

Overview of CO₂ Capture/Utilization Integration for Workshop



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Integrated Approach for Adding Value to CO₂



Catalytic Reduction/Homologation
Electrocatalysis
Photocatalysis
Thermal/Solar thermal
Biomimetic/Bioinspired catalysis



Biochemical/Enzymatic
Fermentation
Synthetic biology

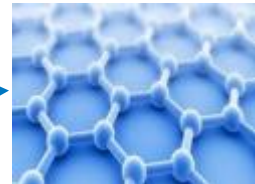
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- electro biocatalysis
 - tandem catalysis
 - reactive separations



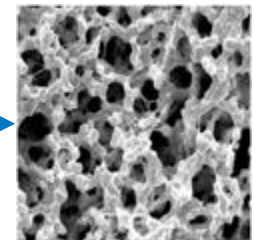
Fuels



Chemicals



Materials



Polymers



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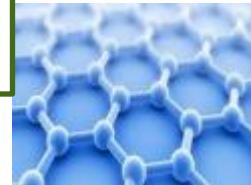


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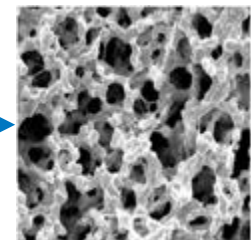
- Cost • Efficiency • Performance • Reliability • Scalability •



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Materials ↔ Interfaces ↔ Components/Organisms ↔ Systems

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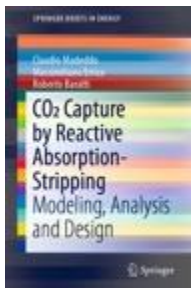
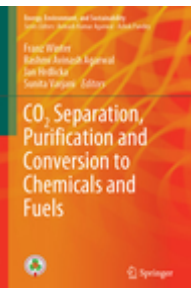
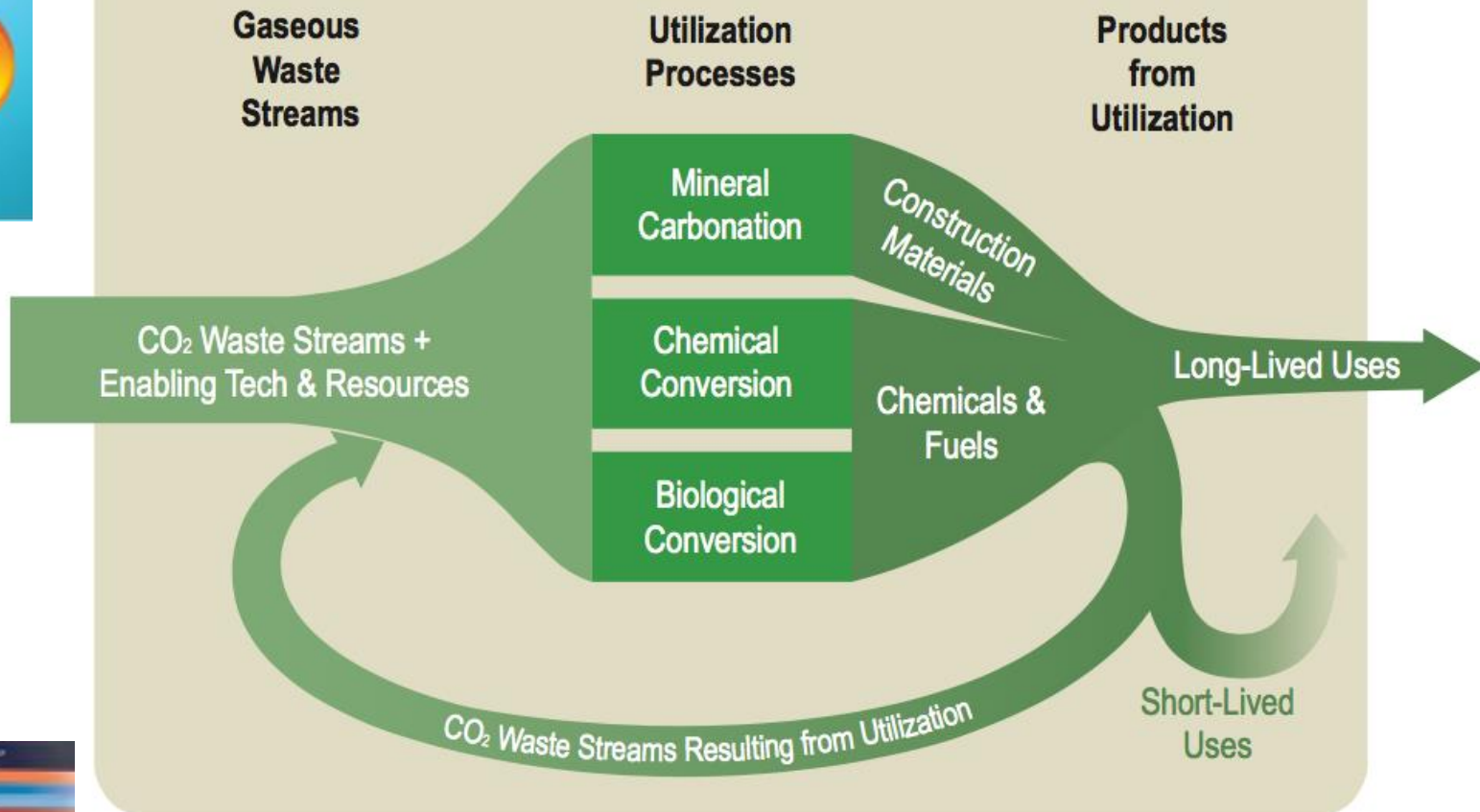
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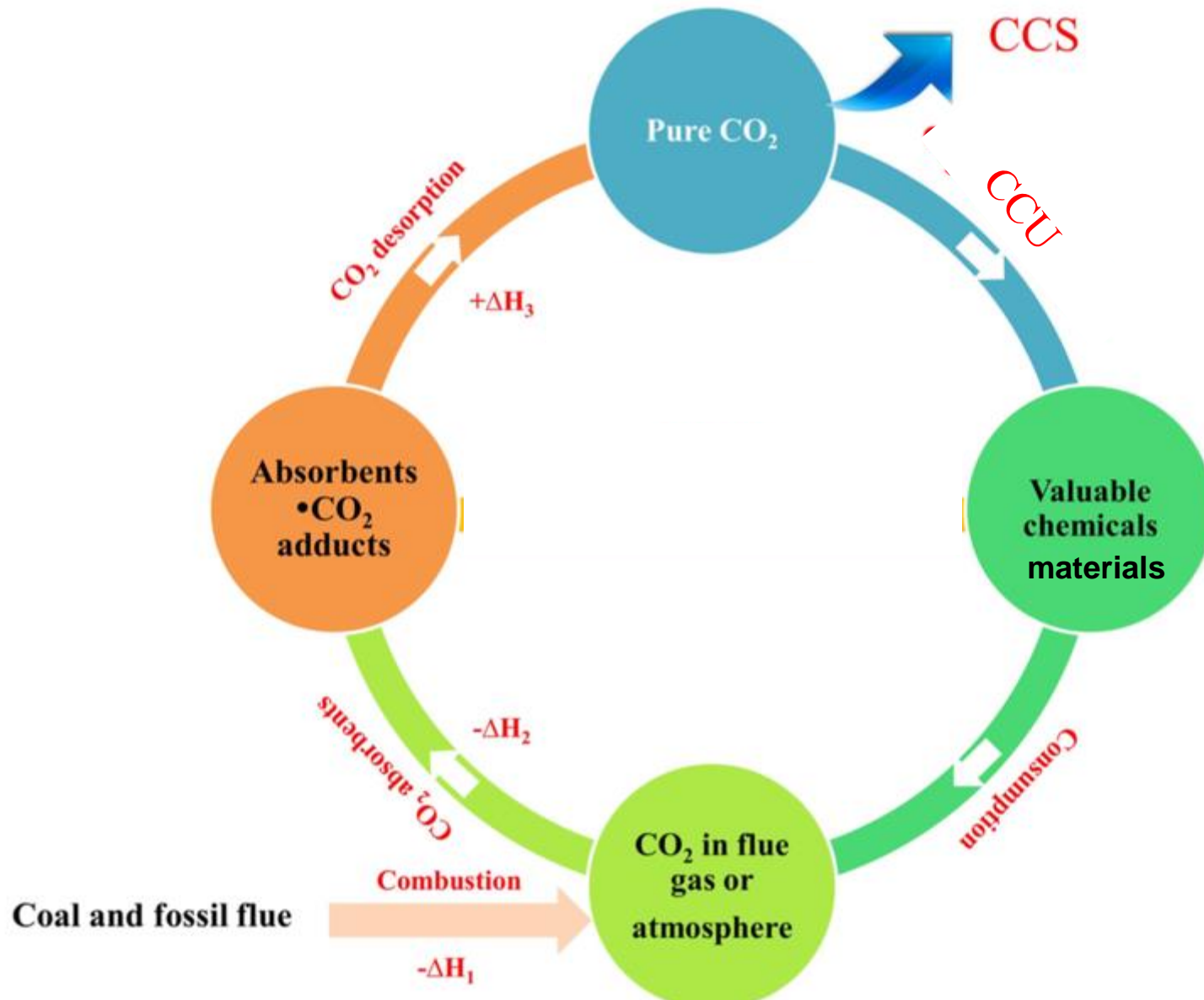


