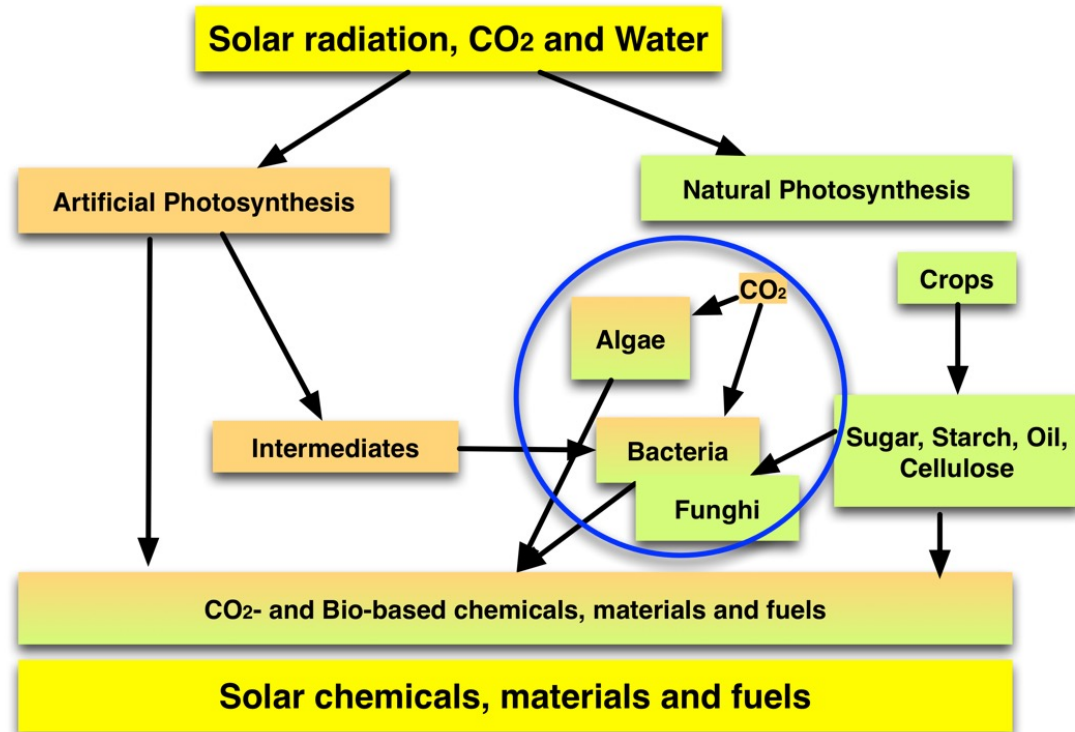


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Legend:

CO<sub>2</sub>-Economy

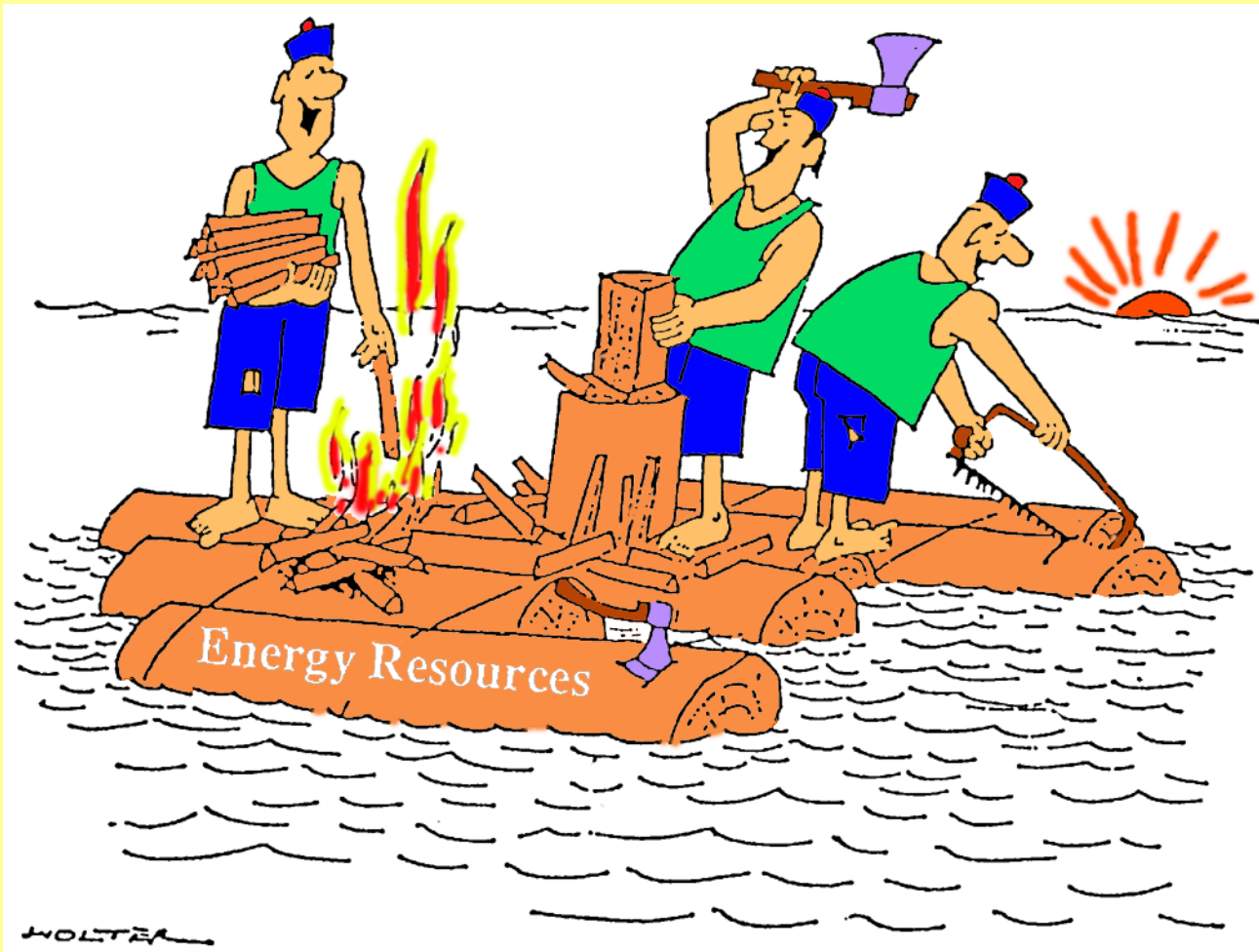
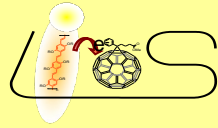
Bio-based Economy

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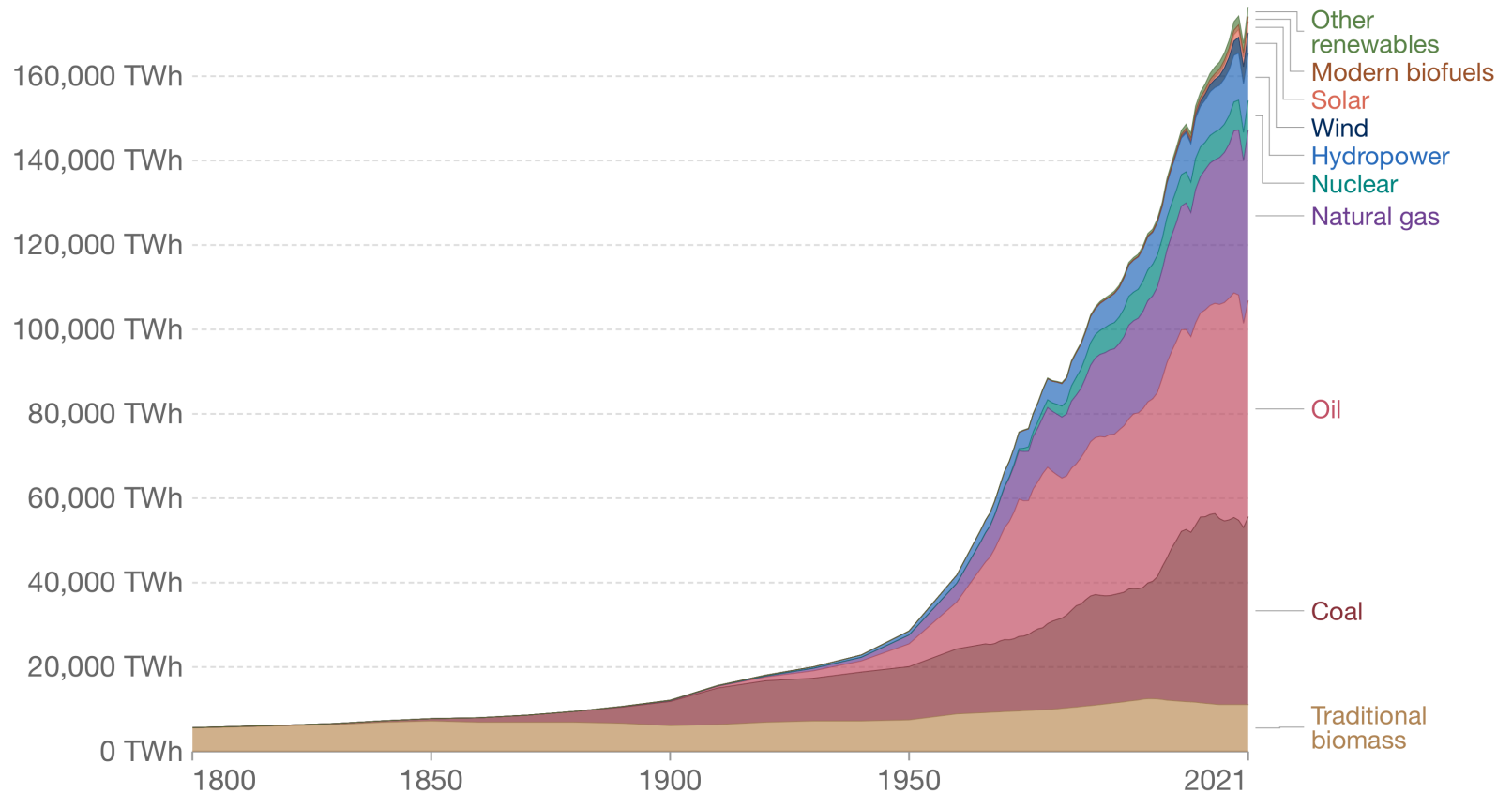


# Happy Life



# Global primary energy consumption by source

Primary energy is calculated based on the 'substitution method' which takes account of the inefficiencies in fossil fuel production by converting non-fossil energy into the energy inputs required if they had the same conversion losses as fossil fuels.

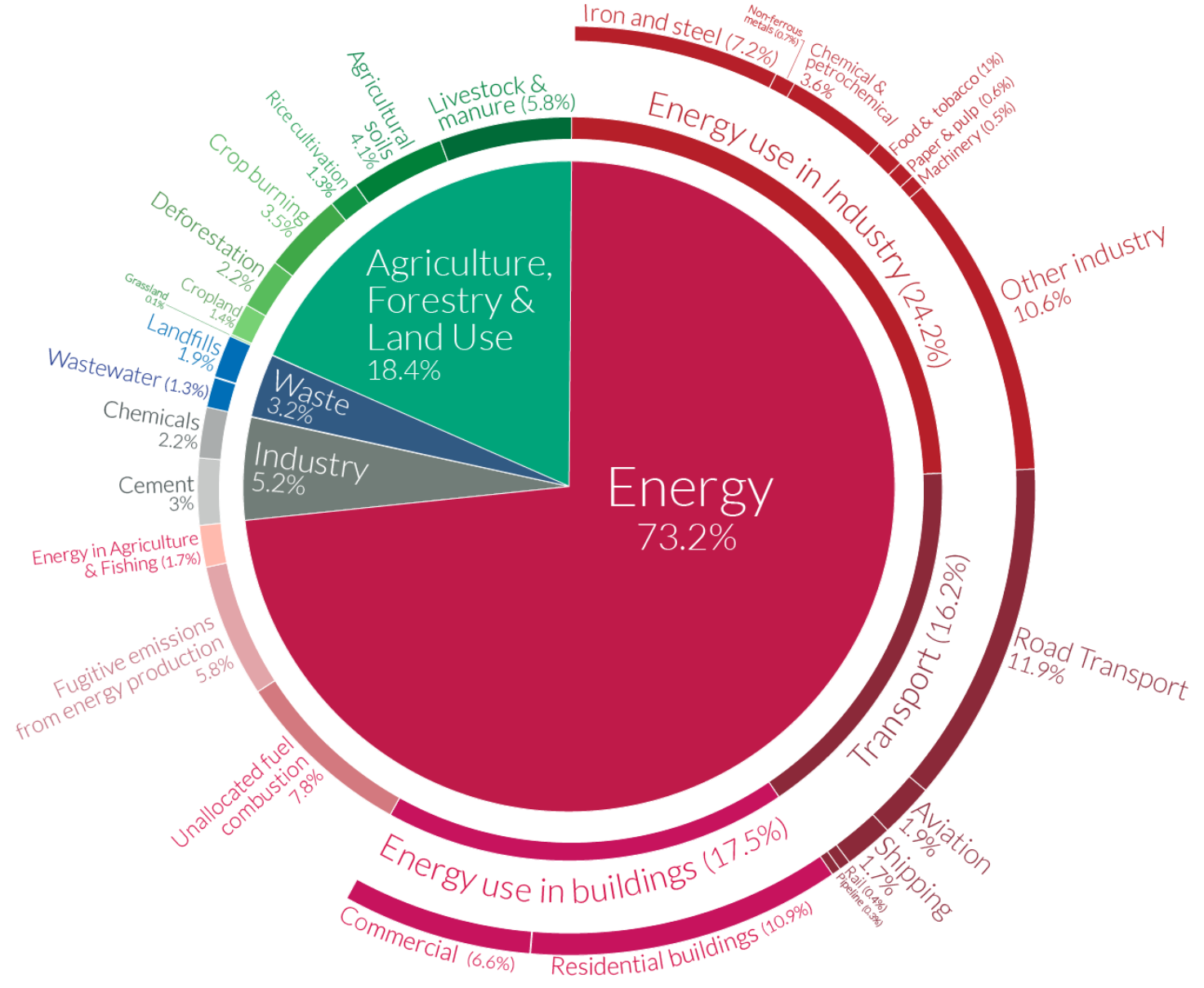


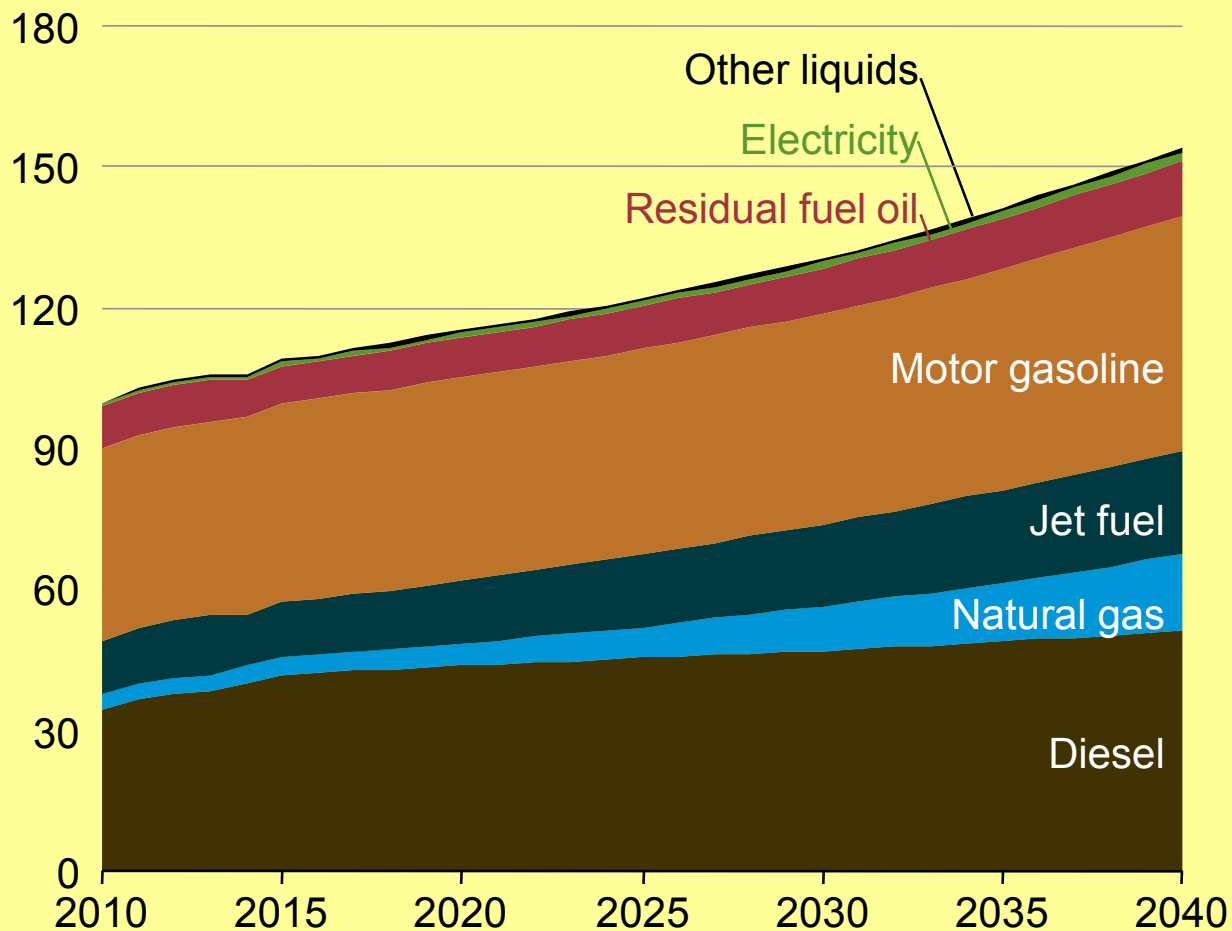
Source: Our World in Data based on Vaclav Smil (2017) and BP Statistical Review of World Energy

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# Global greenhouse gas emissions by sector

This is shown for the year 2016 – global greenhouse gas emissions were 49.4 billion tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>eq.



