

Rewiring Carbon Reduction

The Carbon Reduction and Valorization Initiative: A look into new cooperative efforts between The Office Of Fossil Energy and Bioenergy Technologies Office

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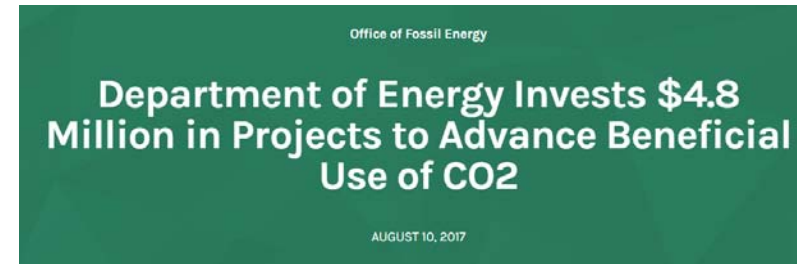
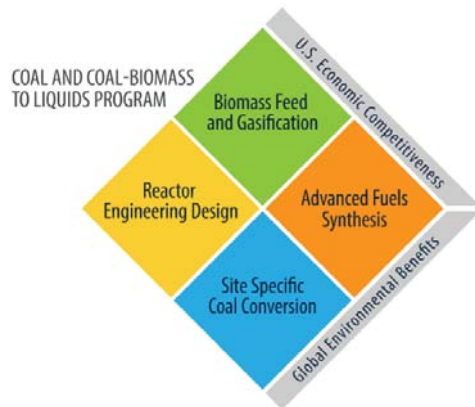
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What I wont be addressing:

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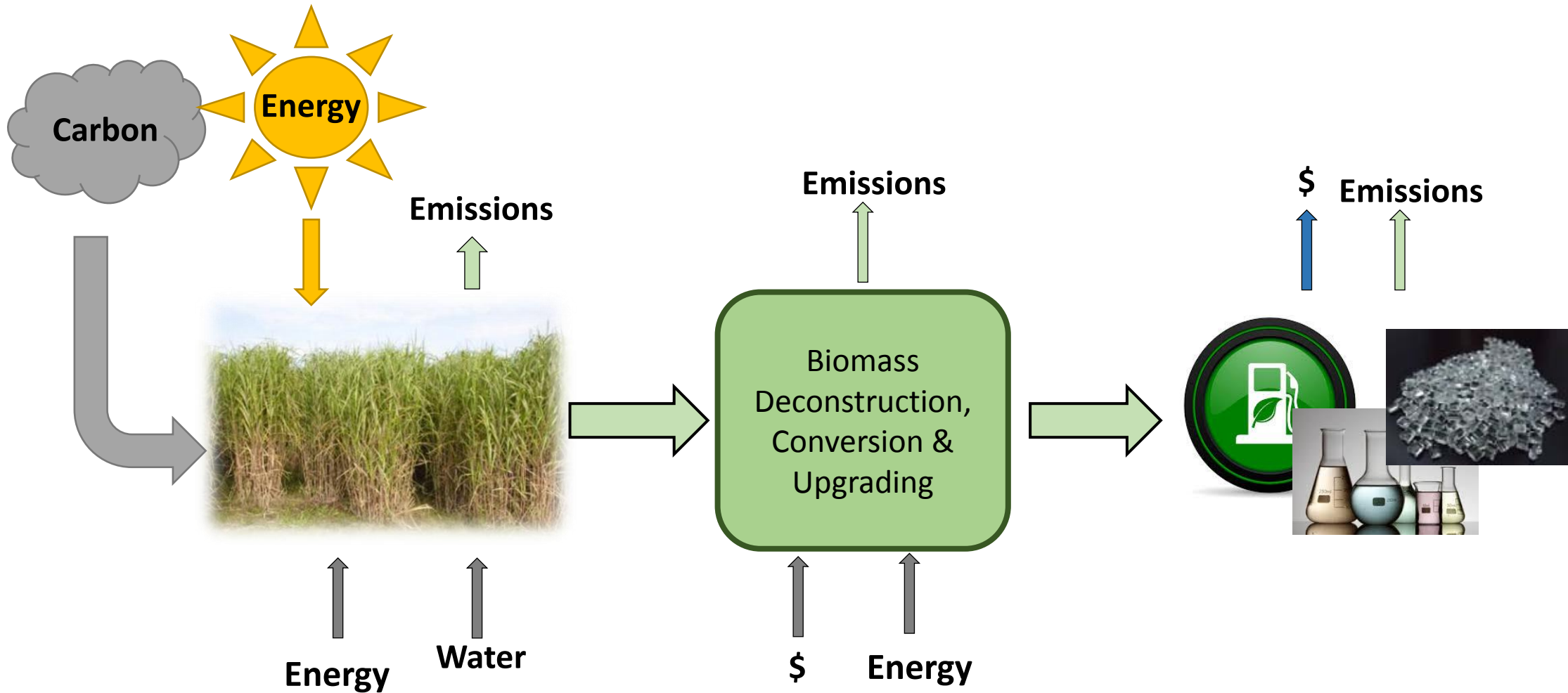


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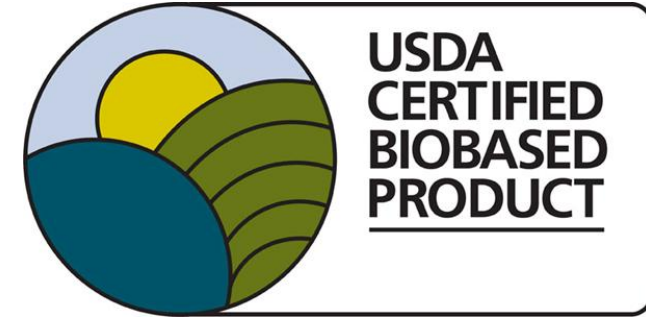
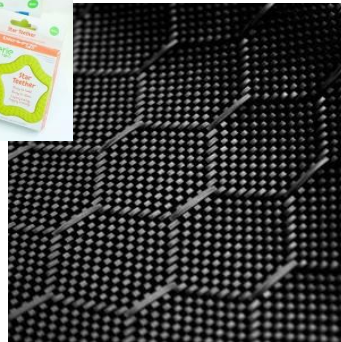
Uni of Illinois: PBR algal growth with dewatering membrane development (\$1.25M)