Life-Cycle Assessment Technoeconomic Analysis

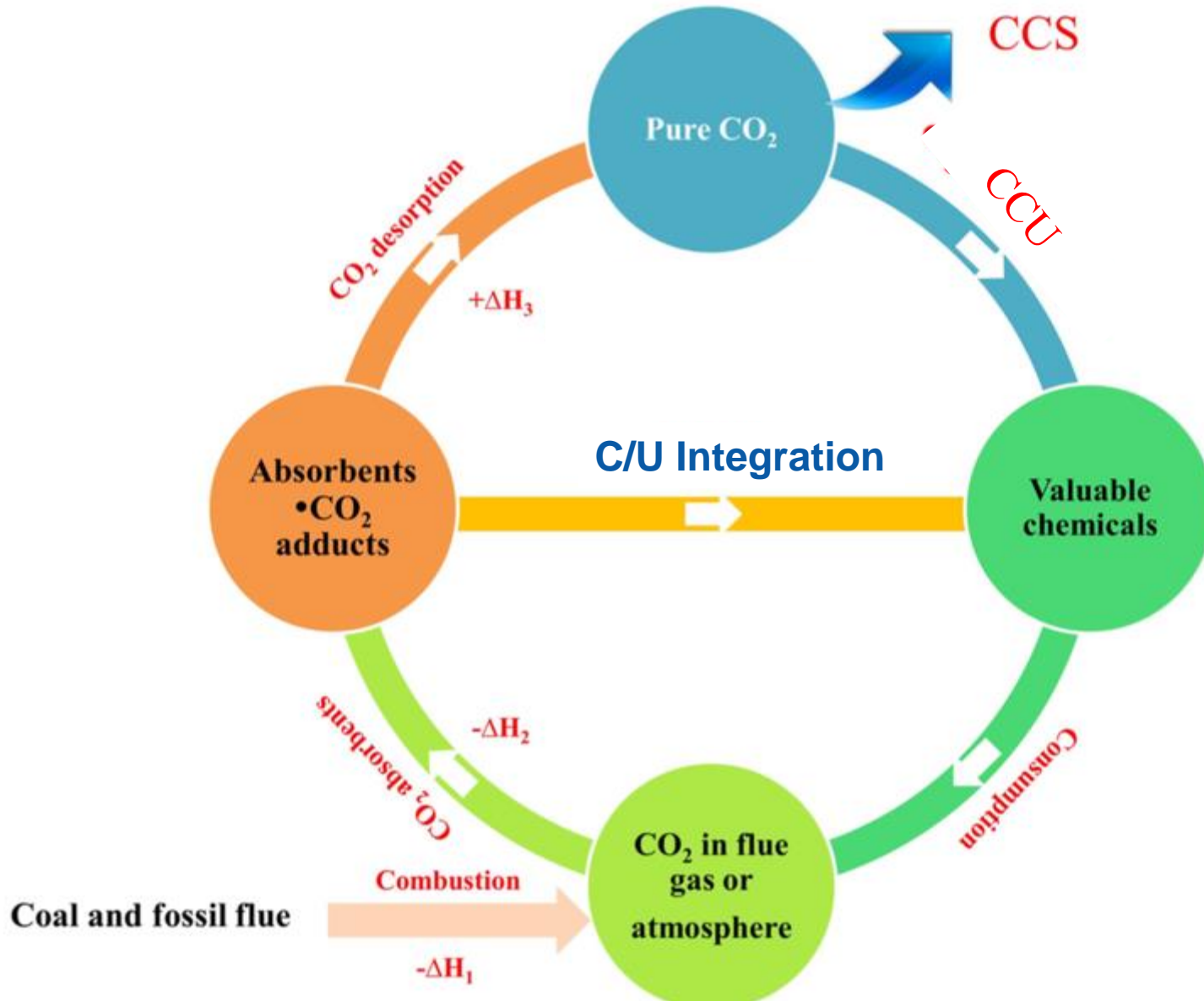


The Carbon Cycle

Capture → Compression → Transport



C/U Integration



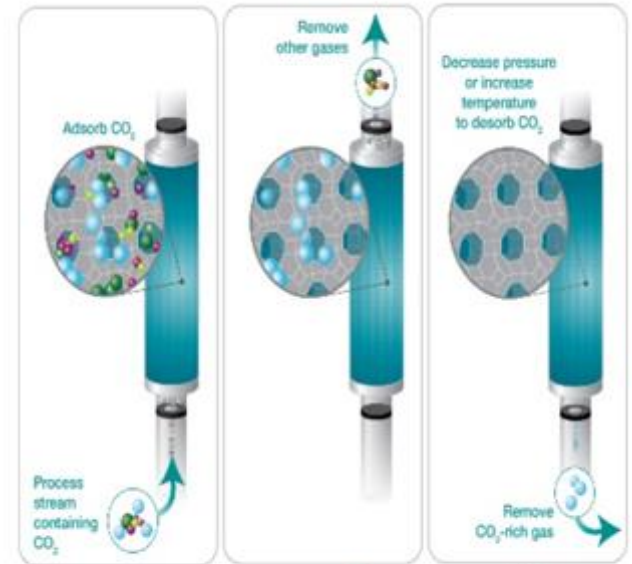
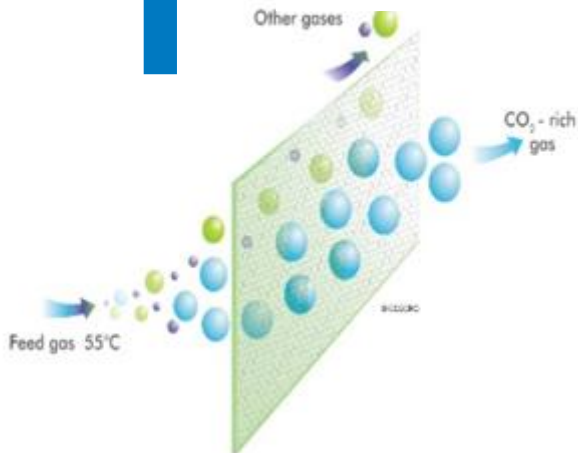
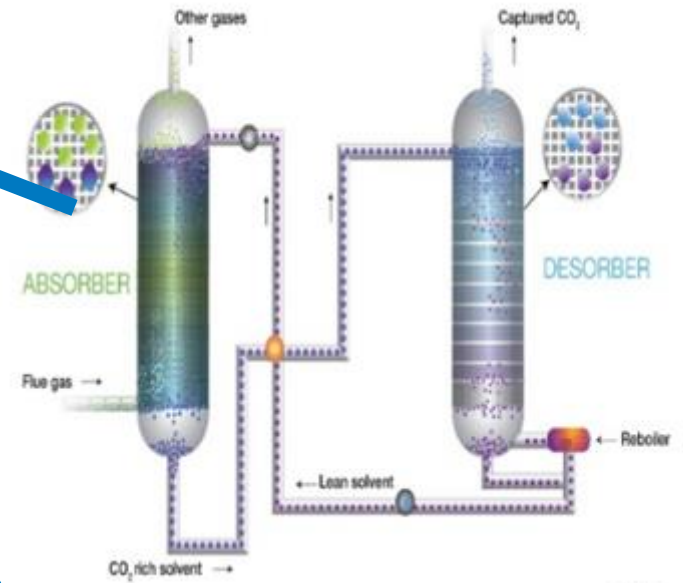
Adapted from: CO₂ Capture and *in situ* Catalytic Transformation

Fu et al. *Frontiers in Chemistry*, 2019

<https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fchem.2019.00525/full>

Carbon Capture Technologies

- + Solvents
- + Sorbents
- + Membranes
- + Cryogenic Systems
- + Oxy-combustion
- + Direct Air Capture



Carbon Capture Costs

+ Solvents

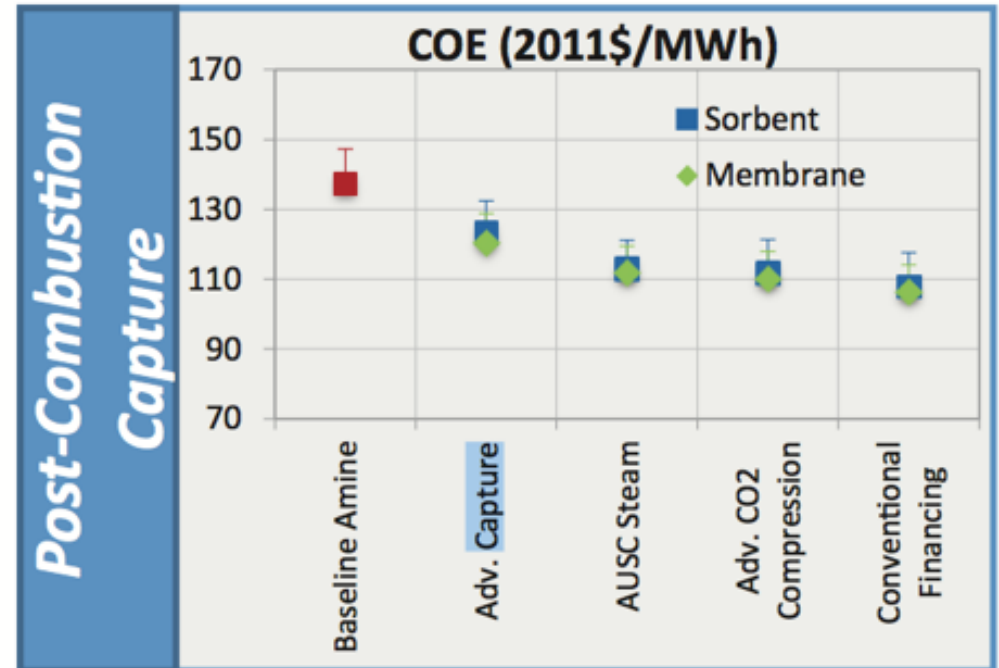
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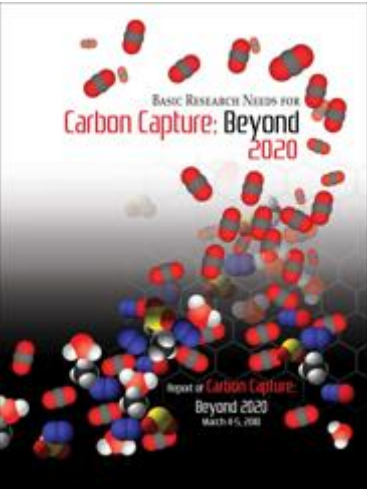
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DOE Quadrennial Technology Review

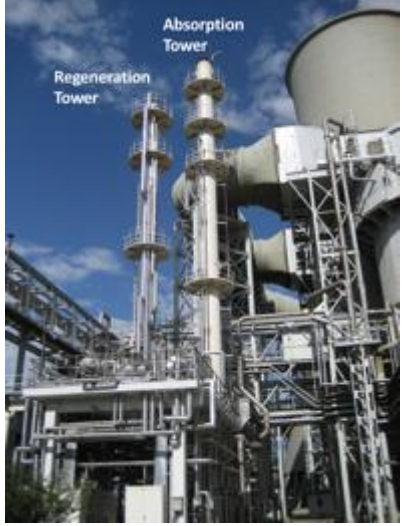
MEA scrubber: Up to \$150 per ton of CO₂—> 90% associated with the regeneration and compression steps

Carbon Capture Status and Needs

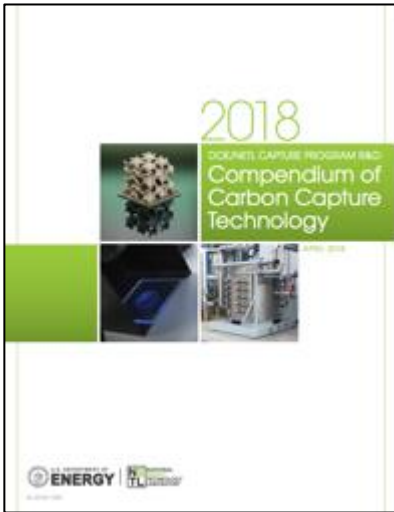


Priority Research Directions

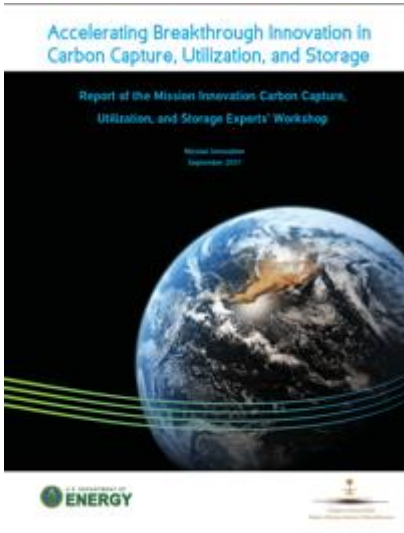
- Interfacial Processes and Kinetics
- Novel Solvents and Chemistries
- Process Concepts Discovery
- Design, Synthesis, and Assembly of Novel Material Architectures
- Cooperative Phenomena for Low Net Enthalpy of Cycling
- Novel Hierarchical Structures in Membranes for Carbon Capture
- Membranes Molecularly Tailored to Enhance Separation Performance
- Alternative Driving Forces and Stimuli-Responsive Materials



