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# Adaptation of existing data to new modelling principles

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# Outline

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# The reason for data adaptation



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- Multi-output datasets – products are defined either as a reference product or a by-product
- Focus on by-products
- In case of by-products, there is no more differentiation between what is a waste and what is a by-product
- The main reason for adaptation of ecoinvent v2 data is that the **cut-off approach** is not applied anymore

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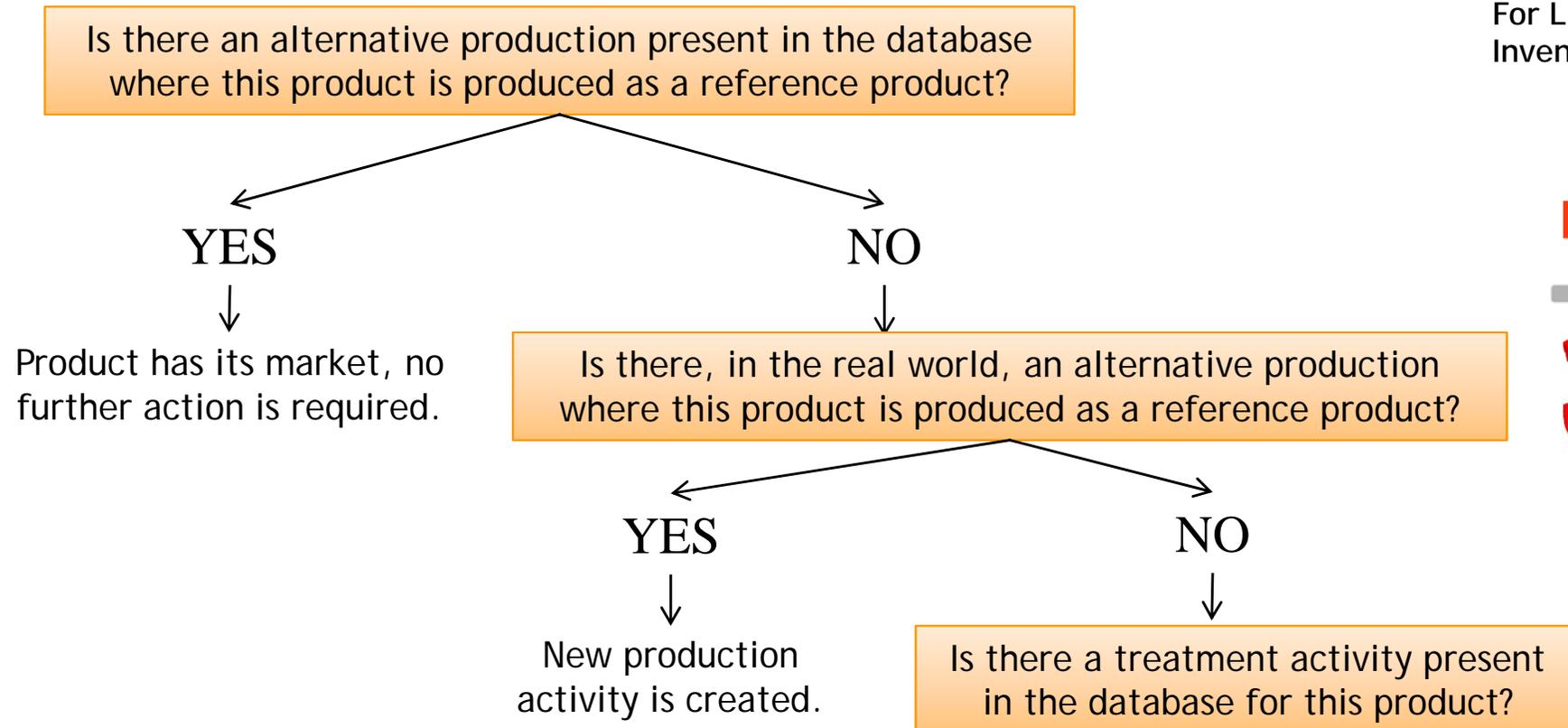
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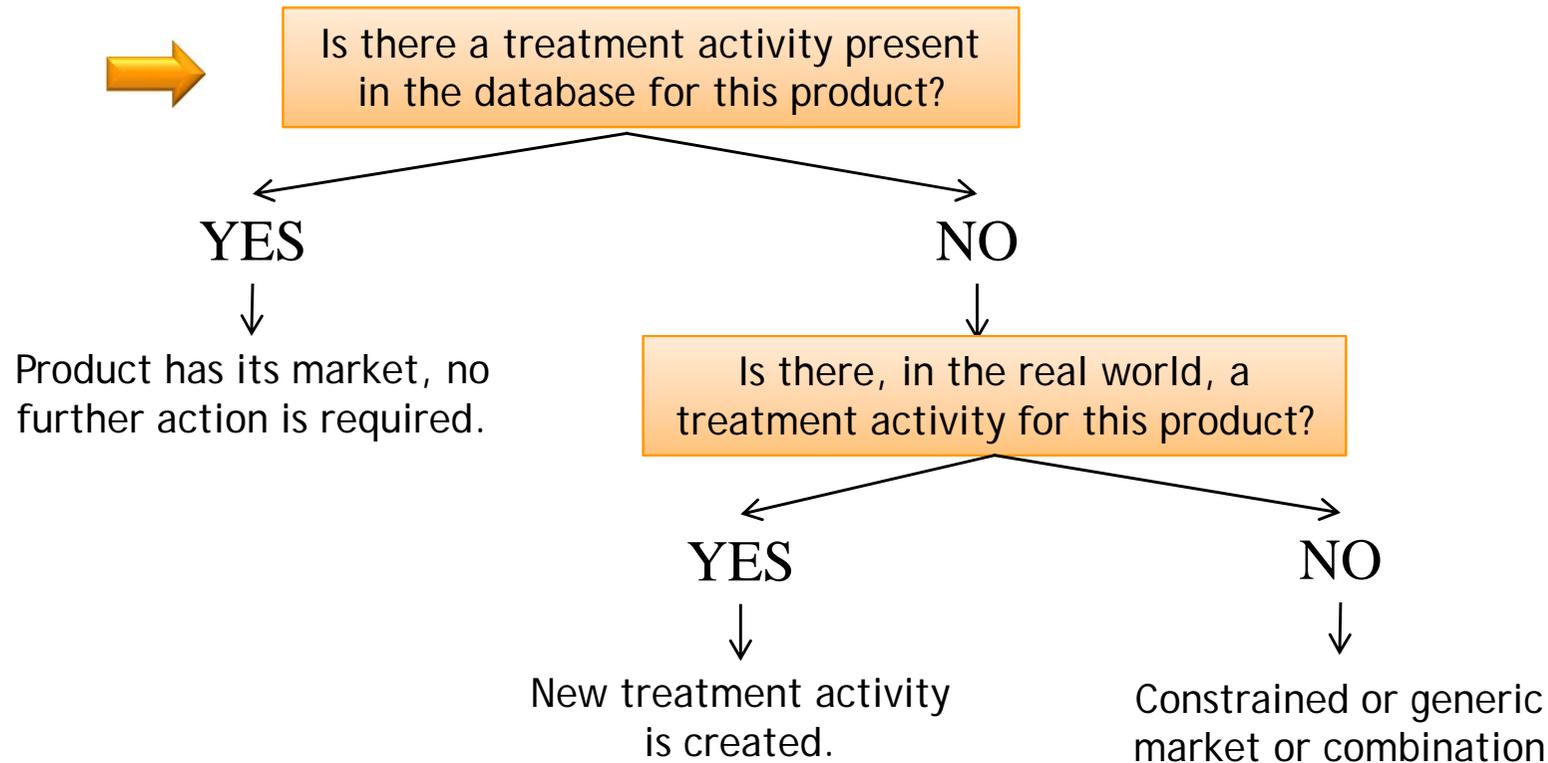
# Workflow of the modelling