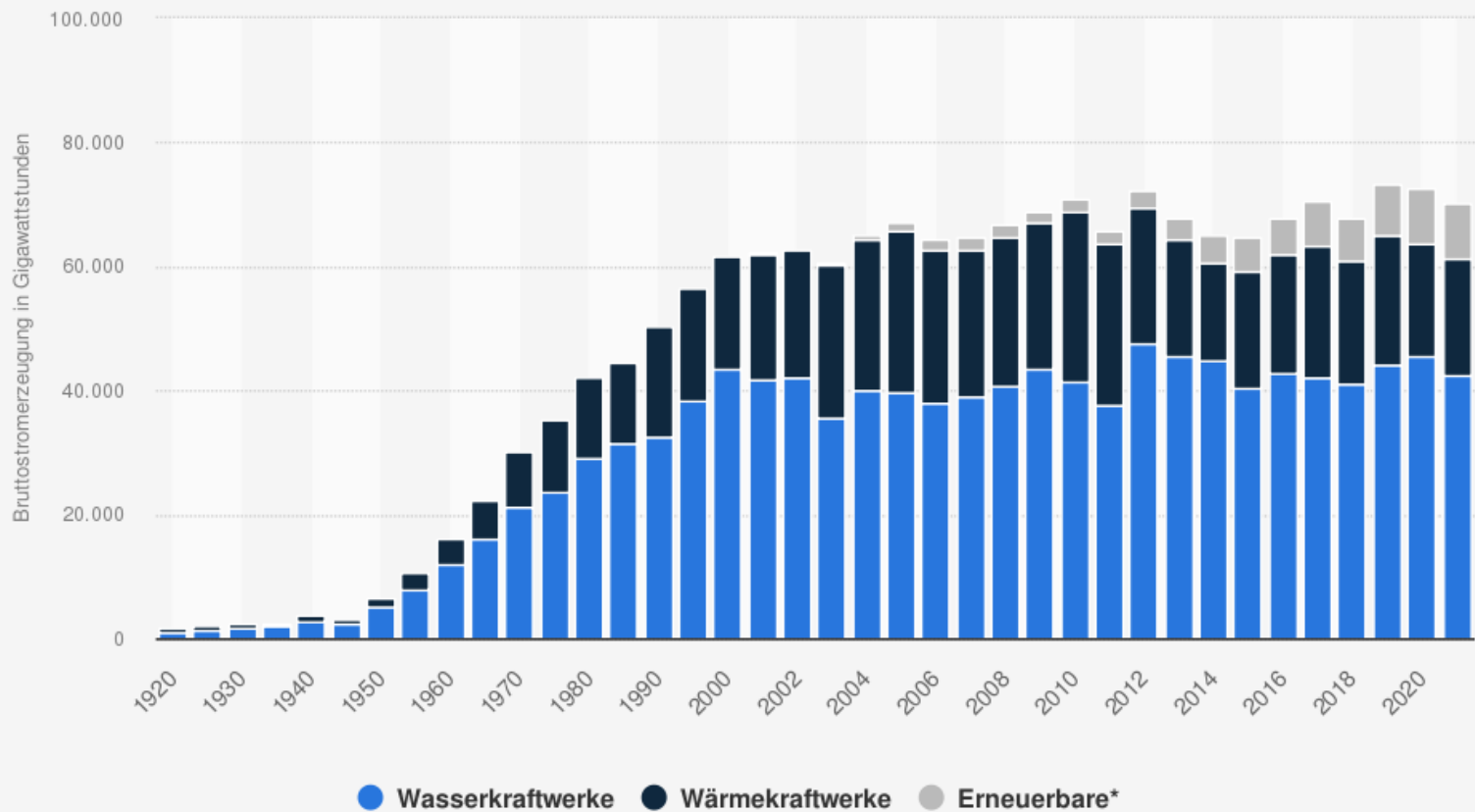


World transportation sector delivered energy consumption 2010-2040 (quadrillion Btu).

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p. 127, U.S. Energy Information Administration.

Other liquid fuels include natural gas plant liquids, biofuels, gas-to-liquids and coal-to-liquids.

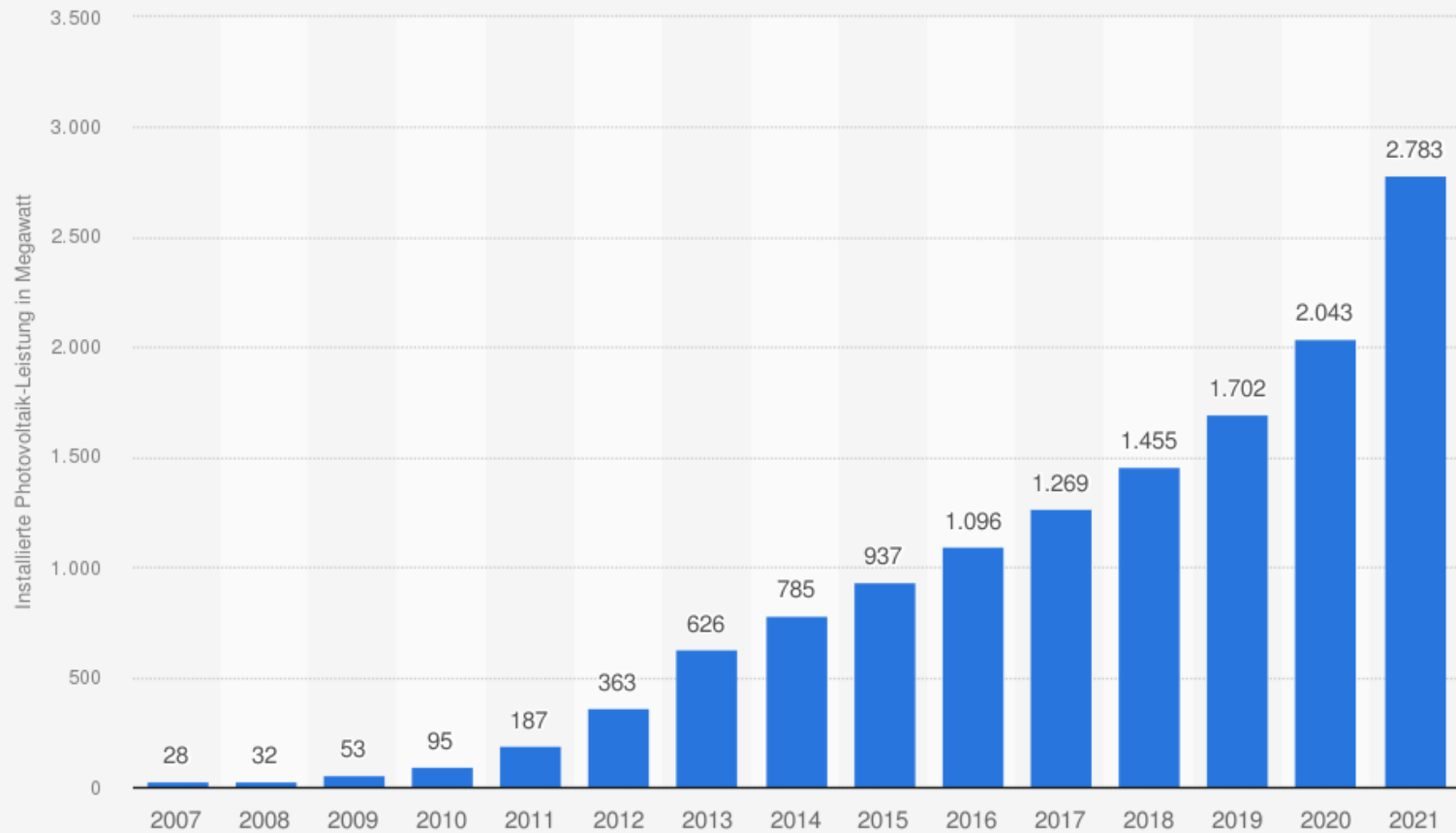
## Bruttostromerzeugung in Österreich nach Erzeugungsart von 1920 bis 2021 (in Gigawattstunden)



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## Installierte Photovoltaik-Leistung in Österreich von 2007 bis 2021 (in Megawatt)



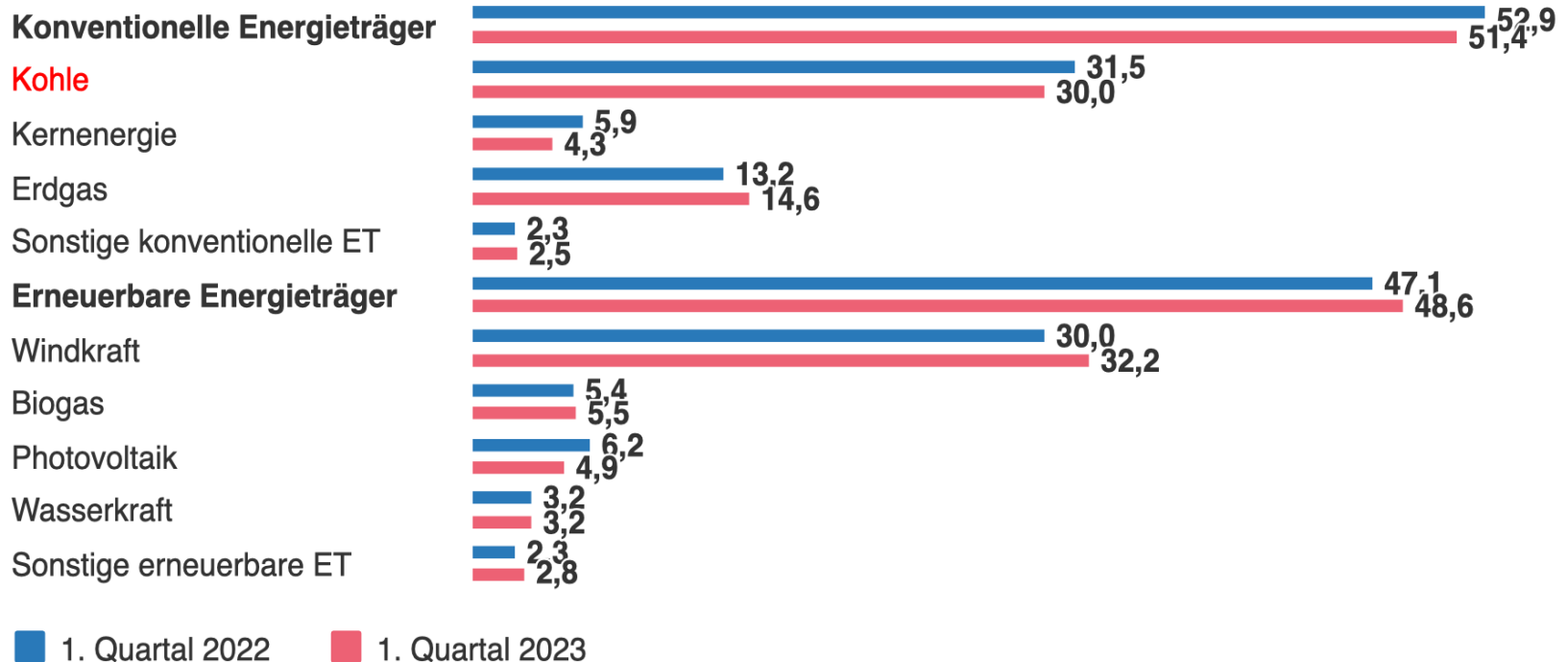
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# Deutschland's Energie Mix

## Stromeinspeisung durch konventionelle und erneuerbare Energieträger

in %







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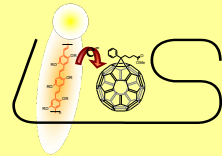
## Förderung von E-Autos auf Rekordhoch

and: 21.12.2022 10:57 Uhr

Der Bund hat in diesem Jahr so viele Förderprämien an Besitzer von Elektroautos ausgeschüttet wie noch nie. 3,2 Milliarden Euro zahlte er an Subventionen. 2023 dürfte



# Future of Mobility and Transport

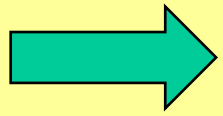


Primary Energy

Conversion

Distribution Infrastructure

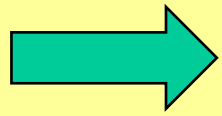
E-Mobility: Renewable      Not necessary      Grid has to be built worldwide



Needs global and transcontinental distribution infrastructure of high power electrical grid



E-Fuel Mobility: Renewable      Conversion needed E2Fuel      Entire infrastructure is existent

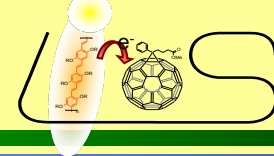


Needs efficient and economical conversion technology of renewable energy to synthetic fuels



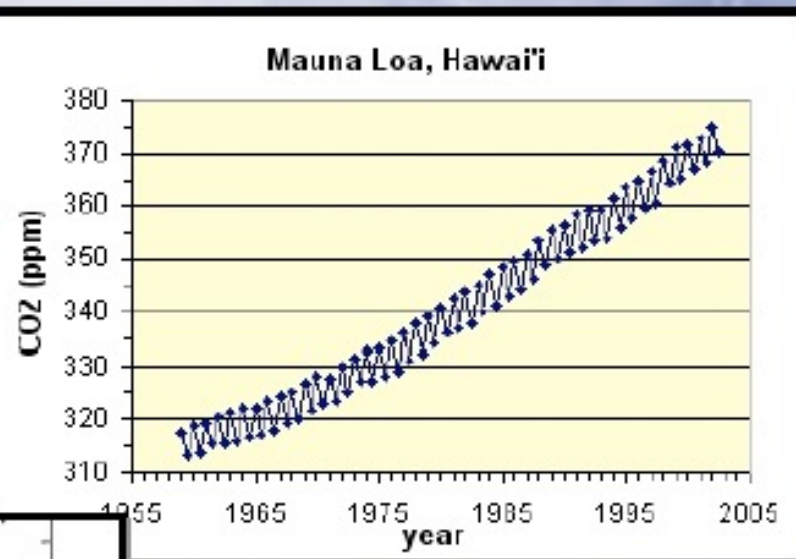
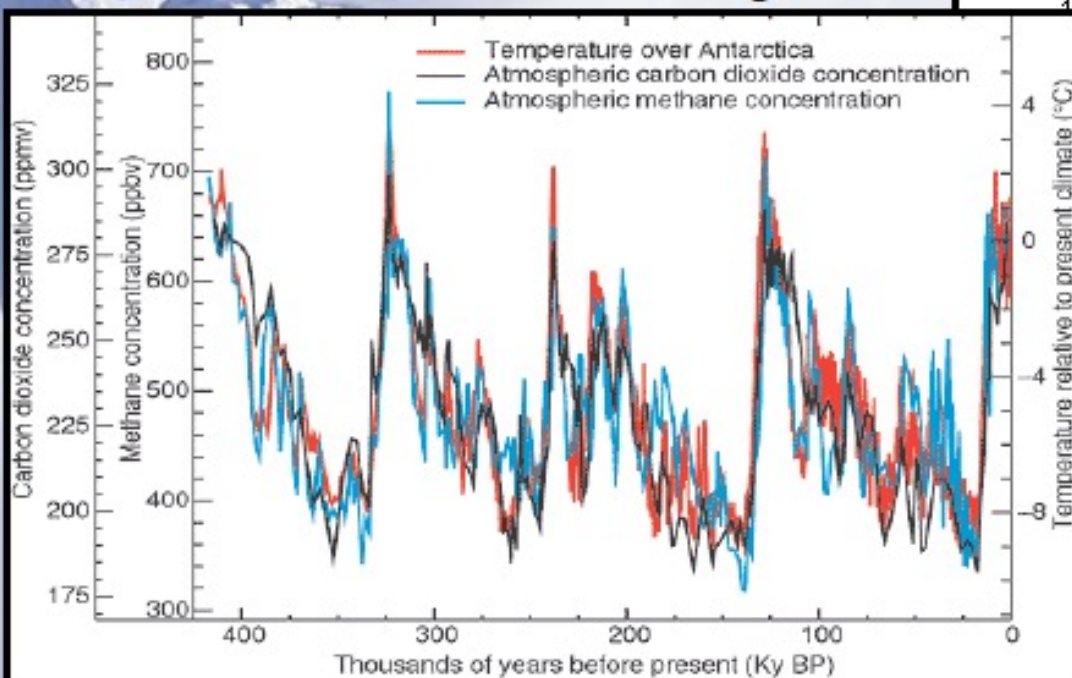


# Our planet will be warmer



## CO<sub>2</sub> Konzentrationen

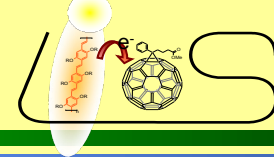
Daten aus Vostok-Eisbohrungen



Keeling Atmospheric Data Set



# Global warming was predicted



## *On the Influence of Carbonic Acid in the Air upon the Temperature of the Ground*

Svante Arrhenius

Philosophical Magazine and Journal of Science  
Series 5, Volume 41, April 1896, pages 237-276.