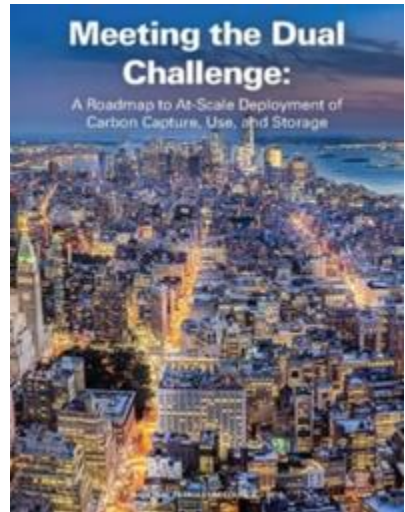
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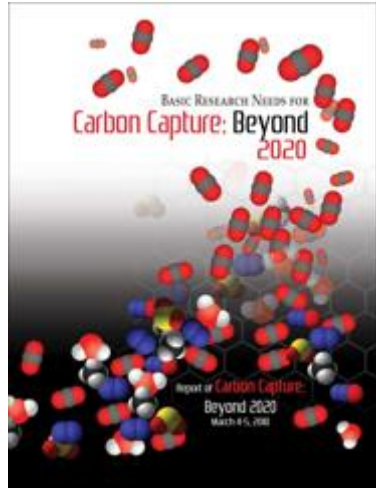


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<https://dualchallenge.npc.org>

Carbon Capture R&D



Alternative Driving Force/Stimuli Responsive

- Electrical or electrochemical switching
- Electromechanical switching
- Electromagnetic irradiation and stimulation
- Magnetic switching
- Triggered phase transitions
- Electrochemical H⁺ generation

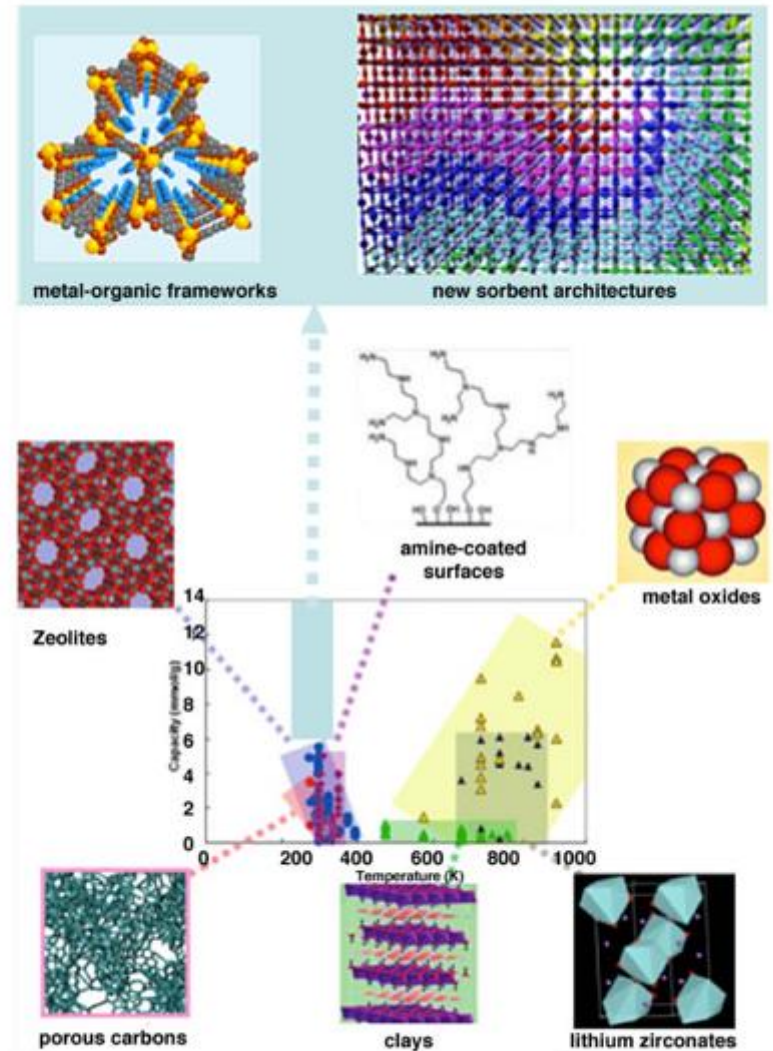
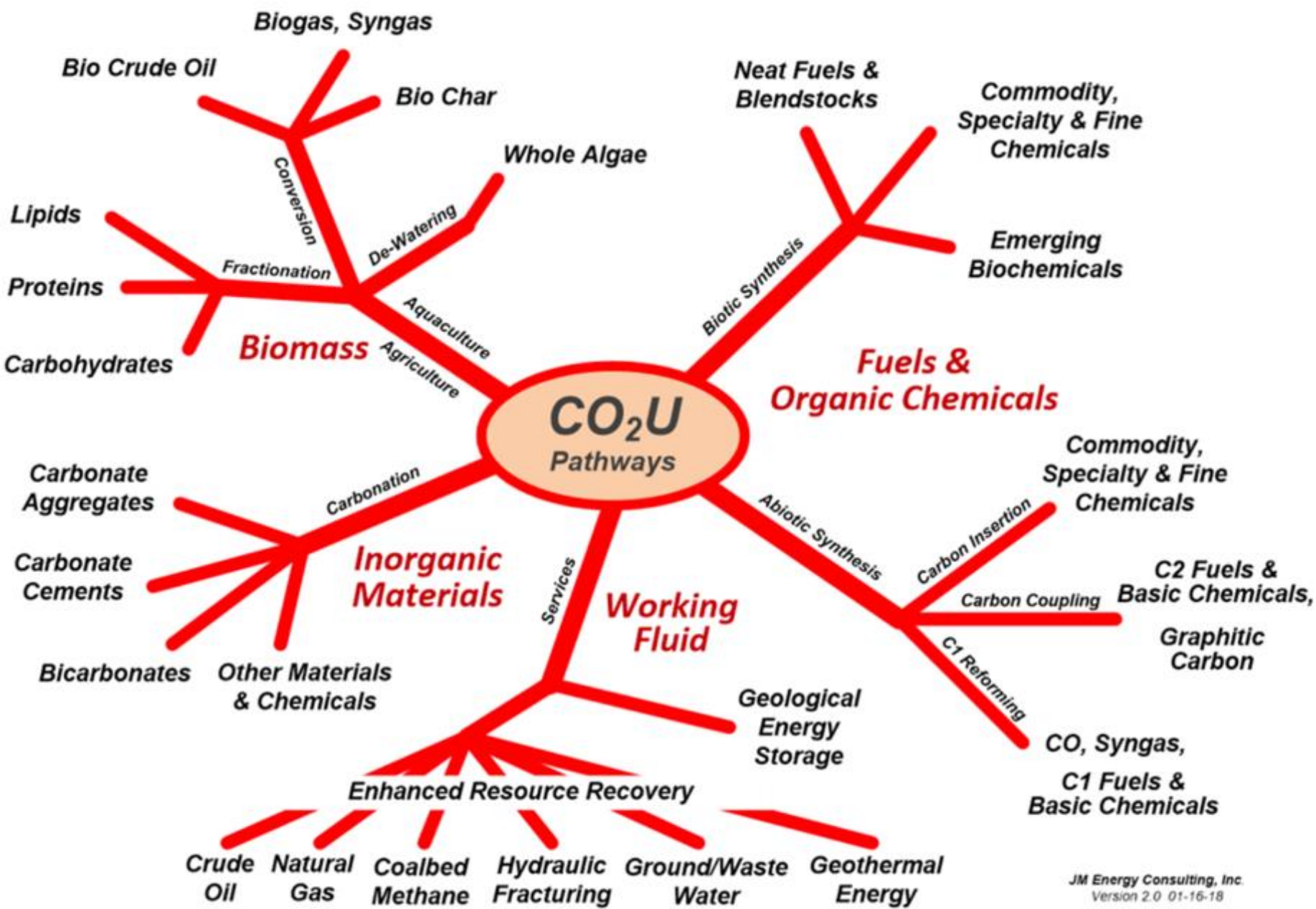
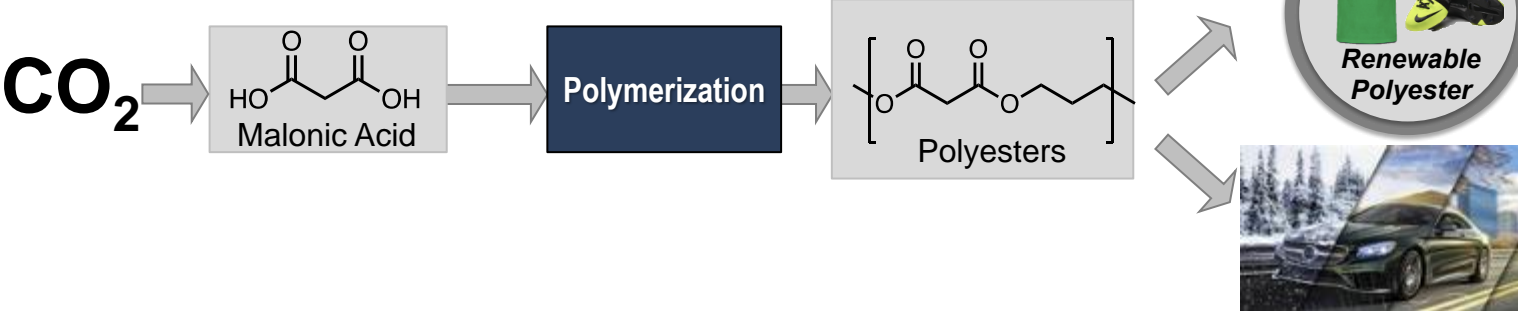
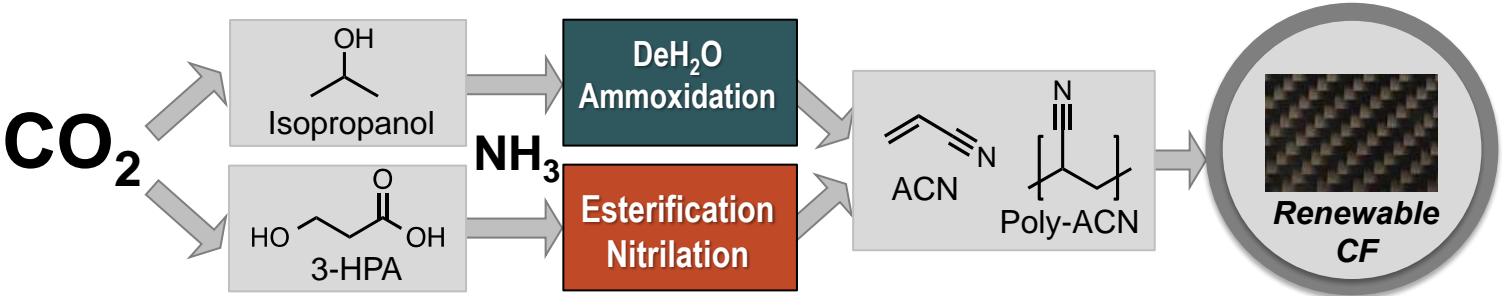


Figure 15. Currently used and researched sorbents and their capacity as a function of temperature. *Source:* Refs 2, 3, and 4.

