet	Kalt	Kalt	Kalt	MESSA	Deet	Kalt	Kalt	Kalt_
ogy	GEix	man	low	med	high	GEix	man	low	med	high	GEix	man	$_{\rm low}$	$_{\mathrm{med}}$	high
Bioene rgy & MSW	0.06	0.06	0.11	0.24	0.37	8.36	7.53	7.47	21.08	34.69	2.73	4.19	6.08	8.65	11.21
Coal	4.11	0.68	0.40	3.19	5.97	76.75	114. $20\,$	59.7 5	129.4 5	199.1 $\sqrt{6}$	32.94	71.4 3	29.8 7	82.15	134.4 \mathfrak{Z}
Gas	1.97	0.59	0.16	1.33	2.50	30.95	17.6 $\sqrt{6}$	15.6 $\mathbf{1}$	46.83	78.05	13.48	9.41	10.5 $\overline{4}$	14.05	17.56
Hydro	0.6	L,	0.32	0.69	1.05	47.03	85.1 3	24.0 $\overline{0}$	54.00	84.00	823.03	511. 66	449. 98	944.9 7	1,439 .95
Nuclea $\mathbf r$	0.34	0.03	0.07	0.21	0.34	26.60	17.1 6	24.0 $\overline{3}$	30.89	37.75	21.89	13.9 \mathfrak{Z}	20.5 9	33.46	46.33
Oil	0.57	0.20	0.25	0.38	0.52	8.87	24.8 9	5.76	12.48	19.21	3.86	10.9 \mathfrak{Z}	2.88	3.60	4.32
Solar $_{\rm CSP}$	0.07	0.02	0.01	0.06	0.11	2.36	2.49	$0.81\,$	2.42	4.04	0.92	0.88	0.07	0.33	0.59
Solar ${\rm PV}$	4.12	1.78	5.16	9.18	13.21	12.76	26.2 $\overline{9}$	6.77	17.48	28.18	5.12	\Box	1.64	7.77	13.91
Wind Offsho re	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.05	4.06	1.38	2.93	4.69	6.44	0.57	0.67	$\overline{}$	1.39	2.78
Wind Onshor $\mathbf{e}% _{t}\left(t\right)$	0.91	0.31	0.32	1.09	1.86	62.43	43.7 3	40.4 9	57.61	74.73	19.60	23.4 5	15.4 \mathfrak{Z}	30.49	45.55
Geothe rmal	$\overline{}$	$\overline{}$	0.04	0.06	0.08	\Box	\Box	0.18	1.27	2.36	\Box	$\overline{}$	0.21	0.21	0.21
Tidal	\blacksquare	$\overline{}$	0.00	0.00	0.00	$\overline{}$	$\overline{}$	0.01	0.02	0.04		\overline{a}	0.19	0.40	0.62

265 **Table S7:** Data for Fig. 11. Data from Deetman et al. (2021) slightly differ for the base year 2015, the results here represent the scenario 'BL default'.

S10 Technology Diffusion Constraints

270 MESSAGE model tracks investments by vintage, an important feature to represent the inertia in the energy system due to its long-lived capital stock. In case of shocks (e.g., introduction of stringent climate policy), it is however possible to prematurely retire existing capital stock such as power plants or other energy conversion technologies and switch to more suitable alternatives.

An important factor in this context that influences technology adoption in MESSAGE*ix* are technology diffusion constraints.

- 275 Technology diffusion in MESSAGE*ix* is determined by dynamic constraints that relate the construction of a technology added or the activity (level of production) of a technology in a period *t* to construction or the activity in the previous period *t-1*. While limiting the possibility of flip-flop behavior as is frequently observed in unconstrained Linear Programming (LP) models such as MESSAGE*ix*, a drawback of such hard growth constraints is that the relative advantage of some technology over another technology might not be taken into account and therefore even for very competitive technologies, no rapid acceleration of
- 280 technology diffusion might not be possible. In response to this limitation, so called flexible or soft dynamic constraints have been introduced into MESSAGE. These allow faster technology diffusion at additional costs and therefore generate additional model flexibility while still reducing the flip-flop behavior and sudden penetration of technologies. For example, a value of 0.05 for the growth activity up parameter sets an upper bound of $1+0.05 = 105\%$ activity in one year relative to the activity in the preceding year. In a period with duration 5 years, the activity in the representative year is bounded at $(1.05)^{5} = 128\%$ 285 of the activity in the representative year of the preceding period.

More details on the formulation and the parameters can be found here: [https://docs.messageix.org/en/latest/model/MESSAGE/model_core.html#dynamic-constraints.](https://docs.messageix.org/en/latest/model/MESSAGE/model_core.html#dynamic-constraints) The constraints in this section specify dynamic upper and lower bounds on new capacity and activity. These can be used to model limits on market penetration and/or rates of expansion or phase-out of a technology.

290 The parametrization that is used for this model version can be found in the data section of the model repository for each in the separate folders: [https://github.com/iiasa/message-ix](https://github.com/iiasa/message-ix-models/tree/update_steel_rebase/message_ix_models/data/material)[models/tree/update_steel_rebase/message_ix_models/data/material.](https://github.com/iiasa/message-ix-models/tree/update_steel_rebase/message_ix_models/data/material)

Figure S6 Final Energy Mix of Other Sector

Figure S7 Regional MTO Use

2degrees $\mathbf 0$ R12_AFR ||R12_CHN ||R12_EEU ||R12_FSU ||R12_LAM ||R12_MEA **■ R12_NAM ■ R12_PAO ■ R12_PAS ■ R12_RCPA ■ R12_SAS ■ R12_WEU**

S12 Iron and Steel Industry

Figure S8 Final Energy and CCS Usage

370 **S13 CCS Usage in Cement Industry**

Figure S9 shows the comparison of CCS usage in cement industry in two different climate policy scenarios, 2 degrees and High Carbon Price. The High Carbon Price is a scenario that is used to push the model to its limits to see the highest potential of technological deployments within the feasible model solution. The carbon price in this scenario starts with around 300

- 375 USD/MtCO2 in 2025 and keeps increasing with a 5% discount rate. In such a setting, it is seen that CCS deployment for cement can already start around 2025 and the model keeps using the technology increasingly in the coming years as much as the technological diffusion constraints in the model allow the scale up. The details on technology diffusion constraints are described in Supplementary S10. In 2 degrees scenario, CCS option becomes more cost optimum system-wide only after there are CCS cost reductions in the model input which is in 2050. After that the model catches up with the high carbon price
- 380 scenario in 2070. Figure S10 shows the carbon price difference between the two scenarios. The shaded area between the 2 degrees and High Carbon Price scenario is the option space where higher carbon prices and stricter climate policy can generate higher CCS deployments in cement industry in the early years as a result of the techno-economic costs provided as input to the model.

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Figure S10 Carbon Prices in No Policy, 2 degrees and High Carbon Price Scenarios

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