Lifecycle of traditional carbon sources in the bioeconomy



As we expand the bioeconomy, we put pressure on the land sector

Renewable carbon bioeconomy puts pressure on the land sector



Food vs Fuel

Food vs Products

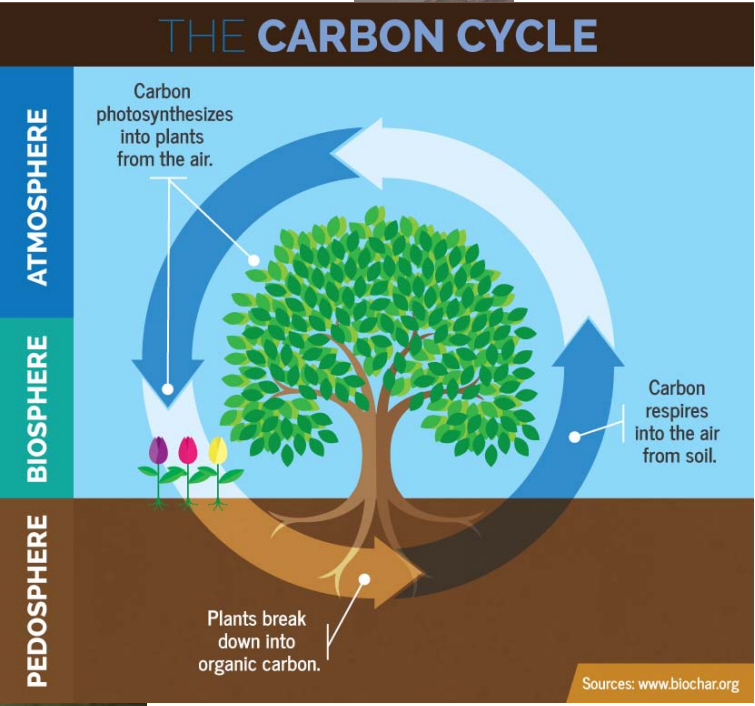
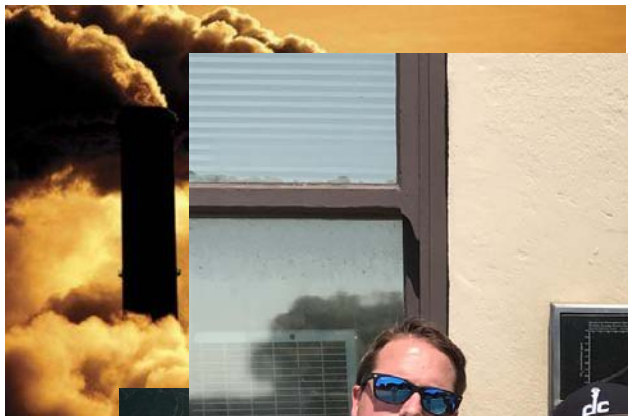
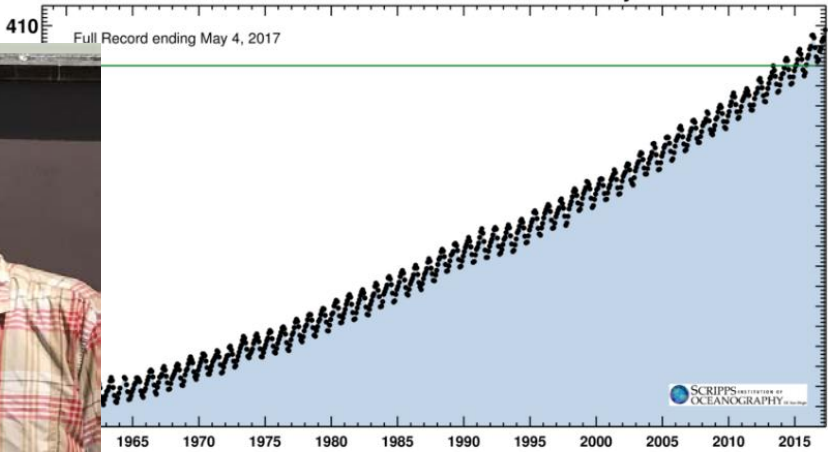
- What if we could avoid land use, simplify deconstruction and upgrading, reduce CO2 emissions, and increase energy security by rewiring the carbon cycle to produce our renewable carbon?

There is no shortage of CO₂ feedstock, thanks to climate change!

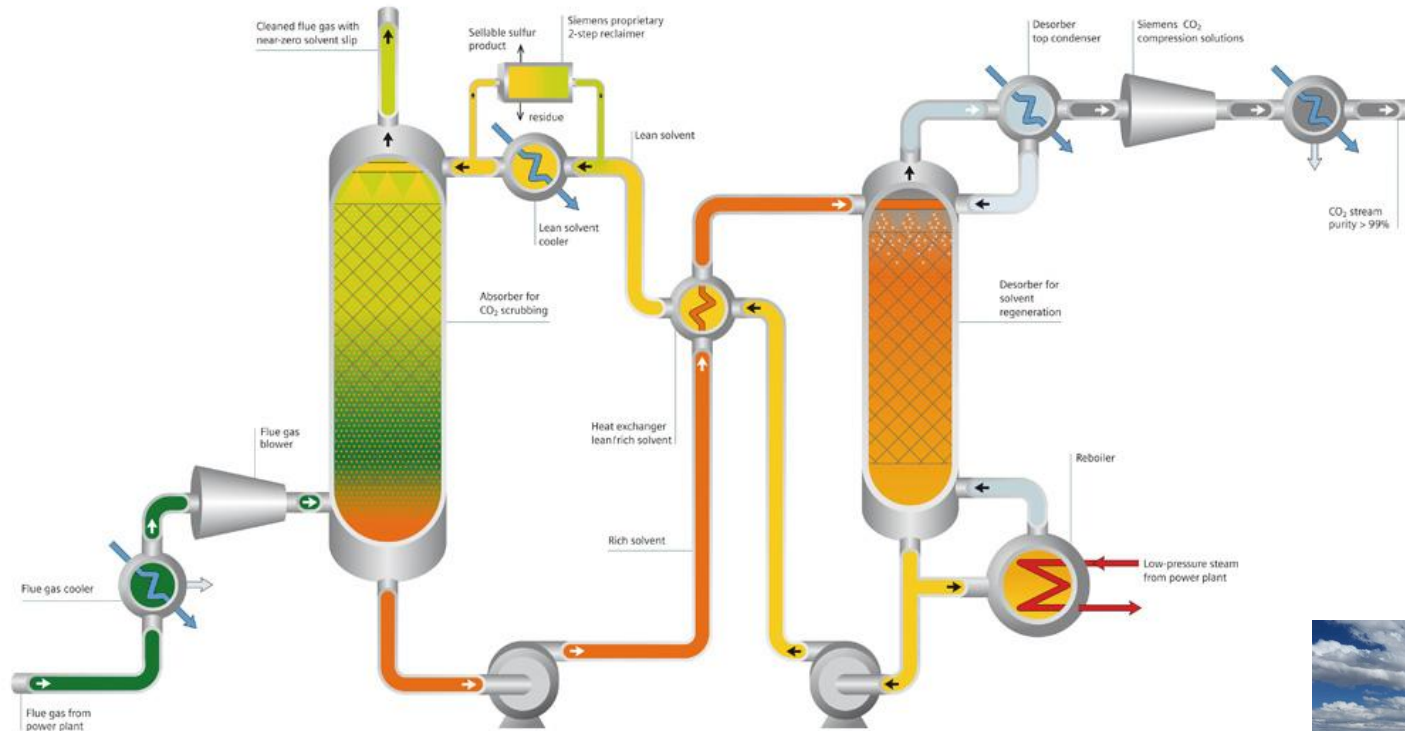
Latest CO₂ reading
May 04, 2017

410.52 ppm

Carbon dioxide concentration at Mauna Loa Observatory



Carbon Capture and Sequestration



Carbon capture unit flow diagram

9 large scale CCS units in operation in the US

- 4 Natural gas processing units
- 2 Fertilizer producers
- 1 SMR for H₂ production
- 1 Ethanol facility
- 1 Power generating facility
- 22M ton/yr sequestered
- Only ADM is sequestered, the rest are EOR

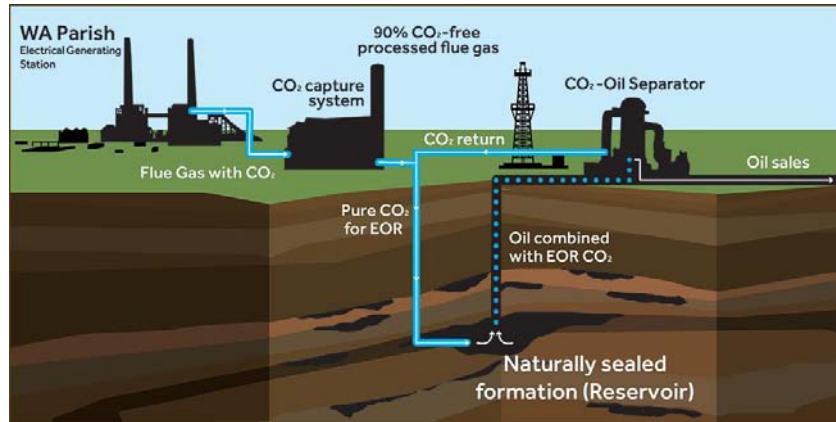


Shute Creek, WY (7 Mtpa)



ADM, IL (1 Mtpa)

Carbon Capture and Sequestration in the power sector



Petra Nova, TX (1.4 Mtpa). Only EGU CCS facility

FOSSIL FUELS

Carbon Capture Suffers a Huge Setback as Kemper Plant Suspends Work



It's the latest U.S. government-supported boondoggle around CCS.

by Katie Fehrenbacher
June 29, 2017

THE COST OF CARBON CAPTURE

Jeremy David and Howard Herzog

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Cambridge, MA, USA

CONCLUSION

Based on the studies analyzed, there is a consensus that using today's capture technology would add 1.5-2¢/kWh to the busbar cost of electricity for an IGCC or NGCC power plant. For a PC plant, the incremental cost of electricity would be over 3¢/kWh. The strongest opportunities for lowering the capture costs in the future were identified as gains in heat rates and reductions in the amount of energy required by the separation. New technologies like coal gasification show the