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Arrhenius's paper is the first to quantify the contribution of carbon dioxide to the greenhouse effect (Sections I-IV) and to speculate about whether variations in the atmospheric concentration of carbon dioxide have contributed to long-term variations in climate (Section V). Throughout this paper, Arrhenius refers to carbon dioxide as "carbonic acid" in accordance with the convention at the time he was writing.

Contrary to some misunderstandings, Arrhenius does not explicitly suggest in this paper that the burning of fossil fuels will cause global warming, though it is clear that he is aware that fossil fuels are a potentially significant source of carbon dioxide (page 270), and he does explicitly suggest this outcome in later work.

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LONDON, EDINBURGH, AND DUBLIN  
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JOURNAL OF SCIENCE.

[FIFTH SERIES.]

APRIL 1896.

XXXI. *On the Influence of Carbonic Acid in the Air upon the Temperature of the Ground.* By Prof. SVANTE ARRHENIUS\*.

I. *Introduction: Observations of Langley on Atmospheric Absorption.*

A GREAT deal has been written on the influence of the absorption of the atmosphere upon the climate. Tyndall† in particular has pointed out the enormous importance of this question. To him it was chiefly the diurnal and annual variations of the temperature that were lessened by this circumstance. Another side of the question, that has long attracted the attention of physicists, is this: Is the mean temperature of the ground in any way influenced by the presence of heat-absorbing gases in the atmosphere? Fourier‡ maintained that the atmosphere acts like the glass of a hothouse, because it lets through the light rays of the sun but retains the dark rays from the ground. This idea was elaborated by Pouillet§; and Langley was by some of his researches led to the view, that "the temperature of the earth under direct sunshine, even though our atmosphere were present as now, would probably fall to  $-200^{\circ}$  C., if that atmosphere did not possess the quality of selective

\* Extract from a paper presented to the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, 11th December, 1895. Communicated by the Author.

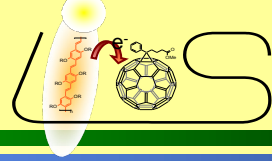
† 'Heat and Mode of Motion,' 2nd ed. p. 495 (Lond., 1865).

‡ *Mém. de l'Ac. R. d. Sci. de l'Inst. de France*, t. vii. 1827.

§ *Comptes rendus*, t. xii. p. 41. (1838).



# Global warming was predicted



**Svante August Arrhenius** was a Swedish scientist (1858-1927)

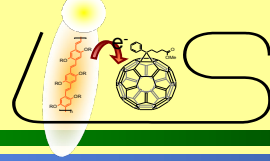
Originally a physicist, but often referred to as a chemist was the founder of physical chemistry

Nobel Prize for Chemistry in 1903





# Global warming was predicted

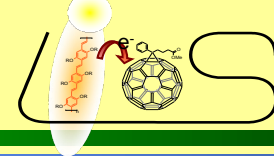


One may now ask, How much must the carbonic acid vary according to our figures, in order that the temperature should attain the same values as in the Tertiary and Ice ages respectively? A simple calculation shows that the temperature in the arctic regions would rise about  $8^{\circ}$  to  $9^{\circ}$  C., if the carbonic acid increased to 2.5 or 3 times its present value. In order to get the temperature of the ice age between the 40th and 50th parallels, the carbonic acid in the air should sink to 0.62 — 0.55 of its present value (lowering of temperature  $4^{\circ}$ – $5^{\circ}$  C.). The demands of the geologists, that at the genial epochs the climate should be more uniform than now, accords

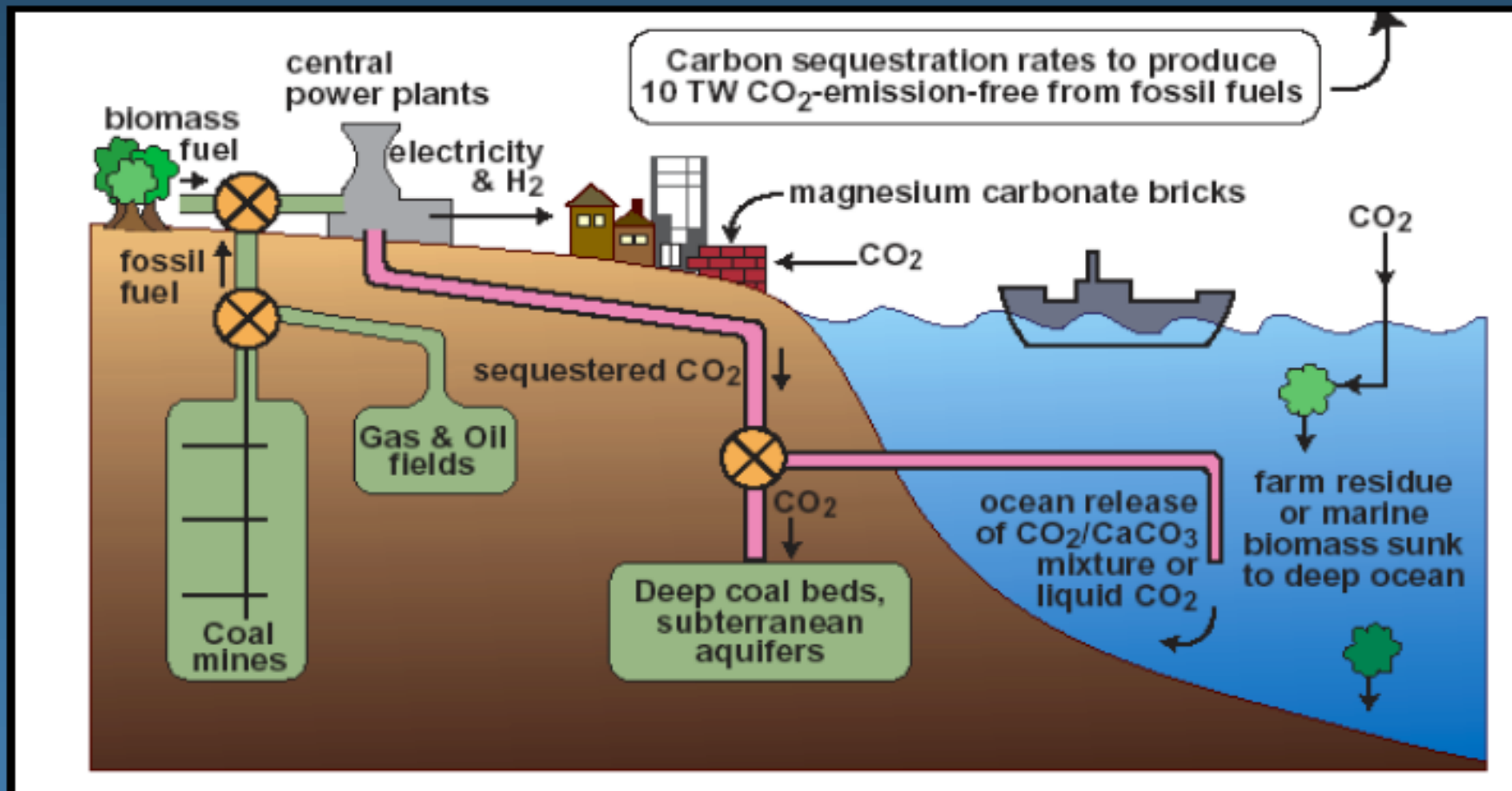
The  $\text{CO}_2$  level at those days was 300 ppm which corresponds to  $K=1$   
Today we have 400 ppm,  $K=1.3$

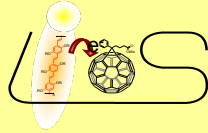


# Can we get rid of CO<sub>2</sub>?



## CO<sub>2</sub>-Einlagerung

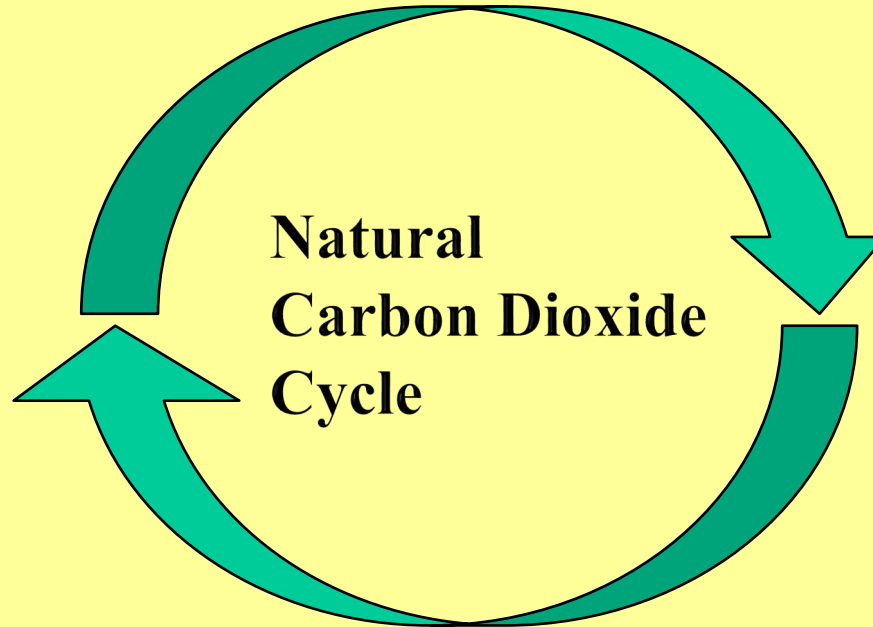
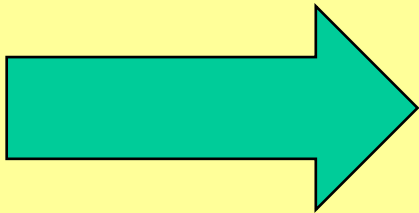




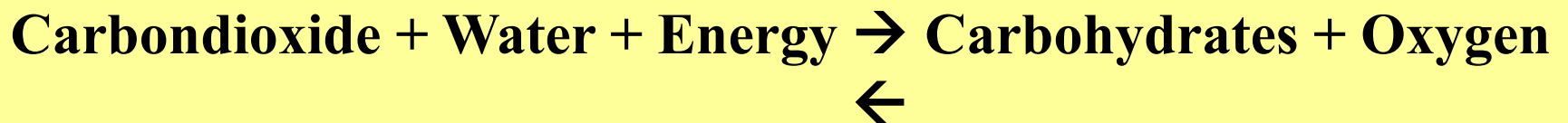
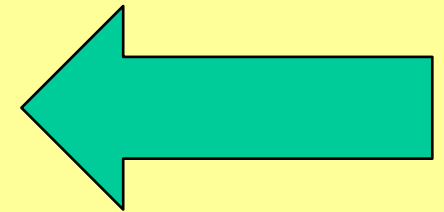
# Carbon Cycle and Recycling in Nature



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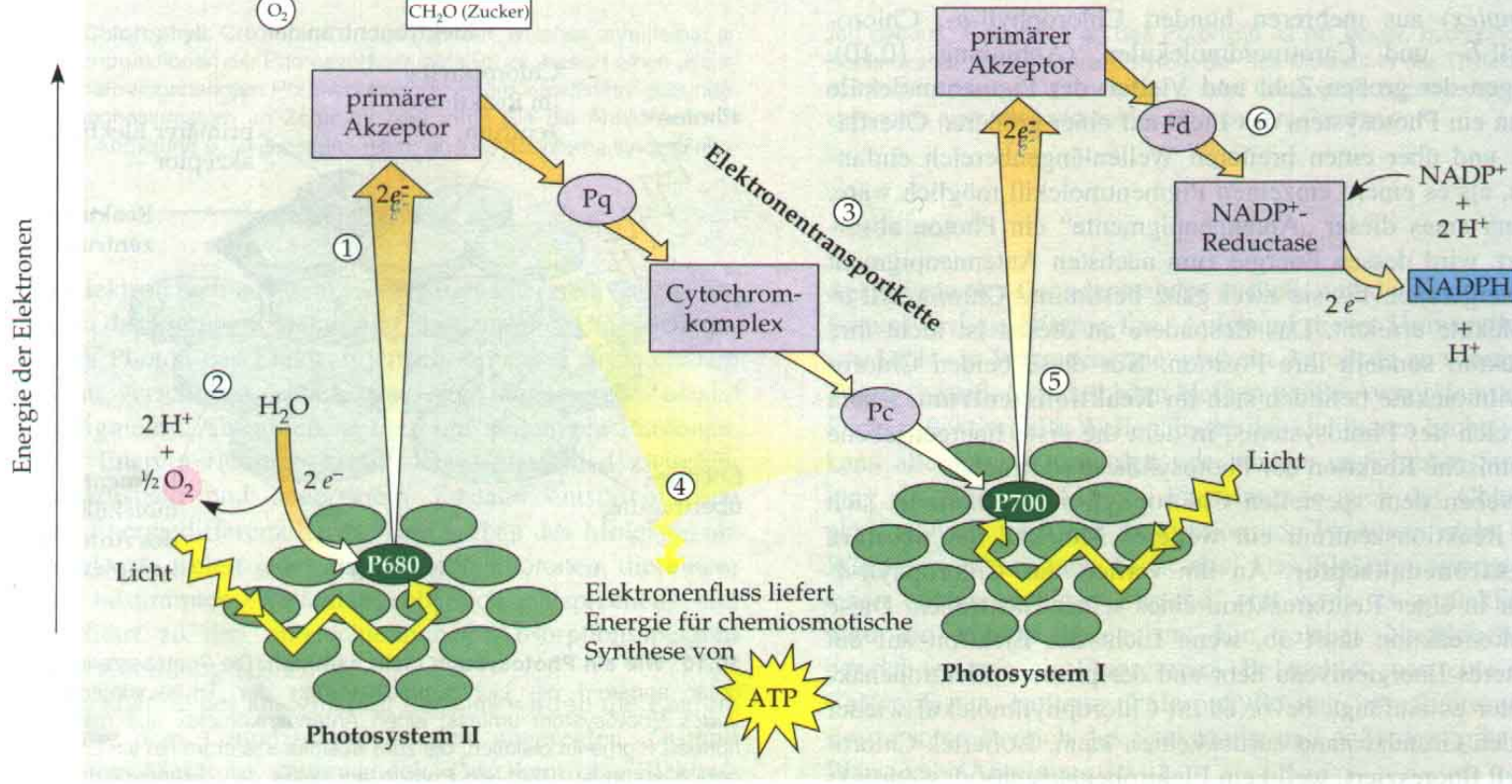
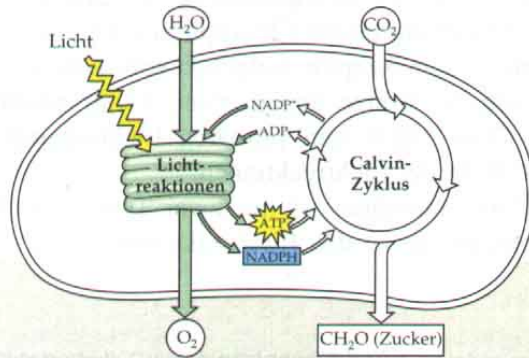
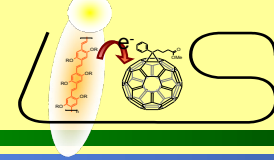
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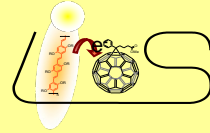