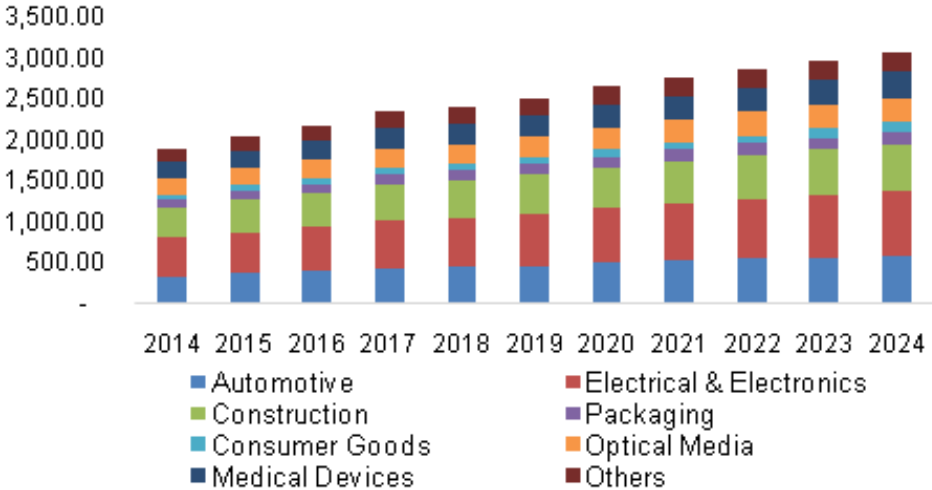
CO2 Utilization



CO₂ Based Materials and Polymers



Polycarbonate Market
3% of current polymer GDP



Carbon Fiber: Large and Growing Market

2005—\$90 million market size,
 2015—\$2 billion
 2020—projected to reach \$3.5 B

The North America region is expected to be the largest market globally due to the increased demand from **aerospace & defense, wind energy, infrastructure, and automotive industry.**

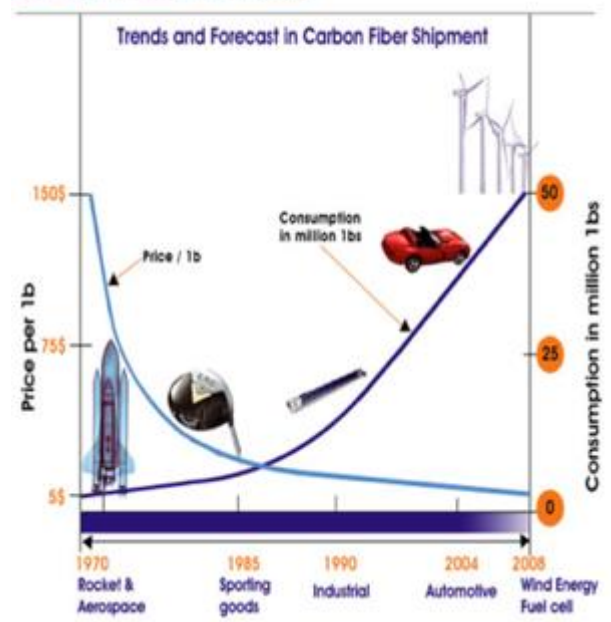


U.S. Composite Materials Demand Forecast (\$Billion)

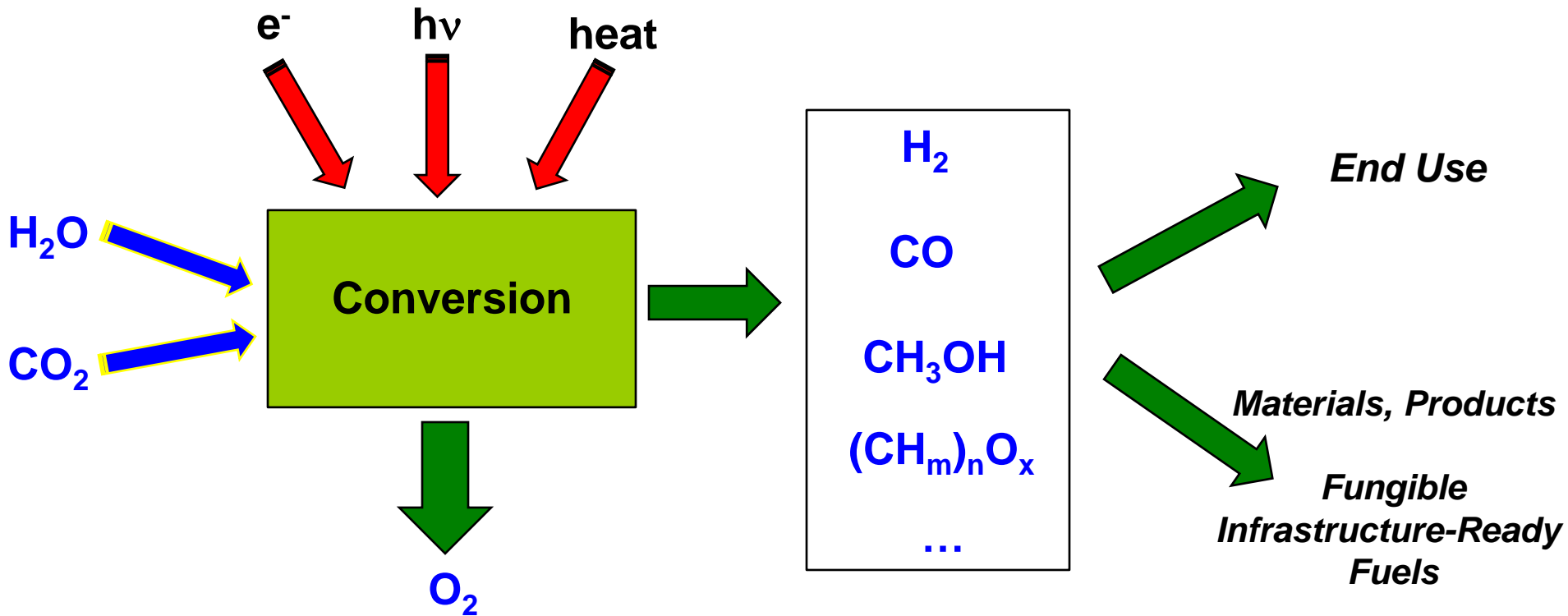
Applications	2015	2021	CAGR (2015-2021)
Transportation	2.4	3.3	5.2%
Marine	0.4	0.5	3.2%
Wind Energy	0.2	0.4	8.0%
Aerospace	0.8	1.4	9.5%
Pipe & Tank	0.7	0.9	3.0%
Construction	1.4	1.8	4.1%
Electrical & Electronics	0.7	0.9	3.8%
Consumer Goods	0.4	0.5	3.6%
Others	0.4	0.5	5.7%
Total (\$B)	7.5	10.2	5.1%

Source: Lucintel

Carbon Fiber Markets



Electrons to Molecules for CCU



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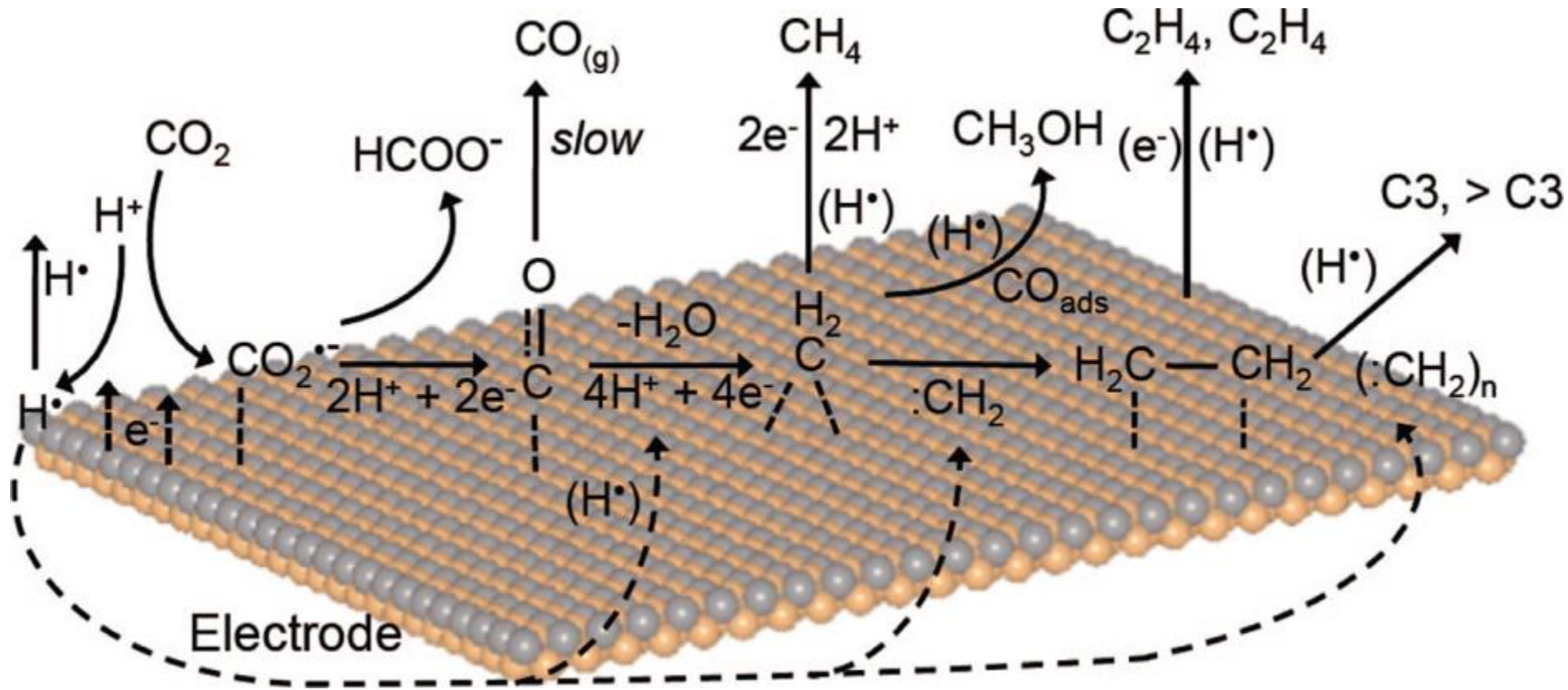
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Selective C-C Bond Formation