- Workflow diagram:



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# Generic market

- Using a generic market allows different products with the same use to be traded on the same market
- Can be used during both in system models with partitioning and in system models with substitution
- Example: market for neutralizing agent



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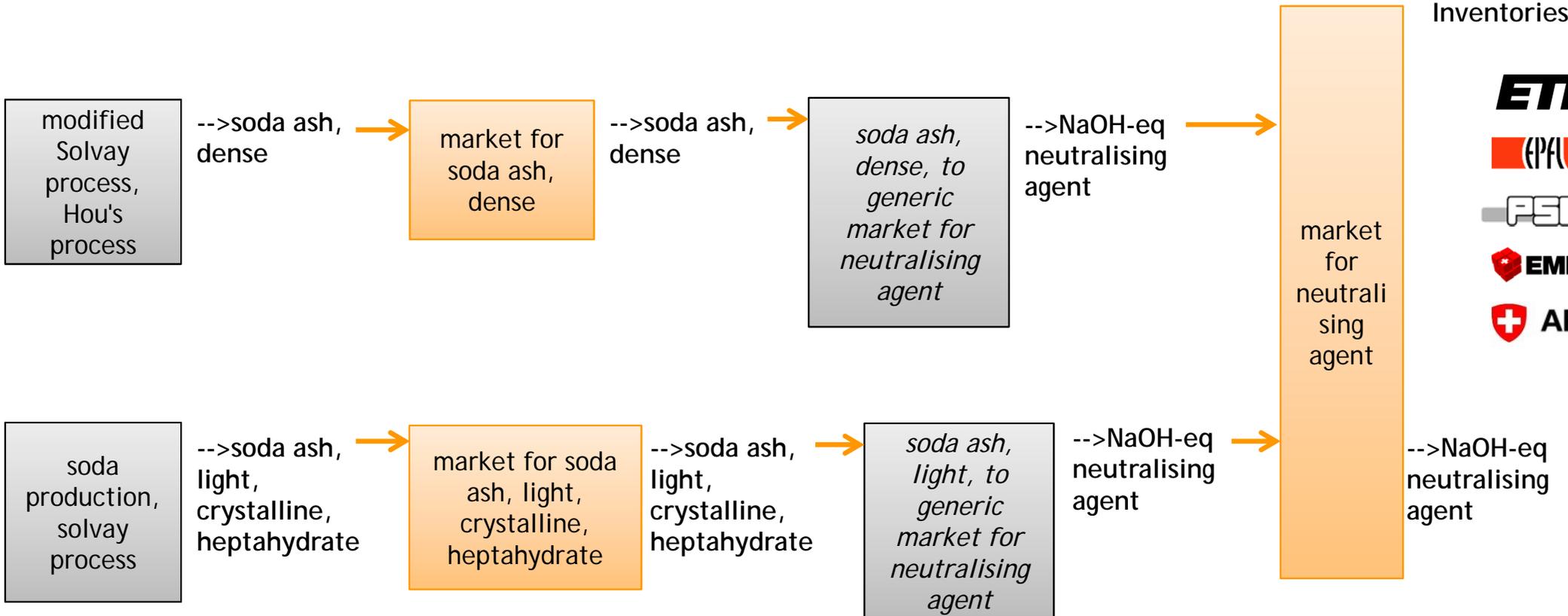
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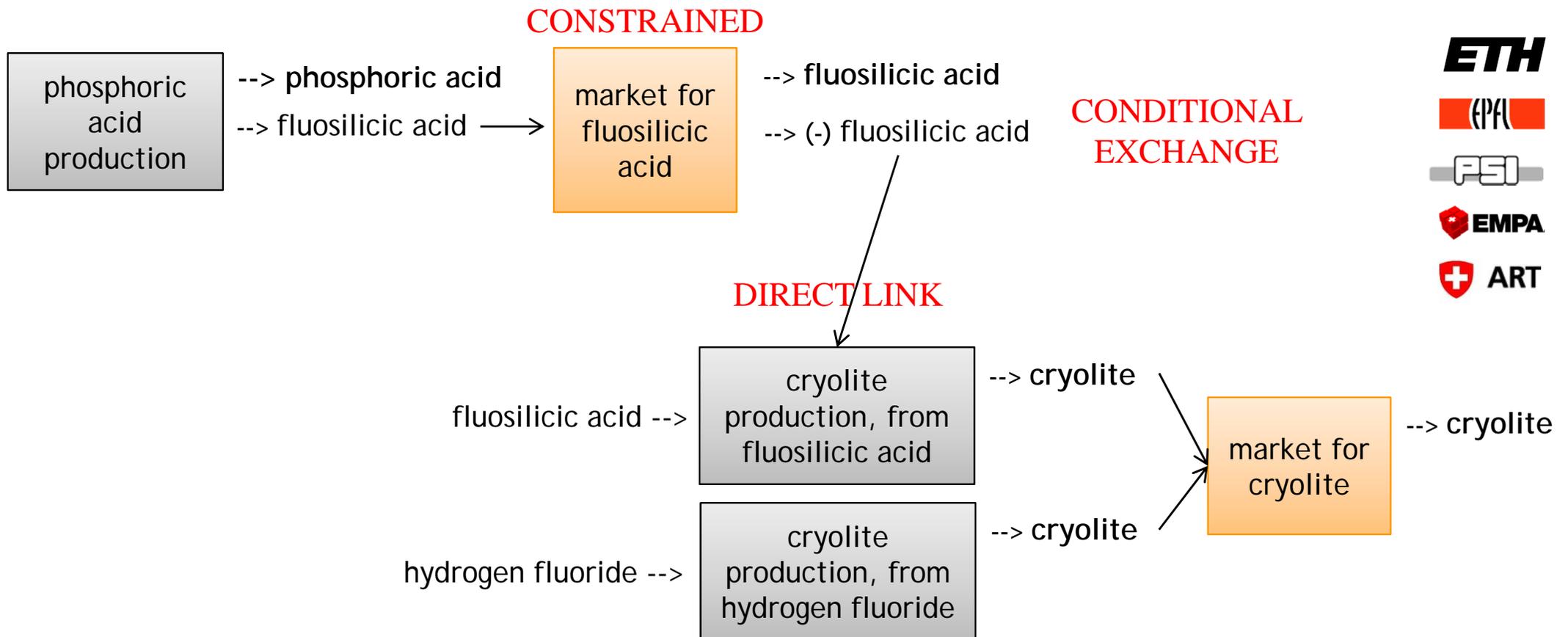