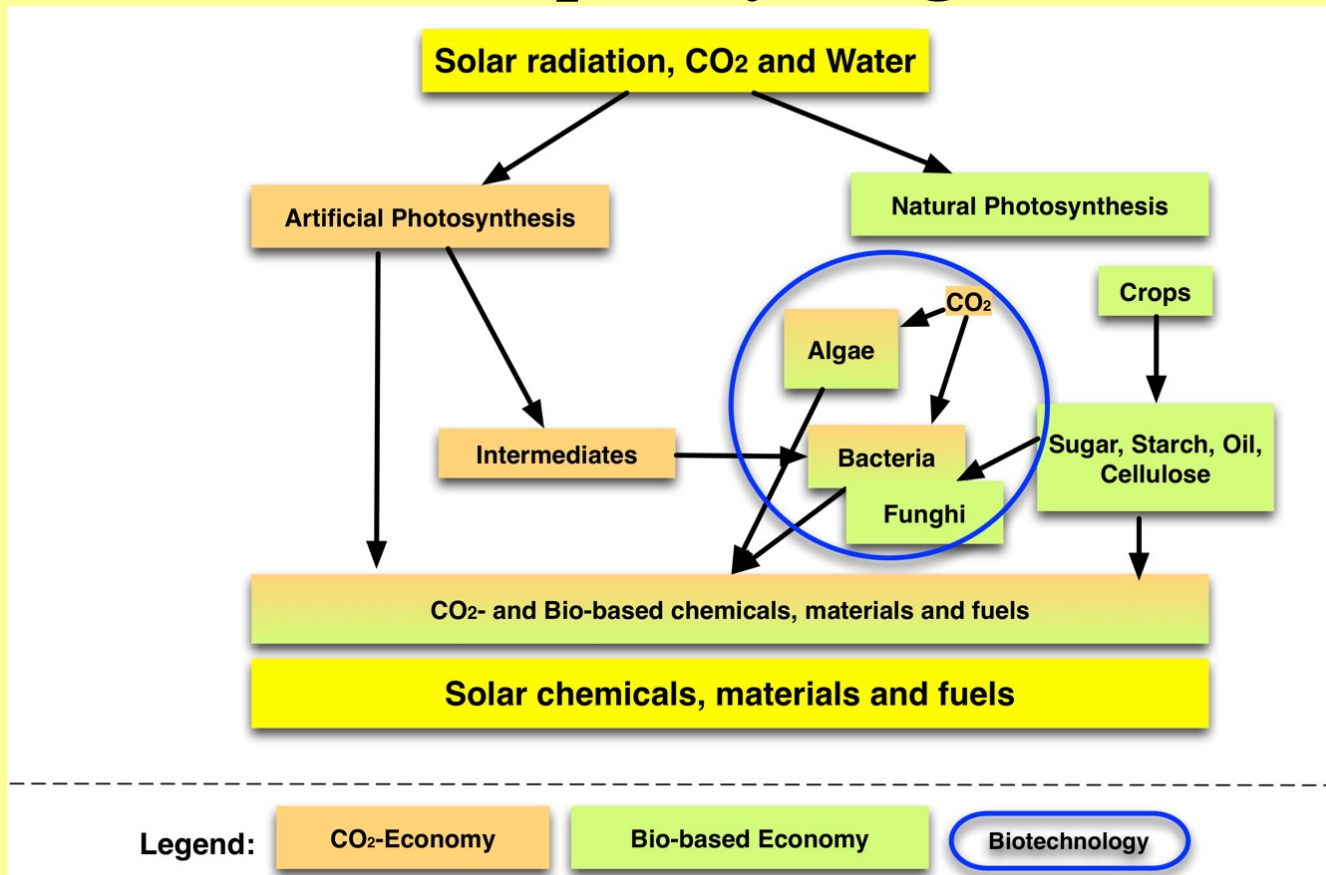


# Natural Photosynthesis



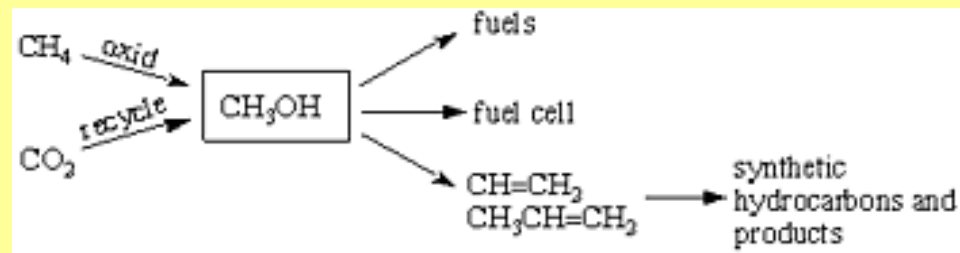
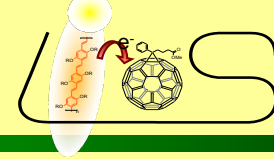


# Carbon Capture and Utilization: CO<sub>2</sub> Recycling





# RECYCLING CO<sub>2</sub>



Methanol as carrier and storage of energy

a.) Methanol can be mixed to gasoline

b.) Methanol is used in fuel cells

c.) Methanol is starting chemical for  
Many other derivatives

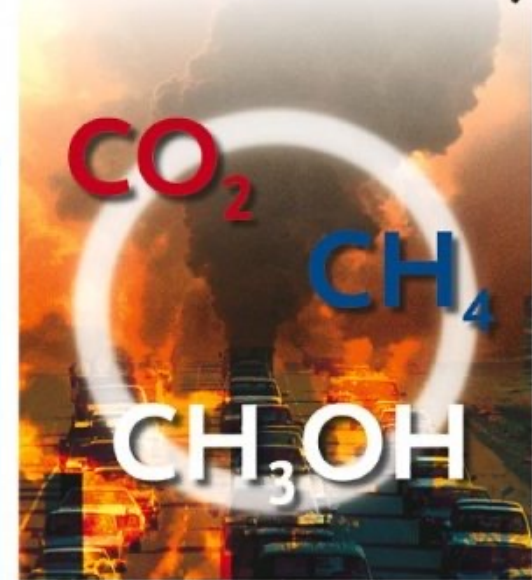
George Olah, Nobel Prize 1994

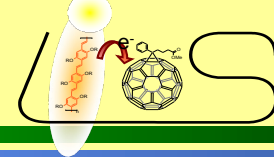
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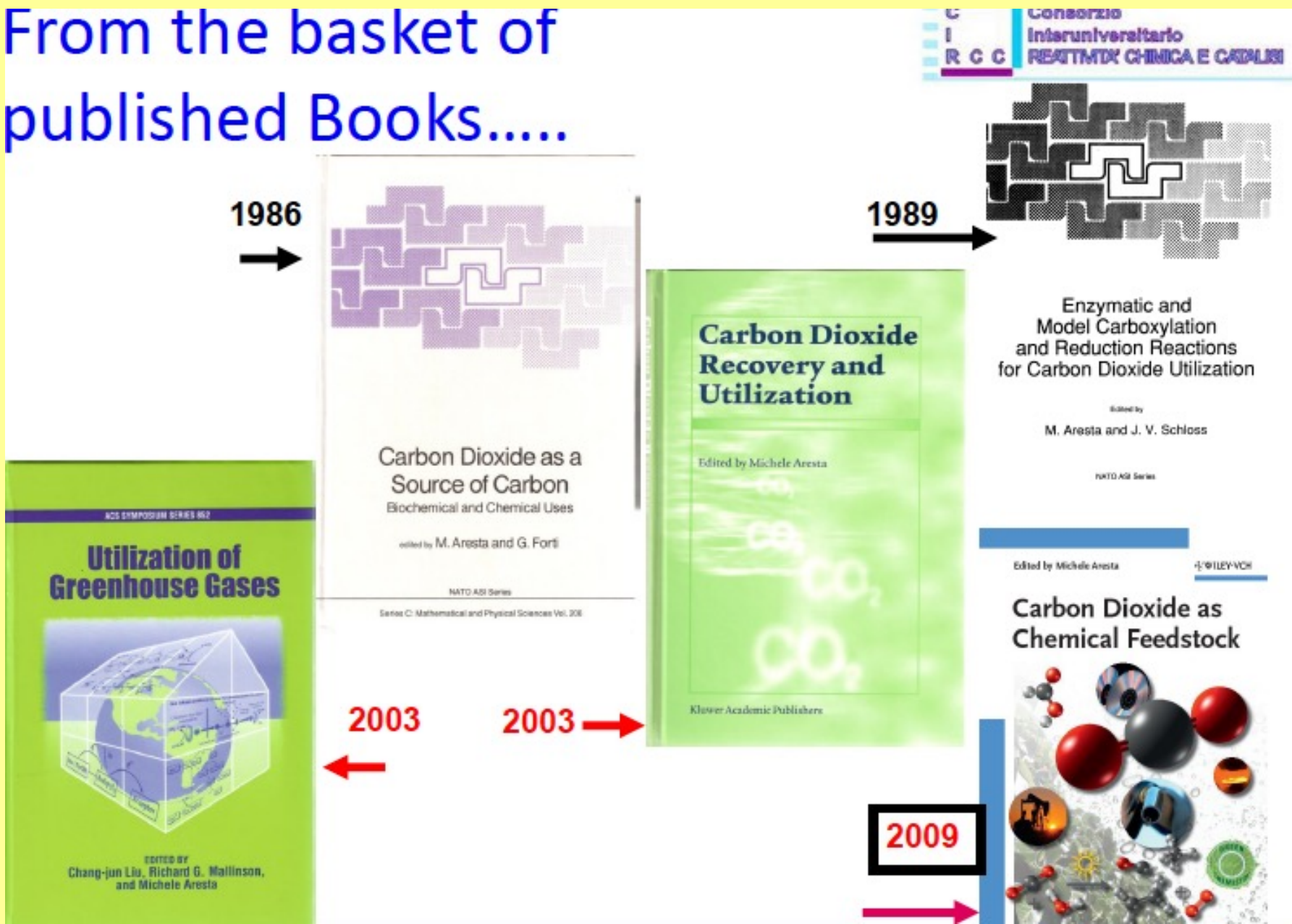
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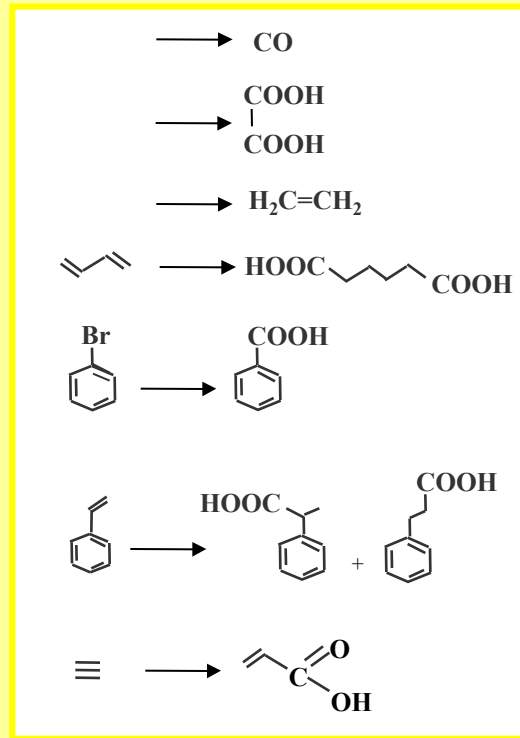
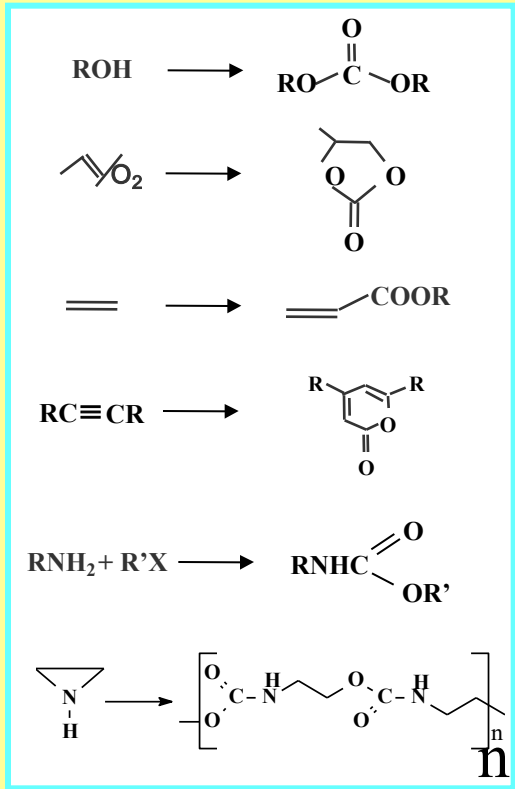
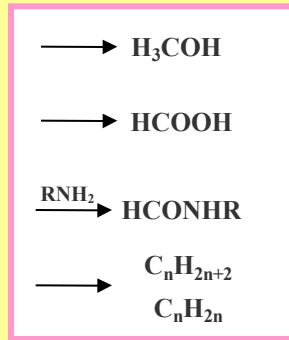
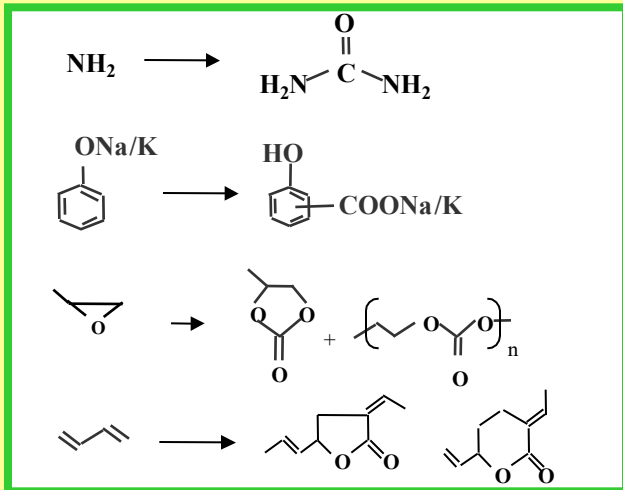
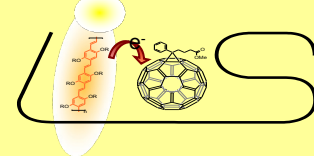
Beyond Oil and Gas:  
The Methanol Economy





# From the basket of published Books.....





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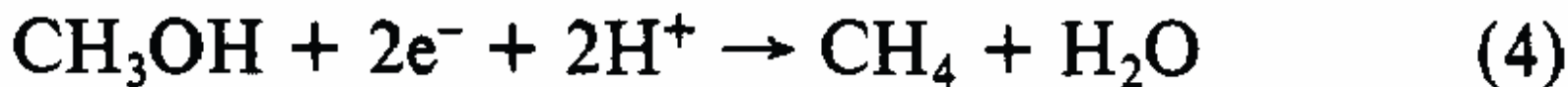
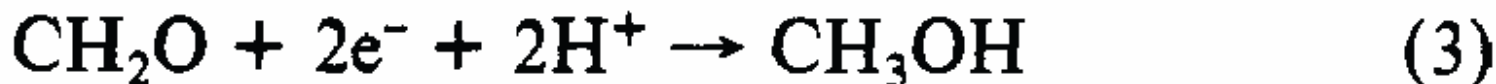
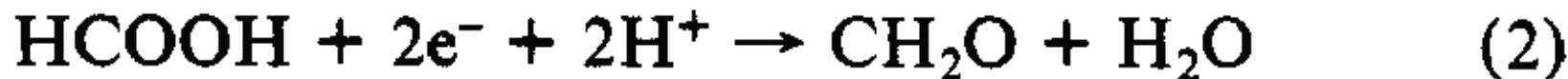
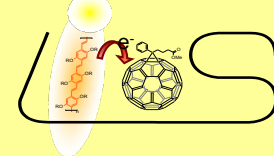
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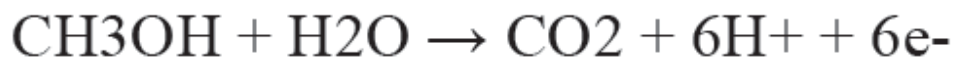
# IS IT POSSIBLE TO RECYCLE CO<sub>2</sub>?