- CCS is a great tool, demonstrated to work
- Too expensive
- Needs enabling technology

Renewable Energy Deployment is picking up

Period	Coal	Petroleum Liquids	Petroleum Coke	Natural Gas	Other Gas	Nuclear	Hydroelectric Conventional	Solar	Renewable Sources Excluding Hydroelectric and Solar	Hydroelectric Pumped Storage	Other	Total Generation at Utility Scale Facilities
Year 2017												
January	115,549	1,175	945	91,325	1,115	73,121	27,704	2,206	27,232	-418	1,118	341,072
February	87,267	916	707	78,581	1,152	64,053	24,611	2,562	28,045	-504	1,024	288,414
March	89,648	971	744	92,638	1,206	65,093	30,198	4,474	32,399	-517	1,078	317,934
April	81,789	897	435	86,234	1,084	56,743	29,236	4,816	31,821	-437	1,061	293,679
May	93,125	1,002	839	96,354	1,163	61,309	32,122	5,816	28,815	-423	1,080	321,202

May 2017 Total US Solar + Wind Generation: ~10% (EIA)

Renewables

Graph shows aggregated output from renewables connected to the ISO grid.

Current Renewables
13190 MW

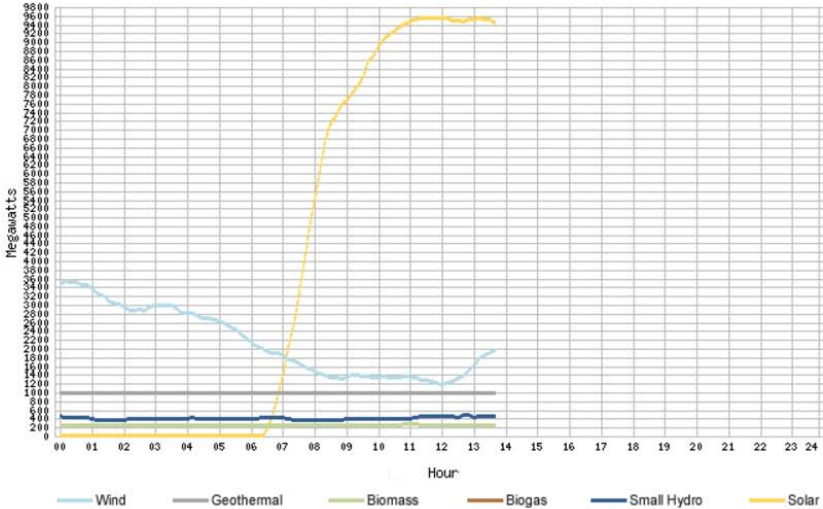
Percentage of load being served by renewables
43%

Current Solar: 9425 MW
Current Wind: 1944 MW

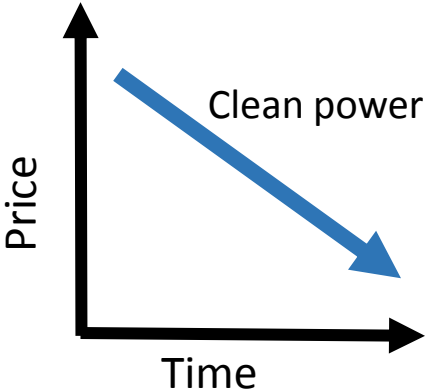
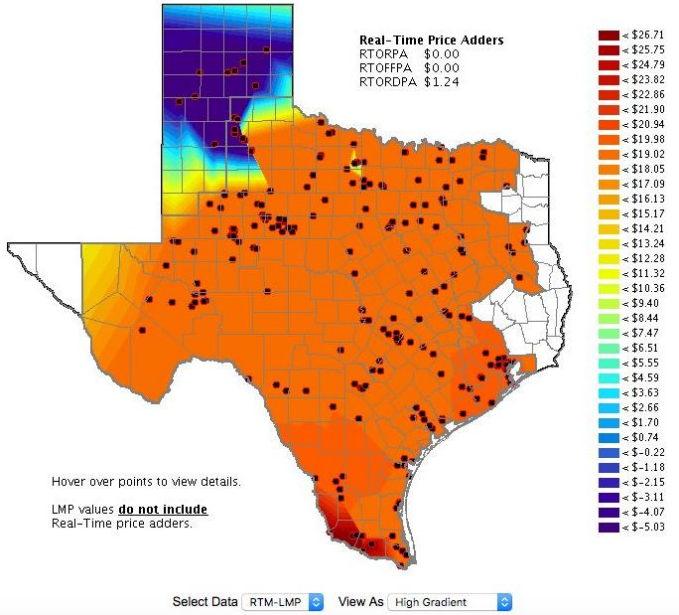
 **Renewables Watch**
Click to see yesterday's actual renewable energy production

 **Wind and solar curtailment report**
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 **Greenhouse gas emissions report**
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ELECTROFUELS: utilizing renewable electricity to make biofuels

- Funding: \$50M from 6/2010 thru 12/2014
- Non-photosynthetic microbes transform CO₂ into fuels while using electricity to provide the energy needed to reduce carbon.

Autotrophs:

Convert light energy to chemical energy to make ATP.
ATP provides the energy to **reduce CO₂** to glucose:



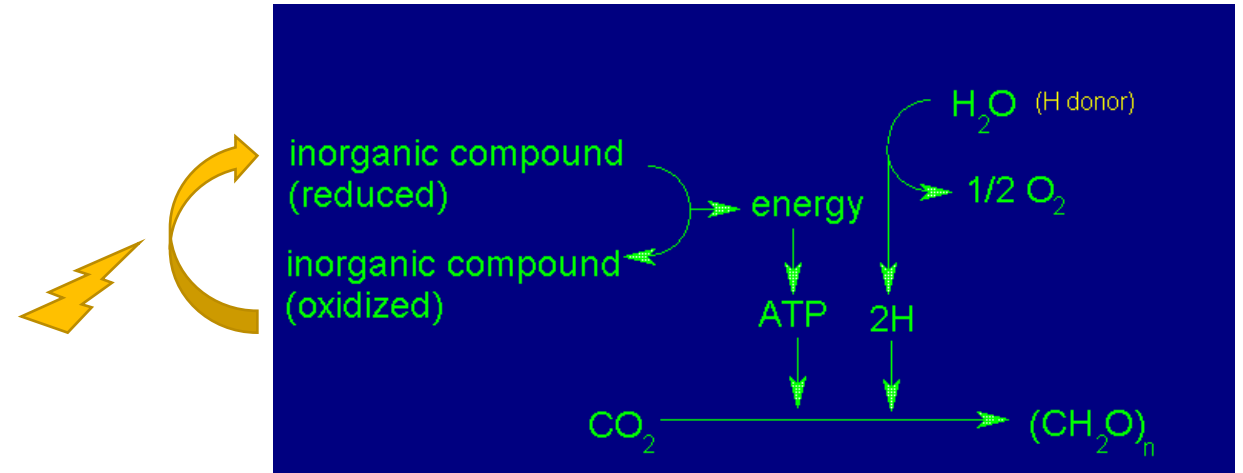
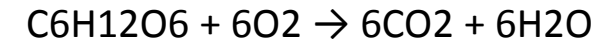
Chemolithoautotrophs:

Use inorganic sources (H₂, NH₃, S, Fe⁺²) to generate ATP
and reduce carbon



Heterotrophs:

Consume **reduced carbon** generated by autotrophs in cellular respiration to produce ATP:



ELECTROFUELS: Renewable H2 as the source of reductant

7 Projects, totaling \$23.8M

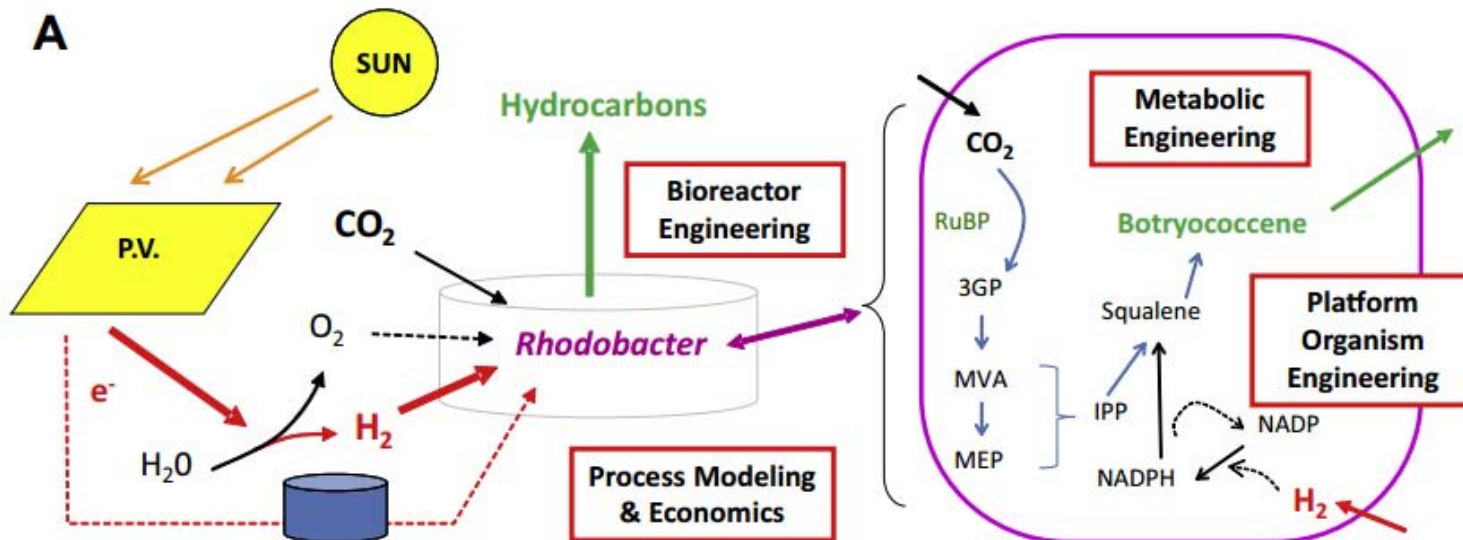
Project	Awardee	\$\$, M
Engineering R. eutropha for Production of Isobutanol (IBT) Motor Fuel from CO2, H and O2	MIT	1.8
Bioprocess and Microbe Engineering for Total Carbon Utilization in Biofuel Production	MIT	3.9
Integrated Microbial Electrocatalytic (MEC) System for Liquid Biofuel Production from CO2	LBNL	3.4
H2-Dependent Conversion of CO2 to Liquid Electrofuels by Extremely Thermophilic Archaea	NC State	3.1
Bioconversion of Carbon Dioxide to Biofuels by Facultatively Autotrophic Hydrogen Bacteria	OSU	4
Novel Biological Conversion of Hydrogen and Carbon Dioxide Directly into Free Fatty Acids	OPX	6
Development of Rhodobacter as a Versatile Platform for Fuels Production	PSU	1.6

ELECTROFUELS: Renewable H₂ as the source of reductant

Penn State: *Development of Rhodobacter as a Versatile Platform for Fuel Production*

Genetic engineering of *Rhodobacter capsulatus*, a chemolithoautotroph, to use H₂ to reduce CO₂ and create a triterpene hydrocarbon fuel

N.E. Khan et al. / *Bioresource Technology* 172 (2014) 201–211



- Poor productivity
- Difficult genetic manipulation
- Complicated fuel

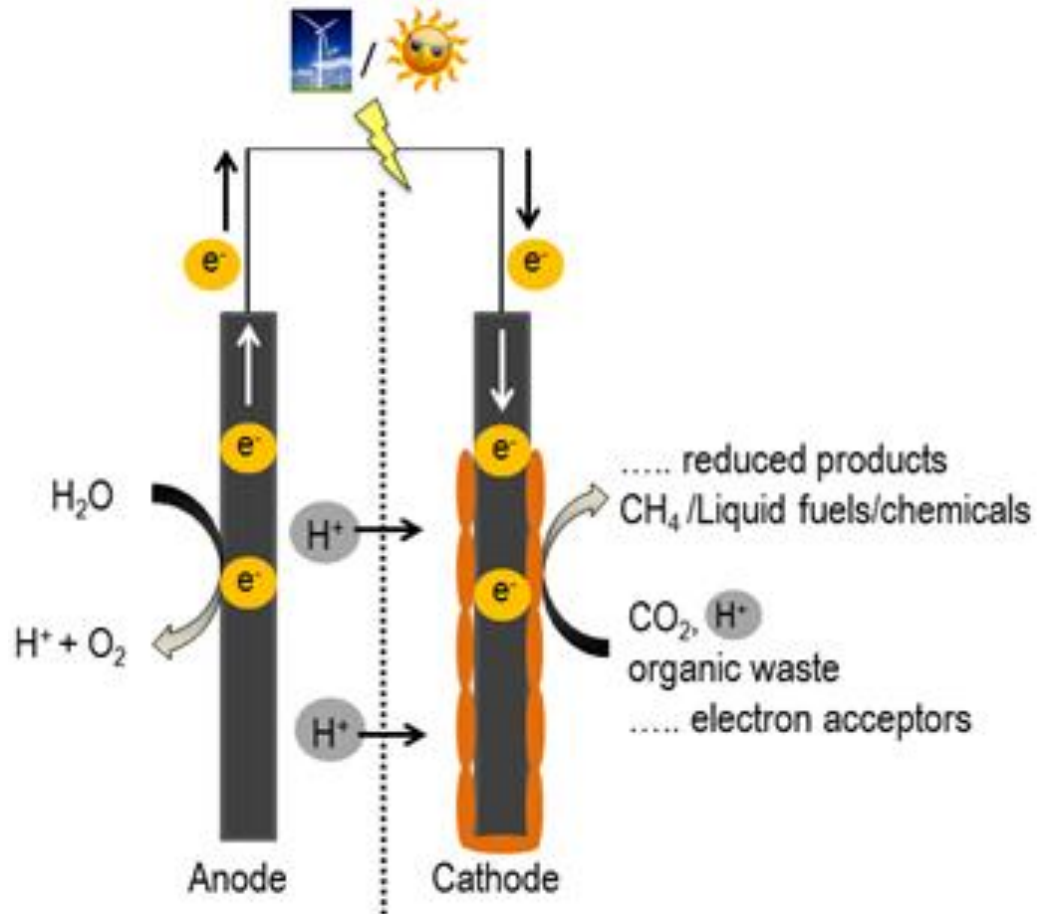
ELECTROFUELS: Using electricity more directly

4 Projects, totaling \$14M

Project	Awardee	\$\$, M
Electrofuels Via Direct Electron Transfer from Electrodes to Microbes	Umass Amherst	5.6
Engineering a Bacterial Reverse Fuel Cell	Harvard	4.2
Electroalcoholgenesis: Bioelectrochemical Reduction of CO2 to Butanol	MUSC	2.7
Biofuels from CO2 Using Ammonia or Iron-Oxidizing Bacteria in Reverse Microbial Fuel Cells	Columbia U.	1.5

ELECTROFUELS: Using electricity more directly

Umass Amherst: Electrofuels via Direct Electron Transfer from Electrodes to Microbes (\$5.6M)