Carbon Capture

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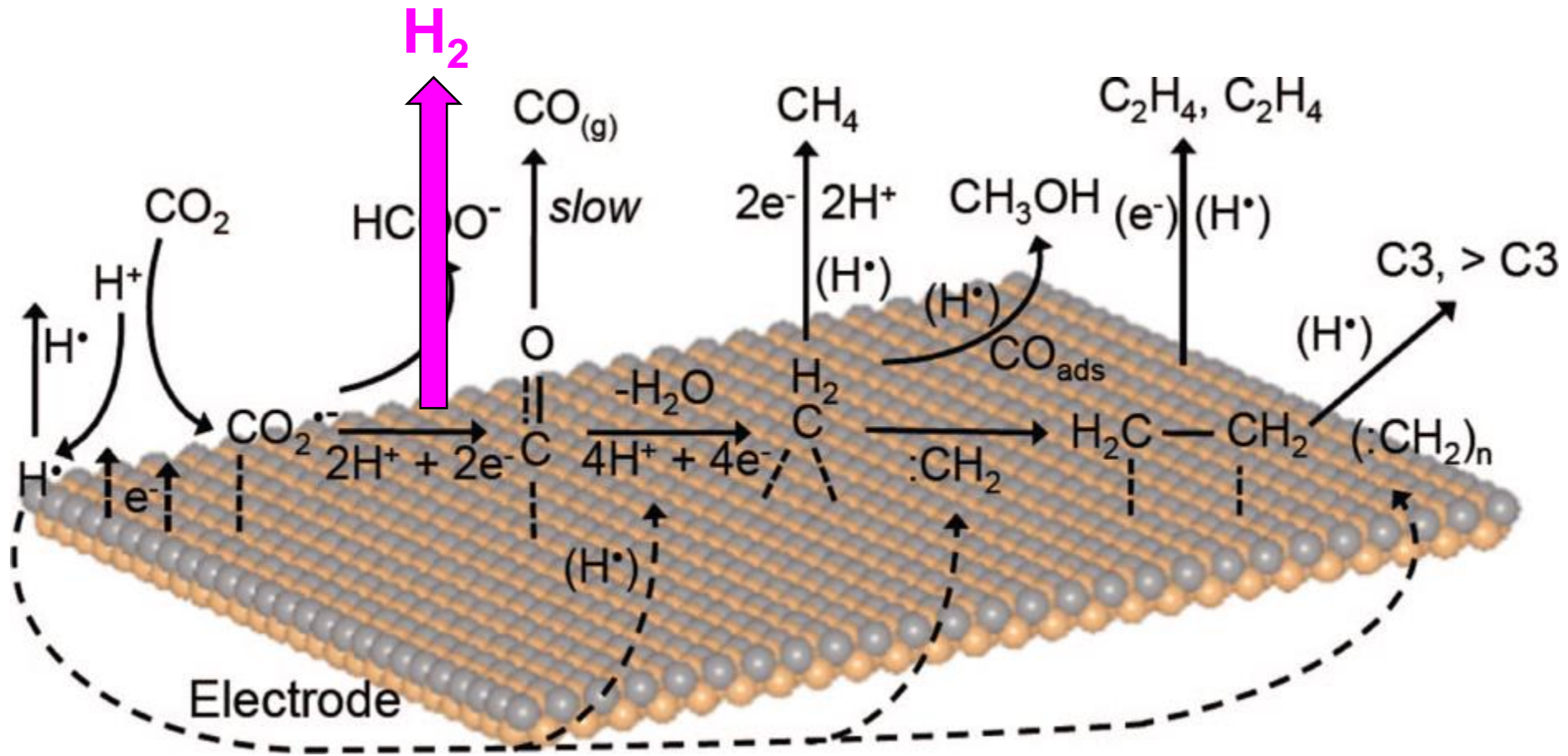
CO₂ Reduction Catalysis



Centi et al. Green Chem 2007

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Biological CO₂U

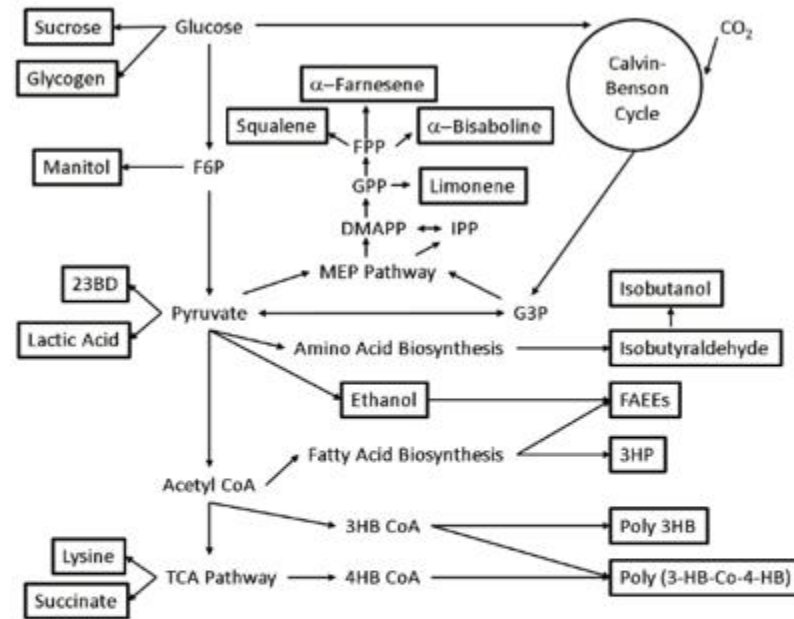
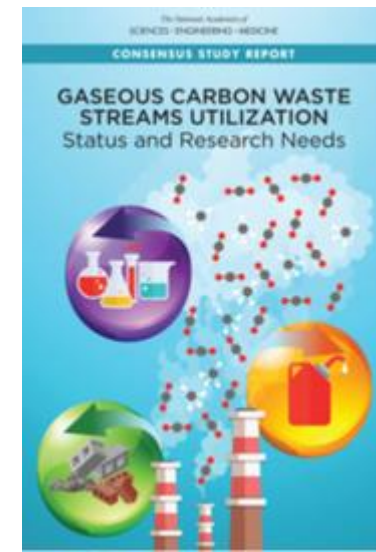


FIGURE 5-1 Example pathways for products from cyanobacteria. In the figure 23BD = 2,3-butanediol; FPP = farnesyl pyrophosphate; GPP = gross primary production; DMAPP = dimethylallyl diphosphate; IPP = isopentenyl diphosphate; 3HB CoA = 3-hydroxybutyryl-CoA; 4HB CoA = 4-hydroxybutyryl-CoA; FAEs = fatty acid ethyl esters; 3HP = 3-hydroxypropionic acid; Poly 3HB = poly(3-hydroxybutyrate); and Poly (3-HB-Co-4-HB) = poly(3-hydroxybutyrate-co-4-hydroxybutyrate).¹

¹ Reprinted from Carroll, Austin L., Anna E. Case, Angela Zhang, and Shota Atsumi. 2018. "Metabolic engineering

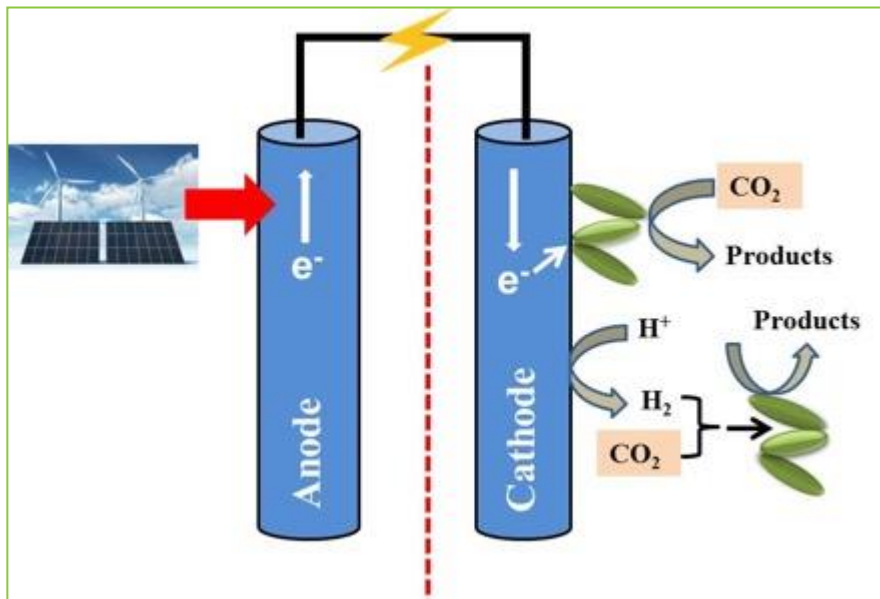
TABLE 5-2 Summary of nonphotosynthetic approaches to carbon utilization products.