## The answer is yes!



Steps in methanol oxidation/production.

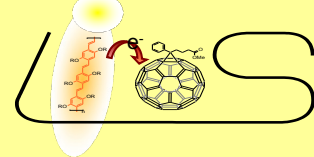
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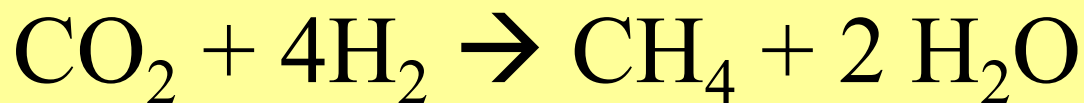
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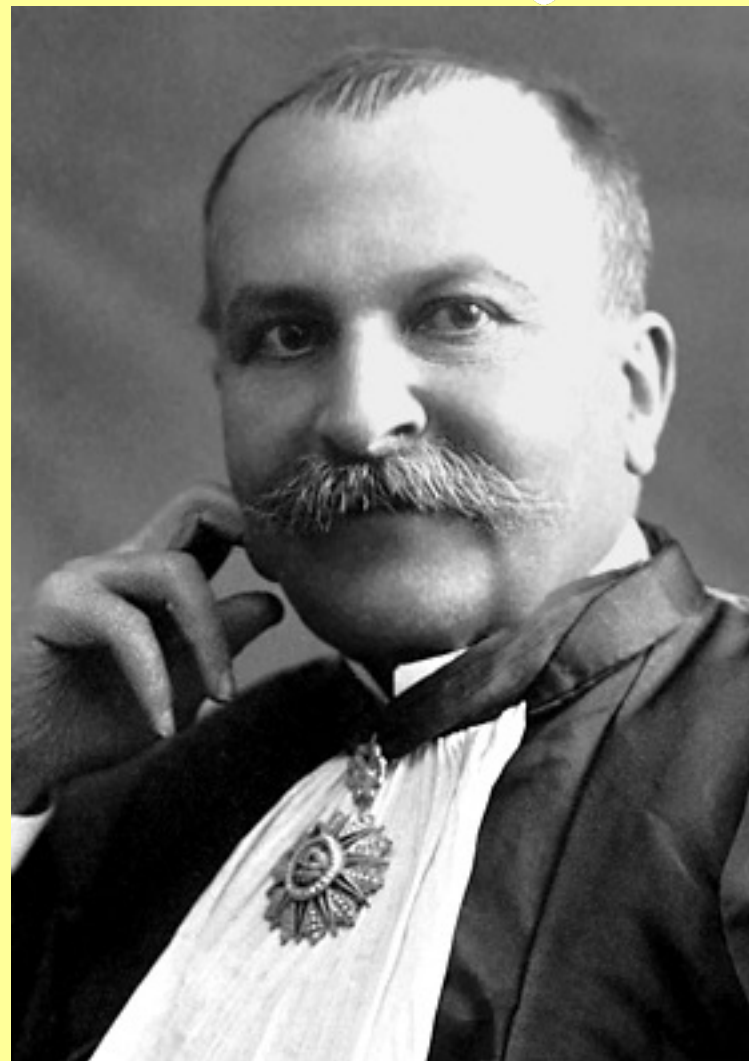
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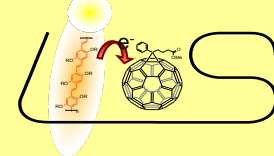
400 C, pressure + catalyst

$$\Delta H = -165 \text{ kJ/mol}$$

Methanisation of carbon dioxide with  
hydrogen gas



Paul Sabatier (1854-1941)  
Nobel Prize 1912



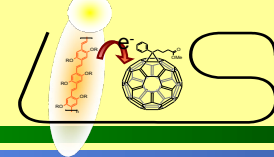
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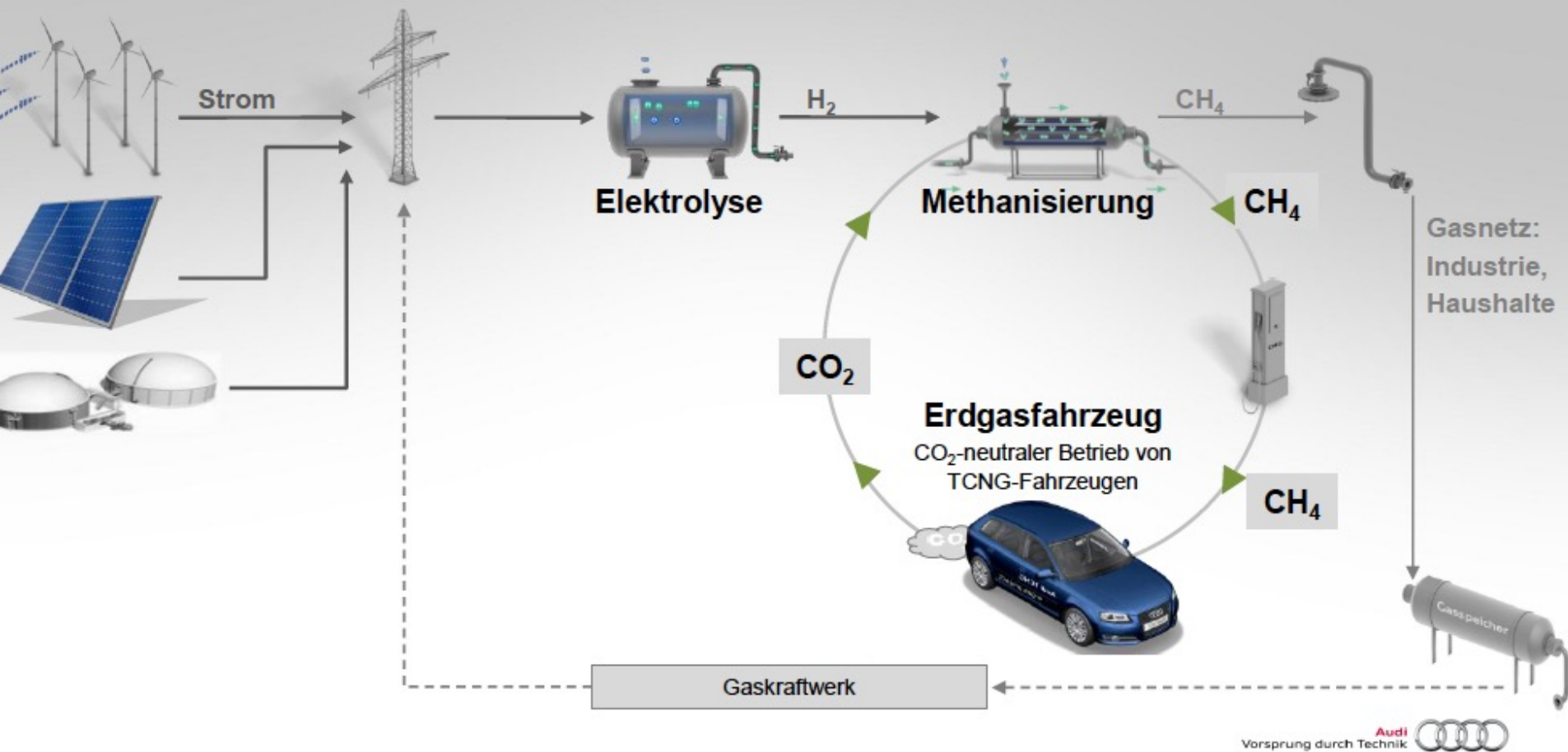
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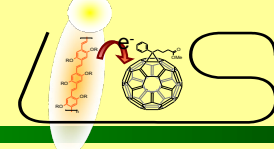


## Funktionsprinzip e-gas



Vorsprung durch Technik Audi

Courtesy of Dr. Pengg, Audi Corp.



ETOGAS GmbH

## The ETOGAS 6.3MW beta plant was completed in time and in budget Impressions from the opening ceremony, June 2013



**Mr. Hollerweger (Head of Total Vehicle Development, Audi) and Mr. Flasbarth (President Federal Environment Agency) at the opening ceremony**

Source: ETOGAS, Audi

Final - HannoverMesse, Windstrom, Biomasse und Mobilität 2013

# **WHY SOLAR ENERGY?**

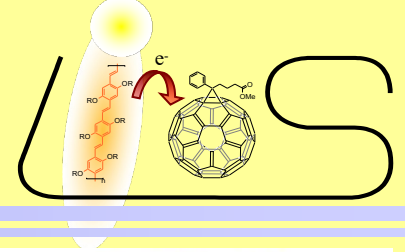
**170.000 TERAWATTS**  
*OF SOLAR POWER ARRIVES ON EARTH*

*Human civilization consumes today around*

*17 Terawatts*

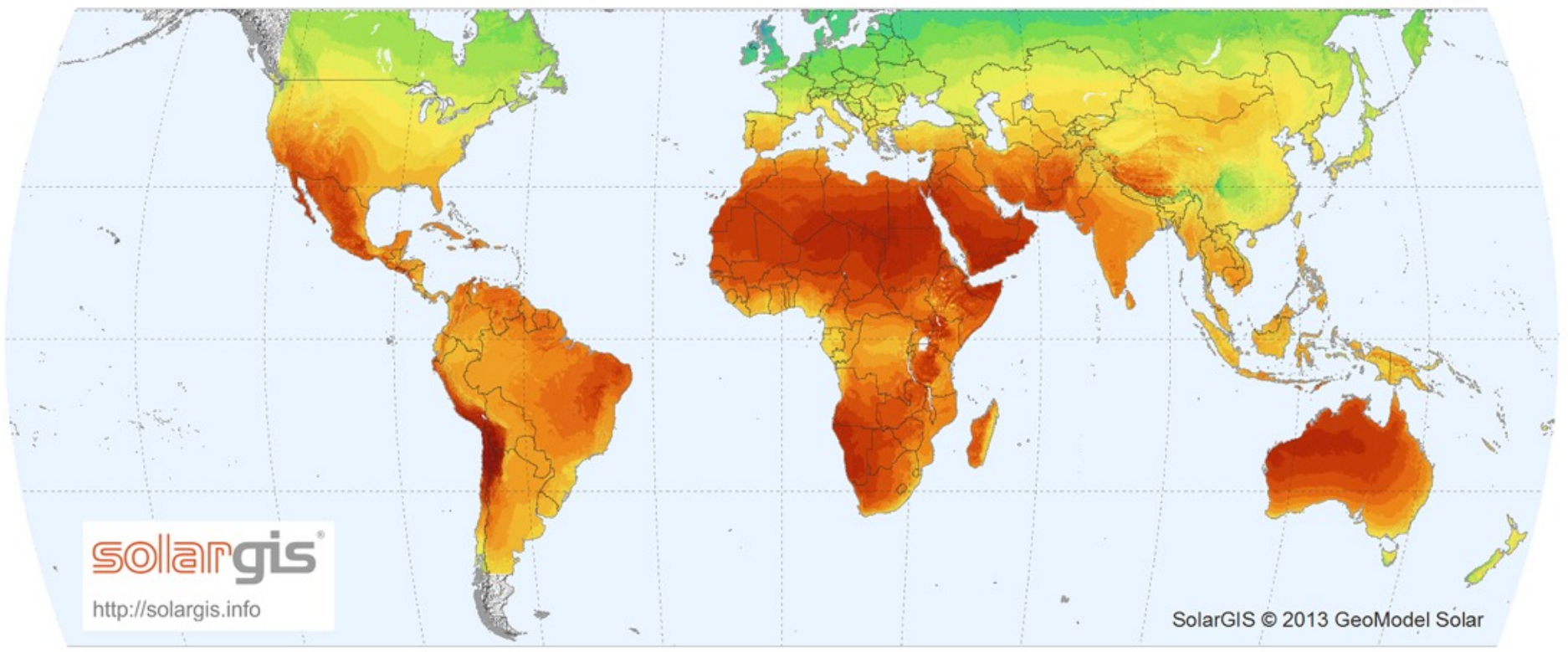


# Solar Energy Distribution



## WORLD MAP OF GLOBAL HORIZONTAL IRRADIATION

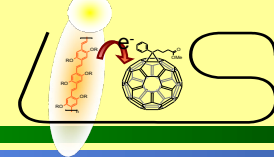
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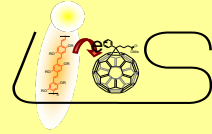
# Solar Energy for World Peace

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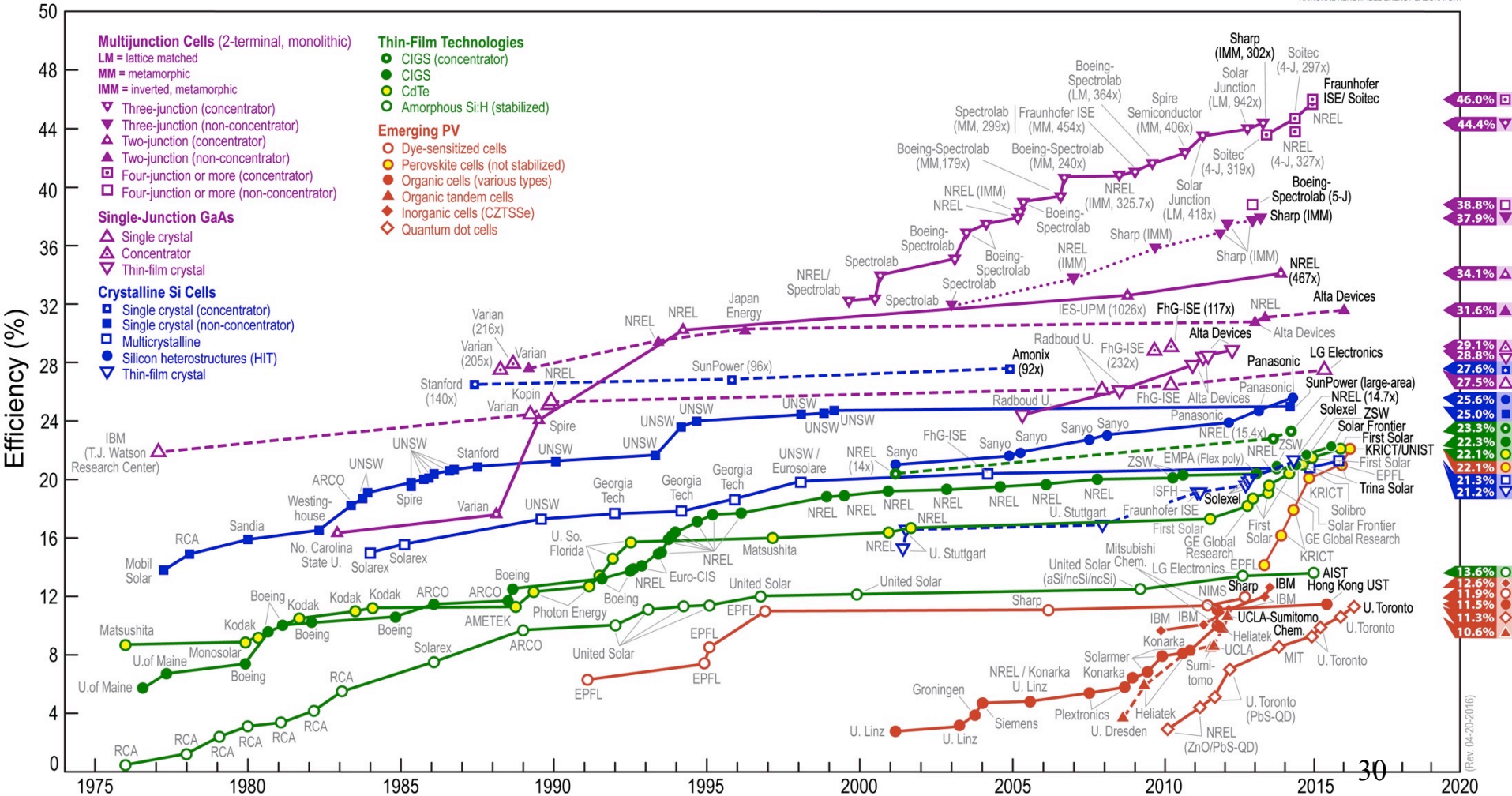
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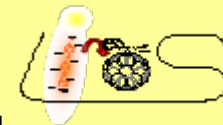