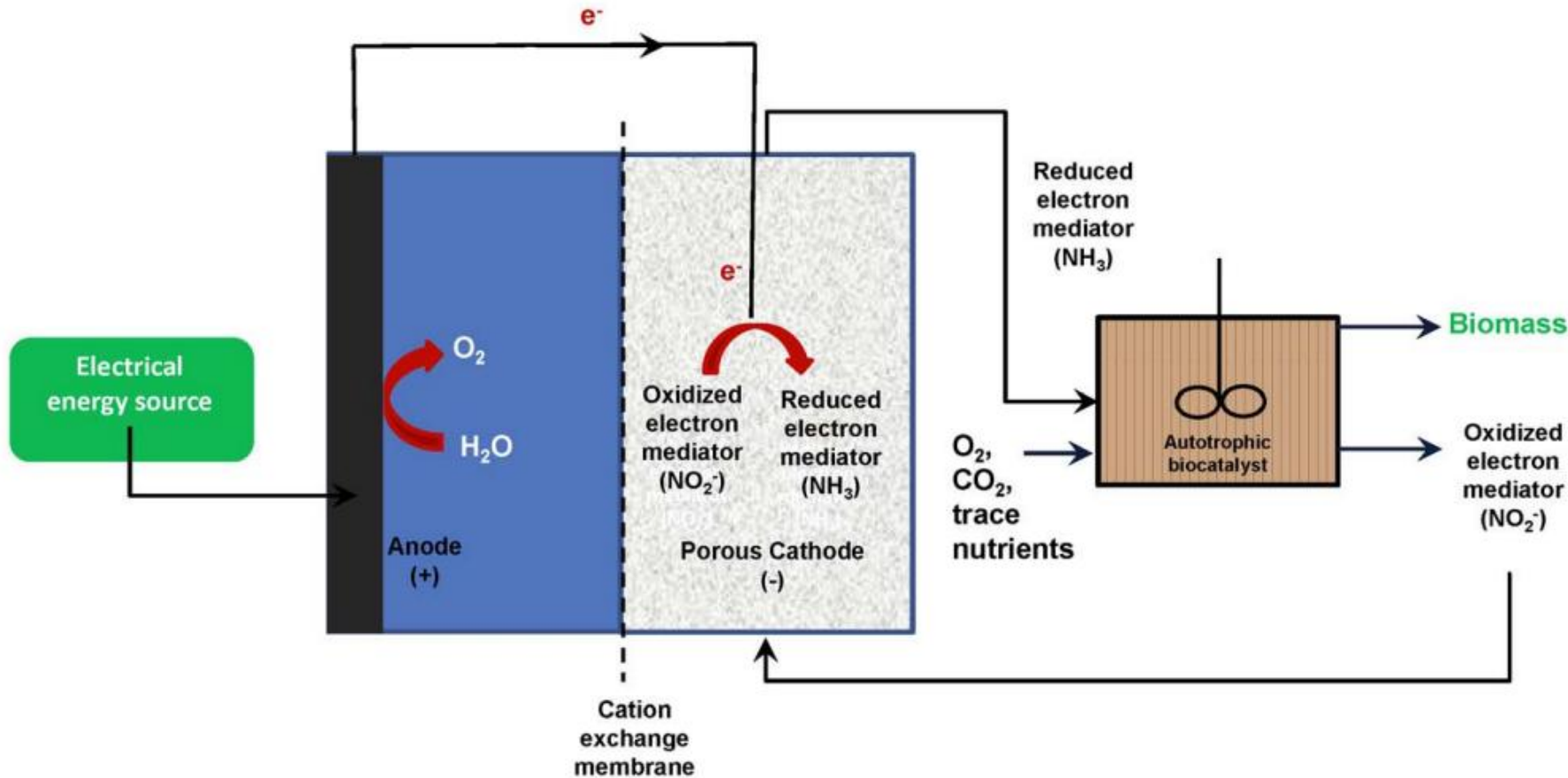


- acetogenic *Clostridium*
- Form bio-films on electrodes
- Organism directly uses electrons to power the CO_2 reduction



ELECTROFUELS: Using electricity more directly

Columbia: Biofuels from CO₂ Using NH₃ Oxidizing Bacteria in Reverse Microbial Fuel Cells (\$1.5M)



N. europaea, a chemolithoautotroph which can use ammonia (NH_3) as a reducing agent, was used as the biocatalyst

Two reactors: One where electricity is used to regenerate NH_3 as the reductant. The NH_3 is then fed to the biocatalyst, along with CO_2 .

ELECTROFUELS: reducing carbon via electricity

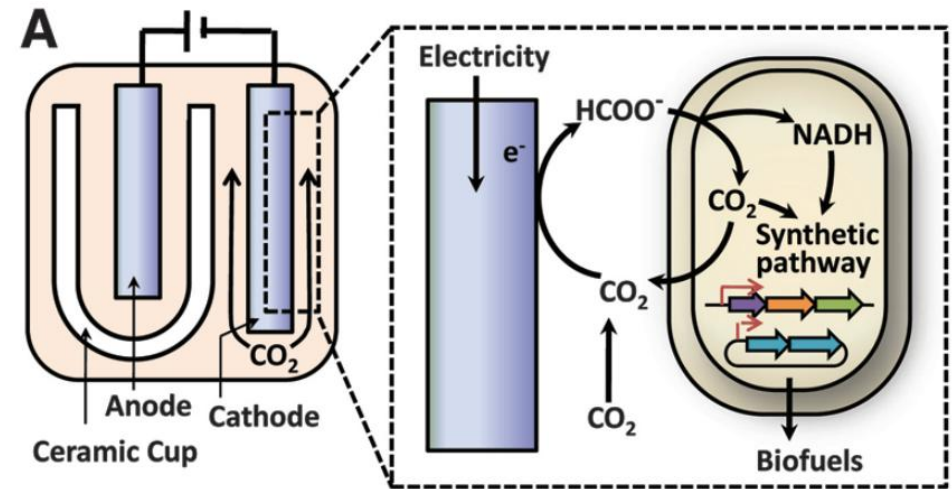
Project	Awardee	\$\$, M
Engineering E. coli as an Electrofuels Chassis for Isooctane Production	Ginkgo Bioworks	6.7
Electro-Autotrophic Synthesis of Higher Alcohols	UCLA	4.2

ELECTROFUELS: reducing carbon via electricity

UCLA: Electro-Autotrophic Synthesis of Higher Alcohols (\$4.2M)

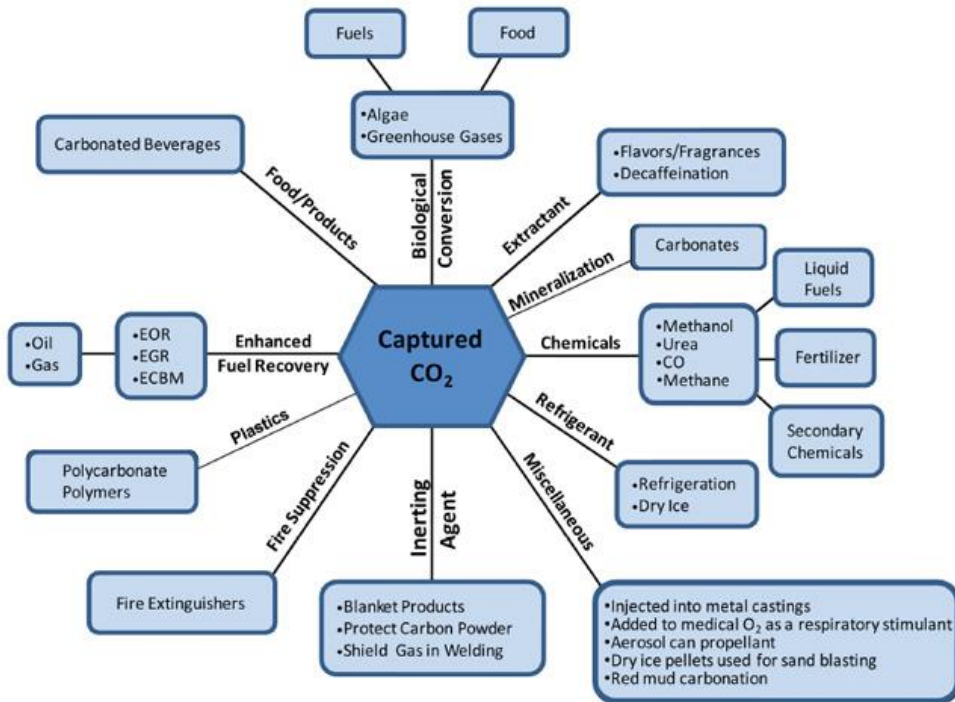


Biological Upgrading



- engineered *Ralstonia eutropha* to produce isobutanol from formic acid, which was generated by the reduction of CO₂ at the cathode.
- In a simple setup of just formic acid fed into a fermenter, they were able to get butanol produced at 1.4 g/L
- With the electrochemical setup at left, they achieved 0.14 g/L butanol

Using the specific expertise in FE for CO₂ utilization



Efficient Electrochemical CO₂ Conversion Powered by Renewable Energy

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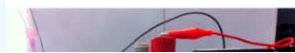
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[Supporting Information](#)

ABSTRACT: The catalytic conversion of CO₂ into industrially relevant chemicals is one strategy for mitigating greenhouse gas emissions. Along these lines, electrochemical CO₂ conversion technologies are attractive because they can operate with high reaction rates at ambient conditions. However,

