

Towards an evaluation tool for transition governance

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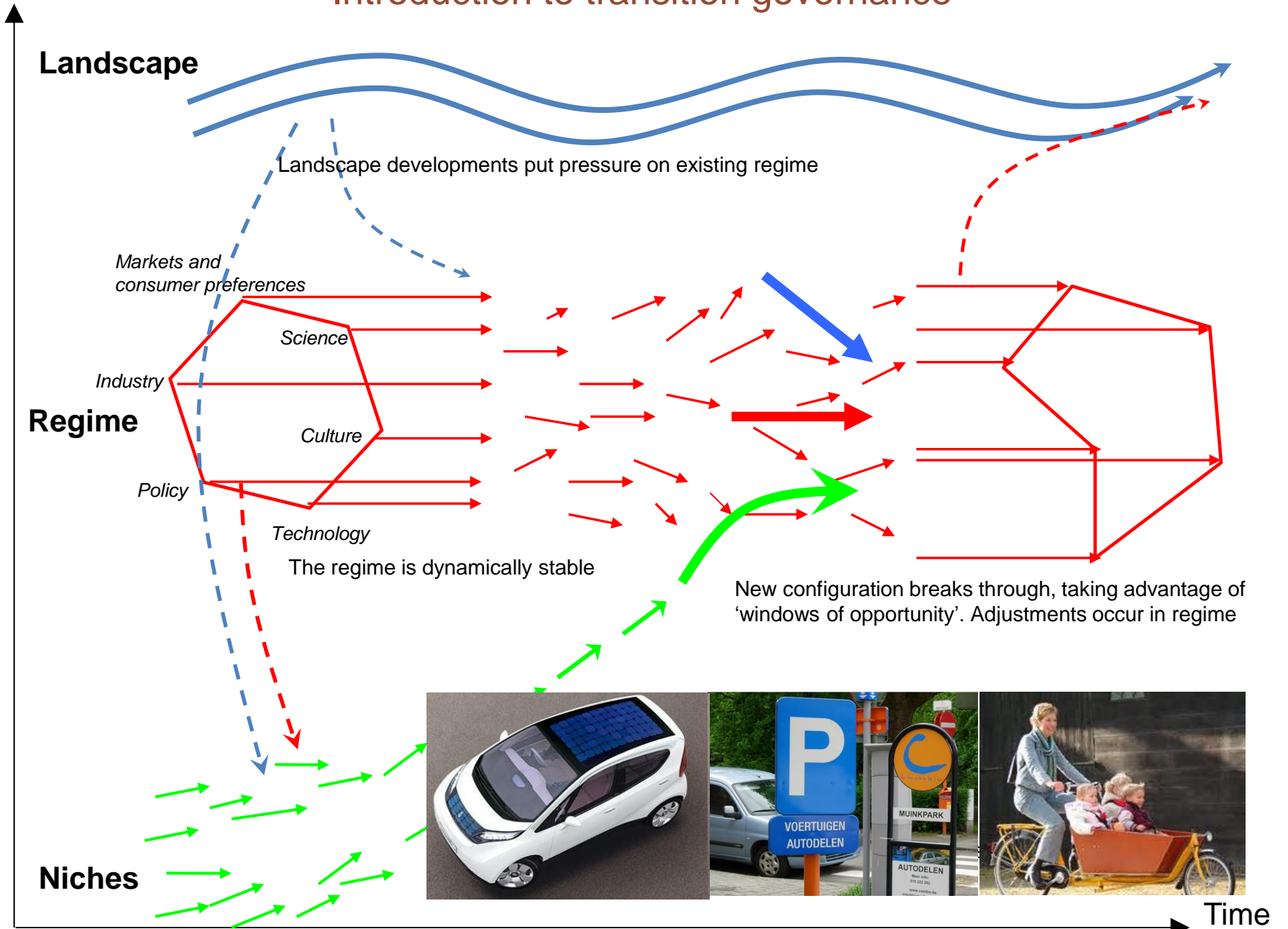
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Introduction to transition governance



Long term transitions and evaluation

- Transition governance aims at long-term results: 25 – 50 years in complex circumstances



- So only evaluation after 50 years?

→ No, focus on process evaluation in the transition literature

- But a good process does not guarantee good results!