Product	Route
Acetogens	Carbon dioxide fixation Two-state integrated process Carbon monoxide fixation
Acetate	Direct electron transfer from electrodes to microorganisms
Succinate	Direct electron transfer from electrodes to microorganisms
Alcohols	Indirect electron transfer via electrochemically synthesized electron donors
Pyruvate	Indirect electron transfer via electrochemically synthesized electron donors



BioHybrid Approaches

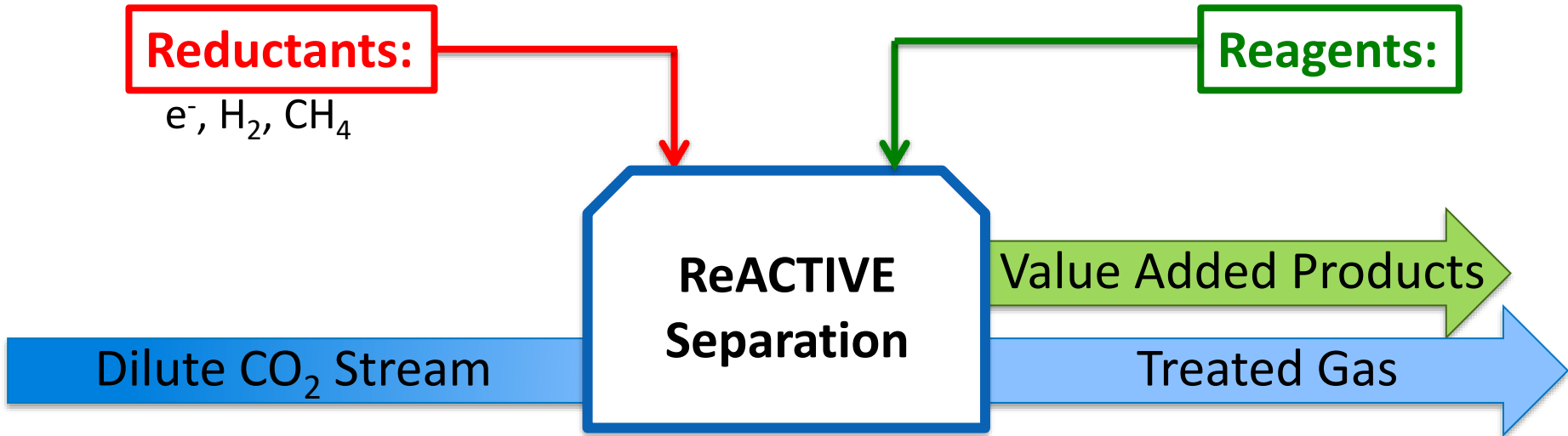
The Electric Economy Meets Synthetic Biology



- Beat photosynthesis by coupling **EFFICIENCY** of anthropogenic reductants with **SELECTIVITY** of biological processes
- Microbial catalysis offers high **selectivity** toward tailored products
- Advances in synthetic biology
- **Selective C-C bond** formation

(Electrochem, Solar-Driven, Mediators, H_2 , Intermediates)

Capture/Utilization Integration



Challenges:

- Energy intensity
- Process integration
- Selectivity
- Activity
- Advanced materials development

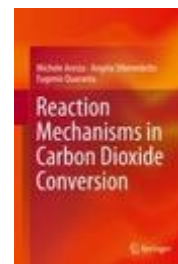
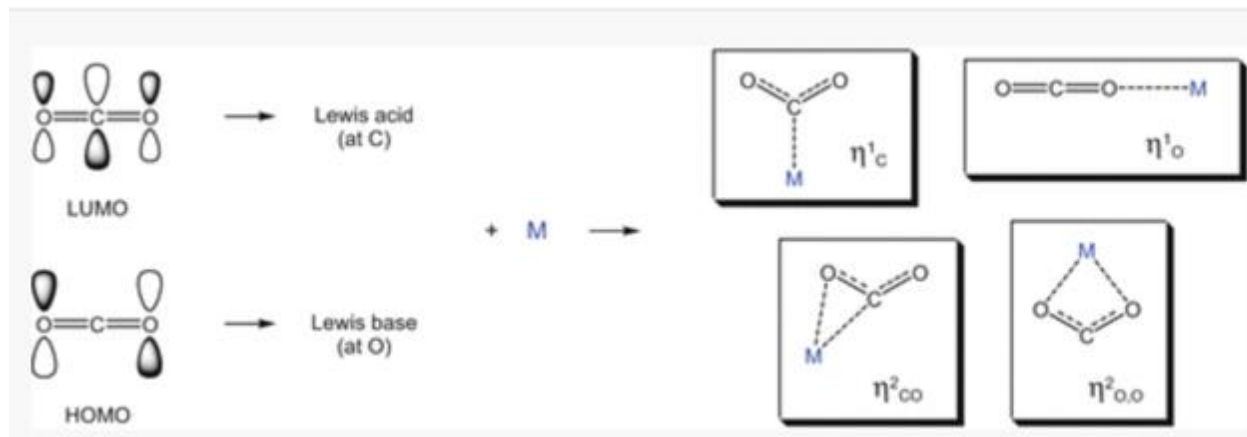
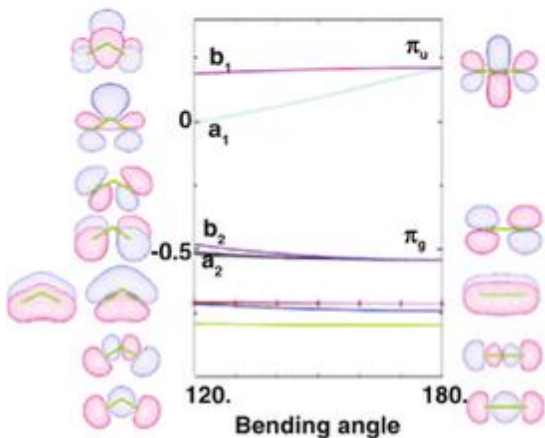
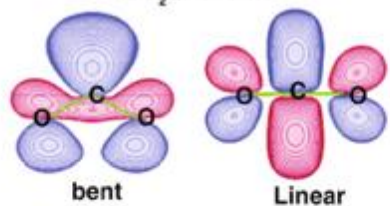
C/U Integration

- **Kinds of Reaction Media**
 - solvents, sorbents (surfaces), membranes (matrices)
- **Reduction/chemistry in CO₂ capture solvents**
 - e.g. MEA reduction- carbamates
 - make or deliver H₂/e⁻ to reaction media
 - phase-separable catalysis
- **Electrochemical separation and reduction**
 - bipolar membranes
 - echem control of pH (re-generation of H⁺)
 - seawater
- **Sorbents**
 - incorporation of catalysis
 - MOFs and hierarchical structures
- **Membranes**
 - membrane-bound reaction centers; hybrid systems (e.g. IL membranes)
- **Molten Carbonates**
 - feed flue gas directly; capture and chemical transformations
 - solid oxide fuel cells/electrolyzers
- **Biology and hybrid approaches**
 - feed flue gas directly
 - algae, cyanobacteria, engineered organisms

Effects of contaminants, control of reaction conditions selectivity, throughput (STY matching), durability, ...

CO₂

CO₂ π* orbital



Aretha *et al.*

Table 1 Structural parameters of CO₂ bound to N-containing organic bases as zwitterionic Lewis base (LB) adducts

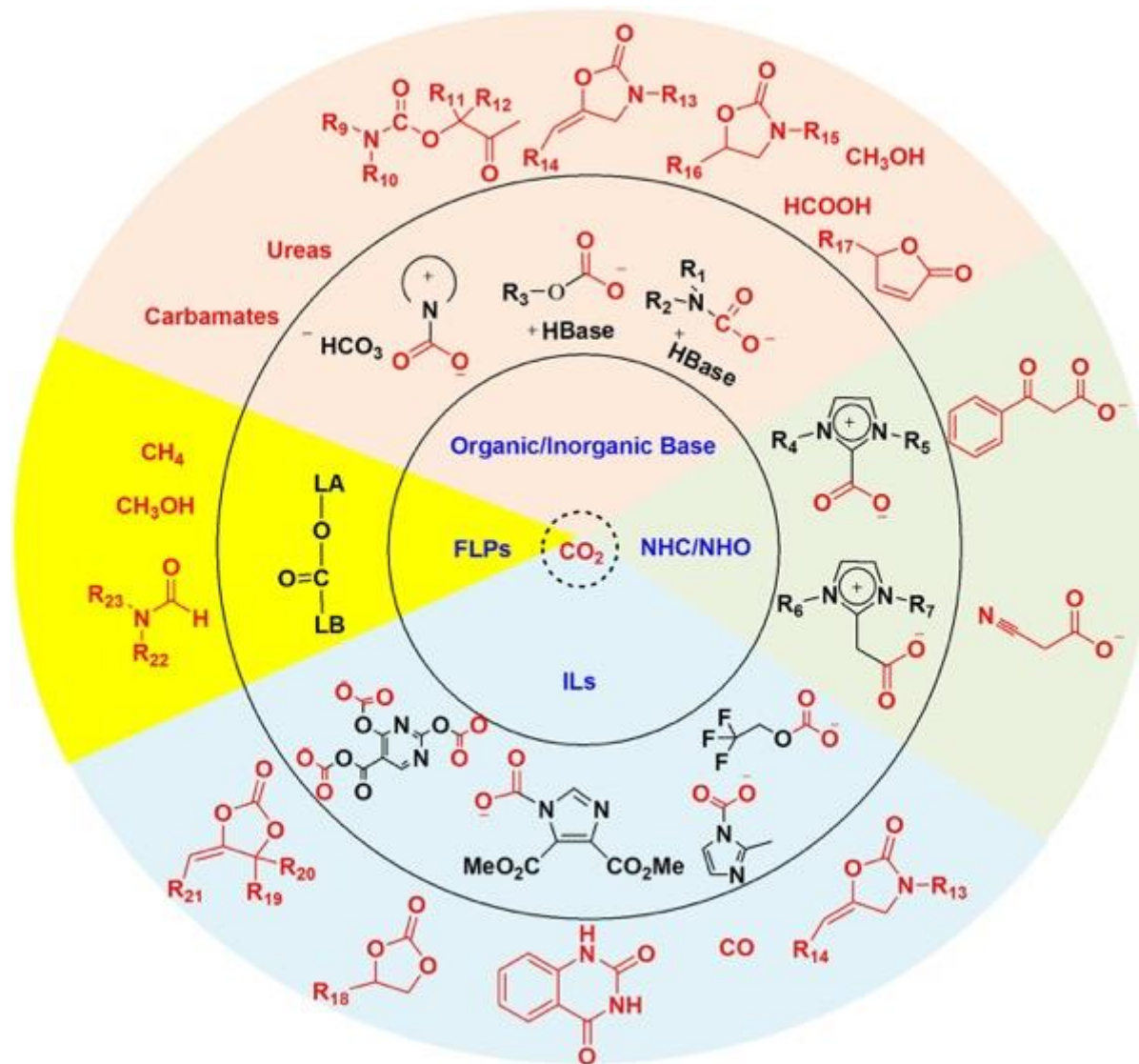


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LB	ΔG_{298} (Kcal mol ⁻¹)	$r(\text{N}-\text{CO}_2)$ (Å)	$r(\text{C}=\text{O})$ (Å)	$\alpha(\text{O}-\text{C}-\text{O})$ (°)
Propylamine	-4.40	1.61	1.22	136
Ethylamine	-4.37	1.62	1.22	137
Diethylamine	-2.19	1.66	1.22	137
Triethylamine	0.83	1.66	1.22	136
N-propylmethanimine	-1.14	1.61	1.23	136

B3LYP/def2-TZVP + COSMO with a solvent environment of water. In a non-polar *n*-hexane environment, the ΔG_{298} and changes in the CO₂ geometry were negligible