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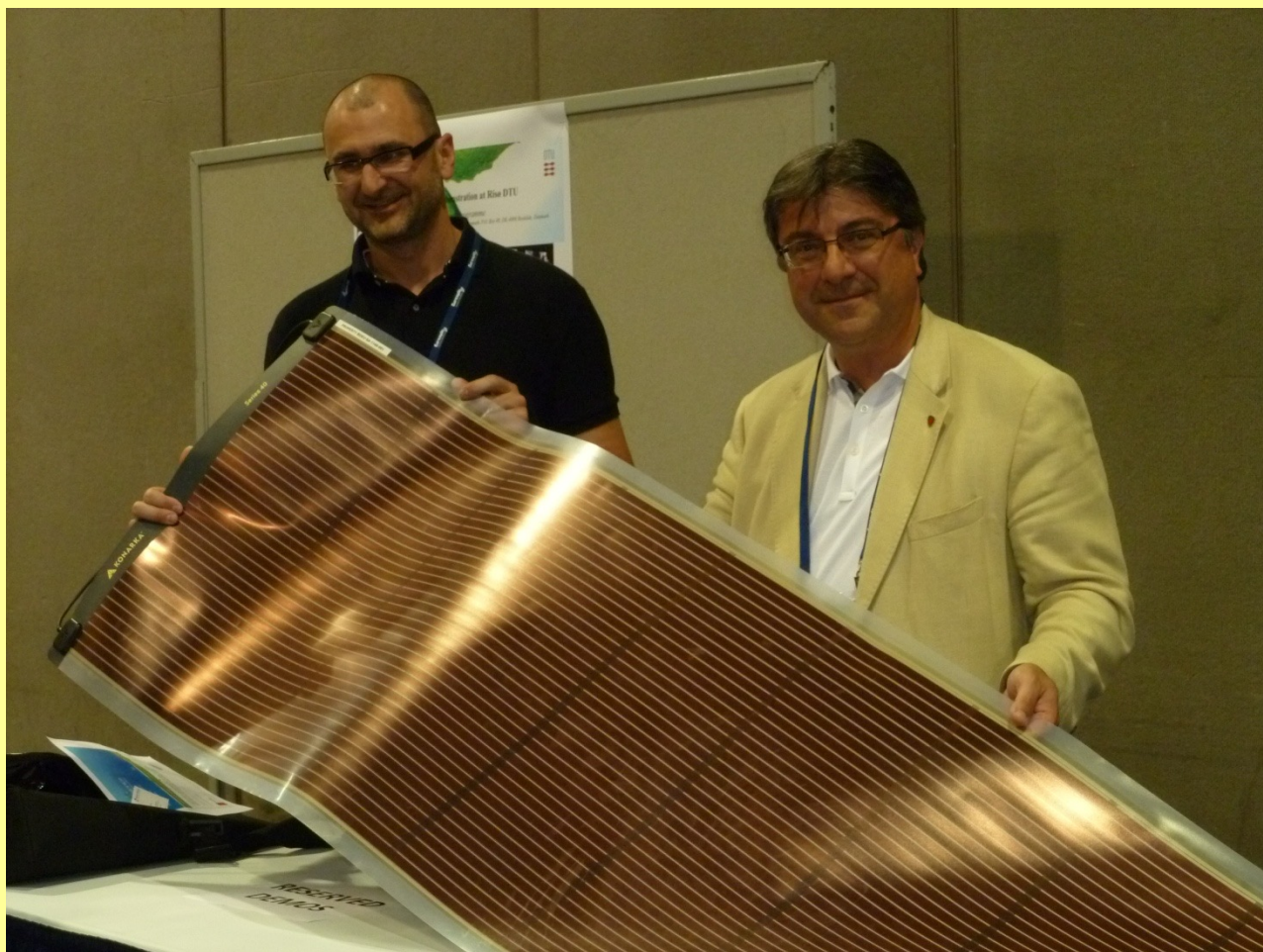
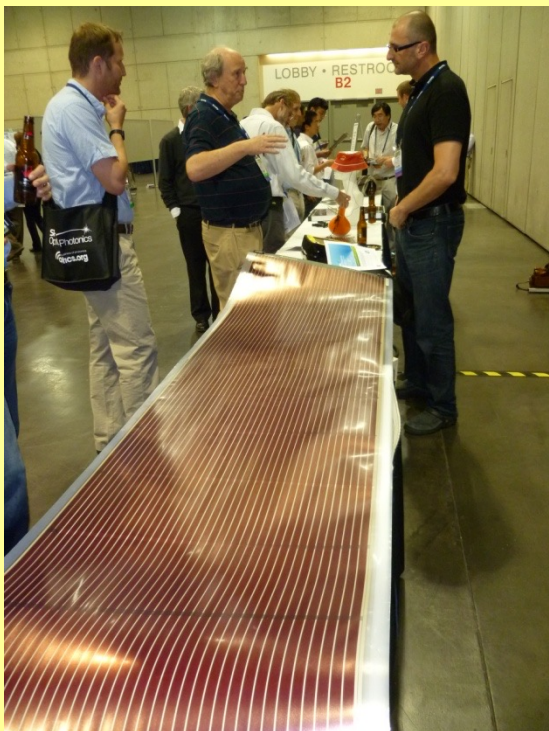
## Best Research-Cell Efficiencies



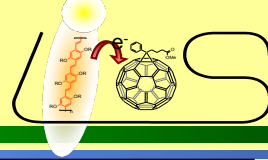
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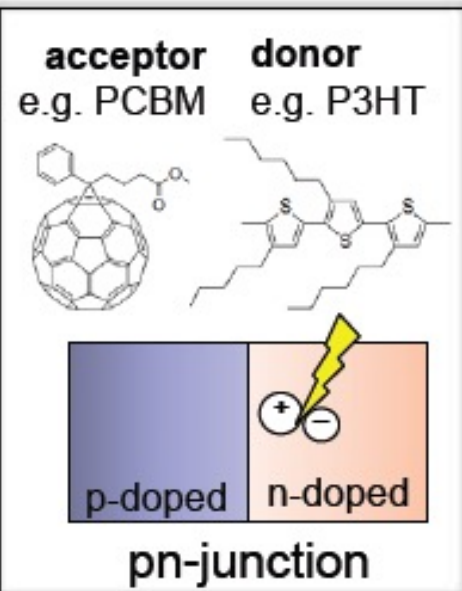
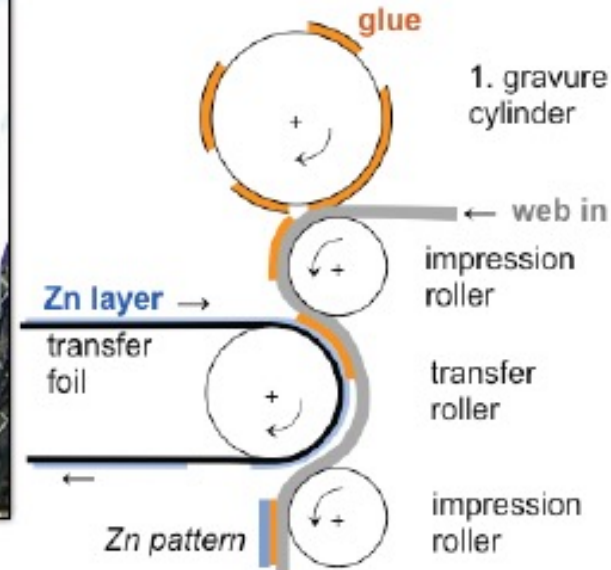
# Roll to roll produced solar cells



Courtesy of Konarka Inc.



## technology approach: 3PV printed paper photovoltaics



1. printing step

2. gravure cylinder

2. printing step

P3HT:PCBM

3. printing step

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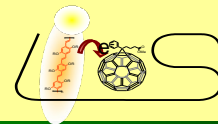
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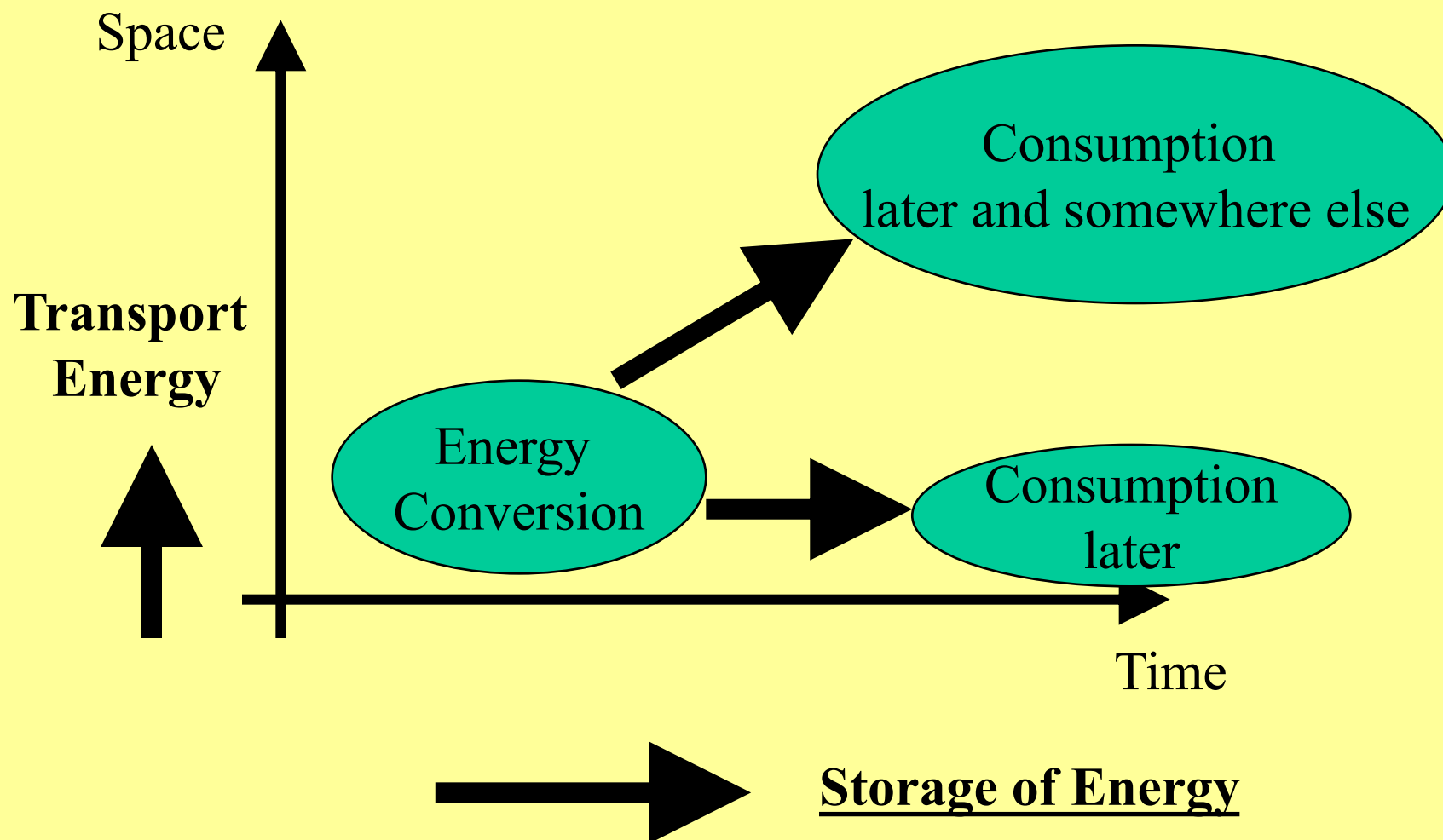
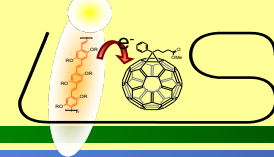


# **What is the next challenge in Solar Energy Conversion?**

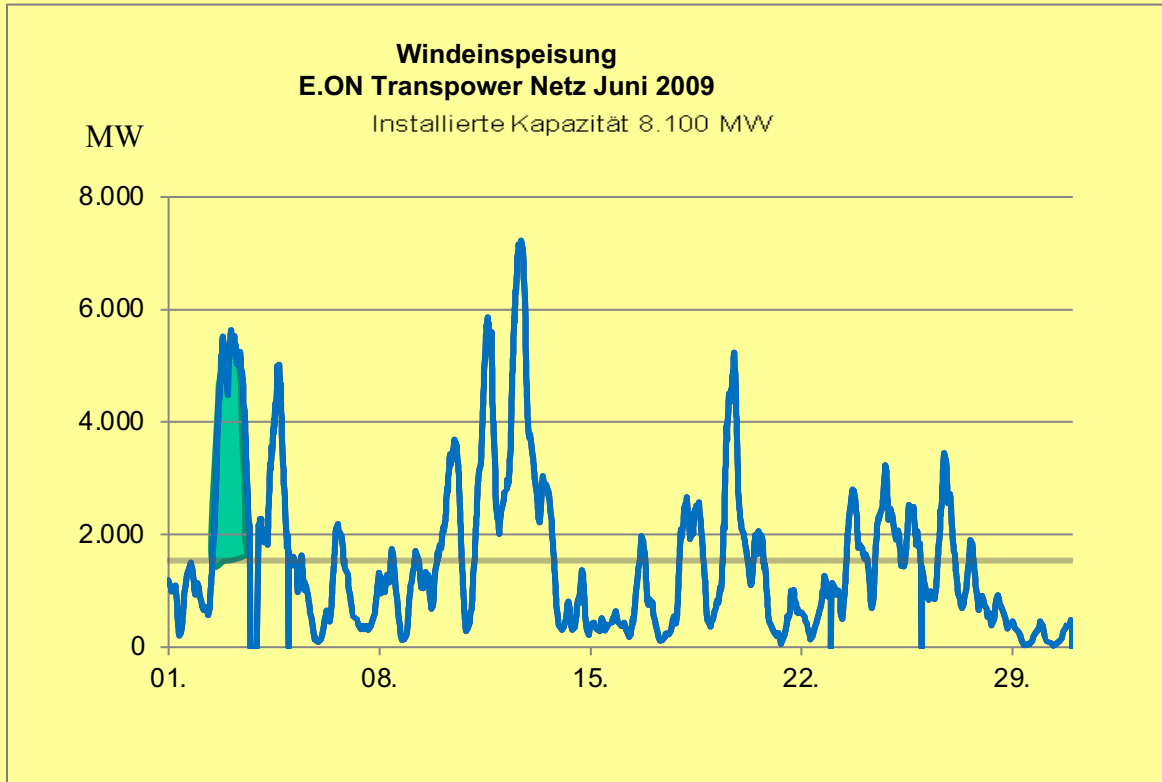
*Solar energy into chemical energy*



# Storage-Transport Problem



Transportable fuel created by solar energy conversion !!!