→ Focus on nurturing niches

Inspiration for an evaluation tool

- Process evaluation and reflexive learning
(e.g. Bussels et al, 2013)
- Focus on nurturing niches
(Ros et al, 2006)
- Programme theory evaluation: Theories of Change;
Modus Narrandi
(Blamey & Mackenzie, 2007; Gysen et al, 2006)

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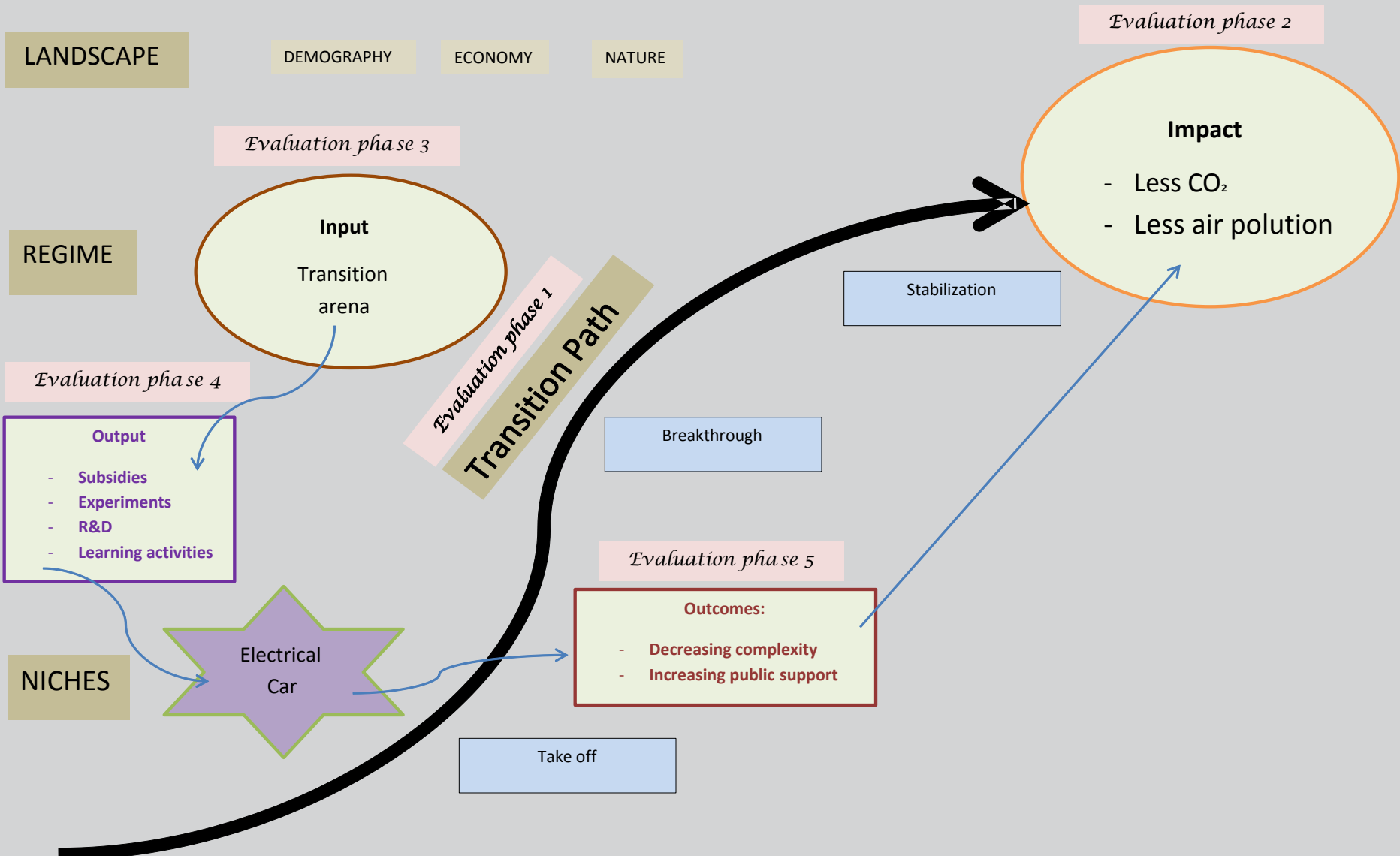
Phase	Goal	Evaluation criteria	Methodology	Sources	Process/Product
Phase 1	Description of the niches	No evaluation	Purely descriptive	Desktopresearch Interviews	Input
Phase 2	Evaluation of the niches potential for system change	The potential of the pathway in increasing the system sustainability	PPP & here vs. elsewhere dimensions (Ros et al, 2006) System change	Desktopresearch Interviews	Product - Impact (potential)
Phase 3	Evaluation of transition governance process	The institutional framework of the transition process is tested against process prescriptions in the literature	Implementation deficit		

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Phase	Goal	Evaluation criteria	Methodology	Sources	Process/Product
Phase 4	Evaluation of the predevelopment phase	Whether or not certain crucial government activities took place during the predevelopment	Description of policy outputs	Interviews Workshops	Product - Outputs
Phase 5	Evaluation of the possibility of take-off	Decrease of the regime resistance thanks to the transition process	Programme theory failure		

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Jumping to conclusions



- Flemish SD policy is very much LT oriented thanks to transition governance approach
- Evaluation has to encourage the LT horizon
- Exclusive focus on process evaluation only is however not sufficient
- Better is a focus on causal links between policy process and decreasing regime resistance (program theory evaluation)

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