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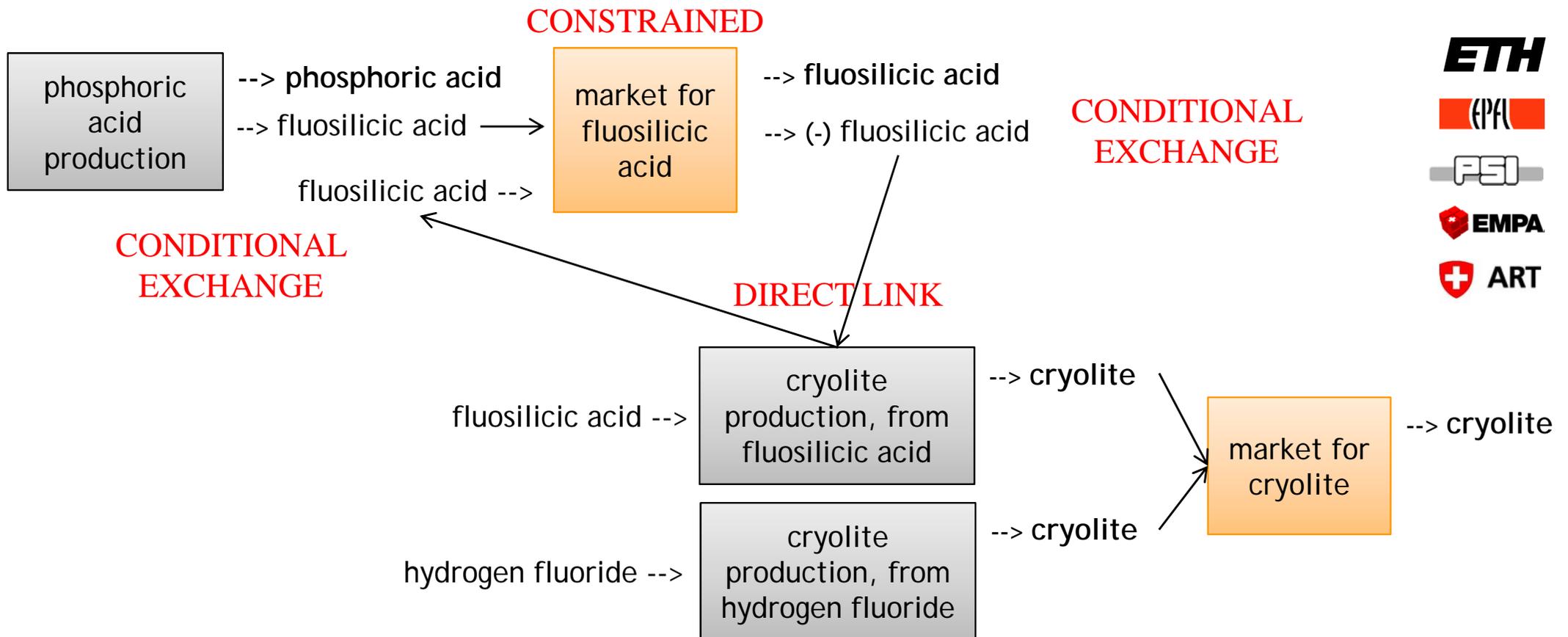
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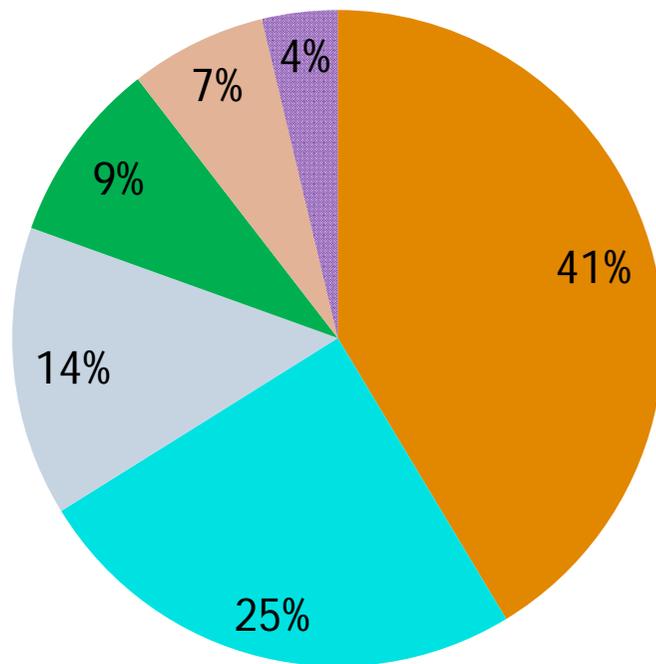
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# Statistics

- 227 multi-output datasets in the ecoinvent v2 with 577 products
- 135 products which were identified as by-products which needed to be taken care off



- product was already present in the database, but with wrong name
- treatment activity created
- generic market
- alternative production dataset created
- constrained market
- by-product redefined to be a reference product (combined/joint production)



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# Conclusion

- several data gaps were filled (new treatment datasets and new production datasets)
- the structure of the ecoinvent v3 database allows substitution of products
- products with the same use are traded on the same market



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