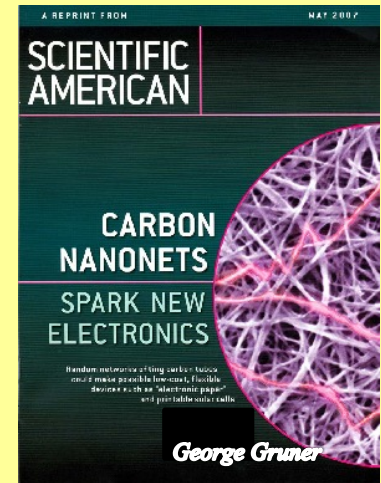
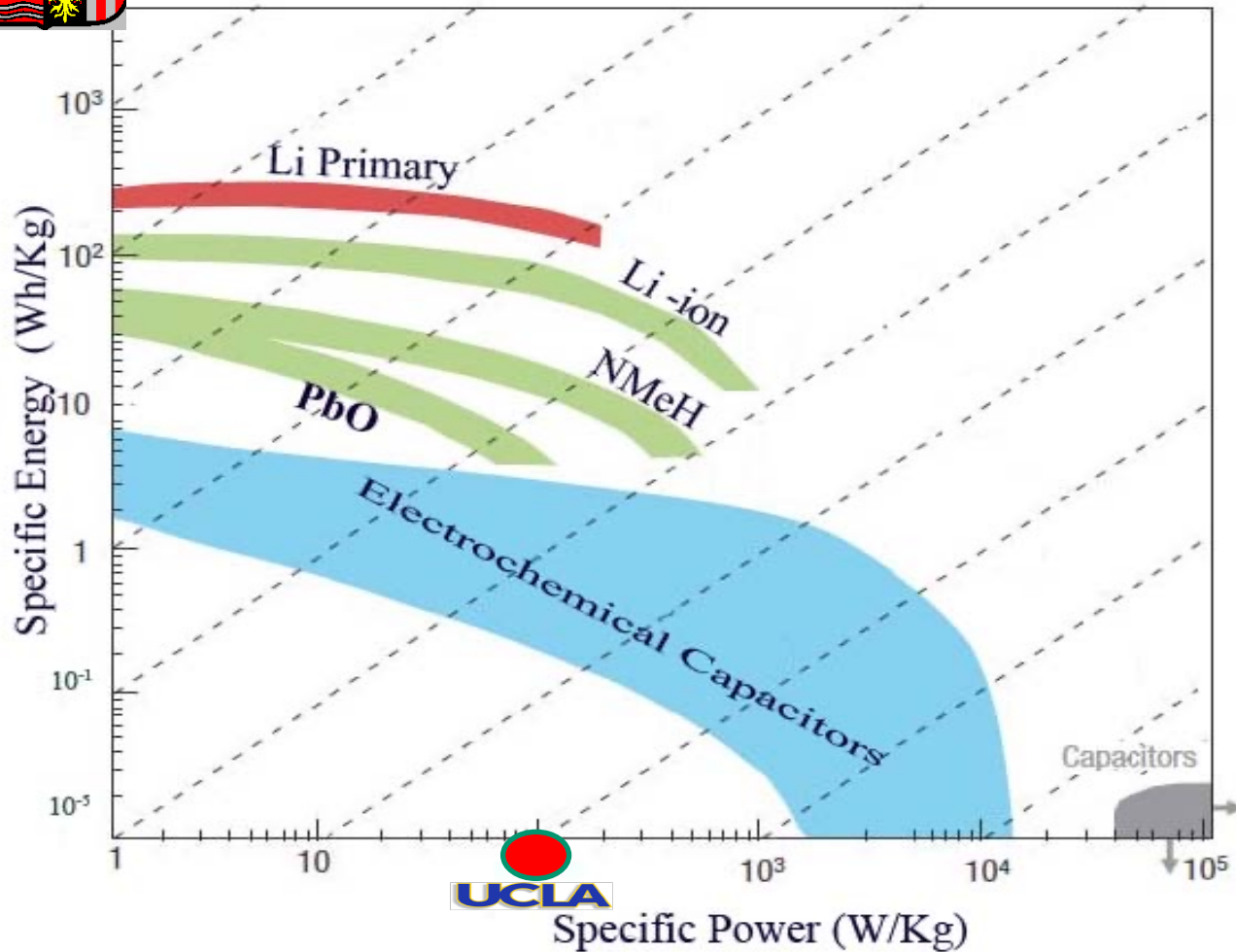
Breites nicht regelbares  
Schwankungsspektrum stellt  
unlösbare Anforderung an  
Netzbetrieb

Strombeitrag kann daher  
nur kleinen Teil des  
Bedarfs decken

Schwankung zwischen 0% und 100%  
Wind Deutschland: Durchschnitt 18%

PV Deutschland: Durchschnitt 10%

Kaltfront 3.6.09:  
~ 4 GW x 20 h = 80 Millionen kWh

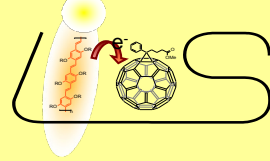


*Batteries are slow,  
not suitable for  
power handling*

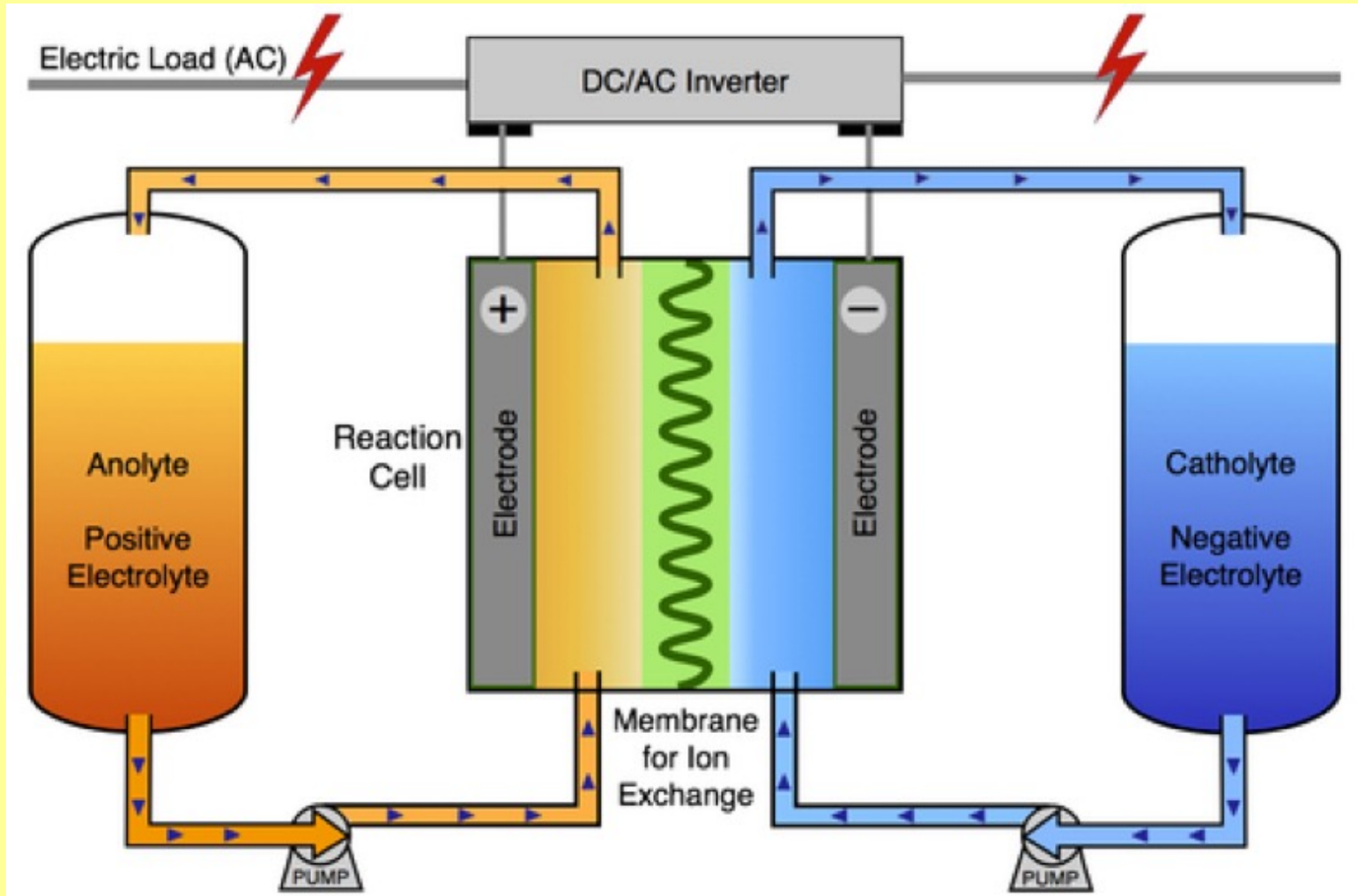
*The solution:  
Supercapacitors*

*G. Gruner, UCLA*

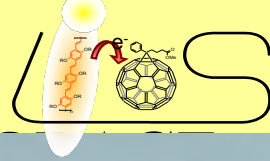
**By fuelling a typical gasoline car (~ 40 l ca 400 kWh) within 2 min (~ 10 MW)**<sub>36</sub>



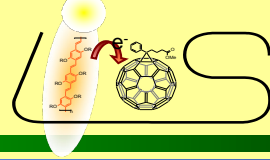
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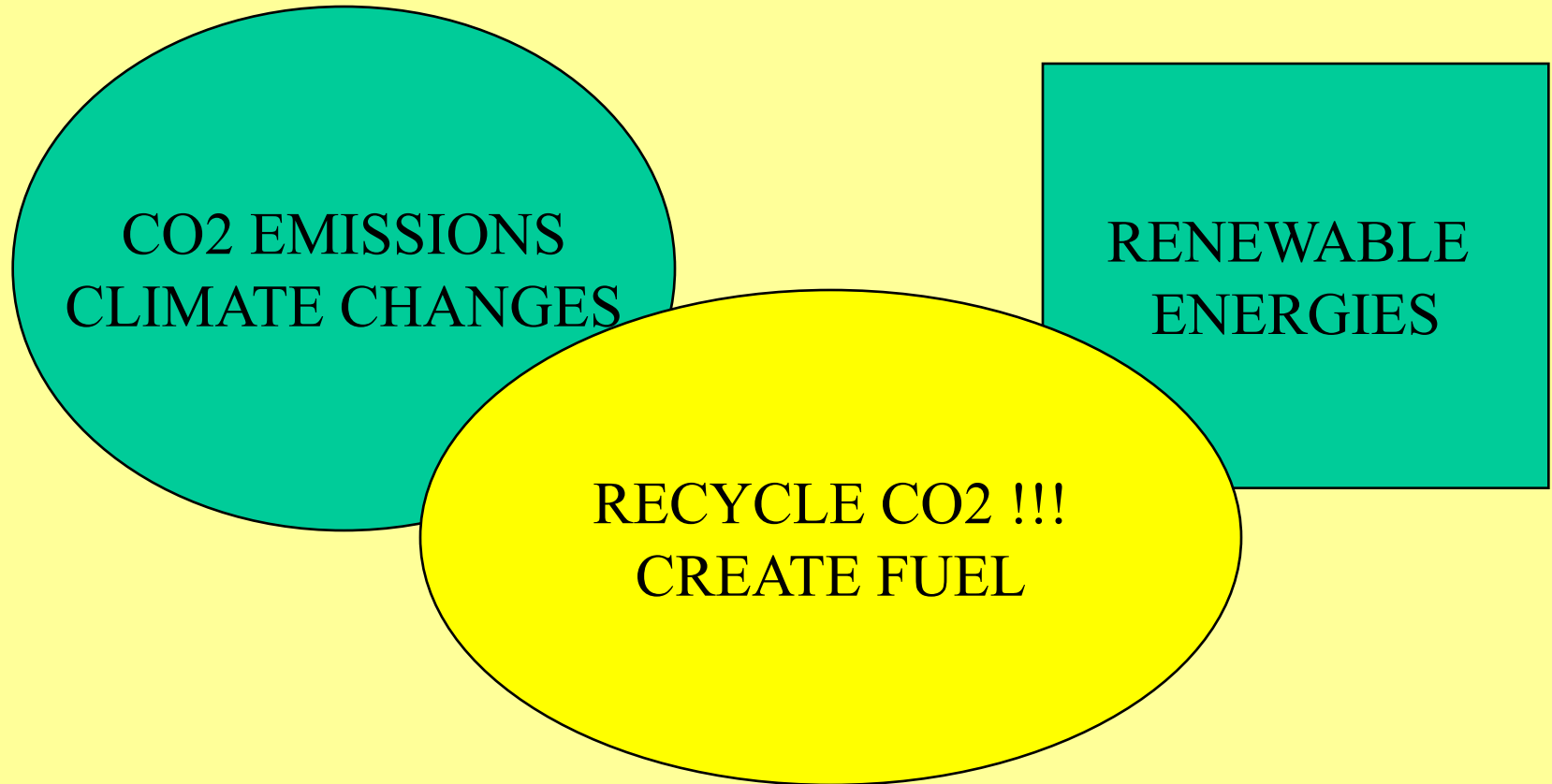
# REDOX FLOW BATTERIES FOR HIGH ENERGY STORAGE



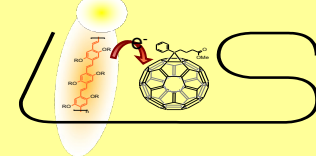
Vanadium based redox flow battery systems, CellCube, Wiener Neudorf



## INTERFACE BETWEEN CO<sub>2</sub> REDUCTION AND RENEWABLE ENERGY CREATION



Future recycling of CO<sub>2</sub> as important mission of renewable energies



*CO<sub>2</sub> from air*



CO<sub>2</sub> Capture



CO<sub>2</sub> Release



Reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> into a Fuel

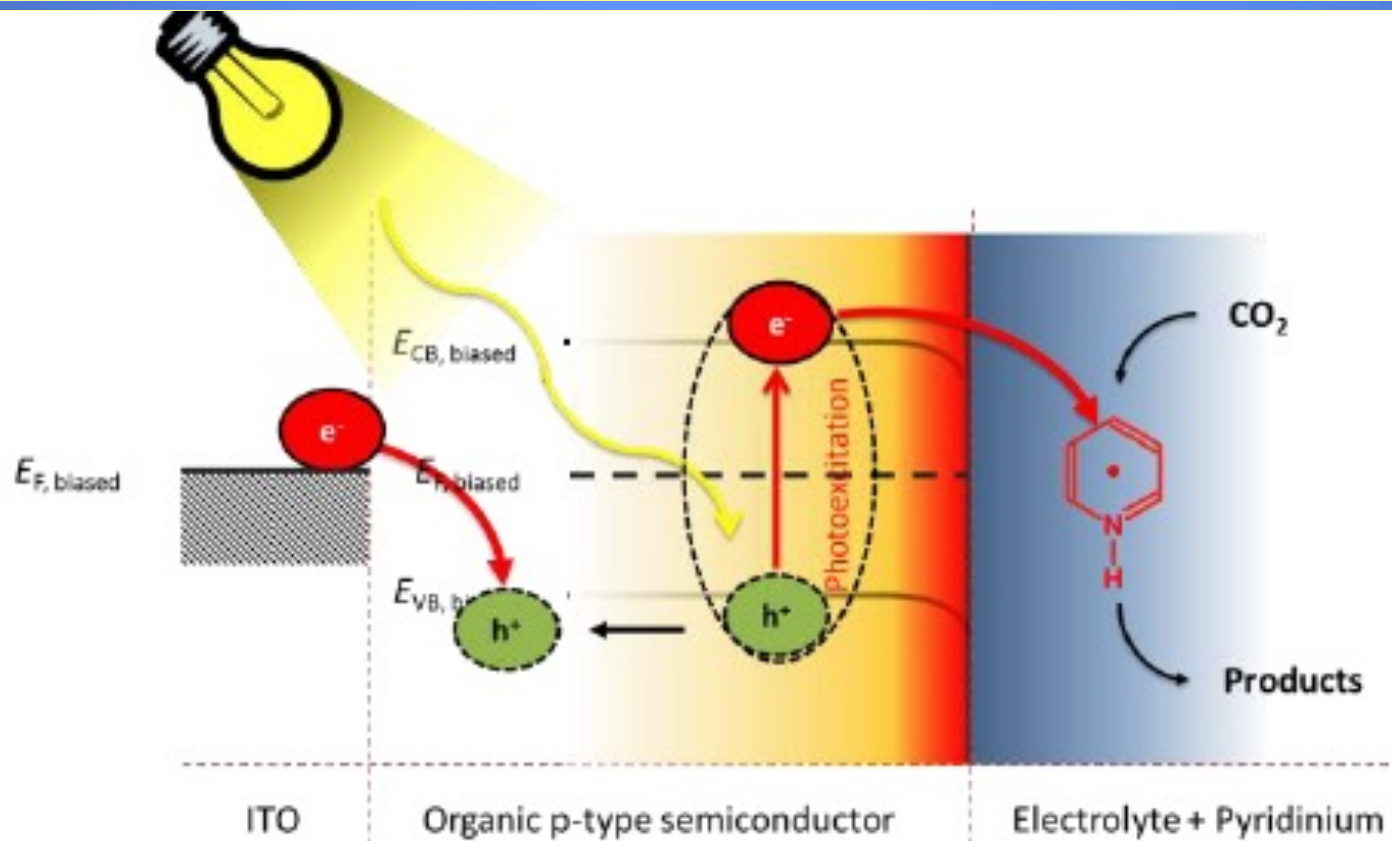
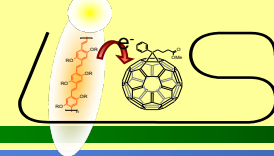