Some CO₂ Chemistries—Solvents/Absorbents

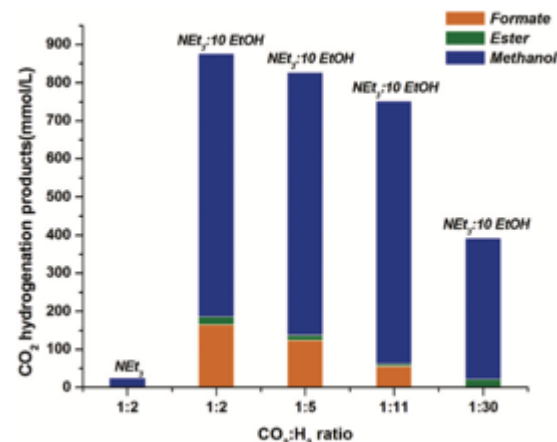
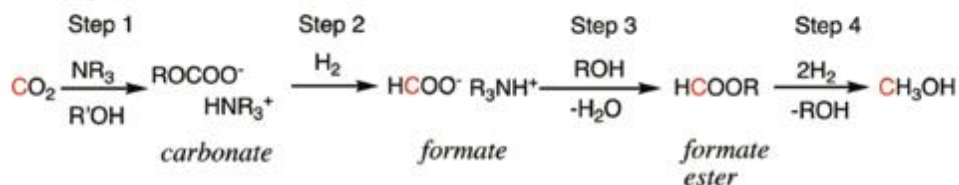


Reductions in MEA Media

Pathway (a)



Pathway (b)



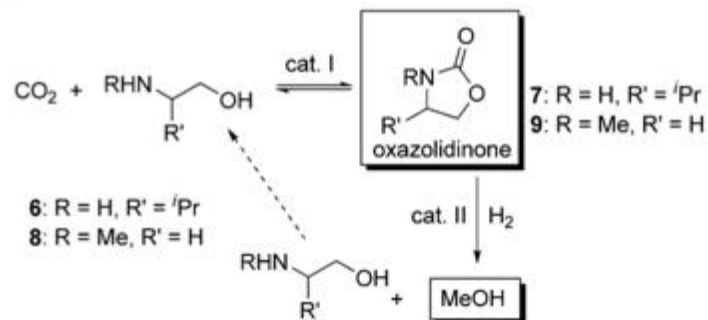
Kothandaraman, Heldebrant, *Green Chem* 2020, 22, 828–8

Electrochemical Reduction of Carbon Dioxide in a Monoethanolamine Capture Medium

Lu Chen,^[a] Fengwang Li,^[a] Ying Zhang,^[a] Cameron L. Bentley,^[b] Mike Horne,^[c] Alan M. Bond,^[a] and Jie Zhang^{*[a]}

ChemSusChem 2017, 10, 4109 – 4118

Scheme 3. Proposed Scheme for Selective CO₂ Capture and Conversion to MeOH



Milstein *ACS Catal.* 2015, 5, 2416–2422

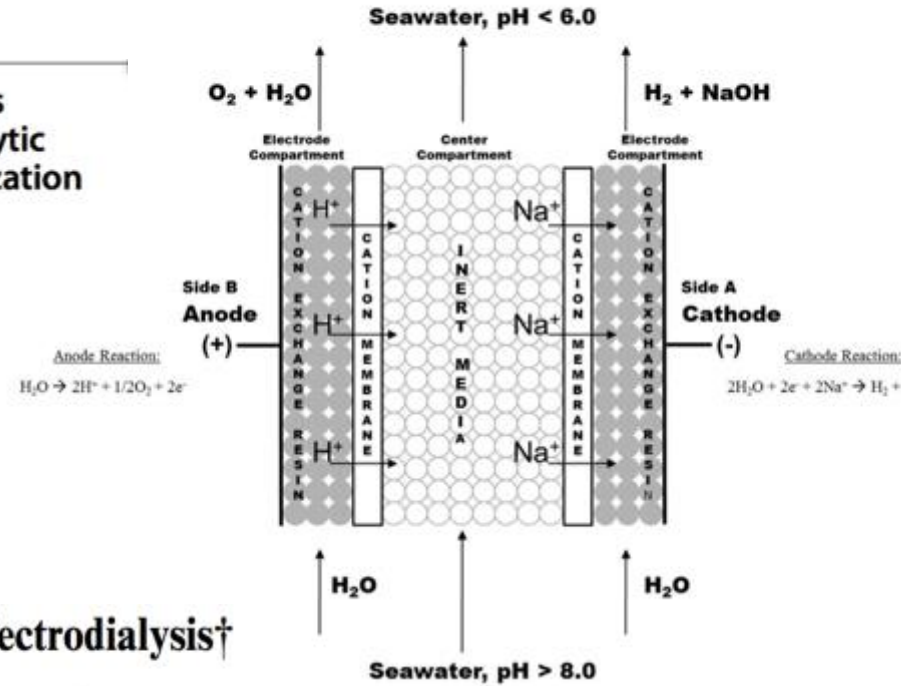
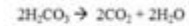
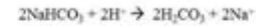
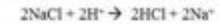
Electrochemical Separations

Feasibility of CO₂ Extraction from Seawater and Simultaneous Hydrogen Gas Generation Using a Novel and Robust Electrolytic Cation Exchange Module Based on Continuous Electrodeionization Technology

Heather D. Willauer,^{*,†} Felice DiMascio,[‡] Dennis R. Hardy,[§] and Frederick W. Williams^{||}

I&EC 2014

Center Compartment Reactions:



CO₂ extraction from seawater using bipolar membrane electrodialysis[†]

Matthew D. Eisaman,^{‡,*} Keshav Parajuly, Alexander Tuganov, Craig Eldershaw, Norine Chang and Karl A. Littau

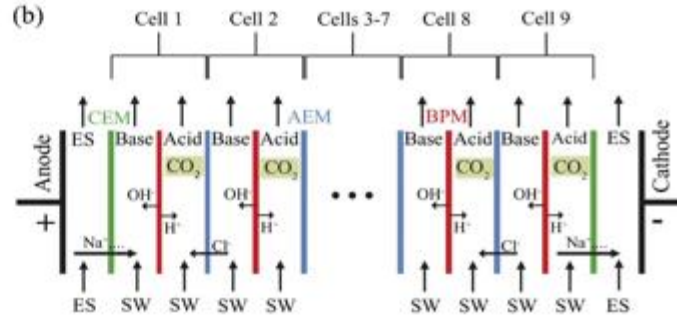
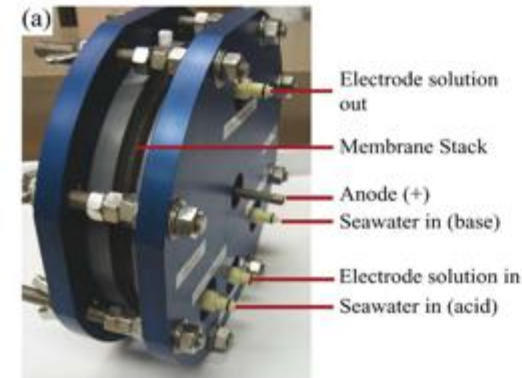


Fig. 2 (a) Picture and (b) schematic of the CO₂-from-seawater BPMED unit. ES = electrode solution, SW = seawater, CEM = cation exchange membrane, AEM = anion exchange membrane, BPM = bipolar membrane. In panel (a), the opposite side of the unit that is not visible contains the cathode (-), Electrode solution in and out for the cathode, Seawater out (acid), and Seawater out (base).

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Foghorn Project
Seawater to Fuel

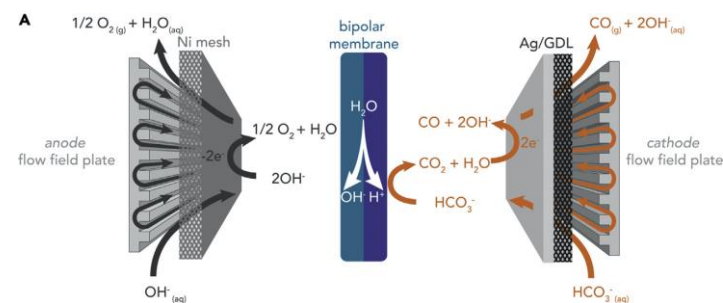
Electrochemical Upgrading of CO₂ Capture Solution

Scientific Approach

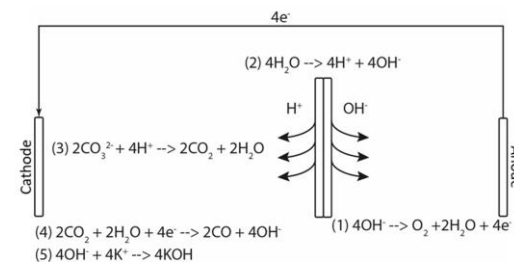
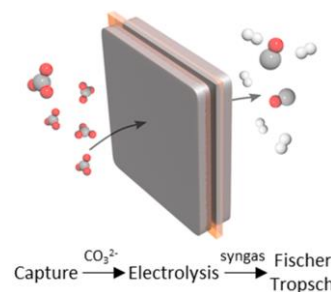
- CO₂ is captured in KOH solution to form (bi)carbonate ions
- Carbonate is fed to the cation conducting side of a bipolar membrane based CO₂ electrolyzer
- Protons supplied by the bipolar membrane generate CO₂ from carbonate
- CO₂ is reduced to CO, at its point of generation from CO₃²⁻, which also regenerates the hydroxide for further capture
- H₂ is also produced so pure syngas is the cathode product

Significance and Impact

- Combined capture and conversion demonstration at a relevant current density – 150 mA/cm²
- Energy efficiency ~35%
- Stable operation over 145 hours
- Near 100 % carbon utilization – no need to remove CO₂ from product stream