Carbon Negative CO₂ Conversion



DE-FOA-0001622: Applications for Technologies Directed at Utilizing Carbon Dioxide from Coal Fired Power Plants (\$5M)

Uni of Delaware: Electrochemical Conversion of Carbon Dioxide to Alcohols

GTI: High Energy Systems for Transforming CO₂ to Valuable Products

GTI: Nano-Catalyst on Ceramic Fibers for the Utilization of CO₂ to Produce Syngas

TDA Research: A New Process for CO₂ Conversion to Fuel via thermocatalysis

Southern Research: Nano-Engineered Catalyst for Olefin Production from Flue Gas

RTI: Novel Catalytic Process Technology for Utilization of CO₂ for Ethylene Oxide and Propylene Oxide Production



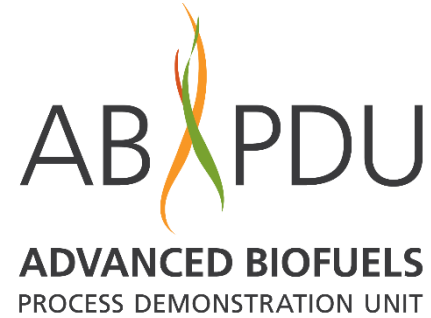
High Efficiency Solar-based Catalytic Structure for CO₂ Reforming

Background



Chemical Fixation of CO₂ to Acrylates Using Low-Valent Molybdenum Sources

BETO has a vast portfolio of bioengineering expertise



Current electrocatalytic and biological technologies available



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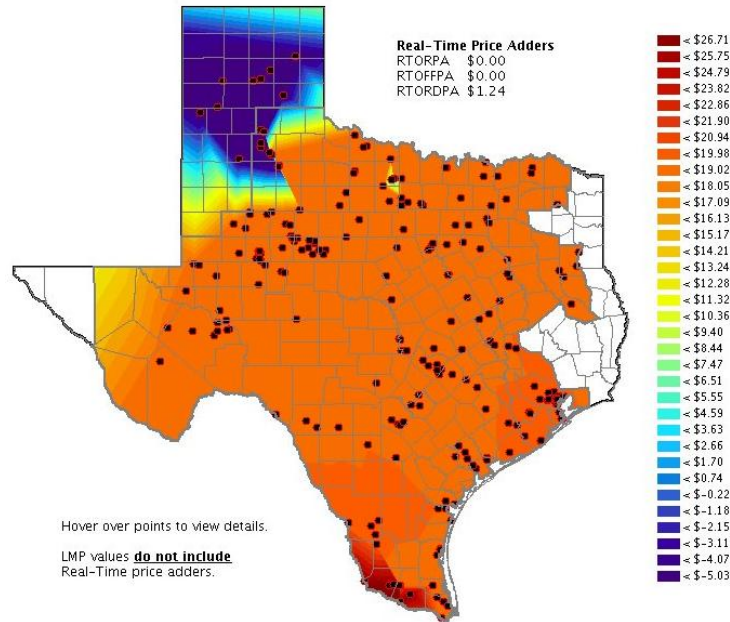


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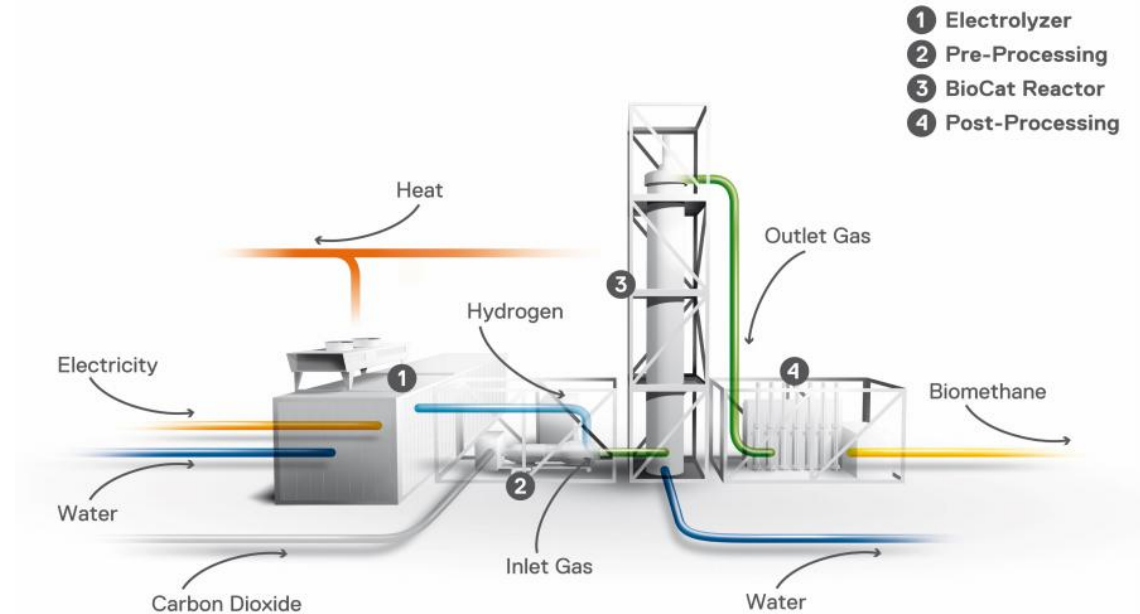
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Electrochaea's BioCat Methanation System Design



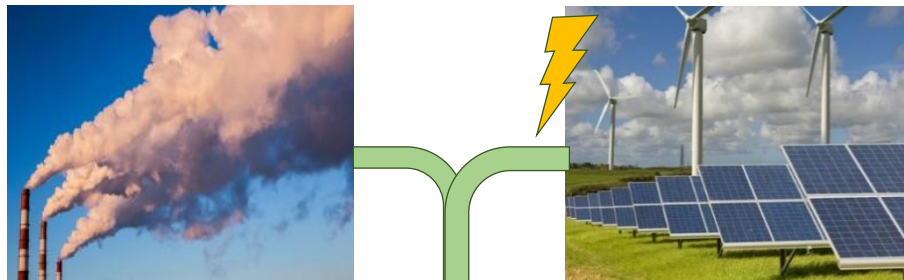
Early progress in the Carbon Reduction and Valorization Initiative

- Targeted funding opportunity for non-photosynthetic carbon reduction
 - *Biofuel and Bioproduct Precursors from Gaseous Waste Streams*

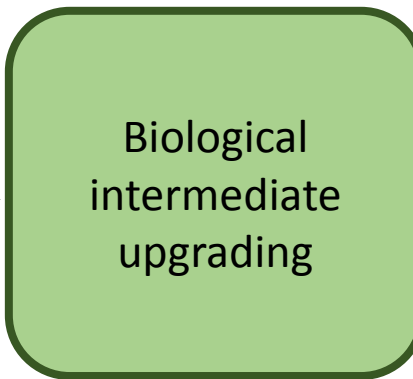
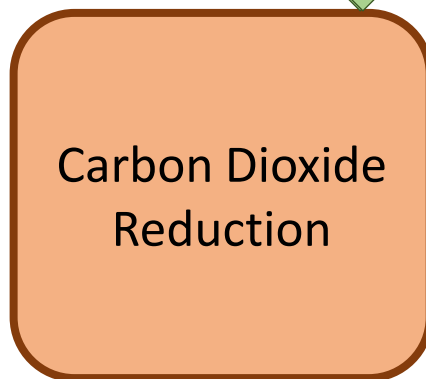
Non-photosynthetic carbon reduction		
Opus 12 Incorporated		Utilization of waste CO ₂ to make renewable chemicals and fuels
Reactive Innovations, LLC		Novel Cold Plasma System for the Reaction of CO ₂ and Liquid Feed Streams for the Production of Value Added Products
Sustainable Innovations, LLC		Renewables-Driven Production of Organic Acids from Industrial CO ₂ Waste Streams
Visolis, Inc		Production of High Value Products from Gaseous Waste Streams

Early progress in the Carbon Reduction and Valorization Initiative

- New funding opportunity announcement. Out now!
 - *Engineered Systems for Innovative Wet and Gaseous Waste Valorization*
 - Topic B – ***Non-photosynthetic Carbon Dioxide Reduction and Biological Upgrading***