*Fuel*



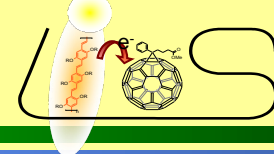


# Poly 3-hexylthiophene (P3HT) as Photocathode



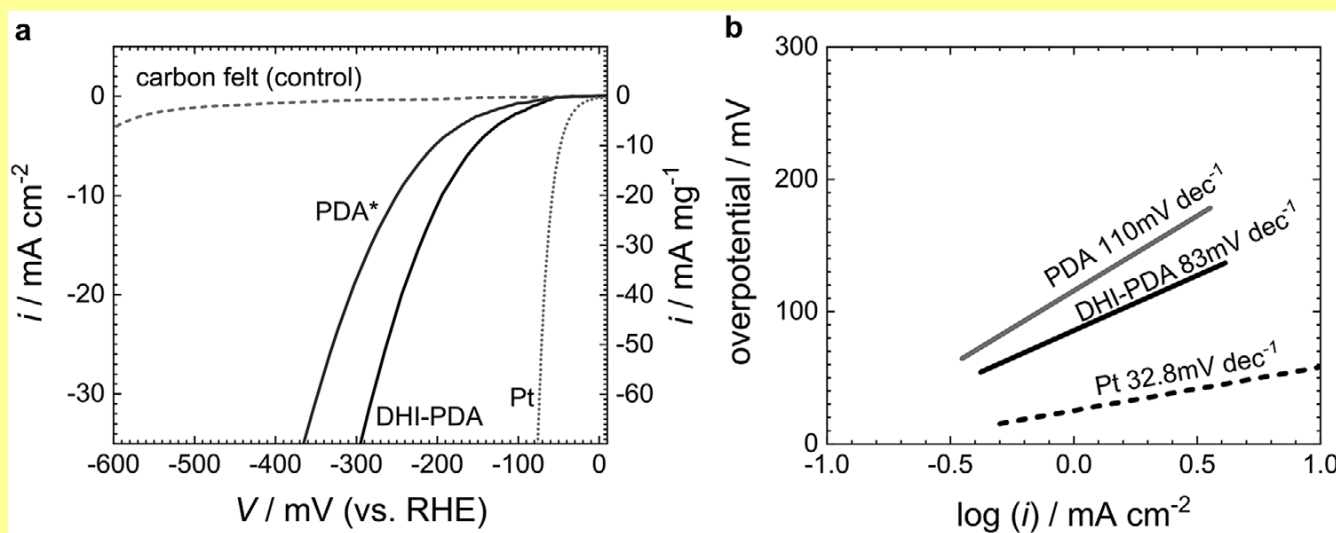
For CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to Methanol

Engelbert Portenkirchner et.al 2013

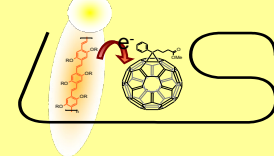


## Metal-Free Hydrogen-Bonded Polymers Mimic Noble Metal Electrocatalysts

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**Figure 3.** Electrochemical characterization. a) Voltammetric scans (10 mV s<sup>-1</sup>, referred to active area and gravimetric) in 1 M TfOH electrolyte for HER showing the performance of PDA (standard) and DHI-PDA as compared to Pt (reference) and CF (blank control). b) Tafel plot ( $\log(i)$  vs.  $\eta$ ) with the slopes indicated in the graph. The reference overpotential  $\eta$  (at 10 mA cm<sup>-2</sup> planar current density) is 190 mV (DHI-PDA) and 270 mV (PDA).

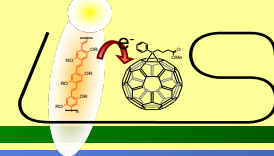


# Coupling Chemistry and Biotechnology:

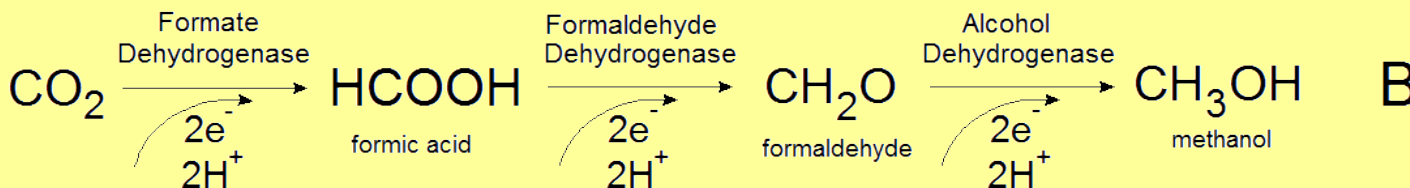
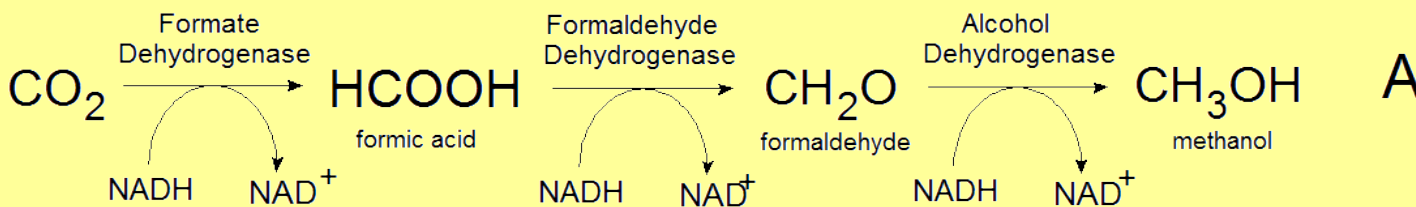
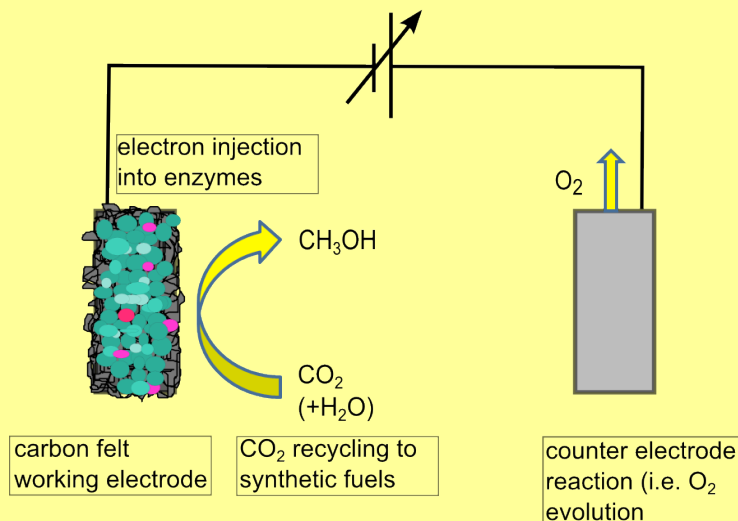
- $\text{CO}_2 \text{ aq} \rightarrow \text{HCOO}^-$       **Formate dehydrogenase**
- $\text{HCOO}^- \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{CO}$       **Formaldehydedehydrogenase**
- $\text{H}_2\text{CO} \rightarrow \text{CH}_3\text{OH}$       **Methanoldehydrogenase**
- **$\text{NAD}^+/\text{NADH}$  is the source of energy .**
- **Key issue : how to reverse the  $\text{NAD}^+/\text{NADH}$  couple after oxidation ?**
- **Use of chemical systems for solar light harvesting and conversion**



# Bio-electrochemical Catalysis

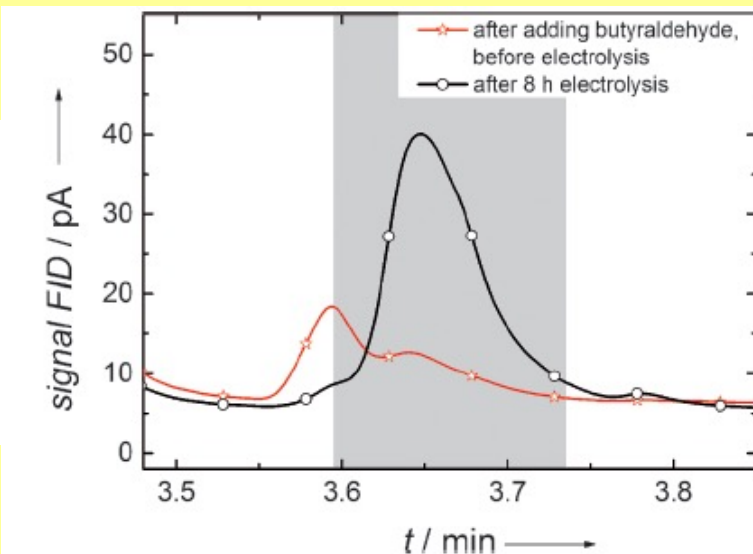
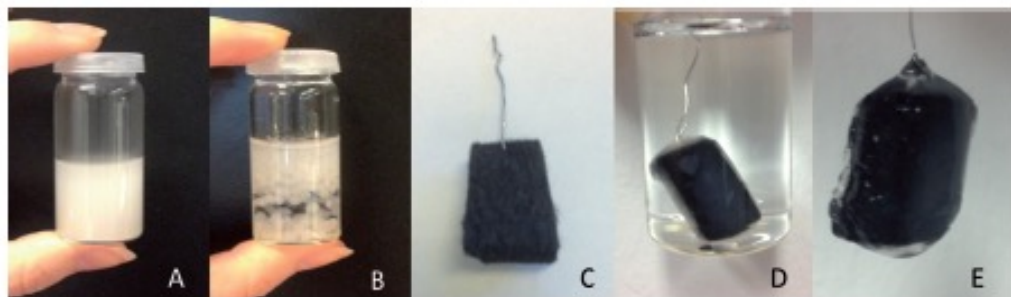
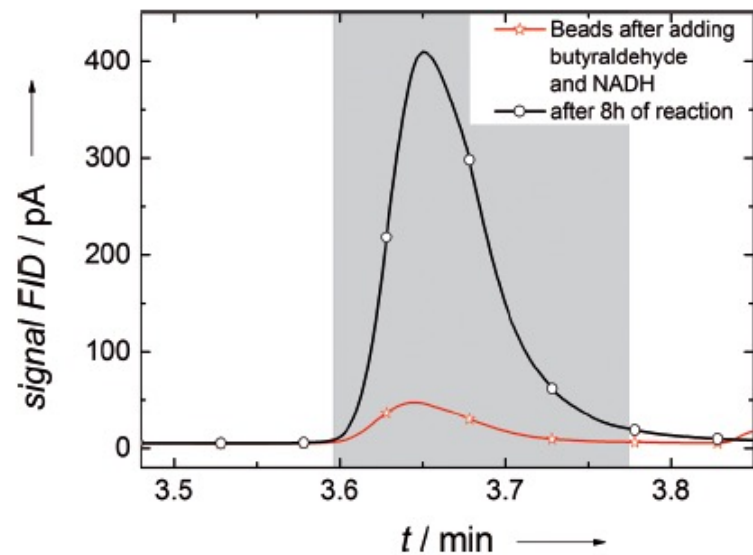
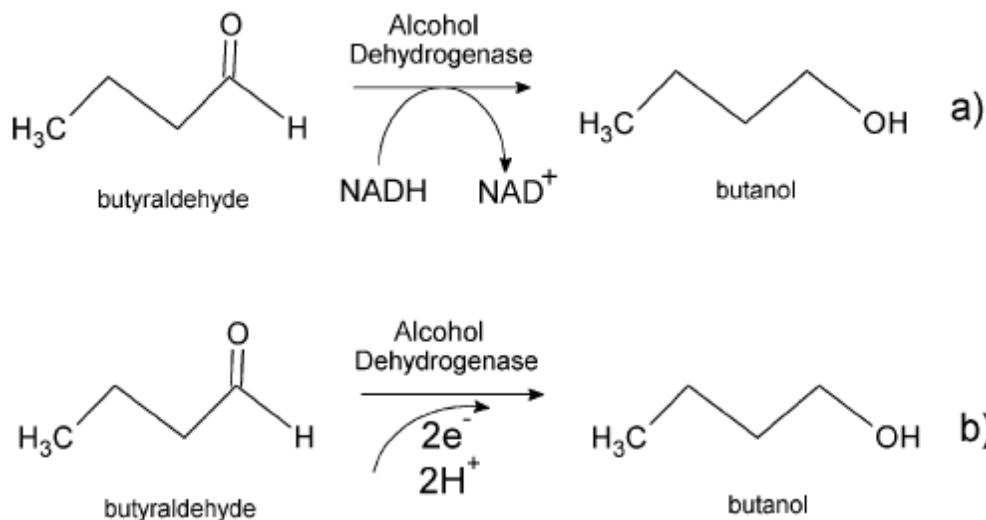
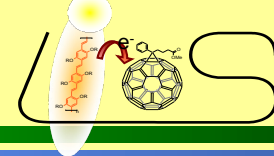


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## Bio-Electrocatalytic Application of Microorganisms for Carbon Dioxide Reduction to Methane

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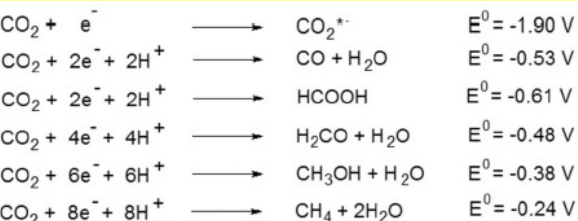
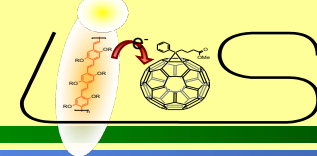


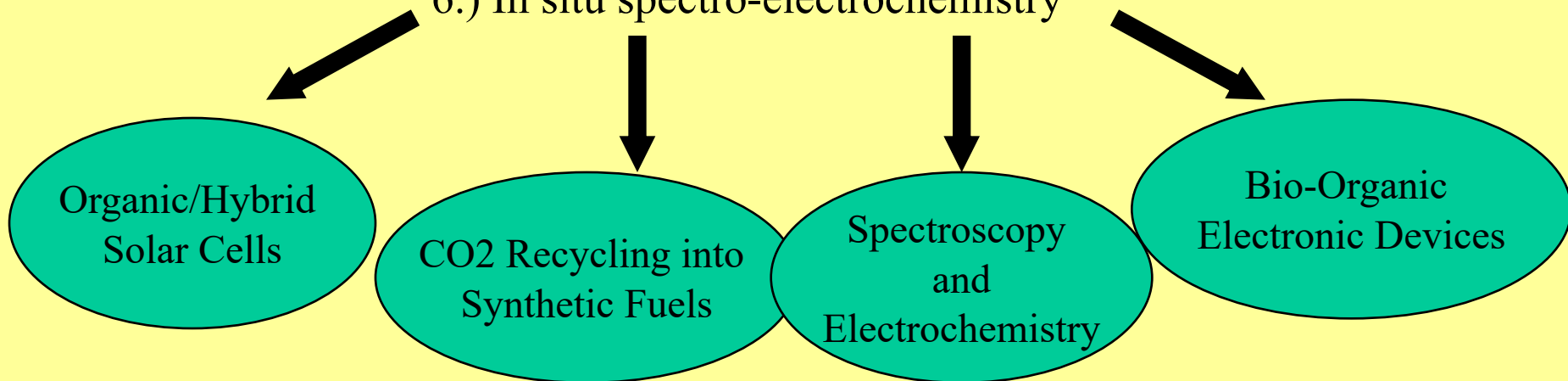
Figure 1. a) Cloudy medium after inoculation of microorganism suspension, b) biofilm formation after 24 h and clarified medium, c) and biofilm after 1 week (multiplying microorganisms) when the medium was exchanged.



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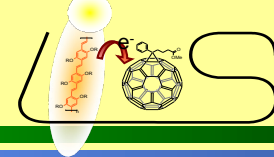
- 1.) Photoexcited spectroscopy
- 2.) Photoconductivity
- 3.) Thin film characterization
- 4.) Nanoscale engineering
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