Joule 3, 1487–1497, June 19, 2019



ACS Energy Lett. 2019, 4, 1427–1431

Electrochemical Capture

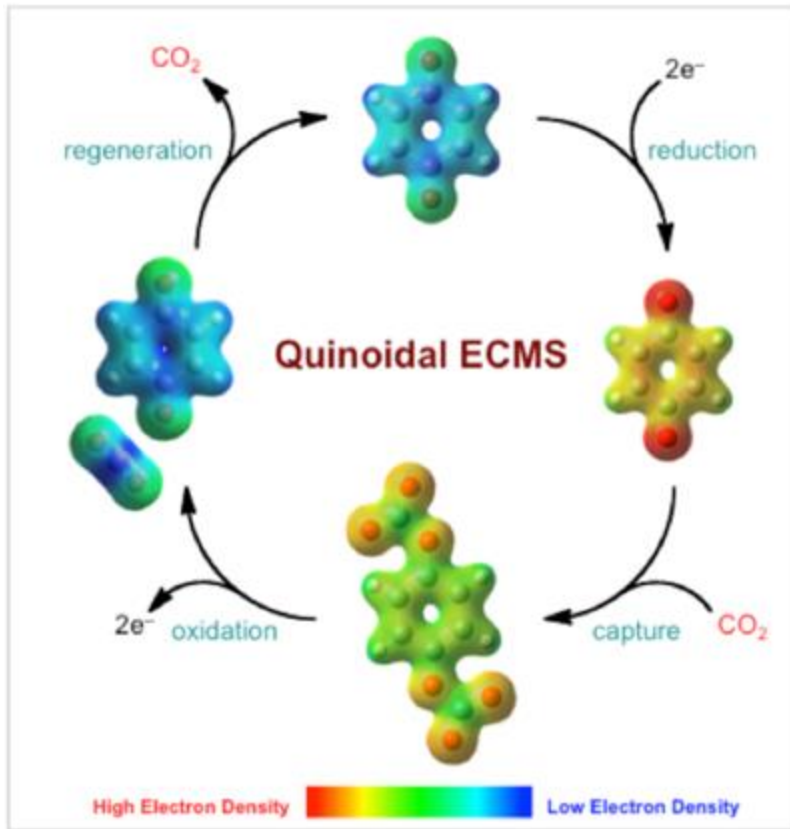
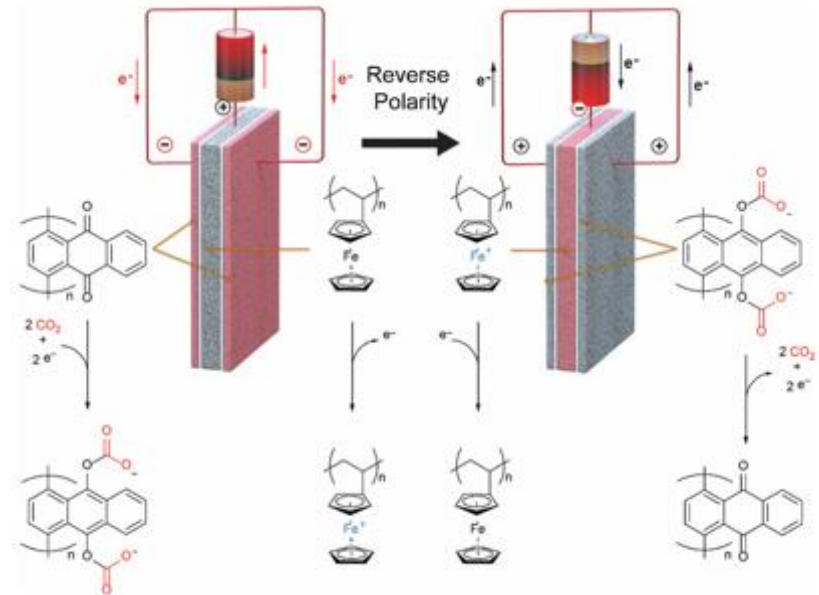


Figure 1. Schematic diagram of the electrochemical cycle of 1,4-benzoquinone during CO₂ capture and regeneration.



Molten Salts

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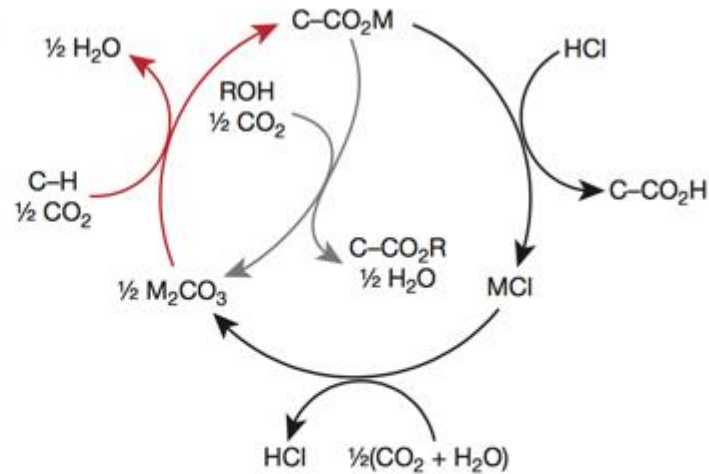
CO₃²⁻ - promoted C-H carboxylation



Protonation and CO₃²⁻ regeneration



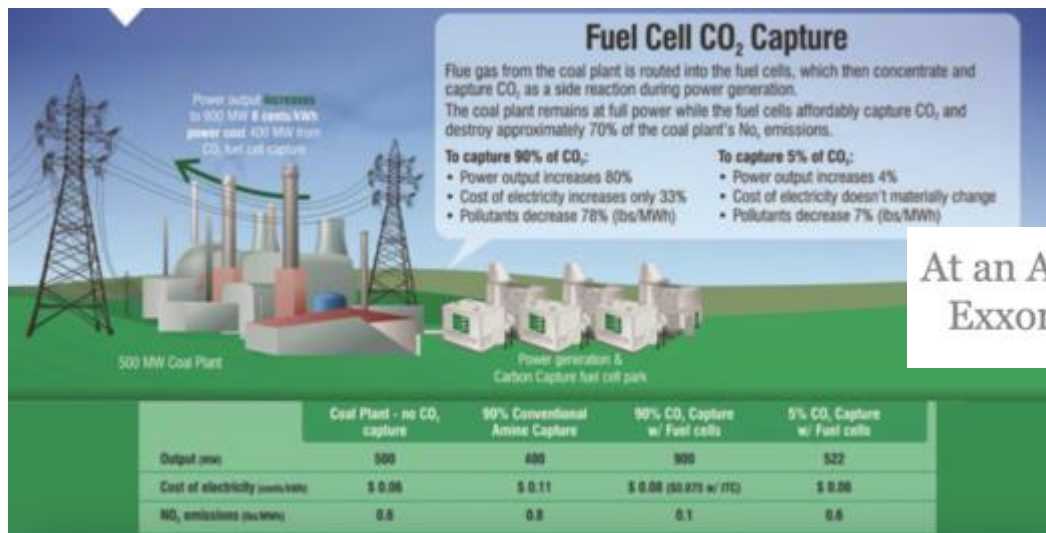
CO₂ - promoted esterification



Net transformations



Banerjee et al. Nature 531, 215 (2016)



At an Alabama power plant, FuelCell Energy and ExxonMobil aim to capture 90 percent of CO₂

Carbon Nanotubes via Molten Carbonate Electrolyzers

Scientific Approach

- Molten carbonate electrolyzer
- Governing reactions:
 - (1) $\text{CO}_2(\text{g}) + \text{Li}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3$
 - (2) $\text{Li}_2\text{CO}_3 \rightarrow \text{C}(\text{s}) + \text{Li}_2\text{O} + \text{O}_2(\text{g})$(Net) $\text{CO}_2 \rightarrow \text{C} + \text{O}_2$
- Control carbon nanofiber morphology via current density, electrolyte (Li-K-Na), and electrolytic temperature

Significance and Impact

- Potential for high coulombic and carbon efficiencies if Li_2CO_3 is not consumed during the reaction and is continuously regenerated from CO_2
- High-value product
- Leverages atmospheric CO_2

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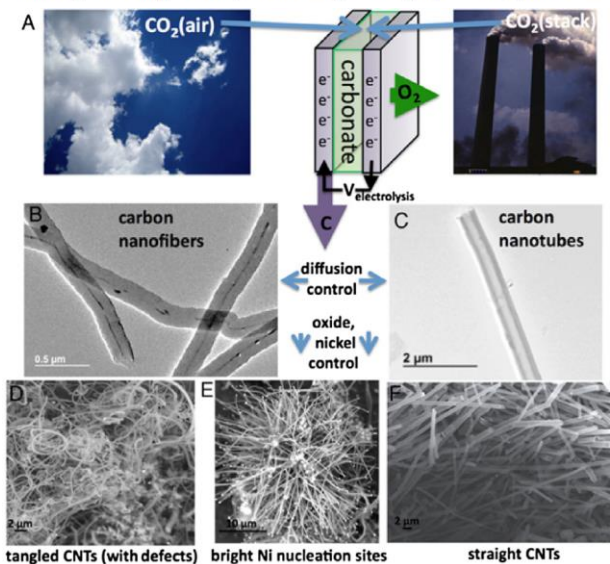
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One-Pot Synthesis of Carbon Nanofibers from CO_2

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Summary: CCU

Electrification of our Economy

- High penetration needs flexible grid and **ENERGY STORAGE**
- Transportation, industrial processes, buildings
- **SYSTEMS APPROACH**; synergy with CCUS

Hydrogen can play a significant role : $\text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow 2\text{H}^+ + 2\text{e}^-$

- H₂ at Scale—beyond the automobile
- Energy carrier / storage/ catalytic transformations

CO₂ Utilization can have multiple impacts: f(t)

- Commerce / markets
- Energy storage (Beyond Batteries)—hydrogen or *electricity carrier (fuels)*
- Climate change mitigation

Innovation for CO₂ Utilization is needed

- C-1 vs. C-C bonded products
SELECTIVITY, efficiency, ...
- Electrolysis; Artificial Photosynthesis
- Hybrid concepts
- Integrated processes (C/U Integration)

C/U Integration

- **Kinds of Reaction Media**
 - solvents, sorbents (surfaces), membranes (matrices)
- **Reduction/chemistry in CO₂ capture solvents**
 - e.g. MEA reduction- carbamates
 - Make or deliver H₂/e⁻ to reaction media
 - Phase-separable catalysis
- **Electrochemical separation and reduction**
 - Bipolar membranes
 - chem control of pH (re-generation of H⁺)
 - Seawater
- **Sorbents**
 - incorporation of catalysis
 - MOFs and hierarchical structures
- **Membranes**
 - Membrane-bound reaction centers; hybrid systems (e.g. IL membranes)
- **Molten Carbonates**
 - Feed flue gas directly
 - Capture and chemical transformations
 - Solid oxide fuel cells/electrolyzers

Biology

- Feed flue gas directly
- algae, cyanobacteria, engineered organisms

Effects of contaminants, control of reaction conditions selectivity, throughput (STY matching), durability, ...

C/U Integration

What are the benchmarks?

What are the metrics? Performance, cost

Timeframe?

Where are the asymptotes/limits to current techs vs. new concepts?

Where will or should the CO₂ come from?

What should we make and why?

Finance, business models, deployment concepts?

R&D agenda; Needs and opportunities

(Some) Key Technical Challenges

Electrochemistry/Electrocatalysis/Solar Fuels

- New ways to use electric potential to deliver high concentrations of reagents
- Self healing catalysts, membranes, systems
- Coupling membranes and catalysis, new GDE concepts
- **Selective C-C Bond formation catalysis**

Nexus of catalysis/electrocatalysis and biology:

- Linking high efficiency abiotic reducing agents with biocatalysts and microbes
- **Matching energetics and kinetics; Productivity; Mechanisms**
- Understanding the bioenergetics to create higher flux in microbes
- Enhance CO₂ and H₂ uptake by synthetic microbes
- Control and design of metabolic pathways

Novel reaction and reactor engineering for tandem/hybrid concepts

- **Coupling CO₂ capture with reactions**, CO₂ reduction in capture media, reactive separations
- Multiphase flow, electrochemical and electrode engineering
- New precursors and processing science for polymers and materials: **Beyond drop-in replacements**
- Low temperature, selective catalysis in water and complex media and fit-for-purpose water; **Downstream selective catalytic conversions**
- Incorporating heteroatoms; **Nitrogen reduction**