CO2 Reduction Listening Day
July 7, 2017
International Solar Fuels Conference 2
La Jolla, CA



Congress likes the idea

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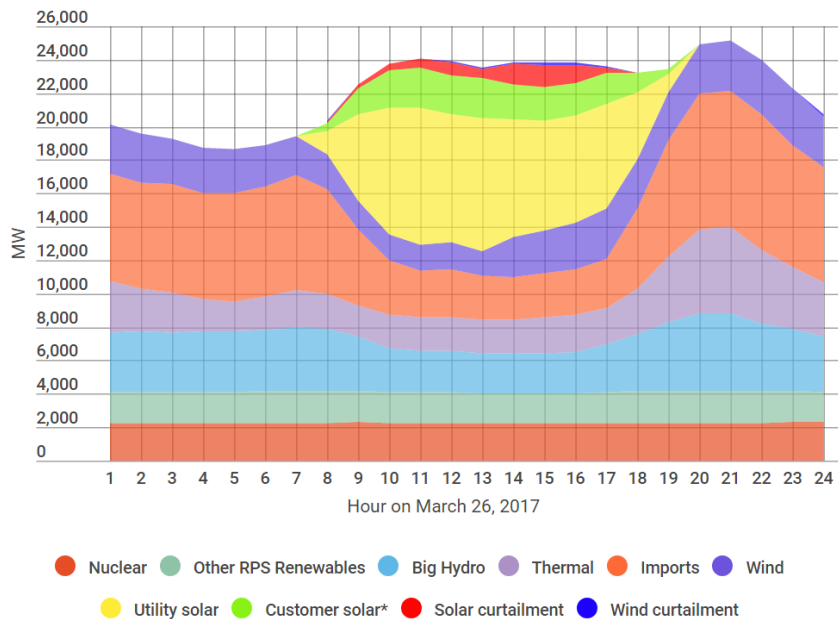
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45Q Tax Credit Extension, \$\$ increase, and utilization included!

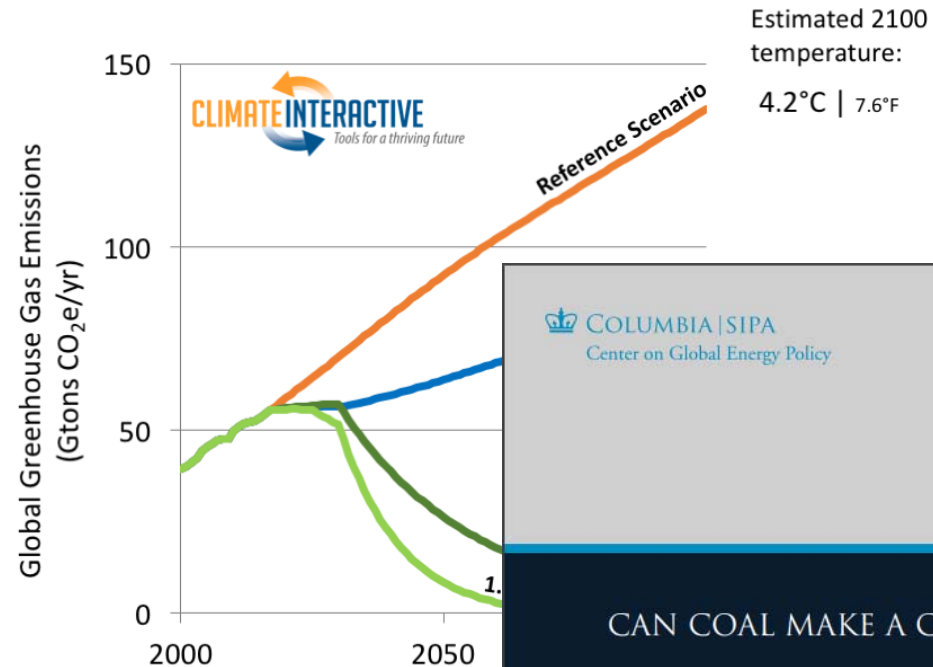
Summary: Carbon Reduction and Valorization Initiative through Fossil Energy and BETO Collaboration

Intersection of four technology developments:

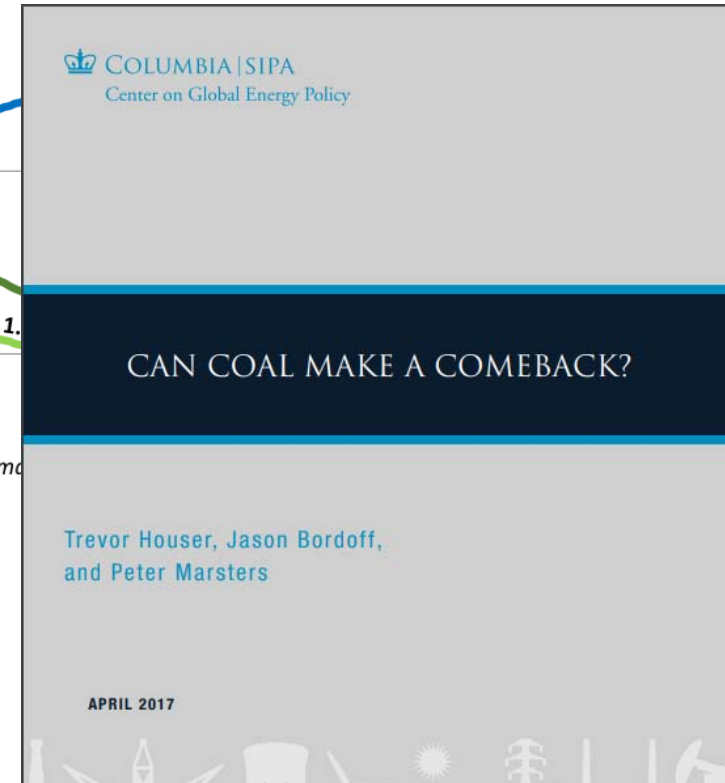
1. Carbon Capture
2. Renewable Energy deployment
3. Bioengineering
4. Catalysis



CAISO curtailments



April 2017, Climate





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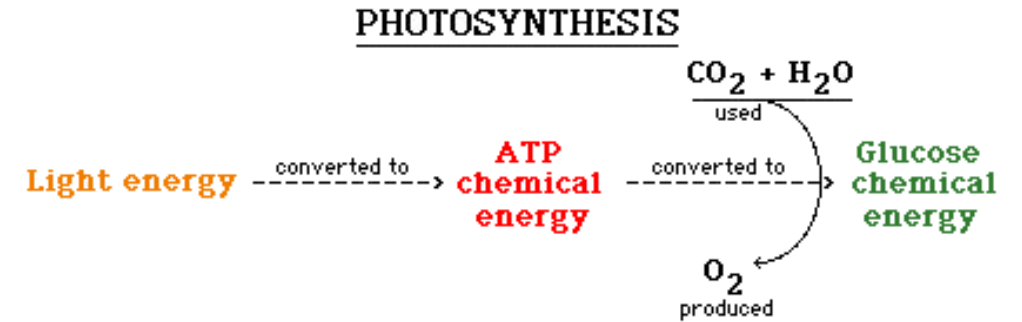
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Biological Carbon Utilization

Autotrophs:

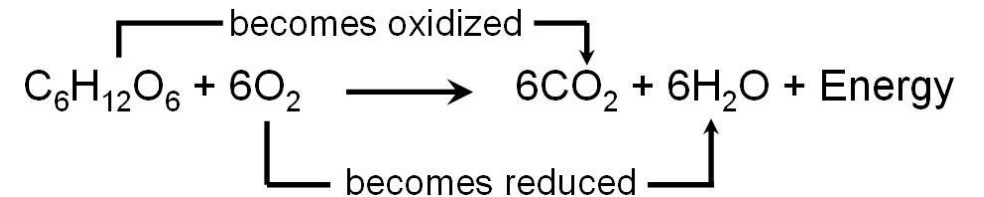
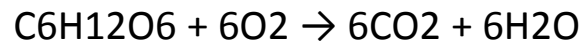
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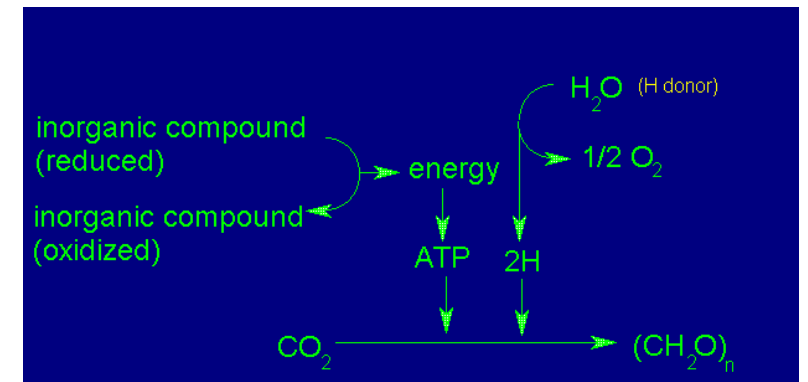
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Use that **reduced carbon** originally generated by autotrophs in cellular respiration to produce ATP:



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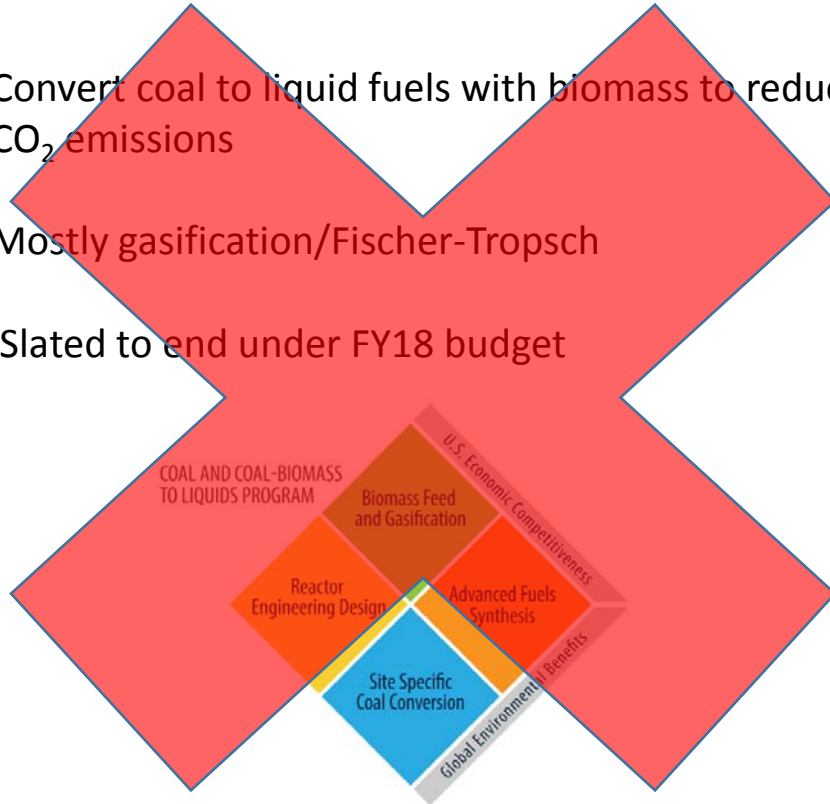
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Office of Fossil Energy efforts in the Bioenergy space

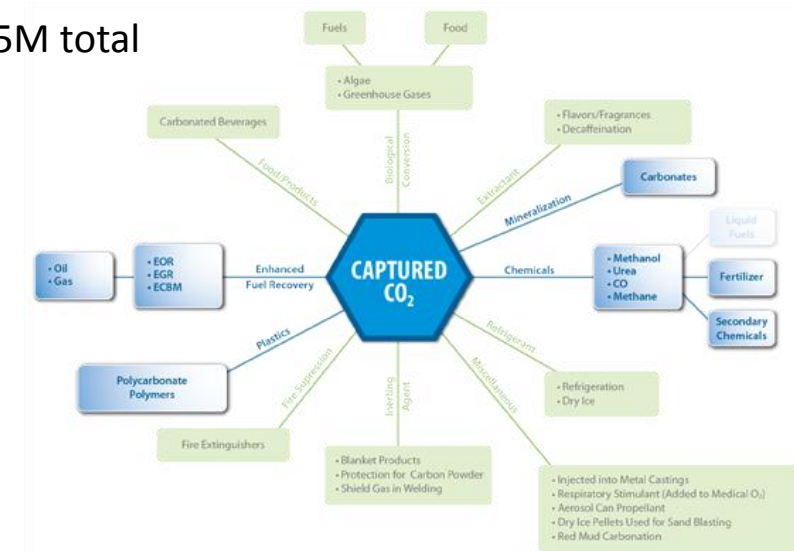
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- Convert coal to liquid fuels with biomass to reduce CO₂ emissions
- Mostly gasification/Fischer-Tropsch
- Slated to end under FY18 budget



Carbon Use and Reuse Technology Area

- Develop technologies identified as having the greatest potential to help boost the commodity market for CO₂ while producing no additional CO₂ emissions.
- Biological efforts in CO₂ use are relatively new and are mainly algae
- 7 projects, approximately \$6.5M total



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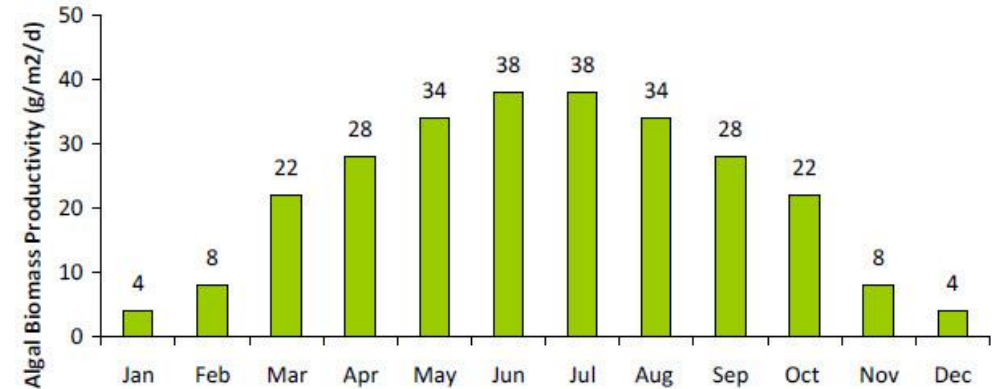
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Other DOE efforts in CO₂ Utilization

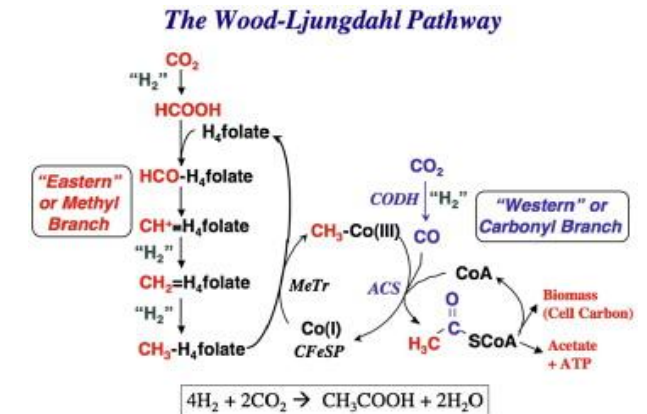
BETO Algae Program:

- Funding: ~\$30M/yr
- Recent PEAK FOA focused on toolkits to increase productivity from around 10 to 20 g/m²/d to get overall cost down from roughly \$900/t to \$500/t



BETO Conversion Program:

- Funding: Less than \$5M total
- Lanzatech, Kiverdi: Convert waste CO/H₂ into alcohols or terpenes
- White Dog Labs: Mixotrophic fermentation of 2nd gen sugars using the Wood-ljungdahl pathway



ARPA-E ELECTROFUELS Program:

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Relevant Budget Language:

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Senate: *“The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine has recognized that bioenergy with carbon capture sequestration [BECCS] has technical potential to provide a significant portion of the world’s energy supply by the end of the century. If commercialized further, BECCS could be a baseload electricity resource with a net-negative carbon emission profile. The Committee encourages the Bioenergy Technologies Office to continue its collaboration with the Office of Fossil Energy on BECCS research, as well as research to advance net carbon-negative transportation fuels.”* – in BETO’s section

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